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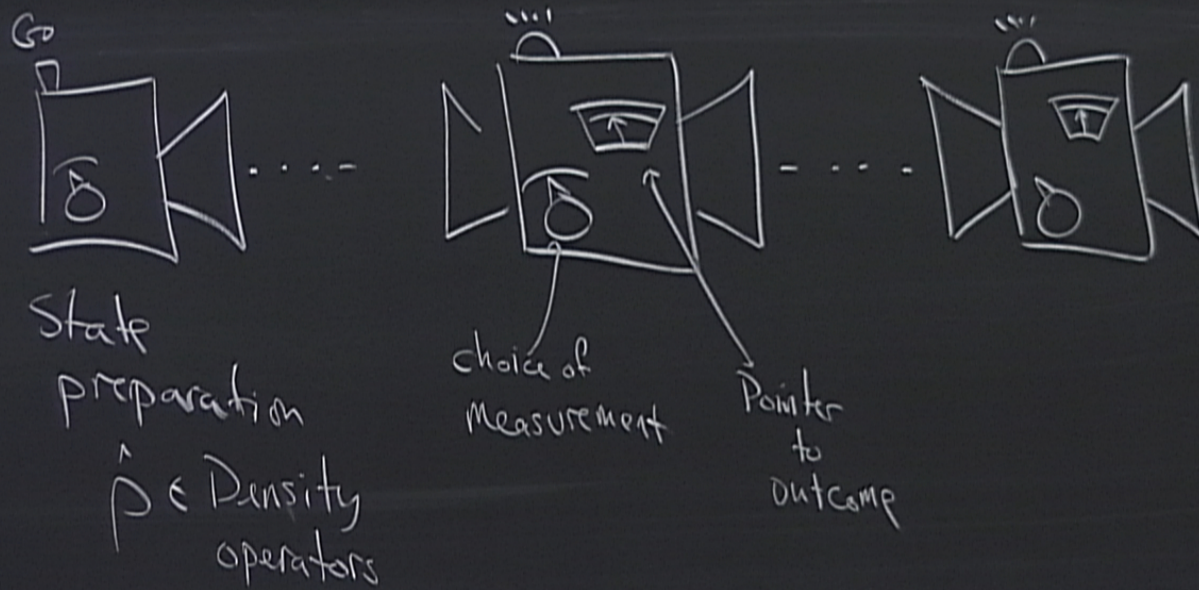
Abstract:

## Sequential Measurements

- Measurement as transformation
- Measurement as state preparation
- Significance of "collapse"

