

Statistics with SpaRRows

Lecture 6

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Outline

- Influence of df on test
- Hypothesis testing

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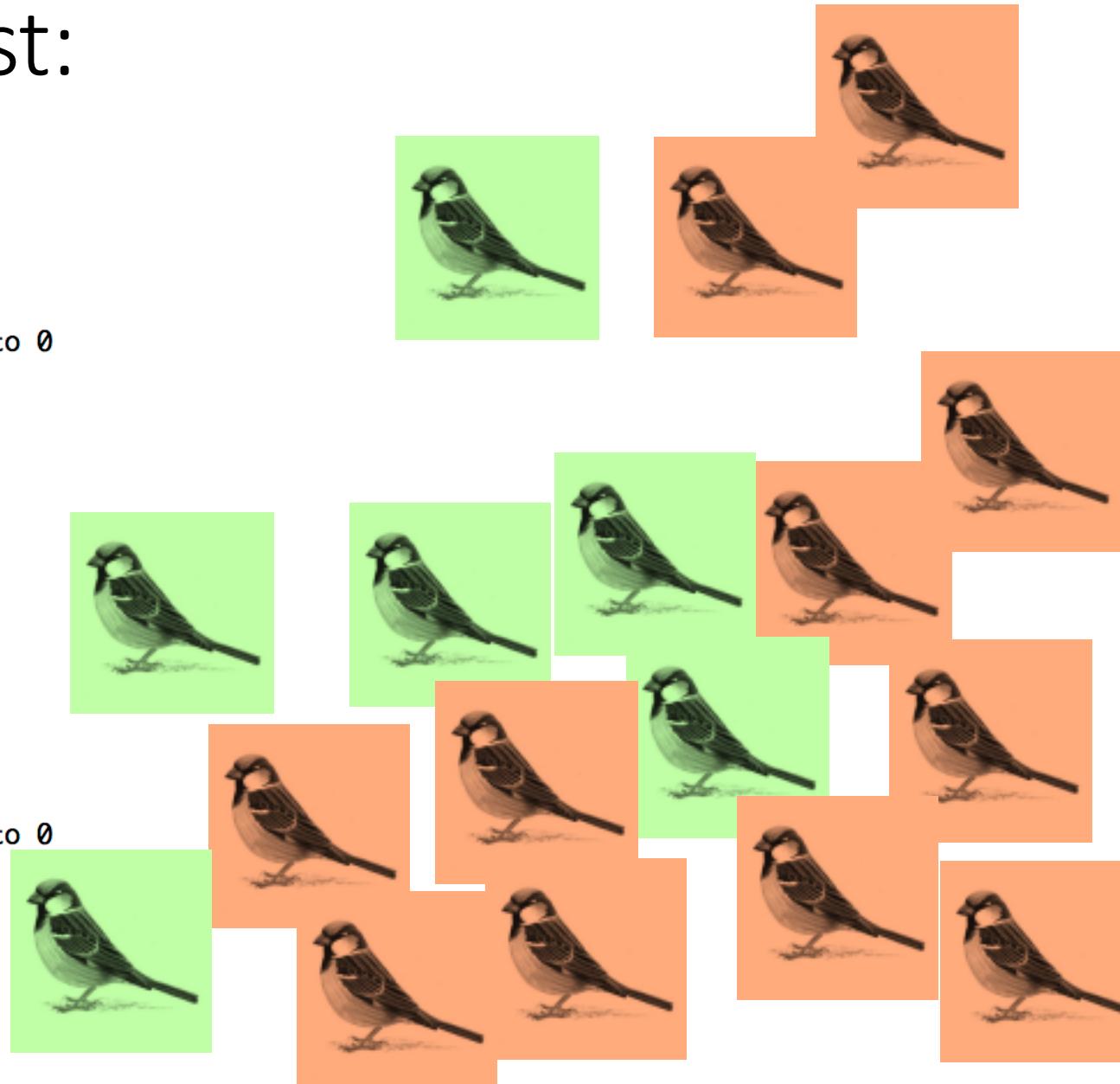
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