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EMPLOYMENT

University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Pennsylvania State University

NCfA Postdoctoral Fellow

Assistant Research Professor

Postdoctoral Scholar

Las Vegas, NV 2024-present

University Park, PA

2022–2024

2021 - 2022

EDUCATION

The University of Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan

Ph.D. in Physics, Advisor: Prof.Kipp Cannon

2018-2021

 Thesis title: Modeling and Searching for Stochastic Gravitational-waves Backgrounds from Ultralight Boson Particles

The University of Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan

M.S. in Physics, Advisor: Prof.Kipp Cannon

2016-2018

- Thesis title: Towards a Search for Stochastic Gravitational-Wave Backgrounds from Ultra-light Bosons

The University of Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan

B.S. in Applied Physics, Advisor: Prof.Norikatsu Mio

2011-2016

- Thesis title : Performance evaluation of the frequency reference cavity for KAGRA detector

Research Experience

Nevada Center of Astrophysics, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Las Vegas, NV

2024-present

- Optimizing a GW search pipeline, GstLAL, targeted for electromagnetic counterparts.
- Incorporation of sub-threshold events into the compact-binary population analysis

Pennsylvania State University

University Park, PA

2021-2024

- Development of a low-latency gravitational wave (GW) search pipeline, GstLAL

Fast evaluation of trigger consistency between multiple detectors using GstLAL

- Bayesian parameter estimation for targeted anisotropic GW background

Research Center for the Early Universe, The University of Tokyo

Tokyo, Japan

2016-2021

- M.S./Ph.D. Research, supervised by Prof.Kipp Cannon
 - Searches for ultra-light bosons using stochastic GW background

LIGO Lab, California Institute of Technology

Pasadena, CA

LIGO visitor program, hosted by Prof.Alan Weinstein

Summer 2019

- Development and event follow-up for online analysis of a GW detection pipeline, GstLAL
- Joint study on GW search for the ultra-light boson particle through superradiant instability

Laboratoire d'Annecyde Physiquedes Particules

Annecy, France

Visiting research, supervised by Dr. Tania Regimbau

Fall 2018

 Mock data study for the detection of stochastic GW background from anisotopically distributed compact binary coalescence.

University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN Visiting research, supervised by Prof. Vuk Mandic Spring 2018 Development of a search pipeline for GW background from ultra-light scalar fields. The University of Tokyo Tokyo, Japan B.S. Research, supervised by Prof.Norikatsu Mio 2015 - 2016- Evaluating optical properties and frequency stability of the reference cavity KAGRA. LIGO Livingston Observatory, California Institute of Technology Livingston, LA LIGO SURF program, supervised by Dr. Valery Frolov Summer 2014 - Constructing the theoretical model of the optical loss inside the arm cavities of the Advanced LIGO. Teaching Experience • Substitute Lecturer at Pennsylvania State University Fall 2022 Electromagnetism• Teaching Assistant at The University of Tokyo Fall 2016 Analytical mechanics FELLOWSHIP AND AWARDS • University Faculty Travel Award, University of Nevada Las Vegas 2025 • NCfA Fellowship, University of Nevada Las Vegas 2024 • Paper Award, United Japanese researchers Around the world 2024 • LEADER Fellowship (declined), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) 2023 • Best Poster Award, Gravitational Wave Orchestra 2022 • Best Presentation Award, The 7th KAGRA International Workshop 2020 • DC1 Research Fellowship, JSPS 2018-2021 • LIGO Visitor Program, California Institute of Technology 2019 • Overseas Challenge Program for Young Researchers, JSPS 2019 • GRASP Scholarship, The University of Tokyo 2018 • SURF Program, California Institute of Technology 2014 • Best Project Award, Cosmic/Particle Spring school 2014 Research Talks INVITED TALKS, SEMINARS, PANEL, SYMPOSIUM Panel chair for multi-messenger and multiband astrophysics 2025 PAX+CE symposium 2025, UIUC Urbana-Champaign, USA Panelist for Astrophysics of Compact Binary Mergers 2025 NCfA Symposium 2025, UNLV Las Vegas, USA Going wider and deeper in the search for gravitational waves 2024 CRA seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology Atlanta, USA Going wider and deeper in the search for gravitational waves 2024 Astrophysics Colloquium, Texas Tech University Lubbock, USA

