

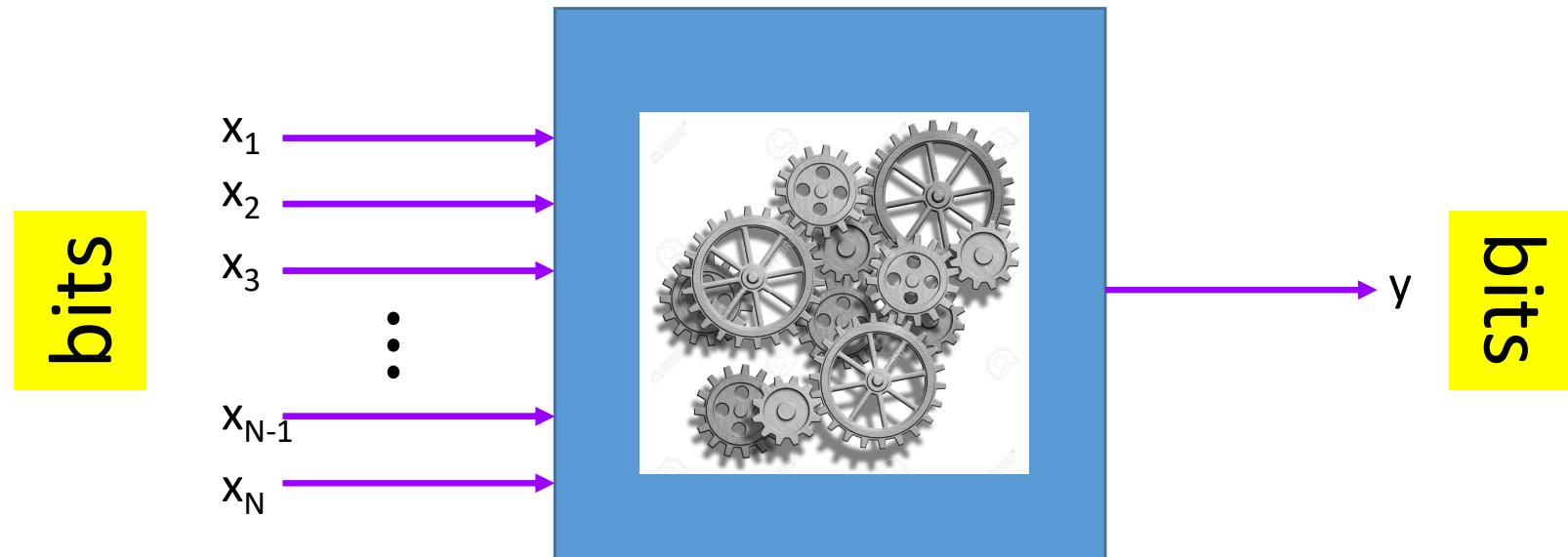
Quantum...

Computing
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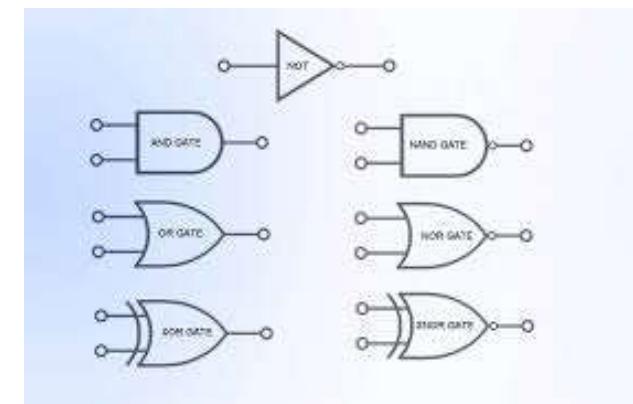
Lecture 2: The cat!



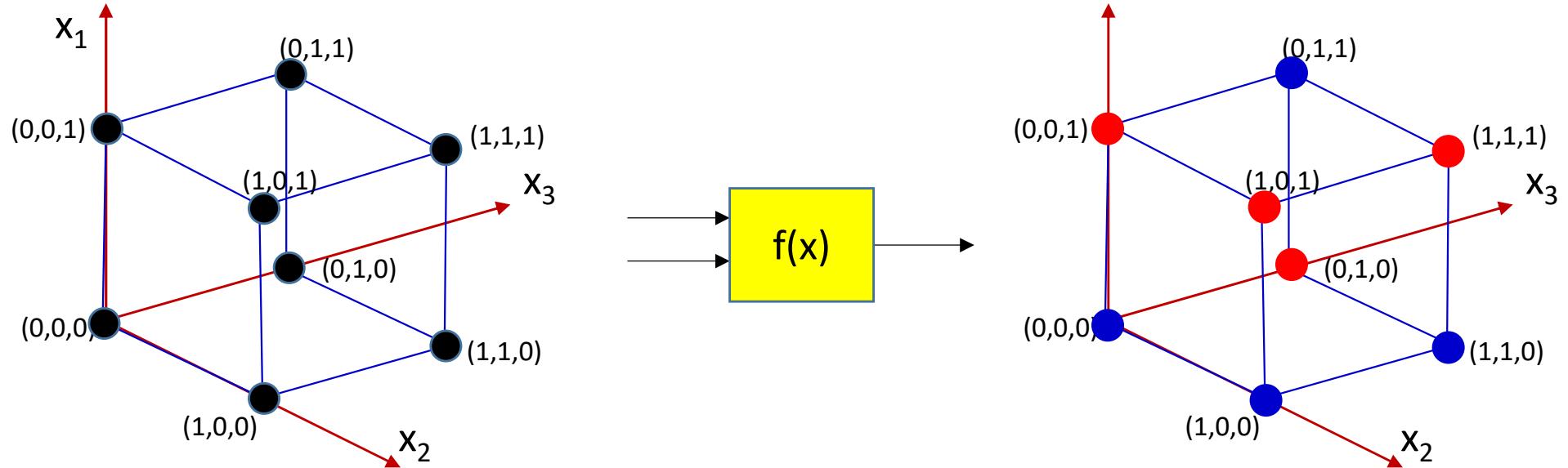
Recap: A model for computation



- A bunch of bits go in, and one bit comes out.
- Examples to the right

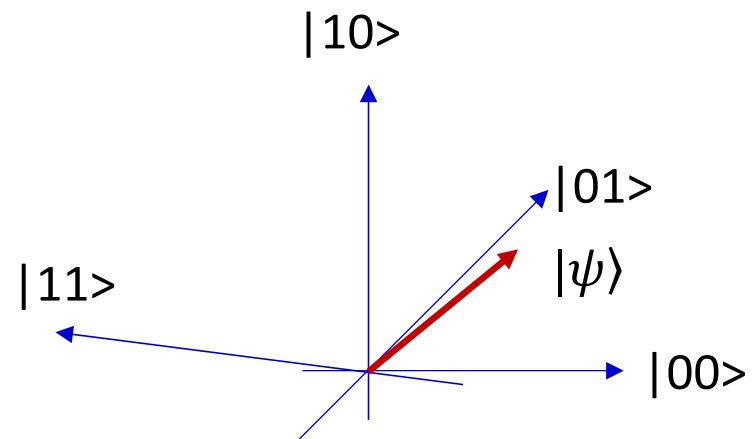
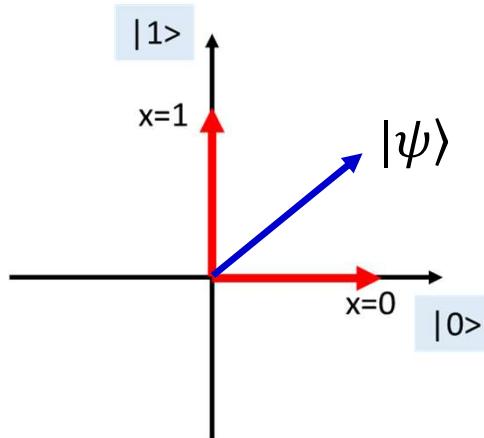


Recap: Classical math



- Algorithms are just functions that operate on bit patterns and produce an output
- Classical approach: For an N -bit input, the function operates on an N -bit input space
 - Each valid bit pattern is a vector in this space
- To fully characterize an unknown black-box algorithm we must evaluate it on all 2^N feasible inputs
 - Very expensive

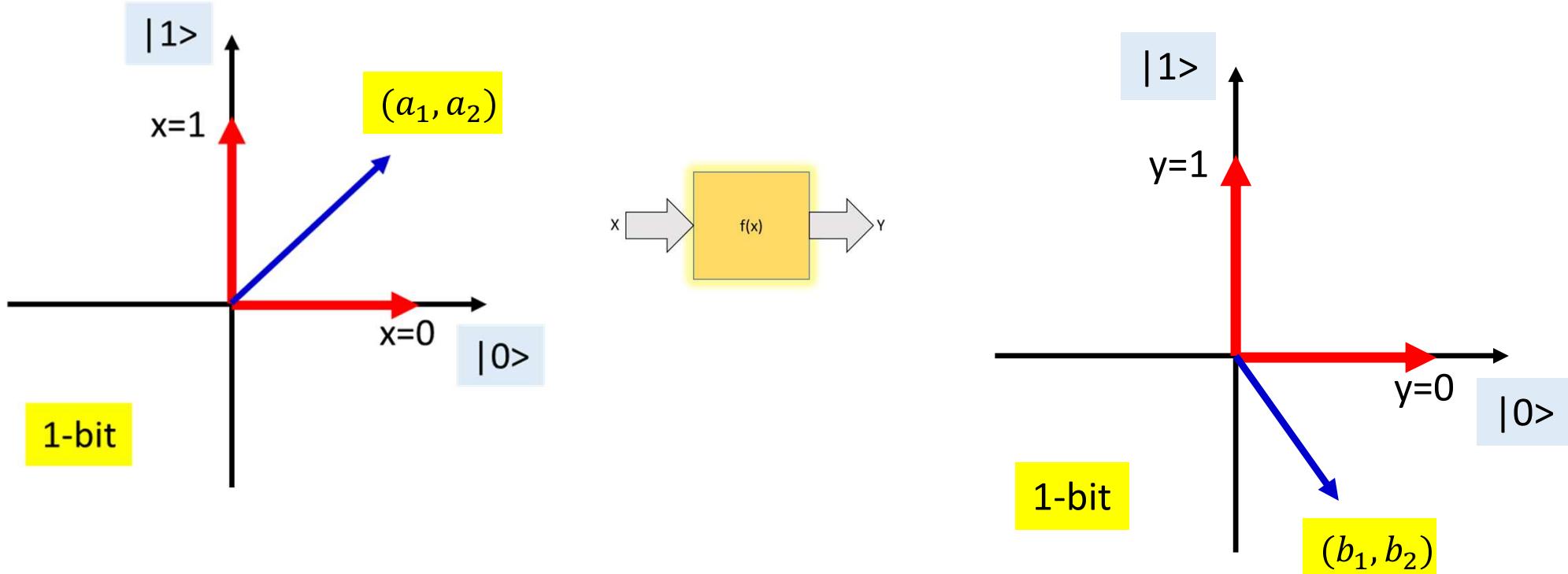
Recap: A new binary math



Lame attempt at visualizing 4D

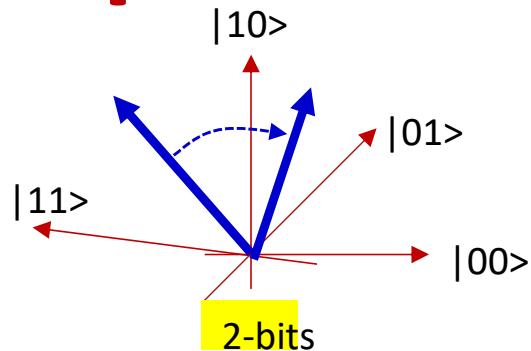
- *Bit patterns* now represent orthogonal directions
- An input is now a vector (a phasor) in this new space
 - And represents a linear combination of bit patterns
 - 1 bit: $|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0|0\rangle + \alpha_1|1\rangle$
 - 2 bits: $|\psi\rangle = \alpha_{00}|00\rangle + \alpha_{01}|01\rangle + \alpha_{10}|10\rangle + \alpha_{11}|11\rangle$
- ***Superposition*** of all possible bit patterns

Recap: The new “quantum” math



- An algorithm is now an operator that operates on the vector to produce another vector
 - Can now compute the output for *all* bit patterns in a single evaluation step
- Caveats – the operator must be:
 - Linear
 - Invertible
 - And not increase the length of the vector (i.e. it must be a rotation)
- **Additional clause:** The “Qbit” phasors must be unit length

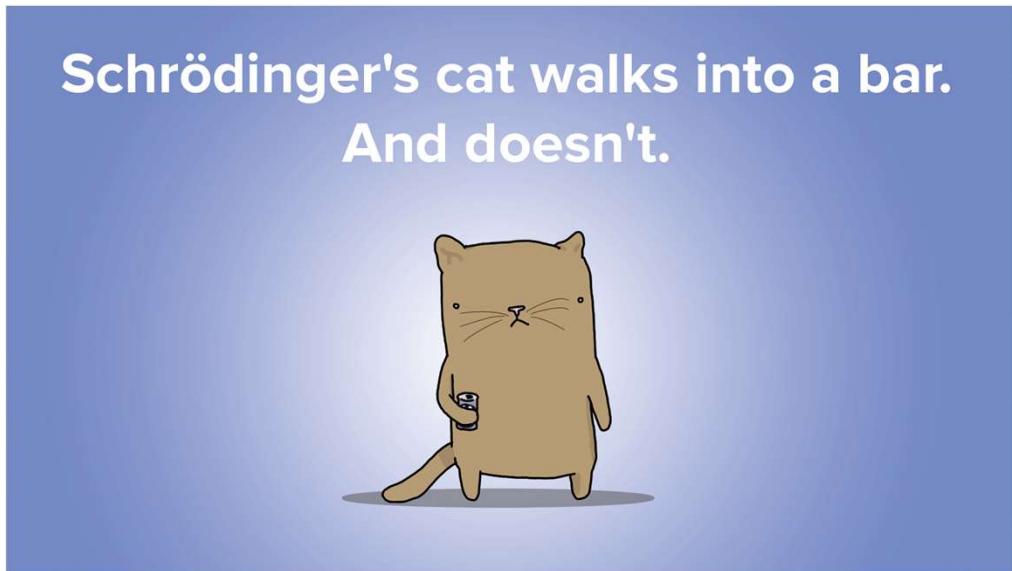
Recap: It's not realizable on a classical computer



Fact that may only interest me:
"Graham's number" is a number that's so large there isn't enough space in the universe to write it..

- A conventional (classical) computer requires a *single* N-bit register to represent a value
 - A function takes in a single N-bit value and produces a single bit
- The new representation requires 2^N numbers to represent a single value!
 - For even N=100 bits, this requires $\sim 10000000000000000000000000000000$ numbers
 - A function takes in 2^{100} values and produces 2^{100} values
 - I.e it's a 2^{200} -valued transform!
 - Which is why it's not a very *useful* way of thinking about things
- Is there a *parsimonious* way of representing a 2^{100} component vector without taking up the entire universe?

Enter.. The cat!!



- Introducing Quantum, the cat



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- The solution to this is the wave function!
 - For any physical entity you have a wave function and a Hamiltonian
 - The Hamiltonian, which you could design, determines how it evolves over time
- There can be more than one solution to equation
- The entity simultaneously populates *every* solution to the above equation
 - It is in a superposition of all solutions
 - This is particularly true of the smallest units of the universe – the quanta
 - But also of everything else, really

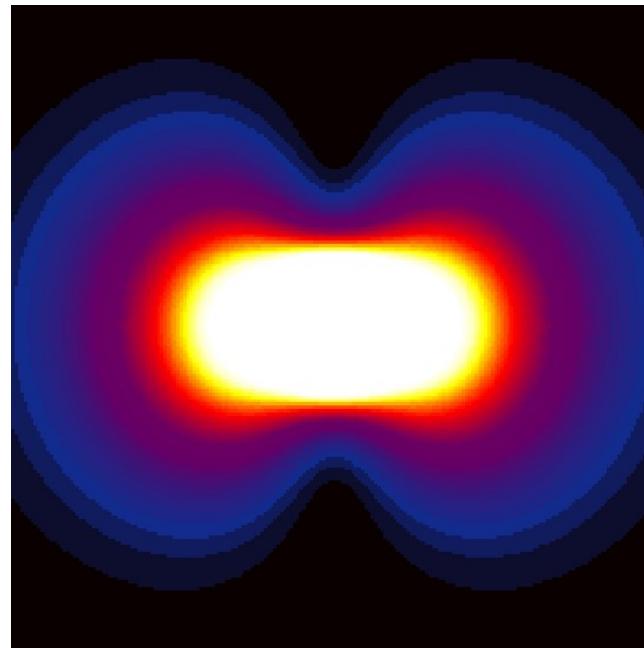
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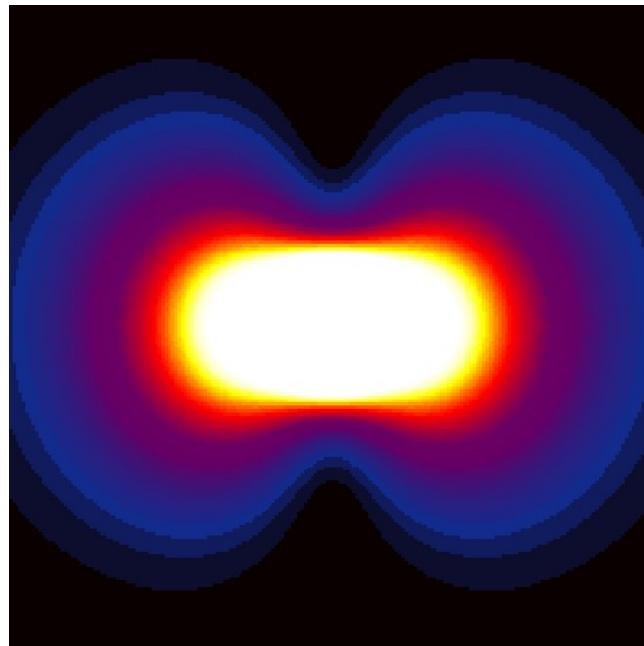
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The hydrogen atom



- A hydrogen molecule consists of two atoms sharing two electrons
- Consider one of these electrons
 - Where is it at any time? Around which nucleus in particular?

