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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	L.
LIGO Livingston Observatory, California Institute of Technology LIGO SURF program, supervised by Dr. Valery Frolov	Livingston, LA 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 Electromagnetism	Fall 2022
• Teaching Assistant at The University of Tokyo Analytical mechanics	Fall 2016
Fellowship and Awards	
• 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	
Panelist for Astrophysics of Compact Binary Mergers NCfA Symposium 2025, UNLV	$\begin{array}{c} 2025 \\ \text{Las Vegas, USA} \end{array}$
Going wider and deeper in the search for gravitational waves CRA seminar, Georgia Institute of Technology	2024 Atlanta, USA
Going wider and deeper in the search for gravitational waves Astrophysics Colloquium, Texas Tech University	2024 Lubbock, USA
Overview and prospect of the GW transient search in the fourth observing run The extreme Universe: CTA-Japan workshop	2024 Tokyo, Japan
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 $Toward\ unified\ Bayesian\ parameter\ inference\ of\ stochastic\ gravitational\ wave\ backgrounds$

LIGO seminar, California Institute of Technology

Pasadena, USA

2023

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 backgravitation, Nagoya University	rounds 2023 Nagoya, Japan
Panelist for gravitational waves and multi-messenger astronomy New Evolution of Multi-Messenger Astrophysics, Penn State	2023 State College, USA
$Observation\ of\ neutron\ stars\ during\ LIGO-Virgo-KAGRA's\ observing\ runs\\ APS\ April\ meeting$	$\begin{array}{c} 2022 \\ \text{New York, USA} \end{array}$
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	2021 Pennsylvania, USA
First search for stochastic GW backgrounds from ultra-light bosons The CGCA seminar, University of Wisconsin Milwaukee	2018 Wisconsin, 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	$\begin{array}{c} 2025 \\ \text{Las Vegas, USA} \end{array}$
The improvement of $GstLAL$'s ranking statistics toward the fourth observing run APS April meeting	2023 Minnesota, 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	2021 Australia (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 Maryland, USA
$Application\ of\ a\ low-latency\ whitening\ filter\ to\ CBC\ GW\ searches$ The Third KAGRA International Workshop	2017 Taipei, Taiwan

LEADERSHIP / PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

LEADERSHIP / PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	
 Organizer of GstLAL face-to-face workshop: University of Nevada, Las Vegas Co-chair of Gravitational Wave Transient Catalog working group: LVK Collaboration 	
• Thesis committee : Pennsylvania State University	2023
• Referee : Physical Review D, Physical Review Letter	$2022{\rm -present}$
• Advanced LIGO science summaries : Writer and japanese translator	2021
• Vice director : Cosmic/Astrophysics Student Summer School in Japan	
• Workshop Assistant : Gravitational Wave Physics and Astronomy Workshop	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 2022 - fall 2024
• Santiago Jaraba Ph.D student at Universidad Aut'onoma de Madrid Parameter estimation for anisotropic gravitational-wave backgrounds [12]	spring 2022 - spring 2024
• Deepali Agarwal Ph.D student at IUCAA Parameter estimation for anisotropic gravitational-wave backgrounds [12]	spring 2022 - 2023
• Erik Floden Ph.D student at University of Minnesota Parameter estimation and spherical-harmonics searches of anisotropic gravitational-wav [28]	spring 2021 - fall 2024 e backgrounds [12], [15],
• Anarya Ray Ph.D student at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Improving background sampling procedure for GstLAL	spring 2022 - spring 2023
 Richard George Ph.D student at The University of Texas at Austin Improving SNR – ξ² signal model of GstLAL [9] 	spring 2022 - spring 2023
• Andre Guimaraes Ph.D student at Louisiana State University Improving SNR $-\xi^2$ signal model of GstLAL [9]	spring 2022 - spring 2023
• Shio Sakon Ph.D student at Pennsylvania State University Optimization of GstLAL's template bank [3]	spring 2022
• Shomik Adhicary Ph.D student at Pennsylvania State University Improving ranking statistics for gravitational-wave detection pipeline, GstLAL [9]	spring 2022 - spring 2023
• Prathamesh Joshi Ph.D student at Pennsylvania State University	spring 2022 - fall 2024

OUTREACH

• 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

Implementation of contamination removal and bank- ξ^2 statistics in GstLAL [8], [9]

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

Rapid localization of gravitational wave sources [19]

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] 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.
- [2] 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.
- [3] 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.
- [4] 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, 2024. arXiv: 2403.17186 [gr-qc].
- [5] 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.
- [6] **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.
- [7] S. Banagiri, C. P. L. Berry, G. S. C. Davies, **L. Tsukada**, and Z. Doctor, "Unified $p_{\rm astro}$ for gravitational waves: Consistently combining information from multiple search pipelines", *Phys. Rev. D*, vol. 108, p. 083 043, 8 Oct. 2023.
- [8] 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.
- [9] **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.
- [10] 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.
- [11] 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].
- [12] **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.
- [13] 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.
- [14] 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.
- [15] 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.
- [16] K. Cannon, et al. including L. Tsukada, "Gstlal: A software framework for gravitational wave discovery", SoftwareX, vol. 14, p. 100 680, Jun. 2021, ISSN: 2352-7110.
- [17] 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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- [19] T. Tsutsui, K. Cannon, and L. Tsukada, "High speed source localization in searches for gravitational waves from compact object collisions", *Phys. Rev. D*, vol. 103, p. 043 011, 4 Feb. 2021.
- [20] S. Sachdev, et al. including **L. Tsukada**, "An early-warning system for electromagnetic follow-up of gravitational-wave events", The Astrophysical Journal, vol. 905, no. 2, p. L25, Dec. 2020.
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- [23] C. Chan, et al. including L. Tsukada, "Improving the background estimation technique in the gstlal inspiral pipeline with the time-reversed template bank", Sep. 2020. eprint: 2009.03025.
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- [25] **L. Tsukada**, T. Callister, A. Matas, and P. Meyers, "First search for a stochastic gravitational-wave background from ultralight bosons", *Physical Review D*, vol. 99, no. 10, May 2019.
- [26] 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].
- [27] 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)

- [28] 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.
- [29] 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.
- [30] 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.