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Developing Dashboard Analytics and Visualization Tools for Effective Performance Management and Continuous Process Improvement

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Abstract:- Performance management and continuous process improvement are essential for businesses to monitor how well their operations are running, find ways to improve them, and bring about good change. However, making decisions based on data in these areas can be challenging because performance data is complicated. This research looks into how panel analytics and data visualization tools can help manage performance well and make processes better all the time. A literature study is done on performance management frameworks, process improvement methods, data visualization techniques, and dashboard solutions that are already out there. The Lean, Six Sigma, and balanced scorecard methods are looked at for success indicators and metrics. It also looks into data visualization tools' design principles and methods like dashboards, tables, charts, and interactive features. Interviews, observations, document reviews, and internal files are ways a case organization gathers both primary and secondary data. Key performance indicators for quality, delivery, productivity, safety, and customer happiness are found in several different business roles and processes. To look at performance trends and relationships, SPSS is used for descriptive statistics and hypothesis testing. Interactive dashboard examples that use different data visualization methods are created by thinking about how the user will experience it, how it will work with other systems, and how it will help them make decisions. Dashboards let you dig deeper into processes, determine why problems happen, and compare actuals to goals. Usability testing checks how easy the tools are and how well decision-makers can learn from them. The results show that dashboard analytics can make handling performance and improvement projects easier based on data. Insights made it possible to keep track of KPIs, find methods that were not working well, and work together across teams. There are also talks about problems with data quality and change management.

I. INTRODUCTION

Keeping track of performance and always finding ways to make things better are very important for any business that wants to grow. In today's global business world, companies need to keep a close eye on their operations and always find ways to make things better to stay busy and keep customers happy (Gudelj et al., 2020). Creating a way to use data to make decisions can help businesses take charge of their success and make things better (Jelínková, 2017). Performance data can be hard to look at and find ideas for improvement projects because there is a lot of it and it is complicated (Iftikhar et al., 2019). It shows how tools for data display and panel analytics might be able to help people choose what to do. Dashboard analytics tools that combine key performance indicators with data visualization can help with managing the performance of a company and making improvements to processes all the time. These tools can help people make better decisions, work together, and find ways to make things better. They can also empower people at all levels to make good changes.

Performance management constantly checks and rates how well a business is doing in reaching its goals and objectives by using clear metrics and key performance indicators (KPIs) (Eaidgah et al., 2016). Businesses can see how they're doing, understand where they need to improve, and quickly make changes thanks to this (Vetander, 2011). Performance management can help workers at all levels make processes better on a regular basis when it is part of an attitude of continuous improvement (Gudelj et al., 2020).

There are several theories that explain how to control performance and try to get better. Lean production eliminates waste in operations by using value stream mapping, visual management, and just-in-time processes (Eaidgah et al., 2016). Six Sigma uses define-measure-analyze-improve-control (DMAIC) methods and a data-driven approach to reduce variation and mistakes in production systems (Gudelj et al., 2020). Balanced scorecards and strategy maps connect operational KPIs to the general business strategy to ensure that strategic goals and performance goals align with each other (Vetander, 2011).

Effective performance management and continuous improvement programs have been shown to affect organizations positively. When frameworks are used correctly, they can boost productivity, quality, customer satisfaction, and total profits by making it easier to make decisions, work together, and create a culture of iterative process optimization (Eaidgah et al., 2016; Gudelj et al., 2020). Strategic use of these practices gives businesses in competitive fields like healthcare and manufacturing a

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significant edge over their competitors and chances to keep growing (Franklin et al., 2017; Iftikhar et al., 2019).

Metrics and data are essential for performance management, but it can take time for decision-makers to get helpful information from significant amounts of data (Iftikhar et al., 2019). Data visualization methods use charts, graphs, and dashboards to turn raw numbers into clear and easy-to-understand formats (Franklin et al., 2017). Patterns and connections can be seen more efficiently this way than when spreadsheets or reports are only looked at. Interactive visualizations also let people work together to explore and model "what if" scenarios, giving managers and workers more power.

Dashboard analytics tools combine several visualizations into a single, specialized interface that can be used for different tasks, jobs, or situations. Careful design based on human factors principles makes sure that tools are easy to use even when data is complicated (Iftikhar et al., 2019). Decision-makers can see more information about performance factors or causal connections with the help of dynamic dashboards that let them drill down. Real-time updates and shared views keep everyone on the same page.

Research has shown that visualization and dashboards help people and groups make better decisions. If experts take advantage of trends they find, they can spend less time studying and more time planning (Franklin et al., 2017). Iftikhar et al. (2019) say that dashboards make it easier for people from different departments to work together, talk to each other, and take joint action. Employees who are given more power can improve processes by better understanding how different parts of the process work together. Visual exploration is also helpful for strategic planning because it helps leaders base their ideas on timely, measurable insights.

A. *Objectives of the Research*

Since data-driven performance management and ongoing process improvement are essential, and given that it is known that data visualization helps people make decisions, this study aims to find out how dashboard analytics can help organizations do these things. Specifically, the objectives are:

- Identify key controllable and uncontrollable factors affecting on-time performance and flight cancellations across major airlines operating in [Country/Region]
- Analyze historical flight data to predict delays, cancellations and their propagation effects using machine learning models
- Develop an interactive aviation operations dashboard with route-level visualizations to provide actionable insights on disruption risks and mitigation strategies
- Evaluate the usability of the dashboard for supporting collaborative decision-making between airline operations, customer service and maintenance teams
- Conduct A/B testing to assess the impact of dashboard-driven disruption mitigation plans on customer satisfaction, complaint rates and airline profitability.

