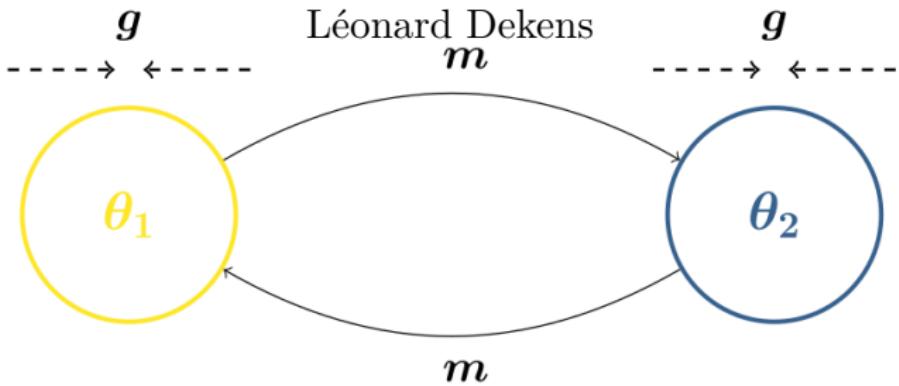




Illustration(s) of **constraints** induced by **sexual reproduction** in eco-evolutionary models with **spatial structure** and **polygenic traits**.



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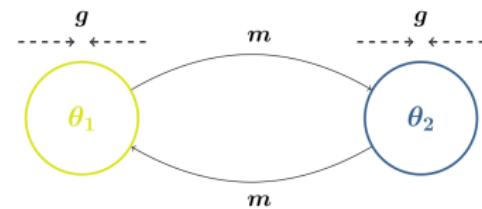
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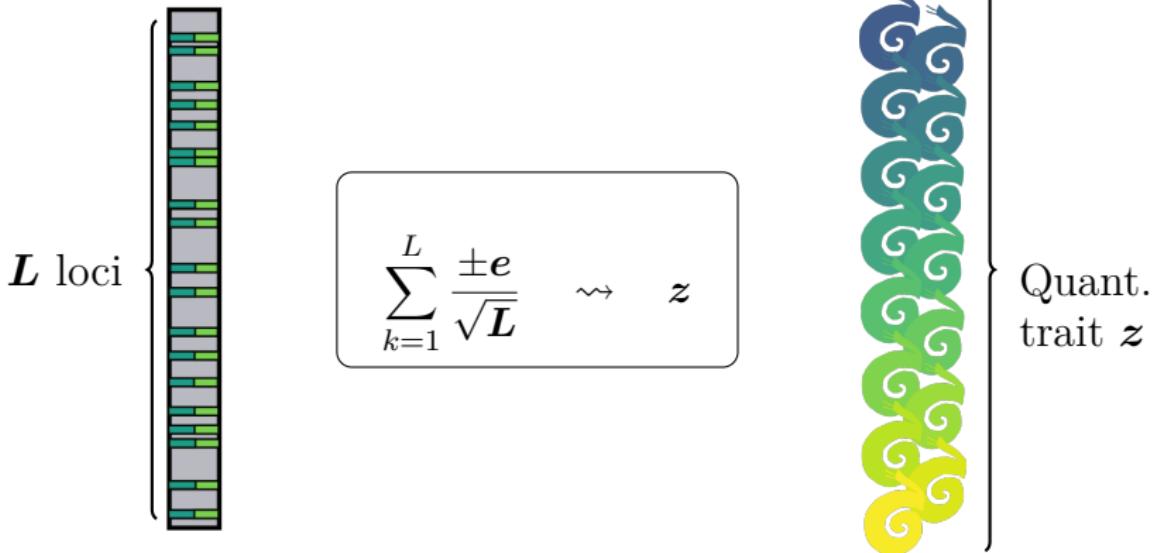


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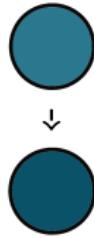
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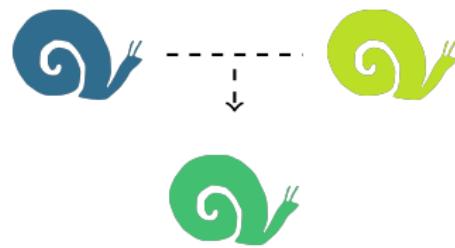


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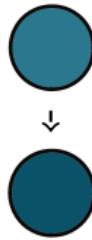


