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# Data driven reliability and resilience measure of maritime transportation systems considering disaster levels

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**Abstract:** With the development of economic globalization and increasing international trade, the maritime transportation system (MTS) is becoming more and more complex. A failure of any supply line in the MTS can seriously affect the operation of the system. Resilience describes the ability of a system to withstand or recover from a disaster and is therefore an important method of disaster management in MTS. This paper analyzes the impact of disasters on MTS, using the data of Suez Canal "Century of Congestion" as an example. In practice, the severity of a disaster is dynamic. This paper categorizes disasters into different levels, which are then modelled by the Markov chain. The concept of a repair line set is proposed and is determined with the aim to minimize the total loss and maximize the resilience increment of the line to the system. The resilience measure of MTS is defined to determine the repair line sequence in the repair line set. Finally, a maritime transportation system network from the Far East to the Mediterranean Sea is used to validate the applicability of the proposed method.

**Keywords:** reliability; resilience; Markov process; importance measure; repair analysis

## 1. Introduction

### 1.1. Background

With the development of economic globalization and China's *Belt and Road Initiatives*, trade between China and other countries in the world has become more frequent, and the international trade transportation network has shown an increasingly complex trend. As an important pillar of the international supply chain (Wan et al. 2019), the MTS carries out more than 80% of the world's trade activities. The MTS is easily affected by natural disasters and human factors, due to its characteristics of long distance, multiple routes and large flow. In 2021, the Ever Given ran aground in the Suez Canal, causing a "century blockage" for tens of days. The six-day blockage threw global supply chains into disarray and, according to Lloyd's List data, held up almost US\$10 billion worth of trade<sup>†</sup>.

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28 With the occurrence of disasters, pre-disaster prevention and post-disaster intervention of systems  
29 are needed to reduce the damage. Due to the low frequency and high hazard of disasters, it is of great  
30 significance to study how MTS can recover quickly and minimize the damage after a disaster. This  
31 paper therefore aims to analyze the post-disaster MTS, and applies the Markov chain to model resilience  
32 and to determine post-disaster repair strategies.

### 33 **1.2. Literature review and gap analysis**

34 The word "*resilience*" is originally derived from the Latin word "*resiliere*", meaning "to rebound".  
35 Resilience is commonly used to indicate the ability of an entity or system to return to its normal state  
36 after a disruptive event. Holling (1973) introduced resilience to the scientific world through his seminal  
37 paper on "Resilience and Stability of Ecological Systems". In 2005, the World Conference on Disaster  
38 Reduction (WCDR) introduced the term "*resilience*" and clarified its importance, thus giving rise to a  
39 new culture of disaster response (Cimellaro et al. 2010). According to WCDR, resilience is used to  
40 describe "*the ability of an object that has been deformed by an external force to return to its original*  
41 *state after the force is removed*". There are many other definitions of resilience. Allenby and Fink (2000)  
42 defined resilience as "*the ability of a system to maintain its function and structure over internally and*  
43 *externally changing surfaces, and to degrade when necessary*". The American Society of Mechanical  
44 Engineers defined resilience as "*the ability of a system to sustain external and internal disruptions*  
45 *without interrupting the execution of system functions, or, if the function is disconnected, to fully recover*  
46 *the function rapidly*" (Hosseini et al. 2016). According to Hosseini et al. (2016), resilience refers to the  
47 ability of an entity or system to return to its normal state after being disrupted by a disruptive event.  
48 Woods (2015) presented the concepts of resilience as "*rebound, robustness, elastic extensibility, and*  
49 *sustained adaptability*". Madni and Jackson (2009) described resilience as "*a multi-faceted capability,*  
50 *including avoiding, absorbing, adapting to, and recovering from disruptions*". Jufri (2019) defined a  
51 resilient grid can as a grid which has four fundamental properties of resilience, namely anticipation,  
52 absorption, recovery, and adaptability after the damaging events.

53 In the context of the resilience measure, infrastructure resilience is the ability to reduce the  
54 magnitude and/or duration of disruptive events. Many resilience measures have been developed in  
55 various research fields (Yodo & Wang, 2016). Youn et al. (2011) applied the concept of resilience

56 measure to engineering, and they defined the resilience measure as the sum of reliability and restoration.  
57 Barker et al. (2013) proposed two resilience-based component importance measures, the first measure  
58 quantifying the potential adverse impact and the second one quantifying the potential positive impact  
59 on system resilience, respectively. Dui et al. (2021) proposed four importance measures based on the  
60 residual resilience. Mohammed et al. (2020) evaluated the green and resilience of suppliers and  
61 developed an order allocation plan and considered that resilience works to avoid or mitigate an expected  
62 or unexpected disruption, or at least mitigate its negative impact towards an ideal goal of environmental  
63 sustainability. Ouyang and Wang (2015) assessed the resilience of interdependent electric power and  
64 natural gas infrastructure systems under multiple hazards, noting how the performance of an  
65 interdependent network could be measured from both the perspectives of physical engineering and  
66 societal impact. Dinh et al. (2012) identified six factors relating to the resilience engineering of  
67 industrial processes, which are minimization of the probability of failures, limitation of effects,  
68 administrative controls/procedures, flexibility, controllability, and early detection. Adjetey-Bahun et al.  
69 (2016) proposed a simulation-based model to quantify the resilience of large-scale rail transportation  
70 systems by quantifying passenger delays and passenger loads as system performance metrics.

71 Infrastructure systems, such as MTS, can be considered as subfields of the engineering domain  
72 since their construction and recovery require engineering knowledge (2016). In the context of repair  
73 strategy for an infrastructure system, Verschuur et al. (2020) studied the extent of disruption and  
74 potential resilience of ports and maritime networks. Asadabadi and Miller-Hooks (2020) proposed a  
75 methodology to assess and improve the resilience and reliability of port networks. Bao et al. (2019)  
76 proposed a tri-level model explicitly integrating the decision making on recovery strategies of disrupted  
77 facilities with the decision making on protecting facilities from intentional attacks. Chen et al. (2019)  
78 took up age and periodic replacement models again to formulate the general models when replacement  
79 actions are also conducted at random times. Zhao et al. (2020a) proposed the preventive replacement  
80 policies for parallel systems with deviation costs between a replacement and a failure, which balances  
81 the deviation time between replacement and failure. Berle et al. (2010) proposed a structured formal  
82 vulnerability assessment methodology, attempting to transfer the security-oriented formal security  
83 framework to assess the vulnerability domain of the maritime transportation system. Zhao et al. (2020b)  
84 make the preventive replacement policies perform in a more general way, taking excess costs and

85 shortage costs into considerations for periodic replacement policies. Sheu et al. (2021) studied and  
86 optimized two preventive replacement policies for a system subject to shocks. Bai et al. (2021) proposed  
87 an improved power grid resilience measure and its corresponding importance measures. The recovery  
88 priority of failed components after a disaster is determined and reflects the influence of the failed  
89 components on the power grid resilience.

90 From the above literature review, it appears that there are still some limitations on the resilience  
91 and maintenance of maritime systems in the existing research. Firstly, they did not study the mechanism  
92 of the impact of failed components on the whole system. Secondly, only binary component, namely  
93 normal and fault states, were considered. In the maritime system, however, a route may not be  
94 completely failed after being affected by a disaster. As such, maritime routes can be regarded as  
95 multistate components. Thirdly, they did not delve into the mechanism of the impact of different types  
96 and levels of disasters on the system.

### 97 ***1.3. Contributions of this paper***

98 The above literature review suggests there be a bulk of research related to resilience, which focuses  
99 on complex systems. The limitations in the existing research motivate this research, which makes the  
100 following contributions.

- 101 (i). The disasters are classified into different levels. The transitions between the levels forms a Markov  
102 process, based on which a resilience model is developed. Disasters at each level incur costs of  
103 restoring system performance. The paper derives the expected values of those costs.
- 104 (ii). The paper proposes a novel resilience importance measure and a novel method to measure the  
105 impact of the changes due to the change of a single line flow on the resilience is measured,  
106 contributing the literature of importance measures.
- 107 (iii). A section from the Far East to the Mediterranean Sea is simulated as an example, to propose  
108 specific repair strategies and to validate the proposed resilience model in this paper.

109 The remainder of the paper is organized as follow. Section 2 presents the analysis of a Markov  
110 process-based MTS. Section 3 proposes an optimization model for the resilience of the MTS based on  
111 the Markov process. Section 4 proposes a new method of evaluating the resilience measure. Section 5  
112 uses the MTS via the Suez Canal as an example to verify the feasibility of the proposed model. Section  
113 6 concludes the paper and proposes future work.

114 **2. Reliability analysis of MTS based on Markov process**

115 **2.1. Question description**

116 The Suez Canal directly connects the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea and indirectly connects  
117 the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian Ocean. It is an important waterway in North Africa and West Asia. It  
118 is reported that about 25% of the world's container transport and 100% of the Asian and European  
119 maritime container trade pass through the Suez Canal. Currently 60% of China's exports to Europe go  
120 through the Suez Canal. The Suez Canal is known as the "choke point" for maritime transport, partly  
121 due to the incident that the shipping system involving the Suez Canal was "paralyzed" after the Ever  
122 Given was stuck in it.

