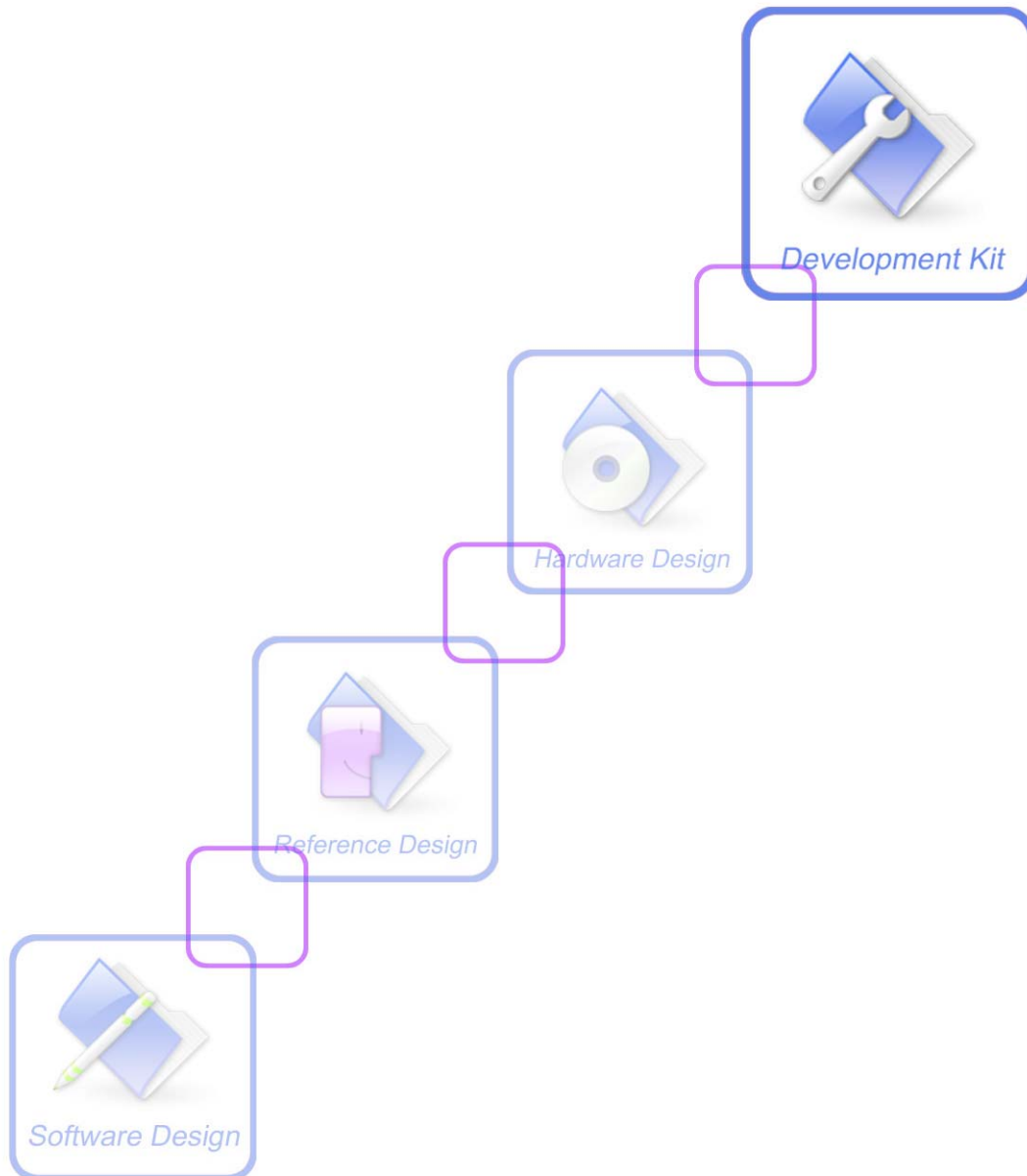




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### SCOPE

This document give the usage of SIM908 EVB, user can get useful info about the SIM908 EVB quickly through this document. Using SIM908 EVB, user can demo SIM908 module.

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# 1 Overview

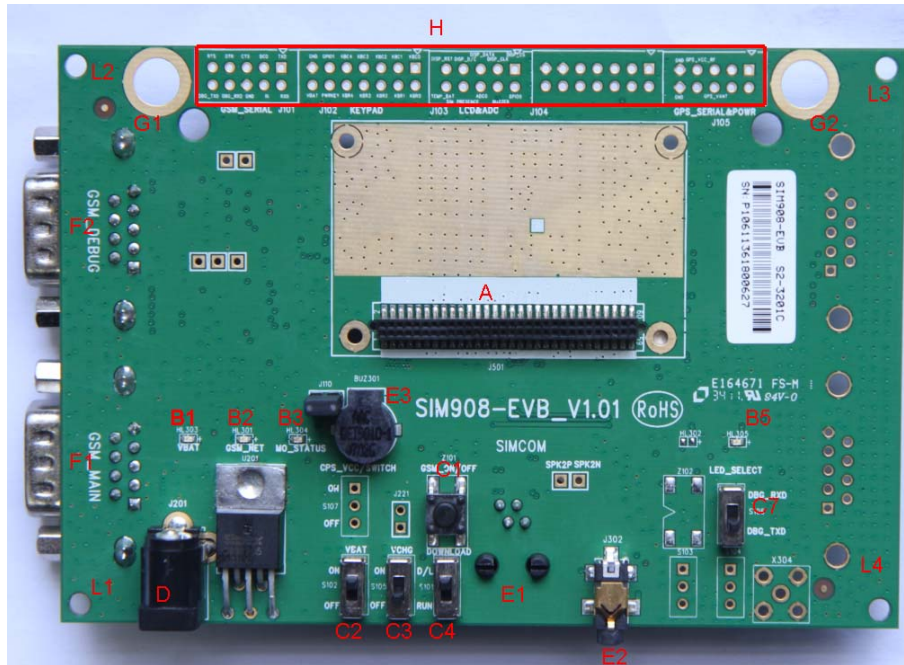


Figure 1: TOP view

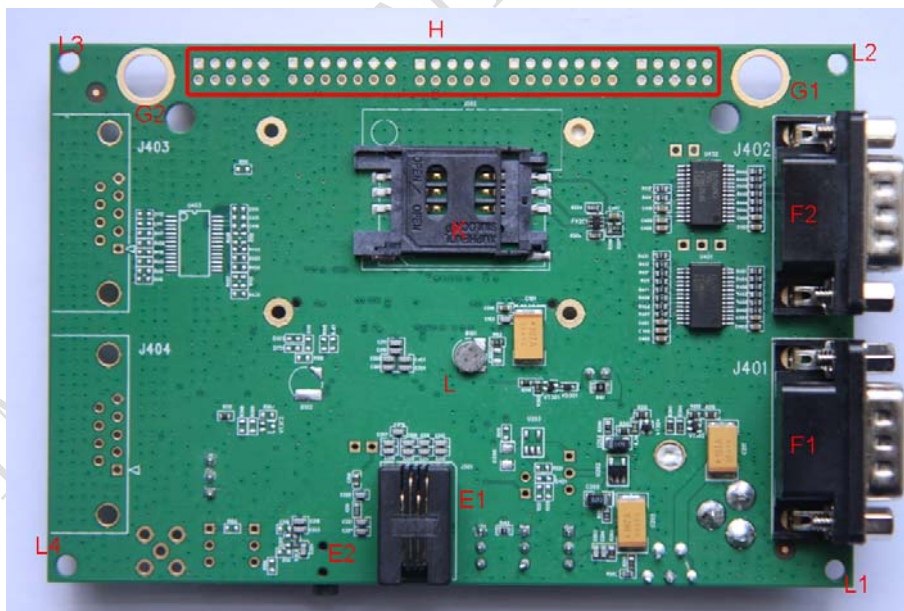


Figure 2: BOTTOM view

A: 60-pin connector, SIM908 module interface

B1-B5: LED indicator

B1: VBAT ON/OFF

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B2: GSM net status

B3: The GSM part of the module ON/OFF status

B5: DBG RXD/TXD STATUS

C1-C9: Key control for various functions

C1: GSM part power-up / power down control (button Z101)

C2: VBAT ON/OFF control (shifter S102)

C3: VCHG ON/OFF control (shifter S105)

C4: GSM part program download control (shifter S101)

C7: debug port RXD/TXD LED status selective shifter (shifter S106)

D: Power source adapter interface

E1-E3: Audio interface

E1: Handset interface

E2: Headphone interface

E3: Buzzer

F1-F2: Serial ports

F1: Main serial port for downloading, AT command transmitting, data exchanging

F2: Debug serial port default for GPS NMEA information output

G1-G2: Hole for antenna fixed

G1: Hole for GSM antenna fixed

G2: Hole for GPS antenna fixed

H: Expand port, such as serial ports, display port

L1-L4: Hole for EVB board fixed

K: SIM card connector

L: 3.3V Back-up battery for GSM part



## 2 EVB accessory



**Figure 3: EVB accessory**

- A: 5V DC source adapter
- B: GSM antenna
- C: GPS antenna
- D: RF cable
- E: Earphone
- F: Two USB to serial port lines