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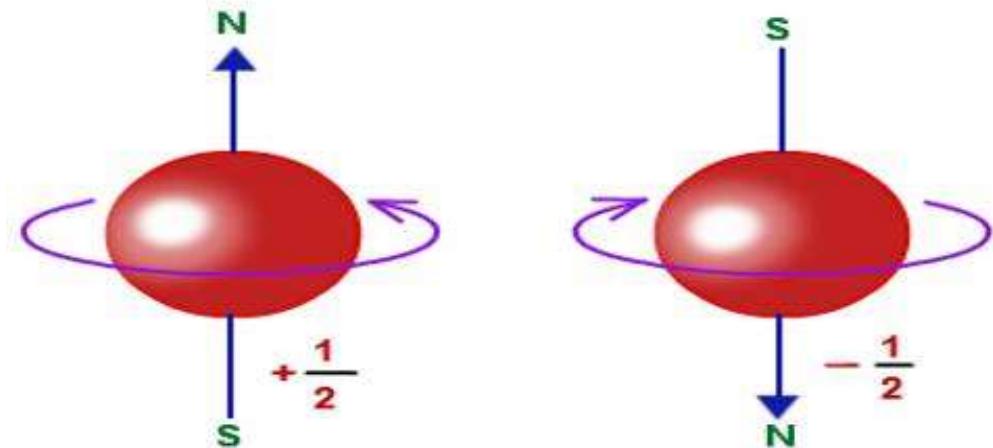


$$\psi(t, x)$$
$$\psi(t) = \alpha(t)|0\rangle + \beta(t)|1\rangle$$

$x = |0\rangle$ and $x = |1\rangle$
are the two solutions

- When you are not looking for it, it is *actually* simultaneously at both nuclei
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The spin of an electron

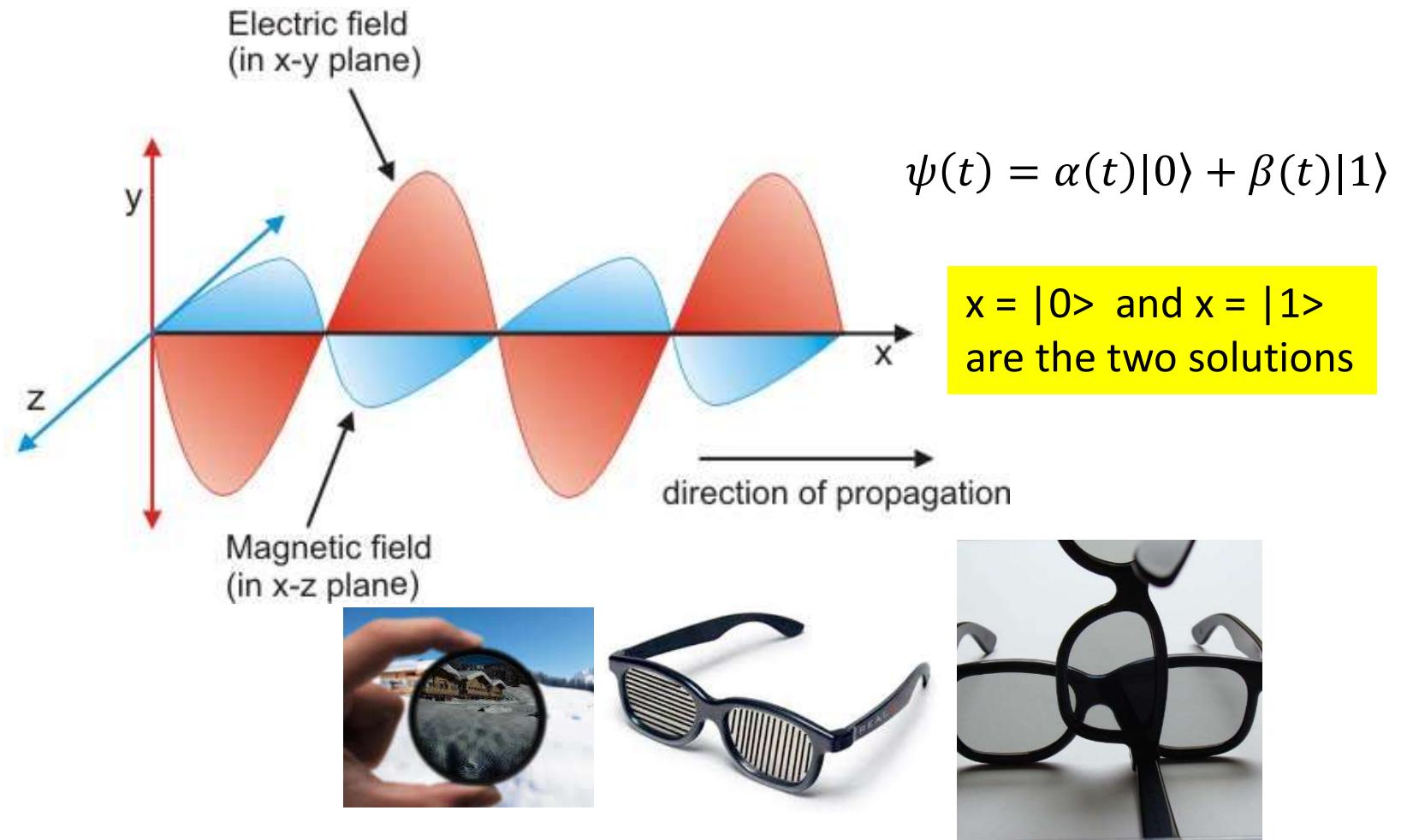


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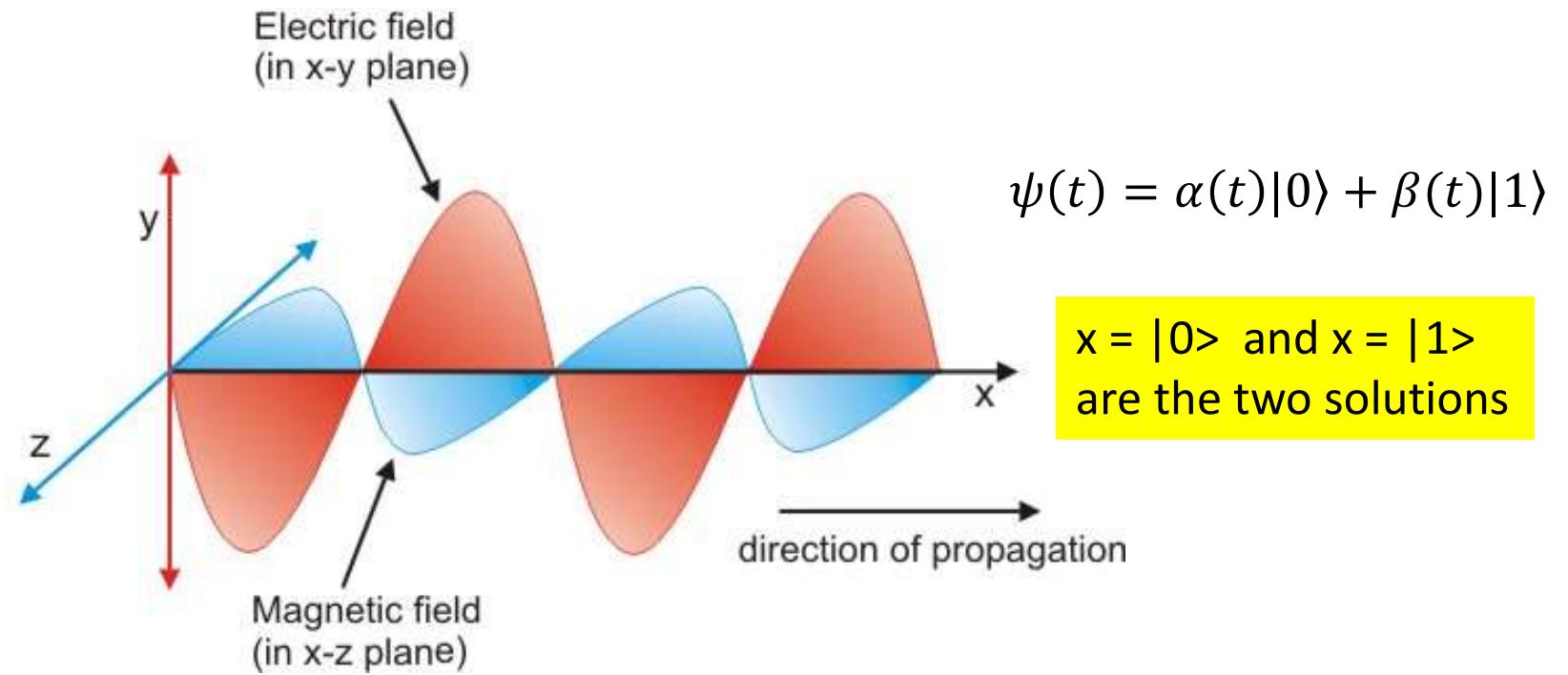
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The polarization of light



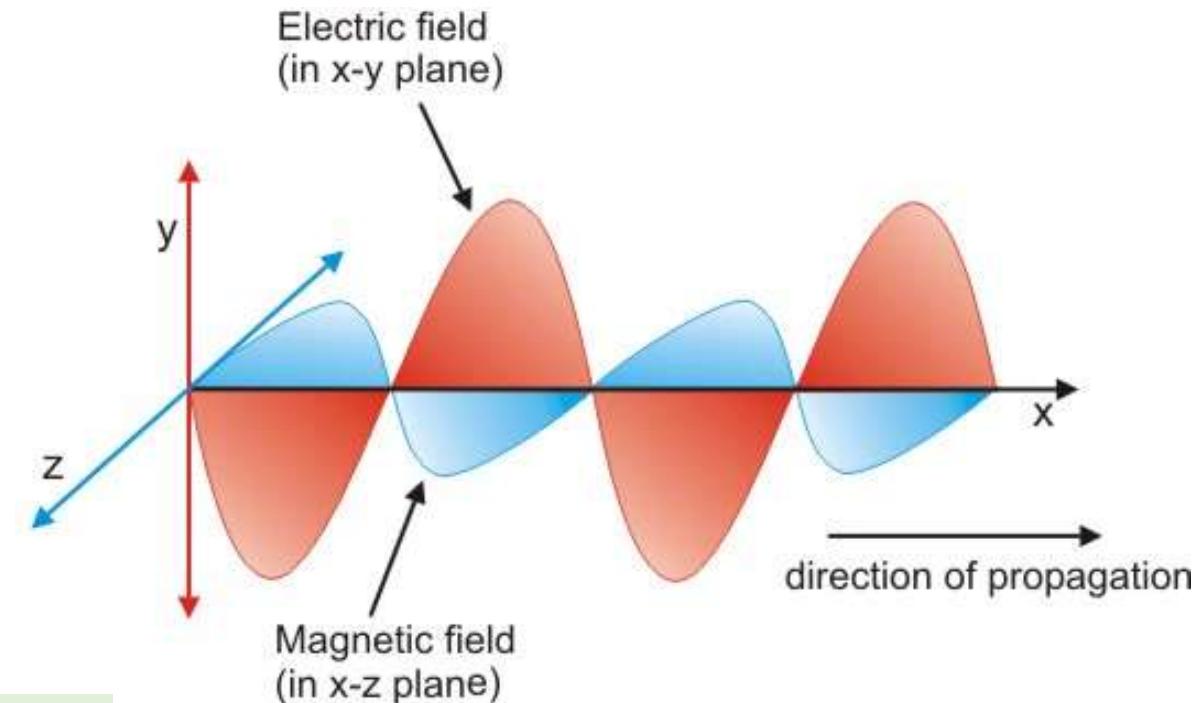
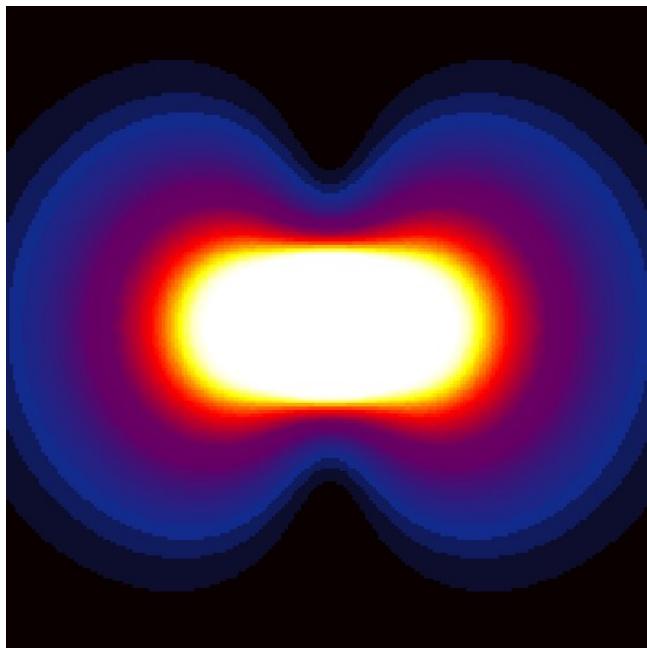
- How do polarizing glasses work?
 - Send through the component of the E/M fields that are aligned with the polarizer

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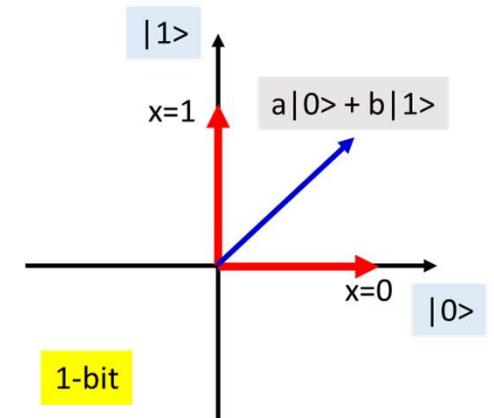
- The light actually exists in both polarizations at the same time
 - *It is in a superposition of both polarizations*
- The polarizing glass ‘observes’ (or *measures*) the photons, and they end up as one or the other

Quantum systems

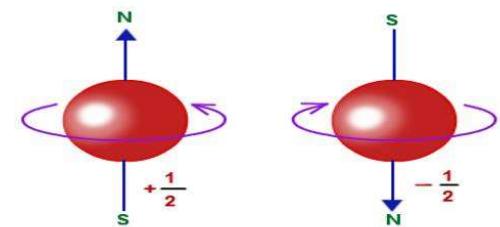
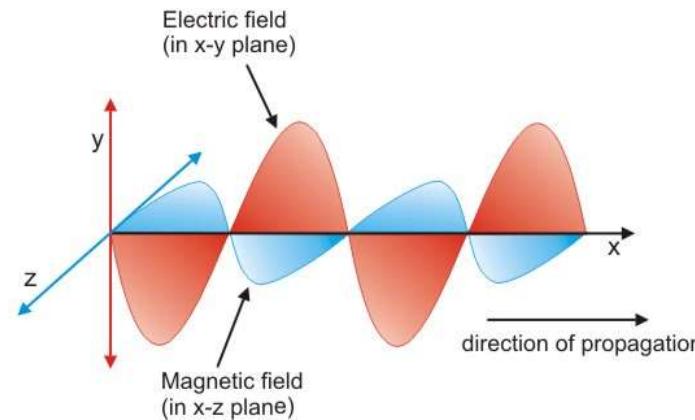
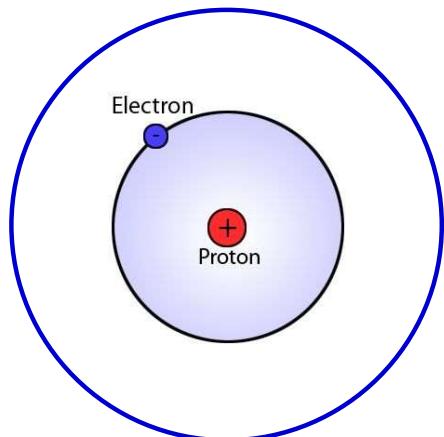


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- Quantum systems naturally exist in a superposition of multiple values
 - If we assign each value to a bit value (or bit pattern), we get a quantum computing platform

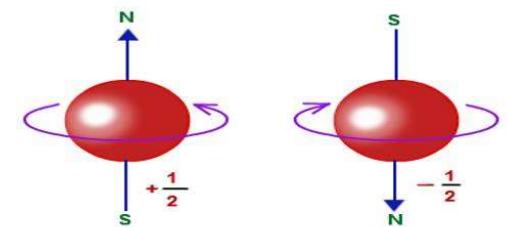
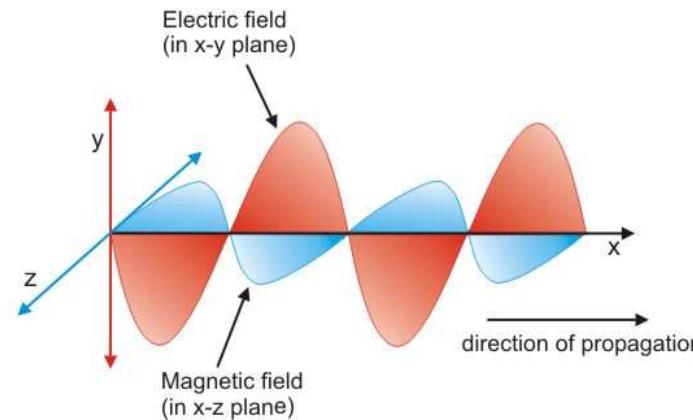
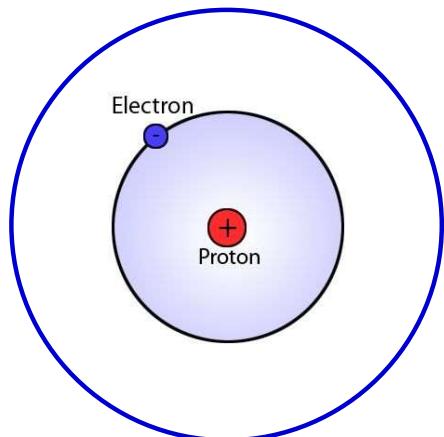


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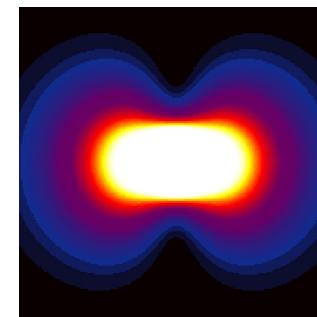
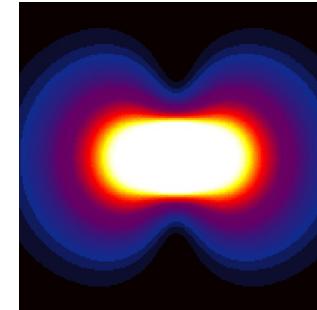
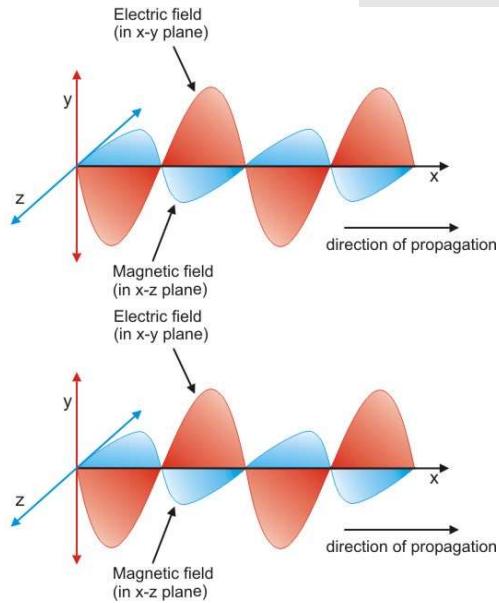
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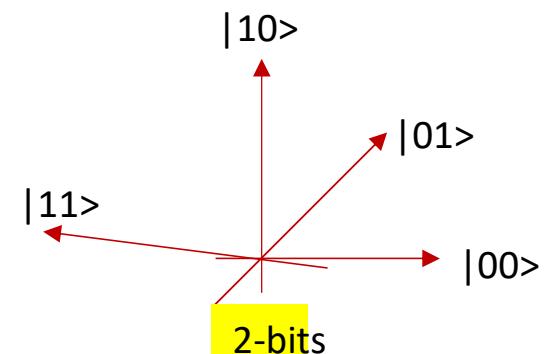
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- Use quantum physics
 - Derived from Schrodinger's equation: $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle = 2\pi H |\psi(t)\rangle$
 - Every particle is a wave that exists in all states $|\psi(t,x)\rangle$ simultaneously
 - $|\psi(t,x)\rangle|^2$ = probability of finding the system in configuration x at time t when you measure it
 - Use quantum properties of quantum particles to implement the bit
 - E.g: The energy level of an electron
 - E.g: The spin of an electron
 - E.g: The polarization of a photon

Multiple bits

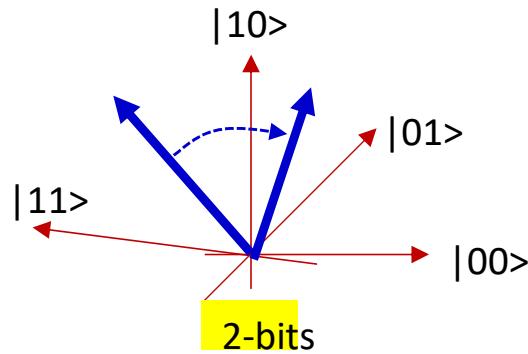
$$a|00\rangle + b|01\rangle + c|10\rangle + d|11\rangle$$



- Increasing the number of bits only takes increasing the number of basic quantum units