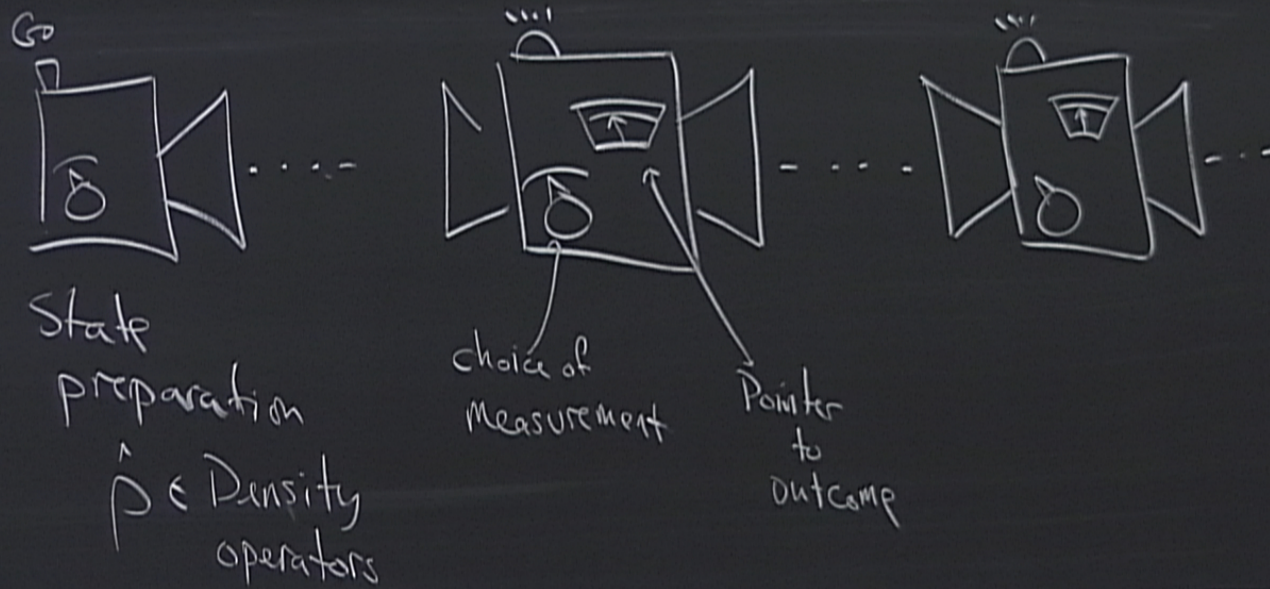


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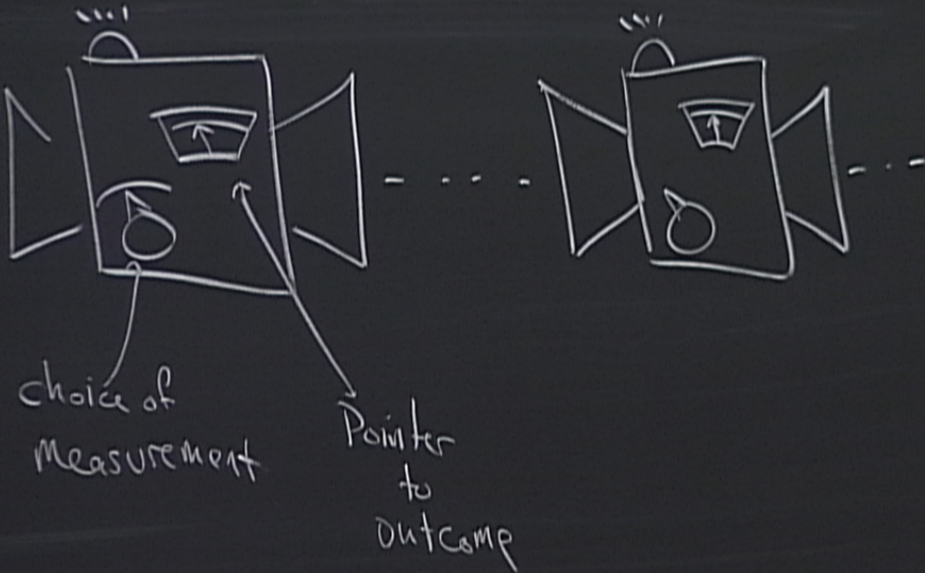


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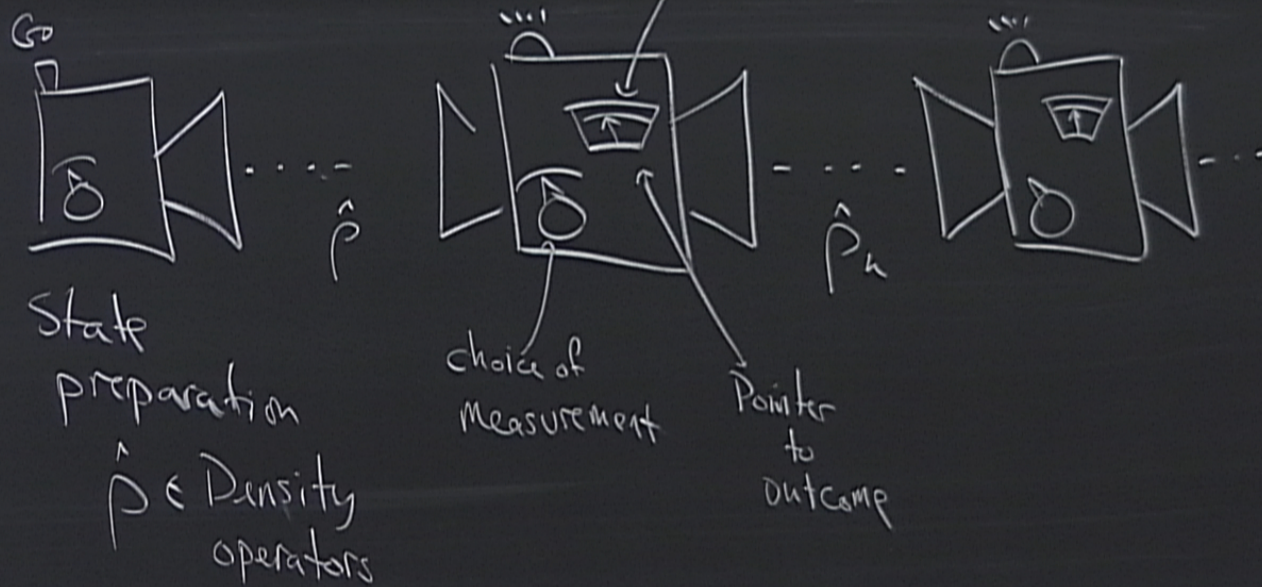


