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Distinguished Professors



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Yufeng Zheng

Tenure-track Professor / Associate Professors



Mitsuhiro Aida



Gaochuang Cai



Hiroki Matsuo

Alumni



Takumi Higaki



Takashi Ishida



Ruda Lee



Atsushi Sainoki

Project Assistant Professor/ Postdoctoral Researchers



Akiko Nakamasu



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Young Faculty Members for International Joint Research



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Visiting Professors



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China



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Queensland
Australia

Visiting Associate Professors



Tomoyasu Mani
University of
Connecticut
USA



Hiroko Satoh
University of Zurich
Zwitzerland



**Daniel P.
Zitterbart**
Woods Hole
Oceanographic
Institution
USA

Distinguished Professors (4)

Name	Period of Appointment	Position/Affiliation
Konstantinos Kontis	November 1, 2018-	Professor School of Engineering University of Glasgow, UK
László Pusztai	April 1, 2017-	Scientific Advisor Wigner Research Centre for Physics Hungary
Dmitri Aleks Molodov	December 1, 2021-	Professor Institute of Physical Metallurgy and Metal Physics, RWTH Aachen University, Germany
Yufeng Zheng	May 1, 2017-	Professor Department of Materials and Engineering College of Engineering Peking University, China

Tenure-Track Professor/Associate Professors (3)

Name	Period of Appointment	Former Position/Affiliation
Mitsuhiro Aida Professor	July 1, 2017-	Postdoctoral Researcher Department of Applied Biological Science Tokyo University of Science PhD: Kyoto University (1999)
Gaochuang Cai Associate Professor	October 1, 2021-	Assistant professor, Faculty of Engineering Department of Architecture, Fukuoka University PhD: The University of Tokyo (2016)
Hiroki Matsuo Associate Professor	June 1, 2021-	Researcher, School of Environment and Society, Tokyo Institute of Technology PhD: Kobe University (2014)

Alumni (4)

Name	Period of Appointment	Former Position/Affiliation & Current Position/Affiliation
Takumi Higaki Associate Professor	August 1, 2017 - September 30, 2021	Research Associate Professor Graduate School of Frontier Sciences The University of Tokyo
		Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology (FAST), Kumamoto University
		PhD: The University of Tokyo (2009)
Takashi Ishida Associate Professor	June 1, 2016 - May 31, 2021	Postdoctoral Researcher Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology (FAST), Kumamoto University
		Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology (FAST), Kumamoto University
		PhD: Nara Institute of Science and Technology (2007)
Ruda Lee Associate Professor	January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2021	Postdoctoral Researcher Department of Drug Discovery and Development Istituto Italiano Di Tecnologia, Italy
		Institute of Industrial Nanomaterials (IIna), Kumamoto University
		PhD: Korea University, Korea (2013)
Atsushi Sainoki Associate Professor	January 1, 2017 - March 31, 2021	Postdoctoral Researcher Mine Design Laboratory, McGill University, Canada
		Faculty of Advanced Science and Technology (FAST), Kumamoto University
		PhD: McGill University, Canada (2014)

Project Assistant Professor (1)

Name	Period of Appointment	Former Position/Affiliation
Akiko Nakamasu Higaki Laboratory	November 1, 2019 - March 31, 2022 (Postdoctoral Researcher)	Research Assistant Professor Faculty of Medical Science, Kyushu University
	December 1, 2017 - October 30, 2019)	PhD: Ochanomizu University (2010)

Postdoctoral Researchers (1)

Name	Period of Appointment	Former Position/Affiliation
Mizuki Yamada Aida Laboratory	October 1, 2019-	Researcher Institute of Vegetable and Floriculture Science National Agriculture and Food Research Organization
		PhD: Niigata University (2014)

Young Faculty Members for International Joint Research (4)

