



Assessing Tactical Scheduler Options for Time-Based Surface Metering

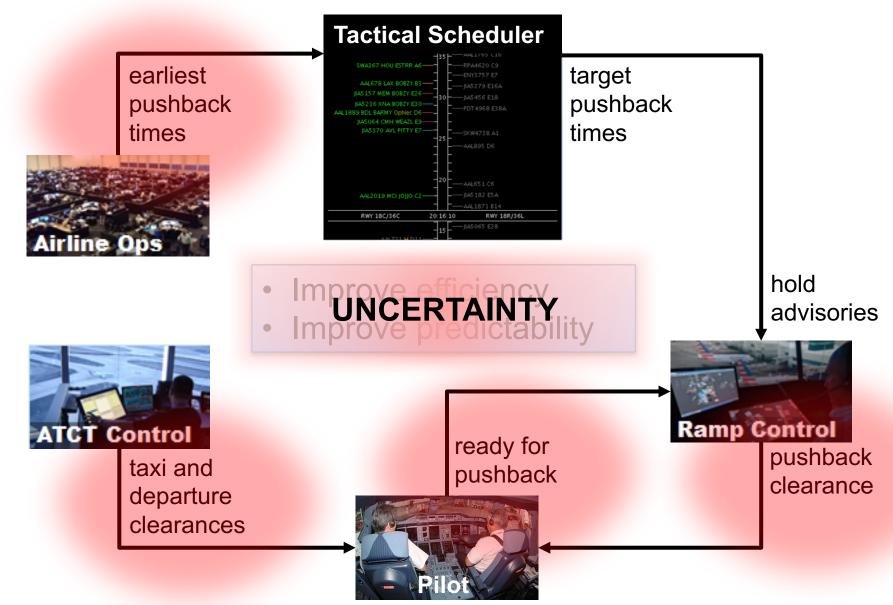
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Time-Based Surface Metering







ATD-2 Parallel Efforts



- Field Demonstration
 - Demonstrate viability of ATD-2 tools in the real operating environment
- Human-In-The-Loop simulation
 - Develop/test human factors interfaces and procedures
- Fast-time simulation
 - Extrapolate field results
 - Refine scheduler for future phases of field demonstration
 - Easily adapt concepts to other airports





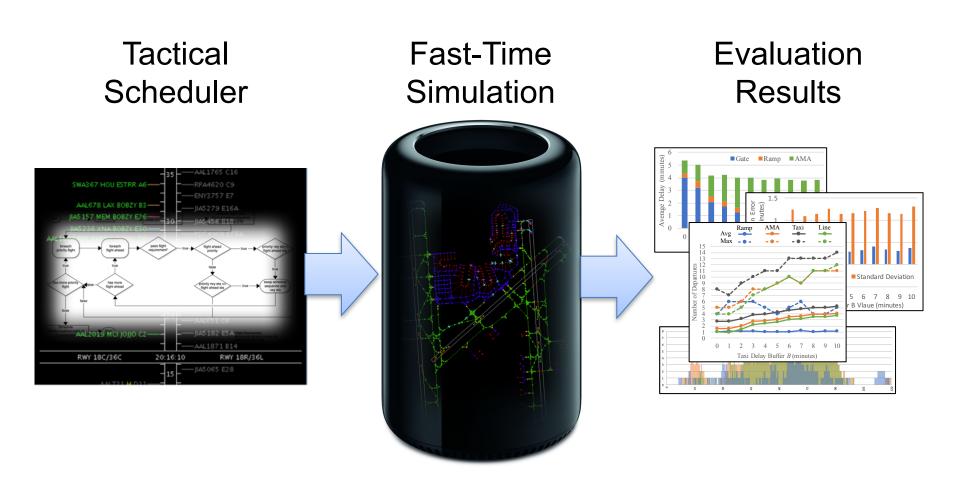


- Benchmark evaluation of the ATD-2 tactical scheduler in fast-time simulation
- Parametric analysis of taxi time delay buffer mitigation of surface congestion uncertainty





