

IMPACT OF TECHNOLOGY IN EVENTS: CONCERTS

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ABSTRACT

Events have become an integral aspect of social life, and the field of event management is evolving into a rapidly growing industry. Significant global events such as the Olympics, international conferences, live musical concerts, corporate meetings, and grand weddings require impeccable management. The increasing complexity and scale of events necessitate the adoption of innovative technologies to facilitate their organisation with efficiency and grandeur. This research aims to examine the impact of technological innovation on the events management sector.

The events sector is changing quickly, and technology is a key factor in fostering its creativity and efficiency. Virtual reality (VR) and artificial intelligence (AI) have transformed event management, from automating administrative duties to improving the attendee experience. This study looks at how technology may make event planning and execution more efficient. Through an analysis of technologies including hybrid event solutions, AI-powered platforms, and event management software, this study demonstrates how technological developments improve overall productivity, save money, and save time. Important conclusions show that, despite obstacles like expense and training requirements, the advantages of technology adoption greatly exceed these drawbacks. Prioritising investments in scalable systems and offering event management experts training are two suggestions. This report examines the integration of various technologies utilised in event management, analysing their beneficial and adverse impacts. Graphs and pie charts are used in this research article to present the findings, which are based on primary data gathered through a structured questionnaire and secondary data from earlier studies and the internet.

1. INTRODUCTION

In essence, event management is the professional planning of an event for a person, business, or target audience. Planning, budgeting, location selection, authorisation, transportation, entertainment, catering, and event security are all related to it. The way events are hosted has changed dramatically because of technological advancements in the events management sector. Events management companies are used by both individuals and businesses to plan a variety of events, including conferences, exhibitions, campaigns, weddings, engagement parties, anniversaries, stage setups for various occasions, and more. In this regard, event planners assist in the systematic planning and implementation of these events. None of the contemporary technology and communication methods that we use today existed in the past. The French Royalty also attended lavish banquets and gatherings. The organising and management of these gatherings fell to aristocratic ladies. The most famous of them was Madame Pompidou. During that time, there were musical concerts and costume parties. The need for gatherings and events increased along with the economy during the Industrial Revolution. People began spending more on event hosting as their wealth increased. Event planning has been significantly impacted by the introduction of mobile phones and the internet. The newest technology and electronics allow for instantaneous global connection. With just a little portable device, everything is at your fingertips, including designing, finding, registering, and documenting an event. Both individuals and companies now have a far greater advantage over event management because to recent technical advancements. Both individuals and businesses may now produce event advertisements thanks to the newest software and websites, which offer styles that are professional, sleek, and easy to use. Ticket sales and registration are coordinated in one location. In addition to saving time, event management websites and apps offer simple alternatives for event creation.

Planning, organising, carrying out, and assessing an event are all steps in the intricate process of event management. These phases have historically depended on labour-intensive, error-prone manual procedures. However, the sector has undergone a

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substantial transformation due to the incorporation of technology, which has allowed event organisers to enhance the guest experience, improve communication, and streamline operations. From advanced analytics tools to online ticketing platforms, technology has emerged as a vital tool for event managers everywhere. With an emphasis on automation, attendee engagement tools, and hybrid event solutions, this study investigates how technology improves the effectiveness of event administration.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Technology has dramatically changed concerts, affecting how they are organised and enjoyed. It has improved processes like ticketing, security, audience interaction, and creating exciting experiences. This allows organisers to work efficiently, earn more, and provide unique experiences for fans. This overview examines the role of technologies such as ticketing systems, mobile apps, augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and artificial intelligence (AI) in modern concerts and explores future possibilities in this evolving field.

3.1 Planning and Managing concerts Automation in concert planning, planning a concert involves many complex tasks, including managing artists, selecting venues, coordinating with suppliers, and ensuring security. Research by (Bowdin et al 2022) shows that event management software (EMS) can automate these tasks, ensuring smooth communication among stakeholders. (Turner 2023) highlights that automation reduces errors and enhances coordination, particularly for large music festivals and concerts.

3.2 Using AI for audience insights Artificial Intelligence (AI) is crucial for understanding audience preferences and enhancing concert experiences. (Getz & Page 2021) demonstrate how AI models can analyse ticket sales, predict attendance, and improve marketing strategies. (Mariani & Borghi 2020) note that AI helps in dividing audiences into segments, enabling organizers to send personalized offers, which increases interest and ticket sales.

