





# **SoccerNet**

Building the largest and most comprehensive open-source dataset and benchmark for sports video analysis

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#### SoccerNet: a model to foster international collaborations



The **largest** and most **comprehensive** collection of

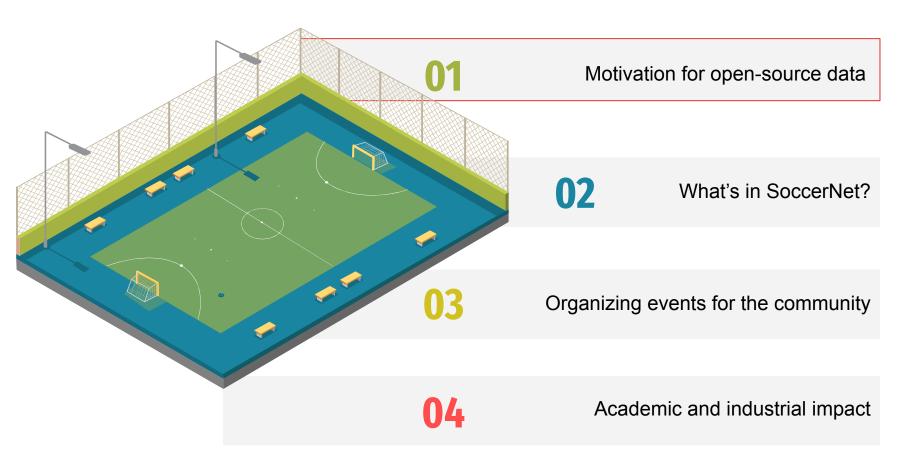
<u>datasets</u>, <u>baselines/methods</u>, and <u>benchmarks</u> for

soccer video analysis ( and sports!)



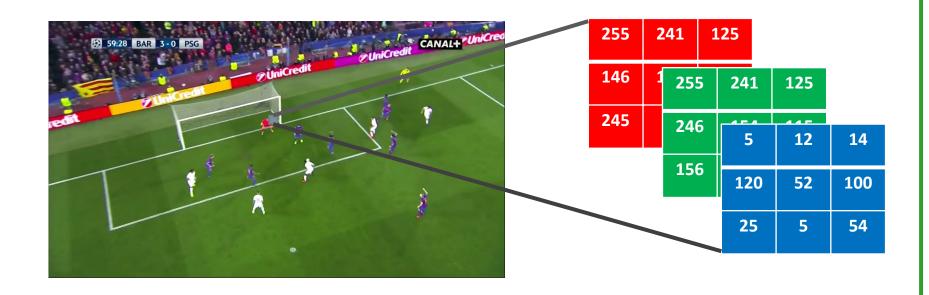
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# Computer Vision basics

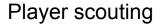




# Why Video Understanding for Soccer?









Automatic highlights



Medical analysis

- Several other applications:
  - Action localization: at what time does a goal/substitution occurs?
  - Video retrieval: find games where Ronaldo scored from a free kick.
  - Extended statistics: how many goal Ronaldo scored last season?

#### The need for a benchmark

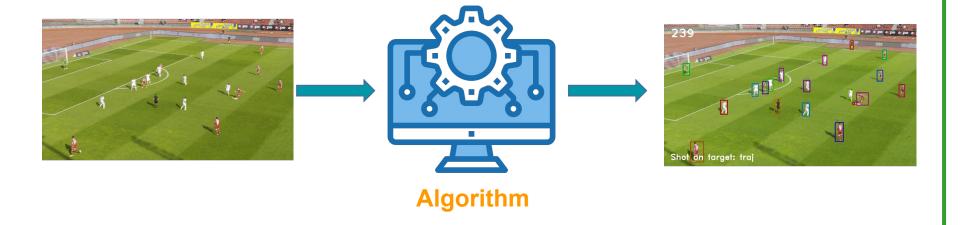


- Lack a public large scale dataset on soccer video.
- Previous research only evaluate on private data.
- Impossible to compare nor benchmark methods.



