



- Challenges and opportunities for condition-based adaptive aircraft maintenance planning

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# ● Introduction

## **KLM**

- Established: 1919
- Passengers: 34 million p/y
- Destinations: 160
- Fleet size: 120 aircraft
- Employees: 33,000
- Businesses:
  - Passengers
  - Cargo
  - Engineering & Maintenance

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- Role: Research Lead Condition-Based Maintenance
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- Businesses: Shell (2014-2018)  
KLM (2018-current)



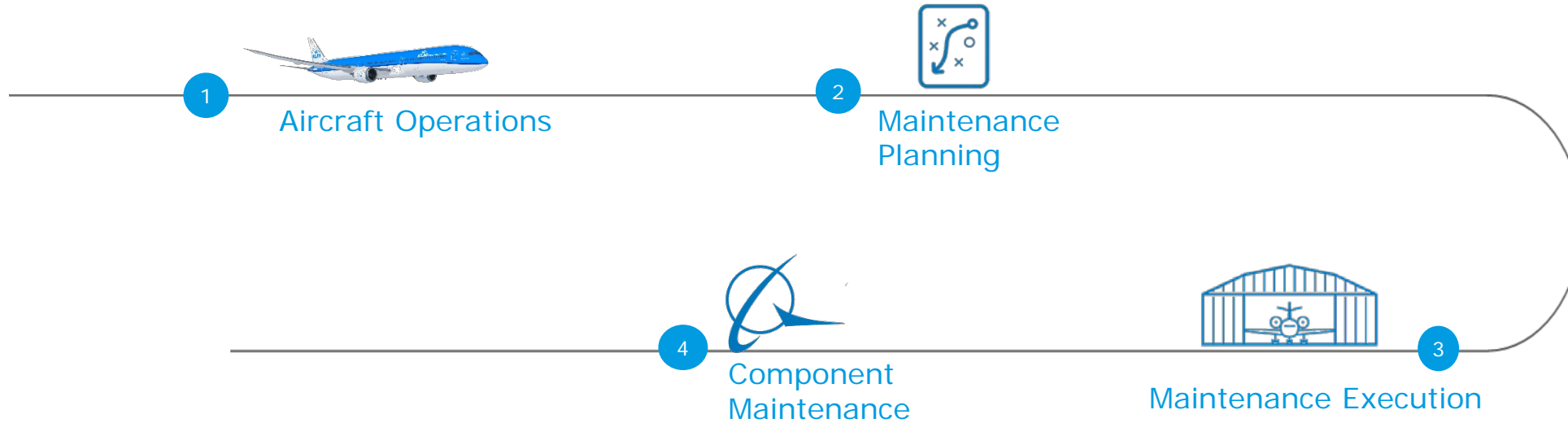
# ● Introduction

## Topics

- The rise of Big Data in aircraft maintenance
- Value of predictive maintenance in airline operations
- What is next : 3 enablers for Condition Based Maintenance



