

Memorandum of Agreement

between

KAGRA,

VIRGO,

and the

Laser Interferometer Gravitational Wave Observatory (LIGO)

under the umbrella of the

International Gravitational-Wave Observatory Network (IGWN)

September 24, 2026

1 Parties to the agreement

1.1 KAGRA

KAGRA denotes the KAGRA Collaboration. The KAGRA Collaboration is composed of more than 400 individuals from more than 90 institutions. KAGRA project is supported by Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) of Japan. KAGRA is hosted by Institute for Cosmic Ray Research (ICRR), the University of Tokyo and co-hosted by High Energy Accelerator Research Organization (KEK) and National Astronomical Observatory of Japan (NAOJ). In this agreement, the KAGRA Collaboration is represented by the Chair of the KAGRA Scientific Congress (KSC) Board, who serves as the KAGRA Spokesperson. The Chair is elected by the KSC Board members. The KSC Board consists of members elected by the KSC, representatives of participating countries and regions, and representatives of early-career scientists.

1.2 LIGO

LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory) denotes hereafter the LIGO Scientific Collaboration (LSC) including the LIGO Laboratory.

Signatories

Approved:

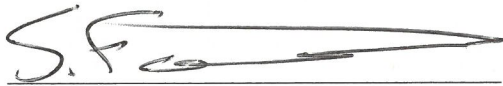


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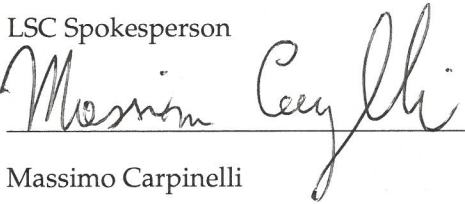


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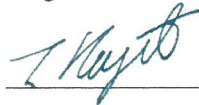


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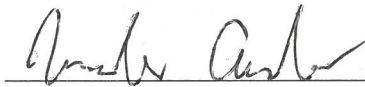


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