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Positions

Assistant professor University of Tsukuba	04/2023–
International Tenure Track assistant professor University of Tsukuba	06/2019–03/2023
Research Fellow (PD) Japan Society for the Promotion of Science Geological Survey of Japan, AIST / Mentor: Takahiko Uchide	04/2019–06/2019
Research Fellow (DC1) Japan Society for the Promotion of Science University of Tsukuba / Mentor: Yuji Yagi	04/2016–03/2019
Visiting Scholar University of California, San Diego / Mentor: Wenyan Fan	11/2022–12/2022
Visiting Professor University of Leeds / Mentor: Tim Wright	03/2020–03/2022
Cooperative Research Fellow Geological Survey of Japan, AIST	09/2019–03/2020
Visiting Scholar Florida State University / Mentor: Wenyan Fan	09/2019–12/2019
Visiting Scholar University of California, Los Angeles / Mentor: Lingsen Meng	09/2016–10/2016

Grants

JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (B) (PI) What rocks the Earth? Unearthing non-earthquake sources from noise (24K00726) Budget amount: 12,870,000 JPY (Direct cost: 9,900,000 JPY, Indirect cost: 2,970,000 JPY)	2024-04-01 – 2028-03-31
Publicly Offered Research in JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Transformative Research Areas (A) “Science of Slow-to-Fast Earthquakes” (PI) Exploring slow-to-fast earthquake transition phenomena using a data-driven strategy (24H01020) Budget amount: 4,030,000 JPY (Direct cost: 3,100,000 JPY, Indirect cost: 930,000 JPY)	2024-04-01 – 2026-03-31
ERI Joint Research program (coordinator) Earthquake Research Institute, the University of Tokyo “Source Inversion Workshop” (2024-W-02)	2024-04-01 – 2025-03-31

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Earthquake Research Institute, the University of Tokyo	
“Source Inversion Workshop” (2023-W-04)	
ERI Joint Research program (Principal coordinator)	2022-04-01 – 2023-03-31
Earthquake Research Institute, the University of Tokyo	
“Source Inversion Workshop” (2022-W-03)	
JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research(C) (Co-PI)	2021-04-01 – 2025-03-31
Development of geodetic data analysis and viscoelasticity data assimilation toward robust detection and forecast of postseismic deformation (21K03694)	
Budget amount: 4,160,000 JPY (Direct cost: 3,200,000 JPY, Indirect cost: 960,000 JPY)	
JSPS Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists (PI)	2020-04-01 – 2024-03-31
Unraveling unconventional seismic sources using dense seismic arrays (20K14570)	
Budget amount: 3,770,000 JPY (Direct cost: 2,900,000 JPY, Indirect cost: 870,000 JPY)	
Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows (PI)	2019-04-01 – 2022-03-31*
Rupture evolution during the mega and large earthquakes resolved by multi-scale source analyses (19J00814)	
Budget amount: 4,420,000 JPY (Direct cost: 3,400,000 JPY, Indirect cost: 1,020,000 JPY)	
*Budgets for FY2020 and FY2021 have been declined due to resignation of JSPS fellow to accept tenure-track position at University of Tsukuba	
Grant-in-Aid for JSPS Fellows (PI)	2016-04-01 – 2019-03-31
Irregular rupture evolution during the large/great earthquakes: resolved by high-frequency radiation sources and co-seismic slip distribution (16J00298)	
Budget amount: 2,500,000 JPY (Direct cost: 2,500,000 JPY, Indirect cost: 0 JPY)	
Young Researcher Travel Support	2018
10th ACES (APEC Cooperation for Earthquake Science) International Workshop, Awaji Island Japan, ACES	
Travel Grant	2015
The 3rd international summer school on Earthquake Science, Lake-Yamanaka Japan, Earthquake Research Institute of the University of Tokyo and Southern California Earthquake Center	
Travel Grant	2014
The 2014 VISES Summer School, Oxnard CA, Southern California Earthquake Center and Earthquake Research Institute of the University of Tokyo	
Travel Grant	2014
The 2014 Annual Meeting of Seismological Society of America, Anchorage Ak, Seismological Society of Japan	

