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Abstract: One simple way to think about physics is in terms of information. We gain information about physical systems by observing them, and with luck this data allows us to predict what they will do next. Quantum mechanics doesn\'t just change the rules about how physical objects behave - it changes the rules about how information behaves. In this talk we explore what quantum information is, and how strangely it differs from our intuitions. In particular we see how information about quantum particles can become entangled, leading to seemingly impossibly coordinated behaviour for separate objects.

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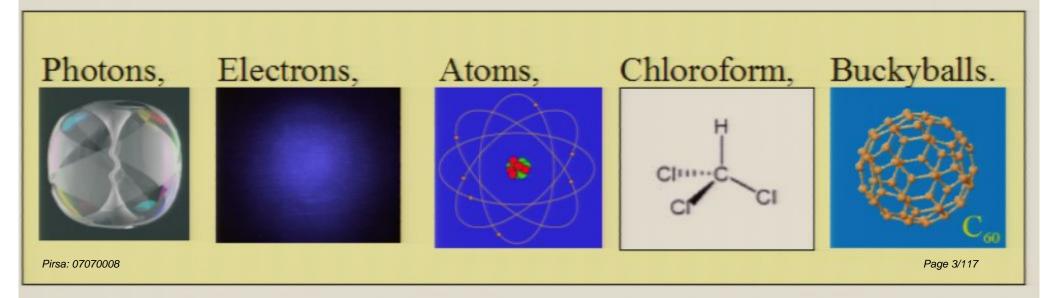
# Physical Information

Quantum theory is *not* a fully formed model of the physical world.

It is a framework – a mathematical structure we can colour in with whatever physics we need at for any situation.

It tells us something remarkable:

Every physical system follows identical rules of behaviour.



# Physical Information

Every physical system follows the same, counterintuitive rules.

Quantum information theory is the study of these rules.

#### What do these rules let us do?

- Quantum Cryptography
- Quantum Computing

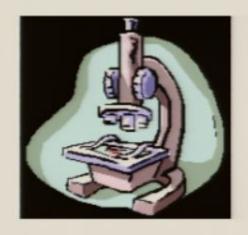
What do these systems know that we don't?

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# Why Information?

As physicists, we're interested in getting information about the world around us – we want to *observe* the world:





Where? When? How heavy? How hot? How charged? How fast?...

Every measurement we make, every observation we take, is an interaction with a physical system to extract information from ite 5/117

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# Bits and Qubits

What's the simplest bit of physical information we can talk about?

The answer to a binary question:

"Is the atom in its ground state, or not?"

"Is there a photon there, or not?"

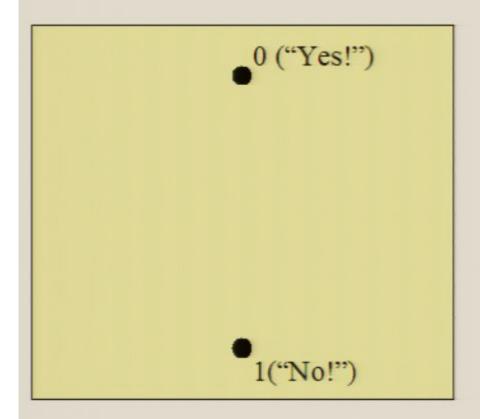
"Is the cat dead, or not?"

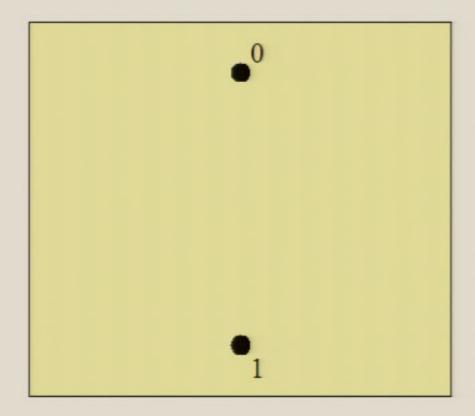
There are only two possible answers to these questions:

Yes or No.

This is the key kind of question to ask. Every other question we can ask to the physical world can be built up out of these.

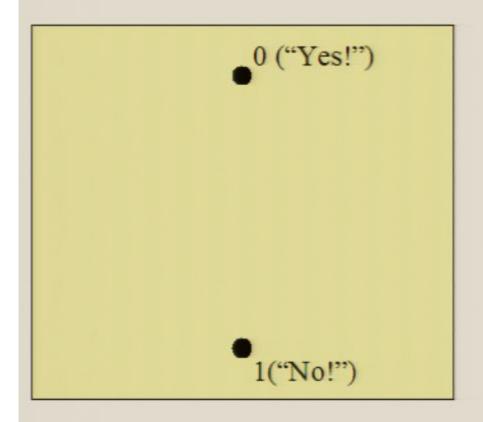
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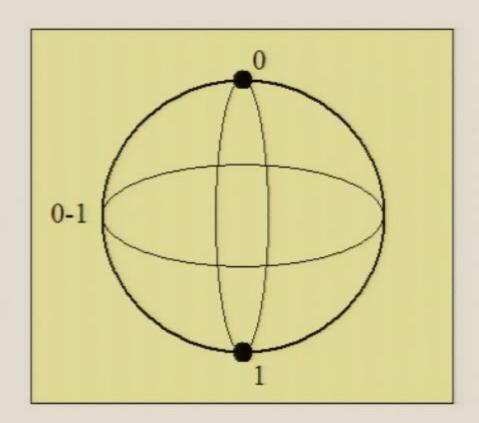


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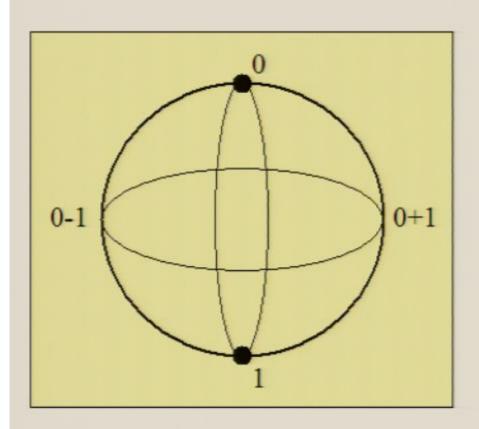


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A quantum bit, or *qubit*, has an infinite set possible pure states, the surface of the Bloch sphere. The states **0** and **1** are just two opposing points.

