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# **1 Product Specifications**

RS-LiDAR-M1 (B3 sample), adopting the MEMS solid-state LiDAR technology, has achieved long measuring distance up to 200 meters (150m @ 10%), high data rate of 750,000 points/sec (single return) and 1,500,000 points/sec (dual return) data output, a horizontal FOV of 120° (-60.0°~+60.0°), a vertical FOV of 25° (-12.5°~+12.5°).

Table 1: Product Specifications (B3 sample)				
	• Time of Flight (TOF) ranging, including reflection intensity			
	value			
	<ul> <li>Ranging distance: 0.5m ~200m(150m@10% NIST)<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>Ranging Precision: ± 3cm@1 sigma<sup>2</sup></li> </ul>			
Sensor	• FOV(vertical): 25° (-12.5°~+12.5°) <sup>3</sup>			
	<ul> <li>Angular resolution(vertical): average 0.2<sup>°4</sup></li> </ul>			
	• FOV(horizontal): 120° (-60.0°~+60.0°)			
	<ul> <li>Angular resolution(horizontal): average 0.2°<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>			
	• Frame rate: 10Hz			
Lasar	Class 1 eye safe			
Laser	• Wavelength: 905nm			
	<ul> <li>~750,000 points/second (single return mode)</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>~1,500,000 points/second (dual return mode)</li> </ul>			
Quitaut	• 1000Base-T1 Gigabit Ethernet			
Output	UDP package contains			
	Three-dimensional space coordinates, reflection intensity,			
	time stamp, etc.			

<sup>1</sup> The ranging capability of 150 meters is measured with the 10% NIST diffuse reflector as the target, the test results may be affected by the environment conditions, including but not limited to factors such as ambient temperature and lights;

<sup>2</sup> The ranging precision is tested in the range of  $10m \sim 100m$  with 50% NIST diffuse reflector as the target. The test results may be affected by the environment conditions, including but not limited to factors such as ambient temperature and target distance. The precision value is applicable to most channels, but difference may exist between some channels.

<sup>3</sup> The five channels of RS-LiDAR-M1 are horizontally arranged, with staggered positions vertically; The maximum envelope vertical FOV of a single channel is 25.2 °; Since the FOV of five channels are present irregularly, based on the maximum envelope principle, the vertical FOV will be calculated as 35.79 °;

 $<sup>4\,</sup>$  The vertical & horizontal angular resolution is not uniform in the entire FOV, the average angular resolution is  $0.2^\circ;$ 

	•	Power consumption: 15w <sup>5</sup>
	•	Working voltage: 9~32VDC
	•	Weight: about 0.73kg (not including data cable)
Mechanical/electroni	•	Dimensions: Length 110mm * Width 108mm * Height 45m
c operation	•	Protection level: IP67, IP6K9K
	•	Operating temperature range: -40°C~85°C(Forced
		convection is required for long hours of work) <sup>6</sup>
	•	Storage temperature: -40°C ~105°C

<sup>5</sup> The device power consumption is tested when the device is working stably, and the results may be affected by external environment conditions, including but not limited to factors such as ambient temperature, target distance, target reflectivity, etc.

<sup>6</sup> The operating temperature of the device may be affected by external environment conditions, including but not limited to factors such as solar radiation, airflow changes, etc.

## **2** Communication Protocol

The communication between RS-LiDAR-M1 (B3 sample) and the computer is through Ethernet, and uses UDP protocol. There are two types of output packets: MSOP packet and DIFOP packet. All MSOP packets involved in this document are with fixed length of 1210 bytes, DIFOP packets are with fixed length of 256 bytes. In single return mode, the output data includes 6300 MSOP packets and 1 DIFOP packet, which demands the data transfer rate no less than 58.2 Mbps. In dual return mode, the rate must be no less than 116.4 Mbps. RS-LiDAR-M1 (B3 sample) network parameters are configurable, and the factory default IP and port number are set as listed in the table below:

	IP Address	MSOP Port Number	DIFOP Port Number
RS-LiDAR-M1	192.168.1.200	6699	7788
Computer	192.168.1.102	0099	1100

The default MAC address of the LiDAR is initially set at the factory, and the MAC address of each LiDAR is unique.

When using the LiDAR, you need to set the computer's IP to the same network segment as the LiDAR, for example, 192.168.1.x (the range of x is 1~254), and the subnet mask as 255.255.255.0. If you don't know the network configuration information of the LiDAR, please set the host computer subnet mask to 0.0.0.0, connect to the LiDAR and use Wireshark to capture the LiDAR output packet for analysis.

The communication protocol between RS-LiDAR-M1 and the computer is mainly divided into two categories. See the table below for the protocol list.

- The main data stream output protocol (MSOP), encapsulates the distance, angle, reflectivity and other information measured by the LiDAR into a package and outputs it to the computer;
- LiDAR information output protocol (DIFOP), outputs various configuration information of the LiDAR currently in use to the computer.

Table 3: List of communication p	protocols
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Protocol	Abbreviation	Function	Туре	Packet size
Main Data Stream Output	MSOP	Output measured	UDP	1210 Bytes

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Protocol		data		
LiDAR Information Output Protocol	DIFOP	Output device information	UDP	256 Bytes

Note: The following chapters describe and define the payload (MSOP package of 1210 bytes and

DIFOP package of 256 bytes) of the protocols.

### 2.1 Main Data Stream Output Protocol (MSOP)

Main data Stream Output Protocol is abbreviated as MSOP.

I/O type: LiDAR output, computer analysis.

Default port number: 6699.

The MSOP packets output three-dimensional measurement related data, including laser ranging value, return reflectivity value, vertical angle, horizontal angle and time stamp. The payload length of the MSOP packet is 1210 bytes, which consists of a synchronization header of 32 bytes, a data packet of 1175 bytes (a total of 25 data blocks of 47 bytes), and a tail of 3 bytes.

The basic structure of the MSOP packet is as shown in the figure below:



### MSOP Packet (1210 Bytes)

#### Figure 1: MSOP Packet Structure

### 2.1.1 Header

The header is 32-byte long, and is used for identification of the starting position of data, packet counting, UDP communication reservation, and time stamp storage. The detailed definition is as follows:

Header (32 Bytes)					
pkt_header	pkt_psn	protocol version	wave_mode	time_sync_mode	
4 Bytes	2 Bytes	2 Bytes	1 Byte	1 Byte	
timestamp	reserved	lidar_type	mems_tmp		
10 Bytes	10 Bytes	1 Byte	1 Byte		

**pkt\_header**: can be used as a packet inspection sequence, and the identification header is 0x55, 0xaa, 0x5a, 0xa5.

**pkt\_psn**: Packets Sequence Number, packet counting in a circular counting manner, the count value of the first data packet of each frame is 1, the count value of the last data packet of each frame is the maximum value.

protocol version: version number of the UDP communication protocol

wave\_mode: return mode flag, 0 means dual return mode, 1 - N/A, 2 - N/A, 3 - N/A,

4 means strongest return, 5 means last return, 6 means first return.

time\_sync\_mode: time synchronization mode:

0x00 currently using the LiDAR internal timing

0x01 currently using 1PPS for sub-second reset in full seconds

0x02 currently using PTP time synchronization mode

Timestamp: store timestamps. The defined timestamp is used to record the system

time. The high 6 bytes are the second bits, and the low 4 bytes are the microsecond bits.

reserved: reserved bit

lidar\_type: the type of LiDAR, default value is 0x10

**mems\_tmp**: mems temperature, Temp=mems\_tmp-80; namely when mems\_tmp

value is 0, mems temperature is -80°C; when the value is 255, the temperature is 175°C.

### 2.1.2 Data Packet

The data packet in the MSOP packet stores the data measured by the LiDAR. It has a total of 1175 bytes consisting of 25 data blocks, each data block has 47 bytes.

In single return mode, each data block represent the complete measurement data measured by a group of 5 laser channels at one time. Each data block stores the data of one transmission in the single return mode.

In dual return mode, the odd numbered MSOP packets store the data of the first return, including 25 data blocks. The even numbered MSOP packets store the data of the second return, including 25 data blocks. The first and second returns are stored by turns in sequence. The type of returned packets could be judged according to the 'returen\_seq' value in the data block, please check Table 5 for detailed definition. Every two MSOP packets form a complete measurement. The total number of data points in a dual return mode is twice that of a single return mode.