## 3 Accessory interface

### 3.1 Power interface

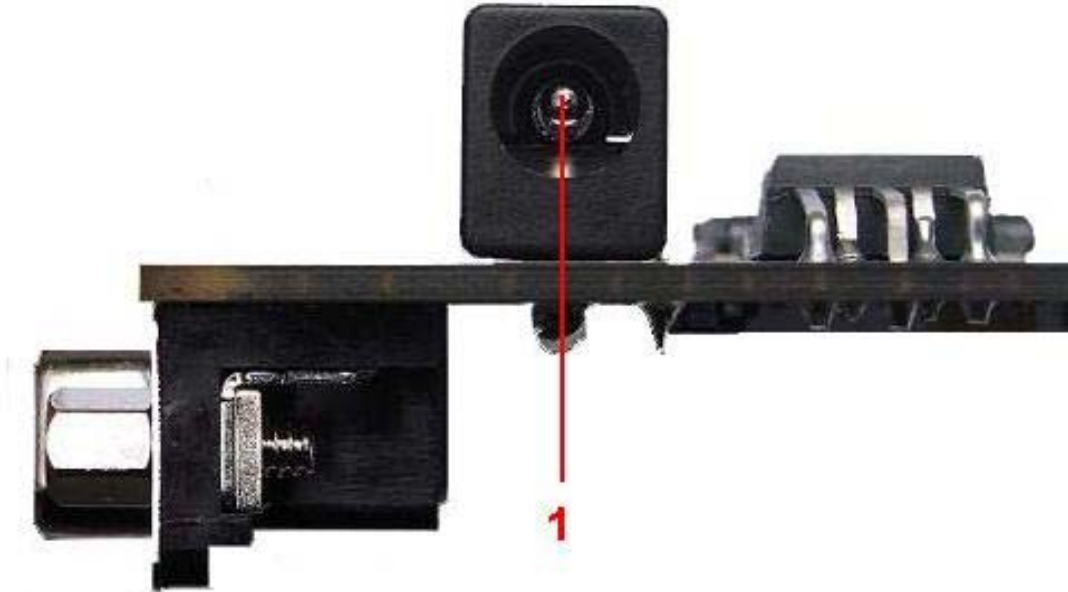


Figure 4: Power interface

Pin	Signal	I/O	Description
1	Adapter input	I	5V/2.5A DC source input

### 3.2 Audio interface

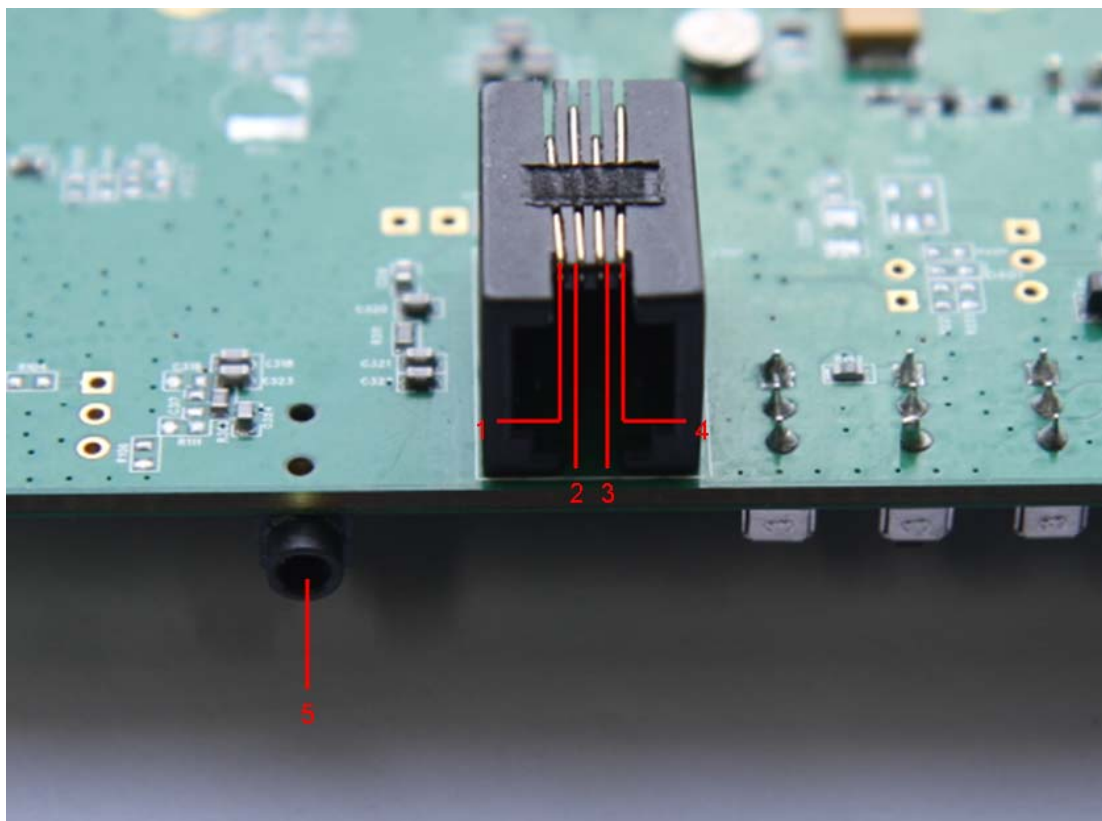


Figure 5: Audio interface

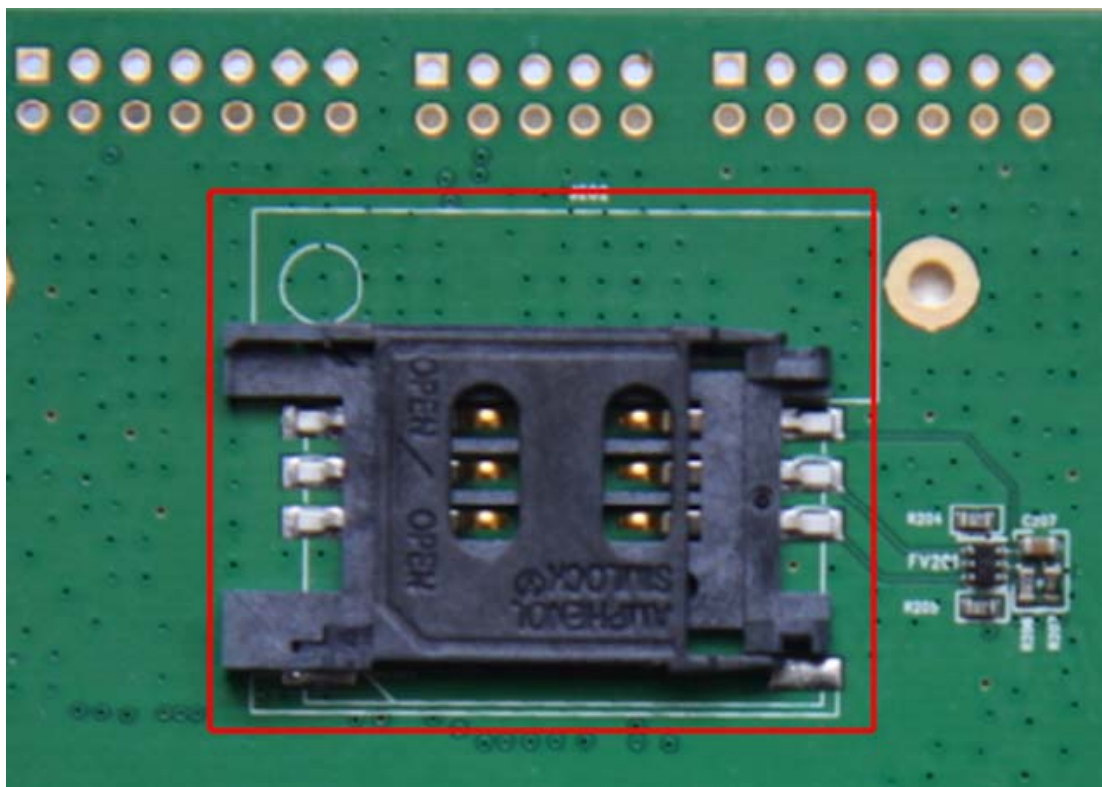
#### Headset interface

Pin	Signal	I/O	Description
1	MIC1N	I	Negative microphone input
2	SPK1N	O	Negative microphone input
3	SPK1P	O	Positive microphone input
4	MIC1P	I	Positive microphone input

#### Headphone interface:

Pin	Signal	Input/Output	Description
5	MIC2P&SPK2P	I/O	Auxiliary positive input and output

### 3.3 SIM card interface



**Figure 6: SIM card interface**

*Note: Please refer to SIM908 Hardware design, detailed in Chapter 4.8 SIM Card interface.*

