

Title: Quantum Theory - Lecture 12

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Abstract:



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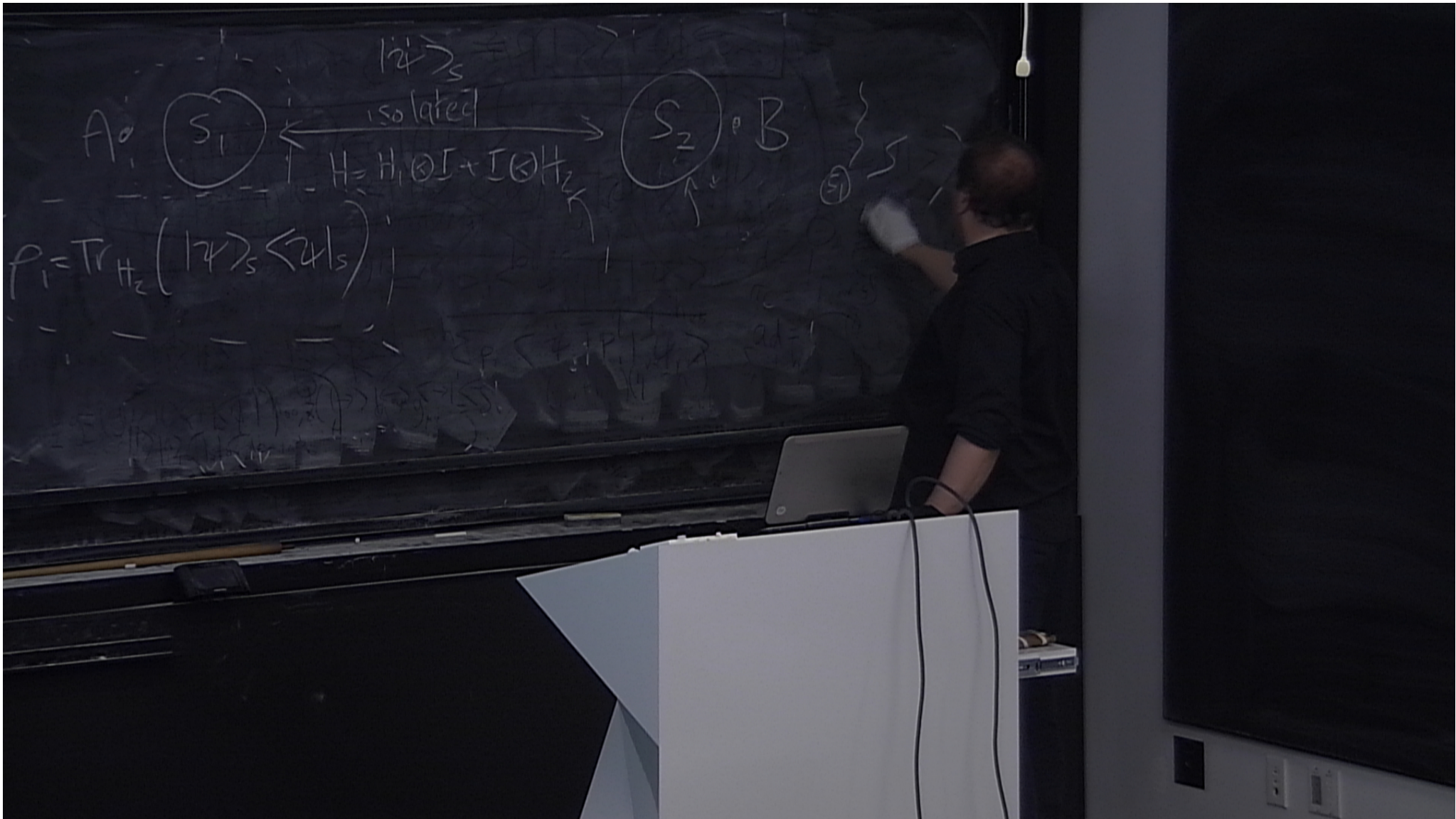
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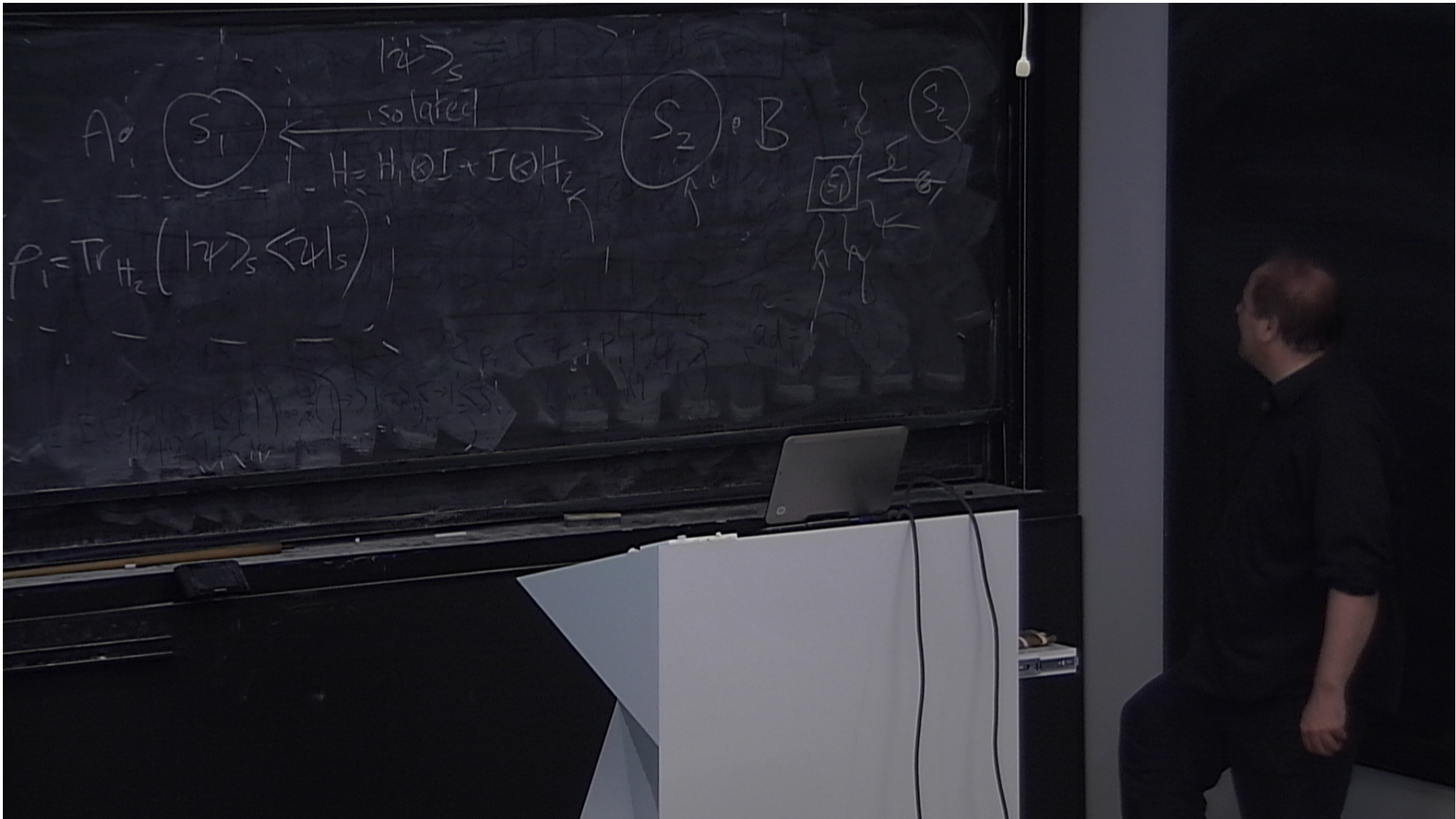
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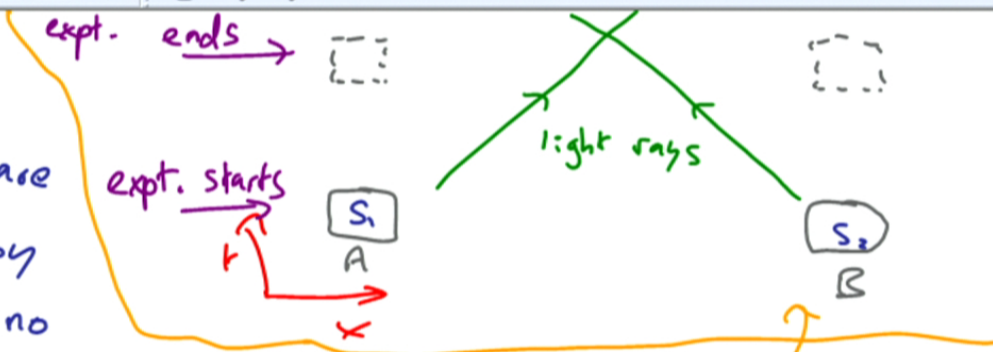
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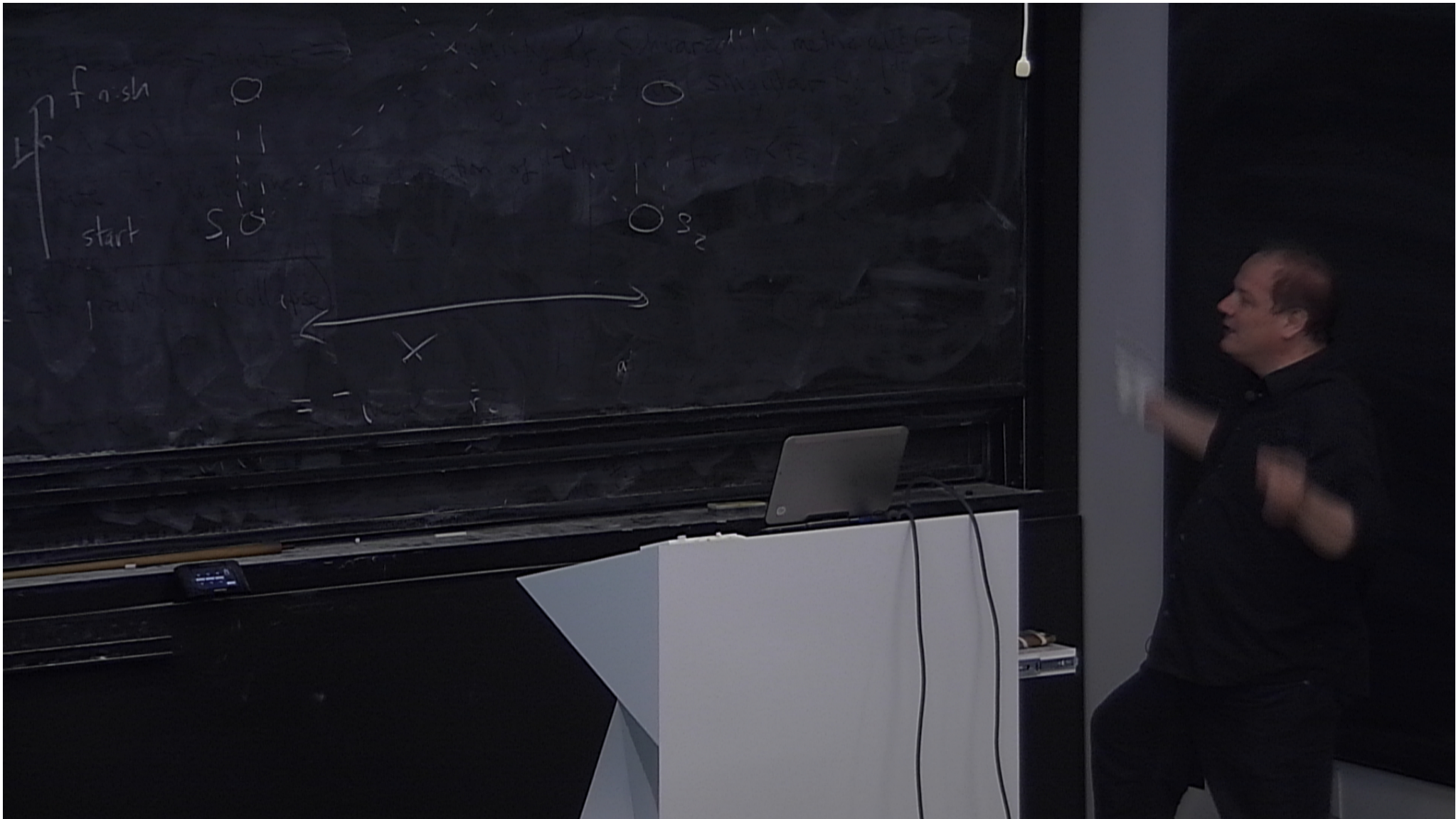