# ● Rise of Big Data in Aircraft Maintenance



CURRENT

1

## REACTIVE MAINTENANCE



DELAY



CURRENT

2

## PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE



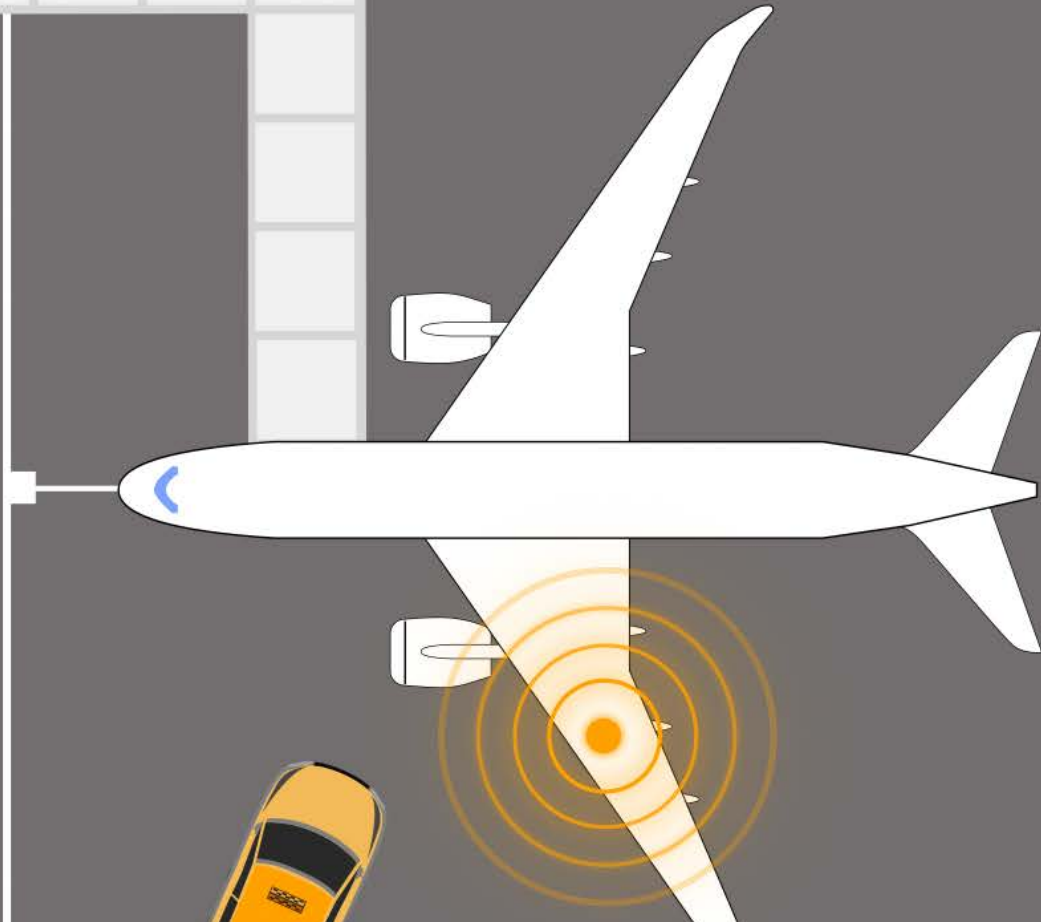
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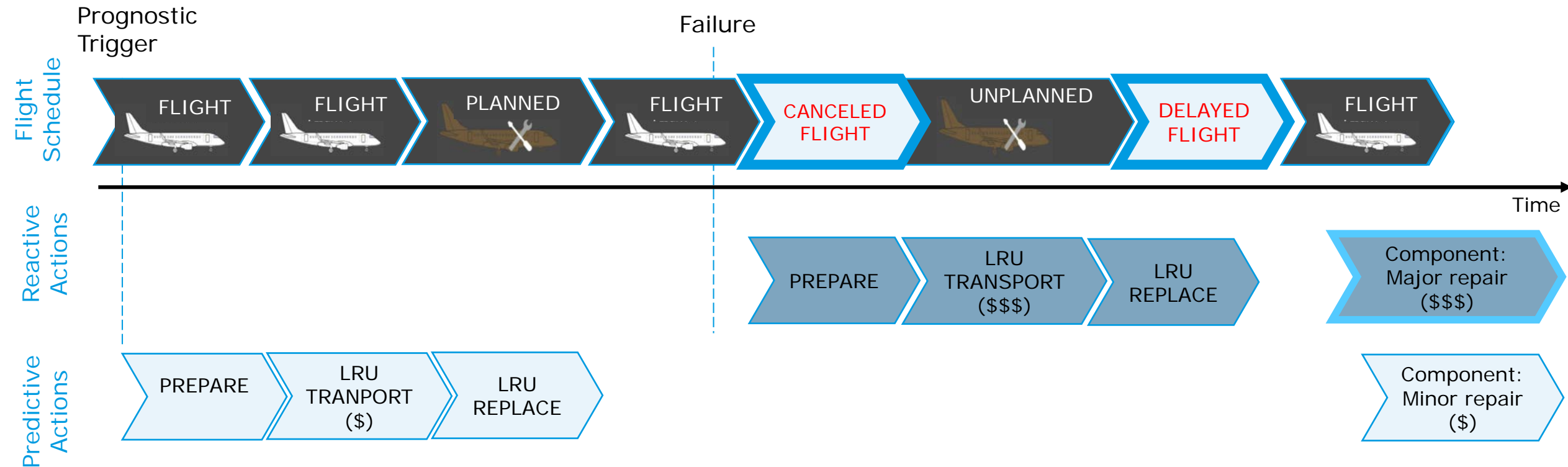
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# FIX WHEN IT FAILS

MAINTENANCE PERFORMED  
WHEN A PART  
IS DAMAGED

# Value of predictive maintenance in aircraft operations – unscheduled maintenance



## PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE



FLIGHT 1



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FLIGHT 2



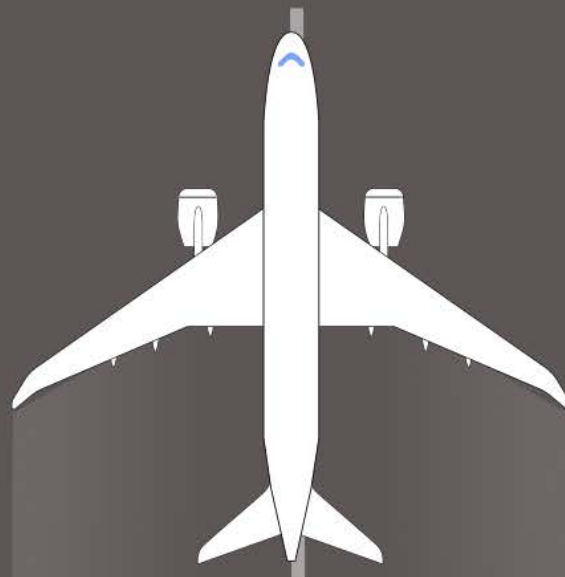
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FLIGHT 3



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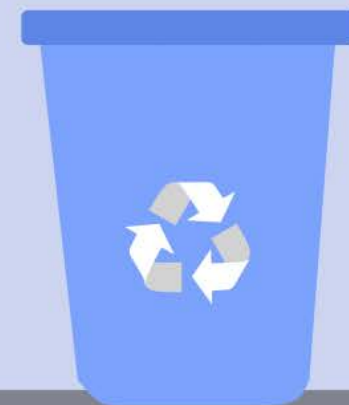


