Software User Manual
TMXLAB Kit
v3.9.4

TMYTEK

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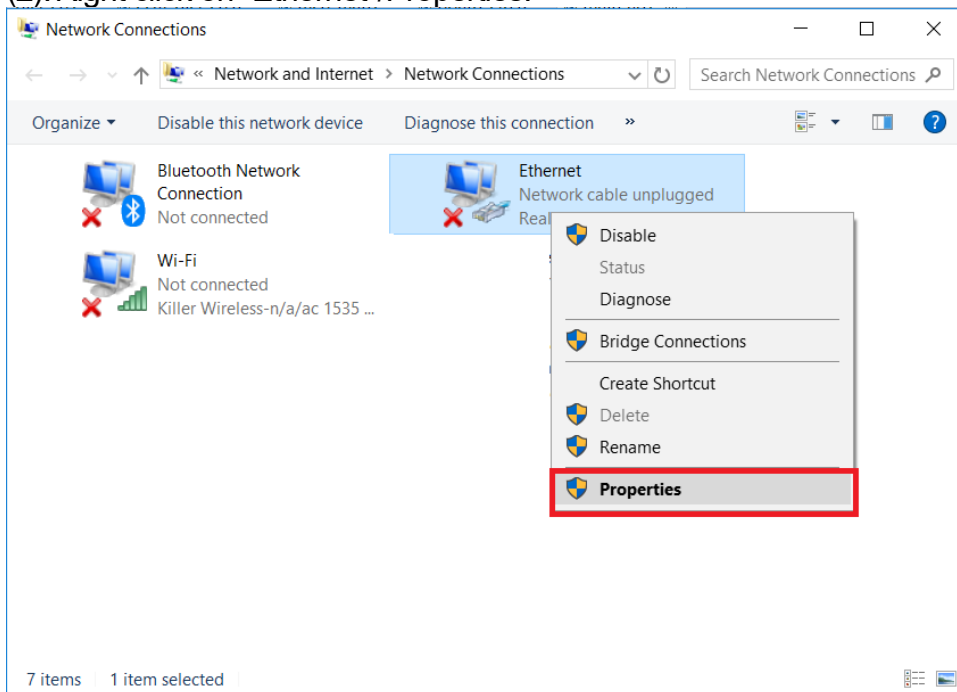
0.1 Windows

- Network environment settings: If the IP address of the device and PC is assigned by DHCP, this step can be skipped. If the IP address cannot be obtained through DHCP, the domain must be set to 192.168.100.xxx.
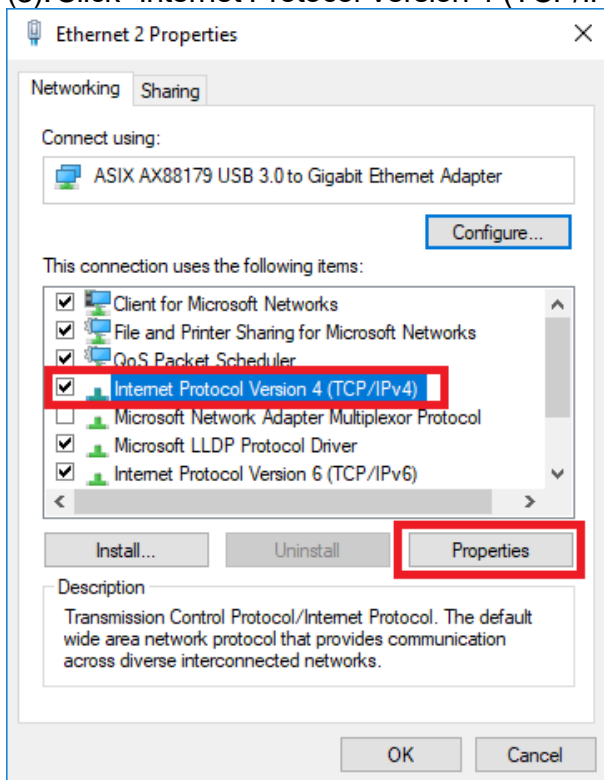
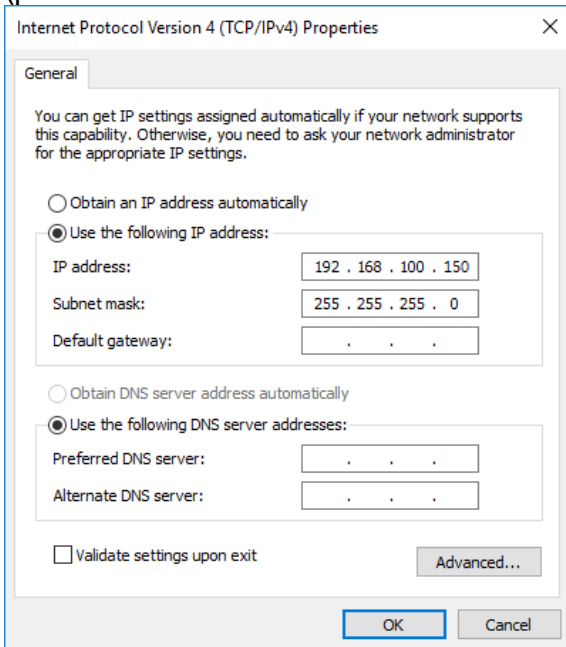(1). Go to Windows Settings/Network & Internet/Ethernet/Change adapter options.
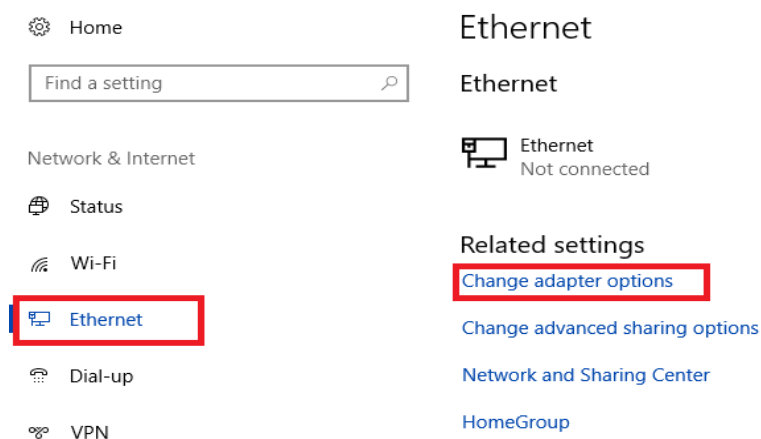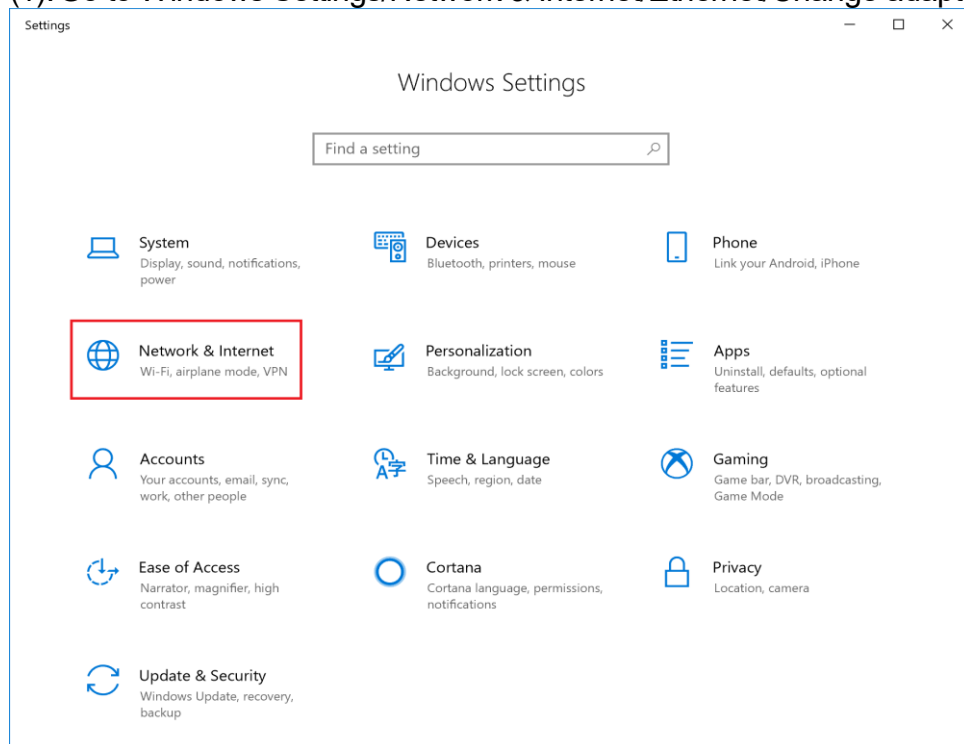
(2). Right click on "Ethernet"/Properties.

(3). Click "Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4)", and then click "Properties".
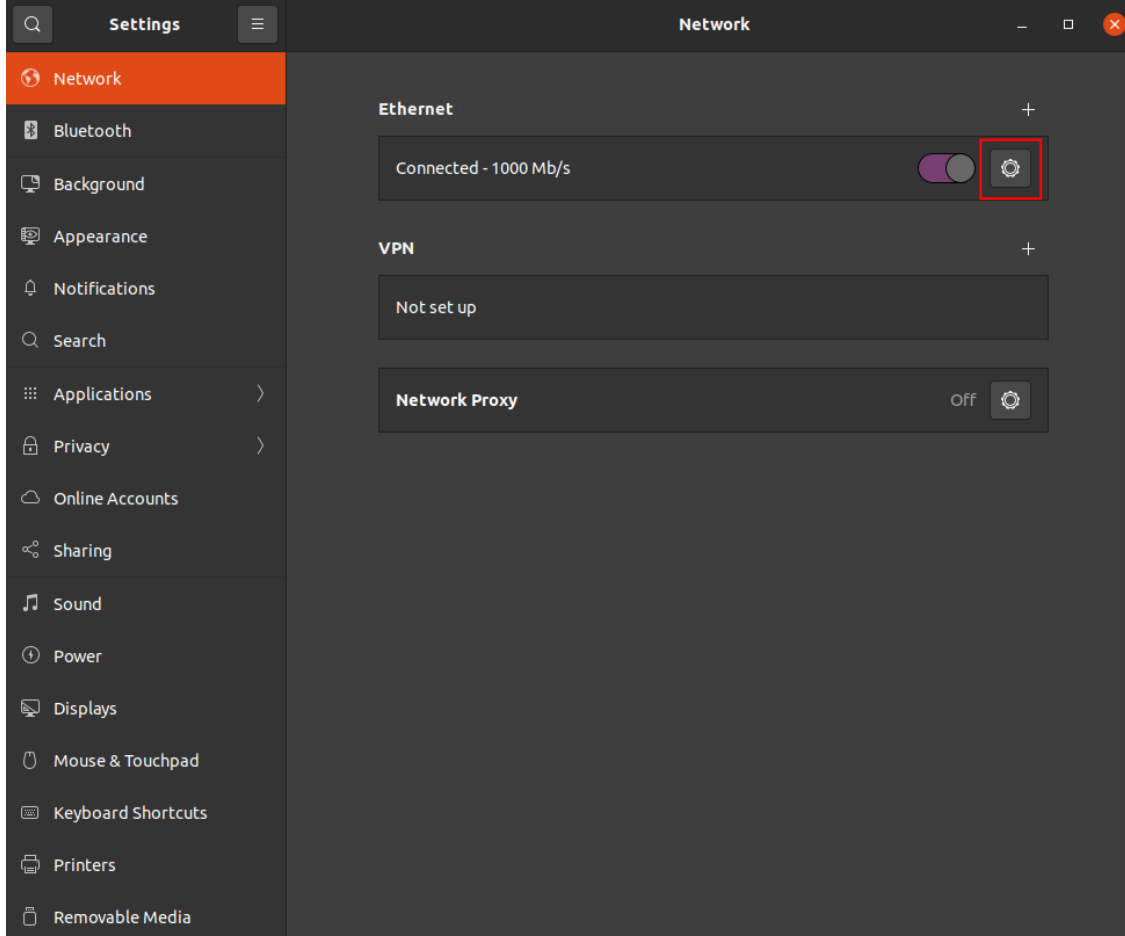
(4). Enter the IP address 192.168.100.xxx
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Internet Protocol Version 4 (TCP/IPv4) Properties ×

General

You can get IP settings assigned automatically if your network supports this capability. Otherwise, you need to ask your network administrator for the appropriate IP settings.

○ Obtain an IP address automatically

● Use the following IP address:

IP address:	192 . 168 . 100 . 150
Subnet mask:	255 . 255 . 255 . 0
Default gateway:	. . .

○ Obtain DNS server address automatically

● Use the following DNS server addresses:

| Preferred DNS server: | . . . |
| Alternate DNS server: | . . . |

☐ Validate settings upon exit   Advanced...

OK   Cancel

0.2 Ubuntu

● Network environment settings: If the IP address of the device and PC is assigned by DHCP, this step can be skipped. If the IP address cannot be obtained through DHCP, the domain must be set to 192.168.100.xxx.

(1). Go to Settings/Network page, and click the setting icon under the Ethernet section.

(2). Switch to the "IPv4" tab first, and select "Manual" for IPv4 Method, then enter 192.168.100.xxx in the Addresses field, finally, press Apply.
(please avoid 192.168.100.100 ~ 192.168.100.120)
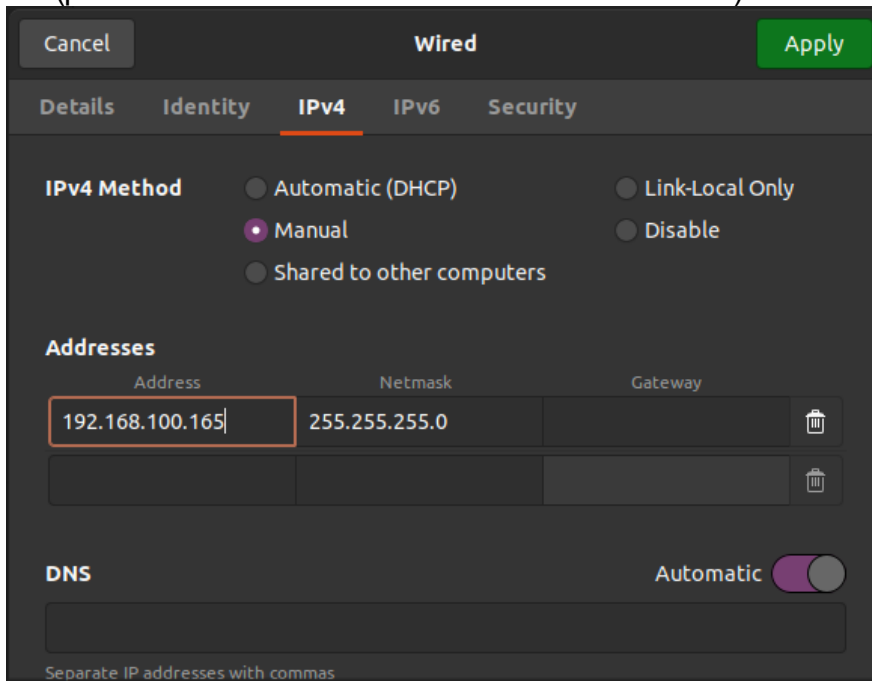
0.3 Device IP Setting

● If the IP address of the device and PC is assigned by DHCP, this step can be skipped. If the IP address cannot be obtained through DHCP, meanwhile, connected to multiple devices of the same type (such as connecting more than 2 BBoxes or UD Boxes) at the same time, TMXLAB Kit will try to automatically change the static IP of the device, so that all IPs won't be duplicated. However, if changing the IP fails, you need to set it up manually

(1). Connect only one device whose IP is to be modified, then open TMXLAB Kit, and click the setting icon on the upper right side after scanning is completed.
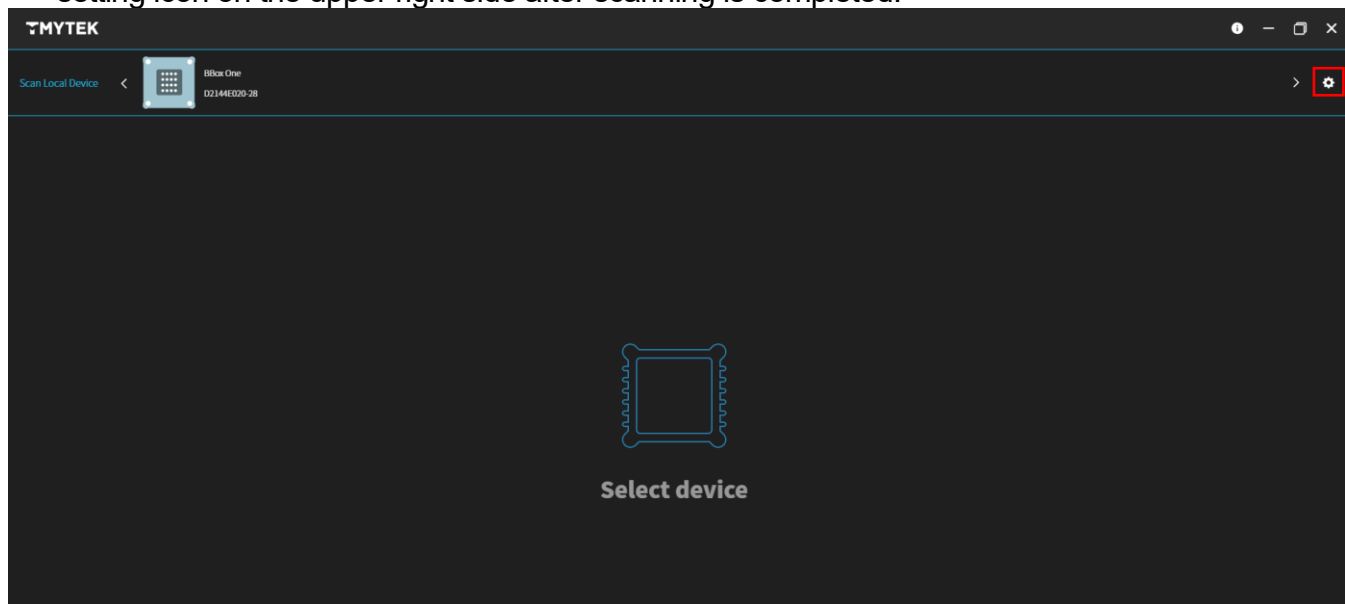

(2). Enter the IP, which is going to be modified, and click Apply. After the modification is completed, you will see that the IP Address has been changed to the newly modified one. Also, this IP cannot be the same as other devices. After the static IPs of all devices are non-repetitive, they will all be connected to the PC and the TMXLAB Kit will be ready to use.

NOTE: The IP to be modified should be in the same network subnet as your PC.
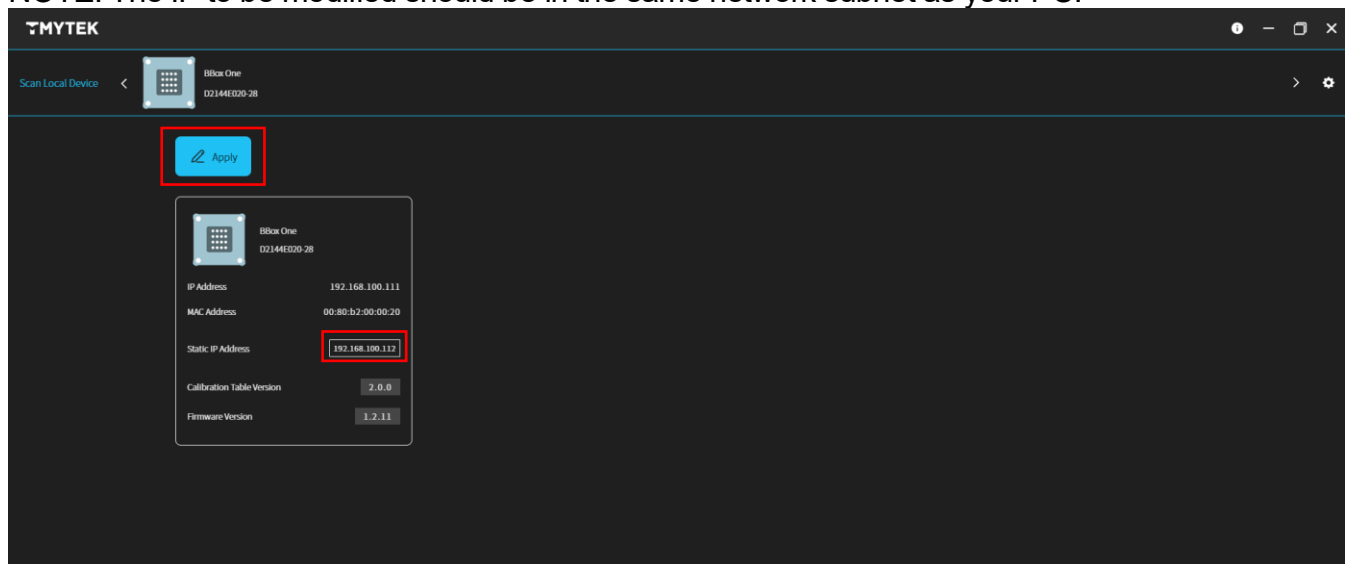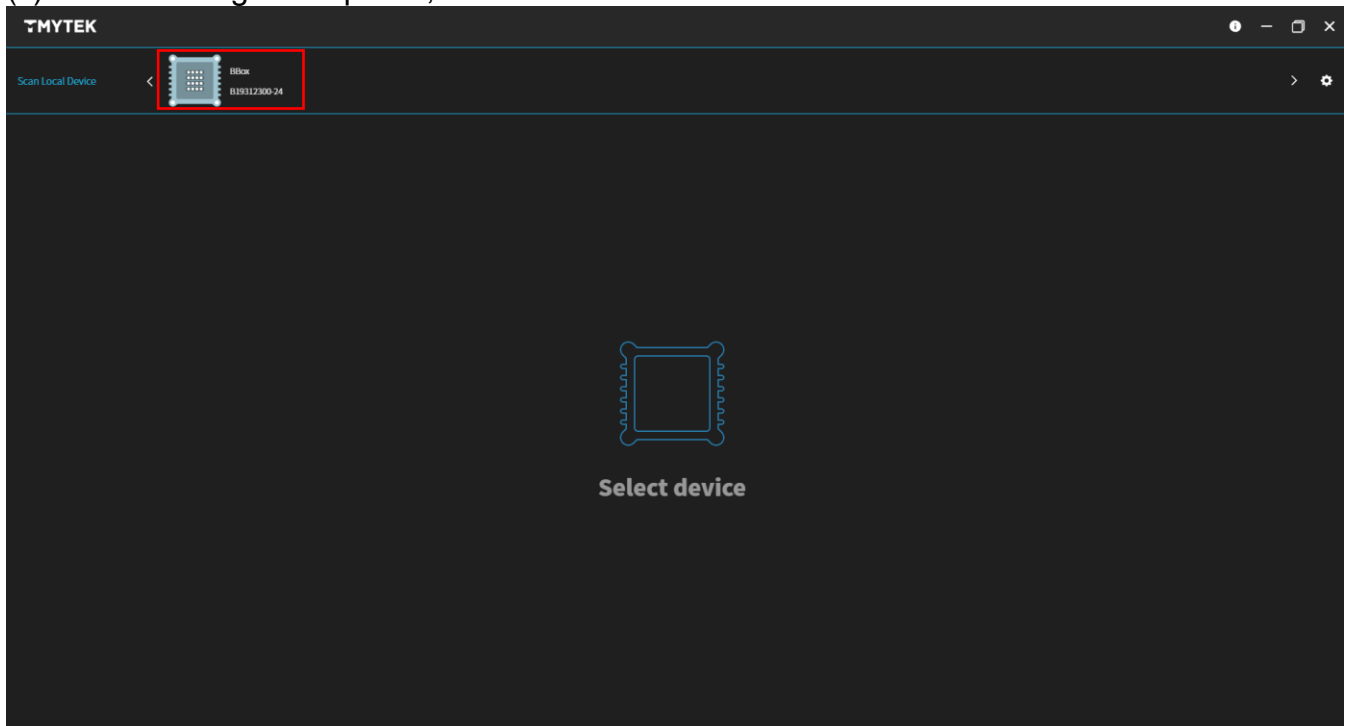
1. BBox One

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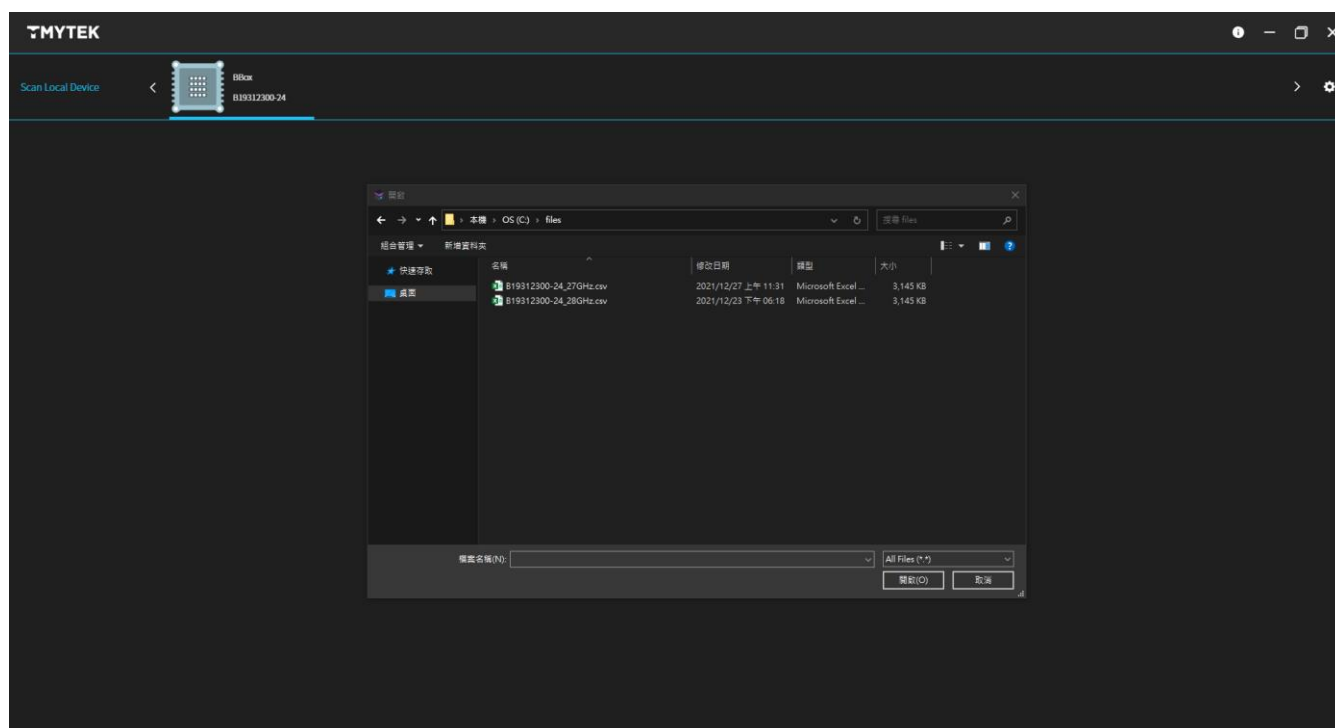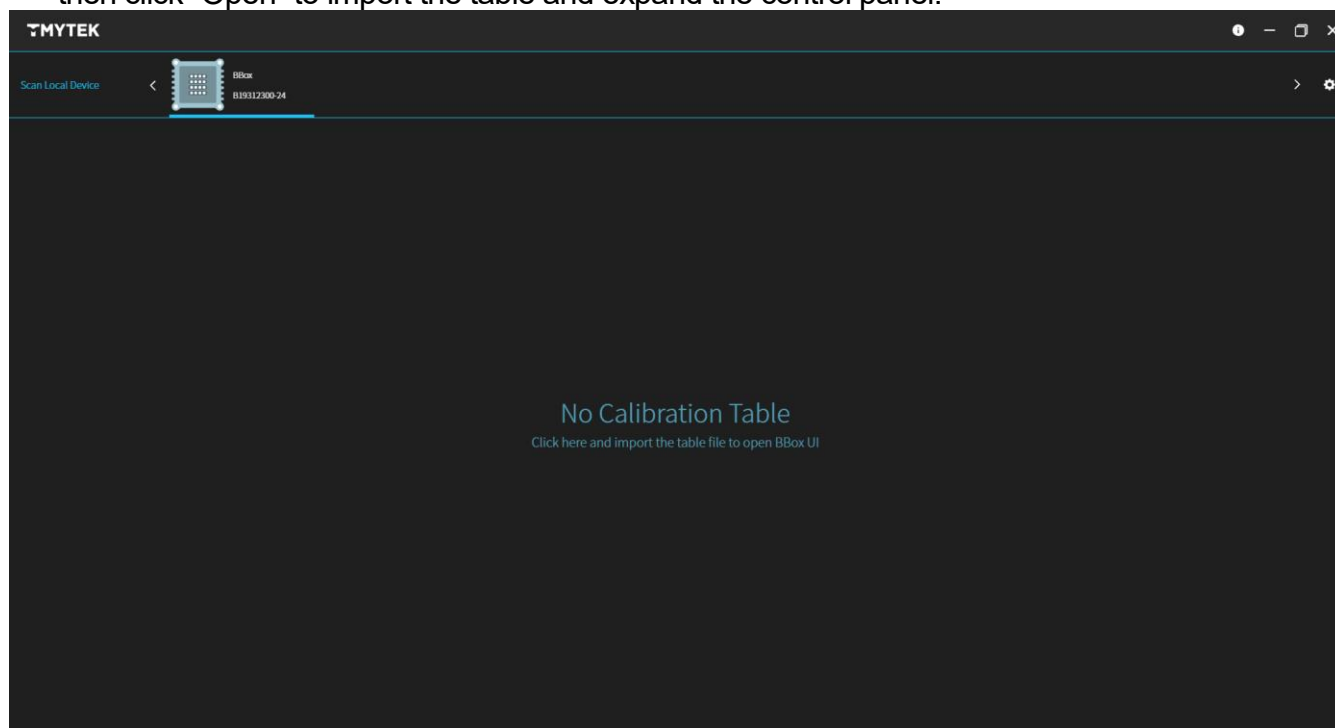(2). Open TMXLAB Kit.
(3). Wait till scanning is completed.
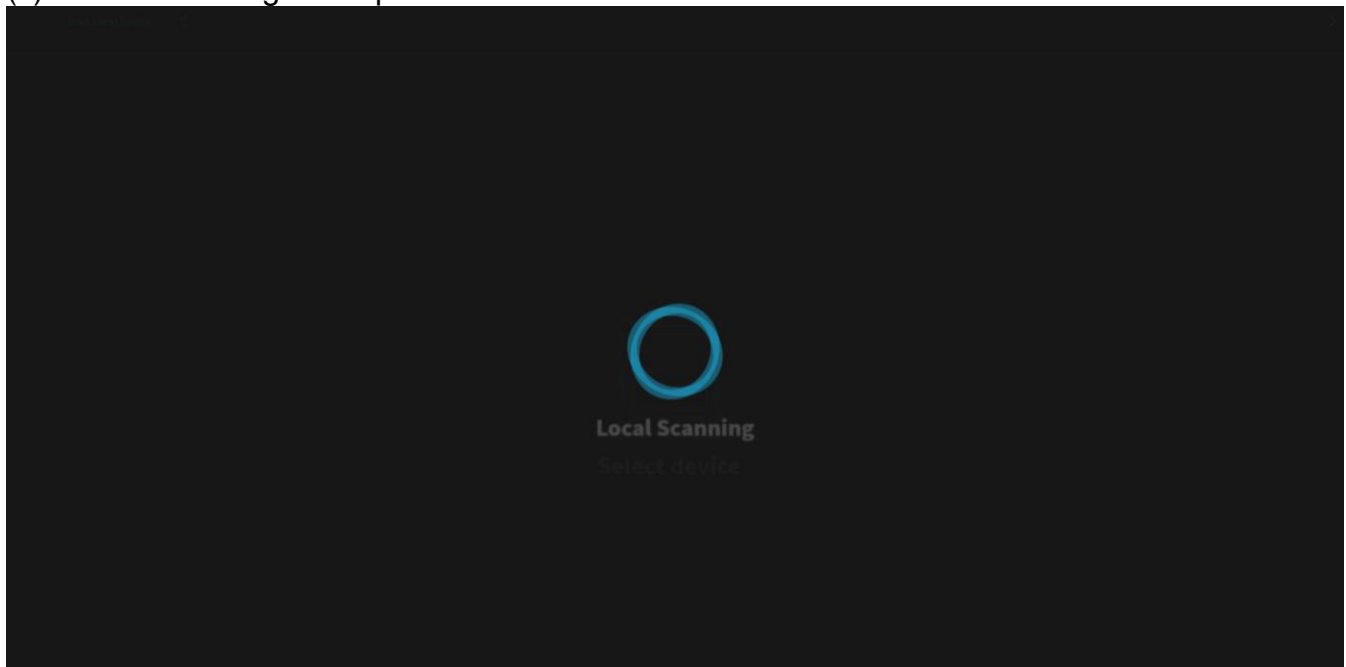
(4). After scanning is completed, click the device icon above.

(5). If the table of the clicked device has not been imported, the screen will show "No Calibration Table." Click anywhere to open the file selection window, choose the file(s) to be imported, and then click "Open" to import the table and expand the control panel.
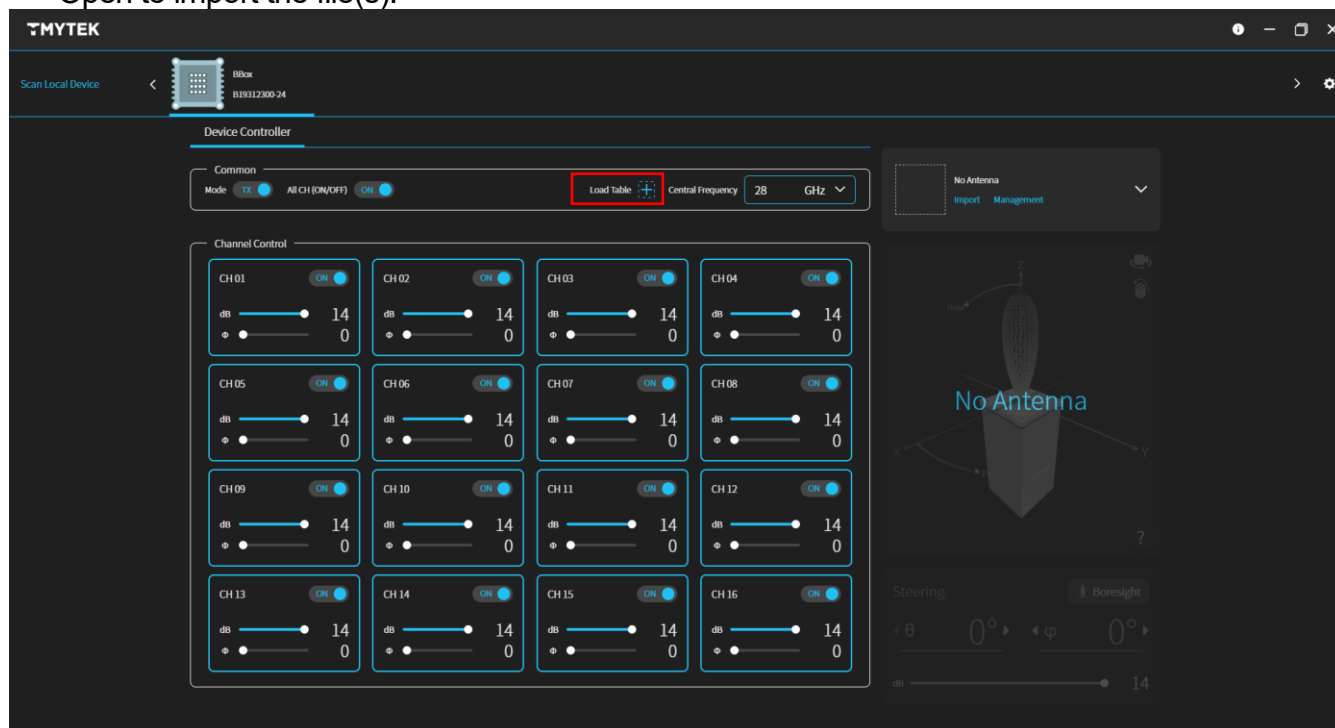
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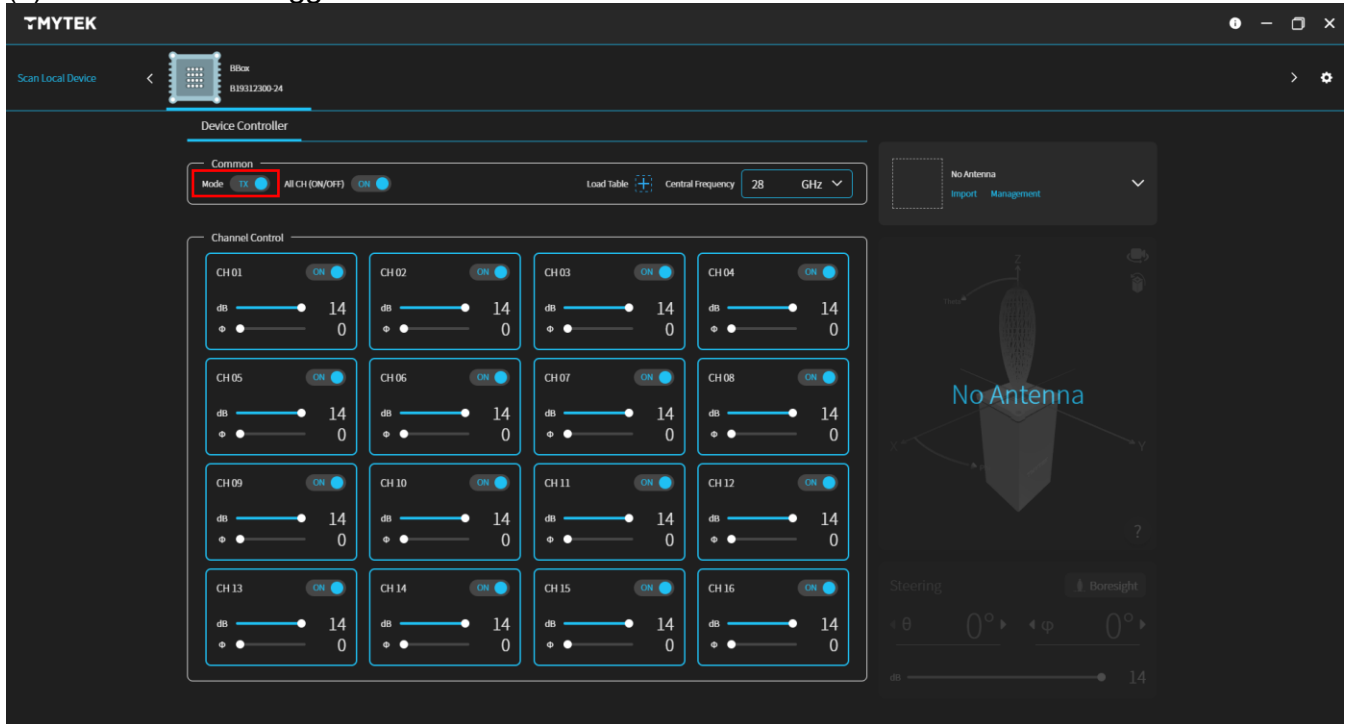
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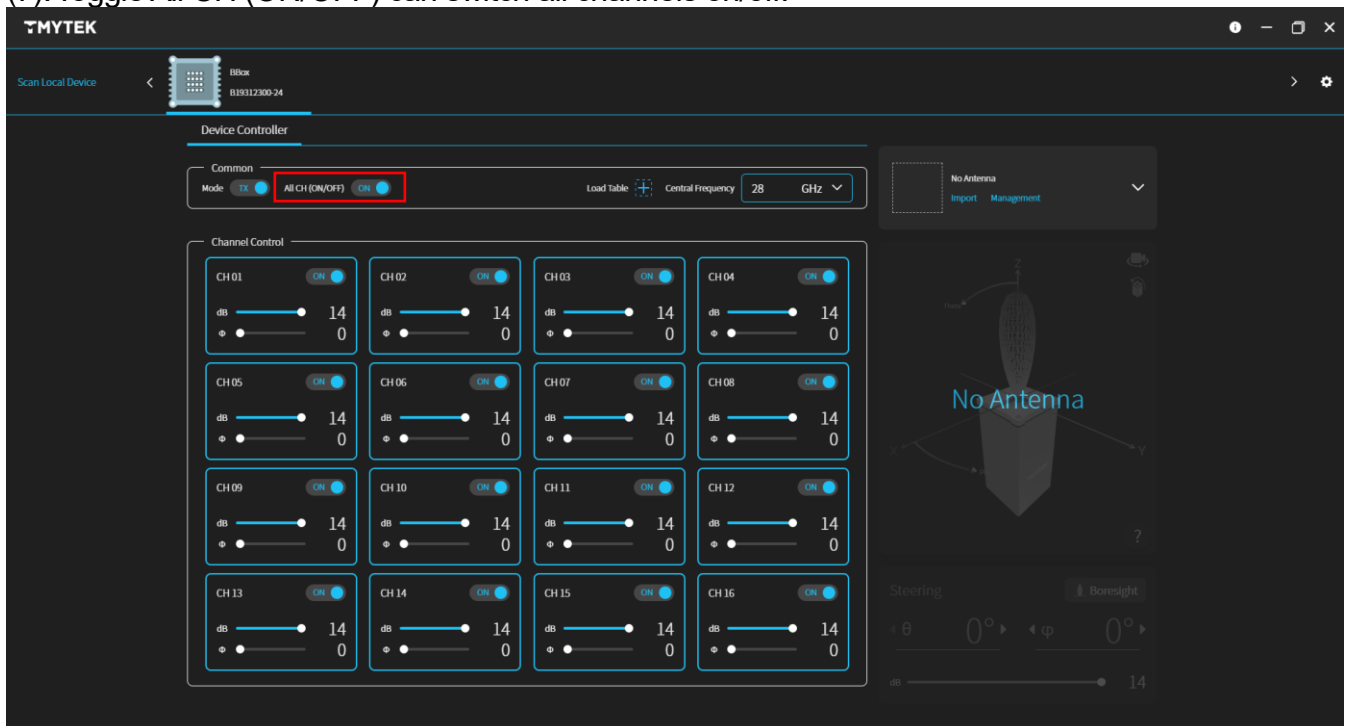
(8). Click "Load Table" to import the calibration table. After selecting the file(s) to be imported, click Open to import the file(s).

(9). All available frequency points are listed in the Central Frequency drop-down menu. You can choose the desired one.
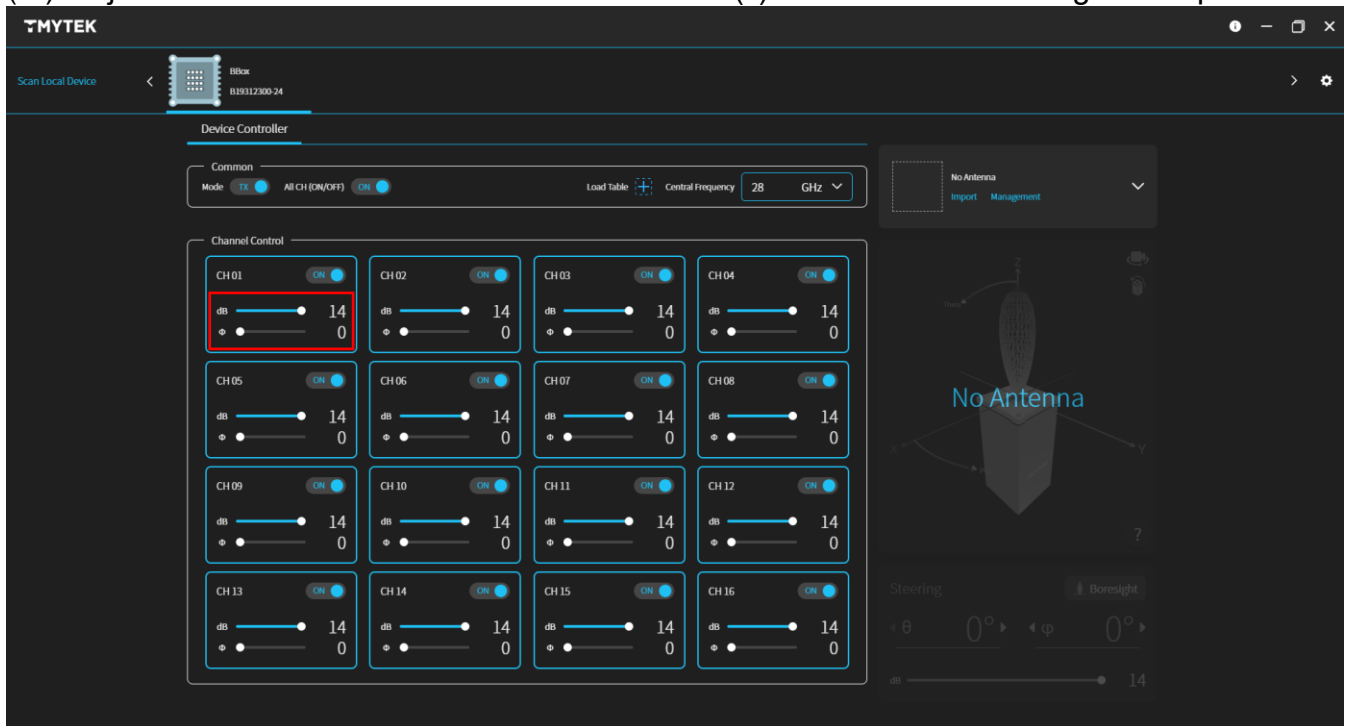NOTE: The Dynamic Range of each frequency point may be different.