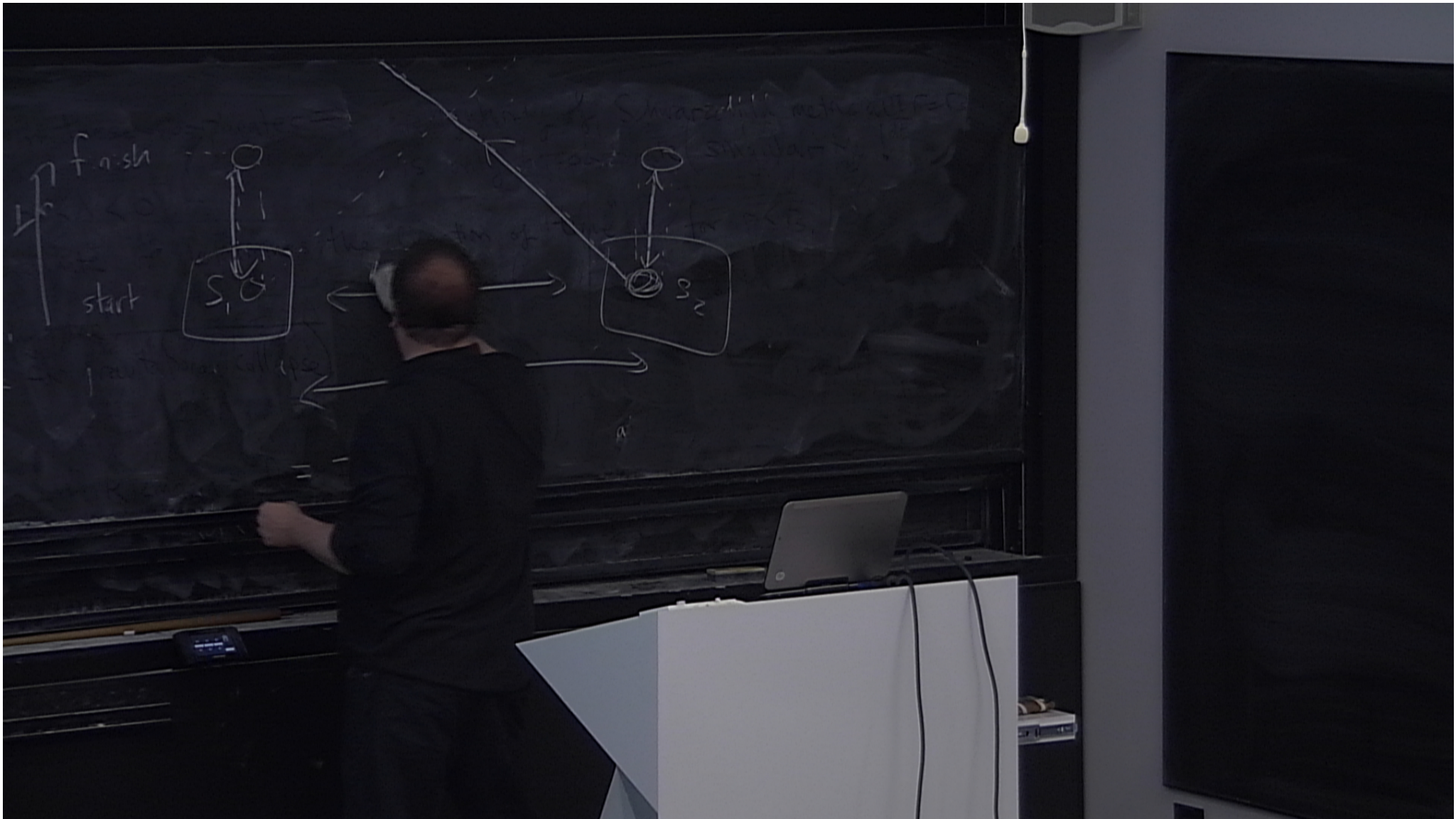
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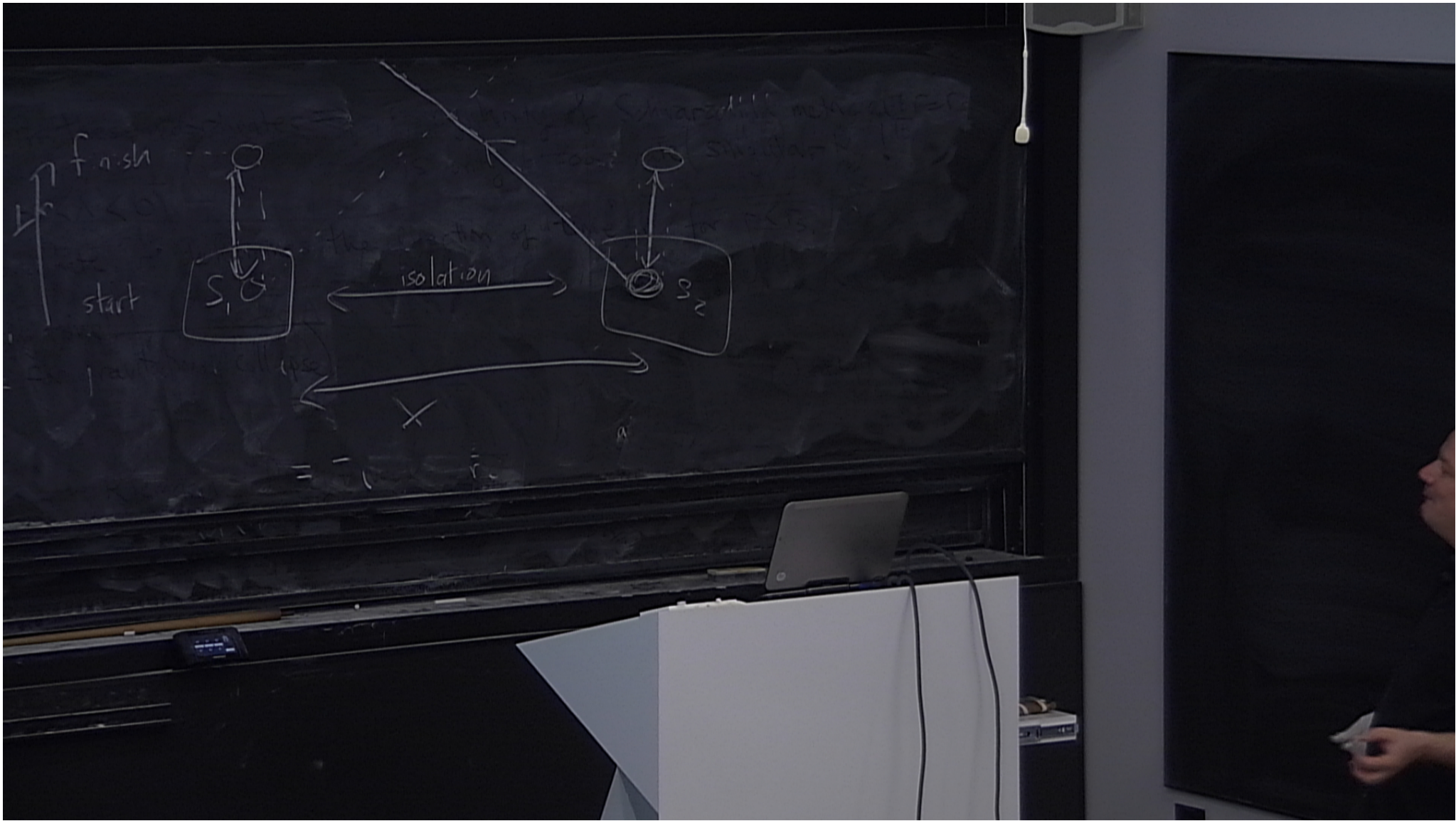
One way of ensuring $S_1 + S_2$ are isolated (from one another) is by spacelike separation: there is no time for a state of S_2 to influence S_1 (or vice versa) in this setup. Nor is there time for measurement outcomes on S_2 to be communicated to an observer A at S_1 , even if A and B are trying to collaborate.

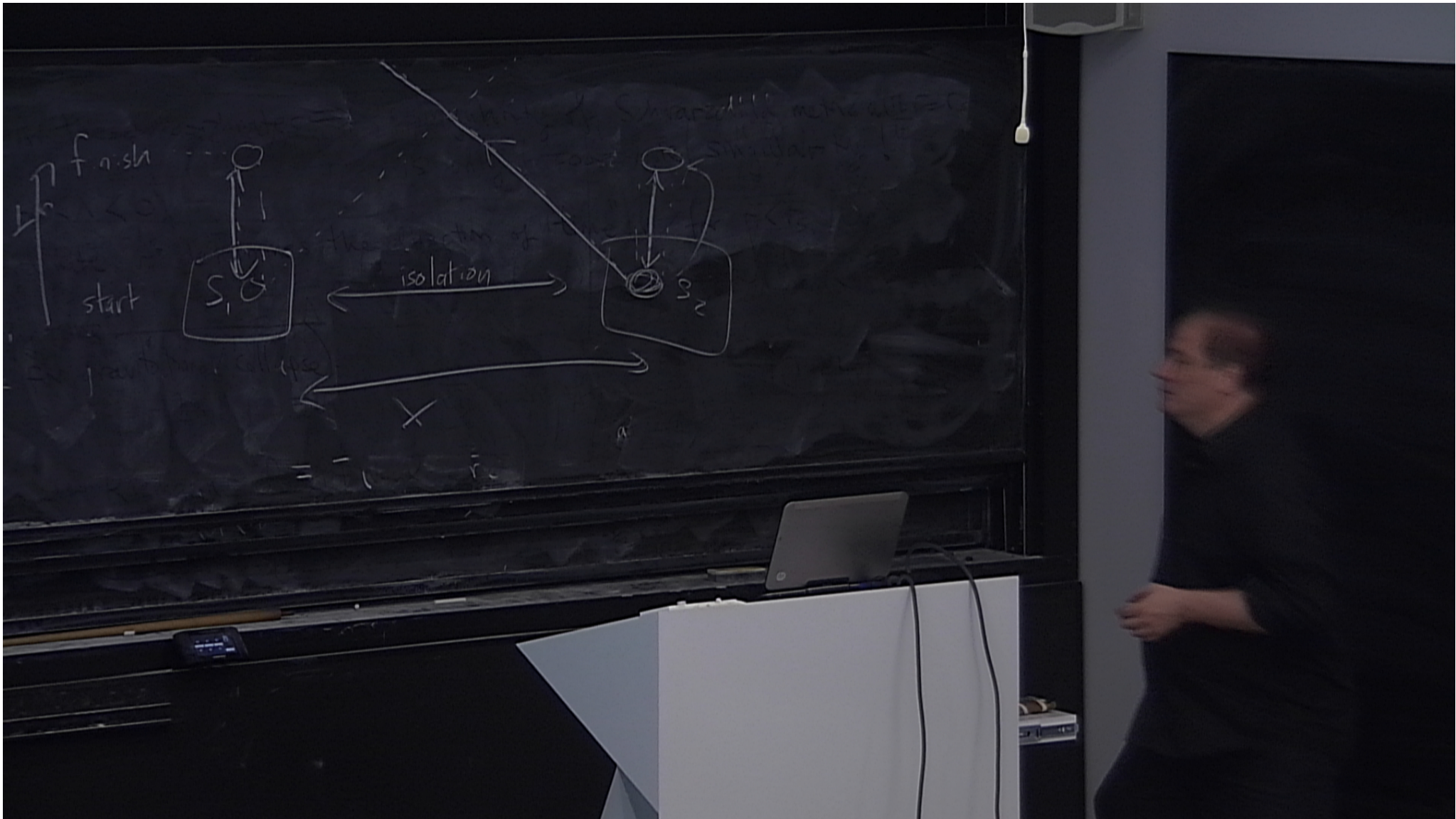
$\rho_1(t)$ encodes ALL the information available to A throughout the experiment. No actions by B on S_2 — neither applying Hamiltonians nor measurements — affect $\rho_1(t)$. Operations on entangled subsystems don't give any means of superluminal signalling. "Peaceful coexistence" of QM and SR!

