

Evolution: 123

- **Foundations** - *evolutionary dynamics*
- **Phylogeny and Ontogeny** - *evolution of development*
- **Frontiers** - *Demons, coevolution, niche construction and cultural change*

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Big Background Themes...

- Do we need a new statistical mechanics of evolution - demonic dynamics ?
- What are the limits to organismal and ecological complexity?
- What makes for organisms versus communities?
- How do we extend evolutionary theory to encompass cultural change without over-extending metaphors?

The selective parameters we are going to investigate

$$g_i \xrightarrow[\text{Energy} + \text{Resources}]{r_i} 2g_i$$

.....origins of replicative advantages

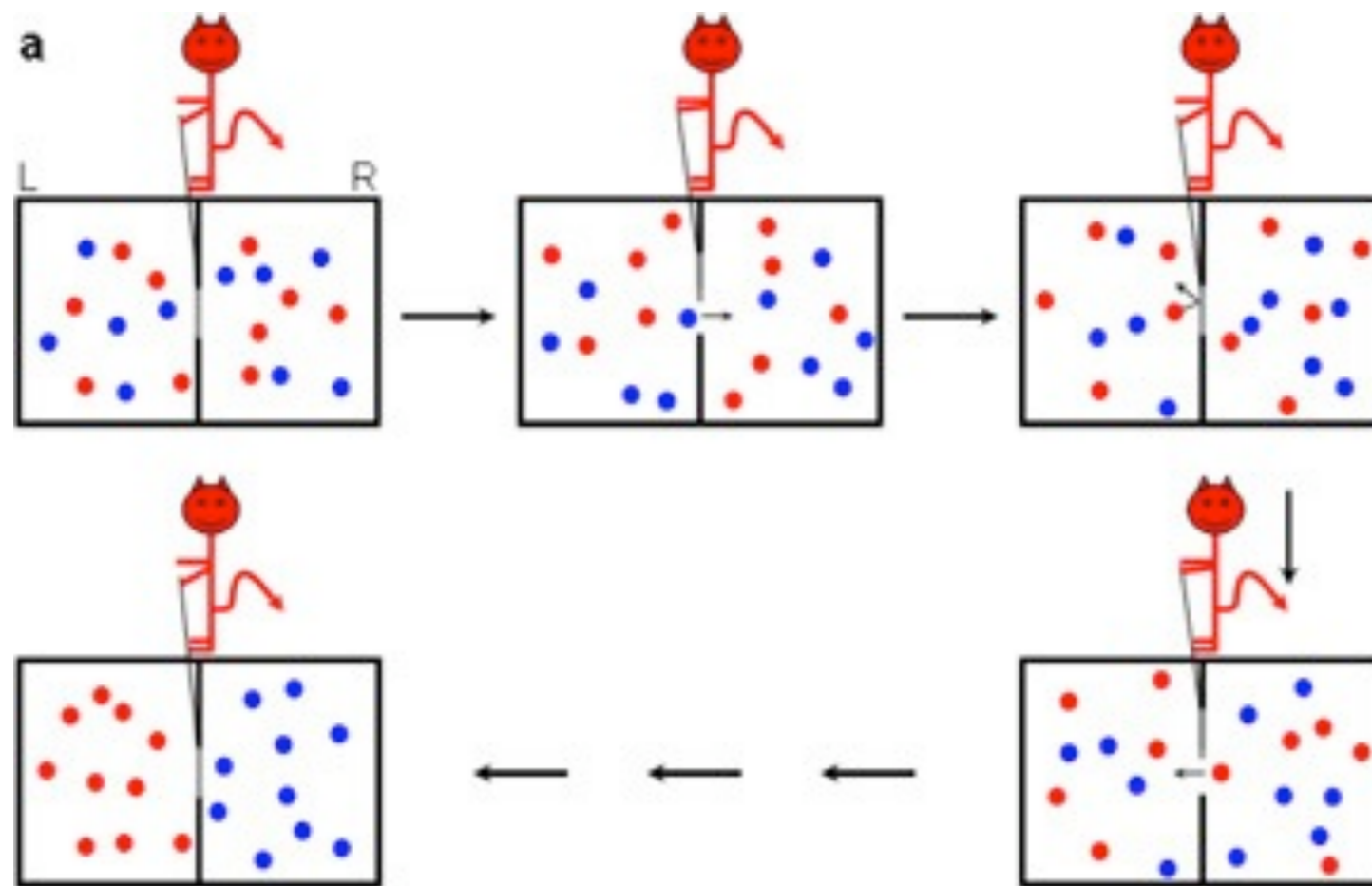
$$g_i + g_j \xrightarrow{c_{ij}} g_j$$

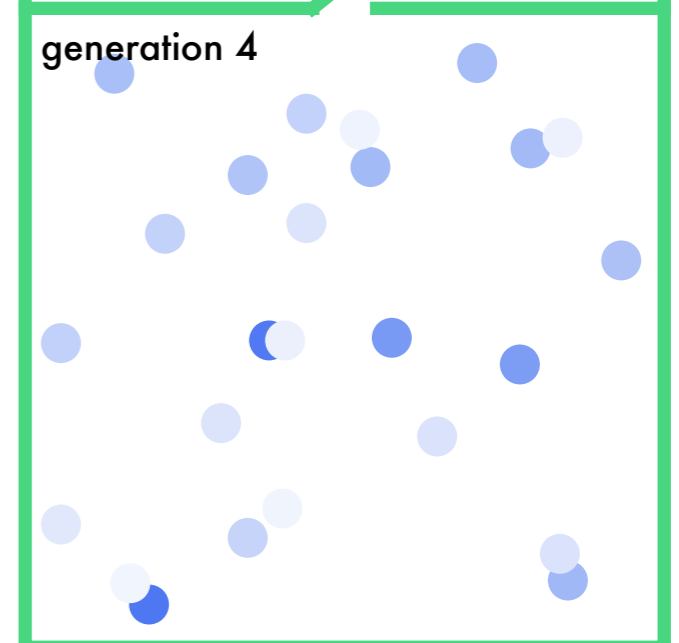
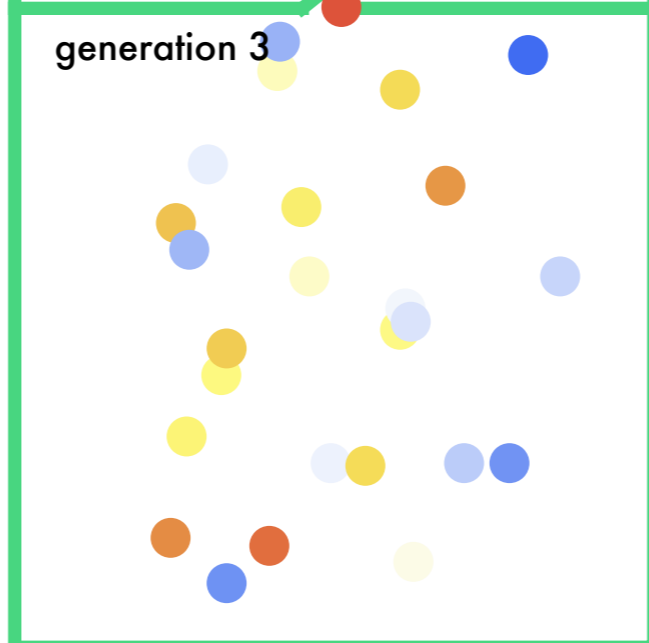
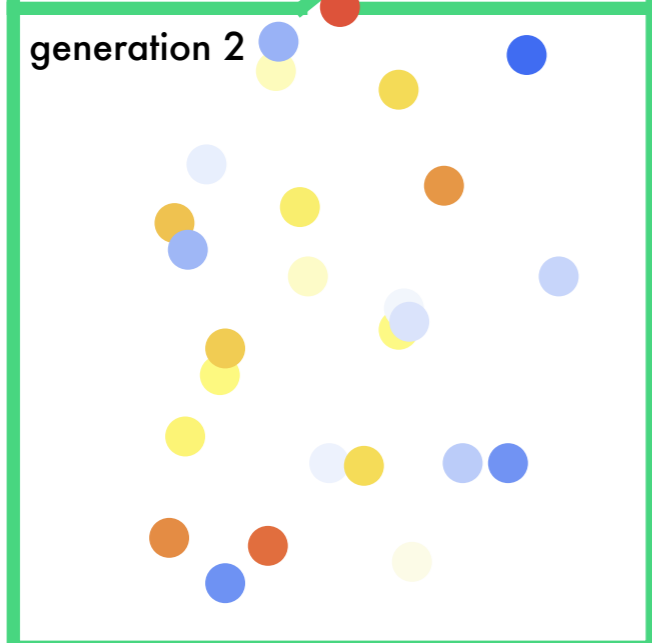
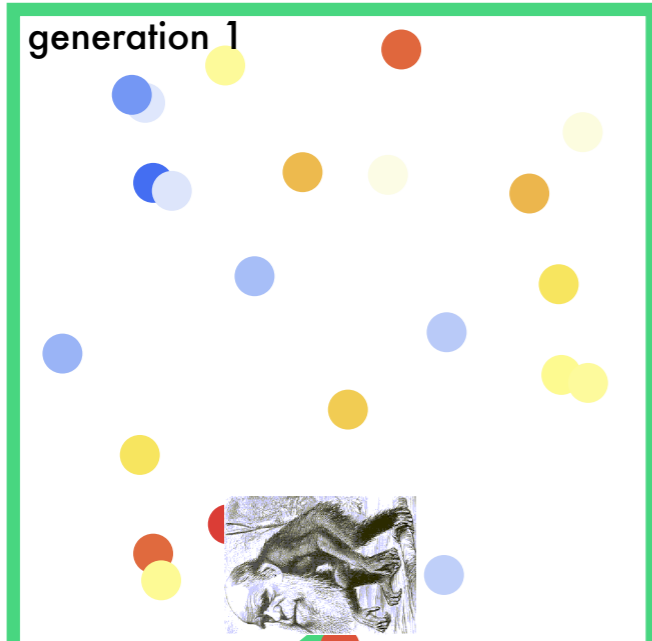
..... sources of density dependence

$$g_i \xrightarrow{d_i} p_i$$

.....limitations of genetic models

Maxwell's Demon

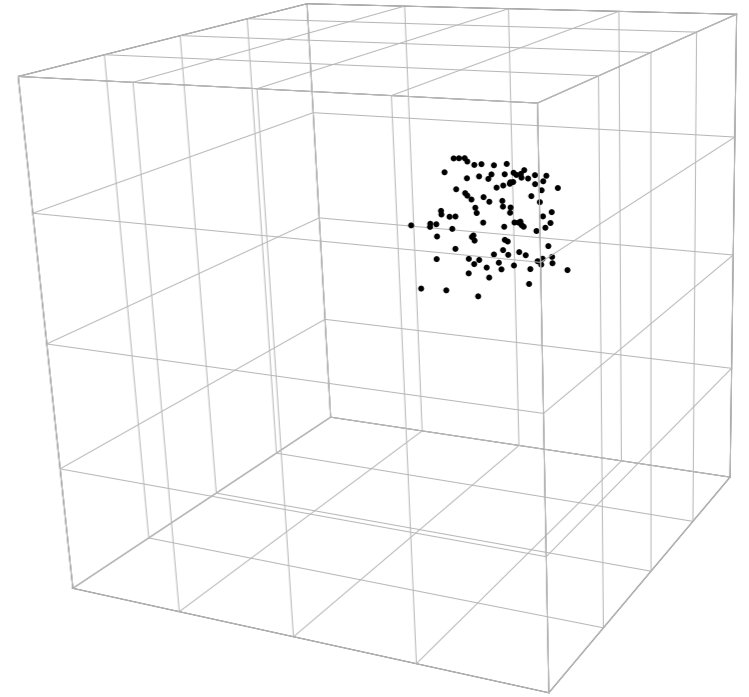




Evolutionary Information Storage

Information Conserved

$$\mu L < 1 < sN$$

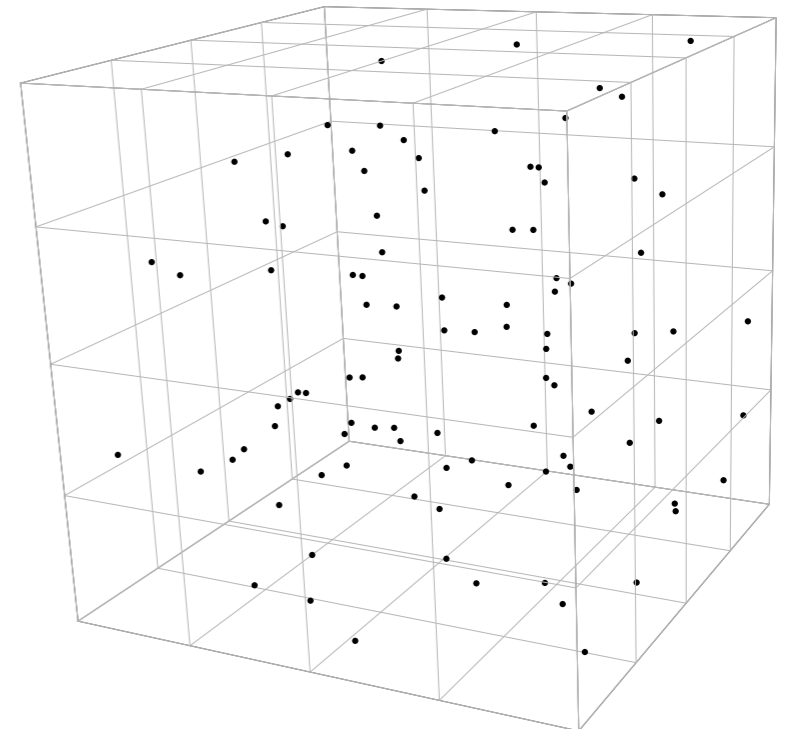


Information Lost

$$\mu L > 1 < sN$$

$$\mu L < 1 > sN$$

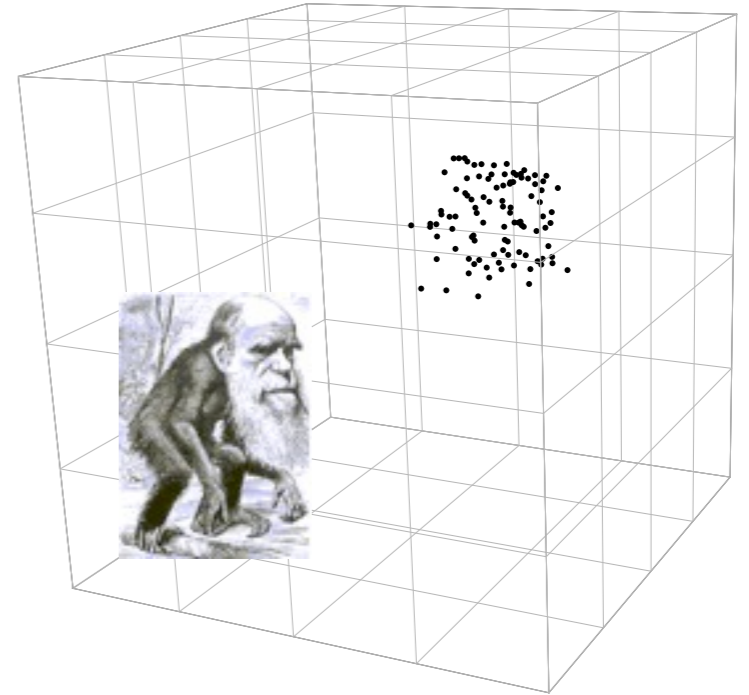
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Evolutionary Information Storage

variables localized

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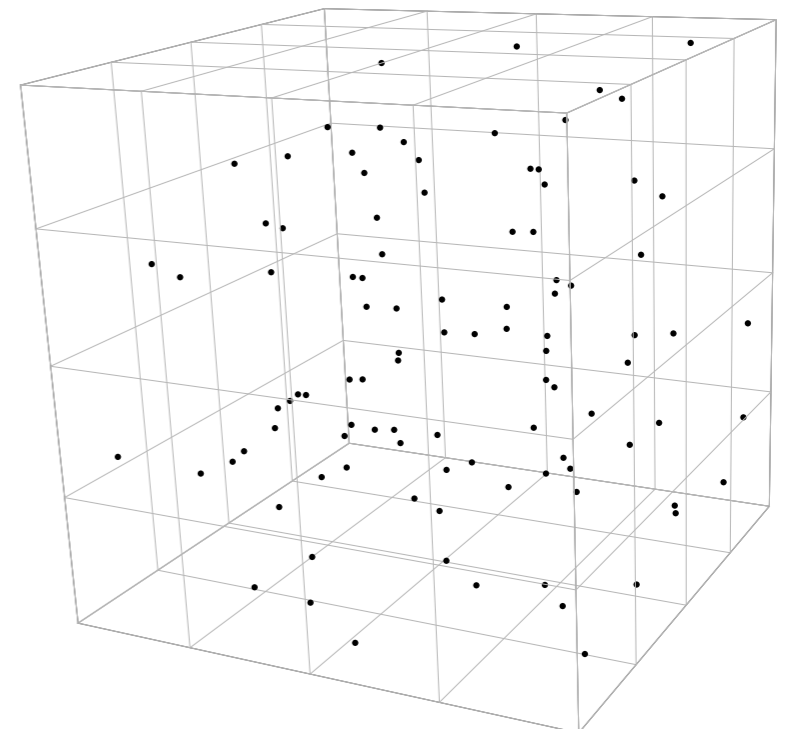


