

# Appendix IX: R2Sonic Data Format

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## 15 APPENDIX IX: R2Sonic Uplink Data Formats

### 15.1 Introduction

This describes the data formats sent from the sonar head and SIM. Unless noted, the data packets are sent from the sonar head. The formats are given in pseudo C.

Head firmware versions 13-Dec-2011, and newer, utilise the data formats in this document.

Previous head firmware versions back to 25-Mar-2010 only utilise data formats from sections 15.5 and 15.6 in this document. Future versions of firmware will adhere to this format and may include additional information.

The data format, in older versions of sonar head firmware, is different than the format described in this document and is unsupported.

### 15.2 General Notes

1. Each info or data section includes a name/size mini-header to allow the parser to easily skip unneeded or unrecognized sections. These formats are designed for easy 4-byte alignment. Be sure your compiler/linker doesn't insert any extra padding between values. If necessary, use your compiler's "packed" directive.
2. All values have big-endian byte order. Your compiler may provide conversion functions such as htonl, htons, ntohl, ntohs, however those assume integers so you'll need to be very careful with floats.
3. u8, u16, u32 means unsigned integers of 8, 16, 32 bits.  
s8, s16, s32 means signed integers of 8, 16, 32 bits.  
f32 means IEEE-754 32-bit floating point.
4. All packets are UDP/IP datagrams

### 15.3 Port Numbers

```
Bathymetry data port      = gui.Baseport + 0
TruePix data port        = tpd.Baseport + 1
Device status port      = gui.Baseport + 2
Acoustic Image data port = gui.Baseport + 3
Water Column data port  = wcd.Baseport + 5
Snippets data port      = tpd.Baseport + 6
```

### 15.4 Type Definitions

```
typedef unsigned char  u8;
typedef unsigned short u16;
typedef unsigned int   u32;
typedef signed char    s8;
typedef signed short   s16;
typedef signed int     s32;
typedef float          f32;
```

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## 15.5 Ethernet Data Rates

Bathymetry: ≈ 800 kb/s max (bathy data is sent twice, to GUI and data acquisition computer)

TruePix: ≈ 5.5 Mb/s (magnitude + angle) max

≈ 3.5 Mb/s (magnitude) max

Water Column: ≈ 560 Mb/s (magnitude + phase) max

≈ 280 Mb/s (magnitude) max

Snippets: ≈ 11 Mb/s max

Where Mb/s = megabits per second.

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## 15.6 Bathymetry Packet Format

```
// *** BEGIN PACKET: BATHY DATA FORMAT 0 ***

u32 PacketName;          // 'BTH0'
u32 PacketSize;          // [bytes] size of this entire packet
u32 DataStreamID;        // reserved for future use

// section H0: header

u16 H0_SectionName;      // 'H0'
u16 H0_SectionSize;      // [bytes] size of this entire section
u8  H0_ModelNumber[12];  // example "2024", unused chars are nulls
u8  H0_SerialNumber[12]; // example "100017", unused chars are nulls
u32 H0_TimeSeconds;      // [seconds] ping time relative to 0000 hours 1-Jan-1970, integer part
u32 H0_TimeNanoseconds;  // [nanoseconds] ping time relative to 0000 hours 1-Jan-1970, fraction part
u32 H0_PingNumber;       // pings since power-up or reboot
f32 H0_PingPeriod;       // [seconds] time between most recent two pings
f32 H0_SoundSpeed;       // [meters per second]
f32 H0_Frequency;        // [hertz] sonar center frequency
f32 H0_TxPower;          // [dB re 1 uPa at 1 meter]
f32 H0_TxPulseWidth;     // [seconds]
f32 H0_TxBeamwidthVert;  // [radians]
f32 H0_TxBeamwidthHoriz; // [radians]
f32 H0_TxSteeringVert;   // [radians]
f32 H0_TxSteeringHoriz;  // [radians]
u16 H0_2026ProjTemp;     // [hundredths of a degree Kelvin] 2026 projector temperature (divide value by 100, subtract 273.15 to get °C)
s16 H0_VTX+Offset;       // [hundredths of a dB] transmit voltage offset at time of ping (divide value by 100 to get dB)
f32 H0_RxBandwidth;       // [hertz]
f32 H0_RxSampleRate;     // [hertz] sample rate of data acquisition and signal processing
f32 H0_RxRange;          // [meters] sonar range setting
f32 H0_RxGain;           // [multiply by two for relative dB]
f32 H0_RxSpreading;      // [dB (times log range in meters)]
f32 H0_RxAbsorption;     // [dB per kilometer]
f32 H0_RxMountTilt;      // [radians]
u32 H0_RxMiscInfo;       // reserved for future use
u16 H0_reserved;         // reserved for future use
u16 H0_Points;           // number of bathy points
```

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// section R0: 16-bit bathy point ranges

```
u16 R0_SectionName;    // 'R0'
u16 R0_SectionSize;    // [bytes] size of this entire section
f32 R0_ScalingFactor;
u16 R0_Range[H0_Points]; // [seconds two-way] = R0_Range * R0_ScalingFactor
u16 R0_unused[H0_Points & 1]; // ensure 32-bit section size
```

// section A0: bathy point angles, equally-spaced (present only during "equi-angle" spacing mode)

```
u16 A0_SectionName;    // 'A0'
u16 A0_SectionSize;    // [bytes] size of this entire section
f32 A0_AngleFirst;    // [radians] angle of first (port side) bathy point, relative to array centerline, AngleFirst < AngleLast
f32 A0_AngleLast;    // [radians] angle of last (starboard side) bathy point
f32 A0_MoreInfo_0;    // 0 (reserved for future use)
f32 A0_MoreInfo_1;    // Z-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_2;    // Y-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_3;    // X-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_4;    // 0 (reserved for future use)
f32 A0_MoreInfo_5;    // 0 (reserved for future use)
```