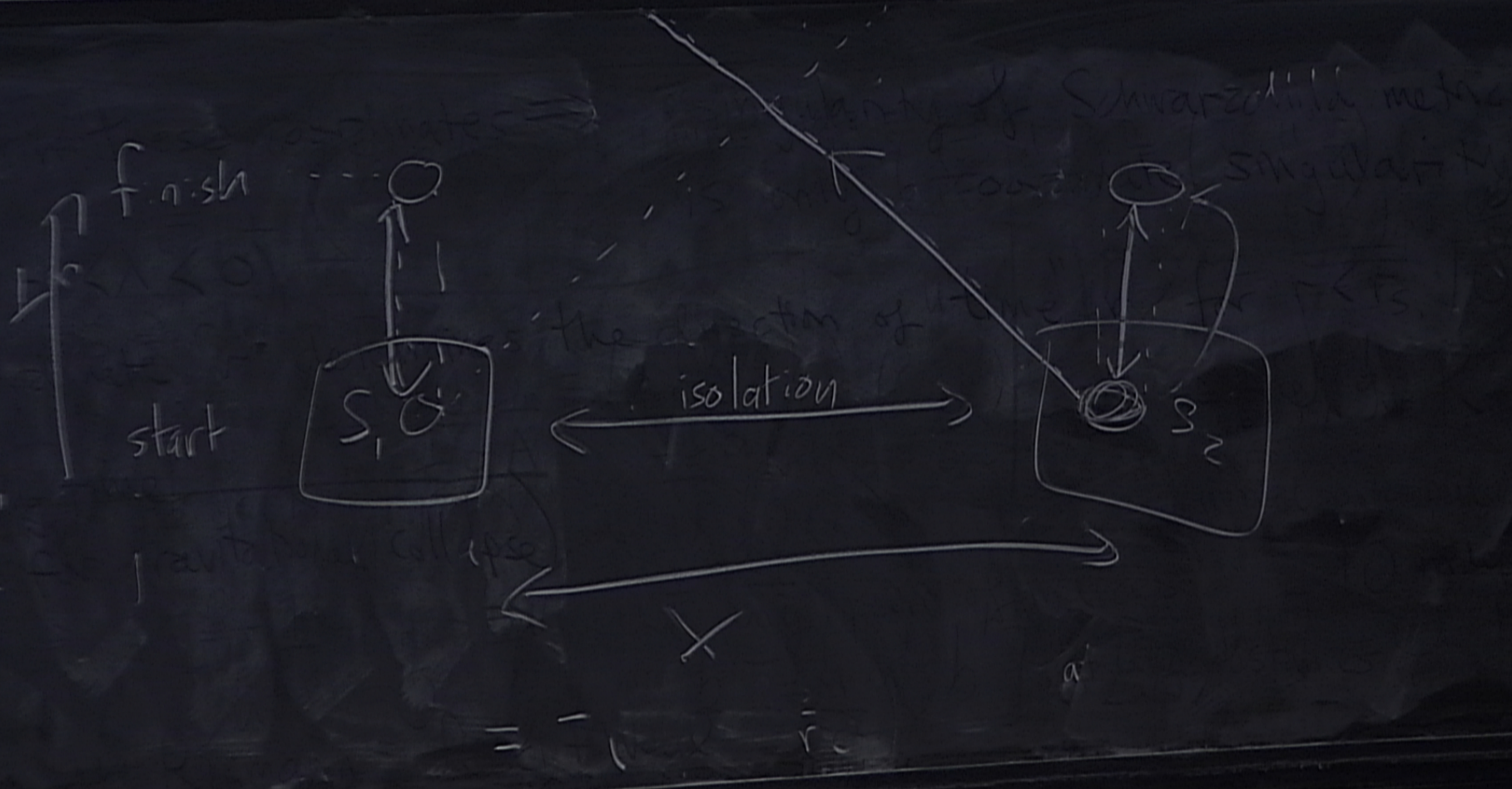












A nice example: the singlet Recall that rotations act on the combined spin states of 2 spin-1/2 particles as $R_{\mathbf{n}}(\alpha) = e^{i\frac{\alpha}{2}\mathbf{n}\cdot\mathbf{S}} \otimes e^{i\frac{\alpha}{2}\mathbf{n}\cdot\mathbf{S}} : \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}^2 \otimes \mathbb{C}^2$ and we can find eigenbases for S^2, S_3

$S_3 = 1$	$ \uparrow\rangle \uparrow\rangle$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\uparrow\rangle \downarrow\rangle - \downarrow\rangle \uparrow\rangle)$
$S_3 = 0$	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\uparrow\rangle \downarrow\rangle + \downarrow\rangle \uparrow\rangle)$	
$S_3 = -1$	$ \downarrow\rangle \downarrow\rangle$	
$S=1$ triplet		$S=0$ singlet

$S=0 \Rightarrow$ rotations act as identity
 \Rightarrow singlet is rotationally invariant
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\rangle|\downarrow\rangle - |\downarrow\rangle|\uparrow\rangle) =$
 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\rightarrow\rangle|\leftarrow\rangle - |\leftarrow\rangle|\rightarrow\rangle)$
 etc.

\bullet $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|\uparrow\rangle_A |\downarrow\rangle_B - |\downarrow\rangle_A |\uparrow\rangle_B)$ \bullet
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 Space-like separated experiments

What happens to the joint state if B measures S_3 ?

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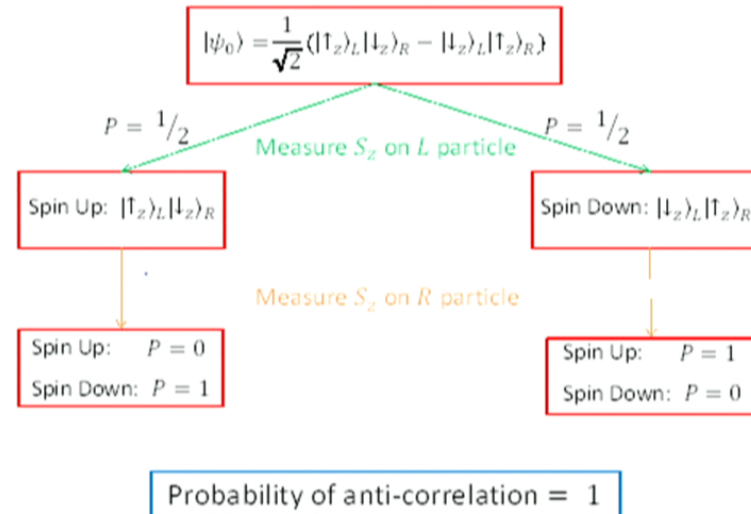
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OK, so we can't signal superluminally via measurements on entangled states. But doesn't it still look as though nature might be doing just that? Not only the joint quantum state, but also A's reduced density matrix, do change — if we take account of B's measurement outcome — according to our analysis. Which (using a different example) led EPR to ask:

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Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?A. EINSTEIN, B. PODOLSKY AND N. ROSEN, *Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey*

(Received March 25, 1935)

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Applying EPR's criteria to spin measurements on the singlet leads to a strong conclusion not supported by quantum theory:

$$A \cdot (\underline{S} \cdot \underline{n})_A$$

$$(\underline{S} \cdot \underline{n})_B$$

The outcomes of all possible spin measurements by A or B must be pre-determined before any measurements are carried out — they must be elements of physical reality.