variables Distributed

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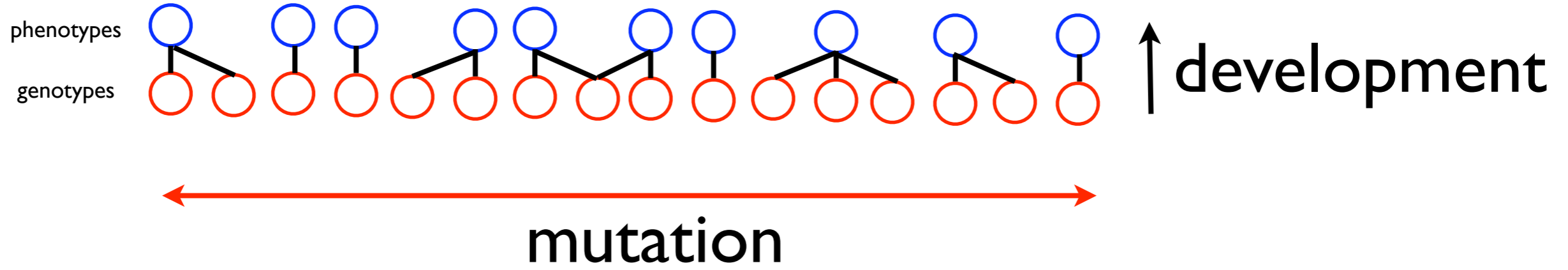
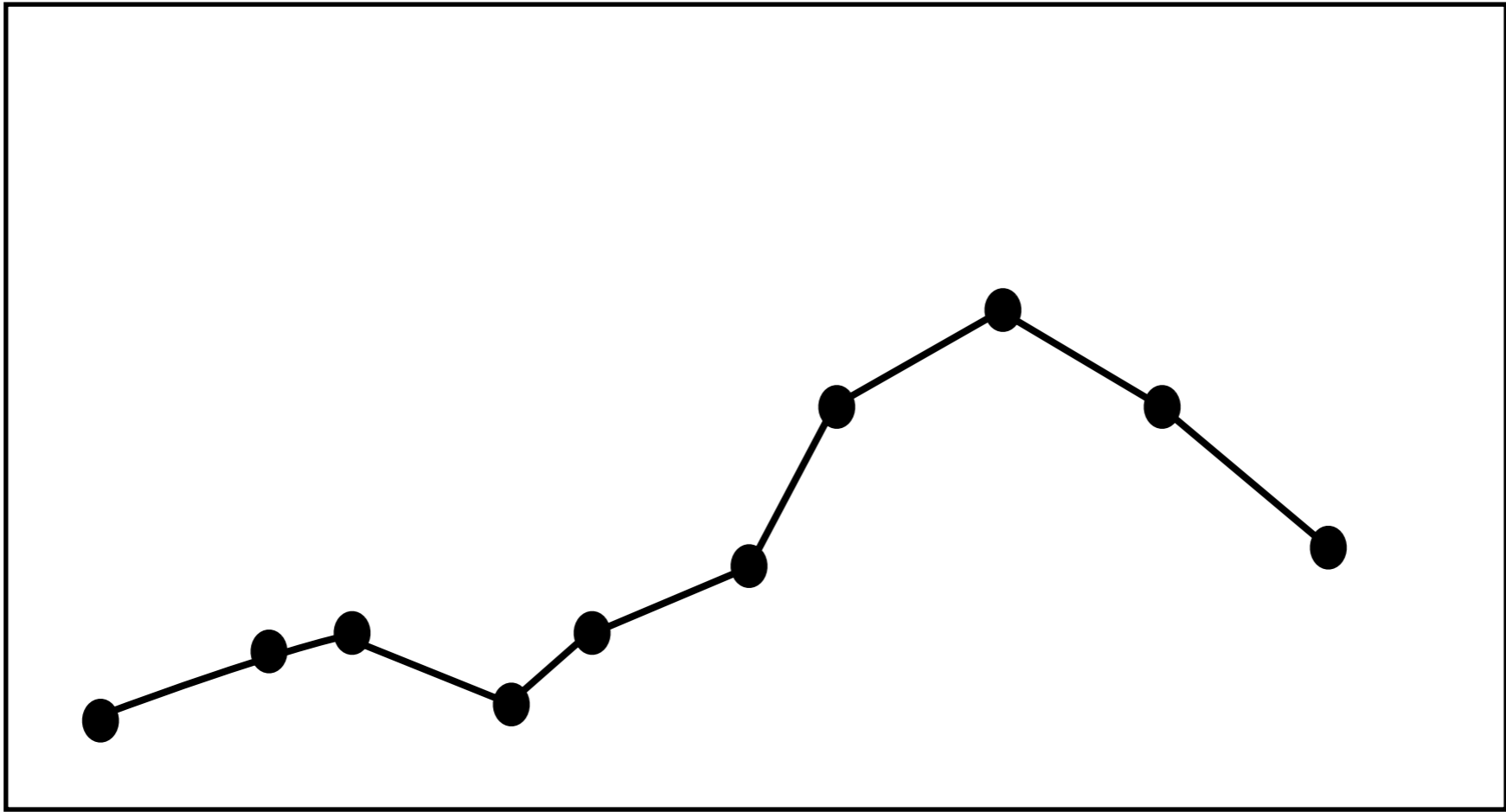
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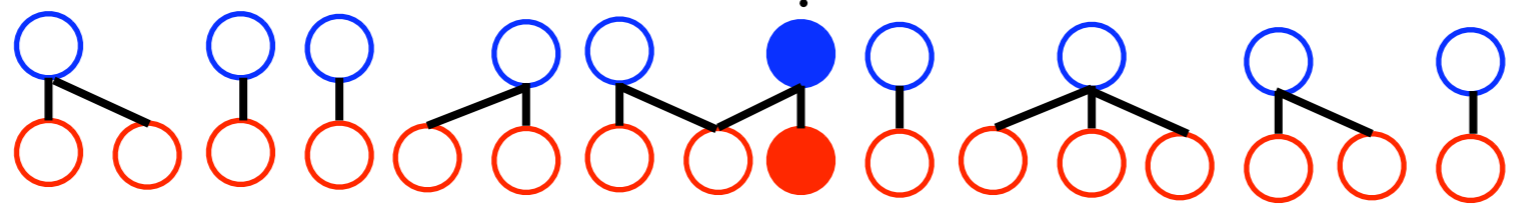
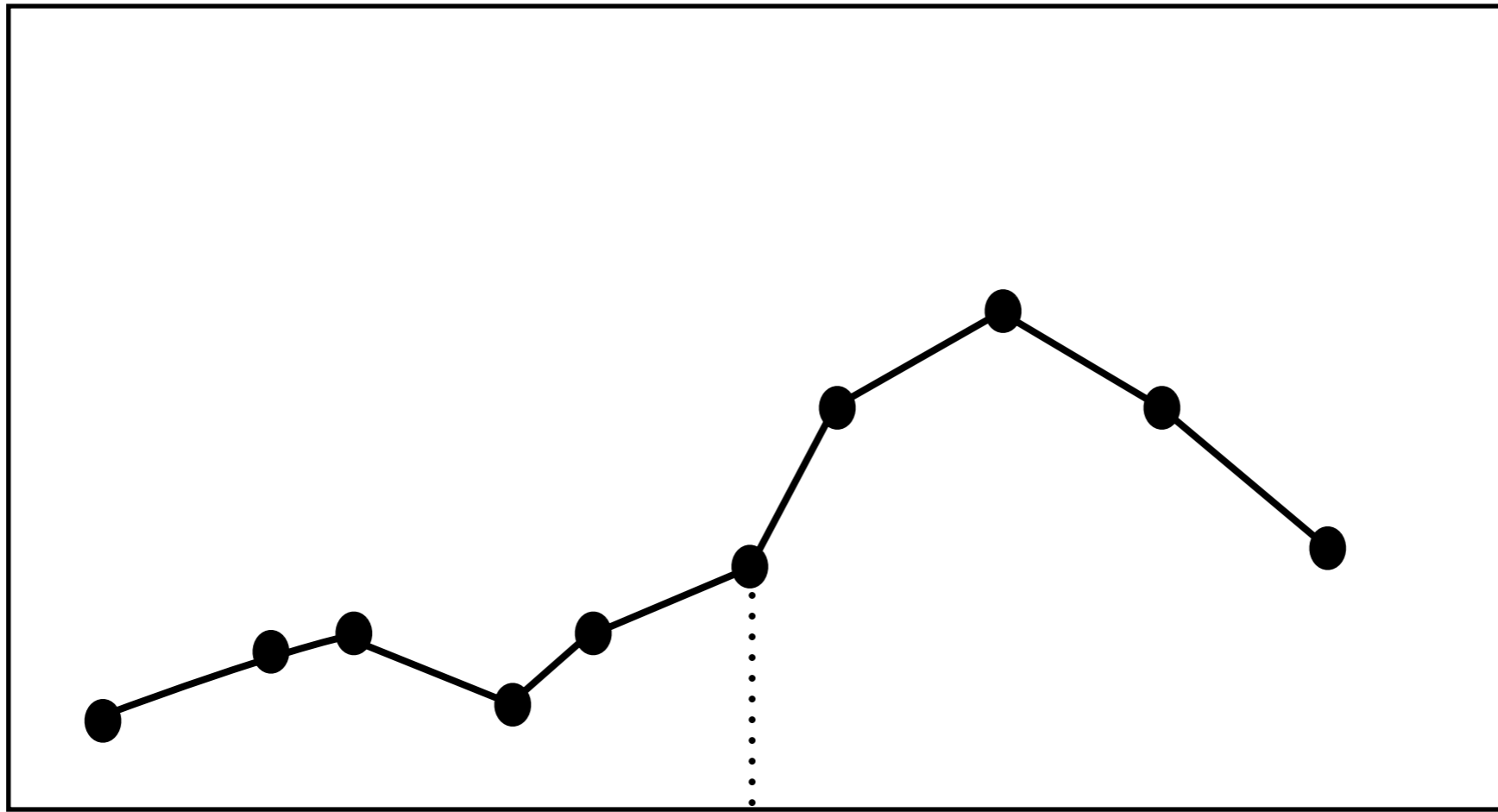
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A Demonic Framework

- Organisms as selective environments & internalizing selection
- Organisms creating & externalizing selective environments
- Creating the organism as a selective environment of the genome
- Learning to construct cultural selection

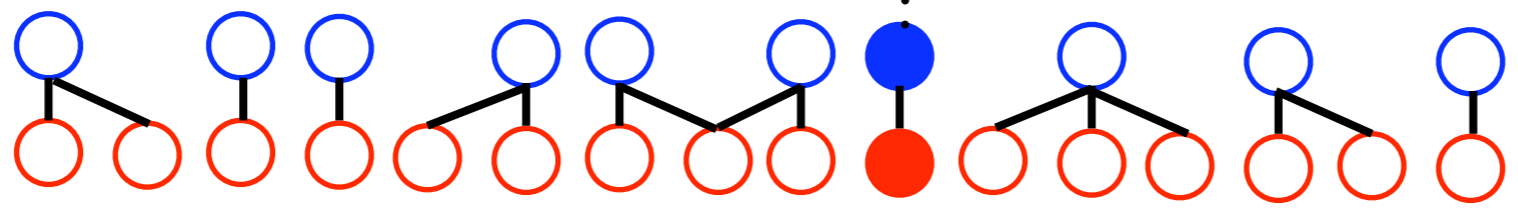
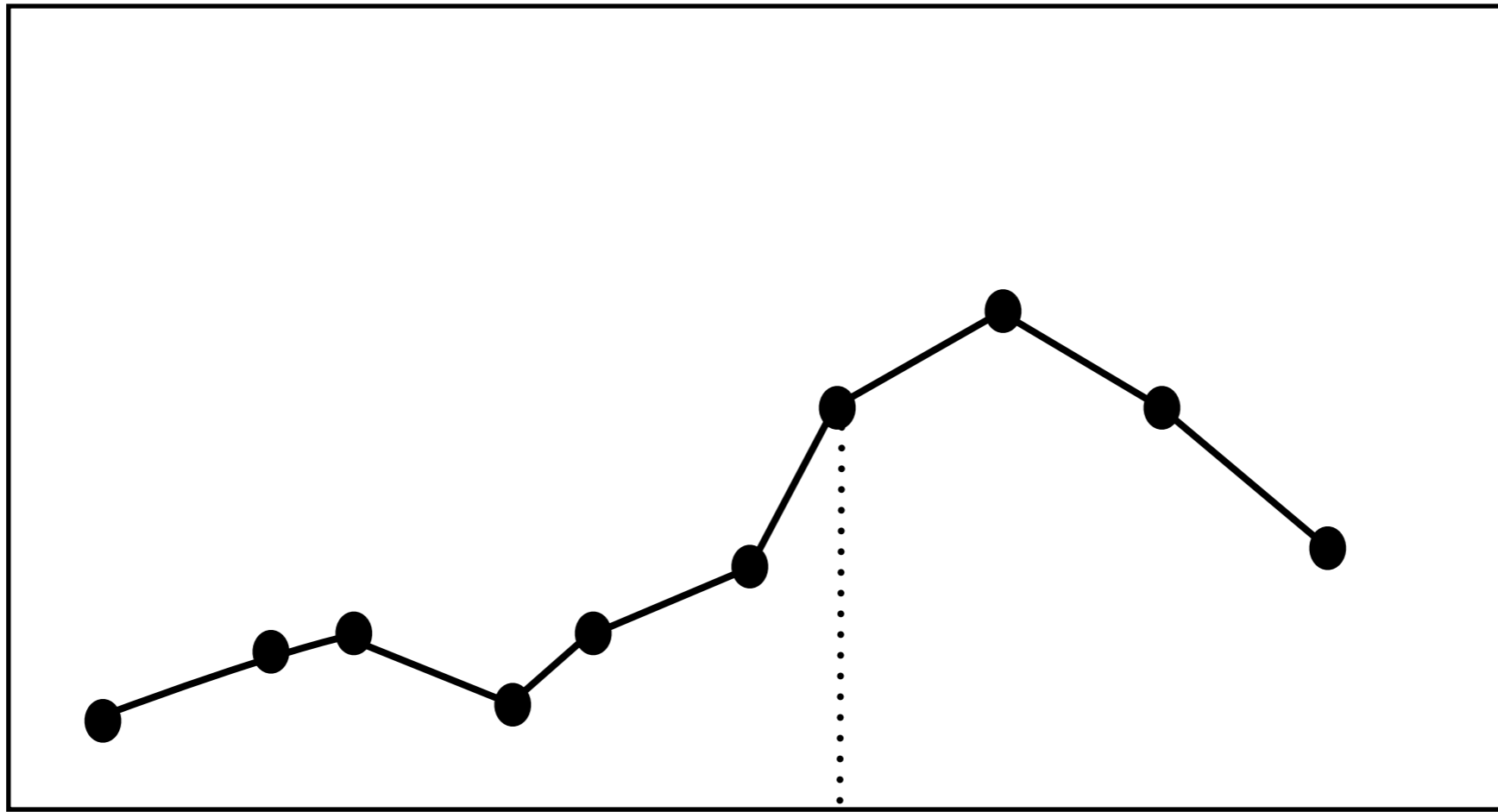