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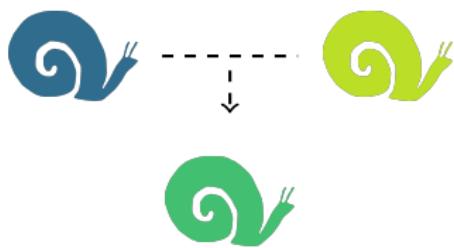
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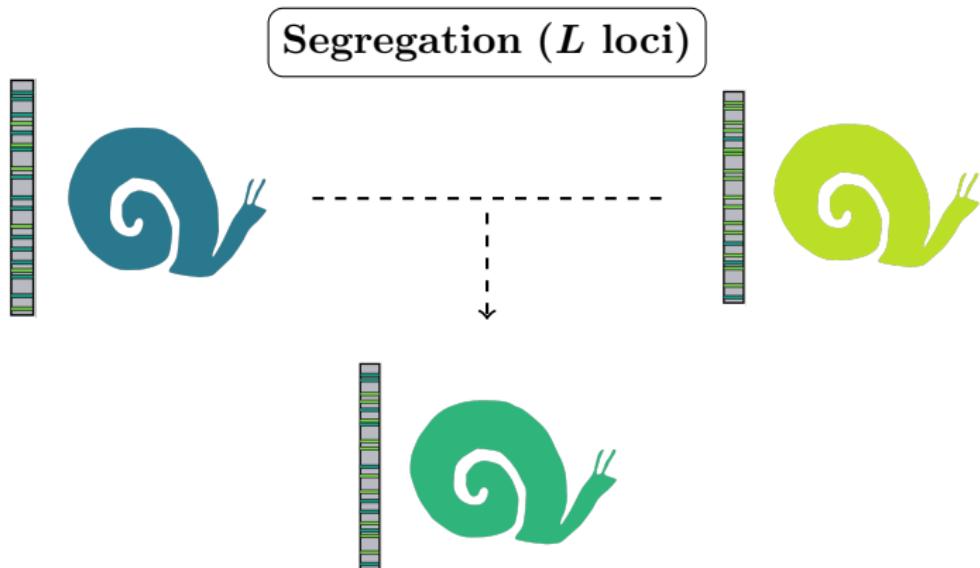
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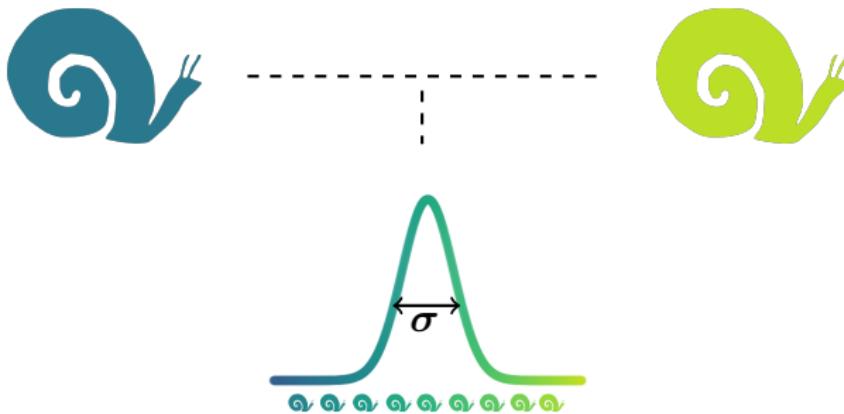
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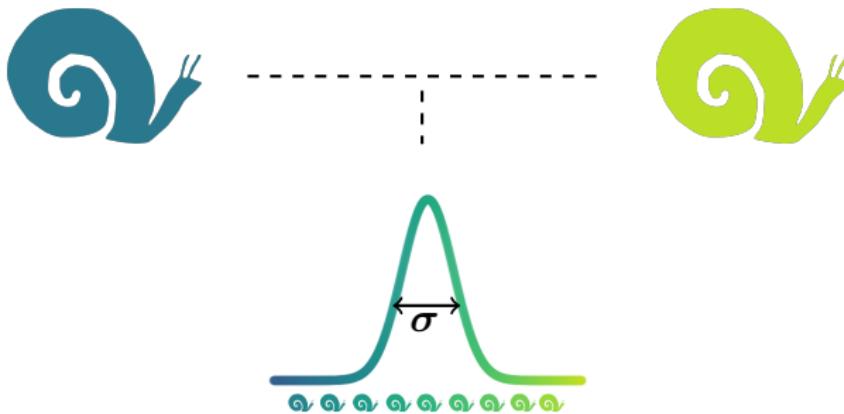
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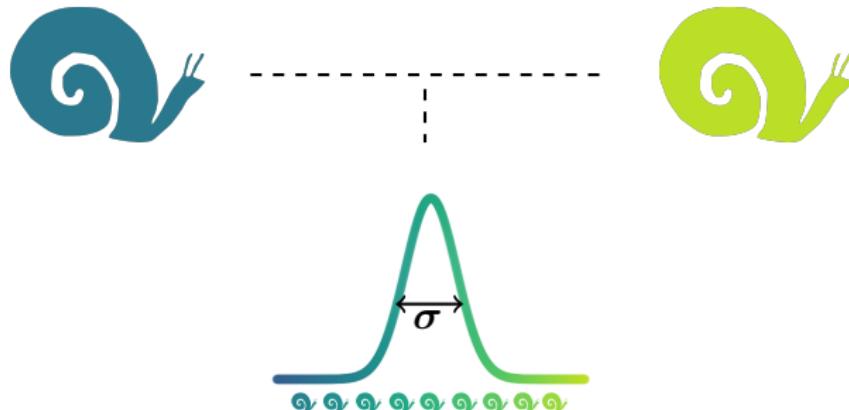
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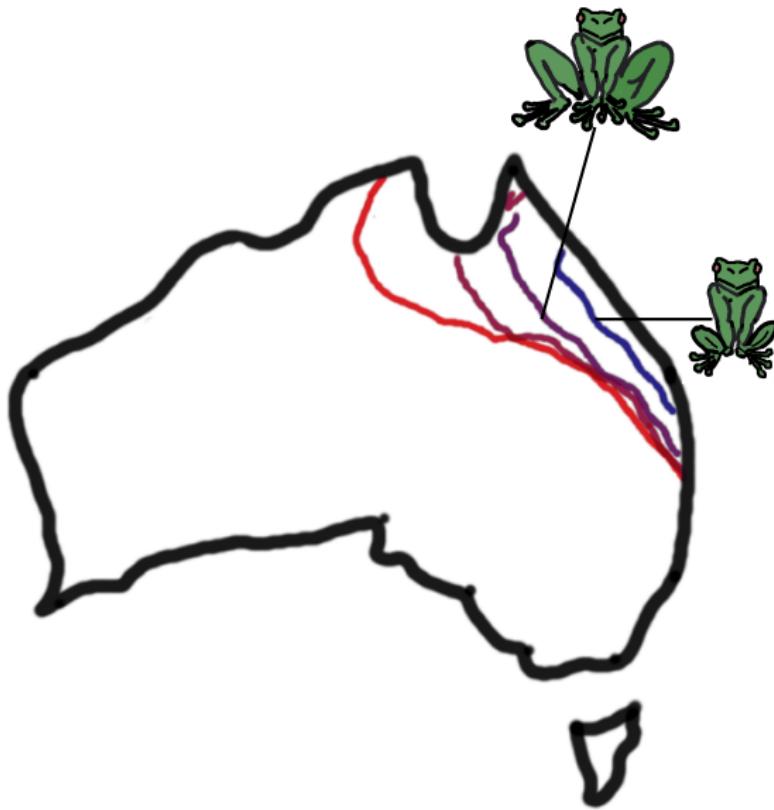
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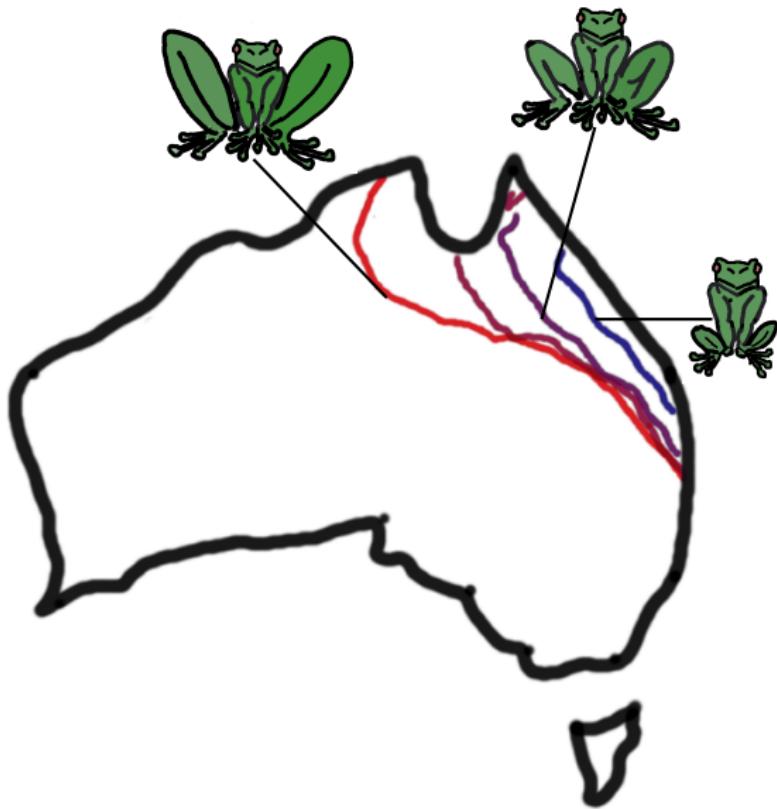
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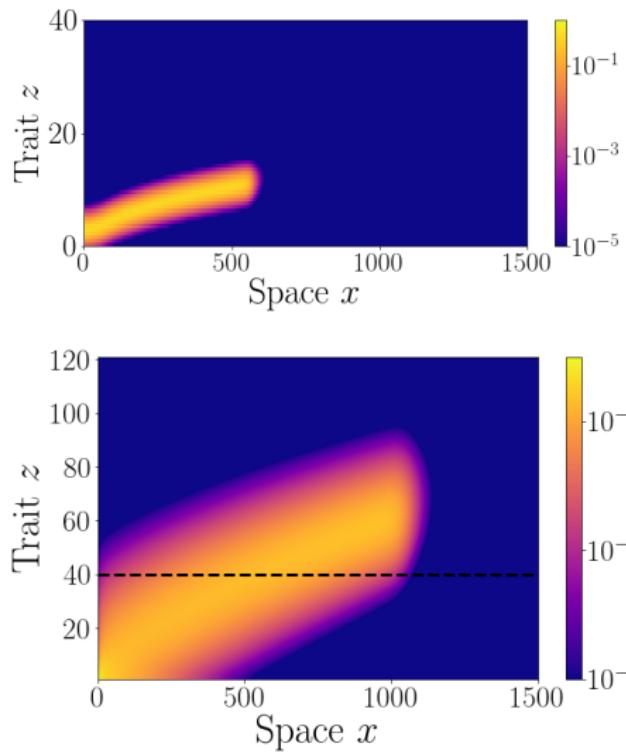
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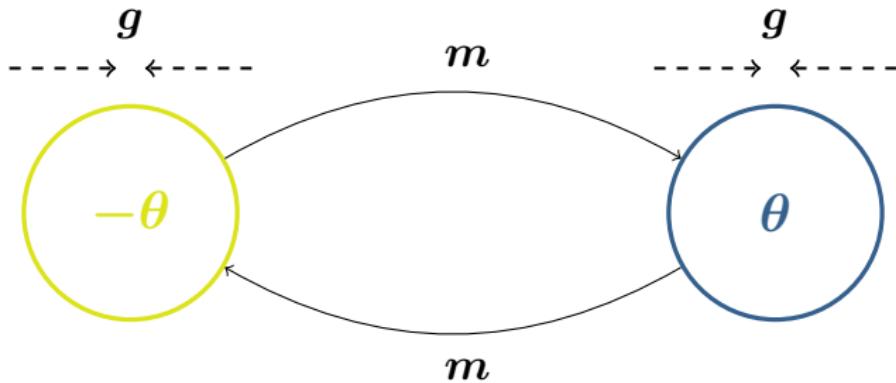
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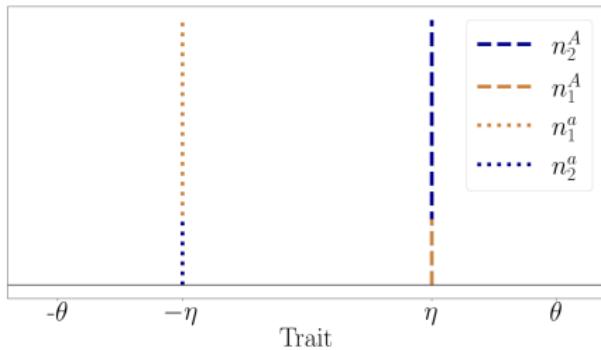
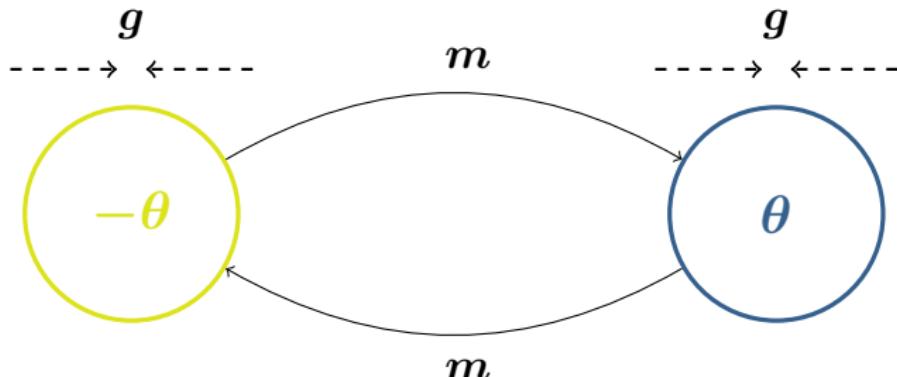


