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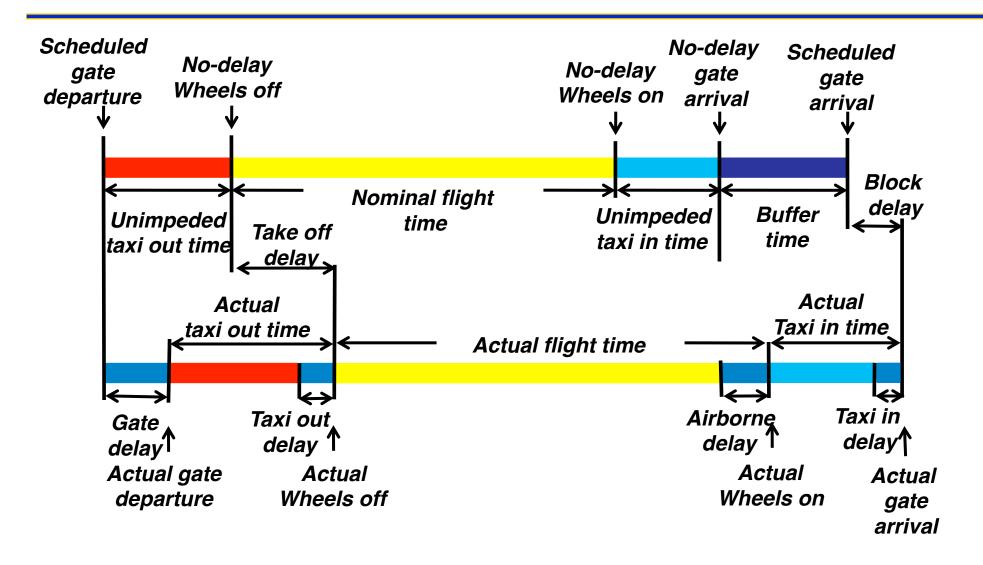
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#### Flight delay metrics

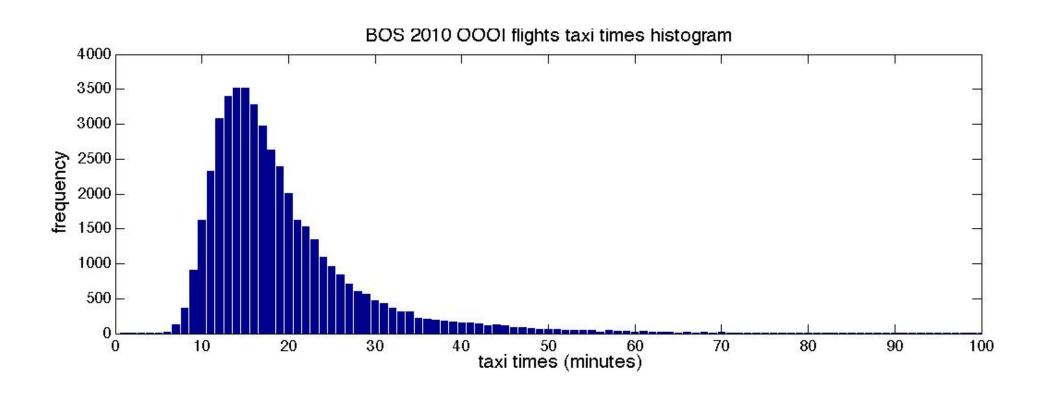
- Airborne: Difference between actual flight time and the planned flight time
- Gate: Difference between actual gate departure and scheduled gate departure
- Unimpeded taxi-out time: Estimated taxi-out time for an aircraft under optimal operating conditions when neither congestion, weather nor other factors delay it during its movement from gate to takeoff
- Taxi-out delay: Difference between actual taxi-out time and unimpeded taxi-out time by airport, carrier and season
- Taxi-in delay: Difference between actual taxi-in time and unimpeded taxi-in time by airport, carrier and season