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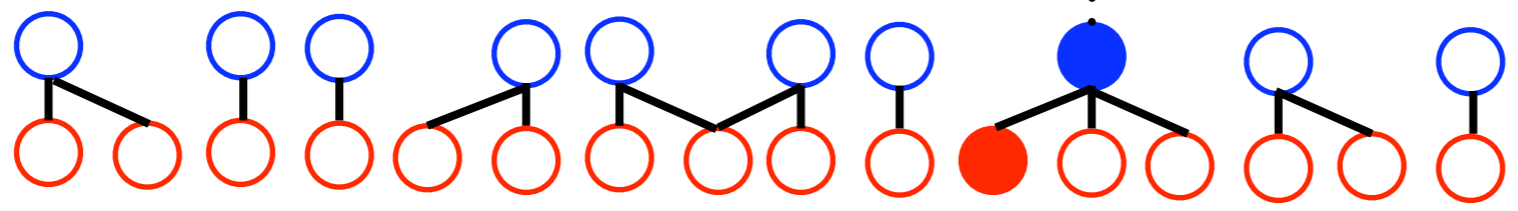
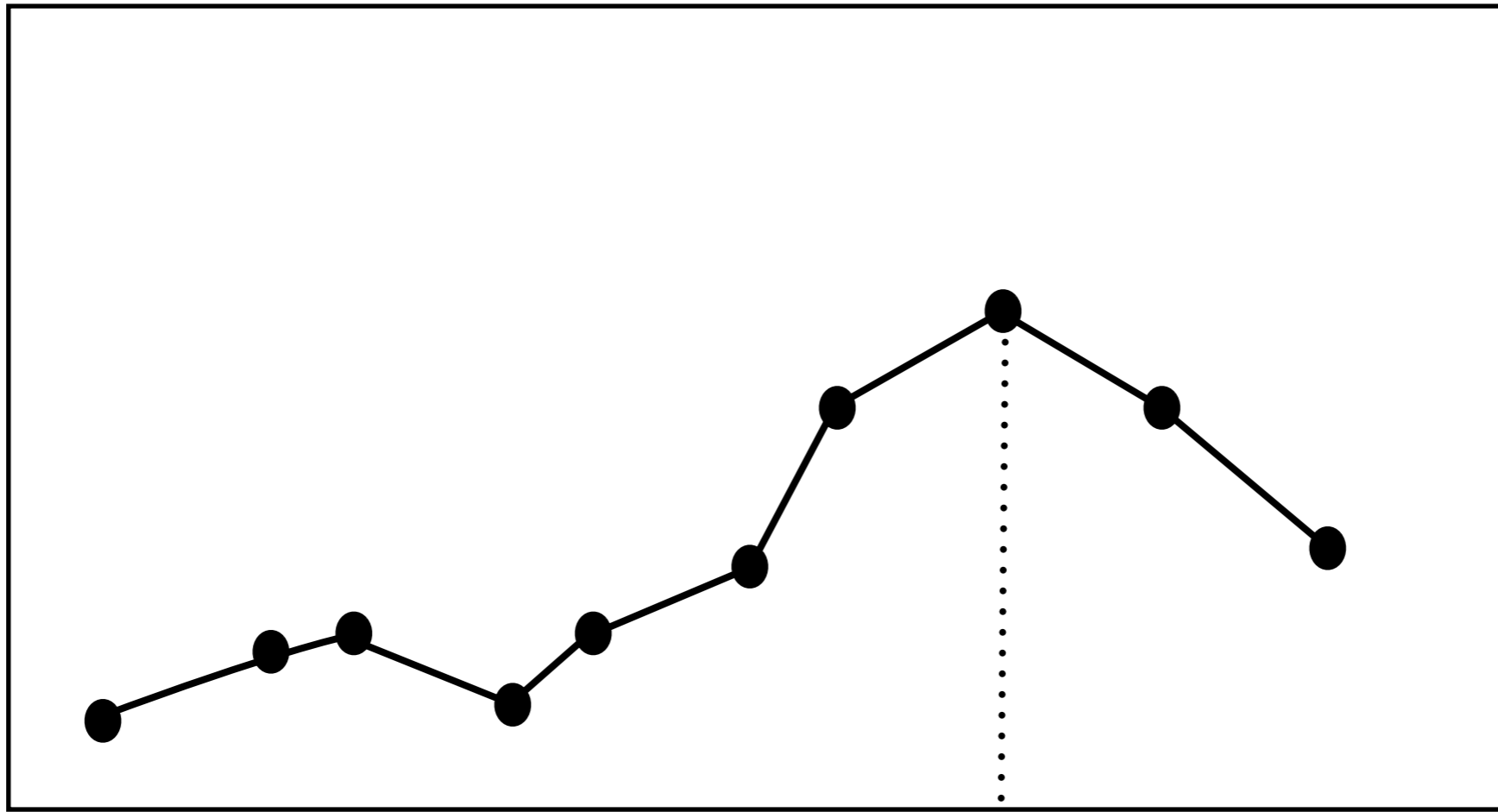
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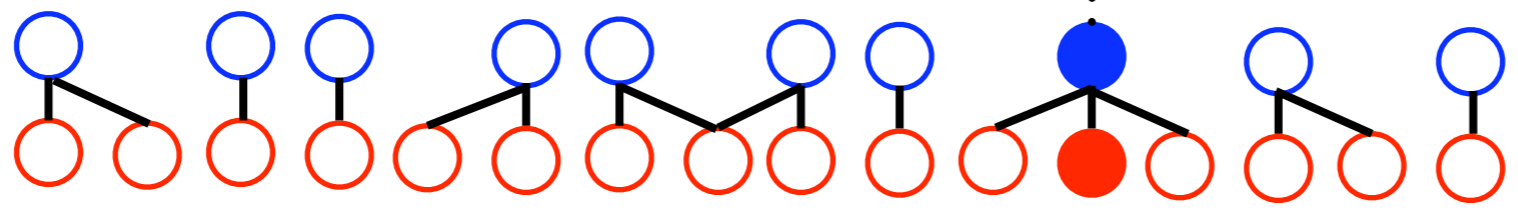
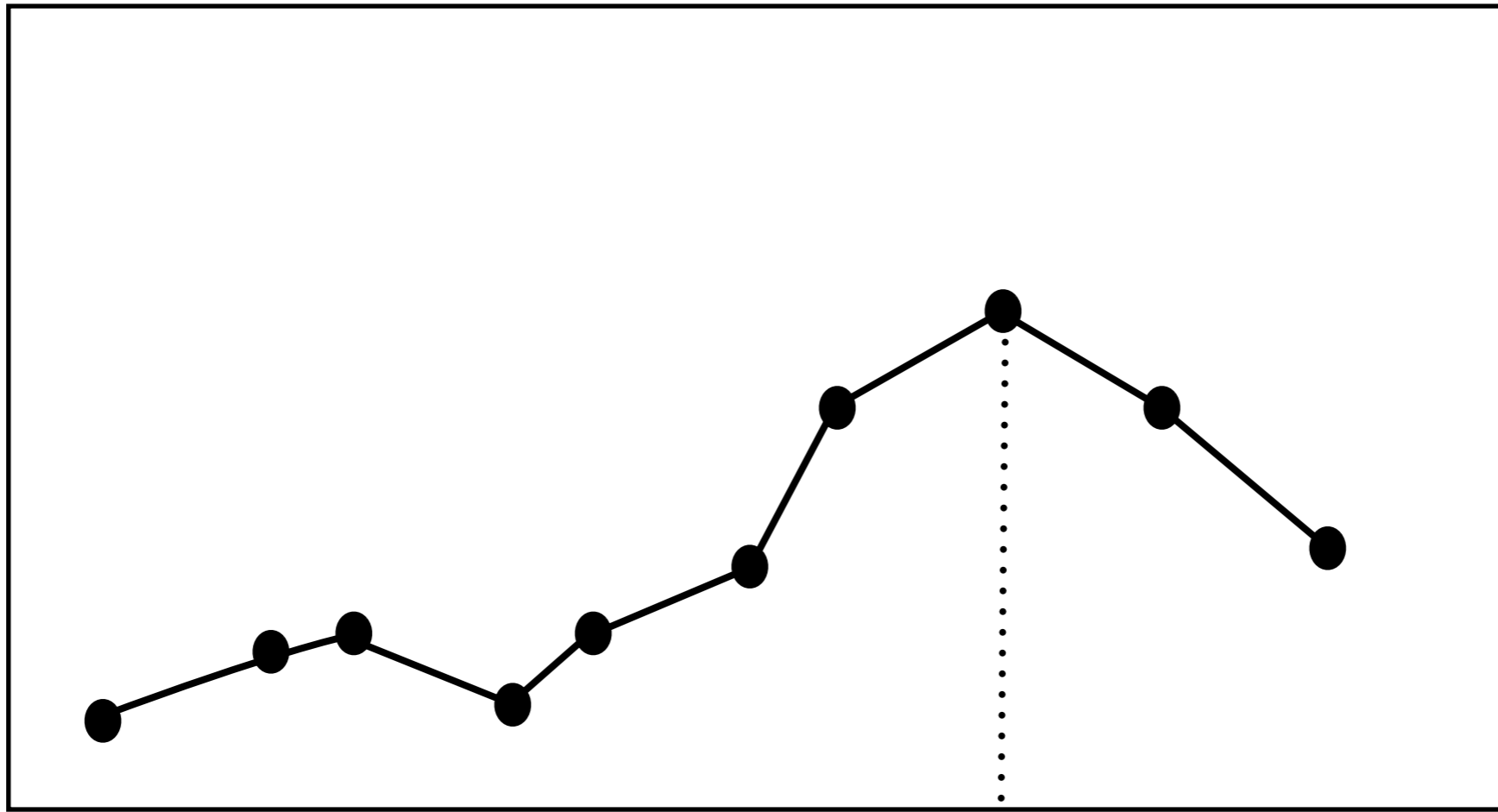
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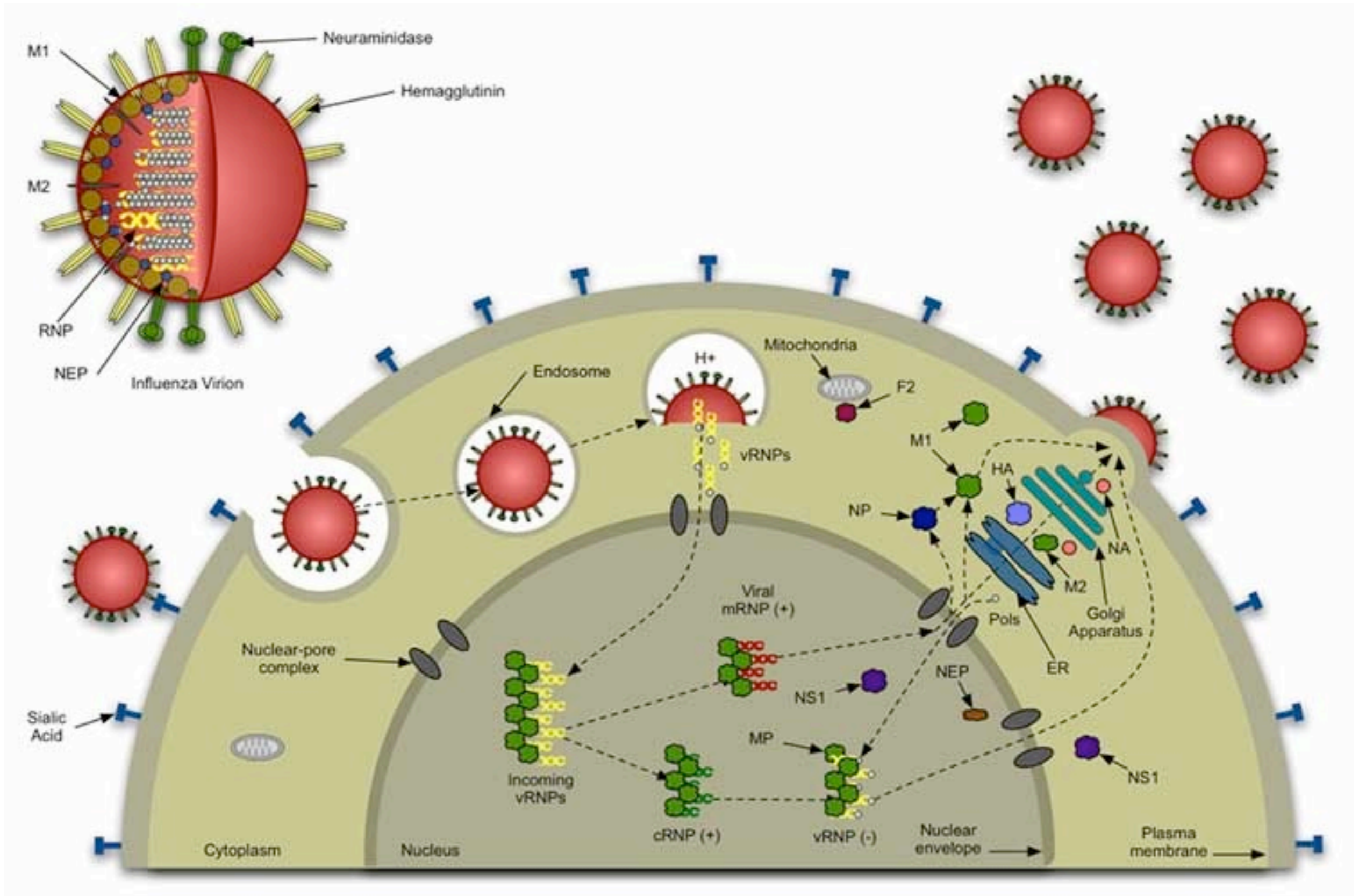
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I. Coevolutionary Demons

Organisms as selective environments



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virus catalyzed



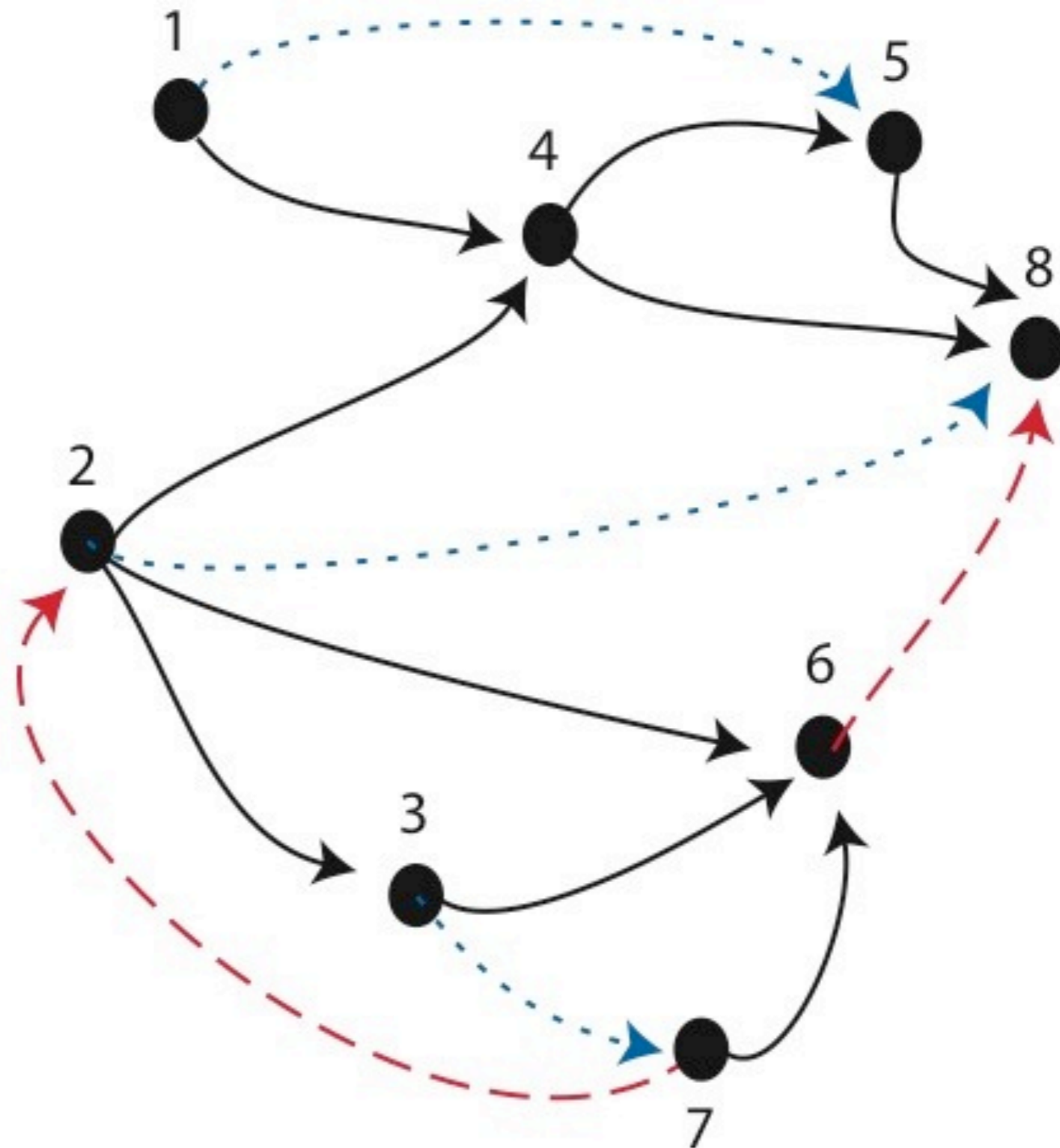
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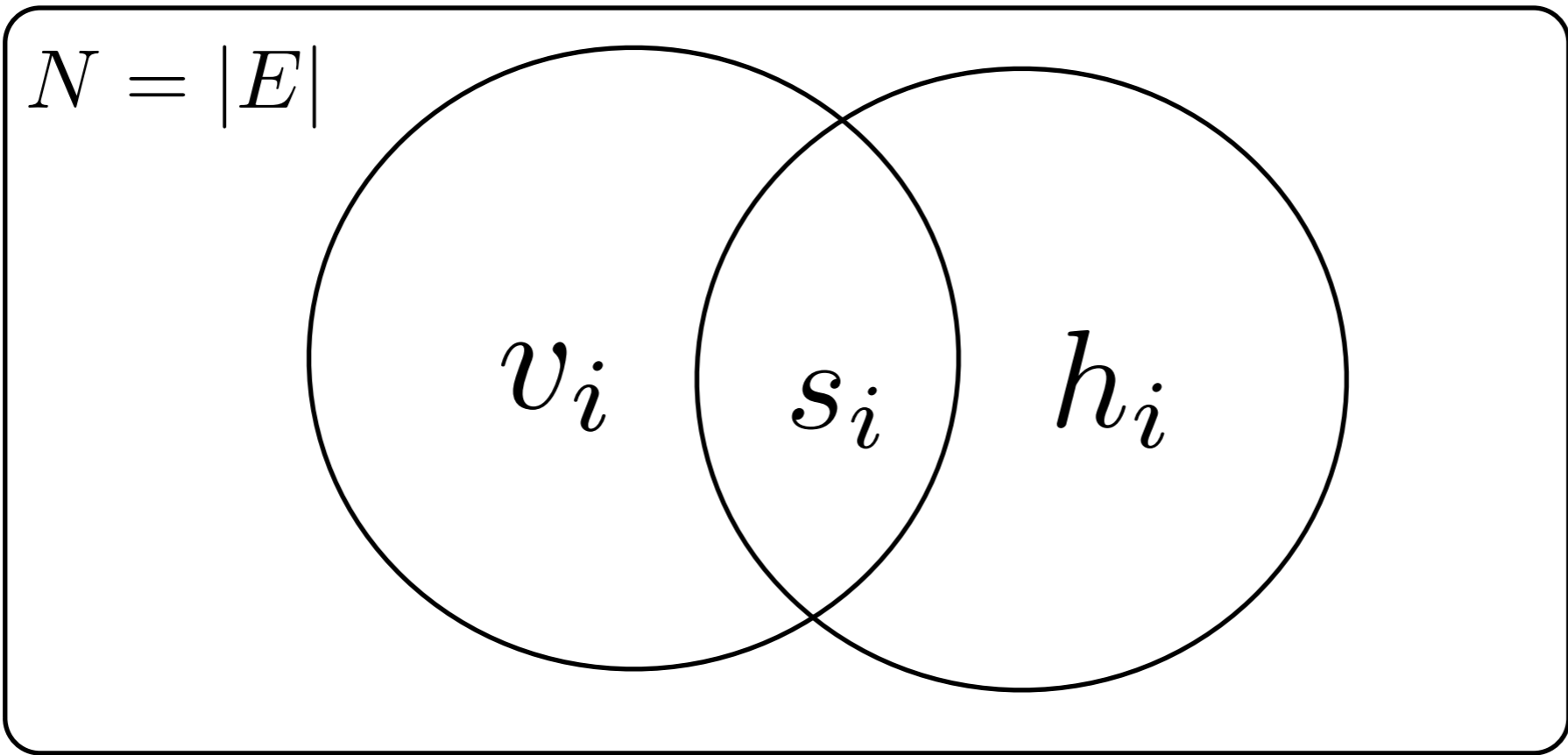


