

When do opposites attract? Impact of genetic architecture on the evolution of disassortative mating

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White-Throated Sparrow
FRINGILLA PENNSYLVANICA.
1. Male 2. Female
Plant Cornus Florida—Yulgo Dog-wood.

Mate choice is key to evolution



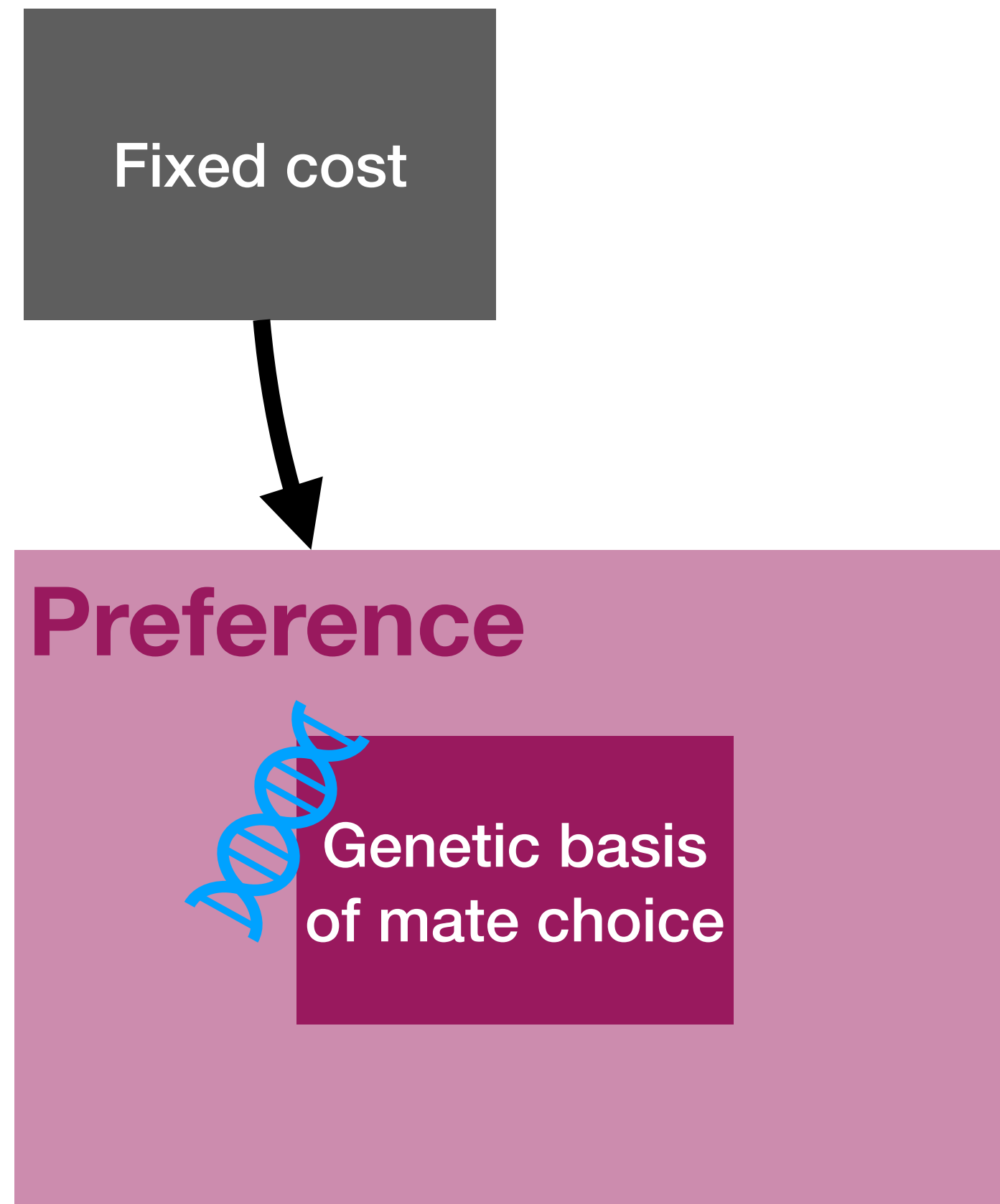
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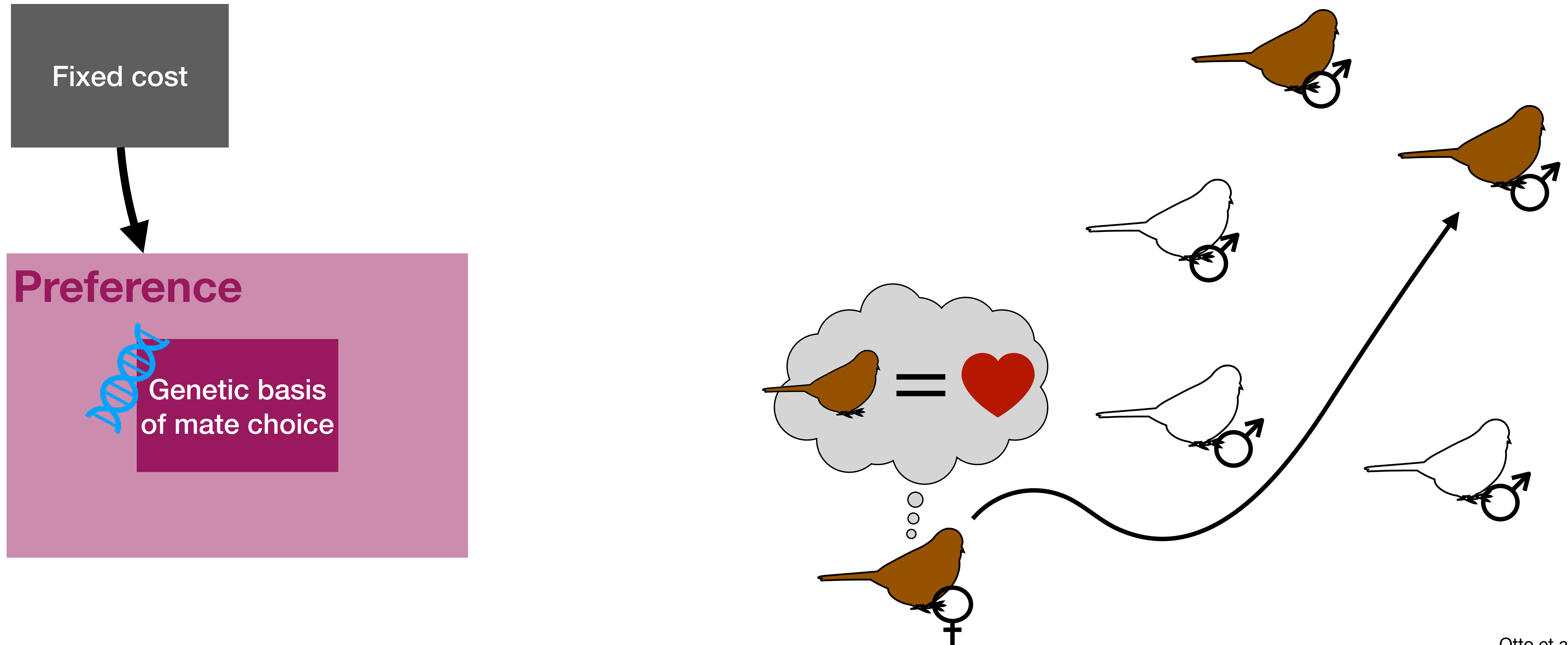


Genetic basis
of mate choice

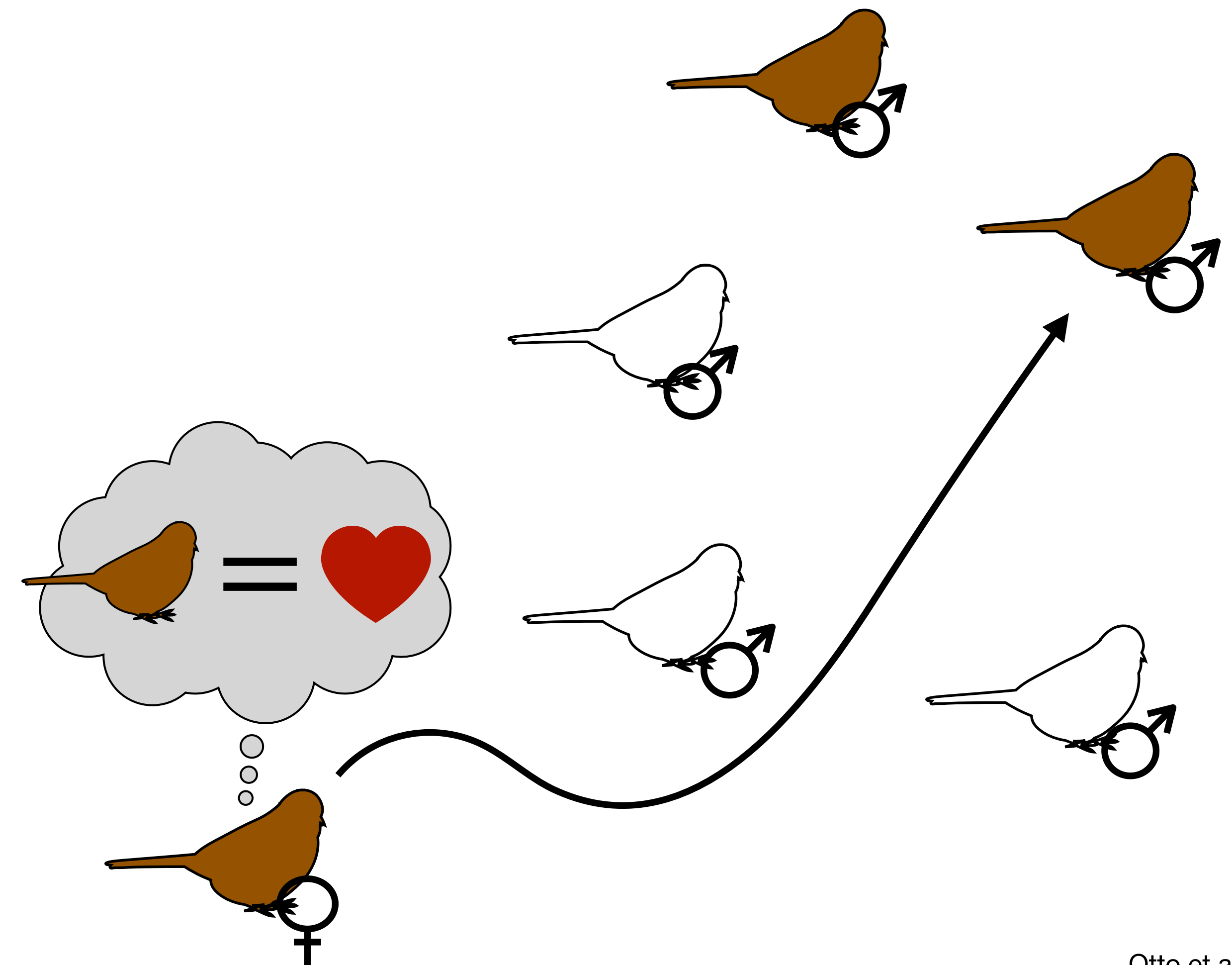
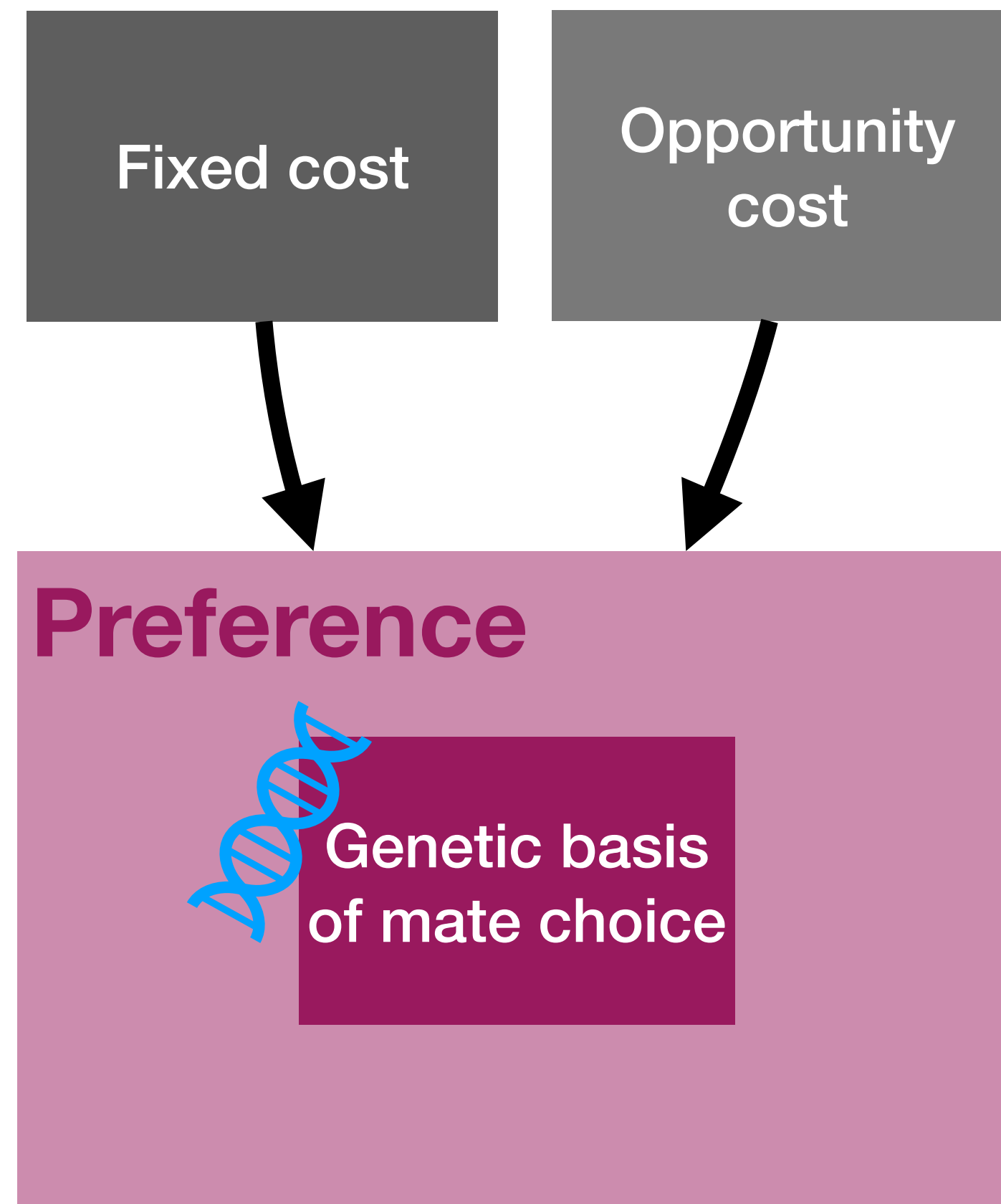
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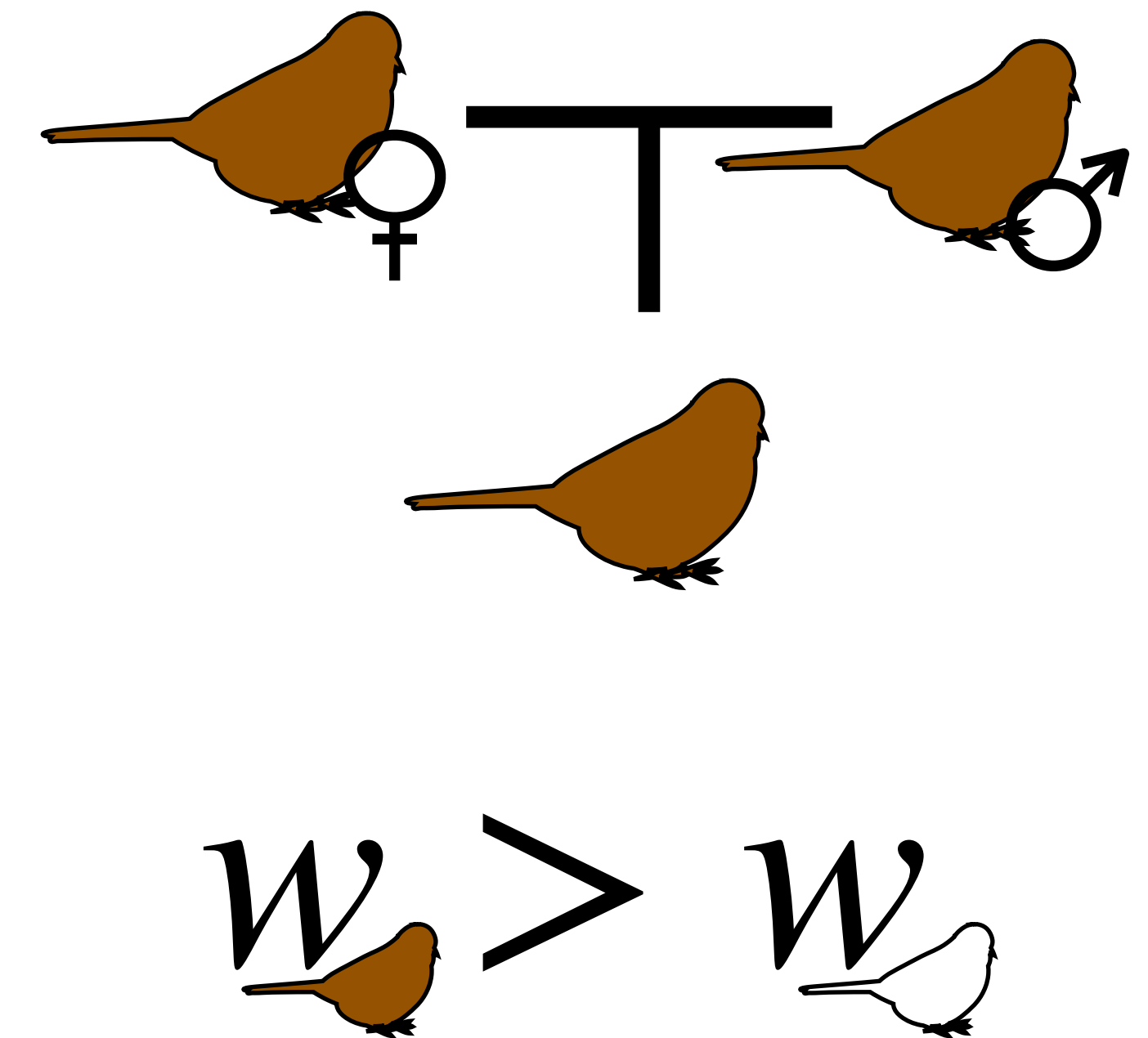
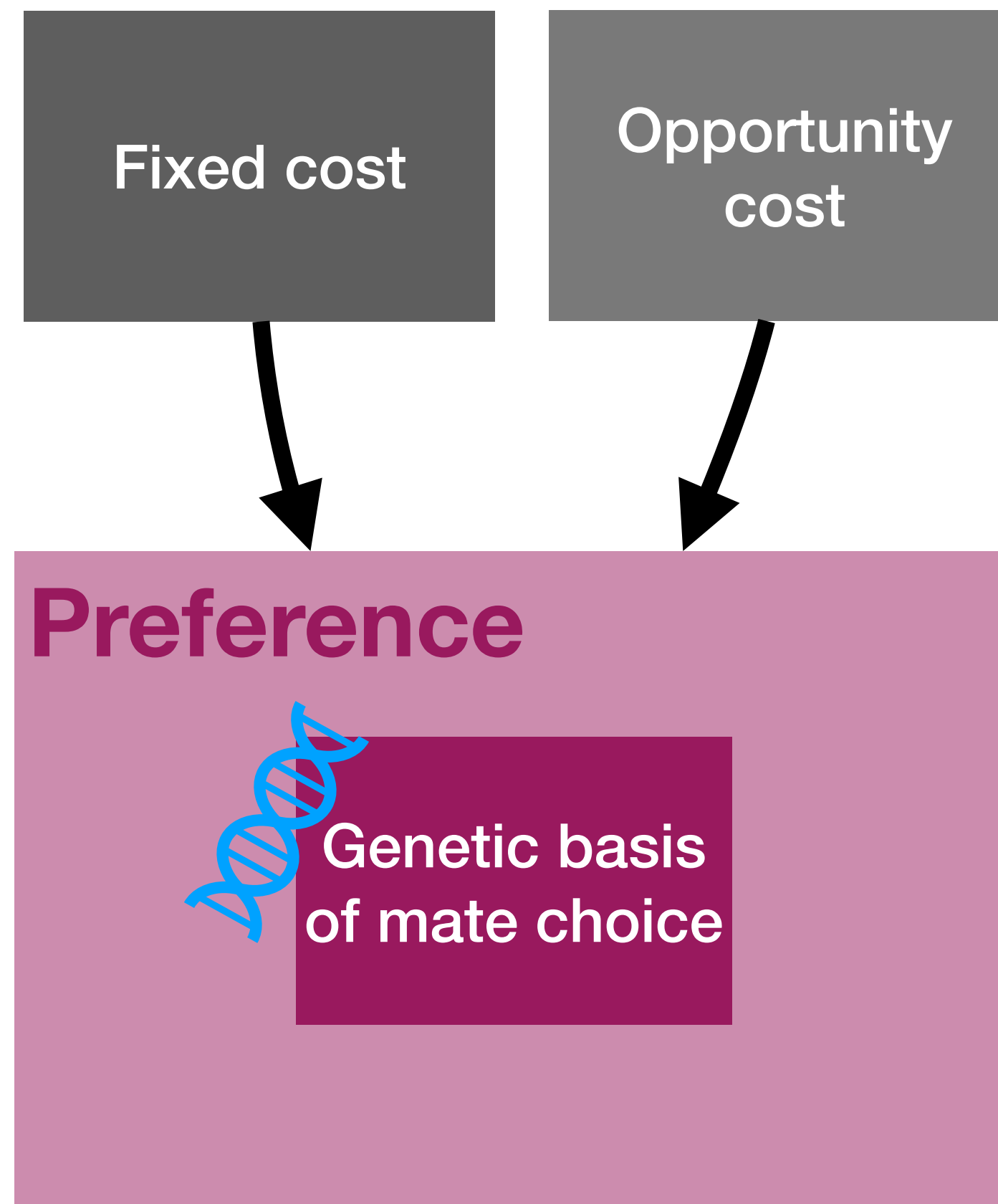
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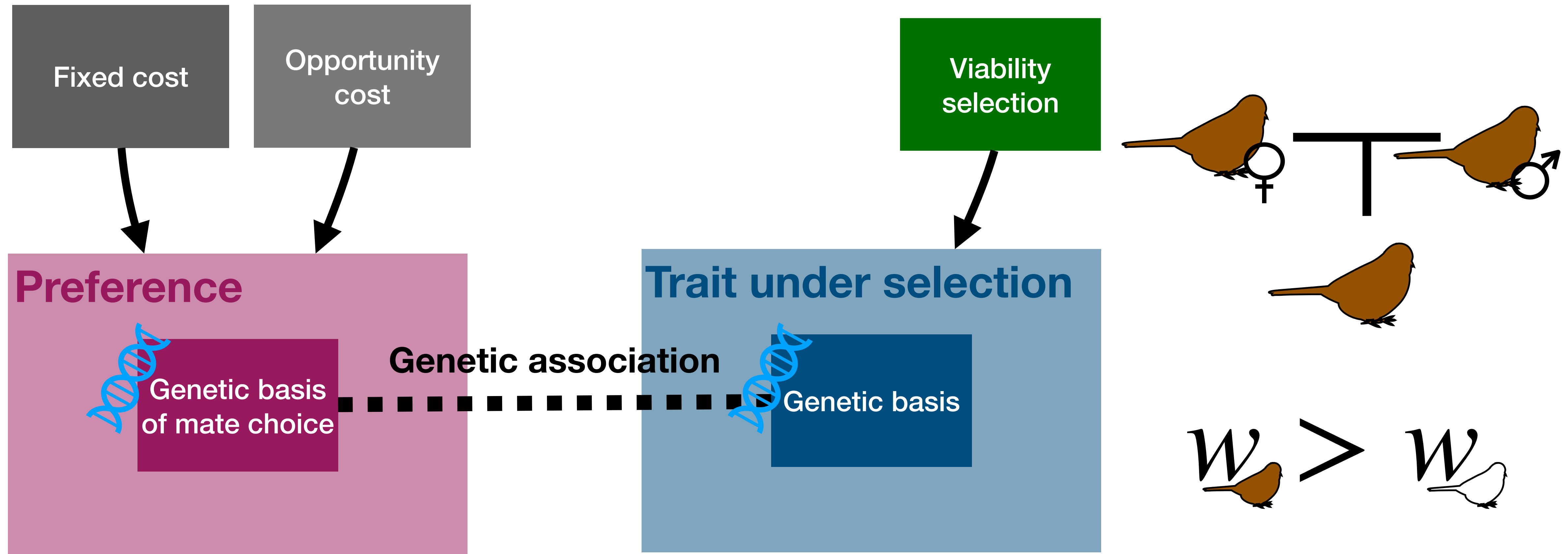
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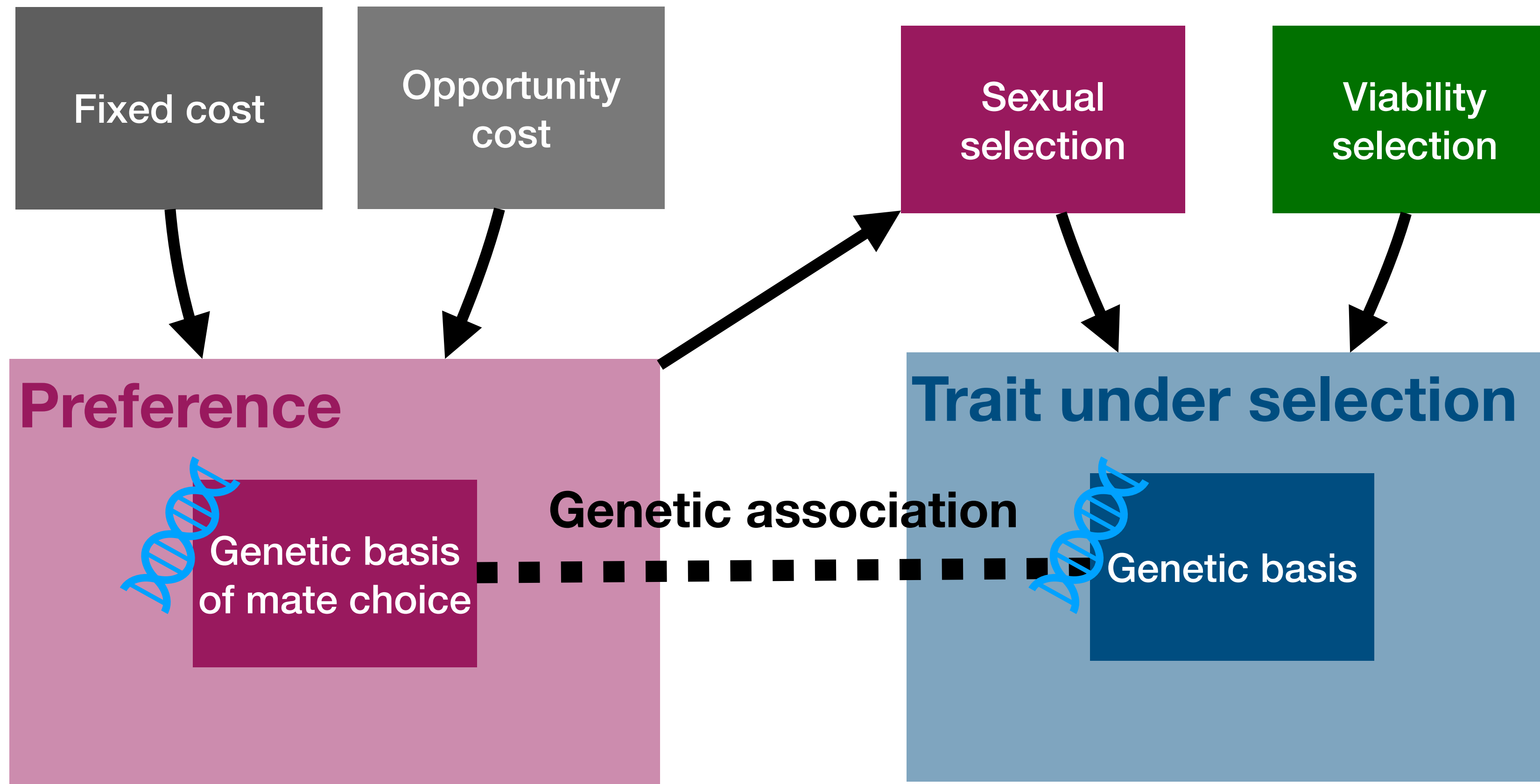
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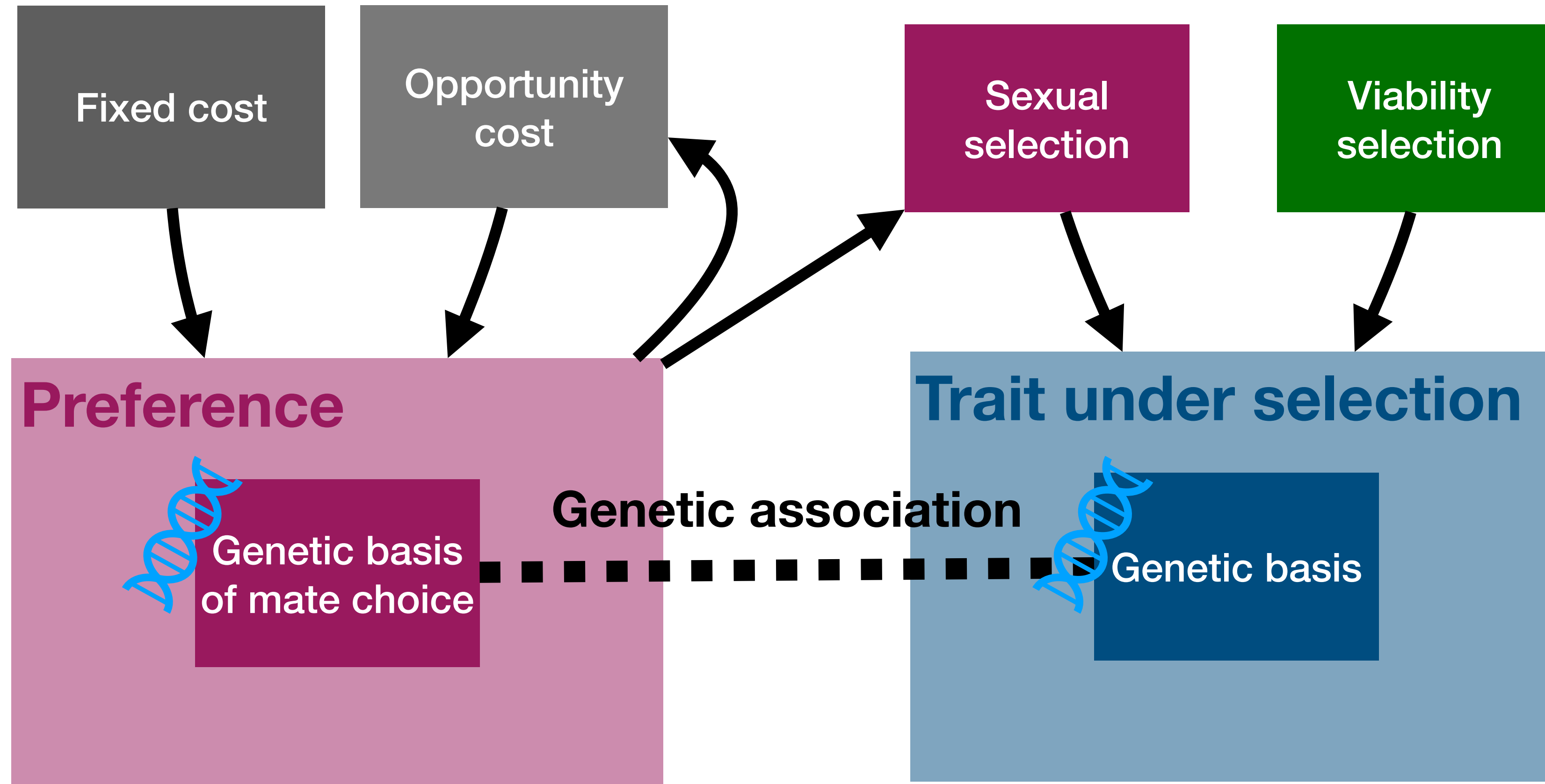
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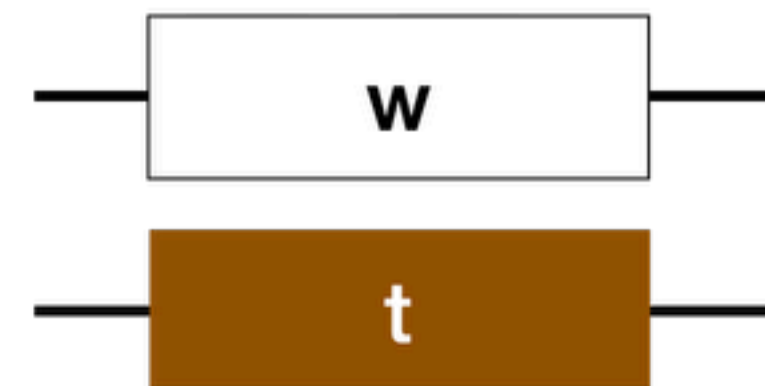
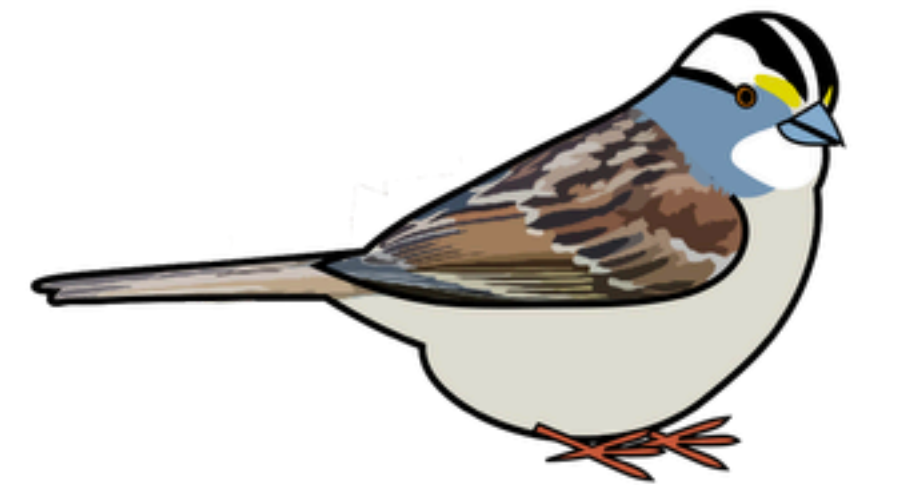


