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### About me

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## Education

### Ph.D. in Information Science, The University of Osaka

Department of Information Systems Engineering, Graduate School of Information Science and Technology

2025-present Osaka, Japan

- Expected graduation date is March 2028
- · Supervisor: Prof. Yasushi Sakurai

#### M.Sc. in Information Science, The University of Osaka

Department of Information Systems Engineering, Graduate School of Information Science and Technology

2023-2025 Osaka, Japan

- Thesis: Stream Mining Time-evolving Causality for Time Series Forecasting
- Supervisor: Prof. Yasushi Sakurai

### **B.Sc. in Engineering**, The University of Osaka

Department of Electronic and Information Engineering, School of Engineering

2019-2023 Osaka, Japan

- Thesis: Detection of Variable Celestial Objects using Machine Learning-based Periodic Analysis and Domain Knowledge
- · Supervisor: Prof. Makoto Onizuka

# Experience

Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) Research Fellow DC1	2025-present Osaka, Japan
<b>SANKEN</b> , The University of Osaka Specially Appointed Researcher	2023-present Osaka, Japan
School of Engineering, The University of Osaka Teaching Assistant for "Exercises in Mathematical Analysis"	2023 Osaka, Japan
<b>Graduate School of Information Science and Technology</b> , The University of Osaka Assistant in the detection of variable celestial objects	<b>2021–2023</b> Osaka, Japan
Nagase Co., Ltd.  Digital Technology Engineer	<b>2020-2023</b> Tokyo, Japan

# **Awards**

Award of the Graduate School of Information Science and Technology of Osaka University

Mar 2025

DEIM2024 Best Paper Award Runner-up (top 1.4%)

Jun 2024

## **Publications**

#### **Peer-reviewed Publications**

- [C2] <u>Naoki Chihara</u>, Ren Fujiwara, Yasuko Matsubara, and Yasushi Sakurai. **CANMI: Causal Discovery under Nonstationary Missingness Mechanisms**. (Under submission to NeurIPS).
- [C1] Naoki Chihara, Yasuko Matsubara, Ren Fujiwara, and Yasushi Sakurai. Modeling Time-evolving Causality over Data Streams. Proceedings of the 31st ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD '25), Toronto, ON, Canada, August 3-7, 2025. Acceptance rate: 19%. DOI: 10.1145/3690624.3709283. 
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#### Non-refereed Publications

- [N4] Naoki Chihara, Yasuko Matsubara, Ren Fujiwara, and Yasushi Sakurai. 時間変化する因果関係の抽出に基づいた高速将来予測. The 17th Forum on Data Engineering and Information Management (DEIM2025), Fukuoka, Japan, February 27 March 4, 2025.
  - **Student Presentation Award.**
- [N3] Naoki Chihara, Yasuko Matsubara, Ren Fujiwara, and Yasushi Sakurai. 動的モード分解を活用した高速将来予測アルゴリズム. The 16th Forum on Data Engineering and Information Management (DEIM2024), Hyogo, Japan, February 28 March 5, 2024.
  - Best Paper Award Runner-up, IPSJ Yamashita SIG Research Award.
- [N2] Aiyi Li, Kenya Hoshimure, Kei Tanigaki, Yota Hatano, Reina Nozawa, Yuki Sakamoto, Yuanzhou Wei, Naoki Chihara, and Naoki Kodani. **Semi-autonomous Leader-follower Approach for Swarm Drone Guidance**. The 36th SICE Symposium on Decentralized Autonomous Systems, Tokyo, Japan, February 16-17, 2024.
- [N1] Naoki Chihara, Tadafumi Takata, Yasuhiro Fujiwara, and Makoto Onizuka. 周期解析による変動天体の検出. The 15th Forum on Data Engineering and Information Management (DEIM2023), Gifu, Japan, March 5-9, 2023.

#### **Patents**

[P1] Yasuhiro Fujiwara, Makoto Onizuka, and <u>Naoki Chihara</u>. 検出装置、検出方法及びプログラム. 特開 2025-000129, January 7, 2025. *③* URL: jglobal.jst.go.jp/detail?JGLOBAL\_ID=202503009056531197.

# **Academic Services**

#### **External Reviewers**

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#### **Conference Volunteer Work**

• PAKDD 2023