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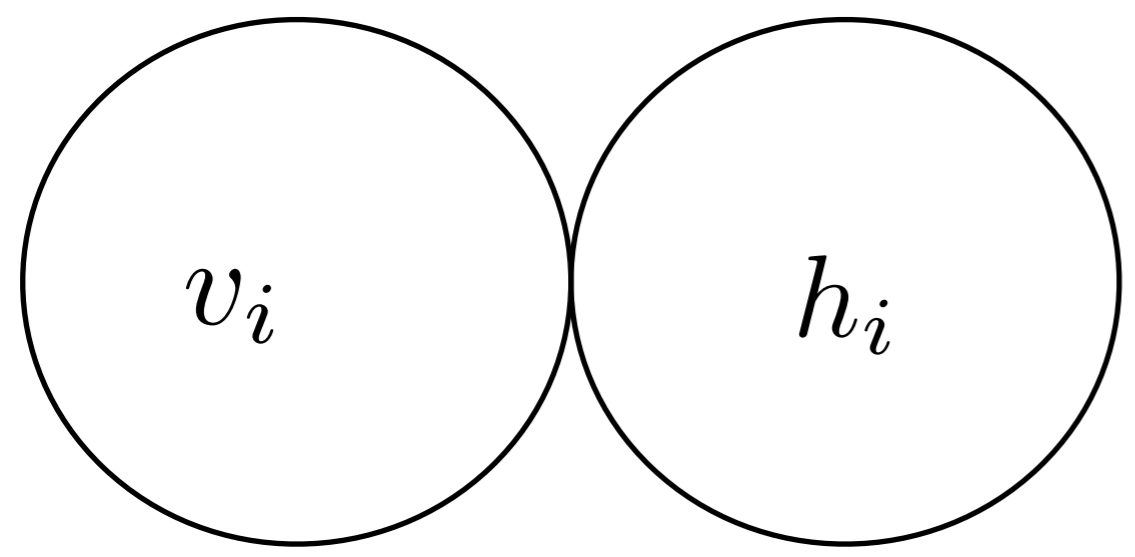


Transmissible Regulatory Networks





Minimality

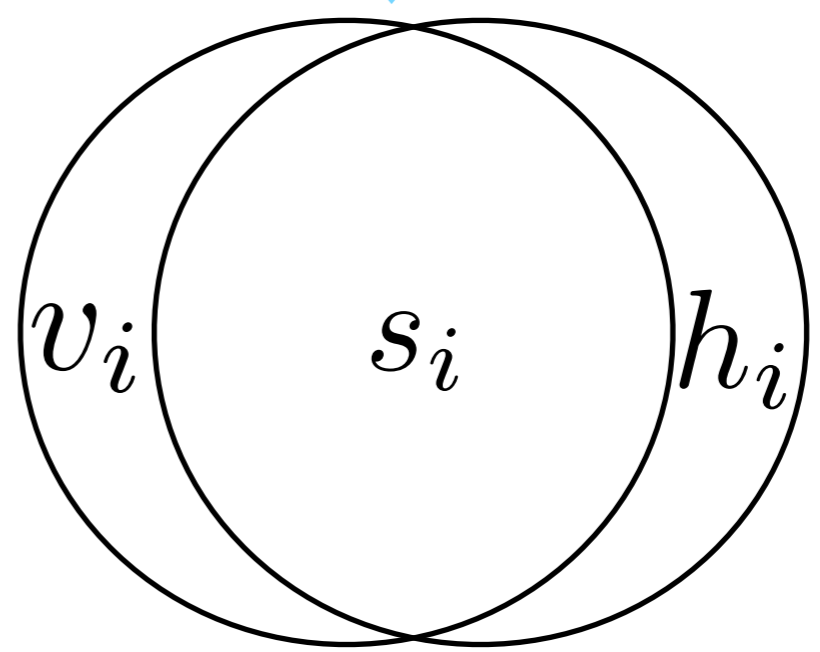


$$|v \cup h| = N$$

$$|v \cap h| = 0$$

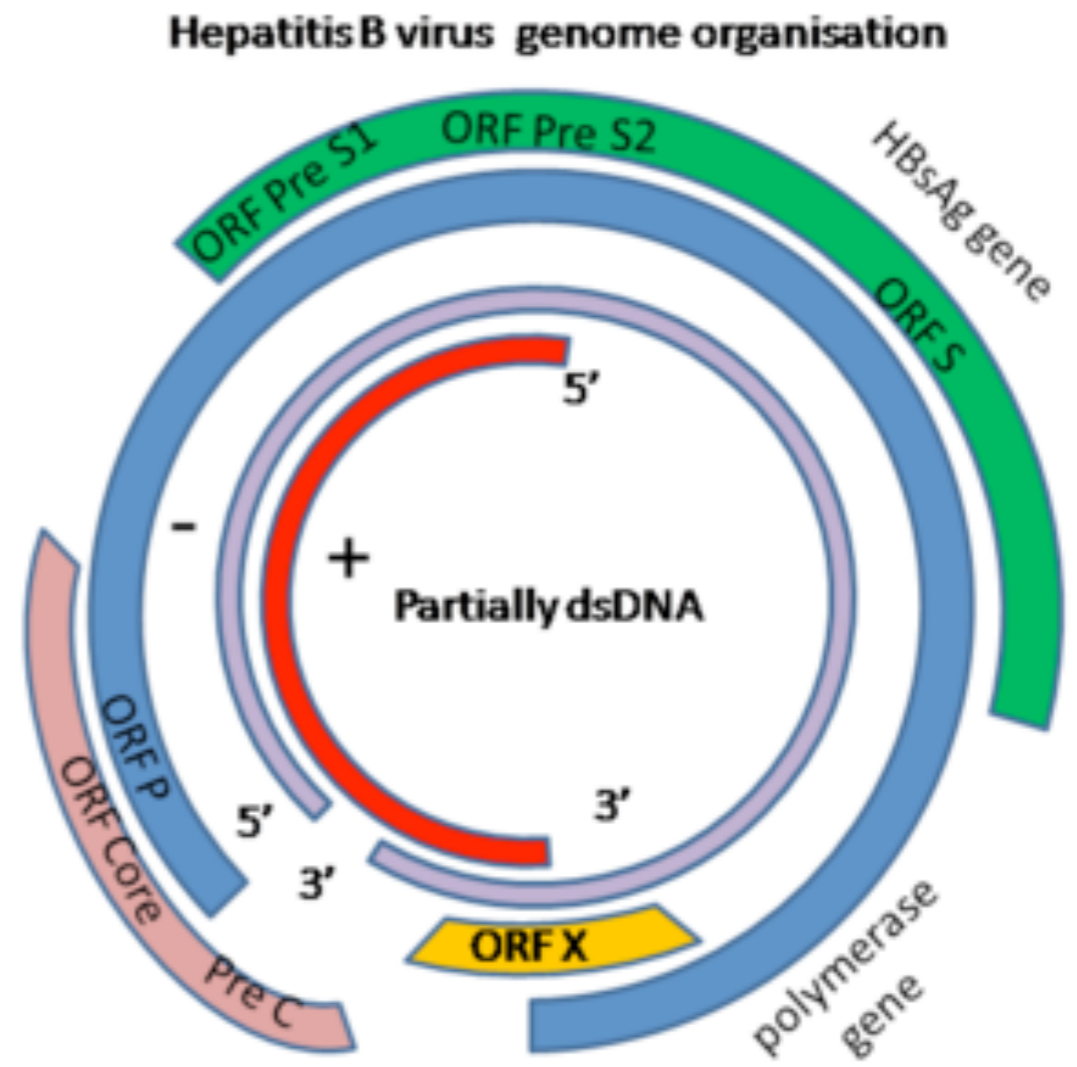
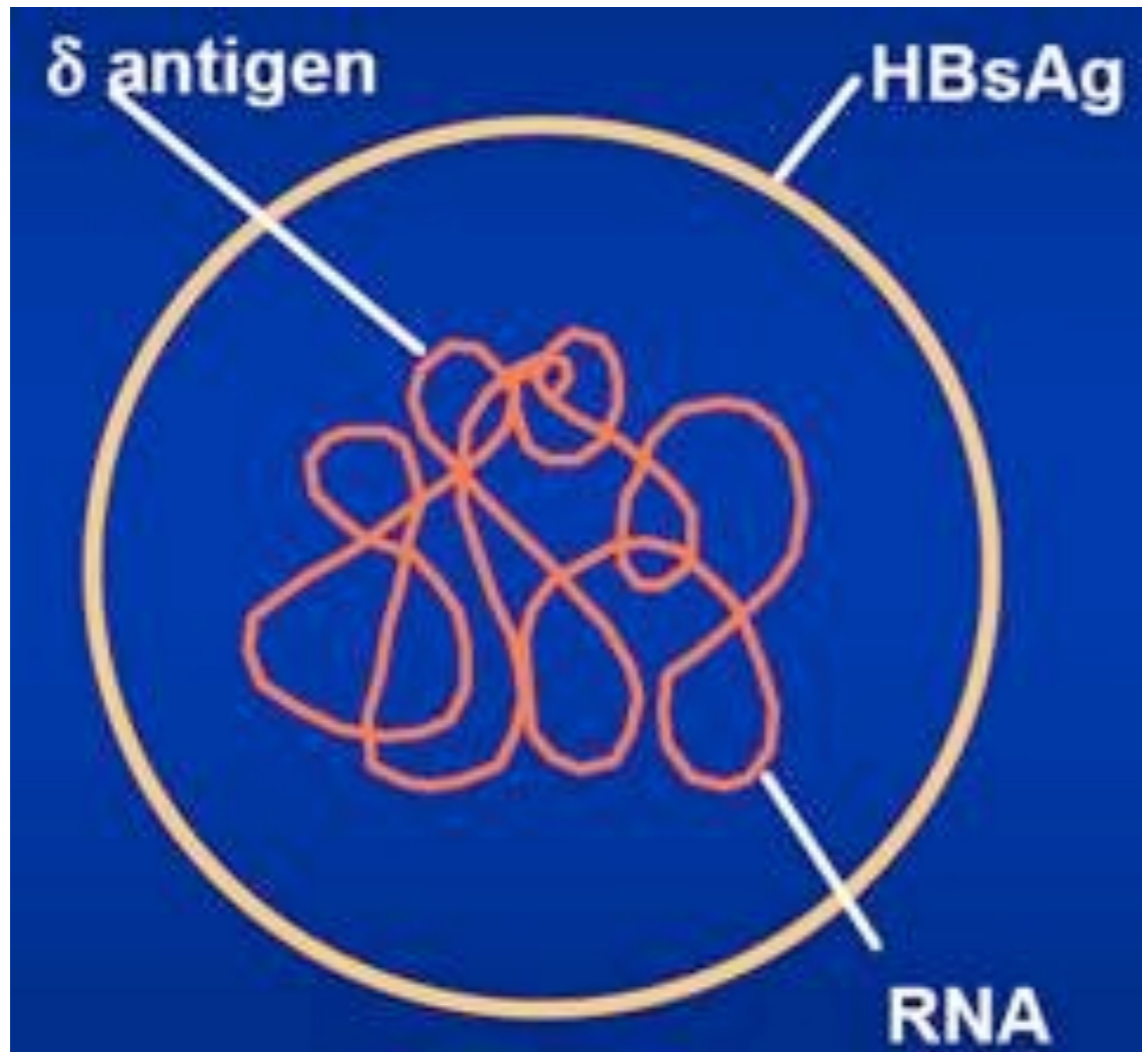


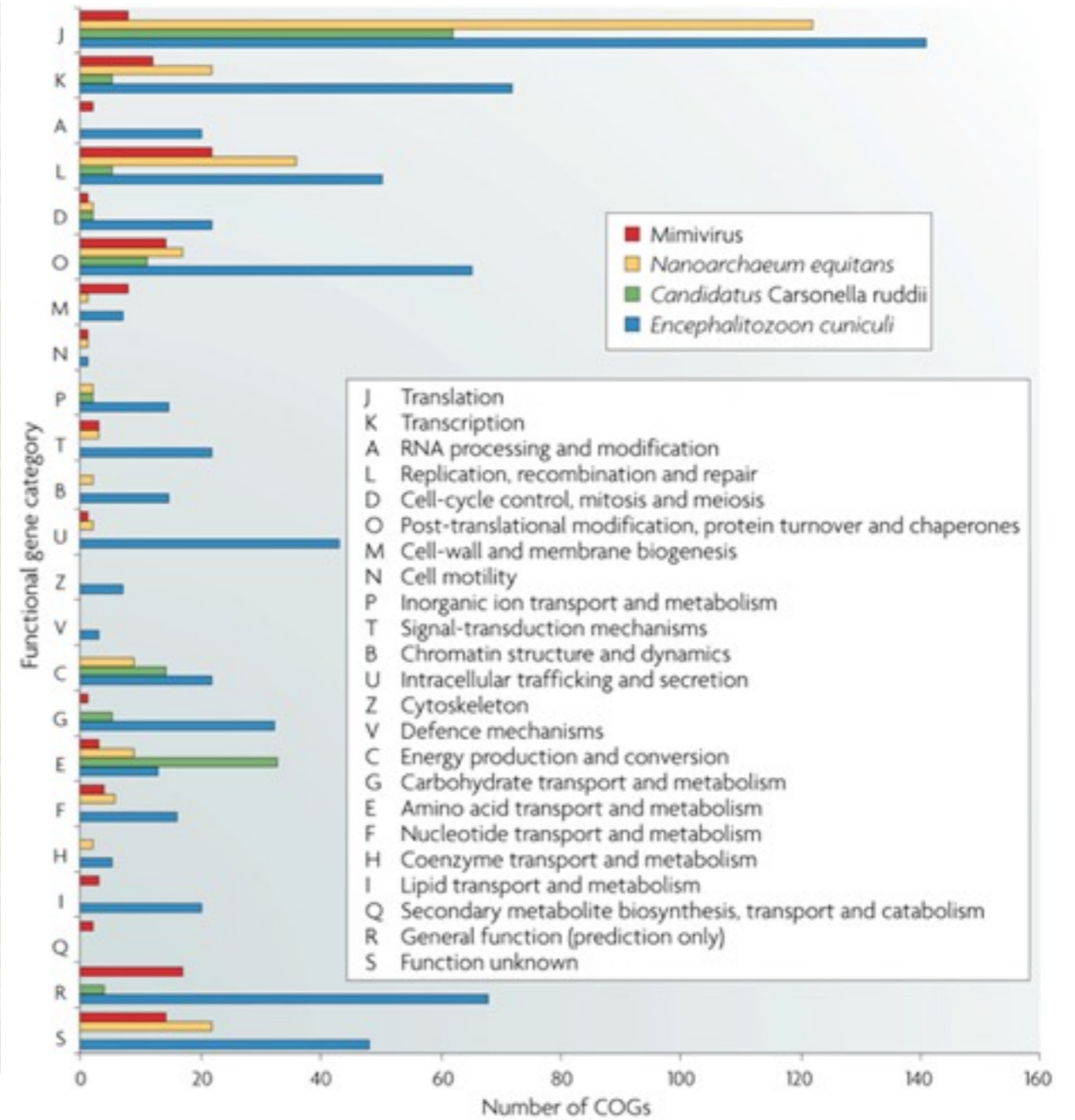
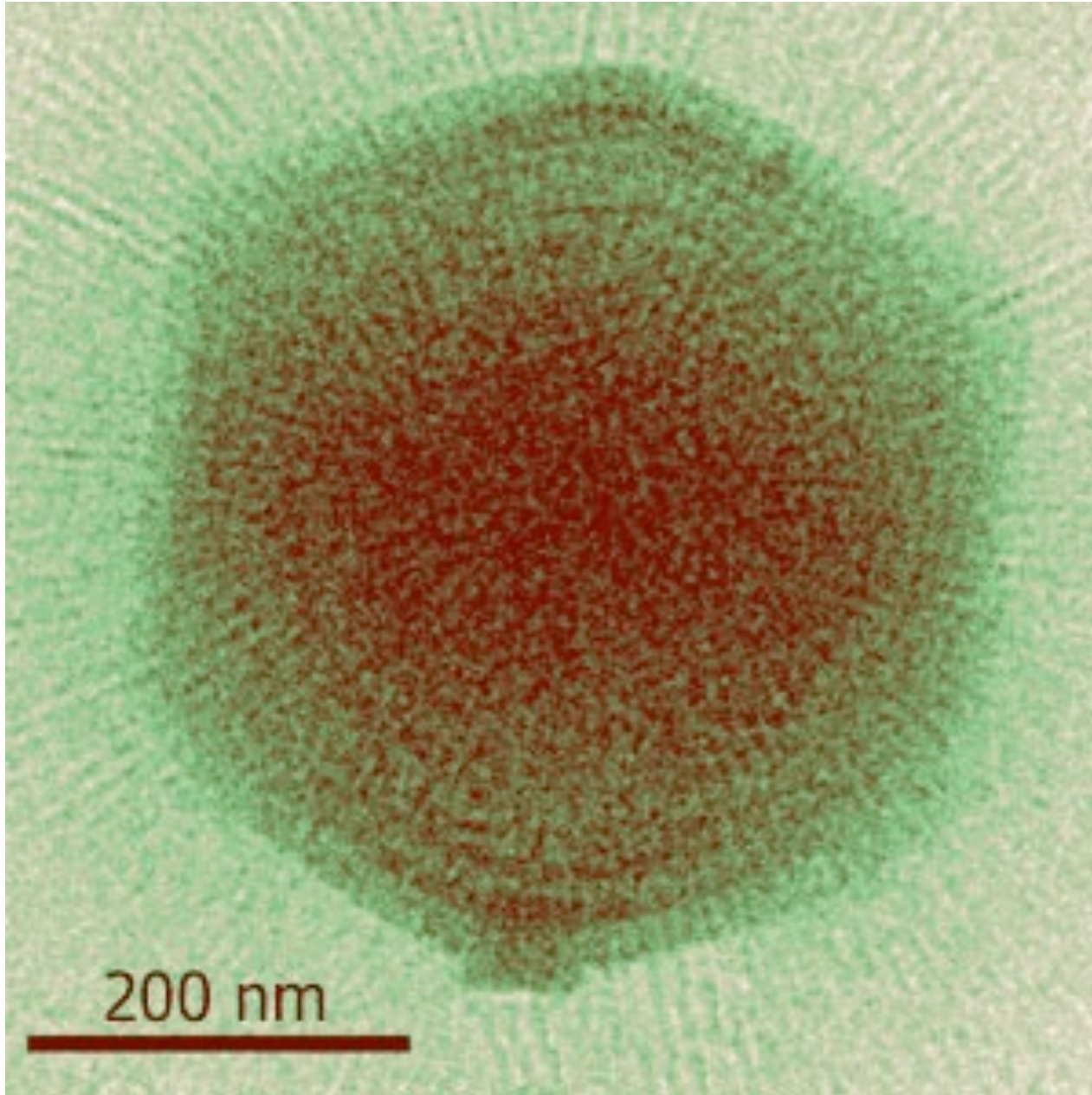
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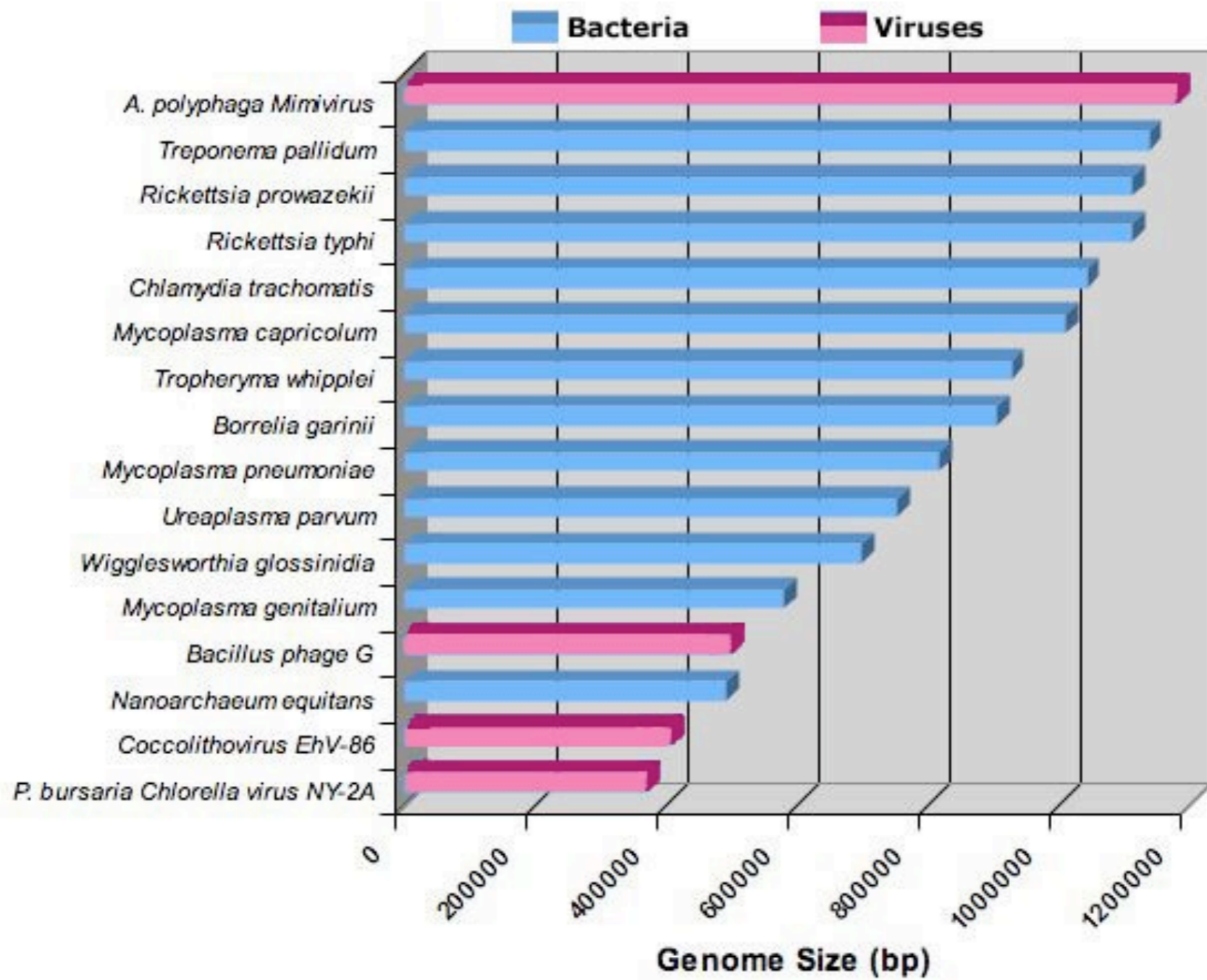


