

An aerial photograph of Singapore at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The city's skyline is visible, with numerous skyscrapers illuminated. The Marina Bay Sands hotel is prominent on the left, and the Esplanade - Theatres on the Bay is in the foreground. A road with light trails from traffic runs through the middle of the image.

AI Singapore

Anchoring deep national capabilities in AI

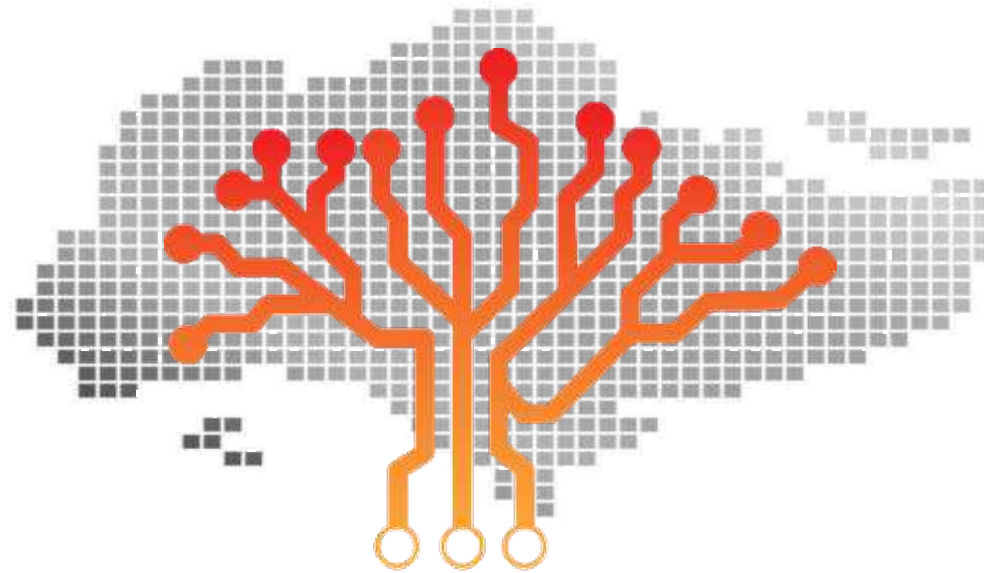
Dr. Stefan Winkler

About AI Singapore (AISG)

To anchor **deep national capabilities** in AI, thereby creating **social and economic impacts**, grow **local talent**, build an **AI ecosystem** and put Singapore on the world map

Programme Coordinating Agencies

NATIONAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE
SINGAPORE



AI SINGAPORE

Funded Universities & Research Institutions



Overview of AI Singapore Activities



AI RESEARCH

Invent next generation **AI techniques/ algorithms**



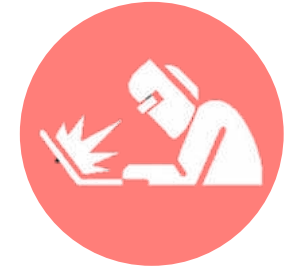
AI TECHNOLOGY

Create significant economic and social impact through **solving national challenges**



AI INNOVATION

Catalysing AI Innovation in the Industry through projects and talents pipeline



AI MAKERSPACE

Platform and suite of **AI bricks, open datasets, training, and consulting services**

AI Research



AI RESEARCH

*Expected outcome:
Maintain position as world
#1 in AI research by FWCI
per capita*

