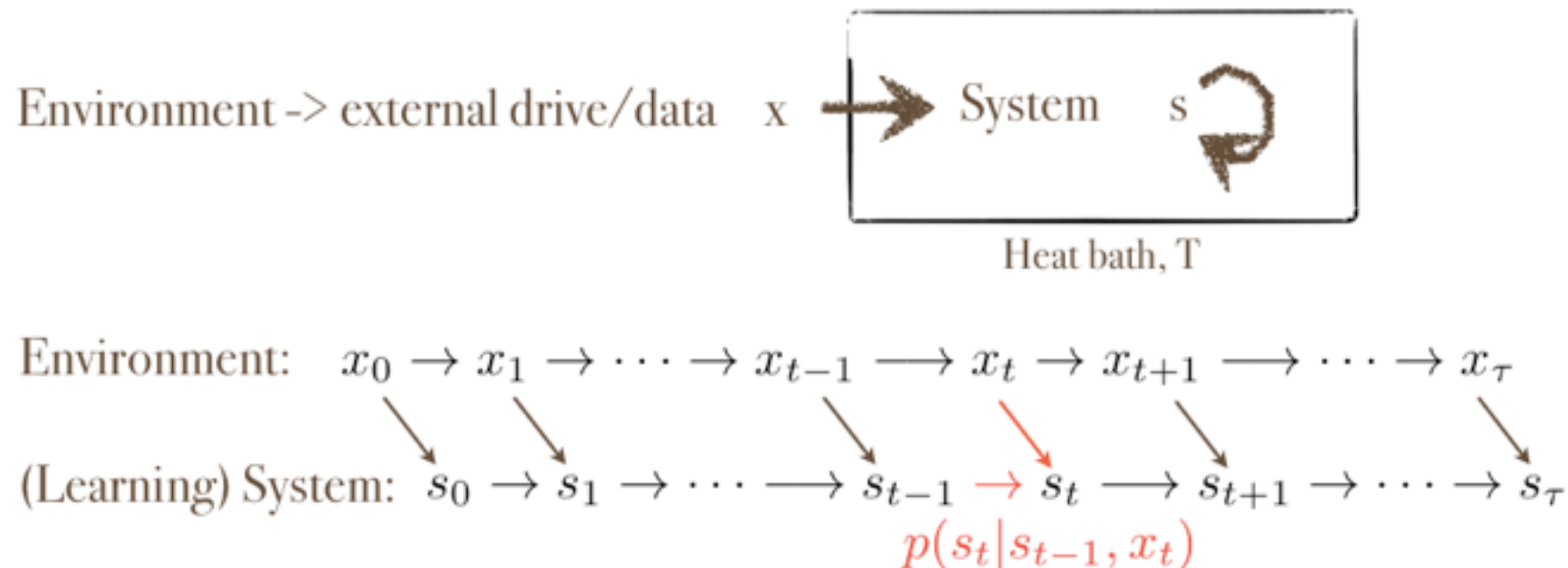


Cost and utility of data representation

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Reminder

- Looking for a derivation of a prescription for learning from physics, in particular from physical limits of information processing.
- The first hint we have is: in stochastic driven systems, Dissipation is lower bound by nonpredictive information



$$\beta (\langle W \rangle - \Delta F) \geq \sum_{t=0}^{\tau} (I[S_t; X_t] - I[S_t; X_{t+1}])$$

- Now we will look at generic data representation and ask about the limits to dissipation.

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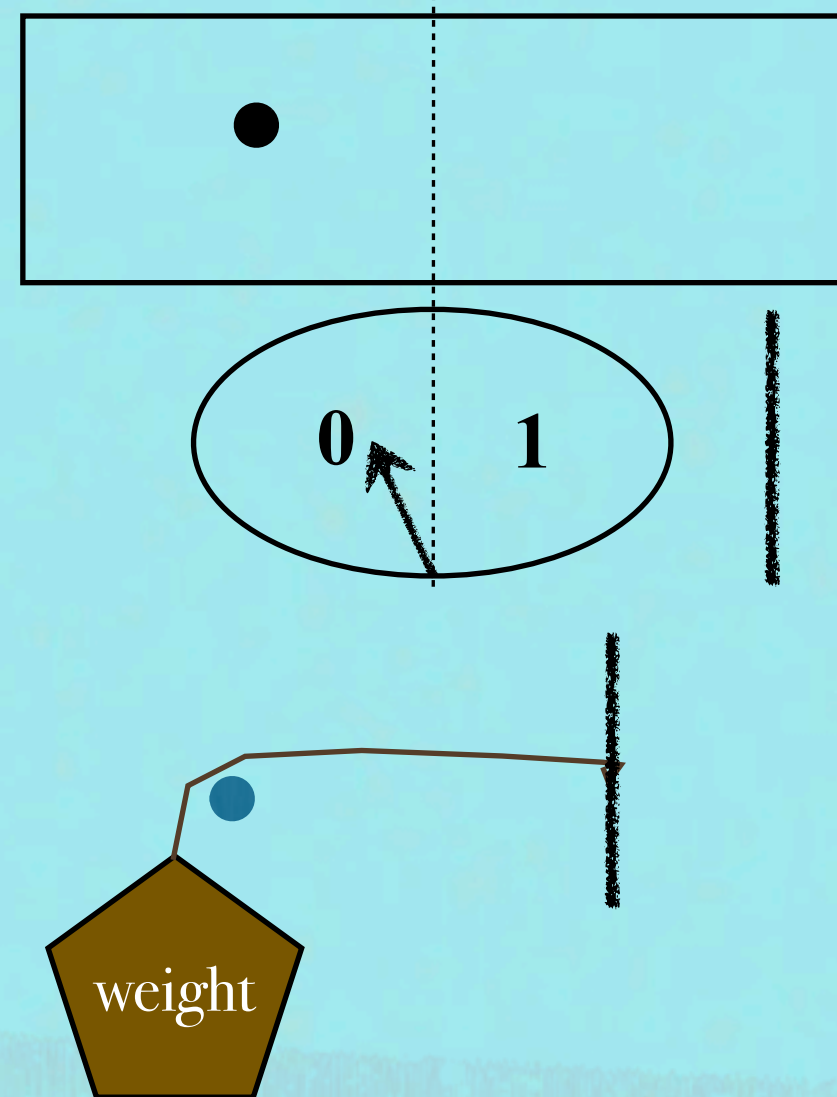
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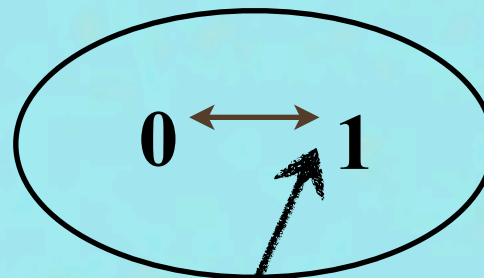
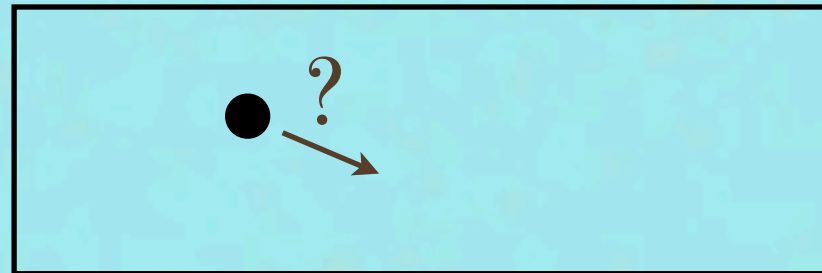
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A simple example: Szilard's engine