A quick .ppt review of how this argument runs

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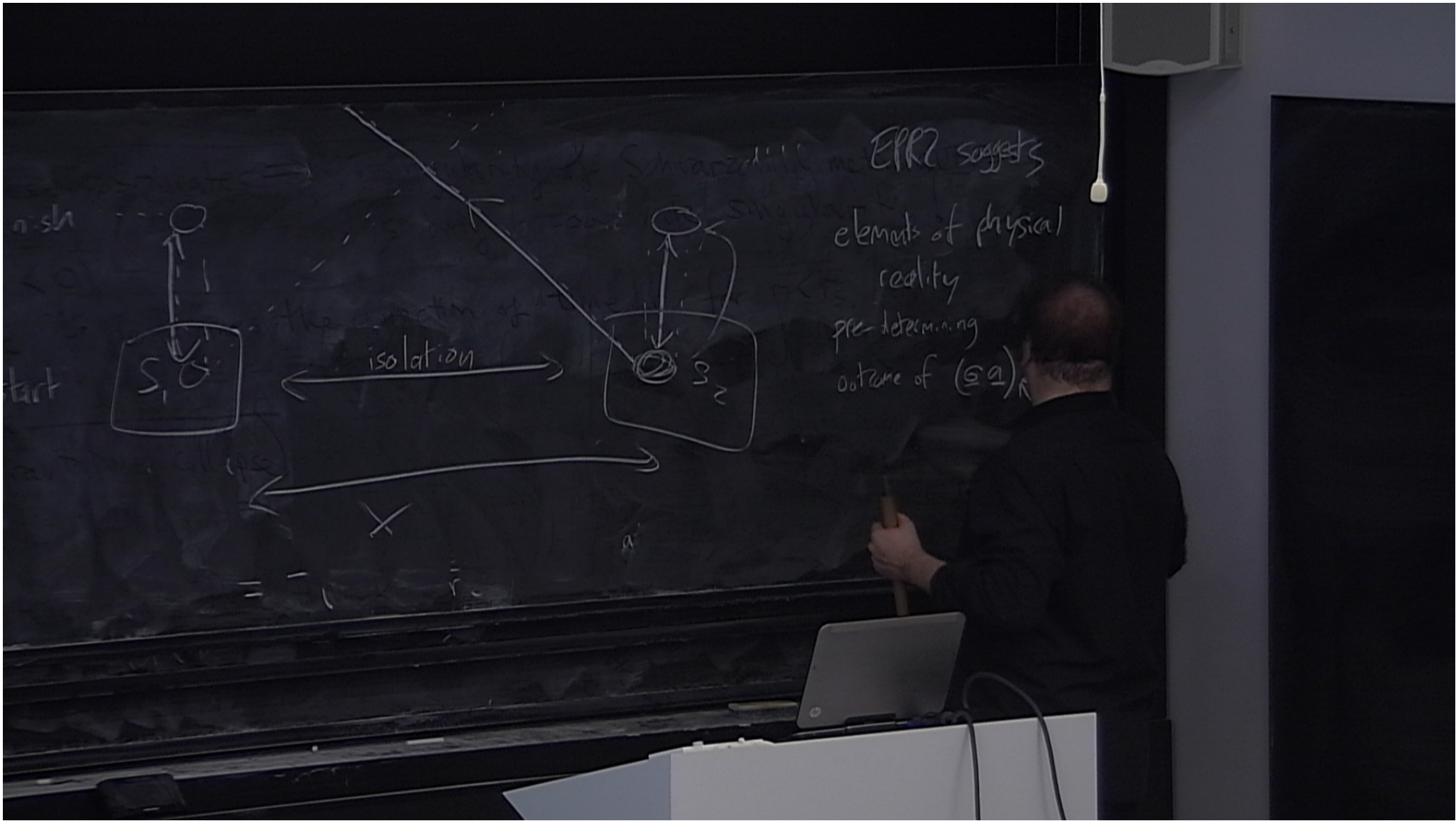
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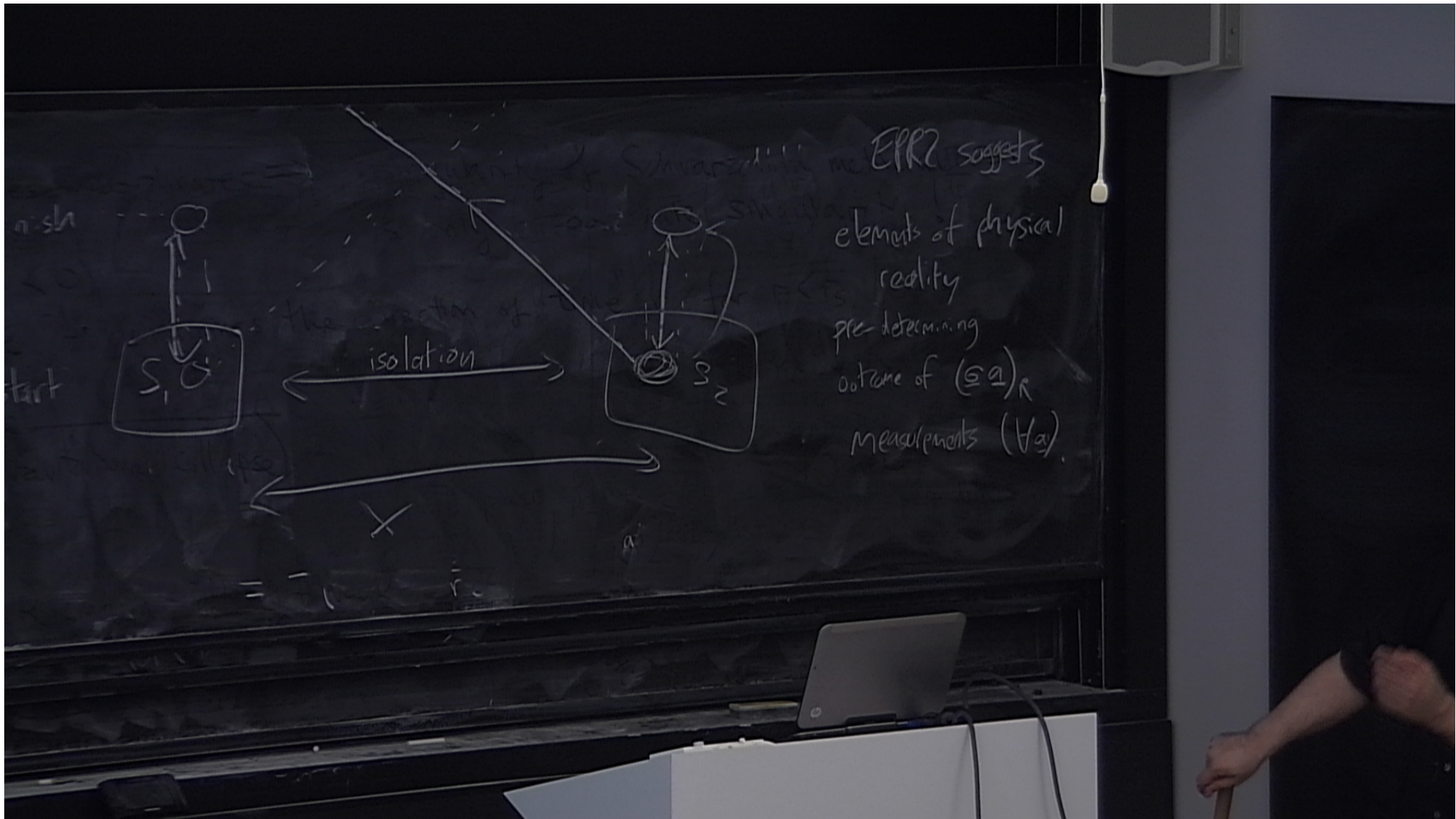
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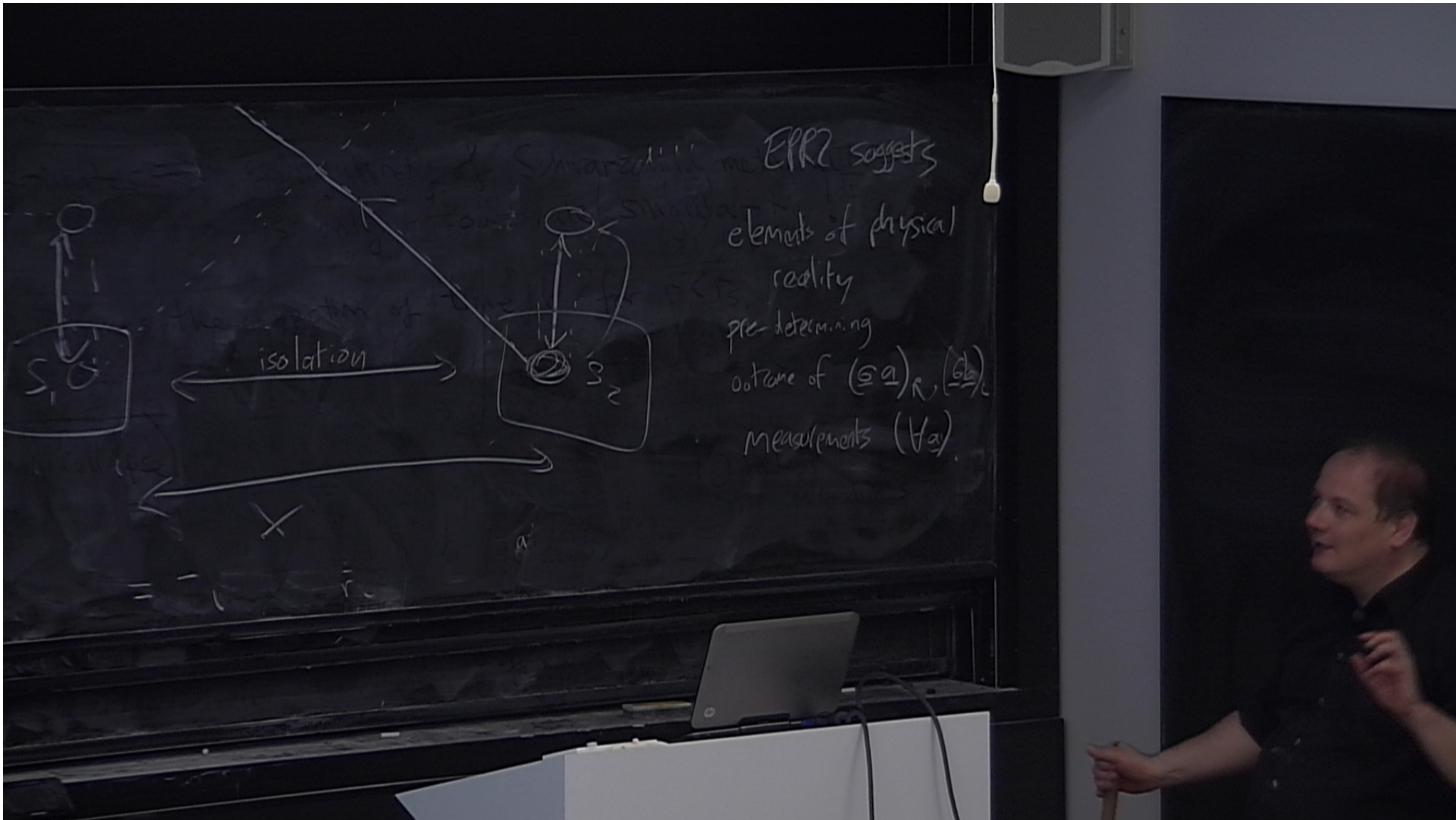
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TABLE I: The 8 PR papers with > 300 citations and with citation age/paper age > 0.75.

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7	PR 47 777 1935	532	Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?	A. Einstein, B. Podolsky, & N. Rosen
23	PR 56 340 1939	350	Forces in Molecules	R. P. Feynman
6	PR 82 403 1951	678	Interaction between <i>d</i> -Shells in Transition Metals. II. Ferromagnetic Compounds of Manganese with Perovskite Structure	C. Zener
30	PR 100 545 1955	374	Neutron Diffraction Study of the Magnetic Properties of the Series of Perovskite-Type Compounds $[(1-x)\text{La}_x\text{Ca}]\text{MnO}_3$	E. O. Wollan & W. C. Koehler
37	PR 100 564 1955	302	Theory of the Role of Covalence in the Perovskite-Type Manganites $[\text{La}, \text{M(II)}]\text{MnO}_3$	J. B. Goodenough
19	PR 100 675 1955	483	Considerations on Double Exchange	P. W. Anderson & H. Hasegawa
21	PR 118 141 1960	519	Effects of Double Exchange in Magnetic Crystals	P.-G. de Gennes

Citation Statistics From More Than a Century of Physical Review

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We study the statistics of citations from all Physical Review journals for the 110-year period 1893 until 2003. We discuss basic properties of the citation distribution and find that the growth of citations is consistent with linear preferential attachment. We also investigate how citations evolve with time. There is a positive correlation between the number of citations to a paper and the average age of citations. Citations *from* a publication have an exponentially decaying age distribution; that is, old papers tend to not get cited. In contrast, the citations *to* a publication are consistent with a power-law age distribution, with an exponent close to -1 over a time range of 2 – 20 years. We also identify one exceptionally strong burst of citations, as well as other dramatic features in the time history of citations to individual publications.

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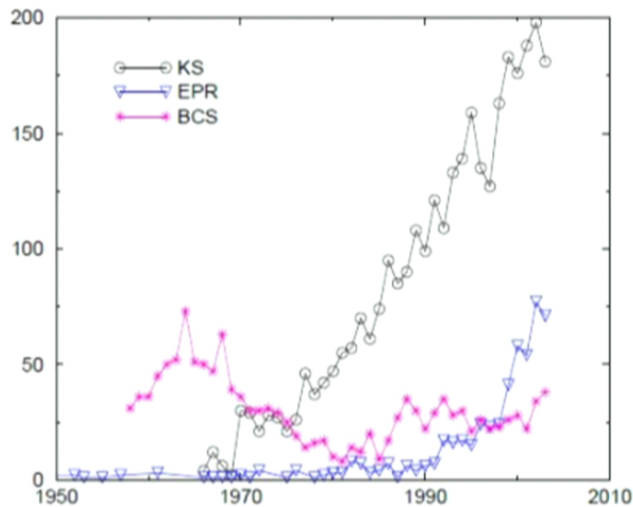


FIG. 9: Citation history of 3 classic highly-cited publications. Each is identified by author initials (see text).

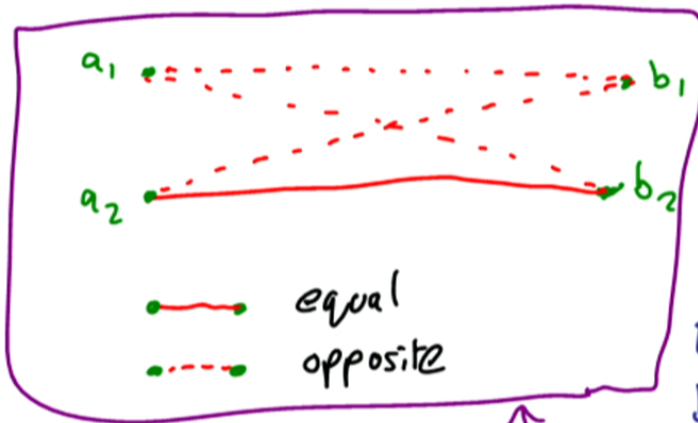
Chronology of a "sleeping beauty"
(S. Redner, op. cit.)

