

# QUANTUM COMPUTING

## From Zero to Classification

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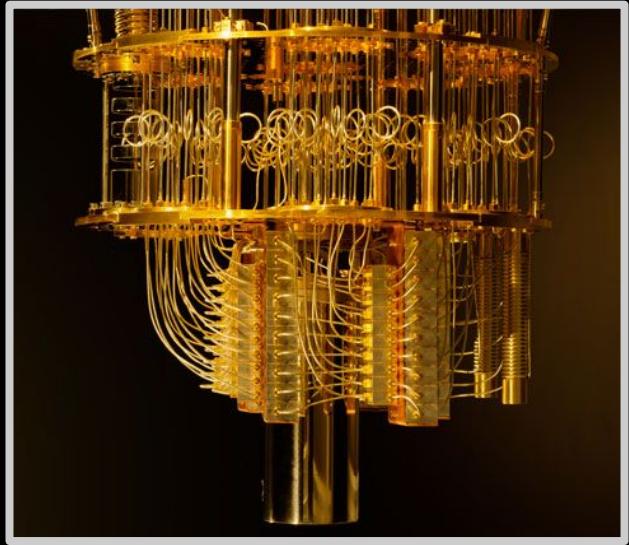


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# TARGET(S)

Show my research topic but..

I do believe that collaboration is THE thing



**So, my objective is to trigger in you ideas!**



# What is Quantum Computing?

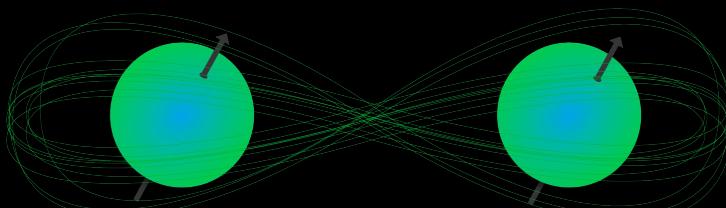
Quantum computing is the use of **quantum phenomena** to perform computation

## Two Quantum Phenomena

SUPERPOSITION



ENTANGLEMENT



# SUPERPOSITION

Classical Bit

0

1

Quantum Bit

0

a.k.a “qubit”

# SUPERPOSITION

Given 2 bit/qubit:

	Bit	Qubit
Nº combinations	4 $\left[ \begin{array}{c} 00 \\ 01 \\ 10 \\ 11 \end{array} \right]$	4 $\left[ \begin{array}{c} 00 \\ 01 \\ 10 \\ 11 \end{array} \right]$
Nº value you can manipulate in a given moment	1 00 or 01 or 10 or 11	4 00 and 01 and 10 and 11

“In general, given x qubit, you have  $2^x$  values”

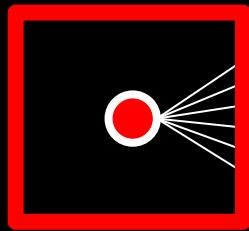
20 qubit → 1 Mb

50 qubit → 1 Pb

So?

It's a kind of SUPER - PARALLELISM!

Classical Input

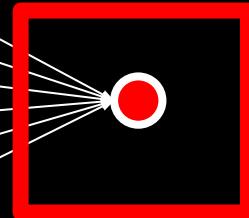


You can't observe  
what is happening  
Step-by-step.

There is no  
“if” or “for”  
instruction



Classical Output



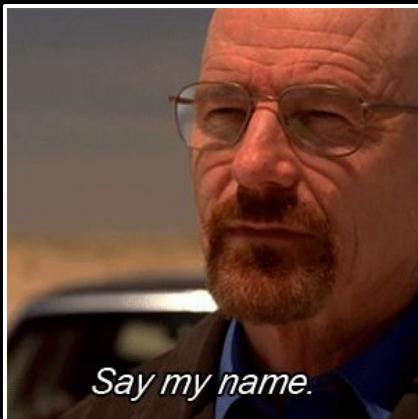
Qubit Encoding + Quantum Computation

# WHY?

We said that Quantum Computing deals with quantum phenomena, right?

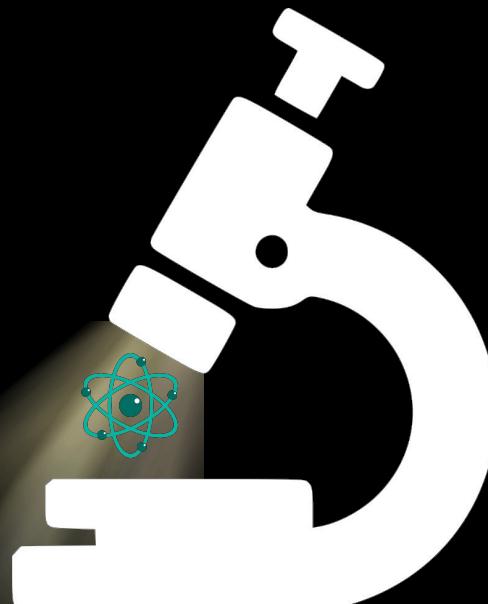
BUT, quantum phenomena show themselves only at a “particle level” and particles are very fragile!

## Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle

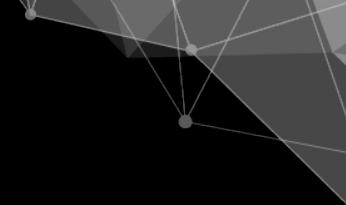


“Observing” implies using light.  
Light produces heat, thus there is a transfer of energy!

Since the particle is very fragile, this energy “corrupts” its original state!



# Measurements



**That does not means that you cannot observe anything!**

**But simply that if you want to exploit quantum phenomena...  
...you can't do observations during computations.**

**You CAN measure only at the end of your quantum algorithm**

**The “measurement” collapses quantum data into classical one!**

**ALERT: MATHS COMING**  
**Linear Algebra + Probability**



# Superposing a qubit

A qubit is represented by a  $2 \times 1$  vector

$$\begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \end{pmatrix}$$

a,b are said “amplitudes”



Condition

$$|a^2| + |b^2| = 1$$

So, which are the “a,b” such that the qubit represent the 0 value?