// section A2: 16-bit bathy point angles, arbitrarily-spaced (present only during "equi-distant" spacing mode)

```
u16 A2_SectionName;    // 'A2'
u16 A2_SectionSize;    // [bytes] size of this entire section
f32 A2_AngleFirst;    // [radians] angle of first (port side) bathy point, relative to array centerline, AngleFirst < AngleLast
f32 A2_ScalingFactor;
f32 A0_MoreInfo_0;    // 0 (reserved for future use)
f32 A0_MoreInfo_1;    // Z-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_2;    // Y-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_3;    // X-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_4;    // 0 (reserved for future use)
f32 A0_MoreInfo_5;    // 0 (reserved for future use)
u16 A2_AngleStep[H0_Points]; // [radians] angle[n] = A2_AngleFirst + (32-bit sum of A2_AngleStep[0] through A2_AngleStep[n]) * A2_ScalingFactor
u16 A2_unused[H0_Points & 1]; // ensure 32-bit section size
```

// section I1: 16-bit bathy intensity (present only if enabled)

```
u16 I1_SectionName;    // 'I1'
u16 I1_SectionSize;    // [bytes] size of this entire section
f32 I1_ScalingFactor;
u16 I1_Intensity[H0_Points]; // [micropascals] intensity[n] = I1_Intensity[n] * I1_ScalingFactor
u16 I1_unused[H0_Points & 1]; // ensure 32-bit section size
```

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```
// section G0: simple straight-line depth gates

u16 G0_SectionName;      // 'G0'
u16 G0_SectionSize;     // [bytes] size of this entire section
f32 G0_DepthGateMin;    // [seconds two-way]
f32 G0_DepthGateMax;    // [seconds two-way]
f32 G0_DepthGateSlope;  // [radians]

// section G1: 8-bit gate positions, arbitrary paths (present only during "verbose" gate description mode)

u16 G1_SectionName;     // 'G1'
u16 G1_SectionSize;     // [bytes] size of this entire section
f32 G1_ScalingFactor;
struct
{
    u8 RangeMin;        // [seconds two-way] = RangeMin * G1_ScalingFactor
    u8 RangeMax;        // [seconds two-way] = RangeMax * G1_ScalingFactor
} G1_Gate[H0_Points];
u16 G1_unused[H0_Points & 1]; // ensure 32-bit section size

// section Q0: 4-bit quality flags

u16 Q0_SectionName;     // 'Q0' quality, 4-bit
u16 Q0_SectionSize;     // [bytes] size of this entire section
u32 Q0_Quality[(H0_Points+7)/8]; // 8 groups of 4 flags bits (phase detect, magnitude detect, reserved, reserved), packed left-to-right

// *** END PACKET: BATHY FORMAT 0 ***
```

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## 15.7 Snippet Format

```
// *** BEGIN PACKET: SNIPPET DATA FORMAT 0 ***

u32 PacketName;      // 'SNIO'
u32 PacketSize;      // may be zero in UDP, otherwise: [bytes] size of this entire packet
u32 DataStreamID;    // reserved for future use

// section H0: header (present only in first snippet packet of each ping)

u16 H0_SectionName;  // 'H0'
u16 H0_SectionSize;  // [bytes] size of this entire section
u8  H0_ModelNumber[12]; // example "2024", unused chars are nulls
u8  H0_SerialNumber[12]; // example "100017", unused chars are nulls
u32 H0_TimeSeconds;   // [seconds] ping time relative to 0000 hours 1-Jan-1970, integer part
u32 H0_TimeNanoseconds; // [nanoseconds] ping time relative to 0000 hours 1-Jan-1970, fraction part
u32 H0_PingNumber;    // pings since power-up or reboot
f32 H0_PingPeriod;    // [seconds] time between most recent two pings
f32 H0_SoundSpeed;    // [meters per second]
f32 H0_Frequency;     // [hertz] sonar center frequency
f32 H0_TxPower;       // [dB re 1 uPa at 1 meter]
f32 H0_TxPulseWidth;  // [seconds]
f32 H0_TxBeamwidthVert; // [radians]
f32 H0_TxBeamwidthHoriz; // [radians]
f32 H0_TxSteeringVert; // [radians]
f32 H0_TxSteeringHoriz; // [radians]
u16 H0_2026ProjTemp; // [hundredths of a degree Kelvin] 2026 projector temperature (divide value by 100, subtract 273.15 to get °C)
s16 H0_VTX+Offset;   // [hundredths of a dB] transmit voltage offset at time of ping (divide value by 100 to get dB)
f32 H0_RxBandwidth;  // [hertz]
f32 H0_RxSampleRate; // [hertz] sample rate of data acquisition and signal processing
f32 H0_RxRange;      // [meters] sonar range setting
f32 H0_RxGain;       // [multiply by two for relative dB]
f32 H0_RxSpreading;  // [dB (times log range in meters)]
f32 H0_RxAbsorption; // [dB per kilometer]
f32 H0_RxMountTilt;  // [radians]
u32 H0_RxMiscInfo;   // reserved for future use
u16 H0_reserved;     // reserved for future use
u16 H0_Snippets;     // number of snippets
f32 A0_MoreInfo_0;   // /0 (reserved for future use)
f32 A0_MoreInfo_1;   // /Z-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_2;   // /Y-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_3;   // /X-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_4;   // /0 (reserved for future use)
f32 A0_MoreInfo_5;   // /0 (reserved for future use)
```

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```
// section S1: 16-bit snippet data (for network efficiency packet may contain several of these sections) (supports snippets up to 32K samples by fragmenting
// at the IP level rather than by the application like 81xx)
```

```
u16 S1_SectionName;      // 'S1'
u16 S1_SectionSize;     // [bytes] size of this entire section
u32 S1_PingNumber;      // pings since power-up or reboot
u16 S1_SnippetNumber;   // snippet number, 0 to H0_Snippets-1
u16 S1_Samples;         // number of samples in this snippet, sample rate is H0_RxSampleRate
u32 S1_FirstSample;     // first sample of this snippet relative to zero range, sample rate is H0_RxSampleRate
f32 S1_Angle;           // [radians] angle of this snippet, relative to array centerline
f32 S1_ScalingFactorFirst; // scaling factor at start of snippet, 0=ignore, use linear interpolation to get other values
f32 S1_ScalingFactorLast; // scaling factor at end of snippet, 0=ignore
u32 S1_reserved;        // reserved for future use
u16 S1_Magnitude[S1_Samples]; // [micropascals] = S1_Magnitude[n] * (linear interpolate between S1_ScalingFactorFirst and S1_ScalingFactorLast)
u16 S1_unused[S1_Samples & 1]; // ensure 32-bit section size
```

```
// *** END PACKET: SNIPPET DATA FORMAT 0 ***
```

