



Decoding Aircraft Emergencies

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Background

ABOUT

- Explore **in-flight emergency** air situations using squawk 7700 codes from OpenSky
- Over **4.2 million rows of data** from csv & parquet.gz files loaded into PostgreSQL.
 - Data spans flights seen by the network's 2500+ members between 1 January 2018 and 29 January 2020.
- Interactive Dashboard helpful for **airlines, governing entities** like the FAA, **aerospace companies** & **airline customers** to assess and address safety concerns.



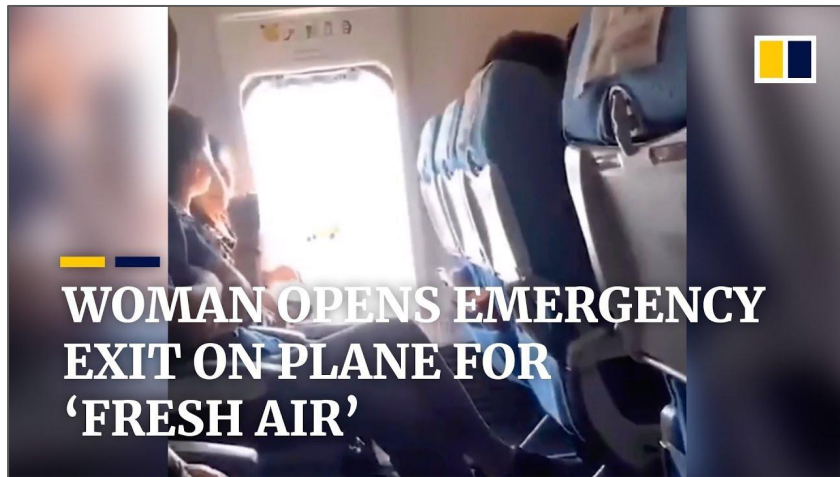
APPROACH



1. Identify data sources and dependencies
2. Collect and clean aircraft, emergency and flight trajectory data
3. Join 3 datasets on flight_id & icao
4. Load data in PostgreSQL using SQLAlchemy
5. Create Flask App and connect routes to PostgreSQL
6. Create charts and map using Javascript libraries
7. Customize html and css for final application
8. Visualize dashboard locally or in Heroku



