

STRUCTURE IN QUANTUM REPRESENTATIONS OF PROCESSES

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WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

- What is “structure”? - illustrate for discrete processes.
- Does the same process in a quantum “substrate” have different structure?
- Connection to the “cryptic order”
- Advantages / tradeoffs

STATIONARY STOCHASTIC PROCESSES

$$\dots \quad X_{-2} \quad X_{-1} \quad X_0 \quad X_1 \quad X_2 \quad \dots$$

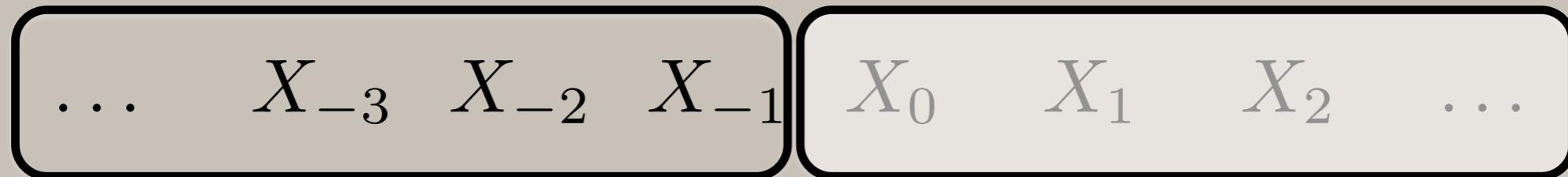
Symbols from discrete alphabet $x \in \mathcal{A}$

Stationary

$$Pr(X_t, \dots X_{t+L-1}) = Pr(X_0, \dots X_{L-1})$$

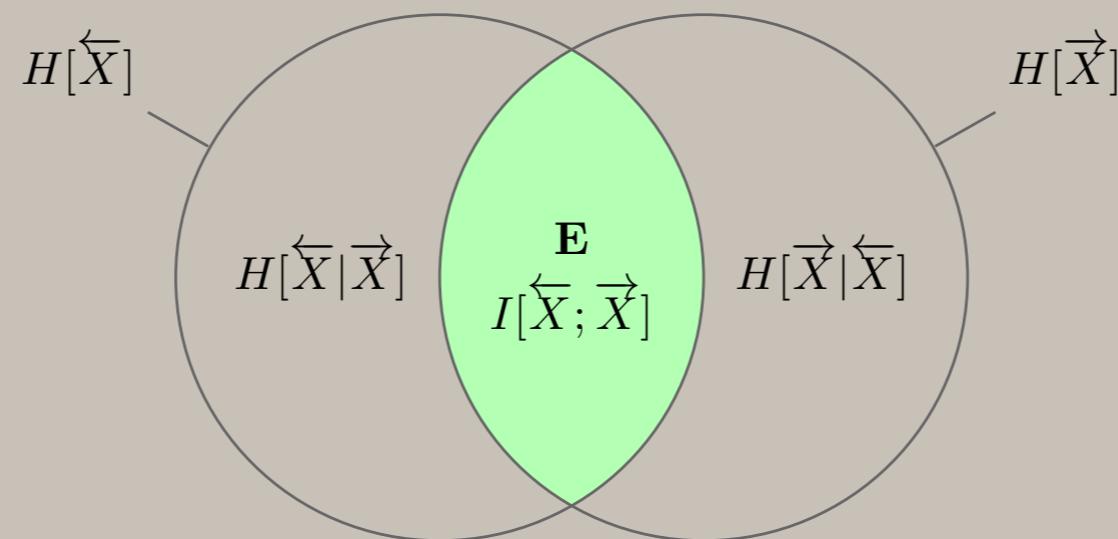
PREDICTING THE FUTURE

Past → *Future*



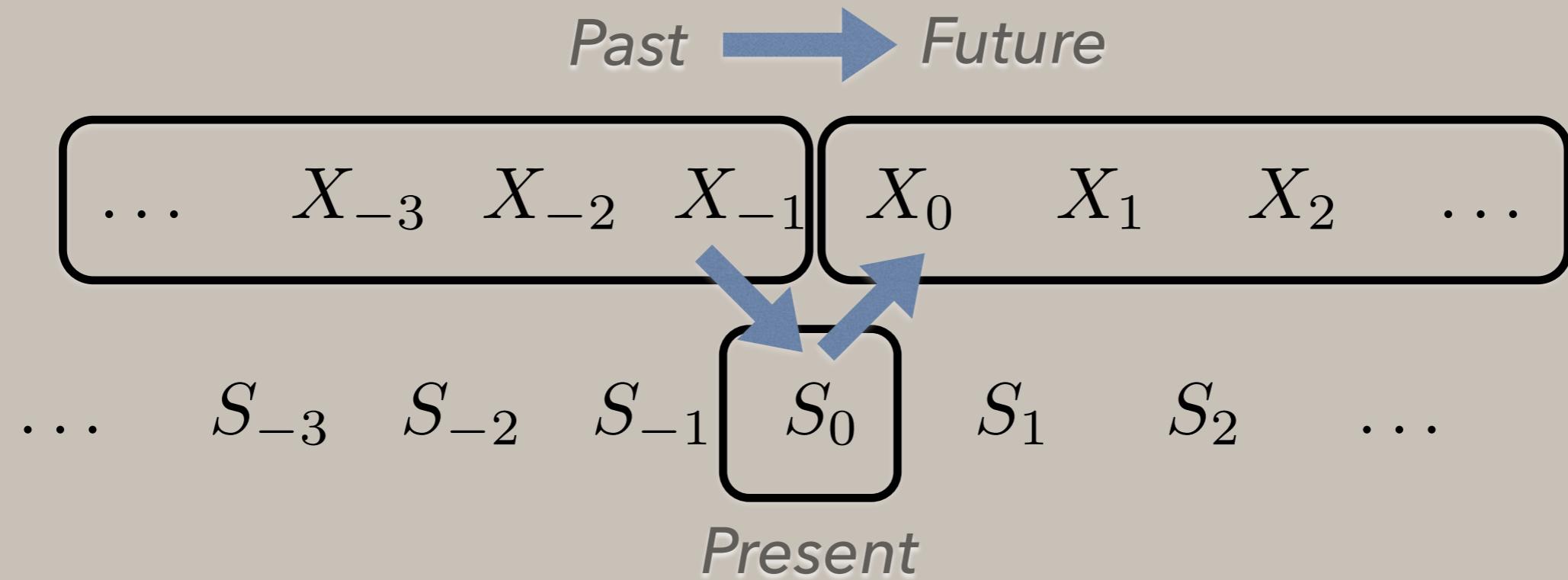
Excess entropy = predictive potential

$$E = I[\dots, X_{-2}, X_{-1}; X_0, X_1, \dots]$$

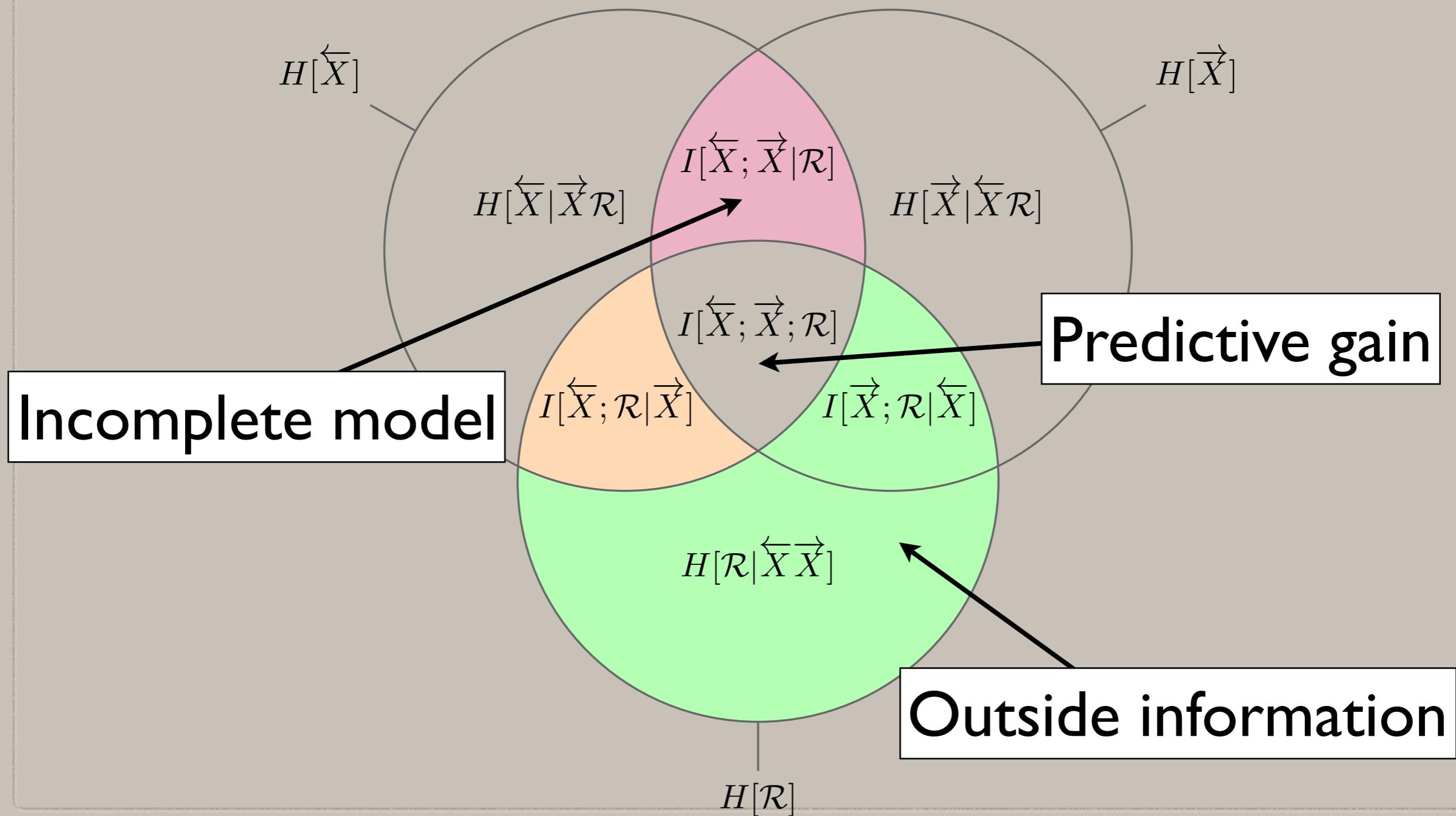


But is this a good measure of “structure”?

BUILDING MODELS



PREDICTIVE MODELS



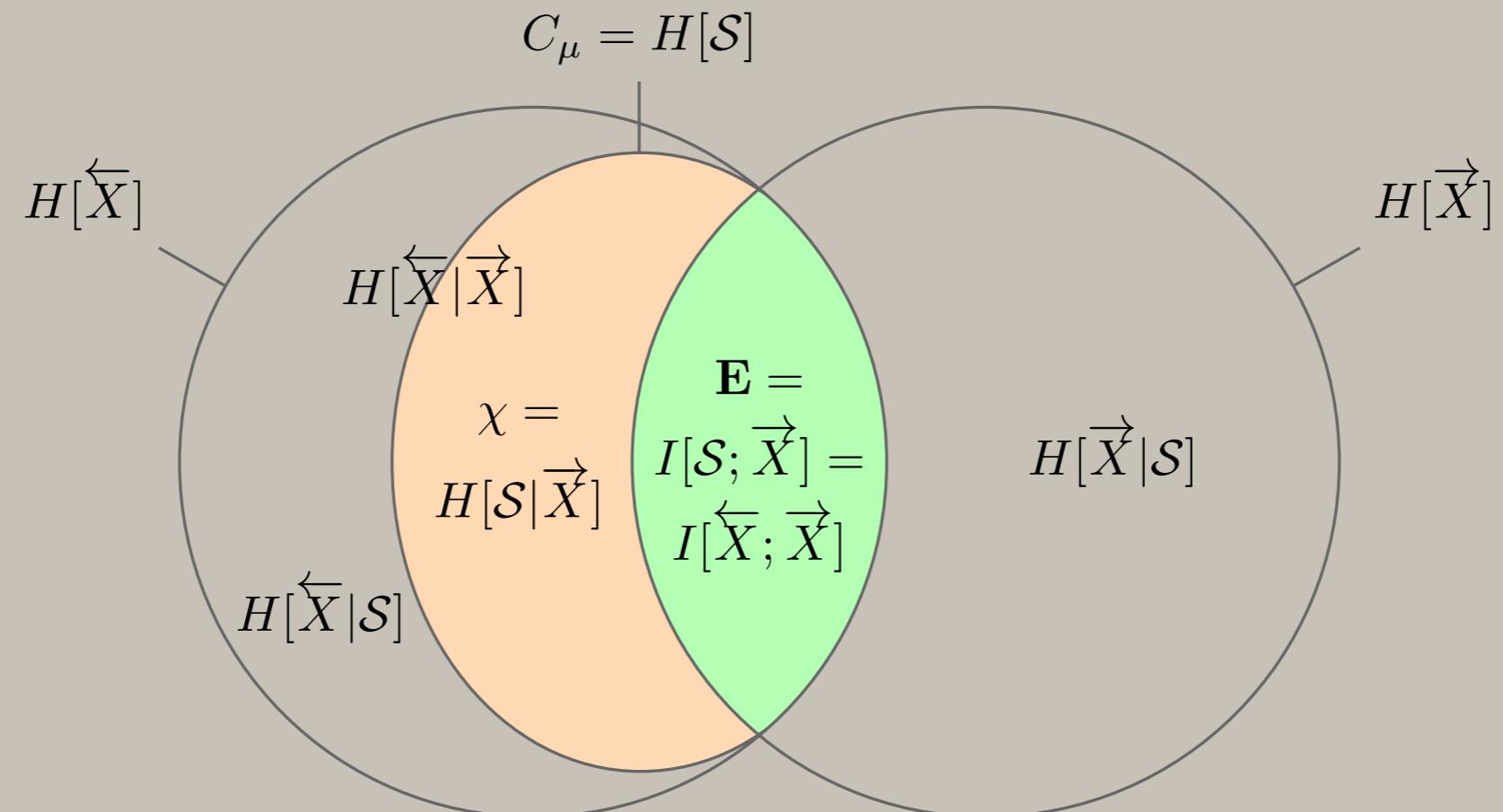
CAUSAL STATES

Causal states are equivalence classes of histories

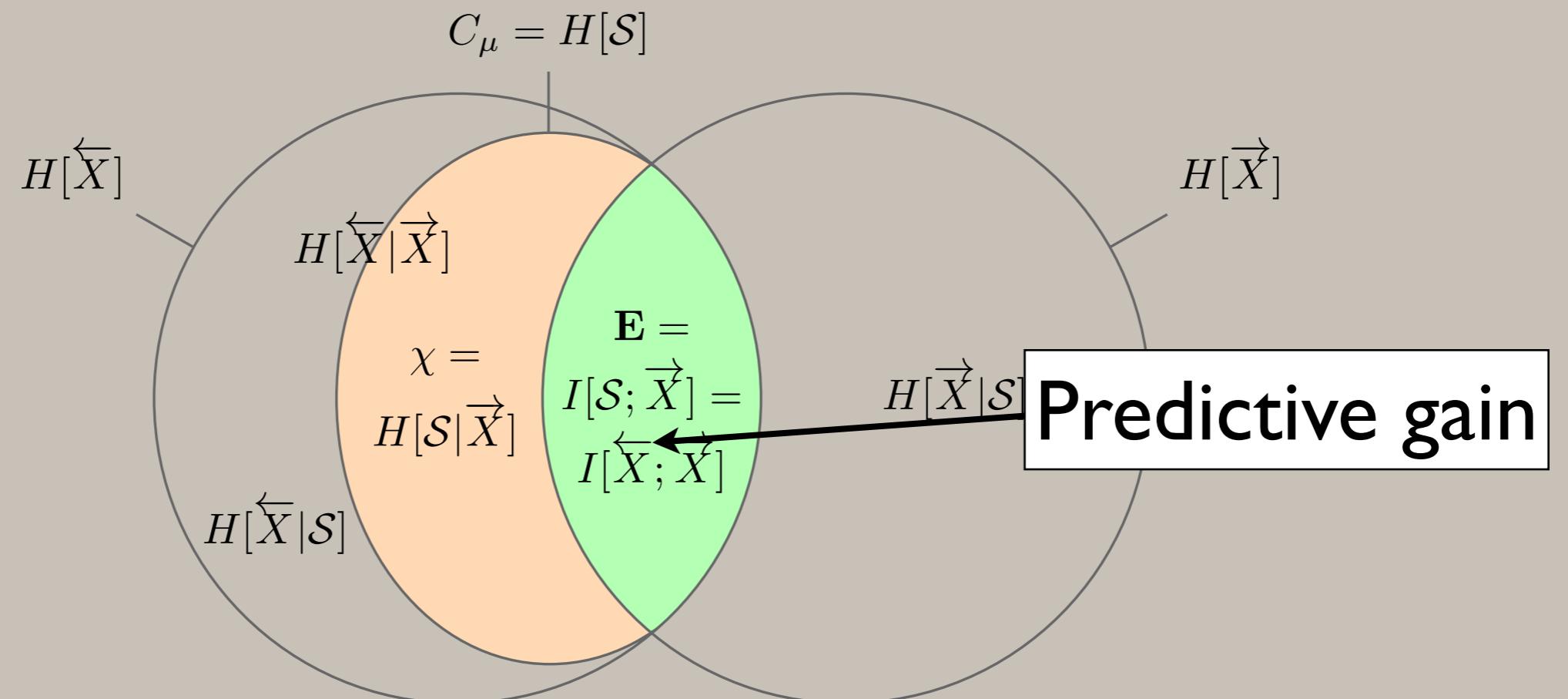
$$\overleftarrow{x} \sim \overleftarrow{x}' \equiv Pr(\overrightarrow{X} | \overleftarrow{x}) = Pr(\overrightarrow{X} | \overleftarrow{x}')$$

“Distinguish only between pasts that distinguish themselves.”