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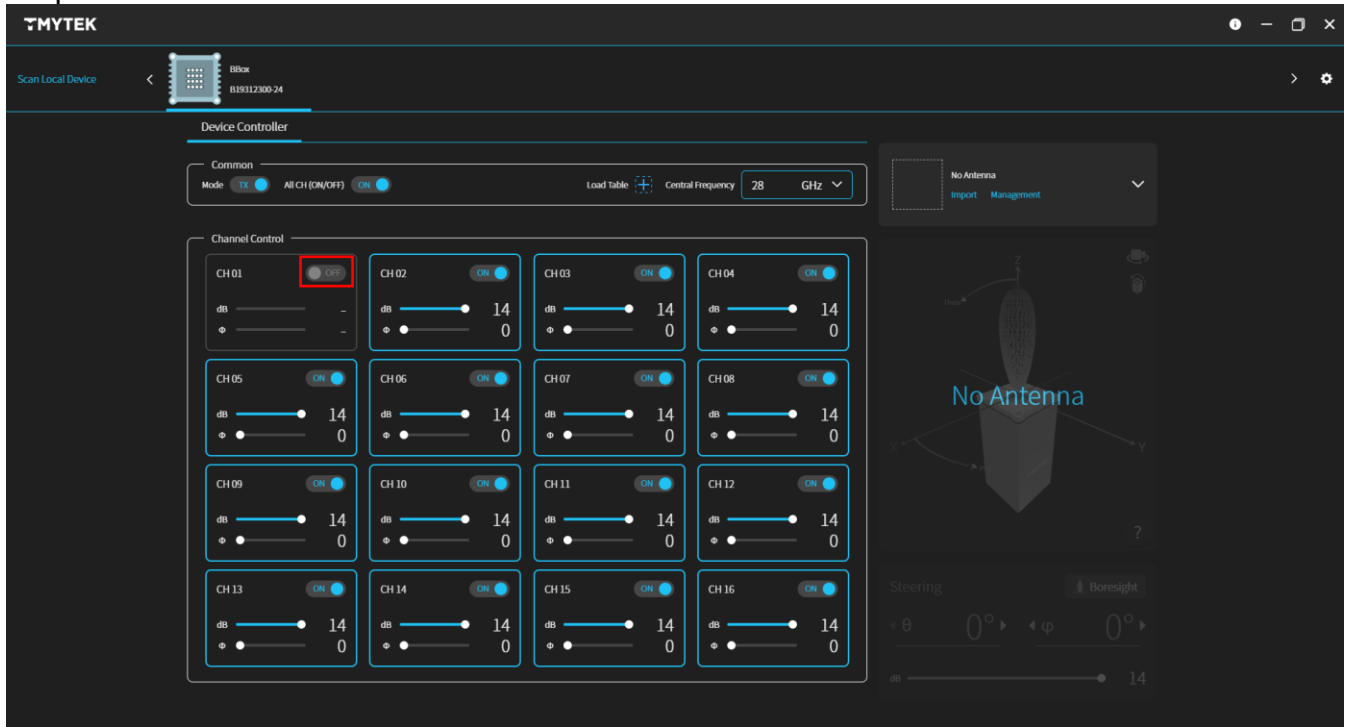
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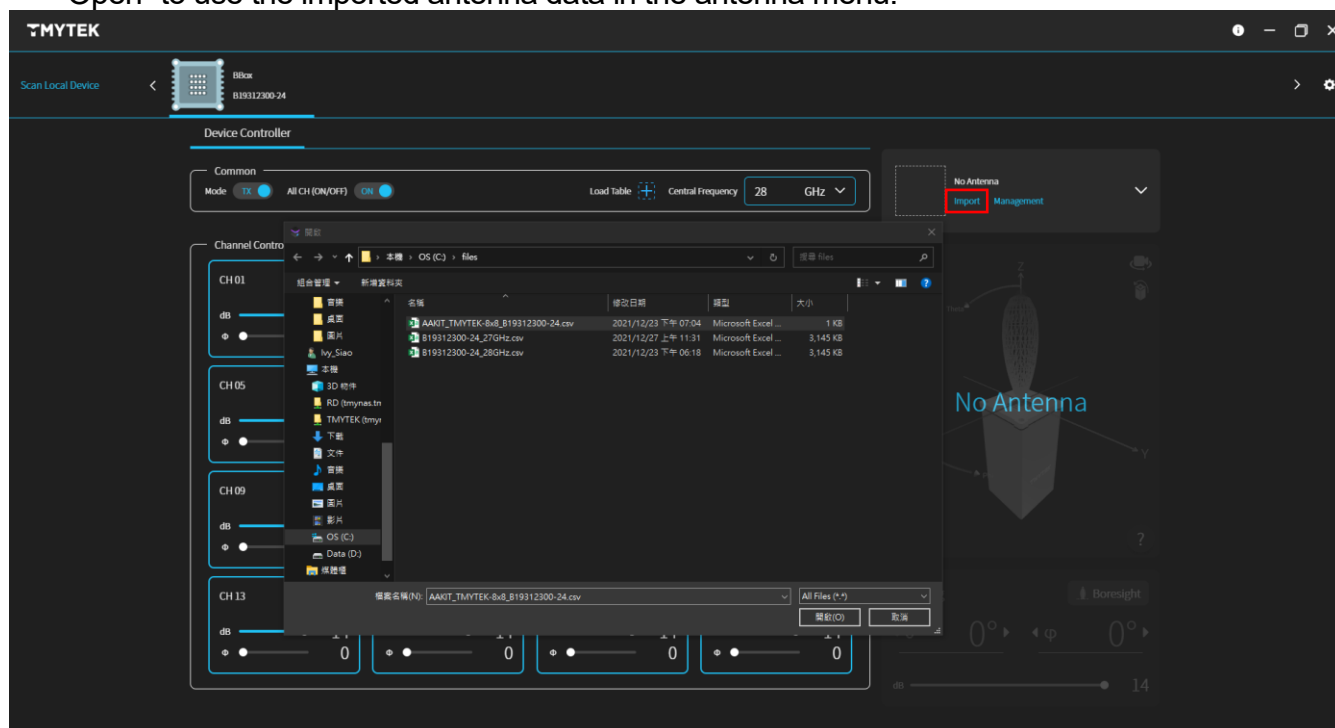
(12). If no antenna is selected, only the channel control mode is functional. The beam steering function is only available after an antenna is selected.
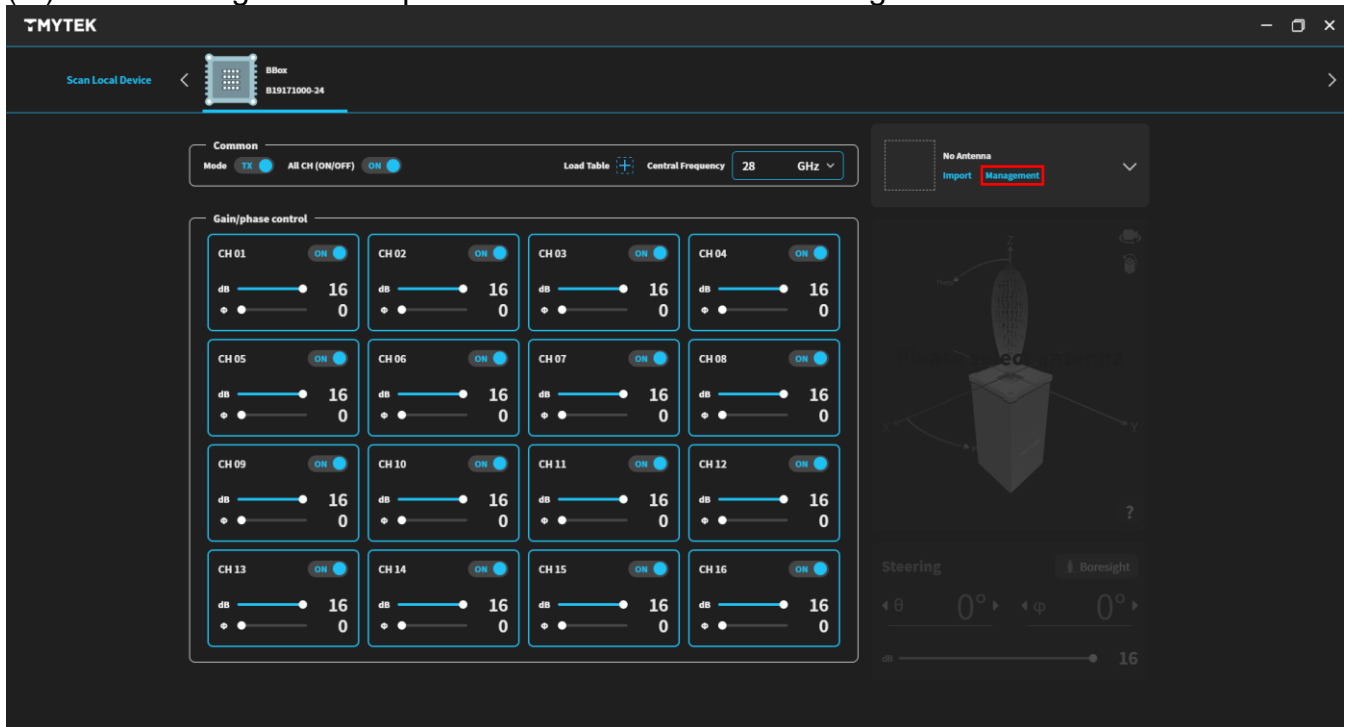Click the antenna drop-down menu to select an antenna.
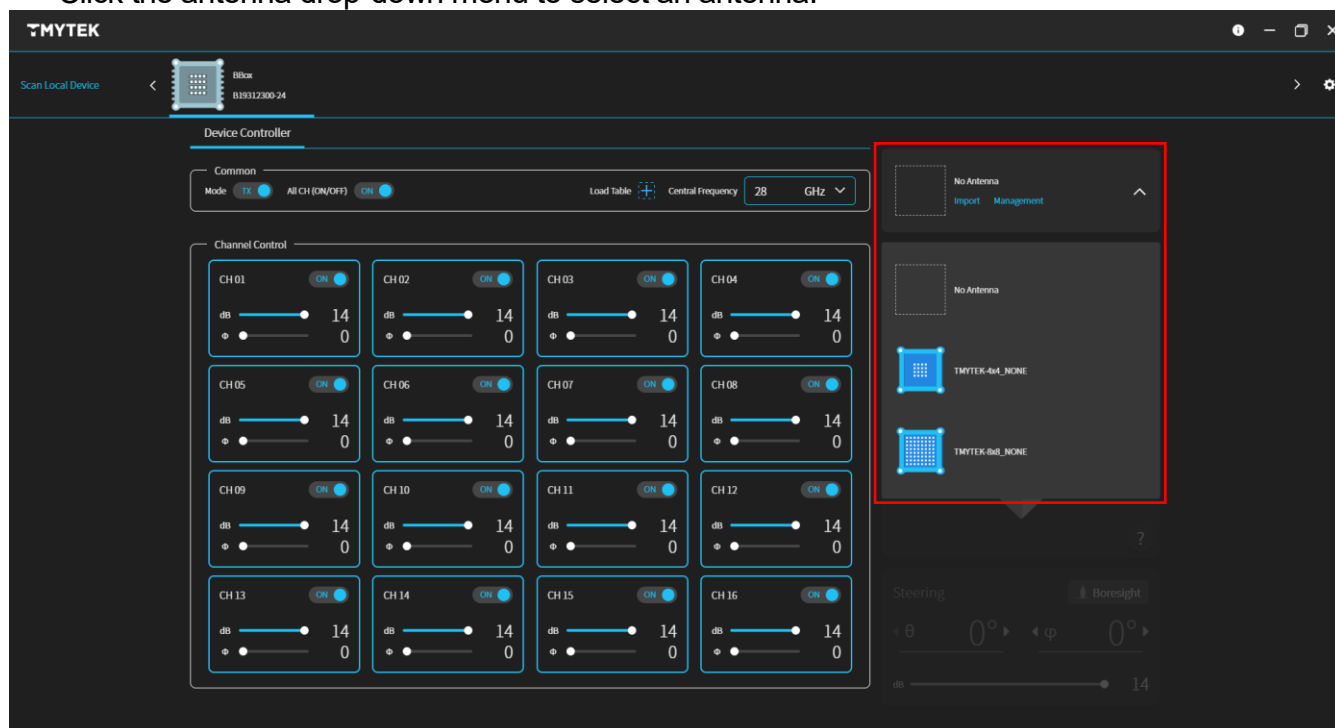
(13). Click "Import" to open the file selection window. Select the file(s) to be imported and click "Open" to use the imported antenna data in the antenna menu.

(14). Click "Management" to open the customized antenna management interface.

(15). Click "Add" to enter the add mode.

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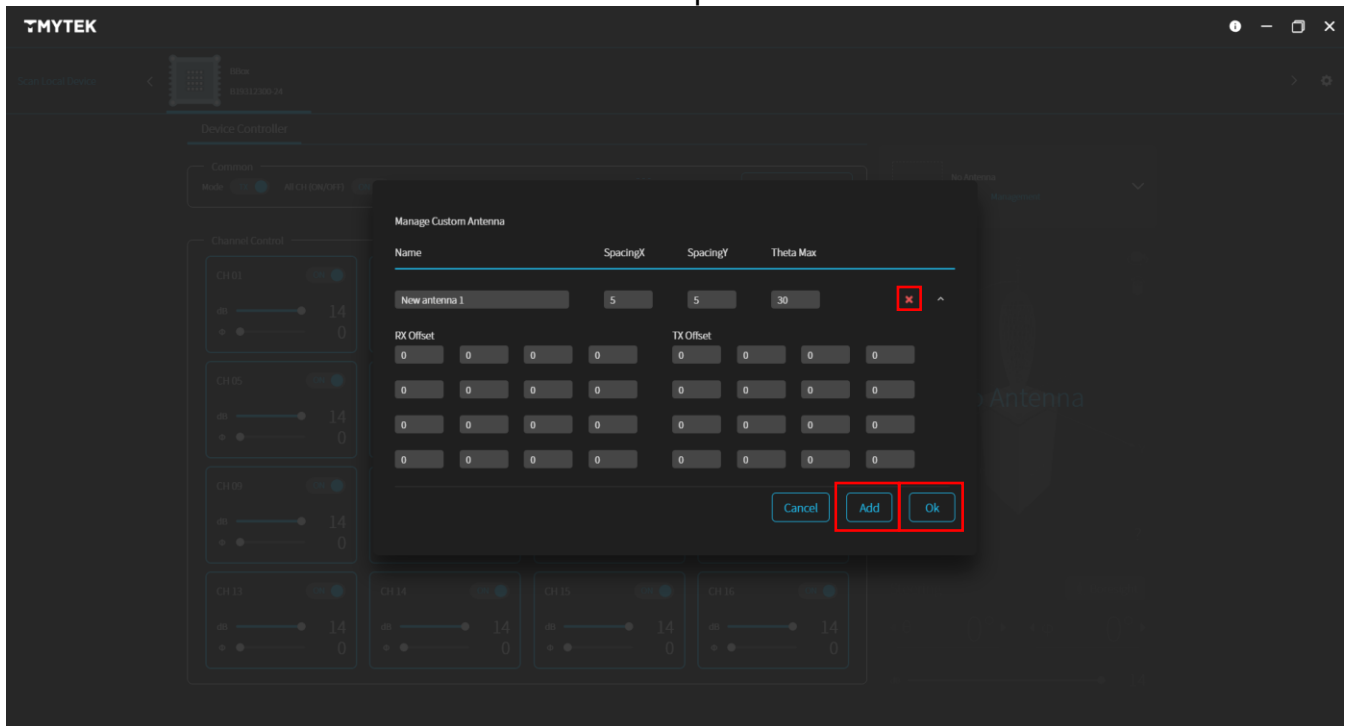
(16). Click the red "X" and then "OK" to delete the antenna data.
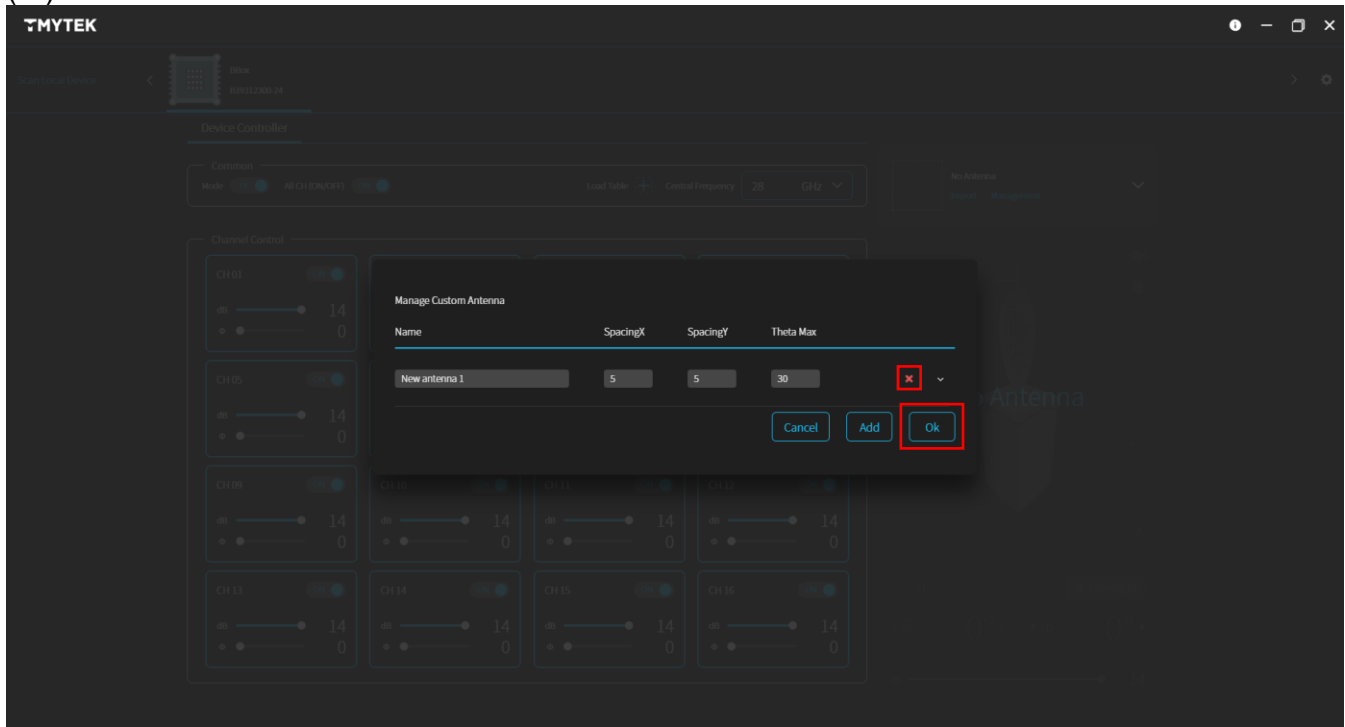
(17). Press and hold the red dot on the tip of the Beam to rotate the Beam and adjust θ and φ. Press and hold the green dot on the xy-plane to adjust φ.
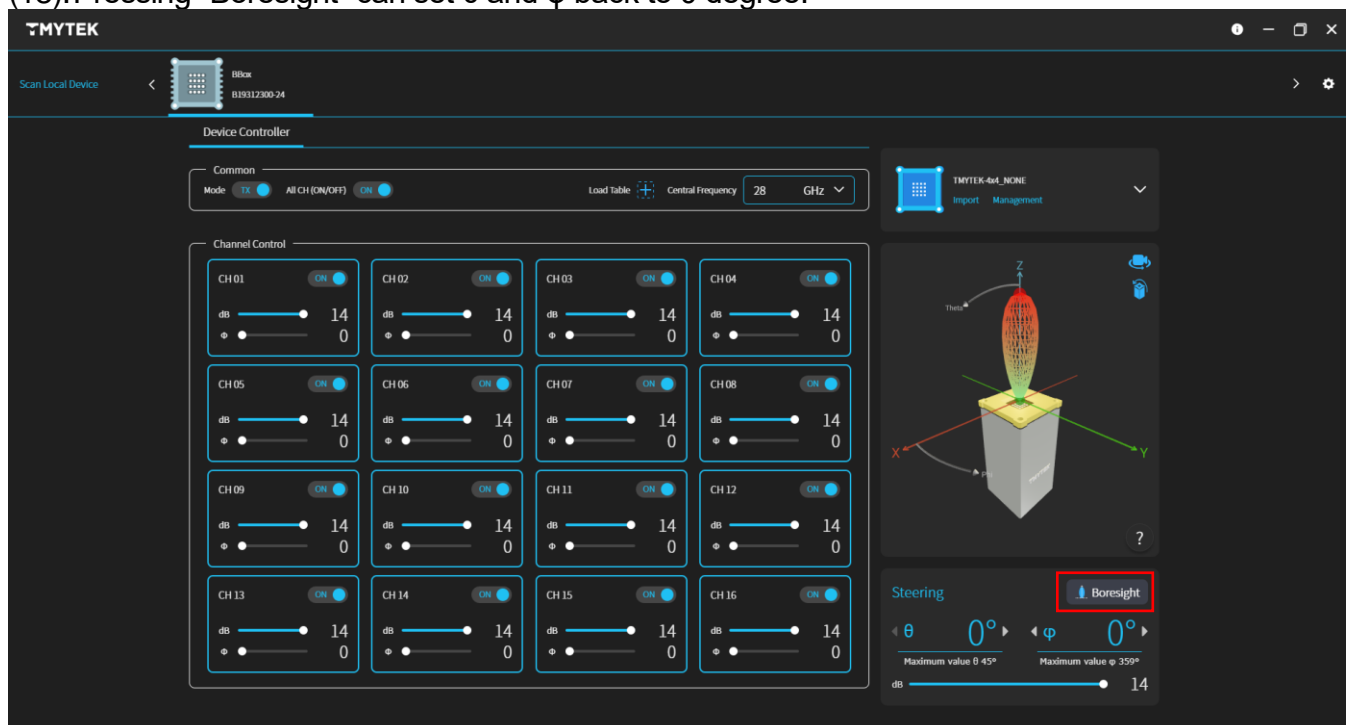
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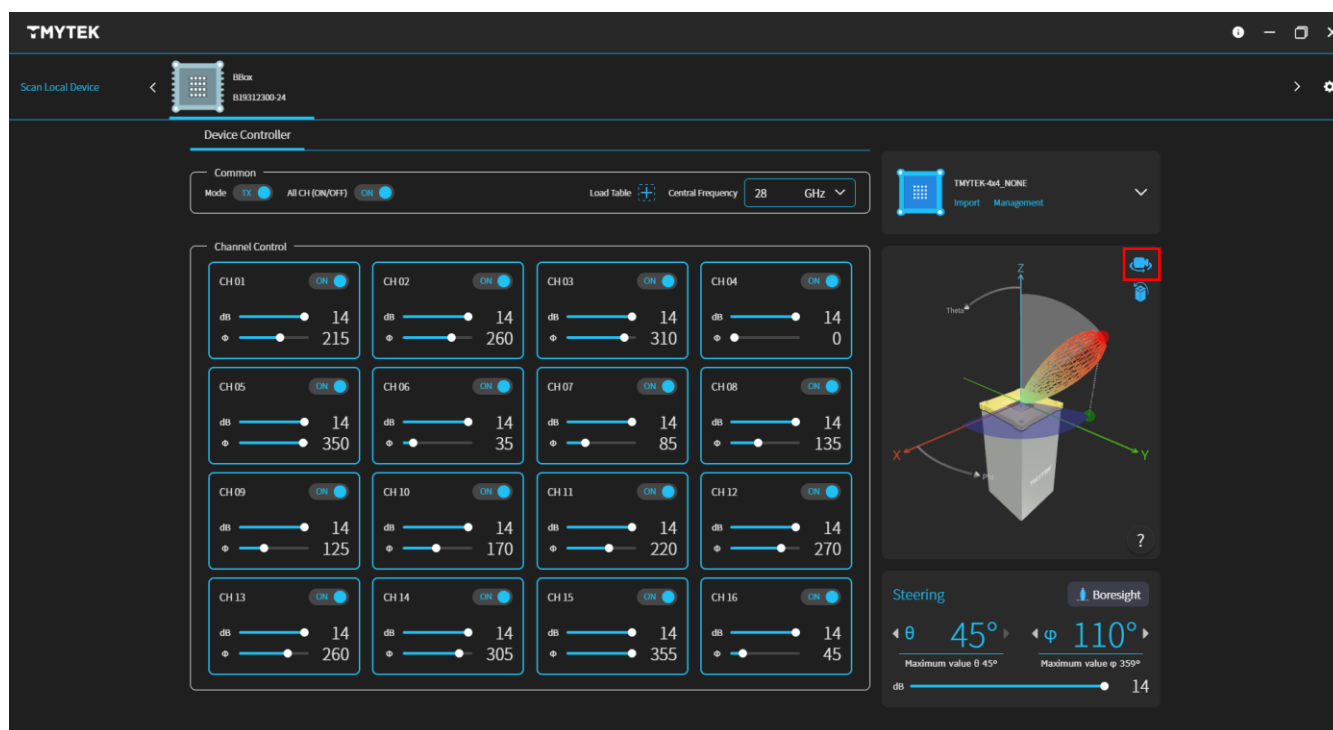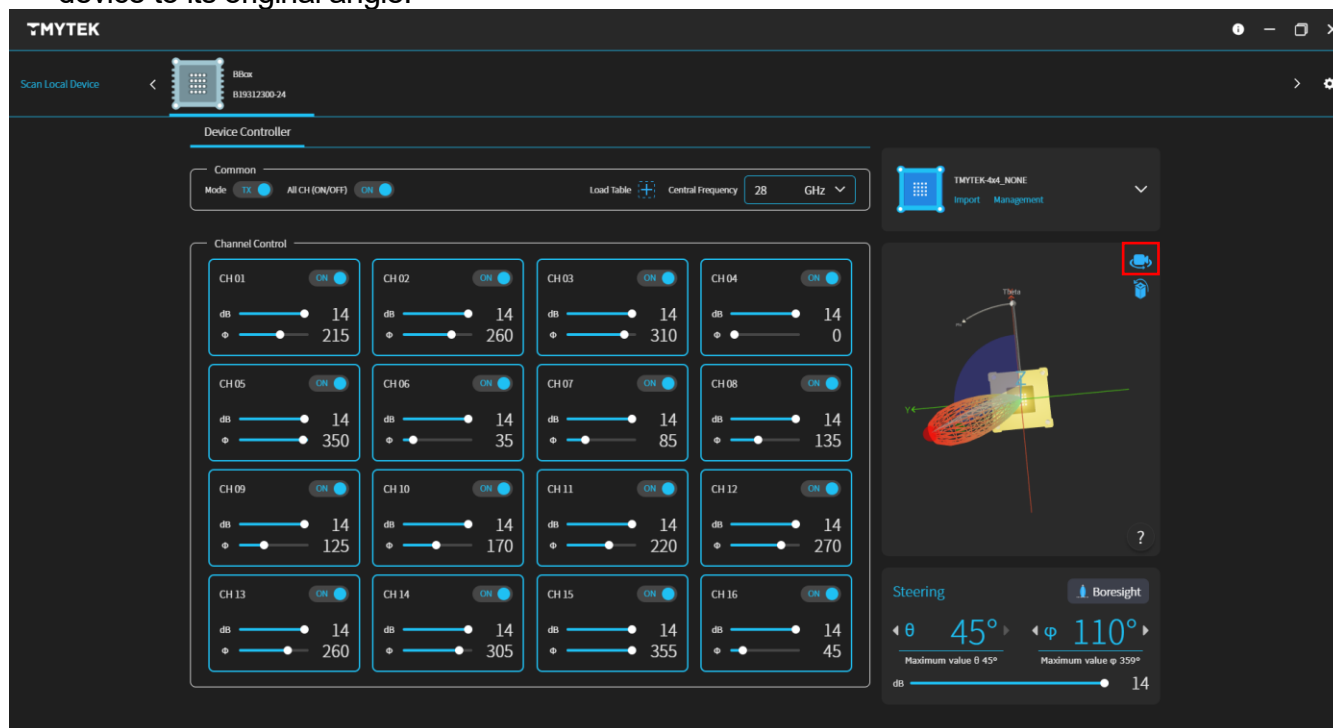
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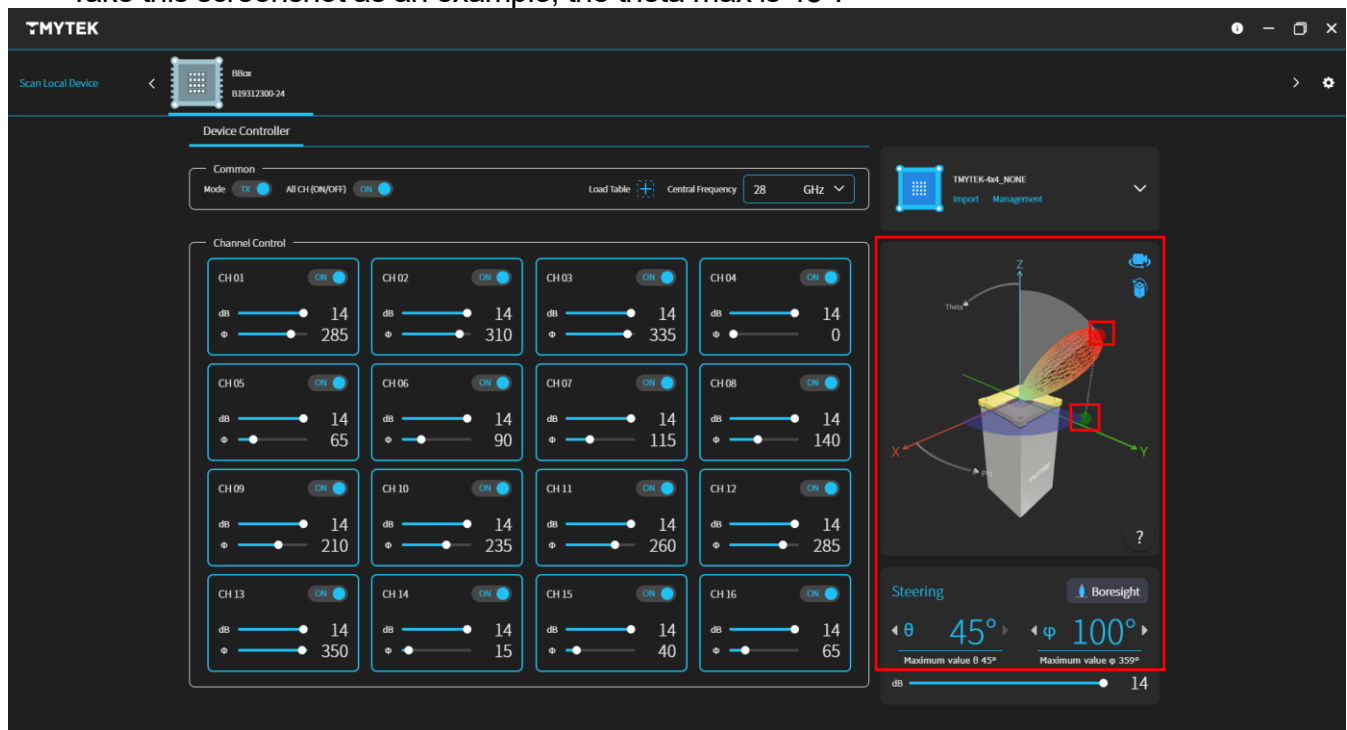
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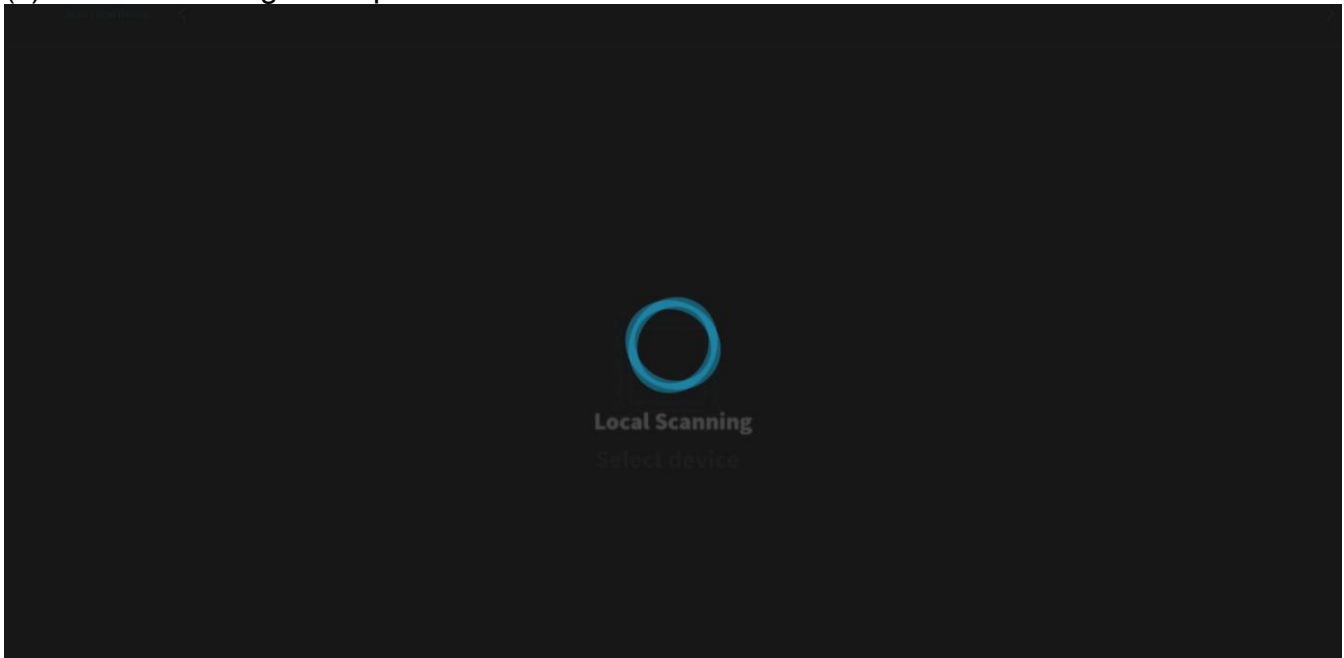NOTE: Users can manually rotate the angle of the device instead of using this function.

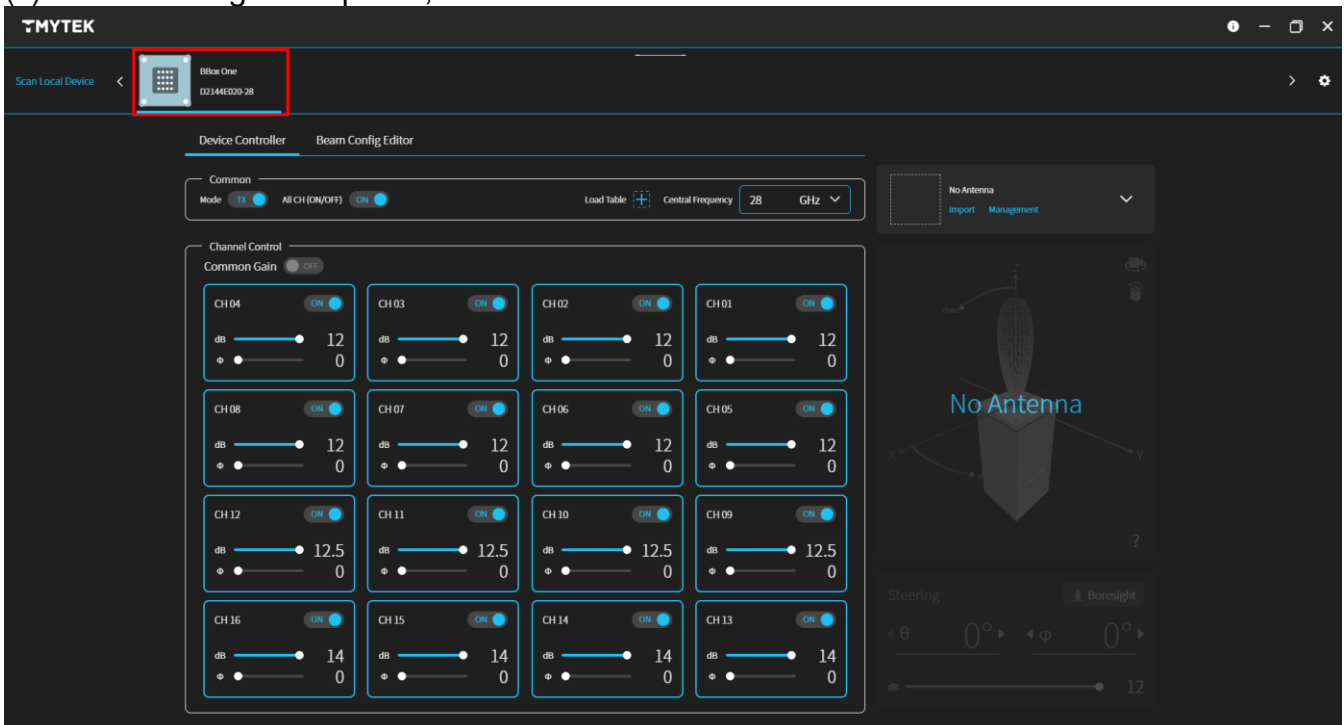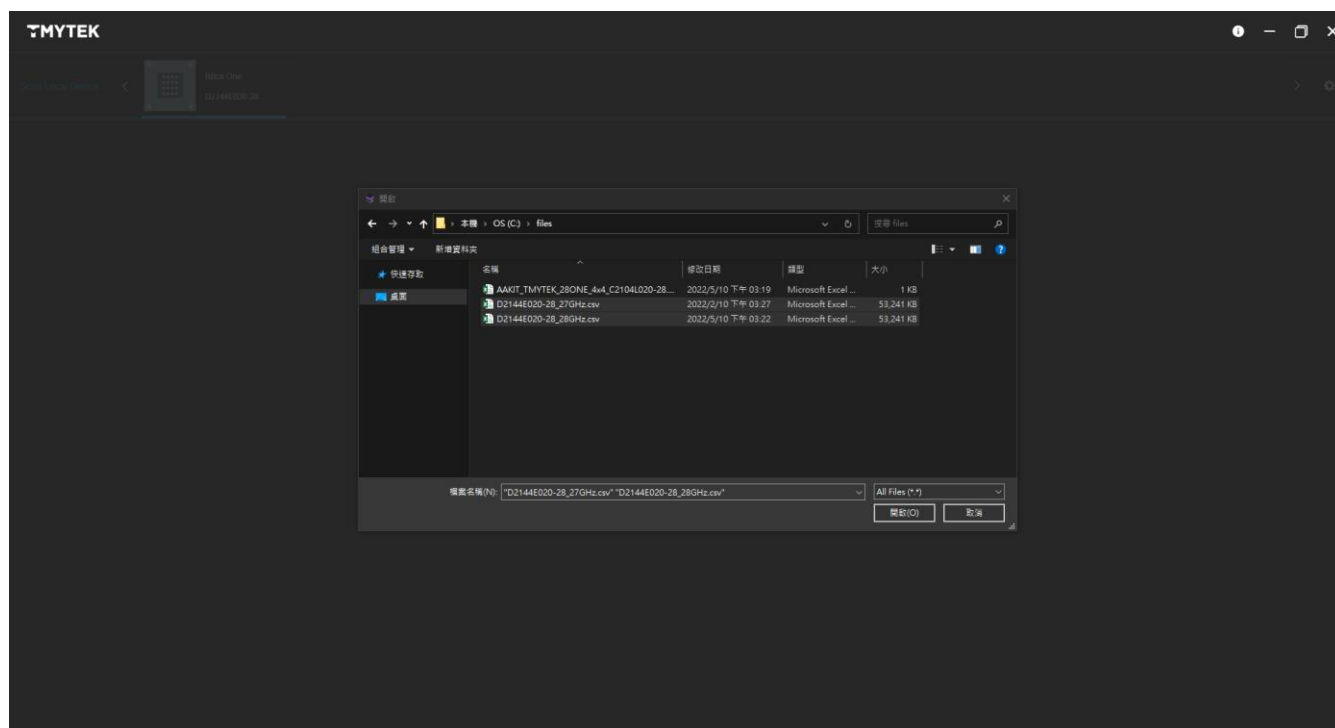(21). Adjust the dB value to control the Beam gain.
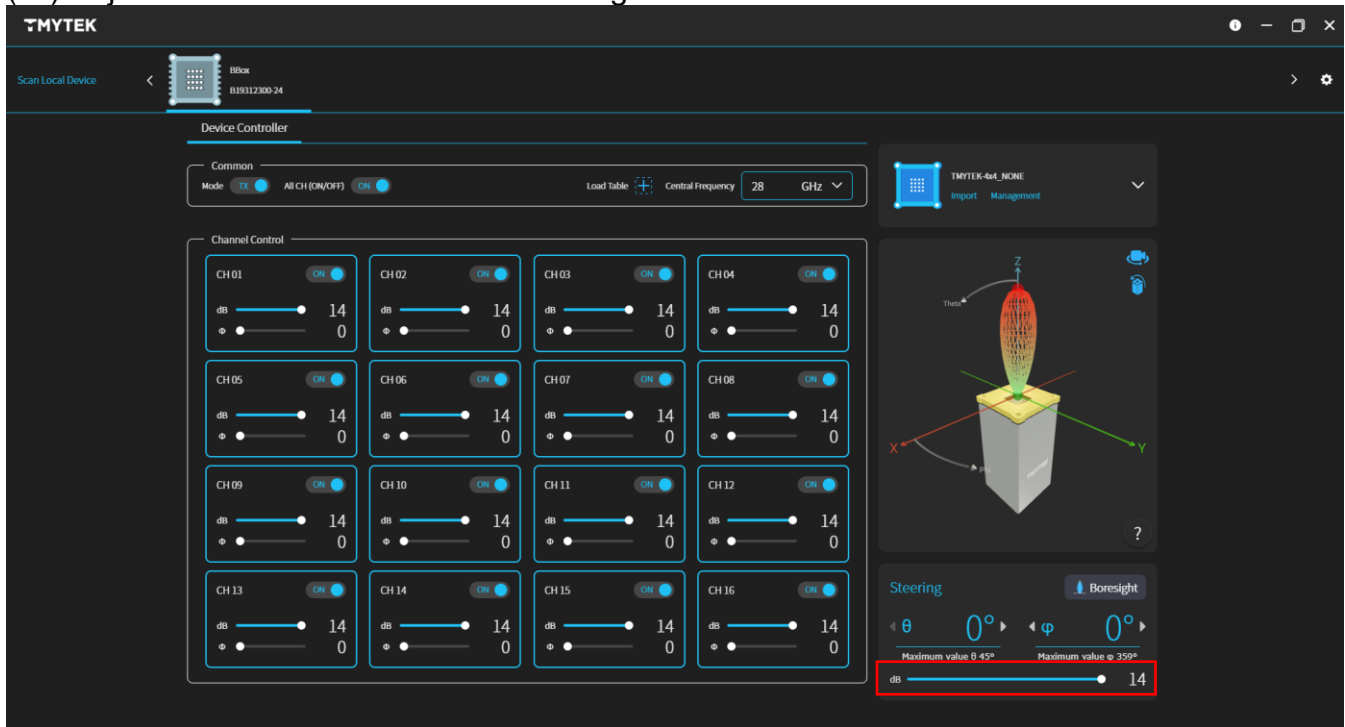
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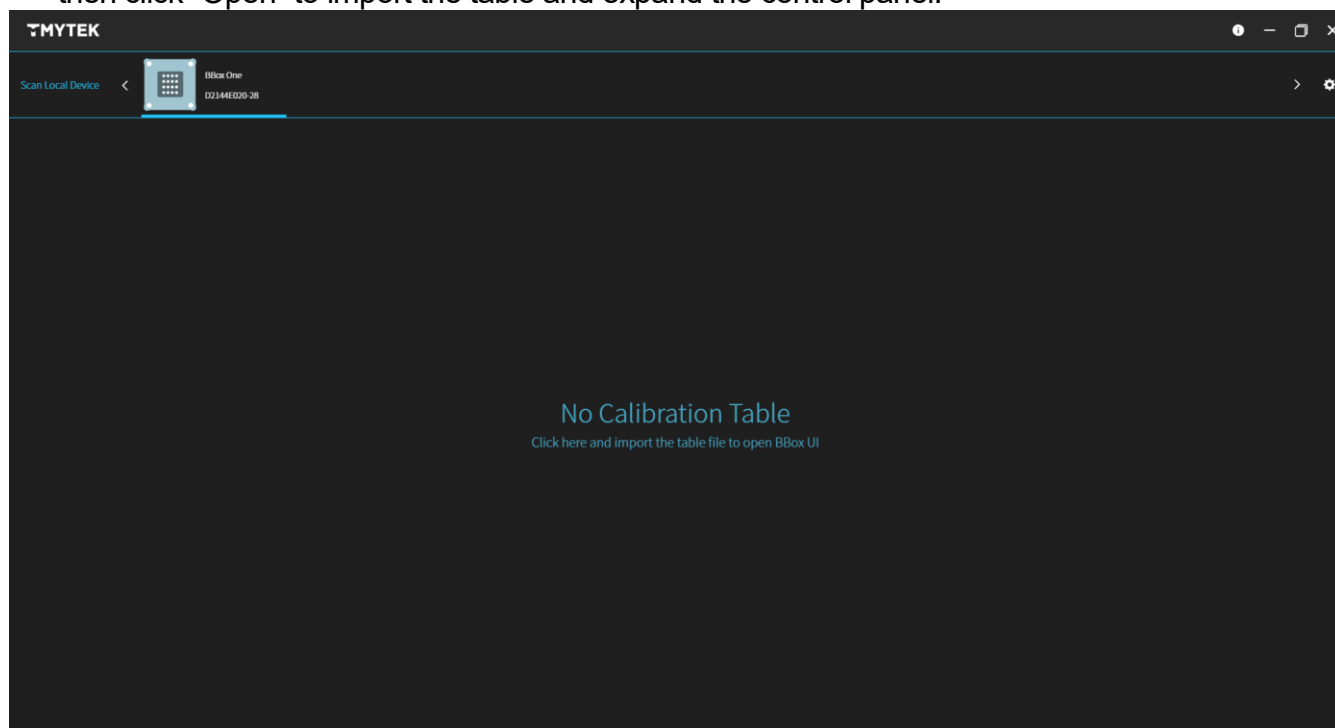(1). Connect BBox One and PC with Ethernet, and then turn on the power of BBox One.
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(3). Wait till scanning is completed.

