

DTRACK3 User's Guide

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What's new in version 3.3.1?

The following new features are available in ***DTRACK3*** version v3.3.1:

- New 'Controller and Camera Update' dialog

What's new in version 3.3.0?

The following new features are available in ***DTRACK3*** version v3.3.0:

- Support of ***AT7-80***
- DTRACK3 for Windows changed from 32-bit to 64-bit application
- New targets added to the target library (Large Hand Targets, HMD Varjo XR-4)
- Support of external ART software ART-ToolTrackingInterface

What's new in version 3.2.2?

The following new features are available in ***DTRACK3*** version v3.2.2:

- Daily automatic backup of configurations and settings
- Manuals available in DTRACK3 application

What's new in version 3.2.0?

The following new features are available in ***DTRACK3*** version v3.2.0:

- Support of up to 80 cameras
- Changed licensing scheme for bodies
- Updated body administration and simpler use of Target Library for Standard Bodies and Flysticks

What's new in version 3.1.3?

The following new features are available in ***DTRACK3*** version v3.1.3:

- Increased number of output channels
- All available HMD targets in target library
- Simplified camera licensing for Cascaded Systems
- Output of system status data via ethernet

What's new in version 3.1.2?

The following new features are available in **DTRACK3** version v3.1.2:

- Support of **SMARTTRACK3/M**
- Approx. 30% increased tracking range for **ARTTRACK6/M**

What's new in version 3.1.1?

The following new features are available in **DTRACK3** version v3.1.1:

- Support of camera **ARTTRACK6/M for Active Markers**
- Support of **Flystick2+** with feedback capabilities
- Easier configuration of stateless firewalls (UDP sending port 50107)
- Early warning for expiring licenses
- Check of DTRACK3-valid license code before upgrading from DTrack2

What's new in version 3.1.0?

The following new features are available in **DTRACK3** version v3.1.0:

- Support of camera **ARTTRACK6/M**
- Tracking with reference target
- Change of licensing **DTRACK3** upgrades
- Output of 6DOF and 3DOF covariances via ethernet
- Adjustment of camera threshold and exposure time
- Time synchronisation using PTP (IEEE1588-2008)
- Optional login with password to **DTRACK3** frontend

What's new in version 3.0.2?

The following new features are available in **DTRACK3** version v3.0.2:

- Support of **ART Controller/M**
- Adjustment of **DTRACK3** for high resolution monitors

What's new in version 3.0.1?

The following new features are available in **DTRACK3** version v3.0.1:

- New 'Service' dialog

What's new in version 3.0.0?

The following new features are available in **DTRACK3** version v3.0.0:

- Support of **SMARTTRACK3** including Cascaded System capability
- Support of up to 70 targets
- Improved target catching algorithm
- New menu structure
- Dark user interface scheme
- Extended licensing models (refer to table 7.2 on page 65)
- Re-positioning of room coordinate system without wand calibration

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Terms and definitions

| term | definition |
|---|---|
| 3DOF | three degrees of freedom (i.e. only position) |
| 6DOF | six degrees of freedom (i.e. position and orientation) |
| 5DOF | five degrees of freedom (i.e. one degree less in orientation) |
| base | imaginary connecting line between two cameras (e.g. the two integrated cameras inside the SMARTTRACK2/3/M) |
| ART Controller | controller for rackmounting, calculates tracking data and generates the data output stream (compatible to ARTTRACK2 , ARTTRACK3 , ARTTRACK5 , ARTTRACK5/C , ARTTRACK6/M , AT7-80 , TRACKPACK/E) |
| ART Controller/M | compact size controller, calculates tracking data and generates the data output stream (compatible to ARTTRACK2 , ARTTRACK3 , ARTTRACK5 , ARTTRACK5/C , ARTTRACK6/M , AT7-80 , TRACKPACK/E) |
| ARTTRACK Controller (discontinued) | calculates tracking data and generates the data output stream (compatible to ARTTRACK1 , ARTTRACK2 , ARTTRACK3) |
| ARTTRACK2 (discontinued) | infrared camera |
| ARTTRACK3 (discontinued) | infrared camera |
| ARTTRACK5 | infrared camera |
| ARTTRACK5/C | infrared camera dedicated for multi-sided projections |
| ARTTRACK6/M | infrared camera dedicated for compact environments or multi-sided projections |
| ARTTRACK6/M for Active Markers | flashless camera dedicated for use with active targets in compact environments or multi-sided projections |
| AT7-80 | infrared camera dedicated for long range environments |
| body calibration | teach the system the geometry of a rigid body |
| body, rigid body | rigid arrangement of multiple markers intended for 6DOF tracking (see also "target") |
| calibration angle | belongs to the room calibration set and defines origin and orientation of the room coordinate system |
| ceiling suspension | equipment to mount an infrared camera or SMARTTRACK2/3/M to the ceiling |
| DTRACK3 | |
| backend software | software running on the ART Controller , ART Controller/M or SMARTTRACK2/3/M doing all necessary calculations |
| frontend software | graphical user interface running on customer's computer to control the ART Controller , ART Controller/M or SMARTTRACK2/3/M |
| Field of View (FoV) | is the area of interest captured on the camera's image |
| finger thimble | a fixture for the finger tip to hold the active marker(s) (not available for SMARTTRACK2/3/M) |
| Fingertracking (discontinued) | tracks the orientation of the hand and the position of the fingers (not available for SMARTTRACK2/3/M) |
| Fingertracking2 | tracks the orientation of the hand and the position of the fingers (not available for SMARTTRACK2/3/M) |
| Fingertracking2 Tactile | tracks the orientation of the hand and the position of the fingers and provides Tactile Feedback |
| Flystick2/2+/3 | wireless interaction device for virtual reality (VR) applications |
| Flystick feedback | vibrational or acoustic signal that can be triggered in a capable Flystick |
| hand geometry | describes the dimensions of your hand and fingers (not available for SMARTTRACK2/3/M) |

| term | definition |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| hybrid tracking | sensor fusion of optical and inertial data into one consolidated output |
| inertial sensor | an inertial measurement unit simultaneously measures 9 physical properties, i.e. angular rates, linear accelerations (unused) and magnetic field components (unused) along all 3 axes. This is achieved using solid state gyroscopes for measurement of roll, pitch and yaw and optical tracking for drift correction. |
| infrared optical tracking | position measurement of bodies (subjects or objects) based upon infrared light and optical measurement procedures |
| license code (license key) | software key to unlock certain capabilities of the tracking system or SMARTTRACK2/3/M |
| marker | object either made of retro reflective material or LED for position tracking (3DOF) |
| Measurement Tool | a pointing device which allows to measure the position of the tool's tip with high accuracy |
| measurement volume | defines the volume where optical tracking is possible |
| modulated flash | infrared signal which is used for wireless synchronization |
| motion capture | track movements of a human body |
| mutual blinding | at least one camera (also from SMARTTRACK2/3/M) sees disturbing reflections caused by the infrared flashes of another camera (or SMARTTRACK3) |
| prediction | predicts output for the specified time in the future to compensate tracking and rendering latency |
| Radio Transceiver | exchange data with Flystick2/2+/3 (integrated in SMART-TRACK2) |
| RadioTransceiver2/3 | uses USB port to exchange data with Flystick2/2+/3 or Finger-tracking2 Tactile |
| room calibration | teach the system the position of each camera and define origin and orientation of the room coordinate system |
| room calibration set | consists of angle tool and wand |
| SMARTTRACK3 | fully integrated stand-alone infrared optical tracking system with two cameras and integrated controller, calculates tracking data and generates the data output stream |
| SMARTTRACK3/M | compact version of SMARTTRACK3 |
| syncgroup | cameras being in one syncgroup receive the sync signal at the same time. Syncgroups are distinguished by a short time delay between their sync signals in order to avoid mutual blinding. (not available for SMARTTRACK2) |
| Synccard | unit integrated in SMARTTRACK2/3/M which serves for synchronizing the cameras |
| Synccard2 | board integrated in the ARTTRACK Controller (discontinued) which serves for synchronizing the cameras |
| Synccard3 | board integrated in the ART Controller or ART Controller/M which serves for synchronizing the cameras |
| SynccardTP | board integrated in the TRACKPACK Controller (discontinued) which serves for synchronizing the cameras |
| Tactile Feedback | system for finger-based interactions in immersive virtual reality applications (wires touch the inside of the finger tips and provide an impression when they are shortened) |
| target | rigid arrangement of multiple markers intended for 6DOF tracking (see also "rigid body") |
| tracking | position measurement of bodies that move in a defined space |
| TRACKPACK (discontinued) | infrared camera |
| TRACKPACK/C (discontinued) | infrared camera dedicated for multi-sided projections |

| term | definition |
|--|--|
| <i>TRACKPACK/E</i> | infrared camera |
| <i>TRACKPACK</i> Controller (discontinued) | calculates tracking data and generates the data output stream (compatible to <i>TRACKPACK</i> and <i>TRACKPACK/C</i>) |
| virtual point cloud | used for calculating the relative position of cameras or <i>SMART-TRACK2/3/M</i> that cover the measurement volume |
| wand | precalibrated stick carrying two markers. The wand belongs to the room calibration set and is used to generate a virtual point cloud and to scale the measurement volume |

1 Safety

1.1 Symbols and their meaning

You can find the following symbols and signs on the equipment or in the manual:





| | |
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|  | Useful and important notes. |
|  | Important notes, which may lead to system malfunction or to the loss of warranty by non-observance. |
|  | Important safety warning to assure user's and operational safety. These warnings have to be observed, otherwise there is a potential risk for health and safety and damaging of the equipment resulting in loss of warranty and liability. |
|  | Safety warning for infrared radiation. These warnings have to be observed, otherwise the user's eyes and sight are exposed to a potential hazard. |

Table 1.1: Symbols and their meaning

1.2 Warnings



All warnings in this manual have to be observed for safe operation of the equipment.



Tous les avertissements dans ce manuel doivent être respectés pour garantir un fonctionnement sécurisé de l'équipement.



***ART* explicitly denies any warranty and liability if the product is not operated according to this manual or any other authorised documentation (e.g. quick-guides) or not according to the specifications of the equipment.**

1.2.1 Installation



The housing may NOT be damaged.



Do not install or use any equipment when it shows signs of damage (e.g. smoke, sparks, fire, smells, etc) or if parts of it show damaging.



Do not install or use any equipment when the power cord is damaged.



Insert batteries in the indicated polarity !



Insérer les piles dans le sens de polarité indiqué !



Some equipment employs connectors of proprietary design. Do not try to connect these to any other computer ports (e.g. COM port or LAN) !!!



Verify that voltage and frequency of your electrical grid comply with the appliance ratings of the equipment. The rating plates are found on the equipment's housing. (*ARTTRACK1* on the lower side of the housing; *ARTTRACK2* / *ARTTRACK3* and *SMARTTRACK2/3/M* on external power supply, all controllers on the rear side of the housing).



Vérifiez que la tension et la fréquence de votre réseau électrique correspondent aux spécifications de l'appareil. Les plaques signalétiques se trouvent sur le boîtier de l'équipement. (*ARTTRACK1* sur le côté inférieur du boîtier ; *ARTTRACK2* / *ARTTRACK3* et *SMARTTRACK2/3/M* sur l'alimentation externe, tous les contrôleurs à l'arrière du boîtier).



The equipment may only be powered from power sockets connected to earth/ground. If the grounding wire is defective the requirement of the safety and the electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) cannot be guaranteed. To check the function of the grounding wire ask your local electrician.



L'équipement ne peut être alimenté que par des prises de courant reliées à la terre/au sol. Si le fil de mise à la terre est défectueux, les exigences de sécurité et de compatibilité électromagnétique (CEM) ne peuvent être garanties. Pour vérifier le fonctionnement du fil de mise à la terre, demandez à un électricien local.



The power switch on the equipment does not separate the device from mains. The equipment must be disconnected from mains.

1.2.2 Mounting



Do not touch the front pane of the cameras. The acrylic pane and the lens have highly sensitive surfaces. Be careful to avoid permanent damages (e.g. scratches).

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Shock and severe vibrations can permanently damage the internal calibration of the cameras. De-calibrated cameras have to be sent in for maintenance.



The power cord and plug should be accessible freely. The power socket should be close to the equipment.



Install the cables that the line of sight of the cameras or **SMART-TRACK2/3/M** is not obstructed.



Grab the cameras only on the housing. Risk of Electrostatic Discharge (ESD) !



Tenez les caméras uniquement par le boîtier. Risque de décharge électrostatique (ESD) !



Do not drop the equipment.



Be sure that the cameras are firmly mounted using strong wall plugs / anchors and screws when mounting to walls or ceilings. Loosely mounted cameras may pose a serious hazard to health and safety.



Never unfasten screws that are not designed for mounting. All liability and warranty is void.



Use only accessories for mounting (screws, ceiling suspension) supplied by **ART** .



The ventilation holes of the equipment (particularly of **SMART-TRACK2** , **ARTTRACK2** , **ART Controller** and **ART Controller/M**) must not be covered. Ensure unblocked airflow at all times. The minimum distance between equipment and surrounding objects has to be larger than 3 cm.



Install a strain relief to all cables to avoid damage to the equipment.



Install the cables trip-proof (e.g. cable ducts or fixings). Inappropriate cabling may pose a serious hazard to health and safety.



Installez les câbles de manière à les protéger contre les risques (par exemple, en utilisant des canalisations ou des fixations pour câbles). Un câblage inapproprié peut représenter un grave danger pour la santé et la sécurité.

1.2.3 Operation



Unplug the equipment from mains immediately in any case of damage ! Please contact **ART** service



Removable batteries must be removed before shipping equipment.



Batteries should be removed when equipment is not used for a longer period of time - Risk of damage !



Do not use non-rechargeable batteries in rechargeable equipment (e.g. *Flystick2*) - Risk of explosion !



Ne pas utiliser de piles non rechargeables dans des équipements rechargeables (par exemple, *Flystick2*) - Risque d'explosion !



Do not crush or puncture batteries and avoid impact that might result in damage, leakage or short-circuiting.



Use only original components and accessories from **ART** or authorized by **ART**. Using unauthorized components or accessories may damage the equipment, may cause malfunctioning and may compromise operational safety.



Utilisez uniquement des composants et accessoires d'origine de **ART** ou autorisés par **ART**. L'utilisation de composants ou accessoires non autorisés peut endommager l'équipement, provoquer des dysfonctionnements et compromettre la sécurité opérationnelle.



In case connectivity is provided using third party equipment please ensure compliance to all applicable standards regarding connectivity and power supply (see chapter A on page 199). Non-compliance may result in loss of conformity ! All warranty and liability is void.



Only peripheral devices which meet the safety requirements of UL 60950-1 (U.S. only) and EN / UL / IEC 62368-1 (EU, U.S., etc.) for SELV may be attached on Ethernet-, BNC- and the DC-circuit of the equipment.



Do not change or modify the equipment in any way (e.g. mechanically, electrically). Non-compliance may result in loss of conformity ! All warranty and liability is void.



Do not spill fluids over the equipment!



Do not insert objects into the equipment (e.g. ventilation openings) !



Do not expose the equipment to high levels of humidity or condensing environments.



Ne pas exposer l'équipement à des niveaux élevés d'humidité ou à des environnements où la condensation est possible.

1 Safety



The equipment must not be operated in environments with intensive formation of dust.



L'équipement ne doit pas être utilisé dans des environnements avec une formation intense de poussière.



The equipment must not be operated in environments with elevated temperatures above 40° C (100° F).



L'équipement ne doit pas être utilisé dans des environnements avec des températures élevées supérieures à 40° C (100° F).



Do not use the equipment outdoors (i.e. outside of buildings or potentially moist / wet locations) !



Ne pas utiliser l'équipement à l'extérieur (c'est-à-dire en dehors des bâtiments ou dans des endroits potentiellement humides / mouillés) !



The cameras and **SMARTTRACK2/3/M** emit infrared light. Keep a distance of min. 20 cm when operating near cameras or **SMARTTRACK2/3/M**. All cameras and **SMARTTRACK2/3/M** are assigned to the Exempt Group according to IEC62471-1 and therefore pose no risk or hazard to the human eye or skin at this distance.



Les caméras et les **SMARTTRACK2/3/M** émettent de la lumière infrarouge. Gardez une distance minimale de 20 cm lorsque vous travaillez à proximité des caméras ou des **SMARTTRACK2/3/M**. Toutes les caméras et les **SMARTTRACK2/3/M** sont classés dans le Groupe Exempt selon la norme IEC62471-1 et ne présentent donc aucun risque ou danger pour les yeux ou la peau humaine à cette distance.

1.2.4 Maintenance



Only the housing of the cameras may be cleaned, do not touch lenses or other optical components. Before cleaning shut down the system and disconnect the power cords.



Do not use any solvents, water or chemicals to clean the cameras!



Do not try to repair anything by yourself!



All warranty and liability is void when the equipment is opened.



Danger High Voltage inside the equipment (e.g. *ART Controller*)! Do not open the equipment ! Risk of electric shock - even if the equipment is disconnected. Please contact *ART* service.



Danger Haute Tension à l'intérieur de l'équipement ! Ne pas ouvrir l'équipement ! Risque de choc électrique - même si l'équipement est déconnecté. Veuillez contacter service *ART* .



In order to replace mains fuses (e.g. *ART Controller*) always unplug the power cord first. Risk of electric shock !



Pour remplacer les fusibles secteur (par exemple, *ART Controller*), débrancher toujours d'abord le cordon d'alimentation. Risque de choc électrique !



Risk of explosion if removable batteries are replaced by an incorrect type!



Risque d'explosion si les batteries amovibles sont remplacées par un type incorrect!

1.2.5 Disposal & Recycling



Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) should never be disposed of along with household waste.



Batteries should never be disposed of along with household waste.



Batteries or rechargeable batteries that are not permanently installed must be removed beforehand and disposed of separately.



To prevent fires due to short-circuits, tape battery terminals and/or place lithium-ion batteries in separate plastic bags.



Do not crush or puncture used batteries and avoid impact that might result in damage, leakage or short-circuiting.

2 General Information

2.1 Cleaning of the equipment



Use a dry, lint-free and antistatic cloth or tissue (e.g. lens-cleaning tissue for optical equipment).



Only the housing of the cameras may be cleaned, do not touch lenses or other optical components. Before cleaning shut down the system and disconnect the power cords.



Do not use any solvents, water or chemicals to clean the cameras!

2.2 Maintenance and service

Routine maintenance of the equipment is recommended every three years. If you experience any problems please do not hesitate to contact our support.



Do not try to repair anything by yourself!



Danger High Voltage inside the equipment (e.g. *ART Controller*) ! Do not open the equipment ! Risk of electric shock - even if the equipment is disconnected. Please contact *ART* service.



Danger Haute Tension à l'intérieur de l'équipement ! Ne pas ouvrir l'équipement ! Risque de choc électrique - même si l'équipement est déconnecté. Veuillez contacter service *ART*.



All warranty and liability is void when the equipment is opened.

2.3 Disposal and recycling of equipment

Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) may contain a complex mixture of materials and hazardous substances. If not managed properly and thus exposed, these can cause serious damage to the environment, wildlife, and human health. In addition, modern electronics contain rare and expensive resources, which can be recycled and re-used to contribute to the circular economy. By ensuring that you dispose of WEEE properly, you are helping to improve sustainable production and consumption, to increase

resource efficiency and to preserve our natural resources and protect human health.

The symbol (crossed-out wheelie bin symbol according to Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) Directive 2012/19/EU, see figure 2.1 (a) or (b) on page 23) indicates that the product should not be discarded as unsorted municipal waste but must be sent to separate collection facilities for recovery and recycling.

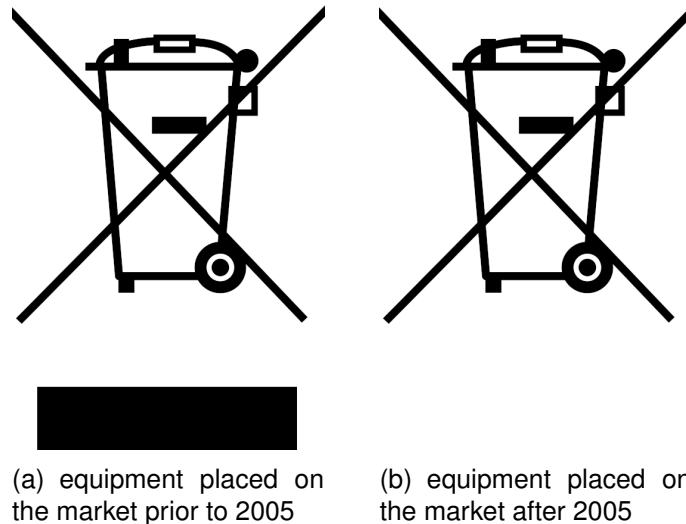


Figure 2.1: WEEE label

When your delivery address is outside of Germany, dispose of WEEE at your local waste facilities or recycling centers available by public waste management authorities only. Please consider that local regulations on the disposal of and recycling of electronic and electrical equipment may apply. Contact your local authority directly for more information.

For deliveries inside Germany only:

- End-users of WEEE are obliged to return the equipment or have it collected within the framework set up by **ART**.
- You are responsible for deleting personal or confidential data from the equipment to be disposed of. You can do this by resetting the device to its factory settings. Please refer to **DTRACK3 User's Guide** → *Connecting to the controller* → *Configuring your controller's network address without network access* for more details. **ART** is not liable for any data on your device. Before resetting your device, you should always back up any sensitive data.
- For further details regarding the WEEE directive, including how **ART** ensures the safe disposal of your electrical and electronic equipment, please refer to our website at <https://ar-tracking.com/de/art-geraete-ruecknahmekonzept>



Waste Electronic and Electrical Equipment (WEEE) should never be disposed of along with household waste.

2.4 Disposal and recycling of batteries

Batteries are made from important resources, including lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium and mercury. Many of the components of these batteries and rechargeable batteries could be recycled, avoiding the exposure of hazardous substances to the environment. In addition, by recycling your used batteries using the collection and recycling schemes available you are contributing to protecting Earth's natural resources by providing valuable materials to products and production processes.

The symbol (crossed-out wheeled bin symbol according to Battery Directive 2006/66/EC, see figure 2.1 (b) on page 23) indicates that you are legally obliged to dispose of batteries or rechargeable batteries separately from unsorted municipal waste, i.e. that they must be disposed of separately from household waste. If batteries or rechargeable batteries contain Mercury (Hg), Cadmium (Cd) or Lead (Pb), they are marked with the chemical symbols of the metals (Hg, Cd, Pb) for which the limit value is exceeded.

- Pb = battery contains more than 0.004 mass percent Lead
- Cd = battery contains more than 0.002 mass percent Cadmium
- Hg = battery contains more than 0.0005 mass percent Mercury

When your delivery address is outside of Germany, dispose of used batteries at dedicated battery collection points or recycling centers available by public waste management authorities only. Please consider that local regulations on the disposal of and recycling of batteries may apply. Contact your local authority directly for more information.

For deliveries inside Germany only:

- End-users of batteries are obliged to recycle used batteries via dedicated battery collection points or recycling centers set up by public waste management authorities or via retailers directly. Addresses of suitable collection points and recycling facilities in your area can be obtained from your city or by contacting your local authorities.
- For further details regarding the Battery Directive, please refer to our website at <https://ar-tracking.com/de/art-geraete-ruecknahmekonzept>



Batteries should never be disposed of along with household waste.



Batteries or rechargeable batteries that are not permanently installed must be removed beforehand and disposed of separately.



To prevent fires due to short-circuits, tape battery terminals and/or place lithium-ion batteries in separate plastic bags.



Do not crush or puncture used batteries and avoid impact that might result in damage, leakage or short-circuiting.

2.5 Warranty

General Please refer to the terms & conditions on our website at <https://ar-tracking.com/en/terms-agb>

Hardware **ART** warrants the hardware to be free from defects in material and workmanship, design and manufacturing for the warranty period set forth in our terms & conditions (see website) after the time of delivery. The time of delivery is defined as the day when the end-user takes possession of the equipment. If **ART** or any third party authorized by **ART** installs the system, the time of delivery is the time of the first installation.

If a defect arises during this warranty period, provided the instructions for returning the hardware are followed, **ART** will, to the extent permitted by law, initially either (i) repair or (ii) replace the hardware or any defective parts. All replaced parts and hardware shall become property of **ART**. This limited warranty applies only to hardware components that have been under ordinary and intended use and service being in their original, unmodified state and thus have not been subject to damage from external causes, alteration or unauthorized repair.

Software Software supplied is delivered on a tested "As Is" basis. **ART** explicitly does not warrant that the software is error (bug) free. If the user detects bugs and notifies **ART**, **ART** will provide a workaround or bug fix as soon as possible after successfully reproducing the error.

Warranty restrictions All warranty and liability is void, if the equipment

- is not operated according to this manual or any other authorized documentation (e.g. quick-guides),
- has not been used according to the specifications of the equipment,
- shows damages or signs of improper use,
- has been opened by the user or other non-authorized personnel (non-members of **ART** and third parties not authorized by **ART**),
- has been modified or tampered with by the user or other non-authorized personnel (non-members of **ART** and third parties not authorized by **ART**).

2.6 Liability

General Please refer to the terms & conditions on our website at <https://ar-tracking.com/en/terms-agb>

In no event shall **ART** be liable for any incidental, indirect or consequential damages whatsoever (including, without limitation, damages for loss of business profits, business

interruption, loss of business information, or any other pecuniary loss) arising out of the use of or inability to use the software or hardware.

Measurement results **ART** products are not authorized for use under any circumstance where human life might be at risk due to malfunction, measurement errors or interrupted operation of the system without written approval of a managing director of **ART**.

It is the user's sole responsibility to check the results of the measurement data and to protect any downstream system against malfunction, measurement errors or interrupted operation of the system. Under no circumstances shall **ART** be held liable for any incidental, indirect or consequential damages whatsoever (including, without limitation, damages for loss of business profits, business interruption, loss of business information, or any other pecuniary loss) arising out of malfunction, measurement errors or interrupted operation of the system.



ART explicitly denies any warranty and liability if the product is not operated according to this manual or any other authorized documentation (e.g. quick-guides) or not according to the specifications of the equipment.



Do not change or modify the equipment in any way (e.g. mechanically, electrically). Non-compliance may result in loss of conformity ! All warranty and liability is void.

3 Introduction to tracking

The **ART** tracking systems are infrared (IR) optical tracking systems, whereas the **SMART-TRACK2/3/M** are fully integrated stand-alone tracking systems, designed to be used in small volumes (approx. 2m^3). In this user manual we are going to perceive "tracking" as measurement of positional and rotational information (i.e. orientation) of objects or individuals that move in a defined space.

Concept of optical tracking The cameras send out synchronized IR flashes which are reflected back into the lens by retro-reflective material covering the markers of the target. The reflected IR light is detected by the tracking cameras (integrated in **SMART-TRACK2/3/M**) which create a greyscale image based on the received IR radiation.

In the next step these images are preprocessed by the cameras to calculate the marker positions (2DOF) on the camera sensor with high accuracy using pattern recognition algorithms. Then this 2DOF data is sent to a control unit to calculate 3DOF or 6DOF information.

The simultaneous measurement of spatial position (X, Y, Z) and orientation (three independent angles) is called 'six degrees of freedom' (6DOF) tracking. If only the spatial position (X, Y, Z) is to be measured it is called 'three degrees of freedom' (3DOF) tracking.

Single markers are sufficient if only 3DOF coordinates are needed, but single markers cannot be distinguished in principle. An ID is assigned to a tracked 3DOF marker as long as it can be followed, but after losing the tracking (e.g. due to occlusions) one would not be able to re-identify the marker and thus a new ID will be assigned. For 6DOF tracking, however, a unique target is mandatory. Targets are rigid arrangements of markers (=rigid bodies) and thus can be identified by their relative marker position. Figure 3.1 on page 28 shows the concept of infrared optical tracking with a two-camera system and a standard target.

The base for this calculation is that the cameras' field of views are overlapping. In a two-step teaching process, the position and orientation of the cameras is made known to the system (the 'room calibration'), after which the system is taught to identify the unique arrangements of markers as targets (the 'body calibration'). Then the paths of the optical rays from the cameras to the markers are calculated to deliver the ray intersections in three-dimensional coordinates. These intersections are the positions of the markers.

Based upon this, one is able to calculate 6DOF data and, finally, knows position and orientation of the target and therefore the object or individual to be tracked.

The **SMARTTRACK2/3/M** make use of the same principle.

Note: In pure optical tracking systems tracking is only possible as long as

- objects or individuals to be tracked are equipped with single markers or targets
- the target is not occluded by any other objects in the cameras' line of sight, which could even be the object itself
- the target is positioned inside the tracking range of the cameras
- at least four markers of a target are visible to at least two cameras (this step enables tracking).

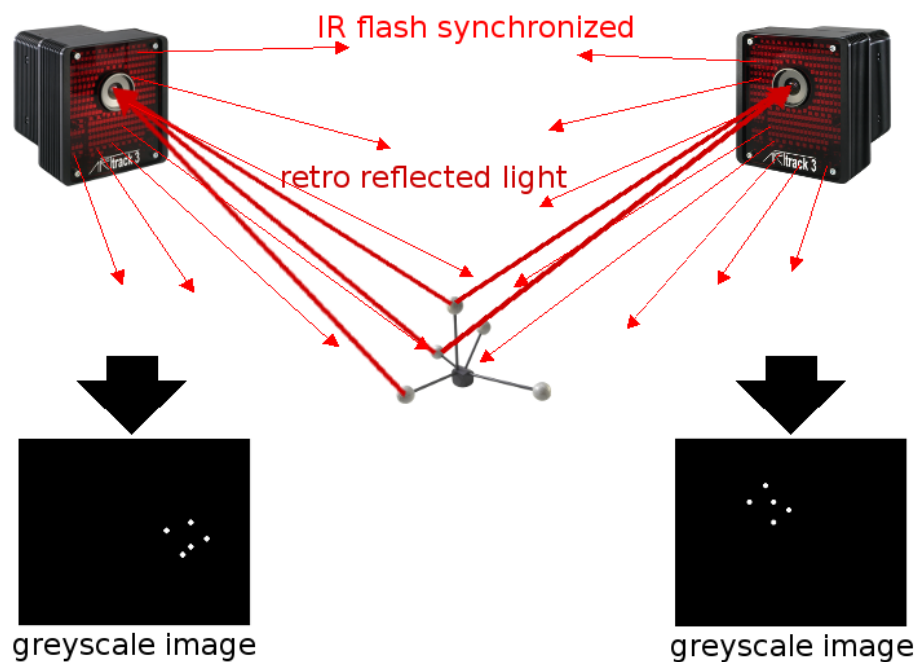


Figure 3.1: Concept of optical tracking (stereo vision)



The SMARTTRACK2/3/M have a limited field-of-view and range! It is designed to be used in small volumes. Please refer to the *ART Hardware Installation Guide* for more information on the tracking volume of the SMARTTRACK2/3/M.

Marker types Passive markers are covered with retro reflective material - they act as light reflectors. Active light emitters (i.e. based on infrared LEDs) are called active markers. Please refer to the *ART Hardware Installation Guide* for more information on markers & targets.

Hybrid tracking In addition to tracking by a pure optical system it is possible to utilize data from inertial measurement units (IMU). These devices usually consist of several components such as gyroscopes, accelerometers and magnetometers. The underlying principle is the combination of solid-state microelectromechanical systems with integrated

circuits and analog or digital outputs to achieve 6DOF rotational information.

Some of the most important advantages of hybrid tracking are:

- tracking data from IMUs offers low noise-levels while running at very high frequencies in combination with low latencies
- IMUs deliver tracking data (i.e. rotational information) even when the optical target is not inside the tracking volume or if the target cannot be tracked due to viewing limitations or occlusions
- drifting of IMUs (i.e. mostly from the 3-axis gyroscope) is compensated by fusing the inertial data with position measurements calculated from the optical tracking system

A hybrid target is basically an optical target additionally equipped with an IMU, which itself is connected to the controller or **SMARTTRACK2/3/M**.

There the tracking data from both worlds (i.e. hybrid) is combined, which also leads to the term 'sensor fusion'. By nature the IMU contains an independent coordinate system which needs to be aligned to the optical tracking system axes. This additional teaching process is called hand-eye calibration or 'hybrid body calibration' in **DTRACK3**.

Tracking with DTRACK3 All **ART** systems are based on a controller (stand-alone or integrated controller in **SMARTTRACK2/3/M**) which operates cameras, interaction devices (optional) and targets respectively. The software **DTRACK3** consists of frontend and backend software.

The backend software runs on the controller - all necessary calculations (3DOF, 6DOF data, etc.) are performed there. The data and control commands are interchanged via ethernet (TCP/IP connection) between the controller and the **DTRACK3** frontend software on the remote PC. **DTRACK3** frontend offers a GUI for easy handling that enables the user to control the tracking system at a distance. The benefit is that the system becomes more flexible, i.e. different users can control the tracking system at any one time (but not simultaneously!) from different working places.

Data output to the application or graphics workstation is also done via ethernet (UDP/IP connection).

Furthermore, **DTRACK3** provides the possibility to control the functions in the backend via ethernet (i.e. without the **DTRACK3** frontend software). This is also done by establishing a TCP/IP connection with the controller and exchanging short command strings (refer to the **DTRACK3 Programmer's Guide**).

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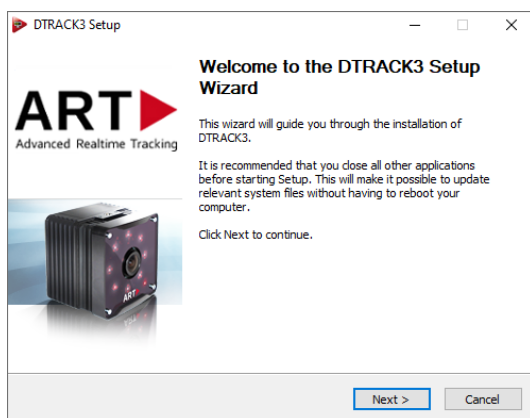
The software *DTRACK3* is intended to access any *ART* controller via ethernet and runs on a remote PC (Windows or Linux). *DTRACK3* itself is delivered via USB pen-drive. The latest version can be downloaded from our Download Center at <http://www.ar-tracking.com/downloads/>

The *SMARTTRACK2/3/M* are integrated tracking systems. Thus for the sake of readability the *SMARTTRACK2/3/M* are referred to as 'Controller' in the following sections.

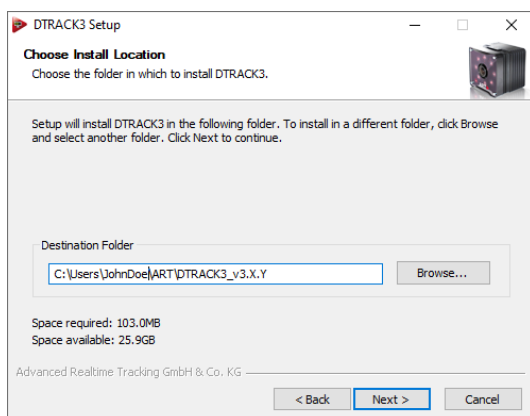
4.1 Installation under Microsoft Windows

Please refer to chapter A.1 on page 199 for more information on supported operating systems (64-bit only).

Run the installation executable "*DTRACK3_v3.X.Y_win64_install.exe*" (64-bit package available only) and the installation wizard of *DTRACK3* starts.

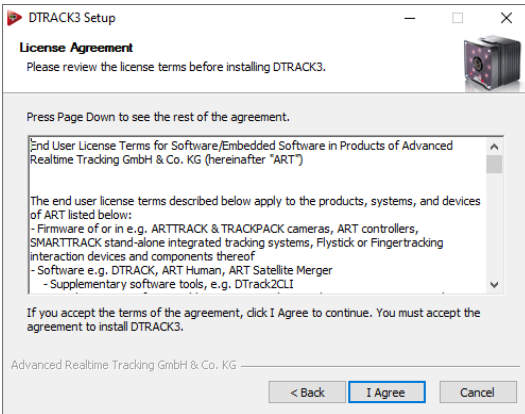


Click *Next* to continue and to start the installation process for *DTRACK3* software. Administrator privileges are not necessary.

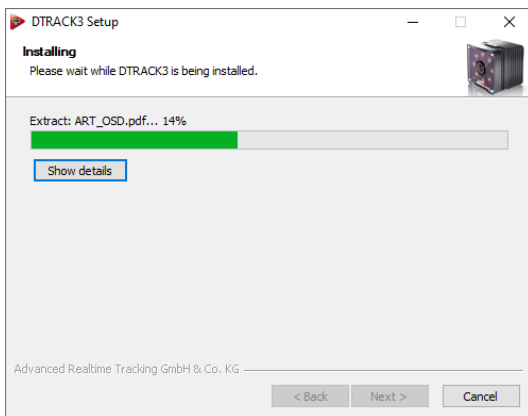


Now, please choose the destination folder in which you want to install *DTRACK3*.

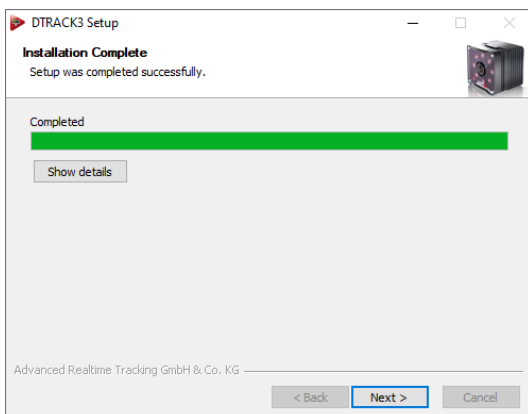
4.1 Installation under Microsoft Windows



Please read the license terms carefully and press *I Agree* if you agree indeed. A new window shows the installation progress.

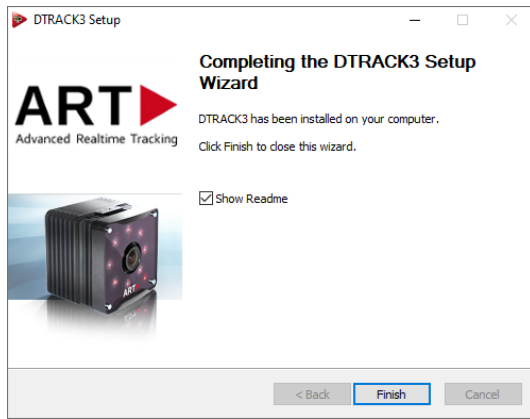


The installation of the **DTRACK3** software is shown using a progress bar.



After **DTRACK3** has been installed on your computer click *Next*.

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Press *Finish* to complete the **DTRACK3** setup wizard. Now, you can use **DTRACK3**.



Information regarding requirements to run **DTRACK3** (operating system, etc.) are opened automatically after the installation is complete. Please read the information carefully.



Newer versions of **DTRACK3** may be installed parallel to the last / current version.



Recommendation: Do not overwrite previous installations of **DTRACK3** so you can easily revert to the last version.

4.2 Installation under Linux

The software (64-bit package available only) is packed in an archive. (**DTRACK3_v3.X.Y_linux64.tar.gz**) You do not need to have administrator rights to extract all files to a user-defined folder. In a shell, change to the user-defined folder and type in the command `tar xzf DTRACK3_v3.X.Y_linux64.tar.gz` in order to extract the files. For ease of use, you may create a shortcut on the desktop.

DTRACK3 can be started with the command `./DTRACK3`.



Information regarding requirements to run **DTRACK3** (operating system, dependencies, libraries, etc.) are listed in the file 'readme.txt' extracted in the user-defined folder. Please read the information carefully.

4.3 Software update

The latest **DTRACK3** software is always available from our Download Center at <https://ar-tracking.com/en/downloadcenter>

For the installation of the frontend update, please proceed as mentioned before in chapters 4.1 on page 30 and 4.2 on page 32. After installing **DTRACK3** on the host PC the controller may be updated after establishing a connection with the new frontend. Please refer to chapter 12.3 on page 174.



All patch releases and updates (e.g. v3.2.0 → v3.2.1 → v3.2.2 →...) may be installed without restrictions.



DTRACK3 may only be upgraded to the next minor version (e.g. v3.2.X → v3.3.0) having a valid '**DTRACK3 Upgrade**' license. Please double-check your license status first (see chapter 7.2 on page 64 for more information).

4.4 Automatic configuration backups

Upon starting the **DTRACK3** frontend the current configurations and settings on the **ART** Controller or **SMARTTRACK2/3/M** are saved automatically on the host PC once a day. In the rare event of a defective controller unit this backup can be restored onto a replacement device. If the controller unit is still under warranty, licenses may be transferred onto the replacement unit free-of-charge. The location of the backup on the host PC is C:\Users\user\.ART\DTRACK3\v3.X.Y\backup\ with user being the name of the currently used account on Windows and v3.X.Y being dependent on the version of **DTRACK3**. Please refer to 7.3.3 on page 70 how to restore a complete backup.



Only the 2 most current backups are stored, older versions are deleted periodically.

4.4.1 Deactivation of automatic backups

Automatic backups are active by default. In order to deactivate this feature (e.g. due to confidential data stored in the configurations) first close the **DTRACK3** frontend. Then open and edit the configuration file `current-preferences.xml` found in the following folder: C:\Users\user\.ART\DTRACK3\v3.X.Y\config\ with user being the name of the currently used account on Windows and v3.X.Y being dependent on the version of **DTRACK3**.

Frontend configuration file Following, a description of the file (e.g. C:\Users\JohnDoe\.ART\DTRACK3\v3.3.0\config\current-preferences.xml) format:

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<DTRACK>
  <LAST_TRACKBOX HOSTNAME="controller-hostname" IP="10.10.1.1" MODEL="21" MAC="AA:BB:CC:DD:EE:FF"/>
  <TRACKBOX_SELECTION>
    <FIX_HOSTNAME_OR_IP></FIX_HOSTNAME_OR_IP>
    <FIX_SUBNET>(all subnets)</FIX_SUBNET>
    <NET_RANGE>scan</NET_RANGE>
    <!-- possible values for NET_RANGE: scan, specific_atc -->
    <CASCADED_SYSTEM>>false</CASCADED_SYSTEM>
  </TRACKBOX_SELECTION>
  <LAST_FRONTEND_UPDATE UPDATE_DATE="2023-09-29T18:28:50"/>
  <CAMERA_SETTINGS>
    <SHOW_DYNAMIC_REFLEX_SUPPRESSION>>false</SHOW_DYNAMIC_REFLEX_SUPPRESSION>
  </CAMERA_SETTINGS>
  <MENU>
    <SHOW_SERVICE>>false</SHOW_SERVICE>
  </MENU>
</DTRACK>
```

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```
<IS_DARK_THEME>true</IS_DARK_THEME>
</MENUE>
<MISC>
  <AUTO_BACKUP>true</AUTO_BACKUP>
</MISC>
</DTRACK>
```

In order to deactivate the automatic backup feature change the corresponding entry and save the changes.

before:

```
<MISC>
  <AUTO_BACKUP>true</AUTO_BACKUP>
</MISC>
```

after:

```
<MISC>
  <AUTO_BACKUP>false</AUTO_BACKUP>
</MISC>
```



DTRACK3 frontend has to be closed before editing the frontend configuration file.



Please note that these settings are only applicable for the user account currently used for log-in in Windows. Changes will not affect other user accounts on the remote PC.



The deactivation of automatic backups is applicable for all controllers accessed by the current user account in Windows.

5 Connecting to the controller

5.1 Start DTRACK3 frontend software

When you start up **DTRACK3** on the remote PC you will see the following welcome splash screen (see figure 5.1 on page 35) . Using the mouse or shortcuts (2 = down, 4 = left, 6 = right, 8 = up) you can move around the splash screen window, e.g. to a secondary screen. The position of the window is then saved and will be used at the next start-up.

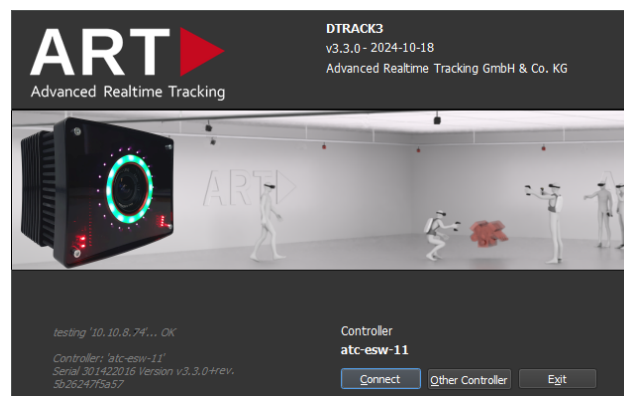


Figure 5.1: Welcome screen of **DTRACK3**

DTRACK3 will always try to connect to the last known or default controller. On the lower left hand corner of the splash screen the current status of connection is shown (refer to table 5.1 on page 36).

| status message | Description |
|--|--|
| testing ' <i>IP-address</i> ' | DTRACK3 is trying to access the last known controller using the IP address shown |
| testing ' <i>IP-address</i> ' ... OK | controller is powered-up and is accessible by LAN |
| Controller: ' <i>hostname</i> ' Serial DTRACK3 version | DTRACK3 is able to connect to the last known controller |
| no connection to controller ' <i>hostname</i> ', accessed by <i>IP address</i> | last known controller is being accessed by another client |
| testing ' <i>IP-address</i> ' ... unsuccessful | DTRACK3 is unable to access the last known controller (e.g. not powered up / in standby, no DHCP service available) |
| resolving ' <i>hostname</i> ' ... unsuccessful | |
| no connection to controller ' <i>hostname</i> ' | |

Table 5.1: Splash Screen - Description of status messages

If **DTRACK3** is run for the first time the window *Controller Selection* will be opened automatically. Please refer to chapter 5.1.2 on page 37. If the controller is powered up and you would like to connect to the controller shown at this point, just press *Connect*. The main window will open (refer to 6.1 on page 47).

In case you would like to choose a different controller, press *Other Controller*. Please refer to chapter 5.1.2 on page 37.

If the last known controller has been powered down into standby mode, you may wake up your controller using Wake on LAN. Please refer to chapter 5.2 on page 39.

In any other case (i.e. testing '*IP-address*' ... unsuccessful, resolving '*hostname*' ... unsuccessful and Wake on LAN ... unsuccessful), please refer to chapter 13 on page 181.



If the access to the controller has been restricted, you will be prompted to enter the password before the main window will open. In case you have lost the password, please refer to chapter 5.3.1 on page 43 to reset the password feature.

5.1.1 **DTRACK3** command line parameters

The following parameters (refer to table 5.2 on page 37) may be added to the command line (i.e. **DTRACK3** icon → properties → shortcut → target) when starting the **DTRACK3** frontend.

| Command line parameter | Description |
|------------------------|---|
| -directstart | Connect with the last used controller (can be combined with -measure) |
| -help | Shows a window with these command line parameters and additional examples |
| -host <name or IP> | Connect with given controller (by hostname or IP number) (can be combined with -measure) |
| -measure | After connecting, start measurement |
| -wakeup | Wake up the last connected controller (can be combined with -directstart and -measure) (not available for SMARTTRACK3 & SMARTTRACK3/M) |
| -wakeup <MAC> | Wake up controller with given MAC address (can be combined with -host and -measure) (not available for SMARTTRACK3 & SMARTTRACK3/M) |

Table 5.2: Command line parameters



If the access to the controller has been restricted, you will be prompted to enter the password before the main window will open. In case you have lost the password, please refer to chapter 5.3.1 on page 43 to reset the password feature.

5.1.2 Controller selection

Whenever you would like to select a different controller than the default one, press the button *Other Controller* on the welcome splash screen. A separate window *Controller Selection* will be opened to specify a default controller, see figure 5.2 on page 38.

This is done automatically on the first run of **DTRACK3**.

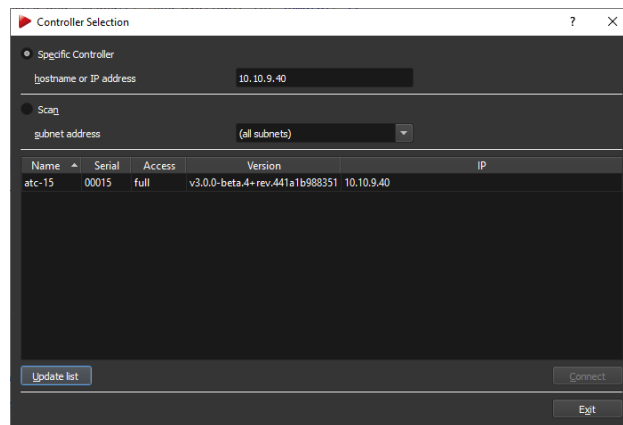
Specific Controller In case of LANs without a DHCP server or via direct connection to your remote PC (please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide**) tick the corresponding radio button (*Specific Controller*) and specify the IP-address or host-name of your controller directly by entering it in the field *hostname or IP address*. To connect press *Connect*.

In order to find out the IP address of your controller please refer to chapter 5.3.2 on page 43.

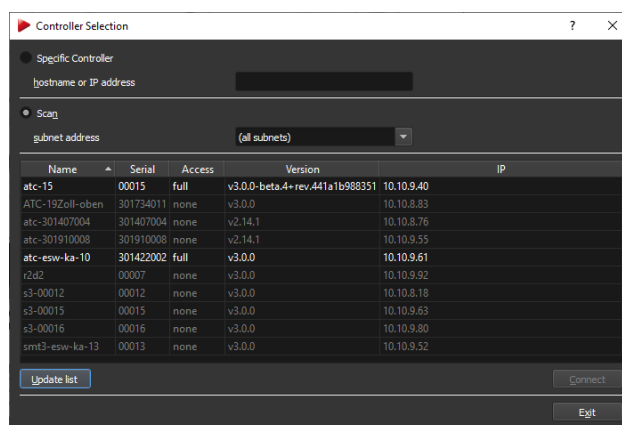
Scan LAN In case of LANs with DHCP-service you may scan your network for available controllers. Simply tick the radio button *Scan* followed by pressing the button *Update list*. You can also specify the subnet by using the adjacent drop-down menu *subnet address*.

All available controllers in your network will be listed in the table below. Controllers set in grey are used by other remote PCs in your network (→ accessed by IP address listed at welcome splash screen), whereas available controllers for connection are set in black.

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(a) specific controller



(b) scan the network

Figure 5.2: Controller Selection

You can easily identify your controller by comparing the serial number (e.g. **ART Controller** 301422021 or **SMARTTRACK3** s3-00432 listed in column *Serial*) with the corresponding one printed on the label of the device (rear of the **ART Controller** or **ART Controller/M** and **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M**, please refer to **ART Hardware Installation Guide**). You can also sort the list by host-name *Name* or IP-addresses *IP*. Select the appropriate entry of your controller and press *Connect*.

If nothing is listed, please refer to chapter 13 on page 181.



If the Controller is not connected to a LAN or no DHCP server is running, it will use its fall-back IP address (IP 192.168.0.1, subnet mask 255.255.255.0)



If the access to the controller has been restricted, you will be prompted to enter the password before the main window will open. In case you have lost the password, please refer to chapter 5.3.1 on page 43 to reset the password feature.



Please make sure that the controller is connected to the local network and that it is powered up !



In case of LANs protected by firewalls all necessary ports for **DTRACK3** network communication have to be unblocked. Please refer to section A.1 on page 199.

5.1.3 Setting a static IP address

Please refer to chapter 8.7 on page 103 to set your controller to a static IP address using the **DTRACK3** frontend.

In case you need to specify a static IP address without using the frontend (e.g. installation on network without DHCP service available) please refer to chapter 5.3 on page 40 instead.

5.2 Wake On LAN

The controller is capable of Wake On LAN (WOL) when it has been powered down to standby mode by the user (**DTRACK3** → *Controller standby*).

This function is not available for **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M**.

There are two options for waking up the controller remotely:

1. you may use **DTRACK3** or
2. use a separate tool (Windows: WOL program; Linux: console-based command).

Option 1 - WOL via DTRACK3 Start the **DTRACK3** frontend software. It will search for the controller and the 'Connect' button will be replaced by 'Wake On LAN' after a few seconds (see figure 5.3 on page 39).

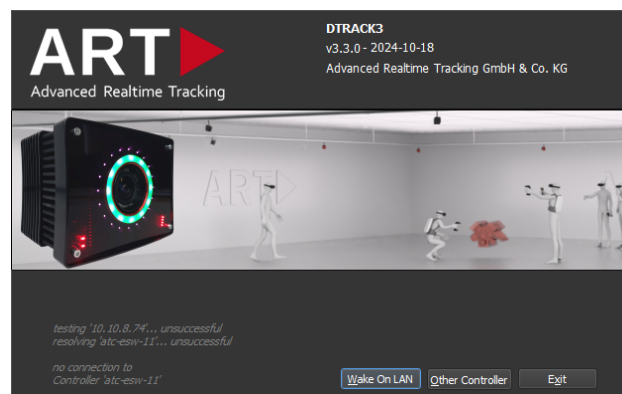


Figure 5.3: Welcome screen of **DTRACK3** with Wake On LAN option

Press the 'Wake On LAN' button and **DTRACK3** will try to wake up the controller - this

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may take up to two minutes as the controller has to boot up (see figure 5.4 on page 40).