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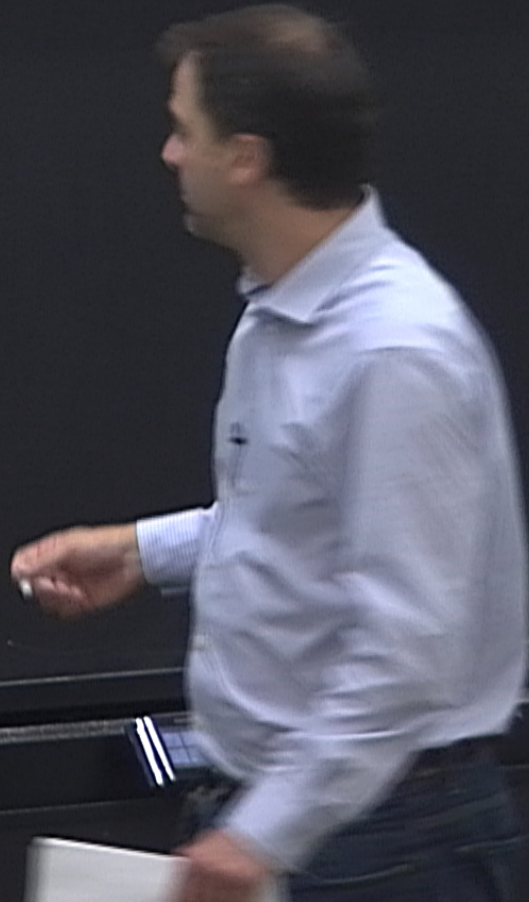
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$$\rho \rightarrow \rho_k = \frac{\hat{\Pi}_k \hat{\rho} \hat{\Pi}_k}{\text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{\Pi}_k)}$$

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guarantees  
that  $\text{tr}(\rho_k) = 1$ .



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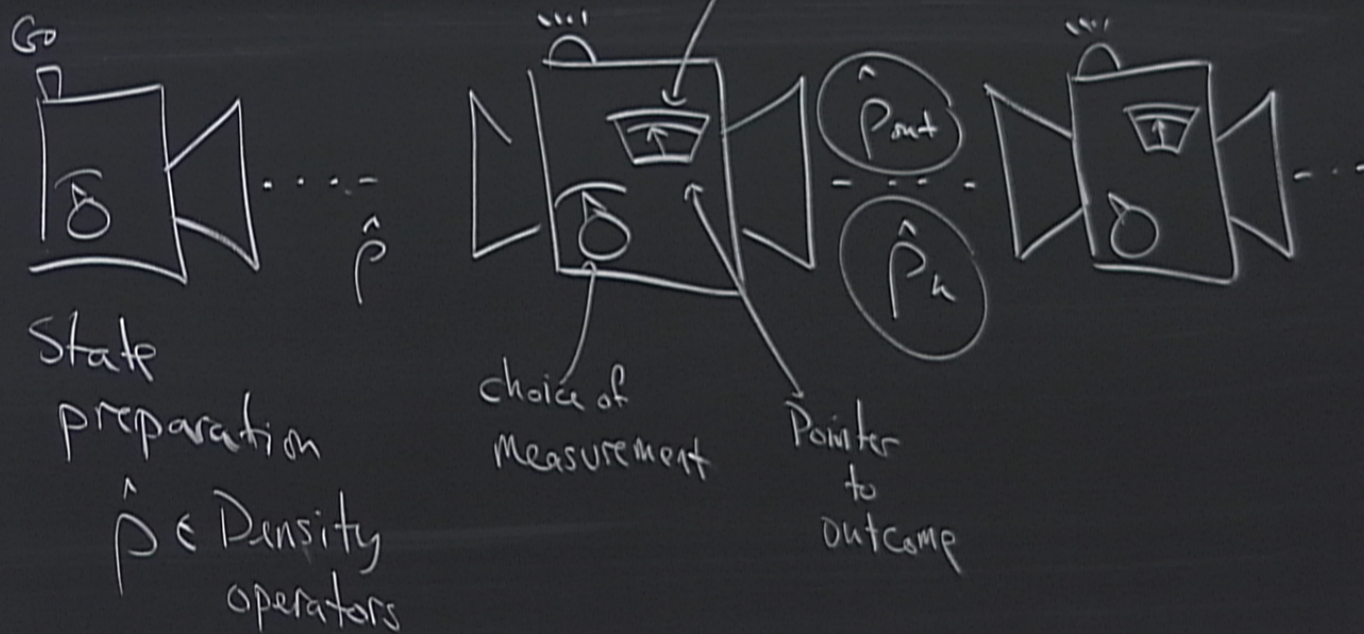