# Data-driven approaches





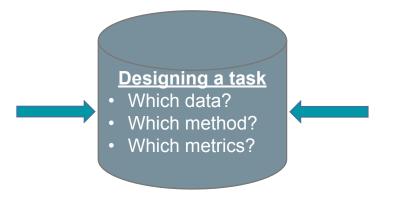
# Understanding the needs



#### **Industrial needs**

- Developing know-how
- Market openings
- Product potential

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#### **Research needs**

- Research questions
- Transferability to other fields
- Publication potential

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# **SoccerNet - Origins**





- Started in 2018
- **500 Games** (764h of videos)
- 6 main European Leagues



#### Annotations focus on 3 main events:

- Goal: instant the ball crosses the goal line
- Card: instant the referee shows a card
- Substitution: instant a new player enters the field
- Approximately **6000 events** annotated by us in a few weeks
- Action Spotting task defined for research







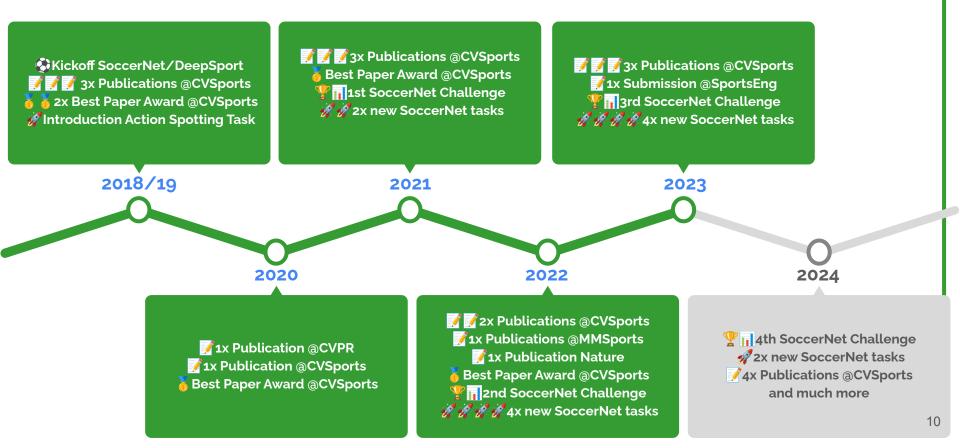






# SoccerNet Roadmap





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#### The SoccerNet team





































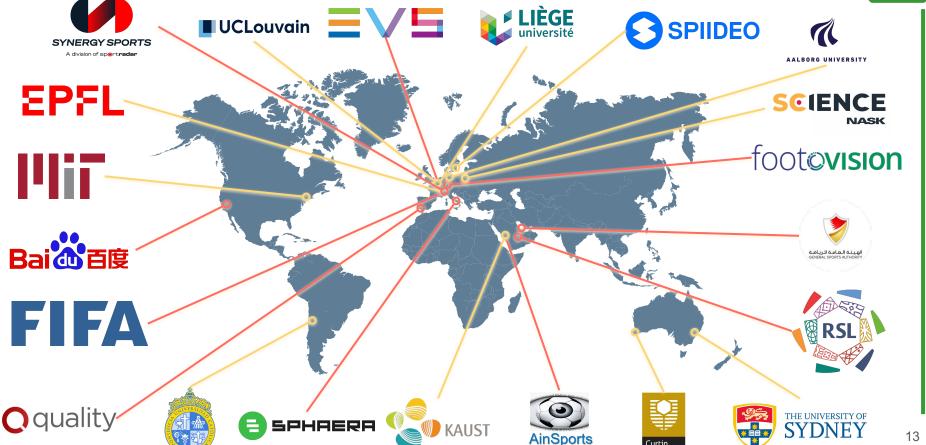




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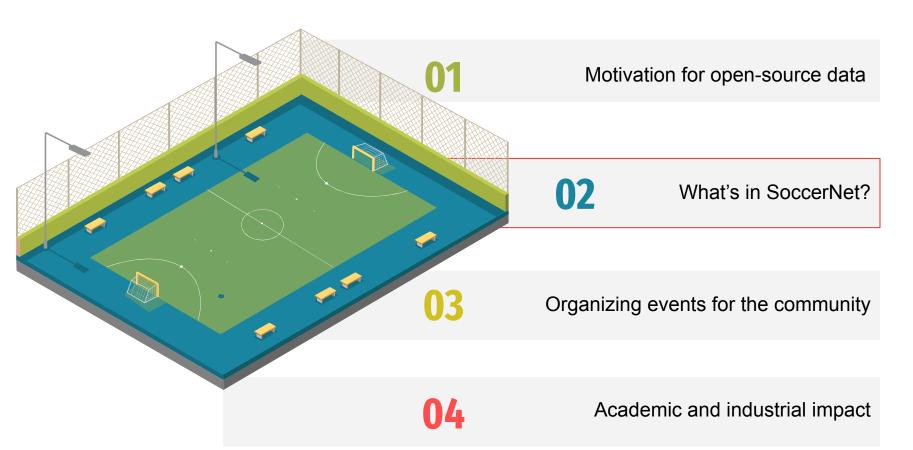
### Collaborative academic and industrial network





