

Outcomes of repeated measurements

on non-replicable Unruh-DeWitt detectors

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AIMS:

1. extend the Born rule to non-replicable systems
2. provide an example of this procedure

1. Born rule and the necessity for replicas
2. Non-replicable systems and Repeated Measurements (RM)
3. RM on Unruh-DeWitt detectors
4. Results and conclusions

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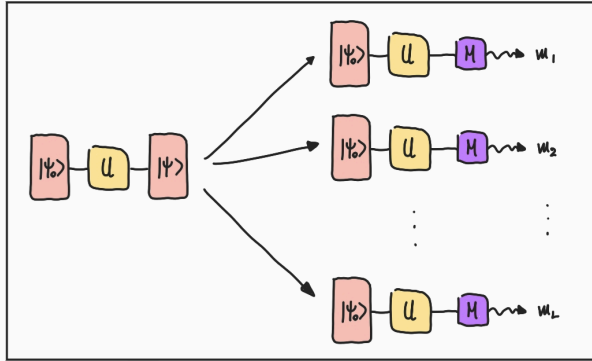
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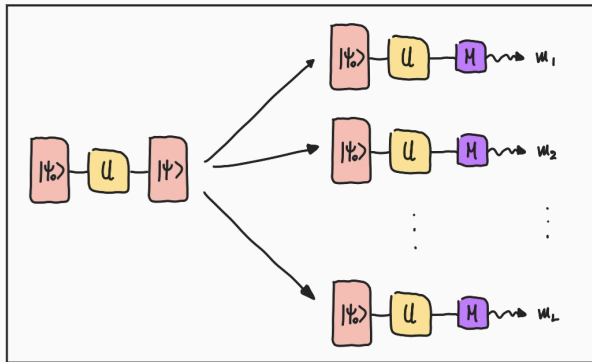
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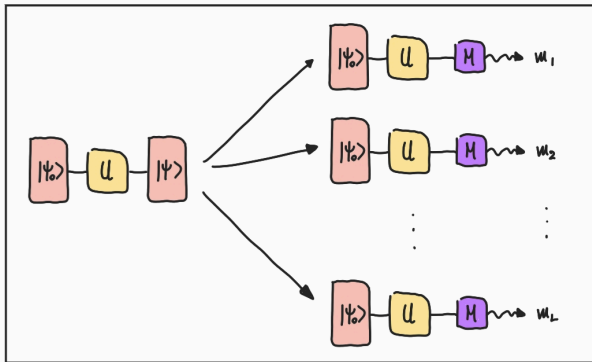