Education

Ph.D. (Science), University of Tsukuba	03/2019
M.Sc. (Science), University of Tsukuba	03/2016
B.Sc. (Science), University of Tsukuba	03/2014

Awards

2022 Young Scientist Award of the Seismological Society of Japan	2023
2022 Young Faculty Award, University of Tsukuba	2022
AGU 2021 Editors' Citation for Excellence in Refereeing - JGR-Solid Earth	2022
Excellent Reviewers for 2020, Earth, Planets and Space	2021
President Prize, University of Tsukuba	2019
Outstanding Student Presentation Award, JpGU Meeting 2018	2018
Outstanding reviewer, Earth and Planetary Science Letters	2018
Best Student Award, Doctoral Program in Earth Science Evolution, Univ. Tsukuba	2017

Outstanding Student Presentation Award, JpGU-AGU Joint Meeting 2017	2017
Best Poster Presentation Award, Tsukuba Global Science Week 2015	2015
Outstanding Student Presentation Awards, Seismol. Soc. of Japan 2014 Fall Meeting	2014
Outstanding Student Award (Provost Prize), University of Tsukuba	2014

Service

Journal editor

Seismica - Editorial Board member, Editor of <i>Fast Reports</i>	2022–
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Journal referee

Earth and Planetary Science Letters, Earth, Planets and Space, Geophysical Journal International, Geophysical Research Letters, Journal of Asian Earth Sciences, Journal of Geophysical Research - Solid Earth, Nature Geoscience, Progress in Earth and Planetary Science, Physics of the Earth and Planetary Interiors, Proceedings of the Japan Academy Series B, Pure and Applied Geophysics, Seismica, Scientific Reports, Tectonophysics

Conference convener

- JpGU, S-SS05: Fault Rheology and Earthquake Physics	2024
- JpGU, S-SS06: Fault Rheology and Earthquake Physics	2023
- AGU, S12B/S13A/S14A/S15C: Advancements in imaging earthquake source processes	2022
- JpGU, S-SS07: Fault Rheology and Earthquake Physics	2022
- JpGU, U-07: Study abroad during the COVID-19 pandemic	2022
- AGU, S036/S037/S042/S043: Modeling and imaging complex earthquake ruptures	2020
- AGU, S42B/S51E: Resolving the complexity of earthquake processes	2019
- JpGU, S-CG50: Intralab and intraplate earthquakes	2019
- AGU, S41A/S42A/S43C: Earthquake Source Physics: Unified perspectives from Kinematic Source Imaging, Physics-based Modeling, Laboratory Experiments, and Earthquake Geology	2018

Organizer

- Source Inversion Workshop Earthquake Research Institute, the University of Tokyo, Joint Research Program https://rokuwaki.github.io/SIW/	2022–2024
- SOLIST (SOLId-earth Seminar of Tsukuba) seminar series https://www.geol.tsukuba.ac.jp/~rokuwaki/solist/	2021–

Research interests

Geophysics, Seismology, Earthquake seismology, Earthquake-source kinematics and physics, Earthquake source imaging (backprojection, finite-fault modeling), Earth's subsurface phenomena, Environmental seismology, Array seismology

Invited talks

IGPP Seminar Series 2022, SIO, UCSD, San Diego CA	2022
Envisioning the Future of Geophysics: A Celebration of the Centennial of the Seismological Laboratory, Caltech, Pasadena CA	2022
American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting 2021, S44C-04, New Orleans LA (online)	2021
Imperial College London, Earth and planets seminars, London UK (online)	2021
JpGU Meeting 2018, Session: Intralab and intraplate earthquake, Chiba JP	2018
SCEC-ERI, The 3rd international summer school on Earthquake Science, Yamanashi JP	2015

Publications

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34. Rowe, C. D., Agius, M., Convers, J., Funning, G., Galasso, C., Hicks, S., Huynh, T., Lange, J., Lecocq, T., Mark, H., **Okuwaki, R.**, Ragon, T., Rychert, C., Teplitzky, S., & van den Ende, M. The Launch of Seismica: a seismic shift in publishing. *Seismica* (non-peer reviewed article), 1, 1–14, November 2022.
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