Demographic Landscape of the KAGRA Collaboration

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KAGRA Collaboration

- KAGRA is a large-scale experimental project to build a **Gravitational-wave Telescope** and to start **Gravitational-wave Astrophysics**
- Project started in 2010, funded by Japan

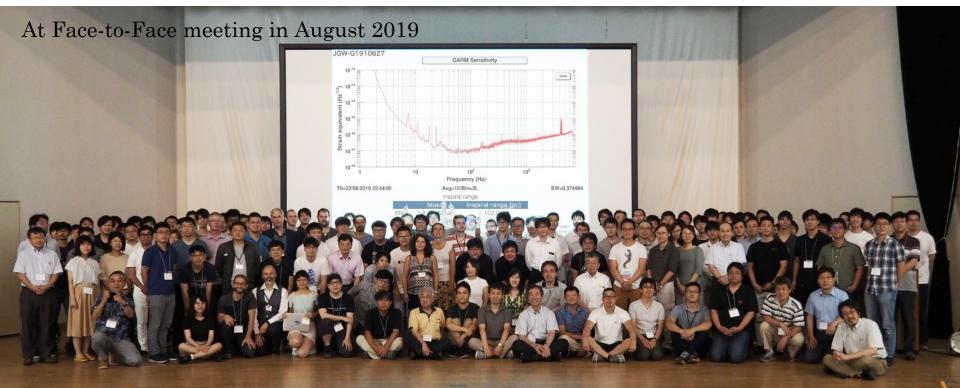




KAGRA Collaboration

International Collaboration with 110 institutions, more than 10 countries, ~470 members, ~200 authors





Demographics of KAGRA Collaboration in 2018

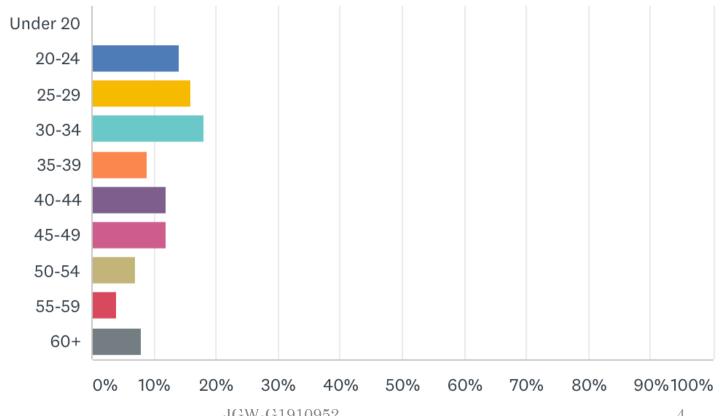
• Our second demographic survey of KAGRA

• Online survey was done from Nov 6th to 25th, 2018

• 102 responses

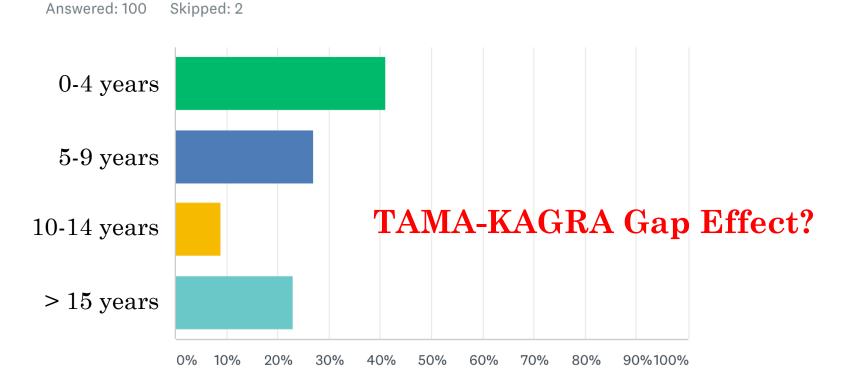
Survey Results 1 Age and Positions

Which category below includes your age?



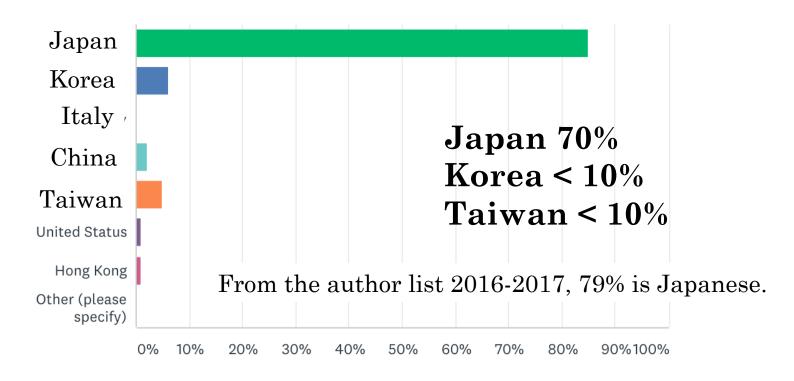
Survey Results 2 Length of Research Experience

How long have you worked in the gravitational wave field f...