3.3 Project management for large concerts Managing large concerts and festivals requires careful planning and coordination of tasks and timelines. (Silvers 2019) discusses the importance of digital project management tools in improving accountability and communication among teams handling production, security, and logistics. Tools like Trello and Asana assist in task allocation, timeline tracking, and real-time collaboration, which is vital for the fast-paced nature of live events.

3.4 Improving concert experience and engagement Mobile apps are essential in enhancing concert experiences, providing features like ticket management, notifications, schedules, and maps. (Marques & Pires 2021) state that concert apps boost engagement by letting users customize schedules, access artist information, and receive event updates. (Lee et al 2020) emphasize the importance of networking features in these apps, enabling fans to connect and share experiences. Example: The Coachella app offers real-time updates, AR filters, and interactive maps, enhancing users' overall experience.

3.5 RFID and cashless systems RFID technology improves convenience and security at concerts, allowing cashless payments, smooth entry, and real-time tracking. (Gajjar et al 2019) indicate that RFID wristbands reduce entry wait times and heighten transaction safety, minimizing ticket fraud risks. (Pousttchi & Thurnher 2018) evaluate RFID's efficiency in managing crowds by providing real-time location data of attendees. Example: Bonnaroo Music Festival uses RFID wristbands for seamless entry and cashless payments, significantly reducing entry queues.

3.6 Immersive technologies in concerts AR and VR technologies provide immersive experiences, enabling concertgoers to interact with digital content or enjoy shows remotely. (Ferdinand & Williams 2018) explain that AR enhances live concerts with visual effects, artist information, and interactive elements. (Grewal et al 2019) highlight that VR allows audiences to experience concerts from home, thus broadening the reach beyond physical venues. Example: Travis Scott's Fortnite concert in 2020 used VR, attracting over 12 million virtual attendees, setting new standards for virtual events.

3.7 Holograms and 3D projections Holograms have transformed concerts by enabling lifelike projections of artists, both living and deceased. (Wilson et al 2022) describe how hologram concerts allow deceased artists to "perform," appealing to nostalgic fans and new audiences alike. (Balbi & Misuraca 2023) point out that holographic shows offer lucrative branding opportunities for sponsors, creating new revenue streams for concert organizers. Tupac's holographic performance at Coachella in 2012 and Whitney Houston's in 2020 showed how holograms could change live events.

3.8 Virtual and Hybrid concerts the rise of virtual concerts The COVID-19 pandemic made virtual concerts more popular, allowing artists to connect with global audiences through online platforms. Research by (Dwivedi et al 2021) highlighted that virtual concerts improve access and inclusivity, cut costs, and reach broader audiences. According to (Standaert et al 2020),

virtual concerts remove location barriers, letting artists earn from digital events. Example: Billie Eilish's "Where Do We Go? The Livestream" drew over 1.5 million viewers globally, proving the power of virtual events.

3.9 Hybrid concert models Hybrid concerts, a mix of live and digital elements, aim to reach more people and involve them fully. (Wilson et al 2022) believe hybrid concerts boost audience reach and bring diverse income sources. (Balbi & Misuraca 2023) discuss how challenging it can be to provide fair experiences for both live and virtual attendees.

3.10 Security and privacy in concert technology Data privacy and compliance as concerts go digital, protecting personal data is essential (Kshetri 2020) emphasizes the importance of strong data security and following laws like GDPR to protect concertgoers' information. (Clarke 2019) highlights the role of secure ticketing systems in avoiding data breaches and meeting regulatory requirements.

3.11 Fraud prevention and secure ticketing Fake tickets and illegal reselling are serious issues in the concert industry. (Yaga et al 2019) explain how blockchain technology prevents counterfeiting and scalping, making ticketing safer. (Pardo & Téllez 2021) study how identity verification ensures secure entry to virtual and hybrid concerts. Example: Ticketmaster uses blockchain to reduce ticket fraud and ensure clear ticket resale processes.

3.12 Marketing and audience insights in concerts social media and influencer marketing social media is vital for concert promotion and engaging with audiences. (Hudson et al 2020) note that event hashtags and influencer partnerships help build excitement and increase ticket sales. (Tuten & Solomon 2019) argue that real-time social media feedback lets organizers improve events based on audience reactions. Example: Harry Styles' Love on Tour saw increased popularity through fan posts on TikTok and Instagram.

