



# Guiding Deep Probabilistic Models

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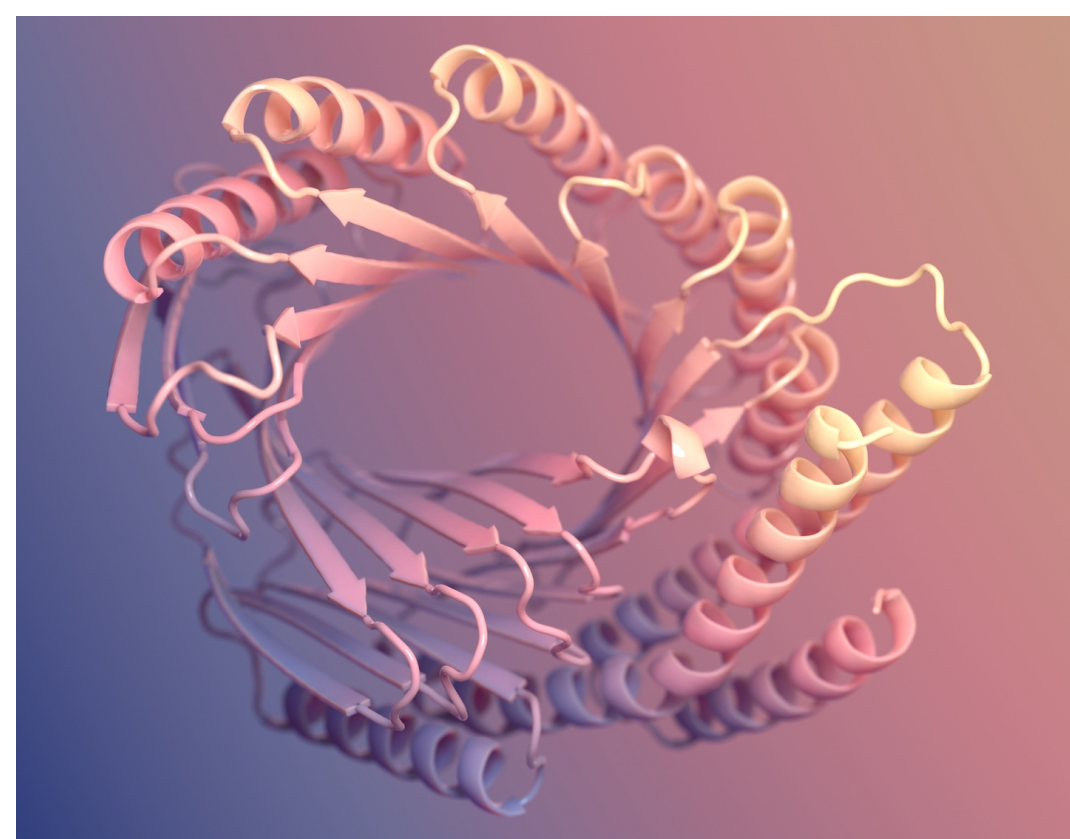
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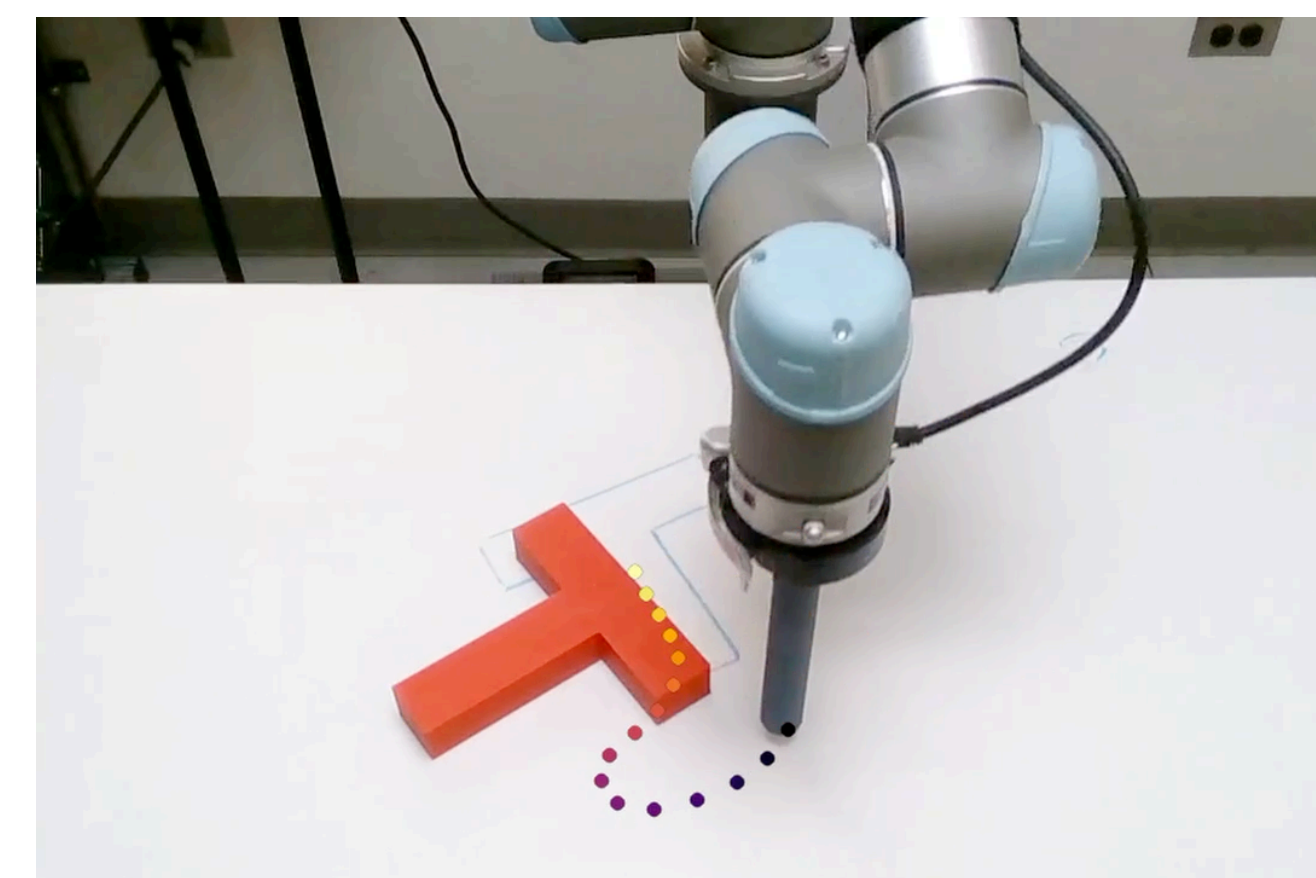
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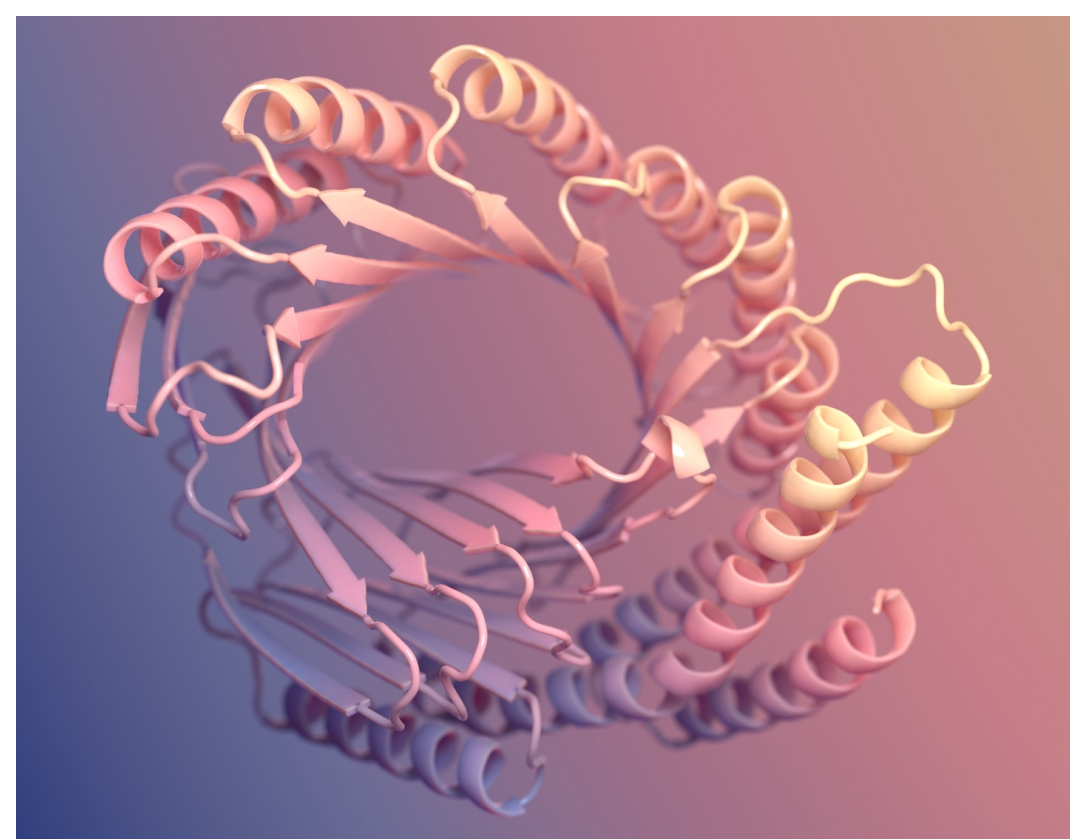
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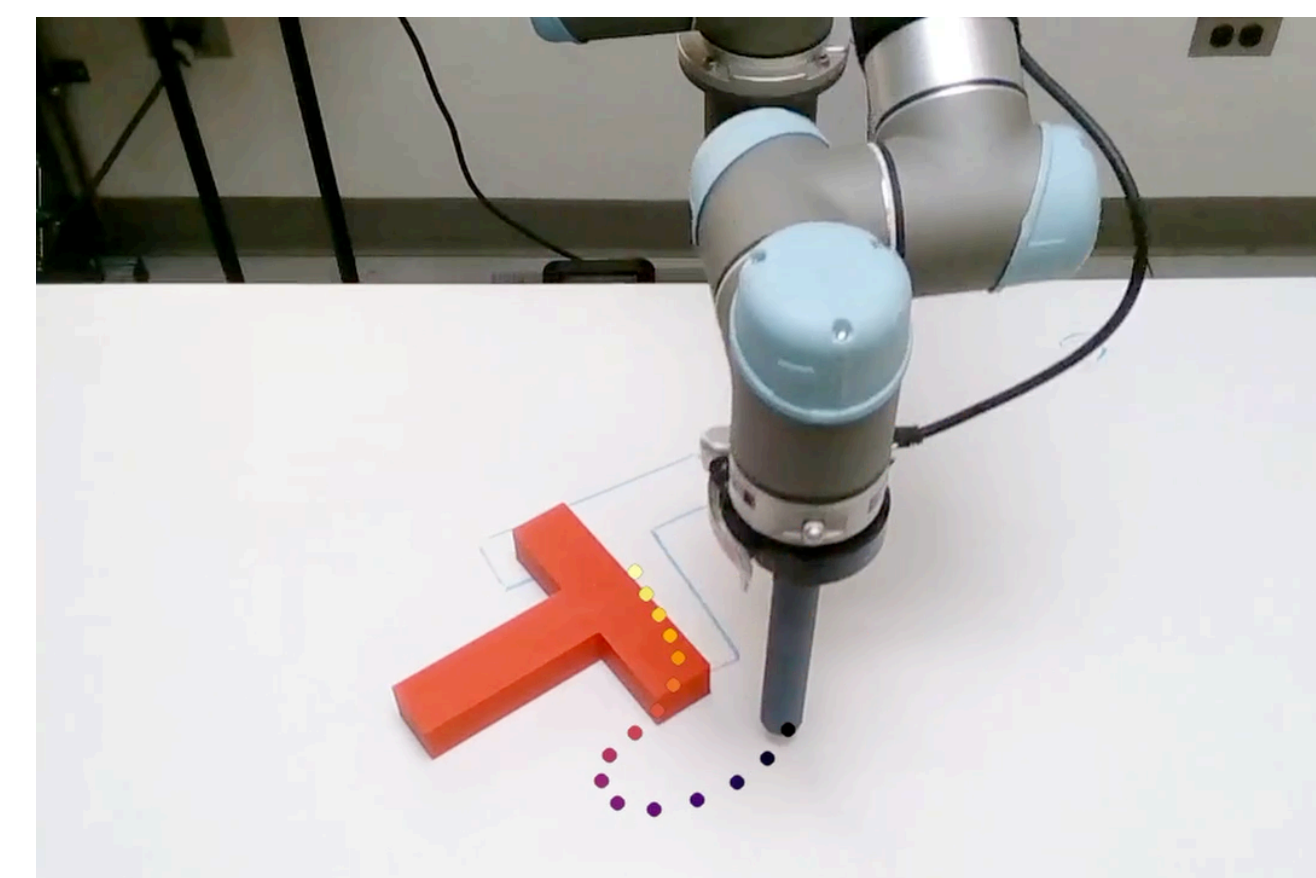
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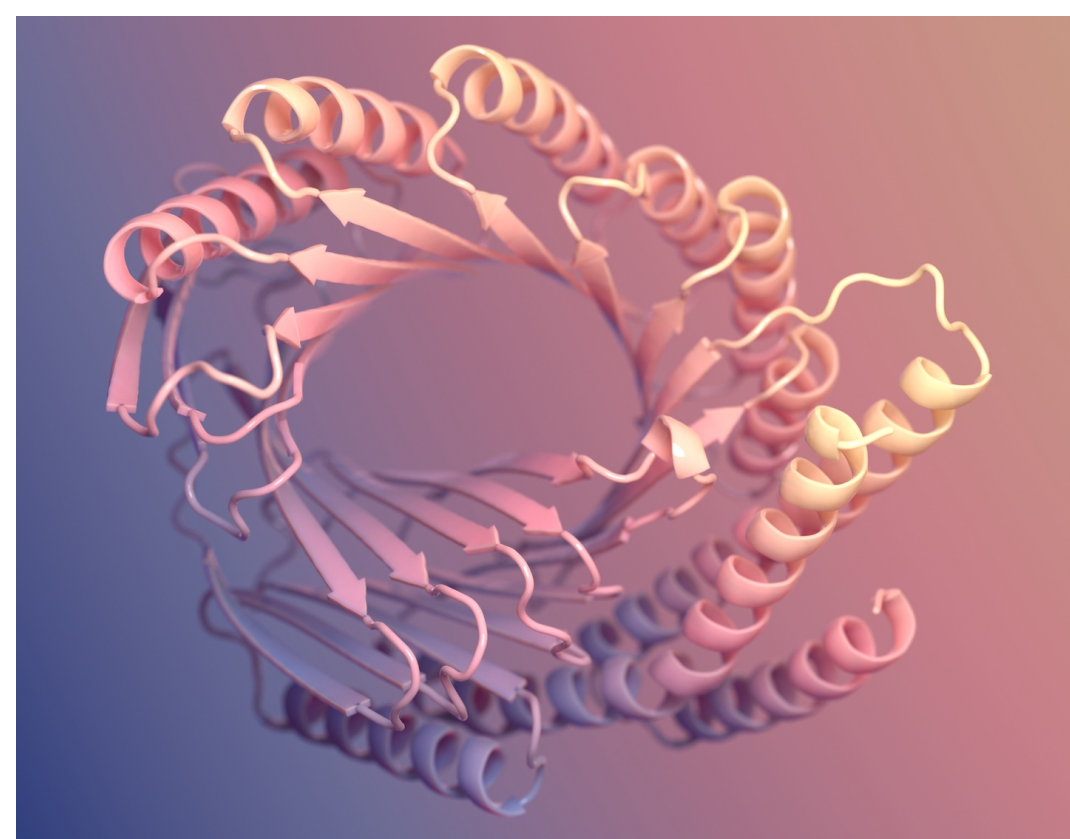
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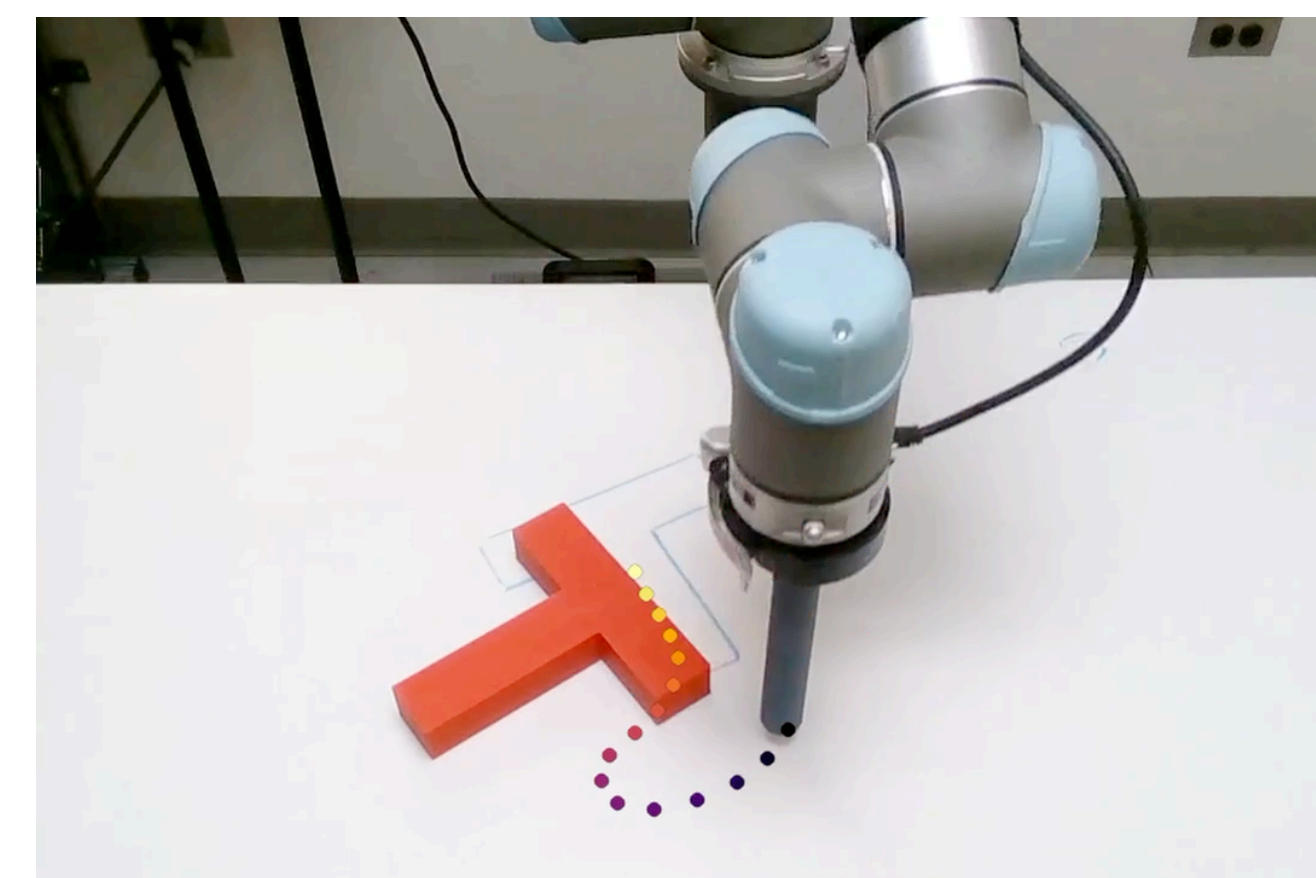
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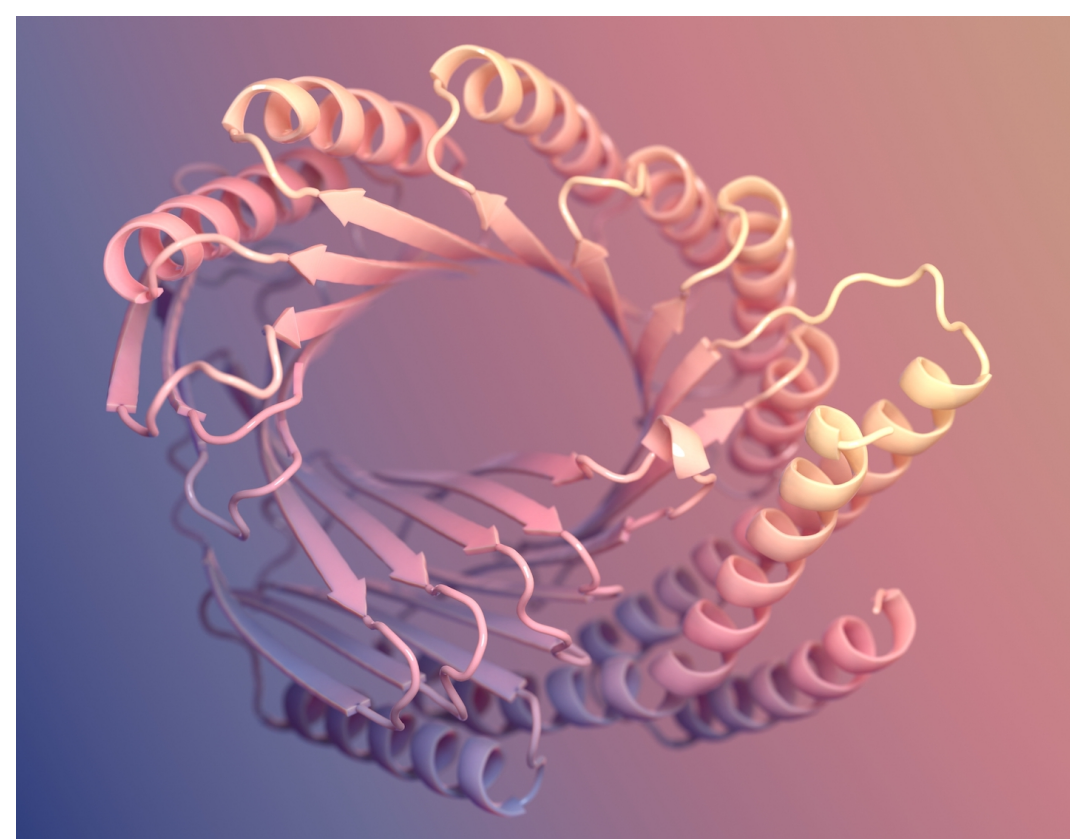
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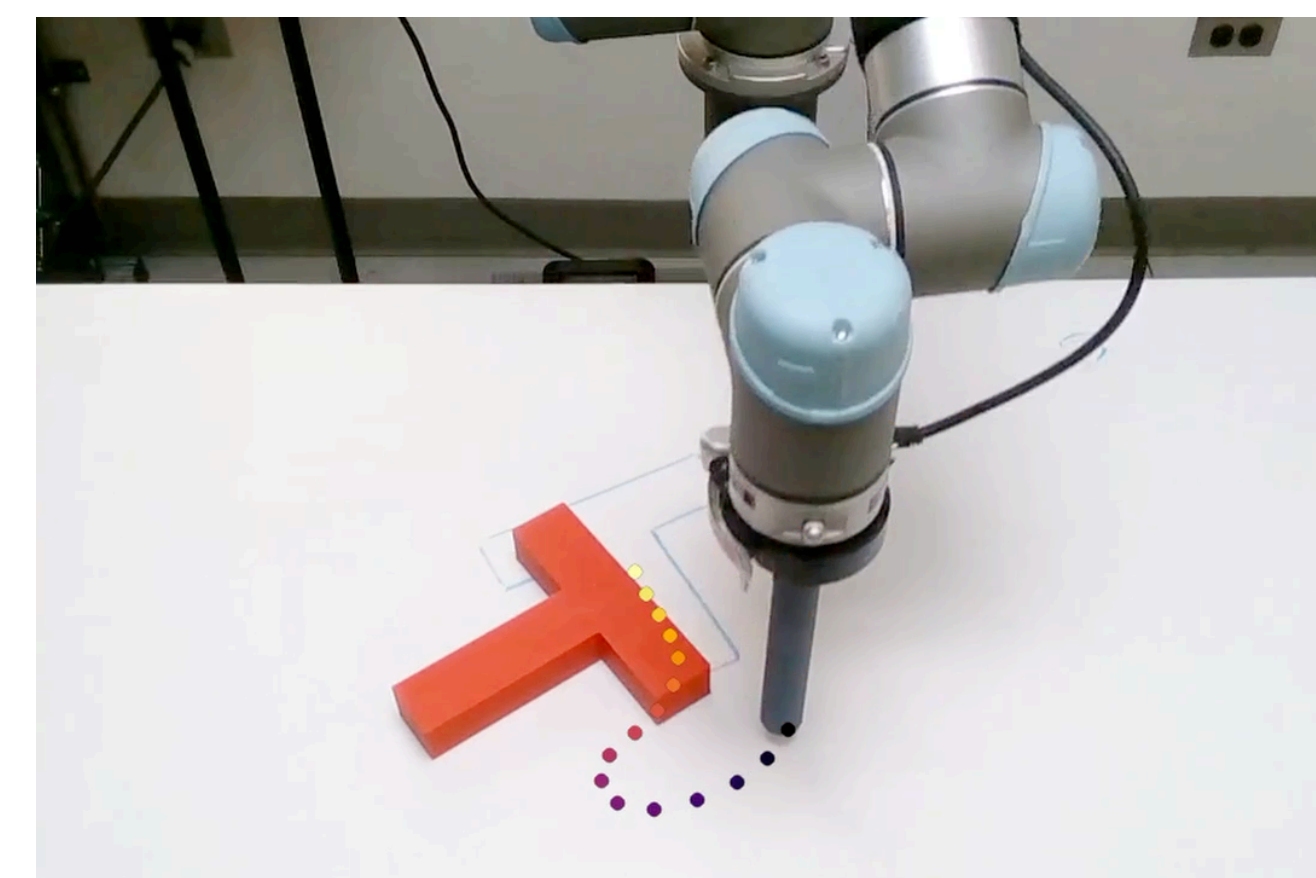
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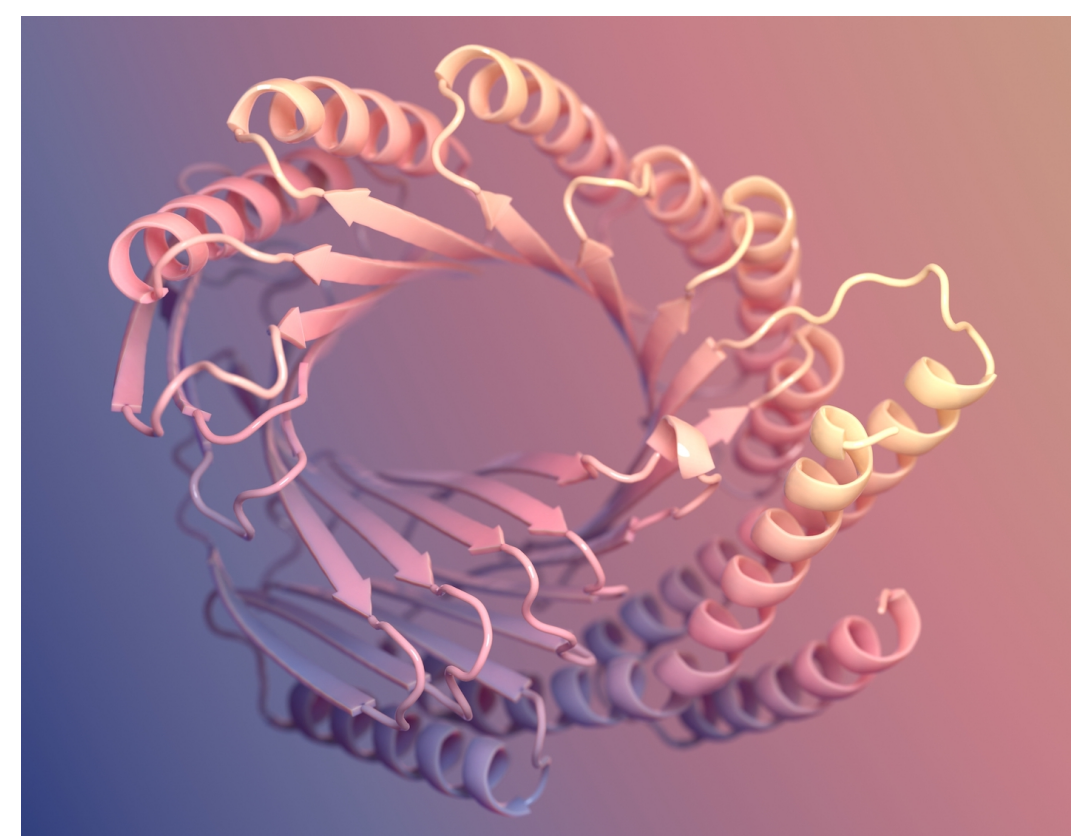
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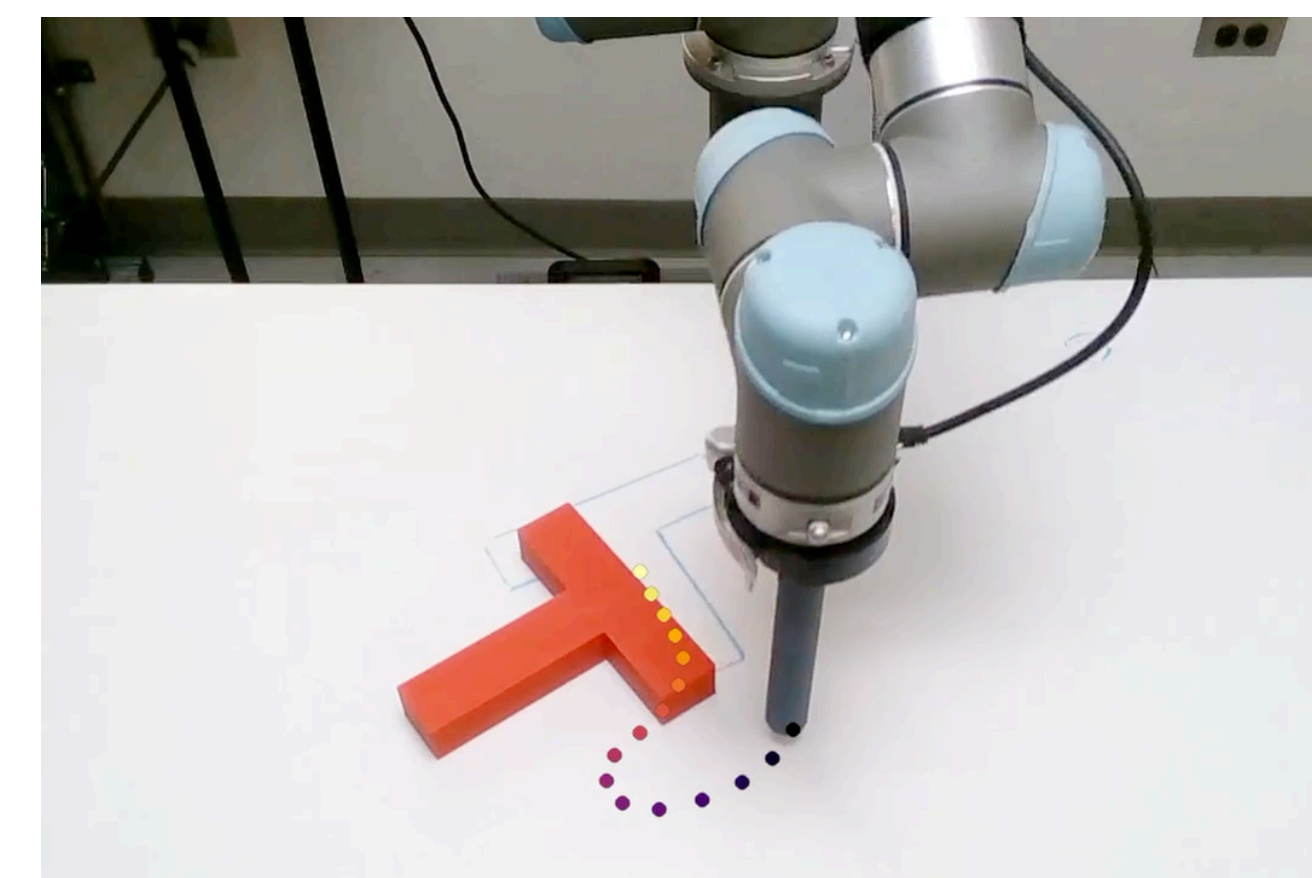
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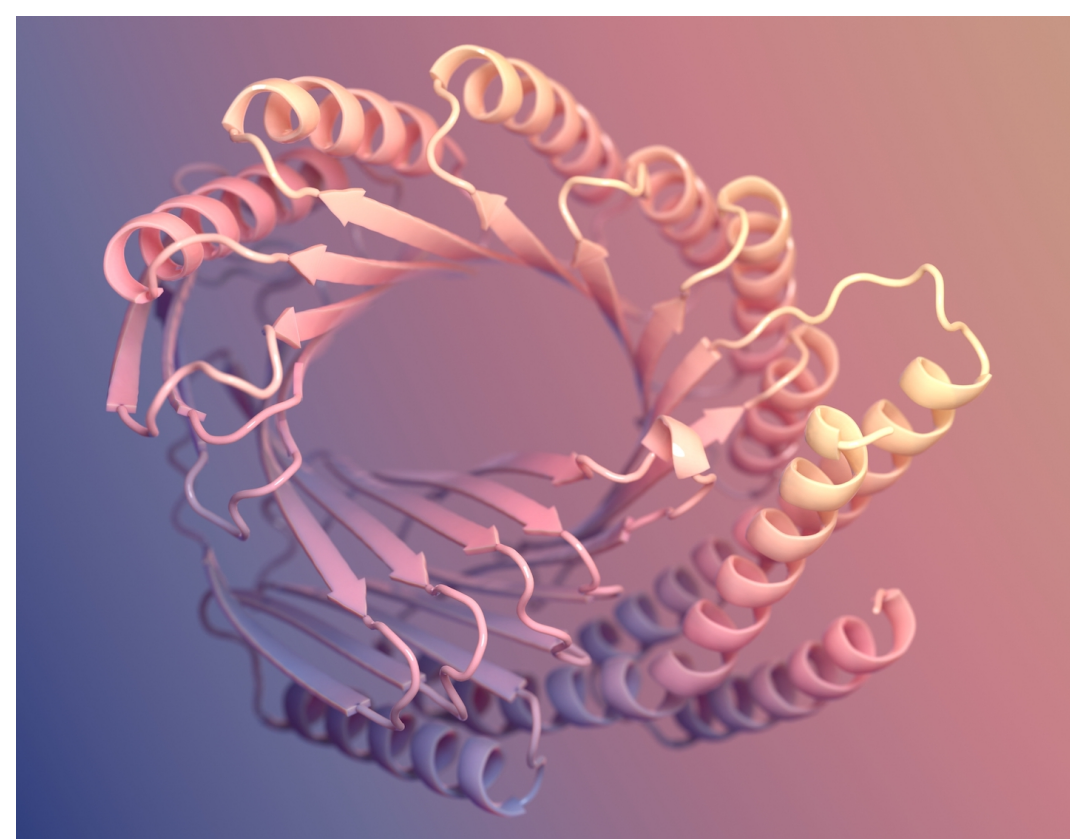
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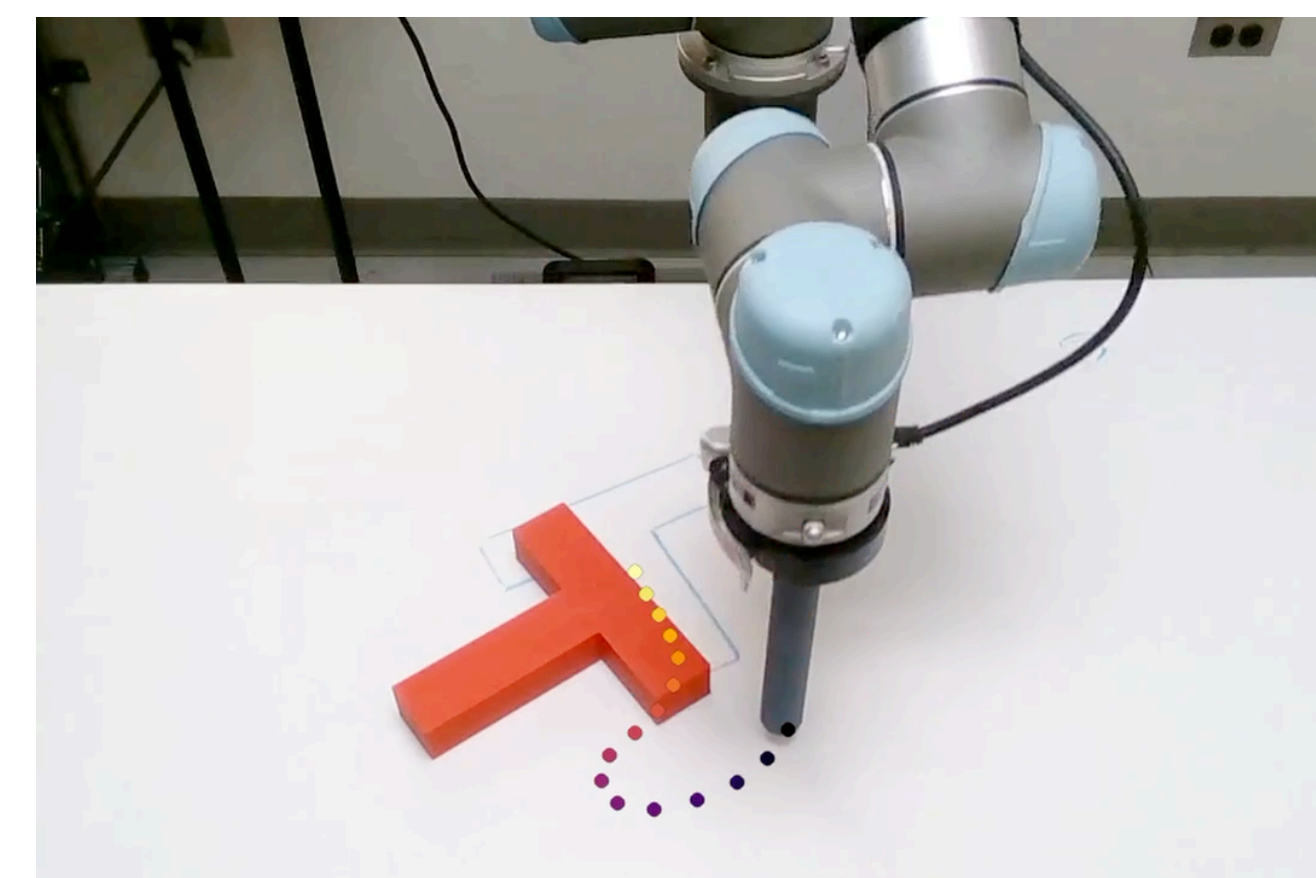
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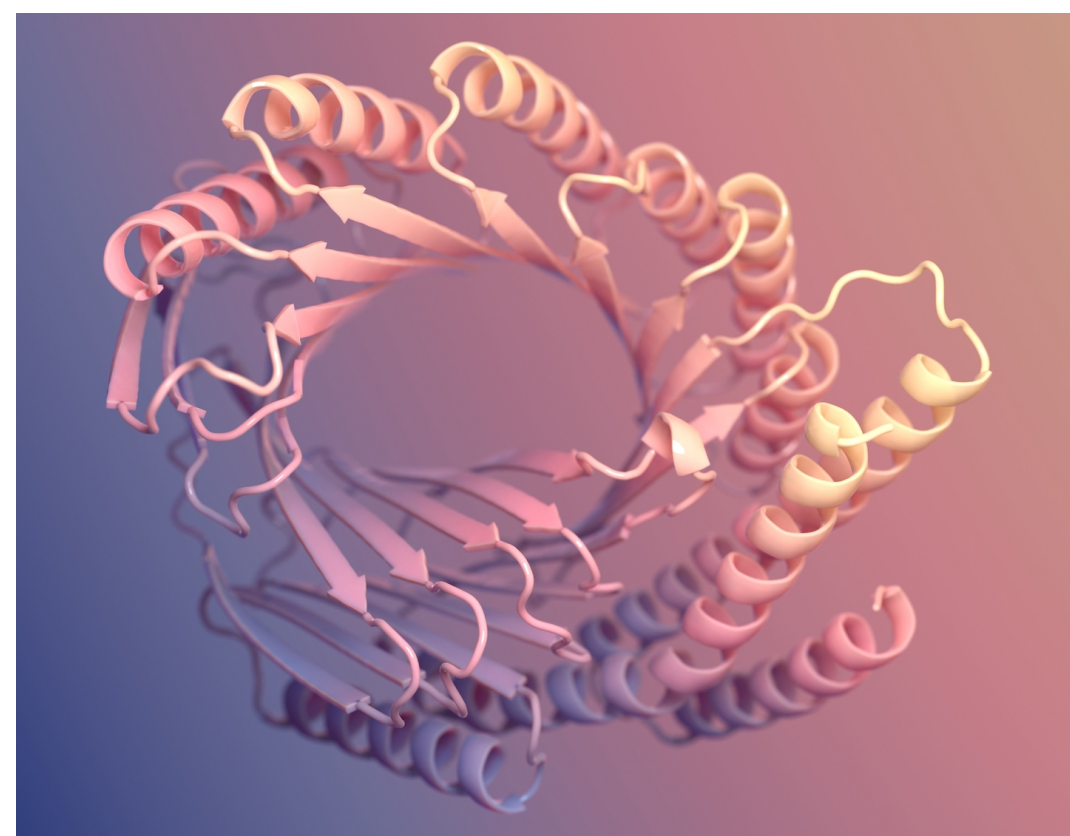
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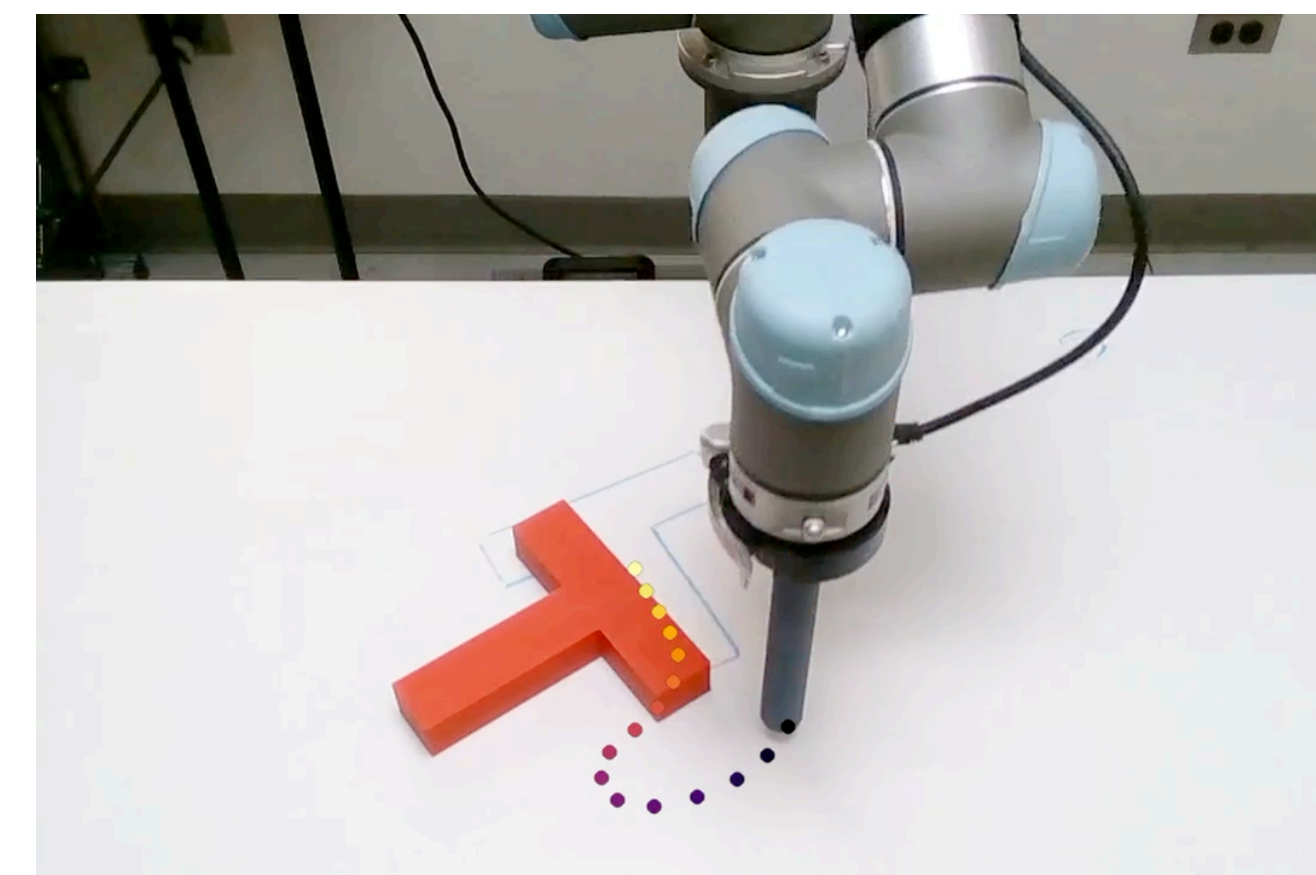
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## Challenges in Guiding Deep Probabilistic Models

- ▶ Need to manipulate complex probability distributions in high-dimensional spaces
- ▶ Sophisticated and often brittle models, complicated optimization landscapes
- ▶ Require computational efficient training and inference algorithms

# Research Focus & Goals

Thesis: "Guiding Deep Probabilistic Models"

## Research focus areas

- ▶ Addressing complex training dynamics between models trained with different objectives
- ▶ Design of novel training criteria, addressing shortcomings of existing objectives
- ▶ Representing complex probability distributions through generative model combination

## Goals

- ▶ Novel principled algorithms for training and inference in deep probabilistic models
- ▶ Guarantees
  - ▶ Training: optimality of the desired target configurations
  - ▶ Inference: sampling from target distributions