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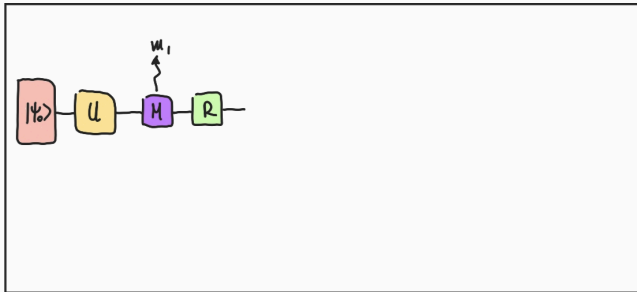
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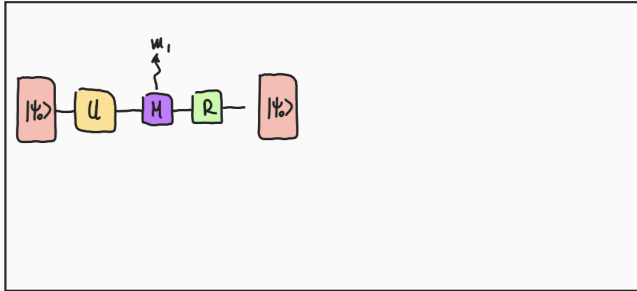
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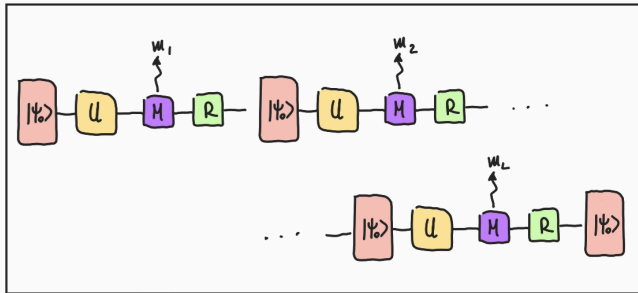
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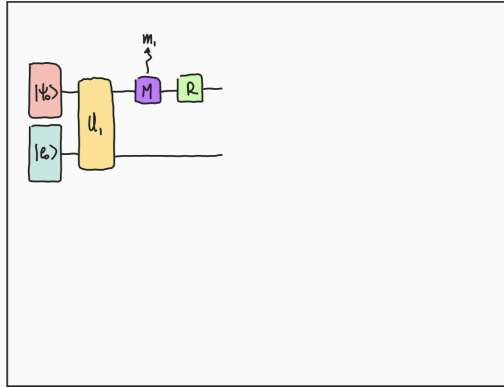
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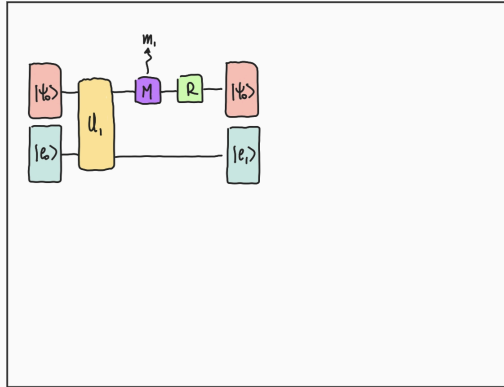
Can we extend the Born rule to these systems?

