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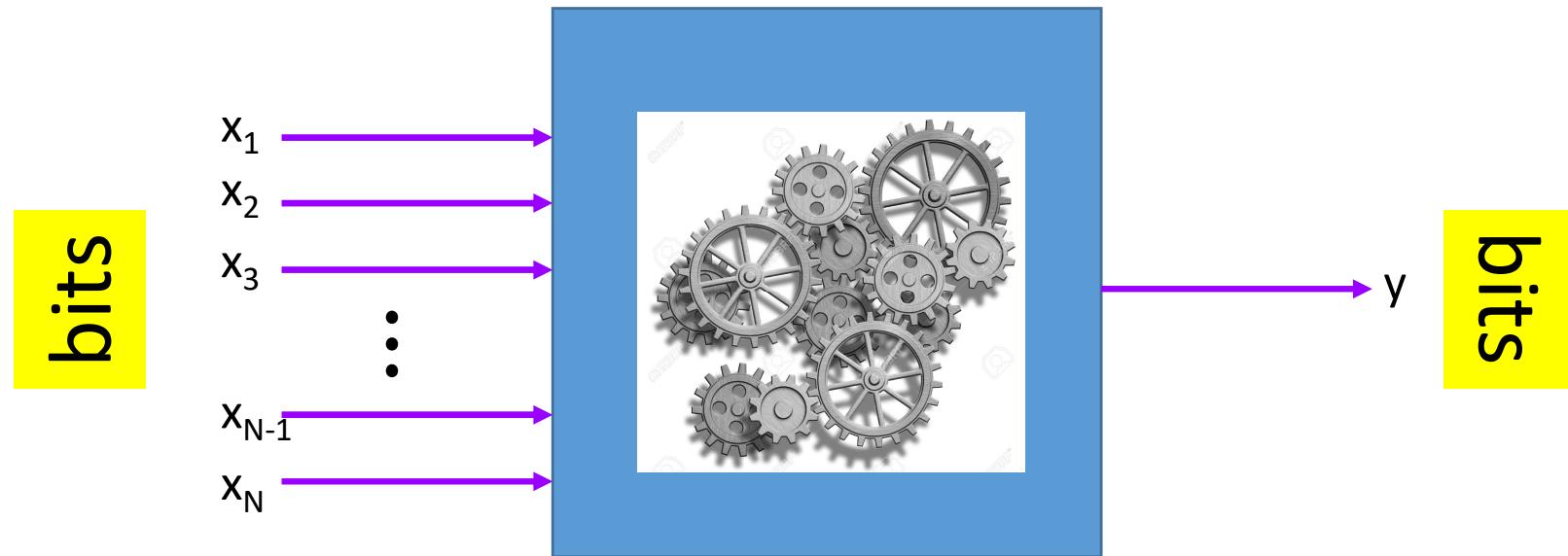
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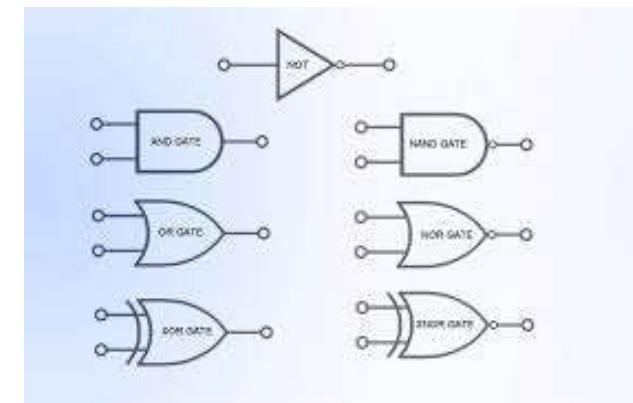


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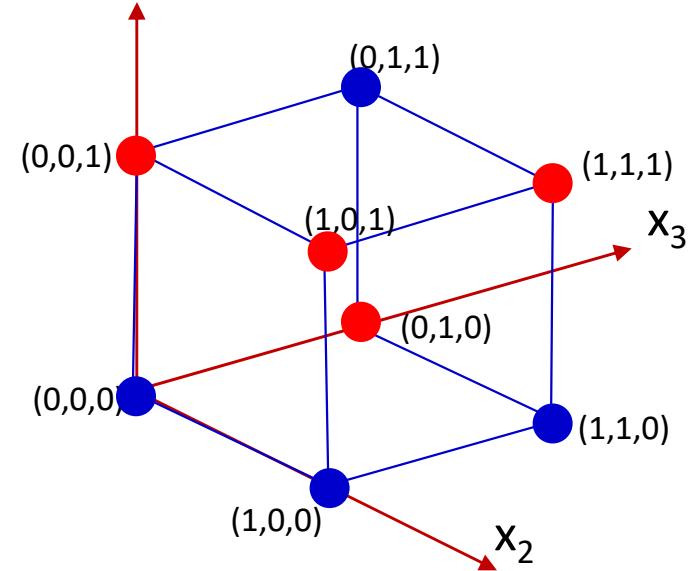
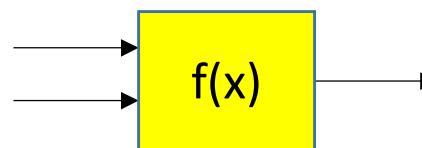
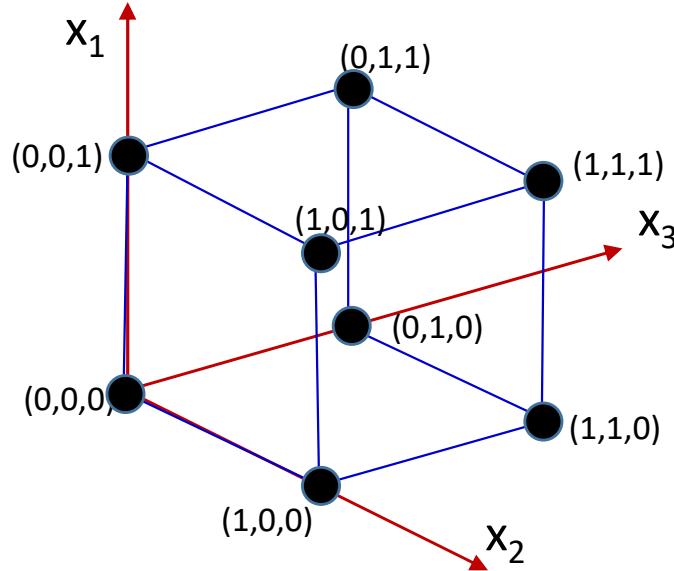
# Recap: A model for computation



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

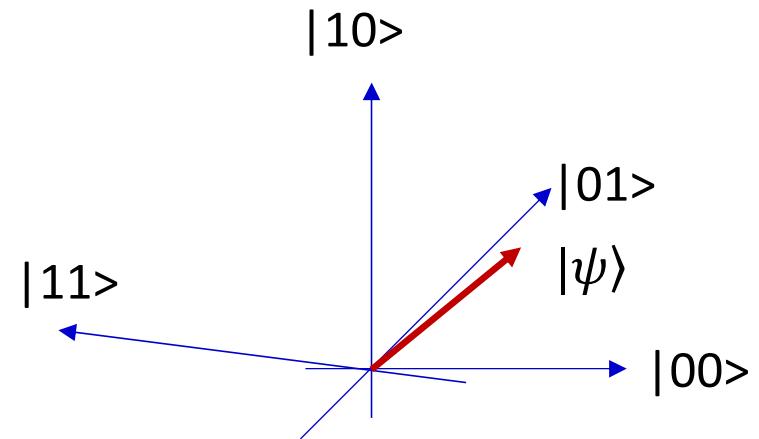
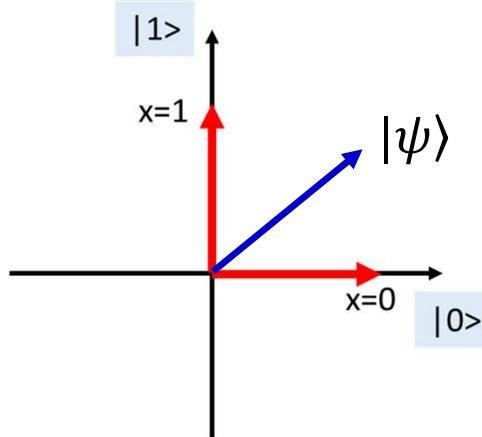


# Recap: Classical math



- 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

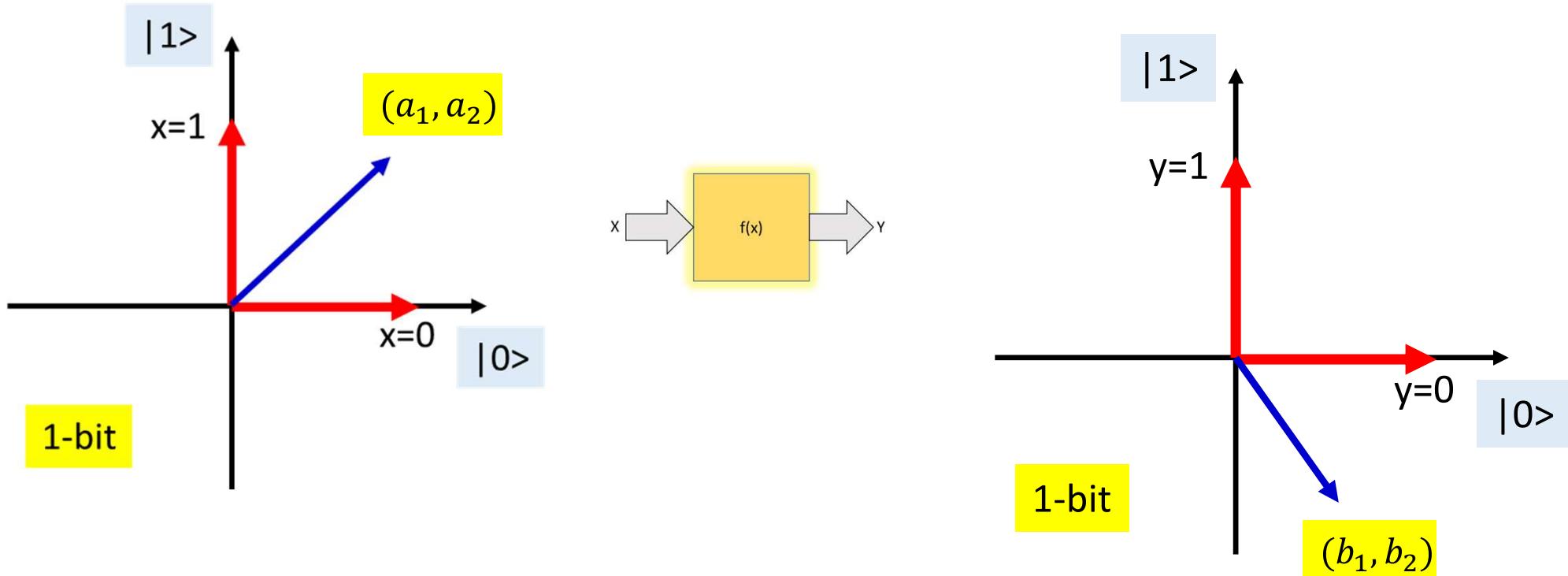
# Recap: A new binary math



Lame attempt at visualizing 4D

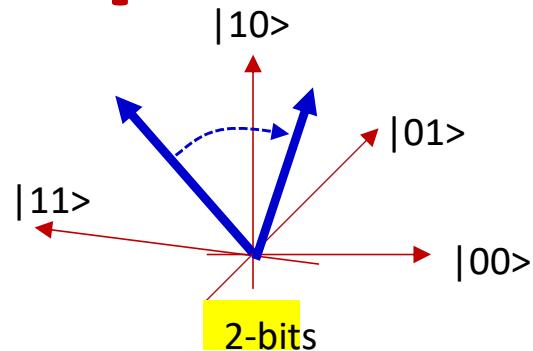
- *Bit patterns* now represent orthogonal directions
- An input is now a vector (a phasor) in this new space
  - And represents a linear combination of bit patterns
  - 1 bit:  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha_0|0\rangle + \alpha_1|1\rangle$
  - 2 bits:  $|\psi\rangle = \alpha_{00}|00\rangle + \alpha_{01}|01\rangle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

# Recap: The new “quantum” math



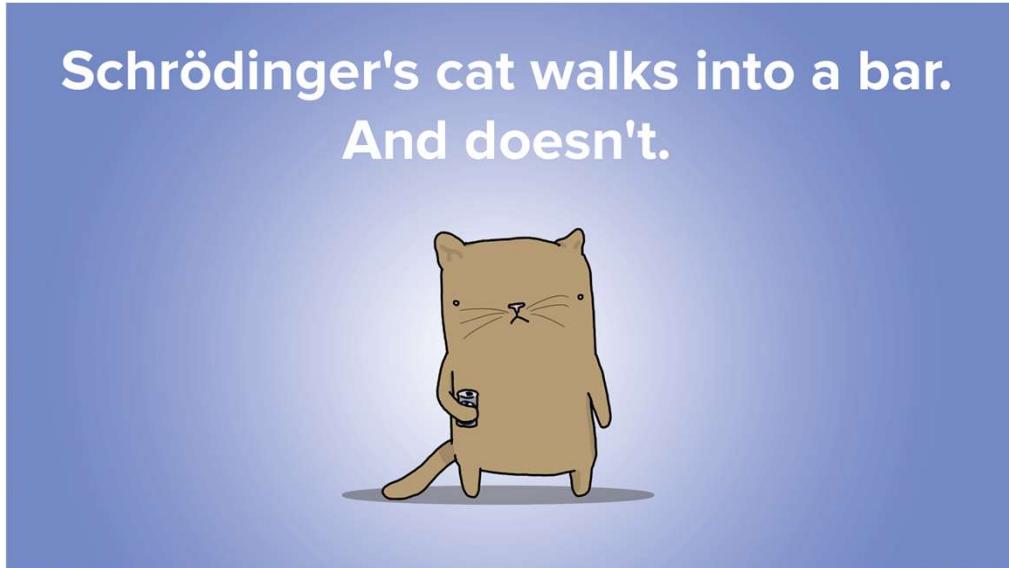
- An algorithm is now an operator that operates on the vector to produce another vector
  - Can now compute the output for *all* bit patterns in a single evaluation step
- Caveats – the operator must be:
  - Linear
  - Invertible
  - And not increase the length of the vector (i.e. it must be a rotation)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

# 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

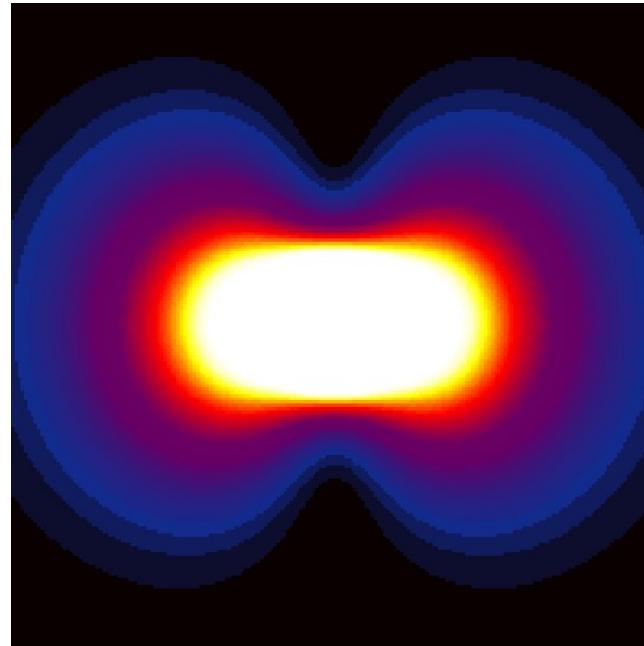
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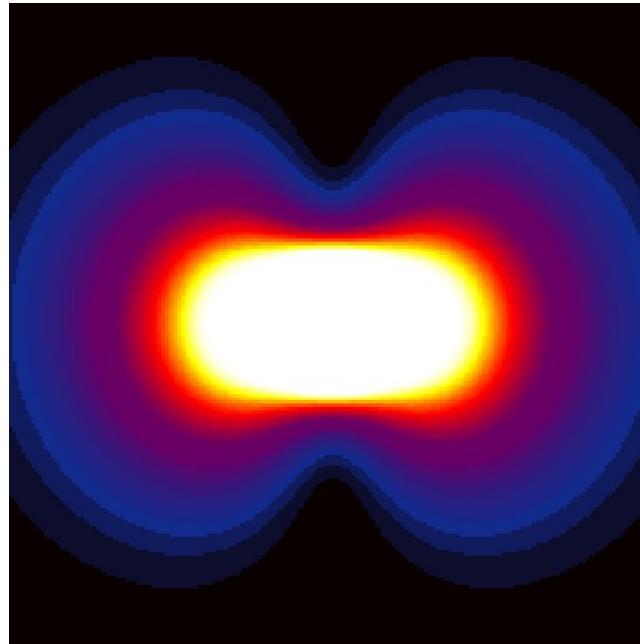
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- A hydrogen molecule consists of two atoms sharing two electrons
- Consider one of these electrons
  - Where is it at any time? Around which nucleus in particular?