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PARTS ARE OFTEN REPLACED  
WHILE IN **GOOD HEALTH**



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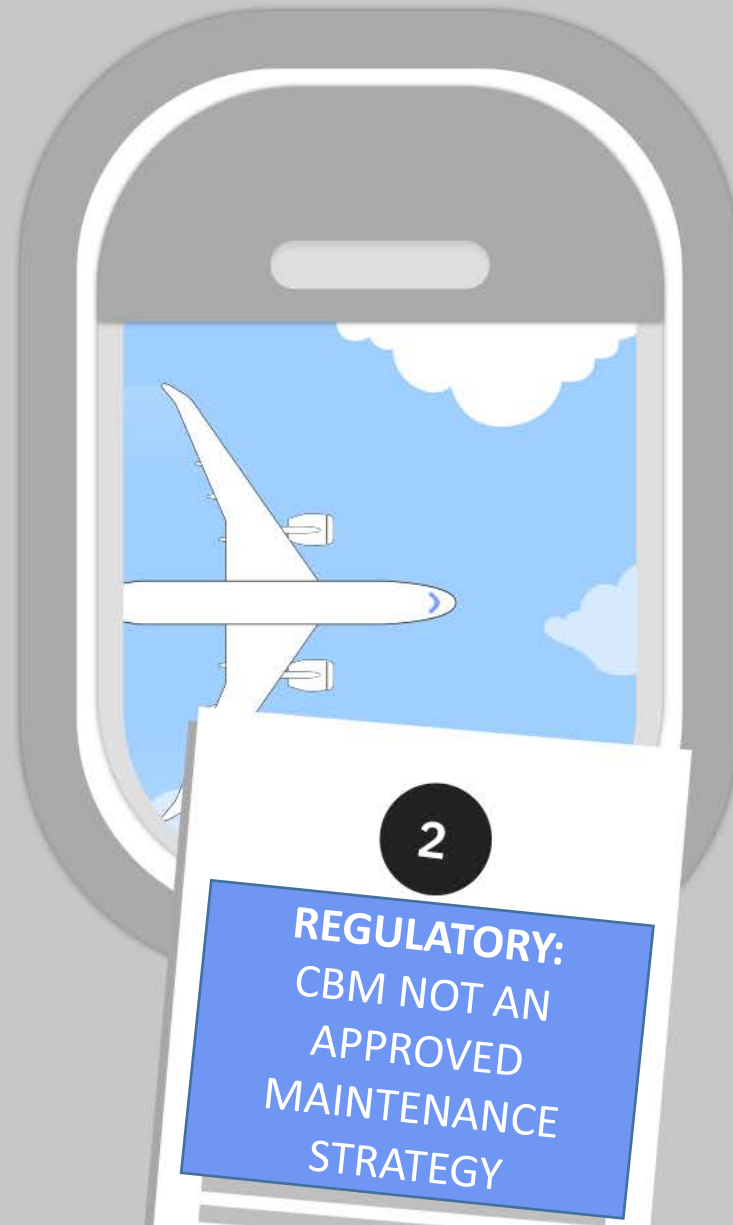
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## CONDITION-BASED MAINTENANCE

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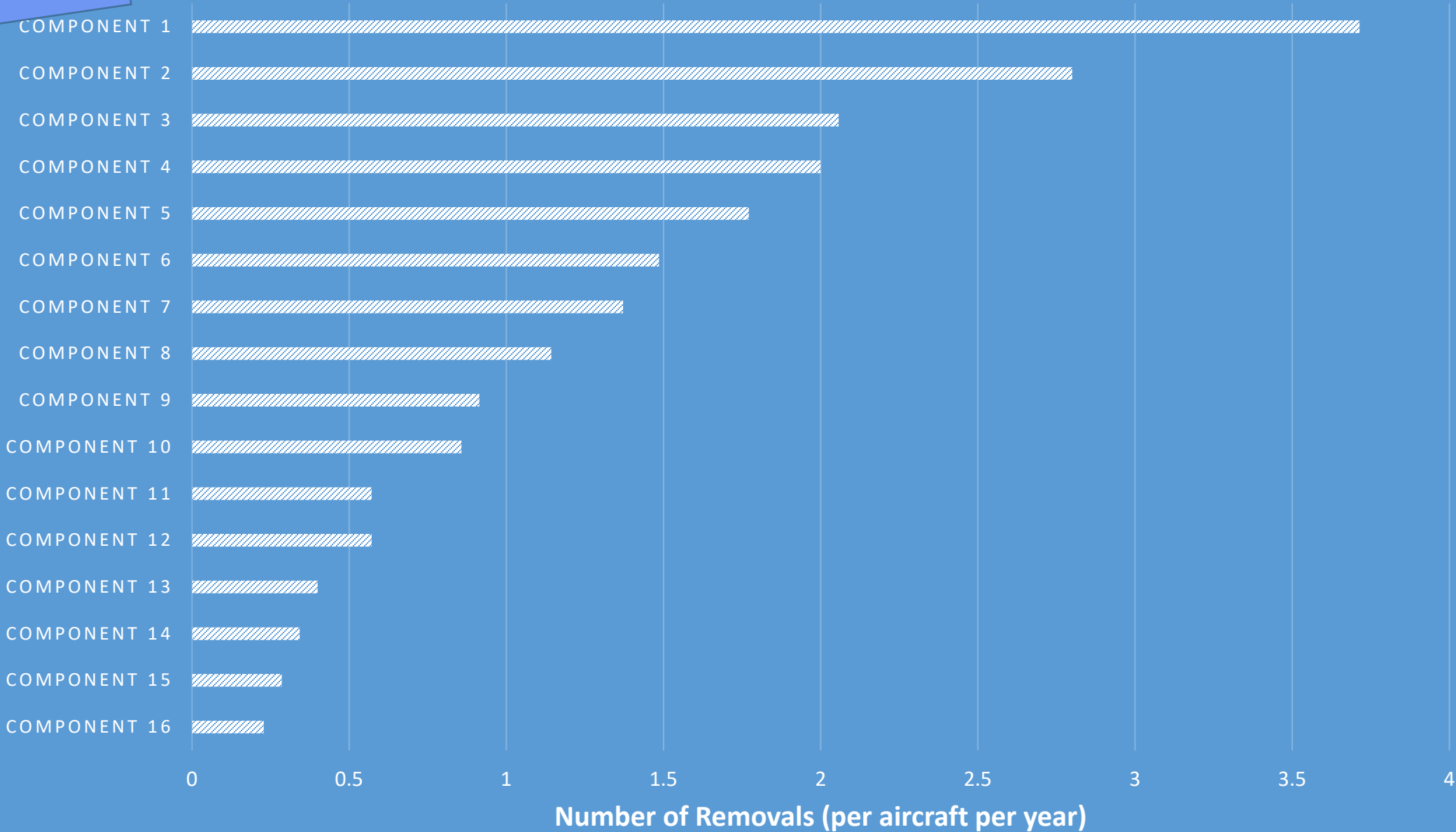