The detailed definition is as follows:

data block N (47 Bytes)				
content	offset(byte)	byte	instruction	
time_offset	0	1	The time offset of all points in the block relative to the timestamp of the packet, the time of this group of points equals to timestamp+time_offset	
return_seq	1	1	Return sequence. In single-return mode, this flag is always 0; in dual-return mode, the first return (closer) is represented by 0x1, and the second return (further) is represented by 0x2	
ch1_radius	2	2	In the polar coordinate system, the radial distance value of the channel 1 points, the distance resolution is 5mm	
ch1_elevation	4	2	In the polar coordinate system, the vertical angle of the channel 1 points, the resolution is 0.01°	
ch1_azimuth	6	2	In the polar coordinate system, the horizontal angle of the channel 1 points, the resolution is 0.01°	
ch1_intensity	8	1	Reflection intensity value of the channel 1 points, the value range is 0~255	

Table 5: Definition of data block in MSOP packet

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resev.	9	2	Reserved bits
			In the polar coordinate system, the radial
ch2_radius	11	2	distance value of the channel 2 points, the
			distance resolution is 5mm
			In the polar coordinate system, the vertical
ch2_elevation	13	2	angle of the channel 2 points, the resolution is
_			0.01°
			In the polar coordinate system, the horizontal
ch2_azimuth	15	2	angle of the channel 2 points, the resolution is
—	_		0.01°
			Reflection intensity value of the channel
ch2_intensity	17	1	2points, the value range is 0~255
resev.	18	2	Reserved bits
10001.	10	-	In the polar coordinate system, the radial
ch3_radius	20	2	distance value of the channel 3 points, the
	20		distance resolution is 5mm
			In the polar coordinate system, the vertical
ch3_elevation	22	2	angle of the channel 3 points, the resolution is
	22	2	
			In the polar coordinate system, the horizontal
ch3_azimuth	24	2	angle of the channel 3 points, the resolution is
ch5_azimuth		2	0.01°
			Reflection intensity value of the channel 3
ch3_intensity	26	1	points, the value range is $0~255$
resev.	27	2	Reserved bits
10304.	21	2	In the polar coordinate system, the radial
ch4_radius	29	2	distance value of the channel 4 points, the
CI14_TAUIUS	29	2	distance resolution is 5mm
ch4 elevation	31	2	In the polar coordinate system, the vertical angle of the channel 4 points, the resolution is
	31	2	0.01°
ch1 azimuth	33	2	In the polar coordinate system, the horizontal
ch4_azimuth	ు	2	angle of the channel 4 points, the resolution is 0.01°
ch4_intensity	35	1	Reflection intensity value of the channel 4
	20		points, the value range is 0~255
resev.	36	2	Reserved bits
	~~~	_	In the polar coordinate system, the radial
ch5_radius	38	2	distance value of the channel 5 points, the
			distance resolution is 5mm
· · · ·		_	In the polar coordinate system, the vertical
ch5_elevation	40	2	angle of the channel 5 points, the resolution is
			0.01°

ch5_azimuth	42	2	In the polar coordinate system, the horizontal angle of the channel 5 points, the resolution is 0.01°
ch5_intensity	44	1	Reflection intensity value of the channel 5 points, the value range is 0~255
resev.	45	2	Reserved bits

N is the N<sup>th</sup> data block in any MSOP packet.

**time\_offset:** the time offset of all points in the N<sup>th</sup> block relative to the time stamp of the packet. The time of this group of points equals time stamp+time\_offset.

**return\_seq:** return sequence. In single-return mode, this flag is always 0; in dualreturn mode, the first return (closer) is represented by 0x1, and the second return (further) is represented by 0x2

n is the n<sup>th</sup> channel in the N<sup>th</sup> data block, n=1, 2, 3, 4, 5, which contains data as follows:

**chn\_radius:** the radial distance value of the points of channel n in the polar coordinate system, the resolution is 5mm.

chn\_elevation: the vertical angle of the channel n points in polar coordinate system, the resolution is  $0.01^{\circ}$ 

chn\_azimuth: the horizontal angle of the channel n points in polar coordinate system, the resolution is  $0.01^{\circ}$ 

**chn\_intensity:** reflection intensity value of the channel n points, the value range is 0~255.

2.1.2.1 Channel Data Definition

The channel data is 9-byte long, with the radial distance of this channel occupying 2 bytes, the elevation angle occupying 2 bytes, the horizontal angle occupying 2 bytes, the reflection intensity value occupying 1 byte, and 2 bytes reserved.

Detailed definitions are as follows:

channel data (9 Bytes)									
chn_ra (2 By		chn_elevation (2 Bytes)		chn_a: (2 by		chn_intensity (1 Byte)			
R1 [15:8] R2 [7:0]		E1[15:8]	E2[7:0]	A1[15:8]	A2[7:0]	Intensity[7:0]			

 Table 6: Definition of channel data in data block

res	resv.	
(2 By	tes)	
r1 [15:8] r2 [7:0]		

Take the radial distance calculation as an example:

Chn\_radius is 2-byte long, the unit is centimeters (cm), and the resolution is 0.5 cm.

Get the hexadecimal number of the radius value of a channel in the data packet: R1 is 0x03, R2 is

0xfc

0x03 is the high digit of the distance, converted to decimal is 3, 0xfc is the low digit of the distance,

converted into decimal is 252.

Therefore: the radial distance of this channel=R1\*256+R2=3\*256+252=1020.

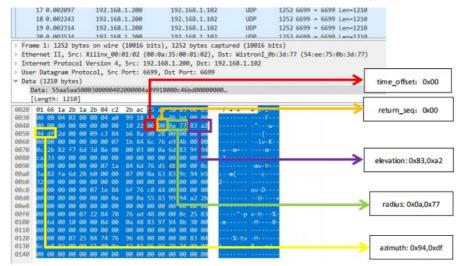
According to the resolution of the coordinates, it is converted to meters: 1020 \*0.005=5.10m.

Therefore, the radial distance of this channel in the corresponding elevation and azimuth direction is

5.1 m.

### Calculation of XYZ coordinates:

Use Wireshark to capture the data packets of RS-Lidar-M1, as shown in the figure below:



Example of parameters calculation:

- 1. **time\_offset:** data block time offset HEX:  $0x00 \rightarrow DEC: 00 \rightarrow 0 \mu s$
- 2. return\_seq: HEX: 0x00 -> single return
- 3. radius: radial distance HEX: 0x0a,0x77 -> DEC: 10, 119

-> radius = (10 x256 + 119) x0.005 [m] = 13.395 m

4. elevation: vertical angle HEX: 0x83,0xa2 -> DEC: 131,162

-> elevation = ((131 x 256 + 162)-32768) x 0.01[degree] = 9.3°

5. azimuth: horizontal angle HEX: 0x94,0xdf -> DEC: 148,223

-> azimuth = ((148 x 256 + 223)-32768) x 0.01[degree] = 53.43°

The X, Y, Z coordinates of the point cloud can be calculated by the formula below:

 $X = radius \bullet cos(evelation) \bullet cos(azimuth)$   $Y = radius \bullet cos(evelation) \bullet sin(azimuth)$   $Z = radius \bullet sin(evelation)$   $X = 13.395m \bullet cos(9.3^{\circ}) \bullet cos(53.43^{\circ})$   $Y = 13.395m \bullet cos(9.3^{\circ}) \bullet sin(53.43^{\circ})$   $Z = 13.395m \bullet sin(9.3^{\circ})$ 

Thus, the X, Y, Z coordinates of the point cloud of one transmitting in the single return mode of this channel is (7.88m,10.62m,2.17m).

### 2.1.3 Tail

The Tail contains 3 bytes and are reserved bits.

### 2.2 LiDAR Information Output Protocol (DIFOP)

LiDAR Information Output Protocol is abbreviated as DIFOP

I/O type: LiDAR output, computer read.

Default port number: 7788.

DIFOP is an "output-only" protocol to periodically send the LiDAR serial number (S/N),

firmware version information, host computer driver compatibility information, network configuration information, calibration information, operating status, and fault diagnosis information to users. By reading DIFOP, users can learn specific information of various parameters of the LiDAR currently in use.

A complete DIFOP packet consists of a synchronization header, reserved bytes and a data packet. Each DIFOP Packet is 256-byte long, including an 8-byte long synchronization header, 1 reserved byte and a 247-byte long data packet.

The basic structure of the DIFOP packet is as shown in the table below.

Segments	Sequence No.	Attribute	Definition	Offset	Length (byte)
Header	1	Header	DIFOP identification header	0	8

Table 7: Definition of DIFOP packet

	2	Reserved	Reserved bits	8	1
	3	Frame rate setting	Setting frame rate value	9	1
			Ethernet IP source address	10	4
			Ethernet IP destination address	14	4
	4	Ethernet	Ethernet IP local MAC address	18	6
			MSOP port number	24	2
			DIFOP port number	26	2
			Horizontal FOV start angle	28	2
