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Tracking ships using AIS data — A visualized example in the area of Kalamata

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Overview

Introduction

Automatic Identification System (AIS)

Define ship’s journey

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AIS meets IoT

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Introduction

Research on the use of AIS data for official statistics was part of the ESSnet Big Data project, performed by The Netherlands (Work package leader), Greece, Poland, Norway and Denmark.

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What is AIS

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The AIS is an international ship identification standard that allows vessels to transmit and receive information in the immediate vicinity.

AIS data comprised of 3 information categories:

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<th>Static: information on ship characteristics (MMSI, IMO number, call sign, ship name, type, dimensions)</th>
<th>Dynamic: information on ship movements [Ship’s position (long, lat), speed over ground (SOG), course over ground (COG), navigation status]</th>
<th>Voyage related: information on current voyage (destination, estimated time of arrival, draught)</th>
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Time does not exist in AIS frames. It is added by receivers.

MMSI - Ship’s unique identification system

GPS data to record and track position

VHF radio signals for receiving and sending AIS information

Confidential model. The AIS is not designed to transmit personal identification information. However, the IMO MMSI number is an integral part of the AIS system, representing the unique identification of each ship.
Define ship’s journey

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Visualization
Visualization (2/3)

Visualization (3/3)

select date
2016-04-12

threshold:

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Benefits - Challenges from the use of AIS data

Benefits

• improve statistics (e.g., vessel movement statistics between European countries, such as port visits, and route trajectories)
• enhance timeliness and accessibility
• reduce the response burden of ports authorities and agencies
• determine the impact of maritime legislation at national and European level

Challenges

• technical challenges
• building of capacities to handle AIS data by NSIs
AIS meets IoT (1/2)

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AIS meets IoT (2/2)


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New ESSnet project starts end 2018

Research topics:

• Combining AIS with other data to provide more detailed information (e.g. on the type and capacity of ships)
• Anomalies in the movements of ships
• Reference frame of ports
• Further improve of port to port distance matrix
• AIS as a fast economic indicator
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More information:
• Wiki: https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/epfis/mwikis/essnetbigdata/index.php/WP4
• Github: https://github.com/mputs/WP4/locations

Thank you!

Questions?

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