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Abstract:

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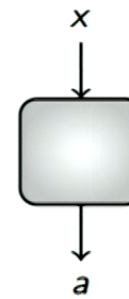
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Outline

- Hypergraph framework
- Bell scenarios
- Compatible-observables scenarios
- Graph theory advantage
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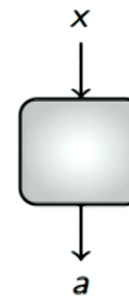
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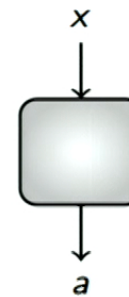
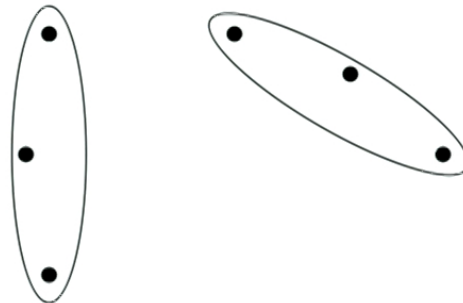
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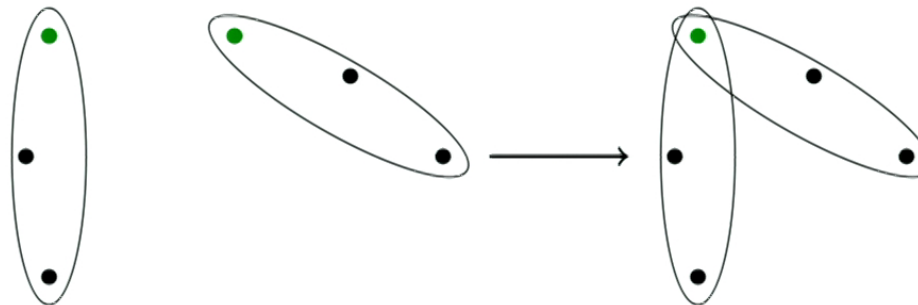
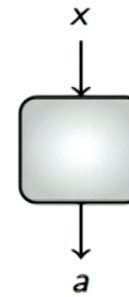
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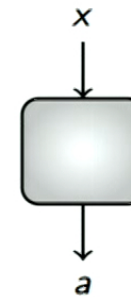
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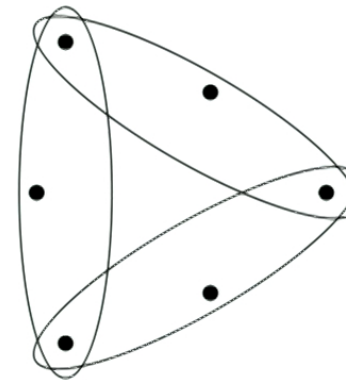
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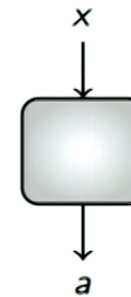
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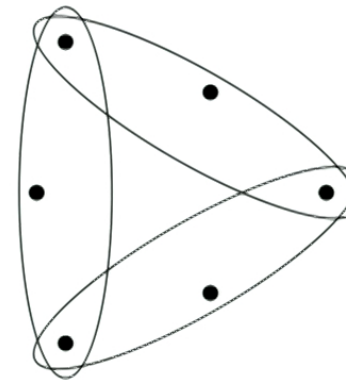
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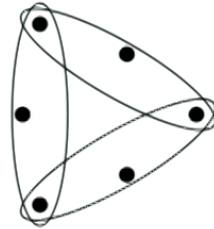