	5	FOV Setting	Horizontal FOV end angle	30	2
	5	(not enabled yet)	Vertical FOV start angle	32	2
			Vertical FOV end angle	34	2
Data			Firmware version number of the motherboard programmable logic	36	5
	7	Version Information	Firmware version number of the motherboard programming system	41	5
	9	Product SN information	Product serial number	46	6
	11	wave_mode	Return mode setting	52	1
			Time synchronization mode setting	53	1
	12	Time information	Time synchronization status	54	1
			Time	55	10
	13	Operating status	Voltage, current, input and output signal status	65	20
	15	Diag_Inform_reserve	Diagnose Information reserved	85	40
	17	LiDAR internal parameters	Calibration parameters	125	60
	18	Reserved	Reserved	185	71

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1. The Header (DIFOP identification header) in the table is 0xa5, 0xff, 0x00, 0x5a, 0x11,0x11,0x55, 0x55, which can be used as the packet inspection sequence.

2. The LSB of the horizontal FOV is 0.01° the minimum value is 0°, and the maximum value is 120°.

3. The LSB of the vertical FOV is 0.01°, the minimum value is 0°, and the maximum value is 25 °.

Return mode setting: the return mode flag, 0-dual return, 1-N/A, 2-N/A, 3-N/A, 4- strongest return,
 5-last return, 6-The first return.

5. Time synchronization mode setting: the default value is 0x02. 0x00 means currently using the LiDAR internal timing, 0x01 means that the 1PPS is currently used for sub-second reset in full seconds, 0x02 means currently using PTP time synchronization mode.

6. Time synchronization status: status of synchronization success. 0-Unsuccess syn, 1-syn Success.

7. Calibration parameters: there are a total of 20 parameters, each of which consists of 3 bytes. The first byte indicates the sign (0 is positive, 1 is negative), LSB=0.01, and the order corresponds to the first 20 parameters in the ChannelNum.csv file.

# **3 Interface Box Connection and State Machine**

### 3.1 The Connection of Interface Box

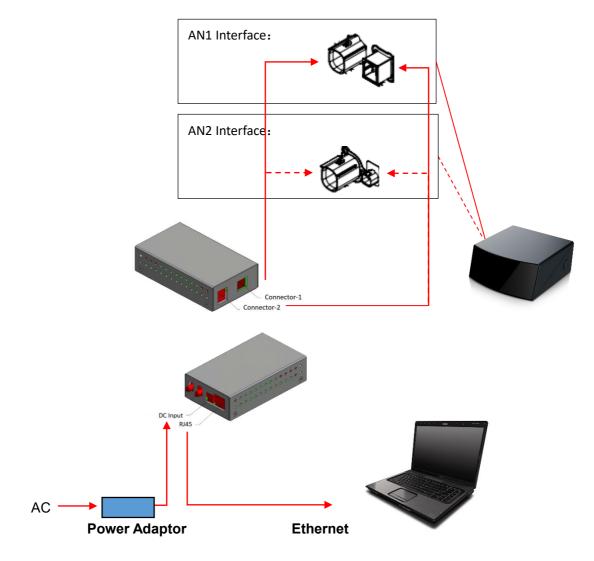
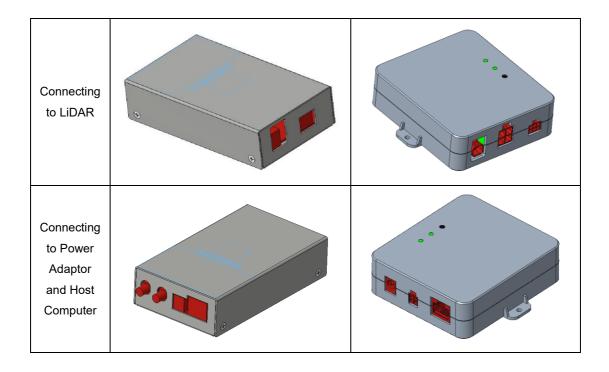


Figure 2: Image for topology of LiDAR and PC

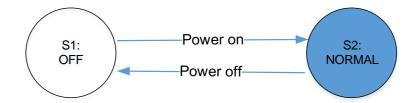
### Note:

Figure 2 shows the topology of connection of Interface Box (AN1). Currently, RS-LiDAR-M1 (B3 sample) has two versions of interfaces, namely AN1 and AN2, supporting the following two types of Interface Boxes respectively:

Connection AN1 Interface Box AN2 Interface Box
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# 3.2 State Machine of LiDAR



Definition of State Machine: S1: LiDAR OFF S2: NORMAL operation

### **4 Time Synchronization**

RS-LiDAR-M1 (B3 sample) default firmware supports PTP 1588v2 time synchronization method. Therefore, only PTPv2 is supported by default. If users hope to adopt gPTP (Generalized Precision Time Protocol) time synchronization method, please contact RoboSense technical support.

### 4.1 Precision Time Protocol (PTP)

PTP is defined as a time-synchronization protocol. It is mainly used to achieve highprecision time synchronization between different devices through network communication, and can also be used for frequency synchronization. Compared to the existing time synchronization mechanisms, PTP has those following advantages:

1) Compared to Network Time Protocol (NTP), PTP can fulfill the requirement of time synchronization with higher precision. Generally, NTP can only achieve sub-second level of time synchronization precision, while PTP can support sub-microsecond level.

2) Compared to Global Positioning System (GPS), PTP has advantages of lower construction and maintenance cost. Meanwhile, it also has significant meanings in national security due to independent on GPS.

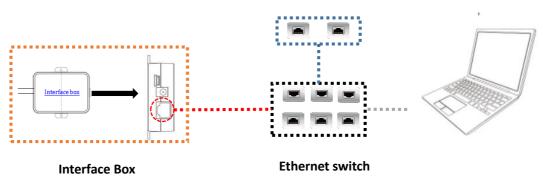
#### 4.1.1 PTP Wiring Connection

To initialize PTP synchronization procedure, users need to prepare the following devices and finish wiring connection according to the topology below:

1) a PTP Grand Master (plug-and-play without additional configuration);

2) Ethernet switch;

3) Slave devices supporting PTP (RS-LiDAR-M1 and others);



#### PTP Grand Master (Third Party)

Figure 1: Topology of PTP time synchronization

Note:

1. PTP Grand Master device belongs to the third party, which is not included in our packing list. Users need to purchase that by themselves in advance;

2. As a Slave terminal, RS-LiDAR-M1 only obtains the time from PTP Grand Master device with no hesitation about accuracy of the master clock by principle. If the time stamp of LiDAR point cloud deviates from the real time, please check whether PTP Grand Master clock is accurate;

3. When time synchronization has been run on RS-LiDAR-M1, in case that the PTP Grand Master is disconnected suddenly, the time stamp of LiDAR data packet will continue to stack according to LiDAR internal clock. The time of RS-LiDAR-M1 will not be reset until powered off and restarted.

4.1.2 PTP Mechanism

Technically, PTP supports two working modes including Peer to Peer (P2P) and End

to End (E2E). By default, RS-LiDAR-M1 (B3 sample) only support P2P mode.

P2P mode: following Peer Delay Mechanism

E2E mode: following Request Response Mechanism

### 4.2 Use Linuxptp tool to verify time synchronization

Following Chapter 3, please connect RS-LiDAR-M1 (B3 sample) power cable and network cable to the Interface Box, and then to Host Computer. The Host Computer operating system (OS) must be Linux. We take Ubuntu as an example below:

1. Use the command \$ifconfig to check the network card name. The network card is named as enp2s0 below.

sti@sti:~	-\$ ifconfig
enp2s0	Link encap:Ethernet HWaddr 54:ee:75:f0:7b:9f UP BROADCAST MULTICAST MTU:1500 Metric:1 RX packets:1148564 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0 TX packets:2786 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0 collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000 RX bytes:1436527228 (1.4 GB) TX bytes:309309 (309.3 KB)
lo	Link encap:Local Loopback inet addr:127.0.0.1 Mask:255.0.0.0 inet6 addr: ::1/128 Scope:Host UP LOOPBACK RUNNING MTU:65536 Metric:1 RX packets:138110 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 frame:0 TX packets:138110 errors:0 dropped:0 overruns:0 carrier:0 collisions:0 txqueuelen:1000 RX bytes:48448646 (48.4 MB) TX bytes:48448646 (48.4 MB)

- Figure 2: Find network card name
- 2. Use the command \$ethtool T enp2s0 (network card's name) to check whether the

network card supports PTP hardware.

Figure 3: Check PTP hardware supporting status

3. Download and install the Linuxptp tool.

\$sudo git clone git://git.code.sf.net/p/linuxptp/code linuxptp

\$cd linuxptp

\$sudo make

\$sudo make install

\$reboot

4. Use ptp4l command.

Synchronization command for RS-LiDAR-M1 (B3 sample):

\$sudo ptp4l -P -S -4 -m -i enp2s0 (network card's name)

Command options:

#### **Delay mechanism options**

-A Automatic mode, E2E mode is selected automatically, and switch to P2P mode when

peer to peer delay request is received

- -E E2E mode, request response delay mechanism (default)
- -P P2P mode, peer delay mechanism

#### Network transmission options

- -2 IEEE 802.3
- -4 UDP IPV4 (default)
- -6 UDP IPV6

#### Time stamp options

-H Hardware time stamp (default)

- -S Software simulation time stamp
- -L Former hardware time stamp, LEGACY HW needs to be used with PHC equipment **Other options**

-f [file] Reads the configuration info from the specified file. By default, no configuration info are read.

-i [dev] Select a PTP interface device, such as eth0 (which can be specified more than once), you must specify at least one port using this option or configuration file.

-p [dev] This option is used to specify the PHC device (such as: dev / ptp0 clock device) to be used on the former Linux kernel. The default is auto, ignoring the software / LEGACY HW timestamp (this option is not recommended)

- -s Slave-Only-mode, slave clock mode (override profile)
- -t Transparent clock mode
- -I [num] Set the logging level to 'num' and the default is 6
- -m Print the message to stdout
- -q Do not print messages to syslog
- -v Print software version and exit
- -h Help command