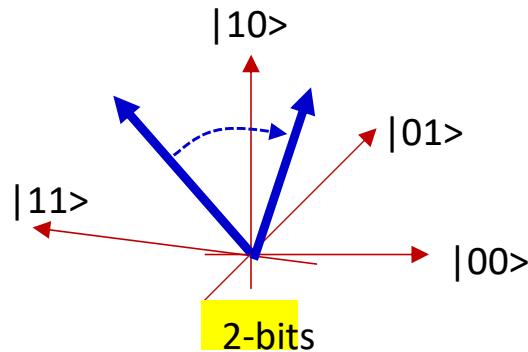


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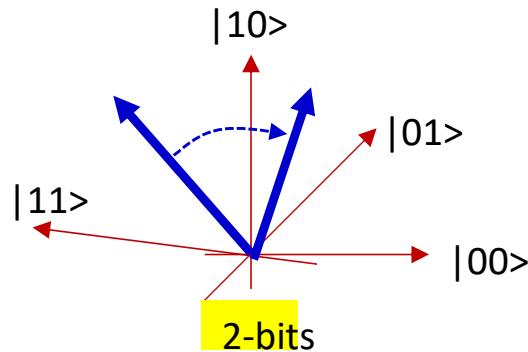
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But first you must design the functions (we will see how)

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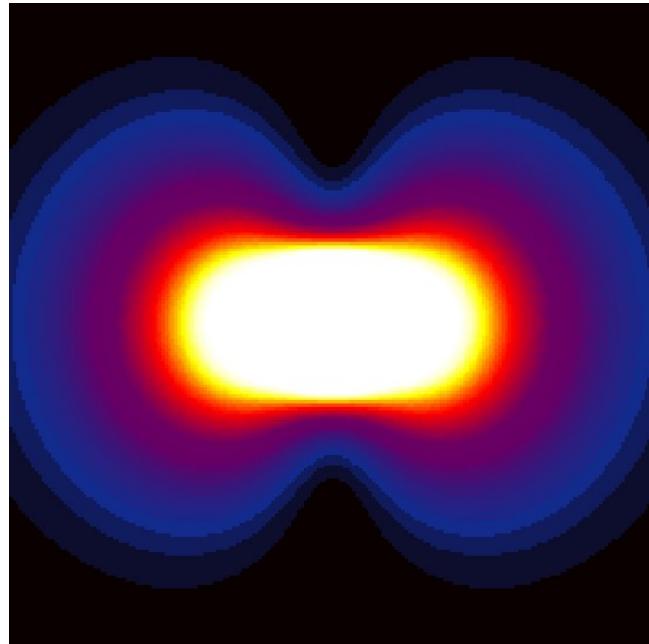
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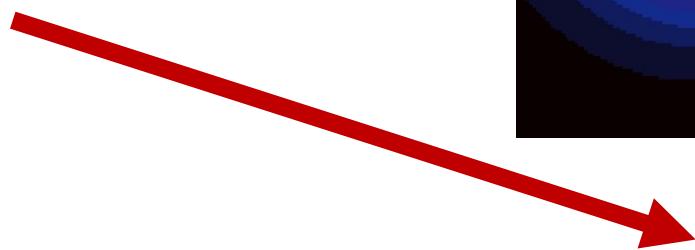
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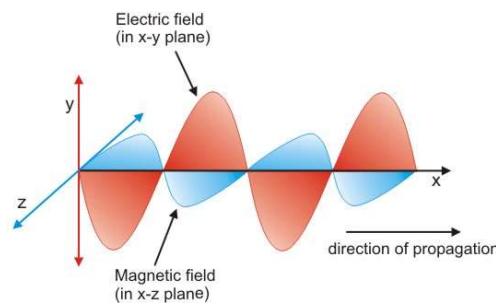
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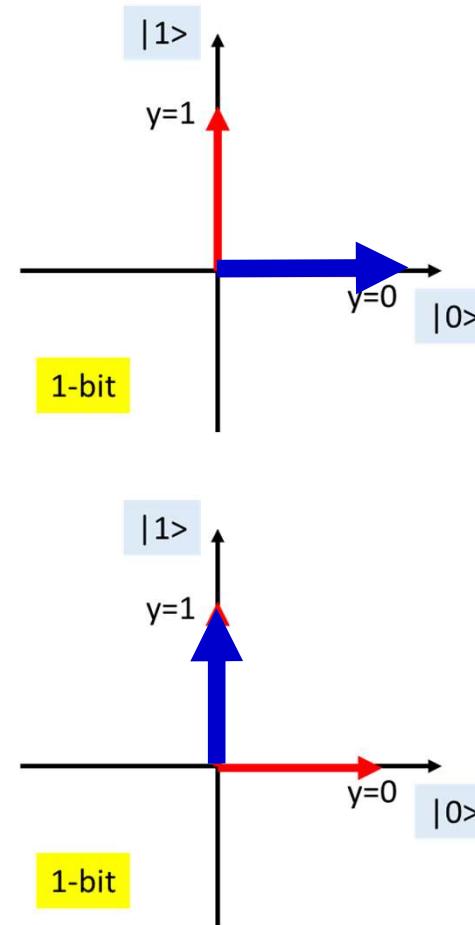
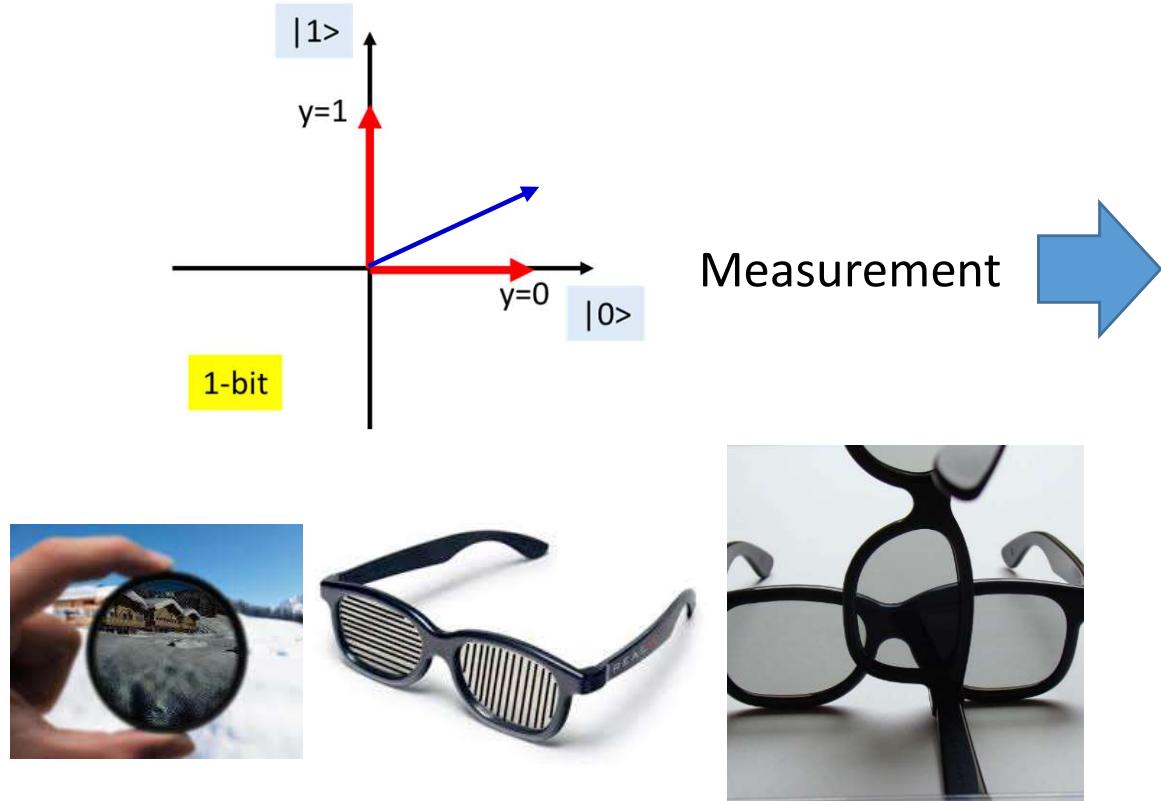
The problem with measurement

- **Reality Doesn't Exist Until We Measure It, Quantum Experiment Confirms**
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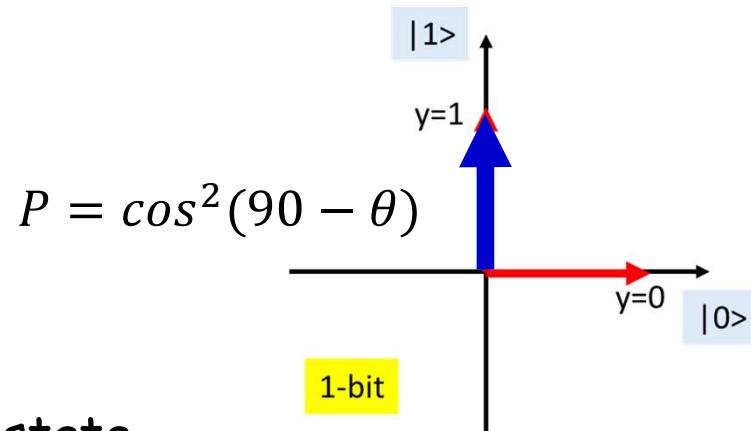
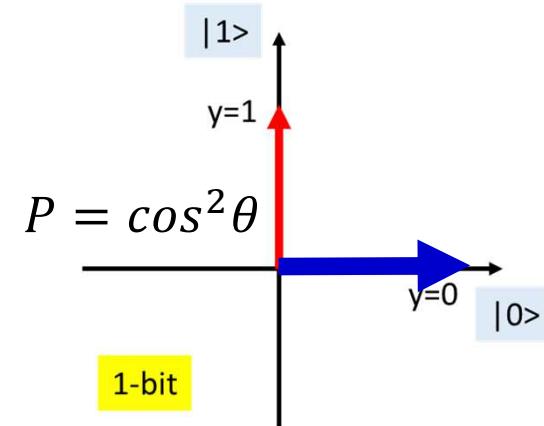
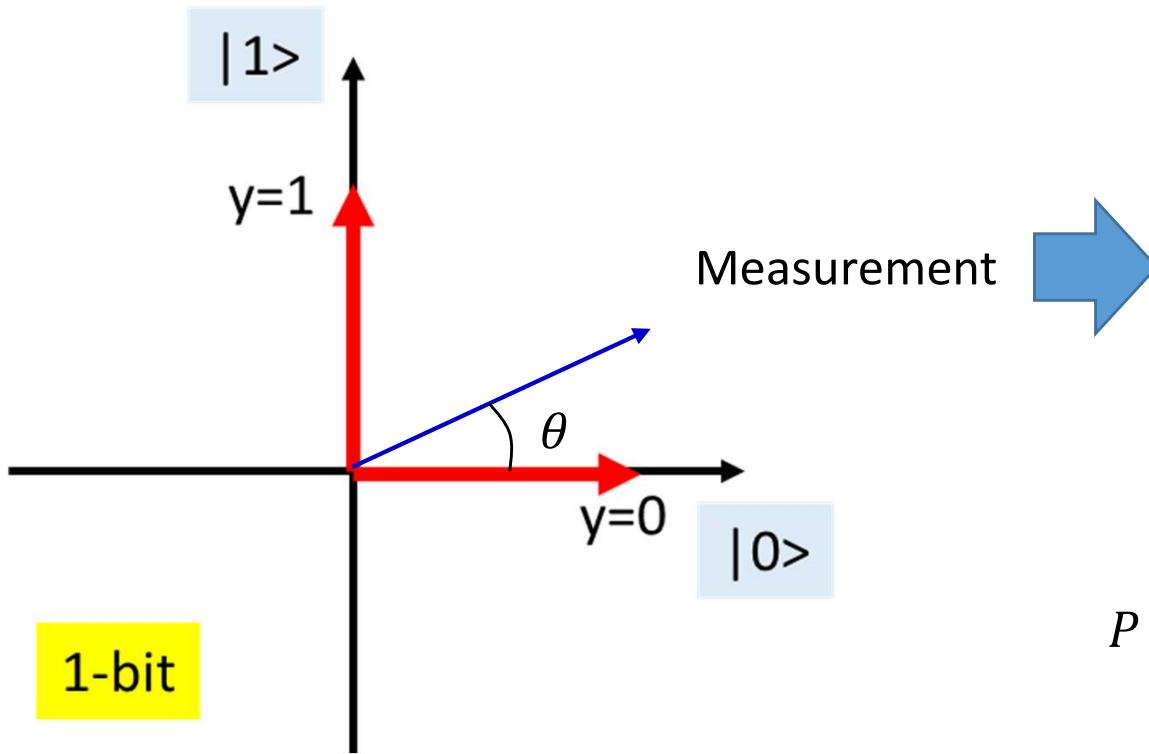
- Measuring a quantum variable “collapses” it

Measurement



- Measuring the output *collapses* the vector to one of the states
 - Bit pattern
- Which one

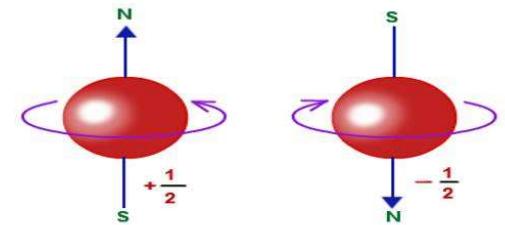
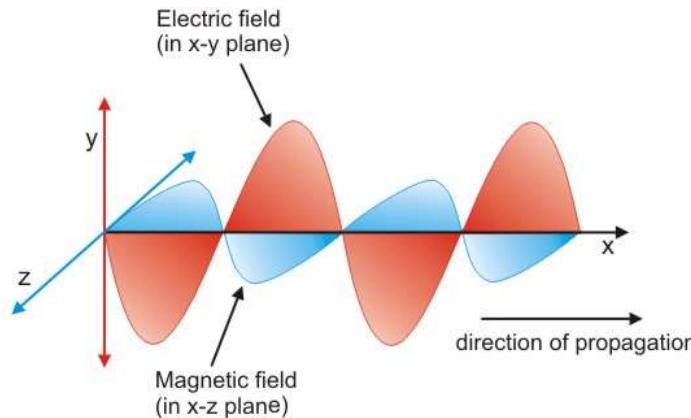
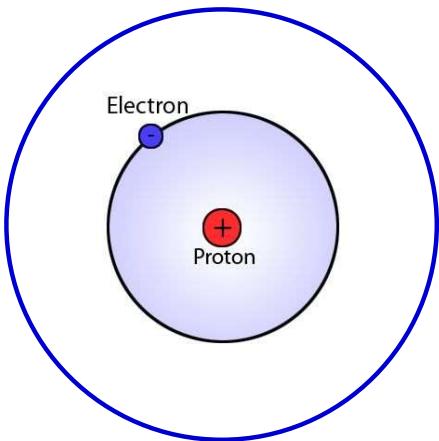
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You can never observe the superposed state
Any attempt at observation will show up as one state or the other!
"collapsing"

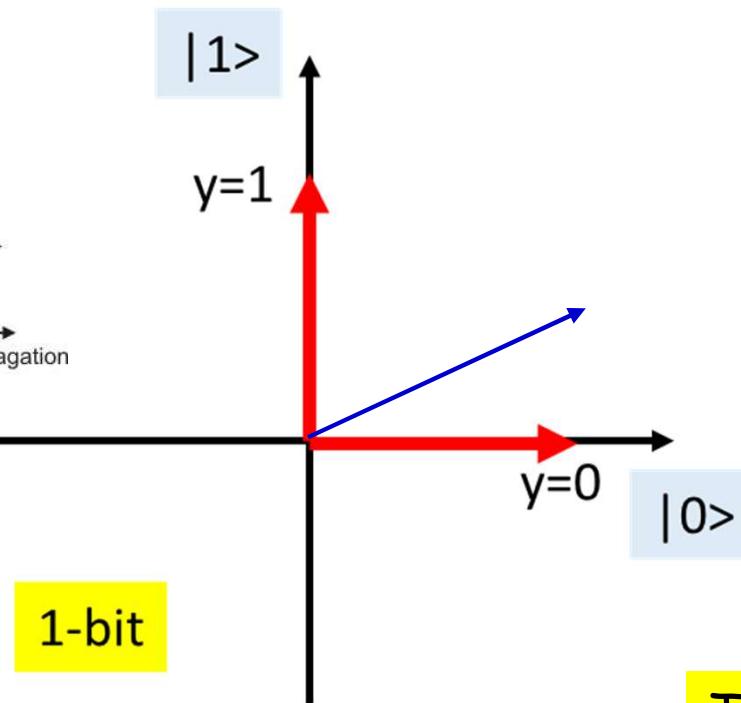
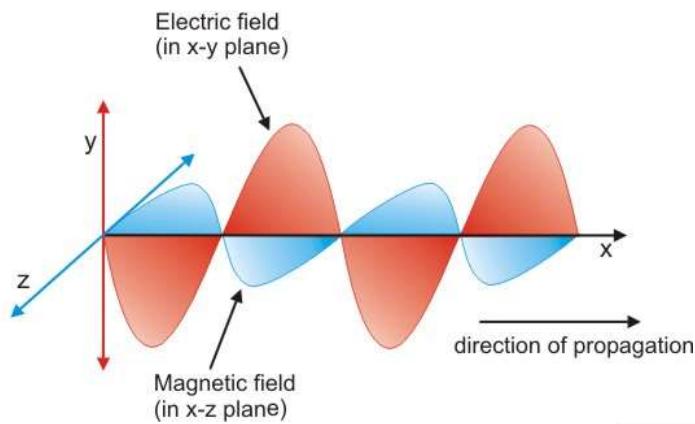
The probability of 'collapsing' to a state depends on the angle of the 'phasor' (the superposed state)

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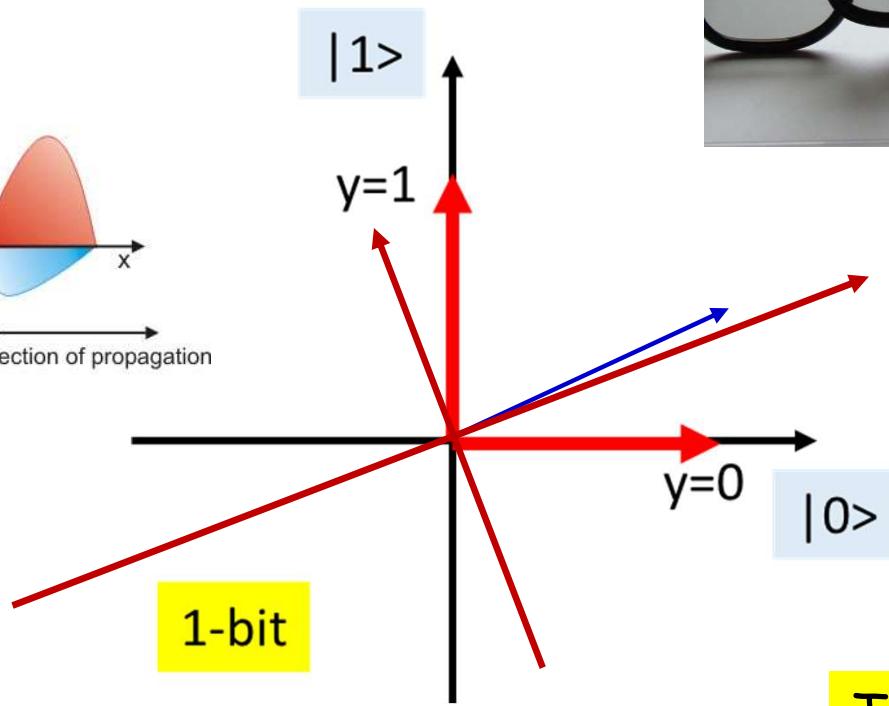
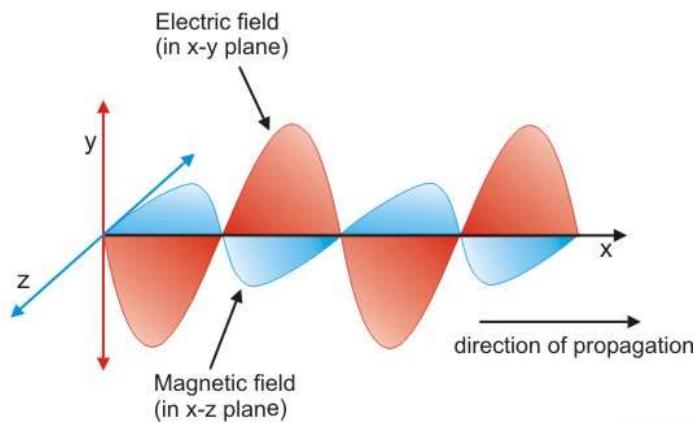