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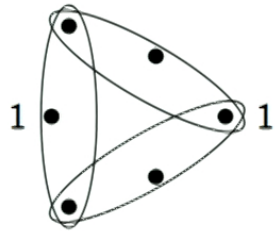
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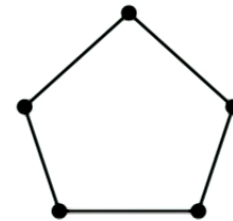
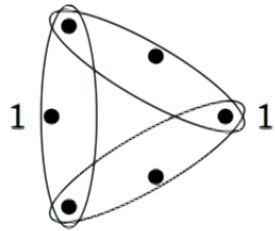
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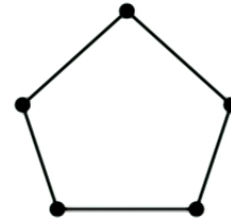
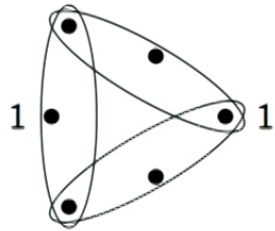
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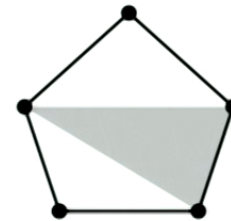
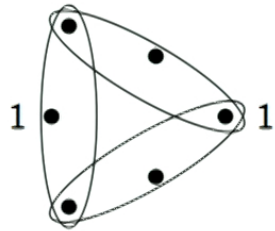
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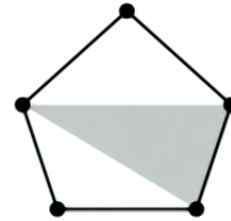
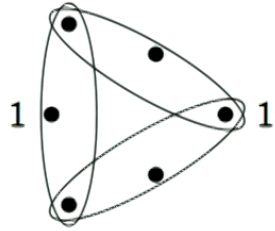