### 3.4 Antenna interface

#### 3.4.1 GSM antenna interface

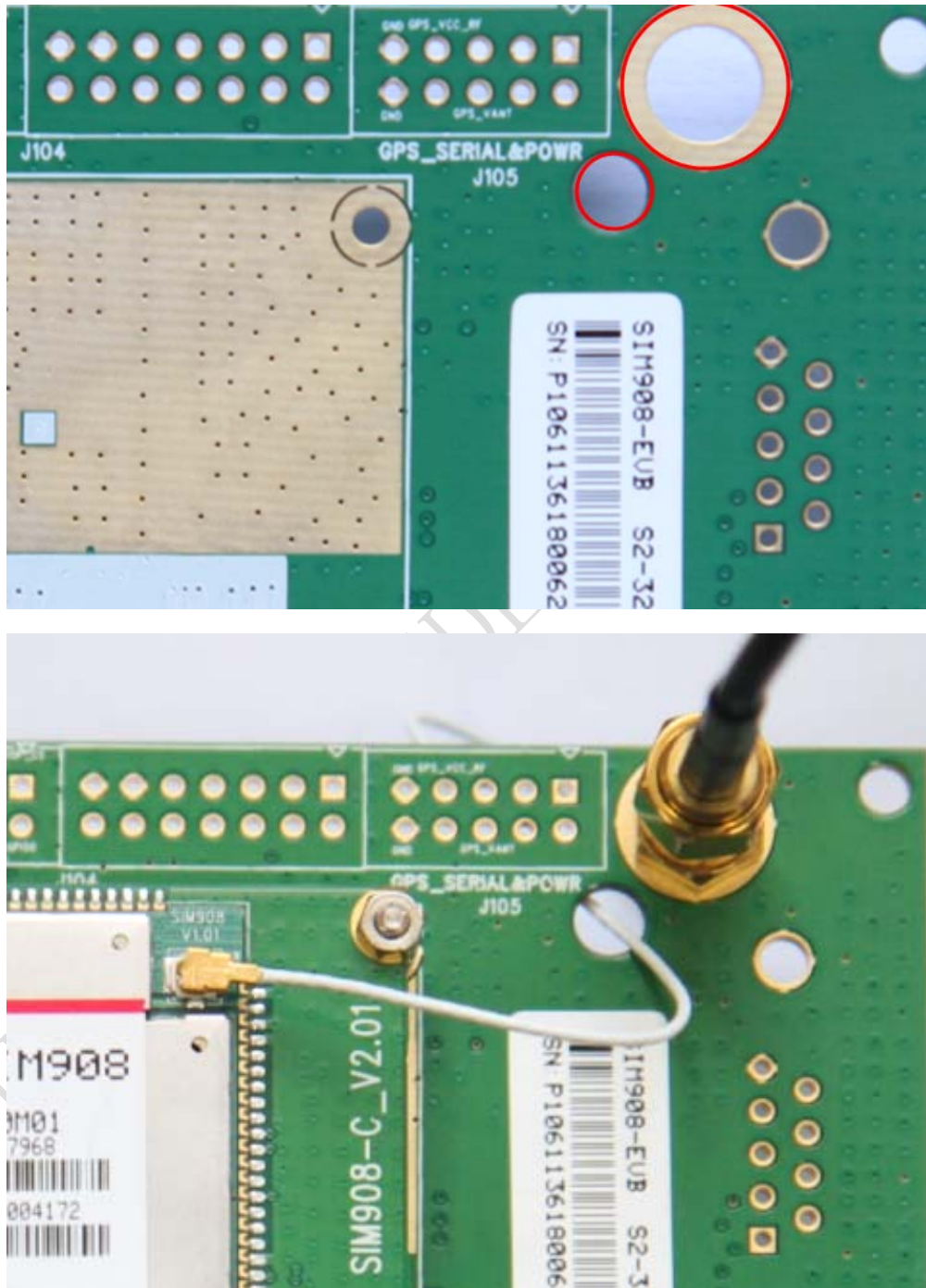


Figure 7: GSM antenna interface

### 3.4.2 GPS antenna interface

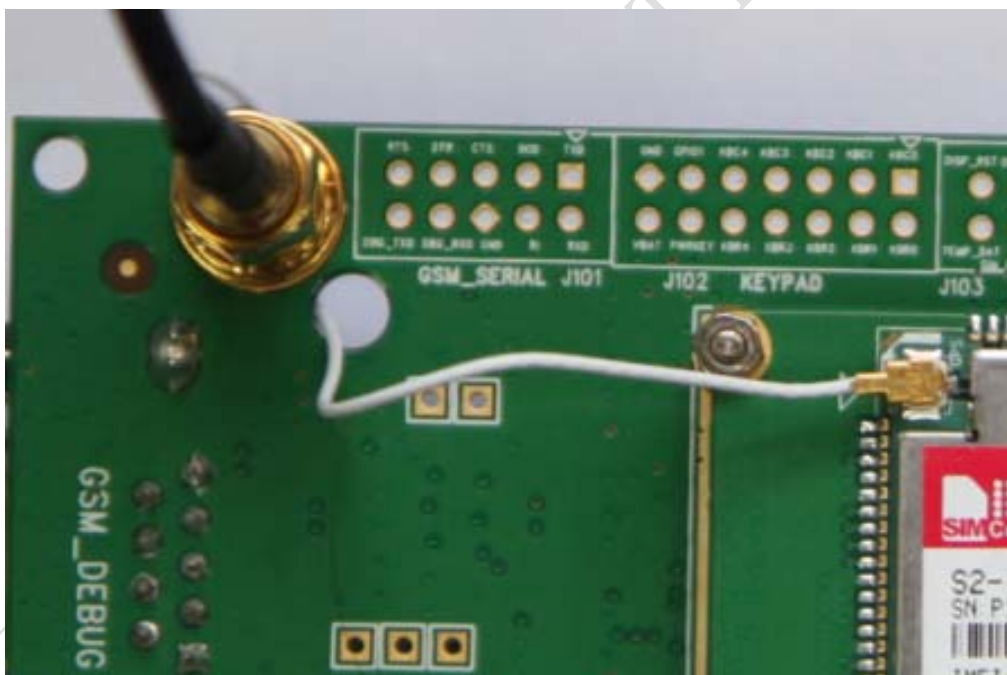
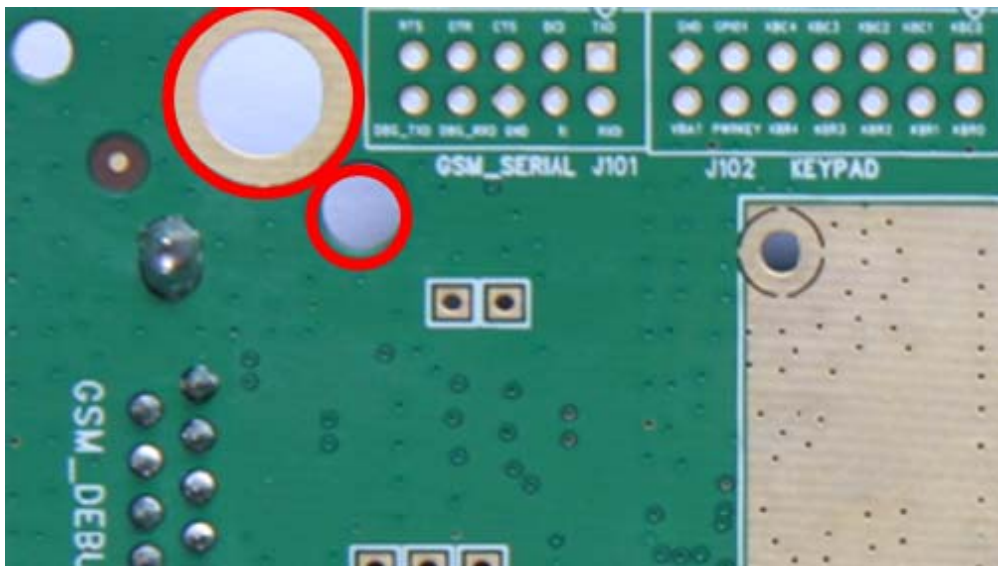


Figure 8: GPS antenna interface



### 3.5 RS232 interface

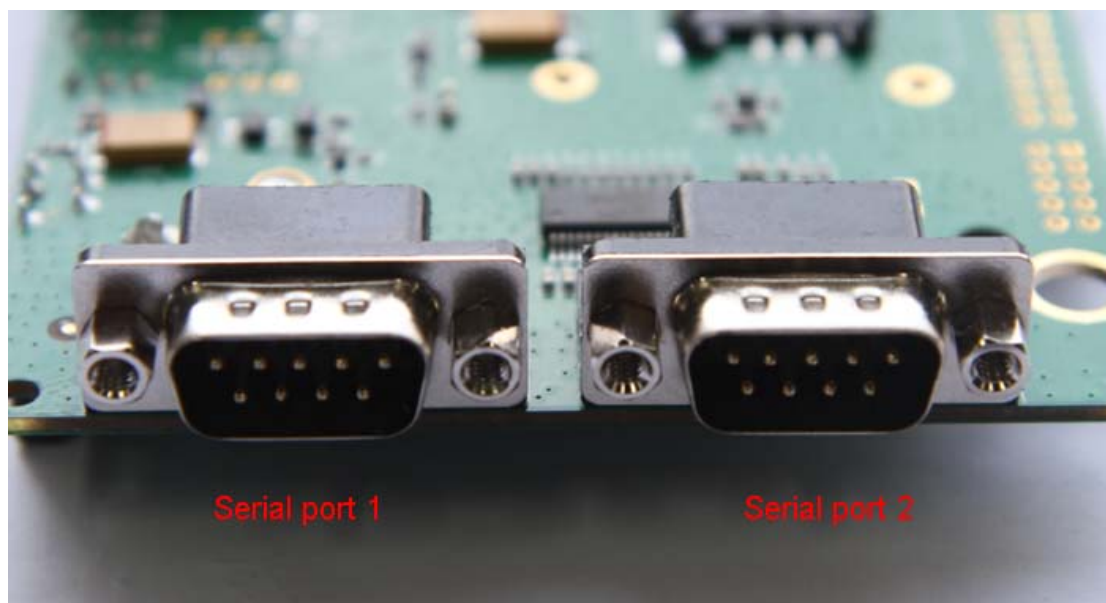


Figure 9: GSM part serial ports

#### Serial Port 1

Pin	Signal	I/O	Description
1	DCD	O	Data carrier detection
2	TXD	O	Transmit data
3	RXD	I	Receive data
4	DTR	I	Data Terminal Ready
5	GND		GND
7	RTS	I	Request to Send
8	CTS	O	Clear to Send
9	RI	O	Ring Indicator