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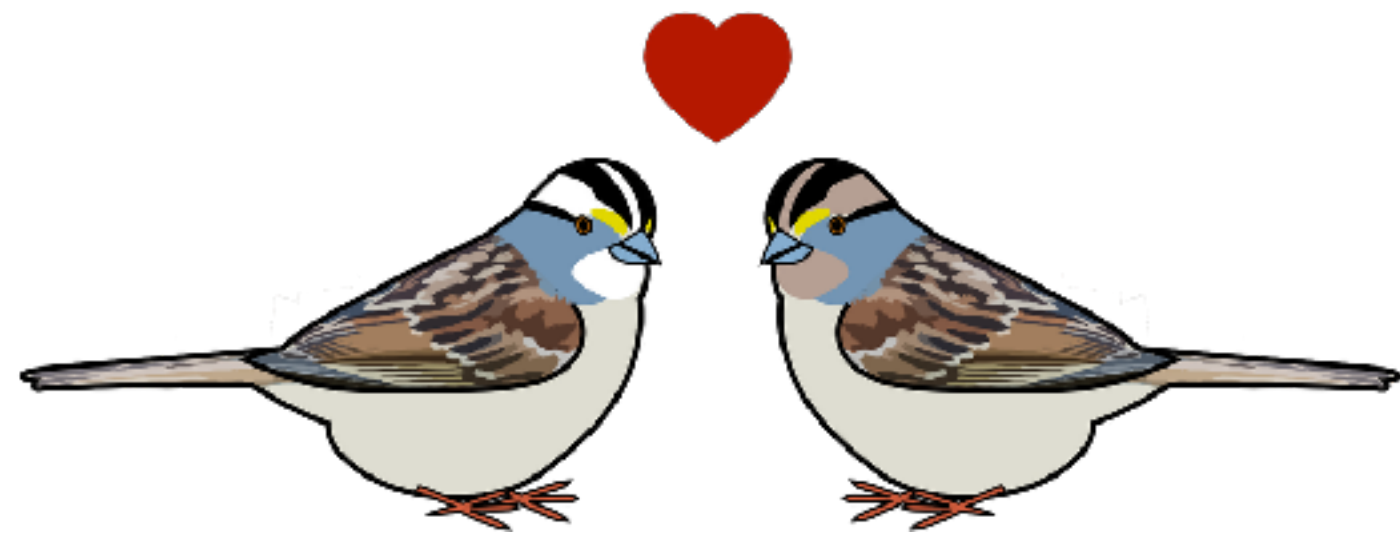
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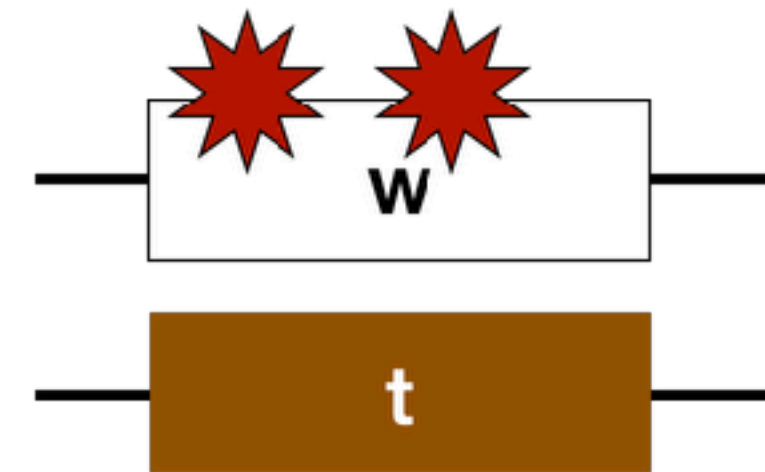
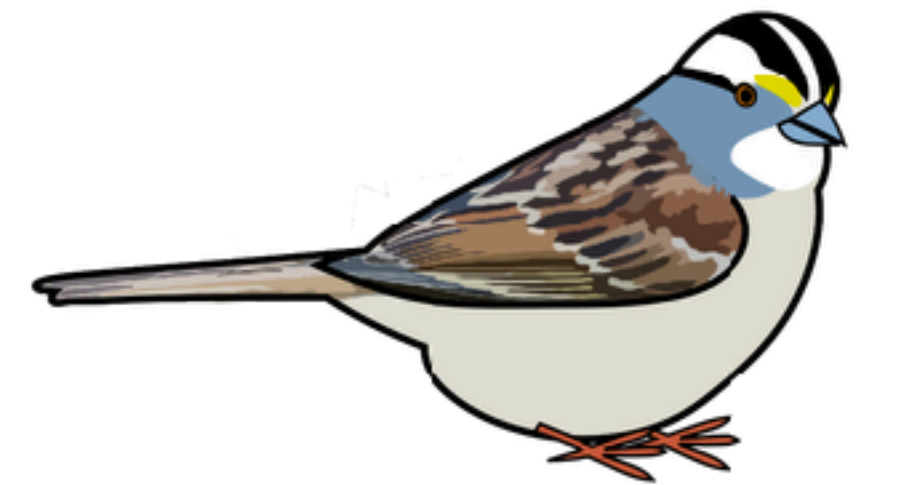
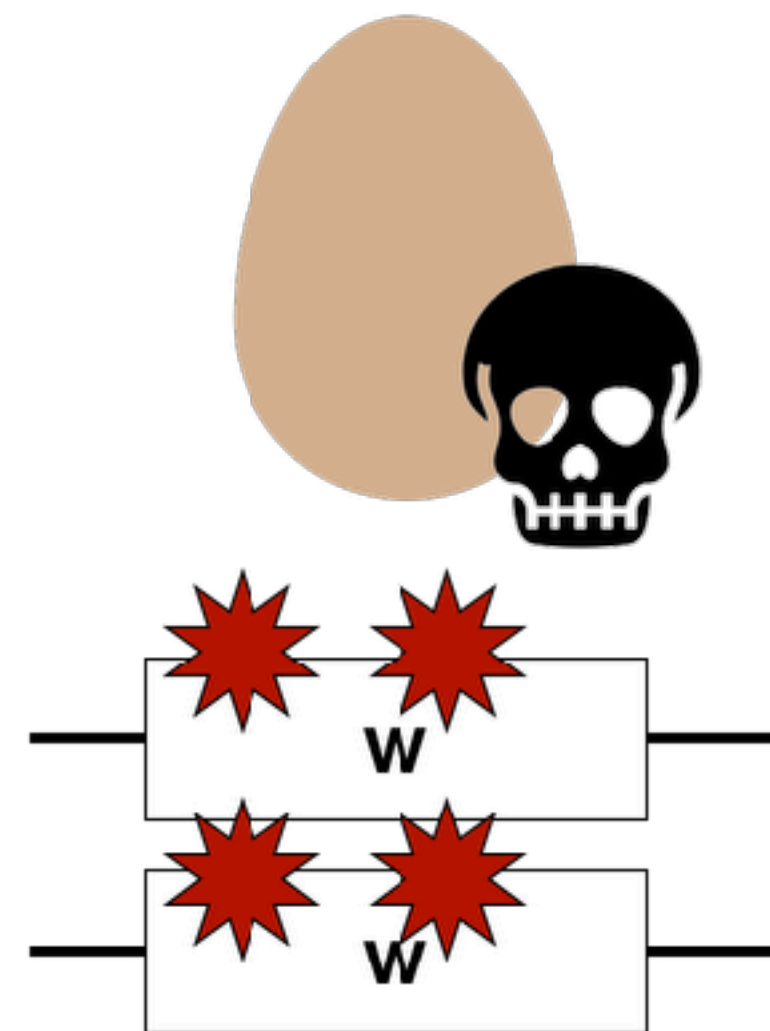
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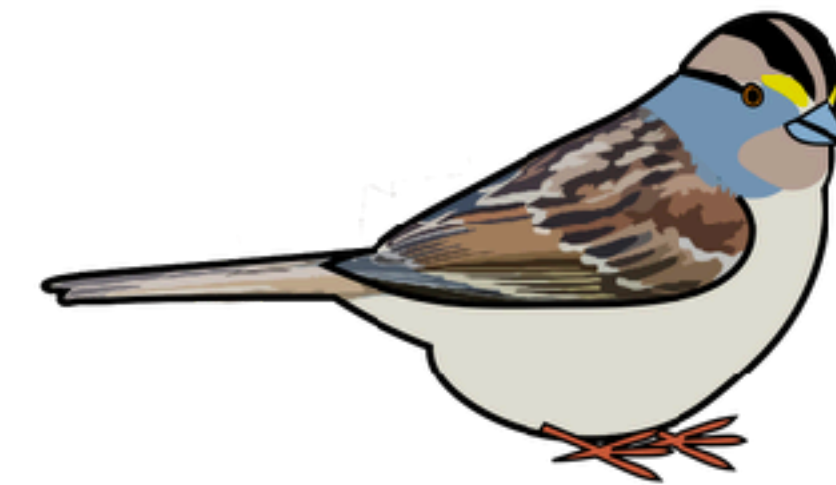
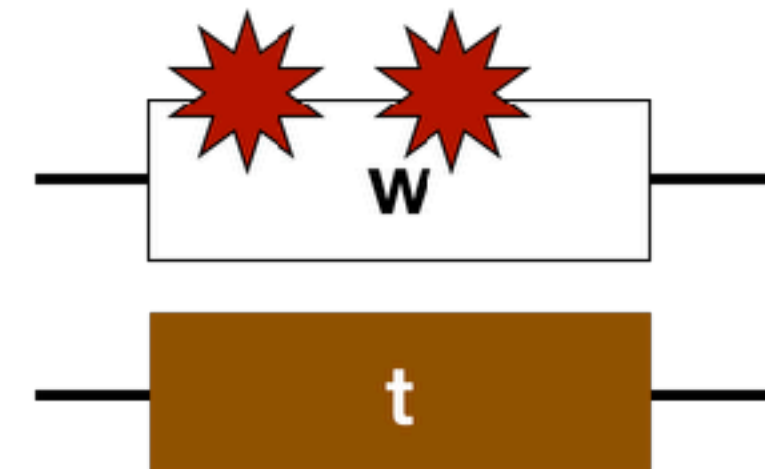
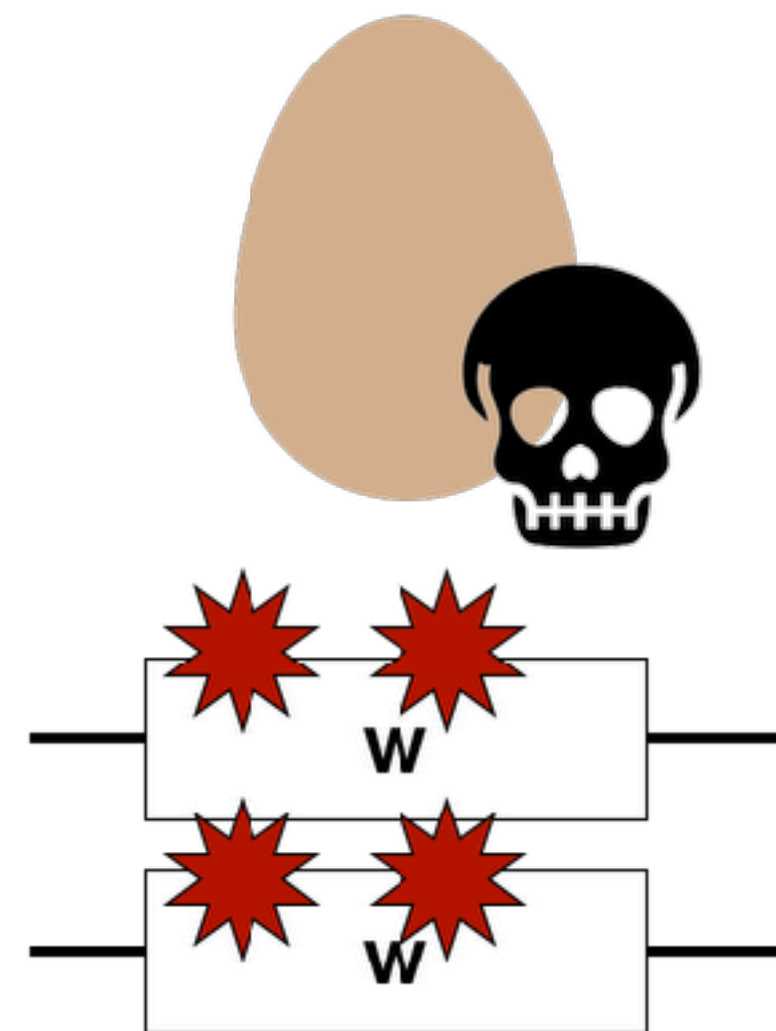
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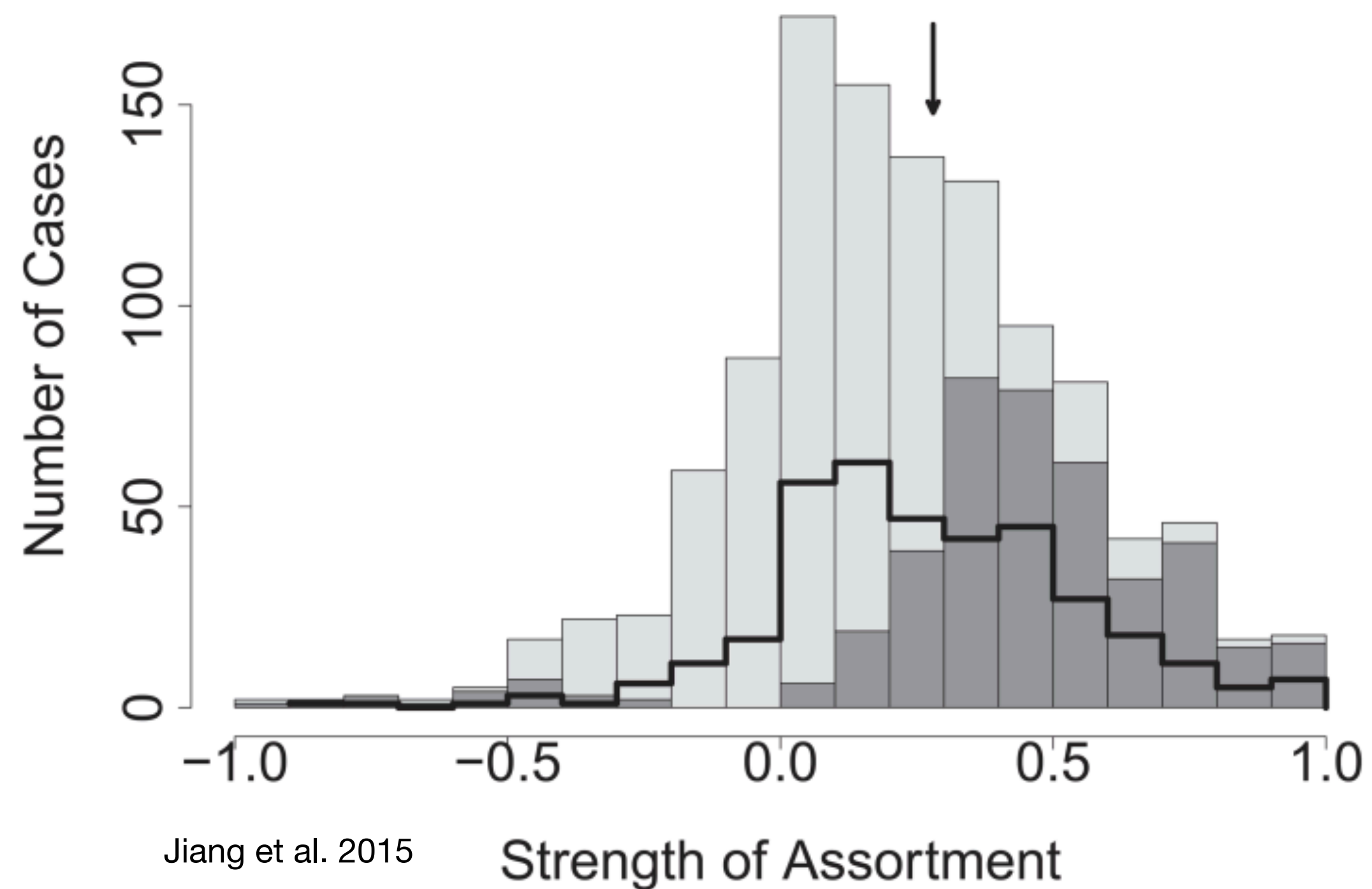
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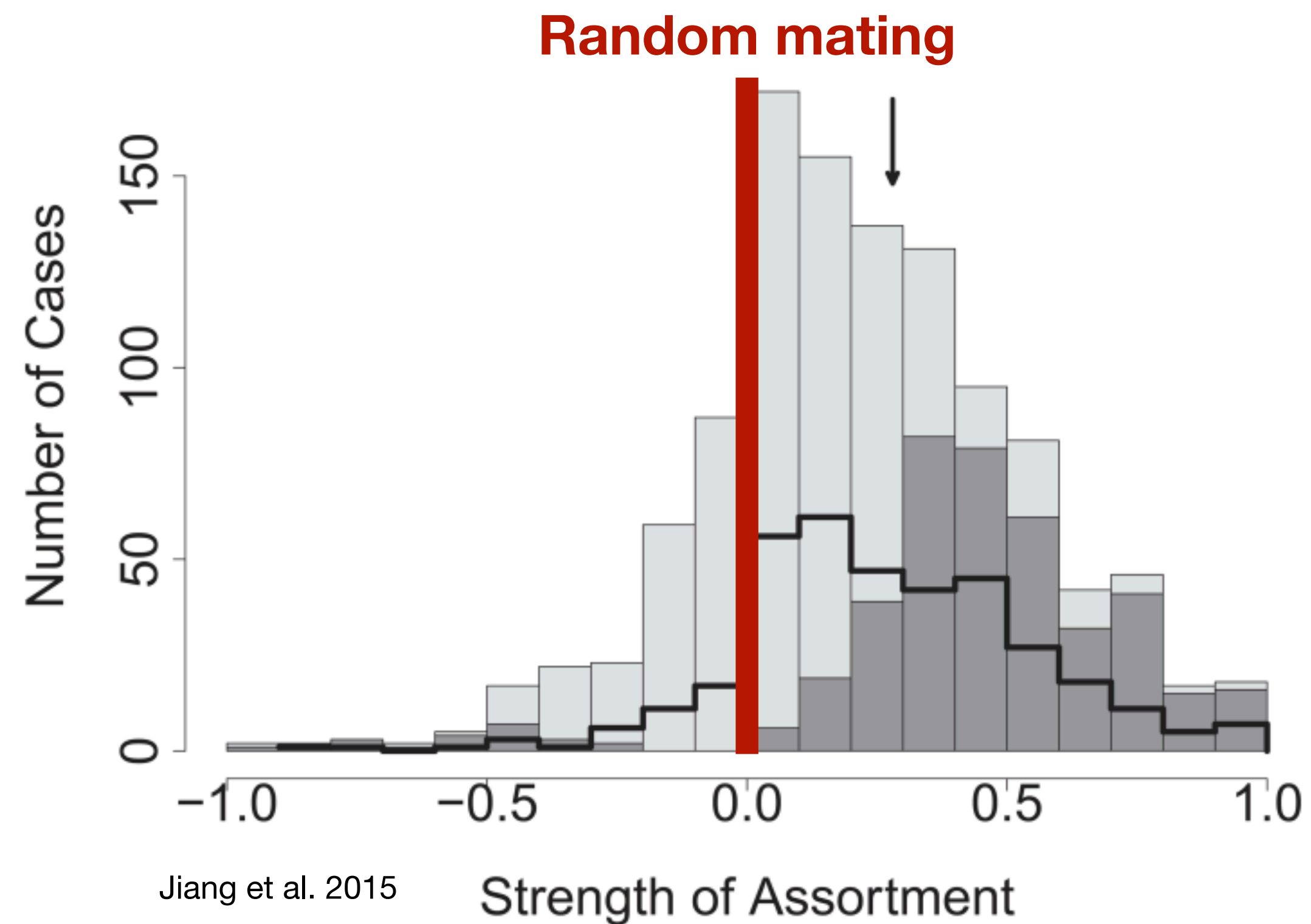