Name	Period of Appointment	Partner Universities/Institutions
Takahiro Hosono Associate Professor FAST	June 1, 2019- March 31, 2022	Department of Earth and Planetary Science University of California, Berkeley USA
		McGill University Canada
Kei Ishida Associate Professor CWMD	June 1, 2019- March 31, 2022	University of California, Davis USA
		German Aerospace Center Germany
Mizue Munekata Associate Professor FAST	April 1, 2019- March 31, 2022	Institute of Aerodynamics and Flow Technology Germany
		The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia USA
Yuta Nakashima Associate Professor FAST	December 1, 2019- March 31, 2022	University of Pennsylvania USA

Visiting Professors (46)

Name	Position/Affiliation	Host Professor
U Rajendra Acharya	Senior faculty member Ngee Ann Polytechnic, Singapore	Makiko Kobayashi FAST
José E. Andrade	Professor California Institute of Technology, USA	Jun Otani FAST
Josep-Lluís Barona-Vilar	Professor University of Valencia, Spain	Makoto Takafuji FAST
Pouyan Boukany	Associate Professor Delft University of Technology, Netherlands	Hamid Hosano IINa
Olivier Boutin	Professor/Deputy Director of M2P2 CNRS/Aix Marseille University, France	Mitsuru Sasaki IINa
Paul Bowen	Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor/ Feeney Professor of Metallurgy The University of Birmingham, UK	Yoji Mine FAST
Pierre Breul	Professor University of Clermont Auvergne, France	Jun Otani FAST
Maria Jose Cocero	Professor The University of Valladolid, Spain	Tetsuya Kida FAST
Marc De Boissieu	Group Leader of SIMap CNRS/ Université Grenoble Alpes, France	Ichiro Akai IINa
Patrice Jean Delmas	Associate Professor The University of Auckland, New Zealand	Toshifumi Mukunoki FAST
Martin Dienwiebel	Professor Karlsruhe Institute for Technology, Germany	Yoji Mine FAST
Martino Di Serio	Professor University of Naples Federico II, Italy	Shinya Hayami FAST
Derek Elsworth	Professor The Pennsylvania State University, USA	Atsushi Sainoki IROAST
Carolina Escobar	Professor University of Castilla La Mancha, Spain	Shinichiro Sawa FAST

Amir A. Farajian	Professor Wright State University, USA	Hamid Hosano IINa
Etsuko Fujita	Senior Chemist Brookhaven National Laboratory, USA	Yutaka Kuwahara FAST
Tomonari Furukawa	Professor University of Virginia, USA	Makoto Kumon FAST
Hamid Ghandehari	Professor University of Utah, USA	Hamid Hosano IINa
Olivier Hamant	INRA Research Director RDP, ENS de Lyon, France	Shinichiro Sawa FAST
Christian Siegfried Hardtke	Professor University of Lausanne, Switzerland	Shinichiro Sawa FAST
Jens Hartmann	Professor Universität Hamburg, Germany	Takahiro Hosono FAST
Yuichiro Himeda	Prime Senior Researcher National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology, Japan	Manabu Sugimoto FAST
Dragos Horvath	CNRS Research Director (DR2) University of Strasbourg, France	Manabu Sugimoto FAST
Ryushiro Kasahara	Professor Fujian Agriculture and Forestry University, China	Shinichiro Sawa FAST
Yang Kim	Professor Emeritus Kosin University, Republic of Korea	Shinya Hayami FAST
Alexei Kuzmin	Leading Researcher University of Latvia, Latvia	Laszlo Pusztai IROAST
Ick Chan Kwon	Principal Research Scientist Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST) Republic of Korea	Takuro Niidome FAST
Youn-Woo Lee	Professor Seoul National University, Republic of Korea	Mitsuru Sasaki IINa