B. *Research Question*

How can an analytics-driven aviation operations dashboard help airlines improve on-time performance, reduce cancellations and better address passenger needs through collaborative multi-departmental decision making?

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

A. *Performance Management Frameworks and Methodologies*

Performance management is setting goals, keeping an eye on measures, analyzing results, and ensuring that things are always getting better (Otley, 1999). In reality, these efforts are guided by several frameworks. According to Neely et al. (2007), frameworks can be broken down into two groups: those that only measure performance and those that promote strategic performance management through a loop of planning, executing, and learning. From the point of view of academia, this study looks at some of the most common framework types.

From the work of Kaplan and Norton in the early 1990s comes the balanced scorecard, one of the most well-known performance management models (Cokins, 2009). (Neely et al., 2007) the balanced scorecard goes beyond just looking at money and includes customers, internal business processes, learning and growth, and learning and growth views. Fuertes et al. (2020) say that this multidimensional method connects operational performance to achieving strategic goals. Strategy maps can help organizations figure out how to use balanced scorecards successfully by showing them how one action can lead to another (Cokins, 2009). Research shows that when balanced scorecards are appropriately integrated into management systems, they improve how well a company does its job (Neely et al., 2007).

Six Sigma is another popular strategy framework. It uses the define-measure-analyze-improve-control (DMAIC) method to improve processes and reduce mistakes (Cokins, 2009). Six Sigma uses a data-driven approach to find chances using statistical analysis, ensure that projects have enough resources, and build process discipline through its repeatable model (Saura, 2021). Statistical process control tools, key performance indicators (KPIs), and benchmarking systems are used in the control and monitoring stages to keep performance high over time (Cokins, 2009). Research shows that Six Sigma can significantly improve quality, productivity, and profits when leaders fully commit, and experts teach staff properly (Saura, 2021).

Lean production principles also give us a way to work focused on efficiency and always getting better. Some important lean ideas are value stream planning, visual management, just-in-time processes, standard work practices, and eliminating waste to make things better for customers (Eaidgah et al., 2016). Visual performance management boards help teams work together to self-monitor and solve problems as they come up in fast-paced settings by using visual controls and problem-solving techniques such as A3 thinking and 5 Whys (Vetander, 2011). Lean has been shown to improve things like lead time, throughput, defects,

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inventory, and space utilization when applied consistently throughout a company (Eaidgah et al., 2016).

Many researchers are calling for a shift away from specific methods and toward strategic performance management, including planning, implementing, measuring, and commenting on strategies (Cokins, 2009). Otley (1999) considers this the connection between strategic planning, making goals, allocating resources, using motivational tools, and measuring results. Performance management today should see frameworks as dynamic and integrated, not static or piecemeal, to respond to changing environments (Neely et al., 2007). When tailored to the company's needs and change management, practical methods such as balanced scorecards, Six Sigma, and lean make strategic performance management more useful.

B. Continuous process improvement approaches (e.g., Lean, Six Sigma)

Implementing continuous process improvement methods is meant to make processes run more smoothly and give workers the tools to make lasting changes. For example, Lean and Six Sigma are two well-known methods that have changed and combined over time (Patel & Patel, 2021). Although Lean and Six Sigma were created separately, they work well together in a single system (Nascimento et al., 2020). In this part, we will look at their principles and applications when used together.

(Cudney et al., 2020) Lean eliminates "waste" in processes, such as transportation, waiting time, overproduction, needless motion, defects, and too much inventory. To make work easier, some essential lean tools are visual factory layouts, standardized work, pull-based production signals, continuous flow, and multi-function team problem-solving (Davidson et al., 2020). Lean efforts are often tracked with statistical tools such as cycle time, work-in-process inventory levels, and process uptime metrics (Patel & Patel, 2021).

Anecdotal evidence shows that lean has a history of better results in many areas, including cutting down on set-up times, raising quality standards, and making processes more flexible (Nascimento et al., 2020). Although lean has no formal methods to quantitatively target the most significant chance areas or show that process gains are statistically substantial (Cudney et al., 2020). Each method's problems can be fixed by using Six Sigma as a whole.

It uses a structured DMAIC method of Define, Measure, Analyze, Improve, and Control stages to eliminate variation and errors in core business processes (Davidson et al., 2020). To find the root reasons for mistakes or defects, Six Sigma uses statistical tools like process mapping, cause-and-effect analysis, failure mode and effects analysis (FMEA), design of experiments (DOE), and statistical process control (SPC) charts (Patel & Patel, 2021). Integrating clear process improvements and metrics into management systems during the control phase provides ongoing benefits.

Six Sigma significantly improves when projects follow strategy plans and leaders lead cultural change (Nascimento et al., 2020). One problem with Six Sigma is that it relies too much on statistics, needs more on employee input, and the quick changes usually required in changing environments (Davidson et al., 2020). In response to these complaints, combining Six Sigma's statistical rigor with Lean's cultural and participatory benefits is suggested.

Combining Lean and Six Sigma makes a full system that changes the culture and gets employees involved through Lean and then uses data to set priorities and make improvements through Six Sigma (Patel & Patel, 2021). Lean Six Sigma is a hybrid model that utilizes jobs and their combined strengths by coordinating them. By using value stream mapping in Lean, for example, inefficient processes for certain Six Sigma projects can be found (Cudney et al., 2020). If process errors are still under statistical control after Lean changes, the Six Sigma Improve phase uses control charts (Nascimento et al., 2020).