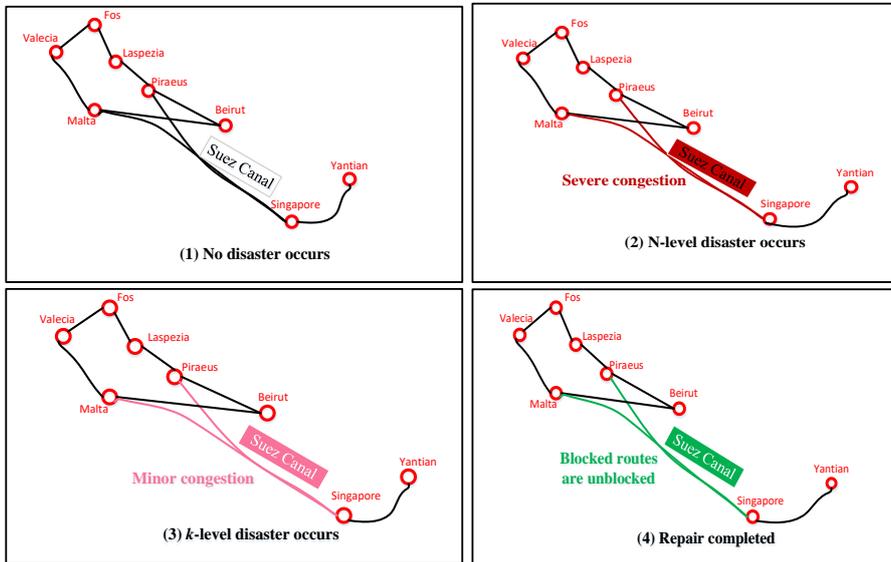
123 The four diagrams in Fig. 1 show a part of the shipping network of China Shipping Lines from the  
124 Far East to the Mediterranean Sea. Fig. 1 illustrates the change in state before the disaster, at the time  
125 of the disaster, and after the repair. The severity of the disaster can cause different damage to the  
126 maritime transportation system. Fig. 1. (2) and 1. (3) show the state changes of the system when a severe  
127 disaster and a minor disaster occur, respectively.

128 (1). No disaster occurs, all lines were optimal and MTS was operating at normal flow  $Q_0$ .

129 (2). The occurrence of a severe disaster causes severe congestion in the Suez Canal, with a  
130 significant drop in flow on both routes from Singapore to Malta and Piraeus, as illustrated by the red  
131 lines.

132 (3). The occurrence of a minor disaster results in minor congestion in the Suez Canal, with a slight  
133 drop in flow on both routes from Singapore to Malta and Piraeus, as illustrated by the pink lines.

134 (4). The congested section of the Suez Canal was unblocked, and the MTS returned to normal.  
135 Routes from Singapore to Malta and Piraeus is indicated by the green lines.



**Fig. 1** The process of performance change of MTS when disasters with different levels occur

For this congestion, there are only 2 feasible alternatives: bypassing the Cape of Good Hope route or changing to the Arctic route. The Suez Canal route covers 11,600 km and the Cape of Good Hope route covers 19,800 km, so it takes more than 10 days to bypass the Cape of Good Hope. The Arctic route can save 12 days, compared with the Suez Canal route, but unfortunately, it is only navigable in summer. In comparison with the Cape of Good Hope route and the Arctic route, we can see the absolute advantage of the short distance and low cost of using the Suez Canal.

The following issues will be presented and studied in this paper, based on the importance and irreplaceability of the Suez Canal in the international trade.

- (1) As one of the most important routes for the international trade, the Suez Canal blockage has taught us a lesson that any disaster can cause a "butterfly effect". Damage to any of the lines could significantly degrade the performance of MTS and affect the world economy. How will a change in the line state affect system performance? What are the differences in the impact of different lines on the system?
- (2) From the perspective of the impact of a single component, existing studies on system resilience management merely consider binary components, i.e., components are considered to have only two states, operating and fault, which is apparently not applicable to MTS. In this paper, a line flow is

154 considered to have multiple states. How does the line state change with respect to the occurrence  
155 of a disaster?

156 (3) From the perspective of MTS, how does the change of the performance of MTS during the  
157 transitions between the three states: resisting disasters, adapting to disasters, and recovering  
158 functions? How can we define the resilience of MTS based on the performance of MTS? How can  
159 we specify the post-disaster repair strategy in MTS?

## 160 **2.2. Model description**

161 An MTS network  $G(N, A)$  consists of nodes and lines. Ports are abstracted as nodes, and the set of  
162 nodes is denoted by  $N$ , routes are abstracted as lines, and the set of lines is denoted by  $A$ .  $l_{ij}$  is the line  
163 between node  $i$  and node  $j$ ,  $l_{ij} \in A$ , and  $i, j \in N$ . There are three kinds of nodes, the set of supply nodes  
164  $N_S$ , the set of transit nodes  $N_T$ , and the set of demand nodes  $N_D$ . There are totally  $m$  lines, each of which  
165 is numbered. Let  $A = \{l_{ij} | l_{ij} = 1, 2, \dots, m\}$ .  $l_{ij} = p$  represents the  $p$ -th line,  $1 \leq p \leq m$ . Denote the  
166 failed line set as  $F = \{l_{ij} | l_{ij} = 1, 2, \dots, f\}$ ,  $1 \leq p \leq f$ , where a failed line is defined as the route with  
167 reduced flow affected by disasters. Denote  $W = \{l_{ij} | l_{ij} = f + 1, \dots, m\}$ ,  $f + 1 \leq p \leq m$  the work line  
168 set. It is assumed that all lines work properly under normal conditions, and the system performance is  
169 degraded when a disaster occurs. The initial flow of the line  $l_{ij}$  is  $C_{ij}(0)$  and the initial flow of node  $i$   
170 is  $C_i(0)$ , and we call the initial flow as a normal flow.

171 Since the nodes are assumed to be highly redundant, stable in operation, and less affected by  
172 disasters, this paper only studies the effect of the changes between line states on system performance  
173 in MTS. When the system encounters a disaster  $u_k$  with disaster level  $X(t) = k (1 \leq k \leq N)$ , the flow  
174 of line  $l_{ij}$  at time  $t$  becomes  $C_{ij} = C_{ij}^k(t)$ . The state of the line is defined by 0-1 variable  $h_{ij}(t)$ ,  
175 indicating whether the line is failed or not at time  $t$ . If  $l_{ij} \in W$ ,  $C_{ij} = C_{ij\_max}$ ,  $h_{ij}(t) = 1$ , or  $C_{ij} \neq$   
176  $C_{ij\_max}$ ,  $h_{ij}(t) = 0$ . The system flow at time  $t$  is denoted as  $Q^k(t)$ , it is a function of the flow of each  
177 line, as shown in Eq. (1).

$$178 \quad Q^k(t) = Q(C_{ij}^k(t) | l_{ij} \in A), \quad (1)$$

179 where  $Q(C_{ij}^k(t) | l_{ij} \in A)$  represents the function of the flow of each line and  $Q^k(t)$  is the flow of MTS  
180 at time  $t$  under the  $k$ -th level disaster,  $A$  is the set of lines.

181 **2.3. Disaster classification of MTS**

182 Let  $\{X(t), t > 0\}$  be a stochastic process taking values on  $E = \{1, 2 \dots N\}$ . If for any natural  
183 number  $n$ , and any moment  $0 << t_1 < t_2 < \dots < t_n$ , we have  $P\{X(t_n) = i_n | X(t_1) = i_1, X(t_2) =$   
184  $i_2, \dots, X(t_{n-1}) = i_{n-1}\} = P\{X(t_n) = i_n | X(t_{n-1}) = i_{n-1}\}$ ,  $i_1, i_2, \dots, i_n \in E$ . Then  $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$  is said  
185 to be a continuous-time Markov process on the discrete state space  $E$  (Ross S, 1996).

186 The term disaster in this article refers to natural disasters such as earthquakes and typhoons.  
187 Poisson processes are widely used to simulate the occurrence of disasters. However, existing studies  
188 describe disasters in a more general way, the impact of the class of disaster on the MTS is rarely  
189 considered. In practice, the higher the earthquake's magnitude, the more severe the damage caused.  
190 Research on disaster classification has not yet resulted in a uniform standard. Bore (1990) identified six  
191 factors that influence the classification of hazards: the effect on the surrounding community, the cause,  
192 the duration of the cause of disaster, the radius of disaster, the number of casualties, the nature of the  
193 injuries sustained by living victims, the time required by the rescue organizations for initiation of  
194 primary treatment, organization of transport facilities, and evacuation of the injured. Zhang and Li  
195 (2014) provided an introduction to natural disaster risk classification in China: Disaster risk  
196 classification (R) is related to the probability of a disaster risk occurring (P) and the severity of the  
197 damage caused (C). Caldera and Wirasinghe (2022) developed a new universal severity classification  
198 scheme for natural disasters, and it is supported by historical data, they focus on the number of casualties  
199 as a criterion for classifying disasters. In the context of this paper, we focus on the severity of the  
200 damage caused by the disaster and the probability of the occurrence of the disaster.

201  $X$  denotes the level of the disaster and there are  $N$  levels of disasters. The occurrence of a disaster  
202 is modelled by a Poisson process to find the number of disasters per unit of time. The probability level  
203  $X_p$  of disaster occurrence is determined based on the number of disasters per unit of time, and there are  
204  $N_p$  levels. The damage caused by the disaster includes economic and human losses, and the severity of  
205 the damage caused by the disaster is determined as  $X_c$ , with a total of  $N_c$  levels. The two dimensions  
206 are multiplied together to obtain the disaster level. The method proposed in this paper is a general  
207 method and will have different classification criteria in different industries. As the focus of the paper is  
208 not on the classification of disasters, methods of classifying disasters is therefore not investigated in  
209 detail in this paper.

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210 When the level state of a disaster is given, the probability law of the future development of the  
 211 process is independent of the history of the process. In this paper, we assume that the severity of disaster  
 212 can be classified into  $N$  levels. The occurrence of a disaster is modeled by a continuous-time Markov  
 213 process on a discrete state space. Let the disaster level  $\{X(t), t \geq 0\}$  be a continuous-time Markov  
 214 process on a discrete state space  $E$  with  $E = \{1, 2, \dots, N\}$ . The smaller the value of  $X(t)$ , the lower the  
 215 disaster level. The transition rate of a disaster level from  $i$  to  $j$  is  $q_{i \rightarrow j}$ , the transition rate matrix  $Q$  of a

216 disaster level can be obtained as 
$$\begin{bmatrix} q_{1 \rightarrow 1} & \cdots & q_{1 \rightarrow N} \\ \vdots & q_{i \rightarrow j} & \vdots \\ q_{N \rightarrow 1} & \cdots & q_{N \rightarrow N} \end{bmatrix}.$$

217 Let  $P_j(t) = P\{X(t) = j\}, j \in E$ , which represents the probability that the disaster is in state  $j$  during  
 218 time period  $(0, t)$ ,  $P_j(t)$  can be calculated from matrix  $Q$ . The larger the value of disaster level  
 219 represents, the more serious disaster.  $X(t)$  takes the value of  $N$  to represent the most serious disaster,  
 220 and  $X(t)$  takes the value of 1 to represent the least serious disaster.