# Chapter II

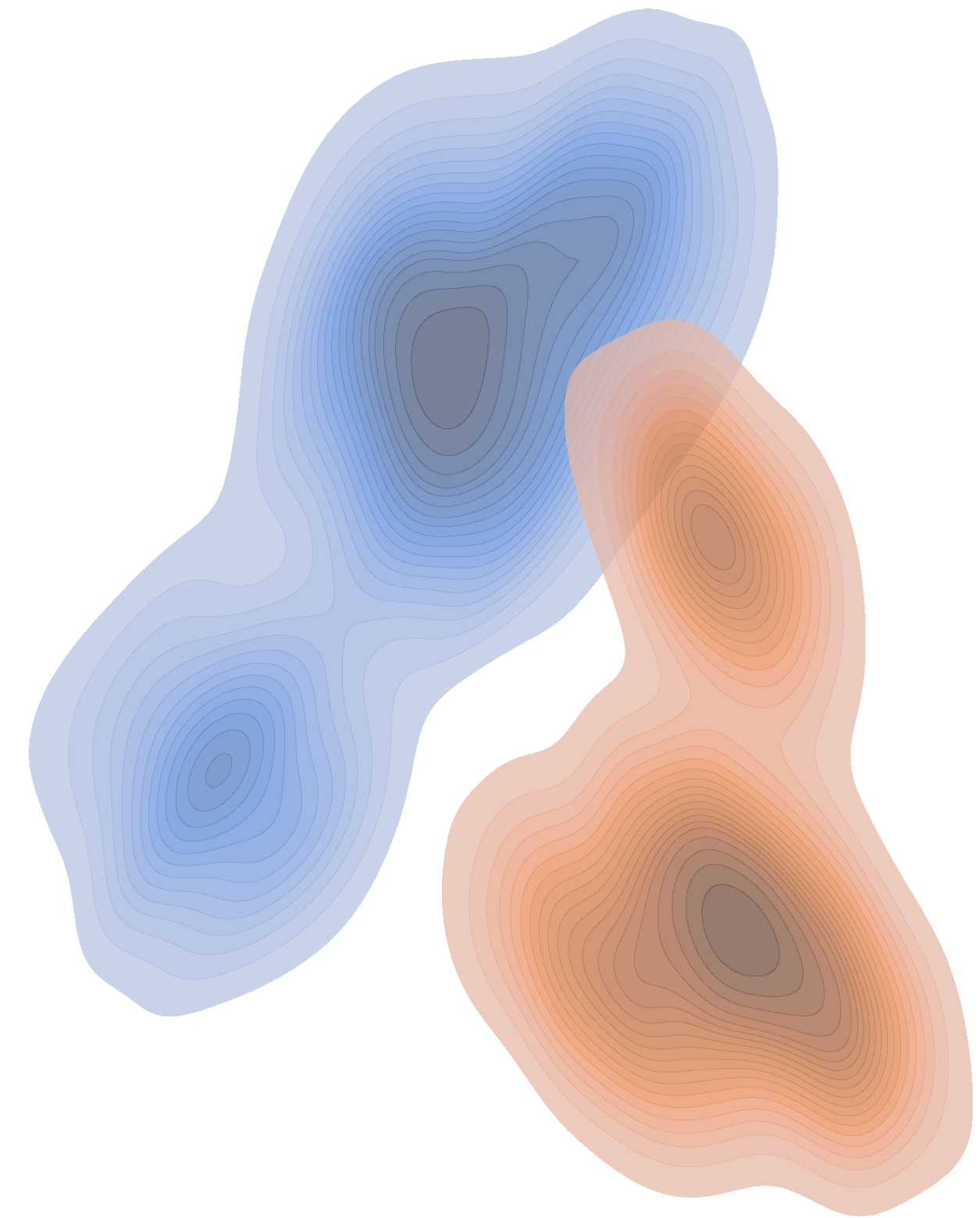
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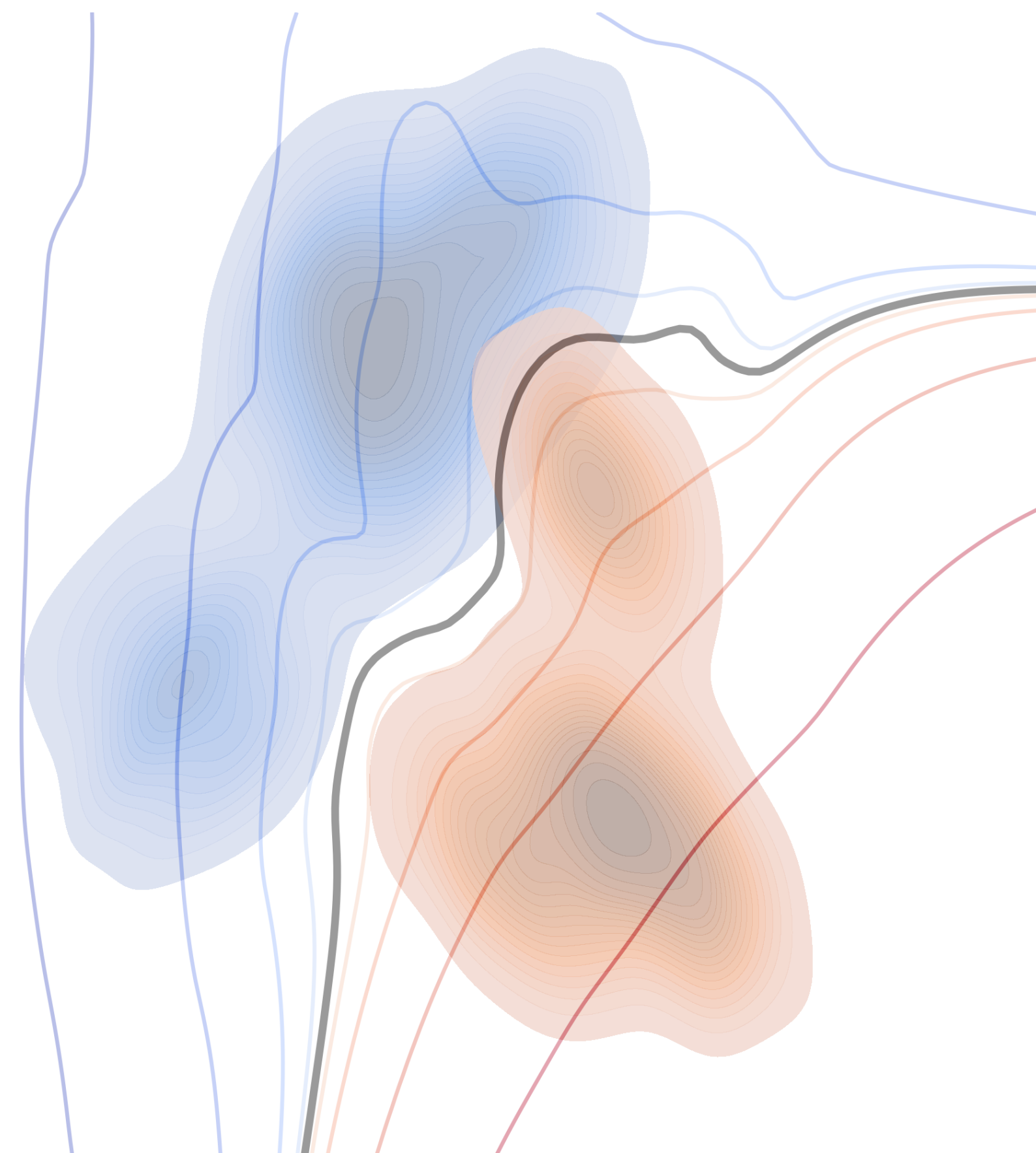
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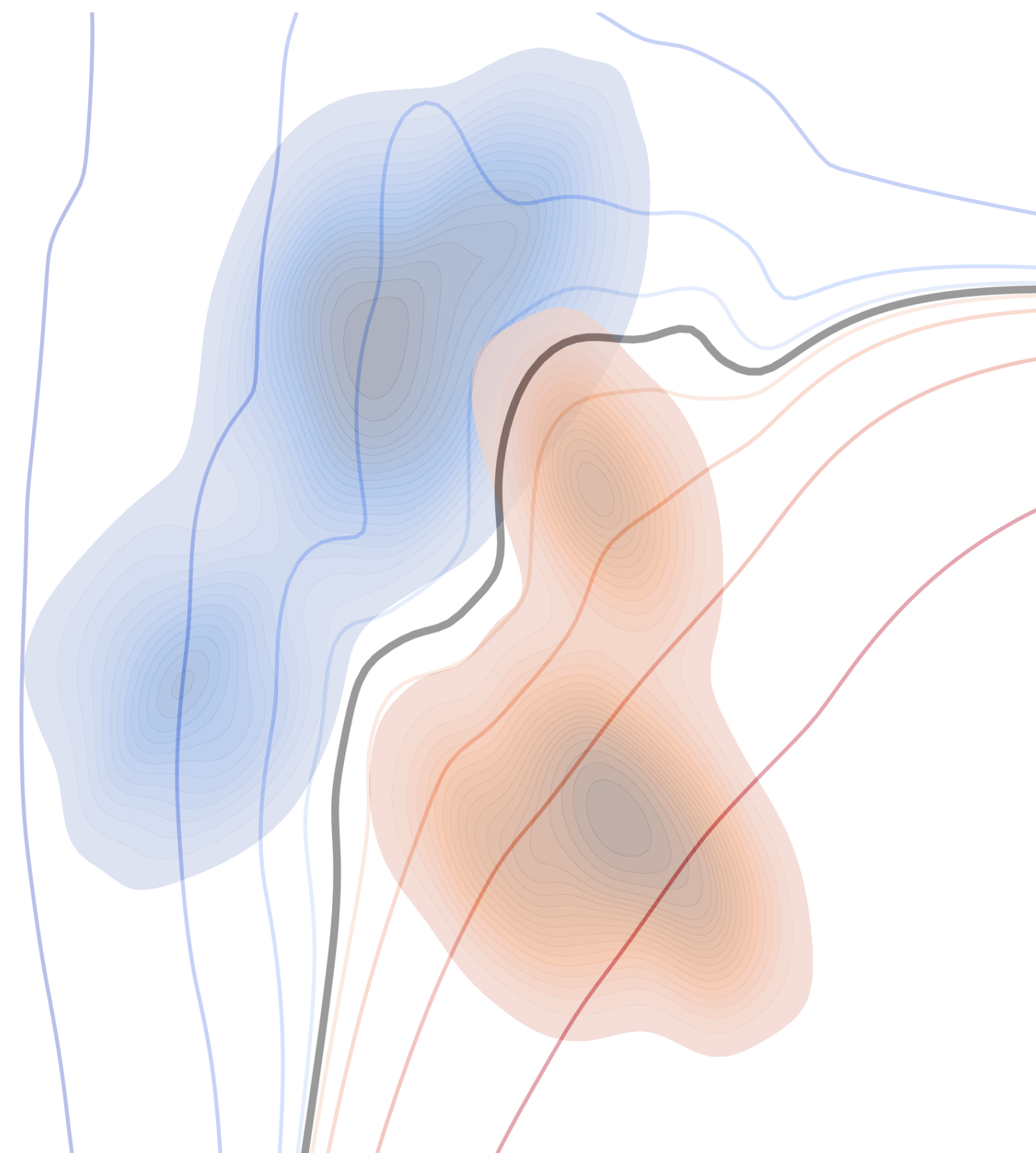
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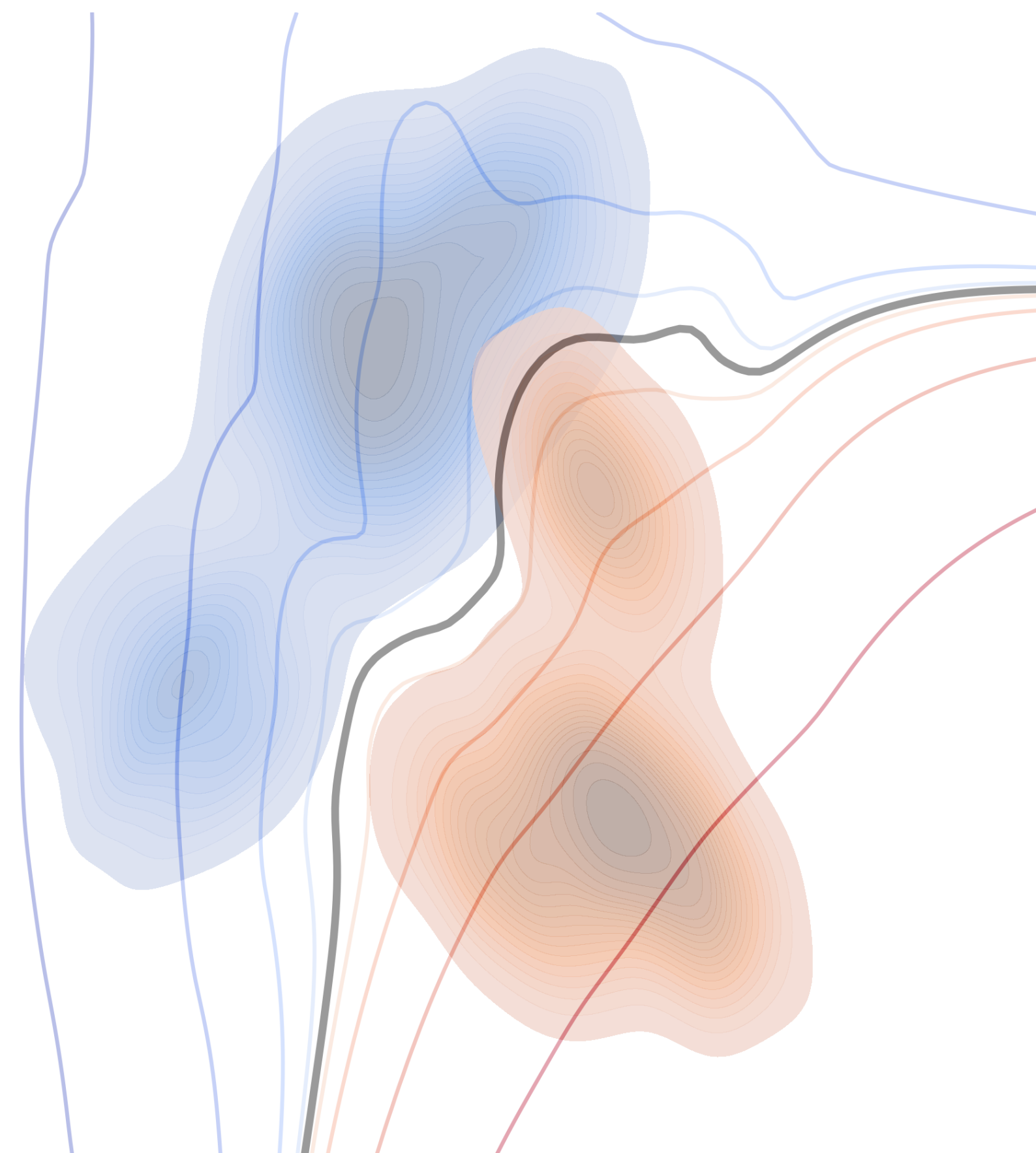
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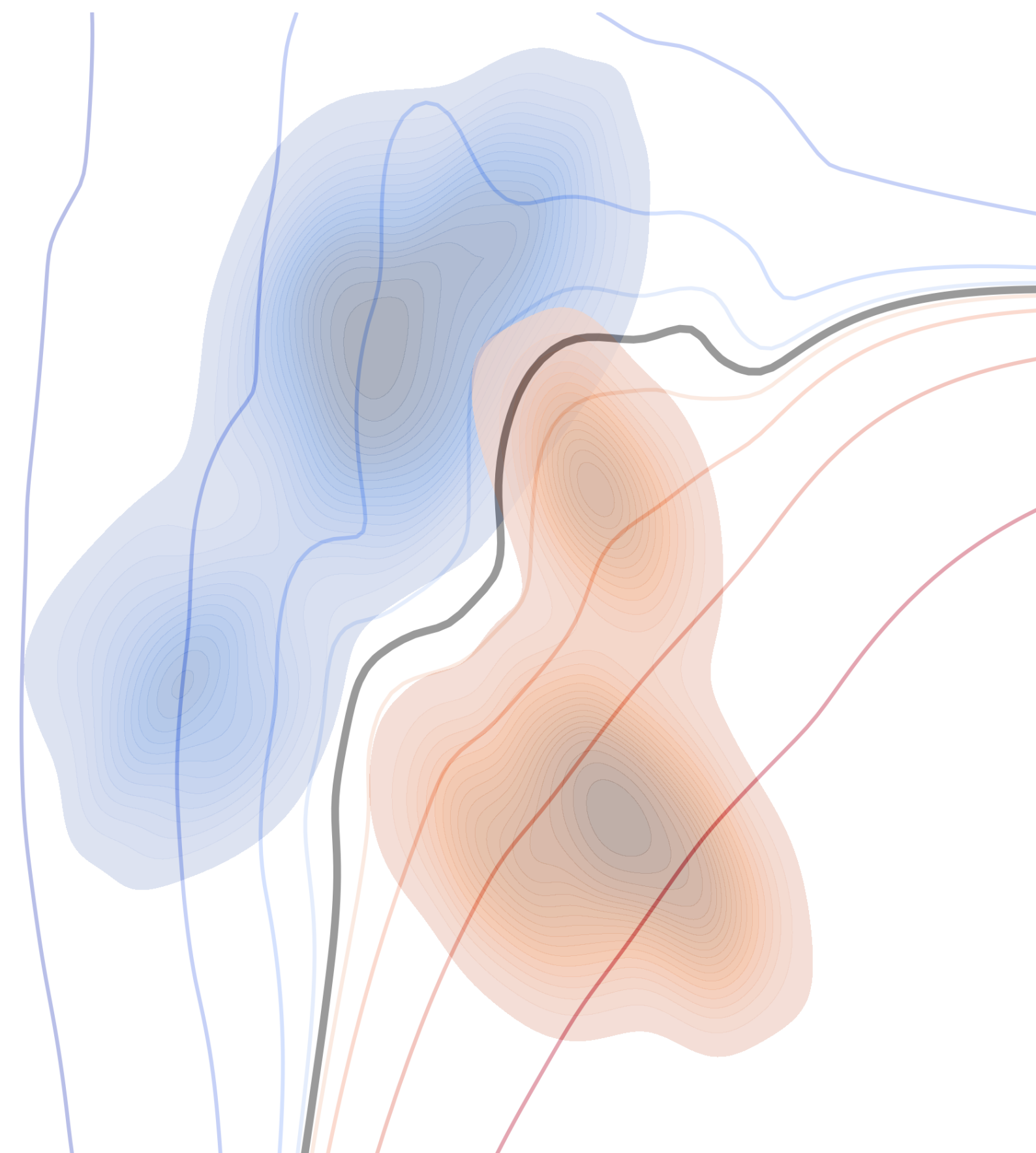
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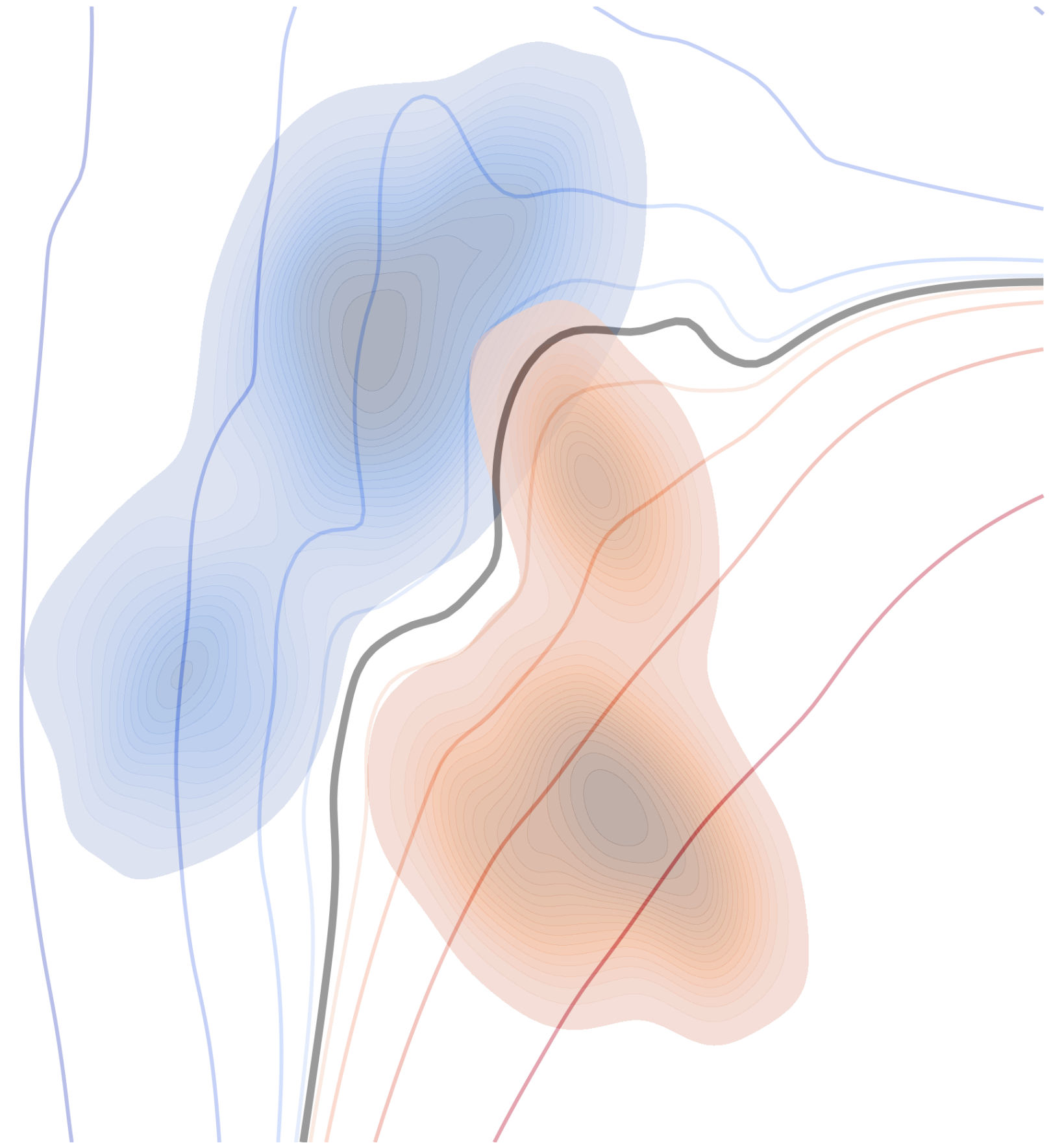
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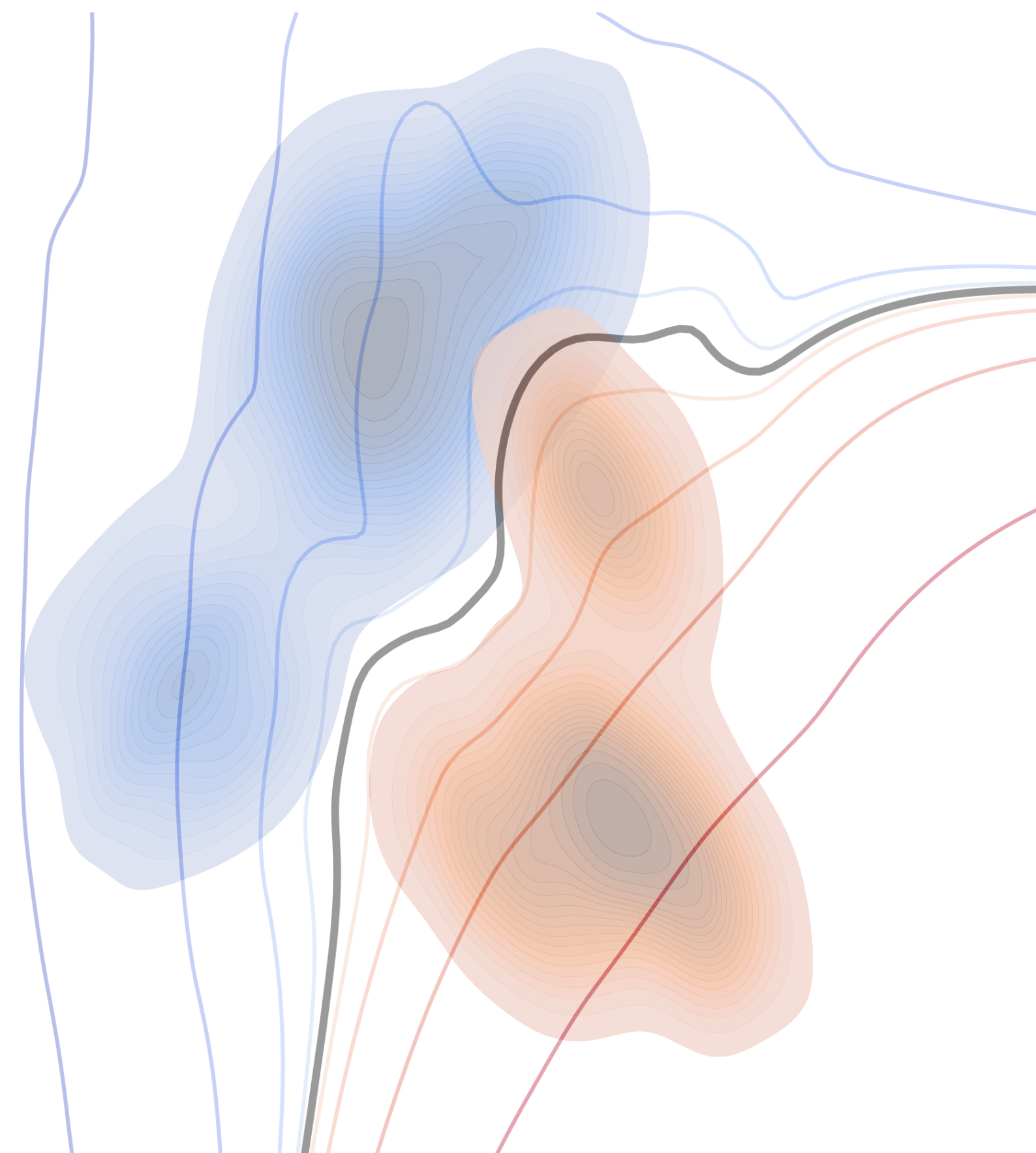
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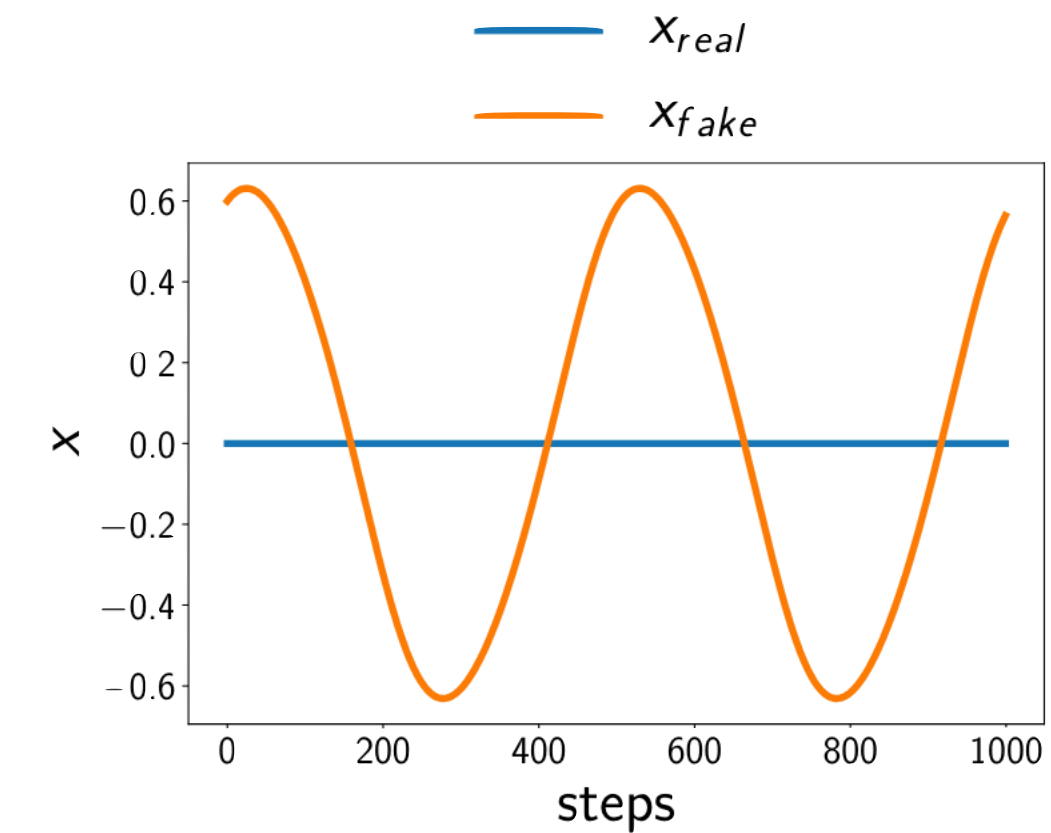
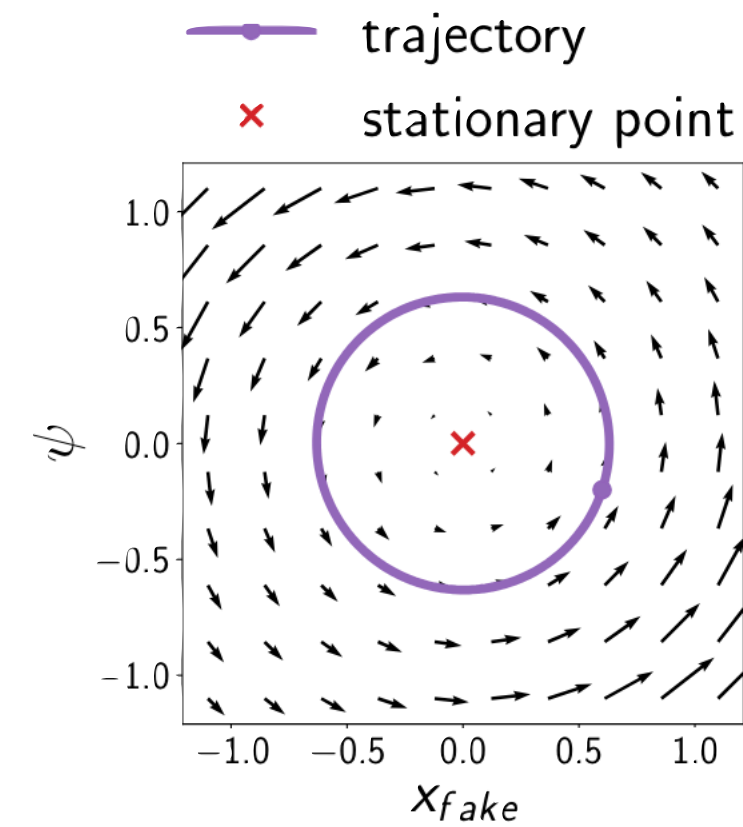
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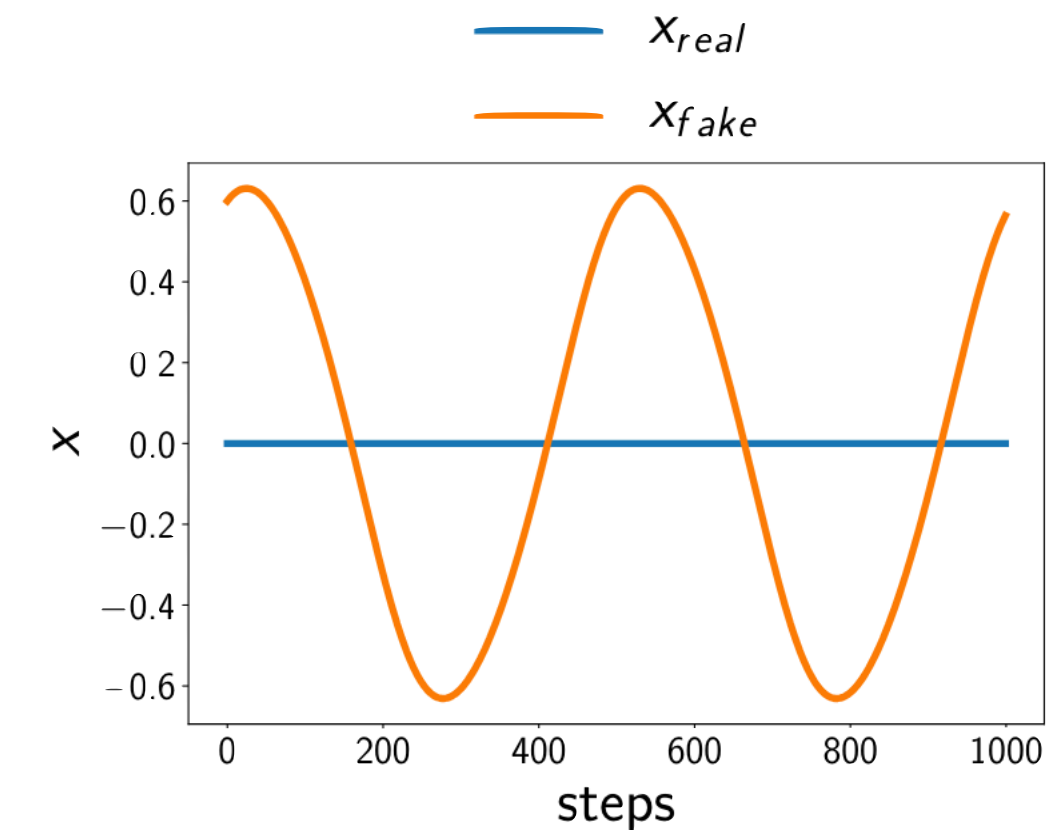
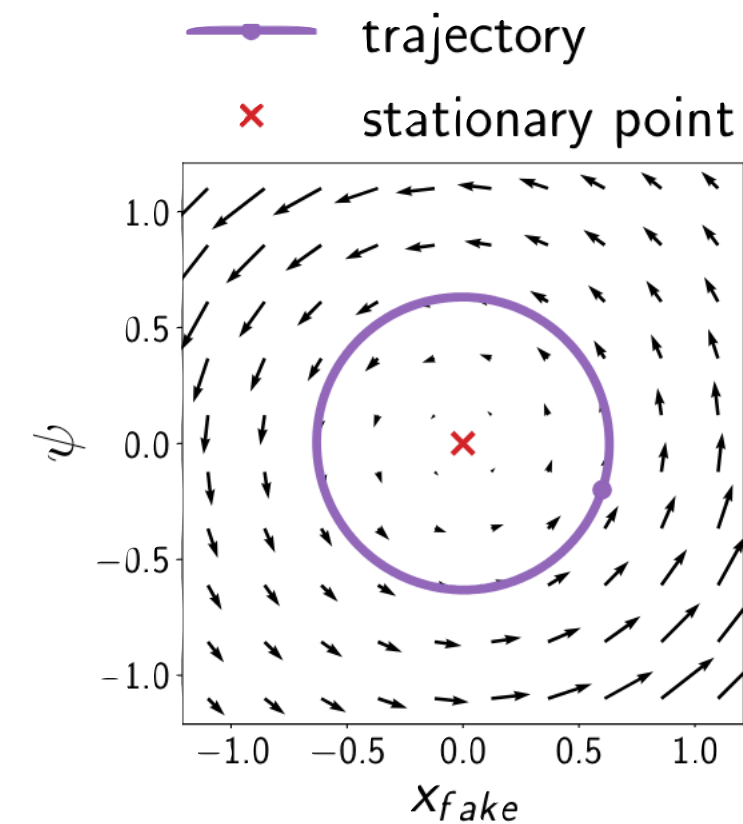
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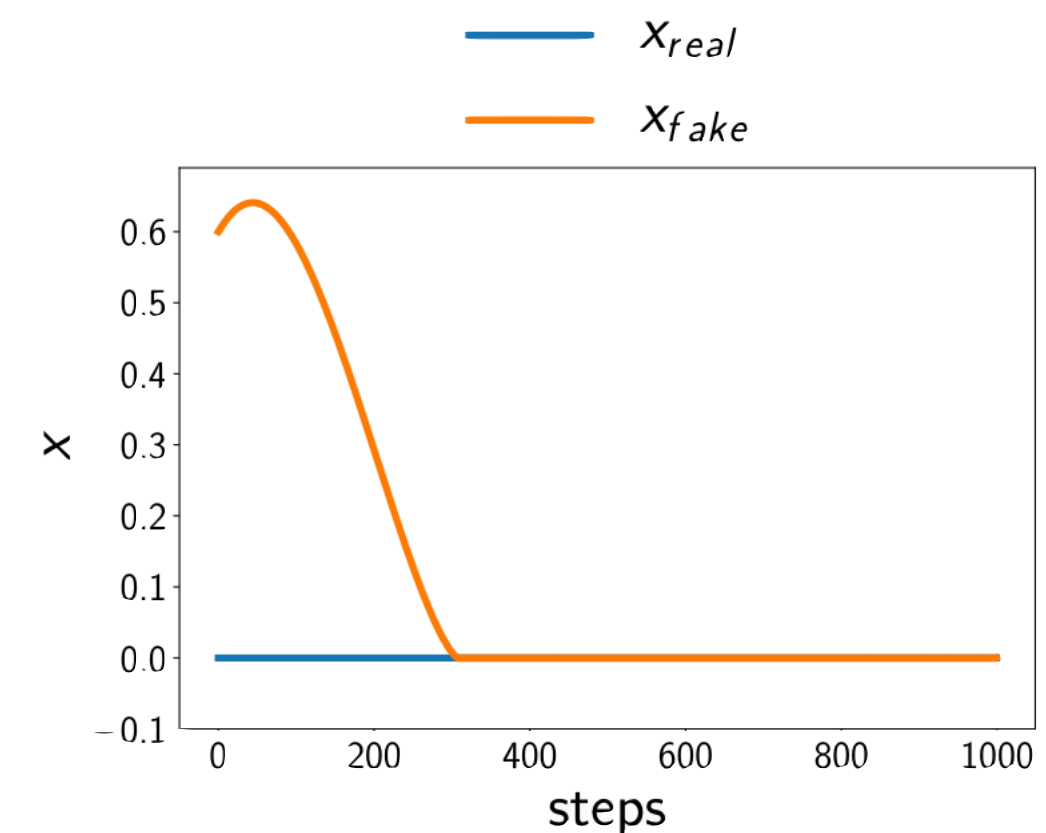
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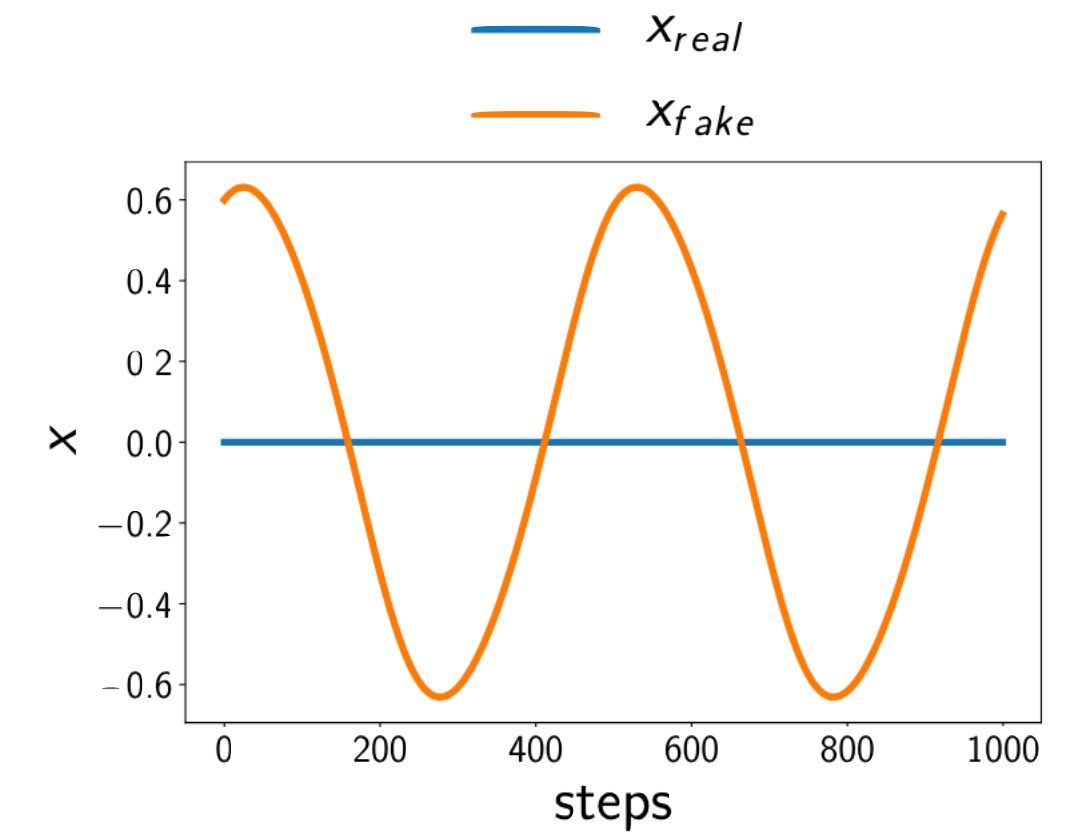
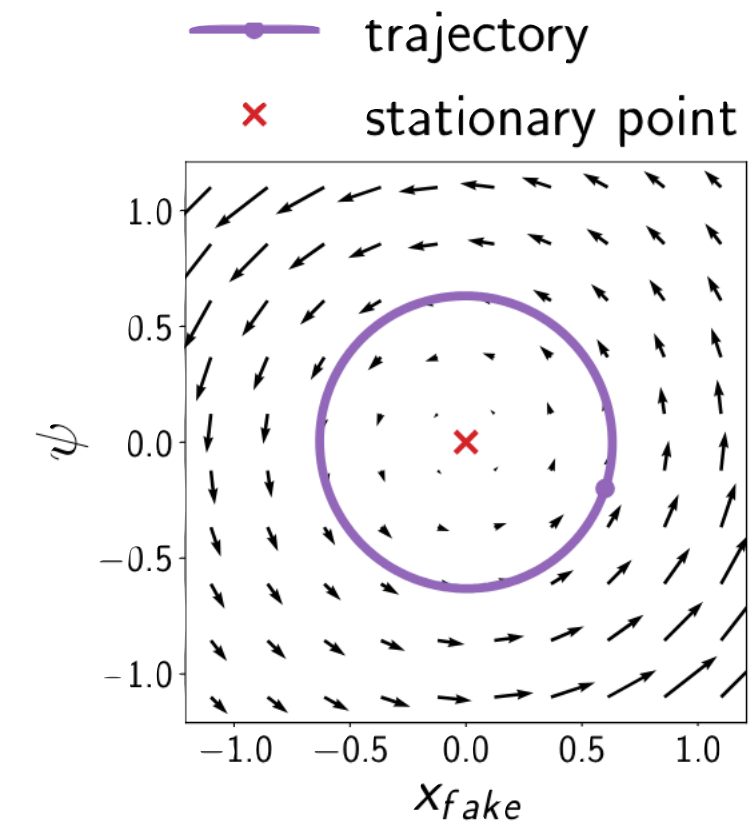
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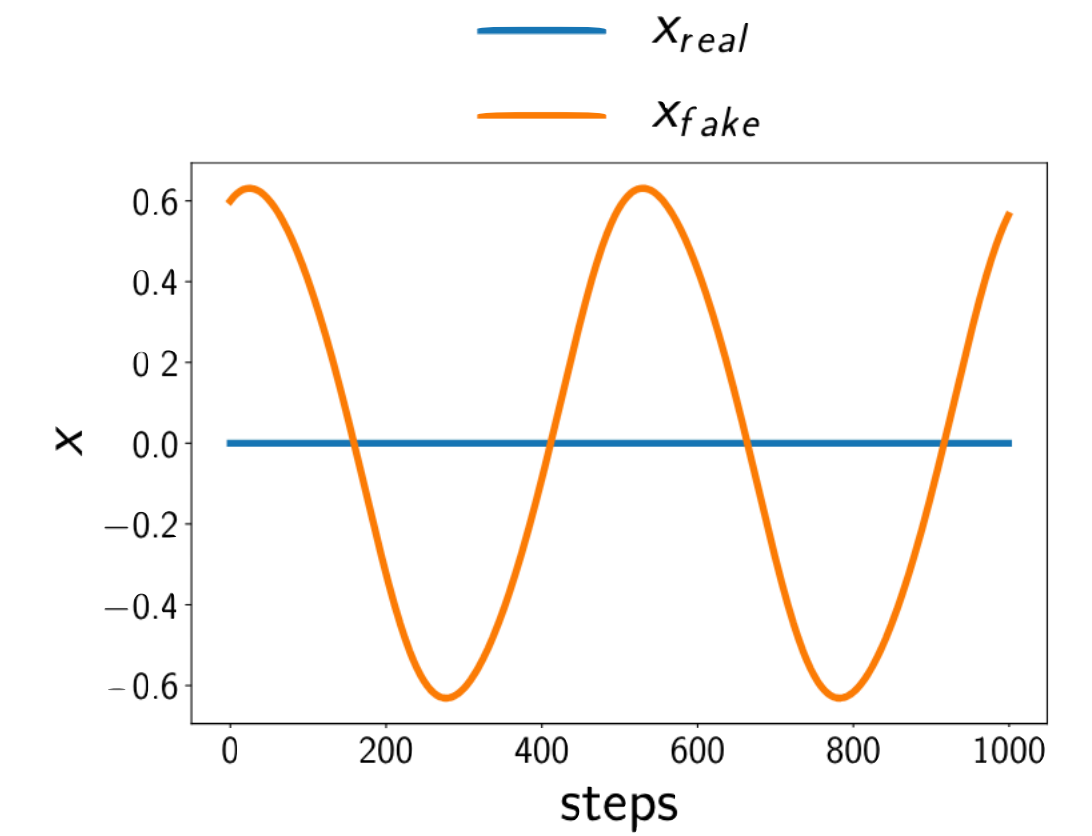
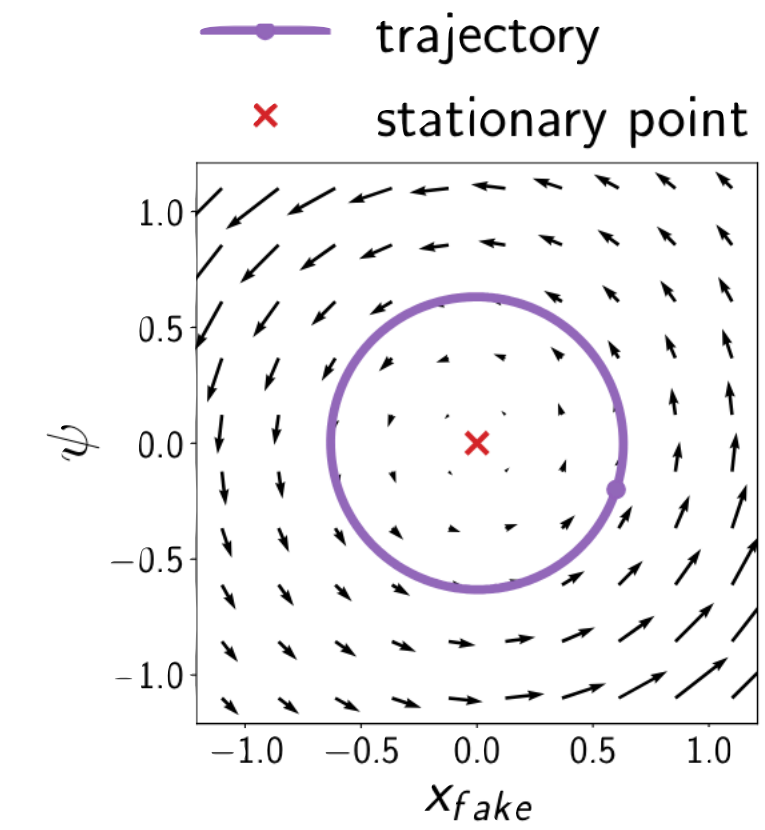
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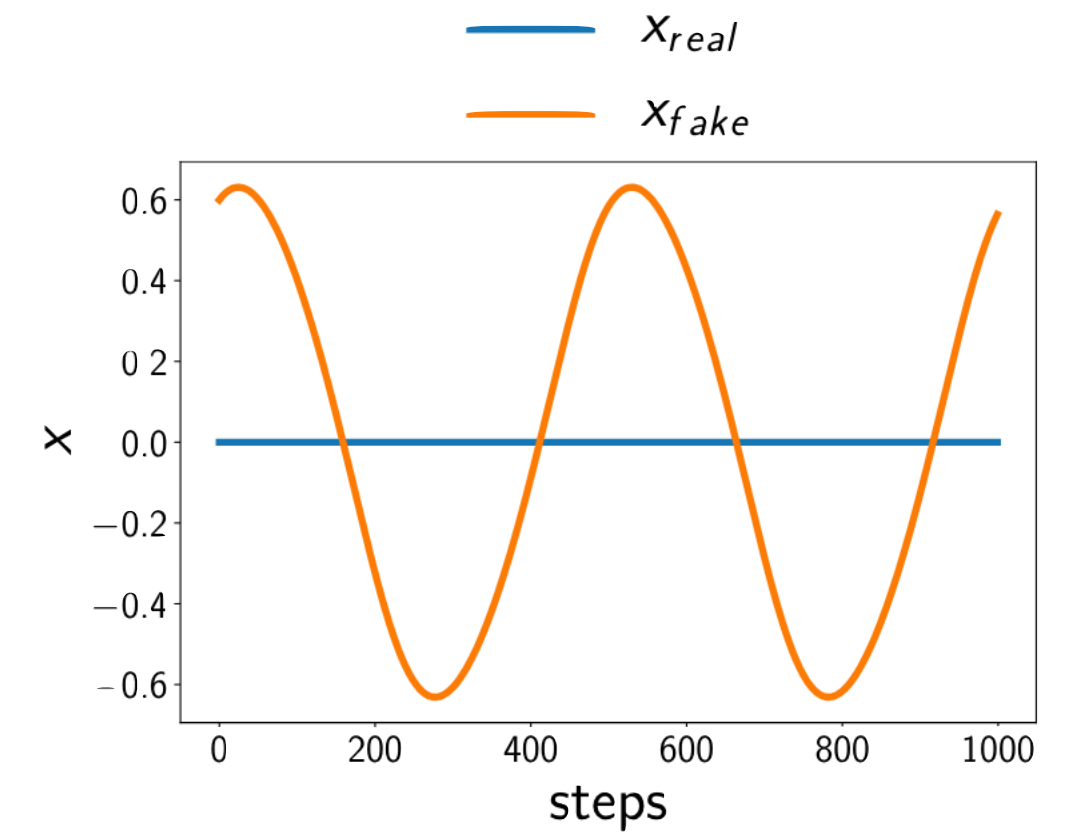
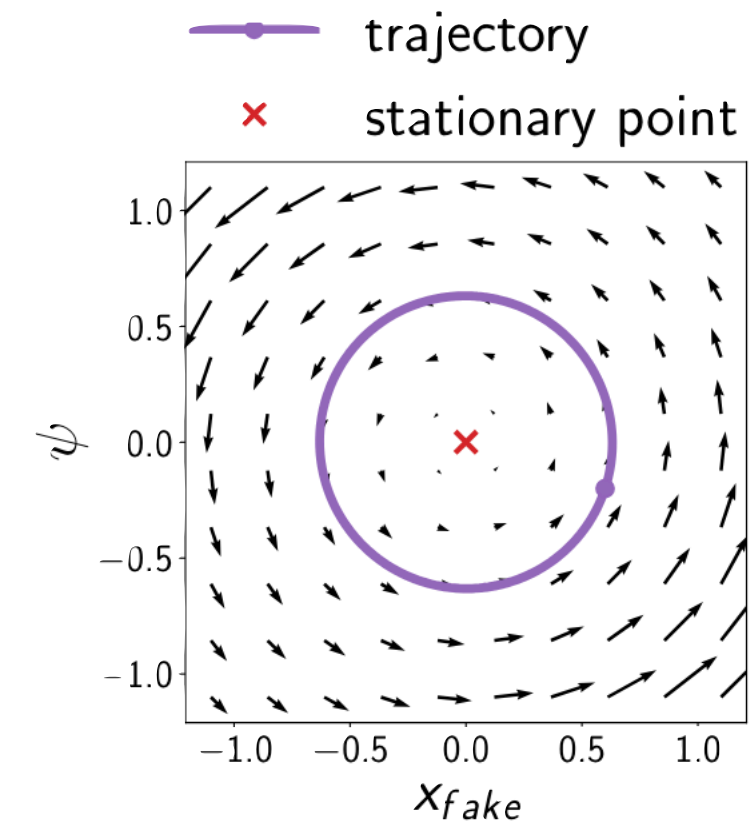
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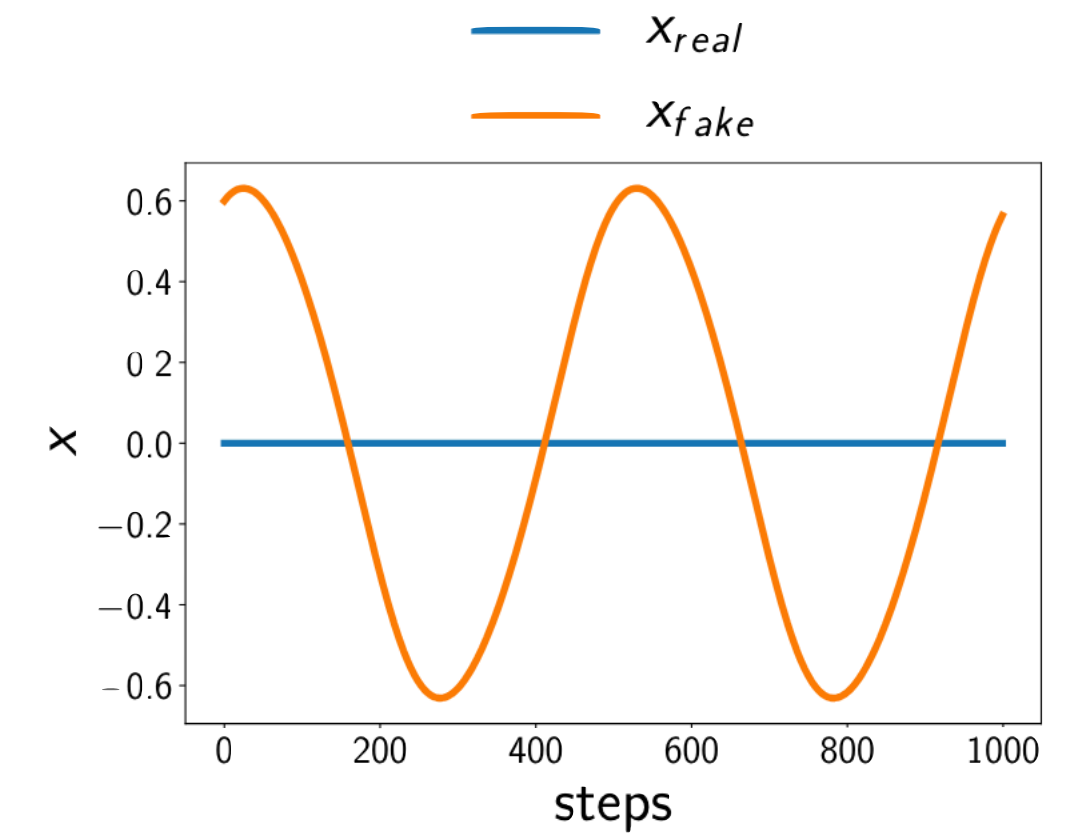
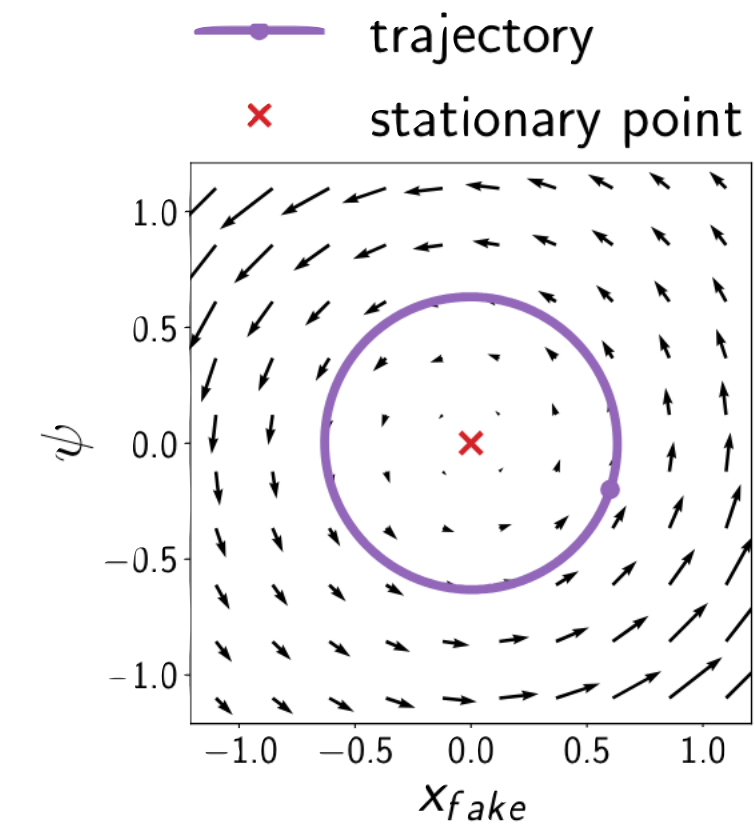
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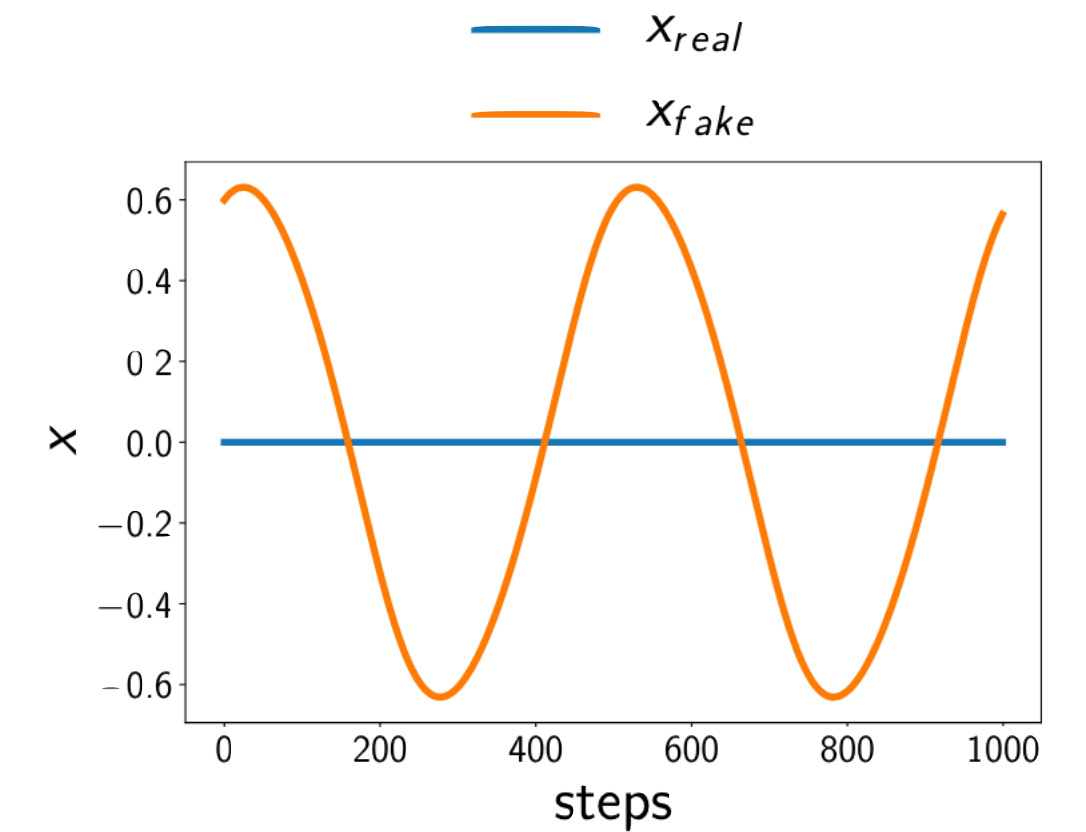
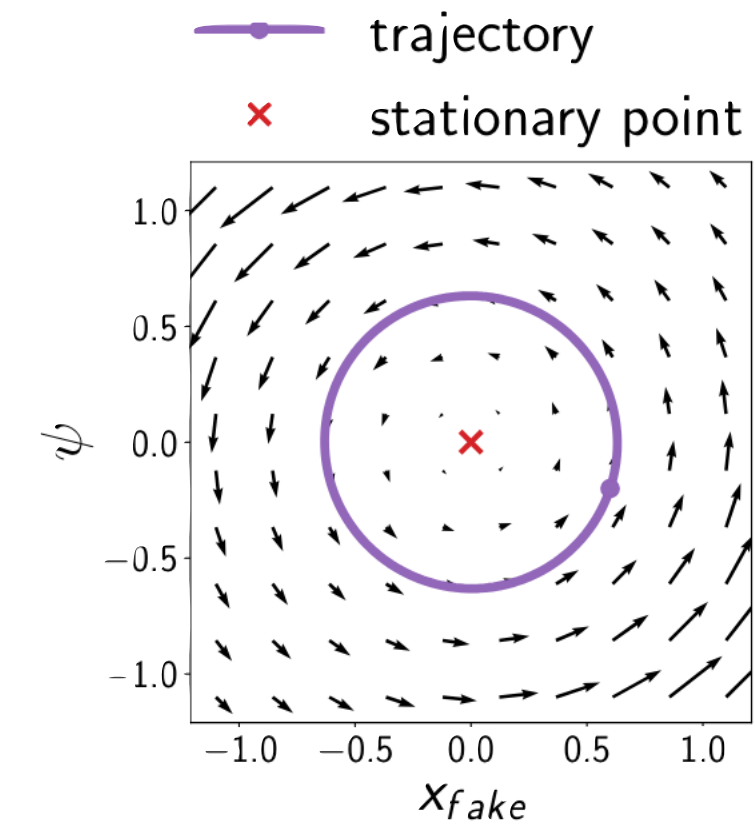
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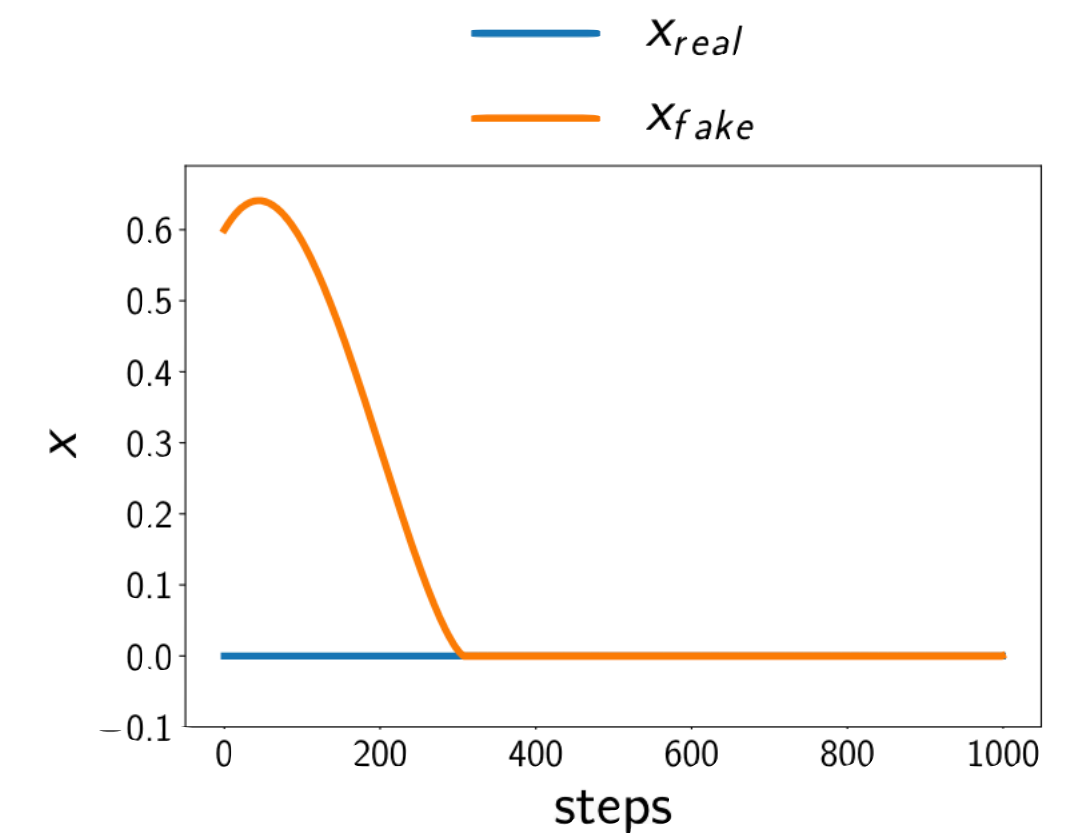
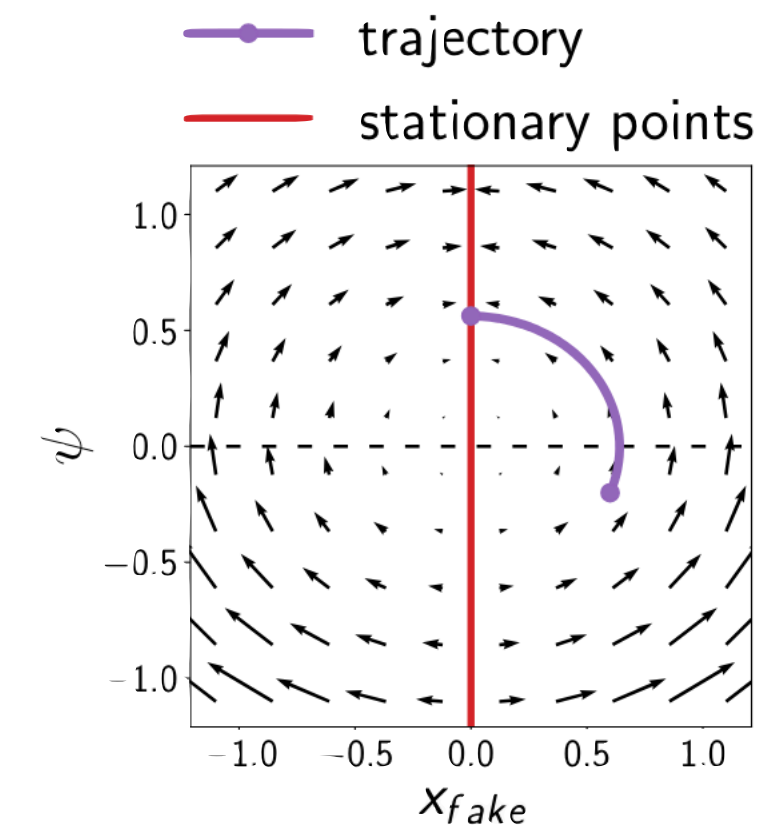
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### Proposition (PairGAN Distribution Divergences).