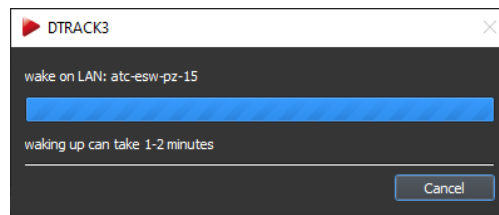


Figure 5.4: Wake On LAN progress bar

If Wake On LAN is successful **DTRACK3** will automatically establish the connection with this controller and start the frontend software.



Please make sure that the controller is still connected to the local network and that it is in standby-mode! **DTRACK3 cannot wake up the controller if no physical connection between remote PC and controller is established or if the controller is powered off!**

Option 2 - WOL via separate tool You will need the '*hostname*' of the controller as well as its MAC address. To get this information, either refer to 5.3.2 on page 43 or enter **DTRACK3** and go to *Hardware* → *Network*. Copy the '*hostname*' and MAC address ('*ethernet-MAC LAN*').

If you are using Windows you will need a separate WOL program to use this feature. Please refer to the manual of the WOL program you are using to find out how to configure the WOL function.

When using Linux you only need to switch to the console and type in the following command and your controller restarts:

for Linux openSUSE:

```
$ wol <MAC address of your Controller>  
e.g.: $ wol 00:1D:92:3A:58:5F
```

for Ubuntu:

```
$ wakeonlan <MAC address of your Controller>  
e.g.: $ wakeonlan 00:1D:92:3A:58:5F
```

5.3 Configuring your controller's network address without network access

You can also configure some settings of the controller without the **DTRACK3** frontend software. You will need a standard USB pen drive (FAT32 formatted).

This way you may

- configure the controller to be a DHCP client,
- set a static IP address ,
- reset the password feature for access to the controller and
- carry out a factory reset.



Carrying out a factory reset will result in the loss of all your settings including your license codes (will be written to USB pen drive during factory reset) ! Backup your configurations or export your systems configuration log file beforehand (please refer to 7.3.2 and 12.4.1 on page 69).

Proceed as follows:

- Plug-in the USB pen drive in any available USB port of the controller. Controller should be powered up.
- If necessary start up the controller
- Wait some time for the controller to write two files onto the USB pen drive (approx. 20-30 seconds, signalled by two (2) consecutive beeps)
- Unplug the USB pen drive
- Now plug-in the USB pen drive in a computer and view or edit the setup file (see 5.3 on page 41) with any editor
- After changing the setup file please plug-in the USB pen drive in the controller again afterwards
- Wait some time for the controller to read the setup file (approx. 20-30 seconds, signalled by three (3) consecutive beeps)
- Unplug the USB pen drive
- Reboot the controller for the changes to take effect

Now, your controller is configured according to your requirements.



Please note that these settings are not part of your personal configuration. Changes will affect all users of your controller! Your controller may become unreachable with wrong IP settings!



You can find your current license codes in the file 'ART_Controller_XXXX_licenses.txt' (will be written to USB pen drive during factory reset)

The setup file Following, a description of the file (e.g. ART_Controller_00117_setup.txt) format:

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```
# ART Controller Setup:

# ethernet settings:
# - uncomment just one of the lines starting with 'SETNET'

# ethernet settings: DHCP
# - uncomment the following line to activate DHCP
#SETNET="dhcp"

# ethernet settings: fix IP address and subnet mask
# - uncomment the following line to set a fix IP address and subnet mask
#SETNET="ip 192.168.0.1 255.255.255.0"

# ethernet and routing settings: fix IP address, subnet mask and corresponding gateway
# - only use if destination for tracking data or DTRACK3 frontend is in a different network than ATC
# - note: gateway must be an IP number in same network/netmask as ATC!
# - uncomment the following line to set a fix IP address, subnet mask and gateway IP address
#SETNET="ip 192.168.0.1 255.255.255.0 192.168.0.253"

# name settings: host name
# - uncomment the following line to set the host name
#SETHOSTNAME="atc"

# name settings: domain name
# - uncomment the following line to set the domain name
#SETDOMAINNAME="art.site"

# name settings: domain name server
# - uncomment one of the following lines to set (or clear) a domain name server
#SETNAMESERVER="192.168.0.254" # set DNS (IP or hostname)
#SETNAMESERVER="-"           # clear DNS

# reset of frontend password:
# - uncomment the following line to reset a frontend password
#RESETFRONTENDPASSWORD="yes"

# factory reset of all other settings:
# - CAUTION: use with care, all your settings will be lost!
# - uncomment the following line to reset all other Controller settings
# - additionally your ethernet settings will be set to DHCP if no fix IP is set above
# - CAUTION: also all license settings will be reset!
#   - export 'system informations' (DTRACK3->Help->Service) to save your license codes;
#     or see 'ART_Controller_X_licenses.txt' (will be written to USB stick during factory reset)
#   - re-enter all license codes after factory reset under DTRACK3->Licenses
#RESETSETTINGS="yes"
```

If you would like to run a command you have to remove the '#' sign and save the changes.
Example (set a static IP address, e.g.: 123.123.0.1):

before:

```
#SETNET="ip 192.168.0.1 255.255.255.0"
```

after:

```
SETNET="ip 123.123.0.1 255.255.255.0"
```

5.3.1 Password reset and delete without *DTRACK3* frontend

In case you have lost the password for access to your controller via the *DTRACK3* frontend you can delete the password and reset the feature. You will need a standard USB pen drive (FAT32 formatted).

Proceed as in the previous section (please refer to chapter 5.3 on page 40) described and change the setup file (see 5.3 on page 41).

To reset the password feature, remove the '#' sign in the setup file and save the changes:

before:

```
#RESETFRONTENDPASSWORD= "yes"
```

after:

```
RESETFRONTENDPASSWORD= "yes"
```

Have the controller read the changed file and reboot afterwards.

5.3.2 Information retrieval without *DTRACK3* frontend

It is possible to retrieve some settings of the controller without the *DTRACK3* frontend software. You will need a standard USB pen drive (FAT32 formatted).

Proceed as follows:

- Plug-in the USB pen drive in any available USB port of the controller. Controller must be powered up
- If necessary start up the controller first and plug in the USB pen drive after complete boot-up
- Wait some time for the controller to write two files onto the USB pen drive (approx. 20-30 seconds, signalled by two (2) consecutive beeps)
- Unplug the USB pen drive
- Now plug the USB pen drive in a computer and view the information file (see below) with any editor

The information file This file contains the current settings of the controller, e.g. the host-name, serial number and current IP address. Following, a description of the file format (e.g. ART_Controller_0007_info.txt or ART_Controller_301422021_info.txt):

ART Controller Information:

```
Name           : smarttrack-0007 (or atc-301422021)
Serial Number   : 0007 or 301422021