Approach

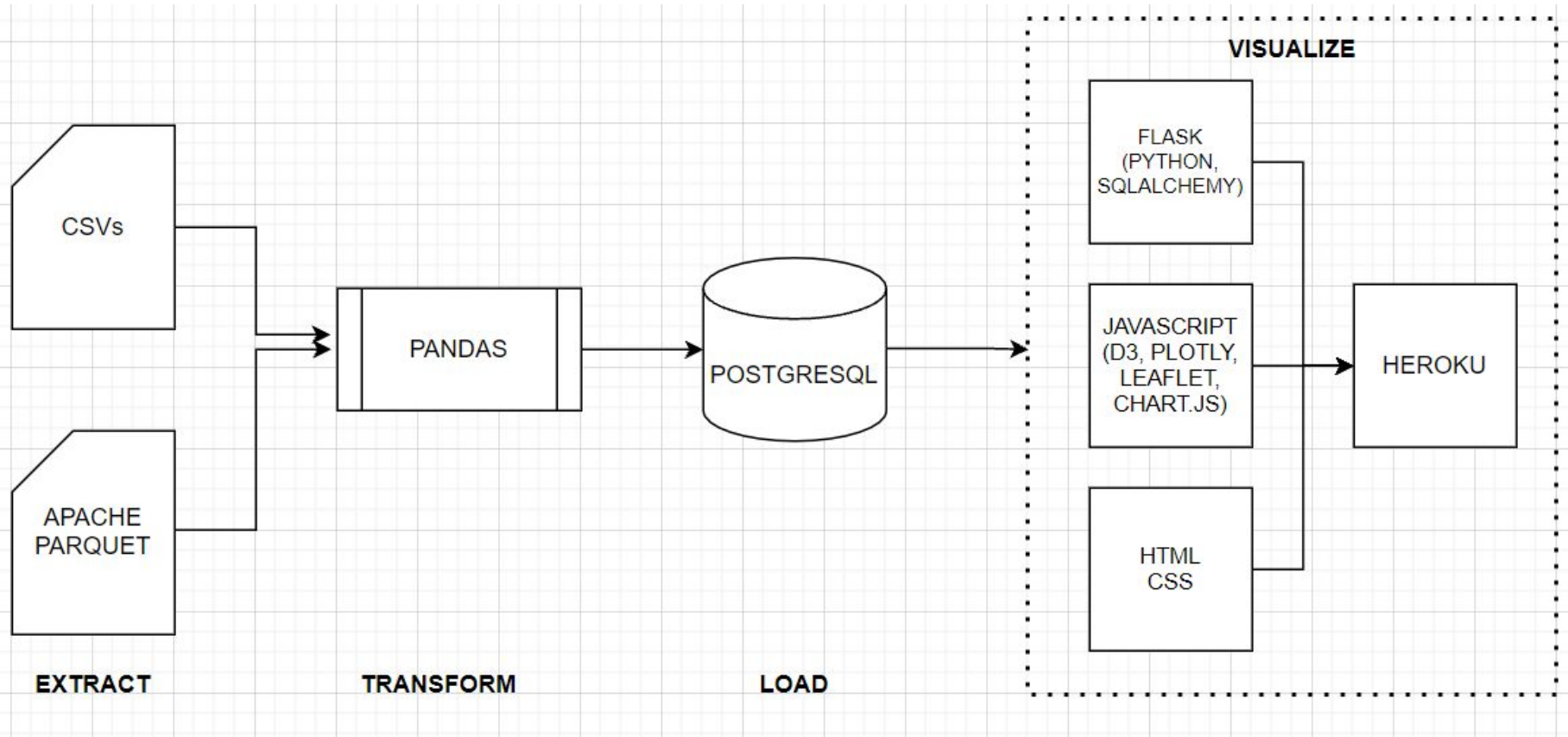


LIMITATIONS, ASSUMPTIONS & CHALLENGES

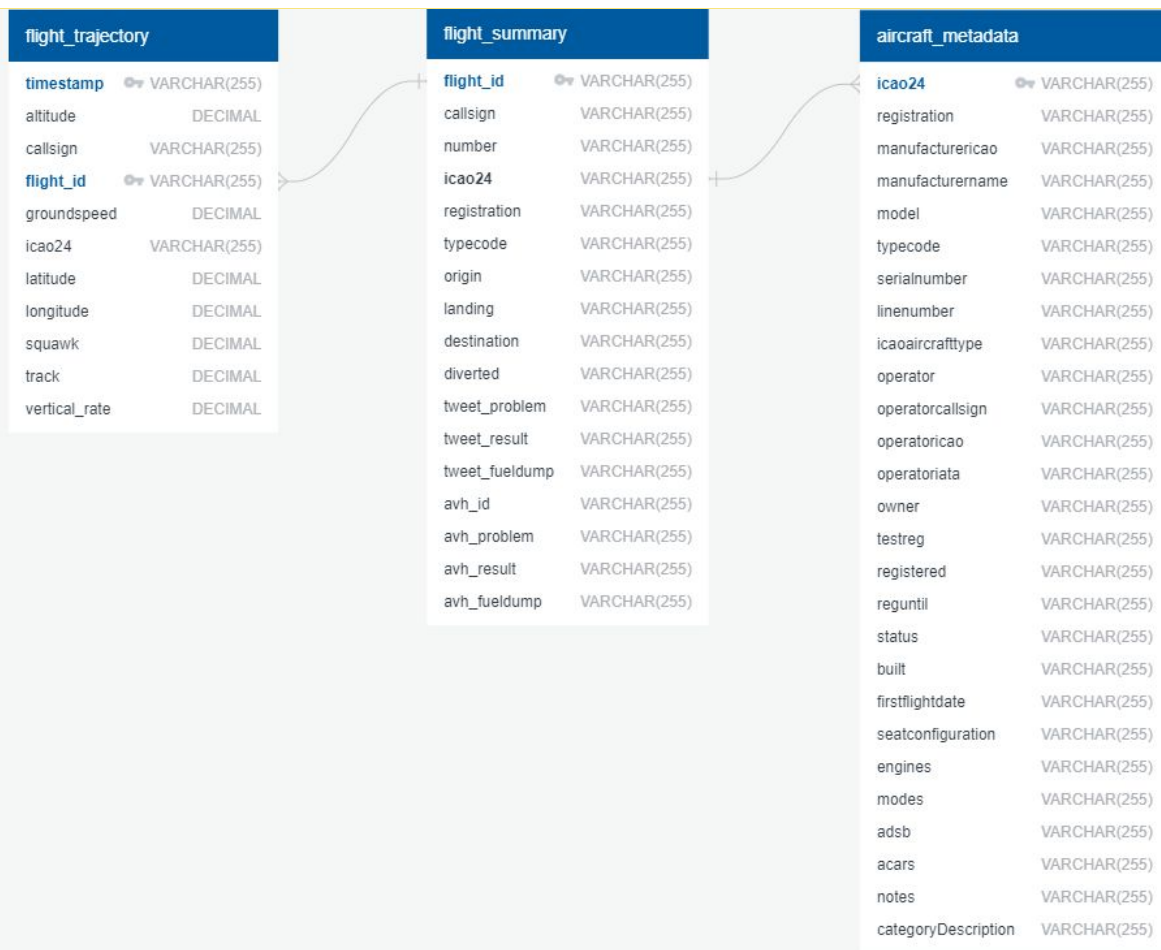
- Limited time of project
- Flight data is from Jan 2018 to Feb 2020
- Only 813 flights of squawk code 7700 data, however each flight has many rows of data
- Assume data is correct since the dataset was manually filled with research from various sources on the Internet to fill missing info from OpenSky
- Limitation of 10k records with Heroku's database



