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### AN OVERVIEW OF ANALYSIS MODELS AND MEASUREMENTS IN LIBRARY PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT RESEARCH

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### INTRODUCTION

- Performance assessment of a university library is essential to determine whether the library meet its specific objectives and also to justify library spending - (Kumar, A., & Mahajan, P.,2019).
- Academic library is mportance to their parent organization by reciting statistics focused on inputs (resource investments) and outputs (services produced)-(Blixrud,J,2003).
- This conceptual paper is an overview of several research articles on library performance evaluation which focuses on university libraries around the world.





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### An Overview of Analysis Models and Measurements in Library Performance Assessment Research

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#### ABSTRACT

This conceptual paper is an overview of several research articles on library performance evaluation which focuses on university libraries around the world. The objective of this paper is to underline two important elements from selected papers, analysis models and efficiency scores. From the selected papers, a pattern of library performance analysis models was identified; LIBQUAL in three papers, data envelopment analysis (DEA) in three papers, SERVQUAL in two papers, and a combination of both LIBQUAL and SERVQUAL in one paper. In terms of research measurement, three papers sought out answers on library space with one particular paper related to indoor air quality, two papers on number of book loans, one paper on usage of electronic theses and several other measurements. On the positive side, this paper provided basic information foundation for those interested library in performance appraisal, academically or professionally.

#### **KEYWORDS**

Library performance envelopment analysis

Library performance evaluation, LIBQUAL, SERVQUAL, data

### **OPERATIONAL DEFINITION : LIBRARY PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT**

Is the specified mechanism (e.g. objectives, participants, procedures, criteria, rating scales etc.) used to guide and regulate the process of performance evaluation, (Pan & Li, 2006). Timely feedback of quality is essential so that recovery in meeting users' satisfaction is possible, (Hossain et al., 2014)

Service quality is a significant asset to productive academic research and increased use of database resources and technologies, (Rafi et al., 2022).

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## ANALYSIS MODELS

#### DEA

- Founded on the comparison of actual with best observed productivity
- It is measured as the proportion of services produced to inputs used
- can handle multiple inputs and outputs (Reichmann & Sommersguter-Reichmann, 2010)

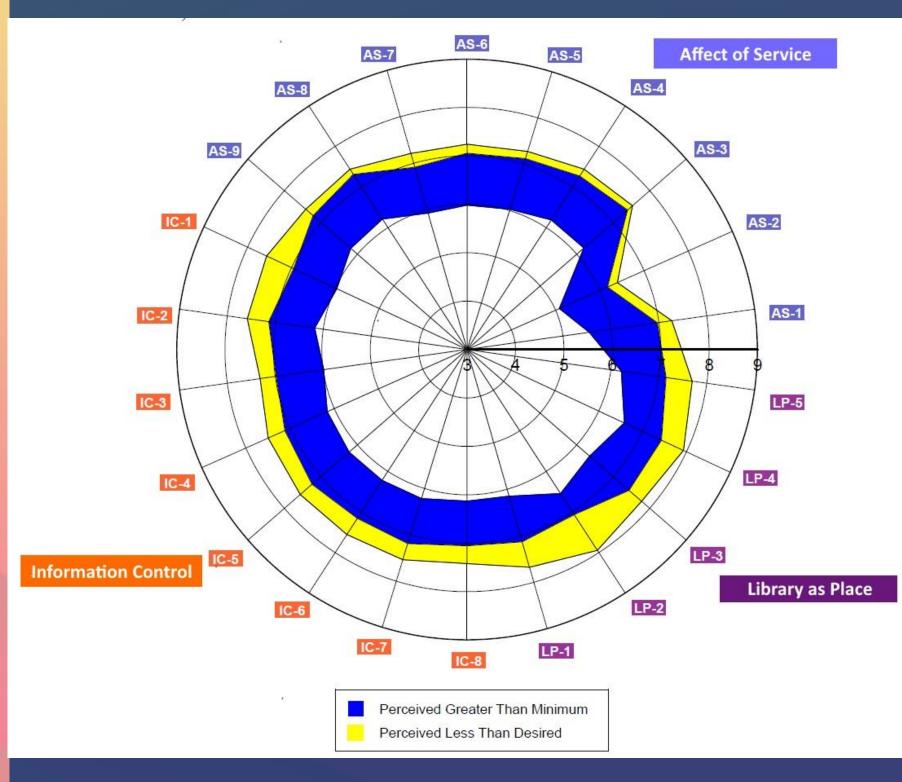


### **ANALYSIS MODELS**

#### LIBQUAL

- A survey use to solicit, track, understand, and act upon users' opinions of service quality.
- A rigorously tested web-based survey that assess and improve library services, change organizational culture, and market the library.
- Measures library users' minimum, perceived, and desired levels of service quality across 3 dimensions: Affect of Service, Information Control, and Library as Place, (LibQUAL+®, 2020).

