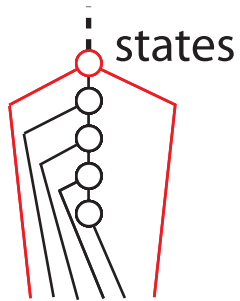


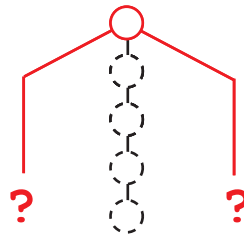
Example: Finding a hairpin loop

part of
a seed
alignment:

struct ... <<<--->---> ...
 yeast ... GUGUUCGCUAC ...
 human ... -UCUUCGGCG- ...
 fly ... AGAUU-GUACU ...



where's
the loop?



NNN . . . NNNNNNN . . . NNN_W

$W*(W-1)/2$ possibilities

if $W=100 \sim 5000$ possibilities
 if $W=200 \sim 20000$ possibilities