#### 221 **2.4. Analysis of line state based on Markov process**

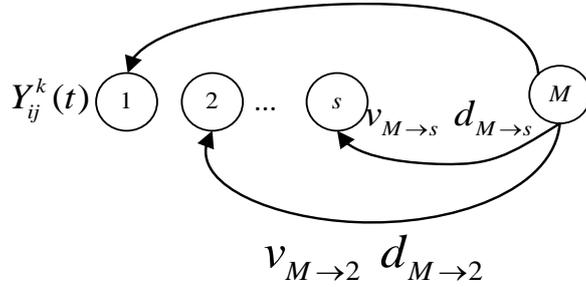
222 Similar to Zeng et al. (2021), we make the following assumptions: the time required to recover  
 223 from state  $i$  to state  $j$  ( $j > i$ ) follows an exponential distribution with a rate  $v_{ij}$ , there are no damages  
 224 caused by extreme events during the recovery processes. Let  $\{Y(t), t \geq 0\}$  represent the state of the  
 225 line of MTS under the threat of possible disaster at time  $t$ . Then we can assume that  $\{Y(t), t \geq 0\}$  is a  
 226 Markov process taking values on discrete state space  $E = \{1, 2, \dots, M\}$ . The larger the value of  $Y(t)$ , the  
 227 larger the representative flow. The value of  $M$  represents the normal flow (perfect performance). In the  
 228 event of the  $k$ -th level disaster ( $1 \leq k \leq N$ ), let the state of the failed line  $l_{ij}$  in the failed line set be  
 229 denoted by  $Y_{ij}^k(t)$ . The relationship between the state of the line and the actual flow is shown in Eq. (2),  
 230  $\gamma$  is the capacity rating factor and can be estimated from historical data. Under the same disaster level  
 231  $k$ , the states of these lines are different.

232 
$$C_{ij}^k(t) = \frac{Y_{ij}^k(t)}{\gamma} C_{ij}(0), \quad (2)$$

233 where  $Y_{ij}^k(t)$  is state of the failed line  $l_{ij}$  in failed line set at time  $t$ ,  $C_{ij}(0)$  is the normal flow of the line  
 234  $l_{ij}$ .

235 Disaster occurrences and repairs of MTS cause the states of lines to shift, and the transition rate

236 matrix  $V$  of the line states is given as  $\begin{bmatrix} v_{1 \rightarrow 1} & \cdots & v_{1 \rightarrow M} \\ \vdots & v_{i \rightarrow j} & \vdots \\ v_{M \rightarrow 1} & \cdots & v_{M \rightarrow M} \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $v_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq M$ ,  $i \neq j$  denotes the  
 237 rate that the line departs from state  $i$  and ends in state  $j$ .  $\sum_{j=1}^M v_{i \rightarrow j} = 0$ ,  $i = 1, 2 \dots M$ . The jumps of  
 238 degradation of line performance (from state  $i$  to state  $j$ , where  $i > j$ ) are results of damage caused by  
 239 disasters. The jumps of improvement of line performance (from state  $i$  to state  $j$ , where  $i < j$ ) are results  
 240 of repairing failed lines. After line  $l_{ij}$  suffers the  $k$ -th level disaster, a state transfer occurs from state  $M$   
 241 to state  $Y_{ij}^k(t)$ . The value of  $Y_{ij}^k(t)$  is taken to be any value on the state space  $E$ . If  $Y_{ij}^k(t)$  takes the value  
 242 of  $s$ , the transition rate of this line from state  $M$  to  $s$  is  $v_{M \rightarrow s}$ , and the losses are  $d_{M \rightarrow s}$ , as shown in Fig.  
 243 2.



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245 **Fig. 2** The state transfer of line when a disaster occurs

246 In this paper, a failed line is defined as a route with reduced flow affected by disasters. Due to the  
 247 characteristics of MTS, the parameters that affects the state of the shipping routes include channel width,  
 248 channel depth, current, wind speed, etc. For some deeper and wider waterways, the route state can be  
 249 quickly returned to normal after a disaster and does not need to be repaired. Since whether a shipping  
 250 route needs repair or not is uncertain, we use a probability to quantify the uncertainty. Let the  
 251 probability that route  $l_{ij}$  needs repair be  $P_{ij}$ , and  $P_{ij}$  is the ratio of repair times to failure times in a  
 252 period of time.  $P_{ij}$  represents the probability that the failed route  $l_{ij}$  needs to be repaired, which can be  
 253 obtained from historical data. A repair probability takes values in the range  $(0, 1)$ , 1 means that this  
 254 failed line will definitely be repaired. For a line with a repair probability of 0, it means that this line  
 255 need no repair.

256 The direct loss refers to the damage caused by the disaster to the infrastructure, which is only  
 257 related to the processes of the system resisting and absorbing the disaster. The direct damage to the

258 system is equal to the sum of the direct damage to all failed lines. The direct loss of the line is the cost  
 259 incurred due to the disaster causing irreversible damage to the line and requiring maintenance personnel  
 260 to repair it. Due to the uncertainty of the repair of the failed line, the direct loss of the failed line is equal  
 261 to the repair cost multiplied by the repair probability. Denote the direct losses of the failed line  $l_{ij}$  under  
 262 the  $k$ -th level disaster as  $L_{D(ij)}^k$ , and the system direct losses of the system under the  $k$ -th level disaster  
 263 as  $L_D^k$ , as shown in Eq. (3). Due to the uncertainty of disaster levels, the expected value of the direct  
 264 loss under different levels of disasters is used as the final direct loss  $L_D$  of MTS, as shown in Eq. (4).

$$265 \quad L_D^k = \sum_{l_{ij} \in F} P_{ij} \times L_{D(ij)}^k, \quad (3)$$

266 and

$$267 \quad L_D(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N L_D^k \times P_k(t). \quad (4)$$

268 The indirect loss is caused by the failure of the system to work properly, which is mostly related  
 269 to the process of the system recovering. Denote the indirect loss of the system at time  $t$  as  $L_{ID}^k(t)$  when  
 270 the  $k$ -th level disaster occurs. The expected value of indirect losses at different levels is used as the final  
 271 indirect loss at time  $t$ , which is denoted as  $L_{ID}(t)$ , as shown in Eq. (5).

$$272 \quad L_{ID}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N L_{ID}^k(t) \times P_k(t). \quad (5)$$

273 From Eqs. (3)-(5), the total loss of the MTS at time  $t$  after a disaster is denoted as  $Loss(t)$ , as  
 274 shown in Eq. (6).

$$275 \quad Loss(t) = L_D(t) + L_{ID}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N (P_k(t) \times \sum_{l_{ij} \in F} L_{D(ij)}^k) + \sum_{k=1}^N L_{ID}^k(t) \times P_k(t). \quad (6)$$

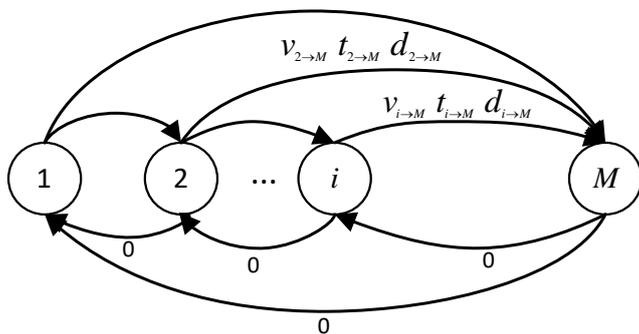
276 Assuming that only one line is repaired at a time, and the total time is less than  $T$ . Due to time  
 277 constraints and resource limitations (human, material and financial resources), it is significant to  
 278 determine the optimal repair strategy within a defined time frame. The purpose of our study is to  
 279 determine the repair strategy, with goals of the maximizing the resilience increment of MTS and  
 280 minimizing the loss of MTS. A 0-1 variable  $W_{ij}(t)$  is defined: 1 means repairing failed lines  $l_{ij}$   
 281 successfully in time period  $(0, t)$ , and 0 represents no repair in time period  $(0, t)$ . Variable  $T_{ij}$  indicates  
 282 the repair time of line  $l_{ij}$ . Let the repair time of the MTS be  $T_w$ , as shown in Eq. (7),

$$283 \quad T_w = \sum_{l_{ij}=1}^f W_{ij}(t_4) \times T_{ij}, \quad (7)$$

284 where  $t_4$  is the time when repair is completed,  $W_{ij}(t_4)$  indicates whether the line  $l_{ij}$  is being repaired  
 285 or not in time period  $(0, t_4)$ ,  $T_{ij}$  is the repair time of the line  $l_{ij}$ , and  $f$  is the total number of failed lines.

286 We assume that the failed line can be repaired from state  $i$  ( $0 < i < M$ ) to the best state  $M$ , so the  
 287 recovery time of the line obeys the exponential distribution with rate parameter  $v_{i \rightarrow M}$ .

288 The mean value is used as the transfer time of the failed line from state  $i$  to state  $M$ . Thus, the repair  
 289 time of line  $l_{ij}$  is only relevant to post-disaster state  $Y_{ij}^k(t_1)$ . The state transition in the line during the  
 290 repair process is shown in Fig. 3.

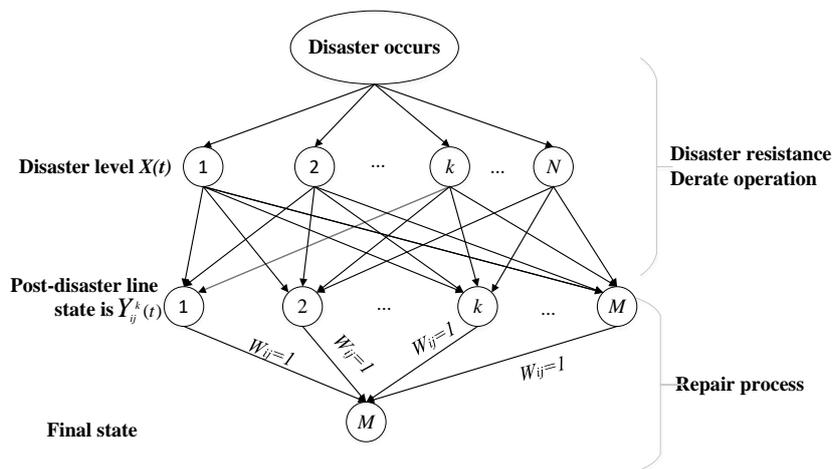


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Fig. 3 The state transfer of line during the repair process

293 Considering the performance degradation of the failed line when the  $k$ -th level disasters occur and  
 294 the performance improvement of the failed line during repair, the full process of the transition of the  
 295 states of the line under different levels of disasters is shown in Fig. 4.



