Fly with Us When They Cancel Your Flight: An Innovative Model to Utilize Perishable Capacity
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Abstract: This field-study paper describes an innovative service product designed by the authors. The product was launched by a Chinese airline and achieved a remarkable success. Airlines, hotels, car rentals, and other service companies can create similar products to better utilize perishable service capacity. The operational model and design principle generate new insights for important management concepts including complementarity, product bundling, asymmetric competition, and Pareto efficiency.

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