### 4.3 GPS Time Synchronization

In case that users would like to synchronize RS-LiDAR-M1 (B3 sample) with GPS module, it is necessary for PTP Grand Master to receive GPS timing service at first. Please consult PTP Grand Master device provider for the specific connectors and GPS timing service guidance. Robosense will not provide technical support except for special cases.



Figure 4: Topology of GPS Timing service synchronization

### **Appendix A RSView**

This appendix explains how to use RSView to record, visualize, save and review of the data from RS-LiDAR-M1(B3 sample).

The original sensor data can be also captured and examined by using other free of charge tools, such as Wireshark or tcp-dump. But visualization of the 3D data through using RSView is easy to realize. User may contact RoboSense technical support for the specific RSview Version.

### A.1 Software Features

RSView supports real-time visualization of 3D coordinate data from RS-LiDAR-M1(B3 sample). RSView also supports review of the pre-recorded data stored in "pcap" (Packet Capture) files, however, RSView doesn't support direct importing of ".pcapng" files at the moment.

RSView displays directly the point cloud that is exchanged from the measured distance from RS-LiDAR-M1(B3 sample). It supports changing the display mode of point cloud according to XYZ coordinates, distance, pitch(elevation) and yaw(azimuth), etc.

Function and features of RSView are as shown below:

- Online visualization of sensor data over Ethernet
- Record of real-time data into pcap files
- Review of the recorded point cloud from pcap files
- Different visualization mode based on distance, pitch(elevation) and yaw(azimuth), etc.
- Tabular display of point cloud data
- Tool for measuring distance from visualized cloud point

### A.2 Install RSView

Installation packet of RSView is suited for Windows 64-bit system and it requires no other dependent software packets. Unzip the compressed packet of RSView, the RSView.exe executable file can be found in the /bin folder.

### A.3 Set Up Network

The sensor has set the default IP address to computer at factory, therefore, the default IP address of the computer should be set as 192.168.1.102, sub-net mask as 255.255.255.0. Besides, users should make sure that the RSView doesn't be blocked by any firewall or third party security software.

### A.4 Visualization of Point Cloud

- 1. Connect the RS-LiDAR-M1(B3 sample) to PC over Ethernet cables and power supply.
- 2. Right click to start the RSView application with **Run as Administrator.**
- 3. Click on the File -> Open -> Sensor Stream (Fig A-1).

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Fig A-1: Open the Sensor Stream in RSView.

4. After finishing the above 3 steps, the dialogue box "Sensor Configuration" shows up. In this dialogue box, the Sensor Calibration default contains the configuration folder named MEMSCorrectionFile\_3V, select the corresponding file, click Add and then click the OK button (as shown in Fig A-2). The original point cloud data output from the RS-LiDAR-M1(B3 sample) is already calibrated point cloud data, therefore the value in this parameter file is void.

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Figure A-2: Select the parameter configuration file of RS-LiDAR- M1(B3 sample)

5. Check the MSOP and DIFOP port number: Tools > Data Port Setting

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Figure A-3: RSView data port setting

6. RSView begins displaying the colored point cloud from capturing the sensor data stream from LiDAR (as shown in Fig. A-4). The stream can be paused by pressing the **Play** button, click again, the stream continues.

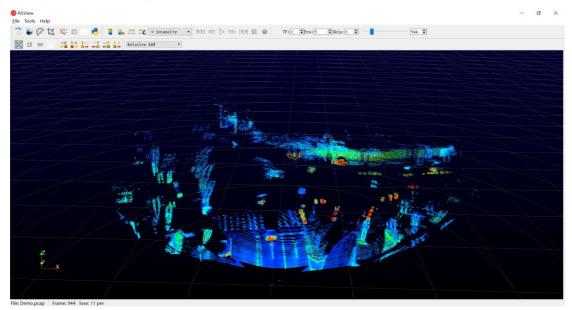


Figure A-4: RS-LiDAR-M1(B3 sample) Sensor Stream display

7. If there is no point cloud display, please click **Tools** and check if the MSOP and DIFOP port number are correctly set in the **Data Port Setting** window.

### A.5 Save Streaming Sensor Data into PCAP File

#### Use RSView as the packet recording tool:

1. Click the **Record** button during real-time display (Fig. A-5).

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Figure A-5: RSView save button

2. In the dialogue box "**Choose Output File**", choose the save path and file name of pcap file, click **Save** button (Fig. A-6), RSView begins writing data into pcap file. (Note: RS-LiDAR-M1(B3 sample) will generate enormous data, therefore, it is best to use a fast, local HDD or SSD, instead of a slow subsystem, such as USB storage LiDAR or network drive.)

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Figure A-6: RSView record data

3. Click **Record** button again to stop recording pcap packets.

#### Use Wireshark as the packet recording tool:

1. Download and install the wireshark software.



Figure A-7: Wireshark icon

2. Double click to start the wireshark application, select the name of the network card currently connected to the LiDAR and double-click it.

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#### Figure A-8: Start Wireshark

3. If the figure below shows up, the connection to the LiDAR is normal. The data in the red boxes represent "LiDAR IP", "PC IP", "MSOP port number", and "DIFOP packet port number" respectively.

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Figure A-9: Wireshark at work

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Figure A-10: Wireshark data saving

5. Enter the file name in the pop-up dialog box and select .pcap as the data format to save.

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Figure A-11: Wireshark data saving

6. Now, the corresponding files can be found in the specified folder directory and you can use the RSView software or driver to view the point cloud (please refer to the product user manual for the RSView operation guide).

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Figure A-12 Wireshark data saving

### A.6 Replay Recorded Sensor Data from PCAP Files

The pcap file can be replayed or examined through RSView. User can press the **Play** button to play or pause the data play, and can also scrub the time slider to check the data at a certain time point. User can also use a mouse to click and select part of the point cloud and check them in the pop-up table. Save path of pcap file should not contain any Chinese characters.

1. Click File -> Open then select Capture File.

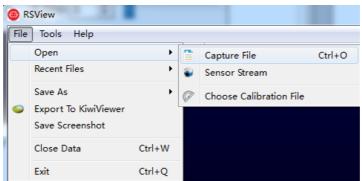


Figure A-13 RSView Open capture file

2. In the dialogue box **Open File**, please import a recorded pcap file then click **Open (O)** button.

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Figure A-14 Import PCAP File

3. In the dialogue box **Sensor Configuration**, add and select the right configuration file of RS-LiDAR-M1(B3 sample), then click **OK** button.

4. Click **Play** button to play or pause 3D point cloud data streaming. Using the Scrub tool to select the interested frame. The **Scrub** tool and the **Record** button are in the same toolbar(Fig. A-15).



Figure A-15 RSView **Play** button and **Scrub** tool

5. In order to inspect partial relevant point cloud data from a closer aspect, please scrub to an interested frame and click the **Spreadsheet** button (Fig A-16). A data table will be displayed on the right side. It displays all data points in the frame.

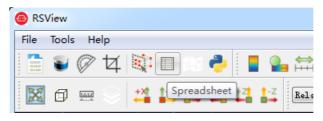


Figure A-16 RSView Spreadsheet

6. You can adjust the width of each column of the table, or sort for clearer inspection.

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3	3	8.250	-3.523	1.498	9.095	75	3	11.320	-23.270
4	4	10.390	-11.478	1.696	15.575	142	4	7.590	-48.030
5	5	7.956	10.549	1.873	13.345	51	0	9.270	53.220
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7	7	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1	2	-327.680	-327.680
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9	9	10.397	-11.571	1.713	15.650	176	4	7.620	-48.240
10	10	7.965	10.481	1.858	13.295	50	0	9.240	53.010
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12	12	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1	2	-327.680	-327.680