Overview and prospect of the GW transient search in the fourth observing run

The extreme Universe: CTA-Japan workshop

Tokyo, Japan

2024

The improvement of GstLAL's ranking statistics toward the fourth observing run Utrecht & UMass Dartmouth joint seminar	2023
	USA (online)
Overview and future prospect of LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA's fourth observing run Astronomy Society of Japan Autumn meeting	2023 Nagoya, Japan
Toward unified Bayesian parameter inference of stochastic gravitational wave backgrounds C-lab seminar, Nagoya University	2023 Nagoya, Japan
Panelist for gravitational waves and multi-messenger astronomy New Evolution of Multi-Messenger Astrophysics, Penn State State	2023 College, USA
$Observation \ of \ neutron \ stars \ during \ LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA's \ observing \ runs \\ APS \ April \ meeting$	2022 ew York, USA
Modeling and searching for a stochastic GW background from ultralight bosons GW Physics and Astronomy: Genesis, The Fourth Annual Area Symposium	2021 Japan (online)
Low-latency detection of the GWs from compact binary coalescences ISAS seminar, ISM astronomy seminar, JGW seminar	2022 Japan
Gravitational waves from neutron star-black hole coalescences LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA Collaboration webinar	2021 online
First observations of black hole and neutron star mergers Fundamental Theory Seminar, Penn State Penn	2021 sylvania, USA
First search for stochastic GW backgrounds from ultra-light bosons The CGCA seminar, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee W	2018 Visconsin, USA
Application of a low-latency whitening filter to CBC GW searches RESCEU joint seminar, The University of Tokyo	2016 Tokyo, Japan
Selected contributed talks	
Targeted gravitational-wave search for compact binaries using a GstLAL pipeline NCfA Symposium 2025, UNLV	2025 as Vegas, USA
The improvement of GstLAL's ranking statistics toward the fourth observing run APS April meeting	2023 innesota, USA
First observations of black hole and neutron star mergers The 8th KAGRA International Workshop	2021 Korea (online)
Modeling and searching for a stochastic GW background from ultralight bosons Amaldi 14 Aus	2021 stralia (online)
Stochastic GW backgrounds from ultra-light vectors The 29th Workshop on General Relativity and Gravitation in Japan	2019 Kobe, Japan
Anisotropic GW background Mock data study Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop	2019 Tokyo, Japan
A first search for stochastic GW backgrounds from ultra-light scalars Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop	2018 Iaryland, USA
Application of a low-latency whitening filter to CBC GW searches The Third KAGRA International Workshop	2017 Faipei, Taiwan