Ethernet (LAN)  : dhcp
Ethernet IP (LAN) : 10.10.99.196 255.255.0.0
Ethernet MAC (LAN): 00:03:1d:0b:0f:36
```

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Gateway (LAN) : 10.10.0.3

Domain Name : xyz.site

Domain Name Server: 10.10.0.1

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Please refer to the corresponding sections for each of the menus.

| DTRACK3 | <i>Shortcut</i> | page 62 |
|--|-----------------|--|
| <i>Password</i> | | Set a password for access control via the DTRACK3 frontend |
| <i>Licenses</i> | | License overview → Adding licenses (e.g. higher amount of cameras, Measurement Tool or Cascaded Systems) |
| <i>Configurations</i> | | Select, create new and save different configurations, lock the current configuration and backup & restore all settings |
| <i>Start/Stop</i> <i>Controller standby</i> | M | Start/Stop measurement Force the controller to go into standby mode (shutdown available for SMARTTRACK3 & SMARTTRACK3/M) |
| <i>Controller reboot</i> | | Reboot the controller (not available for SMART-TRACK2) |
| <i>Quit</i> | Q | Quit DTRACK3 |

| Hardware | <i>Shortcut</i> | page 73 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| <i>Search hardware</i> | F2 | Search for newly added hardware (not available for SMARTTRACK2) |
| <i>Cascaded System</i> | | Configure a Cascaded System with available controllers (not available for SMARTTRACK2) |
| <i>Cameras</i> | F7 | Camera settings (e.g. flash intensities, sync group assignment) |
| <i>Synccard</i> | Shift + F7 | Synccard settings (e.g. tracking frequency, external synchronisation) |
| <i>Radio Transceiver</i> | | Settings for ART RadioTransceiver2/3 and devices within your setup |
| <i>Inertial Sensor</i> | | Settings for inertial sensors and hybrid tracking |
| <i>Network</i> | | Configure the IP settings of your controller |
| <i>Time</i> | | Configure the date/time or NTP / PTP settings of your controller |

| Tracking | <i>Shortcut</i> | page 107 |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| <i>Room calibration</i> | F5 | Room calibration |
| <i>Room adjustment</i> | Shift + F5 | Adjust / transform the room coordinate system |
| <i>Single markers</i> | | Activate 3DOF calculation, adjust 5DOF central axis |
| <i>Body administration</i> | F8 | Configure your bodies and start calibration process for all targets and interaction devices |
| <i>Custom Body Calibration</i> | F6 | Custom body calibration |

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| | | |
|---|------------|---|
| <i>Body adjustment</i> | Shift + F6 | Adjust / transform the body coordinate system |
| <i>Flystick</i> | | Configure your Flystick2/2+/3 |
| <i>Fingertracking</i> | F4 | Configure your Fingertracking (incl. tactile feedback) device and start calibration process (i.e. hand geometry) (not available for SMARTTRACK2/3/M) |
| <i>Measurement Tool</i> | | Configure your Measurement Tool |
| <i>Measurement Tool tip calibration</i> | | Start tip calibration process for the Measurement Tool |
| <i>Output</i> | F9 | Set output channels and configure the data to be transmitted |

| View | Shortcut | page 169 |
|-------------------------|----------|---|
| <i>Set to default</i> | | Reset the shown displays to default |
| <i>Monitor 2DOF</i> | | Graphical display of markers recognized by the cameras |
| <i>Data</i> | F10 | Display measurement results (6DOF and / or 3DOF) |
| <i>Flystick</i> | | Display Flystick2/2+/3 measurement data |
| <i>Fingertracking</i> | | Display Fingertracking measurement data (not available for SMARTTRACK2/3/M) |
| <i>Measurement Tool</i> | | Display Measurement Tool data |
| <i>Events</i> | | Display event messages generated by DTRACK3 |

| Tools | Shortcut | page 171 |
|-----------------------|----------|---|
| <i>Measure points</i> | | Provides simple measurement acquisition for use with the Measurement Tool |

| Help | Shortcut | page 173 |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---|
| <i>What's this?</i> | Shift + F1 | Help |
| <i>What's new?</i> | | Overview of the new features |
| <i>Controller and Camera Update</i> | | Start the assistant for updating Controller and cameras |
| <i>Service and Guides</i> | | Service-ID, link to ART website and DTRACK3 guides, export system configuration log |
| <i>DTRACK3</i> | F1 | Software version of frontend & backend |
| <i>About Qt</i> | | Qt toolkit version |

Table 6.1: **DTRACK3** menu structure overview

6.1 GUI overview

The graphical user interface of **DTRACK3** can be divided into the following parts (see figure 6.1 on page 47):

- the *menu bar* with access to all settings (please refer to chapter 6 on page 45)
- the *toolbar* with graphical elements regarding the status of the tracking system (please refer to chapter 6.2 on page 48)
- the *docking displays* with graphical information, measurement results and event information (see chapter 6.3 on page 50).

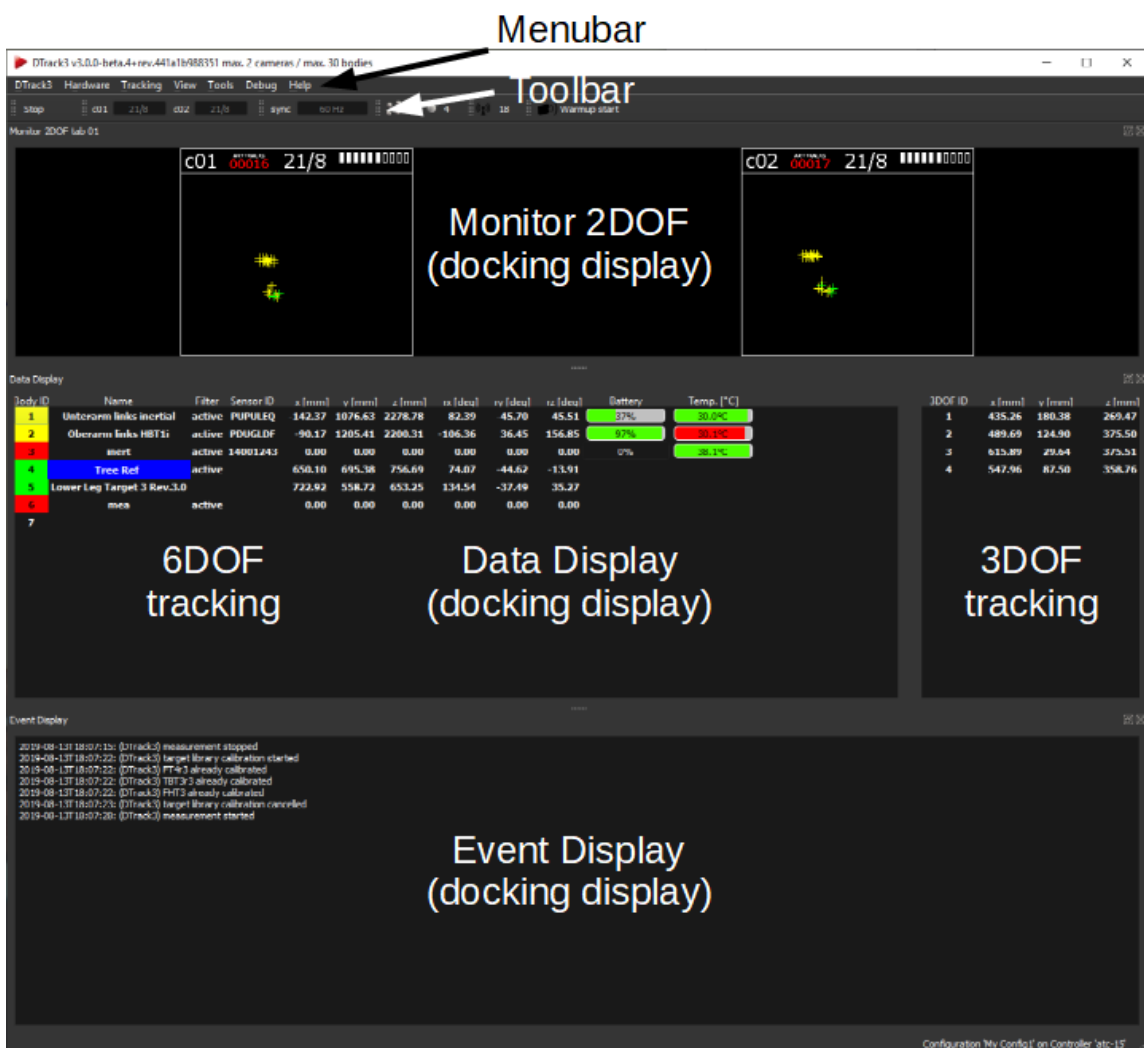
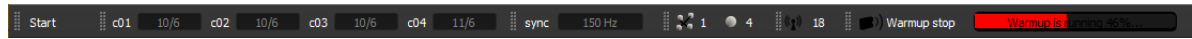


Figure 6.1: Graphical user interface of **DTRACK3** - default layout

Figure 6.2: *DTRACK3* Toolbar

6.2 Toolbar

By default, the toolbar (see figure 6.2 on page 48) consists of the following elements (from left to right):

| Toolbar element | Description |
|---------------------------------|---|
| <i>Start/Stop button</i> | Starts and stops the measurement |
| <i>Camera Status</i> | Shows the number of markers seen (2DOF) / used for tracking targets (6DOF) by each camera |
| <i>Sync Status</i> | Displays the current tracking frequency |
| <i>Tracking Status</i> | Shows the number of tracked targets (6DOF) / single markers (3DOF) |
| <i>Radio Transceiver Status</i> | Displays the currently selected channel of the ART Radio-Transceiver2/3 (greyed out, if not installed) |
| <i>Inertial Sensor Status</i> | Displays the currently selected channel of the inertial dongles (wireless only) and the status of the sensor's warm up process (hidden, if not installed) |

Table 6.2: Toolbar elements of *DTRACK3*

To change or activate elements right-click anywhere on the toolbar. Drag & drop the elements for re-arrangement by left-clicking.

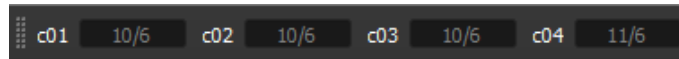
Start / Stop button Press this button to start the measurement. To stop tracking press it once again.

Camera Status The *Camera Status* field shows two values for each camera (c01, c02, ...). The first one summarizes the amount of markers that are seen by each camera, whereas the second one only shows the subset which are used for 6DOF tracking.

In the case depicted (see figure 6.3 on page 49), one target equipped with 6 markers is tracked inside the measurement volume by all 4 cameras c01 to c04. As a result the second value equals 6 for all cameras.

At the same time cameras c01 to c04 track 4 single 3DOF markers, while camera c04 sees one more additional marker (presumably a reflection) leading to a total of 10 and 11 markers respectively. This additional marker cannot be tracked because it is not seen by at least one more camera.

One should note that this is a very simple example as multiple targets may be tracked by only a subset of cameras (min. 2) while additional 3DOF markers and reflections do not have to be seen by all cameras at the same time. Compare the *Tracking Status* for more information about tracked targets and single 3DOF markers (see figure 6.5 on page 49).

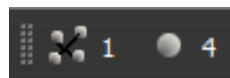
Figure 6.3: **DTRACK3** Camera Status (toolbar element)

Sync Status The *Sync status* field shows the current tracking frequency in Hz set in *Hardware* → *Synccard* (Note: *Hardware* → *Inertial Sensor* → *Tracking Frequency* when using Hybrid Bodies). The background is changing its colour in case the effective frequency is decreasing due to processing overload (see figure 6.4 on page 49):

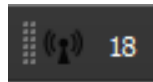
Figure 6.4: **DTRACK3** Sync Status (toolbar element) - Visualization of the decrease in effective synchronization frequency

- black / grey: max. 5 frames per minute lost (i.e. 3600 frames per minute are transmitted, not shown)
- yellow: 5 - 10 frames per minute lost
- orange: 10 - 15 frames per minute lost
- red: > 15 frames per minute lost

Tracking Status In *Tracking status* the amount of tracked 6DOF targets and single 3DOF markers is shown (see figure 6.5 on page 49). The value on the left, next to the icon depicting a target, summarizes all activated and tracked targets (*Tracking* → *Body Administration* or *mtool*, *Flystick* etc.) inside the measurement volume, in this case only 1. All single 3DOF markers which are not used for 6DOF tracking are shown on the right next to the icon of a marker, in this case 4 markers.

Figure 6.5: **DTRACK3** Tracking status (toolbar element)

Radio Transceiver Status The *Radio Transceiver Status* shows the currently selected channel (see figure 6.6 on page 50) of the **ART** radio set in *Hardware* → *Radio Transceiver*, in this case 'Channel 18'. The toolbar element is greyed out if no **RadioTransceiver2/3** are installed.

Figure 6.6: **DTRACK3** Radio transceiver status (toolbar element)

Inertial Sensor Status The *Inertial Sensor Status* displays the currently selected channel (see figure 6.7 on page 50) of the inertial dongles (wireless only) set in *Hardware* → *Inertial Sensor*. It also depicts the status of the sensor's warm-up process in the adjacent progress bar, in this case approx 50%. The toolbar element is just visible if inertial sensors are installed.

Figure 6.7: **DTRACK3** Inertial Sensor status (toolbar element)

6.3 Docking Displays

By default the first three of the following docking displays are activated (see table 6.3 on page 50).

| Docking Display | Description |
|-------------------------|--|
| <i>Monitor 2DOF</i> | Graphical display of all markers seen / tracked by the cameras. Colour and shape represent the circularity and size of the markers respectively. |
| <i>Data Display</i> | Displays measurement results (6DOF and / or 3DOF) |
| <i>Event Display</i> | Displays DTRACK3 events (e.g. "no valid room calibration") |
| <i>Flystick</i> | Shows the measurement results (6DOF) of the Flystick2/2+/3 and the operation of buttons and joystick |
| <i>Fingertracking</i> | Shows the measurement results of the hands (not available for SMARTTRACK2/3/M) |
| <i>Measurement Tool</i> | Shows the measurement results of the Measurement Tool and its reference body, if assigned |

Table 6.3: Available docking displays in **DTRACK3**

To change or activate the docking displays right-click anywhere on the *Toolbar* or use the menu *View* (refer to chapter 10 on page 169). Drag & drop the display windows for re-arrangement by left-clicking.

6.3.1 Monitor 2DOF display

The *Monitor 2DOF display* is a 2-dimensional graphical display just like a monitor for each camera equivalent to its field of view (see figure 6.8 on page 51). Essentially the *Monitor 2DOF display* shows a black window with a schematic display of positions, sizes and



Figure 6.8: **DTRACK3** Monitor 2DOF display (docking display)

shapes of all recognized markers / flashes or other IR sources that can be seen inside the field of view of the cameras. It is particularly useful for the adjustment (especially orientation) of the cameras or **SMARTTRACK2/3/M** (please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide**).

Additional Monitor 2DOF display functions In the *Monitor 2DOF display* additional functions are assigned to mouse interactions.

- left mouse button
Drag & drop the camera monitors to move and arrange the position within the *Monitor 2DOF view*.
- middle mouse button
Click to hide all camera monitors but the one you selected. Click again and all camera monitors will be displayed.
- right mouse button
Click on a camera monitor to open a context menu for the corresponding camera; see figure 6.10 on page 53 and table 6.4 on page 54 for more details.

Cameras per tab (not available for SMARTTRACK2) In case several **ARTTRACK** cameras or **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M** are being used in one system, it may prove helpful to adjust the number of cameras simultaneously shown in the *Monitor 2DOF display* in order to achieve a clear arrangement (see figure 6.8 on page 51).

Move the slider '*cameras per tab*' (in the upper right corner) to the left to decrease the amount of cameras. Tabs containing the remaining cameras will be added below the *Monitor 2DOF display*.

Monitor 2DOF most active tab The special tab '*Monitor 2DOF most active*' contains only those cameras in which the markers / targets are seen most of the time.

Example: Consider a four camera system with cameras c01 through c04 where you have set the number of '*cameras per tab*' to two. Now if you move a target in front of cameras c02 and c03 most of the time, only these two cameras will be shown in the '*most active cameras*' tab.

Adding/removing cameras (not available for *SMARTTRACK2/3/M*) It is possible to add or remove cameras without restarting the *ART Controller* or *ART Controller/M*. Please refer to chapter 8.1 on page 73 how to dynamically analyse your system for changes in configuration.



When cameras are added to an already calibrated tracking system these cameras will not contribute for calculation and measurement until you perform a room (re-)calibration (see chapter 9.1.5 on page 111). Therefore as a reminder the *Monitor 2DOF display* of the corresponding cameras will show the message **(re-)calibration required!** in red color.



The *ART Controller* or *ART Controller/M* will detect all cameras that have been removed from an already calibrated tracking system (e.g. due to a disconnected cable) and mark those as missing until a room (re-)calibration has been performed. The *Monitor 2DOF display* of the corresponding cameras will be disabled (crossed out) and in case of larger systems their corresponding displays will be moved to a new camera tab.



***DTRACK3* is able to operate when cameras have been added or removed; for best performance it is highly recommended to perform a recalibration**

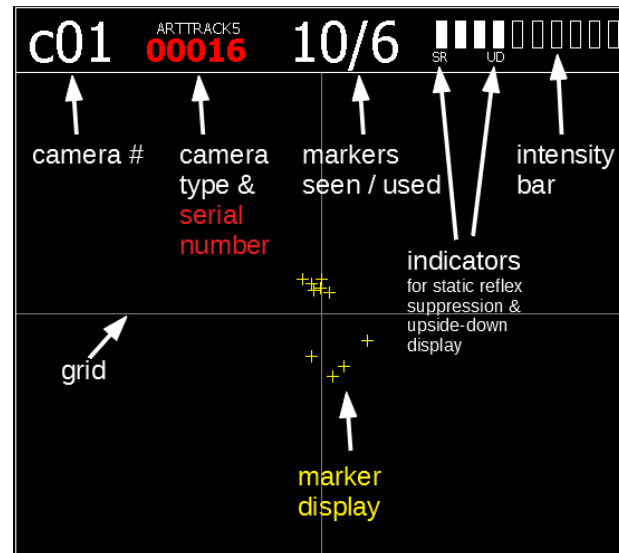
6.3.1.1 Monitor 2DOF display elements

Each marker is either displayed as a circle or as a cross. This indicates the projected size of the marker on the camera sensor and depends strongly on the distance to the camera, see figure 6.9 on page 53.

A simple color code represents the quality (i.e. circularity) of the markers:

| | | |
|----------------|-----|--|
| green markers | ... | very good tracking quality |
| yellow markers | ... | good tracking quality |
| red markers | ... | bad circularity, unreasonable size of marker and / or low intensities; may result in poor tracking quality |
| circles | ... | big marker (e.g. close to camera) |
| cross | ... | small marker |

Recommendation Increase the flash intensity until all markers become yellow or green (*Hardware* → *Cameras* → '*flash intensity*'). Additionally pay attention to the intensity bar on the top right corner of each camera monitor, see figure 6.9 on page 53. This indicates

Figure 6.9: *DTRACK3 Monitor 2DOF display* elements

the intensity of the brightest pixel in the field of view (refer to figure 6.1 on page 47), in this case 4 of 10.

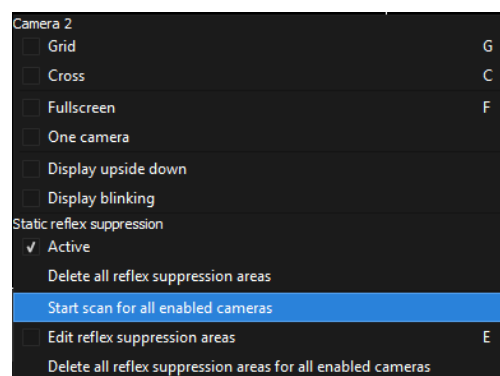


As a rule of thumb: For measurement applications with high accuracy requirements the markers should be displayed in green with intensities of min. 4 bars; for VR applications yellow markers with intensities down to 2 bars are still sufficient.



Note: ARTTRACK1 cameras have the bar display integrated into the camera on their front side.

6.3.1.2 Monitor 2DOF display context menu

Figure 6.10: *Monitor 2DOF display* context menu (e.g. camera c02)

By right-clicking on the *Monitor 2DOF display* of the corresponding camera monitor the following context menu opens:

| Function | Shortcut | |
|--|----------|--|
| <i>Grid</i> | G | Shows a grid in the camera monitor. |
| <i>Cross</i> | C | Shows a cross in the camera monitor. |
| <i>Fullscreen</i> | F | Resizes <i>Monitor 2DOF display</i> to full screen and back. |
| <i>One Camera</i> | | Only show the view of the selected camera. |
| <i>Display upside down</i> | | Rotate the orientation of the camera monitor by 180°. 'UD' is displayed in the camera monitor. |
| <i>Display blinking</i> | | Activates / deactivates blinking of 2-digit LED matrix and status LEDs on the camera for easy identification (ARTTRACK5 only). |
| <i>Static Reflex Suppression Active</i> | | Enable static reflex suppression functionality for this camera. 'SR' is displayed in the camera monitor. |
| <i>Delete all reflex suppression areas</i> | | Deletes the defined reflection areas for the selected camera only. |
| <i>Start scan for all enabled cameras</i> | | Initiates a scan for static reflections. Enabled only if <i>Active</i> is ticked. |
| <i>Edit reflex suppression areas</i> | E | Enter the edit mode in order to manually select areas to suppress unwanted reflections. |
| <i>Delete all reflex suppression areas for all enabled cameras</i> | | Deletes the defined reflection areas for all enabled cameras at once. |

Table 6.4: Context menu of the *Monitor 2DOF view*

Display upside down The checkbox *display upside down* rotates the orientation of the corresponding camera monitor in the *Monitor 2DOF display* by 180°.



Display upside down proves to be useful when mounting the cameras upside down. Note: This setting is for display purposes only. It does not influence the tracking system nor the room calibration.

6.3.2 Static reflex suppression

Automatic and manual reflection suppression First the feature has to be enabled either globally for all cameras or individually for each camera. Open *Hardware* → *Cameras* and mark the checkboxes for each camera you would like to activate the reflection suppression feature or select *global static reflex suppression* to activate the feature for all cameras at once. Please refer to chapter 8.3 on page 76 for details.

Alternatively right-click the *Monitor 2DOF display* on the respective camera monitor and enable the feature directly for each camera by selecting the option 'Active', see figure 6.10 on page 53.

Hereafter there are two ways to carry out a reflection suppression:

1. run an automatic scan

Open the context menu of the *Monitor 2DOF display* and start the scan by left-clicking *Start Scan for all enabled cameras* (see figure 6.10 on page 53). A scan function will detect and suppress reflections automatically. Cancel the scan at any point by clicking *Cancel*, otherwise wait for completion and accept the detected areas by clicking *OK*. The areas will be stored in the controller and can be edited manually afterwards.

2. set the suppression areas manually

You can define the areas manually where reflections need to be suppressed. Open the context menu of the *Monitor 2DOF display* and enter the edit mode by selecting '*Edit reflex suppression areas*', see below. You may also use the shortcut ('E') listed in table 6.4 on page 54).

- ☞ **Be sure to remove all targets from the measurement volume before starting the scan.**
- ☞ **Be aware that reflection suppression leads to decreased field of view / effective measurement volume by blocking the area in which the reflection originated.**

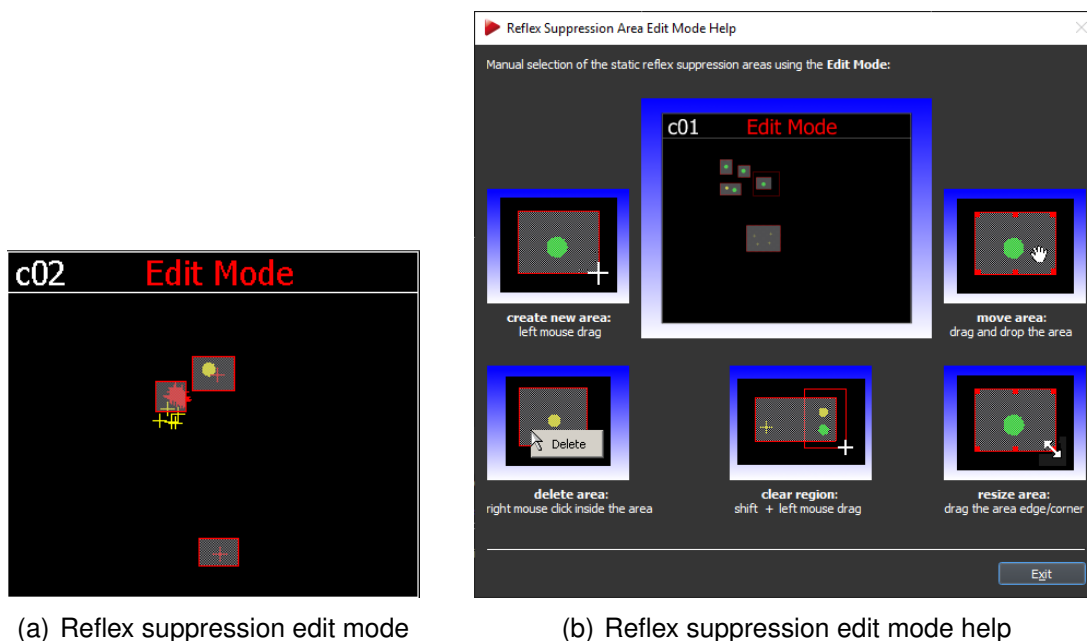


Figure 6.11: Reflex suppression Edit mode

Edit reflection suppression areas Within the edit mode (see figure 6.11(a) on page 55) you may:

- create new areas by left mouse button click, hold & drag a rectangle shaped box, then release mouse button,
- delete areas by right mouse button click inside an area followed by pressing the button *delete*,

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- clear regions by shift + left mouse button click, hold & drag a rectangle shaped box to create a clearing area, then release the mouse button
- move areas by left mouse button click, drag & drop an existing area.

Leave the edit mode by opening the context menu (right-click the *Monitor 2DOF display*) of the respective camera monitor, then de-select '*Edit reflex suppression areas*'. Reflection suppression areas are enabled as soon as you and accept the changes. The areas will be stored in the controller and can be edited each time you enter this mode.

Configuring reflection suppression If you want to disable the reflection suppression feature for one camera only, open the context menu of the respective camera monitor and deactivate the option '*Active*'.

To permanently delete the reflection suppression areas for one camera, right-click on the respective camera monitor and select '*Delete all reflex suppression areas*' and accept the changes.

You can also delete the reflection suppression areas for all cameras at once by selecting '*Delete all reflex suppression areas for all enabled cameras*'.

6.3.3 Data Display

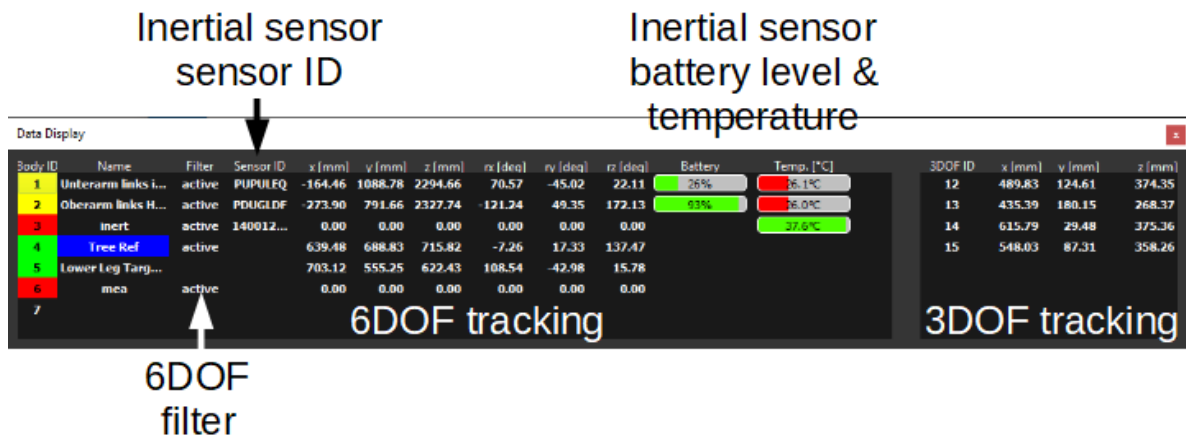


Figure 6.12: *Data Display* (docking display)

The *Data Display* is split into two parts, 6DOF and 3DOF measurement results respectively.

6.3.3.1 6DOF measurement results

On the left hand side (see figure 6.12 on page 56), the *Data Display* shows the following measurement results :

1. the *body ID*
2. the assigned *name*
3. the status of an assigned *reference body*
4. filtering status of 6DOF measurement results ('*active*' or ' ')
5. position (X, Y, Z) and orientation (rx, ry, rz) relative to the room coordinate system
6. additional information for inertial sensors (*sensor ID, battery level, temperature*)

Body ID The bodies are sorted by increasing *body ID*.

A simple colour code indicates the tracking status of the body:

| | | |
|---------------|-----|--|
| green | ... | body is being tracked; tracking data is displayed |
| yellow | ... | body is being tracked only by the means of the inertial sensors (rotational data is displayed only!) |
| red | ... | body is not being tracked; instead of tracking data zeros are displayed |
| white / black | ... | body is not activated; columns are filled with - |
| white / black | ... | body is not calibrated; columns are left blank |

Reference body The '*name*' of a standard 6DOF body assigned as reference will be highlighted.

| | | |
|-----------|-----|---|
| reference | ... | body is assigned as reference; 'reference' is displayed when no specific name has been assigned |
|-----------|-----|---|



When a reference body has been assigned, all 6DOF bodies and 3DOF single markers can only be tracked when the reference body is being tracked as well.

Filtering of 6DOF measurement results Next to the *body ID* the filtering status is shown (i.e. '*active*' or ' '). Right-click the field *active* in the column *filter* of the corresponding target and press the button *filter* to open the *filter settings* menu. For more information about filtering options please refer to chapter 9.4.6 on page 129.

Position and orientation The position (X, Y, Z) in *mm* and the orientation (rx, ry, rz) in *deg* ° is given relative to the room coordinate system unless a reference body has been assigned. The rotation angles (rx, ry and rz) are rotations around the X, Y and Z axis respectively. The mathematical definition can be found in the **DTRACK3 Programmer's Guide**.

Additional information for inertial sensors In the *Data Display* additional information is provided for inertial sensors:

- sensor ID
- battery level
- temperature in °C



The temperature values between single inertial sensors may vary. The operating temperature is reached as soon as there are no more temperature changes inside the sensors indicated by a green status bar. It is not dependent on the absolute temperature value.

6.3.3.2 3DOF measurement results

On the right hand side, the *Data Display* shows the 3DOF measurement results. All tracked single 3DOF markers that have not been assigned to a calibrated 6DOF body (i.e. markers of targets not yet calibrated) are shown here.



Positional information of single 3DOF markers are shown in the data display only when activated in *Tracking* → *Single Markers* → *calculation of 3DOF markers*.

6.3.4 Flystick display

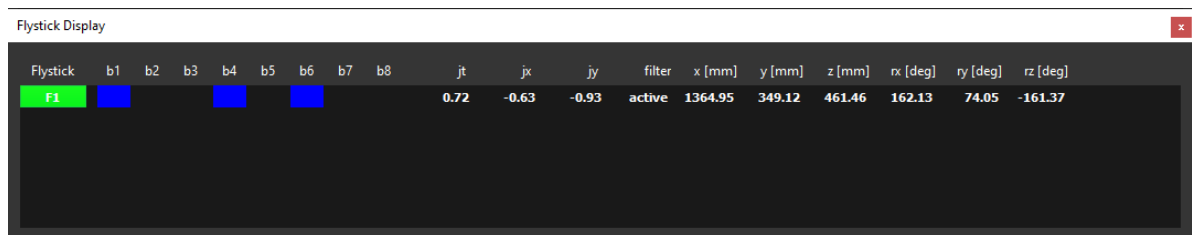


Figure 6.13: *Flystick Display* (docking display)

Flystick measurement results The *Flystick display* shows the following measurement results:

1. the *Flystick ID*
2. the status of buttons *b1...bx*, if applicable
3. the status of the trigger *jt* (*Flystick2+* only)
4. the status of the joystick *jx*, *jy*
5. filtering status of 6DOF measurement results ('active' or '')
6. position (*X*, *Y*, *Z*) and orientation (*rx*, *ry*, *rz*) of the *Flystick2/2+/3*

A simple colour code indicates the status of the *Flystick*:

| | | |
|---------------|-----|--|
| green | ... | Flystick2/2+/3 is being tracked; tracking data is displayed |
| red | ... | Flystick2/2+/3 is not being tracked (e.g. Flystick has not been assigned to ART radio transceiver); instead of tracking data dashes are displayed |
| blue | ... | button is being pressed |
| white / black | ... | Flystick2/2+/3 is not calibrated; columns are left blank |

6.3.5 Fingertracking display

The screenshot shows a window titled "Fingertracking Display" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. Below the title bar, there are two radio buttons: "hand" (selected) and "room". Below these, there is a table with the following columns: "hand ID", "hand geometry", "x [mm]", "y [mm]", "z [mm]", "rx [deg]", "ry [deg]", and "rz [deg]". The table has two main sections: "H1" (highlighted in green) and "H2". Under "H1", there are rows for "thumb", "index", and "middle". The data for "H1" is as follows:

| hand ID | hand geometry | x [mm] | y [mm] | z [mm] | rx [deg] | ry [deg] | rz [deg] |
|---------|---------------|--------|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| H1 | rightconfig | 75.96 | 793.43 | 1224.45 | -127.54 | 61.27 | -10.46 |
| thumb | | 14.90 | -11.00 | 53.40 | | | |
| index | | 57.90 | -17.70 | 55.30 | | | |
| middle | | 69.60 | 14.50 | 58.00 | | | |

Below the "H1" section, there is a section for "H2" which is currently empty.

Figure 6.14: *Fingertracking Display* (docking display)

Fingertracking measurement results The *Fingertracking display* (not available for **SMARTTRACK2/3/M**) shows the following measurement results of all hands including each finger (i.e. thumb, index, middle, ...):

1. the *hand ID*
2. the assigned *name* of the hand geometry name (e.g. left or right)
3. position (X , Y , Z) and orientation (rx , ry , rz) of the hand and fingers relative to the selected coordinate system

The coordinate system of the measurement data may be switched by using the radio buttons *hand* and *room*. You can distinguish between the hands either by the *hand ID* or by the assigned *name* of the hand geometry.

A simple colour code indicates the status of the **Fingertracking** :

| | | |
|---------------|-----|--|
| green | ... | Fingertracking device is being tracked; tracking data is displayed |
| yellow | ... | Hand-target is being tracked (i.e. fingers are calibrated, but outside cameras field of view); last known tracking data is displayed |
| red | ... | Fingertracking device is not being tracked (e.g. only back of the hand is calibrated); last known tracking data is displayed |
| white / black | ... | Fingertracking device is not calibrated; columns are left blank |

| Measurement Tool Display | | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|--------------|----|----|----|--------|--------|---------|----------|----------|----------|
| tool ID | reference ID | b1 | b2 | b3 | x [mm] | y [mm] | z [mm] | rx [deg] | ry [deg] | rz [deg] |
| M1 | MR1 | | | | 16.39 | -81.61 | -266.83 | -108.21 | 24.87 | -144.20 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| | reference ID | | | | x [mm] | y [mm] | z [mm] | rx [deg] | ry [deg] | rz [deg] |
| | MR1 | | | | 665.86 | 645.29 | 915.72 | 24.06 | -18.07 | -22.34 |
| | | | | | | | | | | |

Figure 6.15: *Measurement Tool Display* (docking display)

6.3.6 Measurement Tool display

The *Measurement Tool display* is split into two parts (see figure 6.15 on page 60):

Measurement Tool measurement results

1. the *Measurement Tool ID*
2. the assigned *reference ID* of the corresponding reference body
3. status of buttons *b1...b3*, if applicable
4. position (*X, Y, Z*) and orientation (*rx, ry, rz*) of the Measurement Tool 's tip

Measurement Tool reference measurement results

1. the *Measurement Tool reference body ID*
2. position (*X, Y, Z*) and orientation (*rx, ry, rz*) of the reference body

A simple colour code indicates the status of the Measurement Tool and the reference body, respectively:

| | | |
|---------------|-----|--|
| green | ... | tool is being tracked; tracking data is displayed |
| red | ... | tool is not being tracked (e.g. tip calibration is missing); instead of tracking data dashes are displayed |
| blue | ... | measurement is being performed and / or button is being pressed |
| white / black | ... | tool is not calibrated; columns are left blank |



A Measurement Tool with an assigned reference body can only be tracked when the reference body is tracked as well.

6.3.7 Event display

The *Event display* presents the status of the tracking system (see figure 6.16 on page 61). It offers feedback of the operational state regarding errors or warnings. Furthermore, it informs the user about successful room or body calibrations. Each entry is associated with a timestamp and date.

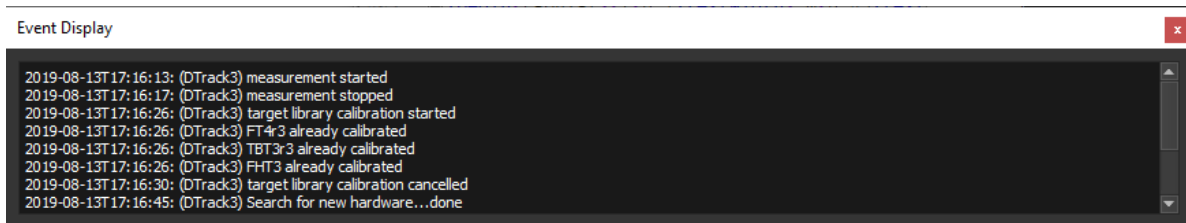


Figure 6.16: *Event Display* (docking display)

7 Menu DTRACK3 - Basic Configuration

| DTRACK3 | Shortcut |
|--------------------|---|
| Password | |
| Licenses | |
| Configurations | |
| Start/Stop | M |
| Controller standby | |
| Controller reboot | (not available for SMARTTRACK2) |
| Quit | Q |

Table 7.1: Menu *DTRACK3*

7.1 Password

In order to restrict the access to the currently connected controller you may enable password protection of the frontend.

Enable password protection Open the corresponding dialog via **DTRACK3** → *Password* and tick the checkbox *Enable password protection*. Please refer to figure 7.1 on page 63. Next enter your selected password in the entry fields 'New password' and 'Repeat password' respectively. If both entries are matching the fields will turn green and a corresponding message will appear. Press *OK* and a warning message will appear next. If you are sure press *OK* to accept the password for protection. Otherwise press *Cancel* to return to the dialog.



Please note that these settings are not part of your personal configuration. Changes will affect all users of your controller! Your controller may become unreachable when the password is lost!



The password protection only restricts the access via the *DTRACK3* frontend. Other control options such as the SDK or the CLI (command line interface tool) still provide full access to all functions and features !

Disable password protection In the dialog untick the checkbox *Enable password protection* and press *OK*. A warning message will appear next. If you are sure press *OK* to remove the password protection. In the last step you will be prompted to enter the current

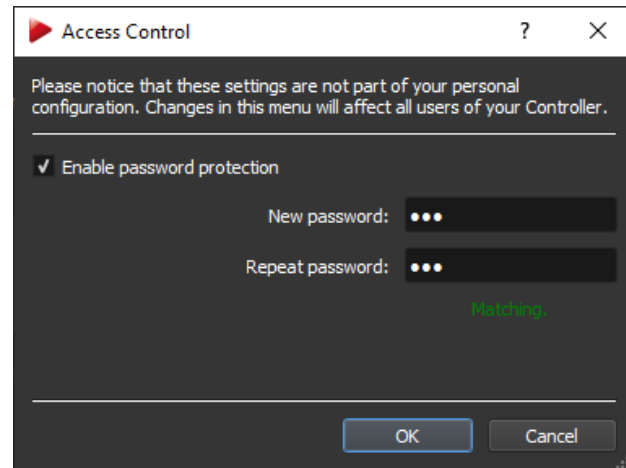


Figure 7.1: Enable Access control

password. Enter the password and press *OK* once again. Please refer to figure 7.2 on page 63. The password protection feature is disabled and the previously set password is deleted.

If the entered password is incorrect a corresponding message will appear. You may then try again and enter the correct password.

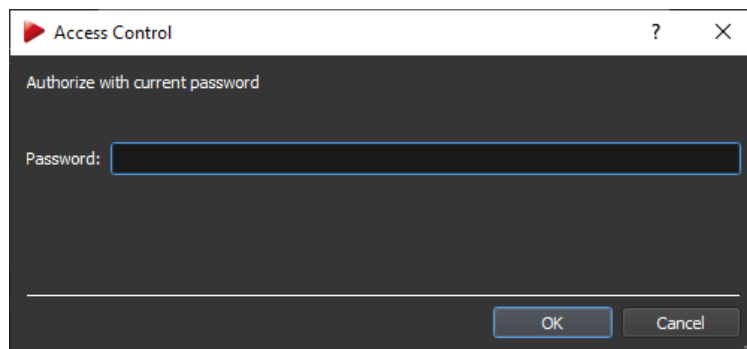


Figure 7.2: Authorize Access control

Change the currently set password In the dialog enter your new password in the entry fields '*New password*' and '*Repeat password*' respectively, then press *OK*. A warning message will appear next. If you are sure press *OK* to change the password. Otherwise press *Cancel* to return to the dialog. In the last step you will be prompted to enter the current password. Enter the password and press *OK* once again. Please refer to figure 7.2 on page 63. The password will be changed and the dialog is closed.

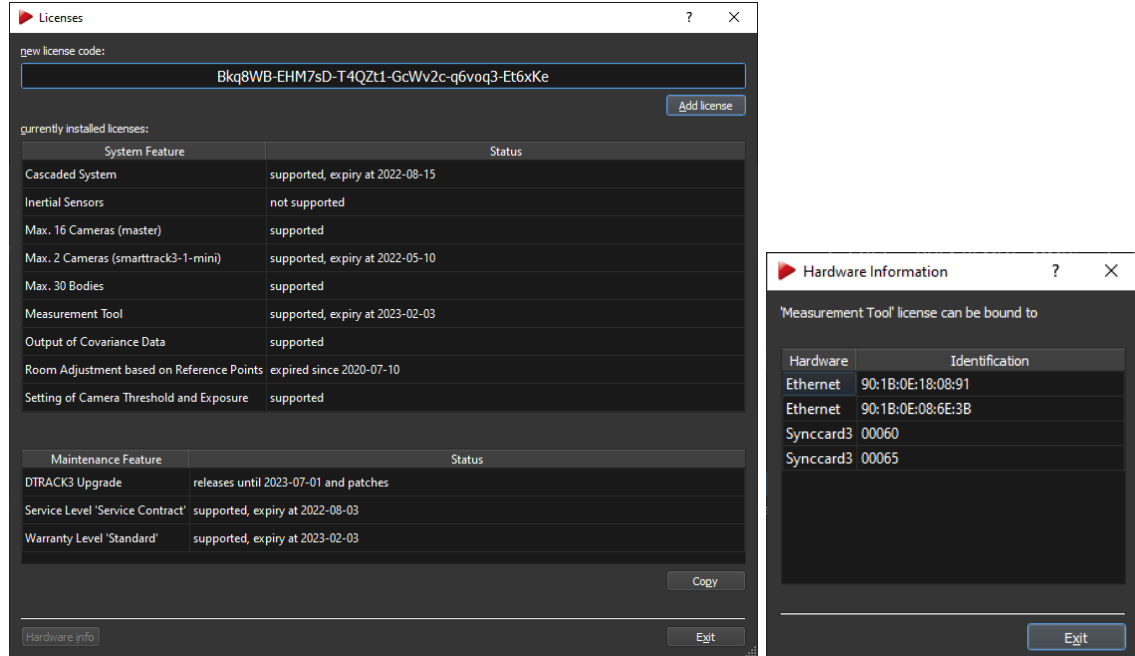
If the entered password is incorrect a corresponding message will appear. You may then try again and enter the correct password.



In case you have lost the password, please refer to chapter 5.3.1 on page 43 to reset the password feature.

7.2 Licenses

The capability of the tracking system is defined by licenses which can be managed here, see figure 7.3 on page 64. You can upgrade to any functionality by simply entering a license code. Ask your **ART** representative for pricing.



(a) Licenses overview

(b) Hardware information

Figure 7.3: Managing the licenses



Some features designed for advanced and experienced users are optional and therefore hidden by default. In order to access these features a license code is necessary. Please ask your **ART** representative for more details.

7.2.1 Entering a license code

Example: If you would like to add a license, go ahead as follows:

- Select any feature by left-clicking.
- Click on *Hardware Info* to open the *Hardware Information* dialog.
- Contact your **ART** representative and communicate your version of **DTRACK3** together with the serial number of the **Synccard2/3** or alternatively the MAC address of the Ethernet port (= *Identification*) in order to receive a valid license code.
- Exit the window *Hardware Information* and enter a valid license code in the field *new license code*.
- Click on *Add license*.

- Exit the window *Licenses*

7.2.2 License model

Starting with **DTRACK3** a new license model has been established:

| System Feature | Values | Status |
|--|---|---|
| <i>Cascaded Systems</i> | | supported / not supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |
| <i>Inertial Sensors max. I</i> | <i>I</i> = 1, 2, 4, 16 | supported / not supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |
| <i>sensors</i> | | supported / not supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |
| <i>max. C cameras</i> | <i>C</i> = 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 50, 80 | supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |
| <i>max. C cameras (master)</i> ¹ | <i>C</i> = 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 50, 80 | supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |
| <i>max. C cameras (slave-hostname)</i> ¹ | <i>C</i> = 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 50, 80 | supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |
| <i>max. B bodies</i> | <i>B</i> = 4, 10, 30, 50, 70 | supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |
| <i>Measurement Tool</i> | | supported / not supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |
| <i>Output of Covariance Data</i> ² | | supported / not supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |
| <i>Room Adjustment based on Reference Points</i> | | supported / not supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |
| <i>Setting of Camera Threshold and Exposure</i> ² | | supported / not supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |
| Maintenance Feature | Values | Status |
| <i>DTRACK3 Upgrade</i> | | until releases <i>v3.X</i> and patches / until <i>date</i> and patches |
| <i>Service Level</i> | Standard / Extended / Professional / Service Contract | supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |
| <i>Warranty Level</i> | Standard / Priority / Warranty Contract | supported / expiry at <i>date</i> / expired since <i>date</i> |

¹ available for cascaded systems only. The number of cameras are listed separately for master and slave(s) controllers.

² hidden, by default except for **AT7-80**. An optional license code is necessary to unlock these features. Please ask your **ART** representative for more details.

Table 7.2: Licenses overview

Licenses are divided in the categories '*System Feature*' and '*Maintenance Feature*'. '*System Feature*' licenses enable functionalities of **DTRACK3**, while '*Maintenance Feature*' licenses are mainly for informational use. All licenses without expiration date are shown as ('supported').

Example *Max. 8 cameras* enables the simultaneous connection of up to 8 **ART** cameras. *Service Level* corresponds to the status of contract for service and maintenance, if

applicable. The minimum level without contract is '*Standard*'. For higher levels the date is shown when the contract will be about to expire. For further information please consult your service agreement.



The maximum number of *Standard* bodies that may be tracked simultaneously does not include interaction devices (*Fingertracking* , *Flystick2/2+/3* , *Measurement Tool*).



The total number of cameras cannot exceed 80 for any combination of cameras or *SMARTTRACK3* & *SMARTTRACK3/M* systems respectively.



The licensing scheme for the number of cameras in a cascaded system is automatically derived from all licenses available in both master and slave(s) controllers, e.g. 8 *ARTTRACK5* on master + 4 *TRACKPACK/E* cameras on slave = license showing 12 cameras. Note: *SMARTTRACK3* & *SMARTTRACK3/M* count as two cameras each.



The maximum amount of *Standard* bodies that can be activated and tracked simultaneously depends on your license key (e.g. license for 10 bodies = up to 70 accessible slots for configuration of calibrated bodies, but only 10 slots may be activated at the same time). When exceeding the limit a warning message and dialog will appear.



The master controller needs to have a dedicated '*Cascaded Systems*' license.

7.2.2.1 License Expiration

When issued each license may be acquired for a limited period of time ('*supported, expiry at*'). At that point the feature or functionality will stop working and the license status will change to ('*expired since*'). An additional warning message will appear 14 days in advance of expiration at every startup of the *DTRACK3* frontend (see figure 7.4 on page 66).

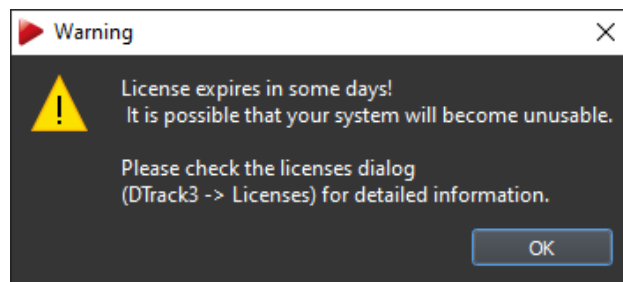


Figure 7.4: Expiry Warning for limited licenses

You may extend your licenses at any time. For further information please contact your *ART* representative.



When the license for your cameras expires you will not be able to start a measurement at all !

7.2.2.2 Update & Upgrade Licenses

License *DTRACK3 Upgrade* defines which updates of the *DTRACK3* software are possible. It corresponds either to a version number or the release date of a future release of *DTRACK3*. Updates of patch versions (increasing the third digit of a version number, e.g. v3.2.0 → v3.2.1 → v3.2.2 → ..., may be performed without restrictions at any time.

- 👉 All patch releases and updates (e.g. v3.2.0 → v3.2.1 → v3.2.2 →...) may be installed without restrictions.
- 👉 *DTRACK3* may only be upgraded to the next minor version (e.g. v3.2.X → v3.3.0) having a valid '*DTRACK3 Upgrade*' license. Ask your ART representative for more information.

7.3 Configurations

It is possible to create and manage personalised configurations, e.g. with different targets or flash intensity settings (see also figure 7.5 on page 67). Go to *DTRACK3* → *Configurations* to open the corresponding dialog.

7.3.1 Managing configurations

Any existing configuration may be activated and loaded by selecting the corresponding entry and clicking *Apply*.

All unlocked configurations except the '*standard*' one can be deleted. Select the entry to be deleted and click *Delete*. Quit the dialogue at any time by pressing *Exit*.

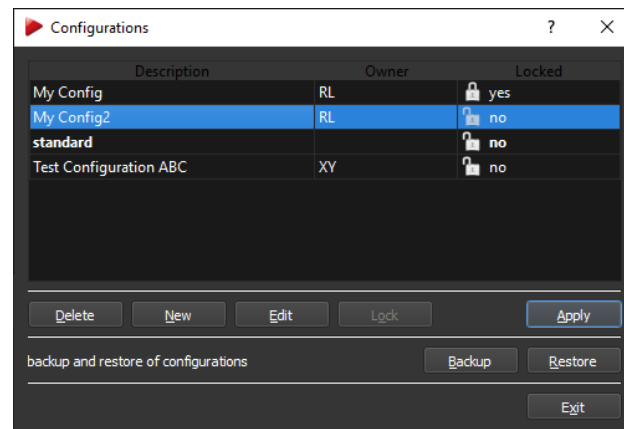


Figure 7.5: Manage configurations

- 👉 A warning message will appear when the maximum storage space for configurations is running low. Please delete obsolete or unnecessary configurations at your earliest convenience.

7.3.1.1 Editing configurations

Unless the configuration is locked, it may be changed using the button *Edit*. You can assign a meaningful description ('*description*') and enter your user name ('*owner*'), see also figure 7.6 on page 68. Accept the changes with *OK*.

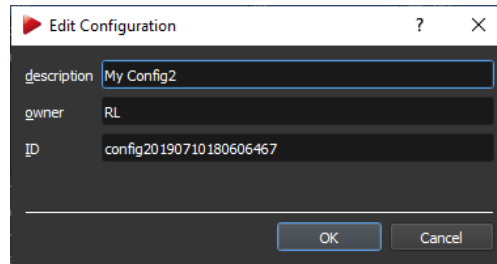


Figure 7.6: Edit configurations

7.3.1.2 Creating a new configuration

Press *New* to create a new configuration using the corresponding window (see figure 7.7 on page 68). You can assign a meaningful description ('*description*') and enter your user name ('*owner*').

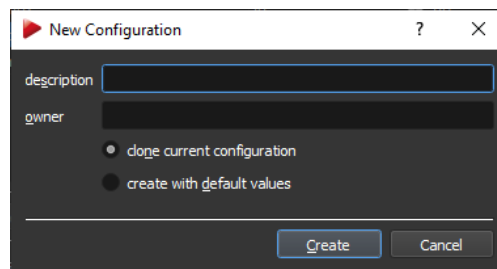


Figure 7.7: Creating a new configuration

Your personal configuration can be created in two ways:

1. '*clone current configuration*'
all existing calibrations (room and body calibration), settings and values are inherited from the currently active configuration.
2. '*create with default values*'
default values will be applied (i.e. the system will start from scratch as manufactured). The system will not have a valid room calibration or any body calibrations.

Just press *Create* and the configuration is saved on the controller.

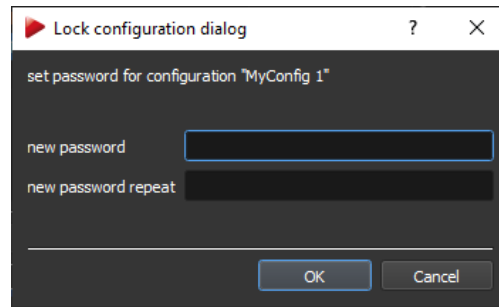


Figure 7.8: Locking a configuration

7.3.1.3 Locking configurations

It is possible to protect the settings of any configuration with a password by pressing the button *Lock*. You will be asked to enter and confirm a new password to lock your configuration (see figure 7.8 on page 69).

A locked configuration cannot be changed later on with *Edit*.



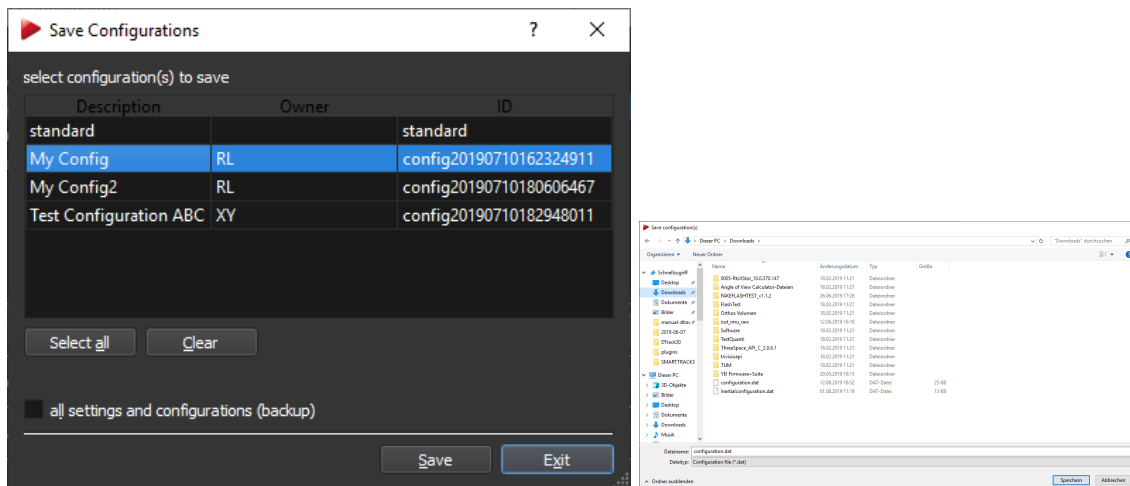
Locking the configuration does not provide access-control! Only changes in settings / calibrations are disabled.



In case you forget the password please call *ART* for assistance

7.3.2 Backup Configurations

It is possible to export and re-import single configurations or to backup and restore all settings at once.



(a) Select the configurations to save

(b) Select the folder on remote PC

Figure 7.9: Backup configurations

Press the button *Backup* to open the corresponding *Save configurations* window for selecting the configuration(s) to export (see figure 7.9(a) on page 69). Either (de-)select individual configurations by left-clicking or click *select all* and *clear* respectively. Tick the

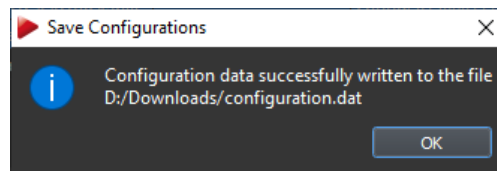
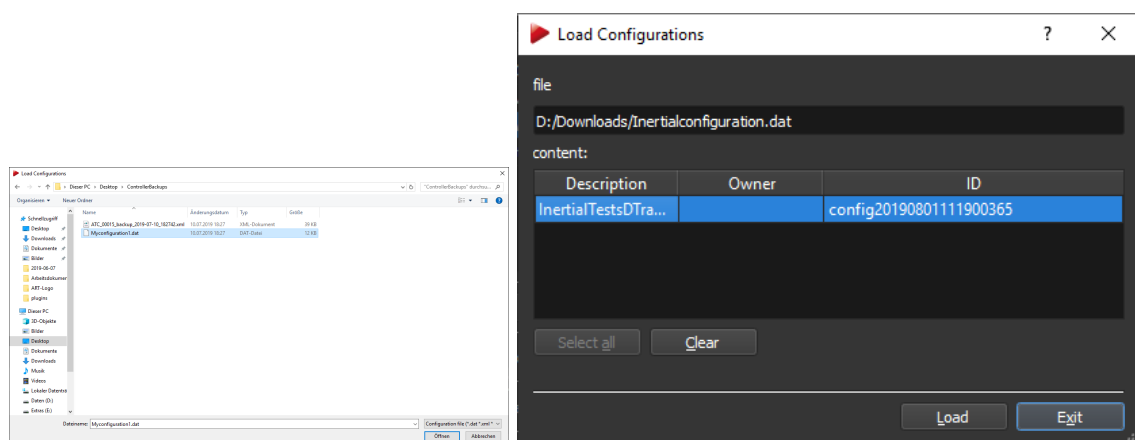


Figure 7.10: Backup configurations - Confirmation Window

checkbox *all settings and configurations (backup)* to save a complete backup of your system's settings. Press 'Save' to select a destination directory on a remote PC (see figure 7.9(b) on page 69). A confirmation window will inform you of the successful export (see figure 7.10 on page 70).

7.3.3 Restore Configurations

'*Restore*' loads previously exported configuration files or complete backups from a remote PC. First select the folder on the remote PC where you have stored the configuration files (see figure 7.11(a) on page 70), then select the configurations to import (see figure 7.11(b) on page 70). The imported configuration will be activated automatically. It is also possible to import multiple configurations at the same time. A confirmation window will inform you of the successful import (see figure 7.12 on page 71).



(a) Select folder on remote PC

(b) Select configurations to load

Figure 7.11: Restore configurations



Accidentally deleted configurations may be restored presuming an export had been carried out beforehand. In the unfortunate event of repairs this data can also be restored to a replacement controller. Note: A room (re-)calibration might be necessary especially in case the amount of cameras or the camera models should have changed.



Backup your data by exporting configurations on a regular basis !

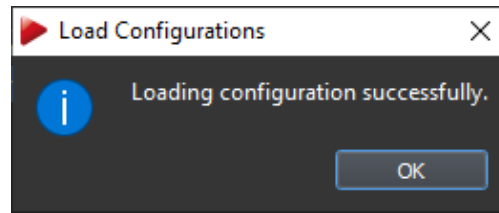


Figure 7.12: Restore configurations - Confirmation Window



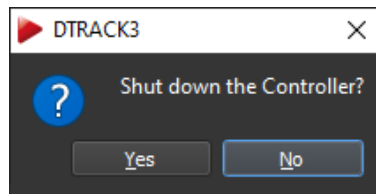
When exporting single or multiple configurations please assign meaningful filenames (e.g. exporting date 'Standard 07122012'). Configurations using the standard filename (e.g. "Standard") will be overwritten!

7.4 Start/Stop

Start or stop the measurement by pressing the button *Start / Stop* or by using the keyboard shortcut 'M'.

7.5 Controller standby

Force the controller to go into standby mode with this command. A confirmation window will show up (see figure 7.13 on page 71). You can restart the controller manually or by using Wake On LAN. Please refer to chapter 5.2 on page 39 for more details.