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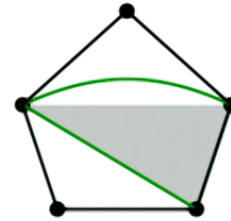
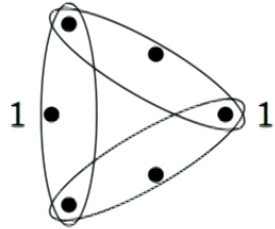
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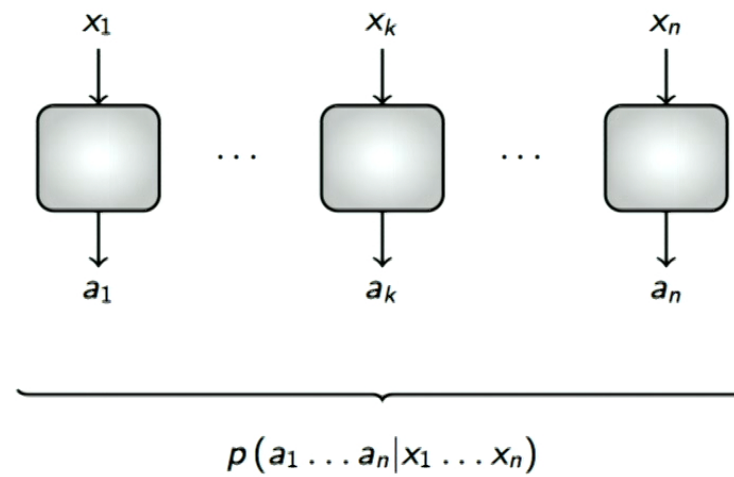
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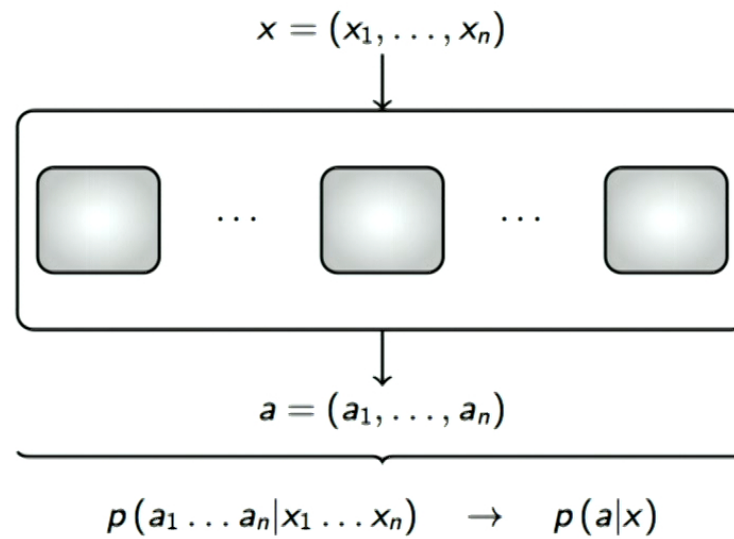
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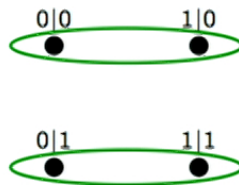
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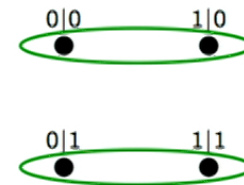
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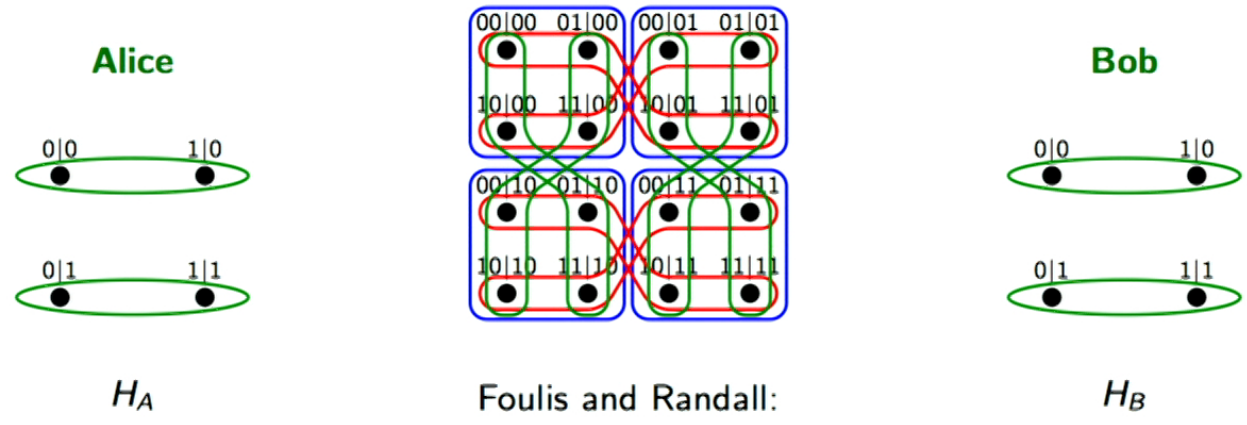
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Foulis and Randall:

H_B

$$H_{AB} = H_A \otimes_{FR} H_B$$

Bell Scenarios

Product Scenarios

Alice: H_A , Bob: H_B \longrightarrow Joint scenario: $H_A \otimes H_B$

Foulis-Randall product

$$\mathcal{B}_{n,m,d} = \otimes_{k=1}^n H_k = \mathcal{B}_{1,m,d}^{\otimes n}$$

- $\mathcal{G}(\mathcal{B}_{n,m,d}) = \mathcal{NS}(n, m, d)$
- $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{B}_{n,m,d}) = \mathcal{C}(n, m, d)$
- $\mathcal{Q}(\mathcal{B}_{n,m,d}) = \mathcal{Q}(n, m, d) \longrightarrow P_{a_1 \dots a_n | x_1 \dots x_n} = \prod_j P_{a_j | x_j}$

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Specker's triangle:

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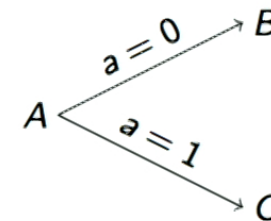
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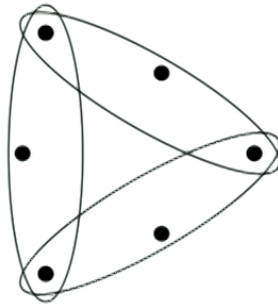
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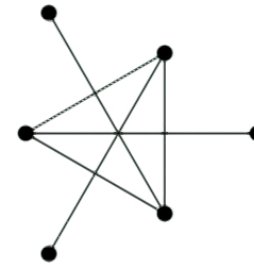
$$\text{Empirical model } P_C(s) \Leftrightarrow \text{Probabilistic model } p(C, s)$$

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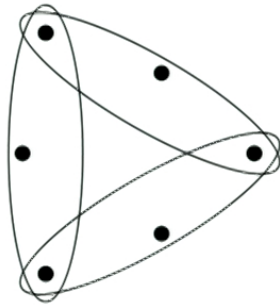


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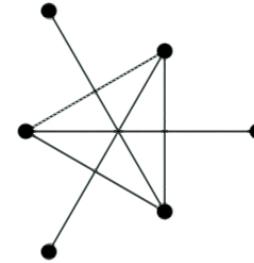


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Quantum models

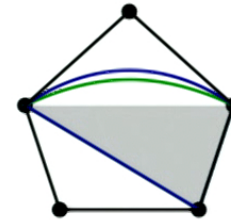
Quantum models cannot be characterised by the properties of $(\text{NO}(H), p)$

Example: $\exists H, H', p$ st:

- $p \in \mathcal{Q}(H)$
- $p \in \mathcal{Q}_1(H') \setminus \mathcal{Q}(H')$
- $\text{NO}(H) = \text{NO}(H')$

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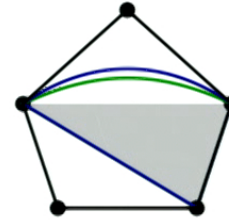
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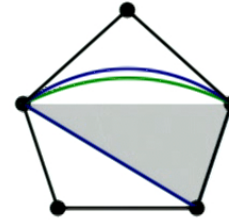