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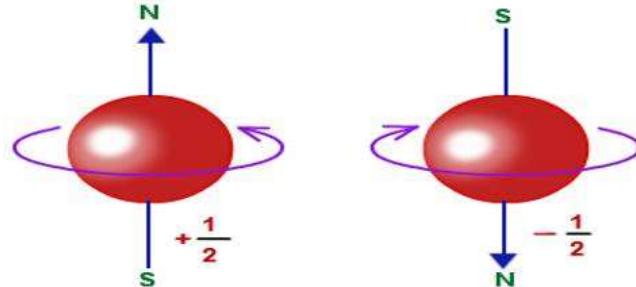
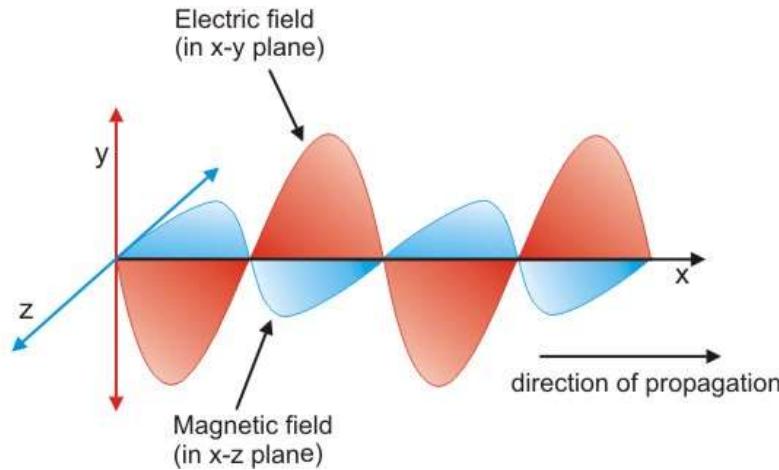
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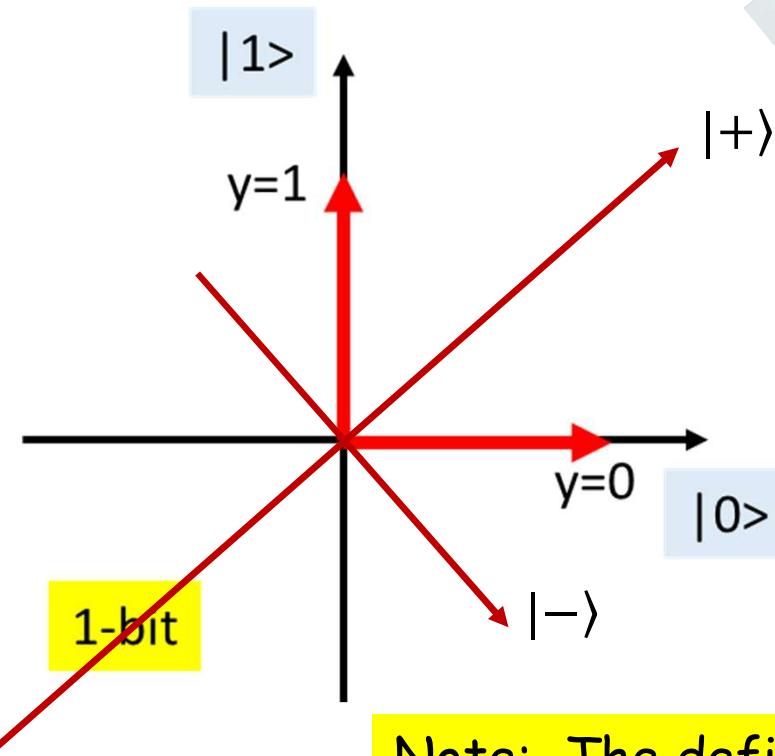
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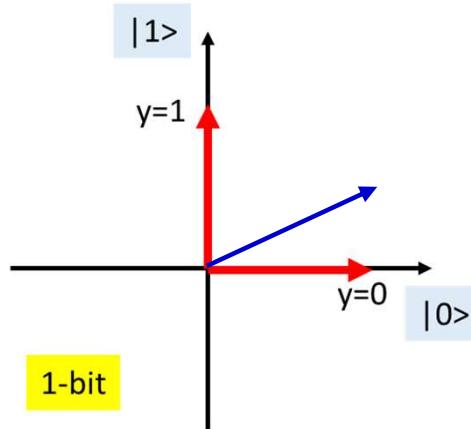
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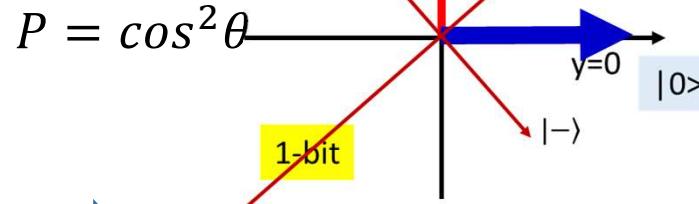
You can have multiple bases
Designate one as
"canonical" and the
rest are oriented w.r.t it

The plus/minus bases are
commonly invoked

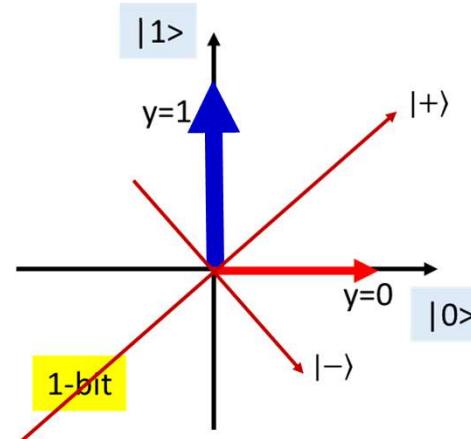
Measurement is not absolute



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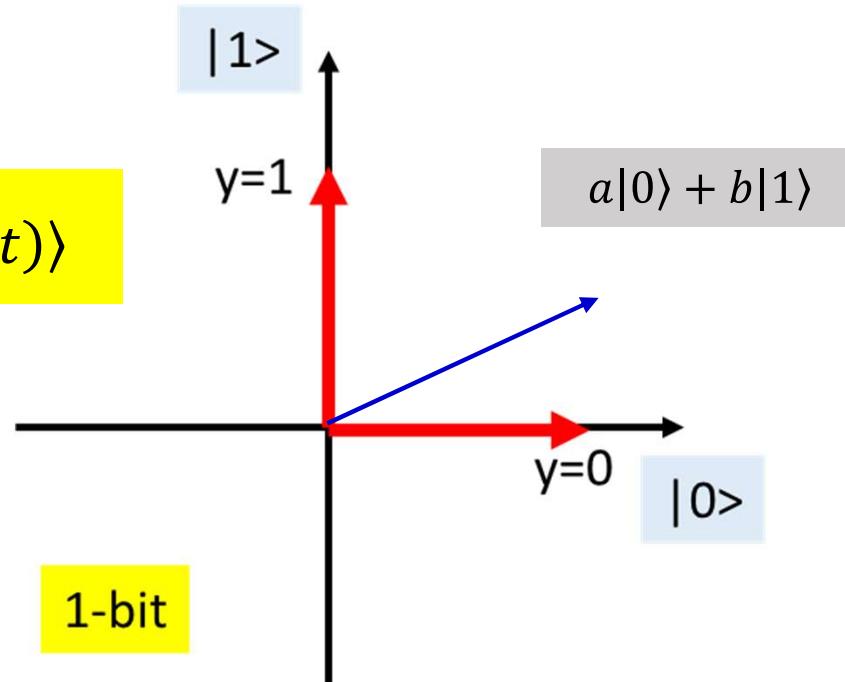
$$P = \cos^2(90 - \theta)$$



- Collapsing the vector according to one basis can still keep it indeterminate for other bases!
 - We will use this factor

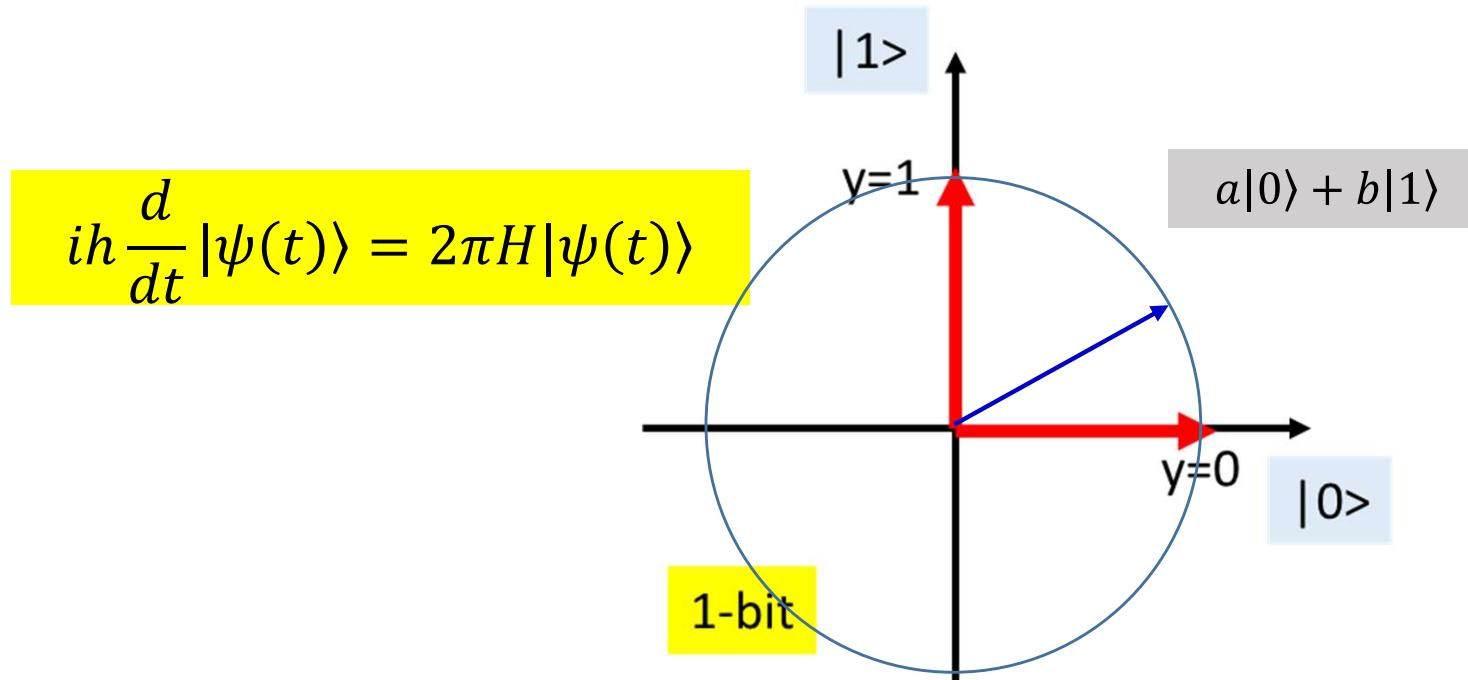
It's complex, but not complicated

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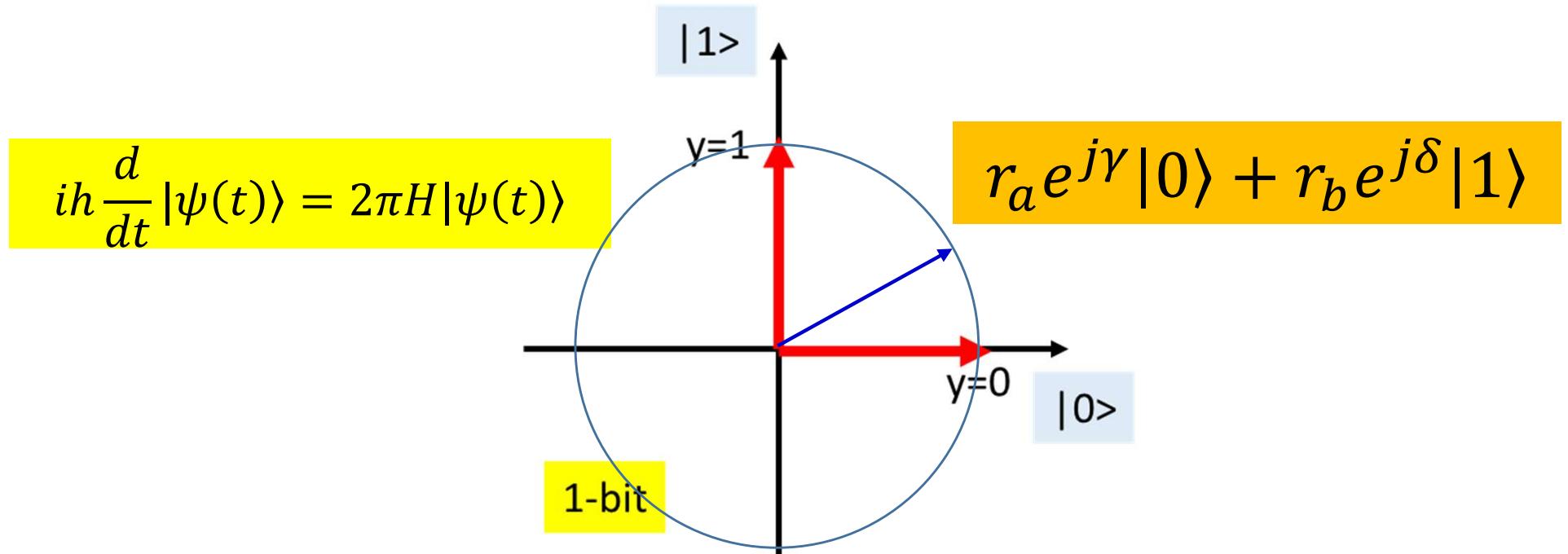
- The “weights” a and b are actually complex variables
 - Because Schroedinger’s equation describes them as complex
- This simple visualization is *wrong*
 - Its missing two dimensions
 - The imaginary components of a and b

Restrictions on the weights



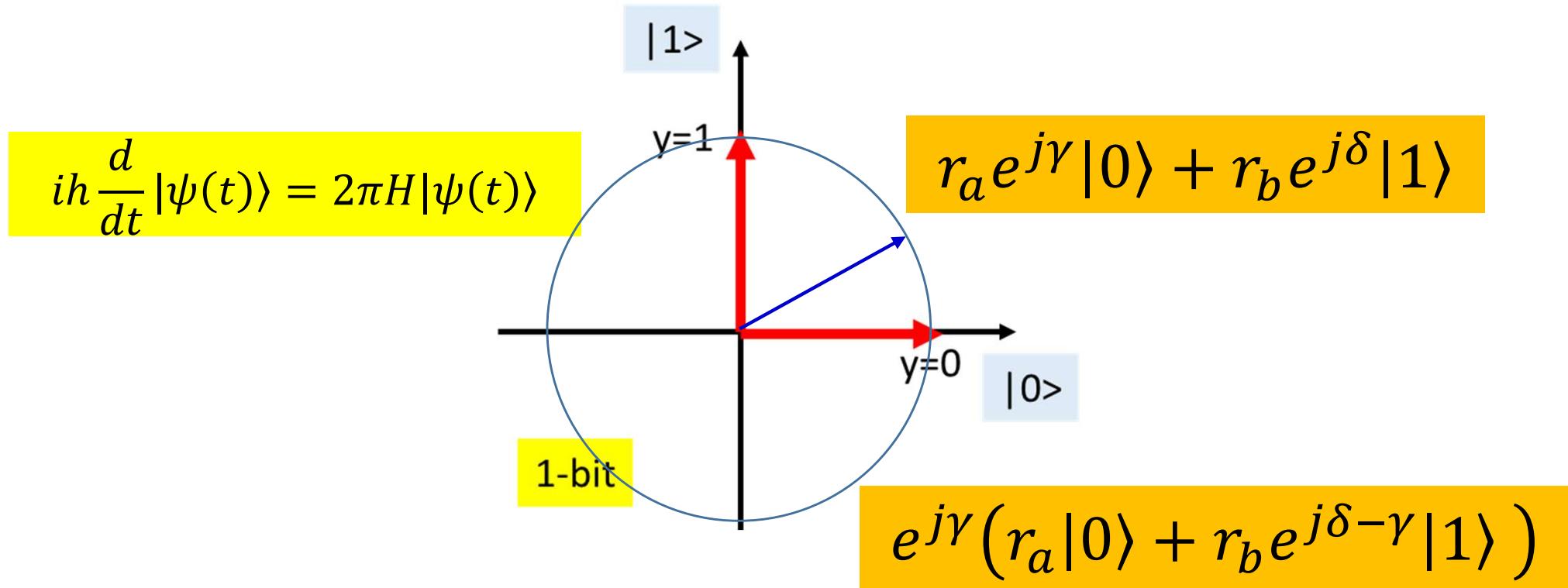
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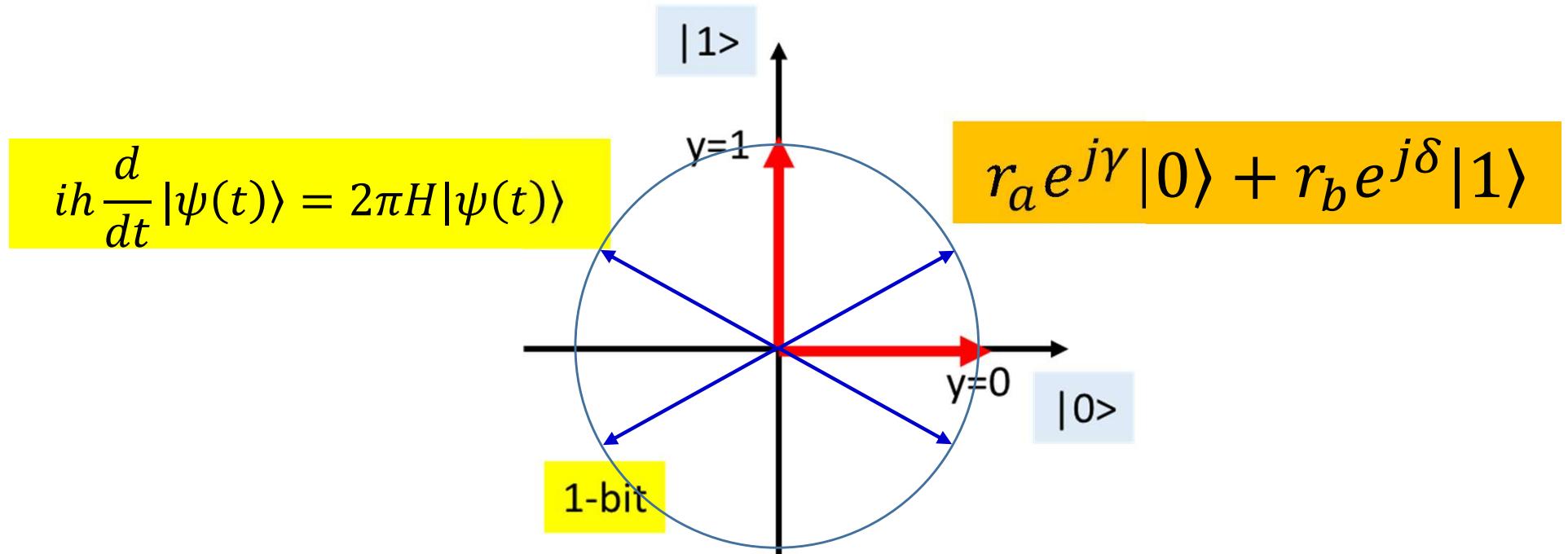
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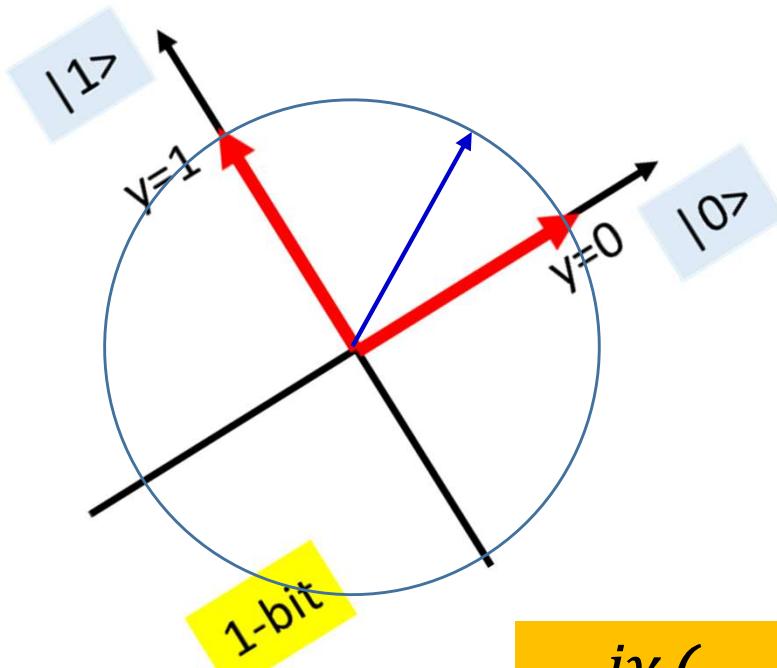
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Something odd