⇒ Repeated Measurement (RM) framework

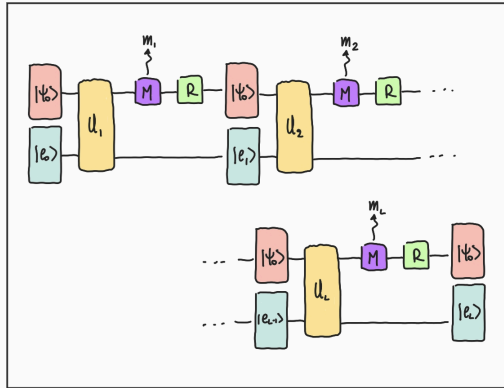
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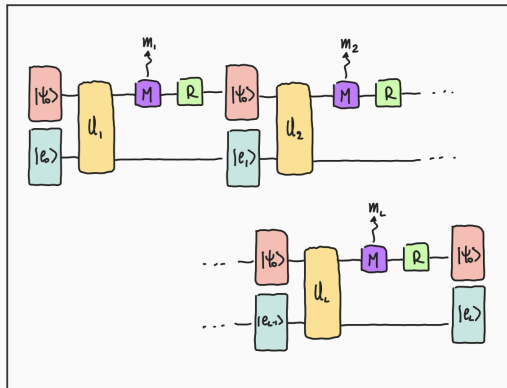
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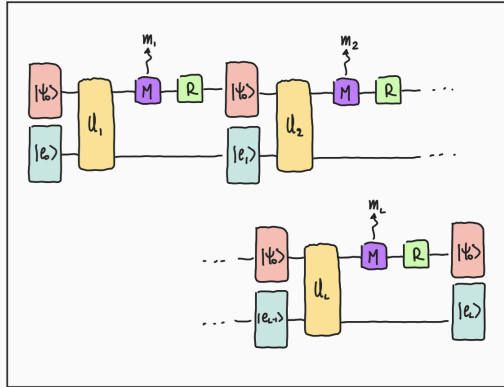
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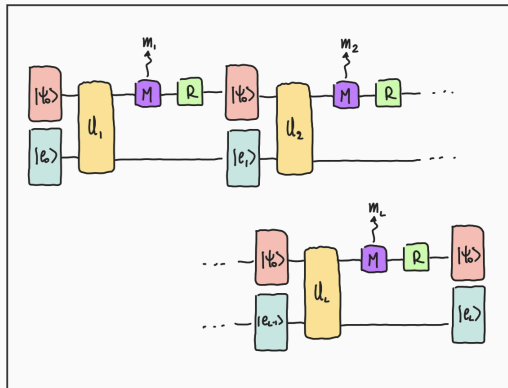
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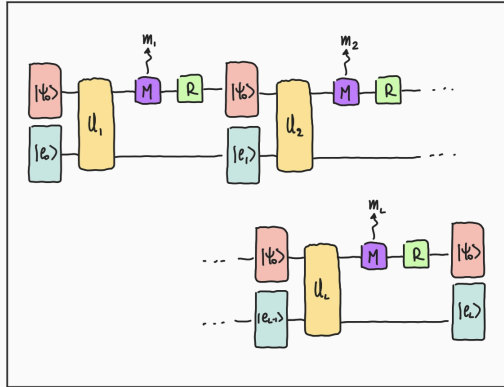
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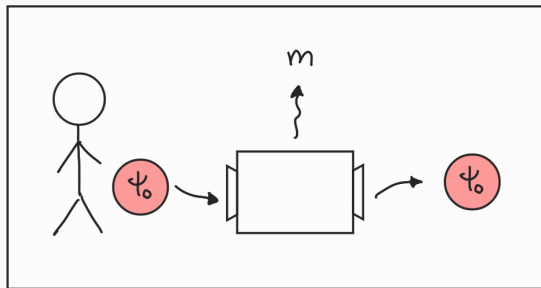
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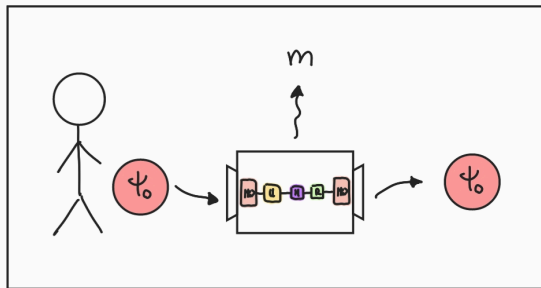
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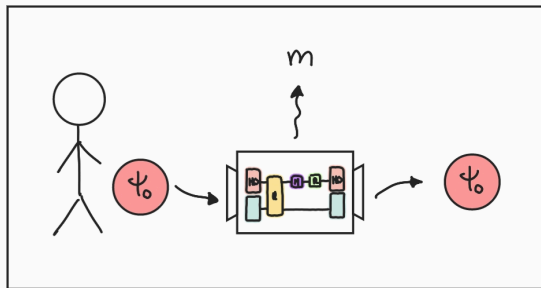
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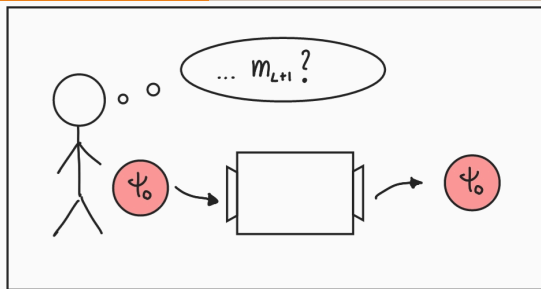


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Which one Alice must use to predict future outcomes?