#### Serial Port 2

Pin	Signal	I/O	Description
2	DEBUG_TX	O	Transmit data
3	DEBUG_RX	I	Receive data
5	GND		GND

## 3.6 Operating status LED

### 3.6.1 GSM part

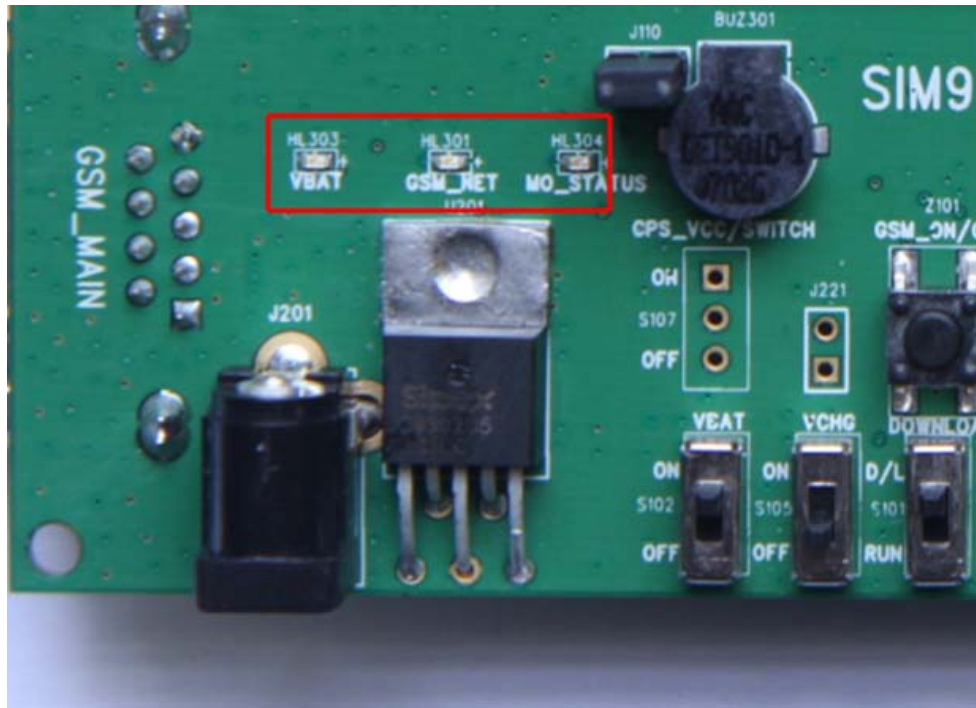


Figure 10: GSM part LED

Name	Description	STATUS
VBAT_LED	VBAT ON/OFF indicator	Bright: VBAT ON; Extinct: VBAT OFF
GSM_NET_LED	GSM_NET status indicator	Blinking at a certain frequency according to various GSM net status
MO_STATUS_LED	GSM part status indicator	Not used, will be configured in our latter software.



### 3.6.2 Debug indicator

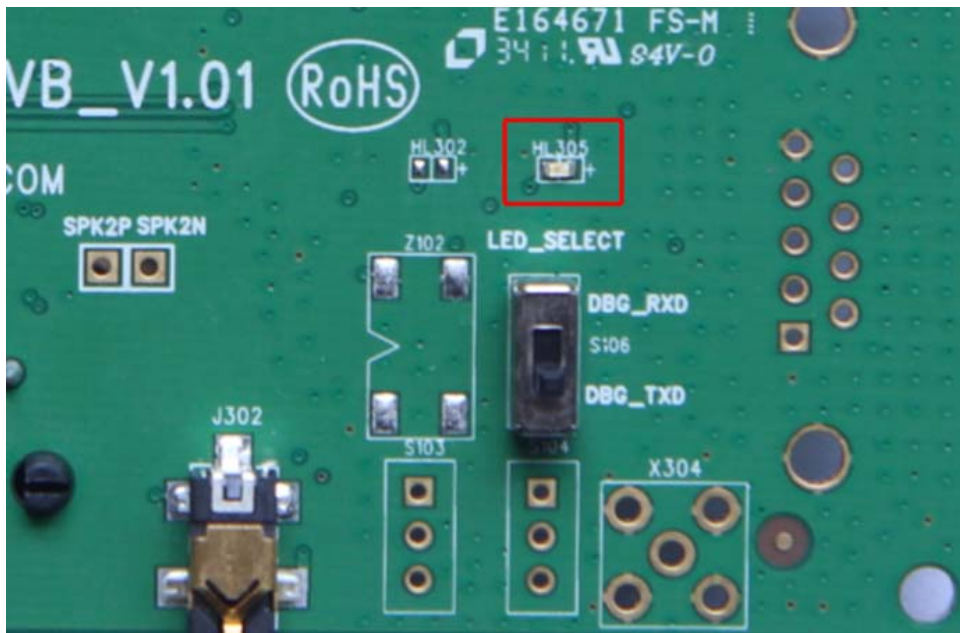


Figure 11: Debug port LED

Name	Description	STATUS
Debug_RXD/TXD_LED	Run or download indicator	Run normally: Blinking at 1Hz Download: Blinking rapidly

## 4 Test interface

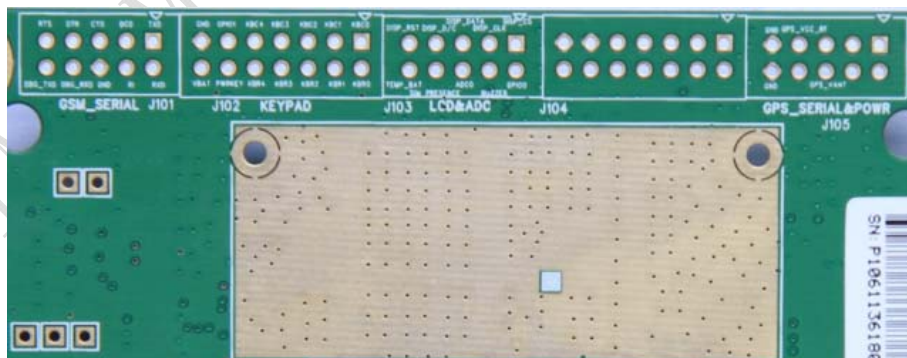


Figure 12: Test interface overview

## 4.1 GSM serial ports

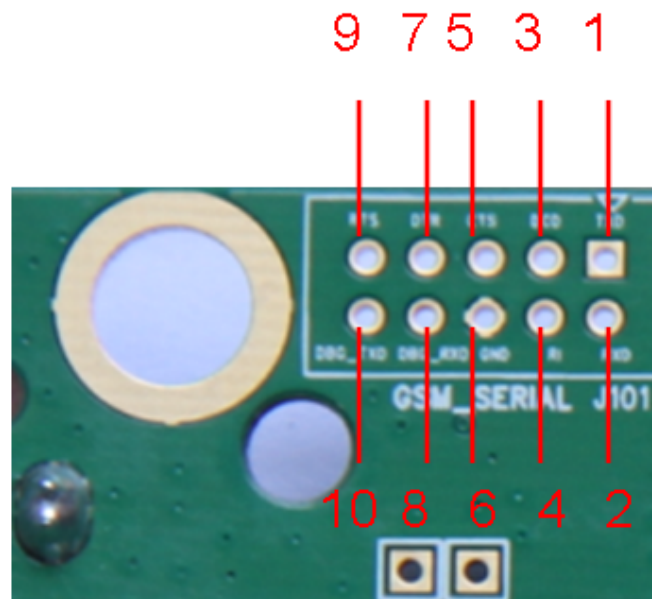


Figure 13: GSM serial ports

Pin	Signal	I/O	Description
1	TXD	O	Transmit data
2	RXD	I	Receive data
3	DCD	O	Data carrier detection
4	RI	O	Ring Indicator
5	CTS	O	Clear to Send
6	GND		GND
7	DTR	I	Data Terminal Ready
8	DEBUG_RX	I	Receive data
9	RTS	I	Request to Send
10	DEBUG_TX	O	Transmit data

## 4.2 LCD & ADC

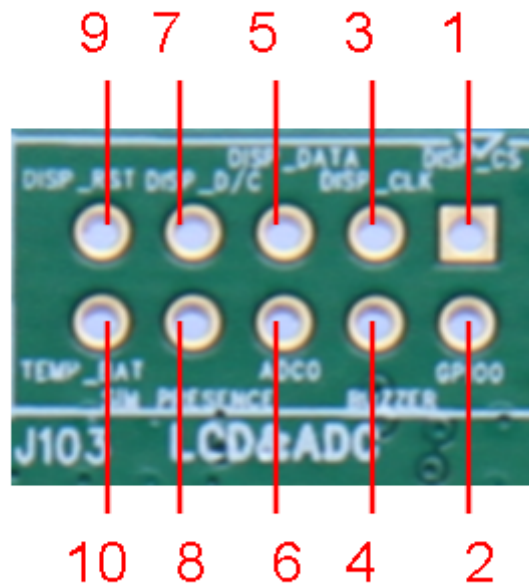


Figure 14: LCD & ADC interface

Pin	Signal	I/O	Description
1	DISP_CS	O	Display enable output
2	GPIO0	I/O	GPIO port
3	DISP_CLK	O	Display clock output
4	BUZZER	O	Buzzer output.
5	DISP_DATA	I/O	Display data line
6	ADC0	I	Adc input
7	DISP_D/C	O	Display data or address select
8	SIM_PRESENCE	I	SIM Card Detection
9	DISP_RESET	O	Display reset outplay
10	TEMP_BAT	I	For measure the batter temperature

