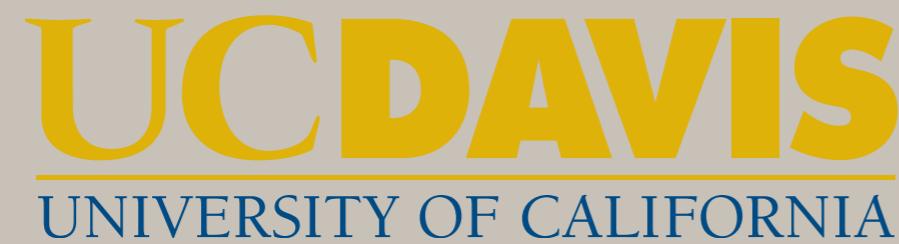


# STRUCTURE IN QUANTUM REPRESENTATIONS OF PROCESSES

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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

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

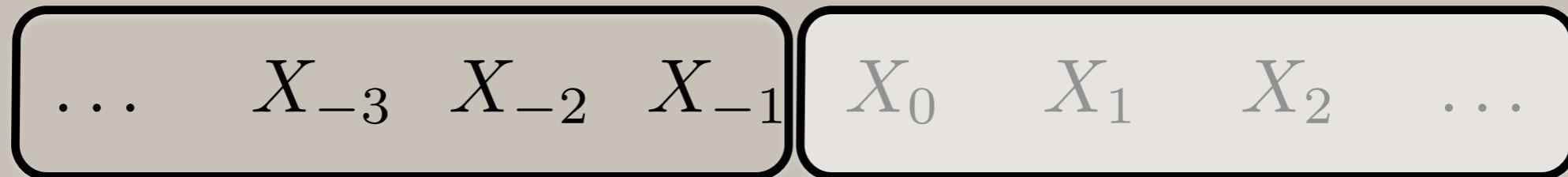
*Symbols from discrete alphabet     $x \in \mathcal{A}$*

