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Information return in Hawking radiation, a Gaussian quantum information theory perspective

One possible solution to Hawking's black hole information paradox is to postulate that a pure quantum state of a collapsing object evolves unitarily to a pure quantum black hole, which in turn evolves unitarily to a pure state of Hawking radiation, when all the black hole will have radiated away. By assumption the final state then involves only known physics, though of very high-dimensional states. We idealize (simplify) by supposing that all the Hawking particles are photons. The constraint that a total state over some set of photonic modes is pure while all the marginals are thermal is a quantum marginal problem. If such problems can be solved or not depend in a surprisingly simple way on the properties of the marginals, i.e. on the mode temperatures. I will discuss what implications these and related developments may have for the information return scenario. The talk is partly based on joint work with Pawel Horodecki and Michal Eckstein, JCAP01(2022)014.

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