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# **Soccernet data and annotation summary**

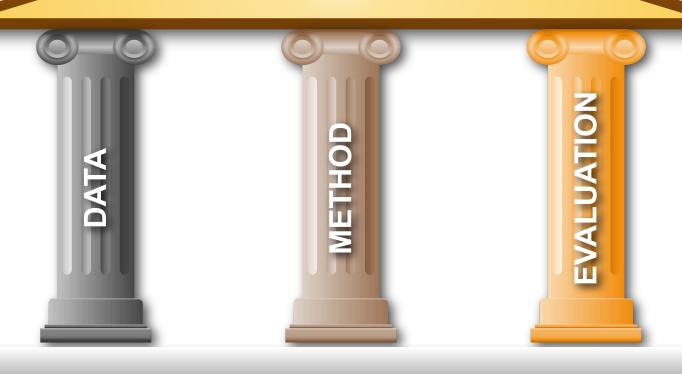


Dataset	Year	Tasks	Data	n° annotations
SoccerNet-v1	2018	Action spotting	500 broadcast games*	6,000
SoccerNet-v2	2020-2021	Action spotting Camera shot segmentation Replay grounding	550 broadcast games*	270,000
SoccerNet-v3	2021-2022	Field localization Camera calibration Re-identification Jersey number recognition	34,000 frames	1,400,000
SoccerNet-Tracking	2022	Multi-player tracking	200 clips + 12 single camera games	3,900,000
SoccerNet-Caption	2023	Dense video captioning	550 broadcast games*	36,000
SoccerNet-ball	2023	Ball action spotting	9 broadcast games	50,000
SoccerNet-Depth	2024	Monocular depth estimation	Simulated games	12,400
SoccerNet-GSR	2024	Game state reconstruction	200 clips	9,370,000
TOTAL	2018 -Now	10 different tasks	> 850 hours of videos	>15M annotations

# Tasks



# APPLICATIONS

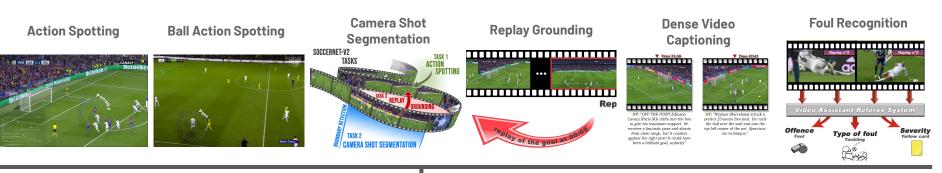


TASK

#### Overview of some tasks



# **Broadcast Video Understanding**

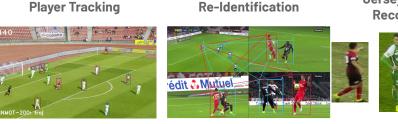


### Field Understanding



### **Player Understanding**

Re-Identification

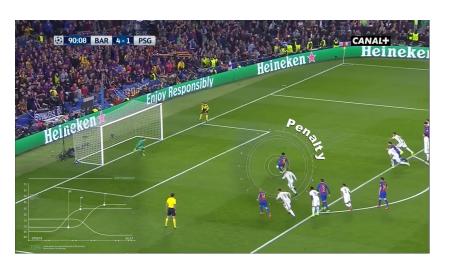


**Jersey Number** Recognition

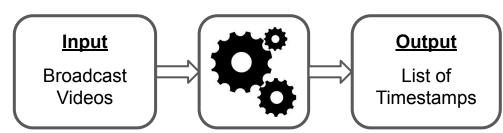


# **Action Spotting**





- Task: localizing when and which soccer action occurs
- Data: 500+50 broadcast games
- Annotations: 110,458 annotated timestamps
- Classes: 17 events: Penalty, Kick-off, Goal, Substitution, Offside, Shots on target, ...