## 3 Challenges



1 **TECHNICAL:**  
DATA ABUNDANCE  
FAILURE SCARCITY

# FREQUENCY OF MOST EXPENSIVE REMOVALS [KLM]



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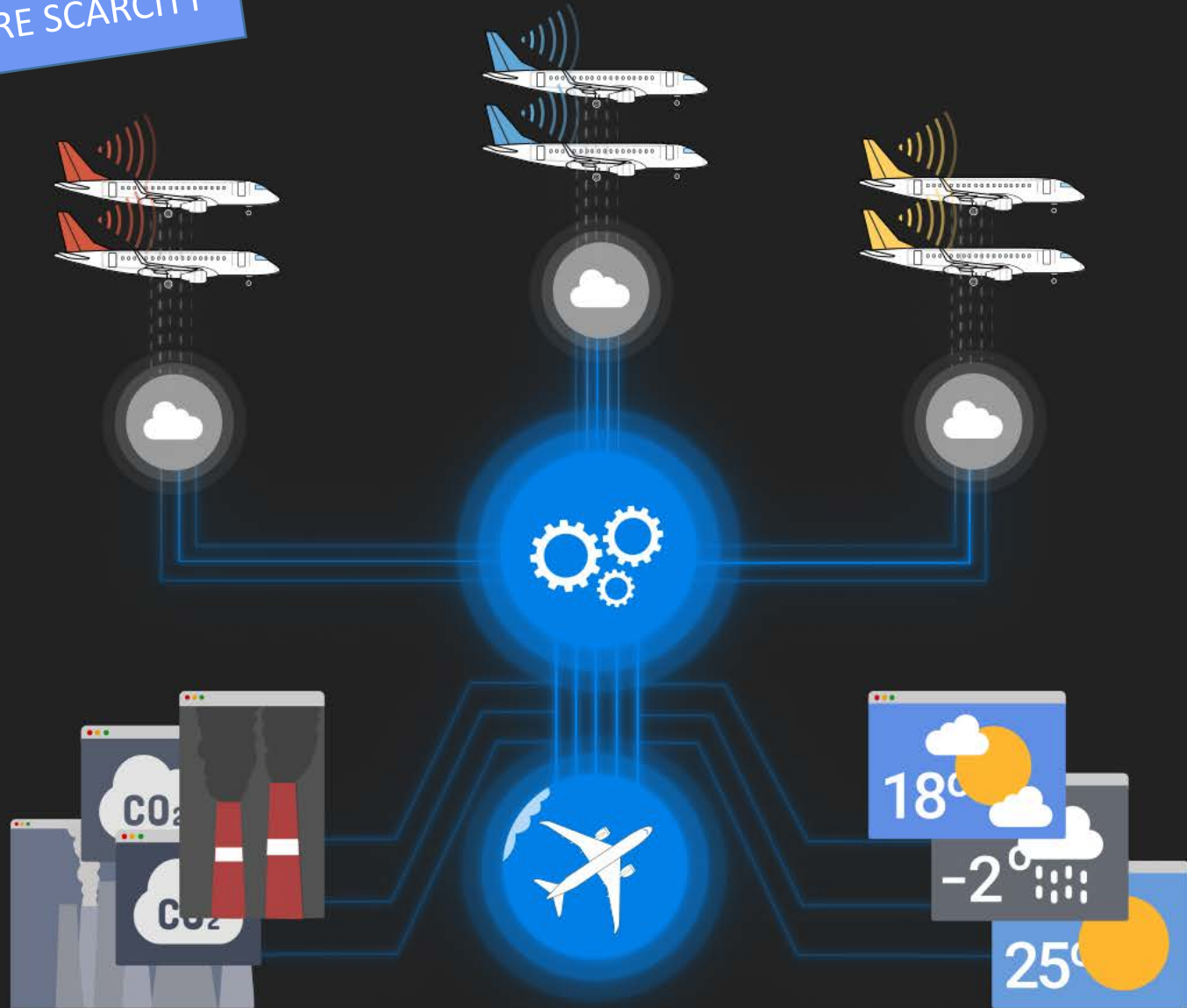