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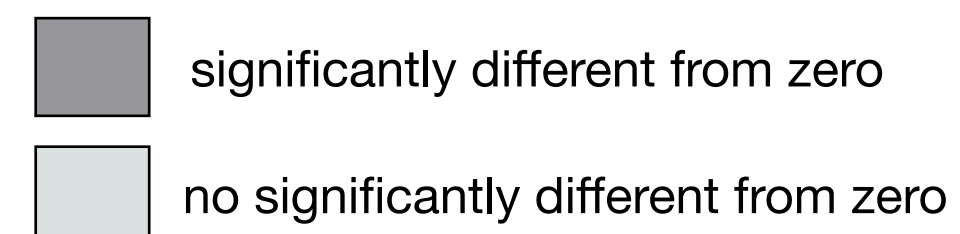
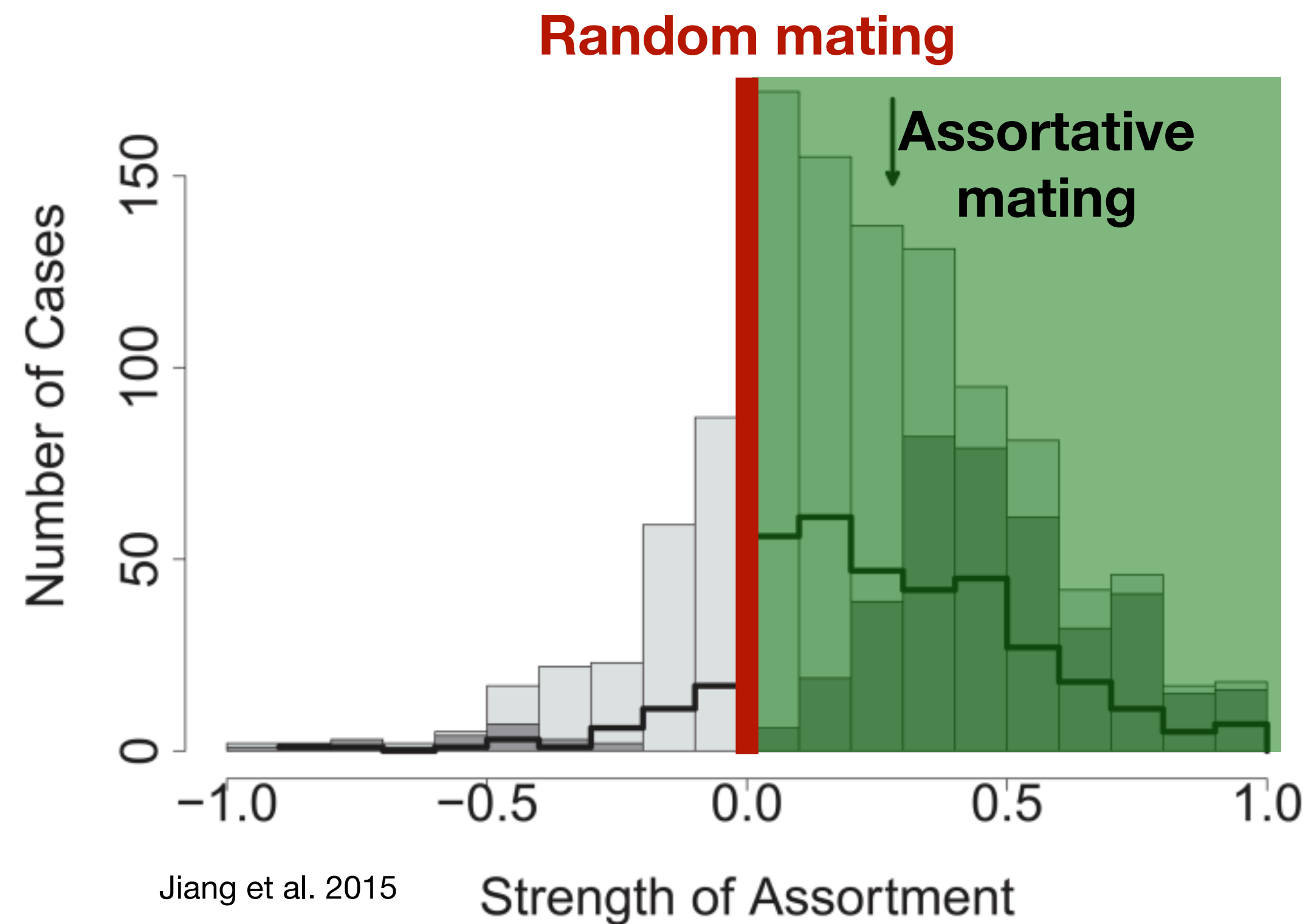
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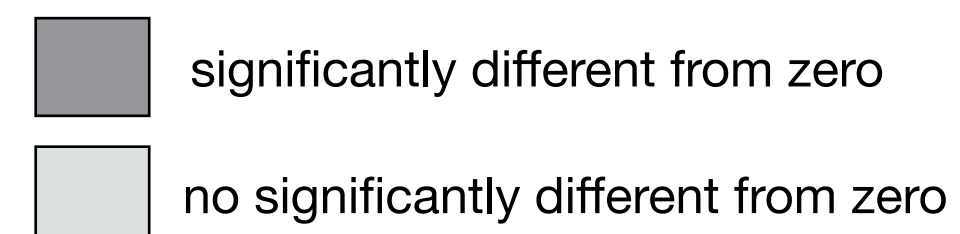
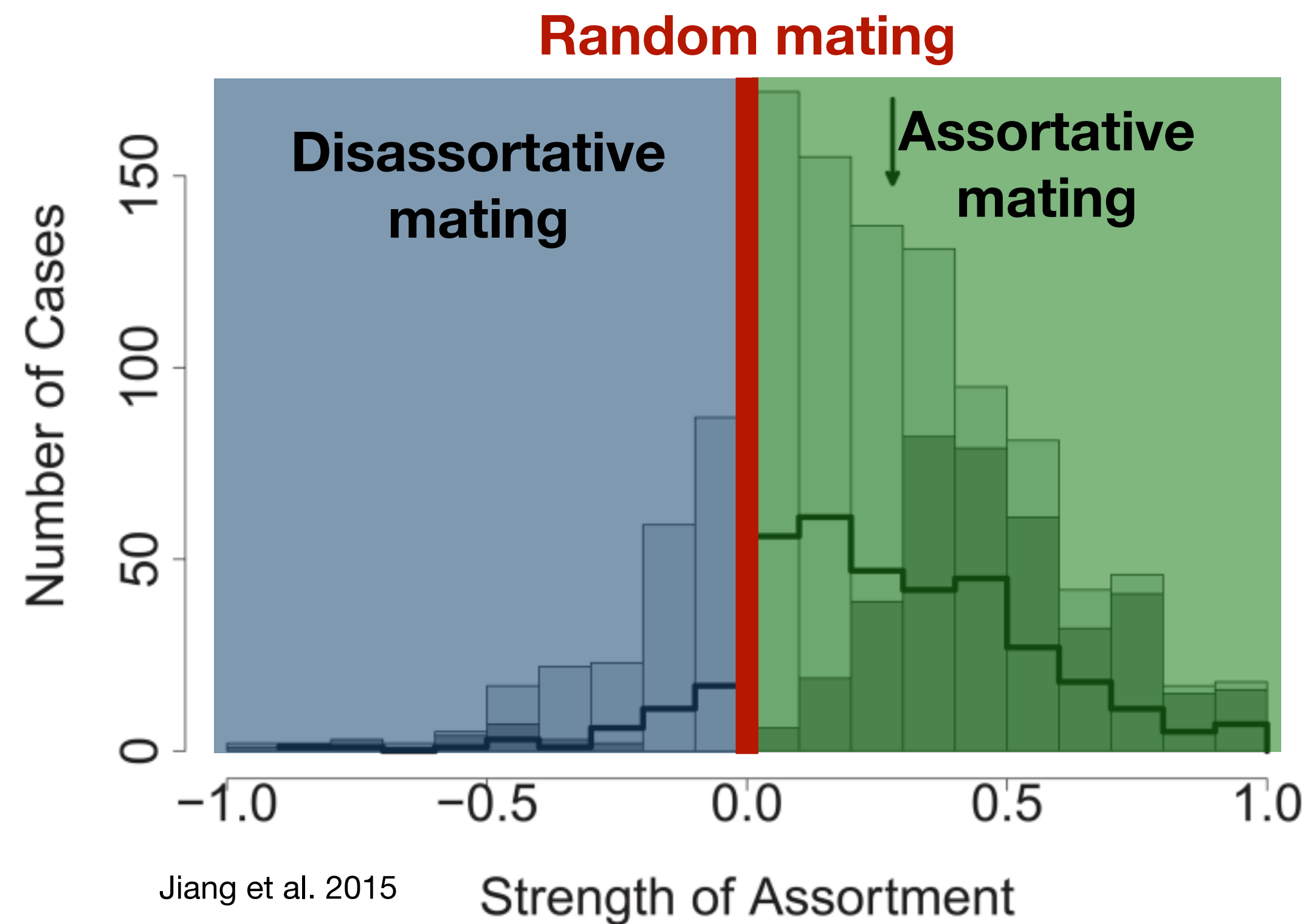
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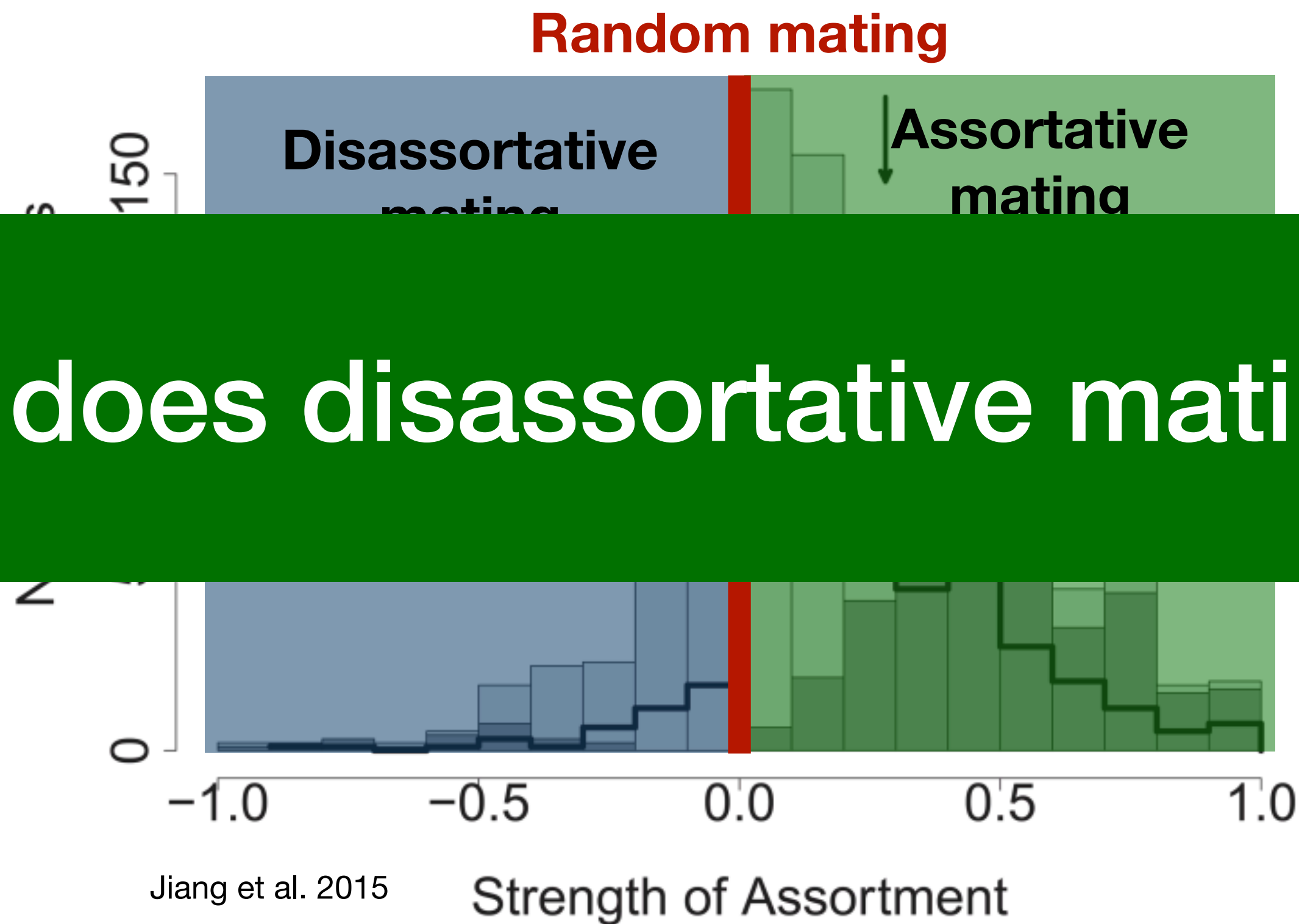
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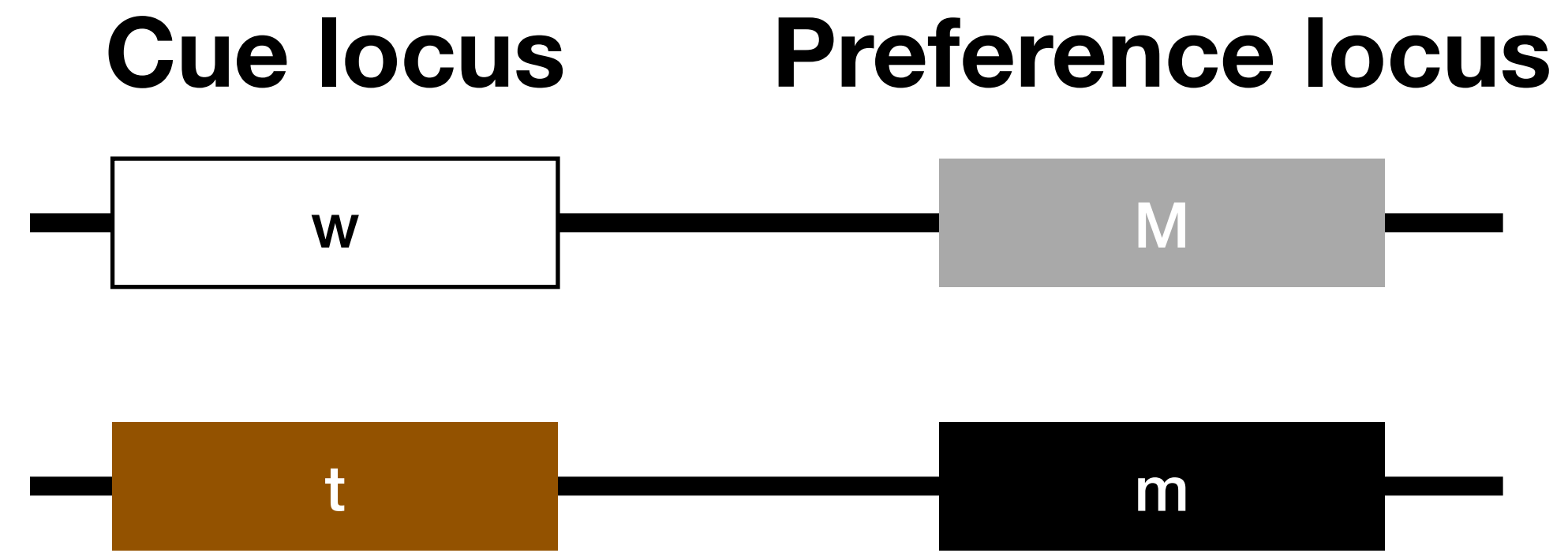


