

Evolution in networks

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In the light of evolution



“Seen in the light of evolution, biology is, perhaps, intellectually the most satisfying and inspiring science. Without that light it becomes a pile of sundry facts -- some of them interesting or curious but making no meaningful picture as a whole.”

Theodosius Dobzhansky

"... whilst this planet has gone cycling on according to the fixed law of gravity, from so simple a beginning endless forms most beautiful and most wonderful have been, and are being, evolved."

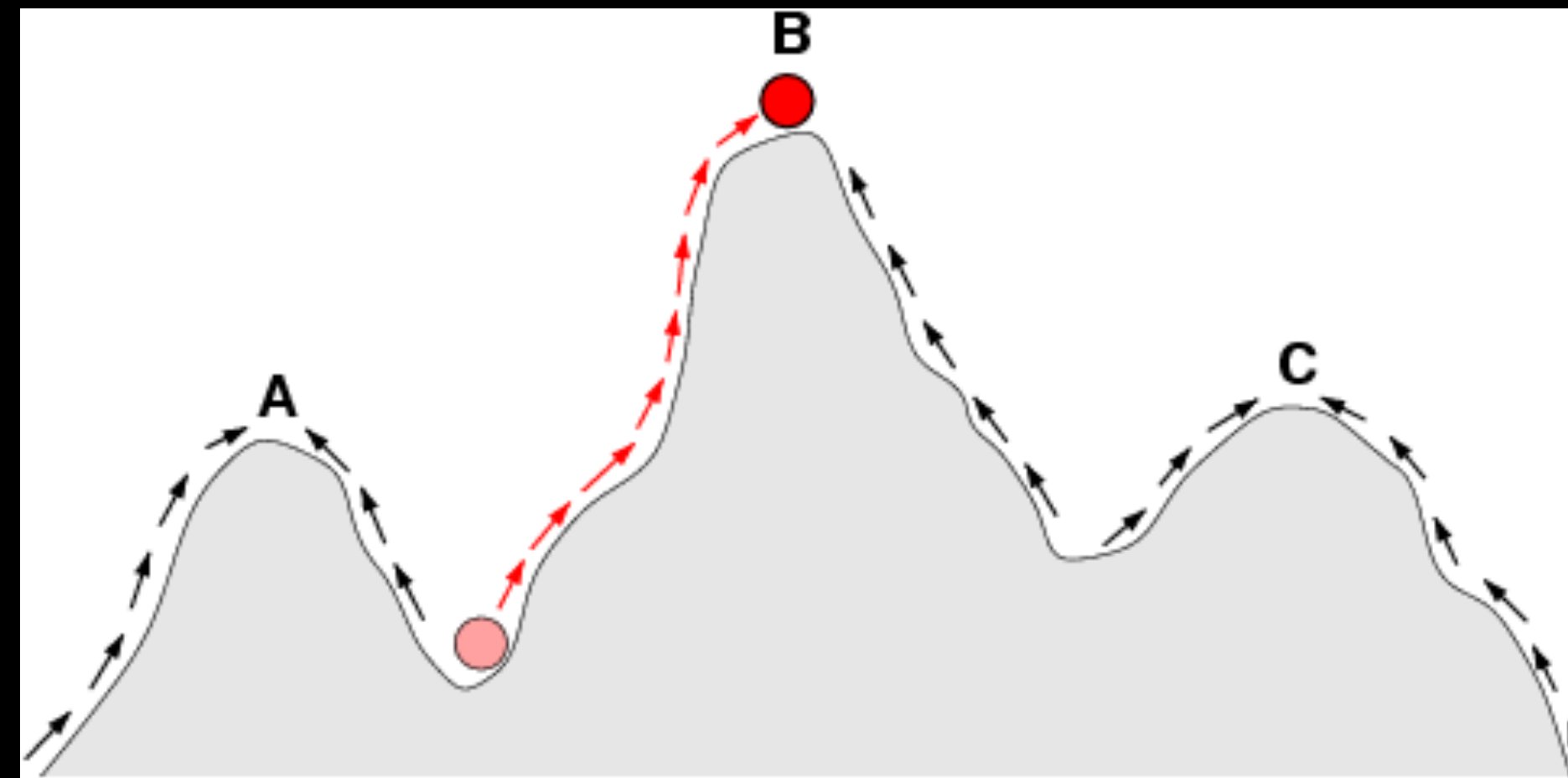
Charles Darwin, *The Origin of Species*



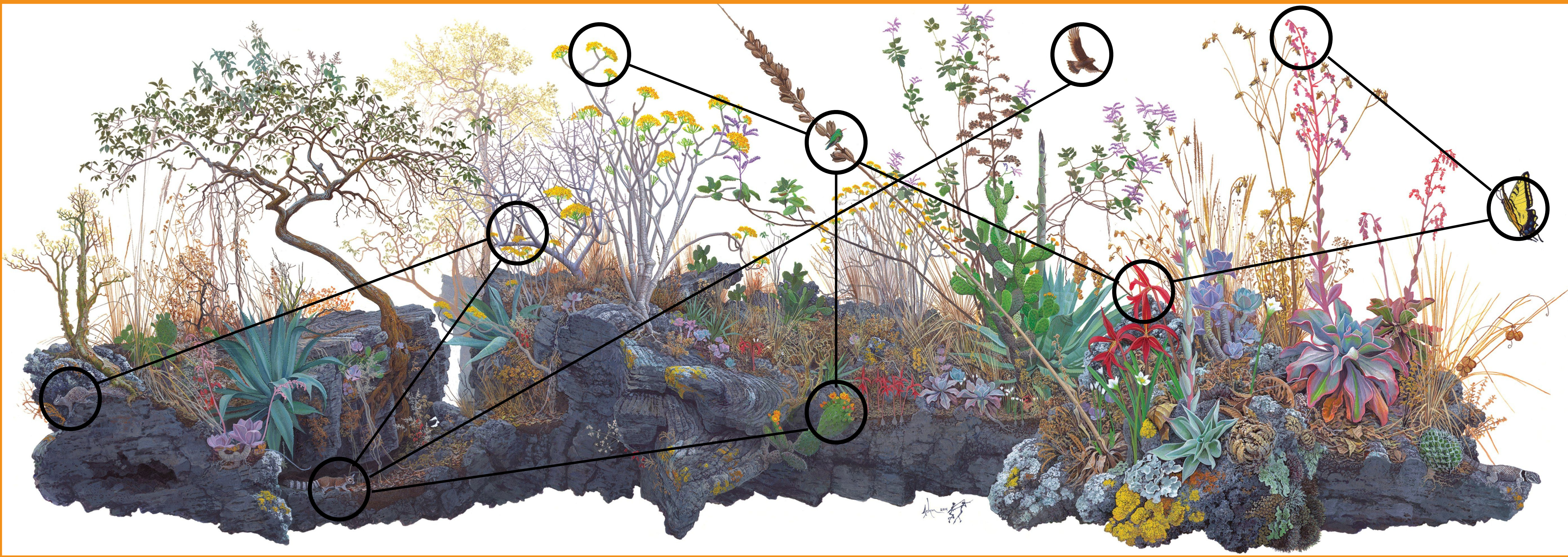
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Evolution: a simple definition

Process that results in **changes** in the genetic material of a population over **time**. Evolution reflects the **adaptations** of organisms to their changing environments and can result in altered genes, novel traits, and new species.

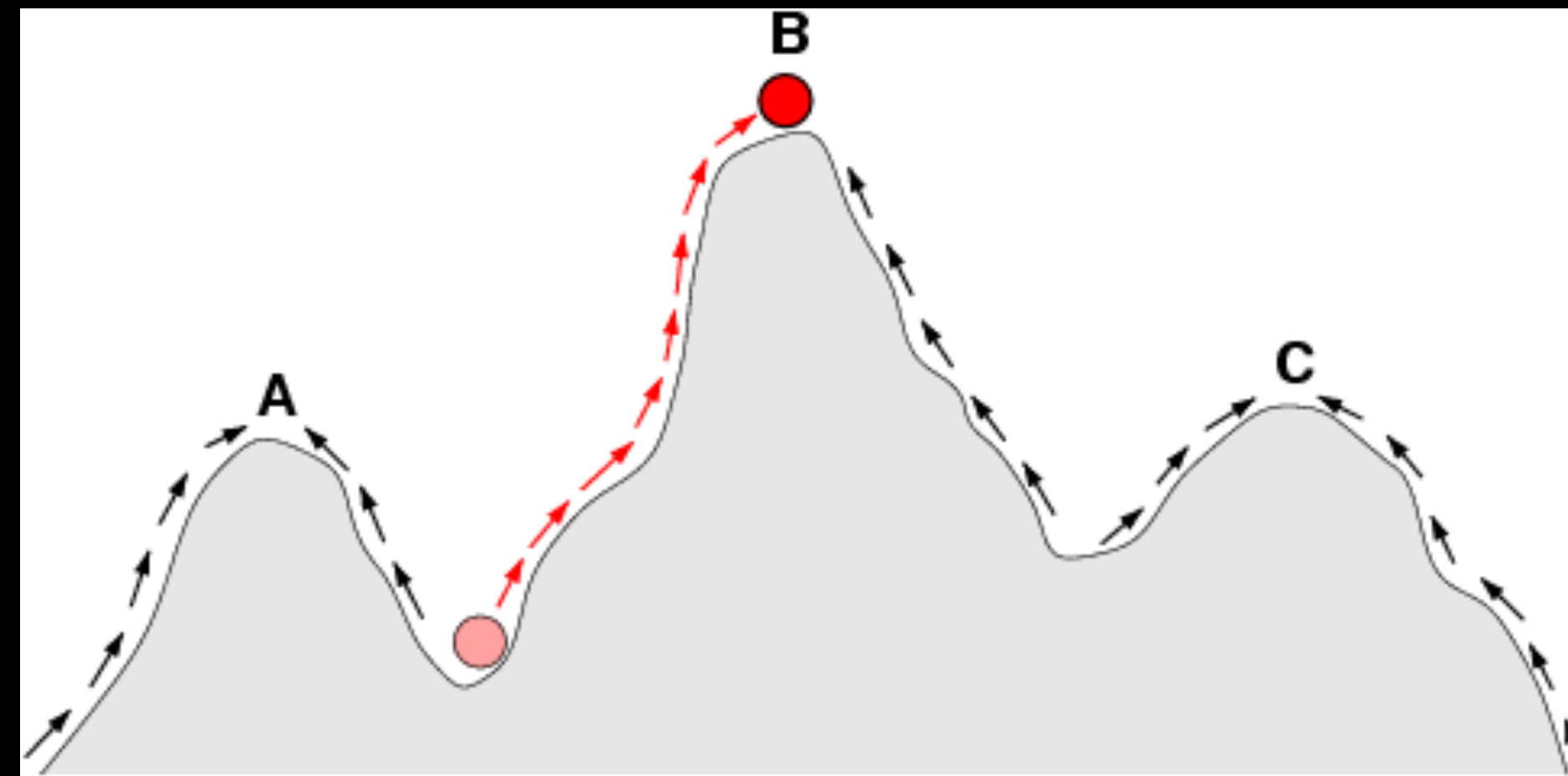






Coevolution: a simple definition

Process by which two or more species evolve in **tandem** by exerting **selection pressures** on each other.

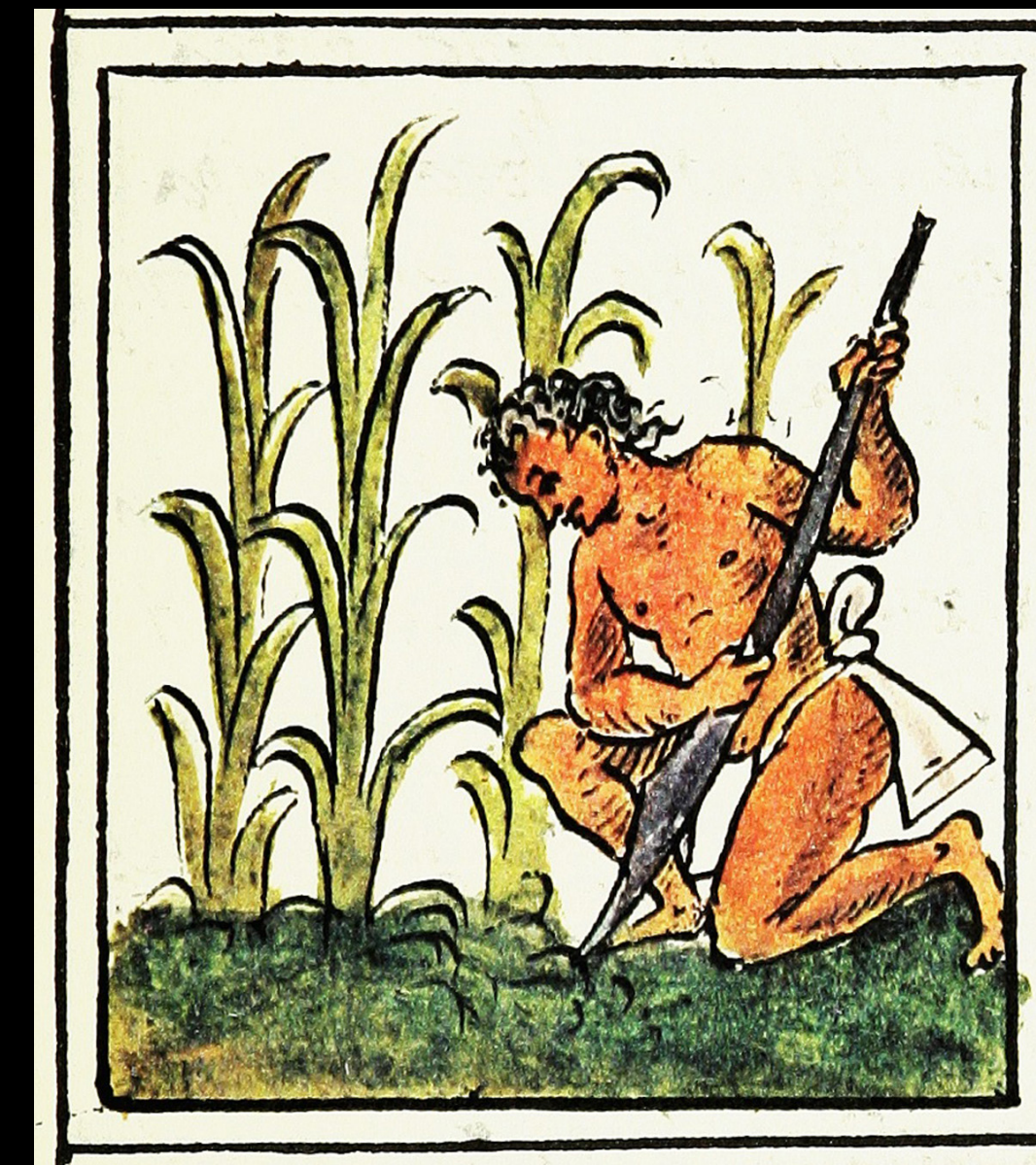
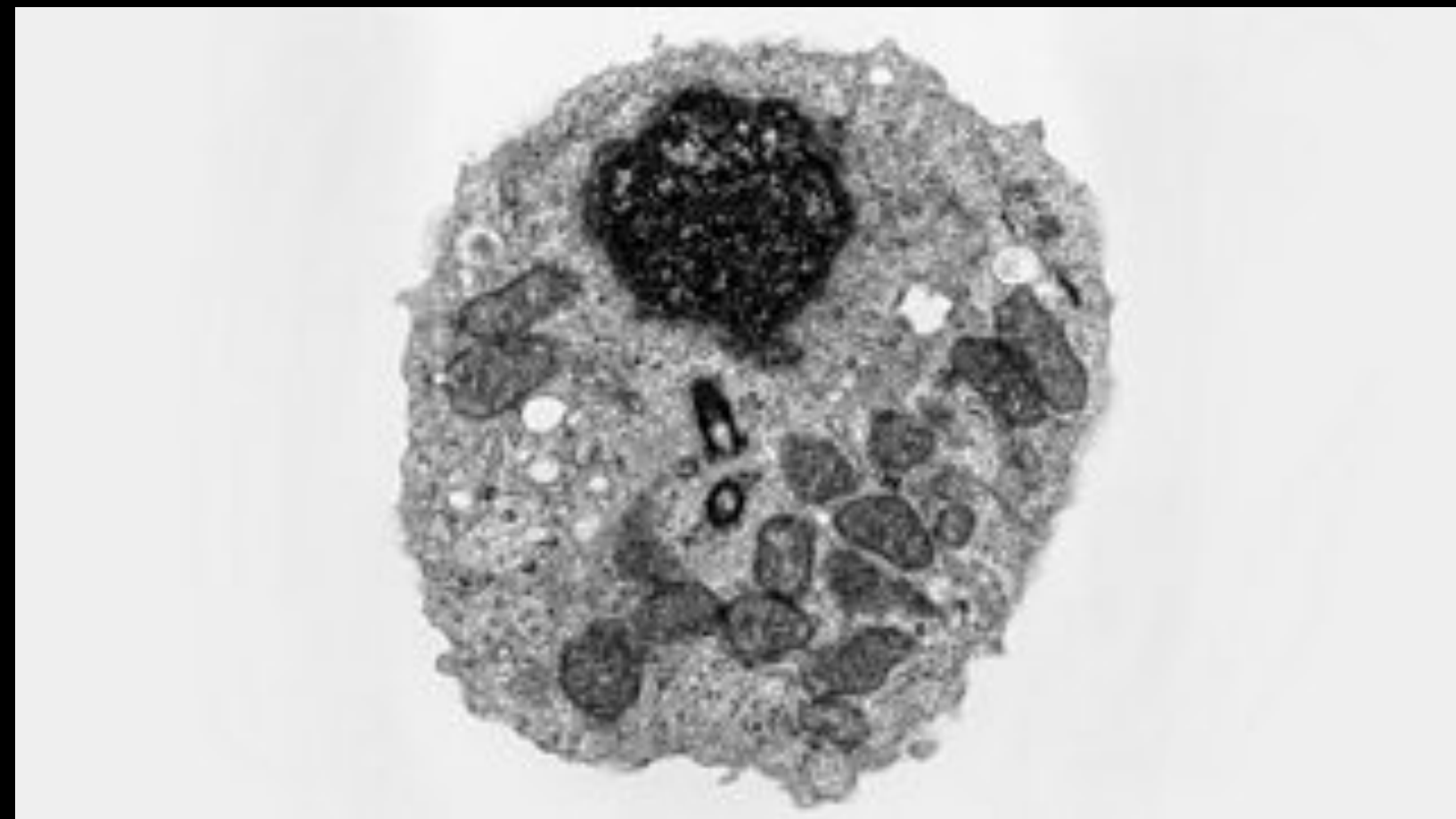