*Stationary*

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

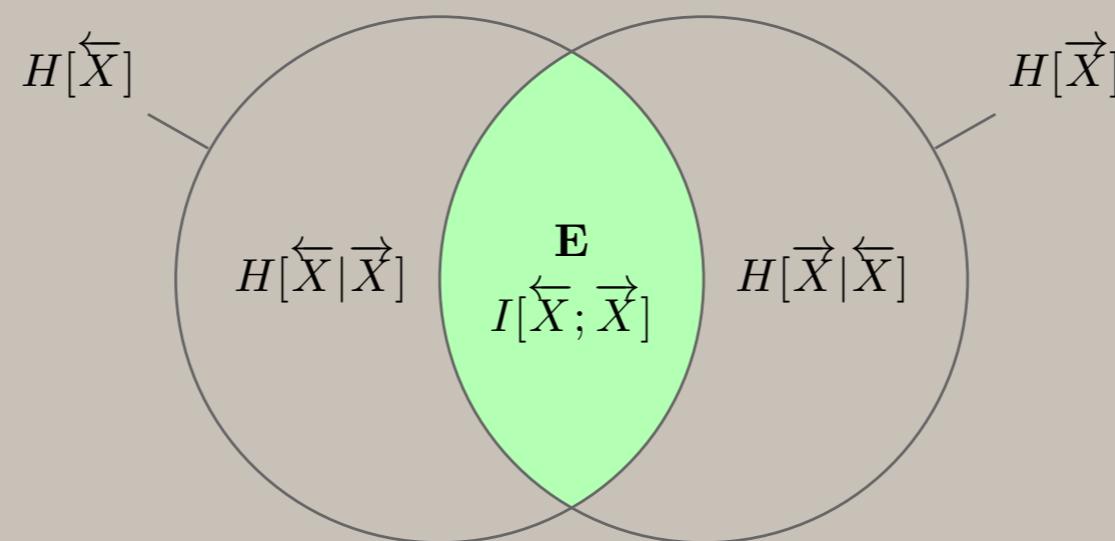
# PREDICTING THE FUTURE

*Past* → *Future*



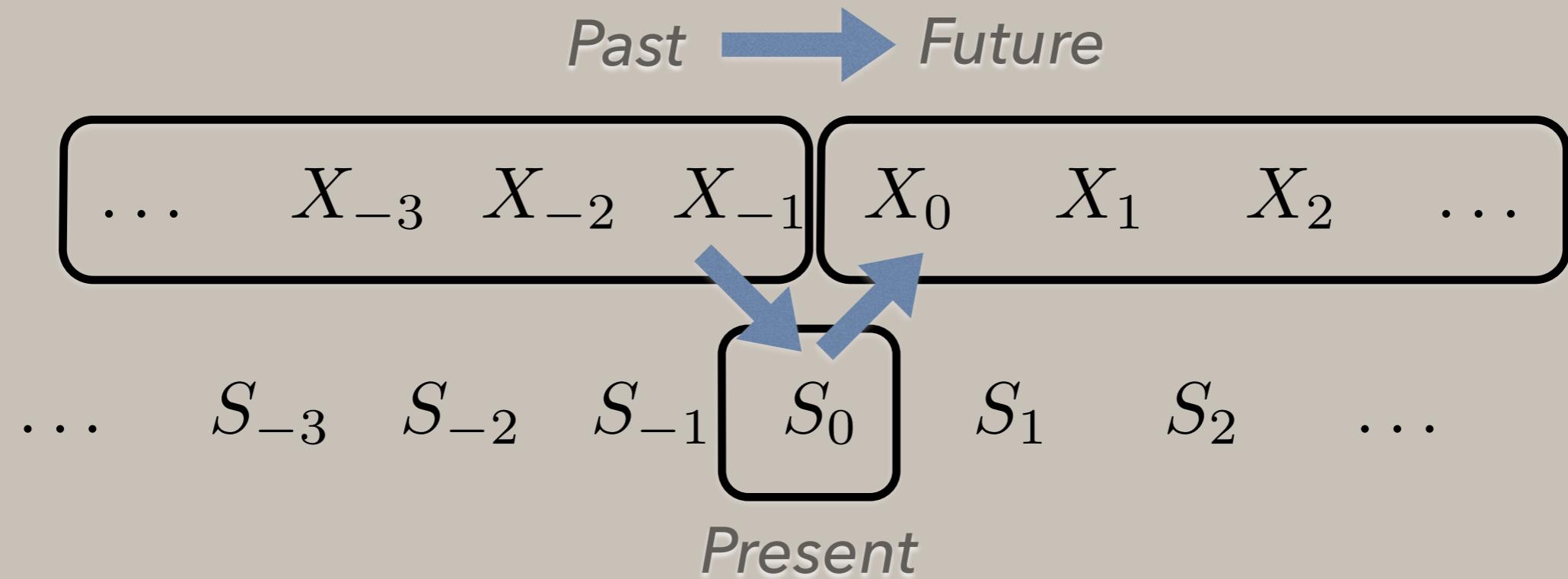
*Excess entropy = predictive potential*

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

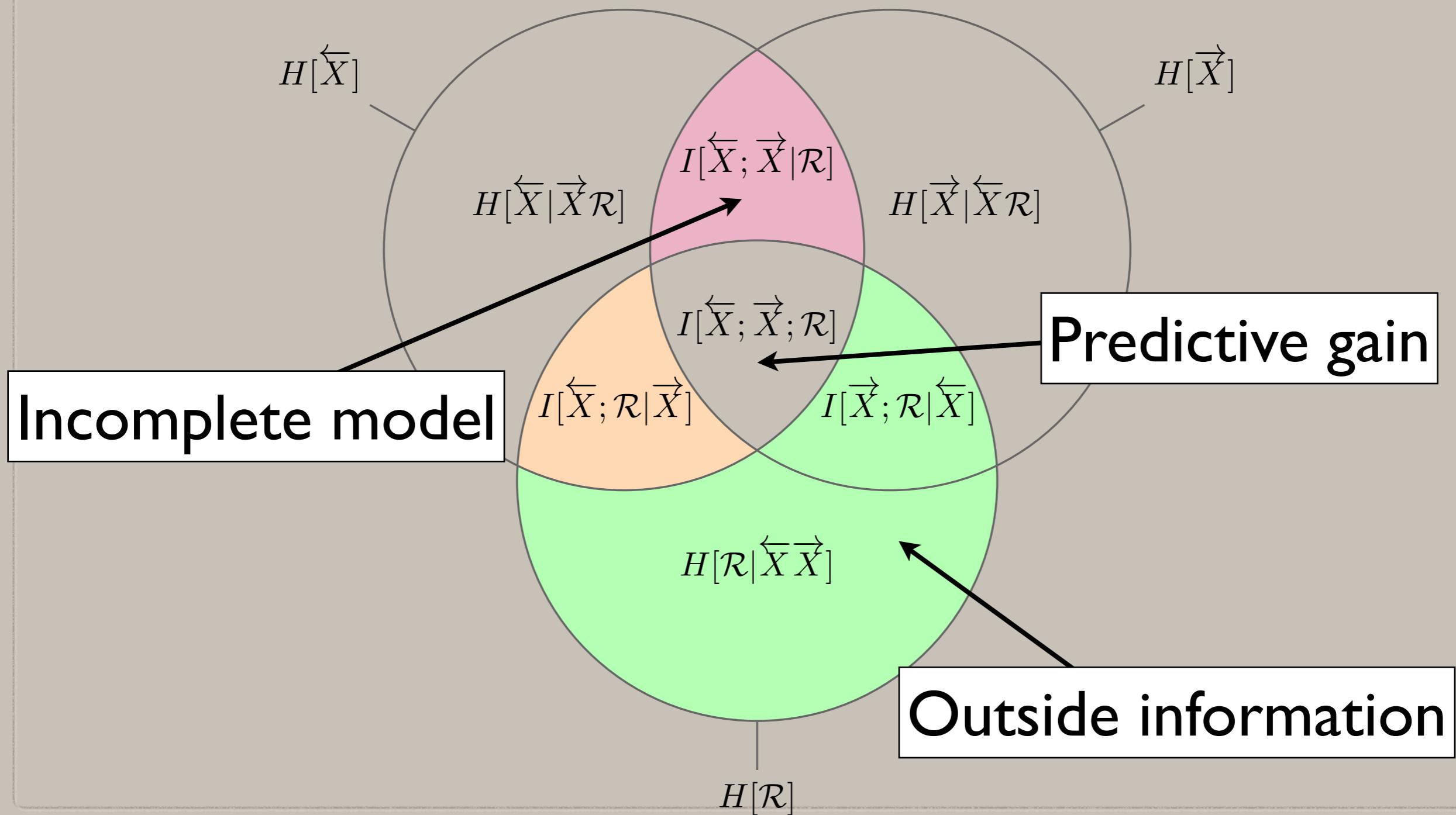


*But is this a good measure of “structure”?*

# BUILDING MODELS



# PREDICTIVE MODELS



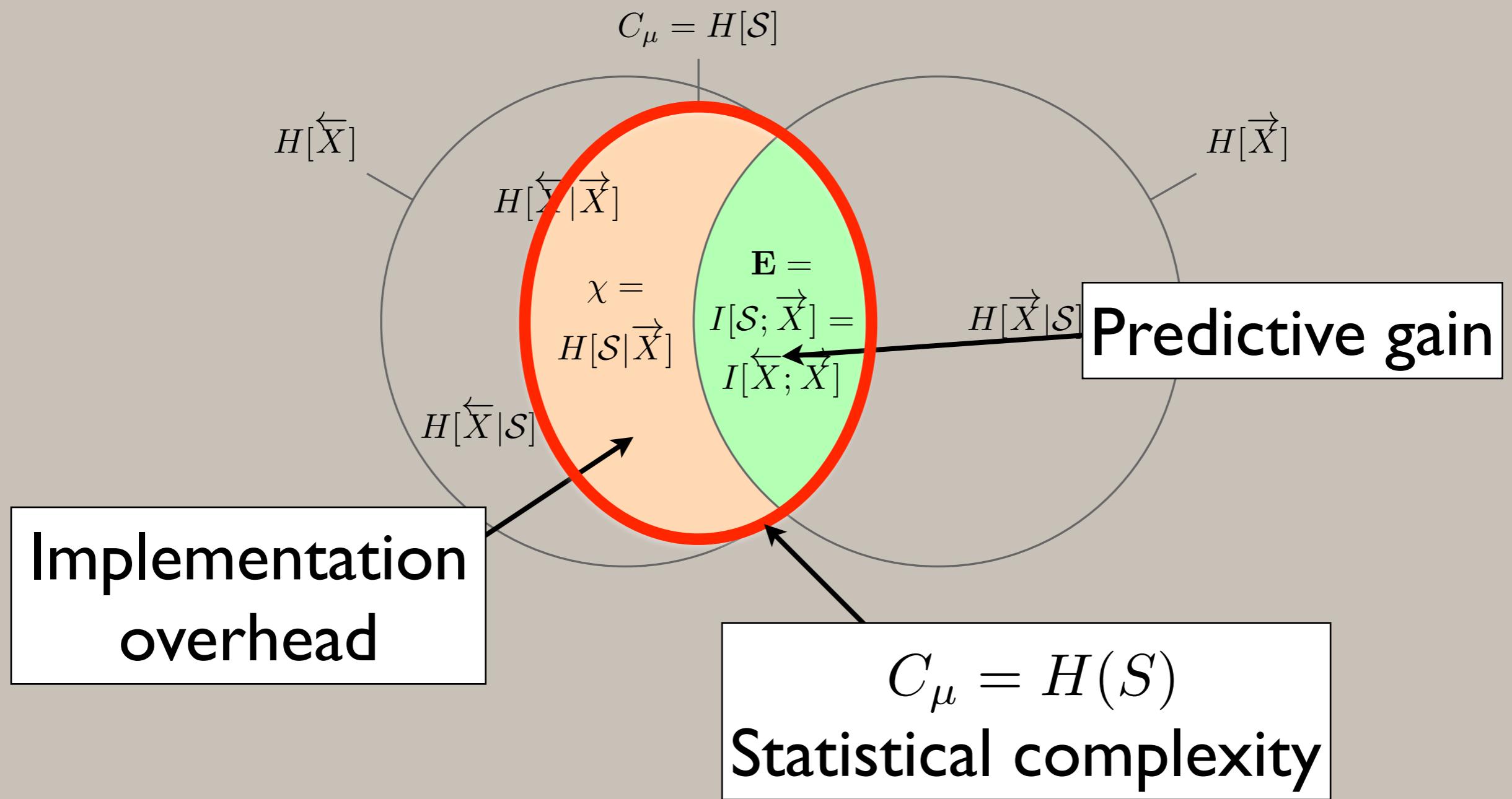
# CAUSAL STATES

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.”

# $\epsilon$ -MACHINE I-DIAGRAM



# THE EPSILON-MACHINE

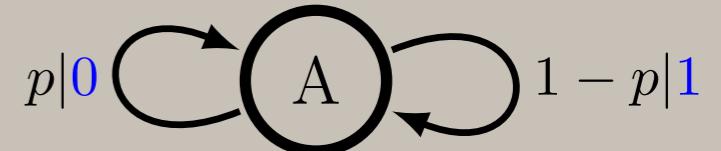
- Equivalence relation defines causal state
- Unifilar
- Leads to natural computation of entropy rate, etc
- Canonical representation

# $\epsilon$ -MACHINE: EXAMPLES

*Biased Coin:*

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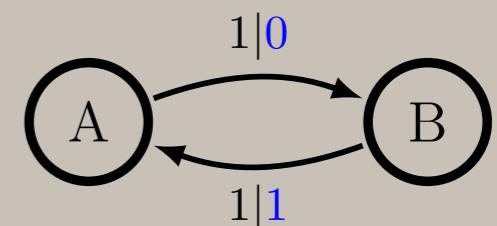
$$E = C_\mu = 0, R = 0$$



*Period 2:*

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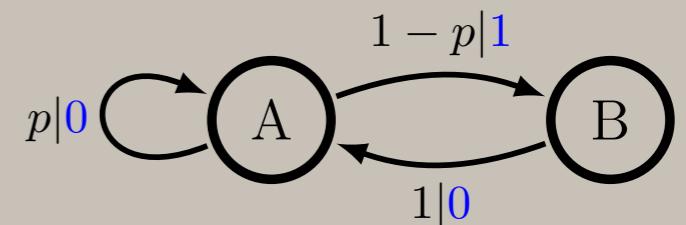
$$E = C_\mu = 1, R = 1$$



*Golden Mean:*

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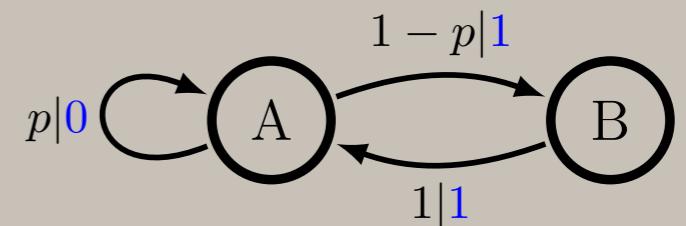
$$E = 0.252 < C_\mu = 0.918, R = 1$$



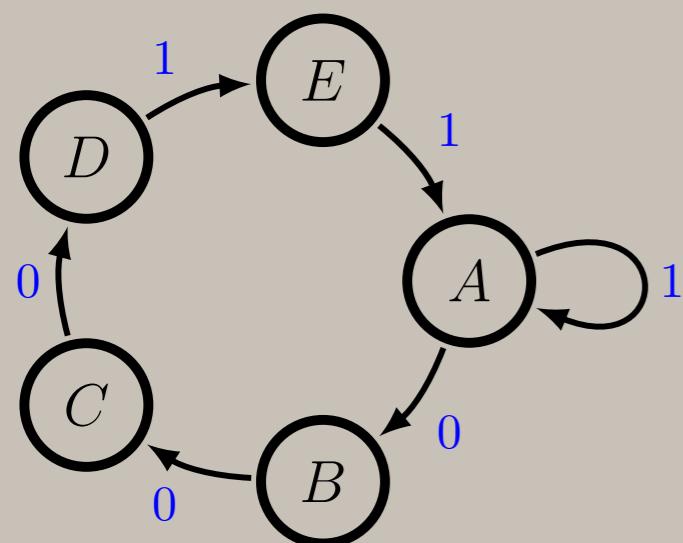
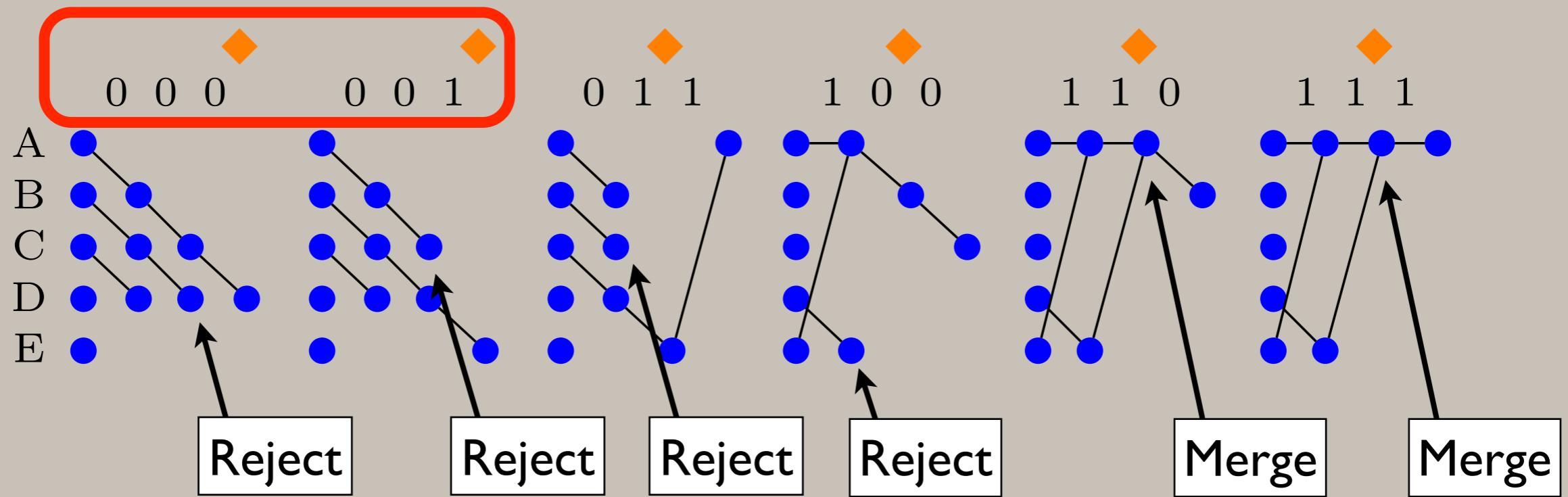
*Even Process:*

