

Binary Black Holes and Scattering Amplitudes

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We combine tools from the modern amplitudes program and effective field theory to develop a systematic and scalable method for deriving classical dynamics for binary systems from on-shell scattering. Applying this to gravitationally interacting massive scalars yields the first derivation of the conservative Hamiltonian for compact spinless binaries at third post-Minkowskian order. The resulting Hamiltonian is in complete agreement with corresponding terms in state-of-the-art expressions at fourth post-Newtonian order as well as the probe limit at all orders in velocity. Prospects for improving the accuracy of theoretical waveform templates employed in gravitational wave detection are discussed.

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