

VIS.TRACK

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1. Introduction

VIS.TRACK is a unique video based real time tracking system for players, referees and ball with high accuracy and easy operating functions.

This document describes the system architecture and protocol details in order to provide tracking data.

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2. System Architecture

The VIS.TRACK system consists of two cameras, a computer unit and an operating interface (monitor, mouse, keyboard). All tracking data which are gathered during a match are available at the data interface. In order to use the position data, each recipient has to be connected to VIS.TRACK and has to care about the underlying data protocol which is described in section 3. Due to multicast streaming of tracking data, several recipients can be provided with data at the same time.

Each application that needs to connect to VIS.TRACK has to create three sockets with the following settings:

- π TCP-socket (listening server, port **4301**): direct connection to VIS.TRACK receiving requested data
- Π UDP-receiving-socket (ip **224.64.4.3**, port **4300**): multicast connection to VIS.TRACK receiving tracking data
- Π UDP-sending-socket (ip **224.64.4.3**, port **4300**): multicast connection to VIS.TRACK sending requests

For the UDP-sockets the following options have to be set:

- Π SO_REUSEADRR has to be TRUE
- Π IP_MULTICAST LOOP should be FALSE
- π UDP-receiving-socket has to join the multicast group

During the match each connected application receives current tracking data frame by frame on the UDP-receiving-socket. In case of lost frames, requests can be delivered to VIS.TRACK using the UDP-sending-socket. After that the TCP connection is confirmed by VIS.TRACK and the requested data can be received on the TCP-socket.



	X	X-coordinate of the player's position (4 decimal places)
	Y	Y-coordinate of the player's position (4 decimal places)
	Speed	Current speed of the player in m/sec (2 decimal places)
	;	Delimiter of player
	Team 1 is the home team and includes 11 players. According to their position in the Team1-category, each player has a unique ID. Starting with ID 0 for the first player, up to 10 for the last player of the home team. If the player is not tracked, only the delimiter is delivered. In case of a red card the position is -10.0000,-10.0000 and the speed is set to 0.00. Structure: JerseyNumber,X,Y,Speed;	
Team 2 (ID 11-21)		Description
	JerseyNumber	Number on player's jersey
	X	X-coordinate of the player's position (4 decimal places)
	Y	Y-coordinate of the player's position (4 decimal places)
	Speed	Current speed of the player in m/sec (2 decimal places)
	;	Delimiter of player
	Team 2 is the away team and includes 11 players. According to their position in the Team2-category, each player has a unique Starting with ID 11 for the first player, up to 21 for the last player away team. If the player is not tracked, only the delimiter delivered. In case of a red card the position is -10.0000,-10.00 and the speed is set to 0.00. Structure: JerseyNumber, X, Y, Speed;	
Referees (ID 22-24)		Description
	X	X-coordinate of referee's position (4 decimal places)
	Y	Y-coordinate of referee's position (4 decimal places)
	Speed	Current speed of referee in



- 3. Protocol Details
- 3.1 Tracking Data

VIS.TRACK determines the position of each player and the ball 25 times per second. For each frame a message is composed by the following structure:

Frame # Team1 # Team2 # Referees # Ball # Additional Info

Category	Description	
Frame		Description
	FrameNumber	Relative number of frames. The FrameNumber is incremented with each frame. Each section starts with FrameNumber o.
	Minute	Current minute. If Section is 0 Minute is set to 0.
	Section	Number of current section
		π First half: 1
		π Second half: 2
		π First overtime: 3
		π Second overtime: 4
		π Else: o
		Section shows the current section of each frame. When the game has not started yet or is already finished or is interrupted, the Section is o.
	;	Delimiter of frame.
	Structure: FrameNumber,Min	ute,Section;
Team 1 (ID 0-10)		Description
	JerseyNumber	Number on player's jersey

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,		m/sec (2 decimal places)
	;	Delimiter of referee
	In this category the first referee is the main referee with ID 22. two linesmen have the IDs 23 and 24. If the referee is not track only the delimiter is delivered. Structure: <i>X,Y,Speed</i> ;	
Ball		Description
	X	X-coordinate of the ballposition (4 decimal places)
	Y	Y-coordinate of the ballposition (4 decimal places)
	Z	Z-coordinate of the ballposition in cm
	Speed	Current speed of the ball (2 decimal places)
	Flag	Current status of the ball
	Possession	Possession indicates the ID of the player, who is in possession of the ball (no possession: -1).
	;	Delimiter of ball
	Structure: X,Y,Z,Speed,Flag,Possession;	
AdditionalInfo		Description
	PlayerInit	Structure: 1,ID,from,to;
		Message when a player was reinitialized. Player "ID" has to be interpolated within the range [from;to].
		Example: 1,13.0,100.0,710.0;
·	PlayerSwap	Structure: 2,ID1,ID2,from,to;
		Two players "ID1" and "ID2" have to be swapped including all their data, frame by frame within the range [from;to].
		Example: 2,4.0,5.0,100.0,710.0;