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Given optimal PairGAN discriminators (zero-sum or non-zero-sum), the PairGAN generator objectives are equivalent to the following distribution divergences

$$U_N^*(q) = \operatorname{argmin}_{U: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}} \mathcal{L}_D(q, U) \quad \left| \quad U_Z^*(q) = \operatorname{argmax}_{U: \mathcal{X} \rightarrow [\log(\varepsilon), \infty)} \mathcal{L}_G(q, U), \quad (0 < \varepsilon < 1) \right. \\ \mathcal{L}_G(q, U_N^*(q)) = 4 \cdot (\operatorname{KL}(M_{p,q}^+ \| M_{p,q}) + \operatorname{KL}(M_{p,q}^- \| M_{p,q}^+)) \quad \left| \quad \mathcal{L}_G(q, U_Z^*(q)) = -\log(\varepsilon) \cdot \operatorname{TV}(M_{p,q}^+ \| M_{p,q}^-).$$

Consequently,

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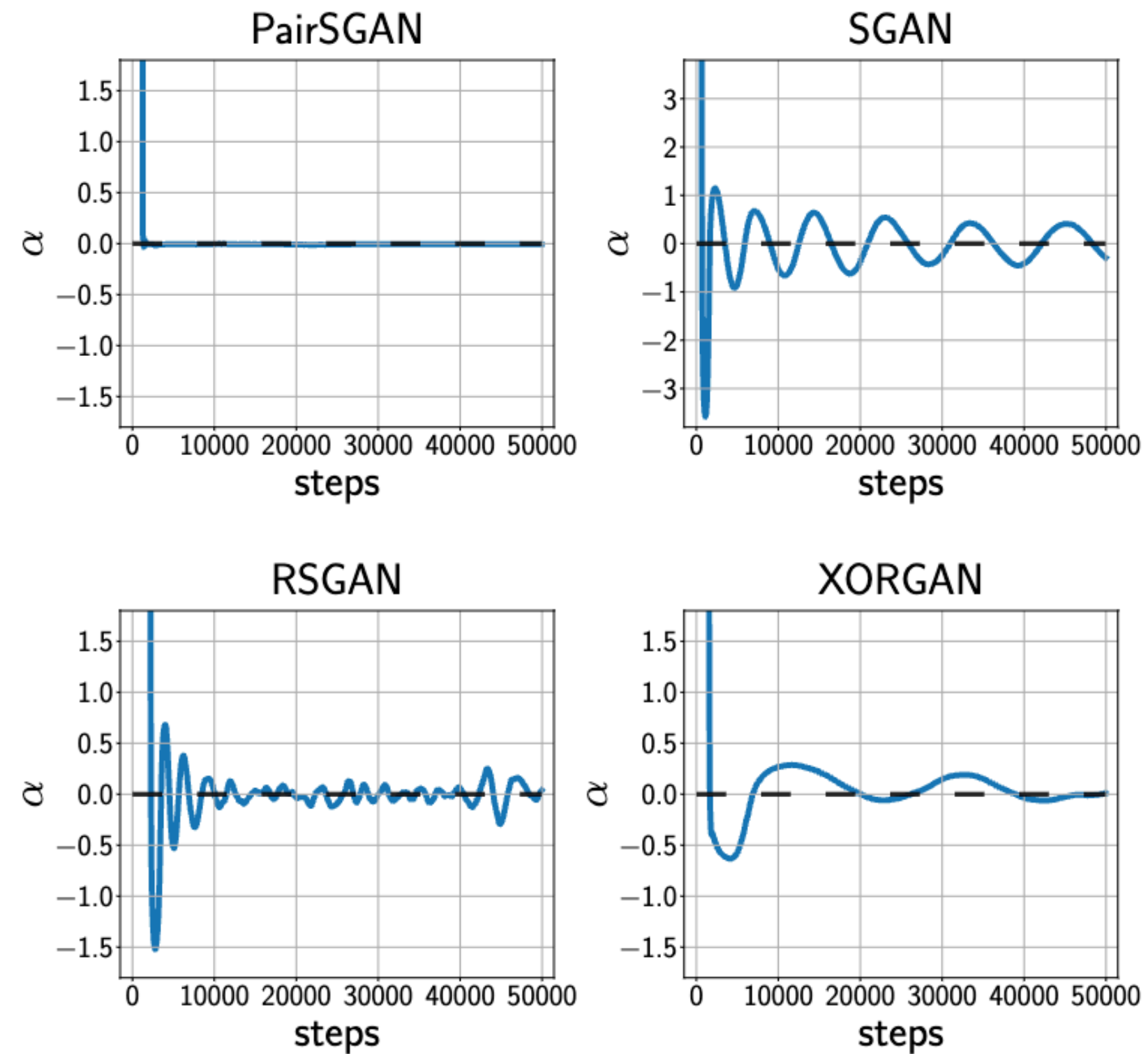
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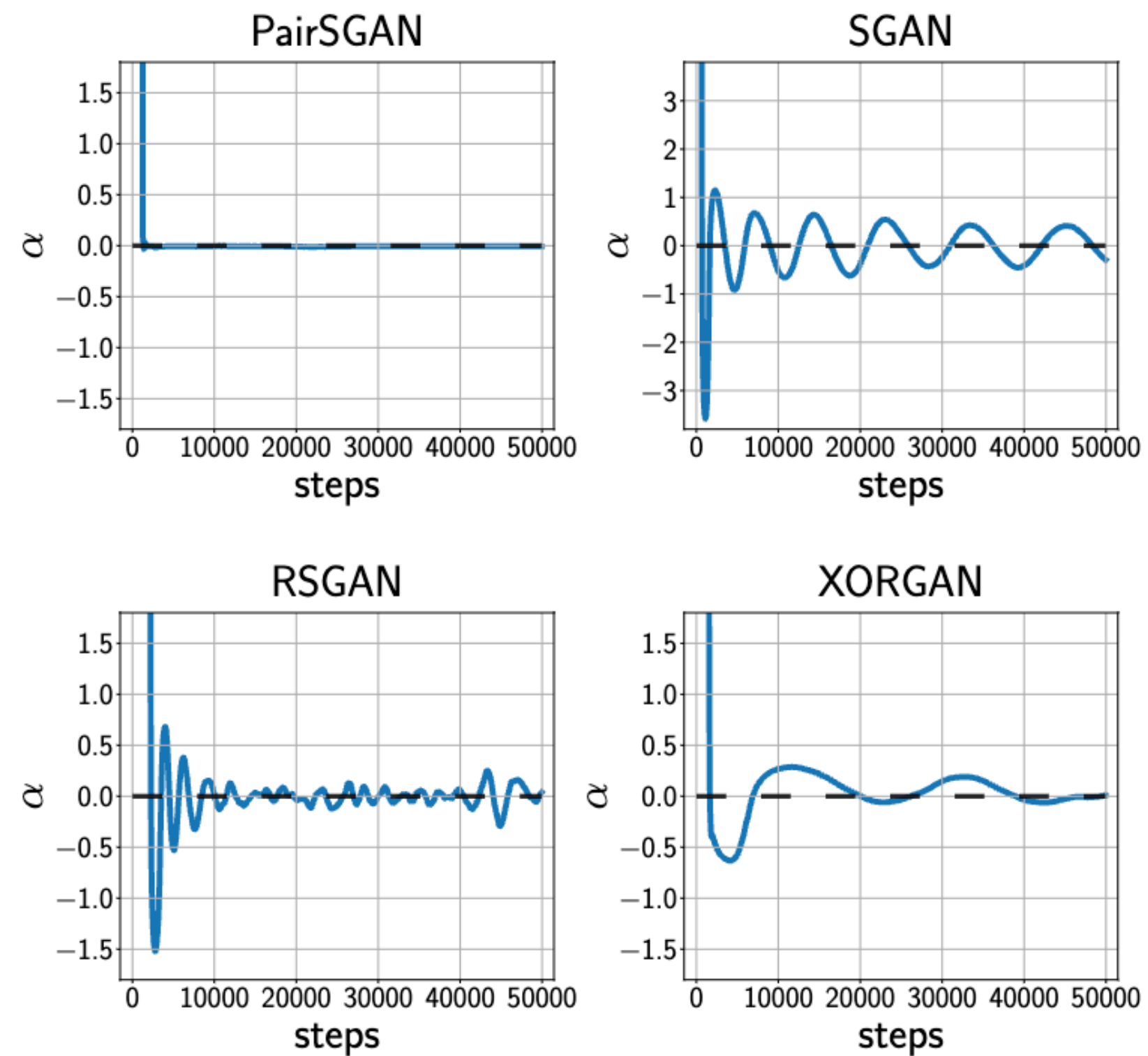
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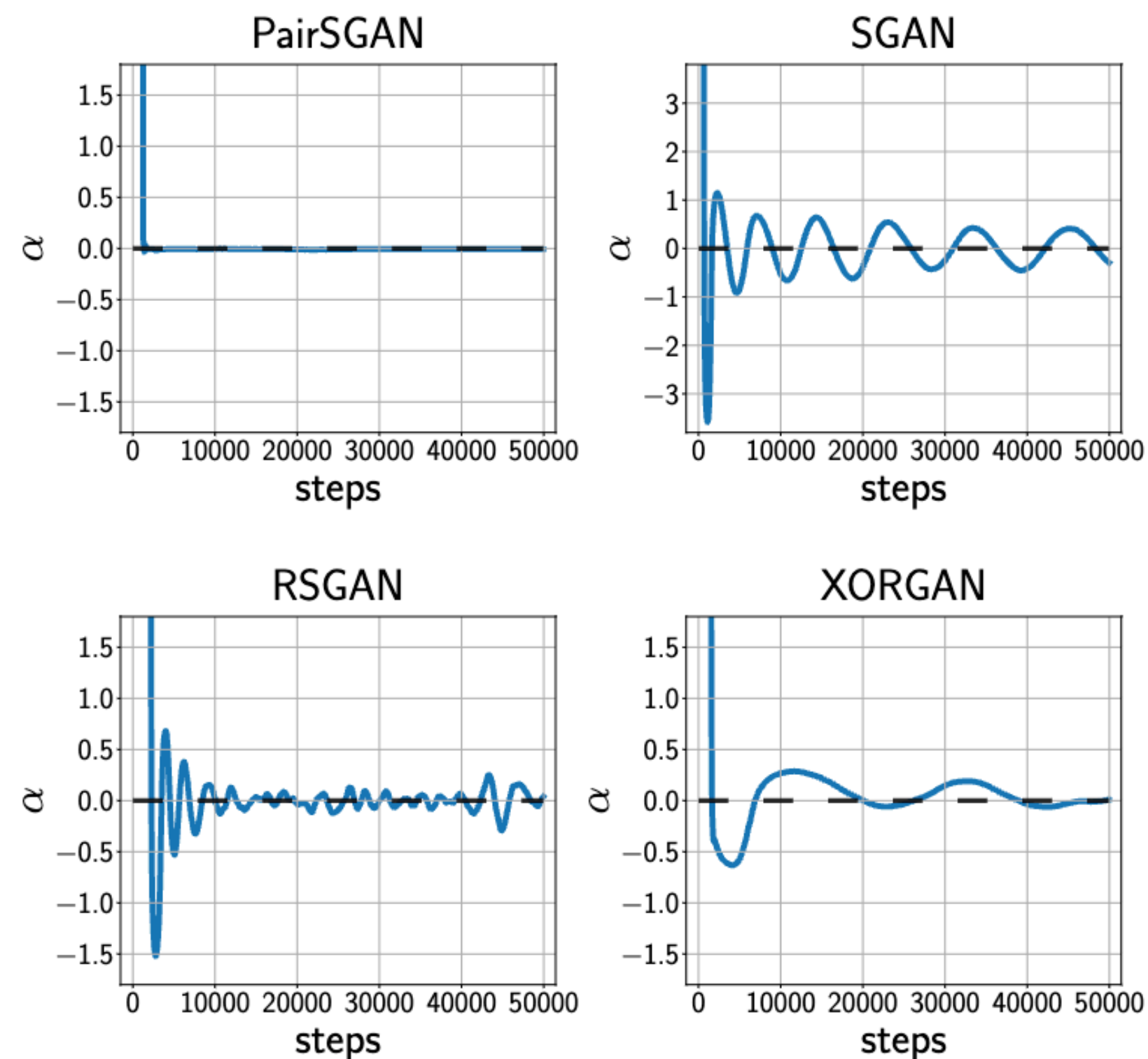
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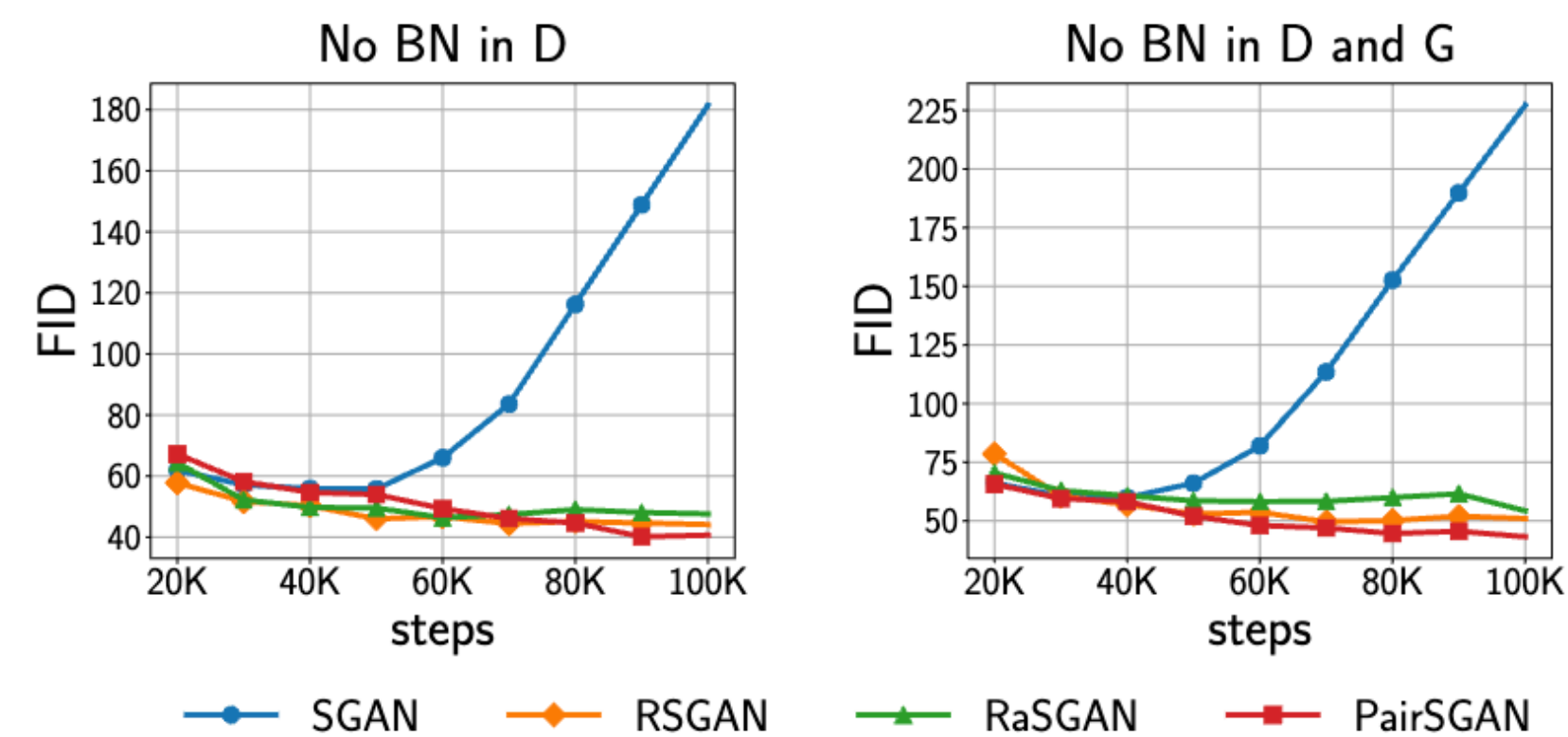
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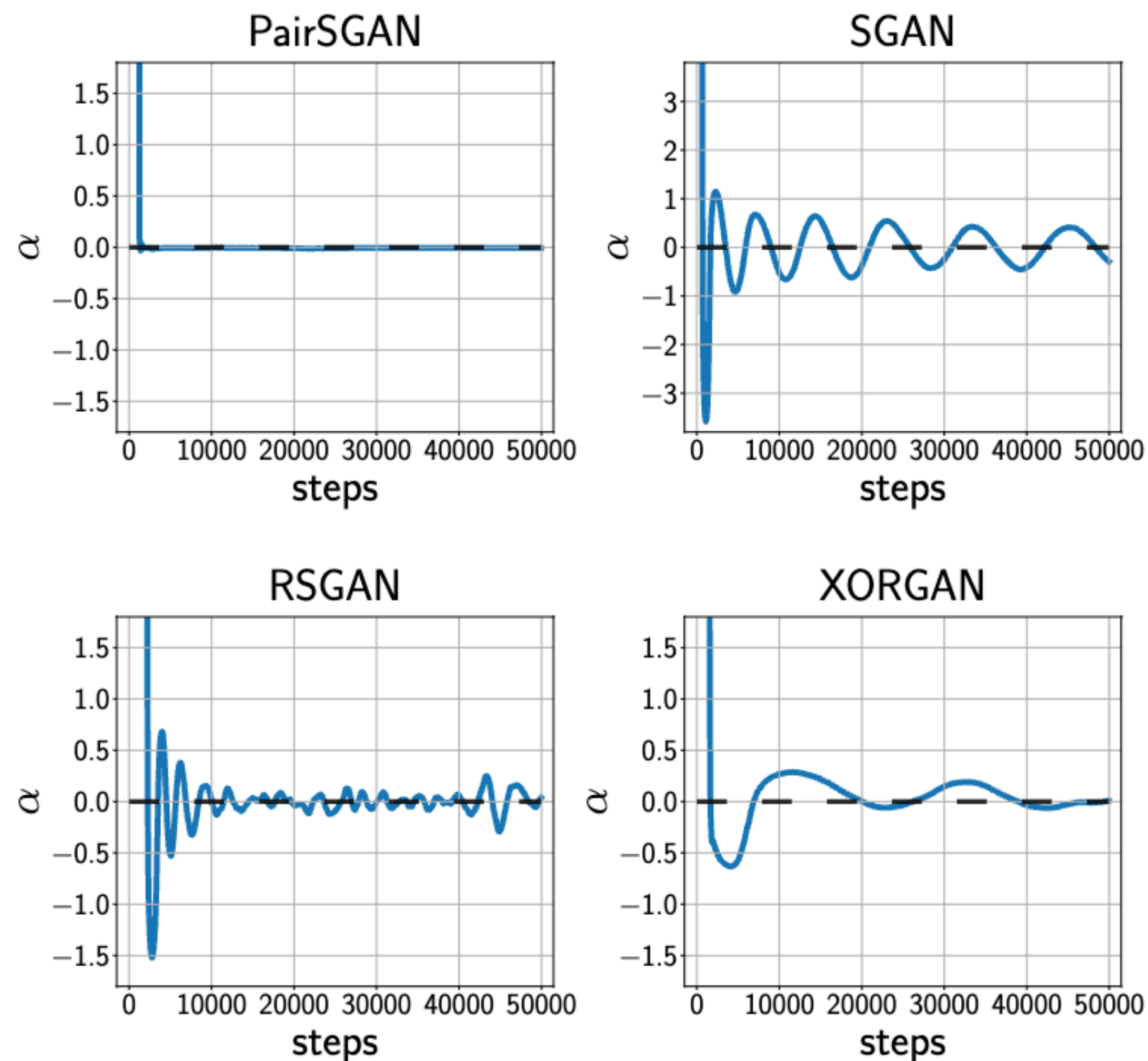
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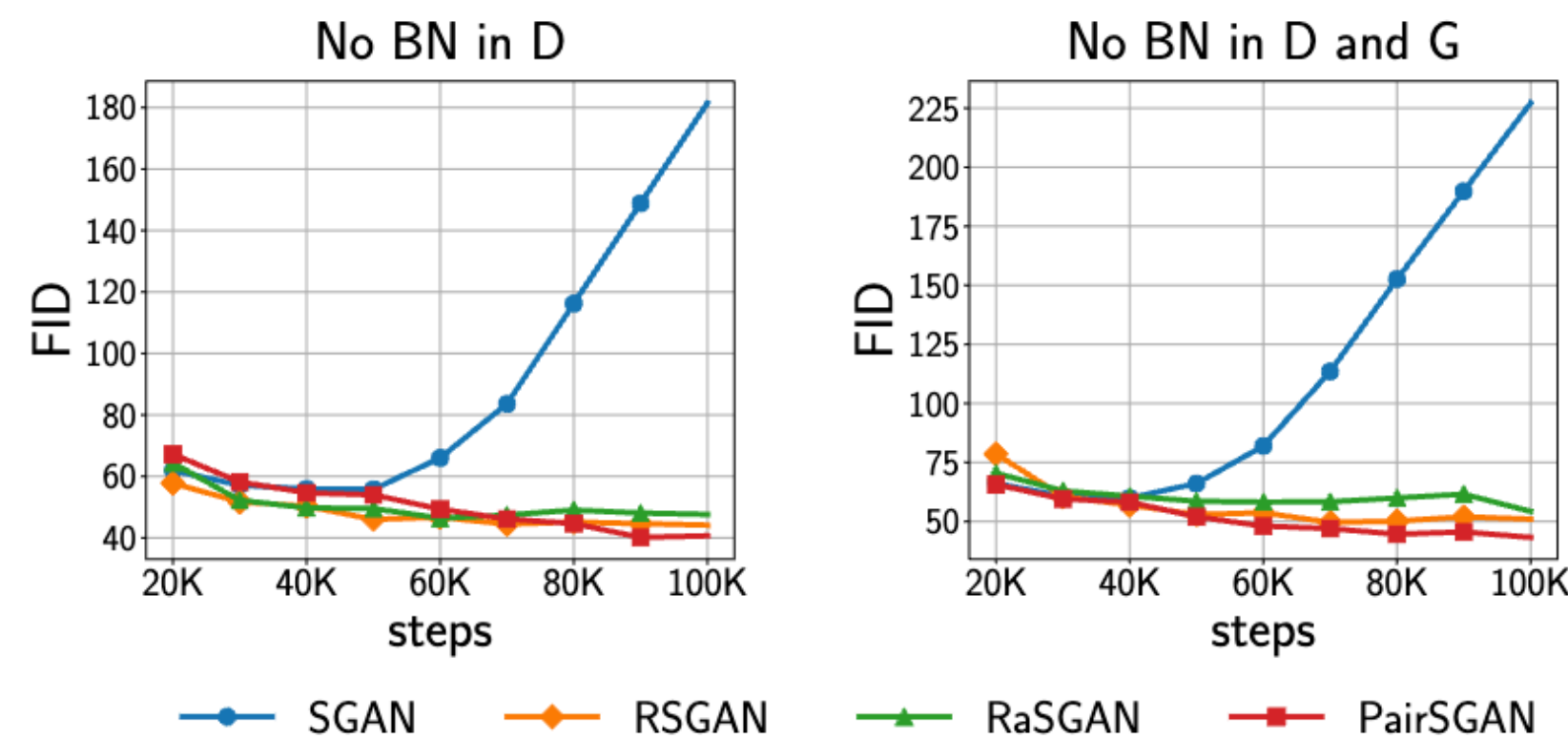
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Stable FID curves on CAT data

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LSGAN*	20.27	224.97	73.62	61.02
RaLSGAN*	11.97	19.29	15.61	2.55
HingeGAN*	17.60	50.94	32.23	14.44
RaHingeGAN*	14.62	27.31	20.29	3.96
RSGAN-GP*	16.41	22.34	18.20	1.82
RaSGAN-GP*	17.32	22	19.58	<b>1.81</b>
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128 × 128 images				
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RaSGAN*	21.05	39.65	28.53	6.52
LSGAN*	19.03	51.36	30.28	10.16
RaLSGAN*	<b>15.85</b>	40.26	22.36	7.53
<b>PairSGAN</b>	16.72	<b>25.66</b>	<b>21.43</b>	<b>2.94</b>
256 × 256 images				
Loss	Min	Max	Mean	SD
SGAN	43.30	324.38	171.42	108.47
RaSGAN*	<b>32.11</b>	102.76	56.64	21.03
SpectralSGAN*	54.08	90.43	64.92	12.00
LSGAN*	—	—	—	—
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WGAN-GP*	155.46	437.48	341.91	101.11
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# Pairwise-Discriminator Objectives for GANs: Summary

Training objectives for GANs which **preserve distribution alignment**

- ▶ Novel zero-sum & non-zero-sum game formulations with pairwise discriminators
  - ▶ New distribution divergences derived from PairGAN game
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# Chapter III

## Adversarial Support Alignment

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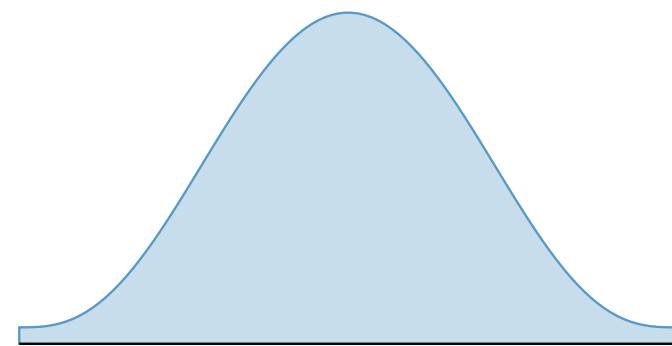
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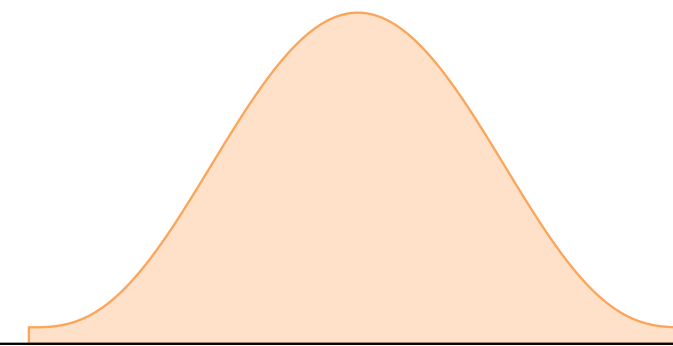
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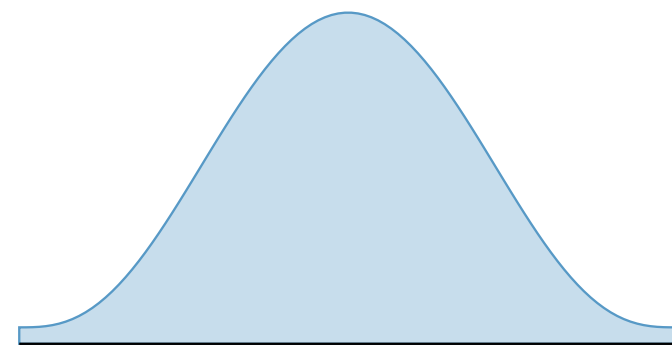


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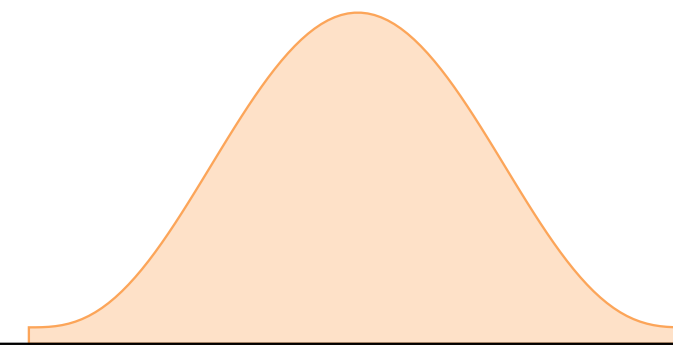
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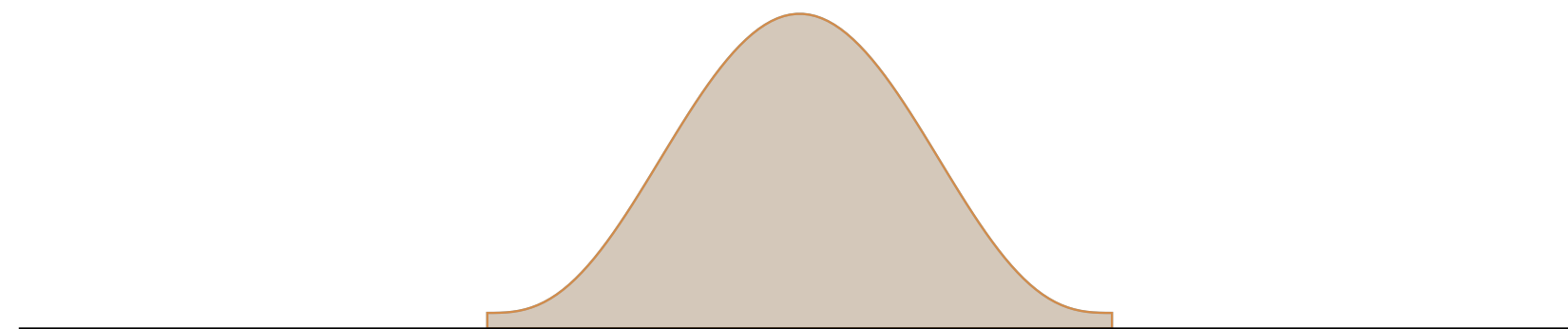
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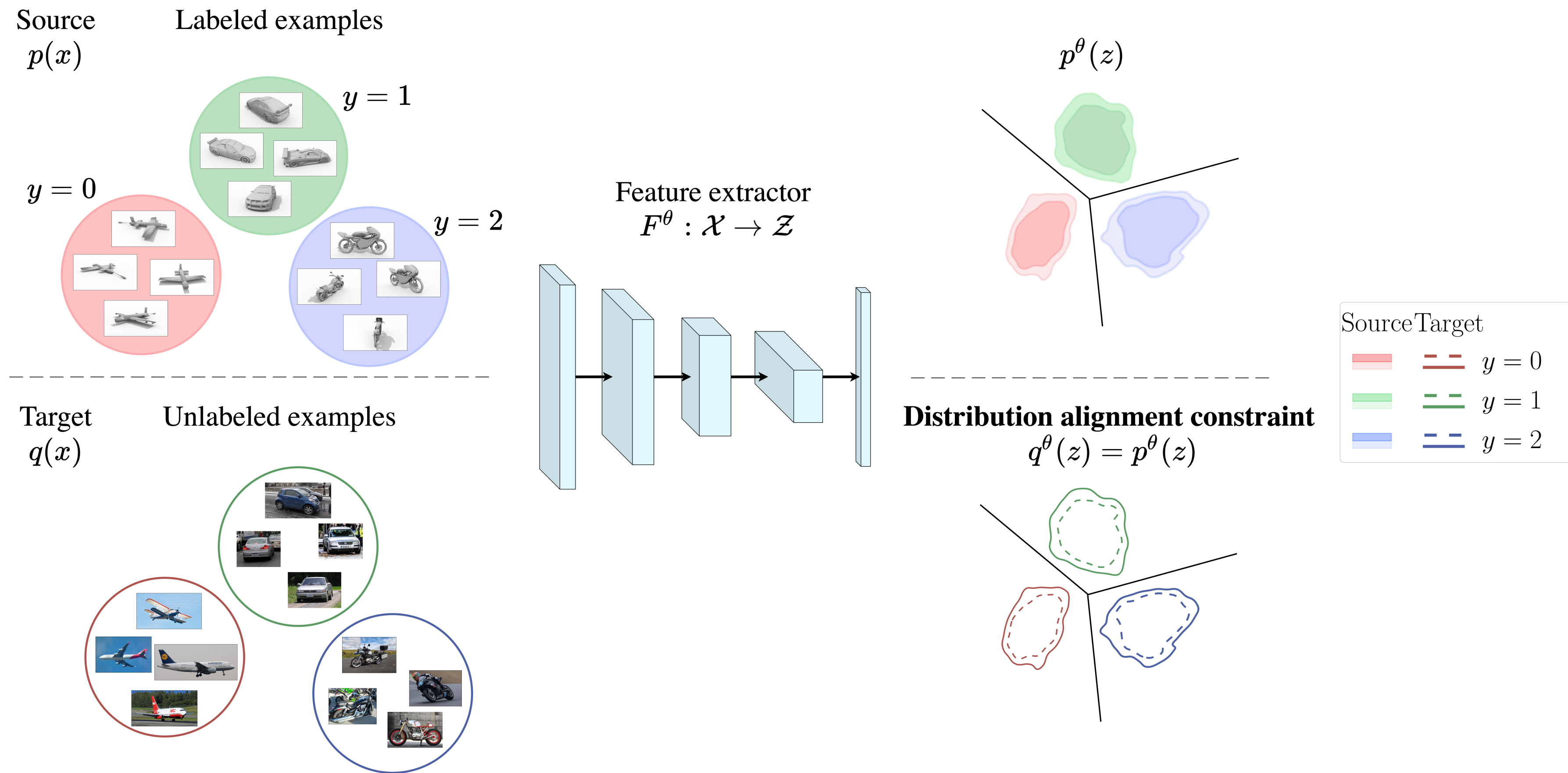


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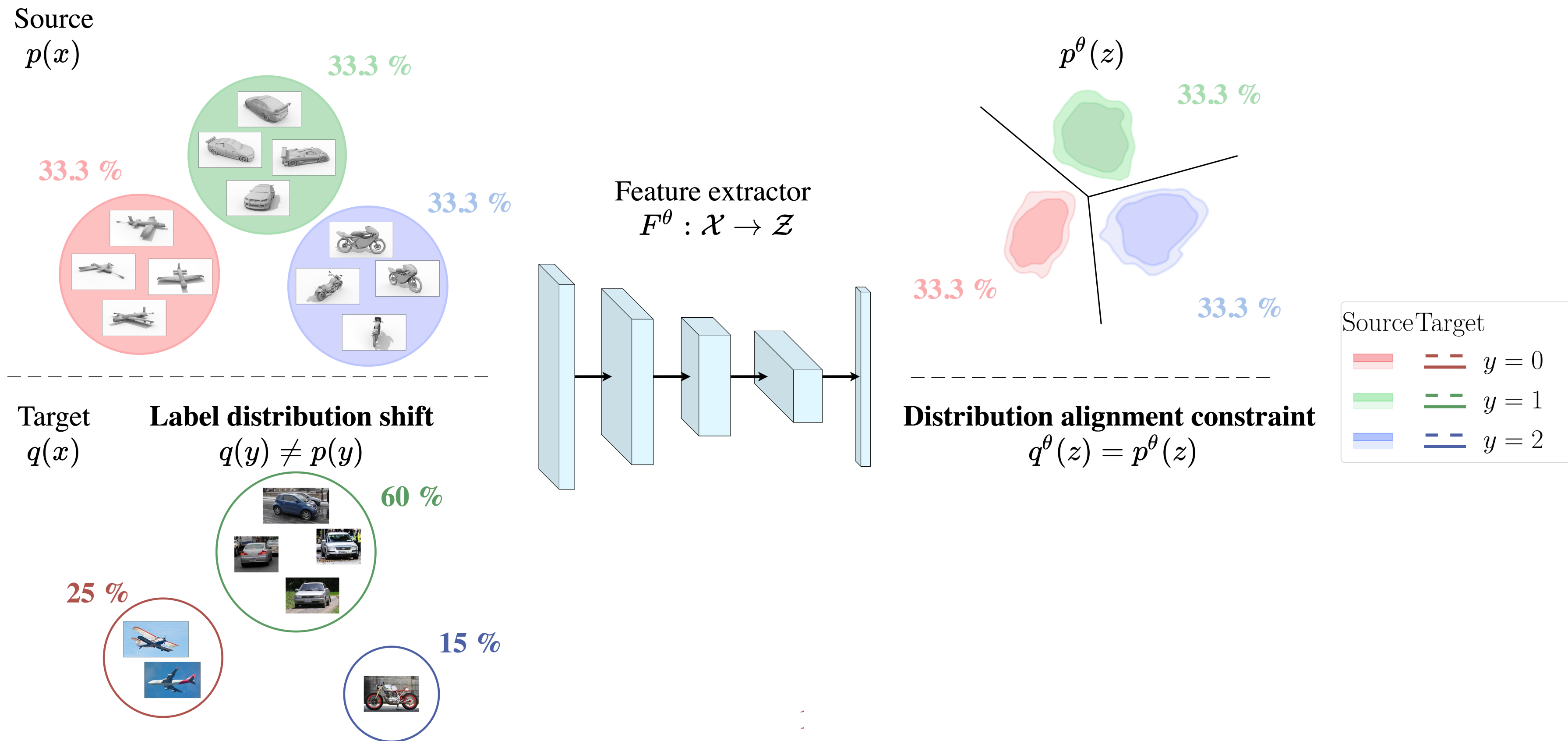
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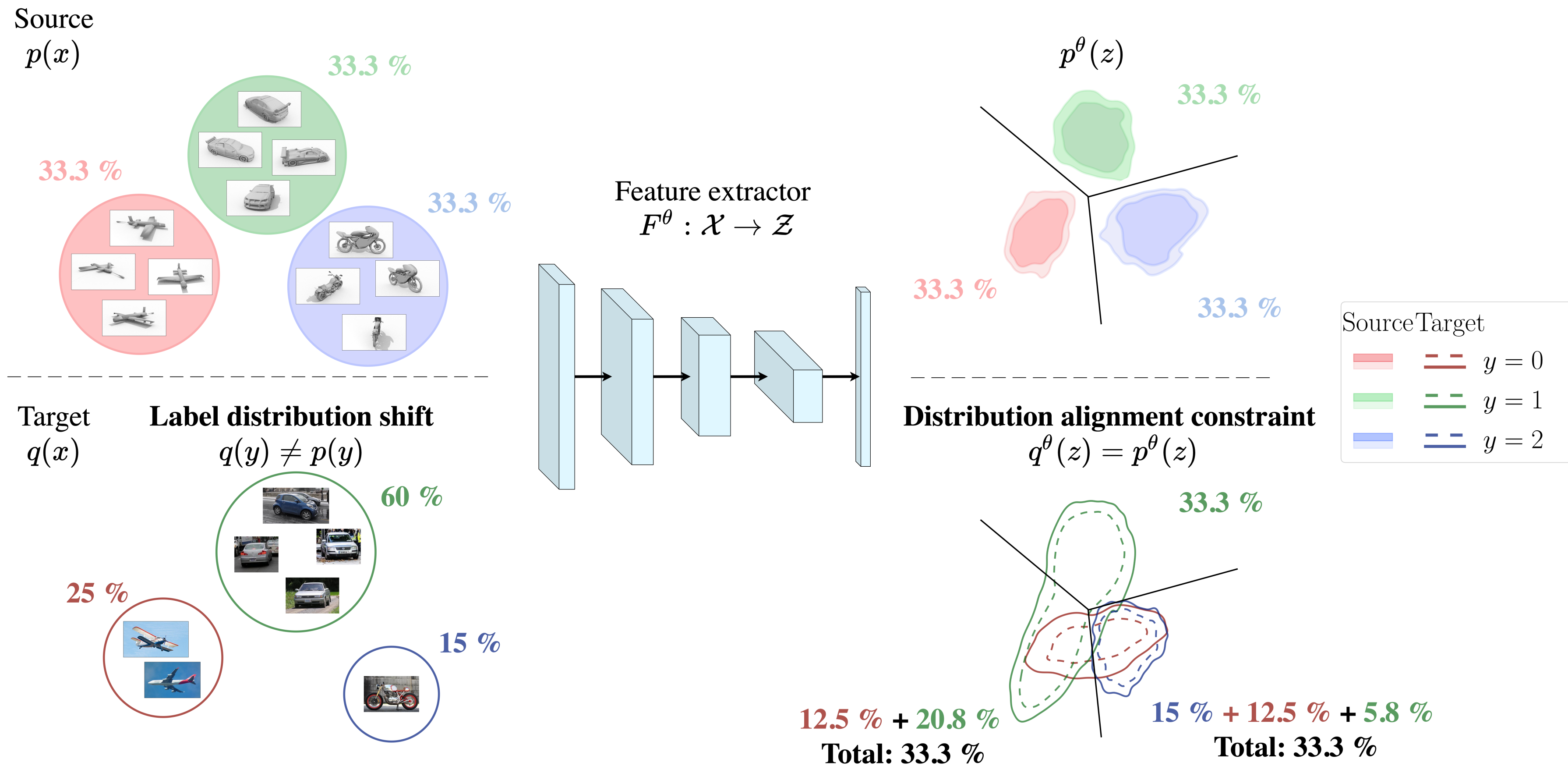
Two training objectives:

- ▶ Source domain classification loss
- ▶ Source vs target discrimination loss (GAN-like game with a discriminator)

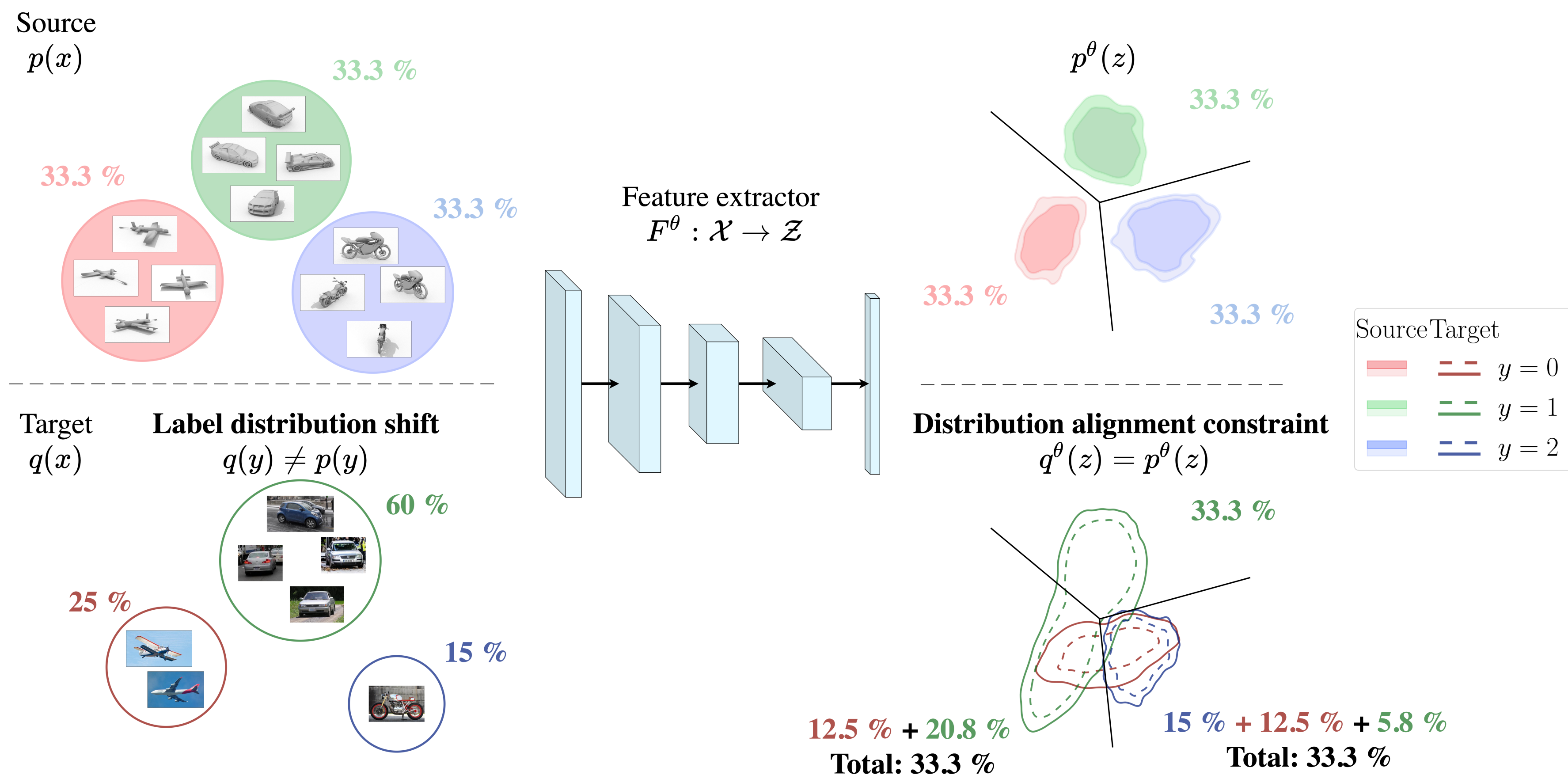
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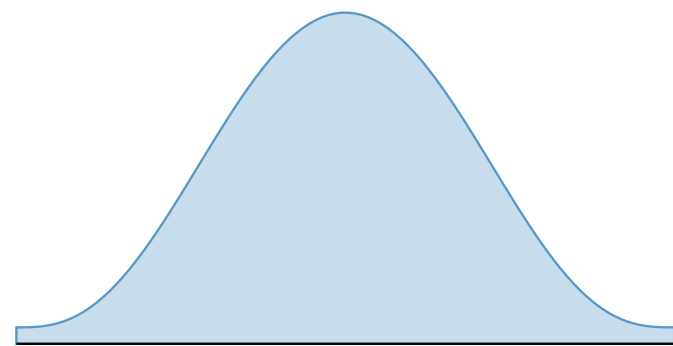
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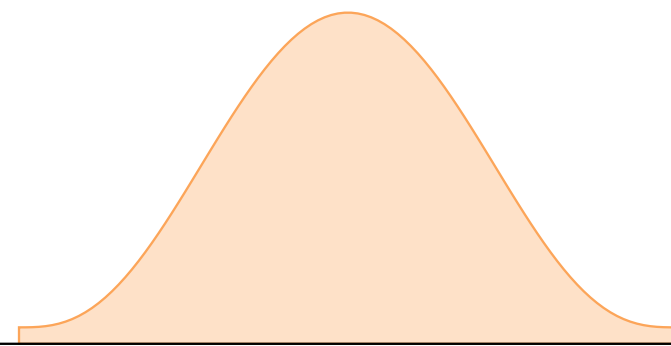
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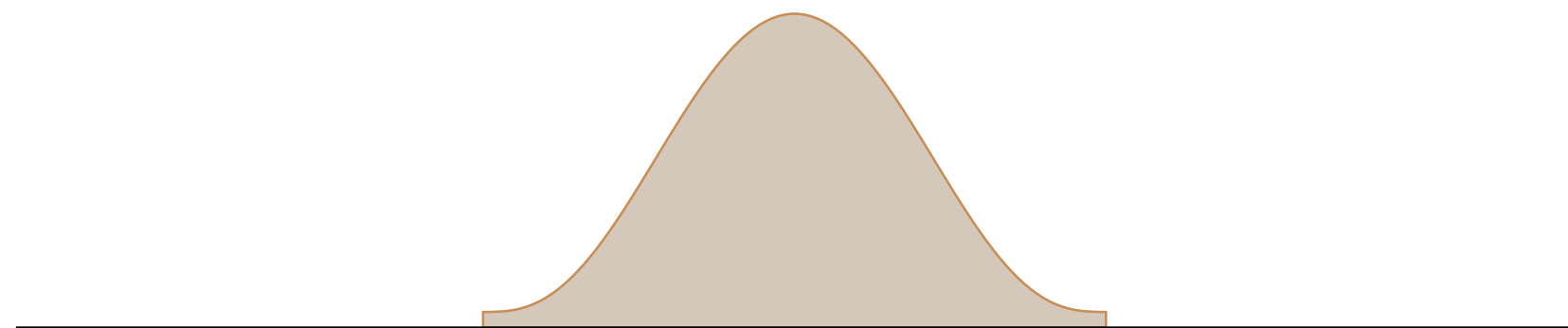
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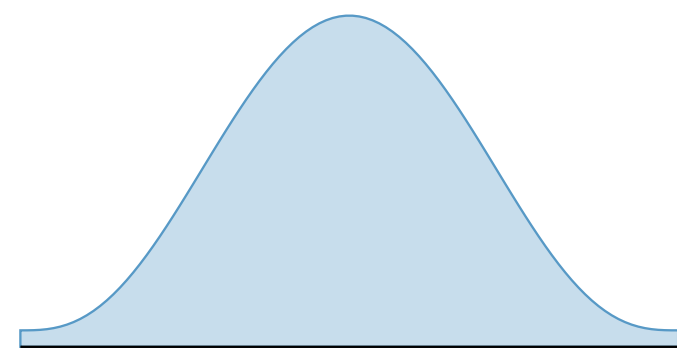
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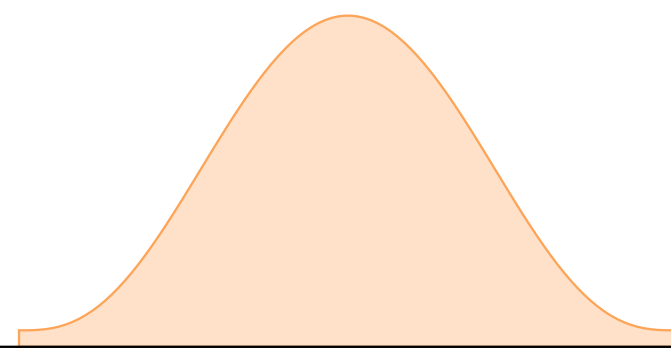
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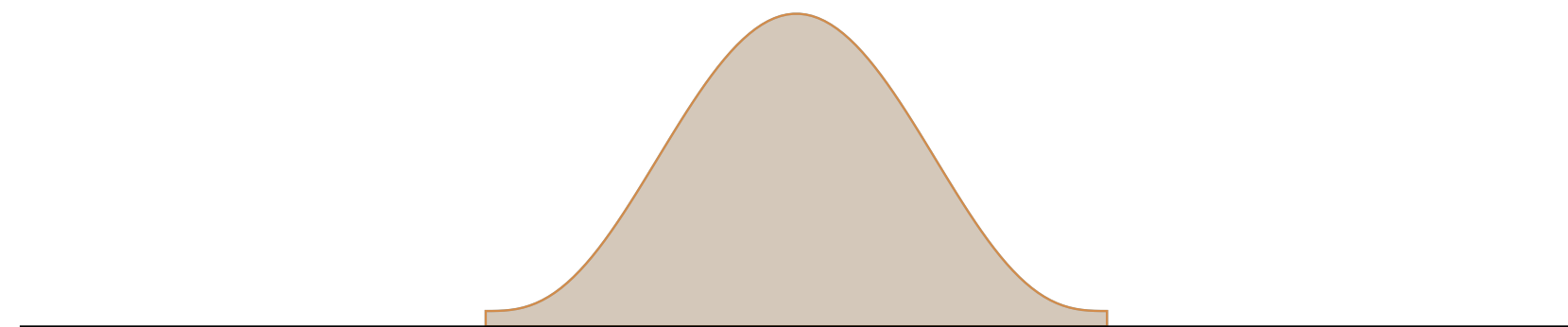
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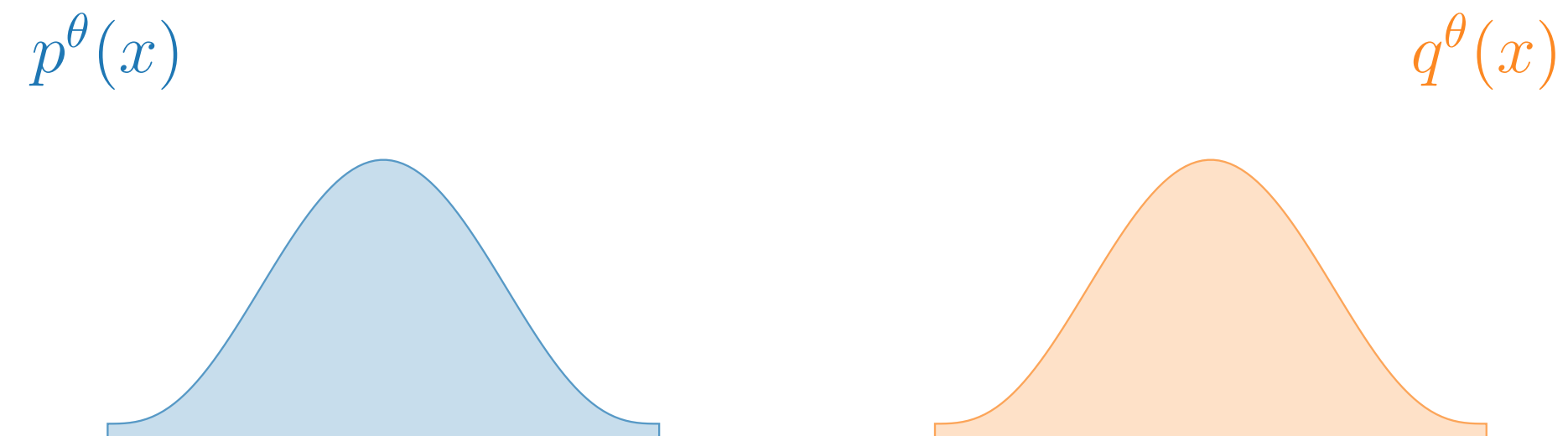


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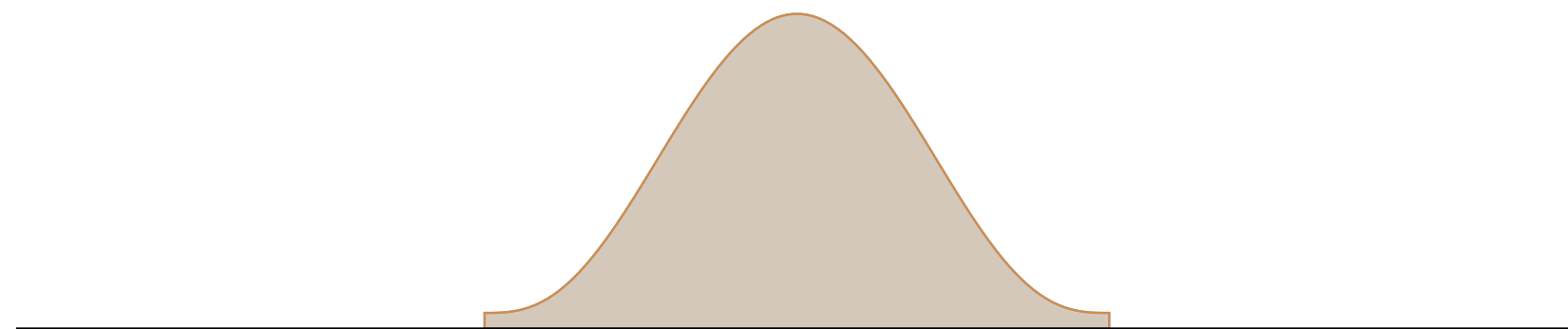
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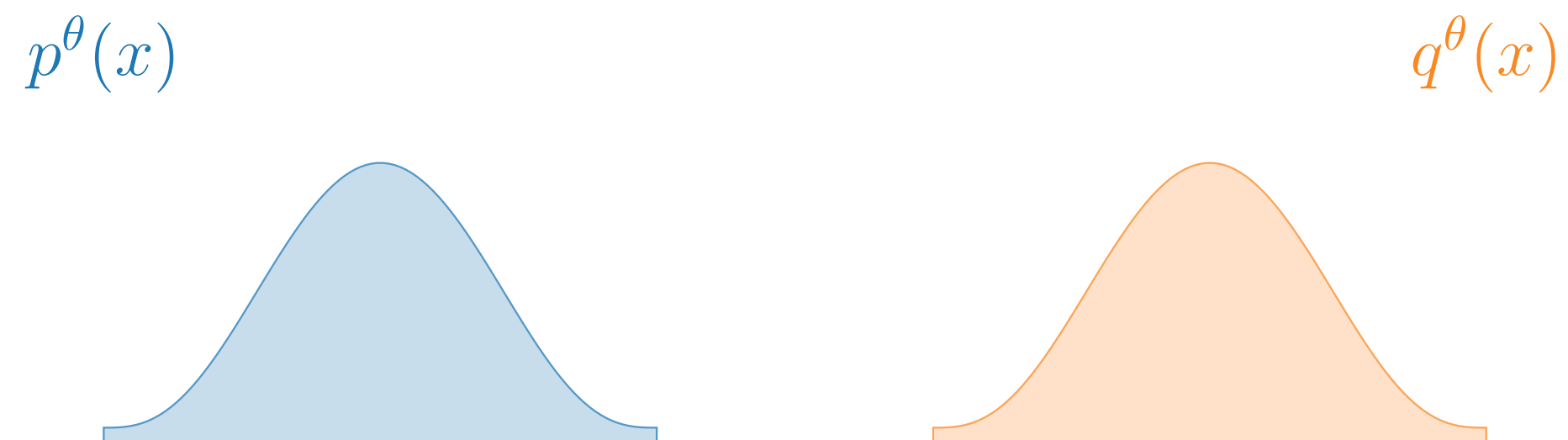
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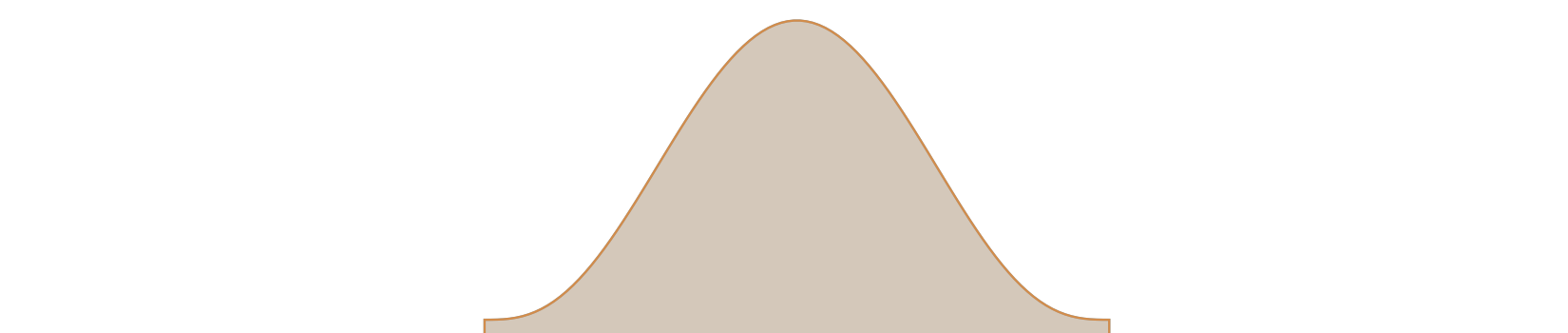
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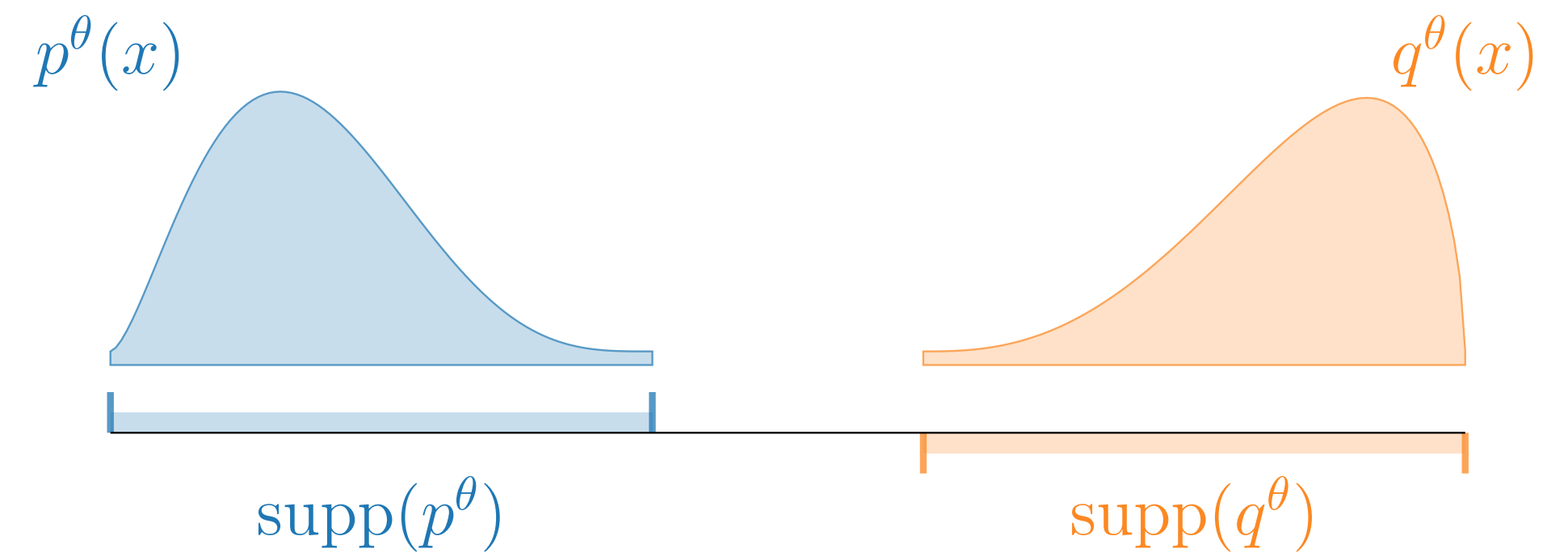
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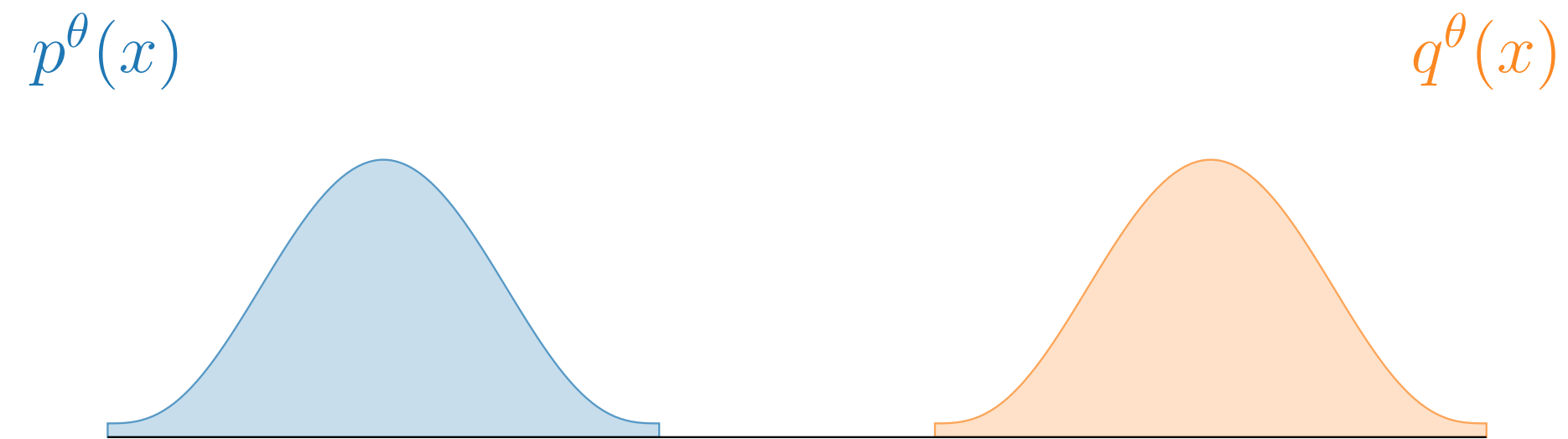