Leadership / Professional Service

• Organizer of GstLAL face-to-face workshop: University of Nevada, Las Vegas	abaration	2025 2024			
 Co-chair of Gravitational Wave Transient Catalog working group: LVK Collaboration Co-chair of anisotropic stochastic-background working group: LVK Collaboration 		2024 2022–present			
• Thesis committee: Pennsylvania State University	101011	2023 present			
• Referee: Physical Review D, Physical Review Letter		2022–present			
 Advanced LIGO science summaries: Writer and japanese translator Vice director: Cosmic/Astrophysics Student Summer School in Japan Workshop Assistant: Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop 		2021 2019 2019			
			Mentoring Experience		
			• Izumi Kaku Ph.D student at Osaka Metropolitan University Searches for anisotropic gravitational-wave background with circular polarizations		spring 2025
• Jonathan Regan Ph.D student at University of Nevada Las Vegas Incorporation of sub-threshold events into the CBC population analysis	fall	2024 - present			
• Noah Zhang Ph.D student at Georgia Institute of Technology Targeted gravitational-wave search for compact binaries using a GstLAL pipeline	spring	2024 - present			
• Soichiro Kuwahara Ph.D student at The University of Tokyo Component separation analysis for anisotropic gravitational-wave backgrounds	spring 2	022 - fall 2024			
• Santiago Jaraba Ph.D student at Universidad Aut'onoma de Madrid Parameter estimation for anisotropic gravitational-wave backgrounds [14]	spring 2022	2 - spring 2024			
• Deepali Agarwal Ph.D student at IUCAA Parameter estimation for anisotropic gravitational-wave backgrounds [14]	spri	ng 2022 - 2023			
• Erik Floden Ph.D student at University of Minnesota Parameter estimation and spherical-harmonics searches of anisotropic gravitational-wav [30]		021 - fall 2024 ds [14], [17],			
• Anarya Ray Ph.D student at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Improving background sampling procedure for GstLAL	spring 2022	2 - spring 2023			
• Richard George Ph.D student at The University of Texas at Austin Improving SNR $-\xi^2$ signal model of GstLAL [11]	spring 2022	2 - spring 2023			
• Andre Guimaraes Ph.D student at Louisiana State University Improving SNR $-\xi^2$ signal model of GstLAL [11]	spring 2022	2 - spring 2023			
• Shio Sakon Ph.D student at Pennsylvania State University Optimization of GstLAL's template bank [6]		spring 2022			
• Shomik Adhicary Ph.D student at Pennsylvania State University Improving ranking statistics for gravitational-wave detection pipeline, GstLAL [11]	spring 2022	2 - spring 2023			
• Prathamesh Joshi Ph.D student at Pennsylvania State University Implementation of contamination removal and bank- ξ^2 statistics in GstLAL [10], [11]	spring 2	022 - fall 2024			

OUTREACH

• Takuya Tsutsui Ph.D student at The University of Tokyo

Rapid localization of gravitational wave sources [21]

• GW Summer Camp at Penn State	2024
• KAGRA outreach group	2020-2021
• SCJSF&JABA forum talk	2020
• Japanese translation of GW190425's science summary	2019

2019

• GW education at a public school in Pasadena	2019
• RESCEU Open Lab	2017, 2018
• International Space Education Board Student Program	2015, 2016