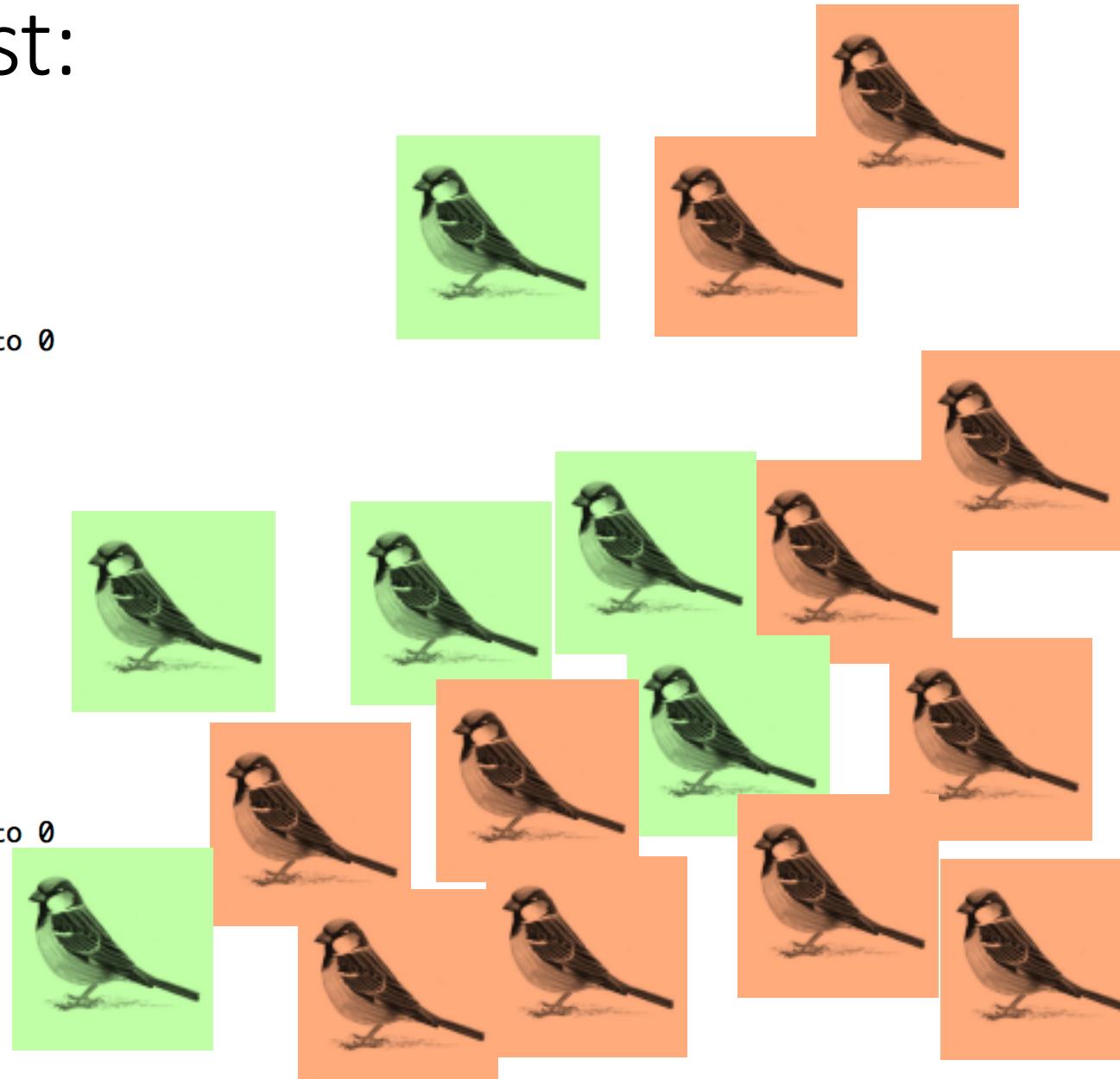
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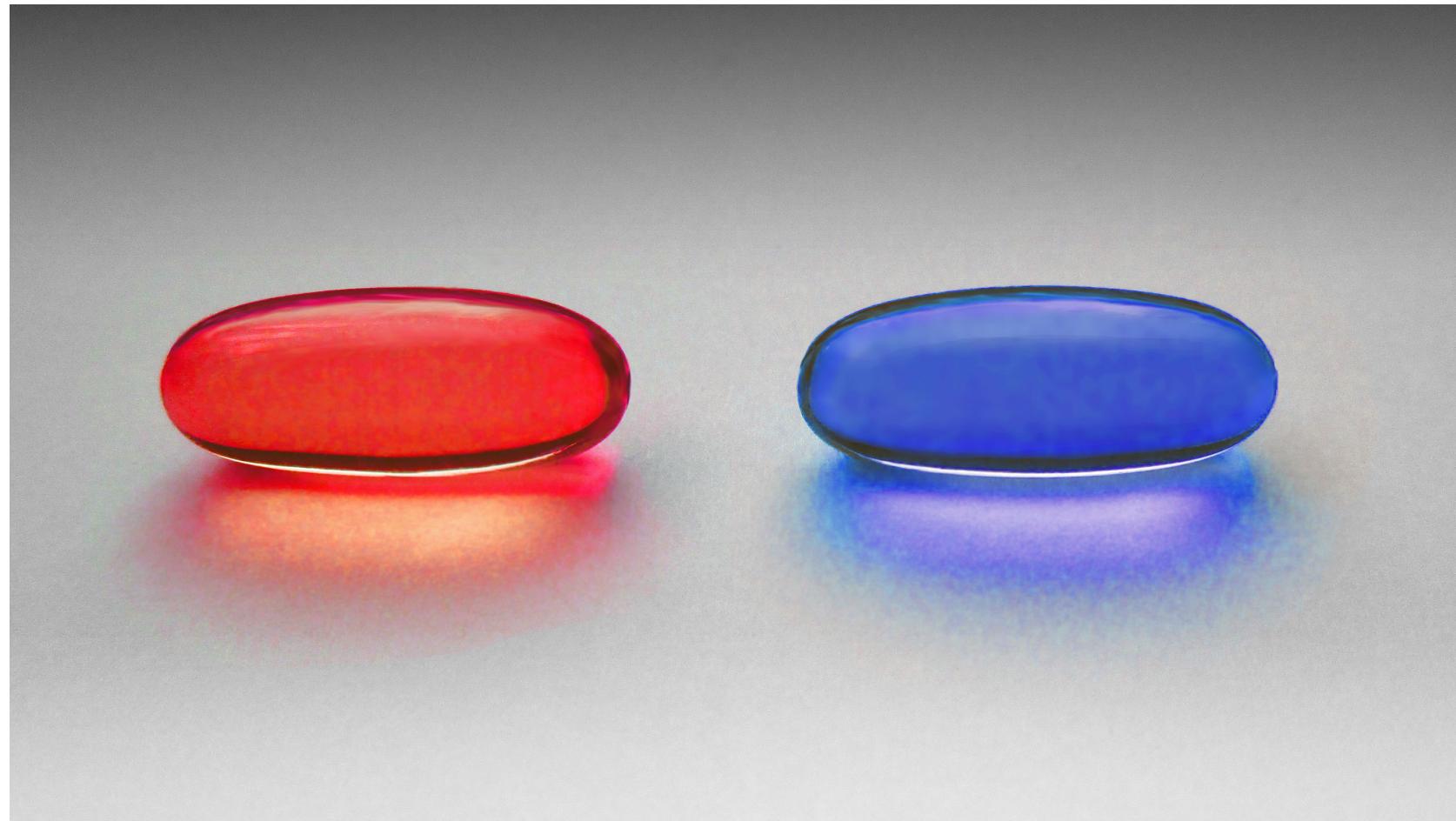
Wait, what?