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$$E = C_\mu = 0.918, R = \infty$$



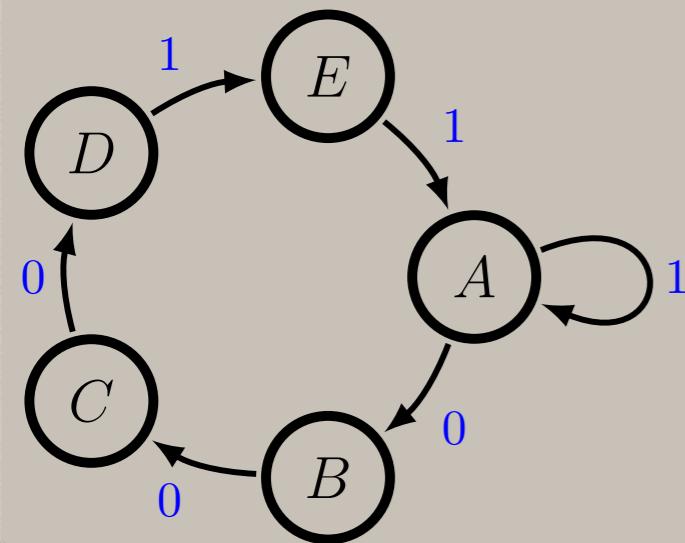
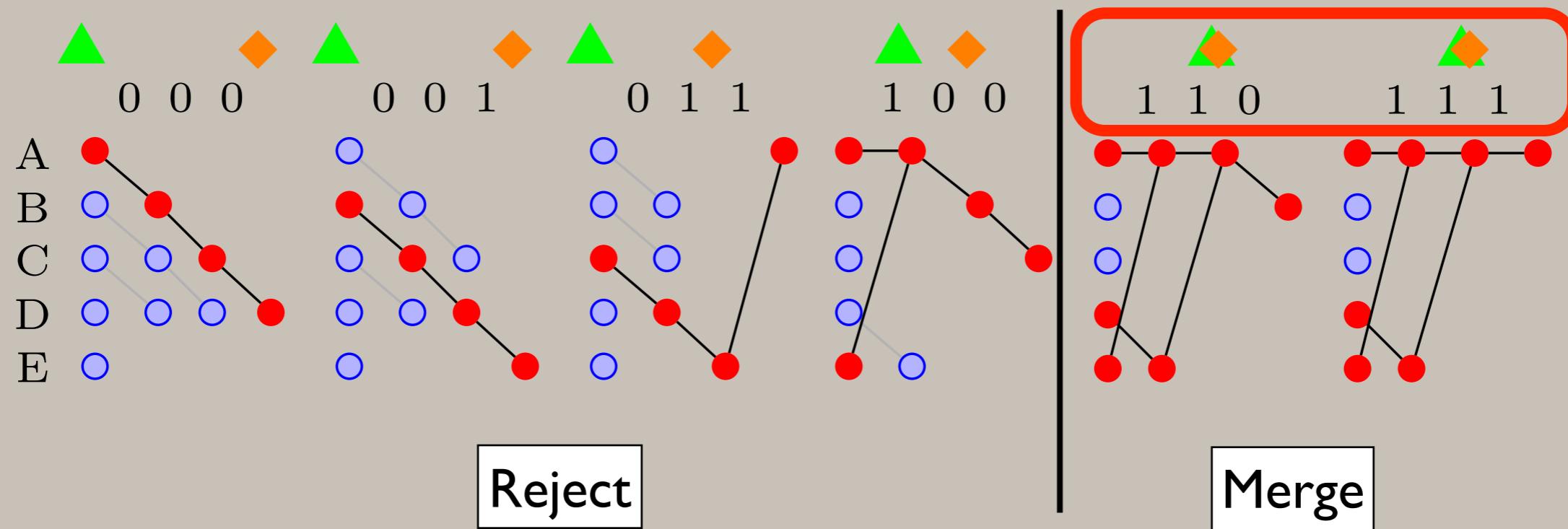
# MARKOV ORDER



$$Pr(\vec{X}_0 | \vec{X}_0) = Pr(\vec{X}_0 | X_{-R}, \dots, X_{-1})$$

$$R = \min\{L \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : H[S_R | X_0^R] = 0\}$$

# CRYPTIC ORDER



$$k = \min\{L \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : H[S_L | \vec{X}_0] = 0\}$$

Conditioning on future ensures a complete path.

# CRYPTIC ORDER

## Definition

$$k = \min\{L \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : H[S_L | \vec{X}_0] = 0\}$$

$\dots, X_{-R}, X_{-R+1}, \dots, X_{-1}, X_0, X_1, X_2, \dots$

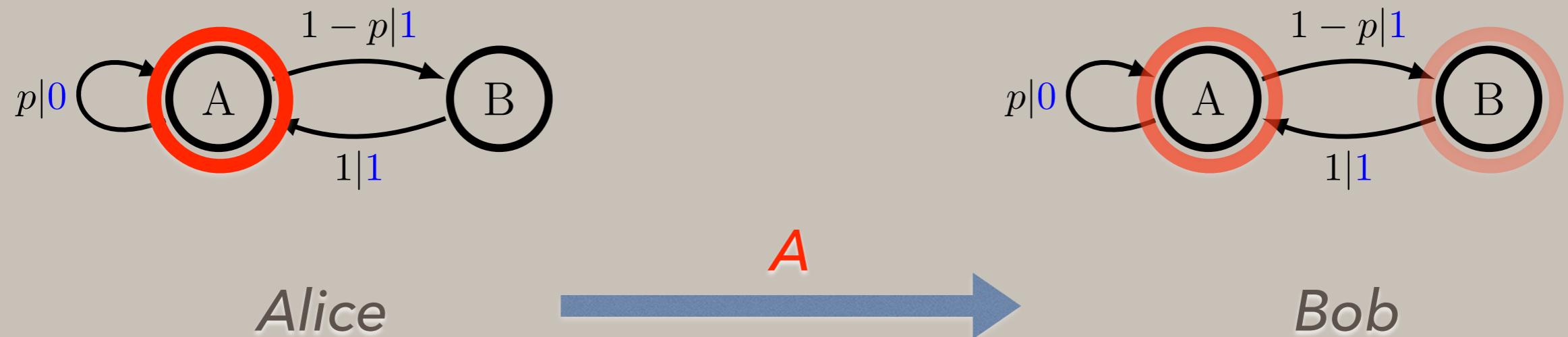
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$S_0$

How much must we “add back in”?