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Fig. 4 The whole process of line state transfer under different levels of disasters

### 298 3. Resilience model of MTS based on Markov process

#### 299 3.1. MTS indicator

300 There are two main formulations of resilience: one defining resilience in terms of the instantaneous  
301 performance of a system, the other defining it based on the resilience triangle model and considering  
302 the accumulation of performance. In relation to the actual situation of MTS, the MTS resilience is  
303 defined as the ability to resist, absorb, and quickly recover from a steady state in this paper. The  
304 accumulation of system performance therefore needs to be taken into account in the resilience equation.

305 The system performance curve differs for different levels of disaster occurrence, as shown in Fig.  
306 5. Fig. 5 shows the system performance over time for four phases: normal operation, resisting disaster,  
307 derating operation, and recovery process. The system performance curve for a  $k$ -th level disaster  
308 occurrence is analyzed for the four processes as follows.

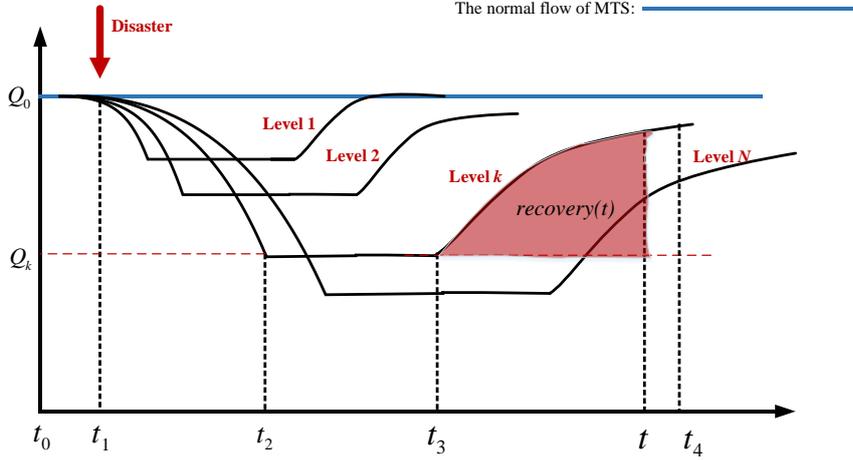
- 309 (1)  $t_0$ : the system operates normally at time  $t_0$ , and the system flow is maximum  $Q_0$ .
- 310 (2)  $t_1$ - $t_2$ : the occurrence of the  $k$ -th level disasters causes the line flow to become  $C_{ij}^k(t)$ ,  $1 \leq l_{ij} \leq$   
311  $f$ , and the system flow gradually declines.
- 312 (3)  $t_2$ - $t_3$ : the performance of the system is reducing, the input to the system equals the output. The  
313 system is in the derating phase of operation and the system flow reaches the minimum  $Q_k$ .
- 314 (4)  $t_3$ - $t_4$ : the failed lines are repaired, the flow of the failed line gradually rises, and the system  
315 performance gradually improves. The system function returns to stability at time  $t_4$ , and the  
316 recovered flow is equal to or lower than  $Q_0$ .

317 Where  $t_1$  refers to the time when the disaster occurs,  $t_2$  refers to the time when the system  
318 performance drops to a minimum,  $t_3$  refers to the time at which repair on the system begins,  $t_4$  refers  
319 to the time when system repair is completed. The time between  $t_1$  and  $t_4$  is a time period including four  
320 processes of resisting, absorbing, stabilizing, and recovering, and  $Q_k < Q^k(t) < Q^k(t_4) \leq Q_0$ .

321 For a MTS with demand nodes, the larger the flow received by the demand nodes, the better the  
322 capacity of the MTS (Dui et al. 2021). The sum of the maximum flows of the network in all supply  
323 chains is used as the system flow, as shown in Eq. (8). In Eq. (8),  $maxflow(G, N_S, N_D)$  denotes the  
324 network maxflow of a supply chain from supply node  $N_S$  to demand node  $N_D$  in network  $G$ .  
325  $\sum_{N_S} \sum_{N_D} maxflow(G, N_S, N_D)$  denotes the sum of the maximum flows from supply nodes to demand  
326 nodes of all supply chains in the network  $G$ , as shown in Eq. (8).

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$$Q^k(t) = \sum_{N_S} \sum_{N_D} \maxflow(G, N_S, N_D). \quad (8)$$



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**Fig. 5.** System performance curves under different levels of disasters

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In this paper, the resilience model is based on the resilience triangle model, considering the accumulation of the system recovery performance. The recovery and loss values of the system performance are in the form of integrals. Therefore, the system resilience is shown below.

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$$R(t) = \frac{recovery(t)}{loss(t_4)} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times recovery_k(t)}{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(T) \times loss_k(t_4)} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times \int_{t_3}^t [Q^k(u) - Q_k] du}{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(T) \times \int_{t_1}^{t_4} (Q_0 - Q_k) dt} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times \int_{t_3}^t [Q^k(u) - Q_k] du}{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(T) \times (Q_0 - Q_k)(t_4 - t_1)}, \quad (9)$$

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where  $R(t)$  represents the system resilience at time  $t$ ,  $recovery(t)$  indicates the recovery value of the system performance at time  $t$ , and  $loss(t_4)$  indicates the maximum loss of the system at time  $t_4$ .  $recovery_k(t)$  denote the recovery value of system performance at time  $t$  under  $k$ -th level disaster.  $loss_k(t_4)$  denote the maximum loss value of system performance under  $k$ -th level disaster. The recovery and loss values of the performance of MTS are obtained, by multiplying the recovery or loss value under the  $k$ -th level disaster by the probability that the disaster level is at  $k$  in time period  $(0, t)$ .  $\int_{t_3}^t [Q^k(u) - Q_k] du$  denotes the recovery value of system performance under the  $k$ -th level disaster.  $\int_{t_1}^{t_4} (Q_0 - Q_k) dt$  denotes the loss value of system performance  $Q$  under the  $k$ -th level disaster. The system resilience can be calculated by substituting Eq. (8) into Eq. (9).

The indirect loss of the system under the  $k$ -th level disaster is  $L_{ID}^k(t)$ , which can be expressed by

Eq. (10):

$$L_{iD}^k(t) = \int_{t_1}^t (Q_0 - Q^k(u)) du. \quad (10)$$

### 3.2. Resilience optimization of MTS

This section determines the set of repair lines with the dual objectives of maximizing the sum of resilience increments (Eq. (11)) and minimizing the total loss (Eq. (12)).

$$\max \sum_{l_{ij} \in F} W_{ij} \times P_{ij} \times R(t|W_{ij}(t) = 1), \quad (11)$$

and

$$\min \sum_{k=1}^N (P_k(t) \times \sum_{l_{ij} \in F} P_{ij} \times L_{D(ij)}^k) + \sum_{k=1}^N (L_{iD}^k(t|W_{ij}(t) = 1) \times P_k(t)). \quad (12)$$

Eq. (11) and Eq. (12) represent the objective function. In Eq. (11),  $W_{ij}(t)$  indicates whether the line  $l_{ij}$  is repaired or not in time period  $(0, t)$ ,  $P_{ij}$  represent the repair probability of failed line  $l_{ij}$ ,  $R(t|W_{ij}(t) = 1)$  indicates the resilience increment of the system at time  $t$  when only the line  $l_{ij}$  is repaired. Eq. (11) indicates that the set of repair lines is determined, so that the resilience increment of the system is maximized. In Eq. (12),  $L_{D(ij)}^k$  is the direct loss of the line  $l_{ij}$  under the  $k$ -th level disaster, which is only related to the state of the line at time  $t_2$ . Thus,  $\sum_{l_{ij} \in F} P_{ij} \times L_{D(ij)}^k$  denotes the direct loss of all failed lines under the  $k$ -th level disaster, i.e., the direct loss under  $k$ -th level disaster.  $L_{iD}^k(t|W_{ij}(t) = 1) = \int_{t_1}^t (Q_0 - Q^k(u|W_{ij}(u) = 1)) du$  denotes the indirect loss of the system when only the line  $l_{ij}$  is repaired in all failed lines, where  $Q^k(u|W_{ij}(u) = 1)$  denotes the flow of the system when only line  $l_{ij}$  is repaired in all failed lines under  $k$ -th level disaster. An indirect loss is the expected values of losses under different disaster levels. Eq. (12) indicates that determining the repair line set can minimize the total loss.