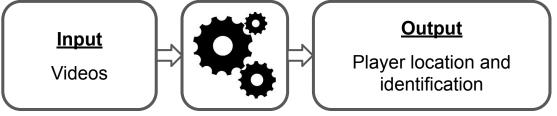
Coordinators: Anthony Cioppa / Silvio Giancola

#### Game State Reconstruction





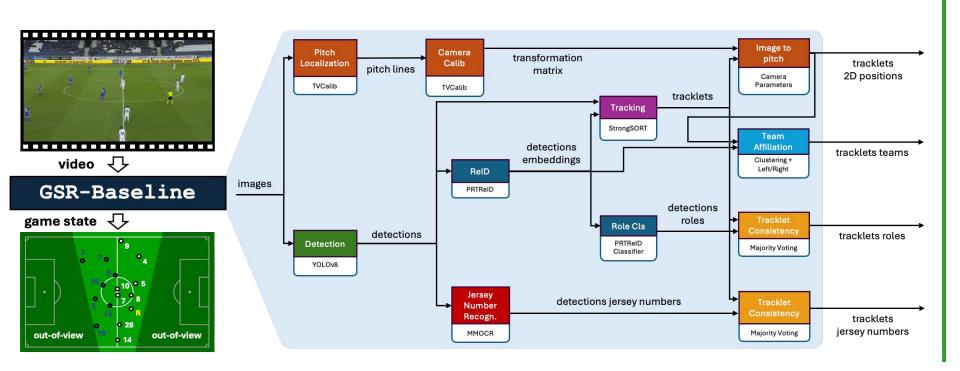
- Objective : Obtain a top-view of the field
- Data : New annotations of players and lines
- Task combining:
  - Player tracking
  - Re-identification
  - Camera alibration
  - Jersey number recognition
  - > Team assignement