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Shorthand notation (Ket notation)}} |0\rangle$$

This is equivalent to say: “When the qubit will be measured, the probability to observe the 0-value is 1”

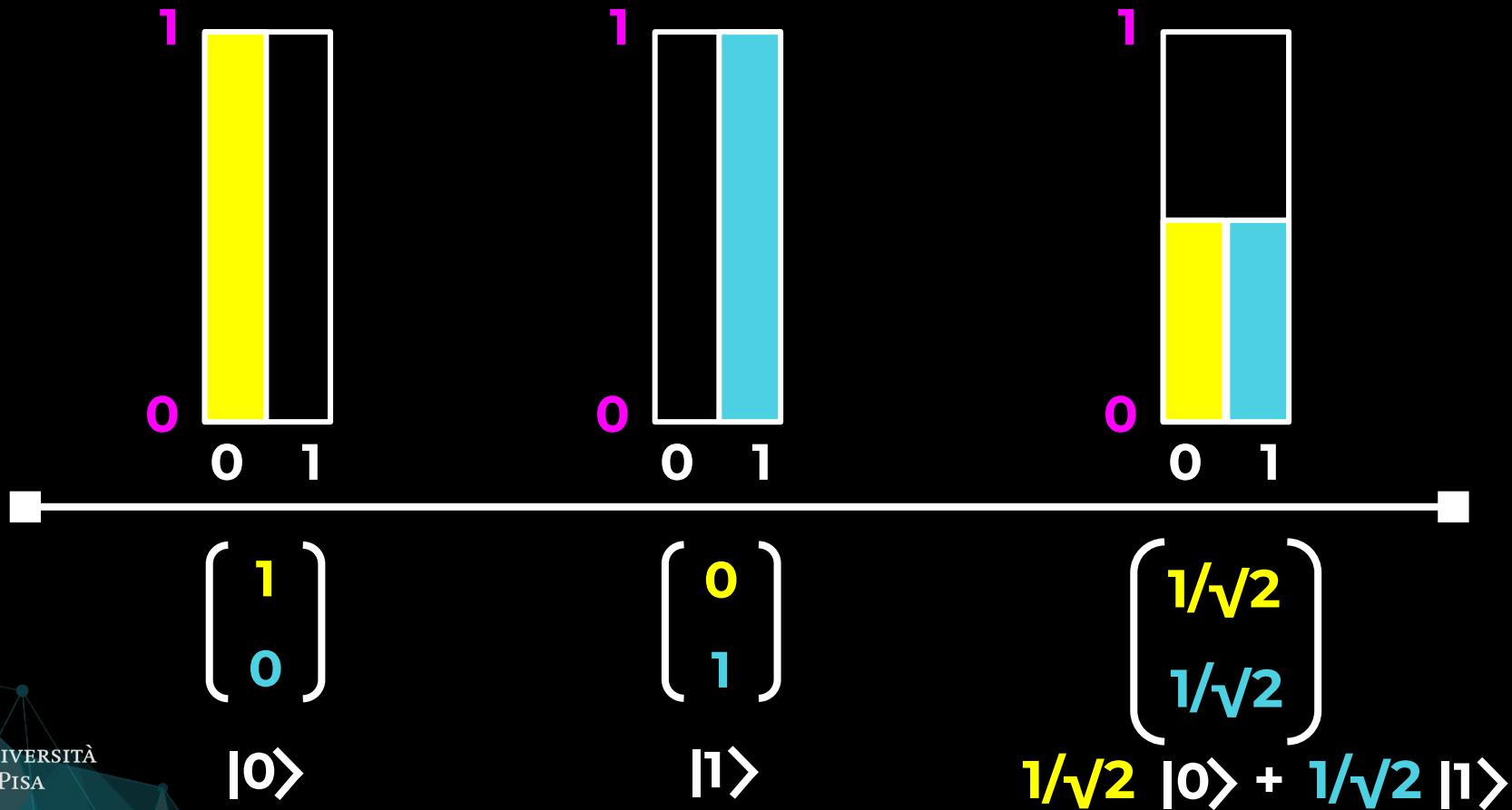
An important detail:

a is an amplitude while  $|a^2|$  represents the probability.  
“Do the square” is like “apply a measurement (observe).”

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\quad} 1/\sqrt{2} |0\rangle + 1/\sqrt{2} |1\rangle$$

Qubit Superposition in math

# Superposing a qubit



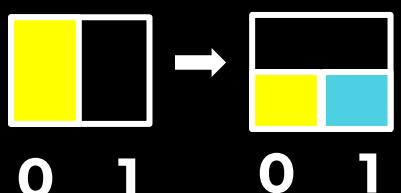
# How to superpose

It's super simple:  $H|0\rangle$

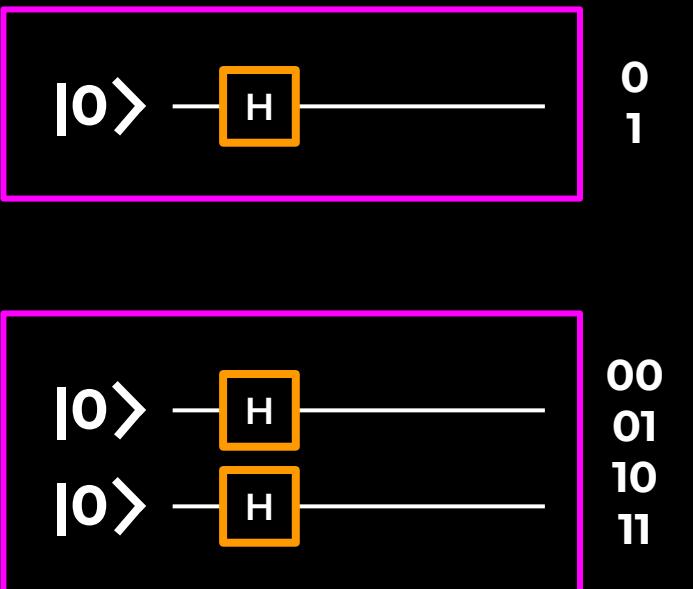
$H$  is said “gate”

$H$  is an unitary matrix

$$H \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} |0\rangle \\ |1\rangle \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$