Butterflies and plants: a study in coevolution

“It is apparent that reciprocal selective responses have been greatly underrated as a factor in the origination of organic diversity.”

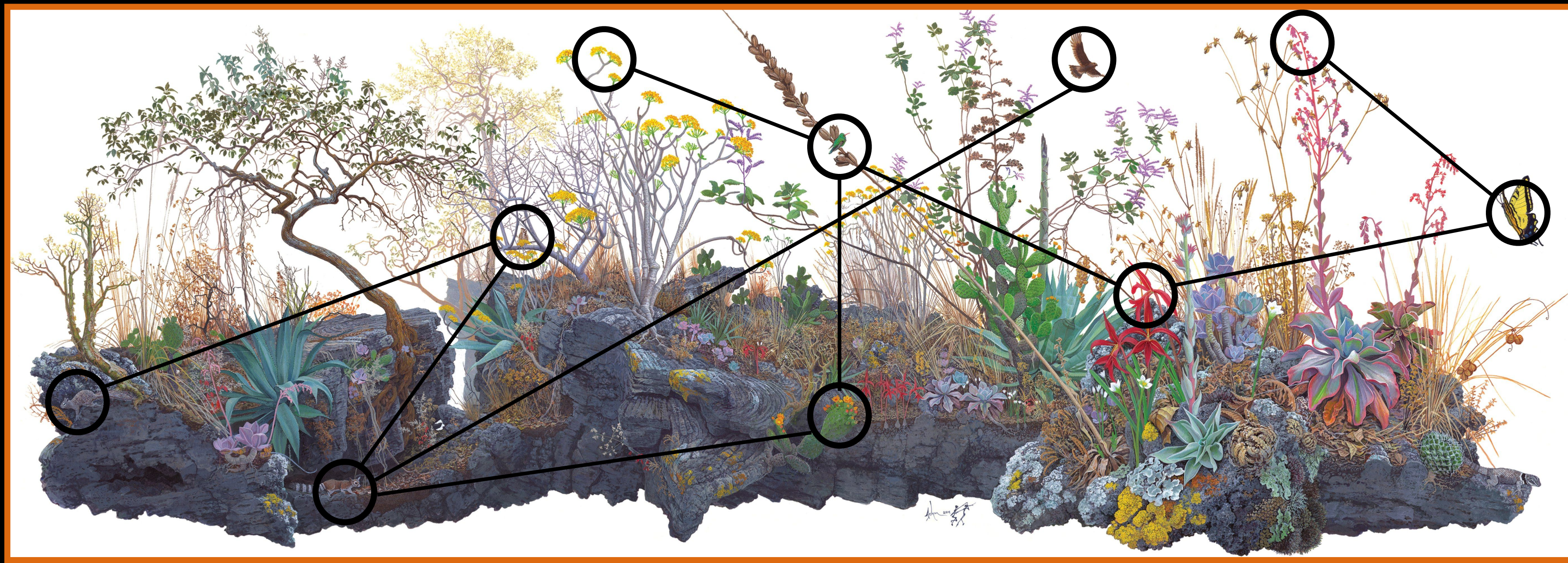


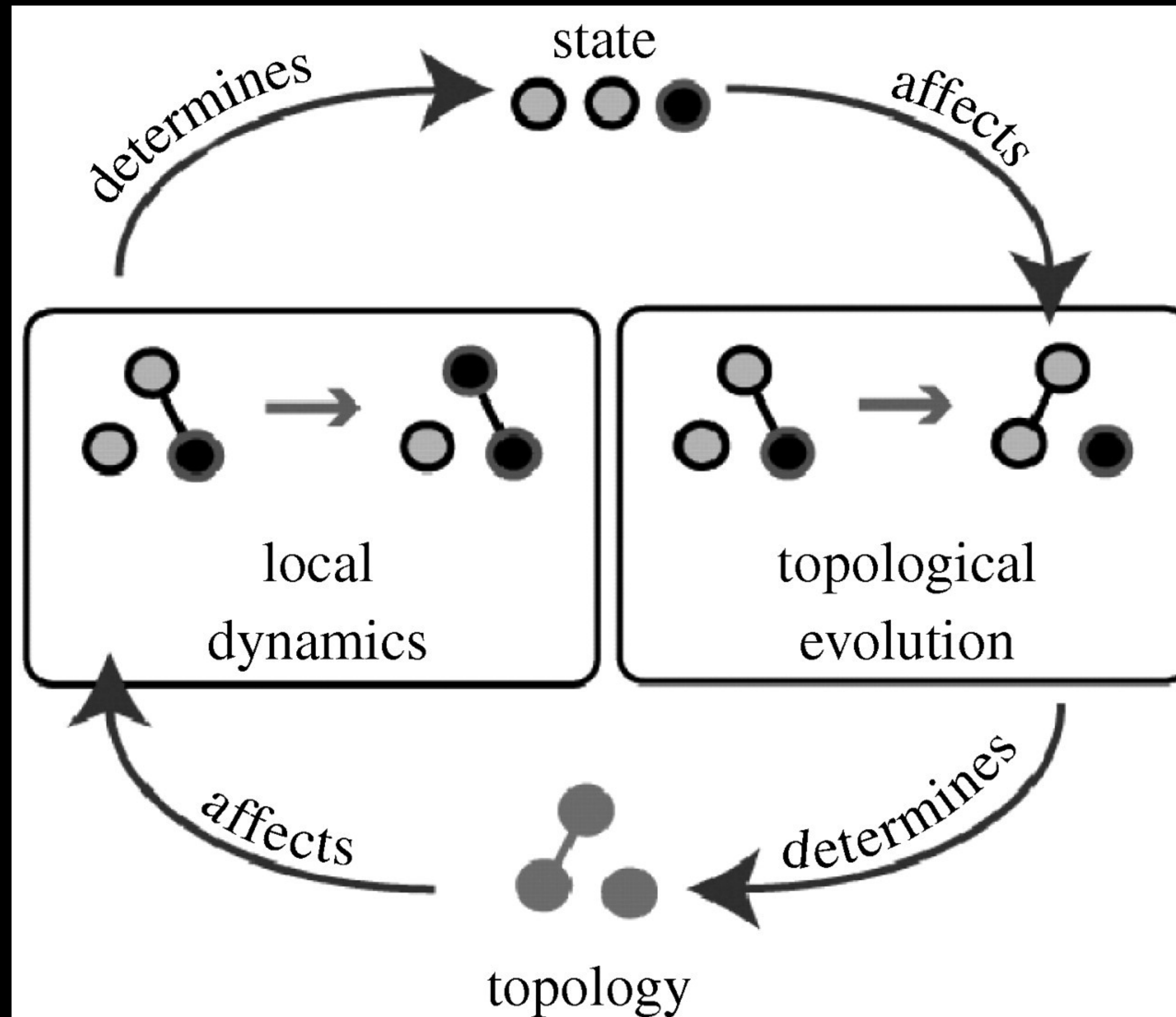
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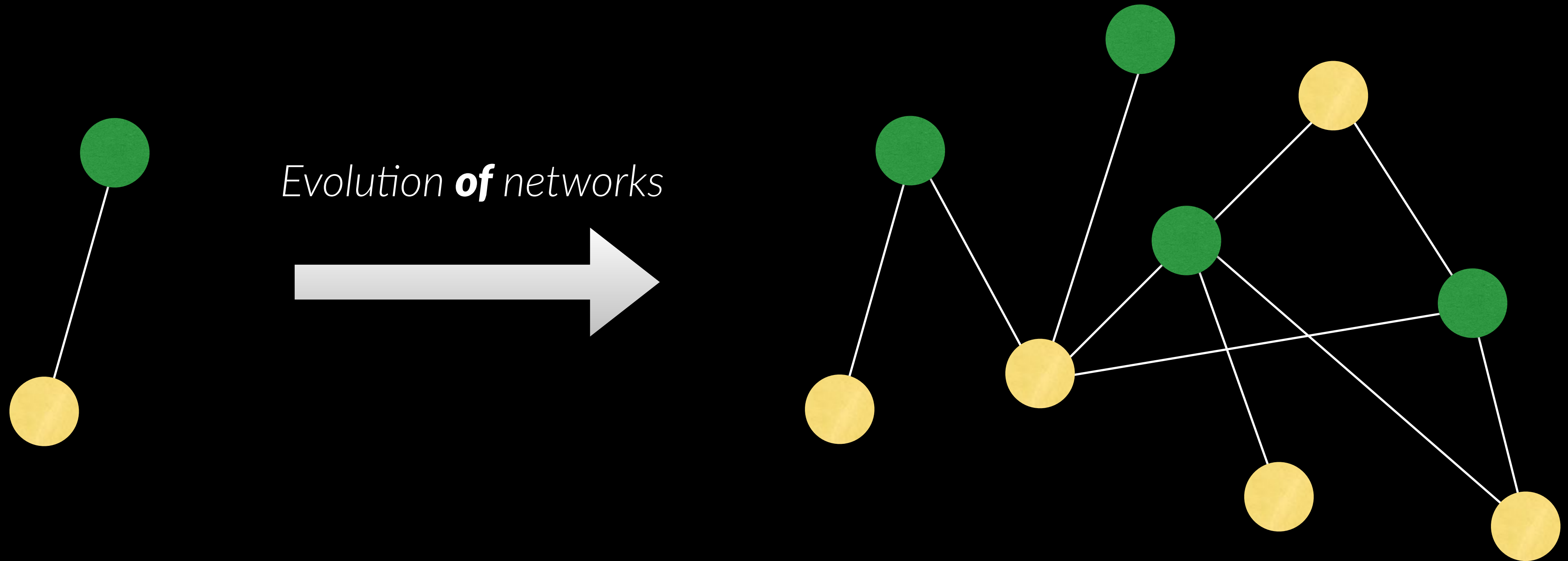
“There is now little question that coevolution has shaped many of the major events in the history of life.”

How do we frame ecological networks in the light of (co)evolution?