13	13	8.237	-3.587	1.506	9.110	68	3	11.350	-23.680
14	14	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1	4	-327.680	-327.680
15	15	7.958	10.401	1.840	13.225	43	0	9.210	52.820
16	16	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1	1	-327.680	-327.680
17	17	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	1	2	-327.680	-327.680
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Figure A-17 RSView Spreadsheet display

7. Click **Show only selected elements** in the spreadsheet, only the data of selected points will be displayed. If no point is selected, there will be no data shown in table (Fig. A-18).

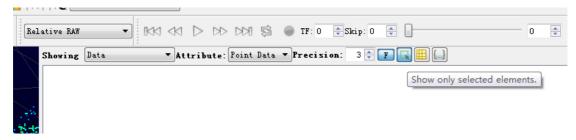


Figure A-18 RSView show only selected elements tool

8. Click the **Select All Points** tool, your mouse will turn into a data point selection tool (Figure A-19).



Figure A-19 RSView Select All Points tool

9. In the 3D point cloud display space, use the mouse to draw a rectangle to frame some data points. The data of these points will be displayed in the **Spreadsheet** and these points will turn pink in the point cloud display space (Figure A-20).

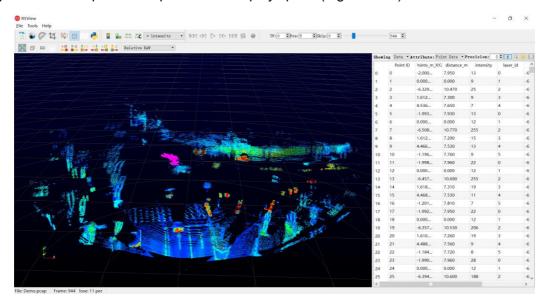


Figure A-20 RSView List Selected Points

10. Any selected point can be saved through the output csv data tool at the

Spreadsheet toolbar (see Figure A-21).



Figure A-21 RSView export selected points to csv file

# Appendix B Driver & SDK

### B.1 Compile and Install rs\_ driver

RS Driver provides a cross-platform LiDAR driver kernel for RoboSense LiDAR

products, which is convenient for users to re-develop and use. The driver kernel of

v1.3.0 and later versions already support analysis and transformation of RS-LiDAR-M1

(B3 sample) point cloud. Users can download the rs\_driver package from our official

account on GitHub: https://github.com/RoboSense-LiDAR/rs\_driver

rs\_driver currently supports the following systems and compilers:

- Windows
  - MSVC (VS2017 & VS2019 tested)
  - Mingw-w64 (x86\_64-8.1.0-posix-seh-rt\_v6-rev0 tested)
- Ubuntu (16.04, 18.04, 20.04)
  - gcc (4.8+)

### **B.1.1 Install Dependent Libraries**

rs\_driver depends on the following third-party libraries, which need to be installed before compilation:

- Boost
- Pcap
- > PCL (not required, can be ignored if visualization tools are not needed)
- > Eigen3 (not required, can be ignored if built-in coordinate transformation is not needed)

Install the above dependent libraries in Ubuntu:

\$sudo apt-get install libboost-dev libpcap-dev libpcl-dev libeigen3-dev

Install the above dependent libraries in Windows:

➢ Boost

The Boost library needs to be compiled from source code under Windows, please refer to the official guide (https://www.boost.org/doc/libs/1\_67\_0/more/getting\_started/windows.html) After compiling and installing, add the path of Boost to the system environment variable BOOST\_ROOT, see Figure B-1 below. If you use MSVC, you can also choose to directly download the pre-compiled installation package of the corresponding version.

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Figure B - 1: Add environment variables

### Pcap

First, install the Pcap runtime library

(https://www.winpcap.org/install/bin/WinPcap\_4\_1\_3.exe).

Download the developer package

(https://www.winpcap.org/install/bin/WpdPack\_4\_1\_2.zip) to any location,

Then, add the path of WpdPack\_4\_1\_2/WpdPack to the environment variable PATH, as shown in Figure B-1.

> PCL (not required, can be ignored if visualization tools are not needed)

(1) MSVC

If you are going to use the MSVC compiler, please install the official installation package provided by PCL.

Select "Add PCL to the system PATH for xxx" during installation:



Figure B - 1: Set up PCL

(2) Mingw-w64

PCL does not provide the official mingw compilation library, users need to compile PCL from source code and install it according to the official tutorial.

### B.1.2 Use of rs\_Driver

### B.1.2.1 rs\_Driver Installation and Use

Take the Linux environment as an example for driver compilation (rs\_driver currently does not support installation and use in windows system), execute the following codes to install the driver

\$cd rs\_driver
\$mkdir build && cd build
\$cmake .. && make -j4
\$sudo make install

B.1.2.2 Use as a Submodule

When rs\_driver is used as a submodule, the following commands need to be added to the CMakeLists.txt file. (add rs\_driver as a submodule to the project, use the find\_package() instruction to find rs\_driver, and then link the relevant library) add\_subdirectory(\${PROJECT\_SOURCE\_DIR}/rs\_driver) find\_package(rs\_driver REQUIRED) include\_directories(\${rs\_driver\_INCLUDE\_DIRS}) target\_link\_libraries(project \${rs\_driver\_LIBRARIES})

B.1.3 Demo Programs & Visualization Tools

### B.1.3.1 Demo Programs

rs\_driver provides two demo programs. Users can refer to the demo programs to write code, call interfaces and store them in rs\_driver/demo:

demo\_online.cpp

demo\_pcap.cpp

To compile the two demo programs, users can add the parameters when executing the CMake configuration.

\$cmake -DCOMPILE\_DEMOS=ON ...

#### **B.1.3.2 Visualization Tools**

rs\_driver provides a point cloud visualization tool based on PCL, which is stored in rs\_driver/tool:

rs\_driver\_viewer.cpp

To compile the two demo programs, users can add the parameters when executing the CMake configuration.

\$cmake -DCOMPILE\_TOOLS=ON ..

**B.1.4 Coordinate Transformation** 

rs\_driver provides a built-in coordinate transformation feature, which can directly output the point cloud after coordinate transformation, which saves users the timeconsuming extra operations of coordinate transformation on the point cloud. If you want to enable this feature, add the parameters when executing CMake configuration:

\$cmake -DENABLE\_TRANSFORM=ON ..

### B.2 Compile and Install rslidar\_sdk

rslidar\_sdk is the LiDAR driver software package of RoboSense in the Ubuntu environment, including the LiDAR driver kernel, ROS expansion function, ROS2 expansion function, and Protobuf-UDP communication expansion features. Users without

secondary development needs, or users who want to directly use ROS or ROS2 for secondary development, can directly use this software package to view the point cloud with the RVIZ visualization tool that comes with ROS or ROS2. For users who have further secondary development needs and want to integrate the LiDAR driver into their own projects, please refer to the relevant documentation of the LiDAR driver kernel and directly use the kernel rs driver for secondary development.

You can download the rsliar\_sdk.tar.gz package from our official account on GitHub: https://github.com/RoboSense-LiDAR/rslidar\_sdk/releases

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Note: Downloading the source code will not include the rs\_driver parsing kernel, users need to download and add it manually.

**B.2.1 Install Dependent Libraries** 

### **B.2.1.1 ROS Environment**

To use the LiDAR driver in ROS environment, users need to install ROS related dependent libraries

Ubuntu 16.04 - ROS kinetic desktop-full

Ubuntu 18.04 - ROS melodic desktop-full

Installation method: refer to http://wiki.ros.org

If ROS kinetic desktop-full or ROS melodic desktop-full is installed, other dependent libraries of compatible versions should also be installed at the same time, so there is no need to reinstall them to avoid problems caused by multiple version conflicts. Therefore, it is strongly recommended to install the desktop-full version, which will save a lot of time to install and configure the libraries one by one.

B.2.1.2 ROS2 Environment

To use the LiDAR driver in ROS2 environment, users need to install ROS2 related dependent libraries

Ubuntu 16.04 - not supported

Ubuntu 18.04 - ROS2 Eloquent desktop

Installation method: refer to https://index.ros.org/doc/ros2/Installation/Eloquent/Linux-Install-Debians/

Note: Please avoid installing ROS and ROS2 on the same computer at the same time, this may cause conflicts! You also need to install the Yaml library manually.