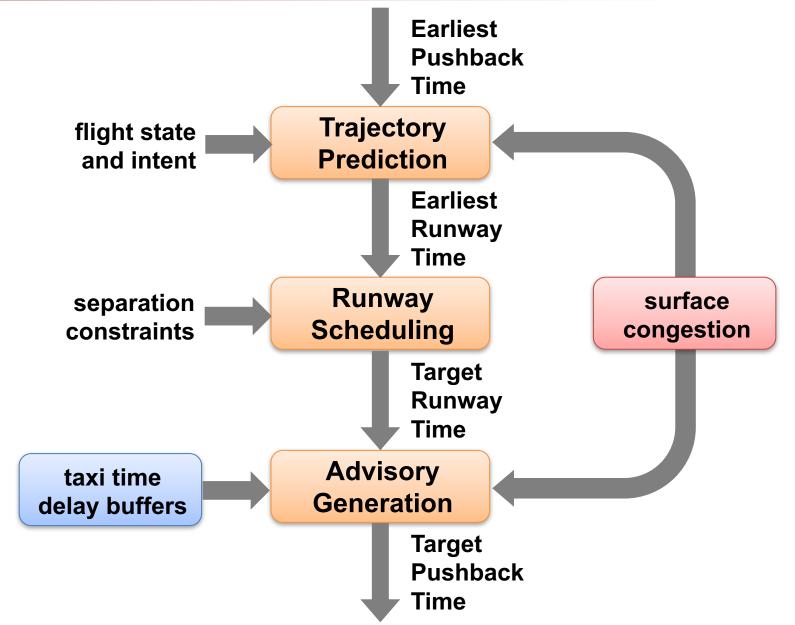






Tactical Scheduler

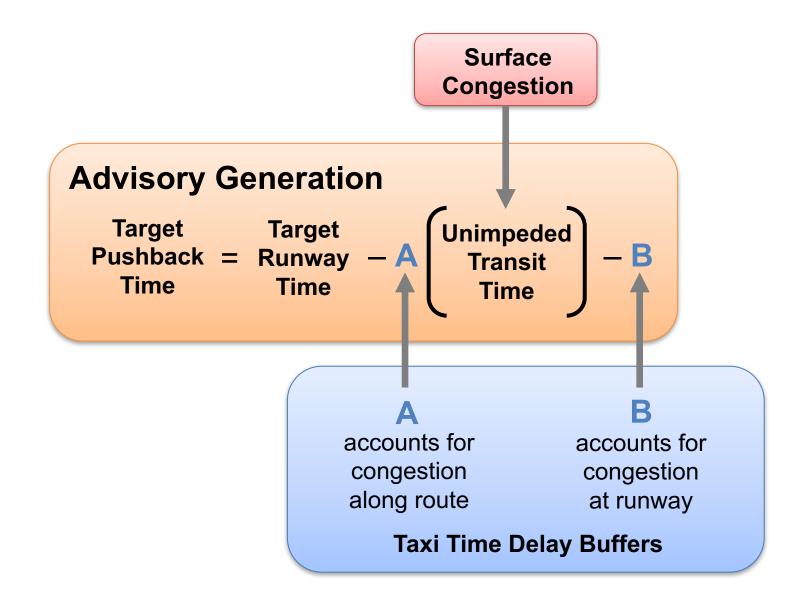






Advisory Generation











Tactical Scheduler

Fast-Time Simulation

Evaluation Results





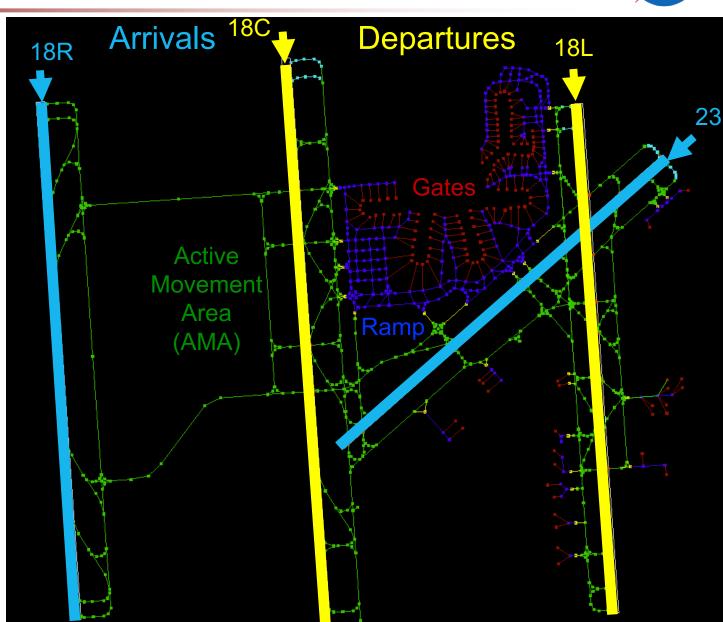
Fast-Time Simulation



Surface
Operations
Scheduler &
Simulator
(SOSS)