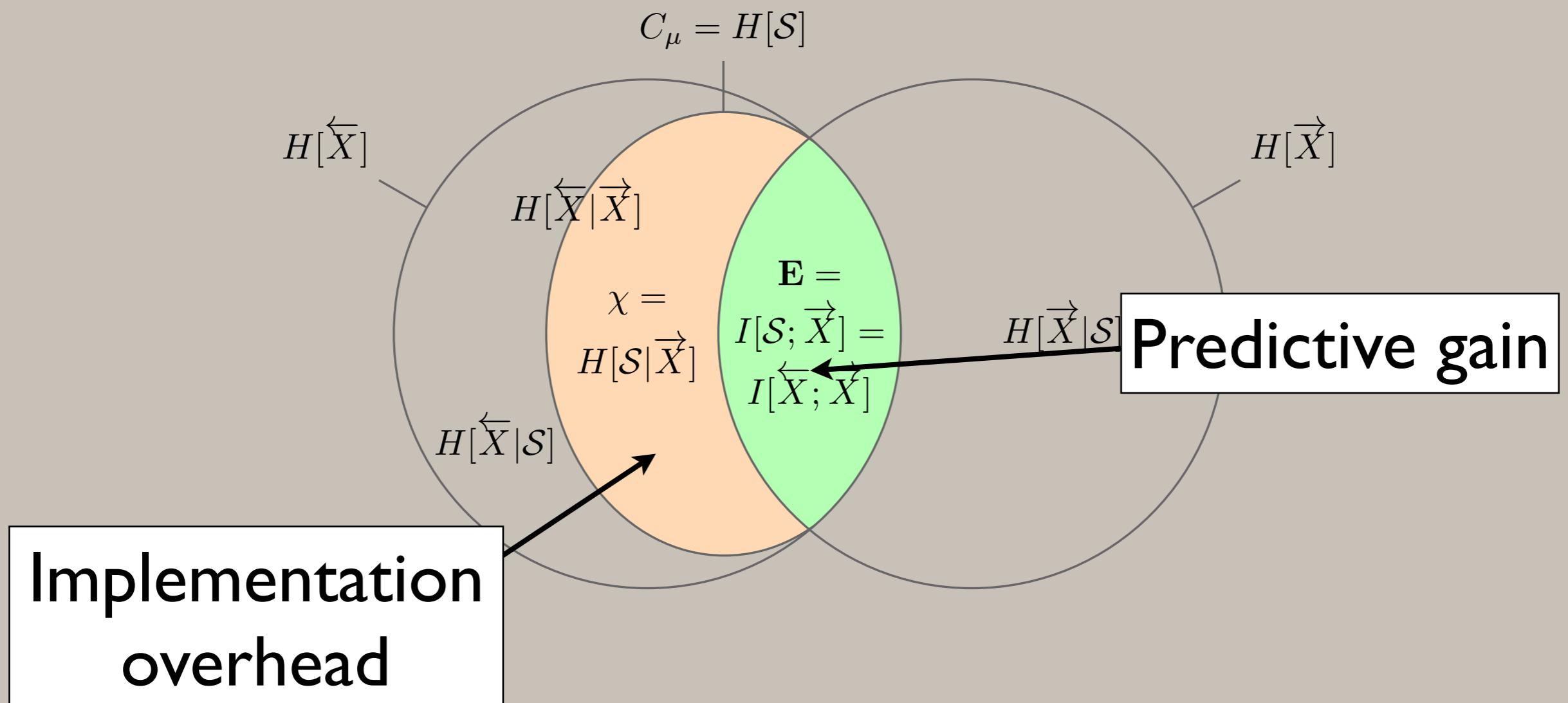
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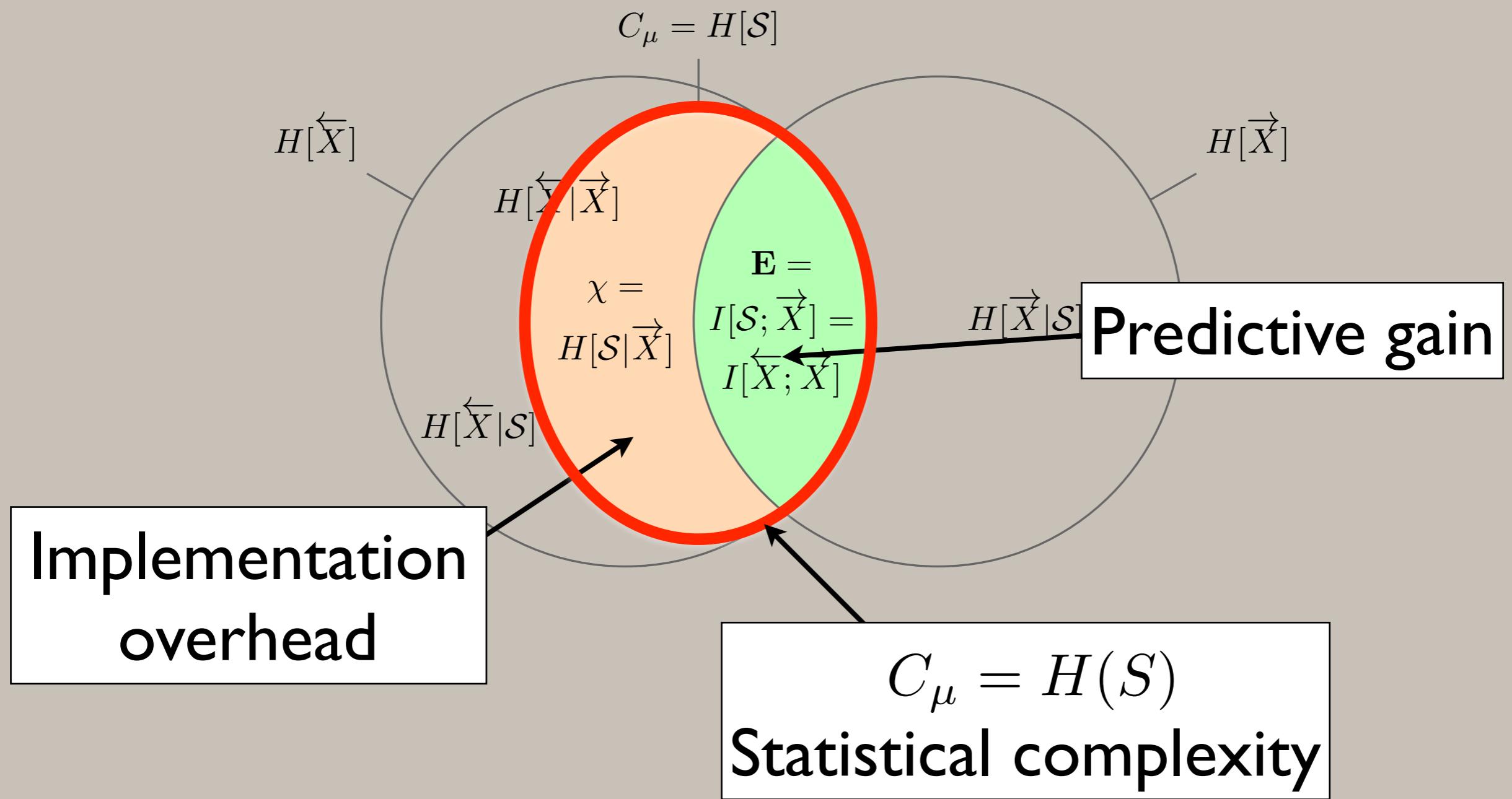
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THE EPSILON-MACHINE

- Equivalence relation defines causal state
- Unifilar
- Leads to natural computation of entropy rate, etc
- Canonical representation

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Period 2:

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Golden Mean:

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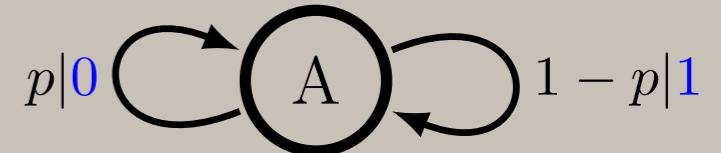
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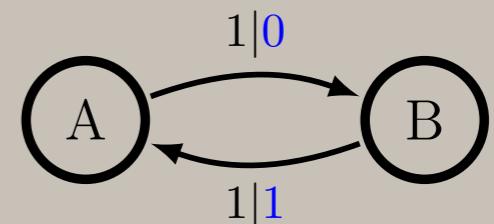
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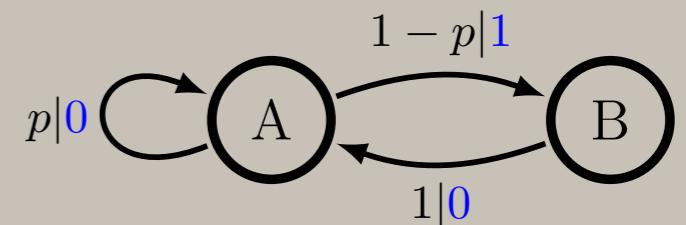
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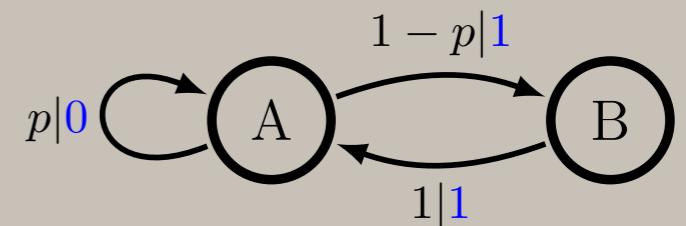
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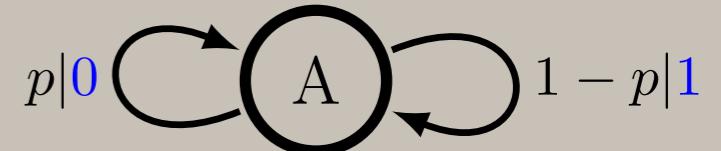


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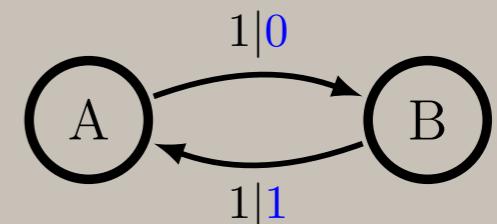
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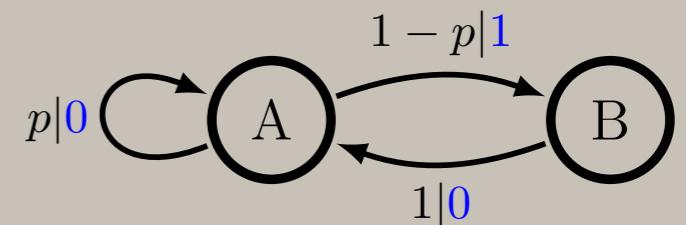
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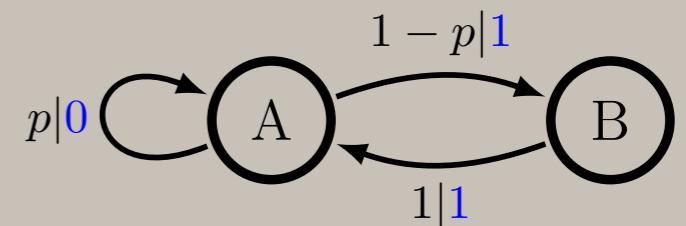
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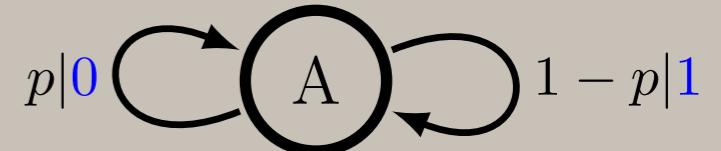