### B.2.2 Compile and Run rslidar\_sdk

rslidar\_sdk can be compiled and run in three different ways.

### **B.2.1.1 Direct Compilation**

Follow the instructions below, users can directly compile and run the program. Direct

compilation can access some ROS features (excluding ROS2), but it requires users to manually start roscore before the program starts, after the roscore starts, users need to manually open rviz to view the visualized point cloud results.

The compilation commands are as follows:

\$cd rslidar\_sdk
\$mkdir build && cd build
\$cmake .. && make -j4
\$./rslidar\_sdk\_node

B.2.1.2 Compilation Dependent on ROS-catkin

1. Open the CMakeLists.txt file in the project and change the set(COMPILE\_METHOD ORIGINAL) at the top of the file to set(COMPILE\_METHOD CATKIN).

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set(COMPILE\_METHOD CATKIN)

2. Rename the package\_ros1.xml file in the rslidar\_sdk project directory to package.xml.

3. Create a new folder as the workspace, then create a new folder named src, and put the rslidar\_sdk project into the src folder.

4. Return to the workspace directory, execute the following command to compile and run.

(if you use .zsh, replace the second command with source devel/setup.zsh)

\$catkin\_make

\$source devel/setup.bash
\$roslaunch rslidar\_sdk start.launch

B.2.1.3 Compilation Dependent on ROS2-colcon

1. Open the CMakeLists.txt file in the project and change the set(COMPILE\_METHOD ORIGINAL)at the top of the file to set(COMPILE\_METHOD COLCON).

# Compile setup (ORIGINAL,CATKIN,COLCON)

set(COMPILE\_METHOD COLCON)

2. Rename the package\_ros2.xml file in the rslidar\_sdk project directory to package.xml.

3. Create a new folder as the workspace, then create a new folder named src, and put the rslidar\_sdk project into the src folder.

4. Download the LiDAR packet message definition in the ROS2 environment through the link, and put the rslidar\_msg project in the newly created src folder alongside the rslidar\_sdk.

5. Return to the workspace directory and execute the following command to compile and run. (if you use .zsh, replace the second command with source install/setup.zsh) *\$colcon build* 

\$source install/setup.bash
\$ros2 launch rslidar\_sdk start.py

### **B.2.3 Parameters**

This project has only one parameter file config.yaml, which is stored in the rslidar\_sdk/config folder. The entire parameter file can be divided into two parts, a common part and a LiDAR part. In the case of multiple LiDARs, the common part parameters are applicable to all LiDAR sensors, where the LiDAR part parameters need to be set separately according to the actual status of each LiDAR.

Note: The parameter file config.yaml has strict requirements for indentation! Please ensure that the indentation at the beginning of each line remains consistent after modifying the parameters!

### **B.2.3.1 Common Part Parameters**

This part of parameters is used to set the message source of the LiDAR and decides whether to publish the results.

common:	
msg_source: 1	# LiDAR message source type
send_packet_ros: false	
send_point_cloud_ros: false	
send_packet_proto: false	
send_point_cloud_proto: false	
pcap_path: /home/robosense/lidar.pca	#Absolute address when playing offline
PCAP packets	

#### msg\_source:

1 -- Connect to LiDAR online. For more details, please refer to **Reading LiDAR data** online and sending to ROS.

2 -- Parse ROS or ROS2 packets offline. For more details, please refer to **Recording ROS** data packets & parsing ROS data packets offline.

3 -- Parse the pcap packet offline. For more details, please refer to **Parsing Pcap packets** offline and sending to ROS.

4 -- The LiDAR message source is the packet message of Protobuf-UDP

5 -- The LiDAR message source is the point cloud message of Protobuf-UDP

#### send\_packet\_ros:

true-- LiDAR packet messages will be sent through ROS or ROS2, false-- forbidden.

Since the LiDAR ROS packet message is a custom ROS message of RoboSense, users cannot directly echo the topic to view the specific content of the message. In fact, the packet is mainly used to record offline ROS packets, because the volume of the packet is smaller than the point cloud.

### send\_point\_cloud\_ros:

true – LiDAR point cloud message will be sent through ROS or ROS2, false—forbidden.

The point cloud message type is officially defined by ROS as sensor\_msgs/PointCloud2, so users can directly use Rviz to view the point cloud. At the same time, users can also choose to record the point cloud directly when recording the packet, but the volume of the packet will be very large, so we recommend recording the

packet message when recording the ROS packet offline.

send\_packet\_proto:

true – LiDAR packet message will be sent through Protobuf-UDP, false – forbidden.

send\_point\_cloud\_proto:

true – LiDAR point cloud message will be sent through Protobuf-UDP, false – forbidden.

We recommend sending packet messages instead of point cloud messages, because

point cloud messages are too large and has higher requirements on bandwidth.

#### pcap\_path:

If msg\_dource = 3, please ensure that this parameter is set to the correct absolute path of the pcap package.

#### **B.2.3.2 LiDAR Part Parameters**

This part of parameters needs to be set for each LiDAR according to their specific status.

lidar:
- driver:
lidar_type: RSM1
frame_id: /rslidar
msop_port: 6699
difop_port: 7788
start_angle: 0
end_angle: 360
min_distance: 0.2
max_distance: 200
use_lidar_clock: false
ros:
ros_recv_packet_topic: /rslidar_packets
ros_send_packet_topic: /rslidar_packets
ros_send_point_cloud_topic: /rslidar_points
proto:
point_cloud_recv_port: 60021
point_cloud_send_port: 60021
msop_recv_port: 60022
msop_send_port: 60022
difop_recv_port: 60023
difop_send_port: 60023
point_cloud_send_ip: 127.0.0.1
packet_send_ip: 127.0.0.1

**lidar\_type:** the currently supported LiDAR types are listed in the sdk file in the README folder. **RS-LiDAR-M1** belongs to type **RSM1**.

frame\_id: the frame\_id of point cloud messages.

**msop\_port**, **difop\_port**: The msop port number and difop port number of the point cloud. If cannot receive messages, please first check whether these two parameters are configured correctly. start\_angle, end\_angle: This parameter is temporarily disabled for RS-LiDAR-M1. The start angle and end angle of the point cloud message are set here as software shielding, and the volume of the point cloud per frame cannot be reduced. Only the points outside the area are set as NAN points. The range of the starting angle and ending angle should be between 0 and 360°. (The starting angle can be greater than the ending angle). min\_distance, max\_distance: The minimum distance and maximum distance of the point cloud display are set here as software shielding. The volume of the point cloud per frame cannot be reduced, and only the points outside the area are set as NAN points. use\_lidar\_clock: true - use LiDAR time as message timestamp; false - use system time as message timestamp.

#### B.2.3.3 Example of Multiple LiDAR Sensors

Attention: Indentation of LiDAR part parame	eters			
common:				
msg_source: 1	#Use online data messages			
send_packet_ros: false				
send_point_cloud_ros: true	# Send point cloud rslidar_points data			
send_packet_proto: false				
send_point_cloud_proto: false				
pcap_path: /home/robosense/lidar.pcap				
lidar:				
- driver:				
lidar_type: RSM1				
frame_id: /rslidar				
msop_port: 6699				
difop_port: 7788				
start_angle: 0				
end_angle: 360				
min_distance: 0.2				
max_distance: 200				
use_lidar_clock: false				
ros:				
ros_recv_packet_topic: /middle/rslic	lar_packets			
ros_send_packet_topic: /middle/rslidar_packets				
ros_send_point_cloud_topic: /middle/rslidar_points				
proto:				
point_cloud_recv_port: 60021				
point_cloud_send_port: 60021				
msop_recv_port: 60022				
msop_send_port: 60022				
difop_recv_port: 60023				
difop_send_port: 60023				
point_cloud_send_ip: 127.0.0.1				

Connect 2 RS-LiDAR-M1 LiDAR sensors online and send the point cloud to ROS. Attention: Indentation of LiDAR part parameters

