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In recent years, a range of industries, including manufacturing, aviation and construction, have benefited from developments in increased use of automation, use of modern sensors and data analytics, the Internet of Things (IoT) and process optimization based on machine learning. These developments have been associated with the '4th Industrial Revolution'. There is a significant opportunity to apply some of the same technologies and techniques to improve the efficiency of railway vehicle maintenance. This already starting to occur, especially with the significant increase in the use Remote Condition Monitoring (RCM) systems on new trains. The cost of maintaining railway vehicles is a significant proportion of their whole life cost, up to 40%; further research is required to continue to improve the efficiency and reliability of rail vehicle maintenance.

The Special Issue seeks original research papers from researchers in industry or academia that focus on improving the efficiency, reliability and safety associated with rail vehicle maintenance. Papers describing a clear need for the work with a discussion on the route to implementation are of particular interest.



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