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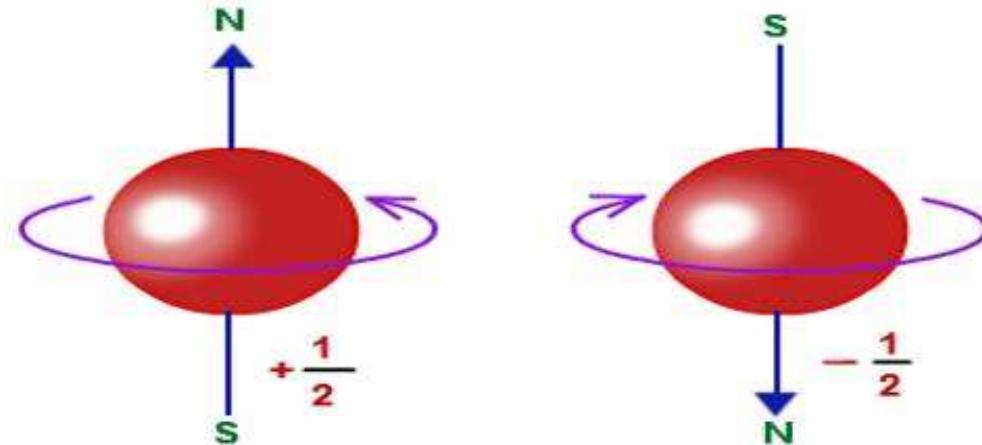


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# The spin of an electron

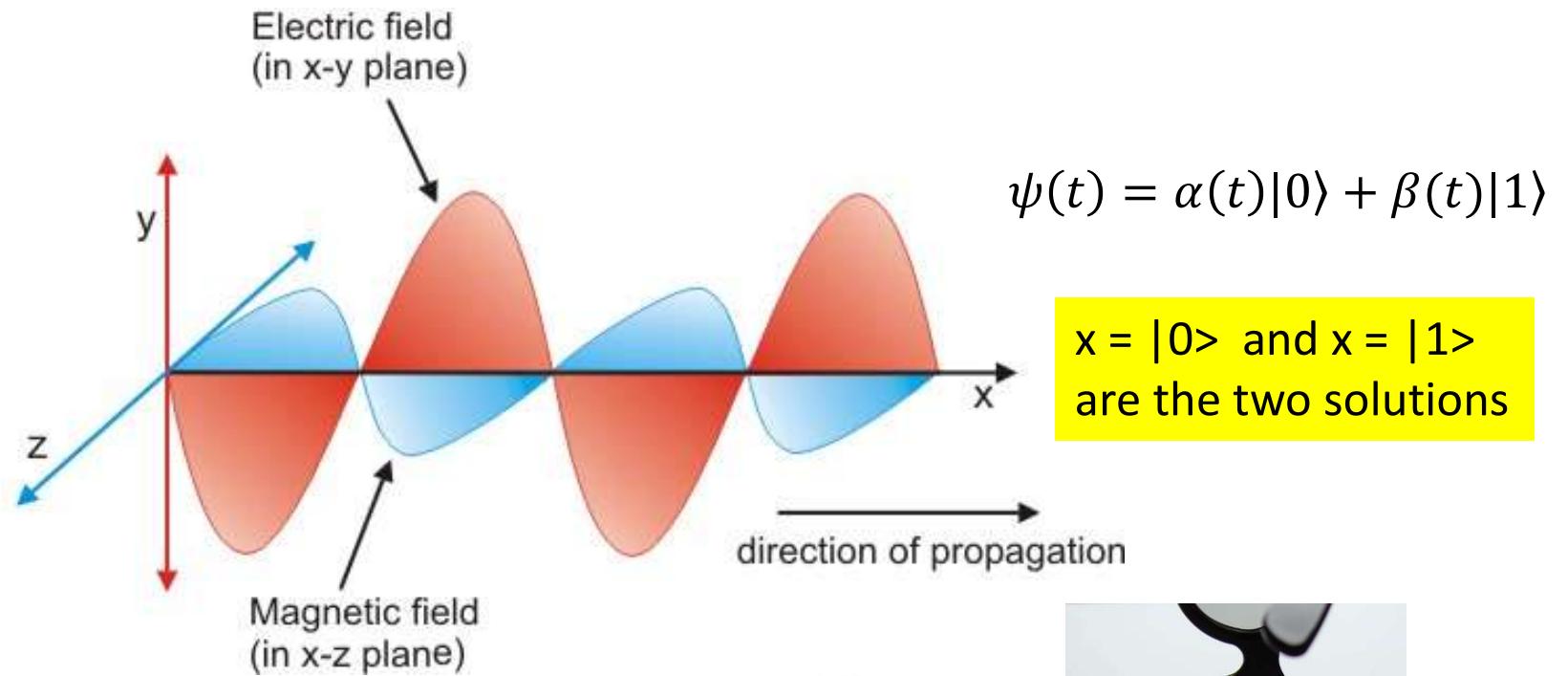


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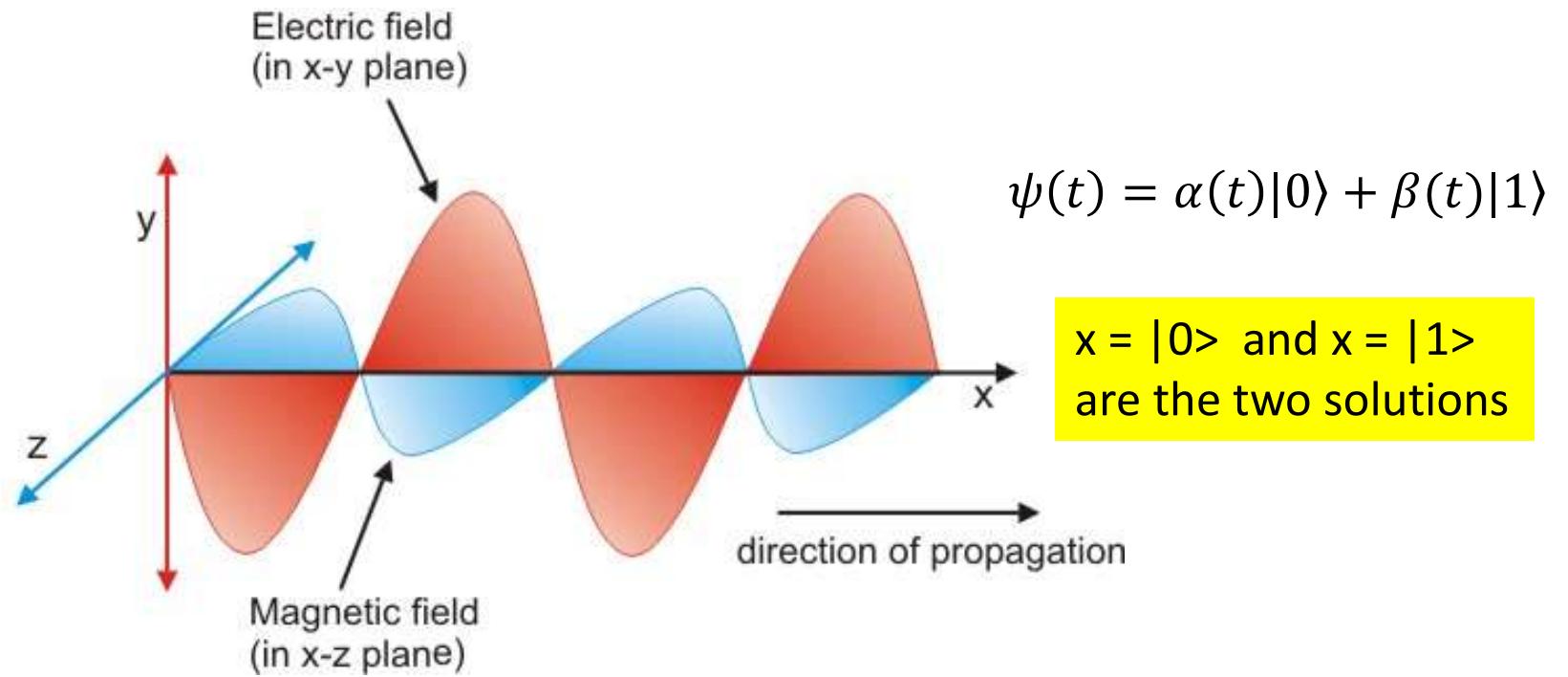
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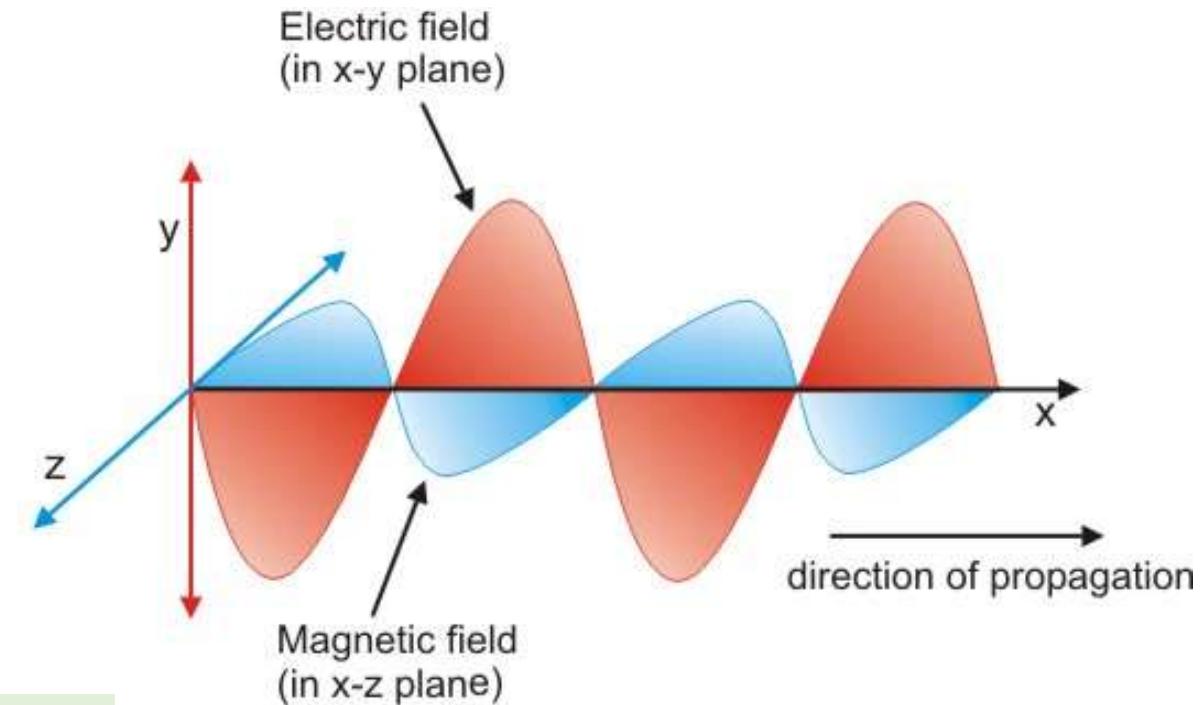
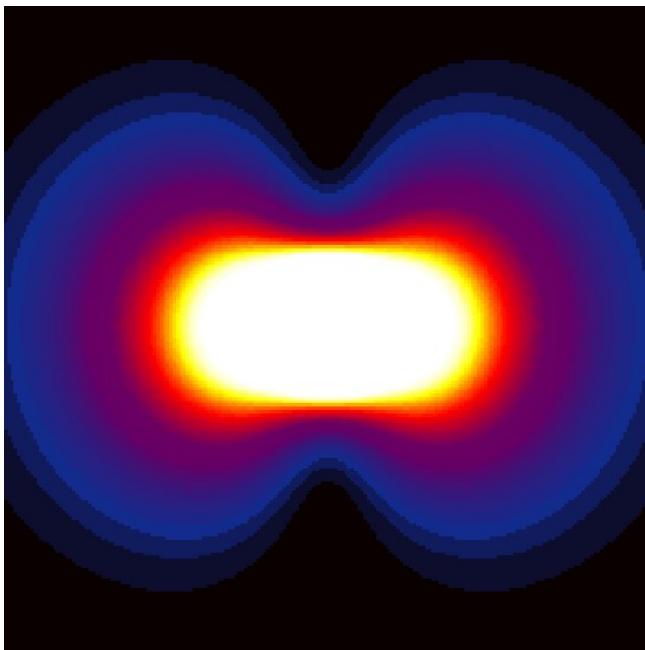
- How do polarizing glasses work?
  - Send through the component of the E/M fields that are aligned with the polarizer

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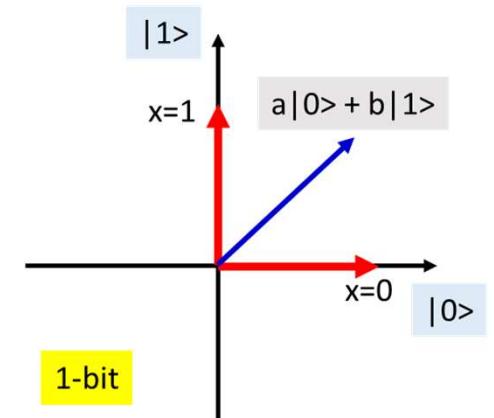
- The light actually exists in both polarizations at the same time
  - *It is in a superposition of both polarizations*
- The polarizing glass ‘observes’ (or *measures*) the photons, and they end up as one or the other

# Quantum systems

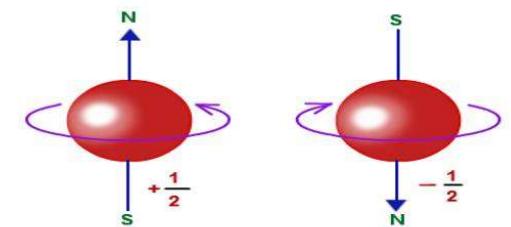
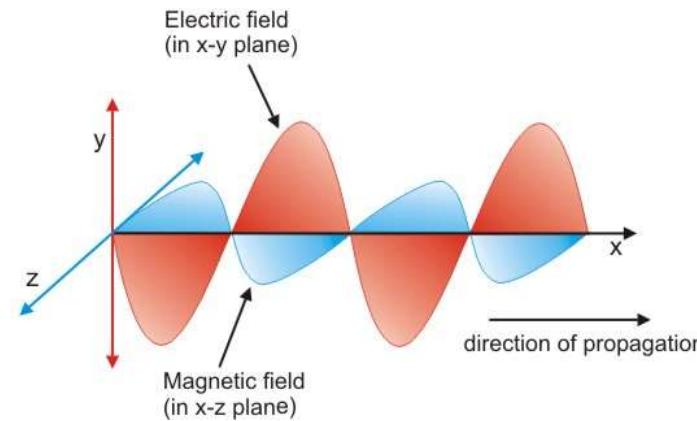
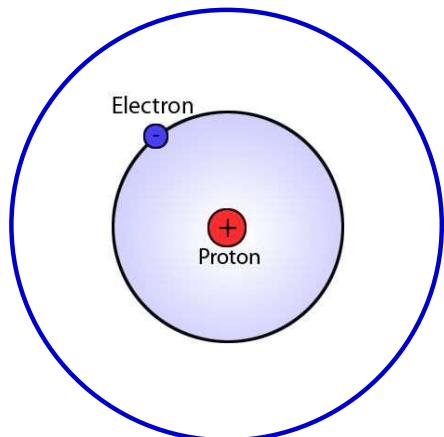


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- Quantum systems naturally exist in a superposition of multiple values
  - If we assign each value to a bit value (or bit pattern), we get a quantum computing platform

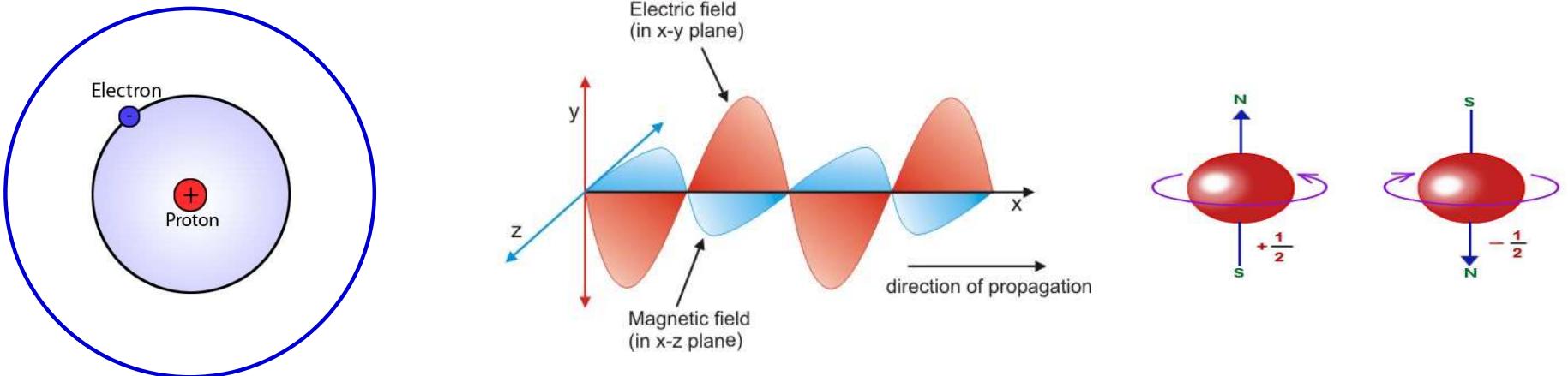


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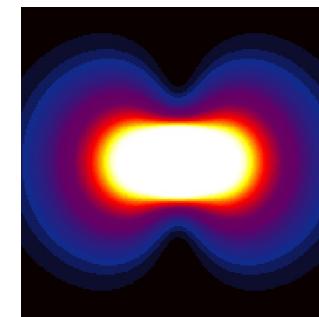
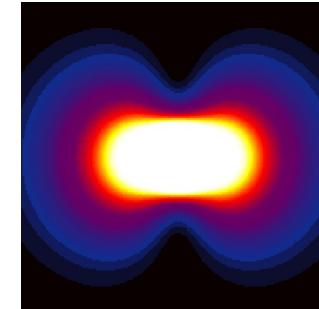
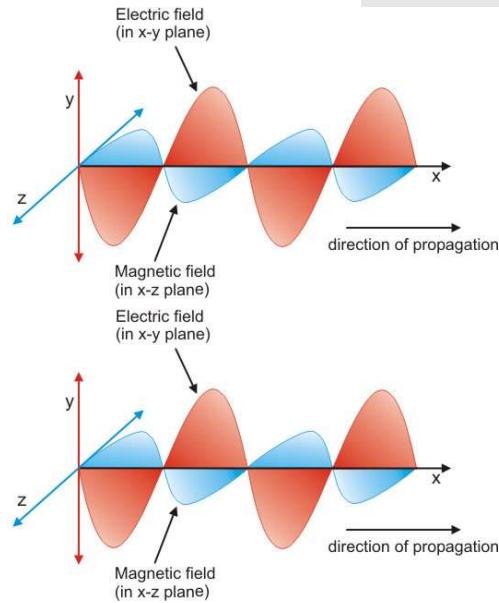
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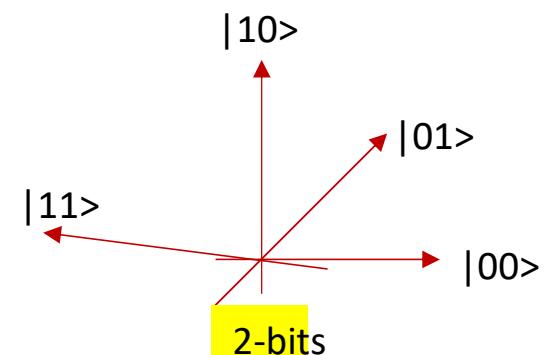
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- Use quantum physics
  - Derived from Schrodinger's equation:  $i\hbar \frac{d}{dt} |\psi(t)\rangle = 2\pi H |\psi(t)\rangle$ 
    - Every particle is a wave that exists in all states  $|\psi(t,x)\rangle$  simultaneously
    - $|\psi(t,x)\rangle|^2$  = 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

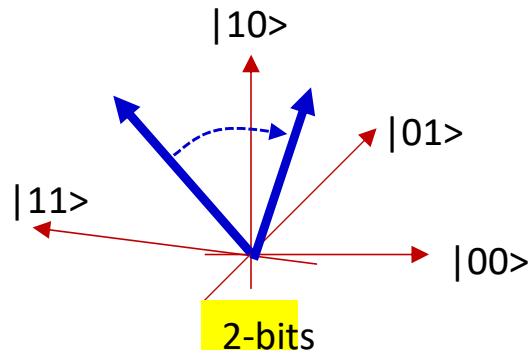
$$a|00\rangle + b|01\rangle + c|10\rangle + d|11\rangle$$



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

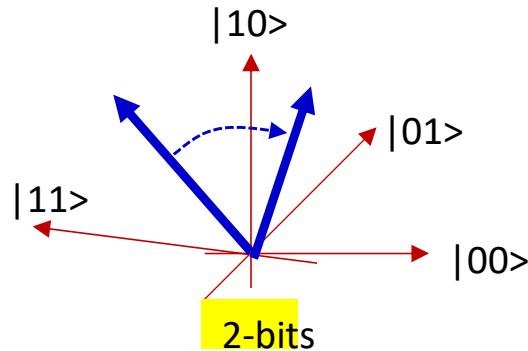


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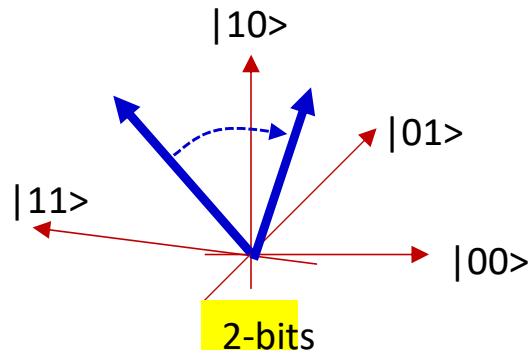
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But first you must design the functions (we will see how)