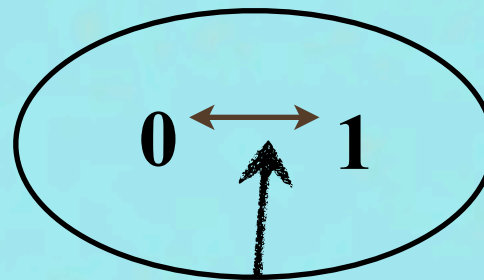
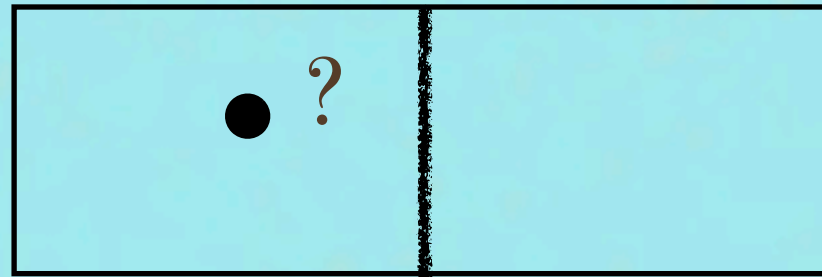
- * One particle gas in box, in contact with heat bath
- * Measurement device
- * Apparatus to implement work extraction