# DIAGNOSTIC AND PROGNOSTIC ALGORITHMS

## DATA NEEDS:

- Sensor data
- Maintenance Logs
- Shop records
- External data
- Crew complaints, AC fault messages, etc

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# DISTRIBUTED ARCHITECTURE

## 3 Challenges

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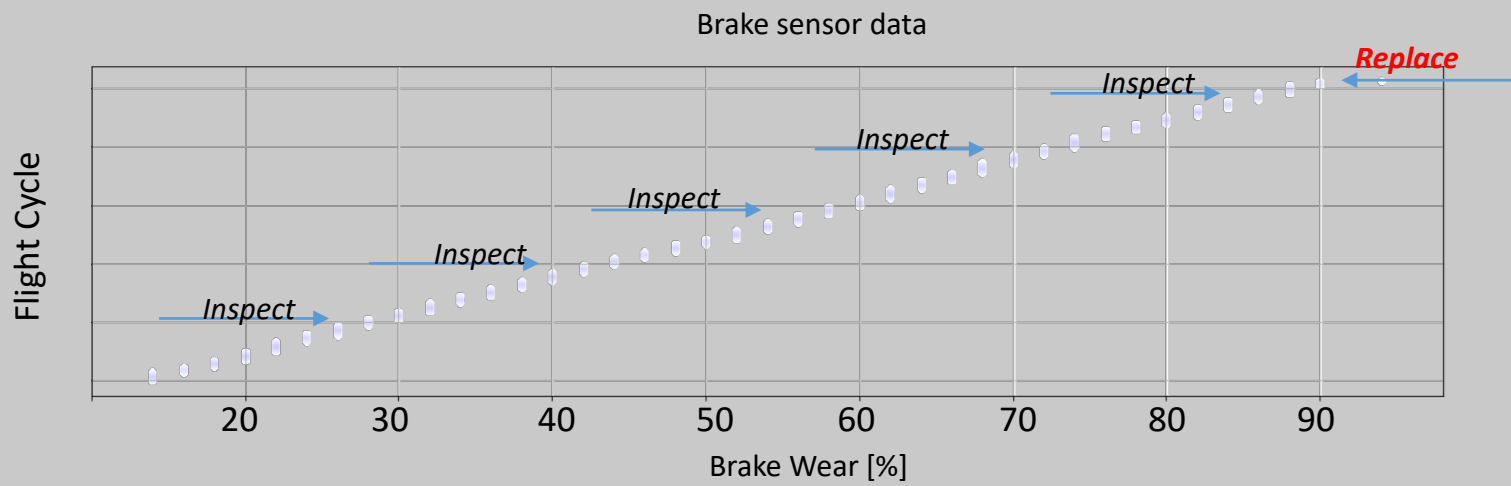
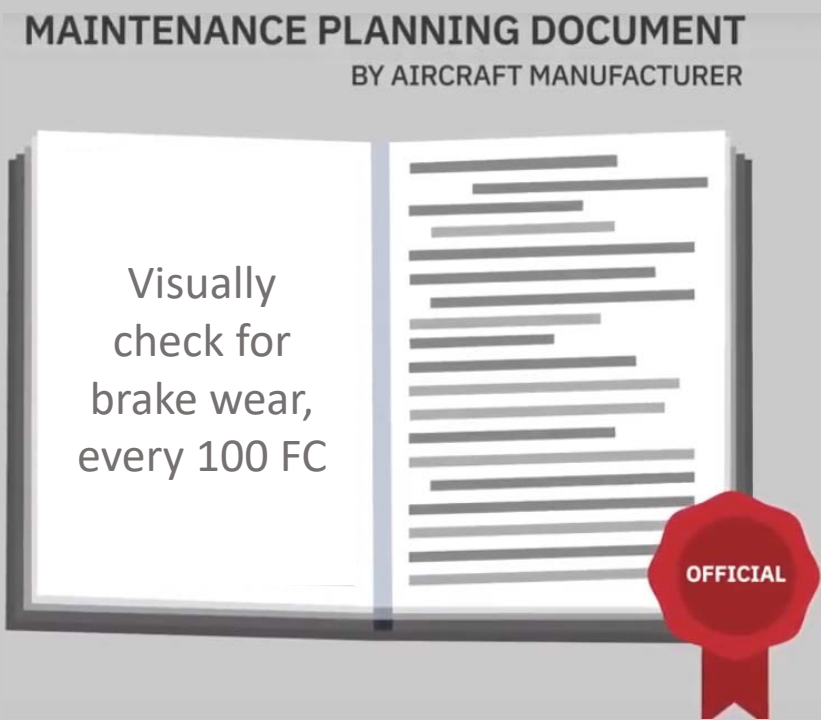
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STRATEGY