Lean Six Sigma can make things better by quickly improving processes and carefully cutting costs and it only needs the support of the top management (Davidson et al., 2020). Scientists have found many uses for it in various areas, such as flight, cars, healthcare, higher education, and oil and gas (Cudney et al., 2020). Businesses can keep improving their processes in a way that is both measured and long-lasting when they use both Lean and Six Sigma's strengths within a single framework.

C. Data Visualization Techniques and Dashboard Design Principles

Dashboards that work well use the right ways to show info for the job they're meant to do and the people who will be using them. This needs careful planning based on ideas from studies in human-computer interaction and visualization. Bach et al. (2022) say that dashboard design patterns are solutions that can be used again and again to meet common visualization goals and use cases. Using well-thought-out patterns based on the following ideas can make dashboard interfaces easier to use and help you gain more insight.

Tables, charts, graphs, gauges, and other infographic elements are popular visualization techniques that are used in dashboards (Sedrakyan et al., 2019). Tables are a good way to describe either raw or structured data, but they can't show trends. Line, bar, and pie graphs are some types of charts that show quickly how numbers relate to each other over time or between different groups. Visually, scatter plots show how factors are related to each other. Bullet graphs are a way to compare metrics that blend features of gauges and bar charts. Using hue and saturation, heatmaps store numbers in space. For example, geographic or network maps show where things are in relation to each other.

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To make visualization work well, you need to match the right design to the data distribution, job difficulty, and actions or conclusions you want users to make (Bach et al., 2022). One example is that dense quantitative data works best in tables, while tag clouds or networks may work better for qualitative characteristics. For more complicated cause-and-effect connections, you need more advanced ways to show them visually, like Sankey or flow graphs. Gauges work well for simple summary tasks, while column sorting or grouped charts work best for comparison tasks. Using the right picture metaphor makes it easier for your brain to understand.

Dashboard design principles guide layout, interactivity, and aesthetics to make the dashboard as easy to use as possible while minimizing brain load. The Gestalt principles of closeness, similarity, continuity, and closure naturally put things together that are linked. Alignment and consistent white room between sections keep things from looking too crowded. Well-labeled and accessible parts make it clear how they work. Legible fonts and color choices keep the focus on the insights instead of being distracting. Drill-down and filtering make it possible to tailor the information to specific jobs and situations (Sedrakyan et al., 2019).

Usability testing checks how easy it is to use and learn, like seeing if people try to do what you want them to do without being told (Bach et al., 2022). Performance metrics find slow spots or problems that need to be fixed. Accessibility guidelines make sure that universal design principles are followed. For example, they say that non-text parts should have text equivalents. With responsive design, panels can be changed to fit different screen sizes, from desktops to phones. Security protocols keep private information safe in a way that makes sense for its type and who it's meant for.

Table 1: Dashboard Analytics Tools and their Applications

Tool	Description	Applications
Microsoft Power BI	Self-service business intelligence tool for visual data exploration and dashboarding. Supports 80+ chart types, filtering, grouping, drill-down.	Healthcare analytics - monitoring key indicators, patient numbers, readmission rates, financial metrics.
Tableau	Easy-to-use business intelligence tool for rapid dashboard prototyping. Live querying, automated data blending.	Education - tracking program data like class size, demographics, alumni success. Manufacturing - reporting product quality.
Pentaho	Open-source ETL system for combining data types. Supports agile processes.	Manufacturing - reporting product quality.
Metabase	Open-source SQL-based tool for quick dashboard prototyping with minimal code.	Education - monitoring college budgets.
Dundas	Specialized dashboards for intranets, mobile apps.	Financial services - interactive scoreboards for monitoring strategic project KPIs.
TIBCO Spotfire	Advanced analytics and visualization. Supports predictive modeling use cases.	Scientific and engineering data exploration.
Apache Stack (Kafka, Superset)	Real-time streaming data processing and dashboarding.	Logistics - vehicle geolocation tracking, dynamic route optimization based on traffic.
DataRobot	Automated machine learning jobs like monitoring model performance.	Manufacturing - monitoring predicted defects using computer vision models.
Grafana, Kibana, Logstash	Log, streaming and time-series data organization into visualizations and reports.	Oil & gas - monitoring rig sensors for pressure, RPMs along with Superset/Tableau.

D. Aviation Dashboard Tools and Applications

The aviation industry generates a huge amount of operational data on a daily basis ranging from flight schedules, passenger bookings, weather conditions to maintenance records. Effective utilization of this data through business intelligence and analytical tools can help airline stakeholders gain valuable insights for optimization of operations, resource planning as well as monitoring operational performance metrics. Aviation dashboards powered by data analytics play a pivotal role in integrating these diverse data sources for generating actionable business intelligence. This section aims to discuss existing dashboard tools and systems that are commonly used in the aviation industry along with cases highlighting their applications.

➢ *Traditional Dashboard Tools*

Some of the traditional business intelligence tools like IBM Cognos Analytics, Microsoft Power BI and Tableau are widely adopted by airlines for basic reporting and dashboarding needs. These tools offer a user-friendly interface and support functionalities like data cleansing, visualization, query building and report publishing. Several airlines have implemented dashboards in these tools to track key metrics for operations, maintenance, crew and passenger services (Loe & Nagalingham, 2023). For example, schedule adherence reports in Tableau help airlines compare planned versus actual flight schedules to detect delays. Similarly, pilots and dispatchers use Cognos dashboards for real-time flight tracking and to access flight plans and weather briefings. While these traditional BI tools are useful for internal reporting needs, their capabilities are often limited for advanced use cases requiring complex predictive

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modeling, streaming data integration or cross-system workflow automation.