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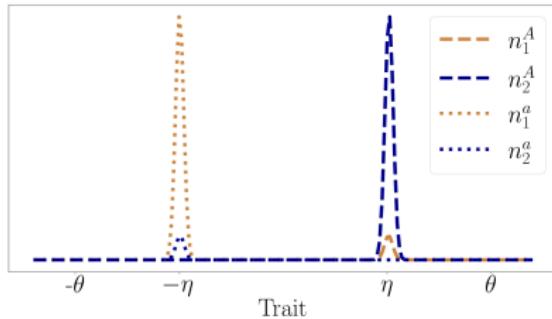
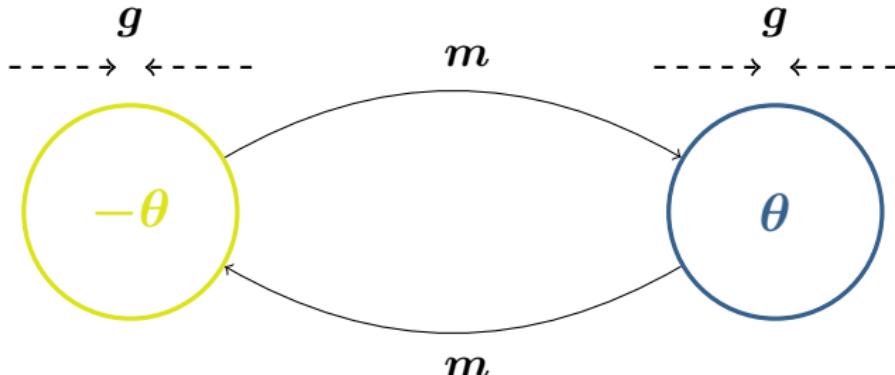