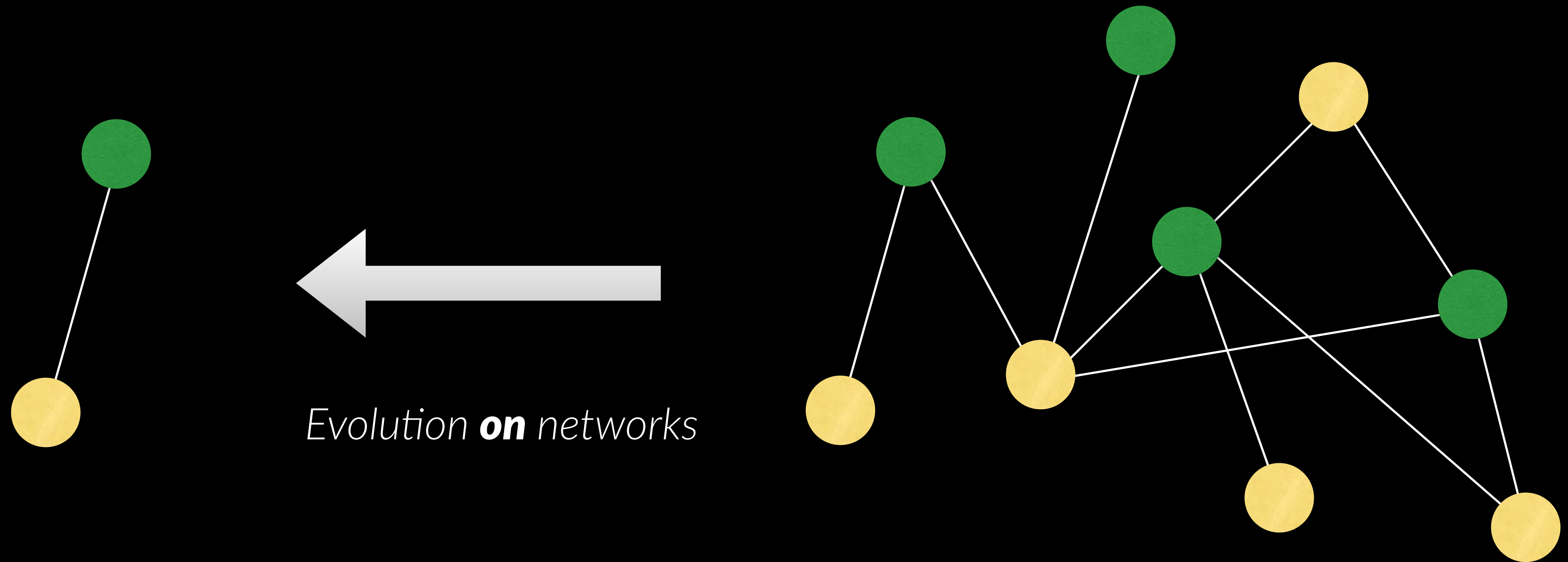




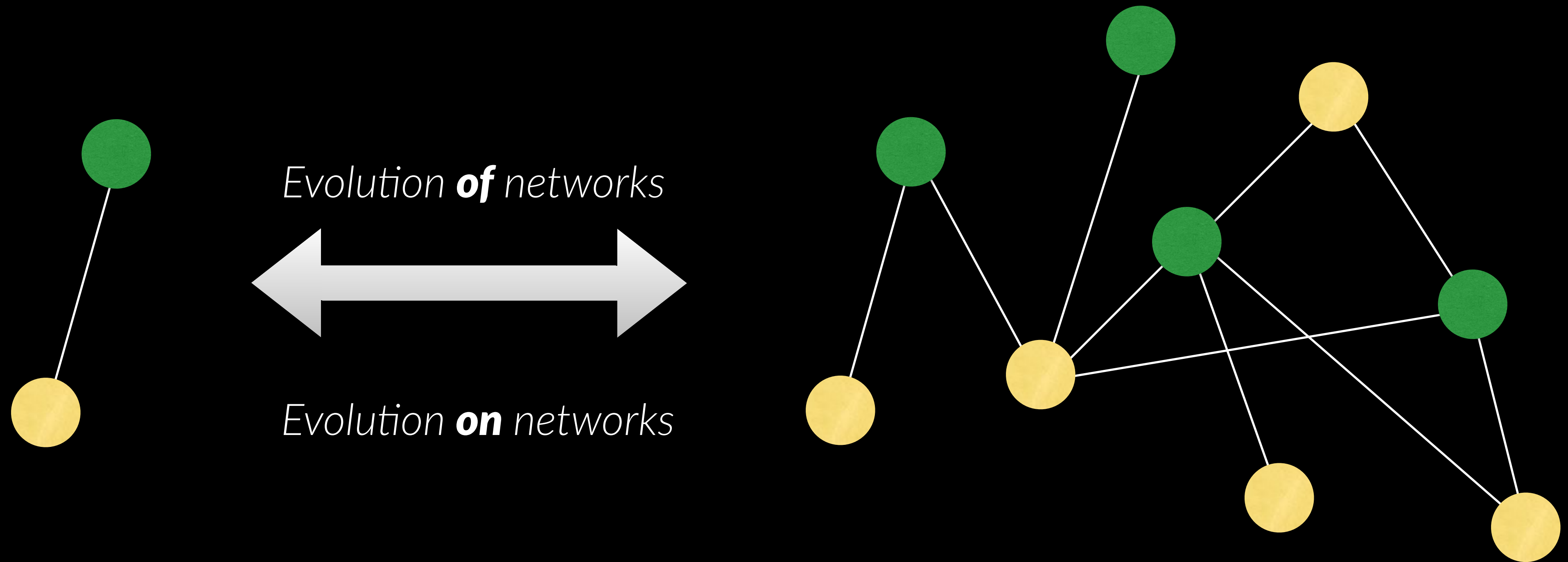
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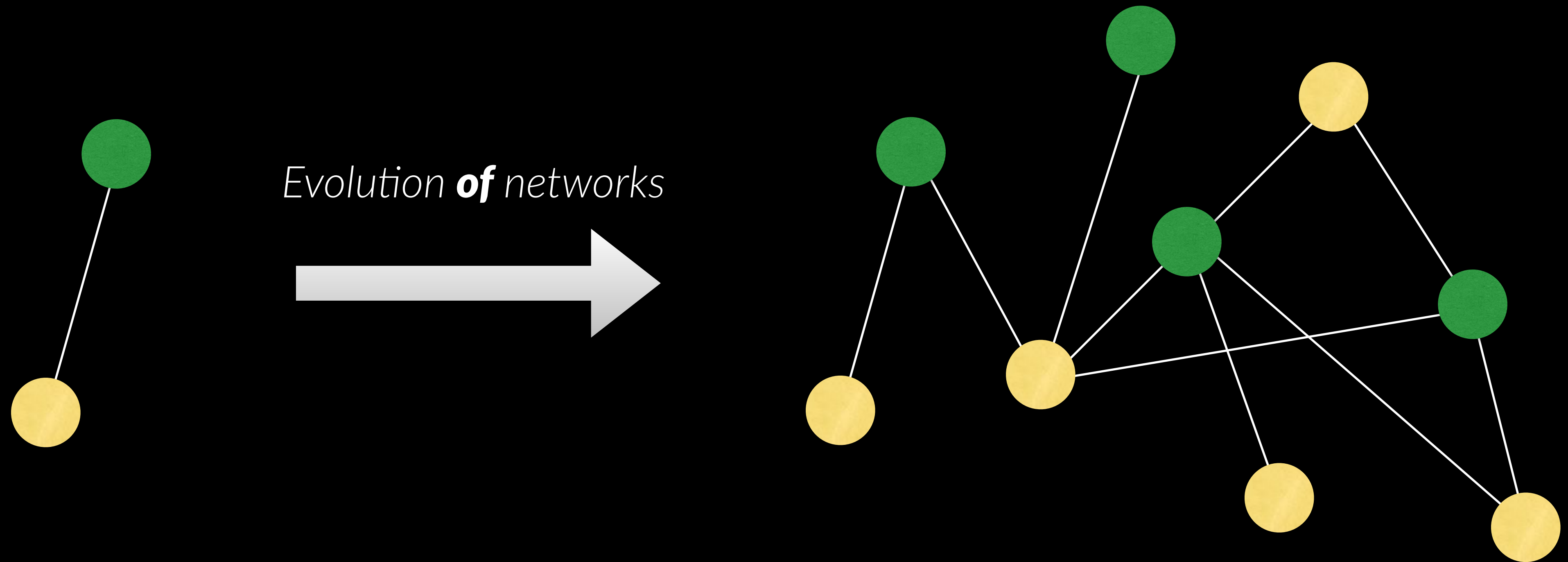
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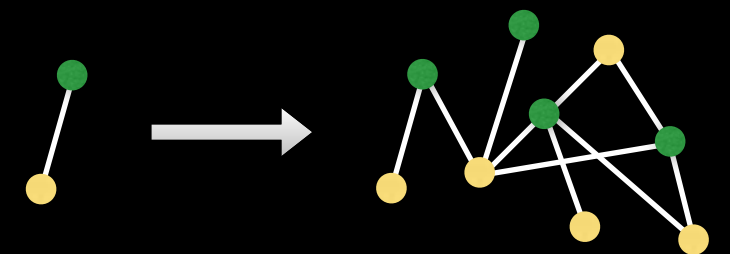
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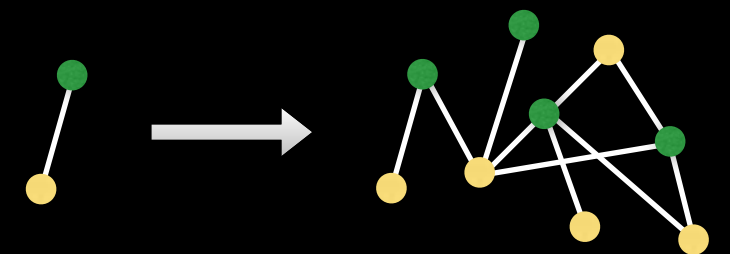
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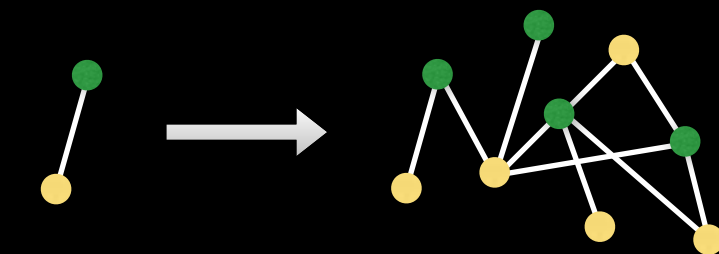
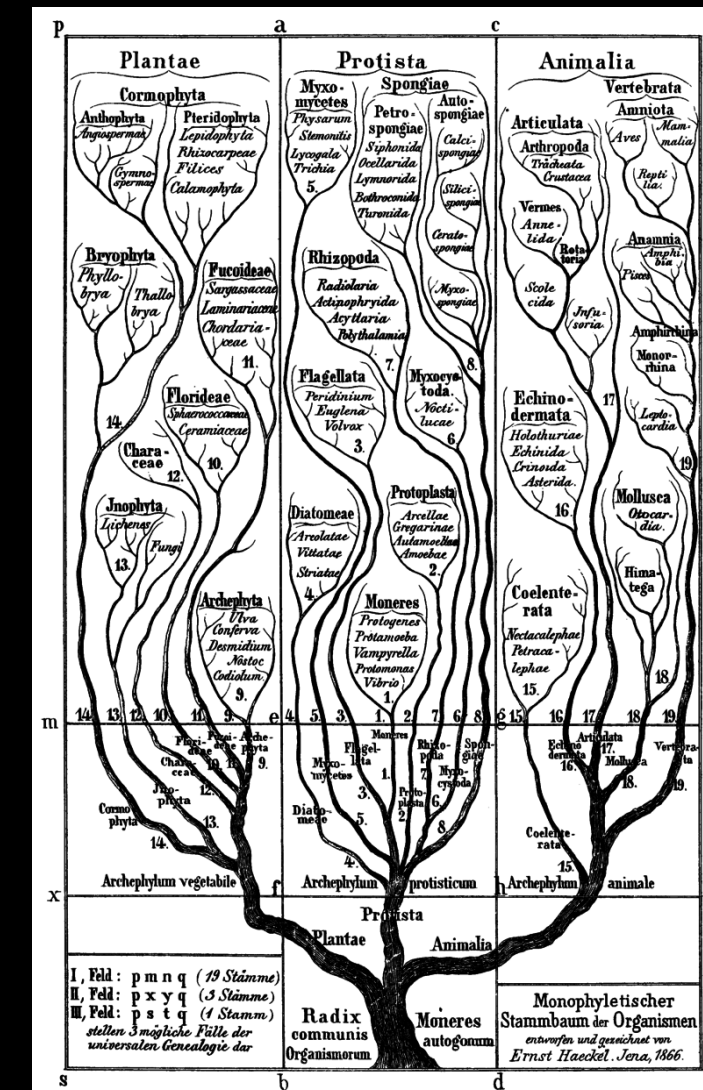
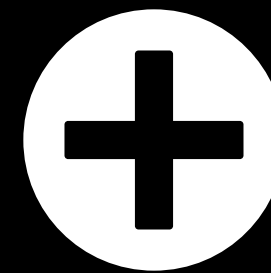
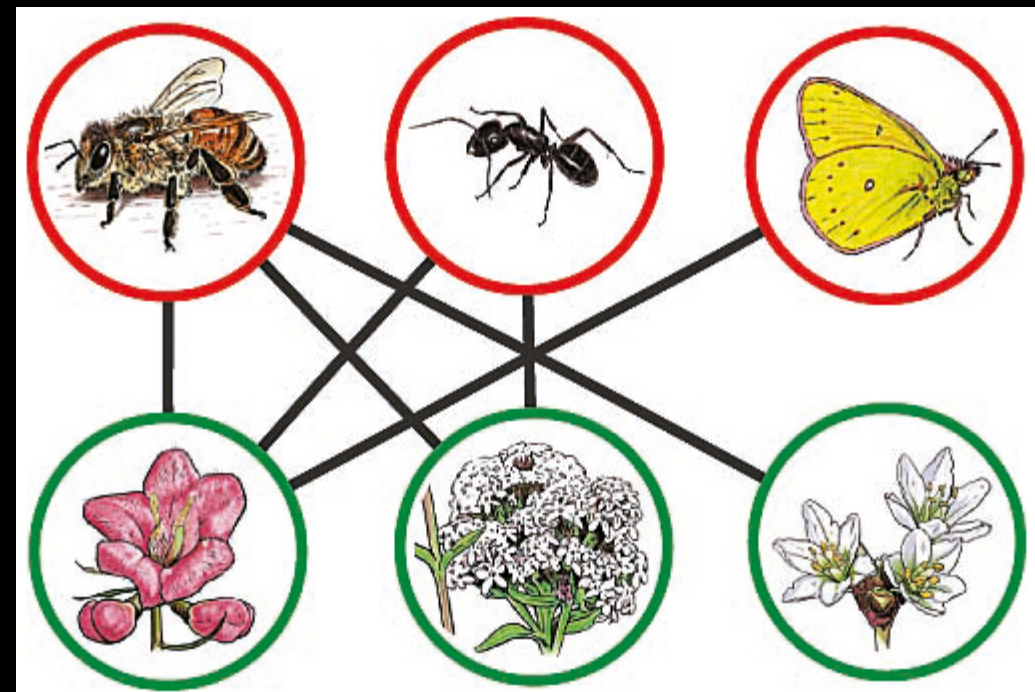
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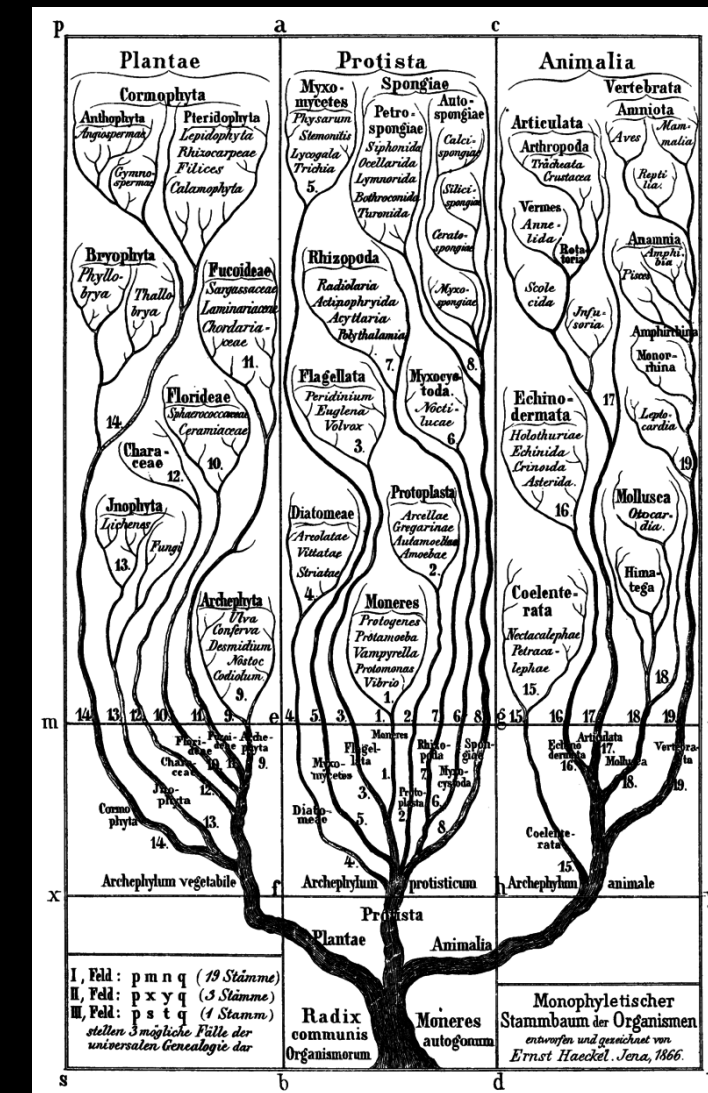
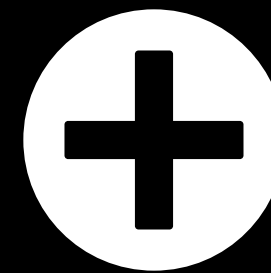
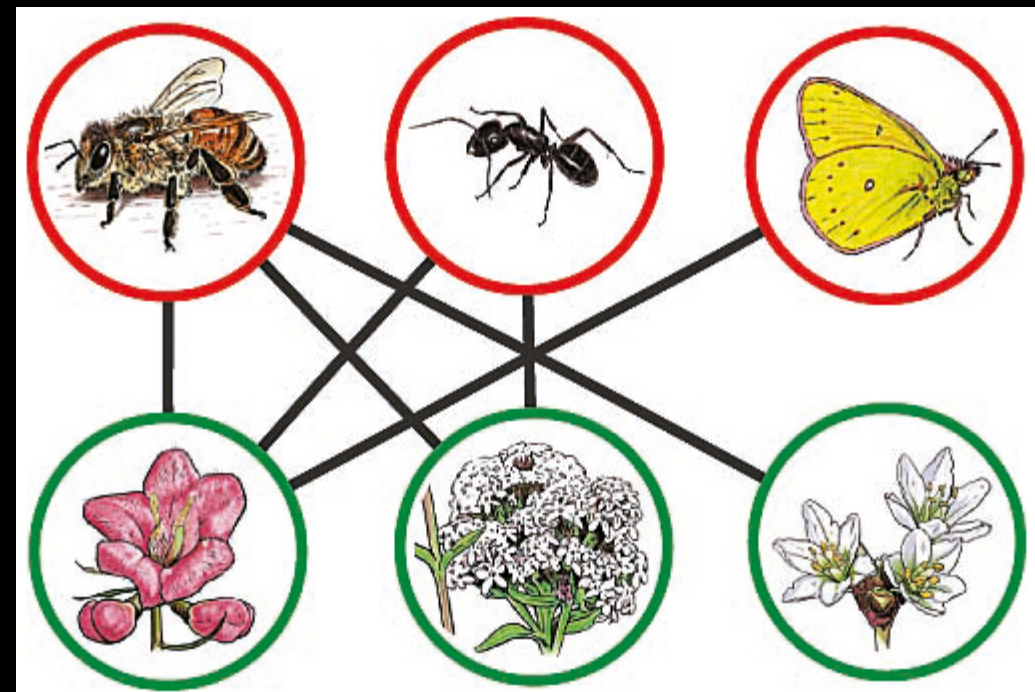
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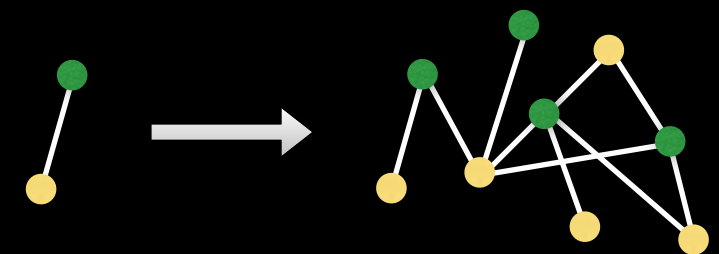