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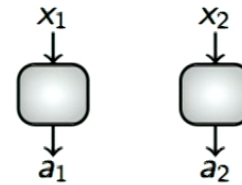
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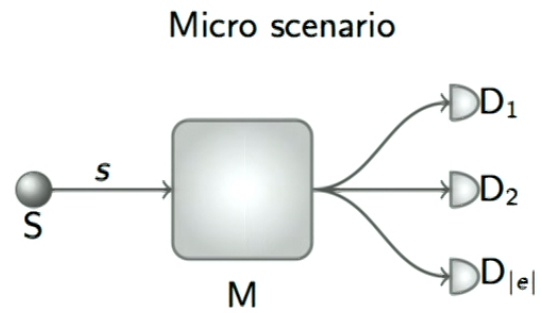
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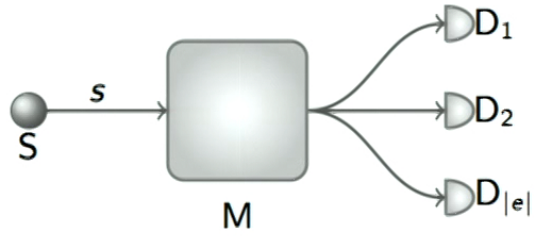
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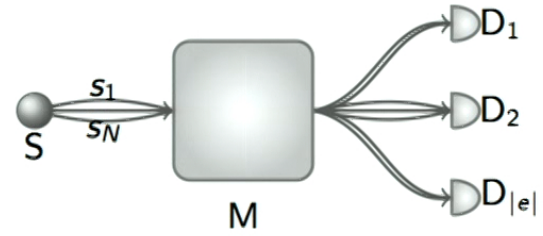
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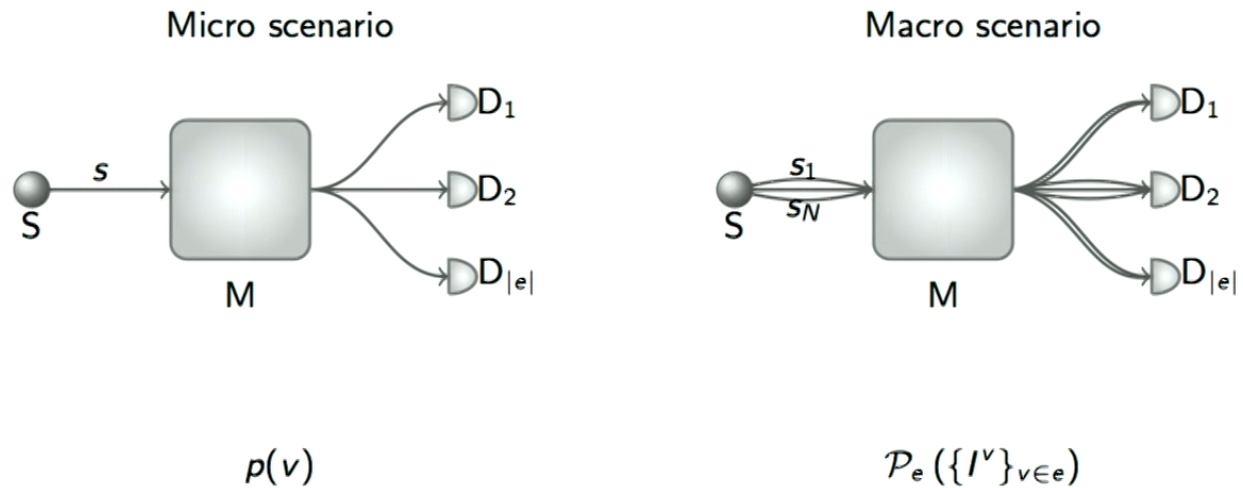
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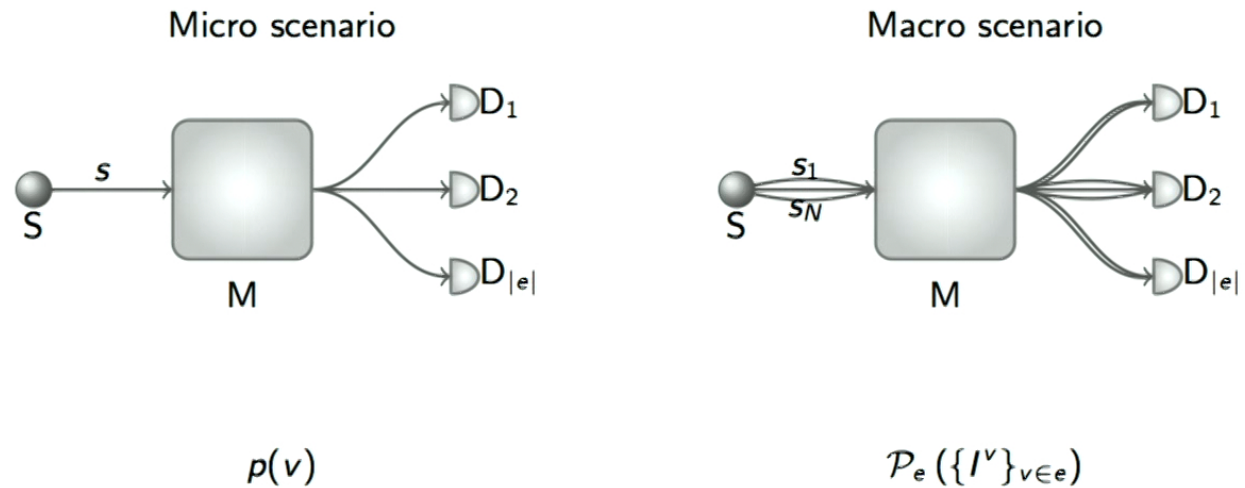
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Conclusions and open problems

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