The model constraints are shown in Eq. (13) - (28) below.

$$Q^k(t) = \sum_{N_S} \sum_{N_D} \text{maxflow}(G, N_S, N_D) \quad (13)$$

$$T_w = \sum_{l_{ij}=1}^f W_{ij}(t) \times T_{ij} \leq T \quad (14)$$

$$T_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t_4) \times T_{ij}^k \quad (15)$$

$$C_{ij}^k(t) = \frac{r_{ij}^k(t)}{\gamma} C_{ij}(0) \quad (16)$$

$$C_{ij}^k(t) \leq C_{ij}(0) \quad (17)$$

$$C_i(t) \leq C_i(0) \quad (18)$$

$$371 \quad h_{ij}(0) = 1, l_{ij} \in A \quad (19)$$

$$372 \quad h_{ij}(t) = 0, t \geq t_1 \cap l_{ij} \in F \quad (20)$$

$$373 \quad h_{ij}(t) = 1, l_{ij} \in W \quad (21)$$

$$374 \quad \sum_{l_{ij} \in A} C_{ij}^k(t) - \sum_{l_{ij} \in A} C_{ij}^k(t) = 0, j \in N_T, \forall t \quad (22)$$

$$375 \quad h_{ij}(t+1) - h_{ij}(t) \geq 0, l_{ij} \in F \quad (23)$$

$$376 \quad W_{ij}(t) \in \{0, 1\}, l_{ij} \in F \quad (24)$$

$$377 \quad W_{ij}(t) = 0, l_{ij} \in W, t \in \forall t \quad (25)$$

$$378 \quad \text{if } W_{ij}(t) = 1, l_{ij} \in F, \text{ then } h_{ij}(t + \omega | \omega = 1, 2 \dots N) = 1 \quad (26)$$

$$379 \quad \text{if } W_{ij}(t) = 0, l_{ij} \in F, \text{ then } h_{ij}(t - \omega | \omega = 1, 2 \dots N) = 0 \quad (27)$$

$$380 \quad \sum_{l_{ij} \in F} [h_{ij}(t+1) - h_{ij}(t)] \leq 1 \quad (28)$$

381 In Eq.(13), the sum of the maximum flows of all supply chains in MTS is used as system  
 382 performance. Eq. (14) indicates that repair activities should be less than  $T$ . Eq. (15) indicates that repair  
 383 time of line  $l_{ij}$  is the expected value of the repair time under each disaster level. Eq. (16) indicates that  
 384 the relationship between the actual line flow  $C_{ij}^k(t)$  and the corresponding state  $Y_{ij}^k(t)$  when the  $k$ -th  
 385 level disaster occurs,  $\gamma$  is the capacity level coefficient and can be derived from historical data. Eq. (17)  
 386 and (18) indicate that the flow of line and node does not exceed their normal flow. Eqs. (19-21) indicate  
 387 that lines in the working line set are normal, and lines in the failed line set resume to the normal  
 388 operating state after being repaired. Eq. (22) indicates that the inflow is equal to the outflow on the  
 389 transit node. Eq. (23) indicates that the repair can only make the failed line better and will not make the  
 390 normal line fault. Eqs. (24) and (25) indicate that the repair is only for the fault line, and lines in work  
 391 line set will not be serviced. Eq. (26) indicates that the failed line becomes the normal operating state  
 392 after the failed line is repaired. Eq. (27) indicates that the failed line does not operate normally until it  
 393 is repaired. Eq. (28) indicates that only one failed line can be repaired at a single time.

#### 394 4. Resilience measure of MTS

395 In maritime route planning, it is critical to understand which components (ports, waterway  
 396 connections, etc.) have the greatest impact on network performance. Importance measures are used to  
 397 determine the direction and priority of operations related to system improvements, with the aim of  
 398 finding the most efficient way to maintain the system state. In the following, the concept of resilience

399 importance measure of the MTS will be proposed, by combining importance measure with resilience.  
 400 Using the metric of resilience importance measure, the repair sequence of the failed lines can be  
 401 determined on the basis of identifying the repair line set.

402 Importance measure is the degree to which the failure or state change of one or more components  
 403 of a system affects the reliability of the system. Importance measure is a function of component (part)  
 404 reliability and system structure (Birnbaum, 1969). The resilience importance measure in this paper  
 405 refers to the degree of the impact of the failure of a single line or multiple lines in the MTS on the  
 406 system resilience. The resilience importance measure formula is proposed, as shown in Eq. (29).

$$407 \quad I_{ij}(t) = \frac{|R(t_4) - R(t|W_{ij}(t) = 0)|}{C_{ij}(t_0) - C_{ij}(t_2)}, \quad (29)$$

408 and

$$409 \quad C_{ij}(t) = \sum_{k=1}^N C_{ij}^k(t) \times P_k(t). \quad (30)$$

410 Where  $C_{ij}(t)$  refers to the expected value of the  $N$  levels post-disaster flow, which is the flow of  
 411 the failed line  $l_{ij}$  after considering  $N$  levels of disasters.  $C_{ij}(t_0)$  represents the flow of the failed line  $l_{ij}$   
 412 in the initial state, that is the normal flow.  $C_{ij}(t_2)$  denotes the minimum flow when line  $l_{ij}$  is damaged.  
 413  $R(t_4)$  indicates the maximum resilience of the system after being damaged by disaster.  $R(t|W_{ij}(t) = 0)$   
 414 denotes the resilience of the system when only line  $l_{ij}$  in the repair line set has not been repaired, we  
 415 call it the resilience increment of the line  $l_{ij}$  to system. The resilience importance measure  $I_{ij}$  measures  
 416 the impact of state changes of the failed line  $l_{ij}$  on the system resilience in time period  $(0, t)$ . The larger  
 417 the value, the more important the line  $l_{ij}$  is represented and the more advanced its repair sequence.

418 The resilience importance measure of different typical systems has different characteristics. Fig. 6  
 419 shows a maritime line from Piraeus to Malta and the state and flow of the line in the following four  
 420 processes.

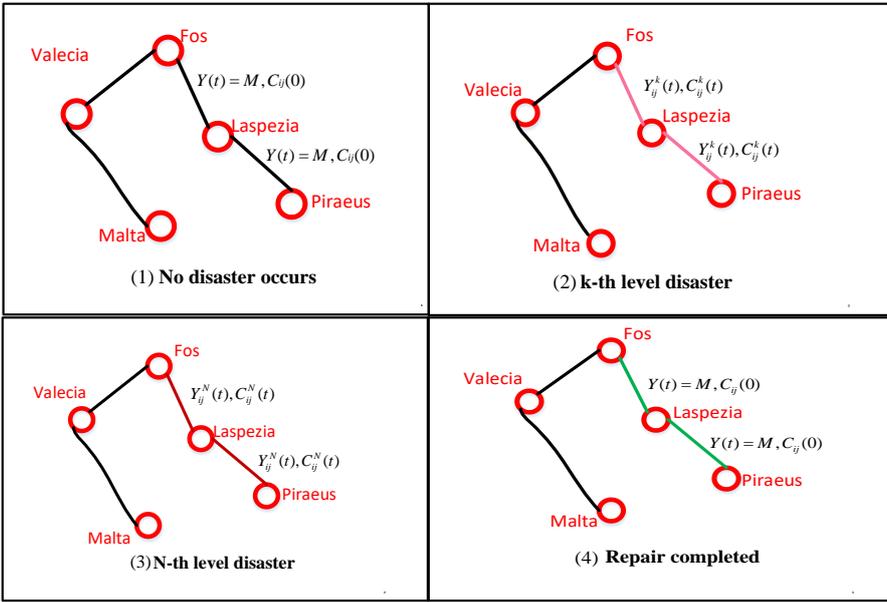
421 (1) No disaster occurs, the series MTS works normally, each line is in the best condition  $M$  and the  
 422 flow is at maximum.

423 (2) The  $k$ -th level disaster occurs, the series MTS is failed. Two routes from Piraeus to Laspezia  
 424 and from Laspezia to Fos have a minor breakdown, system performance is degraded. The state and flow  
 425 of failed lines is decreased to  $Y_{ij}^k(t)$ ,  $C_{ij}^k(t)$ , respectively. And the failed lines are marked light red.

426 (3) The  $N$ -th level disaster occurs ( $N > k$ ), the series MTS is failed, two routes from Piraeus to

427 Laspezia and from Laspezia to Fos encounter a serious breakdown, system performance is degraded.  
 428 The state and flow of failed lines is decreased to  $Y_{ij}^N(t)$ ,  $C_{ij}^N(t)$ , respectively. And the failed lines are  
 429 marked purple.

430 (4) The fault series MTS is repaired successfully, the two failed lines from Piraeus to Laspezia and  
 431 from Laspezia to Fos are repaired to normal states successfully, the two lines are marked in green, and  
 432 the overall performance of the system is improved.



433 **Fig.6** One maritime line from Piraeus to Malta

434 In a series MTS consisting of  $n$  mutually independent lines, the performance of MTS is expressed  
 435 as the minimum flow of the lines, i.e.,  $Q^k(t) = \min\{C_{ij}^k(t), l_{ij} \in A\}$ , then the series MTS resilience is  
 436 shown in Eq. (31).

$$437 R(t) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times \int_{t_3}^t \min\{C_{ij}^k(t), l_{ij} \in A\} - Q_k dt}{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times (Q_0 - Q_k) \times (t_4 - t_1)} \quad (31)$$

438 The maximum value of the resilience of the series MTS can be denoted by Eq. (32). The  
 439 performance of the system is expressed as  $\min\{C_{ij}^k(t_1) \cup C_{ab}^k(t), l_{ij}, l_{ab} \in A\}$  when the line  $l_{ij}$  is  
 440 not repaired, so the resilience of the series MTS when the line  $l_{ij}$  is not repaired is expressed as Eq.  
 441 (33). From Eq. (32) and Eq. (33), the resilience importance measure of the failed line  $l_{ij}$  in the series  
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443 MTS can be derived as shown in Eq. (34).

$$444 \quad R(t_4) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times \int_{t_3}^{t_4} [\min\{C_{ij}^k(t), t_{ij} \in A\} - Q_k] dt}{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times (Q_0 - Q_k) \times (t_4 - t_1)}, \quad (32)$$

$$445 \quad R(t|W_{ij}(t) = 0) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times \int_{t_3}^t [\min\{C_{ij}^k(t_1) \cup C_{ab}^k(u), t_{ij}, t_{ab} \in A\} - Q_k] du}{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times (Q_0 - Q_k) \times (t_4 - t_1)}, \quad (33)$$

446 and

$$447 \quad I_{ij} = \frac{\frac{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times \int_{t_3}^T [\min\{C_{ij}^k(t), t_{ij} \in A\} - Q_k] dt}{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times (Q_0 - Q_k) \times (t_4 - t_1)} - \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times \int_{t_3}^t [\min\{C_{ij}^k(t_1) \cup C_{ab}^k(u), t_{ij}, t_{ab} \in A\} - Q_k] du}{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times (Q_0 - Q_k) \times (t_4 - t_1)}}{C_{ij}(t_0) - C_{ij}(t_2)}. \quad (34)$$

448 Fig. 7 shows two maritime lines from Beirut to Fos. The four diagrams show the states of the line  
449 and its flow in the following four processes.

450 (1) No disaster occurs, the parallel MTS works normally, each line is in the best state  $M$  and the  
451 flow is at maximum.

452 (2) The  $k$ -th level disaster occurs, the parallel MTS fails, two lines from Beirut to Malta and from  
453 Malta to Valecia encounter minor failures, minor degradation of system performance occurs. The state  
454 and flow of failed lines is decreased to  $Y_{ij}^k(t)$ ,  $C_{ij}^k(t)$ , respectively. And the failed lines are marked in  
455 light red.

