

Just-In-Time Arrival:
Practical Improvement for
Maritime Decarbonisation
Leveraging on Maritime Al

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Digital intelligence research based on big data for improving Efficient Navigation of vessels to Singapore port waters







Emission Reduction & Operation Efficiency by JIT Arrival

Carriers - Ships:

- Navigation planning optimisation with better situation awareness
- Being more optimised ~ Being more efficient
- Coordination to leverage big data for better decision-making

Port Service Providers:

- Ship's arrival affecting terminal operation
- Low awareness of vessel/fleet operation & situations for decision-making
- Customer satisfaction and positive behaviors could be encouraged



JIT Operation

Advanced digital intelligence power Utilisation of data for optimisation

Decision-making with accuracy + precision + timeliness

Awareness & Coordination for Efficiency & Ecofriendly operations



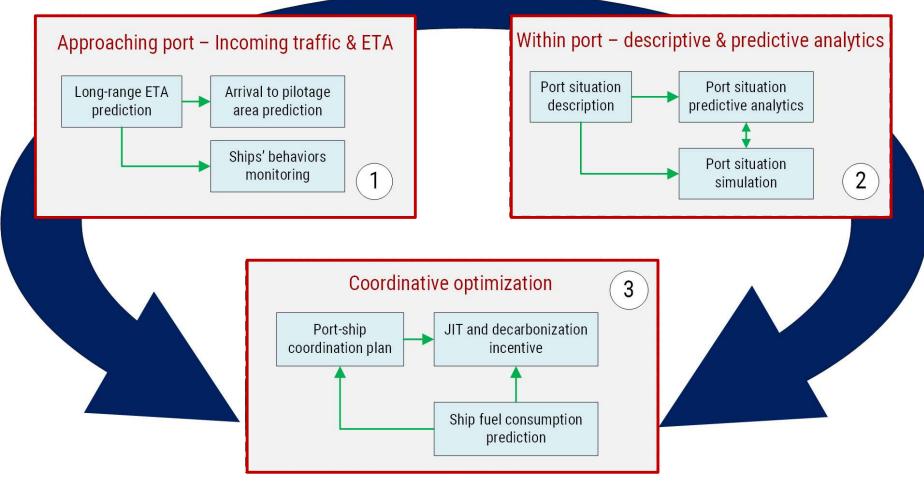
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AI4JIT – Integration of Predictive and Optimisation Modules



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1. Vessel's Arrival to Singapore Port Water – Long-range ETA Prediction

Objective:

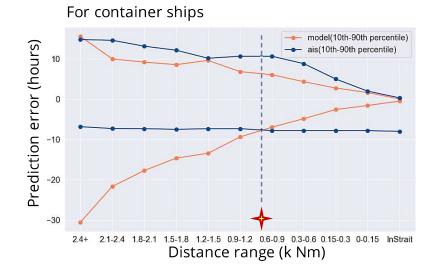
Prediction of vessel arrival time based on historical data of maritime traffic (long range).

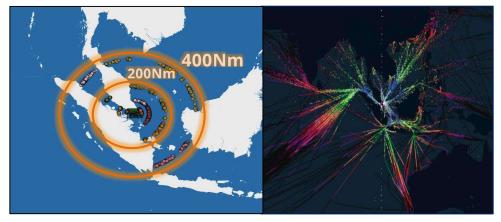
Results:

- \rightarrow Captured *patterns of ship arrival behaviours* on different routes and previous ports.
- ightarrow *Reliability of prediction performance* validated on different ports and information sources.

To JIT operation:

- 1. *Incoming traffic inputs* for port situation prediction & simulation.
- 2. Informing ports/ships the *possibility of lateness & earliness in ship navigation*.
- 3. Identifying *targets for JIT coordination* & *monitoring*.





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1. ETA to Pilot Boarding Grounds – Short-range ETA prediction

Objective:

Prediction of **vessel arrival time to pilot boarding station** (1-2 hours time windows), using time- and trajectory-assisted method.