ETL Architecture



Aircraft ERD



POSTGRESQL

pgAdmin 4

File Object Tools Help

Browser

- aircraft_project
 - Casts
 - Catalogs
 - Event Triggers
 - Extensions
 - Foreign Data Wrapper
 - Languages
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 - Views
 - Subscriptions

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Query Editor Query History

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1 select * from flight_trajectory
2
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Data Output Explain Messages Notifications

	timestamp	altitude	callsign	flight_id	groundspeed	icao24	latitude	longitude	squawk	track	vertical
	[PK] character varying (255)	numeric	character varying (255)	[PK] character varying (255)	numeric	character varying (255)	numeric	numeric	numeric	numeric	numeric
17	2019-02-18 07:47:12-05	2725.0	EZY13MR	EZY13MR_20190218	33.25527876362642	400d8c	56.01493835449219	1258433949333	7700	502534126162	67.999
18	2019-02-18 07:47:13-05	2725.0	EZY13MR	EZY13MR_20190218	33.77581649236572	400d8c	56.0145853333554	1428070068364	7700	861505168652	67.999
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20	2019-02-18 07:47:15-05	2675.0	EZY13MR	EZY13MR_20190218	33.77581649236572	400d8c	56.01402282714844	7059659091224	7700	861505168652	67.999
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22	2019-02-18 07:47:17-05	2650.0	EZY13MR	EZY13MR_20190218	33.77581649236572	400d8c	56.01332842293432	4747695922852	7700	861505168652	67.999
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Query Editor

Query History

```
1 select count(*) from flight_trajectory
2
```

Data Output

Explain

Messages

Notifications

count
bigint

1	4344359
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Data Wrangling

TRANSFORMATIONS

- Create SQL schemas
- Lowercase column names so that they can be loaded into postgresql
- Convert data types
- Remove NaN values and rows
- Query and filter using SQLAlchemy
- Jsonify data to power javascript visualizations



DECODING AIRCRAFT EMERGENCIES

Analyzing Aircraft Emergencies

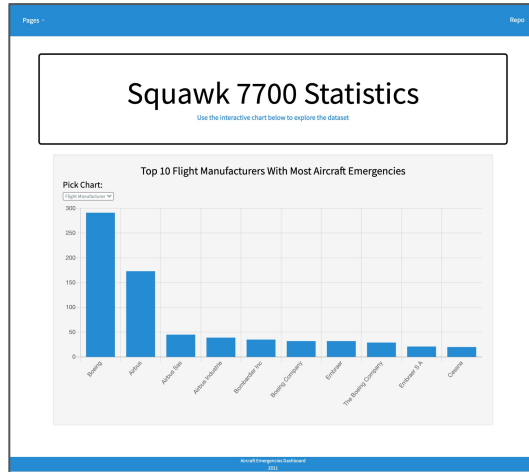
MOST FREQUENTLY USED SQUAWK CODE

Squawk 7700 is the squawk code for a general emergency. This ICAO-assigned squawk codes can be used by any aircraft with a transponder to explain their emergency to flight controllers.