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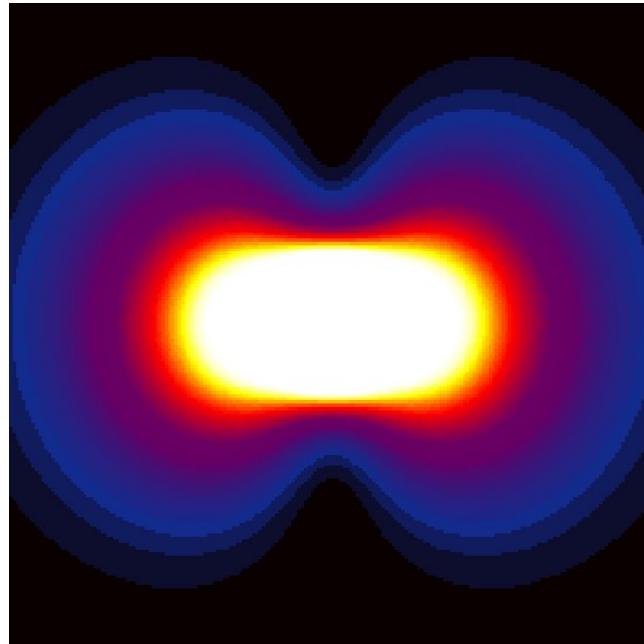
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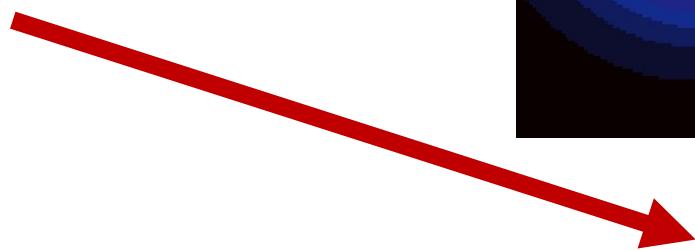
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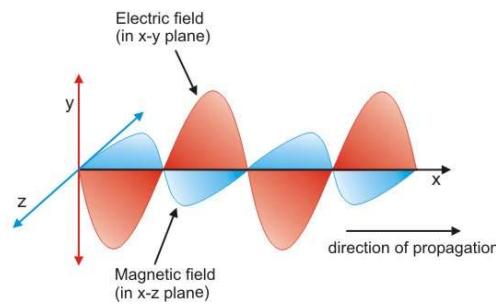
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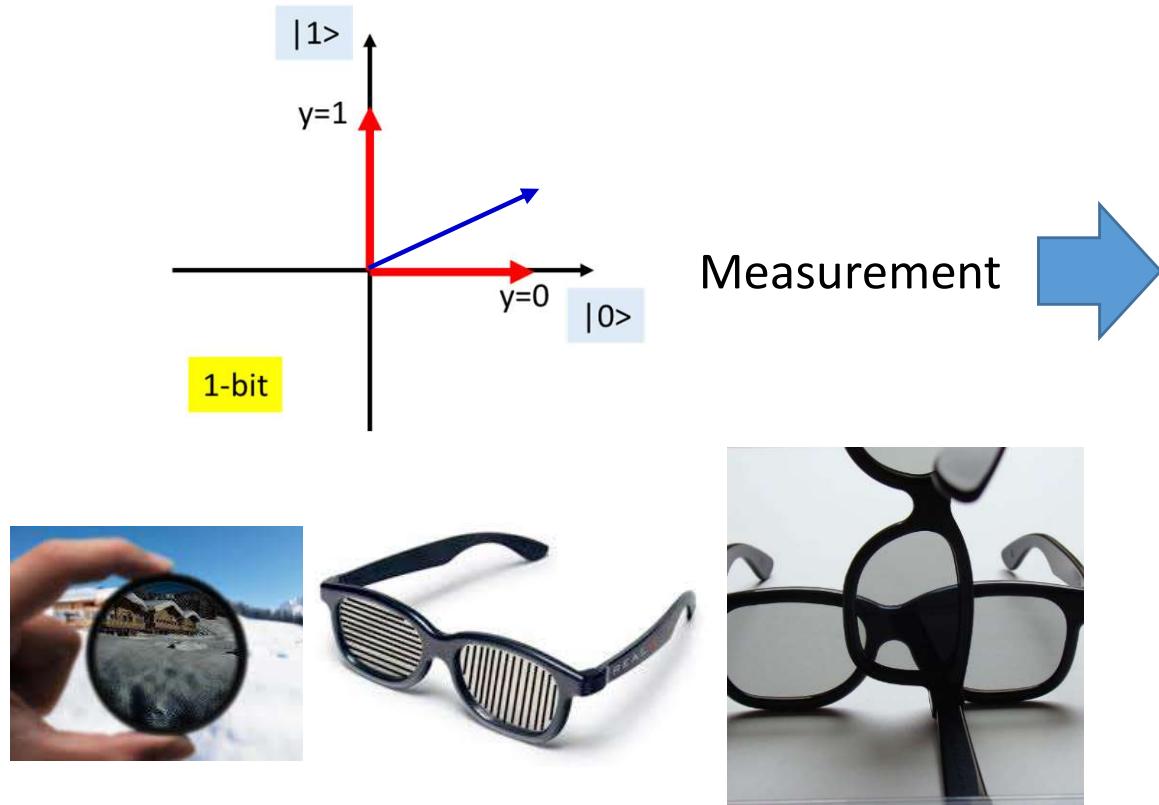
# The problem with measurement

- Reality Doesn't Exist Until We Measure It, Quantum Experiment Confirms
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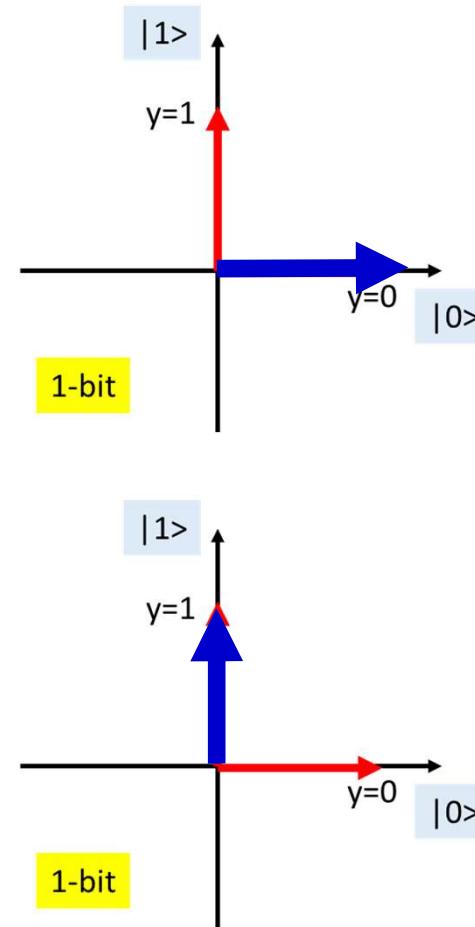


- Measuring a quantum variable “collapses” it

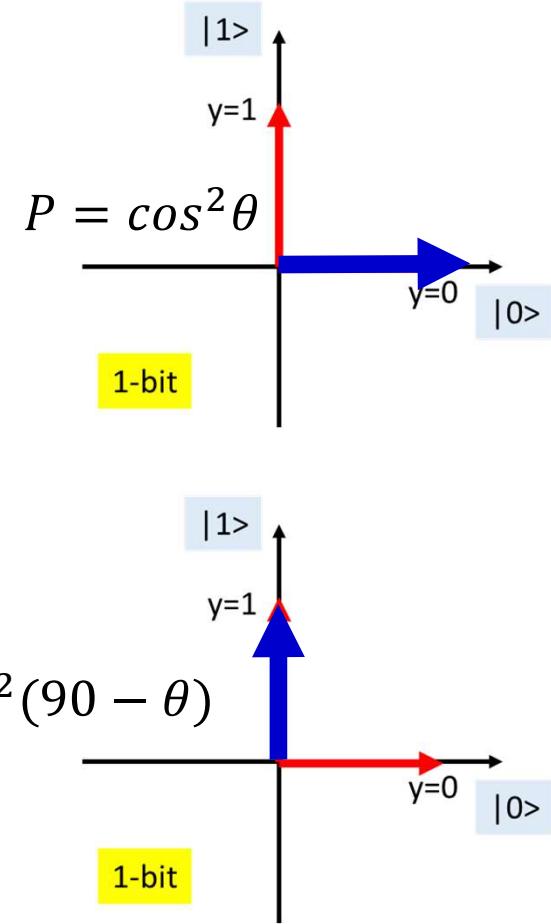
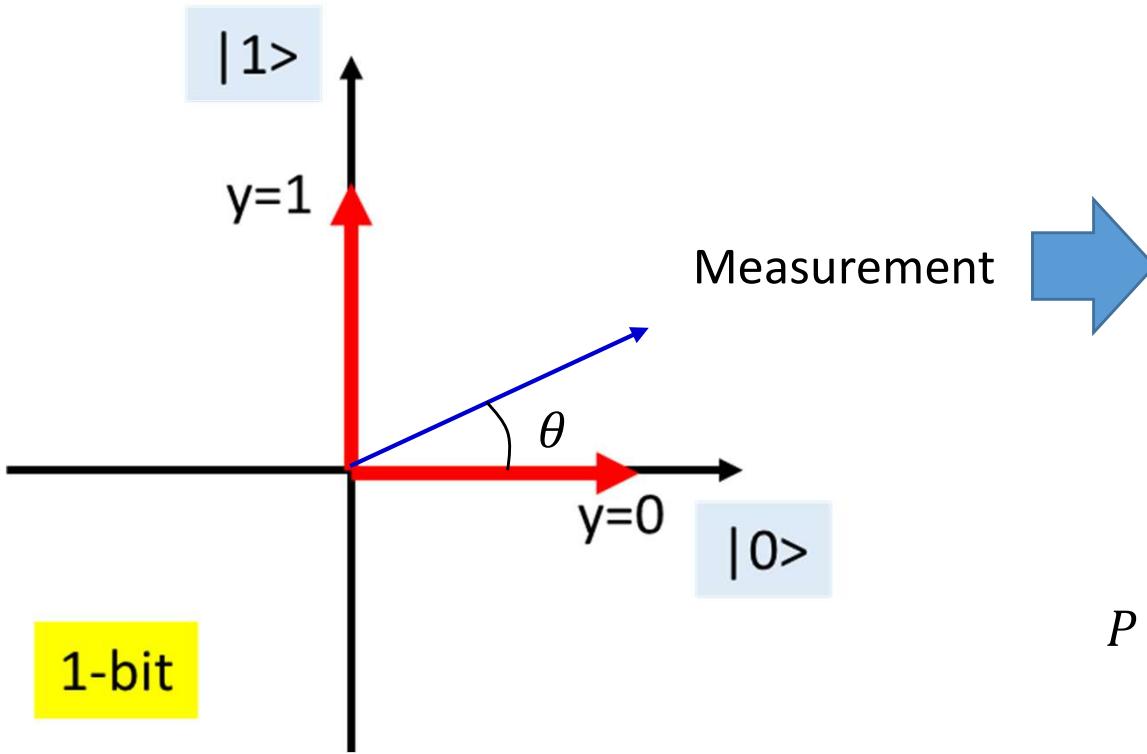
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- Measuring the output *collapses* the vector to one of the states
  - Bit pattern
- Which one



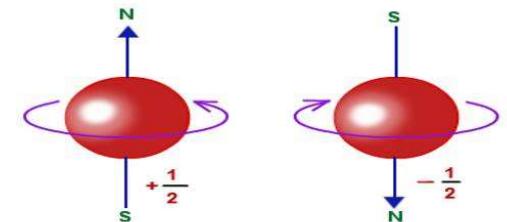
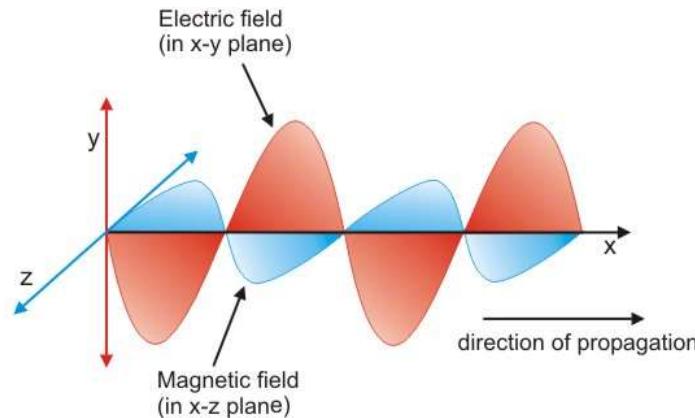
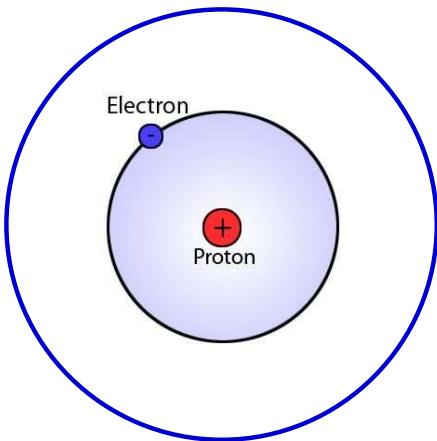
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You can never observe the superposed state  
Any attempt at observation will show up as one state or the other!  
"collapsing"

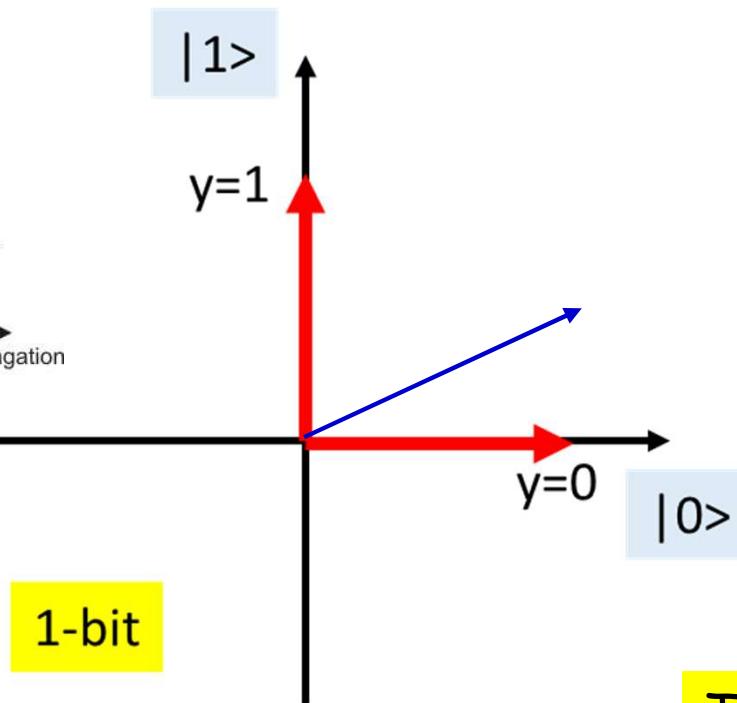
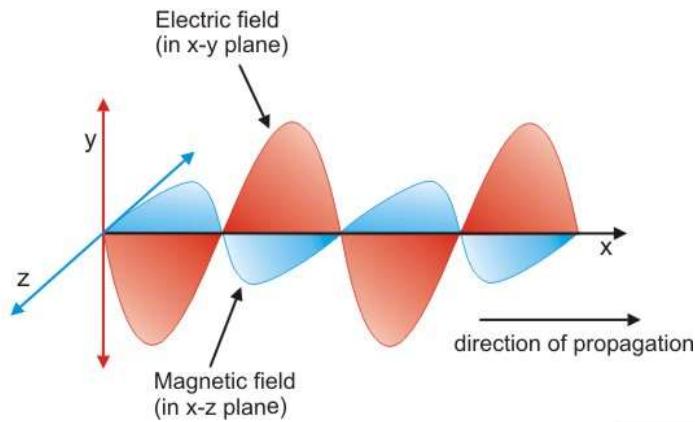
The probability of 'collapsing' to a state depends on the angle of the 'phasor' (the superposed state)

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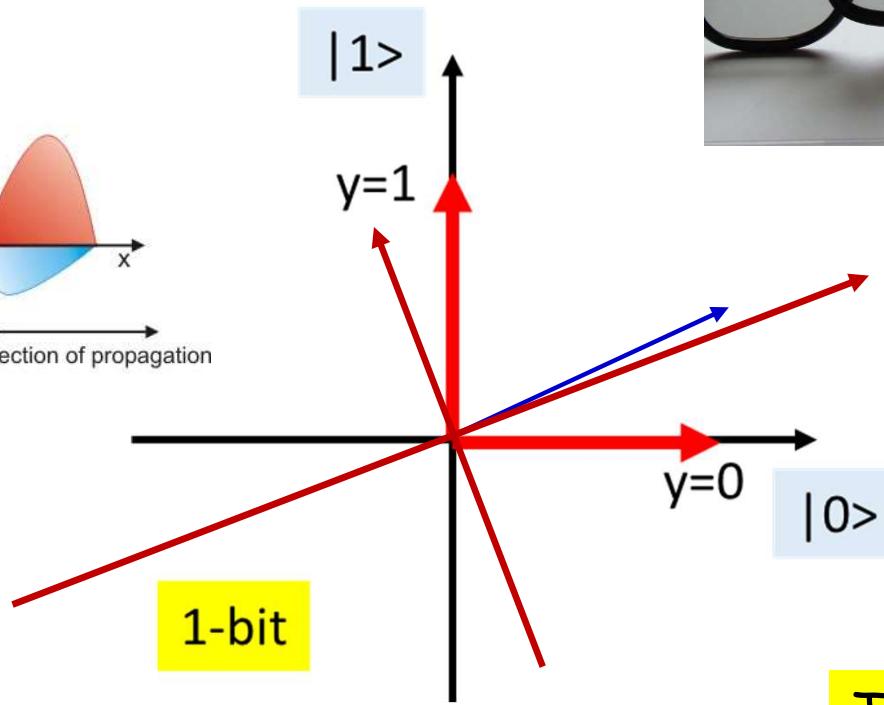
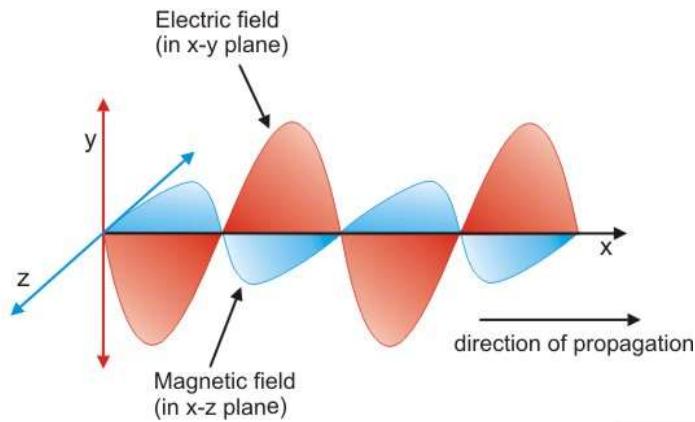


