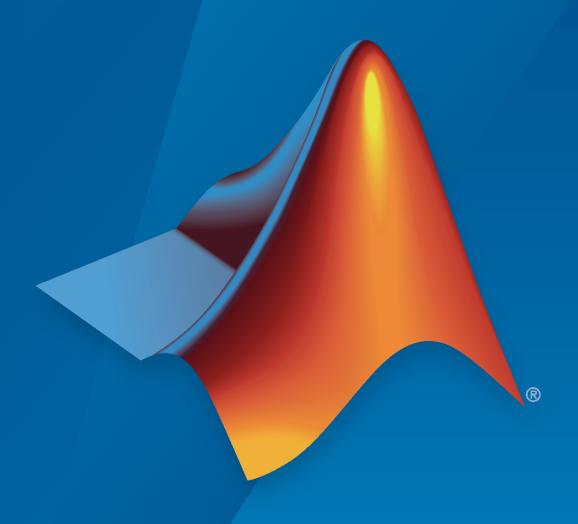
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New Features

Version History

Lidar Sensor Model: Simulate lidar sensor and generate point cloud data

Generate lidar point cloud data by using the lidarSensor object. You can specify attributes such as sensor position and orientation, elevation angles, resolution, noise, and actor profiles to generate data.

Blocked Point Cloud: Process 3-D point clouds too large to fit in memory

Read and process 3-D point clouds that are too large to fit in memory by using a blockedPointCloud object. Using a blocked point cloud, you can perform point cloud processing on smaller sections of large point clouds such as aerial point clouds.

To manage a collection of point cloud blocks that belong to one or more blockedPointCloud objects, use a blockedPointCloudDatastore object.

Lidar Odometry and Mapping (LOAM): Detect and register LOAM feature points from lidar data

Detect LOAM surface points and edge points, based on curvature values in point clouds, by using the detectLOAMFeatures function, and store them as a LOAMPoints object.

You can use a LOAMPoints object to visualize, downsample, and apply geometric transformations to the LOAM feature points.

You can compute the rigid transformation between point clouds, or between LOAM points, by using the pcregisterloam function.

Lidar File Readers: Support for Ouster sensor, Hesai sensor, and enhancements to lasFileReader

- Use the ousterFileReader object to read lidar point cloud data from Ouster® sensor PCAP files.
- Use the hesaiFileReader object to read lidar point cloud data from Hesai® sensor PCAP files.
- The lasFileReader object has these improvements.
 - Returns point cloud data of type double.
 - Supports intensity values of types int16 and uint16.
 - The readPointCloud object function returns additional attributes from the LAS or LAZ file, such as user data, point source ID, scanner channel, and waveform data as a lidarPointAttributes object.
 - You can now read coordinate reference system (CRS) data and variable-length record (VLR) data.

Data Augmentation: Lidar point cloud ground truth data augmentation for object detection

The sampleLidarData function samples 3-D bounding boxes and their respective labels from the input training data, and then returns them as a fileDatastore object and boxLabelDatastore object, respectively.

Using the pcBboxOversample function, you can augment ground truth data by adding the 3-D bounding boxes from a datastore or a table to the input point cloud.

Deep Learning Object Detectors: Create training data to train neural networks for point cloud object detection

The lidarObjectDetectorTrainingData function creates training data from labeled ground truth data generated using the **Lidar Labeler** app or groundTruthLidar object. Use the training data returned by the lidarObjectDetectorTrainingData function to train deep learning networks, such as PointPillars using the trainPointPillarsObjectDetector function, for point cloud object detection.

Point Cloud to Scan Conversion: Convert 3-D lidar point cloud to 2-D lidar scan

You can convert a 3-D lidar point cloud to a 2-D lidar scan by using the pc2scan function.

Intrinsic Shape Signature (ISS) Features: Detect ISS feature points from point cloud data

Use the detectISSFeatures function to detect ISS feature points from the input point cloud data. An ISS feature point is a point with maximum ISS saliency in a specified neighborhood.

Ouster Lidar Support: Stream point cloud data from Ouster sensor

Streaming point cloud data from Ouster sensors is now supported through the Lidar Toolbox™ Support Package for Ouster Lidar Sensors.

You can connect to and stream data from these Ouster sensor models.

- OS0-64
- OS1-64
- OS2-64

Use the ousterLidar object to access the point cloud data. You can preview and read point cloud data from the supported sensors.

