Record and analyze videos and measurement data synchronously

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- **ibaVision**: Industrial image processing in real time

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**Success story**
Keep an eye on the entire plant with process specific camera monitoring

**ibavision**
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Increasing product quality by means of visual signals
The video recording system ibaCapture records video and HMI images synchronously to measurement data in conjunction with ibaPDA - either continuously or triggered by events. Important events can be automatically stored as still images. The exact relation and simultaneous display of recorded measurement data and visual information with ibaAnalyzer offers a completely new quality of process analysis.

See everything
ibaCapture can be used to capture and record video from cameras and HMI systems synchronized to measurement values in ibaPDA. Unlike conventional video systems, ibaCapture not only records videos but links measurement data from the process and system synchronously with the visual information. Images and measurement data can be viewed in a time-synchronized way with accuracy down to individual samples. As a result, causalities that are often not identifiable at first glance can be better understood. At last, failures can be detected more quickly which allows better identification of root-causes.

At a glance
› Synchronous recording of video images and measurement data with ibaPDA
› Continuous and event-triggered recording
› Integration of HMI images and images from ibaVision as virtual cameras
› Protected storage areas for important sequences
› Capturing of up to 64 cameras (analog, IP, GigE or virtual)
› View and analyze video sequences and measurement data with ibaAnalyzer
› Live image display as replacement for a CCTV system
› Event-triggered switching of display-layouts [Scenario Player]

The use of cameras improves process monitoring wherever operations are difficult to measure or process steps cannot be reliably detected with sensors. These can be, for example, material feeders of machine tools or material handling systems where excessive steam, dust or heat is generated, such as in steel and rolling mills.
Synchronous data recording with ibaPDA

IbaCapture Server records video and provides synchronization data over a network connection for use in ibaPDA. Together with acquiring measurement data, ibaPDA continuously receives this synchronization data and stores it into the measurement files. This way a temporal relation between signal values and video data can be ensured.

For analyzing and viewing recorded video in ibaAnalyzer, network access to the ibaCapture Server is required.

Continuous and triggered recording

In addition to continuous video recording, process sequences of particular interest can be recorded when triggered by an event. The desired process signals from ibaPDA can be used as “video triggers” in order to record the event with a defined start and stop. All steps in this process period can therefore be recorded and analyzed from the beginning to the end. In addition, still images can be saved in different file formats for documentation with the help of “image triggers”.

Live image display and replay

The video images can be viewed live and as a replay with adjustable speed in ibaPDA Client, ibaQPanel or in ibaCapture Manager.

Through a “dockable view” design, the display can be quickly and easily adapted to your needs. A client can display up to 32 cameras. In full-screen mode, the display can be used as a CCTV system to monitor an entire plant system live. Brightness, contrast, hue and saturation can be optimally adjusted for each camera to suit different lighting conditions.

Topology

Multiple ibaCapture Servers can be installed in a network. It is possible to access an ibaCapture Server from multiple ibaPDA systems, but also multiple ibaCapture Servers can be synchronized to one ibaPDA system.

Up to 64 cameras can be configured on one ibaCapture Server.

Easy configuration

The connected cameras are configured with ibaCapture Manager. The suitable video parameters can be adjusted for each camera, such as bit rate, frame rate and resolution.

Those cameras where synchronization data should be recorded can be individually selected in the ibaPDA configuration. Up to 10 video triggers can be added for each camera. During video trigger configuration, all signals available in the ibaPDA configuration can be used as trigger signals.
**RTSP-Server**
The integrated RTSP server allows video to be streamed from the ibaCapture Server to third-party video players. This way you can watch live video as well as saved recordings, for example with the VLC Media Player.

**Scenario Player in ibaQPanel**
It is easy to lose track when monitoring multiple displays. With the Scenario Player feature in ibaQPanel it is therefore possible to set up signal based triggers. This allows selecting predefined camera layouts based on the current state of the process.

For example, if an emergency stop is triggered in a certain area of the plant, the display of this section is moved to the foreground and the operator immediately gets an insight into the area at risk. This enables not only the live image to be viewed but also the image playback to be started with a pre-trigger time of the event in order to detect the cause that triggered the emergency stop.

**Capture and data storage**
The compressed video streams from all configured cameras are captured by ibaCapture Server and stored on the hard disk.

A separate target directory is created for each camera. Periods in which a “video trigger” occurs are marked as “protected”. Video data is overwritten cyclically using the ring buffer principle. An automatic cleanup procedure optionally removes stored video data after a defined period of time.

How much disk space is required for video data?
The required storage capacity varies due to many factors including resolution, frame rate and how much activity is present in the image.