3.13 AI-powered personalization in concerts AI enhances concerts by providing content suggestions and customized event schedules. (Chen et al. 2021) found that AI boosts audience satisfaction by connecting fans with relevant performances and artists. (Kaplan & Haenlein 2022) emphasize that AI improves concert experiences by creating tailored playlists and offering recommendations.

3.14 Measuring concerts success through technology Real time analytics and audience feedback Real-time tools give insights into how audiences engage and behave at events. (Perkins et al 2022) show that these tools help organizers understand audience behaviour and make data-driven adjustments. (Li & Jain 2020) discuss the importance of surveys and audience sentiment analysis for assessing concert success.

3.15 ROI and sponsorship analytics Data analysis is crucial for demonstrating ROI to sponsors. (Mariani & Borghi 2019) highlight that tracking brand impressions boosts sponsor confidence. (Deitz et al 2021) stress the importance of using real-time data to measure sponsorship impact.

Technology is transforming concerts by enhancing attendee experiences, improving operations, and broadening reach. Innovations like AR/VR, blockchain, and AI have turned concerts into interactive, data-rich experiences, aiding organizers in marketing, data security, and creating memorable moments.

3. METHOD

3.1 Research question

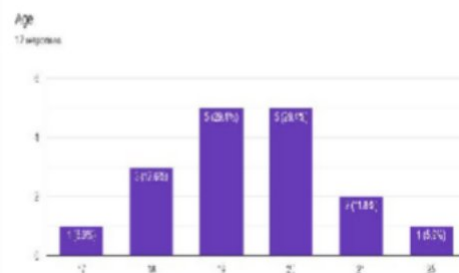
A survey was conducted to understand public interest in concerts that incorporate technology, such as holograms, virtual reality, and AI-generated music using google forms in which 25 questions were asked in the form of MCQ'S. the participants chose one answer for the following questions. The results showed a growing enthusiasm for tech-enhanced performances, with many respondents favouring immersive experiences. Younger audience expressed excitement about virtual concerts and interactive elements. Overall, the survey highlighted a trend toward blending music with cutting-edge technology, shaping the future of entertainment. The findings suggest that tech-driven concerts could become more mainstream in the coming years. A fewer audience also preferred concerts which are held the traditional way with a blend of newer and better technology which is coming in these years and will continue to grow in future years which will engage and target the audience of all age groups. Most questions asked were on the basis that:

What are the types of concerts they prefer, whether live or virtual, ticketing of the concerts, AR/VR, AI, future of technology in events, challenges.

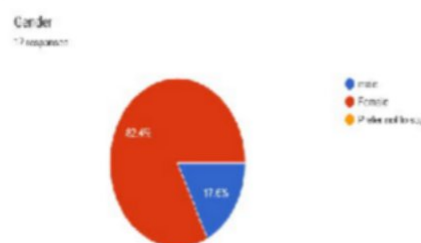
3.2 Participants

The participants who took part in this survey were majority youngsters who are in their teens, early 20's and mid 20's. These 17 participants, through this survey displayed their enthusiasm towards concerts and the growing technology in concerts. The

Age



Demographics of the participants were as follows-



This chart depicts the gender of the participants who took part in the survey. As we can see more than 80% are females, who showcase their interest towards concerts and the rest are male population who showcase their interest towards concerts.

3.3 Data collection and analysis

A Google Form survey was conducted to understand audience perspectives on the integration of technology in concerts. The questionnaire featured multiple-choice questions, allowing respondents to select one answer per question. The collected data indicated a strong interest in technology-driven concerts, particularly among younger audiences who enjoyed immersive experiences. While many respondents were excited about the possibilities of virtual reality and AI in music, some expressed concerns about the lack of human connection in such performances. The findings suggest that technology is reshaping the concert experience, blending digital innovation with live entertainment. This survey was rather helpful as people could share their opinion about concerts and through this survey, we also understood how people want their experience to be and what that expect in return. Having varied types of responses helped us analyse better their interest and their output from such concerts. This was specifically targeted to a younger crowd as they show their interest and participate in concerts rather than the elder generation. This data helped us know a lot through which we could then analyse the data.