#### Flight delays



Source: Gerasimos Skaltsas, MIT

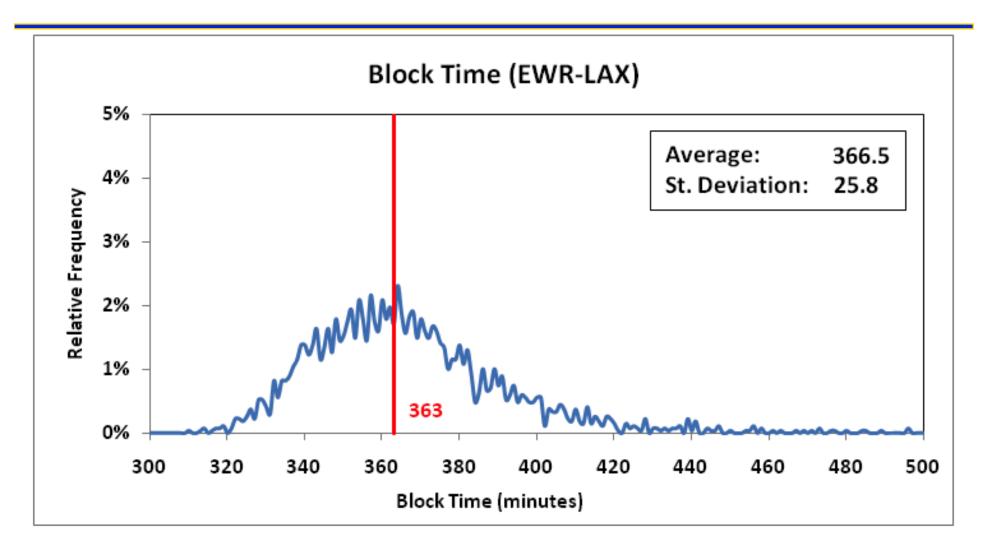
# Boston Logan Intl. Airport taxi-out times (Jan-June 2010)



#### Flight-level performance metrics

- Block time: The difference in the actual gate to gate time computed from the OOOI data and the scheduled gate to gate time
- Arrival delay: The difference in the actual arrival time and the scheduled arrival time
- Airport delay: The difference in the actual wheels-off and the scheduled gate out plus the unimpeded taxi out time

# Variability in actual block times

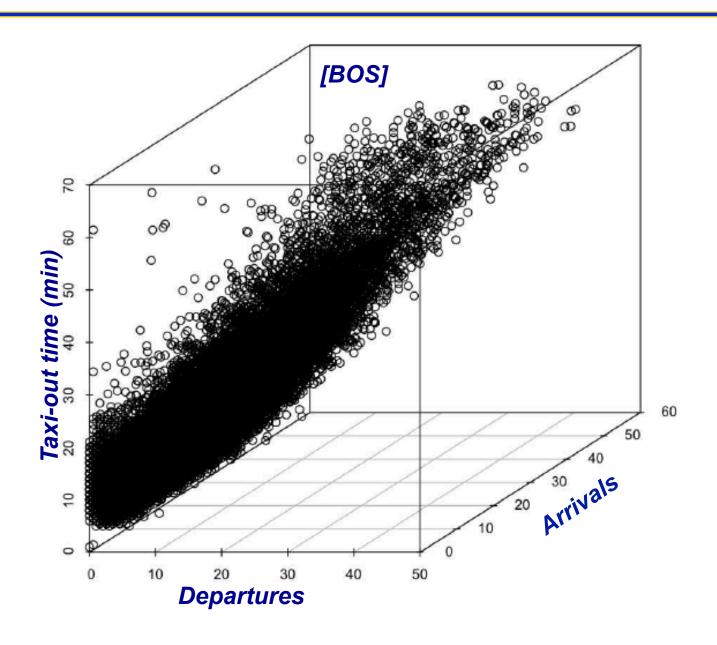


Schedule padding/schedule creep

#### Determination of unimpeded taxi times

- Estimated using lengths of arrival and departure queues
- Regression model in two variables
- Some issues:
  - Model accuracy
  - Highest 25 percent of values excluded from regression to remove influence of extremely high taxi-out times
  - Different configurations are typically not evaluated
  - Flights for which data are available are a subset of actual operations