Quantum Circuits

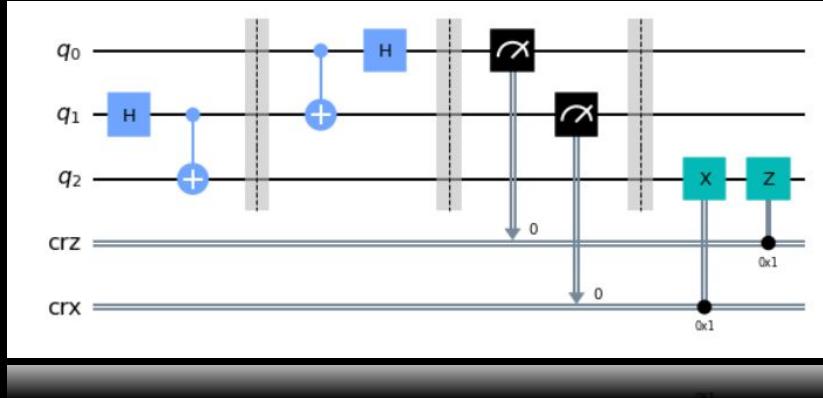


# A small note

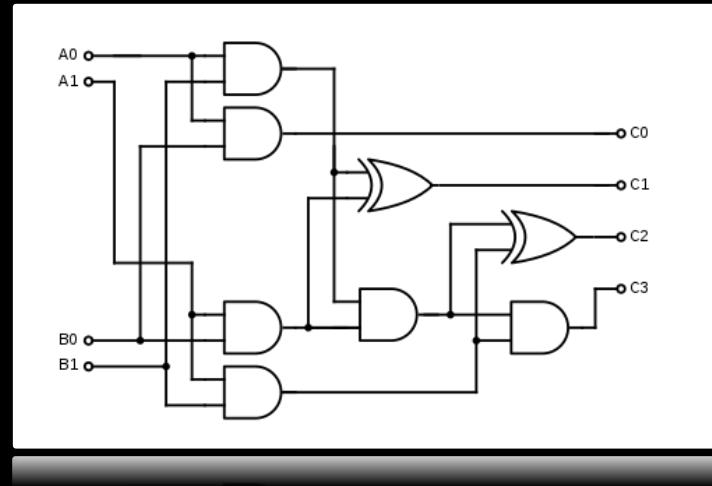
**The abstraction level we are reasoning on is at “circuit” level!**

Binary Multiplier

Quantum Teleportation



$\approx$



*“How do you quantum-compute  $\frac{2 * 3}{22}$  ?”*

It is equivalent to:

*“Which is the classical circuit (AND, NOT) that computes multiplication and division?”* → Not Trivial!

# ENTANGLEMENT

**ACHTUNG!**

You cannot know the value of  
a qubit until you “observe” it!

**ENTANGLE( $Q_1, Q_2$ )**

$Q_1$

1

$Q_1$



$Q_2$

1

$Q_2$



# ENTANGLEMENT

**ACHTUNG!**

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**ENTANGLE(Q1, Q2)**

Q1

Q2

0

Q1

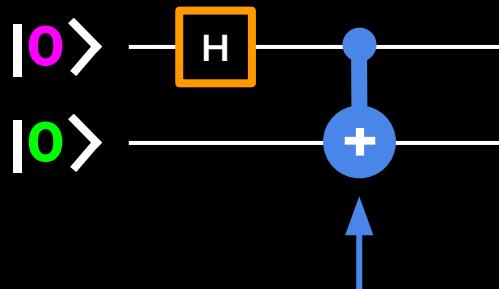
0

Q2



# How to entangle

## Quantum Circuit



Controlled-Not  
(CNOT)

*"when the control qubit is 1  
then flip the target qubit"*



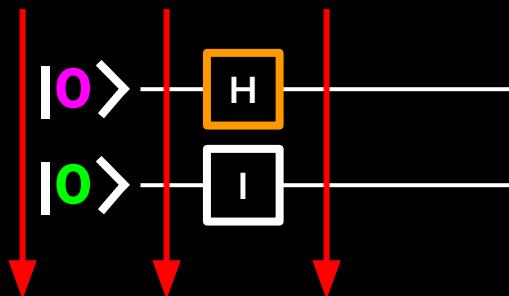
But... Let's do step-by-step...

How 2 systems can mathematically  
described?

THE TENSOR PRODUCT!

**ALERT: MATHS COMING**  
**(sry)**

# TENSOR PRODUCT



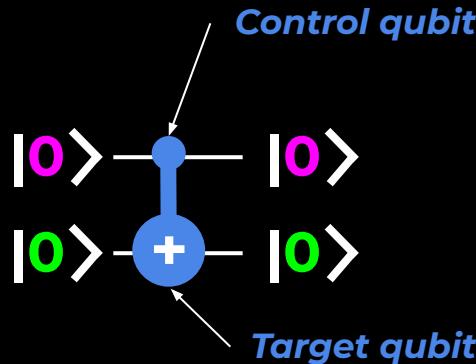
$$\begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\downarrow$

$$|0\rangle \otimes |0\rangle = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} \otimes \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{matrix} 00 \\ 01 \\ 10 \\ 11 \end{matrix}$$

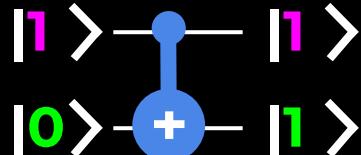
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# CNOT



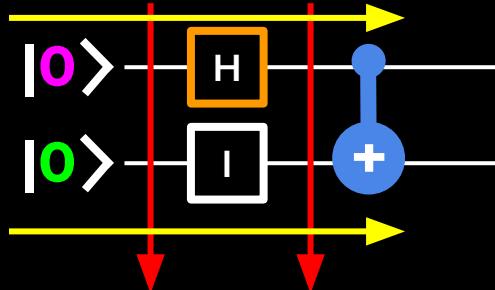
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"when the *control* qubit is 1  
then flip the *target* qubit"



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# ALL TOGETHER



$$\begin{array}{c} \text{+} \\ \text{X} \end{array} \otimes \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{H} \\ \otimes \\ \text{I} \end{array} \right) \otimes \left( \begin{array}{c} |0\rangle \\ \otimes \\ |0\rangle \end{array} \right) = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & |00\rangle \\ 0 & |01\rangle \\ 0 & |10\rangle \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & |11\rangle \end{pmatrix}$$

By now, you know how to entangle qubit!

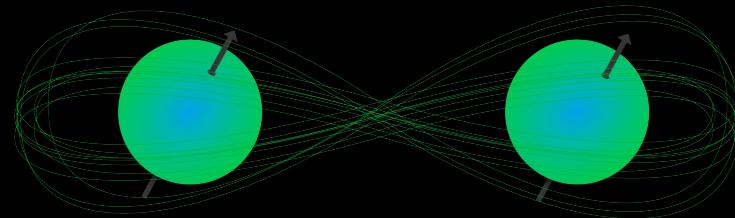
They cannot be anymore described as two distinct systems!  
That's what “entanglement” means.



# Again!

Quantum entanglement occurs when a system of multiple particles in quantum mechanics interact in such a way so that **the particles cannot be described as independent systems but only as one system as a whole**.