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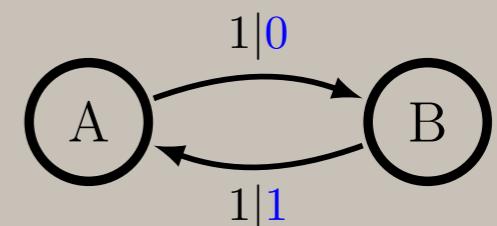
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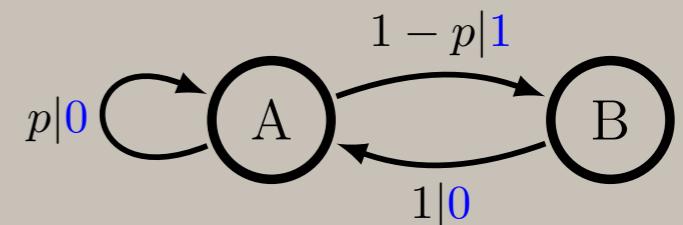
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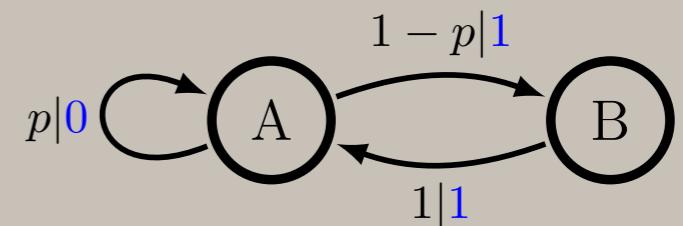
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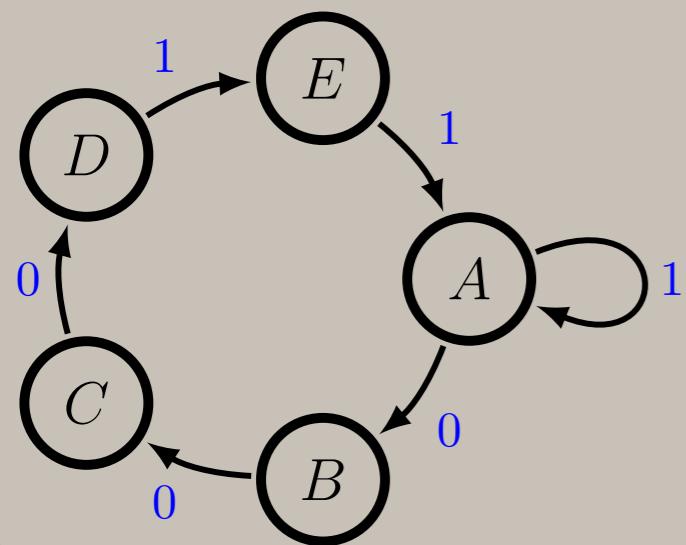
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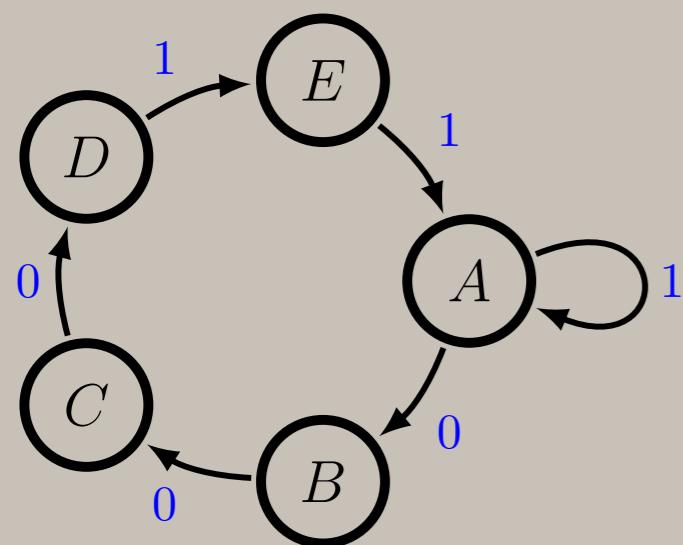
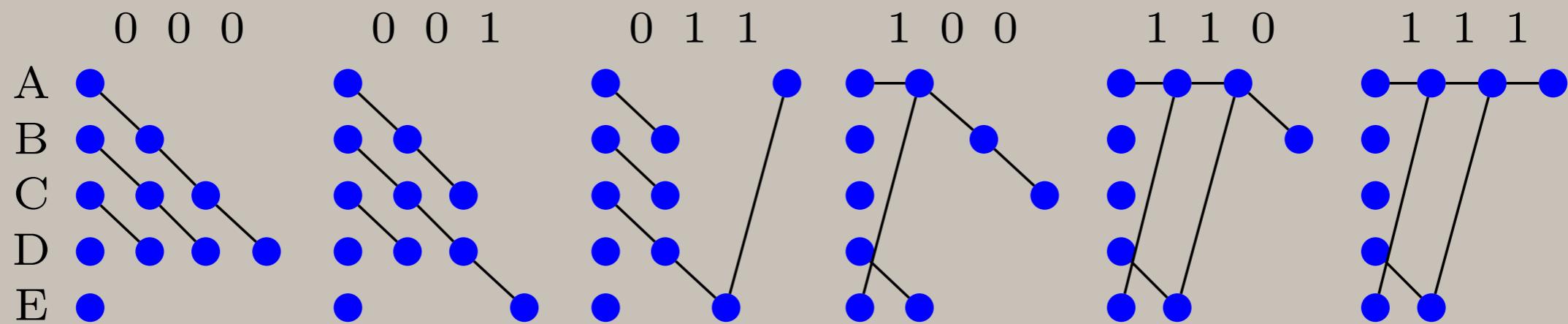
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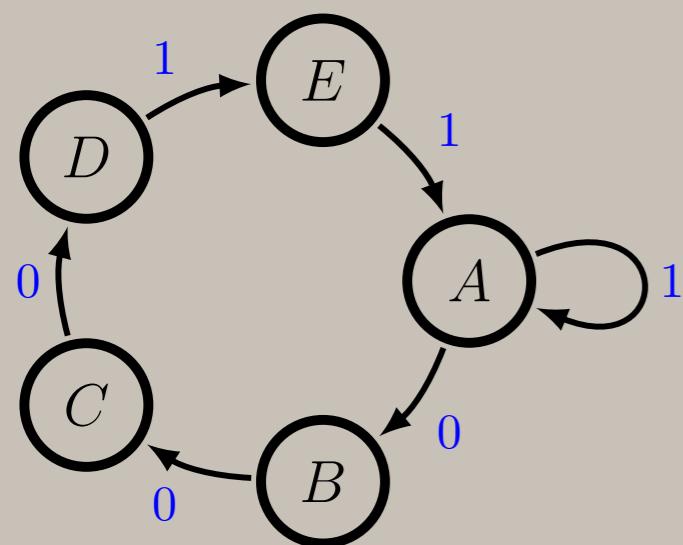
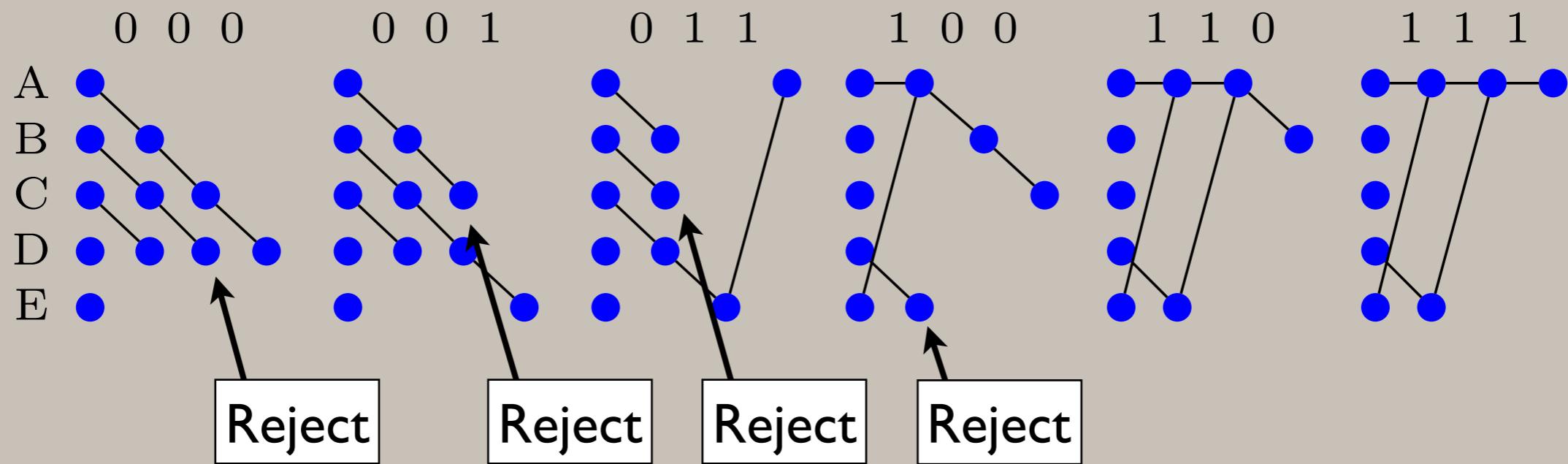
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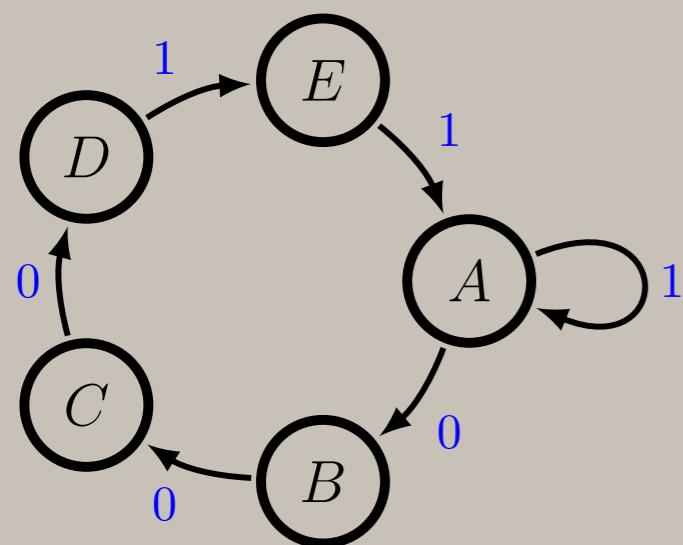
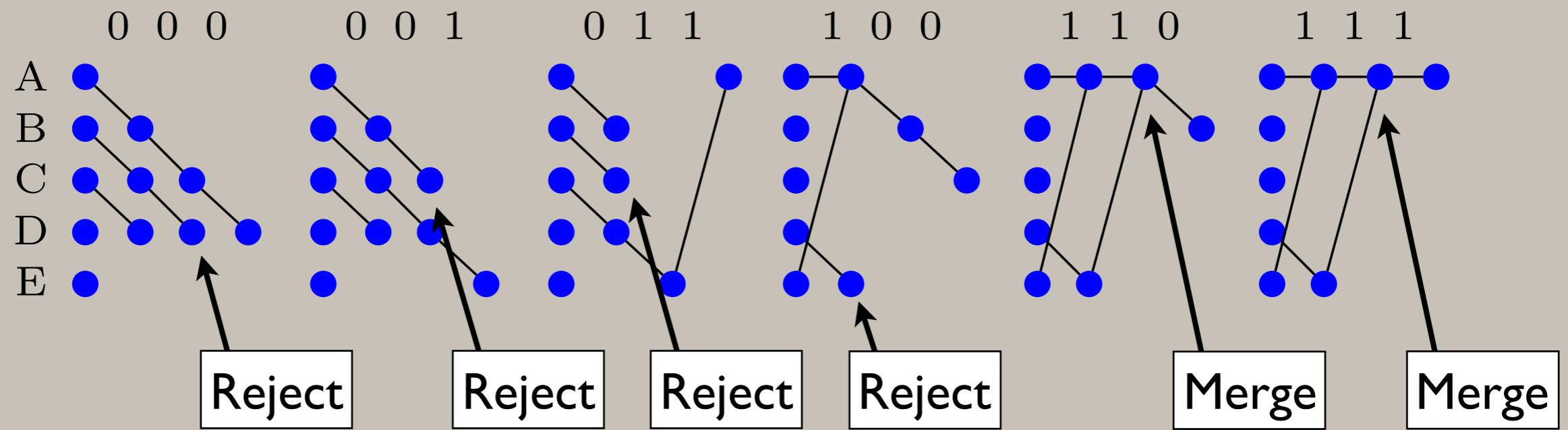
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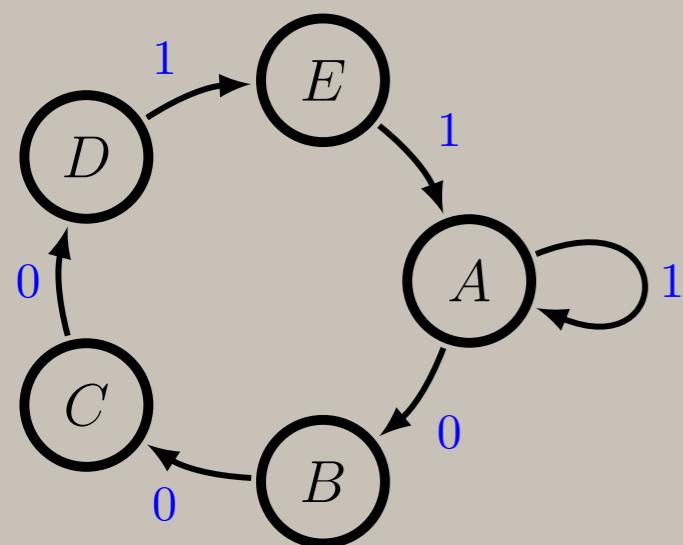
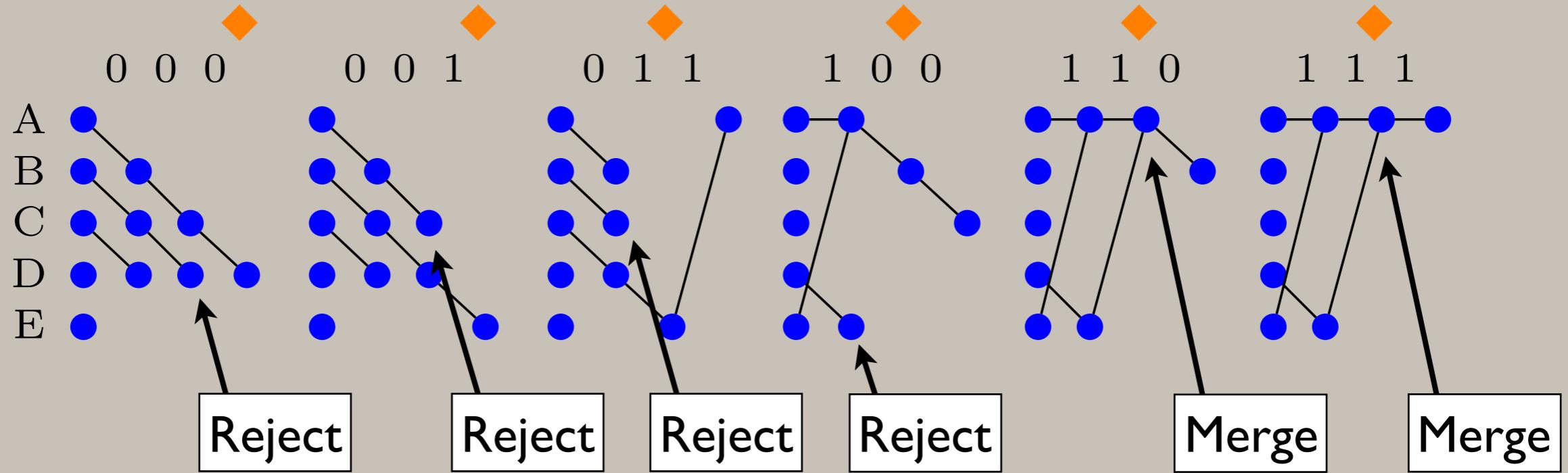
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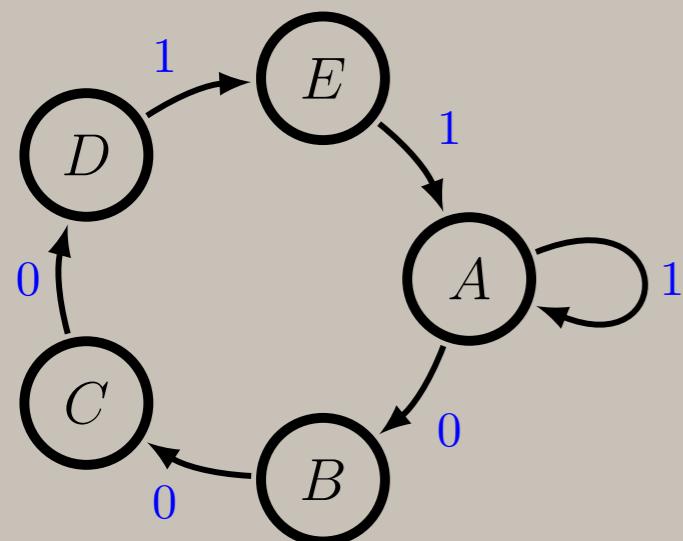
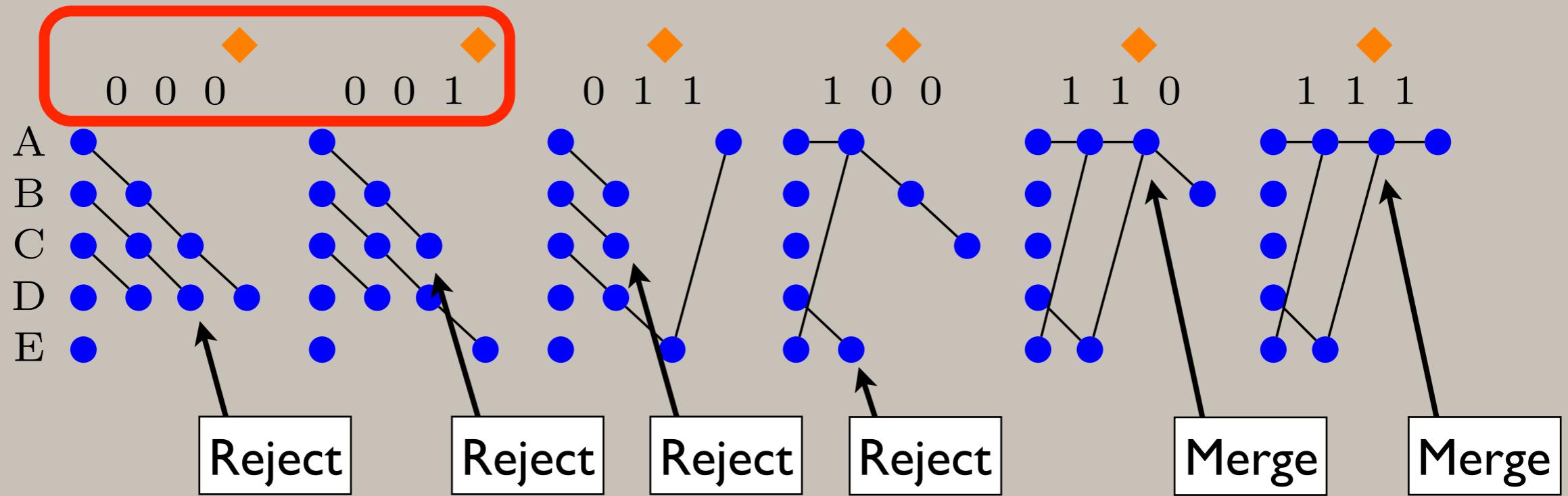
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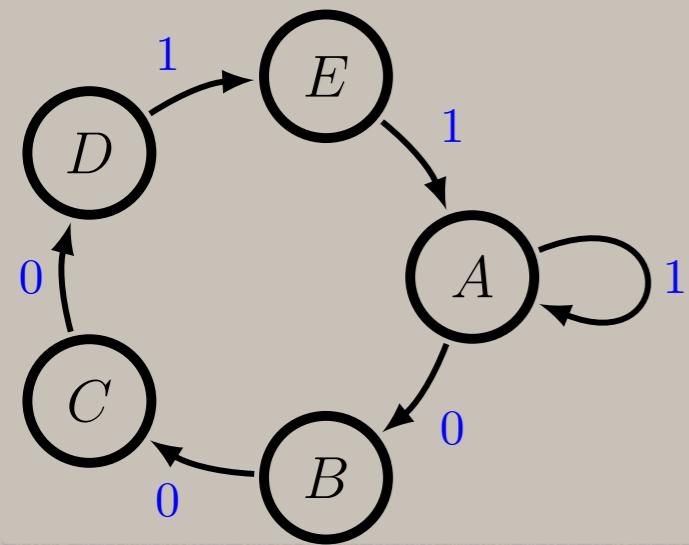
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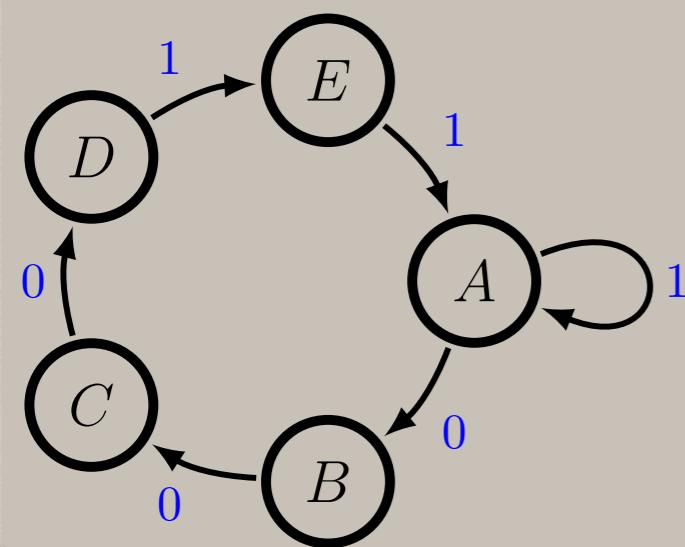
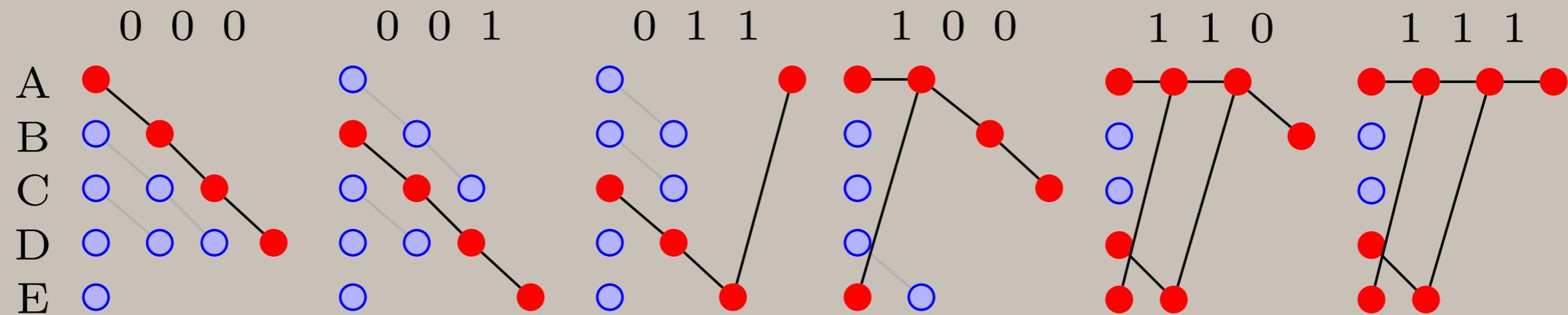
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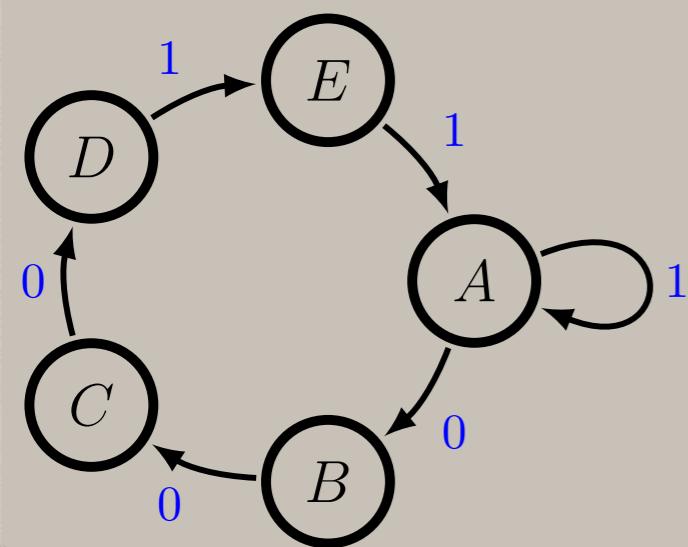
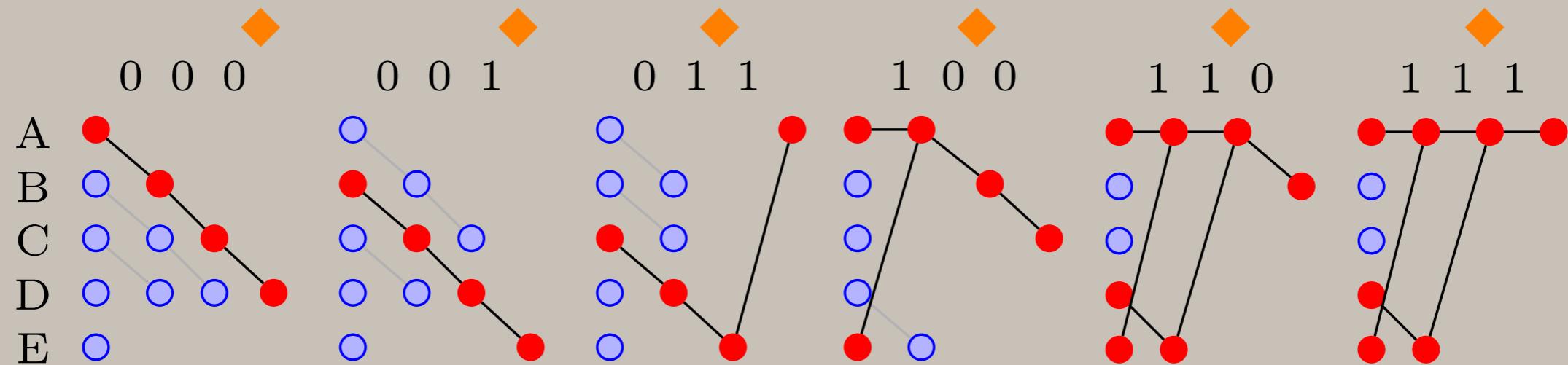
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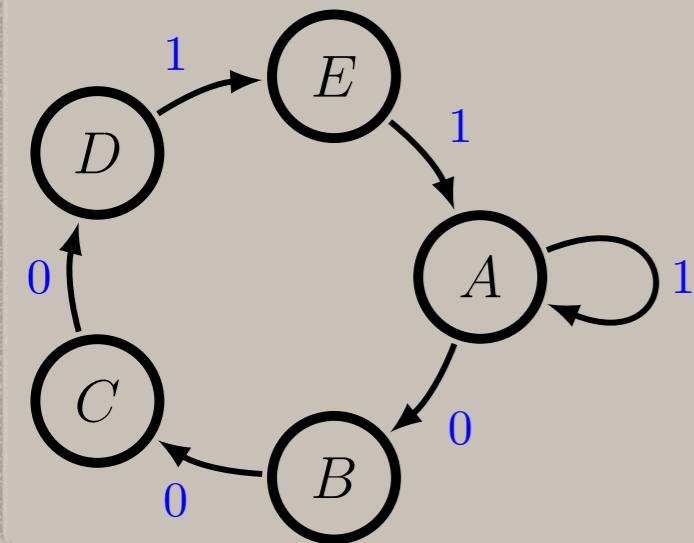
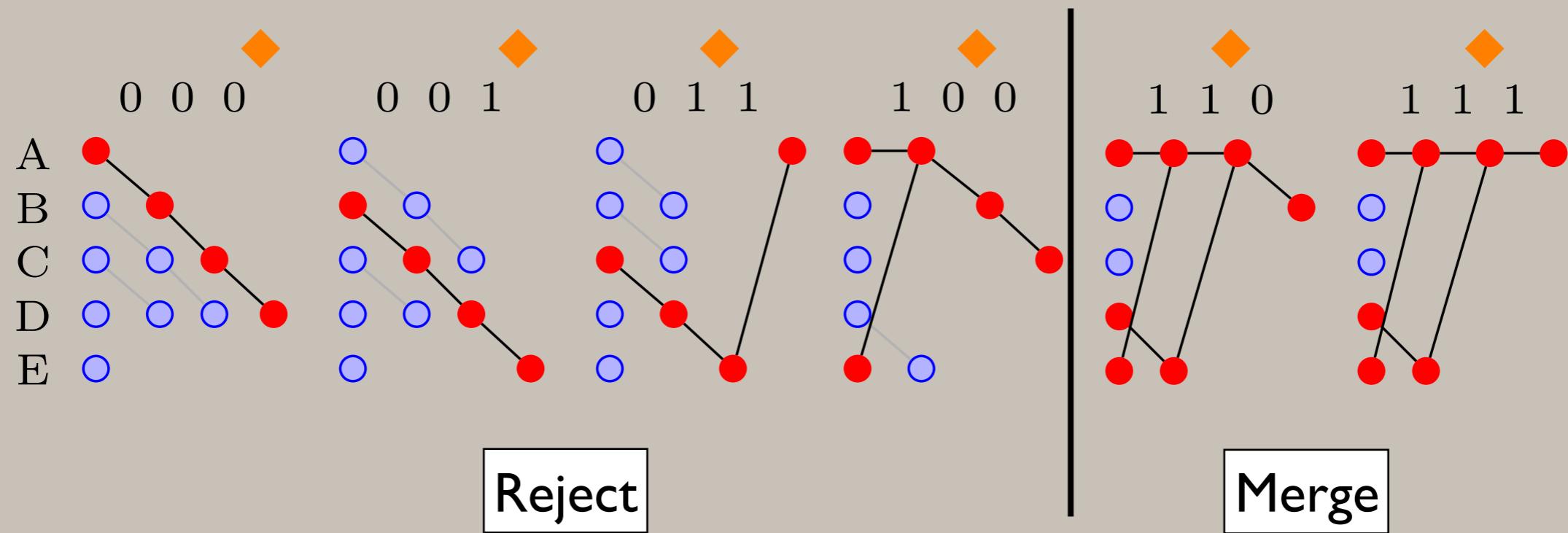
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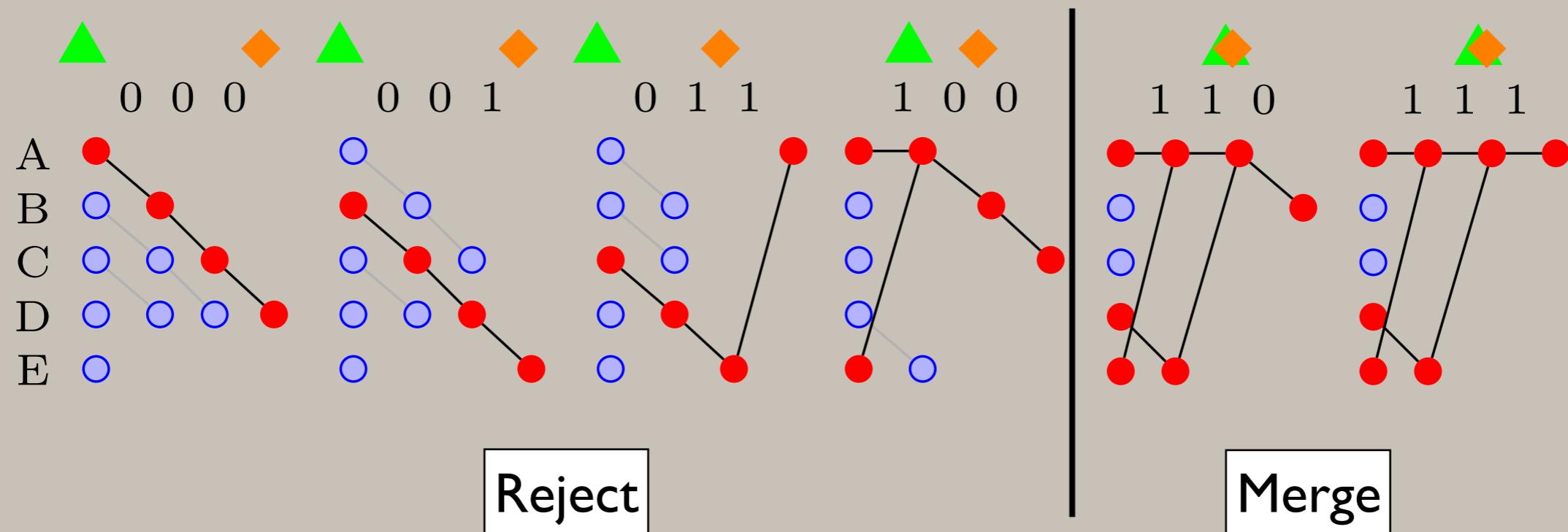
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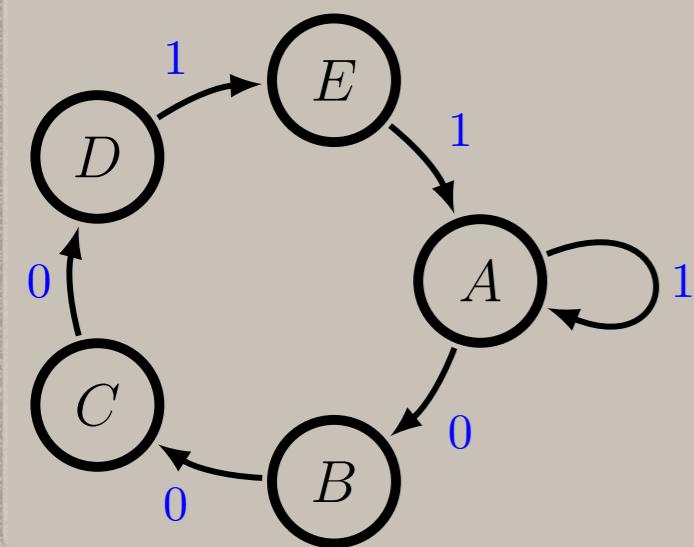
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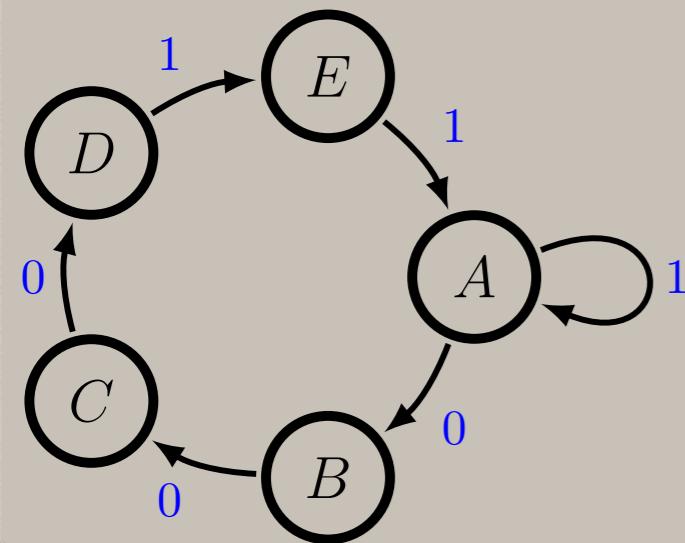
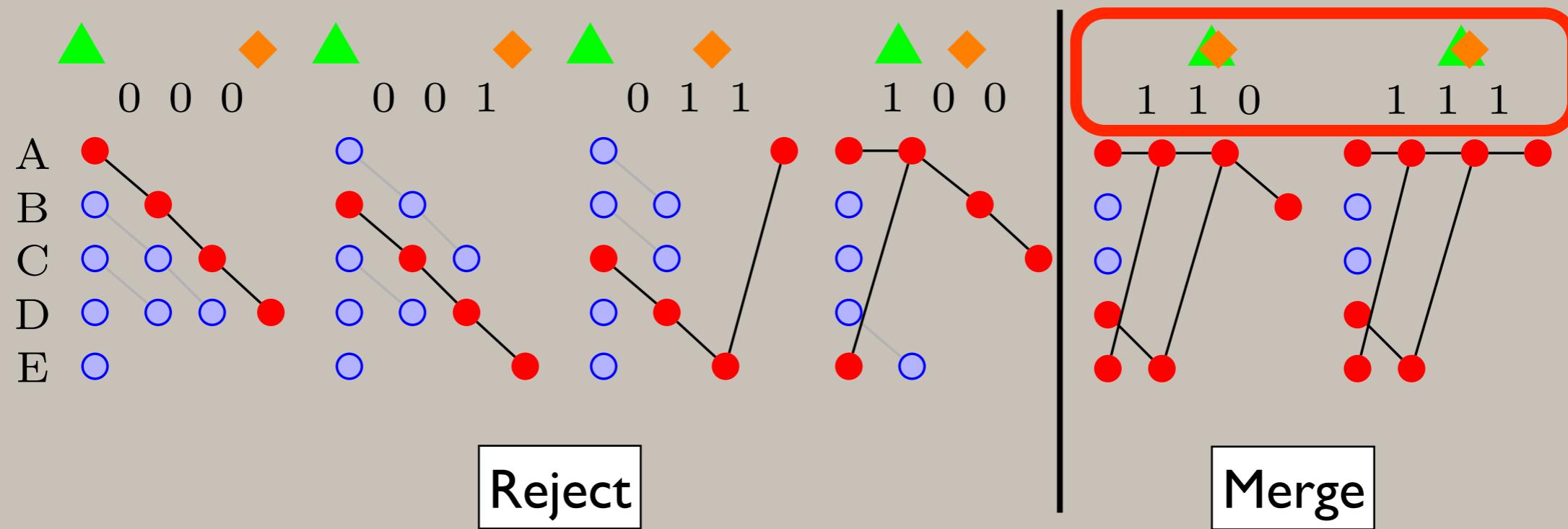
Merge