456 (3) The  $N$ -th level disaster occurs ( $N > k$ ), the parallel MTS fails, two routes from Beirut to Malta  
457 and from Malta to Valecia have serious failures, significant degradation of system performance occurs.  
458 The state and flow of failed lines is decreased to  $Y_{ij}^N(t)$ ,  $C_{ij}^N(t)$ , respectively. And the failed lines are  
459 marked in purple.

460 (4) The fault serious MTS is repaired successfully, and the two failed routes from Beirut to Malta  
461 and from Malta to Valecia are repaired to normal states successfully, marked as green, and the overall  
462 performance of MTS is improved.

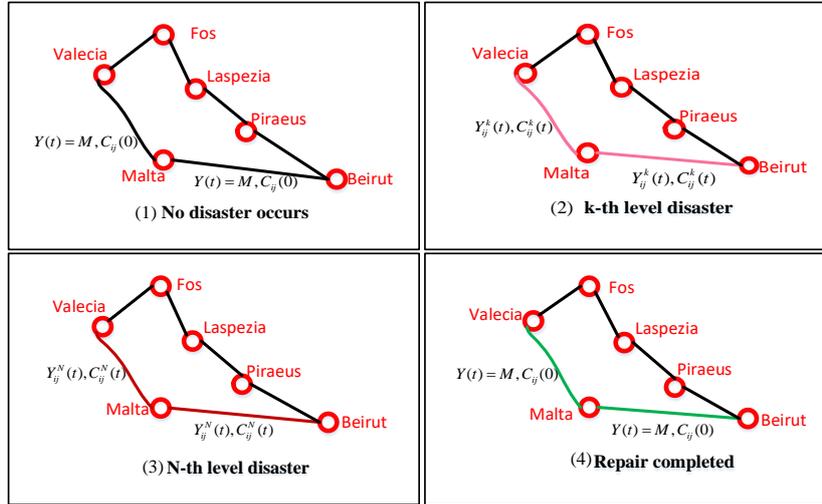


Fig. 7 Two maritime lines from Beirut to Fos

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465 According to Si & Levitin (2013), there are two general ways to represent the system performance  
466 of a typical parallel system. The first one is that the system performance is the maximum of the  
467 performance of all components, i.e.,  $\varphi(X) = \max\{X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots, X_n\}$ . The second one is that the parallel  
468 system performance is the sum of the performance of all components, i.e.,  $\varphi(X) = X_1 + X_2 + \dots + X_n$ .  
469 In the MTS as shown in Fig. 7, the maximum flow of MTS is used as the system performance, so the  
470 second method should be used to represent the MTS performance. There are  $n$  branches in a parallel  
471 MTS,  $L_m$  refers to line set in the  $m$ -th branch. The performance of the  $m$ -th branch is expressed as  
472  $\min\{C_{ij}^k(t), l_{ij} \in L_m\}$ . Therefore, the performance of the parallel MTS is expressed as  $Q(k, t) =$   
473  $\sum_{m=1}^n [\min\{C_{ij}^k(t), l_{ij} \in L_m\}]$ . Then the resilience of parallel MTS is represented as Eq. (35).

$$R(t) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times \int_{t_3}^t [\sum_{m=1}^n \min\{C_{ij}^k(u), l_{ij} \in L_m - Q_k\} du]}{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times (Q_0 - Q_k) \times (t_4 - t_1)} \quad (35)$$

475 The maximum value of the resilience of the parallel MTS is shown in Eq. (36). Let the failed line  
476  $l_{ij}$  be in the  $n$ -th branch, let  $B = \{l_{ij}\}$  represent the failed line set in the  $n$ -th branch, let  $U = L_n$   
477 represent the set of lines belonging to the  $n$ -th branch. The system performance when line  $l_{ij}$  is not  
478 repaired is expressed by  $Q^k(t) = \sum_{m=1}^{n-1} [\min\{C_{ab}^k(t), l_{ab} \in L_m\}] + [\min\{C_{ab}^k(t), C_{ij}^k(t_1)\}, l_{ab} \in C_U B]$ .  
479 Thus, the resilience of the parallel MTS when line  $l_{ij}$  is not repaired is expressed as Eq. (37). The  
480 resilience importance measure formula of the typical parallel system can be derived in this paper, by

481 substituting Eq. (36) and Eq. (37) into Eq. (29).

$$482 \quad R(t_4) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times \int_{t_3}^{t_4} [\sum_{m=1}^{n-1} \min\{c_{ij}^k(t)\}_{l_{ij} \in L_m - Q_k}] dt}{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times (Q_0 - Q_k) \times (t_4 - t_1)} \quad (36)$$

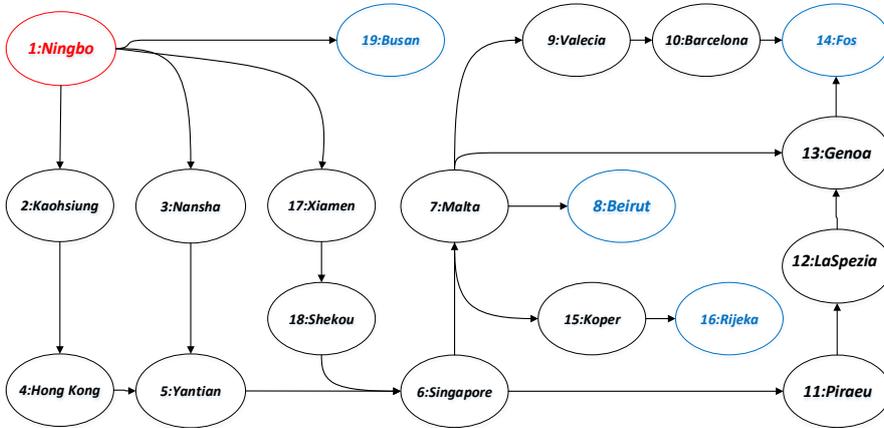
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$$484 \quad R(t|W_{ij}(t_4) = 0) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times \int_{t_3}^t [\sum_{m=1}^{n-1} [\min\{c_{ab}^k(u)\}_{l_{ab} \in L_m}] + [\min\{c_{ab}^k(u), c_{ij}^k(t_1)\}_{l_{ab} \in C_{ij}B} - Q_k]] du}{\sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times (Q_0 - Q_k) \times (t_4 - t_1)}. \quad (37)$$

### 485 5. Application

486 According to the 2020 route products released by China COSCO Shipping Corporation Limited in  
 487 September, 2020, the Ocean Alliance provides four groups of direct routes from Far East to  
 488 Mediterranean Sea, two groups of special lines to the west of the Mediterranean Sea, one group of  
 489 special lines to the Adriatic and the only direct route to the Black Sea. The routes continue to maintain  
 490 distinctive services with comprehensive yet differentiated coverage. All of these four groups of routes  
 491 go through the Suez Canal. AEM1 and AEM2 are two of the routes, both of which pass through Ningbo,  
 492 China. From the above 4 groups of routes, a MTS network from Ningbo, China, to the Mediterranean  
 493 Sea is extracted and simplified, as shown in Fig. 8.

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496 **Fig. 8** The network diagram of MTS

497 The normal flow for each line in MTS is given, as shown in the Table 1.

498 **Table 1** The normal flow for each line of MTS

line	normal flow
$l_{12}$	890
$l_{13}$	800

$l_{24}$	825
$l_{35}$	800
$l_{45}$	800
$l_{56}$	1350
$l_{67}$	785
$l_{6-11}$	605
$l_{78}$	512
$l_{79}$	390
$l_{9-10}$	485
$l_{10-14}$	510
$l_{11-12}$	750
$l_{12-13}$	790
$l_{13-14}$	842
$l_{1-17}$	520
$l_{17-18}$	421
$l_{18-6}$	320
$l_{1-19}$	210
$l_{7-13}$	300
$l_{7-15}$	290
$l_{15-16}$	320

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500 The transition rate matrix can be estimated on historical data. To facilitate the simulation, this paper  
501 assumes that there are 3 levels of disasters.  $P_j(t) = P\{X(t) = j\}$ ,  $j = 1, 2, 3$  represents the probability  
502 of the line being in state  $j$ . The transition rate matrix  $Q$  for the disaster level is given as

$$503 \begin{bmatrix} -0.075 & 0.075 & 0.0 \\ 0.025 & -0.05 & 0.025 \\ 0 & 0.075 & -0.075 \end{bmatrix}.$$

504 Assuming that the disaster level is constant during time period  $(0, T)$  and the value of  $T$  is 10 days,  
505 the probability of a disaster staying at a certain level during time period  $(0, T)$  is found as shown in  
506 Table 2.

507 **Table 2** Probability of a disaster staying at a certain level during time period  $(0, T)$

level of the disaster	1	2	3
probability	0.25	0.5	0.25

508 There are five states of the line.  $Y_{ij}^k(t) = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ ,  $\gamma$  is numbered as 5, so  $Y_{ij}^k(t) =$   
509 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 indicates that the actual flow becomes  $1/5$ ,  $2/5$ ,  $3/5$ ,  $4/5$ , and 1 of the normal flow,  
510 respectively. From the relationship between line flow and state  $C_{ij}^k(t) = \frac{Y_{ij}^k(t)}{\gamma} C_{ij\_max}$ , it follows  
511 that actual flow of the line can be derived from the state of the line. The transition rate matrix  $V$  for the

512 state of the line is given as 
$$\begin{bmatrix} -0.9 & 0.1 & 0.15 & 0.30 & 0.45 \\ 0.3 & -0.9 & 0.2 & 0.3 & 0.4 \\ 0 & 0.3 & -1.1 & 0.4 & 0.5 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.3 & -0.9 & 0.6 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.3 & -0.3 \end{bmatrix}$$

513 The failed line set at the time of the disaster occurs is  $= \{l_{12}, l_{13}, l_{45}, l_{56}, l_{6-11}, l_{78}, l_{9-10},$   
 514  $l_{10-14}, l_{11-12}, l_{12-13}, l_{13-14}, l_{1-17}, l_{1-19}, l_{7-13}, l_{7-15}, l_{15-16}\}$ , it is assumed that the failed line set is  
 515 the same for different levels of disasters. State 1 indicates the state of lines when a disaster of level 1  
 516 occurs, State 2 indicates the state of lines when a disaster of level 2 occurs, and State 3 indicates the  
 517 state of lines when a disaster of level 3 occurs in Table 3.