The paper with most citations in all PR journals is "Self-Consistent Equations Including Exchange and Correlation Effects", Phys. Rev. 140, A1133 (1965) by W. Kohn & L. J. Sham (KS), with 3227 citations as of June 2003 (see Appendix A). It is amazing that citations to this publication have been steadily increasing for nearly 40 years. On the other hand, the paper "Can Quantum-Mechanical Description of Physical Reality Be Considered Complete?", Phys. Rev. 47, 777 (1935) by A. Einstein, B. Podolsky, & N. Rosen (EPR) had 82 citations before 1990 and 515 citations subsequently – 597 cita-

tions in total at the end of 2003. The longevity of EPR is the reason for the appearance of this publication on the top-10 citation impact list in Appendix A. The current interest in EPR stems from the revival of work on quantum information phenomena. Finally, the citation history of "Theory of Superconductivity", Phys. Rev. 108, 1175 (1957) by J. Bardeen, L. N. Cooper, & J. R. Schrieffer (BCS) peaked in the 60's, followed by a steady decay through the mid-80's, with a minimum in the number of citations in 1985, the year before the discovery of high-temperature superconductivity. It is worth emphasizing that BCS is the earliest PR publication with more than 1000 citations (with 1388 citations at the end of 2003).

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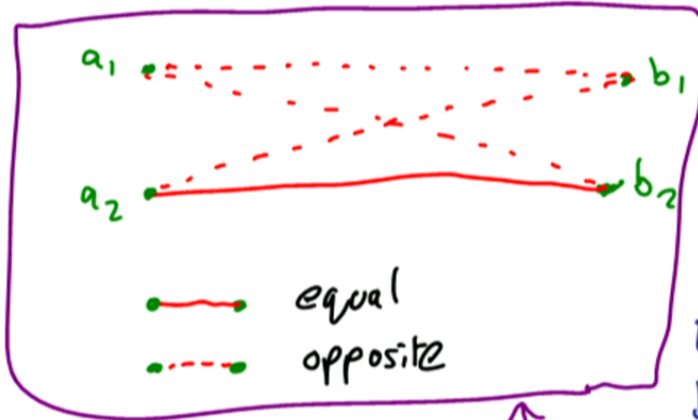
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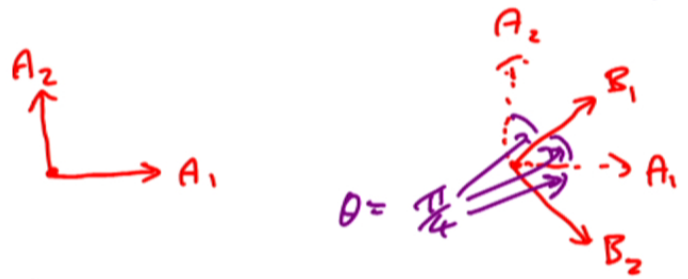
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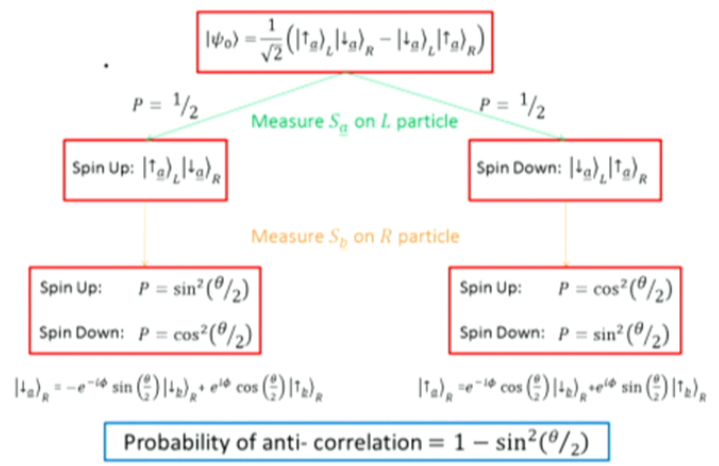
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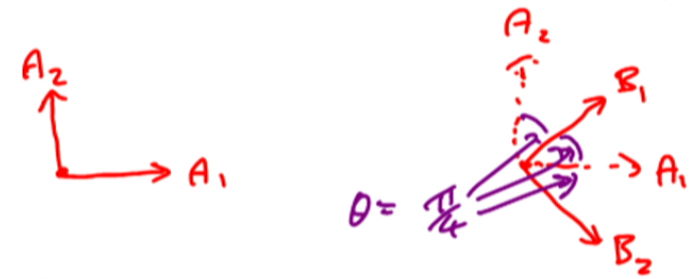
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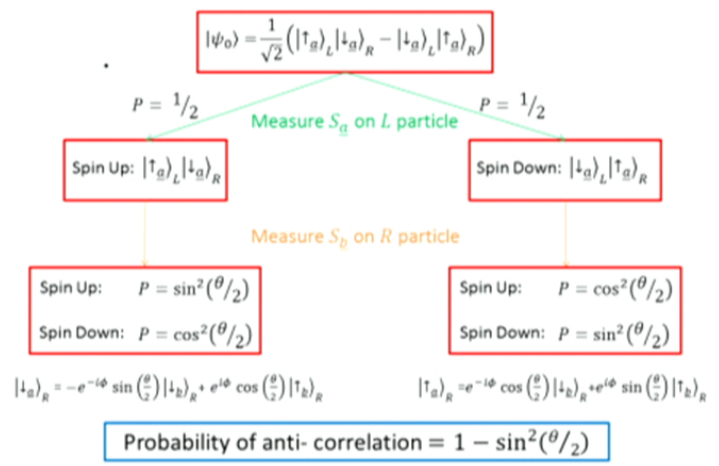
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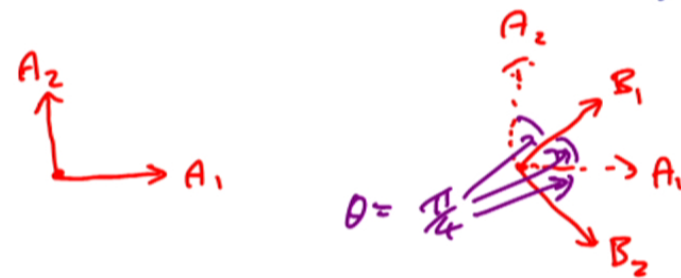
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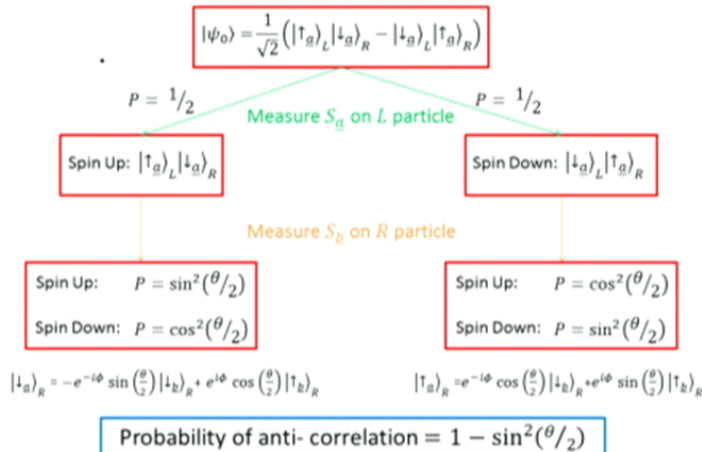
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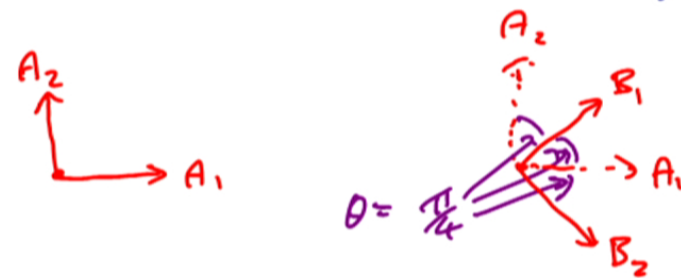
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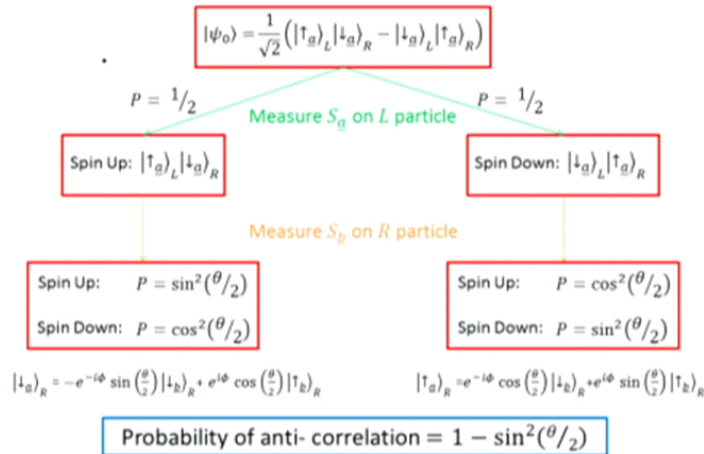
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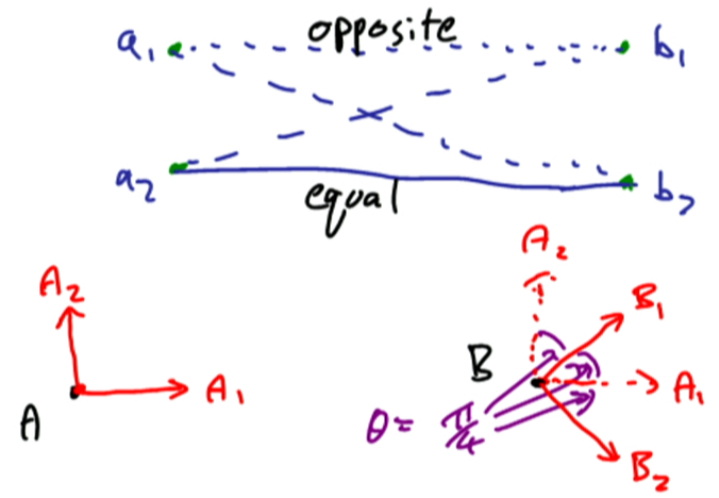
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If the experiments at A and B are spacelike separated:
 (so no possibility for measurement at A to "disturb" B)

EPR predicts $P(\text{yes}) \leq \frac{3}{4}$

Whether spacelike separated or not:

QM predicts $P(\text{yes}) = 0.853$



Clear discrepancy (with wiggle room for experimental errors)

So - what does experiment say?