The data we collected was primary and raw data. This was subjective to qualitative and quantitative data. This survey was conducted on google forms where the link was sent and people had to fill it, after which we recorded the response, and the app gave us the analysis which we then went through and checked it. This analysis tells us the interests of people, their take on concerts, how they prefer it to be, the bands which are given to them in the start, AI, and many such variety of questions which is mentioned in the findings in a detailed manner.

4. FINDINGS

A comprehensive analysis of the data provided insights into various aspects of concert experiences, including audience preferences, technological influences, and emerging trends. The key findings are as follows:

- Frequency of concert attendance and preferred types of concerts.
- Common methods of purchasing concert tickets and the impact of online ticketing on concert attendance.
- Participation in virtual or live-streamed concerts and perceptions of technological advancements in enhancing concert experiences.
- Interest in augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR)-enhanced concerts.
- The role of social media in shaping concert experiences.
- The impact of mobile event applications on attendee engagement and convenience.
- Perceptions of digital wristbands and RFID technology for concert entry and payments.
- The influence of AI and automation, including chatbots and facial recognition, on concert experiences.
- Primary concerns regarding the integration of technology in concerts.
- Perspectives on the future of concerts with advancements in technology.
- Features that could enhance concert experiences, based on attendee preferences.
- Reception of a "virtual backstage pass" concept enabled through VR.
- Emerging technologies perceived as potential solutions to major concert-related challenges.
- The role and importance of wearable technology (e.g., smart bands, AR glasses) in improving concert experiences.

- Willingness to attend a fully virtual concert in the metaverse.
- The effect of mobile payment system integration on concert-going behaviour.
- The significance of on-demand concert content, including recordings and replays.
- Attitudes toward biometric verification methods (e.g., fingerprint or facial recognition) for concert entry.
- Perceptions of using virtual reality to recreate historic concerts.
- Likelihood of engaging with interactive, technology-driven concert features.

These findings offer valuable insights into the evolving relationship between concerts and technological advancements, shedding light on audience expectations and potential areas for innovation in the live music experience.

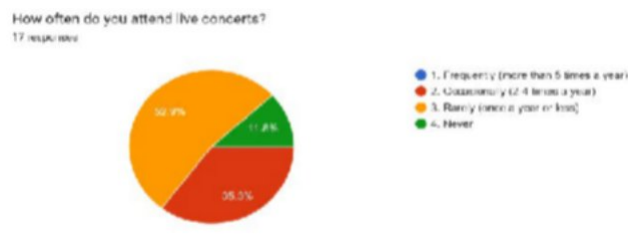
4.1 Frequency of concert attendance and preferred types of concerts.

Chart 1 shows the majority of respondents (52.9%) rarely attend concerts. A significant portion (35.3%) attends occasionally (2-4 times a year). Only 11.8% of respondents attend concerts frequently (more than 5 times a year). No one selected "Never", meaning all respondents have attended concerts at least once.

Chart 1: How often people attend live concerts

4.2 Types of Concerts

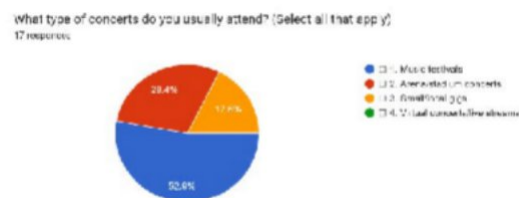
Chart 2 presents a study on highlighting the types of Music festivals and the most popular choices, virtual concerts/live streams interest. Although virtual concerts/live streams are less common, their presence suggests a growing interest in digital concert experiences.



Attended

concert attendance, concerts people prefer. arena/stadium concerts are while small/local gigs and also hold significant

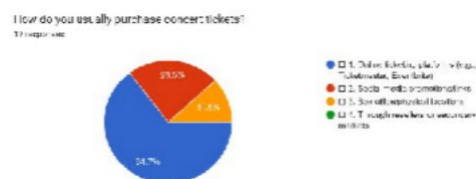
Chart 2: People attending type of live concerts



4.3 Ticket Purchasing Methods

Chart 3 show which ticket purchasing method is more preferred. Online ticketing platforms (e.g., Ticketmaster, Eventbrite) are the most common method (64.7%). Box office/physical locations and social media promotions/links are less popular. Resellers or secondary markets are used by a small percentage.