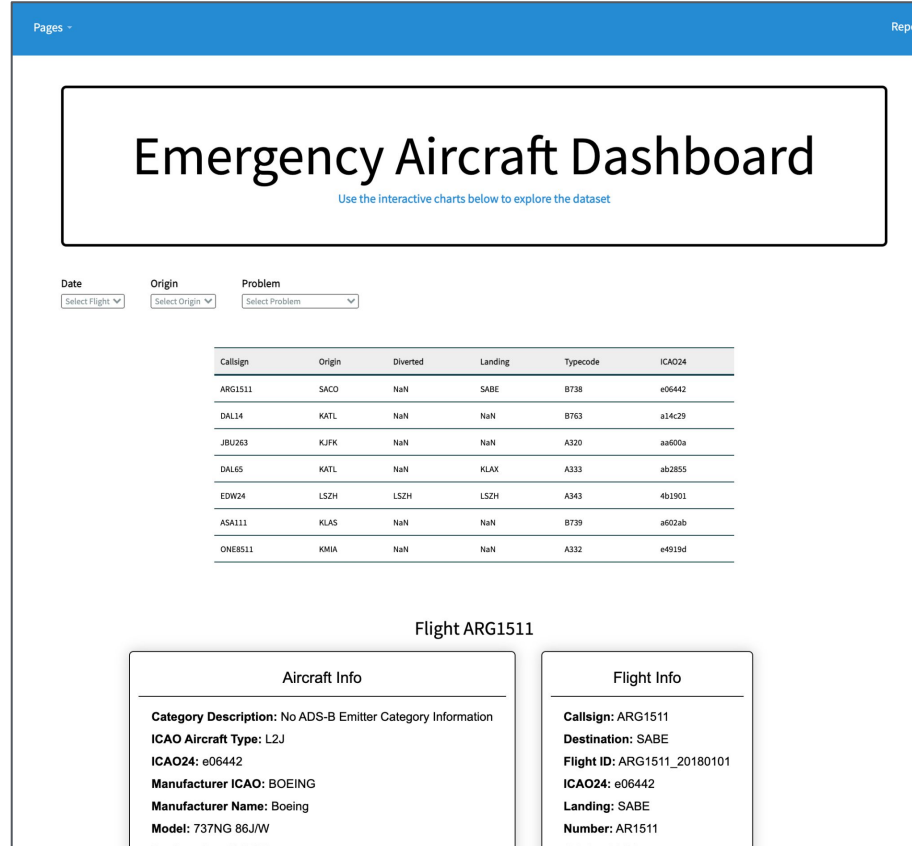
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	squawk numeric	count bigint	
1	7700	813	
2	1000	93	
3	5677	17	
4	7407	10	
5	5614	9	

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Homepage



Origin = London Heathrow (EGLL)

Date

Select Flight ▼

Origin

✓ Select Origin

SACO

KATL

KJFK

KATL

LSZH

KLAS

KMIA

EGLL

KDFW

CYXE

KLAS

KSFO

LLBG

KSMF

KLAX

BIKF

Problem

Select Problem ▼

Design	Origin	Diverted
51511	SACO	NaN
.14	KATL	NaN
263	KJFK	NaN
.65	KATL	NaN
N24	LSZH	LSZH
111	KLAS	NaN
E8511	KMIA	NaN

Diverted to Berlin-Tegel Airport (EDDT)

Callsign	Origin	Diverted	Landing	Typecode	ICAO24
EDW24	LSZH	LSZH	LSZH	A343	4b1901
ASA111	KLAS	NaN	NaN	B739	a602ab
ONE8511	KMIA	NaN	NaN	A332	e4919d
BAW882	EGLL	EDDT	NaN	A320	406532
ENY3342	KDFW	NaN	NaN	E75L	a272b8
WJA506	CYXE	NaN	NaN	B736	c0499b
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Due to Medical Problem

