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## Assessing Tactical Scheduler Options for Time-Based Surface Metering

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## **Time-Based Surface Metering**









- 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



# Fast-Time Simulation

# Evaluation Results





## **Tactical Scheduler**





















## Evaluation Results











Surface Operations Scheduler & Simulator (SOSS)

Charlotte Douglas International (CLT)

South flow configuration







4 hours from 3/11/2016, high demand, low weather impact







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taxi time buffer B (min)











#### Predictability (stdev) independent of buffer



taxi time buffer B (min)





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





#### Maximum queue lengths for 18L (0-120 min)

Taxi, AMA, and Queue increase with buffer





## **Maximum Queue Length Example**









### Maximum queue lengths for 18L (0-120 min)







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													





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





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