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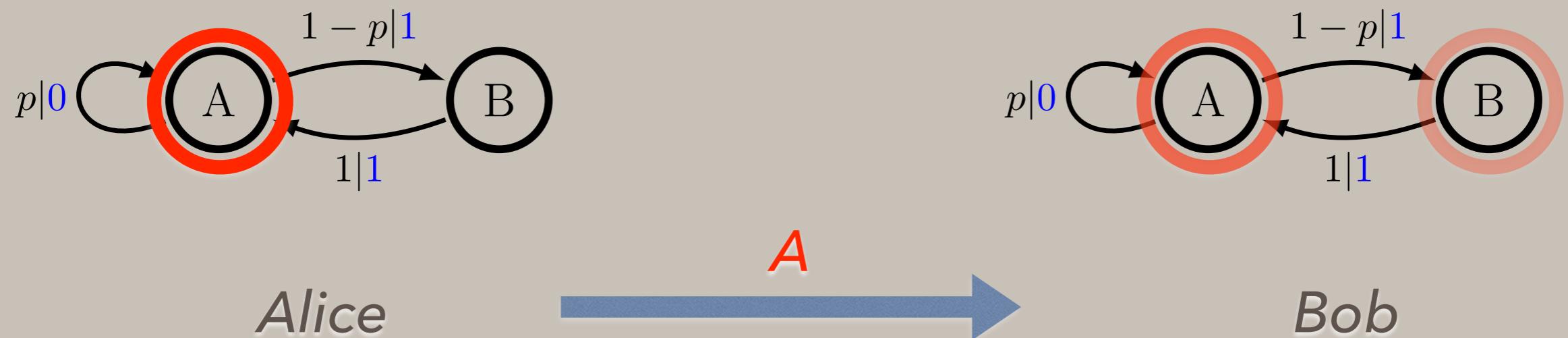
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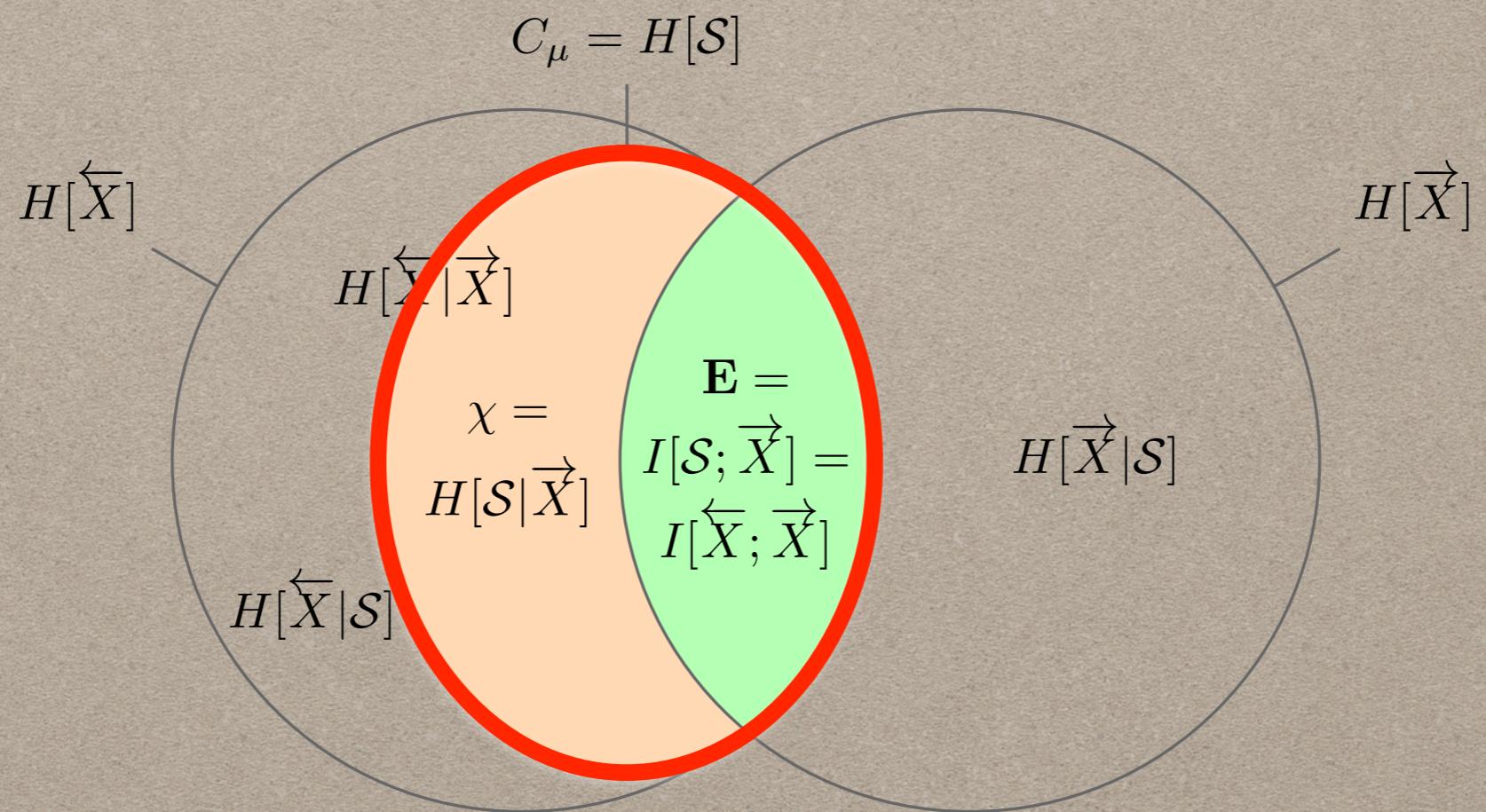
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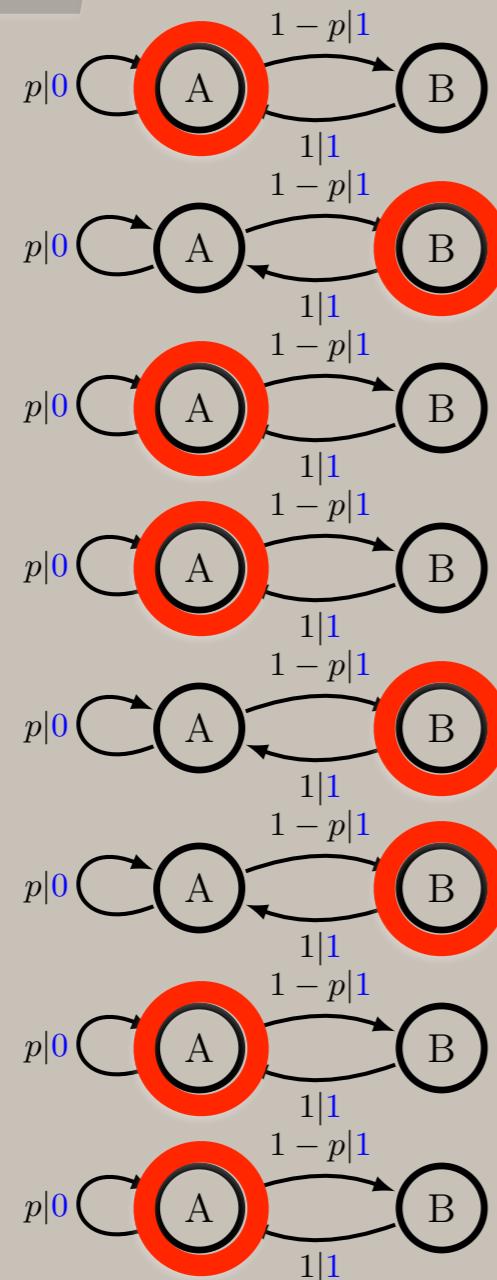
*Alice's
future
prediction:*