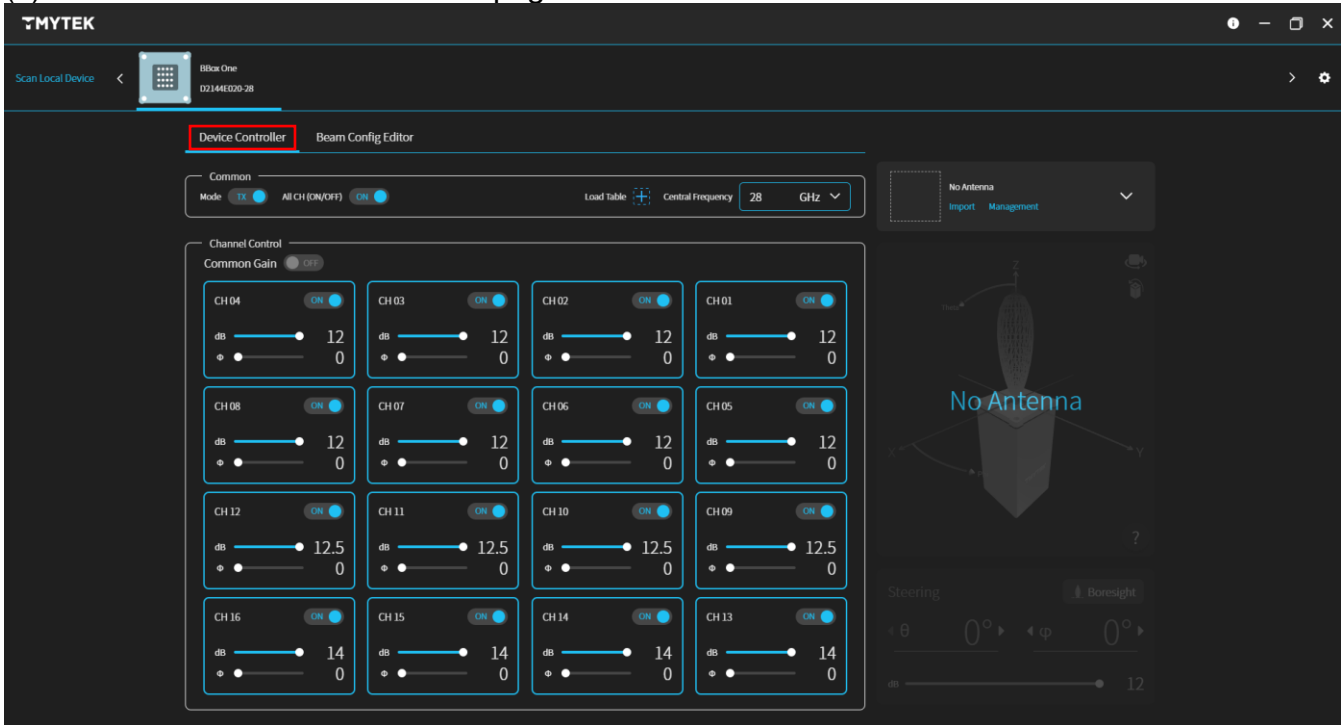(4). After scanning is completed, click the device icon above.

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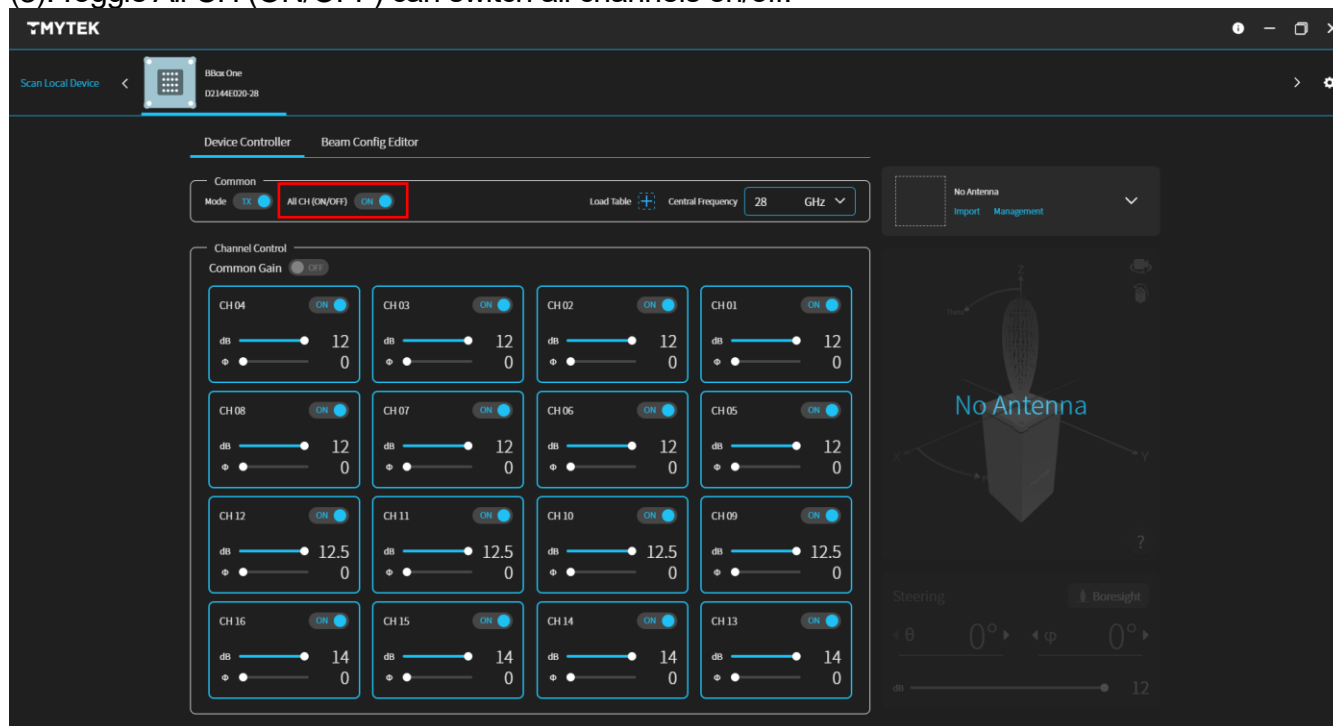
(1). Switch to the "Device Controller" page

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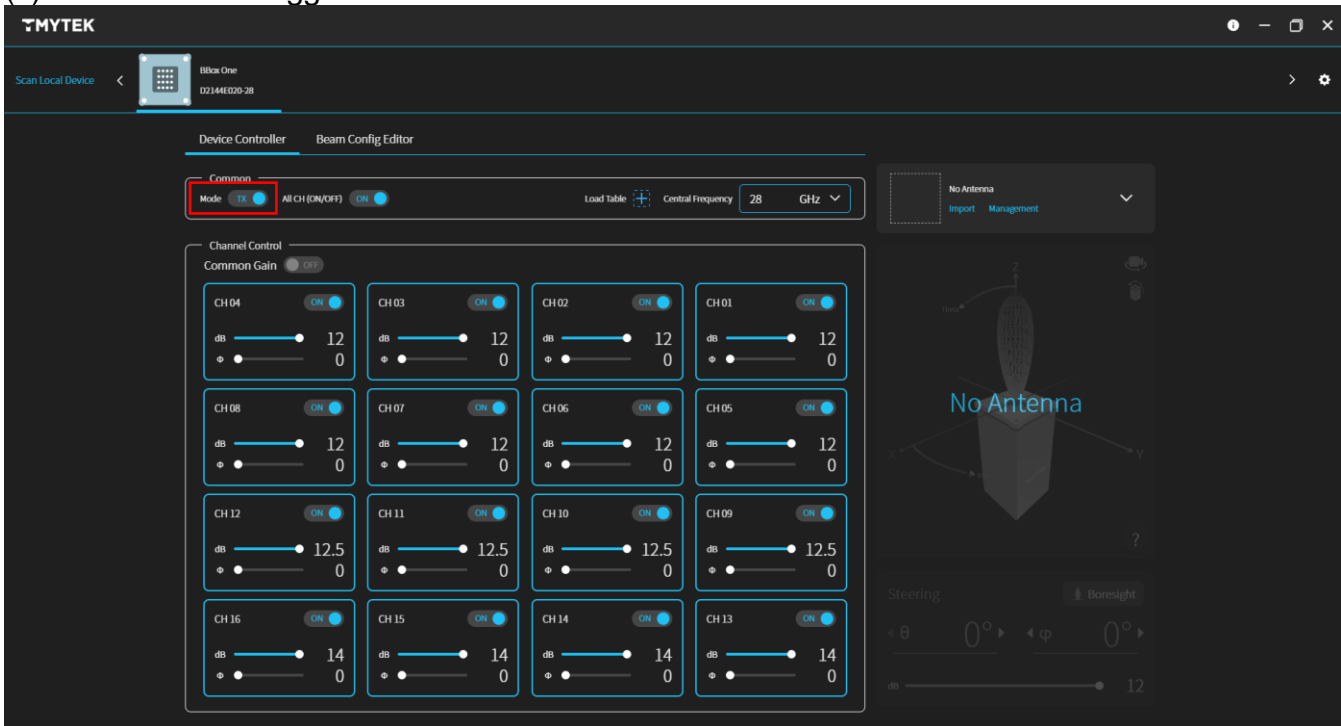
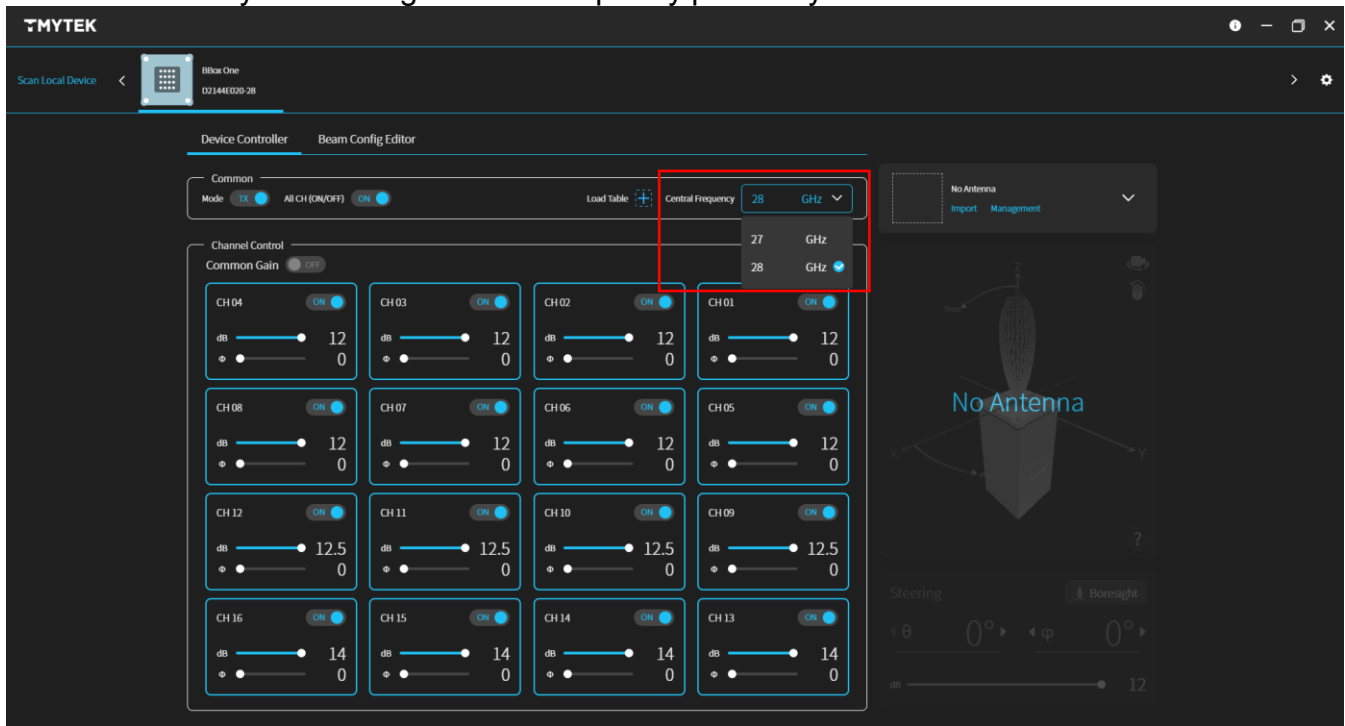(3). Toggle All CH (ON/OFF) can switch all channels on/off.

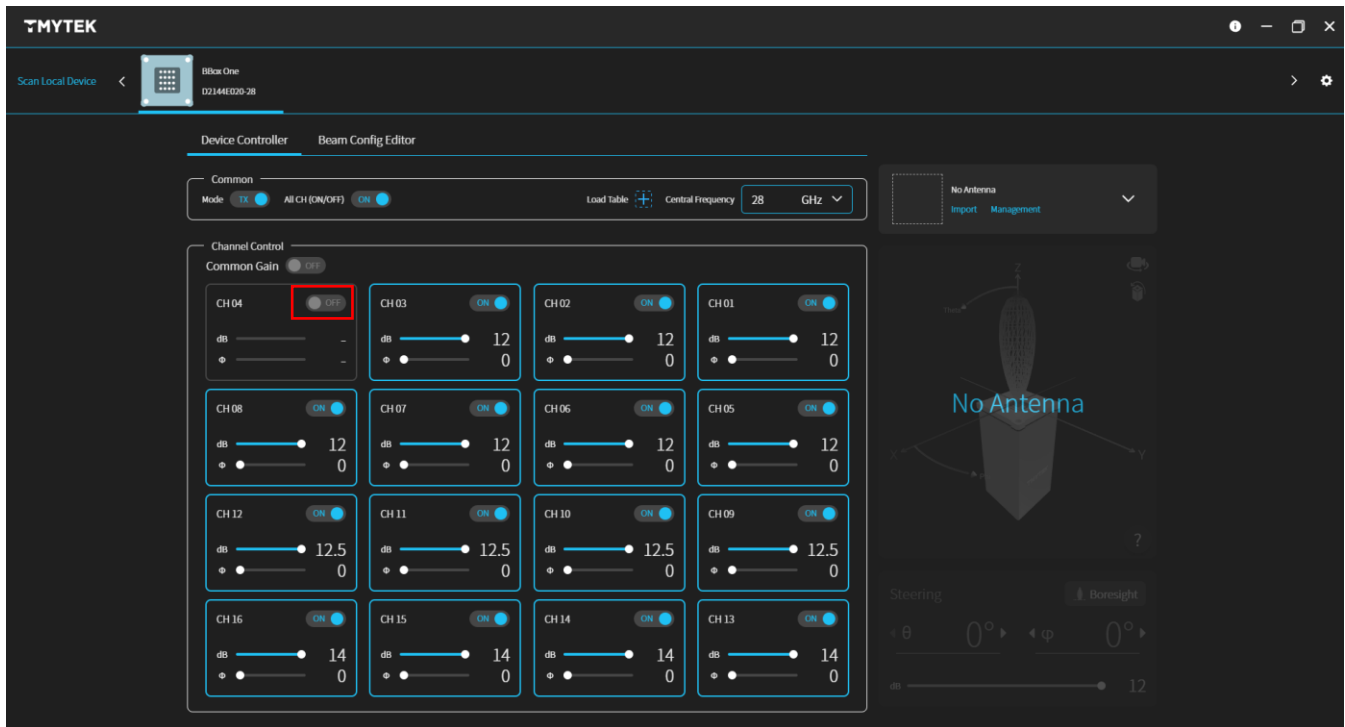(4). Click "Load Table" to import the calibration table. After selecting the file(s) to be imported, click Open to import the file(s).

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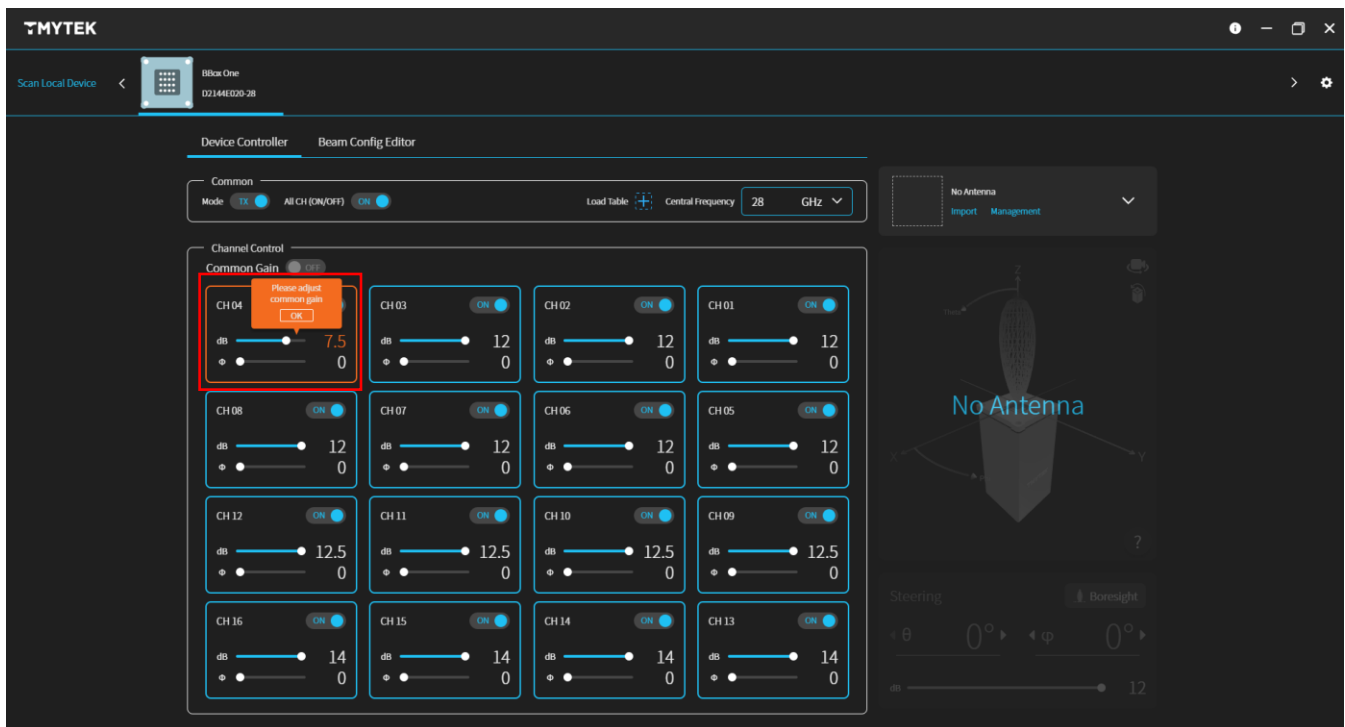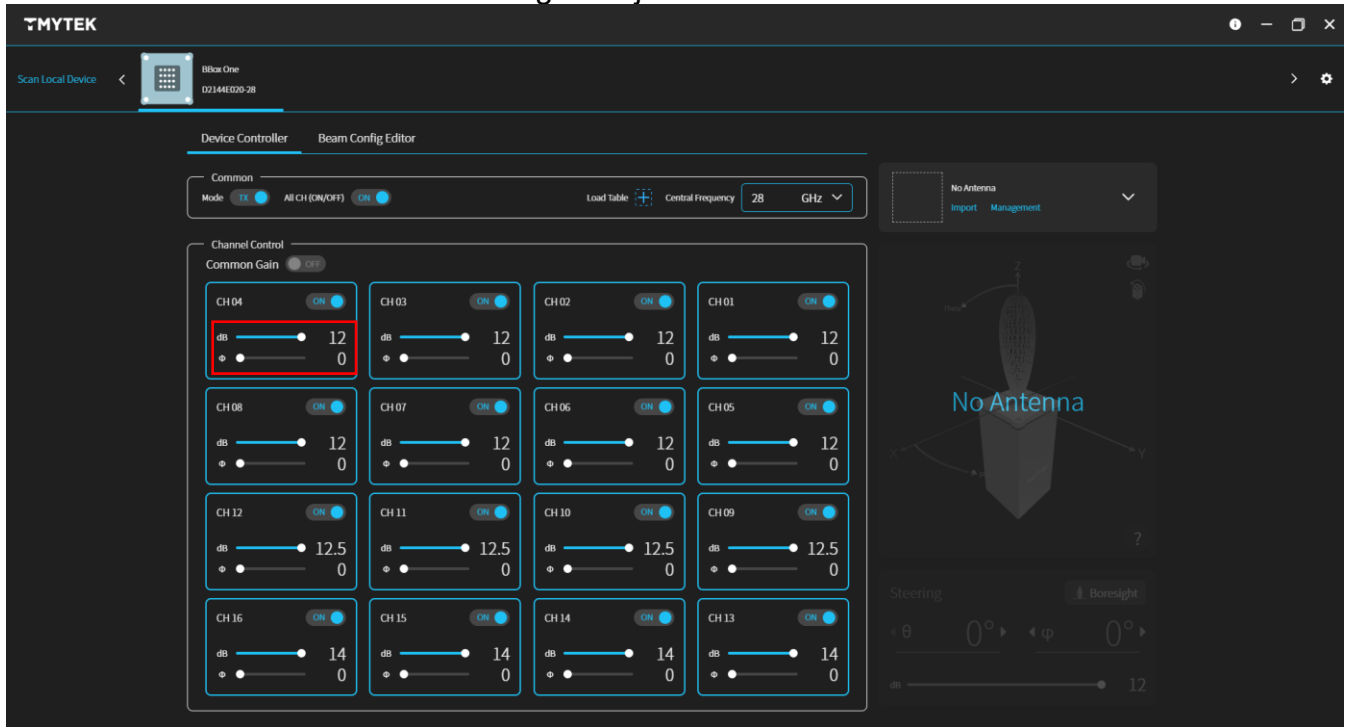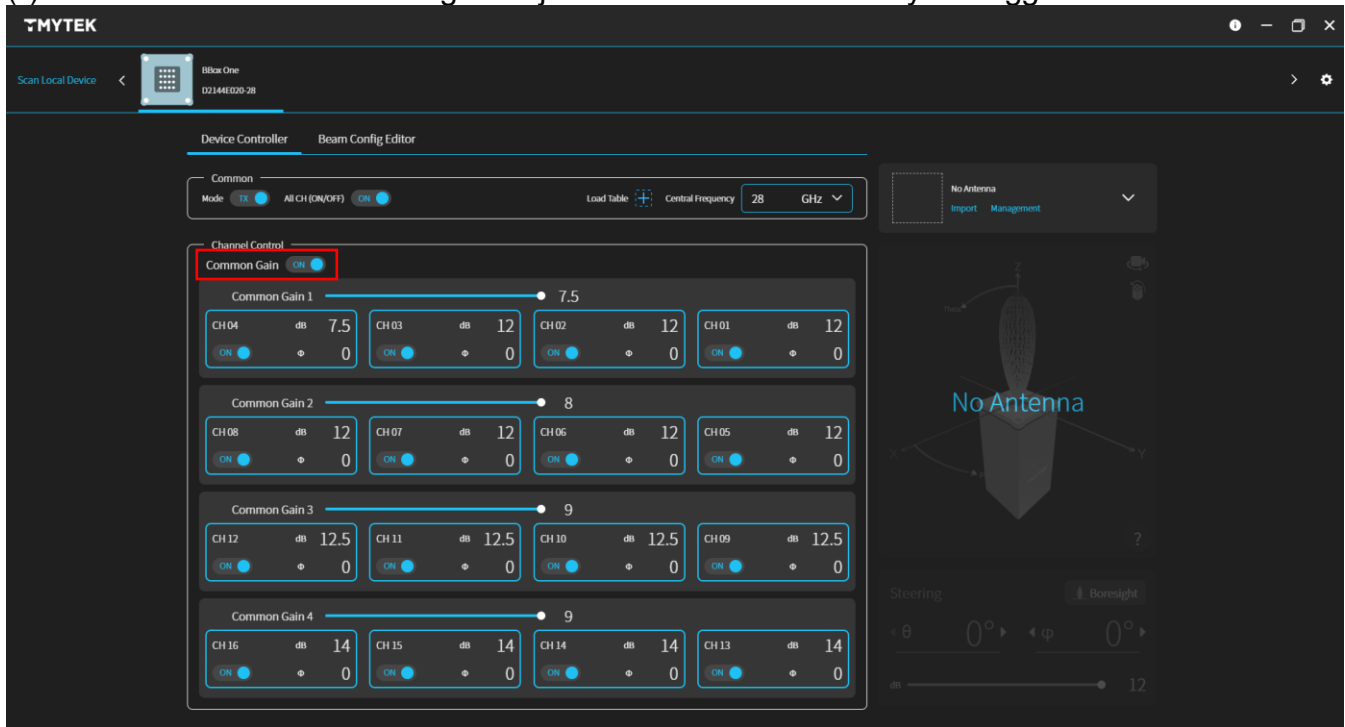NOTE: The Dynamic Range of each frequency point may be different.

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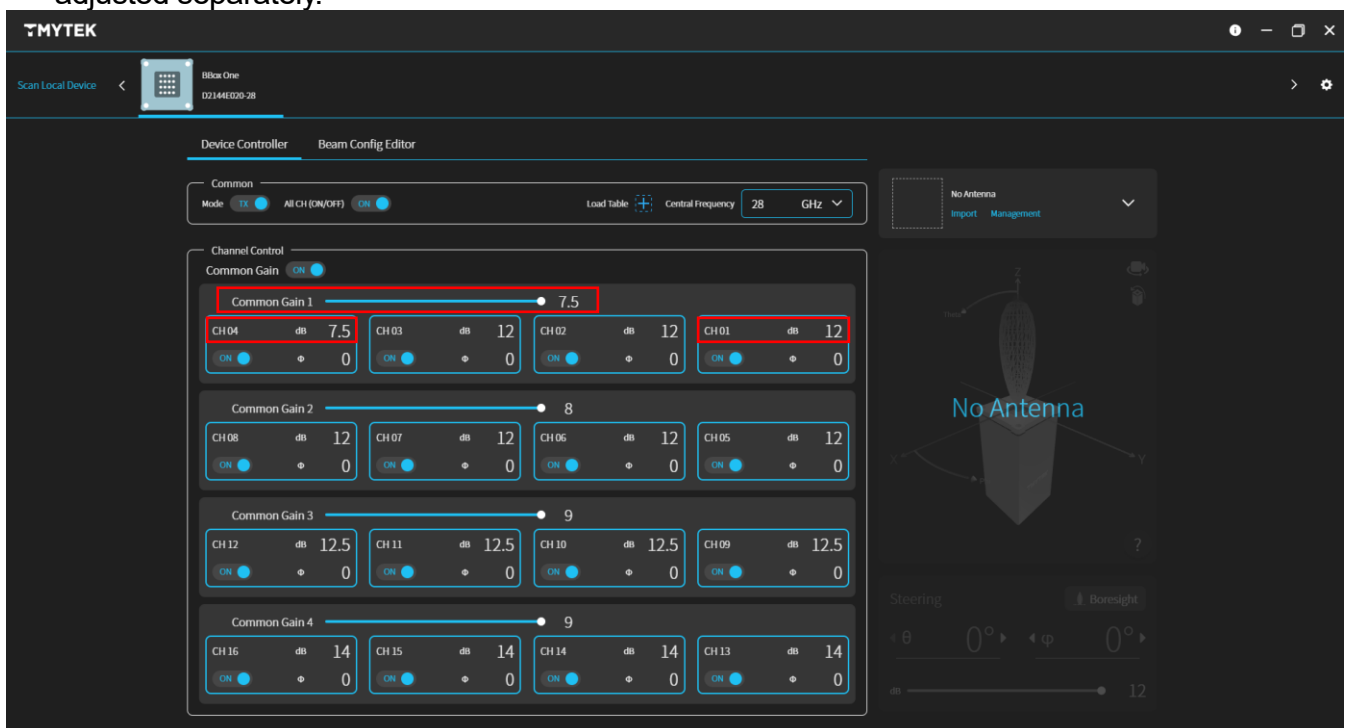
(7). Adjust the sliders of dB and Φ in the channel card(s) to control the channel gain and phase. When the element gain is minimal/maximal, the screen will show "Please adjust common gain." You need to adjust the common gain before you can continue to lower/higher the channel gain. Click "OK" to switch to the common gain adjustment mode.

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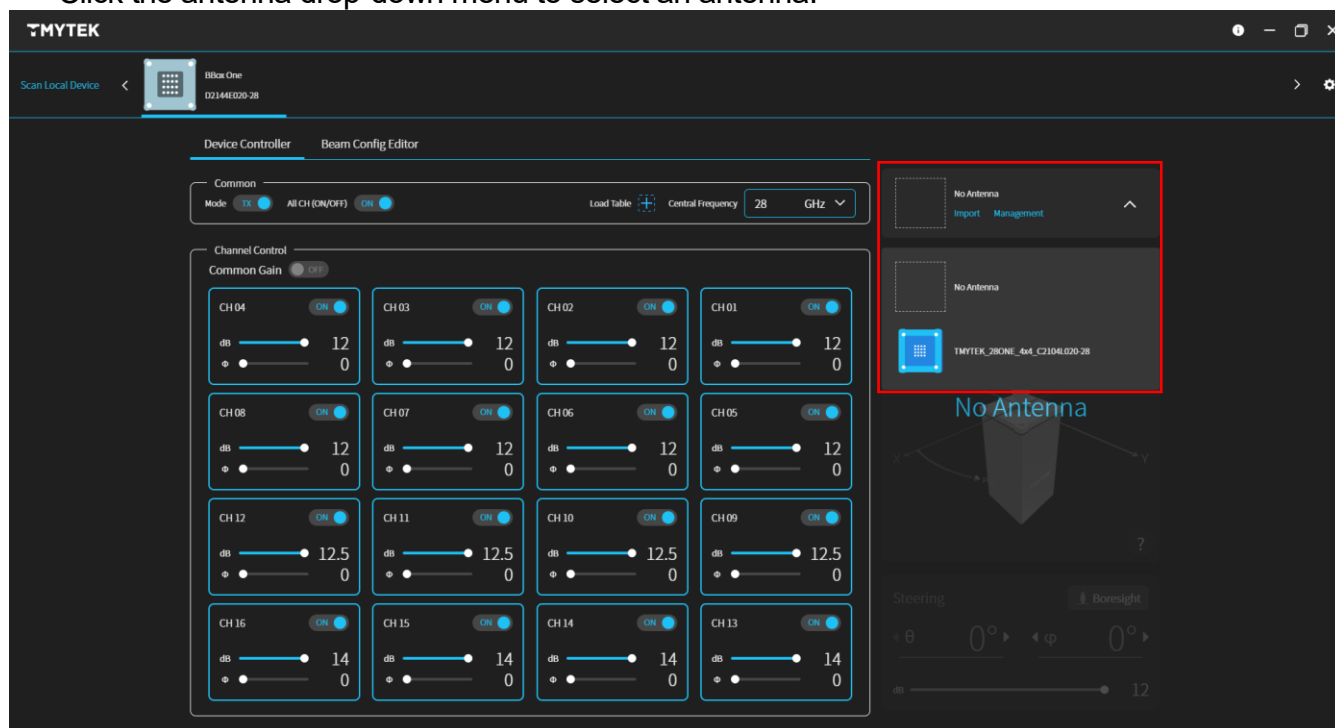(8). You can switch the common gain adjustment mode on and off by the toggle switch icon.

(9). Adjusting the common gain will simultaneously affect the gain of the 4 channels on the board. Take this screenshot as an example, if the common gain is changed to 0, the Channel01 is 4.5 dB, Channel04 is 0 dB. Then, the common gain and channel gain can be adjusted separately.
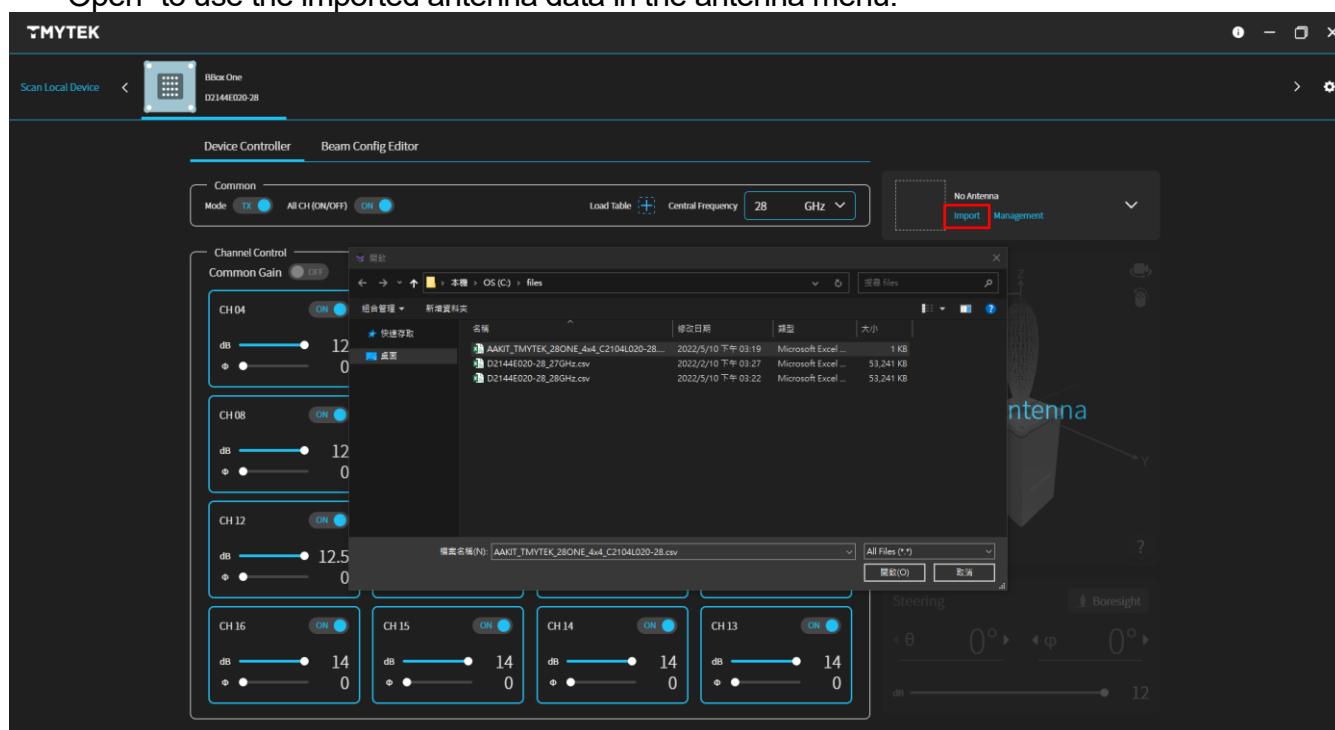
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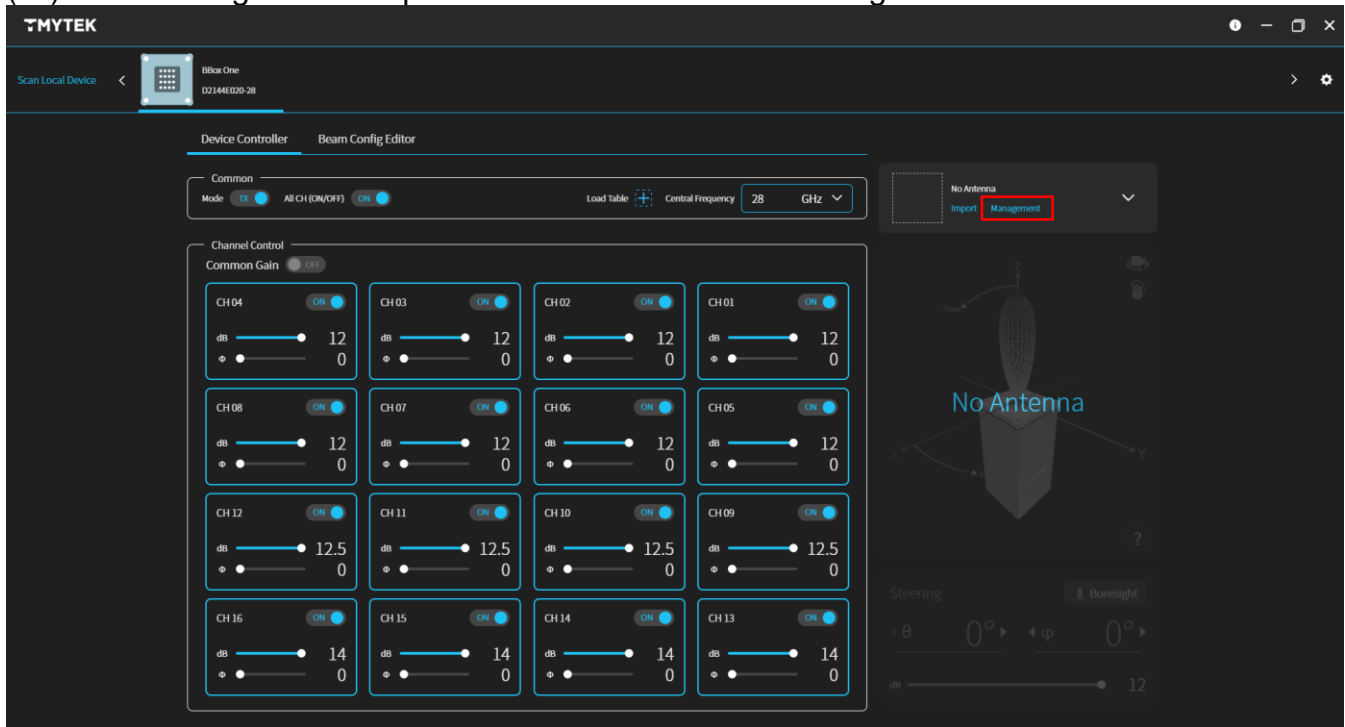Click the antenna drop-down menu to select an antenna.

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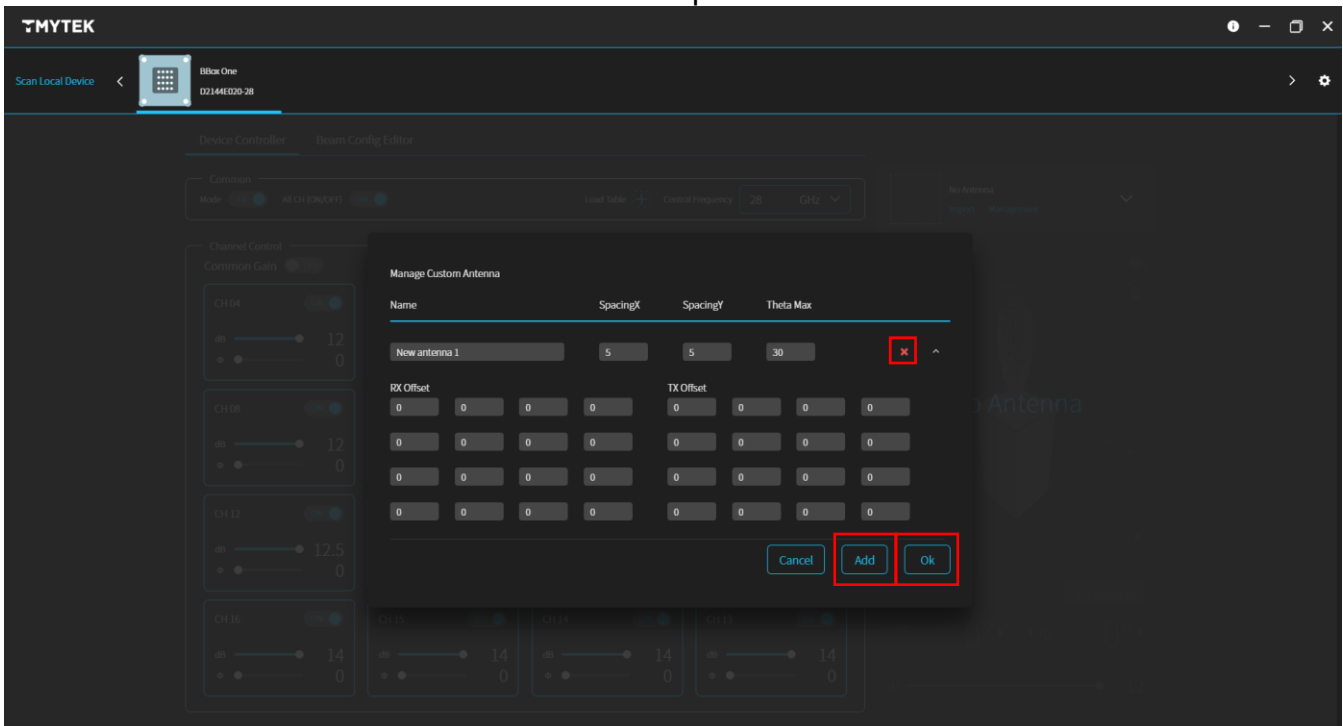
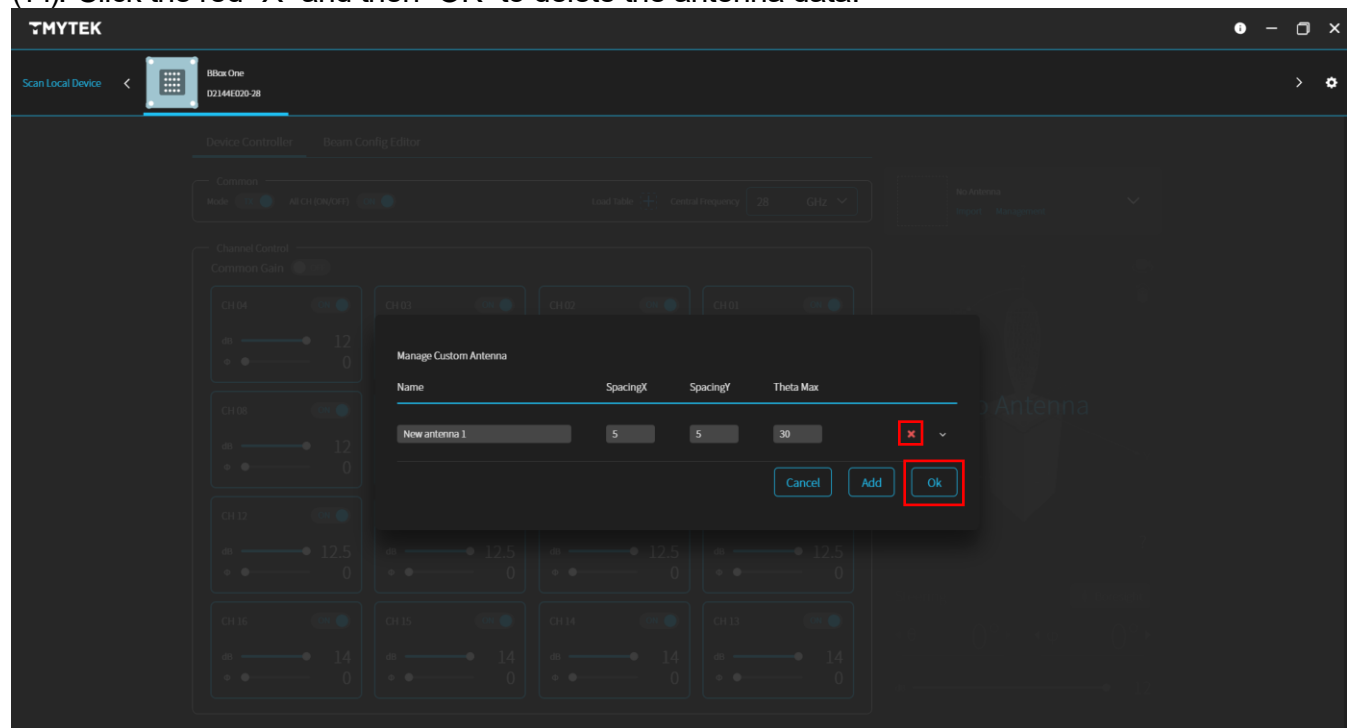(12). Click "Management" to open the customized antenna management interface.