For more information, see "Lidar Toolbox Support Package for Ouster Lidar Sensors" documentation.

Lidar Viewer Enhancements: Edit multiple point cloud frames, measure point cloud data

The **Lidar Viewer** app has these enhancements:

- You can now load point cloud data from any custom source into the app by using the custom reader.
- The app supports point cloud measurements such as distance, location, elevation, angle, and volume.
- You can segment ground from point cloud data and visualize point cloud clusters.
- Cropping is now more interactive. You can crop inside or outside a selected cuboidal region.
- You can edit multiple point cloud frames by using a custom temporal edit algorithm.
- Visualize the color information of the point cloud using the updated colormap.

Lidar Labeler Enhancements: Create training data for object detection

The following table describes enhancements for these labeling apps:

- Image Labeler
- Video Labeler
- · Ground Truth Labeler
- · Lidar Labeler

Enhancement	lmage Labeler	Video Labeler	Ground Truth Labeler	Lidar Labeler
Draw, visualize, and export semantic labels in the point cloud.	No	No	No	Yes
Create training data for object detection in point clouds by using the lidarObjectDetectorTrainingDat a function.	No	No	No	Yes
Import multiframe DICOM images.	Yes	No	No	No
Create 3-D line ROI for point cloud data.	No	No	Yes	Yes
Create voxel ROI for point cloud data.	No	No	No	Yes
Show or hide pixel labels in a labeled image or video.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Lidar Camera Calibrator Enhancements: Support for 16-bit intensity images

The **Lidar Camera Calibrator** app has these enhancements.

• The app now supports 16-bit intensity images.

- You can specify checkerboard square size in inches.
- Use **Ctrl+A** to select all data pairs in the data browser.

lidarPointAttributes Object: Store lidar point attributes

You can store additional lidar point data, such as classification, laser returns, and GPS time stamps, in a lidarPointAttributes object.

Lidar File Writer: Write point cloud data into LAS or LAZ format

Use the lasFileWriter object to write lidar point cloud data into a LAS or LAZ file.

estimateLidarCameraTransform Function: Compute transform with 2-D image corners

The estimateLidarCameraTransform function now accepts 2-D image corners and camera intrinsic parameters as inputs to compute the transform between a lidar sensor and a camera.

lidarParameters Object: Support for VLS-128, VLP-32C devices

The lidarParameters object now supports the VLS-128 and VLP-32C Velodyne LiDAR® device models.

Lidar Examples: Explore new lidar workflows

The "Curb Detection in 3-D Lidar Point Cloud" example shows you how to detect curb points in lidar point clouds. You can use the detected curb points for path planning and navigation.

The "Automate Ground Truth Labeling for Lidar Point Cloud Semantic Segmentation Using Lidar Labeler" example shows how to automate semantic labeling in a point cloud using a pretrained semantic segmentation network in the **Lidar Labeler** app.

The "Create, Process, and Export Digital Surface Model from Lidar Data" example shows you how to process aerial lidar data to generate a digital surface model (DSM) and export the DSM to a GeoTiff file.

The "Build a Map with Lidar Odometry and Mapping (LOAM) Using Unreal Engine Simulation" example shows you how to build a map with the Lidar Odometry and Mapping (LOAM) algorithm.

Deep Learning Examples: Explore new deep learning workflows

The "Lidar Object Detection Using Complex-YOLO v4 Network" example shows you how to train a complex YOLO v4 network for object detection in point clouds.

The "Code Generation for Lidar Object Detection Using SqueezeSegV2 Network" example shows you how to generate CUDA® MEX code for lidar object detection using segmentation with a SqueezeSegV2 network followed by clustering and 3-D box fitting.

Code Generation Support: Perform GPU and C/C++ code generation

Generate CUDA code using GPU Coder

Generate optimized CUDA code for these additional functions:

- pcfitcuboid
- segmentGroundSMRF
- pointPillarsObjectDetector

Generate C/C++ code using MATLAB Coder

The pointPillarsObjectDetector object supports C/C++ code generation.

Performance Improvement: matchScansGrid function

The matchScansGrid function shows a reduction in execution time with the default search range. You can see a greater improvement with higher values of Resolution, TranslationSearchRange, RotationSearchRange and MaxLidarRange arguments.