Flight BAW882

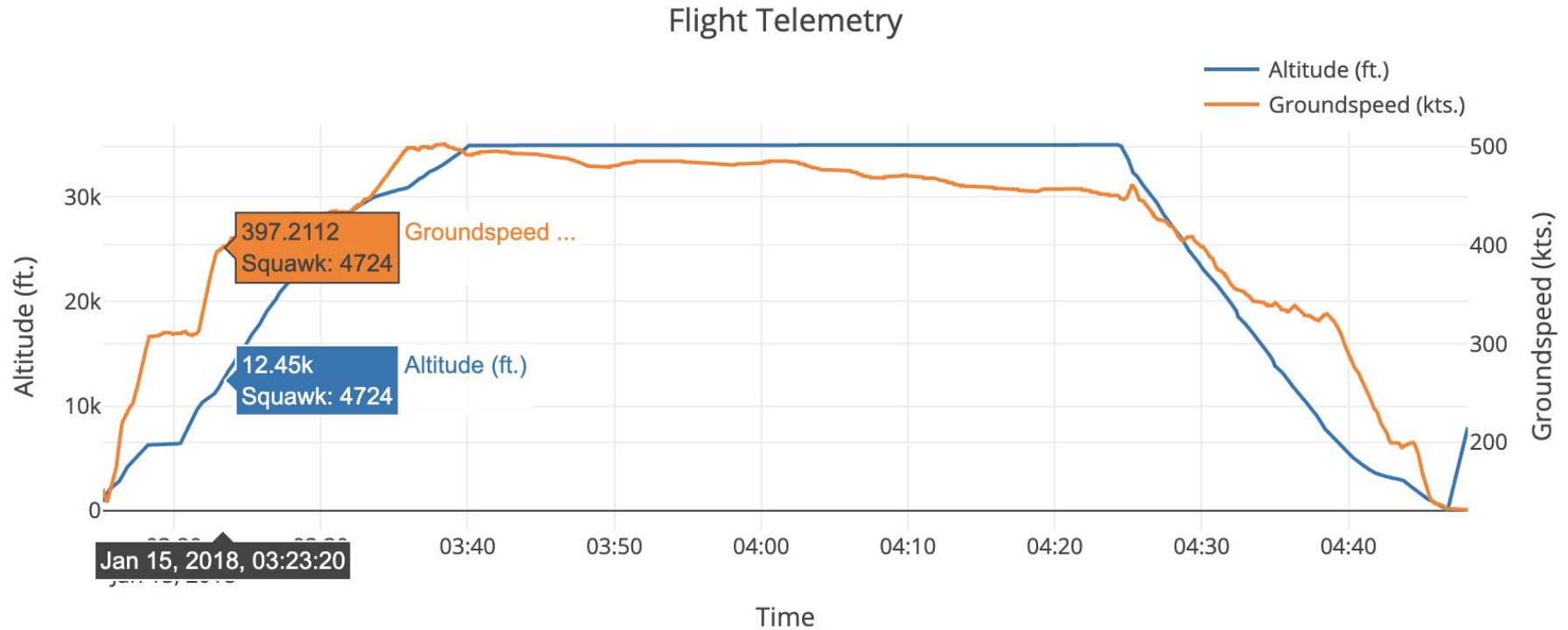
Aircraft Info

Built: 2011-01-01
Category Description: No ADS-B Emitter Category Information
Engines: 2 x INTERNATIONAL AERO ENGINE V2527-A5
ICAO Aircraft Type: L2J
ICAO24: 406532
Manufacturer ICAO: AIRBUS
Manufacturer Name: Airbus Sas
Model: AIRBUS A320-232
Registration: G-EUYM
Serialnumber: 4791
Typecode: A320

Flight Info

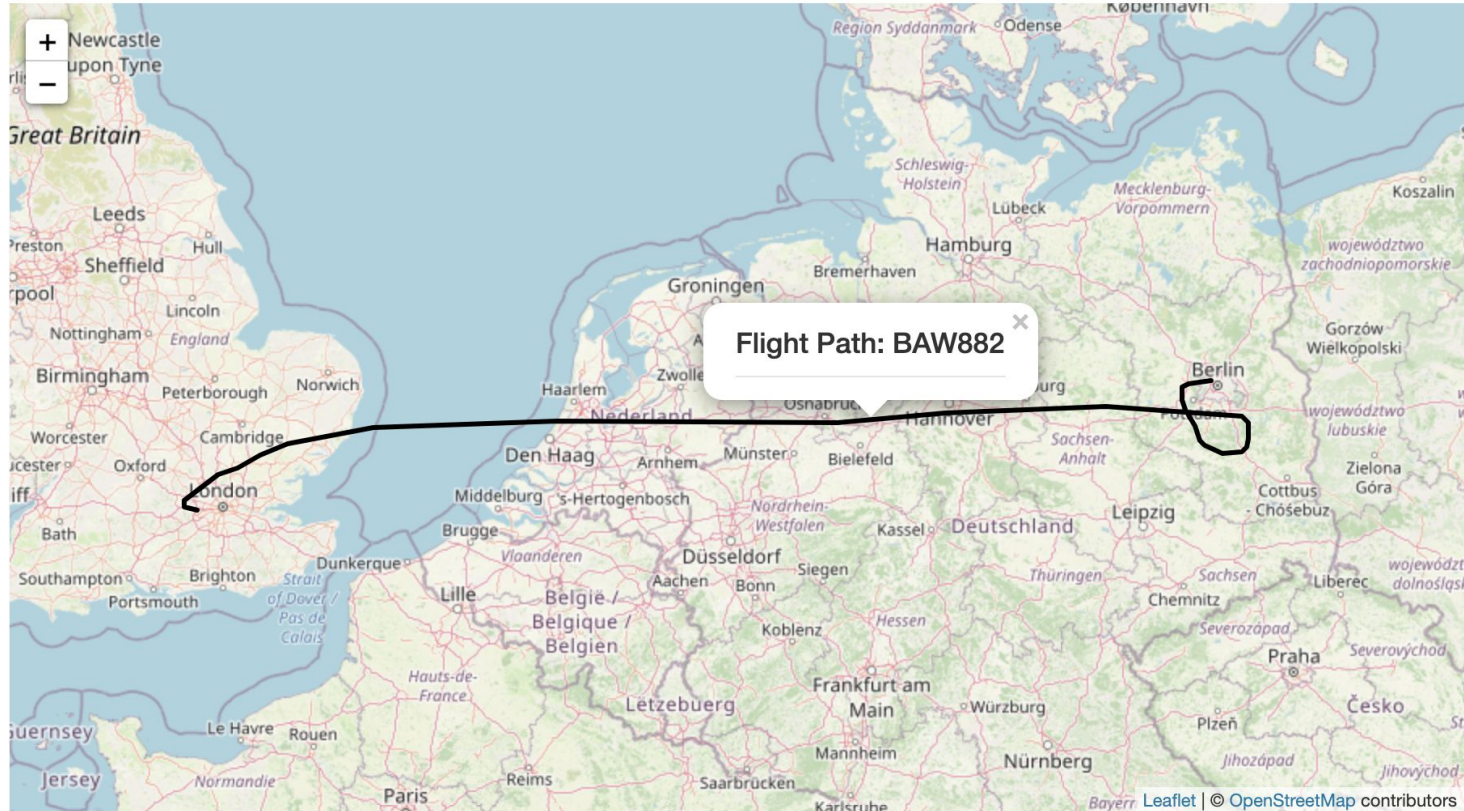
Callsign: BAW882
Destination: UKBB
Diverted: EDDT
Flight ID: BAW882_20180115
ICAO24: 406532
Number: BA882
Origin: EGLL
Registration: G-EUYM
Tweet Fuedump: unknown
Tweet Problem: medical
Tweet Result: diverted
Typecode: A320