In entanglement, one constituent cannot be fully described without considering the other(s)



Mathematically: A vector that cannot be written as the tensor of two vector shall be called entangled.

$$\cancel{\mathbf{X}} \otimes \cancel{\mathbf{X}} = \begin{pmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{pmatrix}$$

They don't exist!

# Why?

I stressed entanglement because it is the main ingredients of quantum algorithms.

An Example?

## E91 protocol - Ekert (Quantum Key Exchange)

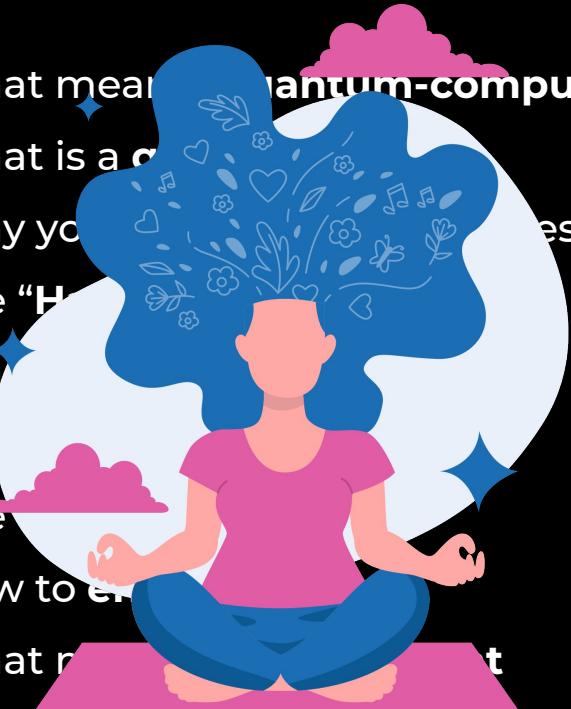


**Any attempt at eavesdropping by an attacker  
destroys the entanglement correlations.**

Eavesdropping-resistant!

# ~~LET'S TAKE A BREATH~~ What we have seen so far:

- What means “quantum-computer”
- What is a qubit?
- Why you can’t see what happens during a computation
- The “Hilbert space”
- What is entanglement?
- How to measure?
- The “Born rule”
- How to encode information?
- What makes quantum computing difficult?



# I'm going to impress you!

“Which is the complexity of searching an element in an unsorted dataset?”

$\Theta(n)$

i.e. to find an element you need to scan the entire the dataset.  
i.e. (x2) You need to know each element to answer correctly, right?

GROVER'S ALGORITHM (Quantum Algorithm)

$O(\sqrt{n})$

i.e. Grover's Algorithm finds the element without scanning the entire dataset!!

Don't you think that is incredible?



# WHY?

These incredible quantum phenomena just happen.  
No one knows why.



If you think you understand  
quantum mechanics, you don't  
understand quantum mechanics.

— *Richard P. Feynman* —



# TO **CLASSIFICATION**

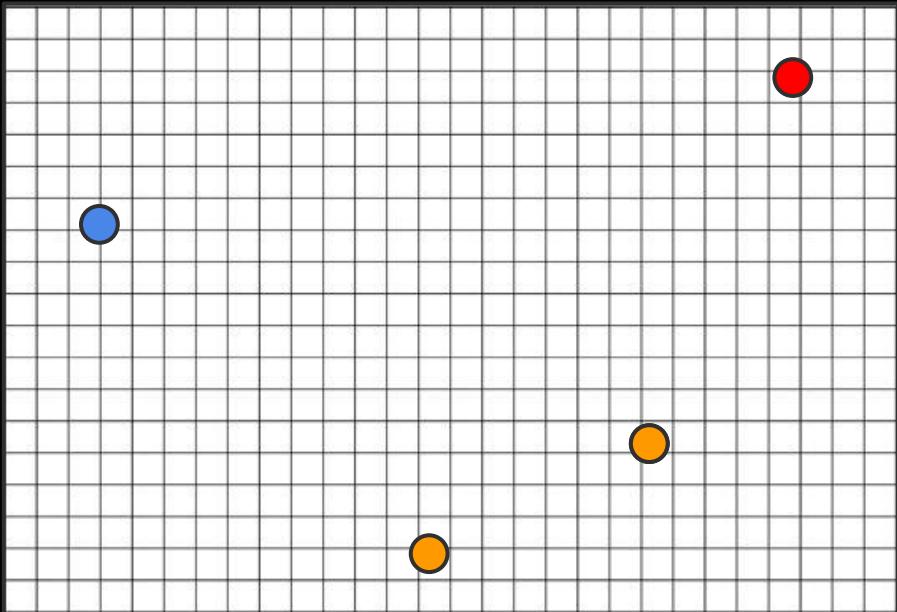


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# Distance Based Classifier

## The Task:

- Given 3 different training vectors
- Given a test vector
- What is the closest training vector to test one?



# Key-Elements

You compute the distances between each training vectors and the test vector  
(3 training vectors → 3 distances to compute)

Then you are able to establish which is the closest element to the new input

## CLASSICAL

```
3 def computeDistance(p1, p2):
4     a = (p1[0] - p2[0])**2
5     b = (p1[1] - (p2[1]))**2
6     return math.sqrt( a + b )
7
8
9 def belongsTo(test, trainings):
10    distances = []
11    for tr in trainings:
12        dist = computeDistance(test, tr)
13        distances.append(dist)
14    return min(distances)
```

## QUANTUM

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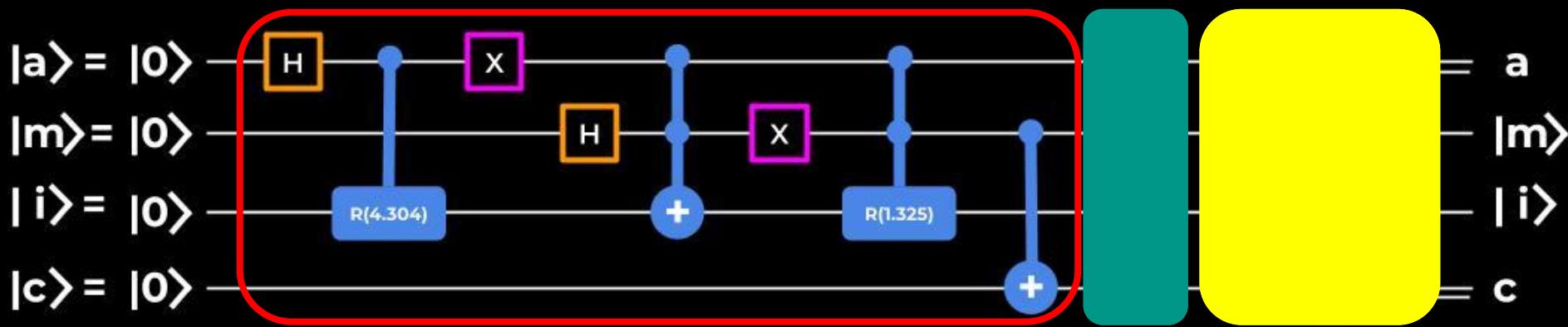


