

Master Track RV Heincke HE513

Data Processing Report

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1 Introduction

This report describes the processing of raw data acquired by position sensors on board RV Heincke during expedition HE513 to receive a validated master track which is used as reference of further expedition data.

2 Workflow

The different steps of processing and validation are visualized in figure 1. Unvalidated data of up to three sensors and ship-motion data are extracted from the DAVIS SHIP data base (https://dship.awi.de) in a 1-second interval. They are converted to ESRI point shapefiles and imported to ArcGIS. A visual screening is performed to evaluate data quality and remove outliers manually. The position data from each position sensor are centered to the destined master track origin by applying ship-motion data (angles of roll, pitch and heading) and lever arms. For all three resulting position tracks, a quality check is performed using a ship's speed filter and an acceleration filter. Filtered positions are flagged. In addition, a manual check is performed to flag obvious outliers. Those position tracks are combined to a single master track depending on a sensor priority list (by accuracy, reliability) and availability / applied exclusion of automatically or manually flagged of data. Missing data up to a time span of 60 seconds are linearly interpolated. To reduce the amount of points for overview maps the master track is generalized by using the Ramer-Douglas-Peucker algorithm. This algorithm returns only the most significant points from the track. Full master track and generalized master track are written to text files and imported to PANGAEA (http://www.pangaea.de) for publication.

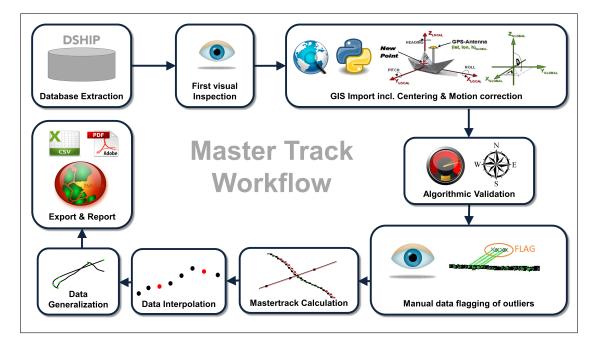


Figure 1: Workflow of master track data processing



3 Sensor Layout

This chapter describes the position sensors mounted during this cruise.

Cruise details according to Cruise Report https://www.pangaea.de/expeditions/

Vessel name	RV Heincke
Cruise name	HE513
Cruise start	2018-06-03 Bremerhaven
Cruise end	2018-06-11 Bremerhaven
Cruise duration	8 days
Master track reference point:	Resulting master track is referenced to PHINS installation point.

Position sensors

Sensor name	IXSEA PHINS III, short: PHINS				
Description	Inertial navigation system with reference positions from Trimble DGPS				
Accuracy	\pm 0.5-3.0 m				
Installation point	Electrician's workshop, close to COG				
Installation offset	Offset from master trackreference point to sensor installation pointXPositive to bow0.000 mYPositive to starboard0.000 mZPositive upwards0.000 m				

Sensor name	Trimble Marine SPS461, short: Trimble				
Description	DGPS-Receiver, correction type DGPS RTCM 2.x, correction source				
	DGPS Base via radio				
Accuracy	Horizontal: \pm 0.25 m + 1 ppm & Vertical: \pm 0.50 m + 1 ppm				
Installation point	Observational Deck, fore rail				
Installation offset	Offset from master track reference point to sensor installation pointXPositive to bowYPositive to starboardZPositive upwards11.406 m				

Sensor name	SAAB R5 SUPREME NAV, short: SAAB				
Description	DGPS-Receiver, SBAS-correction with RTCM-104 input				
Accuracy	GPS: ± 3.0 m; DGPS (2D RMS): ± 1.0 m				
Installation point	Observational Deck, fore rail				
Installation offset	Offset from master track reference point to sensor installation pointXPositive to bow12.985 mYPositive to starboardZPositive upwards11.328 m				



Motion sensor

Sensor name	IXSEA PHINS III, short: PHINS		
Description	Inertial navigation system with reference positions from Trimble DGPS		
Accuracy	\pm 0.01 roll, \pm 0.01 pitch, \pm 0.05 heading (deg)		
Installation point	Electrician's workshop, close to COG		

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Database Extraction

Data source	DSHIP database (dship.awi.de)	
Exported values	693001	
First dataset	2018-06-03T06:30:00 UTC	
Last dataset	2018-06-11T07:00:00 UTC	

Centering & Motion Compensation

Each position track has been centered to the *PHINS installation point* by applying the correspondent motion angles for heading, roll and pitch as well as the installation offsets from chapter 3. The motion data were acquired by IXSEA PHINS III.