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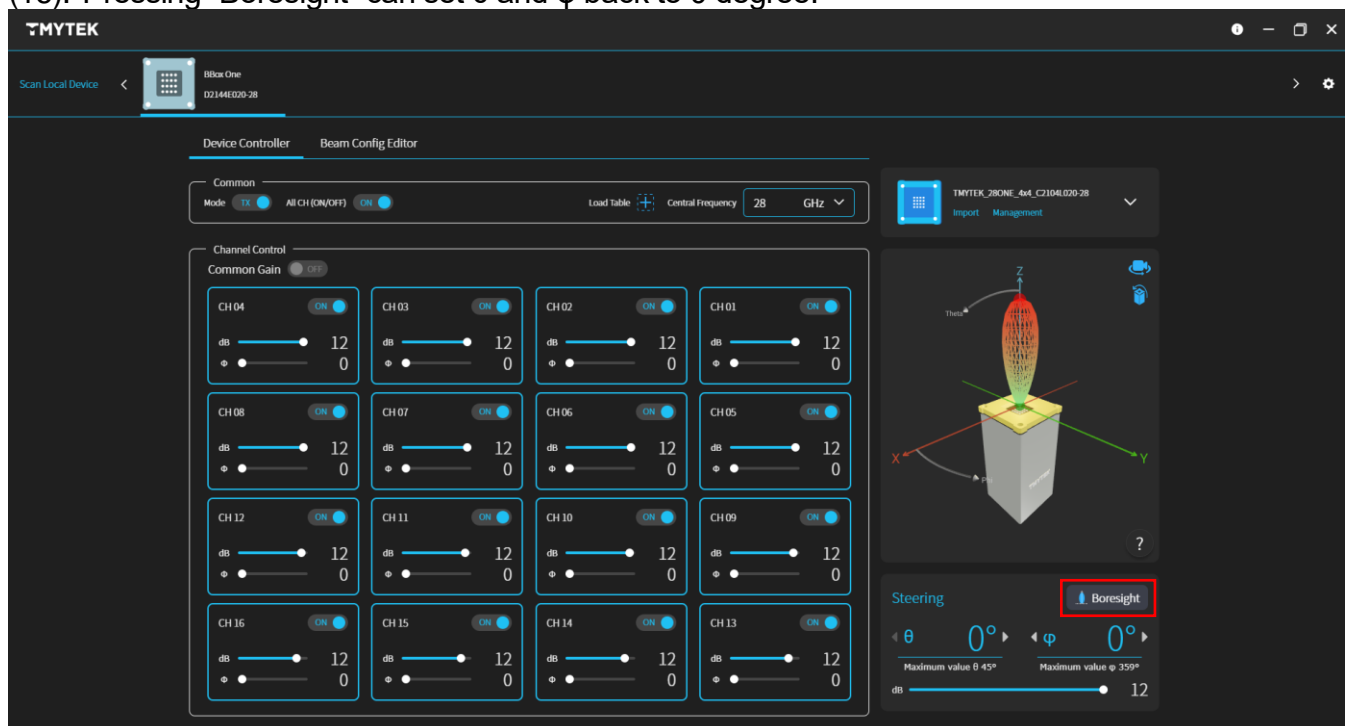NOTE: θ is the angle between the positive Z-axis and the vector in question (0 ≤ θ ≤ Theta max angle).

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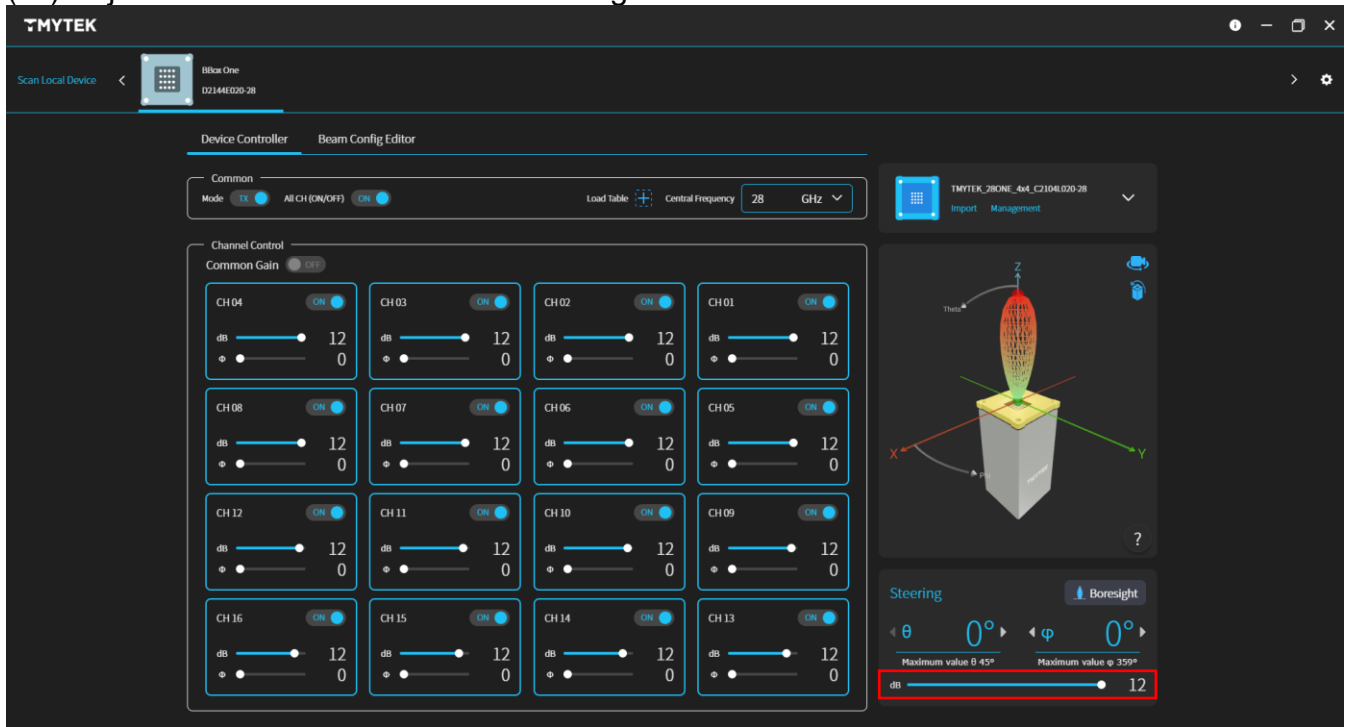(16). "Pressing "Boresight" can set θ and φ back to 0 degree.

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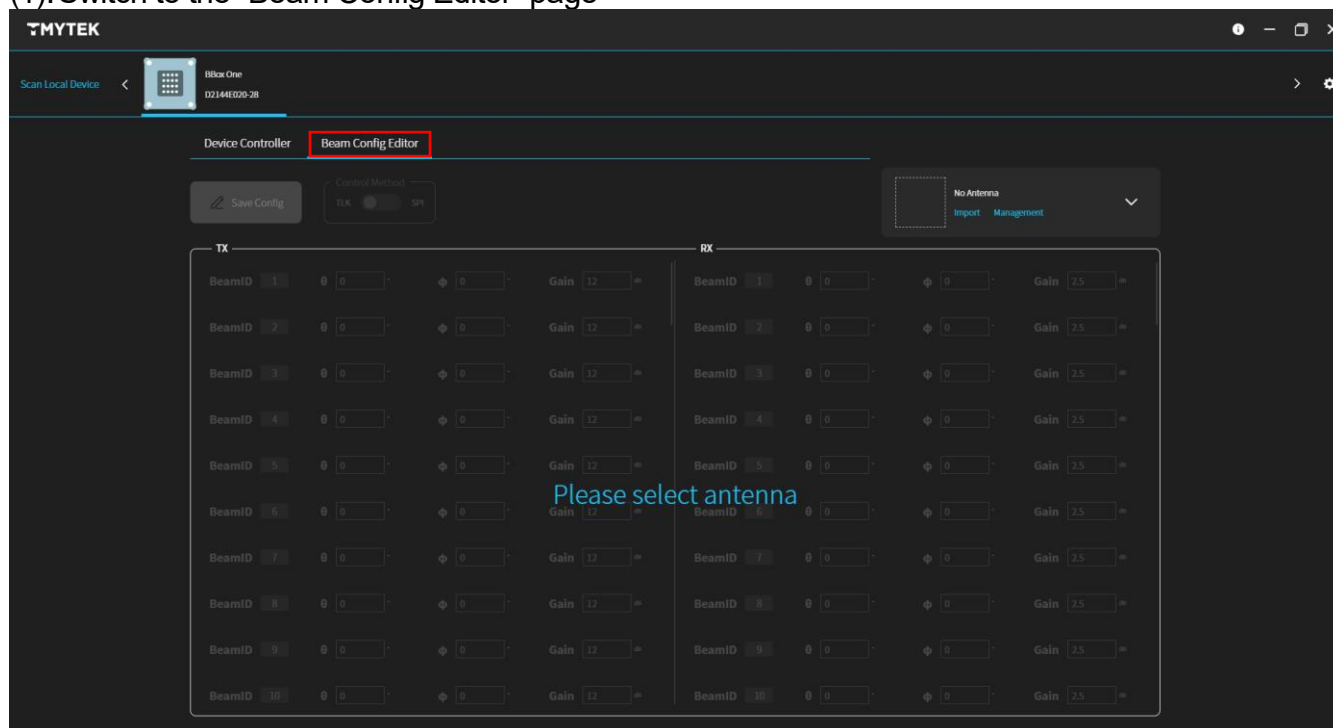NOTE: Users can manually rotate the angle of the device instead of using this function.

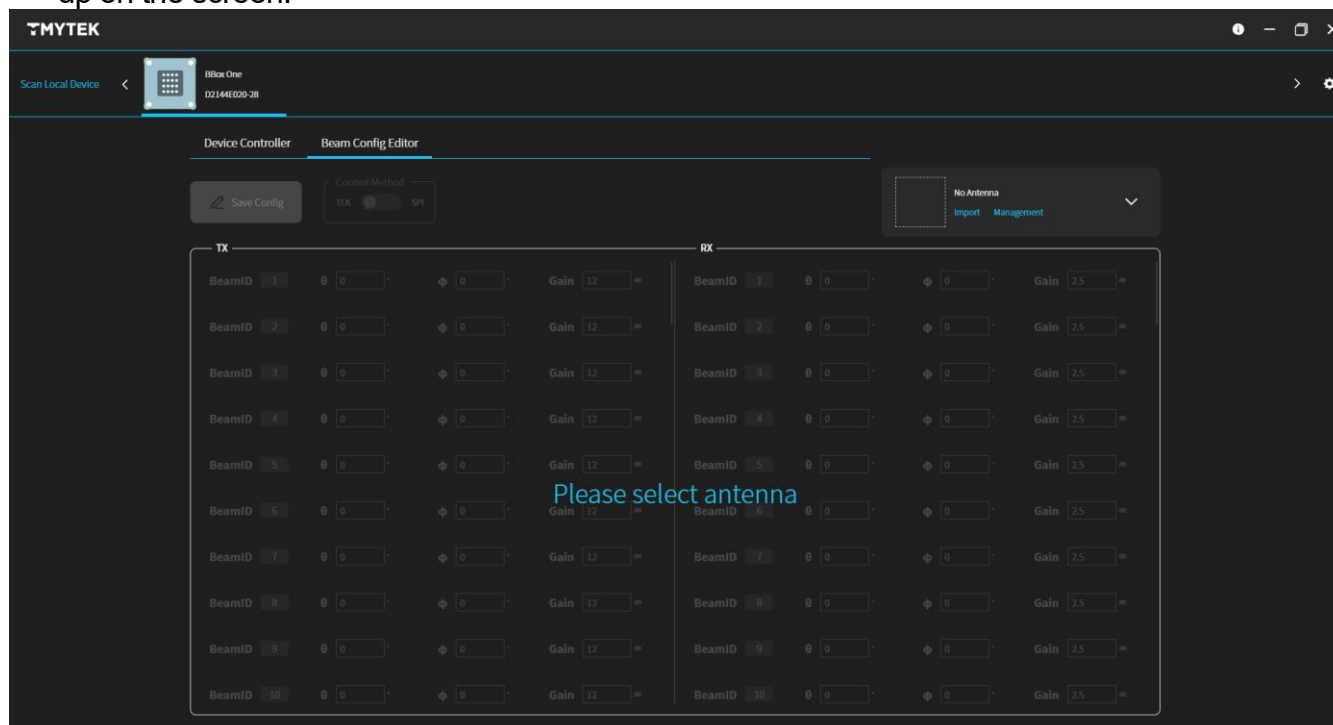(19). Adjust the dB value to control the Beam gain.

2.2 Beam Config Editor

- The Beam Config Editor can pre-edit up to 64 sets of beams in Tx/Rx mode each, and can write the beam table into the BBox. In the same power cycle, the user can switch the pre-written beam ID through the SPI interface.
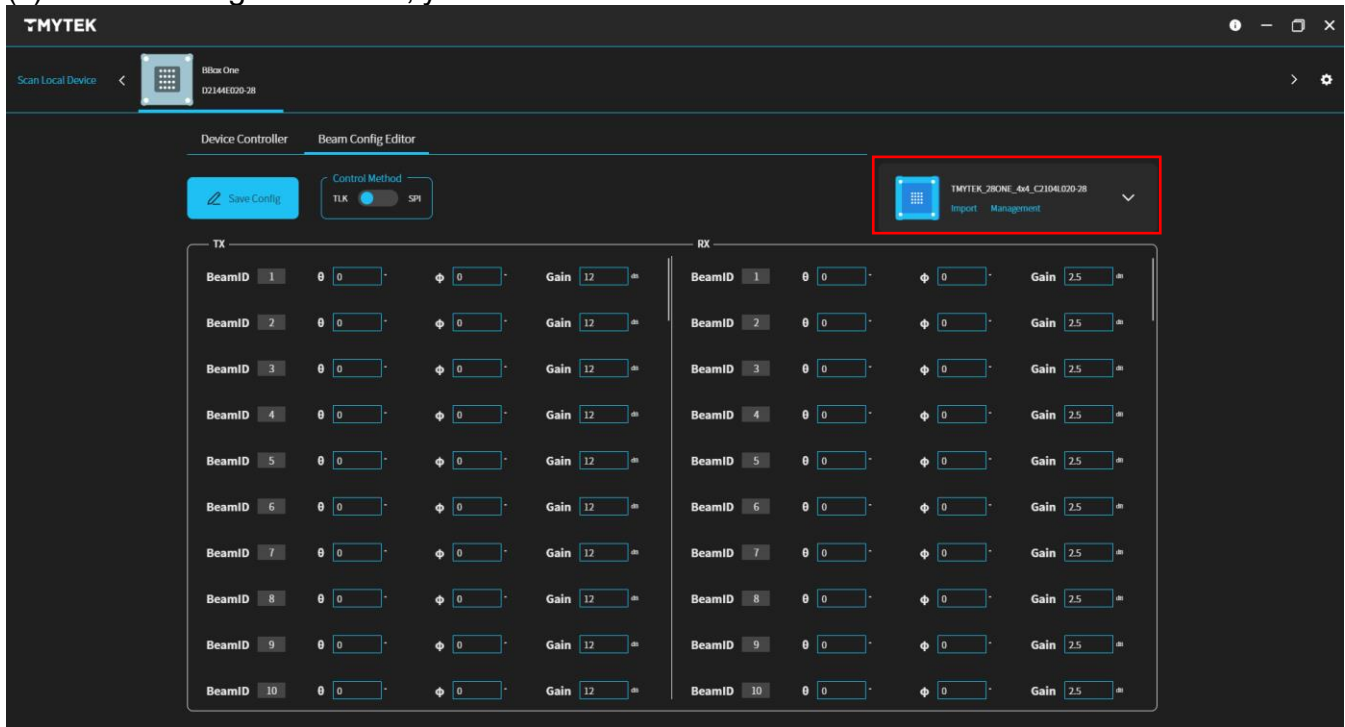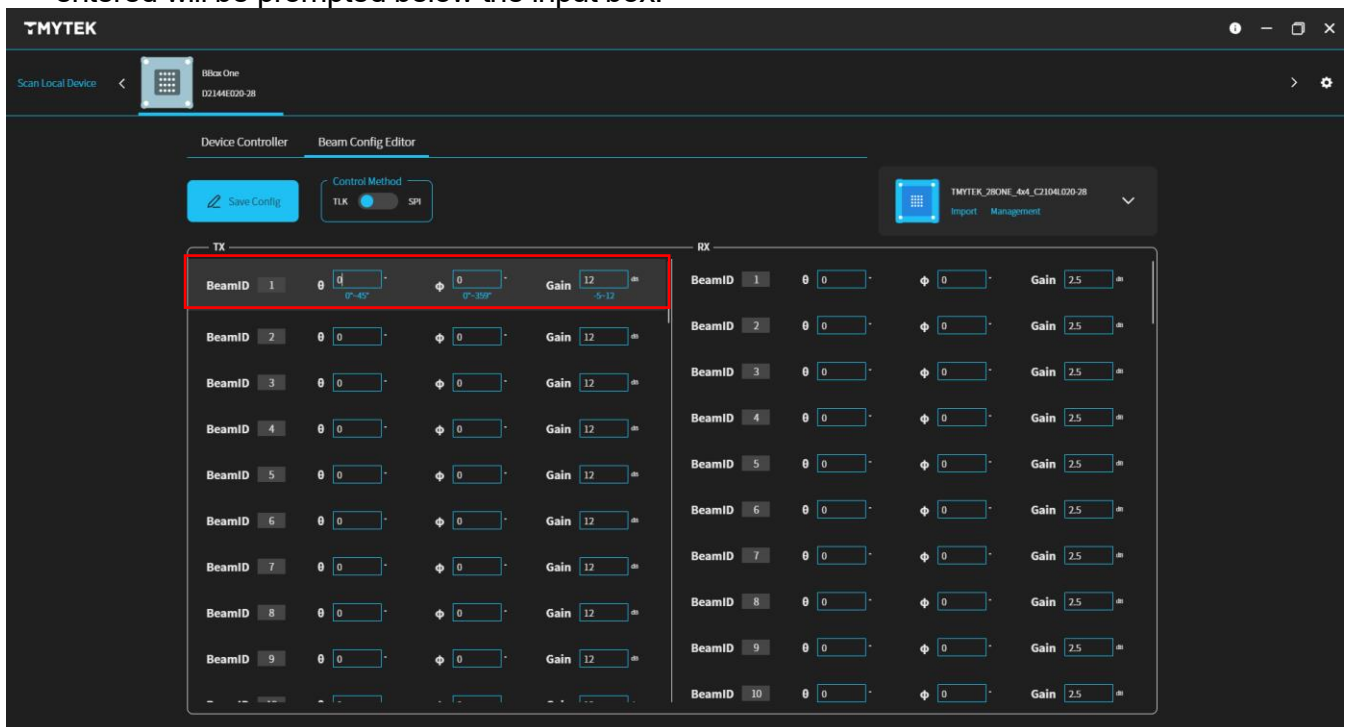
(1). Switch to the "Beam Config Editor" page

(2). If no antenna is selected, the beam table cannot be edited, and "Please select antenna" will pop up on the screen.

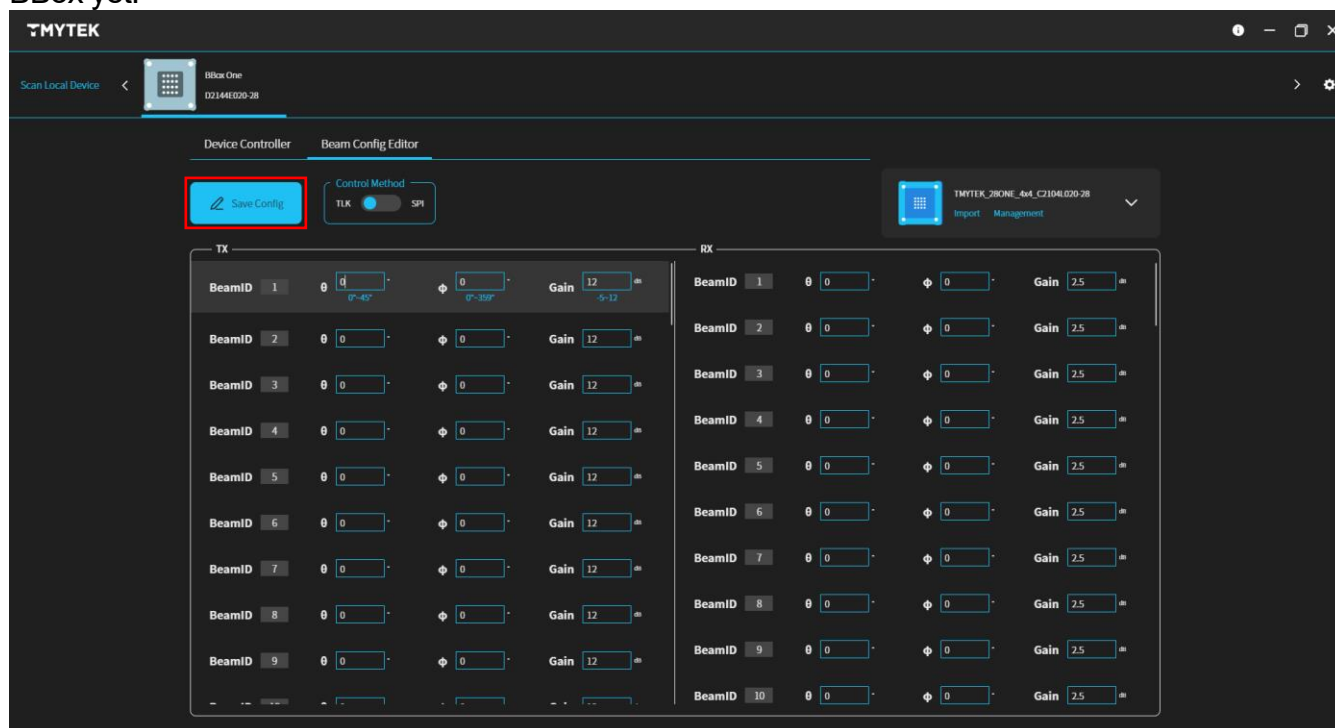(3). After selecting an antenna, you can edit the beam table.

(4). 64 sets of beams can be stored in the Tx/Rx mode each, and the range of values that can be entered will be prompted below the input box.
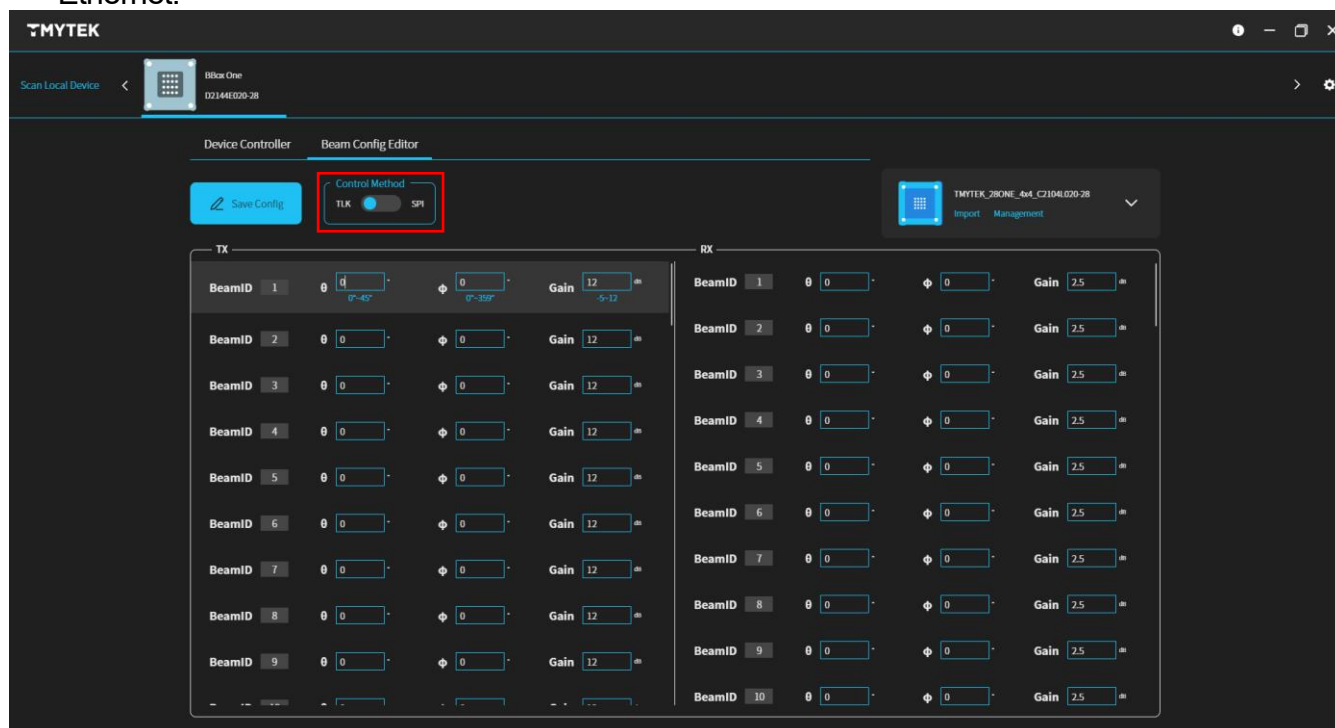
(5). After editing, click "Save Config" to save the configuration file.
NOTE: At this moment, the configuration file is only written on the PC and has not been written to BBox yet.
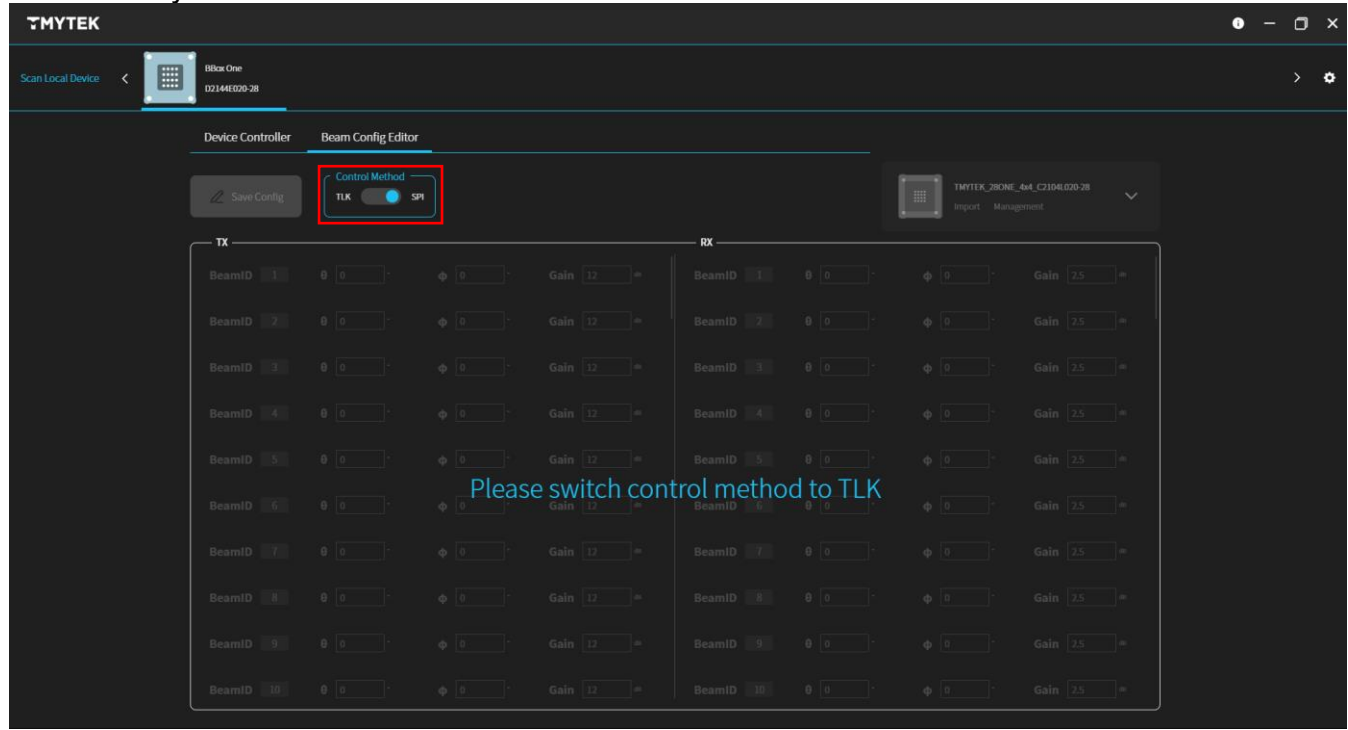

(6). Control Method shows how BBox is controlled. In the "TLK" mode, the device is controlled by Ethernet.

(7). Toggling the Control Method button can switch the control method of BBox. In the "SPI" mode, Beam Config is written to BBox and BBox cannot be controlled by TLK. All function is locked and "Please switch control method to TLK" will pop up on the screen.

NOTE: If you switch to the "Device Controller" page now, the Control Method will be set to "TLK" automatically.
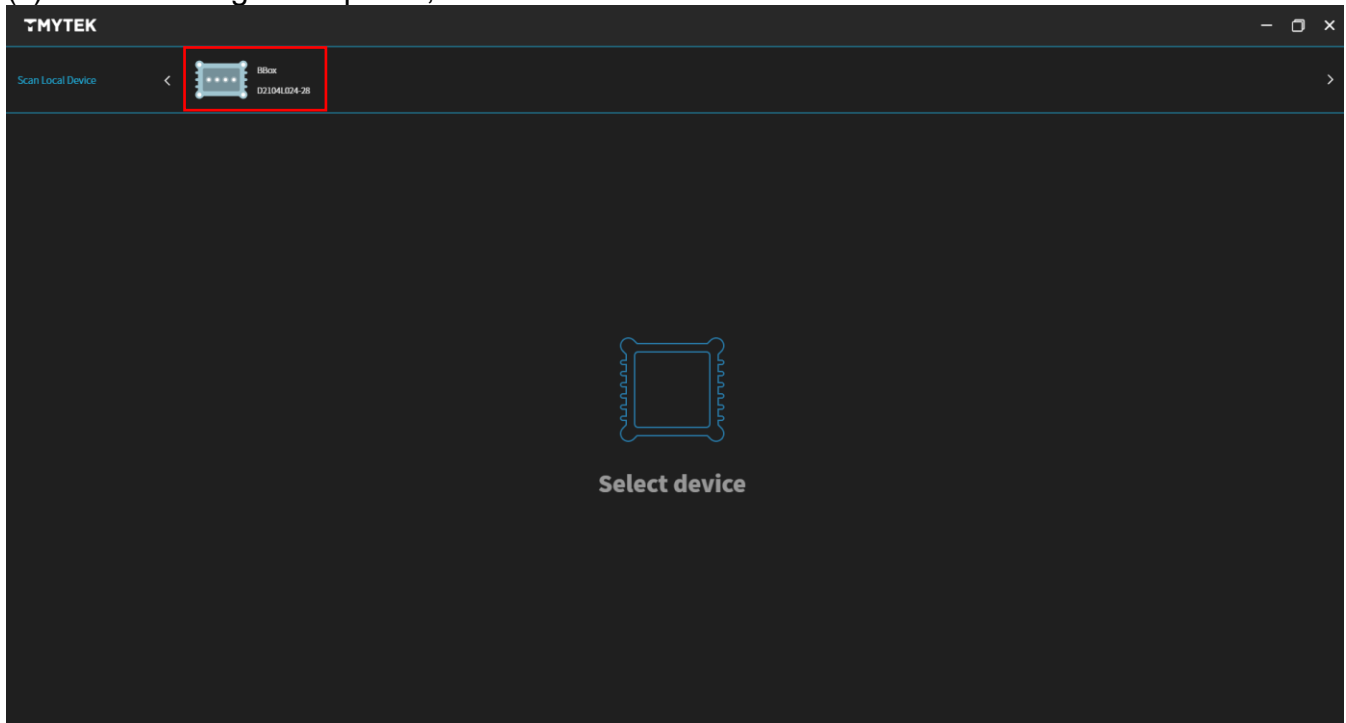
3. BBox Lite

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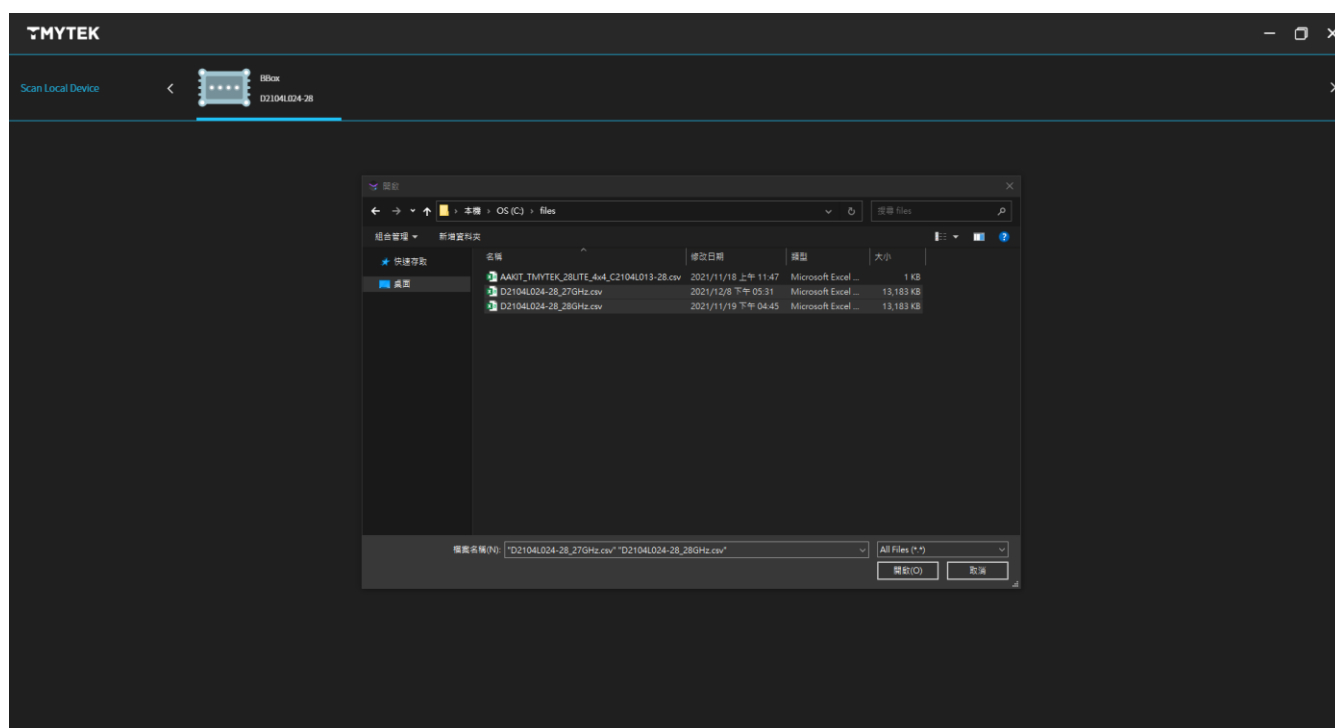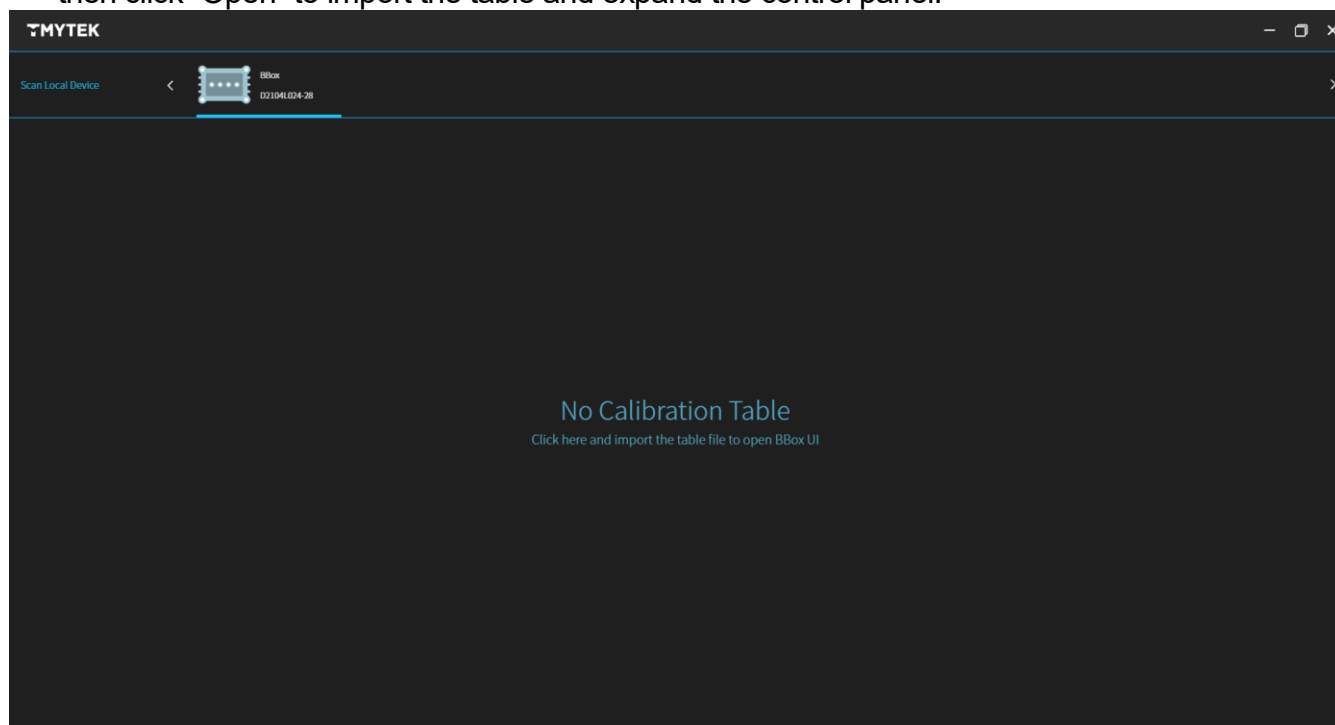(2). Open TMXLAB Kit.
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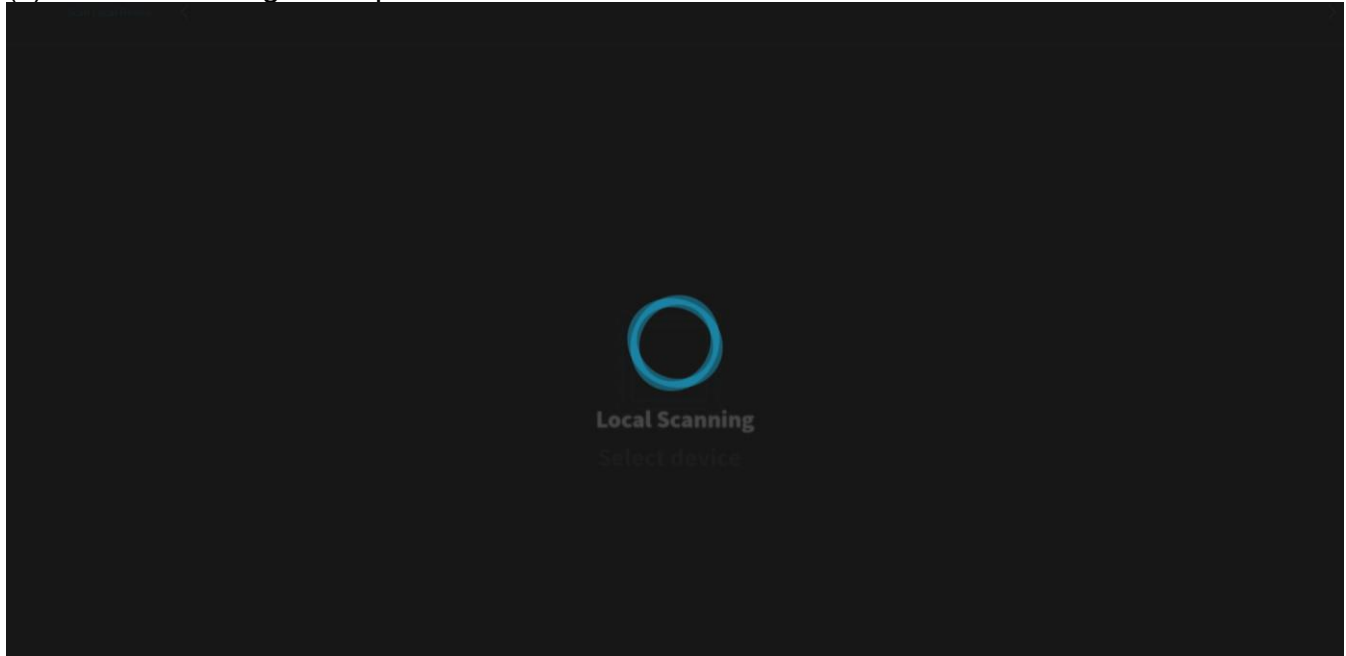
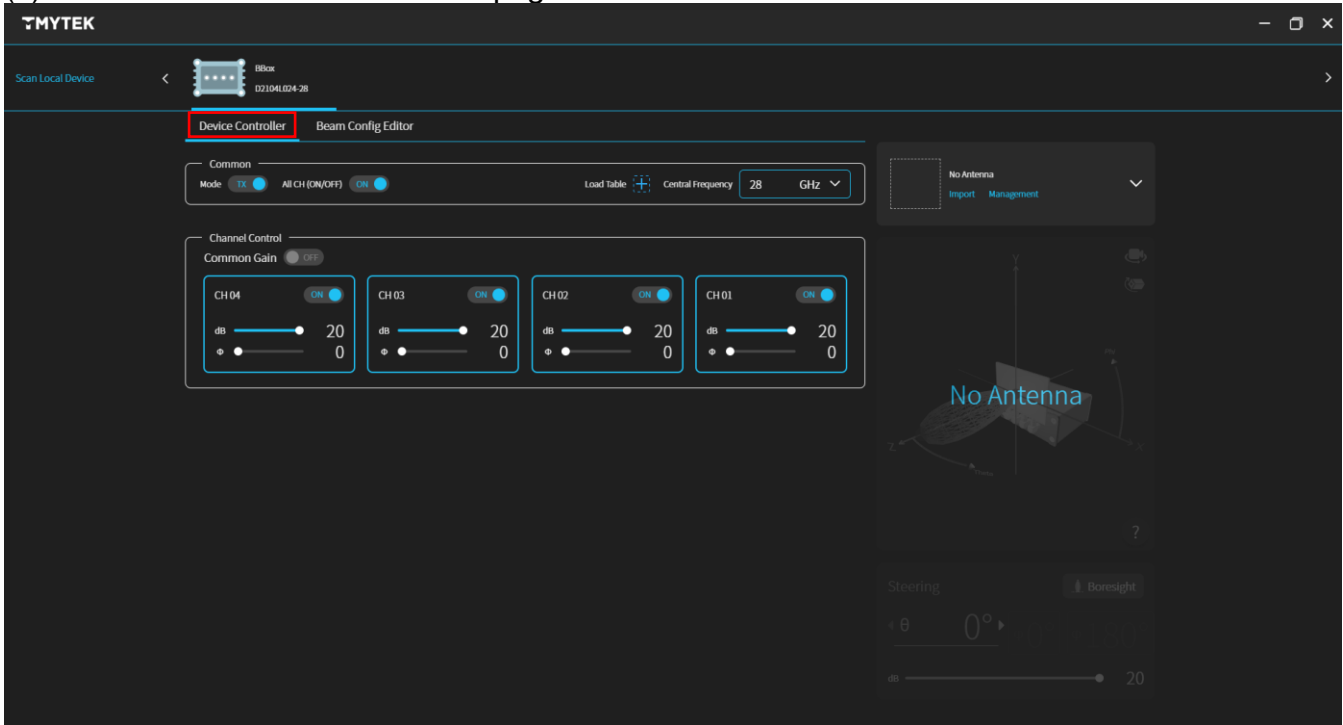(4). After scanning is completed, click the device icon above.

