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EDUCATION

Ph.D. (Physics) University of Mississippi	2016-2022
Advisor: Prof. Leo C. Stein	
Dissertation Title: Post-Newtonian Dynamics of Eccentric, Spinning Binary Black Holes and the Associated Gravitational Waveforms	
B.Tech. (Mechanical Engineering) Indian Institute of Technology Ropar	2009-2013

EMPLOYMENT

Postdoctoral Fellow LUTH, Paris Observatory - PSL University	2023-2025
Adjunct Instructor University of Mississippi	2022-2023
Teaching and Research Assistant University of Mississippi	2016-2022
Junior Research Fellow Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai	2013-2015

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

Postdoctoral Fellowship, Paris Observatory - PSL University	2023-2025
FGSA Travel Award for Excellence in Graduate Research, APS (\$500)	2022
Graduate School Honors Fellowship, Univ. of Mississippi (\$12,000 in total)	2016-2020
Junior Research Fellowship, Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Mumbai	2013-2015

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Phys 211 Instructor of record for calculus-based undergrad Physics (as adjunct instructor, Univ. of Mississippi; course website here)	Summer 2023
Phys 221, 222, 223, 224 undergrad physics lab courses (as teaching assistant, Univ. of Mississippi)	2016-2022

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Gravitational waves • Post-Newtonian dynamics of binary black holes • Quasi-normal mode ringdown of black holes • Hamiltonian systems • Extreme mass ratio inspirals

INVITED TALKS & LECTURES

Institut d'astrophysique de Paris (GReCO seminar)	Jan 2024
IISER Pune (Physics Seminar)	Jan 2024
Missouri University of Science and Technology (Department Colloquium)	Aug 2023
Northwestern University	Jul 2023
Univ. of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (lecture workshop; lecture notes here)	Jun 2022

Montana State Univ. (Relativity, Astrophysics and Space Science Seminar)	Apr 2022
Max Planck Inst. for Gravitational Physics Potsdam (ACR Seminar, <i>remote</i>)	Jun 2021
Simon Fraser Univ. (Cosmology Seminar, <i>remote</i>)	Sep 2020

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Referee Physical Review & Physical Review Letters	Feb 2023-present
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MENTORING

Manuel Alva (undergrad, Universidad Nacional de Trujillo, Peru) worked on Publication (1)	Nov 2023-present
Tom Colin (postgrad, Ecole Normale Supérieure, Paris) worked on Publication (1)	Oct 2023-present
Rickmoy Samanta (postdoc, ISI Kolkata) worked on Publication (4)	Sep 2021-Sep 2022
Pranav Kasetty (undergrad thesis co-advisor, IISc Bengaluru)	Oct 2021-Apr 2022

COMPUTER SKILLS

• Mathematica (xAct), C/C++, Python, Fortran, Matlab, Jekyll (web development), Bash • GitHub [profile](#)

OUTREACH & SERVICE

• Public Talk on Astronomy - Univ. of MS (2023) • Judge at The Speaker's Edge Competition 2022 - Univ. of MS • Organized STEM Summer Camp - Univ. of MS (2018, 19) • Organized Spooky Physics Night - Univ. of MS (2016, 17, 18) • Public talk in French (Journée du LUTH), Paris Observatory (2024) • YouTube videos on [research](#) and [popular science](#)

LANGUAGES

Hindi, English, French (elementary)

PUBLICATIONS

1. T. Colin, **S. Tanay**, and L. Bernard. Revisiting 2PN Hamiltonian mechanics of binary black holes, *in prep.* 2024
2. L. C. Stein, V. Witzany, **S. Tanay**, and V. Skoupý. Action angle variables of a spinning body in a Kerr background, *in prep.* 2024
3. **S. Tanay**. Towards a more robust algorithm for computing the Kerr quasinormal mode frequencies, 2022, [arXiv:2210.03657](#) (to be submitted)
4. R. Samanta, **S. Tanay**, and L. C. Stein. Closed-form solutions of spinning, eccentric binary black holes at 1.5 post-Newtonian order. *Phys. Rev. D*, 108(14):124039, 2023, [arXiv:2210.01605](#)
5. **S. Tanay**, G. Cho, and L. C. Stein. Action-angle variables of a binary black hole with arbitrary eccentricity, spins, and masses at 1.5 post-Newtonian order. *Phys. Rev. D*, 107(26):103040, 2021, [arXiv:2110.15351](#)
6. G. Cho, **S. Tanay**, A. Gopakumar, and H. M. Lee. Generalized quasi-Keplerian solution for eccentric, nonspinning compact binaries at 4PN order and the associated inspiral-merger-ringdown waveform. *Phys. Rev. D*, 105(6):064010, 2022, [arXiv: 2110.09608](#)
7. **S. Tanay**, L. C. Stein, and J. T. Gálvez Gherzi. Integrability of eccentric, spinning black hole binaries up to second post-Newtonian order. *Phys. Rev. D*, 103(6):064066, 2021, [arXiv: 2012.06586](#)
8. **S. Tanay**, A. Klein, E. Berti, and A. Nishizawa. Convergence of Fourier-domain templates for inspiraling eccentric compact binaries. *Phys. Rev. D*, 100(6):064006, 2019, [arXiv:1905.08811](#)

9. **S. Tanay**, M. Haney, and A. Gopakumar. Frequency and time domain inspiral templates for comparable mass compact binaries in eccentric orbits. *Phys. Rev. D*, 93(6):064031, 2016, [arXiv:1602.03081](#)