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## 15.8 Water Column (WC) Data Format

```
// *** BEGIN PACKET: WATER COLUMN (WC) DATA FORMAT 0 ***

// The water column data contains real-time beamformer 16-bit magnitude data
// (beam amplitude) and optional 16-bit split-array phase data (intra-beam
// direction). Maximum data rate is about 70 megabytes per second (assuming
// 256 beams, 68.4 kHz sample rate, and phase data enabled). The sample rate
// (and signal bandwidth) varies with transmit pulse width and range setting.
// Maximum ping data size is about 32 megabytes (assuming 256 beams of 32768
// samples, and phase data enabled), but max size may change in the future.
// The number of beamformed data samples normally extends somewhat further
// than the user's range setting.
//
// When the operator enables water column mode, each sonar ping outputs
// numerous 'WCD0' packets containing: one H0 header section, one A1 beam
// angle section, and many M1 or M2 data sections. The section order may
// change in the future, so plan for that in your data acquisition.
//
// Each M1 or M2 section contains a subset of the ping data. Its header
// indicates its size position to help you assemble the full ping array.
//
// You may wish to detect missing M1 or M2 data sections (perhaps a lost
// DP packet), and then fill the gap with zeros or perhaps data from the
// previous ping (to reduce visual disturbances), and then increment an
// error counter for network health monitoring purposes.
//
// The water column data is basically in polar coordinates, so you may
// wish to geometrically warp it into the familiar wedge shape for display.
// Consider using OpenGL or Direct3D texture mapping.

u32 PacketName;      // 'WCD0'
u32 PacketSize;     // [bytes] size of this entire packet
u32 DataStreamID;   // reserved for future use
```

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// section H0: header (only one per ping)

```

u16 H0_SectionName;      // 'H0'
u16 H0_SectionSize;     // [bytes] size of this entire section
    u8 H0_ModelNumber[12]; // example "2024", unused chars are nulls
u8 H0_SerialNumber[12]; // example "100017", unused chars are nulls
u32 H0_TimeSeconds;     // [seconds] ping time relative to 0000 hours 1-Jan-1970, integer part
u32 H0_TimeNanoseconds; // [nanoseconds] ping time relative to 0000 hours 1-Jan-1970, fraction part
u32 H0_PingNumber;      // pings since power-up or reboot
    f32 H0_PingPeriod;    // [seconds] time between most recent two pings
f32 H0_SoundSpeed;     // [meters per second]
f32 H0_Frequency;      // [hertz] sonar center frequency
f32 H0_TxPower;        // [dB re 1 uPa at 1 meter]
f32 H0_TxPulseWidth;   // [seconds]
f32 H0_TxBeamwidthVert; // [radians]
f32 H0_TxBeamwidthHoriz; // [radians]
f32 H0_TxSteeringVert; // [radians]
f32 H0_TxSteeringHoriz; // [radians]
u16 H0_TxMiscInfo;     // reserved for future use
s16 H0_VTX+Offset;    // [hundredths of a dB] transmit voltage offset at time of ping (divide value by 100 to get dB)
f32 H0_RxBandwidth;    // [hertz]
f32 H0_RxSampleRate;   // [hertz] sample rate of data acquisition and signal processing
f32 H0_RxRange;       // [meters] sonar range setting
f32 H0_RxGain;        // [multiply by two for relative dB]
f32 H0_RxSpreading;   // [dB (times log range in meters)]
f32 H0_RxAbsorption;  // [dB per kilometer]
f32 H0_RxMountTilt;   // [radians]
u32 H0_RxMiscInfo;    // reserved for future use
u16 H0_reserved;      // reserved for future use
u16 H0_Beams;         // number of beams

```

// section A1: float beam angles, arbitrarily-spaced (only one per ping)

```

u16 A1_SectionName;    // 'A1'
u16 A1_SectionSize;    // [bytes] size of this entire section
f32 A0_MoreInfo_0;    // 0 (reserved for future use)
f32 A0_MoreInfo_1;    // Z-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_2;    // Y-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_3;    // X-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_4;    // 0 (reserved for future use)
f32 A0_MoreInfo_5;    // 0 (reserved for future use)
f32 A1_BeamAngle[H0_Beams]; // [radians] angle of beam relative to array centerline, ordered from port to starboard, first angle < last angle