```
packet send ip: 127.0.0.1
- driver:
    lidar type: RSBP
    frame id: /rslidar
    msop_port: 1990
    difop_port: 1991
    start_angle: 0
    end angle: 360
    min distance: 0.2
    max distance: 200
    use lidar clock: false
  ros:
    ros recv packet topic: /left/rslidar packets
    ros_send_packet_topic: /left/rslidar_packets
    ros send point cloud topic: /left/rslidar points
  proto:
    point cloud recv port: 60024
    point_cloud_send_port: 60024
    msop_recv_port: 60025
    msop send port: 60025
    difop recv port: 60026
    difop send port: 60026
    point cloud send ip: 127.0.0.1
    packet_send_ip: 127.0.0.1
```

#### **B.2.4 Coordinate Transformation**

rslidar\_sdk provides a built-in coordinate transformation feature, which can directly output the point cloud after coordinate transformation, which significantly saves the user's time-consuming operation of coordinate transformation on the point cloud. This section will guide users how to use the built-in coordinate transformation feature of rslidar\_sdk to output the point cloud after coordinate transformation.

#### **B.2.4.1** Dependencies

To enable the coordinate transformation feature, the following dependencies need to be installed:

Eigen3
 Command installation method:
 \$sudo apt-get install libeigen3-dev

**B.2.4.2** Compilation

To enable the coordinate transformation function, the ENABLE\_TRANSFORM option needs to be set as **ON** when compiling the program.

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Direct compilation
 *cmake -DENABLE\_TRANSFORM=ON smake -j4* ROS compilation
 *catkin\_make -DENABLE\_TRANSFORM=ON*

2. ROS2 compilation \$colcon build --cmake-args '-DENABLE\_TRANSFORM=ON'

B.2.4.3 Set the Coordinate Transformation Parameters

The coordinate transformation parameters are the LiDAR part hidden parameters, including x, y, z, roll, pitch, and yaw. Here is an example of the parameter file, which can be configured by the user according to the actual situation.

common: msg\_source: 1 send packet ros: false send\_point\_cloud\_ros: true send packet proto: false send point cloud proto: false pcap\_path: /home/robosense/lidar.pcap lidar: - driver: lidar type: RS128 frame id: /rslidar msop port: 6699 difop port: 7788 start\_angle: 0 end angle: 360 min distance: 0.2 max distance: 200 use lidar clock: false x: 1 y: 0 z: 2.5 roll: 0.1 pitch: 0.2 yaw: 1.57

## Appendix C Use of MEMS Tool

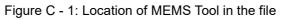
This appendix introduces how to use the mems\_flash tool to modify the IP address of the LiDAR, the IP address of the LiDAR host computer (under a non-broadcast address, the LiDAR will only send data to the host computer with this IP), and to get the LiDAR version number.

C.1 Use MEMS Tool to Establish Communication with LiDAR

#### 1. Open MEMS Tool

Open the folder where the MEMS Tool is located in windows and run the mems\_flash.exe executable file.

i4_bit-Release → MEMS_Comand_Tool_V1.6.1_20060629 v ੋ			
名称	修改日期	类型	大小
platforms	2020/6/29 16:22	文件夹	
🔄 config.ini	2020/6/12 19:25	配置设置	
libgcc_s_seh-1.dll	2020/6/12 16:09	应用程序扩展	7
libstdc++-6.dll	2020/6/12 16:09	应用程序扩展	1,39
libwinpthread-1.dll	2020/6/12 16:09	应用程序扩展	5
main.o	2020/6/29 16:10	<u>O 文件</u>	
mems_flash.exe	2020/6/29 16:24	应用程序	13
🕺 memsflash.o	2020/6/29 16:24	0 文件	13
🔤 moc_memsflash.cpp	2020/6/29 16:10	C++ Source file	1
📄 moc_memsflash.o	2020/6/29 16:10	O 文件	1
moc_predefs.h	2020/6/29 16:10	H 文件	1
myico_res.o	2020/6/29 16:10	O 文件	
🖬 qrc_image.cpp	2020/6/29 16:10	C++ Source file	З
🗋 grc image.o	2020/6/29 16:10	0 文件	



In Ubuntu, enter the MEMS Tool folder, right-click on the blank space of the folder to open the option, and click the **open in terminal** option. Enter and execute commands in the terminal opened under this path:

\$./mems\_flash.sh



Figure C - 2: Open MEMS Tool commend

2. Enter the current LiDAR IP: 192.168.1.102 (default) and MSOP port number: 6699 (default) in the LidarAddress of the MEMS Tool, and left click the **Connect** button. The LiDAR address and MSOP port number can be viewed through Wireshark or other packet capture tools.

MEMS TOOLS V1.6.1_20060629	– 🗆 🗙	[12]月亚小正常香 ··· \utri77				
		Time	Source	Destination	Protocol	Length Info
LidarAddress; MSOP port;		84857 14.504953	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.102	UDP	1442 6699 -> 6699 Len=1400
	robosense	84858 14.504953	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.102	UDP	1442 6699 → 6699 Len=1400
192.168.1.200 6699 Connect		84859 14.505143	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.102	UDP	1442 6699 → 6699 Len=1400
		84860 14,505143	192.168.1.200	192.168.1.102	UDP	1442 6699 → 6699 Len=1400
	7T roboropro					

Figure C - 3: Communication between LiDAR and MEMS Tool

3. After the communication is established, the PS and PL versions of the LiDAR will be displayed.

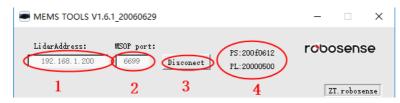