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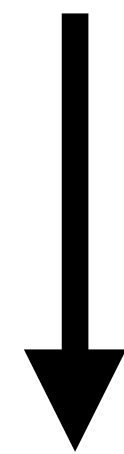
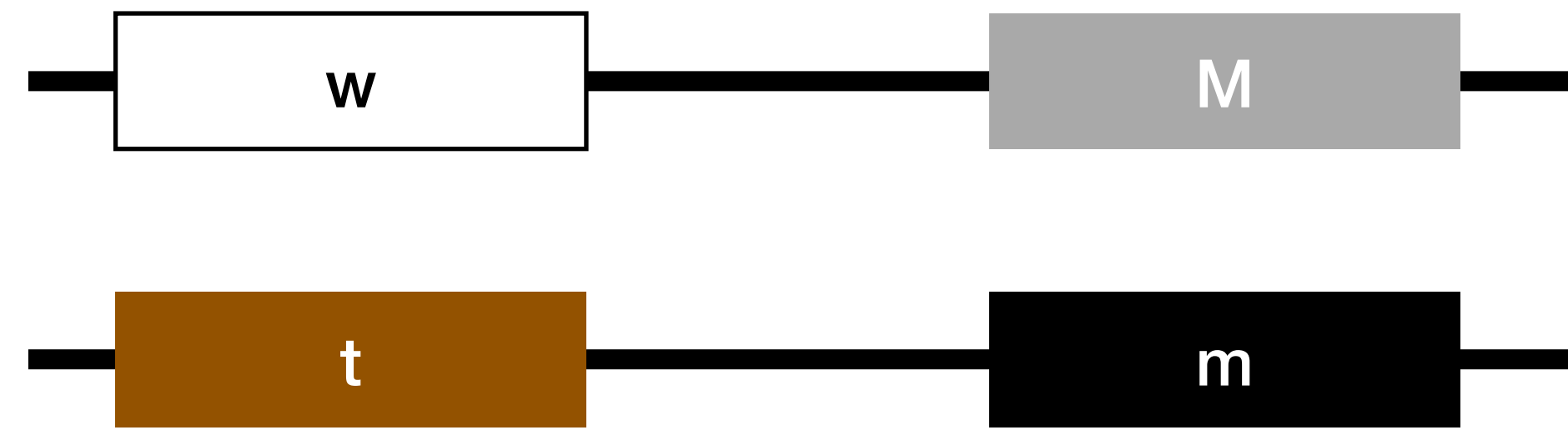
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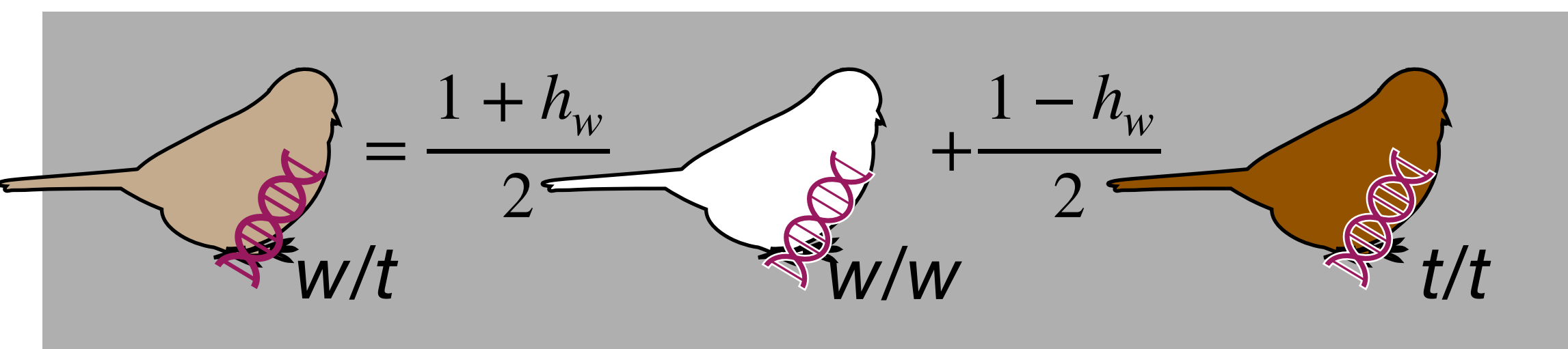
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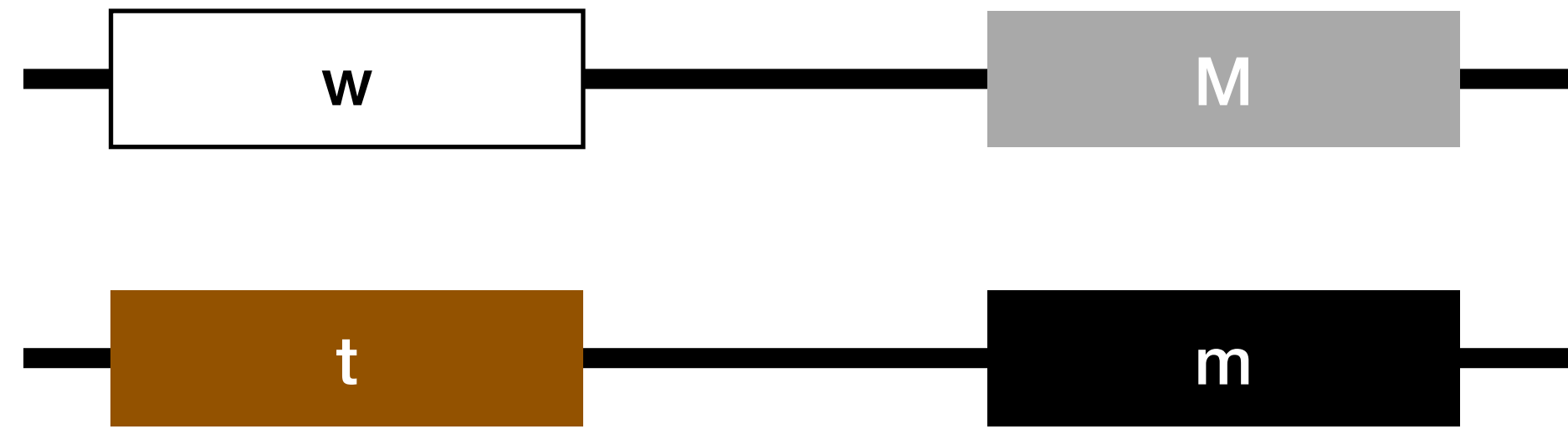
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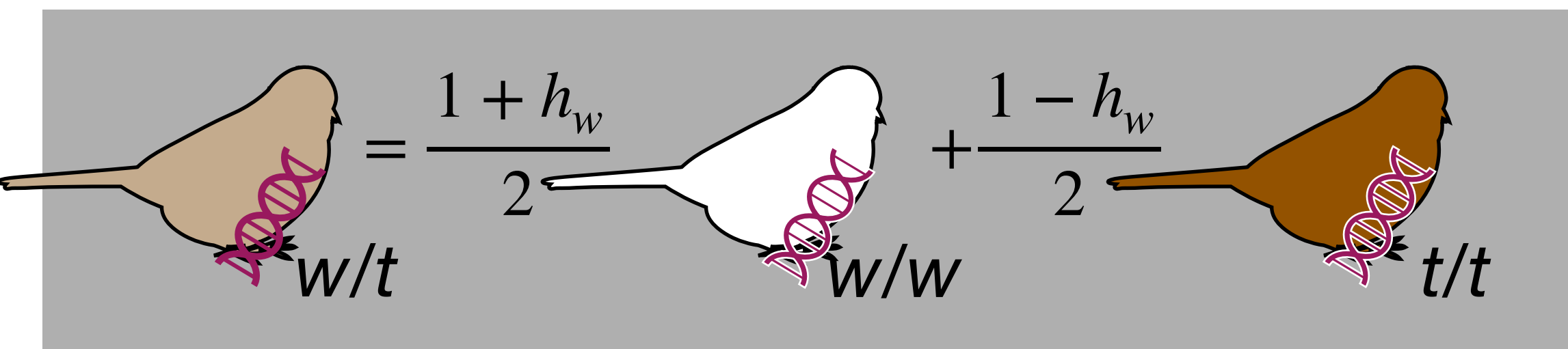
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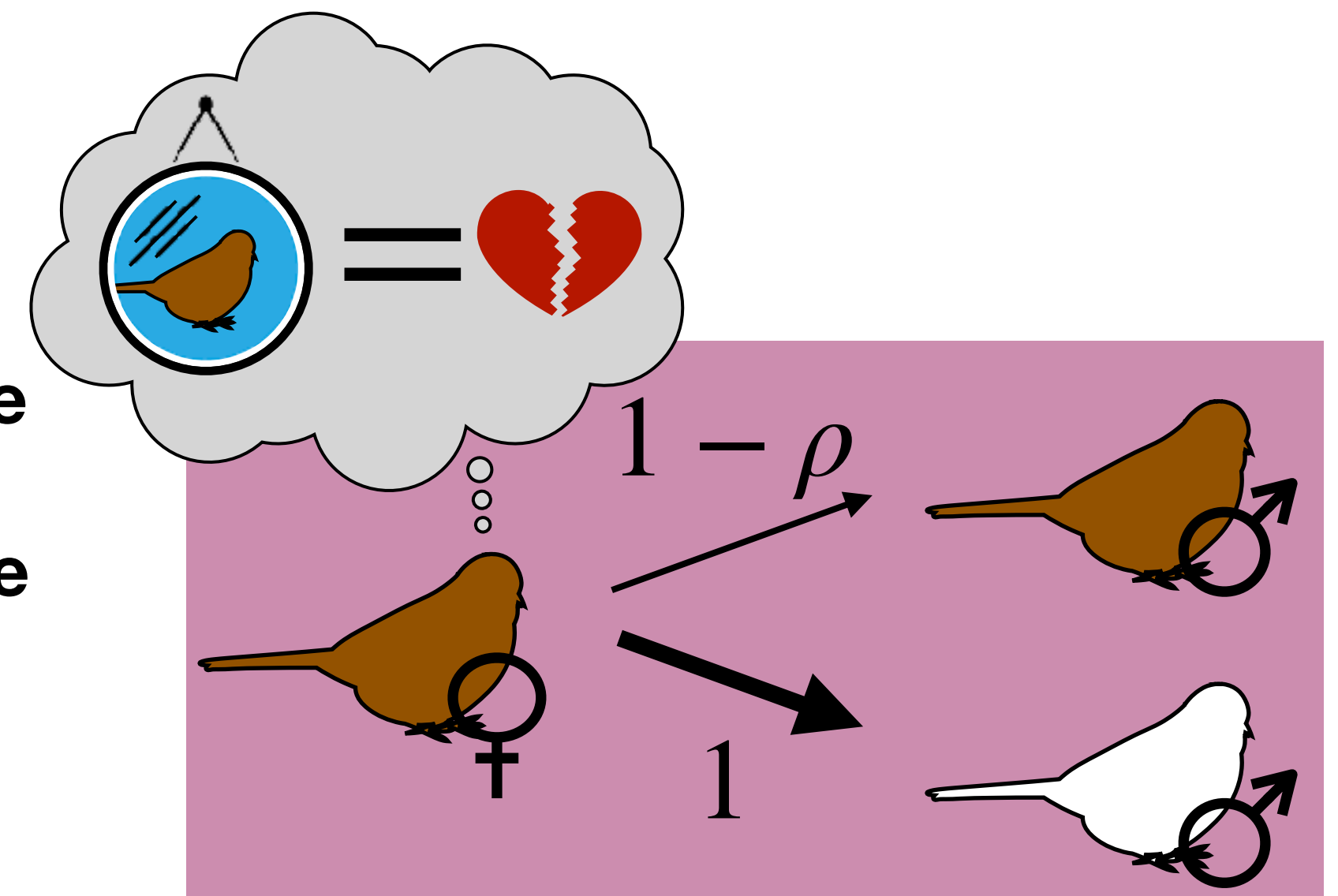
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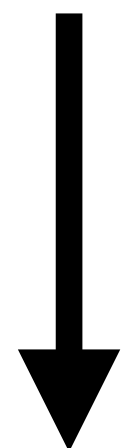
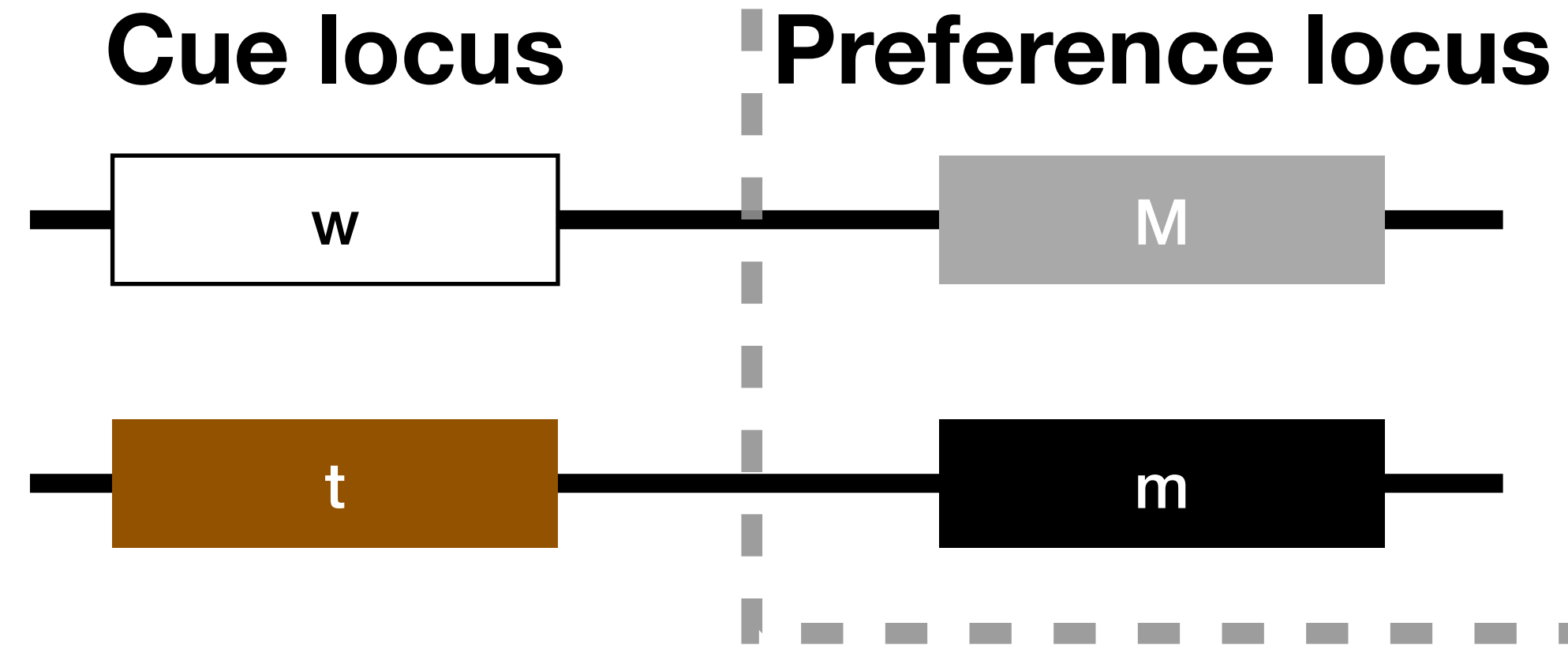
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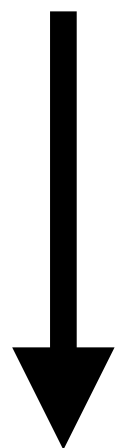
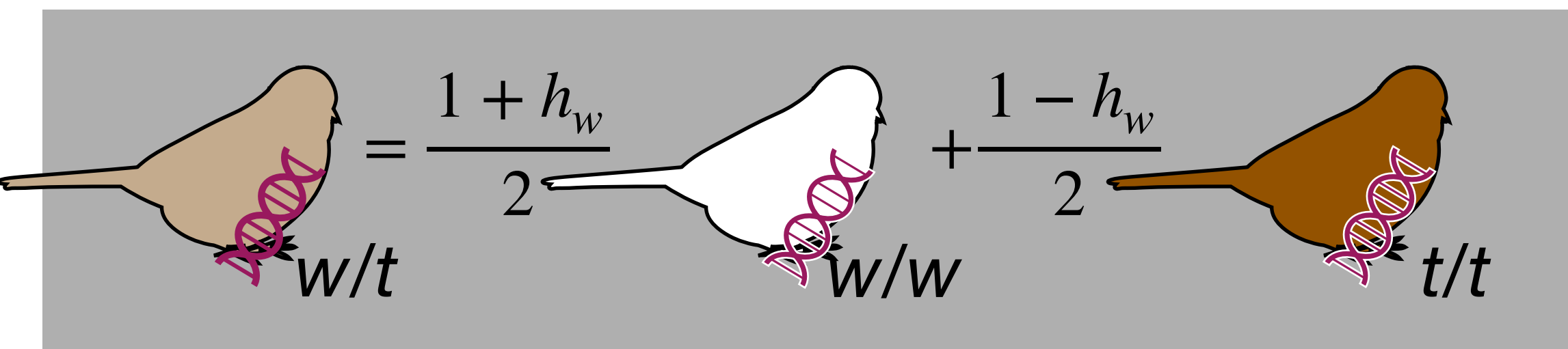
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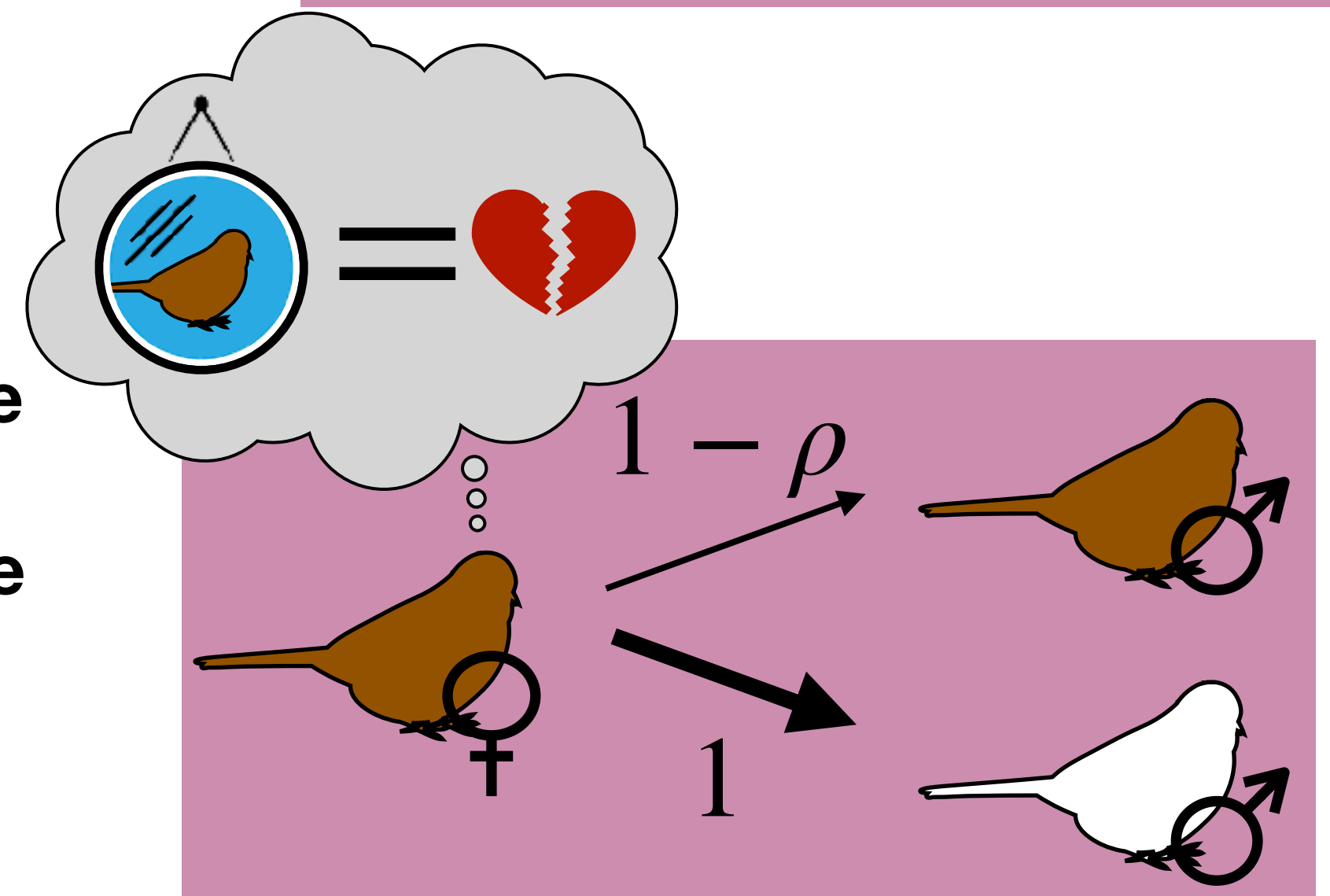
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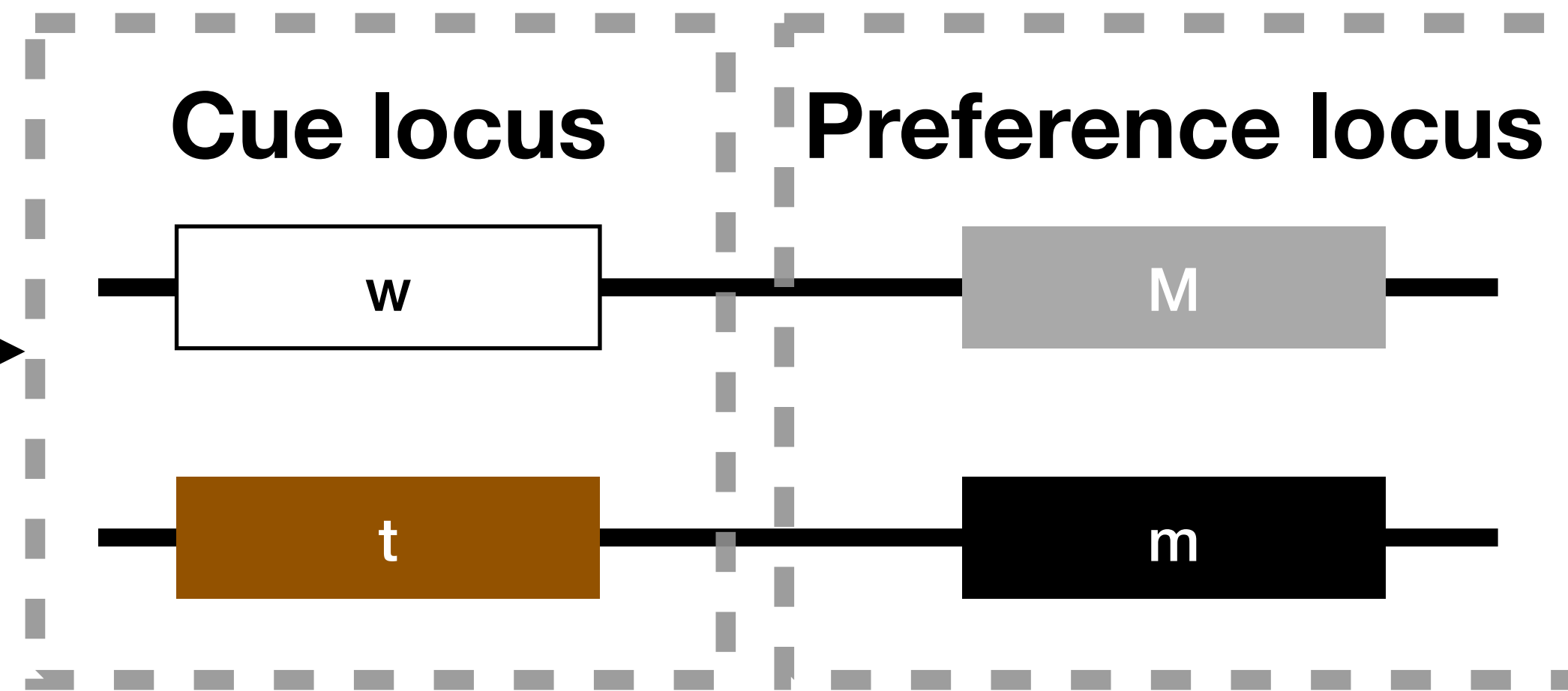