- Let's digress for a moment...

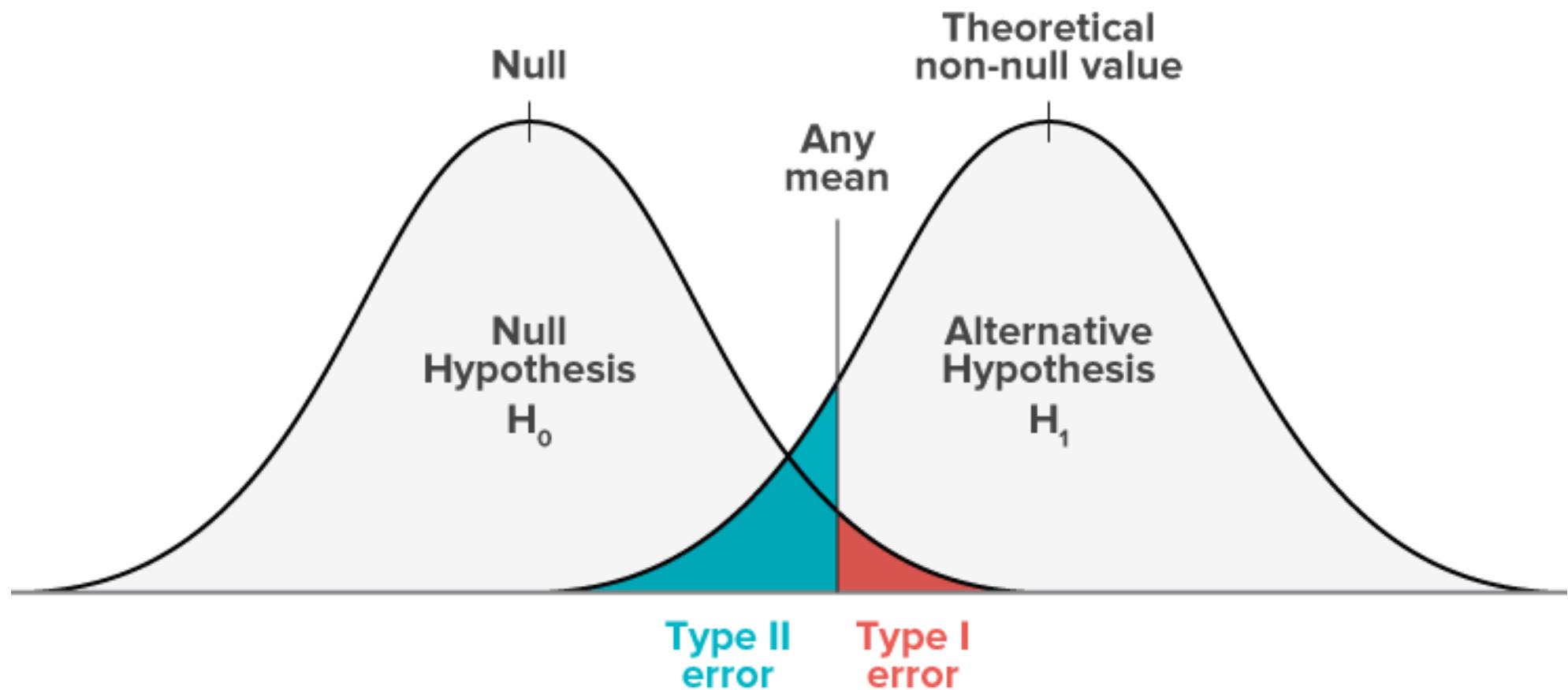


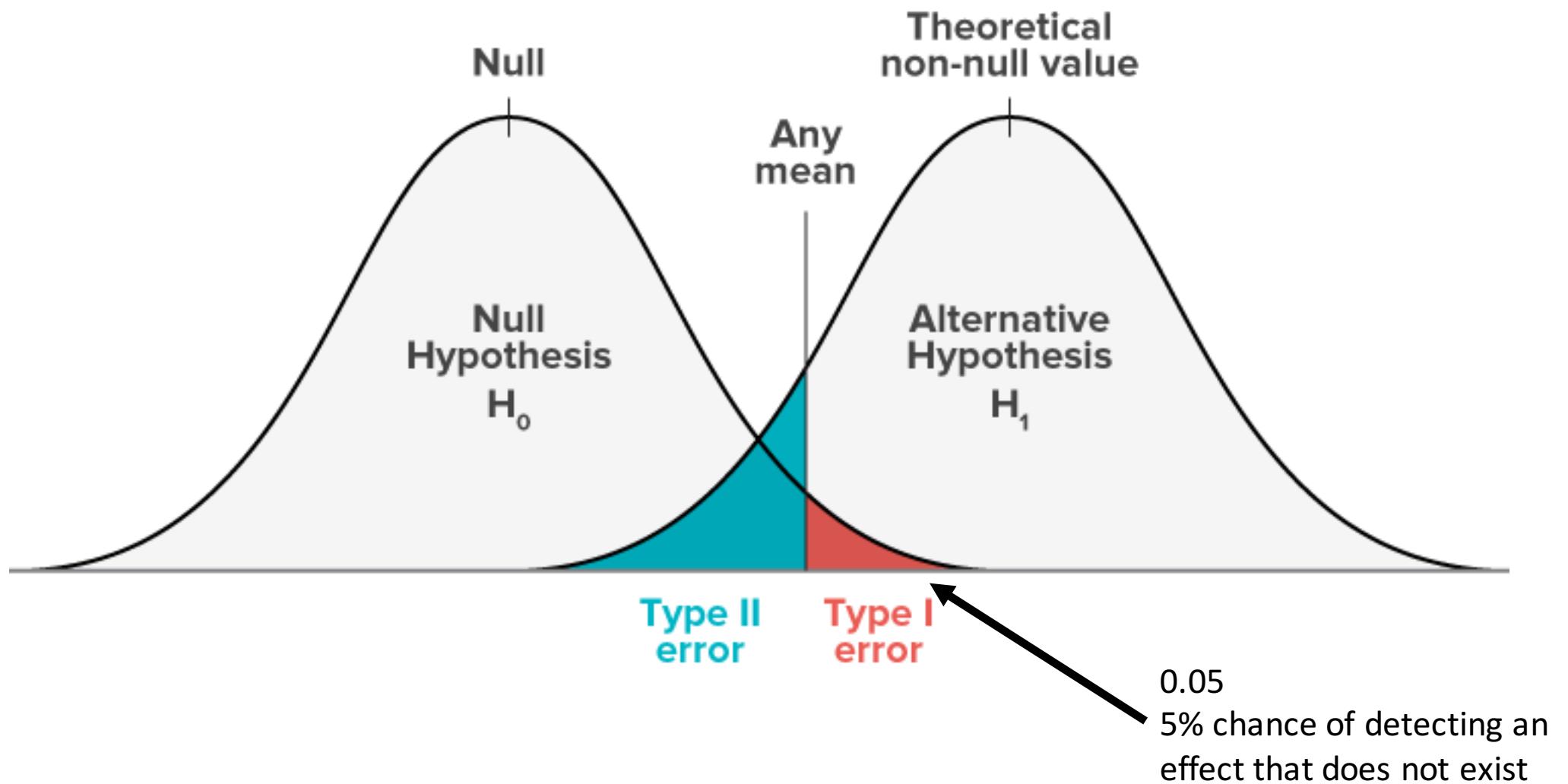