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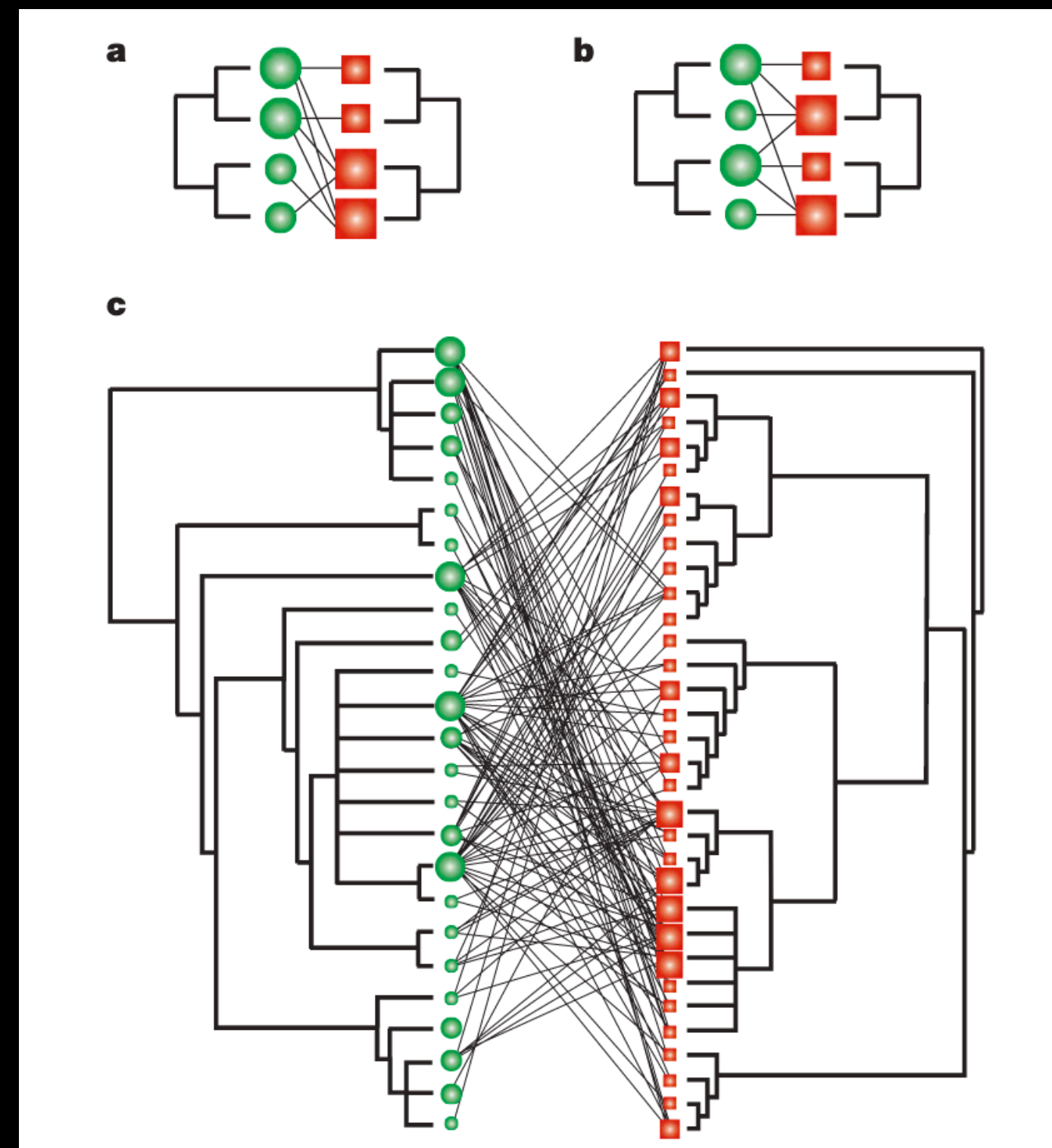


If patterns of interactions between species can be partly explained by phylogenetic relatedness, then this would suggest that network patterns are partially dependent on past evolutionary history.

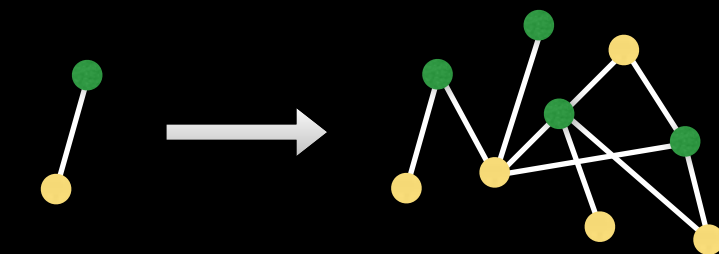


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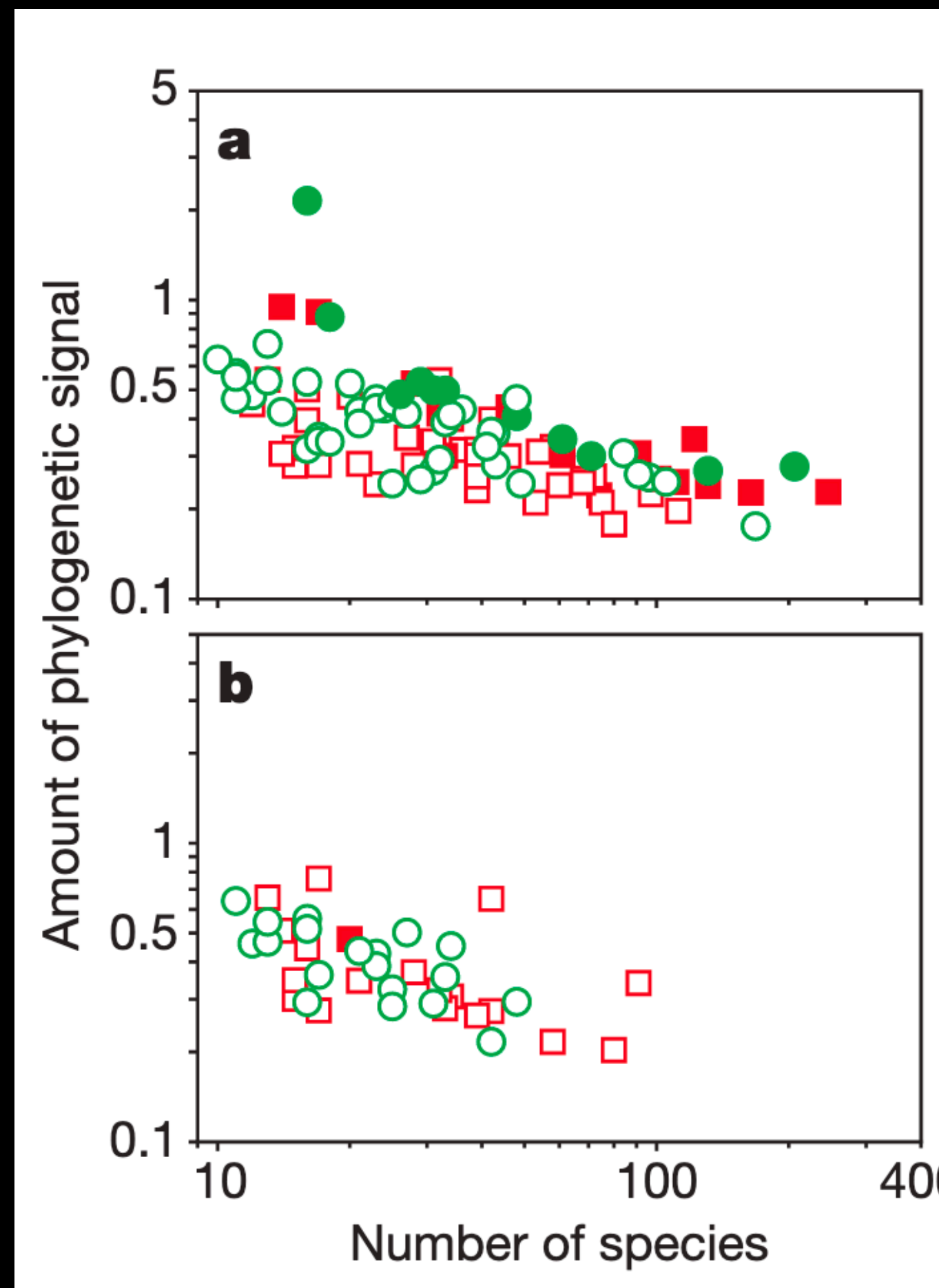


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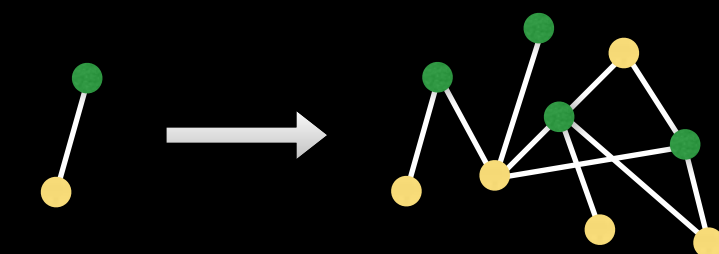
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“Our results warrant the inclusion of evolutionary history into mechanistic models of network formation and maintenance”

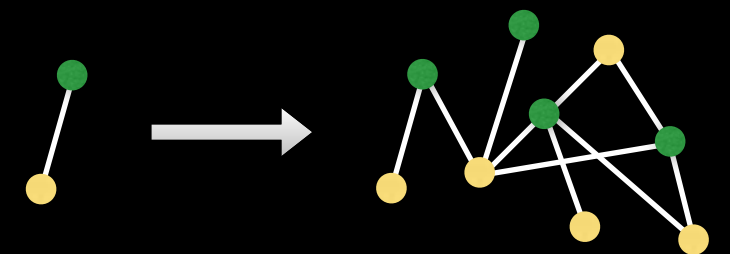
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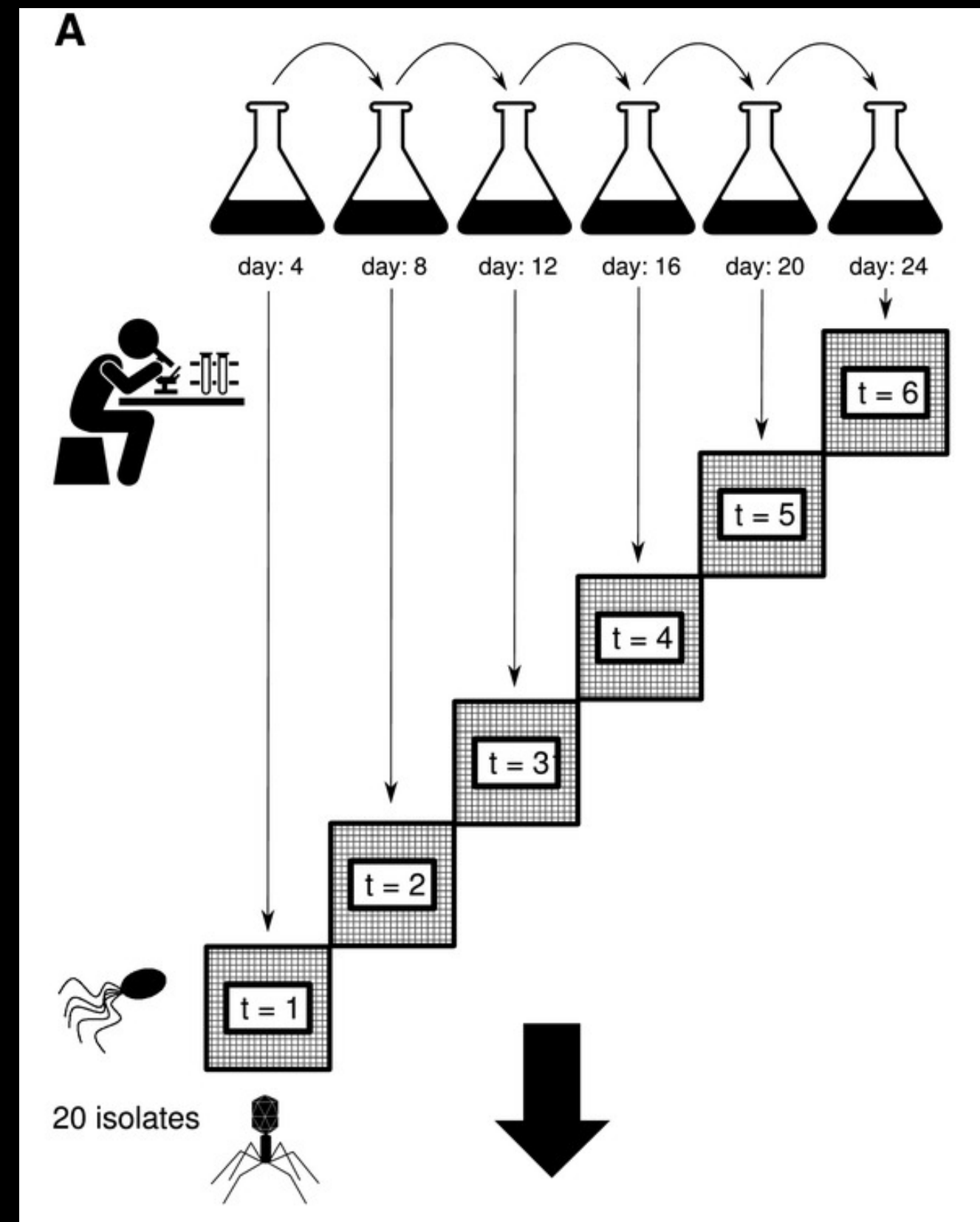
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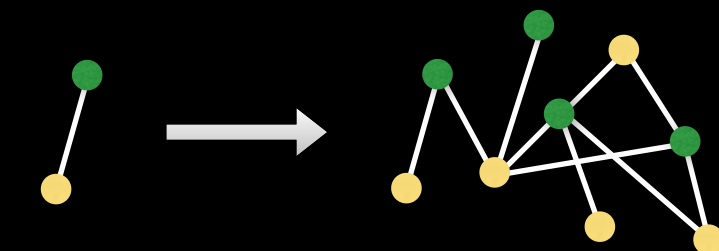