For example, this code is about 1.8x faster than in the previous release:

```
function timingTest
% Laser scan data input
refRanges = [6*ones(1,100),7*ones(1,100),4*ones(1,100)];
refAngles = linspace(-pi/2,pi/2,300);
refScan = lidarScan(refRanges,refAngles);
% Generate the second laser scan by moving refScan 0.5 m along x
% direction and 0.2 m along y direction, and rotate the scan by 1.1
% radians, in the refScan's coordinates
currentScan = transformScan(refScan,[0.5 0.2 1.1]);
tic
% Match scans to get estimated relative pose
relPose = matchScansGrid(currentScan,refScan);
toc
end
```

The approximate execution times are:

R2021b: 0.18 sR2022a: 0.10 s

The code was timed on a Windows 10, Intel® Xeon® W-2133 CPU @ 3.60GHz test system.

Functionality being removed or changed

The readPointCloud function of the lasFileReader object returns a lidarPointAttributes object

Behavior change

The readPointCloud function of the lasFileReader object now returns point attributes data as a lidarPointAttributes object. It previously returned point attributes data as a structure.

The LaserReturns argument in the readPointCloud function of the lasFileReader object has been renamed to LaserReturn

Still runs

The LaserReturns name-value argument in the readPointCloud function of the lasFileReader object has been renamed to LaserReturn. To update your code, replace all instances of the LaserReturns argument with LaserReturn.

The CameraInstrinsic argument in the estimateLidarCameraTransform function is no longer required

Still runs

The CameraInstrinsic name-value argument in the estimateLidarCameraTransform function is no longer required to specify the camera intrinsic parameters. You can now specify the parameters by using the intrinsics input.

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New Features

Bug Fixes

Lidar Viewer: Visualize and analyze lidar data using app

The **Lidar Viewer** app is an interactive tool that provides features to visualize, analyze, and preprocess lidar data. These features include:

- Load and visualizing point cloud data in various file formats, such as PLY, PCAP, LAS, LAZ, PCD, and rosbag files. You can export the processed point clouds as PLY or PCD files.
- Visualizing and analyzing the data using built-in camera views and color maps. You can also create
 and save custom camera views.
- Built-in preprocessing algorithms for ground removal, denoising, median filtering, cropping, and downsampling lidar data.
- Import of custom preprocessing algorithms for the lidar data. You can also create a user interface element to interactively tune the algorithm parameters.
- Export of the preprocessing operations performed on a point cloud as a function script.

Unorganized to Organized Conversion: Convert unorganized point clouds to organized point clouds

Use the pcorganize function to convert unorganized point clouds into organized point clouds. You must specify the corresponding lidar sensor parameters, using the lidarParameters object, to convert the data.

For more information, see Unorganized to Organized Conversion of Point Clouds Using Spherical Projection. You can also use the pcorganize function to reorganize an organized point cloud using a different set of sensor parameters.

Object Detection Interface: Train and test PointPillars network to detect objects in lidar point clouds

Use the pointPillarsObjectDetector object to create a PointPillars network, or to configure the detector with a custom network. Use the trainPointPillarsObjectDetector function to train the object detector on training data. Then, use the trained detector to obtain detections on a point cloud using the detect function. For an example using a PointPillars network to detect objects, see Lidar 3-D Object Detection Using PointPillars Deep Learning.

PointNet++ Network: Create PointNet++ network for segmentation

Use the pointnetplusLayers function to create a PointNet++ network for point cloud segmentation. For more information, see Aerial Lidar Semantic Segmentation Using PointNet++ Deep Learning.

Digital Elevation Model: Create digital elevation model of point cloud data

Use the pc2dem function to generate a digital elevation model (DEM) of point cloud data using a local binning algorithm.

Lidar Labeler Enhancements: SMRF ground segmentation algorithm

The following table describes enhancements for these labeling apps:

- Image Labeler
- Video Labeler
- Ground Truth Labeler
- Lidar Labeler (Lidar Toolbox)

Enhancement	lmage Labeler	Video Labeler	Ground Truth Labeler	Lidar Labeler
Show or hide labels and sublabels of type Rectangle, Line, Polygon, and Projected cuboid in a labeled image or video.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Show or hide labels of type Cuboid in a labeled point cloud or point cloud sequence.	No	No	Yes	Yes
View and edit cuboid ROI labels using top, side, and front 2-D view projections by selecting Projected View .	No	No	Yes	Yes
Segment ground from lidar data using the simple morphological filter (SMRF) algorithm. For more information about the algorithm parameters, see the segmentGroundSMRF (Lidar Toolbox) function.	No	No	Yes (only with Lidar Toolbox license)	Yes
Extract video scenes and corresponding labels from a groundTruth or groundTruthMultisignal object.	No	Yes	Yes	No
Digital Imaging and Communication in Medicine (DICOM) image format.	Yes	No	No	No