Figure 7.13: Shut down **DTRACK3** - Confirmation Window

7.6 Controller reboot

Reboot the controller with this command. This function is not available for **SMART-TRACK2**. A confirmation window will show up (see figure 7.14 on page 72).

7.7 Quit

Quit **DTRACK3** frontend software. In case the system is still in measurement mode, a confirmation window will show up (see figure 7.15 on page 72). You may leave the active measurement running or stop the measurement together with the frontend at this point.

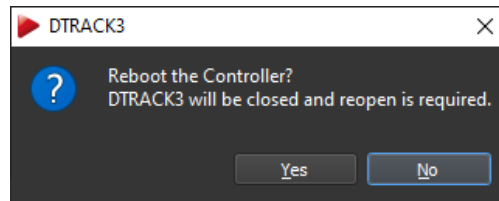


Figure 7.14: Reboot *DTRACK3* - Confirmation Window

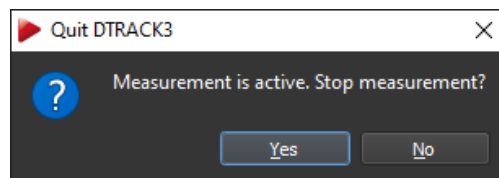


Figure 7.15: Quit *DTRACK3* - Confirmation Window

8 Menu Hardware - Hardware configuration

| Settings | Shortcut |
|--------------------------|--|
| <i>Search hardware</i> | F2 (not available for SMARTTRACK2) |
| <i>Cascaded System</i> | (not available for SMARTTRACK2) |
| <i>Cameras</i> | F7 |
| <i>Synccard</i> | Shift+F7 |
| <i>Radio transceiver</i> | |
| <i>Inertial Sensor</i> | |
| <i>Network</i> | |
| <i>Time</i> | |

Table 8.1: Menu *Hardware*

8.1 Search hardware

Without the need for restarting the controller you can dynamically analyse your system for changes in configuration (e.g. added or removed cameras, **ART RadioTransceiver2/3**) This function is not available for **SMARTTRACK2**. Therefore proceed as follows:

- connect a new camera to the controller
- wait until the camera has finished booting
- within **DTRACK3** press the button *Hardware* → *Search hardware* or use the shortcut 'F2' to perform a search for new hardware
- check if the camera has been recognized successfully (e.g. by opening *Hardware* → *Camera* or use the shortcut 'F7')
- start the measurement, the message (re-)calibration required! inside the *Monitor 2DOF display* of the corresponding camera (see chapter 6.3.1 on page 50 for details)
- perform a room re-calibration 9.1.5 on page 111, added cameras are automatically marked as 'moved' in the room re-calibration dialog.



When cameras are added to an already calibrated tracking system these cameras will not contribute for calculation and measurement until you perform a room (re-)calibration (see chapter 9.1.5 on page 111). As a reminder the *Monitor 2DOF display* of the corresponding camera monitor(s) will show the message (re-)calibration required! .



The **ART Controller** or **ART Controller/M** will detect all cameras that have been removed from an already calibrated tracking system (e.g. due to a disconnected cable) and mark those as missing until a room (re-)calibration has been performed. The **Monitor 2DOF display** of the corresponding cameras will be disabled (crossed out) and in case of larger systems their corresponding displays will be moved to a new camera tab.



DTRACK3 is able to operate when cameras have been added or removed; for best performance it is highly recommended to perform a recalibration.

8.2 Cascaded System Settings



We recommend creating a new configuration for all cascaded systems: **DTRACK3** → **Configurations** → 'New'

Go to **Hardware** → **Cascaded System** to enter the configuration dialog for the cascaded systems (see figure 8.1 on page 74). This function is not available for **SMARTTRACK2**. There you may select single tracking systems to build a cascade. On the right-hand side of the dialog all 'Available' controllers are listed (i.e. which can become a slave in the cascaded system).

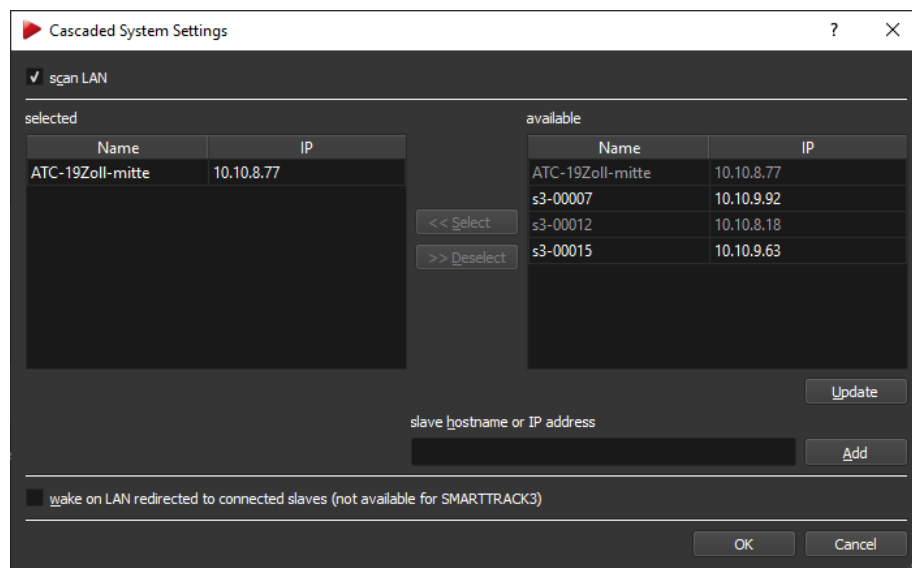


Figure 8.1: Cascaded System Settings

When you have set up your cascaded system using a direct link (via '**Cascaded Network Port**' or **Synccard3** or internal camera network) between master and slave controller the list will be filled automatically.

When using a connection via LAN, you can tick the checkbox '**scan LAN**' and **DTRACK3** will search automatically whether controllers are available for cascading. The button '**Update**'

refreshes the list.

Mark the desired controller by left-clicking and press '*Select*' to assign this controller to the cascaded system. It will then appear on the left-hand side of the dialog in the list of the '*Selected*' controllers. Repeat these steps if you want to add more slave controllers to the cascade.

To remove controllers from the cascaded system simply select the corresponding controllers in the list of the '*Selected*' controllers by left-clicking and press button '*Deselect*'.

You can also enter a '*slave hostname or IP address*' directly in case you have set a specific static IP address. Please refer to chapter 5.3 on page 40 for more information.

The checkbox '*wake on LAN*' enables synchronized start-up of the master and all slave controllers (not available for **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M**). Starting of the cascade will take 3-4 minutes as the master has to boot up first and then wake up the slave(s).

The changes will be accepted by the system by pressing '*OK*'. Settings (e.g. flash intensity, sync groups) of all cameras inside the cascade can now be edited through the *Hardware* → *Cameras* dialog. Proceed with configuration of your setup. The next time you start the measurement all cameras inside the cascade can be accessed through the *Monitor 2DOF display*.



In case of using the *ART Synccard3* or internal camera network all slave controllers will acquire their IP addresses automatically.



By default all controllers are set up to support DHCP. When building cascades via LAN the controllers will acquire an IP address automatically given that a DHCP server is running.



If any slave controller is not connected via an ethernet cable or no DHCP server is running, it will use a fall-back IP address (IP 192.168.0.1, subnet mask 255.255.255.0) and you will not be able to connect to your slave controllers !



If the cascade is connected via the '*Cascaded network port*' of the *ART Controller* or *ART Controller/M*, all slave controllers must be set to a specific static IP address in the subnet 172.29.xxx.xxx with subnet mask 255.255.0.0. Do not use IP addresses in the range from 172.29.0.1 to 172.29.0.20 ! Please refer to chapter 5.3 on page 40.



Shutdown of master and slave controller(s) is always synchronized. Tick the option '*wake on LAN*' to also start-up the slave controller(s) automatically.



Before starting a measurement, please double-check whether a BNC connection for synchronisation has been established between master *ART Controller* '*OUT1*' or *ART Controller/M* '*OUT*' and slave(s) '*EXT.In*'.



Do not use the PoE injector nor the BNC synchronisation when connecting **SMARTTRACK3 & **SMARTTRACK3/M** slaves to *ART Controllers*.**

8.3 Camera Settings

This dialog (see figure 8.2 on page 76) shows a comprehensive list of all cameras currently connected to the system as well as all cameras that have been removed since the last valid room calibration. It allows changes of all camera specific settings (e.g. flash intensity, static reflex suppression, syncgroup assignment, etc.) either for all cameras at once (globally) or for each camera separately by left-clicking and selecting the appropriate entry.

Here you can also toggle *modulated flash* in order to synchronize and trigger an active target.

8.3.1 All Cameras tab

By default the window opens up showing the tab *All Cameras*.

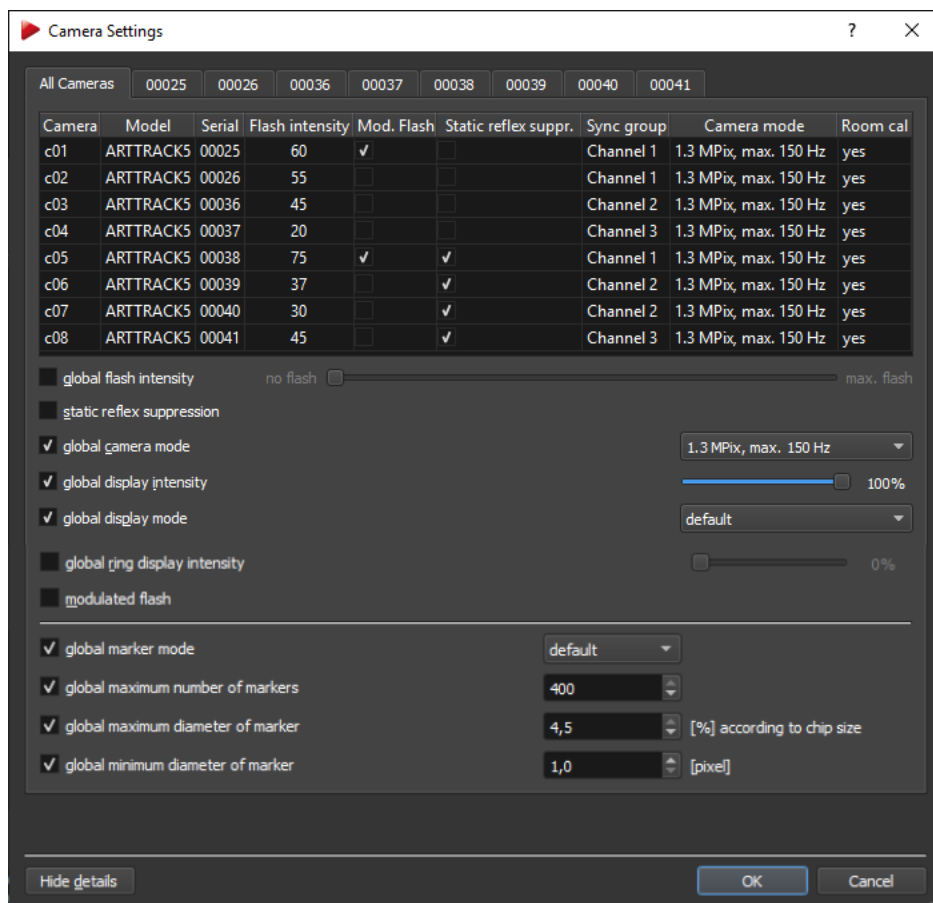


Figure 8.2: Camera Settings - All Cameras Tab

All detected cameras are shown in the table (8.2 on page 77) with their corresponding settings (from left to right):

| Column | Description |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <i>Camera</i> | Shows the assigned camera ID c01 to ... (compare LED matrix display on AT7-80 & ARTTRACK5) |
| <i>Model</i> | Shows the type of camera |
| <i>Serial</i> | Shows ART internal serial number of each camera (suffix L / R for SMARTTRACK3 & SMARTTRACK3/M left & right cameras) |
| <i>Flash intensity</i> | Change the currently set flash intensity (individually) |
| <i>Modulated flash</i> | (De-)activates the synchronisation signal and trigger for active targets (individually) |
| <i>Static reflex suppr.</i> | (De-)activates the static reflex suppression for this camera (individually) |
| <i>Sync group</i> | Select the syncgroup ('Channel 1' - 'Channel 3' for ARTTRACK6/M , ARTTRACK5 , ARTTRACK5/C & TRACKPACK/E individually) |
| <i>Camera mode</i> | Select the camera mode (available modes depend on model, set individually) |
| <i>Room cal</i> | Shows the status of room calibration (i.e. 'no' for newly added but not yet calibrated cameras) |

Table 8.2: Menu *Camera Settings*

8.3.1.1 Flash intensity

The flash intensity may be changed within an interval from

- 0 .. 6 for **ARTTRACK1** (discontinued),
- 0 .. 8 for **ARTTRACK2** / **ARTTRACK3** (discontinued),
- 0 .. 100 for **ARTTRACK6/M**, **ARTTRACK5**, **ARTTRACK5/C**, **TRACKPACK/E** and **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M**
- 0 .. 7 for **TRACKPACK** (discontinued).
- 0 only for **ARTTRACK6/M for Active Markers**



The flash setting strongly depends on the working area and range. Increase the flash intensity until all markers become yellow or green using the *Monitor 2DOF display*. Additionally pay attention to the intensity bar on the top right corner of each camera monitor. Please refer to chapter 6.3.1 on page 50 for instructions.



As a rule of thumb: For measurement applications with high accuracy requirements the markers should be displayed in green with intensities of min. 4 bars; for VR applications yellow markers with intensities down to 2 bars are still sufficient.



When using **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M** the flash intensity, the modulated flash and the sync group is changed simultaneously for both cameras.



A warning message will appear if **AT7-80** are not connected to PoE+ rated switches or power supplying injectors indicating that the maximum available flash intensity is limited.



The **ARTTRACK6/M for Active Markers** cameras do not offer an infrared flash. Thus it is not possible to adjust the flash intensity.



When using **ARTTRACK2/C** cameras it is not possible to adjust the flash intensity of the corresponding external flashes with the **DTRACK3** frontend software!

Please contact **ART** in case you need to adjust the flash intensity of the external flashes.



Keep a distance of min. 20 cm when operating the cameras ! All cameras are assigned to the Exempt Group according to IEC62471-1 and therefore pose no risk or hazard to the human eye or skin at this distance.

Modulated flash **ART** tracking systems can be used with active markers, i.e. markers consisting of infrared LEDs instead of retro reflective material (please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Markers & Targets*). Tick the checkbox *modulated flash* in the table to activate the synchronisation signal (i.e. coded IR flash) that triggers active targets for individual cameras.



The effective flash intensity is reduced significantly when the modulation is used in combination with low flash intensities. The influence is negligible at higher flash intensity settings. Simply increase the flash intensity, if necessary.



The range of the modulated flash is significantly higher than the effective tracking distance of the cameras.



All cameras with activated modulated flash have to be assigned to syncgroup #1 (default for **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M**) ! **ARTTRACK6/M** , **ARTTRACK5** , **ARTTRACK5/C** , **TRACKPACK/E** , & **TRACKPACK** systems may be configured via software. **ARTTRACK2** & **ARTTRACK3** have to be connected to 'OUT1' on the **ART Controller** and 'OUT' on the **ART Controller/M** respectively.

8.3.1.2 Static reflex suppr.

Tick the corresponding checkbox to activate the support of static reflex suppression. Please refer to the 6.3.2 on page 54 for further information.

8.3.1.3 Sync group

In case of mutual blinding of cameras (see **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Setting up the cameras*) one can assign different syncgroups for opposing or adjacent cameras. You may change the assignment either on the *All Cameras* tab or on the *Individual* tab of the respective camera. Click on the appropriate field in the column 'Sync group' to open a drop-down menu. Possible values are 'Channel 1', 'Channel 2' or 'Channel 3'.

These channels correspond to the three syncgroup outputs (time delays #1: 0 μ s, #2: 480 μ s, #3: 960 μ s on the **ART Controller** or **ART Controller/M**). To change the predefined time delays please refer to 8.4 on page 85.

Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Installation of the Controller* for syncgroup assignment of **ARTTRACK** cameras in backward compatible systems.



The ART Controller/M offers synchronization output for ARTTRACK1 – ARTTRACK3 cameras on syncgroup #1 only !

8.3.1.4 Camera mode

Depending on the model and on your application you can change the camera mode (i.e. the field of view) in order to achieve:

- higher max. frame-rates (refer to **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Technical Specifications* for each camera model)
- lower latencies (i.e. time delays for measurement data).

To switch the camera mode, click on the field in the column '*Camera mode*' to open a drop-down menu (e.g. *1.1 Mpix, max. 60 Hz*).



The max. frame-rate is limited by the camera with the largest field of view selected respectively the max. frame-rate of that individual camera. In mixed systems the max. frame-rate is always limited to 60 Hz (ARTTRACK2 or ARTTRACK3 with ARTTRACK6/M, ARTTRACK5 or TRACKPACK/E) or 120 Hz (TRACKPACK/E with ARTTRACK6/M or ARTTRACK5) respectively.



Note: Higher frame-rates come at the cost of the cameras' reduced field of view.

8.3.1.5 Room cal

This indicator shows whether the corresponding camera was present and running during the last valid room calibration. Hence, *yes* shows that the camera will be used for measurements and will contribute to the tracking. On the contrary *no* indicates that additional cameras have been added to an existing configuration without performing a room (re-)calibration. Thus a (re-)calibration is necessary for the corresponding camera to contribute to the tracking. Please refer to chapter 8.1 on page 73 on how to add new cameras dynamically.



The ART Controller or ART Controller/M will detect all cameras that have been removed from an already calibrated tracking system (e.g. due to a disconnected cable) and mark those as missing until a room (re-)calibration has been performed. The corresponding entries are greyed out to show that the cameras have been disabled. The only data shown is model and serial number.



DTRACK3 is able to operate when cameras have been added or removed; for best performance it is highly recommended to perform a re-calibration.

8.3.1.6 Global settings

Tick the checkboxes to adjust the corresponding settings for all cameras at once.

global flash intensity Move the adjacent slider to adjust the flash intensities of all cameras globally.

static reflex suppression Tick the corresponding checkbox to activate the support of static reflex suppression for all cameras at once.

global camera mode Set the field of view for all cameras globally by using the adjacent dropdown-menu (e.g. *1.1 Mpix, max. 60 Hz*) on the right.

global display intensity Move the slider to adjust the brightness of the status LEDs on all camera models and the LED matrix display on the **ARTTRACK5** and **AT7-80**. The brightness can be dimmed from 0...100% if necessary (e.g. in light-sensitive environments).

global display mode (ARTTRACK5 only) Select *default* to activate the status LEDs and the LED matrix display to show the currently assigned camera ID. Alternatively select *number of markers / camera ID* to display the number of detected markers in the camera's field of view instead (only during measurements). The LED matrix display can also be deactivated by selecting *only status LEDs*.

global ring display intensity (AT7-80 only) Move the slider to adjust the brightness of the ring indicator LED on **AT7-80** models. The brightness can be dimmed from 0...100% if necessary (e.g. in light-sensitive environments).

modulated flash Tick the checkbox here to activate the modulated flash for all cameras at once.

8.3.1.7 Show Details

Here you can change the settings regarding low-level marker detection globally (see figure 8.2 on page 76):

marker mode The marker detection algorithm may be changed to achieve better performance in speed '*fast*' or accuracy '*accurate*' for cameras **ARTTRACK2** and **ARTTRACK3**.

| Option | Description |
|---|---|
| <i>global marker mode</i> | configure the marker detection algorithm |
| <i>global maximum number of markers</i> | set maximum number of markers that a camera is allowed to detect simultaneously |
| <i>global maximum diameter of markers</i> | set maximum size of a marker that a camera is allowed to detect (in percentage of the camera's sensor size) |
| <i>global minimum diameter of markers</i> | set minimum size of a marker that a camera is allowed to detect (in pixel) |

Table 8.3: *Camera Settings* - Show Details All Cameras Tab

maximum number of markers The maximum frame-rate for each camera type at any given FOV or camera mode respectively is limited by the amount of simultaneously detected markers. The frame-rate is equivalent to the frequency set on the SyncCard (see 8.4 on page 85). In scenarios with very high amounts of visible markers (e.g. 150 and beyond) the frame-rate may only be achieved by allowing a limited maximum number of markers.

maximum diameter of markers This parameter allows to exclude unreasonably sized markers from marker detection (e.g. reflections). The default values are derived from use of standard **ART** target dimensions and marker sizes in scenarios of typical measurement distances. Units are measured in percentage of observed marker sizes on the camera's sensor in relation to the sensor area. Should scenarios demand a deviation from the default values one may adjust this parameter (e.g. markers with high diameter in close proximity to the cameras requires an increase, while a strong decrease would exclude even the detection of standard sized markers at typical distances).

minimum diameter of markers Similar to the maximum observed marker size one can also exclude detections below a certain threshold. The minimum diameter is set to 1 pixel, by default. Should scenarios demand a deviation from this typical value one may adjust this parameter by increasing.



Depending on the camera type there may be only one marker detection algorithm available, which is automatically used as default.



The maximum tracking distance is limited when increasing the minimum diameter of markers.

8.3.2 Individual camera tabs

Each camera can also be accessed by its individual tab within this dialog (see figure 8.3 on page 82).

In the upper left corner of the tab you will find a depiction of the corresponding camera. To the right the following information is listed:

Below you can change the following options (please refer to the former paragraphs for equivalent options):

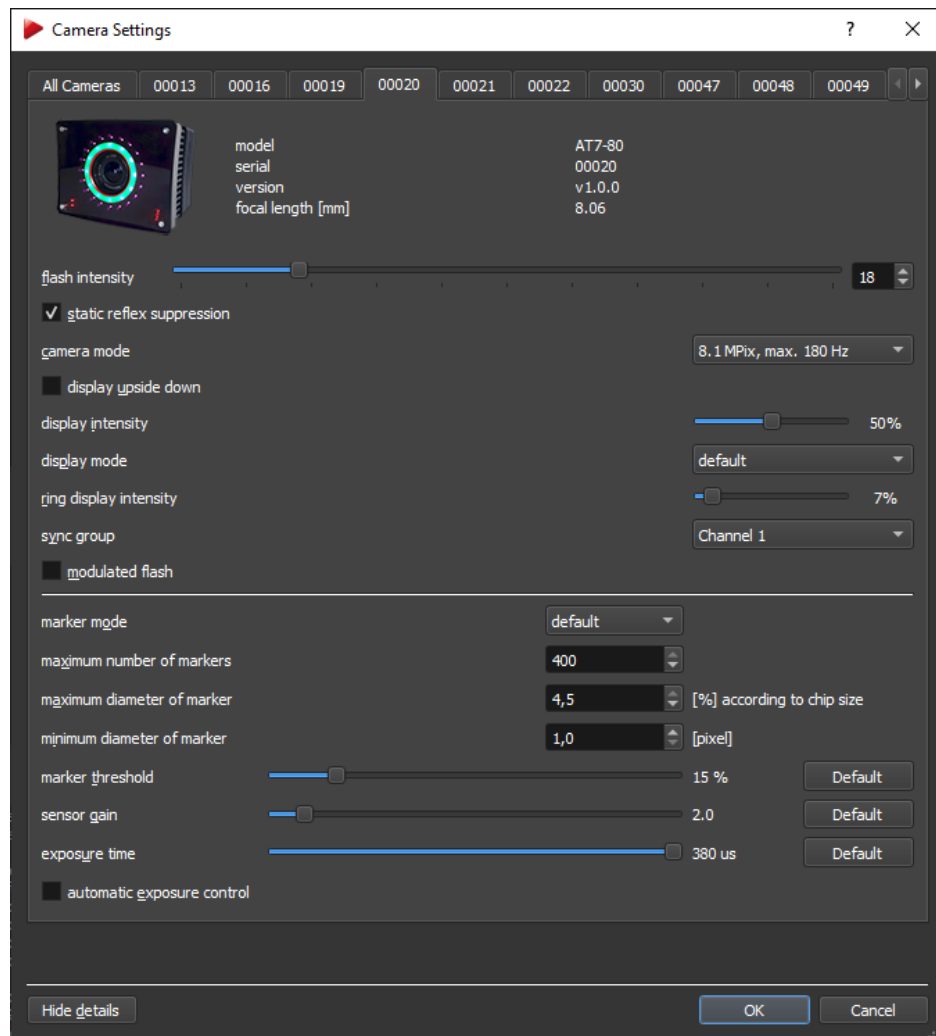


Figure 8.3: *Camera Settings* - Individual Tab

| Info | Description |
|---------------------|---|
| <i>Model</i> | Shows the type of camera |
| <i>Serial</i> | Shows ART internal serial number of the camera |
| <i>Version</i> | Shows ART internal firmware version of the camera |
| <i>Focal length</i> | Shows the focal length of the camera lens |
| <i>Connected at</i> | Shows the controller the camera is connected to (<i>Cascaded Systems</i> only) |

Table 8.4: *Camera Settings* - Individual Tab Infos

8.3.2.1 Show Details

Here you can change the settings regarding low-level marker detection for individual cameras (see figure 8.3 on page 82):

| Option | Description |
|-------------------------------|---|
| <i>flash intensity</i> | Change the currently set flash intensity |
| <i>static reflex suppr.</i> | (De-)activates the static reflex suppression for this camera |
| <i>camera mode</i> | Select the camera mode (available modes depend on model) |
| <i>display upside down</i> | Rotate the orientation of the camera monitor in the <i>Monitor 2DOF display</i> by 180°. 'UD' is displayed in corresponding camera monitor. |
| <i>display intensity</i> | Adjust the brightness of the status LEDs (all camera models) and the LED matrix display (ARTTRACK5 and AT7-80 only) |
| <i>display mode</i> | (De-)activates the LED matrix display (ARTTRACK5 and AT7-80 only) |
| <i>ring display intensity</i> | Adjust the brightness of the ring indicator LED on AT7-80 models. |
| <i>sync group</i> | Select the syncgroup ('Channel 1' - 'Channel 3' for ARTTRACK6/M , ARTTRACK5 , ARTTRACK5/C & TRACK-PACK/E) |
| <i>modulated flash</i> | (De-)activates the synchronisation signal and trigger for active targets |

Table 8.5: *Camera Settings* - Individual Tab Options

| Option | Description |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <i>marker mode</i> | configure the marker detection algorithm |
| <i>maximum number of markers</i> | set maximum number of markers that a camera is allowed to detect simultaneously |
| <i>maximum diameter of markers</i> | set maximum size of a marker that a camera is allowed to detect (in percentage of the camera's sensor size) |
| <i>minimum diameter of markers</i> | set minimum size of a marker that a camera is allowed to detect (in pixel) |
| <i>marker threshold</i> | set the sensitivity of the marker detection algorithm (in percent) ¹ |
| <i>sensor gain</i> | set the gain level of the camera's sensor (as a factor) ¹ |
| <i>exposure time</i> | set the exposure time of the camera manually (in microseconds) ¹ |
| <i>automatic exposure control</i> | set the exposure time of the camera based on the selected flash intensity ¹ |
| <i>Default</i> | return to default values ¹ |

¹ hidden by default for all cameras except **AT7-80**. An optional license code is necessary to unlock these features. Please refer to section 7.2 on page 64 for more information.

Table 8.6: *Camera Settings* - Show Details Individual Camera Tab

marker threshold The *marker threshold* adjusts the minimum amount of brightness necessary for marker detection. In certain environments and scenarios (e.g. outdoors, sunlight, other factors that cause high intensities coming from stray light) you may improve marker detection and thus tracking quality by increasing the *marker threshold* and decreasing the *exposure time*. Try to adjust both parameters moderately until improvement is reached.

sensor gain The *sensor gain* is accessible for **AT7-80** only and adjusts the amplification factor on the camera's sensor. Decrease the value to factor 1 to turn off amplification in certain environments (e.g. outdoors, sunlight, other factors that cause high intensities coming from stray light). Move the slider up to the middle (i.e. towards factor 5) to increase for sensitivity in long-range measurement scenarios. Avoid very high sensor gain values (i.e. > factor 7) unless unwanted reflections are reduced to an absolute minimum beforehand.

exposure time The *exposure time* adjusts the maximum integration time of the camera's sensor in microseconds. Improve marker detection and reduce sensitivity to stray light by reducing the *exposure time*.

automatic exposure control Tick the checkbox to activate the *automatic exposure control*. This couples the maximum integration time of the camera's sensor to the flash intensity (i.e. the duration of the IR flash of the camera). Hereby the IR flash is used most efficiently (signal) while minimizing the time unwanted stray light (noise) is collected by the sensor. This effect is seen best in scenarios where the flash intensities are below 90%.



Try to adjust *marker threshold*, *sensor gain* and *exposure time* moderately until improvement is reached.



When using passive markers only it is unnecessary to adjust the exposure time manually. Tick the checkbox *automatic exposure control* and decrease the *flash* until markers can still be tracked in good quality in the *Monitor 2DOF*. Please refer to chapter 6.3.1 on page 50.



Active markers by **ART** need a minimum exposure time of at least 30 μ s. Do not use *automatic exposure control* in combination with very low flash intensities (i.e. < 25).



In general do not adjust the *marker threshold*, the *sensor gain* or the *exposure time* to extreme values far from default. The tracking quality may become unreliable and the system may malfunction.

8.3.3 SMARTTRACK2 Camera Settings

This dialog (see figure 8.4 on page 84) offers the possibility to adjust the '*flash intensity*', to activate the '*Static reflex suppression*' and the '*modulated flash*'.

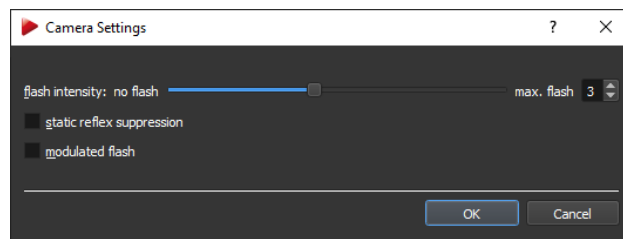


Figure 8.4: Camera Settings - **SMARTTRACK2**

Flash intensity The flash intensity may be changed within an interval from 0 .. 7 by moving the slider to left and right respectively or using the adjacent field.



The flash setting strongly depends on the working area and range. Increase the flash intensity until all markers become yellow or green using the *Monitor 2DOF display*. Additionally pay attention to the intensity bar on the top right corner of each camera monitor. Please refer to chapter 6.3.1 on page 50 for instructions.



As a rule of thumb: For measurement applications with high accuracy requirements the markers should be displayed in green with intensities of min. 4 bars; for VR applications yellow markers with intensities down to 2 bars are still sufficient.



Keep a distance of min. 20 cm when operating the *SMARTTRACK2* ! It is assigned to the Exempt Group according to IEC62471-1 and therefore poses no risk or hazard to the human eye or skin at this distance.

Static reflex suppr. Tick the corresponding checkbox to activate the support of static reflex suppression. Please refer to the 6.3.2 on page 54 for further information.

Modulated flash The *SMARTTRACK* can be used with active markers, i.e. markers consisting of infrared LEDs instead of retro reflective material (please refer to the *ART Hardware Installation Guide* → *Markers & Targets*). Tick the checkbox *modulated flash* to activate the synchronisation signal (i.e. coded IR flash) that triggers active targets.



The effective flash intensity is reduced significantly when the modulation is used in combination with low flash intensities. The influence is negligible at higher flash intensity settings. Simply increase the flash intensity, if necessary.



The range of the modulated flash is significantly higher than the effective tracking distance of the *SMARTTRACK2*

8.4 Synccard Settings

This dialog shows the model and the serial number of the *ART Synccard*. Furthermore you can select the mode of synchronisation (i.e. internal or external source).

The available modes for synchronisation are shown in table 8.7 on page 86.

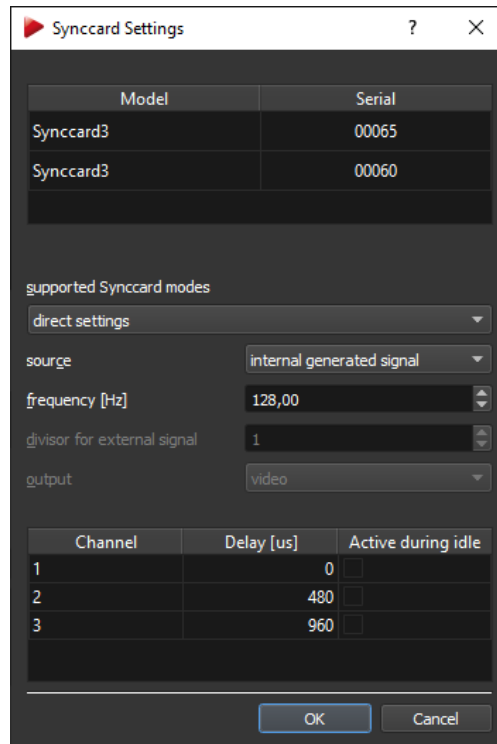


Figure 8.5: Synccard Settings

| supported Synccard modes | field of application |
|--|--|
| <i>internal generated signal, ... Hz</i> | run the controller without external synchronisation (available values dependent on camera model) |
| <i>external video signal</i> <i>external video signal, for validated shutter glasses ¹</i> <i>external video signal, for validated shutter glasses, divisor 2 ¹²</i> | active-stereo projection with an analogue video sync signal (=VGA) |
| <i>external TTL signal</i> <i>external TTL signal, for validated shutter glasses ¹</i> <i>external TTL signal, for validated shutter glasses, divisor 2 ¹²</i> | active-stereo projection with a TTL sync signal, triggers on rising edge |
| <i>external TTL signal both edges ³</i> <i>external TTL signal both edges, for validated shutter glasses ¹³</i> | see above, triggers on rising AND falling edge |
| <i>direct settings</i> | advanced custom settings |

¹ predefined settings that should be used with the shutter glasses listed in table 8.8 on page 87

² use this mode if the frequency of the external synchronisation signal is 2x higher than the max. frame-rate of the camera or **SMARTTRACK2** (not available for **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M**)

³ available only for **Synccard2/3** and **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M** (not available for **SMARTTRACK2**)

Table 8.7: Overview of the supported synccard modes



Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → **Synchronization** → **Synchronization input** for more information regarding connection of hardware components.

| Brand | Type |
|-----------|---|
| RealD | CrystalEyes 1, 2, 3, 5 |
| NuVision | APG6000, APG6100 |
| XPand | X101, X103 (with NuVision Long-Range Emitter), X104LX |
| NVidia | 3D Vision Pro (RF sync'ed) |
| Volfoni | EDGE (with Volfoni or NuVision LR Emitter) |
| Virtualis | ActiveWorks 500 |

Table 8.8: Overview of validated shutter glasses



The TTL input signal level should be 5 Volt (TTL) and 3 Volt (LVTTTL) respectively with a minimum change of 2.5 Volt and duty cycle between 10% and 70 % regardless of input frequency.



The TTL input signal level should show no DC-offset voltage.

8.4.1 Direct Settings

If you select *direct settings* you may use advanced options for configuring the **Sync-card2/3** or **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M** :

| Option | Description |
|---|---|
| <i>source</i> | configure the type of synchronisation to be used (see details below) |
| <i>output</i> ¹ | configure the type of output synchronisation signal ' <i>none</i> ', ' <i>video</i> ', ' <i>TTL</i> ' |
| <i>frequency</i> [Hz] | enter the tracking frequency manually (max. frequency dependent on camera model and selected camera mode) |
| <i>divisor for external signal</i> ² | reduce the external synchronisation frequency by a factor 1 - 10 |
| <i>Delay</i> [us] ³ | configure the delay between the external synchronisation signal and exposure for each syncgroup |
| <i>Active during idle</i> ⁴ | configure the output synchronisation signal to be active when system is ' <i>idle</i> ' (measurement stopped) |

¹ output signal '*video*' for **Sync-card2/3** only ('*none*' for **SMARTTRACK2**)

² not available for **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M**

³ *Channel 1* for **SMARTTRACK2/3/M** only

⁴ available for **Sync-card2** and **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M** only

Table 8.9: Synccard mode direct settings

source The available options '*internal generated signal*', '*external video signal*', '*external TTL signal*' and '*external TTL signal both edges*' are equivalent to the aforementioned supported sync-card modes (see table 8.7 on page 86). Additionally the option '*external inverted TTL signal*' is available, which inverts the external synchronisation signal (i.e. triggers on falling edge).

output The output synchronisation signal can be chosen from '*TTL*' or '*video*' for **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M**. Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Synchronisation* for more information.

frequency [Hz] The tracking frequency can be set between 10 Hz and the max. frame-rate of the cameras or **SMARTTRACK2/3/M** in steps of 1 Hz. The max. frame-rate depends on the camera model and the selected camera mode. Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Technical Specifications* for more information.

divisor for external signal If the frequency of the external synchronisation source is higher than the max. frame rate of the cameras or **SMARTTRACK2** (not available for **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M**), a divisor can be set to reduce the frequency accordingly. Set the factor from 1 - 10. The max. frame-rate depends on the camera model and the selected camera mode. Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Technical Specifications* for each camera model.

Delay [us] When working with external synchronisation a time delay can be set between the external synchronisation signal and the exposure time of all camera syncgroups (*Channel 1* available only for **SMARTTRACK2/3/M**). The delay for all syncgroups (*Channel 1* to *Channel 3*) is measured relative to the time of the external trigger. If necessary these values can be changed individually. Please also refer to **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Synchronisation* for detailed information regarding external synchronisation.



Note: The max. delay is dependent on the camera model and camera mode. A difference of min. 300 μ s between consecutive channels has to be maintained at all times.

Example: Channel 1: 1200 μ s, Channel 2: 1500 μ s, Channel 3: 1800 μ s



Please refer to the ART Hardware Installation Guide → Synchronization → Synchronization input for more information regarding connection of hardware components.



The TTL input signal level should be 5 Volt (TTL) and 3 Volt (LVTTTL) respectively with a minimum change of 2.5 Volt and duty cycle between 10% and 70 % regardless of input frequency.



The TTL input signal level should show no DC-offset voltage.



The default values for the different channels (#1: 0 μ s, #2 480 μ s, #3: 960 μ s) are preset for compatibility with active markers by ART. Do not increase the delays between the channels beyond 480 μ s when using active markers.



The ART Controller/M offers synchronization output for ARTTRACK1 – ARTTRACK3 cameras on syncgroup #1 only !

8.5 Radio Transceiver

Here you can configure the settings of the **ART RadioTransceiver2/3**. Additionally you will get information about all attached interaction devices (e.g. **Flystick2/2+/3**).

The following information is offered:



The SMARTTRACK2 comes with an integrated radio transceiver. There is no need to plug in an additional USB Radio Transceiver (RT3)

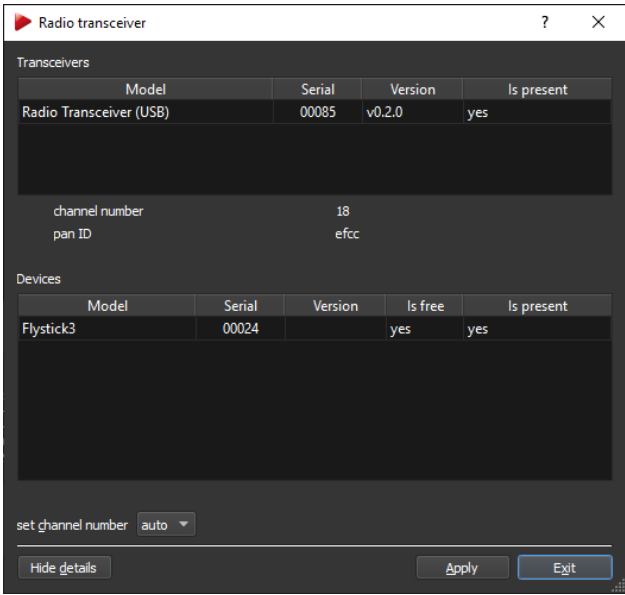


Figure 8.6: ART Radio Info Settings

| Info | Description |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| <i>Model</i> | Shows the model of the transceiver or the device respectively |
| <i>Serial</i> | Shows the serial number of the transceiver or device respectively |
| <i>Version</i> | Shows the firmware version of the transceiver or device respectively |
| <i>Is present</i> | ('yes'): The transceiver is connected, the device is in range |
| <i>Is free (only for Devices)</i> | ('yes'): The device is available for communication and has not been assigned yet |
| | ('no'): The device is already assigned to a transceiver |

Table 8.10: *ART RadioTransceiver2/3* info settings

Show details By clicking the button *Show details* the drop-down menu for selecting the radio channel of the *RadioTransceiver2/3* is shown.

Set channel number By default the *RadioTransceiver2/3* is automatically selecting a radio channel during boot-up, the drop-down menu is preset to ('*auto*'). You may also select a specific channel manually. The selected setting is saved persistently.

8.6 Inertial Sensor

This dialog is the center for configuration and calibration of inertial sensors (license for *DTRACK3* necessary!). When using inertial sensors you can additionally select the pulse generating source for the tracking frequency here. Compatible hybrid targets by *ART* are communicating with the *DTRACK3* system either via wireless 2.4 GHz ISM radio connection or wired USB connection.

8.6.1 Wireless hybrid targets

Wireless hybrid targets are distributed together with an antenna and two wireless transceivers ('Dongles') for communication with the inertial sensors as a part of the **ART** Hybrid Motion Capture suit. Please also refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Markers & Targets*.



For SMARTTRACK2 individual hybrid targets are available only.



Wireless hybrid targets are not supported for SMARTTRACK3 & SMARTTRACK3/M.

8.6.1.1 Connecting the wireless transceivers

First connect the USB plugs of the transceivers ('Dongles') to any free USB port of the controller using the supplied extension cables. The dongles are activated after rebooting the controller or **SMARTTRACK2** or calling *Hardware* → *Search hardware*.



Note: Use the supplied active (USB 2.0) extension cables (e.g. 'ATEN UE250') to connect the transceivers ('Dongles') to an ART Controller or ART Controller/M. Otherwise proper function of the transceivers cannot be guaranteed.



Use an externally powered USB-hub (USB 2.0) for connecting the transceivers ('Dongles') to the free USB port of the SMARTTRACK2.

8.6.1.2 Configuring the wireless transceivers

Now within **DTRACK3** go to the menu *Hardware* → *Inertial Sensor* and open the *Settings* sub-dialog (see figure 8.7 on page 90).

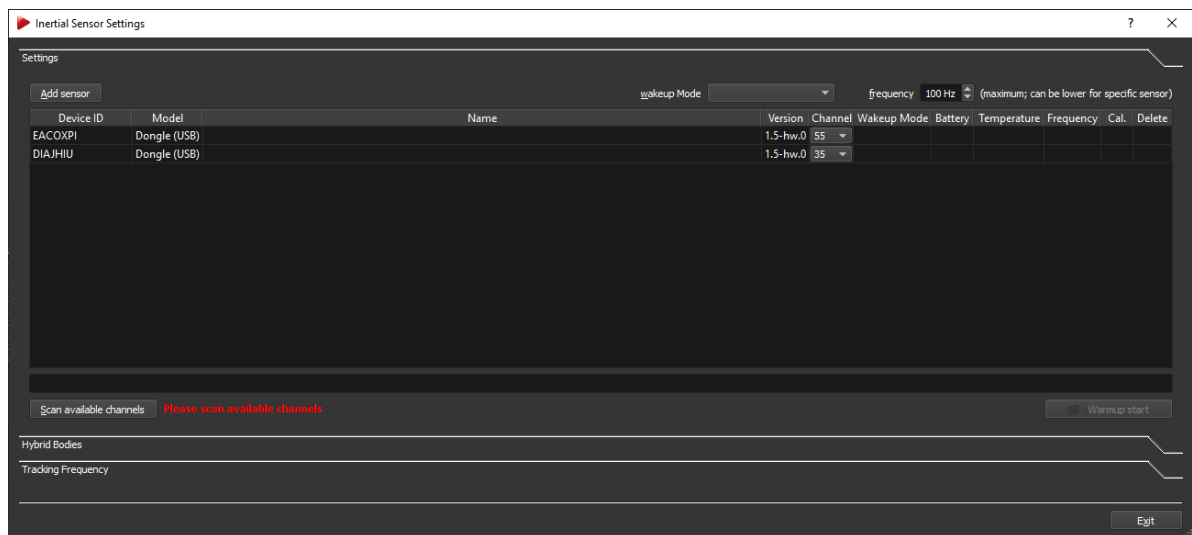


Figure 8.7: Inertial Sensor Settings - Connecting wireless transceivers

Double-check that all attached dongles have been found showing the following Dongle properties:

| Info | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <i>Device ID dongle</i> | Shows the serial number of the transceiver |
| <i>Model</i> | Shows the type of the transceiver (Dongle USB only) |
| <i>Firmware Version</i> | Shows the firmware version of the transceiver |
| <i>Currently used radio channel</i> | Shows the radio channel of the transceiver (default: 35 / 55); use the drop-down menu to change the radio channel |

Table 8.11: **ART** wireless transceivers ('Dongles') settings (only available settings are listed)

At this point only dongles should be listed, otherwise check that all previously added sensors show up together with their corresponding dongle. Please refer to figure 8.10 on page 94.

Next scan the available radio channels by pressing *Scan available channels*. After completion the drop-down menu in the column *Channel* will show a list of all available channels for each dongle (see figure 8.8 on page 91). The currently used channel is marked in bold digits. All channels that are not recommended are greyed out (occupied by other Wi-Fi devices in range), while all recommended channels are marked green.

Please select an appropriate channel for each dongle now. The selected dongle will change its channel accordingly and likewise all assigned sensors.

| | | | | | | | | | |
|----|----------|----|----|-----------|----|----|----|----|----|
| | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 |
| 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 |
| 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 |
| 81 | | | | | | | | | |

Figure 8.8: Dongle Configuration - Selection of a radio channel



The default channels for all dongles and sensors are 35 and 55 (out of 80).



Do not set both dongles to the same channel or on occupied frequencies from other devices in range..



In case channels are already occupied by other devices in range (e.g. WLAN) connection problems may occur. *ART* recommends to scan for available channels and to select free channels accordingly. A minimum distance of 10 channels is mandatory between dongles and recommended from occupied channels for optimum connectivity.

8.6.1.3 Connecting the wireless inertial sensors

This needs to be done initially - in case the sensors are already connected please skip this step.

All **ART** pre-calibrated targets are delivered with their corresponding optical target geometries stored inside the inertial sensor. Thus when adding the recognized inertial sensors, all corresponding target geometries are automatically added to the tab '*standard bodies*' in the menu *Body Administration* (Shortcut:F8) and the sub-dialog *Hybrid Bodies* of the menu *Inertial Sensor Settings* respectively.



ART delivers pre-calibrated wireless targets (not available for SMARTTRACK3 & SMARTTRACK3/M) as well as a pre-calibrated hybrid motion capture suit (not available for SMARTTRACK2/3/M), i.e. both the optical target geometry as well as the hybrid body calibration are stored directly on the sensor. Unless the hybrid targets are disassembled or become damaged, it is sufficient to identify and add all sensors using the menu *Hardware* → *Inertial Sensor* → *Add Sensors*. There is no need to (re-)assign the inertial sensors on pre-calibrated targets or to calibrate the targets manually.



Please ensure that all sensors have been charged or alternatively attach the sensors to the supplied charging hub prior to the following steps.

Turning on/off wireless inertial sensors Turn on all sensors by pressing their corresponding buttons. The status LED will turn green.

All inertial sensors are turned to stand-by mode after a pre-defined idle time, which corresponds to the selected wake-up mode.

via: *radio* (idle time: 1 min.), i.e. the sensors are switched on as soon as they are addressed by the **SMARTTRACK2** or controller.

via: *tapping* (idle time: 3 min., older sensors only), i.e. the sensors are switched on by tapping on the sensors with your fingertip or tapping the sensors on a hard surface (e.g. table).

via: *USB/button* (idle time: 10 min.), i.e. the sensors are switched on by pressing the button on the sensor for 3-4 seconds or by connecting them to the supplied charging hub.



For optimal battery life, ART recommends to switch all sensors to wake-up mode "USB/button" when not in use for a longer period of time.

Adding wireless inertial sensors In the menu *Hardware* → *Inertial Sensor*, press *Add sensor* to identify and connect all inertial sensors in range (see figure 8.7 on page 90). In the upcoming dialog (see figure 8.9 on page 93) you should find the *Scan mode* being '*USB*'. Change the mode to '*default channels*' using the adjacent selection box. In this

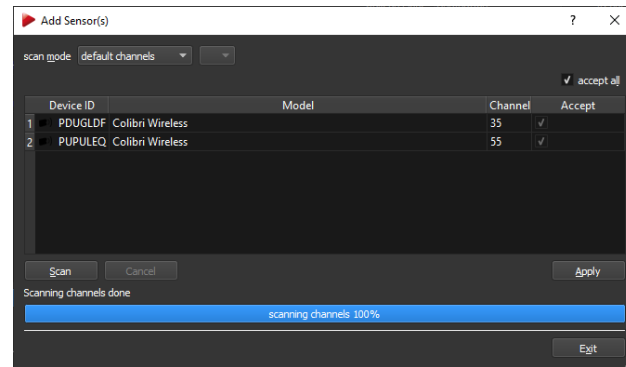


Figure 8.9: Adding wireless inertial sensors

mode **DTRACK3** will search for the sensors on the default channels 35 and 55 even if the current channel of dongles / sensors has been set differently.

In case the dongles / sensor channels have been set manually, please change the scan mode to '*single*' and select the corresponding channels in the adjacent selection box.

Press *Scan* and the system will identify all sensors in range running on the specified channels. Expect 15 inertial sensors for a complete **ART** Hybrid Motion Capture suit (not available for **SMARTTRACK2/3/M**). Tick the checkboxes of all sensors to be added to the configuration in the column *Accept* or add all sensors at once by ticking '*accept all*'. Then press *Apply* and exit this dialog.



If you cannot remember the current radio channel of your sensors, you can either choose '*all*' to scan all channels (from 1 to 80, note: this takes some time) or identify the sensors via wired connection. To this end connect all sensors to the controller via a USB charging cable and select the scan mode '*USB*'. All attached sensors will be listed together with their corresponding channel.



Take care that all inertial sensors are assigned to a radio channel of one of the dongles; otherwise such a sensor will not be available for measurement. Also take care that roughly the same number of sensors are assigned to each dongle.

8.6.1.4 Configuring the wireless inertial sensors

After adding the sensors the dialog *Inertial Sensor Settings* (see figure 8.10 on 94) now shows all available dongles and their assigned sensors with the following sensor properties:



The temperature values between single inertial sensors may vary. The operating temperature is reached as soon as there are no more temperature changes inside the sensors indicated by a green status bar. This is not dependent on the absolute temperature value.

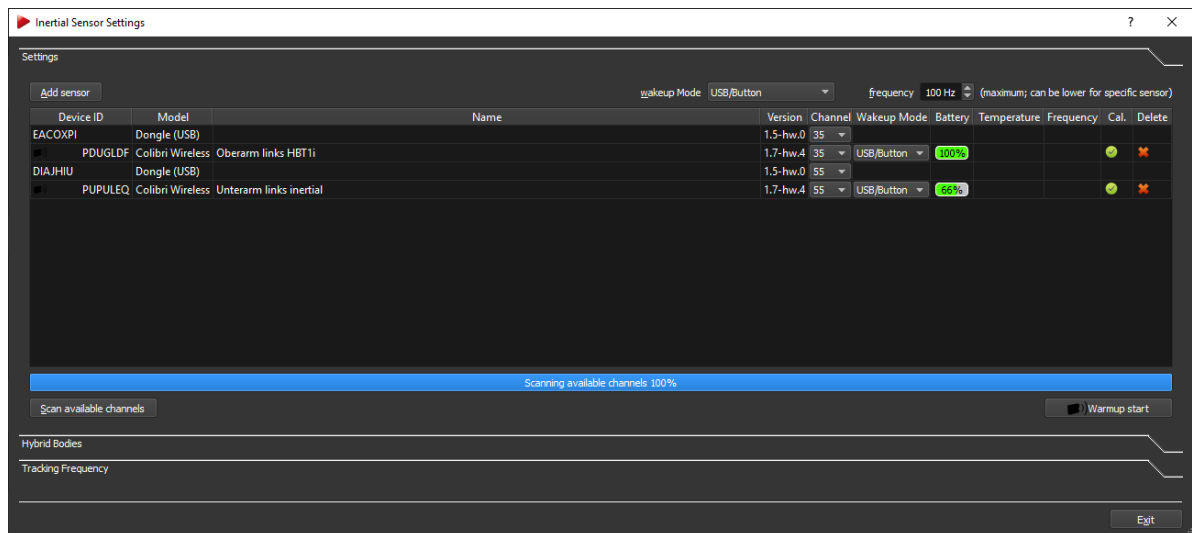


Figure 8.10: Inertial Sensor Settings - Wireless transceivers and sensors added

| Info | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <i>Device ID</i> | Shows the serial number of the sensor |
| <i>wireless icon</i> | |
| <i>Model</i> | Shows the type of the sensor (e.g. Colibri Wireless) |
| <i>Name</i> | Shows the target name (pre-calibrated from Hybrid Motion Capture suit or user-defined) |
| <i>Firmware Version</i> | Shows the firmware version of the sensor |
| <i>Currently used radio channel</i> | Shows the radio channel of the sensor (default: 35 / 55); use the drop-down menu to change the radio channel |