$$|v \cup h| = N$$

$$|v \cap h| \approx N$$

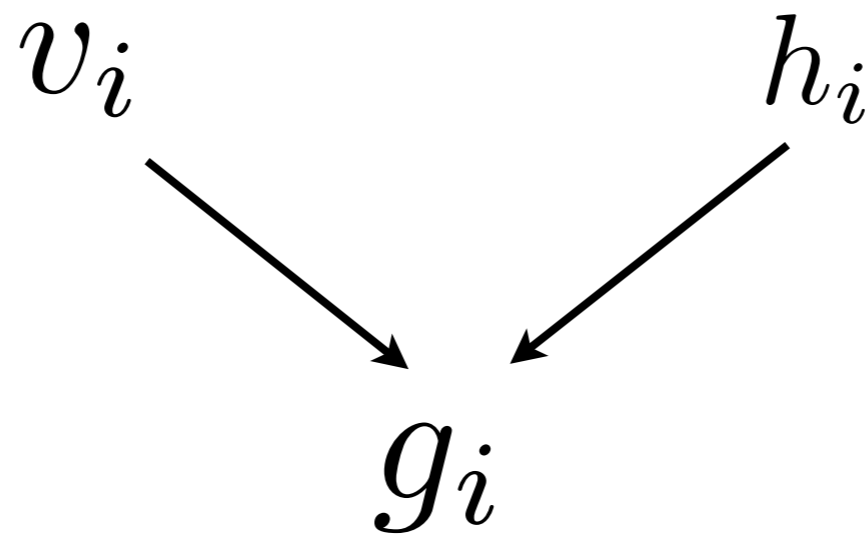


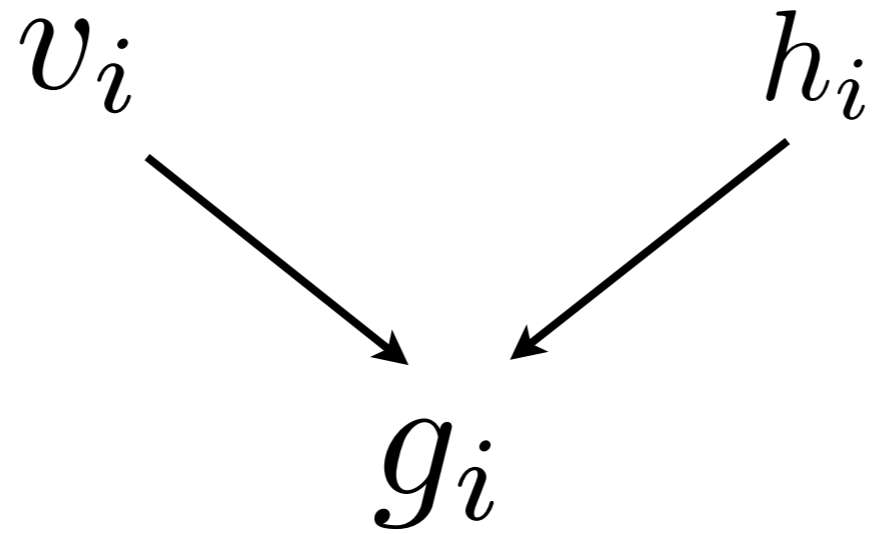




$$w = \prod_{i \in E} f(g_i) \sum_{j \in NE} h(g_j)$$

$$w_E = \prod_{i \in E} f(g_i)$$





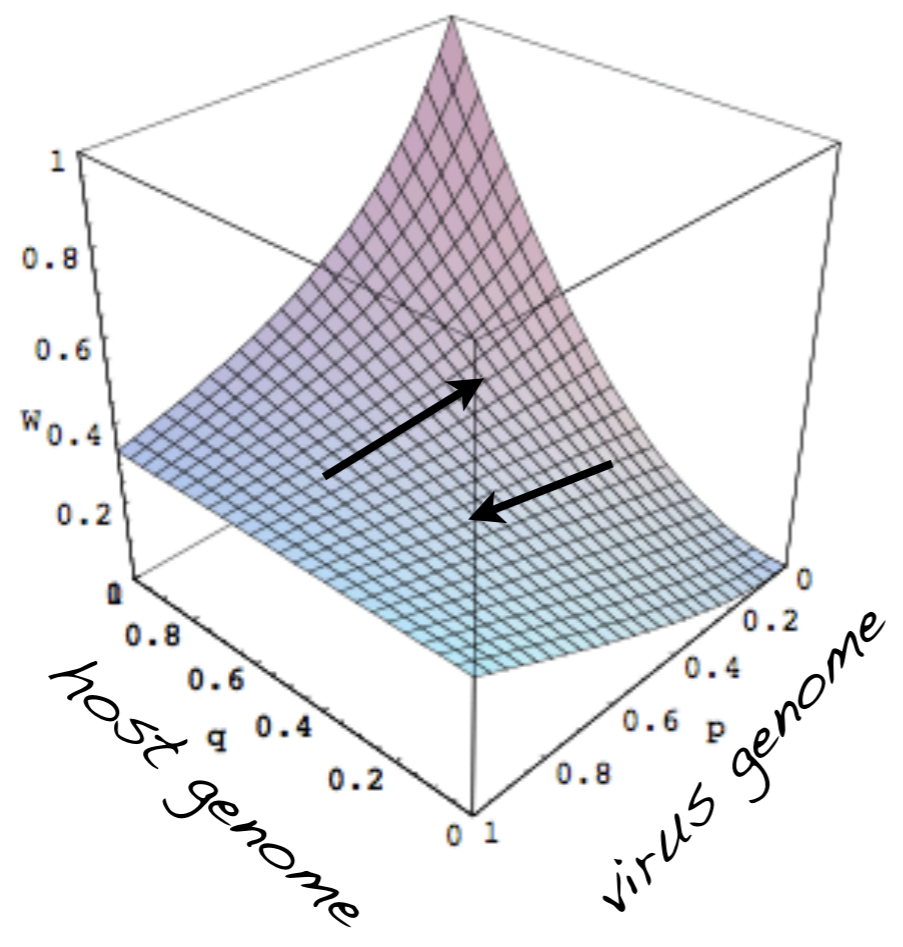
$$g_i = h_i \vee v_i$$

$$Prob(h_i = 1) = q \quad Prob(v_i = 1) = p$$

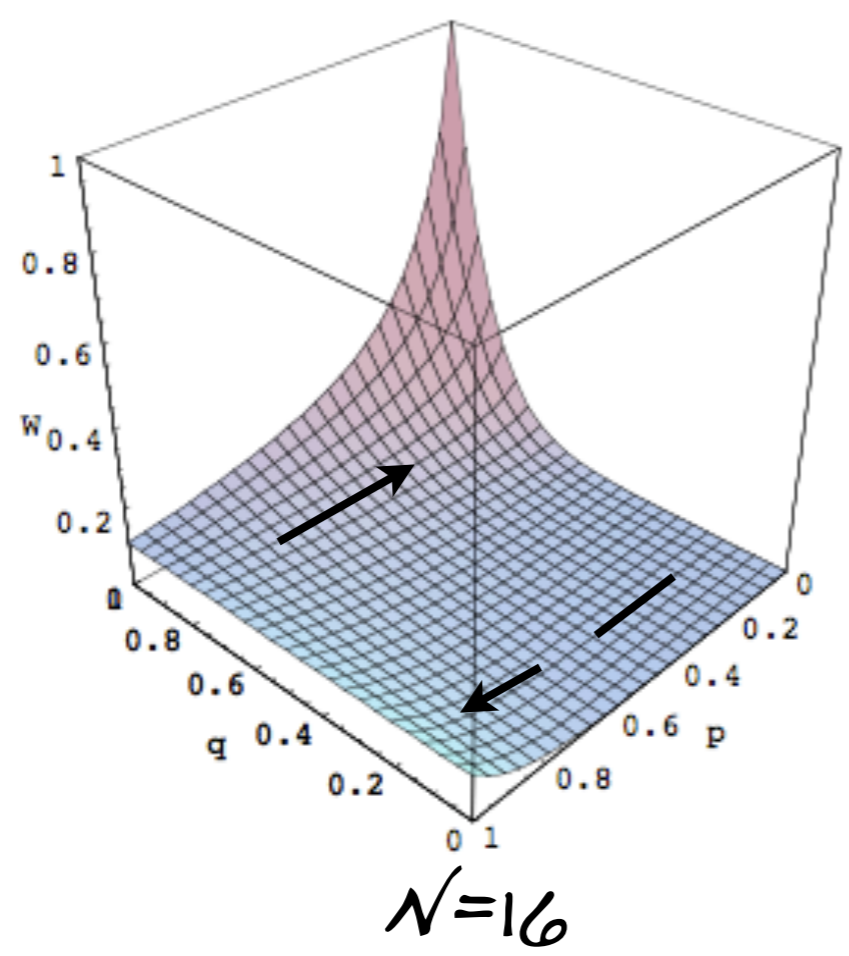
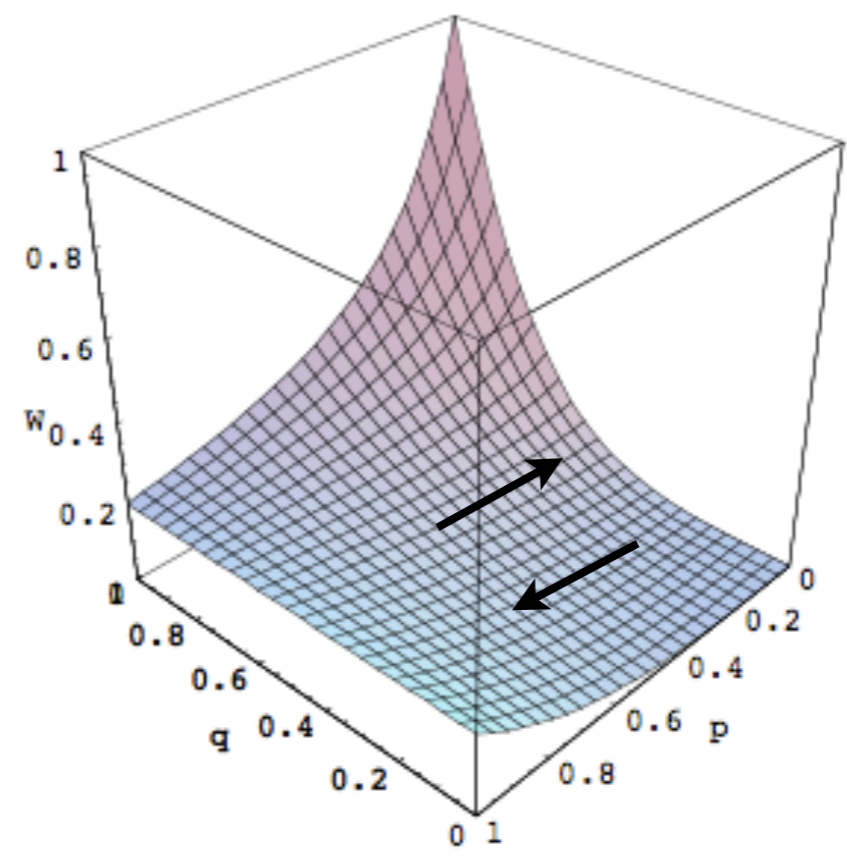
$$L_v = \sum_i v_i, \quad \langle L_v \rangle = pN$$

$$w = \frac{\prod_{i \in N} g_i}{(1 + L_v)} \quad \langle w \rangle = \frac{(q + p - qp)^N}{1 + pN}$$

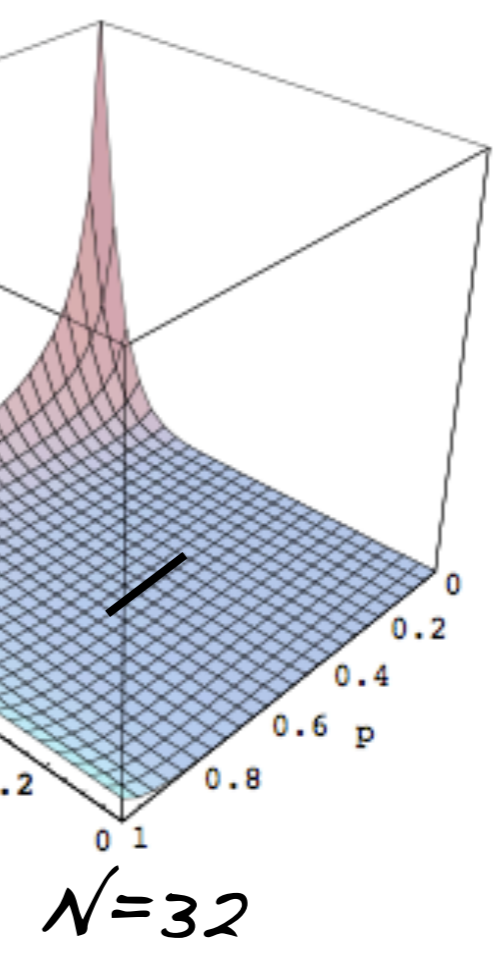
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$N=8$

