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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Information Sciences, Tohoku University

M.A. in Information Sciences, Tohoku University

B.A. in Engineering, Tohoku University

March 2014

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March 1990

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor, Kyoto Institute of Economic Research, April 2020 – Present Kyoto University

Assistant Professor, School of Engineering, October 2016 – March 2020 Tohoku University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Urban and regional economics; Transportation science; Evolutionary game theory.

RESEARCH

Refereed Publications

- 1. "Time Evolution of City Distributions in Germany," with Kiyohiro Ikeda and Yuki Takayama. *Networks and Spatial Economics*, **22**, 125–151, 2022.
- "Perturbed pitchfork bifurcation in a population game: Application to economic geography," with Kiyohiro Ikeda, José Maria Gaspar, and Yuki Takayama. Journal of Regional Science, 62(4), 961–980, 2022.
- "Model-based analysis on social acceptability and feasibility of a focused protection strategy against the COVID-19 pandemic," with Takashi Akamatsu, Takeshi Nagae, Koki Satsukawa, Takara Sakai, Daijiro Mizutani. Scientific Reports 11, 2003, 2021.
- 4. "Break and sustain bifurcations of S_N -invariant equidistant economy," with Kiyohiro Ikeda, José Maria Gaspar, and Hiroki Aizawa.

 International Journal of Bifurcation and Chaos, **30**(16), 2050240, 2020.
- 5. "Equilibrium refinement for a model of non-monocentric internal structures of cities: A potential game approach," with Takashi Akamatsu. *Journal of Economic Theory*, **187**, 105025, 2020.
- "First-best dynamic assignment of commuters with endogenous heterogeneities in a corridor network," with Haoran Fu and Takashi Akamatsu. Transportation Research Part B: Methodological, 117, 811–831, 2018.
- 7. "Harris and Wilson (1978) model revisited: The spatial period-doubling bifurcation in an urban retail model," with Takashi Akamatsu and Yuki Takayama. *Journal of Regional Science*, **57**(3), 442–466, 2017.

Working Papers

- 1. "Spatial scale of agglomeration and dispersion: Number, spacing, and the spatial extent of cities," with Takashi Akamatsu, Tomoya Mori, and Yuki Takayama. 2024.
- 2. "Origin of power laws and their spatial fractal structure for city-size distributions," with Takashi Akamatsu, Tomoya Mori, and Yuki Takayama. 2024.

- 3. "Stochastic stability of agglomeration patterns in an urban retail model," with Takashi Akamatsu and Yosuke Kogure. 2020.
- 4. "Innovation through intra and inter-regional interaction in economic geography" with José Maria Gaspar. 2024.
- 5. "Production externalities and dispersion process in a multi-region economy," with José Maria Gaspar. 2020.

RESEARCH GRANTS (PI ONLY), HONORS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 1. Grant-in-Aid for Scientific Research (C) (22K04353), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (April 2022 March 2026).
- 2. Grant-in-Aid for Early-Career Scientists (19K14735), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (April 2019 March 2023).
- 3. Grant-in-Aid for Young Scientists (B) (17K14735), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (April 2017 March 2019).
- 4. Grant-in-Aid, Joint Usage and Research Center, Institute of Economic Research, Kyoto University (April 2017 March 2018).
- 5. Research Fellowship for Young Scientists (DC1), Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (April 2014 September 2016).
- 6. 2017 Kometani–Sasaki Award (for doctoral theses), Institute of Systems Science Research.
- 7. 2016 Doboku Gakkai Ronbun Shourei Shou, Japan Society of Civil Engineers.
- 8. 2014 Doboku Gakkai Ronbun Shou, Japan Society of Civil Engineers. (Joint with T. Akamatsu, T. Nagae, and H. Yamaguchi)