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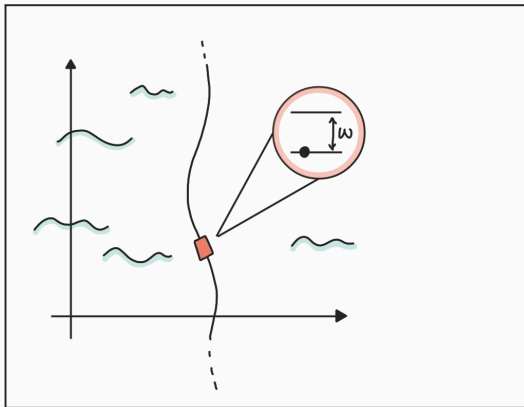
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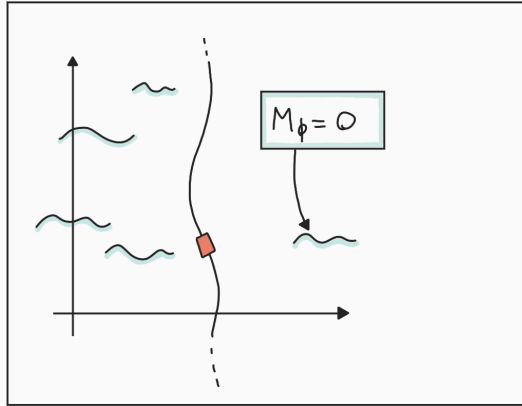
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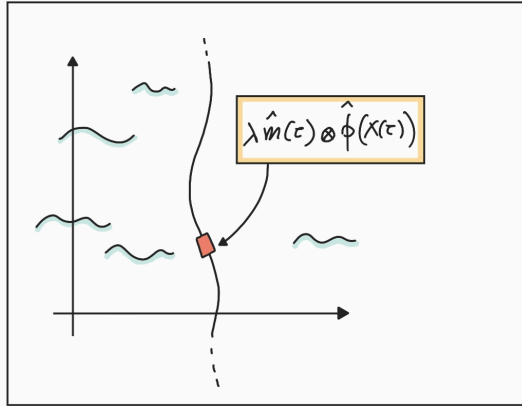
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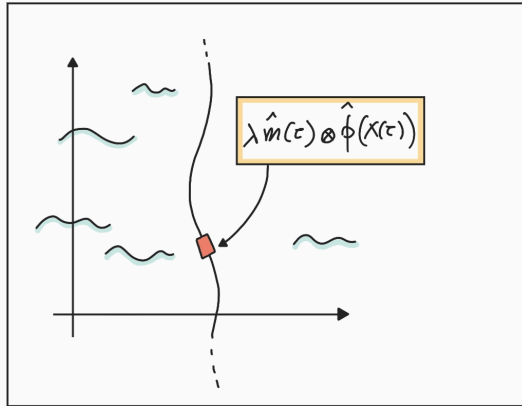
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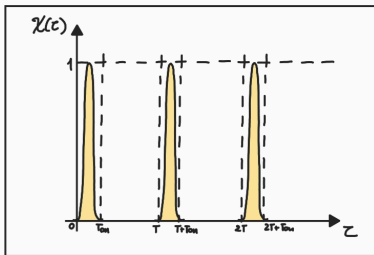
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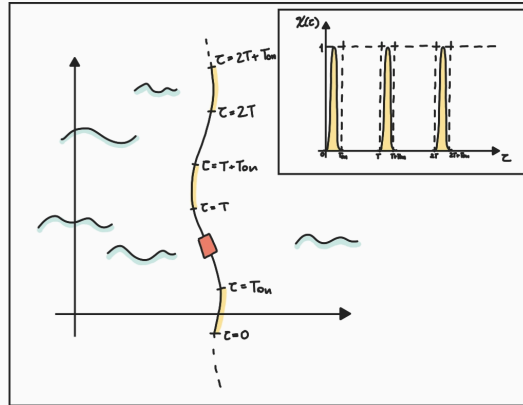
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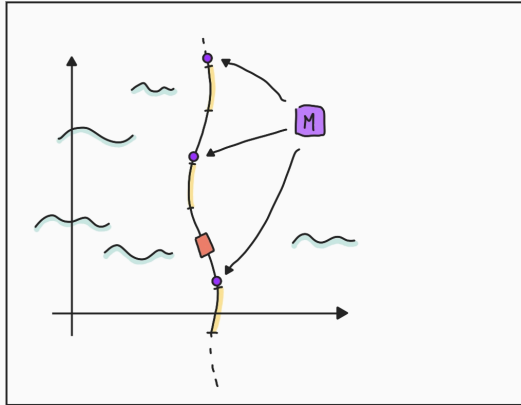
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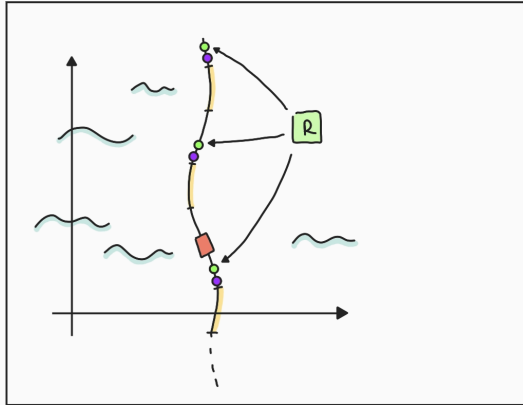
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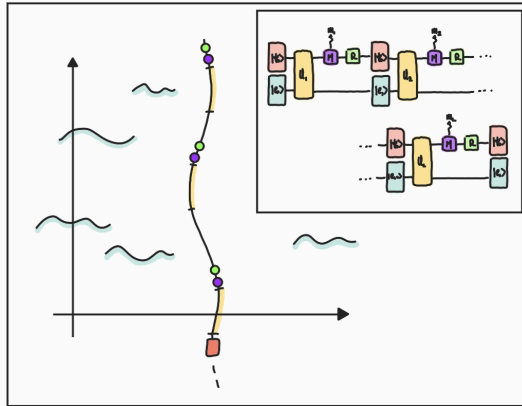
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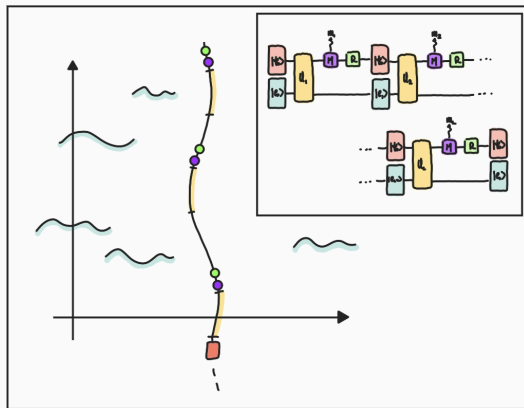