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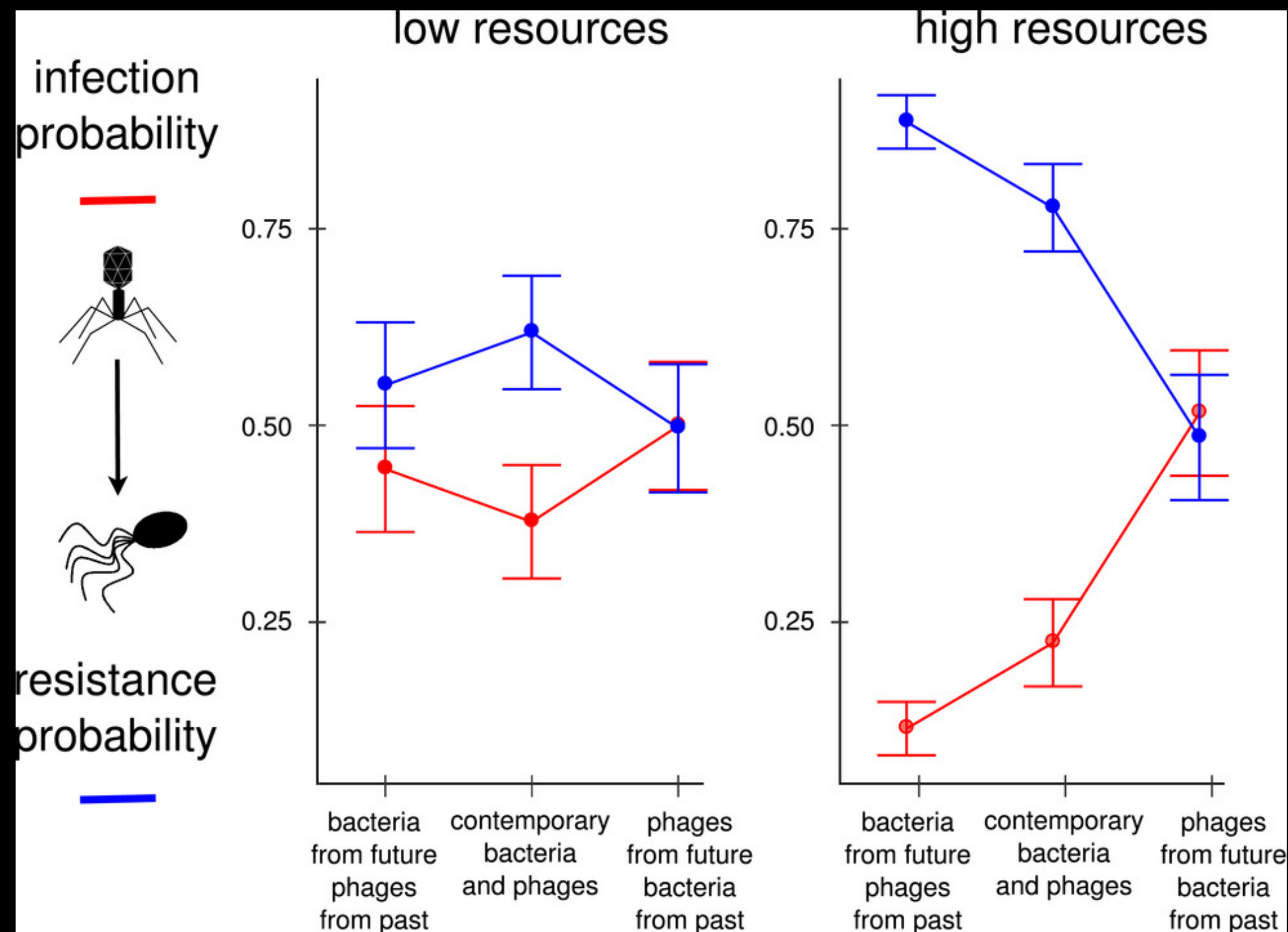


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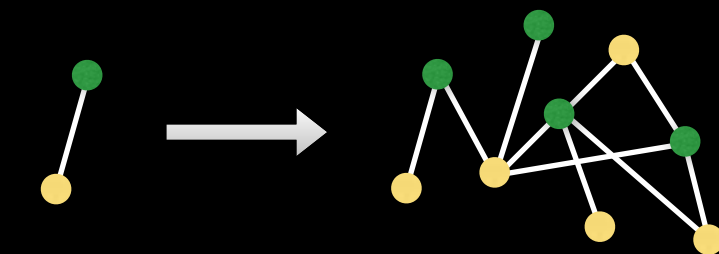


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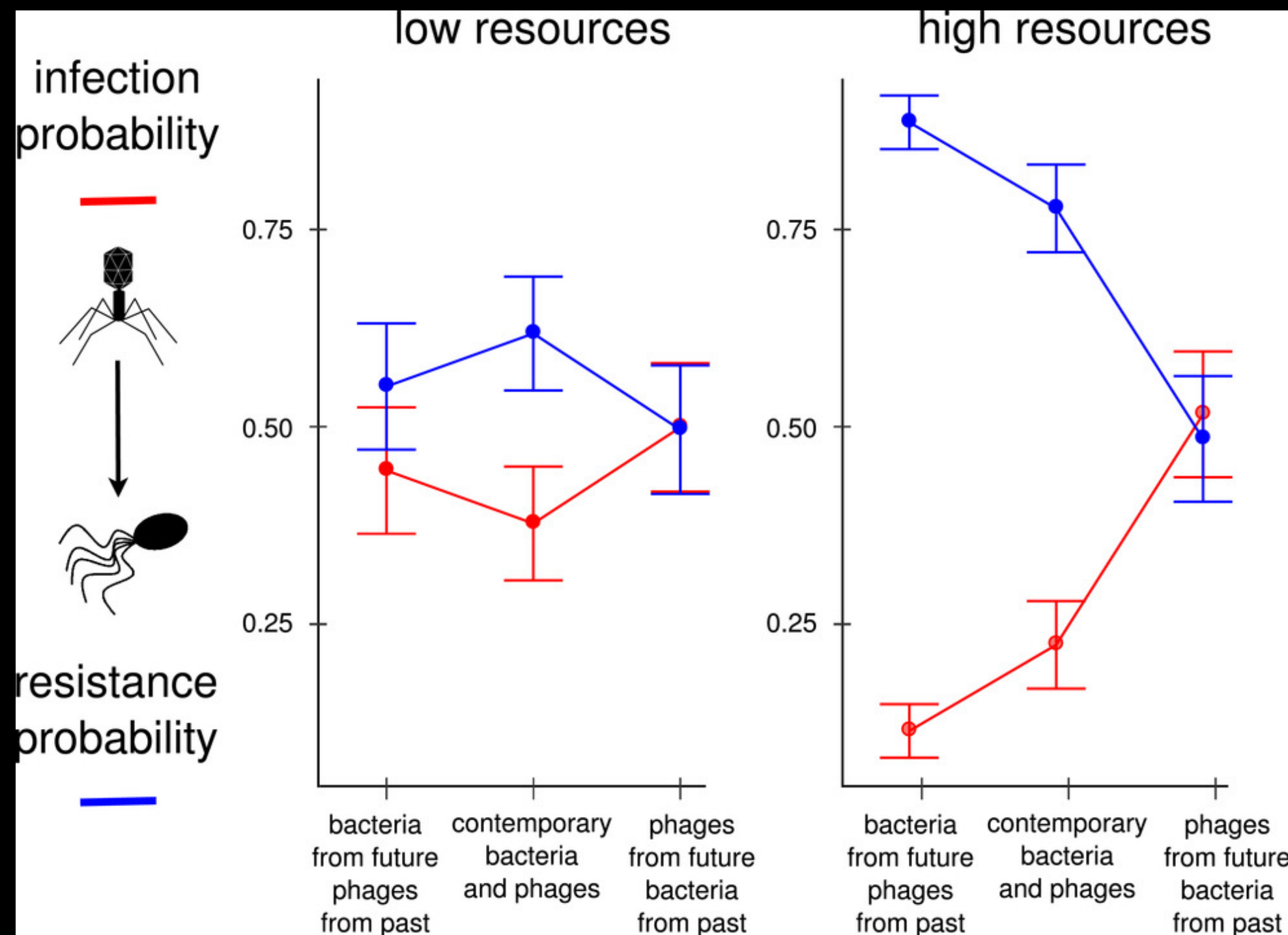


Under low resources, bacteria were more resistant to their contemporary than past and future phages, which is consistent with fluctuating dynamics

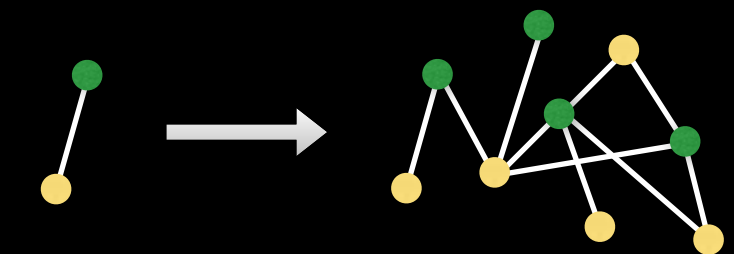


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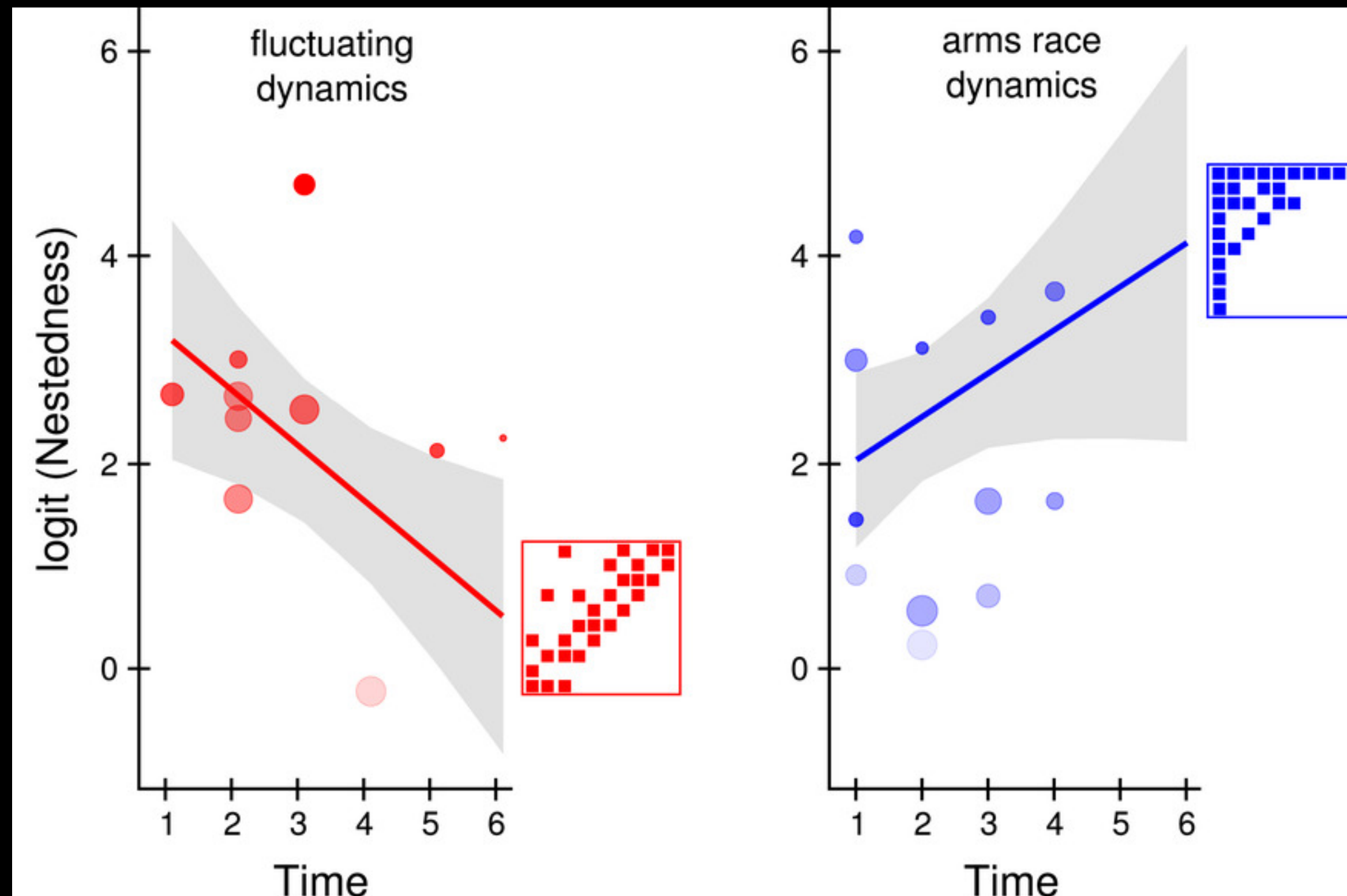


At high resources bacteria were more resistant to past phages and became less resistant to contemporary and future phages, which is a distinctive feature of arms race dynamics

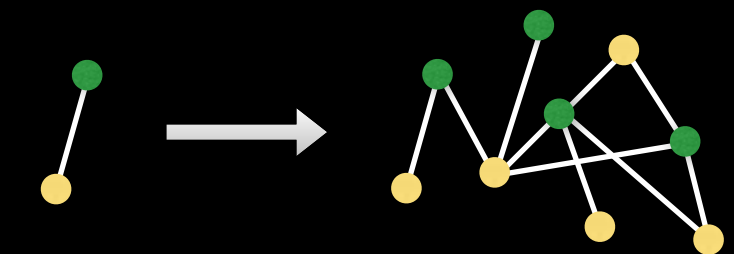


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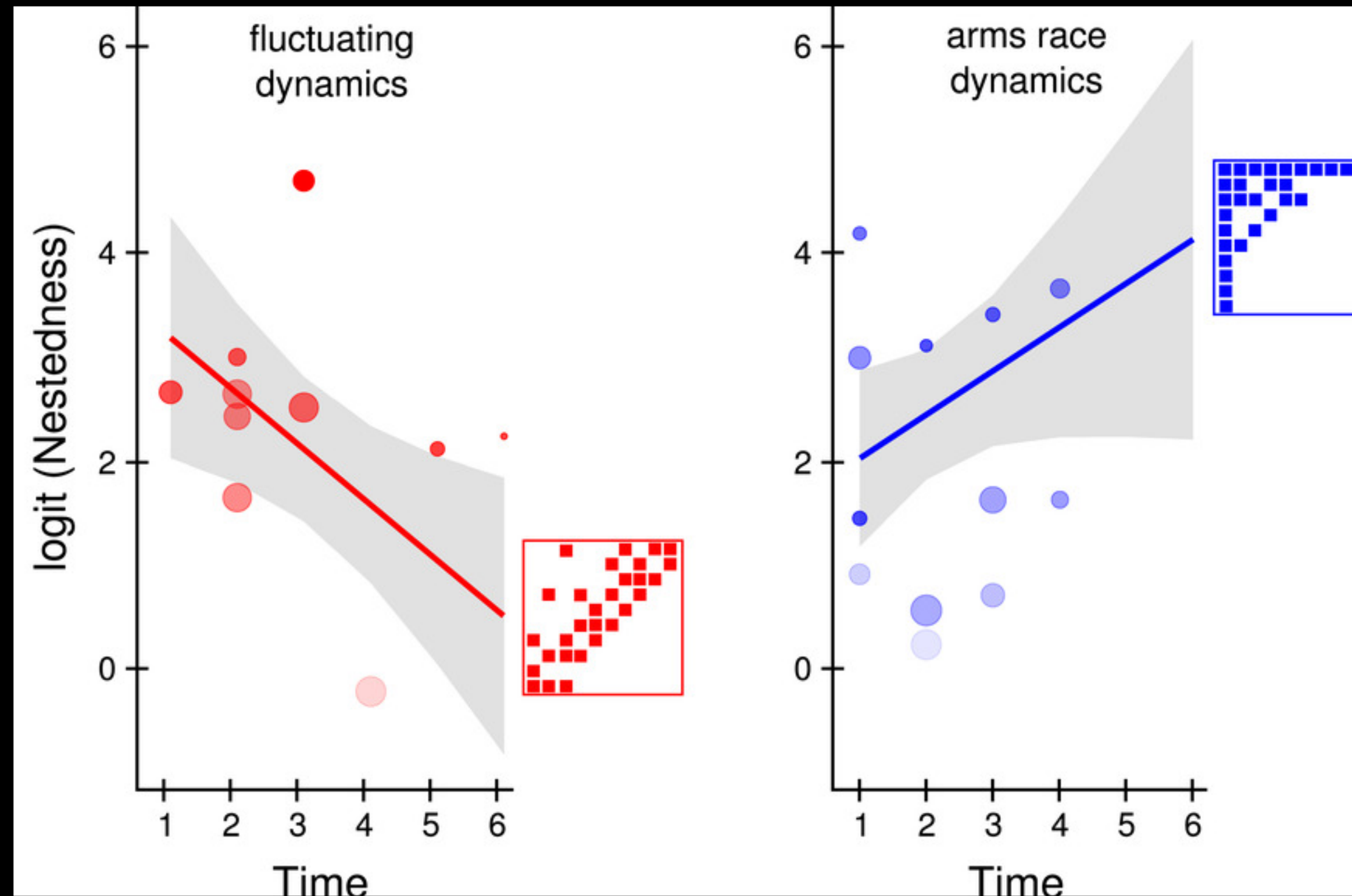


Interactions between coevolving bacteria and phages become less nested over time under fluctuating dynamics, and more nested under arms race dynamics.