### Ket Notation and the Superposition Principle



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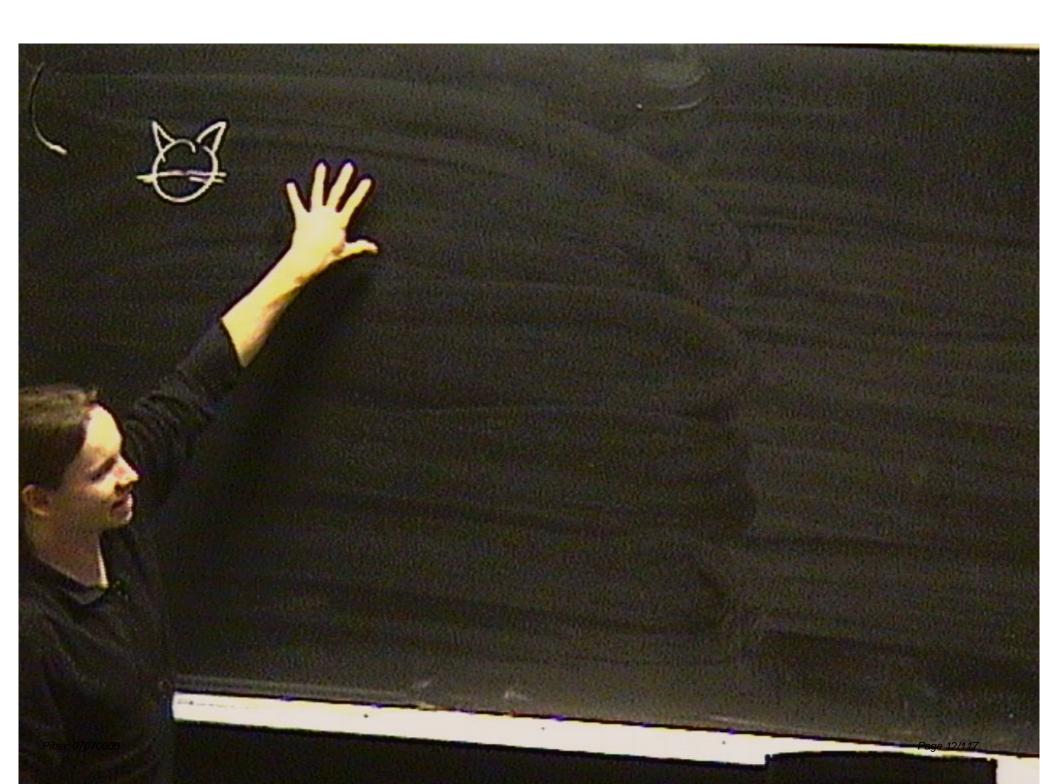
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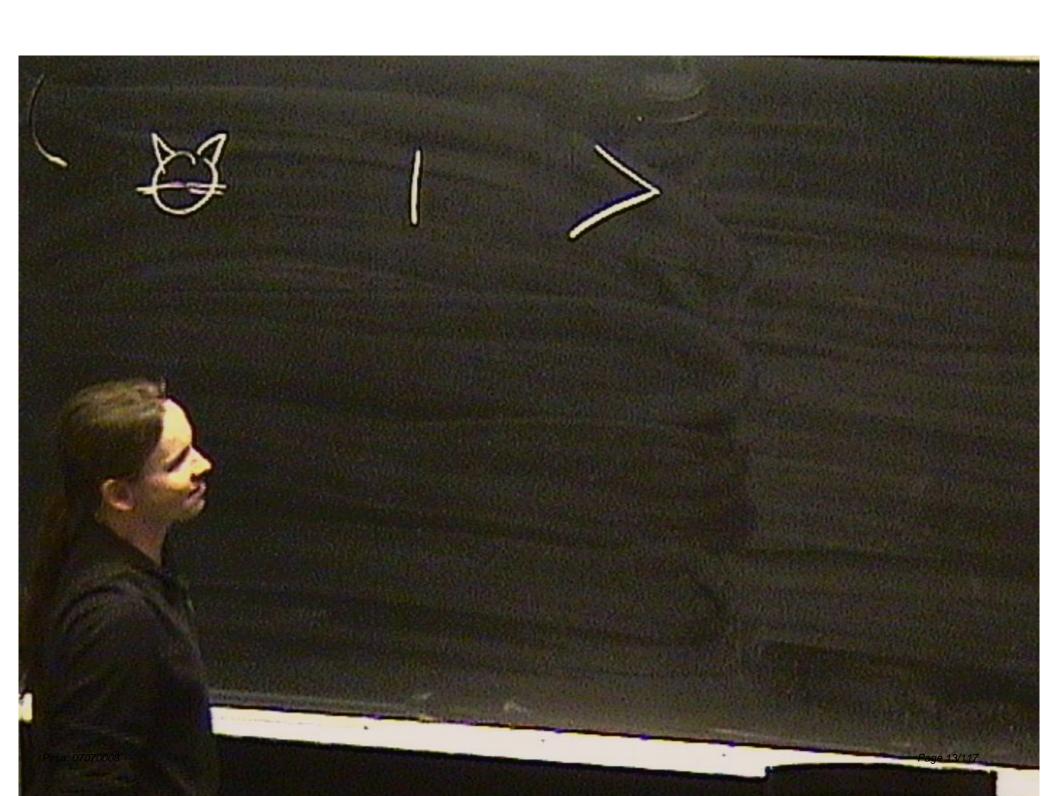
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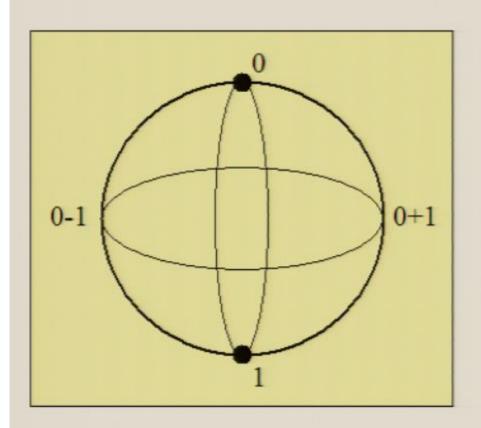
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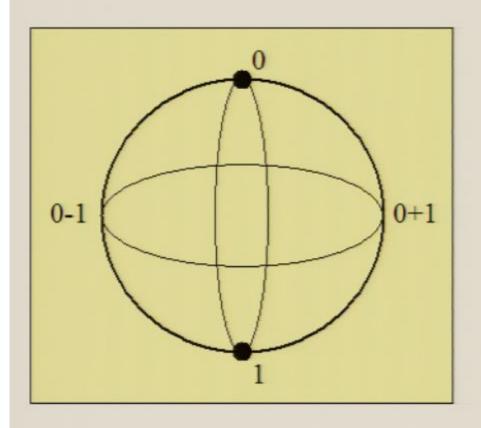
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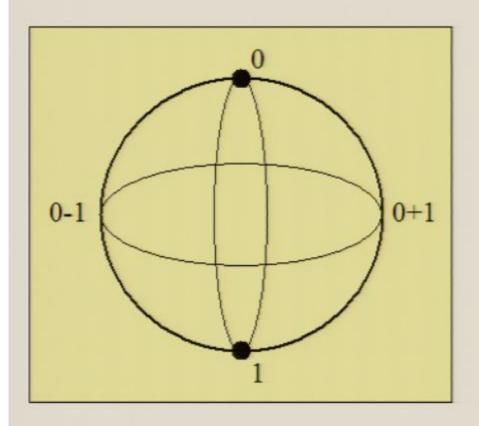
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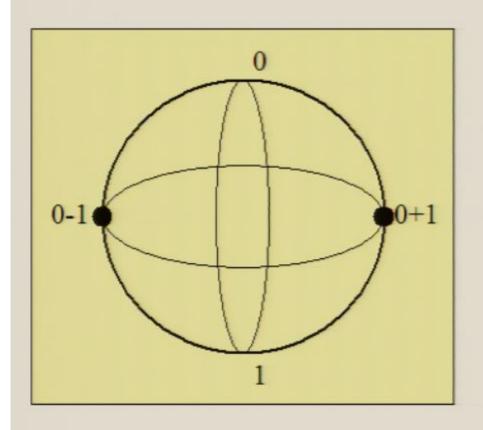
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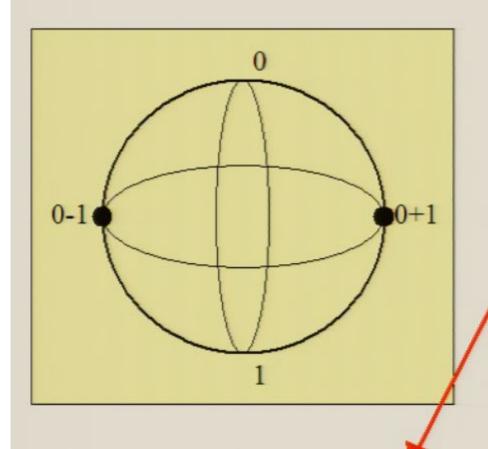
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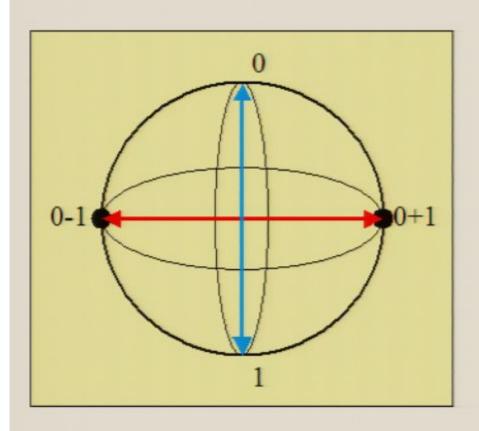
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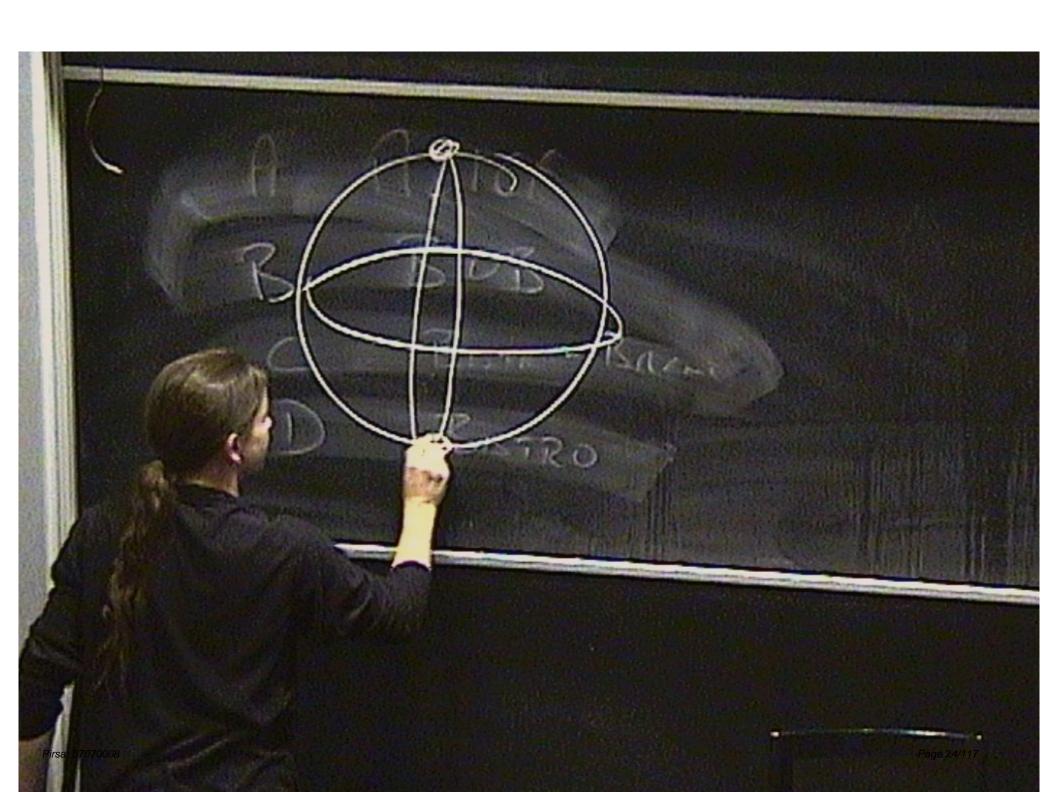
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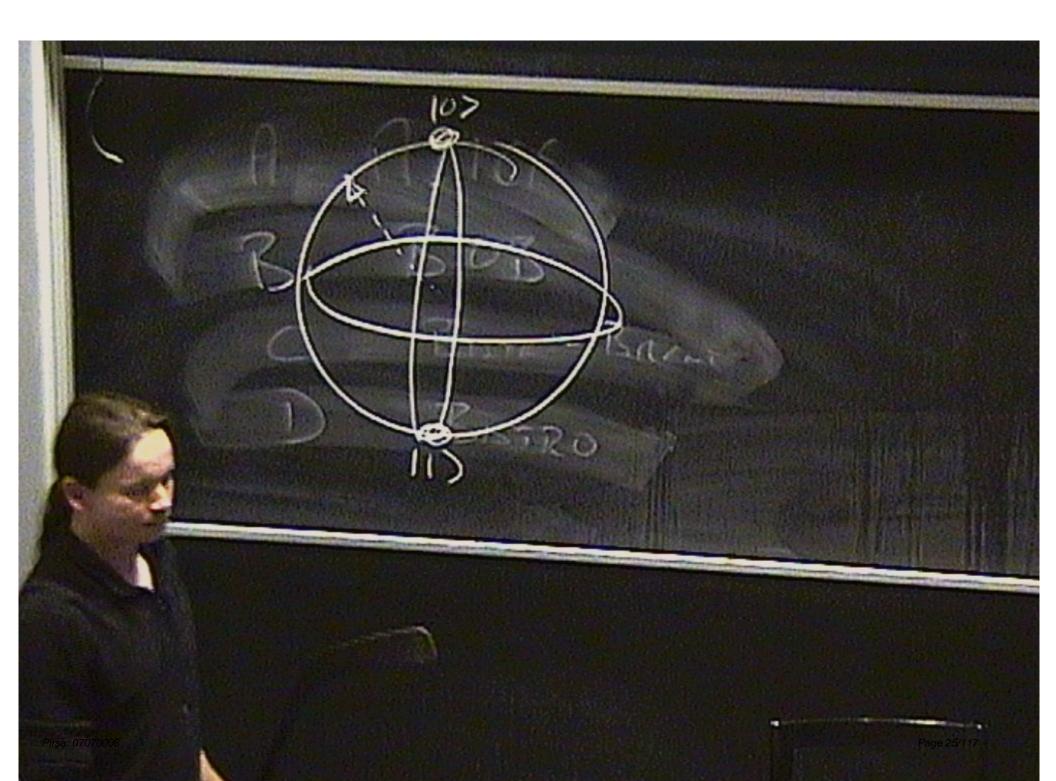
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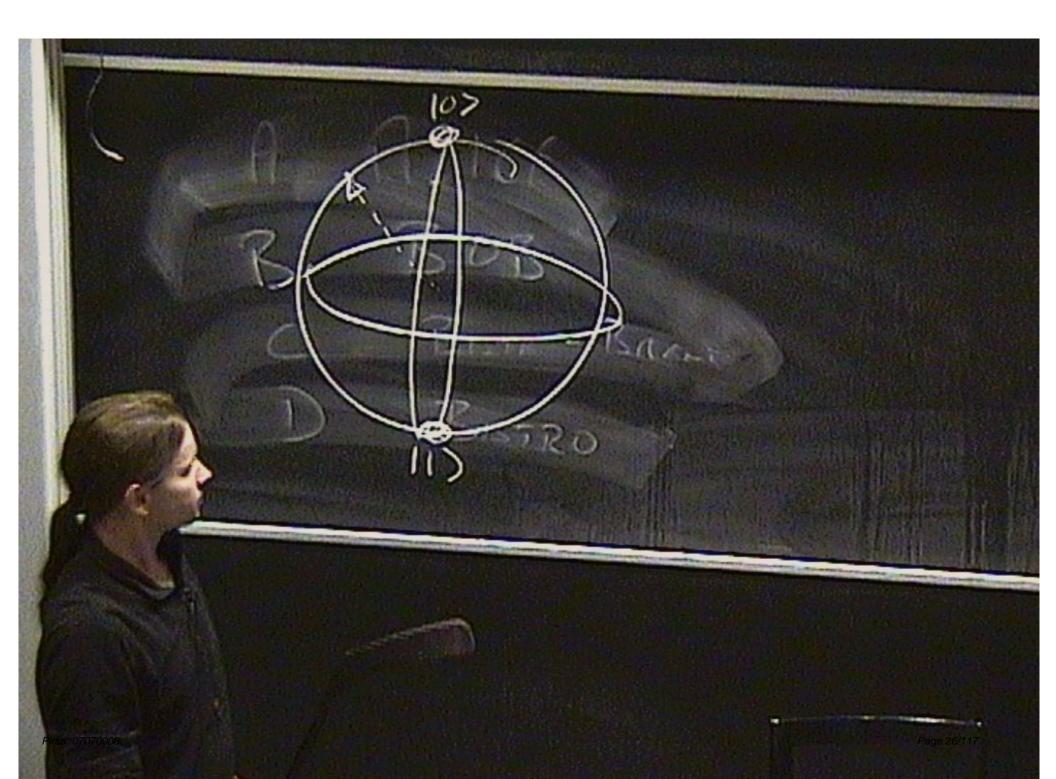
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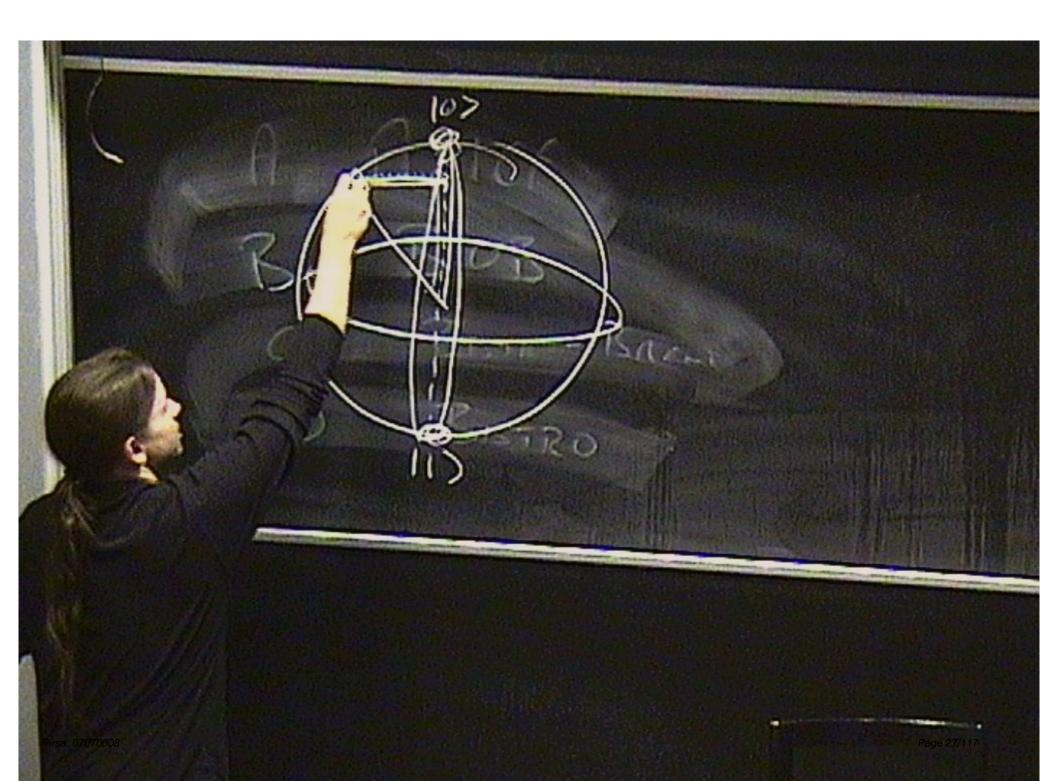
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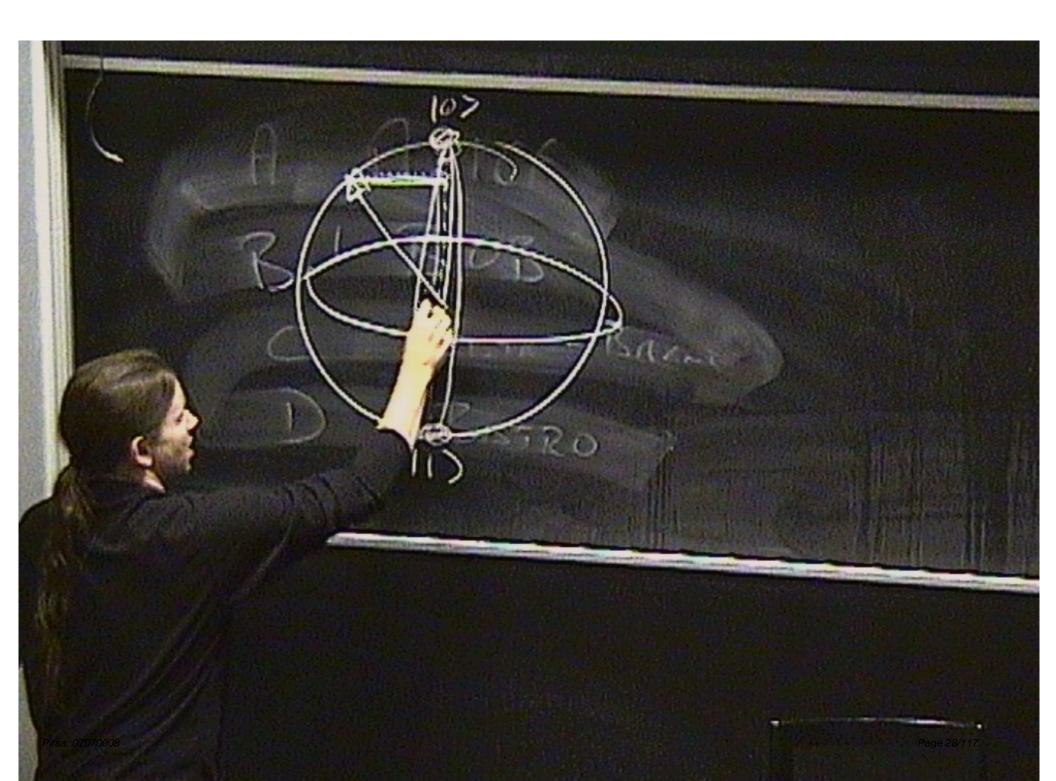
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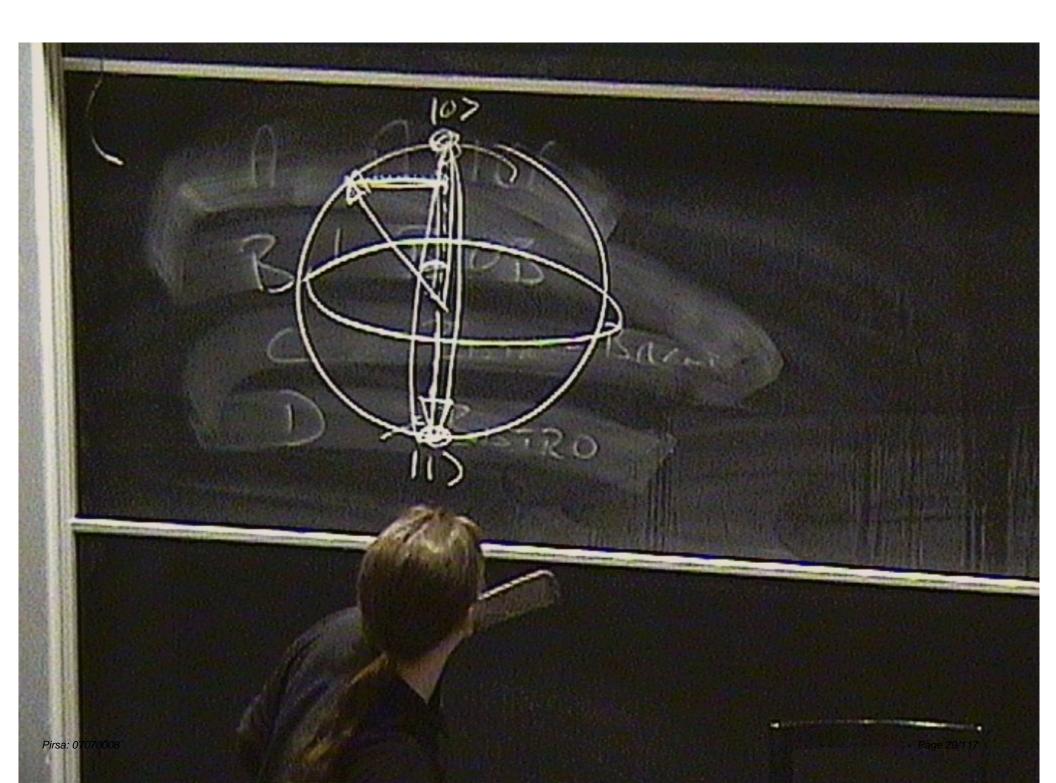