Charlotte
Douglas
International
(CLT)

South flow configuration

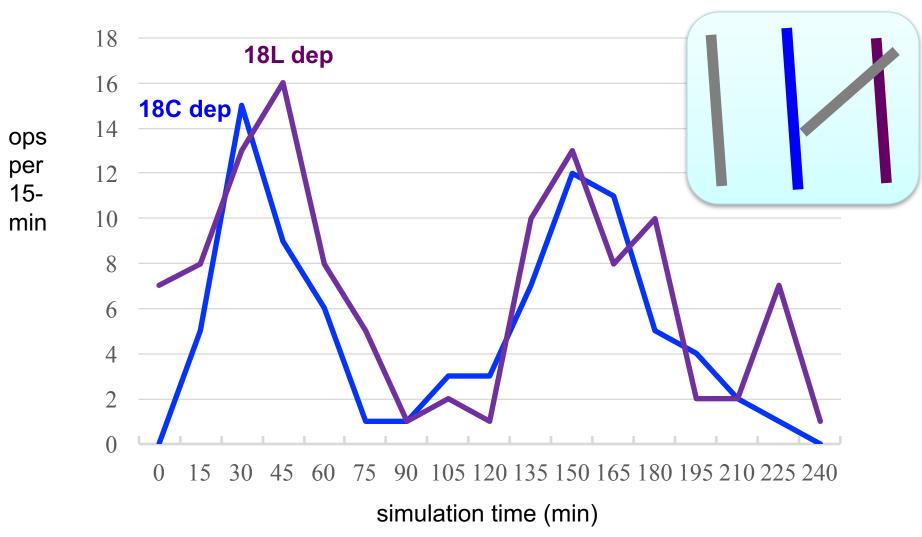








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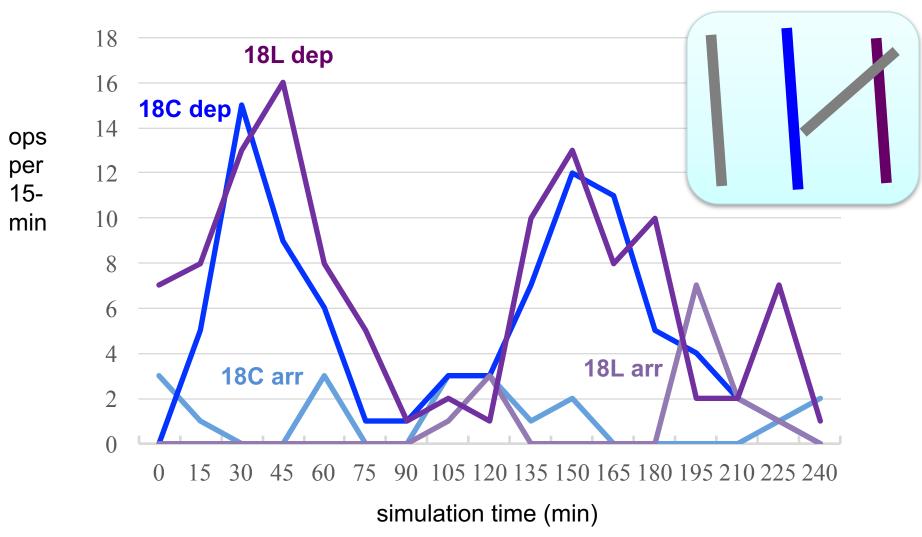