High Abstraction Level

Very Low Abstraction Level

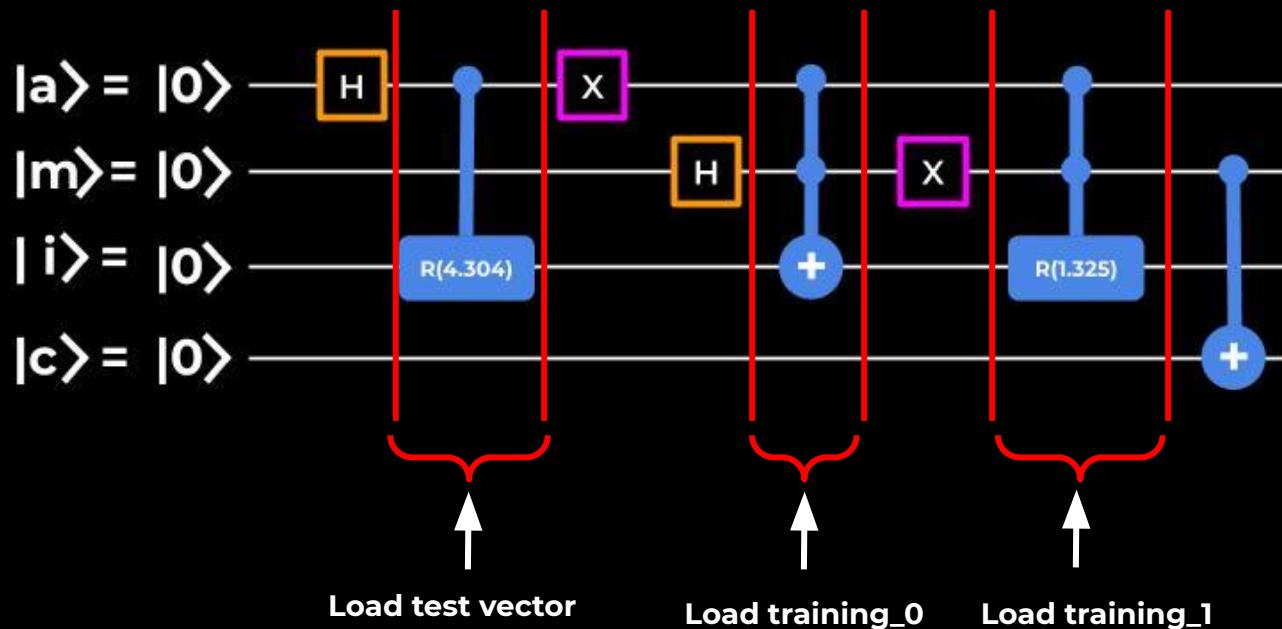
## Quantum Computing algorithms can be splitted in 3 phases:

- **Quantum Data Encoding**
  - i.e. Encodes classical bits into quantum bits
- **Quantum Computation**
  - i.e. Computes (such as computing distances)
- **Measurement**
  - i.e. Converts the “quantum-solution” into the “classical one”



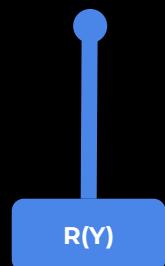
# Quantum Data Encoding

Let's try to understand what's happening...



# Amplitude Encoding

But what is this gate?

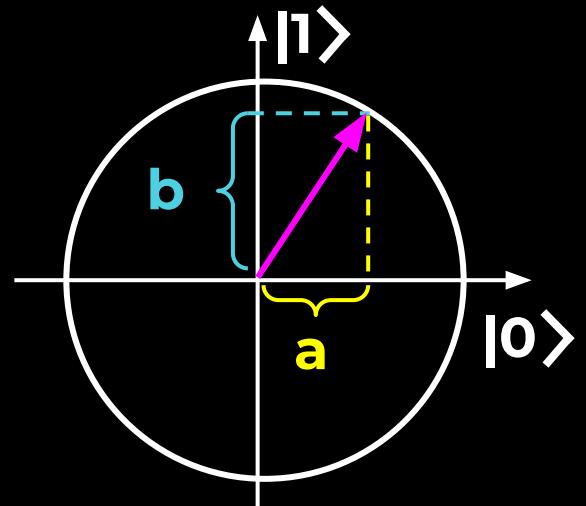


It is a “Controlled Rotation”.  
i.e. when the control qubit is 1 then  
rotate the target qubit by Y.