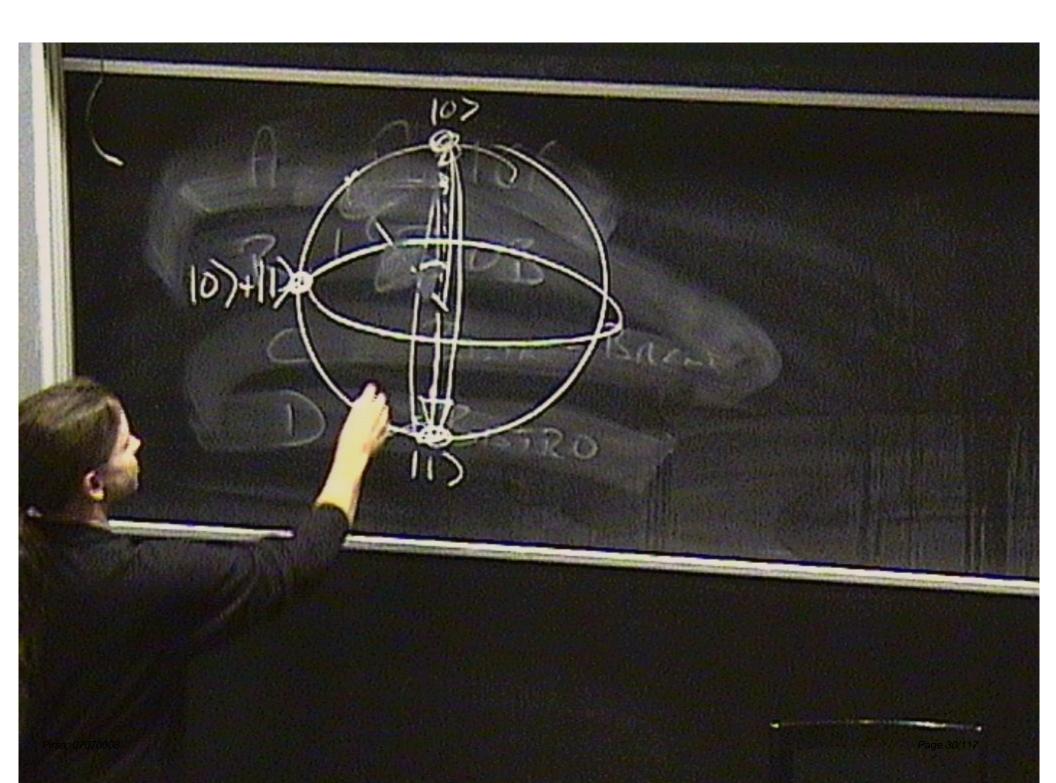


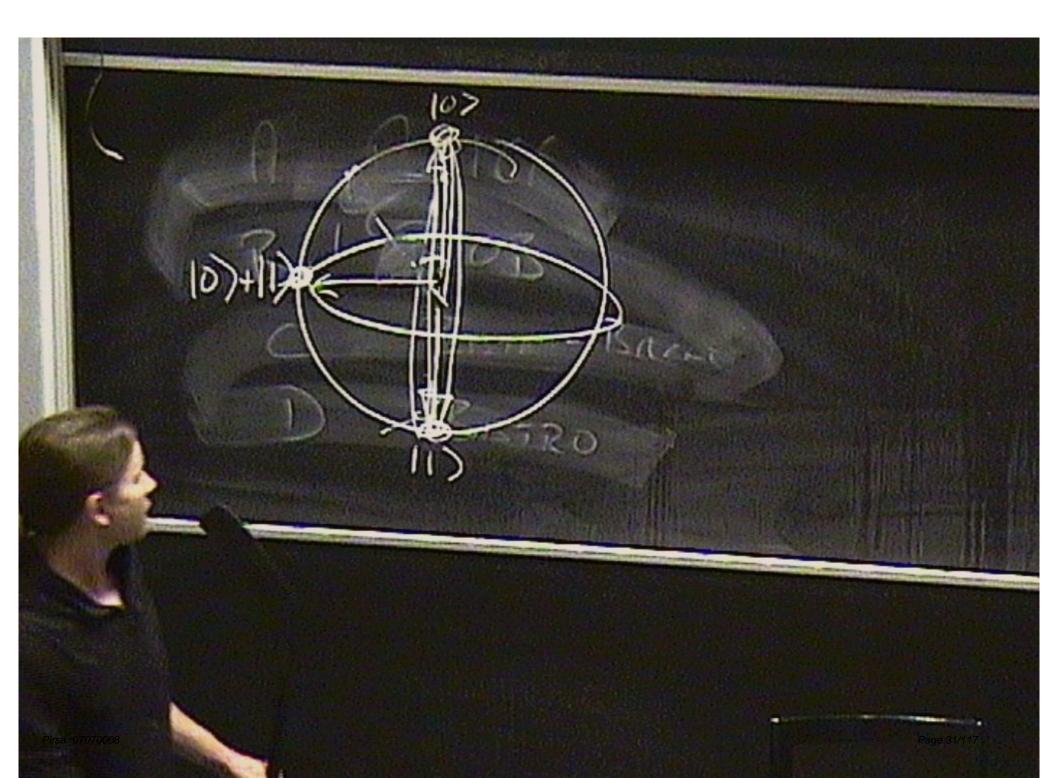




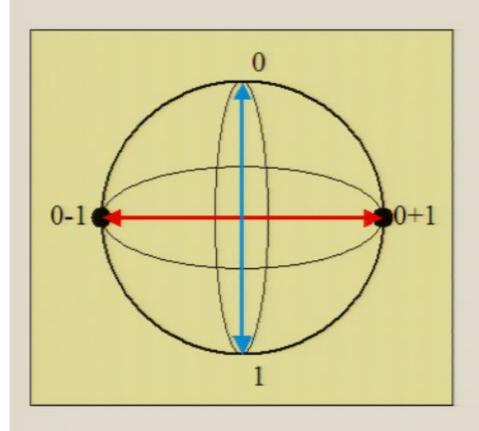








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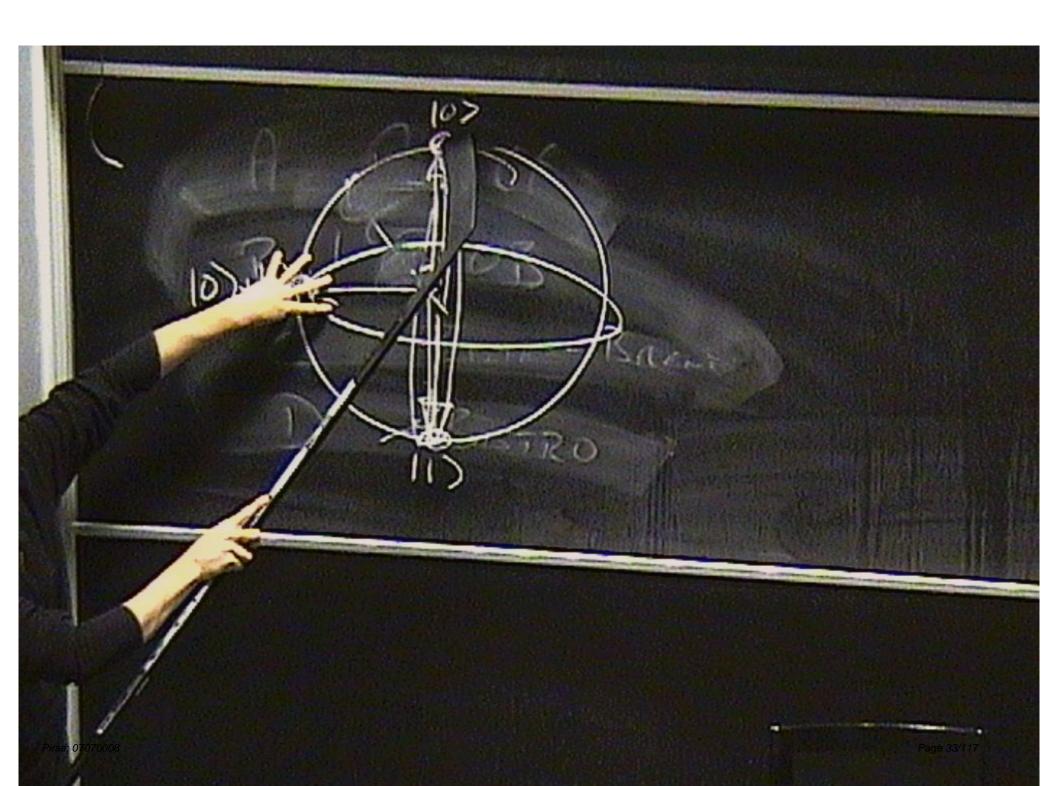
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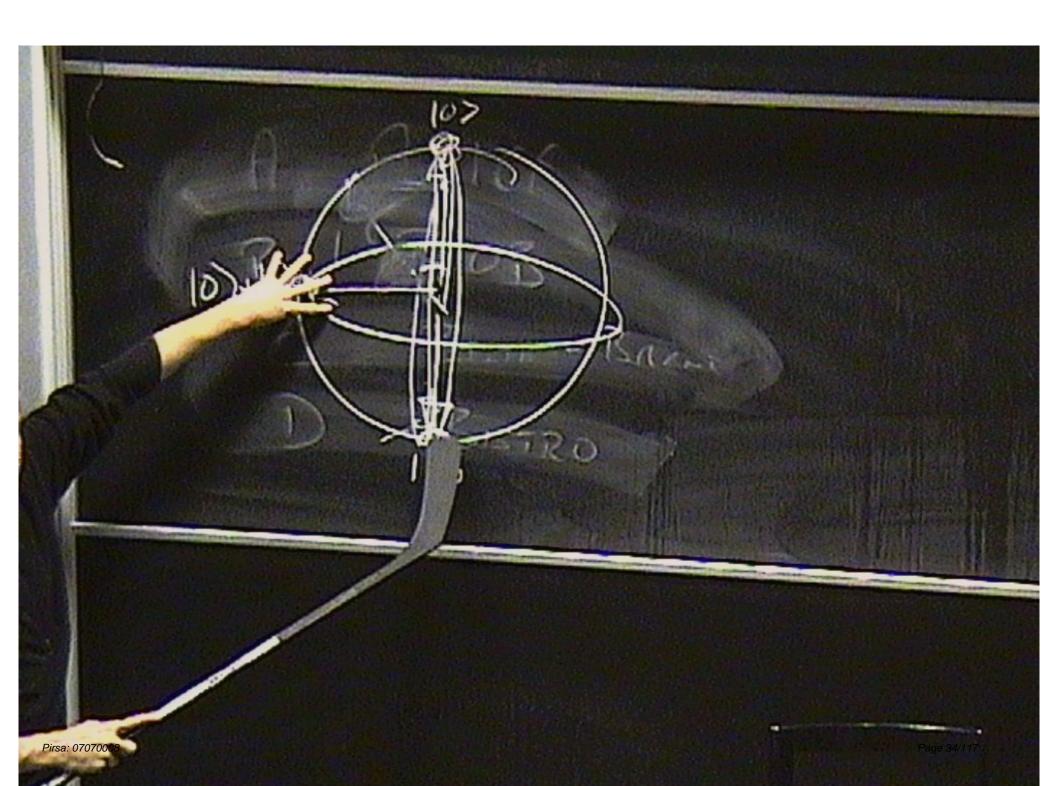
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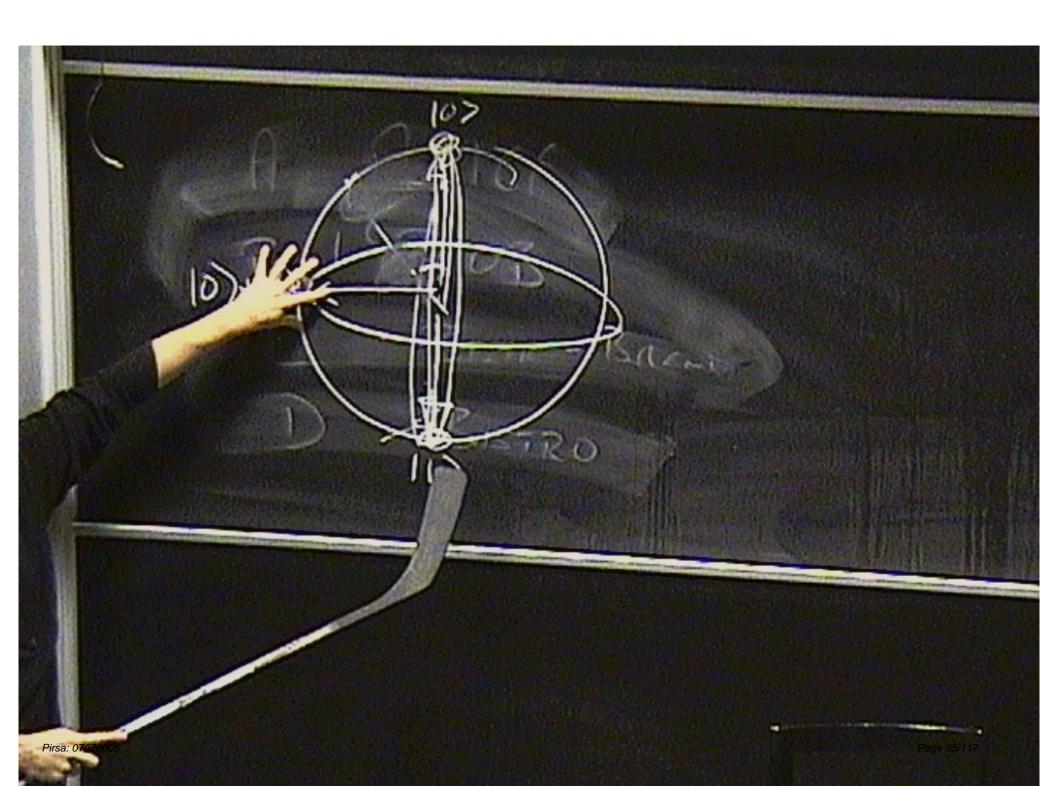
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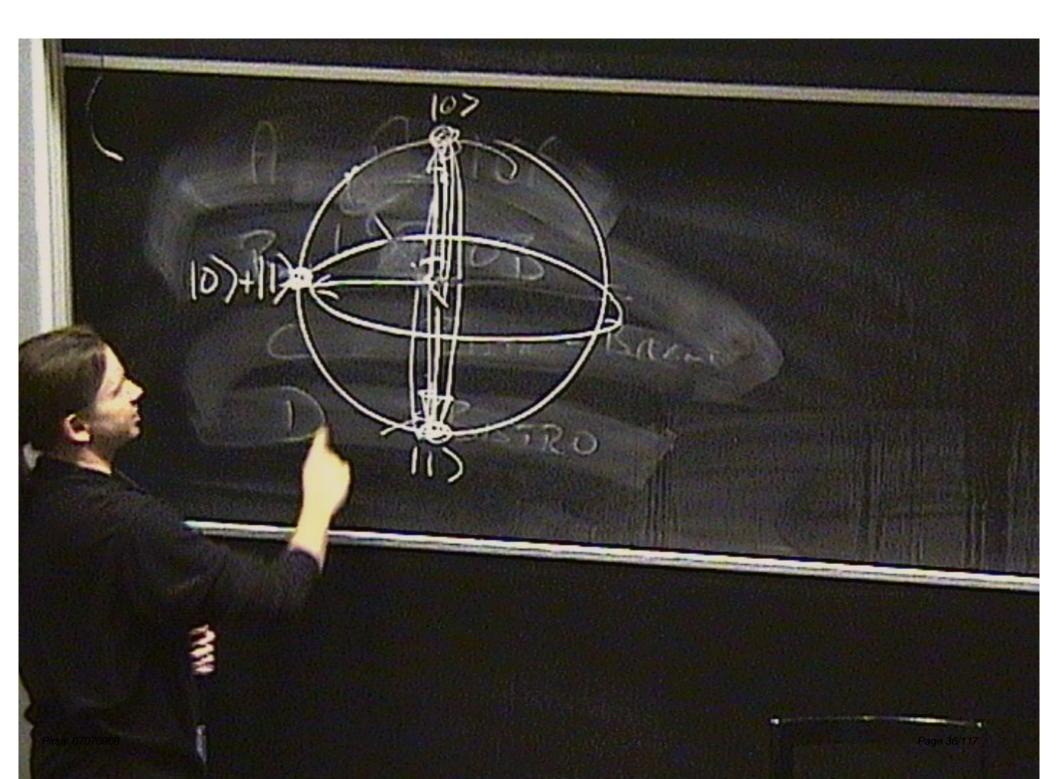
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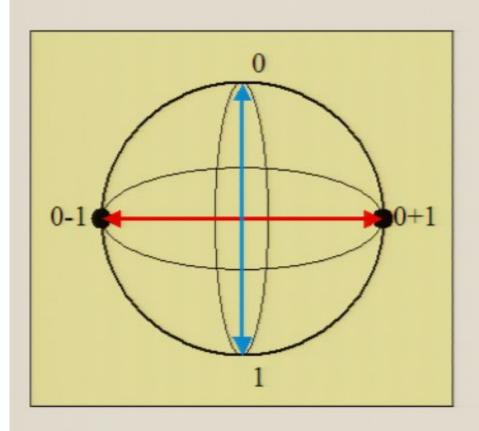








