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*a Geographer, Cartographer, and GIScientist*

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## Personal Information

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## Education

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2014 - 2018	<b>Ph.D.</b> , Department of Geography, National Taiwan University. Thesis: The scaling properties of point clustering phenomena Advisor: Prof. Tzai-Hung Wen
2011 - 2013	<b>M.Sc.</b> , Department of Geography, National Taiwan University. Thesis: Geographically Modified PageRank Algorithm: Measuring the importance of nodes in a geospatial network. Advisor: Prof. Tzai-Hung Wen
2007 - 2011	<b>B.Sc.</b> , Department of Geography, National Taiwan University. Thesis: The spatial relationship between urbanization factors, environmental quality and health quality. Advisor: Prof. Mei-Hui Li

## Awards and Scholarships

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2018	<b>Dean's Award(Ph.D.)</b> - College of Science, National Taiwan University, Taiwan.
2017	<b>Young Scientist Award</b> - Tsukuba Global Science Week, University of Tsukuba, Japan.
2017	<b>Excellent Student Poster Award</b> - Annual Meeting of the Taiwan Society for Risk Analysis, Taiwan.
2015-17, 2012	<b>Scholarship</b> for Outstanding Overseas Chinese Graduate Student - Ministry Of Education, Taiwan.
2010	College Student Research <b>Scholarship</b> , National Science Council, Taiwan.

## Computer Skills

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<b>Programming</b>	Python, R, Netlogo, Java, Javascript, Processing, Julia, Matlab
<b>GIS</b>	ArcGIS, QGIS
<b>Cartography</b>	Illustrator, Inkscape, web-mapping
<b>Database</b>	PostgreSQL, SQLite
<b>Familiar OS</b>	Linux, Windows

## Research Interests

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- **Geocomputation**
- Network Analysis
- Space-time Analysis
- Human Movement
- Scaling
- Spatial Visualization

## Publication / current work

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### Published

#### Geocomputation & Human movement & Network analysis

- Wen, T. H.\*, **Chin, W. C. B.**, & Lai, P. C. (2017). Understanding the topological characteristics and flow complexity of urban traffic congestion. *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications* 473: 166-177. (IF:2.132, Q2 in Physics, Multidisciplinary)  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physa.2017.01.035>
- Lin, M. H., Kuo, R. N., **Chin, W. C. B.**, & Wen, T. H.\* (2016). Profiling the patient flow for seeking healthcare in Taiwan: using gravity modeling to investigate the influences of travel distance and health-care resources. *Taiwan Journal of Public Health* 35(2): 136-151. (TSSCI, full text in chinese, with english abstract)  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.6288/TJPH201635104086>
- Wen, T. H.\*, **Chin, W. C. B.**, & Lai, P. C. (2016). Link structure analysis of urban street networks for delineating traffic impact areas. In M. Nemiche, M. Essaaidi (eds.), *Advances in Complex Societal, Environmental and Engineered Systems, Nonlinear Systems and Complexity 18*. Part 2: 203-220. Springer: Switzerland. ISBN: 978-3-319-46164-9.  
DOI: [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-46164-9\\_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-46164-9_10)
- **Chin, W. C. B.**, & Wen, T. H.\* (2015). Geographically modified PageRank algorithms: Identifying the spatial concentration of human movement in a geospatial network. *PLoS ONE* 10(10): e0139509. (IF:2.766, Q1 in Multidisciplinary Sciences)  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0139509>
- Wen, T. H.\*, & **Chin, W. C. B.** (2015). Incorporation of spatial interactions in location networks to identify critical geo-referenced routes for assessing disease control measures on a large-scale campus. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 12(4): 4170-4184. (IF:2.145, Q2 in Environmental Sciences)  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph120404170>

#### Geocomputation & Space-time analysis

- **Chin, W. C. B.**, Wen, T. H.\*, Sabel, C. E., & Wang, I. H. (2017). A geo-computational algorithm for exploring the structure of diffusion progression in time and space. *Scientific Reports* 7: 12565. (IF:4.122, Q1 in Multidisciplinary Sciences)  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41598-017-12852-z>
- Wen, T. H.\*, Tsai, C. T., & **Chin, W. C. B.** (2016). Evaluating the role of disease importation in the spatiotemporal transmission of indigenous dengue outbreak. *Applied Geography* 76: 137-146. (IF:3.117, Q1 in Geography)  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.apgeog.2016.09.020>
- Lee, J.\*, Lay, J. G., **Chin, W. C. B.**, Chi, Y. L., & Hsueh, Y. H. (2014). An experiment to model spatial diffusion process with nearest neighbor analysis and regression estimation. *International Journal of Applied Geospatial Research* 5(1), 1-15.  
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.4018/ijagr.2014010101>