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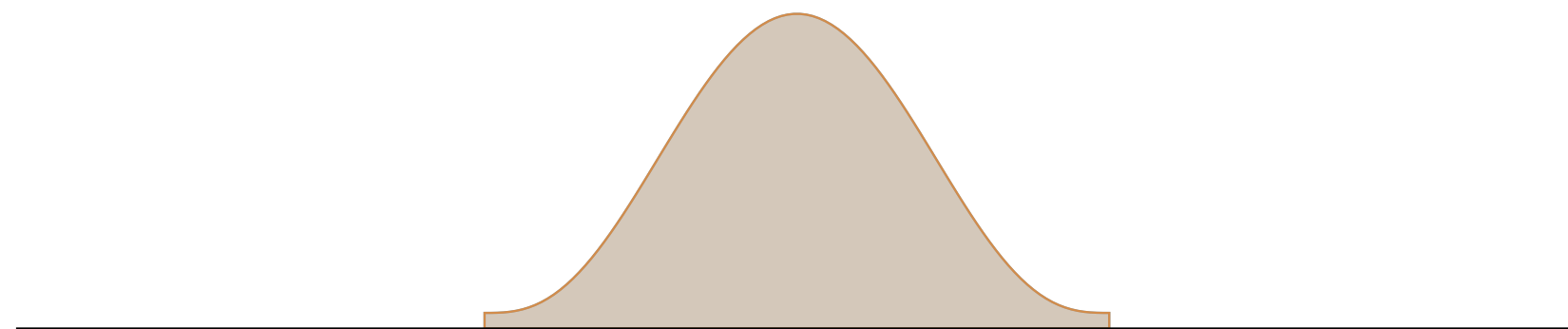
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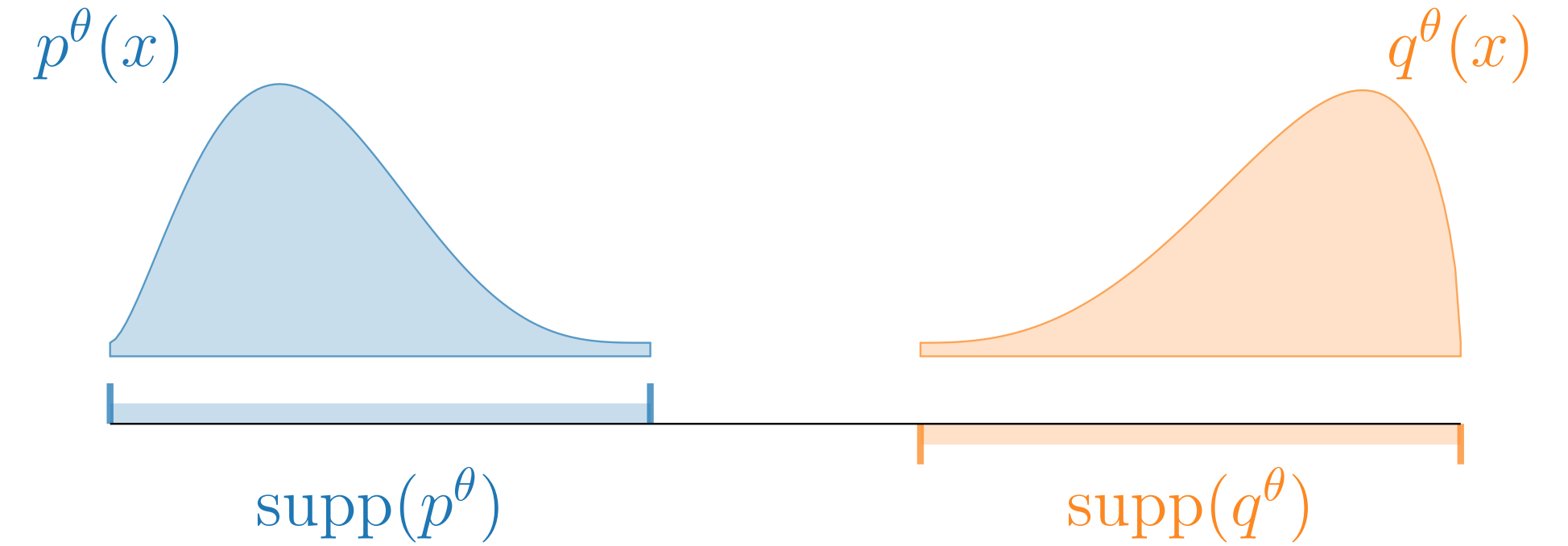
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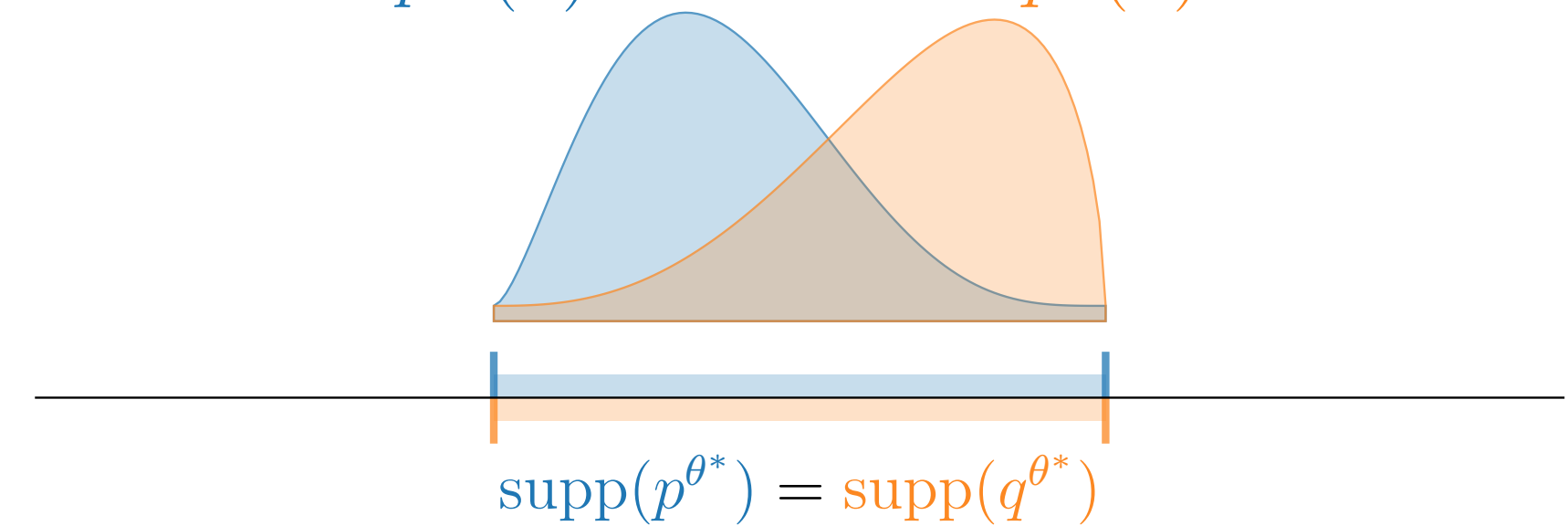
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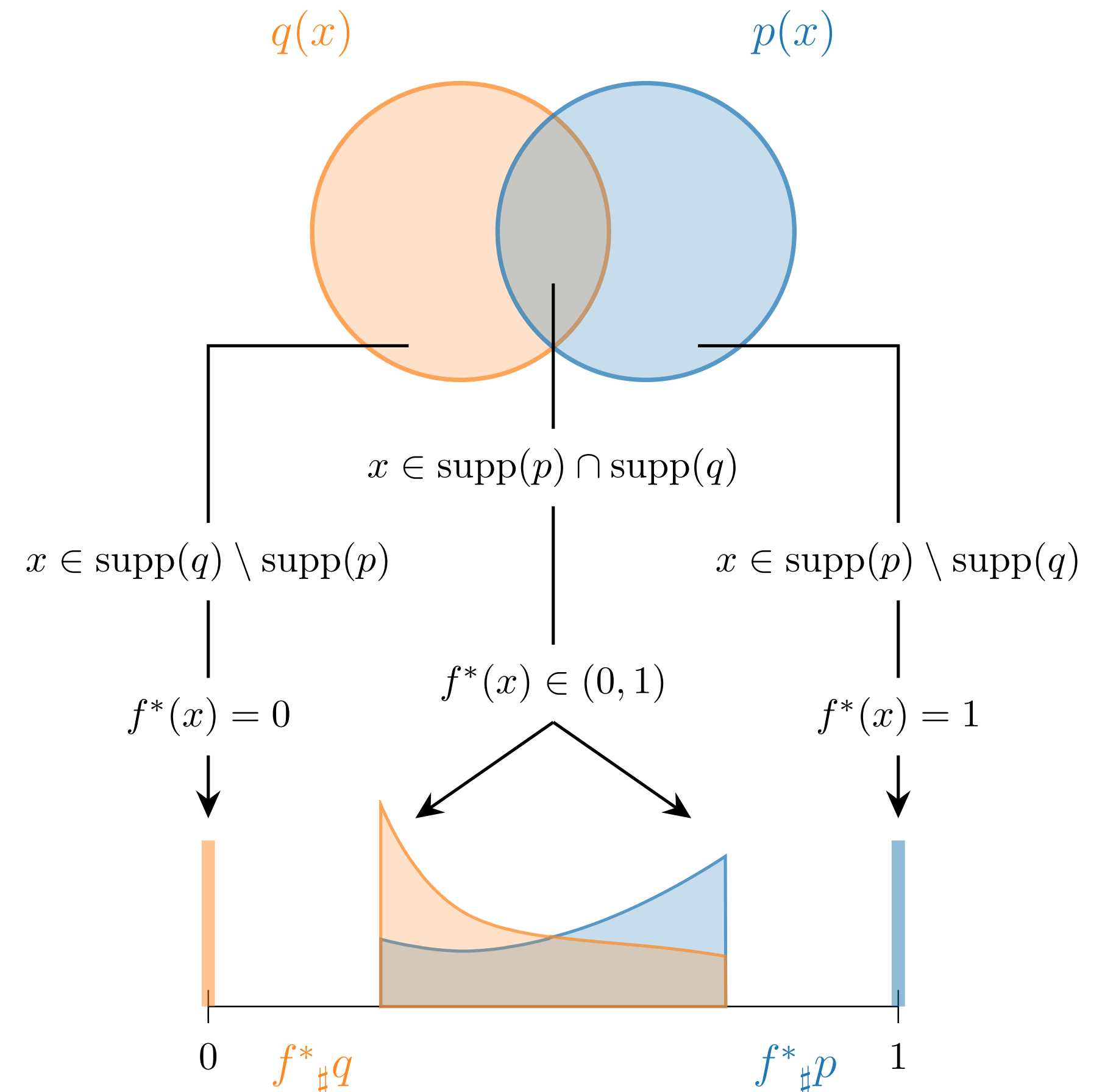
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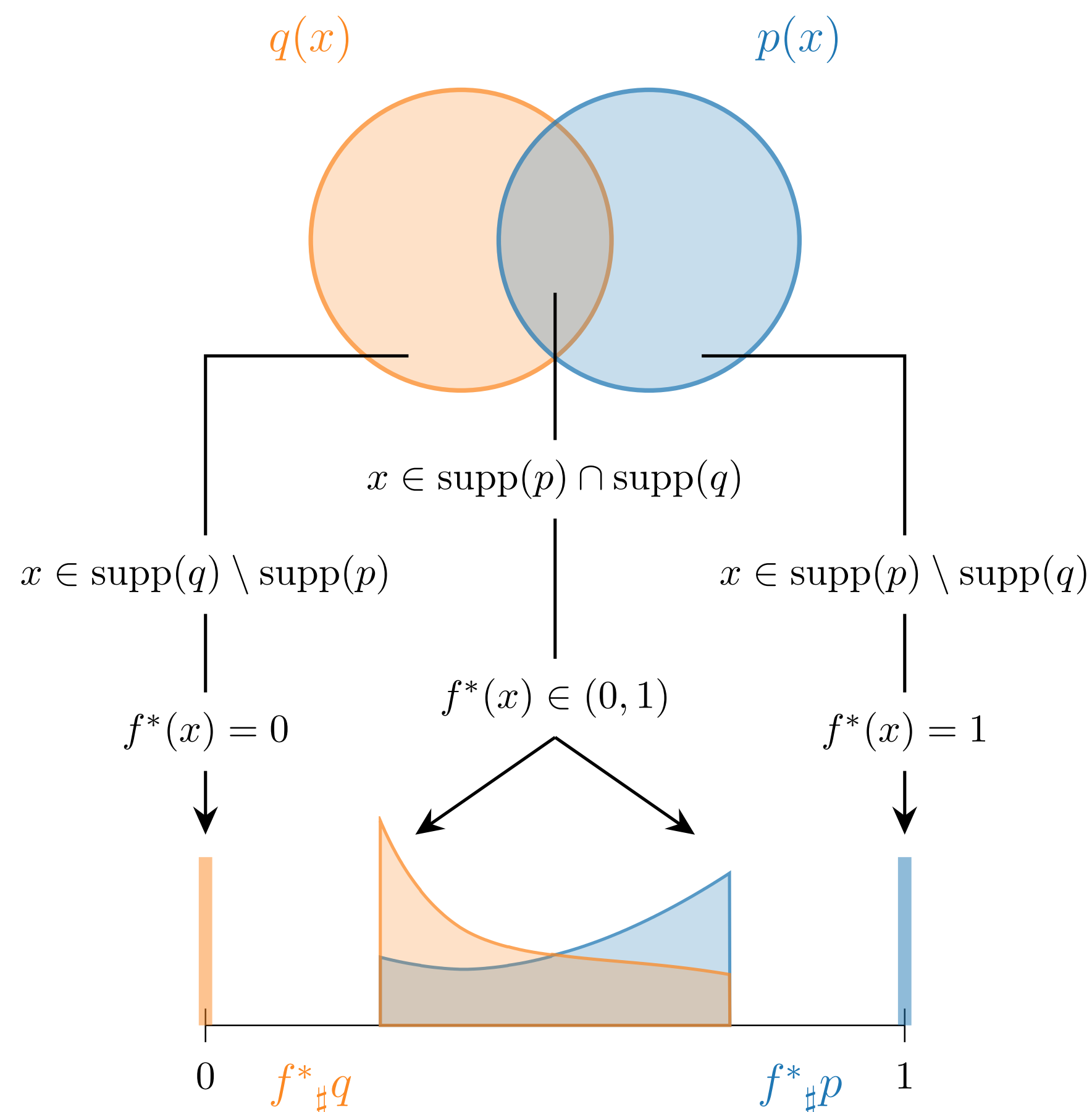
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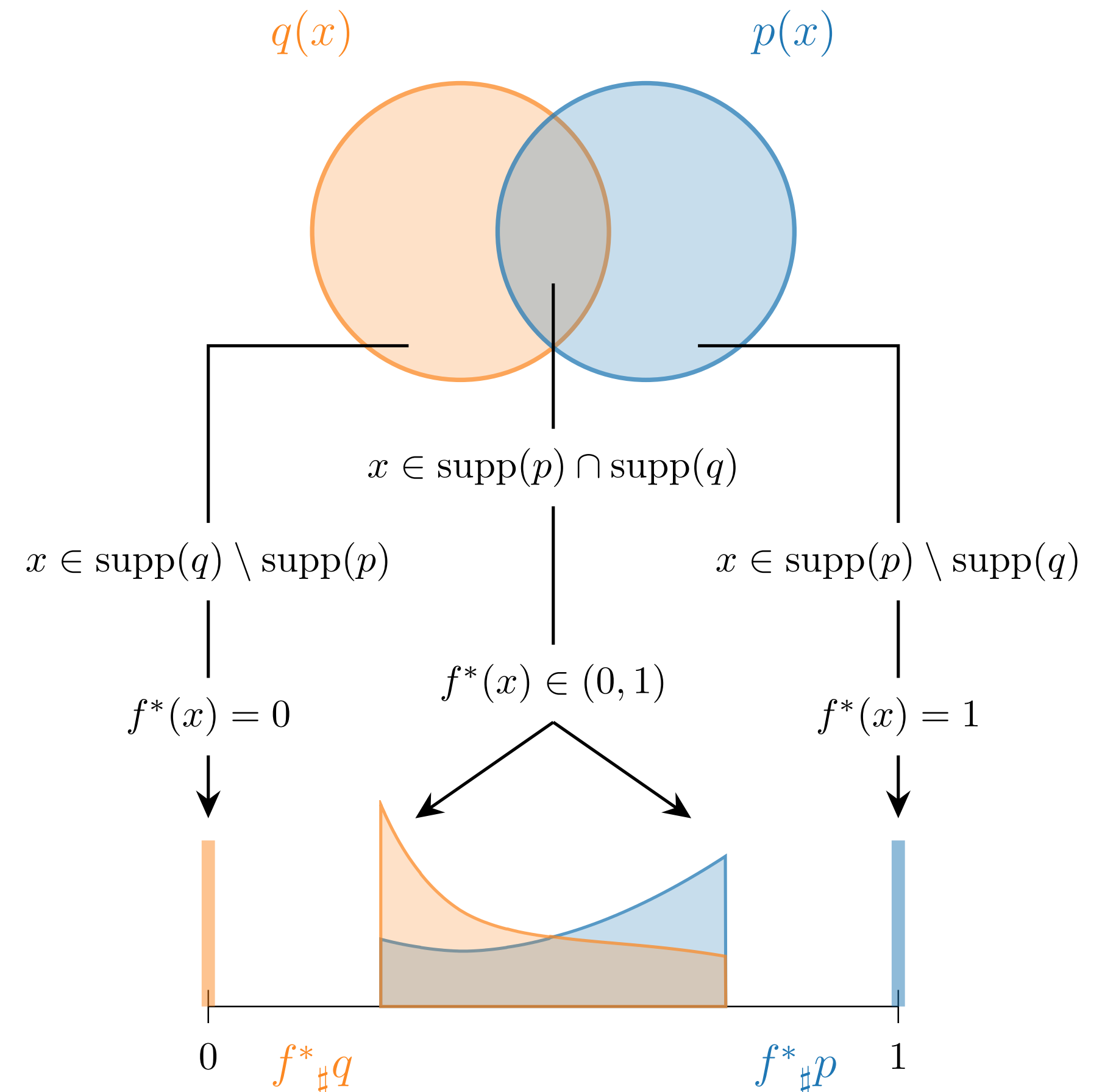
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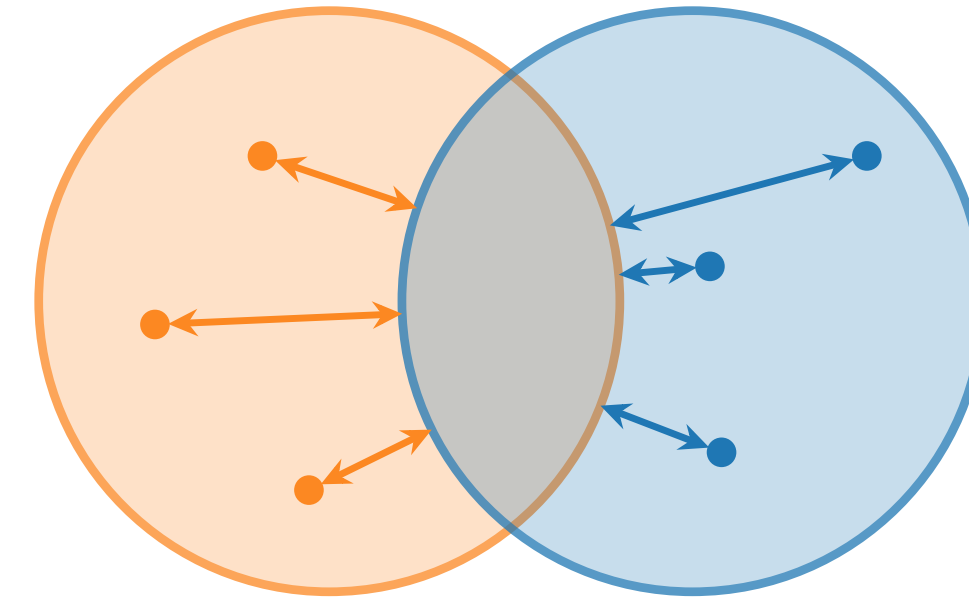
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## Symmetric Support Difference\* / Chamfer Distance

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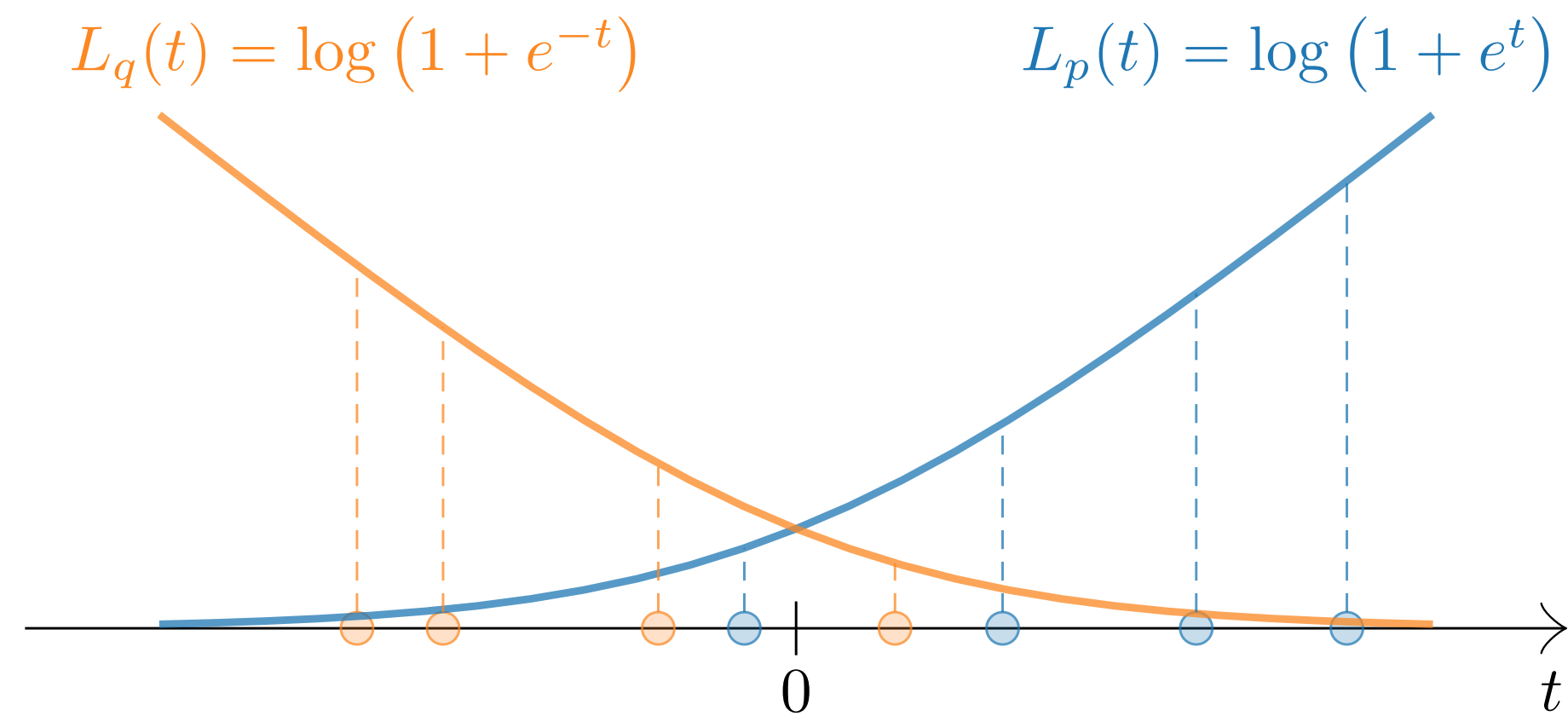
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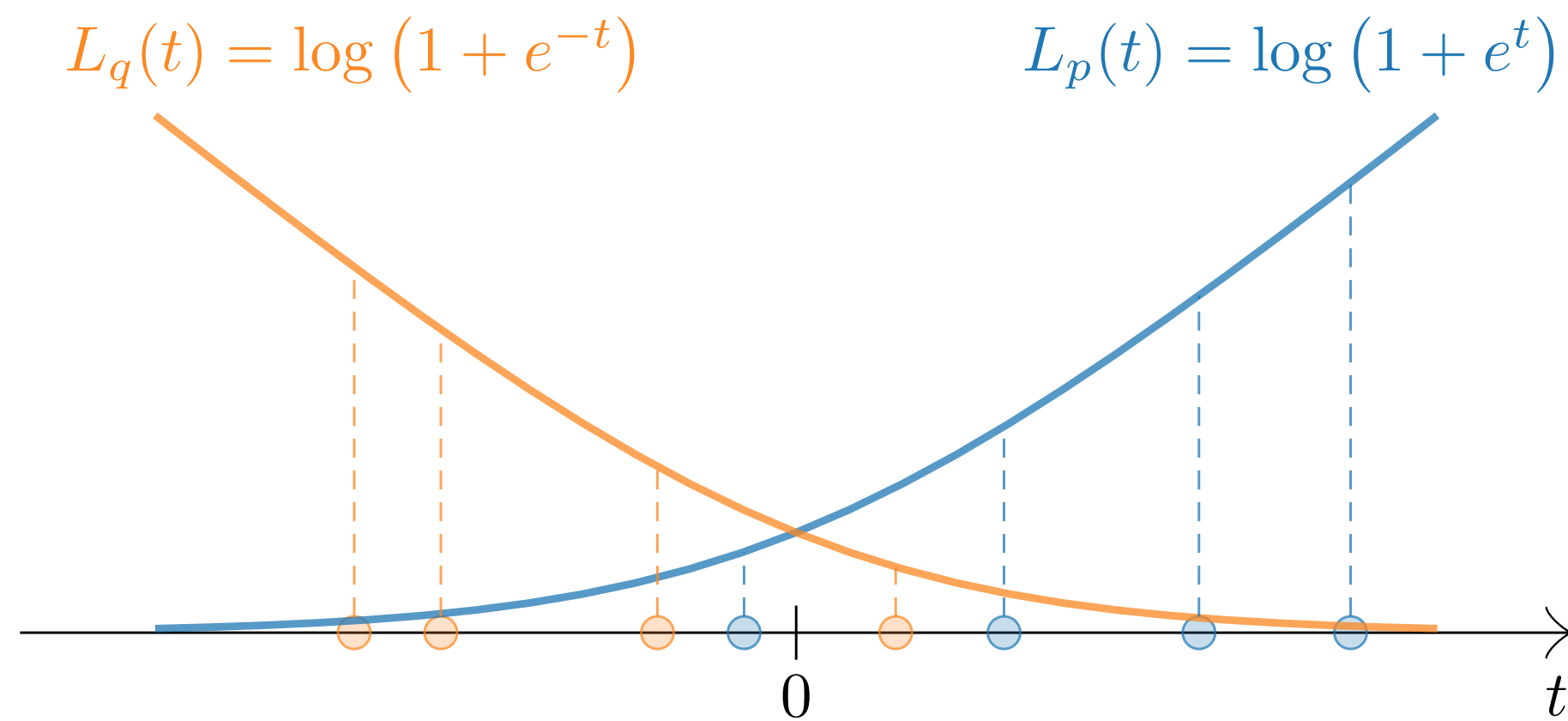
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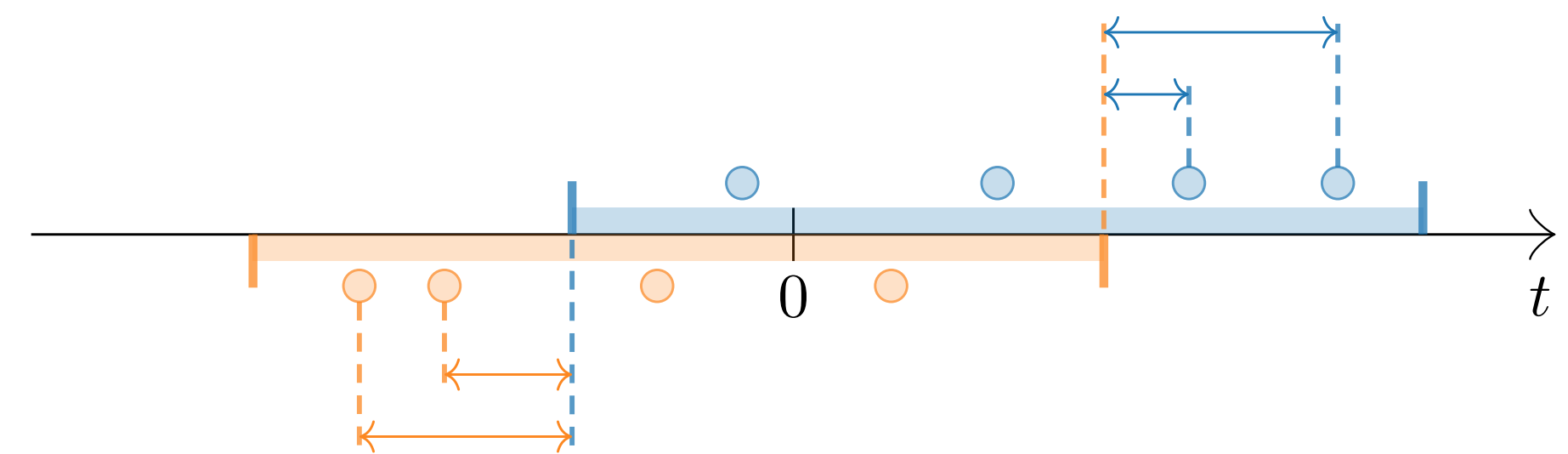


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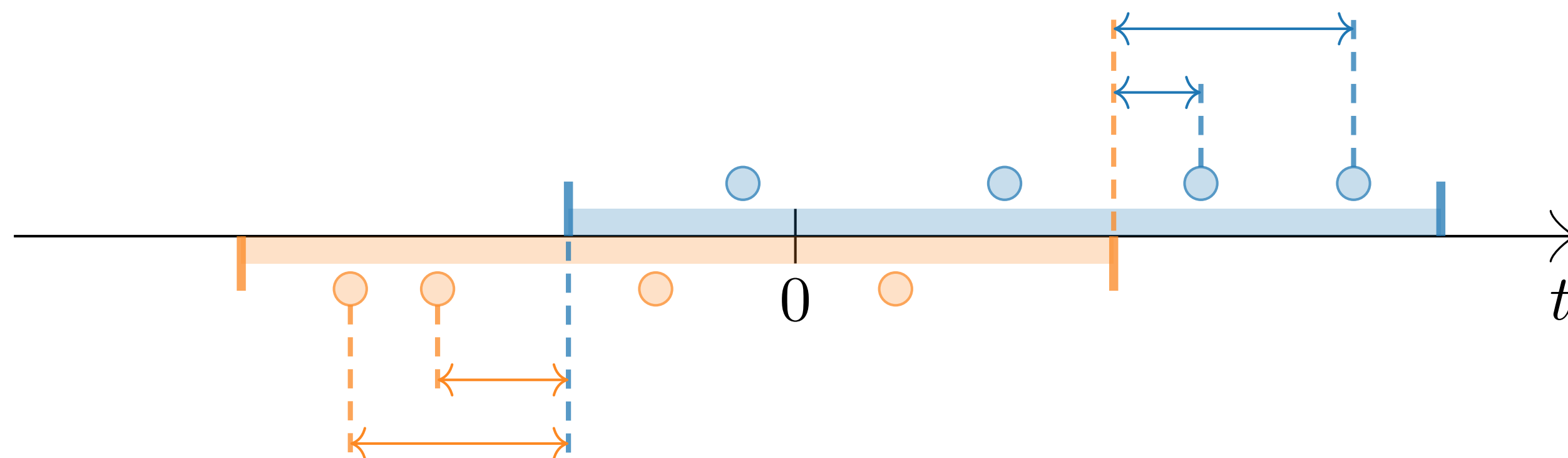
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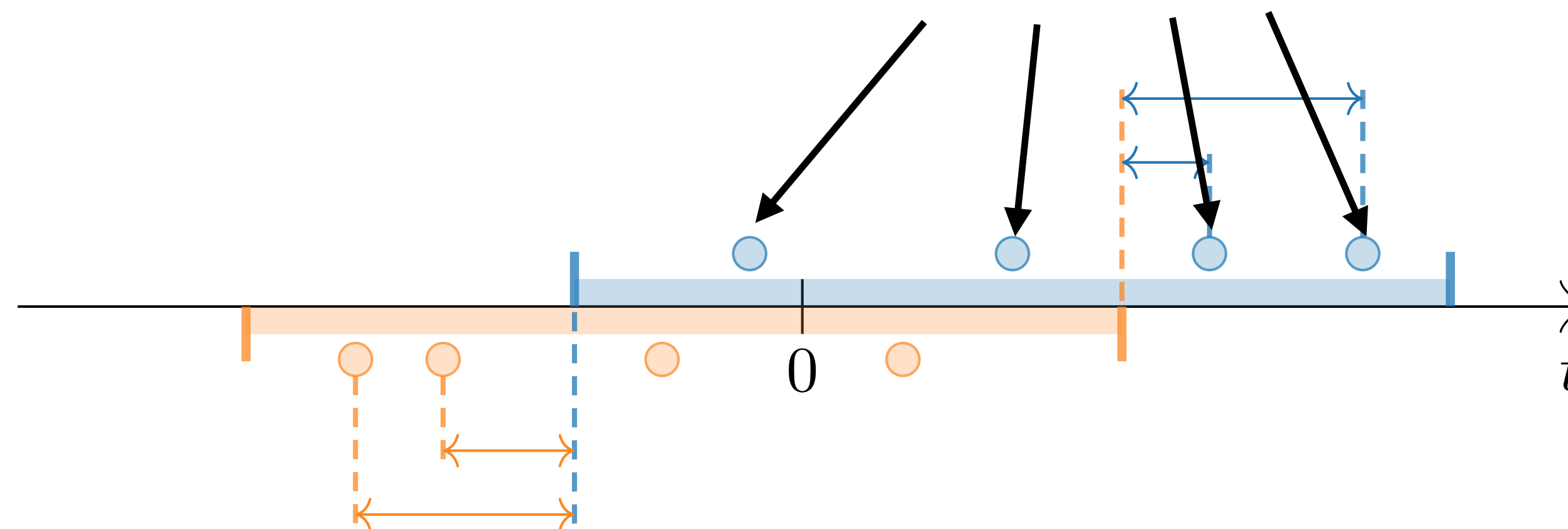


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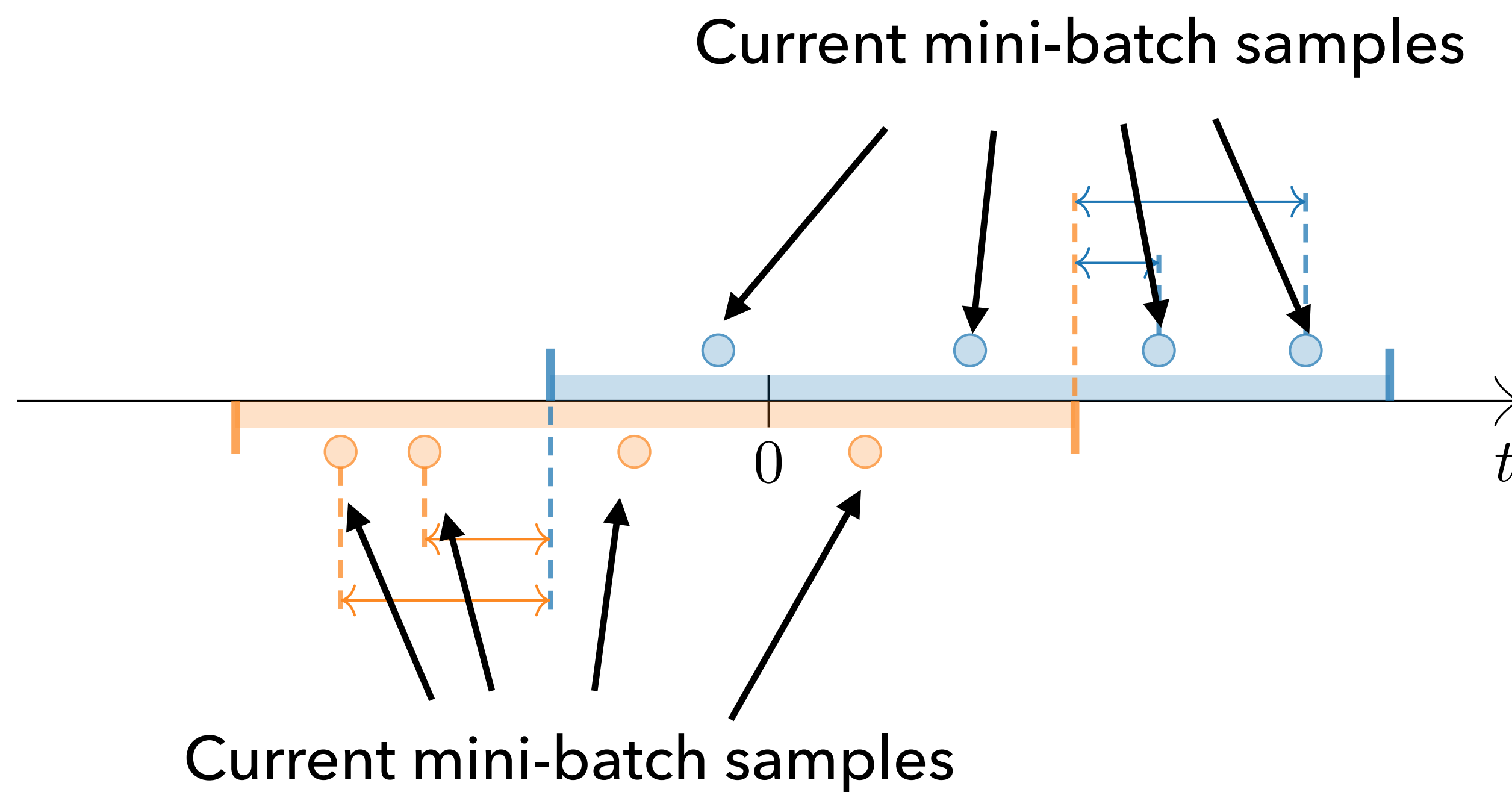
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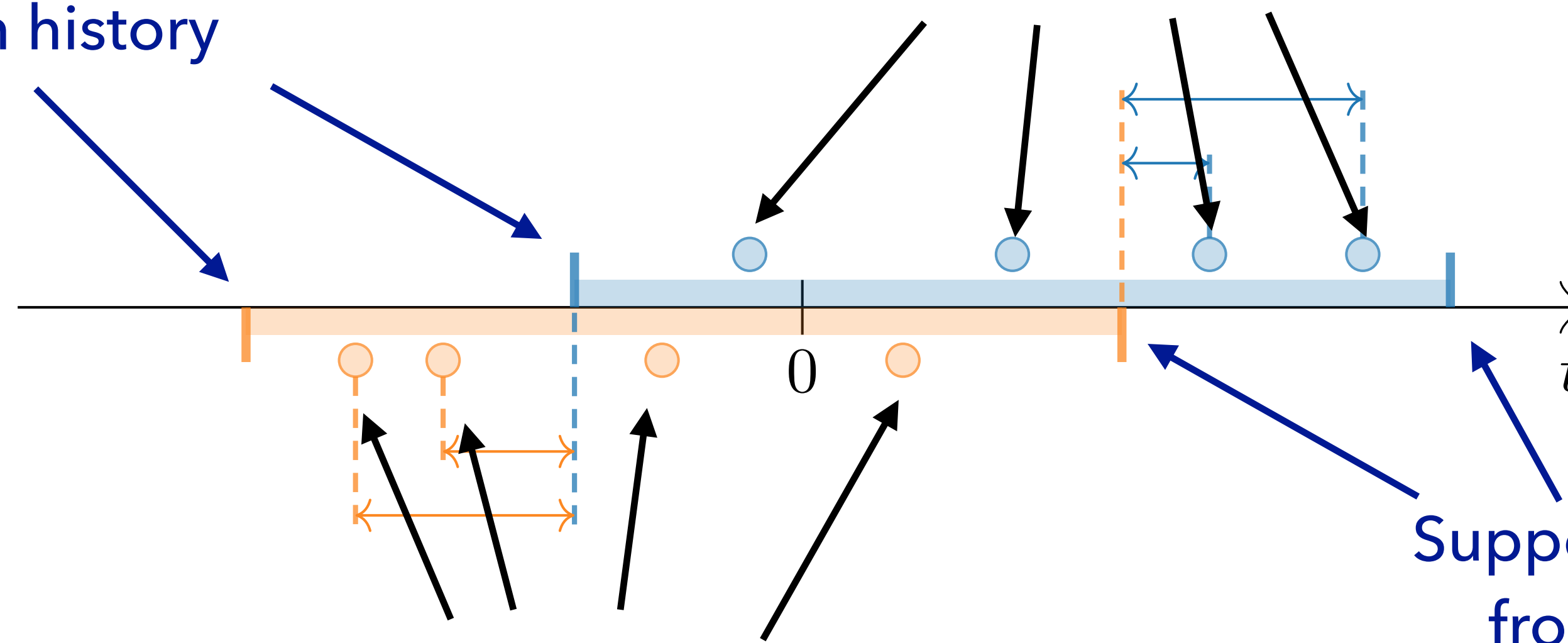
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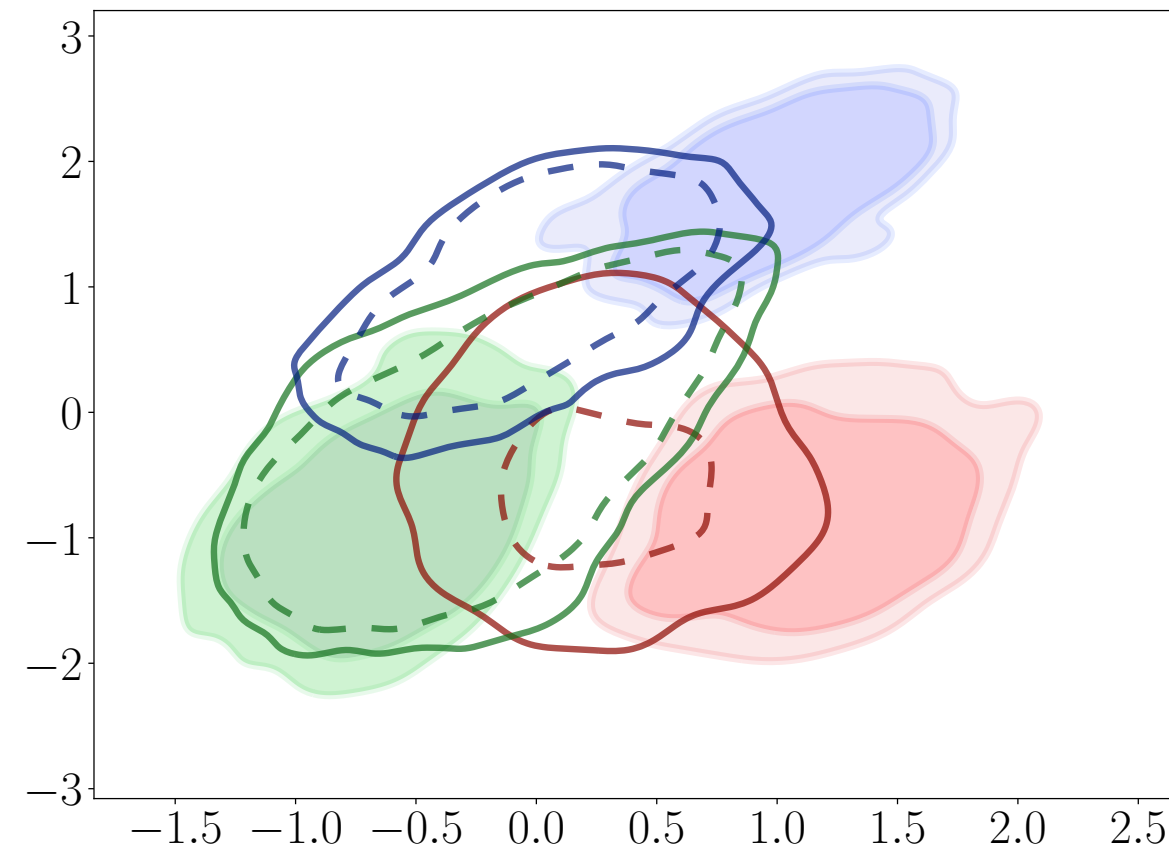
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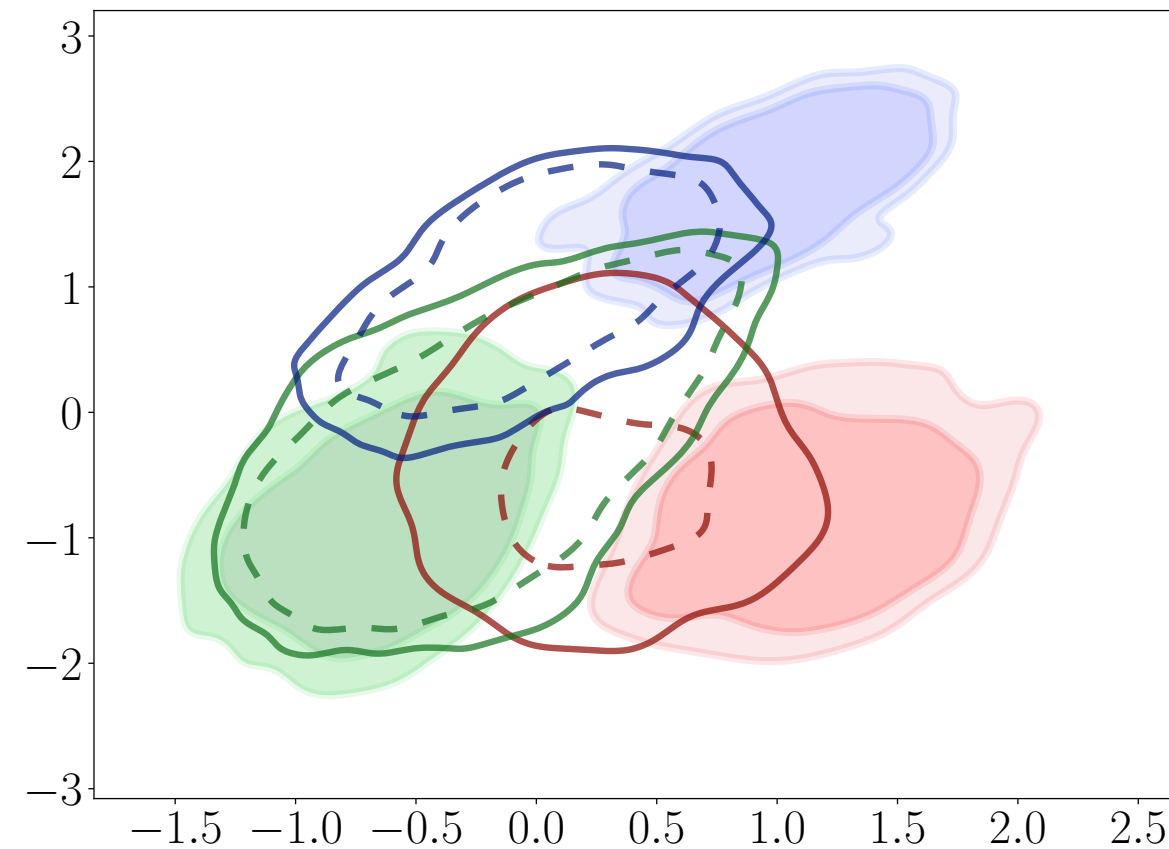
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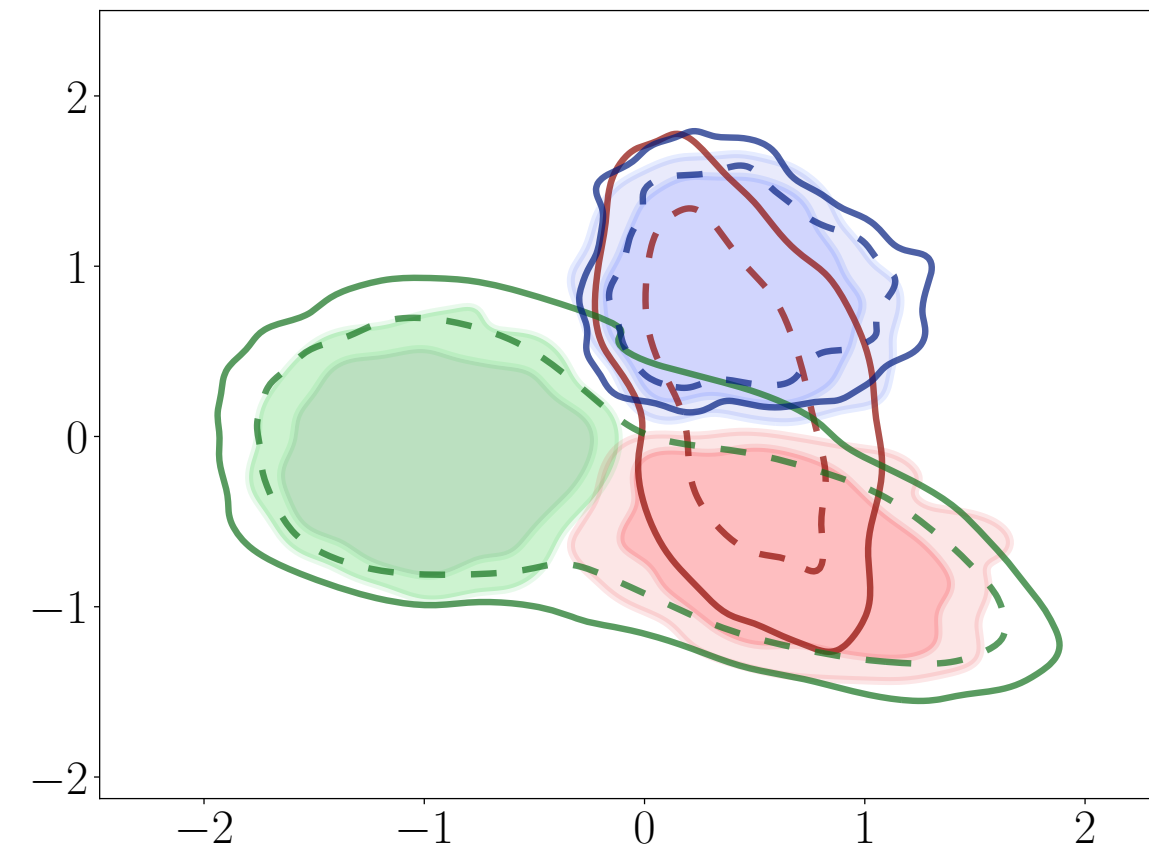
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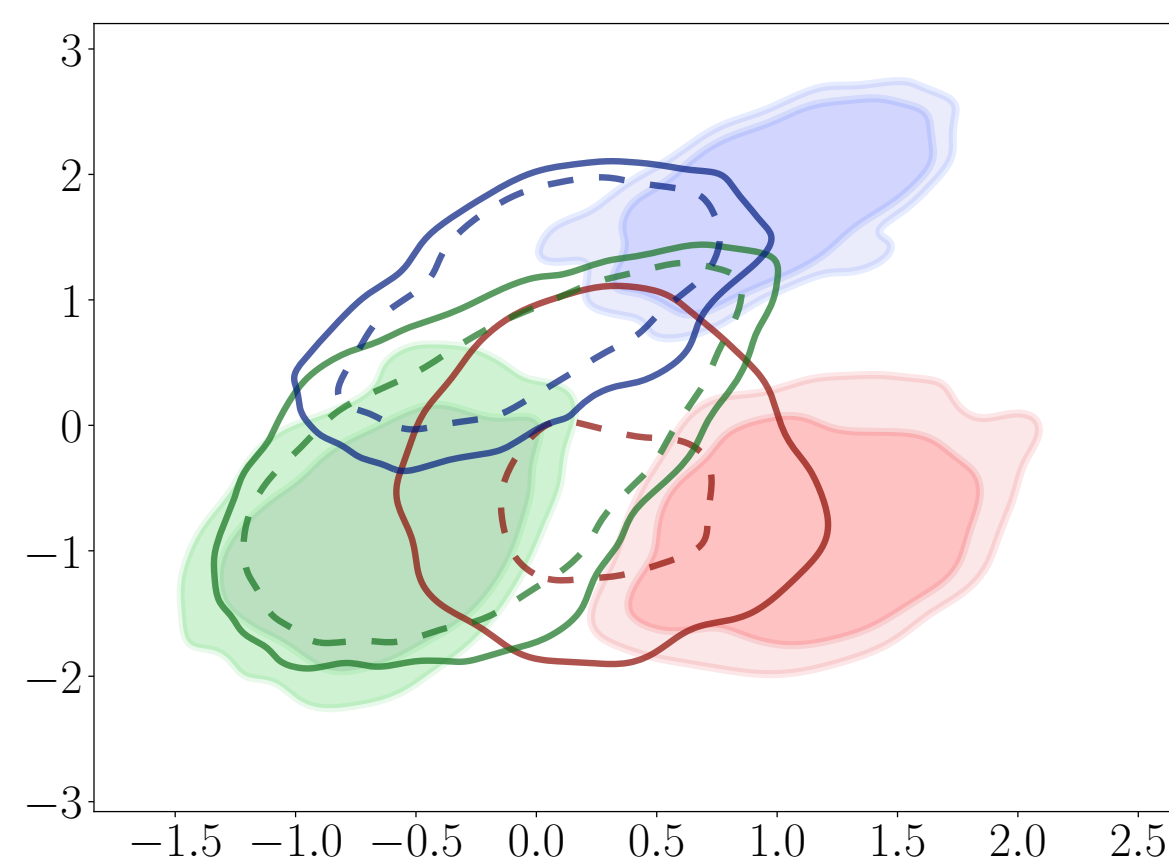
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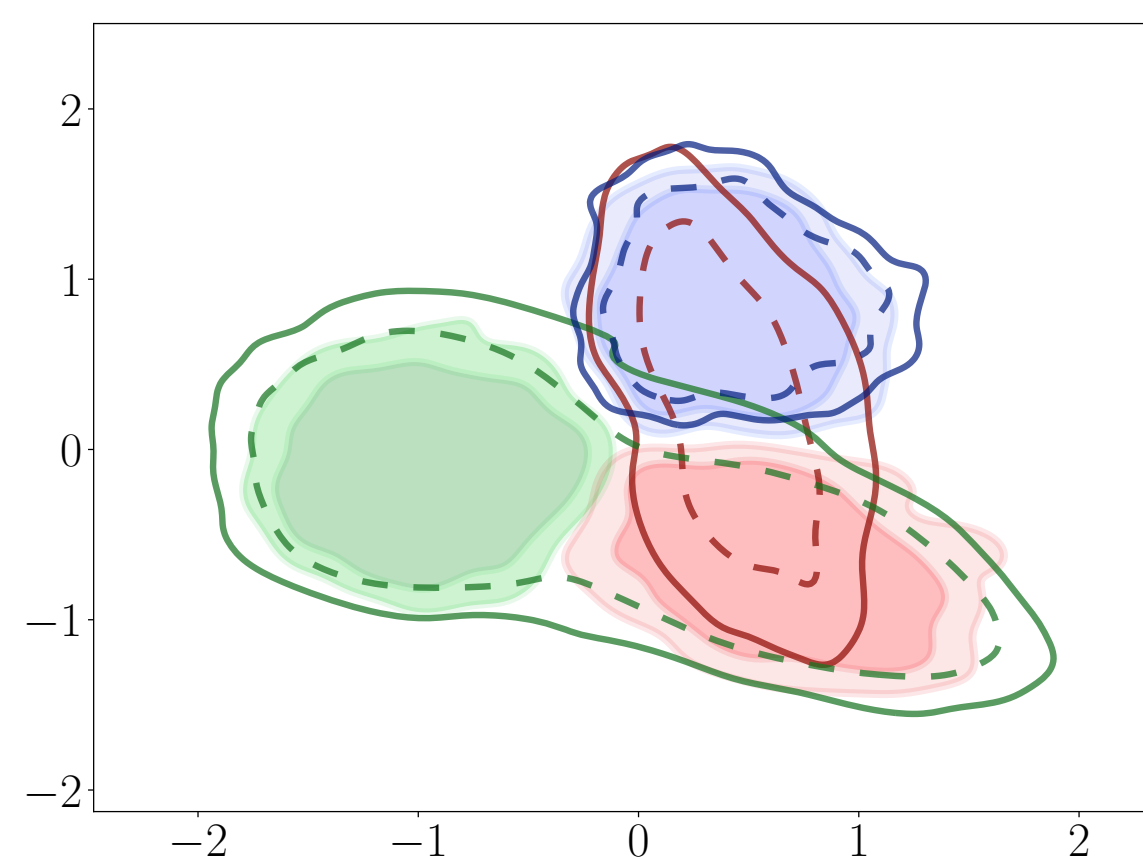
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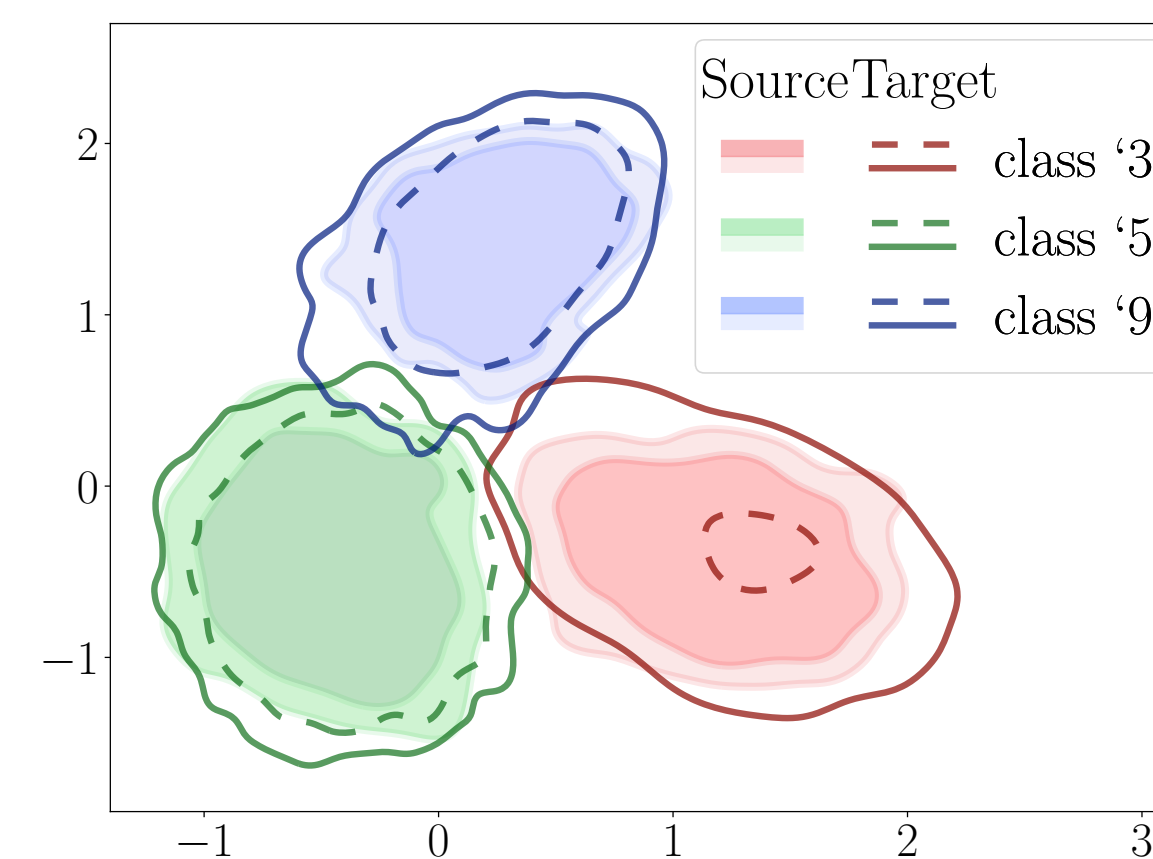
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# Results: USPS → MNIST, SmallCNN

