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We will elaborate on this on the next slide.

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REMINDER FOR BILL AND EVAN

EVAN: WE MAY WANT TO ELABORATE THIS SINCE WE DON'T KNOW WHAT IT MEANS.

HOWEVER, BY SAYING THIS I NEED NOT SAY LOCAL ALL THE TIME.

IN ANY CASE, we will ask someone who knows stuff about and can discuss *in plain English* rather than *a set of quantum states where each state is primarily localized to a particular region of space, meaning its wave function is significantly non-zero only within a small defined area and has minimal interaction with distant parts of the system; essentially it represents a way to describe quantum states by focusing on their immediate surroundings, adhering to the principle of locality.*

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COMMENT FROM/FOR EVAN

This is your comment merged with my thoughts.

QUESTIONS FOR PHYSICISTS

The scenario on the prior slide where qubit is in state $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$.

Alice measures it in basis θ . $M_\theta(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}) = (\gamma, \delta)$.

Prob of 0 is γ^2 which is NOT $\frac{1}{2}$.

BUT if Alice had an entangled qubit and she measures it in basis θ

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Is this really true? If so then explain.

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$2\pi/60$	+0.629	+0.777	0.396	0.604
$3\pi/60$	+0.588	+0.809	0.345	0.655
$4\pi/60$	+0.545	+0.839	0.297	0.703
$5\pi/60$	+0.500	+0.866	0.250	0.750
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$9\pi/60$	+0.309	+0.951	0.095	0.905
$10\pi/60$	+0.259	+0.966	0.067	0.933
$11\pi/60$	+0.208	+0.978	0.043	0.957
$12\pi/60$	+0.156	+0.988	0.024	0.976
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Quantum Bits II: Measure Twice

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Quantum Bits III: Entanglement

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