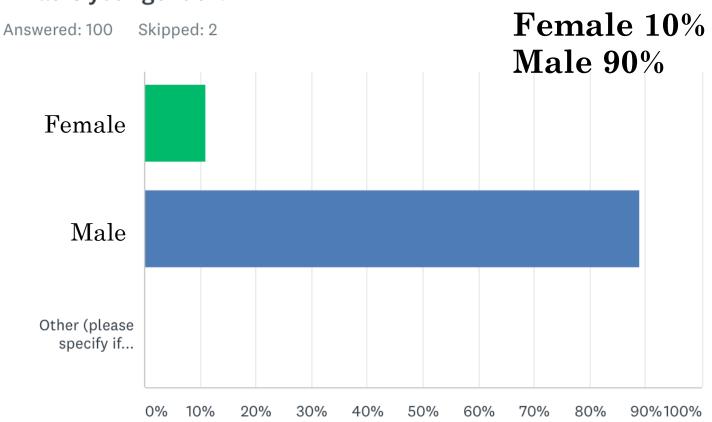
Survey Results 3 Country of the affiliation

What country is your current affiliation located?



Survey Results 4 Gender Ratio

What is your gender?



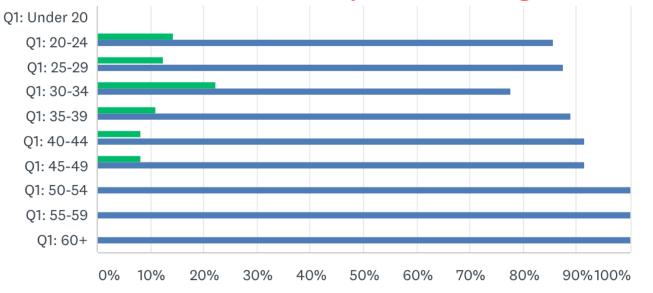
Survey Results 4 Gender comparison in age

What is your gender?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 0

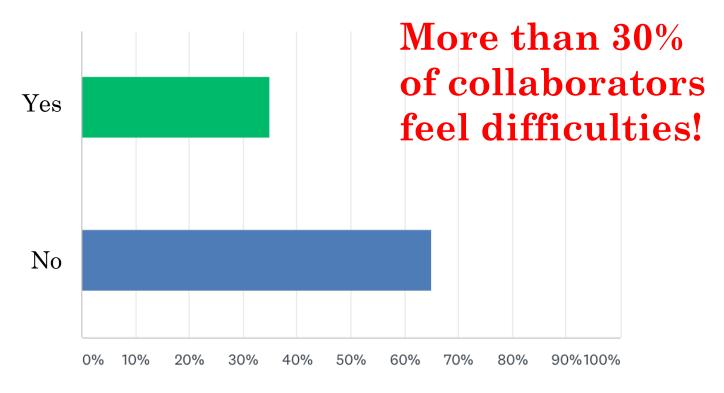
More female in younger generation?

- Maybe so, in the more recent society
- Maybe "leaky pipe" effect
- Maybe no enough statistics



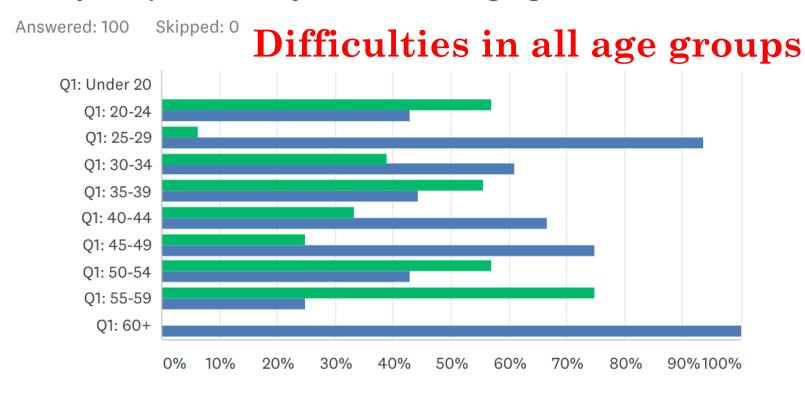
Survey Result 5 Difficulties at Work in KAGRA

Have you experienced any other kinds (language, culture, ...