- All of these vectors represent the *same* $P(|0\rangle)$ and $P(|1\rangle)$
- But they're actually different phasors
 - Something we will use all the time

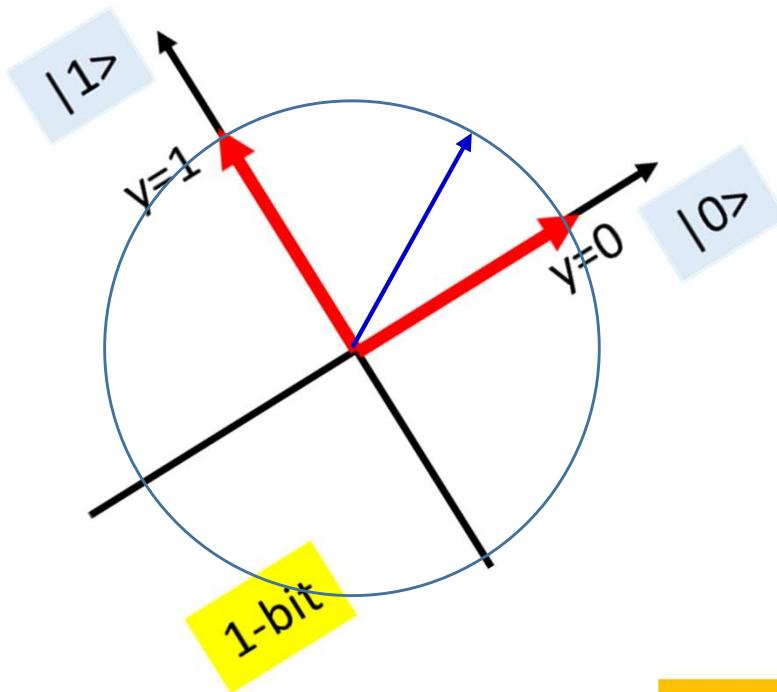
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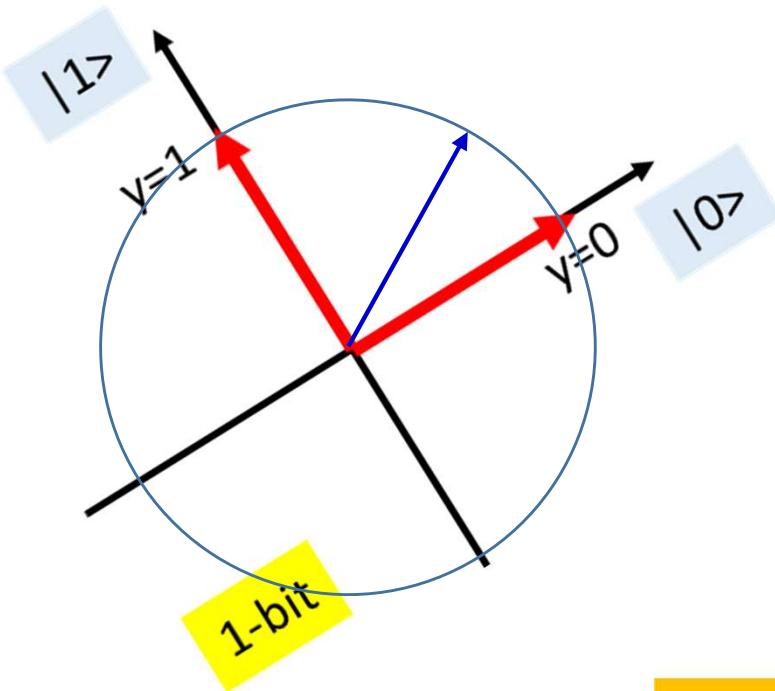
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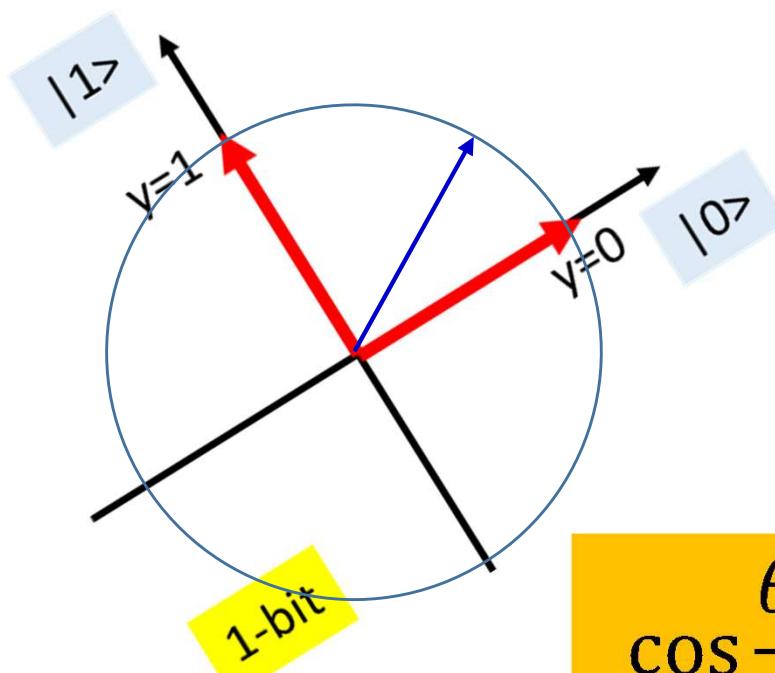
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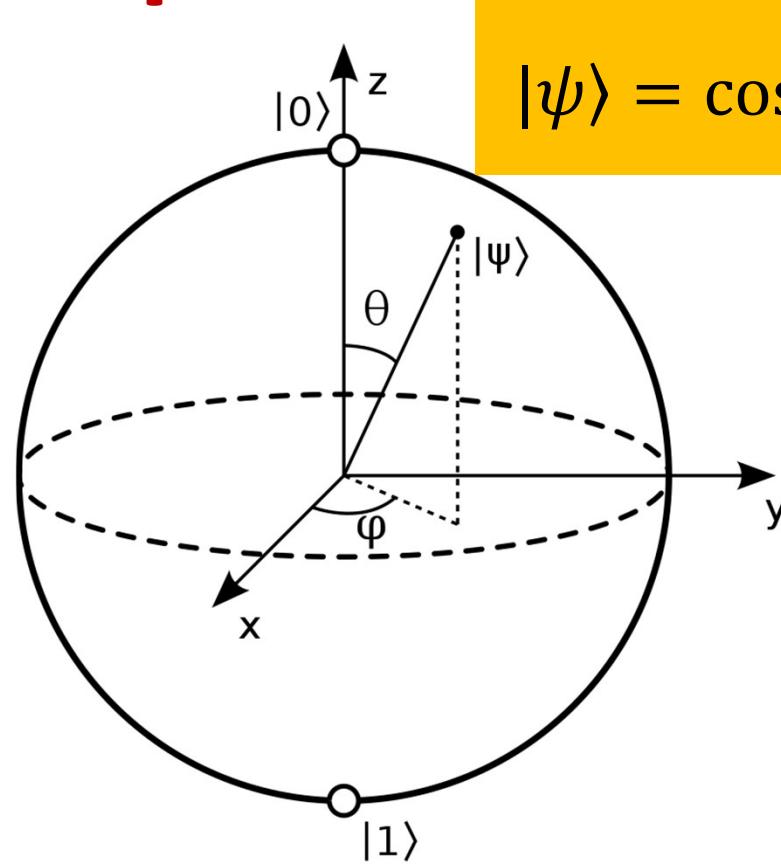
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- This is now a two-variable representation of two variables!
 - Can be visualized

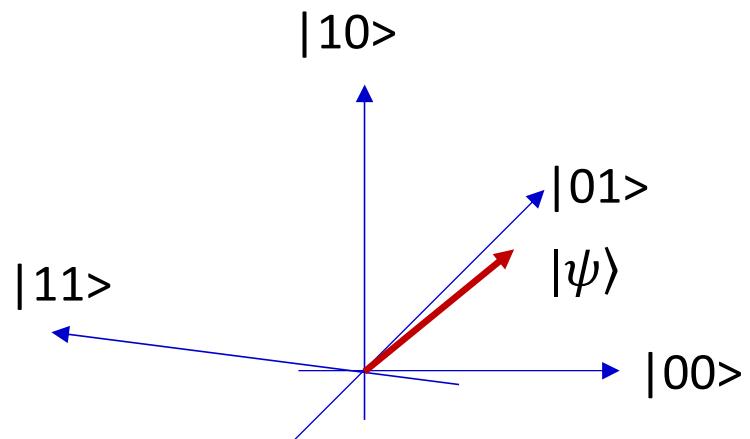
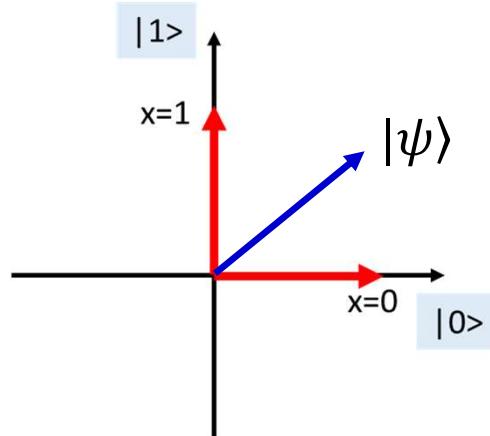
The Bloch Sphere



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- Visualizing the qubit
 - 2 variable visualization in a 3D space

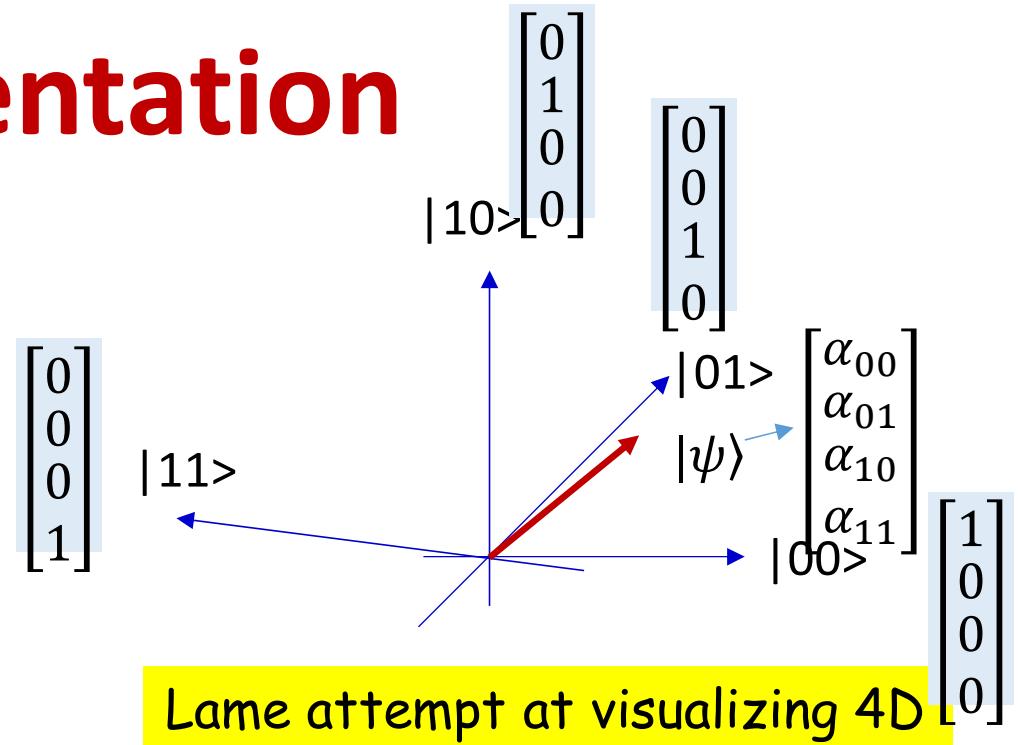
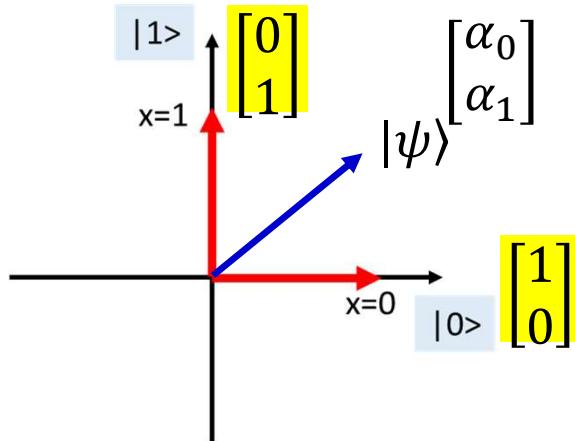
Recap: The physical quantum Qubit



Lame attempt at visualizing 4D

- $|\psi\rangle = \alpha_{00\dots0}|00\dots0\rangle + \alpha_{00\dots1}|00\dots1\rangle + \dots + \alpha_{11\dots1}|11\dots1\rangle$
- The $\alpha_{00\dots0}$ terms are all *complex*!
 - *Thanks Heisenberg*
- Cannot even visualize a single qubit
 - One way to visualize 1 qubit: bloch sphere
 - Doesn't really scale

A vector representation



Lame attempt at visualizing 4D

- Write the phasors as a regular vector
- One-qubit phasor

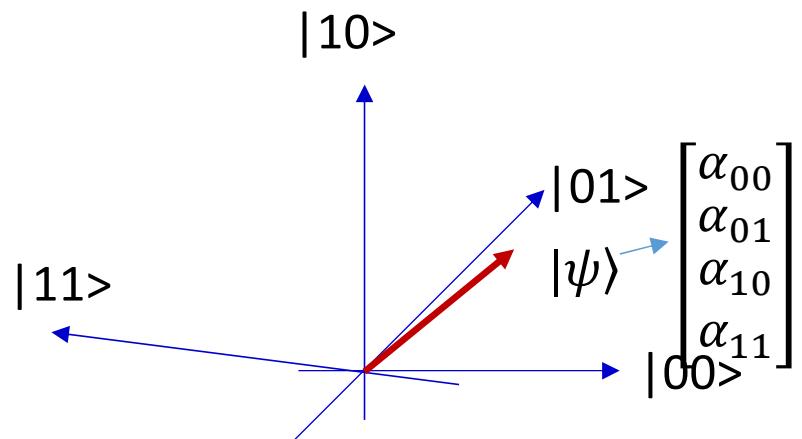
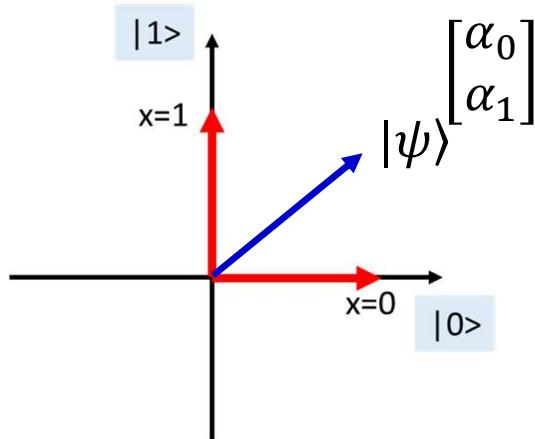
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- Two qubit phasor

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- The α terms are all *complex!*
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- Note the phasors for the basis bit patterns

The problem of measurement



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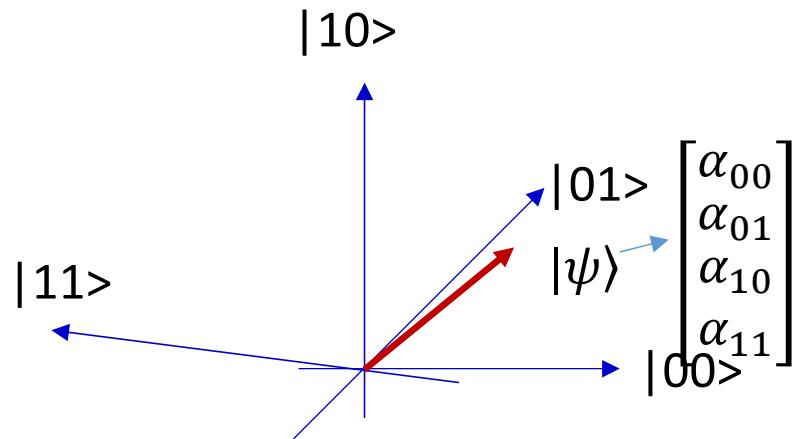
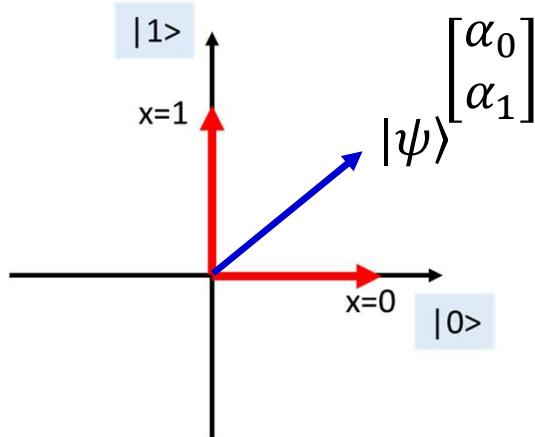
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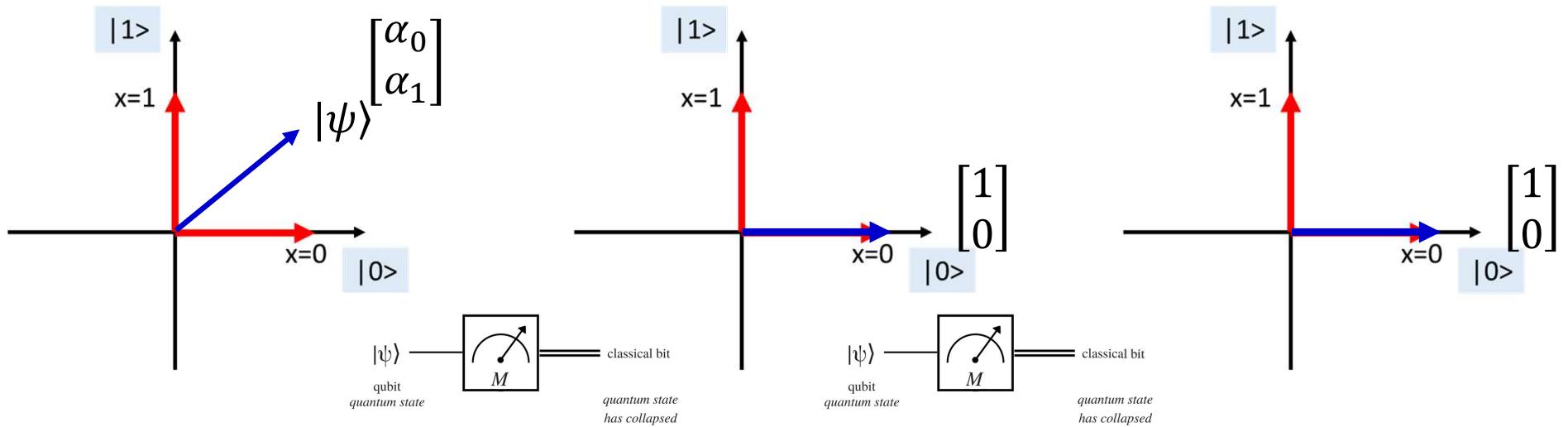
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Clearly: $\sum|\alpha|^2 = 1$

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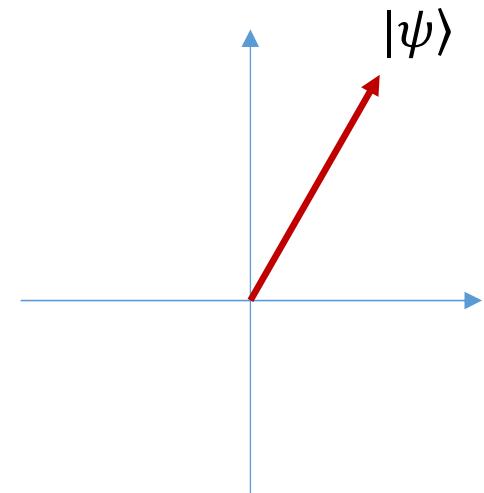
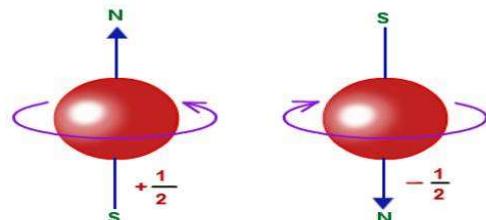
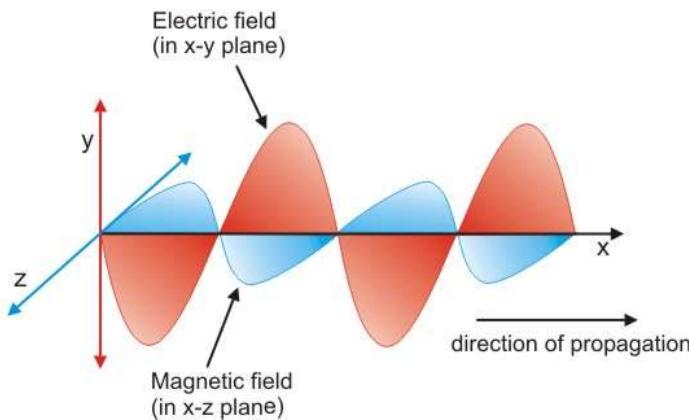
Measurement *fixes* the qubit



- First measurement: $|\psi\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$ with $P = |\alpha_0|^2$
- Second measurement: $|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$ with $P = 1$
- Third measurement: $|0\rangle \rightarrow |0\rangle$ with $P = 1$
- ...