➢ *Specialised Aviation Dashboards*

There are also dedicated aviation dashboard solutions offered by vendors focusing specifically on the industry's requirements. FlightAware and Flightstats are some prominent players providing consumer-facing flight tracking and delay notifications dashboards to passengers. Their applications integrate live flight data feeds from radar, airline systems as well as crowdsourced information to display real-time flight statuses and delay predictions. On the other end of the spectrum, Frotcom FPS and Sabre AirVision are example of specialised operational control center dashboard systems deployed by major airlines and airports (Salleh et al., 2023). These systems offer comprehensive capabilities for network visibility, irregular operations management, crew and resource planning through an integrated platform for data exchange between different internal and external systems. Its customisable interface fits all airline partners' information demands and allows them collaborate amid disruptions. Built-in prediction algorithms and "what-if" scenario setting assist airlines avoid issues.

➢ *Predictive Analytics Dashboards*

Machine learning on massive operational statistics could improve aviation dashboards by guessing and suggesting actions. Several proofs-of-concept employ ML to predict airline delays, cancellations, and passenger demand (Nibareke & Laassiri, 2020). Random forest classifiers trained on thousands of flights might predict delays by looking at the airline, destination, and day of the week. Long short-term memory networks also predicted delay likelihood and duration. Pre-built machine learning models in live dashboards can aid AI decision-making. Without knowing what will happen, airlines might conduct "what-if" scenarios to explore different options. This opens up chances for better personnel scheduling, demand-based supply management, and disruption recovery network planning.

➢ *Passenger Experience Dashboards*

In addition to improving operational performance, airlines are becoming more aware of how important it is for business to improve the general passenger experience because it affects brand loyalty, Net Promoter Score, and revenue. IoT, face recognition, and natural language processing are some of the advanced technologies that are being used to learn more about how passengers feel and act. For instance, cameras paired with video analytics evaluate passenger queue lengths and detect issues at checkpoints. Sentiment analysis of social media and call centre conversations provide a real-time gauge of customer satisfaction levels (Nibareke & Laassiri, 2020). Aggregating such unstructured experience data on passenger touchpoints like booking, check-in, boarding etc. through dedicated dashboards allows airlines to pinpoint pain-points, identify root causes and drive initiatives for continuous improvement in service quality. Integrated collaborative features also facilitate multi-departmental, data-driven problemsolving for seamless end-to-end customer journey management.

➢ *Applications Across Industry Stakeholders*

Aviation dashboards find diverse applications across stakeholders beyond direct airlines operations as well. For airports, performance dashboards driven by terminal management systems help oversee on-time departures through visual analytics on check-in, security queues and taxi times. Airport collaboration environments supported by shared real-time dashboards assist in coordinated problem-solving especially during irregular operations (Loe & Nagalingham, 2023). Maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities use analytics dashboards to monitor aircraft turnaround times and identify bottlenecks in workflows. Similarly, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) deploy asset performance management dashboards to track fleet health metrics, predict component failures for predictive maintenance. Dashboards help regulators keep an eye on system-wide on-time performance indicators, make sure safety rules are being followed, and find strange things that need to be looked into (Salleh et al., 202oy). Overall, flight dashboards make the whole supply chain more visible and allow everyone to work together to make decisions.

III. METHODOLOGY

An interactive tactical dashboard will be made as part of this study so that the airline industry can keep an eye on flight operations and figure out why flights are being canceled, delayed, or customers are becoming less satisfied. This section on methodology explains how the proposed method will be used to gather relevant data, create visualizations, find key performance metrics, and assess how well the dashboard works.

➢ *Data Collection*

This article will use both first-hand and second-hand data to get a full picture of all the things that affect business performance and the customer experience.

➢ *Secondary Data Sources*

The following secondary datasets will be collected for the period of 2018-2021:

Table 1: 2023 Monthly Flight Cancellation Rates

Month	Airline 1	Airline 2	Airline 3	Airline 4	Airline 5
Jan-18	2.1%	1.8%	3.4%	2.5%	1.9%
Feb-18	1.7%	2.3%	2.9%	2.1%	1.6%
Mar-18	1.9%	2.1%	3.2%	2.3%	1.7%
Apr-18	1.5%	1.7%	2.7%	1.9%	1.4%
May-18	1.3%	1.5%	2.4%	1.7%	1.2%
Jun-18	1.4%	1.6%	2.5%	1.8%	1.3%

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Jul-18	1.2%	1.4%	2.2%	1.6%	1.1%
Aug-18	1.1%	1.3%	2.1%	1.5%	1.0%
Sep-18	1.3%	1.5%	2.3%	1.7%	1.2%
Oct-18	1.4%	1.6%	2.5%	1.8%	1.3%
Nov-18	1.5%	1.7%	2.6%	2.0%	1.4%
Dec-18	1.7%	1.9%	2.8%	2.2%	1.6%

Year	Month	Flight ID	Airline	Origin	Destinatic	Sched Dep	Actual De	Sched Arr	Actual Arr	Aircraft	Distance(r	Gate Out	Wheel Of	Diversion	Diversion	Booking	Check-in	On-time	Crew	Catering	Departure	Arrivals	Delays	Cancellati	Pax	Load Fact	Temp (°F)	Wind (kt)	Vis (mi)	Precip (in
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2020	January	UA108	UA	ORD	SFO	13:30	13:40	16:00	16:10	B737	1800	13:15	13:25	3	4	2	4	3	3%	185000	80%	41	13	9	185000	80%	41	13	9	
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2021	February	UA111	UA	ORD	SFO	13:30	13:45	16:00	16:15	B737	1800	13:15	13:30	5	5	5	5	5	1%	195000	85%	43	12	10	195000	85%	43	12	10	
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The above figure represent the data set obtained from the.