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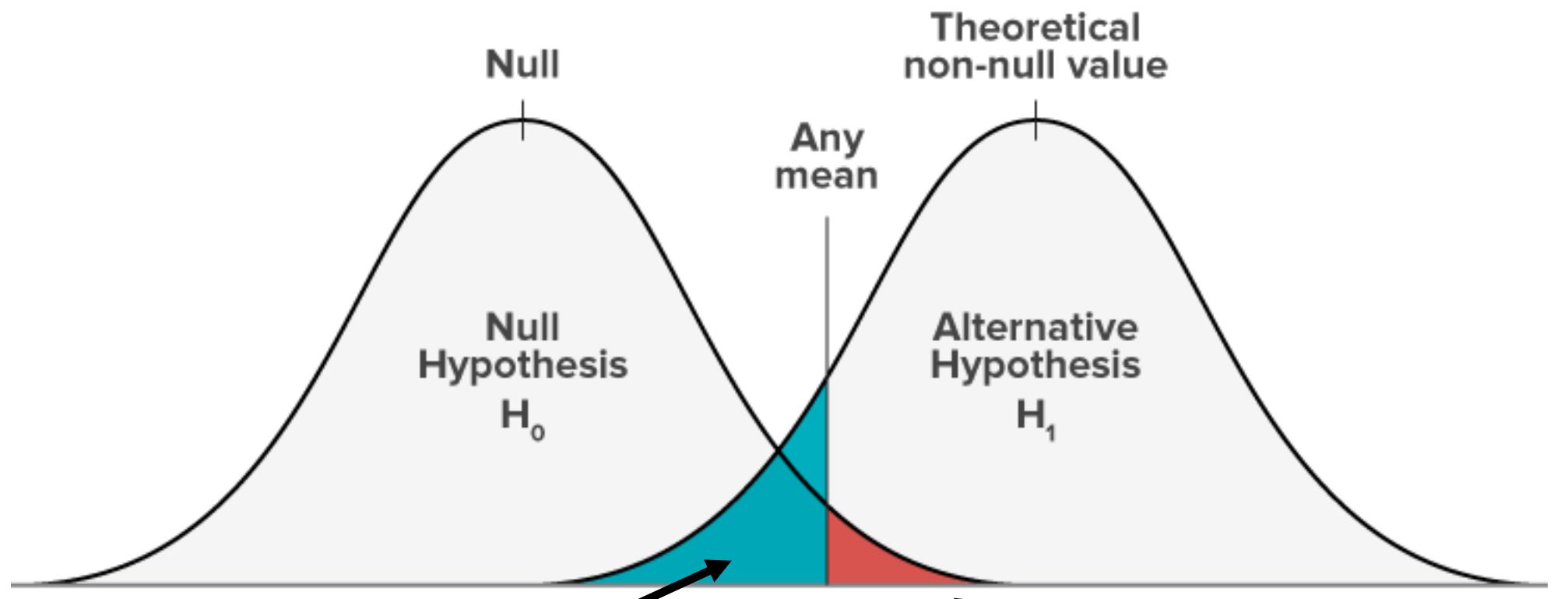
- What is real and what is an illusion?
- Decision errors