### LIBQUAL MAIN DIMENSIONS



### ANALYSIS MODELS

SERVQUAL DIMENSIONS

- Parasuraman et al., (1988)
- for more than two decades, (Hossain & Ahmed, 2013)

| DIMENSION      | SAMPLE EXPE  |
|----------------|--|
| RELIABILITY    | When excellent telephone something by a certain tim      |
| ASSURANCE      | The behaviour of employe confidence in cutomers          |
| TANGIBLES      | Excellent telephone comp<br>equipment                    |
| EMPATHY        | Excellent banks will have o<br>customers                 |
| RESPONSIVENESS | Employees of excellent tel<br>too busy to help a custome |

#### A scale, a tool for measuring service quality developed by

• Widely used in service industries such as banking, hospitals, tourism, and in library and information centres

#### **ECTATIONS ITEM**

- e companies promise to do ne, they do so
- ees in excellent banks will instill
- panies will have modern looking
- operating hours convenient to

elephonr companies will never be ner

### **ANALYSIS MODELS**

#### **LZSG Zero Sum Gains**

• Update and extension of DEA model



- WAHW
- monoculture

### **Indoor Quality**

• New-type of chlorine dioxide (CIO2) and weak acid hypochlorous water (WAHW) were used to study the microorganism disinfection effect to improve air quality in indoor spaces • Many studies have demonstrated the efficiency of WAHW in disinfecting

• bacteria, such as E. coli, S. aureus, Salmonella, Vibrio, Bacillus spores, and Leuconostoc sp. (Issa-Zacharia, Kamitani, Morita, & Iwasaki, • 2010; Nakayama et al., 2003; Quan, Choi, Chung, & Shin, 2010).

### MEASUREMENTS

- Affect of Service, Information Control, and Library as Place, (McCaffrey, 2013)
- (resources, Research dimension competence, responsiveness, demeanor, tangibles), (Hossain & Ahmed, 2013)