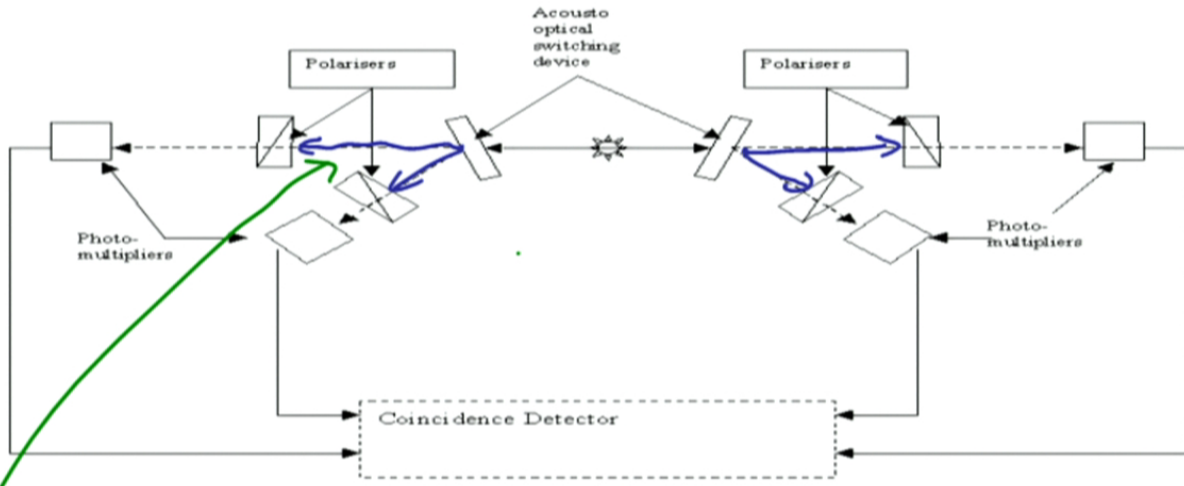


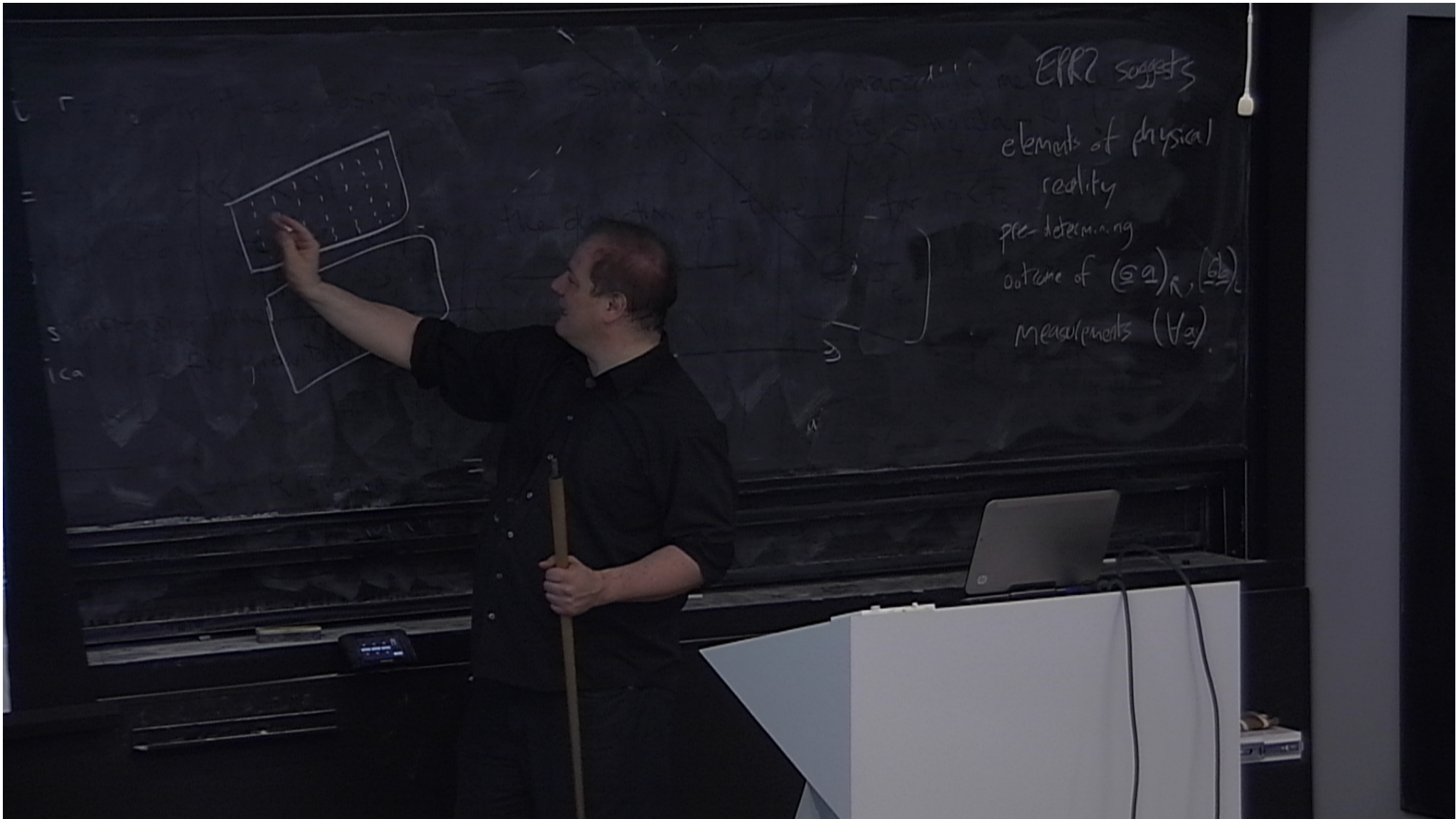
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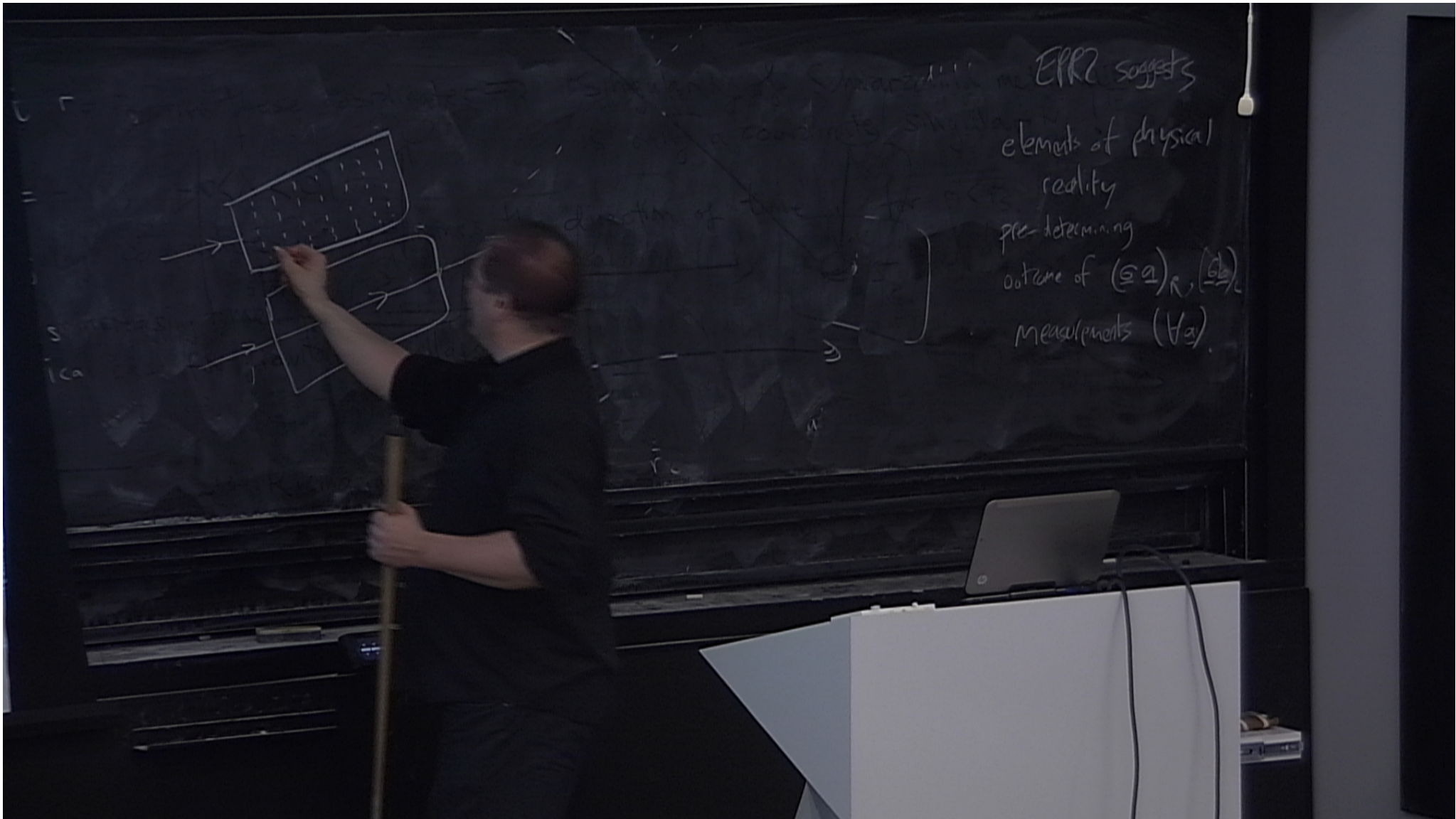
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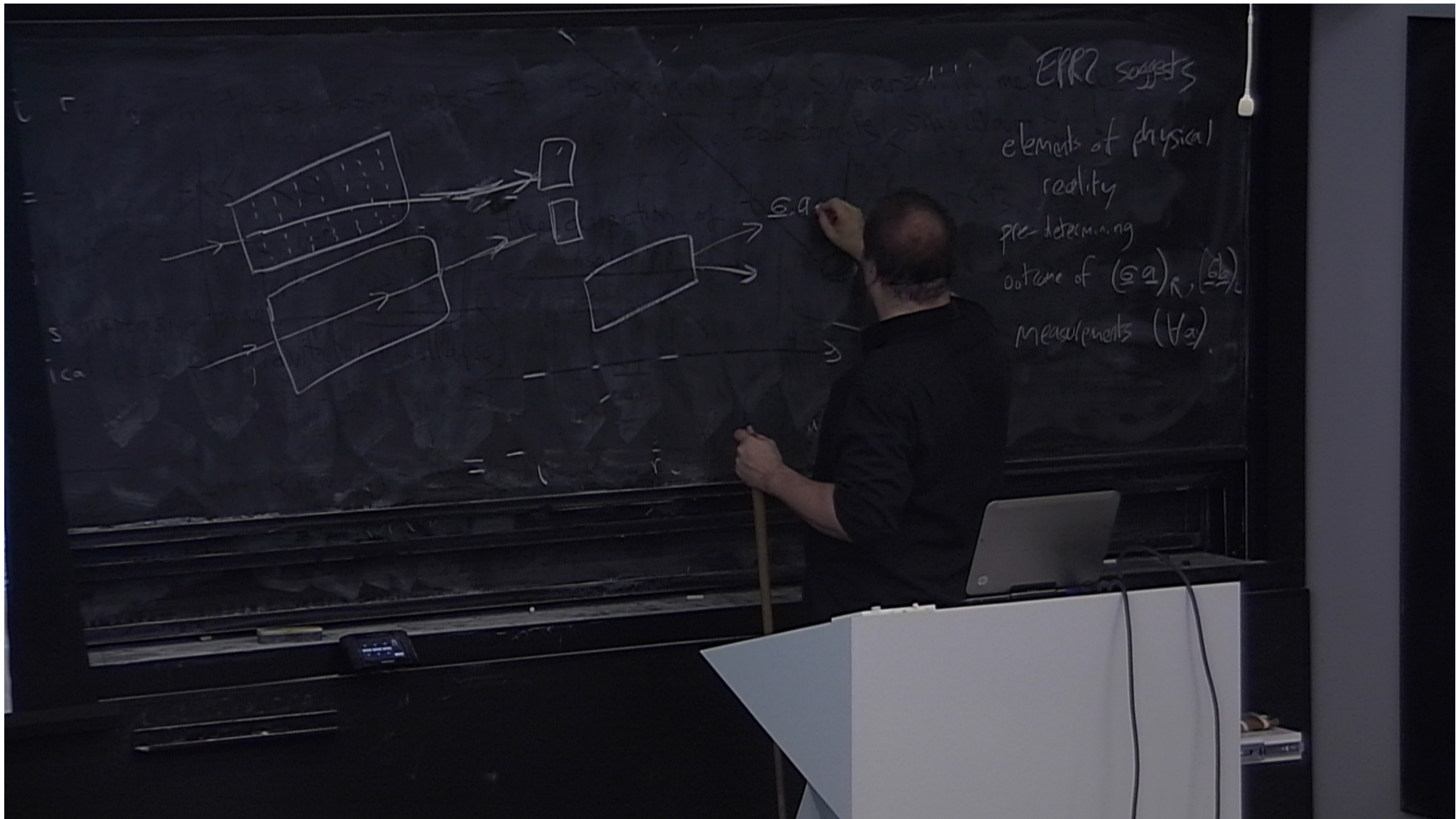
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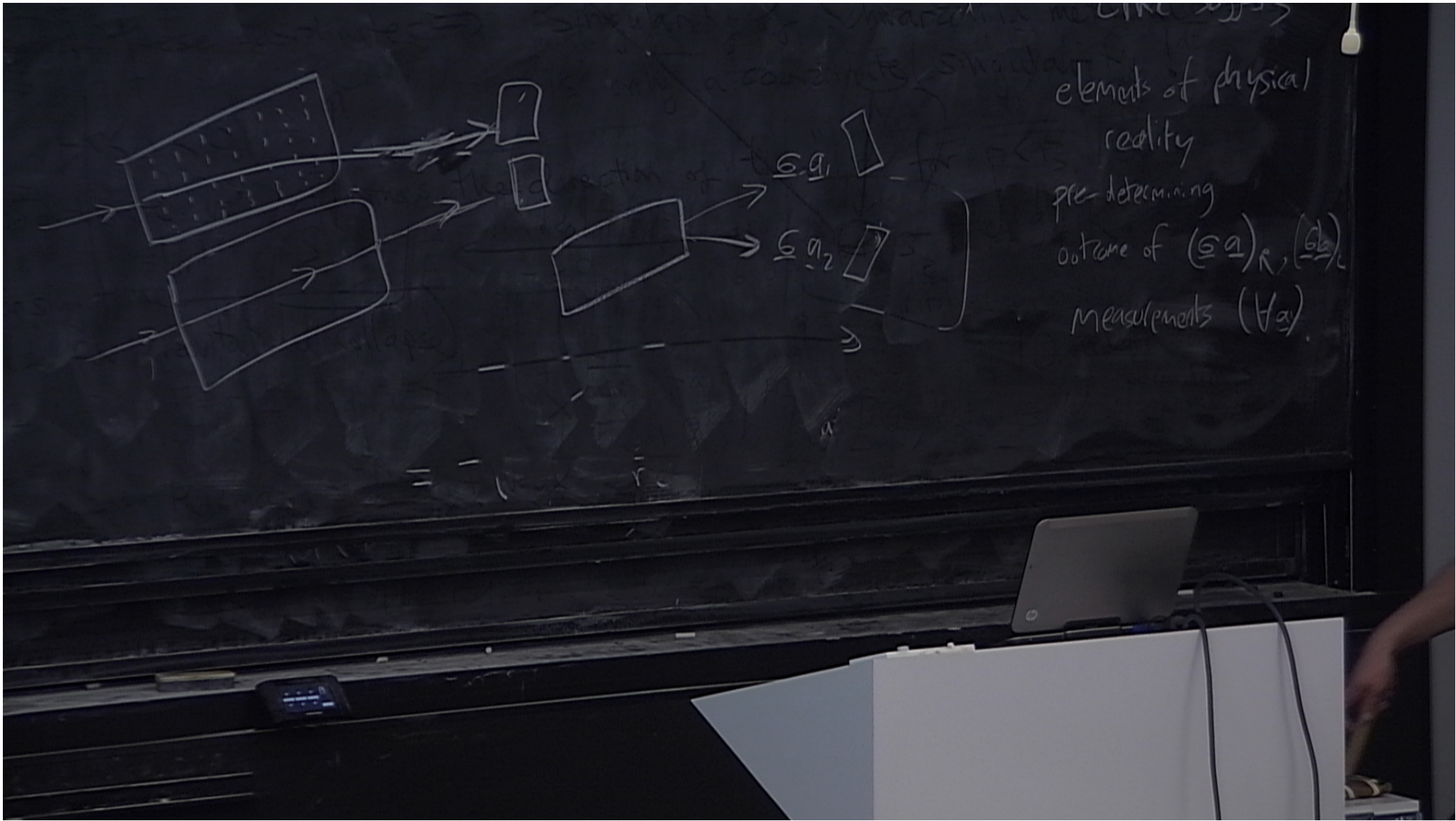
The switches are placed at about 6 metres from the calcium source, the state of the switches selects which of the differently orientated polarisers are linked by proper locality to the source and which of the photo multipliers will interact with the source, indicating an interaction has occurred. Finally the coincidences between the channels is monitored.