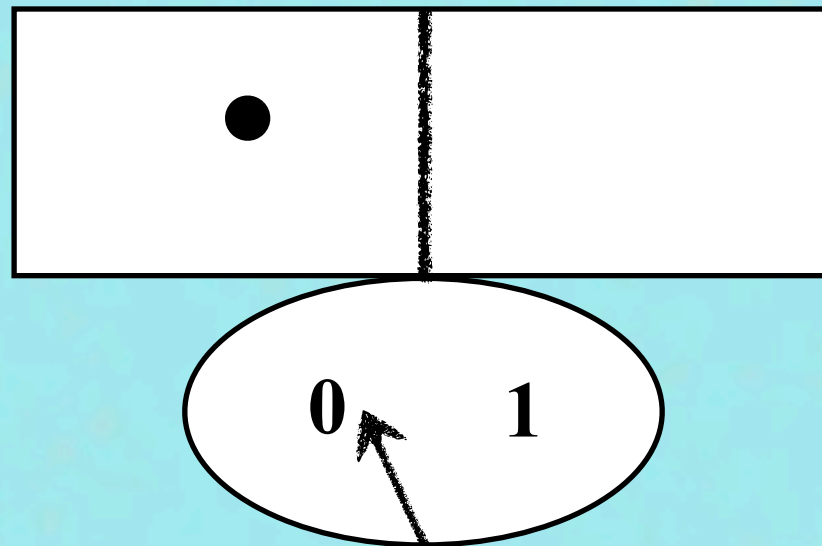
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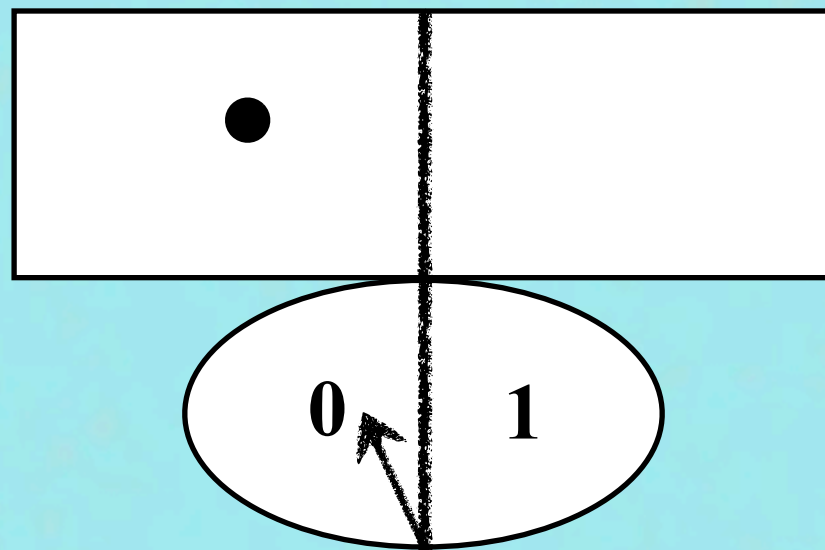
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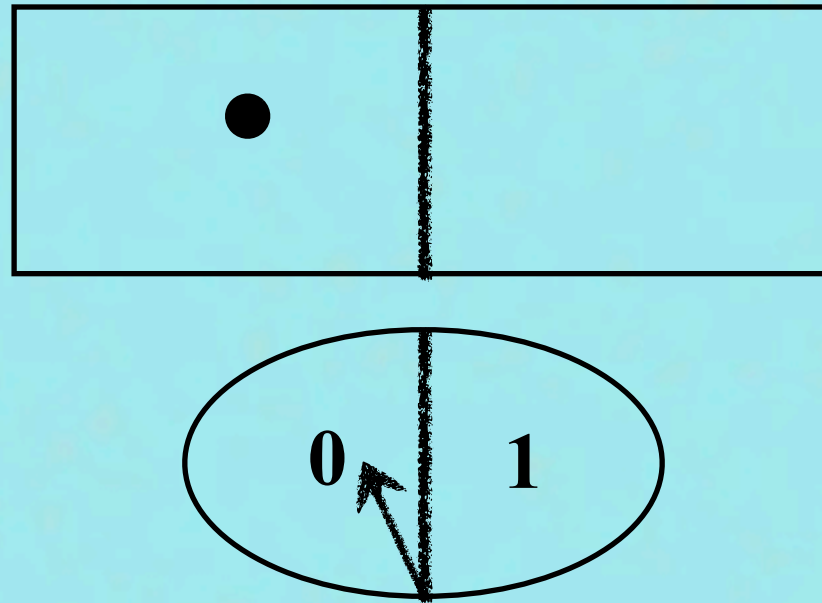
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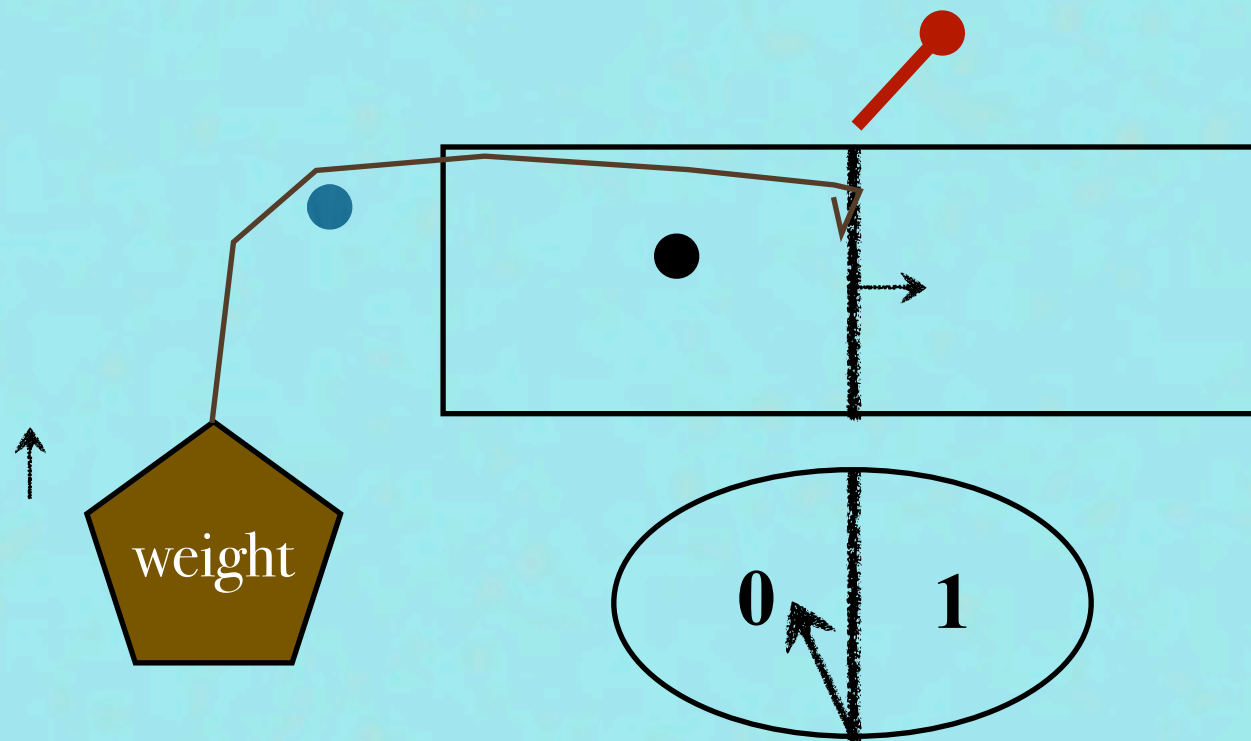
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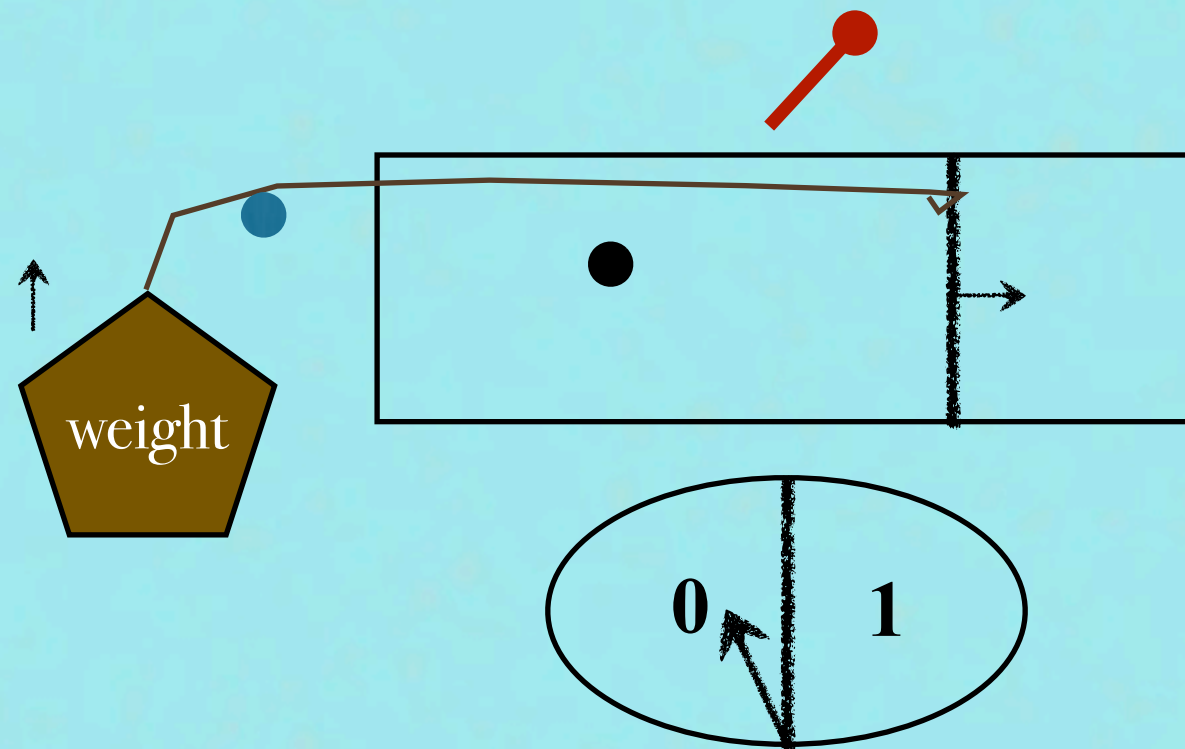


