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# A Case Study of Operational Delay at Japanese Airports



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## Outline

### Instances of Aircraft Operational Delay Study

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  - ATM Performance Assessment
- Study Instances
  - Data Collection
  - Arrival Delays at Japanese Airports Compared
  - ATFM Influence at Block-Out Delay

Background

# Air Traffic Management (ATM)



#### Dynamic & Integrated Management of Air Traffic & Airspace

Air Traffic Services

- Safety
- Efficiency
- Punctuality

Aircraft Operation

# ATM Performance Traffic Demand Growth



#### Accommodate : Performance Improvement

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Further & Continuous Improvements Required

**Still Growing** 

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ATM Performance Assessment

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### ATM Performance Assessment



#### Assessment

• Priority Items for the Improvement can be Identified

• The Effect of Planned Improvement can be Estimated

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### Strategy for the Performance Improvement

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### Perspective of ATM Performance



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ICAO Definition : Key Performance Areas (KPA)

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• Capacity, Efficiency, Predictability and Others

# Data Collection

### Data for the Assessment





#### Performance Reflected

Mechanism for Supporting & Safeguarding

### Data for the Assessment



Performance Reflected Nartially

Aircraft

Operations

Recorded

ATM System Journals

Analysis : Performance Assessed

# Examples of ATM Systems

### Data Items in Distinct ATM System Journals

System	Recorded Data Item
Flight Data Management System	Take-off/Landing Times
Radar Data Processing	Trajectory
System	( in Radar Coverage Areas)
Oceanic Data	Trajectory
Processing System	( in Non-Radar Coverage Areas)
Gate Management & Planning System	Departure/Arrival Times at Gates
Air Traffic Flow	Revised Take-off Times for ATFM
Management System	(EDCT)

# Challenges for Efficient Analysis

### • Data Items

- Correlation for Identical Operations Required
- Substantial Data Volume
  - Due to Traffic Volume Growth & Numbers of Items





Fast Data Retrieval for the Efficient Computation

# Comparison of Arrival Delay

# Subject : Delay

- Closely Related to *Efficiency & Predictability* of KPA
  - Important Index for Operational Performance
  - Arrival Delay
    - Block-In at the Destination Airports
    - Between Schedule & Actual Time

### The Analyzed Data

• 62 Days Worth of Data Gathered

- 2007/2, 6, 8, 10, 12
- 2008/4, 6, 8, 10

Arrival Delays : Computed at 3 Airports

Fukuoka (RJFF)

Haneda (RJTT) : Main Airport

New Chitose

### Arrival Delay Index

Late Arrivals

Actual Block-In Time

Scheduled Block-In Time

The Percentages Computed : Index



> 15 min.

### The Percentages of Late Arrivals

### On the Whole



The Daily Percentages of Late Arrivals



Fluctuation Among the Dates

# Decomposition of Arrival Delay



### Pre-departure Delay



#### **ATM Related Factors :**

- Airport Surface Design
- Runways / Taxi-ways Congestion
- Air Traffic Flow Management (ATFM)

### **Block-time Delay**



**ATM Related Factors :** 

Runways / Taxi-ways / Airspace Congestion

### The Index of the Items

Late Departed



#### Block Delayed



The Percentages Computed : Index

## The Percentages at the Airports



- More Block-Delay at Haneda Airport
- More and Constant Pre-departure Delay

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### The Tendency of the Percentages

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Ratio of Late Dep. & Block Delaye

### The Tendency of the Percentages

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# Analysis on ATFM Influence

### Air Traffic Flow Management

#### Take-Off Time Adjustment

Ease Congestion in Airspace

Influence on Pre-departure Delay Studied

### ATFM Delay Index

### ATFM Delay

Revised Take-Off Time (EDCT)

Planned Take-Off Time (ETD)

Pre-Departure Delay caused by ATFM

The Average Used as the Index

ATFM Delay / # of All the Arrivals

Pre-Departure Delay

Actual Block-Out Time

Scheduled Block-Out Time

#### The Average Computed

### Pre-Departure Delay / # of All the Arrivals

Compared with the Ave. of ATFM Delay

## Analyzed Data : ATFM Delay

Data Recorded in 62 Days

Arrivals at Haneda Amon from

• New Chitose (RJCC)

• Osaka (RJOO)

• Fukuoka (RJFF)

Haneda

New Chitose

RICO

Osaka

Fukuoka (RJF

### The Average on the Whole

(3 Routes Combined)

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ATFM Delay : About 5% for Pre-Departure Delay (Small Percentage)

# Daily Average of ATFM Delay Index

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# Daily Average of ATFM Delay Index

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# Hourly Average of ATFM on 10/27

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# Hourly Average of ATFM on 10/27

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Localized Time-Periods : Significant Effect from ATFM

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### Summary

- ATM Performance Assessment
- Analysis Instance
  - Arrival Delay
    - More Influence from Pre-departure Delay
  - ATFM Impact for Pre-departure Delay
    - Small on the Whole
    - Significant Impacts in Localized Time Periods

### Future Work

Continuous Delay Monitoring Required

• For a Detailed ATM Performance Assessment

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Significant Insights on Future ATM Improvements

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