```

// section M1: 16-bit magnitude data (present only during "magnitude-only" water column data mode, many per ping, you assemble them into complete ping data)

```

u16 M1_SectionName;    // 'M1'
u16 M1_SectionSize;    // [bytes] size of this entire section
u32 M1_PingNumber;     // pings since power-up or reboot

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f32 M1_ScalingFactor;    // reserved for future use
u32 M1_TotalSamples;    // range samples in entire ping, sample rate is H0_RxSampleRate
u32 M1_FirstSample;    // first sample of this section
u16 M1_Samples;        // number of samples in this section
u16 M1_TotalBeams;     // beams (always a multiple of 2) (typically columns in your memory buffer)
u16 M1_FirstBeam;     // first beam of this section (always a multiple of 2)
u16 M1_Beams;          // number of beams in this section (always a multiple of 2)
u32 M1_reserved0;     // reserved for future use
u32 M1_reserved1;     // reserved for future use
struct
{
    u16 magnitude;      // values 0 to 65535 map non-linearly (due to TVG scaling and possible gain compression) to signal amplitude
} M1_Data[M1_Beams][M1_Samples]; // magnitude data (typical example: 256 beams each containing 36 two-byte structs, 16 kilobytes)

// section M2: 16-bit magnitude and phase data (present only during "magnitude and phase" water column data mode, many per ping, you assemble them into
// complete ping data)

u16 M2_SectionName;    // 'M2'
u16 M2_SectionSize;    // [bytes] size of this entire section
u32 M2_PingNumber;     // pings since power-up or reboot
f32 M2_ScalingFactor;  // reserved for future use
u32 M2_TotalSamples;  // range samples in entire ping, sample rate is H0_RxSampleRate
u32 M2_FirstSample;   // first sample of this section
u16 M2_Samples;       // number of samples in this section
u16 M2_TotalBeams;    // beams (always a multiple of 2) (typically columns in your memory buffer)
u16 M2_FirstBeam;    // first beam of this section (always a multiple of 2)
u16 M2_Beams;         // number of beams in this section (always a multiple of 2)
u32 M2_reserved0;     // reserved for future use
u32 M2_reserved1;     // reserved for future use
struct
{
    u16 magnitude;      // values 0 to 65535 map non-linearly (due to TVG scaling and possible gain compression) to signal amplitude
    s16 phase;          // values -32768 to +32767 map non-linearly (due to complex transfer function) to target angle within the beamwidth
} M2_Data[M2_Beams][M2_Samples]; // magnitude and phase data (typical example: 256 beams each containing 36 four-byte structs, 36 kilobytes)

// *** END PACKET: WATER COLUMN (WC) DATA FORMAT 0 ***

```

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## 15.9 Acoustic Image (AI) Data Format

```
// *** BEGIN PACKET: ACOUSTIC IMAGE (AI) DATA FORMAT 0 ***
// The acoustic image data contains real-time beamformer 8-bit magnitude data
// (beam amplitude) that has been scaled to 8-bits by a user-selected
// brightness value, and compressed in range by an adjustable amount to
// reduce network bandwidth and processing. The data is called "samples"
// before compression and "bins" after compression. For example, 7200 samples
// of beamformer data (M0_TotalSamples) may be compressed to 600 bins
// (M0_TotalBins). The number of beamformed data samples normally extends
// somewhat further than the user's range setting. The AIH0 sonar command
// sets an upper limit to the number of compressed output bins. It's not a
// precise compression factor, so the number of bins is usually somewhat less
// than the AIH0 value. The maximum data rate with no compression is about
// 17.5 megabytes per second (assuming 256 beams).
//
// When the operator enables acoustic image mode, each sonar ping outputs
// numerous 'AID0' packets containing: one H0 header section, one A1 beam
// angle section, and many M0 data sections. The section order may change in
// the future, so plan for that in your data acquisition.
//
// Each M0 section contains a subset of the ping data. Its header indicates
// its size position to help you assemble the full ping array.
//
// You may wish to detect missing M0 data sections (perhaps a lost UDP
// packet), and then fill the gap with zeros or perhaps data from the
// previous ping (to reduce visual disturbances), and then increment an error
// counter for network health monitoring purposes.
//
// The acoustic image data is basically in polar coordinates, so you may wish
// to geometrically warp it into the familiar wedge shape for display.
// Consider using OpenGL or Direct3D texture mapping.

u32 PacketName;      // 'AID0'
u32 PacketSize;     // [bytes] size of this entire packet
u32 DataStreamID;   // reserved for future use

// section H0: header (only one per ping)

u16 H0_SectionName; // 'H0'
```

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```

u16 HO_SectionSize; // [bytes] size of this entire section
u8 HO_ModelNumber[12]; // example "2024", unused chars are nulls
u8 HO_SerialNumber[12]; // example "100017", unused chars are nulls
u32 HO_TimeSeconds; // [seconds] ping time relative to 0000 hours 1-Jan-1970, integer part
u32 HO_TimeNanoseconds; // [nanoseconds] ping time relative to 0000 hours 1-Jan-1970, fraction part
u32 HO_PingNumber; // pings since power-up or reboot
f32 HO_PingPeriod; // [seconds] time between most recent two pings
f32 HO_SoundSpeed; // [meters per second]
f32 HO_Frequency; // [hertz] sonar center frequency
f32 HO_TxPower; // [dB re 1 uPa at 1 meter]
f32 HO_TxPulseWidth; // [seconds]
f32 HO_TxBeamwidthVert; // [radians]
f32 HO_TxBeamwidthHoriz; // [radians]
f32 HO_TxSteeringVert; // [radians]
f32 HO_TxSteeringHoriz; // [radians]
u16 HO_2026ProjTemp; // [hundredths of a degree Kelvin] 2026 projector temperature (divide value by 100, subtract 273.15 to get °C)
s16 HO_VTX+Offset; // [hundredths of a dB] transmit voltage offset at time of ping (divide value by 100 to get dB)
f32 HO_RxBandwidth; // [hertz]
f32 HO_RxSampleRate; // [hertz] sample rate of data acquisition and signal processing
f32 HO_RxRange; // [meters]
f32 HO_RxGain; // [multiply by two for relative dB]
f32 HO_RxSpreading; // [dB (times log range in meters)]
f32 HO_RxAbsorption; // [dB per kilometer]
f32 HO_RxMountTilt; // [radians]
u32 HO_RxMiscInfo; // reserved for future use
u16 HO_reserved; // reserved for future use
u16 HO_Beams; // number of beams beams

