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The Final Spin of Black Hole Binaries ERIK SCHNETTER<sup>1</sup>, Louisiana State University — The evolution from the initial to the final state of a generic binary black hole system can be viewed as black box, with just a few input and output parameters such as masses and spins. Combining a series of numerical simulations and certain reasonable assumptions, we derive accurate analytic expressions describing the final state after the merger process, for the case of aligned spins and non-eccentric orbits.

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