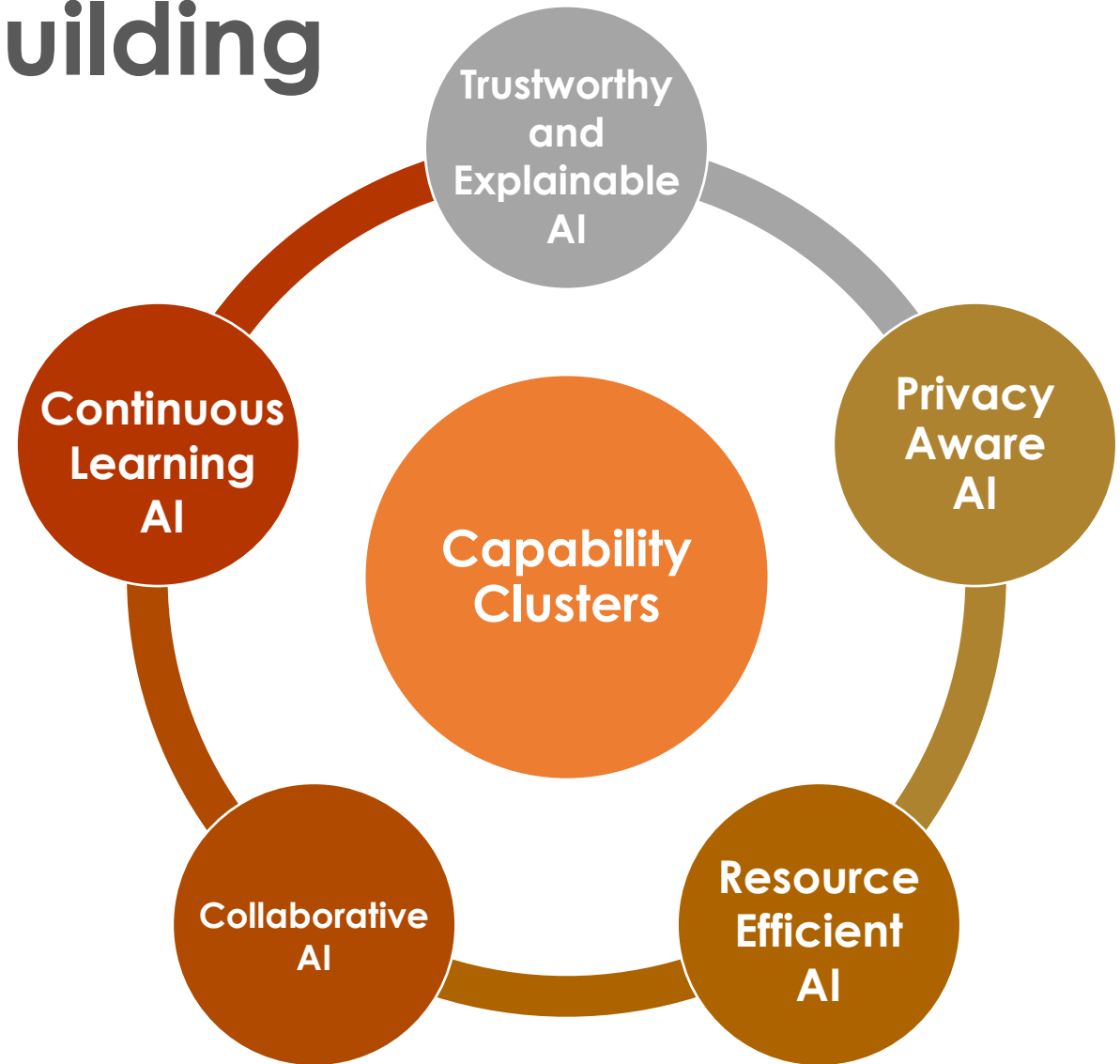
Mission:

Create impact and ensure Singapore stays at the forefront of global **AI thought leadership**

- Support **fundamental research** to tackle important technical challenges
- Nurture local AI talent
(PhD Fellowship Programme)
- Encourage national collaborations

Targeted Capability Building

- Trustworthy and explainable AI
 - Boost AI adoption
 - Build on Singapore's "trust" brand
- Privacy-aware AI
 - Demand from regulators and consumers
 - Learn from sensitive datasets, while preserving privacy of individuals
- Resource-efficient AI
 - Small country – small dataset
 - Learning from small but quality data-sets
- Collaborative AI
 - Strengths in NLP and diversity as a testbed
- Continuous Learning AI
 - Autonomous incremental learning AI towards Artificial General Intelligence



AI Technology



AI TECHNOLOGY

*Expected outcome:
Put Singapore on the AI
world map with high-
signature, high-impact
projects*

Mission:

Create significant economic and social impact through **solving national challenges**

- **Grand Challenges**
- Prize-based Challenges
- Technology Challenges
- Ideation Challenges
- Industry-sponsored PhD programme

What are AI Grand Challenges?

Important issues and problems faced by Singapore and the world, that **can be effectively addressed with AI technologies and innovations**



EDUCATION?



URBAN SOLUTIONS?



FINANCE?