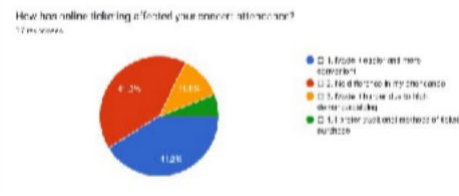
Chart 3: ticket purchasing methods



4.4 Impact of Online Ticketing

Chart 4 shows the impact of online ticketing in live concerts. 41.2% find online ticketing easier and more convenient. Another 41.2% feel it has no difference on their attendance. A smaller percentage (11.6%) find it harder due to high demand/scalping.

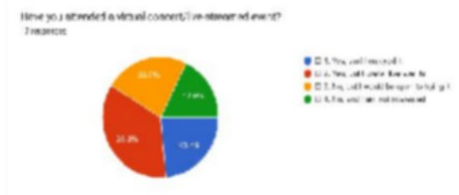
Chart 4: impact of online ticketing



5.5 Virtual Concerts/Live-Streamed Events

Chart 5 shows the people interest in in virtual concerts, 41.2% have attended virtual concerts, indicating a significant interest in digital concert formats. The remaining participants either haven't attended or prefer traditional concerts.

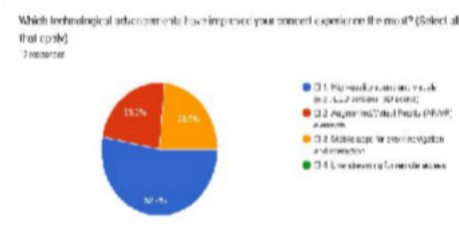
Chart 5: preferred live events



4.6 Technological Advancements Improving Concert Experience

Chart 6 shows the technological advancements in improving events. High-quality sound and visuals (e.g., LED screens, 3D sound) are the most valued (52.9%). Augmented/Virtual Reality (AR/VR) and mobile apps for event navigation are also appreciated but less so. Live streaming for remote access is the least impactful.

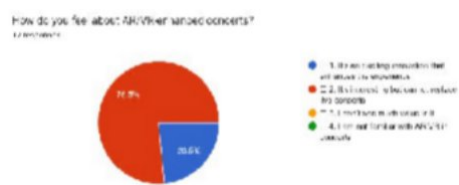
Chart 6: Technological Advancements Improving Concert Experience



4.7 AR/VR-Enhanced Concerts

Chart 7 represents the AR/VR usage in concerts, 78.5% find AR/VR-enhanced concerts exciting and innovative, but 23.6% believe they cannot replace live concerts. A small percentage (23.6%) see little value in AR/VR, and some are not familiar with the technology.

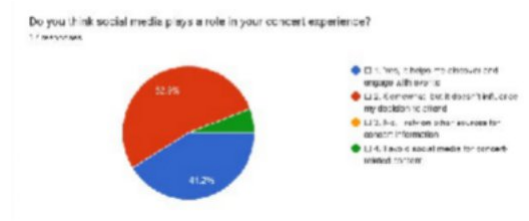
Chart 7: usage of AR/VR in live concerts



4.8 Role of Social Media in Concert Experience

Chart 8 depicts the role of social media in concert, 41.2% believe social media helps them discover and engage with events .35.3% feel it doesn't influence their decision to attend. A small percentage (11.8%) avoid social media for concert-related content.

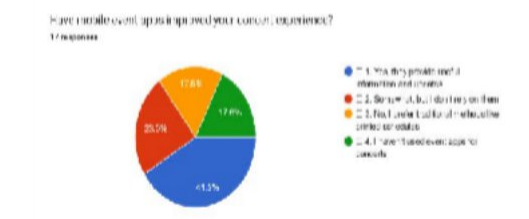
Chart 8: Role of Social Media in Concert Experience



4.9 Mobile Event Apps

Chart 9 shows how mobile app helps in events, 41.2% find mobile event apps useful for information and updates. 17.6% feel they are somewhat useful, while 17.8% prefer traditional methods like printed schedules. 23.5% haven't used event apps for concerts.

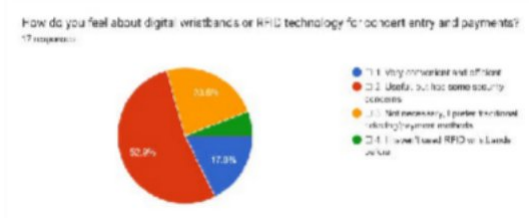
Chart 9: Mobile Event Apps



4.10 Digital Wristbands/RFID Technology

Chart 10 shows how digital wristbands impact the event 17.6% find digital wristbands very convenient and efficient. 52.9% have security concerns, while 23.5% prefer traditional ticketing/payment methods. A small percentage (5.9%) haven't used RFID wristbands before.