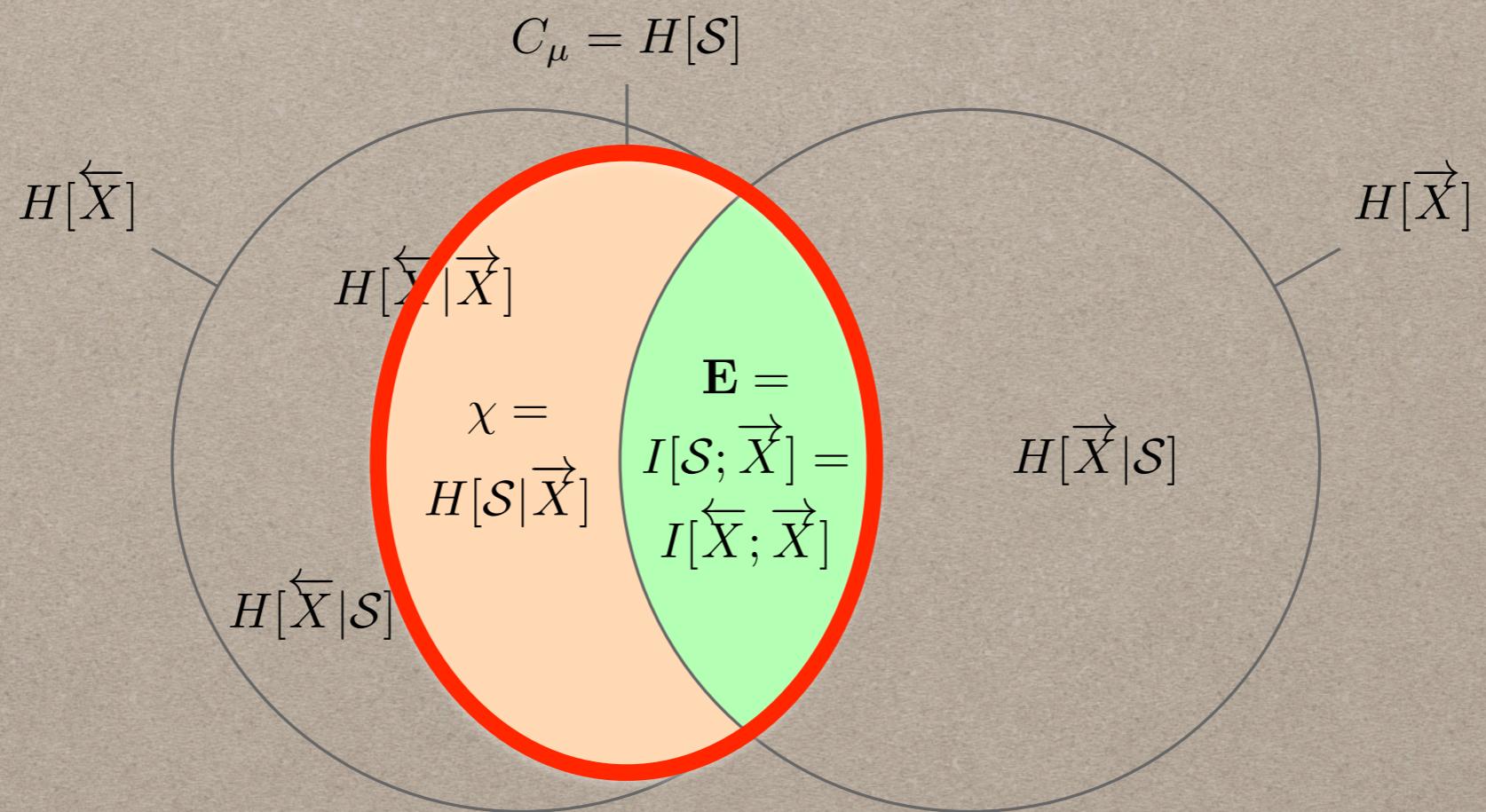
# CLASSICAL SYNCHRONIZATION



*Alice's  
future  
prediction:*

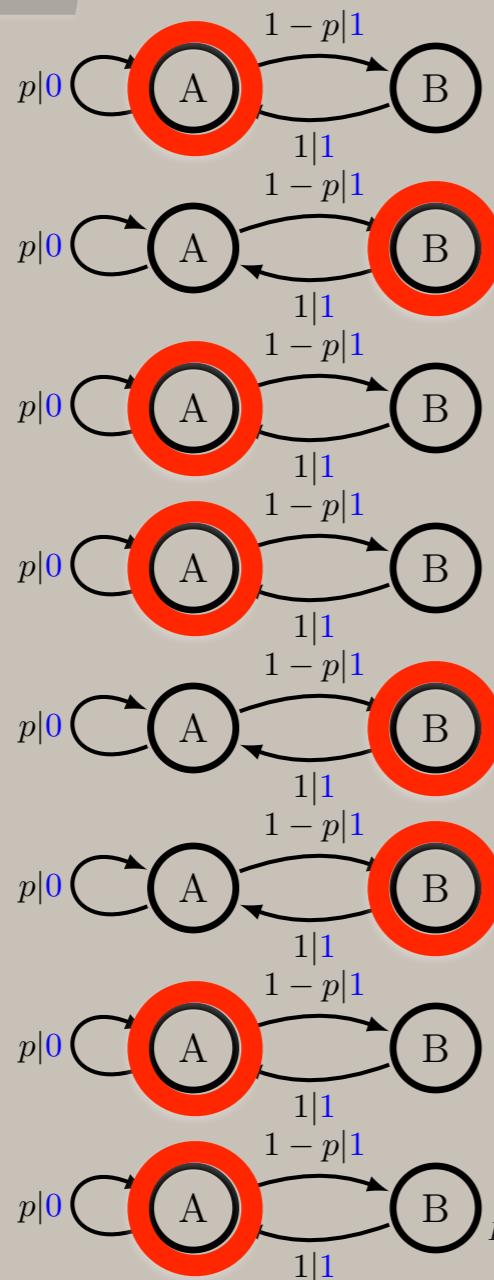
$$\begin{aligned}Pr(0) &= p \\Pr(1) &= 1 - p \\Pr(00) &= p^2 \\Pr(01) &= p(1 - p) \\Pr(10) &= 0 \\Pr(11) &= 0 \\Pr(000) &= p^3\end{aligned}$$

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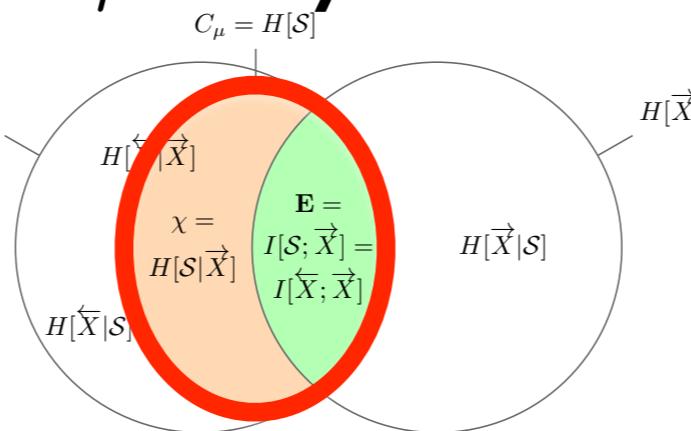
$$C_\mu = H(S)$$

# CLASSICAL SYNCHRONIZATION



Alice

$C_\mu$  is sync cost

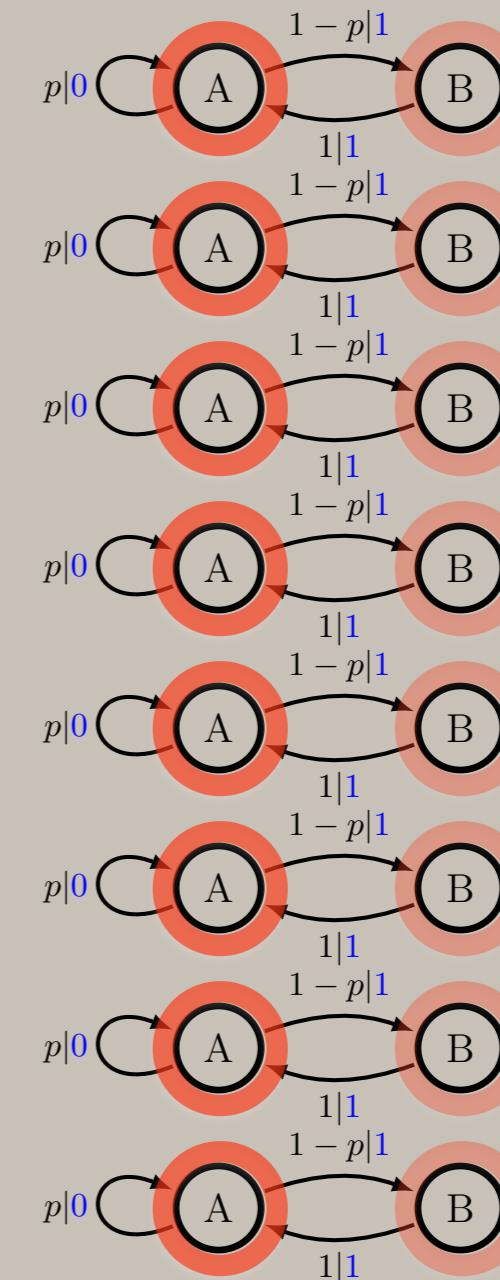
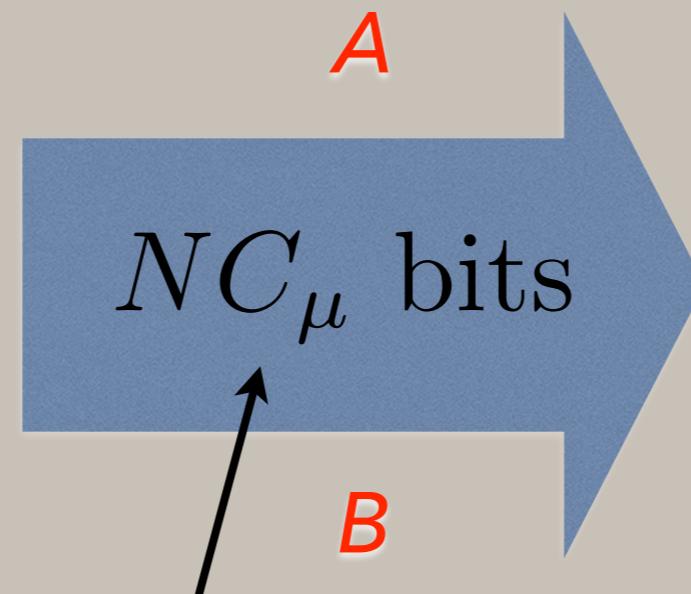


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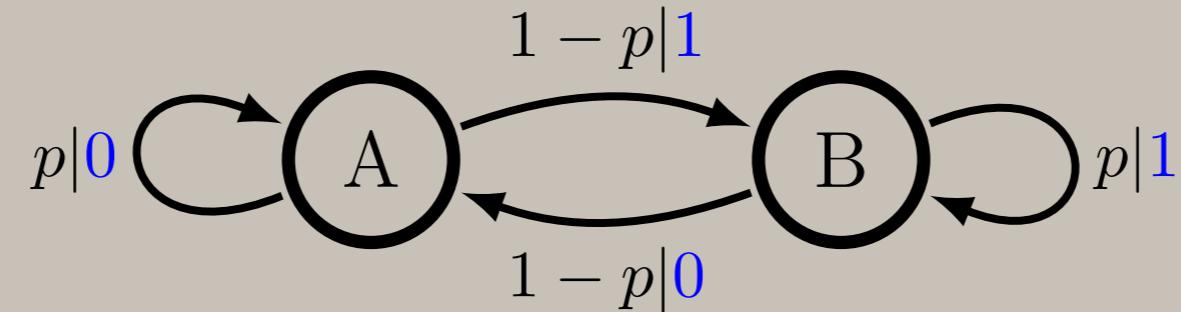
A

B



Bob

# 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?*



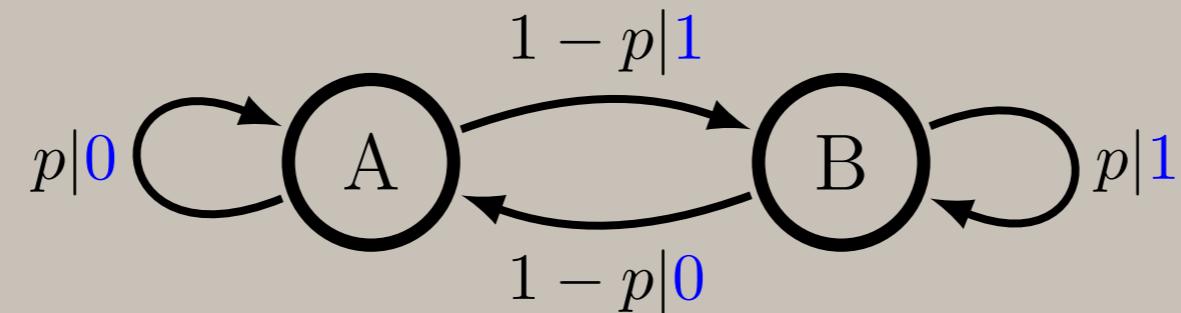
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# QUANTUM INTUITION