The figures (in GB) in the table on the right therefore only represent an estimate of the required storage capacity. The estimate is based on a bit rate of 2 Mbit/s for continuous recording. The actual bit rate for every camera will only be visible after recording has been started.

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User management
ibaCapture provides a user management system to flexibly set access rights to video. Integration with Active Directory is also possible. This integration provides the possibility to centrally manage user accounts and passwords. Domain policies can easily be enforced. In ibaCapture, different privileges can be granted to users such as the right to view videos, especially protected or blocked videos, but also rights to perform actions such as exporting and locking videos or controlling PTZ functions.

Complying with privacy guidelines
ibaCapture offers different possibilities to comply with data privacy guidelines for video recordings. The assignment of user rights is a method to protect videos from unauthorized access. Overlay images can be used to cover sensitive areas in the image in accordance with privacy guidelines. This function can also be used to display orientation information in the image.

Supported cameras
ibaCapture supports analog cameras, IP cameras as well as cameras compatible with GigE Vision®. One ibaCapture Server allows up to 64 cameras of different types to be connected, which can all be operated simultaneously.

Specific features for GigE Vision cameras
When it comes to capturing very fast movements in high quality, GigE Vision compatible cameras (GigE cameras) offer special possibilities. With specially selected components, processes that are usually invisible to the human eye can be visualized.

Image acquisition with GigE cameras can precisely be controlled by using external trigger signals.

Moreover, the exposure settings of GigE cameras can be adjusted to the given lighting conditions in order to achieve optimal results.

To establish connections to GigE cameras, ibaCapture uses the eBUS SDK from Pleora. The corresponding runtime license can be provided by iba.

High-speed hardware for GigE cameras
For optimal performance in video acquisition, ibaCapture Servers require a dedicated network card for GigE cameras with sufficient bandwidth. When using appropriate hardware, multiple GigE cameras can be recorded simultaneously.

* with VAPIX protocol version 3 or newer
The required performance for video encoding can be ensured by using a suitable graphic card. Currently, video encoding is supported with Intel HD Graphics or NVIDIA graphic cards.

Iba offers powerful industrial computers for video recording and processing applications.

**10GigE support**
In current versions ibaCapture also supports cameras with GenICam protocol, which provide a 10GigE interface. By increasing the bandwidth by a factor of 10, high-resolution images with increased frame rate can now also be transmitted. An example configuration is a resolution of 4096 x 3000 pixels at 60 fps.

If a high-performance graphic card is available, one of these cameras can be recorded per ibaCapture Server.

**Virtual cameras**
The screen contents of HMI stations as well as the output streams of ibaVision programs can be recorded as virtual cameras.

Virtual cameras are configured in ibaCapture Manager similar to other camera types. The image source, screen section, and frame rate, amongst other things, are adjusted there.

**Discover relations between operation and process**
Visual information of the HMI operator stations, including operating procedures, are recorded synchronously with process data from ibaPDA with the help of virtual cameras. This way, the relations between process control and measurement data can easily be identified.

This way tasks like troubleshooting and process analysis, commissioning and documentation of operating processes are supported.

All computer monitors that work with a Windows operating system can be captured. For this purpose, an agent program (ibaCapture-ScreenCam) with TCP/IP connectivity to the ibaCapture Server needs to be installed on the PC to monitor.

**Extract visual signals from image processing**
IbaVision processes image data recorded with ibaCapture and extracts visual signals or processed images with added visual information. The images processed by ibaVision can be captured again in ibaCapture and recorded using a virtual camera.
In ibaAnalyzer, video playback simultaneously moves the marker in the trend graph and the movement of the marker along the graph always shows the matching image.

With triggered recordings video sequences can be opened by clicking on the trigger signal.

**Offline analysis of video images and measured data**

Measurement data and video sequences can be viewed and evaluated in ibaAnalyzer. Recorded video from each camera can be displayed in a window alongside trend graphs with measured signals. By moving the marker along the time axis, video from all displayed cameras is synchronously displayed. Video recordings can be embedded in the data file and also exported in a standard format (MP4). The process for embedding videos into data files and storing on a separate drive can be automated with ibaDatCoordinator.

This provides a convenient way of archiving video together with measurement data. Furthermore it is possible to include still images from ibaCapture into reports.

**Length-based synchronization**

If ibaQDR is used to record length-based product data, ibaCapture can also be synchronized in the length-based mode. For this purpose, cameras can be added to measurement locations. When displaying ibaQDR data and video in ibaAnalyzer, images from different camera positions in the plant can be displayed synchronized with the product length.