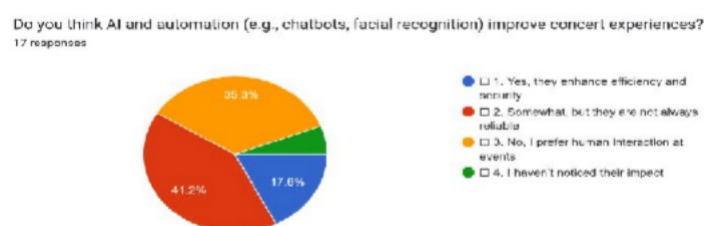
Chart 10: Digital Wristbands/RFID Technology



4.11 AI and Automation in Concerts

Chart 11 shows how AI improve concert experiences, 41.2% believe AI and automation enhance efficiency and security. 35.3% feel they are somewhat useful but not always reliable. 17.6% prefer human interaction over automation.

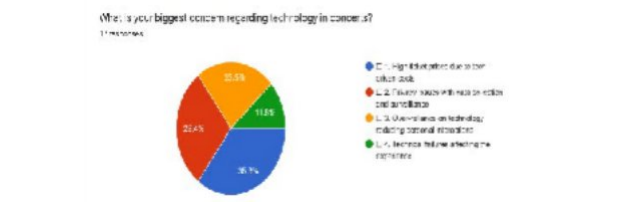
Chart 11: AI and Automation in Concerts



4.12 Concerns About Technology in Concerts

Charts12 shows the concern about technology in concerts, 35.3% are concerned about privacy issues with data collection and surveillance. 29.4% worry about high ticket prices due to technology implementation costs. 23.5% are concerned about technical failures affecting the experience.

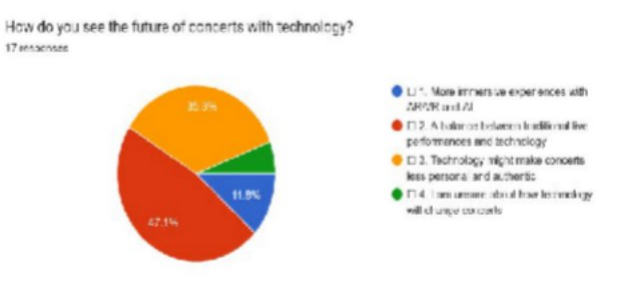
Chart 12: Concerns About Technology in Concerts



4.13 Future of Concerts with Technology

Chart 13 shows the future of technology in events 47.1% believe the future will bring more immersive experiences with AR/VR and AI. 35.3% prefer a balance between traditional live performances and technology. 11.8% think technology might make concerts less personal and authentic.

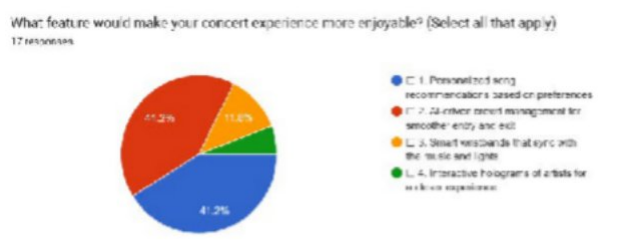
Chart 13: Future of Concerts with Technology



4.14 Features to Enhance Concert Experience

Chart 14 shows the feature audience interested in adding to concerts, 41.2% are interested in personalized song recommendations and AI-driven crowd management. Smart wristbands and interactive holograms are also popular, but less so.

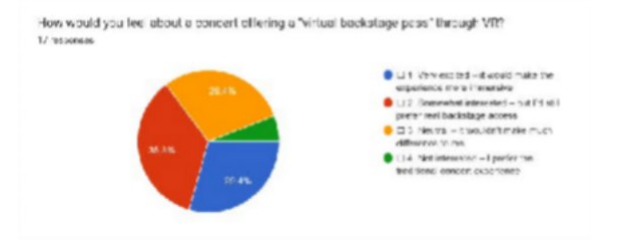
Chart 14: Features to Enhance Concert Experience



4.15 Virtual Backstage Pass via VR

Chart 15 shows concern about virtual backstage pass 35.3% are very excited about the idea, while 29.4% are somewhat interested. 23.5% are neutral, and 11.8% are not interested.