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DANN	97.8	96.0	83.5	25.1	70.0	01.1	57.8	00.9
VADA	<b>98.0</b>	96.2	88.2	48.9	78.2	06.6	61.9	01.4
IWDAN	97.5	95.7	95.7	81.3	86.5	15.2	74.4	07.3
IWCDAN	<b>98.0</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>96.7</b>	85.1	91.3	66.5	77.5	22.2
sDANN-4	87.4	05.6	94.9	<b>85.7</b>	86.8	21.6	81.5	39.3
ASA-sq	93.7	89.2	92.3	83.5	90.9	69.9	87.2	62.5
ASA-abs	94.1	88.9	92.8	78.9	<b>92.5</b>	<b>82.4</b>	<b>90.4</b>	<b>68.4</b>

Distribution Alignment

Relaxed  
Distribution Alignment

Support Alignment  
(ours)

~0% worst-class accuracy under severe shift

Our method is robust to distribution shifts

# Results: Larger Datasets

## STL10 $\rightarrow$ CIFAR10 DeepCNN

Algorithm	$\alpha = 0.0$ no shift		$\alpha = 2.0$ severe shift	
	average	min	average	min
No DA	69.9	49.8	65.8	43.7
DANN	75.3	54.6	63.3	<b>27.0</b>
VADA	<b>76.7</b>	<b>56.9</b>	63.2	<b>25.5</b>
IWDAN	69.9	50.5	64.4	36.8
IWCDAN	70.1	47.8	64.5	37.0
sDANN-4	71.8	52.1	66.4	39.0
ASA-sq	71.7	52.9	<b>68.1</b>	<b>44.7</b>
ASA-abs	71.6	49.0	67.8	40.9

## VisDA-17 ResNet50

Algorithm	$\alpha = 0.0$ no shift		$\alpha = 2.0$ severe shift	
	average	min	average	min
No DA	49.5	22.2	45.3	19.5
DANN	<b>75.4</b>	36.7	43.1	<b>03.6</b>
VADA	75.3	40.5	43.9	<b>08.5</b>
IWDAN	73.2	31.7	45.1	<b>04.6</b>
IWCDAN	71.6	27.6	38.3	<b>00.6</b>
sDANN-4	72.4	37.8	50.7	18.6
ASA-sq	64.9	35.7	51.9	18.3
ASA-abs	64.8	<b>40.6</b>	<b>52.5</b>	<b>19.7</b>

# Adversarial Support Alignment: Summary

**Support alignment: novel training criterion**, an alternative to distribution alignment

- ▶ **Support divergence** defined for continuous distributions
  - ▶ **Spectrum of alignment criteria** within **relaxed OT** framework
  - ▶ Distribution alignment / relaxed distribution alignment / support alignment
- ▶ Analysis of support discrepancy in the discriminator output space
  - ▶ Log-loss discriminator **preserves support discrepancy**
  - ▶ Not all discriminators have this property (e.g. linear discriminators, Wasserstein discriminators)
- ▶ Practical method: **log-loss discriminator + support difference + history buffers**

Experimental validation: unsupervised domain adaptation under label distribution shift

- ▶ Image classification UDA benchmarks, USPS-MNIST, CIFAR-STL, VisDA17
- ▶ Robust performance in the face of label distribution shift, **improved worst class accuracy**

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Adversarial Support Alignment

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# Chapter IV

## Compositional Sculpting of Iterative Generative Processes

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Compositional Sculpting of Iterative Generative Processes

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# Composition of Generative Models

Large-scale general-purpose pre-training is becoming ubiquitous

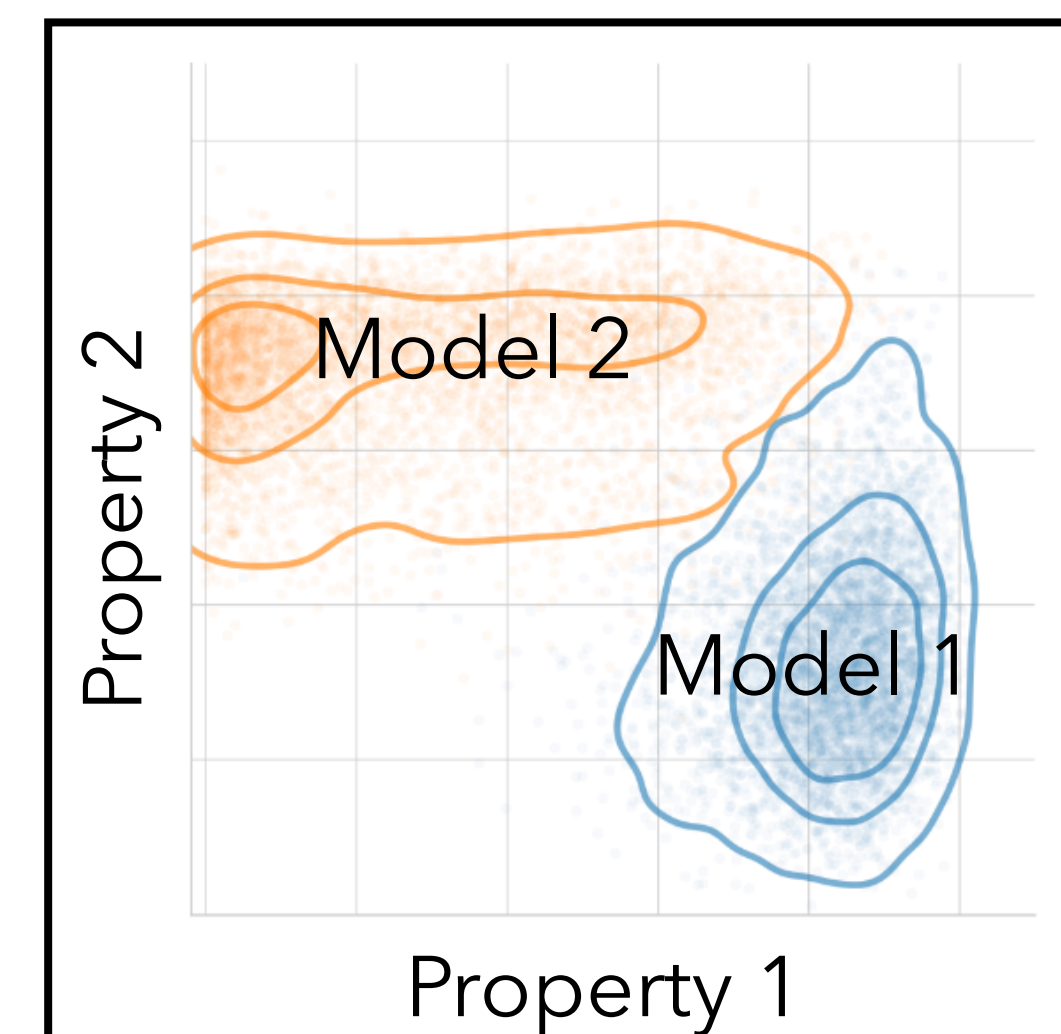
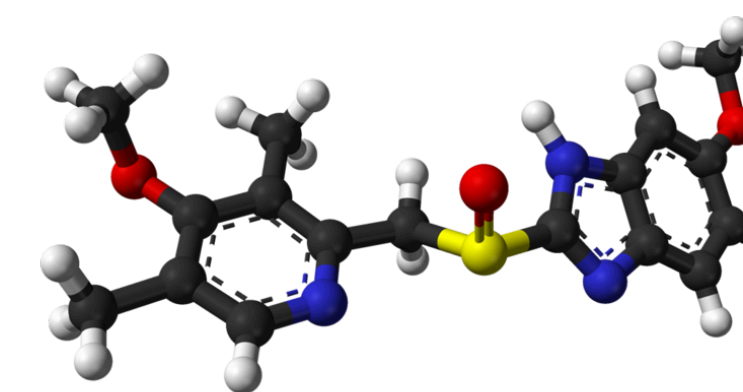
- ▶ Need to re-use and adapt **pre-trained models** for **new tasks**

Applications: multi-objective generation (e.g. drug-like molecules)

- ▶ Need to combine knowledge from multiple sources (models, datasets)
- ▶ Need to explore trade-offs between multiple criteria

Composition is a powerful modeling tool

- ▶ Increases model capacity
- ▶ Enables control of sampling distributions



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(Property 1) AND (Property 2)

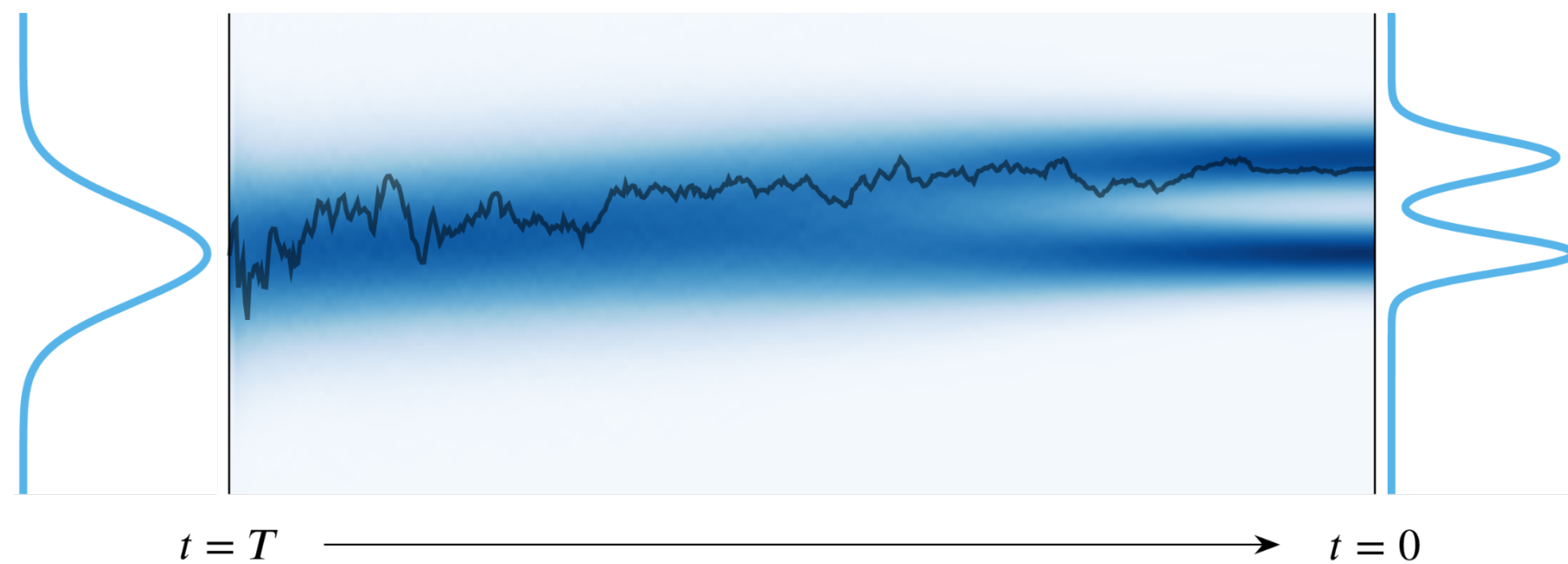


# Iterative Generative Processes

**Diffusion model** generates trajectories  $\tau = (x_T \rightarrow \{x_t\}_{t=0}^T \rightarrow x_0)$  with terminal state distribution  $p(x_0)$  by following a backward SDE

$$dx_t = [f_t(x_t) - \underbrace{g_t^2 s_t(x_t; \theta)}_{\approx \nabla_{x_t} \log p_t(x_t)}] dt + g_t d\bar{w}_t,$$

corresponding to a forward noising process  $dx_t = f_t(x_t) dt + g_t dw_t$

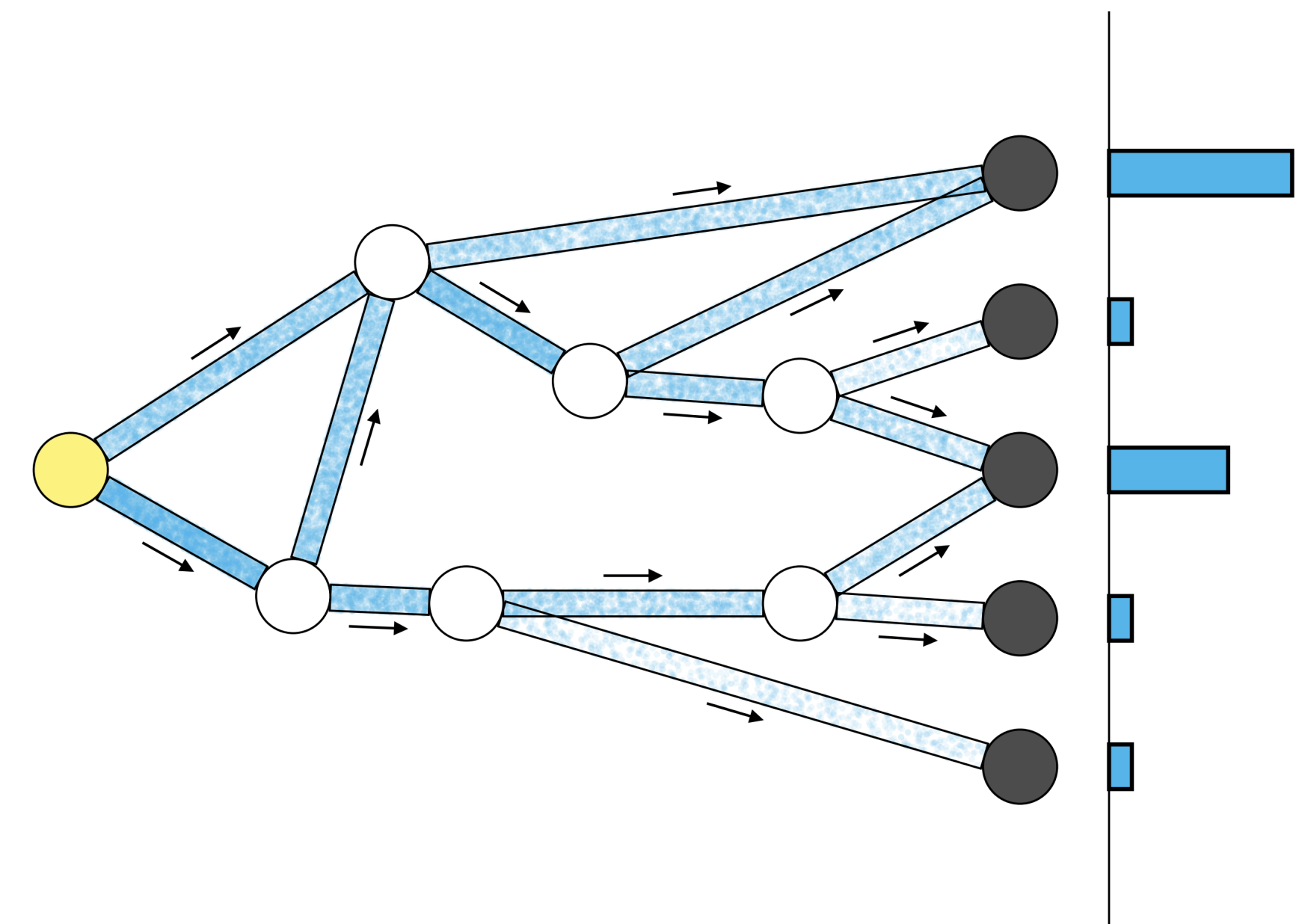


“Score-Based Generative Modeling through Stochastic Differential Equations”

[[Song et al, ICLR 2021](#)]

**GFlowNet** generates trajectories  $\tau = (s_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow s_{n-1} \rightarrow x)$  with terminal distribution  $p(x) = \frac{R(x)}{Z}$  by following a forward policy

$$p_F(s_t | s_{t-1}; \theta)$$



“Flow Network based Generative Models for Non-Iterative Diverse Candidate Generation”

[[Bengio et al, NeurIPS 2021](#)]

	Models	Composition Operations	Sampling Algorithm
<a href="#">[Hinton, Neural Computation 2002]</a> <a href="#">[Du et al, NeurIPS 2020]</a>	Energy-based models (EBMs) $p_i(x) \propto \exp(-E_i(x; \theta))$	Principle: energy-function arithmetic Product: $\frac{1}{Z} p_1(x) p_2(x)$ Negation: $\frac{1}{Z} \frac{p_1(x)}{(p_2(x))^\gamma}$	MCMC Langevin dynamics

Base models:  $p_1(x) = \frac{1}{Z_1} \exp \{ - E_1(x) \}, \quad p_2(x) = \frac{1}{Z_2} \exp \{ - E_2(x) \}$

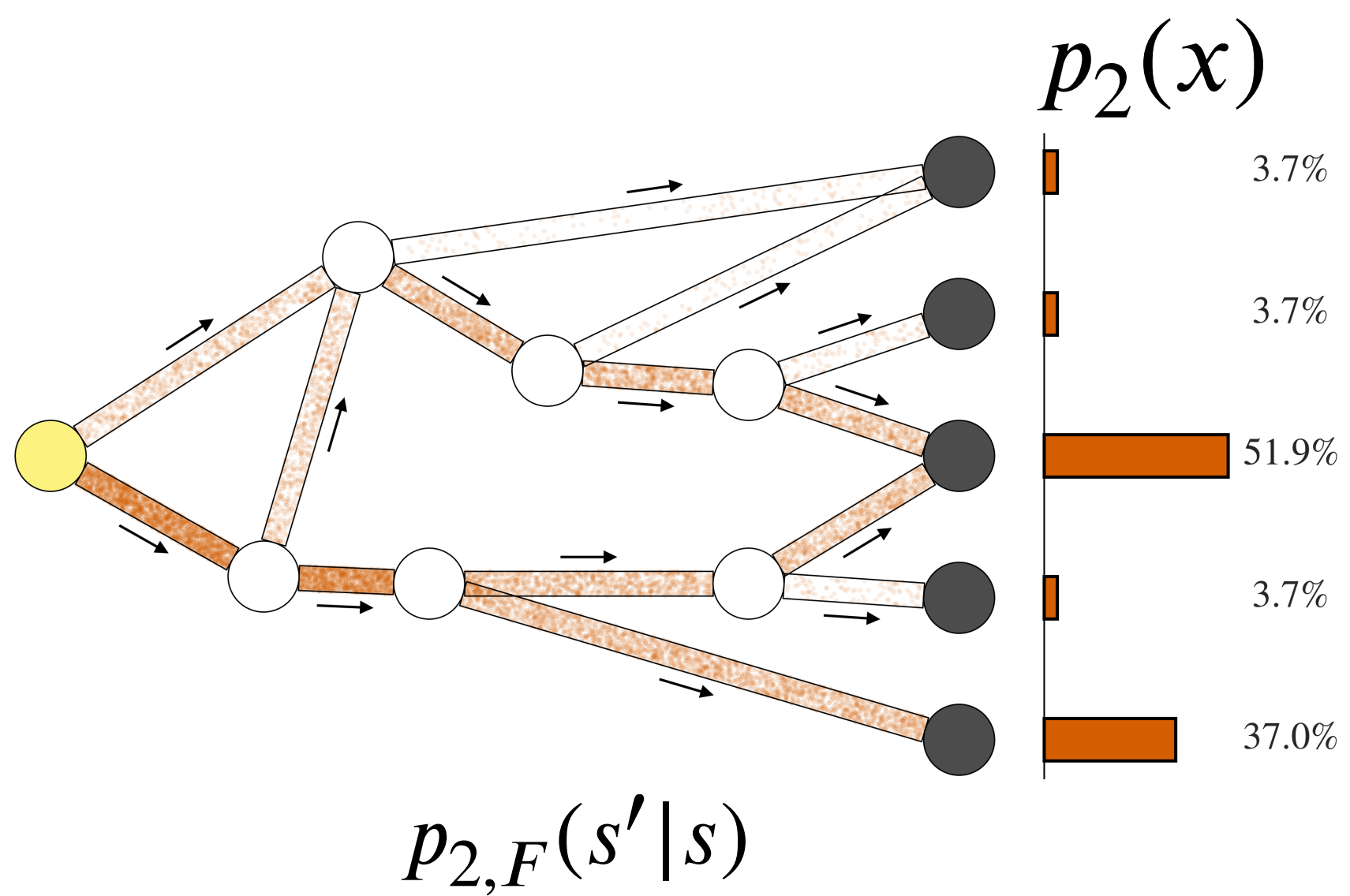
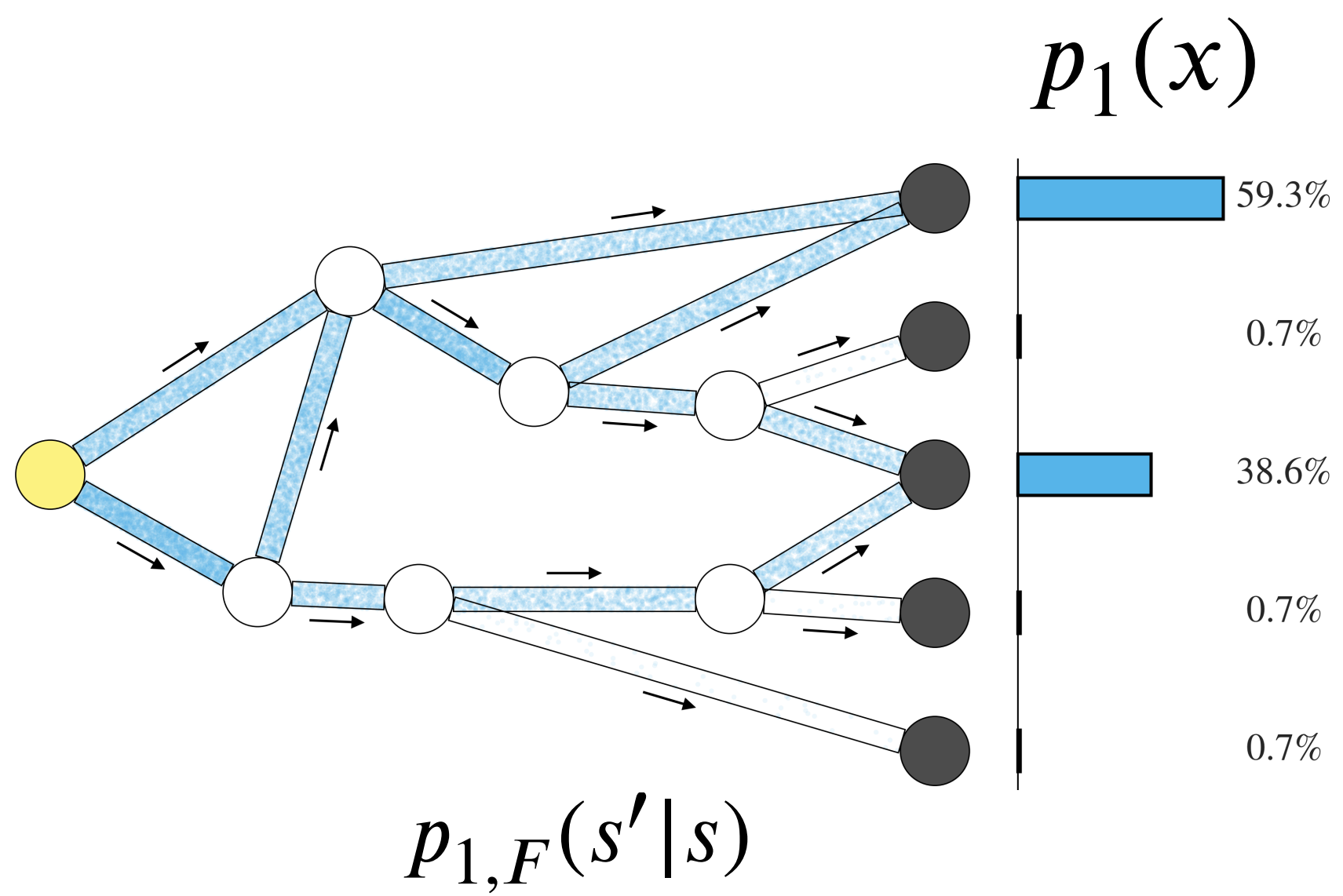
**Product:**  $p_{\text{prod}}(x) \propto p_1(x)p_2(x) \propto \exp \{ - (E_1(x) + E_2(x)) \}$

**Negation:**  $p_{\text{neg}}(x) \propto \frac{p_1(x)}{(p_2(x))^\gamma} \propto \exp \{ - (E_1(x) - \gamma E_2(x)) \}$

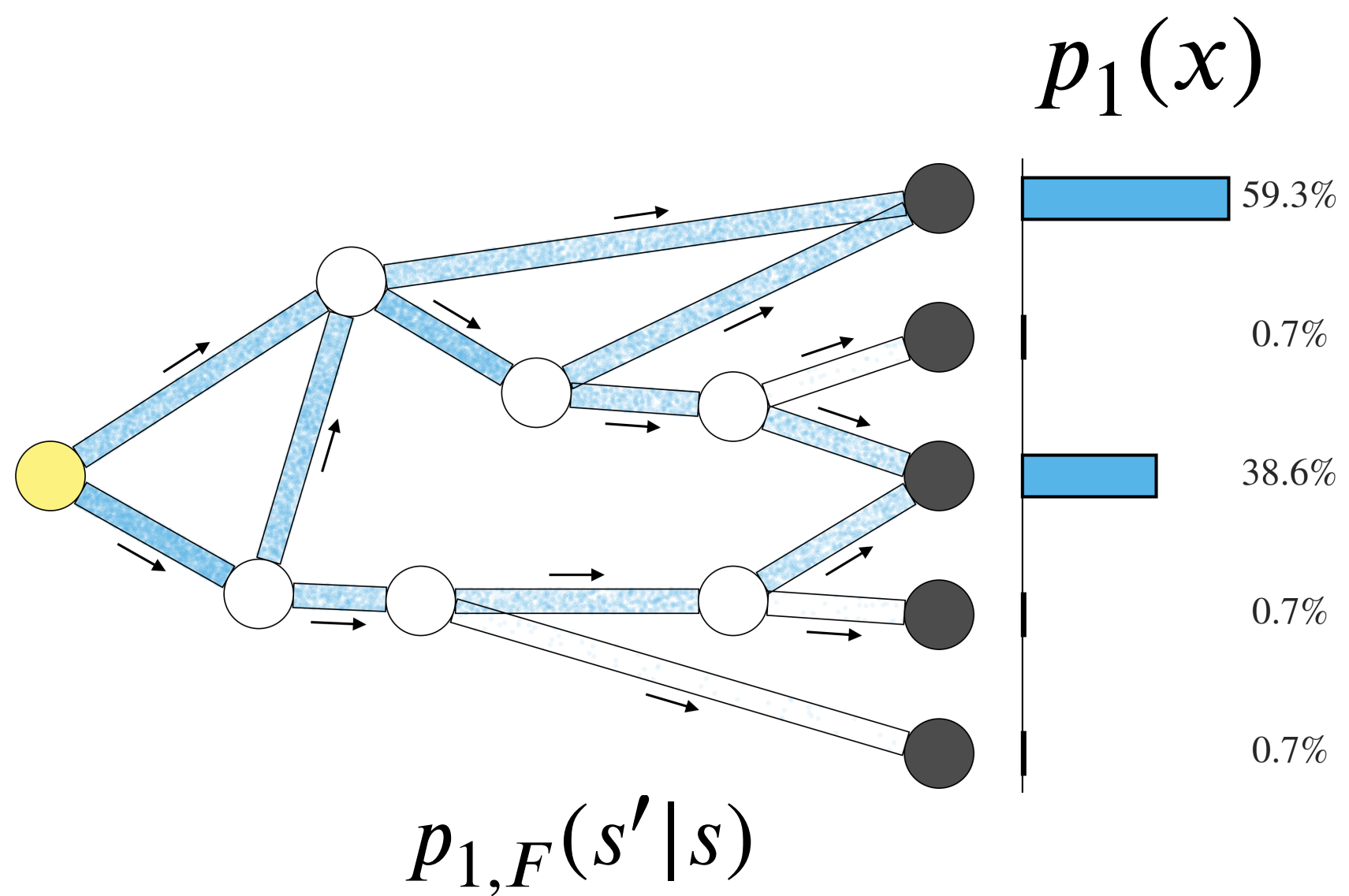
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**Challenge:** iterative generative processes (Diffusion models & GFlowNets) impose delicate balance conditions

# Composition Tools: Mixtures

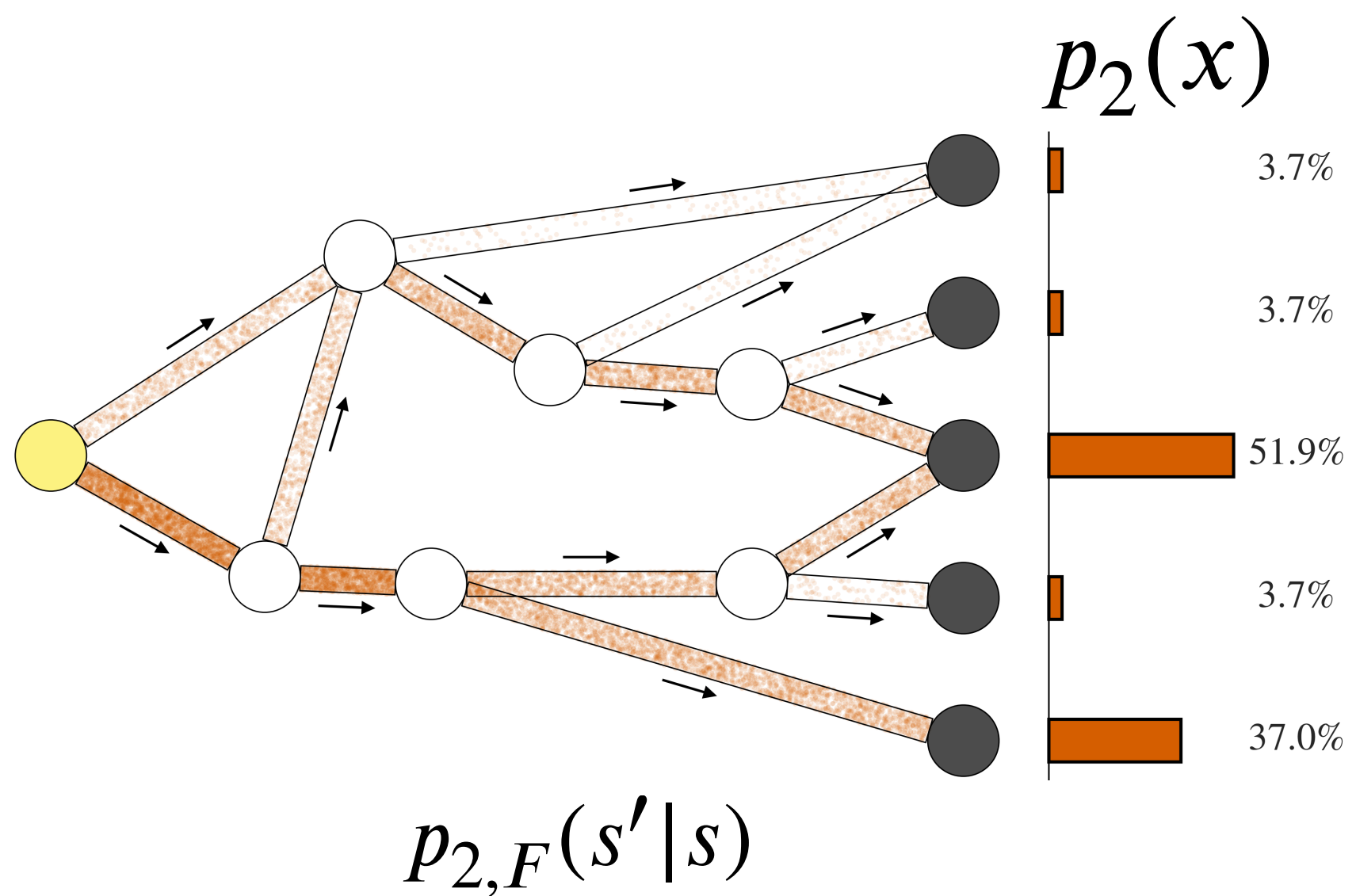


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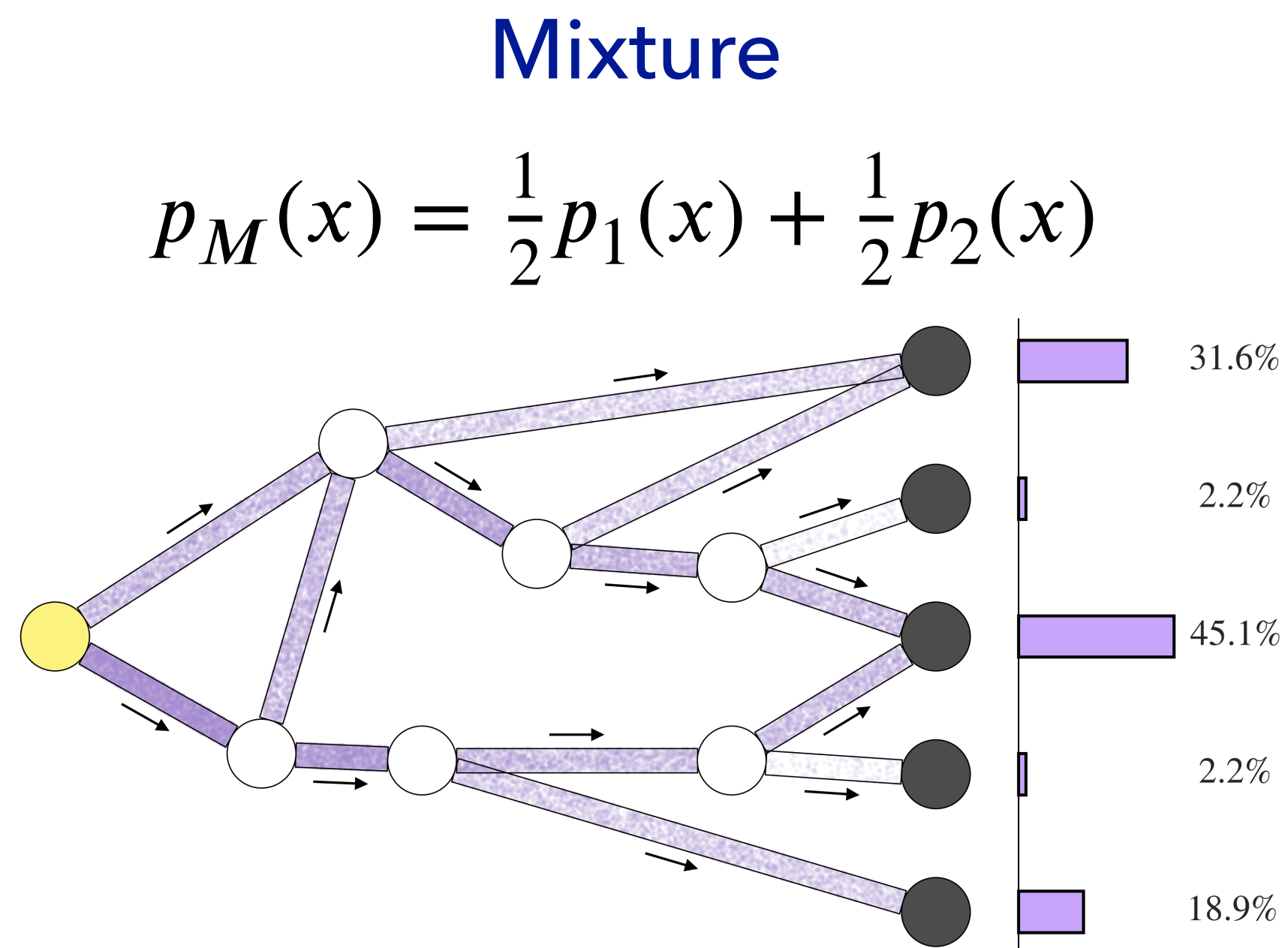
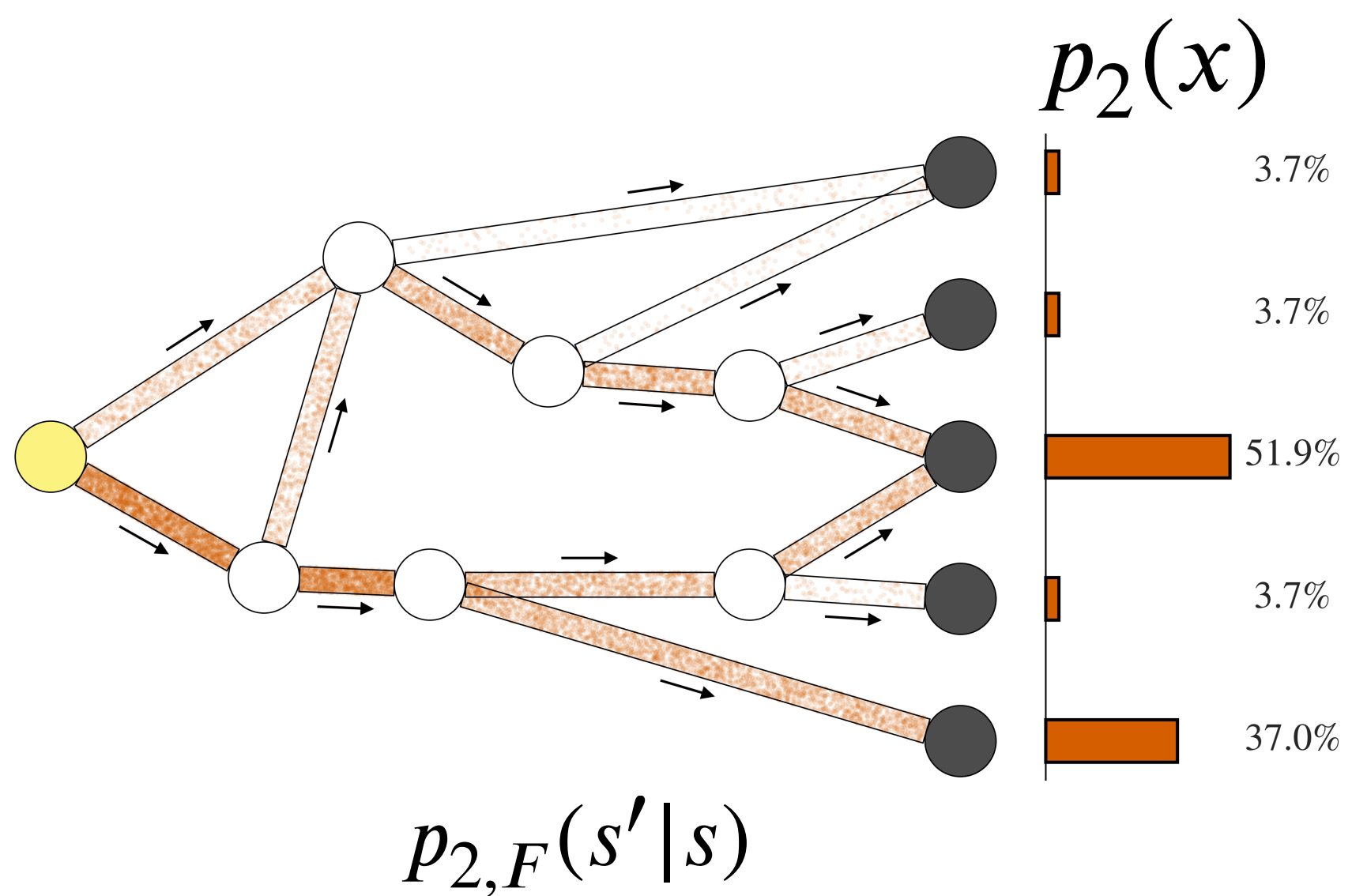
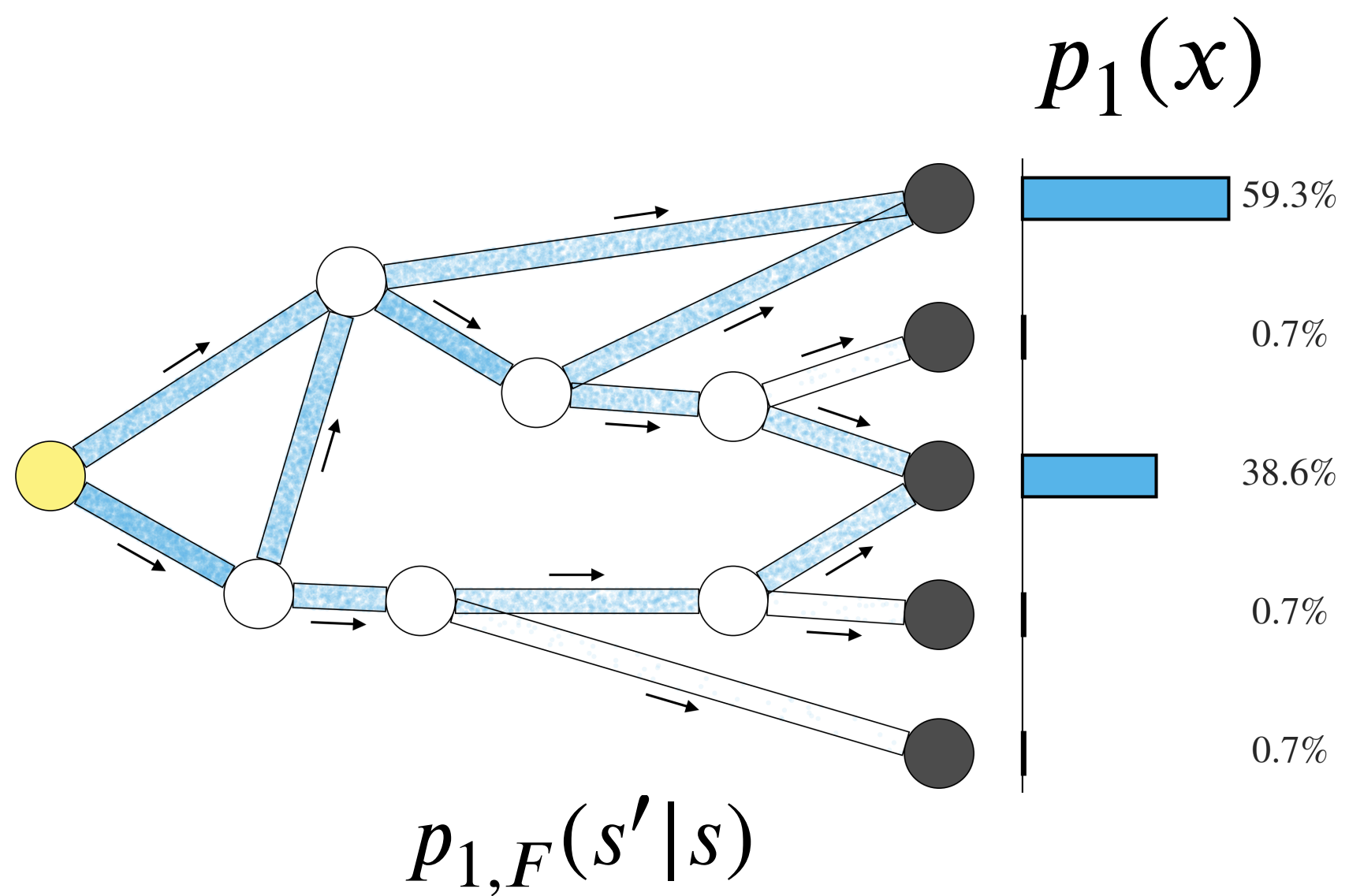


Mixture

$$p_M(x) = \frac{1}{2}p_1(x) + \frac{1}{2}p_2(x)$$

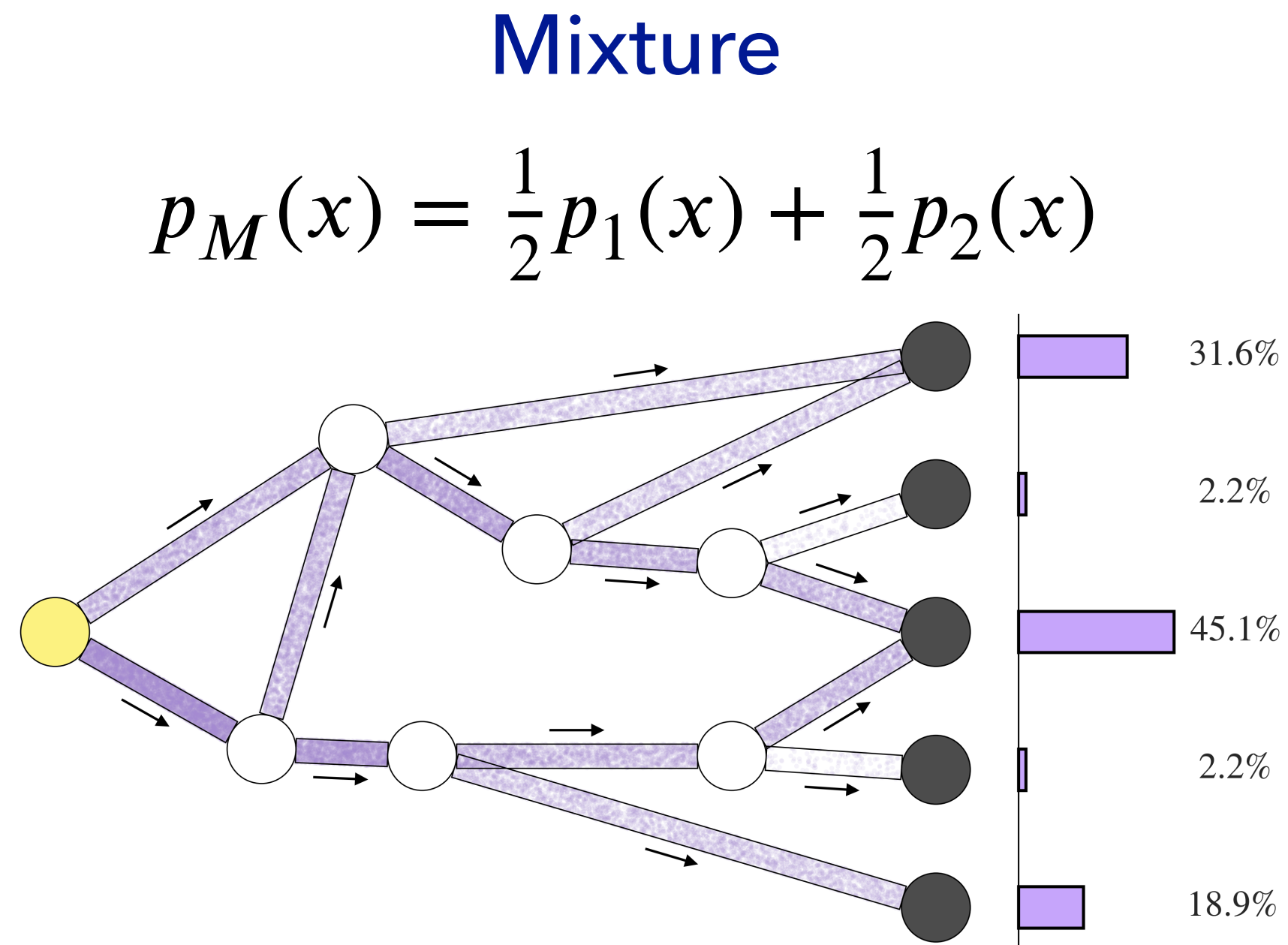
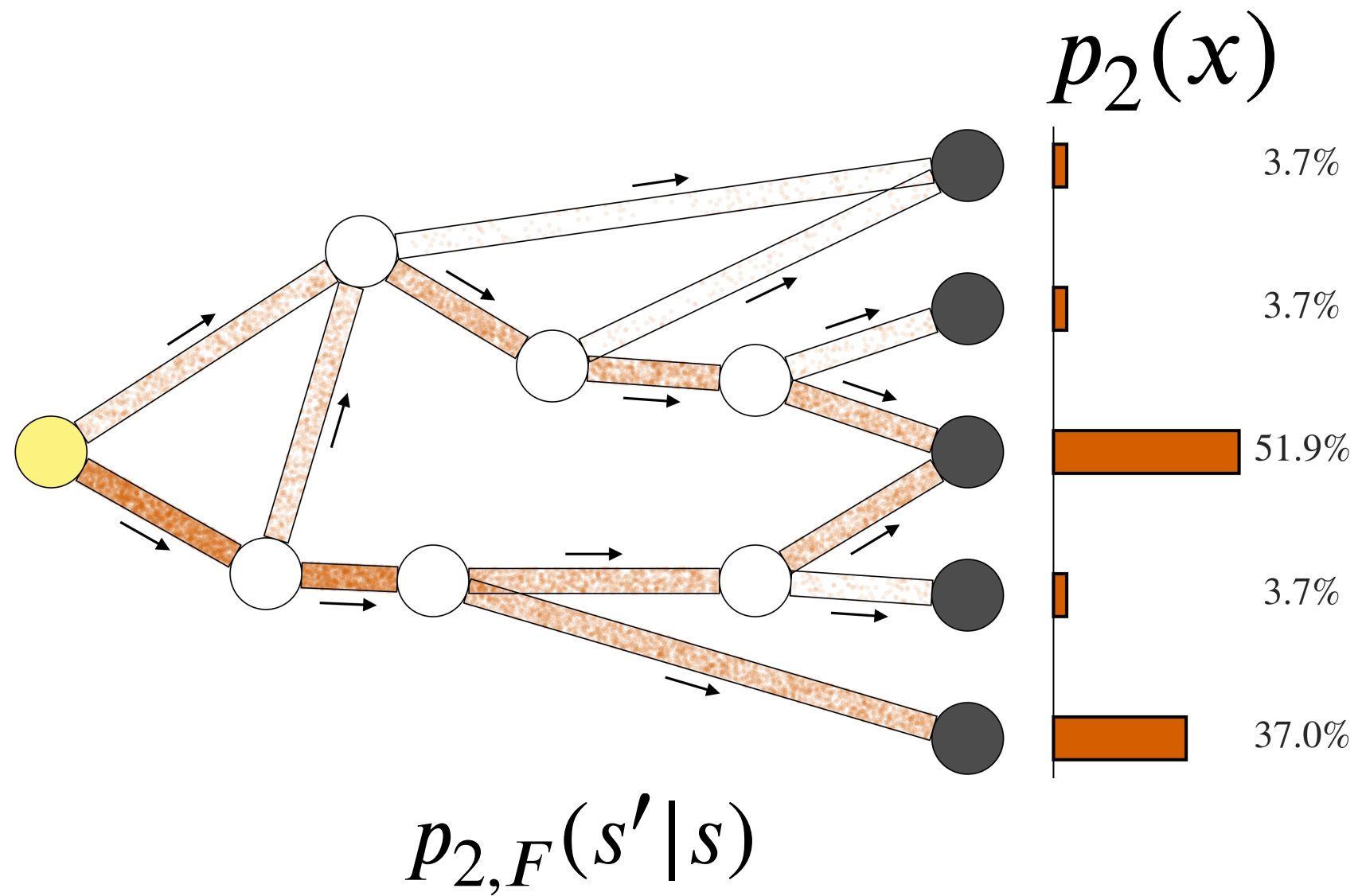
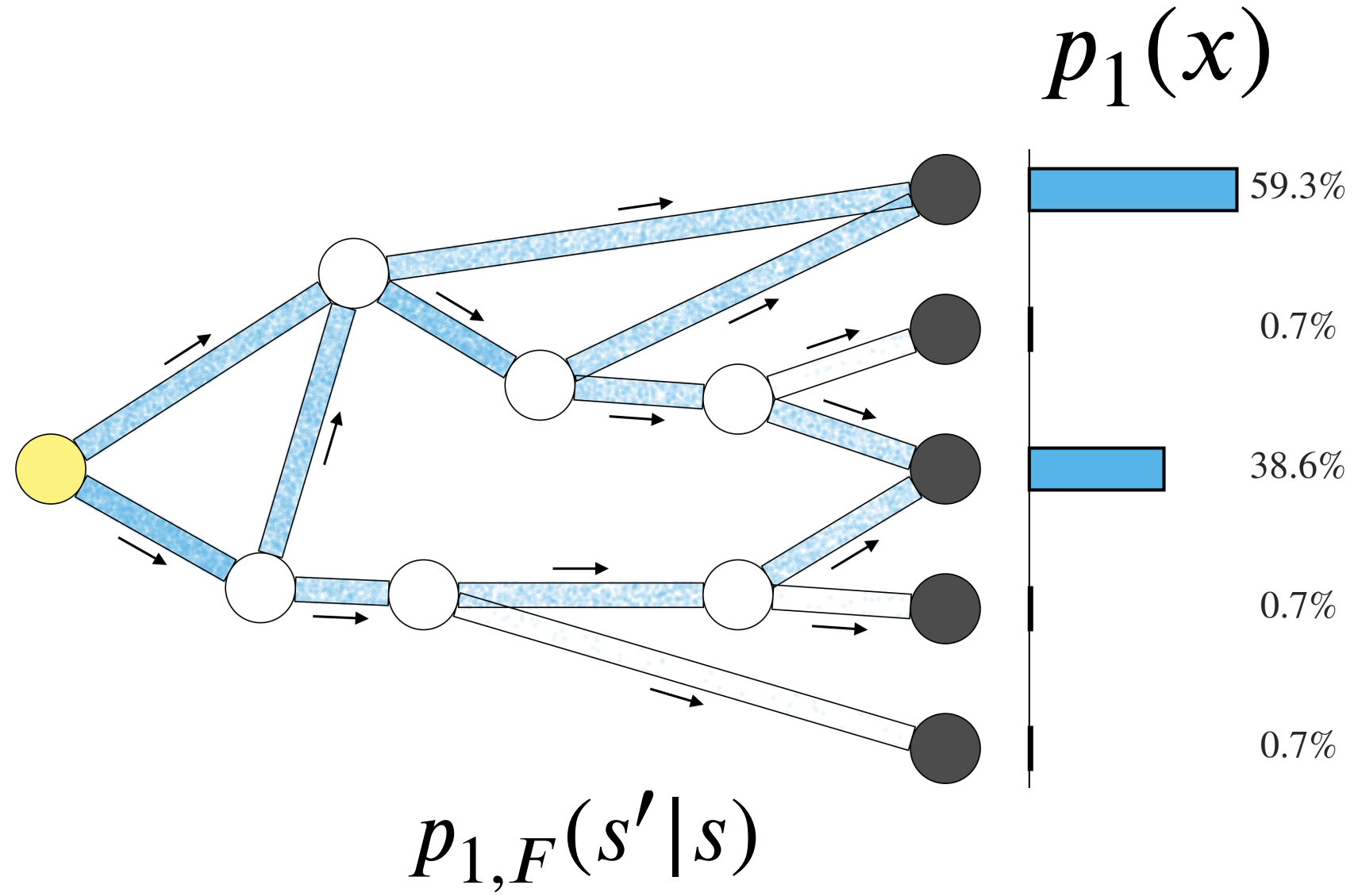


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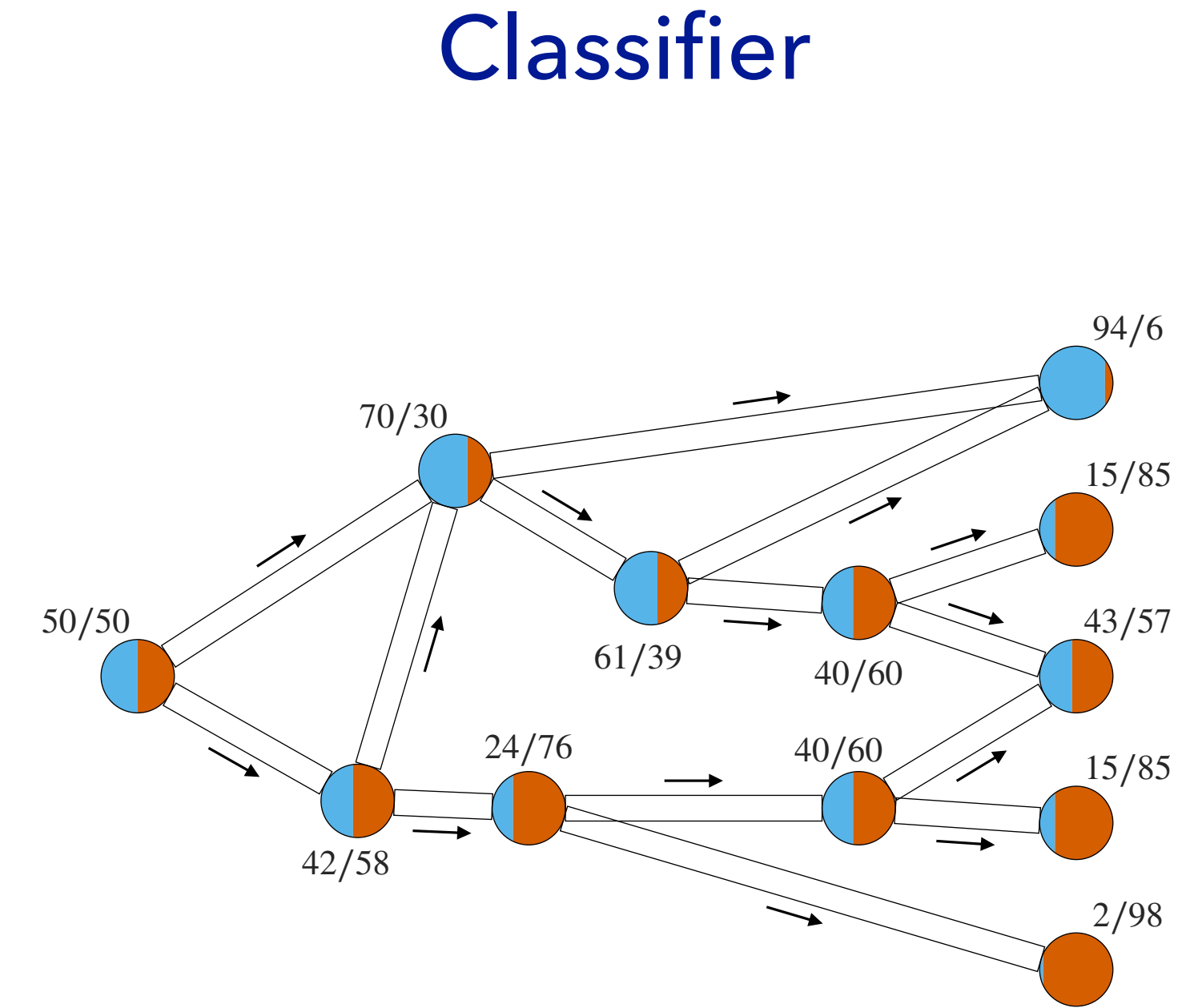


$$p_{M,F}(s'|s) = \sum_{i=1}^2 p(y=i|s)p_{i,F}(s'|s)$$

# Composition Tools: Mixtures



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$$p(y=i|s) = \frac{p_i(s)}{p_1(s) + p_2(s)}$$

# Composition Tools: Mixtures

**Proposition** (GFlowNet mixture policy).

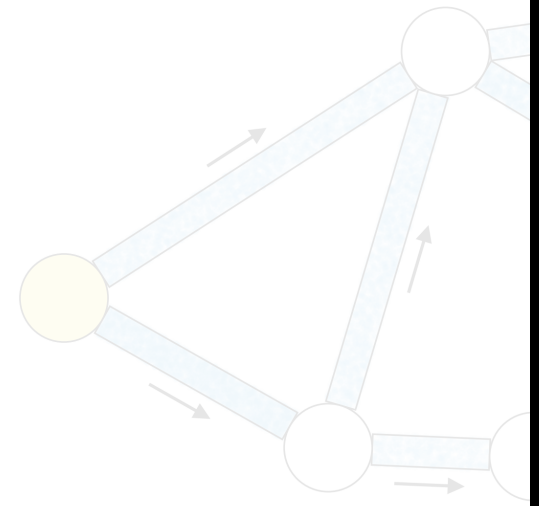
Suppose distributions  $p_1(x), \dots, p_m(x)$  are realized by GFlowNets with forward policies  $p_{1,F}(\cdot|\cdot), \dots, p_{m,F}(\cdot|\cdot)$ . Then, the mixture distribution  $p_M(x) = \sum_{i=1}^m \omega_i p_i(x)$  with  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_m \geq 0$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^m \omega_i = 1$  is realized by the GFlowNet forward policy

$$p_{M,F}(s'|s) = \sum_{i=1}^m p(y=i|s) p_{i,F}(s'|s),$$

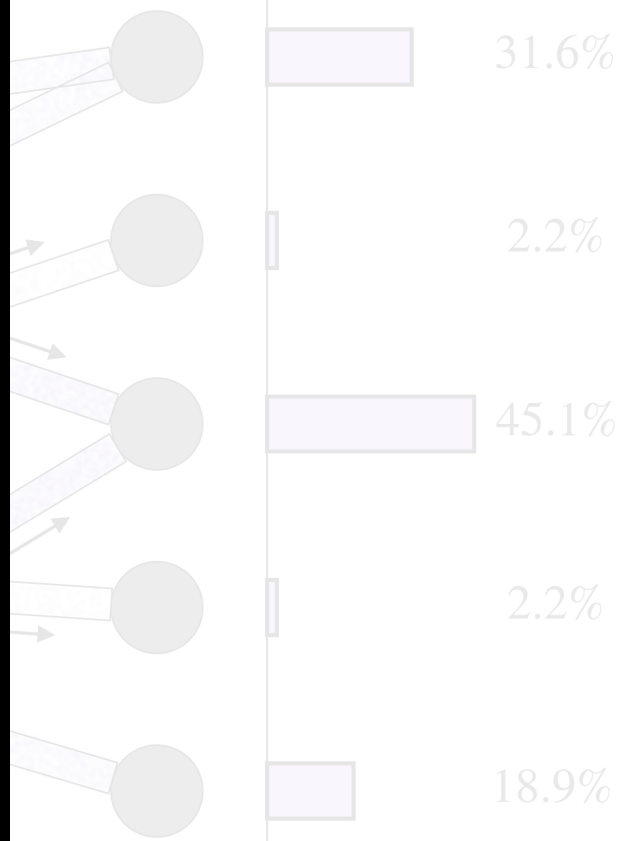
where  $y$  is a random variable such that the joint distribution of a GFlowNet trajectory  $\tau$  and  $y$  is given by  $p(\tau, y=i) = \omega_i p_i(\tau)$  for  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}$ .