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Viability selection

$$W_{w/w}, W_{w/t}, W_{t/t}$$



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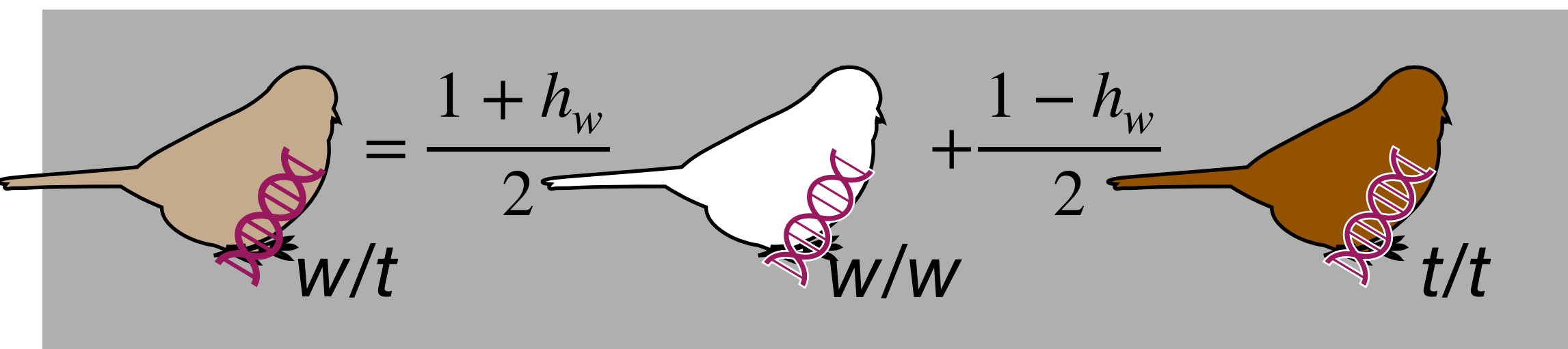
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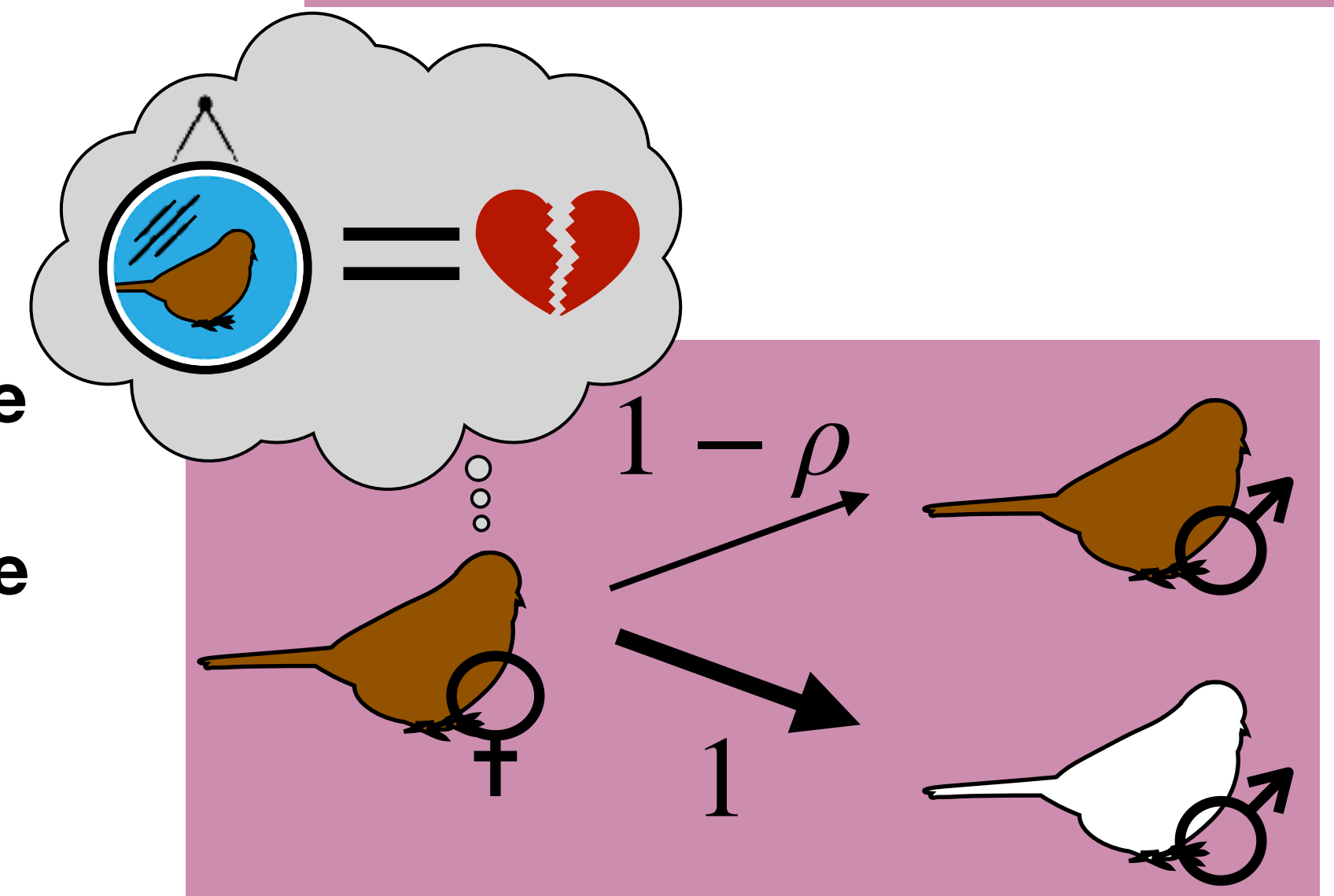
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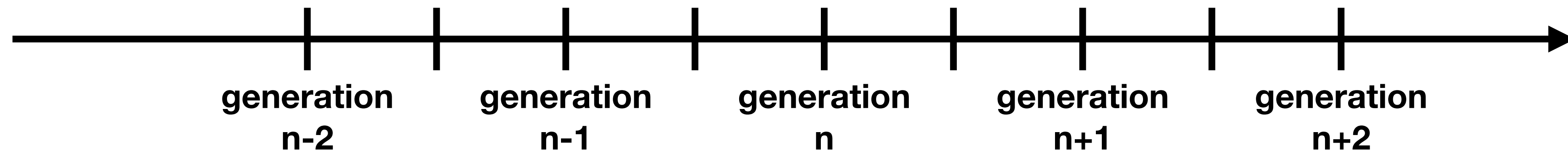
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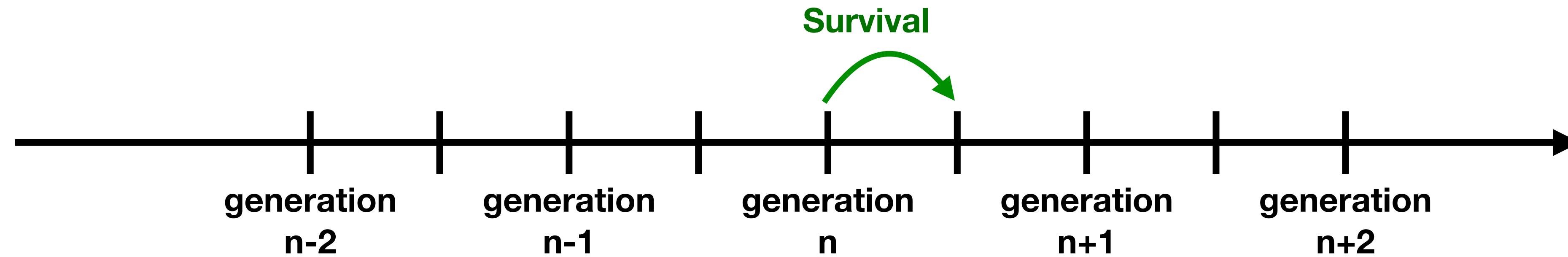
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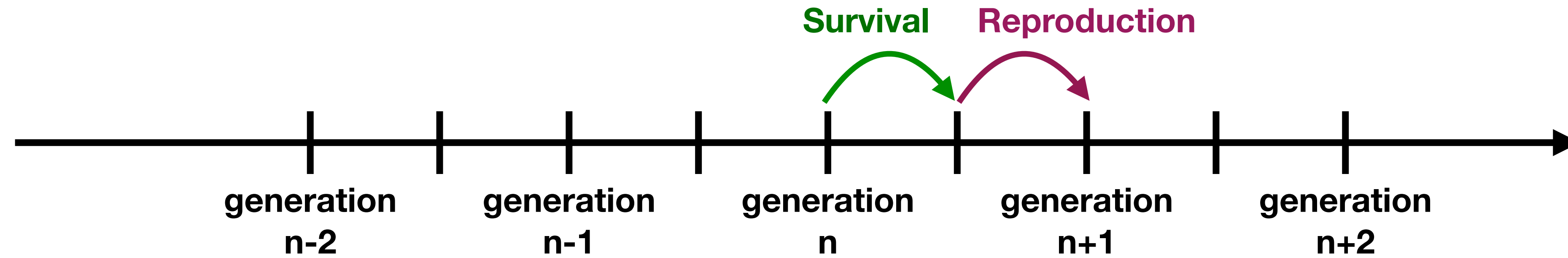
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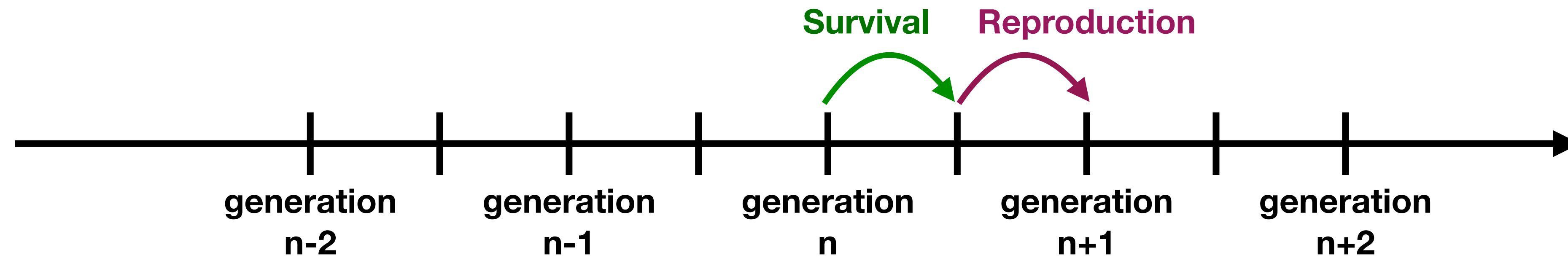
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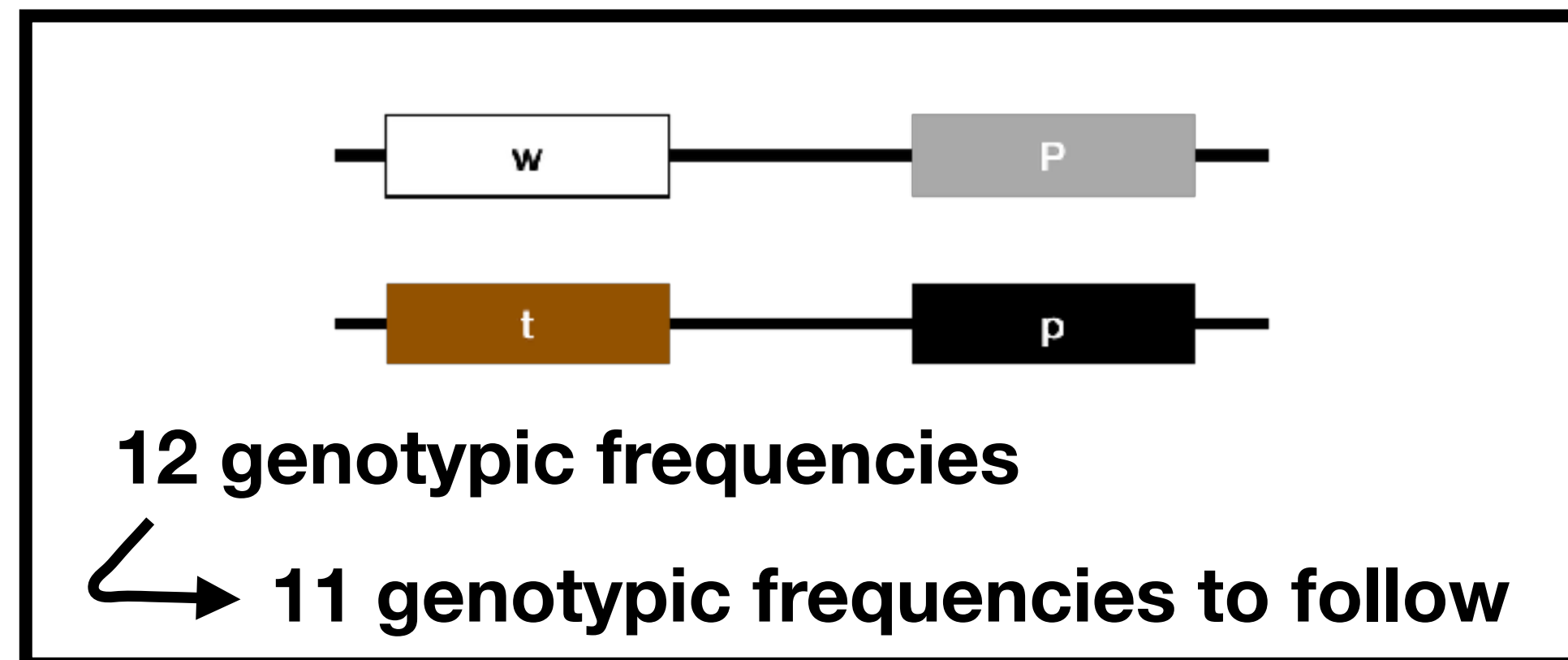
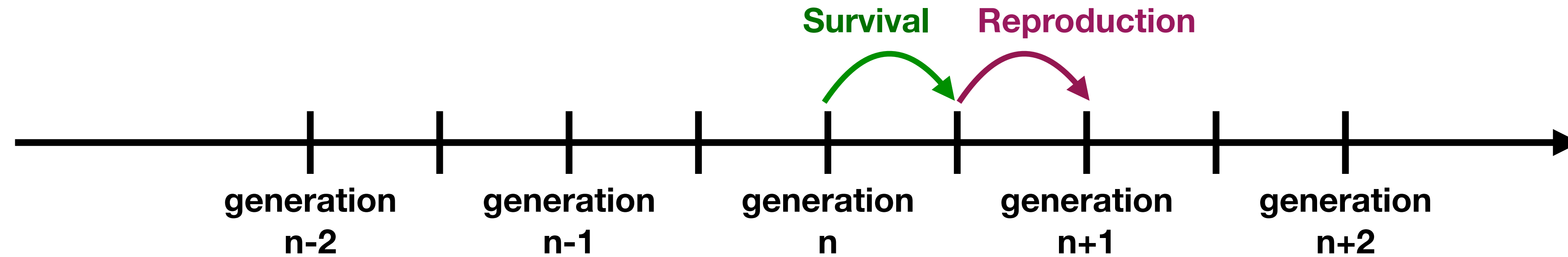
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12 genotypic frequencies

↙ 11 genotypic frequencies to follow

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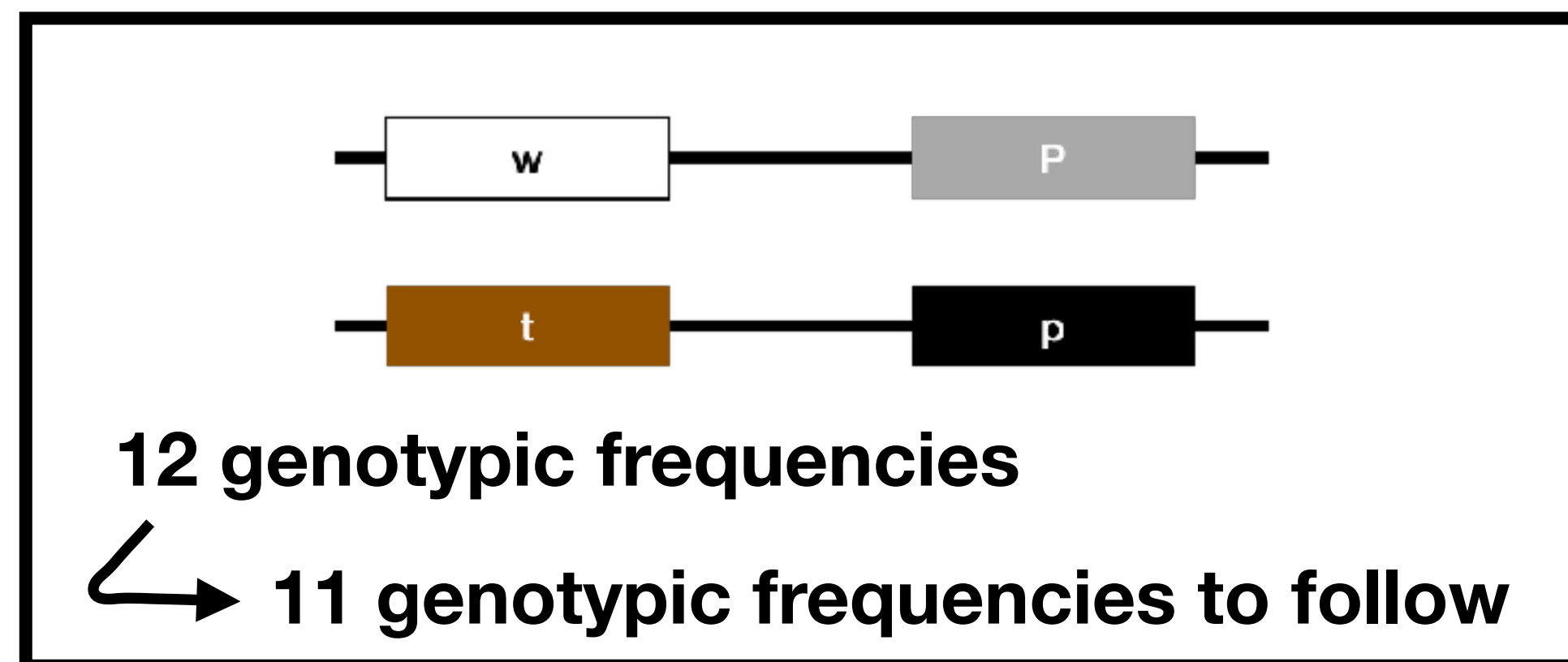
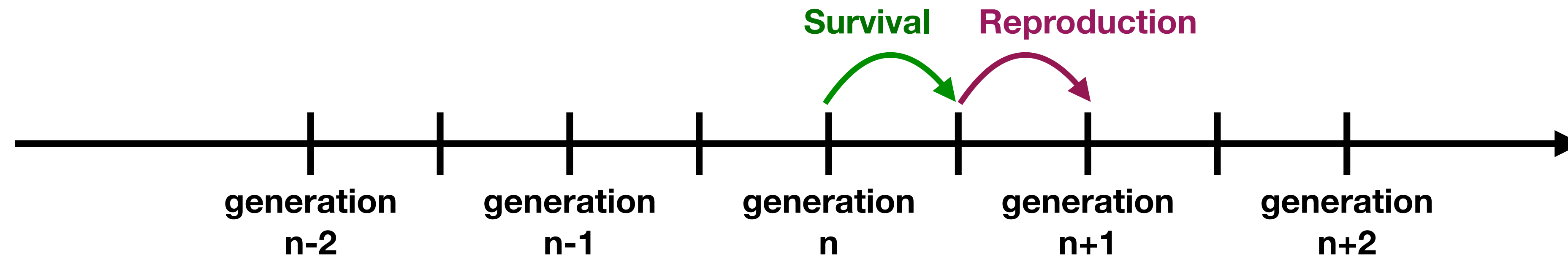
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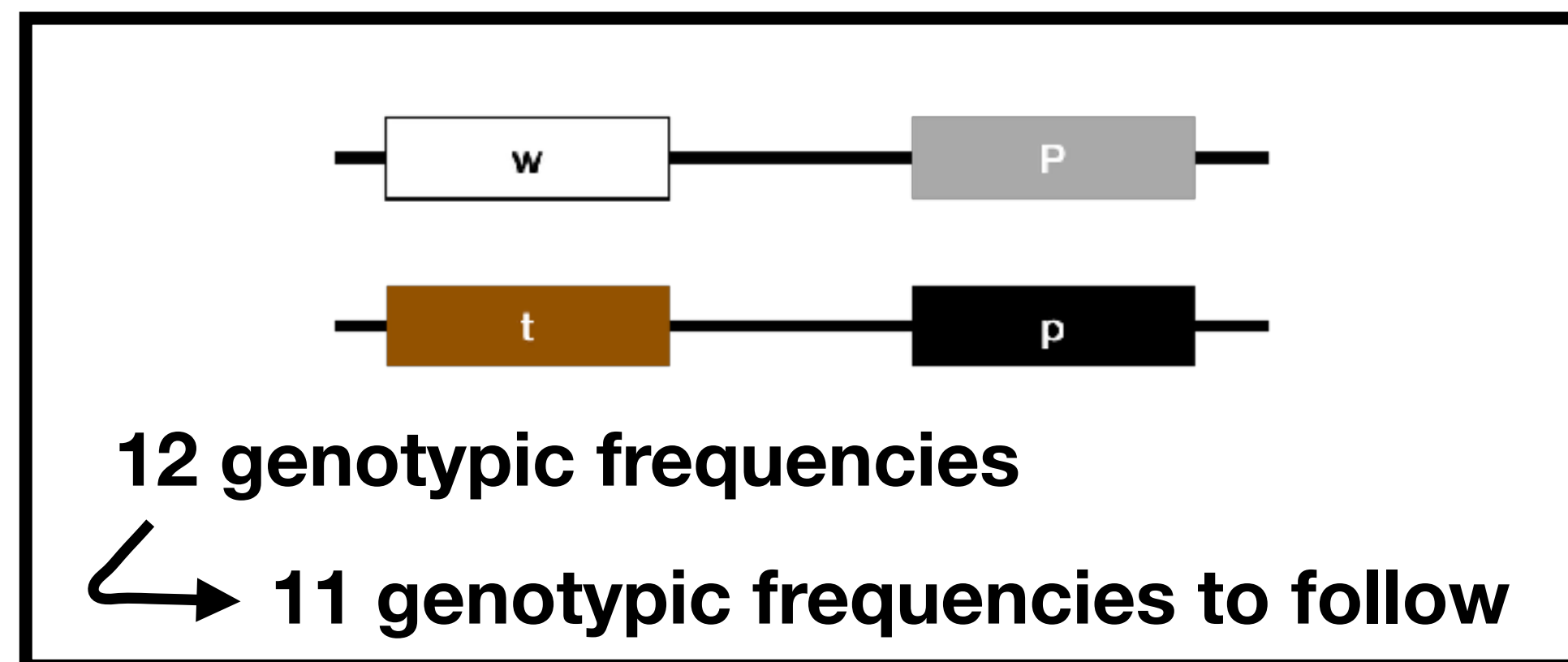
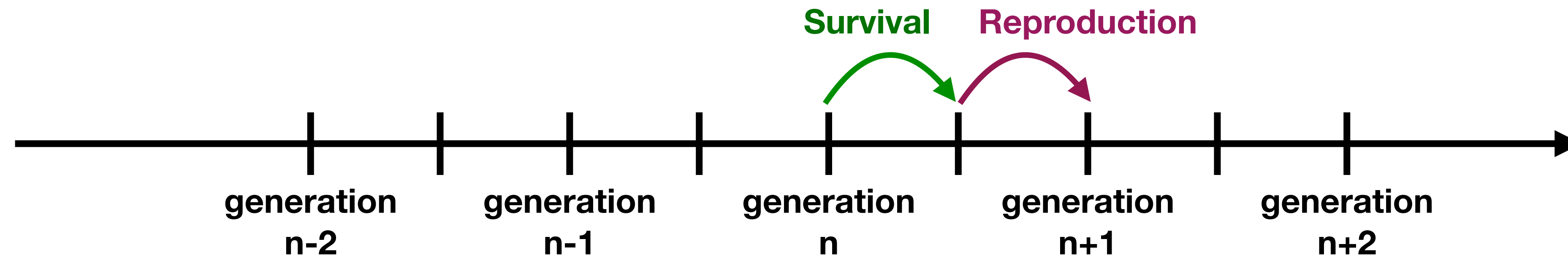