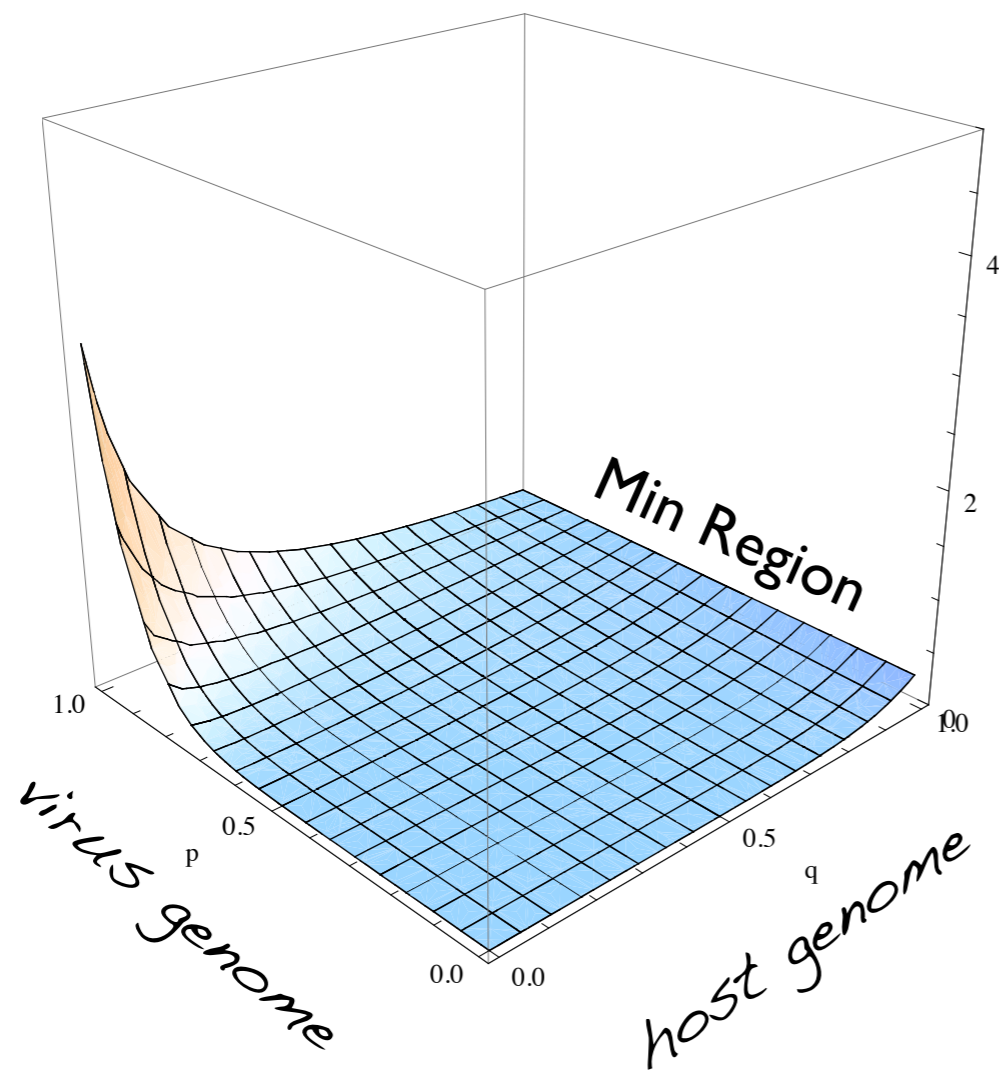


$N=16$

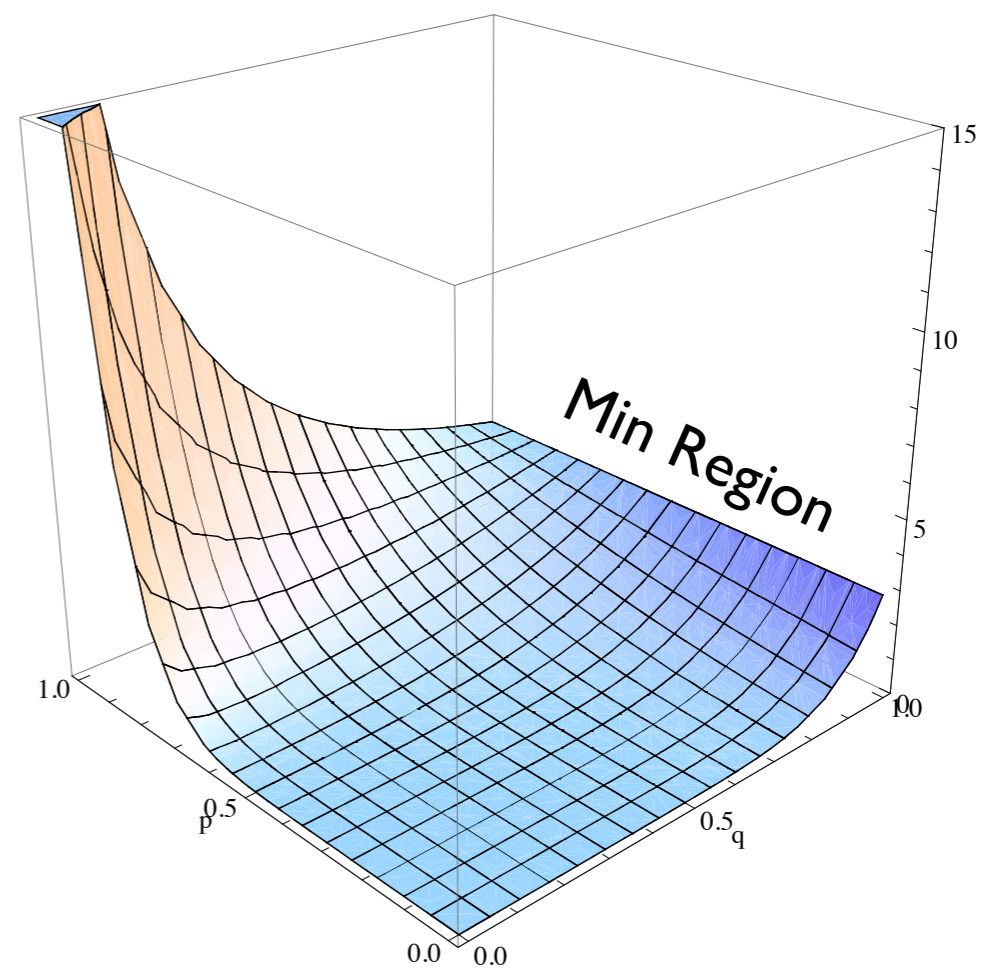


$N=32$

$$\langle w \rangle = \frac{N^k (q + p - qp)^N}{1 + pN}$$



k=0.5



k=1.5

II. Niche Constructing Demons

Organisms creating selective environments

STRUCTURE AND DISTRIBUTION

OF

CORAL REEFS.

BEING THE FIRST PART OF
THE GEOLOGY OF THE VOYAGE OF THE BEAGLE,
UNDER THE COMMAND OF CAPT. FITZROY, R.N.

DURING THE YEARS 1832 TO 1845.

BY

CHARLES DARWIN, M.A., F.R.S., F.G.S.,
NATURALIST TO THE EXPEDITION.

Published with the Approval of the Lords Commissioners of
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THE FORMATION

OF

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THROUGH THE

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WITH

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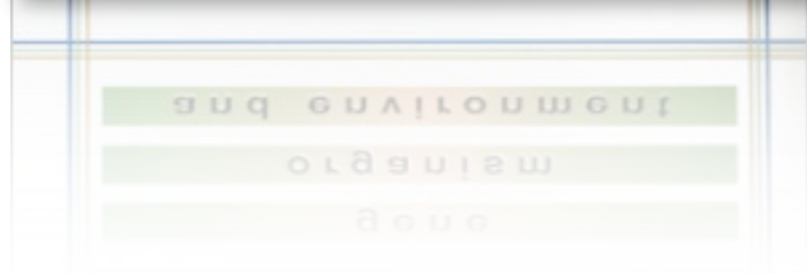
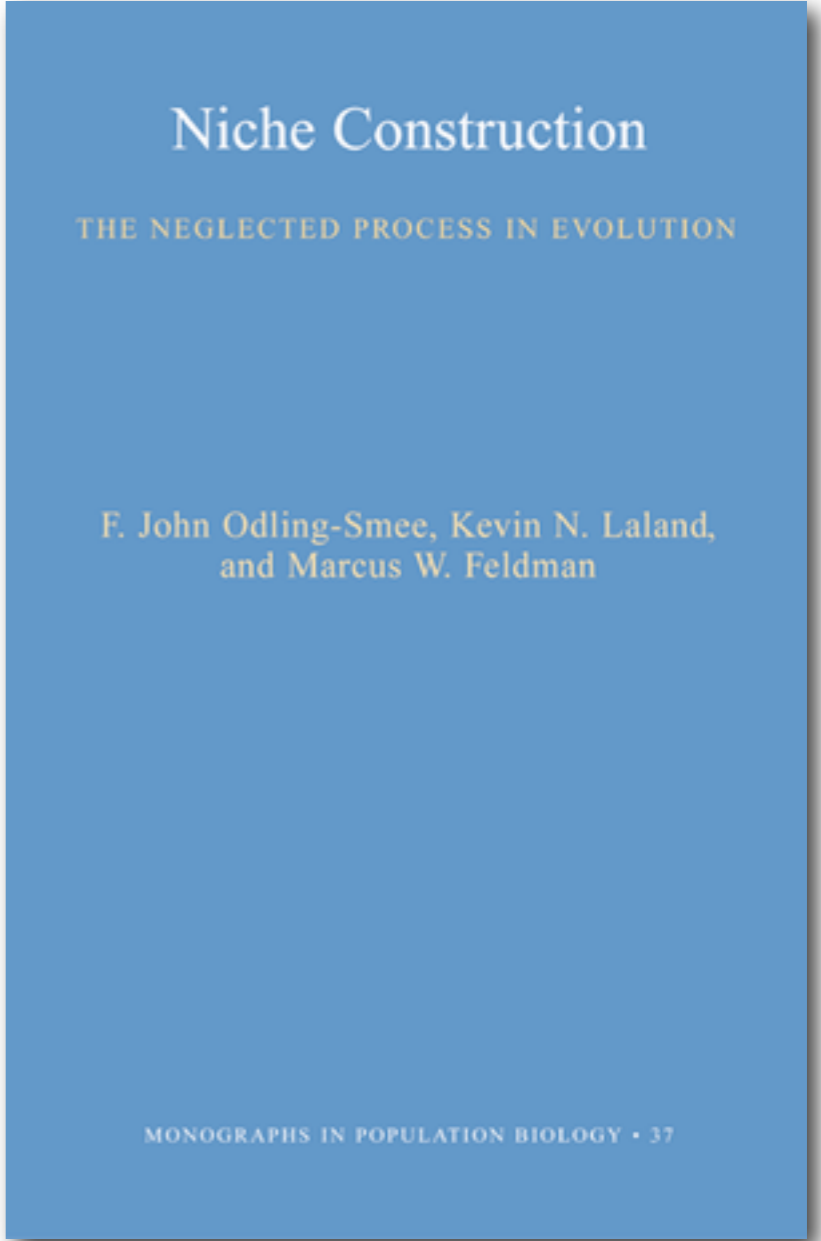
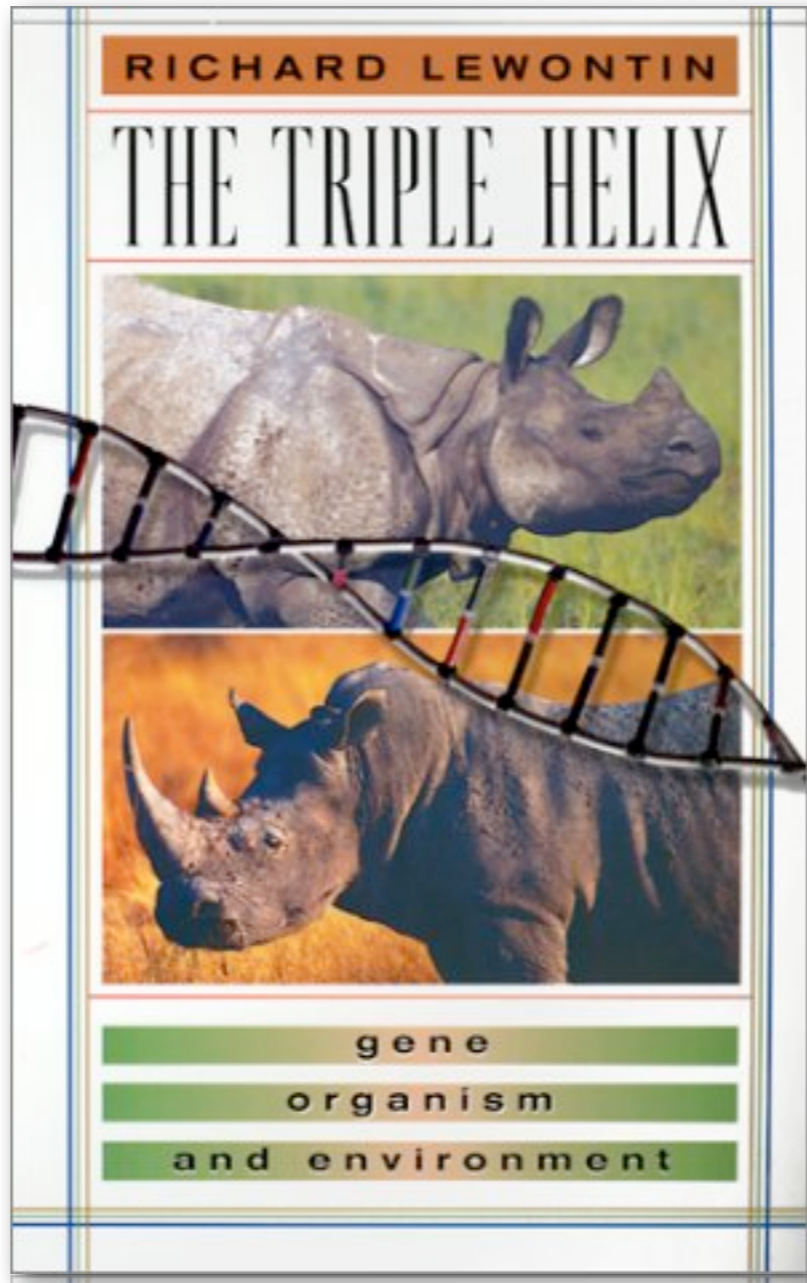
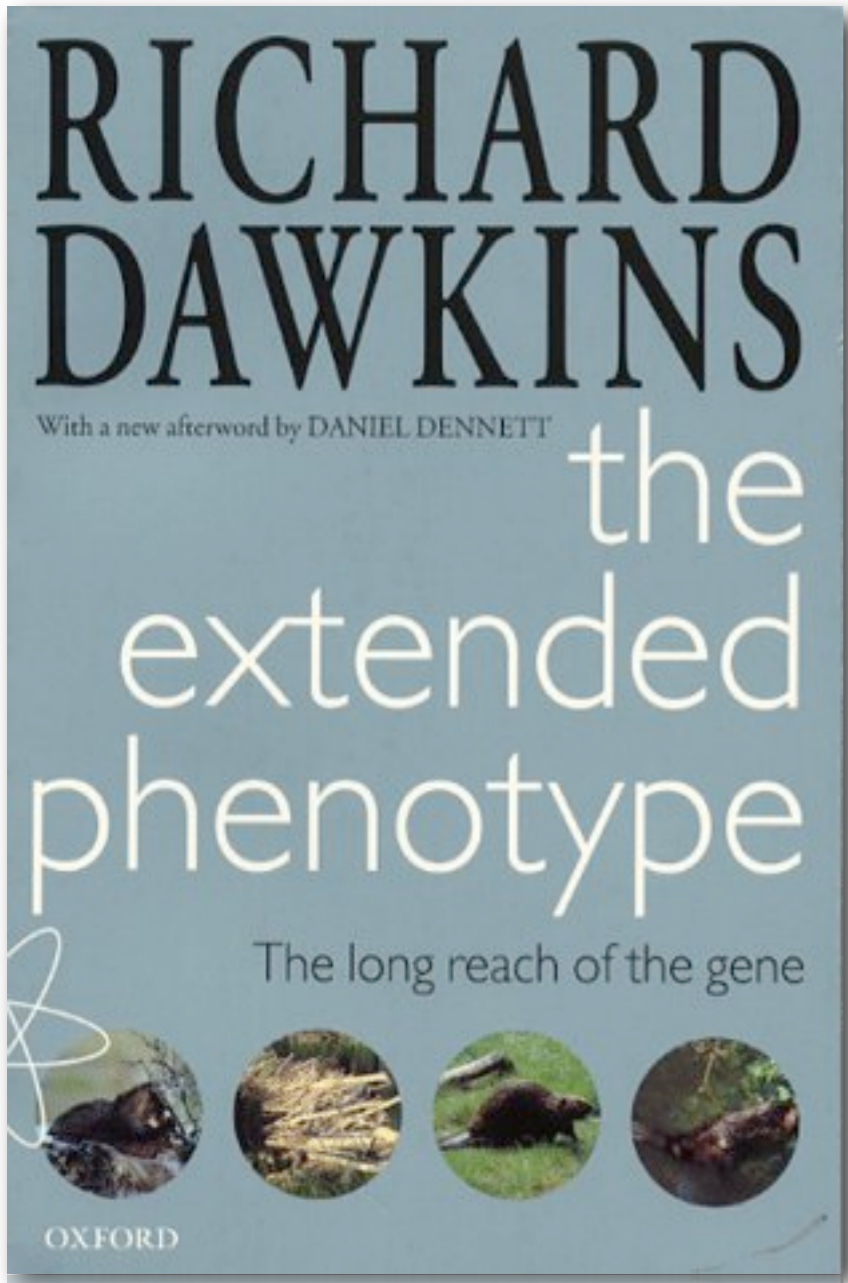
SEVENTH THOUSAND (CORRECTED)



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1882.