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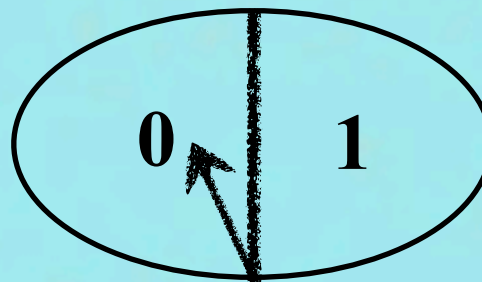
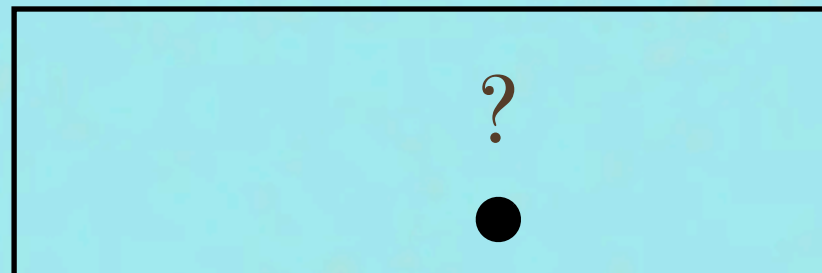
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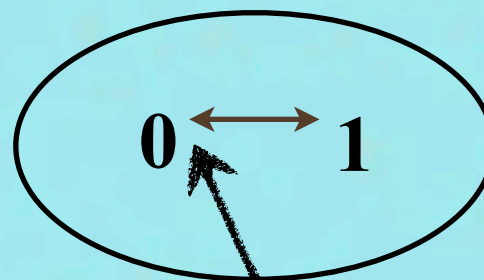
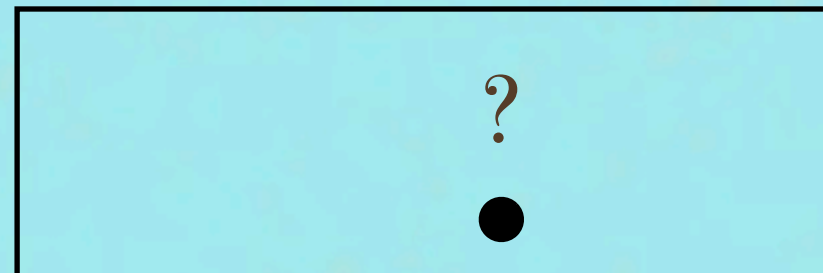


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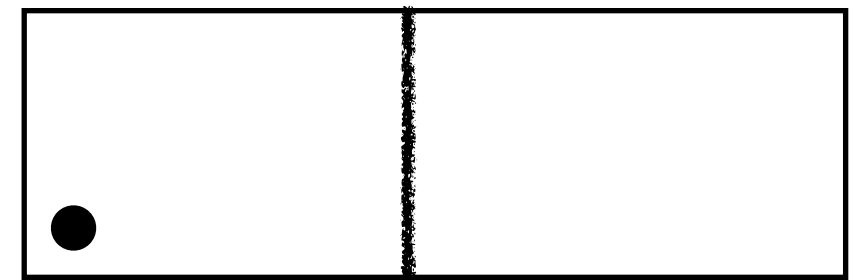
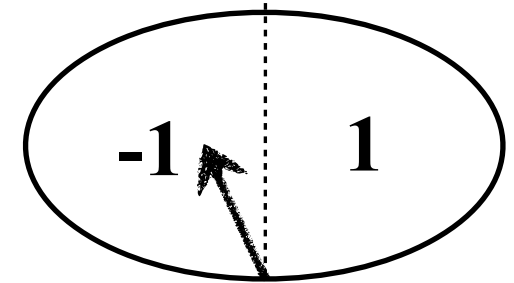
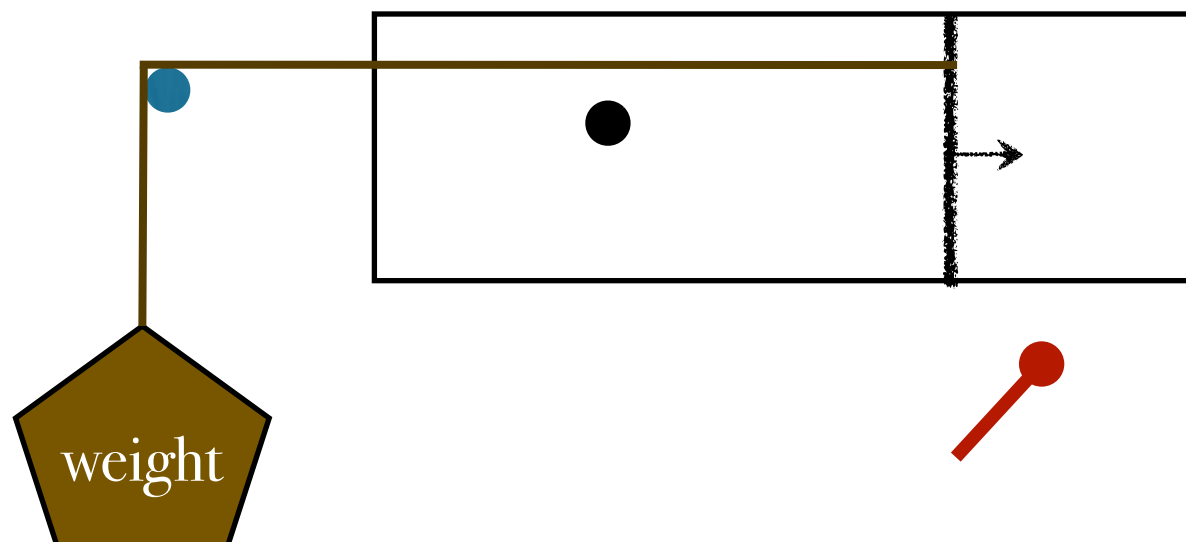