### 4.3 GPS serial ports and power

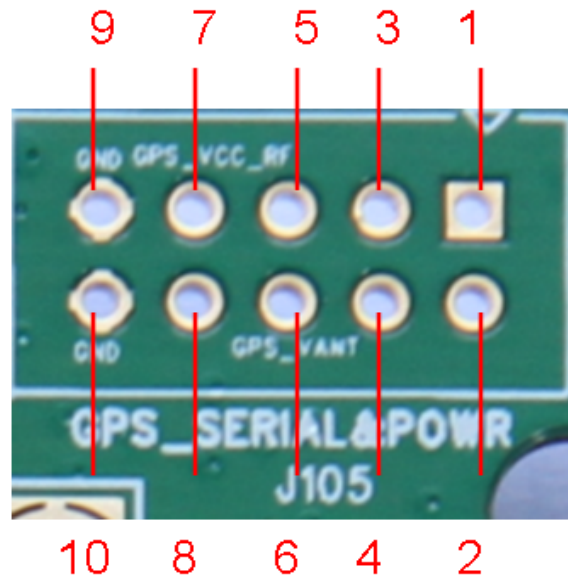


Figure 15: GPS serial port

Pin	Signal	I/O	Description
5	GPS_VCC_RF	O	Power supply for 3V active antenna.
6	GPS_VANT	I	External DC power supply for an active antenna.
9	GND		GND
10	GND		GND

## 5 EVB and accessory equipment

At normal circumstance, the EVB and its accessory are equipped as the following figure:



**Figure 16: EVB and accessory equipment**

## 6 Illustration

### 6.1 GSM part

#### 6.1.1 Running

- (1) Connect the SIM908 module to the 60pins connector on the SIM908 EVB, insert the 5V DC source adapter, switch shifter S101 on the RUN state, shifter S102 on the ON state; Connect the GSM antenna to the SIM908 module using an antenna transmit line, insert SIM card into the SIM card interface, and insert headphone or handset into relevant interface.
- (2) Press the GSM\_ON/OFF button Z101 for about 2 seconds, then the GSM part of SIM908 is powered on.

*Note: You will see the light GSM\_NET on the EVB glittering at a certain frequency corresponding to various states, then you can judge whether the EVB and SIM908 is running or not. No function and test can be executed when we have not connected necessary accessories.*

#### 6.1.2 Connecting Net and calling

- (1) Connect the serial port line to the GSM\_MAIN serial port, open the HyperTerminal (AT command windows) on your personal computer, the location of the HyperTerminal for Windows XP is START → All programmes → Accessories → communications → HyperTerminal.

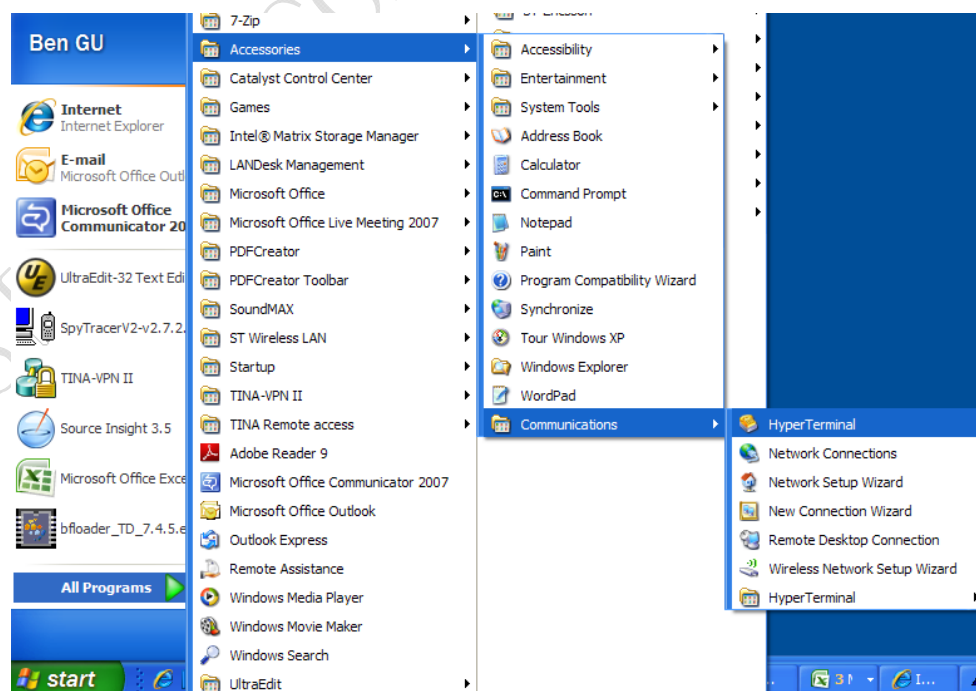
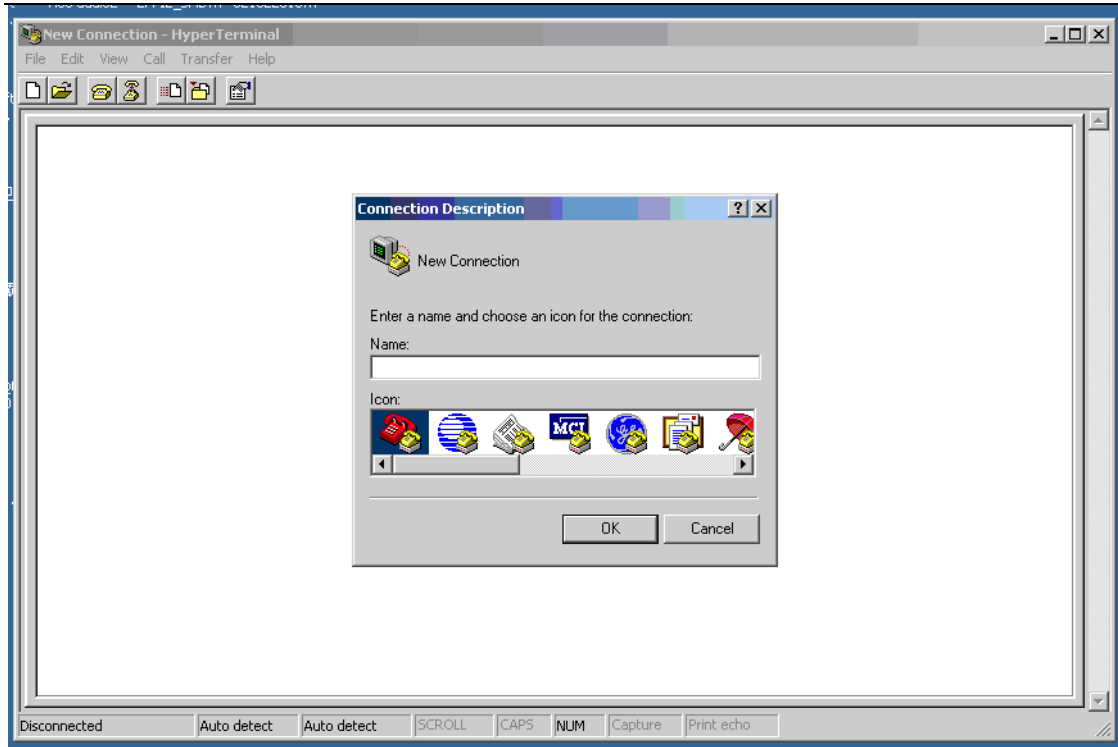