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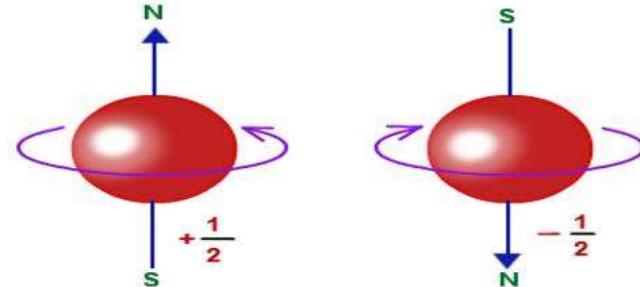
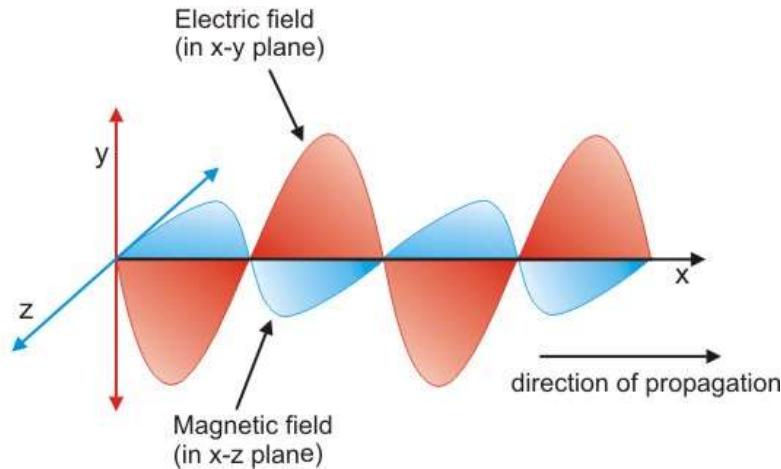
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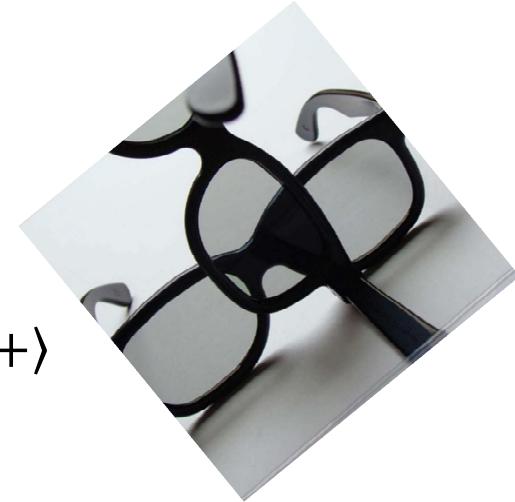
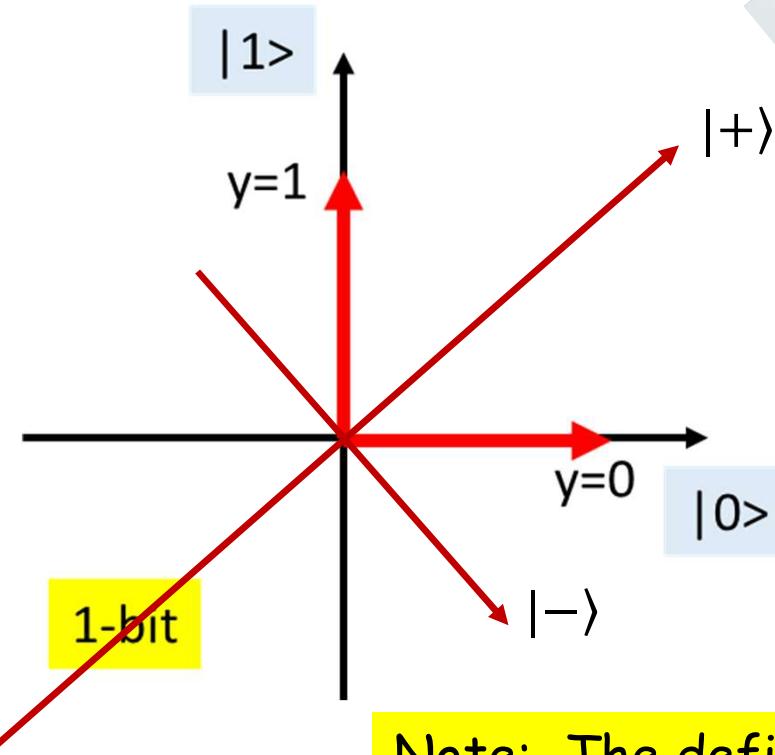
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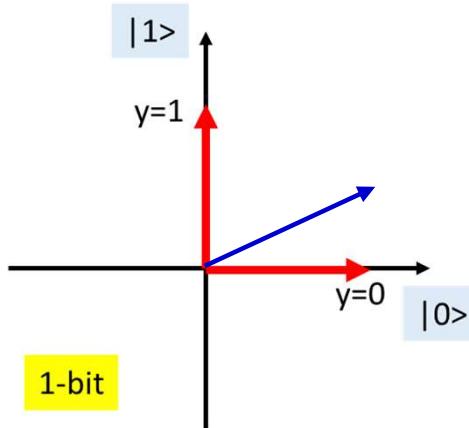
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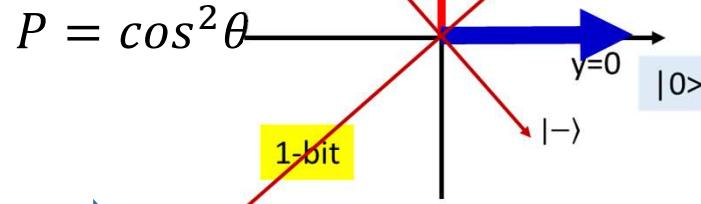
You can have multiple bases  
Designate one as  
"canonical" and the  
rest are oriented w.r.t it

The plus/minus bases are commonly invoked

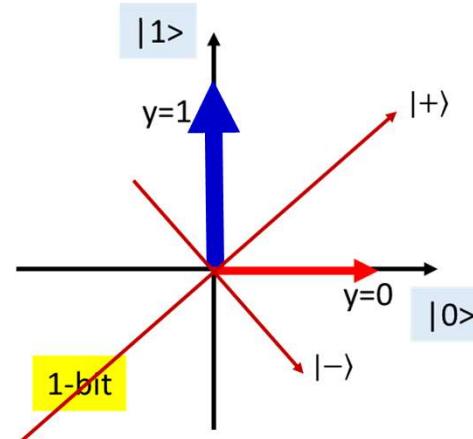
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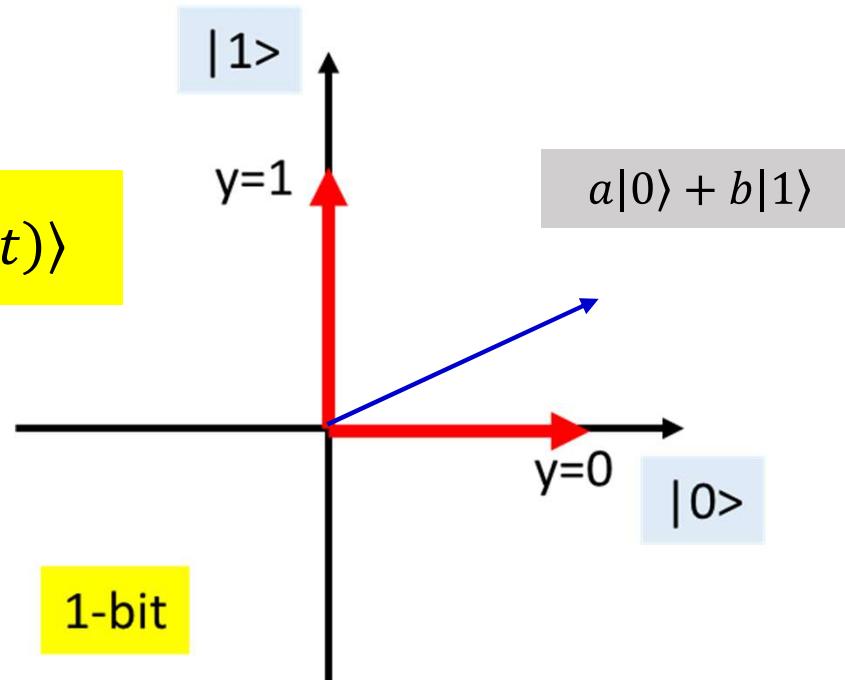
$$P = \cos^2(90 - \theta)$$



- 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

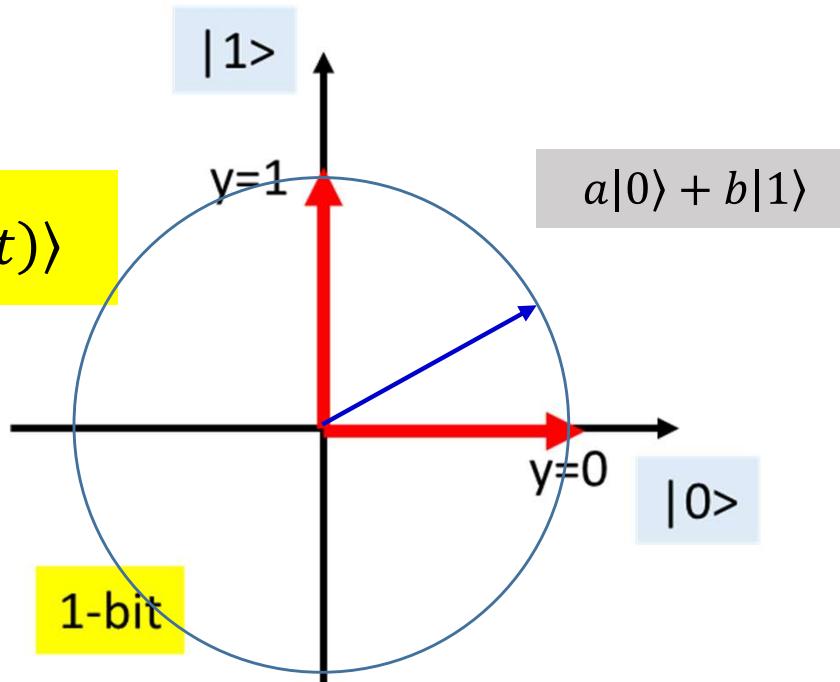
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- The “weights”  $a$  and  $b$  are actually complex variables
  - Because Schroedinger’s equation describes them as complex
- This simple visualization is *wrong*
  - It’s missing two dimensions
    - The imaginary components of  $a$  and  $b$

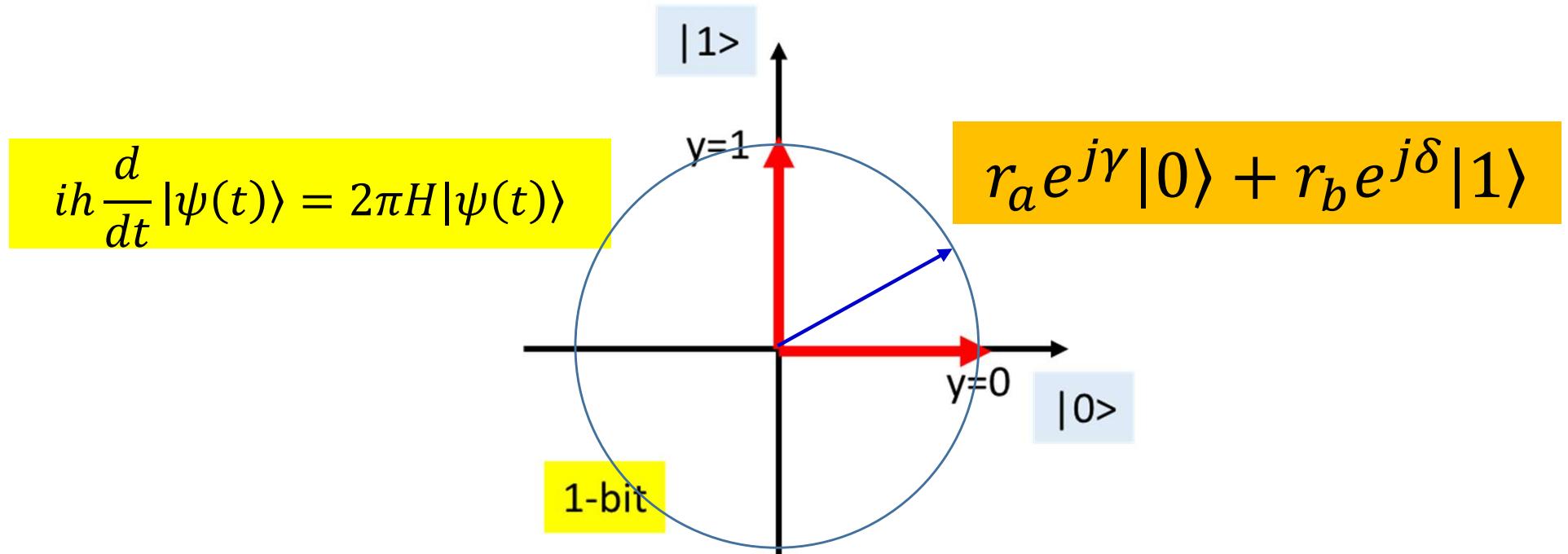
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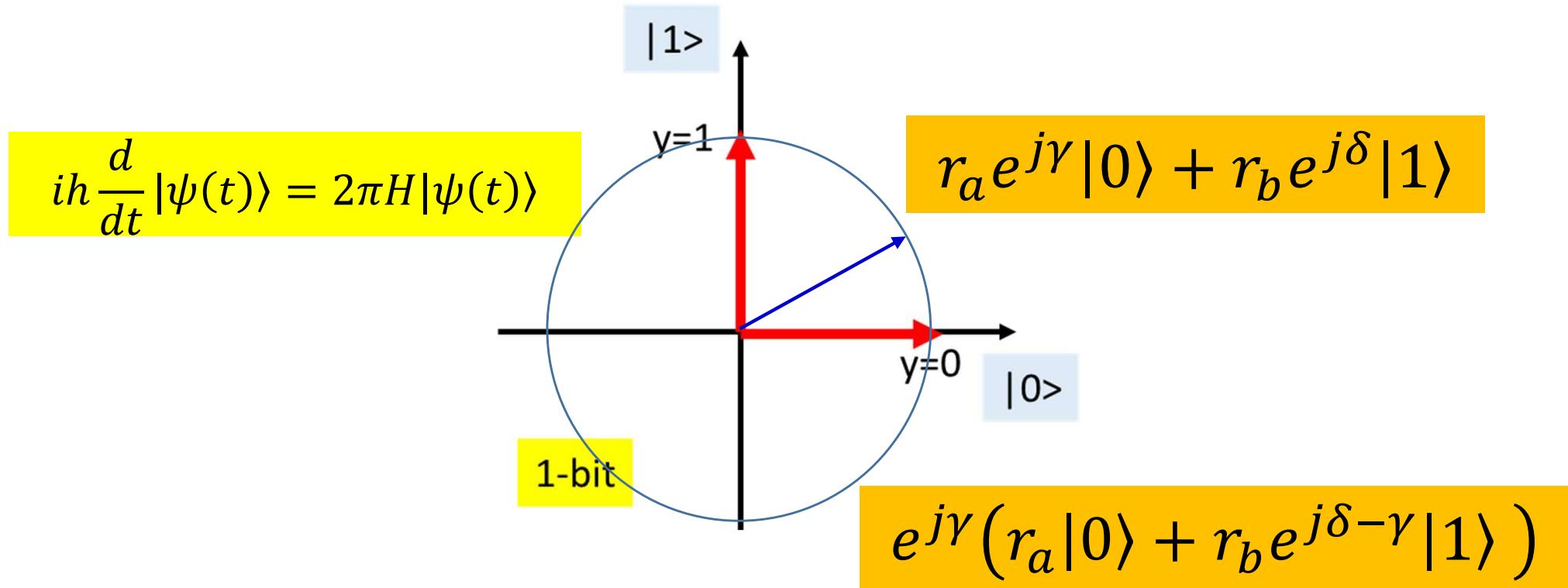
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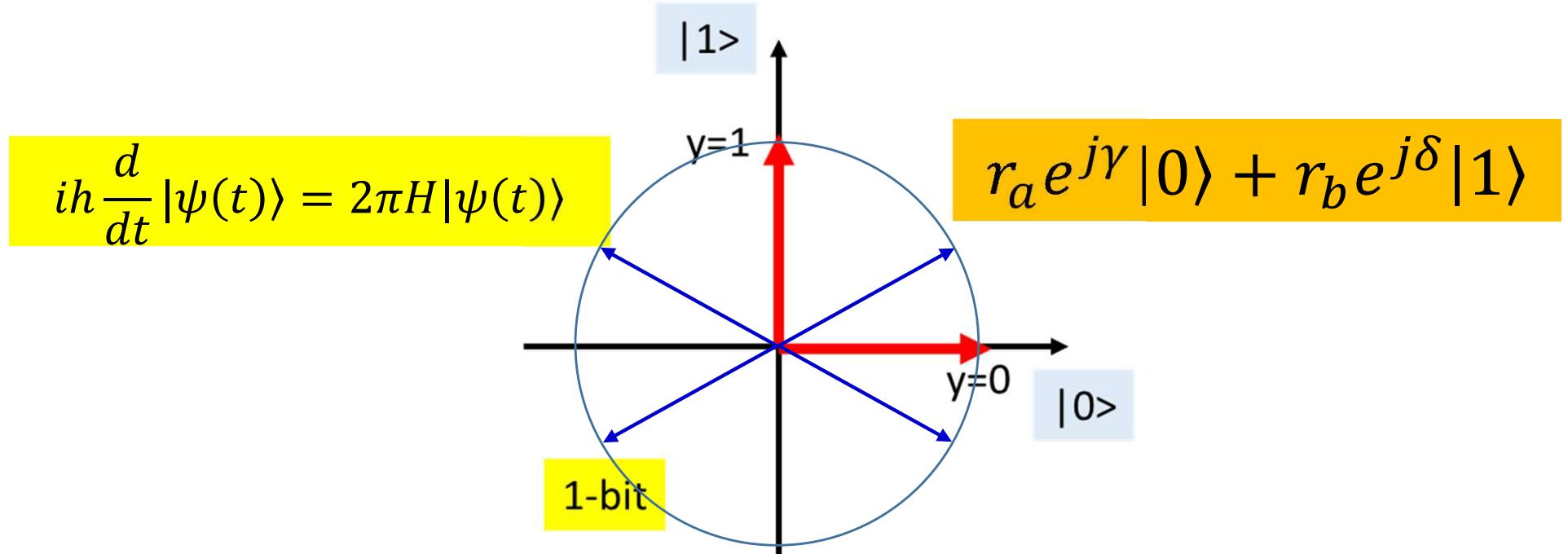
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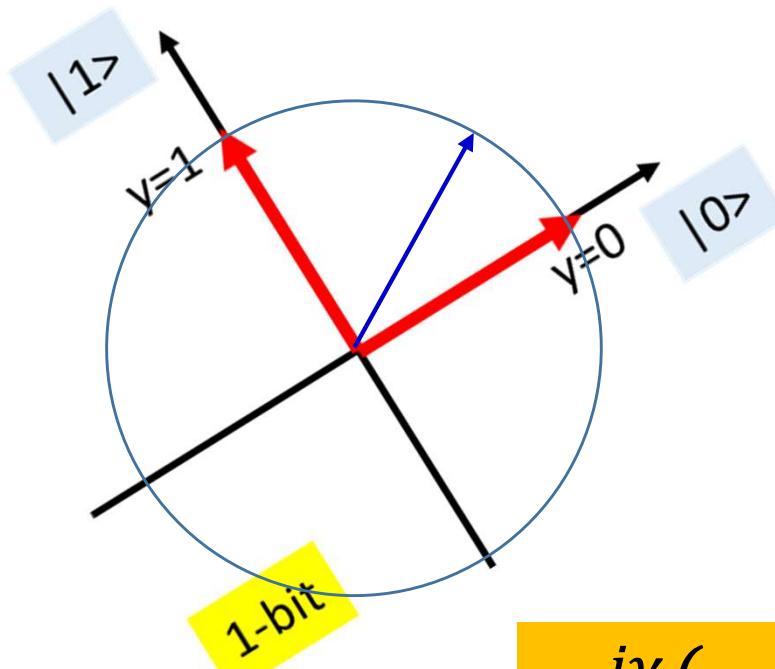
- $|a|^2 + |b|^2 = 1$ 
  - The qubits live on the surface of a hypersphere
- $P(|0\rangle) = |a|^2, P(|1\rangle) = |b|^2$
- $a = r_a e^{j\gamma}, b = r_b e^{j\delta}$ 
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# Something odd