| <i>Wake-up mode</i> | Select the mode to start-up the sensor (radio, tapping, USB/button); use the drop-down menu to change the wake-up mode |
| <i>Battery level</i> | Shows the remaining battery power in % |
| <i>Temperature</i> | Shows the sensor temperature (°C, only after a measurement has been started) |
| <i>Current tracking frequency</i> | Shows the currently set tracking frequency (Hz, only after a measurement has been started) |
| <i>Calibration status</i> | Shows the calibration status of the associated body (<i>not calibrated, optical only, fully calibrated</i>) |
| <i>Delete</i> | Deletes the currently selected sensor from the list |

Table 8.12: **ART** wireless inertial sensor settings

Tracking frequency Finally check the maximum tracking frequency the inertial sensors are operating at (default for wireless sensors: 100 Hz). Use the spinbox in the upper right corner of the window to select a different value, if necessary.

Selecting the pulse generating source Please refer to chapter 8.6.2.5 on page 102 for further details.



It is **NOT** recommended to select a wireless inertial sensor as pulse generator due to the nature of the connection (i.e. high latencies and timing jitter). Change the default settings in the sub-dialog *Tracking Frequency* only when necessary.

8.6.1.5 Calibration of custom wireless hybrid targets

Custom wireless hybrid targets will show up as 'not calibrated' in the column *Calibration* under the tab 'standard bodies' in the menu *Body Administration* (Shortcut:F8) or in the sub-dialog *Hybrid Bodies* of the menu *Inertial Sensor Settings*. Therefore a multi-step calibration procedure for each body has to be performed analog to wired hybrid targets. Please refer to chapter 8.6.2 on page 95.



Reassignment or disassociation of inertial sensors and pre-calibrated optical targets will render the corresponding bodies useless. Therefore enter the sub-dialog *Inertial Sensor Settings* → *Hybrid Bodies* only when necessary.

8.6.2 Wired hybrid targets

Within **DTRACK3** go to the menu *Hardware* → *Inertial Sensor* → *Hybrid Bodies* (see figure 8.14 on 98) and activate the desired amount of bodies. Next assign suitable names by double-clicking the corresponding field *Name* from row '1...n' under *selected body*. Now a multi-step calibration procedure for each body has to be performed:

1. A standard optical body calibration needs to be carried out. Alternatively load a body calibration from a file. Start by pressing the button *Calibration*. Please refer to 9.5.1 on 133 for more details.
2. An inertial sensor has to be added and then assigned to an optical target. Please refer to chapters 8.6.2.1 on page 96 and 8.6.2.2 on page 98 respectively for further information.
3. A hybrid body calibration has to be performed to align the inertial sensor with its corresponding optical target by pressing the button *Hybrid Body Calibration*. During this hand-eye calibration process the relative orientation of the two coordinate systems is determined. Please refer to chapter 8.6.2.3 on page 99.
4. An inertial sensor calibration needs to be applied to compensate drift from the inertial sensor. Start by pressing the button *Inertial Sensor Calibration*. Please refer to chapter 8.6.2.4 on page 101.

Repeat all steps for each hybrid target and finally set the pulse generating source that drives the tracking frequency according to your application's requirements. Please refer to chapter 8.6.2.5 on page 102.



Wired hybrid targets for use with e.g. HMDs are **NOT** delivered pre-calibrated due to the fact that mechanical changes during assembly on top of the customer's gear would render any pre-calibration useless.

8.6.2.1 Connecting the wired inertial sensor

This needs to be done initially - in case the sensor is already available please skip this step.

Go to the menu *Hardware* → *Inertial Sensor* and open the *Settings* sub-dialog (see figure 8.11 on page 96).

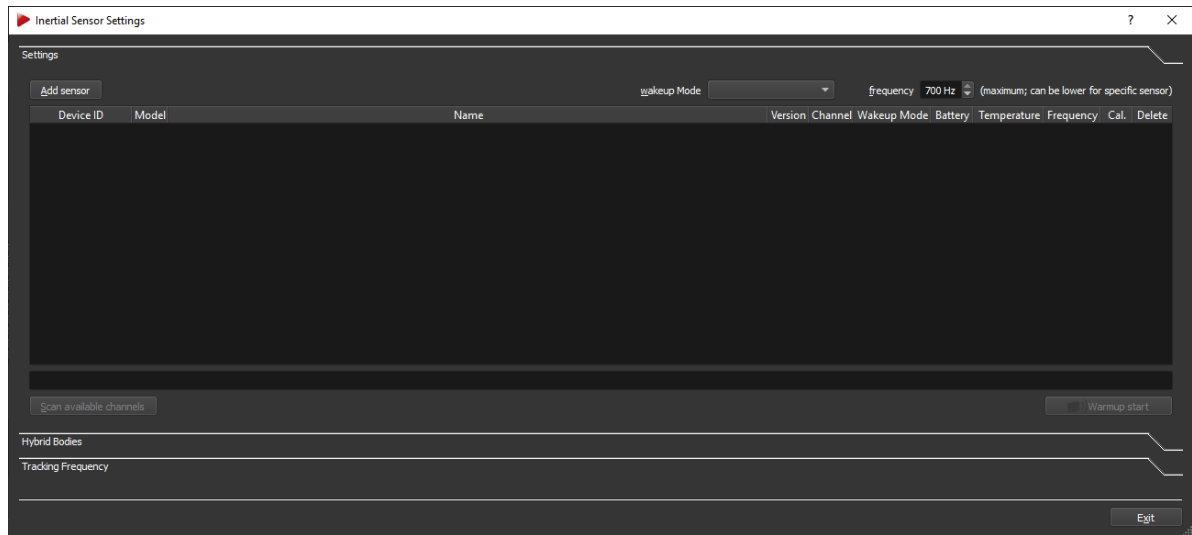


Figure 8.11: Inertial Sensor Settings - No wired inertial sensor connected



Never attempt to connect 3-Space wired sensors / hybrid targets to a personal computer or try to access the sensor using software provided by the original manufacturer Yost Labs. This may result in irreversible damage to the sensor.



Use an externally powered USB-hub (USB 2.0) for connecting the wires sensor / hybrid target to the free USB port of the SMARTTRACK2/3/M. Otherwise proper function of the sensor cannot be guaranteed.

Adding wired inertial sensor Please ensure that the sensor has been connected to the controller. Then press the button *Add sensor*.

In the upcoming dialog (see figure 8.12 on page 97) you should find the *Scan mode* being '*USB*'.

Press *Scan* and the system will identify all attached sensors. Tick the checkbox of the sensors to be added to the configuration in the column *Accept* or add all sensors by ticking '*accept all*'. Then press *Apply* and exit this dialog.

The dialog *Inertial Sensor Settings* (see figure 8.13 on page 97) now shows all available sensors with the following properties:

Tracking frequency Finally check the tracking frequency the inertial sensors are operating at (default for wired sensors: 700 Hz). Use the spinbox in the upper right corner of

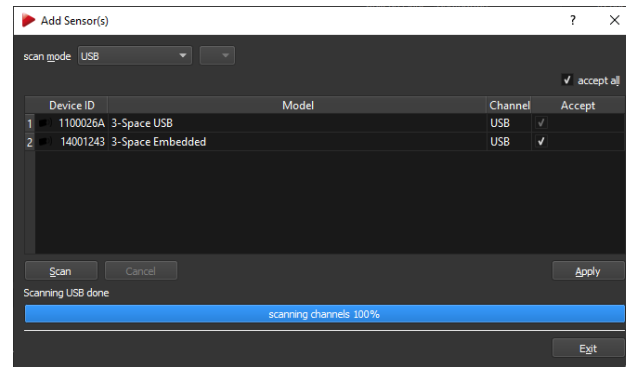


Figure 8.12: Adding wired inertial sensor

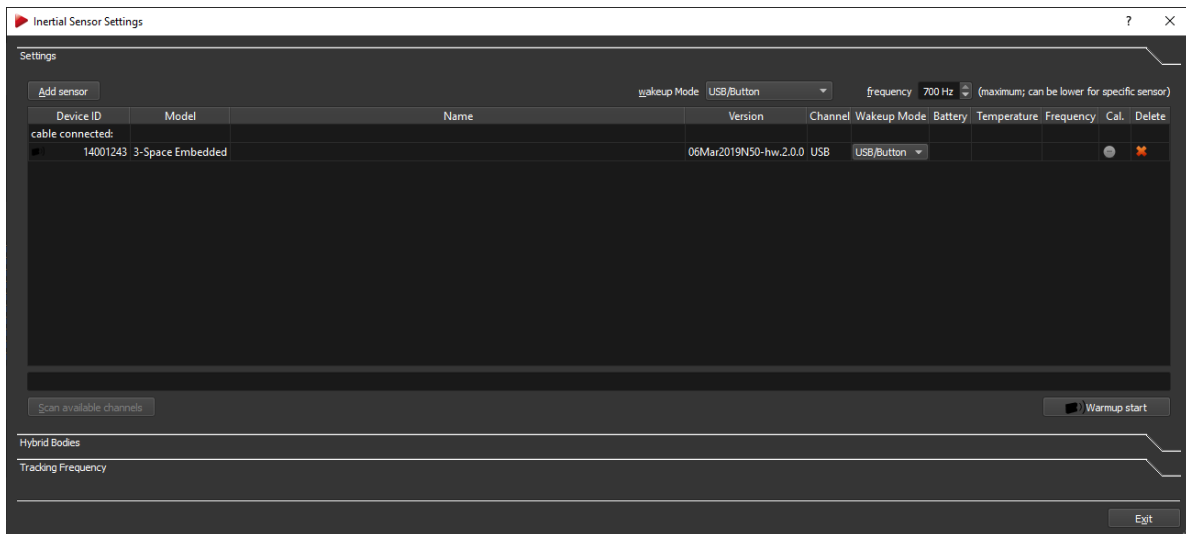


Figure 8.13: Inertial Sensor Settings - Wired inertial sensor added

| Info | Description |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| <i>Device ID sensor</i> | Shows the serial number of the sensor |
| <i>Model</i> | Shows the type of the sensor (e.g. 3-Space wired) |
| <i>Name</i> | Shows the target name (empty unless user-defined) |
| <i>Firmware Version</i> | Shows the firmware version of the sensor |
| <i>Currently used radio channel</i> | Shows the currently used channel (USB only) |
| <i>Wake-up mode</i> | N/A for wired sensors |
| <i>Battery level</i> | N/A for wired sensors |
| <i>Temperature</i> | Shows the sensor temperature (°C, only after a measurement has been started) |
| <i>Current tracking frequency</i> | Shows the currently set tracking frequency (Hz, only after a measurement has been started) |
| <i>Calibration status</i> | Shows the calibration status of the associated body (<i>not calibrated, optical only, fully calibrated</i>) |
| <i>Delete</i> | Deletes the currently selected sensor from the list |

Table 8.13: **ART** wired inertial sensor settings

the window to select a different value, if necessary.

8.6.2.2 Assigning the wired inertial sensor

After adding the inertial sensor it needs to be assigned to an optical target, which has been calibrated beforehand. Change to the sub-dialog *Hybrid bodies* inside the dialog *Inertial Sensor Settings* (see figure 8.14 on 98).

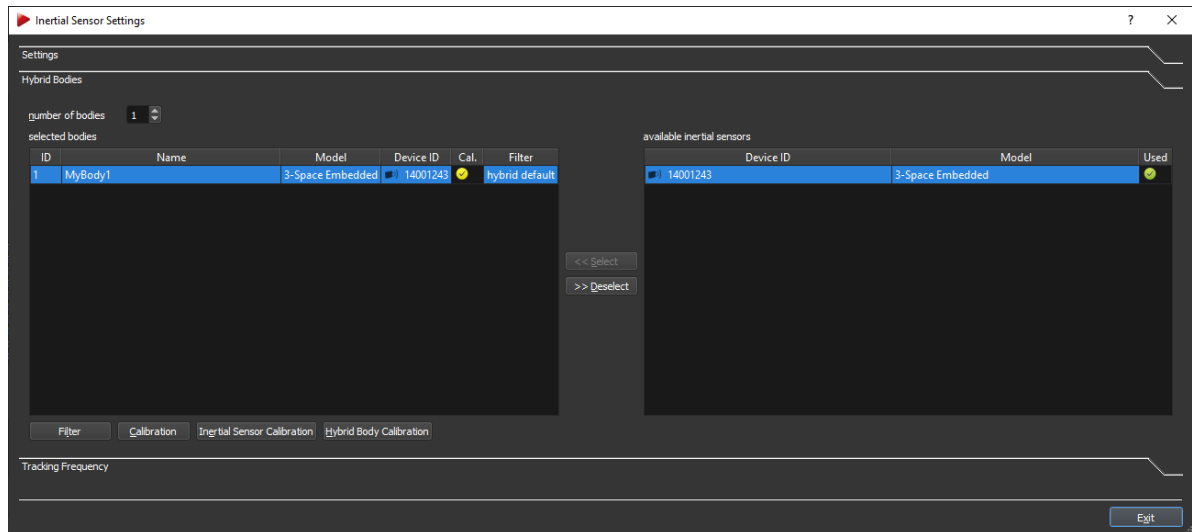


Figure 8.14: Inertial Sensor Settings - Hybrid Bodies sub-dialog

In order to assign an inertial sensor to a optical target follow these steps:

1. mark the respective *Body ID* under *selected bodies* by left-clicking
2. mark the appropriate entry '*Device ID*' under *available inertial sensors* by left-clicking and
3. press *Select*.

You can always delete the assignment by pressing the button *Deselect*. The inertial sensor will be available again for assignment.

After assignment the corresponding body is shown on the left side of the window with the following properties (see figure 8.14 on 98):



In order to identify the inertial sensor and to assign it to the corresponding *Body ID* please double-check the serial number on top of the sensor and compare it to the entry in column *Device ID*.



If the inertial sensor is already in use a green tick is shown in the column *Used* on the right side of the window.



For each uncalibrated body the '*Name*' entry will be empty, while the column *Cal.* will show a *No Entry* sign.

| selected bodies | Description |
|----------------------------|---|
| <i>Body ID</i> | Shows the body ID number of the hybrid target |
| <i>Name</i> | Shows the target name (empty unless user-defined) |
| <i>Model</i> | Shows the type of the assigned inertial sensor (e.g. 3-Space wired) |
| <i>Device ID</i> | Shows the device ID of the assigned inertial sensor |
| <i>Calibration status</i> | Shows the calibration status of the associated body (<i>not calibrated, optical only, fully calibrated</i>) |
| <i>Filter Status</i> | Shows the currently selected 6DoF tracking filter algorithm (please refer to chapter 9.4.6 on page 129) |
| available inertial sensors | Description |
| <i>Device ID</i> | Shows the device ID of the connected inertial sensor |
| <i>Model</i> | Shows the type of the connected inertial sensor (e.g. 3-Space wired) |
| <i>Assignment status</i> | Shows the assignment status of the connected inertial sensor body (<i>not used, used</i>) |

Table 8.14: Inertial Sensor Settings - Hybrid Bodies sub-dialog



Body IDs without corresponding hybrid body calibration are marked with a yellow tick on the corresponding *Body ID* row in the column *Cal.*



A fully calibrated *Body ID* is marked with a green tick.

8.6.2.3 Hybrid Body Calibration

After assigning an inertial sensor, select the respective *Body ID* under *selected bodies* and press the button *Hybrid Body Calibration* (see figure 8.14 on 98).

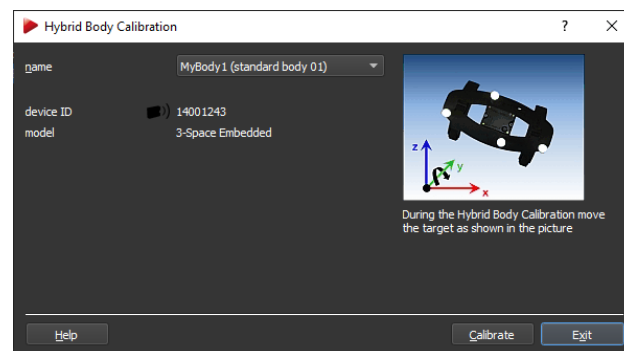


Figure 8.15: Hybrid Body Calibration

In the appearing window (see figure 8.15 on page 99) verify the target by its corresponding '*name*' and '*bodyID*' from the adjacent drop-down menu. Also double-check the '*Device ID*' of the inertial sensor for correspondence with the selected optical target. Then press *Calibrate*.

During the following calibration process the target has to be tilted with moderate speed around all axes of the inertial sensor (please refer to the animation in the dialog see figure 8.15 on page 99). After the countdown disappears the upcoming dialog will show the status of the calibration via a progress bar (see figure 8.16 on page 100.)

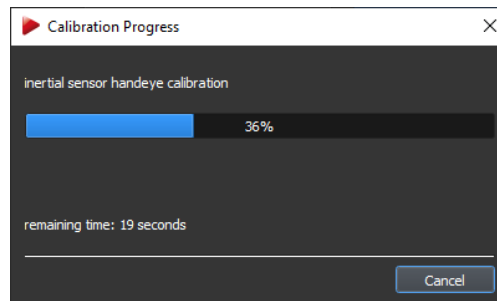


Figure 8.16: Hybrid Body Calibration - Progress Bar

In the upcoming result window (see figure 8.17 on page 100) the residual of the calibration and the sensor delay of the inertial tracking data is displayed.

You can accept the calibration by pressing *OK* to return to the *Hybrid Body Calibration*. Press *Exit* to return to the *Hybrid Bodies* sub-dialog. Now, the sensor should show a green tick in the column *Calibration* under *selected bodies* on the left side of the window.

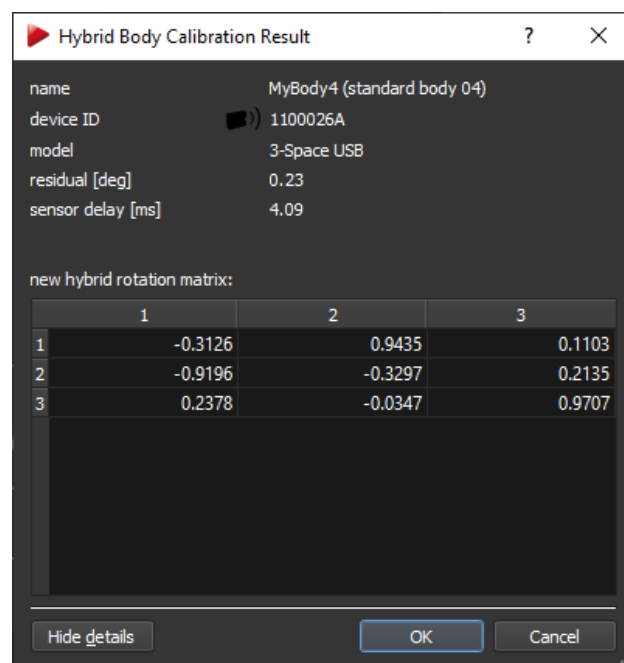


Figure 8.17: Hybrid Body Calibration Result



The residual specifies how well the rotational data from the inertial sensor matches the optical tracking data. Thus it is a measure of the accuracy of the hybrid body calibration. Values up to 1° are ideal, while anything less than 3° is still acceptable.



The sensor delay specifies the latency of the inertial data compared to real-time. This is sensor specific and dependent on the type of connection (wired / wireless). Values up to 5 ms are ideal for HMD applications.

Show details You can display the result of the hybrid body calibration as a rotation matrix by pressing the button *Show details*.

8.6.2.4 Inertial Sensor Calibration

After successful calibration of all hybrid bodies, a drift correction for all inertial sensors should be measured and applied. To this end, all sensors have to be warmed-up beforehand. Please refer to chapter 8.6.2.4 on page 102 for more details.

To start the inertial sensor calibration, go to *Inertial Sensor Settings* → *Hybrid bodies* → *Inertial Sensor Calibration* (see figure 8.14 on 98). The upcoming window shows a list of all available hybrid targets, i.e. bodies with successful optical calibration and assigned inertial sensor (see figure 8.18 on page 101).

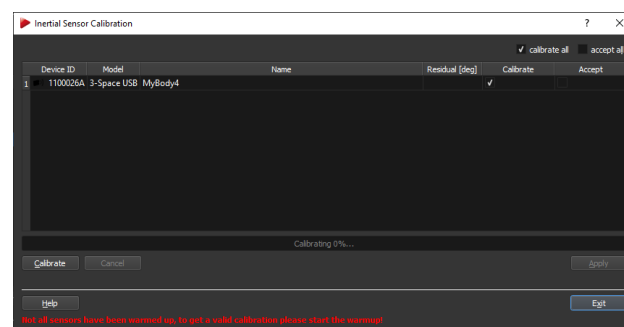


Figure 8.18: Inertial Sensor Calibration

Put the respective sensor (or all at once) inside the tracking volume on a level surface, provided a successful Hybrid Body Calibration for each inertial sensor has been performed beforehand. Tick the checkboxes in the column *Calibrate* of all sensors to be calibrated and press *Calibrate*. Do not move or touch the sensor(s) during the following calibration! In the upcoming result window (see figure 8.19 on page 102) the residual of the drift correction is displayed.

When the calibration is done, you can apply the drift correction either to a single sensor by ticking the appropriate checkbox in the column *Accept* or by ticking 'accept all' for all sensors in range. Press *Apply* and exit the dialog. A list of all successfully calibrated sensors appears (see figure 8.20 on page 102). Press *Exit* to return to the *Inertial Sensor Calibration* window. Return to the *Inertial Sensor Settings* → *Hybrid Bodies* subdialog by pressing *Exit* once again.



The residual specifies the drift correction for the inertial sensor. Values below 0.1° are ideal, while still being acceptable up to 0.2° . Higher values indicate possible movement during the calibration.



After the Inertial Sensor Calibration has been performed and applied its result is stored directly on the sensor for future use.

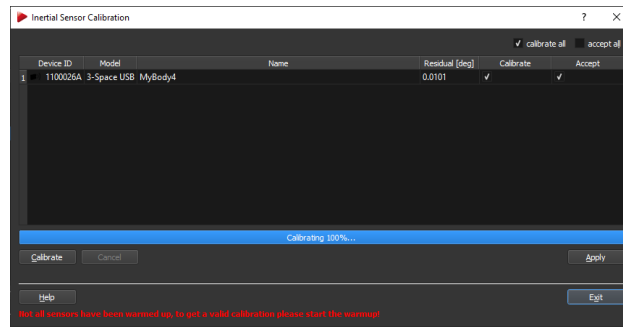


Figure 8.19: Inertial Sensor Calibration - Result Window

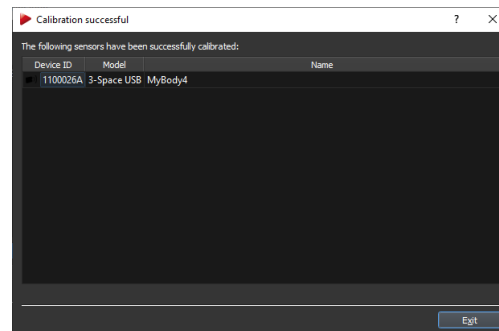


Figure 8.20: Inertial Sensor Calibration - Result Window Successful

Warm-up of inertial sensors To start up the procedure simply press the button *Warmup start* in the dialog *Inertial Sensor Settings* (see figure 8.13 on page 97) or in the *toolbar* of **DTRACK3** frontend (refer to chapter 6.2 on page 48) and leave the process running for about 5-10 minutes. The progress bar will stop at 100% (progress bar turns green) even though the warming up of the sensors continues. This shall guarantee that the sensors work continuously and do not cool down until the calibration takes place.



Please ensure that all sensors have been charged prior to any calibration process.



Please perform inertial sensor calibrations with warmed-up sensors at constant ambient temperature prior and during the calibration for optimum tracking performance.

8.6.2.5 Selecting the pulse generating source

There are several independent pulse generating sources available in a hybrid tracking setup (i.e. combined optical & inertial tracking). Therefore it is necessary to select the appropriate one that drives the tracking frequency.

You can switch between the following sources by ticking the corresponding radio button in the subdialog *Inertial Sensor Setting* → *Tracking frequency*:

- 'as ART cameras': The **SMARTTRACK2/3/M** or the controller's **Synccard** is used. The tracking frequency is set according to the *Synccard Settings* menu. Please refer to the corresponding chapters 8.4 on page 85.

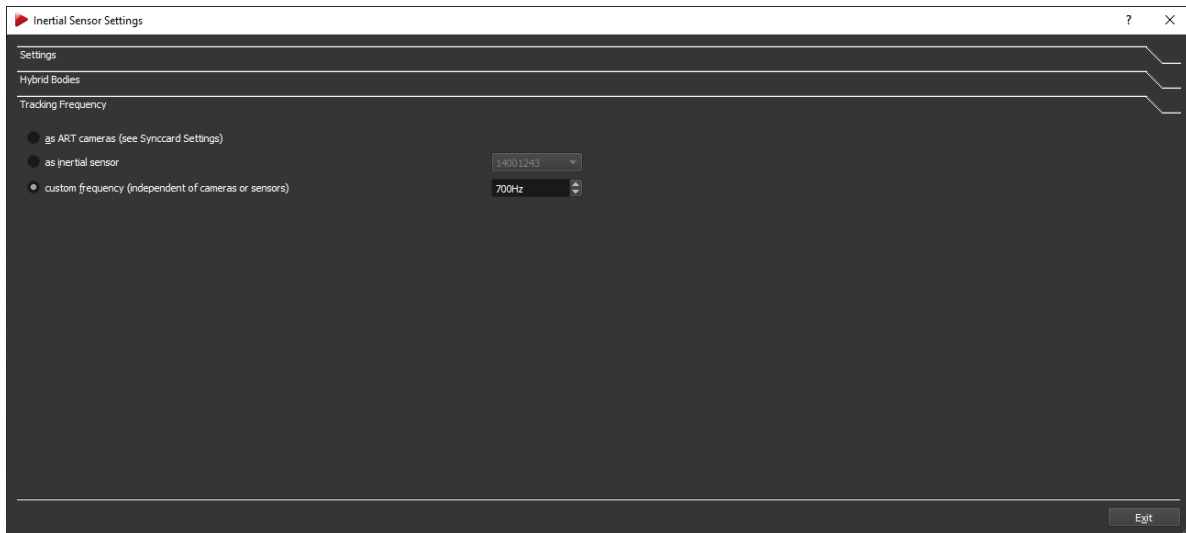


Figure 8.21: Inertial Sensors Settings - Tracking Frequency

- '*as inertial sensor*': An inertial sensor is used (only available, if attached). When using multiple inertial sensors use the adjacent drop-down menu to select the appropriate one. The tracking frequency is set according to the *Inertial Sensor Settings* menu. Please refer to the corresponding chapter 8.6.2.1 on page 96.
- '*custom frequency*': An internal source is used providing a custom frequency. Use the adjacent spinbox in a range from 10 to 1000 Hz (up to 400 Hz with **SMART-TRACK2/3/M**).



Selecting a custom frequency higher than the tracking frequency provided by the inertial sensors (e.g. 700 Hz for **3-Space** wired inertial sensors) could lead to minor tracking quality.



Keep in mind that '*send data divisor*' in menu *Output Settings* is also affecting the resulting data output frequency. Please refer to chapter 9.11 on page 165 for further information.



It is **NOT** recommended to select a wireless inertial sensor as pulse generator due to the nature of the connection (i.e. high latencies and timing jitter). Therefore enter the sub-dialog *Tracking Frequency* only if necessary.

8.7 Network

On the *Network* window you may change the network specific settings and check the CPU temperatures inside the controller.

DHCP According to your network guidelines it may be necessary to specify *hostname* and the *domain*. Furthermore you can configure the settings for DHCP support.



Figure 8.22: Network Settings

When the checkbox *DHCP client* is ticked the controller may be connected to a LAN with DHCP support. The controller then works as a DHCP client. The corresponding *IP address*, *subnet mask*, *gateway* and *nameserver* which have been assigned to the controller by the DHCP server are shown for your information. The MAC address of the controller is printed in the field *ethernet-MAC LAN*.



If the network cable is unplugged or the DHCP support is unavailable while booting the controller uses its default IP address (i.e. 192.168.0.1).

Static IP Address By unticking the checkbox *DHCP client* you may specify a static *IP address*, *subnet mask* by entering the settings in the appropriate fields. Optionally, enter *gateway* and *nameserver*. Accept the changes pressing *OK* and exit the dialog. Reboot the controller for the changes to take effect.



Please avoid IP addresses 172.28.X.X and IP addresses in the range from 172.29.0.1 to 172.29.0.20, as they are used for internal communication!



Please note that these settings are not part of your personal configuration. Changes in this menu will affect all users of your controller! Your controller may become unreachable with wrong IP settings! Refer to chapter 5.3 on page 40.

CPU temperature At the bottom of this dialog you can read the CPU temperature inside the controller. The upper value shows the *current* temperature in °C, while the lower value indicates the temperature *maximum since power-on*, i.e. the highest temperature reached since the controller has been started. When reaching elevated or critical levels, the values are highlighted in orange or red color.

8.8 Time

In the *Time* window you can set the controller's internal clock as well as synchronize it with a master clock (i.e. a reference time source) using NTP (= Network Time Protocol) or PTP (= Precision Time Protocol). The supported versions are NTP Version 3 (RFC 1305) and PTP IEEE 1588-2008.

Both protocols are designed to synchronize system clocks among a set of distributed time servers and clients. While NTP is widely used in essentially all general purpose computers to synchronize computer clocks in and over the Internet, PTP addresses the increasingly stringent clock synchronization requirements of spatially localized systems, such as measurement and control systems. Therefore PTP is designed for accuracies beyond those attainable using NTP with PTP devices achieving sub-microsecond accuracy.

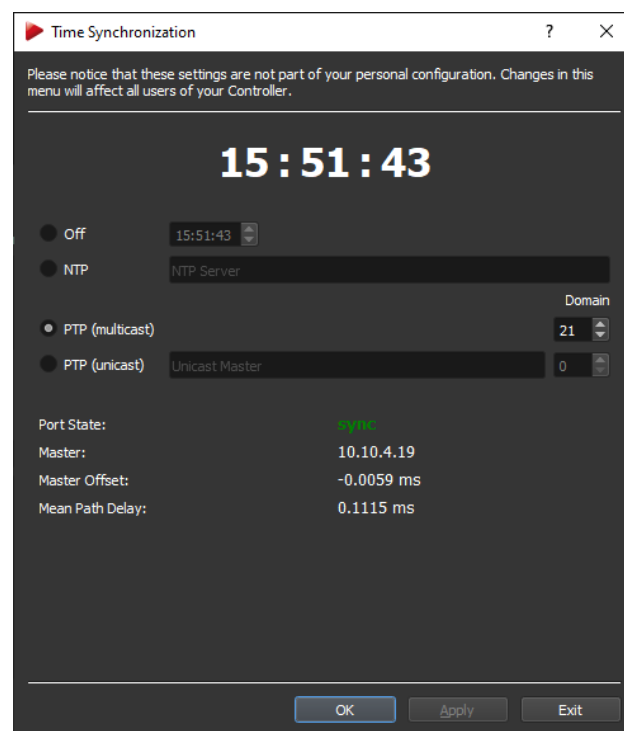


Figure 8.23: Time Settings

The currently set time of the controller is displayed on top of the dialog.

Off The *Off* can be selected to manually set the local time using the entry fields [hh:mm:ss].

NTP In order to activate the NTP synchronisation, select the radio button *NTP* and enter a *hostname* or *IP address* of your NTP server. Please ask your system administrator for further information. Click *Apply* to activate the synchronisation.

While the controller is being synchronised the message '*wait*' is displayed next to the '*state*' at the bottom of the dialog. As soon as the connection has been established, the '*state*' will switch to '*sync*'. Additionally the quality for the connection to the NTP server is measured by its '*reachability*'. The values can range from 0% to 100 %, with higher values indicating good connection quality. Furthermore the quality of the time synchronisation of the master clock and the controller's internal clock is indicated by the '*estimated precision*' in the unit milliseconds (ms).

In case the connection to the NTP server is lost the '*state*' will switch to '*wait*' again.

PTP multicast For synchronisation with a PTP multicast master server select the radio button *PTP multicast* and enter the respective *domain* setting. Please ask your system administrator for further information. Click *Apply* to activate the synchronisation.

While the controller is being synchronised the message '*wait*' is displayed next to the '*port state*' at the bottom of the dialog. As soon as the connection has been established, the '*Port state*' will switch to '*sync*' and the IP address of the master server is shown next to '*master*'. Additionally the quality for the connection to the PTP server is measured by '*master offset*' and '*mean path delay*' with lower values indicating a better connection quality.

In case the connection to the PTP server is lost the '*port state*' will switch to '*wait*' again.

PTP unicast For synchronisation with a PTP unicast master server select the radio button *PTP unicast*, enter the *IP address* of your PTP server and the respective *domain* number setting. Please ask your system administrator for further information. Click *Apply* to activate the synchronisation.

While the controller is being synchronised the message '*wait*' is displayed next to the '*port state*' at the bottom of the dialog. As soon as the connection has been established, the '*Port state*' will switch to '*sync*'. Additionally the quality for the connection to the PTP server is measured by '*master offset*' and '*mean path delay*' with lower values indicating a better connection quality.

In case the connection to the PTP server is lost the '*port state*' will switch to '*wait*' again.



NTP is fully supported with Version 3 (RFC 1305), PTP is supported according to IEEE 1588-2008.



Synchronisation with NTP or PTP servers does not affect active measurements, but the timestamps of the tracking results are changed accordingly.



Synchronisation with NTP or PTP servers usually succeeds quite fast (at least in a few seconds). Nevertheless it could be reasonable to give the system some time for complete synchronisation.



It is highly recommended to synchronize with a local NTP or PTP master clock rather than to a remote time server on the Internet. Otherwise due to network latency and jitter the accuracy of the controller's clock may be degraded too far in order to generate useful timestamps.

9 Menu Tracking - Tracking Configuration

| Calibration | Shortcut |
|---|--|
| <i>Room calibration</i> | F5 |
| <i>Room adjustment</i> | Shift + F5 |
| <i>Single markers</i> | |
| <i>Body administration</i> | F8 |
| <i>Body calibration</i> | F6 |
| <i>Body adjustment</i> | Shift + F6 |
| <i>Flystick</i> | |
| <i>Fingertracking</i> | (not available for SMART-TRACK2/3/M) |
| <i>Measurement Tool</i> | |
| <i>Measurement Tool tip calibration</i> | |
| <i>Output</i> | F9 |

Table 9.1: Menu *Tracking*

9.1 Room Calibration

Use the room calibration dialog (see figure 9.1 on page 108) to start the calibration process and set parameters therefore. After opening the dialog, the *Monitor 2DOF display* is automatically started in the background. It is possible to transfer a room calibration from one configuration to another (refer to section 9.1.7 on page 113).



It is recommended to perform a room (re-)calibration on a regular basis (e.g. after a certain operating time of the system) and especially if the system was subject to extreme vibrations or changing environmental conditions (e.g. high or low temperatures).

9.1.1 Pre-defined room calibration sets

In the *Room calibration* dialog you can choose from a series of predefined calibrations sets (i.e. a pair of '*calibration angle*' and '*wand*' representing the common **ART** Room Calibration Sets, see table 9.2 on page 108).

Select the calibration set that has been delivered with your tracking system using the dropdown-menu *marker distances*. Verify the wand length or enter it manually in the corresponding field *wand length*, see figure 9.1 on page 108. The wand length is printed on

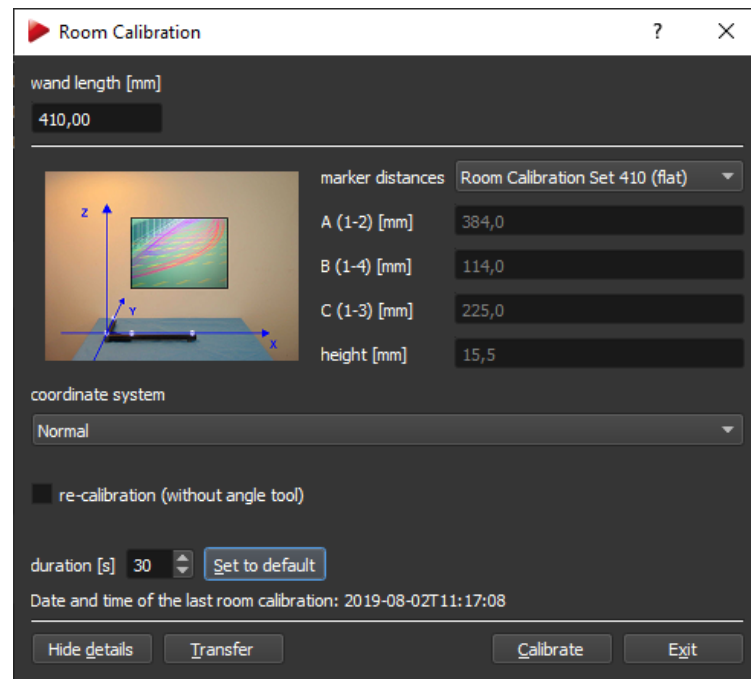


Figure 9.1: Room calibration - using calibration set RCS410

| Calibration Set | wand length [mm] | marker dia. [mm] | height [mm] (see Fig. 9.2) |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>RCS TP (discontinued)</i> | 410.0 | 20 | 55 |
| <i>RCS 150 (special order)</i> | 184.0 | 16 | 15.6 |
| <i>RCS 150 active (special order)</i> | 204.63 | N/A | 15.5 |
| <i>RCS 410 flat</i> | 410.0 | 20 | 15.5 |
| <i>RCS 410 high (discontinued)</i> | 410.0 | 20 | 43 |
| <i>RCS 710</i> | 710.0 | 20 | 43 |
| <i>RCS 720 (special order)</i> | 720.0 | 30 | 48 |

Table 9.2: Overview of the **ART** Room Calibration Sets (RCS)

the 'wand'.

Place the '*calibration angle*' inside the tracking volume of your cameras, double-check that all markers of the '*calibration angle*' are seen by the cameras. Start the calibration by pressing *Calibrate*. The room calibration is started with a five seconds delay.

9.1.1.1 Expert settings

Marker distances of the '*calibration angle*' can also be set manually using the setting *marker distances* → *expert*. The numbering of the markers is as seen in figure 9.2 on page 109.

| Type | longer arm | shorter arm |
|-------------|------------|-------------|
| 'normal' | +X axis | +Y axis |
| 'powerwall' | +X axis | -Z axis |

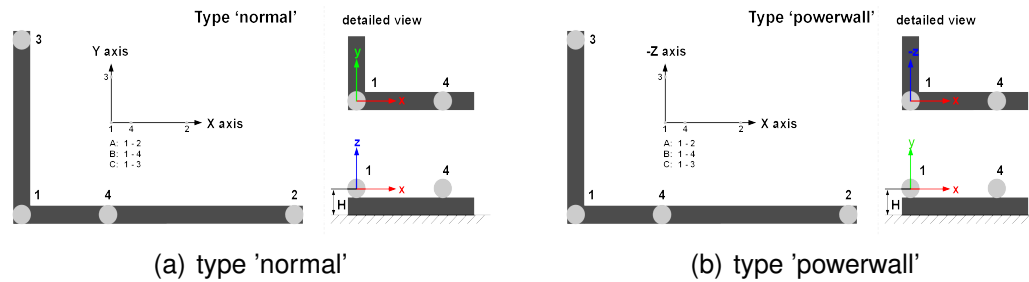


Figure 9.2: Marker distances (including numbering) on the '*calibration angle*' and definition of room coordinate system



The longer arm of the '*calibration angle*' defines the X axis (refer to figure 9.2 on page 109); the shorter one defines the Y axis. The Z axis is added in order to give a right-handed coordinate system. The center of marker #1 defines the origin of the room coordinate system (at a height of see table 9.2 on page 108).



Incorrect input data for this dialog will lead to a poor room calibration, to wrong system scaling, or to an abort of the whole room calibration process.

9.1.2 Coordinate System

With the drop-down menu inside the dialog *Room calibration* you may define how the coordinate system of the room is created relative to the '*calibration angle*' (refer to table 9.3 on page 109).

Select either '*normal*' or '*powerwall*', see figure 9.1 on page 108.

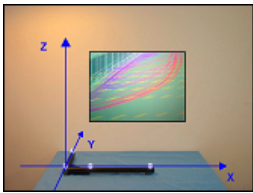
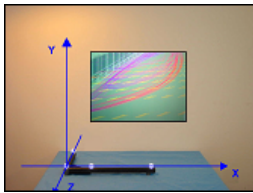
| Normal | Powerwall |
|--|---|
|  <p><i>Normal</i>: The angle defines the X/Y plane (X at the longer, Y at the shorter arm) and Z axis is added upwards.</p> |  <p><i>Powerwall</i>: The angle defines the X/Z plane, the Y axis is added upwards. The Z axis points out of the screen. This is the standard screen coordinate system for many VR systems (e.g. OpenGL, TrackD, etc.).</p> |

Table 9.3: Defining the coordinate system for the room calibration

9.1.3 Room Calibration Progress

When the room calibration process starts a window showing the progress appears (see figure 9.3(a) on page 110). The progress is shown individually for each camera which is especially helpful for big systems. As soon as enough data for calculation of the camera position has been collected for a specific camera the corresponding progress bar changes its colour to green (see 9.3(b) on 110).

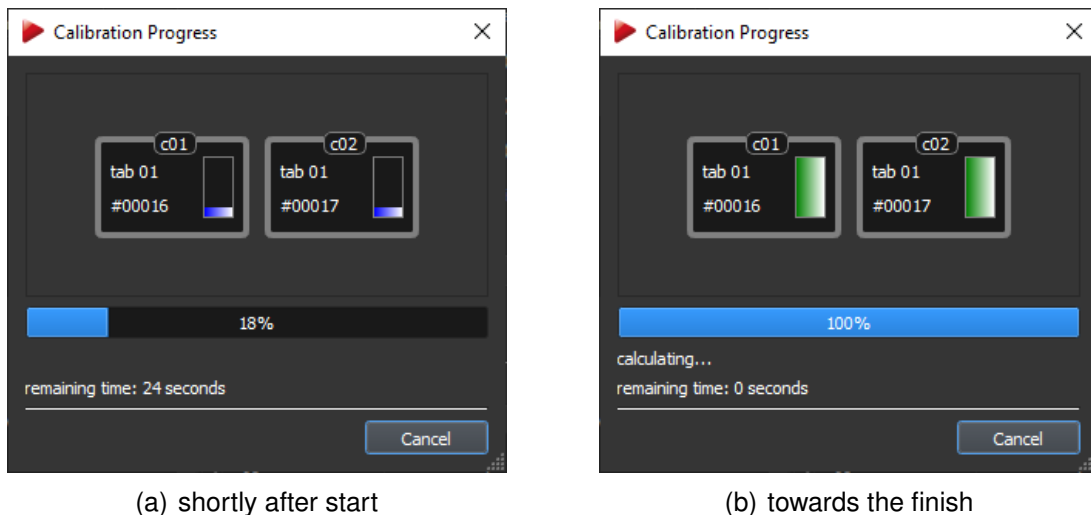


Figure 9.3: Room calibration progress



Note: The progress is also displayed individually on the 2-digit LED matrix display of each *ARTTRACK5* camera. After collection of sufficient data the LED matrix display changes back to its defined setting. Please refer to chapter 8.3 on page 76 for detailed information.



The point cloud should fill at least two thirds of the measurement volume. Moving the 'wand' in a restricted volume will results in reduced accuracy of calibration or failure.

9.1.4 Room Calibration Results

After a successful room calibration, the *Room Calibration Result* window is displayed. This window shows measures to estimate the quality of room calibration (refer to table 9.4 on page 111).

The room calibration is confirmed (i.e., the data are stored) by pressing the button *OK*.



Try to achieve a low 'wand residual' up to 1 mm for VR installations while having high values for 'Used Frames'.



The parameters 'Residual' for each camera and the 'wand range' depend on the system geometry and give additional information about the quality of calibration. Please call *ART* for further information.

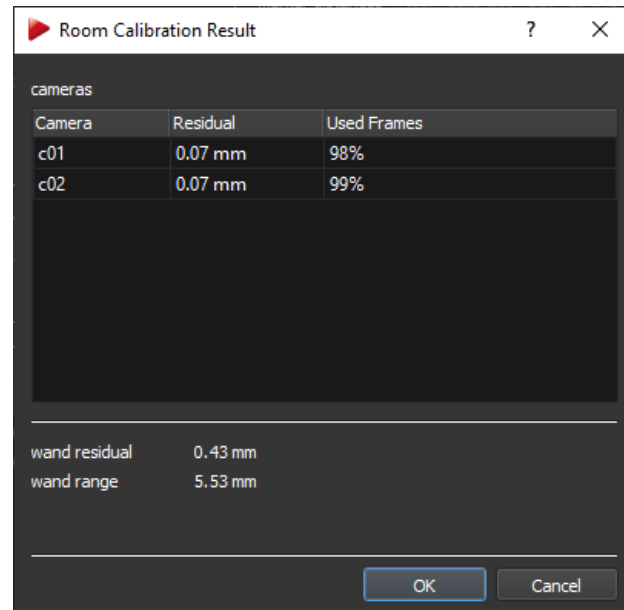


Figure 9.4: Room calibration result

| indicator | Description |
|----------------------|--|
| <i>Residual</i> | mean residual of single cameras (i.e. optical rays during marker detection) |
| <i>Used Frames</i> | represents the percentage of valid data for each camera (i.e. used for room calibration) |
| <i>wand residual</i> | mean deviation of 'wand length' |
| <i>wand range</i> | max. deviation of 'wand length' |

Table 9.4: Room Calibration Result - Description of quality measures



The number of 'Used Frames' should be greater than 70% for each camera. Values under 50% indicate poor room calibration quality.



Please note that percentages of more than 70% may not be reached in large and complex measurement volumes.

9.1.5 Room re-calibration

All camera setups (including **SMARTTRACK2/3/M**) may change after a certain operation time ; if e.g. movement of single cameras due to mechanical instabilities cannot be ruled out or thermal drifts occur it is necessary to perform room calibrations periodically.

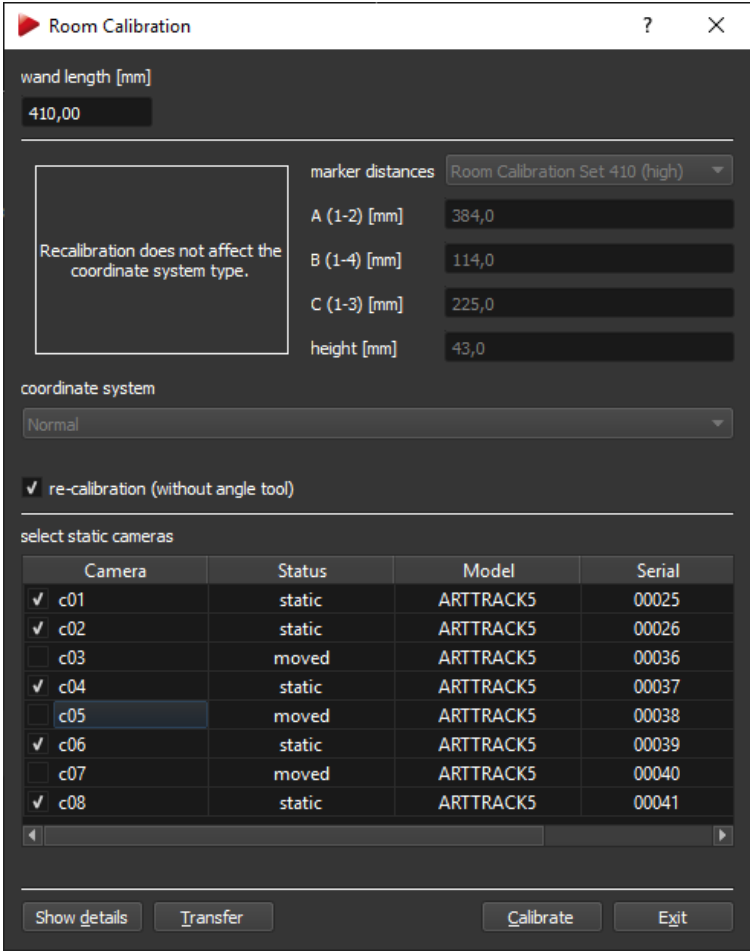
DTRACK3 provides a simplified process to revise an existing room calibration without need of an '*calibration angle*', called Room re-calibration.

The '*calibration angle*' does not have to be present in the measurement volume; only the '*wand*' has to be moved the same way as for a standard room calibration. The main advantage of a *room re-calibration* is that **DTRACK3** preserves the origin and orientation of your coordinate system.

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To re-calibrate your room tick the checkbox *re-calibration* in the bottom left corner of the room calibration dialog (see figure 9.5 on page 112). The settings *marker distances* and *coordinate system* are disabled / greyed out and thus are not allowed to be changed in comparison to the last valid standard room calibration. Settings regarding the '*wand*' may be modified, however.

In case camera positions have changed since the last valid room calibration you have to mark them as '*moved*' by unticking the corresponding checkboxes in *select static cameras* (see figure 9.5 on page 112). Start the calibration by pressing *Calibrate*. The room calibration is started with a five seconds delay.



The 'Room Calibration' dialog box contains the following elements:

- wand length [mm]:** A text input field with the value '410,00'.
- marker distances:** A dropdown menu set to 'Room Calibration Set 410 (high)'. Below it are four input fields: 'A (1-2) [mm]' (384,0), 'B (1-4) [mm]' (114,0), 'C (1-3) [mm]' (225,0), and 'height [mm]' (43,0).
- coordinate system:** A dropdown menu set to 'Normal'.
- re-calibration (without angle tool):** A checked checkbox.
- select static cameras:** A table with columns 'Camera', 'Status', 'Model', and 'Serial'. It lists 8 cameras (c01-c08). Cameras c01, c02, c04, c06, and c08 are checked and have a 'static' status. Cameras c03, c05, and c07 are unchecked and have a 'moved' status.
- Buttons:** 'Show details', 'Transfer', 'Calibrate', and 'Exit' at the bottom.

| Camera | Status | Model | Serial |
|---|--------|-----------|--------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c01 | static | ARTTRACK5 | 00025 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c02 | static | ARTTRACK5 | 00026 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c03 | moved | ARTTRACK5 | 00036 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c04 | static | ARTTRACK5 | 00037 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c05 | moved | ARTTRACK5 | 00038 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c06 | static | ARTTRACK5 | 00039 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> c07 | moved | ARTTRACK5 | 00040 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c08 | static | ARTTRACK5 | 00041 |

Figure 9.5: Room re-calibration dialog



Re-calibration is possible as long as camera movements are not too large. It will fail e.g. if the mounting of cameras has been changed completely.



The checkbox *re-calibration* is enabled only for *coordinate system* → '*normal*' or '*powerwall*'. Select *coordinate system* → middle of cameras to retain the default orientation and position of the SMART-TRACK2/3/M automatically.

9.1.6 Show Details



The button *Show details* offers information about the date of the latest room calibration.

Duration You may adjust the '*duration*' of the room calibration (→ *Show details*) in a range of 10s - 120s. Reset the value to default by pressing the *Set to default* button (default = 30s).



Changing the duration of the room calibration towards shorter durations may lead to bad room calibration results! Please make sure that you are able to cover two thirds of the tracking volume within the set time.

9.1.7 Transfer of room calibration data

In case different configurations need to share the same room calibration data, one can transfer the parameters from the currently running configuration to selected others. Press the button *Transfer* to open the *Transfer room calibration* dialog (see figure 9.6 on page 113). Select the configuration(s) you would like to apply the current room calibration data and press *Apply*.

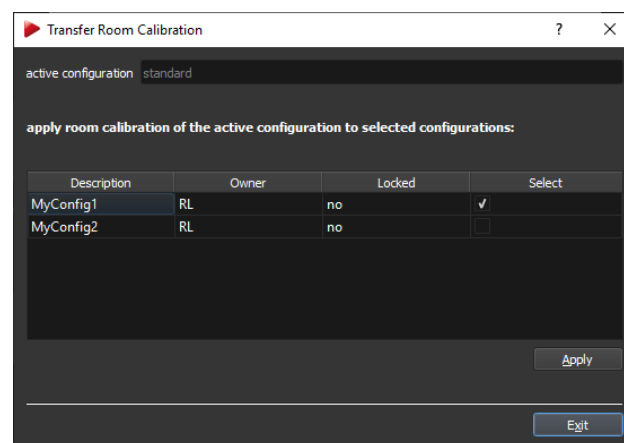


Figure 9.6: Transfer Room Calibration dialog

Accept the transfer by pressing *OK* or discard the changes by pressing *Cancel* (see figure 9.7(a) on page 114).

A status message will appear after the successful transfer (see figure 9.7(b) on page 114). Leave the *Transfer room calibration* dialog by pressing *Exit*.



Room calibration data can only be transferred to an unlocked configuration.



Any previously acquired room calibration stored in another configuration will be overwritten during transfer. This process cannot be reverted !

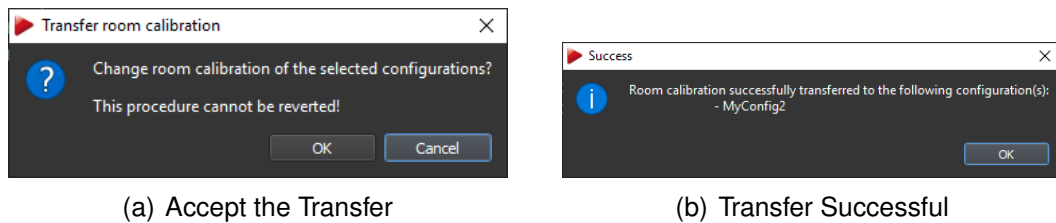


Figure 9.7: Transfer Room Calibration - sub-dialogs

9.1.8 Room Calibration - **SMARTTRACK2/3/M**

By default, the origin of the coordinate system lies approximately in the center between the two cameras. The orientation of the coordinate system is as shown in the *Room calibration* dialog (see figure 9.8 on page 114). If the default orientation and position of the coordinate system is not adequate for your application please choose the appropriate coordinate system (i.e. *normal* or *powerwall* and perform a new room calibration using the provided room calibration set (see table 9.2 on page 108). Please refer to section 9.1 on page 107 for detailed information.

To retain the default orientation and position of the coordinate system of the **SMART-TRACK2/3/M** (e.g. regular re-calibrations) select the *coordinate system* → *middle of cameras* using the drop-down menu.

The '*calibration angle*' does not have to be present in the measurement volume; only the '*wand*' has to be moved the same way as for a standard room calibration. Please refer to section 9.1.5 on page 111.

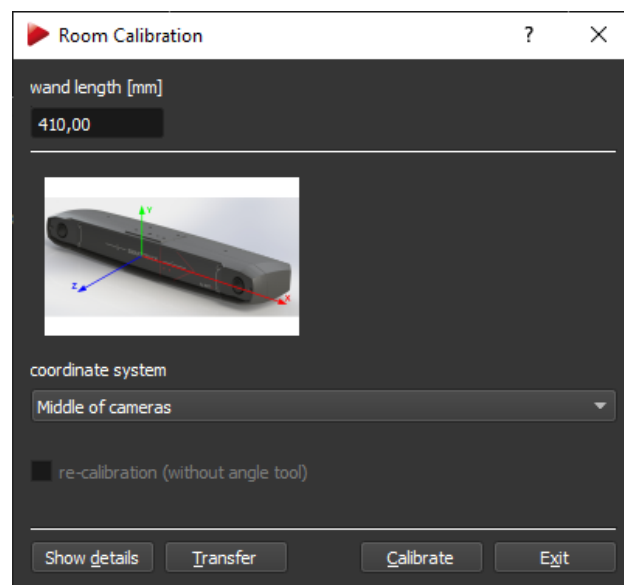


Figure 9.8: Room calibration settings - **SMARTTRACK2/3/M**



The SMARTTRACK2/3/M are pre-calibrated, you can start tracking without performing a room calibration.

9.2 Room adjustment

During a room calibration the marker located in the intersection of the two arms on the '*calibration angle*' defines the origin of the coordinate system (Marker #1), see figure 9.2 on page 109. Oftentimes it might be more suitable to set the origin in respect to a well-known point in space. Use the room adjustment functionality to alter the room coordinate system after calibration.

Possible scenarios for the application of the *Room adjustment* functionality are:

- adjust the origin to the center of a screen,
- align the coordinate system colinear / parallel to a screen (Note: even very small angular deviations might lead to substantial misalignment across the full width of the projection typically 0.1° on 5m length equals 8.7 mm deviation)
- shift and / or rotate the camera coordinate system to match a reference coordinate system, e.g. from CAD models
- maintaining a specific coordinate system / orientation when using mobile installations of cameras, i.e. frequently changing the camera setup locations (suitable reference points provided)

In all these cases the coordinate system must be altered after calibration.

9.2.1 Room adjustment - Coarse

Open the *Room adjustment* dialog where the *Coarse* tab offers a simple way to manipulate the orientation of the room coordinate system with just one click (see figure 9.9 on page 116). On the left hand side of the dialog the current camera coordinates calculated from the room calibration process are displayed. On the right hand side you can define the orientation of two axes using the drop-down menus *Assign axes to room directions* - the third one will be oriented automatically according to the right-hand rule.

Press *Enter* or click *OK* to confirm all changes (i.e. changes are sent to the controller) and the dialog closes. Press *Apply* to accept the current changes but the dialog is left open. Discard all changes by pressing *Cancel*. Press *Reset* to switch back to the unmodified state.

9.2.2 Room adjustment - Fine

More detailed options to adjust the room coordinate system are given in the *Fine* tab (see figure 9.10(a) on page 117). By default a cartesian coordinate system is displayed on the left side of the window. On the right side of the window the room coordinate system may be customized freely, i.e. user-specific.

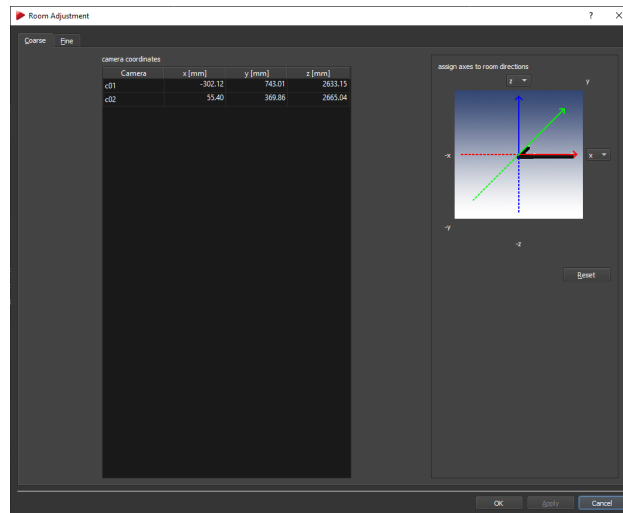


Figure 9.9: Room adjustment dialog (coarse)

9.2.2.1 Graphical display

The room coordinate system is shown as a triplet of arrows with a defined color-coding (x-axis - red, y-axis - green, z-axis - blue), while the xy-plane is shown as a yellow grid. The current and the transformed room coordinate systems are marked with (' O ') and (' T ') respectively.

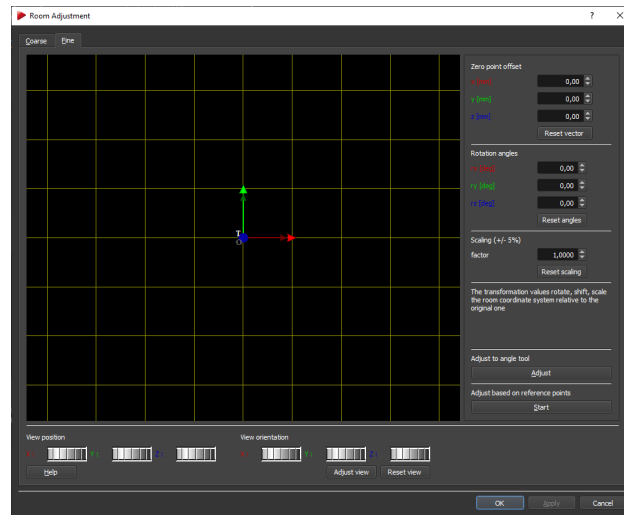
The viewing position and orientation may be changed in two different ways:

1. hold down the "Ctrl" key and the left / right mouse button to change the position / orientation inside the graphical display
2. use the six control dials *View position* and *View orientation* (below the graphical view) to adjust position and orientation along all axes

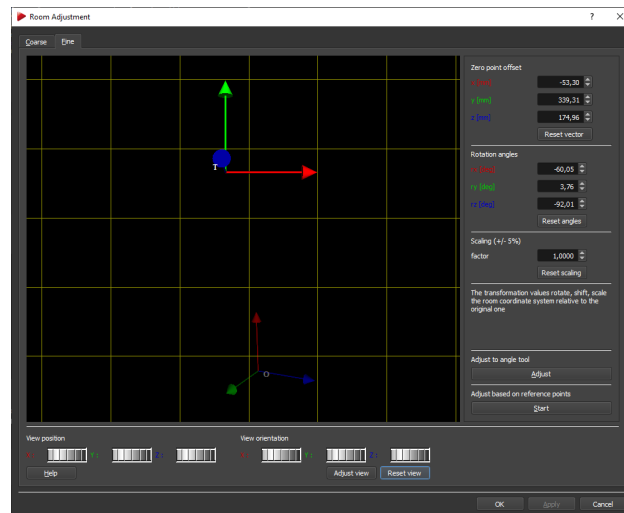
To center the current room coordinate system, press *Adjust view*. To restore the default view (shift and orientation), press *Reset view*. The visualisation itself can be changed by clicking the right mouse button to open a context menu with the following options (refer to table 9.5 on page 116). (De-)select the appropriate ones by (un-)ticking.

| Option | Description |
|-----------------|--|
| 'Long axes' | extends the coordinate axes of the body coordinate system by infinite dashed lines |
| 'Show XY plane' | shows the XY plane (yellow grid) |
| 'Show YZ plane' | shows the YZ plane (cyan grid) |
| 'Show XZ plane' | shows the XZ plane (magenta grid) |

Table 9.5: Room Adjustment (Fine) - Graphical display context menu



(a) before Transformation



(b) after Transformation

Figure 9.10: Room adjustment dialog (fine)

9.2.2.2 Manually transforming the coordinate system

Several options for transformation of the coordinate system can be selected (refer to table 9.6 on page 118).

Example All entered transformation values are relative to the original room coordinate system, i.e. in a standard coordinate system (xy-plane on the ground, z-axis facing upwards) the origin is placed 42mm above the ground (due to the height of 'calibration angle' + radius of spherical marker). If the new desired origin is to be placed 1 m above the ground, then the *Zero point offset* for z is 958mm (1000 mm - 42 mm).

| Action | Description |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <i>Zero point offset [mm]</i> | translate the room coordinate system along its axes in steps of 1 mm |
| <i>Reset vector</i> | reset the zero point offset to the unmodified state (0.00 mm) |
| <i>Rotation angles [deg]</i> | rotate the room coordinate system around its axes (from -180 to +180 °) |
| <i>Reset angles</i> | reset the rotation angles to the unmodified state (0.00 °) |
| <i>Scaling factor</i> | enlarge / shrink the room coordinate system uniformly by a factor of +/-5 percent |
| <i>Reset scaling</i> | reset the scaling factor to the unmodified state (1.0000) |
| <i>Start</i> | start up a module for transforming & matching to a reference coordinate system (DTRACK3 licenses required) |

Table 9.6: Room Adjustment (Fine) - Transform actions

9.2.2.3 Adjust to angle tool

In some cases the room coordinate system needs to be transformed to a specific position and orientation using the *calibration angle* as reference. There is no need to use the *wand* in this process. Open the dialog *Adjust room coordinates to angle tool* (see figure 9.11 on page 119) and place the *calibration angle* inside your tracking volume to define the new origin and orientation. Please refer to figure 9.2 on page 109.

Double-check that all markers of the '*calibration angle*' are seen by the cameras and start the calibration process by pressing *Calibrate*.

A progress bar shows the current status (see figure 9.12(a) on page 119) after which a result window will be opened (see figure 9.12(b) on page 119).

Press *OK* to return to the dialog *Adjust room coordinates to angle tool*. Press *OK* to accept or *Cancel* to discard the changes.

Back in the *Fine* tab of the *Room adjustment* dialog (see figure 9.10(b) on page 117) press *Enter* or click *OK* to confirm the resulting transformation and to close the dialog. Pressing *Apply* accepts the current changes and leaves the dialog open. Discard all changes by pressing *Cancel*.



Incorrect selection of the *calibration angle* will result in failure of calibration.



The calculated transformation is applied on both *zero point offset* as well as *rotation angles* in *Fine* tab.

9.2.2.4 Adjust based on reference points

The purpose of the coordinate transformation is to convert the origin and orientation of the initial camera coordinate system (indicated with '*O*') into a reference coordinate system (indicated with '*T*'), e.g. given by a certain object or CAD model. All measurement data will be transformed with respect to the reference coordinate system ('*T*'). Press *Start*

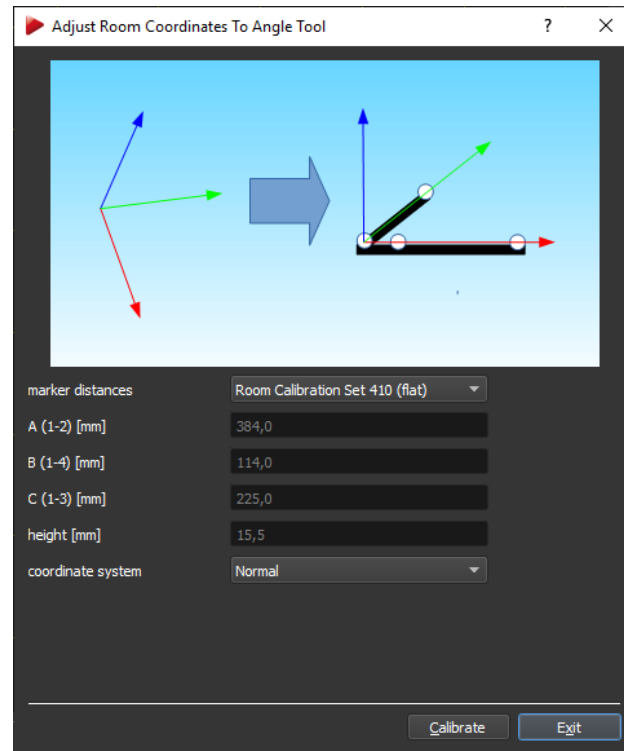
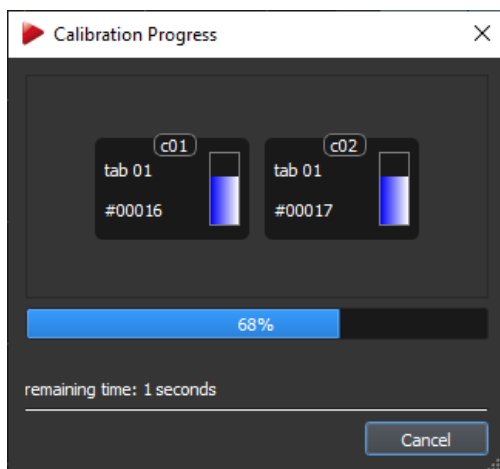
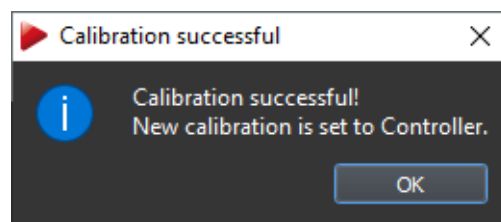


Figure 9.11: Room adjustment - Adjust room coordinates to angle tool



(a) Progress bar



(b) Success Window

Figure 9.12: Adjust room coordinates to angle tool - sub-dialogs

in the *Fine* tab to open the room matching dialog (see figure 9.13 on page 120). This functionality depends on licenses (refer to chapter 7.2 on page 64).



If the Measurement Tool is not tracked (calibration required) matching cannot be performed. Use an authorised Measurement Tool by ART for best results.

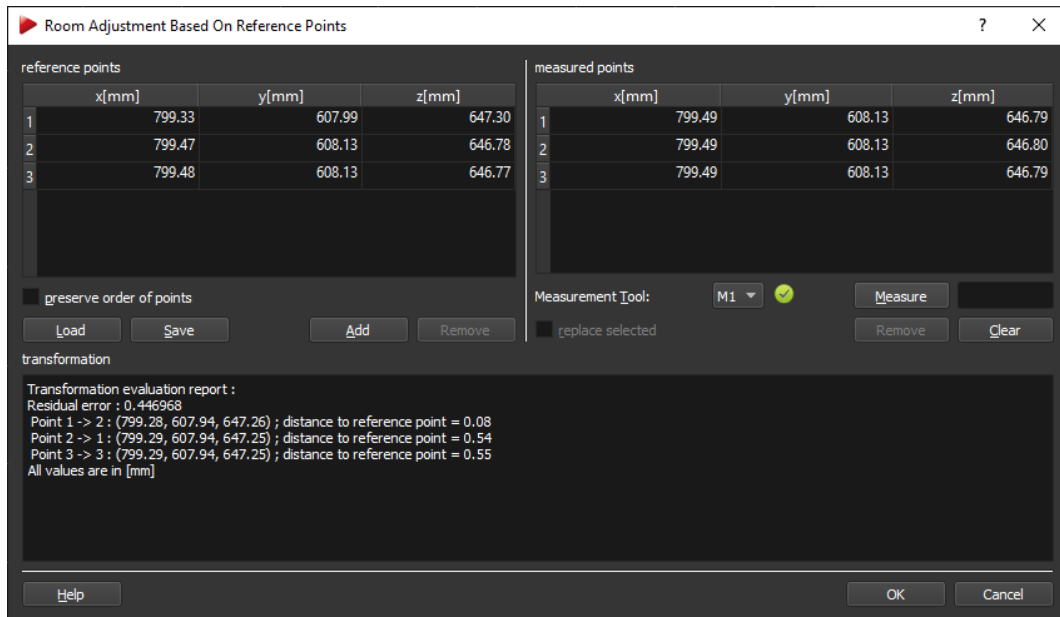


Figure 9.13: Room transform & matching dialog



Deselect any previously assigned Measurement Tool References prior to matching of the coordinate systems. Otherwise matching results will be erroneous.

Procedure A three-step process has to be performed:

1. Add measurement data from the reference coordinate system (' T ') by manually entering the coordinates into the table *reference points* using the button *Add*. A minimum of three (3) data points is necessary for calculations.
The current set of reference points can be saved by pressing *Save*.
Delete single data points by selecting the corresponding row and press *Remove*.
Alternatively load the coordinates from a text file (ASCII) using the button *Load*. The text file must comply to the following format:

```
1 1.00 20.00 300.00 <CRLF>
2 4.00 50.00 600.00 <CRLF>
3 7.00 80.00 900.00 <CRLF>
# x      y      z      <CRLF>
```



The import strictly follows the sequence from the ASCII text file. Still in some cases the data might be ambiguous regarding its 3-D orientation. Toggle the tickbox *preserve order of points* to lock the order in the table *reference points*.

2. Select a calibrated and tracked Measurement Tool from the drop-down menu and measure all points (e.g. on the corresponding object) which directly relate to the reference points (e.g. from a CAD model) defined in step 1.
Each measurement can be started by:

- clicking the button *Measure*
 - clicking the start button on the Measurement Tool (if applicable)
 - using the start button simulation of the Measurement Tool (refer to 9.9 on page 161)
 - clicking a button of an assigned *Flystick2/2+/3*
3. After having measured all corresponding points the calculation is started automatically and the result of the transformation is displayed in the textbox *transformation*. Double-check that all measured data points correspond to the correct reference data points.
Delete single data points by selecting the corresponding row and press *Remove* or delete all data points to start all over by pressing *Clear*.

The residual error (standard deviation) is a measure of the transformation quality, i.e. how well the measured data fit the corresponding reference points. It may be influenced by the quality of data acquisition and by differences in scale of the camera and reference coordinate systems. Press *OK* to accept this transformation and to close the dialog box.

Back in the *Fine* tab of the *Room adjustment* dialog (see figure 9.10(b) on page 117) press *Enter* or click *OK* to confirm the resulting transformation and to close the dialog. Pressing *Apply* accepts the current changes and leaves the dialog open. Discard all changes by pressing *Cancel*.

-  **If automatic matching between reference and measured points fails, acquire the data points in the exact sequence of the reference data and tick the checkbox *preserve order of points* .**
-  **The calculated transformation is applied on both *zero point offset* as well as *rotation angles* in *Fine* tab.**

9.3 Single Markers

In this dialog you can enable / disable the calculation of 3DOF markers. Here you can also define the central axis for all 5DOF targets globally.

3DOF single markers By default the calculation of single markers is disabled. By enabling '*calculation of 3DOF markers*' the tracking data appears on the right hand side of the data display (refer to chapter 6.3 on page 50).

Axis 5DOF central Select the axis using the drop-down menu '*axis 5DOF central*'. Please refer to chapter 9.5.3 on page 135 for details.

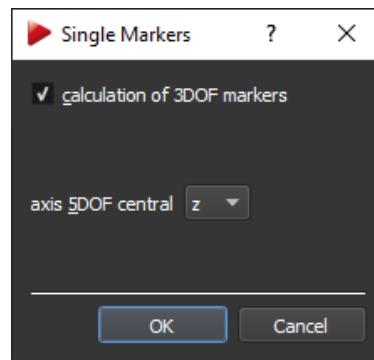


Figure 9.14: Single Marker Settings

9.4 Body administration

This dialog (see figure 9.15 on page 122) is the center for configuration and calibration of all bodies and interaction devices. (**Fingertracking** hardware is not available for **SMART-TRACK2/3/M**). The number and types of bodies to be tracked may be configured in here.

Furthermore you can assign names, delete or reset target calibrations, activate filtering of 6DOF tracking data or change the order in which the targets appear in the data display (see chapter 6.3 on page 50) and tracking output (see chapter 9.11 on page 165).

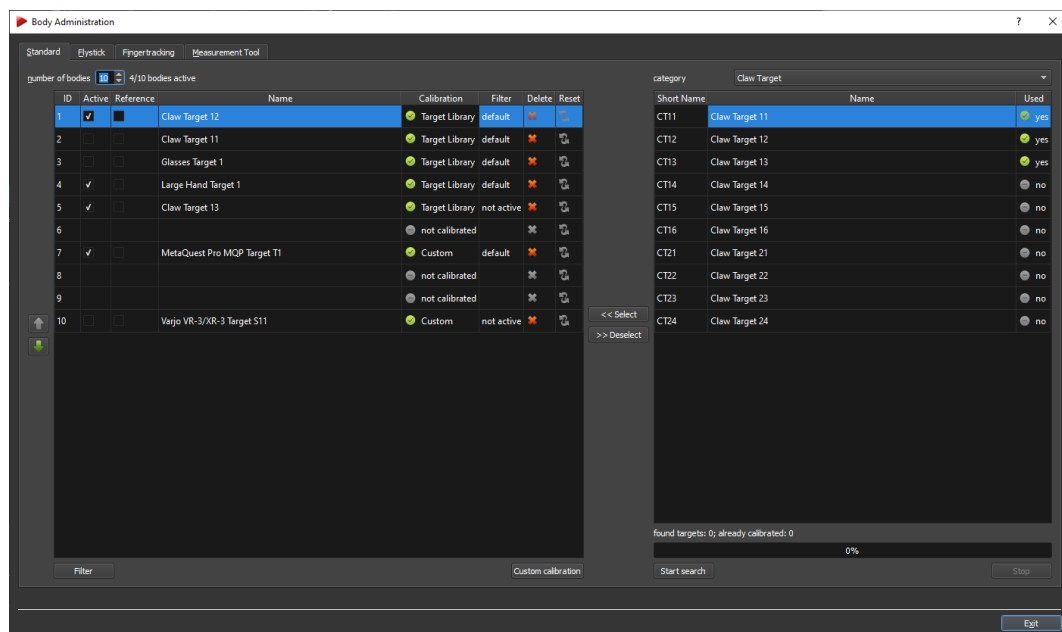


Figure 9.15: Body Administration

In the left table of the dialogue all configured bodies and their corresponding calibration status and filter are listed, while the table on the right shows the pre-calibrated bodyfiles (i.e. factory settings) from the *Target Library*.

Table 9.7 on page 123 shows a detailed description of all functions inside the dialogue.

| Info / Action | Description |
|-------------------------|---|
| <i>number of bodies</i> | Increase / Decrease the number of accessible slots (i.e. body IDs, max. 70). |
| <i>bodies active</i> | Currently configured and activated slots (max. limit for activation depends on license key) |
| <i>category</i> | Filter the categories of the target library (e.g. Glasses targets, HMD targets, etc.) |
| <i>Change order</i> | Press the arrows on the left-hand side to re-arrange the target slot. The data output will change accordingly. |
| <i>ID</i> | All targets are sorted in ascending order (i.e. increasing body ID). |
| <i>Active</i> | Activate / Deactivate a target by ticking. Data of deactivated targets will not be transmitted in the data stream. The target sequence is unaffected. |
| <i>Reference</i> | Activate / Deactivate the assignment as reference body by ticking. |
| <i>Name</i> | Assign a description or name to the target. |
| <i>Device ID</i> | The device ID of an assigned inertial sensor (hybrid targets only). |
| <i>Calibration</i> | Provides information about the target calibration status. |
| <i>Filter</i> | Activate / Deactivate the filtering of tracking data for each target; filtering is activated by default. A detailed description of the filtering options can be found in chapter 9.4.6 on page 129. |
| <i>Delete</i> | Delete the calibration data of a target - effective immediately after confirming the query. The target sequence is unaffected. |
| <i>Reset</i> | Reset the calibration to predefined ' <i>Target Library</i> ' values (only available after the geometry has been re-calibrated by the user). |
| <i>Short Name</i> | Descriptor of authorized targets by ART stored in the target library. |
| <i>Name</i> | Name or label of authorized targets by ART stored in the target library. |
| <i>Used</i> | Indicator showing the status of assignment of a body calibration from the target library. |

Table 9.7: Body Administration - Detailed description



Hybrid targets are listed as standard bodies, with additional info about the model of the inertial sensor and its device ID.



The maximum amount of *Standard* bodies that can be activated and tracked simultaneously depends on your license key (e.g. license for 10 bodies = up to 70 accessible slots for configuration of calibrated bodies, but only 10 slots may be activated at the same time). When exceeding the limit a warning message and dialog will appear.

The most comfortable way of calibration of a *Standard* body is making use of the built-in automatic recognition feature *Target Library* to identify the body geometry and to load the corresponding information. The target library contains calibration data for most **ART** targets (e.g. HMD clip-on targets, Motion Capture, 3D glasses, etc.). Interaction devices (e.g. *Flystick2/2+/3* or *Fingertracking*) are configured and calibrated using the same procedure. Please refer to chapter 9.4.1 on page 124 for further information.

In certain cases, however, you may find the direct selection and assignment of calibration files faster and more helpful. Please refer to chapter 9.4.2 on page 126 for this method.

The third way of configuration and calibration of bodies is the custom body calibration (see 9.4.3 on page 127). Perform this procedure for custom-built targets and as fall-back solution when necessary.

9.4.1 Automatic Recognition via Target Library

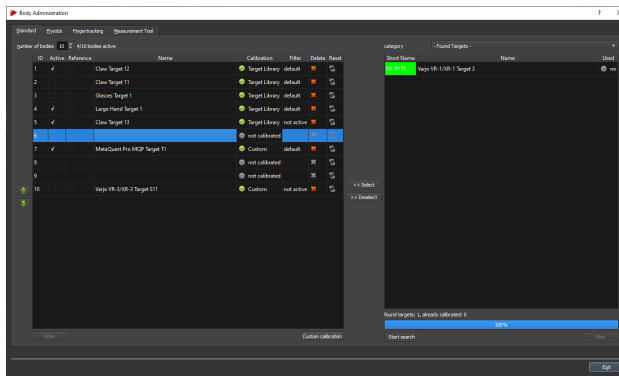
First choose the corresponding tab on the top to switch between *Standard* bodies, *Flystick*, *Fingertracking* and *Measurement Tool* respectively. Then select the amount of bodies to be configured by entering the *number of bodies* '1...70' directly or use the numeric updown button. For each body an empty slot is added. The maximum amount of activated bodies is dependent on your license key. Please refer to chapter 7.2 on page 64 for further information.

Next perform the following the steps:

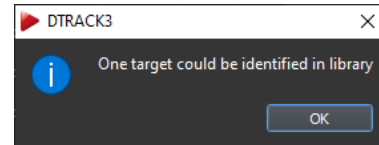
- turn on targets with active LEDs (e.g. *Fingertracking* devices)
- place all targets inside the tracking volume and make sure that all markers of the targets to be identified are visible to at least 2 cameras.
- run the target library identification by pressing *Start search*. The current status is shown by a progress bar while the amount of '*found new targets*' is listed (see bottom right in figure 9.16(a) on page 125).
- the targets may be moved during the search always considering that the cameras should see each marker of the body.
- the *Short Name* of the corresponding target will be marked green and a corresponding info dialog will appear (see 9.16(b) on page 125)
- mark the respective body *ID* from row '1...70' under *number of bodies* by left-clicking
- mark the appropriate entry in the target library (e.g. '*Claw Target 13*') by left-clicking and
- press *Select*
- repeat the selection for each identified body in your system

The identified body calibration is assigned to the respective slot and activated by default (*Active* ticked) in order to transmit its data in the tracking output. The status for '*Name*', '*Calibration*' and '*Filter*' will be updated as well. The entry in the column *Calibration* will turn into a green tick followed by '*TargetLibrary*'. On the right side of the window the corresponding entry in column *Used* will turn into a green tick as well and change to '*yes*'.

All targets are sorted in ascending order (i.e. with increasing body *ID*). You can always delete the assignment by pressing the button *Deselect* or *Delete* in the left table. After



(a) Progress bar and labelling of identified targets



(b) Info dialog after Target Library recognition

Figure 9.16: Body Administration Target Library - automatic recognition

confirmation to delete the body calibration the geometry will be available again for assignment to a different body *ID*. You may also re-assign a name, description or label of the target by double-clicking the field *Name* or deactivate or change the filtering of tracking data for each target by pressing *Filter*. A detailed description of the filtering options can be found in chapter 9.4.6 on page 129.

In some cases the system will inform you that a re-calibration of the body might be necessary, i.e. to compensate for manufacturing tolerances. Bending and twisting a clip-on target while mounting on a HMD casing or 3D glasses may also result in the geometries not matching perfectly to the data inside the target library (see warning figure 9.17 on page 125).

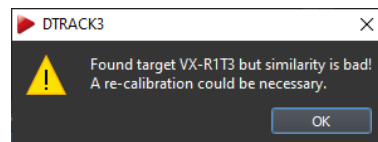


Figure 9.17: Body Administration Target Library - Specific Re-Calibration Warning

At the bottom of the window (see figure 9.15 on page 122) press *Custom Calibration* to switch to the *Custom Body Calibration* dialog and perform the re-calibration for the selected target (see chapter 9.5.7 on page 140). Simply repeat all steps for each body in your system where the information was displayed during identification.



The entire library is used for target recognition. Use the drop-down menu *category* to view specific subsets of the library by changing to a different category (e.g. Motion Capture).



Using the automatic recognition feature *DTRACK3* compares the geometry of the physical target with the calibration data of the target library. In some cases a re-calibration might be necessary to achieve optimal tracking accuracy.



The integrated target library contains most body geometries of ART hardware. In the unlikely case that a target is not identified automatically perform a custom body calibration.

9.4.1.1 Identification of Motion Capture targets without Inertial sensors

For this example it is assumed that a setup with at least eight cameras has been calibrated properly and that all necessary licenses are present.

First, fit the targets to the test person and make sure that the person is inside the tracking volume. Then, start the search (*Tracking* → *Body Administration* → *Start Search*) and allow the test person to move around. While this movement the targets must be visible for the tracking system. Next all targets should be recognized one after the other and will appear in the list of '*Found Targets*'. Select all found targets one by one and assign them to open slots. In case you need to adjust the sequence of the targets use the arrow keys on the left side. Finally, start the measurement in order for your application to receive tracking data.

9.4.2 Direct Selection via Target Library

In order to quickly add and configure well-known and unmodified targets to your system, you can directly select and assign the body calibrations from the *Target Library*. First choose the corresponding tab on the top to switch between *Standard* bodies, *Flystick*, *Fingertracking* and *Measurement Tool* respectively. Then select the amount of bodies to be configured by entering the *number of bodies* '*1...70*' directly or use the numeric up-down button. For each body an empty slot is added. The maximum amount of activated bodies is dependent on your license key. Please refer to chapter 7.2 on page 64 for further information.

Next assign the corresponding body calibration to a selected body *ID*. All available body calibrations stored in the *Target Library* are shown in the table on the right.

Perform the following the steps for assignment:

- mark the respective body *ID* from row '*1...70*' under *number of bodies* by left-clicking
- select the appropriate category (e.g. Glasses Target) from the drop-down menu *category* in the target library
- mark the appropriate entry in the target library (e.g. '*Glasses Target 2*') by left-clicking and
- press *Select*
- repeat the selection for each body in your system

The loaded body geometry is assigned to the respective slot and activated by default (*Active* ticked) in order to transmit its data in the tracking output. The status for '*Name*', '*Calibration*' and '*Filter*' will be updated as well. The entry in the column *Calibration* will turn into a green tick followed by '*TargetLibrary*'. On the right side of the window the corresponding entry in column *Used* will turn into a green tick as well and change to '*yes*'.

All targets are sorted in ascending order (i.e. with increasing body *ID*). You can always delete the assignment by pressing the button *Deselect* or *Delete* in the left table. After confirmation to delete the body calibration the geometry will be available again for assignment to a different body *ID*. You may also re-assign a name, description or label of the target by double-clicking the field *Name* or deactivate or change the filtering of tracking data for each target by pressing *Filter*. A detailed description of the filtering options can be found in chapter 9.4.6 on page 129.

With this method the system will not inform you when a re-calibration of the body might be necessary, i.e. to compensate for manufacturing tolerances resulting in the geometries not matching perfectly to the data inside the target library. A generic warning, however, is shown for targets that may be compromised from bending or twisting such as clip-on targets mounted on a HMD casing or 3D glasses (see figure 9.18 on page 127).

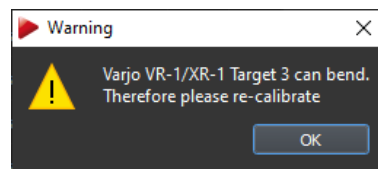



Figure 9.18: Body Administration Target Library - Generic Re-Calibration Warning

In order to achieve optimal tracking accuracy or in case of tracking problems please perform a body re-calibration. To this end press *Custom Calibration* at the bottom of the window (see figure 9.15 on page 122) to switch to the *Body Calibration* dialog and perform the re-calibration for the selected target (see chapter 9.5.7 on page 140). Simply repeat all steps for each body where a generic warning was displayed during assignment.

 **Using the direct selection and assignment *DTRACK3* DOES NOT compare the geometry of the physical target with the calibration data of the target library. Only generic warnings are shown for targets where the geometry may be compromised from bending or twisting. Please perform a re-calibration to achieve optimal tracking accuracy.**

9.4.3 Custom Body Calibration

For custom-made or modified targets you can perform a *Custom calibration*. First choose the corresponding tab on the top to switch between *Standard* bodies, *Flystick*, *Finger-tracking* and *Measurement Tool* respectively. Then select the amount of bodies to be configured by entering the *number of bodies* '*1...70*' directly or use the numeric updown button. For each body an empty slot is added. The maximum amount of activated bod-

ies is dependent on your license key. Please refer to chapter 7.2 on page 64 for further information.

Next select an available slot in the left table and start the *Custom Calibration* at the bottom of the window (see figure 9.15 on page 122) to switch to the *Custom Body Calibration* dialog. Please refer to the corresponding chapter 9.5 on page 132 for further details.

After successful calibration and closing the *Custom Body Calibration* dialog the custom body calibration is assigned to the respective slot and activated by default (*Active*) in order to transmit its data in the tracking output. The status for '*Calibration*' and *Filter* will be updated as well. The entry in the column *Calibration* will turn into a green tick followed by '*Custom*'.

All targets are sorted in ascending order (i.e. with increasing body *ID*). You can always delete the body by pressing the button *Delete* in the left table. You may also assign a name, description or label of the target by double-clicking the field *Name* or deactivate or change the filtering of tracking data for each target by pressing *Filter*. A detailed description of the filtering options can be found in chapter 9.4.6 on page 129.

Simply repeat all steps for each body in your system.



Do not calibrate the body geometry for HMD clip-on targets manually ! Always use the built-in target library and re-calibrate afterwards to compensate for mechanical bending or twisting due to mounting. Otherwise the tracking pivot point cannot be determined resulting in poor immersive experience.

9.4.4 Reference body

Any standard 6DOF body may be assigned as reference upon which all 6DOF and 3DOF tracking data is calculated relative to this body coordinate system instead of the room coordinate system. Only one reference can be assigned at a time by ticking the checkbox in the column *Reference* of the respective body.



When a reference body has been assigned, all 6DOF bodies and 3DOF single markers can only be tracked when the reference body is being tracked as well.

9.4.5 Calibration status

The column *Calibration* (see table 9.8 on page 129) provides information about the target calibration status:

| Calibration Status | Description |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| <i>not calibrated</i> | a customized target has not been calibrated yet |
| <i>Target Library</i> | the predefined calibration file from the system is being used |
| <i>Target Library, re-calibrated</i> | the predefined calibration file has been used, but the geometry has been re-calibrated |
| <i>Custom</i> | a custom body calibration has been performed |
| <i>Optical</i> | an inertial sensor has been disassociated from a fully calibrated hybrid body (hybrid targets only). |
| <i>Full</i> | a hybrid body calibration has been performed or that predefined calibration data stored inside the hybrid inertial sensors is being used (hybrid targets only). |

Table 9.8: Body Administration - Description of calibration status

9.4.6 Filtering options for 6DOF tracking data

DTRACK3 incorporates advanced filtering options for enhanced 6DOF tracking performance. One can choose between recommended presets or customize filtering options in order to optimize tracking behaviour individually for each target. For example in applications where reference targets are used to calculate the position of a seating buck it is possible to apply a strong filter for these targets which results in practically noise-free tracking data.

On the contrary tracking (e.g. of HMD units) oftentimes calls for a compensation of system intrinsic latencies. Here **DTRACK3** is able to deliver tracking data that incorporates probabilistic prediction up to tens of milliseconds ahead in time.

Access the filtering options for each target either via the menu *Body Administration* or directly through the main GUI docking window *Data Display*. Please refer to table 9.7 on page 123 and 6.3.3 on page 56 to open the menu *Filter Settings*.



When using third-party hybrid tracking solutions (e.g. LP Research's LPVR-CAD) turn off filtering for the respective HMD target altogether in order to achieve the best performance and immersive experience.

9.4.6.1 Filter Settings

Filtering of 6DOF tracking data is activated by default. Untick the checkbox '*active*' to deactivate filtering for the respective target or choose from several recommended presets shown in the following table:

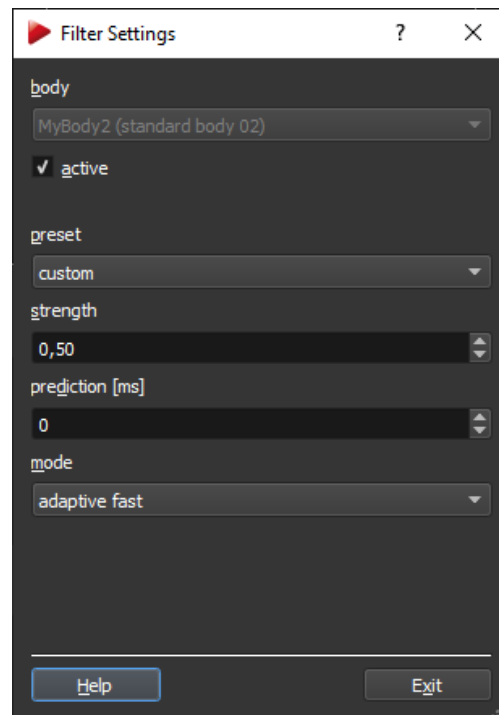


Figure 9.19: Filter Settings

| Presets optical tracking | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <i>custom</i> | Customizable preset. A detailed description of the parameters can be found in table 9.10 on page 131. |
| <i>default</i> | Standard filtering without prediction or smoothing. |
| <i>Flystick</i> | Recommended setting for use with Flystick2/2+/3 (responsive filtering, designed for fast to slow motions). |
| <i>HMD-1</i> | Recommended setting for tracking of a HMD without hybrid tracking (down-tuned filtering with prediction, designed for fast motions). |
| <i>medium prediction</i> | Filter with prediction of tracking data (less responsive filtering, designed for slow to medium motion). |
| <i>reference target</i> | Filter with smoothing for tracking of stable reference positions (strong non-responsive filter, designed for occasionally moving objects). |
| <i>smoothing (delayed)</i> | Filter with strong smoothing and high averaging (responsive filtering with high latencies, designed for recording of tracking data). |
| Presets hybrid tracking | Description |
| <i>hybrid custom</i> | Customizable preset. A detailed description can be found in table 9.10 on page 131. |
| <i>hybrid default</i> | Standard filtering for hybrid targets without prediction or smoothing (designed for e.g. Hybrid Motion Capture). |
| <i>hybrid HMD medium prediction</i> | Filter for hybrid targets with prediction of tracking data. (designed for e.g. HMDs) |

Table 9.9: Filtering of 6DOF tracking data - Detailed description of the presets

It is also possible to customize the tracking behaviour to the requirements of the applica-

tion using the following tunable settings:

| Settings | Description | Usage |
|------------------------------|---|---|
| <i>Strength</i> | Sets the strength of the filter. Low values lead to faster reaction but higher jitter. High values result in smoother output but slower reaction. Note: Not available for hybrid tracking. | A higher strength may be ideal for tracking seating bucks |
| <i>Prediction</i> | Predicts output for the specified time into the future (ms) in order to compensate tracking and rendering latency. Note: Too high positive values can increase jitter and reduce precision. Negative values can be used for smoothing the output at the cost of higher latency. | A negative prediction may be ideal for recording data and offline analysis. |
| <i>Mode optical tracking</i> | Specifies the elementary behavior of the filter. Several options are available: | for optical tracking only |
| <i>'Adaptive fast'</i> | Automatically adapts to the observed motion. | Moving targets that change between fast and slow motions, such as <i>Flystick2/2+/3</i> . |
| <i>'Adaptive slow'</i> | Automatically adapts to the observed motion, with stronger filtering of fast motions. | Moving targets with slow and medium motions |
| <i>'Fast'</i> | Optimized for fast motions without special filtering of slower motions. | Targets where quick reaction is important, such as HMDs. |
| <i>'Slow'</i> | Optimized for medium motions without special filtering of slow motions. | Targets where quick reaction is important, but motions are slow. |
| <i>'Static'</i> | Optimized for targets that are known not to move at all. | Reference targets attached to non-moving objects |
| <i>'Reference target'</i> | Optimized for generally static objects, with automatic detection of occasional motions. | Reference targets attached to occasionally moving objects. |
| <i>Mode hybrid tracking</i> | Specifies the elementary behavior of the filter. Several options are available: | for hybrid tracking only |
| <i>'Hybrid target'</i> | Optimized for non-HMD hybrid targets incorporating an inertial sensor unit. | Hybrid Motion Capture |
| <i>'Hybrid HMD'</i> | Optimized for HMD hybrid targets incorporating an inertial sensor unit | HMDs and similar projective units (e.g. AR glasses). |

Table 9.10: Customizable preset 6DOF filtering - Detailed description of the parameters

9.5 Custom Body Calibration

The process of teaching a target's geometry to the tracking system is called body calibration. For a body calibration, the target (= rigid body) to be calibrated has to be in the field of view of the IR cameras.

The body may be moved during body calibration always considering that the cameras should see each marker of the body.

If the body is not moved during body calibration it should be considered that each marker of the target has to be seen by at least two cameras and generally should be seen by as many cameras as possible.

The target orientation can be checked using **DTRACK3**'s *Monitor 2DOF display*, which is opened automatically in the background after starting the body calibration. The following figure 9.20 on page 132 shows a rigid body with five markers that are all correctly seen by the IR camera.

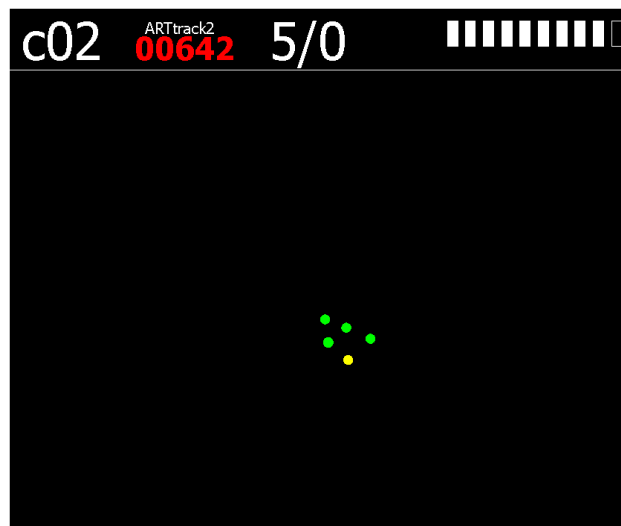


Figure 9.20: Recognized target in **DTRACK3** *Monitor 2DOF display*



Do not calibrate the body geometry for a HMD clip-on targets manually ! Always use the built-in target library and re-calibrate afterwards to compensate for mechanical bending or twisting due to mounting. Otherwise the tracking pivot point cannot be determined resulting in poor immersive experience.



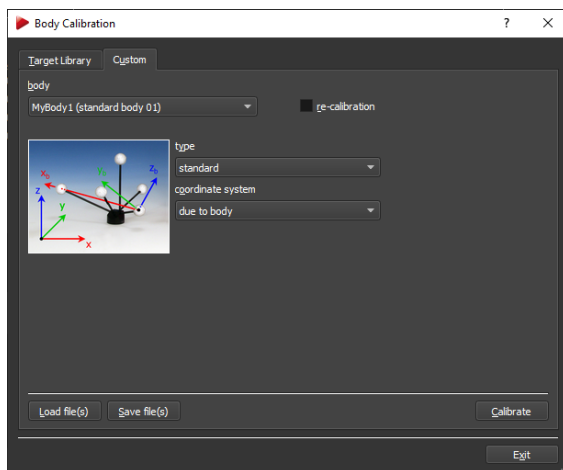
If two markers, seen from one camera's point of view, are merging to one reflection, body calibration may be affected. These "merging marker situations" should be avoided during body calibration, i.e. the target should be oriented in a way that reduces merging markers to a minimum.



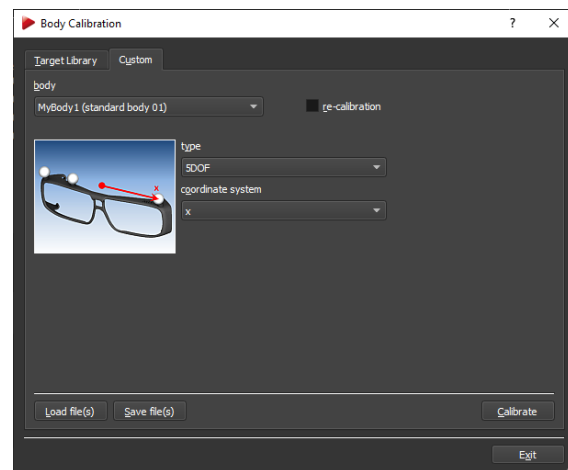
Ensure the absence of any additional markers in the measurement volume during body calibration. If additional markers that are not part of the target are in the field of view of the IR cameras during body calibration these markers will be assigned to the target. Hence the target will not be correctly calibrated and therefore tracking problems may occur.

9.5.1 Selecting the body type

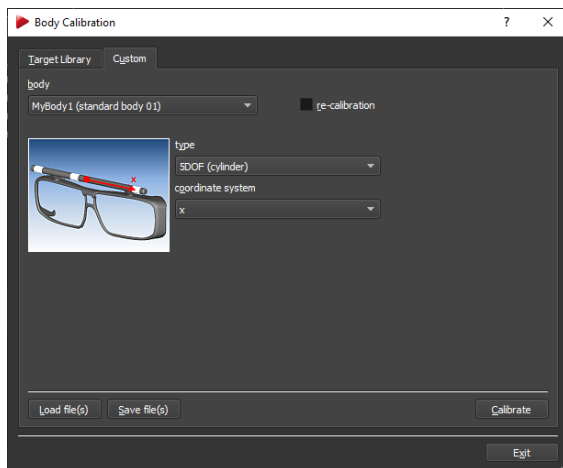
Open the dialog *Tracking* → *Body Calibration* → *Custom Tab* to start a body calibration .



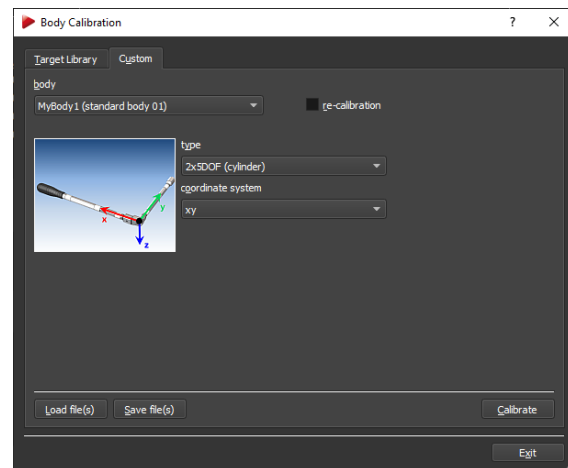
(a) Target type "standard"



(b) Target type "5DOF"



(c) Target type "5DOF (cylinder)"



(d) Target type "2x 5DOF (cylinder)"

Figure 9.21: Body calibration dialog

First select the target that should be calibrated in the select list *Body*. By default the *type* is set to '*standard*' which allows for calibrating a 6DOF target with spherical, flat or active markers. When you are using a 5DOF target or a target made of ring markers you would select the '*type*' according to the geometry of the target:

- '**5DOF**' .. a target made of spherical markers which are aligned along one main axis. The rotation around that axis cannot be detected by the system - you lose one dimension of freedom. Therefore only 5 dimensions.
- '**5DOF (cylinder)**' .. a target made of ring markers which are aligned along one main axis.
- '**2x 5DOF (cylinder)**' .. an L-shaped target made of ring markers which delivers complete 6DOF data.

Next select the type of body calibration (refer to section 9.5.2 on page 134 then press *Calibrate* to start the body calibration with a delay of five seconds.

To re-calibrate a body tick the checkbox *re-calibration* next to the drop-down menu. For more information about body re-calibration please refer to chapter 9.5.7 on page 140.



After a new room calibration or room re-calibration it is not necessary to perform a new body calibration. Only if the body itself has been changed you have to calibrate the body again.



The previous body calibration will be lost if you carry out a new body calibration. If you want to save the previous body calibration please use the 'Save file(s)' option in the *Body calibration* dialog.

9.5.2 Selecting the coordinate system for 6DOF targets

During body calibration, **DTRACK3** defines a local coordinate system (body coordinate system) for each target .

The type of body calibration can be set as '*due to body*', '*due to room*' or '*due to room (zero in marker)*' (see figure 9.22 on page 134. The difference between these types is to be found in the orientation of the body coordinate system relative to the body itself.

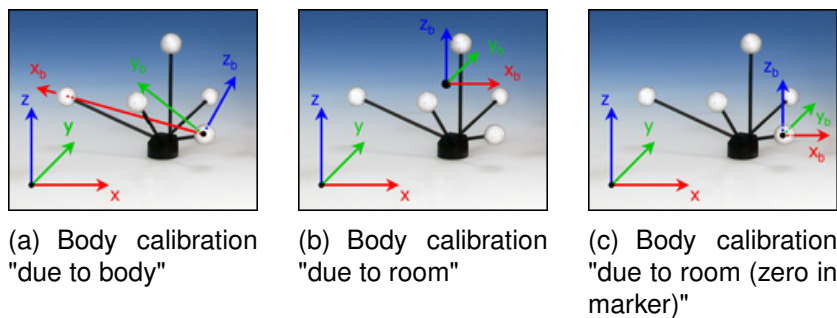


Figure 9.22: Defining the target coordinate system

9.5.2.1 Body calibration setting due to body

The body coordinate system is fixed by the markers of the rigid body according to a set of rules (refer to 9.22 a) on page 134):

1. Search for the largest distance between two markers of the rigid body. These two markers (# 1 and # 2) will define the x-axis.
2. Search for a third marker (# 3) with the shortest distance to one of the two markers # 1 and # 2. The marker that is closest to marker # 3 becomes marker # 1. It will define the coordinate origin. The other marker will become # 2. The positive X axis is directed from marker # 1 to marker # 2.
3. Marker # 3 defines the x/y-plane, together with markers # 1 and # 2. Marker # 3 has a positive Y coordinate.
4. The z-axis is added resulting in a right-handed coordinate system.

9.5.2.2 Body calibration setting due to room

The origin of the body coordinate system is set to the center (center of gravity) of all markers building the rigid body (refer to 9.22 b) on page 134). The axes of the body coordinate system are parallel to the axes of the room coordinate system in the beginning of the body calibration. The result of this type of body calibration will depend on the angular rotation of the target during calibration.

Without moving the body a 6DOF measurement right after the calibration will give the angular coordinates $0^\circ / 0^\circ / 0^\circ$.

If the target was moved during calibration instead **DTRACK3** will use the direction of the target at the beginning of the calibration.

9.5.2.3 Body calibration setting due to room (zero in marker)

This is a combination of the methods '*due to body*' and '*due to room*' (refer to 9.22 c) on page 134). The direction of the axes of the body coordinate system will be set parallel to the room coordinate system in the moment of body calibration - analog to the setting '*due to room*'. The origin of the body coordinate system is set to a marker of the body according to the rules for '*due to body*'.

9.5.3 Selecting the coordinate system for 5DOF targets

In contrast to 6DOF bodies all markers are aligned along one main axis (body axis).

9.5.3.1 Coordinate system setting for type '**5DOF**' and '**5DOF (cylinder)**'

The origin of the body coordinate system is in the middle of the body axis, i.e. between the two markers with the largest distance to each other (refer to 9.21 b) and c) on page 133). The orientation is defined by the marker with the shortest distance to the origin. Its position has a negative sign. The other two directions are undetermined due to the missing degree of freedom. Therefore the rotation around this axis cannot be measured

by the tracking system.

This is where the '*5DOF central axis*' comes into play. The '*5DOF central axis*' defines the missing degree of freedom if you intend to use the tracking data for 6DOF scenarios nonetheless. Effectively the body axis (X, Y or Z) is aligned towards the corresponding room axis (X, Y or Z), thereby minimizing the angle in between. If a '*5DOF central axis*' is chosen with a negative sign, the body axis (X, Y or Z) is aligned to the opposite room axis (-X, -Y or -Z) respectively.

Please refer to chapter 9.3 on page 121 to set the central axis in the menu *Tracking* → *Single Markers*.

Setting the 5DOF central axis in a VR setup with head tracking It general it is recommended to choose the '*5DOF central axis*' by using a direction in your setup which is perpendicular to the tracked body axis most of the time. For example when using a target for shutter glasses do not set the '*5DOF central axis*' parallel to the floor or ceiling but rather use the vertical axis instead.



Note: For orientations of the '*5DOF central axis*' close to the body axis (i.e. the two axes are driven into a parallel configuration) the rotation angle for the '*5DOF central axis*' will show strange behaviour, e.g. large odd-looking changes.

9.5.3.2 Coordinate system setting for type '*2x 5DOF (cylinder)*'

The body is expected to consist of two connected 5DOF targets with a roughly perpendicular and constant angle in between (refer to 9.21 d) on page 133). These are placed on the two axes. The origin is placed at the intersection of the two 5DOF targets. The first axis is assigned to the 5DOF target which includes the marker with the largest distance to the origin. The other 5DOF target is placed in the plane created by the two axes.



A click-type torque wrench is one the most prominent members of this class of bodies. Due to the engineering backlash and other high mechanical tolerances in these devices often times the resulting body calibrations are error-prone.



Due to the L-shaped geometry in the case of 2x5DOF tracking the data provided consists of complete 6DOF information. Therefore the data is not affected by the 5DOF central axis chosen.

9.5.4 Body calibration progress

During the body calibration the current status is shown using a progress bar (see figure 9.23 on 137). Verify that all markers of the target are recognised properly.

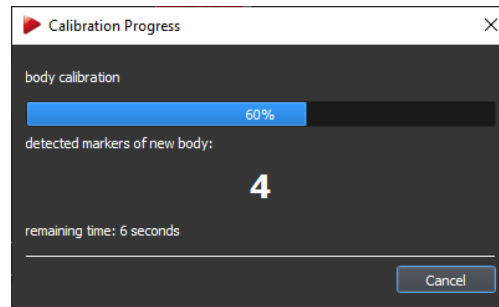


Figure 9.23: Body Calibration Process - Progress bar

9.5.5 Body calibration result

After successfully calibrating a body the result window is displayed (see figure 9.24 on 137).

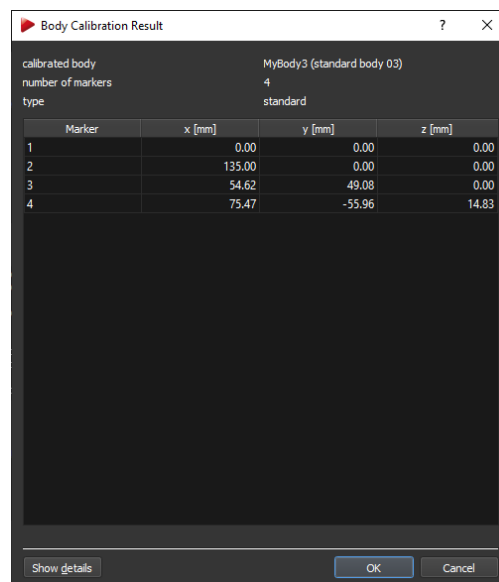


Figure 9.24: Body Calibration Process - Result Window

All markers of the rigid body that have been recognized during calibration are listed. Confirm the result with *OK* or discard the calibration with *Cancel*. The information (i.e. geometry data) of the calibrated target will be stored inside the controller in your personal configuration (see also section 7.3 on 67).



Please double-check the number of markers and compare to the rigid body that all markers have been recognized properly.

9.5.5.1 Show Details

By clicking *Show details* additional information can be displayed (see figure 9.25 on page 138:

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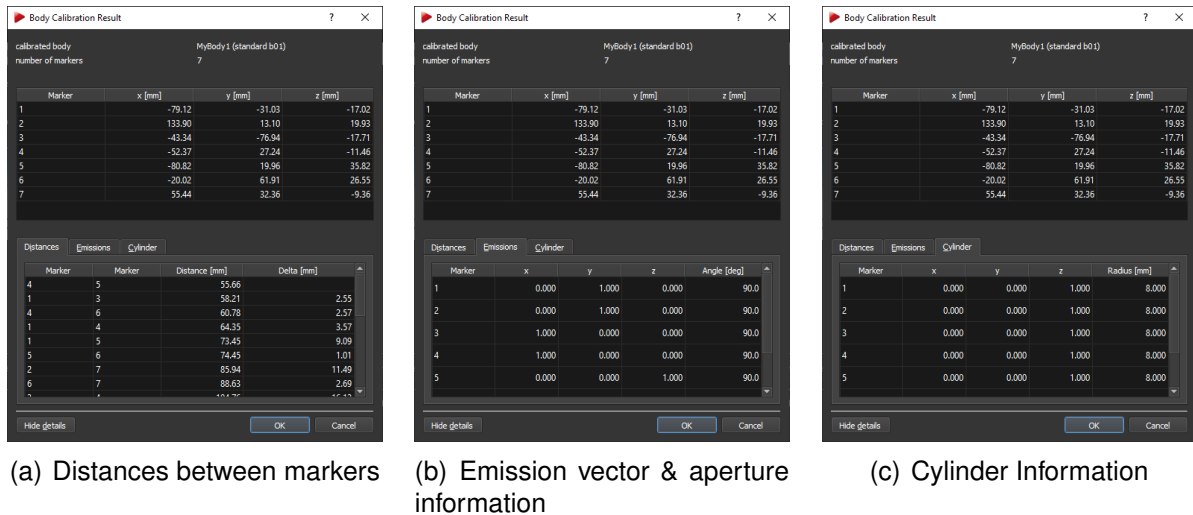


Figure 9.25: Body calibration Result

- '*Distances*' shows all possible combinations of distances for all markers (min. distances are important for customer-specific geometries, call **ART** for further information)
- '*Emissions*' shows normalised emission vectors x, y, z and emission aperture for bodies with restrictions of visibility (only for calibration files available on request by **ART**)
- '*Cylinder*' shows coordinates and radii for bodies with (cylindrical) ring markers

9.5.6 Calibration files

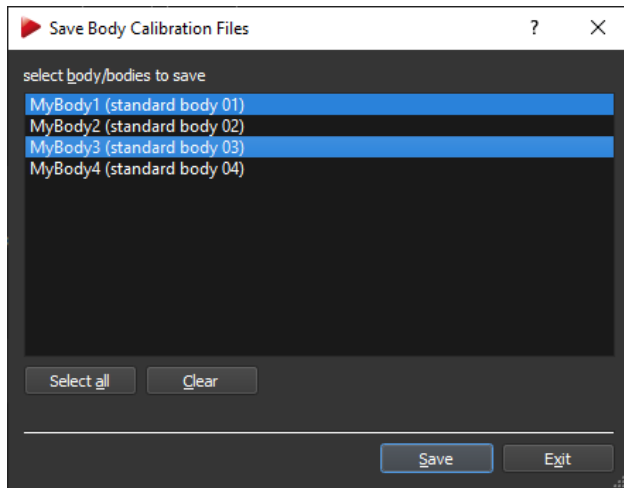
To easily create backups of calibrated bodies, calibration files can be saved and restored from files. These files contain the dimensions of the target and the distances between all markers. Each file is specific for just one type of target.

Just click *Load file(s)* and select the appropriate calibration file(s) or click on *Save file(s)* respectively.

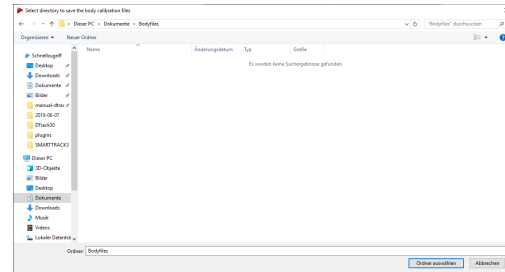
9.5.6.1 Save a body calibration file

Press '*Save file(s)*' option in the *Body calibration* dialog to store the calibration file(s) of the currently used bodies.

Select the individual bodies by left-clicking or all of once by pressing *select all* (see figure 9.26(a) on page 139). Press *Save* and in the upcoming window select a folder on your remote PC for storage (see figure 9.26(b) on page 139). After successful saving a confirmation window will show up (see figure 9.27 on page 139). Press *OK* then exit the dialog.



(a) Selecting the body file(s) to save



(b) Select the folder on the remote PC

Figure 9.26: Saving calibration files

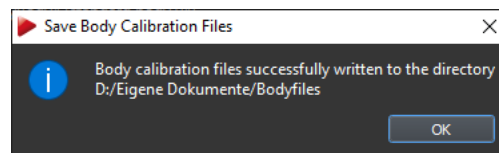
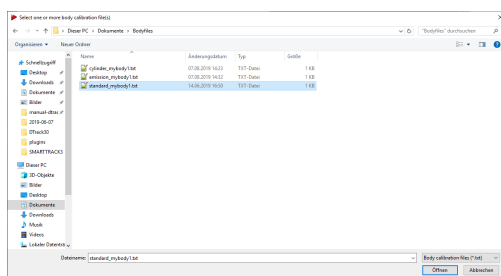


Figure 9.27: Saving calibration files - Confirmation Message

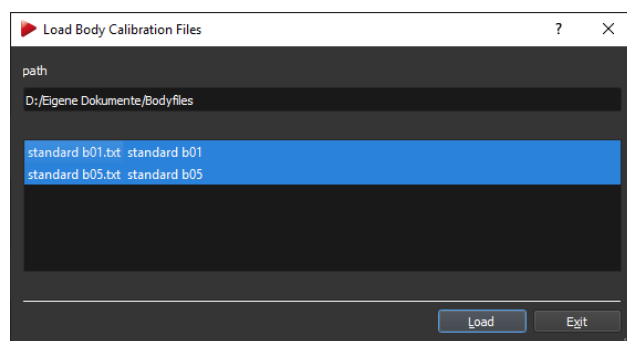


The format of the file name will be according to "**standard b01.txt**" with "**b01**" being the identifier which refers to the ID of the target.

9.5.6.2 Load a body calibration file



(a) Select the body file(s) to load



(b) Confirmation window for multiple files

Figure 9.28: Loading calibration files

You can load calibration file(s) by pressing *Load file(s)* and choose the calibration file(s) for your targets. Select the corresponding body *body ID* and load single calibration files one after the other by pressing *Load* (see figure 9.28(a) on page 139).

Alternatively you can load multiple files simultaneously when the corresponding body calibration files comply to the **DTRACK3** file name convention (i.e. "*standard b01.txt*" with "*b01*" being the identifier which refers to the ID of the target). **DTRACK3** automatically assigns the calibration file to the respective *body ID* by using the identifier in the file name. Select multiple files and press *Load*.

A confirmation window will open, press '*Load*' again to import of the body calibration files (see figure 9.28(b) on page 139).

In the upcoming window the coordinates of all identified markers are listed together with the body's label as well as the number of markers. It is analog to the body calibration result window (see figure 9.24 on page 137).



Any previous body calibrations will be overwritten when you load calibration files.



Invalid or corrupt files are not loaded by **DTRACK3. This is indicated by an error message in the confirmation dialog.**

9.5.6.3 Restricted Visibility / Emission Cones

Optionally a restricted visibility can be defined for each marker of a body. This is performed setting up so called 'emission cones'; in essence, a 2DOF observation from a camera has to be inside this cone so that tracking data can be used later for pose estimation. Currently the only way to equip markers with emission cones is to import an appropriate calibration file which are available on request. These files are created at **ART** on site performing a body calibration in a defined environment or measurement volume respectively.

9.5.7 Body re-calibration

DTRACK3 provides a possibility to re-calibrate a rigid body without losing the body's coordinate system. This function may be used in case the body geometry is affected due to e.g. mechanical impact. Tick the checkbox *re-calibration* and perform a routine body calibration as described in 9.5 on page 132.



Only during a body re-calibration the origin and orientation of the initial coordinate system as well as specific information (tracking pivot point, predefined emission vectors, cylindrical marker info) are preserved.



Re-calibration is possible as long as changes in the body geometry are not too large (e.g. replacement of markers). It will fail e.g. if the body has been modified completely.

9.6 Body adjustment

The *Body adjustment* function is a tool to visualise and manipulate calibration data of rigid bodies, i.e. the body coordinate system may be changed relative to the markers of the body.



Body adjustment is not available for 5DOF targets or measurement tools.

The main features of *Body adjustment* are:

- adjusting the body position and orientation of each target manually,
- use predefined body coordinate systems,
- move and set the origin of the body coordinate system (e.g. into a selected marker or the center of gravity),
- aligning the axes of body and room coordinate system without changing the origin,
- delete selected markers from the target geometry,
- "live" mode (i.e. the 3D-representation of the target in the '*Graphic view*' is depicting movements / rotation of the target in "real time"),
- (optionally) visualise predefined emission cones due to restrictions of visibility (directional and angular dependence) for all markers

9.6.1 Body Adjustment - Graphic View

Open the menu *Tracking* → *Body Adjustment* and select the desired body from the drop-down list *Body* at the top of the window (see figure 9.29 on page 142).

By default a cartesian coordinate system is displayed on the left side of the window depicting the selected rigid body's geometry ('*Graphic view*'). On the right hand side the body's coordinate system can be manipulated.

The body coordinate system is shown as a triplet of arrows with a defined color-coding (x-axis: red, y-axis: green, z-axis: blue), while the xy-plane is shown as a yellow grid. All markers are visualised by sequentially colored spheres (RGB) for better identification.

In case the selected rigid body features visibility restrictions (optional), emission cones may have been predefined. Direction of visibility (emission vector) is depicted as an arrow (white) for each marker, while the angular restriction (emission aperture) is shown as a cone (grey).

The viewing position and orientation may be changed in two different ways:

1. hold down the "Ctrl" key and the left / right mouse button to change the position / orientation inside the graphical display

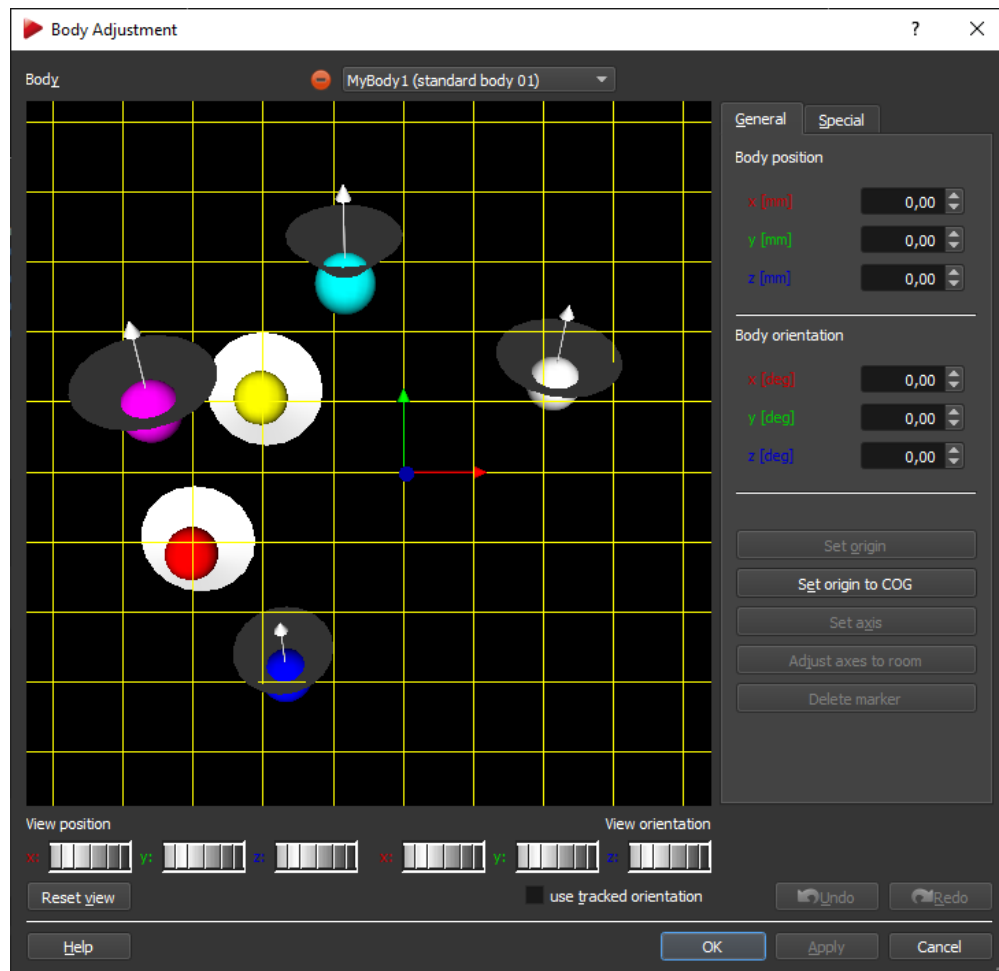


Figure 9.29: Body Adjustment

2. use the six control dials *View position* and *View orientation* (below the graphical view) to adjust position and orientation along all axes

To restore the default view press *Reset view*.

Press *Enter* or click *OK* to accept all changes for all bodies (i.e after confirmation the changes are sent to the controller) and to close the dialog. Press *Apply* instead to change the currently selected body only - the body will be redrawn and the dialog will be left open.

Press *Undo* to switch back to the unmodified state or *Redo* to repeat the last action. Discard all changes by pressing *Cancel*.

Context Menu The visualisation can be changed by clicking the right mouse button to open a context menu with the following options. (De-)select the appropriate ones by (un-)ticking.

Live View Tick the *use tracked orientation* checkbox to switch to live mode. The 3D-representation of the target in the '*Graphic view*' will depict movements / rotation of the

| Option | Description |
|-------------------------------|---|
| 'Small markers' | reduces the size of the marker spheres |
| 'Colored markers' | shows the markers in RGB colors (untick: greyish) |
| 'Emissions' | shows emission vectors (arrows) and emission aperture (cones) (if applicable) |
| 'Long axes' | extends the coordinate axes of the body coordinate system by infinite dashed lines |
| 'Show COG' | shows the body's center of gravity (white square) |
| 'Show XY plane' | shows the XY plane (yellow grid) |
| 'Show YZ plane' | shows the YZ plane (cyan grid) |
| 'Show XZ plane' | shows the XZ plane (magenta grid) |
| 'Show room orientation' | shows the room coordinate system (only available when checkbox 'use tracked orientation' is ticked) |
| 'Add line between markers' | adds a line between two selected markers (option greyed out until two markers are selected) |
| 'Delete line between markers' | removes a line between two selected markers (option greyed out until line is selected) |
| 'Data view' | switches to the data view |

Table 9.11: Body Adjustment Graphic View - Context Menu

target in the "real time"). This also enables the function *Adjust axes to room* (see table 9.12 on page 144 in order to align the body coordinate system collinear to the room coordinate system).

9.6.2 Changing the body geometry

For manipulating the body geometry you have the choice between *General* or *Special* options:

General The body coordinate system may be customized user-specific (see table 9.12 on page 144):

Special Choose from the following predefined transformations (see table 9.13 on page 144):



Predefined visibility restrictions (emission vectors and emission apertures) are retained along all body transformations.



If the MultiUser function for Flystick2/2+/3 is enabled the Body Adjustment module will load standard bodies only - a label 'MultiUser function should be disabled!' will appear at the bottom of the dialog. To adjust the body calibration data of your Flystick2/2+/3, make sure that the MultiUser function is disabled (Tracking → Flystick).

| Action | Description |
|-------------------------------|--|
| <i>Body position [mm]</i> | translate the body coordinate system along its axes in steps of 1mm |
| <i>Body orientation [deg]</i> | rotate the body coordinate system around its axes |
| <i>Set origin</i> | activate and highlight a marker in the ' <i>Graphic view</i> ' by left-clicking the mouse. the button <i>Set origin</i> is activated. press the button to translate the origin of the body coordinate system into the center of the selected marker. |
| <i>Set origin to COG</i> | translate the origin of the body coordinate system into the target's center of gravity |
| <i>Set axis</i> | activate and highlight two markers sequentially in the ' <i>Graphic view</i> ' by left-clicking the mouse. the first marker is highlighted in white, the second one in grey. the button <i>Set axis</i> is activated. press the button to open a dialog to configure the transformation. |
| <i>Adjust axes to room</i> | press this button to align the body coordinate system collinear to the room coordinate system |
| <i>Delete marker</i> | activate and highlight a marker in the ' <i>Graphic view</i> ' by left-clicking the mouse. the button <i>Delete marker</i> is activated. press the button to remove the selected marker from the target geometry. |

Table 9.12: Body Adjustment (General) - Transform actions

| Action | Description |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <i>due to body</i> | the body coordinate system is defined by the target geometry (see section 9.5.2.1 on page 134) |
| <i>due to room (origin in COG)</i> | the body coordinate system is rotated and aligned collinear to the room coordinate system with the origin set in the center of gravity (COG) (see section 9.5.2.2 on page 135). tick the checkbox <i>use tracked orientation</i> to use this function. |
| <i>due to room (origin in marker)</i> | the body coordinate system is rotated and aligned collinear to the room coordinate system with the origin set in one specific marker (see section 9.5.2.3 on page 135). tick the checkbox <i>use tracked orientation</i> to use this function. |

Table 9.13: Body Adjustment (Special) - Transform actions

9.7 Flystick

Open the *Tracking* → *Flystick* dialog to manage the *number of Flysticks* (max. 20) and to configure the corresponding settings to be used, see figure 9.30 on page 145.

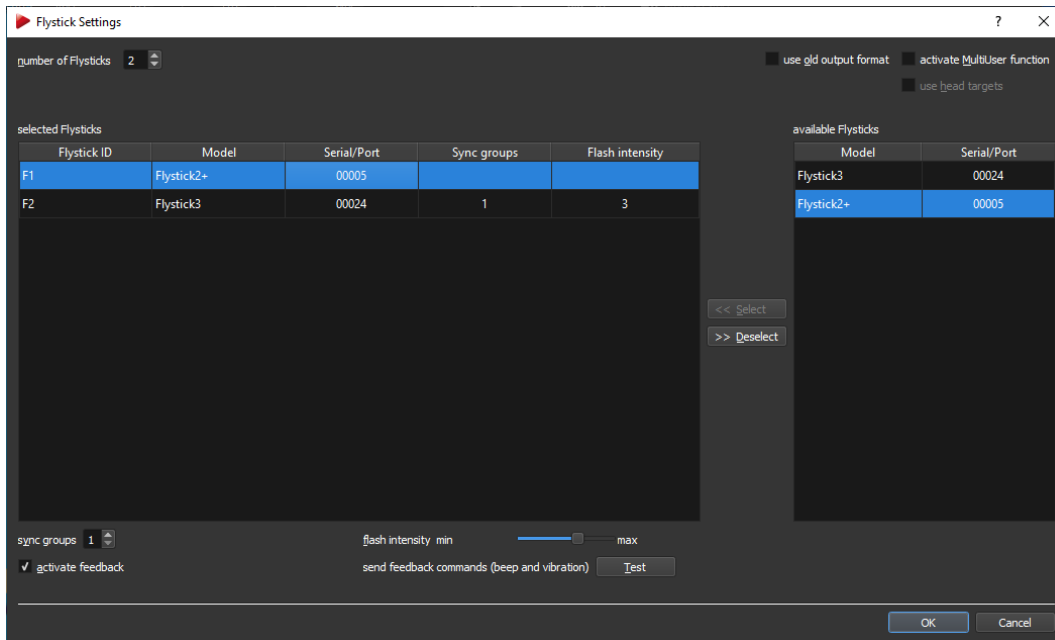


Figure 9.30: Flystick Settings

| Checkbox | Description |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| <i>use old output format</i> | use the legacy output format of the Flystick1 (refer to the <i>DTRACK3 Programmer's Guide</i>) |
| <i>activate MultiUser function</i> | activate the use of multiple <i>Flystick2/2+/3</i> (refer to section 9.7 on page 146) |
| <i>use head targets</i> | the data pair (<i>Flystick2/2+/3</i> and head target) of one user is made available as output data (MultiUser enabled only) |
| active <i>Flystick3</i> only | Description |
| <i>sync groups</i> | configure your active <i>Flystick3</i> (discontinued) for use with syncgroups (syncgroup #1, syncgroups #1 and #2, ... ; default = syncgroup #1) |
| <i>flash intensity</i> | change the flash intensity of the active target of the <i>Flystick3</i> (discontinued) by moving the slider (default = 3) |
| <i>Flystick2+</i> only | Description |
| <i>activate feedback</i> | activate feedback functionality of <i>Flystick2+</i> |
| <i>Test</i> | start feedback vibration test run |

Table 9.14: Flystick settings - Description of the checkboxes and options

MultiUser option The MultiUser option is an enhancement especially for VR/AR applications when working with more than one *Flystick2/2+/3*. Tick the checkbox '*activate MultiUser function*' to activate the function. Please refer to the *DTRACK3 Programmer's Guide* → *Output of Measurement Data via Ethernet* for more details.

Use head targets In order to use a *Flystick2/2+/3* and a head target as data pair tick the checkbox '*use head targets*' as well. Up to ten users can be equipped with a *Flystick2/2+/3* and a head target (usually mounted on glasses). *DTRACK3* is able to track them all but only the data pair (*Flystick2/2+/3* and one designated head target) of one user is available as output data. Switching between the single users can be done by pressing one of the *Flystick2/2+/3* buttons.

9.7.1 Flystick Configuration

Enter the *number of Flysticks* '0...20' directly or use the numeric updown button. The corresponding entries in the list of *selected Flysticks* will show up. The fields *Model*, *Serial / Port*, *Sync Groups* and *Flash Intensity* are empty by default.

Make sure that your *Flystick2/2+/3* are listed under *available Flysticks* - compare the serial number listed here to the one printed on the battery compartment of the *Flystick2* or on the back cover of the *Flystick3*. Detach the upper marker compartment of the *Flystick2+* to gain access to the serial number.

Now assign your *Flystick2/2+/3* to a *Flystick ID*:

Therefore,

- mark the respective *Flystick ID*, e.g. 'F1', by left-clicking the corresponding entry from the list of *selected Flysticks*
- mark the desired *Flystick2/2+/3* from the list of *available Flysticks* by left-clicking
- press *Select* to finalize the assignment.

Repeat these steps if you want to use another *Flystick2/2+/3*.



If the list of available Flysticks does not contain your Flystick2/2+/3 press any button of the Flystick2/2+/3 to register it at the RadioTransceiver2/3

9.7.2 Flystick2+ Feedback

This function is only available after assignment of at least one *Flystick2+* device to a corresponding *Flystick ID*.

Tick the checkbox *activate feedback* in the lower left corner of the dialog to activate the feature globally on all **Flystick** devices providing feedback functionality. Mark the respective *Flystick ID* (e.g. 'F1') under *selected Flysticks* by left-clicking and press the button *Test* to send a series of feedback commands to test beep and vibration of the **Flystick2+**. The corresponding status LEDs will light up to indicate radio communication. Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Interaction devices* → *Flystick2+* → *Control Elements*.

9.7.3 Flystick Calibration

After assigning the **Flystick2/2+/3** to the **ART RadioTransceiver2/3**, close the *Flystick Settings* dialog and open *Tracking* → *Body calibration*. There select the body *Flystick body 01* for calibration. Define the orientation of the body coordinate system relative to the body (default: *due to body*). Make sure that all markers of the **Flystick2/2+/3** are seen by the cameras using the *Monitor 2DOF display* which appears in the background. Press *Calibrate* and the calibration will start within 5 seconds. Please refer to chapter 9.5.1 on page 133 for more information concerning the body calibration procedure.

9.7.4 Flystick Output settings

The last step is to define where the **Flystick2/2+/3** data has to be sent to. Open *Tracking* → *Output*. There either select *this computer* (= remote PC) or enter an IP address of another client you want to send data to. Tick the checkbox '6df2' to transmit the **Flystick2/2+/3** data.

Please refer to chapter 9.11 on page 165 for more details.

9.7.5 Flystick Display

Press *Start* to start the measurement. In order to view the tracking data enable the *Flystick display* by clicking *View* → *Flystick*. Please refer to chapter 6.3 on page 50 for details.