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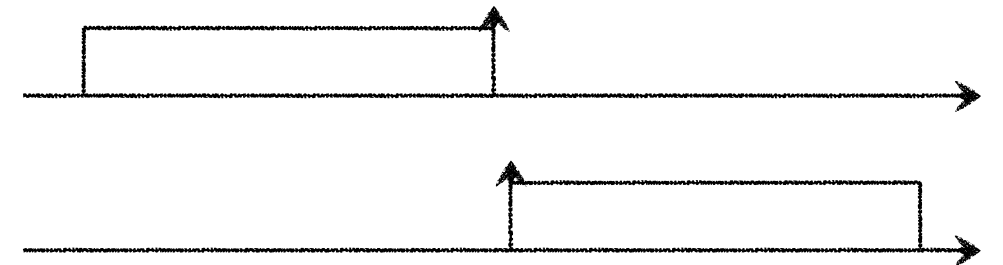


Data representation - simple example

- Szillard's "engine"
- Data x = description of physical system:
3-d position and velocity of the particle, $p(x)$
- Representation of data: $y=\{-1,1\}$
 $p(y|x)$ = potentially noisy measurement
- Relevant quantity z : position of the particle along the x-axis during work extraction protocol



$$p(z|x) =$$



- Hypothesis = description of physical setup: Volume and shape of box. Temperature of bath. Mechanism used to extract work.

Data representation-general treatment

- (Measurement and) representation of data
 - ▶ Change distribution of outcomes from average to the one reflecting the data, with a data dependent protocol

$$p(y) \xrightarrow{\Lambda(x)} p(y|x)$$

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Measurement instrument

Work medium

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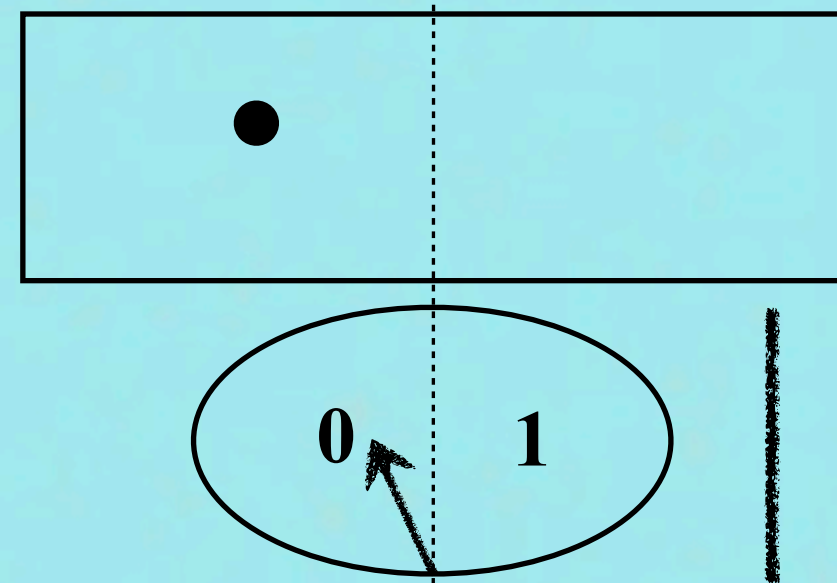
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Nonequilibrium free energy change

* System to be measured: x

* Measurement outcome: y



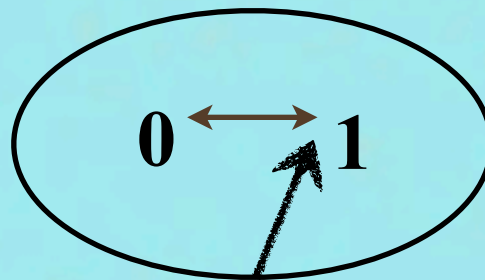
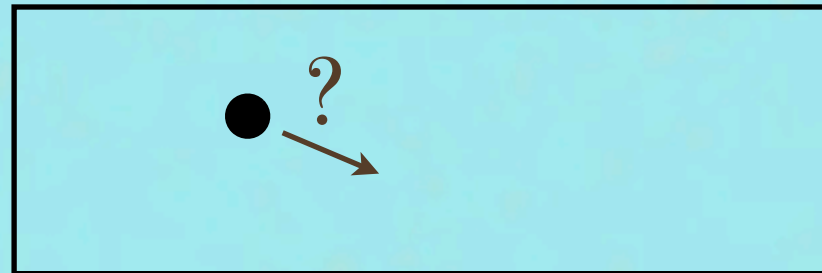
* Average nonequilibrium free energy:

$$\langle F[p(y|x)] \rangle_{p(x)} = \langle E_x(y) \rangle_{p(x,y)} - H[Y|X]$$

* Look at the change in average nonequilibrium free energy!

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$$p(y) = \frac{1}{2}$$

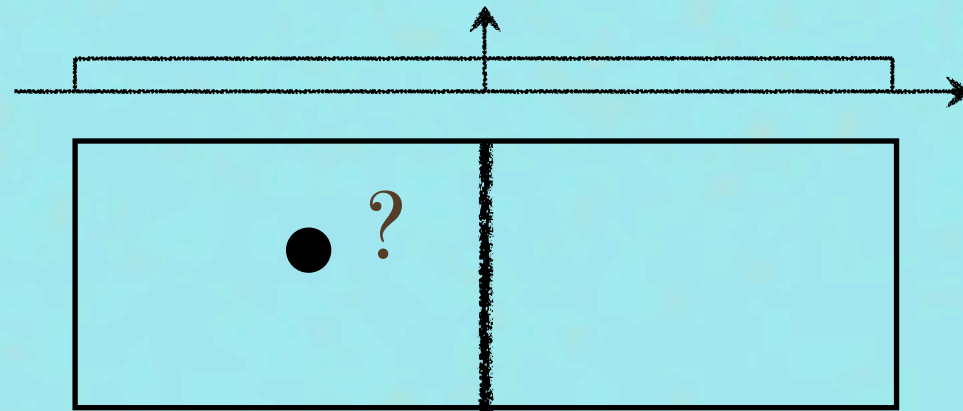
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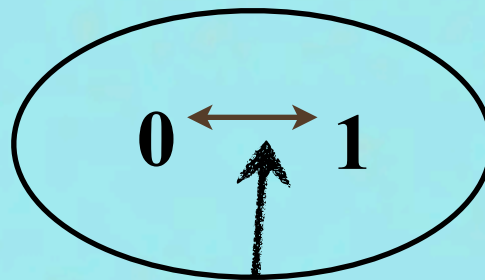
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induces Z