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# One-locus haploid model: stable dimorphism



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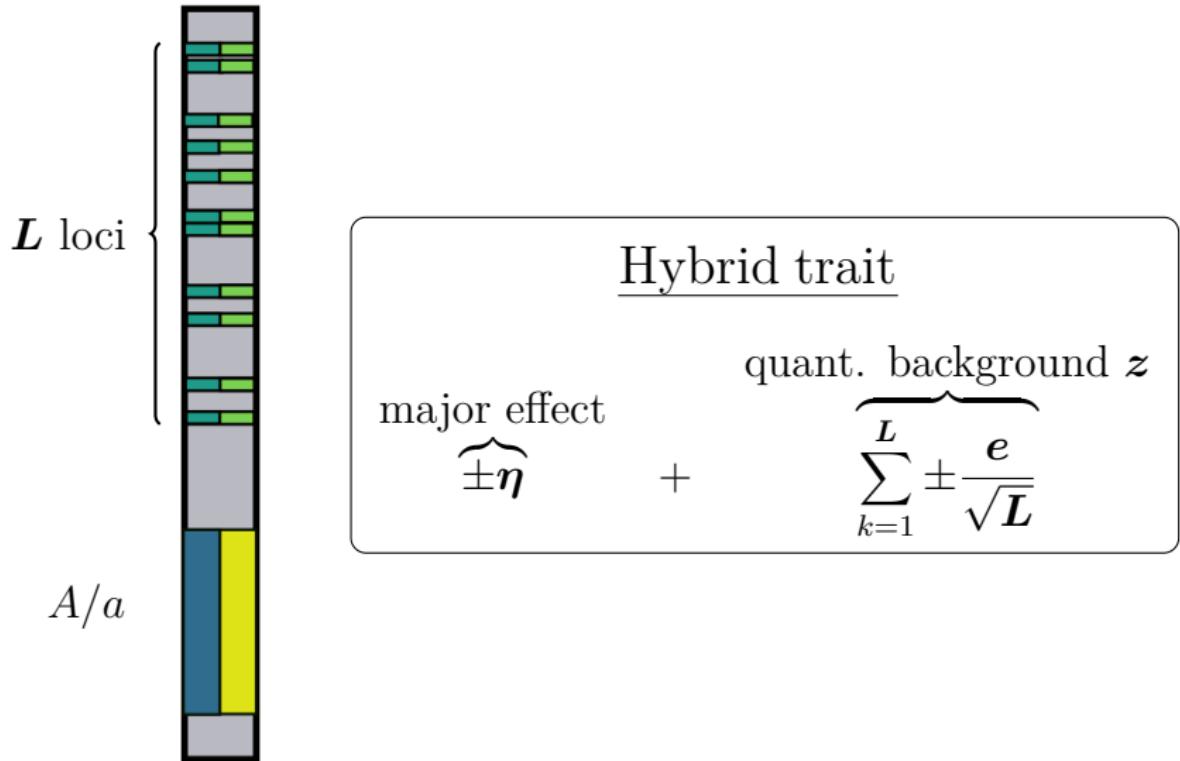


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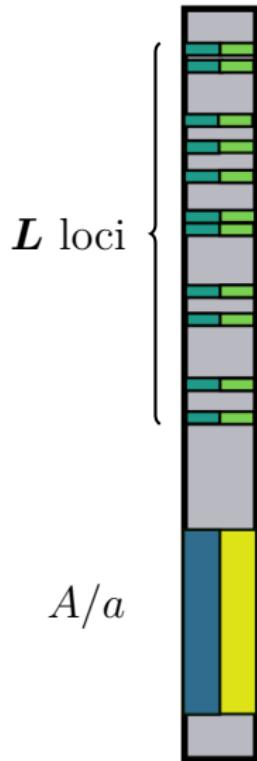