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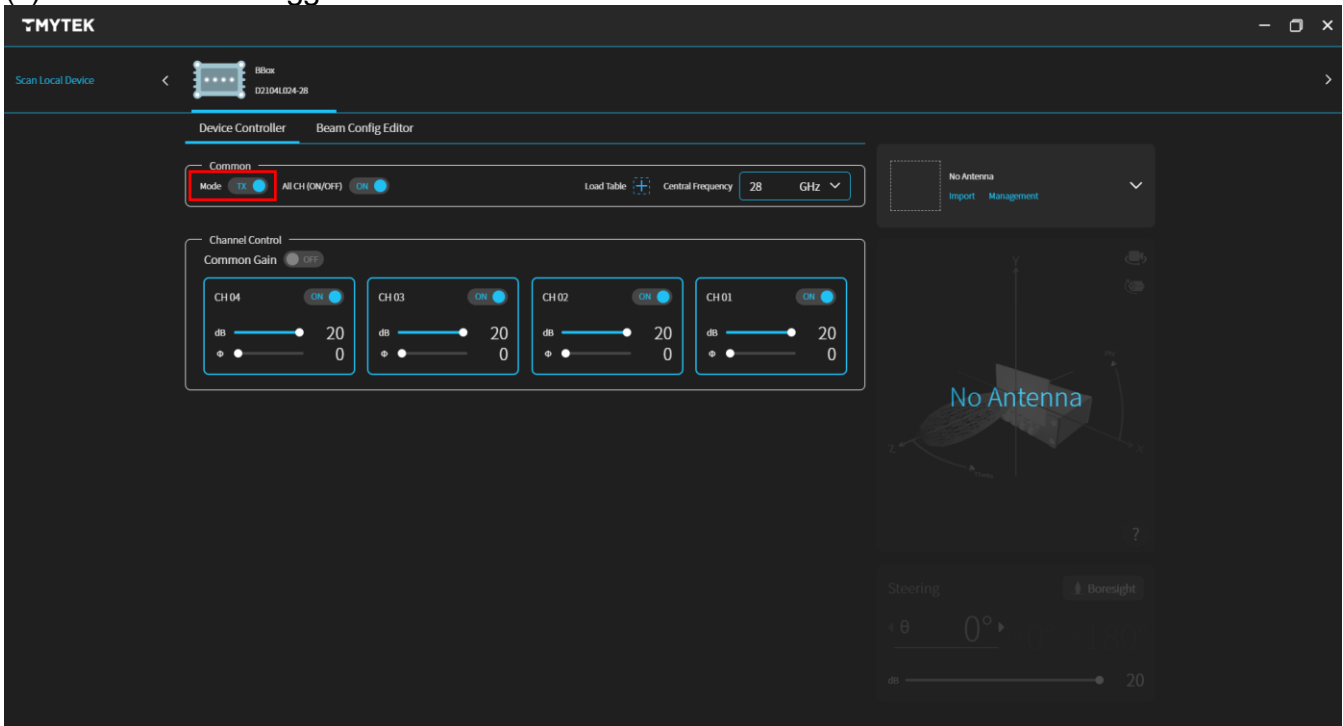
3.1 Device Controller

- The "Device Controller" is designed to switch between Tx/Rx mode, change central frequency, control the power/gain/phase of each channel and set beam angle.
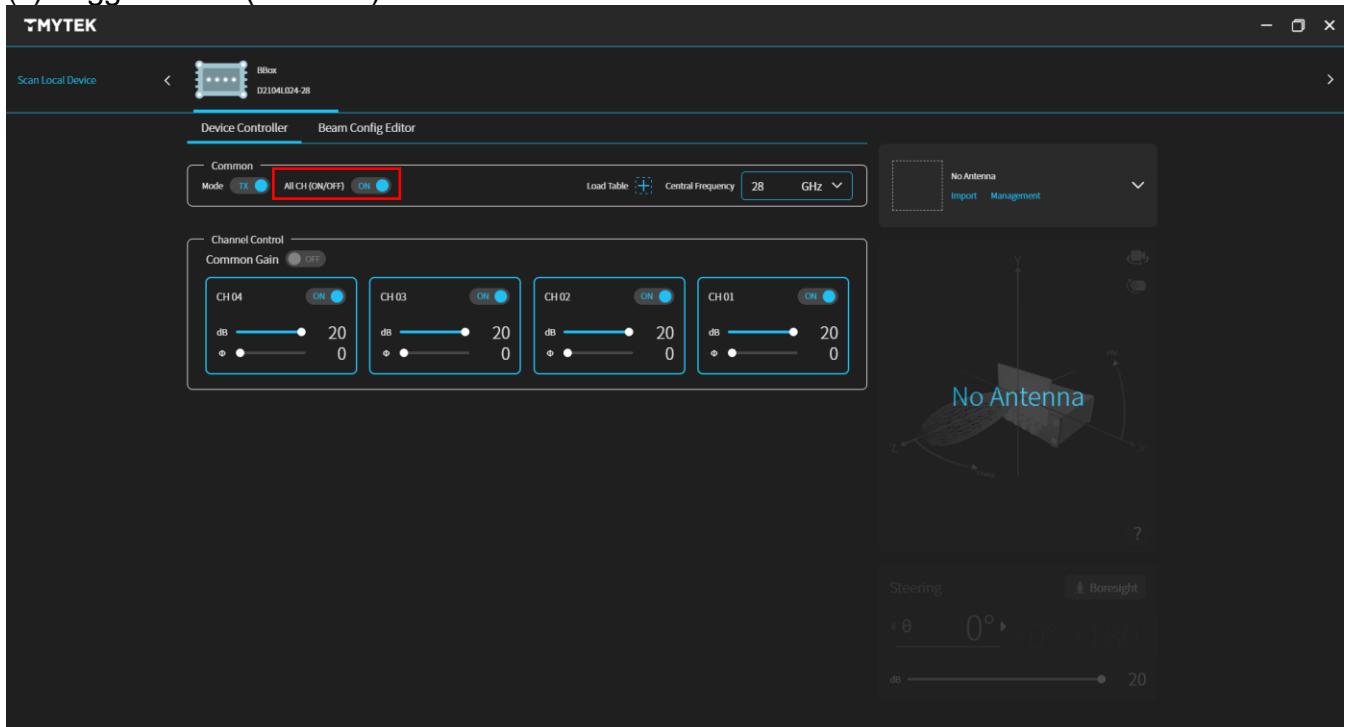
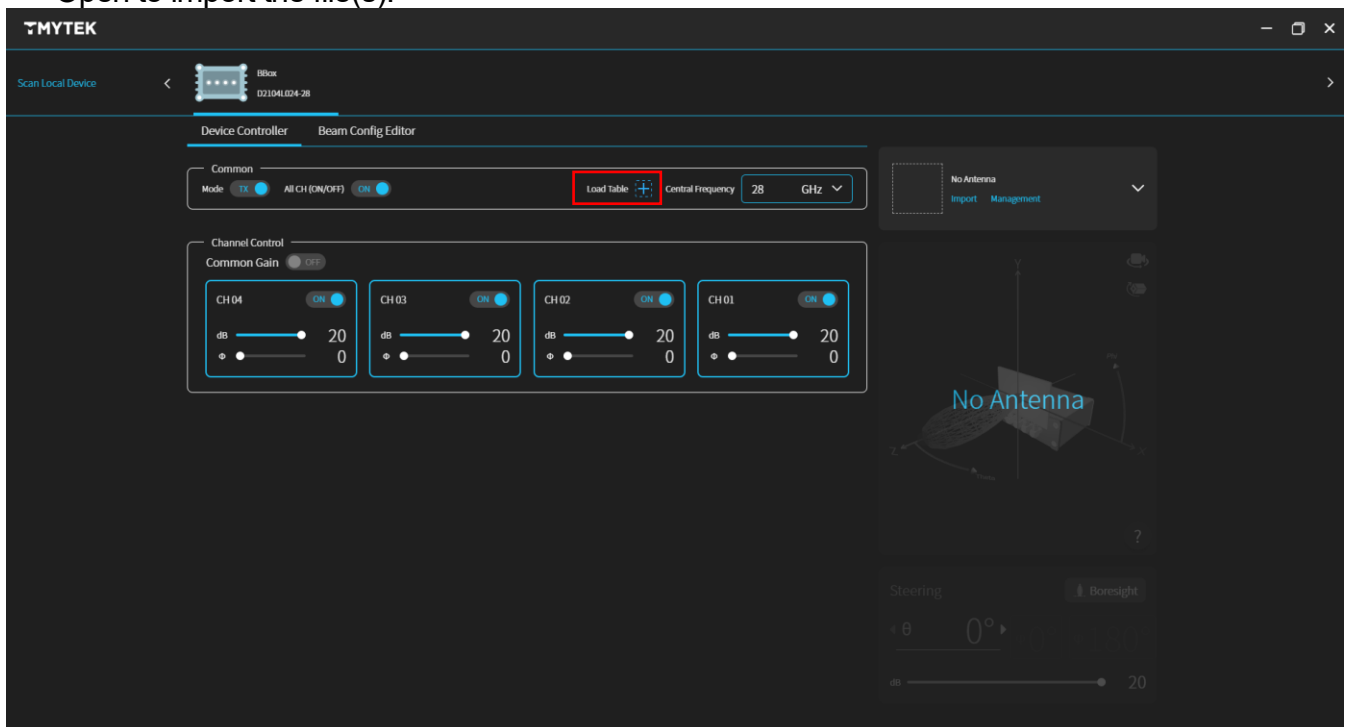(1). Switch to the "Device Controller" page.

(2). Click the Mode toggle switch to switch between Tx/Rx mode.

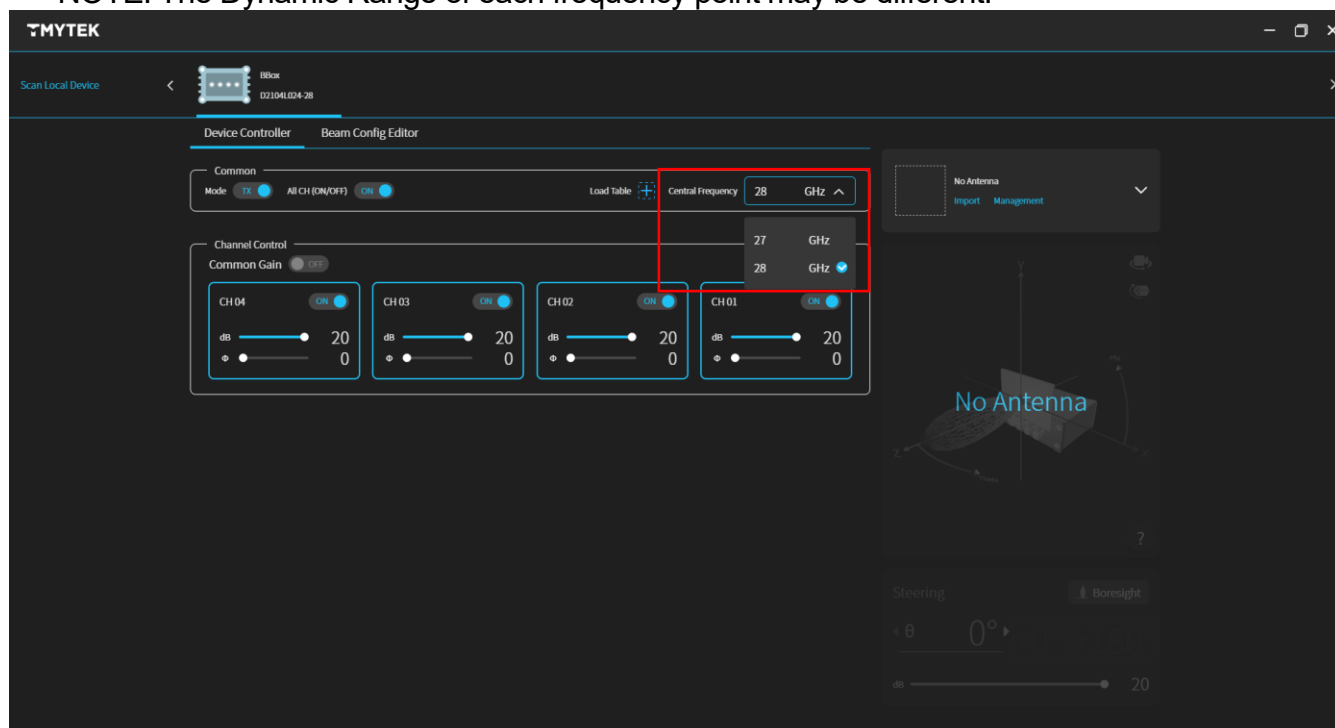(3). Toggle All CH (ON/OFF) can switch all channels on/off.

(4). Click "Load Table" to import the calibration table. After selecting the file(s) to be imported, click Open to import the file(s).
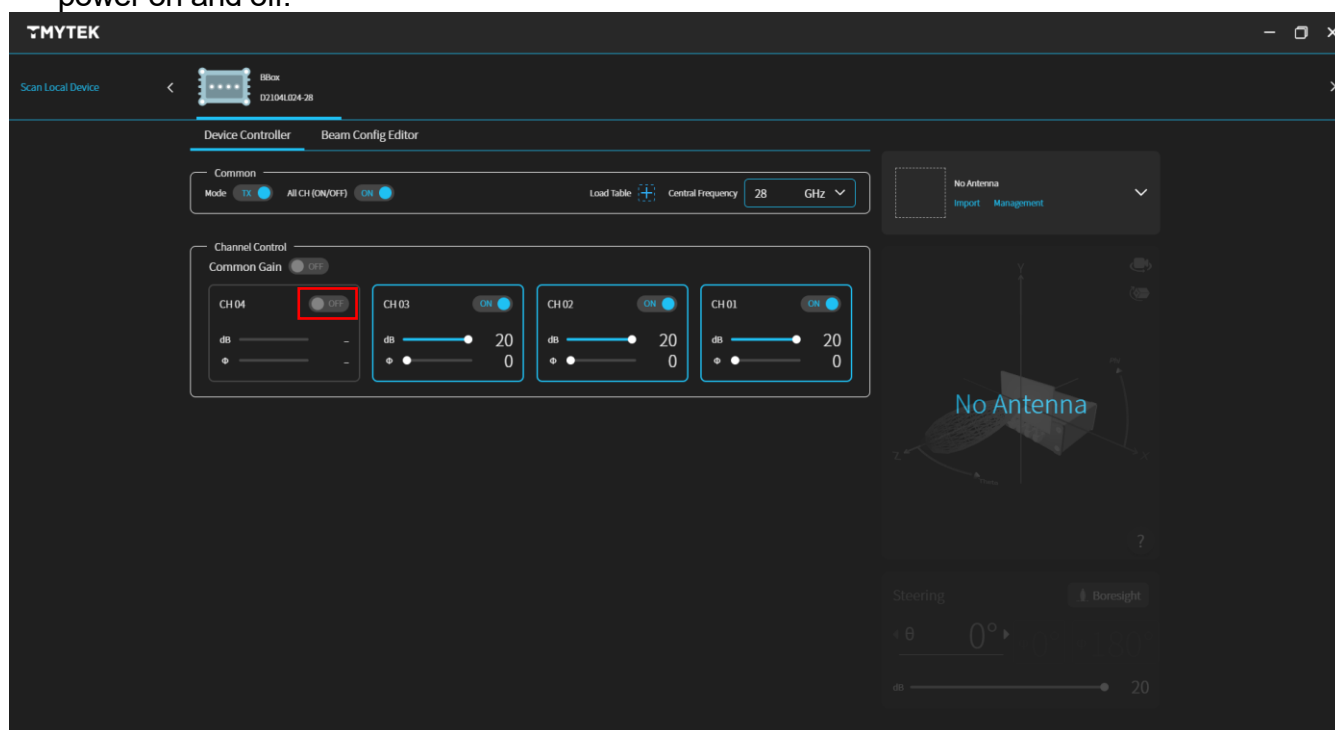
(5). All available frequency points are listed in the Central Frequency drop-down menu. You can choose the desired one.
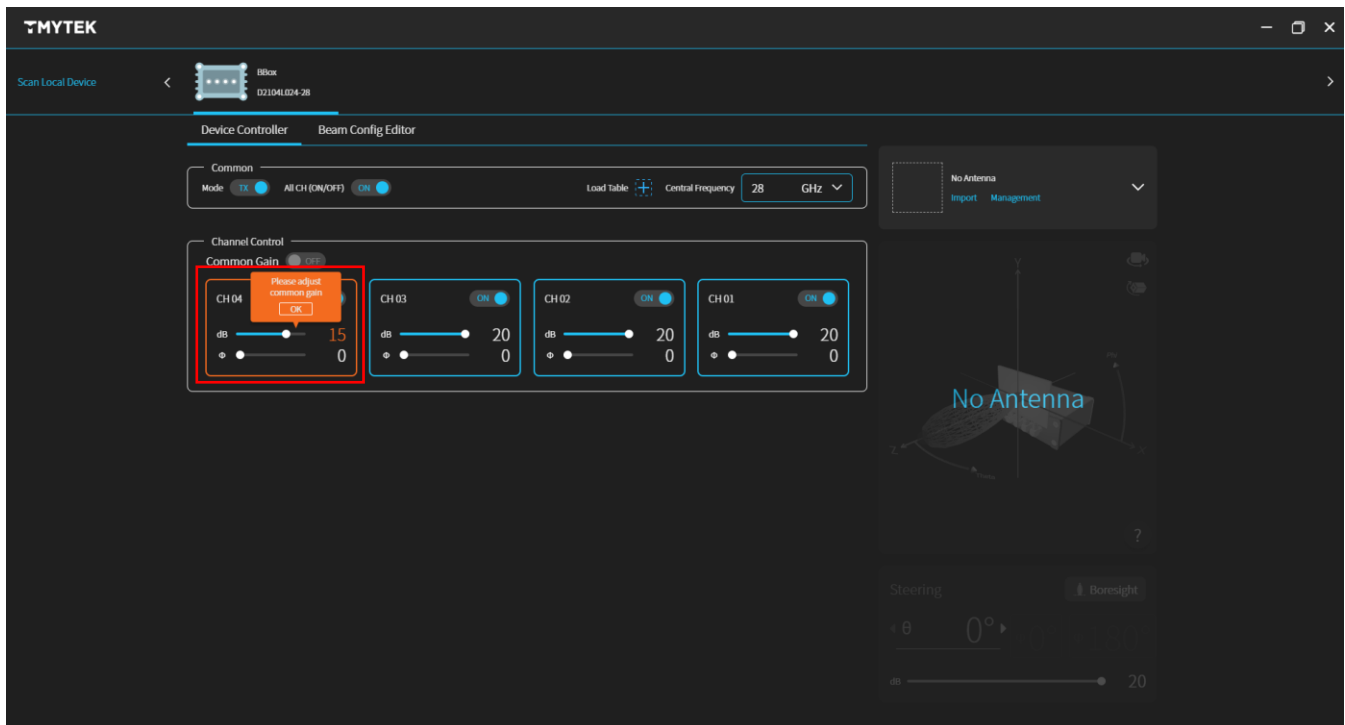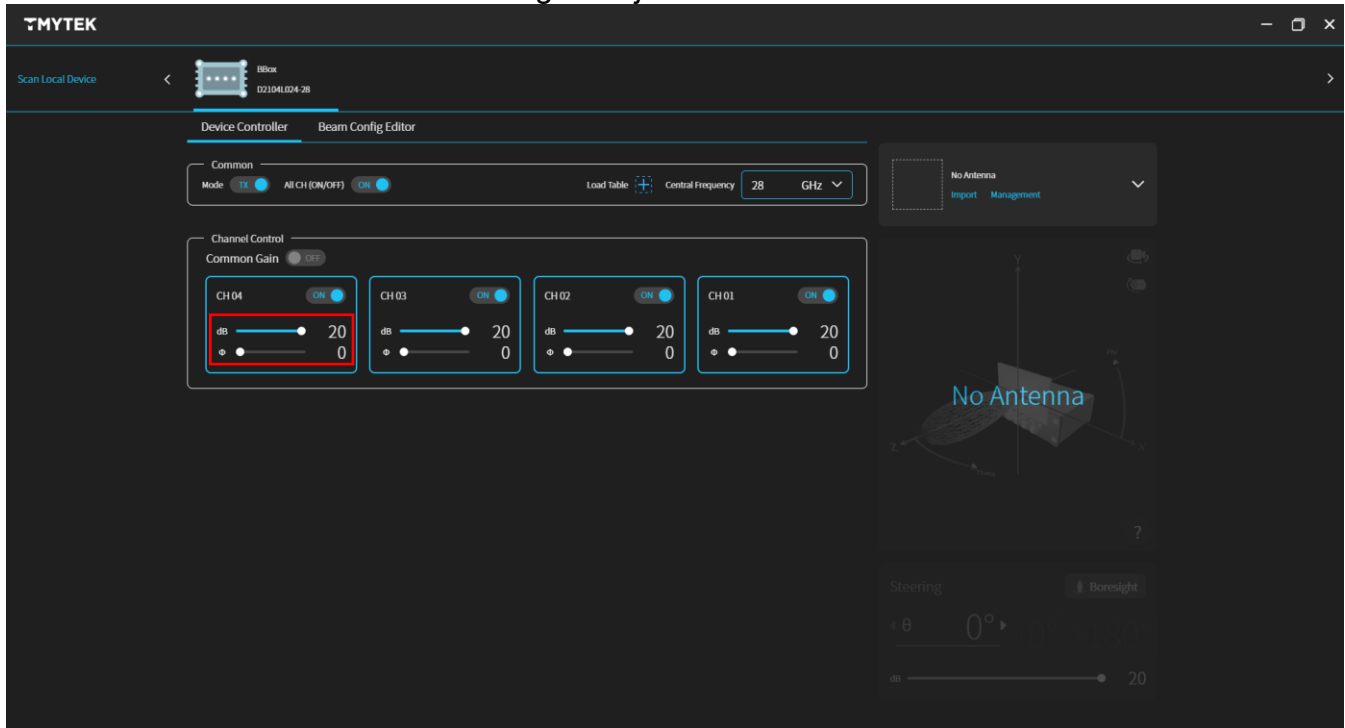NOTE: The Dynamic Range of each frequency point may be different.

(6). Click the switch button in the upper right corner of the channel card(s) to switch the channel power on and off.
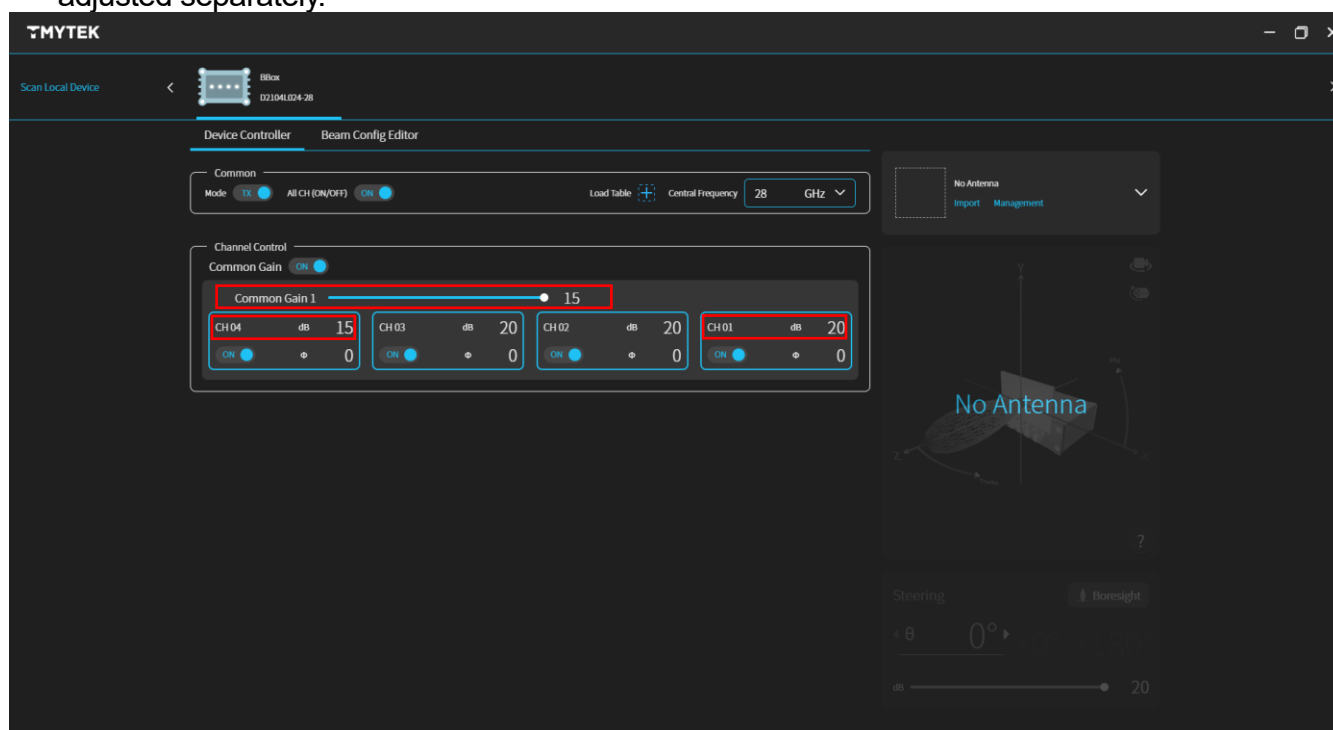
(7). Adjust the sliders of dB and Φ in the channel card(s) to control the channel gain and phase. When the element gain is minimal/maximal, the screen will show "Please adjust common gain." You need to adjust the common gain before you can continue to lower/higher the channel gain. Click "OK" to switch to the common gain adjustment mode.

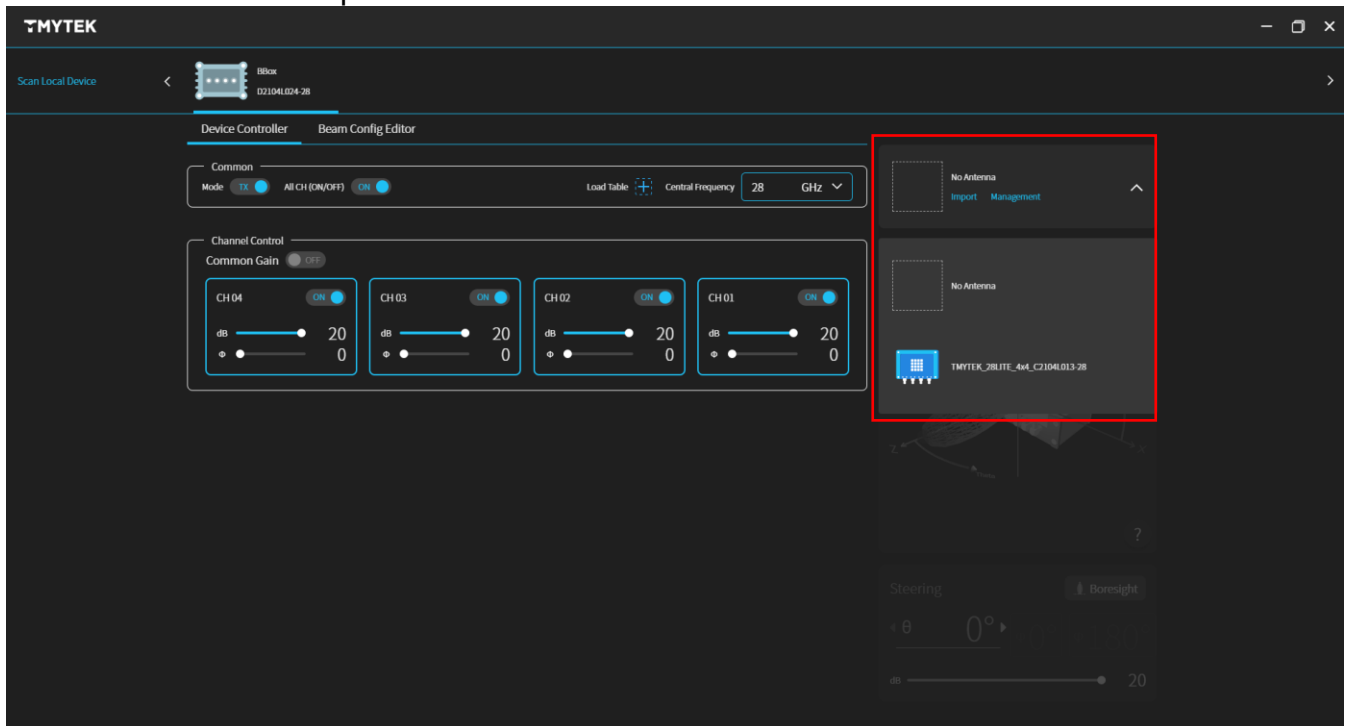(8). You can switch the common gain adjustment mode on and off by the toggle switch icon.
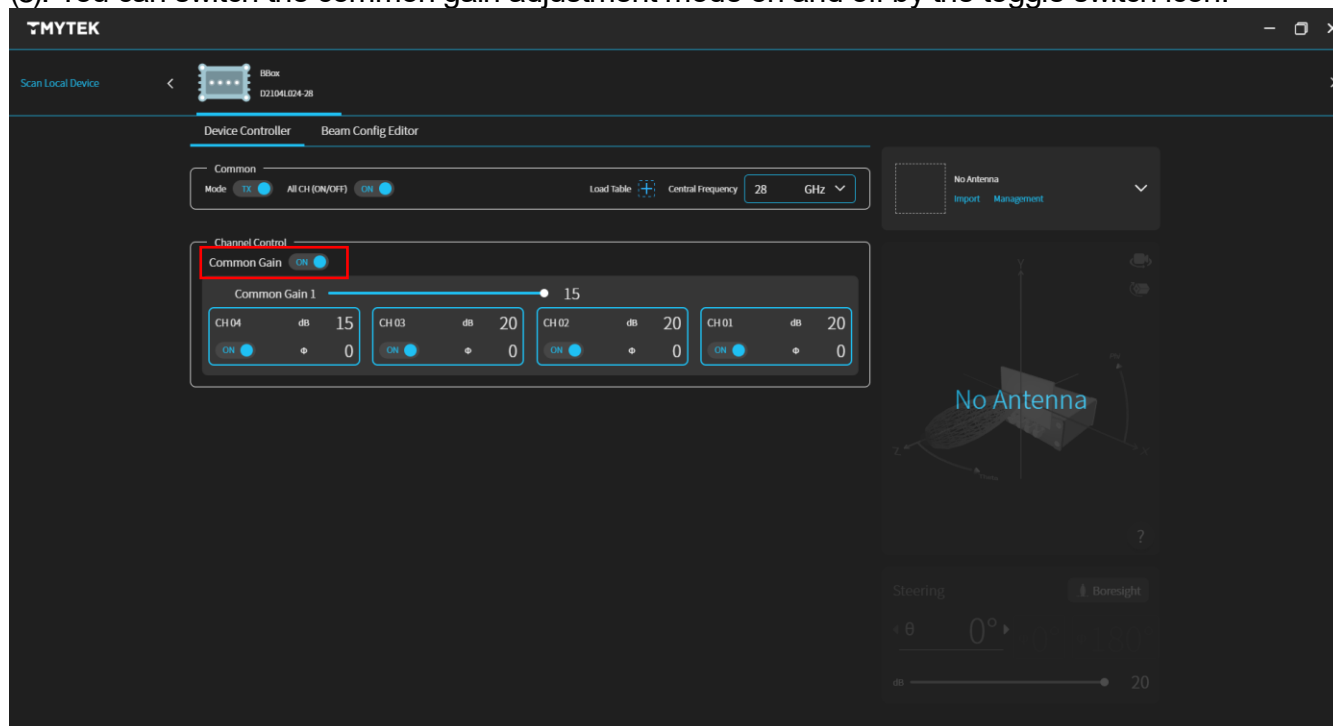
(9). Adjusting the common gain will simultaneously affect the gain of the 4 channels on the board. Take this screenshot as an example, if the common gain is changed to 0, the Channel01 is 5 dB, Channel04 is 0 dB. Then, the common gain and channel gain can be adjusted separately.
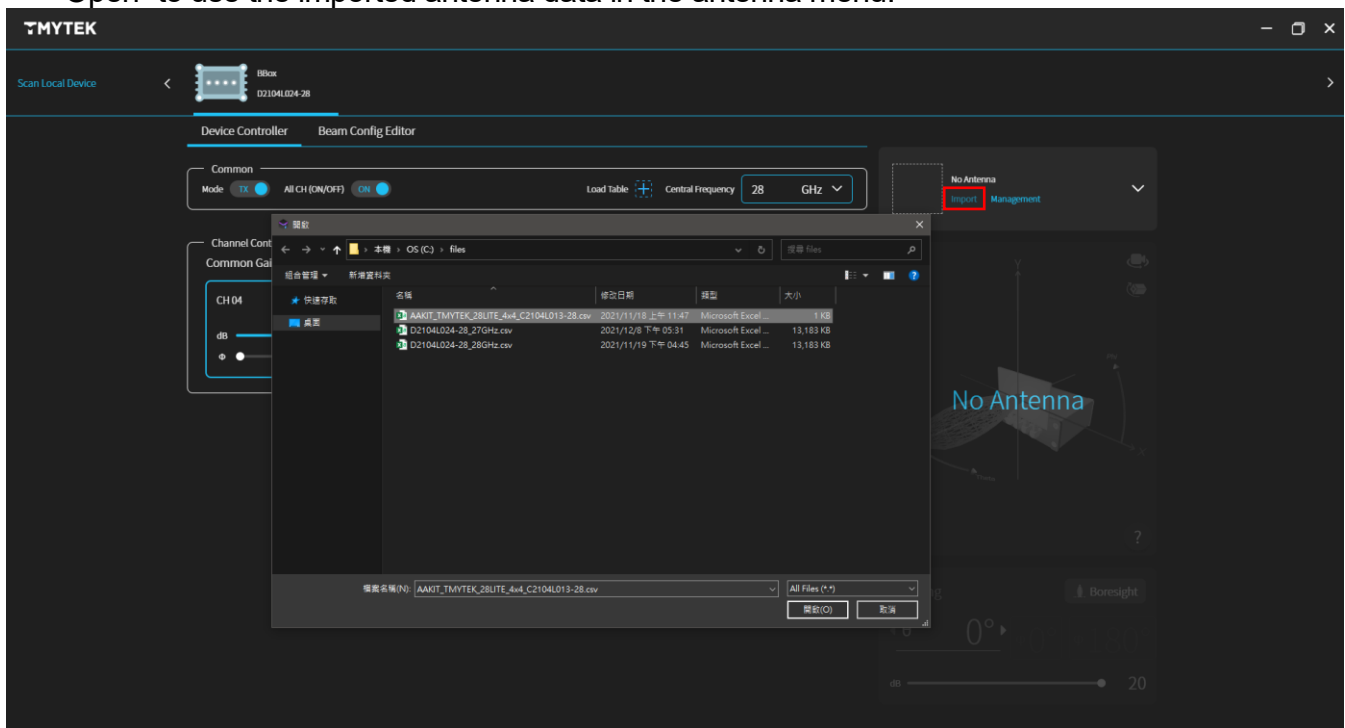
(10). If no antenna is selected, only the channel control mode is functional. The beam steering function is only available after an antenna is selected.
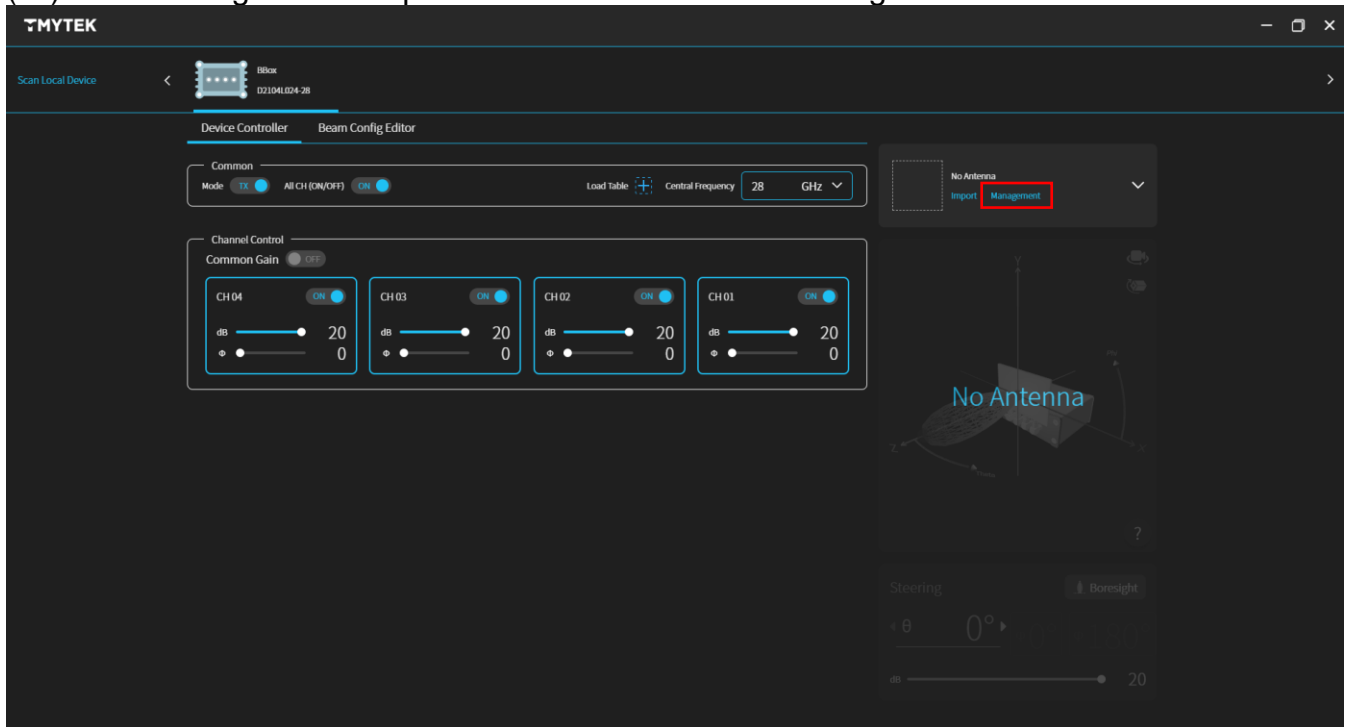Click the antenna drop-down menu to select an antenna.

(11). Click "Import" to open the file selection window. Select the file(s) to be imported and click "Open" to use the imported antenna data in the antenna menu.

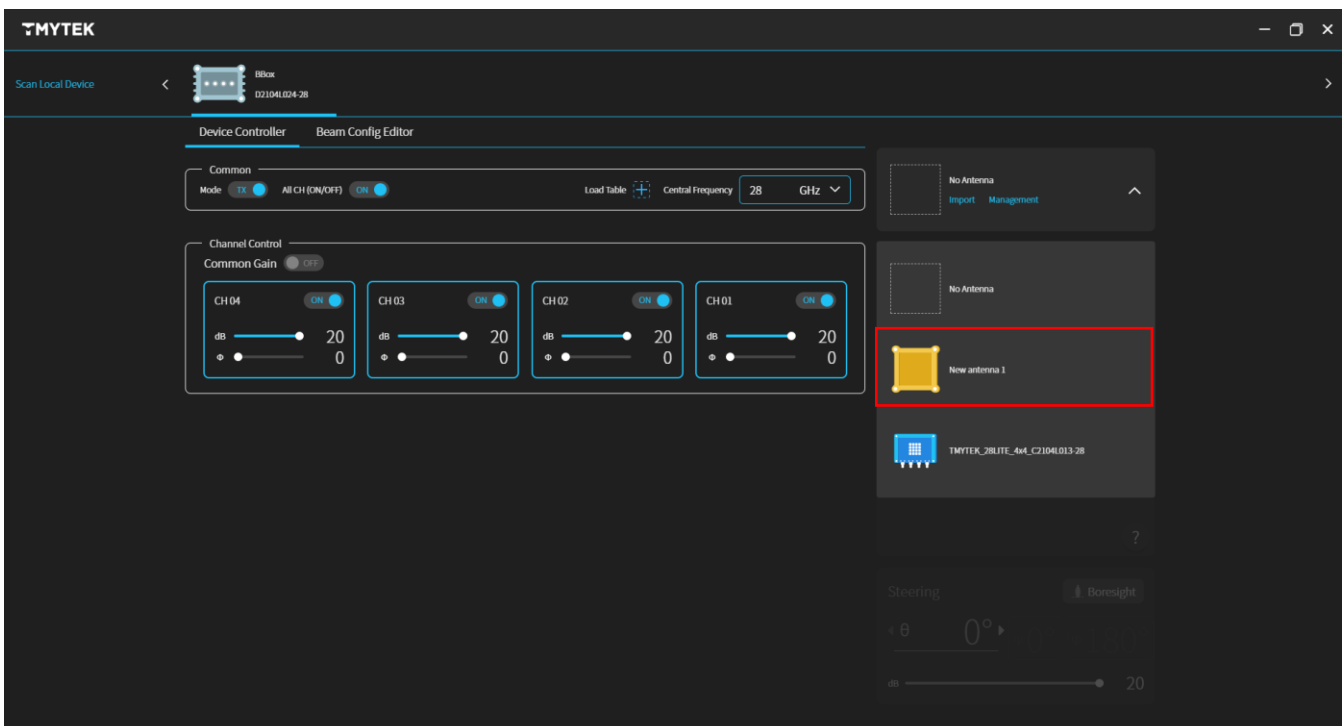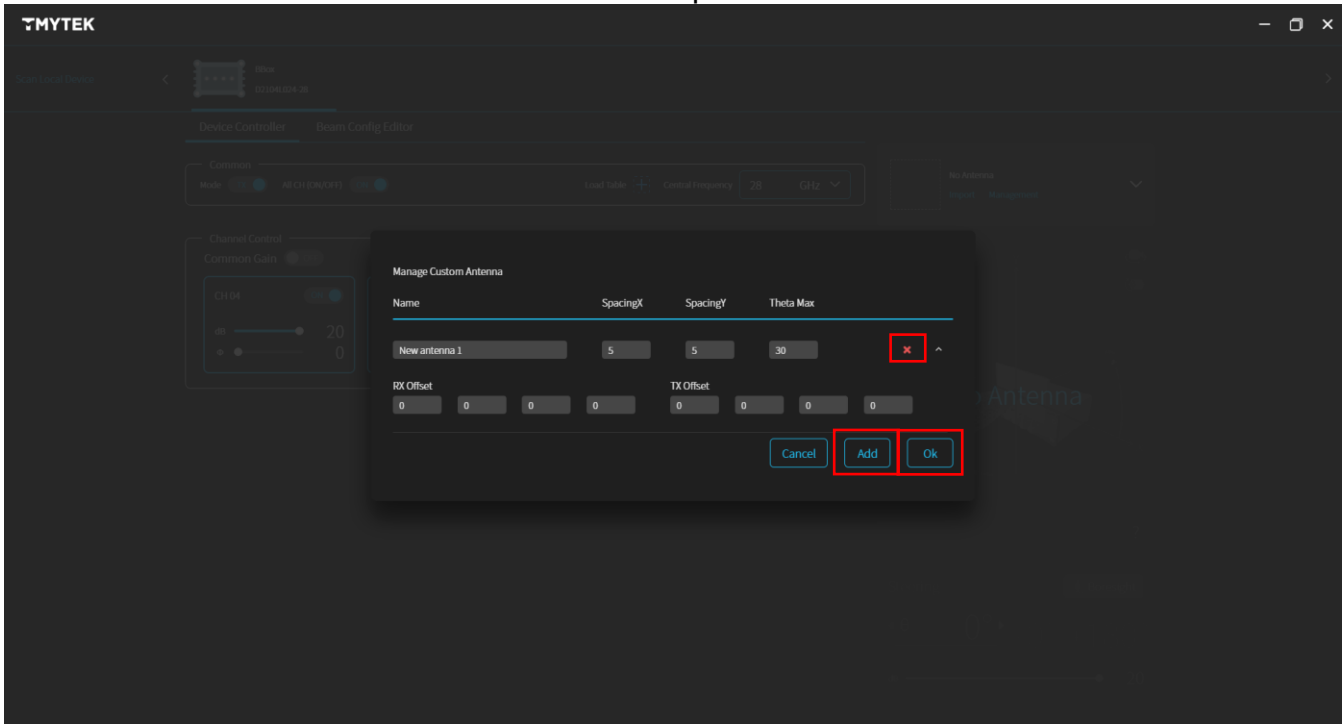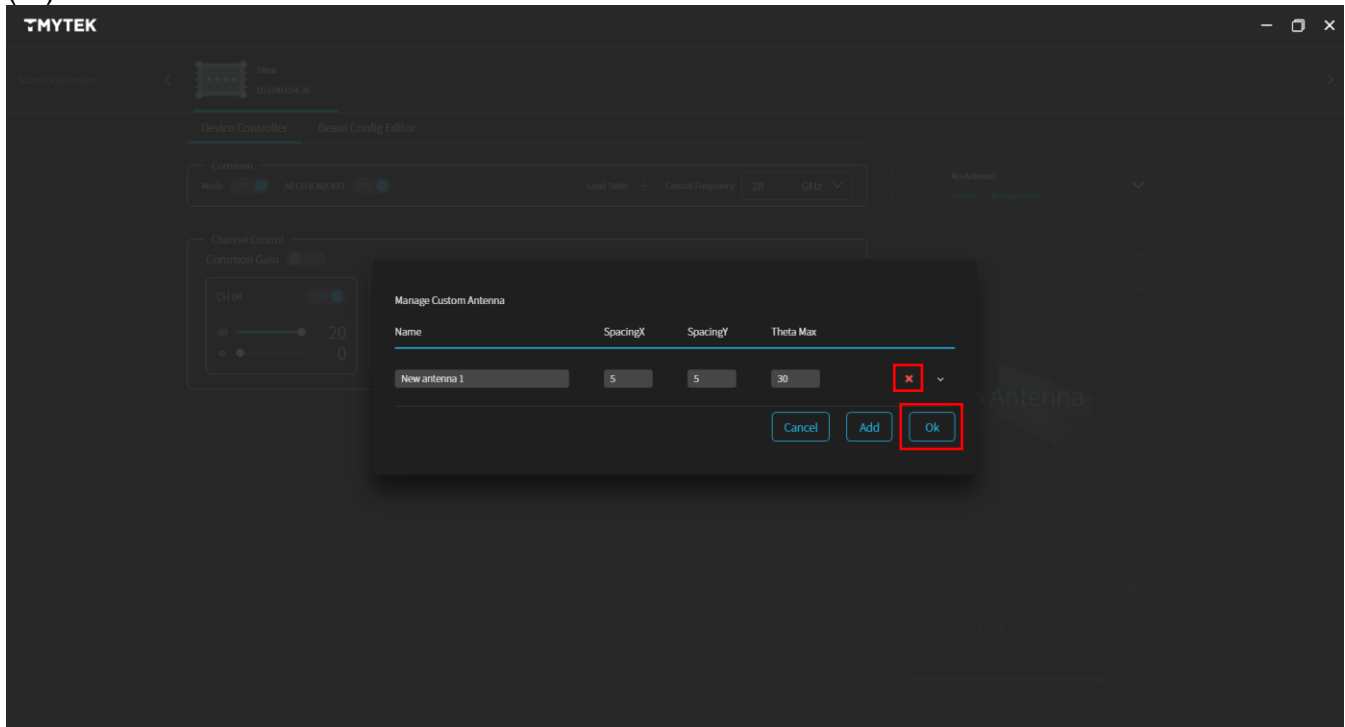(12). Click "Management" to open the customized antenna management interface.

(13). Click "Add" to enter the add mode.

Enter following in order: antenna name (for identification, the name cannot be repeated), SpacingX (the pitch-to-pitch spacing between two adjacent antenna elements on the X-coordinate, Unit: mm), SpacingY (the pitch-to-pitch spacing between two adjacent antenna elements on the Y-coordinate, Unit: mm), Beam steering range, and phase offset of each channel. Click the arrow on the right to expand/collapse the offset input box.

