



## Addressing Maritime Supply Chain Challenges via Industry 4.0

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Due to the frequent occurrence of supply chain disruptions, various issues have emerged in current shipping networks and ports. Supply chain disruptions can be caused by many factors, such as disease outbreaks, climate change, sudden demand shifts, and fiscal and monetary stimuli. The emergence of the Fourth Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0) could assist the relevant stakeholders in addressing the major challenges caused by supply chain disruptions and help to make maritime supply chains more resilient. To define and implement Industry 4.0, some trends, such as the Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain, robotics, maritime transport automation, human–machine interface, and cyber-physical systems (CPSs), could be explored. The successful utilization of Industry 4.0 in the shipping industry needs a forward-thinking approach to leverage the benefits of Industry 4.0 in a more holistic way. The present Special Issue aims to bring together theoretical and practical research efforts on current shipping networks and port issues.





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