- 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

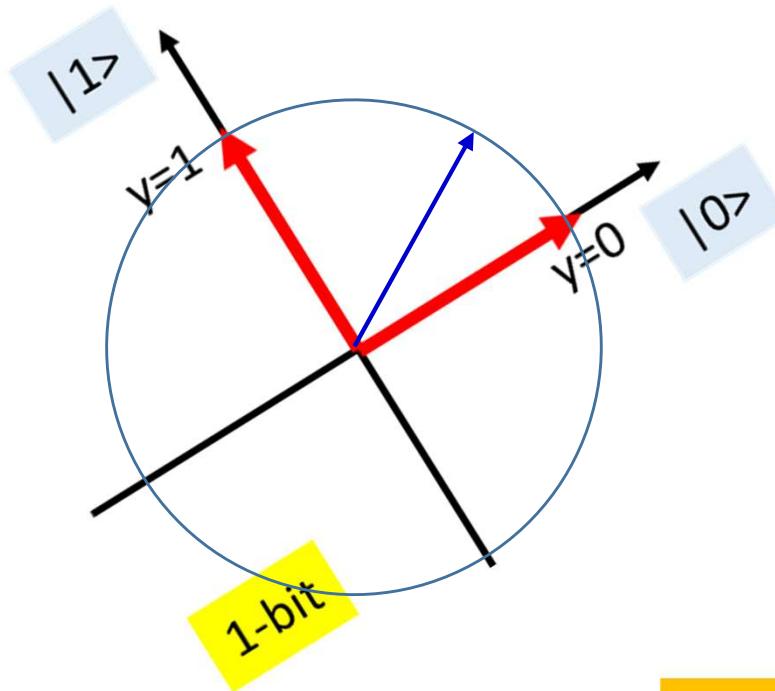
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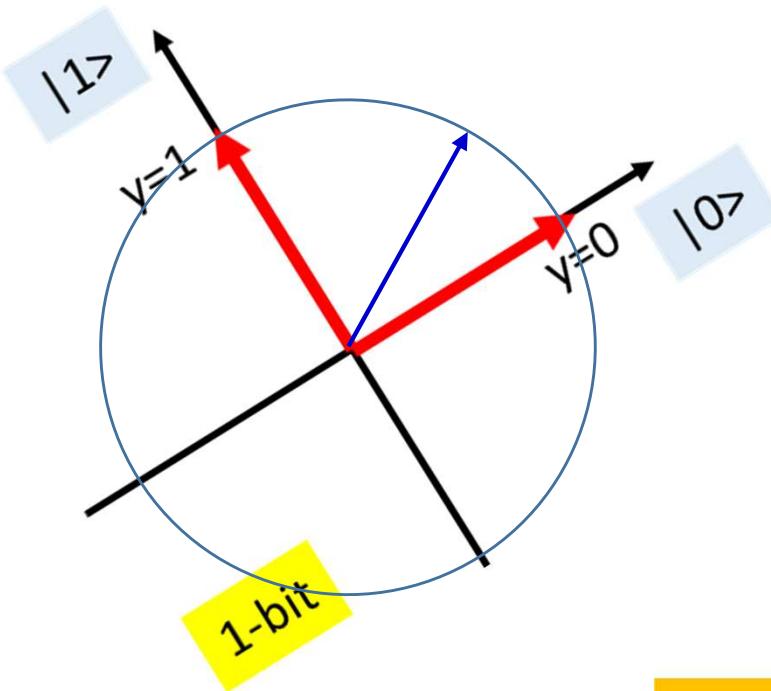
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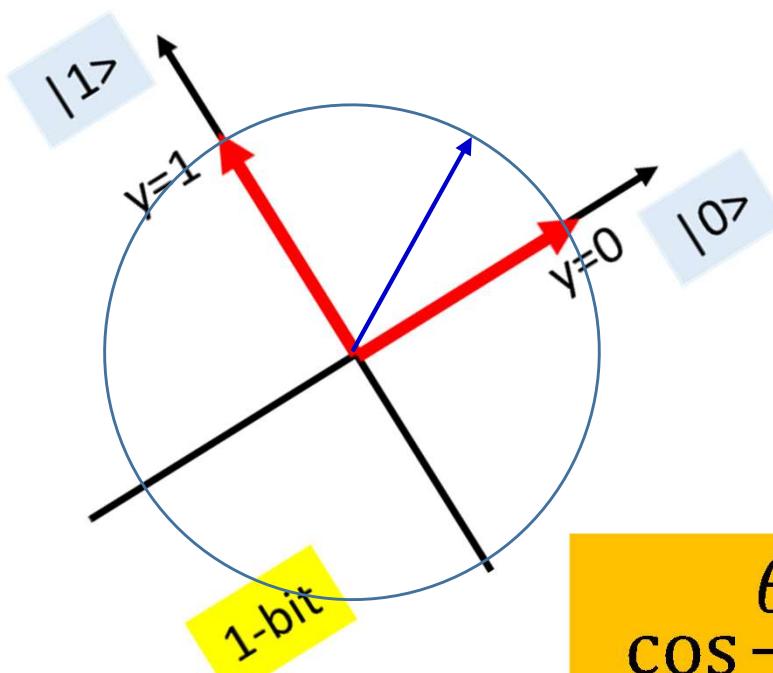
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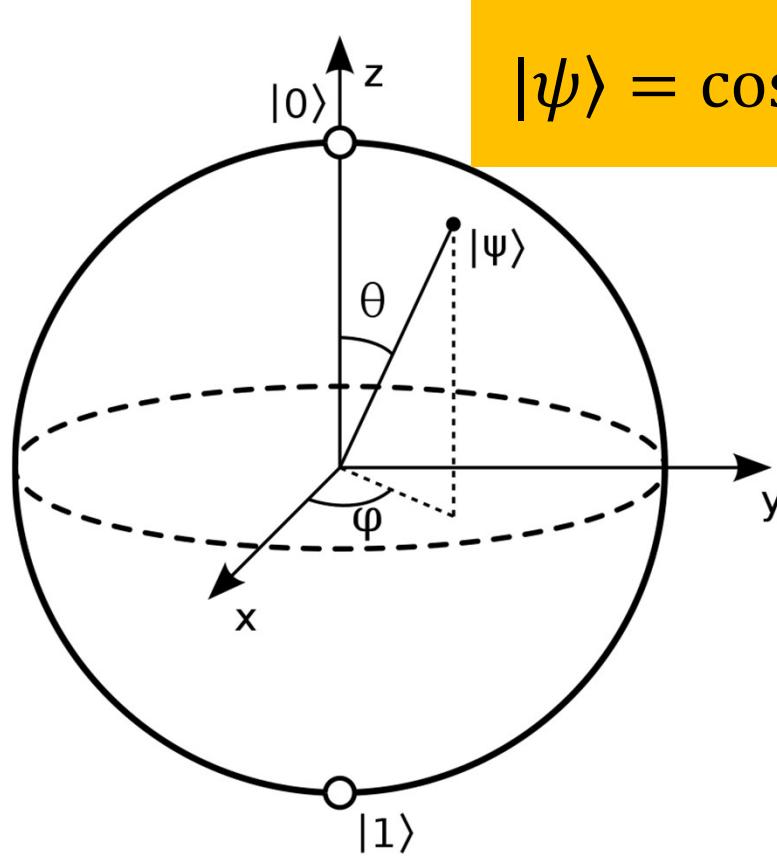
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$$\cos \frac{\theta}{2} |0\rangle + \sin \frac{\theta}{2} e^{j\phi} |1\rangle$$

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

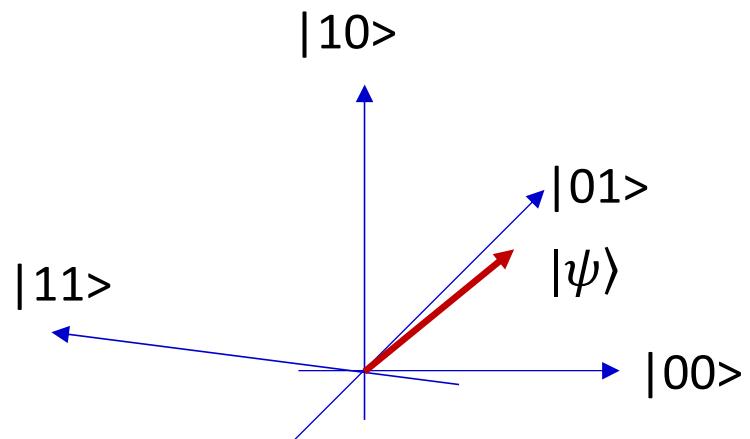
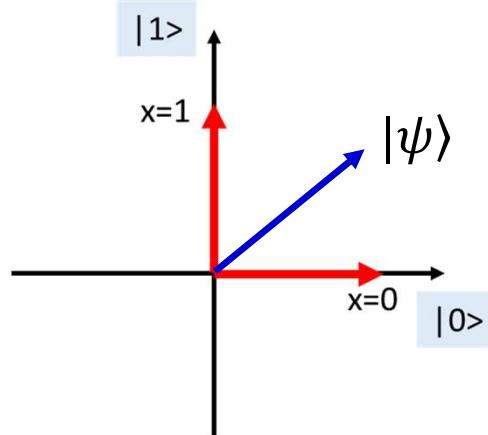
# The Bloch Sphere



$$|\psi\rangle = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}|0\rangle + \sin\frac{\theta}{2}e^{j\phi}|1\rangle$$

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

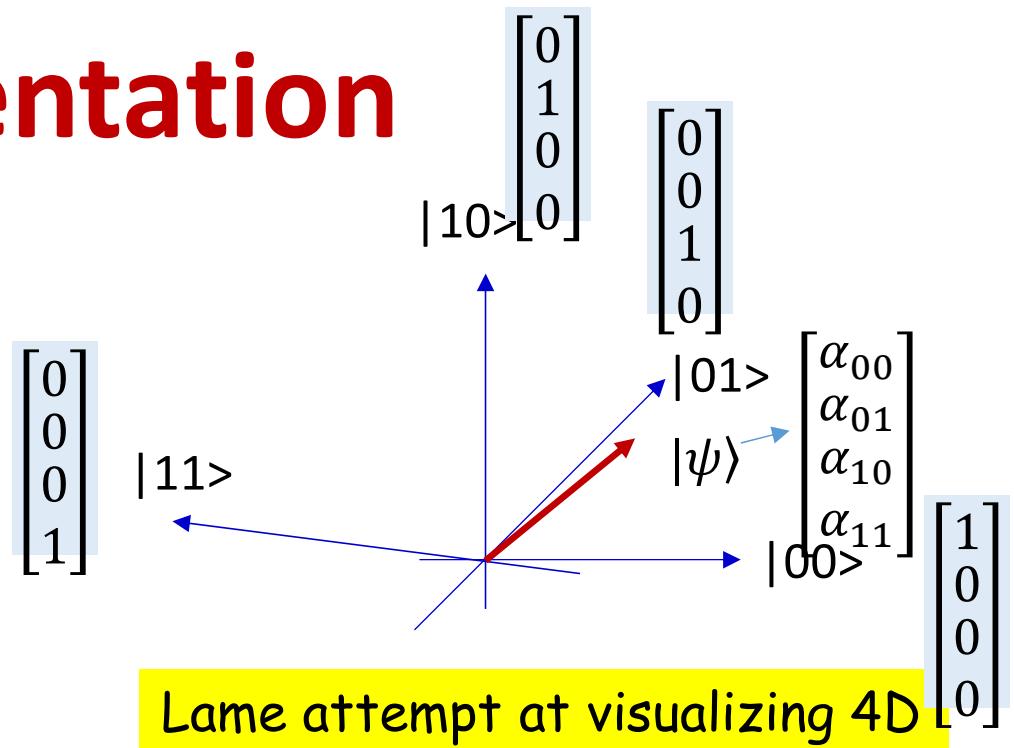
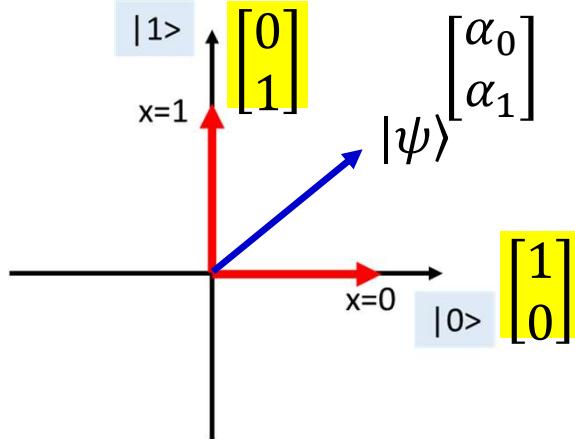
# Recap: The physical quantum Qubit



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



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

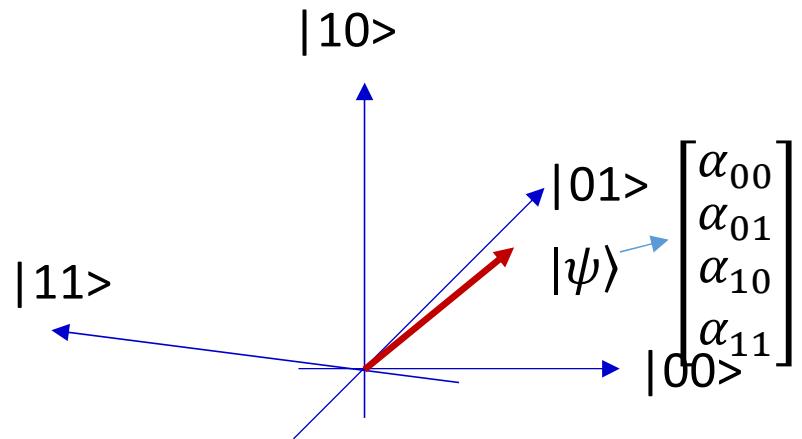
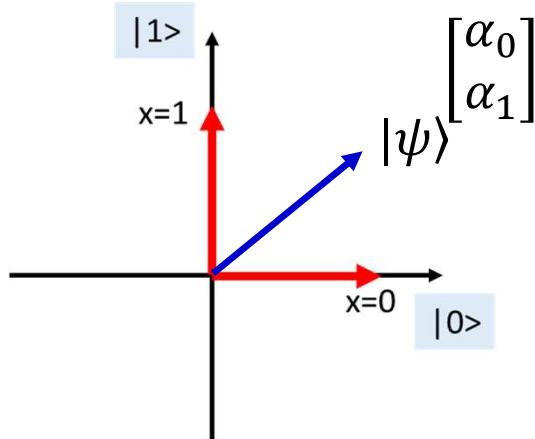
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- Two qubit phasor

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- Note the phasors for the basis bit patterns

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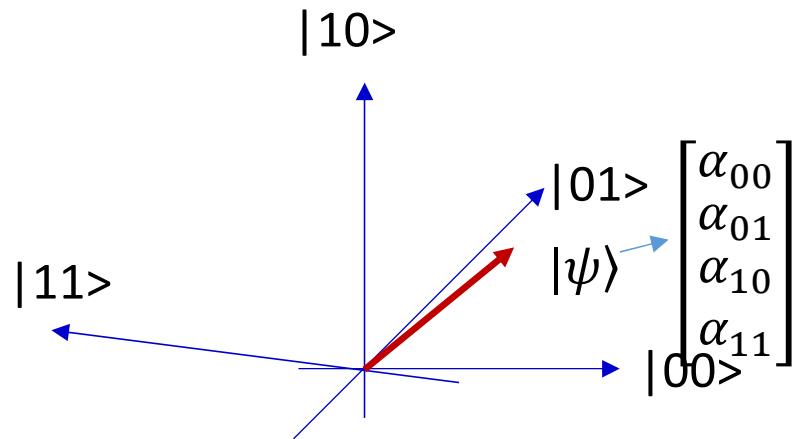
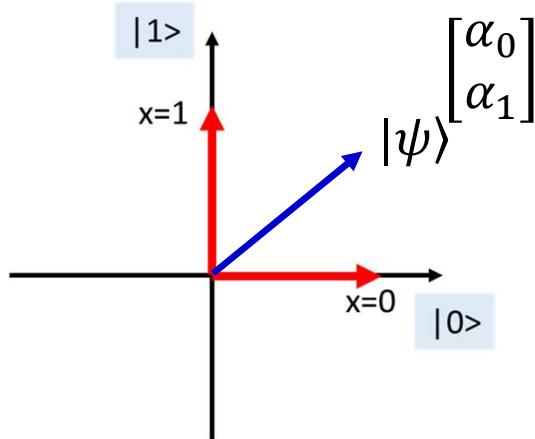
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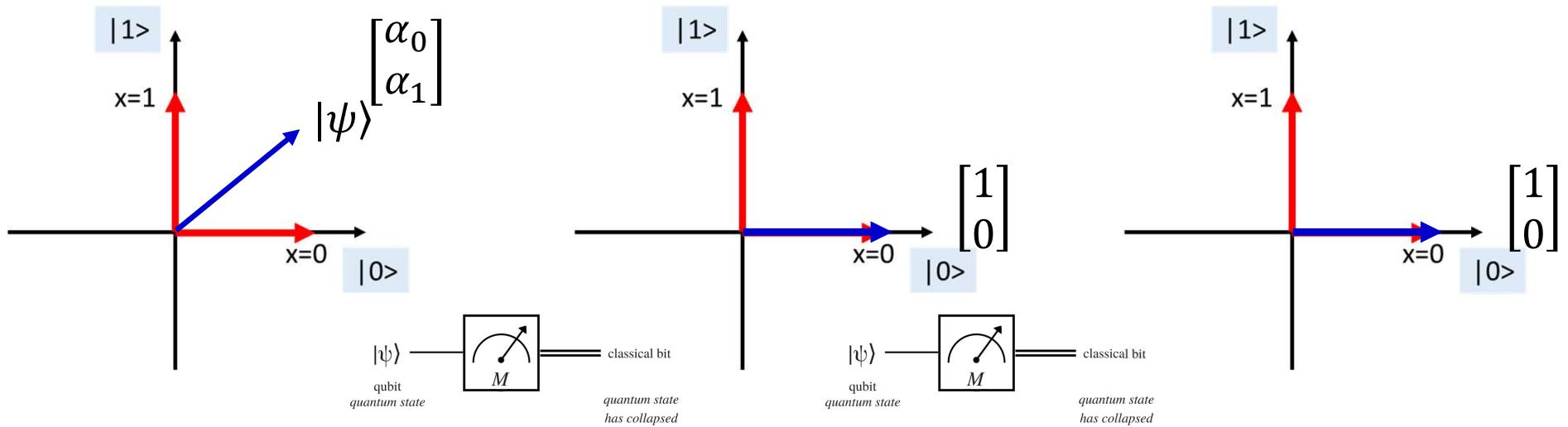
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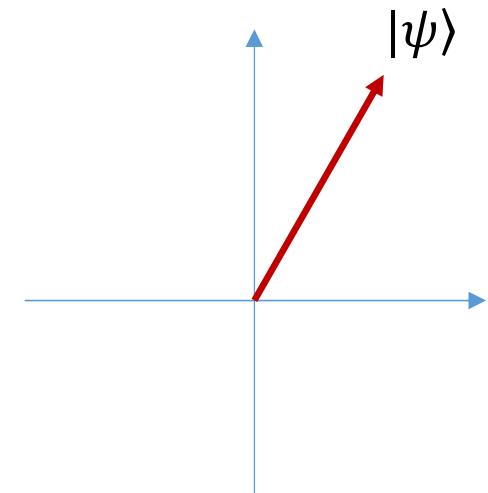
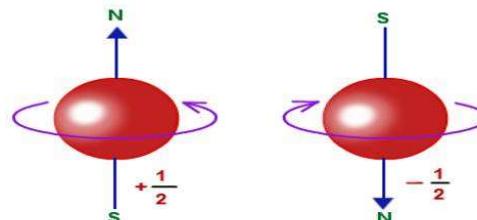
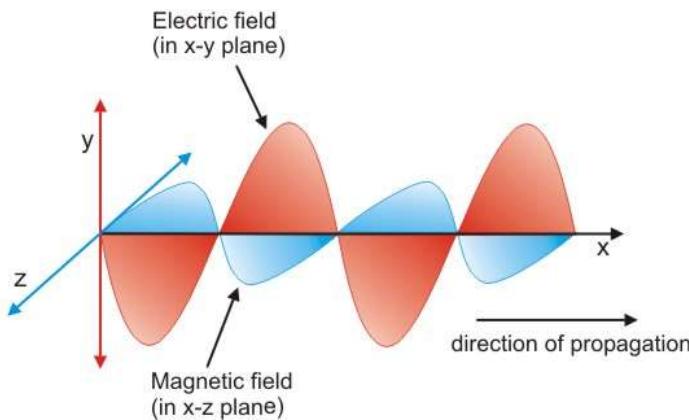
# Measurement *fixes* the qubit



- 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  $P = 1$
- ...