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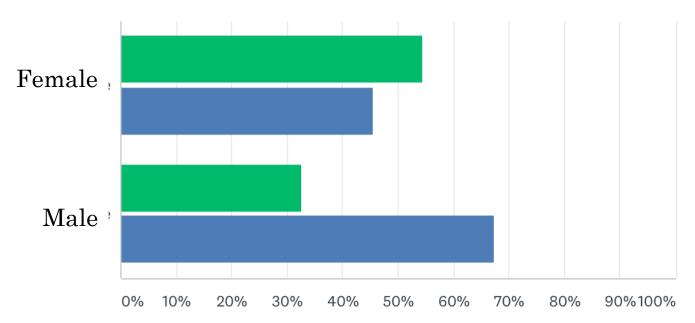
Yes

No

Survey Result 5 Difficulties comparison in gender

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More difficulties in female members

Yes No

Survey Result 5 Comments about Difficulties

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We must improve our communication at our workplace!

- Social events in meeting
- Inviting diversity specialists
- Any ideas?

Diversity Committee

- Volunteer committee with several people
- Our Goals
 - Creating a welcoming and comfortable environment for everyone to increase the scientific productivity
 - To minimize unnecessary conflict between different age groups, gender, cultural backgrounds, etc.
 - Carry out Surveys, plan social events, etc.

Our next steps

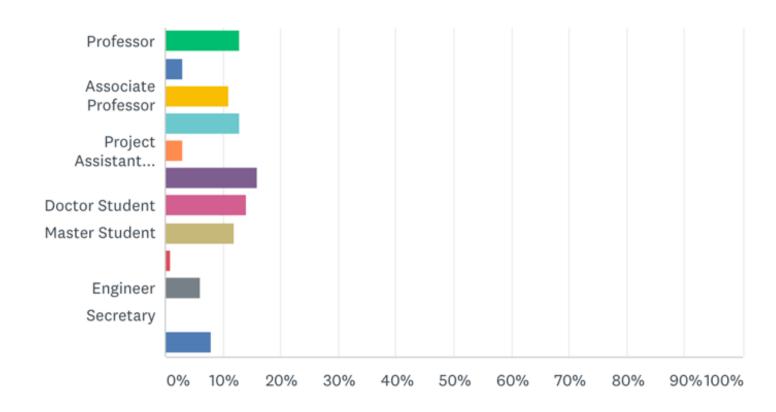
- Survey in 2019 is underway
- Efforts for better communication between the collaborators
- Involve more people in the diversity committee

... and so on...

Appendix: Responses for the other questions

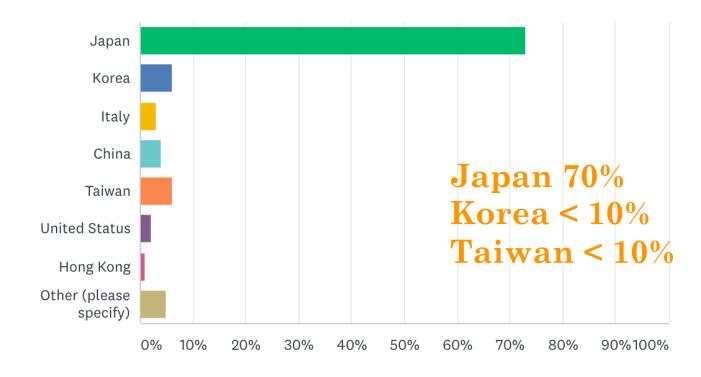
Survey results Age and Positions

What is your job category?



Survey results Home countries

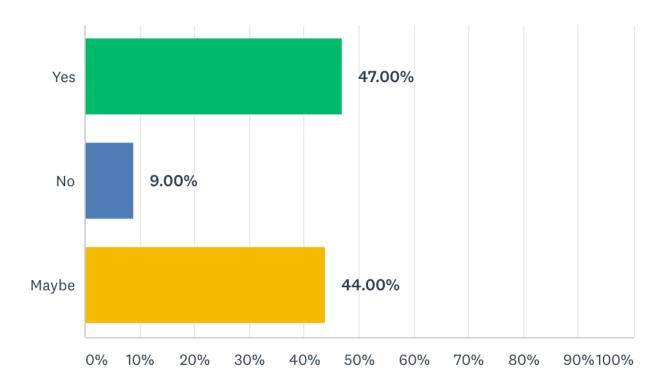
What region are you from?



Survey results Social events

About 90% of responses are interested in social events (yes + maybe)

Are you interested in any kind of social events at F2F meet...



Results Social events comparison in age groups

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