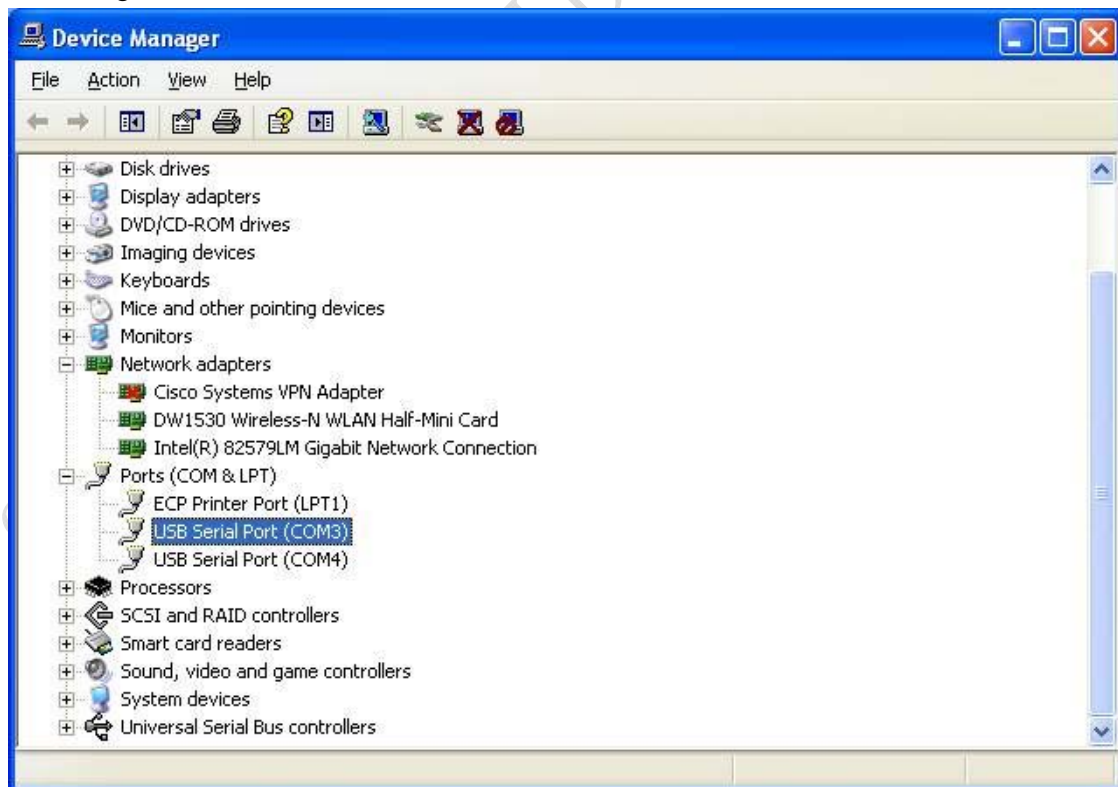
Figure 17: open Hyper Terminal





**Figure 18: name Hyper Terminal**

- (2) Set the correct baud rate and COM number. The default baud rate of SIM908 is 57600 bps, and the COM number based on which port your serial port line insert in, conform it in the device manager, customers should select such as COM1, COM3 or COMx etc.



**Figure 19: confirm port number**



(3) Choose the correct port number:

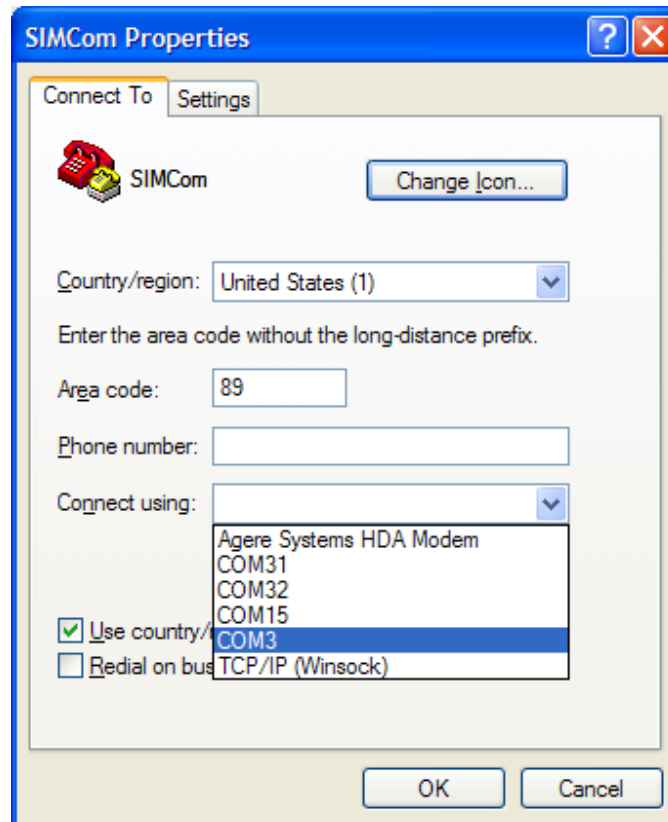


Figure 20: select port number

(4) Set baud rate (default is 57600, no flow control):

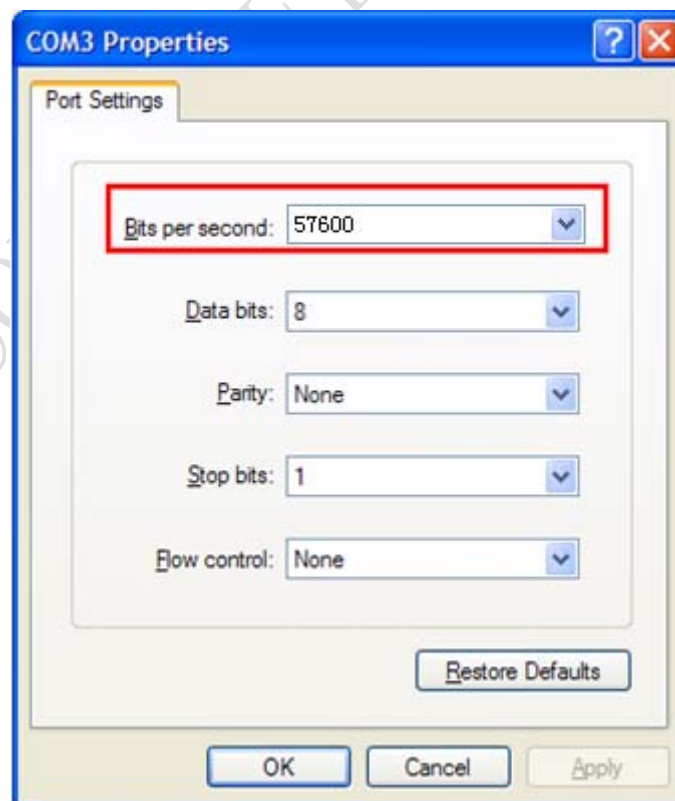



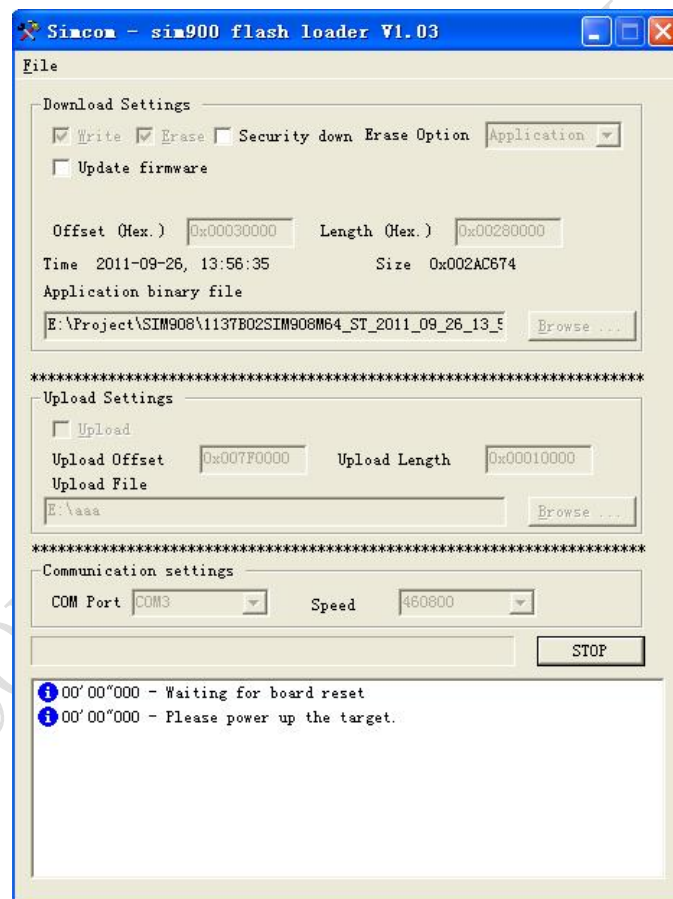
Figure 21: set baud rate

(5) Typing the AT commands in the HyperTerminal, and then the SIM908 module will execute its corresponding function. For detail AT commands related with GSM part please refer to *SIM908\_AT Command Manual\_V1.01*.

### 6.1.3 Downloading

SIM908 module shares the same flash loader with SIM900 which is a similar product also from SIMCom.

Connect the serial port cable to the GSM\_MAIN serial port, plug 5V DC adapter, Shifter S101 on the D/L state (S102 is off now), run the download program and press the  key, then switch S102 to the on state, and then the download procedure is executing immediately.



**Figure 22: SIM908 flash loader**

*Notes: customers must pay attention to the sequence of the operation, run the download program and press the start key is the first step, then switch S102 follow the description above, so the module and PC tool can make a handshake successful and execute download procedure.*

### 6.1.4 Turn off

Press the GSM\_ON/OFF button Z101 for about 1 second, the GSM part of SIM908 will be turned off, and the GSM\_NET led indicator will extinct.

### 6.1.5 Charging




Connect the SIM908 module to the 60pin connector interface and the external battery to charging interface, which have been provided on the EVB. Insert the direct current source adapter; switch shifter S102 on the OFF state, shifter S105 on the ON state, then the SIM908 will go to the charging state.

## 6.2 GPS part

SIMCom provides a GPS tool kit named “*SIMCom NMEA GPS DEMO*” to assist customers in the projects design, which provides an easy way to do some test about GPS. It has the same function as AT Command, this chapter will introduce these two methods briefly.

### 6.2.1 Running:

- (1) Connect the module to the 60pins connector on the EVB, insert the 5V DC adapter, power on SIM908 EVB follow steps mentioned in chapter 6.1
- (2) Connect SIM908 EVB to PC via two USB-Serial lines, connect to GSM\_DEBUG and GSM\_MAIN ports respectively.

- (3) Click icon  to start the tool, then click  to configure , like the following figure shows, GPS COM select the GSM\_DEBUG port number, and Baud rate is 115200, CMD COM select GSM\_MAIN port number, the Baud rate is 57600. Customers can confirm the port number in device manager, click  to finish configuration.