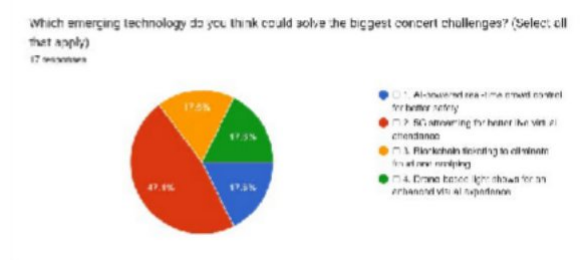
Chart 15: Virtual Backstage Pass via VR



5.16 Emerging Technologies to Solve Concert Challenges

Chart 16 shows the Emerging Technologies to Solve Concert Challenges, 47.1% believe AI-powered real-time crowd control could solve safety issues. Blockchain ticketing and 5G streaming are also seen as potential solutions. Drone-based light shows are the least favoured.

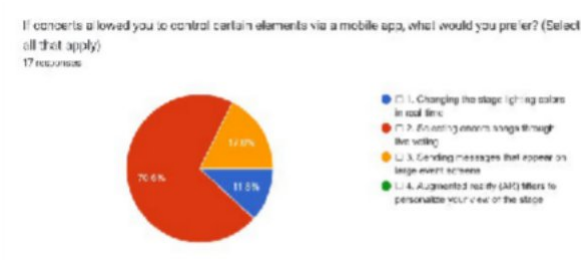
Chart 16: Emerging Technologies to Solve Concert Challenges



5.17. Controlling Concert Elements via Mobile App

70.8% are interested in changing stage lighting colours in real-time. Selecting encore songs through live voting and AR filters are also popular.

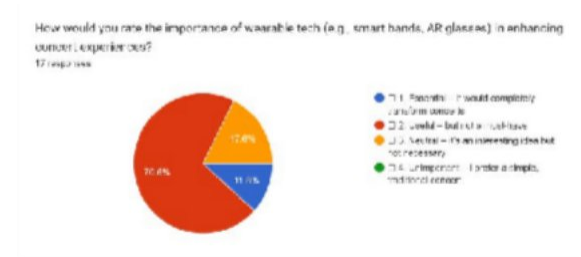
Chart 17: Controlling Concert Elements via Mobile App



5.18 Wearable Tech in Concerts

Chart 18 show importance of wearable in concerts, 47.1% believe wearable tech is useful but not a must-have. 35.3% think it's essential for transforming concerts. 17.6% are neutral, and a small percentage find it unimportant

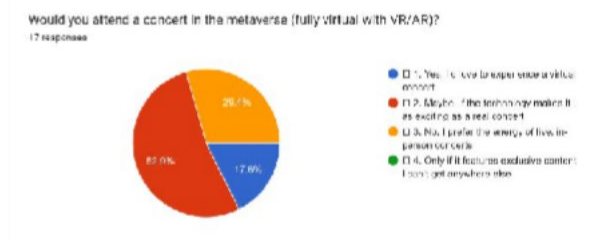
Chart 18: Wearable Tech in Concerts



5.19 Concerts in the Metaverse

Chart 19 shows the interest of people in metaverse concerts, 1.2% would love to experience a virtual concert in the metaverse. 35.3% are open to it if the technology is exciting. 23.5% prefer live, in-person concerts.

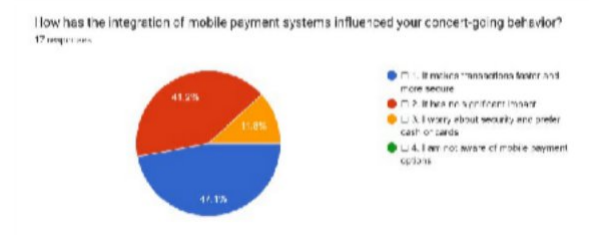
Chart 19: Concerts in the Metaverse



5.20 Mobile Payment Systems

Chart 20 shows the integration of mobile payment systems influence in concert, 47.1% find mobile payments faster and more secure. 41.7% feel they have no significant impact. 11.8% worry about security and prefer cash or cards.