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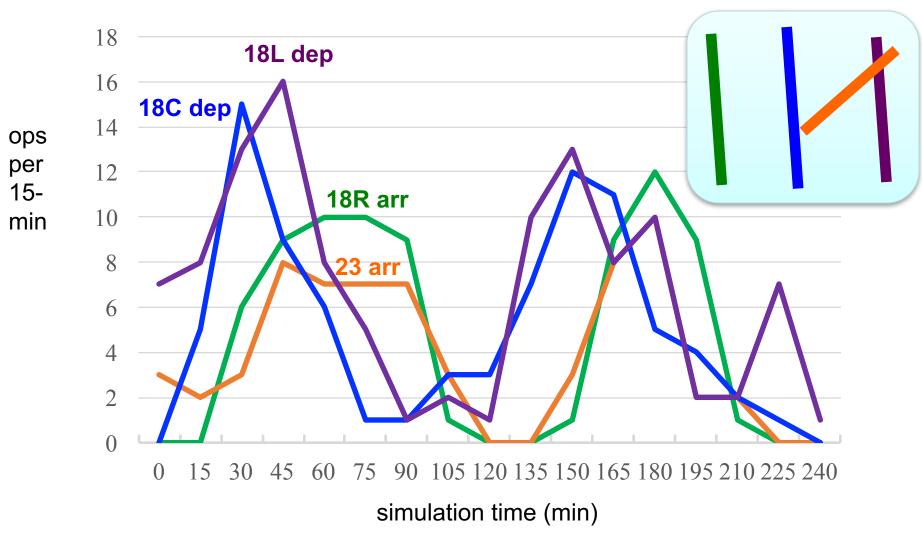








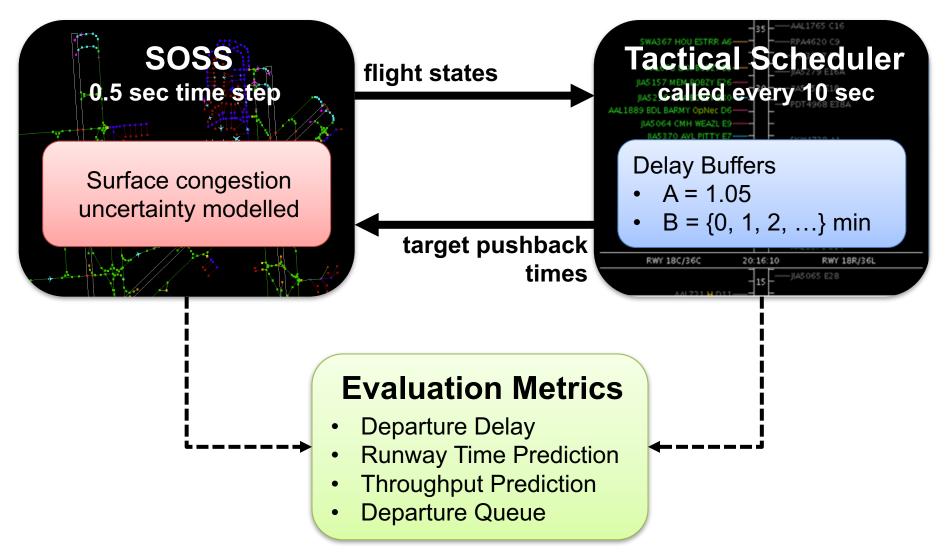
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Simulation Parameters and Variables

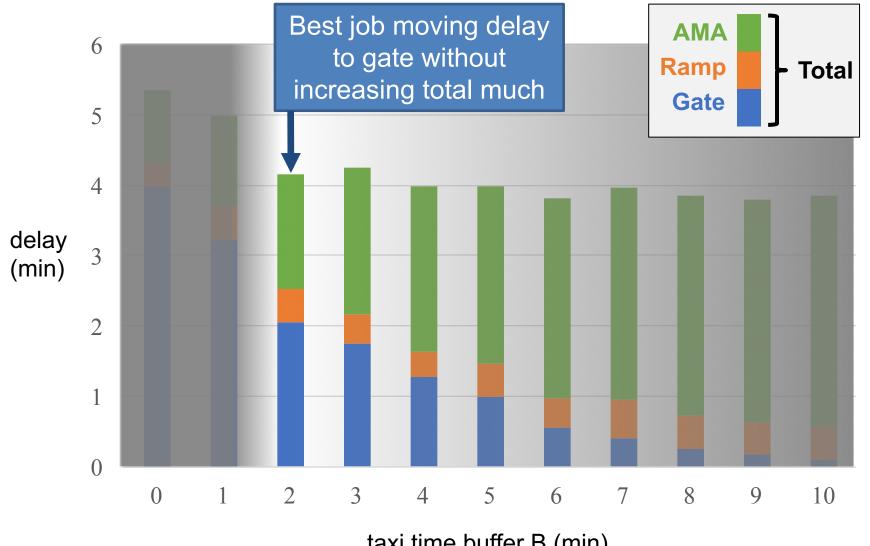






Departure Delay Results





taxi time buffer B (min)