$$a|0\rangle + b|1\rangle$$

Condition

$$|a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$$



$$\cos a|0\rangle + \sin a|1\rangle$$

# Amplitude Encoding

Given a dataset D such that each element has 2 features

$$[x_0, x_1] :$$

**Standardize and Normalize the dataset D**

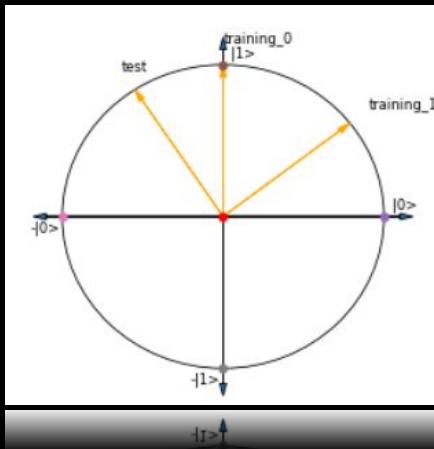
$$\text{training\_0} = [0, 1]$$

$$\text{training\_1} = [0.789, 0.615]$$

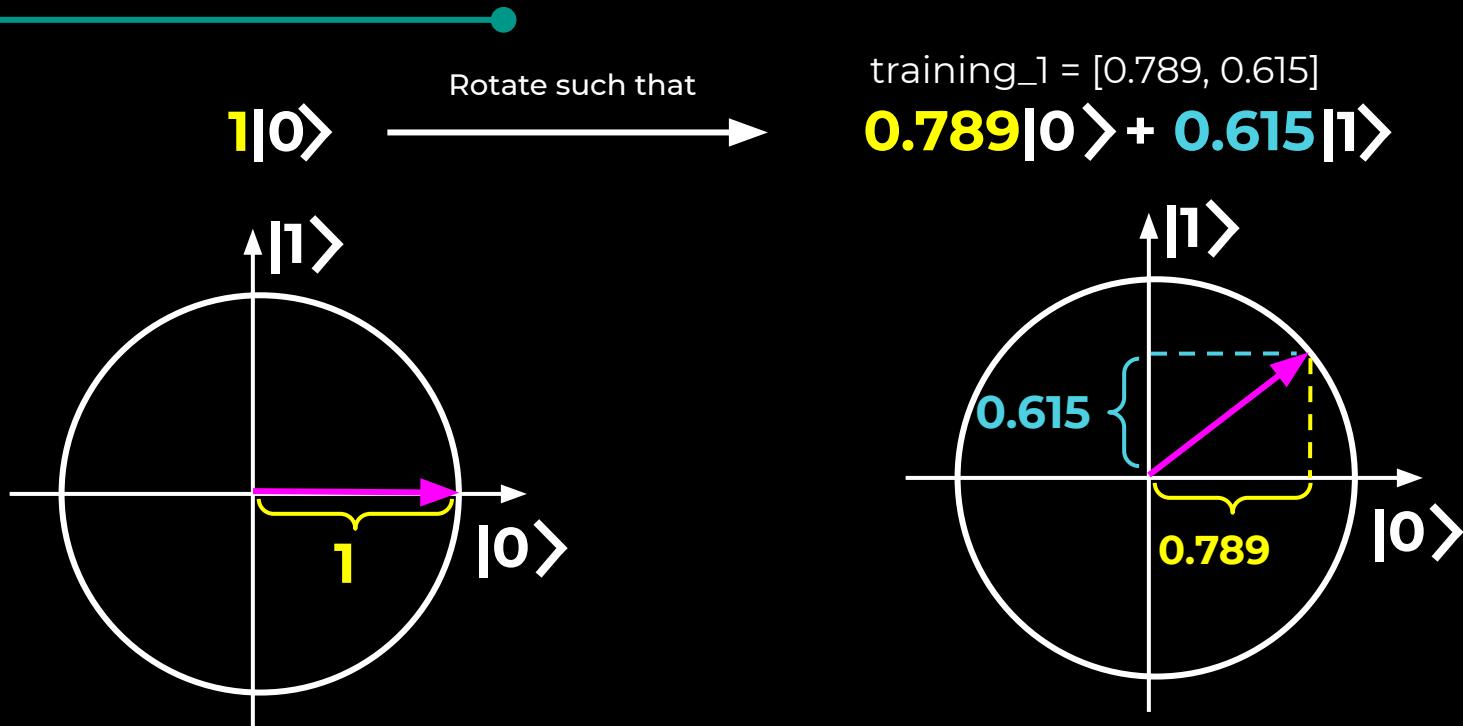
$$\text{test} = [-0.549, 0.836]$$

**Now you have to encode this values in qubit.**

i.e. you have to find a degree **A** values such that “rotate” a qubit in such a way that it represents a vector in the dataset.



# Amplitude Encoding



$$\cos\alpha|0\rangle + \sin\alpha|1\rangle$$

So how to obtain this  $\alpha$ ?  
 **$\arctan(\sin\alpha/\cos\alpha)$**

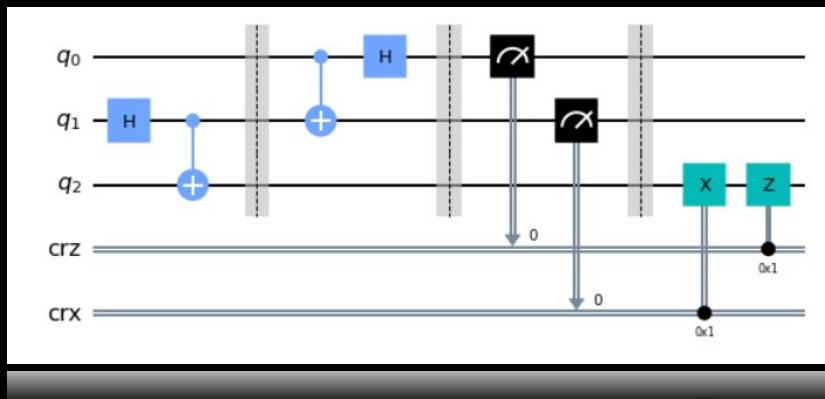


# Map in memory

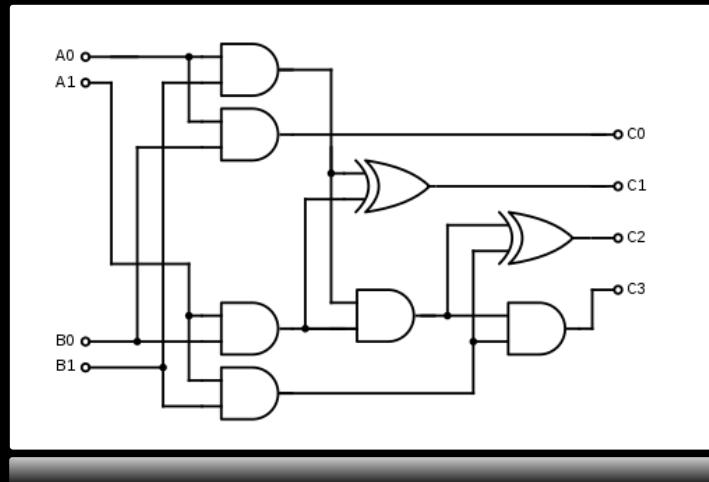
We said that:

Binary Multiplier

Quantum Teleportation



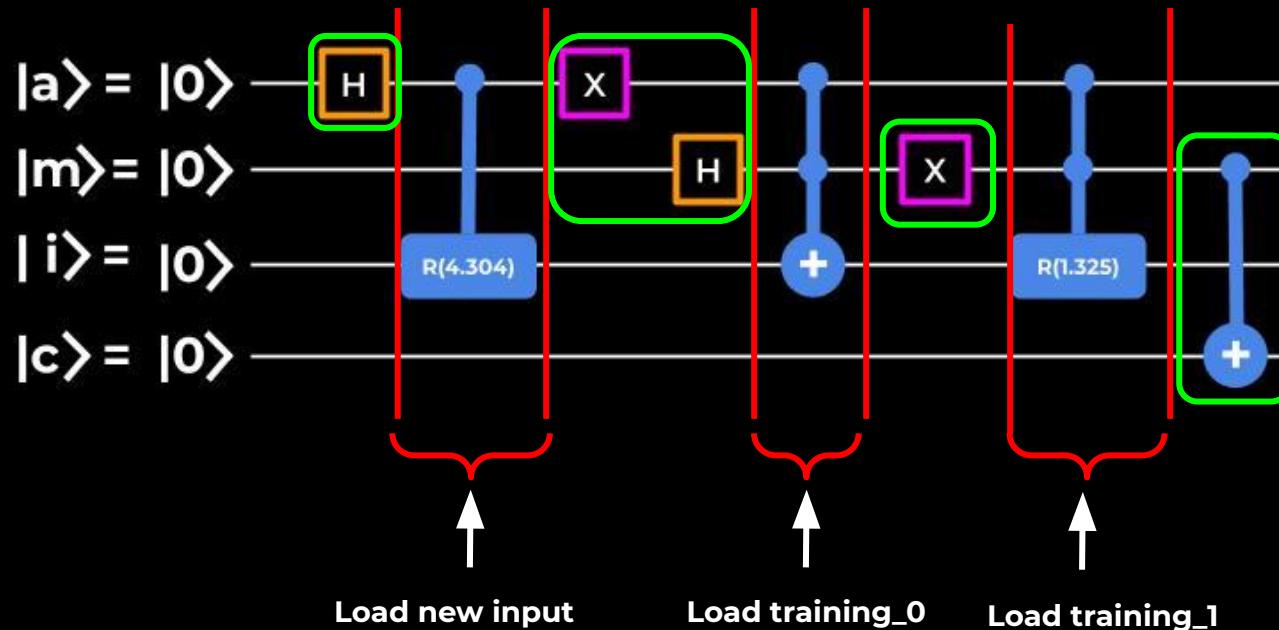
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They are at the same abstraction level → Lack of memory structures

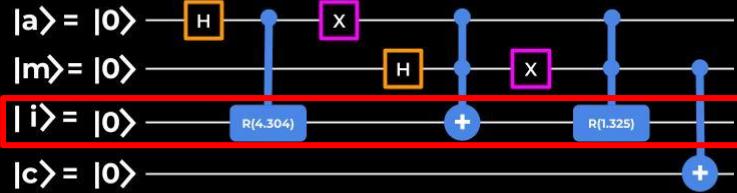
So, in our quantum circuit, we need also to map values in memory by hand!

# Map in memory

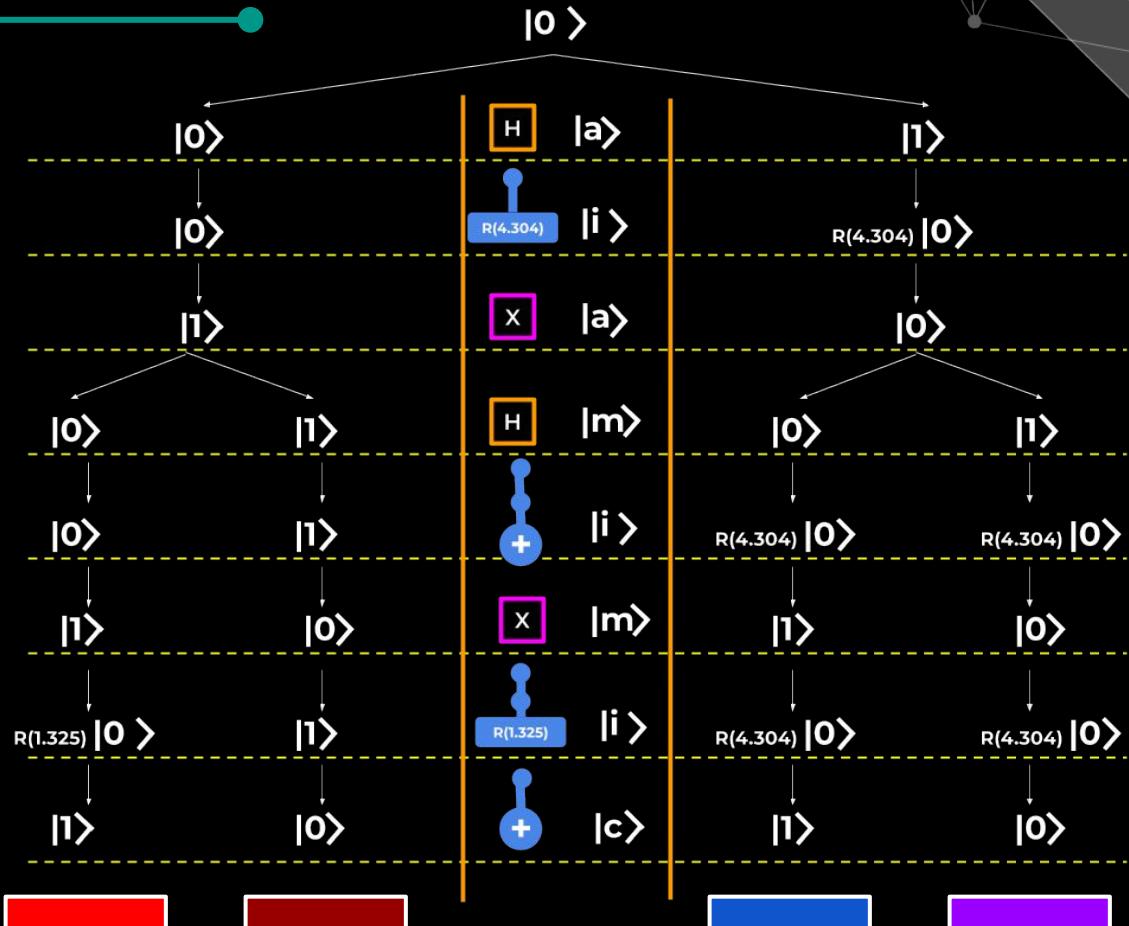


Let's try to visualize what is happening...