pseudorandom number generators determine path ↗ and hence choice of spin measurement axes









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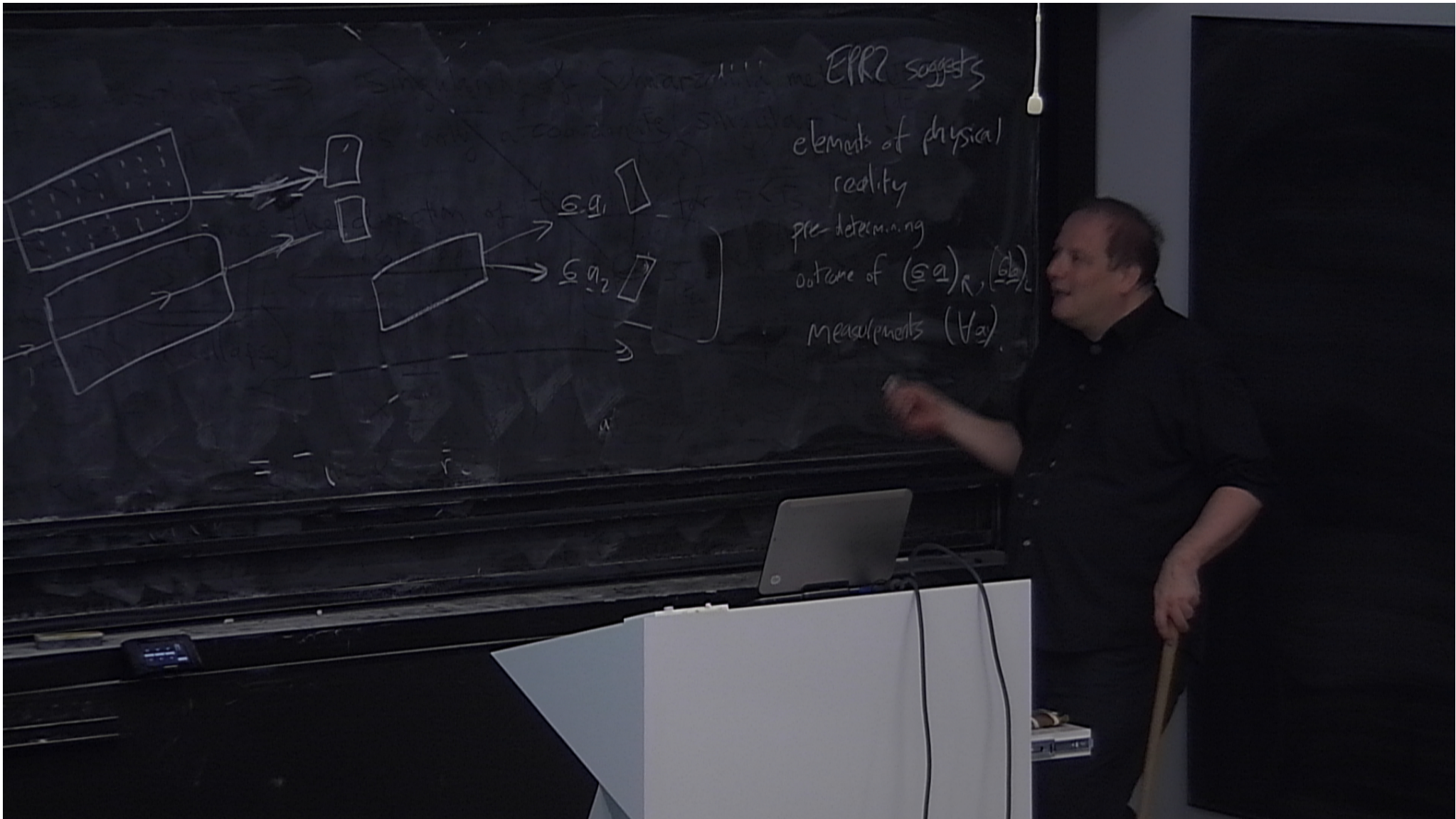
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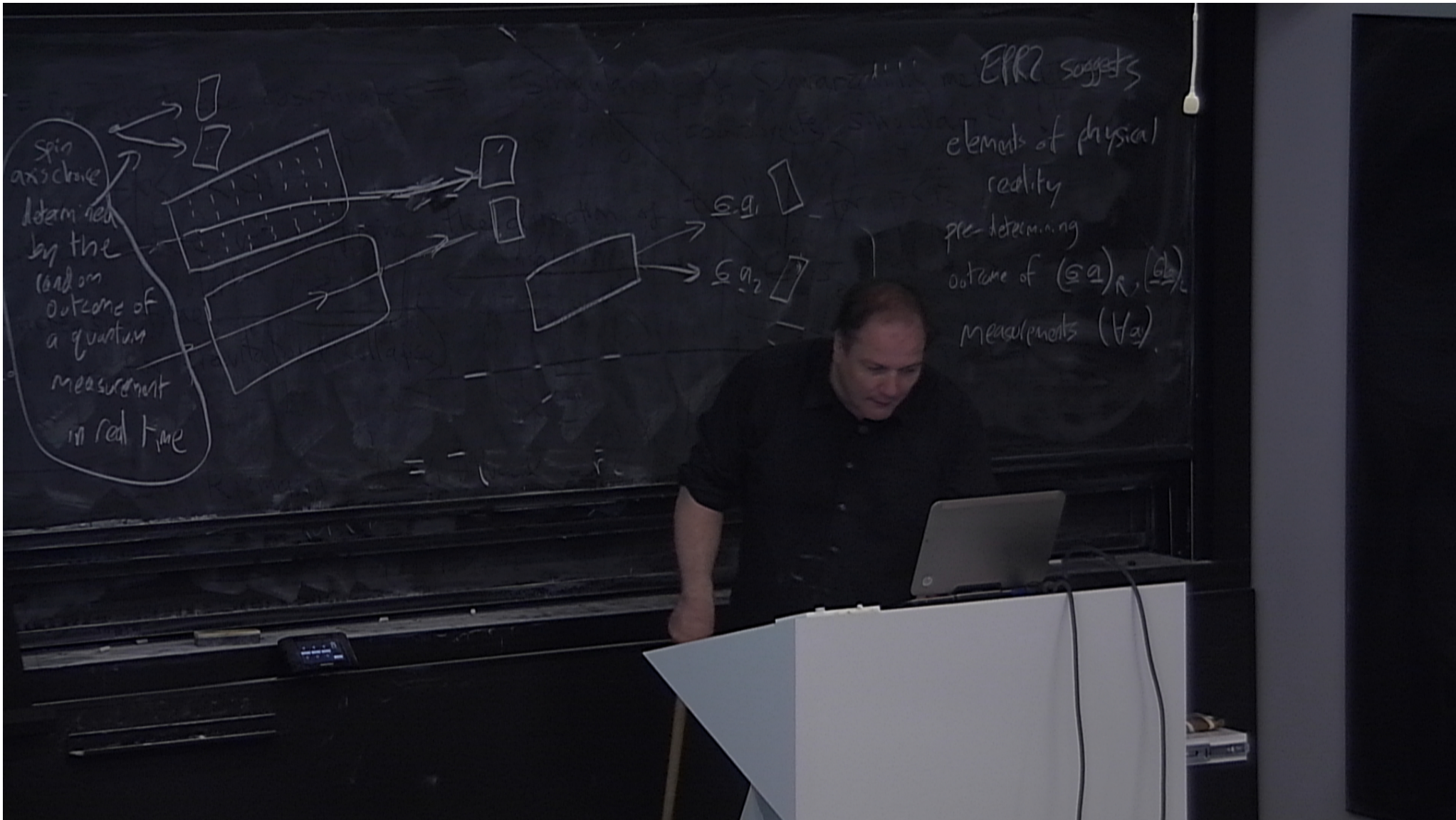
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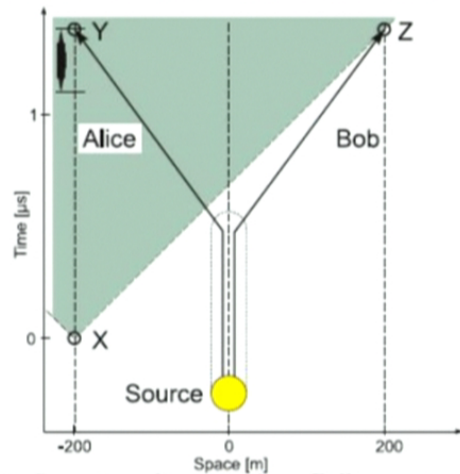


FIG. 1. Spacetime diagram of our Bell experiment. Selecting a random analyzer direction, setting the analyzer and finally detecting a photon constitute the measurement process. This process on Alice's side must fully lie inside the shaded region which is, during Bob's own measurement, invisible to him as a matter of principle. For our setup this means that the decision about the setting has to be made after point "X" if the corresponding photons are detected at spacetime points "Y" and "Z" respectively. In our experiment the measurement process (indicated by a short black bar) including the choice of a random number only took less than a tenth of the maximum allowed time. The vertical parts of the kinked photon world lines emerging from the source represent the fiber coils at the source location.