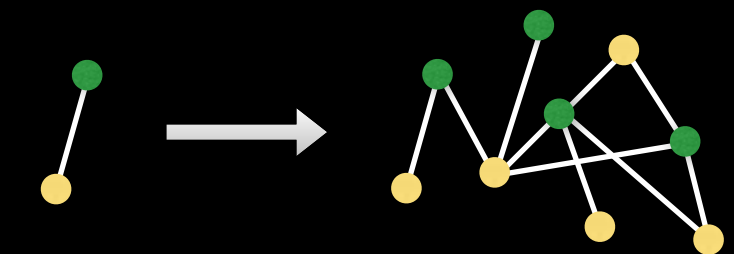
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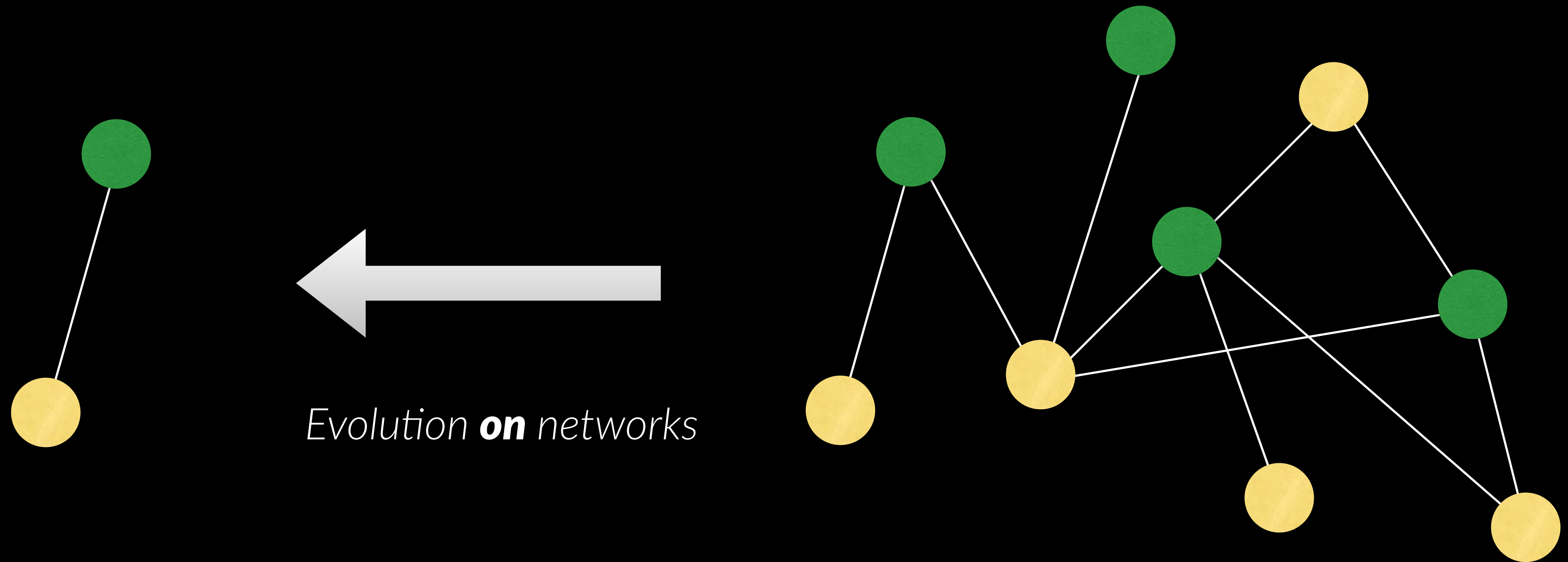


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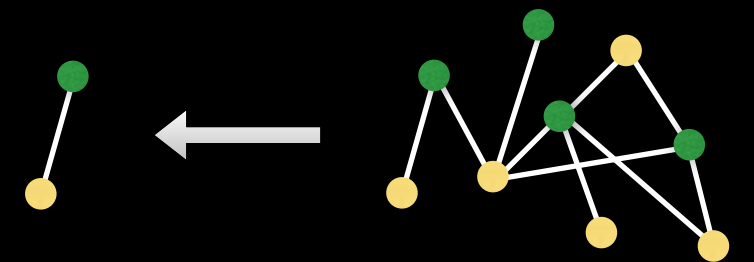


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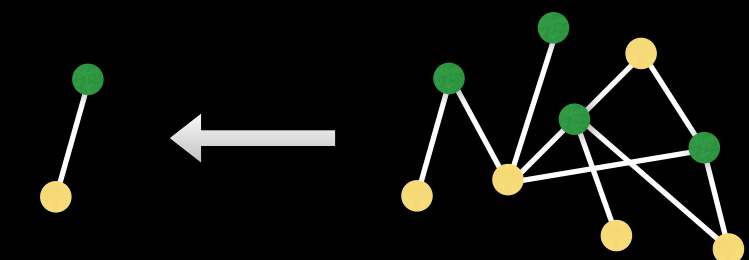
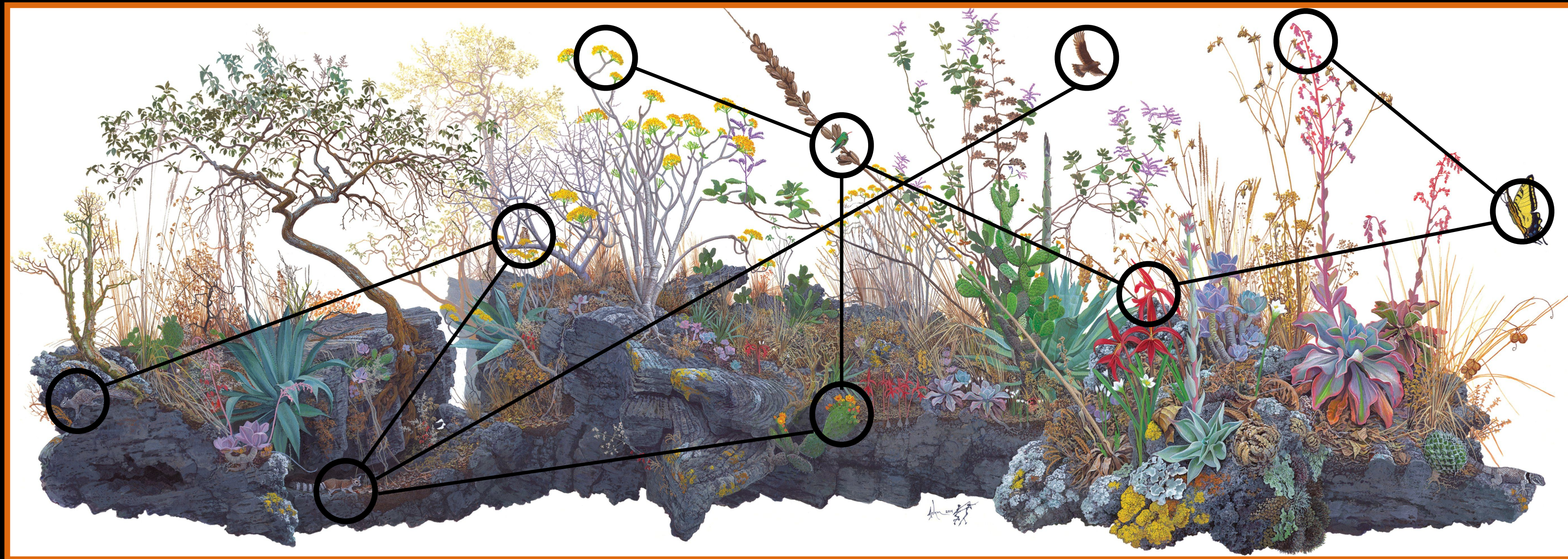
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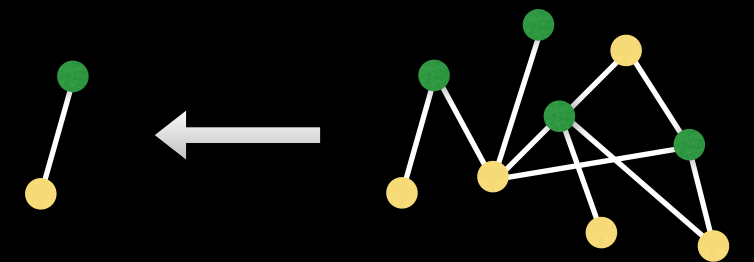