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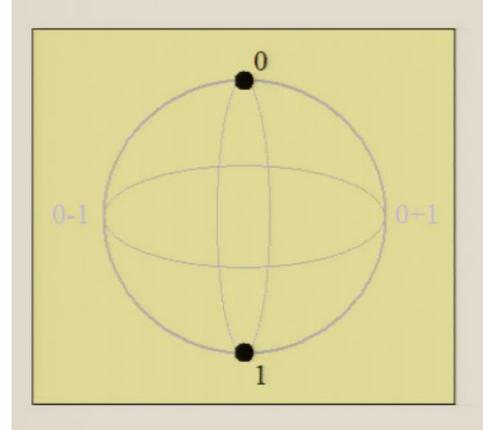
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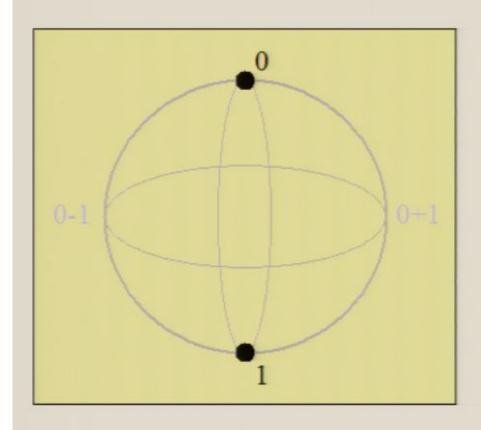
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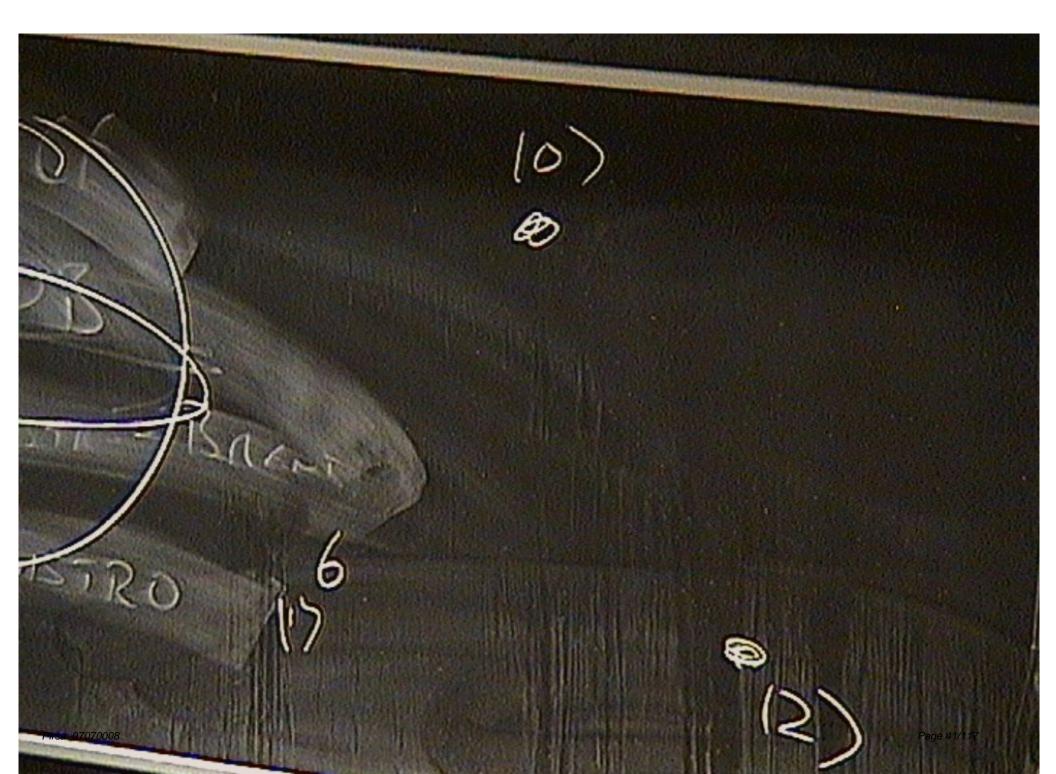
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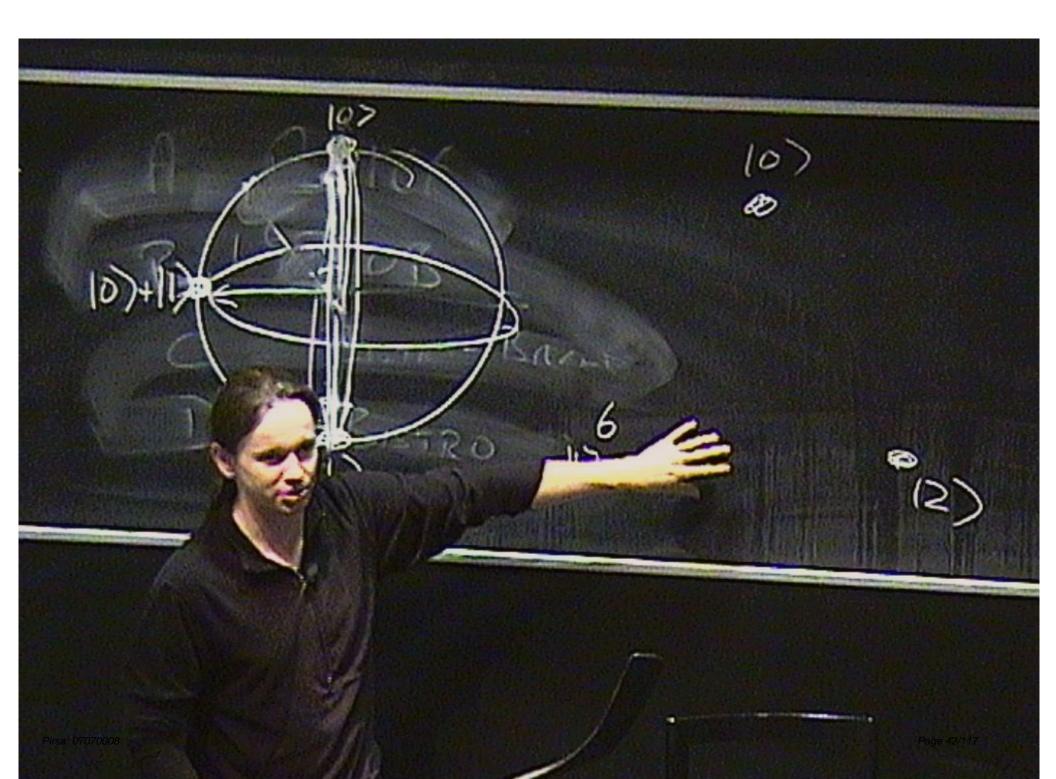
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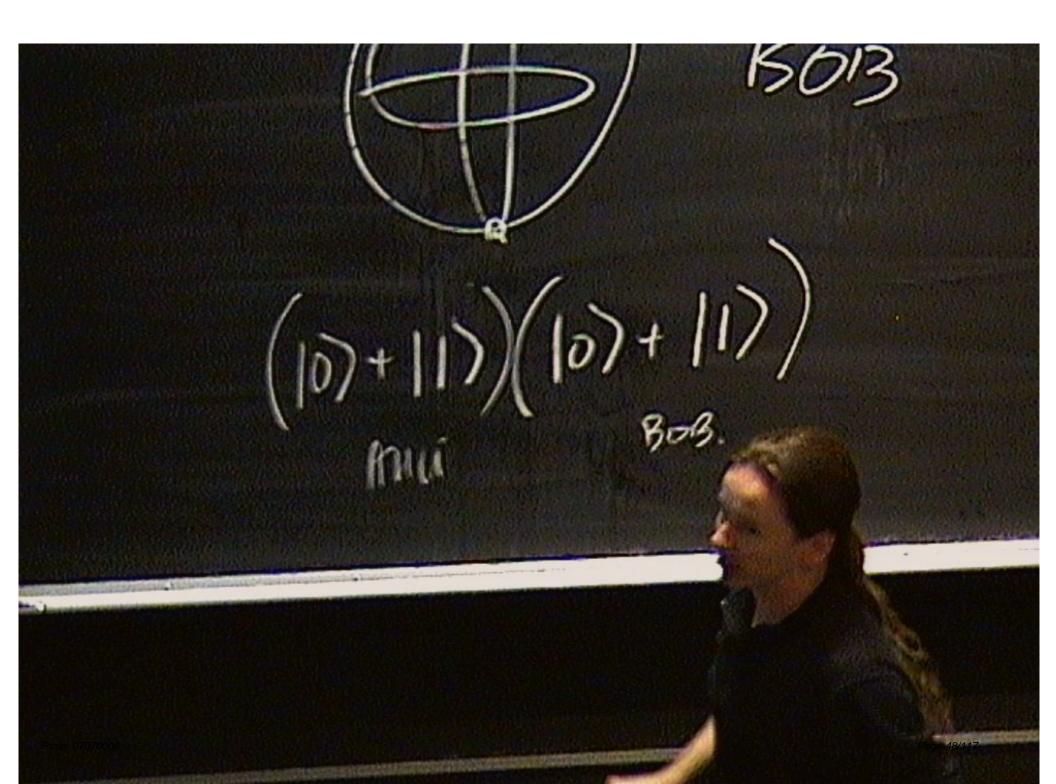
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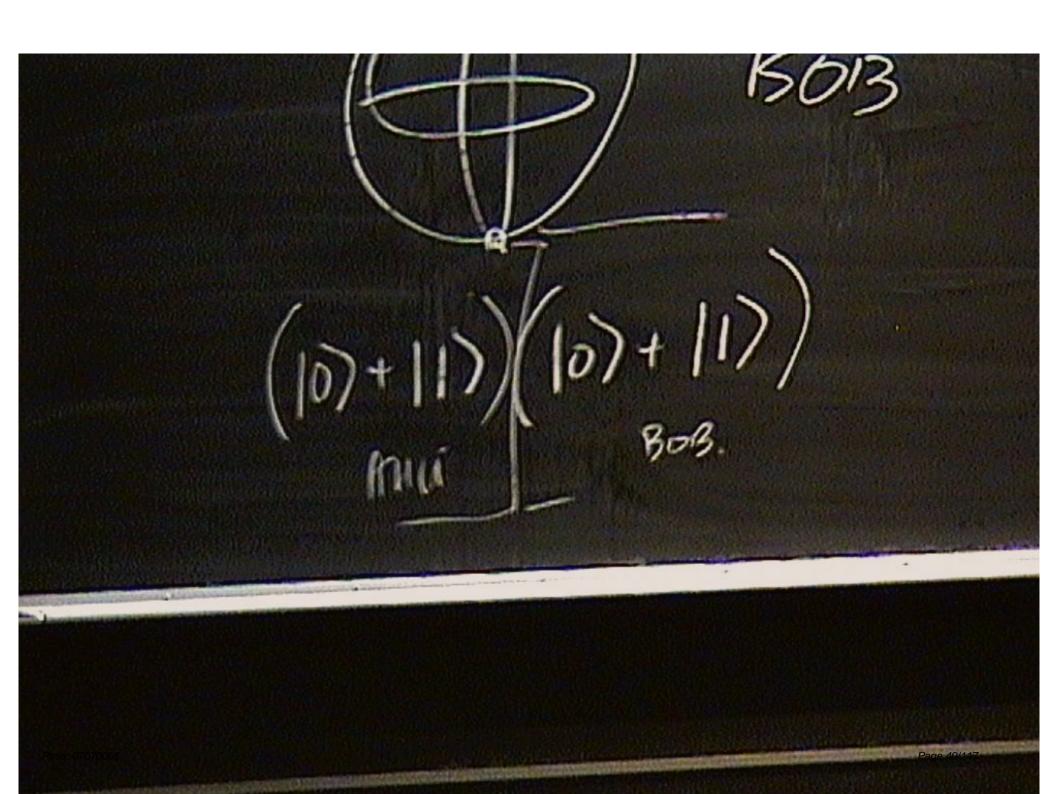
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There is an equal chance of all four results. Seeing one atom in a given state wields no information about the other atom at all. The two systems are not at all entangled.





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This kind of correlation isn't too impressive at first. Many objects seem to be able to do this. For example, socks:

And this is true, so long as we stick to asking the same classical question "Is it 0 or is it 1?"

But what if we ask a different question?

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According to quantum mechanics, we should be able to ask each system "Are you in state  $|0\rangle + |1\rangle$  or in state  $|0\rangle - |1\rangle$ ?"

What happens then?

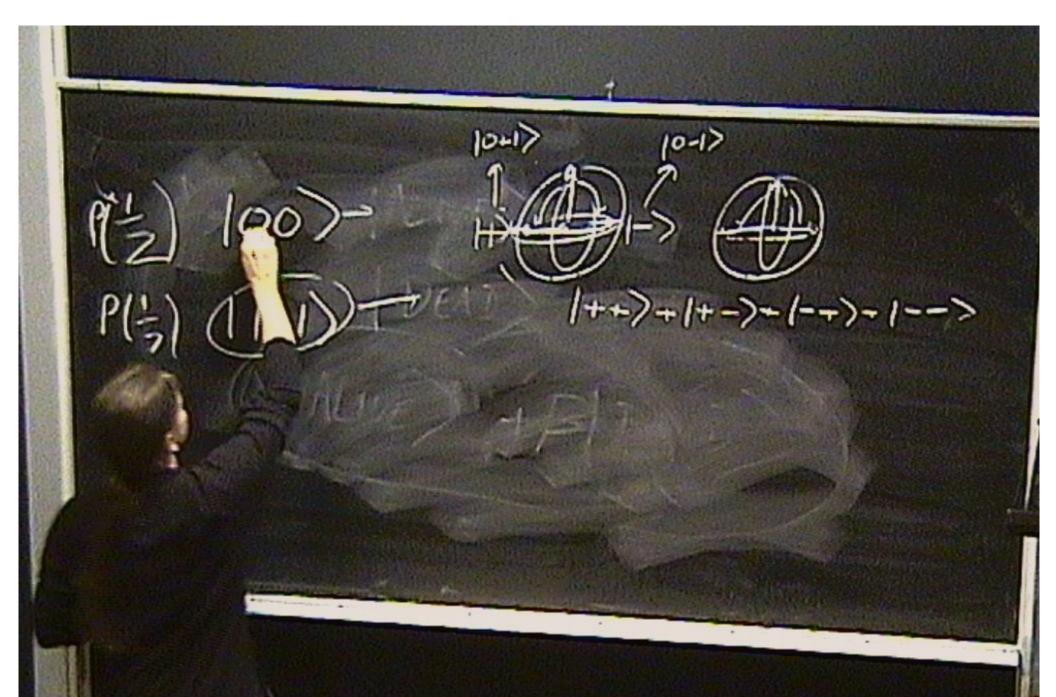
To see what would happen, we just need to do some very simple mathematics, and reexpress our state in terms of  $|0\rangle + |1\rangle$  and  $|0\rangle - |1\rangle$ .

