



UNDERSTANDING MACHINE LEARNING MODELS  
XAI WORKSHOP  
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# Agenda

About Airspace Intelligence

Why do we need XAI?

Coding

- Feature Importance

- Partial Dependence Plots

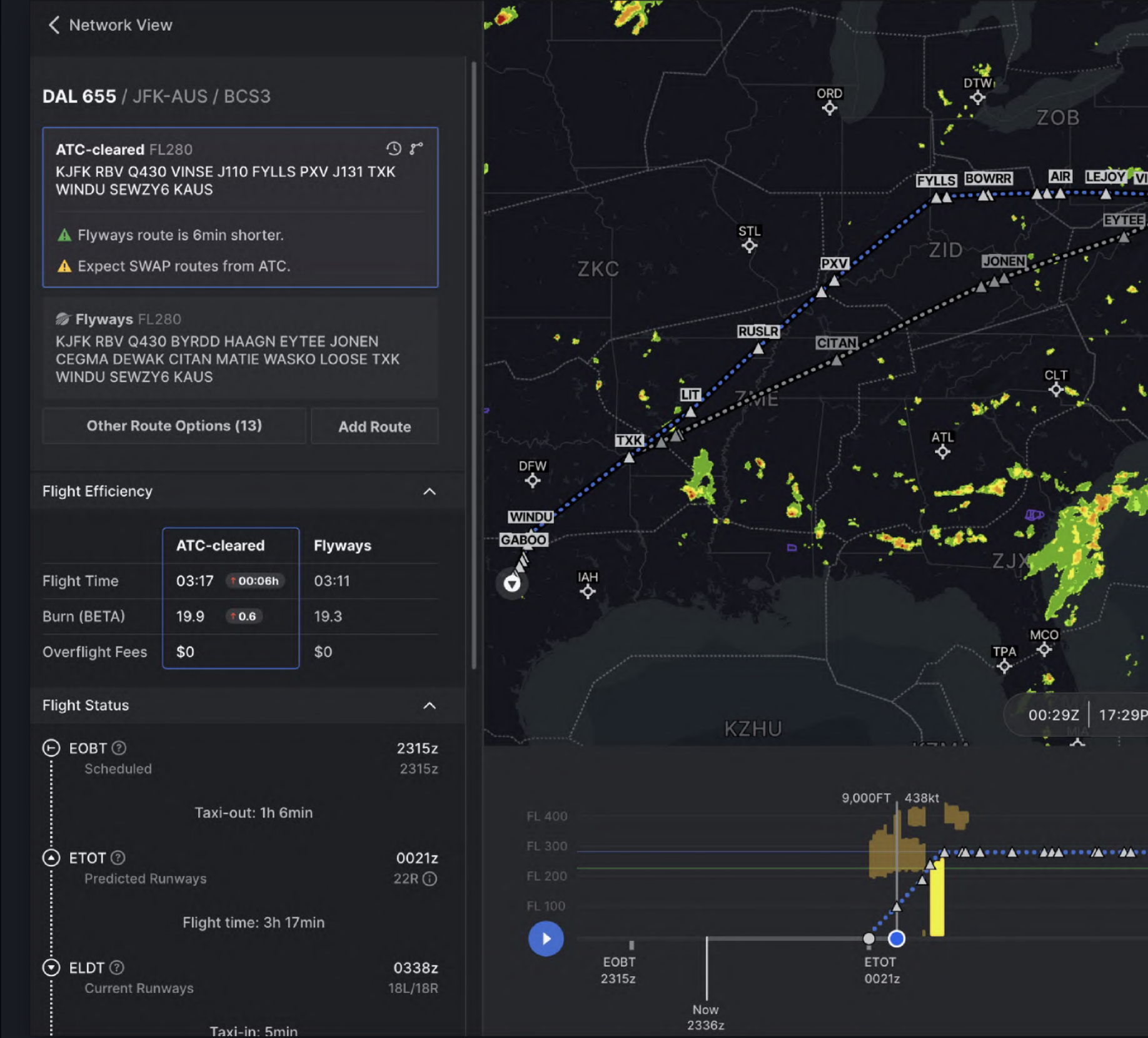
- SHAP Values

What to do when explaining black-box is not enough?

FLYWAYS AI™ PLATFORM

# The operating system for airline network operations.

Flyways is an AI-enabled platform designed to accelerate & improve operational decision making capabilities in the world’s most complex and dynamic airspace.





# Airspace Intelligence

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⚠ Flyways route saves 10min.

⚠ Flyways route saves 4,738lbs of fuel.

⚠ Recommend SUUNR arrival due to high demand on MPORT.  
Demand count: 7, procedure capacity: 6.

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## Building trust



From the engineers to users,  
everyone should trust the  
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**Prepare your environment**



**<http://piomazur.pl/xai-zip>**



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☞ EBM - Explainable Boosting Machine





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