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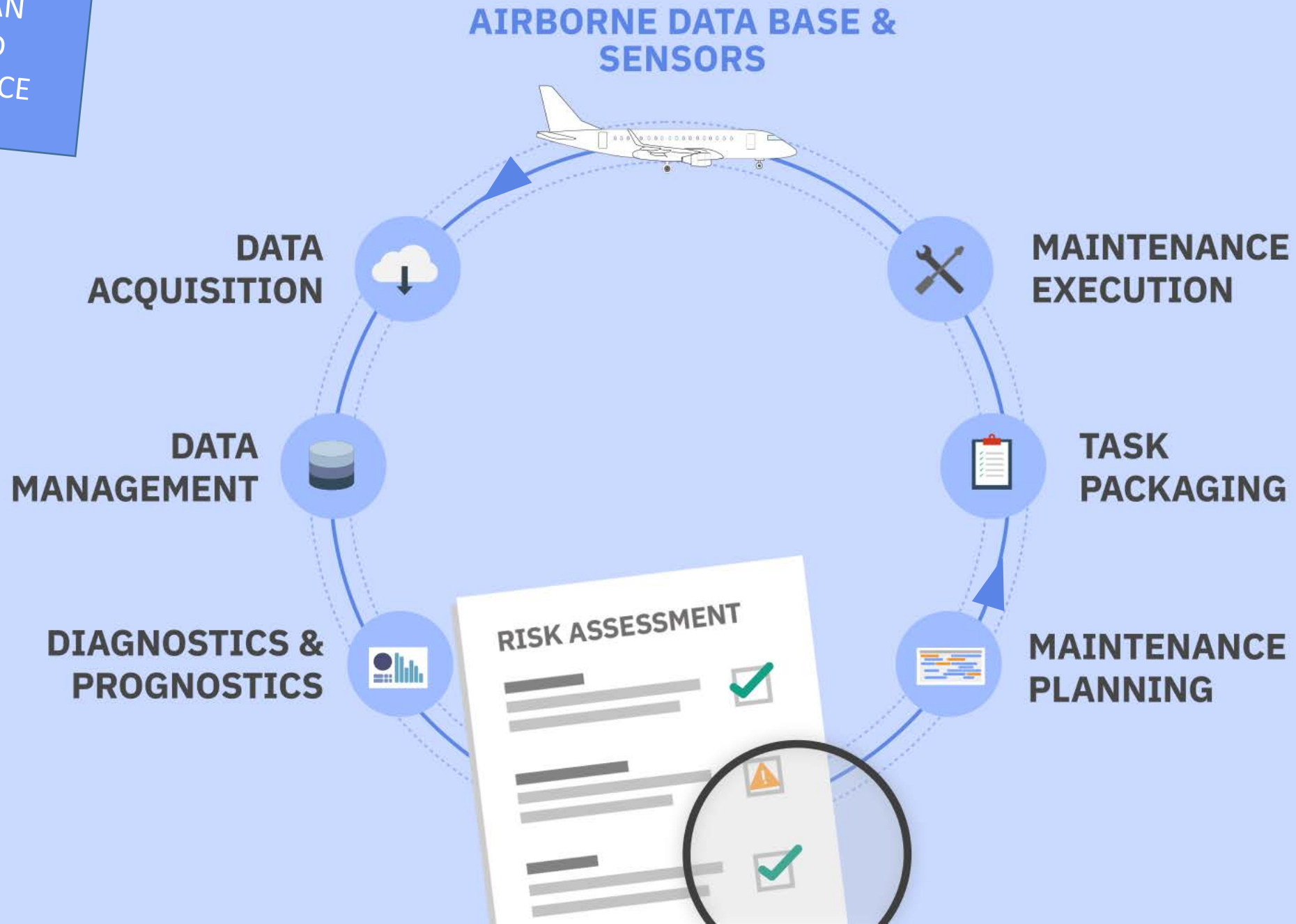
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UNCERTAINTY IN  
MAINTENANCE  
NEEDS



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**IDENTIFICATION OF HAZARDS  
AND SAFETY BARRIERS**

**ASSOCIATED WITH  
THE CBM SOLUTION**

## 3 Challenges

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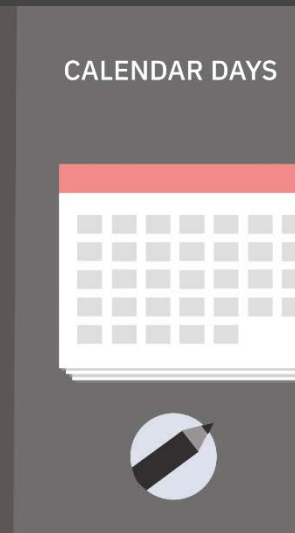
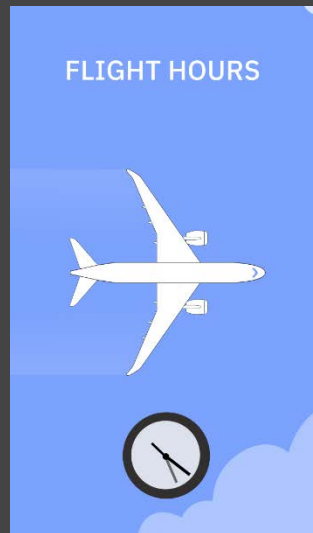
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**OPERATIONAL:**  
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NEEDS

