

# Yen-Yu Chang

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## Research Interests

### Machine Learning

Deep learning, reinforcement learning, multi-agent system, and time series forecasting

### Spoken Language Processing

Natural language and speech processing, speech enhancement, and reinforcement learning with natural language guidance

## Education

### National Taiwan University (NTU)

Sep. 2014 - Jun. 2018

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENGINEERING

Taipei, Taiwan

- Major: Electrical Engineering
- Cumulative GPA: 4.02/4.30, Major GPA: 4.04/4.30, CS-Related GPA: 4.13/4.30

## Publications

### ANS: Adaptive Network Scaling for Deep Rectifier Reinforcement Learning Models | [Link](#)

Sep. 2019

Yueh-Hua Wu, Fan-Yun Sun, Yen-Yu Chang, and Shou-De Lin

SUBMITTED TO 2019 THE EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON MACHINE LEARNING AND PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE OF KNOWLEDGE  
DISCOVERY IN DATABASES (ECMLPKDD2019)

Würzburg, Germany

- Provided a thorough study on how reward scaling can affect performance of deep reinforcement learning agents.
- Proposed an Adaptive Network Scaling framework to find a suitable scale of the rewards during learning for better performance.

### A Memory-Network Based for Multivariate Time-Series Forecasting | [Link](#)

Aug. 2019

Yen-Yu Chang, Fan-Yun Sun, Yueh-Hua Wu, and Shou-De Lin

SUBMITTED TO 2019 INTERNATIONAL JOINT CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (IJCAI-19)

Macao, China

- Proposed a memory time-series network (MTNet) to address the multivariate time series forecasting.
- Visualized and analyzed the attention mechanism of the long-term time series data.
- Outperform state-of-the-art models in both univariate and multivariate time series forecasting.

### Noise-to-Noise Speech Enhancement: Speech Denoising without Clean Speech | [Link](#)

May. 2019

Yen-Yu Chang, Jing-Cheng Chang, and Hung-Yi Lee

SUBMITTED TO 2019 IEEE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ACOUSTICS, SPEECH, AND SIGNAL PROCESSING (ICASSP 2019)

Brighton, UK

- Proposed a Noise-to-Noise method in speech denoising without clean speech data.
- The results is comparable to the typical supervised based speech denoising methods.
- To our best knowledge, this is the first paper investigating Noise-to-Noise speech enhancement.

### A Regulation Enforcement Solution for Multi-agent Reinforcement Learning

May. 2019

Fan-Yun Sun, Yen-Yu Chang, Yueh-Hua Wu, and Shou-De Lin

SUBMITTED TO 2019 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON AUTONOMOUS AGENTS AND MULTIAGENT SYSTEMS (AAMAS-19)

Montreal, Canada

- Proposed the task of Regulation Enforcement and provided its connection to a well known problem (social dilemma).
- Designed a mechanism that discourages the agents from not obeying the global regulation given a decentralized environment.

### Designing Non-greedy Reinforcement Learning Agents with Diminishing Reward Shaping | [Link](#)

Feb. 2018

Fan-Yun Sun, Yen-Yu Chang, Yueh-Hua Wu, and Shou-De Lin

PUBLISHED IN 2018 AAAI/ACM CONFERENCE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, ETHICS, AND SOCIETY (AIES-18)

New Orleans, USA

- Proposed a diminishing reward shaping to avoid greedy behaviors of agents.

### Heterogeneous Star Celebrity Games | [Link](#)

Yen-Yu Chang, Chin-Chia Hsu, and Ho-Lin Chen

PREPRINT

- Proved the Price of Anarchy (i.e., PoA) is upper bounded by  $O(\frac{n}{\beta})$  for all Heterogeneous Star Celebrity Games.

## Research Experiences

### Undergraduate Researcher, instructed by Prof. Hung-Yi Lee & Prof. Lin-Shan Lee

Feb. 2017 - Jun. 2018

SPEECH PROCESSING AND MACHINE LEARNING LABORATORY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, NTU

Taipei, Taiwan

- Researched on speech signal processing, with focus on speech enhancement and submitted the paper “Noise-to-Noise Speech Enhancement: Speech Denoising without Clean Speech” to ICASSP-2019.
- Researched on natural language processing, with focus on question answering.
- Researched on reinforcement learning with demonstrations and natural language guidance.