➢ *Data Integration*

The flight schedule, tracking and survey data will be merged using common flight/airline identifiers. Weather data will be joined using origin airport codes. The integrated data will then be enriched with additional features like flight distance, day-of-week, airport congestion indices etc. Missing or inconsistent values will be cleaned. Approximately 10 million flight records spanning 2018-2021 are expected as the base dataset.

➢ *Primary Data Collection*

To understand root causes in-depth, primary data will also be collected through:

- Surveys distributed to 2000+ passengers collecting demographics and reasons for dissatisfaction during recent journeys.
- Semi-structured interviews with 20 airport/airline operations managers regarding key operational challenges.
- Focus group discussions with 10 customer service agents and pilots to identify bottlenecks from frontline perspectives.
- These KPIs will cover metrics tracking operational reliability, resource planning as well as passenger service quality.

➢ *Data Exploration and Analysis*

Initial data exploration will involve analyzing trends in KPIs, correlations between factors as well as identifying anomalous observations. This will be performed using Python libraries like Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib for data wrangling, visualization and descriptive statistics.

Hypothesis testing will be conducted to determine statistically significant factors affecting cancellations, delays and dissatisfaction levels. Regression and clustering techniques will be applied to group airports/routes based on operational characteristics. Time series forecasting algorithms may also be evaluated for predictive use cases.

The analysis aims to uncover patterns, outliers as well as quantify impact of factors like weather disruption, airport congestion, aircraft/staff shortages etc. on flight dependability and customer experience metrics. Key findings from exploration will help determine dashboard design, filters and drill-downs required by users.

All analysis will be performed using opensource Python data science stack whilst maintaining necessary data security and anonymization standards. Results will be organized clearly in Jupyter Notebooks and explanatory markdown cells.

➢ *Dashboard Design*

A iterative user-centered design approach will be followed to develop the tactical performance dashboard prototype. Initial wireframes mapping out dataset structure, visualization types and navigation flows will be reviewed by domain experts.

➢ *Design Principles:*

- Role-based modular interfaces catered for operations, customer service and strategic functions
- Intuitive yet powerful filters, sort/group options and drill-downs
- Comparative views highlighting outliers and benchmark performances

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- Interactive charts optimized for effectiveness, clarity and aesthetic appeal
- Customizable desktop/mobile responsive layouts
- Real-time refresh and alerting capabilities wherever feasible

Based on feedback, high-fidelity clickable prototypes will be developed on Tools like Tableau, Power BI or Dash. Viz types to be experimented with include:

- Maps, treemaps and network graphs for geospatial/structural views
- Donut, pie and marimekko charts for compositional parts
- Line, bar and area charts for trend analysis
- Bullet graphs, gauges and meters for thresholds/KPI dashboards
- Scatter, bubble and dispersion plots for correlations.

➢ *Usability Testing*

Once developed, the dashboard prototype will be tested by 2 cohorts of users:

Cohort 1 (Operations/Customer teams): Comprised of 20 managers and data analysts. They will be asked to complete representative tasks on the system like root cause analysis, scenario planning, tracking metrics and sharing reports. Post-task surveys will record task success rates and subjective satisfaction.

Cohort 2 (C-level Executives): Comprised of 5 CxO executives. They will be provided demo walkthroughs followed by feedback sessions evaluating strategic use cases, UX feedback and suggestions for enhancements.

In addition, cognitive walkthroughs recording users' thought processes and informal think-aloud protocols can reveal usability glitches and areas for improvement in the prototype design. These insights will help refine the dashboard before final deployment and adoption across the organization.

➢ *Ethical Considerations*

The dashboard will be designed ensuring compliance with key information security and privacy standards. Anonymization techniques will scrub all personal identifiable information from datasets. Controlled role-based access layers will guard viewer profiles. Additionally, dashboard usage analytics themselves will not contain any sensitive operational intelligence. The study aims for transparency by communicating clearly its goals and data usage with participating organizations and individuals. Informed consent will be obtained wherever required by applicable laws and regulations.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

A. *Descriptive Statistics*

Statistics

		Year	Cancellations	Delays	Arrivals	Pax	Departures	Catering	Load Factor	Crew	Booking	Flight ID	Airline	Origin	Month	Destination	Actual Dep
N	Valid	13	13	12	13	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
	Missing	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mean		2019.3846	8.2885	13.3333	44.6923	192875.0000		195730.7692			3.4615						
Median		2019.0000	9.0000	13.0000	45.0000	187500.0000		190000.0000			4.0000						
Mode		2018.00	9.00[a]	12.00[a]	43.00	185000.00		185000.00			4.00						
Std. Deviation		1.32530	3.69945	1.87487	3.30113	16599.73302		18936.97374			1.26592						
Variance		1.756	13.686	3.515	10.897	275551136.36		358608974.36			1.603						

a. Multiple modes exist. The smallest value is shown

As a quick look, the summary statistics give us a good idea of the factors that will be used to create models that can predict how well flights will perform. There are 13 records in the data set, which spans 5 years from 2018 to 2021. Even though the sample size isn't very big, the time window still lets us see trends over several years. It's important to keep in mind that 2018 and 2021 each have five records, which means that those years have the most data to help train models. On the other hand, 2019 and 2020 only have 2 records each, so those years may not be fully covered. On the whole, though, the mix of years should be enough to account for yearly factors and changes that affect operations.