Rapid Altitude Loss



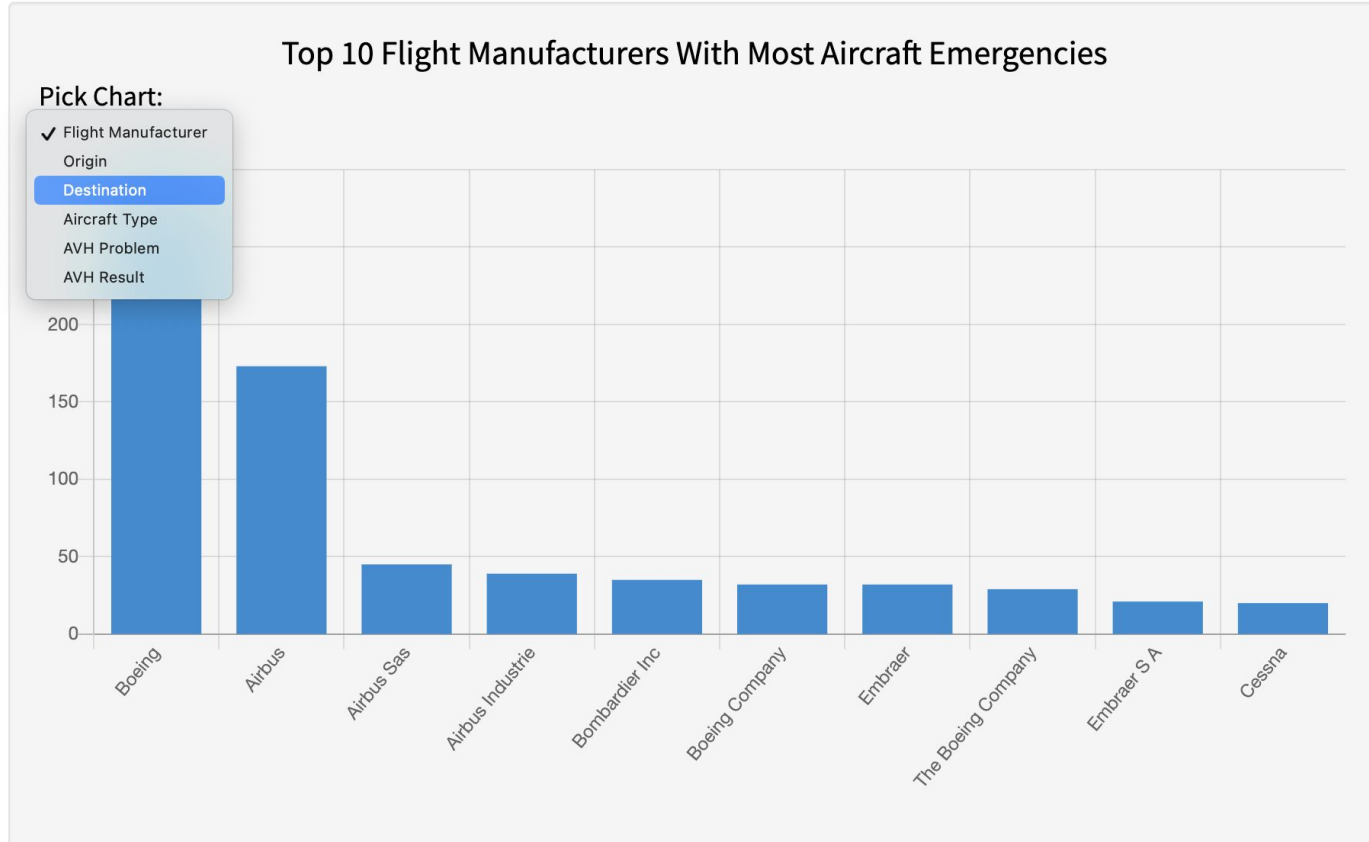
Circle Back on Path

Flight Map

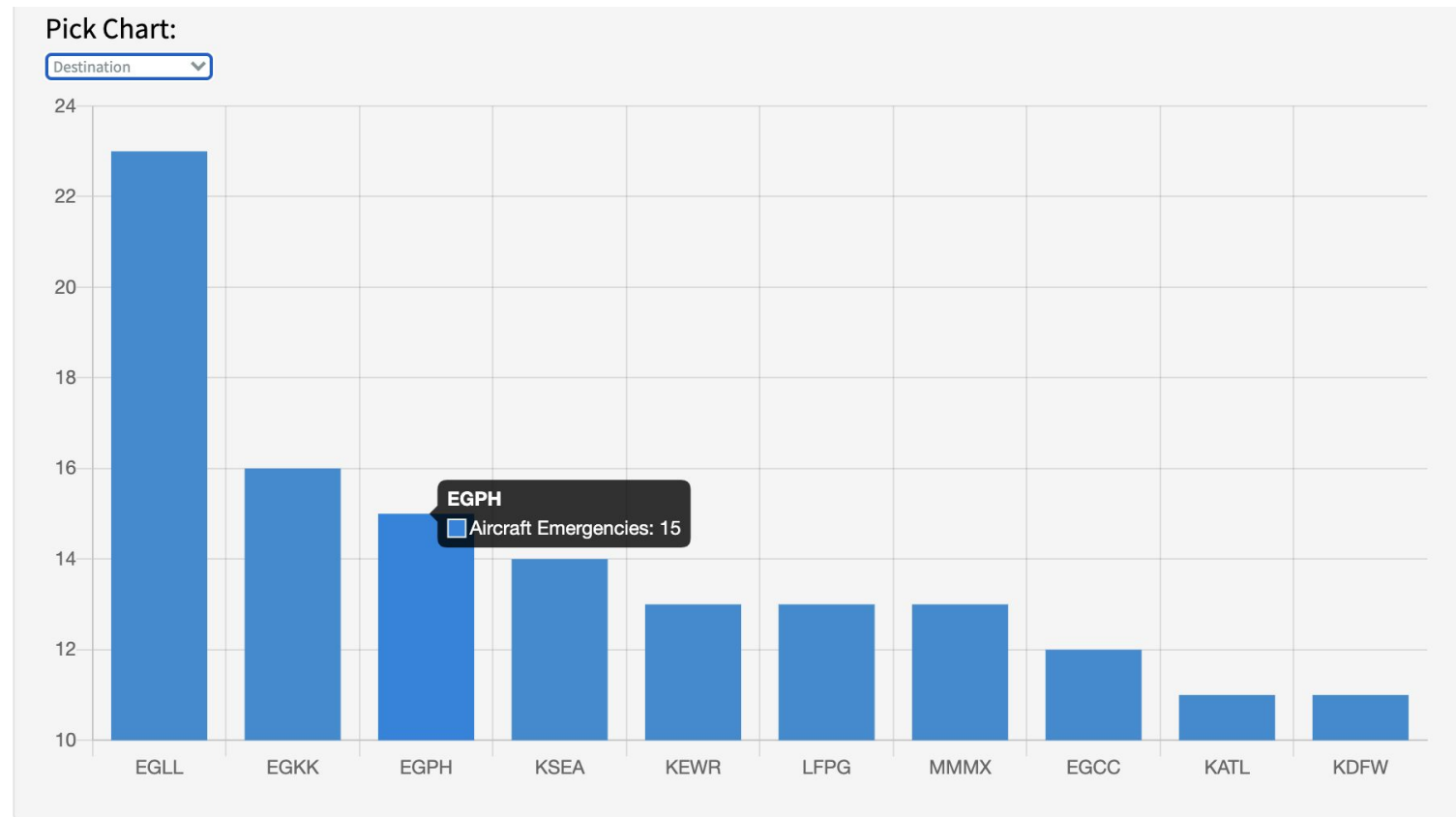


DECODING AIRPLANE EMERGENCIES [PART 2]

Planes manufactured by Boeing have the most emergencies.