SHORT AUTHOR LIST PUBLICATIONS AND PREPRINTS

- [1] P. Joshi, L. Tsukada, C. Hanna, et al., New methods for offline gstlal analyses, Jun. 2025. arXiv: 2506.06497 [gr-qc].
- [2] P. Joshi, W. Niu, C. Hanna, R. Huxford, D. Singh, L. Tsukada, et al., How many times should we matched filter gravitational wave data? a comparison of gstlal's online and offline performance, May 2025. arXiv: 2505.23959 [gr-qc].
- [3] S. Schmidt, S. Caudill, J. D. E. Creighton, R. Magee, **L. Tsukada**, et al., "Searching for gravitational-wave signals from precessing black hole binaries with the gstlal pipeline", *Phys. Rev. D*, vol. 110, p. 023 038, 2 Jul. 2024.
- [4] S. S. Chaudhary, et al. including **L. Tsukada**, "Low-latency gravitational wave alert products and their performance at the time of the fourth ligo-virgo-kagra observing run", Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, vol. 121, no. 18, e2316474121, Apr. 2024.
- [5] B. Ewing, R. Huxford, D. Singh, **L. Tsukada**, et al., "Performance of the low-latency gstlal inspiral search towards ligo, virgo, and kagra's fourth observing run", *Physical Review D*, vol. 109, no. 4, Feb. 2024.
- [6] S. Sakon, L. Tsukada, et al., "Template bank for compact binary mergers in the fourth observing run of advanced ligo, advanced virgo, and kagra", Physical Review D, vol. 109, no. 4, Feb. 2024.
- [7] S. Morisaki, R. Smith, **L. Tsukada**, S. Sachdev, S. Stevenson, C. Talbot, and A. Zimmerman, "Rapid localization and inference on compact binary coalescences with the advanced ligo-virgo-kagra gravitational-wave detector network", *Phys. Rev. D*, vol. 108, p. 123 040, 12 Dec. 2023.
- [8] **L. Tsukada**, "Extension of the bayesian searches for anisotropic stochastic gravitational-wave background with nontensorial polarizations", *Physical Review D*, vol. 108, no. 12, Dec. 2023.
- [9] S. Banagiri, C. P. L. Berry, G. S. C. Davies, L. Tsukada, and Z. Doctor, "Unified pastro for gravitational waves: Consistently combining information from multiple search pipelines", Phys. Rev. D, vol. 108, p. 083 043, 8 Oct. 2023.
- [10] P. Joshi, **L. Tsukada**, and C. Hanna, "Method for removing signal contamination during significance estimation of a gstlal analysis", *Phys. Rev. D*, vol. 108, p. 084 032, 8 Oct. 2023.
- [11] **L. Tsukada**, P. Joshi, *et al.*, "Improved ranking statistics of the gstlal inspiral search for compact binary coalescences", *Physical Review D*, vol. 108, no. 4, Aug. 2023.
- [12] A. Renzini, et al. including L. Tsukada, "Pygwb: A python-based library for gravitational-wave background searches", The Astrophysical Journal, vol. 952, no. 1, p. 25, Jul. 2023.
- [13] A. Ray, et al. including **L. Tsukada**, When to point your telescopes: Gravitational wave trigger classification for real-time multi-messenger followup observations, Jun. 2023. arXiv: 2306.07190 [gr-qc].
- [14] **L. Tsukada**, S. Jaraba, D. Agarwal, and E. Floden, "Bayesian parameter estimation for targeted anisotropic gravitational-wave background", *Physical Review D*, vol. 107, no. 2, Jan. 2023.
- [15] C. Hanna, et al. including L. Tsukada, "Binary tree approach to template placement for searches for gravitational waves from compact binary mergers", Physical Review D, vol. 108, no. 4, 2023.
- [16] C. Hanna, et al. including L. Tsukada, "Metric assisted stochastic sampling search for gravitational waves from binary black hole mergers", Physical Review D, vol. 106, no. 8, Oct. 2022.
- [17] E. Floden, V. Mandic, A. Matas, and L. Tsukada, "Angular resolution of the search for anisotropic stochastic gravitational-wave background with terrestrial gravitational-wave detectors", *Physical Review D*, vol. 106, no. 2, Jul. 2022.
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- [19] D. Mukherjee, et al. including L. Tsukada, "Template bank for spinning compact binary mergers in the second observation run of advanced ligo and the first observation run of advanced virgo", Physical Review D, vol. 103, no. 8, Apr. 2021.
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- [28] S. Sachdev, et al. including **L. Tsukada**, The gstlal search analysis methods for compact binary mergers in advanced ligo's second and advanced virgo's first observing runs, Jan. 2019. arXiv: 1901.08580 [gr-qc].
- [29] L. Tsukada, K. Cannon, C. Hanna, D. Keppel, D. Meacher, and C. Messick, "Application of a zero-latency whitening filter to compact binary coalescence gravitational-wave searches", *Physical Review D*, vol. 97, no. 10, May 2018.

COLLABORATION PUBLICATIONS (MAJOR CONTRIBUTION)

- [30] B. P. Abbott, *et al.* including **L. Tsukada**, "Search for anisotropic gravitational-wave backgrounds using data from advanced ligo and advanced virgo's first three observing runs", *Phys. Rev. D*, vol. 104, p. 022 005, 2 Jul. 2021.
- [31] B. P. Abbott, et al. including **L. Tsukada**, "Gwtc-2: Compact binary coalescences observed by ligo and virgo during the first half of the third observing run", *Physical Review X*, vol. 11, no. 2, Jun. 2021.
- [32] B. P. Abbott, et al. including L. Tsukada, "Observation of gravitational waves from two neutron star-black hole coalescences", The Astrophysical Journal Letters, vol. 915, no. 1, p. L5, Jun. 2021.