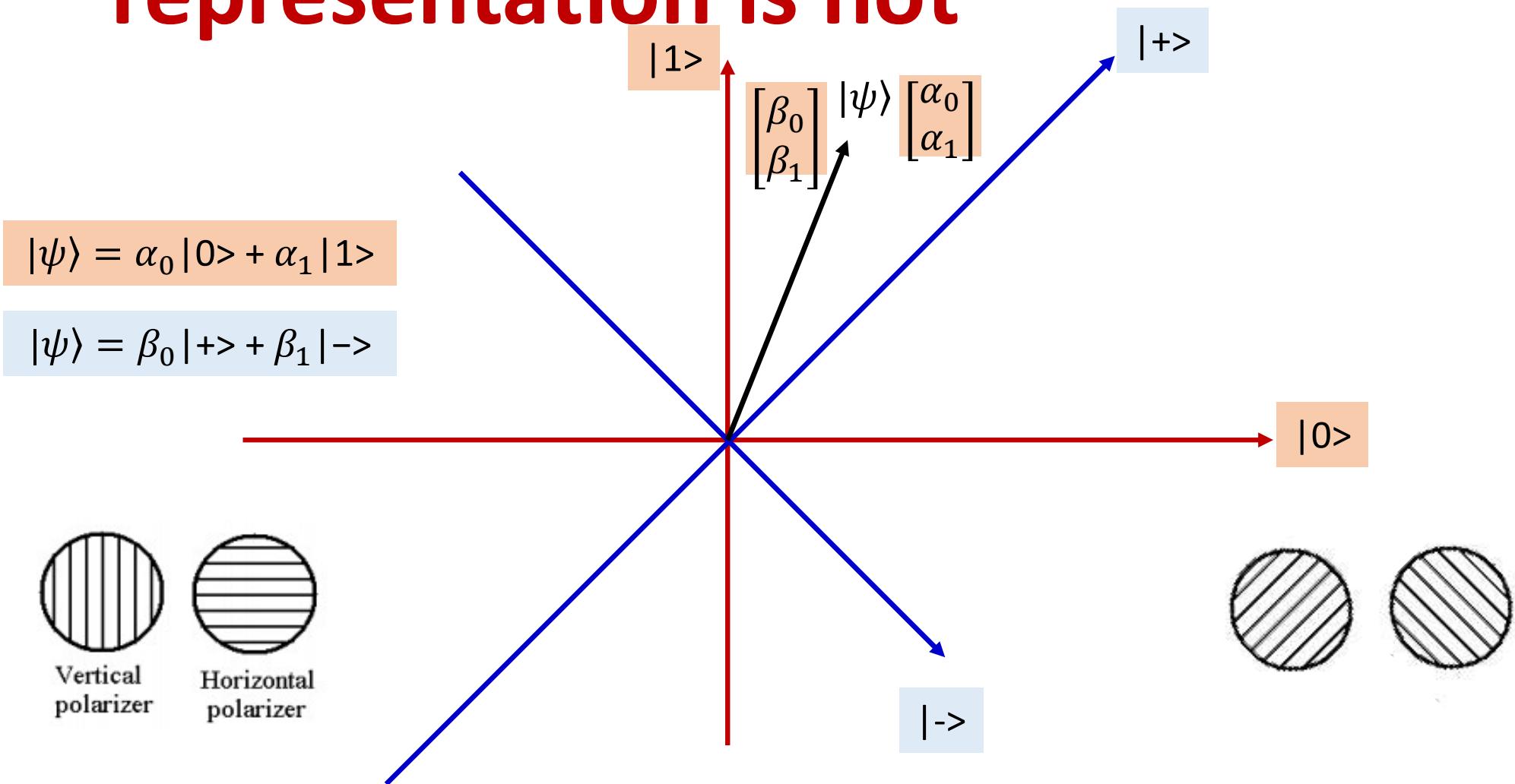


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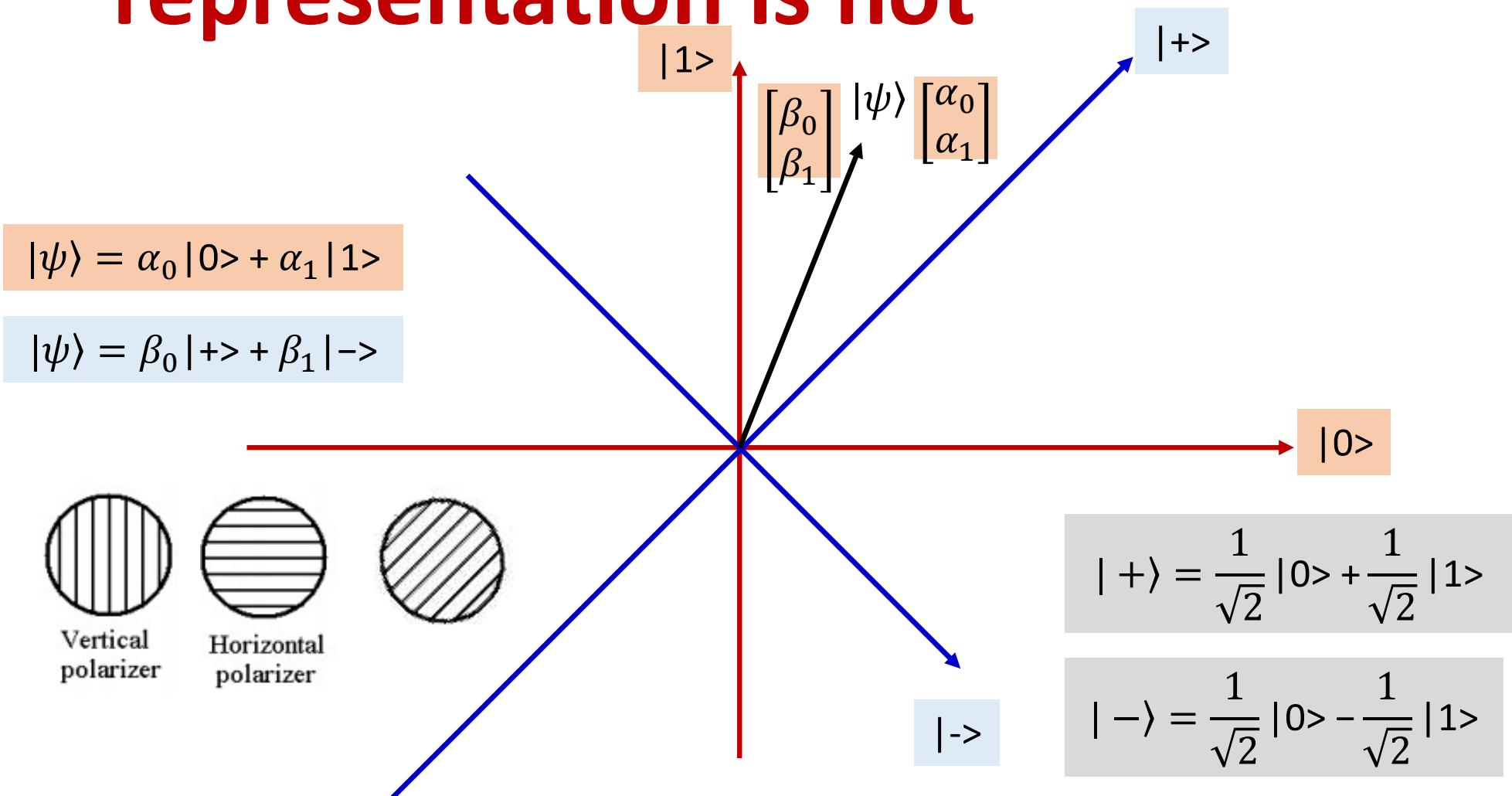
- No absolute definition of direction or sign
  - But the state of the system is well defined!
  - The space is defined, and the direction of the (physical) phasor is well defined
- The actual representation depends on the bases used
  - Only restriction: the bases must be orthogonal

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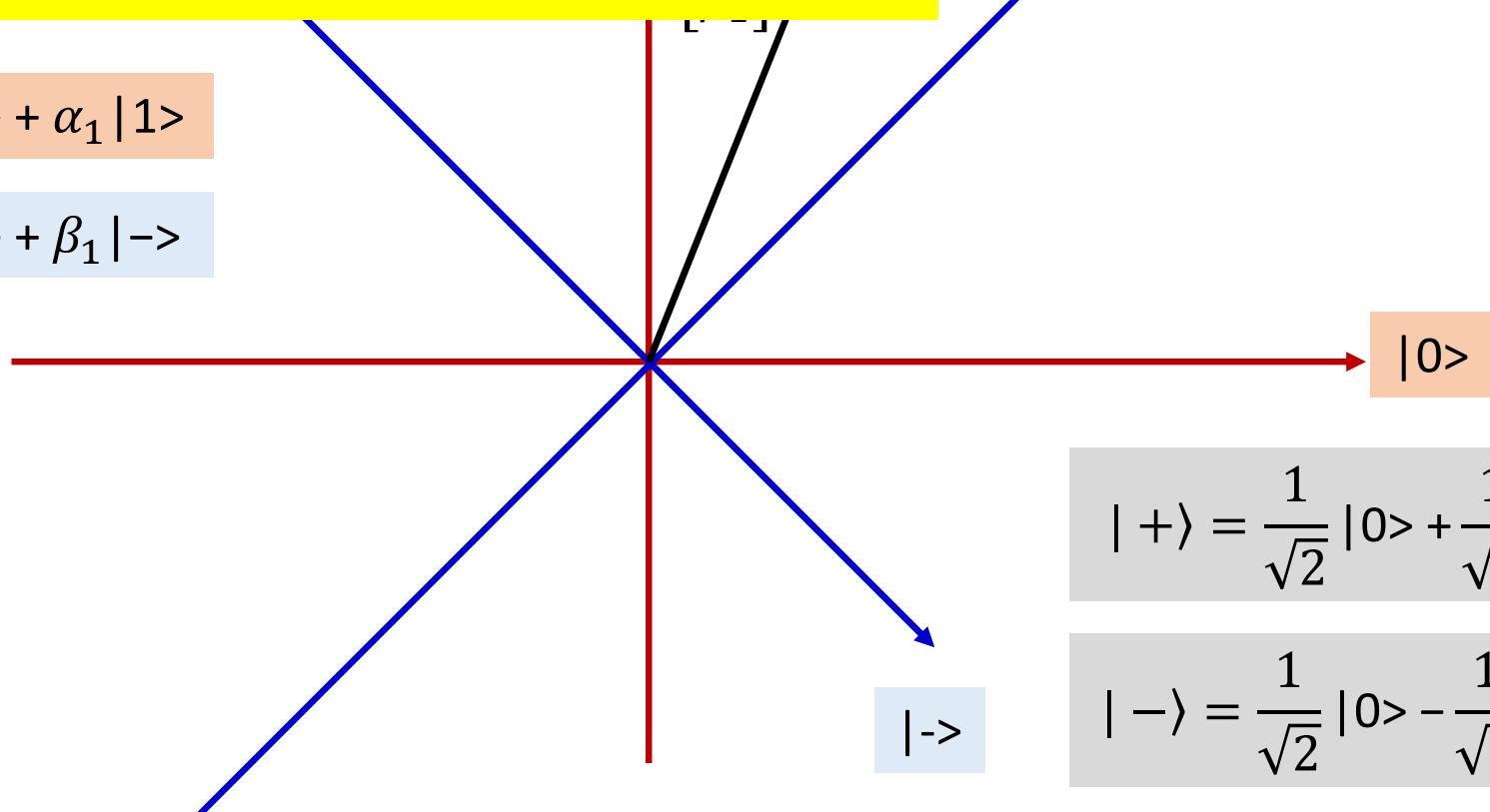
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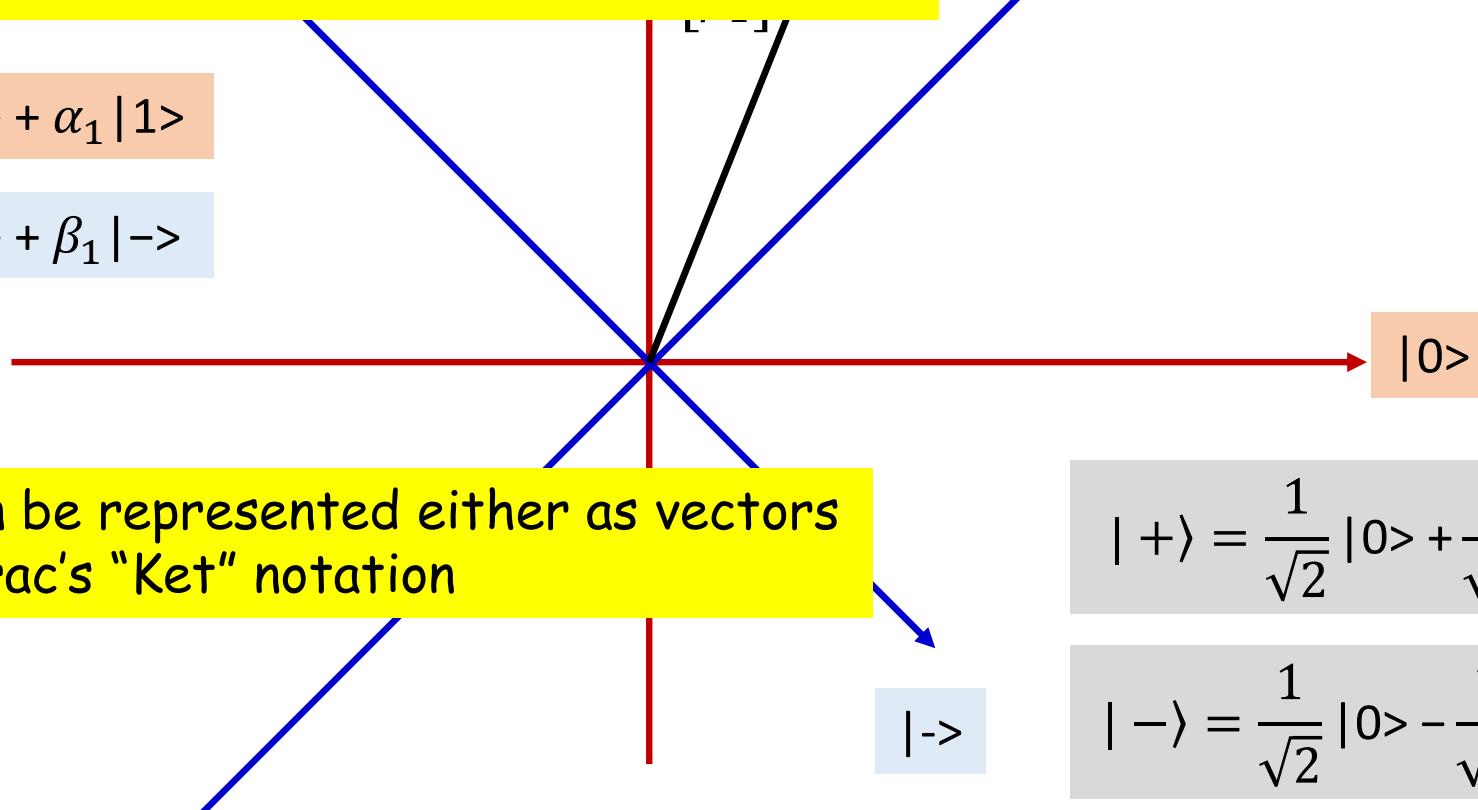
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Phasors can be represented either as vectors or using Dirac's "Ket" notation