### Submitted / in preparation

#### Geocomputation & Human movement & Network analysis

- Huang, C. Y.\*, **Chin, W. C. B.**, Fu, Y. H., Tsai, Y. S. (–). Beyond Bond Links in Complex Networks: Local Bridges, Global Bridges and Silk Links. *Physica A: Statistical Mechanics and its Applications*. (Resubmitted revised manuscript)
- **Chin, W. C. B.\*** (–). The daily life pattern of a city: Delineating activity spaces and times using social media data. *Environment and Planning B: Urban Analytics and City Science*. (Submitted)

- Huang, C. Y., **Chin, W. C. B.\*** et al. (–). Along the way back home: Modeling disease diffusion network with consideration of the commuters' backward movement. (In preparation)

## Conference

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- 2018 (upcomming) - Delineating communities of cities in space and times, in **18th Chinese Cartography Academic Conference**, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2017 - Lifestyle of a city: An urban life footprint analysis using Twitter data in Tokyo, in **TGSW 2017 - 1st CiC Student Workshop**, Tsukuba, Japan. Young Scientist Award
- 2017 - Exploring space-time diffusion process of Dengue Fever in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan, in **7th Asian Seminar in Regional Science**, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2017 - Applying space-time information to explore disease processes: The dynamic patterns of Dengue Fever in Kaohsiung City, 1998-2015, in **Annual Meeting of the SRA Taiwan 2017**, Taichung, Taiwan. Excellent Student Poster Award
- 2016 - Profiling topological characteristics of street network to identify urban traffic congestion, in **15th Conference for Global Spatial Data Infrastructure Association (GSDI)**, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2016 - Understanding urban traffic congestion by analyzing the link structure and the vehicle flows of urban street network, in **8th Conference on Development Studies**, Taipei, Taiwan.
- 2016 - Link structure analysis of urban road networks for identifying traffic impact areas, in **NetSci 2016**, Seoul, South Korea.
- 2015 - A Web-based Framework for Monitoring Spatial-temporal Clustering of Epidemics in Taiwan, in **FOSS4G 2015**, Seoul, South Korea.
- 2013 - Geographically Modified PageRank Algorithm: Measuring the importance of nodes in a geospatial network, in **AAG Annual Meeting 2013**, Los Angeles, USA.
- 2012 - Integration of PageRank and spatial interaction modeling to analyze topological dynamics of networked cities, in **Annual Meeting of The Geography Society of China located in Taipei**, Taipei, Taiwan.

## Professional Experience

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| 2015-2018 | An urban environmental sensing infrastructure with crowdsourcing and spatial big data for early warning of critical conditions: A space-time multi-layered urban mobility model for assessing transmission risk of infectious disease.<br>Funded by <i>MOST Taiwan</i> . 3 years Proposal writer and project executor |
| 2015      | A production model for developing geographic network analysis module.<br>Funded by <i>MOST Taiwan</i> . 1 year Proposal writer and project executor   |
| 2015-2017 | Incorporating the seasonal incidence into detecting spatial-temporal thresholds of food-borne disease outbreaks for the epidemic early warning system.<br>Funded by <i>Taiwan CDC</i> . 3 years project<br>Proposal writer and project executor (2015-16); data analysis (2017)                                       |
| 2016-2019 | A framework for high spatial and temporal resolution geodemographic segmentation.<br>Funded by <i>MOST Taiwan</i> . 3 year project Proposal writer and programmer   |
| 2014-2016 | Integration of geographic information with social network analysis to establish a geospatial model for predicting tuberculosis (TB) contacts with latent infection and developing active disease. Funded by <i>MOST Taiwan</i> . 3 years project Proposal writer  |

## Personal Open Source Project

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### **Geographical PageRank (GPR)**

- Description a python package that provide functions for measuring concentration distribution in a spatial network.
- Repository <https://bitbucket.org/wcchin/gpras>

### **Flow-based PageRank (FBPR)**

- Description a python package that run an algorithm that calibrate the weight and PR score to meet the flow.
- Repository <https://bitbucket.org/wcchin/fbpr>

### **Taiwan Geographic Open Data (TGOD)**

- Description a python package that wrap some of the Taiwan open data real-time API and convert the data to dataframe format..
- Repository <https://github.com/wcchin/tgod>

### **Vector MAP ProducER (vmapper)**

- Description a simple python library for creating SVG map in python.
- Repository <https://github.com/wcchin/vmapper>

### **ColouringMap (colouringmap)**

- Description a convenient mapping tool for generating categories and colors for making choropleth map from geopandas
- Repository <https://github.com/wcchin/colouringmap>

## References

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