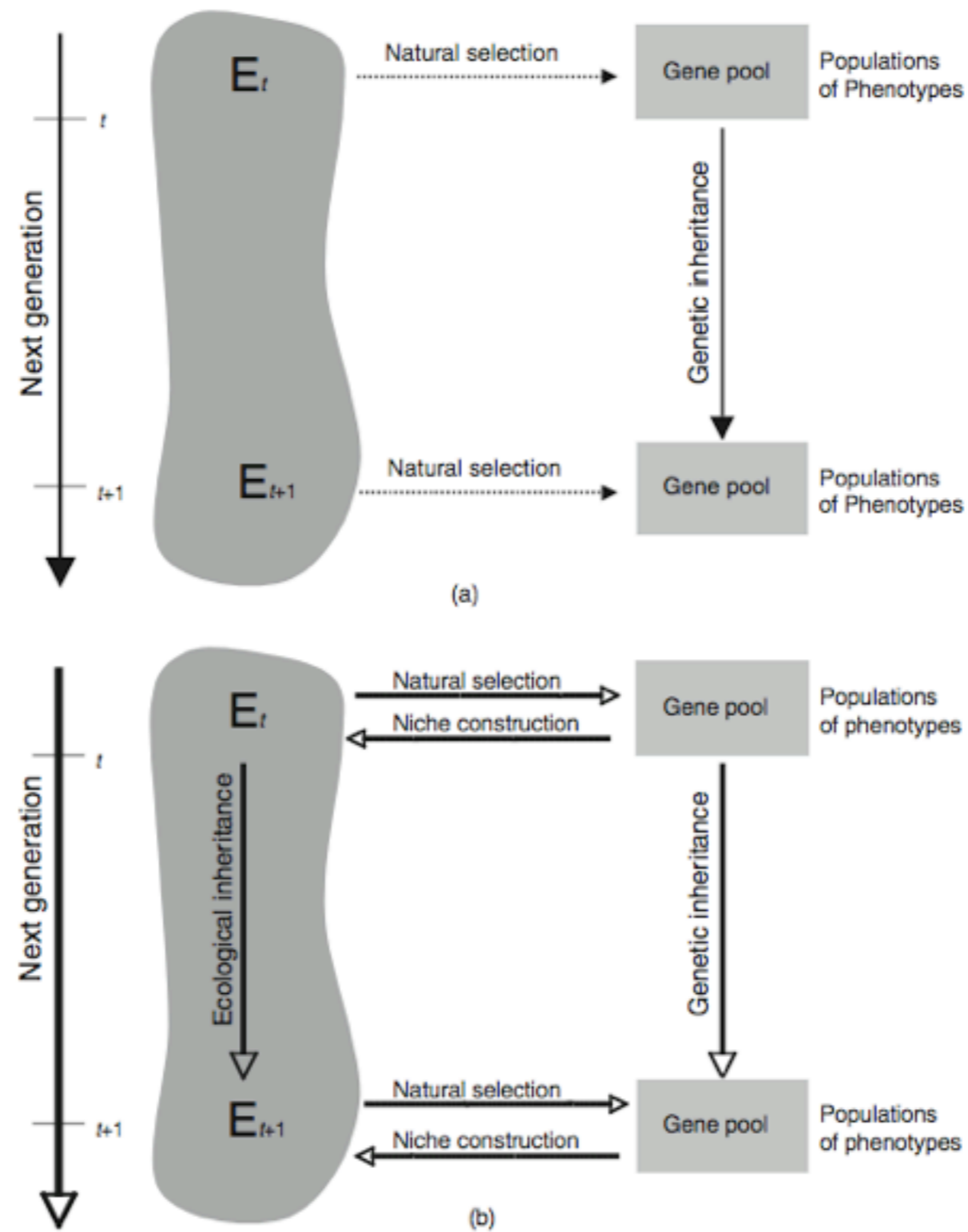


Figure 1.
 a. Standard evolutionary theory. b. Extended evolutionary theory.

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The Niche

- Grinnel (1917) - many environmental variable foraging recess (*den. dep*)
- Elton (1927) - Grinnel + inclusion of interactions among species (*freq. dep.*)
- Hutchinson (1959) - high dimensional space of combined organism-environment interactions
- Niche Construction - how the adaptive complement of above come into existence







Niche Construction

- Does not assume selection is an adiabatic invariant
- Relatively rapid change of selective environment - entropic - and adaptive.
- Single genome modifies success of multiple organisms in this environment when shared
- Selection (not only traits) partly encoded in genomes

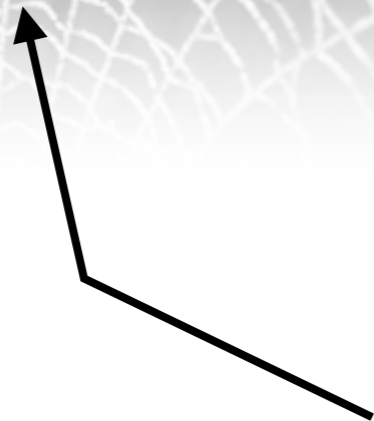
Recursive Adaptation

- An alteration or adjustment in structure or habits, often hereditary, by which a species or individual improves its condition in relationship to its environment.
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Niche constructing an extended phenotype



Developing a morphological phenotype

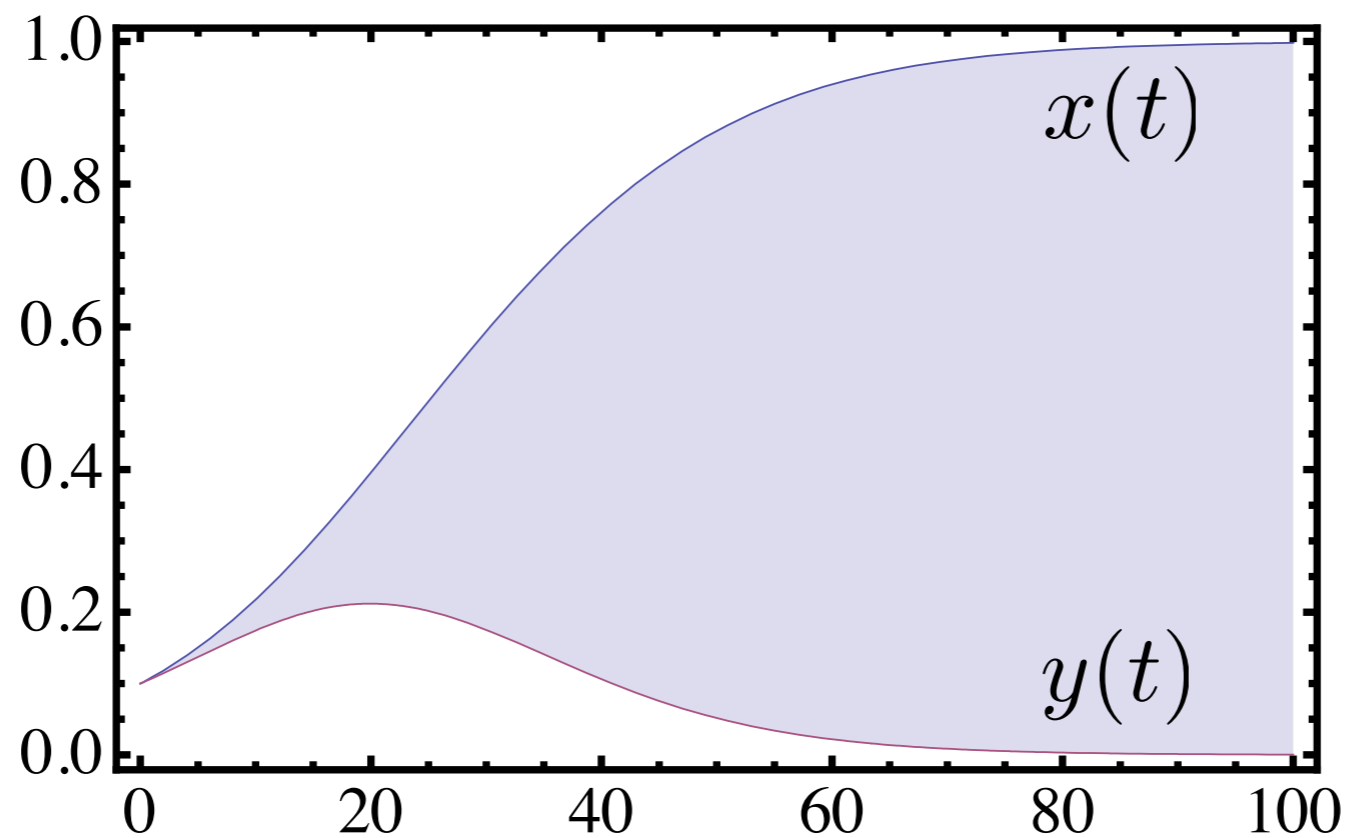




Ecological Dynamics

$$\dot{x} = c_x x - x \frac{x + b_{yx} y}{k_x}$$

$$\dot{y} = c_y y - y \frac{y + b_{xy} x}{k_y}$$



$$b_{yx} < b_{xy}$$

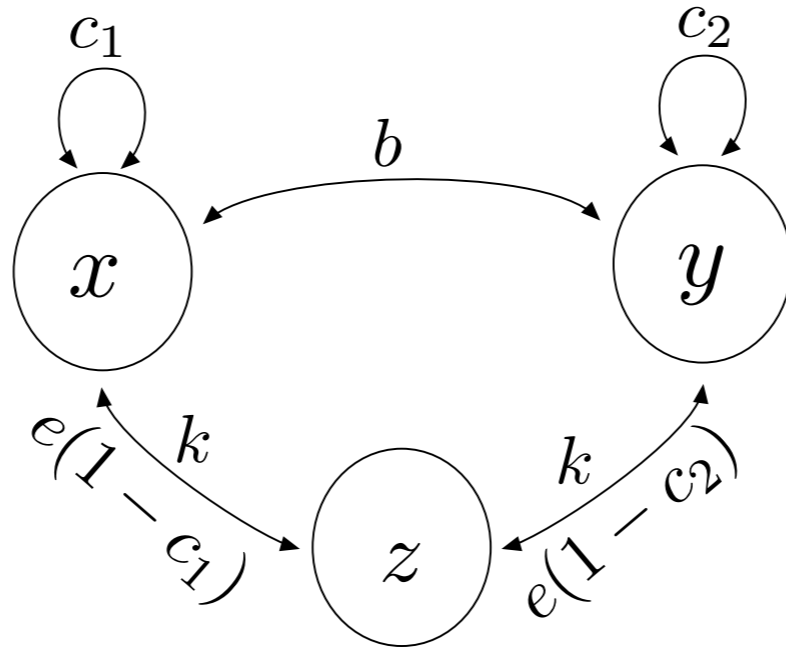
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fecundity
 competition
 mortality
 carrying capacity



Carrying Capacity Construction



$$\dot{x} = c_x x - x \frac{x + b_{yx} y}{k_x z} \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{y} = c_y y - y \frac{y + b_{xy} x}{k_y z} \quad (2)$$

$$\dot{z} = p + (1 - c_x) \frac{ex}{x + y + z} + (1 - c_y) \frac{ey}{x + y + z} - dz. \quad (3)$$

Niche Constructing Diversity

$$B > b_{yx} - b_{xy} > 0 \quad K > k_x - k_y > 0$$

$$\dot{x} = c_x x - x \frac{x + b_{yx} y}{k_x z} \quad (1)$$

$$\dot{y} = c_y y - y \frac{y + b_{xy} x}{k_y z} \quad (2)$$

$$\dot{z} = p + (1 - c_x) \frac{ex}{x + y + z} + (1 - c_y) \frac{ey}{x + y + z} - dz. \quad (3)$$

Construction Dilemma

$$\dot{x} = cx - x \frac{x+w}{kz},$$

$$\dot{w} = c'w - w \frac{w+x}{kz},$$

$$\dot{z} = p + (1-c) \frac{ex}{x+w+z} + (1-c') \frac{ew}{x+w+z} - dz.$$

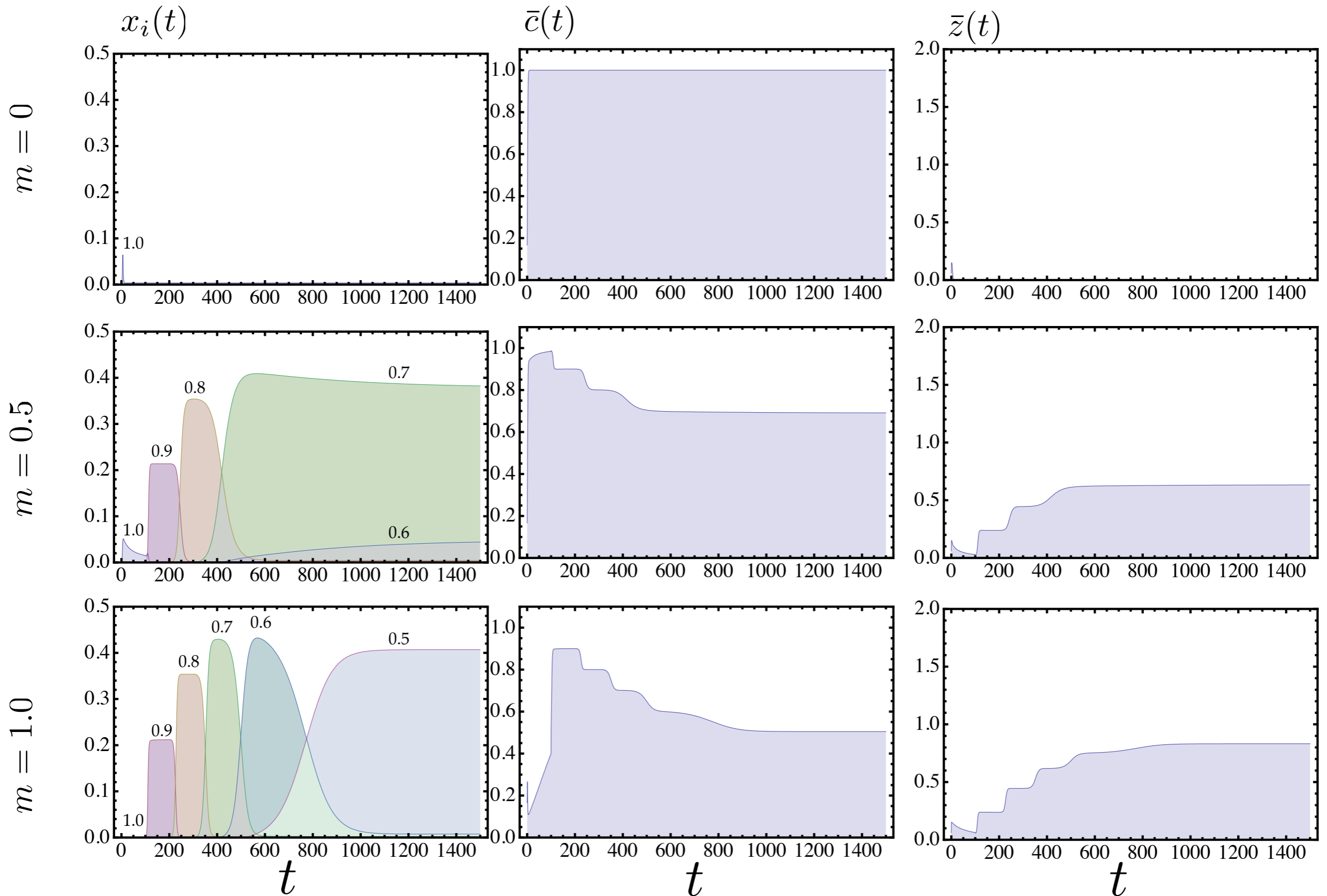
$$\frac{\dot{w}}{w} = \frac{\dot{x}}{x} + (c' - c)$$