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Hybrid trait

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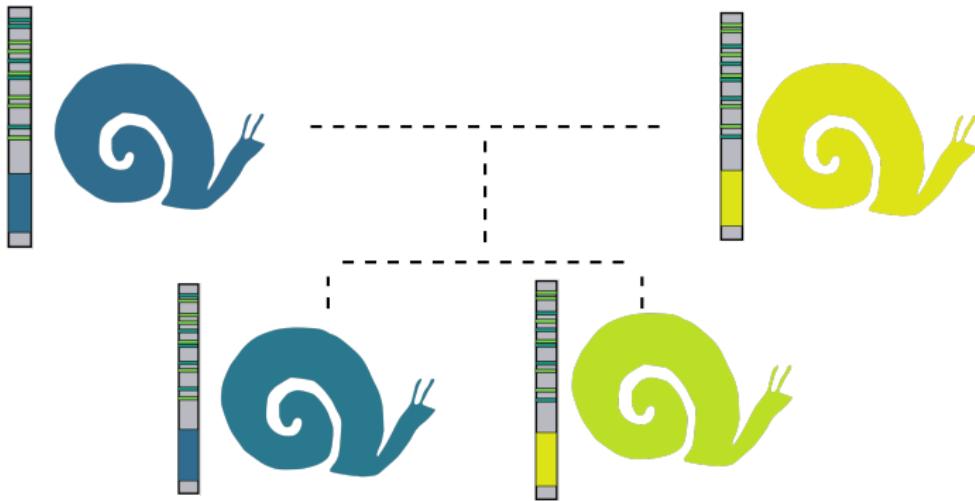
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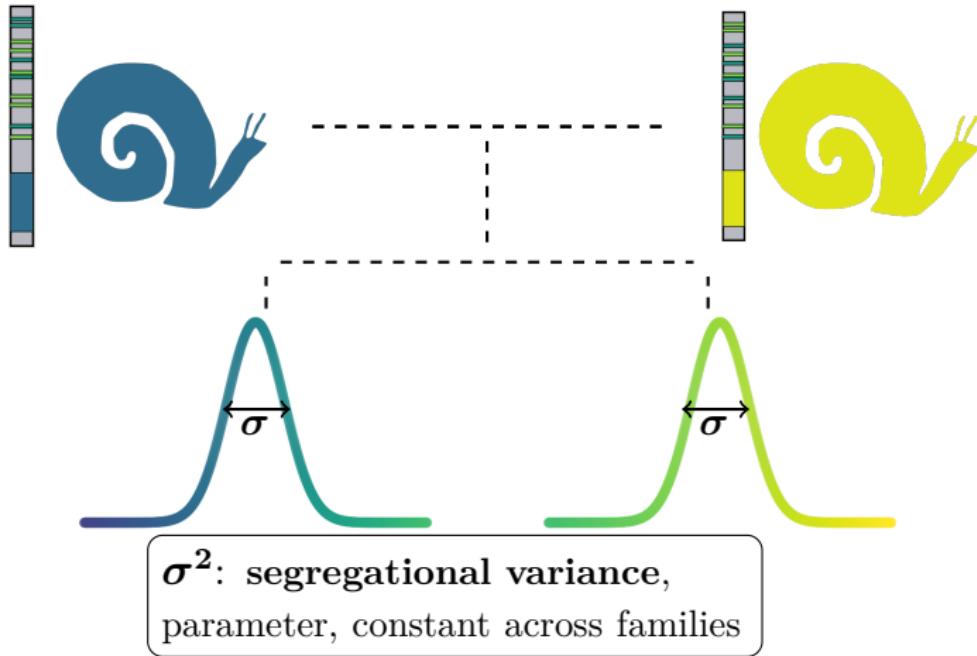
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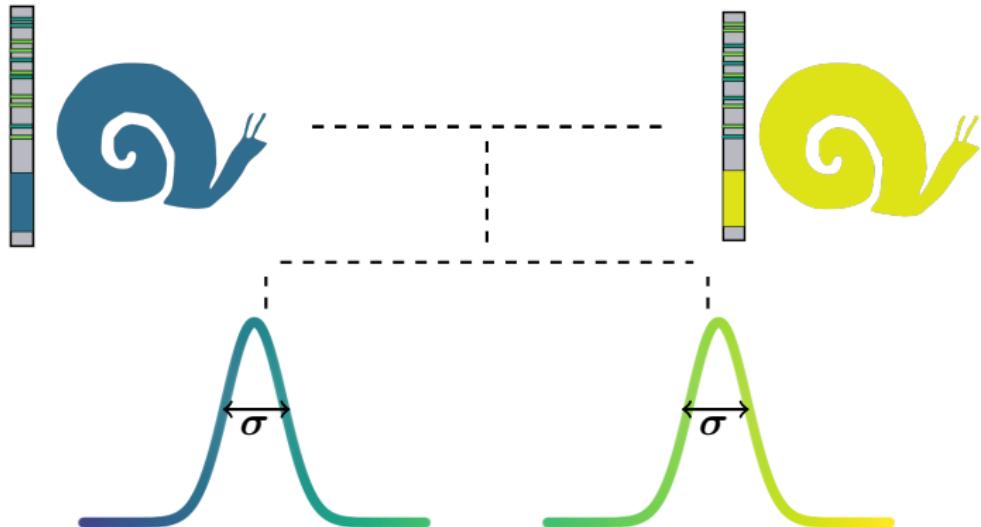
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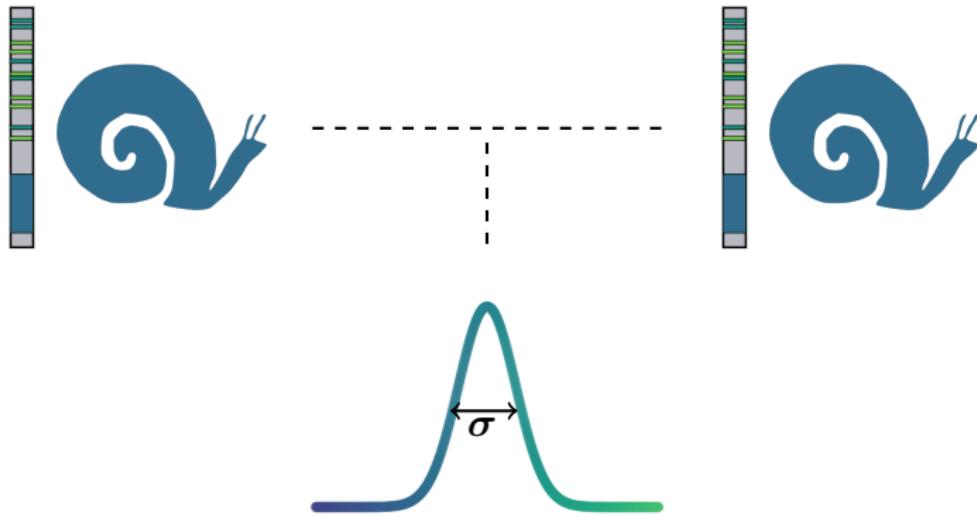
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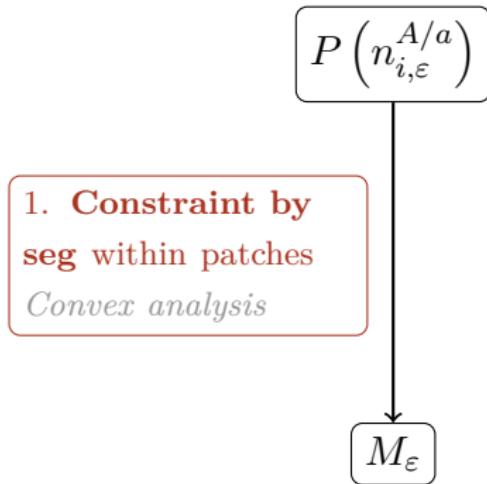
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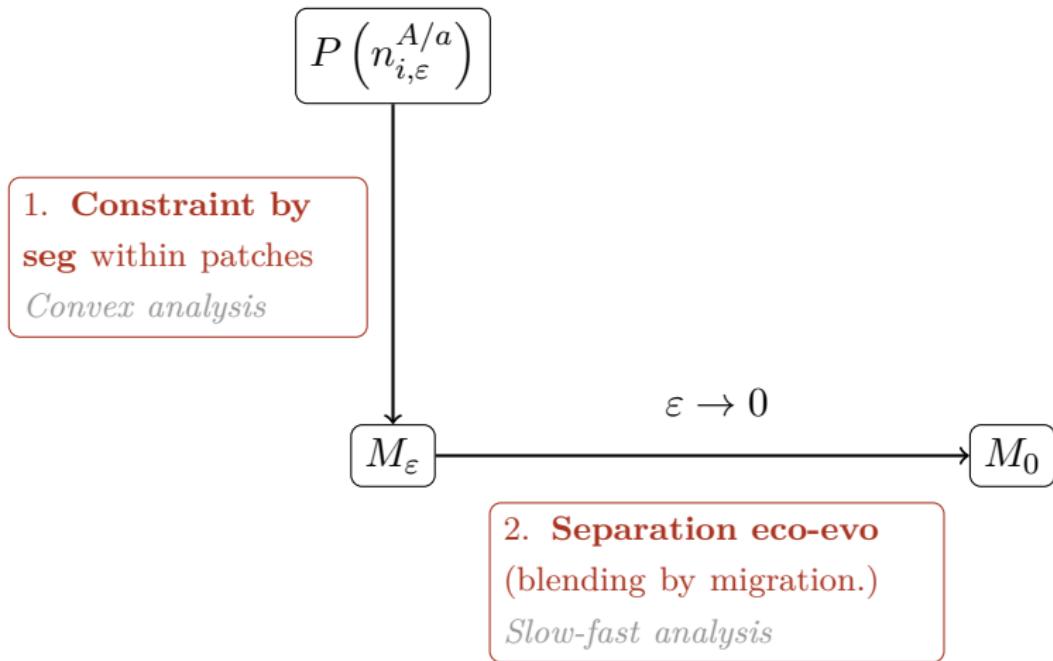