Maintenance  
Trigger



**OPERATIONAL:  
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MAINTENANCE  
NEEDS**

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Task  
Packaging



Task  
Scheduling



Maintenance  
Trigger

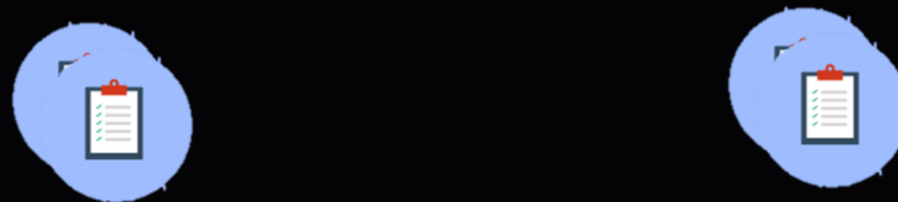
## PROGNOSTICS & DIAGNOSTICS



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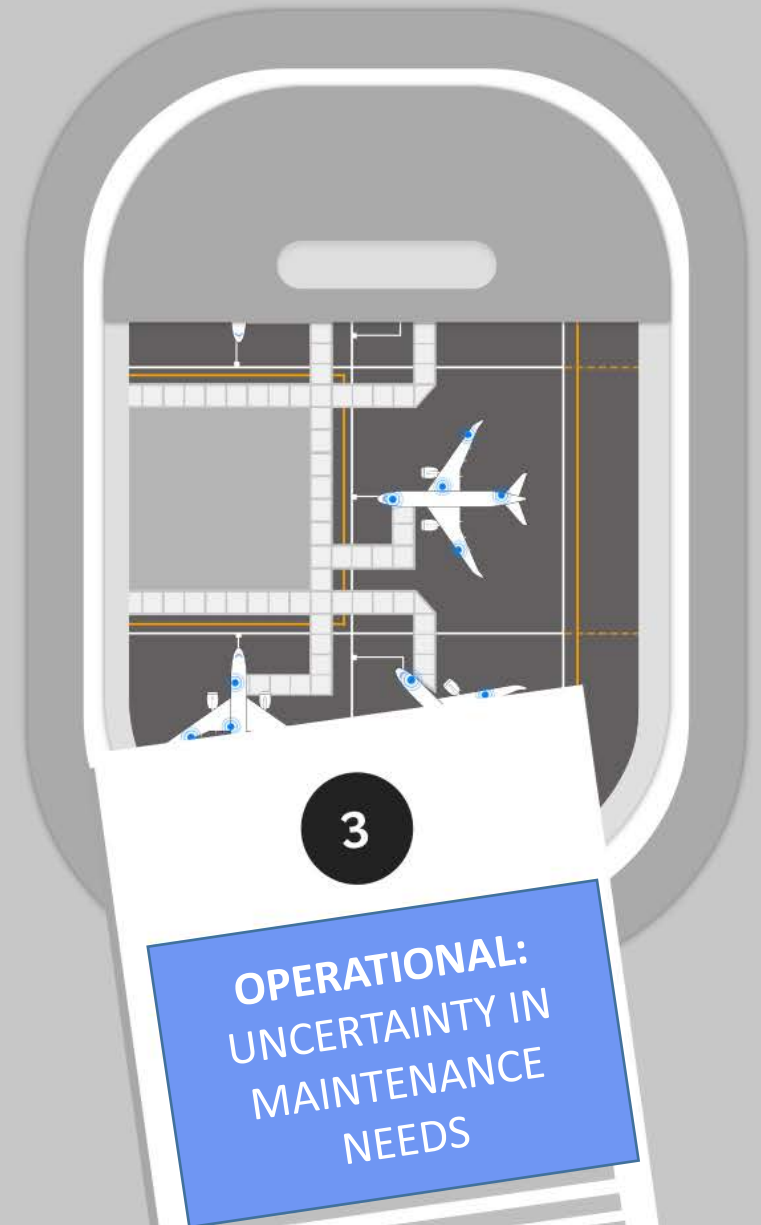
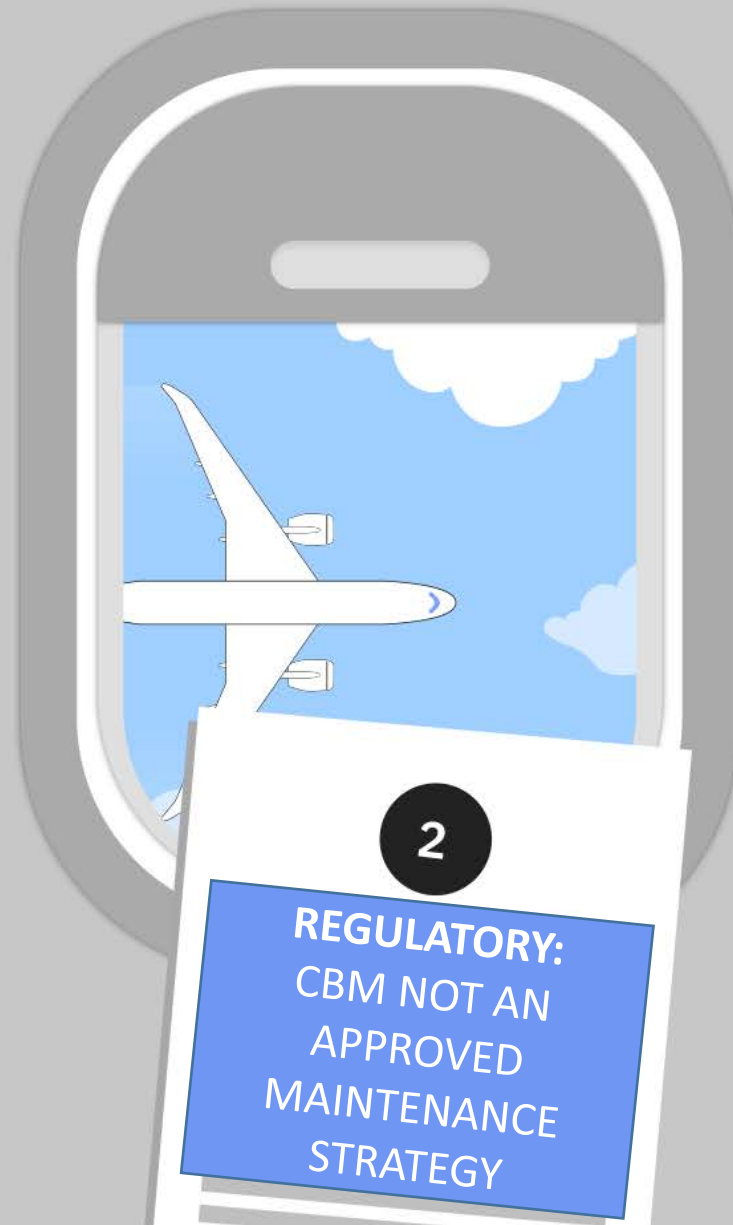
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CREATION OF  
A DECISION  
SUPPORT TOOL FOR