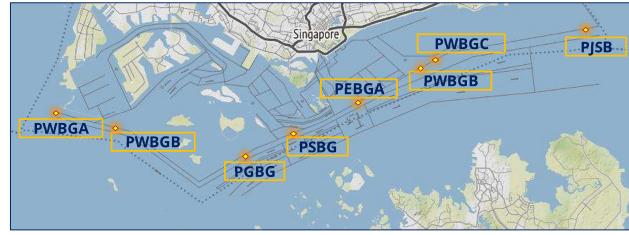
Results:

- → *Multiple deep learning models with developed dashboard* for different pilot boarding grounds.
- → **To be tested in collaboration** with PSA Marine to improve the efficiency and punctuality of the pilot services.

To JIT operation:

- 1. Better understanding of *factors affecting JIT*.
- 2. Continuation of *JIT operation monitoring*.
- 3. Enabling *JIT at pilot boarding* stations.



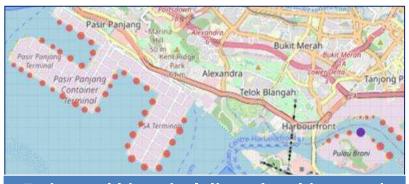


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2. Port Situation – Descriptive and Predictive Analysis



Estimated historical direct berthing rate* (extracted based on AIS data)

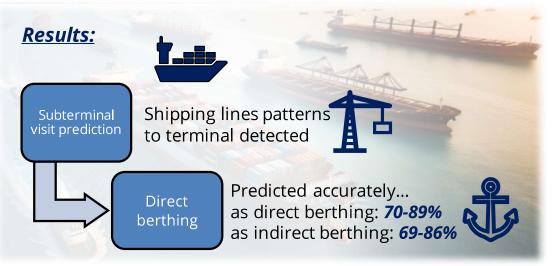
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|------|------------------|-------|--------|
| 2018 | 89% | 81% | 89% |
| 2019 | 88% | 86% | 92% |
| 2020 | 81% | 78% | 81% |
| 2021 | 70% | 61% | 56% |

- 1. **Port operational insights** (e.g., fluctuation of resource availability & utilisation, ship behaviours).
- 2. **Port/terminal service rules & distributions** (e.g., factors and rules influencing direct berthing rate).

Objective:

Predicting direct berthing probability of coming vessels, using AIS data, vessel particular data, and port layout.

→ Models are *improvable* with *more operational data* (e.g., allocated berth, and operation duration).



* Indirect berthing: ships waited inside Singapore port; for 30 mins, or at anchorage, or >1 hour in non-berthing areas.

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3. Fuel Consumption Prediction and Estimation

Objective:

Based on multiple features (e.g., ship & voyage specifics, metocean forecasts), predicting and estimating fuel consumption of ships \rightarrow CO₂ emission.

Results:

- → *Highly accurate multi-ship models* evaluated in different scenarios of *data quality and availability*.
- → **An application-oriented testing regime** was published on Transportation Research Part E.

Non-JIT operation

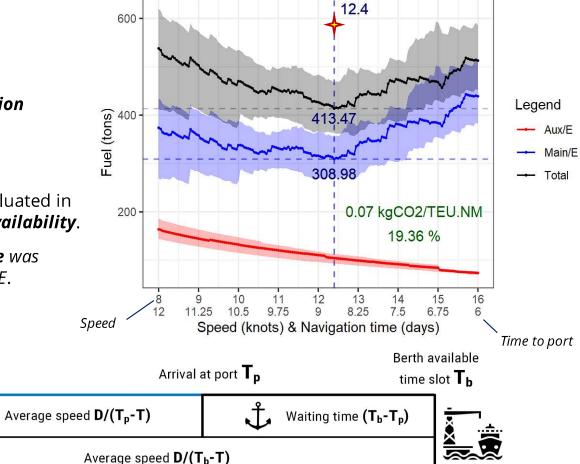
JIT operation

Distance to port **D**-

To JIT Operation:

Ship

Current time T



Requested time of arrival at berth (RTA-berth)