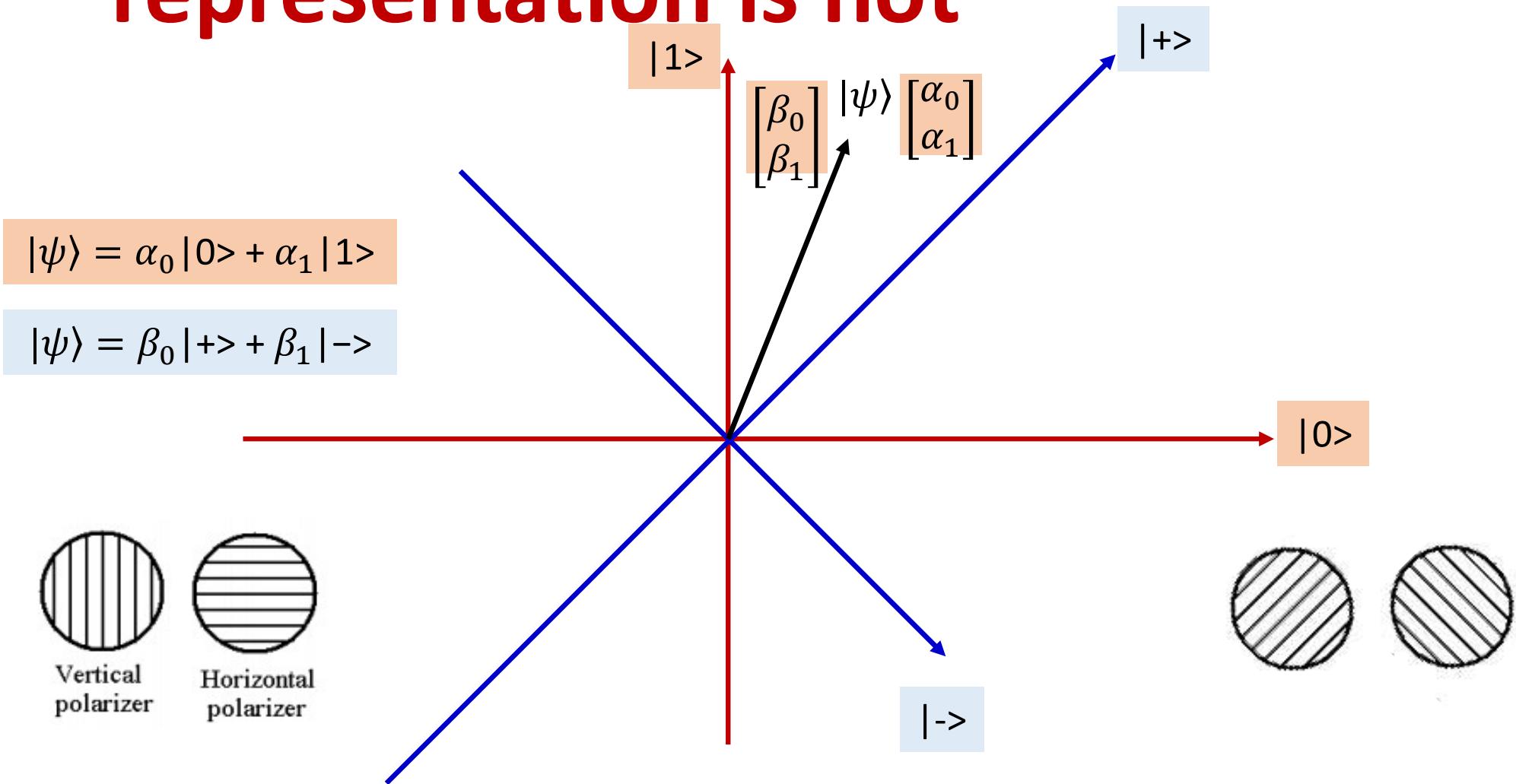


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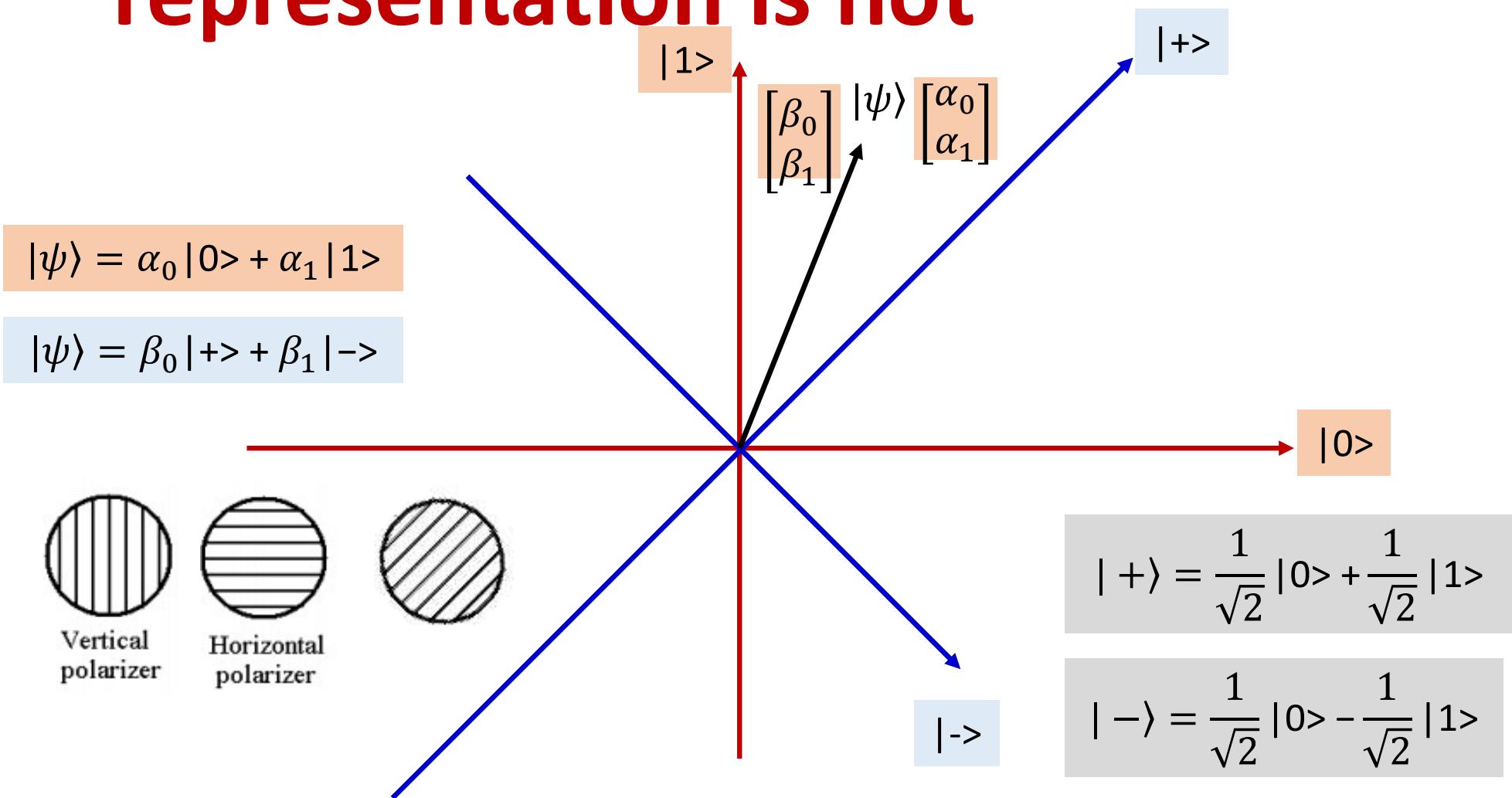
- No absolute definition of direction or sign
 - But the state of the system is well defined!
 - The space is defined, and the direction of the (physical) phasor is well defined
- The actual representation depends on the bases used
 - Only restriction: the bases must be orthogonal