$$\begin{aligned}Pr(0) &= p \\Pr(1) &= 1 - p \\Pr(00) &= p^2 \\Pr(01) &= p(1 - p) \\Pr(10) &= 0 \\Pr(11) &= 0 \\Pr(000) &= p^3 \\\dots\end{aligned}$$



$$C_\mu = H(S)$$

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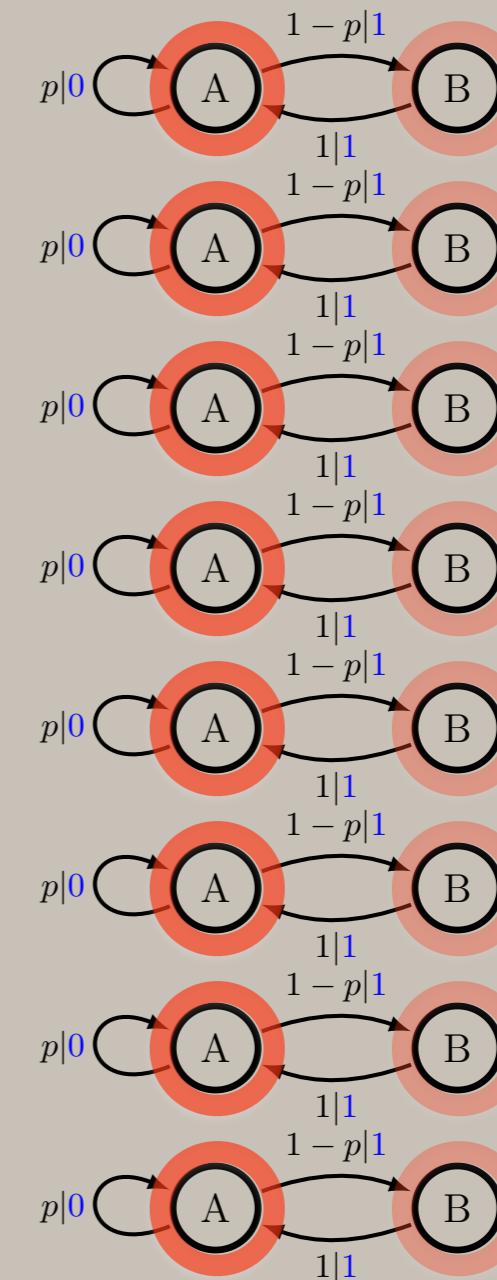
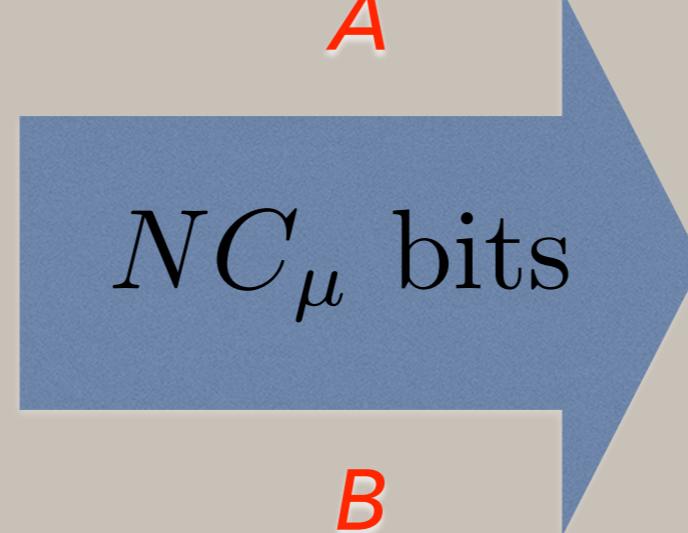
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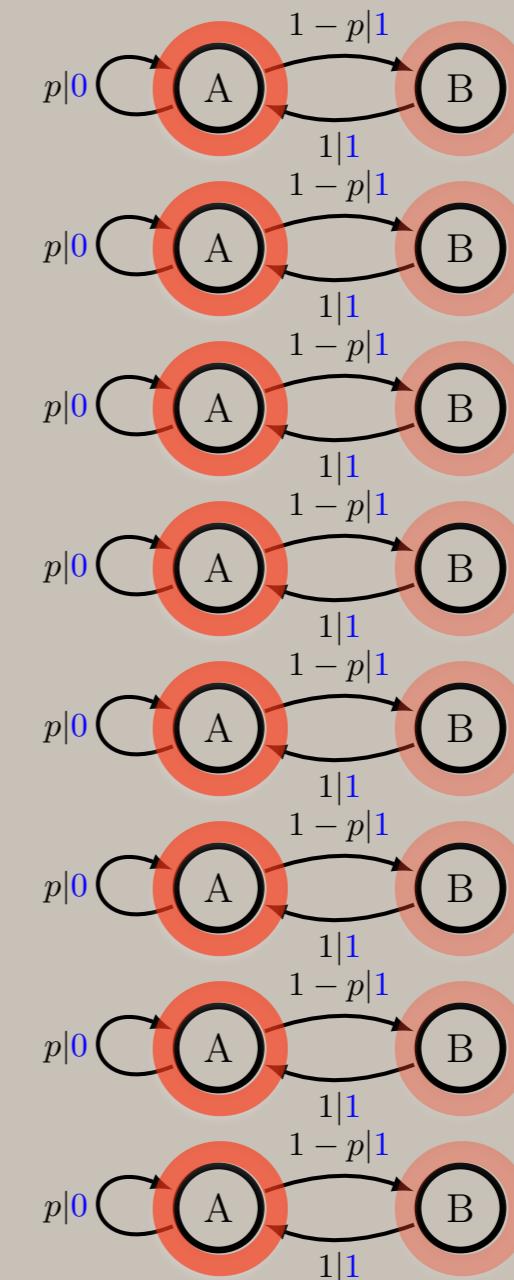
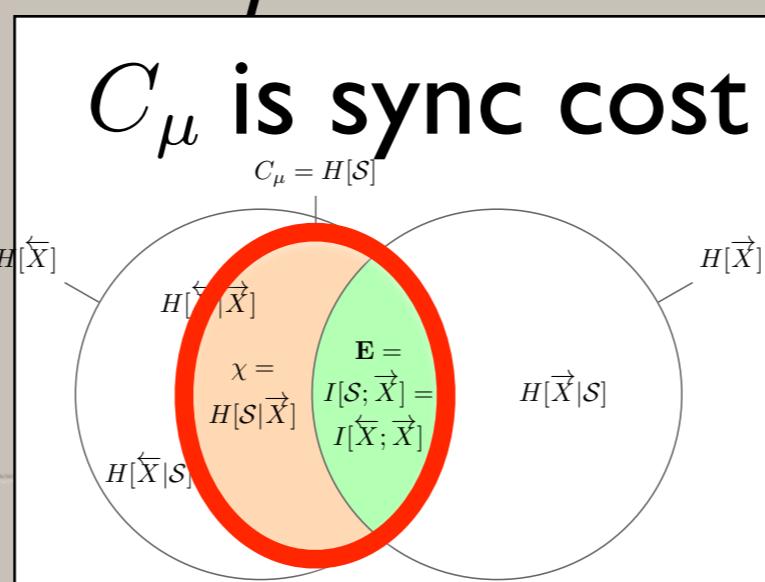
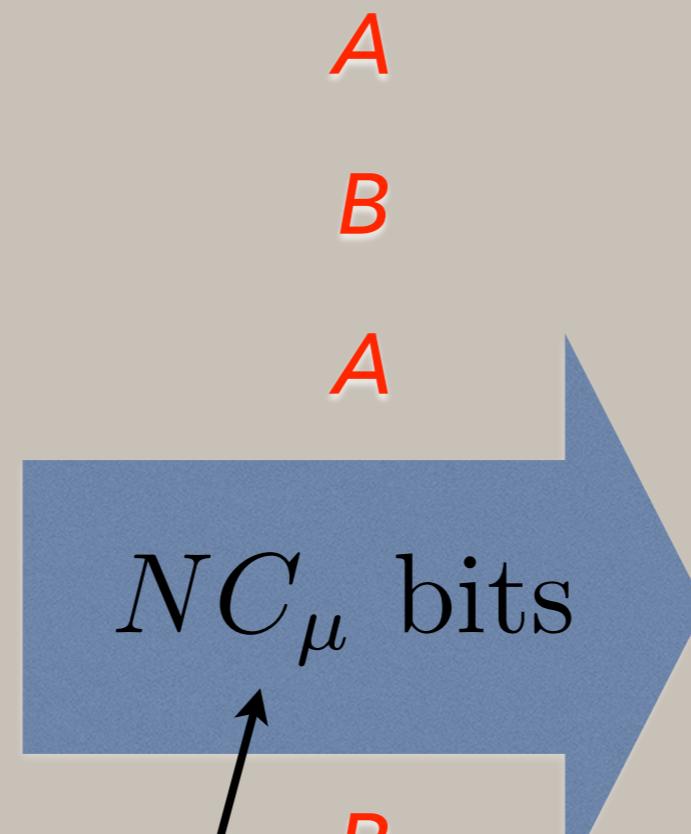
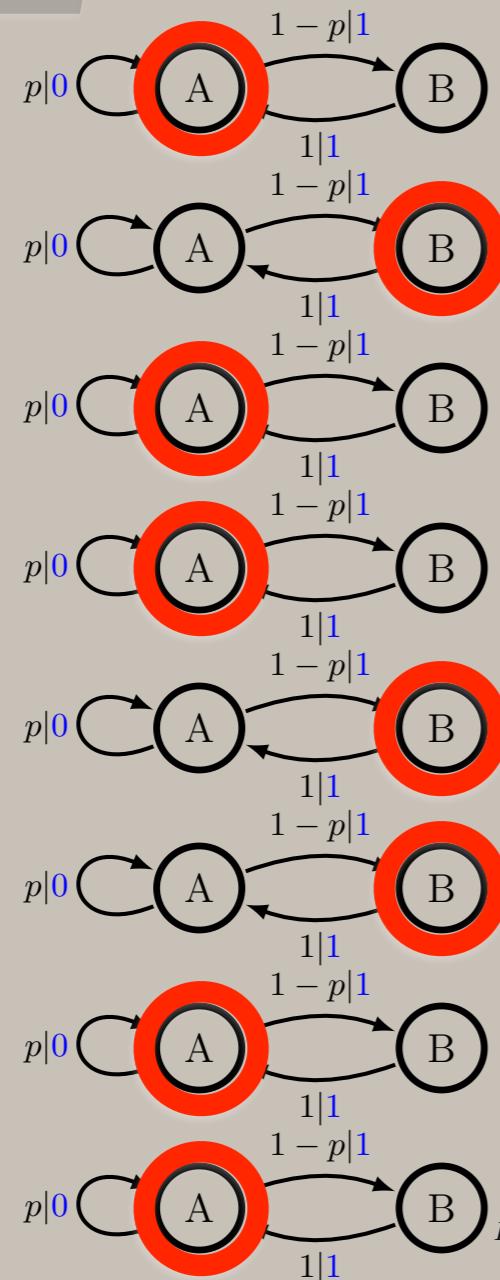
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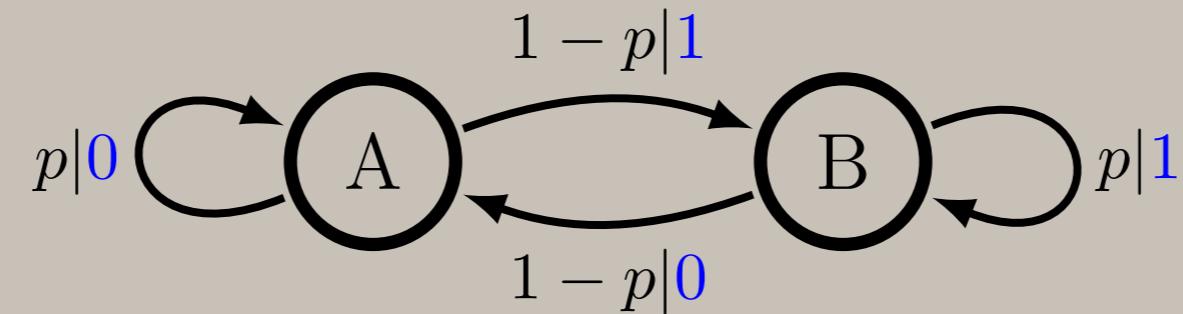