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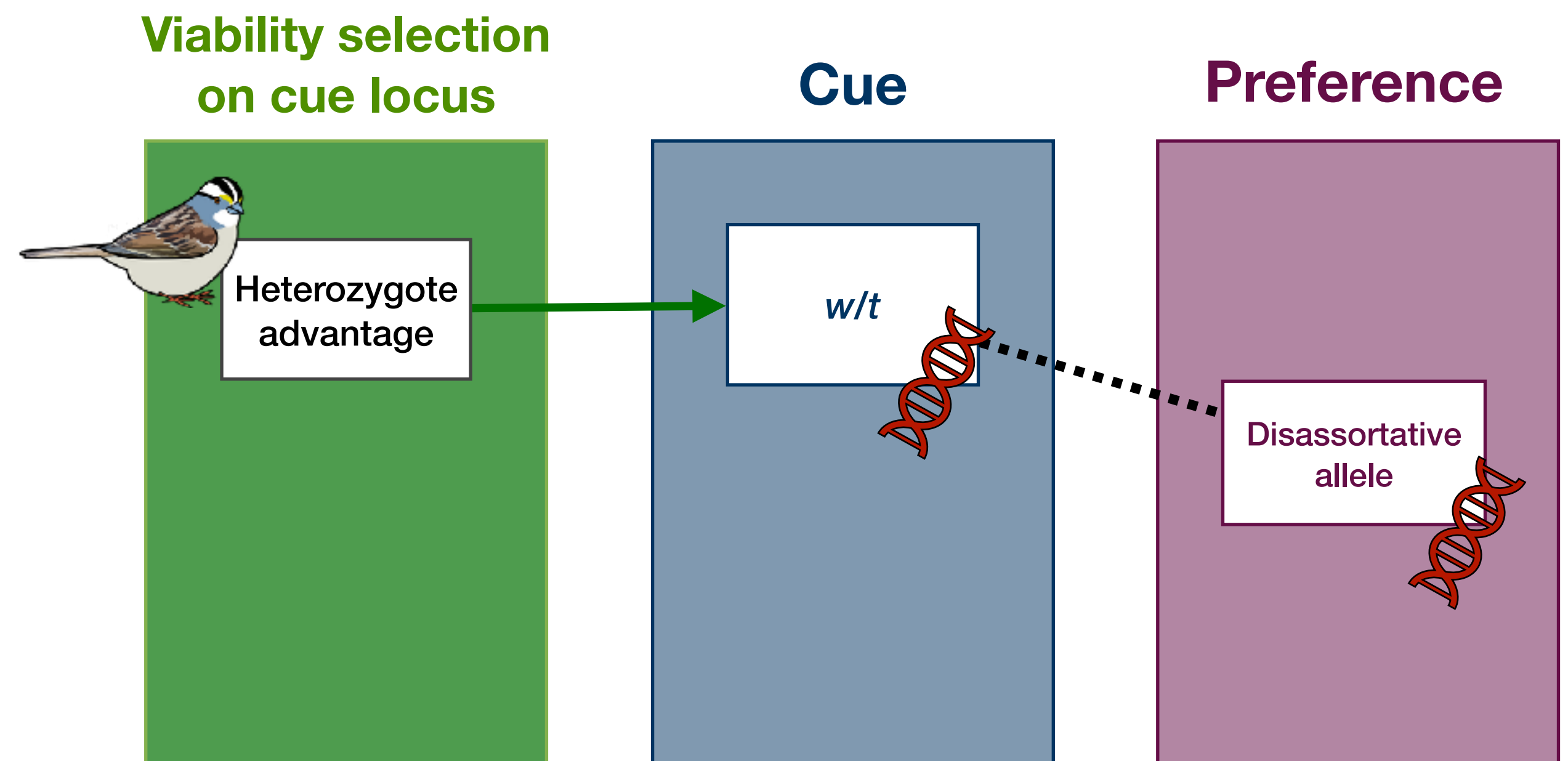
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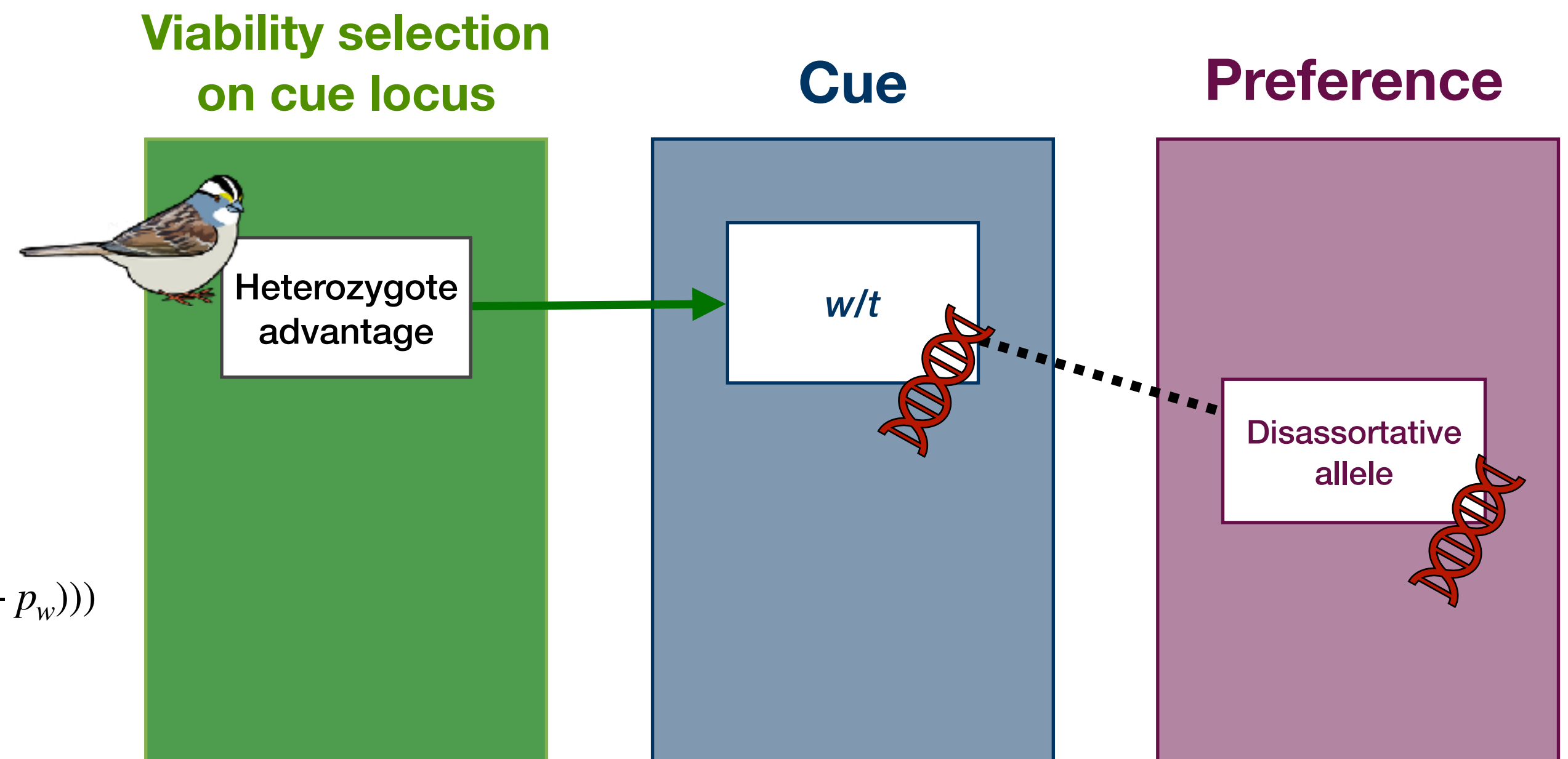
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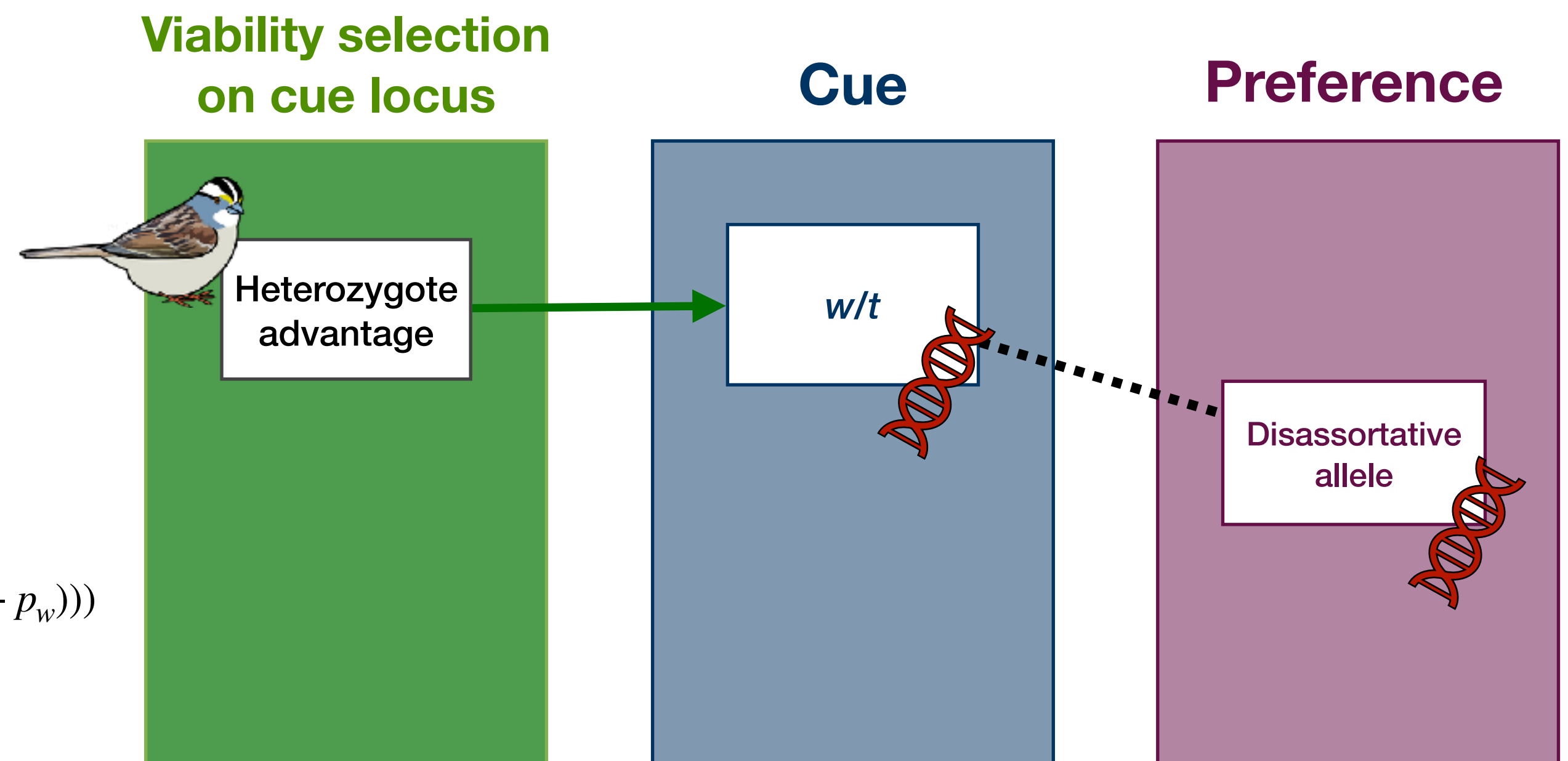
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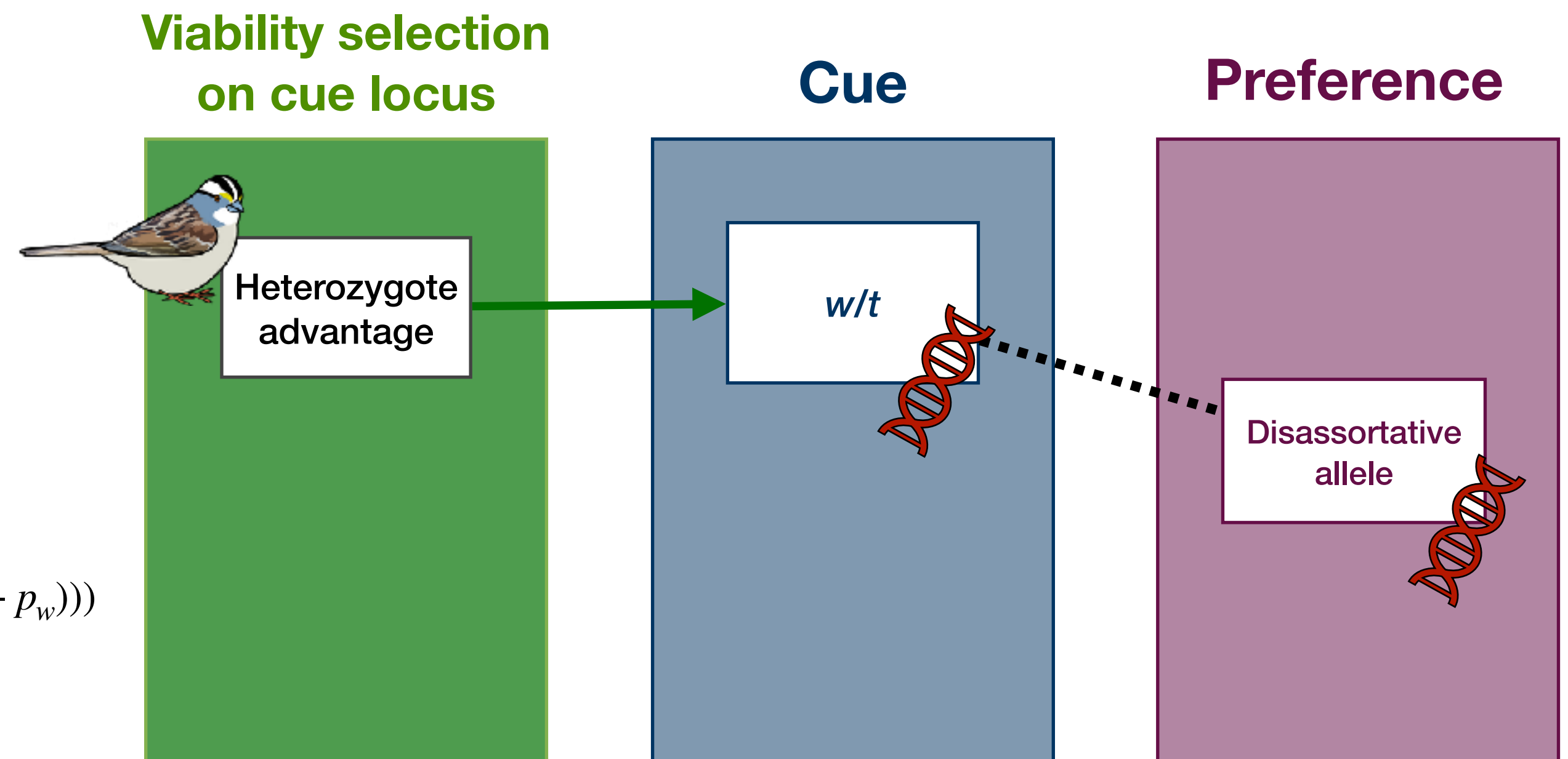
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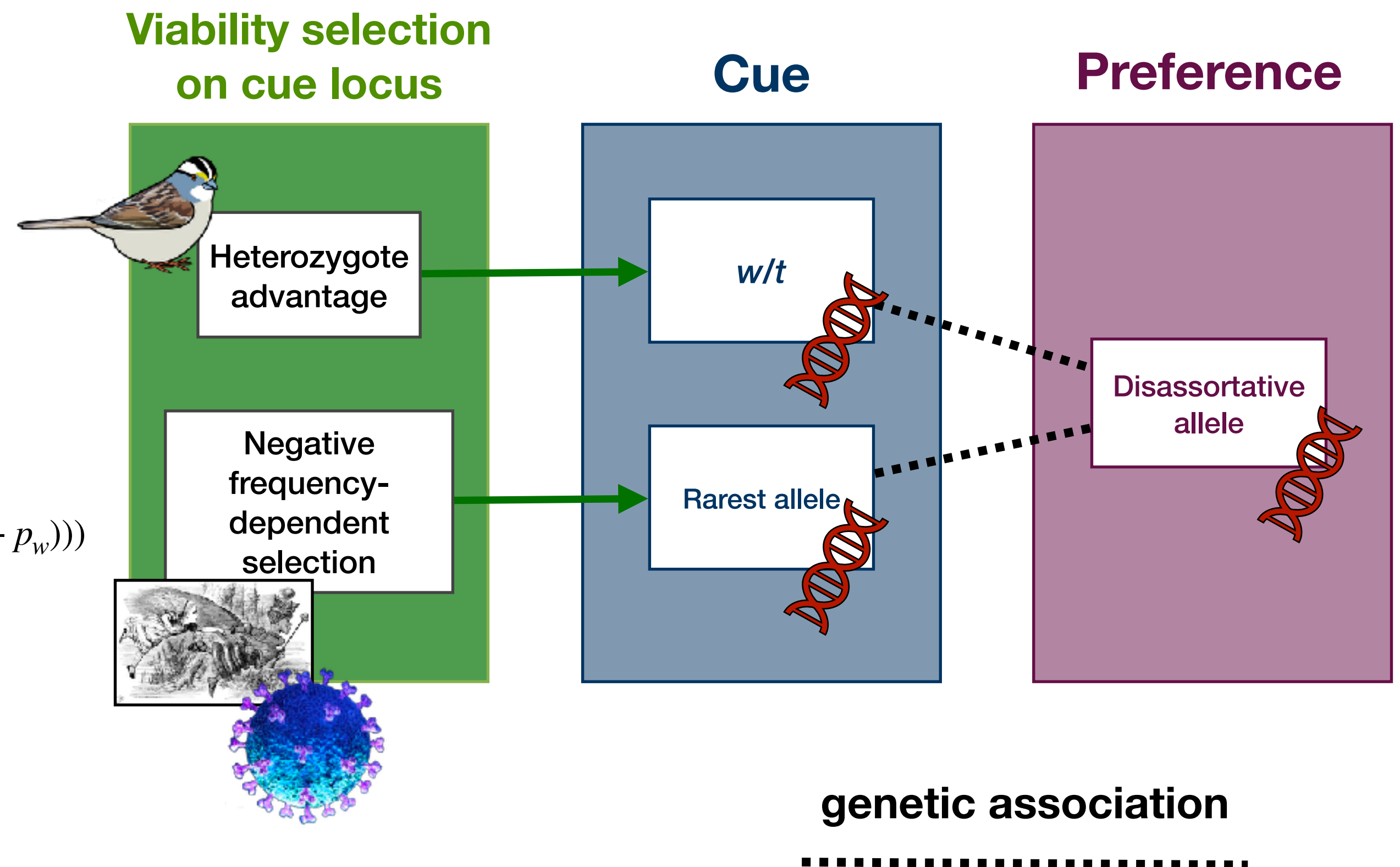
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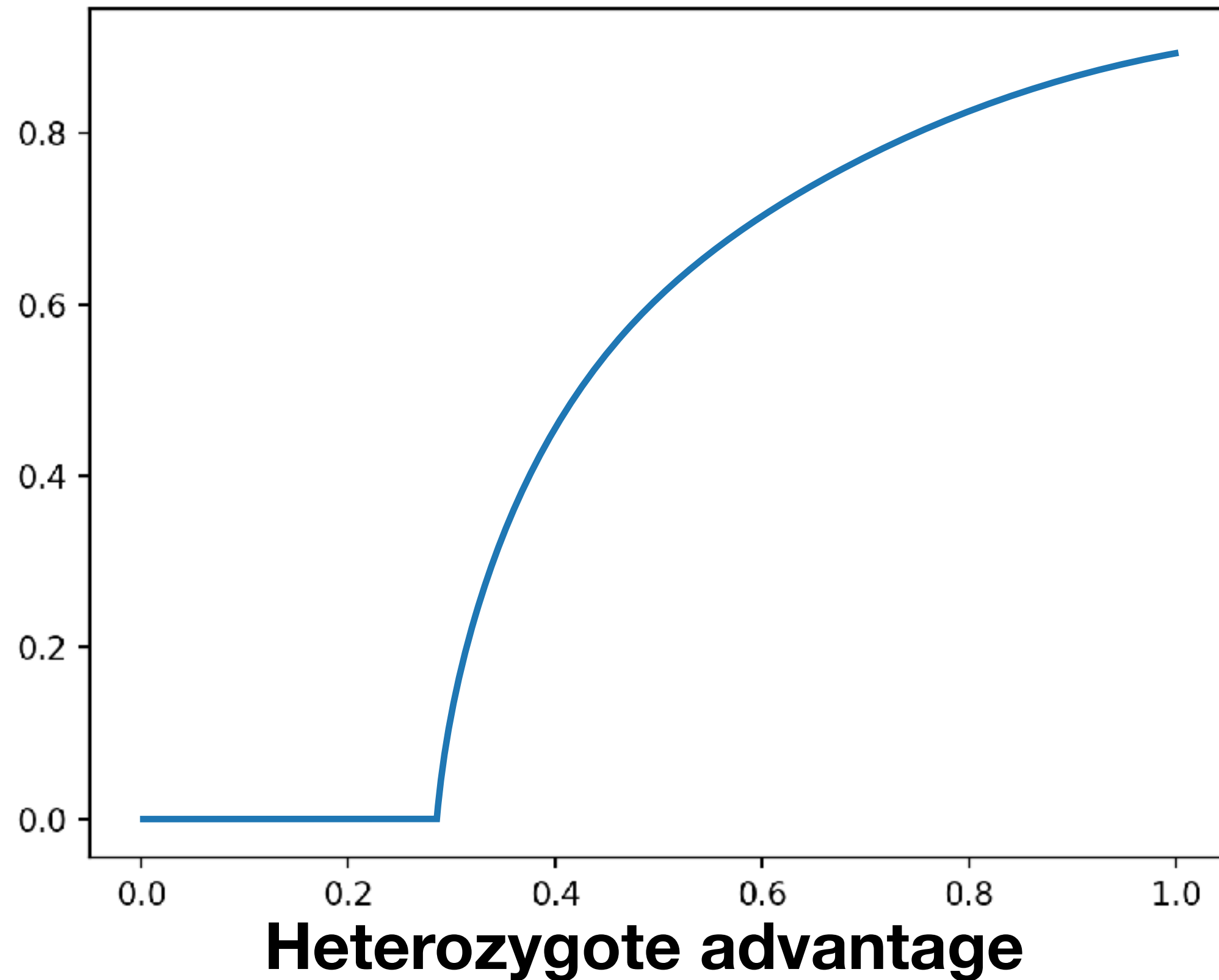
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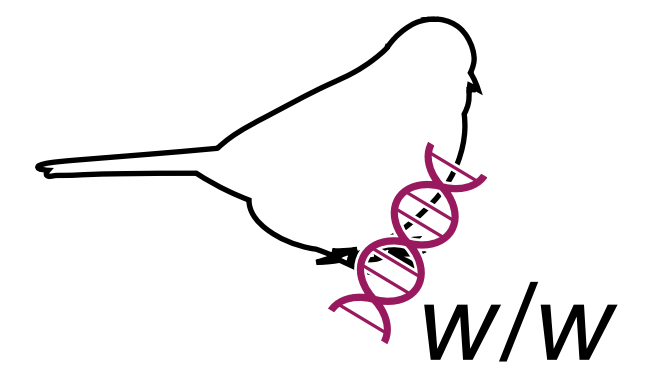
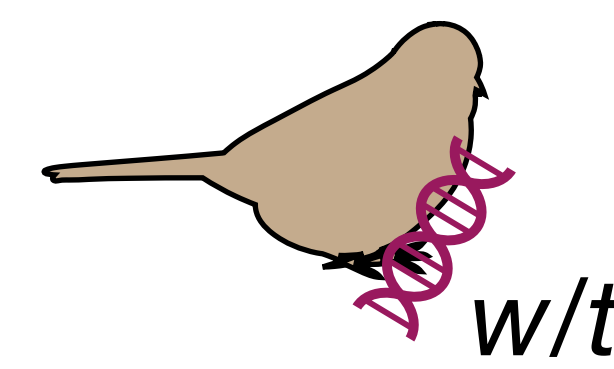
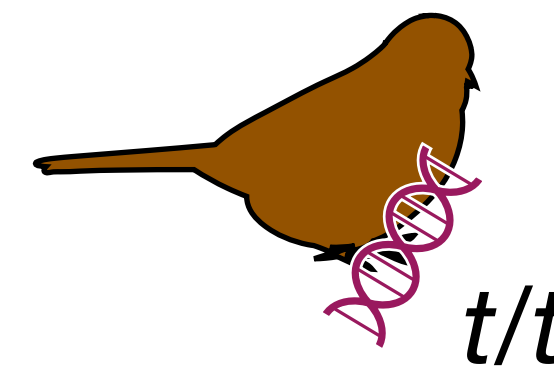
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Relaxing QLE hypothesis