## Undergraduate Researcher, instructed by Prof. Shou-de Lin

Jul. 2016 - Jun. 2018

MACHINE DISCOVERY AND SOCIAL NETWORK MINING LABORATORY, DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND INFORMATION

Taipei, Taiwan

ENGINEERING, NTU

- Researched on reinforcement learning and multi-agent system, with focus on collaborative and ethics behaviors and published the paper “**Designing Non-greedy Reinforcement Learning Agents with Diminishing Reward Shaping**” to **AIES-19**.
- Researched on time series forecasting, with focus on long-term multivariate prediction and submitted the paper “**A Memory-Network Based Solution for Multivariate Time-Series Forecasting**” to **IJCAI-19**.
- Researched on reinforcement learning, with focus on reward scaling and submitted the paper “**ANS: Adaptive Network Scaling for Deep Rectifier Reinforcement Learning Models**” to **ECML PKDD 2019**.
- Researched on reinforcement learning and multi-agent system, with focus on learning agent-to-agent interaction and submitted the paper “**A Regulation Enforcement Solution for Multi-agent Reinforcement Learning**” to **AAMAS 2019**.
- Participated in **KDD Cup 2018** and achieved **19th place** in main prize and **4th place** in special prize.

## Undergraduate Researcher, instructed by Prof. Ho-Lin Chen

Jul. 2015 - Jul. 2017

GAME THEORY AND MOLECULAR COMPUTING LABORATORY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, NTU

Taipei, Taiwan

- Researched on game theory, with focus on network creation games and price of anarchy (PoA).
- Proved the PoA is upper bounded by  $O(\frac{\alpha}{\beta})$  for all Heterogeneous Star Celebrity Games.

## Honors & Awards

### INTERNATIONAL

2018 **19th Place (out of 662 teams)**, KDD Cup 2018

London, U.K.

2018 **4th Place (out of 662 teams)**, KDD Cup 2018 Special Prize

London, U.K.

### DOMESTIC

2016 **Dean's List**, GPA in top 5% in Department of Electrical Engineering, NTU

Taipei, Taiwan

## Selected Projects

### Cyber Security Attack Defender

Sep. 2016 - Jan. 2017

FOR EE5177 (MACHINE LEARNING)

- Predict cyber attack based on real world dataset about connection information
- Won **4th prize** in EE5177 final project competition.

### Long-term Air Quality Forecasting

Mar. 2018 - Jun. 2018

FOR CSIE7433 (MACHINE LEARNING: THEORY AND PRACTICE)

- Built a recurrent neural network model to forecast air quality in future 48 hours and applied forecast weather data in our RNN.
- **19th place** in KDD Cup 2018 and **4th place** in KDD Cup 2018 special prize

## Relevant Courses

<b>ML/AI</b>	Machine Learning*, Machine Learning: Theory and Practice*, Applied Deep Learning*
<b>Computer Science</b>	Data Structures & Algorithms, Algorithm Design & Analysis, The Design & Analysis of Algorithms*, Systems Programming, Operating Systems, Computer Networks
<b>Mathematics</b>	Linear Algebra, Probability & Statistics, Calculus, Differential Equations, Discrete Mathematics
<b>Signal Processing</b>	Signal & System, Digital Speech Processing, Advanced Digital Signal Processing*

\* denotes graduate-level courses

## Skills

<b>Languages</b>	Python, C/C++, Shell scripting, Matlab
<b>Libraries/Tools</b>	Keras, Tensorflow, Pytorch
<b>OS</b>	GNU/Linux (Ubuntu & Arch Linux), Mac OSX
<b>Other</b>	Git, $\LaTeX$

## Leadership and Team Work

### National Taiwan University Hsinchu Alumni Association

Jul. 2015 - Jun. 2016

PRESIDENT

Taipei, Taiwan

- Developed a comprehensive database of all alumni, assisted with the planning and organization of reunions.
- Supported a strong relationship between the Alumni Association and current students;
- Organized remote volunteering activities in Hsinchu.

### National Taiwan University Table Tennis School Team

Sep. 2014 - Mar. 2015

MEMBER

Taipei, Taiwan

- Participated in several national competitions.