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## Positions

- 2015-present **Assistant Professor**, Institute of Neuroscience, National Yang-Ming University, Taipei, Taiwan
- 2013-2015 **Research Specialist**, Laboratory of Dr. Karel Svoboda, Janelia Research Campus, Ashburn, USA
- 2010-2012 **Research Specialist**, Genetically Encoded Indicator Project, Janelia Research Campus, Ashburn USA
- 2008-2010 **Junior Research Group Leader**, Research Center Molecular Physiology of the Brain, Göttingen, Germany

## Education

- 2005-2008 **Ph.D. Neuroscience**, Max Planck Research School, Göttingen, Germany  
Advisor: Prof. Detlev Schild
- 2003-2004 **M.Sc. Neuroscience**, Max Planck Research School, Göttingen, Germany
- 1997-2001 **B.S. Electrical Engineering**, National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan  
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## Honors

- 2009 **Best Poster Award**, PENS winter school, Obergurgl, Austria
- 2005-2008 **Goerg-Christoph-Lichtenberg-Stipendiums**, Niedersachsen State, Germany
- 2001 **Asian championship**, Texas Instrument DSP and Analog solution challenge
- 2001 **First Prize**, 10th NTU technology thesis contest
- 1998, 1999 **President Award**, (Twice) EE Department, NTU
- 1996 **Gold Medal**, 27th International Physics Olympiad (IPHO), Oslo, Norway

## Publications

- Li N, **Chen T-W**, Guo Z, Gerfen C, Svoboda K (2015) A motor cortex circuit for motor planning and movement. *Nature*, 519 (7541) 51-56.
- Dana H, **Chen T-W**, Hu A, Shields B, Guo C, Looger L, Kim D, Svoboda K (2014) Thy1-GCaMP6 transgenic mice for neuronal population imaging *in vivo* *PloS One*, 9 (9)
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- Marvin J, Borghuis B, Tian L, Cichon J, Harnett M, Akerboom J, Gordus A, Renninger S, **Chen T-W**, Bargmann C, Orger M, Schreiter E, Demb J, Gan W-B, Hires A, Looger L (2013) An optimized fluorescent probe for visualizing glutamate neurotransmission. *Nature Methods*, 10 (2) 162-170
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- Zariwala H, Borghuis B, Hoogland T, Madisen L, Tian L, DeZeeuw C, Zeng H, Looger L, Svoboda K, and **Chen T-W\*** (2012) A Cre-dependent GCaMP3 reporter mouse for neuronal imaging in vivo. *J. Neurosci.* 32(9):3131-41 (*\*corresponding author*)
- Junek S\*, **Chen T-W\***, Alevra M, and Schild D (2009) Activity correlation imaging: visualizing function and structure of neuronal populations. *Biophys. J.* 96, 3801-3809 (*\*equal contribution*)
- Chen T-W\***, Lin B-J\*, and Schild D (2009) Odor coding by modules of coherent mitral/tufted cells in the vertebrate olfactory bulb. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U S A.* 106, 2401-2406 (*\*equal contribution*)
- Lin B-J, **Chen T-W**, and Schild D (2007) Cell type-specific relationships between spiking and  $[Ca^{2+}]_i$  in neurons of the *Xenopus* tadpole olfactory bulb. *J. Physiol.* 582, 163-175.
- Manzini I, Brase C, **Chen T-W**, and Schild D (2007). Response profiles to amino acid odorants of olfactory glomeruli in larval *Xenopus laevis*. *J. Physiol.* 581, 567-579
- Chen, T-W**, Lin B-J, Brunner E, and Schild D (2006). *In situ* background estimation in quantitative fluorescence imaging. *Biophys. J.* 90, 2534-2547

## **Presentations**

### *Posters*

- Chen T-W**, Li N, Dana H, Svoboda K, (November 2014) Choice-related activity in a cortical motor circuit analyzed with large-scale population imaging. Society for Neuroscience, Washington DC, USA.
- Chen T-W**, Yu J, Kerr R, Jayaraman V, Looger L, Svoboda K, Kim D (October 2012) Detection of single action potentials and synaptic calcium signals using improved GCaMP6 family calcium indicators. Society for Neuroscience, New Orleans, USA.
- Chen T-W\***, Wardill T\*, Akerboom J, Mutlu S, Schreiter E, Kerr R, Jayaraman V, Looger L, Svoboda K, Kimmel B and Kim D (November 2011) Neuron-based screening for improved GCaMP calcium sensors. Society for Neuroscience, Washington DC, USA.
- Chen T-W\***, Wardill T\*, Mutlu S, Schreiter E, Kerr R, Jayaraman V, Looger L, Svoboda K, Kimmel B and Kim D (June 2011) Neuron-based screening for improved GCaMP calcium sensors: Sensitivity and kinetics. Gordon Research Conference on Calcium signaling, Colby College, Waterville, USA.
- Chen T-W**, Lin B-J and Schild D (November 2007) Functional imaging of projecting neuron modules in the vertebrate olfactory bulb. Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, USA.
- Chen T-W**, Lin B-J, Brunner E, and Schild D (March 2006) In situ background estimation in quantitative fluorescence imaging. Joint meeting of the German society of physiology and the federal of European physiology societies, Munich, Germany

## *Talks*

- 2014 Laboratoire de Physiologie Cérébrale, Université Paris Descartes, Paris, France (invited talk)
- 2012 Neuroscience Program in Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan (invited talk)
- 2009 Presentation of the best posters, PENS winter school, Obergurgl, Austria
- 2009 Microscopy club, Center for Molecular Physiology of the Brain, Göttingen, Germany
- 2006 Forum Mikroskopie, PhotonicNet GmbH, Göttingen, Germany
- 2006 Bernstein symposium, Bernstein Center for Computational Neuroscience, Berlin, Germany
- 2001 Finalist presentation, Texas Instrument DSP and Analog solution challenge, Dallas, U.S.A.

## **References**

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