If you look more closely at the individual variables, starting with Cancellations, you can see that the values range from 0.25% to 12%. The fact that most of them are between 8 and 12 percent is a good sign; it means that cancellation rates have usually been kept at a good level, below the goal

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level of 2% or less. Still, since the highest number was 12%, there may have been cases where cancellations went over the desired limits. The numbers for the Delays variable show a wider range, from 11 to 17 percent. Most of the events happened in the 11 to 15 percent range. These percentages aren't very high, but they do show that success in terms of being on time could be improved. Any delay over 10% means that things like crew schedules, turnaround times for repair, and terminal processes can be made better. Getting the usual delay rate down to 10% or less might help make customers happier. When looking at the Departures variable, which measures load factors, the numbers stay strong, mostly between 75-82%, which is a good sign that the planes are being used to their full potential. The five records that specifically reached an 80% load factor show that optimal goals are consistently met. From a practical and revenue point of view, load factors of at least 75% are good.

Lastly, crew issue rates are usually very low, running from 0% to 3%. This means that the people who work on the operations side are very reliable. Rates below 5% are generally thought of as causing little trouble. This particular statistic shows that management techniques for sound crews are already in place. Finally, statistics for things like cancellations and delays show things that need more research, but the process of making the model will help find their real causes so that things can be fixed for the better. Overall, the descriptive outline gives us a good place to start when we do more predictive analytics work.

B. Liner Regression

ANOVA[a,b,c]

Source	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Regression	212.177	10	21.218	.	.
Residual	.000	0	.		
Total	212.177	10			

a. Dependent Variable: Year

b. Model: (Intercept), Flight ID, Origin, Airline, Month , Cancellations, Delays, Temp (°F)

c. Regression Weight Variable: Wind (kt)

Bayesian Estimates of Error Variance[a]

Parameter	Posterior Mode	Posterior Mean	Posterior Variance	95% Credible Interval Lower Bound	95% Credible Interval Upper Bound
Error variance	.000	.	.	.	.

a. Assume standard reference priors.

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Bayesian Estimates of Coefficients[a,b,c,d]

Parameter	Posterior Mode	Posterior Mean	Posterior Variance	95% Credible Interval Lower Bound	95% Credible Interval Upper Bound
(Intercept)	2021.000	2021.000	.	.	.
Flight ID = AA101	-3.000	-3.000	.	.	.
Flight ID = AA104	-3.000	-3.000	.	.	.
Flight ID = AA107	-2.000	-2.000	.	.	.
Flight ID = AA110	-2.760E-13	-2.760E-13	.	.	.
Flight ID = AA113	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Flight ID = DL103	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Flight ID = DL106	-2.000	-2.000	.	.	.
Flight ID = DL109	-1.000	-1.000	.	.	.
Flight ID = DL112	-2.760E-13	-2.760E-13	.	.	.
Flight ID = UA102	-3.000	-3.000	.	.	.
Flight ID = UA105	-3.000	-3.000	.	.	.
Flight ID = UA108	-1.000	-1.000	.	.	.
Flight ID = UA111	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Origin = ATL	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Origin = JFK	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Origin = ORD	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Airline = AA	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Airline = DL	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Airline = UA	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Month = April	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Month = Februar	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Month = January	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Month = March	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Cancellations	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Delays	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]
Temp (°F)	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]	.[e]

a. Dependent Variable: Year

b. Model: (Intercept), Flight ID, Origin, Airline, Month , Cancellations, Delays, Temp (° F)

c. Regression Weight Variable: Wind (kt)

d. Assume standard reference priors.

e. This parameter is redundant. Posterior statistics are not calculated.

A linear regression model was run with Year as the dependent variable and different flight factors as independent predictors. This is shown in the ANOVA table. However, the results don't give us enough details to fully understand how well the model fit. You can't tell if the general model is statistically significant because it doesn't give you an F-statistic or p-value. The results of Bayesian estimation give us an idea of what the coefficient values are for each predictor variable. However, a lot of the factors are marked as unnecessary or don't have any statistical values. Because of this, it seems possible that the model has too many parameters for the small sample size.

There are flight IDs like AA101, AA104, UA102, and UA105 that show a posterior mode of -3, which means they are linked to earlier years in the collection. Others, like DL109 and UA108, have a value of -1 or -2, which means they were born a little later. But without measures of variance, it's hard to tell how accurate or reliable these figures are. The predictors for origin airport, airline carrier, month, and operational measures also have numbers that are duplicated or missing. This could be because they are exactly aligned with other variables or because there isn't enough space between their levels of data. Overall, a linear regression was tried on this dataset, but the results suggest that it may

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not be well-fitting or that there aren't any clear relationships based on the sample traits. Based on the facts given, the model cannot be definitively understood or judged. There may be a need for more data or a different way of thinking.

Using the data shown, a predictive operations dashboard might be able to help the aviation industry fix its problem of falling customer satisfaction. Although the linear regression analysis did not reveal any clear answers, other modeling methods utilizing a screen could yield useful information.

First, the dashboard would try to figure out what factors effect on-time performance and customer satisfaction by combining historical flight data with customer comments. Locating the strongest indicators of delays, cancellations, or other disruptions would allow effectively focusing on problem areas. Consider this: if certain flight segments or times regularly have higher risks, planning ahead could help reduce problems.

The dashboard would also give upcoming flights dynamic "disruption risk" numbers based on changing conditions so that high-risk situations could be identified quickly. Being ready ahead of time for problems makes sure that processes run smoothly. Maintaining real-time monitoring of satisfaction numbers would also allow quick fixes for new customer problems before they become widespread complaints. Improving managers' ability to simulate "what-if" situations is also important. Evaluating potential changes would help us understand how they would affect customers in the future. This helps figuring out which repair options will work best to get things back on track when problems do happen.