Inspiring – impactful – measurable

Guided by thought leaders, aligned with national priorities,
leading to sectoral transformation

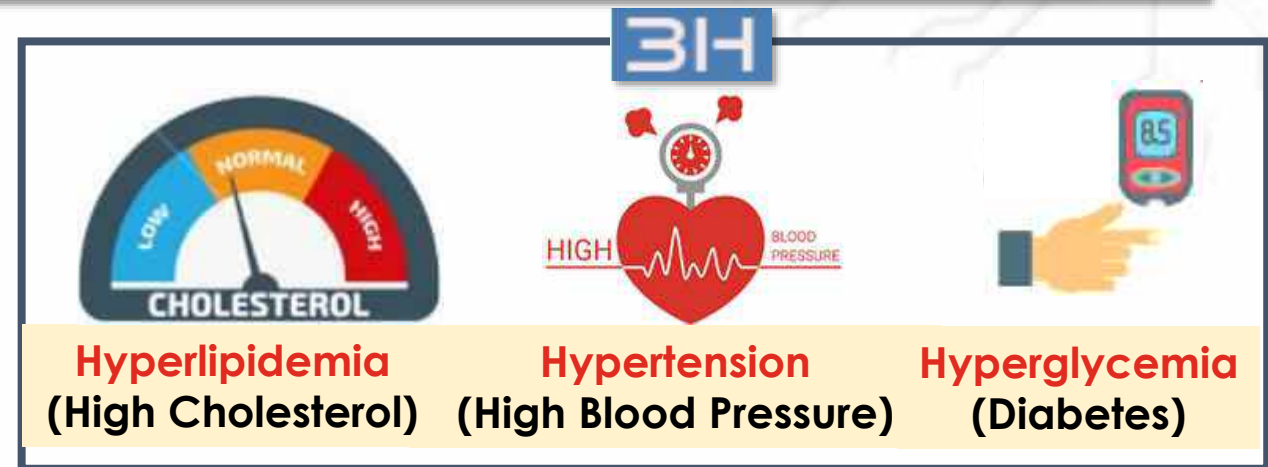
AI in Health Grand Challenge

“How can Artificial Intelligence (AI) help primary care teams stop or slow disease progression and complication development in 3H – patients by 20% in 5 years?”

Aligned with National AI Strategy:
chronic disease prediction and
management

Program Highlights:

- 5 years in 2 stages
- Total budget: S\$35m
- 3 multidisciplinary consortia



- Top 3 chronic diseases
- Top 3 causes of polyclinic attendance
- Top 3 in 18-69 years age group
- Estimated 1.5M residents affected by 2020

AI Innovation



AI Innovation

*Expected outcome:
Propel Singapore's industry
forward through
applications of innovative
AI technology*

Mission:

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- **100Experiments**
- **AIAP**
- **AI4I / AI4E/ AI4S / AI4K**

100 Experiments (100E) + AIAP[®]

“Growing our own timber”

Industry

- Use AI to solve business problem
- Contribute manpower and datasets
- Match 1:1 in kind and cash

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AI Singapore

- Provide AI Researchers
- Assemble engineering team and AI Apprentices
- Support up to \$250k