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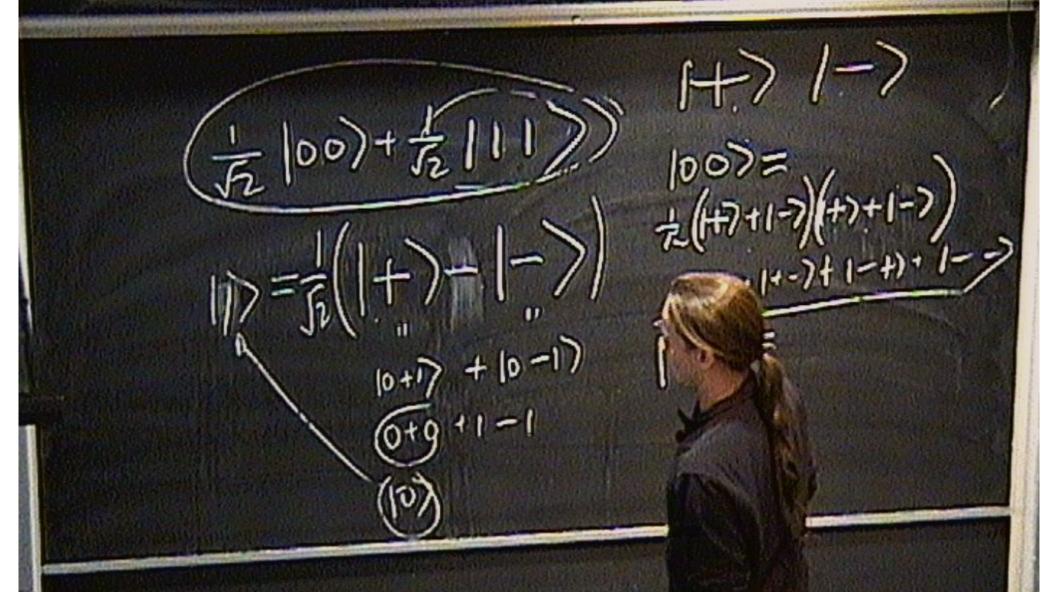
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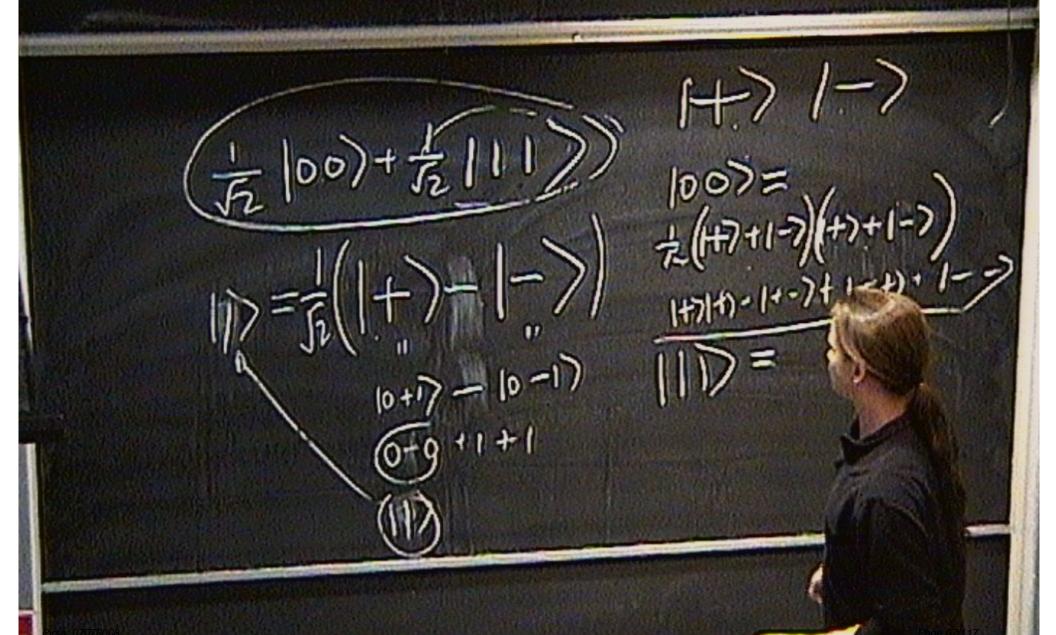
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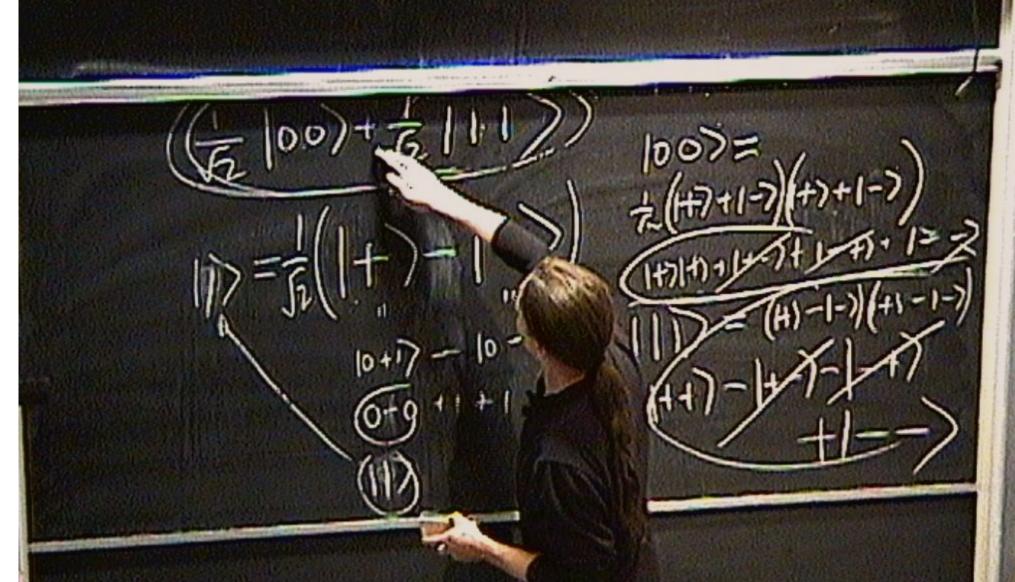
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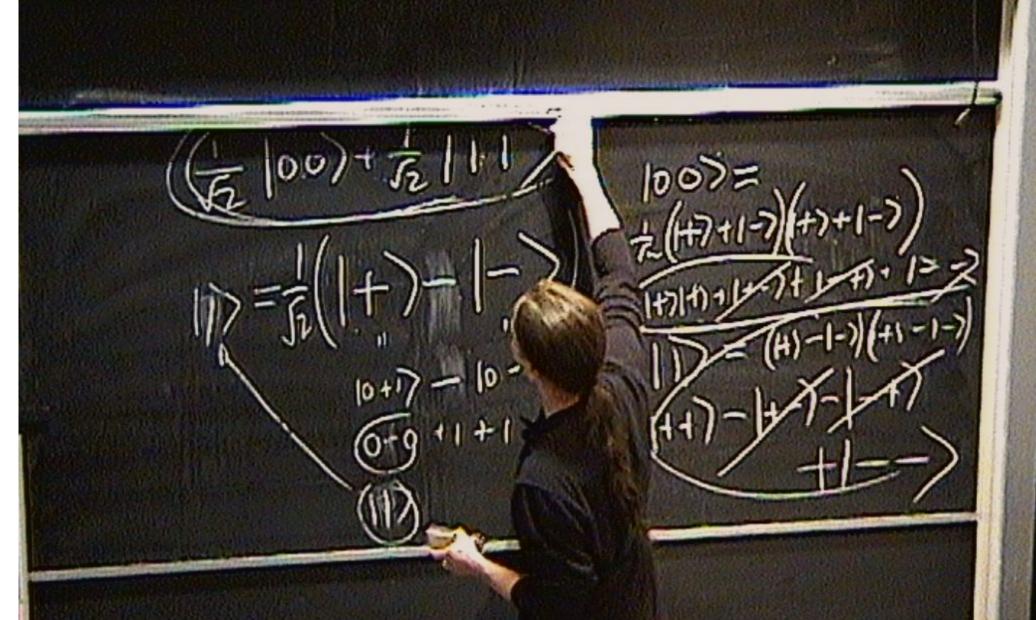


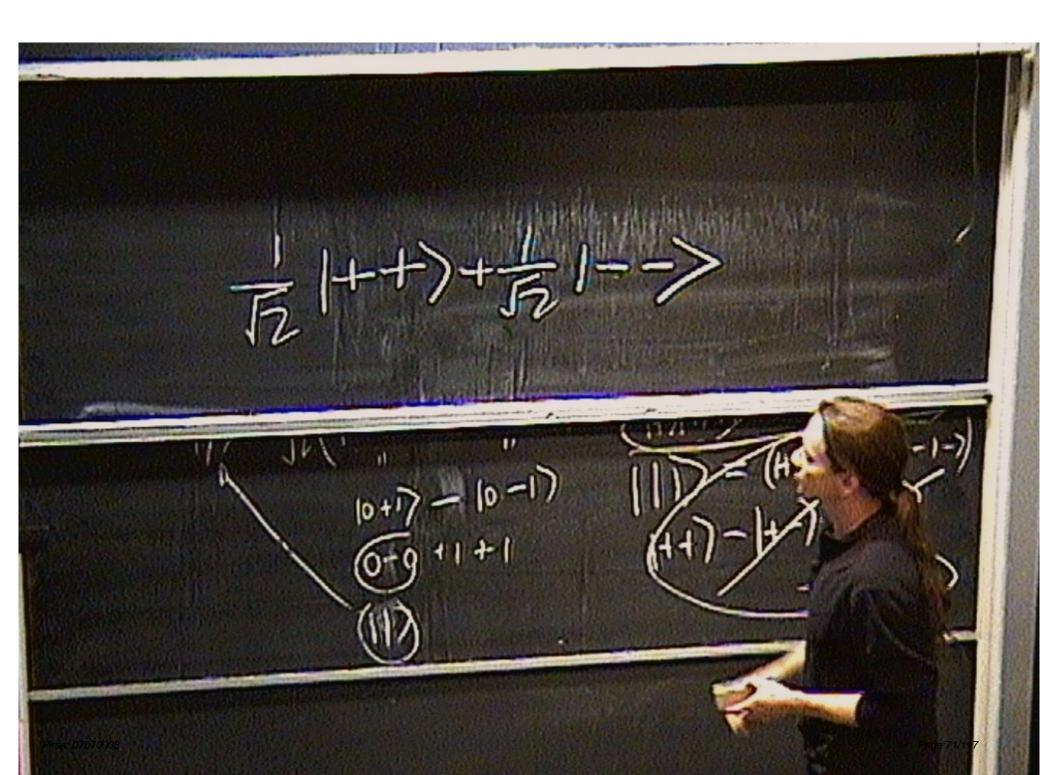
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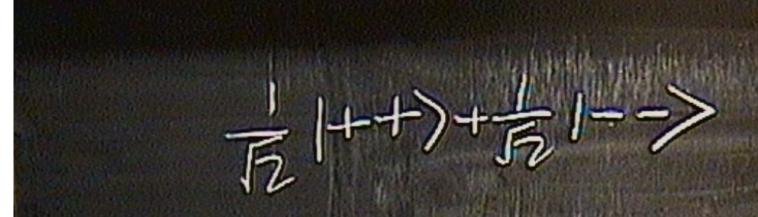


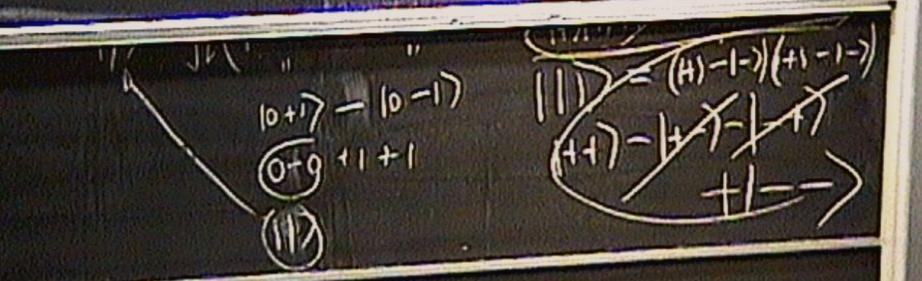
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$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|0\rangle_A|0\rangle_B + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}|1\rangle_A|1\rangle_B$$



If we have a classical mixture, the correlations are lost when we ask our system a different question.

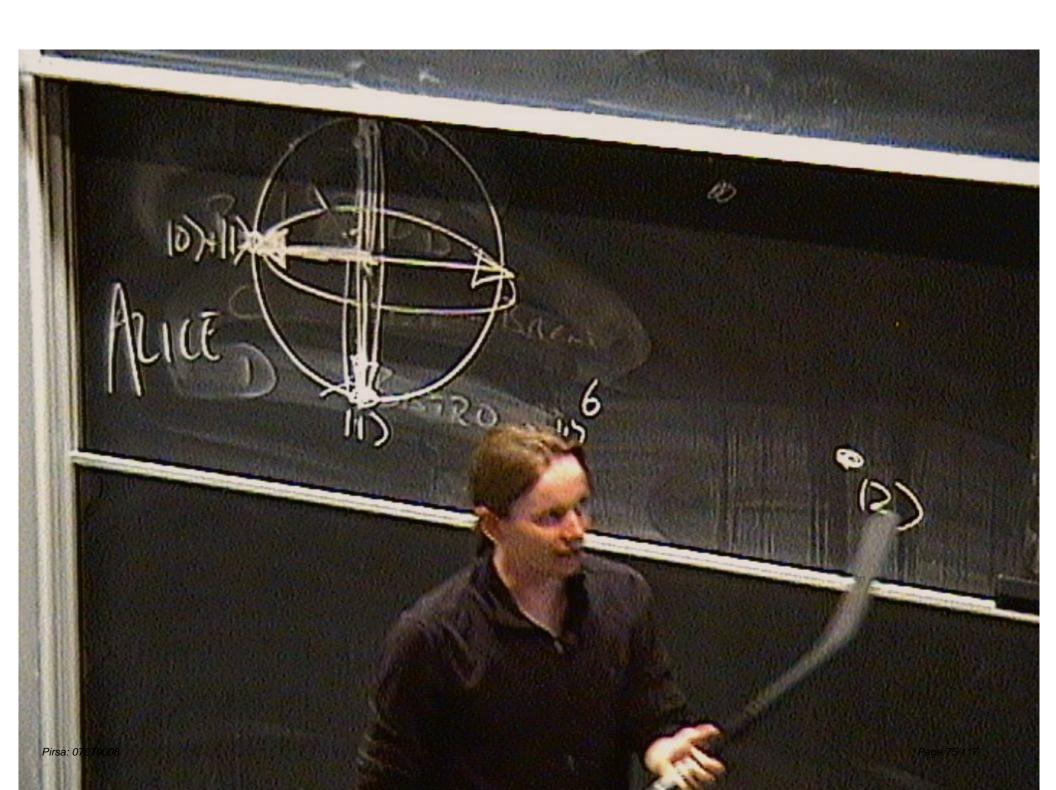
With an entangled state, the correlations are so strong that they exist for all possible questions we might ask.

