

## **Takafumi Niida**

The RHIC/AGS User's Executive Committee merit award is given to Takafumi Niida for his indispensable contributions to the measurements of local and global polarization and for his measurements of directed flow with differential femtoscopic techniques in heavy ion collisions with the PHENIX and STAR experiments.

Dr. Niida received his Ph.D. from Tsukuba in 2013. During his graduate career, as part of the PHENIX collaboration, Takafumi conducted azimuthally differential femtoscopic correlation measurements in Au+Au collisions that were published in Physical Review Letters. Dr. Niida is Research Assistant Professor at Wayne State University and he continues to contribute to leading studies of flow and HBT.