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$$\Rightarrow M_L = (m_1, \dots, m_L) \mapsto B_L = (b_1, \dots, b_L)$$

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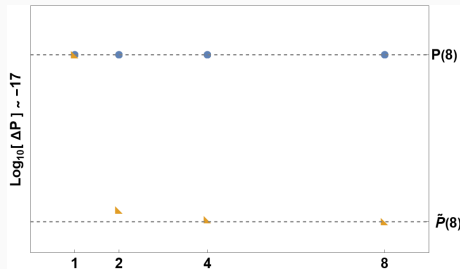
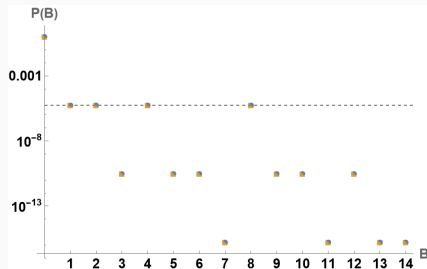
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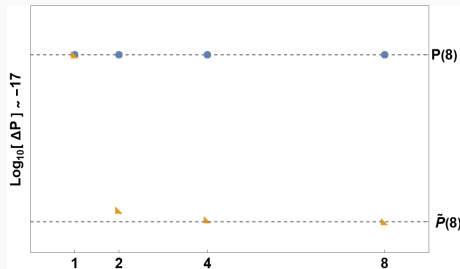
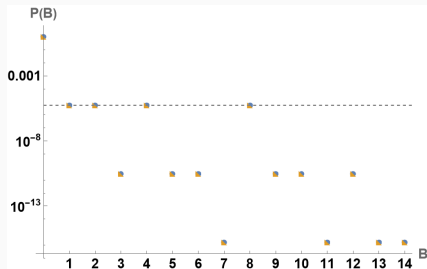
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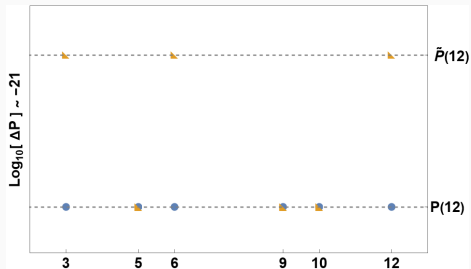
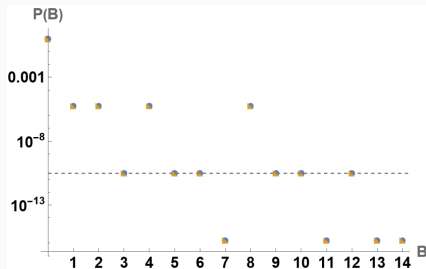