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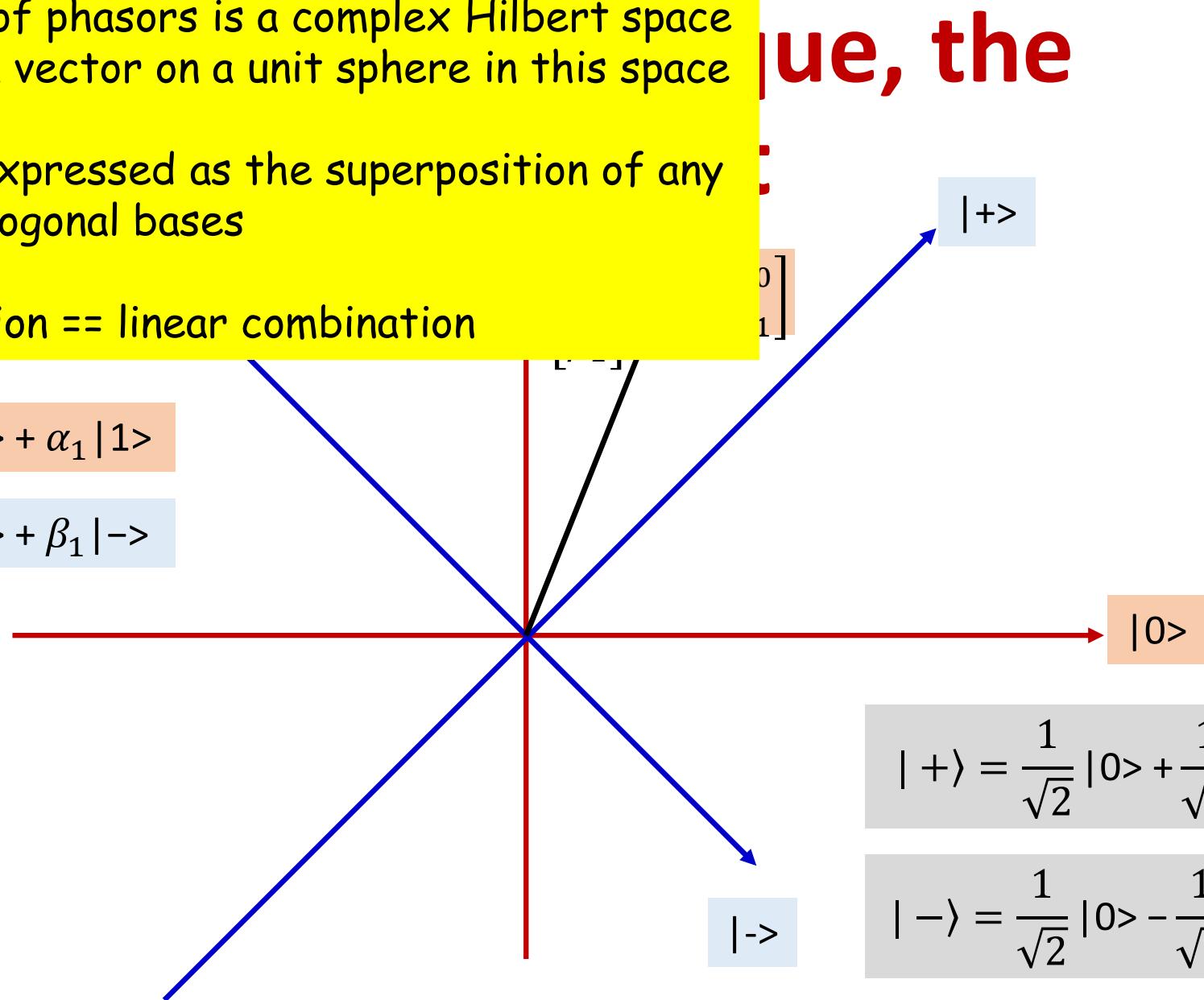
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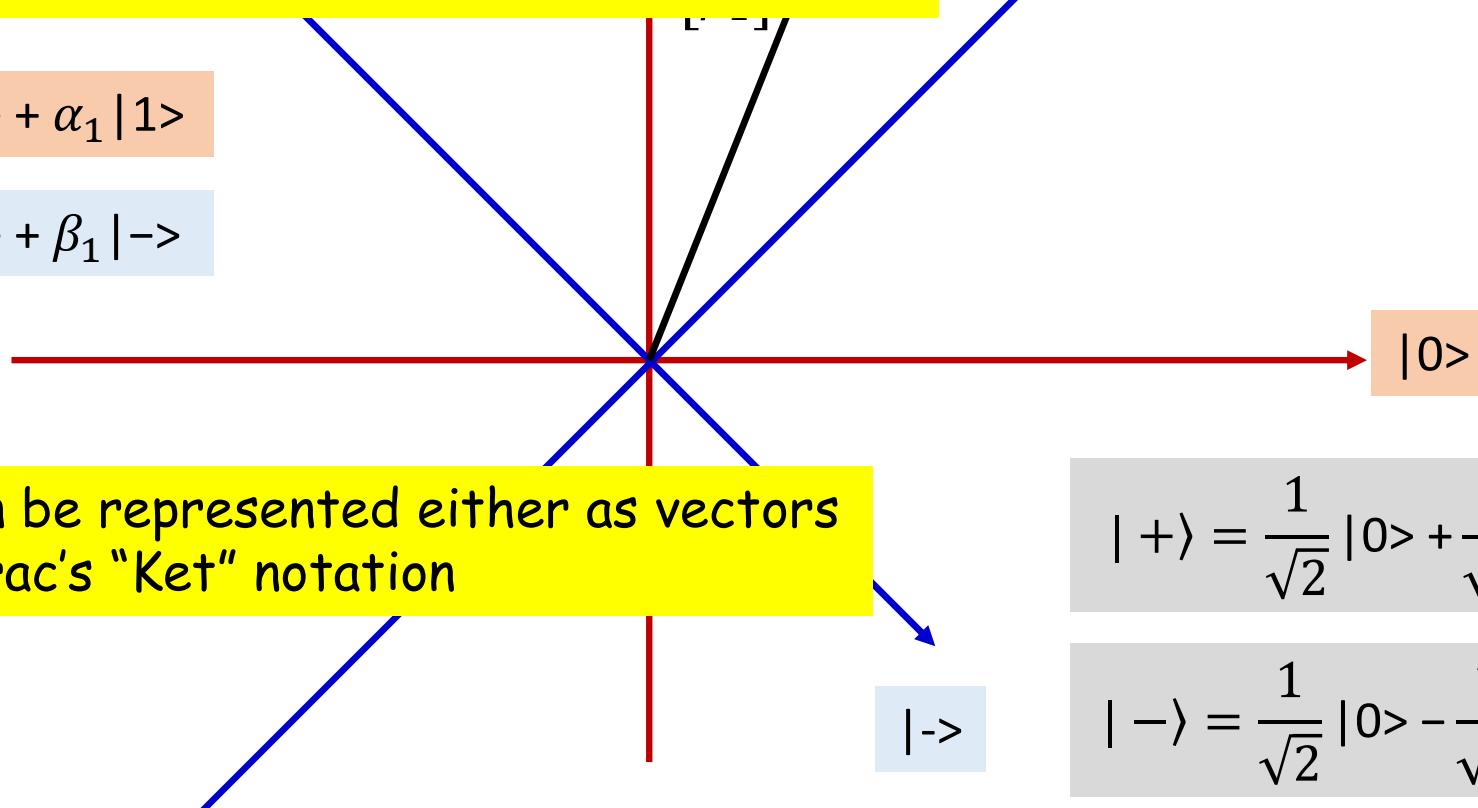
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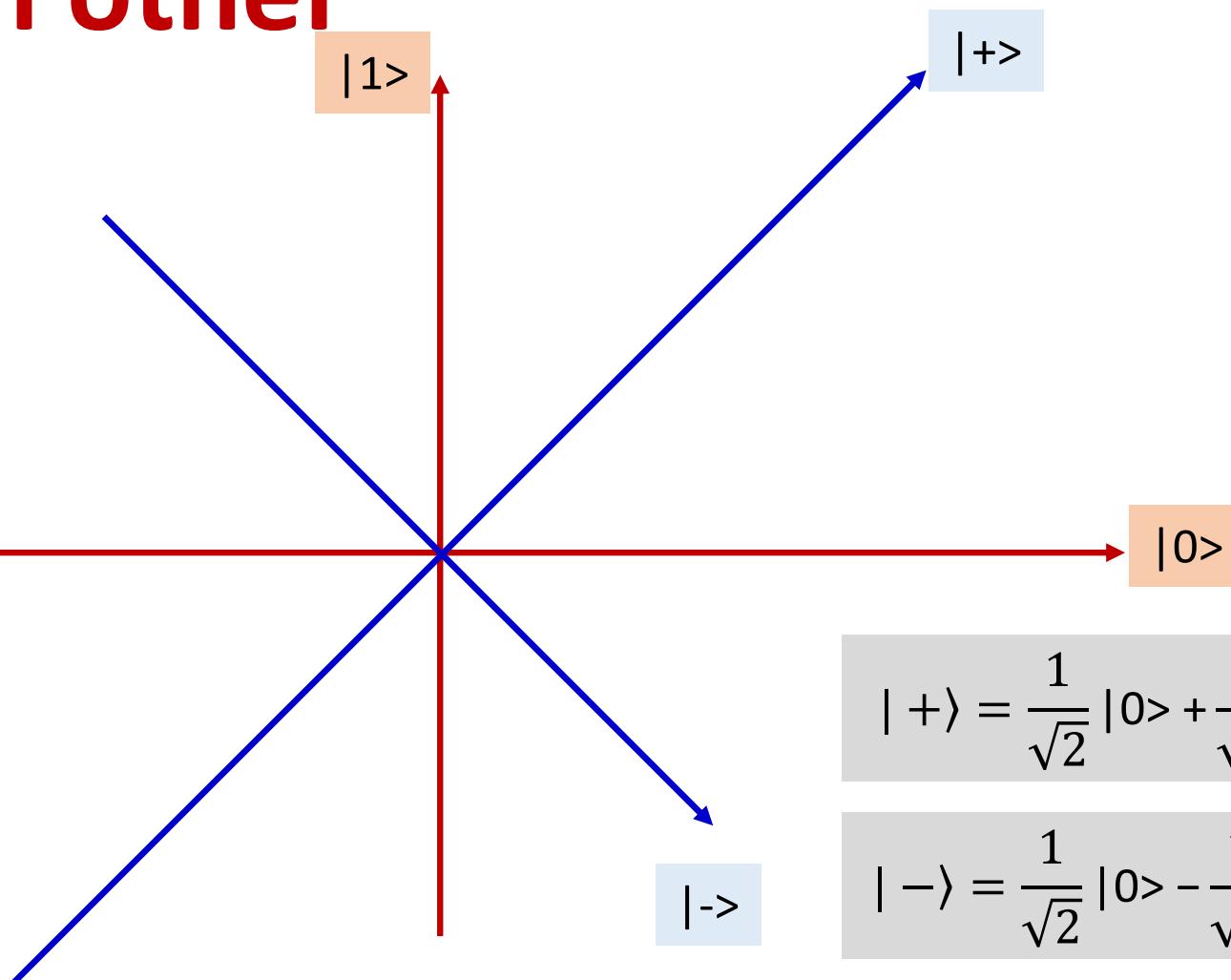
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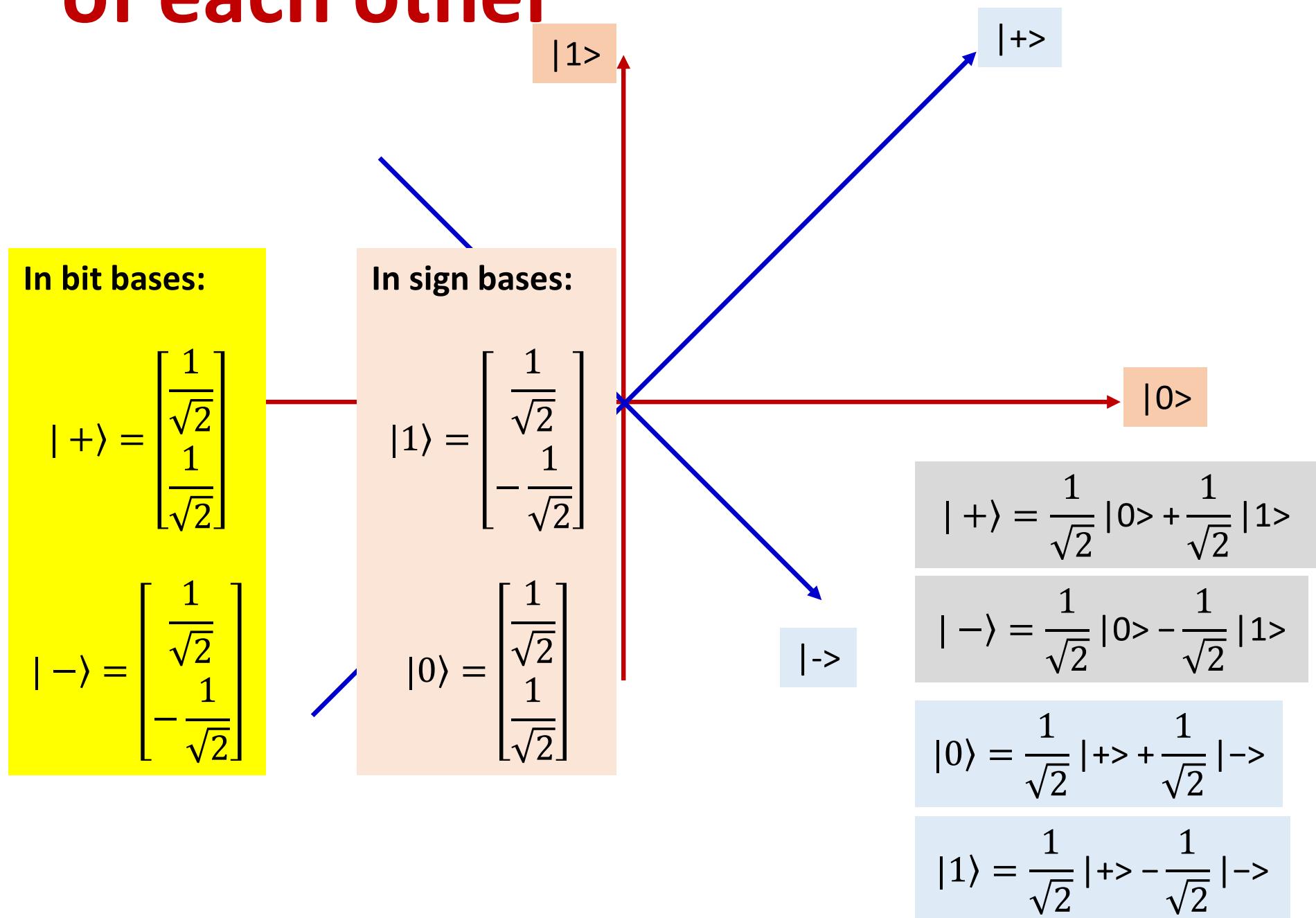
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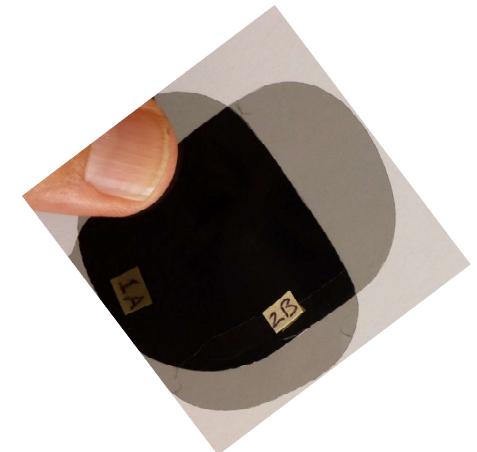
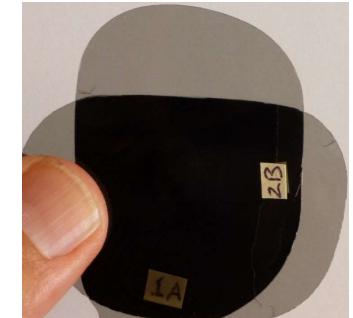
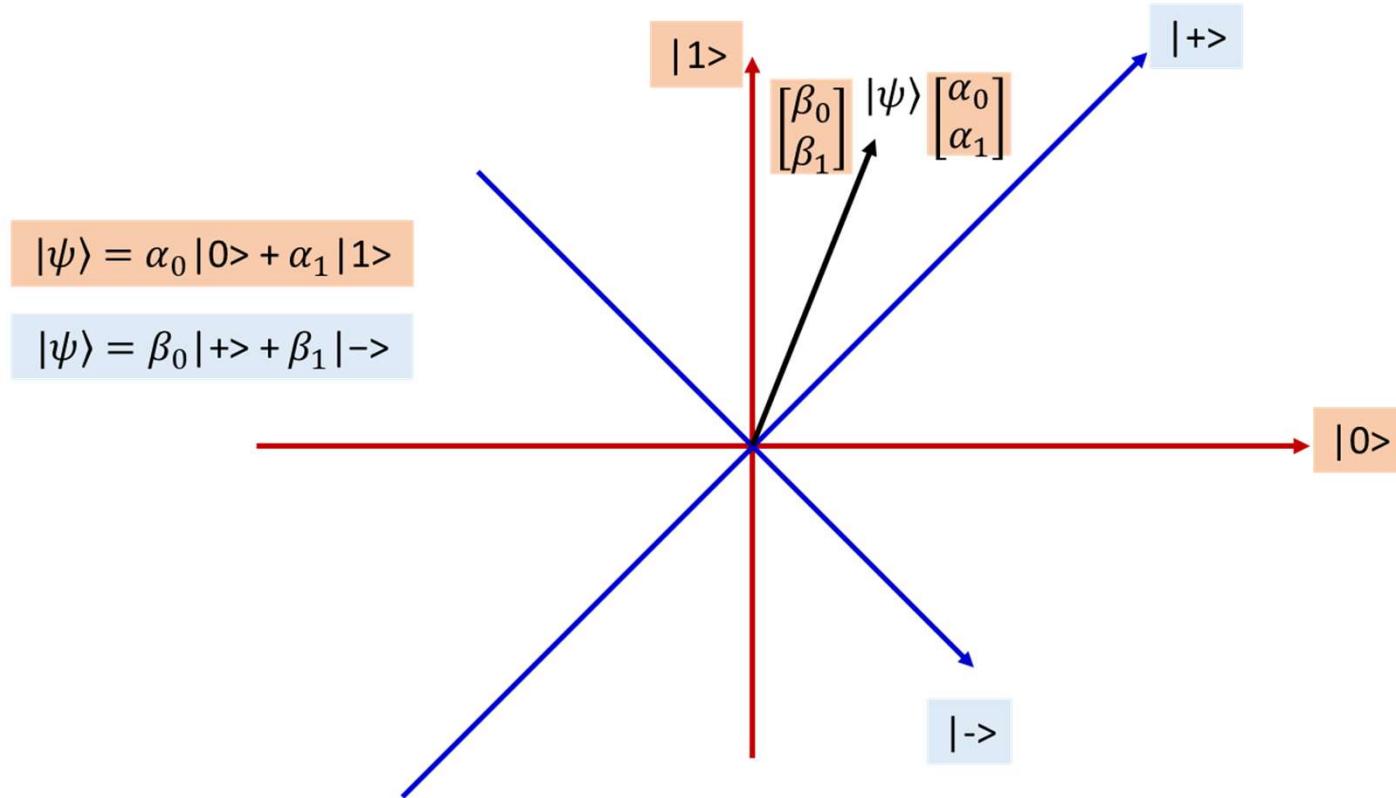
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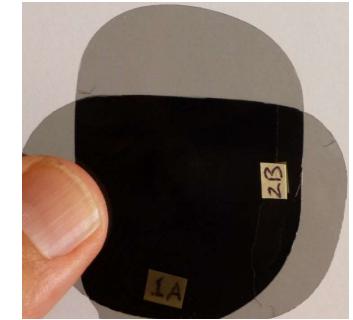
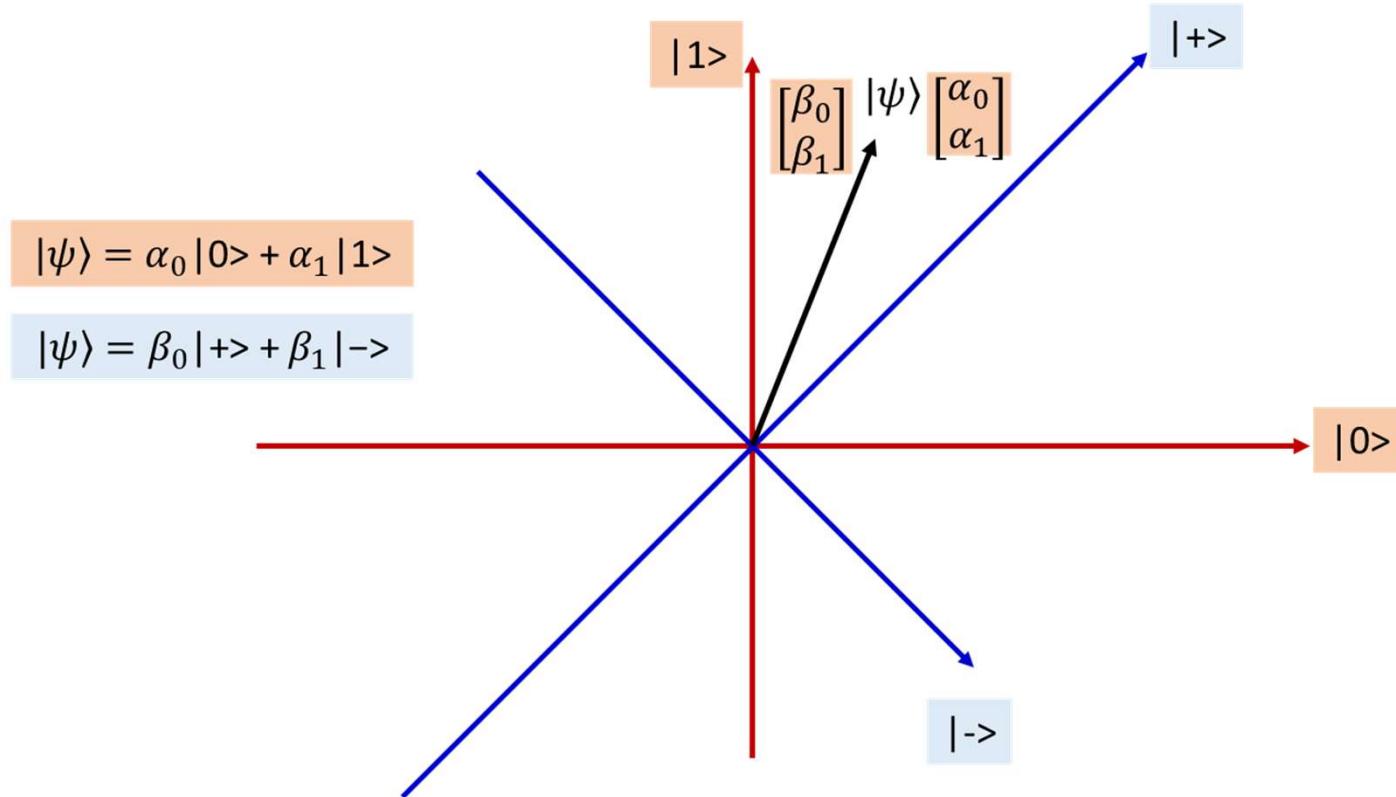


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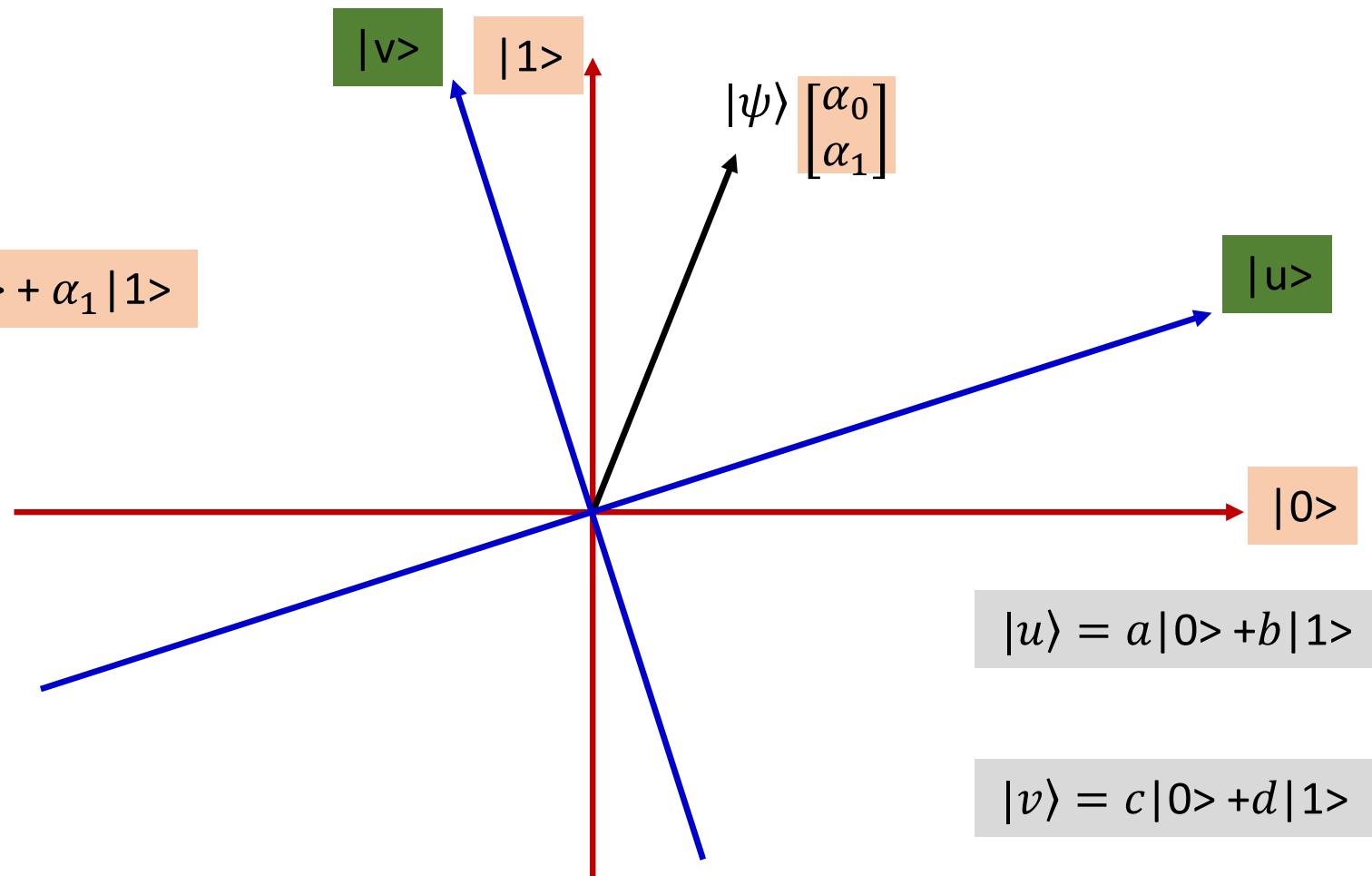
Some basic math

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$$a^H b = \sum_i a_i^* b$$

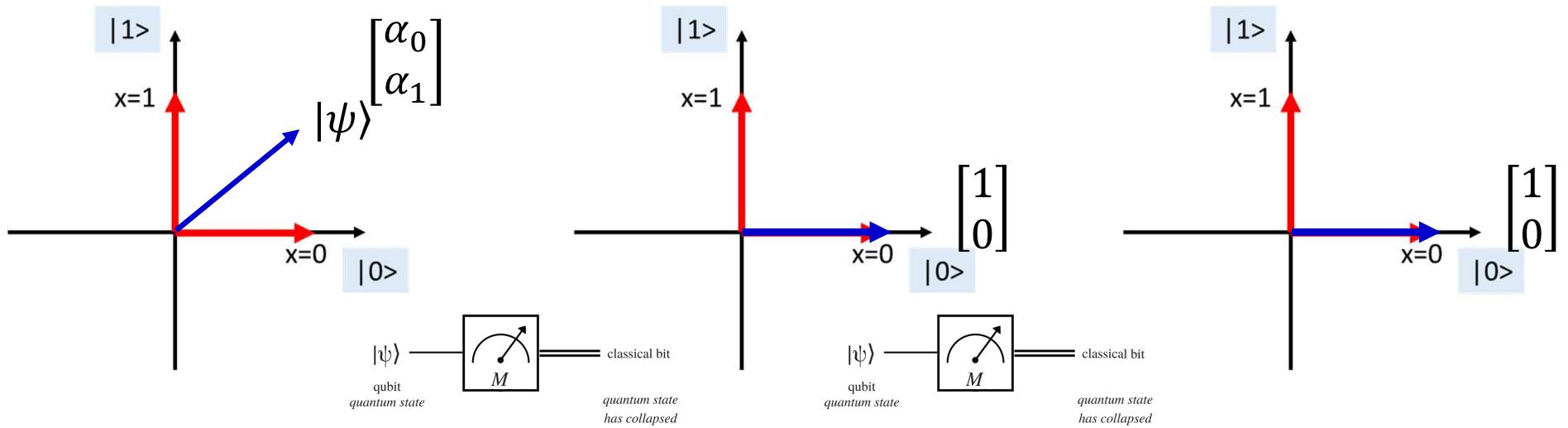
- For unit vectors it is the cosine of the angle between them
- For any basis, the probability of measuring that basis is the square of the cosine between the phasor and the basis

A different basis...