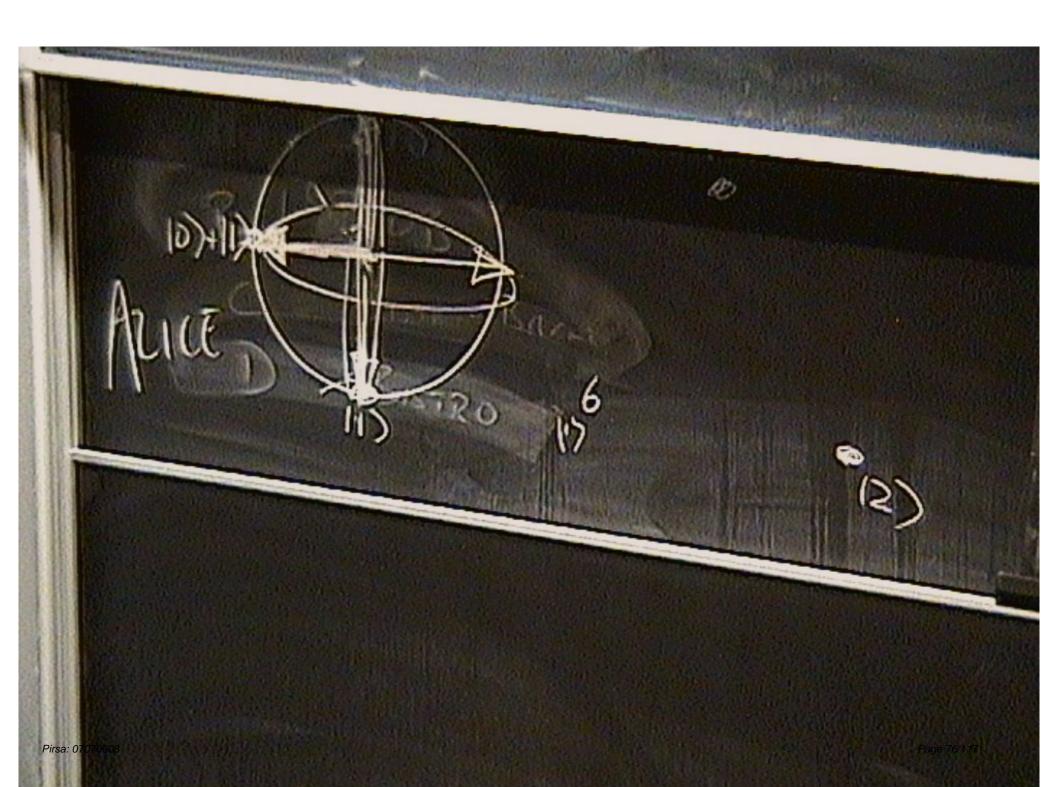
Whatever question we ask system A, and whatever the result, system B will always behave as if it were in exactly the same state.

But B couldn't possibly know what measurement we performed on A. How does B know whether to act like  $|0\rangle$  or act like  $|0\rangle + |1\rangle$ ?

But how does one system seem to know what question we asked the other?

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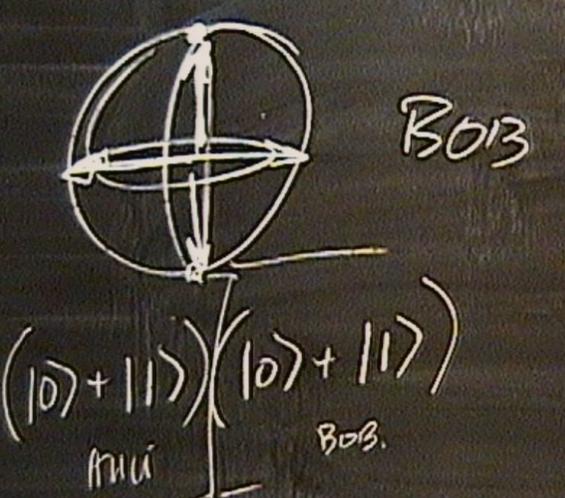






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#### Randomness

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Despite the very strong correlations, no information can be transmitted.

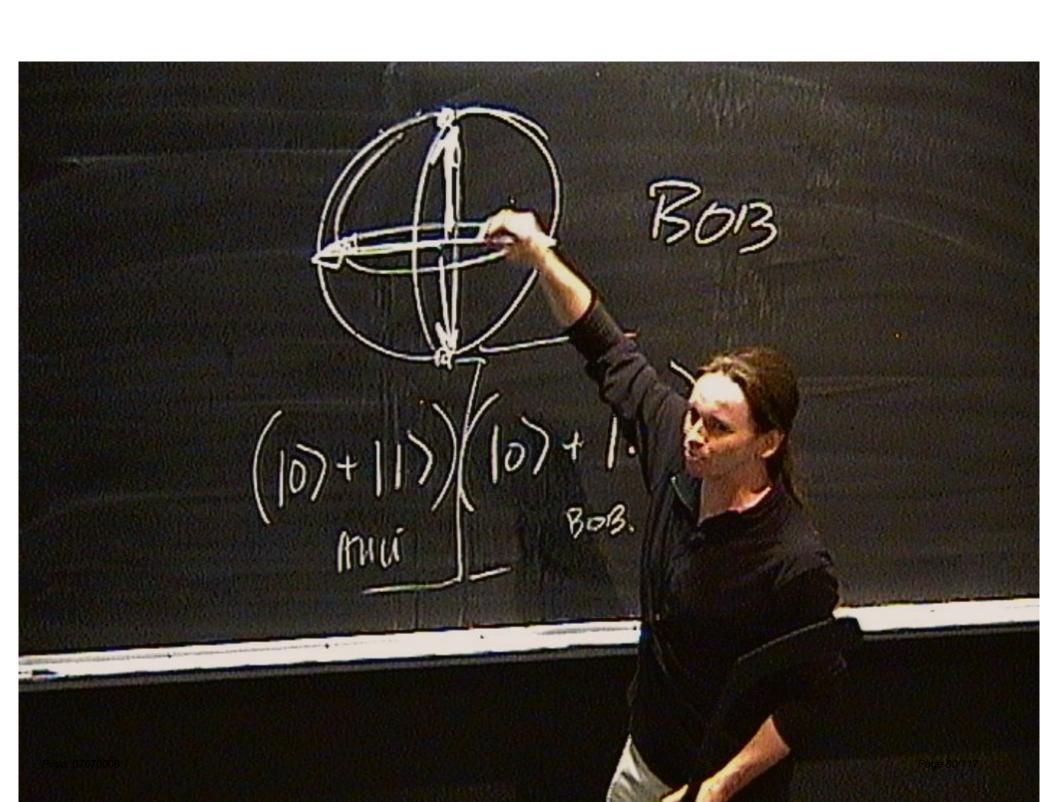
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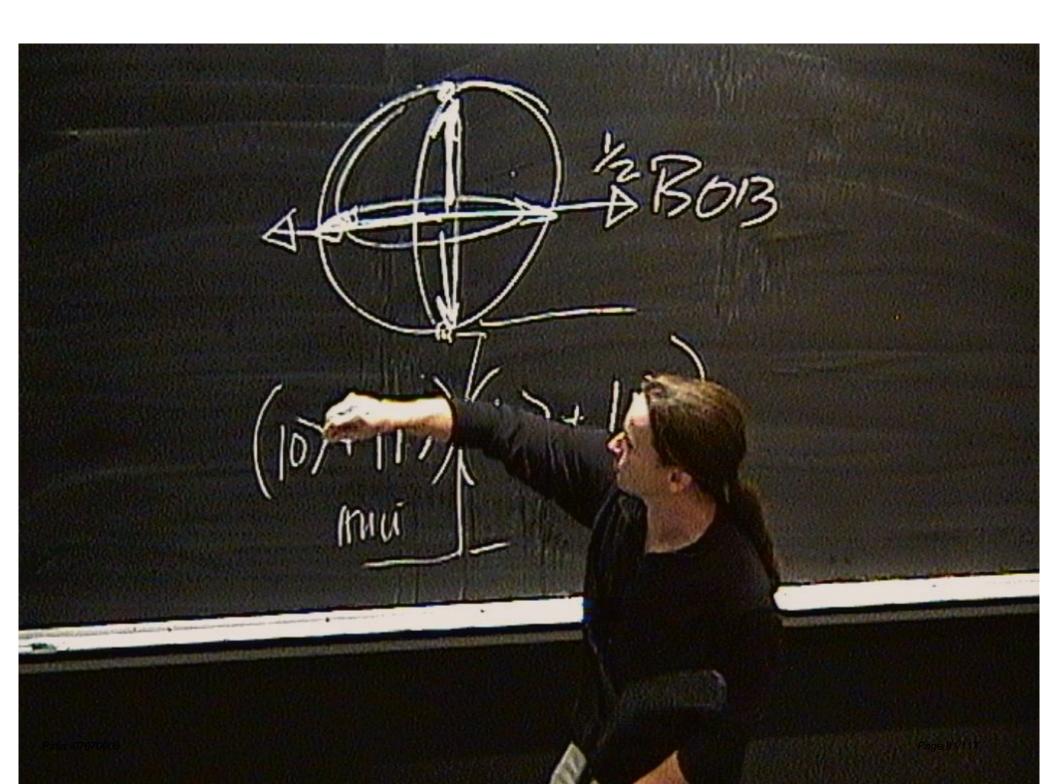
Although she now knows what Bob's system will do next, as far as Bob is concerned his system is behaving completely randomly too.

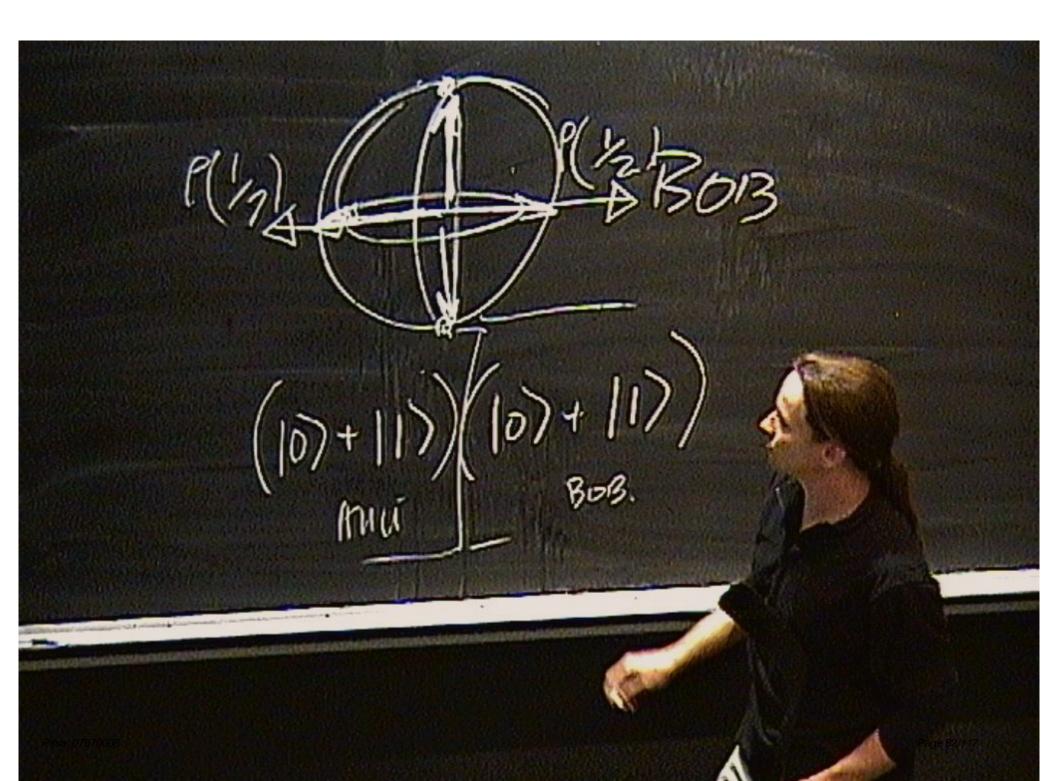
The correlations only appear when they compare notes later.

So relativity survives!









So quantum entanglement produces:

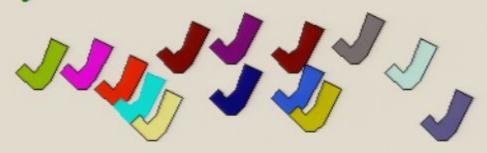
- Very strong correlations, more powerful than any classical correlations.
- •No way to exploit the correlations for information transfer.

Is this really true? Maybe we can't get equivalent correlations with a couple of pairs of socks...

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But what about if we use ...

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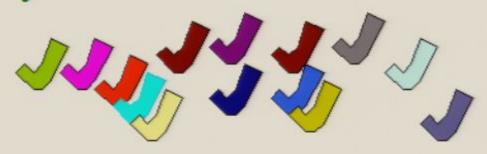
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Proving that local realism is wrong is not easy.

Two measurements have to be performed at spacelike separated locations (i.e. so far apart that light could not travel from one experiment to the other while they are being performed.)

Until recently the proofs have been highly statistical, and very vulnerable to experimental errors.

But over the past 10 years, a new kind of proof has been developed:

Pseudotelepathy Games.

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### Pseudotelepathy Games

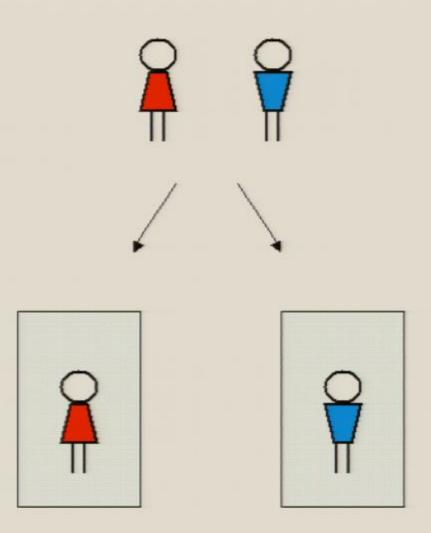
A game show with two contestants, Alice and Bob, cooperating to try to win a prize.

They will be asked certain specific questions, and their answers have to satisfy a certain winning condition – they have to be correlated in a certain way.

They know what the questions might be, and what the winning condition will be, and can discuss strategy beforehand.

Then they step into glass booths, and can no longer talk to one another.

The host asks them the questions. Can they win?