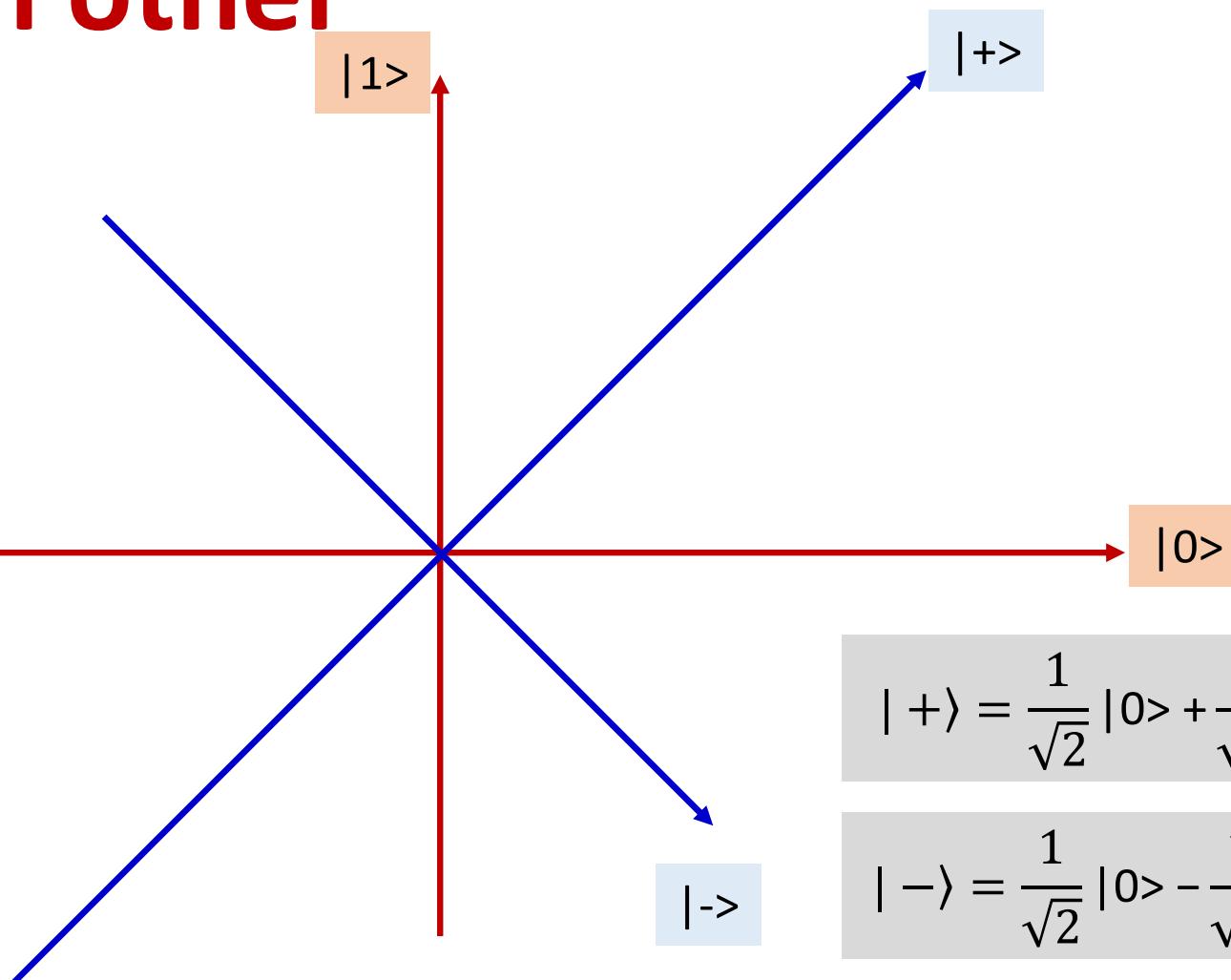
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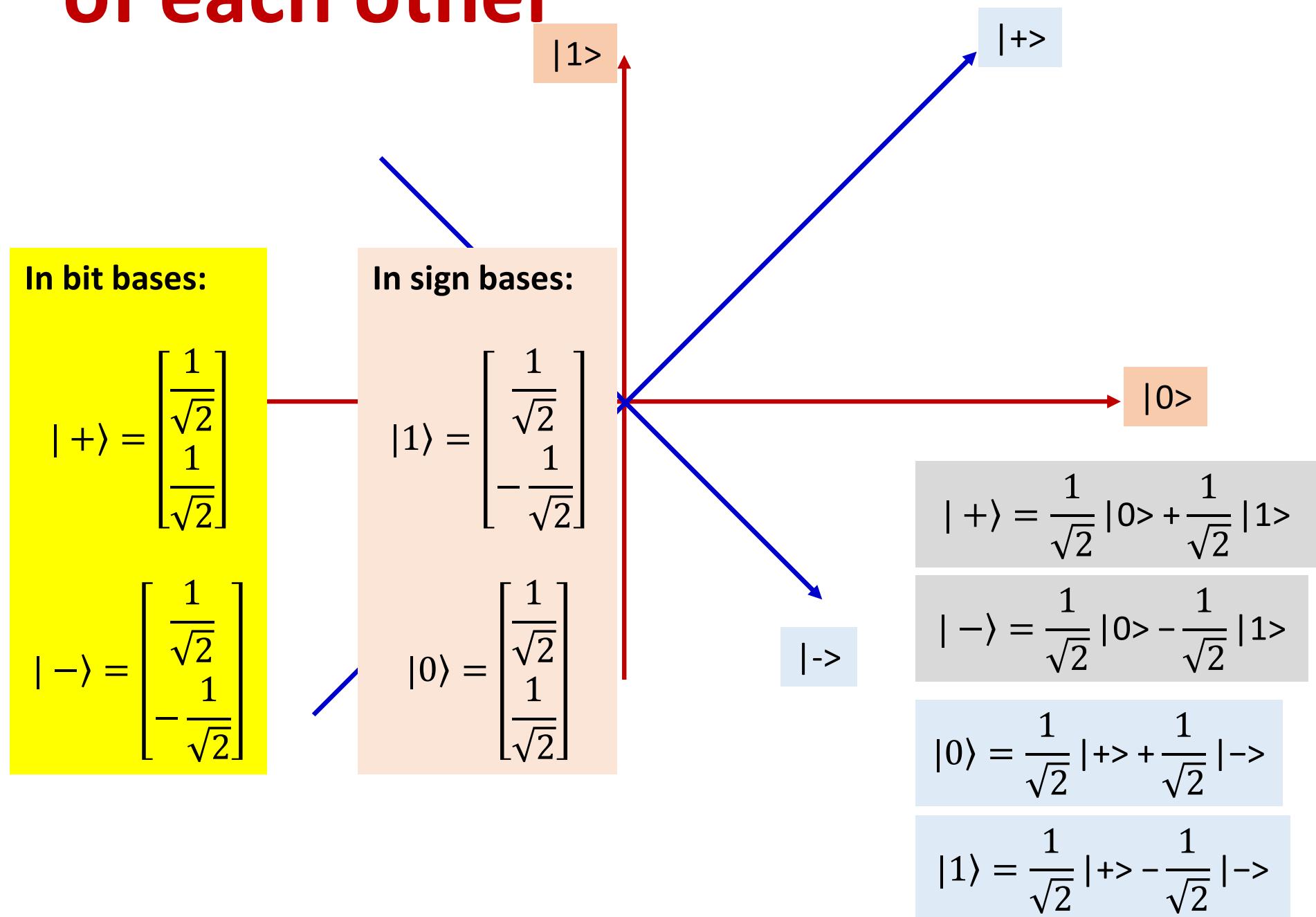
In bit bases:

$$|+\rangle = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ 1 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}$$
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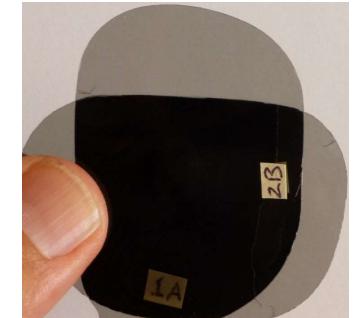
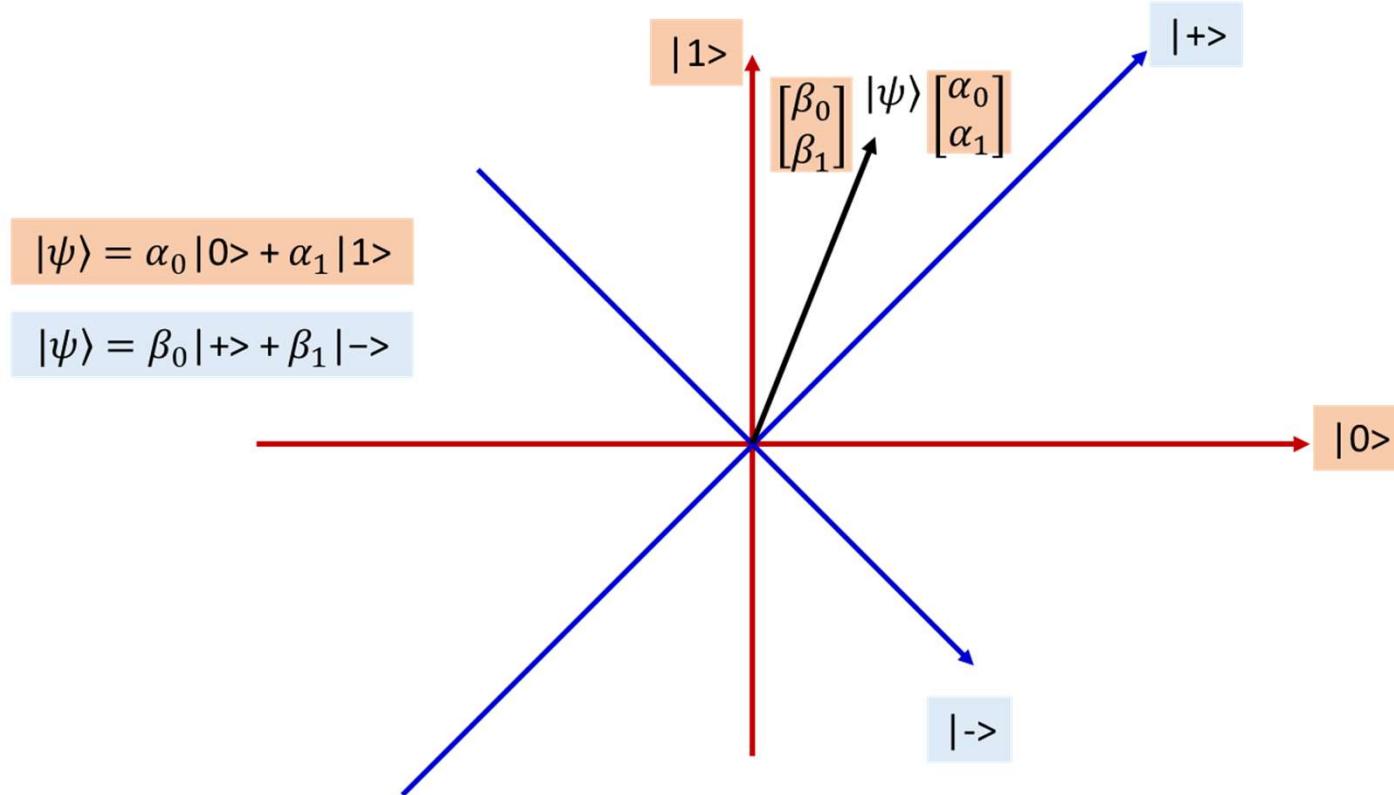
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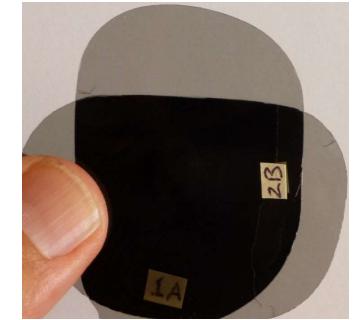
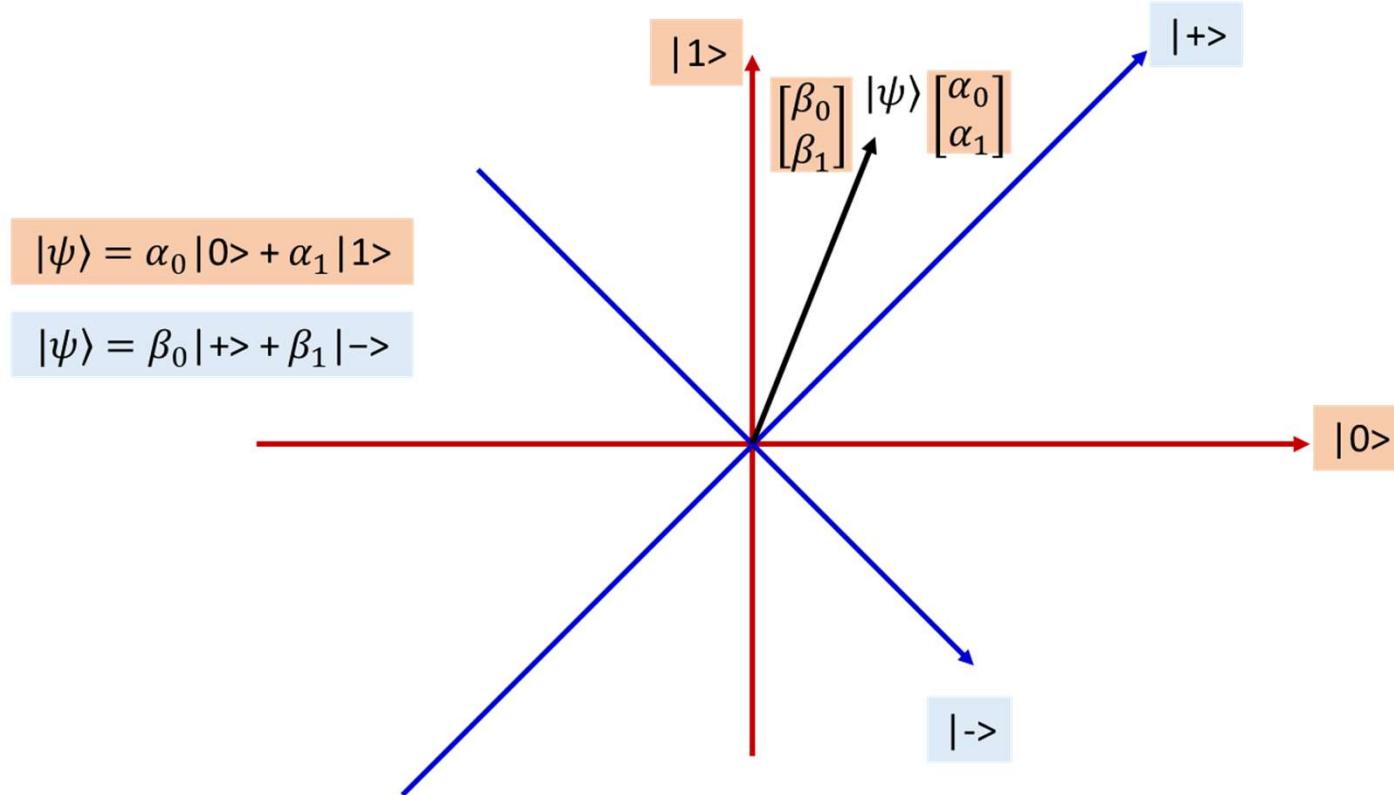


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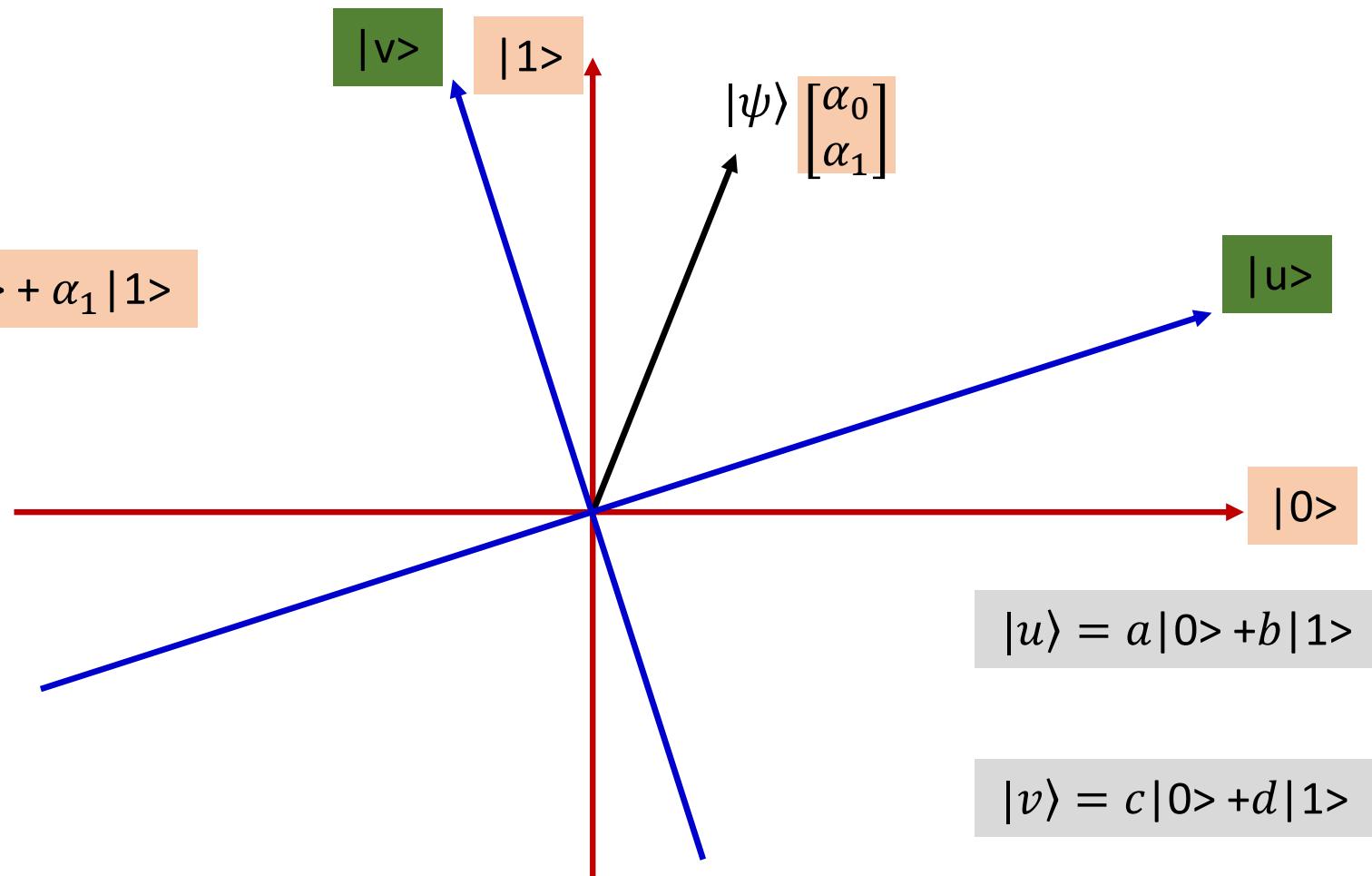
# Some basic math

- The projection of a complex vector  $a$  on a complex vector  $b$  is given by

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

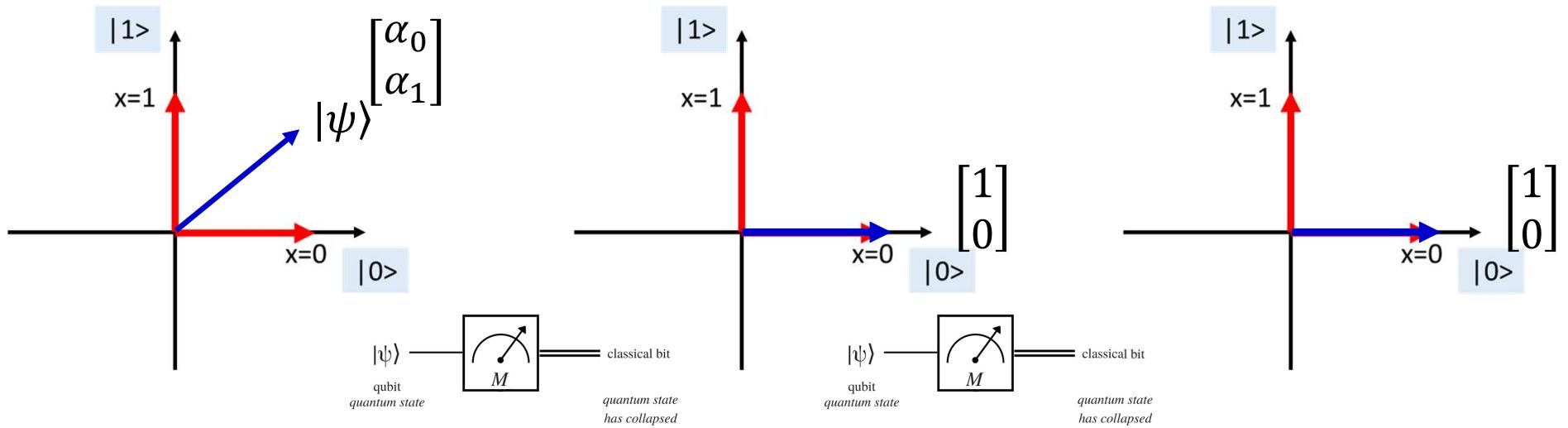
- For unit vectors it is the cosine of the angle between them
- For any basis, the probability of measuring that basis is the square of the cosine between the phasor and the basis

# A different basis...



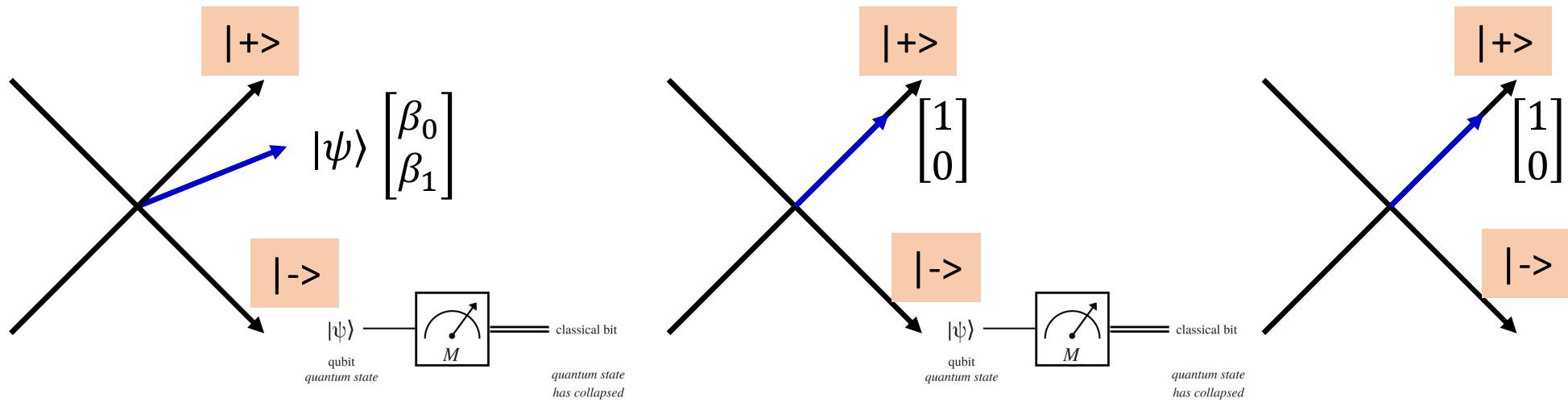
- What would  $P(|u\rangle)$  and  $P(|v\rangle)$  be?