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

$$A \sim B$$



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

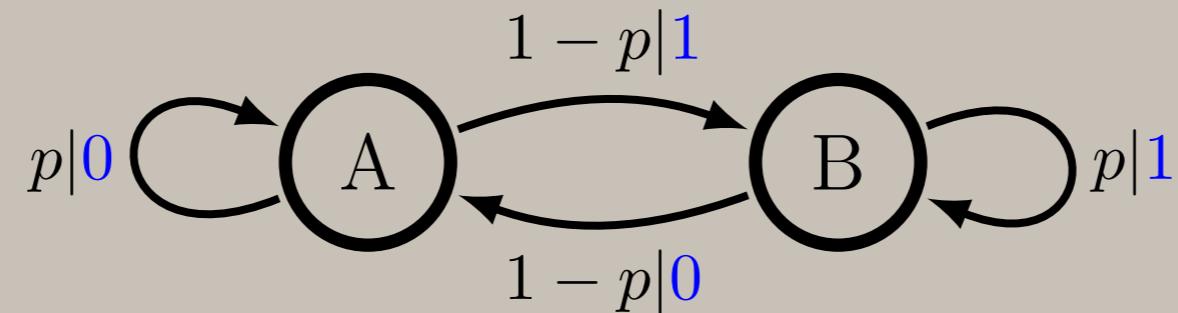
# QUANTUM STATES

*Map each classical causal state  $\sigma_j$  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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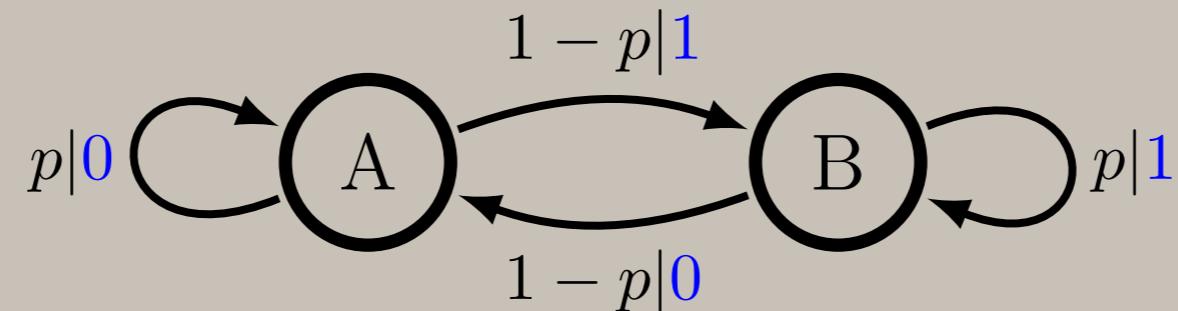
*Example (L=1):*

$$|\eta_A\rangle = \sqrt{Pr(0|A)}|0\rangle|A\rangle + \sqrt{Pr(1|A)}|1\rangle|B\rangle$$

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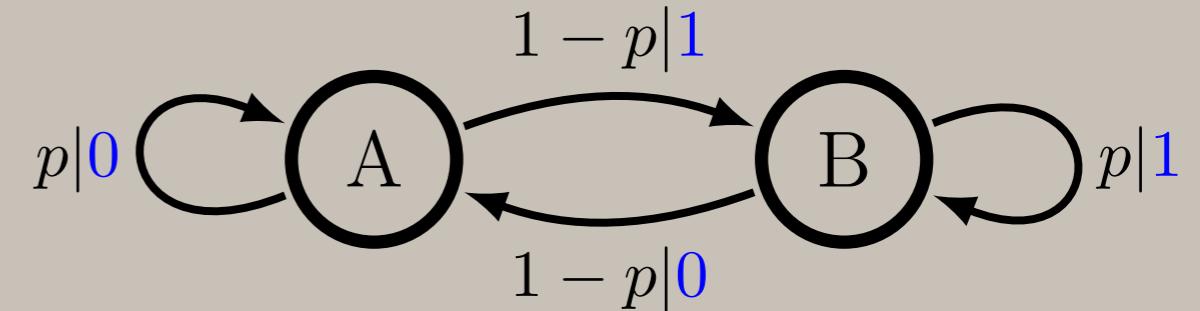
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*The key is these nontrivial overlaps!*

# QUANTUM DYNAMICS



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*Projective measurement in  $X_t$  space,*

$$Pr(0||\eta_A\rangle) = |\langle 0|\eta_A\rangle|^2 = p \rightarrow \begin{cases} '0' \\ '1' \end{cases} |A\rangle$$

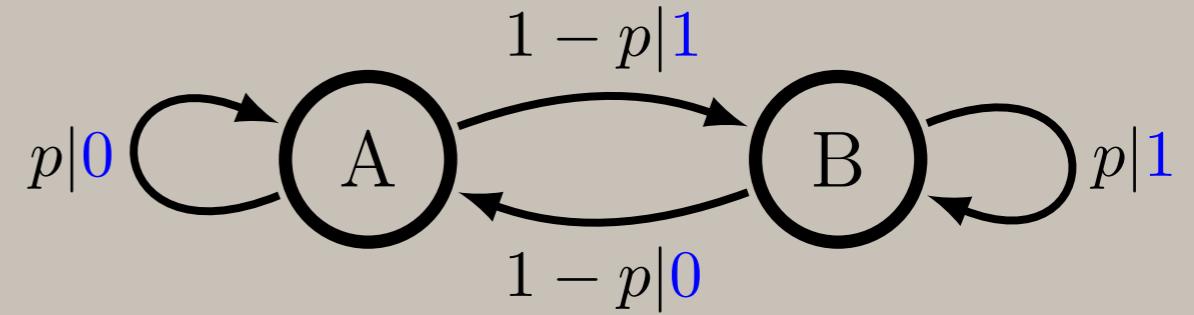
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*Projective measurement in symbol space,  $X_t$*

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*For general  $L$ ,*

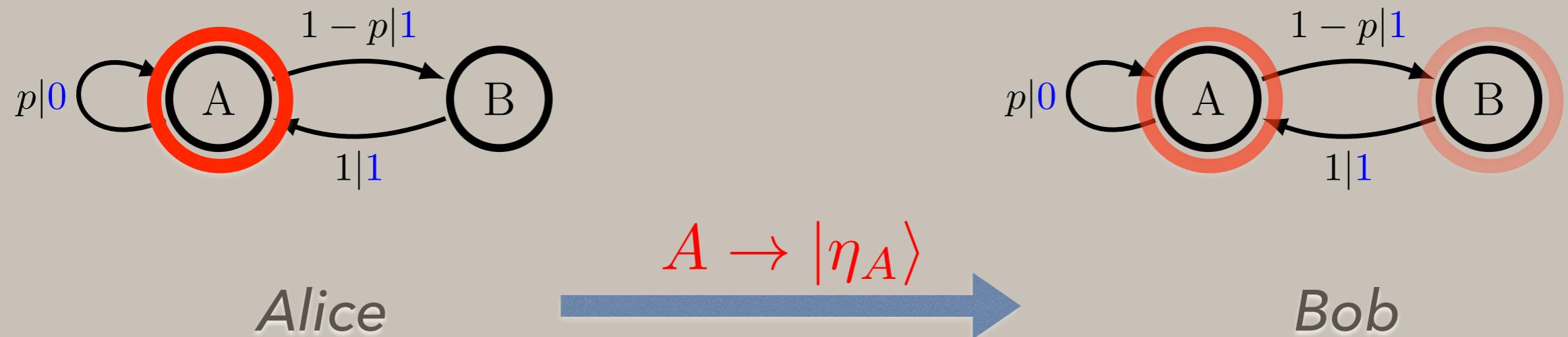
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Reset