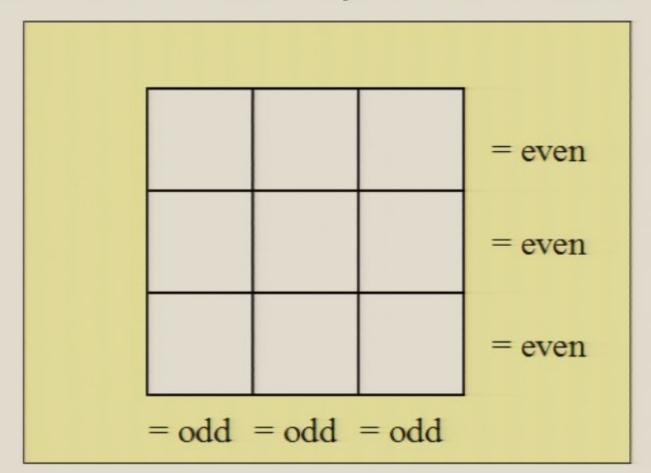


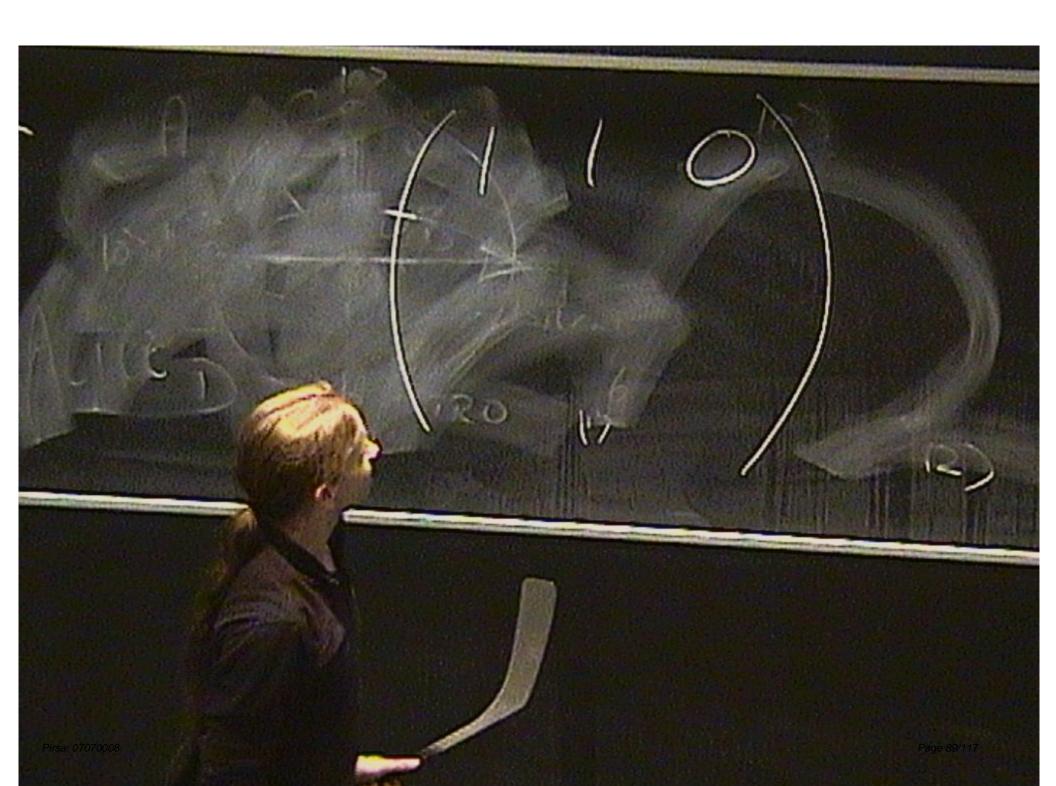
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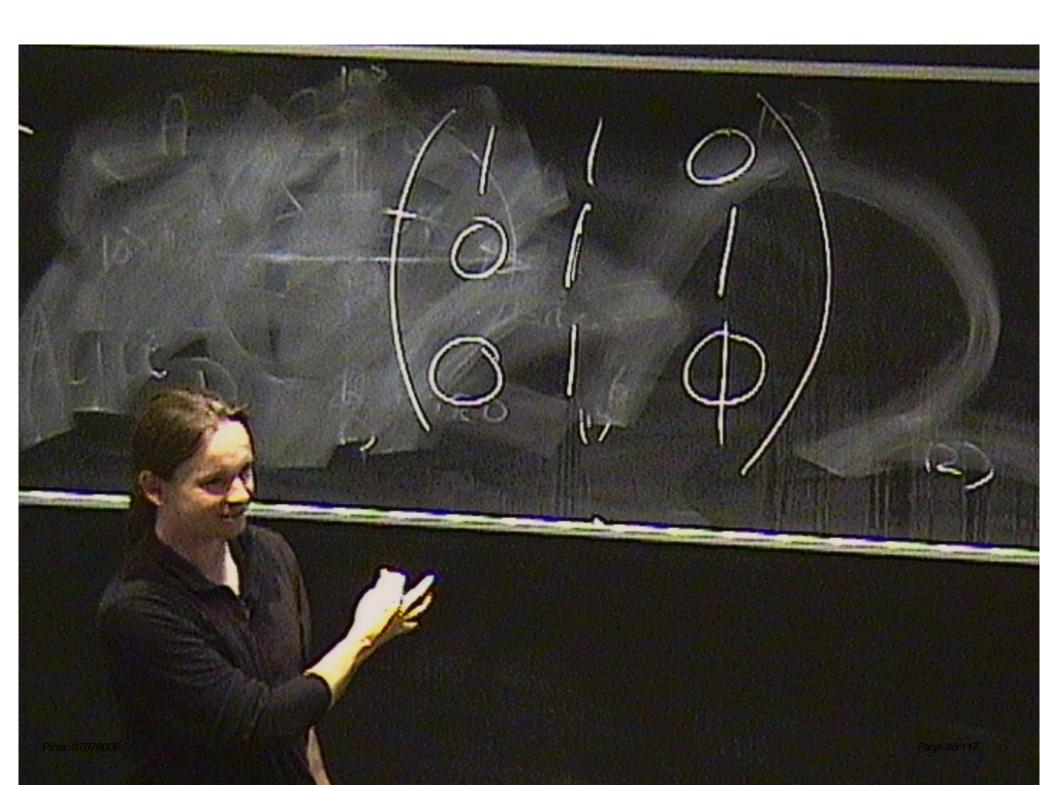
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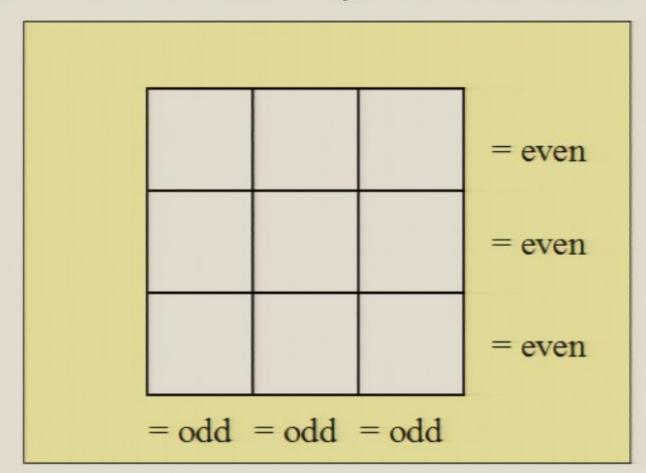




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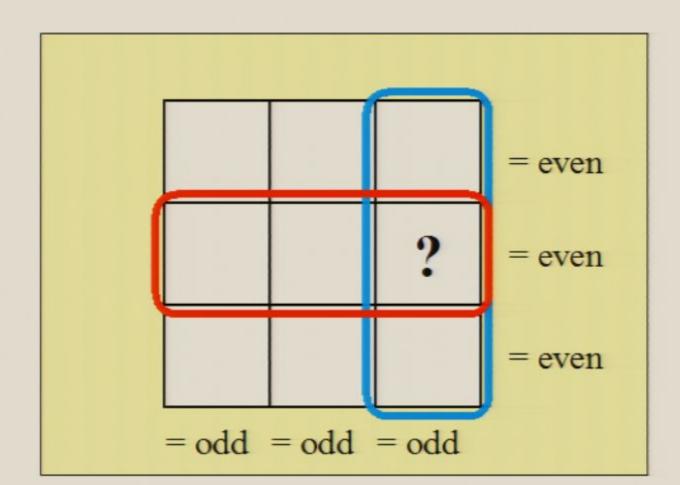
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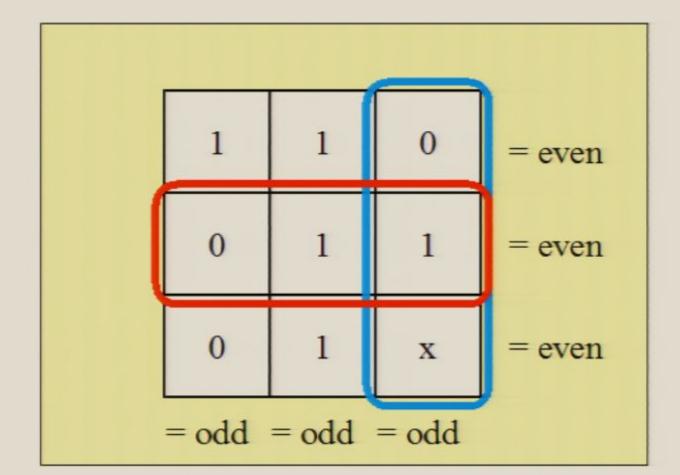


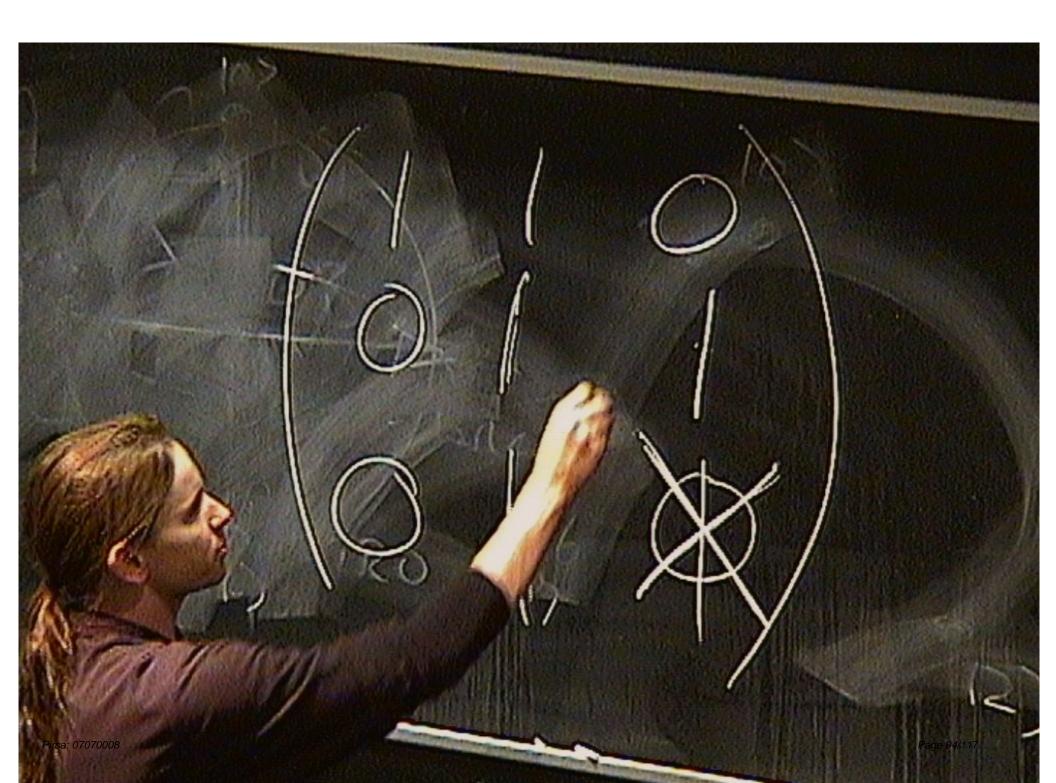
Alice and Bob have to convince us that they are able to build magic squares.

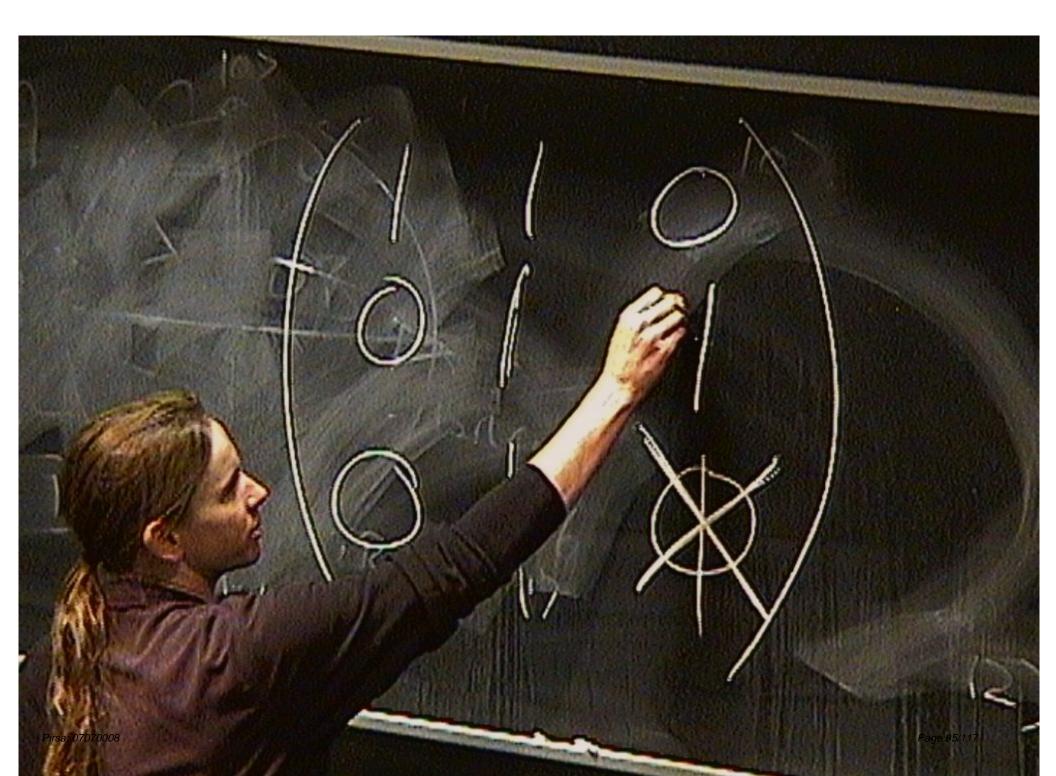
We're going pick a row number (1, 2 or 3) at random and ask Alice to tell us what's in it. Bob has to announce a random column.