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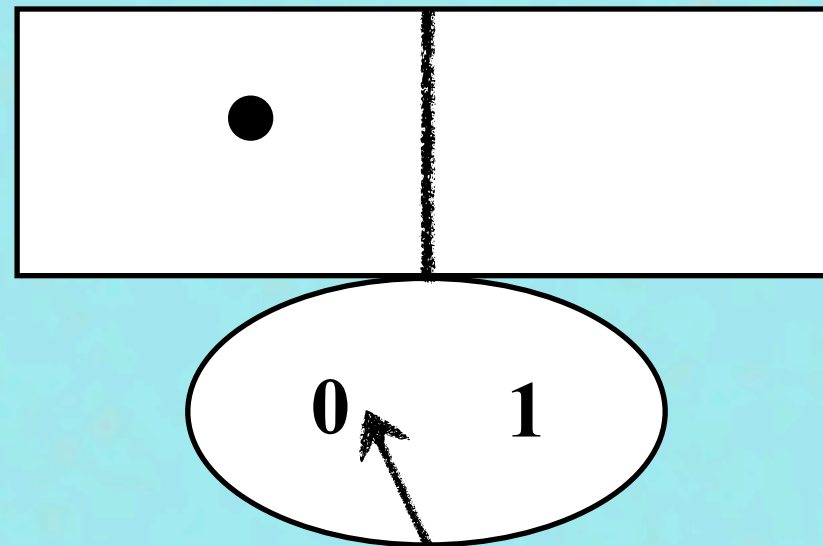
no change in Y



$$p(y|x) = p(y)$$

$$F[p(y)] = E_Y - kT \log(2)$$

3) correlated



error free (for simplicity)

$$p(y|x) = \delta_{y,\theta(x)}$$

Free energy :

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Free energy change:

least effort

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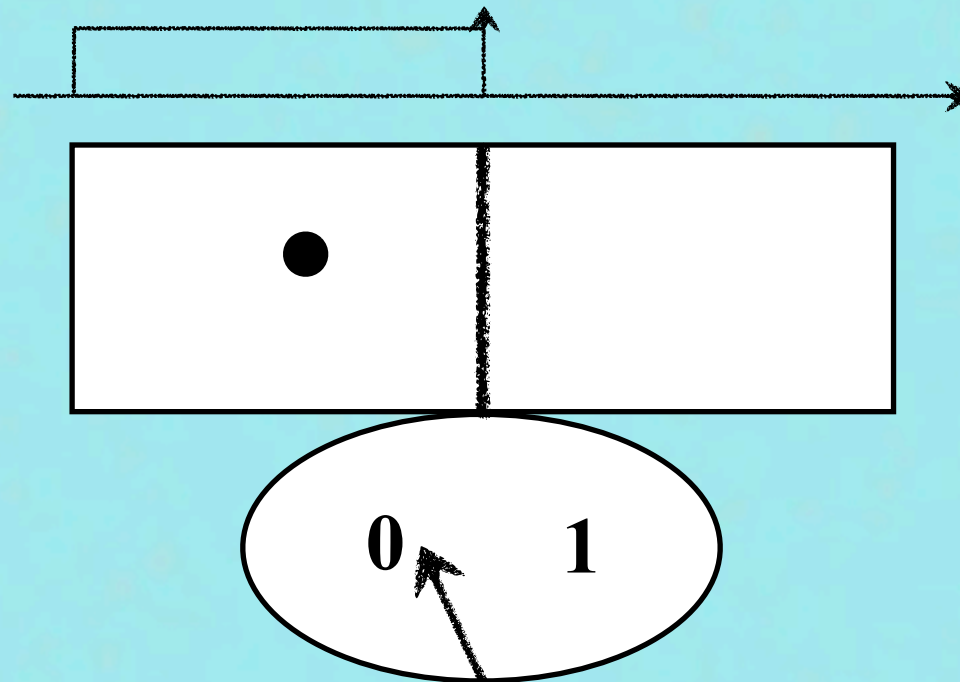
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$$\Rightarrow Q_{\text{out}} = -Q_Y \geq kT I[X, Y] \\ = kT \log(2)$$