// section A1: float beam angles, arbitrarily-spaced (only one per ping)

u16 A1_SectionName; // 'A1'
u16 A1_SectionSize; // [bytes] size of this entire section
f32 A0_MoreInfo_0; // 0 (reserved for future use)
f32 A0_MoreInfo_1; //Z-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_2; //Y-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_3; //X-offset, proj [metres]
f32 A0_MoreInfo_4; //0 (reserved for future use)
f32 A0_MoreInfo_5; //0 (reserved for future use) f32 A1_BeamAngle[HO_Beams]; // [radians] angle of beam relative to array centerline, ordered from port to starboard, first angle < last angle

// section M0: 8-bit magnitude data (many per ping, you assemble them into complete ping data)

u16 M0_SectionName; // 'M0'
u16 M0_SectionSize; // [bytes] size of this entire section
u32 M0_PingNumber; // pings since power-up or reboot
f32 M0_ScalingFactor; // reserved for future use
u32 M0_TotalSamples; // range samples (before compression) in entire ping, sample rate is HO_RxSampleRate
u32 M0_TotalBins; // range bins (after compression) in entire ping (M0_TotalBins <= M0_TotalSamples)
u32 M0_FirstBin; // first bin of this section
u16 M0_Bins; // number of bins in this section
u16 M0_TotalBeams; // beams (always a multiple of 4) (typically columns in your memory buffer)

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```

u16 M0_FirstBeam;      // first beam of this section (always a multiple of 4)
u16 M0_Beams;         // number of beams in this section (always a multiple of 4)
u32 M0_reserved;      // reserved for future use
struct
{
  u8 magnitude;       // values 0 to 255 map non-linearly (due to TVG scaling and possible gain compression) to signal amplitude
} M0_Data[M0_Beams][M0_Bins]; // magnitude data (typical example: 256 beams each containing 21 one-byte structs, 5376 bytes)

// *** END PACKET: ACOUSTIC IMAGE (AI) DATA FORMAT 0 ***

```

## 15.10 TruePix™ Data Format

```

// *** BEGIN TRUEPIX DATA FORMAT 0 ***
// TruePix is like sidescan with 3D relief. Each sonar ping produces a port
// and starboard time-series of data samples at the sonar's sample rate. Each
// sample contains the signal's magnitude (like sidescan) and across-track
// target direction angle (like bathymetry). After collecting many pings of
// data along a survey line, you now have a large array of data points with
// range, direction, and brightness. Apply noise reduction, and render the
// data as a textured 3D surface.
//
// Two data formats are available: D0 provides magnitudes only, D1 provides
// magnitudes and direction angles. The GUI allows the user to choose the
// desired format.
//
// The sonar generates one TruePix data set per ping. Each data set is
// usually split into multiple UDP packets. The D0 or D1 header includes
// FirstSample and Samples values to help you reassemble the full data set.
//
// Someday you may be able to convert the 16-bit magnitude values to
// micropascals by applying a to-be-determined function involving the sample
// number and the MagnitudeScaling[] coefficients, but this conversion is not
// yet supported so these coefficients are zero. You can convert the
// direction angles from 16-bit values to radians by multiplying by
// AngleScalingFactor.

u32 PacketName;      // 'TPX0'
u32 PacketSize;      // may be zero in UDP, otherwise: [bytes] size of this entire packet
u32 DataStreamID;    // reserved for future use

// section H0: header (present only in first packet of each ping)
u16 H0_SectionName;  // 'H0'
u16 H0_SectionSize;  // [bytes] size of this entire section

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```

u8  H0_ModelNumber[12];    // example "2024", unused chars are nulls
u8  H0_SerialNumber[12];  // example "100017", unused chars are nulls
u32  H0_TimeSeconds;      // [seconds] ping time relative to 0000 hours 1-Jan-1970, integer part
u32  H0_TimeNanoseconds;  // [nanoseconds] ping time relative to 0000 hours 1-Jan-1970, fraction part
u32  H0_PingNumber;       // pings since power-up or reboot
f32  H0_PingPeriod;      // [seconds] time between most recent two pings
f32  H0_SoundSpeed;       // [meters per second]
f32  H0_Frequency;       // [hertz] sonar center frequency
f32  H0_TxPower;         // [dB re 1 uPa at 1 meter]
f32  H0_TxPulseWidth;    // [seconds]
f32  H0_TxBeamwidthVert; // [radians]
f32  H0_TxBeamwidthHoriz; // [radians]
f32  H0_TxSteeringVert;  // [radians]
f32  H0_TxSteeringHoriz; // [radians]
u16  H0_2026ProjTemp;    // [hundredths of a degree Kelvin] 2026 projector temperature (divide value by 100, subtract 273.15 to get °C)
s16  H0_VTX+Offset;      // [hundredths of a dB] transmit voltage offset at time of ping (divide value by 100 to get dB)
f32  H0_RxBandwidth;     // [hertz]
f32  H0_RxSampleRate;    // [hertz] sample rate of data acquisition and signal processing
f32  H0_RxRange;        // user setting [meters]
f32  H0_RxGain;         // user setting [multiply by 2 for dB]
f32  H0_RxSpreading;     // [dB (times log range in meters)]
f32  H0_RxAbsorption;    // [dB per kilometer]
f32  H0_RxMountTilt;     // [radians]
u32  H0_RxMiscInfo;     // reserved for future use
u32  H0_reserved;       // reserved for future use
f32  A0_MoreInfo_0;      // 0 (reserved for future use)
f32  A0_MoreInfo_1;     //Z-offset, proj [metres]
f32  A0_MoreInfo_2;     //Y-offset, proj [metres]
f32  A0_MoreInfo_3;     //X-offset, proj [metres]
f32  A0_MoreInfo_4;     //0 (reserved for future use)
f32  A0_MoreInfo_5;     //0 (reserved for future use)

```

// section D0: 16-bit magnitude data (present only during "magnitude only" mode)