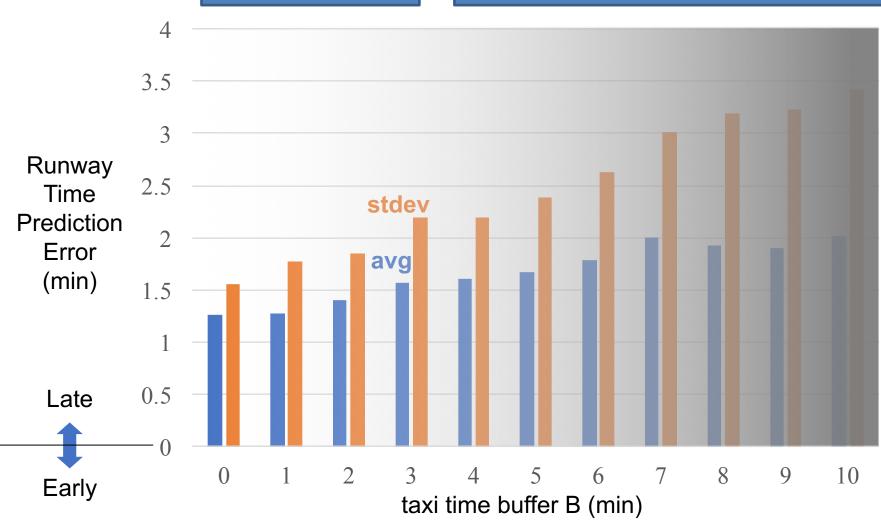


Runway Time Prediction Results





Predictability (stdev) worsens quickly as taxi time buffer is increased

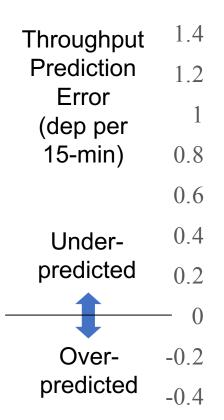


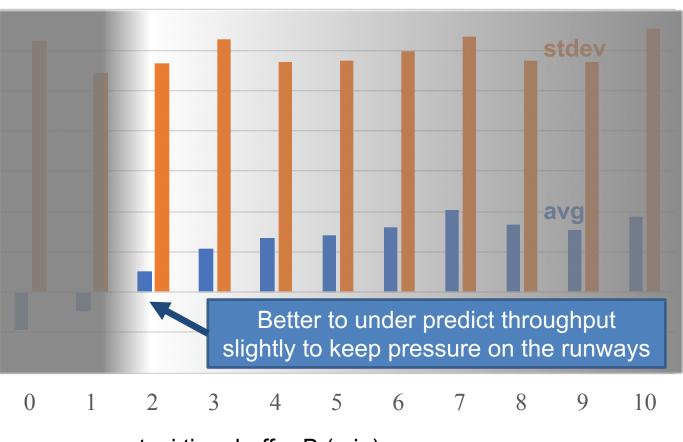


Throughput Prediction Results



Predictability (stdev) independent of buffer







Departure Queue



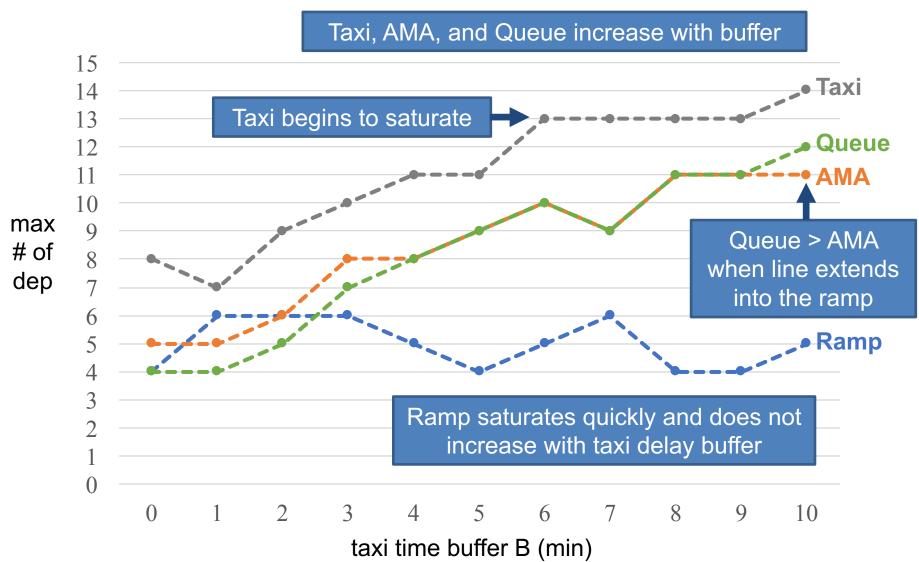
Departure queues	Number of departures:
Ramp	In ramp
AMA	In Active Movement Area (AMA)
Taxi = Ramp + AMA	In ramp and AMA
Queue	in line from runway within 200m of each other