518 **Table 3** Failed line states

line	line number	State 1	State 2	State3
$l_{12}$	line1	1	1	1
$l_{13}$	line2	1	1	1
$l_{24}$	line3	5	5	5
$l_{35}$	line4	5	5	5
$l_{45}$	line5	3	2	1
$l_{56}$	line6	3	2	1
$l_{67}$	line7	5	5	5
$l_{6-11}$	line8	2	1	1
$l_{78}$	line9	1	1	1
$l_{79}$	line10	5	5	5
$l_{9-10}$	line11	4	3	2
$l_{10-14}$	line12	3	2	1
$l_{11-12}$	line13	3	2	1
$l_{12-13}$	line14	4	3	2
$l_{13-14}$	line15	3	2	1
$l_{1-17}$	line16	3	2	1
$l_{17-18}$	line17	5	5	5
$l_{18-6}$	line18	5	5	5
$l_{1-19}$	line19	3	2	1
$l_{7-13}$	line20	4	3	2
$l_{7-15}$	line21	2	1	1
$l_{15-16}$	line22	2	1	1

519 In this paper, three different levels of disasters are considered. Under each level of disaster, the line  
 520 has a corresponding repair time, and the expectation of the repair time of different levels of disasters is  
 521 used as the repair time of the line. Thus, the repair time of line  $l_{ij}$  is  $T_{ij} = \sum_{k=1}^N P_k(t) \times T_{ij}(k) =$   
 522  $0.25 \times T_{ij}(1) + 0.5 \times T_{ij}(2) + 0.25 \times T_{ij}(3)$ , where  $T_{ij}(k)$  represents the repair time of line  $l_{ij}$  under  
 523  $k$ -th level disaster. The repair time of lines in MTS is shown in Table 4.

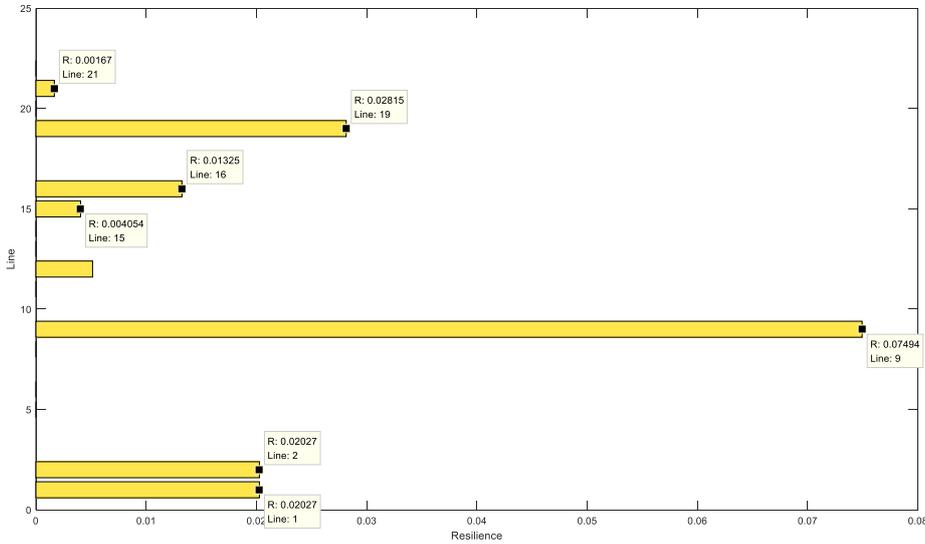
524 **Table 4** The repair time of lines in MTS

line	$T_{ij}(1)$	$T_{ij}(2)$	$T_{ij}(3)$	$T_{ij}$
$l_{12}$	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
$l_{13}$	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
$l_{24}$	0	0	0	0

$l_{35}$	0	0	0	0
$l_{45}$	2	2.5	2.2	2.3
$l_{56}$	2	2.5	2.2	2.3
$l_{67}$	0	0	0	0
$l_{6-11}$	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.275
$l_{78}$	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
$l_{79}$	0	0	0	0
$l_{9-10}$	1.67	2	2.5	2.04
$l_{10-14}$	2	2.5	2.2	2.3
$l_{11-12}$	2	2.5	2.2	2.3
$l_{12-13}$	1.67	2	2.5	2.04
$l_{13-14}$	2	2.5	2.2	2.3
$l_{1-17}$	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.275
$l_{17-18}$	0	0	0	0
$l_{18-6}$	0	0	0	0
$l_{1-19}$	2	2.5	2.2	2.3
$l_{7-13}$	1.67	2	2.5	2.04
$l_{7-15}$	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.275
$l_{15-16}$	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.275

525 For calculation purposes, in the simulation, it is considered that the system flow does not change  
526 continuously, but completes the jump when encountering disaster and the repair is completed.

527 MATLAB is used in this paper to model the MTS and to calculate the resilience of failed lines.  
528 The resilience increment of each failed line to the system is obtained as shown in Fig. 9.



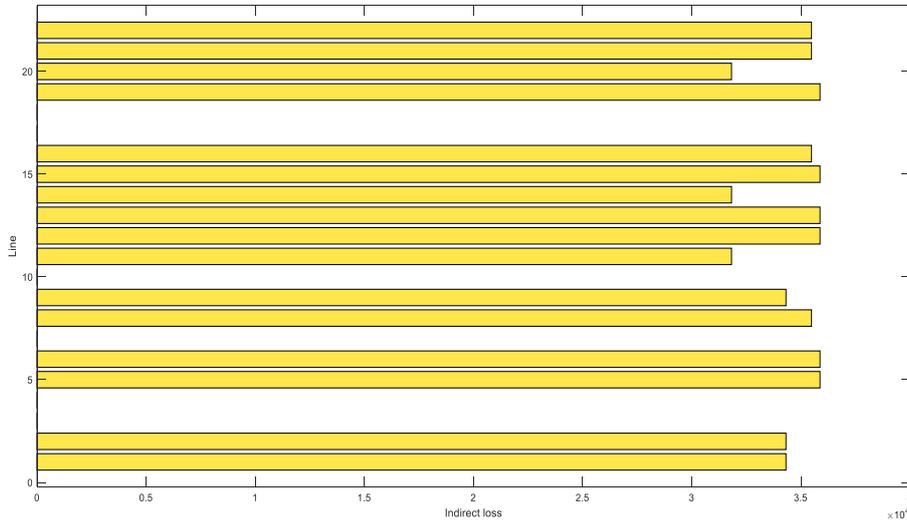
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530 **Fig. 9** The resilience increment of each failed line to the system

531 As can be seen in Fig. 9, some lines have resilience increment of number 0 to the system, because  
532 repairing such lines will have no impact on system performance. Some lines have a non-zero resilience

533 increment to the system. The lines are ranked in order of their resilience increment to the system in  
534 descending order as line9>line19>line1=line2>line16>line12>line15>line21. It can be seen that line9  
535 has the largest resilience increment value to the system, which is 0.07491, because line9 is in the supply  
536 chain from Ningbo to Beirut, and its flow is small compared with the flow of other lines in the supply  
537 chain, and its performance change will have a great impact on the flow of this supply chain. Thus line9  
538 has a greater impact on the total flow of the system. Line 19 has the second largest resilience increment  
539 value to the system, which is 0.02692, because line19 is in the supply chain from Ningbo to Busan, and  
540 this supply chain only contains line19, its performance change will have an impact on the flow of this  
541 supply chain. The damage level of line19 is lower than that of line9, its impact on the system  
542 performance is smaller than that of line19. Line1 and line2 have the same resilience increment value to  
543 the system, i.e., 0.020272. Line1 and line2 are in multiple supply chains, their flows are larger, their  
544 changes will have some impact on the system performance; Line21 has the smallest resilience increment  
545 value to the system, i.e., 0.00171, indicating that line21 has the smallest resilience increment to the  
546 system among the lines whose resilience increment is not 0.

547 As can be seen from the simulation results in Fig. 9, resilience relates to the normal flow of line  
548 and topology of the supply chain in which the line is located. MTS is the one that consists of multiple  
549 maritime supply chains. On the one hand, the flow of supply chain is influenced by the route with the  
550 smallest flow. Therefore, the routes with less traffic have a greater impact on the supply chain in which  
551 they are located. In the daily repair management of the MTS, managers should be aware that ports with  
552 low flow are not necessarily unimportant to the MTS, and that care should be taken to ensure that lines  
553 with low flow are kept open. On the other hand, the blockage of the Suez Canal mentioned above is due  
554 to the fact that the Suez Canal is a unique route, which is a necessary route that many supply chains  
555 must go through, making it vulnerable to disasters. Managers should therefore focus on the location of  
556 the shipping route in the MTS.

557 Assume that the direct loss of all lines is \$10,000. Since the indirect losses are in units of cargo  
558 volume, in order to sum up with the direct loss, the intermediary of an average of \$100,000 per container  
559 is introduced. Thus, the fee for indirect losses can be expressed in dollars. The indirect loss of each  
560 failed line is shown in Fig. 10.



**Fig. 10** Indirect losses when repairing only a single line

It can be seen that the indirect losses when repairing only a single line are in the interval of (30000, 40000), as shown in Table 5.