Coordination plan for JIT operation

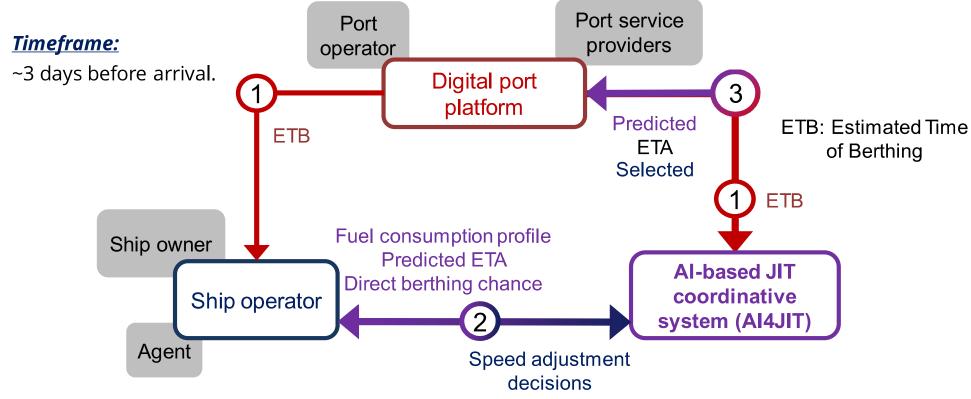
Objective:

Facilitate IIT operations with the **descriptive**, **predictive**, & prescriptive capabilities.

JIT can be utilized by multiple related parties.

Results:

→ **AI4JIT** to improve situation awareness and support **Planning & Execution of JIT**.



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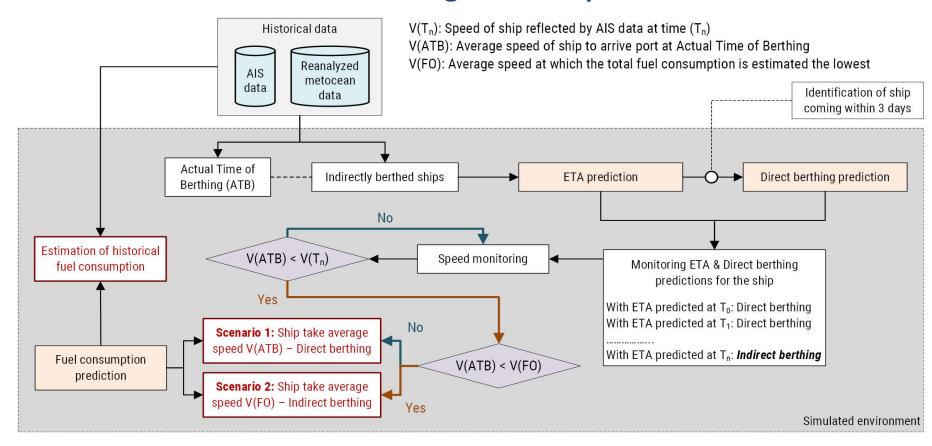








Trial in Simulated Environment (using historical public data)



- → One-month trial of May 2020 resulted in an *average fuel consumption reduction* of *11.83%* ~ *794 tons of fuel*, measured on *17 container vessels* (that indirect berthed and JIT opportunity detected).
- → Application improvement, and topics for continuous research effort (e.g., data quality).

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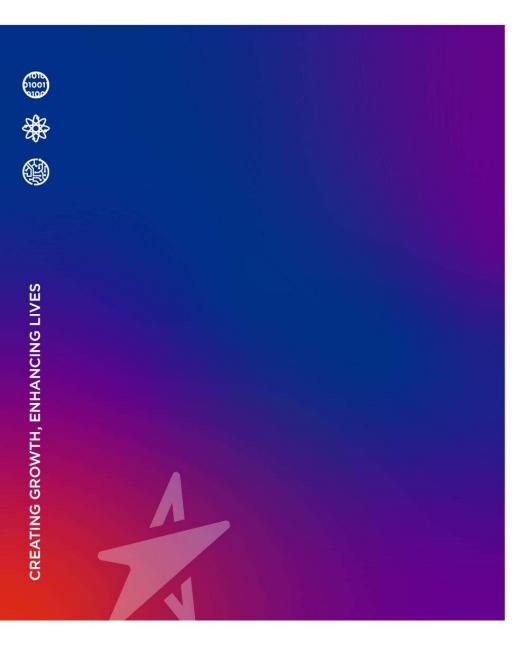
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