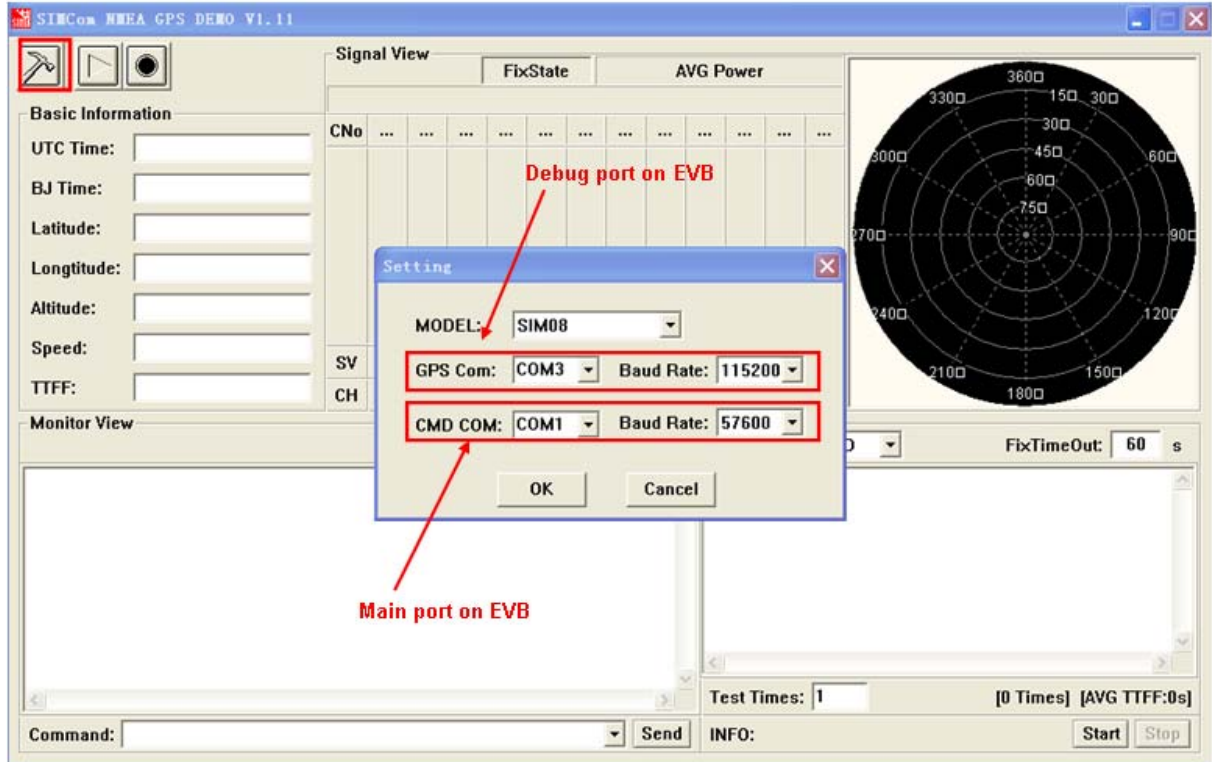



Figure 23: setting GPS tool

- (4) Click  to run, and if the \$GPGGA/\$GPGSA NMEA sentences appear in Monitor View, the SIM908 is acquiring the GPS signal.

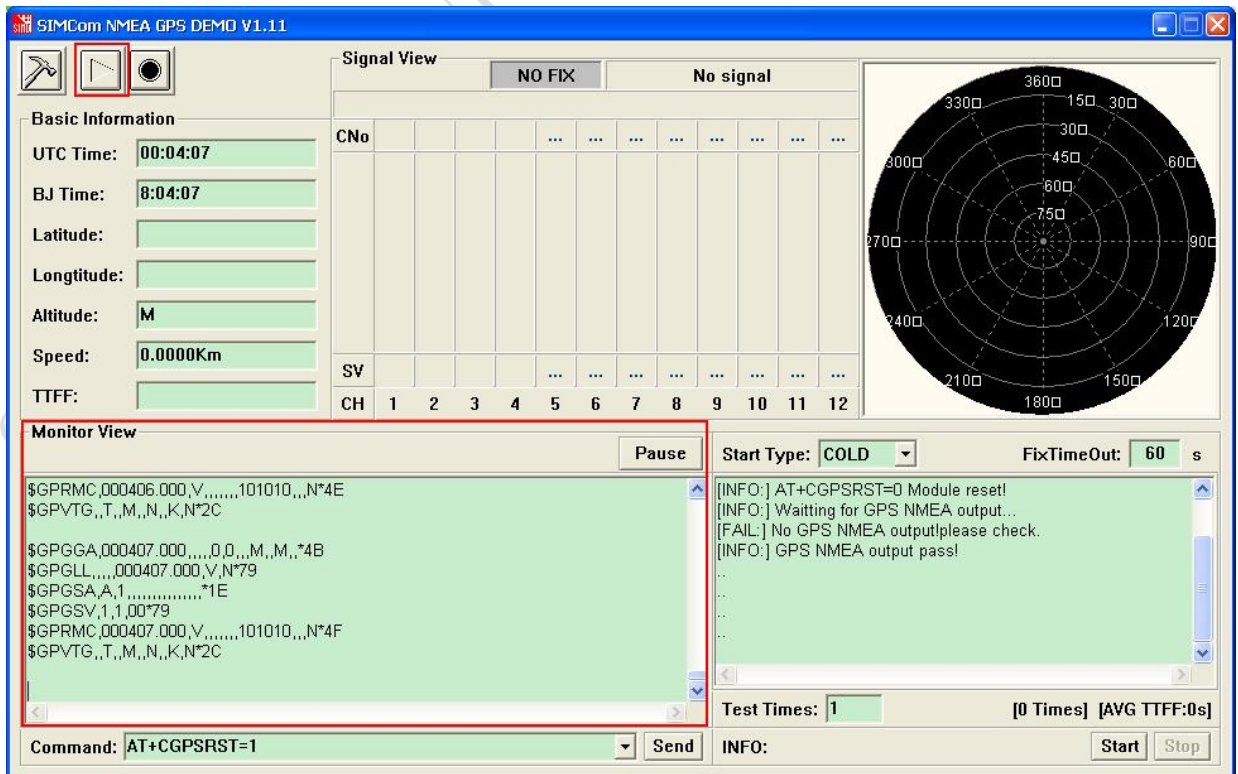
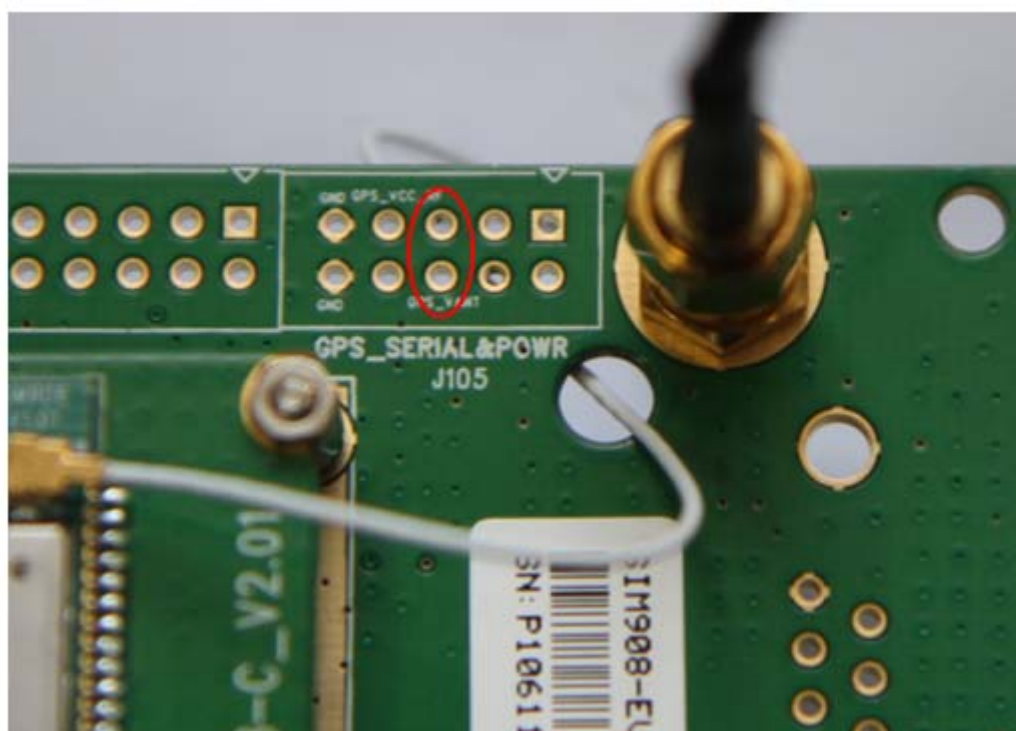


Figure 24: power on GPS

AT Command can also run the GPS, Open HyperTerminal, type in “AT+CGPSPWR=1” to power on GPS, and “AT+CGPSRST=1” to reset GPS in cold start mode, cold start mode is recommended for first time reset. For detail AT Commands about GPS please refer to *SIM908\_AT Command Manual\_V1.01*.

No function and test can be executed when we have not connected necessary accessories.