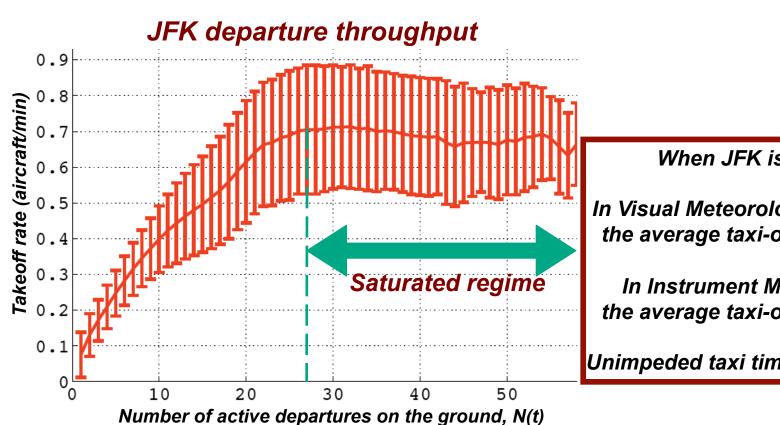
# Taxi-out times as a function of arrivals and departures



#### Airport performance metrics

- Arrival and departure rates: Information on runway configuration, scheduled demand, arrival and departure rates and actual traffic counts per quarter hour
- Weather: Current weather data from NOAA (ceiling, visibility, temperature, wind angle and wind speed)
- Average taxi times
- Airport capacity envelopes
- Departure throughput curves
- Runway separation times

## Airport departure throughput example



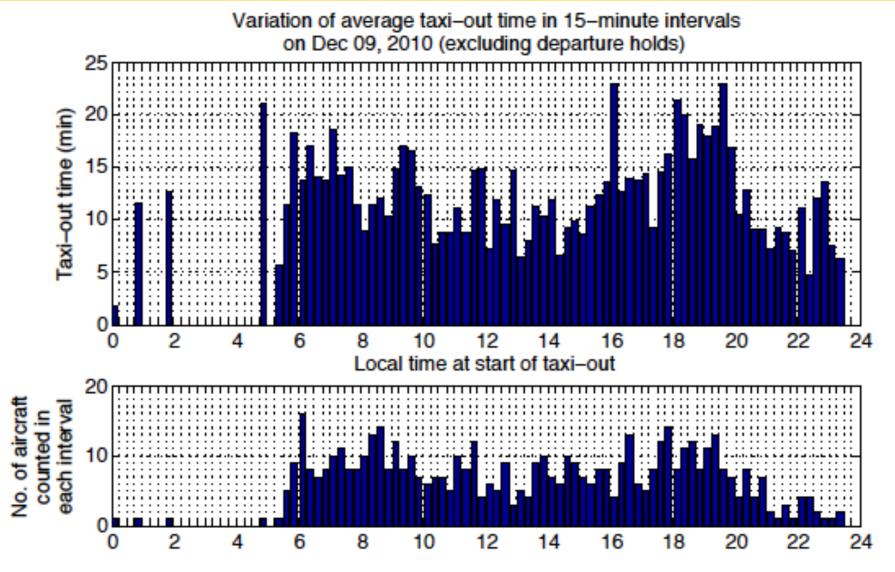
#### When JFK is saturated:

In Visual Meteorological Conditions, the average taxi-out time is 48 min

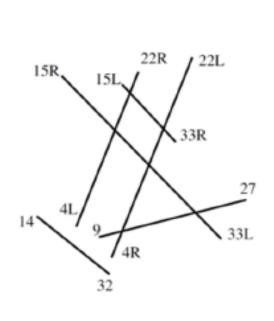
In Instrument Met. Conditions, the average taxi-out time is 62 min