Automatic Validation

The following thresholds were applied for the automatic flagging of the position data:

Speed	Maximum 20 kn between two datapoints.	
Acceleration	Maximum 1 m/s ² between two datapoints.	
Change of course	Maximum 5° between two datapoints.	

Manual Validation

Obvious outliers were removed manually. For details see Processing Logbook of RV Heincke (hdl:10013/epic.45841).

Flagging result

	PH	INS	Trin	nble	SA	AB
Missing	0	0.000%	2	0.000%	2	0.000%
Speed	0	0.000%	4	0.001%	4	0.001%
Acceleration	492	0.071%	10	0.001%	5	0.001%
Course	384600	55.498%	399575	57.659%	408610	58.962%
Manually	0	0.000%	0	0.000%	0	0.000%



Master Track Generation

The master track is derived from the position sensors' data selected by priority.

Sensor priority used:

- 1. PHINS
- 2. Trimble
- 3. SAAB

Filters applied: manual, speed, acceleration.

Distribution of position sensor data in master track:

Sensor	Data points	Percentage
Total	693001	100.000 %
PHINS	692509	99.929%
Trimble	492	0.071%
SAAB	0	0.000%
Interpolated	0	0.000%
Gaps	0	0.000%

Remarks

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Score

For each cruise, a score is calculated ranging from 0 (no data) to 100 (only very good data). the score for the cruise HE513 is 95.

Generalization

The master track is generalized to receive a reduced set of the most significant positions of the track using the Ramer-Douglas-Peucker algorithm and allow a maximum tolerated distance between points and generalized line of 4 arcseconds.

Results:

Number of generalized points	253 points
Data reduction	99.9635 %

Result files

Master track text file:



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Column separator	Tabulator "\t"		
Column 1	Date and time expressed according to ISO 8601		
Column 2	Latitude in decimal format, unit degree		
Column 3	Longitude in decimal format, unit degree		
Column 4	Flag for data source		
	1	PHINS	
	2	Trimble	
	3	SAAB	
	INTERP	Interpolated point	
	GAP	Missing data	

The format is a plain text (tab-delimited values) file with one data row in 1 second interval.

Text file of the generalized master track:

The format is a plain text (tab-delimited values) file.

Column separator	Tabulator "\t"
Column 1	Date and time expressed according to ISO 8601
Column 2	Latitude in decimal format, unit degree
Column 3	Longitude in decimal format, unit degree

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Cruise map

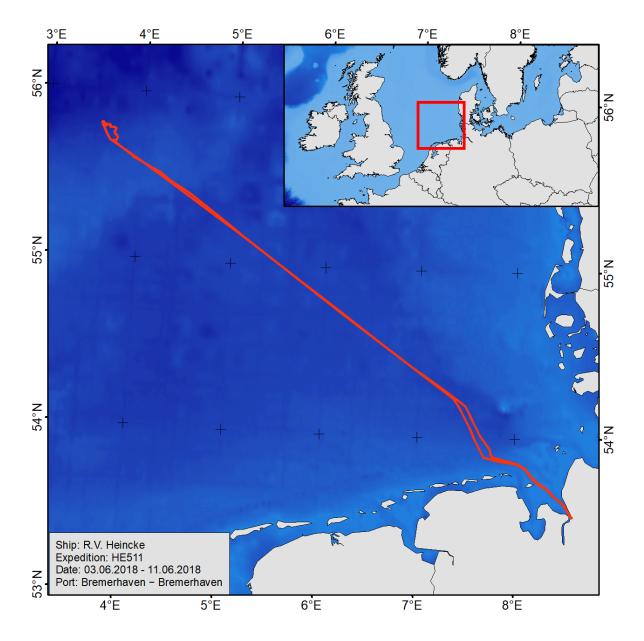


Figure 2: Map of the generalized master track