Lidar Camera Calibrator Enhancements: Manually select checkerboard points for calibration

The **Lidar Camera Calibrator** app has these enhancements:

- Manually select checkerboard points in the point cloud to improve detections. For more information, see Select Checkerboard Region.
- The app now supports various keyboard shortcuts. For more information, see Keyboard Shortcuts and Mouse Actions.

Deep Learning Example: Code generation for PointNet++ network

The Code Generation For Aerial Lidar Semantic Segmentation Using PointNet++ Deep Learning example shows you how to generate CUDA® MEX for a multiclass PointNet++ network.

Lidar Examples: Explore new lidar workflows

- Multi-Lidar Calibration This example shows you how to calibrate multiple lidar sensors mounted on a vehicle to estimate the relative transformation between them.
- Extract Forest Metrics and Individual Tree Attributes from Aerial Lidar Data This example shows you how to extract forest metrics, as well as the attributes or individual trees, from aerial lidar data.

Code Generation Support: Generate C/C++ code using MATLAB Coder

The segmentGroundSMRF and pc2dem functions now support code generation.

Performance Improvement: matchScans function

The matchScans function now executes 4-6 times faster.

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Version: 1.1

New Features

Bug Fixes

Lidar Camera Calibrator: Interactively calibrate lidar and camera sensors to estimate rigid transformation using an app

The **Lidar Camera Calibrator** app estimates the rigid transformation between a lidar and camera sensors. Use the app to interactively perform the Lidar and Camera Calibration workflow. The app uses the underlying features of the workflow.

- Detect, extract, and visualize checkerboard features from image and point cloud data.
- Estimate the rigid transformation between the lidar and camera using feature detection results.
- Use calibration results to fuse data from both the sensors. You can visualize point cloud data projected onto the images, and color or grayscale information from the images fused with point cloud data.
- View the plotted calibration error metrics. You can remove outliers using a threshold line and recalibrate the remaining data.
- Define a region of interest (ROI) around the checkerboard to reduce the computation resources required by the transformation estimation process.
- Export the transformation and error metric data as workspace variables or MAT files. You can also create a MATLAB® script for the entire workflow.

Lidar Labeler Enhancements: Define a custom point cloud reader and a region of interest in the point cloud

The following table describes enhancements for these labeling apps:

- Image Labeler
- Video Labeler
- Ground Truth Labeler
- Lidar Labeler (Lidar Toolbox)

Enhancement	lmage Labeler	Video Labeler	Ground Truth Labeler	Lidar Labeler
Label distinct instances of objects belonging to the same class using a polygon label. For more details, see Label Objects Using Polygons.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Use superpixel automation to quickly pixel label regions of an image with similar pixel values. For more details, see Label Pixels Using Superpixel Tool.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Automate the labeling of multiple signals together within a single automation run. For an example, see Automate Ground Truth Labeling Across Multiple Signals.	No	No	Yes	No

Enhancement	lmage Labeler	Video Labeler	Ground Truth Labeler	Lidar Labeler
Label very large images (with at least one dimension <8K) that previously could not be loaded into memory. Load these images as blocked images. For more details, see Label Large Images in Image Labeler.	Yes	No	No	No
Use a custom reader function to import any point cloud. For more details, see Use Custom Point Cloud Source Reader for Labeling (Lidar Toolbox).	No	No	No	Yes
Define and view a region of interest (ROI) in the point cloud and label objects in it. For more details, see ROI View (Lidar Toolbox).	No	No	No	Yes
Control the point dimension of the point cloud.	No	No	No	Yes

The **Lidar Labeler** enables you to create a custom algorithm to automate the labeling process. Automate Ground Truth Labeling For Vehicle Detection Using PointPillars workflow shows you how to create and apply such an algorithm. It uses a pre-trained PointPillars network to create a custom algorithm. To learn more about PointPillars, see Lidar 3-D Object Detection Using PointPillars Deep Learning.