*Notes: There are two types of GPS antenna: One is active antenna, if the customer uses the active GPS antenna in the SIM908-EVB kit to demo GPS, for providing the power to the active GPS antenna, it is necessary to connect GPS\_VANT with GPS\_RF\_VCC, the picture as below: The other is passive antenna, if customers want to use passive GPS antenna to demo GPS, there is no need to provide power to the antenna.*



**Figure 25: GPS\_VANT and GPS\_RF\_VCC**

### 6.2.2 Position fixed

After position has been fixed, the GPS information can be viewed in two methods: Monitor View and Signal View.



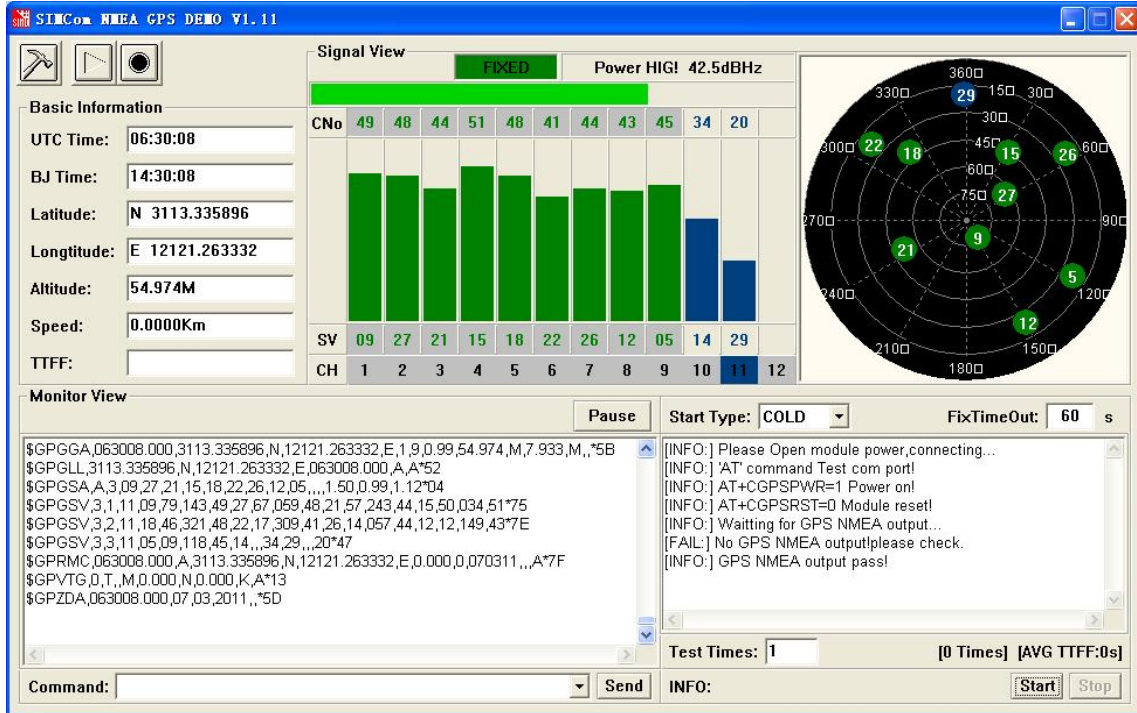


Figure 26: Position fixed

### 6.2.3 TTFF Test

SIMCom NMEA DEMO TOOL supports SIM908 TTFF test. The TTFF information is shown in the following figure:

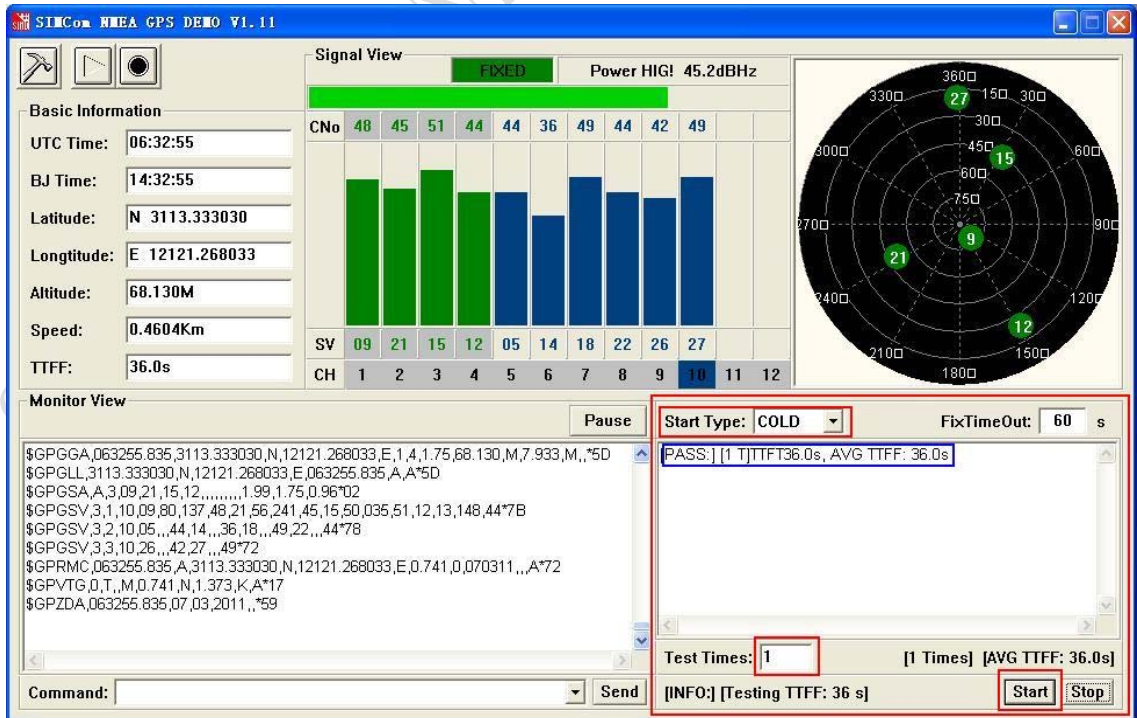
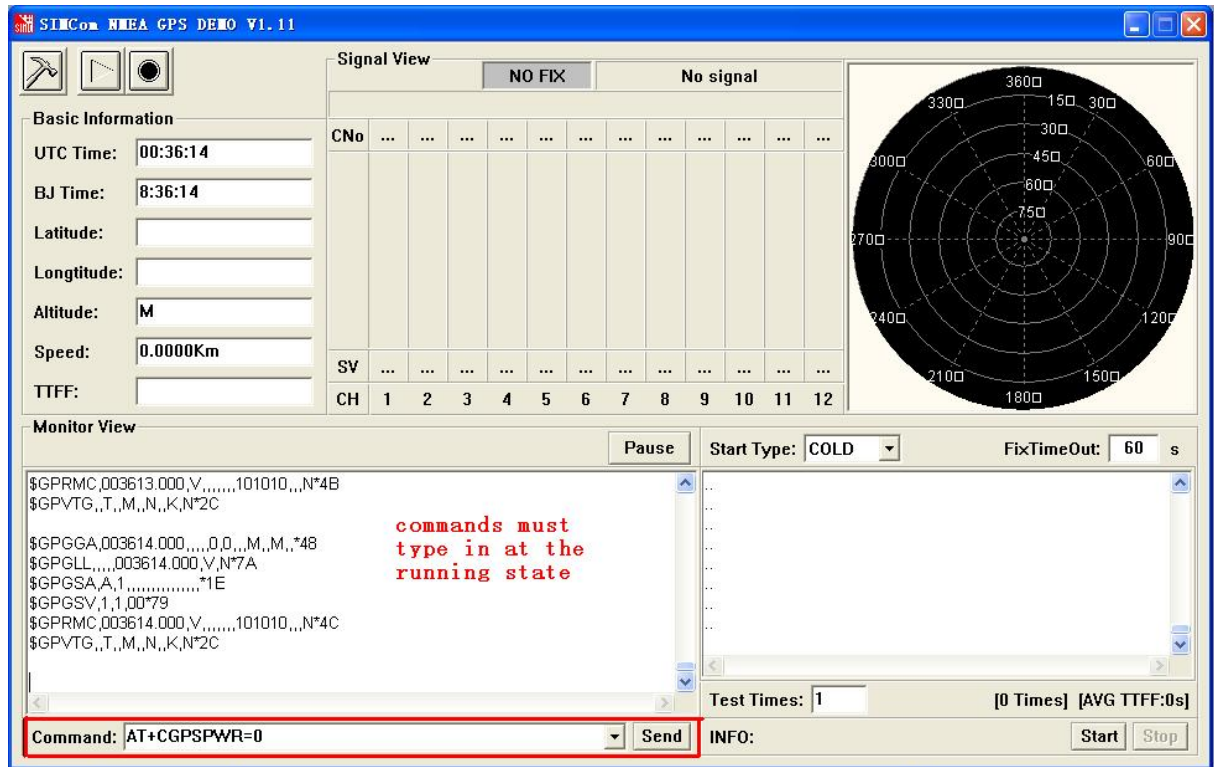


Figure 27: TTFF test

## 6.2.4 Turn off and Reset

- (1) Turn off: SIMCom NMEA DEMO TOOL supports AT Command input at the running state, customers can turn off the GPS module by type in “AT+CGPSPWR=0”, and click the

**Send** button to execute.



**Figure 28: power off GPS part**

*Note: customers can also turn off GPS in Hyper Terminal with the same command.*

- (2) Reset: Similar with turn off operation, customers can type in “AT+CGPSRST=0” to reset GPS in cold start mode, cold start mode is recommended for first time reset



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