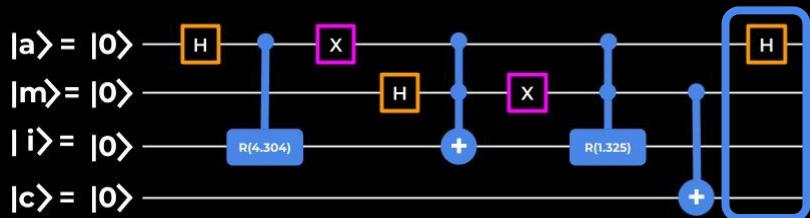
# Visual Quantum Tree - Encoding



$ a\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$
$ m\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$
$ i\rangle$	$R(1.325) 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$R(4.304) 0\rangle$	$R(4.304) 0\rangle$
$ c\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$	$ 1\rangle$	$ 0\rangle$



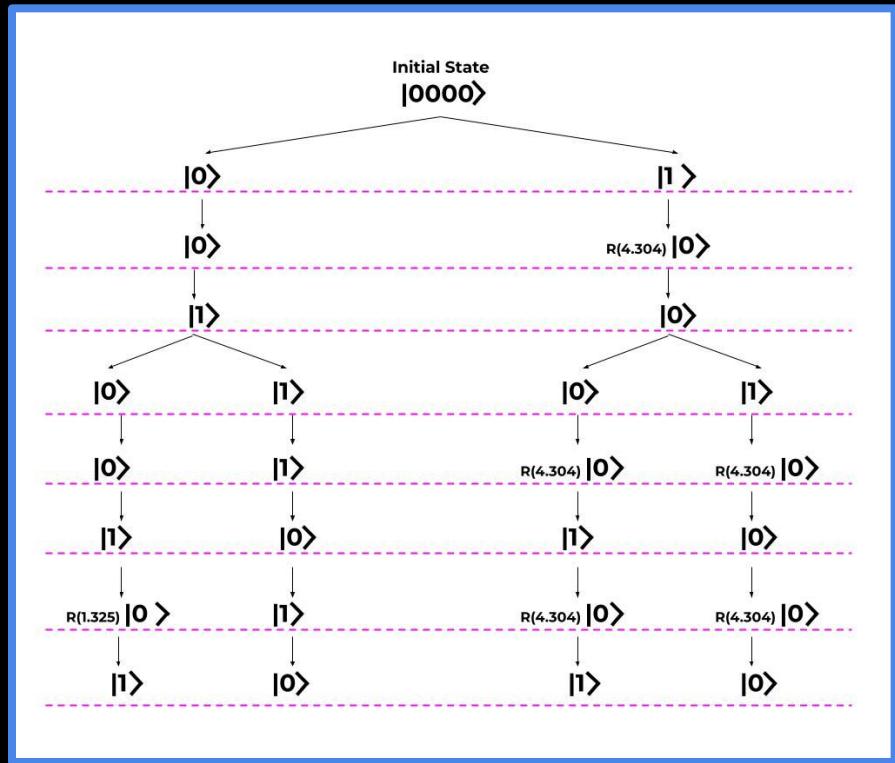
# Visual Quantum Tree - Computing



## The Hadamard Clashes/Compares:

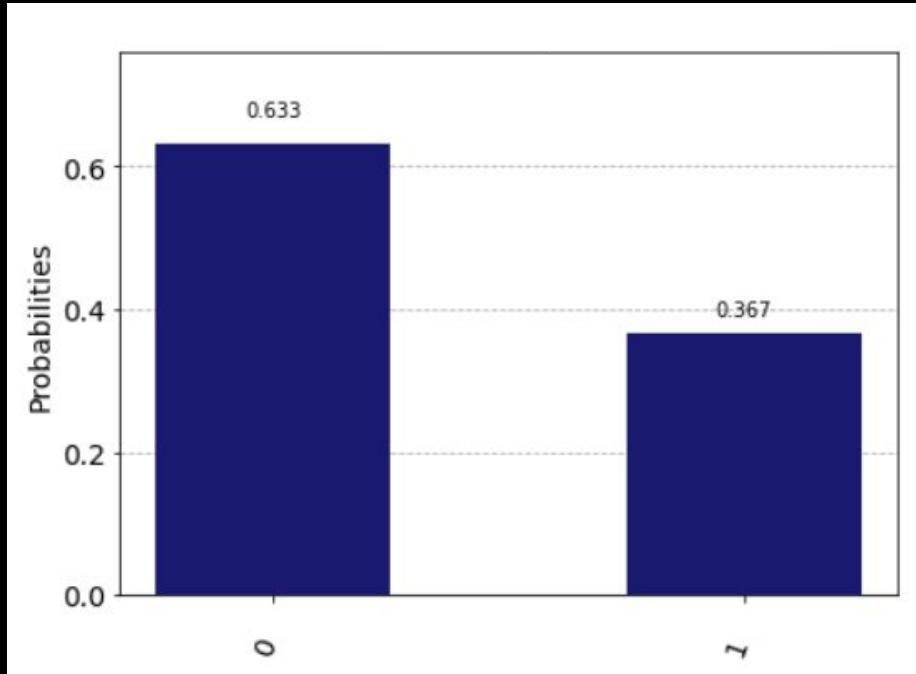
- Training\_0 and Test (class 0)
- Training\_1 and Test (class 1)

In one single shot!



The Hadamard Effect

# MEASUREMENT



**What does it mean?**

**Short Story**

The test belongs to class 0

**The truth:**

Running the algorithm 10 times:

- 6 times the algorithm classifies the test in class 0
- 4 times the algorithm classifies the test in class 1

## “ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD”

a.k.a. “Non è tutto oro ciò che luccica”



**Quantum Computers suffers from the “decoherence problem”**

- i.e. qubits gets corrupted very quickly



**The deeper the circuit, the more unreliable the qubits are.**

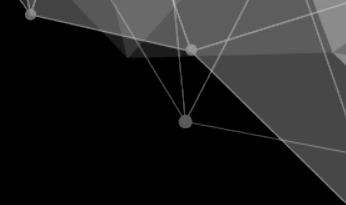
**The encoding phase “deeps” the circuit a lot → decoherence**

**Quantum Computing is 10 years away from a real use-case**

# BUT ...



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## OUR MISSION IS TO PREPARE THE GROUND FOR TOMORROW



**Because for sure:**

- The decoherence problem will be handled → Deeper circuits
- A Quantum Memory storage will be developed → No more quantum encoding phase

# Fields of Application



## Cryptography

Quantum computers have the potential to keep private communications safe from snoops.



## Medicine & Materials

Quantum Computer mimics the computing style of nature, allowing it to simulate, understand and improve upon natural things.



## Machine Learning

Research indicates that quantum computing could significantly accelerate machine learning and data analysis tasks.



## Searching Big Data

Quantum Computing can search the ever-growing amount of data being created, and locate connections within it, significantly faster than classical computers

# QUESTION

# TIME!



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