Evolutionary stable level of disassortative mating



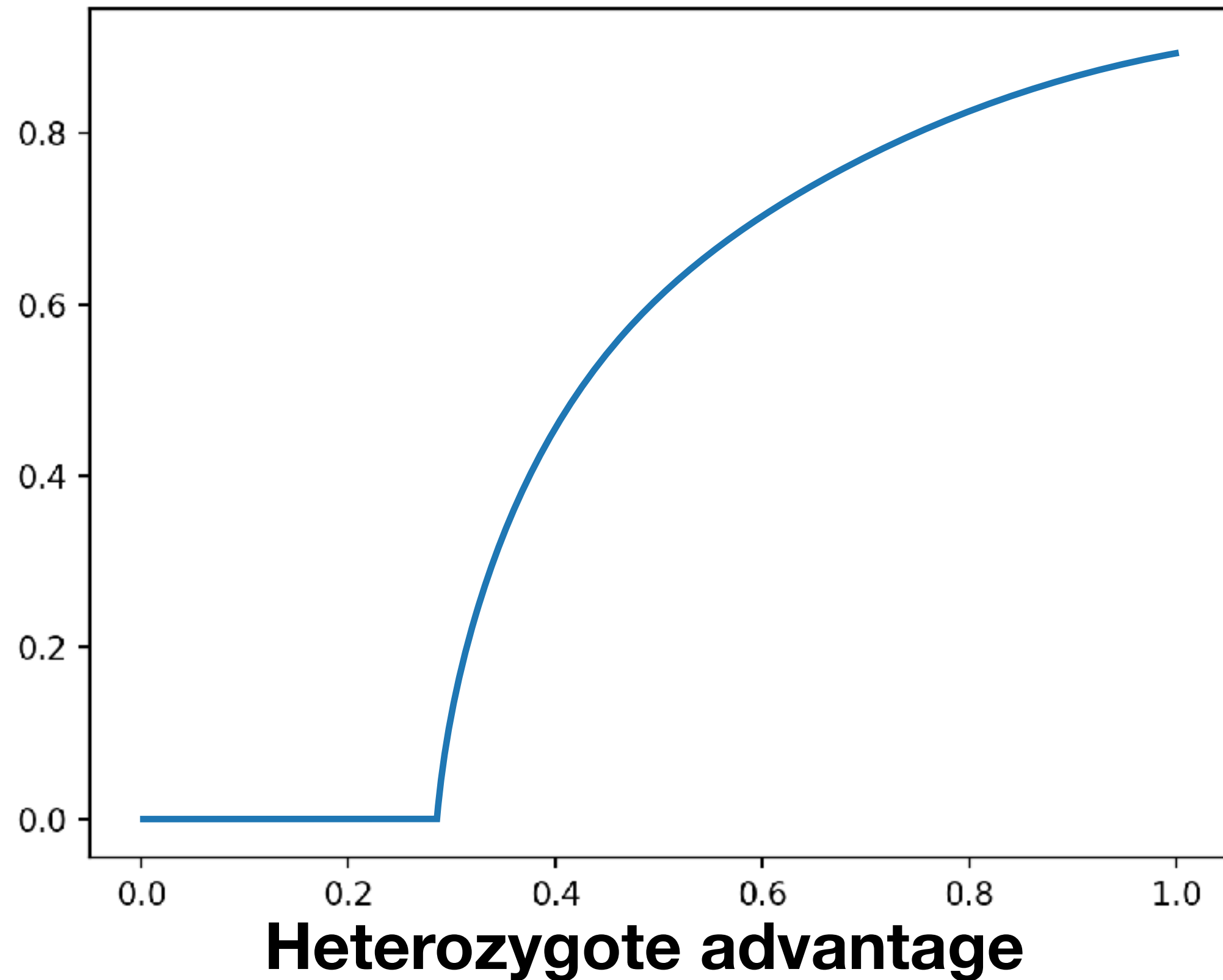
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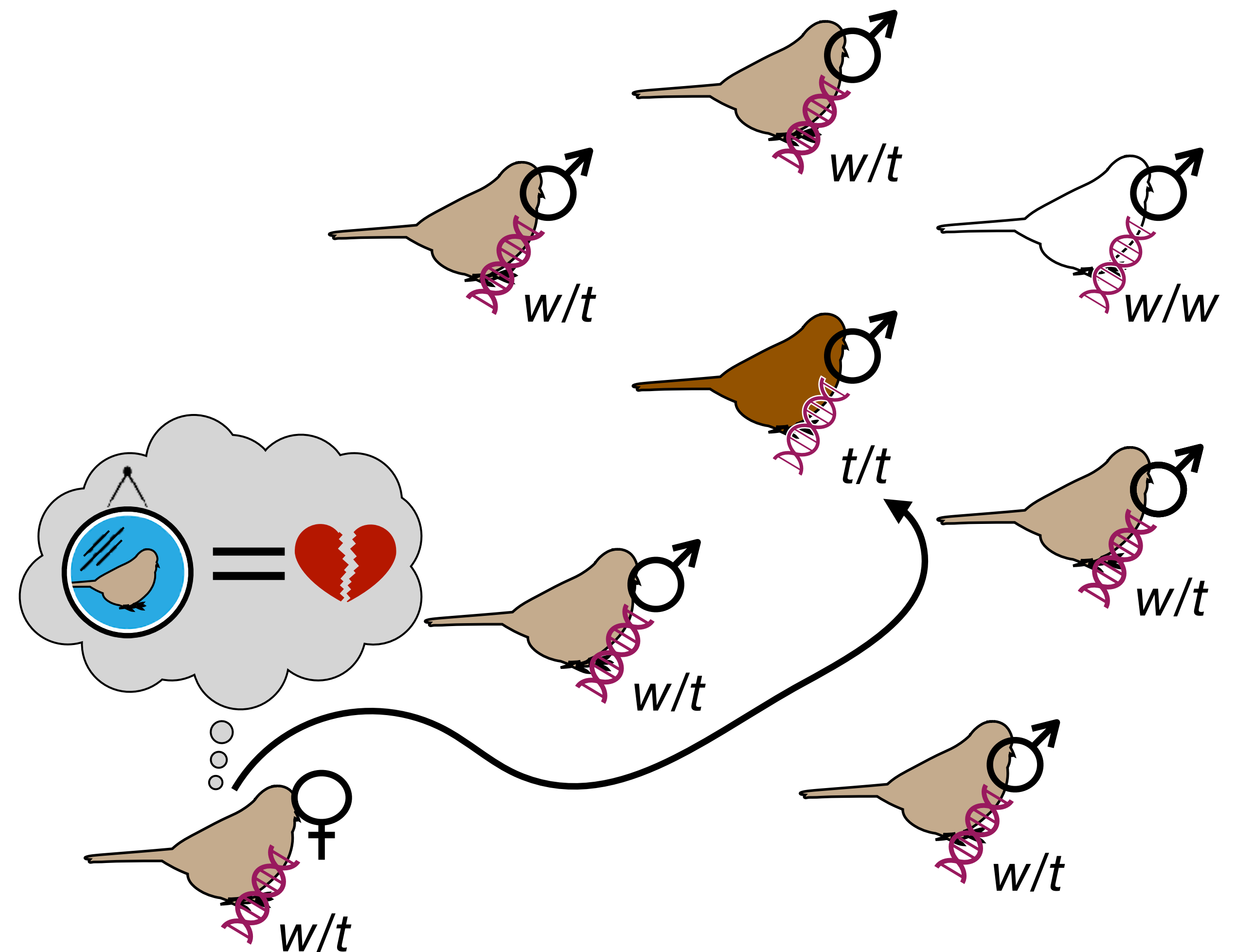
Cost of choosiness and sexual selection limit the evolution of disassortative mating

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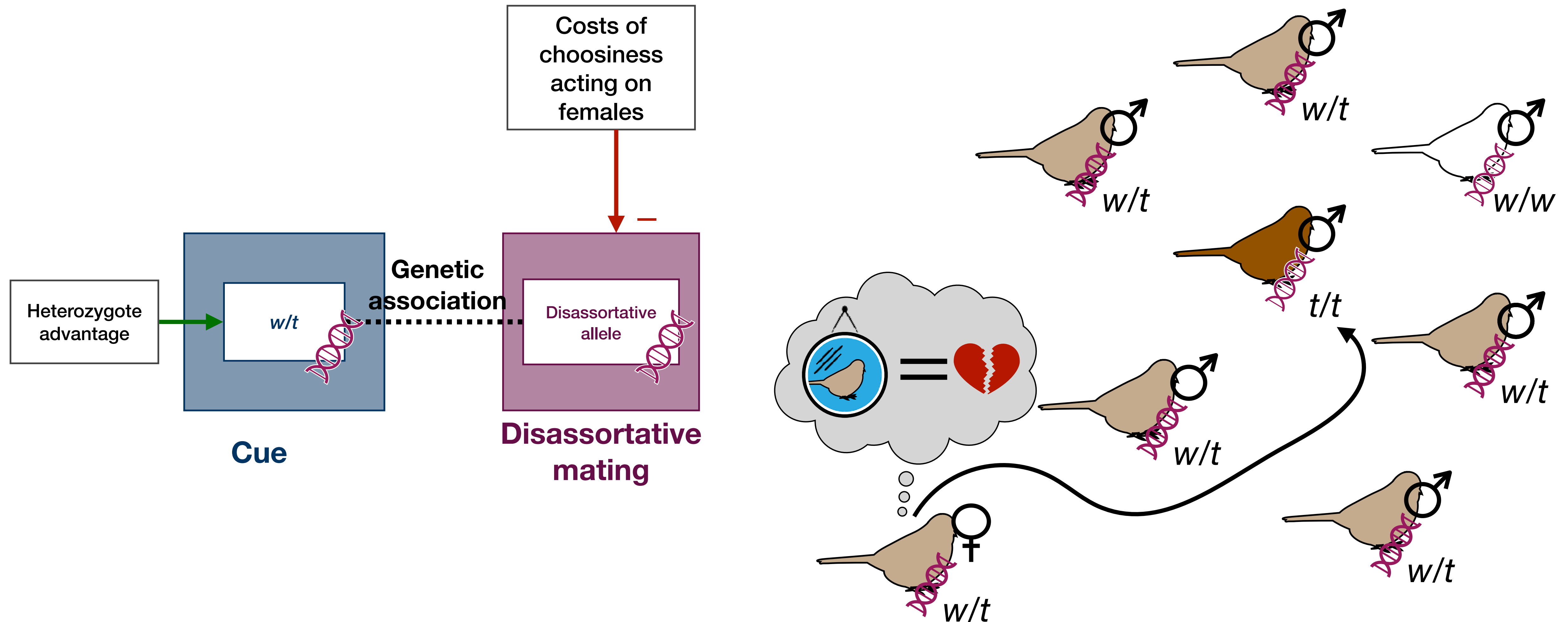
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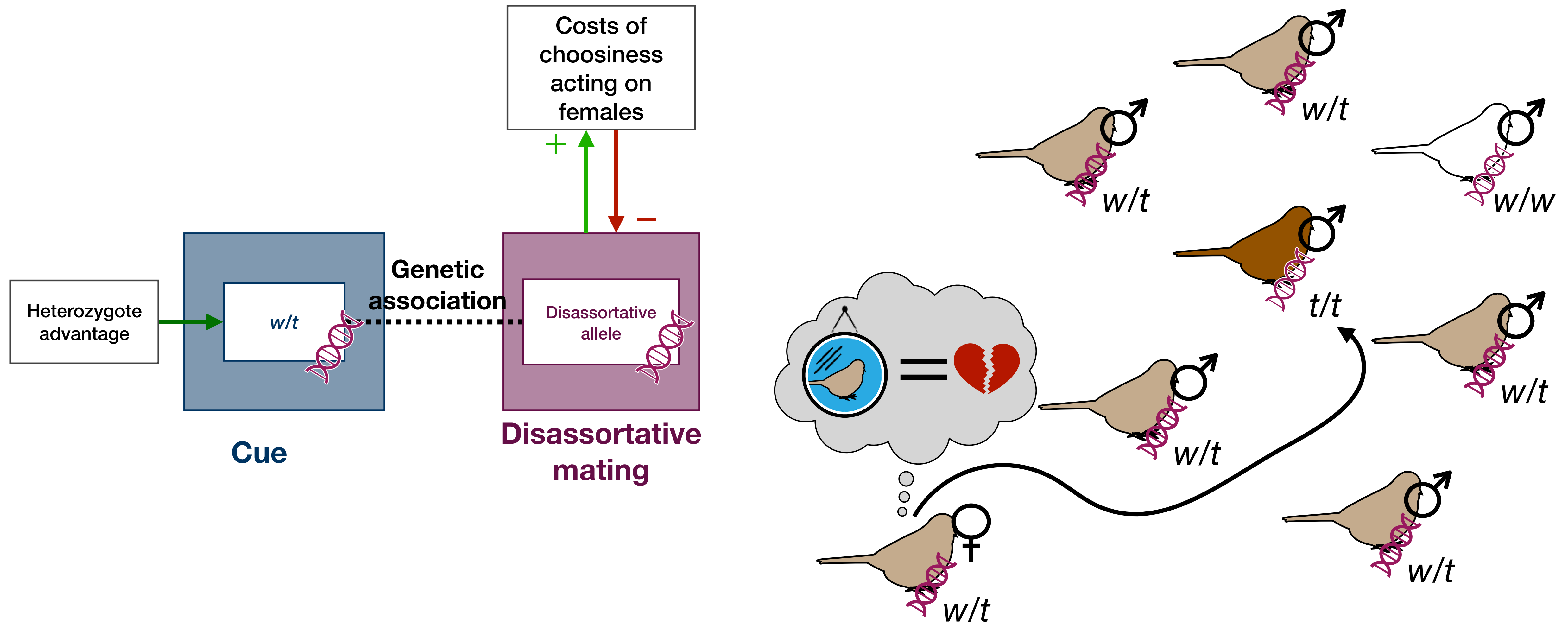
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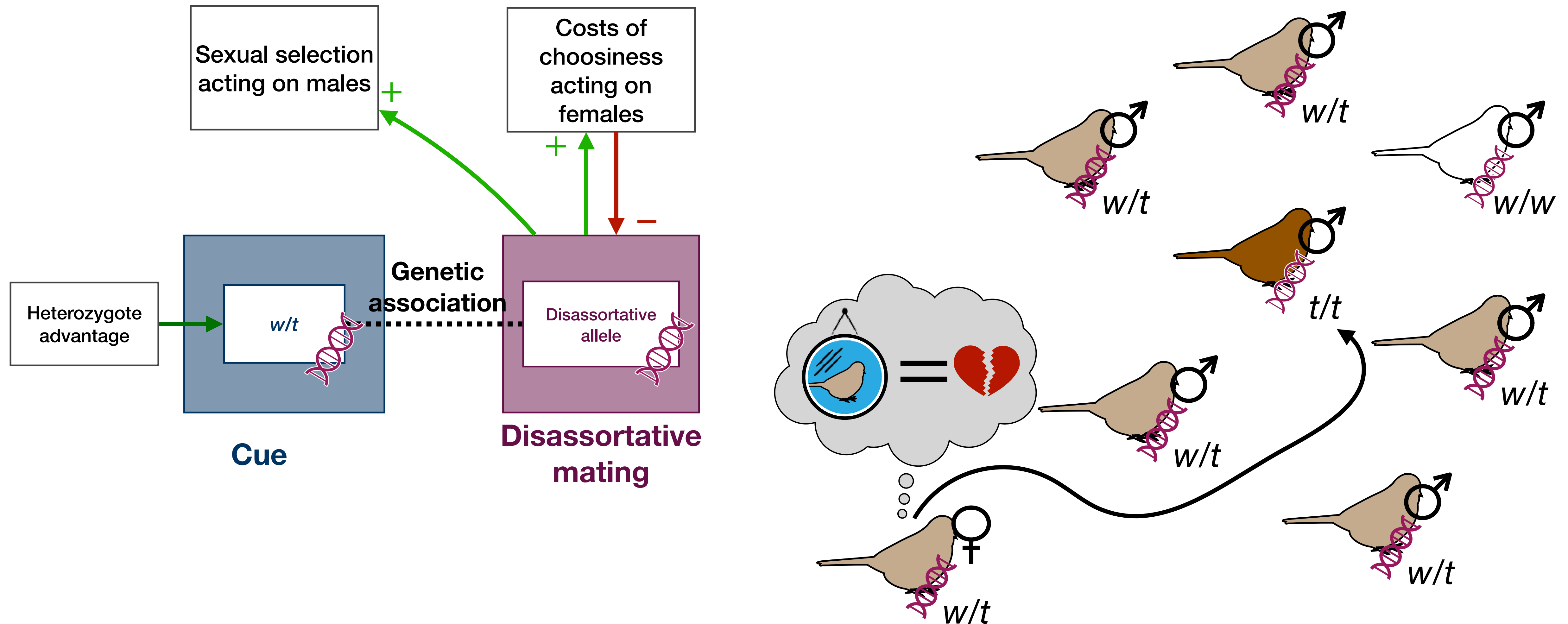
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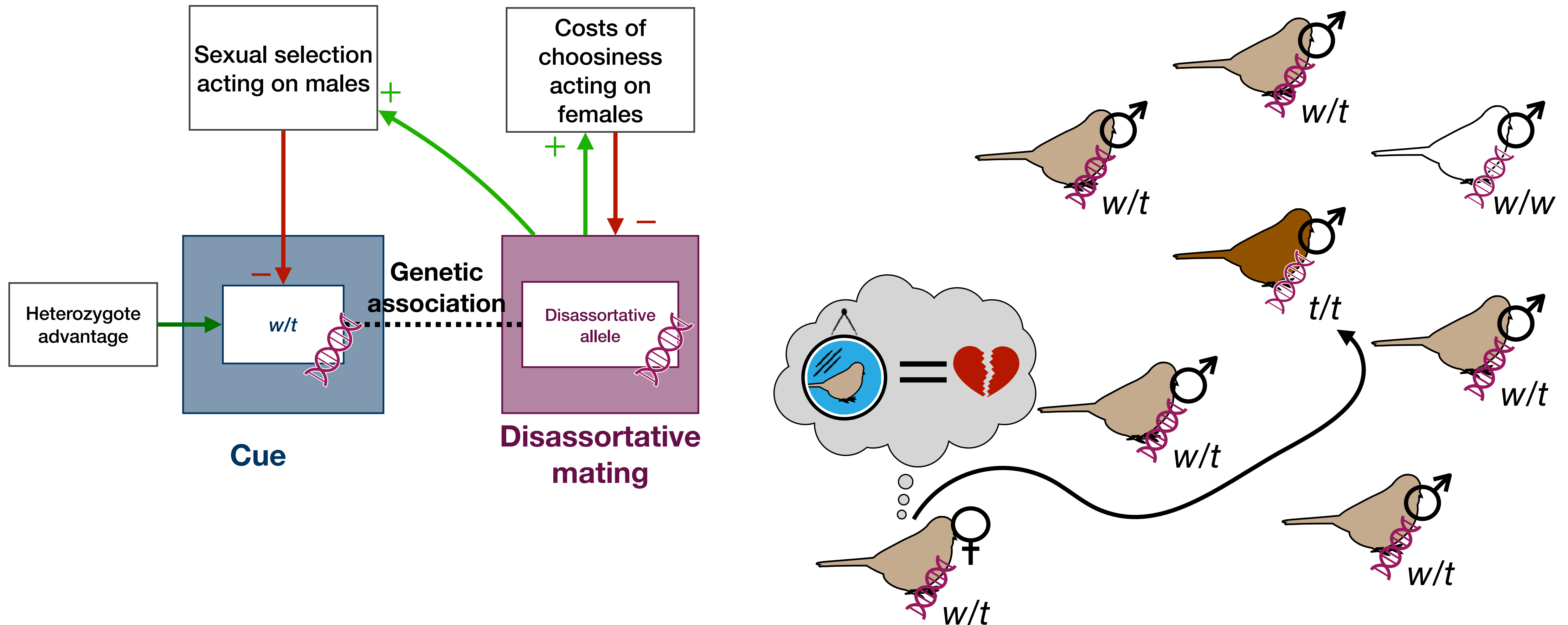
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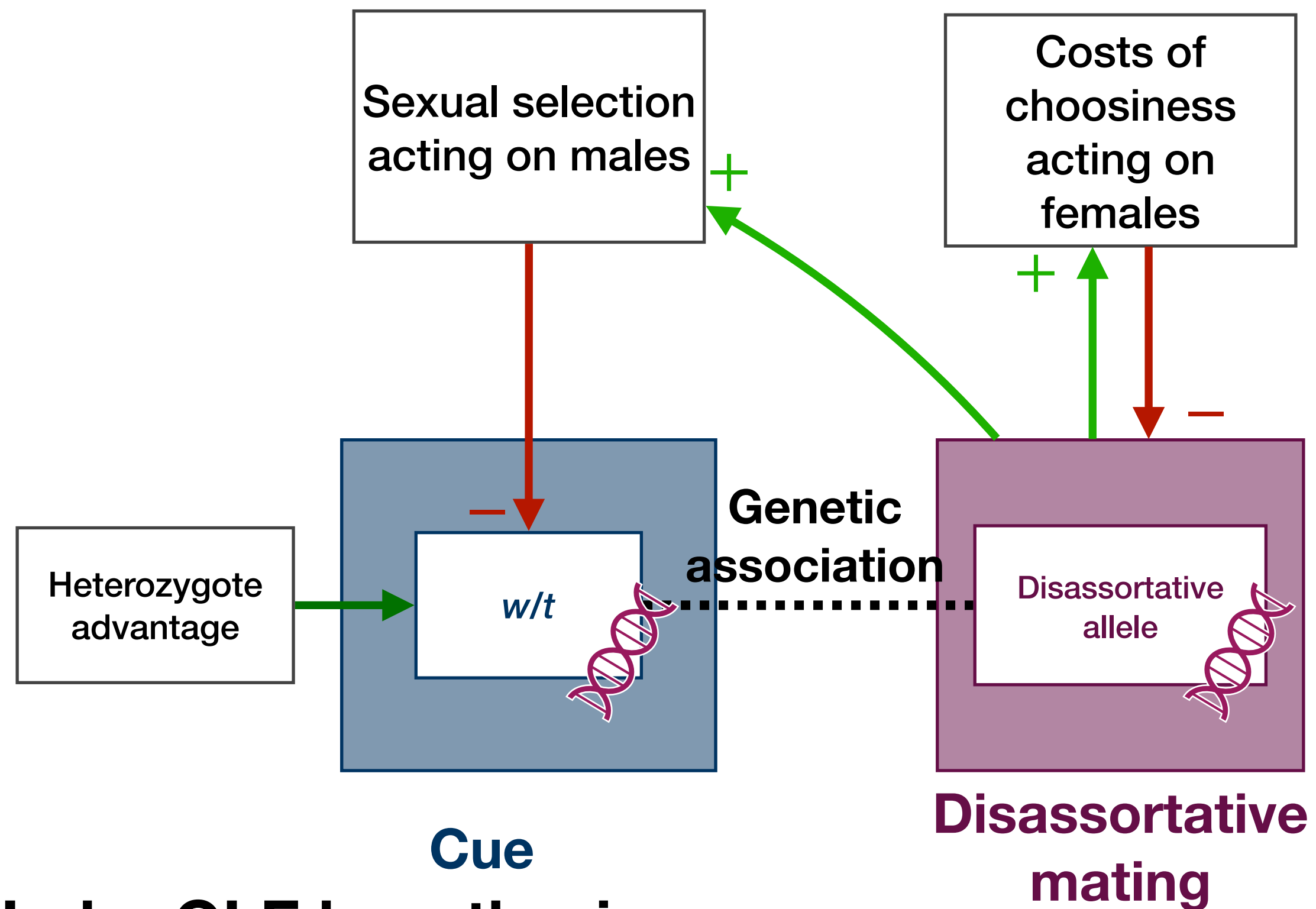
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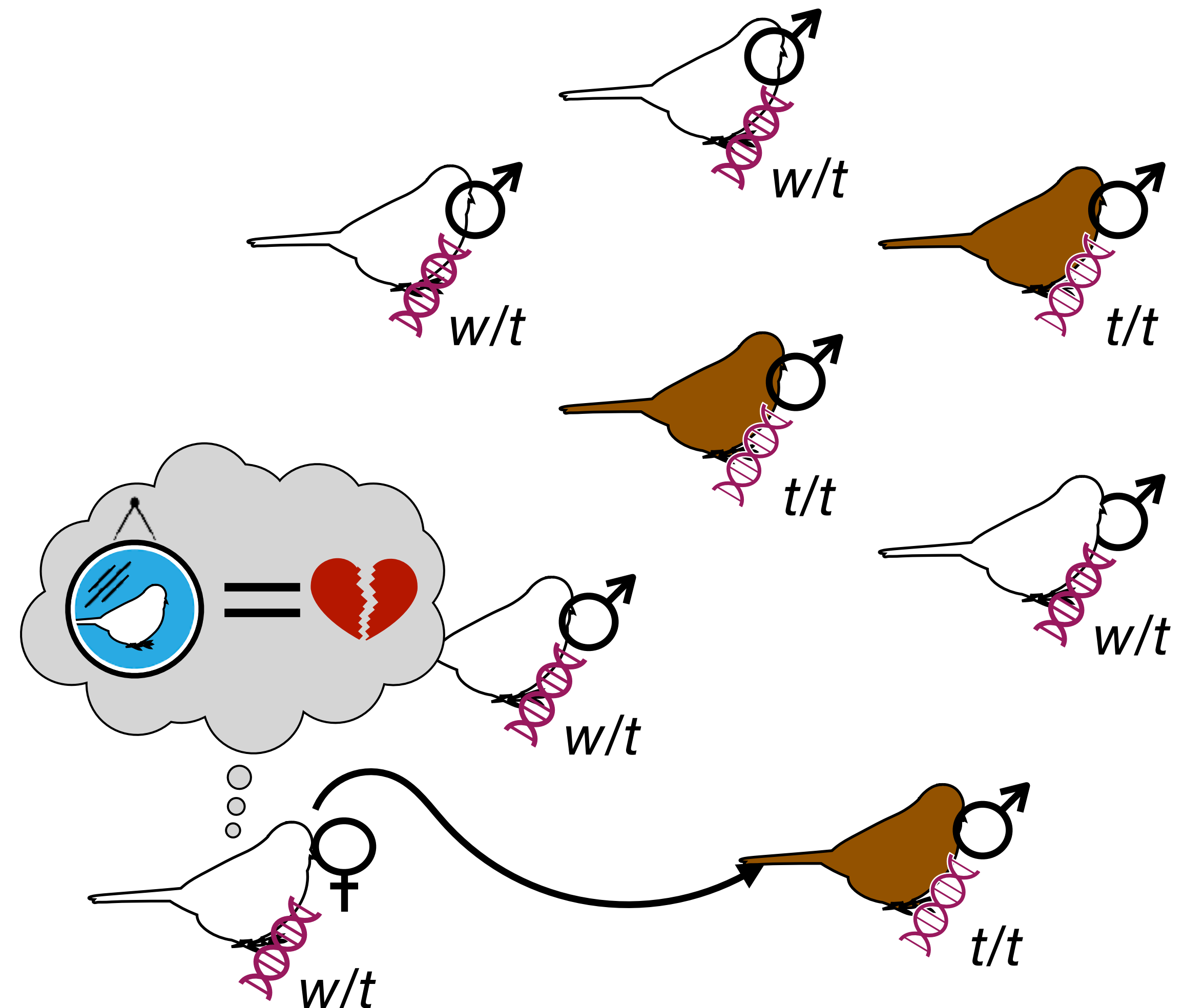