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CLASSICAL SYNCHRONIZATION



QUANTUM REPRESENTATIONS



How might we “quantize” this thing?

Is there any benefit?

*E.g. what is the quantum communication
cost of synchronizing?*

Are there any tradeoffs?



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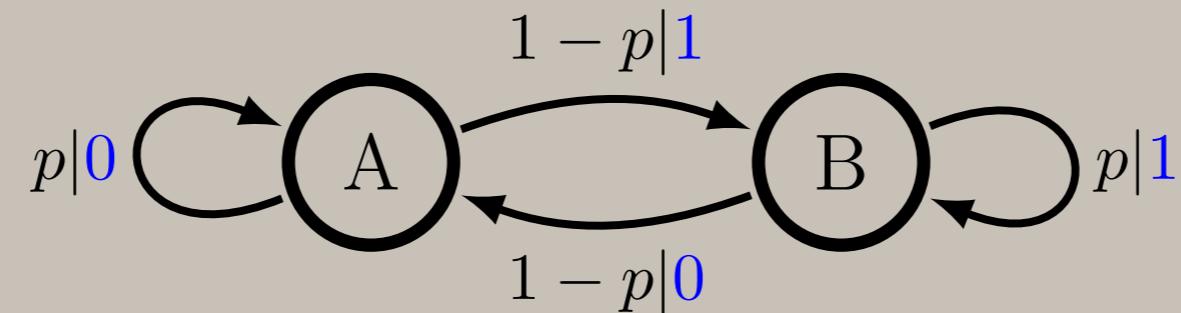


Nuka-Cola Quantum
New Exclusive Mix

QUANTUM INTUITION

For $p \sim 1/2$ this is nearly the fair coin.

$$A \sim B$$



*Can we express this similarity as
using non-orthogonal states?*

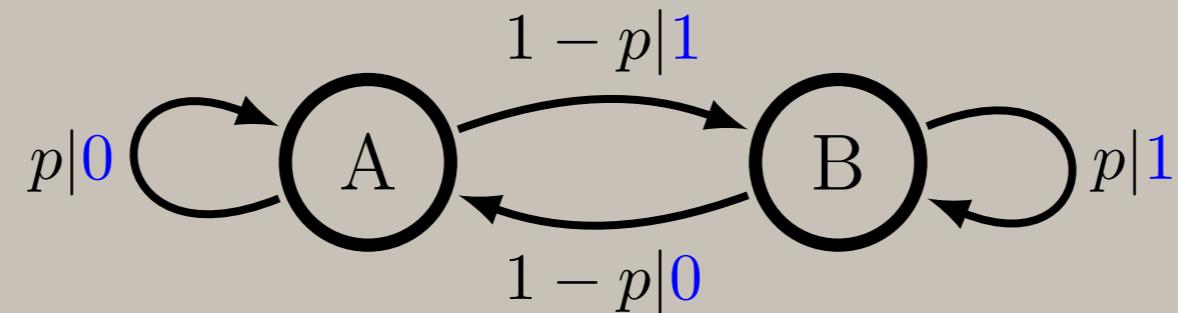
QUANTUM STATES

Map each classical causal state σ_j to a quantum state

$$|\eta_j(L)\rangle \equiv \sum_{w^L \in |\mathcal{A}|^L} \sum_{\sigma_k \in \mathcal{S}} \sqrt{Pr(w^L, \sigma_k | \sigma_j)} |w^L\rangle |\sigma_k\rangle$$

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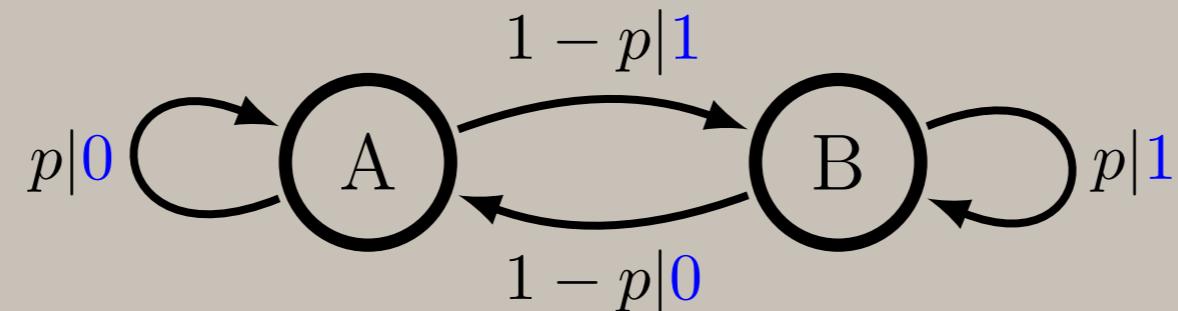
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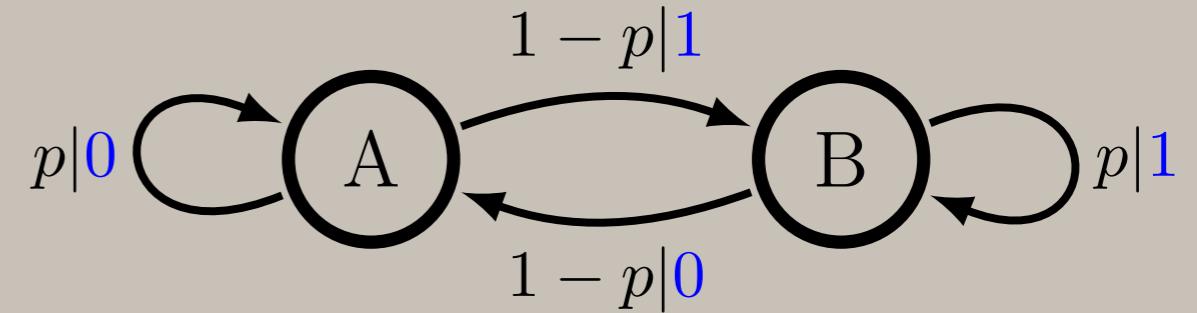
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The key is these nontrivial overlaps!

QUANTUM DYNAMICS



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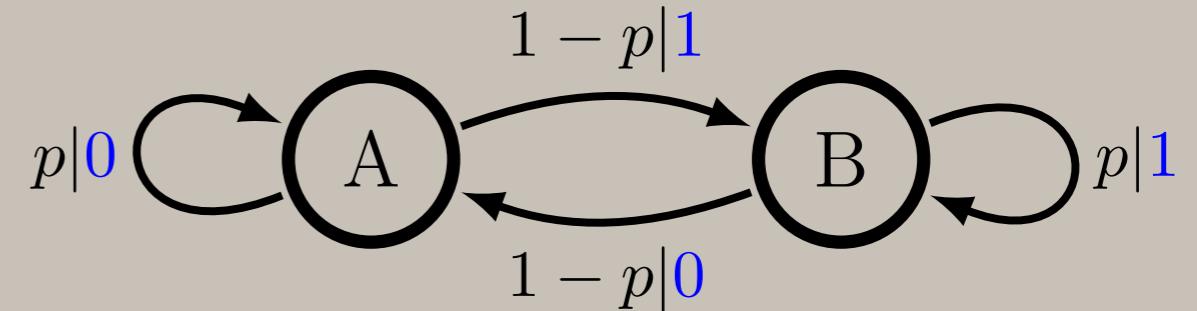
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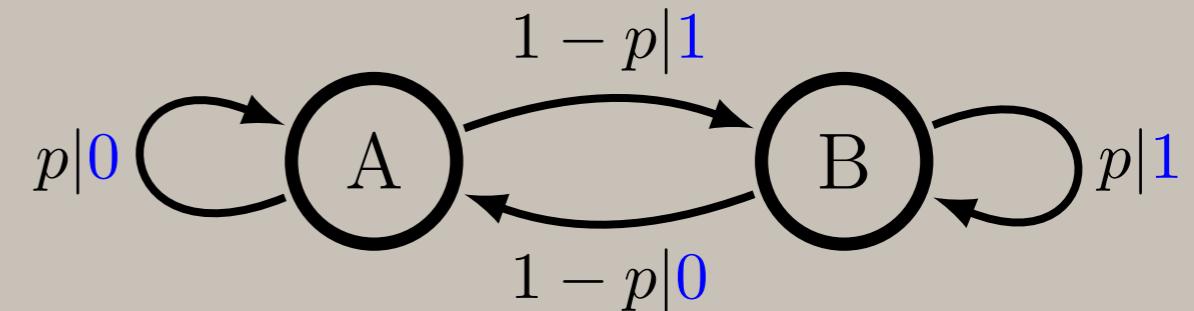
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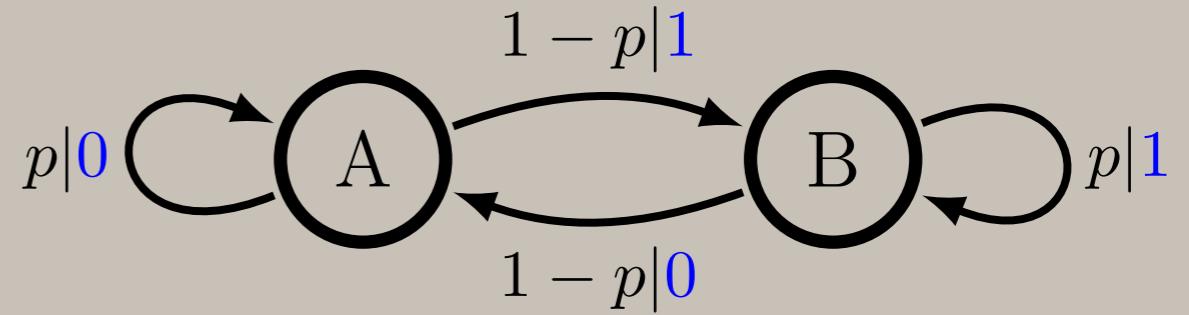
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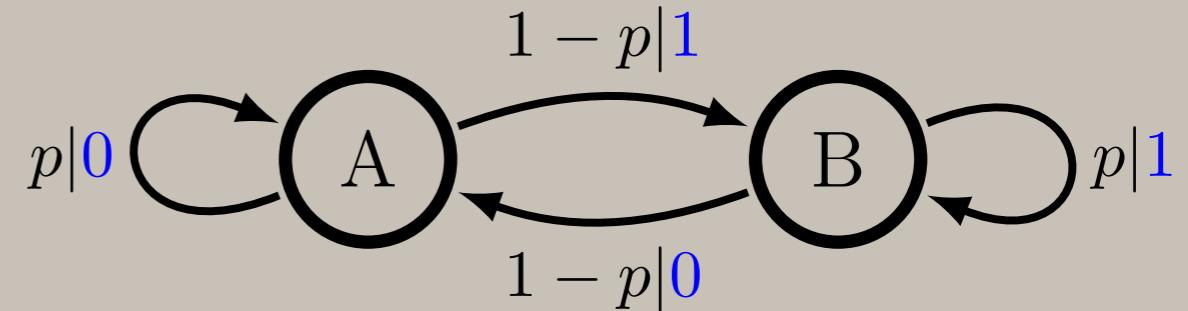
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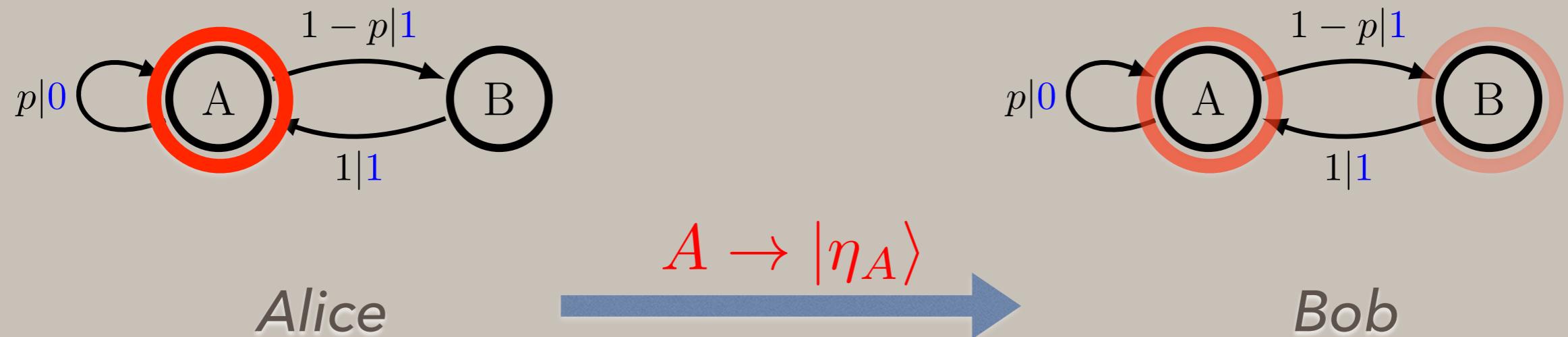
$$|\eta_j(L)\rangle \equiv \sum_{w^L \in |\mathcal{A}|^L} \sum_{\sigma_k \in \mathcal{S}} \sqrt{Pr(w^L, \sigma_k | \sigma_j)} |w^L\rangle |\sigma_k\rangle$$

Reset

$$Pr(w || \eta_j) = |\langle w | \eta_j \rangle|^2 = Pr(w | \sigma_j) \rightarrow 'w', |\sigma_k\rangle \rightarrow ' \sigma_k ' | \sigma_k \rangle \rightarrow |\eta_k\rangle$$

Mechanism reproduces classical process L symbols at a time.

