

# ZHANG-WEI HONG

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## EDUCATION

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**Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science,

*start 2020 - present*

Advised by *Prof. Pulkit Agrawal*

**National Tsing Hua University**

Master in Computer Science,

Overall GPA: 4.22 / 4.3

*start 2017 - end 2018*

Advised by *Prof. Chun-Yi Lee*

**National Tsing Hua University**

Bachelor in Computer Science

Overall GPA: 3.95 / 4.3

Major GPA: 4.12 / 4.3

*start 2014 - end 2017*

## PUBLICATIONS

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Zhang-Wei Hong\*, Ge Yang\*, and Pulkit Agrawal. **Bilinear Value Networks for Multi-goal Reinforcement Learning**, Accepted at *International Conference on Representation Learning 2022*

Zhang-Wei Hong, Tao Chen, Yen-Chen Lin, Joni Pajarinen, and Pulkit Agrawal. **Topological Experience Replay**, Accepted at *International Conference on Representation Learning 2022*

Chin-Jui Chang, Yu-Wei Chu, Chao-Hsien Ting, Hao-Kang Liu, Zhang-Wei Hong, and Chun-Yi Lee. **Reducing the Deployment-Time Inference Control Costs of Deep Reinforcement Learning Agents via an Asymmetric Architecture**, Accepted by *International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2021*

Zhang-Wei Hong, Prabhat Nagarajan, and Guilherme Maeda, **Periodic Intra-Ensemble Knowledge Distillation for Reinforcement Learning**, Accepted by *European Conference on Machine Learning 2021* and *Deep Reinforcement Learning Workshop at Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems 2019*

Zhang-Wei Hong, Tsu-Jui Fu, Tzu-Yun Shann, Yi-Hsiang Chang, and Chun-Yi Lee. **Adversarial Active Exploration Strategy for Inverse Dynamics Model Learning**, Accepted as an oral paper by *Conference on Robot Learning 2019*

Zhang-Wei Hong, Tzu-Yun Shann, Shih-Yang Su, Yi-Hsiang Chang, Tsu-Jui Fu, and Chun-Yi Lee. **Diversity-driven Exploration Strategy for Deep Reinforcement Learning**, Accepted as a poster paper by *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems 2018*

Zhang-Wei Hong, Chen Yu-Ming, Shih-Yang Su, Tzu-Yun Shann, Yi-Hsiang Chang, Hsuan-Kung Yang, Brian Hsi-Lin Ho, Chih-Chieh Tu, Yueh-Chuan Chang, Tsu-Ching Hsiao, Hsin-Wei Hsiao, Sih-Pin Lai, and Chun-Yi Lee. **Virtual-to-Real: Learning to Control in Visual Semantic Segmentation**, Accepted as an oral paper by *International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence 2018*

Zhang-Wei Hong\*, Shih-Yang Su\*, Tzu-Yun Shann\*, Yi-Hsiang Chang, and Chun-Yi Lee. **Deep Policy Inference Q-Network for Multi-Agent Systems**, Accepted as an oral paper by *International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems 2018*

Yen-Chen Lin, Zhang-Wei Hong, Yuan-Hong Liao, Meng-Li Shih, Ming-Yu Liu, and Min Sun. **Tactics of adversarial attack on deep reinforcement learning agents**, Accepted as an oral paper by *International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence 2017*

## EXPERIENCE

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|   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| <b>Full-time research assistant</b> , National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan       | <i>2019 Oct. - 2020 Mar.</i> |
| <b>Research intern</b> , Preferred Networks, Japan                                | <i>2019 Jun. - 2019 Sep.</i> |
| <b>Engineering intern</b> , Appier, Taiwan  | <i>2019 Feb. - 2019 Jun.</i> |
| <b>Visiting researcher</b> , Advised by <i>Jan Peters</i> , TU Darmstadt, Germany | <i>2018 Jul. - 2018 Sep.</i> |
| <b>Graduate research assistant</b> , National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan        | <i>2016 Oct. - 2019 Jan.</i> |
| <b>Engineering intern</b> , Mediatek, Taiwan                                      | <i>2016 Jul. - 2016 Sep.</i> |
| <b>Contract engineer</b> , Industrial Technology Research Institute, Taiwan       | <i>2015 Oct. - 2015 Dec.</i> |

## TEACHING

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| <b>6.484 - Computational Sensorimotor Learning</b> , MIT, U.S.<br>Textbook writing                     | <i>2022 Feb. - 2022 May.</i> |
| <b>6.S090 - Deep Learning for Control</b> , MIT, U.S.<br>Lectures of off-policy reinforcement learning | <i>2021 Jan.</i>             |
| <b>Nvidia deep learning institute</b> , Nvidia, Taiwan<br>Hands-on image recognition                   | <i>2017 Jul. - 2017 Oct.</i> |

## SERVICE

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| <b>Conference on Robot Learning</b> , <i>reviewer</i>                                | <i>2021</i> |
| <b>International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems</b> , <i>reviewer</i>  | <i>2019</i> |
| <b>Advanced Robotics Journal</b> , <i>reviewer</i>                                   | <i>2019</i> |
| <b>Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems</b> , <i>volunteer</i>        | <i>2018</i> |
| <b>International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence</b> , <i>volunteer</i> | <i>2018</i> |

## PROJECTS

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| <b>Nvidia Embedded Intelligent Robot Challenge</b><br>Develop an intelligent robot using Nvidia Jetson TX1 to solve three tasks: (i) autonomous driving, (ii) object pick-and-place, and (iii) image recognition. | <i>2016 Jun. - 2016 Sep.</i> |
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## SKILLS

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| <b>Programming Languages and Frameworks</b>                               |
| - C/C++/C#/Python/Java  |
| - Message Passing Interface (MPI)/CUDA/OpenGL/Robot Operating System(ROS) |
| - Tensorflow/PyTorch/Chainer  |
| <b>Languages</b>  |
| - Mandarin (Chinese)  |
| - English   |

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| DAAD & MOST Summer Institute Program Fellowship<br><i>Ministry of Science and Technology and Deutscher Akademischer Austausch Dienst</i> | <i>2019</i> |
| Student conference travel grant  |             |

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| <i>Appier</i>  | <i>2018</i> |
| Student conference travel grant                            |             |
| <i>Ministry of Science and Technology</i>                  | <i>2018</i> |
| Nvidia Jetson Developer Challenge 1st prize                |             |
| <i>Nvidia</i>  | <i>2018</i> |
| Master scholarship   |             |
| <i>National Tsing Hua University</i>                       | <i>2017</i> |
| Nvidia Embedded Intelligent Robotics Challenge - 1st prize |             |
| <i>Nvidia</i>  | <i>2017</i> |
| Meichu Hackthon (Microsoft Azure group) - 3rd prize        |             |
| <i>Microsoft</i>   | <i>2015</i> |