```

u16  D0_SectionName;    // 'D0'
u16  D0_SectionSize;    // [bytes] size of this entire section
u32  D0_PingNumber;     // pings since power-up or reboot
u32  D0_TotalSamples;   // number of samples in entire time series (sample rate is H0_RxSampleRate)
u32  D0_FirstSample;    // first sample of this section relative to zero range
u16  D0_Samples;       // number of samples in this section
u16  D0_reserved;      // reserved for future use
f32  D0_MagnitudeScaling[8]; // to be determined, 0=ignore
struct
{
    u16 PortMagnitude;    // [micropascals] = PortMagnitude * (tbd function of sample number and D0_MagnitudeScaling[8])
    u16 StbdMagnitude;   // similar but starboard side
} D0_Data[D0_Samples];

```

// section D1: 16-bit magnitude and direction data (present only during "magnitude+direction" mode)

```

u16  D1_SectionName;    // 'D1'
u16  D1_SectionSize;    // [bytes] size of this entire section

```

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```

u32 D1_PingNumber;      // pings since power-up or reboot
u32 D1_TotalSamples;   // number of samples in entire time series (sample rate is H0_RxSampleRate)
u32 D1_FirstSample;    // first sample of this section relative to zero range
u16 D1_Samples;        // number of samples in this section
u16 D1_reserved;       // reserved for future use
f32 D1_MagnitudeScaling[8]; // to be determined, 0=ignore
f32 D1_AngleScalingFactor;
struct
{
  u16 PortMagnitude;    // [micropascals] = PortMagnitude * (tbd function of sample number and D1_MagnitudeScaling[8])
  s16 PortAngle;        // [radians from array centerline (positive towards starboard)] = PortAngle * D1_AngleScalingFactor
  u16 StbdMagnitude;    // similar but starboard side
  s16 StbdAngle;        // similar but starboard side
} D1_Data[D1_Samples];

// *** END TRUEPIX DATA FORMAT 0 ***

```

## 15.11 Head Status Format

```

// *** BEGIN PACKET: HEAD STATUS DATA FORMAT 0 ***
// Head Status data reports the status of the sonar head. This data is
// useful for troubleshooting. Data is sent to gui baseport + 2.
//
// Each section name consists of 4 characters. The fourth character
// indicates the number of 32-bit words following each section name.
// The fourth character can be 1-9, A-Z; allowing up to 35 32-bit words.
// The number of words in each section may change at a later date. Be
// sure your program can parse the number of words.
// The order of the sections is not fixed.

u32 PacketName;        // 'STH0'
u32 PacketSize;        // [bytes] size of this entire packet
u32 DataStreamID;      // reserved for future use

// section SER3: serial number

u32 SER3_SectionName;  // 'SER3'
u32 serial_number[3];  // example "100117", unused chars are nuls

// section PRT3: part number

u32 PRT3_SectionName;  // 'PRT3'
u32 part_number[3];    // example "15000001", unused chars are nuls

```

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```
// section MDL3: model number

u32 MDL3_SectionName;    //'MDL3'
u32 model_number[3];    // example "2024", unused chars are nuls

// section FWV6: main controller firmware version

u32 'FWV6';             // main ctrl firmware version string
u32 version.i[6];      // example "19-Dec-2011-17:19:29", unused chars are nuls

// section FWT6: internal transmitter firmware version

u32 FWT6_SectionName;   //'FWT6'
u32 tinytx.i[6];       // example "16-Aug-2011-17:19:29", unused chars are nuls

// section PRJ9: projector

u32 PRJ9_SectionName;   //'PRJ9'
u32 serial_number[3];   // example "800456", unused chars are nuls
u32 part_number[3];     // example "15000004", unused chars are nuls
u32 model_number[3];    // example "1004", unused chars are nuls

// section OPT1: option settings

u32 OPT1_SectionName    //'OPT1'
u32 options             // truepix_snippets[0:0] 0=off, 1=on
                      // depth_rating[1:1]      0=100m, 1=3km
                      // forward_looking[2:2]   0=off, 1=on
                      // water_column[3:3]      0=off, 1=on
                      // ultra-high resolution[4:4] 0=off, 1=on
                      // water column rx chan [5:5] 0=off, 1=on
                      // 2026 low freq option [6:6] 0=off, 1=90 & 100kHz enabled, 2026 only

// section CFG8: configuration parameters
u32 CFG8_SectionName;   //'CFG8'
f32 pdepth_cutout;     // [meters] pressure cutout depth (no bathy detect below this depth)
f32 pdepth_export_depth; // [meters] pressure trigger for export control (limits lowest freq and range)
f32 pdepth_export_bathyrange; // [meters] max bathy range when pressure trigger is exceeded
f32 pdepth_export_minfreq; // [Hz] min freq when pressure trigger is exceeded
f32 option_lowfreq;    // [Hz] low-frequency option
f32 pdepth_export_bathydepth; // [meters] max bathy depth allowed
f32 spare0;           // spare
f32 spare1;           // spare