After completing the above action, click "Ok" to save the input data and return to the main control interface. You will see that the antenna option has been added to the antenna menu.

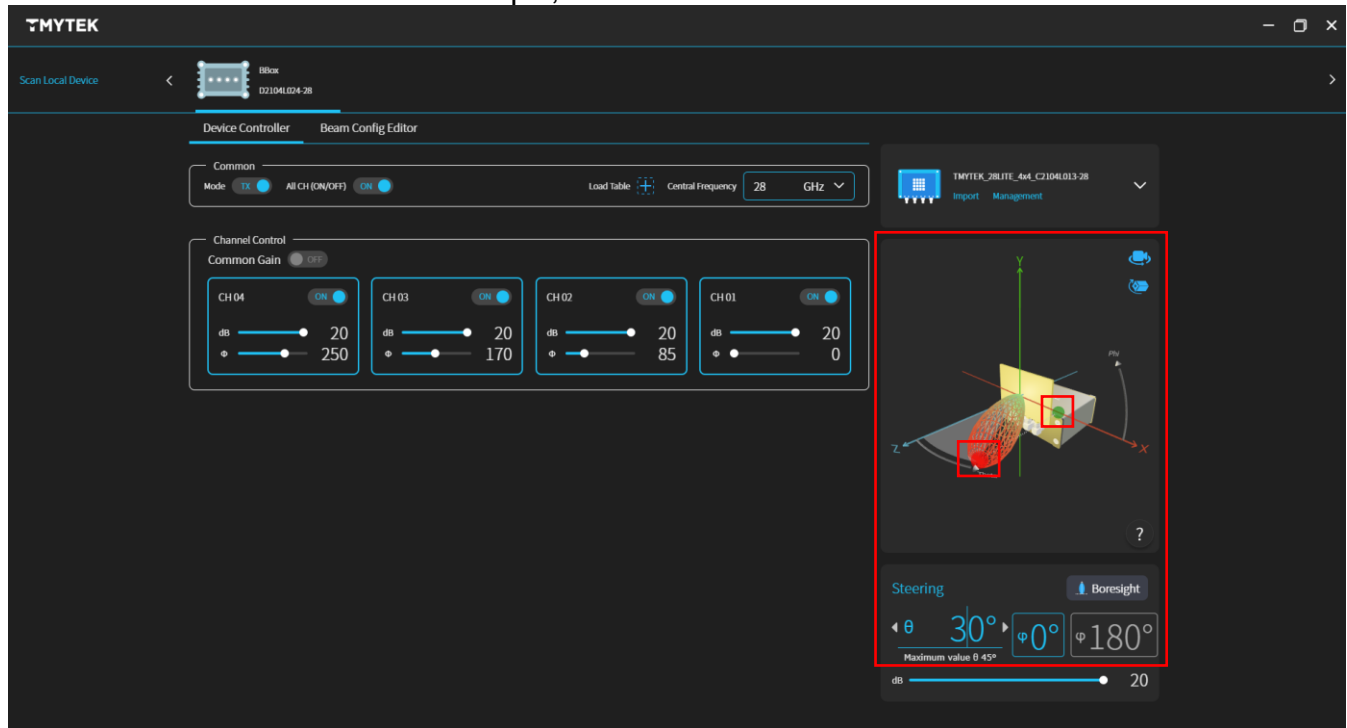(14). Click the red "X" and then "OK" to delete the antenna data.

(15). Press and hold the red dot on the tip of the Beam to rotate the Beam and adjust θ and φ. Press and hold the green dot on the xy-plane to adjust φ.
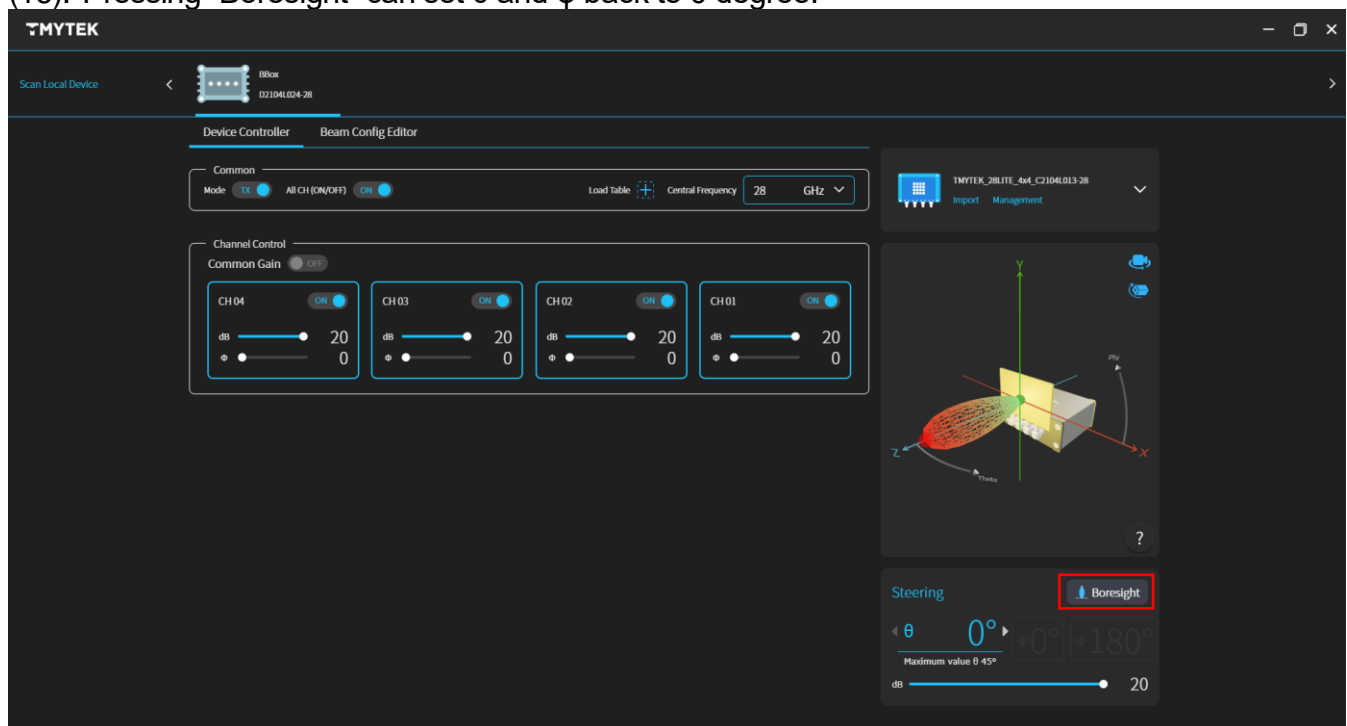
NOTE: θ is the angle between the positive Z-axis and the vector in question (0 ≤ θ ≤ Theta max angle).

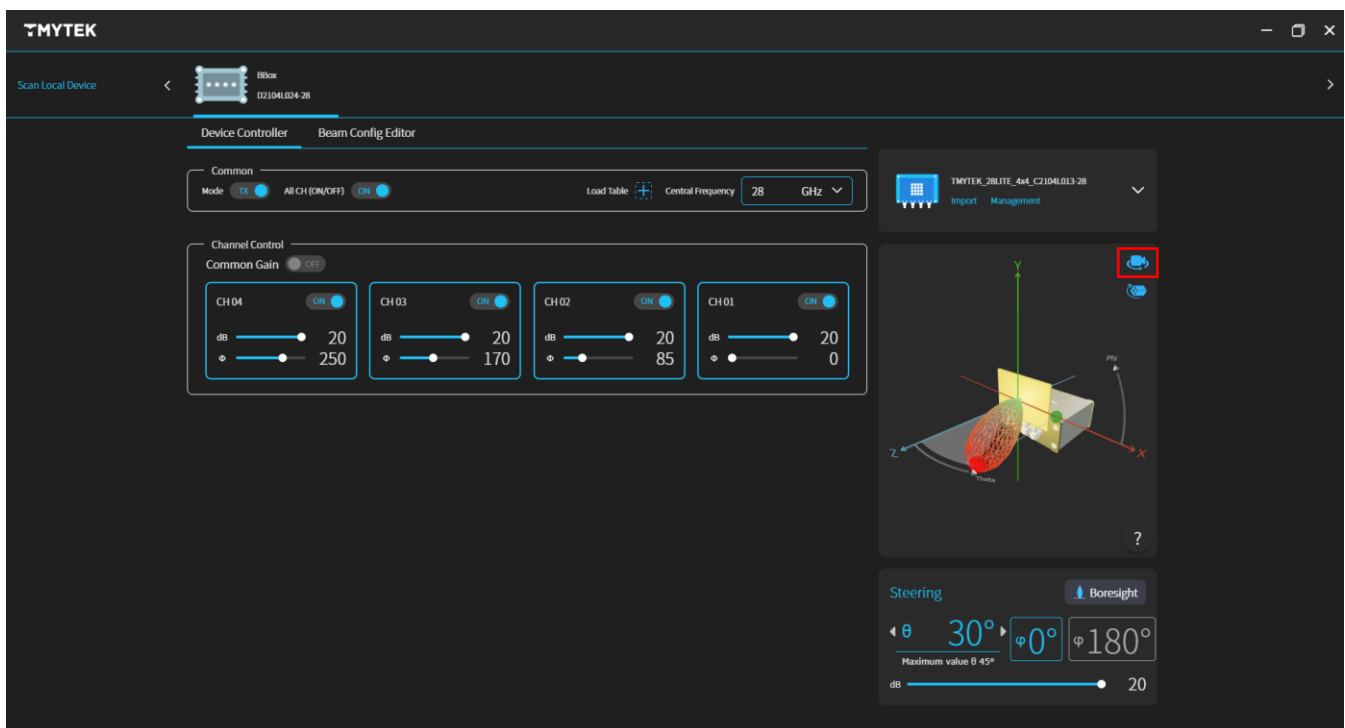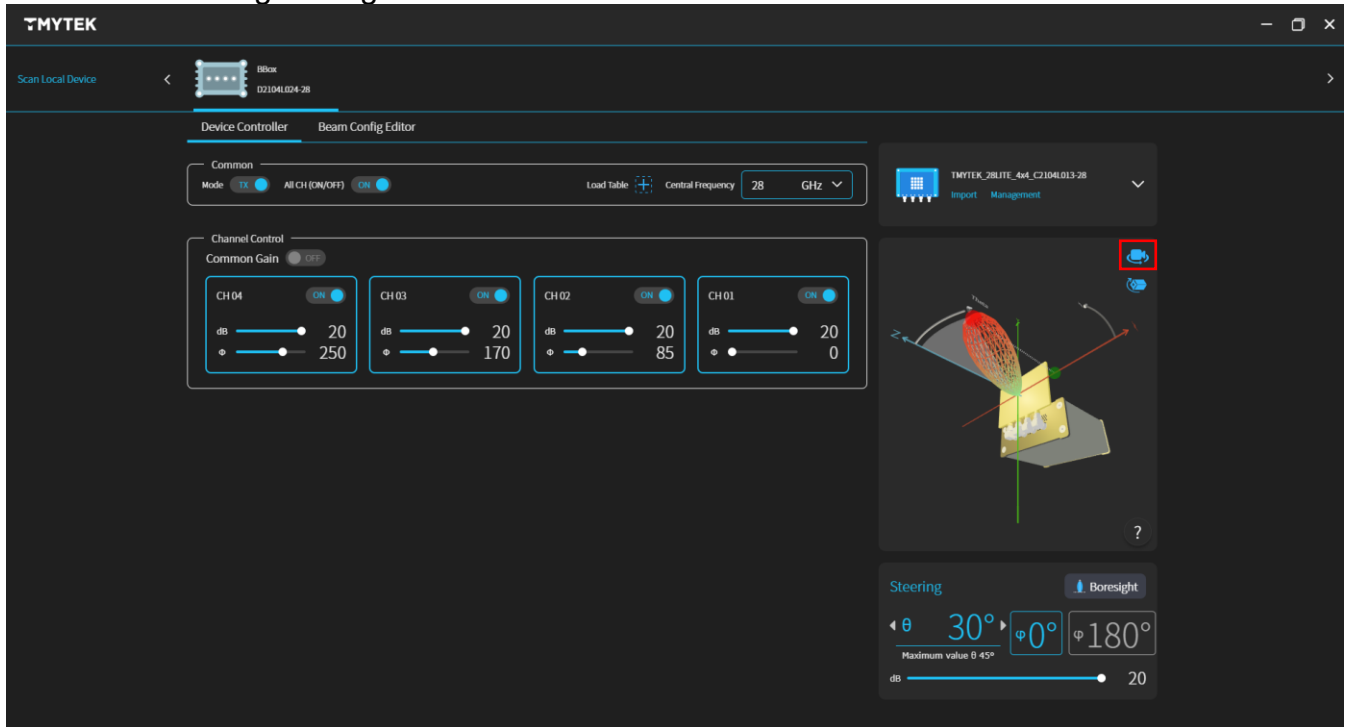φ is the angle between the projection of the vector onto the xy-plane and the positive X-axis (0 ≤ φ < 360°).

Take this screenshot as an example, the theta max is 45°.
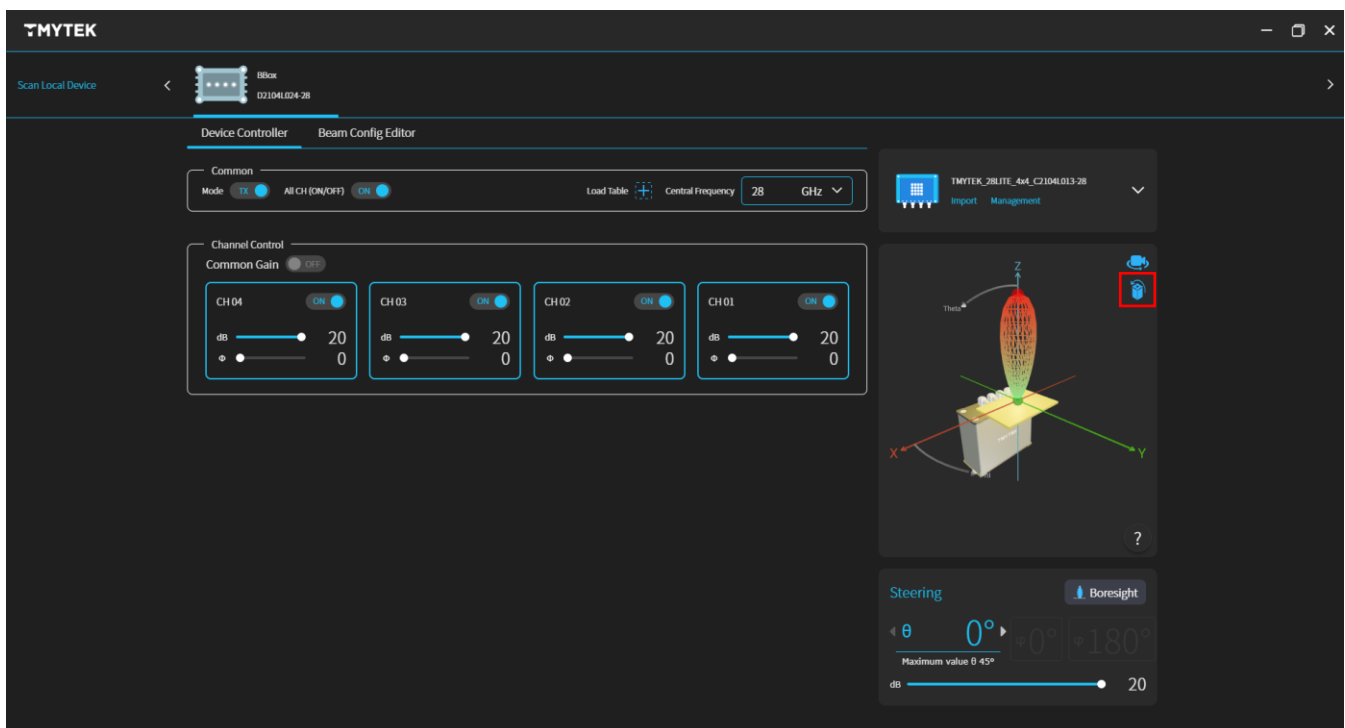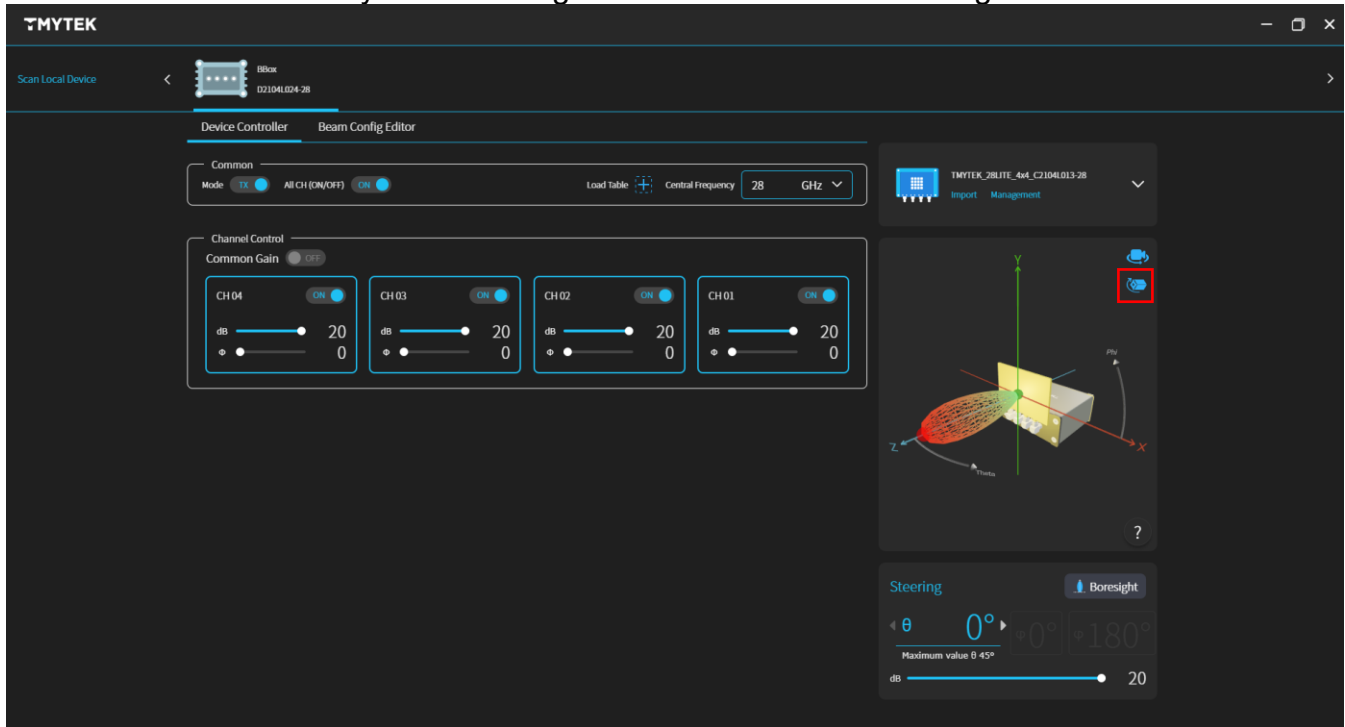

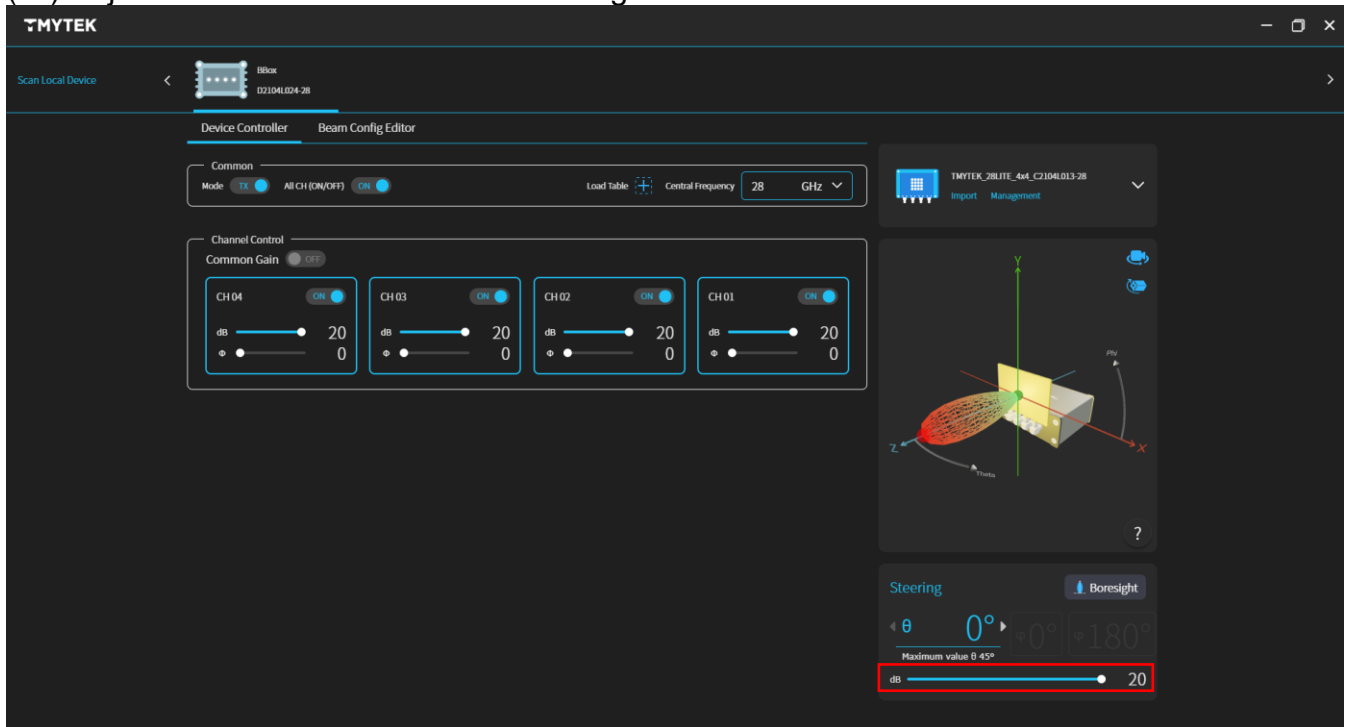(16). "Pressing "Boresight" can set θ and φ back to 0 degree.

(17). When the device is rotated to an arbitrary angle, pressing the "Reset Angle" button can set the device to its original angle.

(18). This button can quickly adjust the device to the upright or horizontal position.
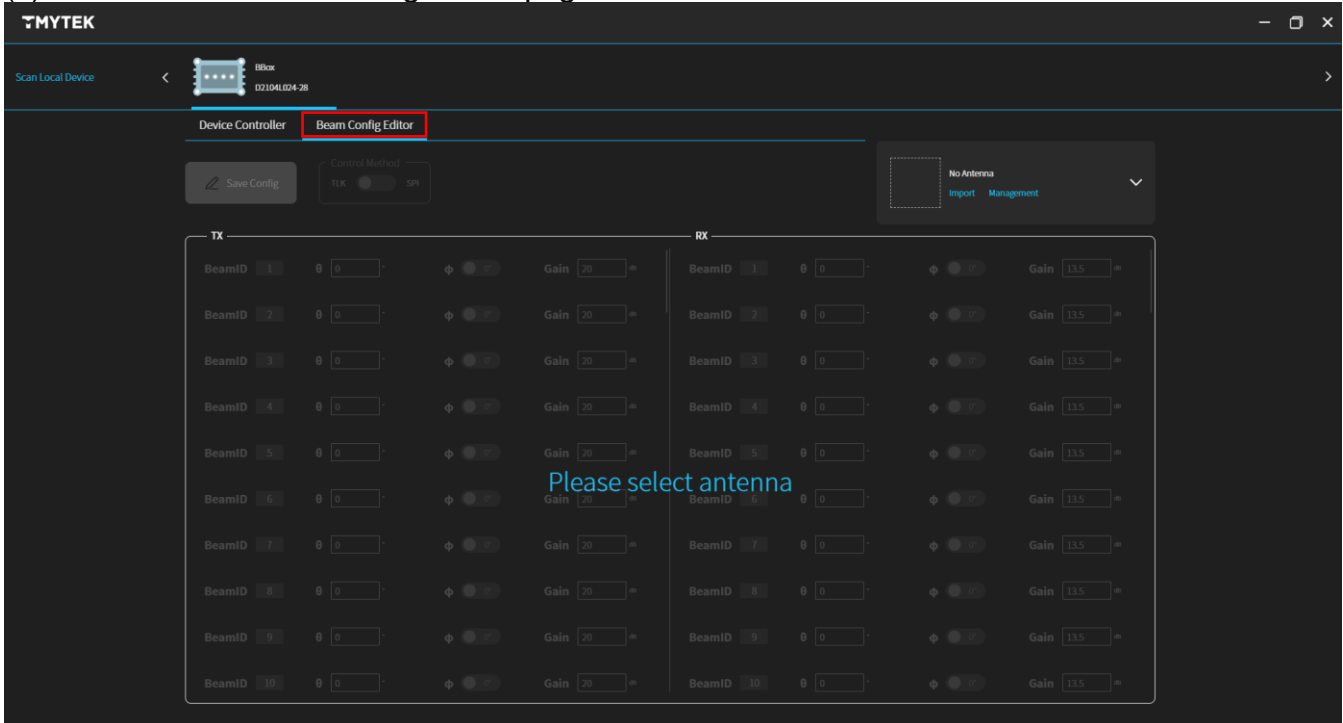NOTE: Users can manually rotate the angle of the device instead of using this function.
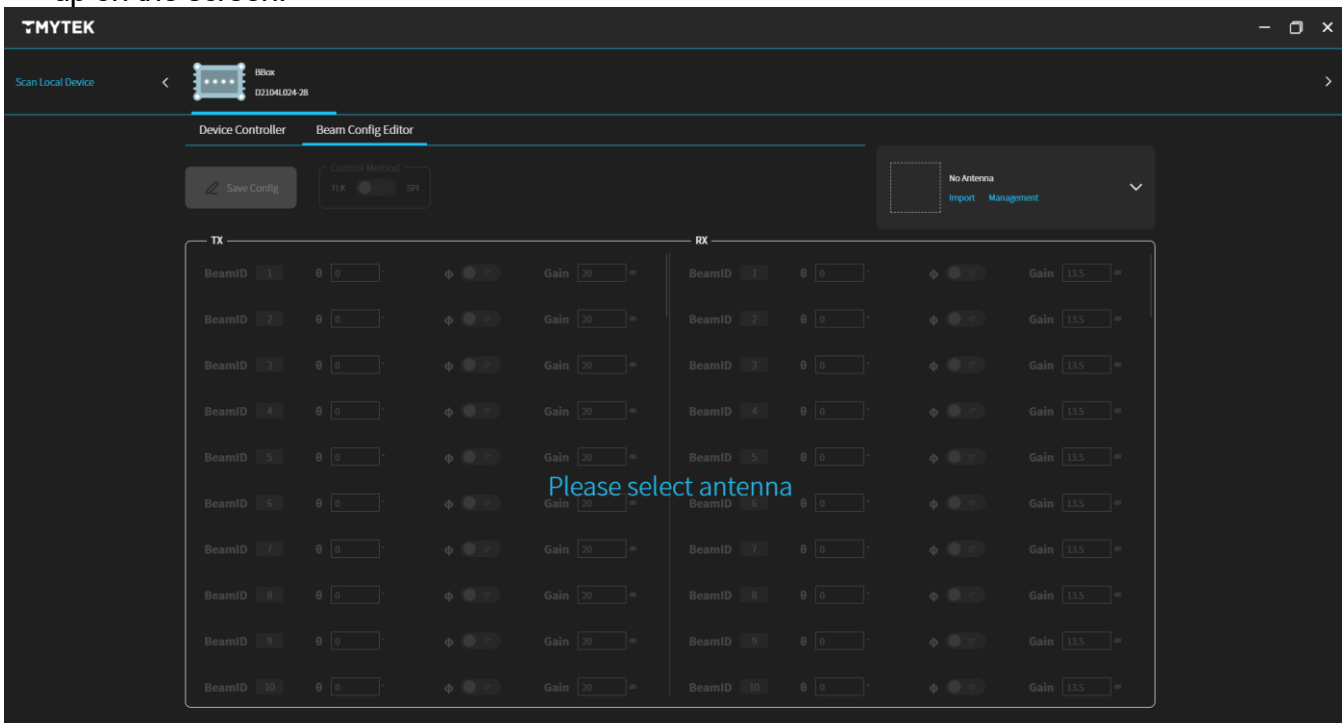
(19). Adjust the dB value to control the Beam gain.

3.2 Beam Config Editor

- The Beam Config Editor can pre-edit up to 64 sets of beams in Tx/Rx mode each, and can write the beam table into the BBox. In the same power cycle, the user can switch the pre-written beam ID through the SPI interface.
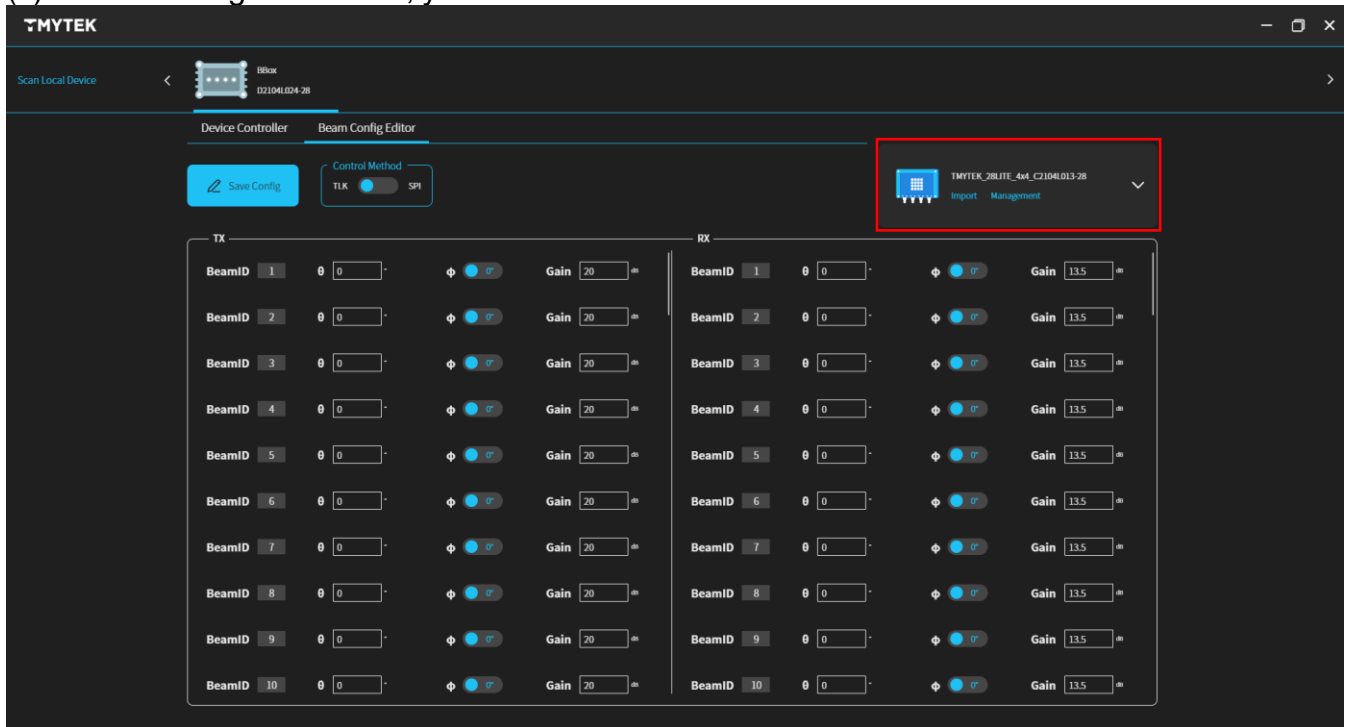
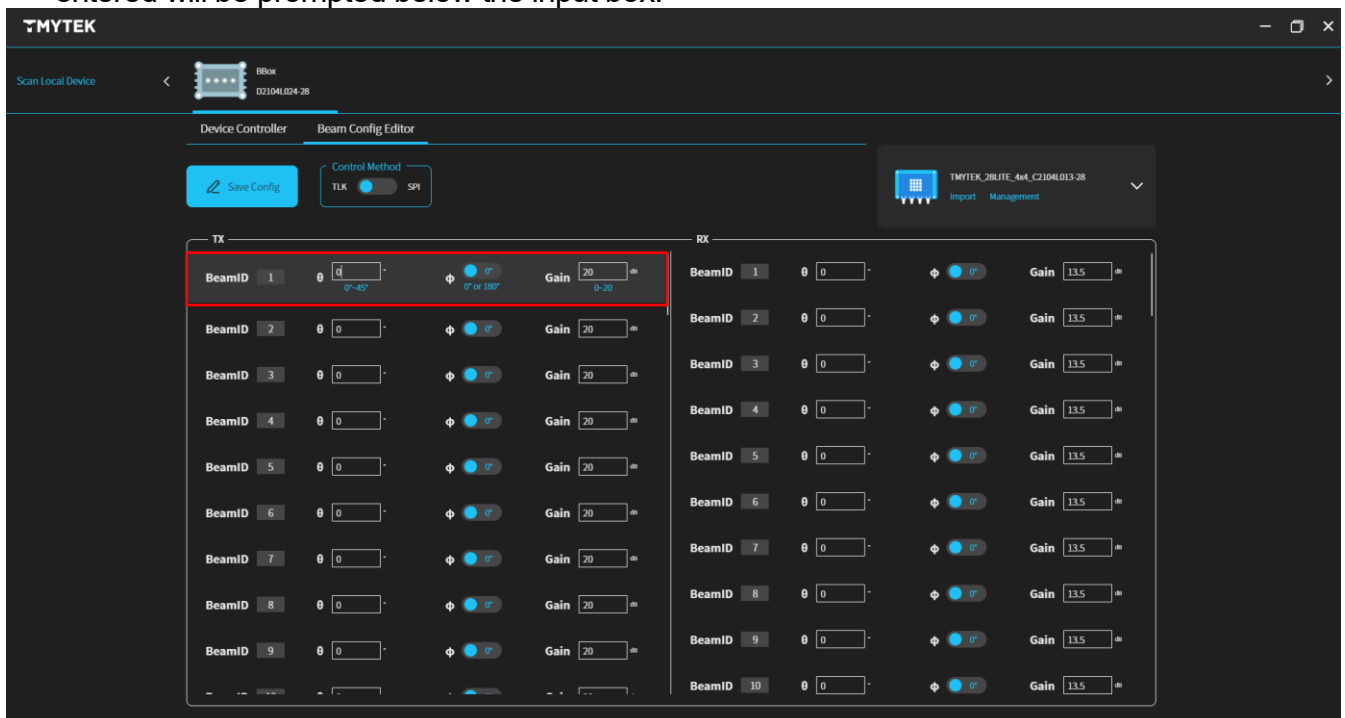(1). Switch to the "Beam Config Editor" page.

(2). If no antenna is selected, the beam table cannot be edited, and "Please select antenna," will pop up on the screen.

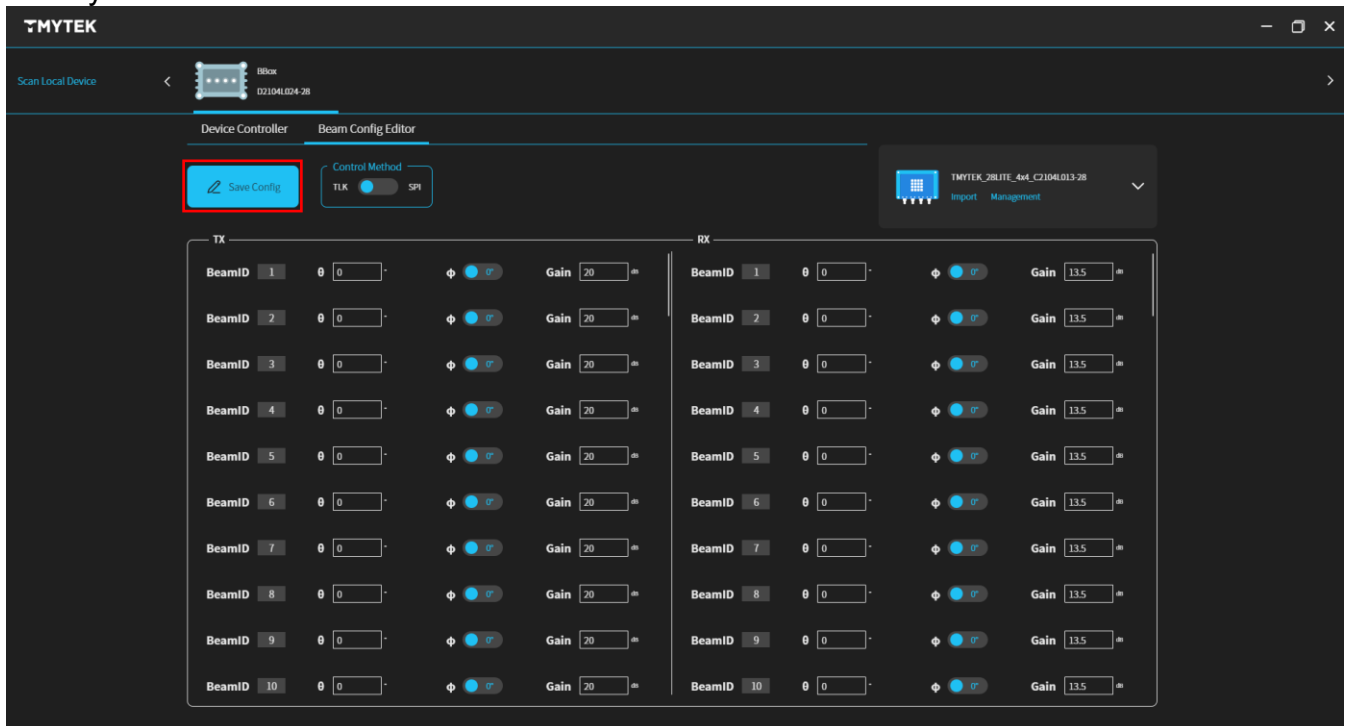(3). After selecting an antenna, you can edit the beam table.

(4). 64 sets of beams can be stored in the Tx/Rx mode each, and the range of values that can be entered will be prompted below the input box.
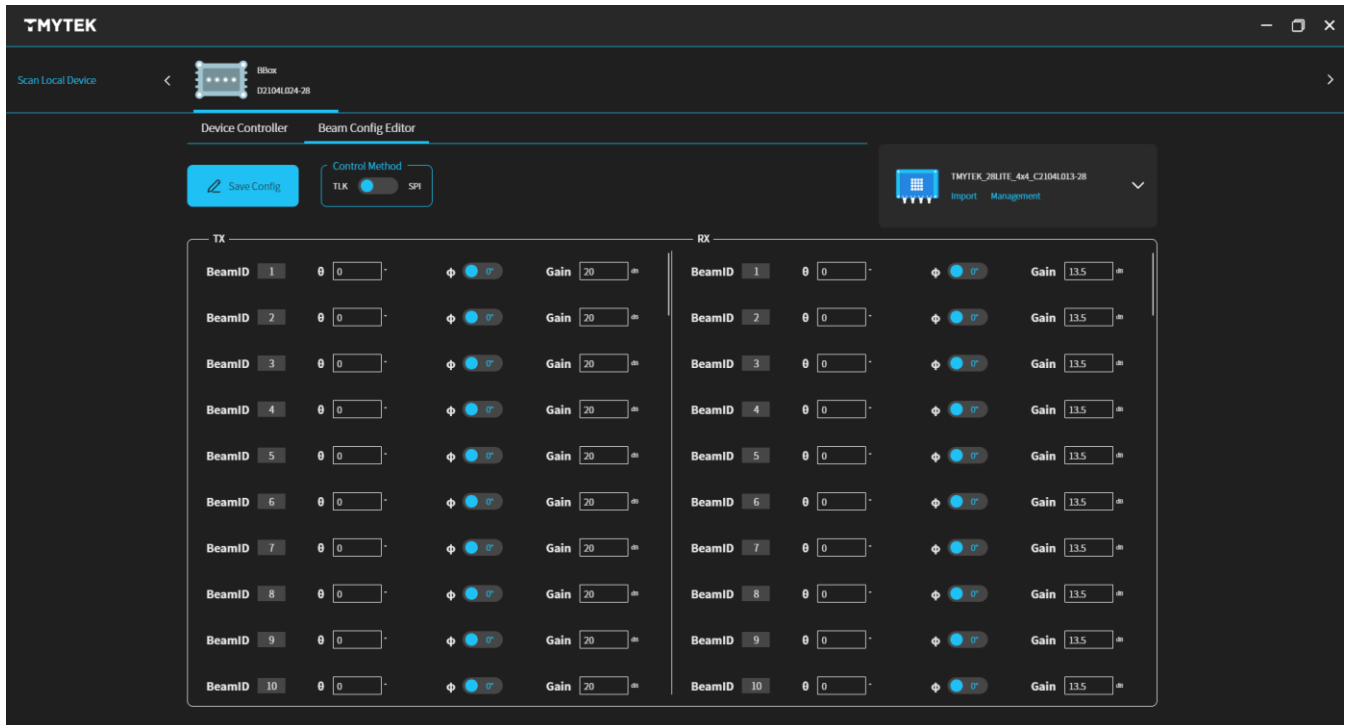
(5). After editing, click "Save Config" to save the configuration file.
NOTE: At this moment, the configuration file is only written on the PC and has not been written to BBox yet.
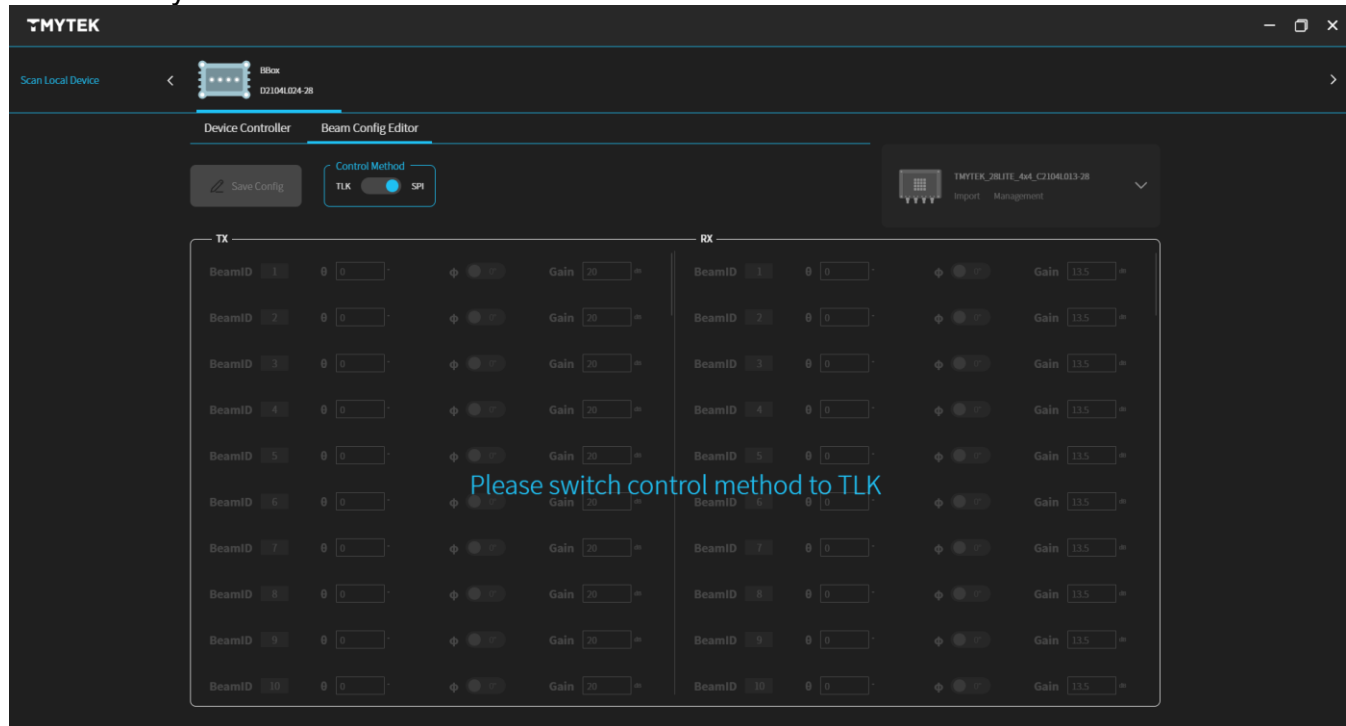

(6). Control Method shows how BBox is controlled. In the "TLK" mode, the device is controlled by Ethernet.

(7). Toggling the Control Method button can switch the control method of BBox. In the "SPI" mode, Beam Config is written to BBox and BBox cannot be controlled by TLK. All function is locked and "Please switch control method to TLK" will pop up on the screen.