In contrast, if I  
ignore outcome, or  
don't have access to  
outcome, or want to  
describe the ensemble  
of output systems (independent  
of outcome)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } \rho_{\text{out}} &= \sum_k \text{Tr}(\hat{\rho} \hat{\Pi}_k) \cdot \hat{\rho}_k \\ &= \sum_k \hat{\Pi}_k \hat{\rho} \hat{\Pi}_k \end{aligned}$$



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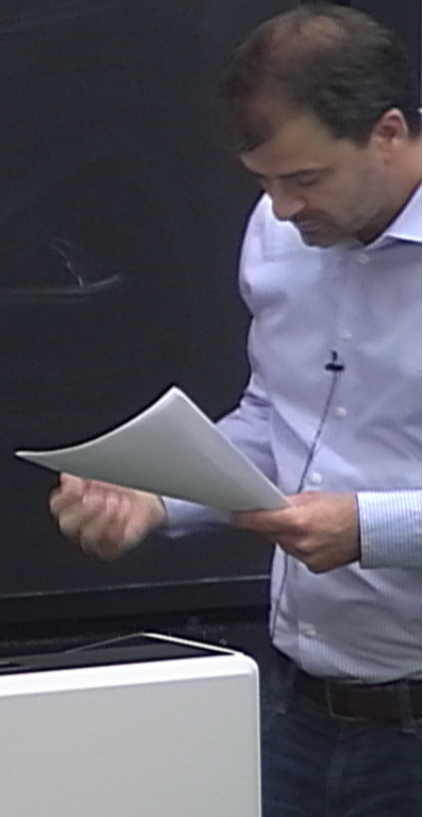
$$\{P_1, P_{1\perp}\}$$



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State-update w/o post-selection

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$$\text{where } |\psi\rangle = \frac{c_2|\phi_2\rangle + c_3|\phi_3\rangle}{\sqrt{|c_2|^2 + |c_3|^2}}$$



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$$= \bar{c}_2 c_3 (|\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_1| + |\phi_3\rangle\langle\phi_3|) |\phi_2\rangle\langle\phi_3| (|\phi_1\rangle\langle\phi_1| + |\phi_3\rangle\langle\phi_3|)$$

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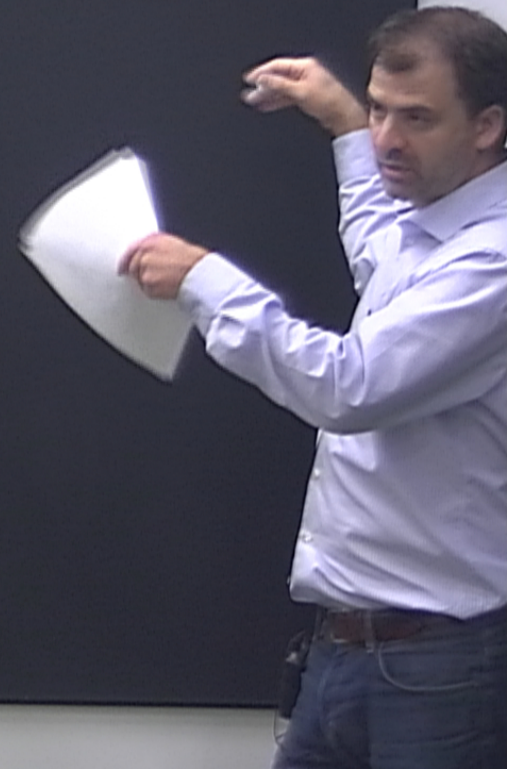
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$$\rho_n = \sum_j \langle j | \mathbb{1} \otimes \Pi_n U_{NS} (\rho \otimes |0\rangle\langle 0|) U_{AS}^\dagger (\mathbb{1} \otimes \Pi_n) |j\rangle$$





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$$P_r(k) = \text{Tr}(E_k \rho)$$

where  $E_k = \sum_j M_{k,j}^\dagger M_{k,j}$



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