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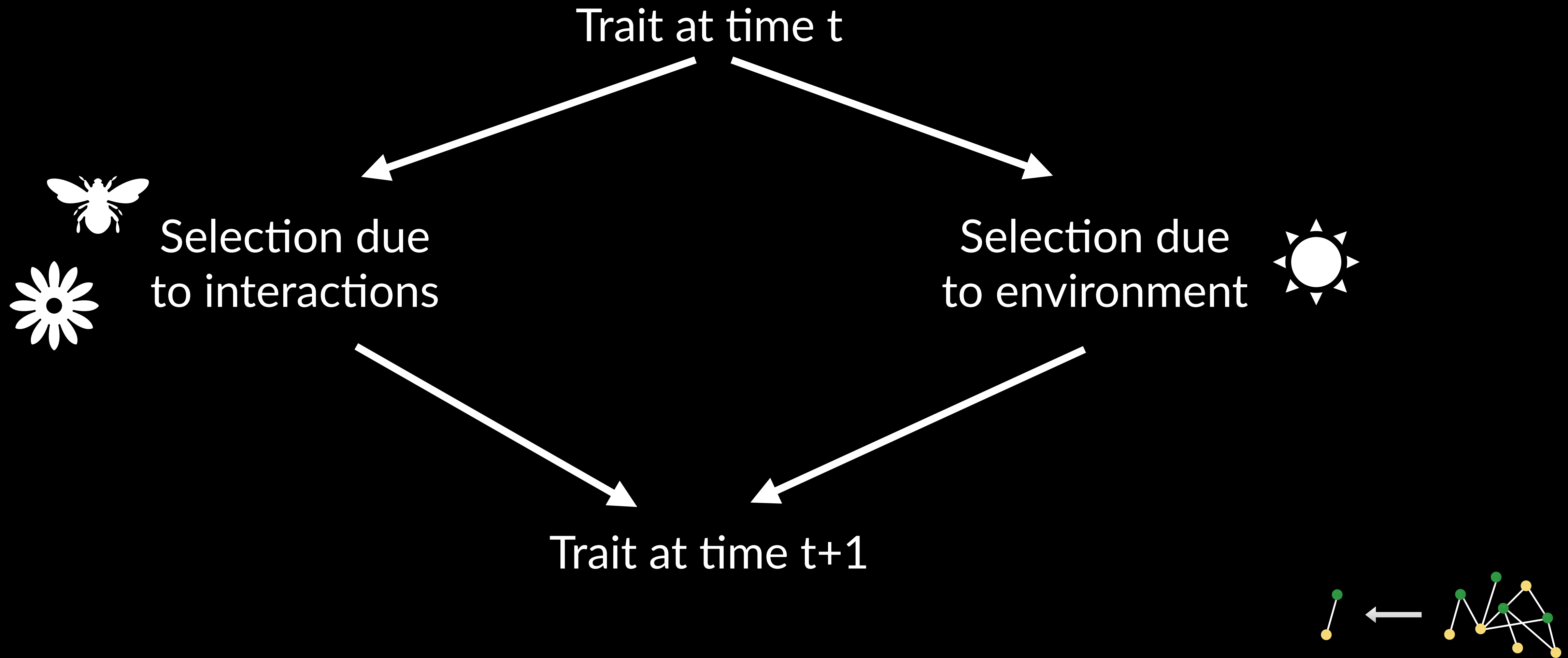
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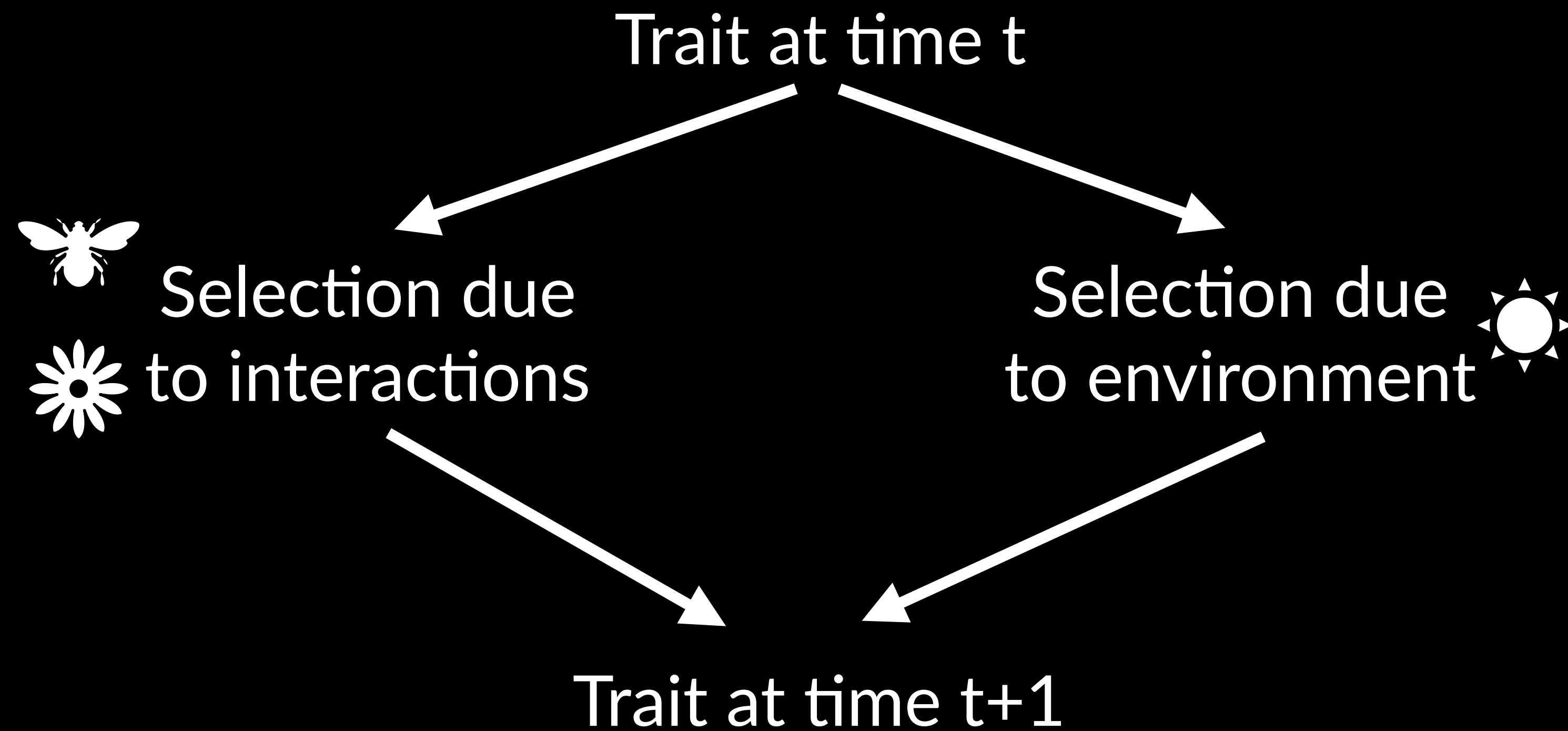
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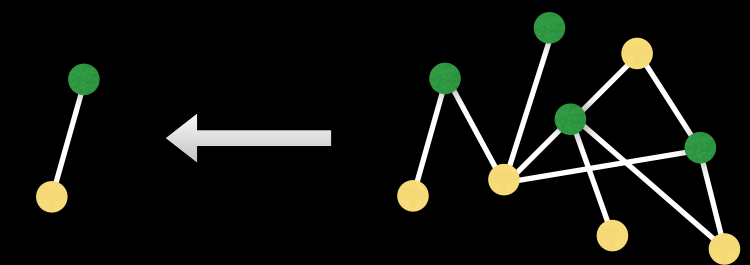
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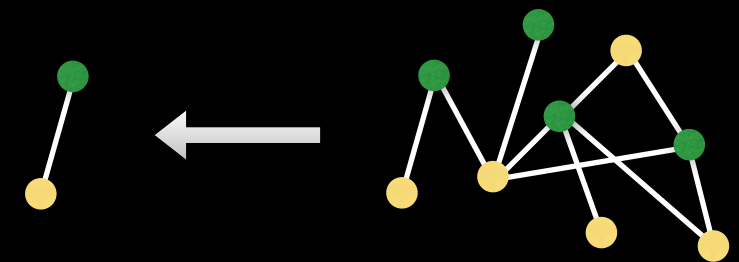
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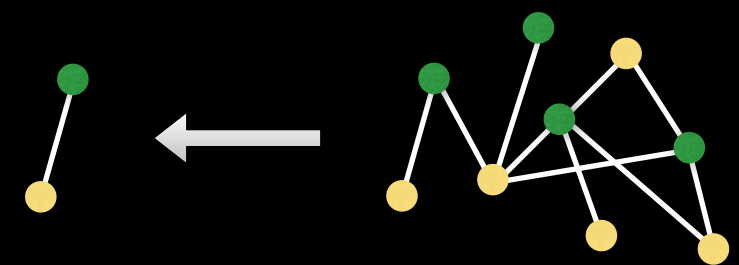
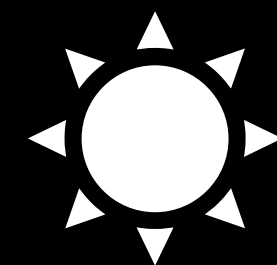
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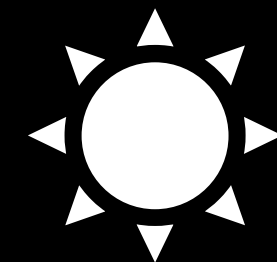
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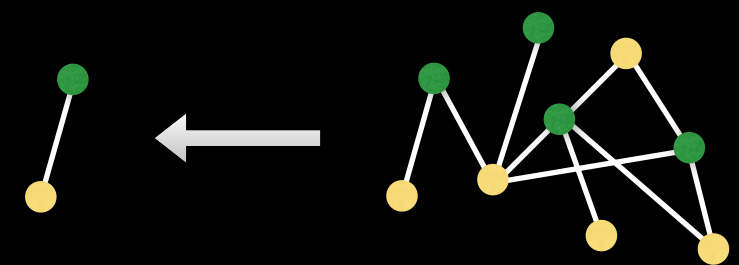
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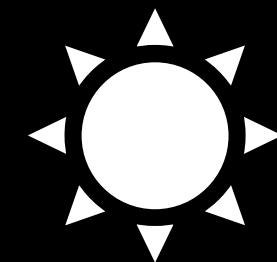
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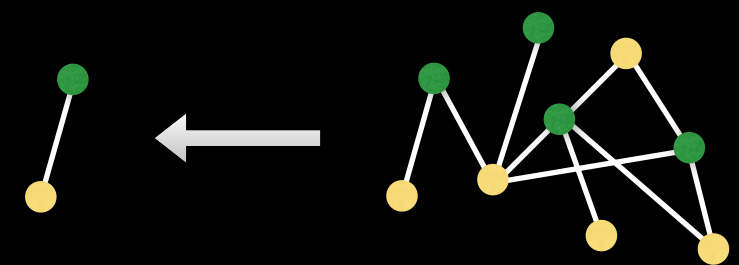
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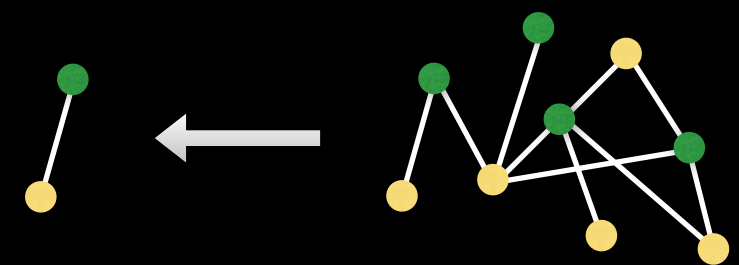
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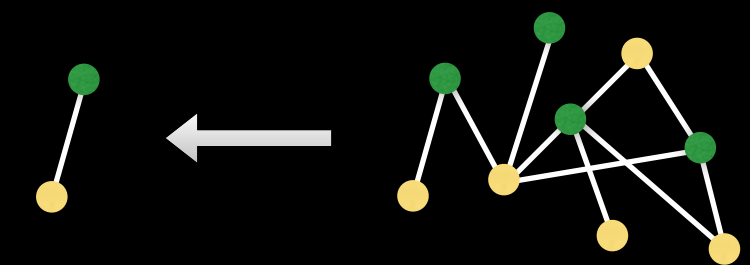
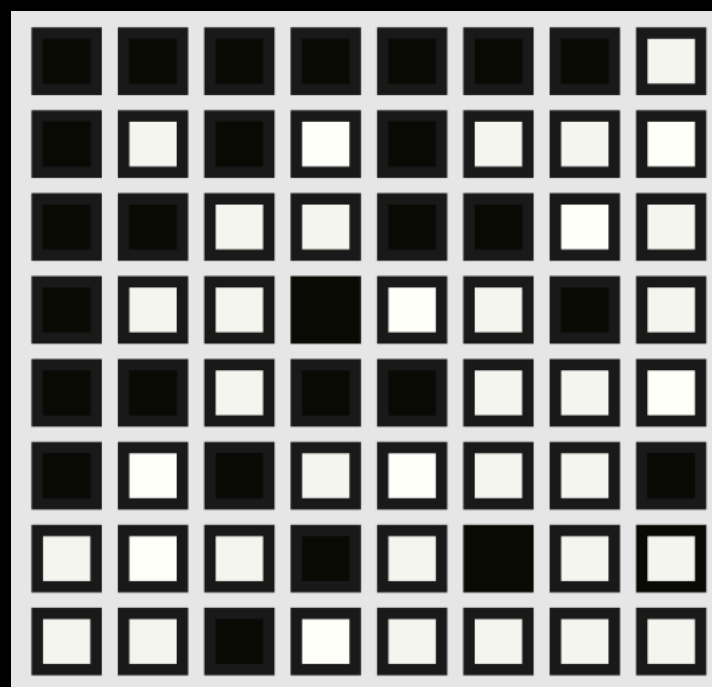
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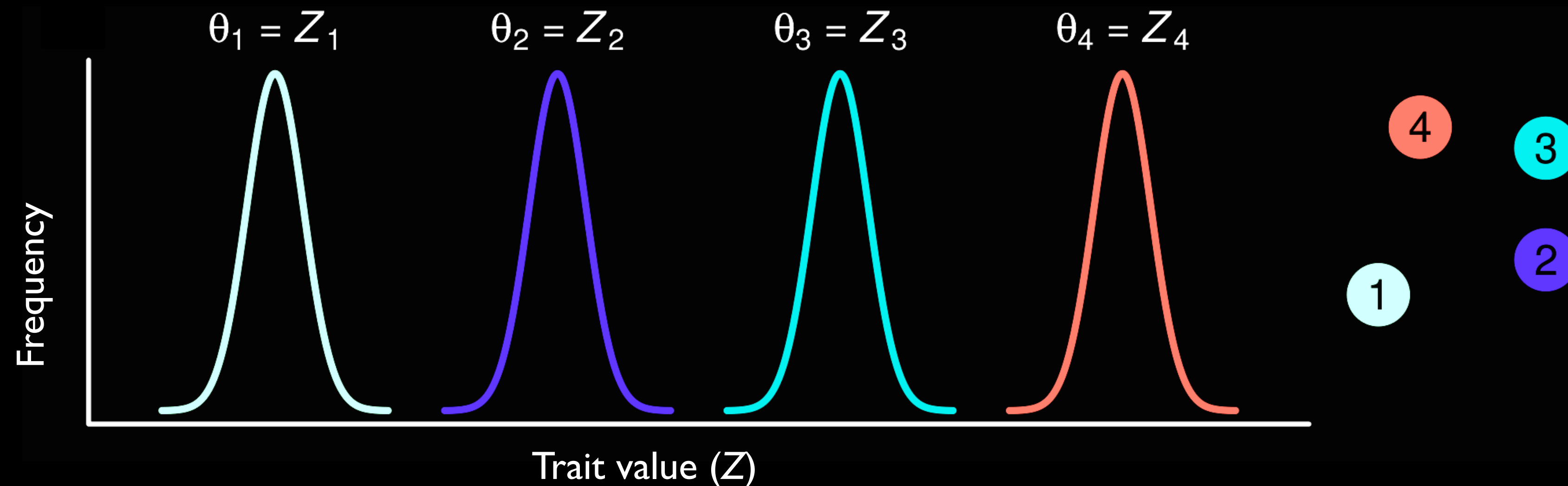
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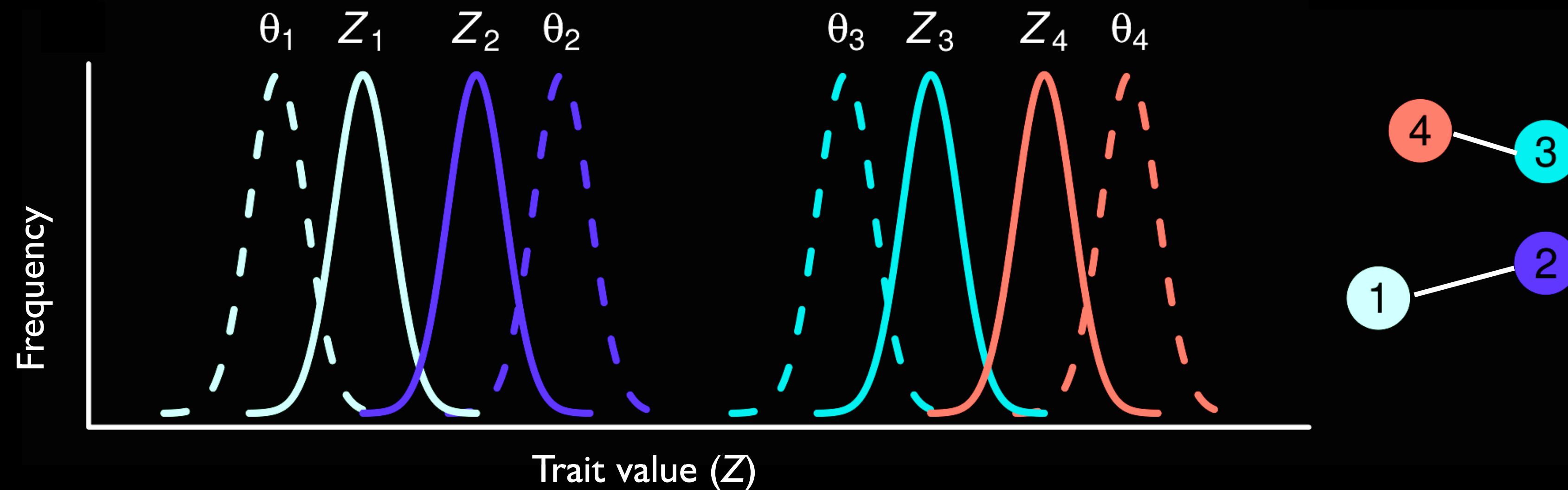
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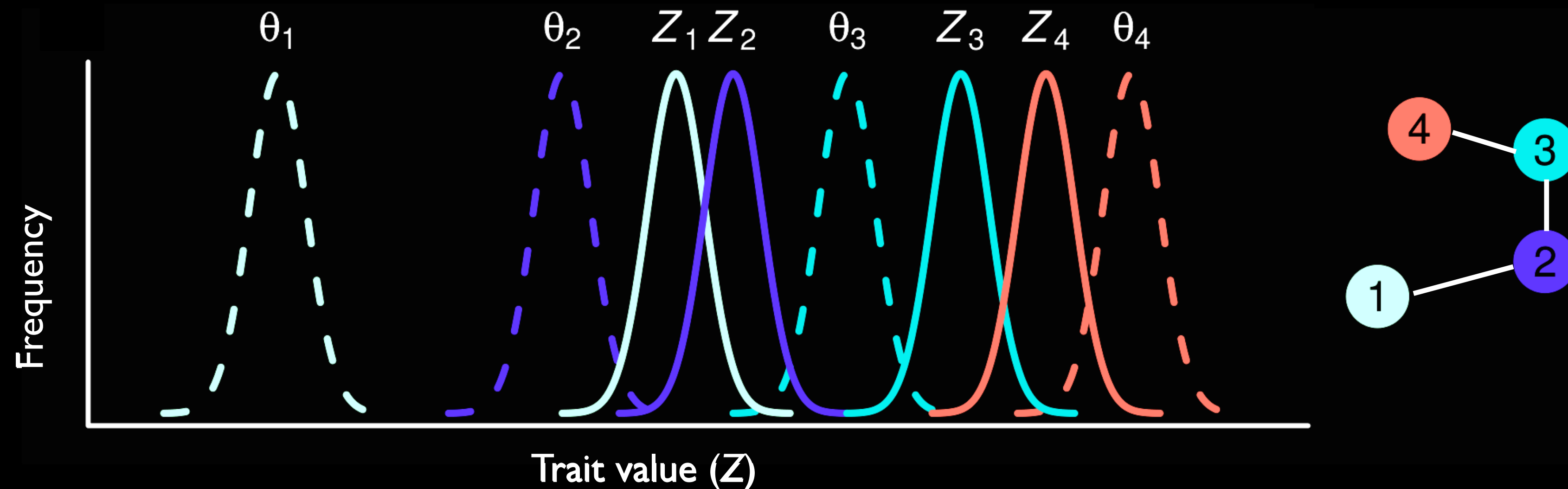
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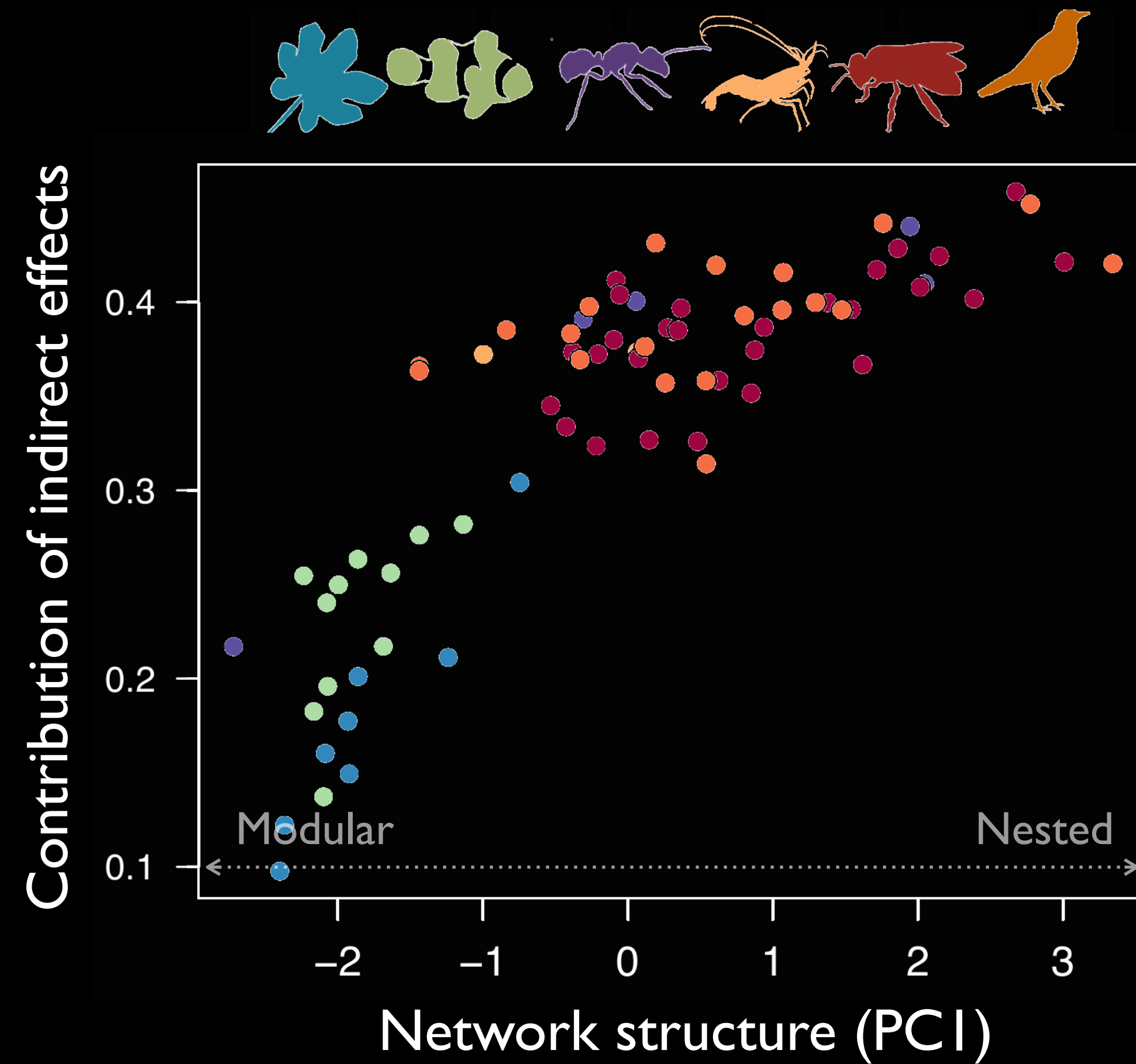