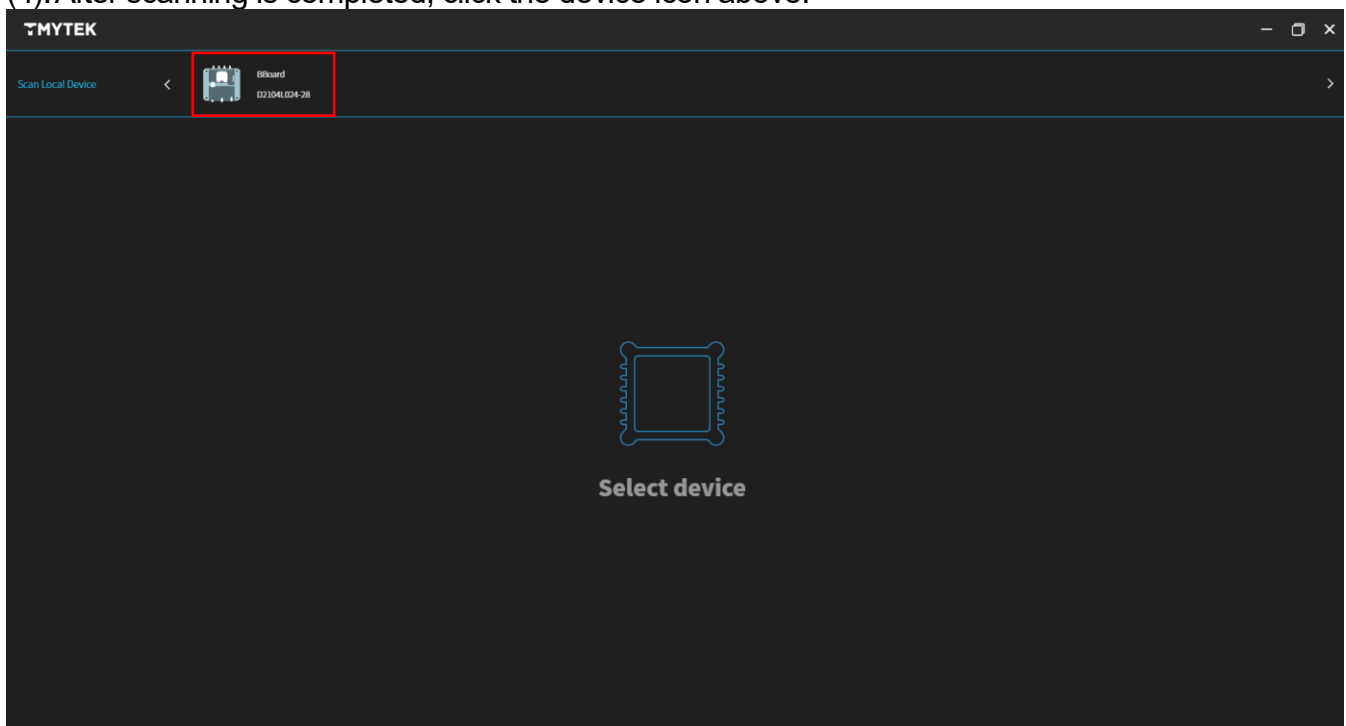NOTE: If you switch to the "Device Controller" page now, the Control Method will be set to "TLK" automatically.
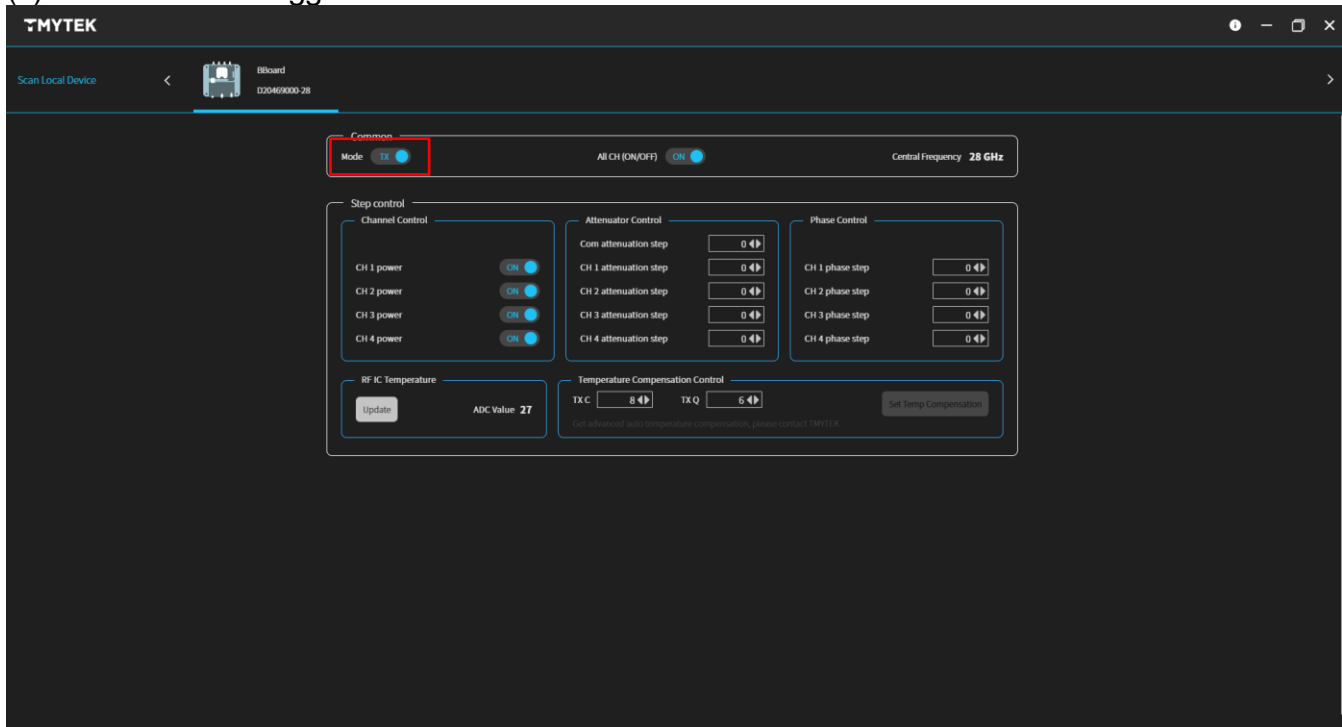
4. BBoard

(1). Connect BBoard and PC with Ethernet, and then turn on the power of BBoard.
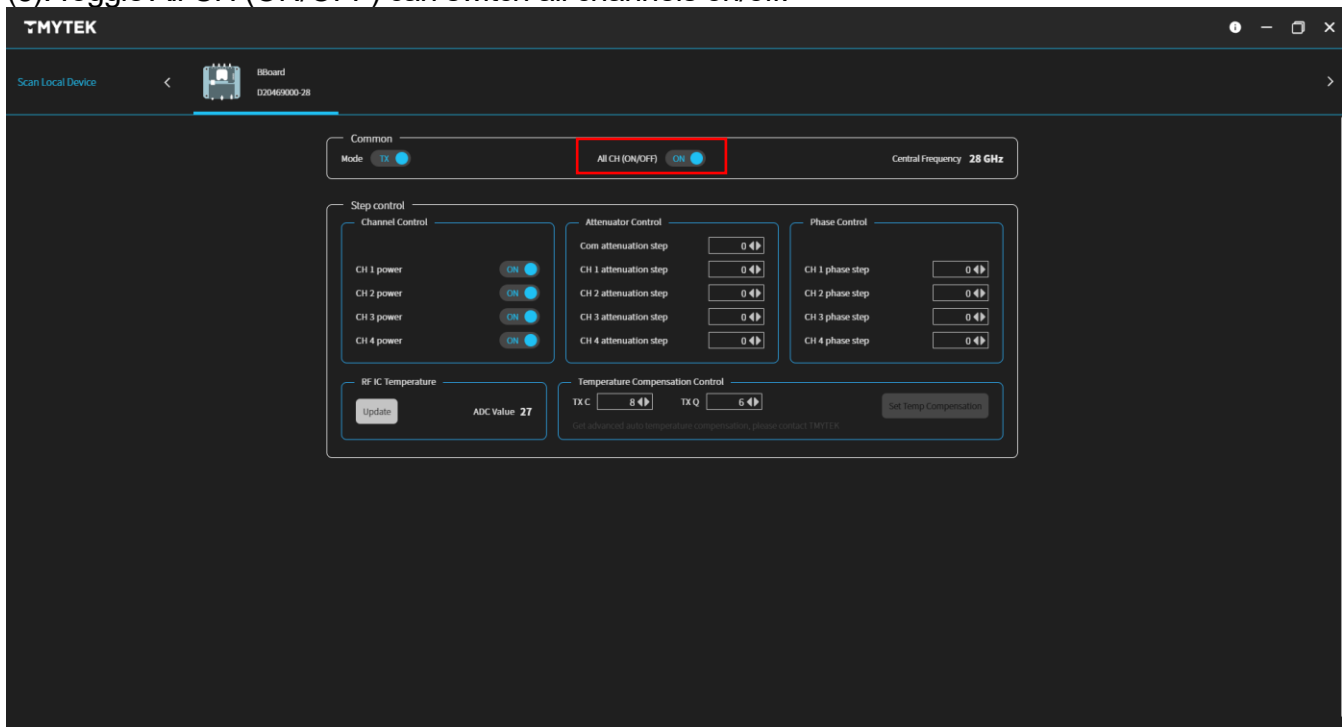(2). Open TMXLAB Kit.
(3). Wait till scanning is completed.
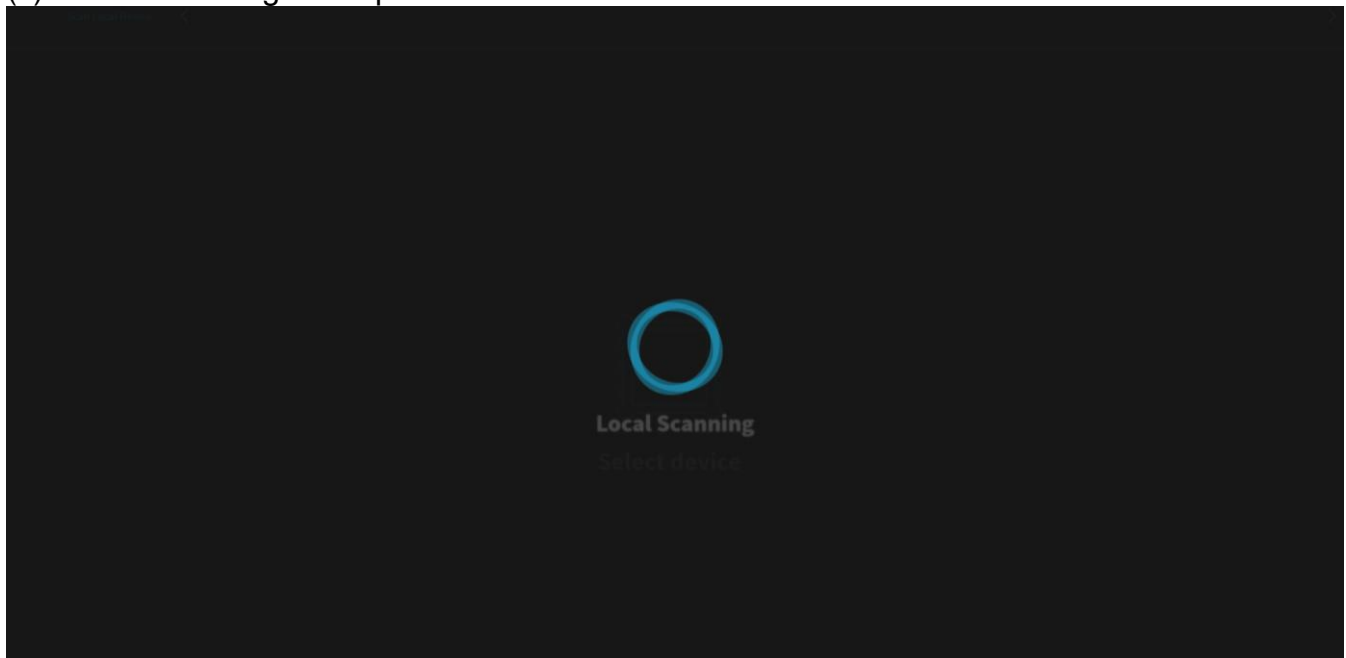
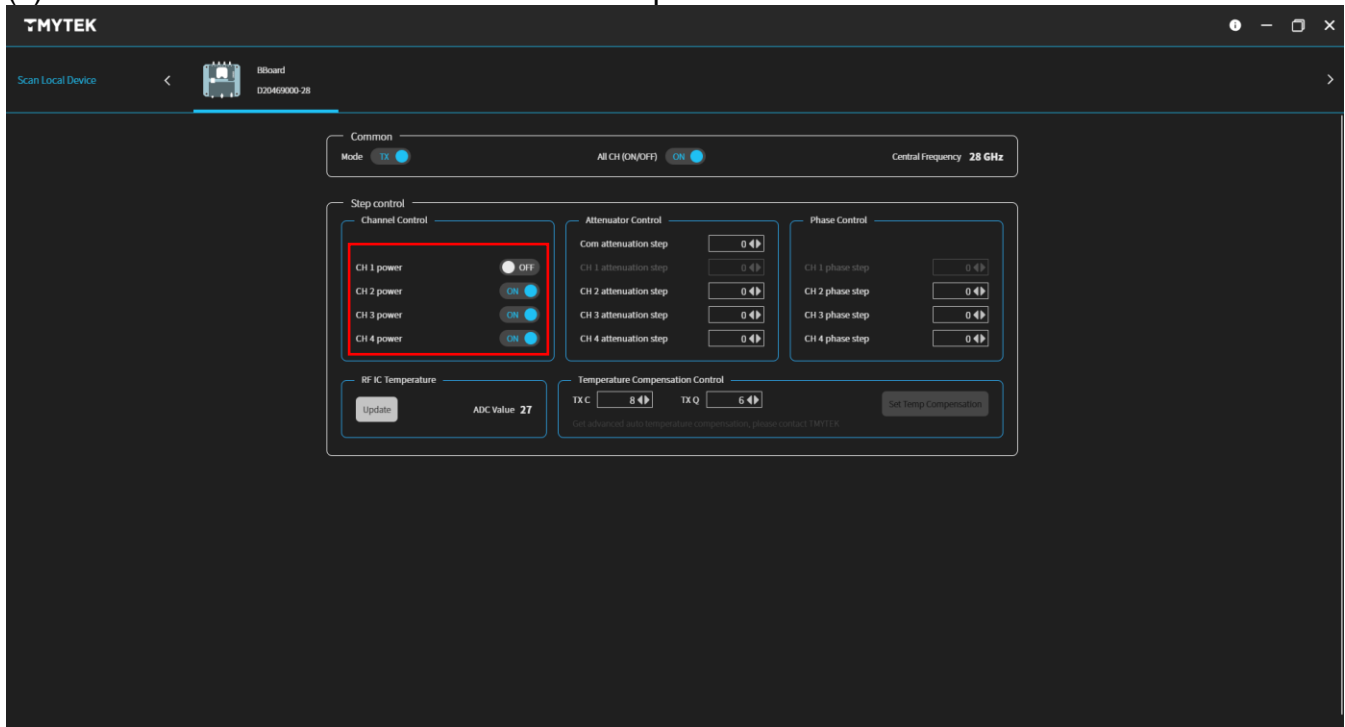(4). After scanning is completed, click the device icon above.

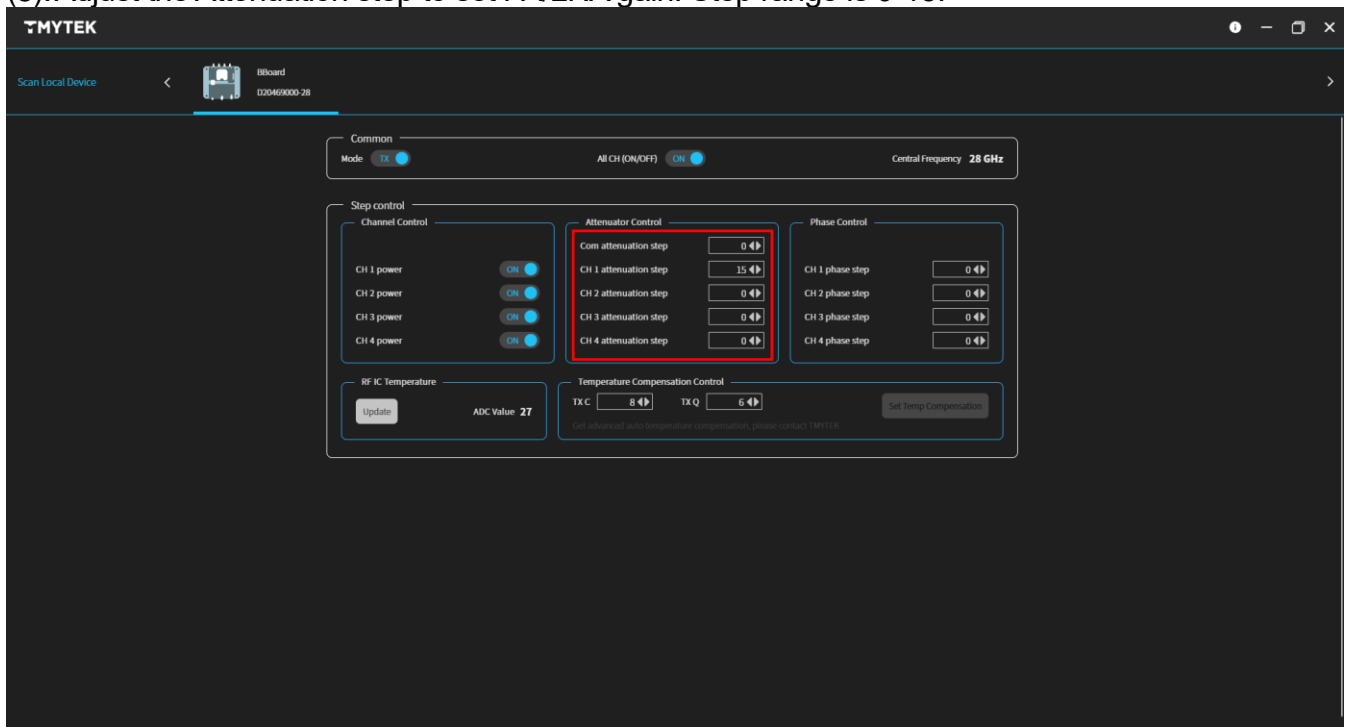(5). Click the Mode toggle switch to switch between Tx/Rx mode.

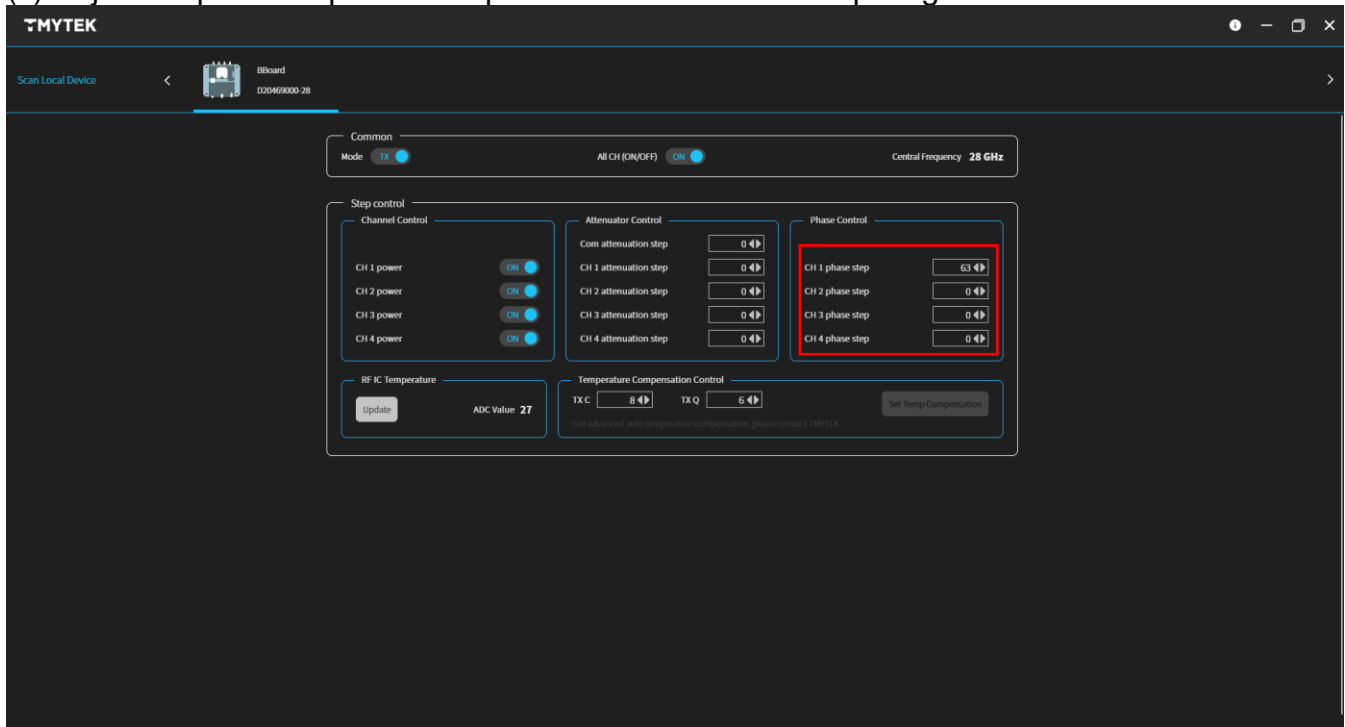(6). Toggle All CH (ON/OFF) can switch all channels on/off.

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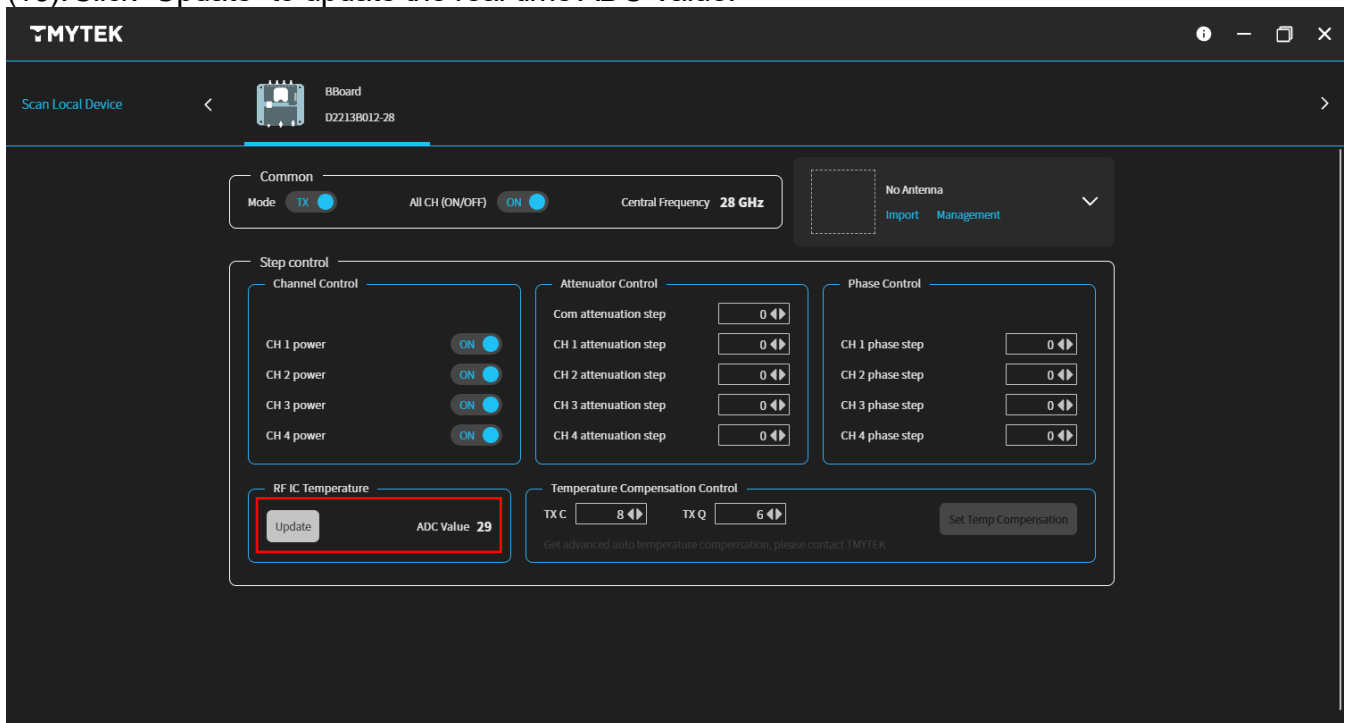(7). Click the switch button to switch the channel power on and off.

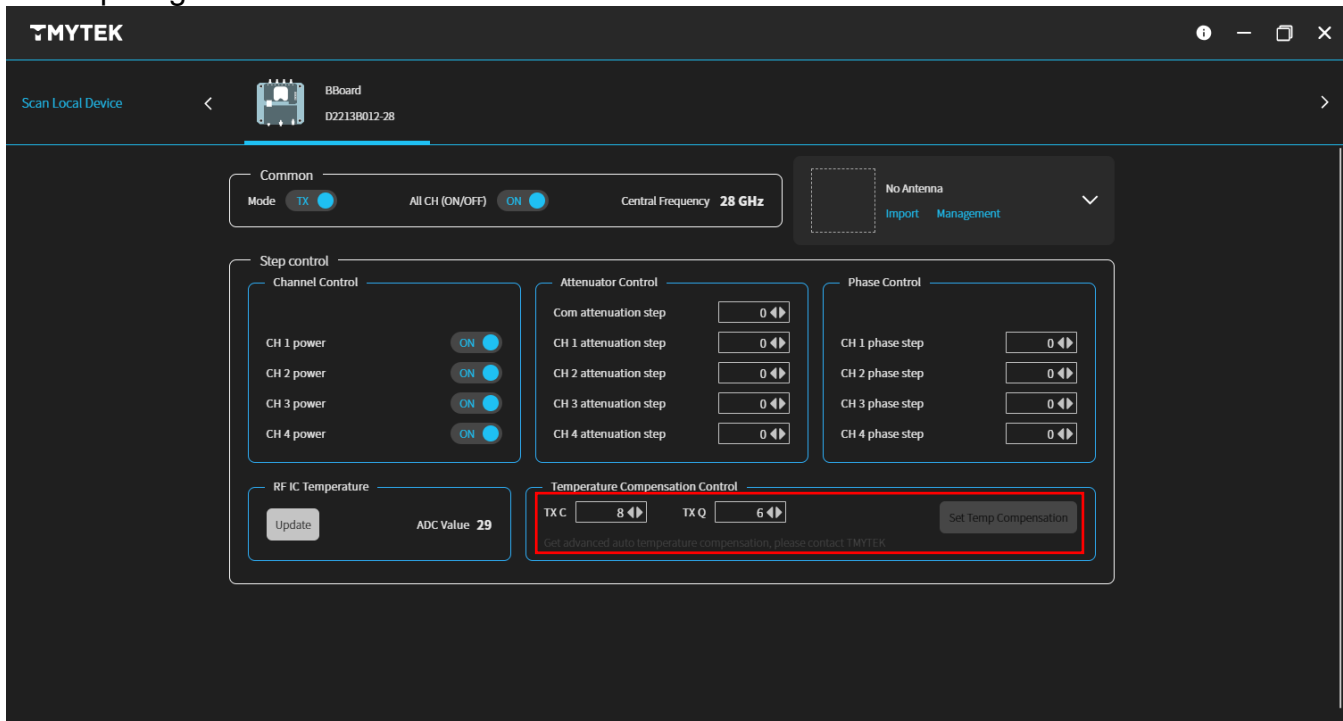(8). Adjust the Attenuation step to set PA/LNA gain. Step range is 0-15.

(9). Adjust the phase step to set the phase of each channel. Step range is 0-63.

(10). Click "Update" to update the real-time ADC Value.

(11). TX C/TX Q (Tx mode) and RX C/RX Q (Rx mode) are temperature compensation coefficients. TX C and RX C contribute about 1dB gain, and TX Q and RX Q contribute about 0.5 dB gain. Step range is 0-15.
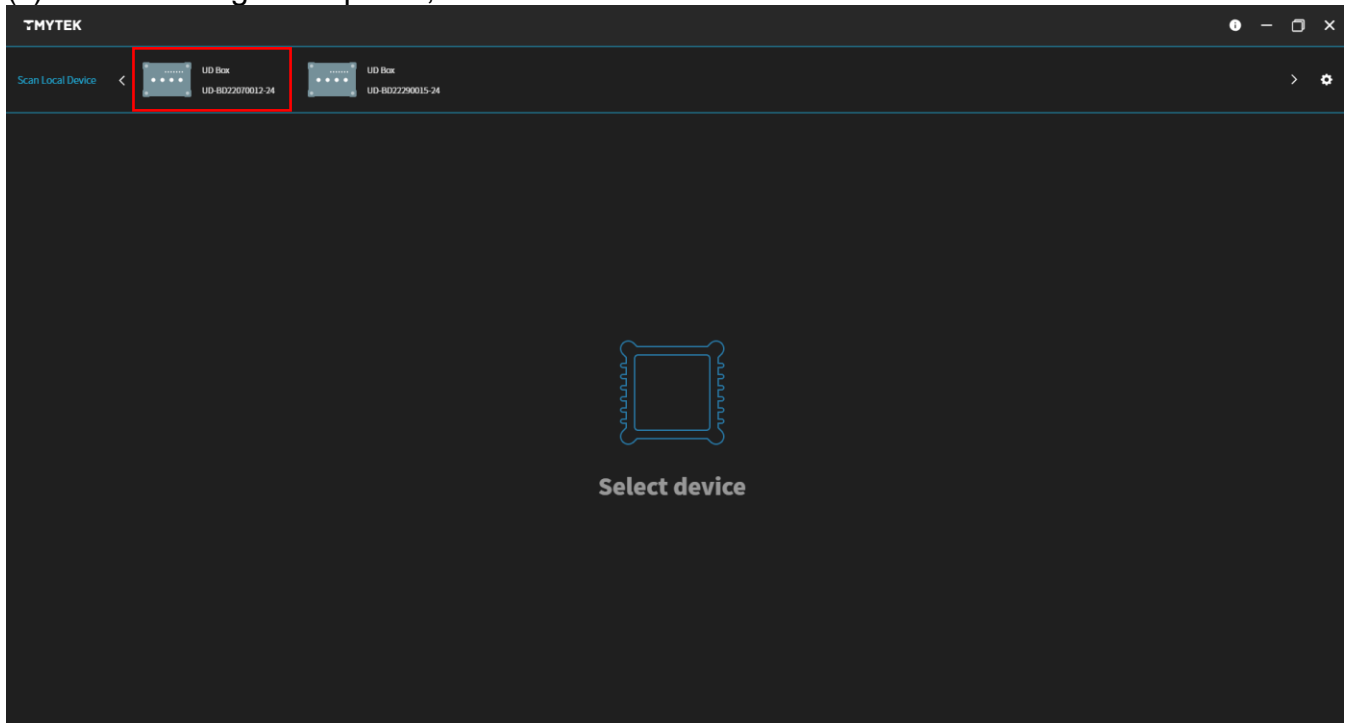
5. UD Box 5G

(1). Connect the UD Box and PC with Ethernet, and then turn on the power of the UD Box.
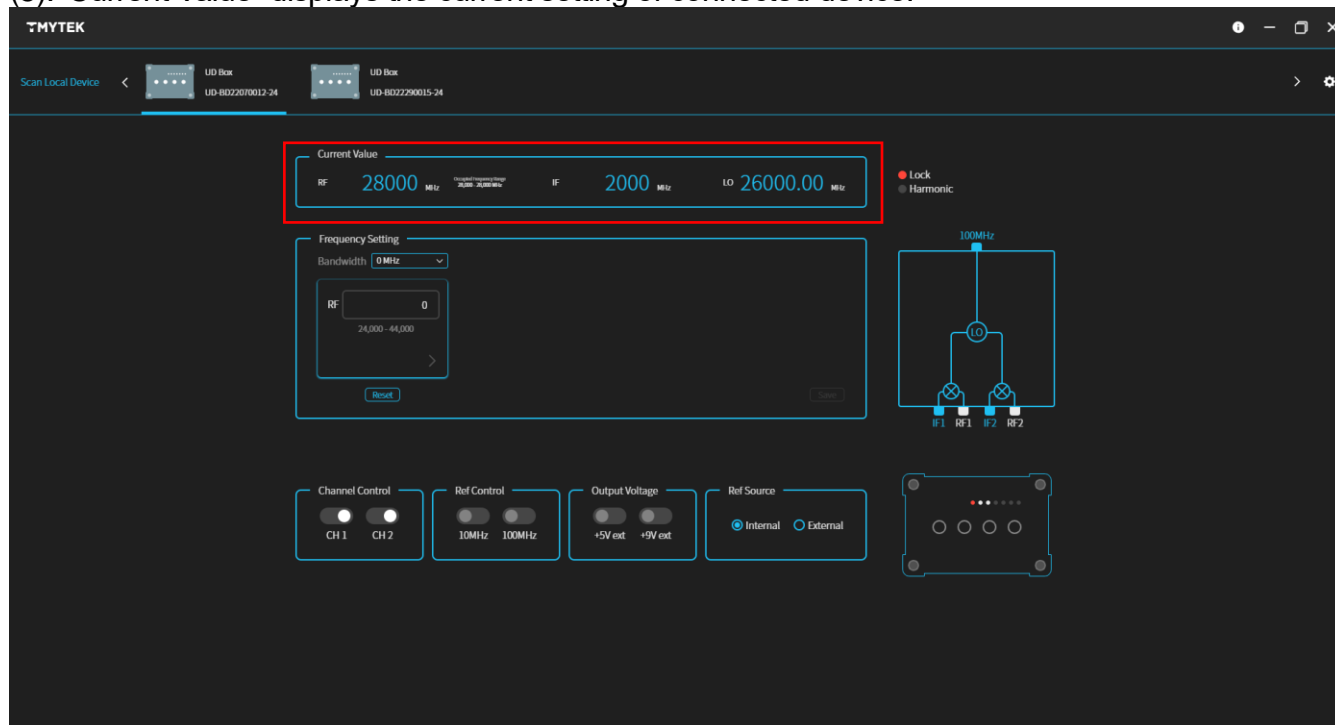(2). Open TMXLAB Kit.
(3). Wait till scanning is completed.
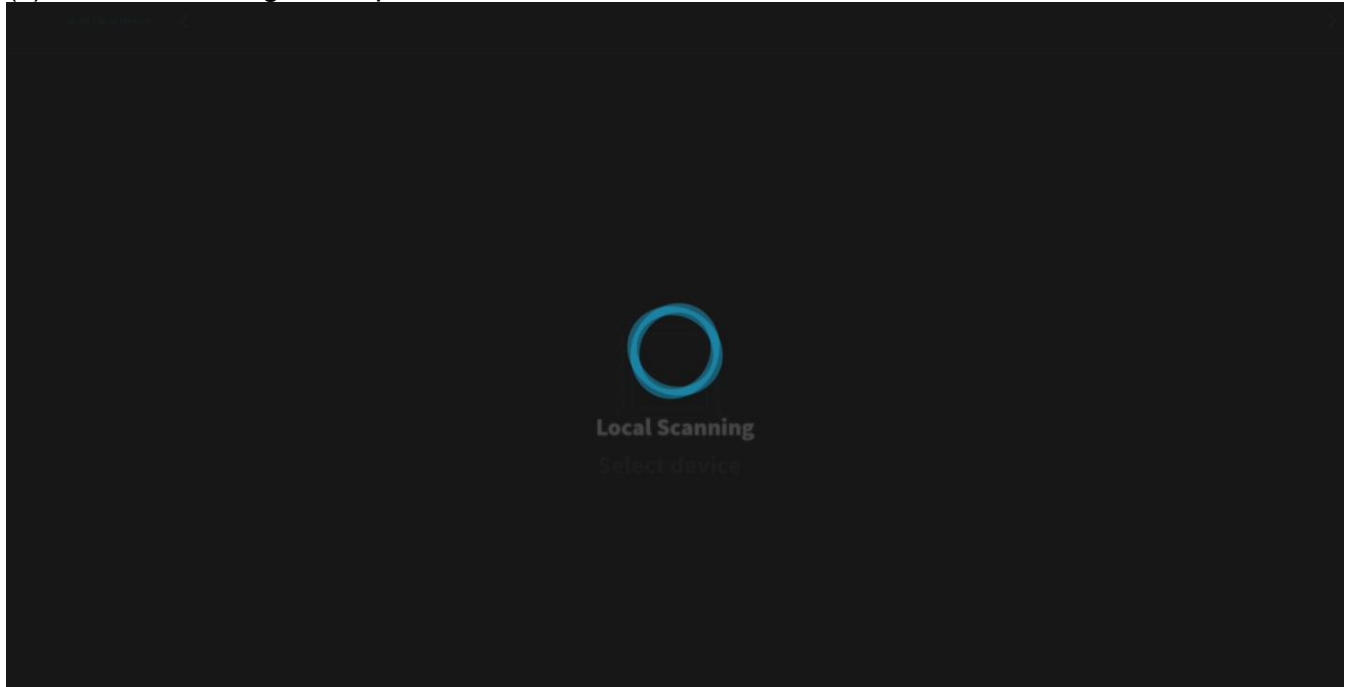
(4). After scanning is completed, click the device icon above.

(5). "Current Value" displays the current setting of connected device.

(6). Changing the value in the bandwidth drop-down list would modify the value in the calculation of harmonic.

(7). The LO frequency can be set in the Frequency Setting.
After entering RF, click the arrow below or Enter to enter the IF input box.
After entering the IF, click the arrow below or Enter to automatically compute LO, and Bandwidth will be used to calculate the reference value of frequency range. Click "Save" to set the UD Box. Click "Reset" to clear all input values and return to the RF input box.
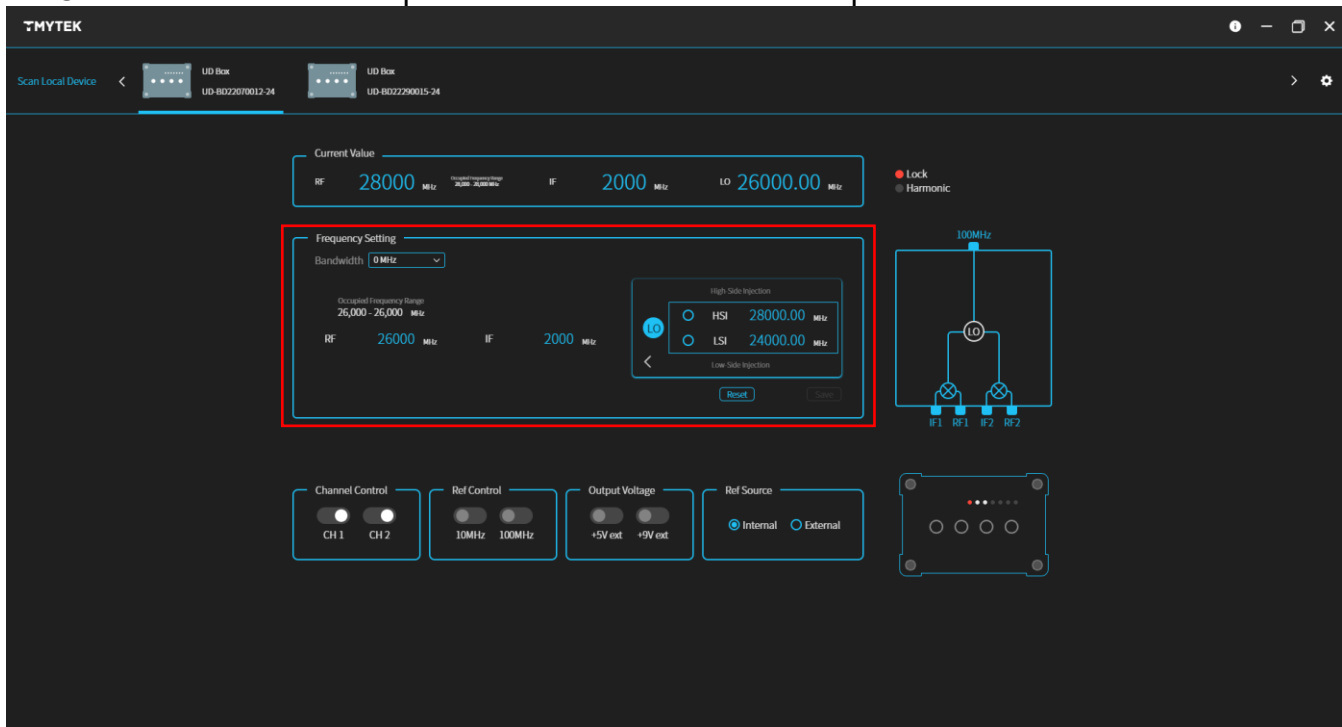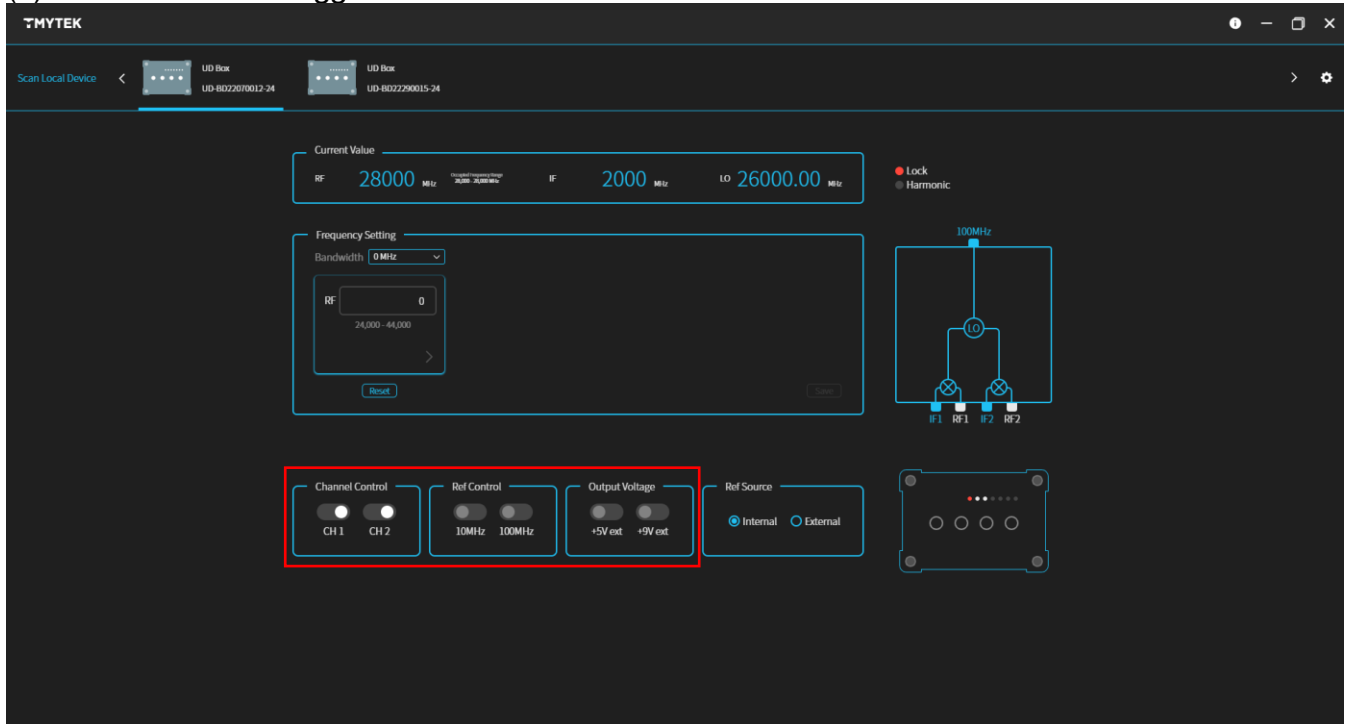

