

# Sequential properties of measures

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## Better example under CH

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Under CH there is a space  $K$  such that

- there is  $\mu \in S_2(K) \setminus S_1(K)$
- $S(K) = P(K)$ .



# The end

Thank you for your attention!

Slides and a preprint concerning the subject will be available on

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