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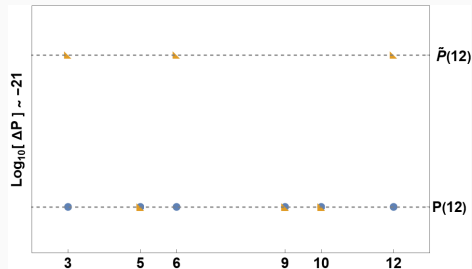
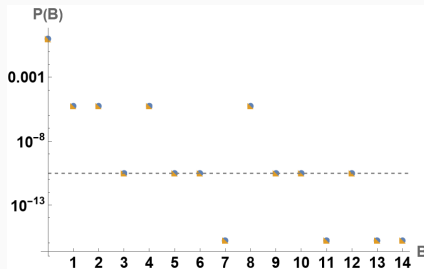
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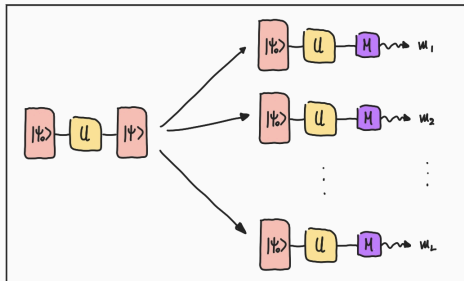
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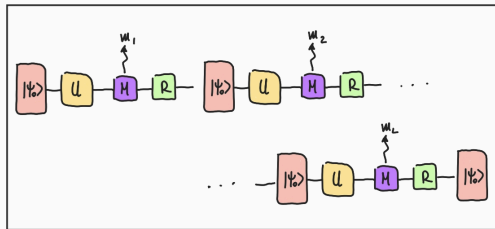
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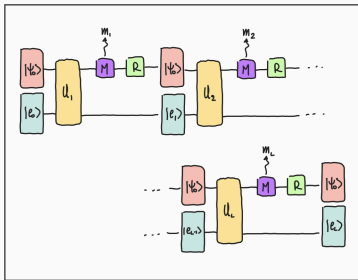
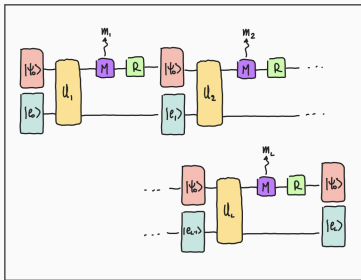
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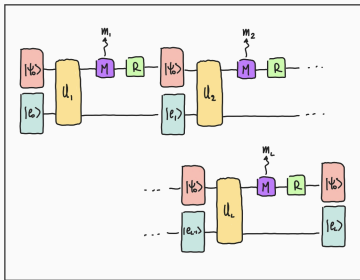
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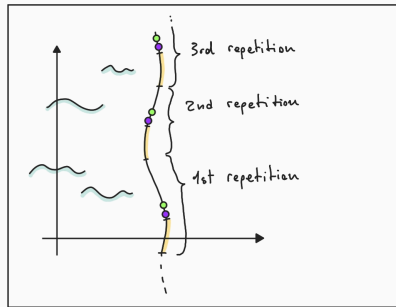
$$|\psi_0\rangle = |0\rangle \otimes |0_M\rangle$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{int}} |0\rangle \otimes |0_M\rangle + \lambda |1\rangle \otimes |\phi_1\rangle + O(\lambda^2)$$

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- The field state is contextual to the observer
- The collapse in the future lightcone $\mathcal{D}^+(M_1)$
- The detector never leaves $\mathcal{D}^+(M_1)$
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