| H_0 | Reality | Illusion |
|----------|--|---|
| rejected | Effect detected Effect exists | Type I error Effect detected, but does not exist |
| accepted | No effect detected No effect exists | Type II error No effect detected, but it exists |







Type II effects depend on statistical power

The bigger the sample size, the smaller the chance for type II errors

0.05
5% chance of detecting an effect that does not exist

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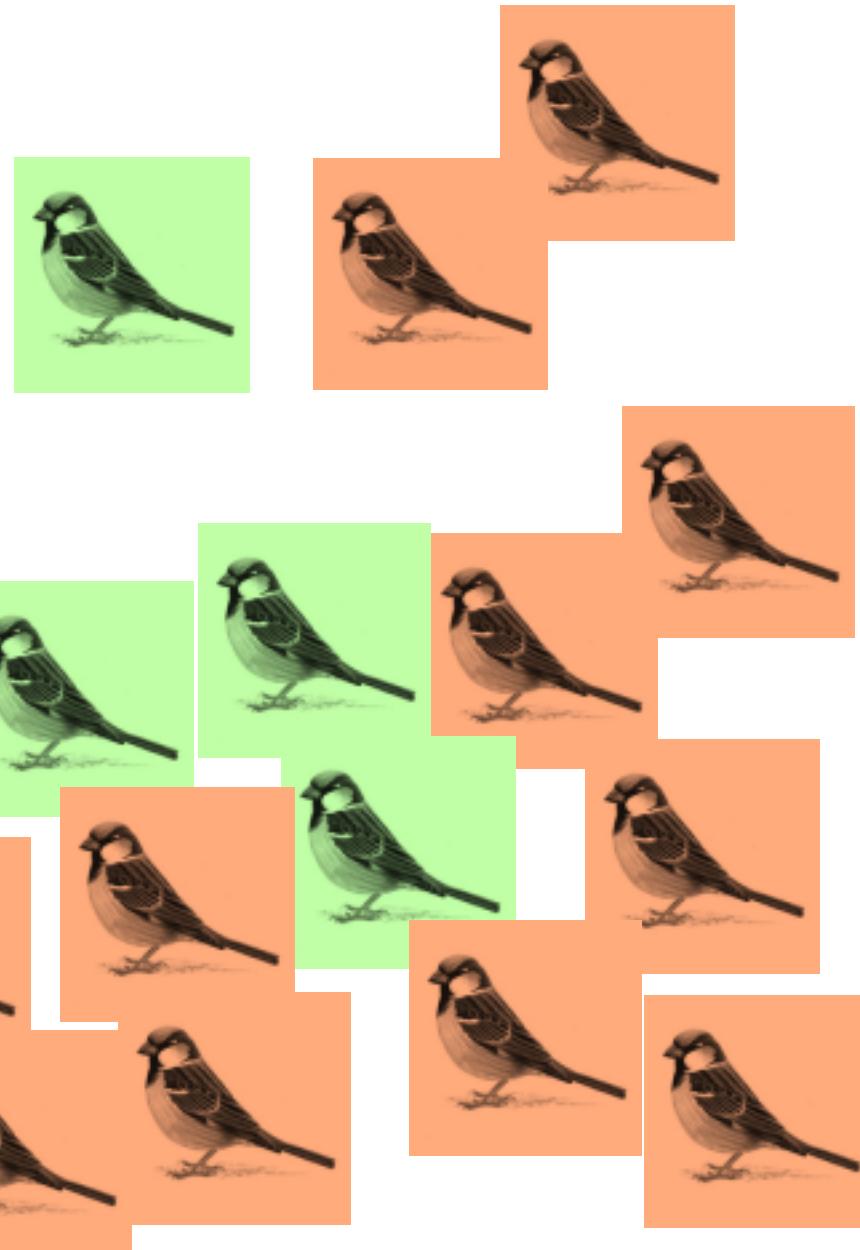
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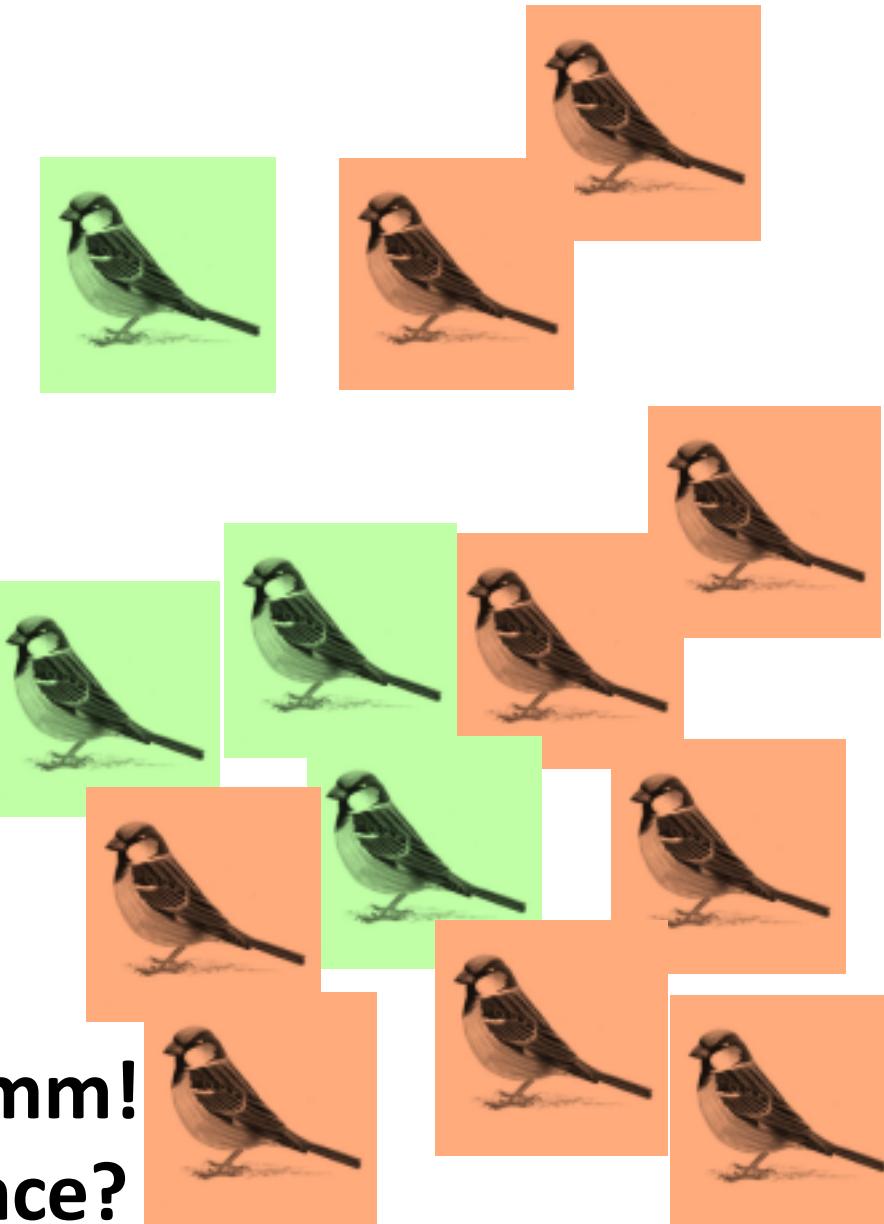
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Difference of 0.5mm!
Biological relevance?

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- Probability to detect an effect of specific size
- What effect size do you need?
- What effect size is biological meaningful?

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