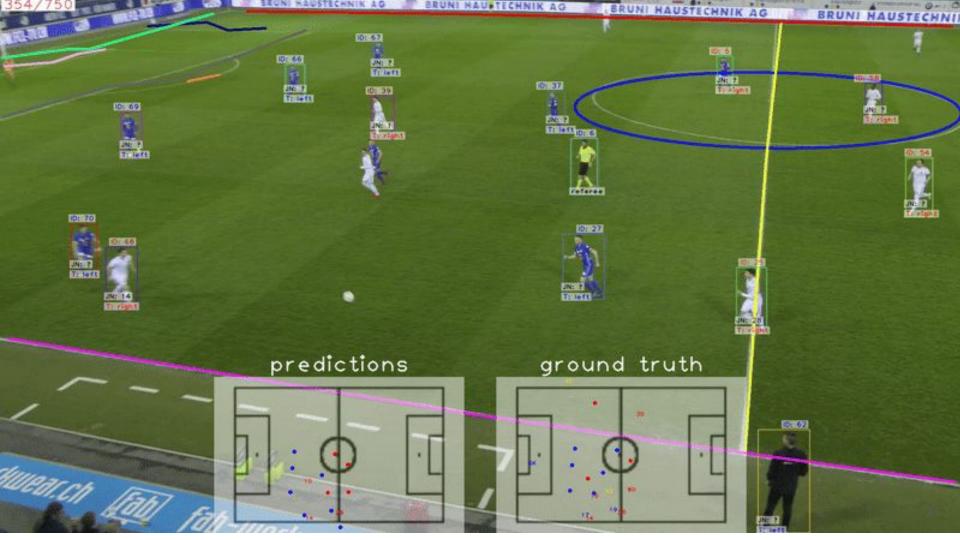


#### Overview of our first baseline for GSR



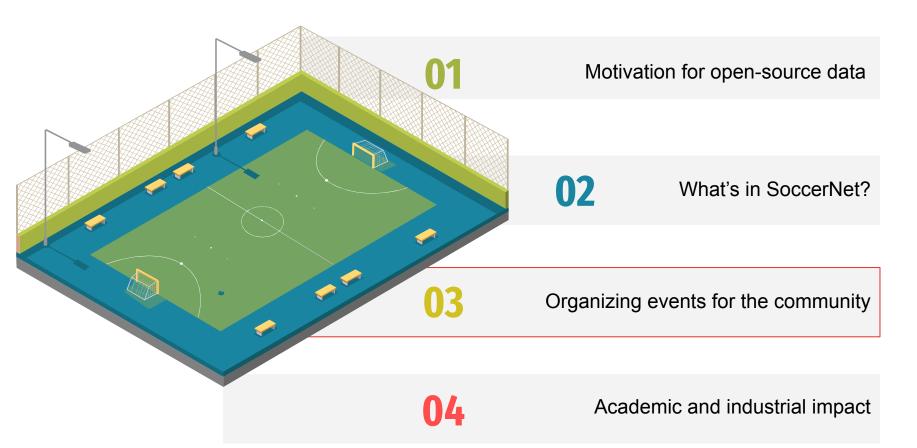
Combination of the best methods proposed on SoccerNet tasks





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Overview of the challenges









# General information on the 2024 challenges



- 4 tasks
- 7 coordinators
- 4 sponsors
- 4000\$ of prize
- From February 1<sup>st</sup> to May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Open-source data
Open-source methods
Open-source benchmarks
Open-source challenges



A unique model!

# YouTube: A long-term investment









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Promoting on other media



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Artificial Intelligence & Computer Vision & Deep Learning PhD...

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✓ We are thrilled to announce that our paper 'SoccerNet Game State' Reconstruction: End-to-End Athlete Tracking and Identification on a Minimap' has been accepted at CVSports and will be presented in Seattle at CVPR ...voir plus



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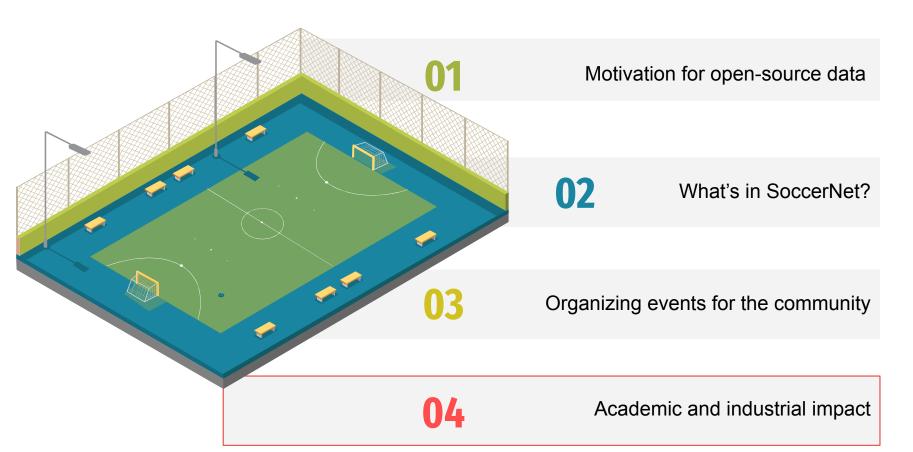
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### A much broader impact





Discord community: 1150+ members



YouTube: 40,000+ views related to SoccerNet



**EvalAI: 1500+ submissions** from 134 teams over 3 years!



Email: Address book of 2.000+ actors in sports.

#### **International community**

https://www.soccer-net.org/ 100,000+ visits from 187 countries



#### Research outcomes



- 30 research papers from our team in top conferences and journals.
- 5 best paper awards
- Collaborations with big industrial actors in sports.
- Collaboration between universities worldwide
- Hundreds of paper citations.
- The go-to dataset for sports video understanding!



#### Industrial outcomes



 With all know-how, industrial partners can better understand the challenges and solutions of sports analysis

 Available open-source code that can be integrated in processing pipelines

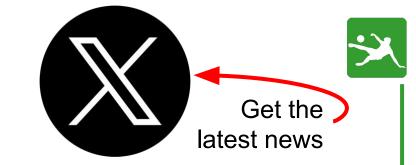
 When industrial partners have more data to train on, they directly have a competitive advantage



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pip install soccernet



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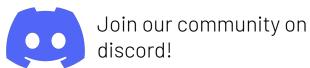
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