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

*Mechanism reproduces classical process  $L$  symbols at a time.*

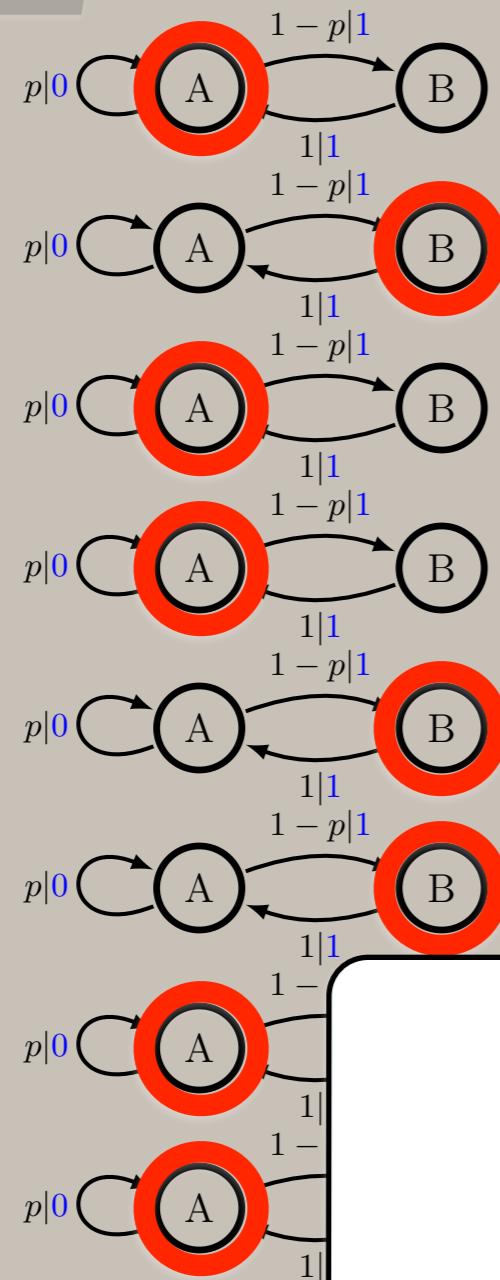
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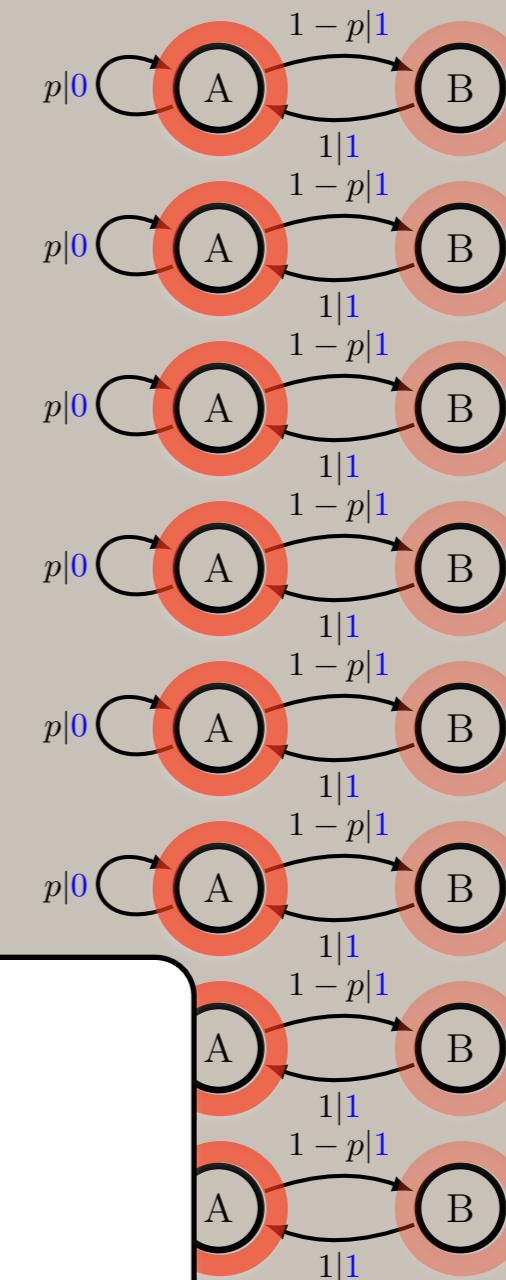
$$A \rightarrow |\eta_A\rangle$$

$$B \rightarrow |\eta_B\rangle$$

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$NC_q(L)$  qubits

$$B \rightarrow |\eta_B\rangle$$



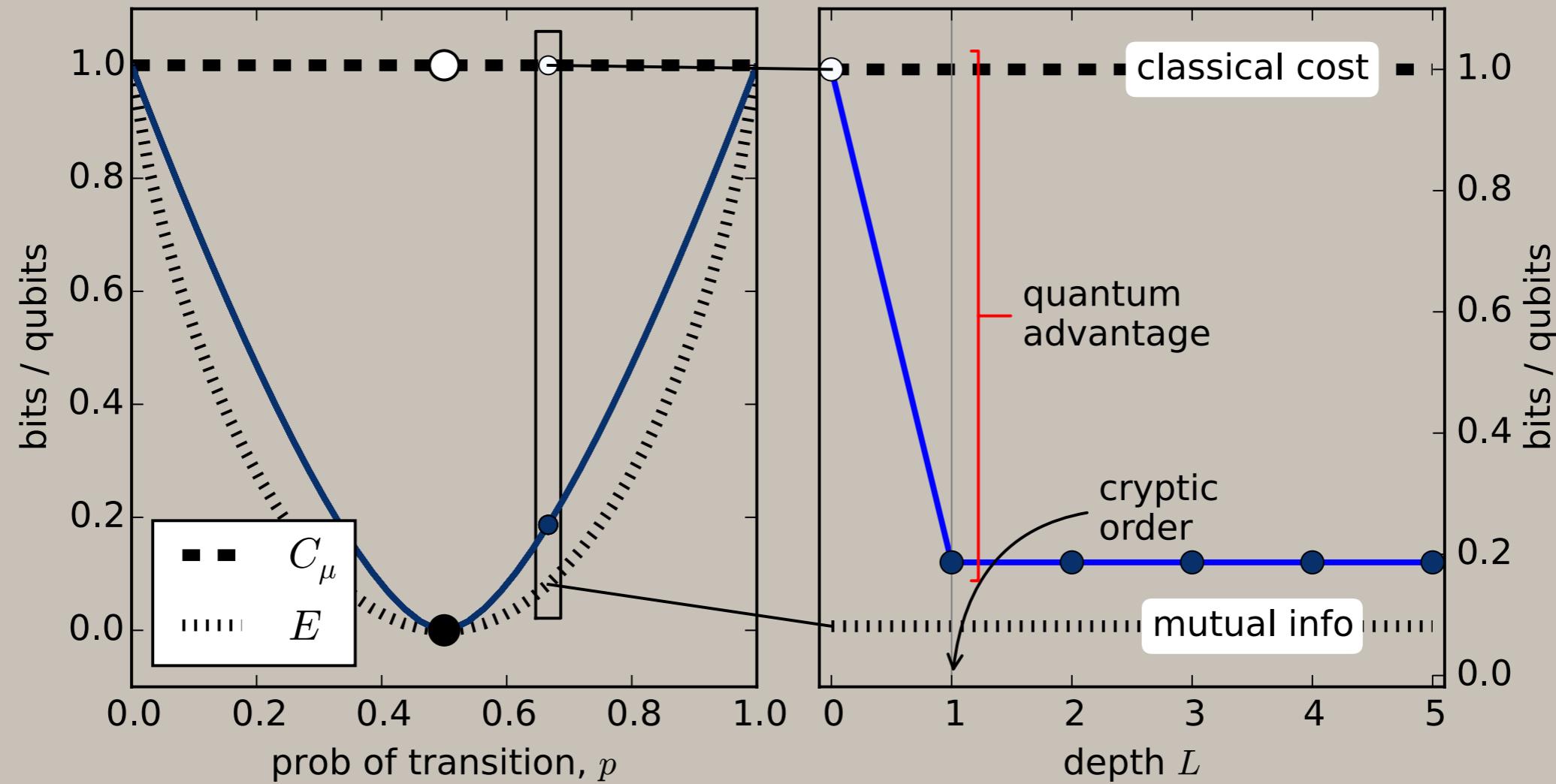
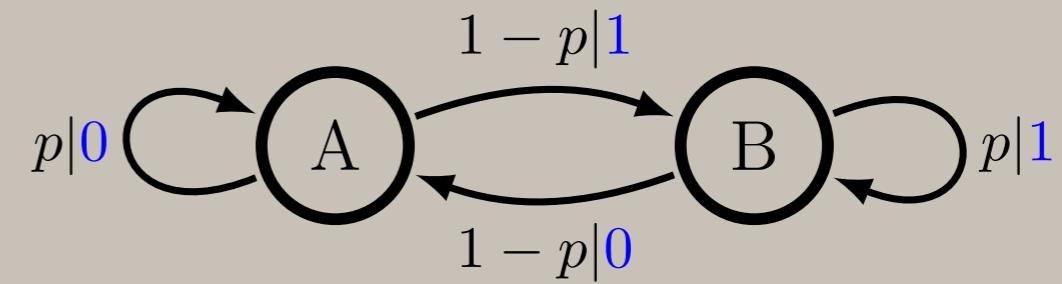
$$C_q(L) = S(\rho(L))$$