(8). If the input frequency is the same the in-band harmonics, the Current Value will turn yellow and the Harmonic icon in the upper right corner will also turn yellow to signal warning.
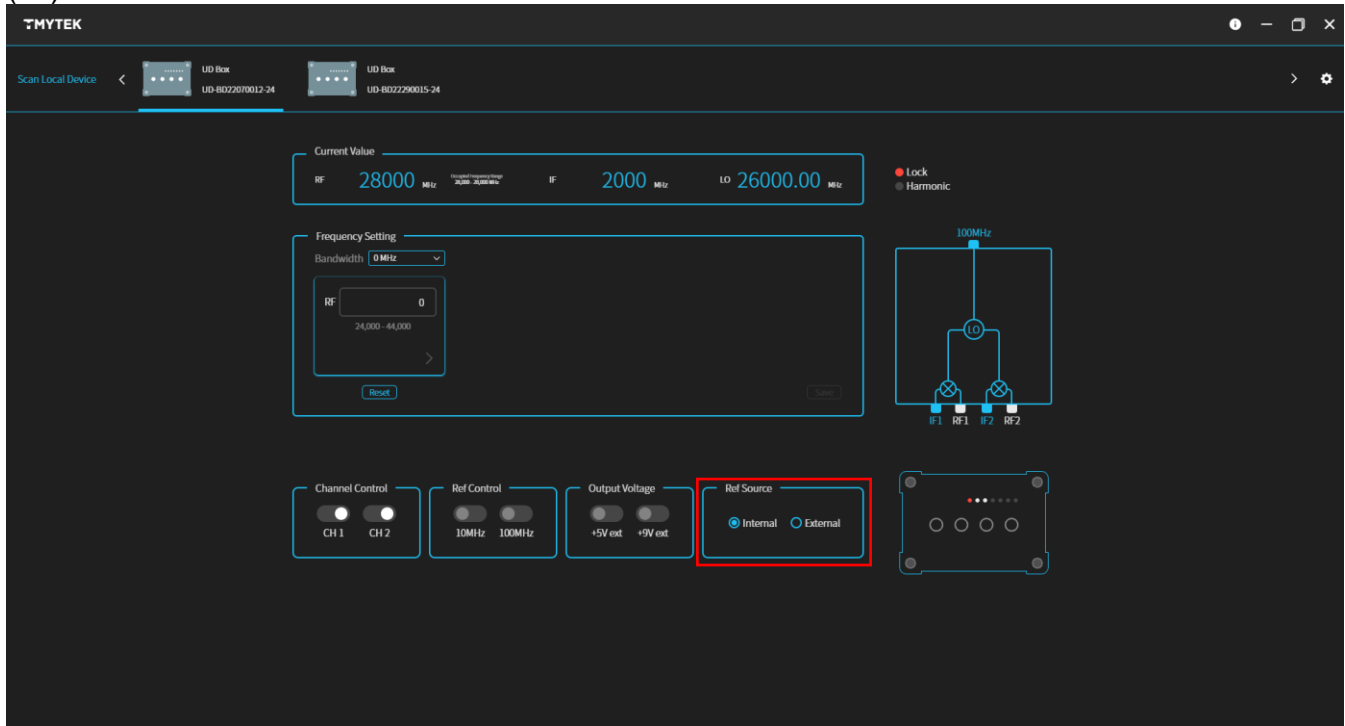NOTE: When the yellow warning is shown, UD Box will still execute this setting.
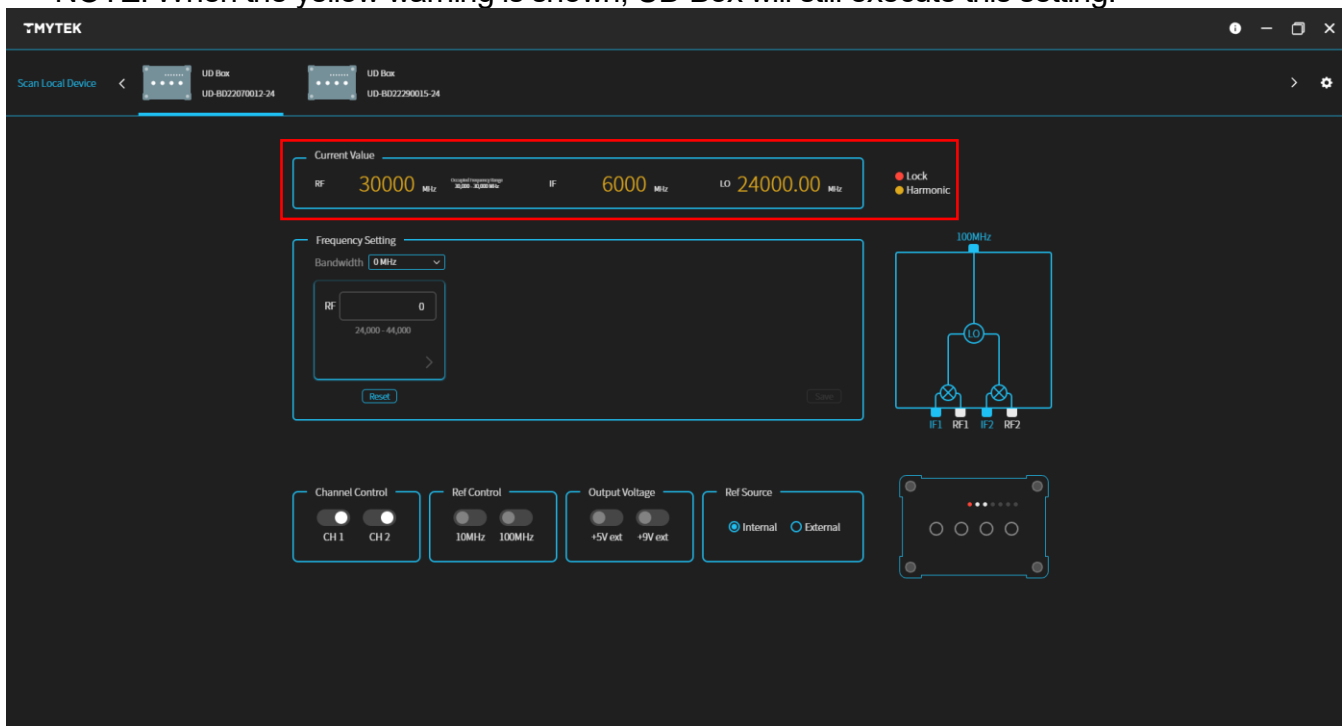
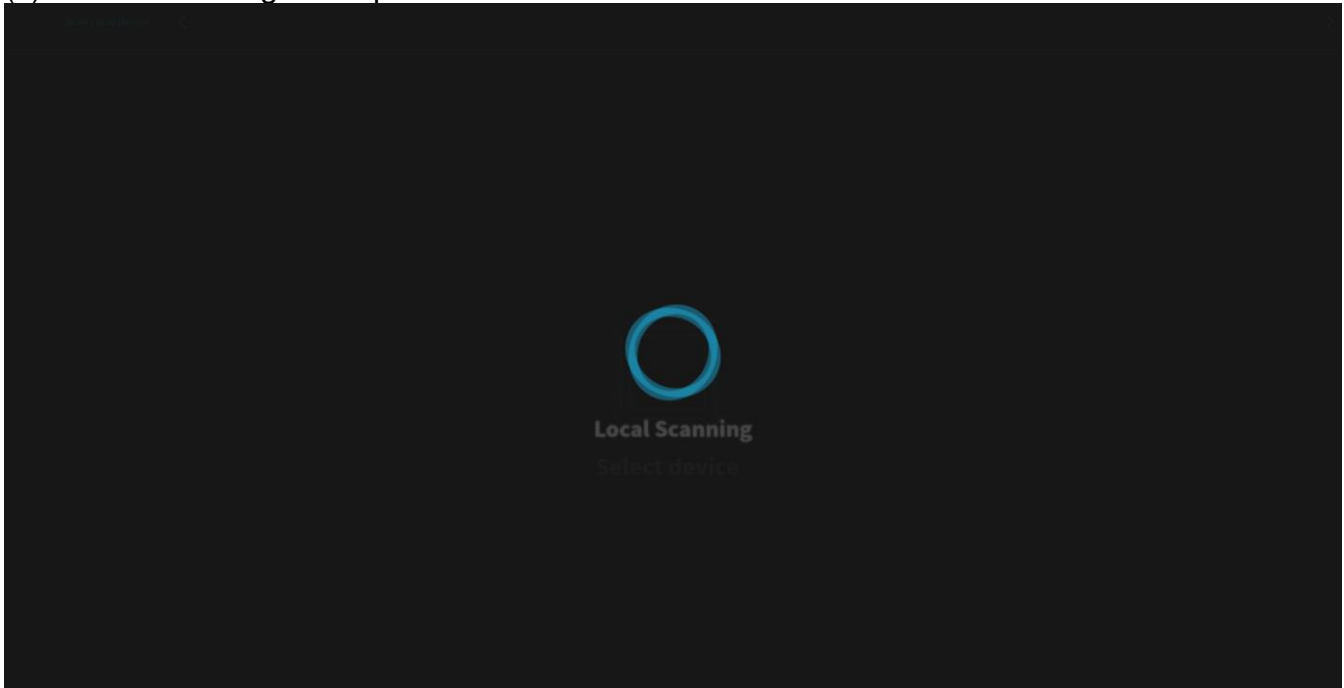(9). You can click the toggle switch to switch each item on and off.

(10). You can choose either internal source or external source in the Ref Source section.
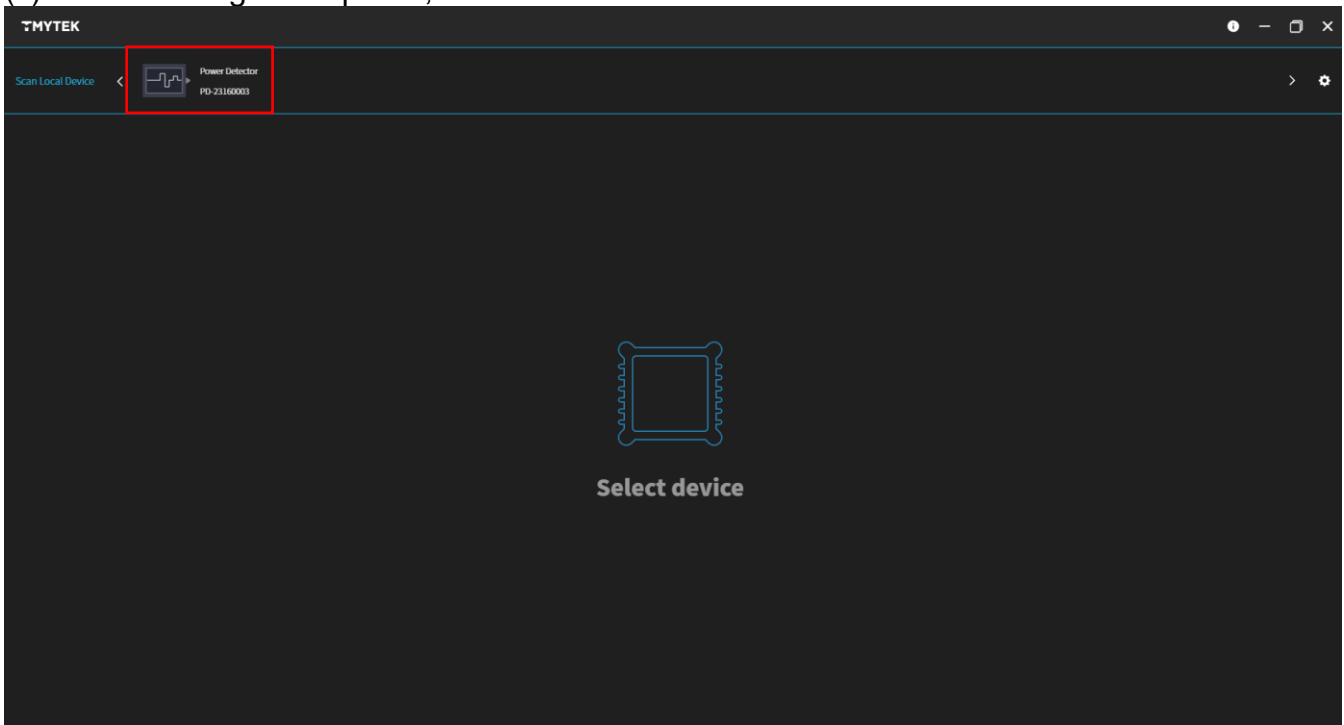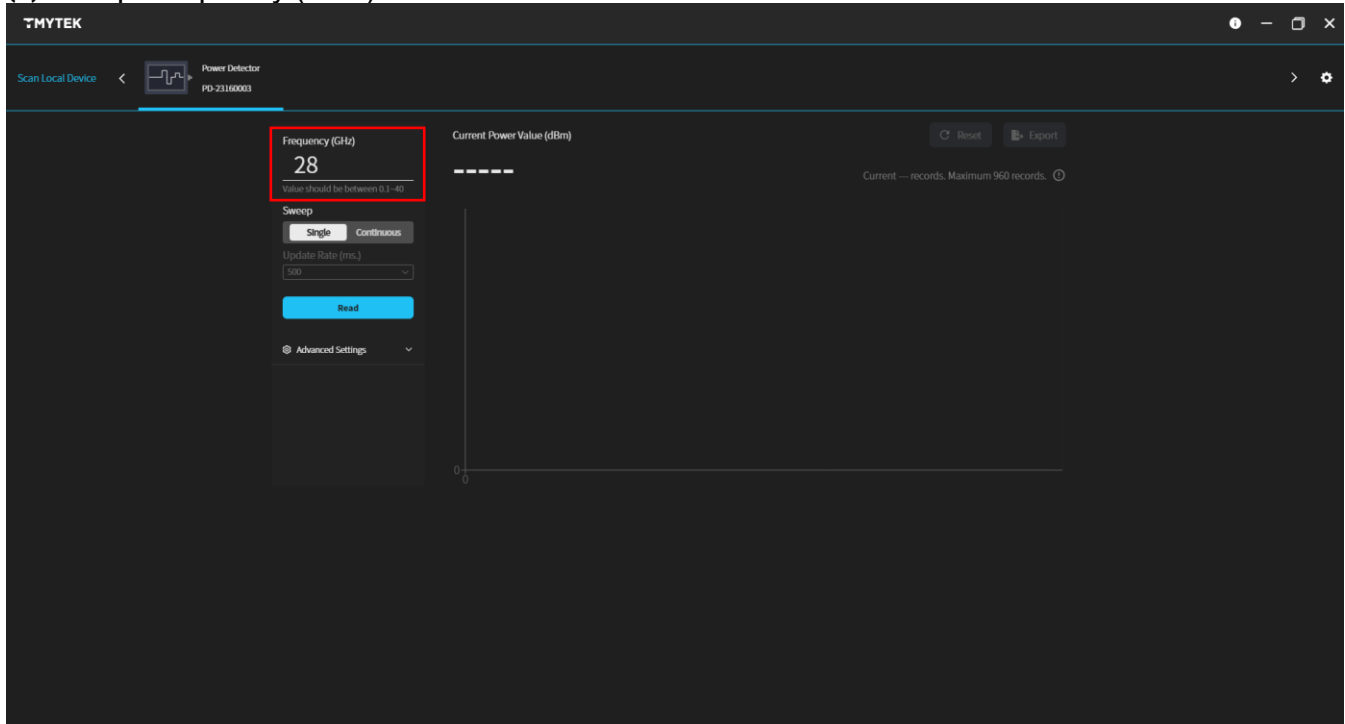
6. Power Detector

(1). Connect the Power Detector and PC with USB.
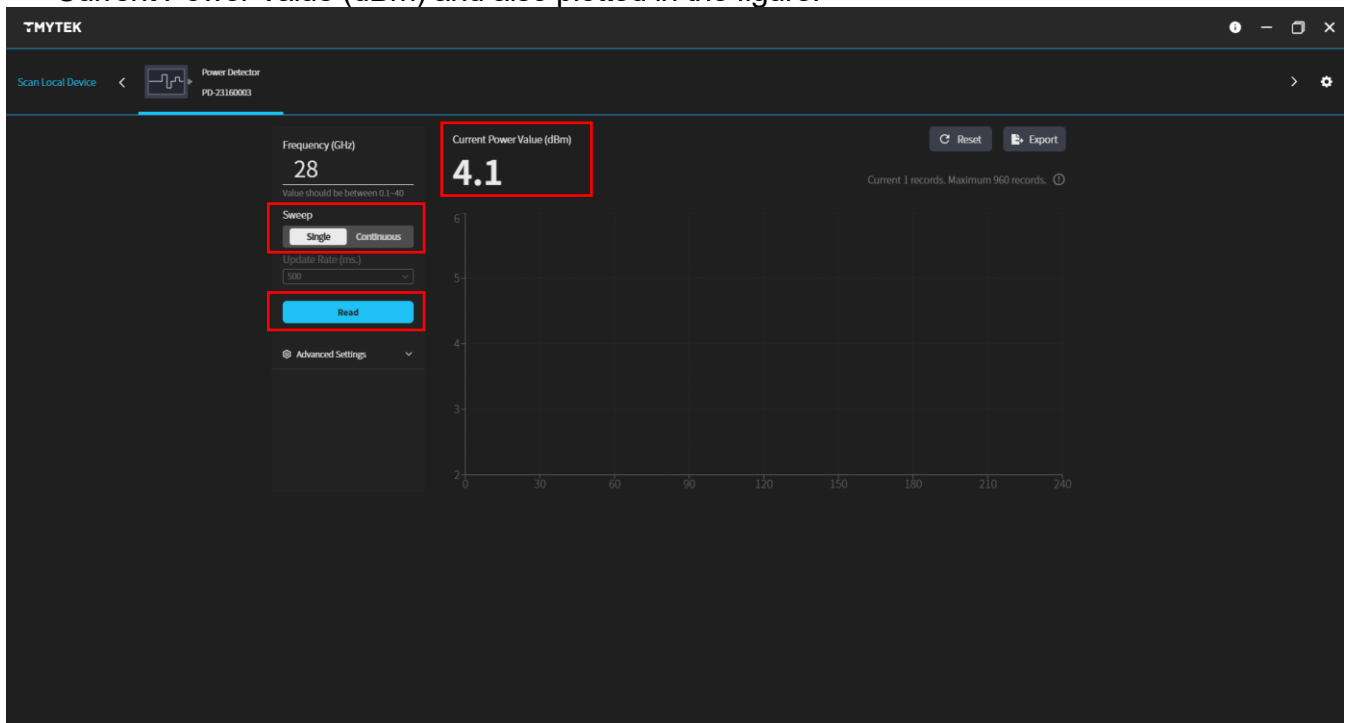(2). Open TMXLAB Kit.
(3). Wait till scanning is completed.

(4). After scanning is completed, click the device icon above.

**(5).** Setup Frequency (GHz) between 0.1-40 GHz.

(6). When Sweep setup is "Single", click Read to measure once and the value will be shown in the Current Power Value (dBm) and also plotted in the figure.

(7). When Sweep setup is "Continuous", select and setup the Update Rate (ms.), click Read to continuously measure. The measurement can be stopped when click the Stop. The measured value is shown in the in the Current Power Value (dBm) and also plotted in the figure.
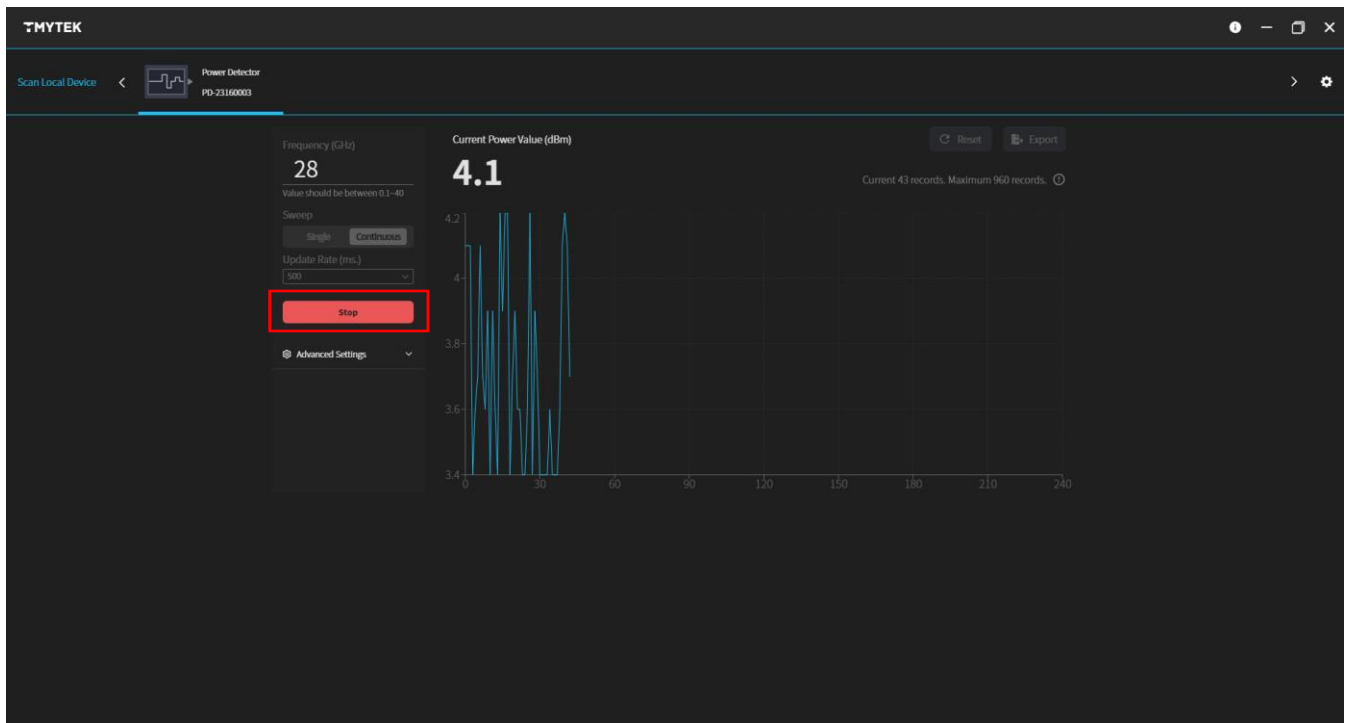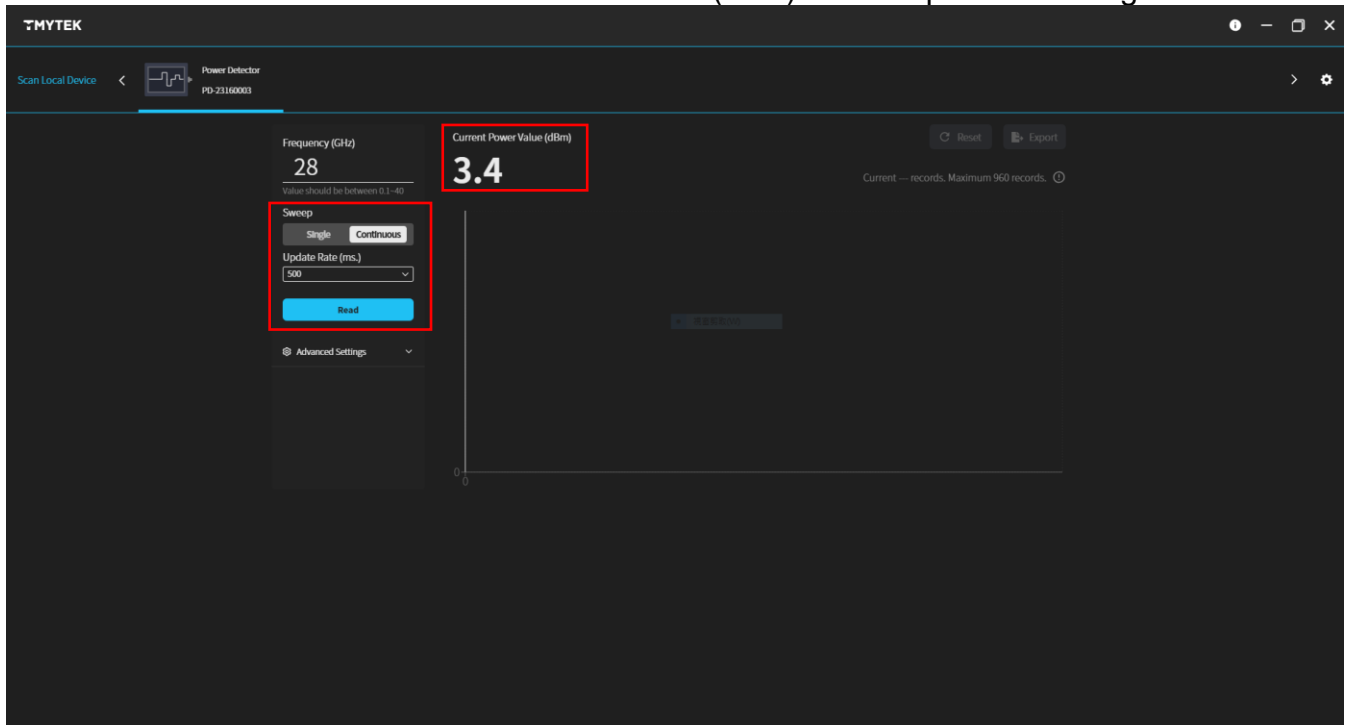
(8). Setup the "Average" option to calculate the average value with times. As shown in the figure, Update Rate has been set to 500 ms and average is 20. It means Current Power value is updated in every 500 ms and the value is the average of 20 times (every data for 25 ms).
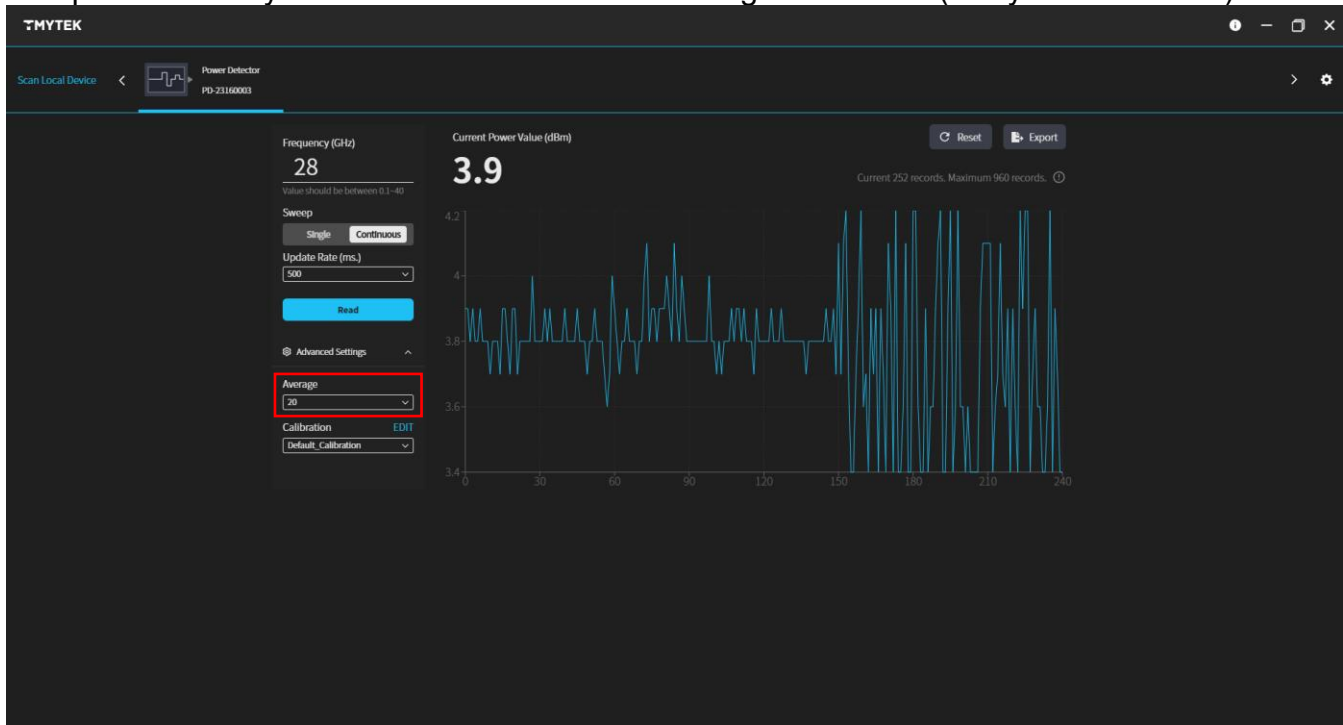
(9). Calibration is the calibrated file. Use the system default calibrated file in normal situation. If there is some measured tolerance, user can add and use new calibrated file. Click "EDIT" to enter the page for calibration file editing.
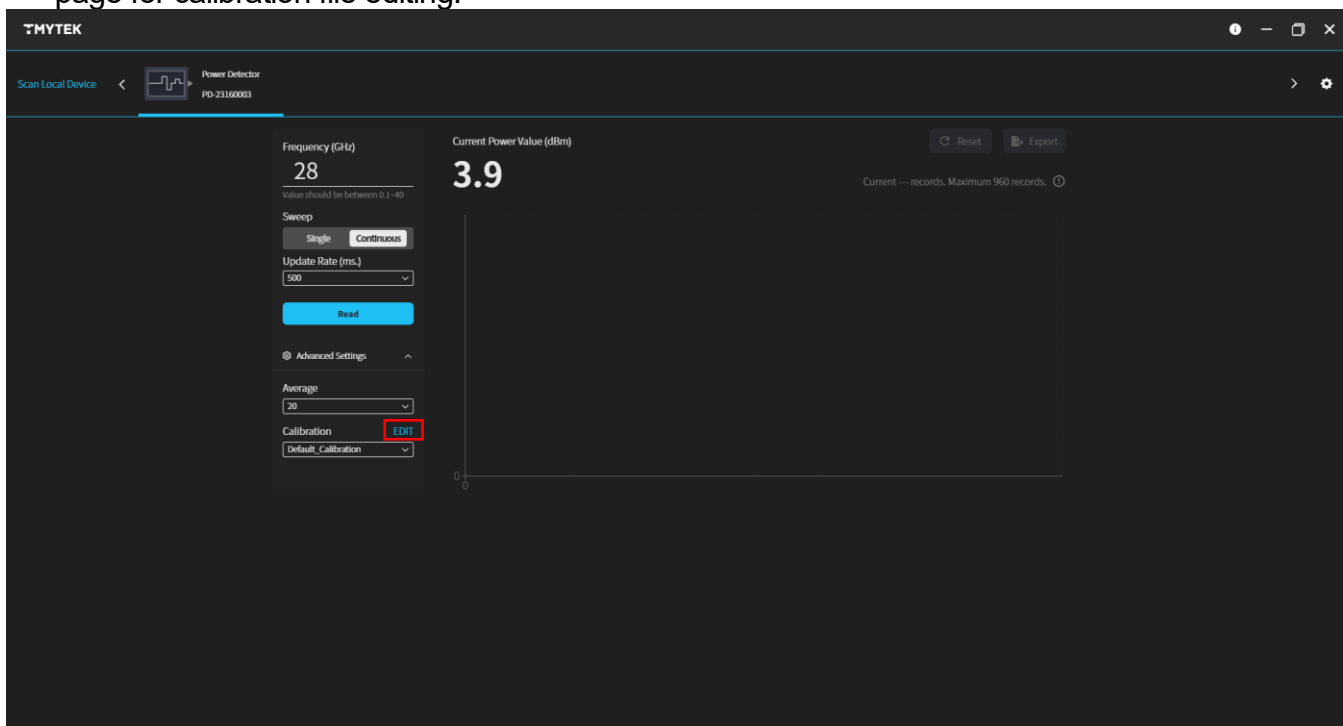
(10). Click "Add new Config" to add new calibration file. User can change Config File Name. New file name will be shown in the tab. Click "Delete" to remove the calibration file. User can save up to 5 calibration files.

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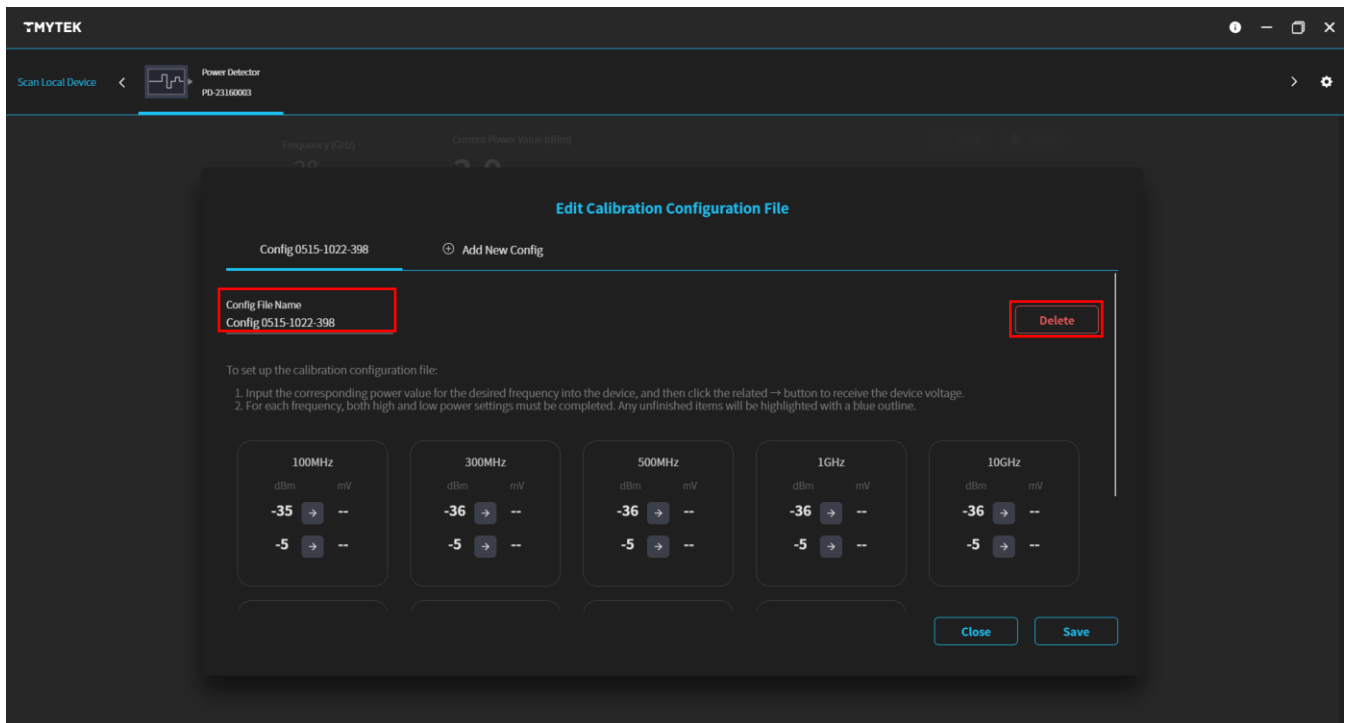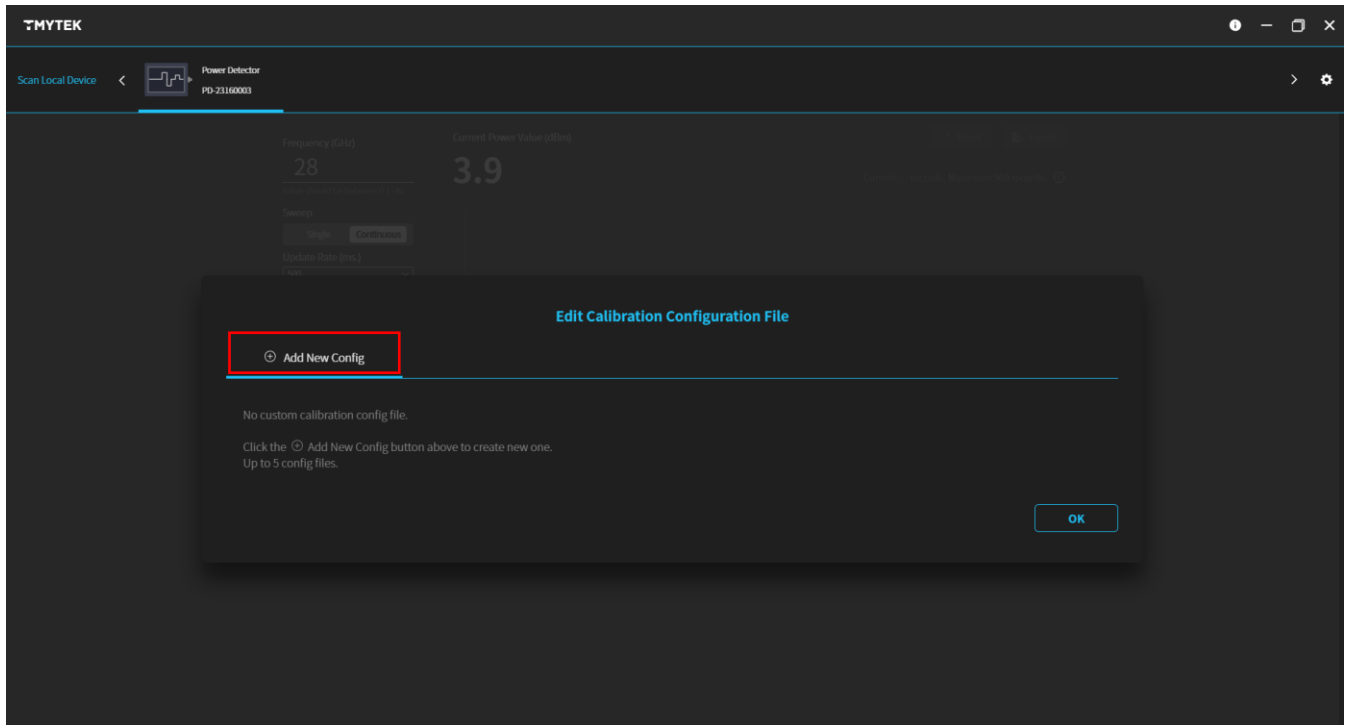
(11). After setting up the external signal source, click "→" at each calibrated frequencies and power to record the dc voltage (mV). For each frequency, user needs to finish the high and low power measurement. After showing the green "✓", the calibration is done. When finishing all the frequencies, click "Save" to store the calibration file and back to the control panel. User can choose the calibration file in the "Calibration" menu.

Note: User can only calibrate the frequency point which is needed. No need to finish all frequency points.
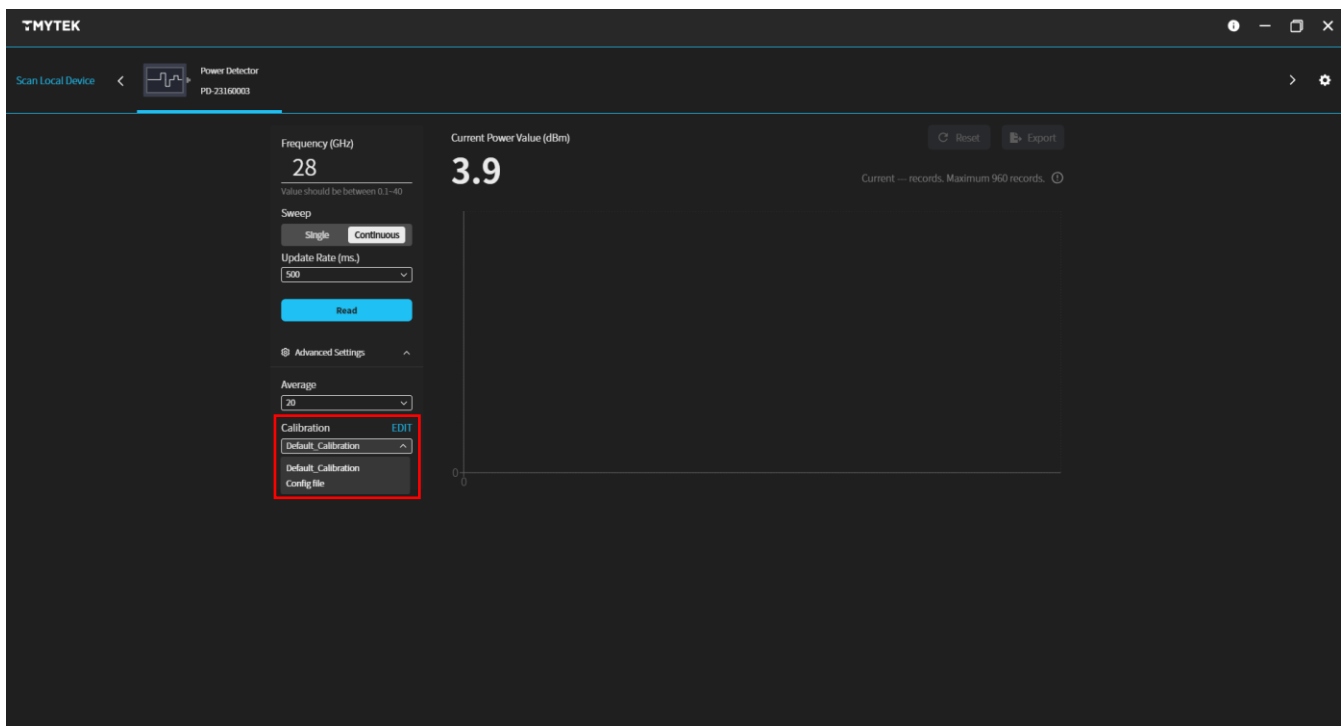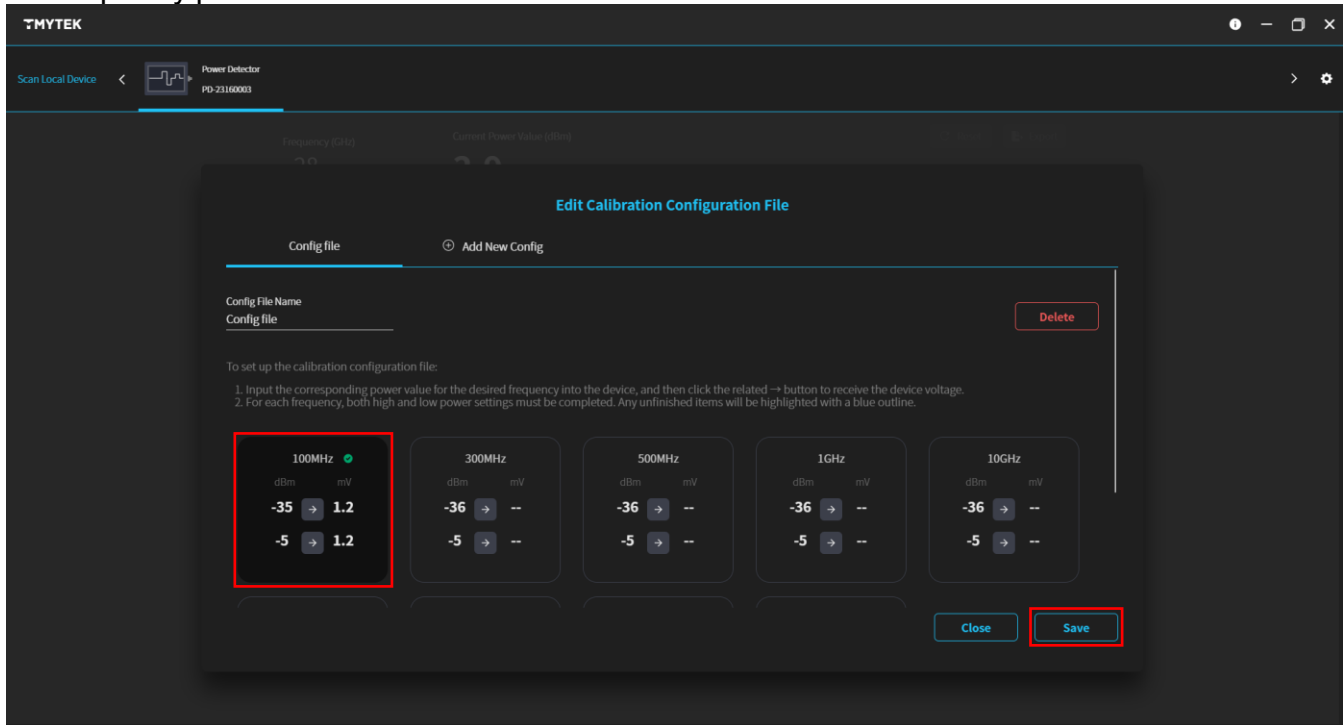
(12). Click" Reset" to clean the measured record.
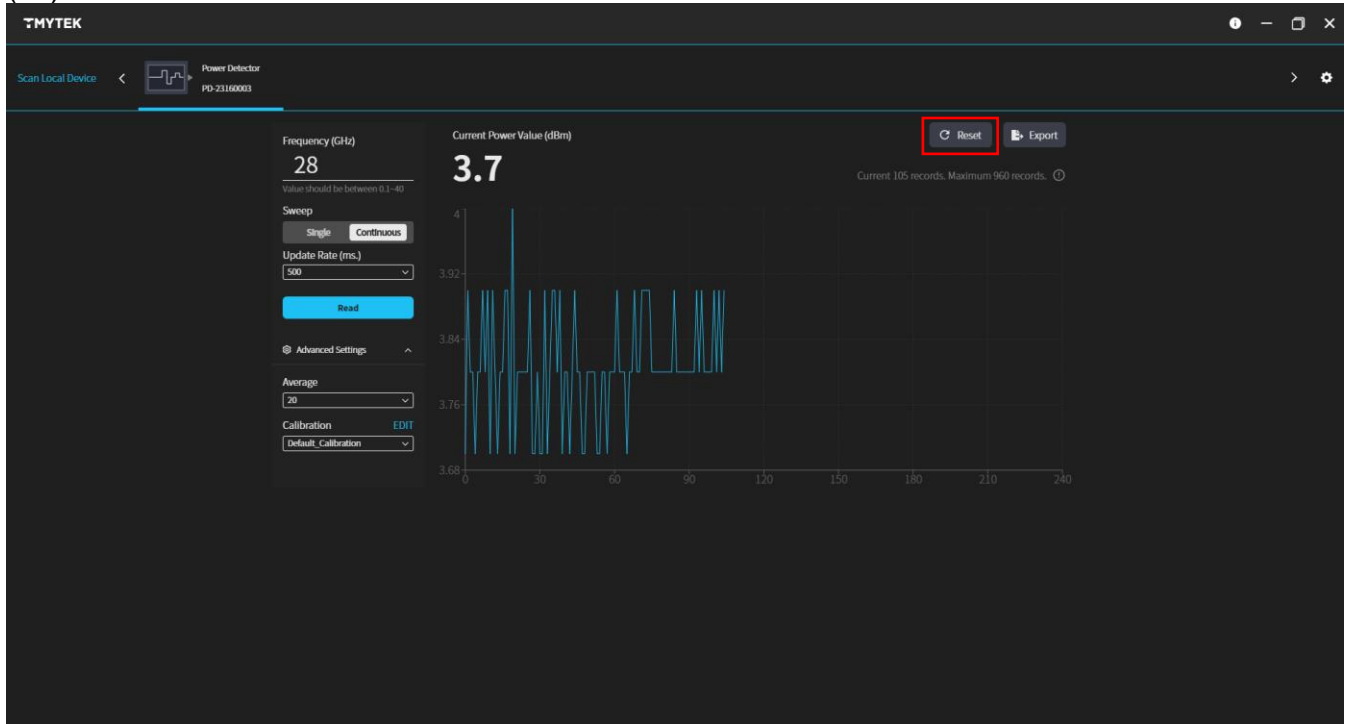
(13). Click "Export" to download the measured data with .csv file. User can record up to 960 points.
Note: Data format of the export file: measured time, measured frequency, measured value.