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Quantum error correction on infinite dimensional Hilbert spaces

I will discuss a recent generalization of the quantum error correction framework to infinite-dimensional Hilbert spaces. The generalization yields new classes of quantum error correcting codes that have no finite-dimensional counterparts. The theory begins with a shift of focus from states to algebras of observables. Standard subspace codes and subsystem codes are seen as the special case of algebras of observables given by finite-dimensional von Neumann factors of type I. The generalization allows for the correction of codes characterized by any von Neumann algebra.

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