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

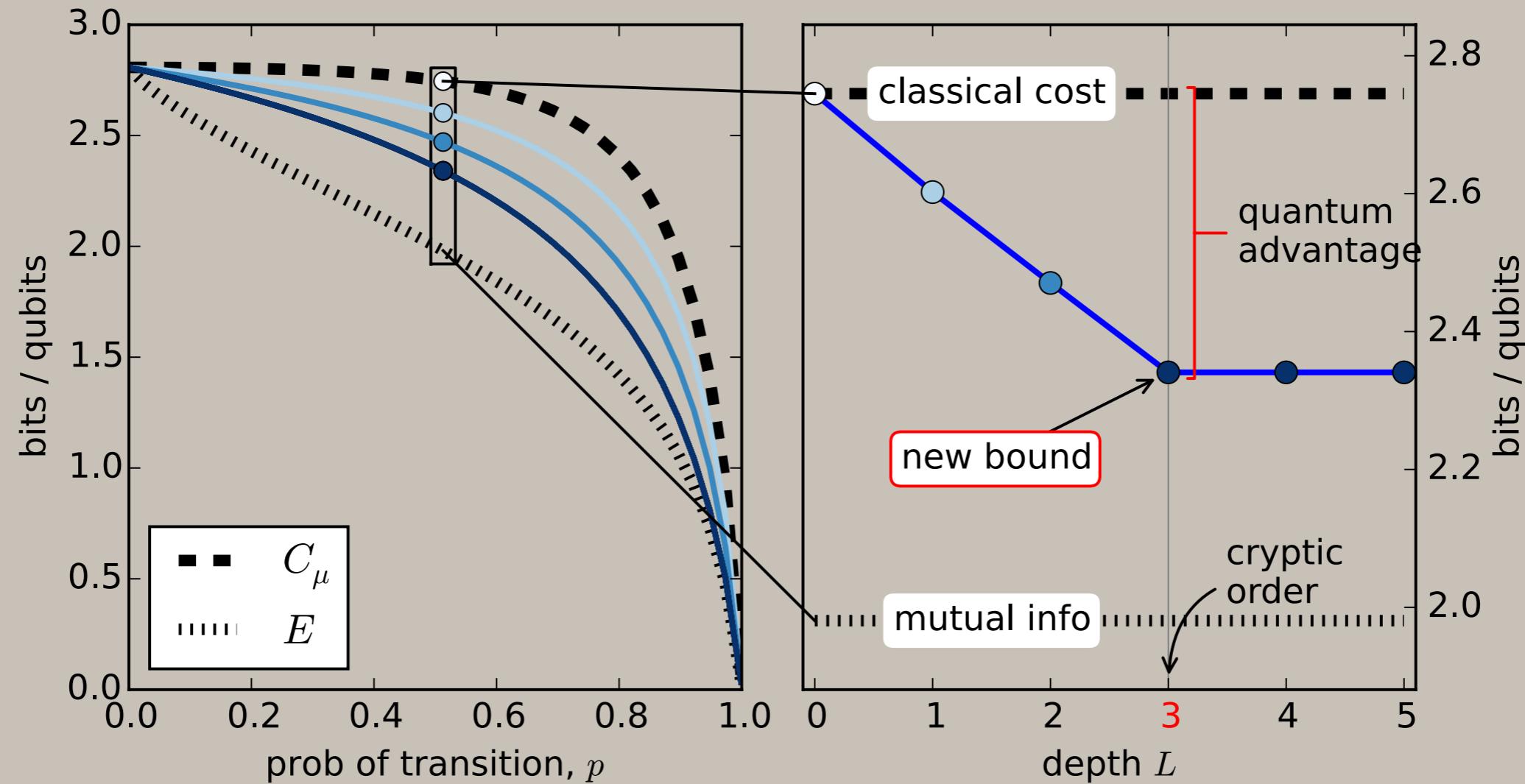
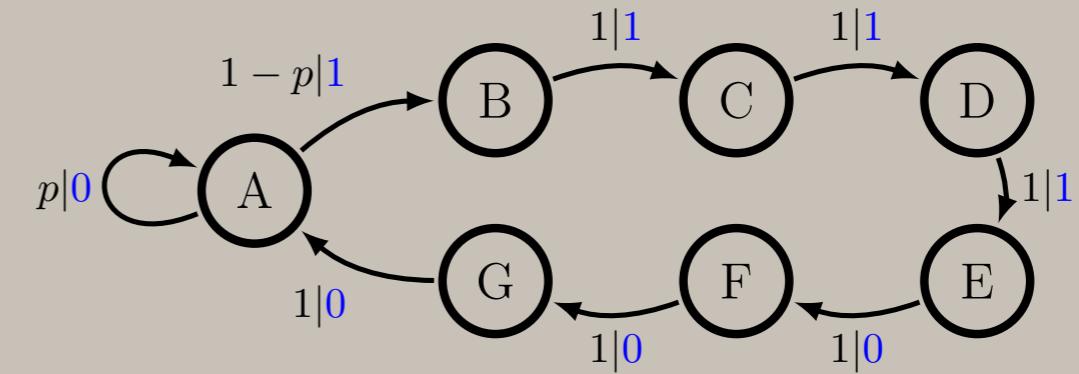
Alice  $\rho(L) = \sum \pi_i |\eta_i(L)\rangle\langle \eta_i(L)|$

Bob

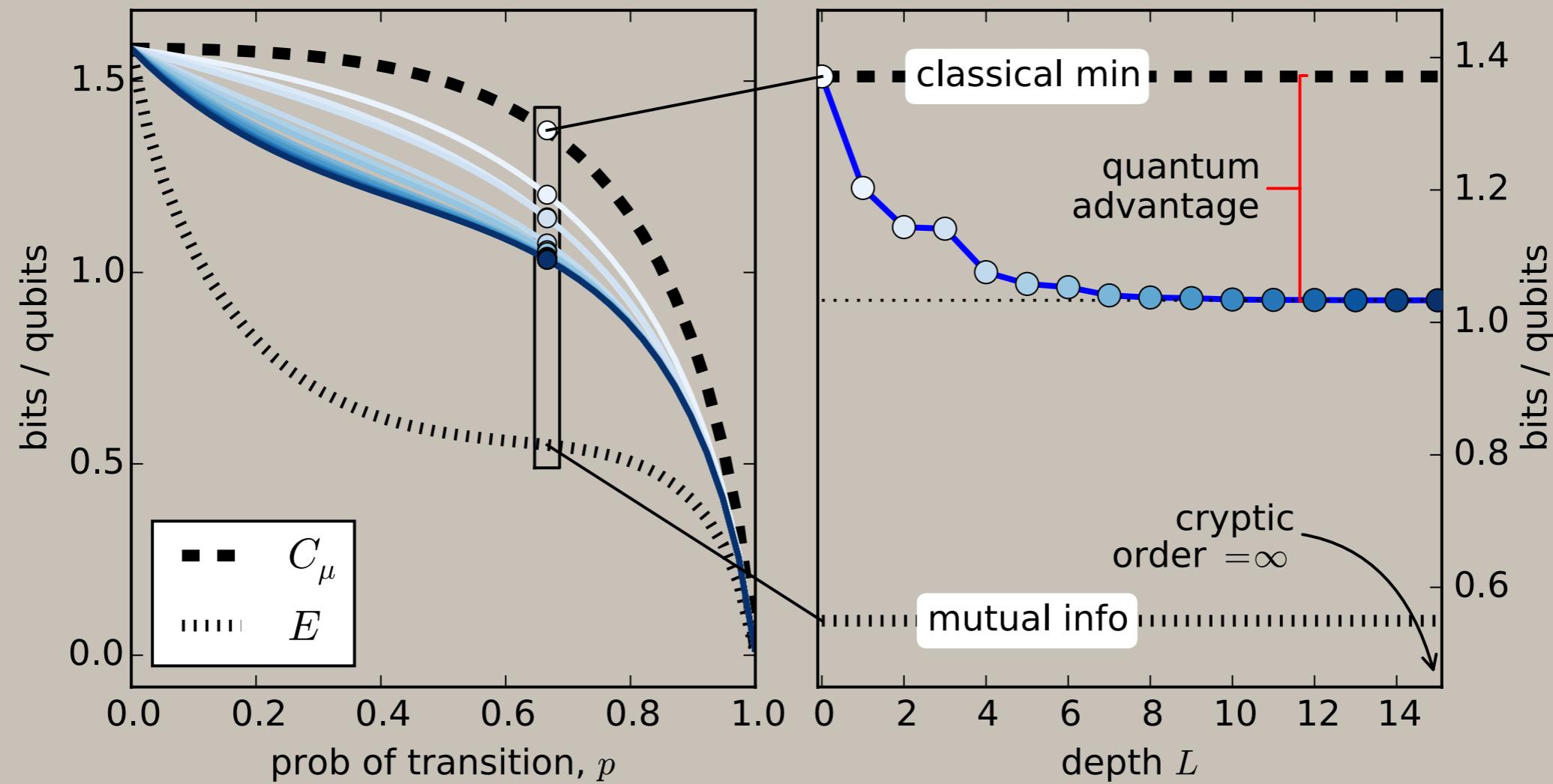
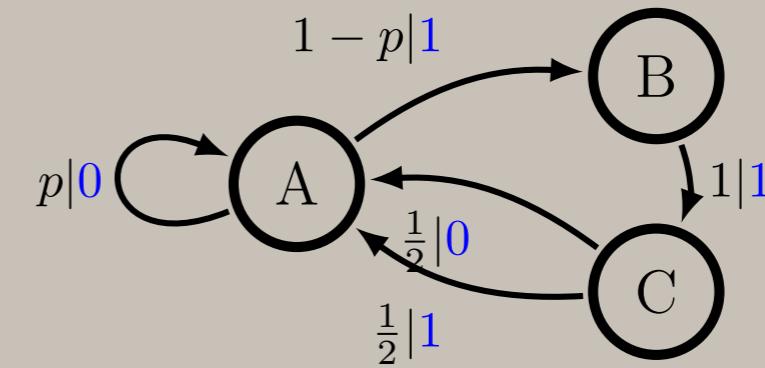
# BIASED COINS PROCESS



# RK GOLDEN MEAN



# NEMO PROCESS



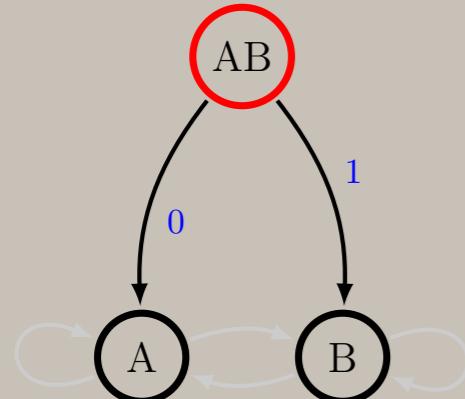
# EFFICIENT COMPUTATION OF $C_q(L)$

## Challenge

Word space grows exponentially.

Many probabilities to evaluate.

\rho lives in exponentially increasing Hilbert space.



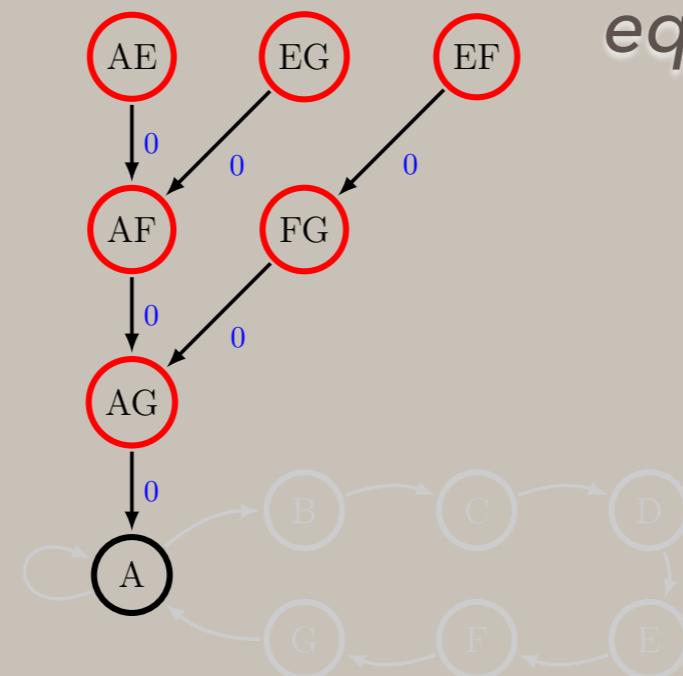
Biased coins

## Solution

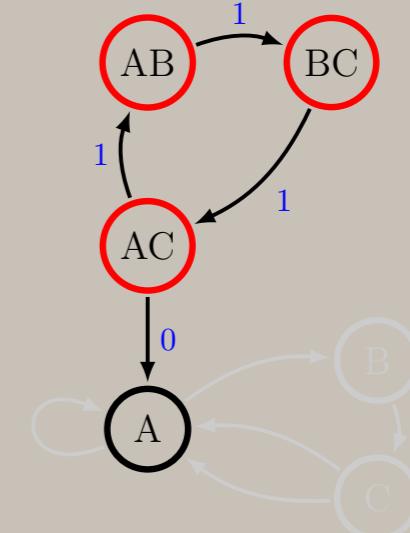
Only track paths until merger.