Dissipated heat is
at least $kT \log(2)$

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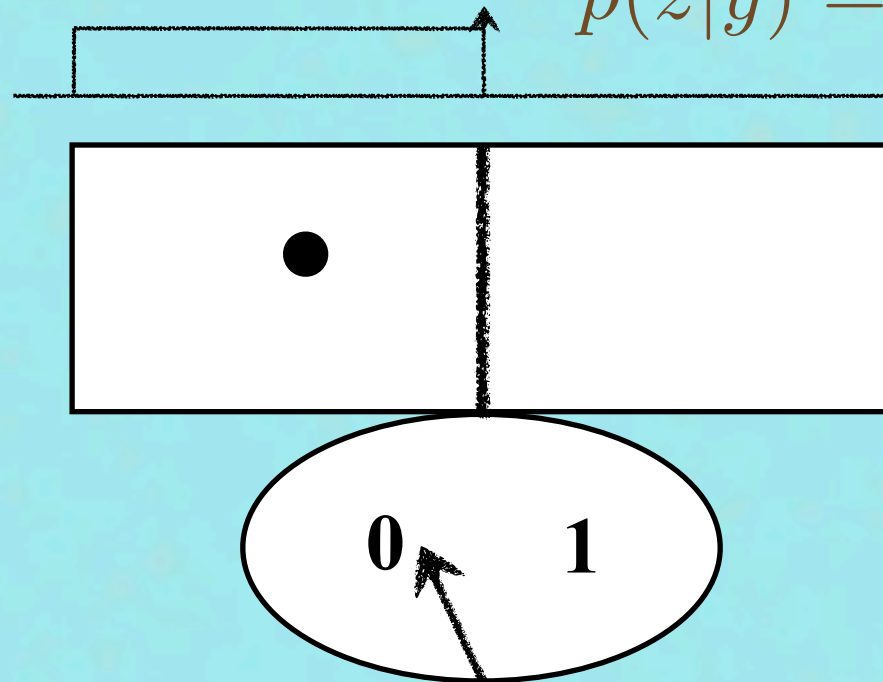
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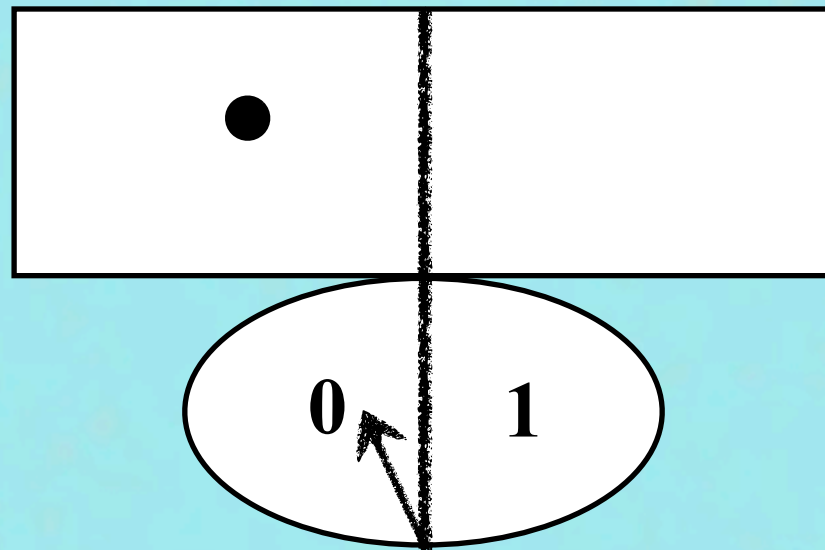
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$$p(z|y) = \frac{2}{L} (y \theta(z) + (1-y) \theta(-z))$$