CONDITION-BASED  
FLEET MAINTENANCE  
PLANNING

FAILURE 🔍

## 3 Challenges



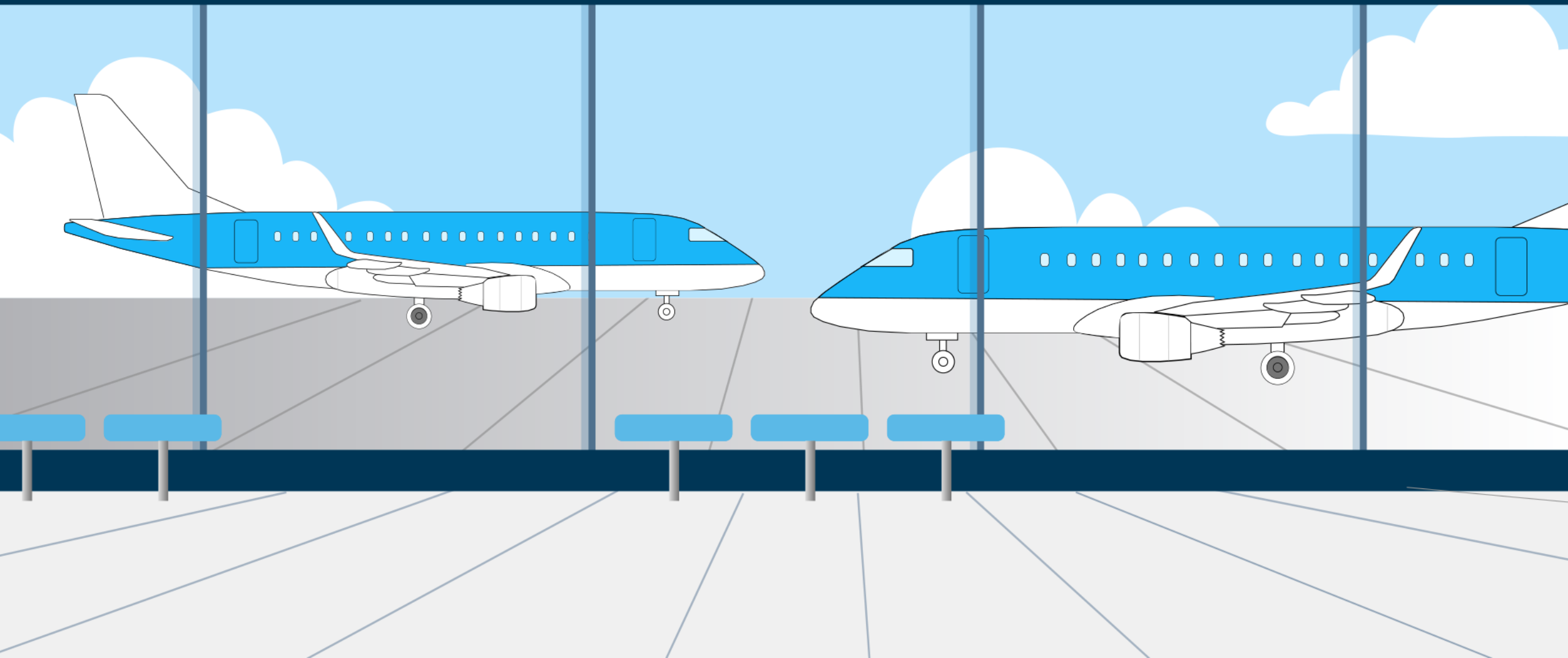
# ● ReMAP

## Stakeholders

- **European Union** Funded H2020 Project
- Consortium of **13 partners** from **7 European Countries**
- **8 members of Advisory Board** (Airbus, EASA, RNLAf, Thales, etc)



**6-MONTH DEMONSTRATION  
IN RELEVANT ENVIRONMENT BY 2021**



# • Summary

- Aircraft data generates value by minimizing **unscheduled** maintenance costs
- Next step: optimize **scheduled** maintenance by addressing 3 challenges:
  - **Technical** :: Airlines and OEMs to share data in a fair and compliant way
  - **Regulatory** :: Policies for substituting interval-based tasks by CBM methods
  - **Organizational** :: Prognostics triggers requires adaptive maintenance planning
- In ReMAP, OEMs, OAMs, SMEs, airlines and academia are joining forces to pave the way for condition-based maintenance in airline operations



# Questions?