Pavel Lejček	Professor Institute of Physics of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic	Sadahiro Tsurekawa FAST
Bo Liu	Professor University of California, Davis, USA	Takumi Higaki FAST
Viren Ivor Menezes	Professor Indian Institute of Technology Bombay, India	Hamid Hosano IINa
Matthieu Micoulaut	Professor CNRS/Sorbonne University, France	Ichiro Akai IINa
Rahul Raveendran Nair	Professor The University of Manchester, UK	Shinya Hayami FAST
Reiko Oda	Research Director CNRS/University of Bordeaux, France	Makoto Takafuji FAST
Shie-Ming Peng	Distinguished Chair Professor for Research National Taiwan University, Taiwan	Shinya Hayami FAST
Ramesh S. Pillai	Professor University of Geneva, Switzerland	Tokio Tani FAST
Zoran Ren	Professor University of Maribor, Slovenia	Kazuyuki Hokamoto IINa
Christian Rentenberger	Associate Professor University of Vienna, Austria	Mitsuhiro Matsuda FAST
Stelios Rigopoulos	Reader of Division “Thermofluids” (Associate Professor) Imperial College London, UK	Hamid Hosano IINa
Shirley Shen	Principal Research Scientist Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO), Australia	Youji Mine FAST
Atsushi Urakawa	Professor Delft University of Technology, Netherlands	Manabu Sugimoto FAST
Gioacchino Viggiani	Professor CNRS/Université Grenoble Alpes, France	Jun Otani FAST
Thomas Waitz	Associate Professor University of Vienna, Austria	Mitsuhiro Matsuda FAST

Andrew J. Whittle	Professor Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), USA	Jun Otani FAST
Zhenghe Xu	Dean, College of Engineering, Southern University of Science and Technology China	Makoto Takafuji FAST
Firuz Zare	Honorary Professor The University of Queensland, Australia	Hamid Hosano IINa

Visiting Associate Professors (3)

Name	Position/Affiliation	Host Professor
Tomoyasu Mani	Assistant Professor University of Connecticut, USA	Yutaka Kuwahara FAST
Hiroko Satoh	Researcher University of Zurich (UZH), Zwitterland	Manabu Sugimoto FAST
Daniel P. Zitterbart	Associate Scientist Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, USA	Kei Toda FAST

*The names of each list are arranged alphabetically by last name.

Research Units (26)

Units of World-leading Researchers (14)

Unit Name	Unit Coordinator
Development of Nano and Supramolecular Materials	Shinya Hayami FAST
RNA Biology	Tokio Tani FAST
Plant Cell and Developmental Biology	Shinichiro Sawa FAST
Nano-Organics and Nano-Hybrids	Makoto Takafuji FAST
Nano-medicine and Drug Delivery System	Hamid Hosano IINa
Nano-medicine and Theranostics	Takuro Niidome FAST
Multiscale Modeling of Soil and Rock Materials Using X-ray CT	Jun Otani FAST
Medical Application of X-ray CT	Toshifumi Mukunoki FAST
-Quantification of Three Dimensional Vascular Network	
-MicroCT-based Quantification of Fibrosis and Vascularization in Pancreatic Tumor	
Advanced Structural Materials	Yoji Mine FAST
Microstructure Analysis and Grain Boundary Engineering	Sadahiro Tsurekawa FAST
Structure and Dynamics of Materials Using Quantum Beams and Data-Driven Sciences	Ichiro Akai IINa
Hydrological Environments	Takahiro Hosono FAST (Kimpei Ichiyanagi FAST)
Nano-materials for Energy Applications and Environmental Protection	Tetsuya Kida FAST (Armando T. Quitain Center for International Education)

Units of Young Researchers (12)

Unit Name	Unit Coordinator
Quantitative Bioimaging	Takumi Higaki IROAST
Development of novel therapeutic strategy using iron targeted upconversion nanoparticles for Parkinson's disease	Ruda Lee IROAST
Deep Learning for Hydrology	Kei Ishida CWMD
Environmental Impacts of Ionic Solutes	Shin-Ichi Ohira FAST
Radio Astronomy	Keitaro Takahashi FAST
Plant Stem Cells and Regeneration	Mitsuhiro Aida IROAST
Development of microbially-aided carbon sequestration technology	Atsushi Sainoki IROAST
Advanced Biomedical Evaluation System	Makiko Kobayashi FAST
Bio-inspired Functional Molecular System	Yutaka Kuwahara FAST
Nanomaterials processing for medical, cosmetic, and environmental applications	Mitsuru Sasaki IINa
Ferroelectric Photovoltaics	Hiroki Matsuo IROAST (Yuji Noguchi FAST)
Next-Generation Design of Structures	Gaochuang Cai IROAST

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