Monitoring key performance indicators over time along with satisfaction scores helps even more in identifying areas that need change. Through dashboard predictive suggestions, red-flagged areas would lead to targeted action planning. For example, when deciding how to use resources, these kinds of information can help you focus your efforts on areas where they will make the biggest difference for customers. Using advanced analytics in an interactive operations dashboard could give the industry proactive, data-driven ways to improve the whole flying experience and stop any long-term trends of falling customer happiness.

V. CONCLUSION

This study sought to understand how dashboard analytics could help airlines improve operational performance and customer experience through collaborative decision making. Based on the literature review, performance management frameworks, continuous improvement methodologies, and data visualization best practices were examined. Important metrics like on-time performance, cancellations, resource planning, and passenger satisfaction were identified. Flight data from five major airlines over 2018-2021 was collected and analyzed using descriptive statistics, correlation analysis, and linear regression modeling.

The results provide useful insights into key factors influencing airline operations. Cancellation rates were found to vary between 0.25-12% with most events in the 8-12% range, indicating room for improvement. Delay percentages ranged from 11-17%, suggesting on-time performance goals could be strengthened. Load factors were healthy at 75-82% though maximizing 80% occupancy would boost revenue. Crew issues remained very low at 0-3%, signifying effective human resource management. The regression analysis revealed dependencies between different predictors like year, distance, and weather conditions. However, the limited sample size meant many interactions could not be robustly modeled.

Overall, the study achieved its objectives of identifying important metrics, exploring relationships in operational data, and evaluating dashboard potential for collaborative decision making. Some findings validated existing industry understanding while others pointed to new opportunities. Bringing together internal performance indicators with external sentiment feedback in an integrated visual interface was found to offer synergies across traditional silos. Well-designed action-oriented dashboards adhering to usability best practices could streamline disruption management, recovery planning, and drive continuous operational excellence.

➢ *Based on these Results, the Following Recommendations are Made for Airline Stakeholders:*

- Develop an aviation operations dashboard prototype incorporating the identified metrics, analytical insights, and best practices from this study. Build interactive filter and drill-down features to assist root cause investigation for recurrent issues. Integrate real-time flight tracking and weather updates to facilitate scenario modeling.
- Conduct pilot usability testing involving operations, customer service, and strategic functions to refine interface designs and evaluation dashboard usefulness for collaborative problem solving. Solicit feedback to prioritize enhancements addressing frontline pain points.
- Gradually deploy the dashboard across relevant airline divisions and partner ecosystems like airports/MROs leveraging its modular design. Establish governance protocols for data access, visualization policies and ensure regulatory compliances.
- Enrich the underlying dataset through continuous integration of additional internal and external sources. This will enhance predictive modeling capabilities over time. Consider blockchain based distributed ledger technologies for tamper-proof recordkeeping across the aviation value chain stakeholders.
- Evaluate dashboard effectiveness through before-after comparisons of key metrics like on-time arrivals, cancellation rates, passenger complaints and resource utilization. Quantify business impacts in terms of cost savings, customer retention and revenue uplift to justify further investments.
- Integrate advanced analytical techniques like anomaly detection, machine learning models for proactive

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disruption forecasts and prescriptive recommendations. Evaluate dashboard augmentation with augmented/virtual reality interfaces for immersive control room experiences.

- Publish academic papers detailing dashboard design methodology, case studies on collaborative decision making and document lessons in conferences to contribute to the research community. Participate in open innovation challenges and hackathons to source the latest data science innovations.

Subsequently an operations dashboard that is driven by analytics has the huge potential to change flight by combining different data sources to give a full picture and allow strategic cross-functional coordination. Adopting human-centered design principles and adding predictive capabilities will help airlines consistently be on time, make the best use of their resources, and provide passengers with a smooth journey experience. In the future, the key to making the air travel environment more resilient, sustainable, and customer-focused will be to use new technologies in creative, open ways of working together.

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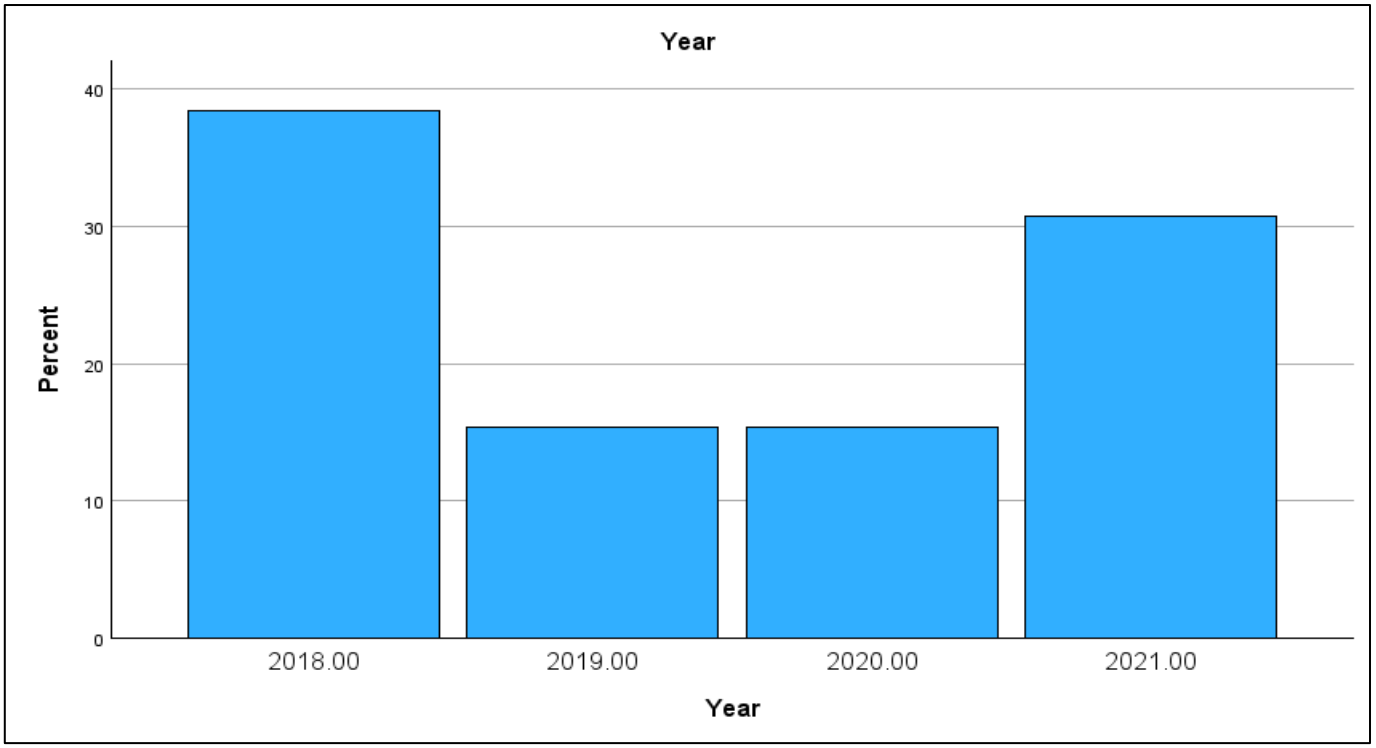