Aerial Lidar Processing: Segment terrain in point cloud data

The segmentGroundSMRF function segments the input point cloud into ground and non-ground points using a simple morphological filter (SMRF). You can adjust the parameters to segment various types of terrain or steep slopes. The Terrain Classification for Aerial Lidar Data workflow uses this feature to segment ground, vegetation, and buildings in aerial point clouds.

The Aerial Lidar Semantic Segmentation Using PointNet++ Deep Learning workflow uses the PointNet++ network to perform semantic segmentation on aerial lidar data.

Bounding Box Transfer: Transfer bounding boxes from the lidar coordinate frame to the camera coordinate frame

The bboxLidarToCamera function estimates a 2-D bounding box in a camera coordinate frame using a 3-D bounding box in a lidar coordinate frame.

Multiclass Object Detection and Segmentation: Multiclass support for PointPillars and SqueezeSegV2 networks

The PointPillars and SqueezeSegV2 networks pre-trained on the PandaSet multiclass dataset are now available. For more information, see these examples:

Lidar Point Cloud Semantic Segmentation Using SqueezeSegV2 Deep Learning Network

• Lidar 3-D Object Detection Using PointPillars Deep Learning

Unorganized to Organized Conversion: Convert unorganized point clouds to organized point clouds

The Unorganized to Organized Conversion of Point Clouds Using Spherical Projection example shows how to convert unorganized point clouds to organized format using spherical projection.

Deep Learning Example: Data augmentations for object detection networks

The Data Augmentations for Lidar Object Detection Using Deep Learning example shows typical data augmentation techniques used in 3-D object detection workflows with lidar data.

Lane Detection Example: Lane detection in lidar data

The Lane Detection in 3-D Lidar Point Cloud example shows how to detect lanes in 3-D lidar point clouds. It involves detection of the immediate left and right lanes, also known as ego vehicle lanes, with respect to the lidar sensor.

Lidar Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM): Support for loop closure detection and localization

Extract eigenvalue-based features from point cloud segments using the extractEigenFeatures function. The features are returned as a vector of eigenFeature objects. You can use these geometrical features for loop closure detection and localization in a target map.

The pcmapsegmatch object creates a map of segments and features for loop closure detection and localization using the segment matching (SegMatch) place recognition algorithm.

Use the new syntax for pcshowMatchedFeatures to visualize the segment matches.

The Build Map and Localize Using Segment Matching example shows how to build a map with lidar data and localize the position of a vehicle on the map using SegMatch.

2-D SLAM Example: Map building from 2-D lidar scans

The Build Map from 2-D Lidar Scans Using SLAM example shows how to implement the simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) algorithm on a series of 2-D lidar scans using scan processing algorithms and pose graph optimization (PGO). Use this example to estimate the trajectory of the robot and build a map of the environment.

Code Generation Support: Generate C/C++ code using MATLAB Coder

These functions now support code generation:

- projectLidarPointsOnImage
- fuseCameraToLidar

• bboxCameraToLidar

The Code Generation For Lidar Object Detection Using PointPillars Deep Learning shows how to generate CUDA MEX for a PointPillars object detector with custom layers.

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New Features

Lidar Labeler App: Interactive, semi-automated, and custom automated labeling of lidar point clouds

The **Lidar Labeler** app enables you to label objects in a point cloud or a point cloud sequence. The app reads point cloud data from PLY, PCAP, LAS, LAZ, and PCD files. Using the app, you can:

- Define cuboid region of interest (ROI) labels. Use them to interactively label your ground truth data
- Assign attributes to labels, and use them to further define the labels.
- Use built-in algorithms for clustering, ground plane segmentation, automated labelling, and tracking.
- Save label definitions, point cloud data, and ground truth data to a session file for future use.
- Import custom automation algorithms for automated labeling.
- Evaluate automation algorithm performance using the visual summary.
- Export the labeled ground truth as a groundTruthLidar object. You can use this object for system verification or training an object detector.

Lidar-Camera Calibration: Calibrate lidar and camera sensors to estimate cross-sensor coordinate transform

Use the lidar and camera calibration (LCC) workflow to estimate the rigid transformation between a lidar sensor and a camera. The workflow uses the checkerboard pattern calibration method. Lidar Toolbox introduces three new features to carry out this workflow:

- **1** estimateCheckerboardCorners3d Estimate the world frame coordinates of the checkerboard corner points in an image.
- 2 detectRectangularPlanePoints Detect a rectangular plane of the specified dimensions in a point cloud.
- **3** estimateLidarCameraTransform Estimate the rigid transformation from a lidar sensor to a camera.