Figure C - 4: Firmware Version display

#### C.2 Modify LiDAR IP and Port Number

This section introduces how to modify the LiDAR IP, host computer destination IP, MSOP port number and DIFOP port number.

Note: Please do not modify the LiDAR MAC address and SN.

1. Establish communication between MEMS Tool and LiDAR (Refer to section C.1)

2. Obtain the current LiDAR configuration parameters (click GetPara with the left mouse button).

Note: Each time modifying the LiDAR network configuration parameters, you must first obtain the LiDAR configuration parameters.

3. After changing the LiDAR parameters in the area shown in the image below, click the left mouse button to set the parameters (SetPara).

4. After clicking **Disconnect** with the left mouse button, power off and power on again to check whether the change is successful.

MEMS TOOLS For Customer V1.6.1_20072313				-		×
Li darAddress: 192.168.1.200	MSOP port: 6699 D	isconnect	PS:200 a0620 PL:20000500	robos	ense	ı
parame           LiderIP         192.168.1.20           TargetIP         192.168.1.10	OO MAC		rea 0x35.0x00.0x01.0x02 MSOP 6699 DII	70P 7788		Para Para
D:/trhong/workspacel/1 package/ MEMSVI.6.1_200A0620_20 FW update finish.			ImportViewPara FW Up	date	tViewPar:	

Figure C - 5: Modify Network Configuration

#### C.3 Firmware Upgrade

The firmware required for LiDAR upgrade is named

MEMSV1.6.1\_200A0620\_20000500.bin. The tool will check the format of the firmware version, please do not change the firmware name at will.

1. Establish communication between MEMS Tool and LiDAR (Refer to section C.1)

2. Confirm the current PL and PS version numbers. If you are not sure whether the upgraded firmware matches, please consult RoboSense technical support.

3. After left click the "FW Update", select the BIN file to be loaded and upgraded after the dialog box pops up, and click open with the left mouse button to start upgrading the registers.

Note: Make sure the communication between the LiDAR and host computer and the

power supply to LiDAR are normal. Unstable communication and power supply may cause upgrade failure leading to the hazard of returning LiDAR to factory for upgrade.

MEMS TOOLS For Customer V1.6.1_20072313	- 🗆 ×
Lidar&ddress: MEOP port: PS:200e0701 192.168.1.200 6699 Disconnect PL:2000500	robosense
LidarIP 192.168.1.200 MAC 0x00.0xa.0x35.0x00.0x01.0x02	GetPara
TargetIP 192.168.1.102 SN 0000000000 MSOP 6699 D	LFOP 7788 SetPara
ImportViewPara	ExportViewPara
FW Update Area	Jpdate
	ZT. robosense

#### Figure C - 6: Firmware upgrade

#### 4. Wait about 1 minute until the upgrade is successful

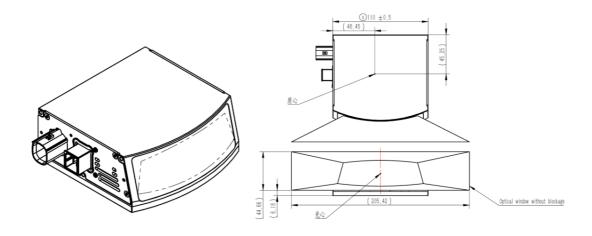
MEMS TOOLS For Customer V1.6.1_20072313 - X	MEMS TOOLS For Customer V1.6.1_20072313	- 🗆 X
LidarAddress: MSOF port: PS:200±0701 PCDOSENSE 192.168.1.200 6699 Disconnect PL:2000500	LidarAddress: MSOP port: PS:200a0701 192.168.1.200 6699 Disconnect PL:20000500	robosense
LidarIP 192.168.1.200 MAC 0x00.0x35.0x00.0x01.0x02 GetPara TargetIP 192.168.1.102 SN 00000000000 MSOP 6699 DIF0P 7788 SetPara	LiderIF 192.168.1.200 MAC 0x00.0x4.0x35.0x00.0x01.0x02 TergetIP 192.168.1.102 SN 00000000000 MSDP 6699 DI	GetPara FOP 7788 SetPara
D:/trhong/workspace1/MEMIS806_PCP2/ package/ MEMISVI. 6.1_200A0620_20000500. bin	D:/tzhong/workspace1/MEMS806_PCP2/ package/ MEMSV1.6.1_20040620_20000500.bin	ExportViewPara
waite about 1minute until flash success	FW update finish.	odate
Flash ereasing and Writing, Please waiting 1 minute ZT. robosense		ZT. robosense

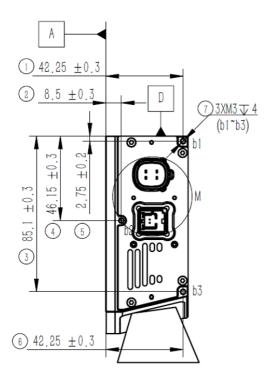
Figure C - 7: Example of successful firmware upgrade

5. After clicking **Disconnect** with the left mouse button, power off and power on again to check whether the upgrade is successful.

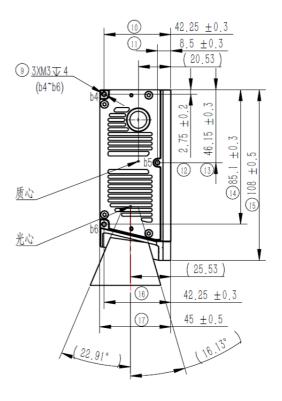
## **Appendix D Dimension**

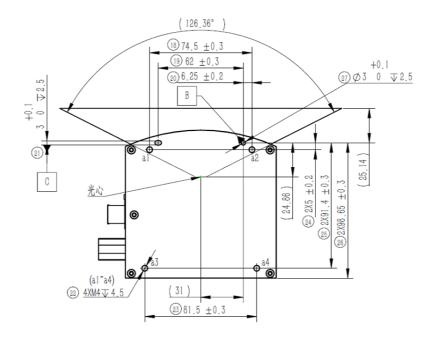
Drawing of LiDAR with interface AN1:





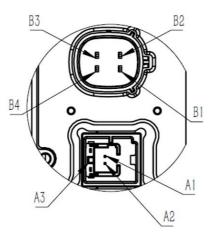
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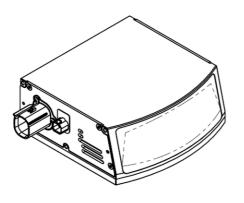
Definition of AN1-Pins:

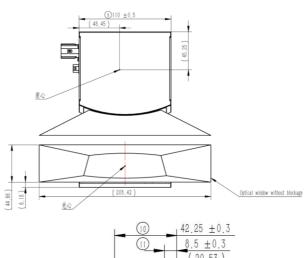
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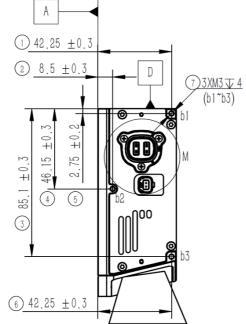


Definition of connector pin				
Pin Number	Signal Name	Connector Name		
B1	VBAT			
B2	GND			
B3	WakeuP	MOLEX-334824001		
B4				
A1	1000Base T1 P	Theory is a second		
A2	1000Base T1 N	Amphenol NTBM11V1U01110T		
A3	GND			

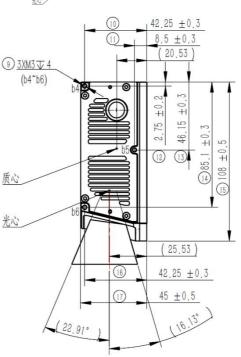
Drawing of LiDAR with interface AN2:

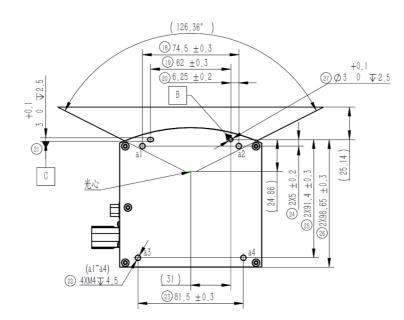






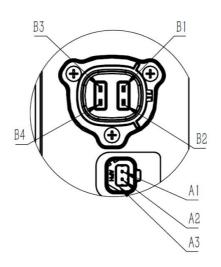
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#### Definition of AN2-Pins:



Definition of connector pin				
Pin Number	Signal Name	Connector Name		
B1	GND			
B2	VBAT	LJV C—		
B3	WakeuP	HSPPSNXS24T—A		
B4				
A1	1000Base T1 P			
A2	1000Base T1 N	Amphenol NTHBV11A1001ST		
A3	GND			

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