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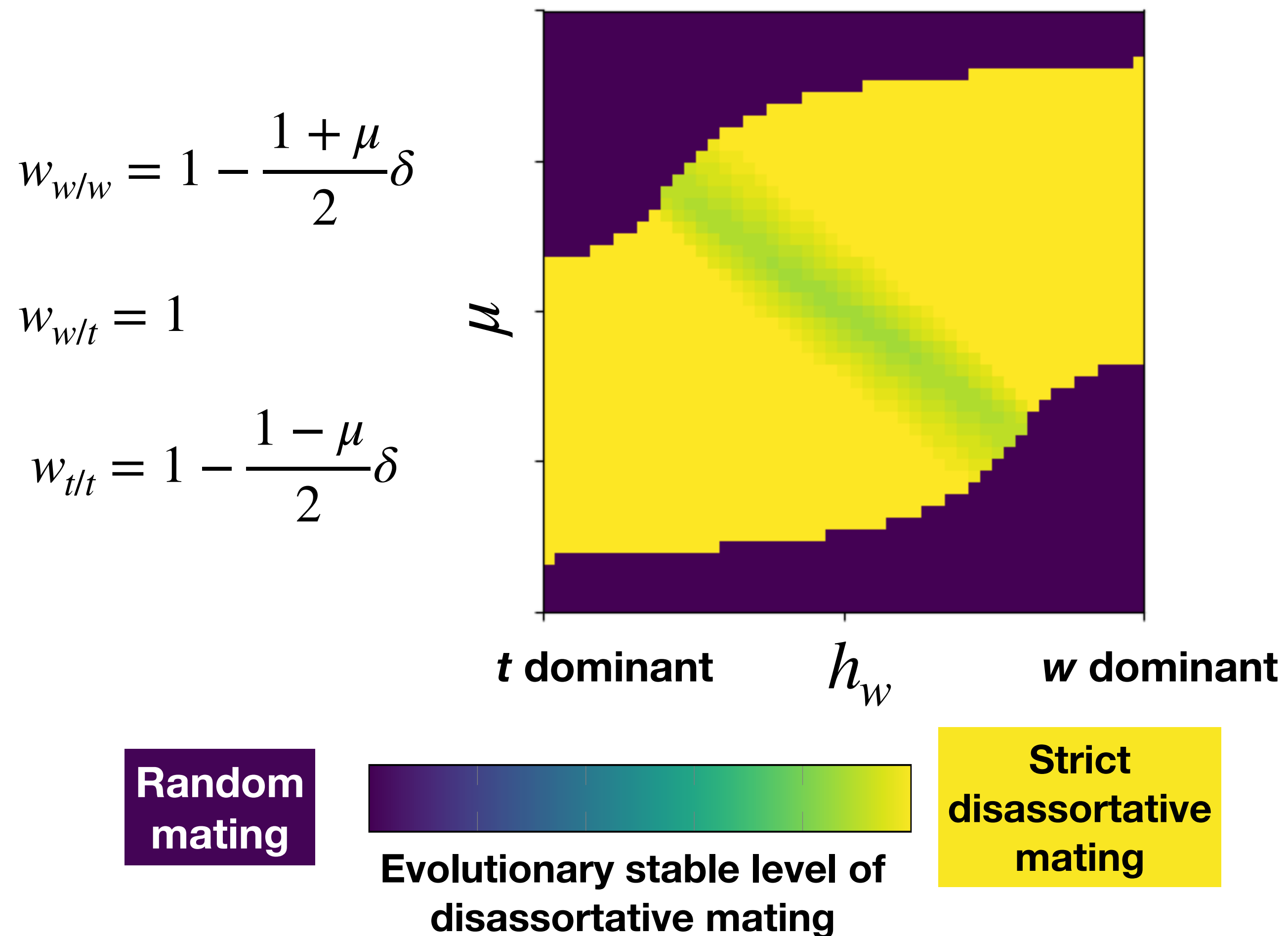


Under QLE hypothesis

The negative feedback limiting the evolution of **disassortative mating** is minimal when one **cue allele** is rare and dominant

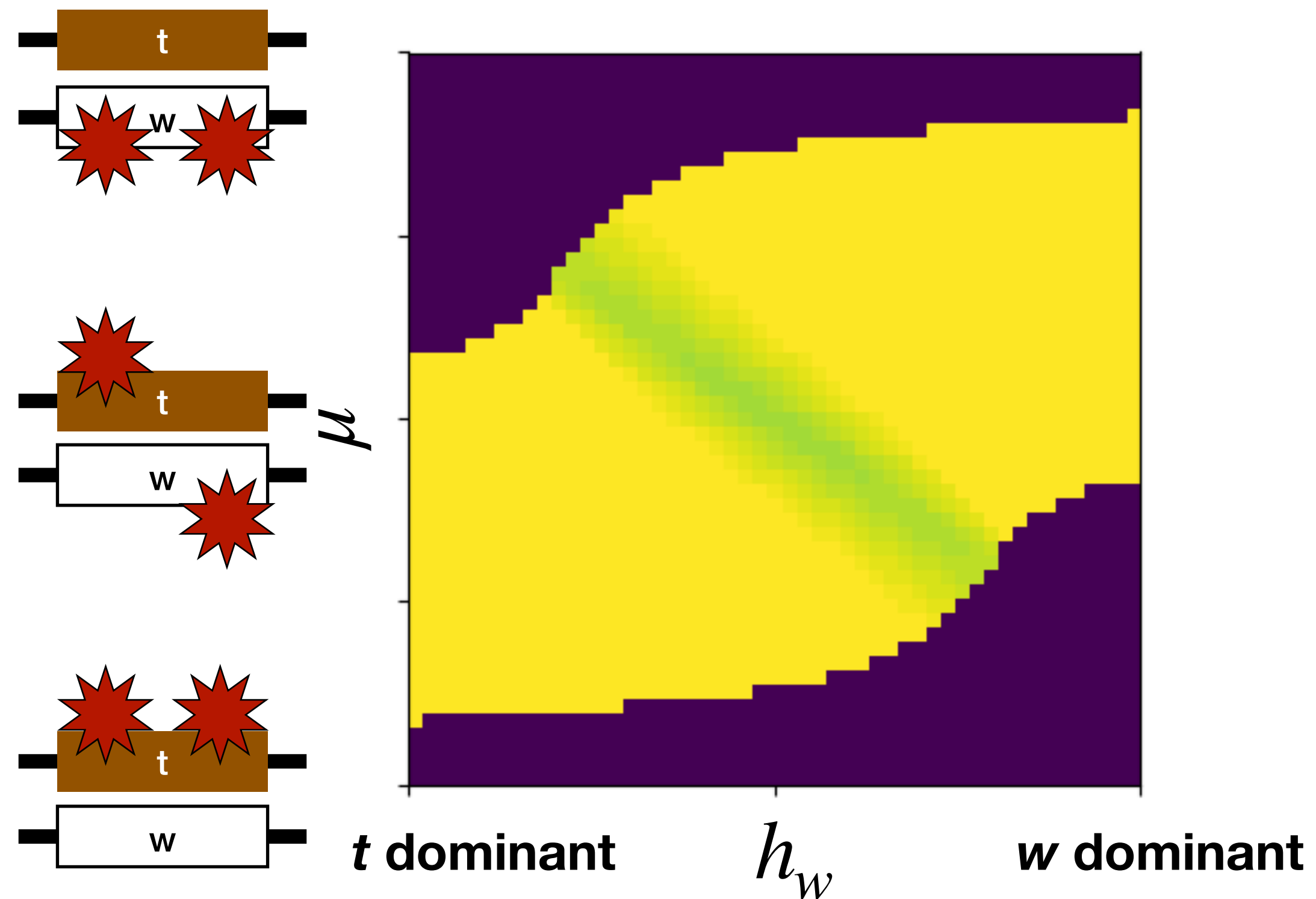


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★ Genetic load



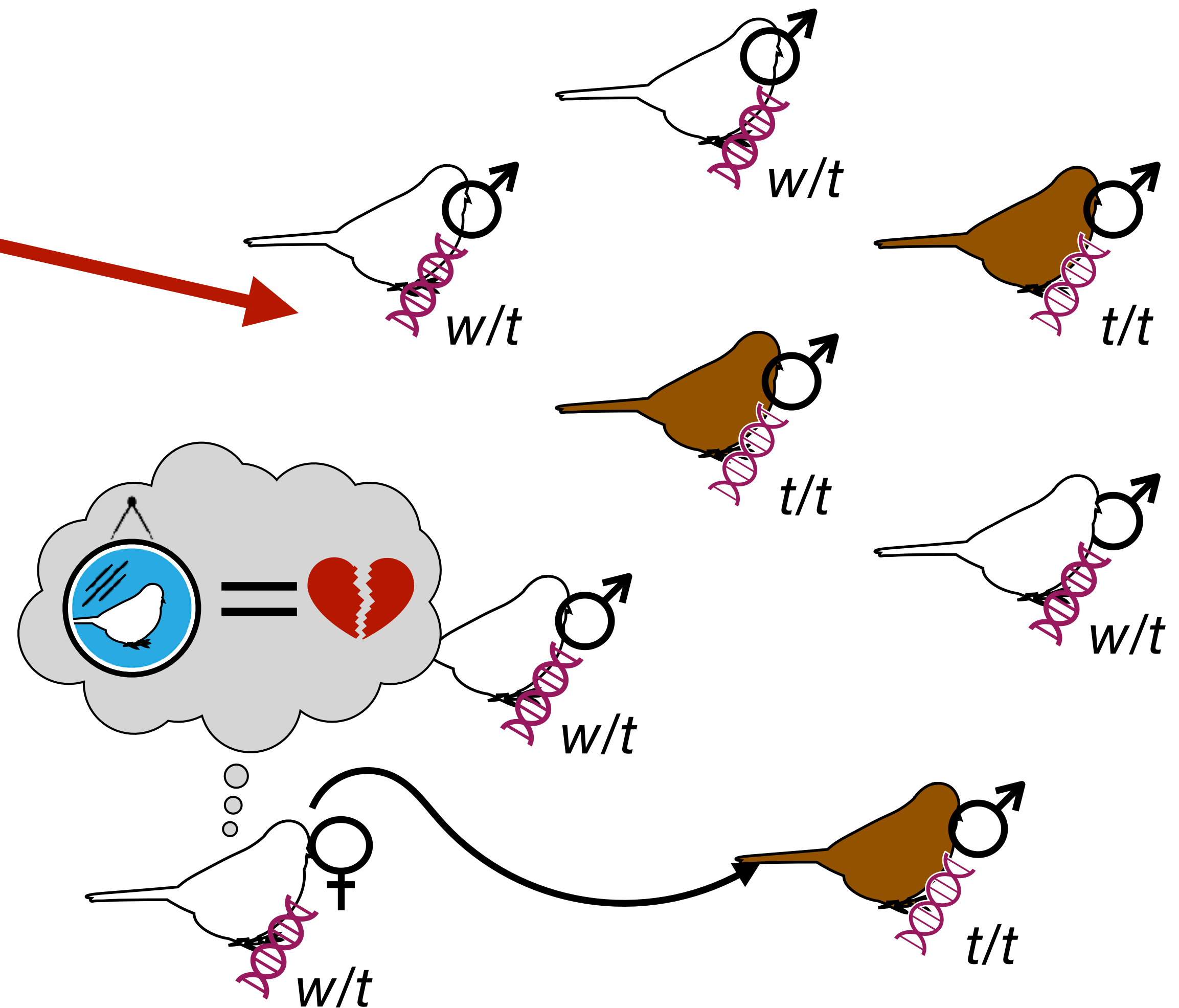
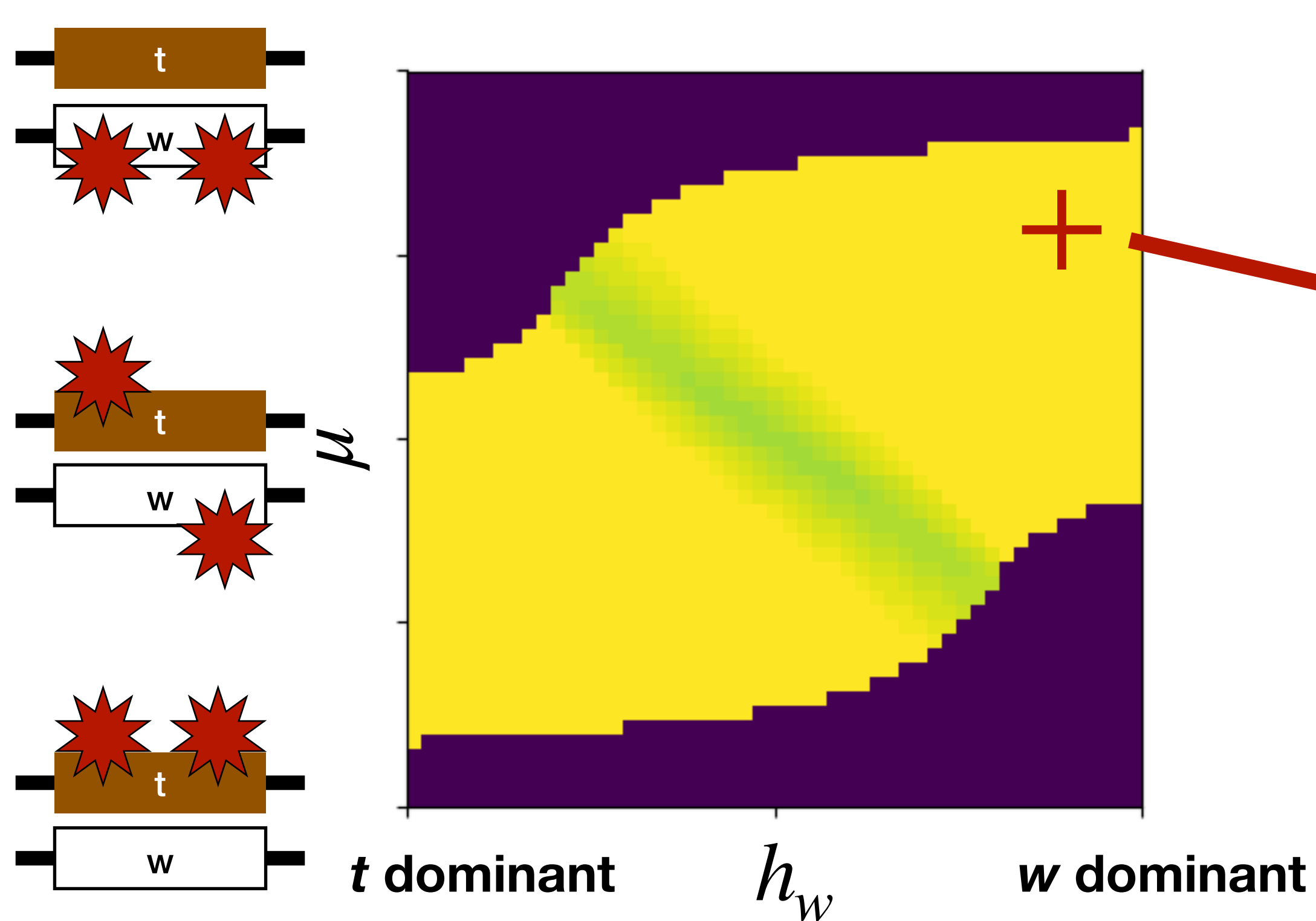
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Strict disassortative mating

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 Genetic load

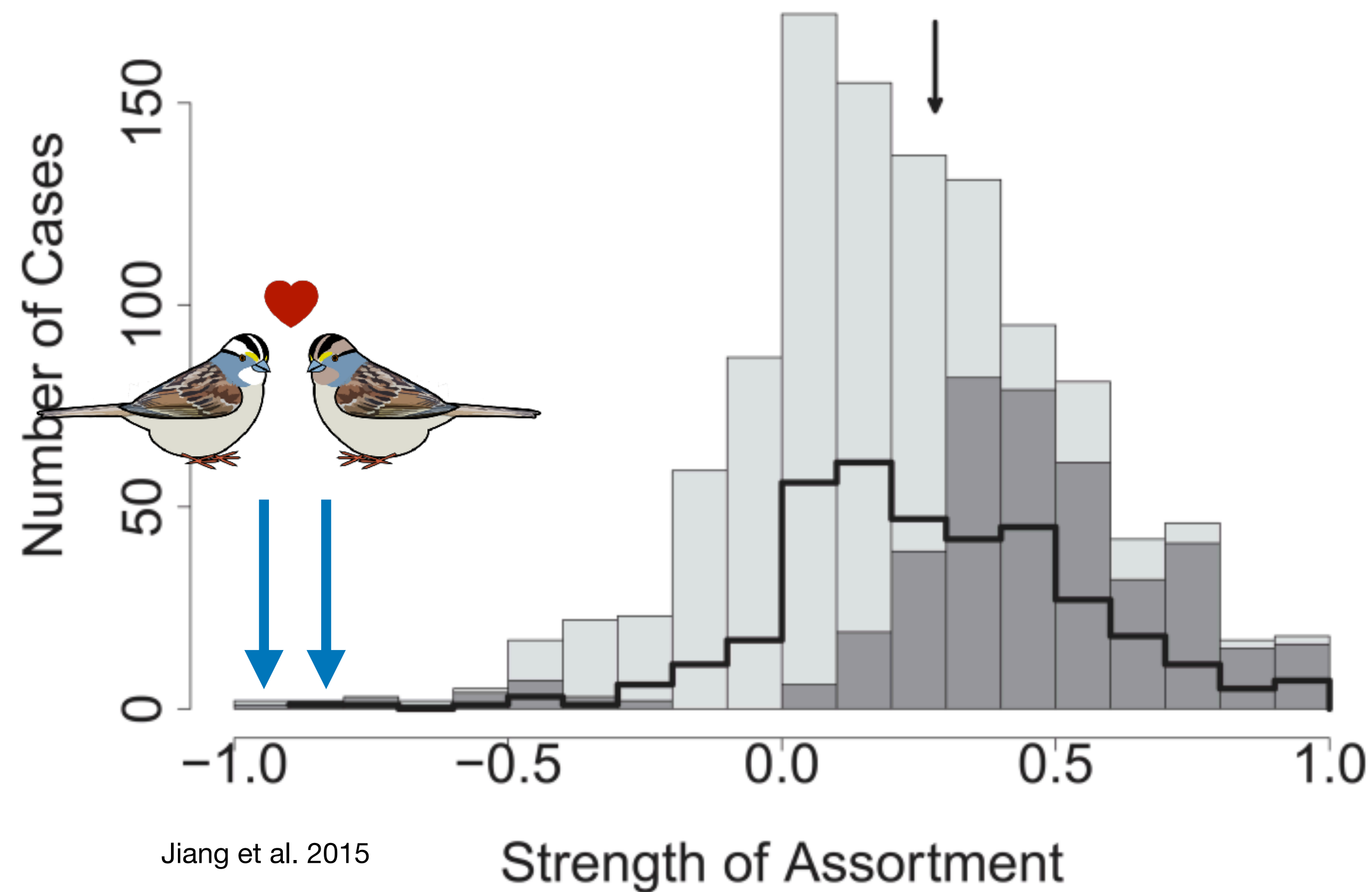


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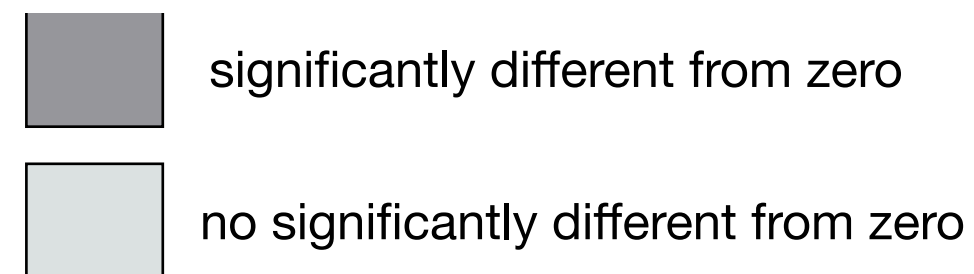
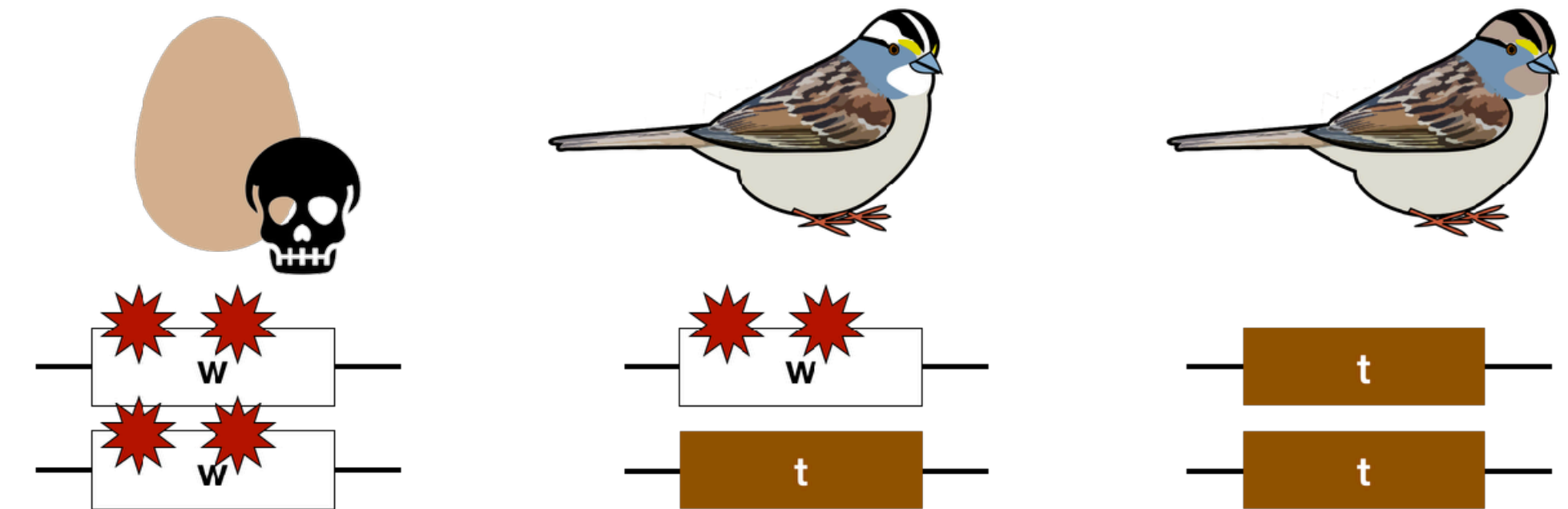
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Prediction matches with disassortative mating observed in the *white throated sparrow*



Genetic architecture of cue



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