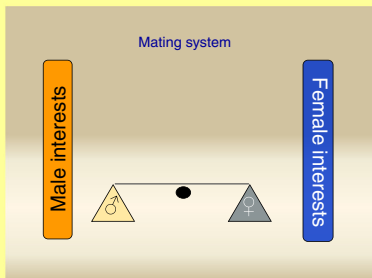
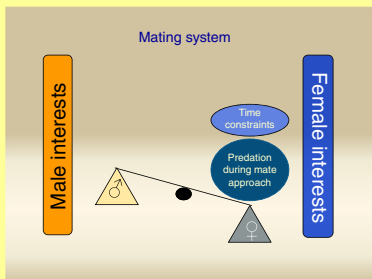


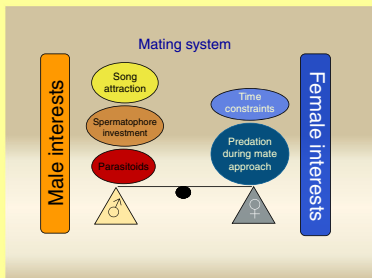
Mating systems can be graphically depicted by a scale with female interest on one and male interest on the other side.



(a) Any existing mating system is balanced between the interests of the mating partners over evolutionary time



(b) Female investment analyzed alone will overbalance the scale:
e.g. predation risk during mate search and time constraints might shift the resulting mating system.



(c) Taking investment of both sexes into account, the mating system will reach a balanced state, however, any change in the different components forming this balance will modulate the mating system.