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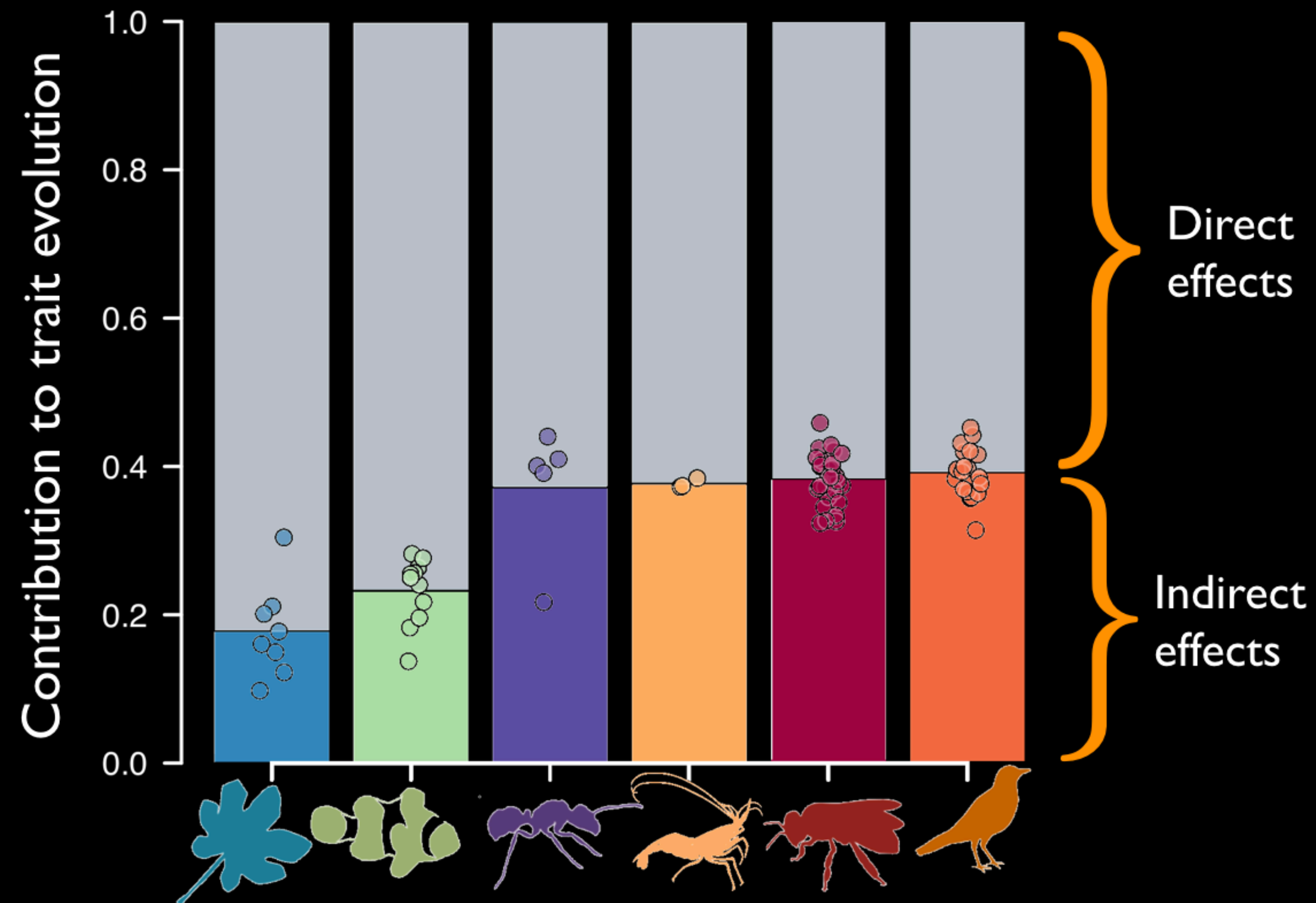
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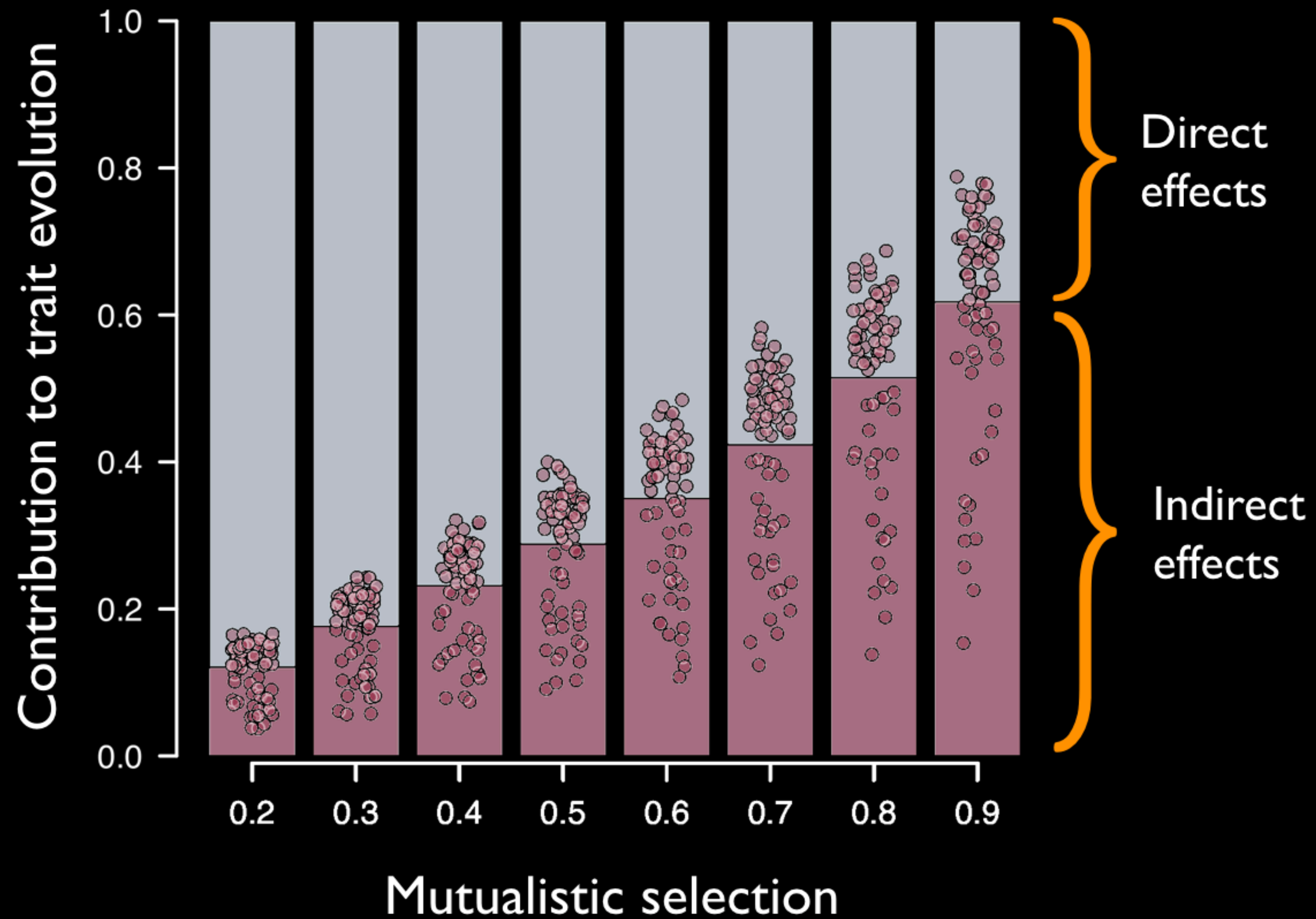
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Indirect effects and mutualistic selection



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The most specialist species are more influenced by indirect effects than by their direct partners

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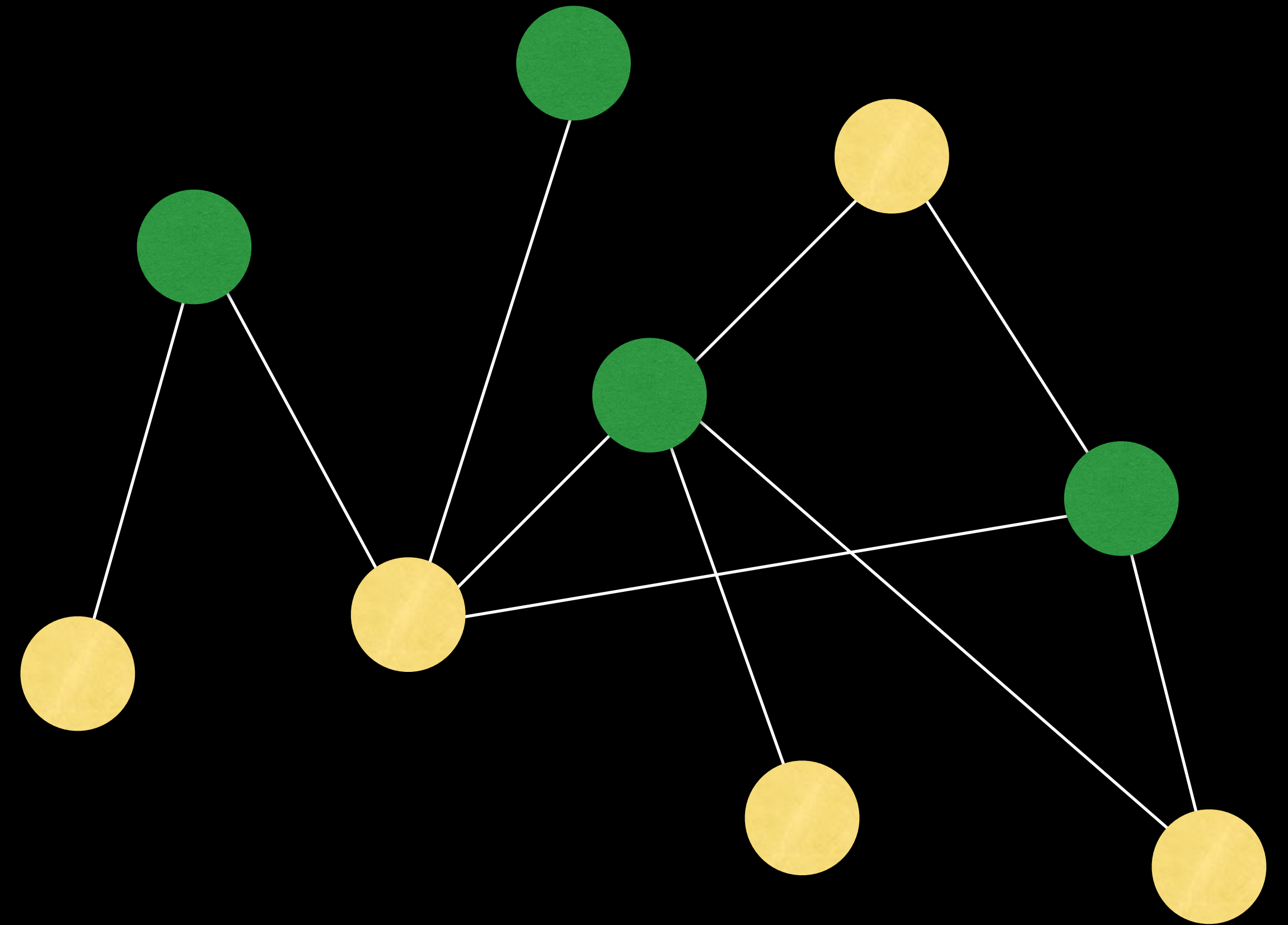
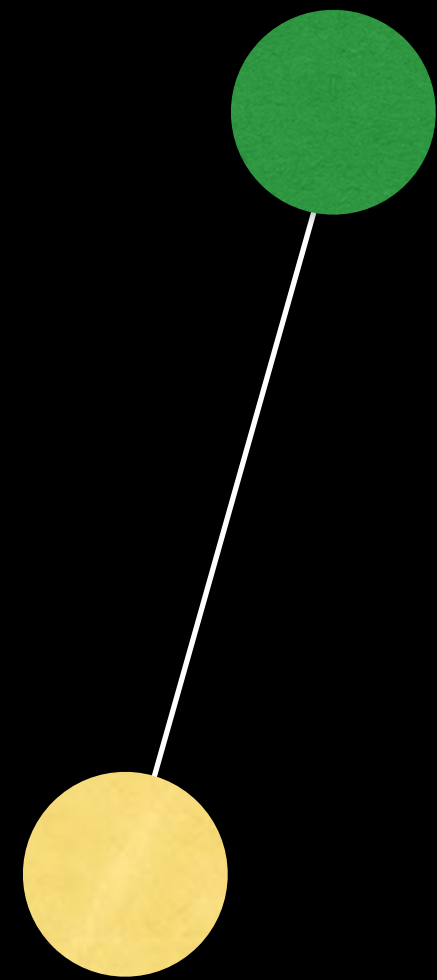
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