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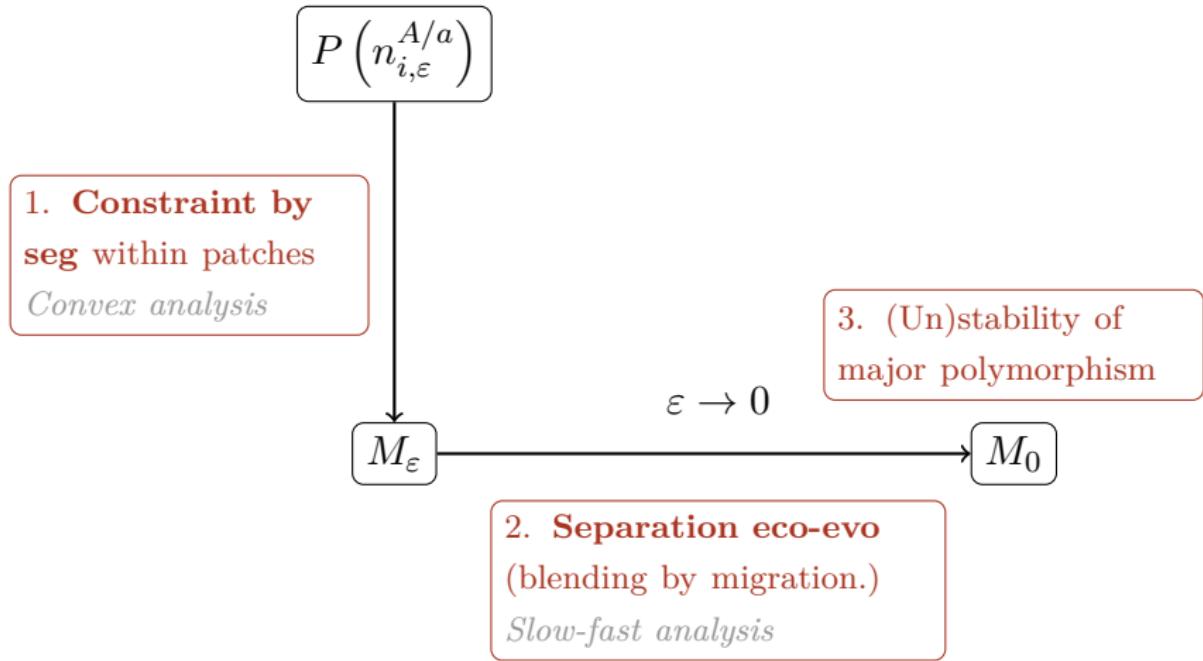
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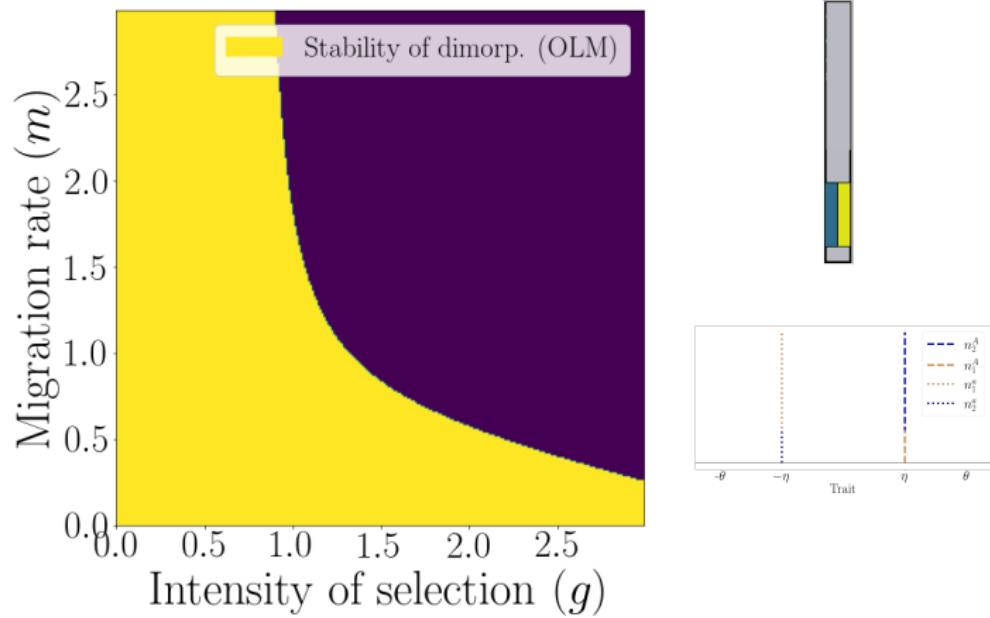
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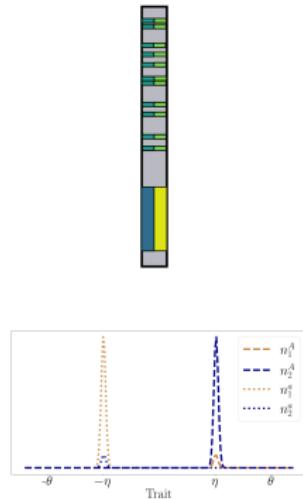
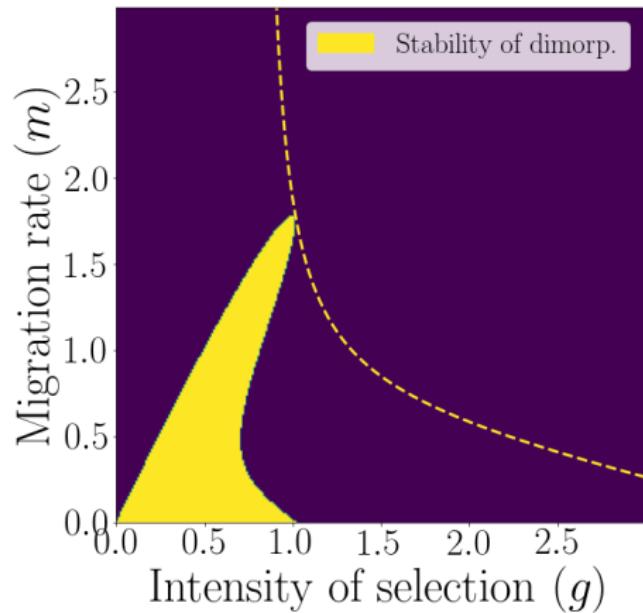
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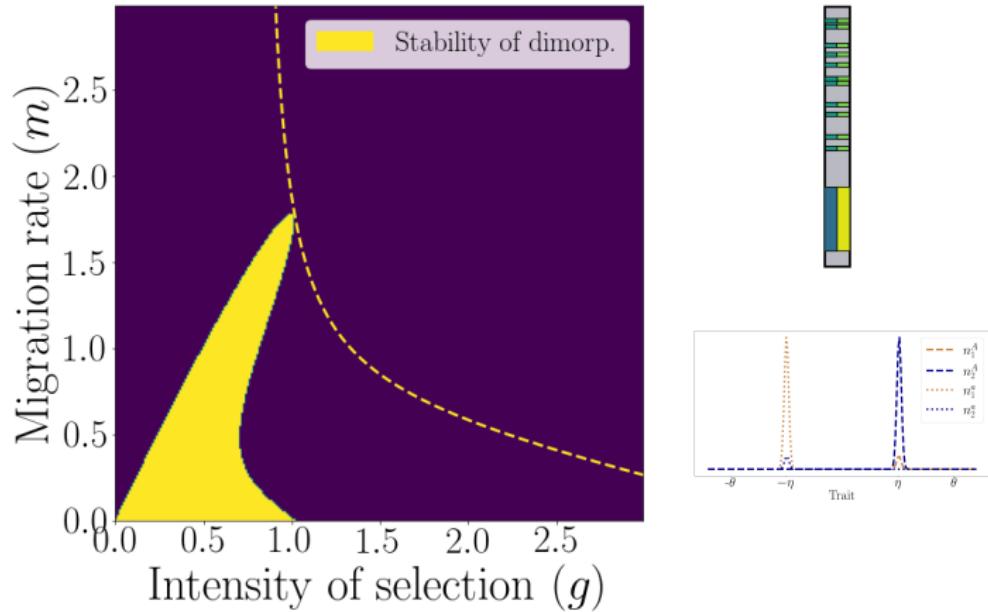
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# Perspectives