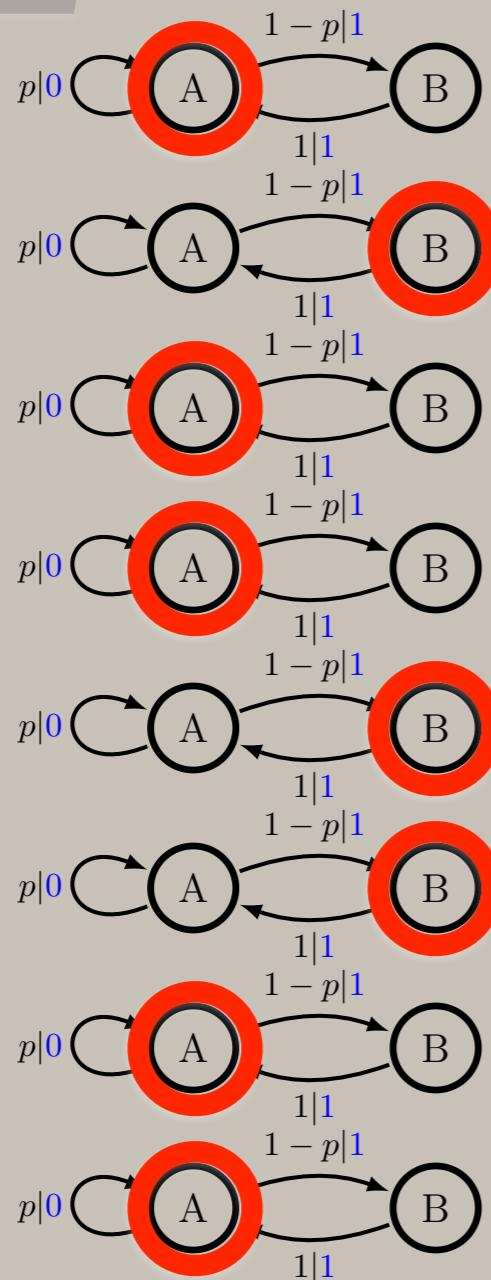
QUANTUM SYNCHRONIZATION



*Alice's
future
prediction:*

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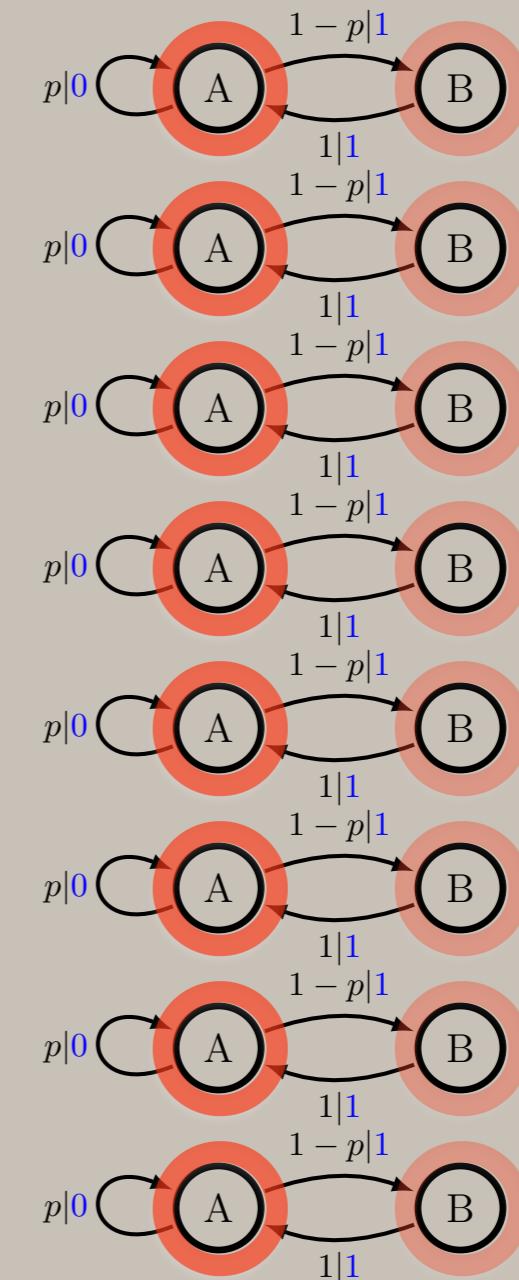
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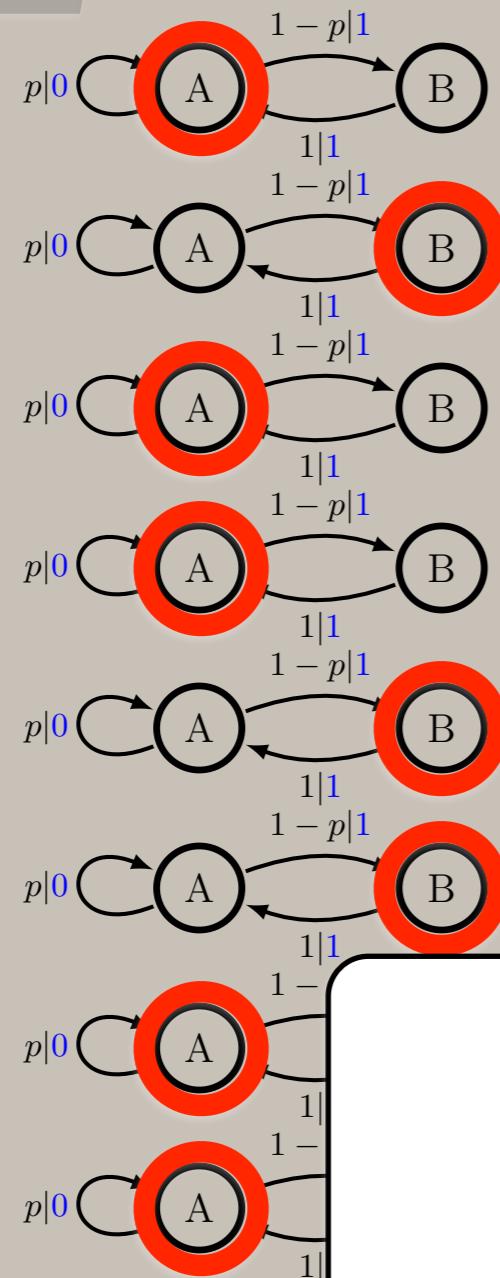
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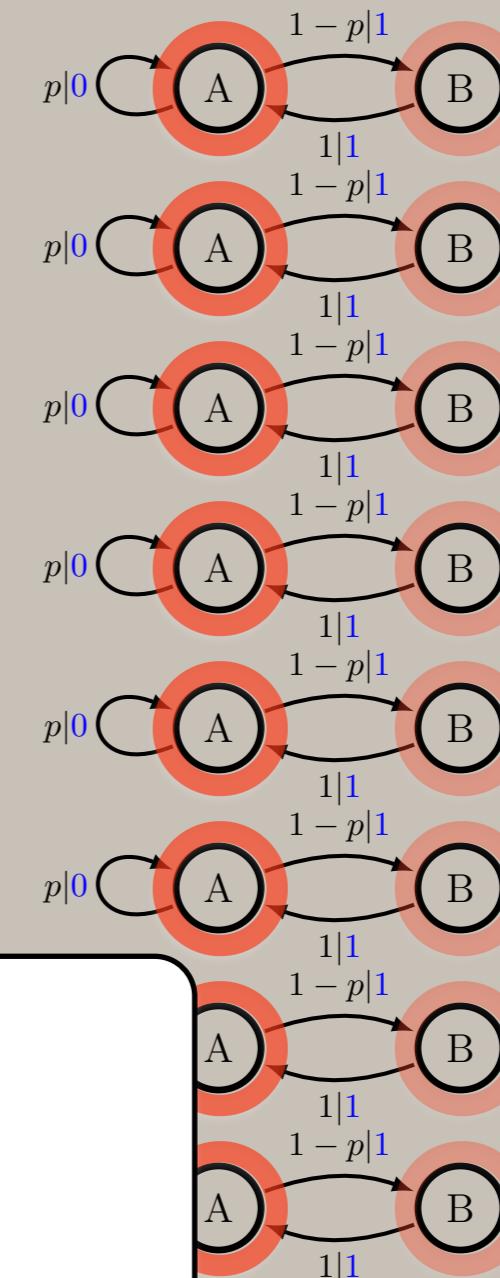
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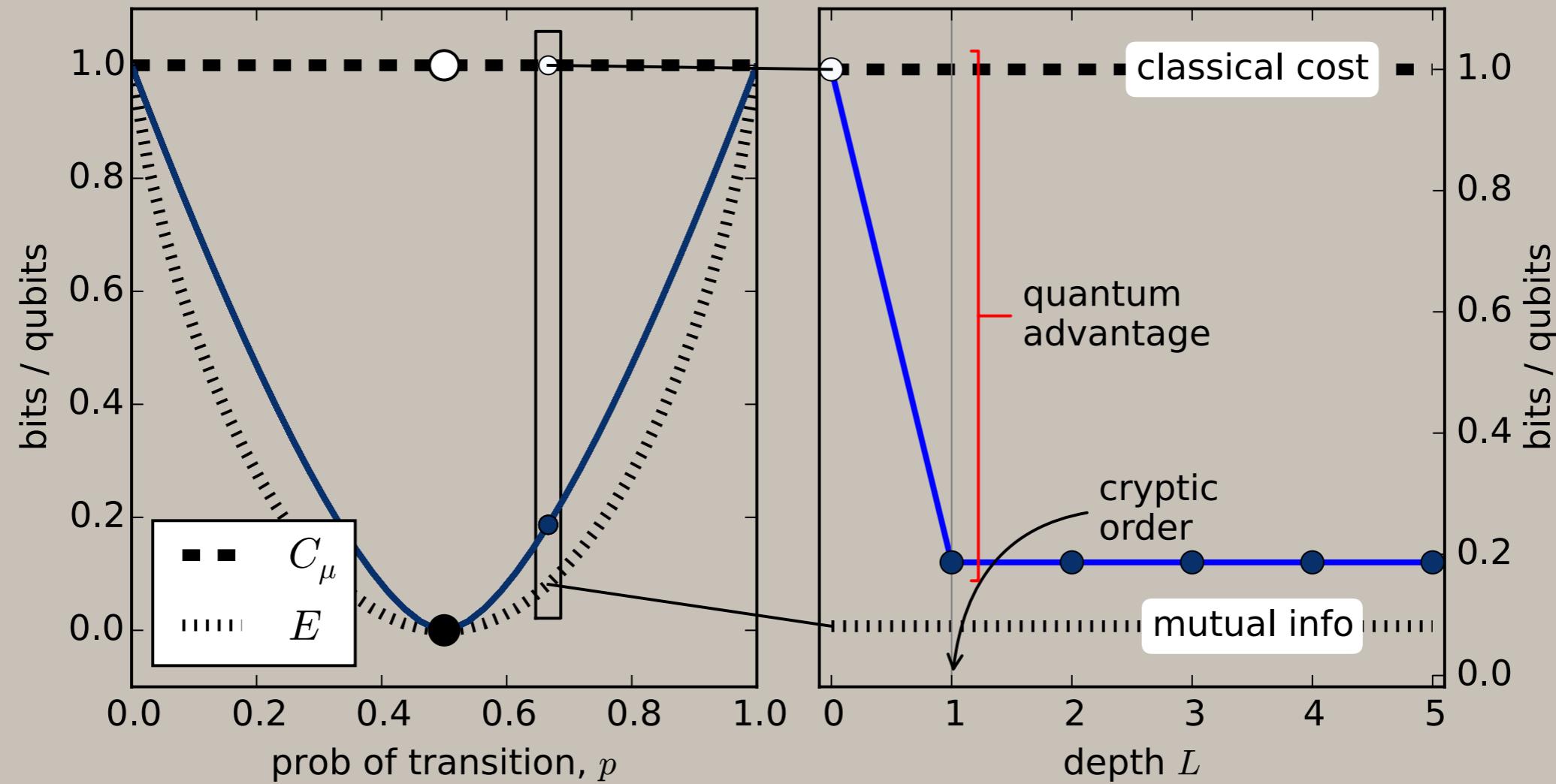
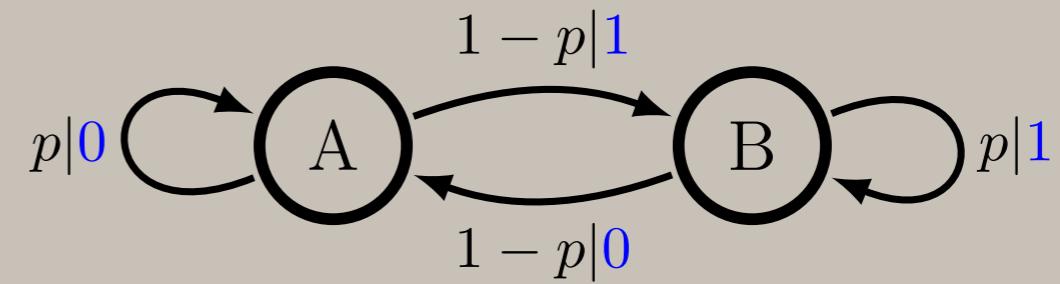
$$S(\rho) = \text{tr } \rho \log \rho$$

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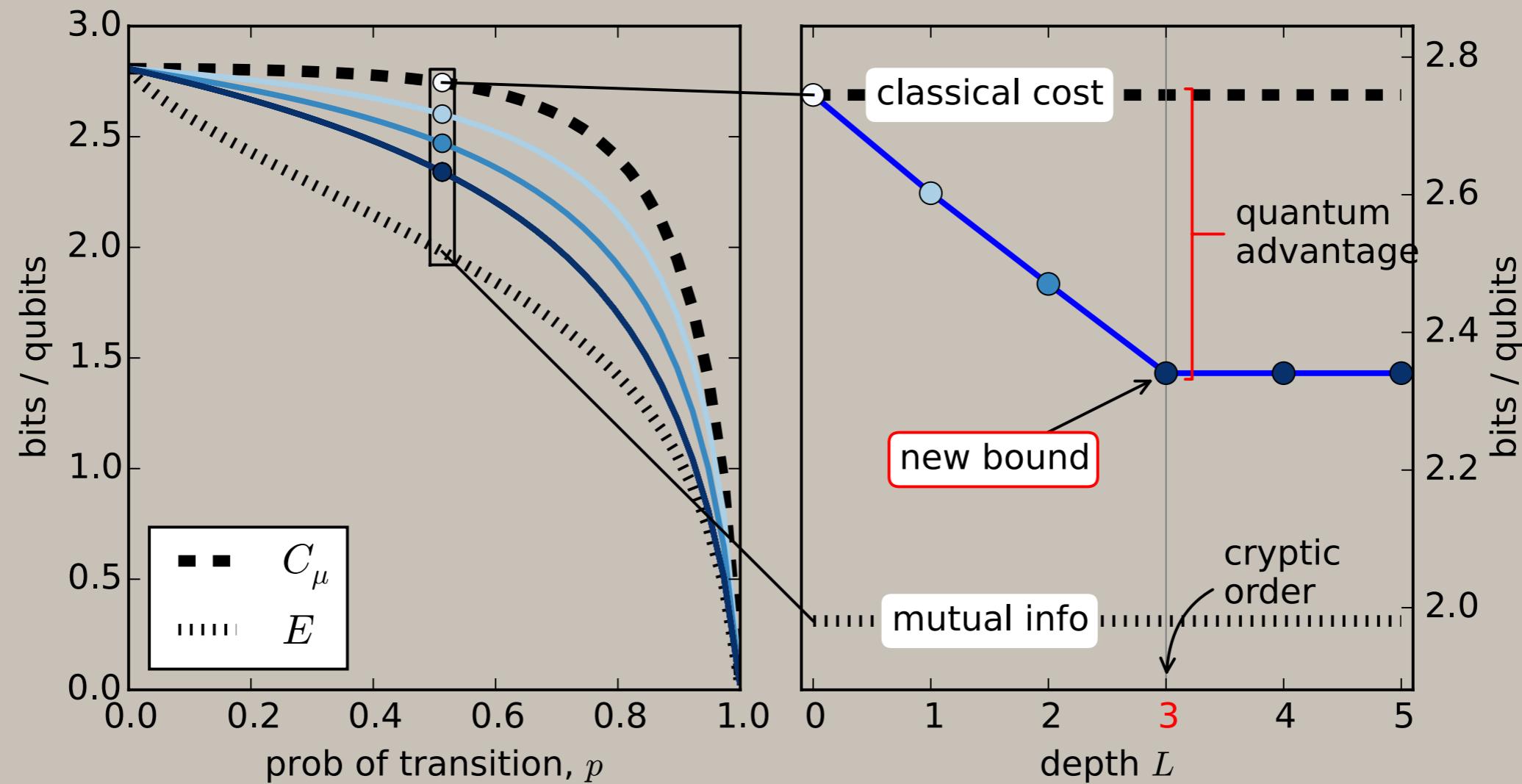
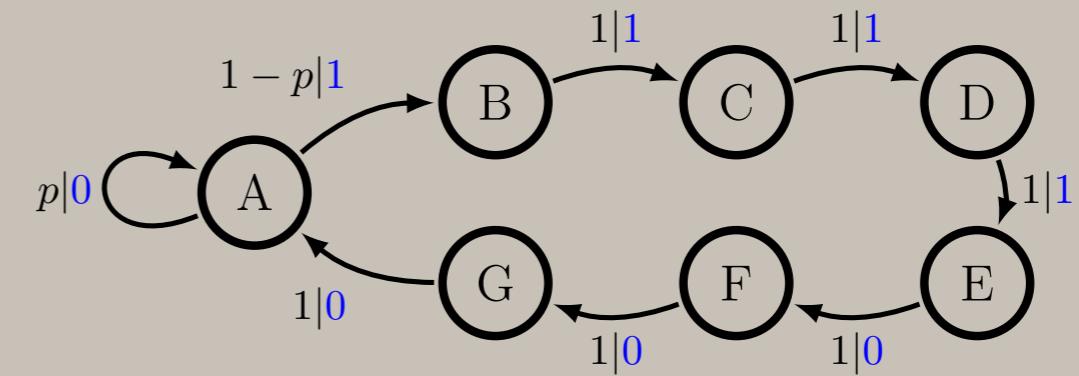
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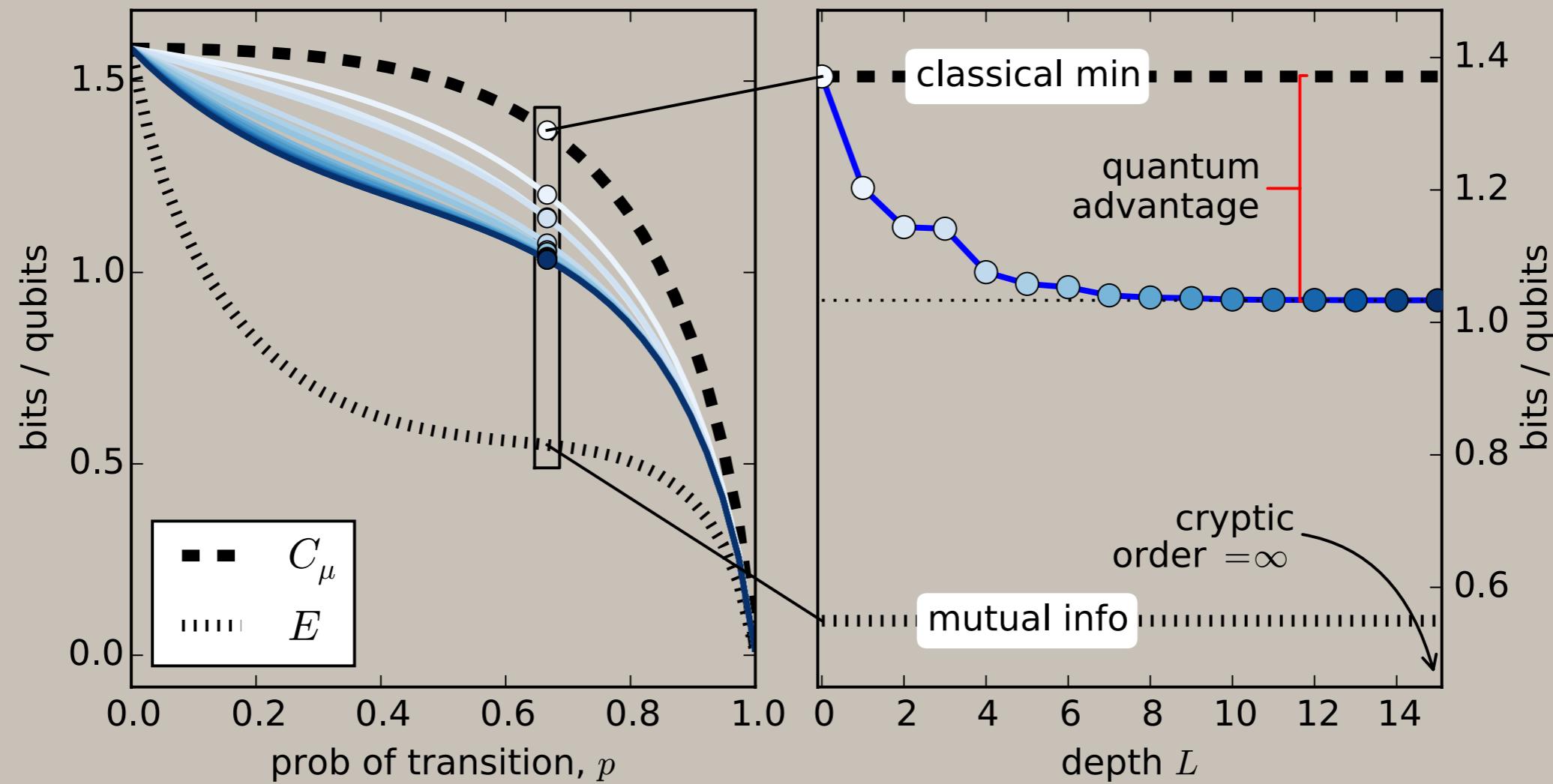
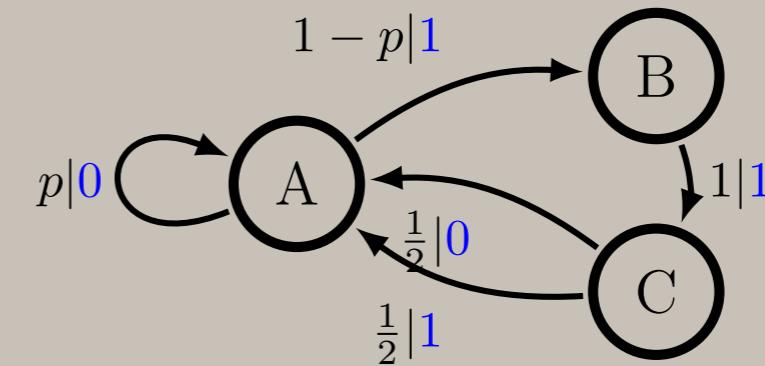
BIASED COINS PROCESS