**Language variety for international use**

ibaCapture supports several languages. By default the languages German, English and French are included. Other languages are optionally available on request, for example Chinese, Russian and Spanish. Please contact your local iba subsidiary or the local iba sales partner.
The synchronized recording of camera and process data allows a comprehensive root cause analysis in case of process issues. By interpreting process signals and image information, errors can be detected more easily.

The project
In general, not all critical components and aggregates are freely visible from the control panel of a rolling mill. This is why camera systems are used in the field of process monitoring. Thus, disturbances in the process can be identified from the control panel and appropriate countermeasures can be taken. For preventing disturbances in the process that have occurred once and should be prevented in the future, the causes of these disturbances have to be identified. Recording the camera signals simultaneously to the process signals is a proven method for identifying the causes.

The project comprised the installation of ibaCapture and ibaPDA in a rod mill.

The technology
ibaPDA and ibaCapture record process and video signals time synchronously. For this purpose, ibaCapture sends synchronization signals to ibaPDA that are recorded simultaneously to the measurement data. In addition to the common analog and IP cameras, GigE cameras with a frame rate of up to 300 fps were used to record the rapid processes in a rod mill.

Online visualization
Camera and process signals can be displayed online with ibaPDA and ibaQPanel. Process signals can be used for controlling the camera display. Using the scenario player, e.g. functions like the automatic and process controlled switching of the camera sequence or displaying critical process sections in slow motion can be implemented.

Offline analysis
With the analysis tool ibaAnalyzer, process and video images can be analyzed together. Recorded video sequences can be played in variable speeds. A marker moves time-synchronously over the displayed measurement signals. The corresponding video image is displayed for the selected marker position. A frame-by-frame view of recorded video is also possible. The signal marker then jumps to the corresponding position on the time axis.

Keep an eye on the entire plant with process specific camera monitoring

Improvement of product quality
Enhanced productivity through more efficient processes
ibaVision integrates professional, industrial image processing into the iba system and enables visual monitoring and analysis of processes. Quality checks can be automated during the production and allow for early intervention in the process before major errors occur.

ibaVision serves as a link between the iba system and HALCON®, the flexible programming library for industrial image processing. So ibaVision provides functions to automatically extract information from video data. Extracted information can then be recorded synchronously as “visual signals”. These signals can be processed, visualized and analyzed with the familiar iba tools in the usual way.

Intelligent image processing
ibaVision uses HALCON programs that convert visual process information into numerical or logical values. In this way, for example, the spacing, geometry, or position of products can be determined and used for the quality testing or identification of parts during the ongoing process. In addition, identification characteristics, such as bar codes, numbers or other machine-readable symbols can be captured.

These visual signals are recorded online in ibaPDA and can, like other process signals, be visualized and displayed as trends. The user receives the displays of the visual signals with the live image of the camera and can very quickly recognize emerging trends, process deviations or failures.

In addition, optical warning messages can be integrated into the displays on an HMI system. When tolerances for a quality feature are exceeded, this will be immediately displayed, for example, using a signal light.

Integration of ibaVision
The interfaces available in the HALCON application for data exchange are automatically detected in ibaVision and can be flexibly linked to signals from the iba system (see the figure of the configuration tree on the right). Both signal and image information can be used bidirectionally. The calculated visual signals are recorded in ibaPDA. If necessary, process signals, which are already available in ibaPDA, can be sent to ibaVision and used to control the image processing.

At a glance
› Seamless integration of industrial image processing with ibaCapture and ibaPDA
› Open interface through integration of the HALCON library for image processing
› Use of ibaCapture as image source and storage for processed images
› Record and visualize ibaVision results as visual signals with ibaPDA
› Use process signals from ibaPDA in ibaVision
› Automated quality control and process monitoring
The cameras configured in ibaCapture can be used as image source. However, the images emerging in the processing that are provided with markers, for example, can be returned to ibaCapture and displayed and recorded as a video stream of a virtual camera.

**Image information plus process signal**
Since the image information is synchronized with other process signals, causal relationships can be examined in a later analysis and finally the root-causes of malfunctions can be easily identified. In ibaAnalyzer, visual signals, process signals, and the images from all cameras are time synchronized and replayed accurate to the measuring point. Processed images provide additional information and facilitate the identification of certain image content based on markers. With the help of comprehensive information, users are able to conduct in-depth analyses.

Conversely, process information can also be used for image processing. For example, the system knows based on the process signals which workpiece is currently in production and can adjust the optimum camera settings accordingly.

**Flexible image processing solutions with HALCON**
The actual processing of the image data is carried out with HALCON library functions. The application for image processing must be created by the user for every specific project.