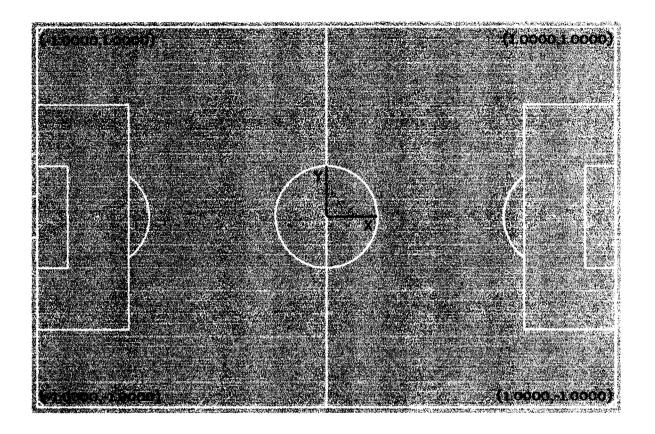
	BallDistance	Structure: 3,Distance;
		Distance between ball and goal at freekicks in meters (1 decimal place).
		Example: 3,23.8;
	PitchSize	Structure: 4,X-distance,Y-distance;
		The information about the size of the pitch in meters is provided within the first frame (1 decimal place).
		Example: 4,105.0,68.0;

3.2 Coordinate System

VIS.TRACK provides position data in relative coordinates.

- Π Origin of the coordinate system is the center of the pitch
- Π X-range: -1.0000 1.0000 running parallel to the sidelines
- Π Y-range: -1.0000 1.0000 running parallel to the endlines
- Π Values can be smaller than -1 and greater than 1





3.3 Samples

2263,2,1;#11,0.8534,-0.1709,2.59;2,0.2431,-0.9600,1.98;3,0.4148,-0.6447,5.39;4,0.4514,-0.1982,4.69;13,0.2622,0.2198,1.66;6,0.0878,-0.3046,2.43;7,-0.2224,-0.4681,1.72;8,0.0529,-0.6984,3.70;9,-0.0345,0.1992,0.69;15,-0.0169,-0.9324,1.63;11,-0.2984,-0.3758,1.15;<math>#22,-0.8223,-0.0946,1.14;2,-0.2694,0.0378,0.81;4,-0.3179,-0.3640,1.60;5,-0.3197,-0.5387,2.10;6,-0.0449,-0.9088,1.84;7,-0.1251,-0.4614,0.93;8,0.0383,-0.7146,3.49;9,0.0953,-0.7388,5.54;10,0.2260,-0.9406,3.87;11,0.0487,0.1480,1.96;13,0.2616,-0.5773,2.50;#-0.0426,-0.4121,1.28;0.3843,-1.0211,2.97;;#0.3400,-0.6991,11,0.00,0,0;#

2264,2,1;#11,0.8524,-0.1745,2.66;2,0.2439,-0.9583,1.97;3,0.4191,-0.6456,5.42;4,0.4546,-0.1962,4.69;13,0.2628,0.2217,1.70;6,0.0891,-0.3041,2.39;7,-0.2223,-0.4696,0,1.69;8,0.0547,-0.6956,3.68;9,-0.0345,0.2000,0.67;15,-0.0170,-0.9301,1.66;11,-0.2974,-0.3755,1.16;#22,-0.8216,-0.0938,1.15;2,-0.2686,0.0401,0.85;4,-0.3164,-0.3614,1.68;5,-0.3178,-0.5378,2.16;6,-0.0443,-0.9074,1.81;7,-0.1250,-0.4600,0.95;8,0.0398,-0.7120,3.45;9,0.0965,-0.7315,5.61;10,0.2278,-0.9384,3.83;11,0.0493,0.1469,1.94;13,0.2628,-0.5741,2.54;<math>#-0.0413,-0.4114,1.32;0.3871,-1.0203,3.02;;#0.3458,-0.6827,11,0.00,0,0;#2,7.0,9.0,1289.0,2263.0;