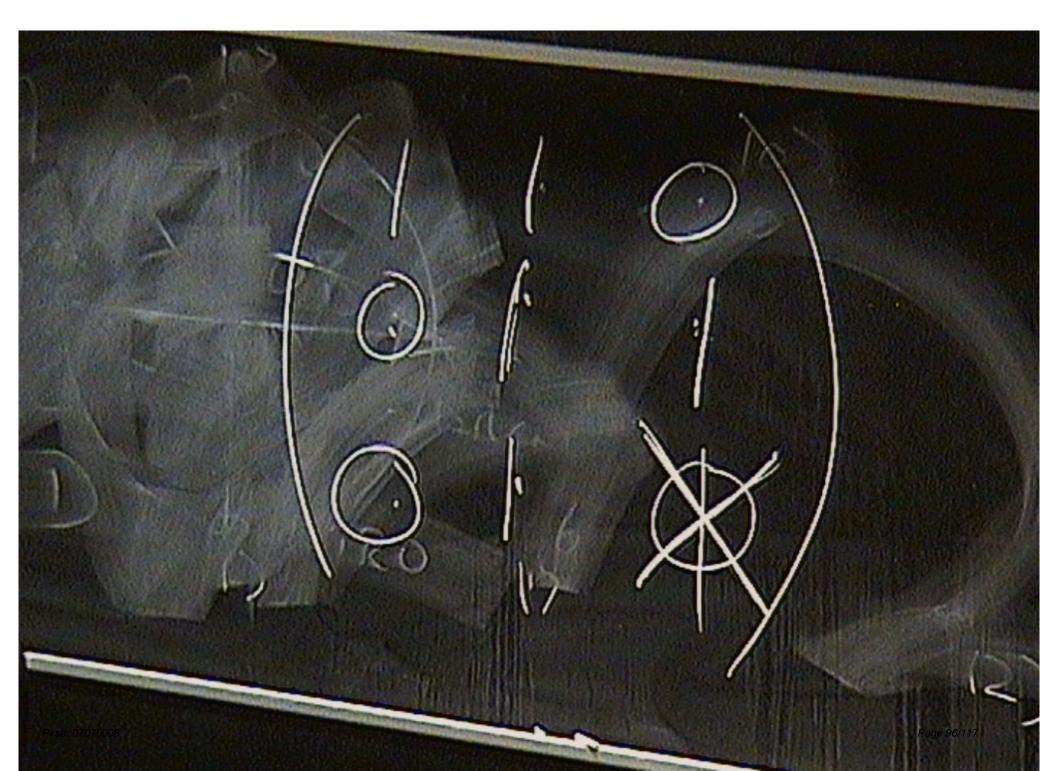


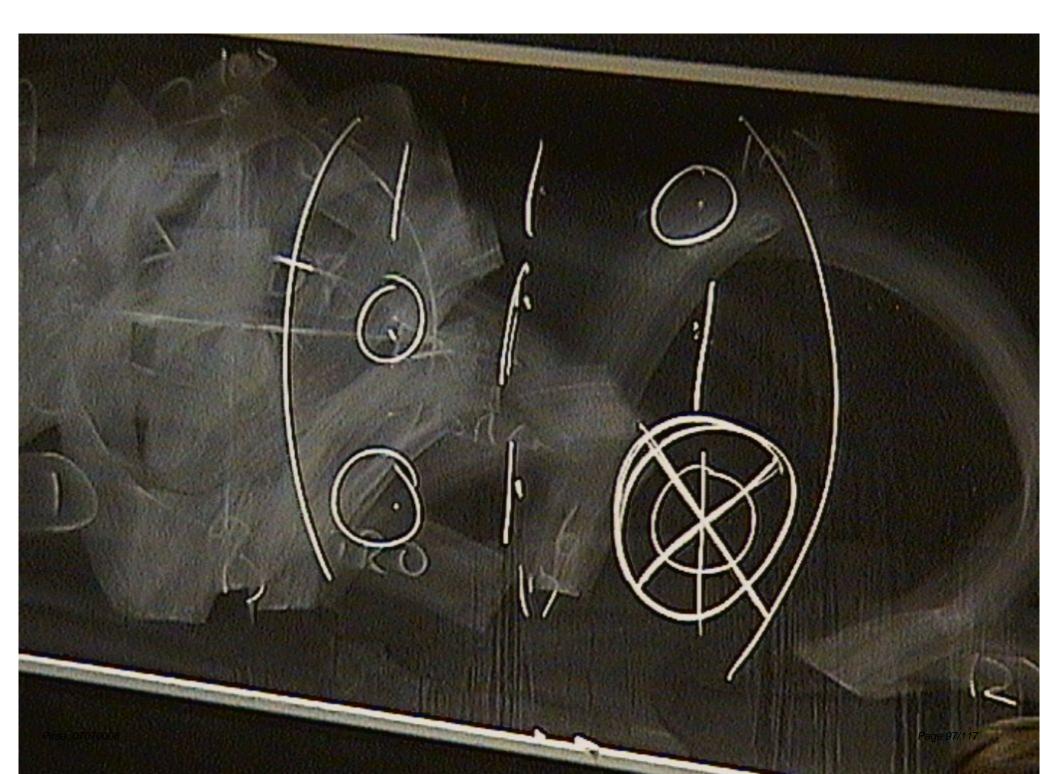
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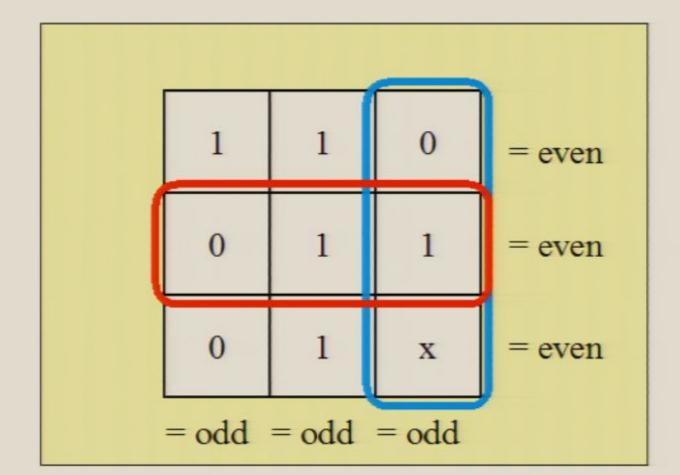




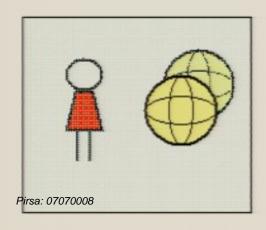


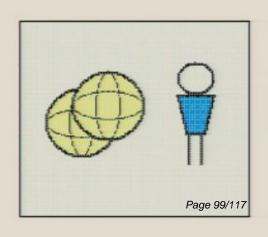


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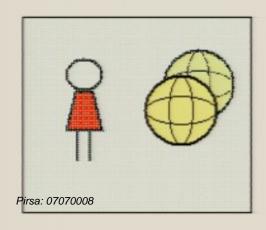


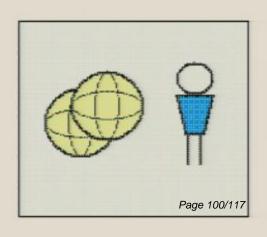
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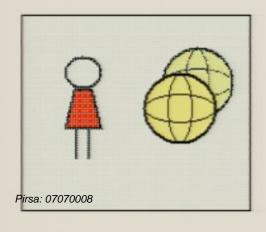
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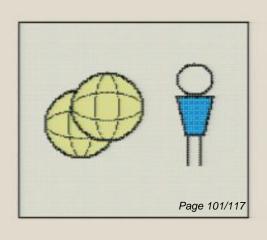


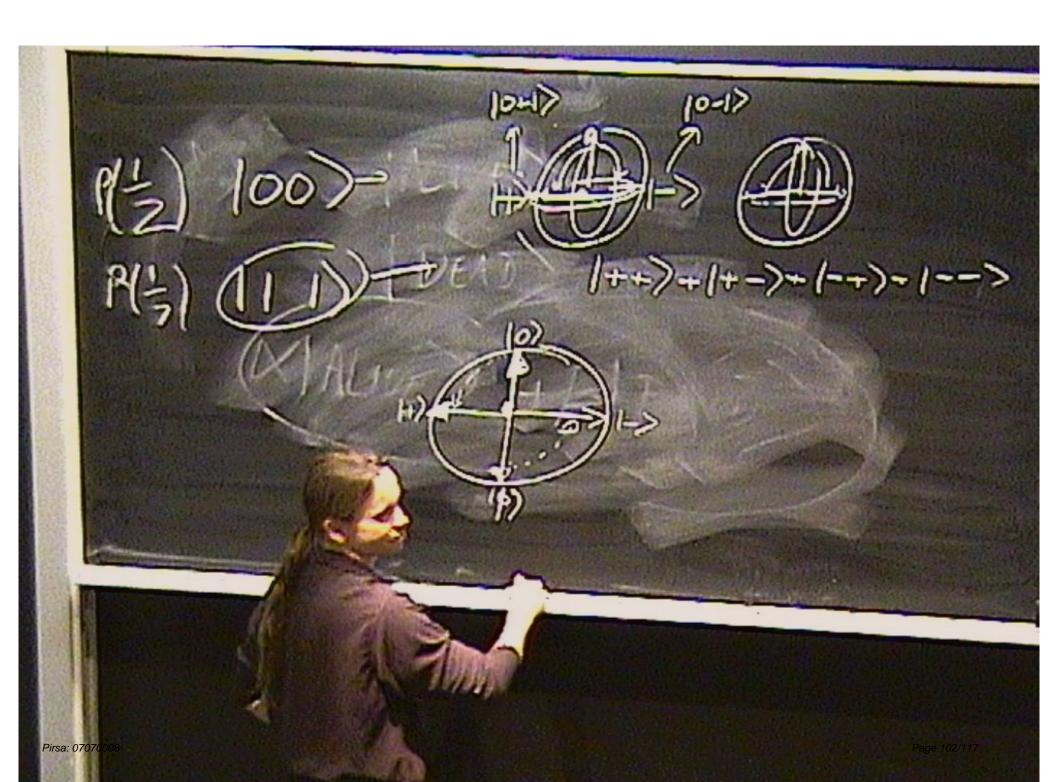


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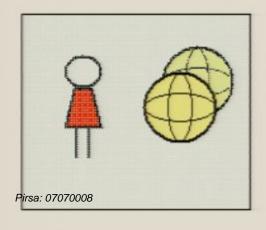


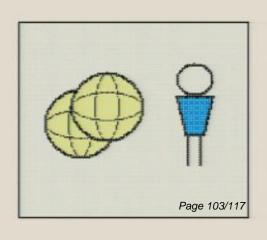




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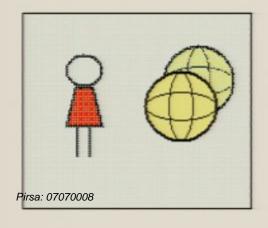
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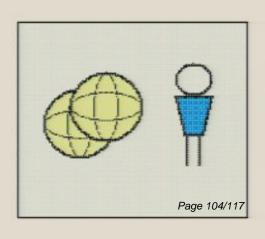




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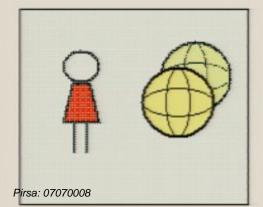
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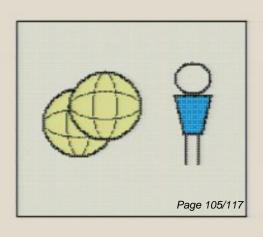


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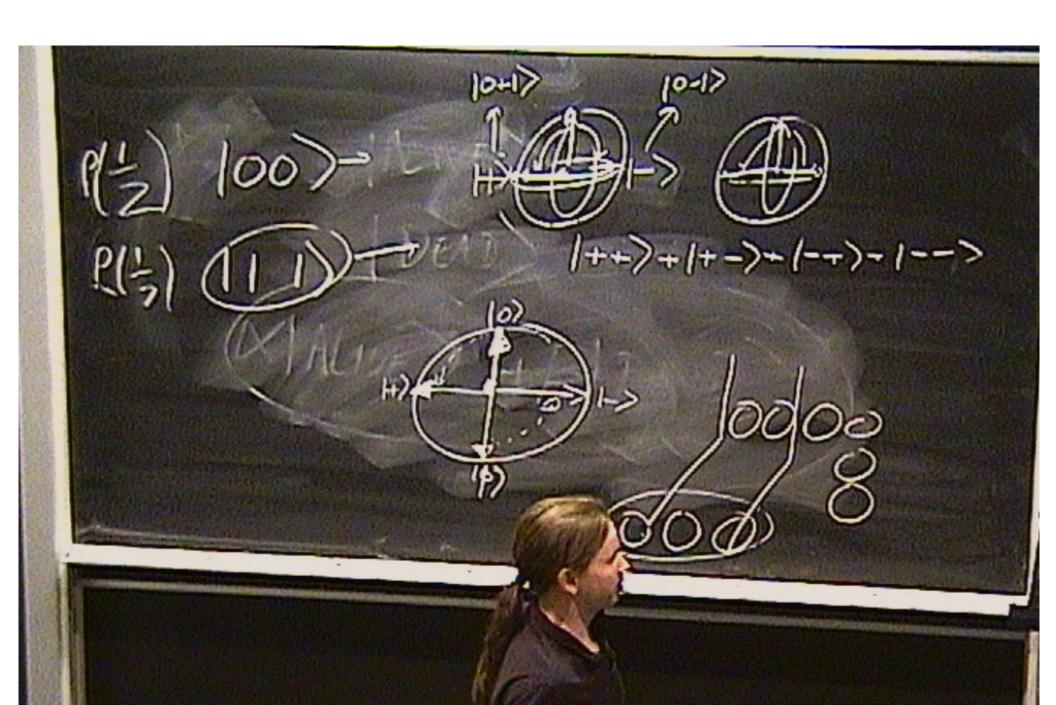
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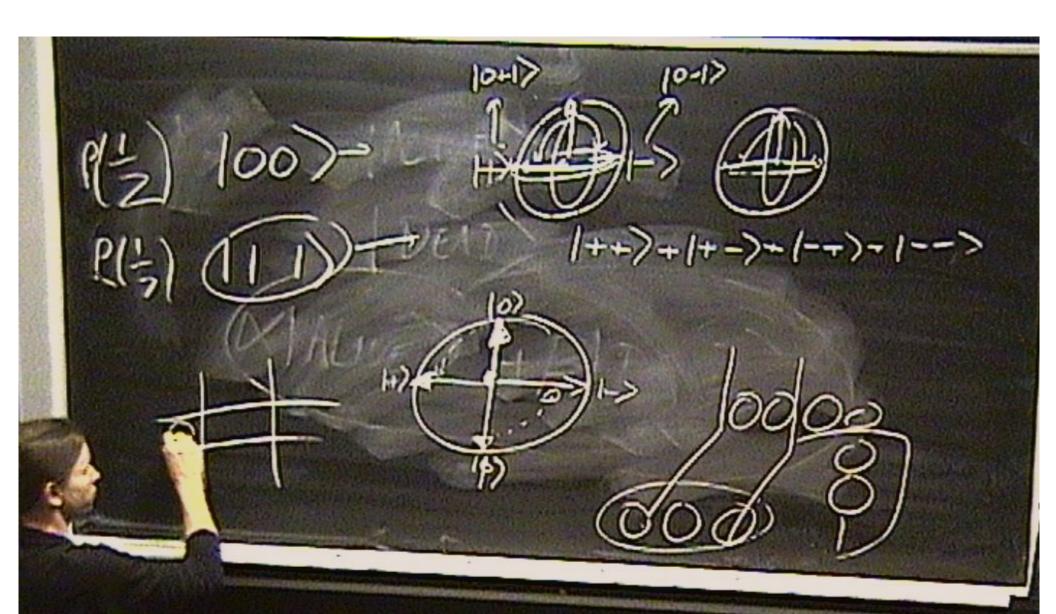
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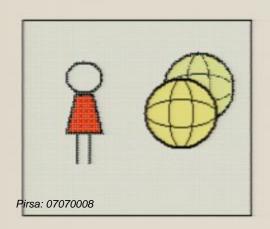
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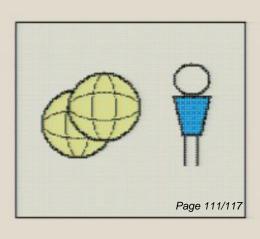
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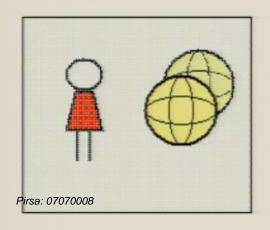


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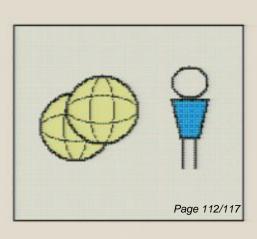
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We can apply the superposition principle exactly as before, but now the space of possible states has *four* complex dimensions.



Possible state:

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Consider the state:

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### Entanglement and Nonlocality



This is quantum nonlocality.

Correlated behaviour that is so strong as to be impossible to reproduce without entanglement, even on purpose.

Yet so *random* that no information passes between the systems, so we don't break the speed of light.

Why does the universe behave this way?

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