// section OPR4: operational parameters so GUI can configure its menus
u32 OPR4_SectionName;  //'OPR4'
f32 opr_minfreq;      // [Hz] current minimum selectable frequency (zero means ignore me and use GUI default)
```

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f32 opr_maxfreq;      // [Hz] current maximum selectable frequency (zero means ignore me and use 400kHz default)
f32 spare0;          // spare
f32 spare1;          // spare

// section SENa: sensor data received from SIM

u32 SENa_SectionName; // 'SENa'
u32 gps.time.sec;     // [seconds]unix time
u32 gps.time.nsec;   // [seconds = gps.time.nsec/(2^32)] unix time
f32 sensor.pitch;    // [radians] mru pitch
f32 sensor.roll;     // [radians] mru roll
f32 sensor.heave;    // [meters] mru heave
f32 sensor.heading;  // heading (not implemented)
f32 sensor.velocity; // [m/s] sound velocity
f32 sensor.pdepth.uncal; // [meters] depth uncalibrated
f32 sensor.pdepth.cal; // [meters] depth calibrated
f32 sensor.fpgatemp; // [°C] FPGA temperature

// section ADC3: a/d converter

u32 ADC3_SectionName; // 'ADC3'
f32 adc.chan0;        // [volts] 48VDC power supply voltage
f32 adc.chan1;        // [amperes] 48V current
f32 adc.chan8;        // [volts] transmitter power supply voltage

// section ETH6; ethernet registers

u32 ETH6_SectionName; // 'ETH6'
u32 ethernet.speed;   // [megabits/sec] link connect speed
u32 erxpackets;       // [counts] ethernet receive packets
u32 etxpackets;       // [counts] ethernet transmit packets
u32 erxoverflows;     // [counts] ethernet receive buffer overflows
u8 mac.addr[8]        // mac address, use last 6 bytes, first 2 bytes are not used

// section TIM2; timers

u32 TIM2_SectionName; // 'TIM2'
f32 time.check;       // [seconds] head to sim roundtrip time response (must be less than 3ms for dual head or ext. trigger modes)
f32 time.spare;       // [seconds] spare// *** END PACKET: HEAD STATUS DATA FORMAT 0 ***

```

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## 15.12 SIM Status Data Format

```

// *** BEGIN PACKET: SIM STATUS DATA FORMAT 0 ***
// SIM Status data reports misc info from the SIM box. This data is
// useful for troubleshooting. Data is sent to gui baseport+2.
//
// Each section name consists of 4 characters. The fourth character
// indicates the number of 32-bit words following each section name.
// The fourth character can be 1-9, A-Z; allowing up to 35 32-bit words.
// The number of words in each section may change at a later date. Be
// sure your program can parse the number of words.
// The order of the sections is not fixed.

u32 PacketName;      // 'STS0'
u32 PacketSize;     // [bytes] size of this entire packet
u32 DataStreamID;   // reserved for future use

// section SER3: serial number

u32 SER3_SectionName; // 'SER3'
u32 serial_number[3]; // example "100117", unused chars are nulls

// section PRT3: part number

u32 PRT3_SectionName; // 'PRT3'
u32 part_number[3];   // example "15000002", unused chars are nulls

// section MDL3: model number

u32 MDL3_SectionName; // 'MDL3'
u32 model_number[3];  // example "2024", unused chars are nulls

// section FWV6: firmware version

u32 FWV6_SectionName; // 'FWV6'
u32 version[6];       // example "15-Dec-2011-14:00:42", unused chars are nulls

```

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```
// section LED1: SIM front panel LED status
```

```
u32 LED1_SectionName;    // 'LED1'
u32 led_status;         // [00=off 01=undef 10=bad 11=good] flags for status LEDs
                        // gps[1:0]
                        // motion[3:2]
                        // heading[5:4], not implemented
                        // svp[7:6]
                        // alt-gps[9:8], not implemented
                        // alt-motion[11:10], not implemented
                        // alt-heading[13:12], not implemented
                        // alt-svp[15:14], not implemented
                        // pps[17:16]
                        // sync in[19:18]
                        // sync out[21:20]
                        // head on[23:22]
                        // reserved[31:24]
```

```
// section SEN7: RS232 sensor values
```

```
u32 SEN7_SectonName;    // 'SEN7'
u32 gps.time.sec;      // [seconds] unix time
u32 gps.time.nsec;     // [seconds = gps.time.nsec/(2^32)] unix time
f32 mru.pitch;        // [radians] mru pitch value
f32 mru.roll;         // [radians] mru roll value
f32 mru.heave;        // [meters] mru heave
f32 0.0;              // heading (not implemented)
f32 svp.velocity;     // [m/s] sound velocity
```

```
// section ADC2: a/d converter
```

```
u32 ADC2_SectonName;   // 'ADC2'
f32 adc.chan0;         // [volts] 48VDC power supply voltage
f32 adc.chan1;         // [amperes] 48V current to head
```

```
// section ETH6: ethernet registers
```

```
u32 ETH6_SectonName;  // 'ETH6'
u32 ethernet.speed;   // [megabits/sec] link speed
u32 erxpackets;       // [counts] ethernet receive packets
u32 etxpackets;       // [counts] ethernet transmit packets
u32 erxoverflows;     // [counts] ethernet receive buffer overflows
u8 mac.addr[8]        // mac address, use last 6 bytes, first 2 bytes are not used
```

```
// *** END PACKET: SIM STATUS DATA FORMAT 0 ***
```

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### 15.13 Device Status Format

The device status packet contains the ConfigID number that was sent to the sonar head and SIM during IP configuration. This packet contains no survey information and is ignored for data collection purposes. The R2DS packet is sent from the sonar head and SIM once per second to the sonar control program IP address. The ConfigID received from the sonar head and SIM should be compared with the ConfigID number sent to the sonar head and SIM during IP configuration. If there is a mismatch, the control program should send IP configuration data to the sonar head and/or SIM to correct the issue.

```

struct R2DS          // R2Sonic Device Status
{
  u32 PacketName;    // 'R2DS'
  u32 SerialNumber[3]; // up to 12 ASCII chars, unused chars are zero
  u32 ConfigID;      // from most recent R2DC packet
  u32 spare;
} pkt;

```

C structure of Device Status packet

Device status Ethernet packet example received from the sonar head

```

0000 00 e0 81 2e be 88 00 50 c2 90 40 58 08 00 45 00 .....P ..@ X..E.
0010 00 34 04 6c 00 00 32 11 6e 92 0a 00 00 56 0a 00 .4.l..2. n....V..
0020 01 66 ff 16 ff de 00 20 00 00 52 32 44 53 31 30 .f..... ..R2DS10
0030 30 31 30 31 00 00 00 00 00 00 46 35 bd 01 00 00 0101..... .;~...
0040 00 00 ..

```