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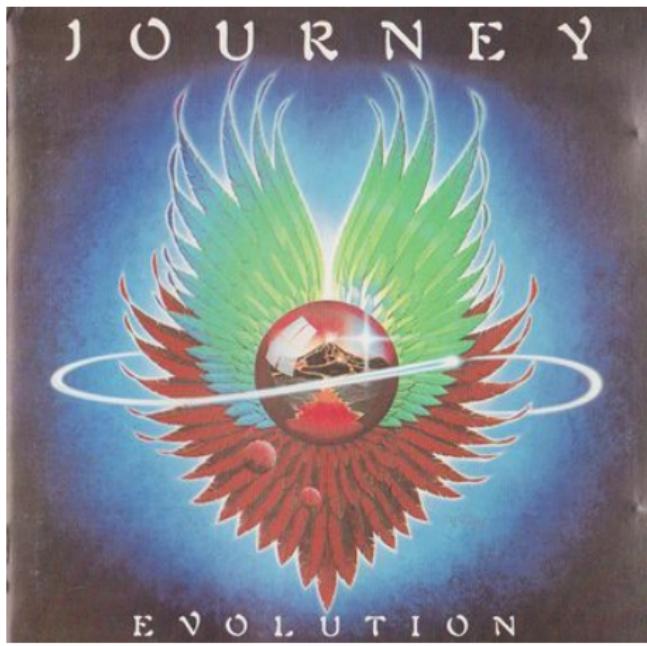
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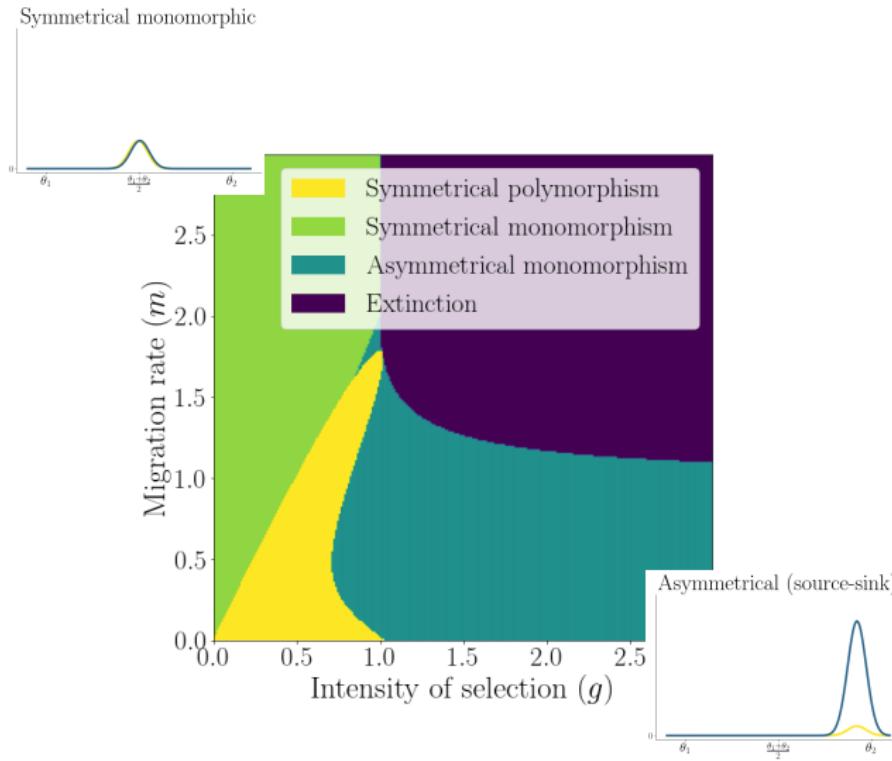
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Thank you!