**New result for GFlowNets!**

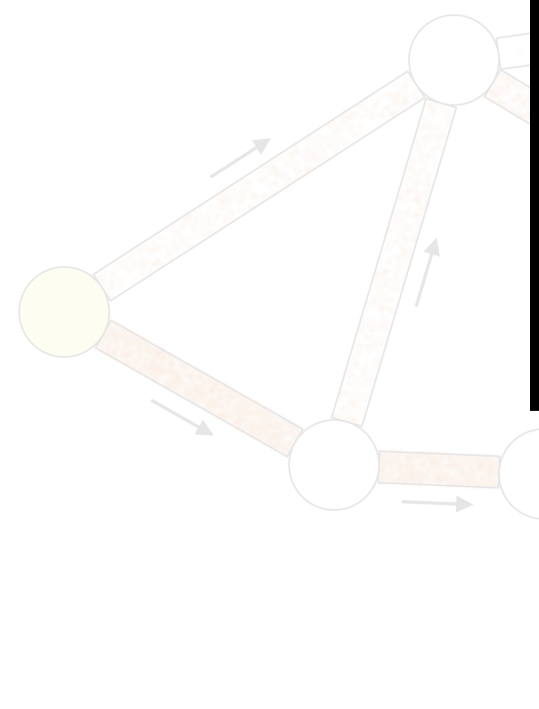
$p_1(x)$



$\frac{1}{2} p_2(x)$



$p_{i,F}(s'|s)$



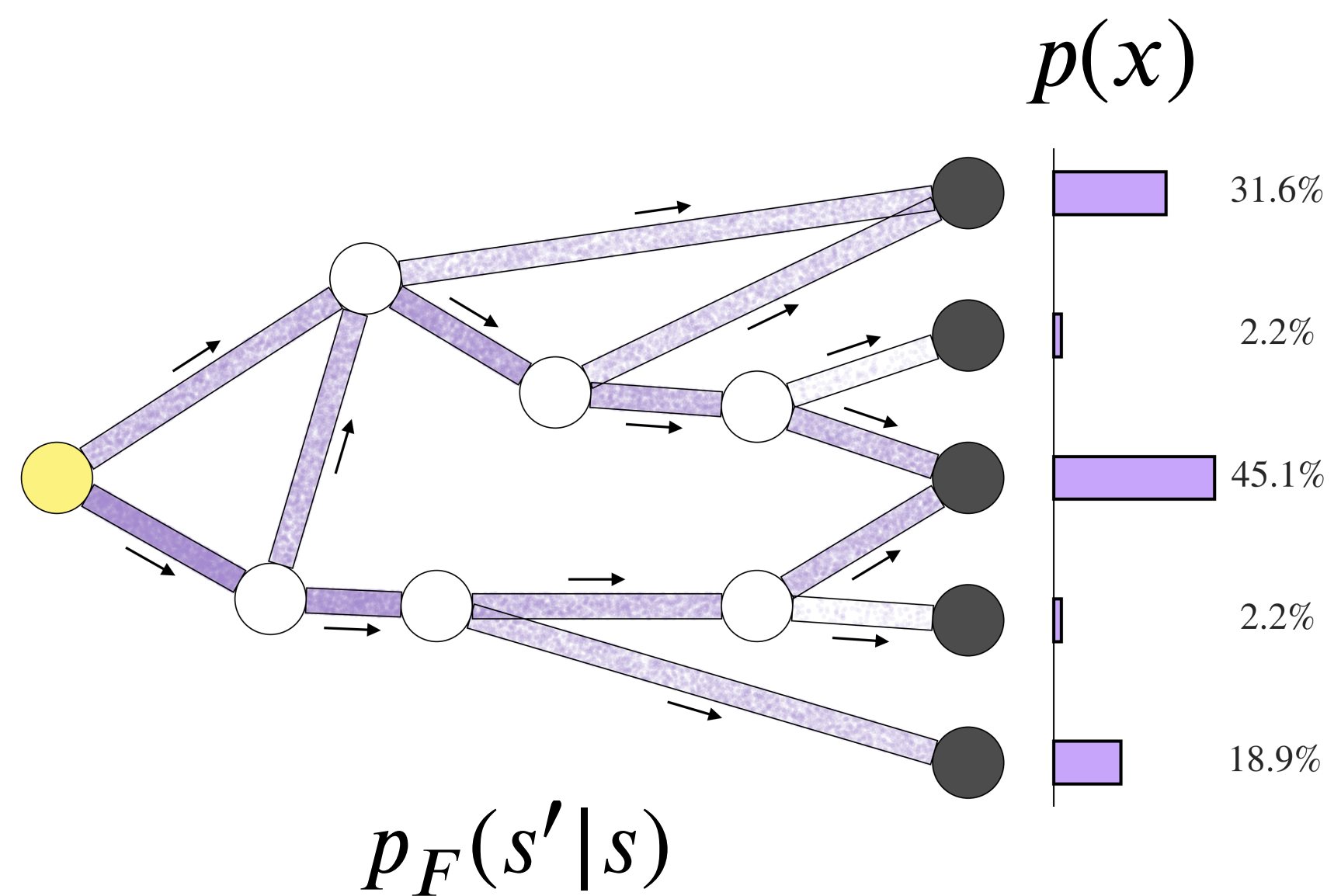
$p_{2,F}(s'|s)$

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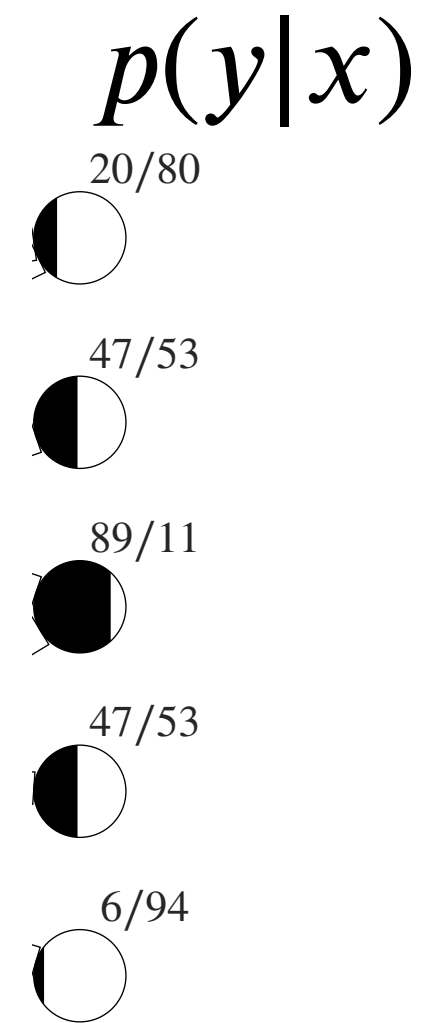
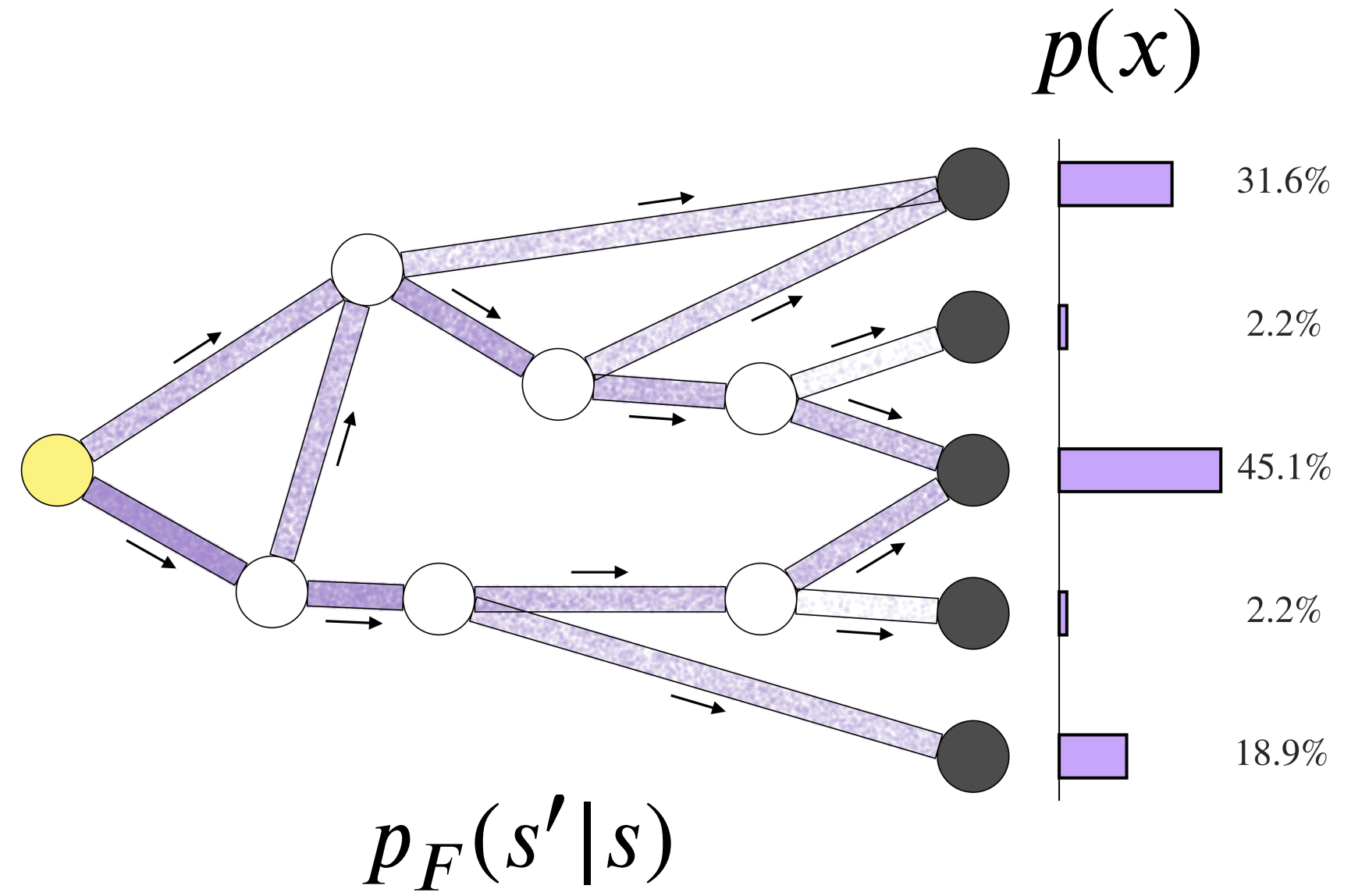
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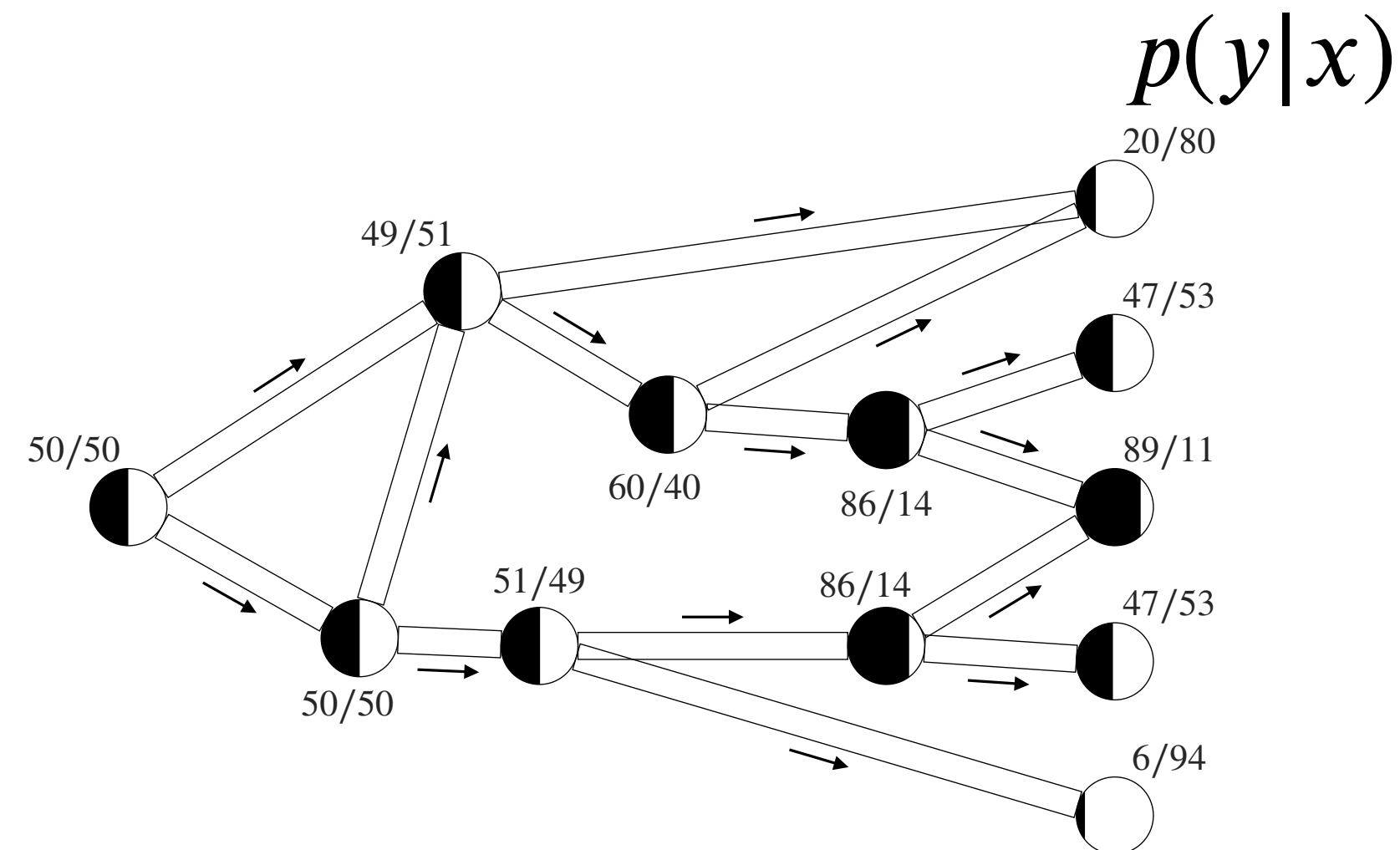
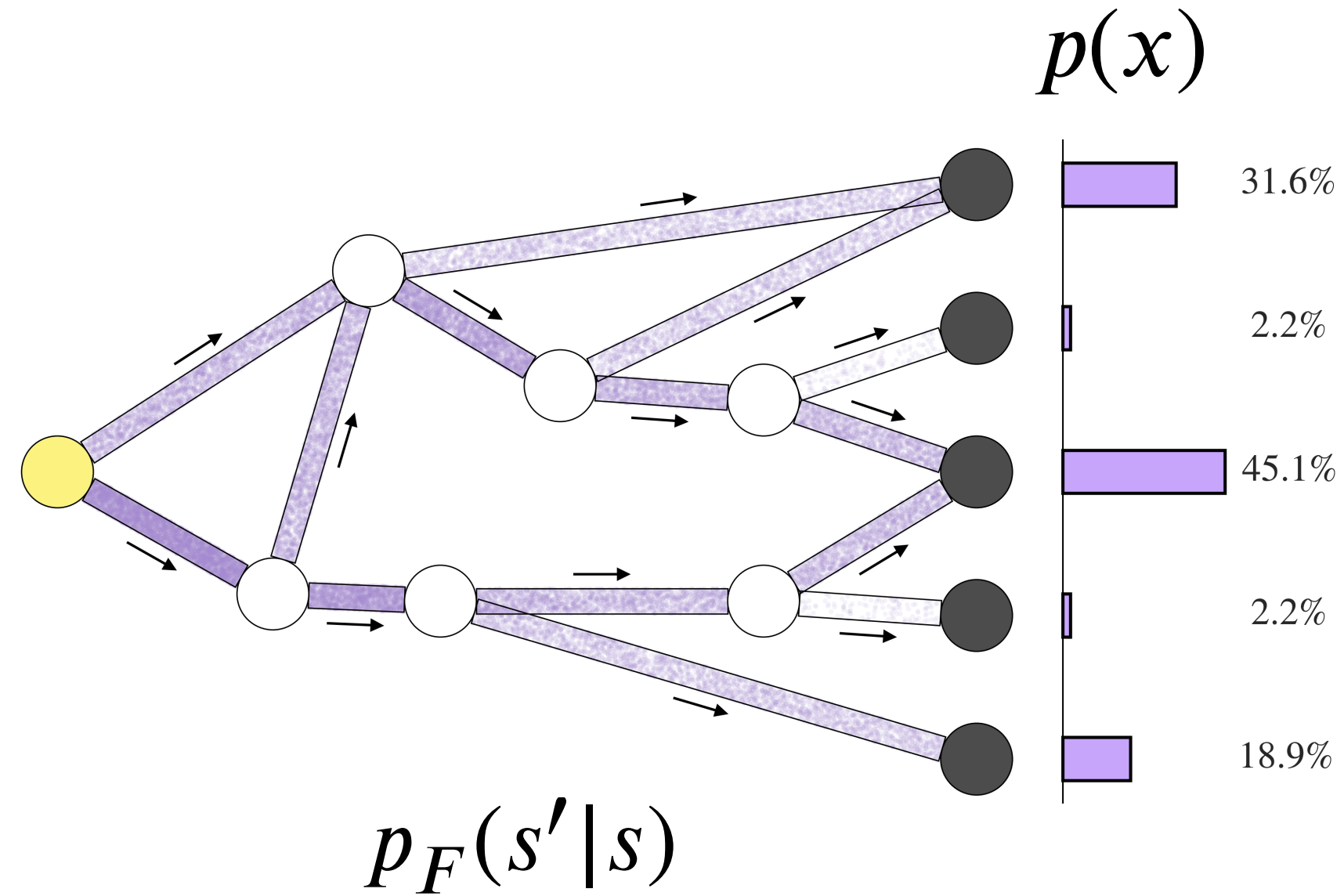
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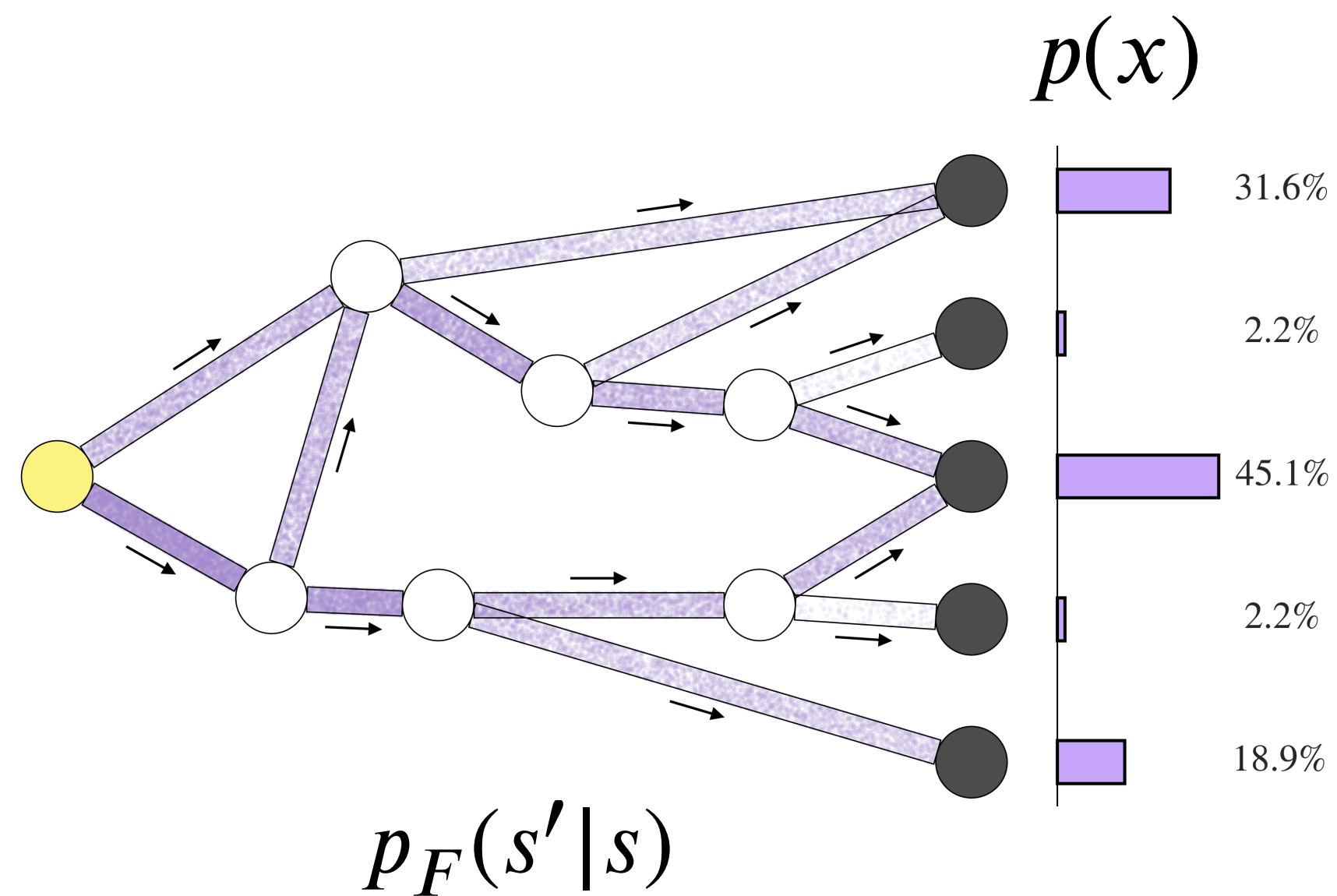


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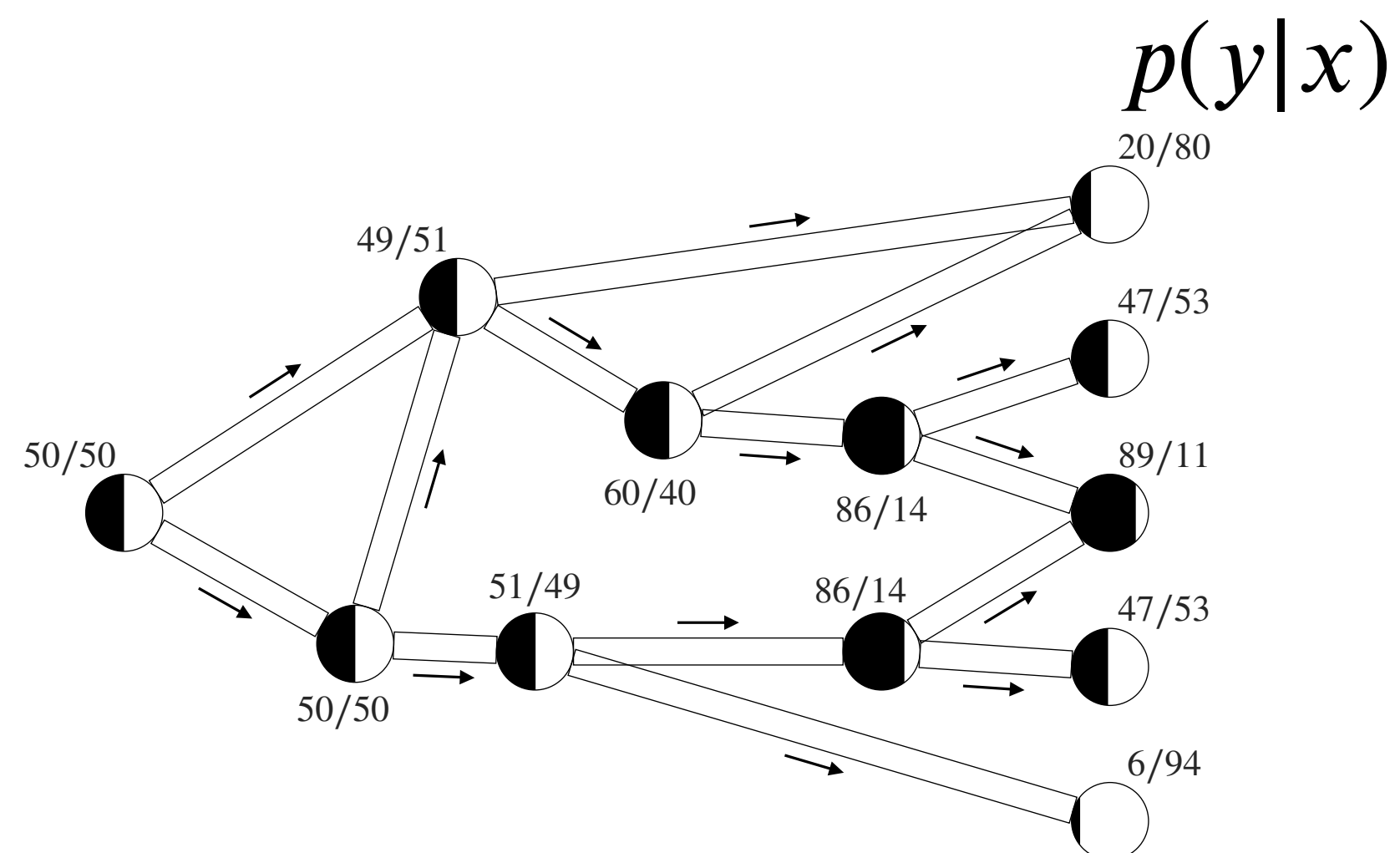
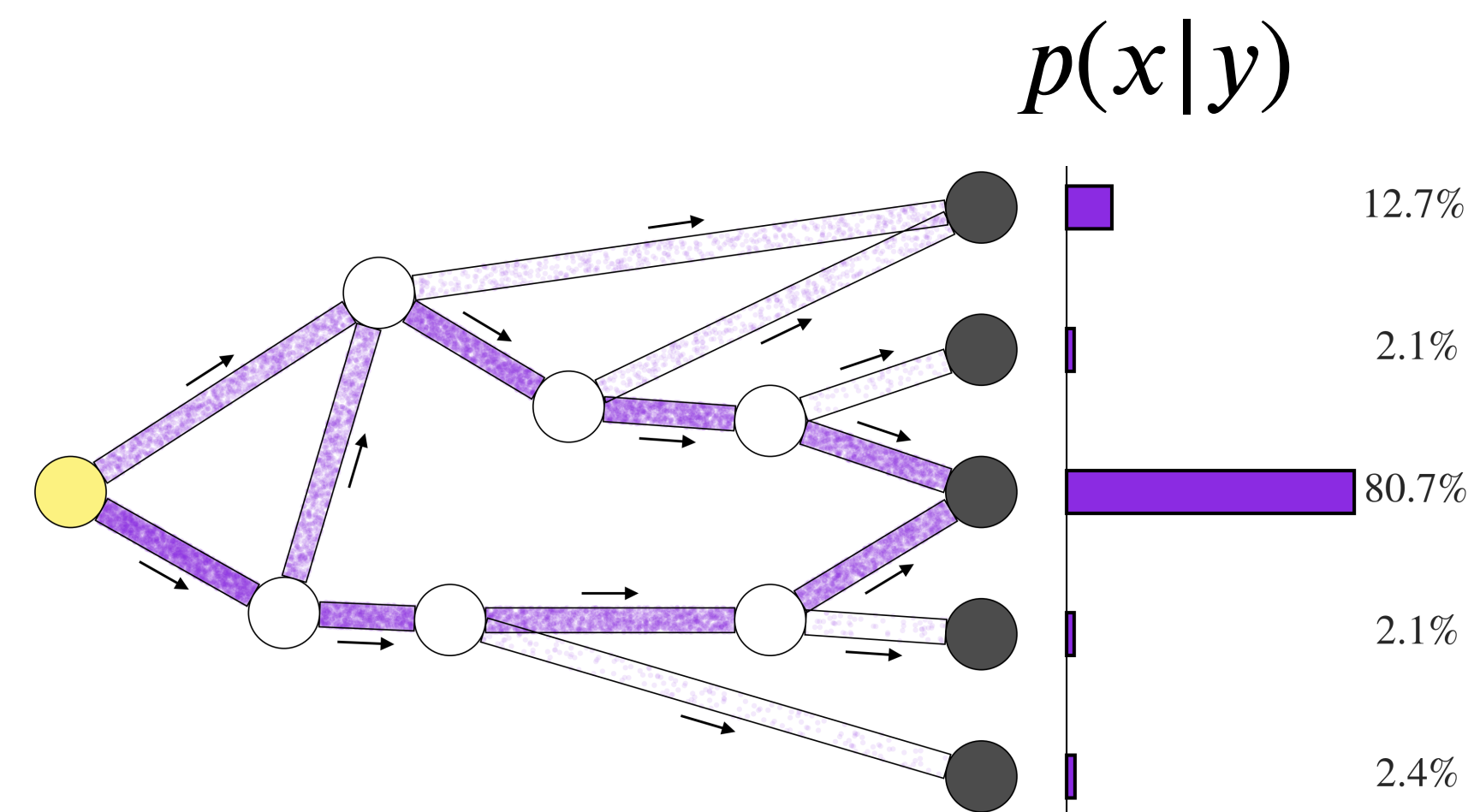


$$p(y|s) : p(\tau, x, y) = p(\tau, x)p(y|x)$$

# Composition Tools: Classifier Guidance



## Classifier-guided GFlowNet



$$p_F(s'|s, y) = p_F(s'|s) \frac{p(y|s')}{p(y|s)}$$

$$p(y|s) : p(\tau, x, y) = p(\tau, x)p(y|x)$$

# Composition Tools: Classifier Guidance

**Proposition** (GFlowNet classifier guidance).

Consider a joint distribution  $p(x, y)$  over a discrete space  $\mathcal{X} \times \mathcal{Y}$  such that the marginal distribution  $p(x)$  is realized by a GFlowNet with forward policy  $p_F(\cdot|\cdot)$ . Further, assume that the joint distribution of  $x$ ,  $y$ , and GFlowNet trajectories  $\tau = (s_0 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow s_n = x)$  decomposes as  $p(\tau, x, y) = p(\tau, x)p(y|x)$ , i.e.  $y$  is independent of the intermediate states  $s_0, \dots, s_{n-1}$  in  $\tau$  given  $x$ . Then,

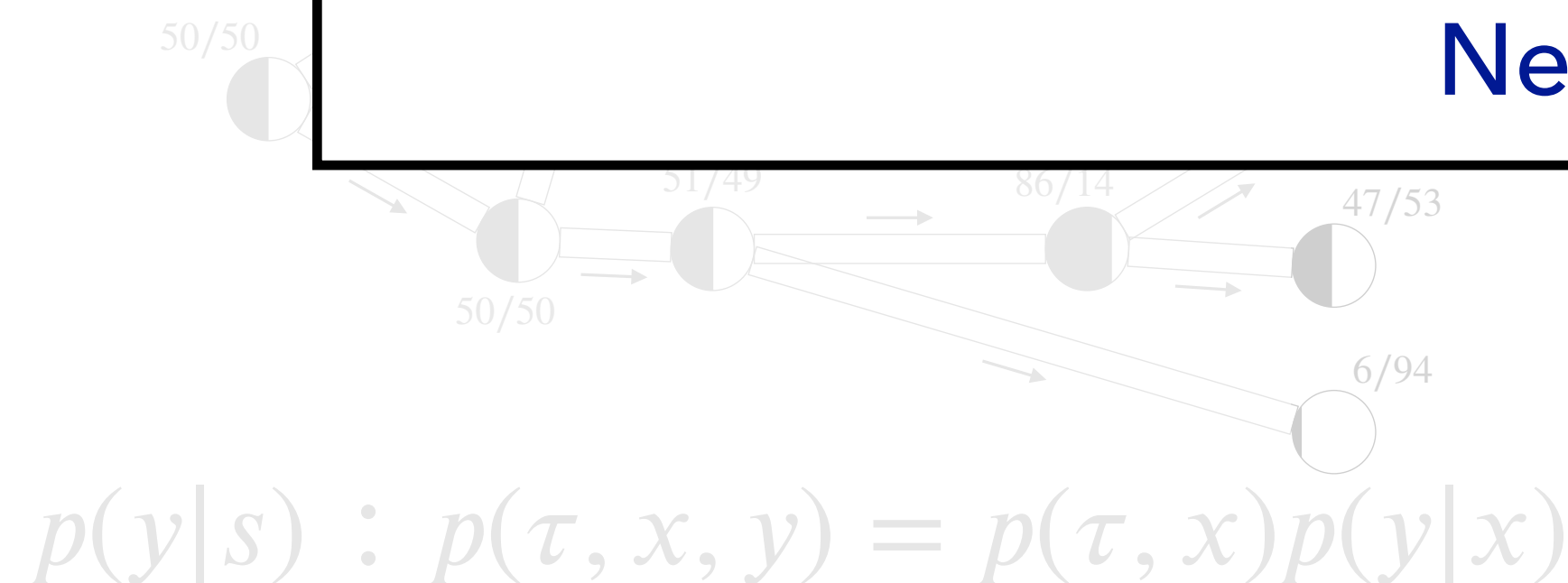
1. For all non-terminal nodes  $s \in \mathcal{S} \setminus \mathcal{X}$  in the GFlowNet DAG  $(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{A})$ , the probabilities  $p(y|s)$  satisfy

$$p(y|s) = \sum_{s' : (s \rightarrow s') \in \mathcal{A}} p_F(s'|s)p(y|s').$$

2. The conditional distribution  $p(x|y)$  is realized by the classifier-guided policy

$$p_F(s'|s, y) = p_F(s'|s) \frac{p(y|s')}{p(y|s)}.$$

**New result for GFlowNets!**



# Composition Operations

Given: 2 distributions  $p_1(x)$ ,  $p_2(x)$

**Prior**

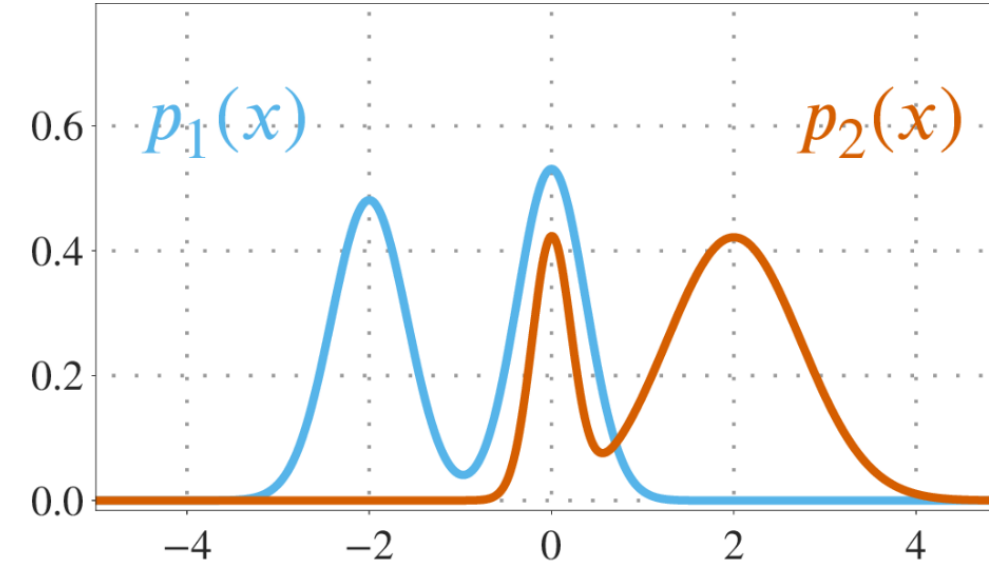
$$\tilde{p}(x) = \frac{1}{2}p_1(x) + \frac{1}{2}p_2(x)$$

**Observations**

$$\tilde{p}(y_k = i | x) = \frac{p_i(x)}{p_1(x) + p_2(x)}, \quad i \in \{1, 2\}$$

**Posterior (composition)**

$$\tilde{p}(x | y_1 = i, y_2 = j) = \frac{p_i(x)p_j(x)}{p_1(x) + p_2(x)}$$



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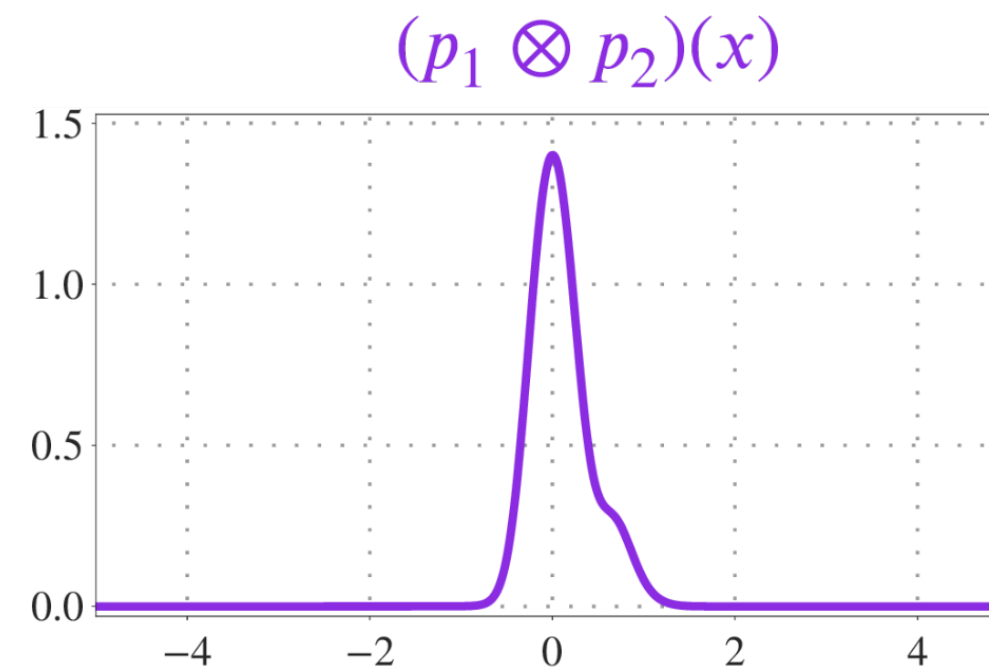
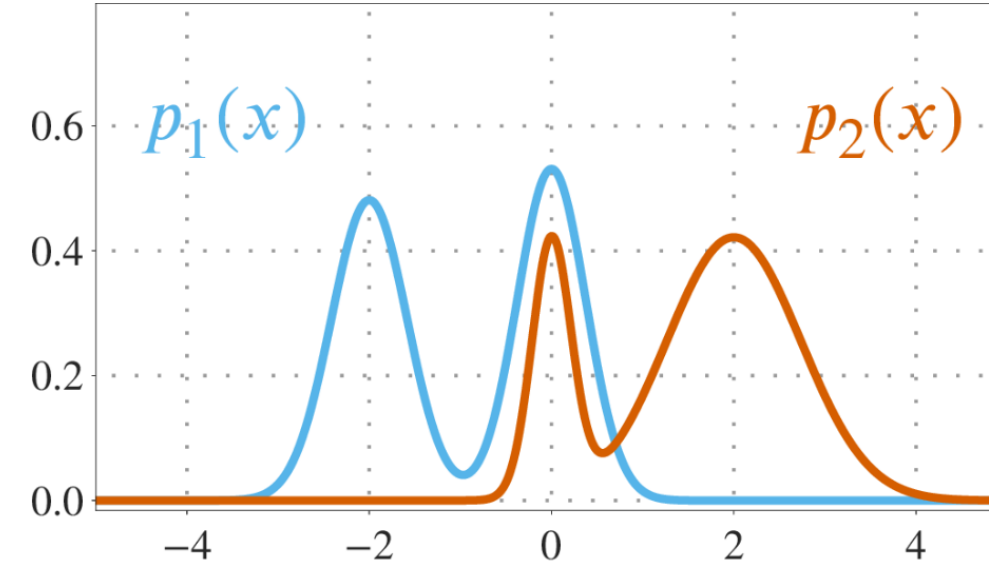
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**“Harmonic Mean”**

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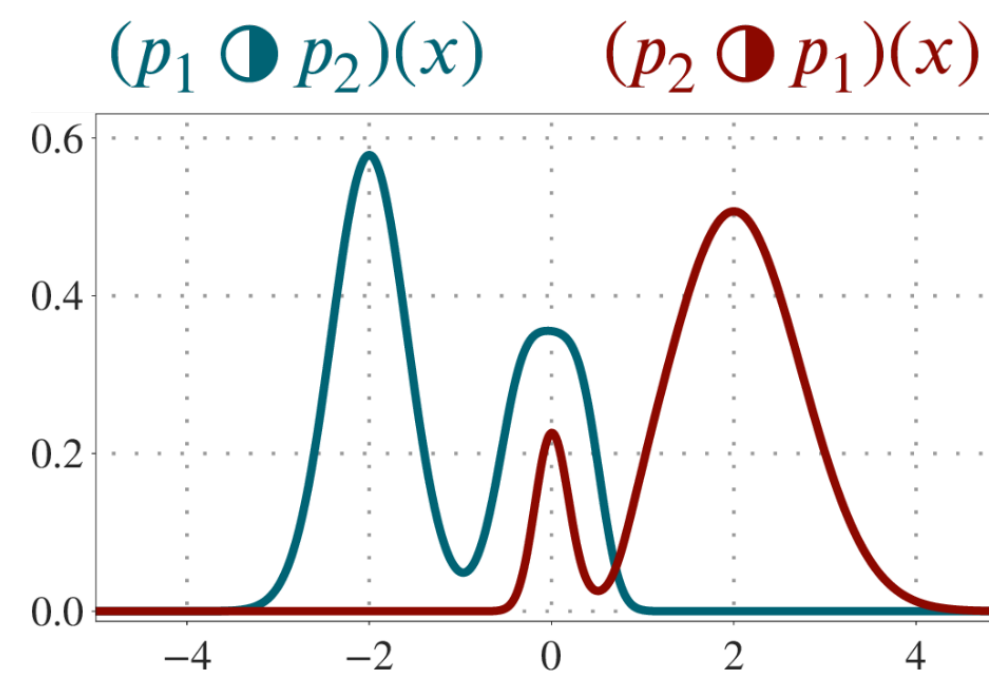
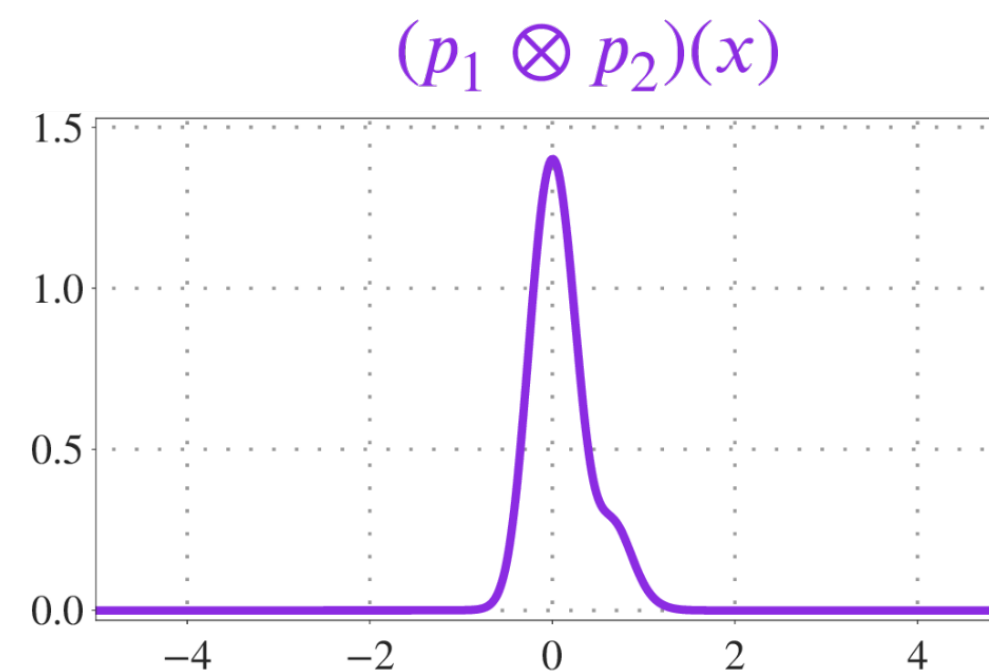
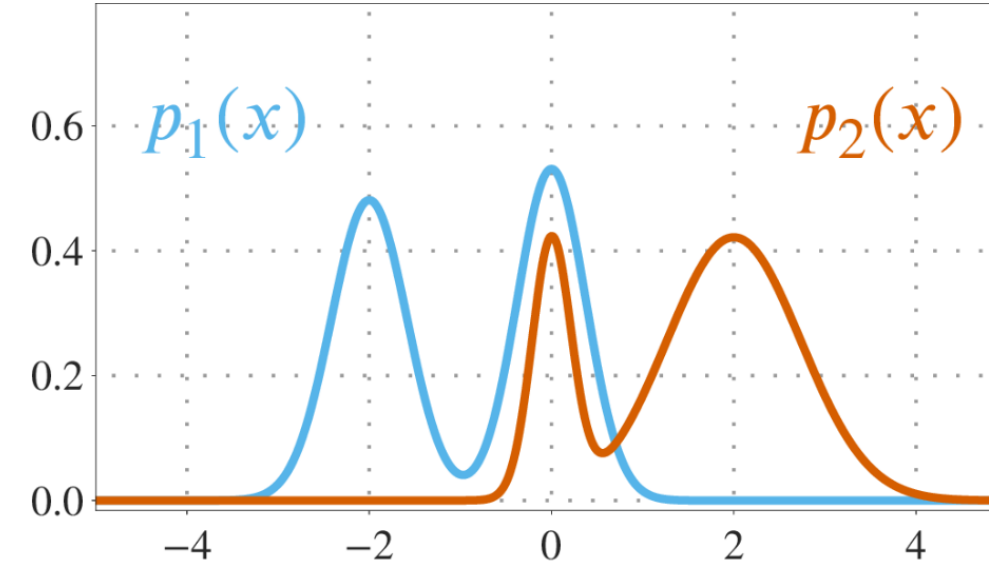
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## Posterior (composition)