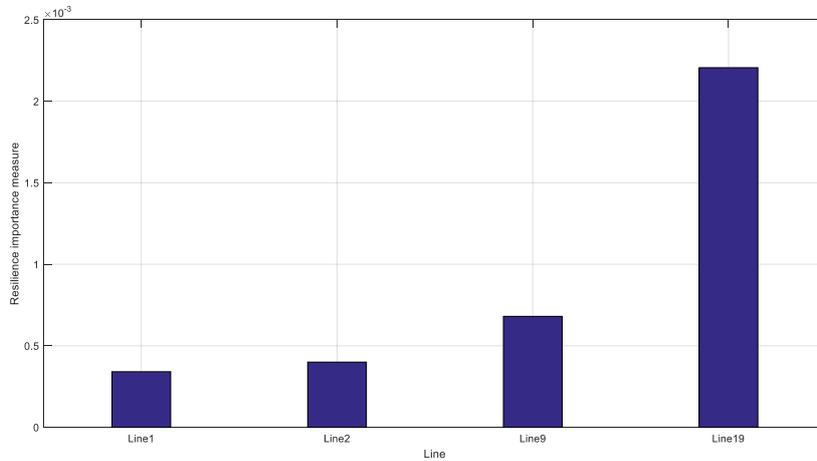
Table 5 The indirect losses when repairing only a single line

line	line1	line2	line5	line6	line8	line9	line11	line12
indirect loss	34320	34320	33680	35880	35490	34320	31824	35880
line	line13	line14	line15	line16	line19	line20	line21	line22
indirect loss	35880	31824	35880	35490	35880	31824	35490	35490

### 5.1. Repair strategy analysis with repair probability of 1

Assuming that all lines have a repair probability of 1. After knowing the resilience increment of each failed line to the system and indirect loss, repairmen can transform the repair strategy into solving the 0-1 backpack problem. Let the repair time not exceed 10 days, then the repair line set is {line1, line2, line9, line19}. The solved set can ensure that the total resilience increment of the lines to the system reaches the maximum and the total loss is the minimum.

The repair line set has been determined as {line1, line2, line9, line19}. The importance measure of each line in the repair line set is calculated as shown in Fig. 11.



**Fig. 11** The resilience importance measure of each line in the set of repair lines

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From the results shown in Fig. 11, line 19 has the highest resilience importance measure value, i.e., 0.002206. Line19 is a single line in the network from Ningbo to Busan, which constitutes a supply chain, repairing this line will therefore result in a significant increase in system resilience. Line 9 has the second highest resilience importance measure value 0.000680, the normal flow of line 9 is small in the supply chain from Ningbo to Beirut. Line 9 is severely damaged, so repairing it can make the flow of this supply chain larger, thus making the system resilience larger. The resilience importance measure values of line2 and line1 are 0.000399 and 0.000341, respectively. There are multiple supply chains via line2 and line1, and the flow of these two lines is larger.

Based on the ranking of resilience importance measure value, the repair order of the four lines is to repair line19 first, followed by line9 and line2, and then line1 at last, we denote this order as repair-order-1. The completely opposite repair order of repair-order-1 is called repair-order-2, that is, repair line 1 first, then repair line 2 and 9, and finally repair line 19. In order to verify the superiority of the model proposed in this paper, the change curves of resilience of MTS under repair-order-1 and repair-order-2 are plotted, respectively, as shown in Fig. 12.

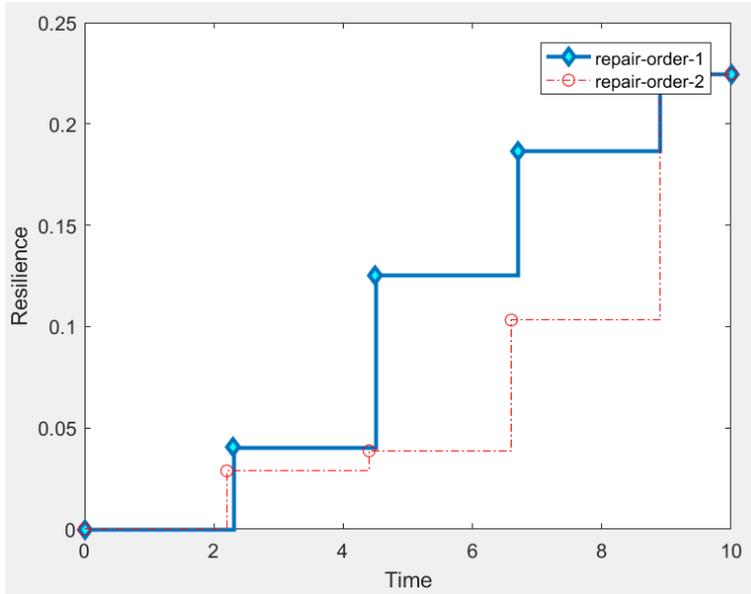


Fig. 12 The change curve of resilience of MTS

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593 By comparing the change curves of resilience of MTS under the two different repair strategies, the  
594 resilience under repair-order-1 is greater than that under repair-order-2 at each moment, indicating that  
595 repair-order-1 can restore the system resilience to the maximum value faster. Therefore, the model  
596 proposed in this paper has its merits.

597 **5.2. Repair strategy analysis with repair probability of not 1**

598 However, in the actual MTS, the repair probability of the line is not 1. Generally, the higher the  
599 flow of the line, the worse its ability to automatically recover to normal state, and the higher the  
600 probability of needing repair. The smaller the flow of the line, the simpler the line, the better its ability  
601 to recover to normal state automatically, and the smaller the repair probability. Set the repair probability  
602 of the line as shown in Table 6.

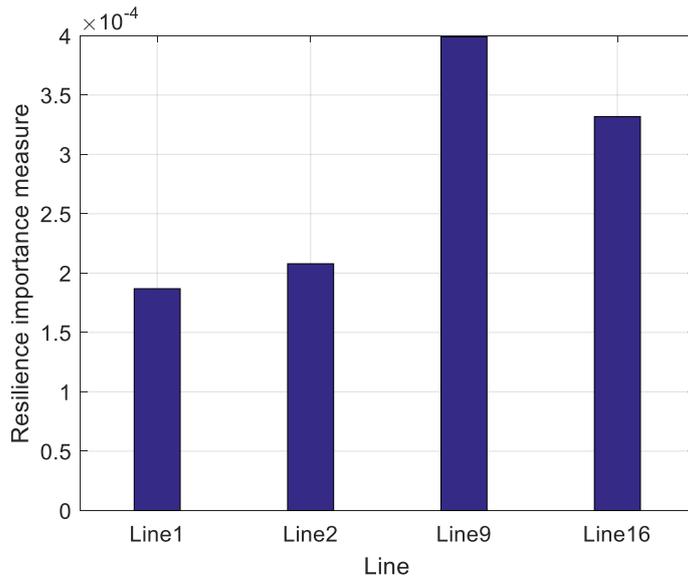
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Table 6 The repair probability of failed line

line	line1	line2	line5	line6	line8	line9	line11	line12
indirect loss	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.95	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.7
line	line13	line14	line15	line16	line19	line20	line21	line22
indirect loss	0.5	0.5	0.95	0.7	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.2

604 The indirect loss and the resilience increment of the failed line remain unchanged. Based on Eqs.

605 (11) and (12), the repair line set can be obtained as {line 1, line 2, line 9, line 16}. Next, the resilience  
 606 importance measure of these four lines can be calculated according to Equation (29) as shown in Figure  
 607 13.



608 Fig. 13 The resilience importance measure of each line in the set of repair lines

609 From Figure 13, we can see that the resilience importance measure values of line1, line2, line9,  
 610 and line16 are 0.00018687, 0.00020789, 0.000399, and 0.00033188, respectively. we can determine the  
 611 repair order is to repair line9 first, Line16 second, line2 third, and line1 last. We call this repair strategy  
 612 repair-order-3. The repair-order-3 is different from repair-order-1 because the repair probability of the  
 613 two cases is different. The repair-order-3 considers the repair probability of the line and is closer to  
 614 reality. Therefore, in the actual MTS repair management, the repair probability should be focused on.  
 615 First repair line1, second repair line2, third repair line16, and finally repair line9, this repair order is  
 616 exactly opposite to repair order3, and is called repair-order-4. The change curve of system resilience  
 617 with time is determined under repair-order-3 and repair-order-4, as shown in Figure 14.  
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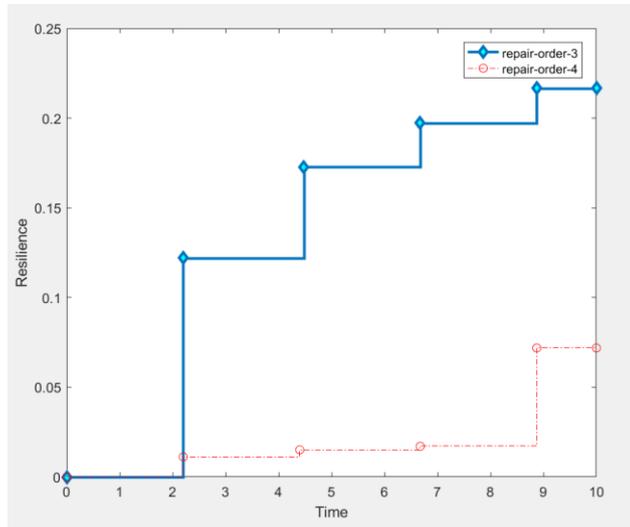


Fig.14 The change curve of system resilience of MTS

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621 By comparing the change curves of resilience of MTS under repair-order-3 and repair-order-4, the  
622 resilience under repair-order-3 is greater than that under repair-order-4 at each moment, indicating that  
623 repair-order-3 can restore the system resilience to the maximum value faster. Therefore, the model  
624 proposed in this paper has its merits.

## 625 6. Conclusions and future work

626 With the development of international trade and economic globalization, the MTS has become  
627 increasingly complex. A small disaster may cause a fatal result on the MTS with huge economic losses.  
628 This paper analyzed the impact of disasters on MTS, using the Suez Canal "Century of Congestion" as  
629 an example. The line state is considered as multi-state, and the impact of the changes of a single line  
630 state on the system performance when a disaster occurs was studied. The resilience model and resilience  
631 importance measure model were proposed to determine the system recovery strategy for a given failed  
632 line set.

633 The study provides repair strategies of MTS with limited resources and limited time, which can  
634 maximize system resilience at minimal loss and within a limited time period. The study helps to identify  
635 critical routes in MTS and provides useful insights for the repair management of the routes. Besides,  
636 the findings of the paper can be used to analyze the resilience of MTS under multi-level disasters such  
637 as deliberate attacks and natural disasters, providing ideas for improving the resilience of MTS.

638 This paper only classified the disaster levels in a general way and did not provide a clear and  
639 specific description of the disaster level. In future work, the classification of disaster levels can be  
640 considered, and the impact of other factors on the flow of MTS can be investigated.

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