Record overlaps, not state.

Use overlaps to construct equivalent \rho in  $R^{|S|+}$

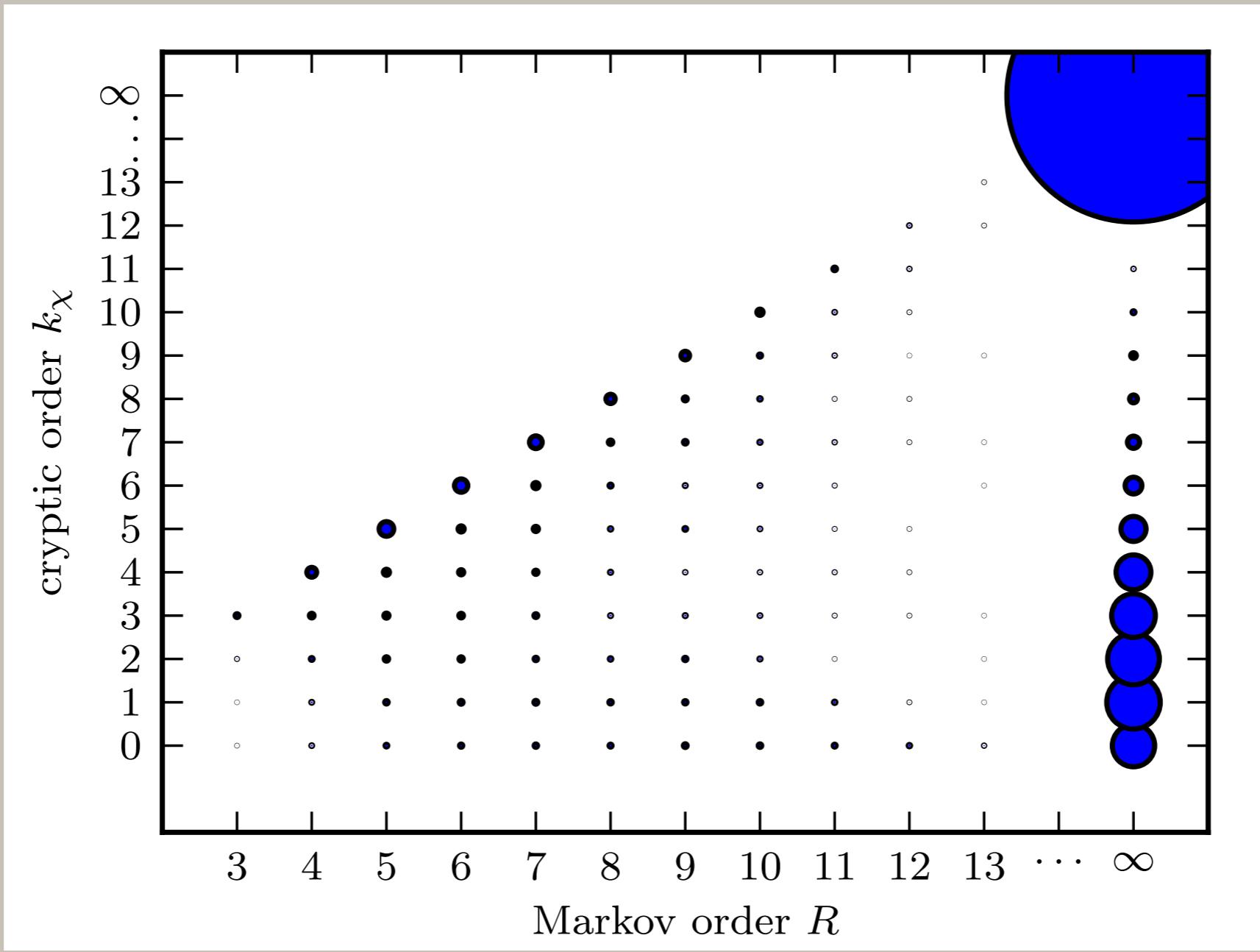


R-k Golden Mean

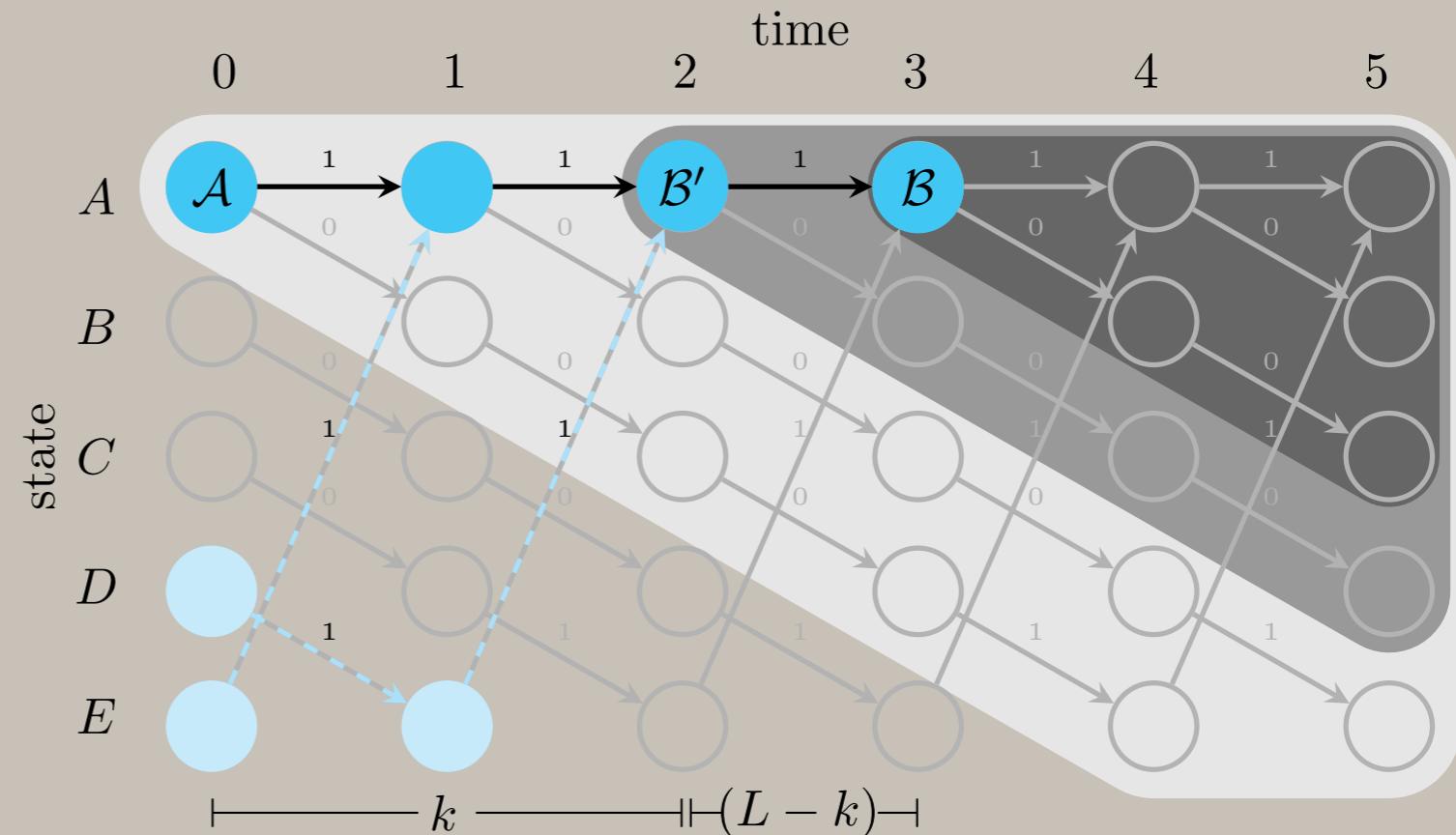
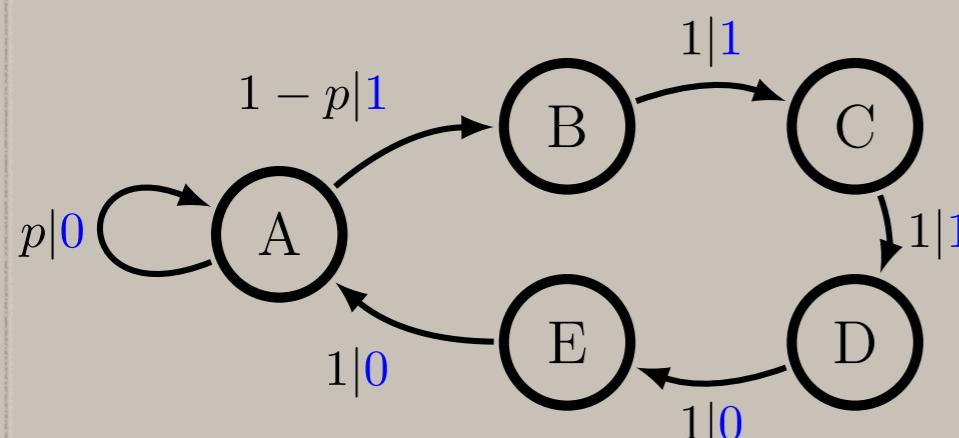


Nemo

# 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!*