The toolbox also contains features to facilitate downstream applications:

- projectLidarPointsOnImage Project lidar point cloud data onto an image coordinate frame.
- 2 fuseCameraToLidar Fuse color or grayscale information from an image to a point cloud.
- **3** bboxCameraToLidar Estimate 3-D bounding boxes in a point cloud from 2-D bounding boxes in an image.

The Lidar and Camera Calibration example shows how to calibrate lidar and camera sensors by estimating the rigid transformation from the lidar sensor to the camera.

The Detect Vehicles in Lidar Using Image Labels example shows how to detect vehicles in lidar point cloud data using the detections from an image scene and the rigid transformation between the camera and lidar sensor.

Deep Learning for Lidar Point Cloud Processing: Use deep learning networks to detect and segment objects in lidar point cloud data

The Lidar Point Cloud Semantic Segmentation Using PointSeg Deep Learning Network example shows how to perform semantic segmentation of road objects in a highway traffic scene using a PointSeg deep learning network.

The Lidar Point Cloud Semantic Segmentation Using SqueezeSegV2 Deep Learning Network example shows how to perform semantic segmentation of organized lidar point cloud data using a SqueezeSegV2 deep learning network. You can use the squeezeSegV2Layers function to create a the SqueezeSegV2 deep learning network.

The Code Generation for Lidar Point Cloud Segmentation Network example shows how to generate CUDA MEX code for a pretrained SqueezeSegV2 deep learning network that can segment lidar point cloud data.

The Lidar 3-D Object Detection Using PointPillars Deep Learning example shows how to detect objects in 3-D point cloud data using a PointPillars deep learning network.

Shape Fitting: Fit shape and track detected objects in a lidar point cloud sequence

Use the pcfitcuboid function to fit a cuboid bounding box over detected objects in organized point cloud data using the L-shape fitting algorithm.

You can fit cuboid bounding boxes and track detected objects in an organized lidar point cloud sequence using the pcfitcuboid function for shape fitting and a joint probabilistic data association (JPDA) tracker for tracking. For more information, see Detect, Classify, and Track Vehicles Using Lidar and Track Vehicles Using Lidar: From Point Cloud to Track List.

Feature Matching: Extract and match lidar point cloud features

Extract fast point feature histogram (FPFH) descriptors from point cloud data using the extractFPFHFeatures function. You can compare point descriptors (features) of different point clouds to check for correspondence between the two point clouds. Use the pcmatchfeatures function to find the matching points between two different point clouds and display the matched points by using pcshowMatchedFeatures function.

You can use feature extraction and matching to develop feature-based registration workflows for map building. For more information, see Feature-Based Map Building from Lidar Data.

The Aerial Lidar SLAM Using FPFH Descriptors example shows how to develop a 3-D simultaneous localization and mapping (SLAM) algorithm for aerial lidar data by using FPFH descriptors for feature-based registration.

2-D Lidar Processing: Simulate and process 2-D laser scan data and estimate the pose between two scans

You can simulate 2-D lidar sensors and sensor readings (scans), match scans, and estimate the pose between two scans. These features can be used in a 2-D object detection workflows.

The Collision Warning Using 2-D Lidar example shows how to detect obstacles and warn possible collisions using 2-D lidar scan data for automated guided vehicles.

Velodyne LiDAR Streaming: Connect and stream lidar point clouds from Velodyne LiDAR sensors

Support for Velodyne LiDAR sensors is available through Lidar Toolbox Support Package for Velodyne LiDAR Sensors. You can connect to and stream point clouds from these Velodyne LiDAR sensor models:

- VLS-128 Alpha Puck
- VLP-32C Ultra Puck
- VLP-16 Puck Hi-Res
- VLP-16 Puck LITE
- · VLP-16 Puck
- HDL-32E
- HDL-64E

You can preview and read point clouds from the supported lidar sensors by using the velodynelidar (Lidar Toolbox Support Package for Velodyne LiDAR Sensors) object.

For information about using Velodyne LiDAR sensors in MATLAB, see Lidar Toolbox Support Package for Velodyne LiDAR Sensors documentation.

Lidar File Readers: Support for Ibeo sensor, LAS, and LAZ file formats

Use the ibeoLidarReader object to read lidar point cloud data from Ibeo data container (IDC) files.

Use the lasFileReader object to read lidar point cloud data from LAS or LAZ files.