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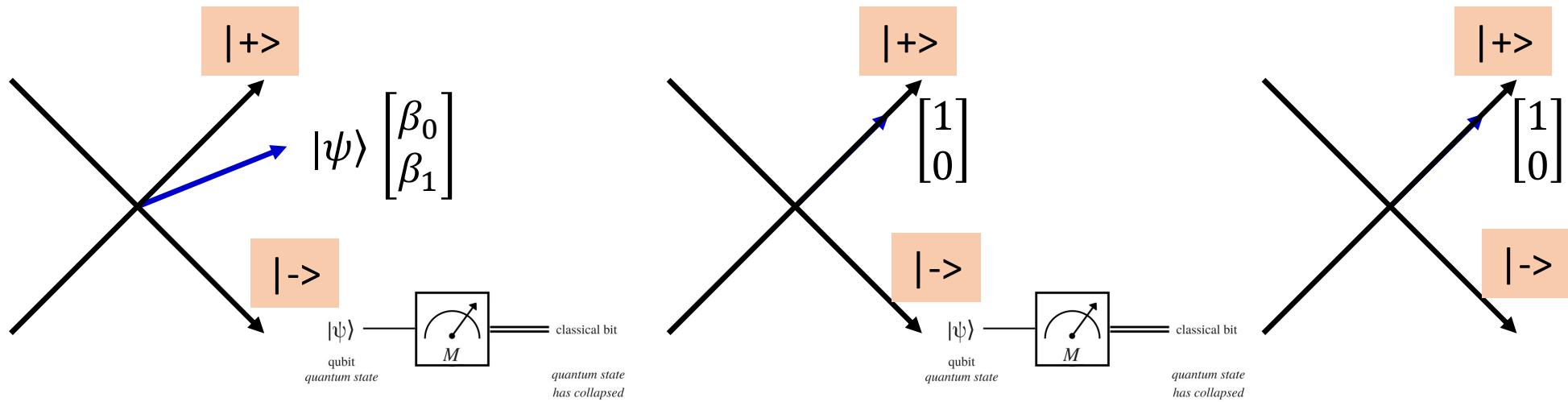
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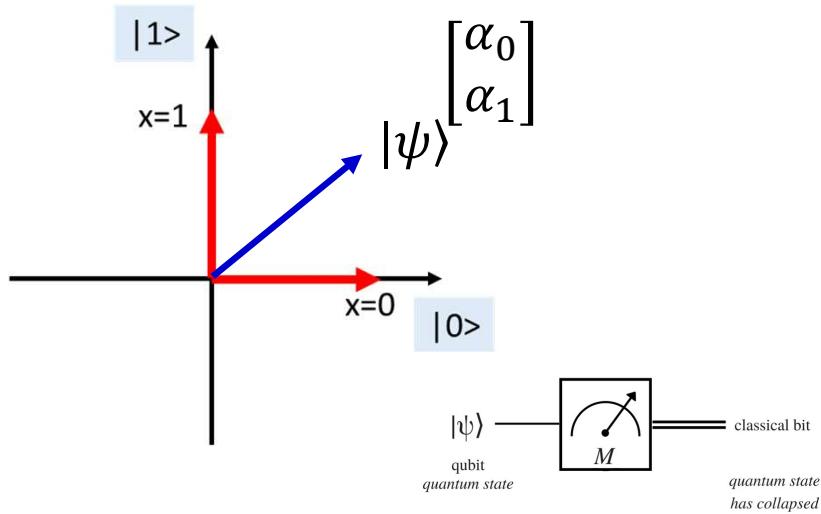
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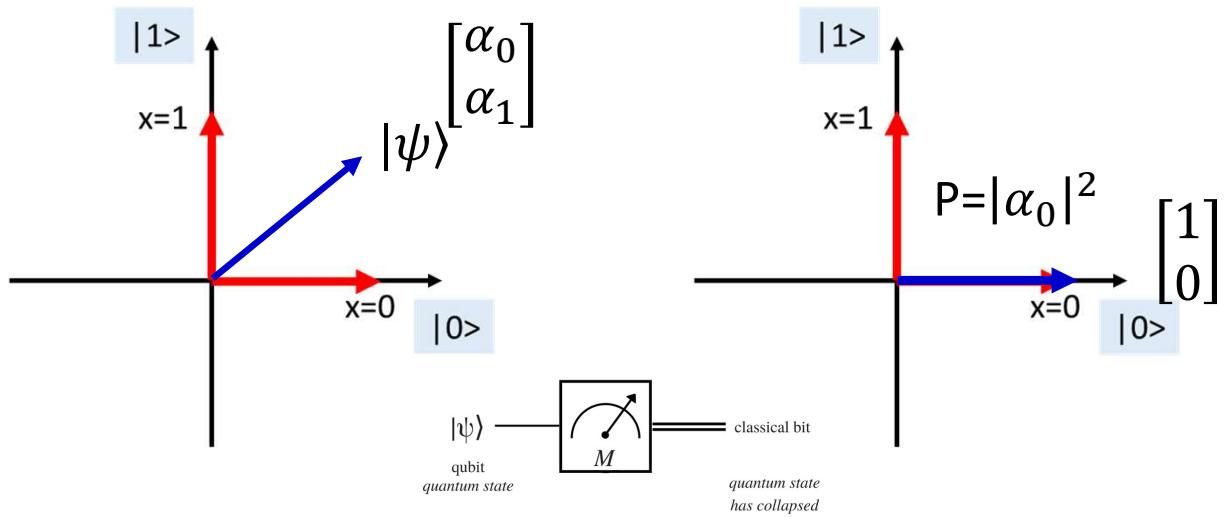


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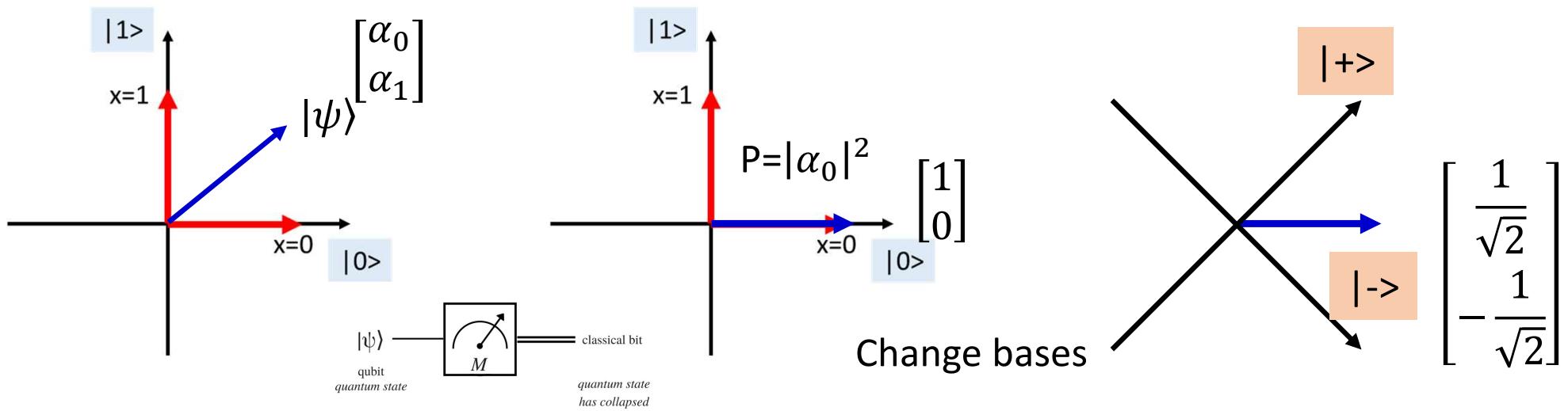
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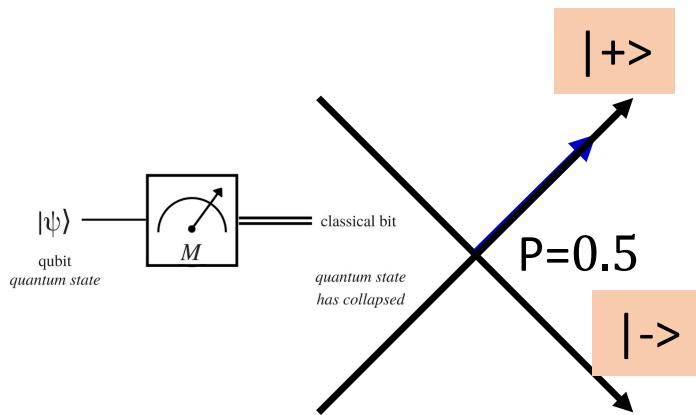
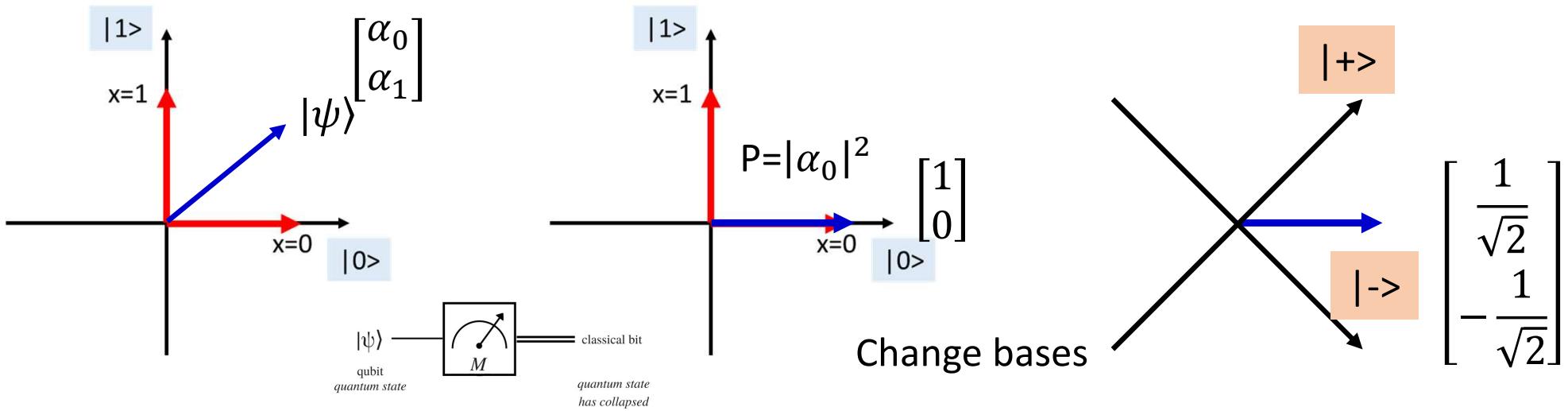
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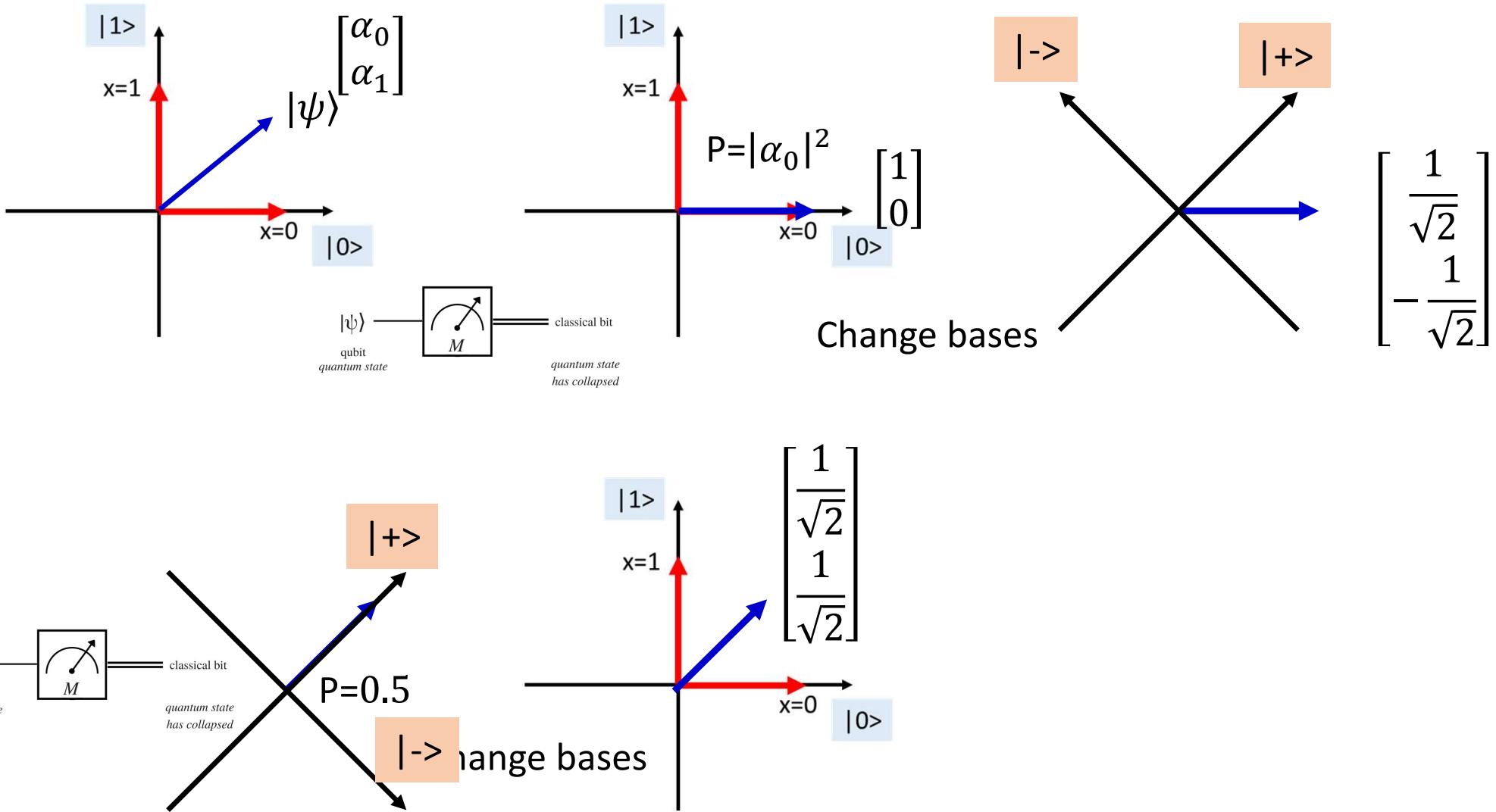
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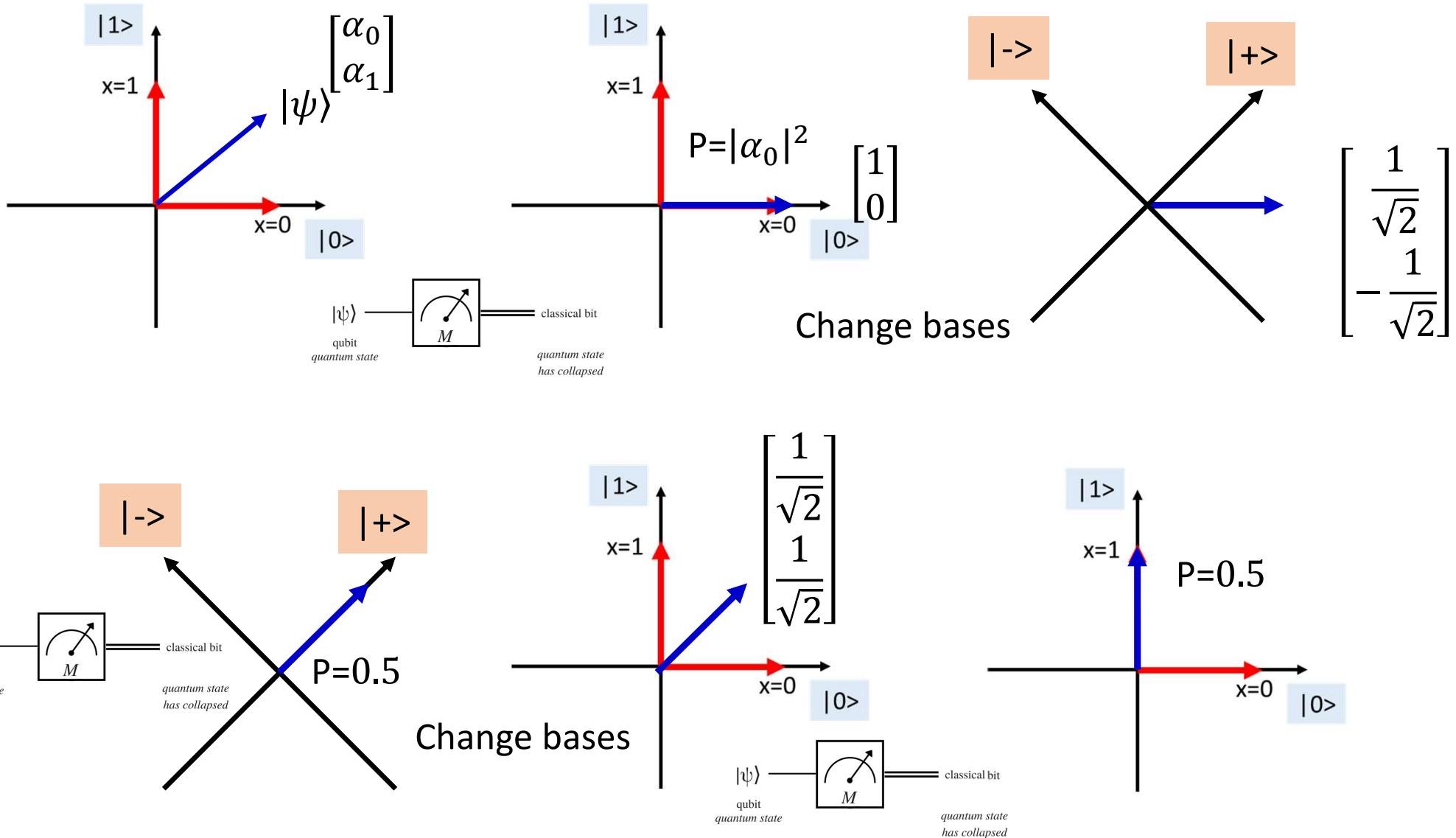
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# The world isn't what you think it is!!!



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