Minimum Viable Model within 9 - 18 months
2 - 4 x AI Engineers trained





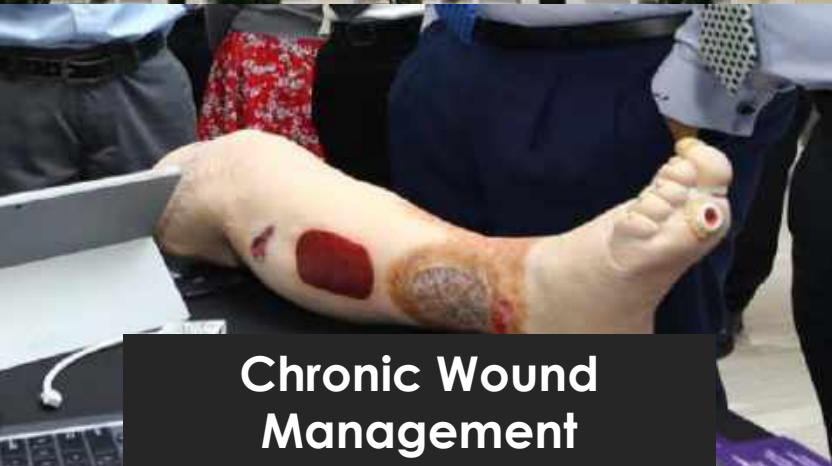
Predictive Lift Maintenance



Credit Scoring



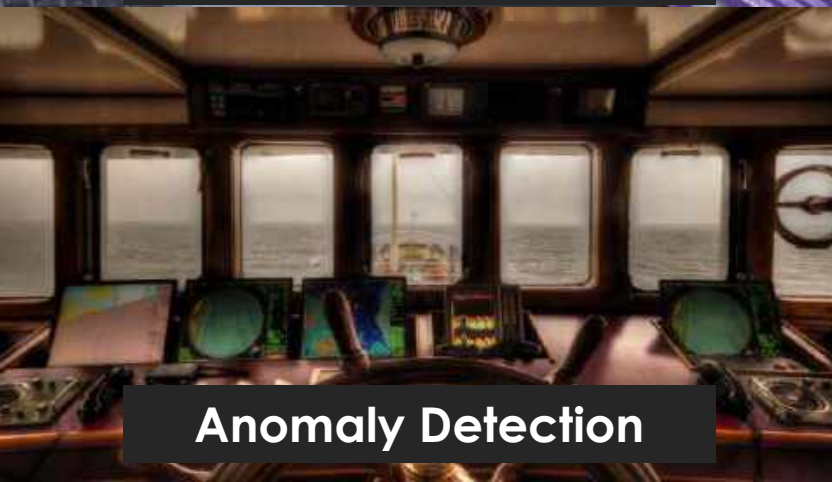
Driver Scoring



Chronic Wound Management



NLP - Code Switching



Anomaly Detection



Equipment Return Prediction



NLP - Japanese



Automatic Assessment of Chronic Wounds in Diabetic and Elderly Patients

KroniKare, a local start-up, is an award-winning AI-driven system that automates the assessment & management of chronic wounds.



"Collaboration with AISG helped us augment our AI capabilities quickly through the 100E and AI Apprenticeship Programmes, while ensuring that we work with qualified, trained talents in AI."

Hossein Nejati, Co-founder & CTO

BACKGROUND

- Current practice of wound assessment takes an average of 30 minutes per wound, and hence is time-consuming
- Quality of information gathered is also subjective (depends on nurse's expertise)
- Only 2% of Singapore's nurse population are qualified wound nurses - not possible to offer adequate care to chronic wound patients with current practices

BUSINESS CHALLENGE

How can KroniKare enable healthcare institutions to better triage patients and allocate resources for wound management in diabetic and elderly patients

AI SOLUTION DEPLOYED

An AI-driven Integrated Wound Scanner System comprising a mobile and web platform was developed. This system, which mimics wound analysis by a human specialist, uses computer vision, image processing and semantic segmentation to capture, analyse and diagnose chronic wound conditions.

OUTCOMES

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|  <p>Wound assessment time reduced between 50%-70% (from 30 min down to 30 sec) - Equivalent to >\$10,000</p> |  <p>Consistent, accurate monitoring of wound progression and improved early detection</p> |  <p>Faster interventions for major wound complications and abnormalities</p> |  <p>Scanner deployed in St Andrew's Community Hospital and Kwong Wai Shiu Hospital</p> |  <p>Completed operational trials at Changi General Hospital with promising results</p> |
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AI Speech Lab

- World's first Code-Switch (mixed-lingual) speech recognition engine using Deep Learning technology
 - Developed in collaboration with Prof. Li Haizhou (NUS) and A/Prof. Chng Eng Siong (NTU)
 - Recognises and transcribes English, Mandarin and Singlish
- Speech engine can be further customised for different domains

Automatic Transcriptions

- Speech-to-text at Call Centres
- Transcribing during interviews
- Medical Consultations

Chatbot And Digital Assistants

Transcribing voice commands in chatbots and smart assistant technology

Our Industry Partners



AI Makerspace



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*Expected outcome:
SMEs and Start-ups AI
Enablement*

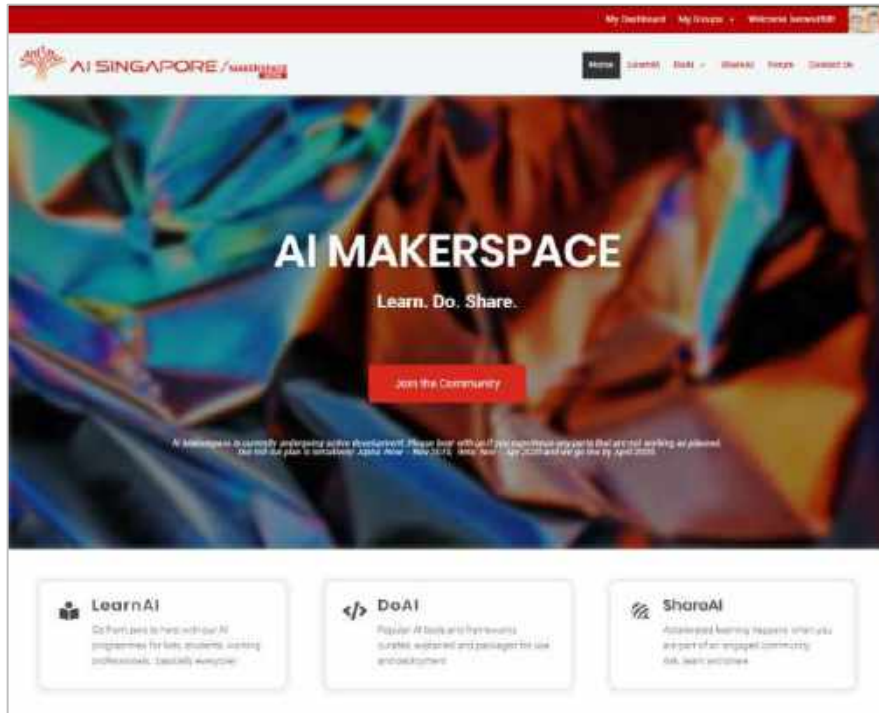
Mission:

Provide a platform and suite of **AI tools, APIs and bricks (pre-built solutions), open datasets, training, consulting and engineering services** to jumpstart your AI journey

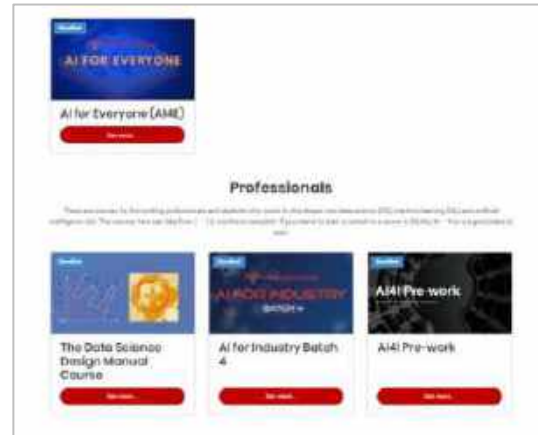
- AI Quick Start Programme
- AI Bricks, Open datasets, Compute resource
- AI Enablement

AI Makerspace

<https://makerspace.aisingapore.org>



LearnAI



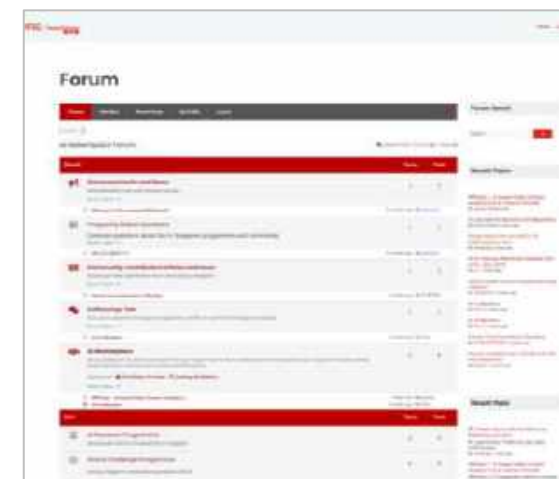
DoAI



ShareAI



Forum



AI “Bricks”

Initial bricks. New ones will be added as programme grows. We target to add 2- 4 bricks per month depending on use case.

RPA

Robotic Process Automation

TagUI helps you rapidly automate your repetitive or time-critical tasks.

- Process automation, data acquisition and testing of web apps
- Replace frequent manual tasks

NLP

Natural Language Processing (Text)

NLP helps you analyse and derive insights from human languages.

- Information extraction
- Summarization
- Question and Answer
- Sentiment analysis

S2T

Speech to text

S2T helps you transcribe code-switching English and Chinese (Singlish).

- Speech recognition for Call Centre and Business meeting room discussions

CV

Computer Vision

CV helps you process, analyse and understand digital images.

- Object detection and identification
- Semantic segmentation

SCH

Transport logistics scheduling

Scheduling (SCH) helps you better plan your logistic delivery operations.

- Transport route planning and scheduling

Building the AI Talent Pipeline

Announced Oct 2017

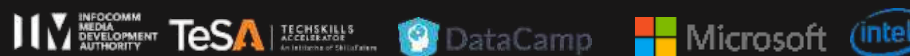
Target 200
1st batch 13
2nd batch 26
3rd batch 18
4th batch 18
5th batch 24
6th batch 38

AI Apprenticeship Programme (AIAP)



IHL's CET AI/Data Science Programmes

Announced 30 Aug 2018
Target 2,000
~4300



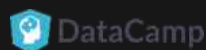
AI for Industry (AI4I)

Announced 30 Aug 2018
Target 10,000
~9200



AI for Everyone (AI4E)

Announced 7 Nov 2018
~17600



AI for Students (AI4S)

Bootcamps Feb, Jun, Dec 19
~240, 22 schools onboard



AI for Kids (AI4K)

Primary

Secondary

Tertiary

Professionals



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