Departure Queue Results



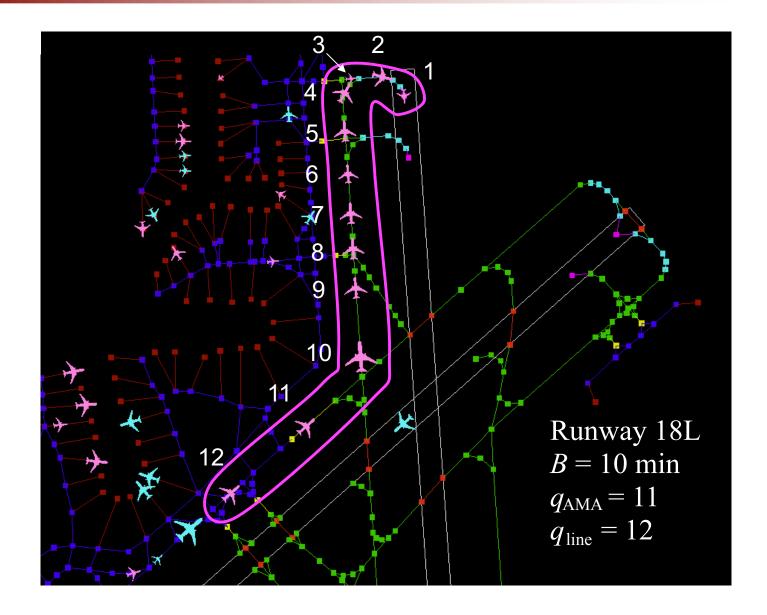
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Maximum Queue Length Example



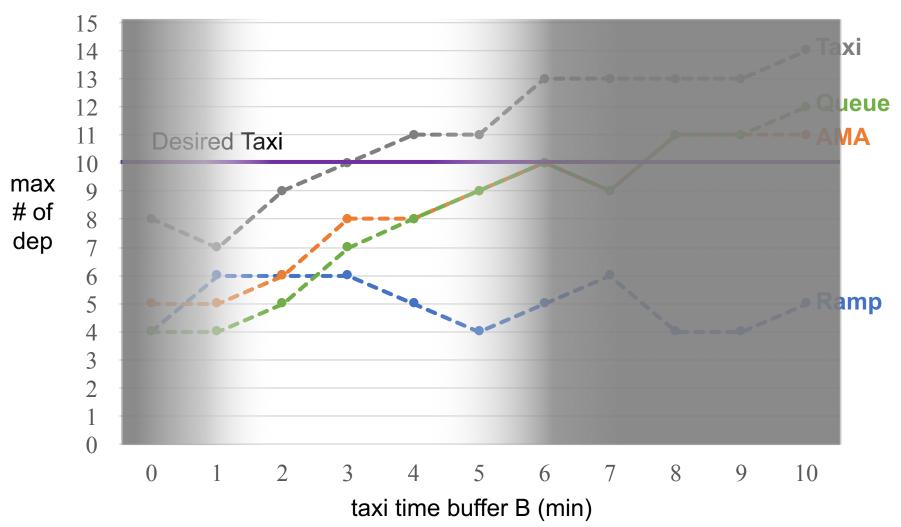




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Summary and Conclusion



Departure Delay	Move as much delay to gate without increasing total										
Runway Time Prediction	Keep buffers small for better predictability										
Throughput Prediction	Under-predict slightly to maintain pressure on runways										
Departure Queue	Avoid saturating the Taxi and AMA queues										
Buffer B	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Recommend buffers between 2 and 5 minutes for future simulations											



Future Work



- Add other uncertainties
- Add traffic management initiatives
- Add airline priority



Questions



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