Note that output of Flystick tracking data is just possible after the Flystick has been activated (at least once after booting the ART Controller). So if no data is appearing in Flystick display, simply press an arbitrary button on the Flystick2/2+/3.

9.8 Fingertracking

This dialog is the center for configuration and calibration of **Fingertracking** hardware (optional with tactile feedback). This feature is not available for **SMARTTRACK2/3/M**.

The following steps describe a full calibration of one hand using non-customized **ART Fingertracking** hardware:

9 Menu Tracking - Tracking Configuration

1. Select the number of hands you want to use with your tracking system (up to 4).
2. Assign body calibrations for all hand targets (using the target library). When using customized hand targets please refer to the corresponding chapter 9.8.3 on page 154 for further details.
3. Calibrate the complete hand geometry (i.e. the position and orientation of the finger tips in respect to the hand target).
4. (optionally) Install an **ART RadioTransceiver2/3** when using **Fingertracking2 Tactile** devices (refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Other equipment* → *Radio Transceiver* and section 8.5 on page 88 for details).
5. (optionally) Assign tactile devices for all hand targets, if applicable

Simply repeat all steps for each tracked hand in your system.

9.8.1 Fingertracking Settings

First, open the dialog *Tracking* → *Fingertracking* and configure the *number of hands* you are using. Enter the *number of hands* '0...4' directly or use the numeric updown button.

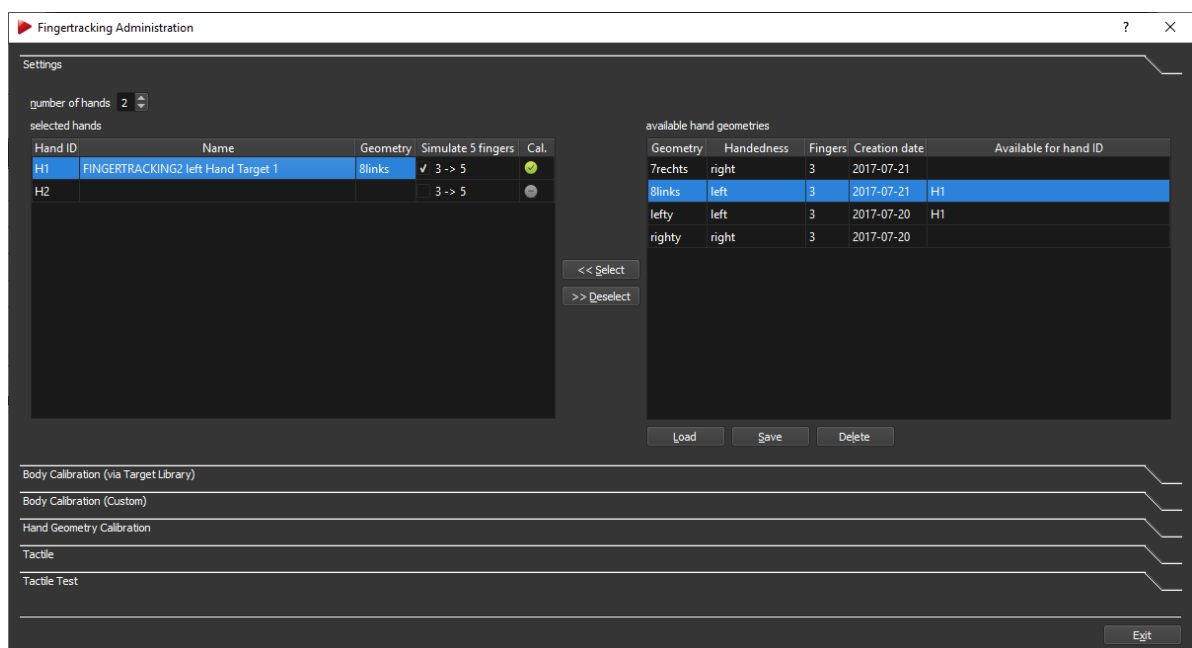


Figure 9.31: Fingertracking Administration - Settings

For each *Hand ID* a row from 'H1...H4' will show up correspondingly on the left side of the window under *selected hands*. The '*Name*' and '*Geometry*' entries will be empty, while the column *Cal.* will show a grey *No Entry* sign.

Next a body calibration for the hand target has to be assigned using the target library

(refer to chapter 9.8.2 on page 151).



Hand target calibrations without corresponding hand geometries are marked with a yellow tick on the corresponding *Hand ID* row under *selected hands*. A fully calibrated *Hand ID* is marked with a green tick.

9.8.1.1 Available hand geometries

It is also possible to (re-)assign previously calibrated hand geometries (i.e. position and orientation of the finger tips) to existing hand target calibrations. This way one set of **Fingertracking** hand targets can be used by several different users and, most importantly, one needs to calibrate the hand geometry only once for each person during first installation.

A hand geometry listed on the right side of the window under *available hand geometries* can be assigned to a selected *Hand ID* the following way:

- mark the respective *Hand ID* from row 'H1...H4' under *selected hands* by left-clicking
- mark the appropriate entry 'Available for hand ID' → 'H1...H4' under *available hand geometries* by left-clicking and
- press *Select*
- (optionally) confirm to overwrite the assignment by pressing *OK*. This confirmation will only show up when the assignment to a specific *Hand ID* is to be changed.

If the hand geometry is already in use (multiple assignment) a warning message will be shown instead. You can always delete a previously assigned hand geometry by pressing the button *Deselect*. The geometry will be available again for assignment.



In order to identify different hand geometries under *available hand geometries* and to assign it to the corresponding hand target please use meaningful names for the 'geometry' and double-check the column 'Available for hand ID'.



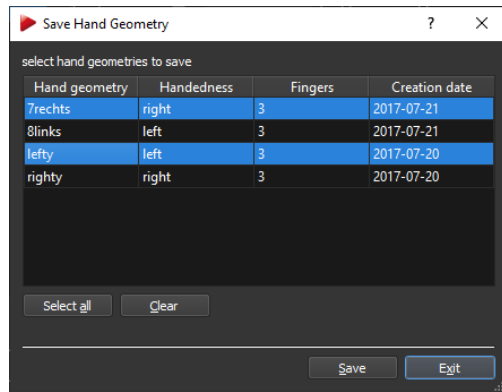
In case of multiple assignments (i.e. one hand geometry is to be assigned to more than one hand target calibration) a warning message will pop up. Delete the current assignment prior to re-assigning.

9.8.1.2 Managing hand geometries

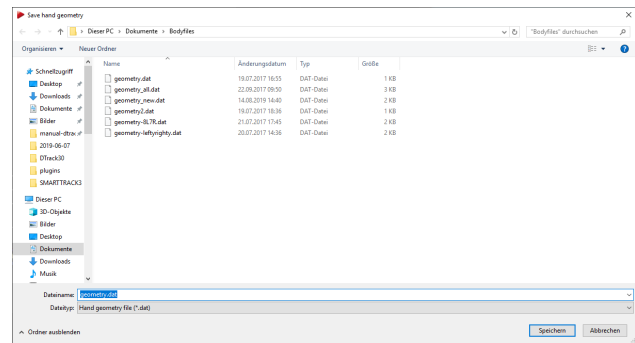
Exporting hand geometries In order to export hand geometries just press 'Save' and select the hand geometries you would like to export in the upcoming window (see figure 9.32(a) on page 150). Press 'Save' again, select the location of the respective folder and choose an appropriate file name (see figure 9.32(b) on page 150).

A confirmation window will show the successful import (see figure 9.33 on page 150).

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(a) Select the hand geometry file(s) to save



(b) Select the folder on the remote PC

Figure 9.32: Fingertracking Administration - Saving hand geometry files

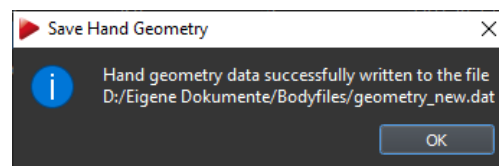
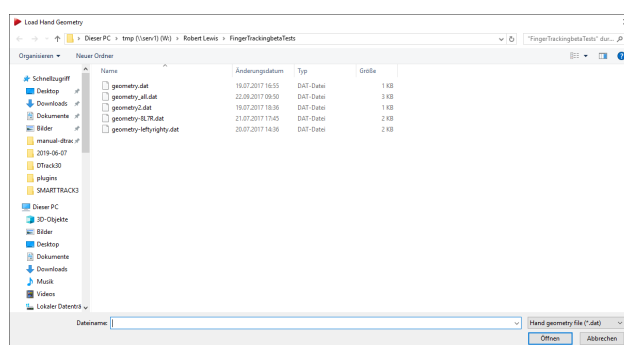


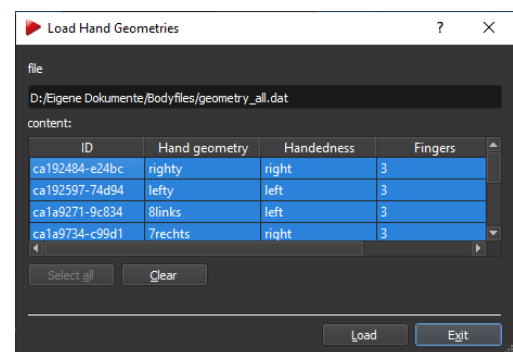
Figure 9.33: Fingertracking Administration - Saving hand geometry files - Confirmation window

Importing hand geometries You can also import previously saved hand geometries by pressing the button 'Load'. A window will open to select the respective folder (see figure 9.34(a) on page 150). Choose the appropriate file and press 'OK'. Then select the individual geometries to import by left-clicking or select all geometries at once by clicking *select all* (see figure 9.34(b) on page 150). Press *Load* to import.

A confirmation window will show the successful import (see figure 9.35 on page 151).



(a) Select the folder on the remote PC



(b) Select the hand geometry file(s) to load

Figure 9.34: Fingertracking Administration - Loading hand geometry files

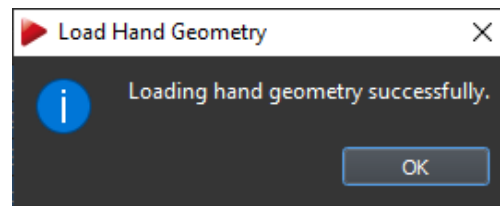
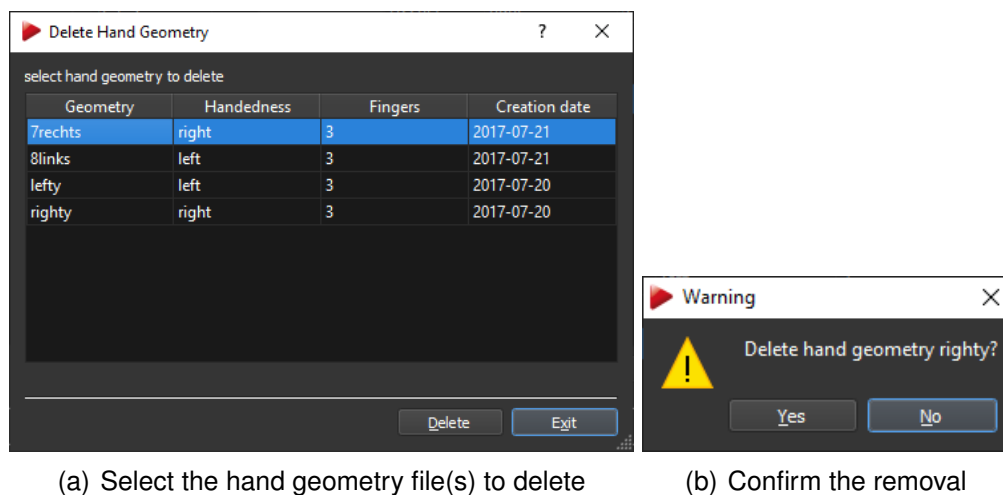


Figure 9.35: Fingertracking Administration - Loading hand geometry files - Confirmation window

Deleting hand geometries You can also remove entries from *available hand geometries* by left-clicking and pressing '*Delete*'. Select the hand geometries you would like to delete in the upcoming window (see figure 9.36(a) on page 151). Press '*Delete*' again to remove the corresponding entry.

A confirmation window will show up to confirm the removal (see figure 9.36(b) on page 151).



(a) Select the hand geometry file(s) to delete

(b) Confirm the removal

Figure 9.36: Fingertracking Administration - Deleting hand geometry files

9.8.2 Fingertracking Body calibration via Target Library

Open the sub-dialog *Fingertracking* → *Body Calibration via Target Library* to either make use of the automatic recognition feature or directly assign the corresponding body calibration of each hand target to a selected *Hand ID*. All hand target body calibrations stored in the target library are shown on the right side of the window.



The integrated target library contains most hand target calibrations of ART Fingertracking hardware. Perform a custom body calibration only when the hand target cannot be identified automatically.

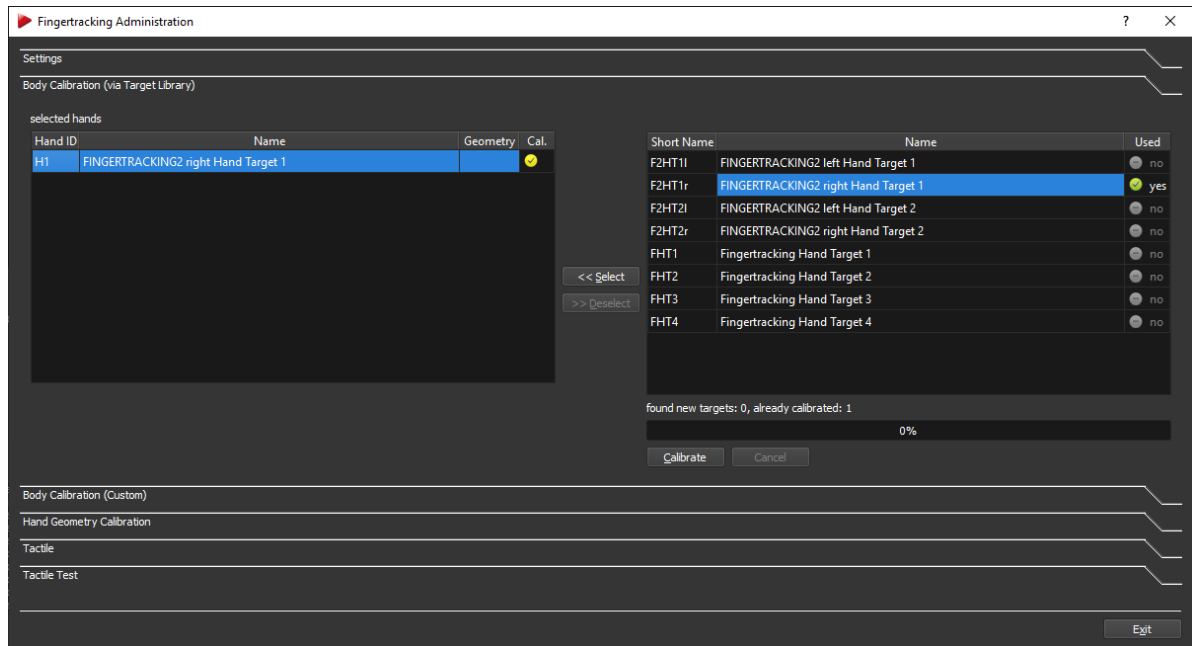


Figure 9.37: Fingertracking Administration - Body Calibration Target library

Automatic recognition via Target Library For automatic identification follow these steps:

- turn on all *Fingertracking* devices
- place them inside the tracking volume and make sure that all hand targets to be identified are visible to at least 2 cameras.
- run the target library identification by pressing *Calibrate*. The current status is shown by a progress bar while the amount of '*found new targets*' is listed (see bottom right in figure 9.37 on page 152).
- the *Short Name* of the corresponding hand target will be marked green
- mark the respective *Hand ID* from row '*H1...H4*' under *selected hands* by left-clicking
- mark the appropriate entry in the target library (e.g. '*FINGERTRACKING2 left Hand Target 1*') by left-clicking and
- press *Select*
- repeat the selection for each identified hand target in your system

In some cases the system will inform you that a re-calibration of the hand target might be necessary, i.e. to compensate for manufacturing tolerances resulting in the geometries not matching perfectly to the data inside the target library (see warning figure 9.17 on page 125). Please refer to the section for Custom Fingertracking Body Calibration (see 9.8.3 on page 154).

After selection and assignment the '*Name*' and '*Geometry*' entries will be updated. The entry in the column *Cal.* will turn into a yellow tick. On the right side of the window the

corresponding entry in column *Used* will turn into a green tick and will change to 'yes'.

All hand targets are sorted in ascending order (i.e. with increasing *Hand ID*). You can always delete the assignment by pressing the button *Deselect*. After confirmation to delete the body calibration the bodyfile will be available again for assignment to a different *Hand ID*.

You may also rename a description or label of the hand by double-clicking the field *Name*.

Direct selection via Target Library You can also directly select the body calibration and assign it to a *Hand ID* the following way:

- mark the respective *Hand ID* from row 'H1...H4' under *selected hands* by left-clicking
- mark the appropriate entry in the target library (e.g. '*FINGERTRACKING2 left Hand Target 1*') by left-clicking and
- press *Select*
- repeat the selection for each hand target in your system

With this method the system will not inform you that a re-calibration of the body might be necessary, i.e. to compensate for manufacturing tolerances resulting in the geometries not matching perfectly to the data inside the target library. In order to achieve optimal tracking accuracy or in case of tracking problems please perform a re-calibration. Please refer to the section for Custom Fingertracking Body Calibration (see 9.8.3 on page 154). After selection and assignment the '*Name*' and '*Geometry*' entries will be updated. The entry in the column *Cal.* will turn into a yellow tick. On the right side of the window the corresponding entry in column *Used* will turn into a green tick and will change to 'yes'.

All hand targets are sorted in ascending order (i.e. with increasing *Hand ID*). You can always delete the assignment by pressing the button *Deselect*. After confirmation to delete the body calibration the bodyfile will be available again for assignment to a different *Hand ID*.


You may also rename a description or label of the hand by double-clicking the field *Name*.




Using the automatic recognition feature *DTRACK3* compares the geometry of the physical target with the calibration data of the target library. In some cases a re-calibration might be necessary to achieve optimal tracking accuracy.




Using the direct selection and assignment *DTRACK3* DOES NOT compare the geometry of the physical target with the calibration data of the target library. Please perform a re-calibration to achieve optimal tracking accuracy.

 The integrated target library contains most body calibrations of **ART** hardware. In the unlikely event that a target is not identified automatically perform a custom body calibration.

The next step is to calibrate the handedness as well as the position and orientation of the finger tips (refer to chapter 9.8.4 on page 155).

 The **Fingertracking** (discontinued) is delivered with different hand target geometries when using two pair of sets, whereas **Fingertracking2** devices have to be set up properly. Refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → **Interaction devices** → **Fingertracking2** and **Fingertracking2 Tactile Hand Targets** how to switch the configuration.

 Select the **Set 1** or **Set 2** configuration of the **Fingertracking2** handtargets during first-time installation only. Do not change the setting during routine operation or tracking will fail !

9.8.3 Fingertracking Body calibration Custom

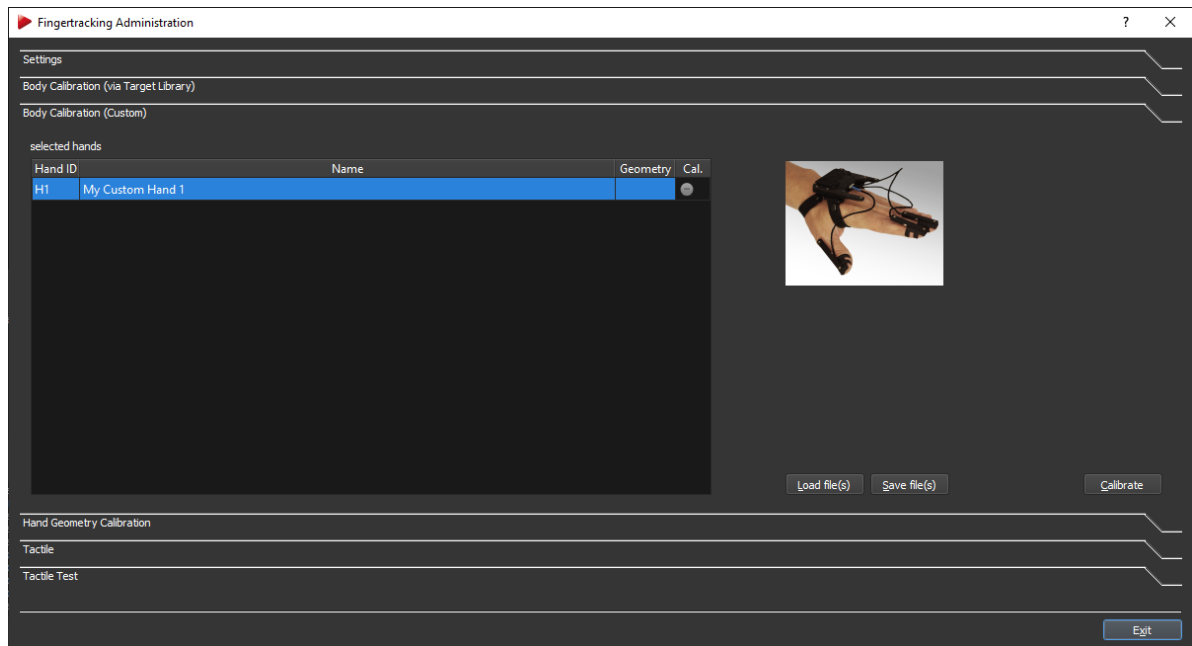


Figure 9.38: Fingertracking Administration - Body Calibration Custom

When using hand targets not found inside the target library (e.g. customized) a standard body calibration has to be carried out. The process of calibrating a 6DOF body is described in chapter 9.5.1 on page 133.

Mark the respective *Hand ID* from row 'H1...H4' under *selected hands* by left-clicking and start the calibration by pressing the button *Calibrate*.

You can also load a calibration from a calibration file instead by pressing '*Load*' after marking the corresponding *Hand ID*. Please refer to chapter 9.5.6 on page 138 for details.

9.8.4 Fingertracking Hand geometry calibration

Open the sub-dialog *Fingertracking* → *Hand Geometry calibration* to calibrate the handedness as well as the position and orientation of the finger tips. The respective *Hand ID* is selected automatically during the calibration process.

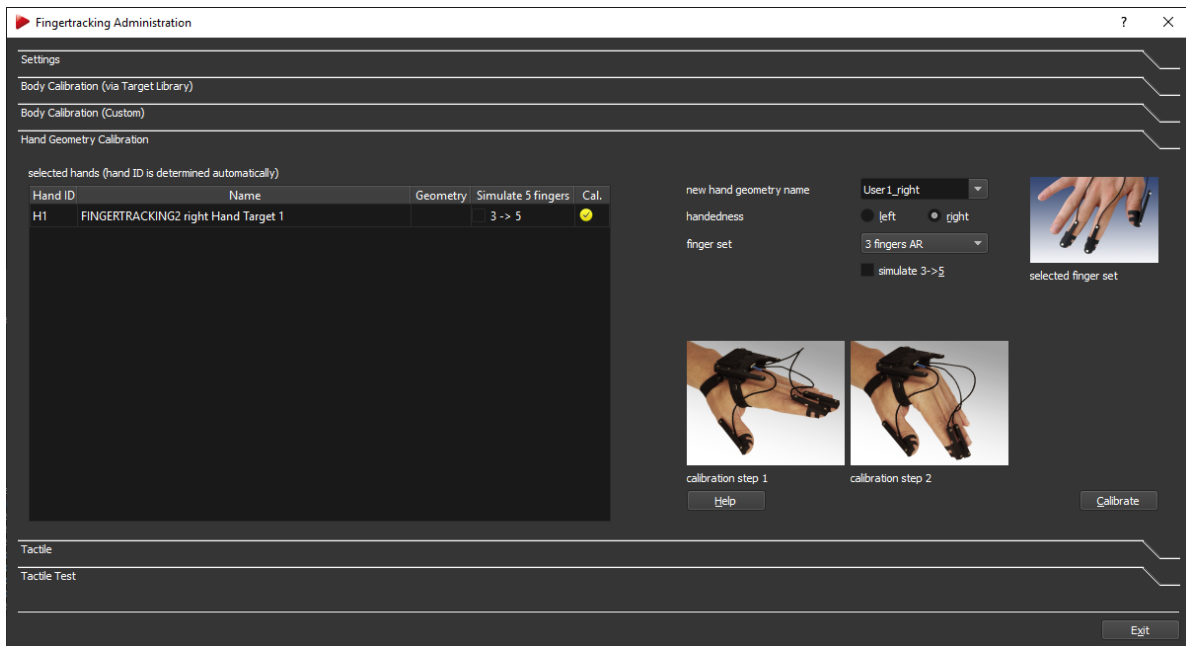


Figure 9.39: Fingertracking Administration - Hand Geometry Calibration

The hand geometry calibration is performed the following way:

- enter a meaningful name for the geometry (e.g. username-left) in the field *new hand geometry name*
- select the handedness by ticking the corresponding radio button for *left* or *right* hand
- select the appropriate thimble set from the dropdown-menu *fingerset*
- (optionally) activate the 5 finger simulation (only available for 3-finger thimble sets) by ticking the checkbox *3 -> 5*
- press *Calibrate* to start the two-step calibration process



For easy identification and assignment of the correct hand geometry for different users please use meaningful names for the 'geometry'.



Click on the button *Help* to open a window where the calibration process is additionally explained and visualized.



Calibrate one hand geometry after the other. Make sure to switch off all hand targets but the one that is currently used for calibration.

9.8.4.1 Hand geometry calibration process

After pressing *Calibrate* a countdown for the first step of the calibration process begins.

In the first phase (calibration step 1)

- all fingers have to be stretched out (see left picture in dialog, refer to figure 9.39 on page 155)
- the thumb has to be spread away from the hand
- do not spread the other fingers, keep them together. Take care, that there is no space between them
- do not move any finger nor the thumb during the first calibration phase
- you may move the entire hand slightly

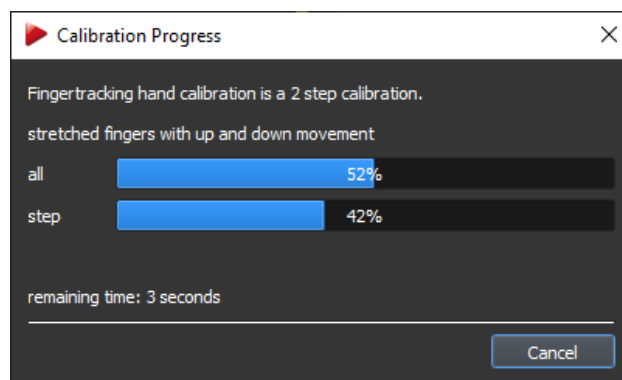


Figure 9.40: Fingertracking Administration - Hand Geometry Calibration progress bar

A progress bar shows the status of the calibration (see figure 9.40 on page 156).



If calibration step 1 fails, please check if modulated flash is activated for at least one camera and if the correct handedness and thimble set are selected.



It is important that the hand is held inside the tracking volume and all markers are visible to at least two cameras when starting the calibration process.

After the first step has been completed a new countdown for step 2 is started.

During the second phase (calibration step 2)

- keep the fingers stretched out (see right picture in dialog, refer to figure 9.39 on page 155)

- keep the thumb spread away from the hand
- keep the other fingers close together
- gently move all of your fingers up and down at the same time until the calibration process is finished. The thumb is still spread away from the hand and should not be moved during this phase.
- do not bend or cross your fingers



Try to achieve an angle of approximately 60° between up and down position of the fingers.



If the calibration terminates with an error message, double-check the calibration procedure by clicking the button *Help*.



If calibration step 2 fails, please take care not to bend your fingers, and not to move the thumb too much

After data collection a process is started which calculates the finger sizes from the movement of the finger tips (see figure 9.41 on page 157. The length of the thumb is derived by the finger lengths.

| hand geometry name | rightconfig | Finger | Length [mm] | Diameter [mm] |
|--------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|
| ▼ thumb | | thumb | 98.6 | 17.3 |
| | | inner phalanx | 49.3 | |
| | | middle phalanx | 29.6 | |
| | | outer phalanx | 19.7 | |
| ▼ index finger | | index finger | 75.9 | 14.1 |
| | | inner phalanx | 37.9 | |
| | | middle phalanx | 22.8 | |
| | | outer phalanx | 15.2 | |
| ▼ middle finger | | middle finger | 85.3 | 15.0 |
| | | inner phalanx | 42.6 | |
| | | middle phalanx | 25.6 | |
| | | outer phalanx | 17.1 | |

Figure 9.41: Fingertracking Administration - Hand Geometry Calibration result window

After successful calibration the '*geometry*' entry under *selected hands* will be updated. The entry in the column *Cal.* will turn into a green tick.

When using **Fingertracking** without tactile support, the next step is to activate the data output. Please refer to chapter 9.8.7 on page 160. When using **Fingertracking2 Tactile** you need to assign the tactile devices, see to chapter 9.8.5 on page 158 for details.

9.8.4.2 5 Finger Simulation

If you are using a three finger thimble set but would like to get data for five fingers, tick the checkbox *simulate 3 -> 5*. **DTRACK3** will simulate the data of the two missing fingers by putting them parallel to the middle finger. By default, the checkbox *simulate 3 -> 5* is unticked until you have carried out a hand geometry calibration.

9.8.4.3 Resetting finger tip sequence

When the **Fingertracking** device has been removed from the hand and afterwards is put on again by the same user, the system needs to reset the correct order of the finger tips. To regain the correct sequence, the hand must be kept still with all fingers stretched out and the thumb spread to the side (see first phase of calibration process). When using two hands, both hands have to be separated by at least 50 cm during this procedure.



Fingertracking devices will compensate short synchronization losses internally.



In the rare case when the Fingertracking devices have lost synchronization use the reset procedure to regain synchronisation. Refer to the ART Hardware Installation Guide → Interaction devices → Fingertracking → Description of the hand targets.

9.8.5 Fingertracking Tactile Assignment

Open the sub-dialog *Fingertracking → Tactile Assignment* to assign a tactile device to the corresponding *Hand ID*. All *available tactile devices* will show up on the right side of the window. This function is only available with **Fingertracking2 Tactile** devices.

Tactile devices are assigned the following way:

- activate the support for tactile devices by ticking the corresponding checkbox *tactile Fingertracking active*
- mark the respective *Hand ID* from row 'H1...H4' under *selected hands* by left-clicking
- mark the appropriate entry under *available tactile devices* (e.g. 'FINGERTRACKING2 Tactile' with 'serial number' XY) by left-clicking and
- press *Select*

The 'Model' and 'Serial Number' entries will be updated accordingly.

You can always delete the assignment by pressing the button *Deselect*. The tactile device will be available again for assignment to a different *Hand ID*.

Feedback Gain The feedback strength can be adjusted using a global gain setting, i.e. the feedback used inside the application is multiplied by this value. By default, this feed-

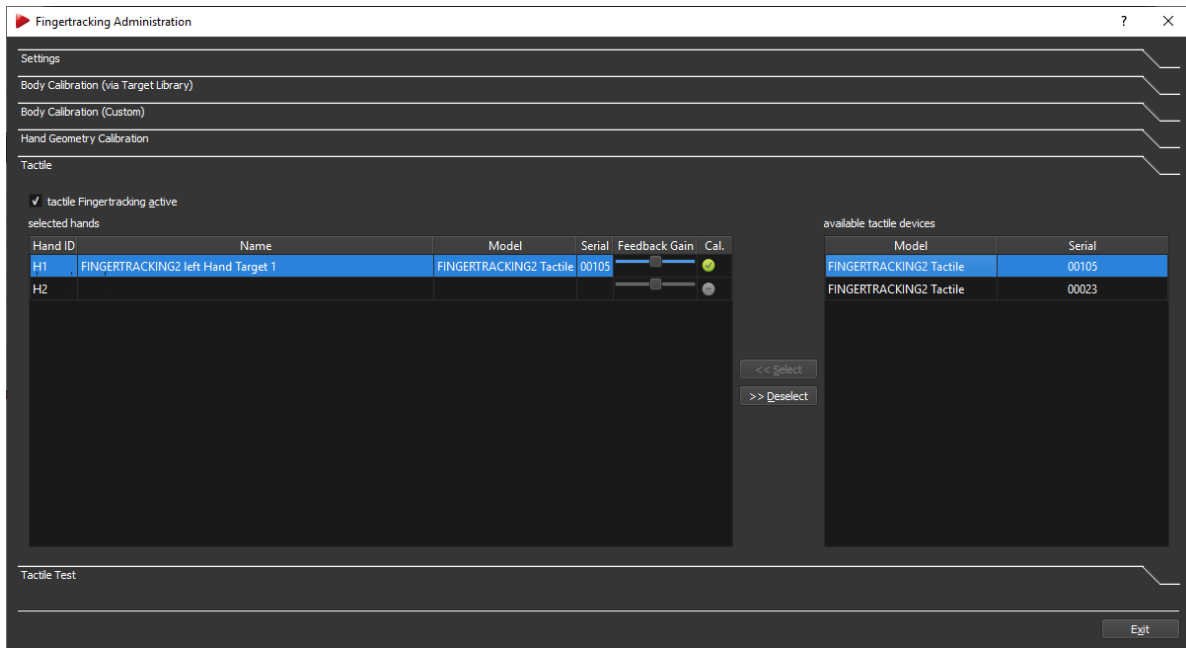


Figure 9.42: Fingertracking Administration - Tactile Device Assignment

back gain is set to average. Activate the slider *Feedback Gain* by double-clicking, then move it to the right to increase the gain setting, move the slider to left to decrease it respectively.

Please refer to the *DTRACK3 Programmer's Guide* → *Input of Control Data via Ethernet* for more information about setting the feedback strength.

You can also test the feedback strength (refer to the next chapter 9.8.6 on page 159).



The serial number of the tactile device can be found on the bottom of the hand target, e.g. 8L means tactile device #8. Refer to the ART Hardware Installation Guide → Interaction devices → Fingertracking → Description of the hand targets



Please install an ART RadioTransceiver2/3 when using Fingertracking2 Tactile devices (refer to the ART Hardware Installation Guide → Other equipment → Radio Transceiver and section 8.5 on page 88 for details).

9.8.6 Fingertracking Tactile Test

Open the sub-dialog *Fingertracking* → *Tactile Test* to test the feedback on the thimbles. This function is only available after assignment of a *Fingertracking2 Tactile* device to a corresponding *Hand ID*.

Mark the respective *Hand ID* from row 'H1...H4' under *selected hands* by left-clicking. Then press the button *Test hand*. The tactile thimbles will be activated sequentially from thumb over index finger to middle finger.

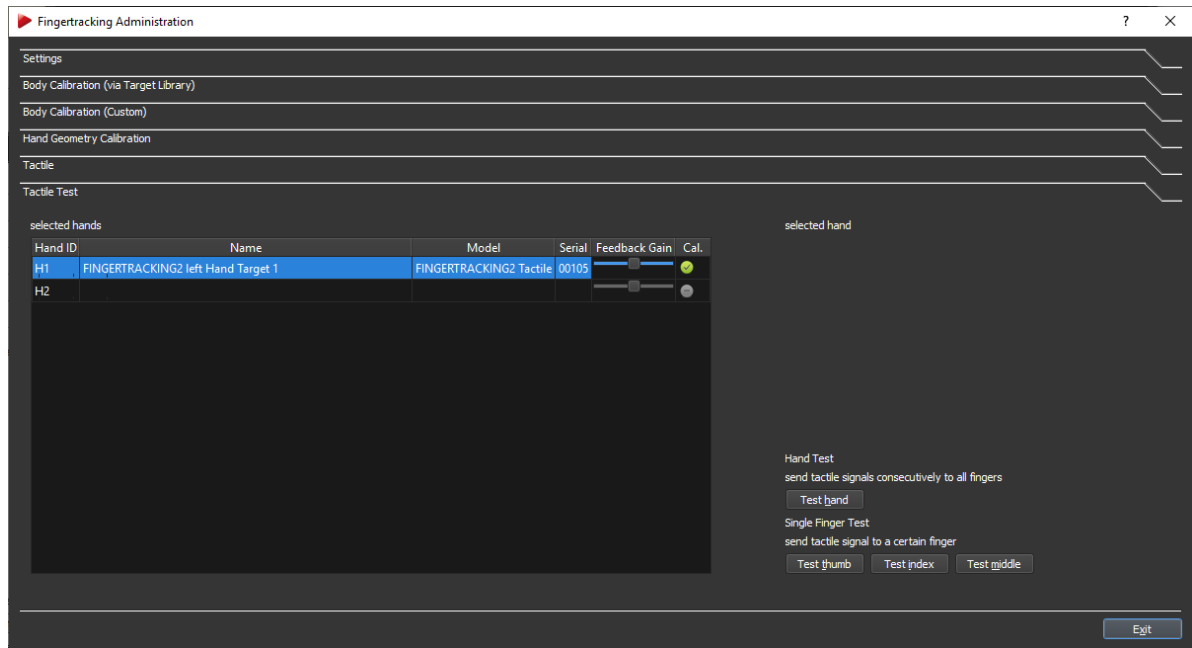


Figure 9.43: Fingertracking Administration - Tactile Device Test

You can also test one finger after the other by pressing the corresponding buttons *Test thumb*, *Test index* or *Test middle*. The corresponding status LED will light up to indicate radio communication. Refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Interaction devices* → *Fingertracking* → *Description of the hand targets*.

9.8.7 Fingertracking Output settings

The last step is to define where the **Fingertracking** data has to be sent to. Open *Tracking* → *Output*. There either select *this computer* (= remote PC) or enter an IP address of another client you want to send data to. Tick the checkboxes '*gl*' and '*glcal*' to transmit the **Fingertracking** data.

Please refer to chapter 9.11 on page 165 for more details.

9.8.8 Fingertracking Display

Press *Start* to start the measurement. In order to view the tracking data enable the *Fingertracking display* by clicking *View* → *Fingertracking*. Please refer to chapter 6.3 on page 50 for details.

9.8.9 External Add-On - Fingertracking Viewer

The Fingertracking Viewer is a tool for visualisation of the hand and finger positions. It is available free of charge for demonstration and testing purposes to be installed on the PC that receives **DTRACK3** data.

After starting the viewer, proceed the following way:

- specify the **ART Controller** or **ART Controller/M** to connect to by defining the host name or IP address
- specify the UDP data port the viewer has to listen to
- press the *Go Online* button
- press *OK* to connect the viewer to **DTRACK3**
- choose the *Hand ID* you want to display

The indicator adjacent to the *Hand ID* setting shows whether this hand is tracked or not (green=tracked, red=not tracked). Finally click on one of the buttons featuring a hand to see your tracked hand and fingers.

You can also start a small demo showing the handling of a virtual object by opening the *Demos* menu. There is a limited number of demos available, e.g. you can handle a virtual sphere or cube. To insert the virtual object into the tracking volume, place the tracked hand at a convenient position and press the *Grab object* button.

9.9 Measurement Tool

Within this dialog you can manage the *number of Measurement Tools* and the *number of references* (max. 4 each) and configure the corresponding settings to be used (see figure 9.44 on page 162).

Additionally several other parameters can be changed to suit your application: Enter the *number of Measurement Tools* '0...4' directly or use the numeric updown button. The corresponding entries in the list of *Measurement Tools* will show up. The fields *Model*, *Serial* are empty by default. Double-click the corresponding entry *Tip diameter [mm]* and enter a value (in mm) when using ball-shaped tips. The diameter will be included in the data output (refer to the **DTRACK3 Programmer's Guide** → *Output of Measurement Data via Ethernet*).

Measurement Duration It is possible to define the duration of a point measurement. A compromise has to be found between the amount of data collected and the convenience of holding the Measurement Tool. Enter the value in seconds in the field *measurement duration [s]*.

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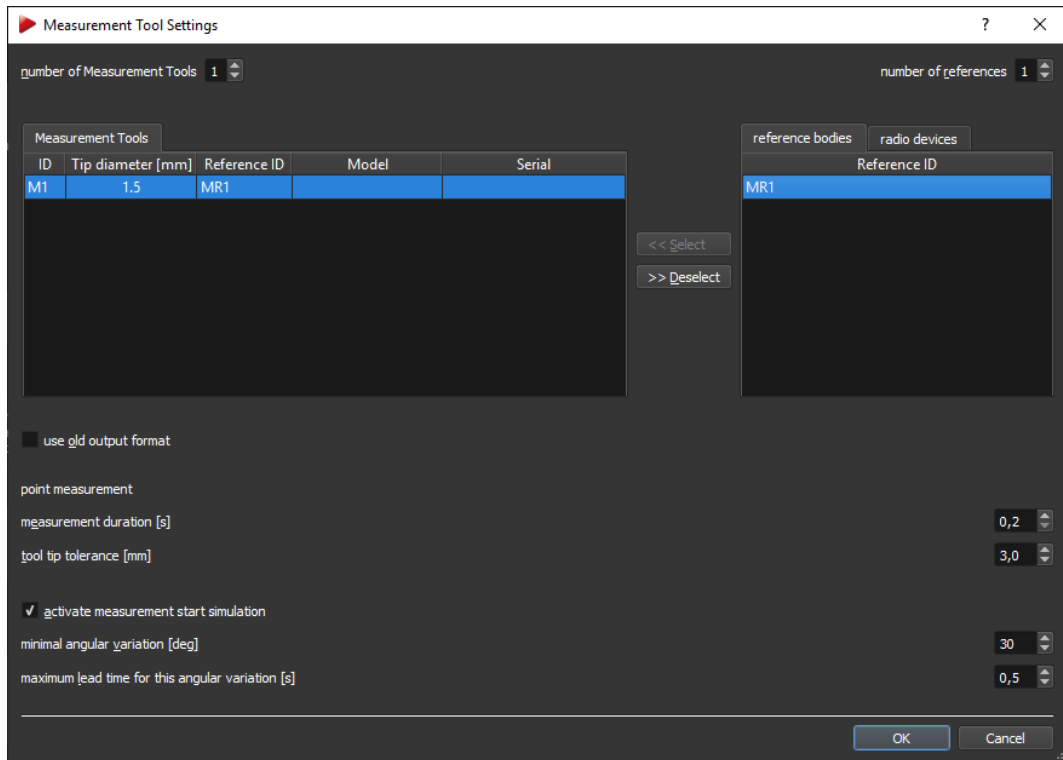


Figure 9.44: Measurement Tool

| Control | Description |
|---|--|
| <i>number of Measurement Tools</i> | configure the number of devices to be used |
| <i>number of references</i> | configure the number of reference bodies to be used |
| <i>Tip diameter [mm]</i> | define the diameter of the tip (ball-shaped) |
| <i>use old output format</i> | use the legacy output format (refer to the <i>DTRACK3 Programmer's Guide</i>) |
| <i>measurement duration [s]</i> | configure how long a measurement with the Measurement Tool (valid range: 0.2 - 10.0 sec) should take |
| <i>tool tip tolerance [mm]</i> | specify the range within the tip is assumed to be static (valid range: 0.1 - 5.0 mm) |
| <i>activate measurement start simulation</i> | activate the gesture detection and enable the respective controls |
| <i>minimal angular variation [deg]</i> | specify the minimum angle that the Measurement Tool has to be tilted over to start a measurement (valid range: 10° - 120°) |
| <i>maximum lead time for this angular variation [s]</i> | waiting time before the measurement start after gesture detection |

Table 9.15: Measurement Tool settings

Tool Tip Tolerance The tracking system will take measurements up to a defined jitter in millimeter around the tool tip. Configure this tolerance to suit your needs for accuracy. Enter the value in millimeters in *tool tip tolerance [mm]*.

Start Simulation In certain applications and use cases it might be more convenient to start the measurement by a gesture rather than pressing a button on your PC. Tick the checkbox *activate measurement start simulation* to enable the gesture detection.

The gesture is simply tilting the Measurement Tool along the tip axis similar to waving. You can configure the minimum angle of tilt that is necessary to detect the gesture. Enter the value in °[deg] in the field *minimal angular variation [deg]*. Additionally you can specify a waiting time until the measurement starts after detection of the gesture. Specify the time in seconds in the field *maximum lead time for this angular variation [s]*.

9.9.0.1 Reference bodies

If you are working with a reference body you may assign it to a specific Measurement Tool :

- mark the respective *Measurement Tool ID* by left-clicking,
- mark the reference body *Reference ID* and
- press *Select*.

The '*Reference ID*' entry will be updated accordingly. Repeat these steps if you want to assign references to other Measurement Tools .

If you are working with reference bodies you will need to calibrate them as well. This is done using a standard body calibration of e.g. *Measurement Tool reference body 01*. Please refer to chapter 9.5.1 on page 133 for more information concerning the body calibration procedure.



A Measurement Tool with an assigned reference body can only be tracked when the reference body is tracked as well.

9.9.1 Measurement Tool Calibration

The calibration of the Measurement Tool is separated into two steps:

1. body calibration of the Measurement Tool and
2. calibration of the tip (refer to section 9.10 on page 164).

9.9.1.1 Measurement Tool Body Calibration

First, calibrate the Measurement Tool using a standard body calibration. Close the *Measurement Tool Settings* dialog and open *Tracking → Body calibration*. There select the body *Measurement Tool body 01* for calibration. Define the orientation of the body coordinate system relative to the body (default: *due to body*). Make sure that all markers of the Measurement Tool are seen by the cameras using the *Monitor 2DOF display* which appears in the background. Press *Calibrate* and the calibration will start within 5 seconds. Please refer to chapter 9.5.1 on page 133 for more information concerning the body calibration procedure.

9.9.2 Measurement Tool Output settings

The last step is to define where the Measurement Tool data has to be sent to. Open *Tracking* → *Output*. There either select *this computer* (= remote PC) or enter an IP address of another client you want to send data to. Tick the checkboxes '*6dmt2*' and '*6dmtr*' to transmit the Measurement Tool data.

Please refer to chapter 9.11 on pag 165 for more details.

9.9.3 Measurement Tool Display

Press *Start* to start the measurement. In order to view the tracking data enable the *Measurement Tool display* by clicking *View* → *Measurement Tool*. Please refer to chapter 6.3 on page 50 for details.

9.10 Measurement Tool Tip Calibration

After a successful body calibration, you have to calibrate the tip of the Measurement Tool by opening *Tracking* → *Measurement Tool Tip calibration* (see figure 9.45 on page 164) .

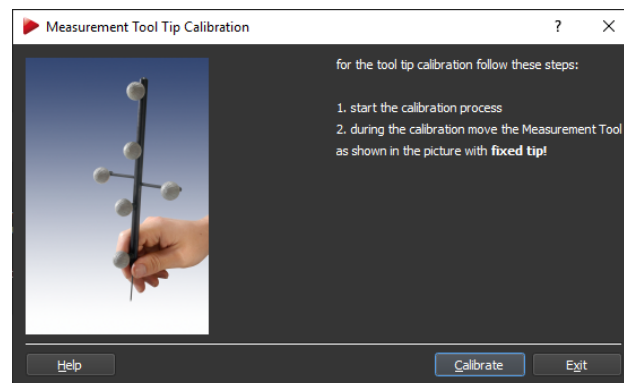


Figure 9.45: Measurement Tool Tip Calibration

Place the Measurement Tool in front of the cameras with the tip fixed at exactly one position (e.g. on a hard surface). Press *Calibrate* to start the calibration process.

Gently move the Measurement Tool while tilting it around its tip in all axes. A progress bar will show the current status (see figure 9.46(a) on page 165. **DTRACK3** will calculate the position of the tip relative to the markers of the Measurement Tool , i.e. the origin of the body coordinate system is transformed into the Measurement Tool 's tip.

After successful tip calibration the result is presented in the dialog *Measurement Tool Tip Calibration Result* (see figure 9.46(b) on page 165. Please check the information and either '*Accept*' or '*Cancel*' the tip calibration.

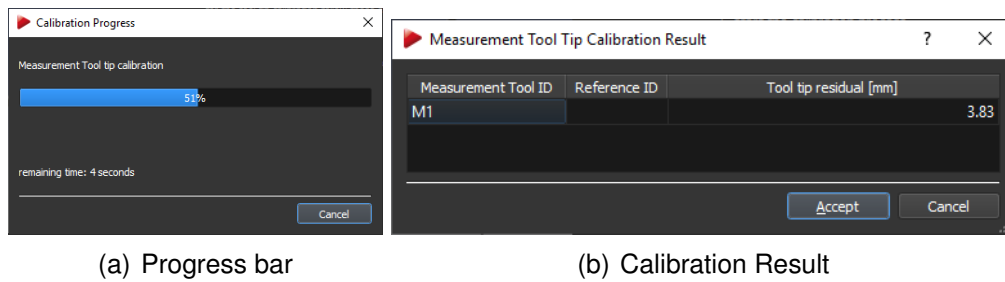


Figure 9.46: Measurement Tool Tip Calibration Process



A tool tip calibration result below 0.2 mm is recommended for measurements with high accuracy.



Keep the Measurement Tool positioned at exactly one point, i.e. do not lift it from the surface.



The progress bar will stop if the Measurement Tool is not moved sufficiently.

9.11 Output Settings

In this dialog you can manage the settings for data output via ethernet (see figure 9.47 on page 166). You can send data to any computer within your local network with a total of up to 10 individual channels for UDP data.

First tick the checkbox *active* on the corresponding tab to enable data output for each channel. Next enter the IP address of the receiving client in the box *send to* and choose a UDP port number in *UDP Port*.

Alternatively tick the checkbox *this computer* instead to send the data to the remote PC from where you started the **DTRACK3** frontend.

You can also send the data to a multicast IP address (in the range of 224.0.1.0 to 239.255.255.255) by ticking the checkbox *multicast*.

By clicking on the tab *+* you can add one channel at a time up to 10 channels. Set-up each channel on the corresponding tab as described above. Scroll horizontally using the *left / right arrow button* or simply resize the dialog window using the mouse. Click the button *Close tab* to remove the selected output channel configuration. A warning message will appear to confirm the action. Press *Exit* to close the *Output Settings* dialog.

send data divisor In order to reduce the amount of data from the data stream you can define a divisor starting with 1. The divisor works the following way:

- 1 .. every frame is transmitted,
- 2 .. every second frame is transmitted,

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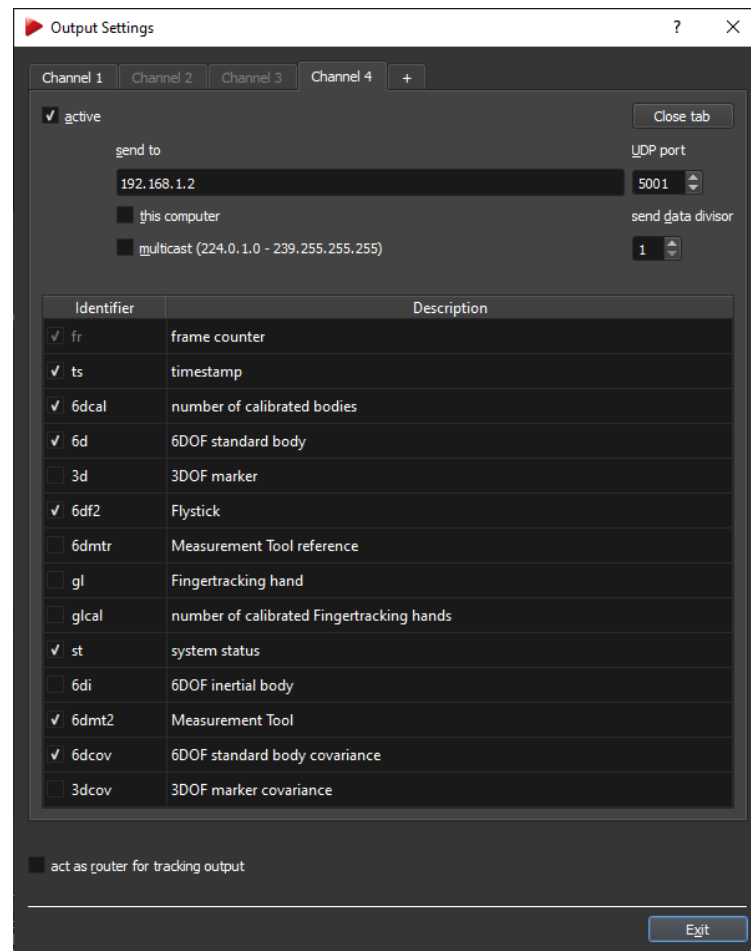


Figure 9.47: Output settings

- 10 .. every tenth frame is transmitted.

- ...

Selection of UDP output data

| Identifier | Description |
|--------------|--|
| <i>fr</i> | frame counter |
| <i>ts</i> | timestamp |
| <i>ts2</i> | timestamp (extended format) |
| <i>6dcal</i> | number of calibrated bodies |
| <i>6d</i> | 6DOF standard body |
| <i>3d</i> | 3DOF marker |
| <i>6df</i> | Flystick (old format) ¹ |
| <i>6df2</i> | Flystick |
| <i>6dmtr</i> | Measurement Tool reference |
| <i>gl</i> | Fingertracking hand |
| <i>glcal</i> | number of calibrated Fingertracking hands |
| <i>st</i> | system status |
| <i>6di</i> | 6DOF inertial body (extended format) |
| <i>6dmt</i> | Measurement Tool (old format) ² |
| <i>6dmt2</i> | Measurement Tool (also for ball probes) |
| <i>6dcov</i> | 6DOF standard body covariance ³ |
| <i>3dcov</i> | 3DOF marker covariance ³ |




¹ only available if activated in Tracking → Flystick → checkbox 'use old output format'

² only available if activated in Tracking → Measurement Tool → checkbox 'use old output format'

³ hidden, by default. An optional license code is necessary to unlock these features. Please refer to section 7.2 on page 64 for more information.

Table 9.16: Description of UDP output data

Please refer to the ***DTRACK3 Programmer's Guide*** → *Output of Measurement Data via Ethernet* for the format of the data output.

-  **Double-check the currently used pulse generating source in the menu *Inertial Sensor Settings* → *Tracking*. Please refer to chapter 8.6.2.5 on page 102 for further information.**
-  **When using the identifier 'timestamp' please refer to the *DTRACK3 Programmer's Guide* → *Output of Measurement Data via Ethernet* regarding the accuracy of timestamps.**
-  **Please double-check that output channels are activated only for connected clients ready to receive data. De-activate all output channels when clients have been disconnected or IP addresses have become invalid.**

9.11.1 Act as router for tracking output

This functionality may be used when it is not allowed to connect the controller to your local network due to IP security reasons. The UDP output data can then be routed to your local network via ***DTRACK3***. The mandatory requirement for this function is that the PC running the ***DTRACK3*** frontend is equipped with two ethernet LAN ports. One is necessary for connecting the controller and the other for connection to your local network

(see figure 9.48 on page 168).

Tick the checkbox *act as router for tracking output* to activate the function.

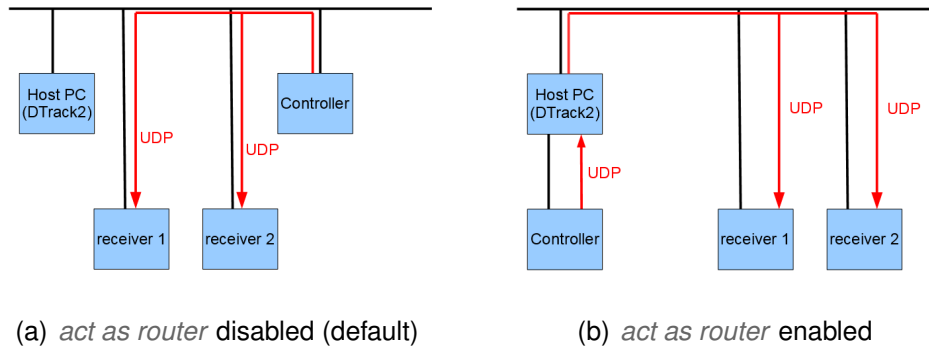


Figure 9.48: Depiction 'act as router' functionality



Using *DTRACK3* to forward the UDP data output will add a short delay / latency (approx. 0.1 ... 0.5 ms, dependent on the calculation power of the Host PC)



Do not use this function if the application PC and the controller are in the same network!

10 Menu View - Frontend configuration

| Display | Shortcut |
|-------------------------|----------|
| <i>Set to default</i> | |
| <i>Monitor 2DOF</i> | |
| <i>Data</i> | F10 |
| <i>Flystick</i> | |
| <i>Fingertracking</i> | |
| <i>Measurement Tool</i> | |
| <i>Events</i> | |

Table 10.1: Menu *View*

Set to default This function resets the appearance of the **DTRACK3** frontend, i.e. all views and the size of the windows are reverted to default values. Only the *Monitor 2DOF* and the displays *Data* and *Events* are shown.

Monitor 2DOF The *Monitor 2DOF display* is a graphical display of the field of view of the cameras to visualise all markers that are seen by the cameras. It is activated by default. A more detailed description can be found in chapter 6.3.1 on page 50.

Data On the left hand side the *Data Display* shows the 6DOF measurement results (i.e. position and orientation of the body relative to the room coordinate system). Additional information for inertial sensors are also shown, if applicable. On the right hand side the results for 3DOF calculation of single markers (e.g. from not-calibrated targets) are shown, if activated.

Measurement Tool The *Measurement Tool* display shows the measurement results of the position and orientation of the Measurement Tool .

Events The *Event Display* shows the status of the tracking system. All messages and entries shown here are also stored in event logs on the remote PC. These files are necessary for tech support by **ART** (please refer to chapter 7.3 on page 67).

Fingertracking (not available for SMARTTRACK2/3/M) The *Fingertracking* display shows the measurement results for the hands - i.e. of back of the hand + each finger (thumb, index, middle, ...).

Flystick The *Flystick* display shows the measurement results of the position and orientation of the Flystick.

11 Menu Tools

| Tools | Shortcut |
|-----------------------|----------|
| <i>Measure points</i> | |

Table 11.1: Menu *Tools*

11.1 Measure Points

This tool (see figure 11.1 on page 171) provides a simple acquisition method for measurements with the Measurement Tool .

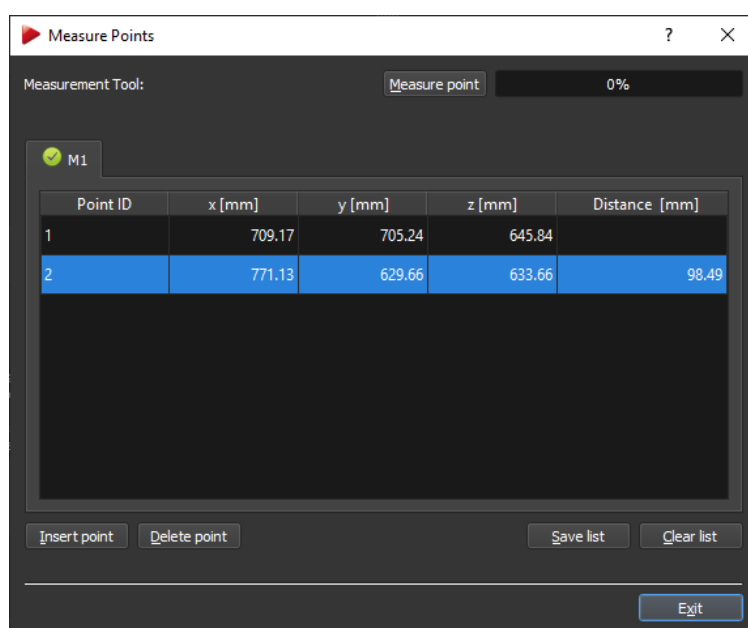


Figure 11.1: Measure Points

The dialog shows the following informations:

The measurement of a point is started either by pressing the button *Measure point*, by performing a gesture with the Measurement Tool or by pressing a button of an assigned *Flystick* . Tilt over the Measurement Tool as defined in 9.9 on page 161. The distances between adjacent points are computed automatically. You may insert or delete points from the list and you may save the list to a file.

| Control | Description |
|----------------------|---|
| <i>Measure point</i> | Place the Measurement Tool at the position you want to measure and press this button. |
| <i>Insert point</i> | Add an additional measurement to the list (above the selected point). |
| <i>Delete point</i> | Remove the selected measurement from the list. |
| <i>Save list</i> | Export the list of measurements to a file (e.g. for import in a spreadsheet program). |
| <i>Clear list</i> | Delete all entries of the list. |

Table 11.2: Measure Points - Description



If the Measurement Tool is not tracked a measurement cannot be performed!

12 Menu Help

| About | Shortcut |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| <i>What's this?</i> | Shift + F1 |
| <i>What's new?</i> | |
| <i>Controller and Camera Update</i> | |
| <i>Service and Guides</i> | |
| <i>DTRACK3</i> | F1 |
| <i>About Qt</i> | |

Table 12.1: Menu *Help*

12.1 What's this?

By clicking *What's this*, you may use the context-sensitive help function within the **DTRACK3** front-end software. Just point the mouse cursor over any feature of the **DTRACK3** GUI, then left-click to receive additional information.

12.2 What's new?

The upcoming window provides information about the new features that have been released with the current version. By clicking on '*Show more*' you can access the history of introduced features in previous versions (see figure 12.1 on page 174).

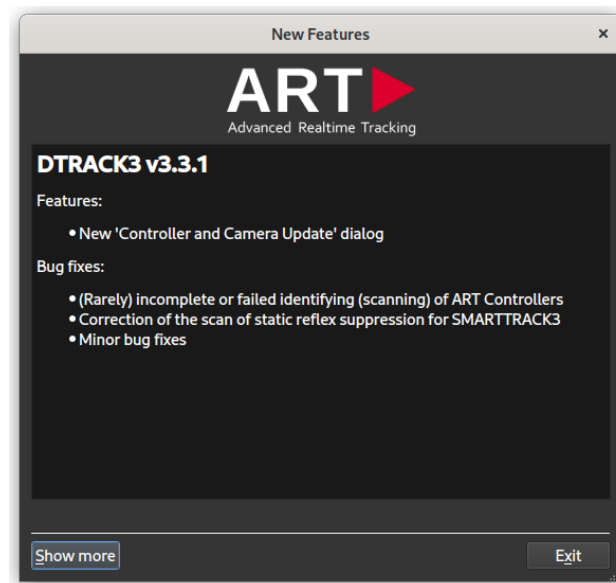
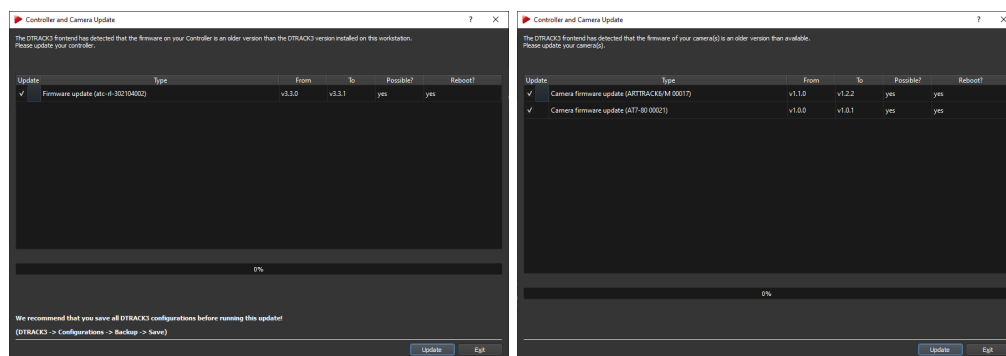


Figure 12.1: What's new Information

12.3 Controller and Camera Update

After updating the **DTRACK3** frontend software an automatic update of the controller and cameras is started, if necessary. In case you have aborted this process during first run you can re-open the update dialog here (see figures 12.2(a) and 12.2(b) on page 174).



(a) Dialog for controller update

(b) Dialog for camera update

Figure 12.2: Update Dialogs

Click **Update** to start the update process. Confirm by clicking **Yes** in the upcoming dialog (see figure 12.3(a) on page 175). After a final warning the update is started (see figure 12.3(b) on page 175). Do not stop the process afterwards.

The update dialog will then show the current status using a progress bar (refer to figure 12.4(a) page 175). Depending on the update this may take several minutes.

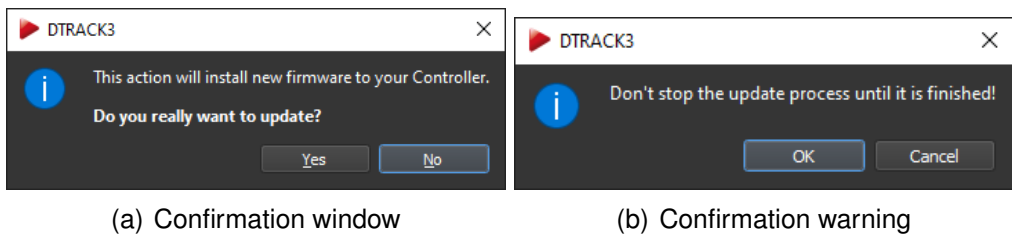


Figure 12.3: Confirming the update

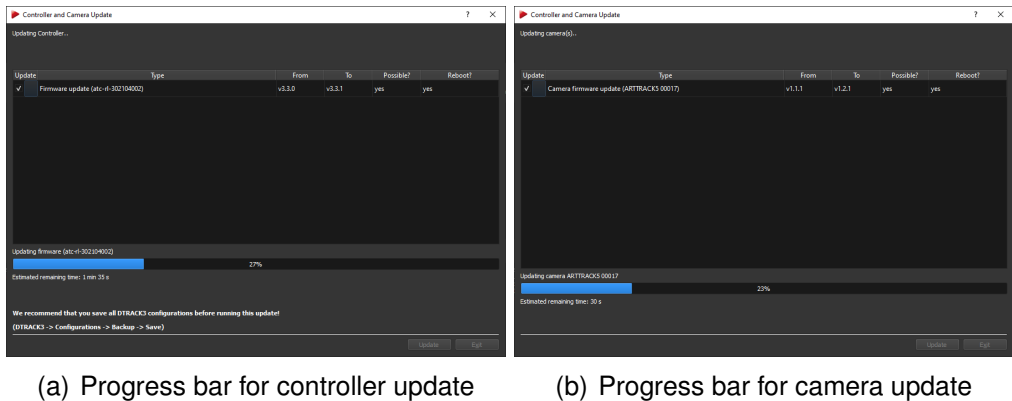


Figure 12.4: Running the update

After the update has been completed the controller and / or cameras have to be restarted to finalize the update process.

For controller updates only: In order to restart directly click *Yes* in the upcoming dialog (refer to figure 12.5(a) page 175).

For camera updates: Please restart all cameras manually (not necessary for *ART-TRACK6/M* and *AT7-80*). Therefore power off all updated cameras by disconnecting them from the controller. When using PoE+ switches turn off the switch to restart.

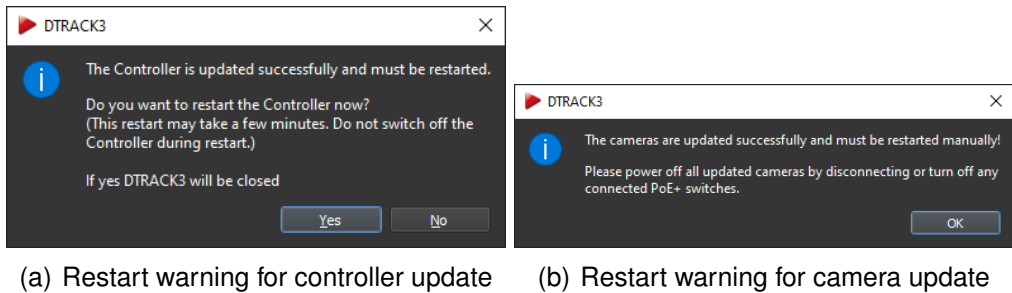


Figure 12.5: Restart after updating

You may also continue with your measurement by clicking *No*. The update dialog will show no further update option when your controller is up-to-date (refer to figure 12.6 on page 176). Click *Exit* to close the update dialog. Please remember to restart the controller later on.

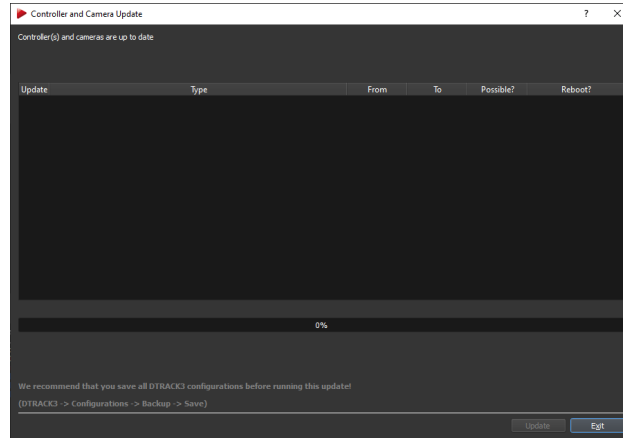









Figure 12.6: Update completed

-  **Personal settings and configurations (e.g. room and body calibration, output settings, etc.) will be preserved during update!**
-  **Updates of camera firmware are installed in a separate run after the controller has been updated completely.**
-  **In case you have not updated your system on regular basis several steps of incremental updates of the controller might be necessary (e.g. v2.10.0 → v2.14.1 → v3.1.0 →...). Each step requires restarting the controller. The whole process may take several minutes.**
-  **Don't stop the update process e.g. by turning off controller or cameras. The controller may be restarted automatically to finish the update process. In case of updating the camera firmware the cameras need to be powered off separately (except *ARTTRACK6/M* and *AT7-80*).**
-  **Please remember to manually restart the controller if you cancelled the automatic restart.**
-  **All patch releases and updates (e.g. v3.2.0 → v3.2.1 → v3.2.2 →...) may be installed without restrictions.**
-  ***DTRACK3* may only be upgraded to the next minor version (e.g. v3.2.X → v3.3.0) having a valid '*DTRACK3 Upgrade*' license. Please double-check your license status first (see chapter 7.2 on page 64 for more information).**

12.3.1 Upgrading from earlier versions

When upgrading versions earlier than *DTRACK3* (e.g. *DTrack2 2.14.1*) you will be prompted with an additional warning message (see figure 12.7 on page 177) before running the up-

date. Please double-check that your system meets the specified requirements.

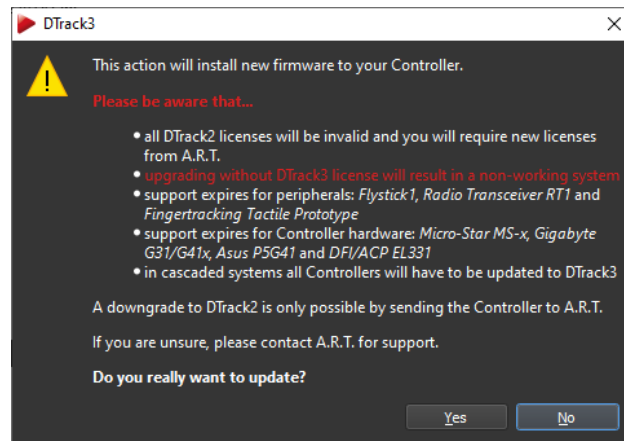


Figure 12.7: Upgrade Warning

As an additional measure against invalid upgrades a dialog will appear next in order to check for a valid **DTRACK3** license code (see figure 12.8 on page 177).

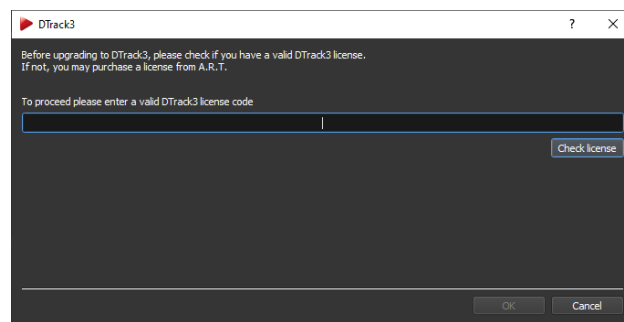


Figure 12.8: Upgrade Valid License Code Entry



Any DTRACK3 license may be used for upgrade check from DTrack2 2.X.Y (e.g. max. C cameras).

After entering the code press **OK** and the upgrade will be started. Please refer to the previous section and figure 12.4(a) on page 175.

Due to changes in licensing you will need to enter all license codes for **DTRACK3** when re-connecting to the **ART** controller for the first time after the update. Please refer to 7.2 on page 64.

Denied Upgrade In case the technical requirements are not met the upgrade will be denied (see figure 12.9 on page 178) and you have to revert to frontend **DTrack2 2.X.Y**.

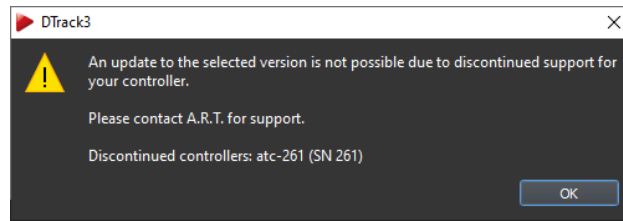


Figure 12.9: Upgrade Denied

12.4 Service and Guides

The service dialog shows important information when contacting **ART** technical support (see figure 12.10 on page 178).

The *Service-ID* is a unique identifier of your controller. Next the current software version on your controller (i.e. backend) is shown next to *DTRACK*. You can select both entries to copy & paste.

The following entries show the *Service Level* and *Warranty Level*. These levels correspond to the status of your contract for service and maintenance, if applicable. The minimum level without contract is 'Standard'. Depending on your *Service Level* contact details of **ART** are provided here. For further information please consult your service agreement.

You can also access the **ART** website directly using the link below. The *Service-ID* is attached automatically at the end of the link.

At the bottom of the dialog the export system information window can be opened (please refer to section 12.4.1 on page 179).

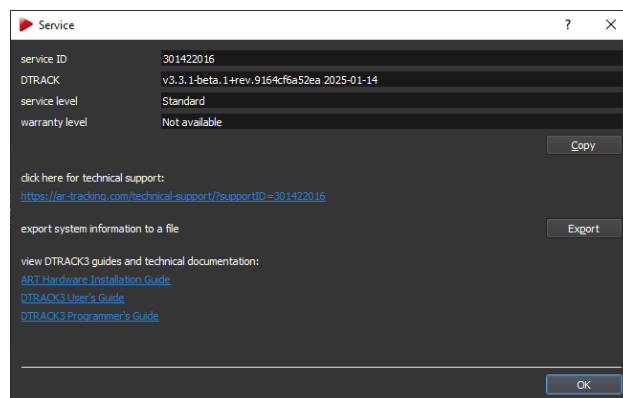


Figure 12.10: Service Information



Please have your Service-ID and current software version ready when you contact the **ART technical support.**

12.4.1 Export system information

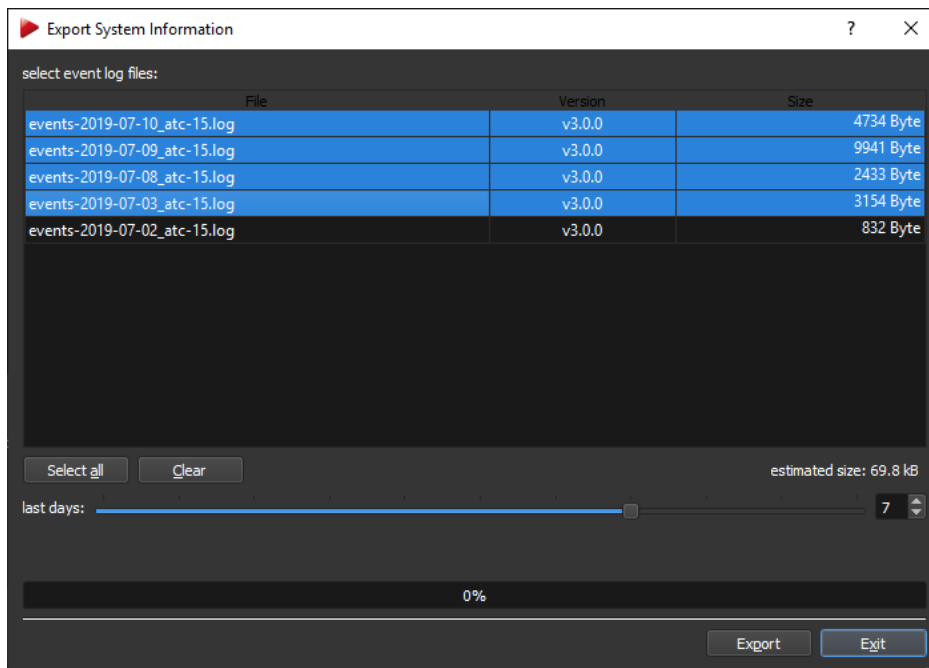


Figure 12.11: Export System Information

This dialog is intended for saving a current system information file as well as recent event logs in case you need to contact tech support at **ART** (see figure 12.11 on page 179). Information is included such as number and types of cameras, validity of room calibration, number and types of targets, current settings, warnings and error messages etc.

Select the appropriate *Event log files* by left-clicking the entries or by moving the slider below the table to the left or right respectively. You can also enter the number of *last days* manually (max. 30 days). Press *Export* to save the selected event logs together with the system information file in (ASCII-)TXT format on any remote PC in your local network.

12.4.2 View DTRACK3 guides and technical documentation

All DTRACK3 manuals (including this one) can be easily displayed by clicking the corresponding links (if a suitable PDF viewer is installed at your PC). If this doesn't work you can find them also in the DTRACK3 installation directory under `. \DTRACK3_v3.X.Y\doc\`

12.5 DTRACK3

This dialog offers information about the software version and release date of the **DTRACK3** front-end and backend software running on the controller (see figure 12.12 on page 180). Additionally hostname and serial number of the controller are shown. By clicking on the

button *Show details* a list of all included software modules is shown together with their respective software versions. Information regarding licensing of **DTRACK3** can be found under *Open-Source software*.

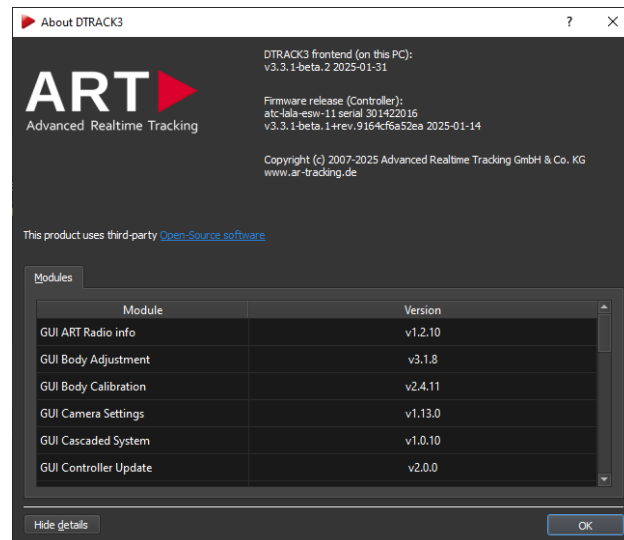


Figure 12.12: About **DTRACK3** Information

12.6 About Qt

This offers information about the Qt software toolkit used within **DTRACK3**.

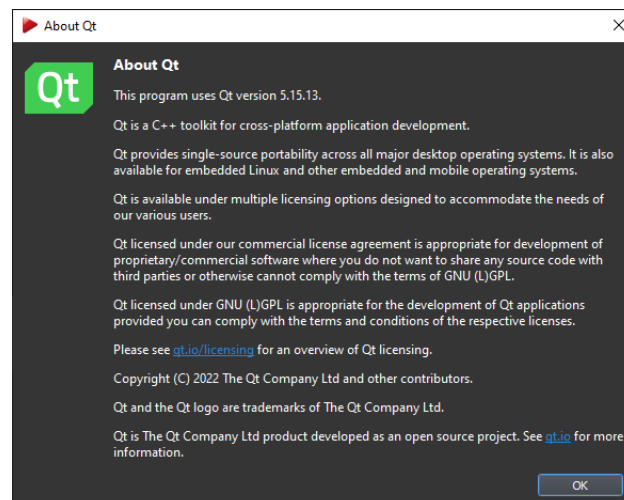


Figure 12.13: About Qt Information

13 Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

Within this FAQ chapter we are offering solutions for easy-to-solve questions that our support encounters from time to time. The questions are grouped into specific topics to make it more convenient for you to find a solution.

In case you do not find a proper solution for your specific problem, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Our goal is to offer the best support possible. Therefore, we ask you to have the system running and that you have internet access when you call us. Additionally we will need details about your system. Please refer to the ***DTRACK3 User's Guide*** → *Menu Help* → *Service* → *Export System Information File* for details how to export a system information file. Please include it in your mail when you contact tech support.

13.1 Backup

⇒ How do I create a backup of important configurations?

It is possible to export and import configurations. Please refer to chapter 7.3.2 on page 69 for details how to export and backup your configurations. In case of an accidental deleting of a configuration it will be possible to restore it presuming that an export had been carried out before. In the unfortunate event of repairs this data could also be restored to a replacement controller.

Please note that a room (re-)calibration might be necessary especially in case the amount of cameras or the camera models have changed.

13.2 Cameras

⇒ How many cameras may be connected to the tracking system?

Starting with ***DTRACK3*** a new license model has been established.

You may use 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 50 or up to 80 cameras in any combination with 4, 10, 30, 50 or up to 70 simultaneously activated targets depending on the license purchased.

Please refer to table 7.2 on page 65 for a complete license overview.

13.3 Controller

⇒ What are the possibilities to start the controller?

The controller is equipped with a switch that you have to press for the initial start-up. If you want to power up your controller remotely, you may use Wake On LAN (WOL).

Please refer to chapter 5.2 on page 39 for more information.

The **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M** are PoE powered device, so they do not have a power switch. They do not feature Wake On LAN either. Simply connect the **SMARTTRACK3** & **SMARTTRACK3/M** to the provided PoE-injector and plug the PoE-injector into a mains socket.

⇒ I cannot find my controller. What can I do?

- Please make sure that the controller is connected properly to the Ethernet network.
- Switch on the controller.
- It is possible that your controller has become unreachable due to wrong IP settings (wrong IP address or IP address area, etc.). Please refer to chapter 5.3 on page 40.
- In case you are using a firewall, please do not block **DTRACK3** communication. Please refer to chapter A.1 on page 199.

For more information, please also refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Installation of the Controller* or → *Installation of the SMARTTRACK3* or → *Connection to local network LAN*.

⇒ What is the IP address of my controller?

You may use a standard USB pen drive and plug it in to the controller at any time. If not running yet, please switch on the controller. Its settings (IP address, etc.) will be saved to a information file on the USB drive. This file may be opened and modified in any editor.

Please refer to chapter 5.3.2 on page 43 for more information.

⇒ How can I assign a specific IP address to my controller?

You may configure a static IP address the following ways:

- using **DTRACK3** (refer to chapter 5.1.3 on page 39)
- without the **DTRACK3** frontend (refer to chapter 5.3 on page 40)

13.4 **DTRACK3** and shutter glasses

⇒ What types of shutter glasses can be used with the **ART** tracking system

Please refer to table 8.8 on page 87.

⇒ When I start tracking, the shutter glasses don't work correctly.

Most shutter glasses use infrared signals to synchronize the glasses with the image. The tracking cameras produce a strong infrared flash, which interferes with this communication. By synchronizing both systems, the cameras emit their flash in a way that does not interfere.

Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *Synchronisation*.

⇒ When I connect the "ExtIn", the shutter emitters stop working.

Some projectors create only a weak sync signal (TTL), which is not strong enough to drive the **SyncCard2**. Please contact **ART** to get a special high-impedance version or synchronize against the video signal (if available).

⇒ Tracking stops when no stereo image is displayed

Some graphics adapters only create the shutter image when a stereo image is displayed. If available, use video synchronization. This is a known behavior for NVidia adapters.

13.5 **DTRACK3** and interfaces

⇒ I'm using VRPN. Which output identifiers have to be activated?

It is absolutely mandatory that you activate at least the '6d' and '6dcal' output identifiers (refer to table 9.16 on page 167). Activate other output identifiers depending on your application (e.g. if you're using **Flystick2/2+/3** you have to activate '6df2').

⇒ I'm using VRPN and TrackD but I only succeed in receiving data via just one of them.

Please make sure that you are using two separate output channels with different port numbers. Please refer to chapter 9.11 on page 165.

⇒ I'm having problems with the **Flystick2/2+/3** data transmission via TrackD.

Please make sure that you are using the latest version of the TrackD module - **ART** will provide information upon request. Versions of trackd 5.5 which are older than February 2007 do not support data transmission for **Flystick2/2+/3**.

If you don't want to change the module you may also use the '*old output format*' for legacy Flystick1. Please refer to chapter 9.7 on page 145 for more details.

13.6 Software *DTRACK3*

⇒ Where do I get the software *DTRACK3* from?

The software *DTRACK3* is delivered on a USB pen drive with the tracking system. Furthermore, you may register for the *ART* Download Center

(<http://www.ar-tracking.com/support/>) in order to always have access to the latest patch release of *DTRACK3*.

Please refer to chapter 7.2 on page 64 for more information about *DTRACK3* release policy.

⇒ Why is my frontend not starting up?

- Please refer to chapter A.1 on page 199 for a list of supported operating systems.
- Windows XP is not supported. Please update to Windows 7 or newer.
- Windows 32-bit is not supported. Please upgrade to a compatible 64-bit Windows distribution.
- Linux 32-bit is not supported. Please upgrade to a compatible 64-bit Linux distribution.
- If using Linux: some Linux distributions do not install all necessary libraries by default, although they are part of the distribution; check if the following libraries are available:

```
libQt5Core.so.5  
libQt5Gui.so.5  
libQt5Widgets.so.5  
libQt5OpenGL.so.5  
libQt5Network.so.5  
libQt5Xml.so.5  
libQt5XmlPatterns.so.5
```

Please install them using an appropriate package installer.

To find out if and which Linux libraries are missing, you can also use the tool `ldd` that is part of all Linux distributions; e.g. type:

```
ldd <DTRACK3>/bin/plugins/libadjustbodycoordinatesystem.so
```


⇒ **Some of my menu items are missing. What can I do?**

- Please check if the latest updates for your operating system are installed.
- Please refer to chapter A.1 on page 199 for a list of supported operating systems.
- If using Linux: some Linux distributions do not install all necessary libraries by default, although they are part of the distribution (see question above); install them using an appropriate package installer.

⇒ **Some of my menu items are greyed out / disabled. What can I do?**

- Please check if your configuration is locked. In case unlock your configuration.
- Please refer to chapter 7.3 on page 67 how to manage your configurations.

⇒ **Where is the Monitor 2DOF display?**

- Please check if the latest updates for your operating system are installed.
- Please make sure that your firewall is not blocking **DTRACK3**, even partly.
- Please refer to chapter A.1 on page 199 for a list of supported operating systems and communication ports.

⇒ **Why is the Monitor 2DOF display crossed out for some cameras?**

- Please check if all the cameras used during room calibration are connected.
- Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → **FAQ** for the common reasons of disconnected cameras.
- Please refer to section 6.3.1 on page 50 for more information about Adding / removing cameras.

⇒ **Why does the “(re-)calibration required” message appear in Monitor 2DOF?**

- Please make sure you have performed a correct room calibration using all connected cameras.
- Please refer to section 6.3.1 on page 50 for more information about Adding / removing cameras.

⇒ **My target is not visualized within the Monitor 2DOF display.**

- Please make sure that the target is inside the tracking volume and within tracking range of the cameras.
- Double-check the settings for the flash intensities of the cameras (refer to chapter

8.3 on page 76).

- In case you are using active targets, please make sure that you have activated the modulated flash. Please refer to chapter 8.3 on page 76 for further details.

⇒ **There are greyish areas in my Monitor 2DOF display. What do they indicate?**

The static reflex suppression is currently active. This is indicated with these greyish areas. Markers in these areas will not contribute to tracking.

Please refer to chapter 6.3.2 on page 54 for more information.

⇒ **What do the abbreviations "SR", "DR" and "UD" mean?**

SR ... static reflex suppression active
UD ... display orientation is upside down

Please refer to chapter 6.3.1 on page 50 for more information on the additional *Monitor 2DOF display* settings.

⇒ **The display bar in the Monitor 2DOF display is indicating very high intensities although no markers are illustrated. Where's the light coming from?**

Please check that the cameras are not in the field of view of each other to avoid mutual blinding. Furthermore, remove other strong IR radiation sources from the tracking volume or, at least, prevent them from interfering with the tracking system. Please refer to the *ART Hardware Installation Guide* → *Setting up the cameras* for more information.

⇒ **Monitor 2DOF and/or Data Display are 'freezing' after some time, although tracking didn't stop.**

This can be caused by a firewall that is running on the *DTRACK3* PC and blocking (UDP) output data.

Check your firewall settings and ensure that it is not blocking *DTRACK3* application, even partly. Please refer to chapter A.1 on page 199.

⇒ **How do I define the number of targets to be tracked?**

Go to *Tracking* → *Body Administration* and change the number of activated target slots by ticking 'Active' next to the corresponding body *ID*. Please refer to chapter 9.4 on page 122.

⇒ **What is the maximum number of targets?**

The maximum number of targets (not including *Flystick2/2+/3*, *Fingertracking* and Measurement Tool devices) is depending on the license type.

Starting with **DTRACK3** version v3.2.0 a new license model has been established. You may simultaneously activate and track 4, 10, 30, 50 or up to 70 standard targets depending on the license purchased. Interaction devices do not count towards this limit. Please refer to table 7.2 on page 65 for a complete license overview.

⇒ **Where do I get a license code from?**

You may purchase additional licenses for your system. Please contact your **ART** representative in case you need consultation.

Please refer to chapter 7.2 on page 64 for further details.

⇒ **Where do I enter a new license code?**

Go to **DTRACK3** → *Licenses* and enter the code in line '*new license code*'.

Please refer to chapter 7.2 on page 64 for further details.

⇒ **Where do I get a software update from?**

The latest patch release of **DTRACK3** is always available at the **ART** Download Center (<http://www.ar-tracking.com/support/>).

Please refer to chapter 7.2 on page 64 for more information about **DTRACK3** release policy.

⇒ **I want to run a software update. How do I preserve my data and my configurations?**

Your data and your configurations are automatically preserved when running a software update. But it is recommended to regularly create backups of your configuration(s). Please refer to chapter 7.3.2 on page 69 for further details.

⇒ **How do I run a software update?**

Please contact **ART** to receive the latest patch release and follow the instructions in chapter 4.3 on page 32 and chapter 12.3 on page 174.

⇒ **Do I have to update the **DTRACK3** frontend software and the software of the controller at the same time?**

Yes, this is mandatory.

⇒ **My specific settings have been lost.**

Please check if the correct configuration is selected:
go to *DTRACK3* → *Configurations* and select the correct configuration.
Please refer to chapter 7.3 on page 67 for further details.

⇒ **Is it possible to automatically start the measurement after booting the controller?**

No, this feature is not available as customer surveys have provided negative feedback.

⇒ **May I close the *DTRACK3* frontend software window after starting the measurement?**

Yes, the measurement continues even if the *DTRACK3* frontend software is not active.

⇒ **What's the version of my *DTRACK3* software?**

Go to *Help* → *DTRACK3* to find out the version of your *DTRACK3* frontend software and the backend software on the controller. Please refer to chapter 12 on page 173 for further details.

13.7 Calibration

⇒ **How can I find out when the room has been calibrated last time?**

Please go to *Tracking* → *Room calibration* and click *Show details*. The date of the last room calibration is shown.

⇒ **How do I define position and orientation of the room coordinate system?**

The calibration angle defines position and orientation of the room coordinate system depending on how you place it within the tracking volume. Please refer to table 9.3 on page 109.

DTRACK3 offers the possibility to adjust the room coordinate system after the room calibration. Please refer to chapter 9.2 on page 115 for more information.

⇒ **How do I have to move the wand?**

Move the wand gently within the measurement volume, in order to generate a virtual point cloud. This point cloud should fill at least about two thirds of the measurement volume. Please refer to the *ART Hardware Installation Guide* → *Setting up the cameras* → *Room Calibration - Overview* for more information.

⇒ **I do not succeed in performing a room calibration.**

- Please make sure that the calibration angle is placed within the measurement volume such that it is seen completely by at least two cameras (→ verify with *Monitor 2DOF* display). If not all cameras see the angle be sure that a sufficient volume connects each camera to the others. No other marker except for the ones belonging to the calibration angle should be visible.
- Please make sure that the correct calibration set is selected in the settings for room calibration. Please refer to chapter 9.1 on page 107 for details.
- Please make sure that no reflections are seen by the cameras. If it is not possible to eliminate the reflections you may use static suppression of reflections to remove them. Please refer to the *ART Hardware Installation Guide* → *Setting up the cameras* for more information.
- Please make sure that the markers positioned on the calibration angle are not damaged or misarranged.
- Increase the flash intensities of the cameras until all markers are of good quality (i.e. at least yellow). Please refer to chapter 8.3 on page 76.
- Restart the room calibration. Move the wand gently within the measurement volume, in order to generate a virtual point cloud. This point cloud should fill at least about two thirds of the measurement volume.

Please refer to the *ART Hardware Installation Guide* → *Setting up the cameras* → *Room Calibration - Overview* for more information.

⇒ **I cannot cover two thirds of the measurement volume within the set time for the room calibration. How do I extend the time for the calibration process?**

Please open the dialogue *Tracking* → *Room calibration* and click *Show details*. There you can extend the duration for the calibration process. Please refer to chapter 9.1 on page 107 for more information.

⇒ **How shall I evaluate the room calibration results?**

Please refer to chapter 9.1.4 on page 110 for a detailed explanation.

⇒ **DTRACK3 reports the error message "no angle tool detected". What went wrong?**

First of all, please double-check if all markers are visible and that there are no disturbing reflections. Sometimes, it might help to move the calibration angle a little bit. Please always verify the settings for the room calibration before repeating:

- wand length is printed on a label on the wand;
- select the correct calibration set.

⇒ **The progress bar of the room calibration stopped.**

Please double-check in the *Monitor 2DOF* display whether the calibration wand is recognized by the cameras during its movement.

⇒ **What is a "re-calibration" and when do I have to perform one?**

DTRACK3 provides simplified room and body calibrations, called room and body re-calibration. The main advantage of a re-calibration is that **DTRACK3** preserves the origin and the orientation of your coordinate system as well as specific information (predefined emission vectors, cylindrical marker).

You may perform a room re-calibration from time to time or if a camera moved slightly (e.g. due to mechanical instabilities). Please refer to chapter 9.1.5 on page 111.

If your body fell down or if the structure is bent you should carry out a body re-calibration. Please refer to chapter 9.5.7 on page 140 for more information.

⇒ **What does 'scaling factor' mean?**

Performing a room calibration results in a certain scaling error. This might be a problem when applications do have very high accuracy requirements (e.g. when performing measurements with the Measurement Tool).

The scaling error can be determined, for instance, by measuring points on a defined scale (e.g. tape measure). The determined scaling error can thus be adjusted with the **DTRACK3** 'scaling factor' (refer to chapter 9.2 on page 115).

Please contact **ART** if you require further information.

⇒ **I cannot calibrate my target.**

- Please check if the markers of the target are seen by the cameras in good quality (i.e. at least yellow) - a slight change of the target position might help. If necessary increase the flash intensities of the cameras. Therefore, go to *Hardware* → *Cameras*.
- Make sure that when starting the body calibration every marker of the target is visible to the cameras.
- A body calibration can be carried out only if a valid room calibration has been carried out before. Check in the *Event Display* if there is a warning saying 'no valid room calibration', additionally the button *Calibrate* is greyed out and cannot be clicked. In that case, please carry out a new room calibration.
- Please make sure using the *Monitor 2DOF* display that no marker is overlapped (i.e. merged) by another one. If necessary rearrange the target and restart the body calibration.

- Try to carry out the body calibration with a moving target. Therefore, shift the starting position of the target for calibration (often a shift of 10 or 20cm is enough to enable calibration again).
- Make sure that no other markers or targets are inside the tracking volume other than the one you want to calibrate.
- Please carry out a new room calibration.

⇒ **I'd like to save all my body files for backup reasons but I receive less files than configured bodies.**

DTRACK3 only creates body files for calibrated bodies. For example: if you have configured 15 targets for tracking but only 4 of them are calibrated, you will only receive 4 calibration files.

⇒ **I'd like to calibrate a body but the body calibration dialogue is greyed out.**

Please ensure that you have performed and accepted a valid room calibration prior to body calibration. Check in the *Event Display* if there is a warning saying 'no valid room calibration'.

⇒ **What is the difference between 'due to body' and 'due to room'?**

When selecting 'due to body', the body coordinate system is determined by the arrangement of the rigid body itself. When 'due to room' is used the origin of the body coordinate system is set to the center of gravity of all markers building the rigid body.

Please refer to chapter 9.5.2 on page 134 for more information.

⇒ **Do I have to move the target while performing a body calibration?**

If possible we recommend to perform moderate movements because accuracy can be improved doing so. However, the body has to be visible to the cameras all the time.

⇒ **May I change the position and the orientation of the body coordinate system later on?**

Yes, you may use the dialogue *Body adjustment* to alter position and orientation of the body coordinate system. Please refer to chapter 9.6 on page 141 for more information.

⇒ **How do I define a name for a target?**

Go to *Tracking* → *Body Administration (F8)*. Double-click into the name field and enter a name for the respective body. Please refer to chapter 9.4 on page 122 for more information.

⇒ **I cannot increase the number of targets anymore.**

The maximum number of target slot to be configured and calibrated is 70 (not including *Flystick2/2+/3* , *Fingertracking* and Measurement Tool devices). The maximum amount of simultaneously activated targets depends on the license that is installed. Go to *DTRACK3* → *Licenses* to see which license you have.

Starting with *DTRACK3* version v3.2.0 a new license model has been established. You may activate 4, 10, 30, 50 or up to 70 targets depending on the license purchased. Please refer to table 7.2 on page 65 for more information.

⇒ **How shall I evaluate the body calibration results?**

Verify that all markers of the target have been recognized during the *DTRACK3* body calibration. Further, you may check if the single distances between the markers are correct (refer to chapter 9.5.5 on page 137).

As a special service you may send us the calibration file and we are going to check it.

13.8 Tracking

⇒ **My target (active or passive) is not recognized sporadically or only partly or even not at all.**

- Go to *Hardware* → *Cameras* and tick the checkbox '*modulated flash*'. Alternatively select the ones that have unobstructed view of the whole tracking area. Furthermore all cameras with activated *modulated flash* have to be assigned to syncgroup #1 ! *AT7-80* , *ARTTRACK6/M* , *ARTTRACK5* , *ARTTRACK5/C* , *TRACKPACK/E* , & *TRACKPACK* systems may be configured via software, while *ARTTRACK2* & *ARTTRACK3* have to be connected to '*OUT1*' on the controller's *Synccard2/3* .
- Also, take into account that the distance between active target and cameras should not be the tracking range of the camera model.
- Active targets cannot be used near or in front of plasma screens. The IR emission of the plasma screen overdrives the IR receiver in the active target. See also the FAQ section: Operation near plasma screen.
- Please perform a new room calibration.
- Double-check if the marker surface is not dirty or dusty and that it doesn't appear to be worn out.

⇒ **Tracking does not work.**

- Please make sure that the measurement has been started and that the target is within tracking range of the cameras.

- If marker recognition is poor then increase the flash intensity.
- Check the number of markers that are used for calculation. If all markers of the target are seen by the cameras, but some are not used for calculation, then execute a new room and body calibration.
- Go to *Tracking* → *Output*. Define a receiver for the tracking data and configure the type of data to be transmitted.
- Activate the tracking functionality within your graphics application.

⇒ **I'm having too many heavy reflections.**

- Please double-check that the flash intensities of the cameras are not too high. In general, a flash intensity of approx. 50 % might be sufficient.
- Make sure that no other strong infrared radiation sources (e.g. sunrays or halogen lamps) are present in the tracking volume. If they cannot be removed you may use the reflex suppression feature of **DTRACK3**.
- If mutual blinding is possible please either try to adjust the cameras differently or try to arrange them in different syncgroups.

⇒ **Does **DTRACK3** send data if no target is being tracked?**

No tracking data is sent except for the frame number ('fr').

⇒ **The application PC does not receive tracking data.**

- Go to *Tracking* → *Output*. Define a receiver for the tracking data and configure the type of data to be transmitted.
- Check the network connection physically and try to address the controller with a 'Ping'.
- Double-check whether a firewall is blocking communication.
- Activate the tracking functionality within your graphics application.

⇒ **May I use passive and active targets at the same time?**

Yes, of course, there are no restrictions on using passive and active targets simultaneously. But you will need an external modulated flash if you are using **ARTTRACK1** (discontinued) or **ARTTRACK2** (SN < 320, (discontinued)). Please contact **ART** in that case.

⇒ **I am moving my target upwards but within the Monitor 2DOF display it moves downwards.**

The camera is set to display data upside down. In the Monitor 2DOF display, right-click on the respective camera window and disable *Display upside down*.

13.9 Flystick

⇒ **The *ART* radio transceiver cannot be found.**

Please make sure that the *ART* radio transceiver is plugged in. Then, simply press 'F2' in order to perform a search for new hardware. The radio transceiver should be detected now.

⇒ **My *Flystick2/2+/3* is not listed under the available Flysticks list.**

- Make sure that the battery is charged. Press any button of the *Flystick2/2+/3* and the orange status LED should be switched on.
- Go to *Hardware* → *ART Radio Info* to see if the *ART* radio transceiver has been recognized.
- Go to *Hardware* → *ART Radio Info* → *Show details* and set the channel number manually.

⇒ **Why is the pressing of the *Flystick2/2+/3* buttons not recognized (within *DTRACK3*)?**

- Make sure that the battery is charged. Press any button of the *Flystick2/2+/3* and the orange status LED should be switched on.
- Double-check whether the button pressed events are recognized by *DTRACK3*. Therefore:
 - enable the Flystick Display (*View* → *Flystick*)
 - blue rectangles should light up on each button pressed event in the Flystick Display.
- Go to *Hardware* → *ART Radio Info* to see if the *ART* radio transceiver has been recognized.
- Go to *Hardware* → *ART Radio Info* → *Show details* and set the channel number manually.
- Go to *Tracking* → *Flystick* and assign your Flystick (to be found in the available Flysticks list) to any '*Flystick ID*'.

⇒ **Why is the pressing of the *Flystick2/2+/3* buttons not recognized (within the graphics application)?**

- Make sure that the battery is charged. Press any button of the *Flystick2/2+/3* and the orange status LED should be switched on.
- Go to *Tracking* → *Flystick* and assign your Flystick (to be found in the available Flysticks list) to any '*Flystick ID*'.
- Go to *Tracking* → *Output* and check if the data output is configured correctly:
 - data receiver defined ('*send to*'),
 - identifier '*6df2*' selected,
 - if you are using the legacy *old output format*: identifier '*6df*' selected.

⇒ **What is the maximum number of *Flystick2/2+/3* to be used simultaneously?**

| type | max. number |
|-----------|-------------|
| Flystick2 | 5 |
| Flystick3 | 2 |

Please double-check that the targets of the *Flystick2/2+/3*, that are used simultaneously, are not identical. If in doubt please contact **ART**.

⇒ **What is the MultiUser option for *Flystick2/2+/3* ?**

The MultiUser option is an enhancement especially for VR/AR applications when working with more than one *Flystick2/2+/3*.

Please refer to chapter 9.7 on page 146 for more information.

⇒ **The Flystick output data is not transmitted.**

- Make sure that the *Flystick* is activated by pressing an arbitrary button.
- Go to *Tracking* → *Output* and check if the data output is configured correctly:
 - data receiver defined ('*send to*'),
 - identifier '*6df2*' selected,
 - if you are using the legacy *old output format*: identifier '*6df*' selected.

13.10 Fingertracking

⇒ **The *Fingertracking* hand target is not recognized sporadically or even not at all.**

- Make sure that the battery is charged and the hand target is switched on.

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- Go to *Hardware* → *Cameras* and tick the checkbox '*modulated flash*'. Alternatively select the ones that have unobstructed view of the whole tracking area. Furthermore all cameras with activated *modulated flash* have to be assigned to syncgroup #1 ! **AT7-80** , **ARTTRACK6/M** , **ARTTRACK5** , **ARTTRACK5/C** , **TRACKPACK/E** , & **TRACKPACK** systems may be configured via software, while **ARTTRACK2** & **ARTTRACK3** have to be connected to '*OUT1*' on the controller's **Synccard2/3** .
- The configuration dial has to be turned to the proper position. Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *System setup* → *Interaction devices*.
- Increase the brightness of the LEDs on **Fingertracking2** devices. Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *System setup* → *Interaction devices*..

⇒ **When using Fingertracking, there are always some markers that are flashing alternately in the Monitor 2DOF display.**

This is not bug, but rather it is due to the sequential activation of the finger thimble markers in order to achieve a separation of the fingers.

⇒ **What's the meaning of the status LEDs on the Fingertracking hand target?**

Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *System setup* → *Interaction devices* for more information.

⇒ **What is being configured when turning the configuration dial?**

Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *System setup* → *Interaction devices* for more information.

⇒ **What's the maximum number of hands to be used?**

You may use two **Fingertracking** sets (i.e. four hands) in your tracking system at the same time. However, the targets of the hand devices must be different.

⇒ **How do I assign a hand geometry to a hand ID?**

Go to *Tracking* → *Fingertracking*. Please refer to chapter 9.8 on page 147 for further details.

⇒ **The finger calibration fails. What do I do wrong?**

- The configuration dial has to be turned to the proper position. Please refer to the **ART Hardware Installation Guide** → *System setup* → *Interaction devices* for more information.
- Go to *Hardware* → *Cameras* and tick the checkbox '*modulated flash*'. Alternatively

select the ones that have unobstructed view of the whole tracking area. Furthermore all cameras with activated *modulated flash* have to be assigned to syncgroup #1 ! **AT7-80** , **ARTTRACK6/M** , **ARTTRACK5** , **ARTTRACK5/C** , **TRACKPACK/E** , & **TRACKPACK** systems may be configured via software, while **ARTTRACK2** & **ARTTRACK3** have to be connected to 'OUT1' on the controller's **Synccard2/3** .

- Please observe the calibration procedure defined in chapter 9.8.4 on page 155.
- Make sure that you selected the correct handedness and type of fingerset in *Tracking* → *Fingertracking* → *Hand geometry calibration*.
- Double-check that the diffusor spheres (not applicable for **Fingertracking2**) are not broken or missing.

⇒ **The *Fingertracking* output data is not transmitted.**

Go to *Tracking* → *Output* and check if the data output is configured correctly:

- data receiver defined ('*send to*'),
- identifiers '*gl*' and '*glcal*' selected.

⇒ **Is it possible to upgrade to the 3-finger or the 5-finger version?**

Yes, if you are currently using the non-tactile 3-finger version you may also use 5-finger thimble sets and vice versa. Tactile thimbles are available for 3 fingers only. Please contact **ART** to receive more information.

13.11 Measurement Tool

⇒ **I'm using the *Measure Points* tool but I cannot measure any points.**

Please check whether both, the Measurement Tool and the Measurement Tool reference body (if assigned), are tracked.

⇒ **It is not possible to perform a tip calibration.**

Please check whether both, the Measurement Tool and the Measurement Tool reference body (if assigned), are tracked.

Then, try to keep the tip in the same position while doing the tip calibration. Therefore, tilt the Measurement Tool in both room directions, not only in one direction (i.e. left and right, as well as back and forth). When rotating around one axis only, a tip position cannot be defined.

13.12 Active Targets

⇒ Operation near plasma screen

A plasma screen is a very strong IR source which overdrives the IR receiver in the active target (e.g. active *Flystick3* (discontinued), *Fingertracking*). Thus, active targets may not work properly near plasma screens. If possible use passive targets as alternative.

13.13 *ART* tracking and 3D TVs

⇒ Synchronization

3D TVs are primarily consumer products which have not been designed to fulfill the requirements of professional users. In fact, this especially applies when it comes to synchronizing the 3D TV and the tracking system. Typically, there's no defined synchronization output which could be used easily. In some rare cases, *ART* might be able to assist.

⇒ Shutter glasses

IR synchronized shutter glasses might not work with *ART* tracking systems. Due to the increasing variety, *ART* only validated a few of these shutter glasses. However, we may support customers who are performing tests with shutter glasses that have not been validated yet.

Please contact *ART* to receive information on this issue.

13.14 Radio transceivers used in *ART* products

⇒ Can *ART* radio transceivers pose any security issue ?

Radio transceivers for *Flystick2/2+/3* , Measurement Tool or *Fingertracking2 Tactile* use a protocol based on IEEE 802.15.4 which was developed in-house at *ART* specifically for these devices. The protocol is proprietary, no other devices should work with this protocol. The design of all controllers by *ART* ensures that use of this protocol is limited to transferring measurement data (like button-pressed events) and configuring devices.

A Technical specifications



The specifications are subject to change without notice.

A.1 Overall system

System parameters

| | |
|--------------------------|---|
| number of cameras | 2 - 80 (max. 16 for TRACKPACK/E and TRACKPACK systems) |
| max. number of targets | 70 |
| max. number of hands | 4 |
| max. number of Flysticks | |
| - Flystick2 | 5 |
| - Flystick2+ | 5 |
| - Flystick3 | 2 |
| Scalability | ARTTRACK system: fully scalable (2 - 80 cameras) TRACKPACK/E system: cascable up to 16 cameras (additional controller necessary) TRACKPACK systems (discontinued): cascable as slave(s) only |
| Accuracy | |
| - of the timestamp | with a Synccard2/3: $\Delta t_{err} \sim \pm 0.01ms$ with a SynccardTP: $\Delta t_{err} \sim \pm 0.5ms$ with a SMARTTRACK3 & SMARTTRACK3/M : $\Delta t_{err} \sim \pm 0.01ms$ with a SMARTTRACK2 : $\Delta t_{err} \sim \pm 0.5ms$ with a 3-Space wired inertial sensor: $\Delta t_{err} \sim \pm 0.1ms$ |

Compatible shutter glasses

| | |
|--------------------------|--|
| NuVision APG6000 | × |
| NuVision APG6100 | × |
| NVidia 3D Vision Pro | ×, radio synchronization |
| RealD CE1 | × |
| RealD CE2 | × |
| RealD CE3 | × |
| RealD CE4 | - |
| RealD CE5 | × |
| Volfoni EDGE | ×, with Volfoni or NuVision Long-Range Emitter |
| XPand X103 | ×, with NuVision Long-Range Emitter |
| XPand X101 | × |
| XPand X104LX | × |
| Virtalis ActiveWorks 500 | × |

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System requirements

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| | |
|-------------------|--|
| - Free disk space | ≥ 200MB |
| - Processor | Intel: ≥ P4 2GHz AMD: ≥ K6 1.6Ghz |
| - RAM | ≥ 1GB |
| Operating systems | Windows 7 64 Bit with Service Pack 1 Windows 8/8.1 64 Bit Windows 10 64 Bit Windows 11 64 Bit Linux 64 Bit with at least Qt5 5.9.2 available, e.g.: Linux openSUSE Leap ≥ 15.0 64 Bit Linux Ubuntu ≥ 18.04 64 Bit Linux CentOS ≥ 7.5 64 Bit Linux Debian ≥ 10.0 64 Bit |

Used IP ports in Controller

| Controller | | DTRACK3 tend | fron- | purpose |
|---------------------|---|---|-------|--|
| TCP 50105 | ↔ | TCP dynamic | | general communication |
| UDP 50105 | ↔ | UDP dynamic | | general communication |
| UDP 50107 | → | UDP dynamic | | measurement data (6DOF, timestamps, etc.) |
| Controller | | user's application (e.g. DTrackSDK) | | purpose |
| TCP 50105 | ↔ | TCP variable | | remote commands (optional) |
| UDP 50107 | → | UDP user-defined (default: 5000) | | measurement data (6DOF, timestamps, etc.) |
| UDP 50110 | ← | UDP variable | | control commands (optional; for Fingertracking2 Tac-tile or Flystick feedback devices) |
| | | | | |
| 'dynamic' port | | defined by the OS; can be among all local ports within the accessible range of the OS (i.e. from the pool of 'registered ports' in Microsoft WINDOWS) | | |
| 'variable' port | | arbitrary, by design of the user's application | | |
| 'user-defined' port | | defined from within the frontend (Menu <i>Tracking</i> → <i>Output</i>) | | |

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