```

0000 00 e0 81 2e be 88 00 50 c2 90 40 49 08 00 45 00 .....P ..@ l..E.
0010 00 34 02 75 00 00 32 11 70 7c 0a 00 00 63 0a 00 .4.u..2. p|...c..
0020 01 66 ff 7a ff de 00 20 00 00 52 32 44 53 31 30 .f.z... ..R2DS10
0030 30 30 34 34 00 00 00 00 00 00 46 35 bd 01 00 00 0044..... .;~...
0040 00 00 ..

```

Device status Ethernet packet example received from the SIM

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## 15.14 Data Playback Using Bit-Twist

### 15.14.1 Introduction

Note, the topics covered in this document require knowledge of Ethernet communication.

To test a data collection system, you can either use the actual hardware (sonar head) or use data captured from the sonar head. Using Wireshark, uplink data from the sonar head can be captured, filtered, and saved. Bit Twist, a console application, allows you to playback data. R2Sonic can supply sample Ethernet captures of the sonar head uplink data. You may need to edit the destination MAC and IP addresses of the captured data with Bit-Twiste, a console application. Wireshark and Bit-Twist both require Winpcap which is included in the Wireshark installation.

In the examples, the following IP addresses are used:

Sonar head: 10.0.0.86

Data collection computer: 10.0.1.102

The following programs are required:

To capture, filter, and save Ethernet data:

Wireshark: <http://www.wireshark.org/>

To playback and edit captured Ethernet data:

Bit-Twist: <http://bittwist.sourceforge.net/>

Using a 32-bit version of Wireshark will allow you to use a packet decoder for the sonar data formats.

If you don't want or need to install Wireshark, get Winpcap at:

Winpcap: <http://www.winpcap.org/>

### 15.14.2 Capturing Data

To capture data from the sonar head, use Wireshark. Set the max ping rate of the sonar to 1 to 5 pings per second so you won't create huge capture files.

- Capture sonar data. For high data rate traffic, set the following Wireshark Capture Options. These options are found under the button (usually left most) "List the available capture interfaces...". These setting will remain for the session.

Buffer size: 50 megabytes

Uncheck "Update list of packets in real time"

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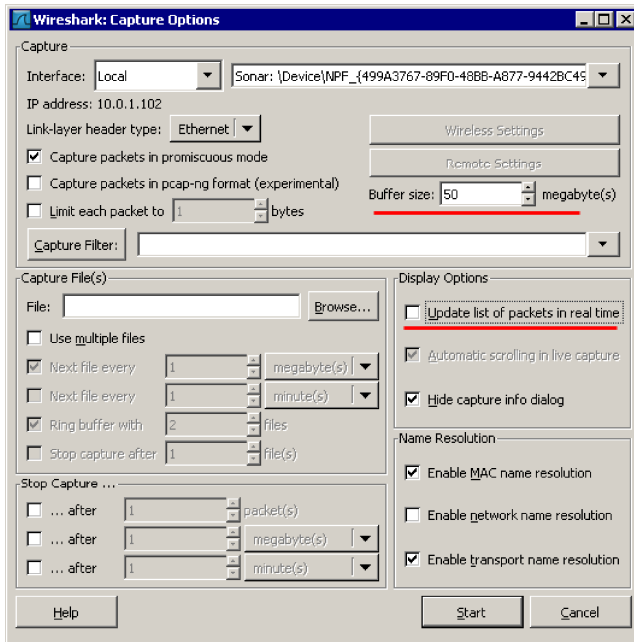


Figure 206: Wireshark Capture Options

This will reduce the processing load on Wireshark significantly.

- After capture, filter the data so only the desired sonar head data is displayed. A filter expression like

“not(icmp.type == 3 or ip.src == 10.0.1.102)”

can be used to filter data coming from the data acquisition computer.

- Save using Save As, data type as “Wireshark/tcpdump/...- libpcap (\*.pcap,\*.cap)” (Wireshark default). Select “Displayed” in Packet Range. You can select a data range in the Packet Range such that the data packets aren’t truncated.

### 15.14.3 Editing Data

The MAC and IP addresses in the packets must match the data acquisition computer’s MAC and IP addresses assigned to the network interface card (NIC). The data acquisition computer’s MAC and IP addresses can be determined using ipconfig /all from the command line.

Editing the MAC and IP addresses must be done as separate operations using bittwiste.exe. The following examples show the syntax for editing the destination MAC and IP address in the .pcap files created by Wireshark.

Example to change destination MAC address using bittwiste.exe:

```
bittwiste -I in.pcap -O out.pcap -T eth -d 00:E0:12:7F:D2:1A
```

Example to change destination IP address using bittwiste.exe:

```
bittwiste -I in.pcap -O out.pcap -T ip -d 10.0.1.102
```

Where in.pcap is the input file and out.pcap is the output file.

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#### 15.14.4 Data Playback

To playback data, use `bittwist.exe`. You can playback data on the same computer that the data collection program resides on by simply connecting the sonar Ethernet port to an Ethernet switch. The Ethernet switch is only to placate the NIC. You can also send data from a remote computer to the data acquisition computer.

The Ethernet interface number needs to be determined. Choose the interface that is connected to the sonar system. To display Ethernet interfaces:

```
bittwist -d
```

To playback data:

```
bittwist -i 2 -l 0 out.pcap
```

This sends `out.pcap` to Ethernet interface 2 (`-i 2`) and loops continuously (`-l 0`). Use `Ctrl-C` to exit the program.

If you don't want to loop, use:

```
bittwist -i 2 out.pcap
```

Note:

Newer Ethernet playback utilities are better than *bittwist*. Ask support about a modified version of *Playcap.exe* (Open Source program modified for looping) and *Wireplay.exe* (R2Sonic program that can play back pcap files at full speed and you don't need to edit pcap files with *bittwiste*).

*Wireplay.exe* is the recommended playback utility. *Wireplay* is available from R2Sonic.

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