$$\tilde{p}(x | y_1 = i, y_2 = j) = \frac{p_i(x)p_j(x)}{p_1(x) + p_2(x)}$$



## “Harmonic Mean”

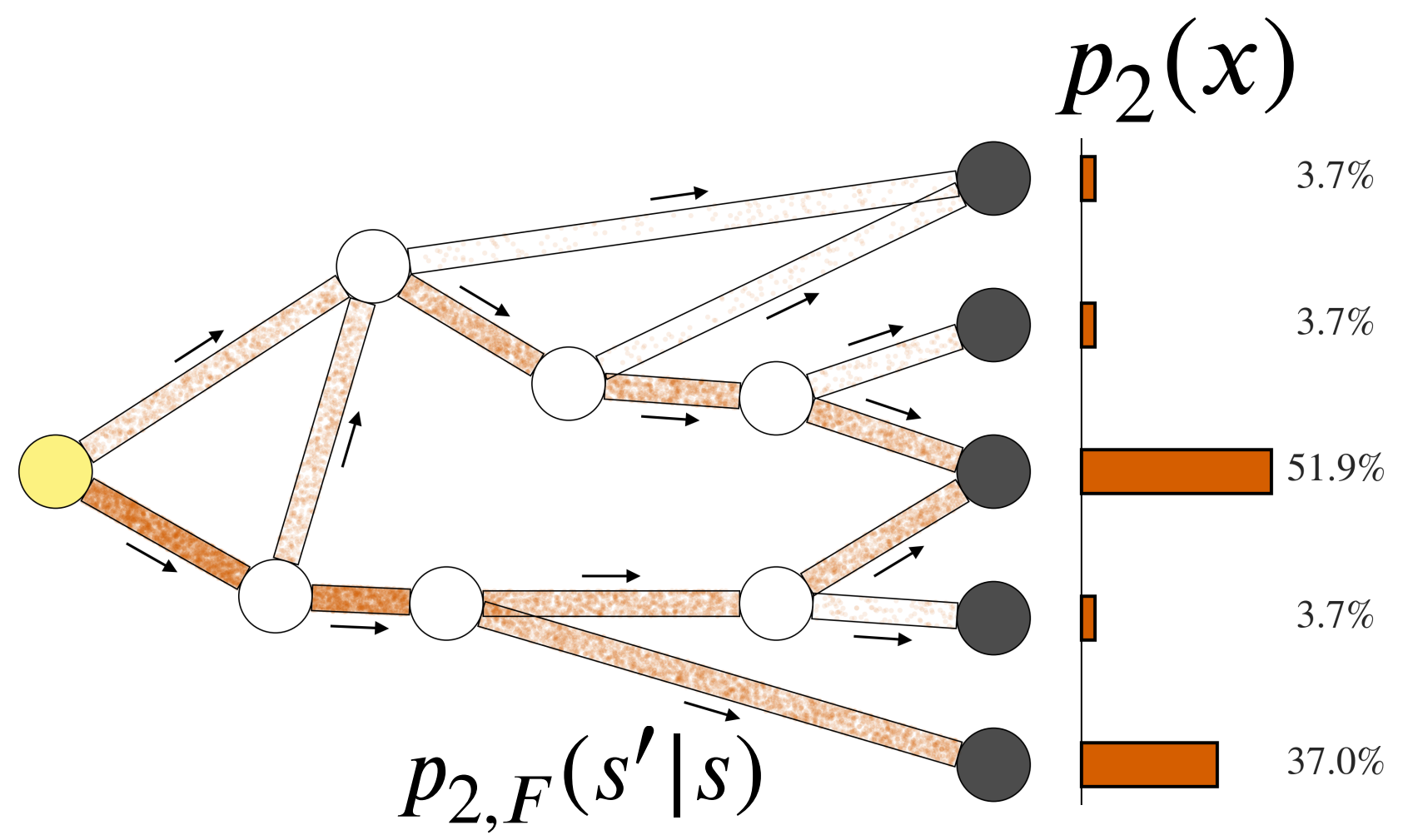
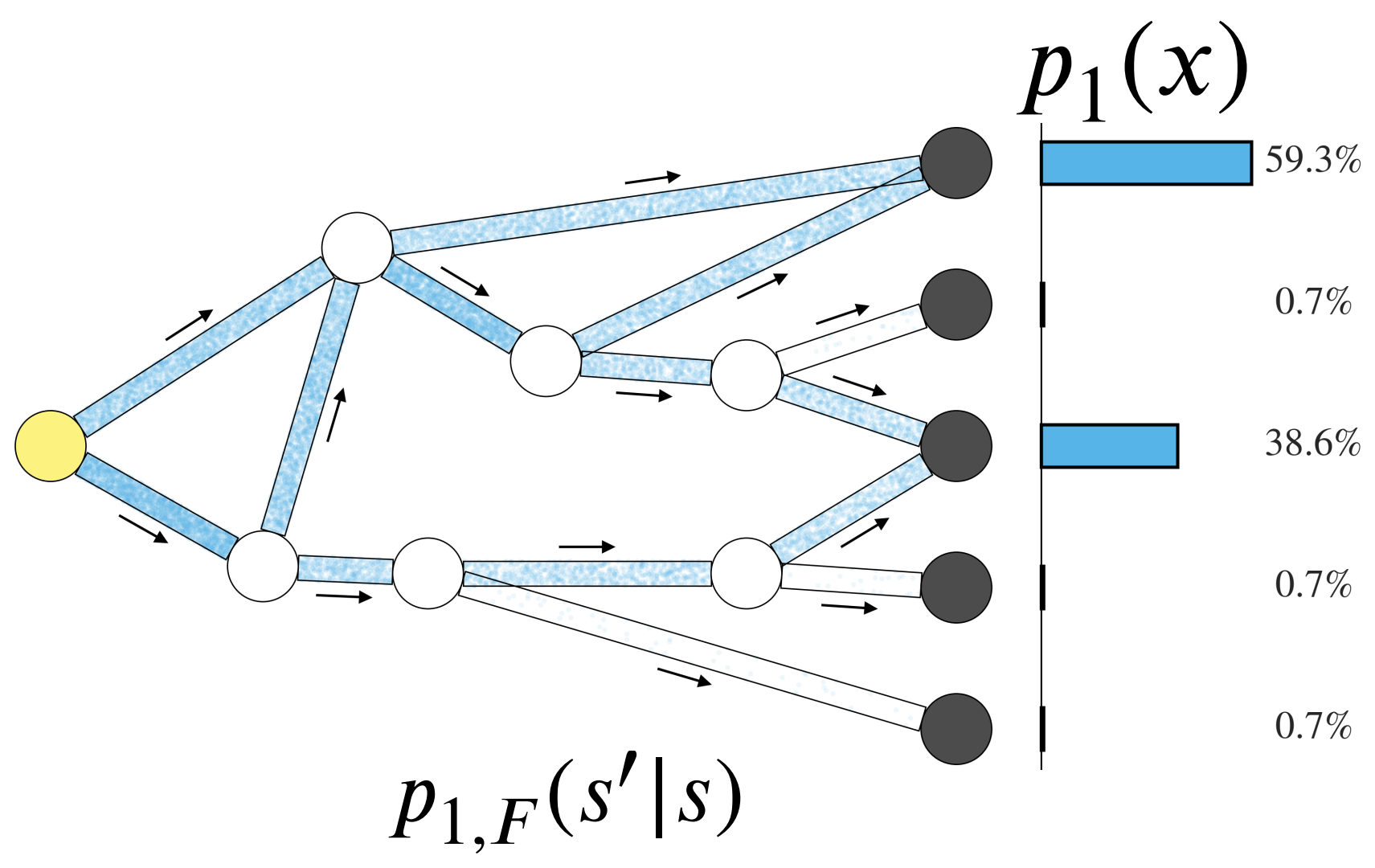
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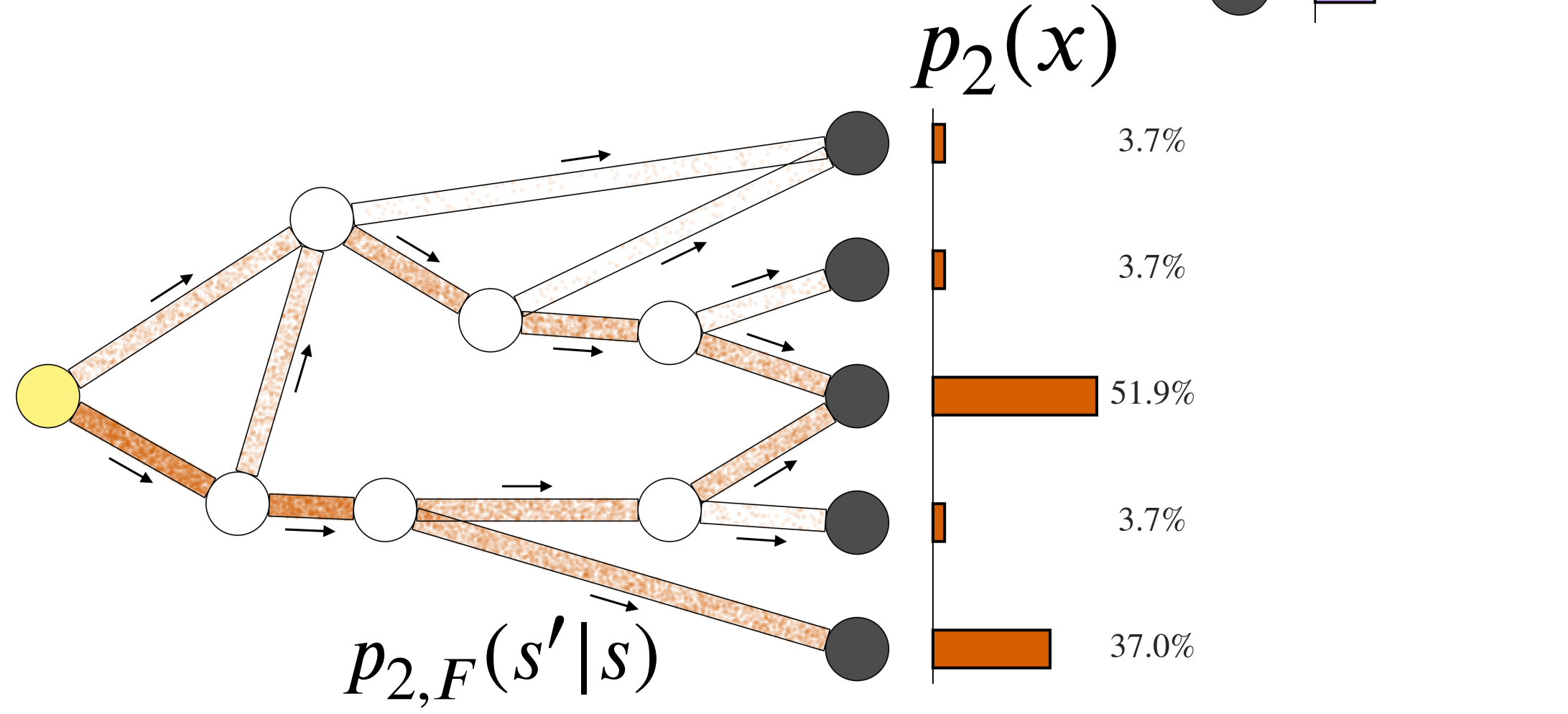
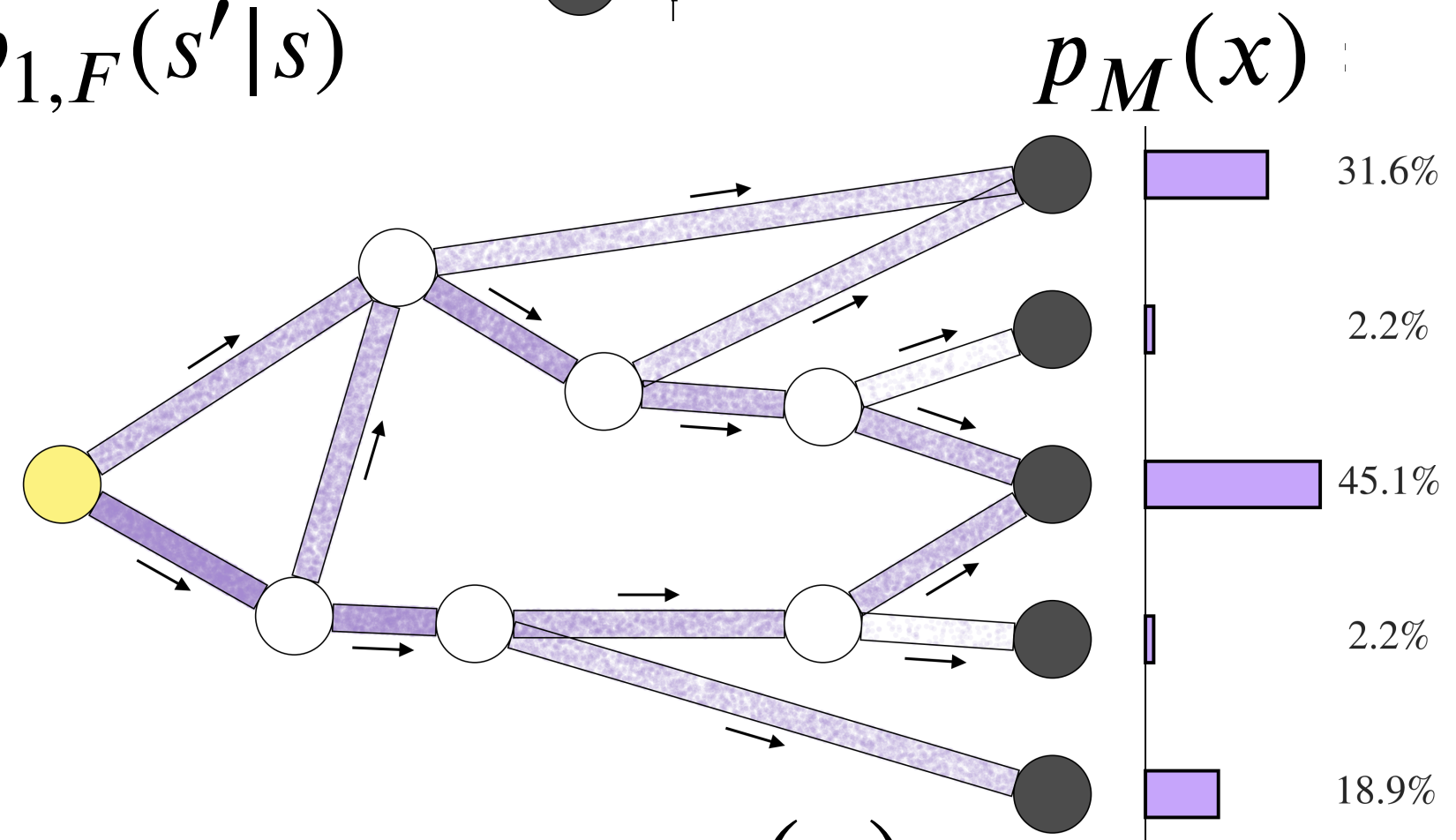
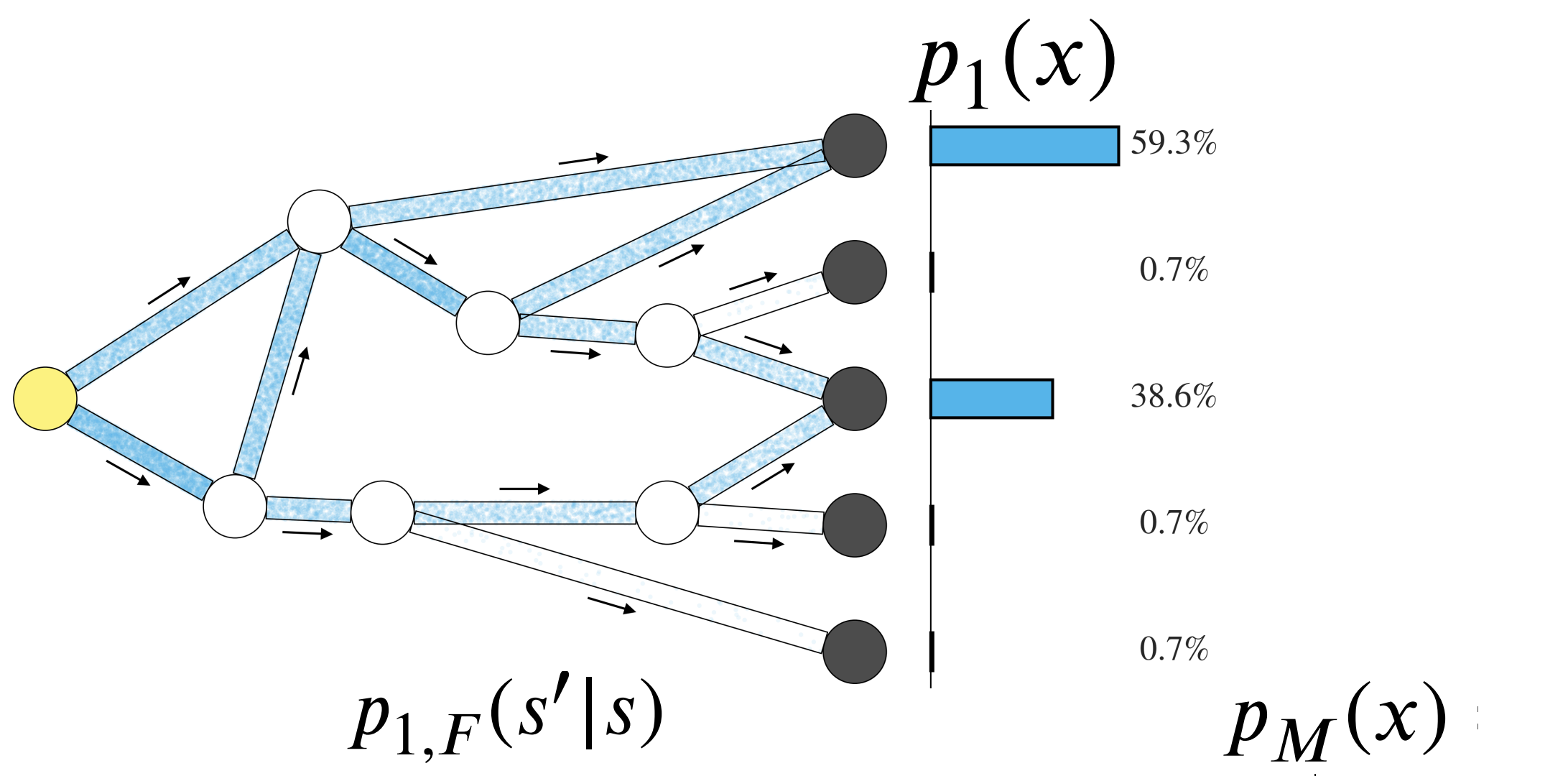
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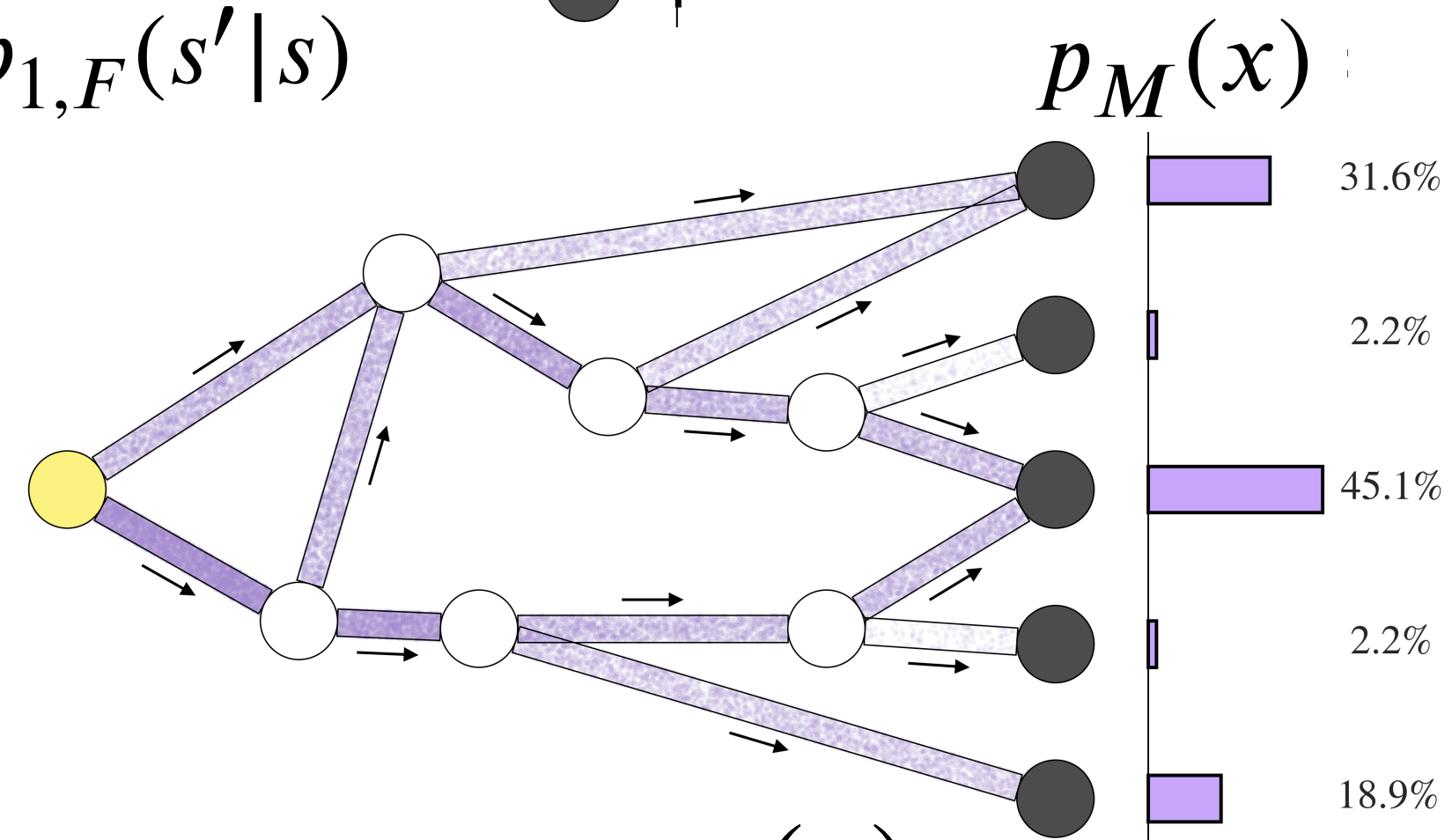
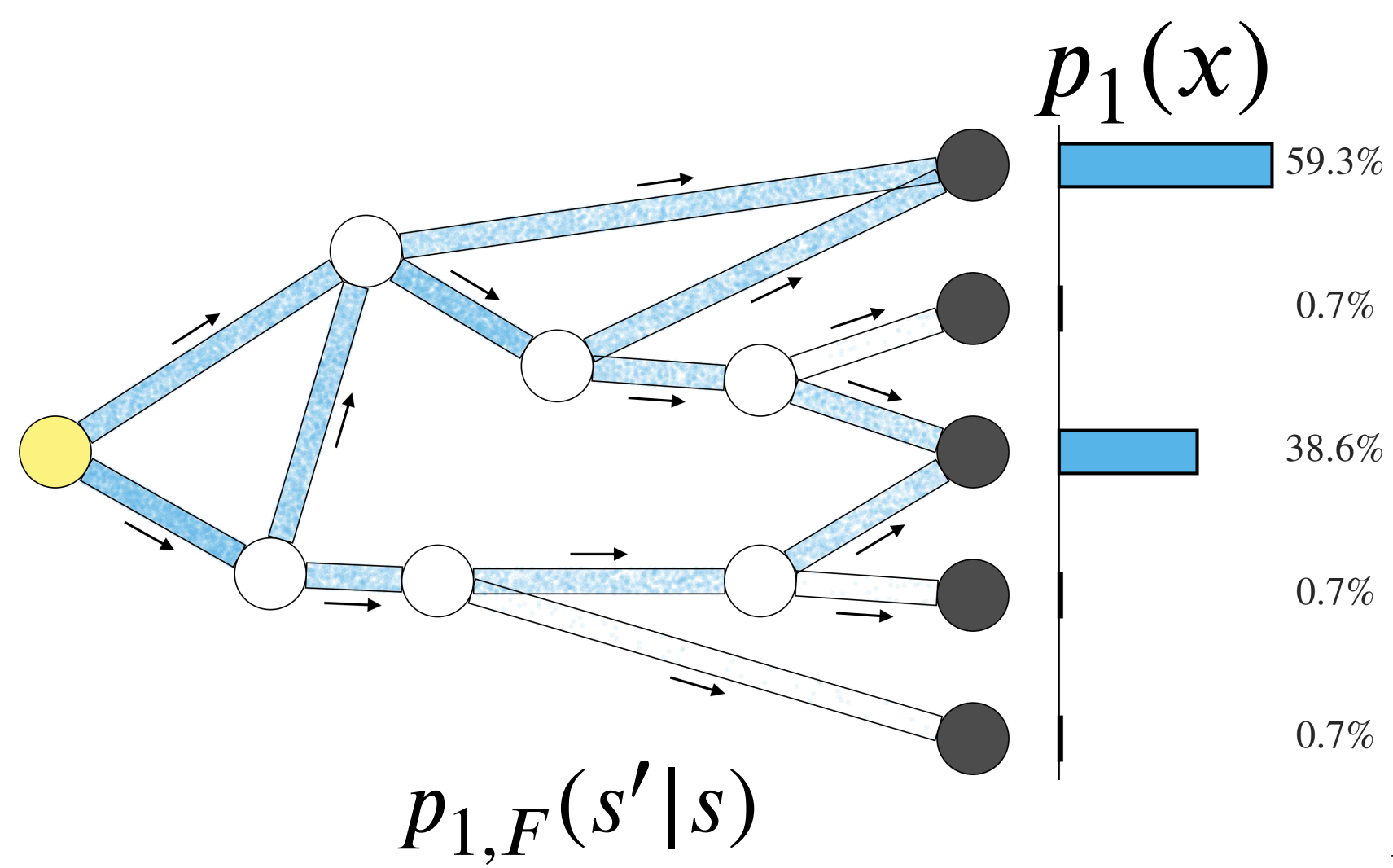
$$(p_1 \odot p_2)(x) = \tilde{p}(x | y_1 = 1, y_2 = 1) \propto \frac{(p_1(x))^2}{p_1(x) + p_2(x)}$$

$$(p_2 \odot p_1)(x) = \tilde{p}(x | y_1 = 2, y_2 = 2) \propto \frac{(p_2(x))^2}{p_1(x) + p_2(x)}$$

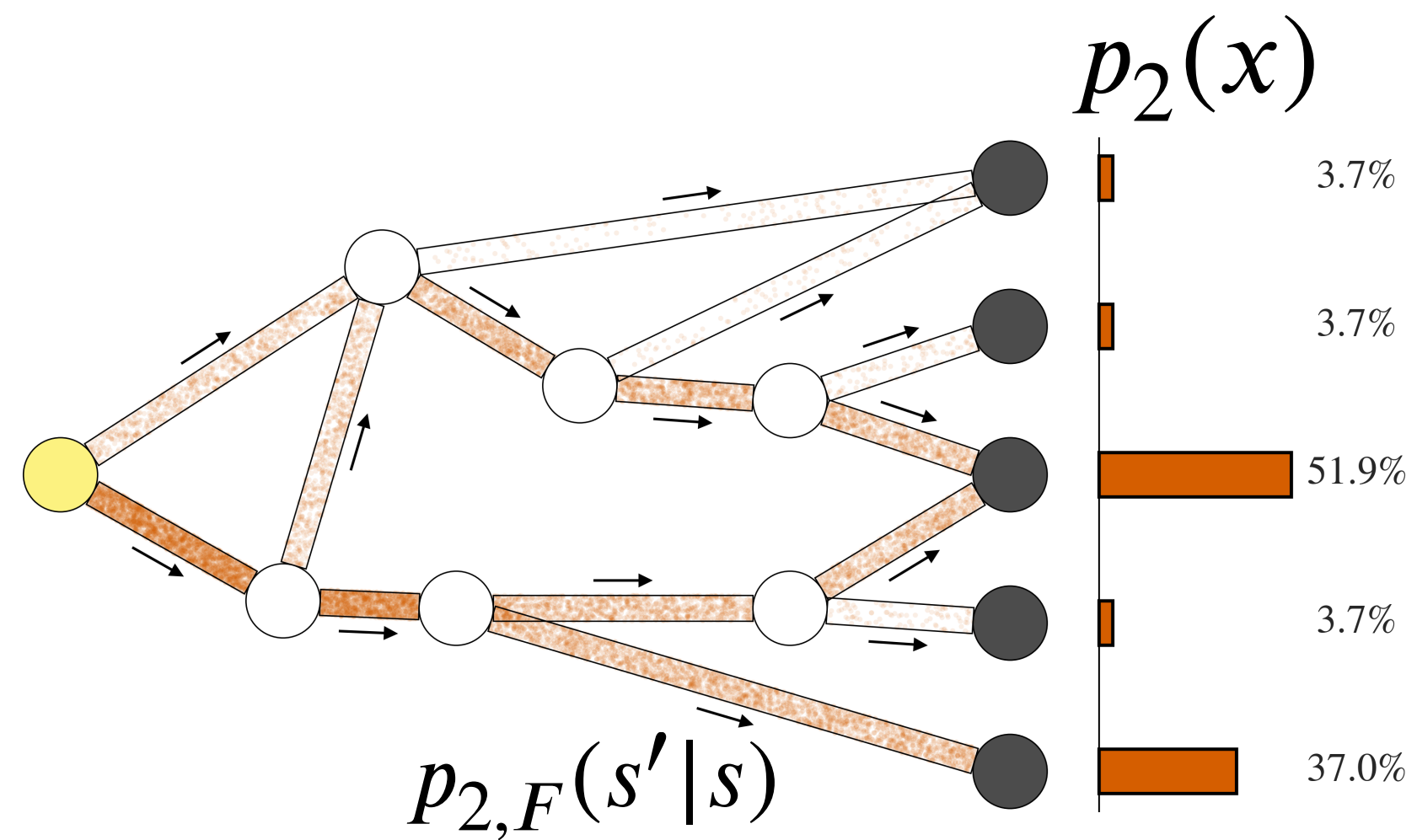
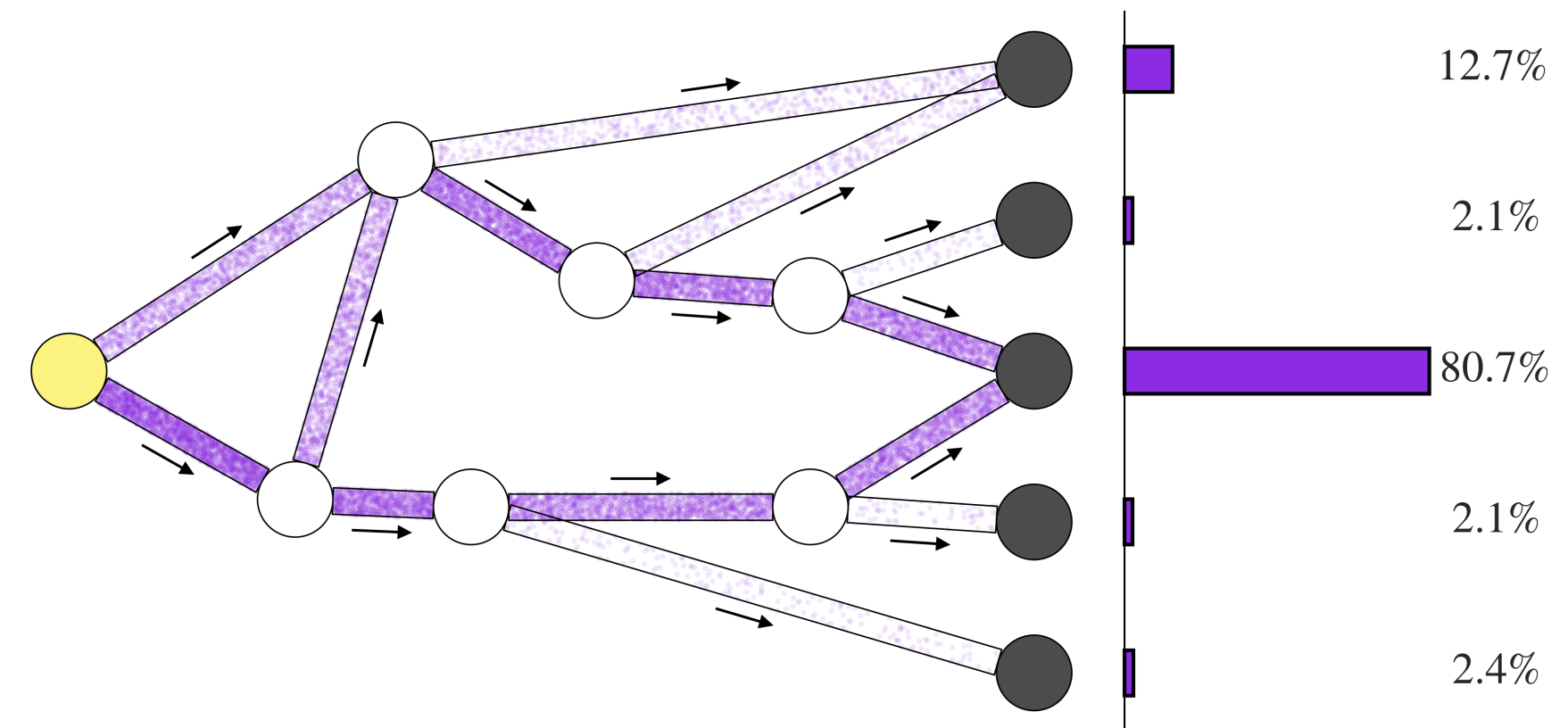


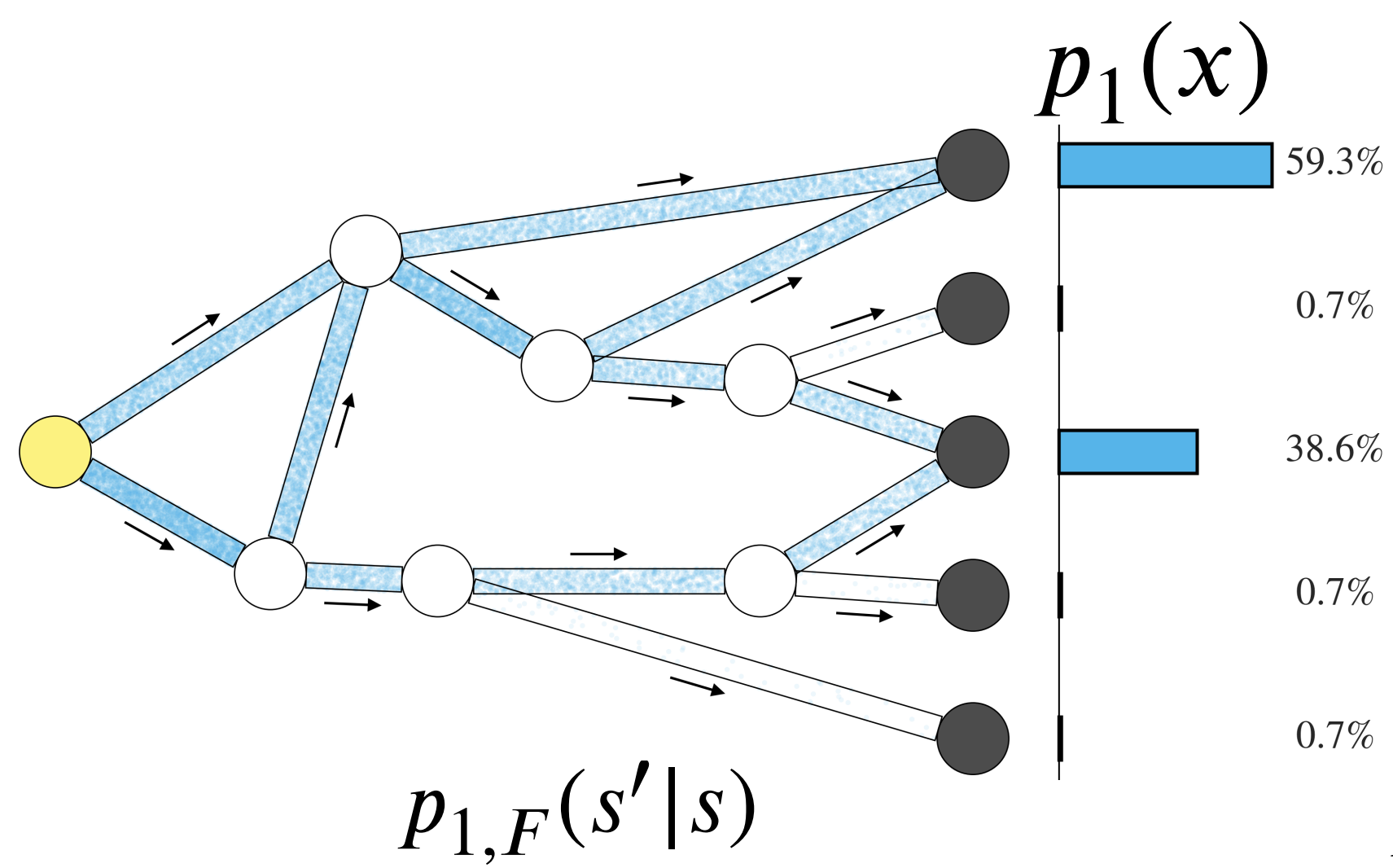






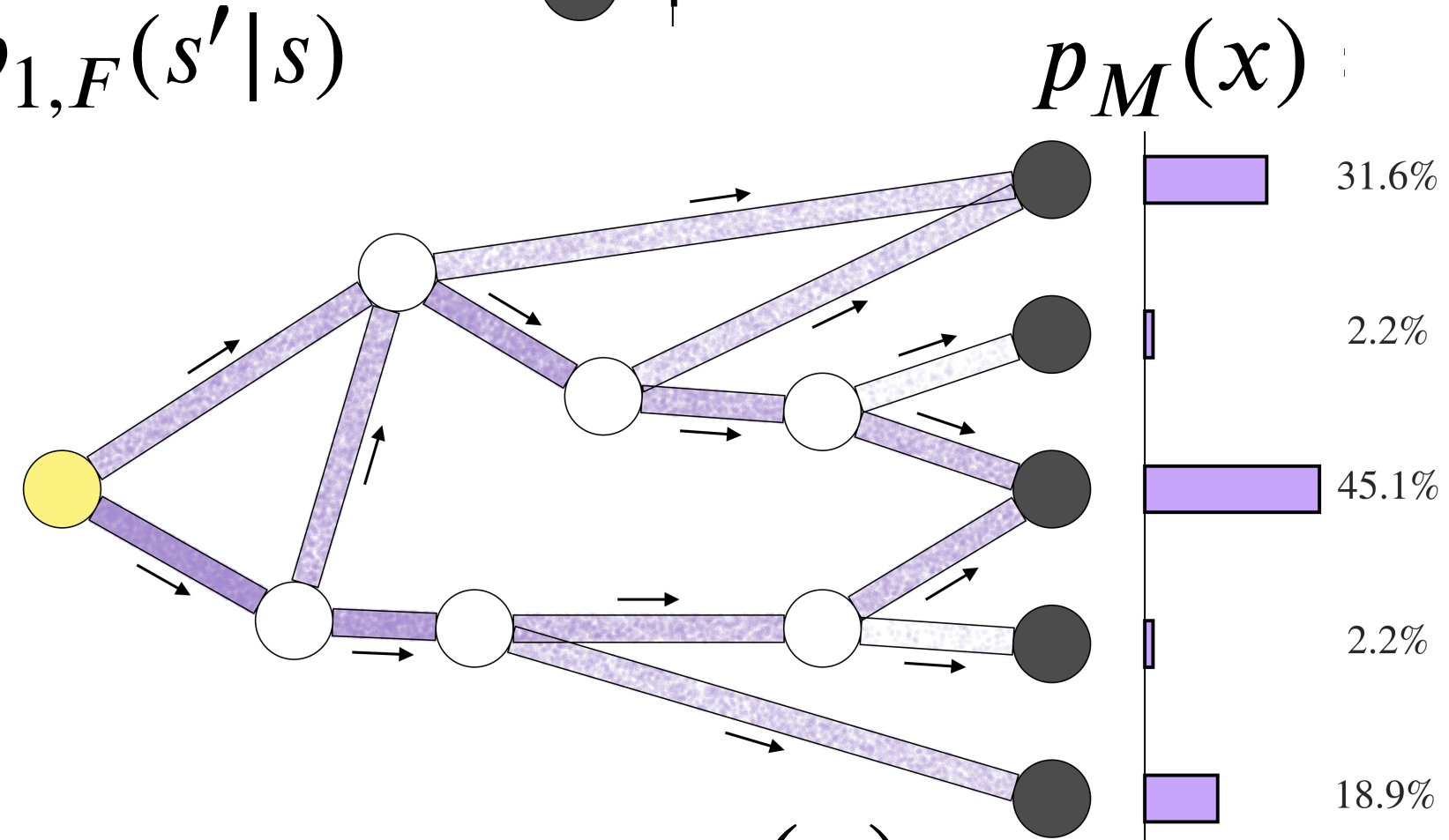
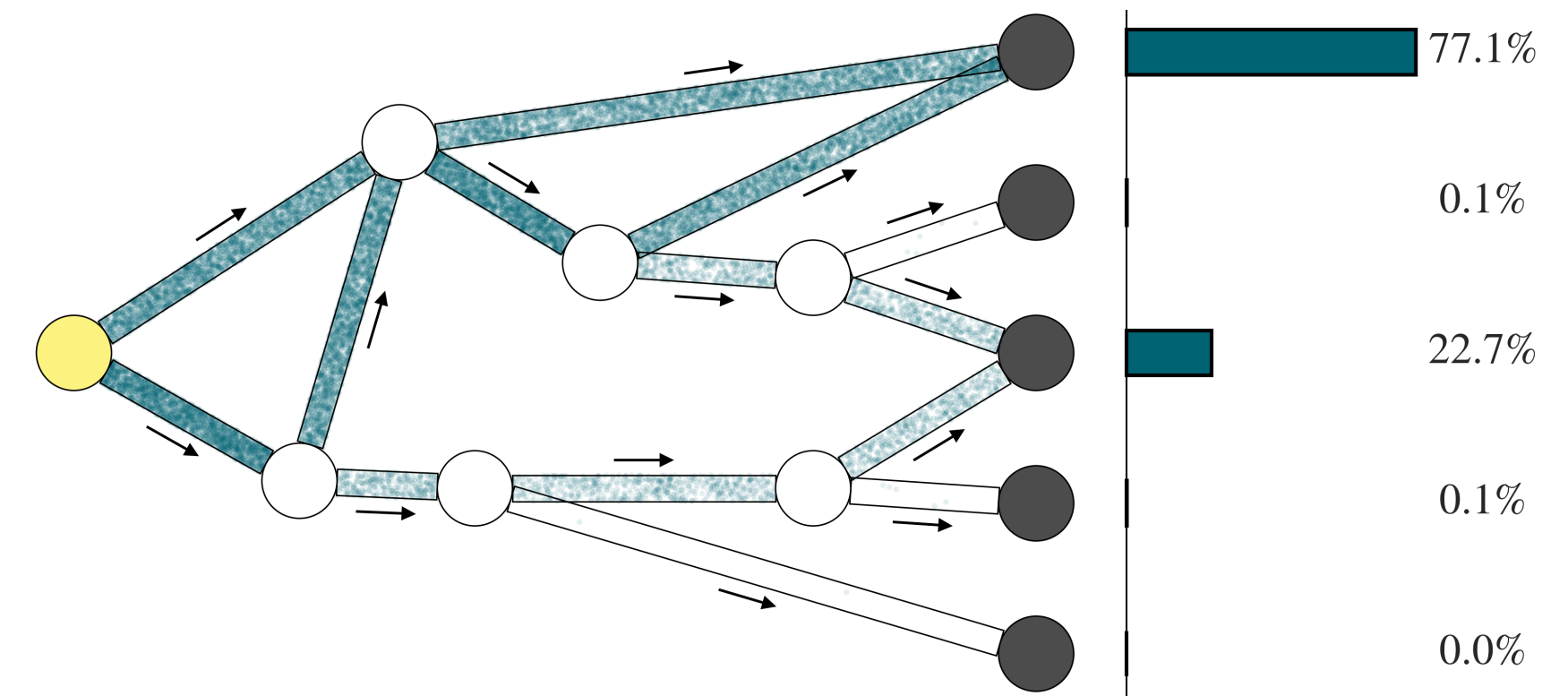
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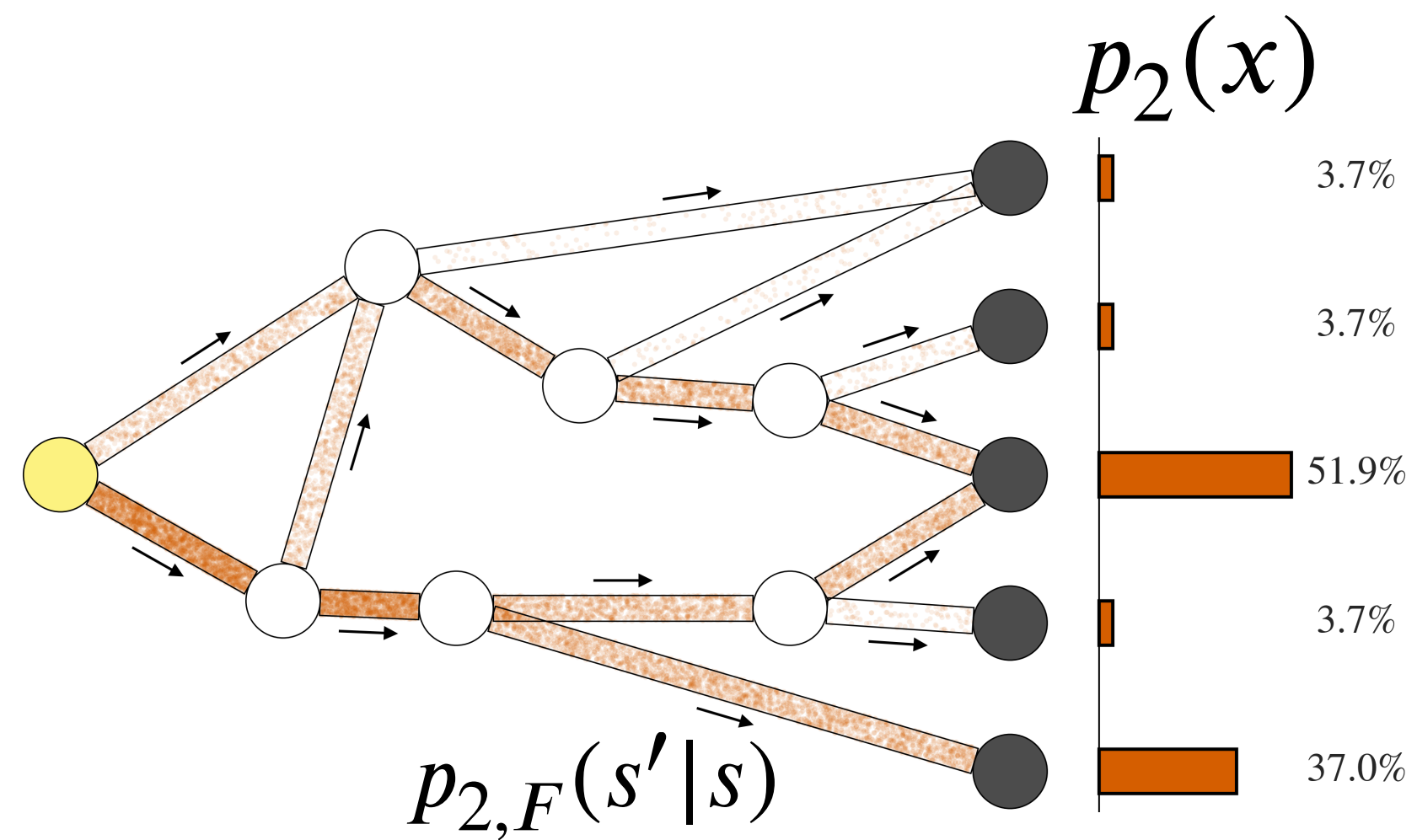
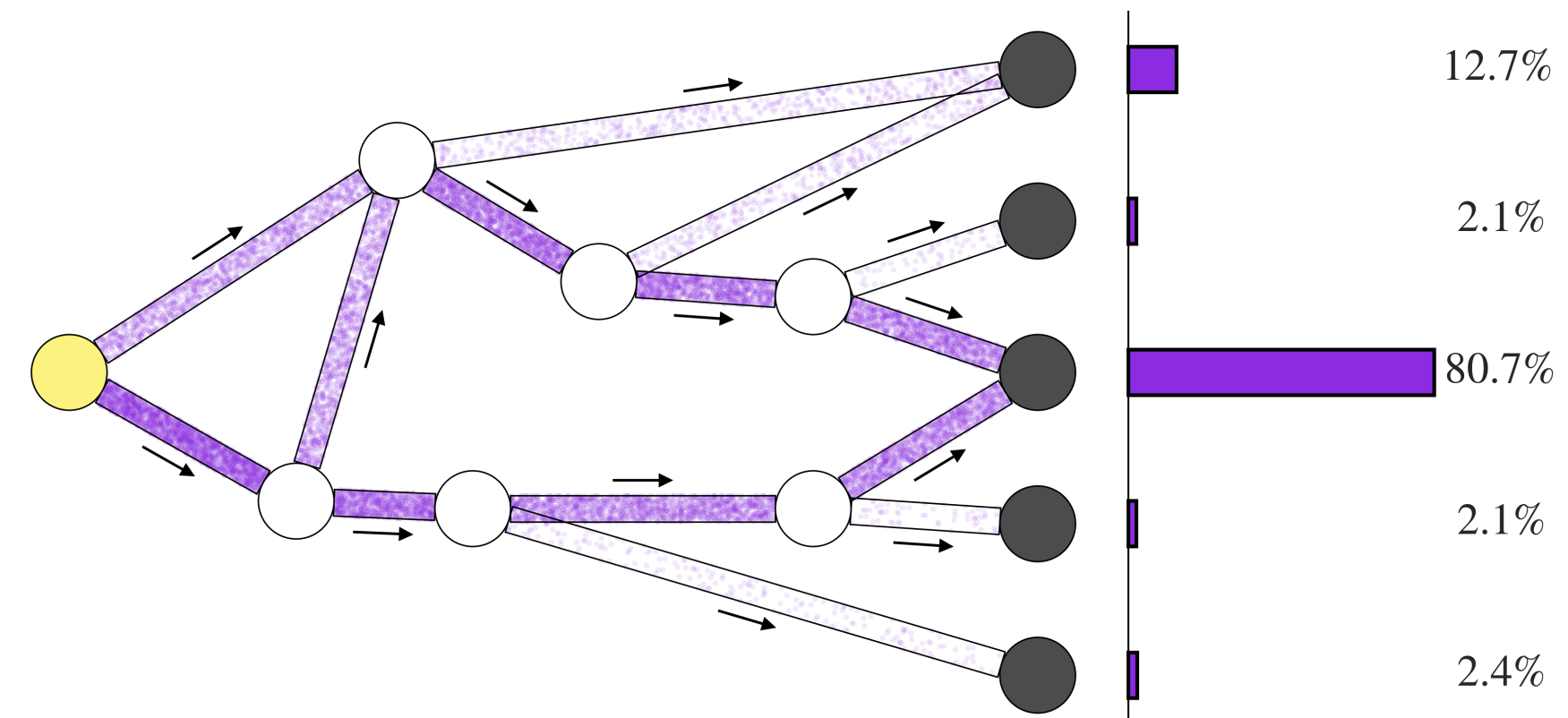
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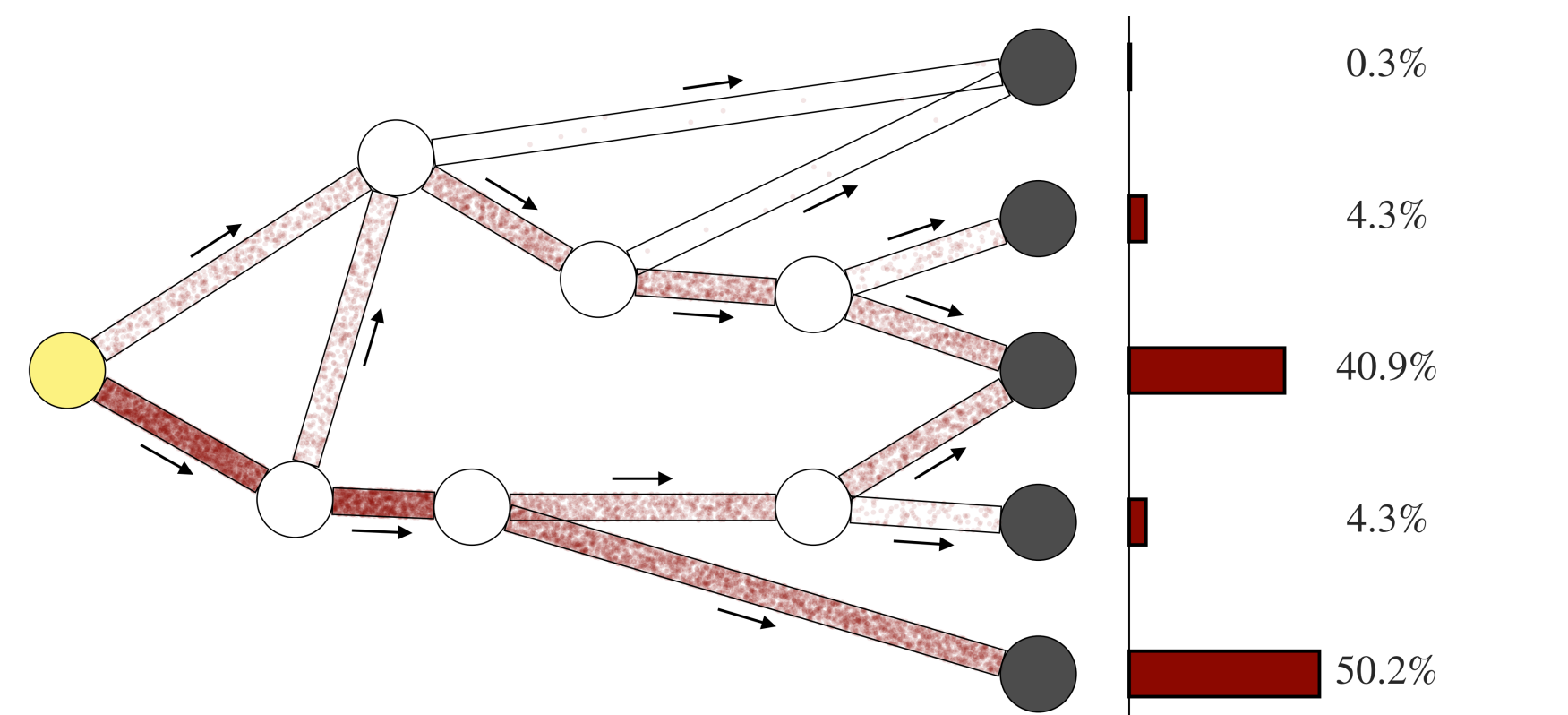
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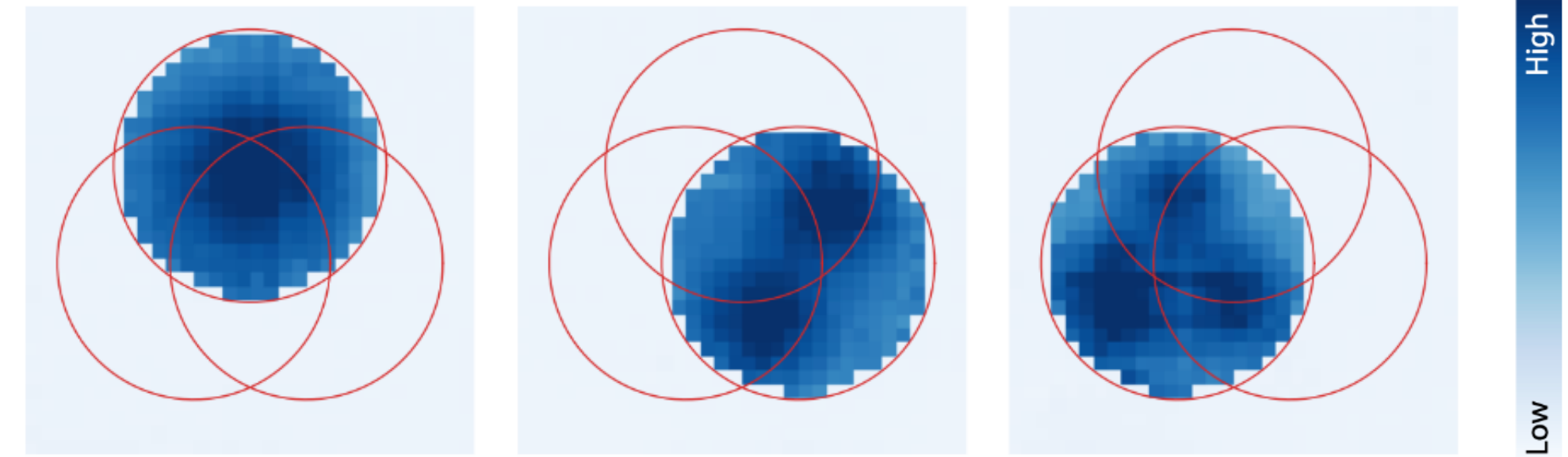