Chart20: the integration of mobile payment



5.21 On-Demand Concert Content

Chart 21 shows the demand of concert content, 41.2% find on-demand content important. 35.3% are neutral, and 23.5% don't see it as a priority.

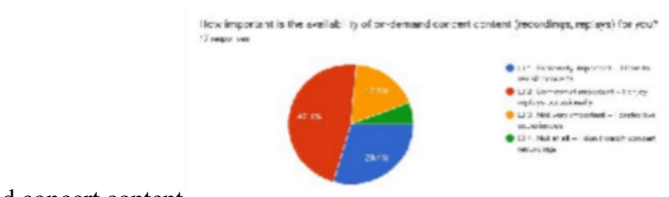
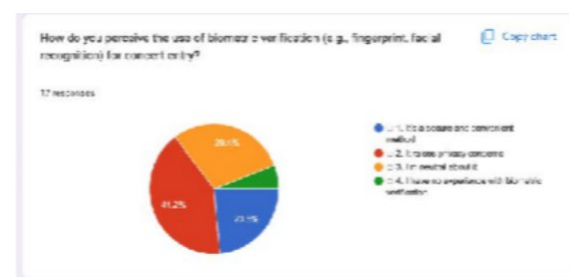


Chart 21: availability of on-demand concert content

5.22 Bio Metric Verification

Chart 22 shows the Bio Metric, 41.2% finds it raises privacy concern. 29.4% are neutral, and 23.5% it is secure and convenient.

Chart 22: Perceive the use of Bio metric Verification



5.23 Virtual Reality

Chart 23 shows the Virtual Reality can recreate history, 58.8% finds it interesting but no feel. 17.6% finds it undermines the authenticity of live performances, and 11.8% finds it fascinating and others finds it not interested

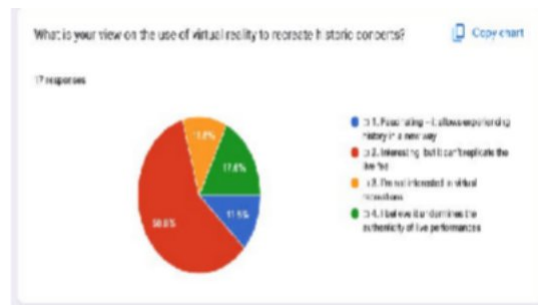
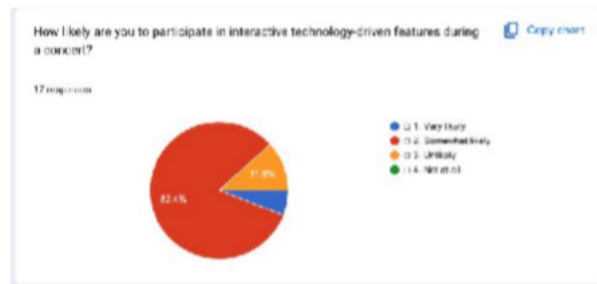


Chart 23: Virtual Reality can recreate history

4.24 Technology Driven features

Chart 24 shows the Interactive technology driven features during a concert, 82.4% finds it somewhat likely. 11.8% finds it unlikely, and rest finds it very likely Chart 24: technology driven concert



6. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The survey shows a clear trend: technology is becoming an important part of concerts, especially for younger audiences. Technologies like augmented reality (AR), virtual reality (VR), and artificial intelligence (AI) are getting more popular. Many young people, particularly those in their teens and early 20s, are excited about these new ways to experience concerts. They feel such technologies make live shows more immersive and engaging. Despite the interest in these innovations, traditional live concerts, such as music festivals and big arena events, remain popular. However, there's a noticeable rise in the popularity of virtual concerts and live-streamed events. With this shift towards digital experiences, there are still concerns about privacy, security, and possibly higher ticket prices when technology is involved. The way people buy tickets is also changing. Online ticketing platforms are becoming preferred due to their convenience compared to traditional methods. The use of mobile apps for event navigation and digital wristbands for entry highlights this move towards technology-enhanced concert experiences. Additionally, people are gradually accepting AI and automation, although some still enjoy the interaction with real people. Looking to the future, many believe that technologies like AR, VR, and AI will be key in shaping the next generation of concerts. The idea is to blend traditional live music with technological advancements, providing a richer and more varied experience. Ultimately, it seems the future of concerts will combine the latest innovations with the timeless human connection of live performances, creating diverse and captivating experiences for everyone.

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