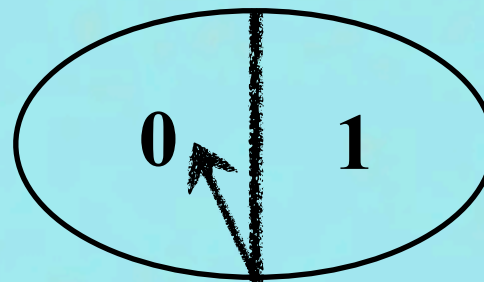
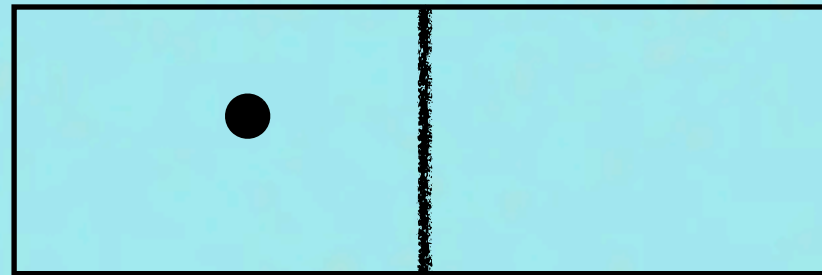
work potential $\Delta F_{WP} = \langle F[p(z|y)] \rangle_{p(y)} - F[p(z)]$
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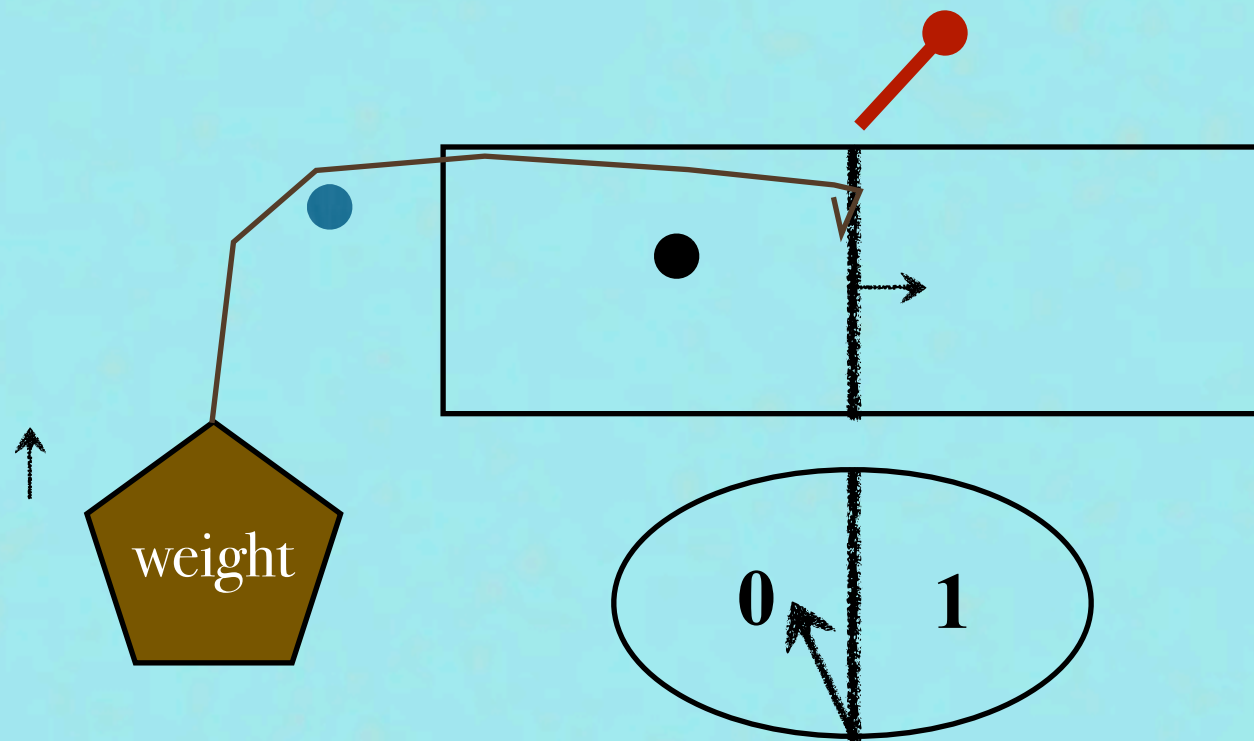
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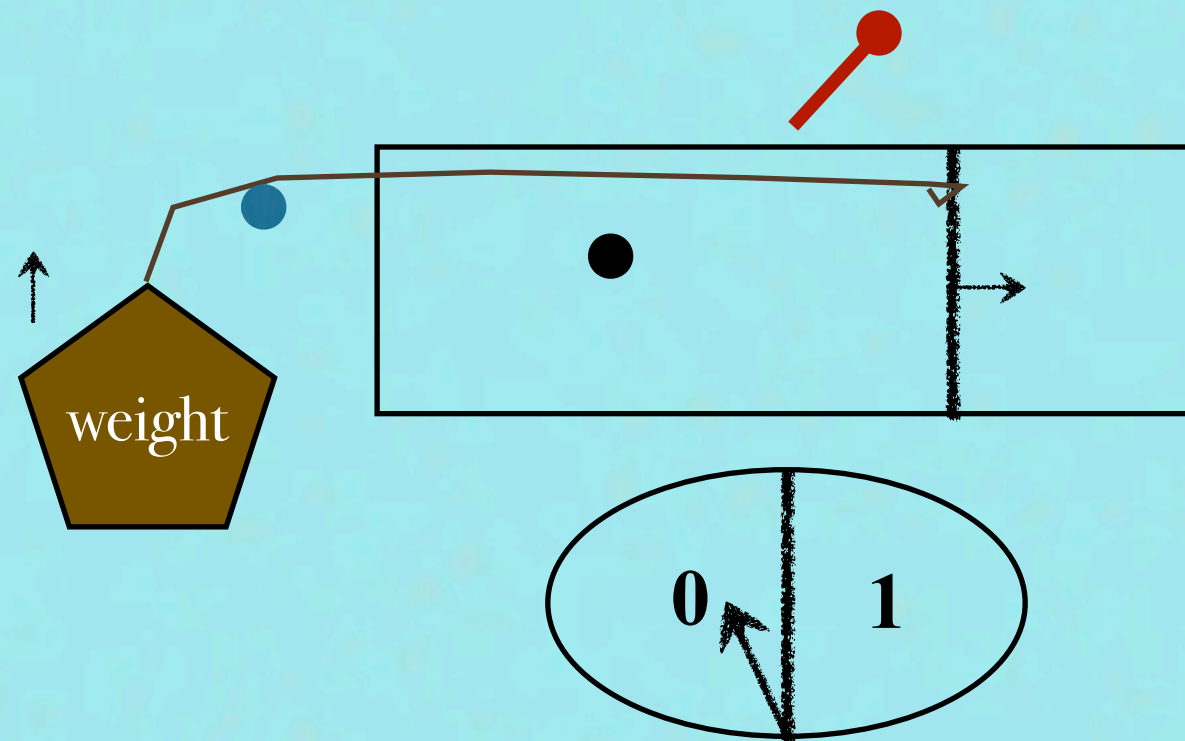
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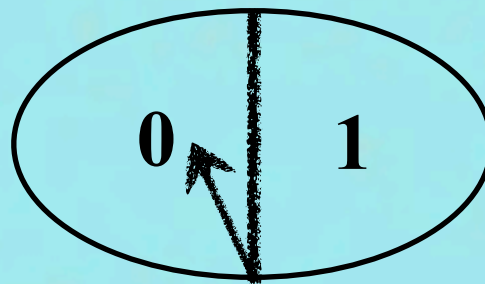
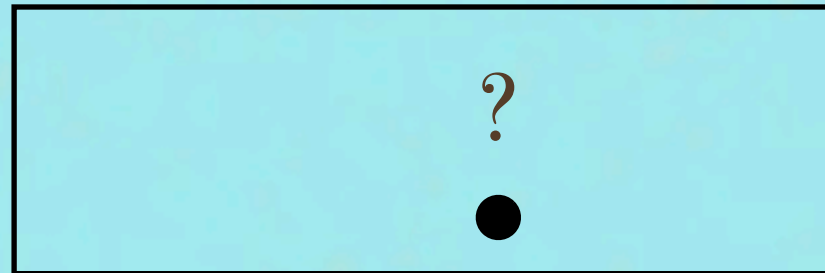
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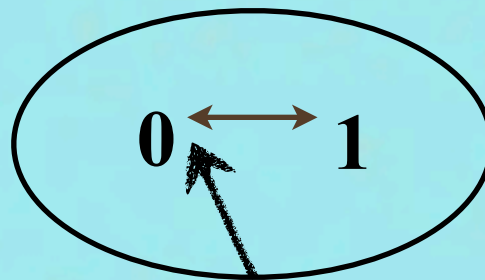
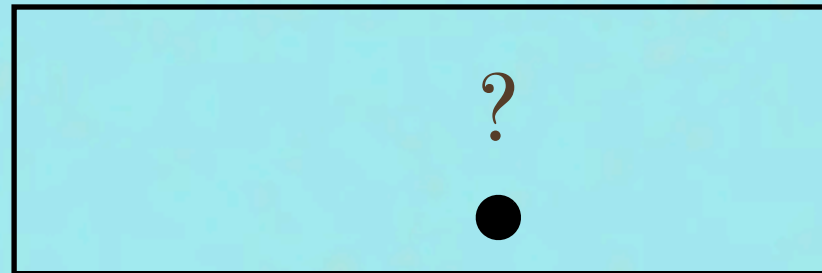
Absorbed heat: $Q_{\text{in}} = Q_e \leq kT I[Y, Z] = kT \log(2)$

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Altogether, we have for our example

$$W_{\text{in}} - W_{\text{out}} = Q_{\text{out}} - Q_{\text{in}} \geq kTI[X, Y] - kTI[Y, Z] = kT \log(2) - kT \log(2) = 0$$

- * The data representation we perform in the “standard” Szillard engine setup, namely say if the particle was on the left or right side of the partition, is optimal in terms of minimizing dissipation!

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