Enhancing Maritime and Public Safety with AI and Optimization

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- Established in Oct 2014
- Funded by Fujitsu Ltd and National Research Foundation (NRF) under its Corp Lab scheme
- "Adding Capacity without Building Capacity“
  
  To build capabilities and technology to manage urban problems, while constrained by existing resource capacities

- Research Project Clusters:
  
  Project Cluster A: Dynamic Mobility Management
  Project Cluster B: Maritime & Port Traffic Management
  Project Cluster C: Urban Logistics
  Project Cluster D: Public Safety and Security
By 2050, 67% of the world’s population (6 billion people) would live in urban areas\(^1\).

**Advanced infrastructure of the built environment**

Spatia-temporal data offers **multi-scaled perspectives** at the complex behaviors of urban systems.

**Multimodal transportation networks**

Use AI + Optimization on spatiotemporal data to make cities smarter and safer

**Big Data and the City**
From Data to Decisions with AI + Optimization

- Data Analytics
  - Historical and real-time
  - Demand & Supply Analysis

- Prediction
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  - Identifying supply/demand imbalances

- Decision
  - Recommendations / actionable decision support (to match demand with supply)

AI + Optimization

- Autonomous Agents & Multi-Agent Systems
- Behavioral Modeling & Reinforcement Learning
- Game Theory & Mechanism Design
- Heuristic Search & Optimization
- Planning & Scheduling
- Simulation & Decision Support
Enhancing Safety with AI+Optimization

• Maritime Traffic Safety
  • Global trade activities are causing congestion of maritime traffic in ports in major cities where resources are limited
  • With autonomous ships, movement of vessels can be better coordinated to improve safety and efficiency of maritime traffic

• Public Safety
  • Densely populated urban areas puts pressure on law enforcement agency’s manpower resources trying to meet ever-rising demands
  • Law enforcement resources can be better staffed and deployed to maximize resource utilization that guarantees response time
Recent Collision Incidents

- 21 Aug 2017
- 13 Sep 2017
MHA-SMU Merlion Initiative

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Management of Resources using Analytics and Optimization (MERLION)

Singapore Civil Defence Force
Robust resource optimization for emergency response

Police Coast Guards
Principled randomisation of patrols for improved security

Singapore Police Force
Optimization of Ground Response Forces

Singapore Police Force (Counter Terrorism)
Randomization of dedicated police patrols for sensitive locations
Summary and Future Prospects
From Data to Decisions with AI + Optimization

Challenges in:
- Data Analytics
- Prediction
- Decision

Source: NEC