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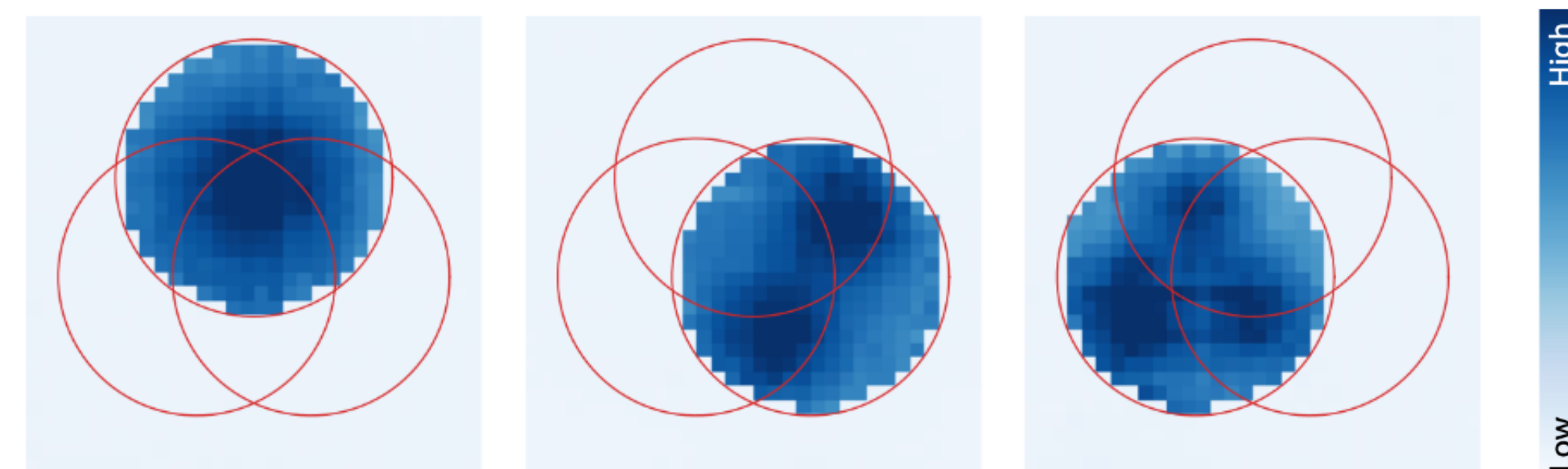
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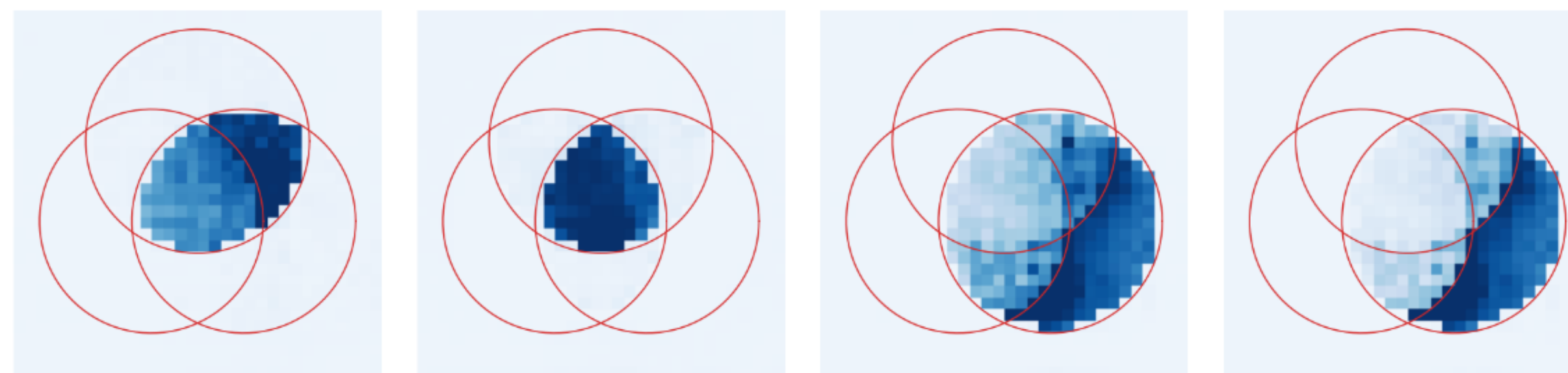
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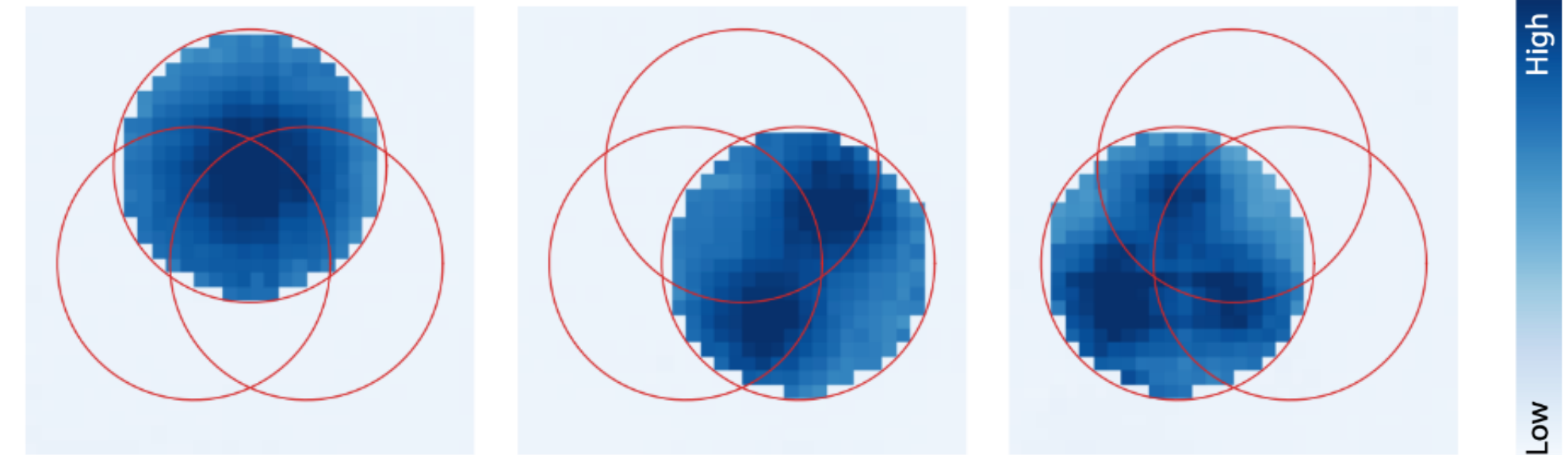
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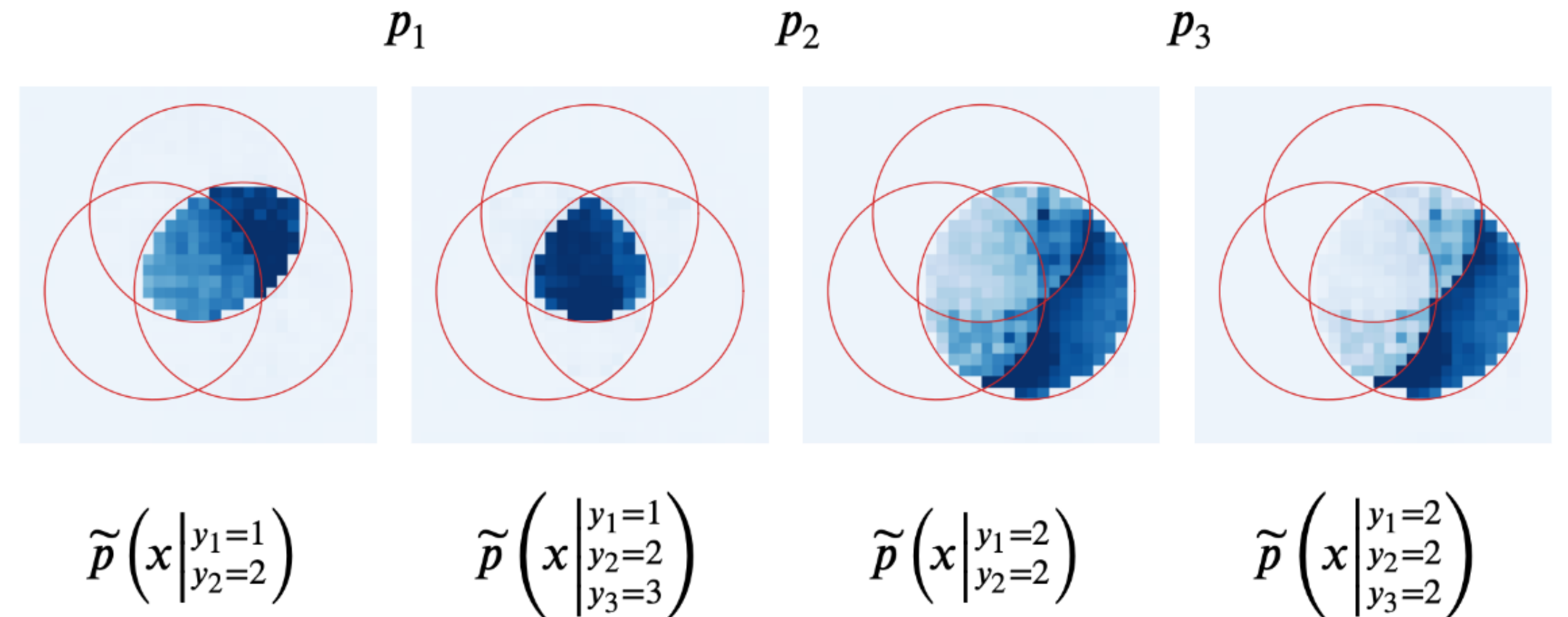
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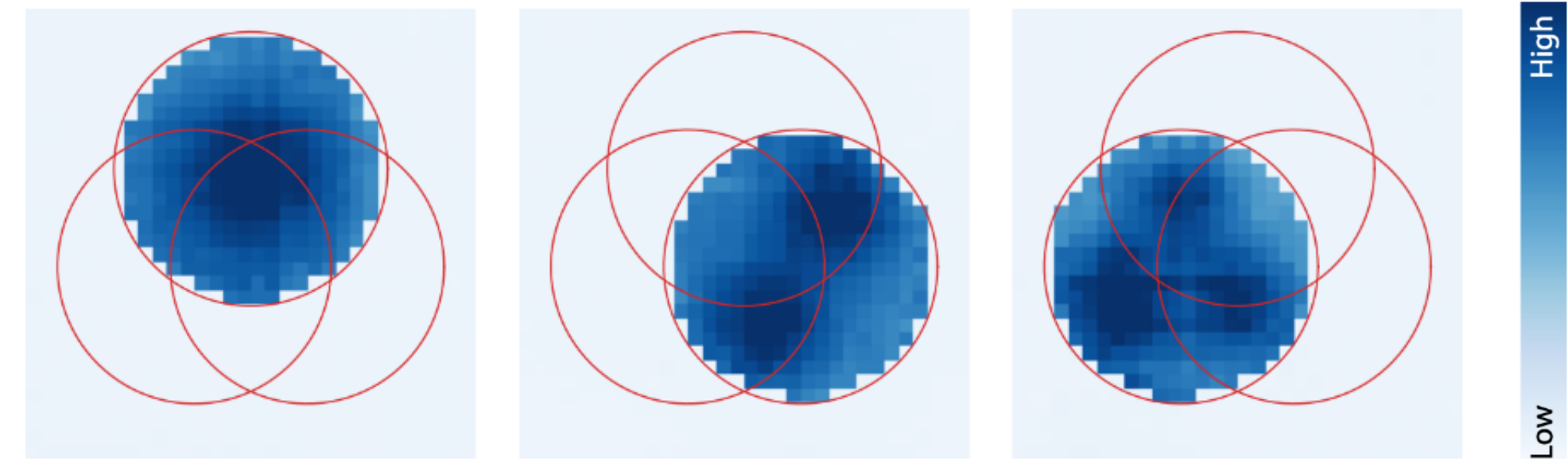


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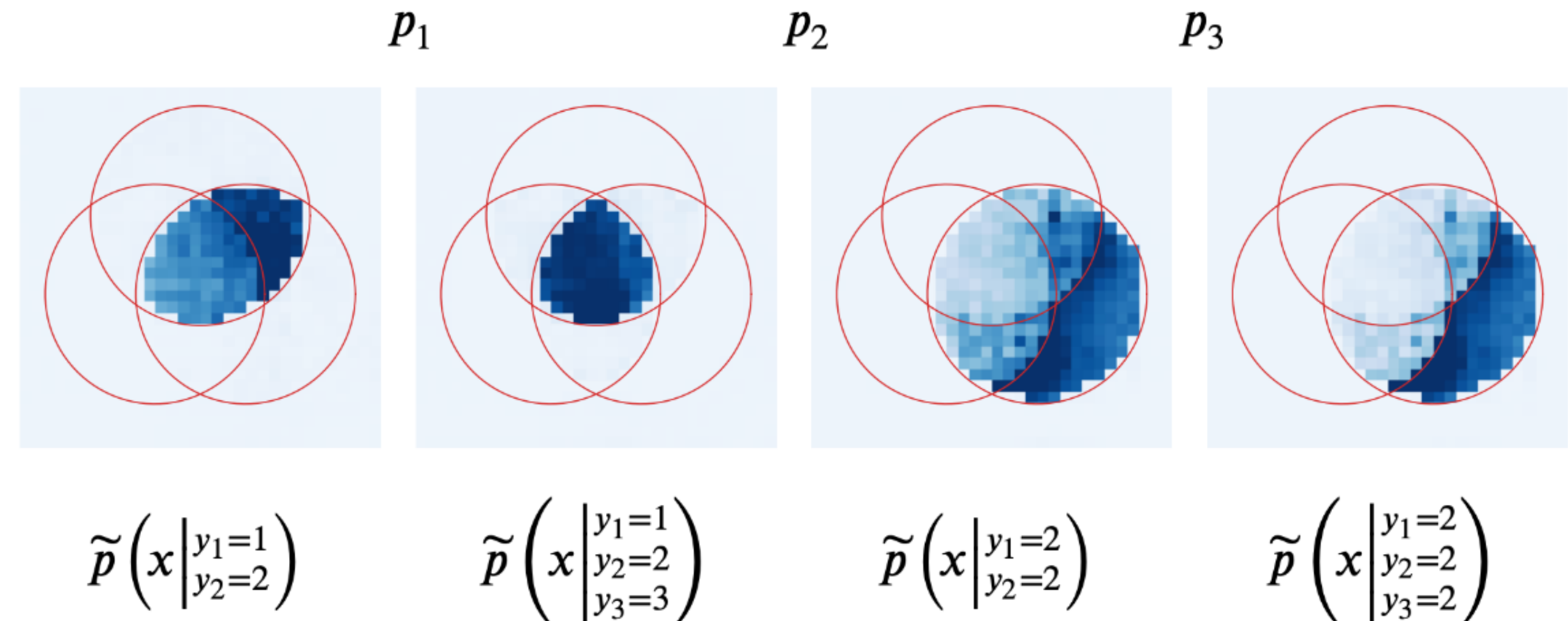
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Control of resulting distribution via observations  
+ more tools for control in the thesis



**Theorem.**

Suppose distributions  $p_1(x), \dots, p_m(x)$  are realized by GFlowNets with forward policies  $p_{1,F}(\cdot|\cdot), \dots, p_{m,F}(\cdot|\cdot)$  respectively. Let  $y_1, \dots, y_n$  be random variables defined by

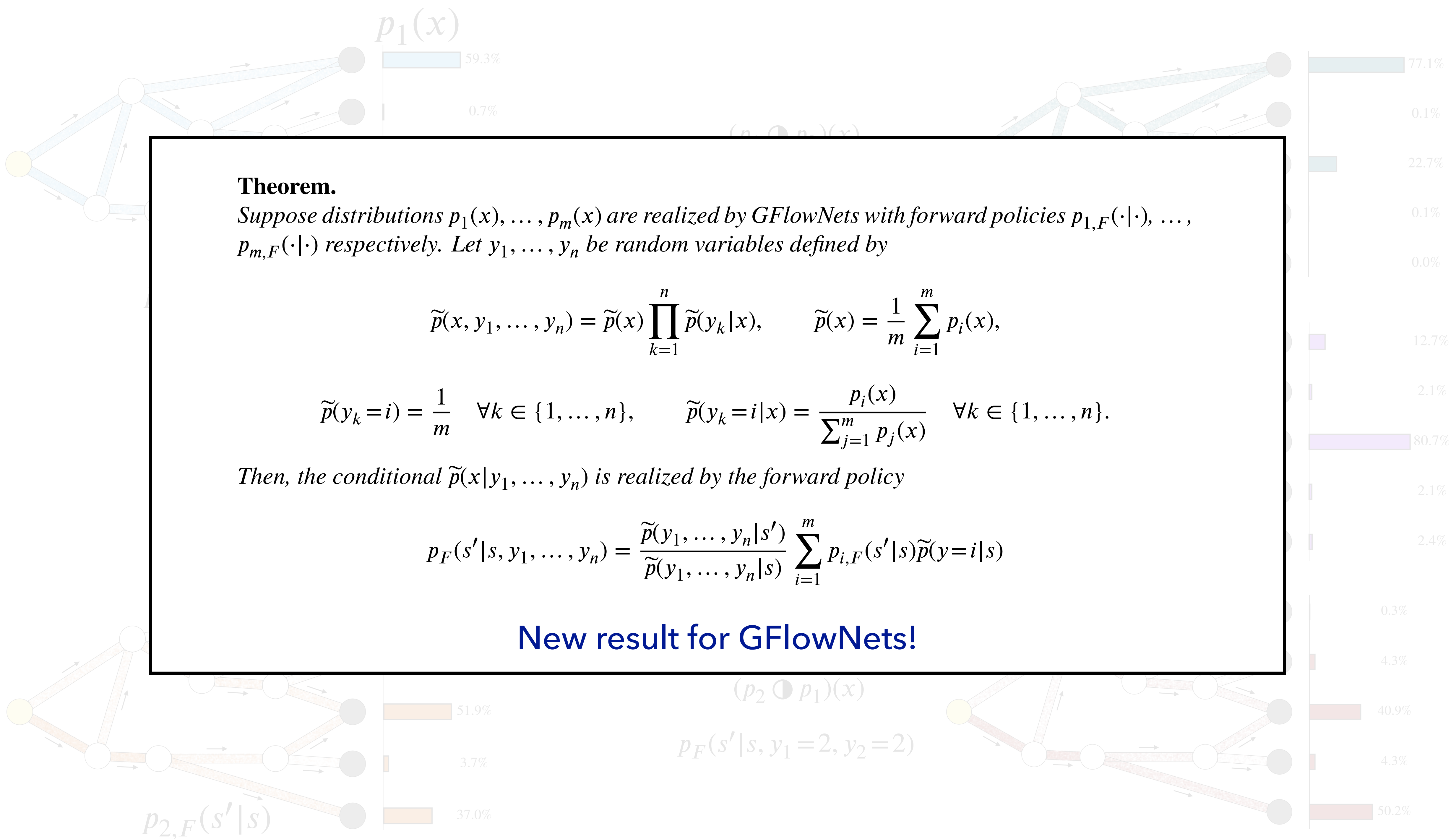
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**New result for GFlowNets!**





**Theorem.**

Suppose distributions  $p_1(x), \dots, p_m(x)$  are realized by diffusion models with score functions  $s_{i,t}(\cdot)$  and forward SDEs

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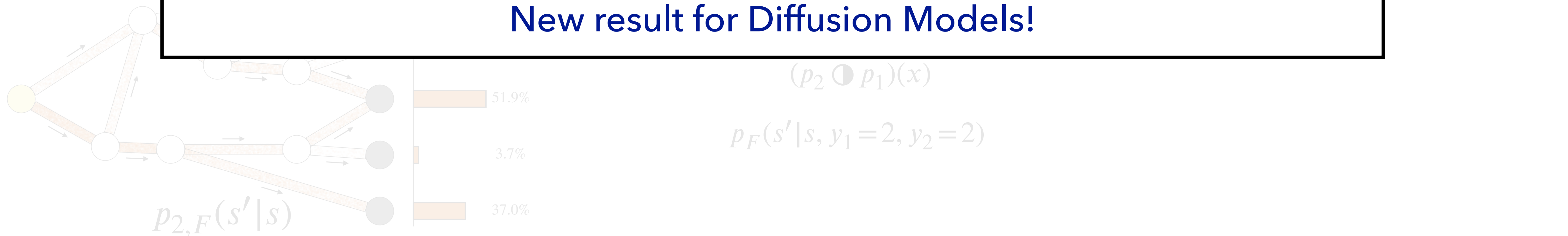
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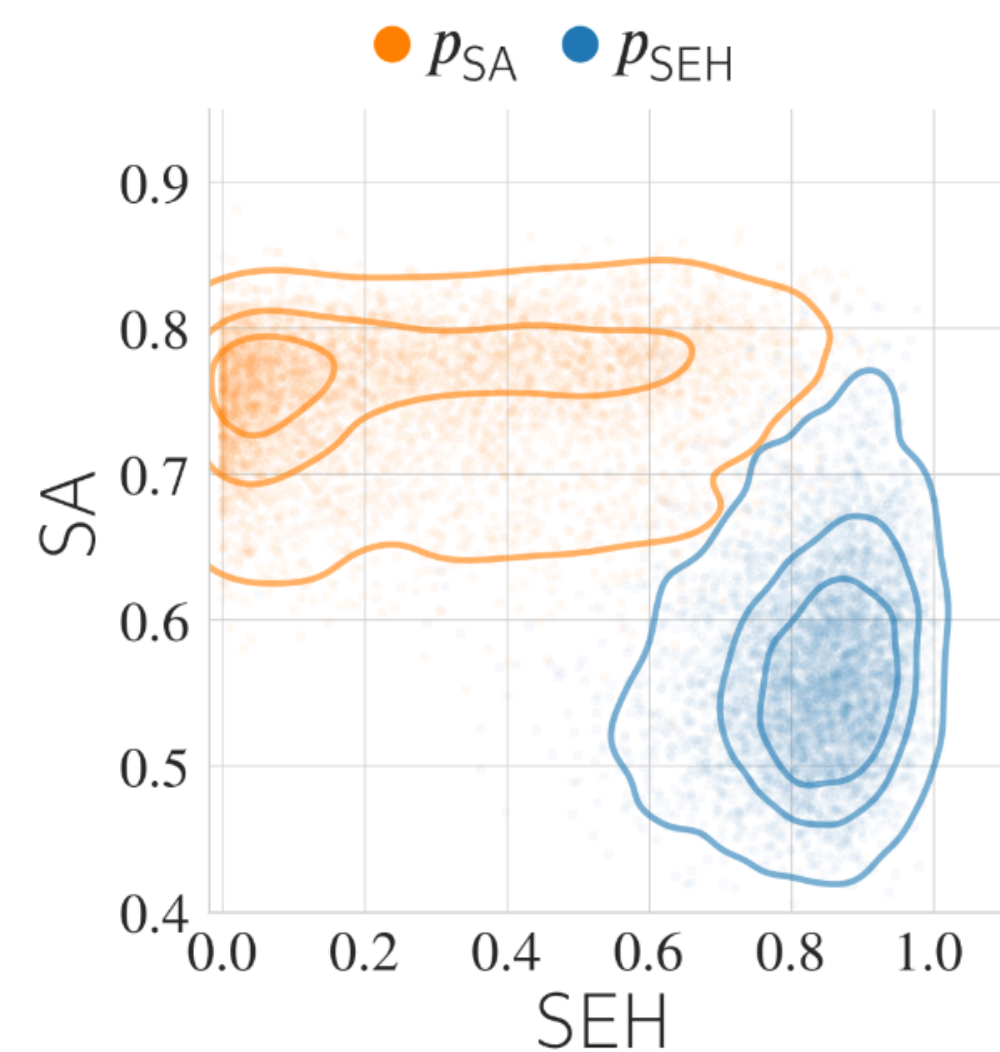
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	GFlowNets $p_i(x) : p_{i,F}(s_{t+1} s_t; \theta)$		GFlowNet mixture + classifier guidance

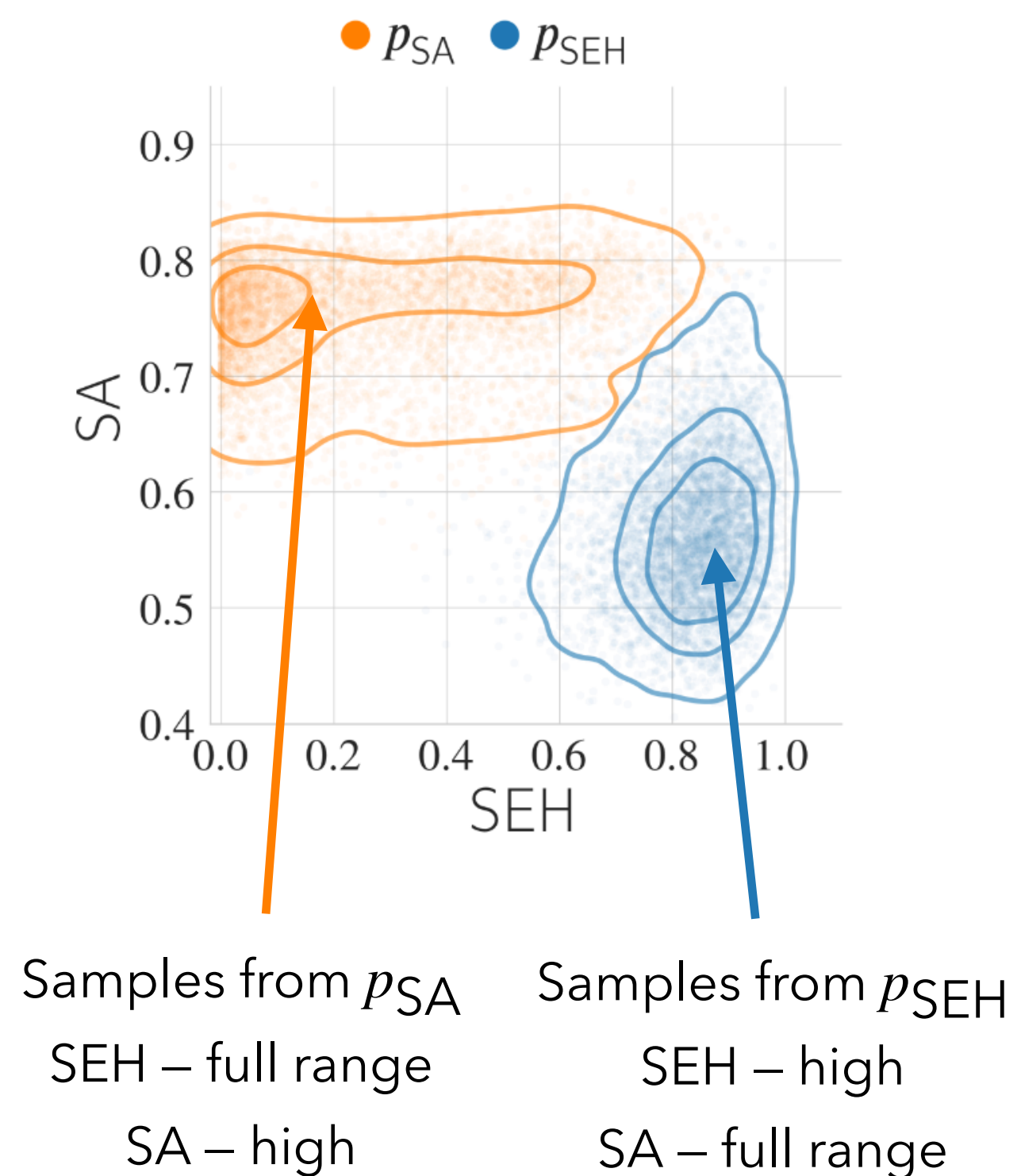
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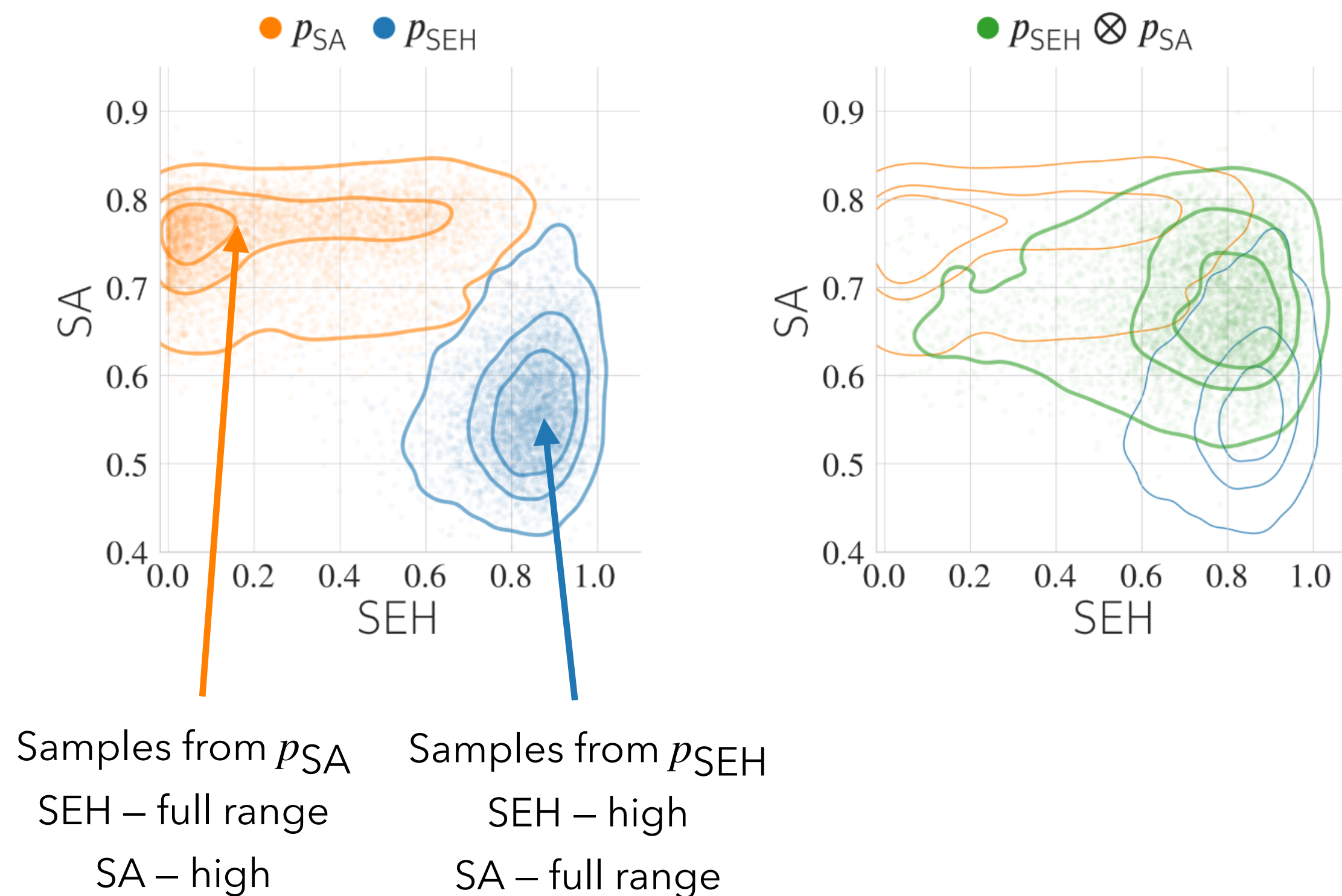
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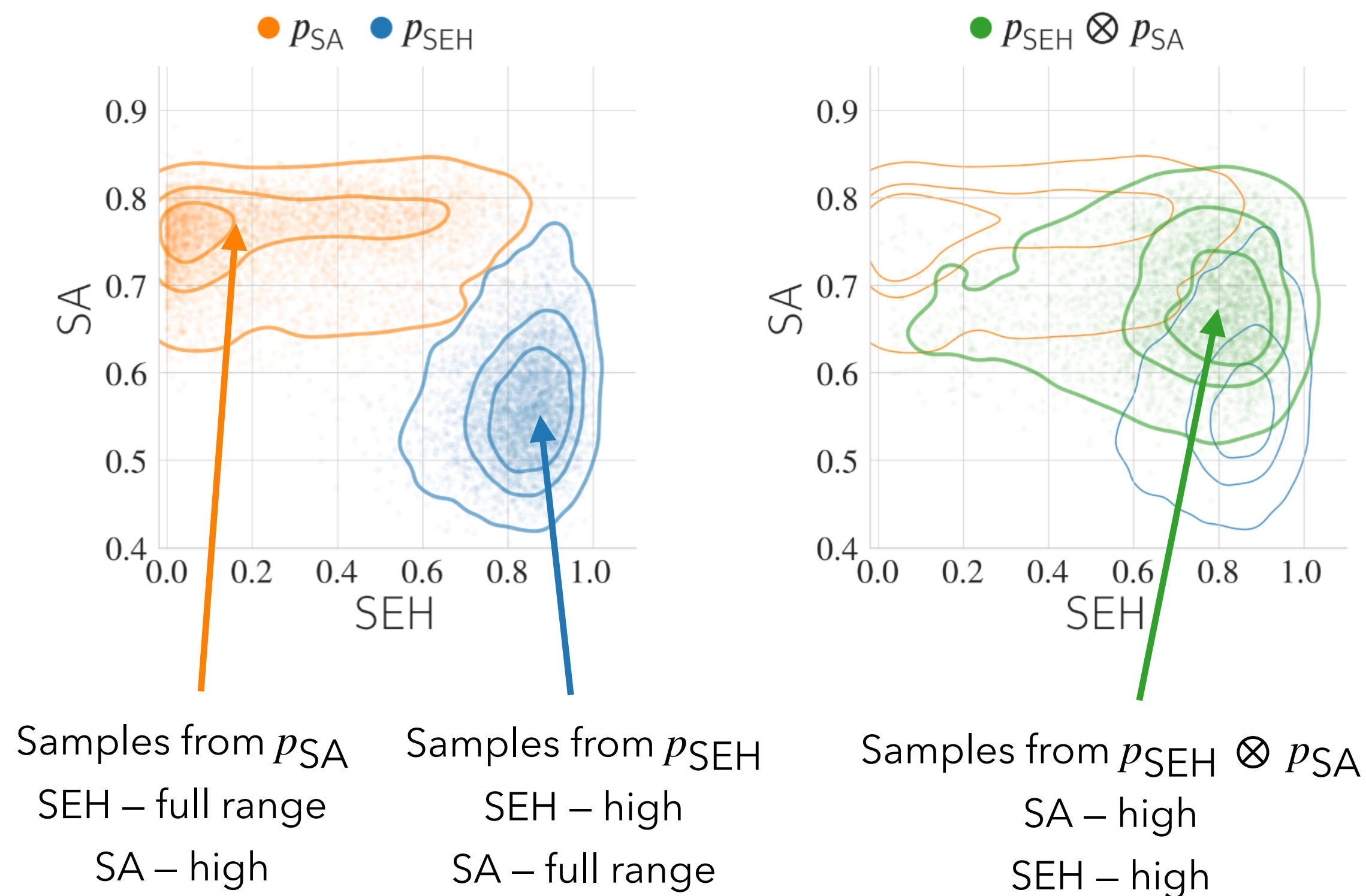
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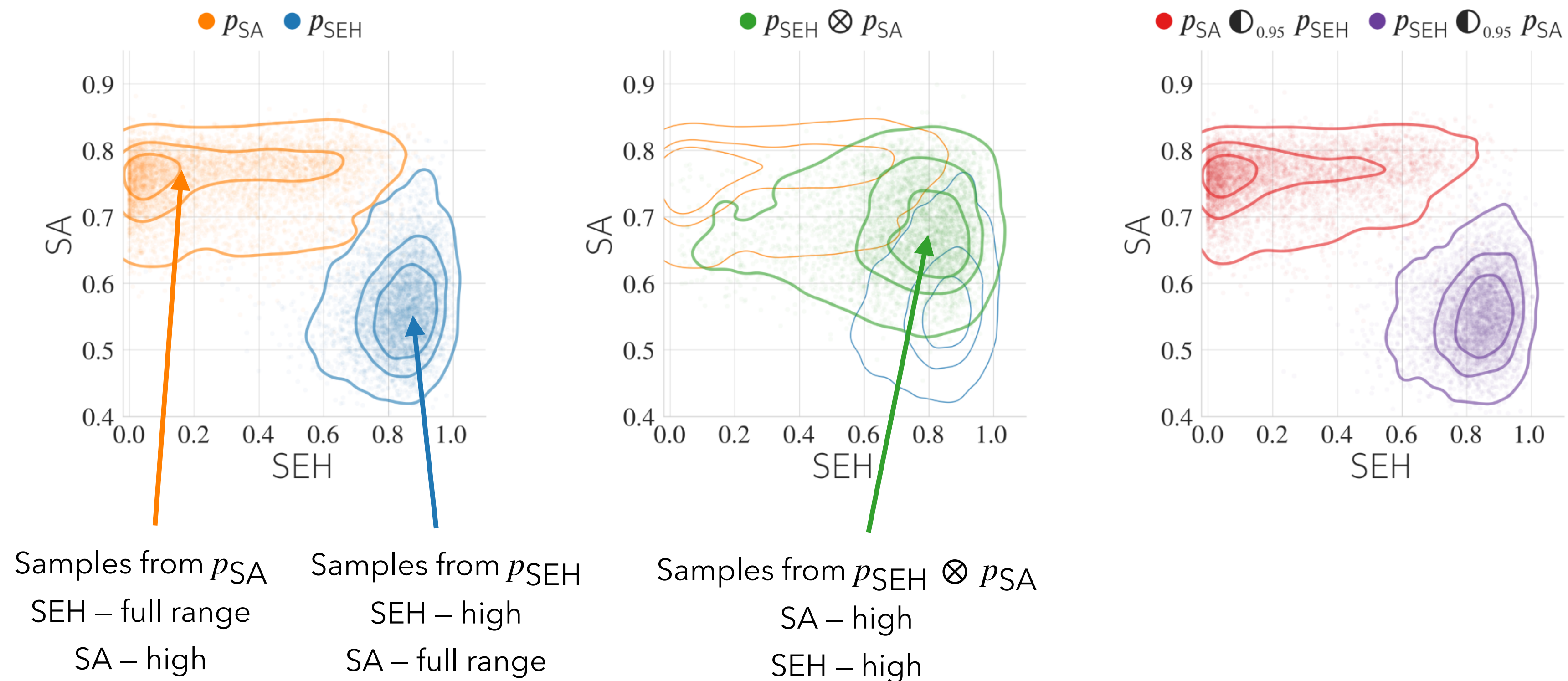


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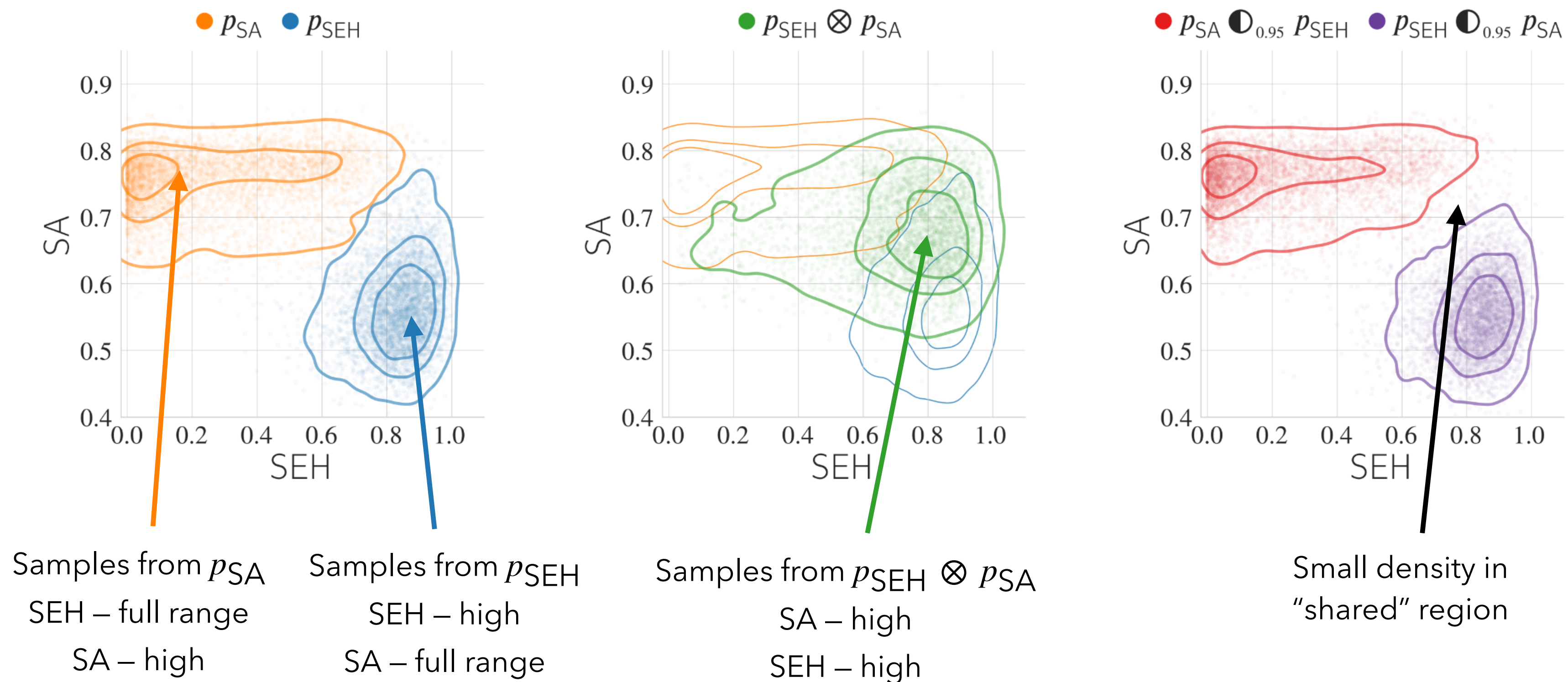
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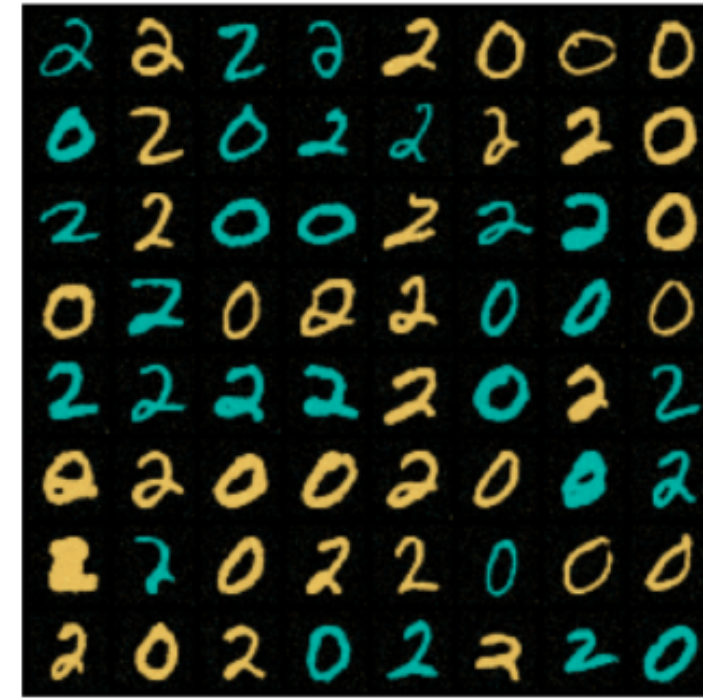
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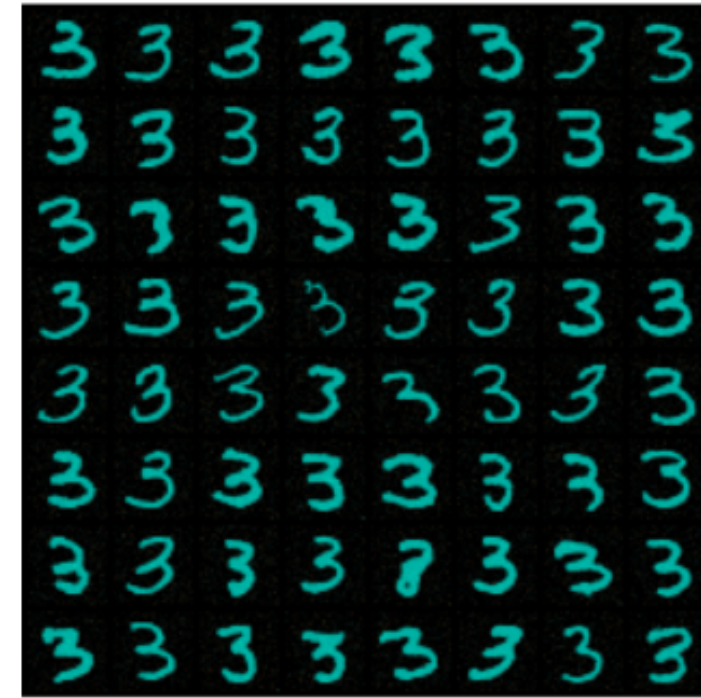
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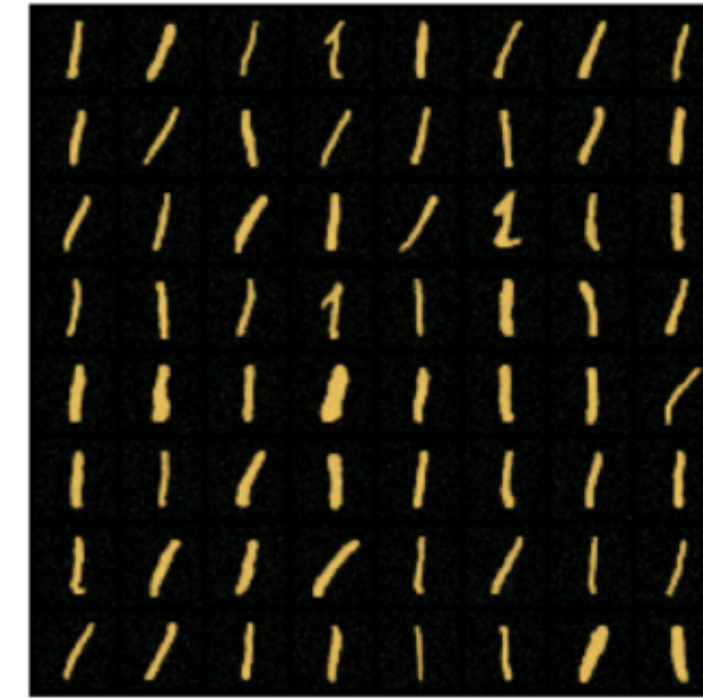
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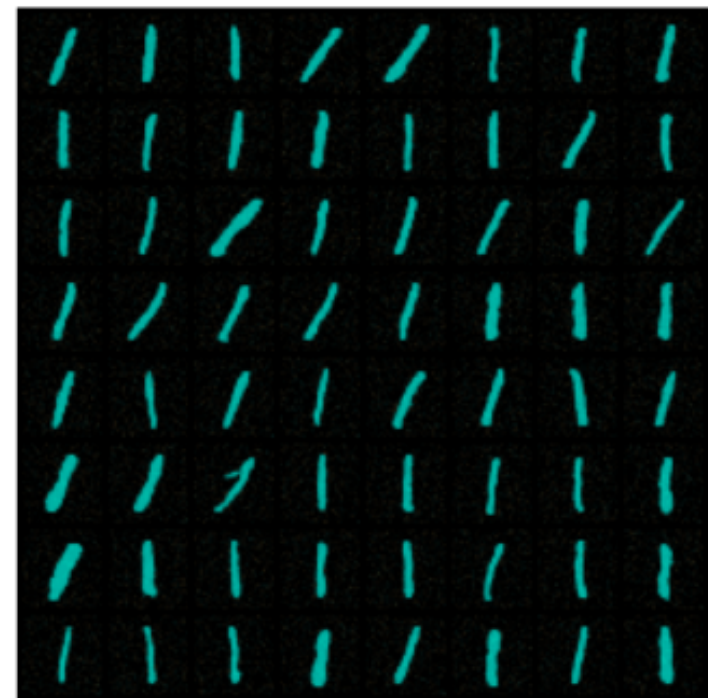
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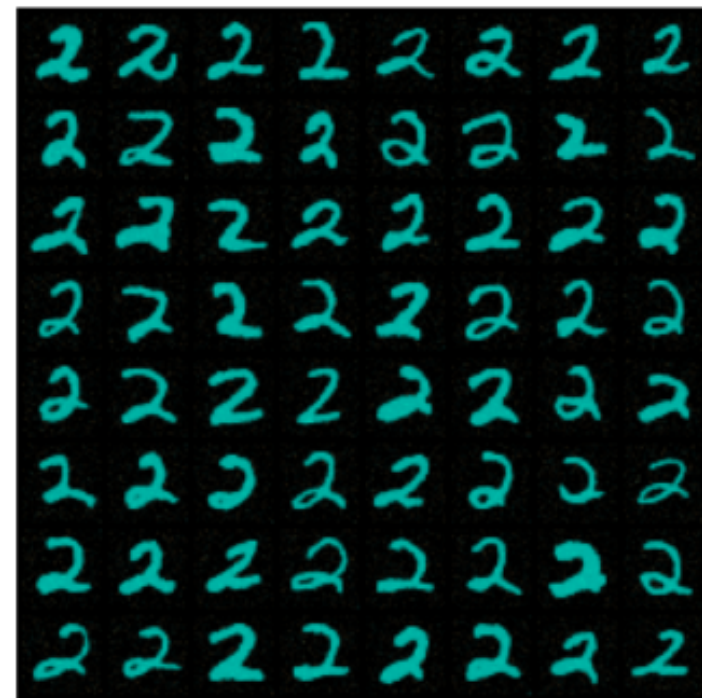
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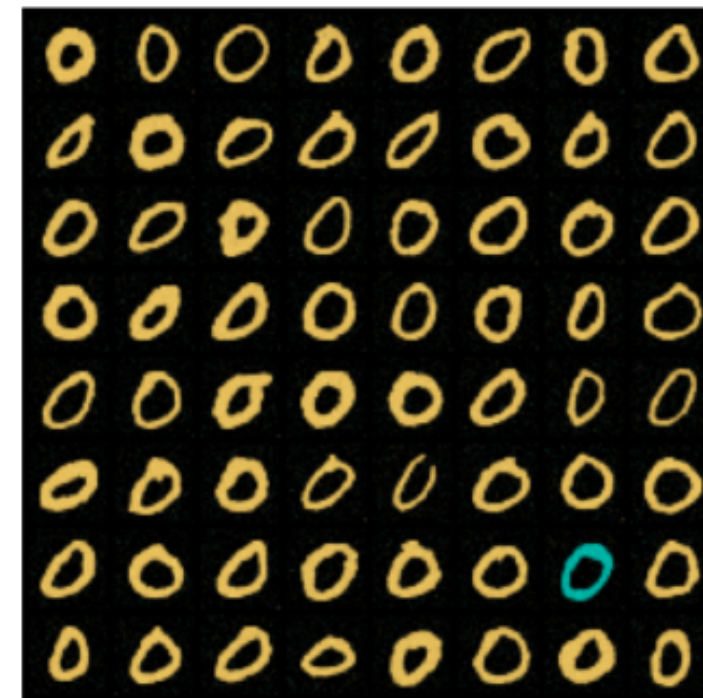
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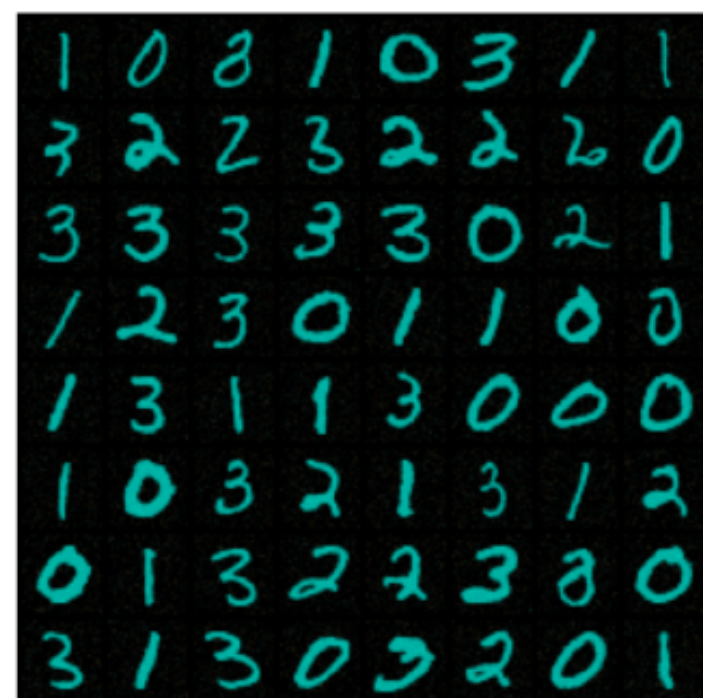
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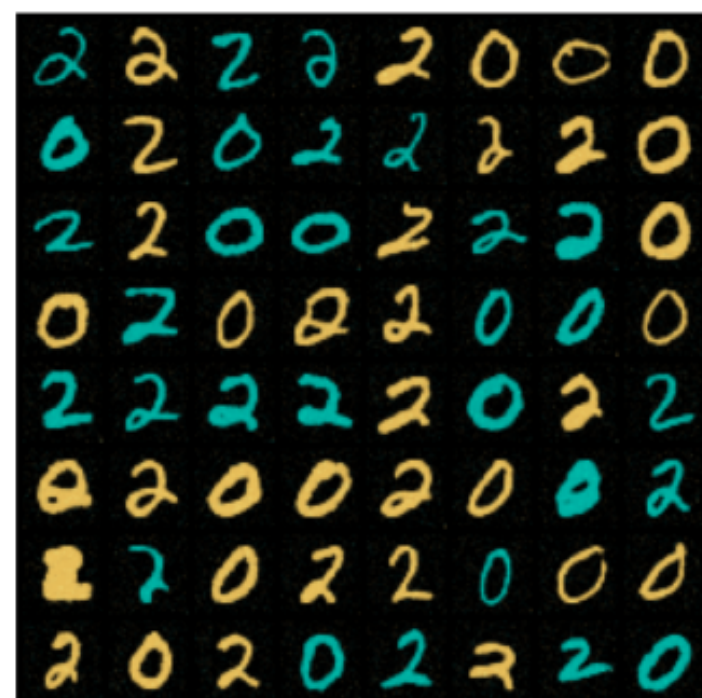
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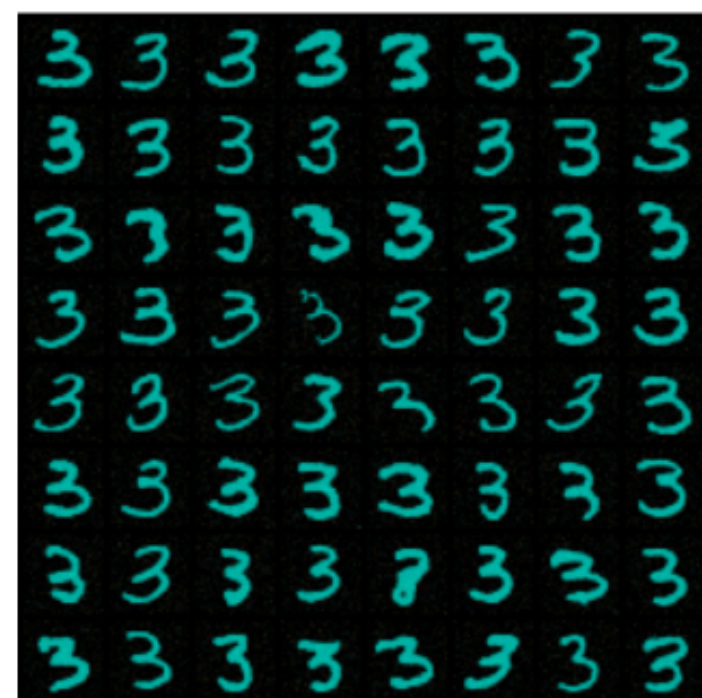
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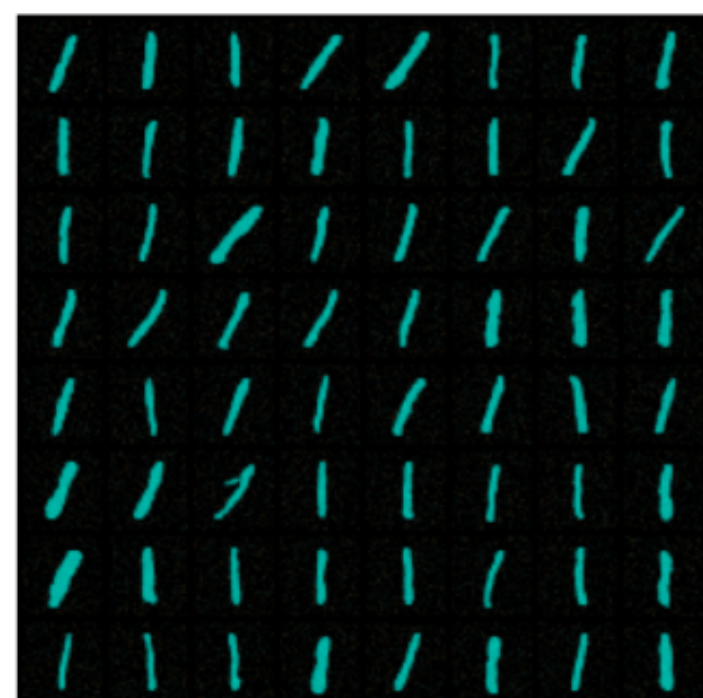
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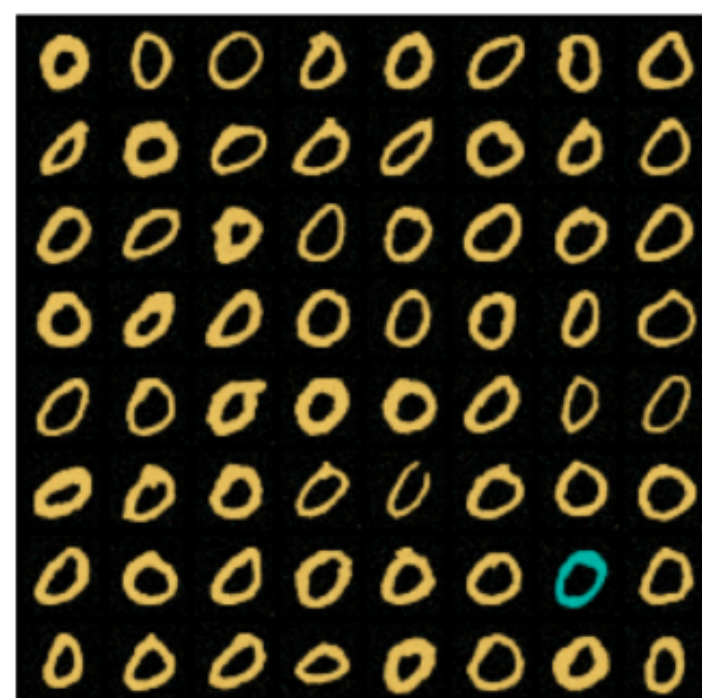
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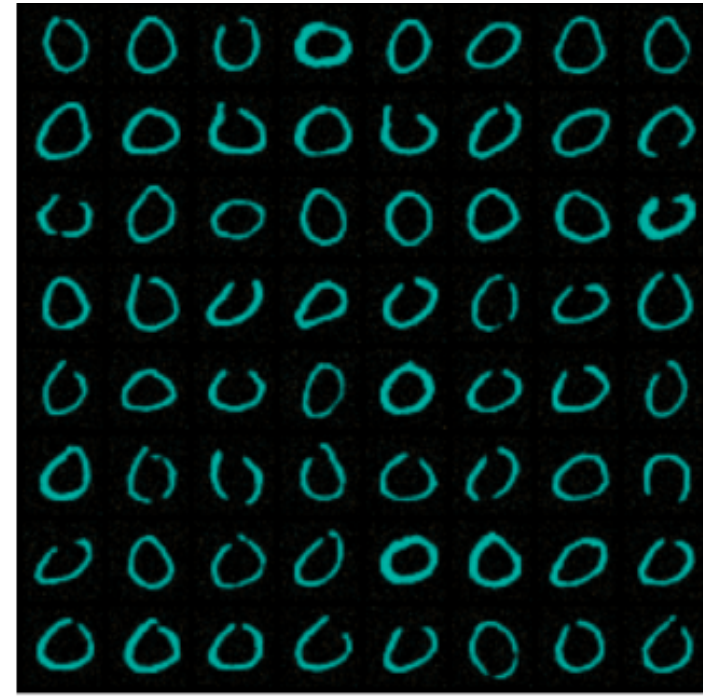


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# Compositional Sculpting: Summary

New method for composition of diffusion models or GFlowNets

- ▶ **Controllable composition operations** through inference:

Base models  $\rightarrow$  (prior, observations)  $\rightarrow$  posterior

- ▶ Binary: **"Harmonic Mean"** and **"Contrast"**

- ▶ Generalized: N-ary, parameterized, chained

- ▶ **Tractable sampling algorithm**: classifier guidance on mixture of base models

Experimental validation

- ▶ GFlowNets, controllable synthetic domain (2D grid)

- ▶ GFlowNets, molecule generation

- ▶ Diffusion models, small image generation

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Compositional Sculpting of Iterative Generative Processes

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# Thesis Overview

## Contributions

- ▶ Novel principled algorithms for training and inference in deep probabilistic models
- ▶ Guarantees
  - ▶ Training: optimality of the desired target configurations
  - ▶ Inference: sampling from target distributions

## Approach

- ▶ Guide complex models using signal derived from a simple auxiliary model (discriminator / coordinator)

## Applications

- ▶ Image generation
- ▶ Unsupervised domain adaptation under multi-faceted distribution shift
- ▶ Multi-objective drug-like molecule generation

## Models and analysis tools

- ▶ Generative adversarial networks, domain adversarial neural networks, diffusion models, GFlowNets
- ▶ Game theoretic training algorithms, optimal transport, dynamical systems, stochastic processes