

PRESIDENT'S TECHNOLOGY AWARD 2019

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computationally before actual implementation and hence reduces the risks inherent in physical testing of the plans. It also provides quantitative and scientific assessments that enable planners to optimise for one environmental factor over another, supporting better decision-making.

The IEM, which is computationally scalable, has also pushed the technological boundaries in high performance supercomputing. It has created the first-ever 3D air-flow simulation at a 10-metre horizontal resolution that depicts all the buildings in Singapore. The simulation was completed over five days with 6,000 processors at the National Supercomputing Centre (NSCC) Singapore.

The IEM was one of the smart planning tools that was applied in the planning of Tengah. Planners, architects and engineers were able to analyse key wind channels, and the solar heat gain by different urban features such as concrete, vegetation, and water bodies within Tengah. This helped them to design open spaces, as well as optimise the building layouts and orientation to enhance the intensity of wind flow and promote natural ventilation within the town. HDB will continue to leverage such new generation of public housing, located in green, sustainable and smart towns.

For their development of the Integrated Environmental Modeller, an advanced modelling tool that is capable of integrating combined wind-solar-noise environmental factors, their interrelationships, and their total impact on an urban setting, Dr Poh and team are