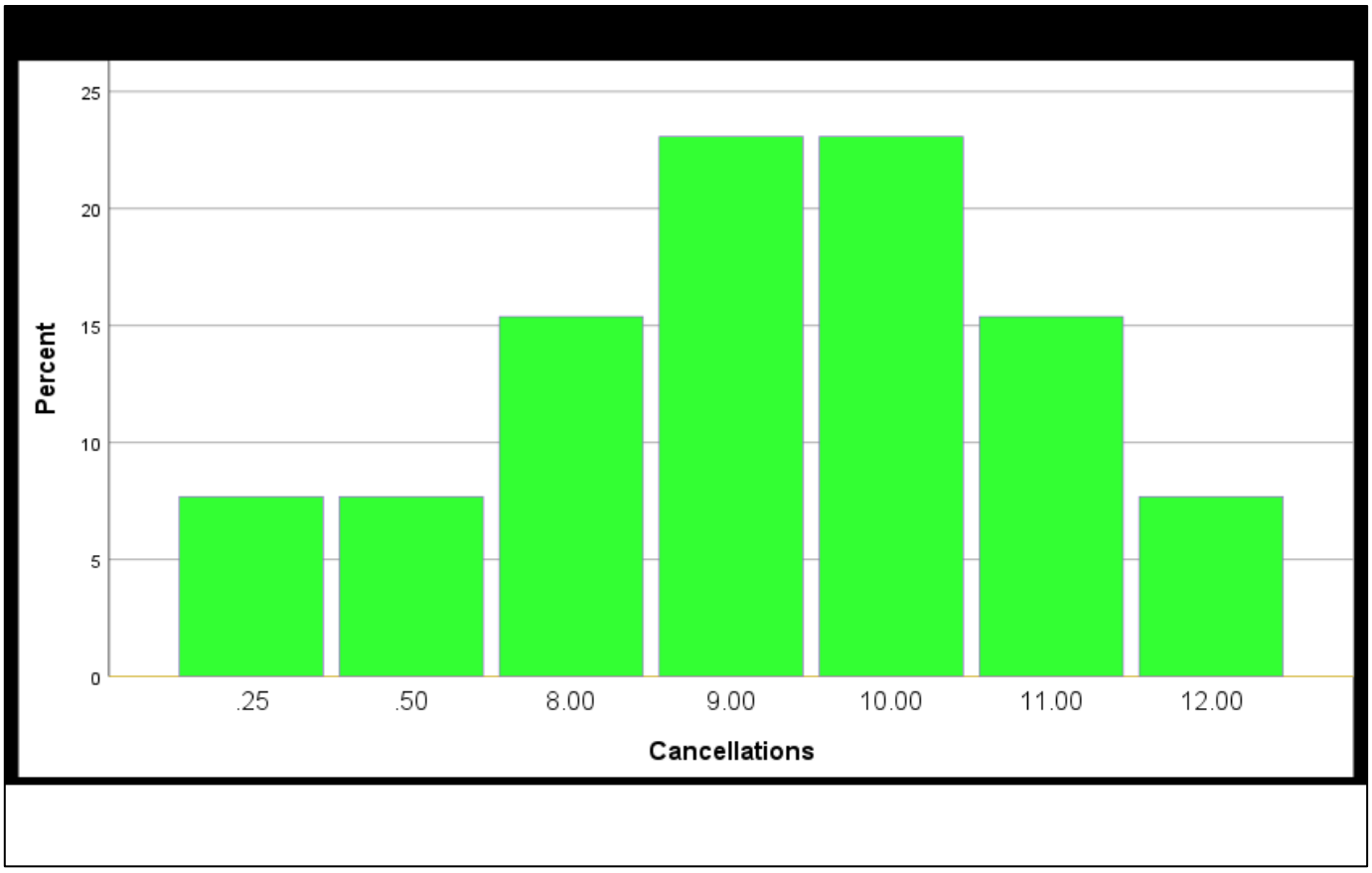

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