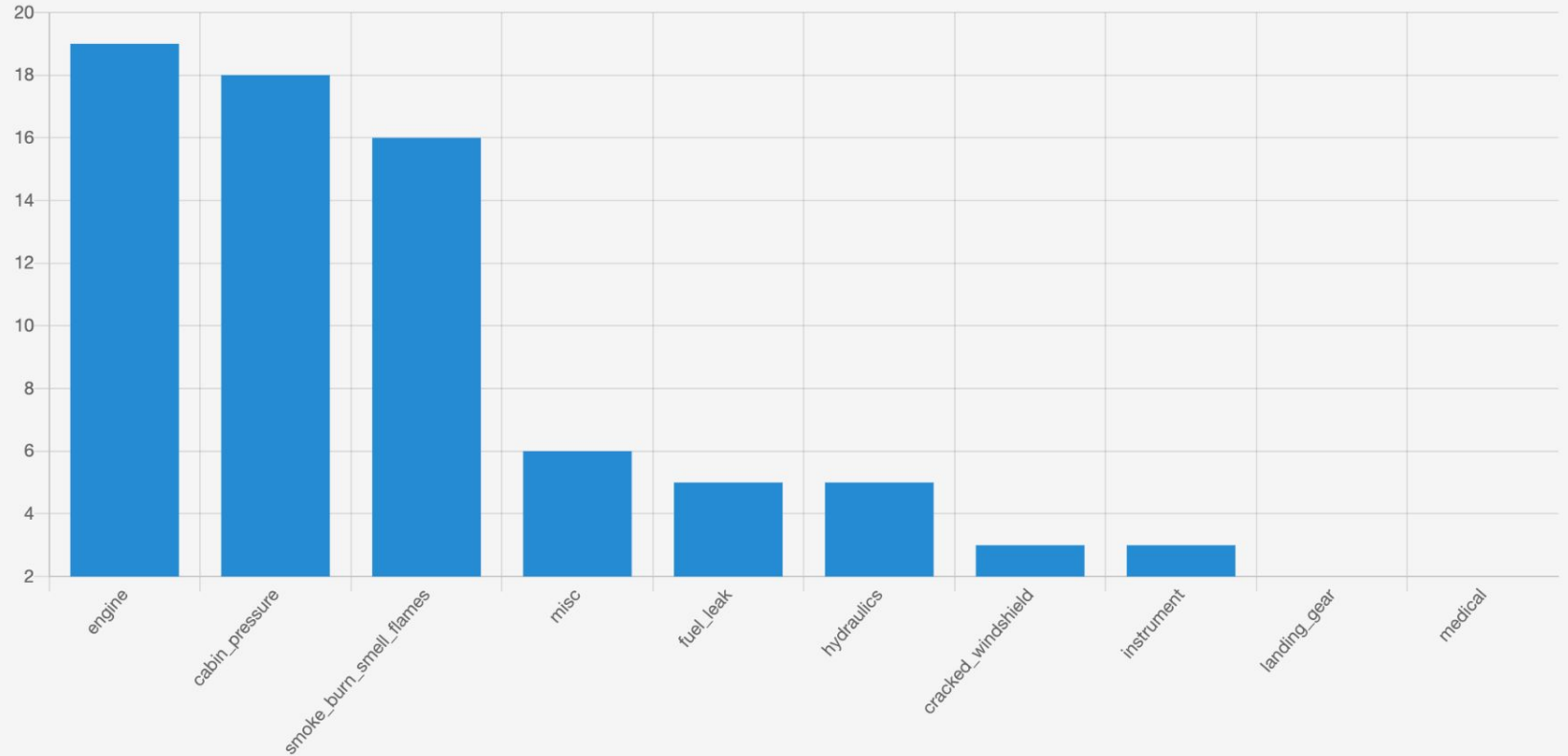
Planes enroute to Heathrow (EGLL) experience the most emergencies.



Engine problems are the most common issues, followed by cabin pressure and smoke, burn, smell flames,.

Pick Chart:

AVH Problem ▾



Conclusion

“The mission of the FAA is to provide the safest, most efficient aerospace system in the world.”



BUSINESS IMPLICATIONS

- Airlines can use this data to highlight safety issues they need to address and compare aircraft performance
- Help governing entities and aerospace companies like the FAA, etc. determine where issues most commonly arise
- Customers can use this data to learn about frequent flight emergencies and select airlines or aircraft types with fewer emergencies



QUESTIONS?