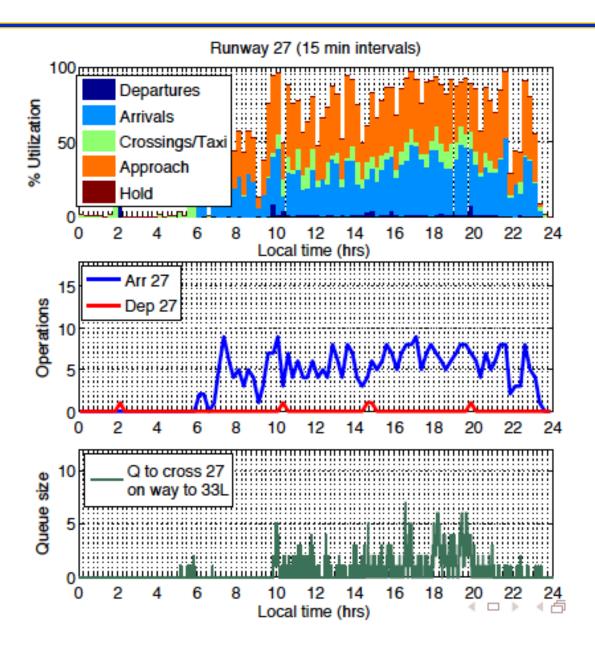
Unimpeded taxi time of JFK: 19.4 min

# Average taxi-out times (from ASDE-X)



# Runway utilization (from ASDE-X)

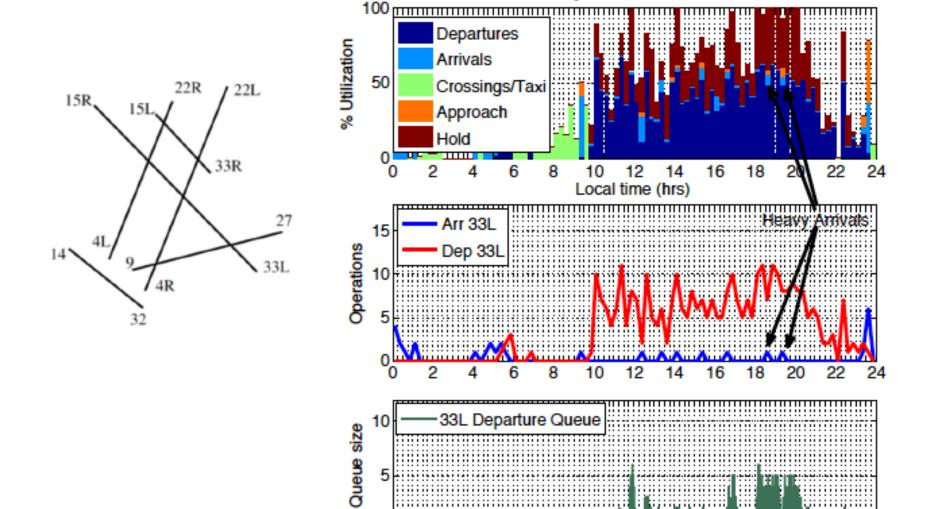




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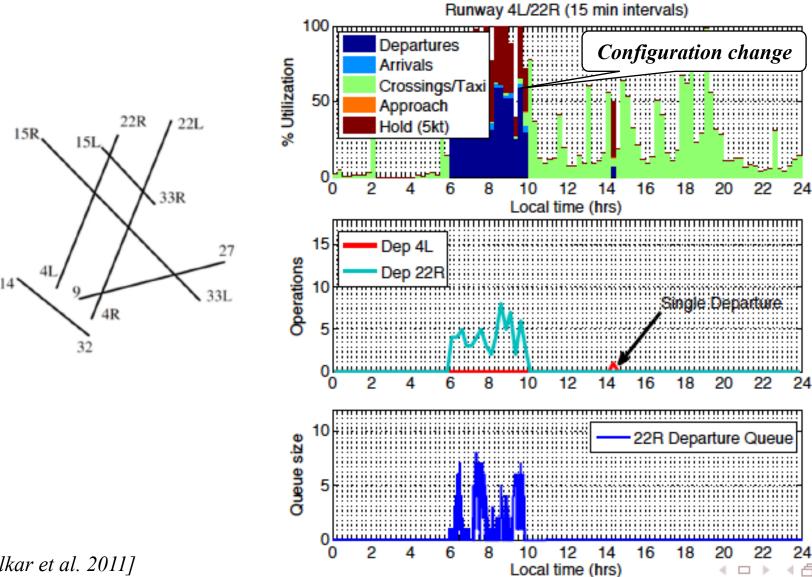
Runway 33L (15 min intervals)

Local time (hrs)



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#### Runway utilization (from ASDE-X)



#### Departure spacing efficiency (from ASDE-X)

- Dashboard with efficiency, demand and departures
- Demand is function of queue size and no. of operations
- Accounts for arrival crossings

Departure spacing efficiency on Dec 09, 2010 - arrivals accounted for