HALCON by MVTec is a widely-used product that specialists all over the world use to create image processing applications. Numerous applications can be realized with the help of the extensive range of functions. In order to create HALCON applications, a license for using HDevelop is required. To run the ibaVision solution, a HALCON runtime license is required (included in ibaVision or purchased separately depending on the order option).

Commercial programming libraries such as HALCON offer the advantage of a constant development of functions in new releases. In addition, technical support and training are offered.
The project
The task is to detect rhomboidity during a continuous casting process. This needs to be done to allow timely process adjustments and consequently avoid problems in the downstream rolling mill.

Continuous casting is a semi-continuous procedure for manufacturing steel blocks. The molten liquid metal is poured in the mold and pre-cooled, so that the strand has a solid shell of a few centimeters and a large part of the cross section still is in a liquid state.

The strand is guided by the machines over strand guide rolls and is afterwards cooled. After it has solidified, the strand is cut on the out conveyor to the desired length by means of a cutting torch.

Without real-time monitoring, the geometry of the cast billets can only be measured on a random basis after cooling. Rhomboidity as a result of deviations in the casting process could then only be detected much later in the process.

This is prevented by continuously monitoring the production plant with an image processing system. The process efficiency and also the product quality are increased with a lasting effect.

Camera and image processing detect information in the video image and enable thorough and continuous testing. The state of the process is monitored reliably, continuously and 24/7 as a trend. Process efficiency and product quality are sustainably increased.

Easier identification of error causes: Visual and measurement signals are recorded synchronously for in-depth process analysis.
The technology
A camera that is installed behind the cutting torch records the front sides of the billets and provides ibaCapture with the video data.

ibaVision processes the video sequences and first of all determines the corner points of the front side of the billet and calculates - using these data - the length and the difference of the diagonal. These values are fed in the ibaPDA process data acquisition system as so called visual signals. ibaPDA then creates a long-term trend of these characteristic values.

In this way, ibaVision can determine numerical values where no sensors are available. In case of a significant trend, indicated by a diagonal-difference above a pre-defined threshold, the operator is being alarmed by means of a virtual traffic light on the user interface. The defective billet can then be eliminated. Simultaneously, the settings of the plant are adapted.

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Process data can be visualized online by means of the data recorded with ibaCapture and ibaPDA. The data determined in real time with ibaVision are available like all other process data.

A control panel has been designed using ibaQPanel. Here, the functions of online measurement display are combined with HMI elements. In addition to the live video image of the camera, the snapshot with the diagonal calculation, the current trend of the visual signals and the process quality is displayed by means of a traffic light.

The offline analysis of the process data, the visual data and the time-synchronously recorded video images can be done with ibaAnalyzer for the purpose of cause analysis.

The video images of an existing ibaCapture Server can be used easily for ibaVision applications.
License policy
Various licenses are available for ibaCapture servers. Each license specifies an upper limit of frames per second (fps) transmitted by the cameras to the ibaCapture Server in total.

Licenses are also required for cameras. A distinction is made between licenses for recording cameras, display-only, virtual and GigE cameras. Virtual cameras are required to record HMI images or output images of ibaVision.

An additional license is required for the operation of the RTSP server.

Starting with ibaCapture v5 WIBU CodeMeter licenses are supported (USB dongle or soft license).

IbaCapture requirements
› .NET framework 4.5.2

Hardware requirements
› PC, Intel® Core™ 2Quad CPU, 2 GB RAM
› Sufficient hard disk space for storing video data

For use with GigE cameras
› PC, Intel Core-CPU 2nd Generation or newer (from Intel Core i7-2x00K CPU)
› Intel HD graphics 3000 or newer on CPU or supported NVIDIA graphic card
› 4 GB RAM
› GigE network card Intel Ethernet I350 T4 V2 SVR (recommended)
› License for one of the supported SDKs (eBUS, CVB or MIL)

IbaVision requirements
› HALCON v18.11 steady or HALCON v13 (v12 can be used with limited functionality)

Example configuration
In the example configuration 8 cameras are operated which together transmit 177 images per second to the ibaCapture Server. An ibaCapture-Server-180fps license or higher is required for this.

The server license with 180 fps includes 16 live displays from different cameras. In the example, only 6 live displays are used, another 10 could still be used.

The following camera licenses are required:
- 4x ibaCapture-V5-1CAM-REC (recording)
- 2x ibaCapture-V5-1CAM-DISP (display only)
- 2x ibaCapture-V5-1CAM-VIRT (virtual cameras)

Frame rate in total: 177 fps
Live displays in total: 6
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