RK GOLDEN MEAN



NEMO PROCESS



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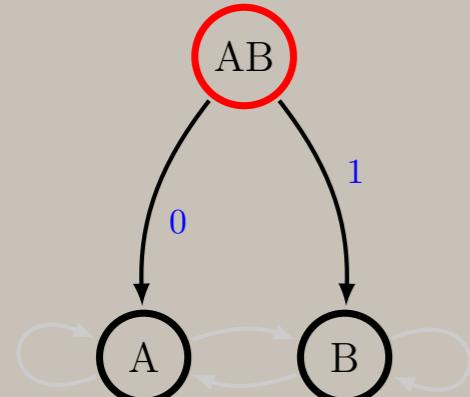
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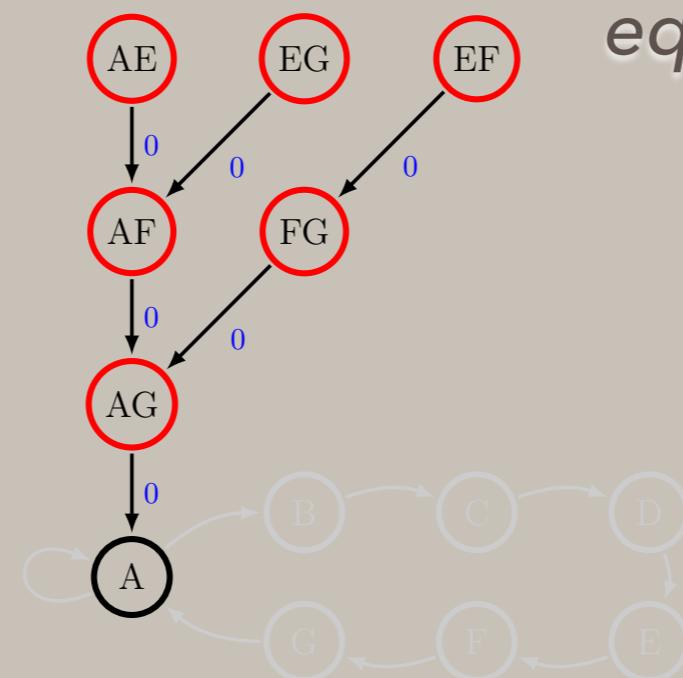
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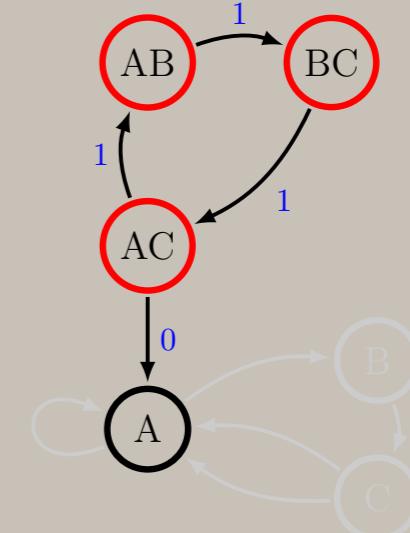
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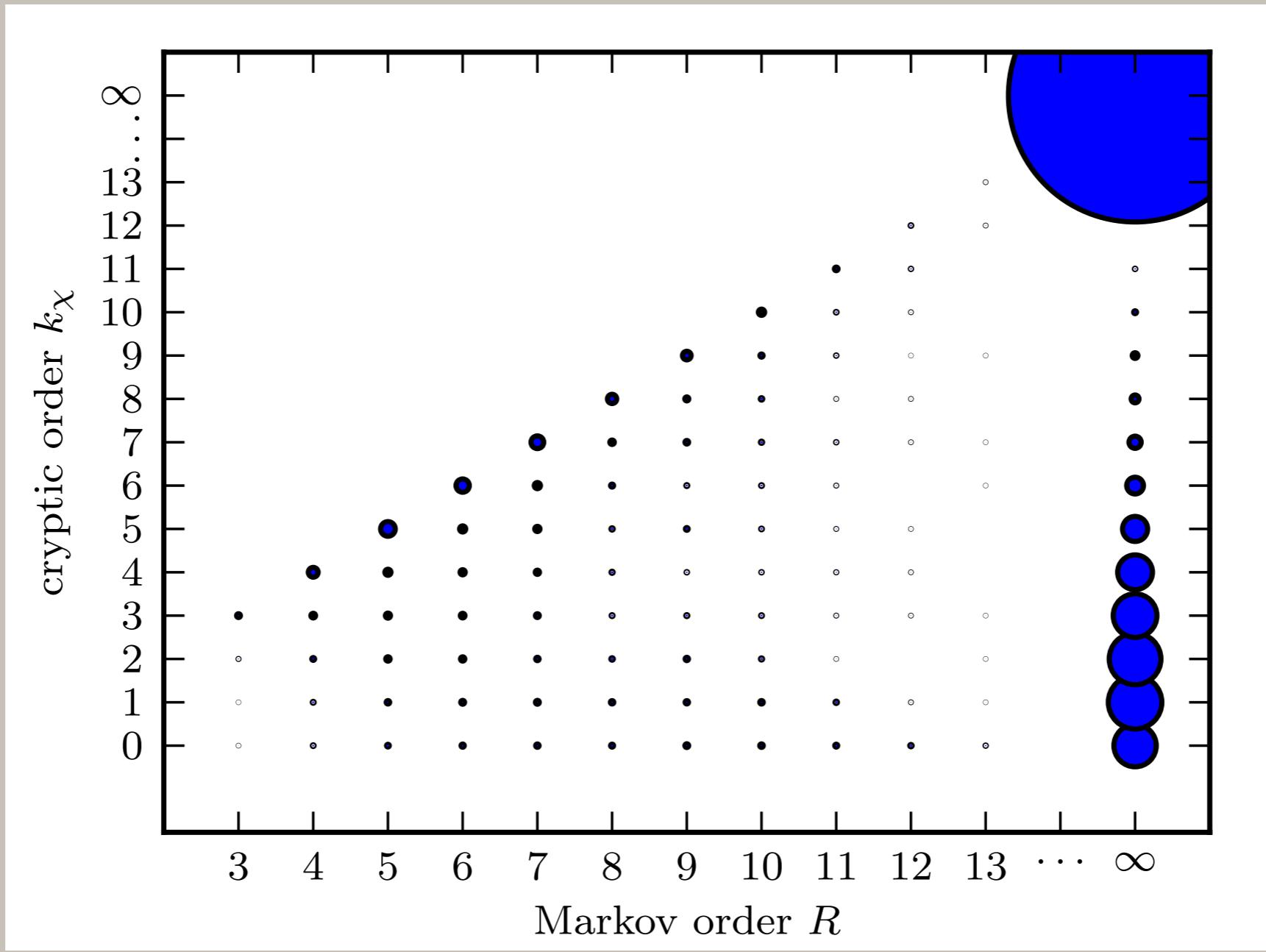


R-k Golden Mean

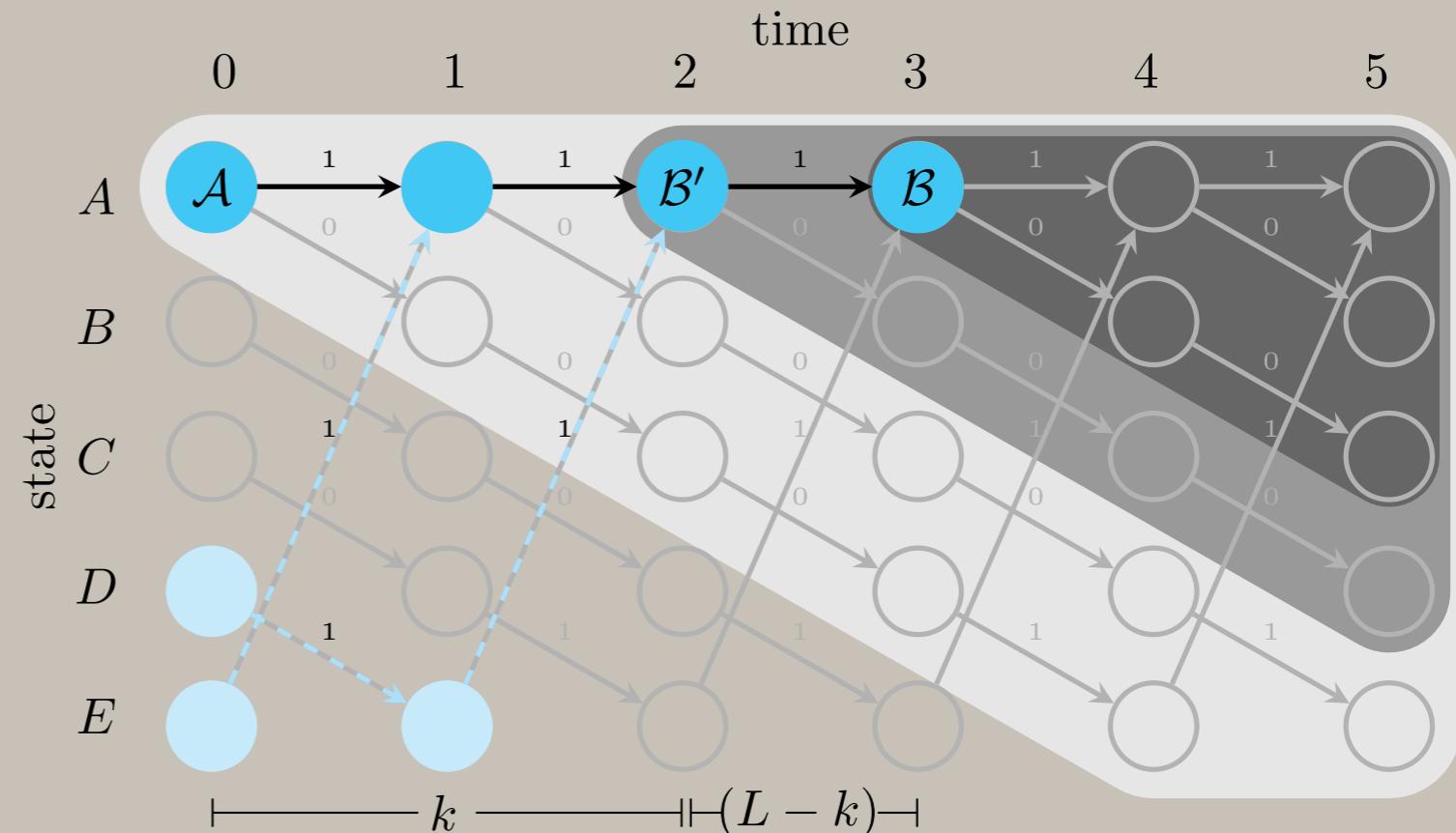
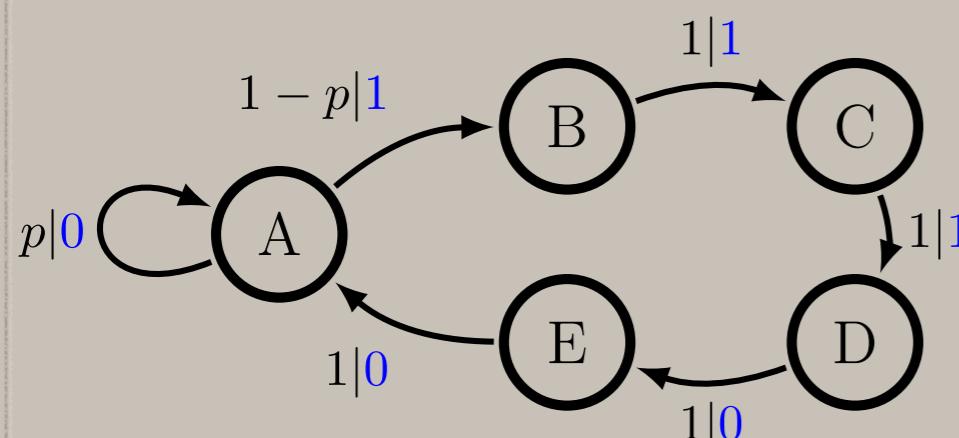


Nemo

WHERE ARE THE CRYPTIC PROCESSES HIDING?



PREDICTION TRADEOFF



Bob can only make a conditionally equivalent prediction

Protected from overcoding by cryptic order

TAKEAWAYS

- Structure and synchronization
- Quantum advantage
- Cryptic order saturation
- Efficient computation

Structure matters!