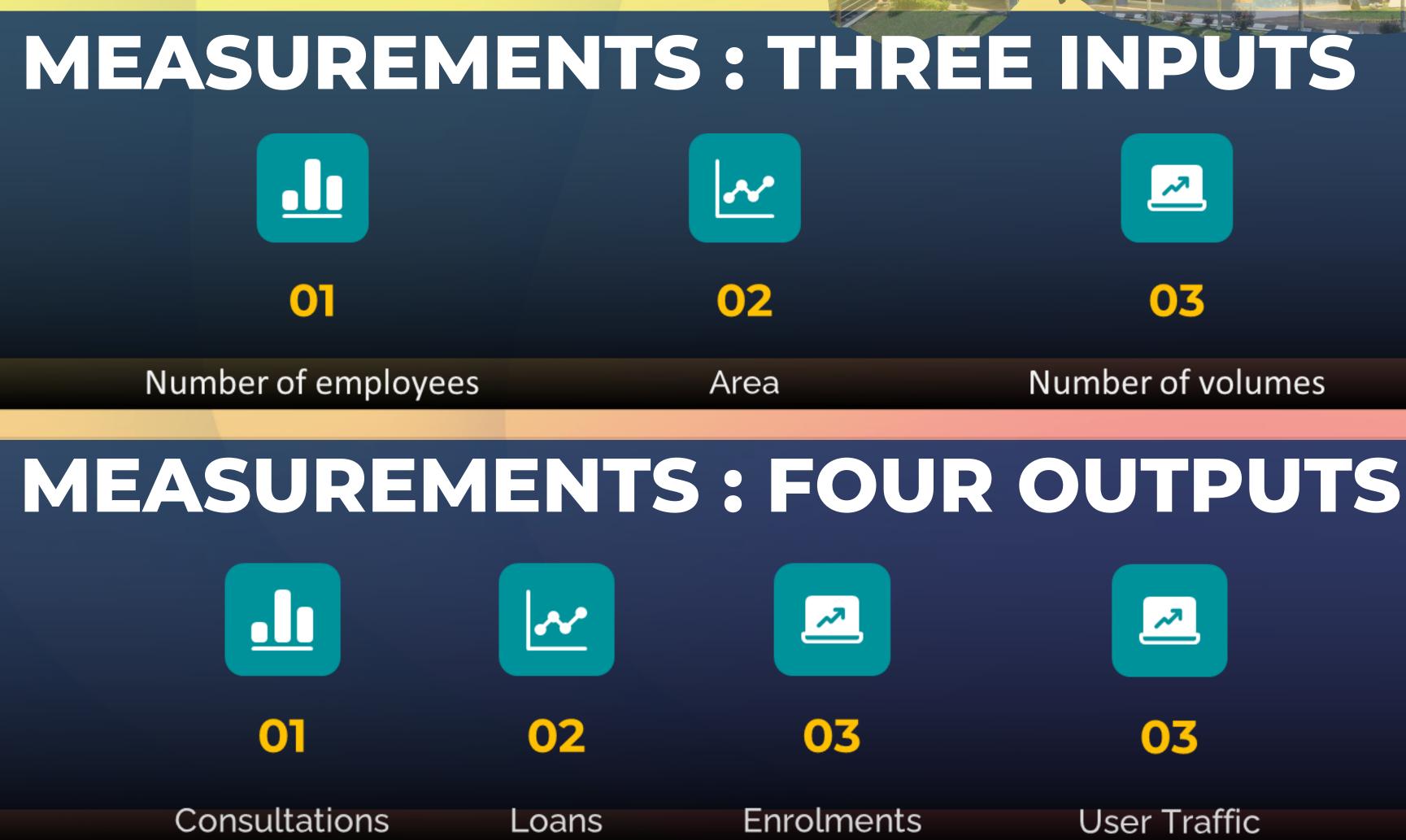




**BADD - NUMBER OF BOOK MATERIALS** SOMMERSGUTER-REICHMANN, 2010)

- **FTE FULL TIME EQUIVALENT**

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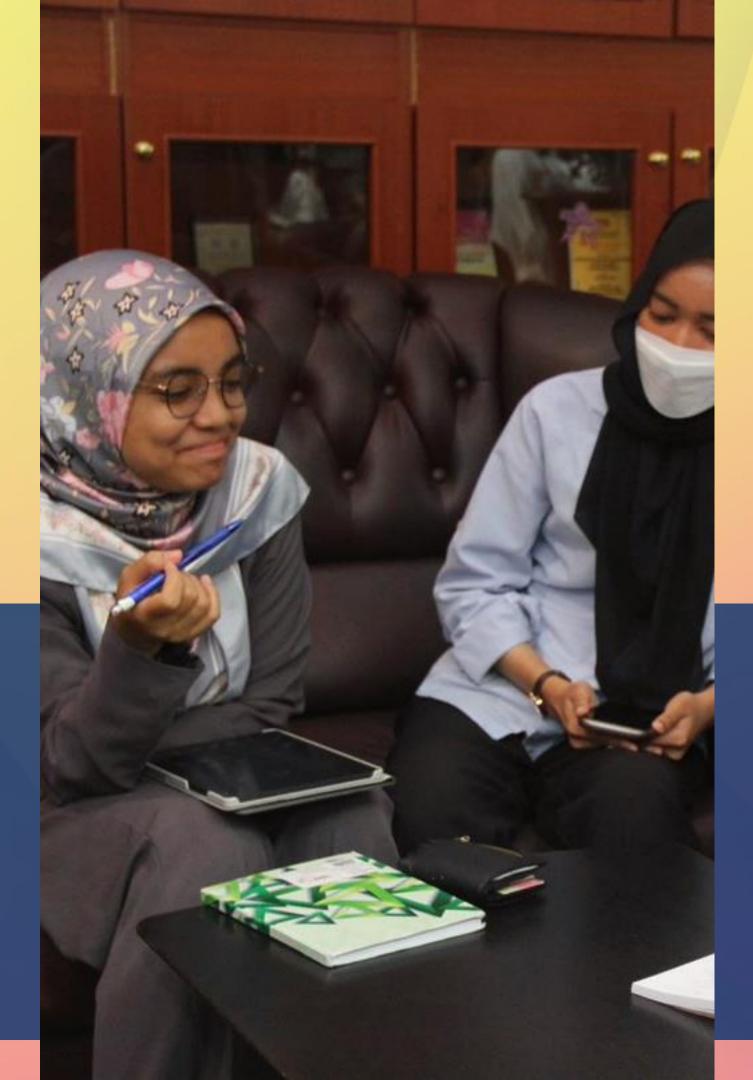
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### Number of volumes

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**User Traffic** 



## DISCUSSION

LIBQUAL and SERVQUAL are not adequate for measuring the totality of operations and systems of the library, (Iroaganachi & Nkiko, 2016).

According to Shi and Levy (2005) the application of SERVQUAL in library assessment and the theoretical issues and practical concerns of LibQUAL merit serious examination.

There is a slight movement towards the increase of systemic inefficiency, if no initiative is taken in managerial terms- (De Carvalho, Frederico A., et al.,2012)

The ill-management of the electronic theses and dissertations initiatives is the reason for the poor global visibility and accessibility of these research output.

Poorly designed systems do exist at our work places that impose quite negative impacts on us.



### CONCLUSION

Library performance research is an important part of measuring library operations in proportion to the resource allocation with usage

DEA, ZERO-SUM GAINS, LIBQUAL, SERVQUAL are several of the commonly applied analysis models used in library performance measurement

Two apparent mode of data collection: actual data (DEA, ZSG) and surveys (LIBQUAL, SERVQUAL)

Each has advantages and disadvantages



### CONCLUSION

Actual data input/output subject to unknown reason (eg. why loan/usage is low)

Surveys is hard to gauge actual answer especially in comparison to interviews

Combination of both actual data and surveys may rectify both weakness

Recent progress in data collection technology such as 'Dark Data' is a potentially a novel solution in library performance research







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