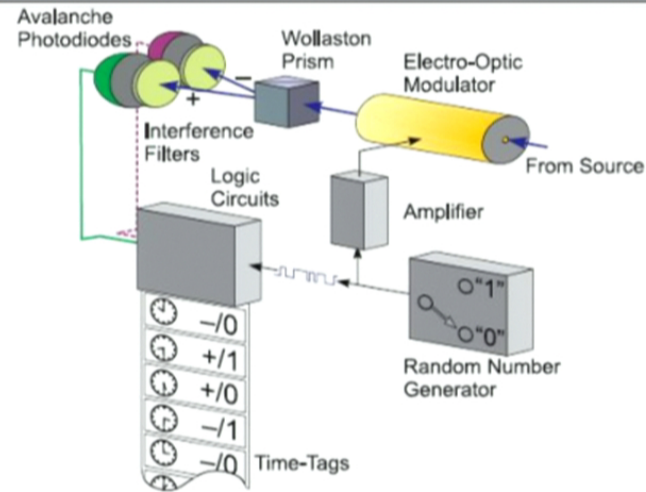
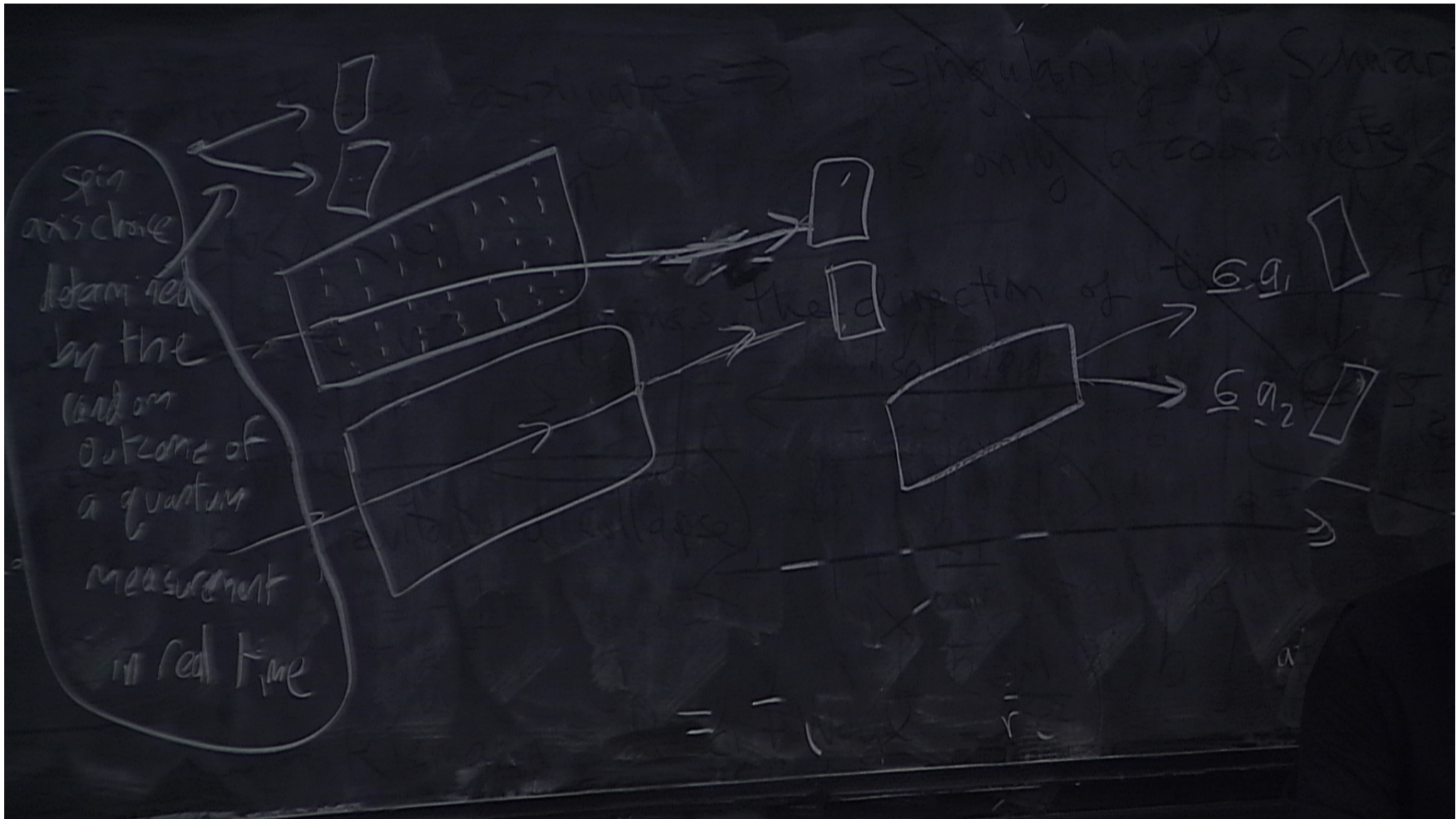


FIG. 2. One of the two observer stations. A random number generator is driving the electro-optic modulator. Silicon avalanche photodiodes are used as detectors. A "time tag" is stored for each detected photon together with the corresponding random number "0" or "1" and the code for the detector "+" or "-" corresponding to the two outputs of the Wollaston prism polarizer. All alignments and adjustments were pure local operations that did not rely on a common source or on communication between the observers.

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Violation of local realism with freedom of choice

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Bell's theorem shows that local realistic theories place strong restrictions on observable correlations between different systems, giving rise to Bell's inequality which can be violated in experiments using entangled quantum states. Bell's theorem is based on the assumptions of *realism*, *locality*, and the *freedom to choose between measurement settings*. In experimental tests, "loopholes" arise which allow observed violations to still be explained by local realistic theories. Violating Bell's inequality while simultaneously closing all such loopholes is one of the most significant still open challenges in fundamental physics today. In this paper, we present an experiment that violates Bell's inequality while simultaneously closing the locality loophole and addressing the freedom-of-choice loophole, also closing the latter within a reasonable set of assumptions. We also explain that the locality and freedom-of-choice loopholes can be closed only within non-determinism, i.e. in the context of *stochastic* local realism.

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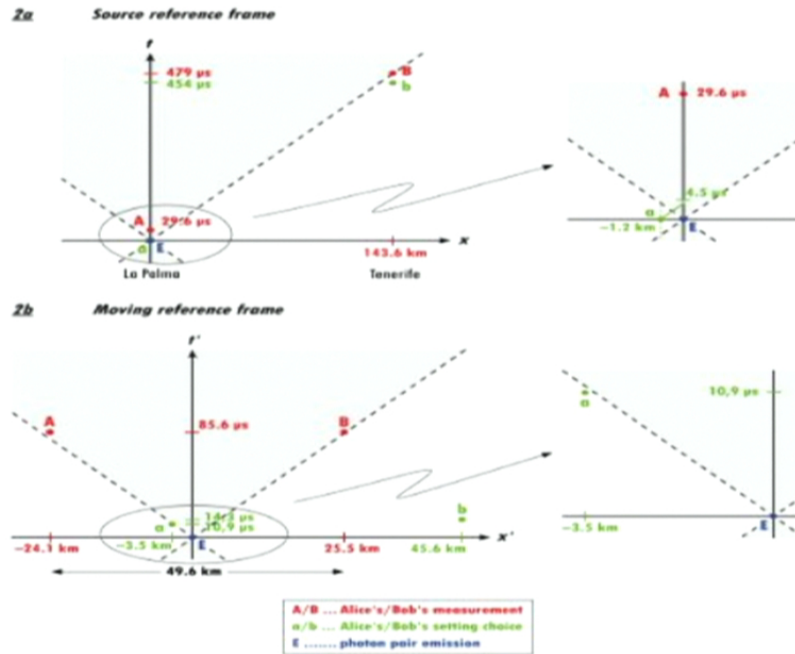
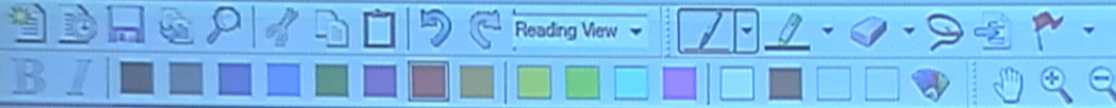
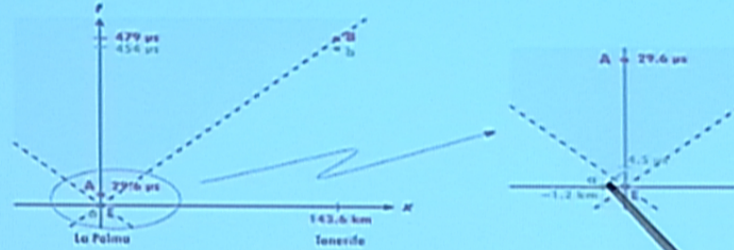


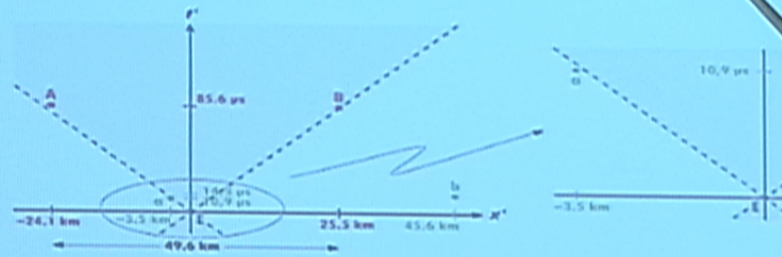
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Polarizer settings a, b	$0^\circ, 22.5^\circ$	$0, 67.5^\circ$	$45^\circ, 22.5^\circ$	$45^\circ, 67.5^\circ$
Correlation $E(a,b)$	0.62 ± 0.01	0.63 ± 0.01	0.55 ± 0.01	-0.57 ± 0.01
Obtained Bell value S^{exp}	2.37 ± 0.02			

Table 1: Experimental results. We measured the polarization correlation coefficients $E(a,b)$ to test the CHSH inequality under locality and freedom-of-choice conditions. Combining our experimental data, we obtained the value of $S^{exp} = 2.37 \pm 0.02$. Assuming statistical errors and relying only on the fair-sampling assumption, this value implies a violation of local realism by more than 16 standard deviations, thereby simultaneously closing both the locality and the freedom-of-choice loopholes.

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