# Full analytical outcomes ([D., 2022])



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Introduced by Diekmann et al. (2005) for quantitative genetics models<sup>††††</sup> :

Diversity from reproduction

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Selection pressure

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**Concentration** on the fittest traits.

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Unfold Dirac singularities:  $u_\varepsilon := \varepsilon^2 \log(\varepsilon n_\varepsilon)$ .

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<sup>††</sup>Geometric optics for reaction-diffusion (Freidlin 1986; Evans and Souganidis 1989)

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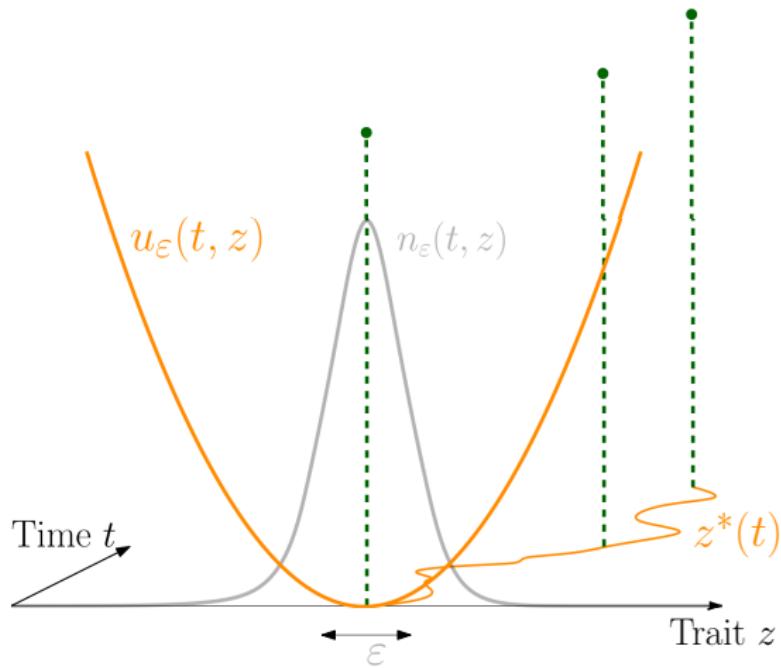


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$$\boxed{\exists z^* \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \forall z \in \mathbb{R}, \quad u_0(z) = \frac{(z - z^*)^2}{2}},$$

and  $n_\varepsilon$  is Gaussian at first order, of mean  $z^*$  and variance  $\varepsilon^2$ .