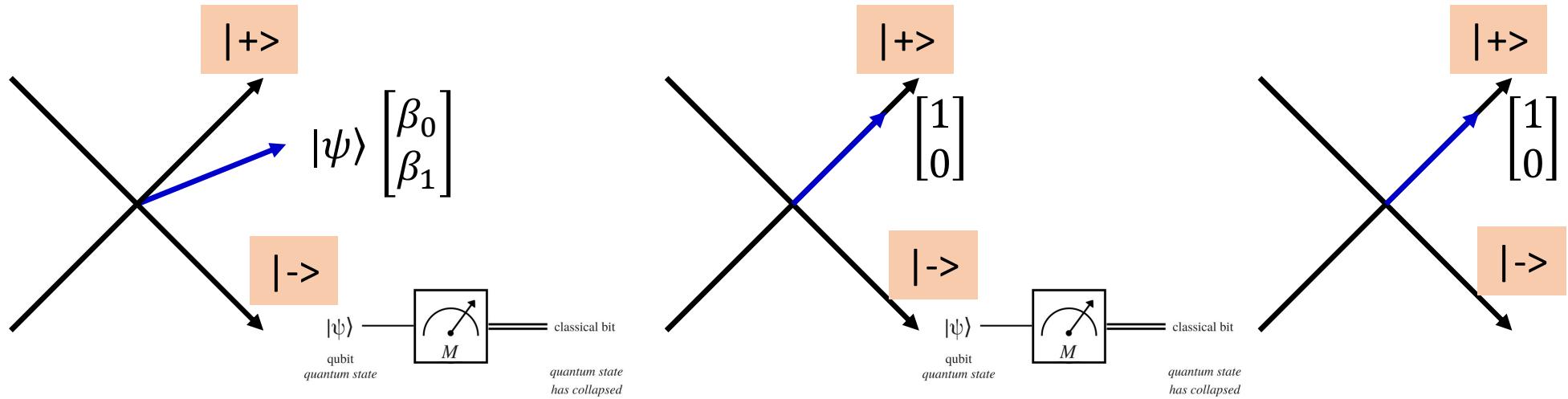
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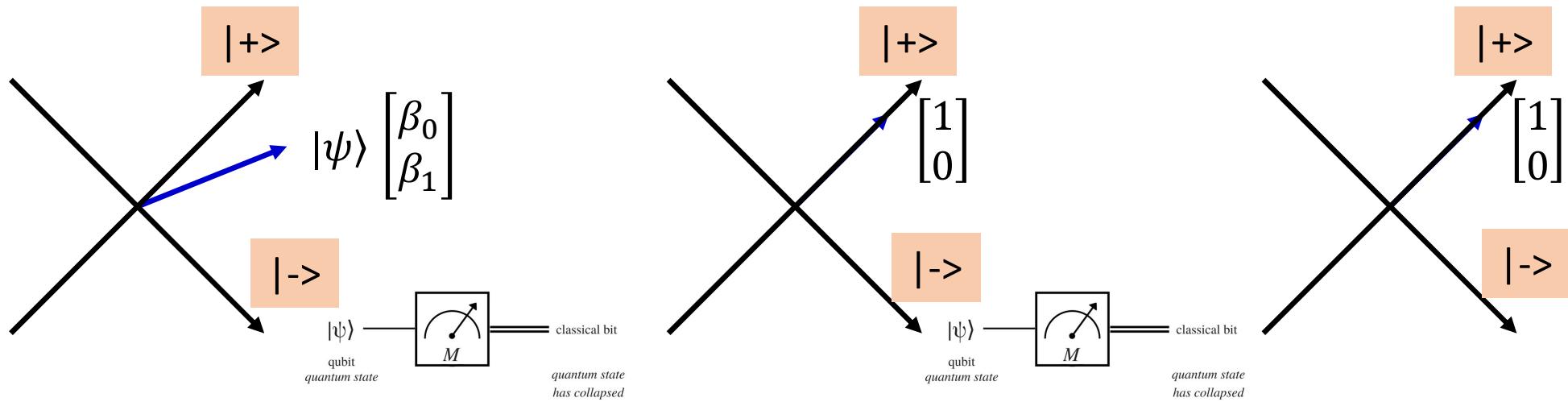
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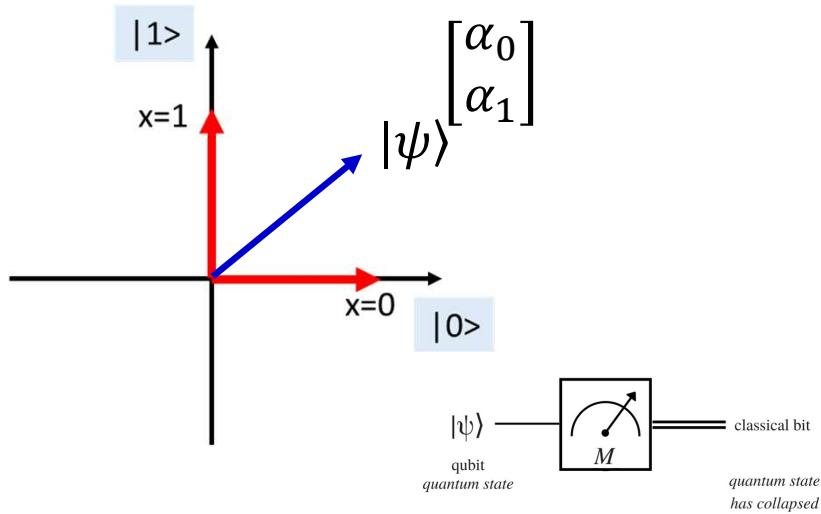
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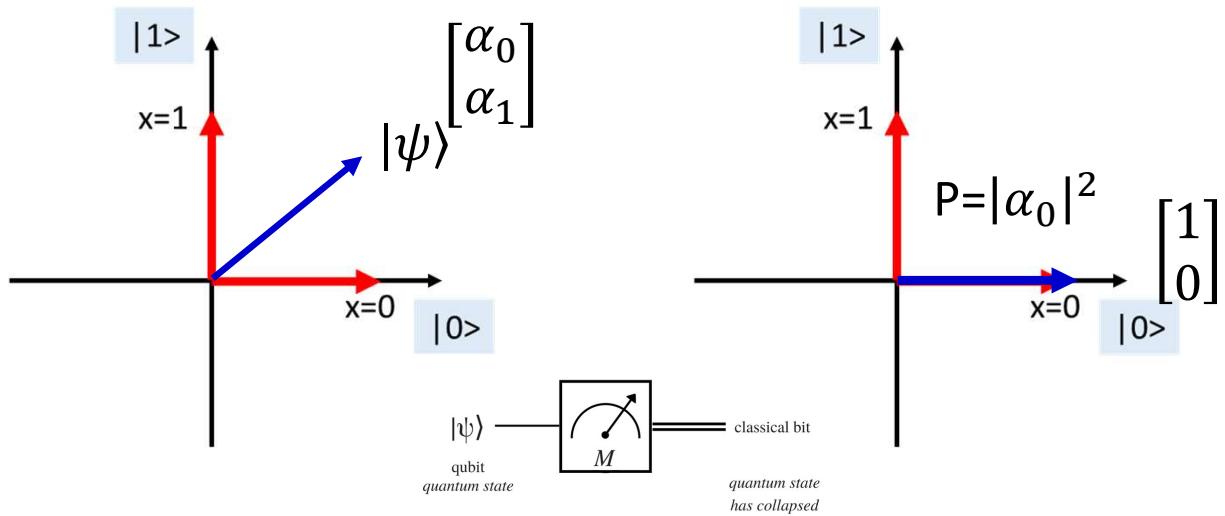


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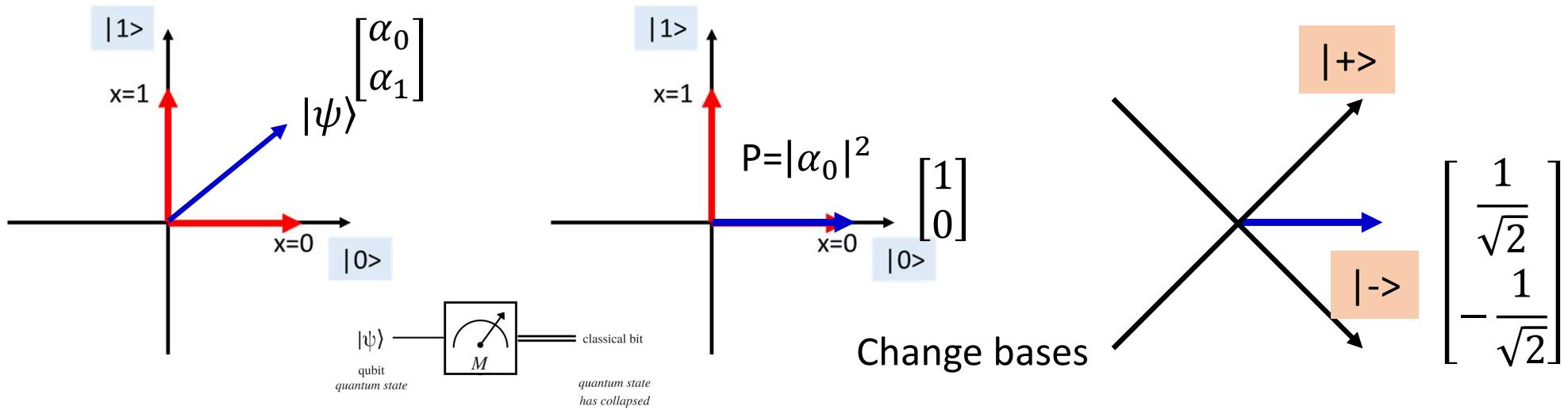
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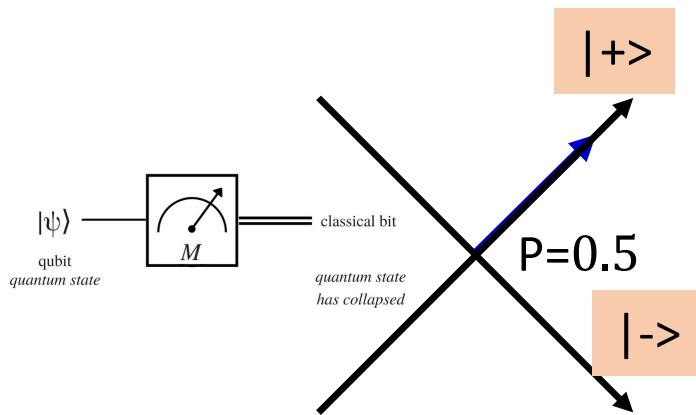
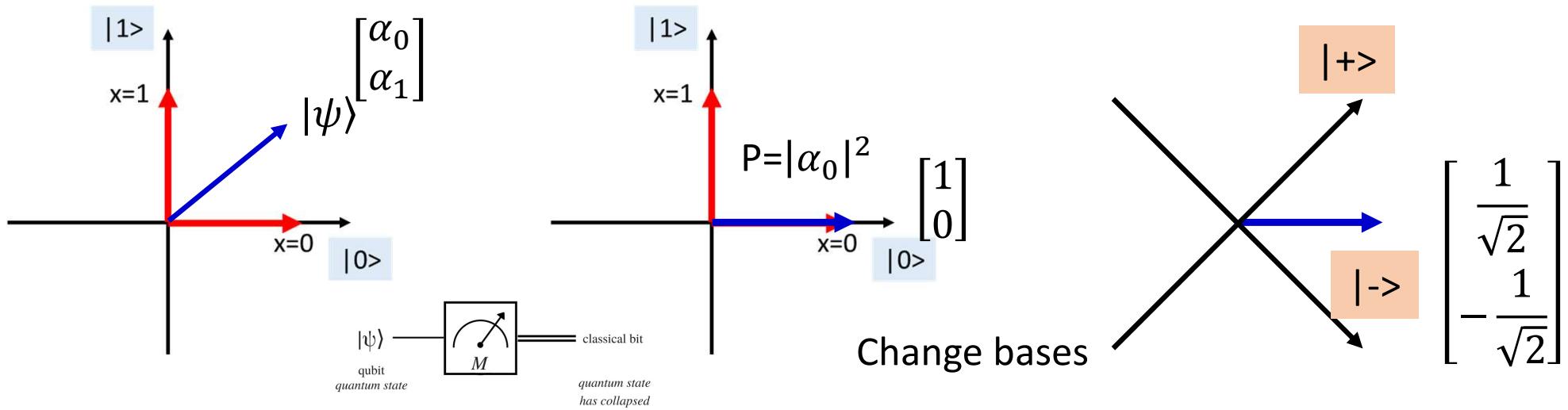
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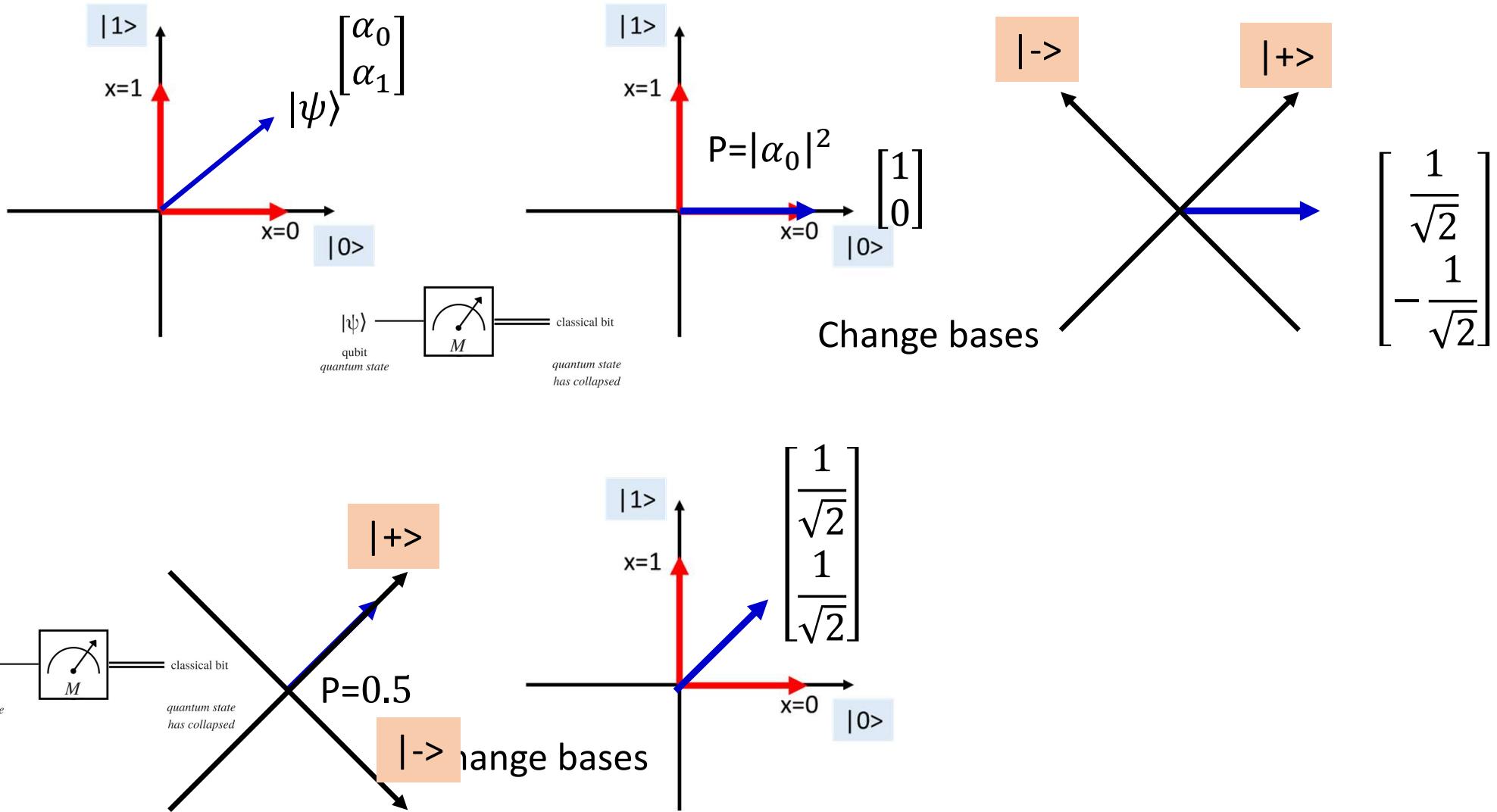
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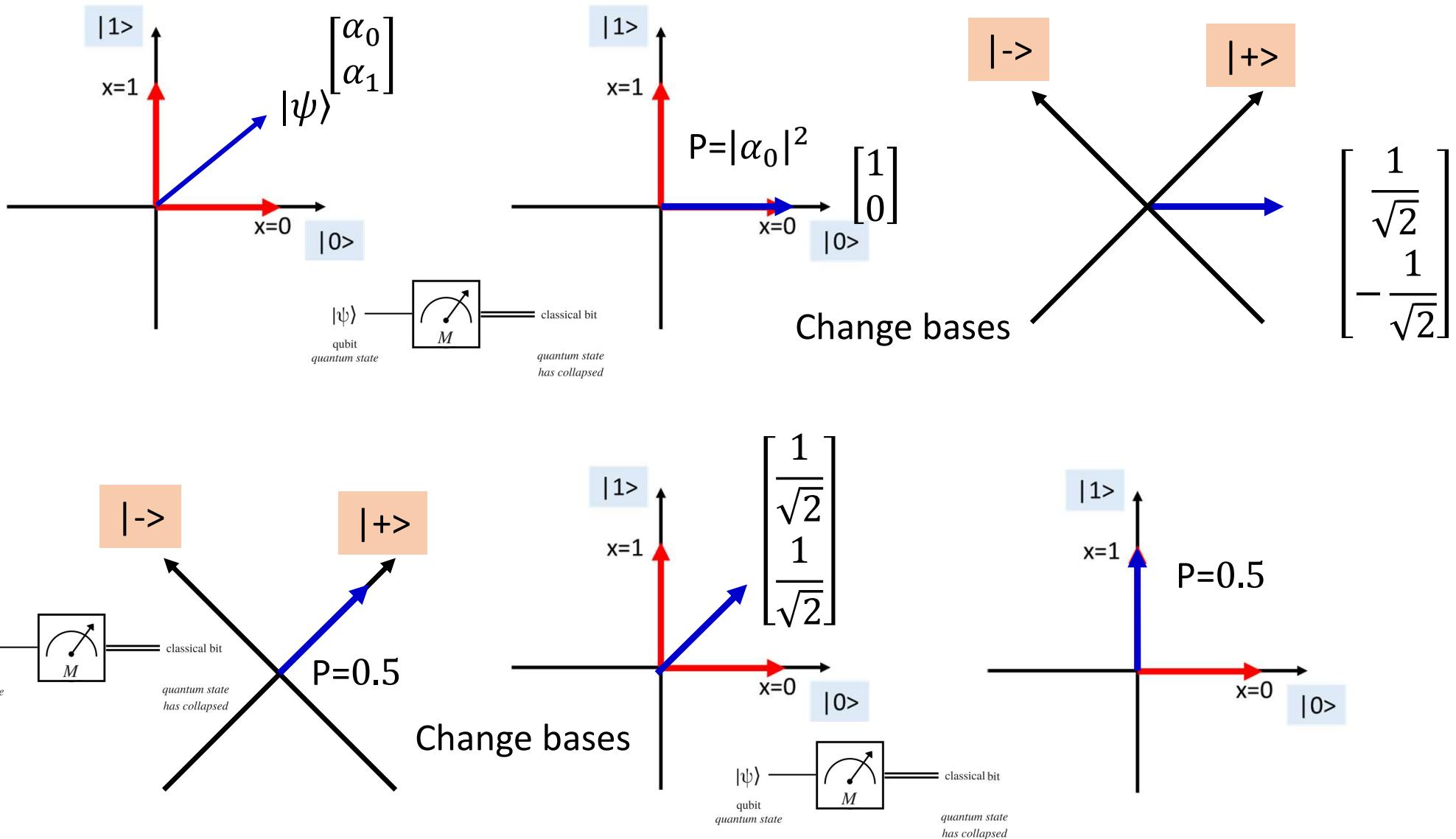
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The world isn't what you think it is!!!



- Repeated measurements with different bases can completely alter reality!!!