$$\frac{w}{w(0)} = \frac{x}{x(0)} e^{(c'-c)t}.$$

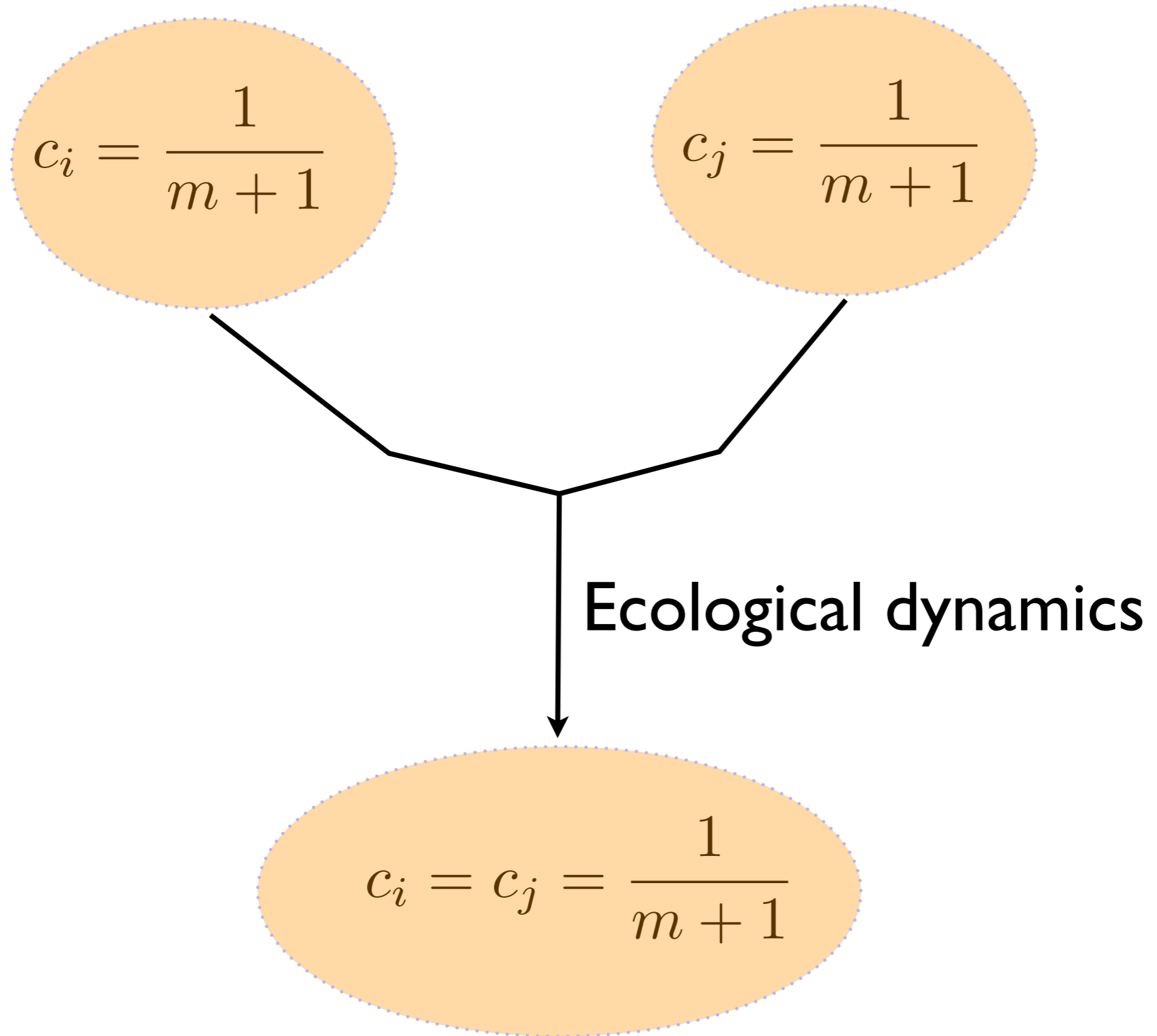
Niche monopolies subvert dilemmas

$$z_x \approx z_x m + z_x (1 - m)$$

N-strain niche construction dynamics



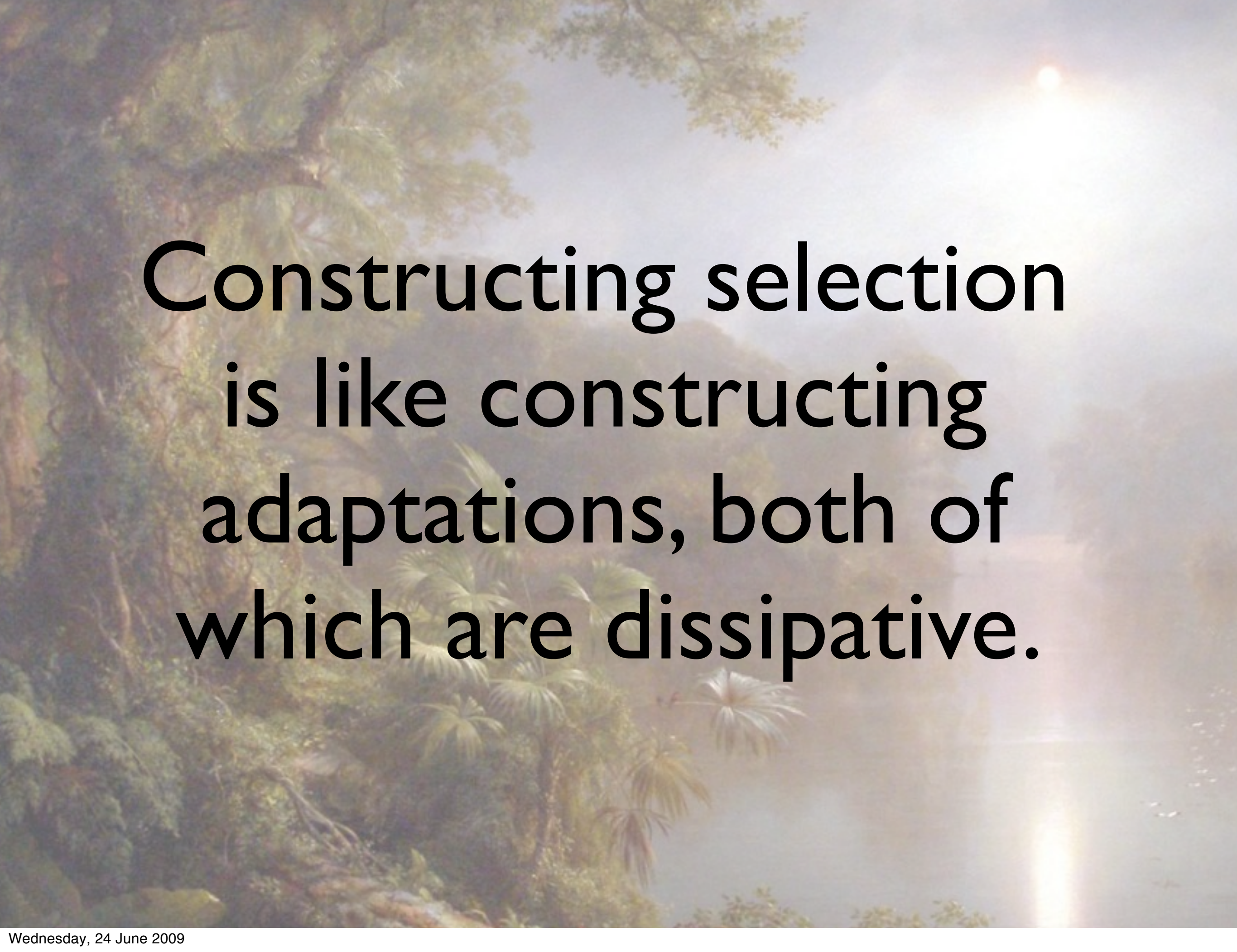
Allopatric versus Sympatric Niche Construction



$$c_i = c_j = \frac{1}{m+1}$$

Evolutionary dynamics

$$c_* = \frac{(1 + z_i/z_j)(1 - m) + m(i/j)}{1 + m + (1 - m)(z_i/z_j + m(i/j))} < \frac{1}{1 + m}$$

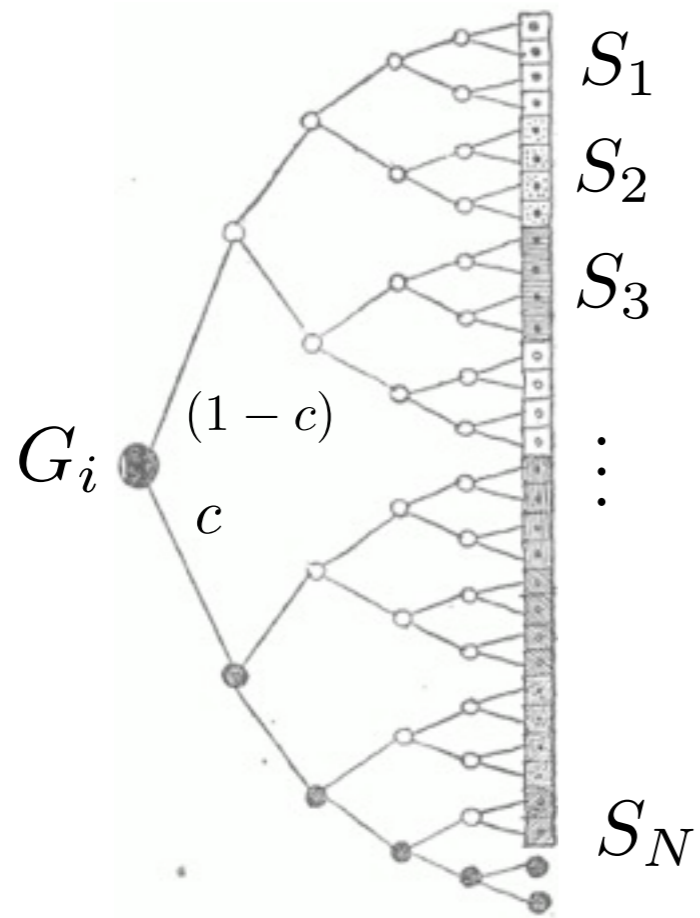
A tropical landscape with a river, palm trees, and a bright sun in the sky. The scene is hazy and bright, with a rainbow visible in the lower right corner. The text is overlaid in the center.

**Constructing selection
is like constructing
adaptations, both of
which are dissipative.**

III. Developmental Demons

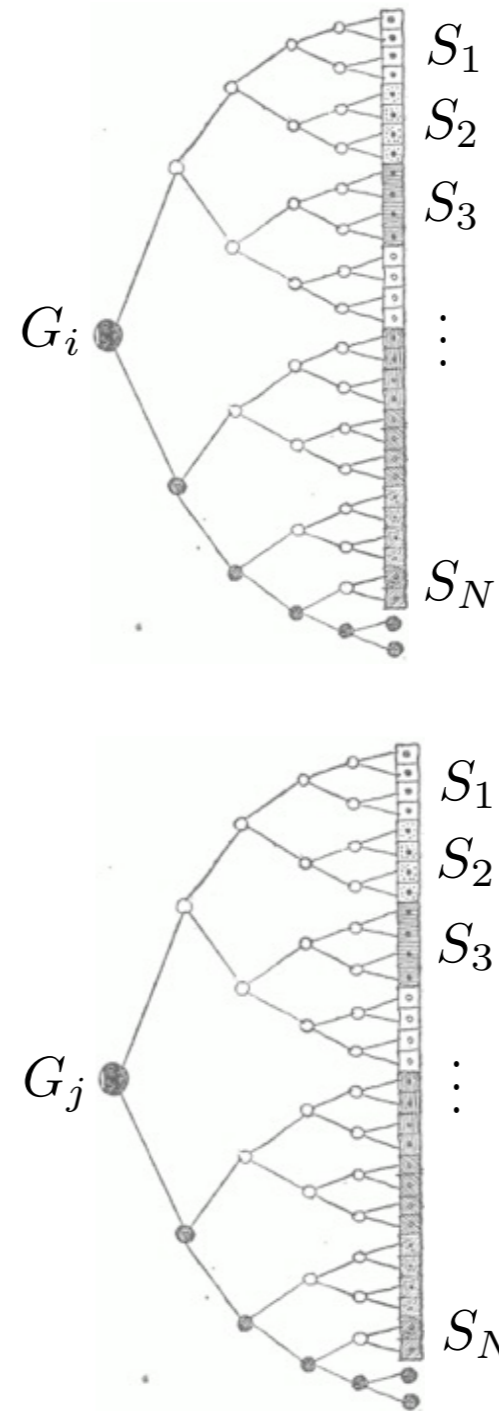
Creating the organisms as a selective environments

Organismal development



$f(\mathbf{S}, E)$

Population selection



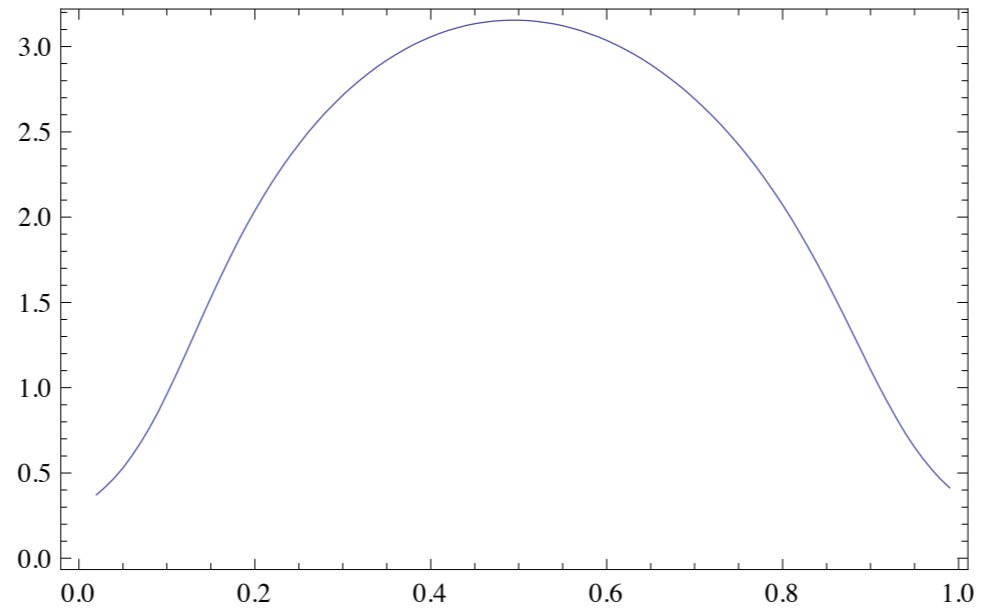
$$G + R \xrightarrow{r + pkS} 2G$$

$$G + R \xrightarrow{(1-p)k} G + S$$

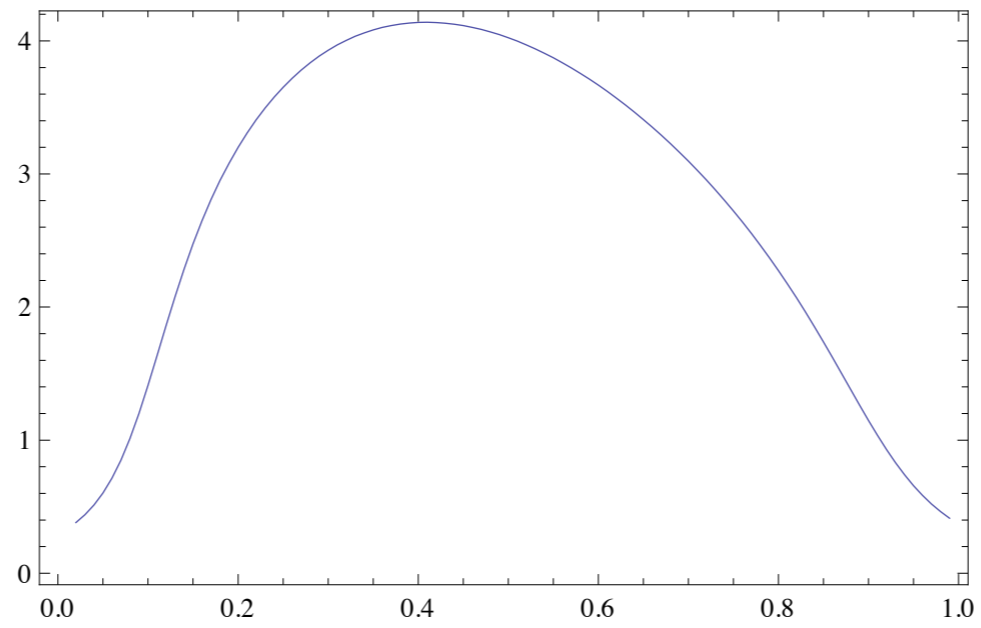
$$2S \xrightarrow{c} S$$

$$\theta \xrightarrow{k+nS} R \quad R \xrightarrow{d} 0$$

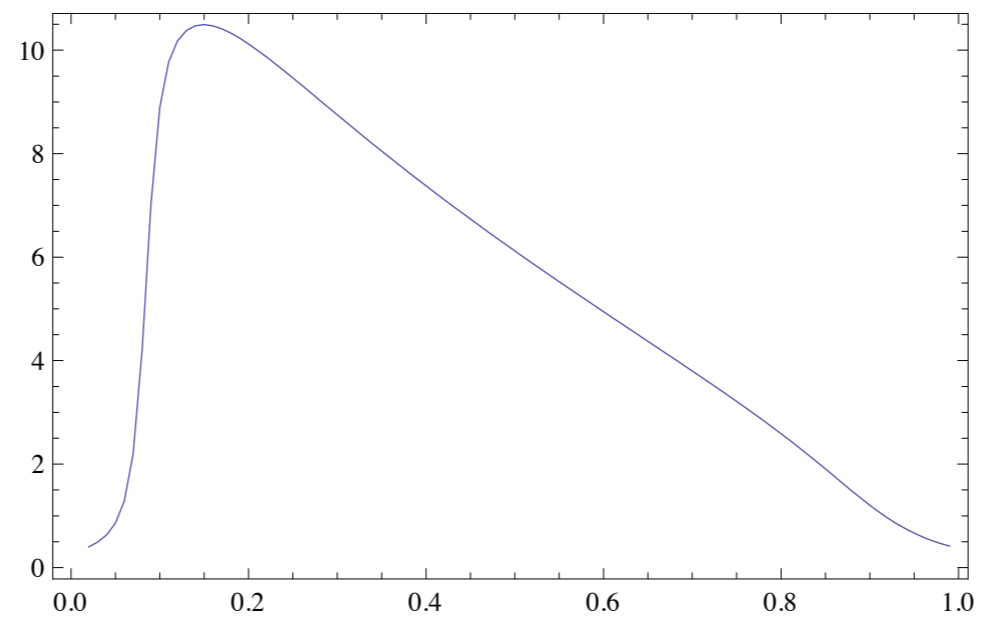
small n



mid n



large n



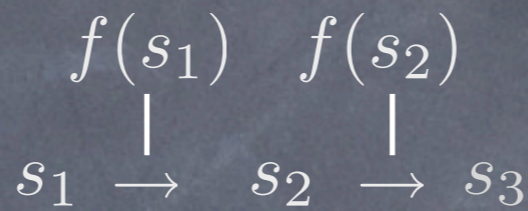
Symmetric
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Asymmetric
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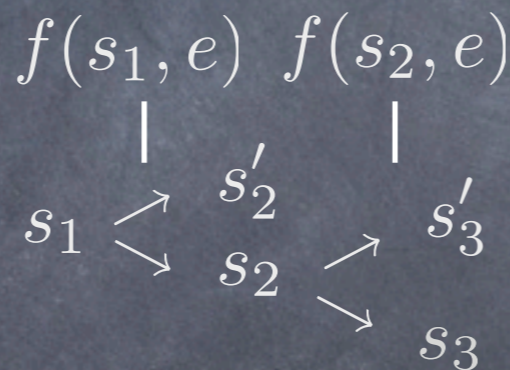
Why does development
appear more
programmed than
evolution?

Program



deterministic
internal control

Selection



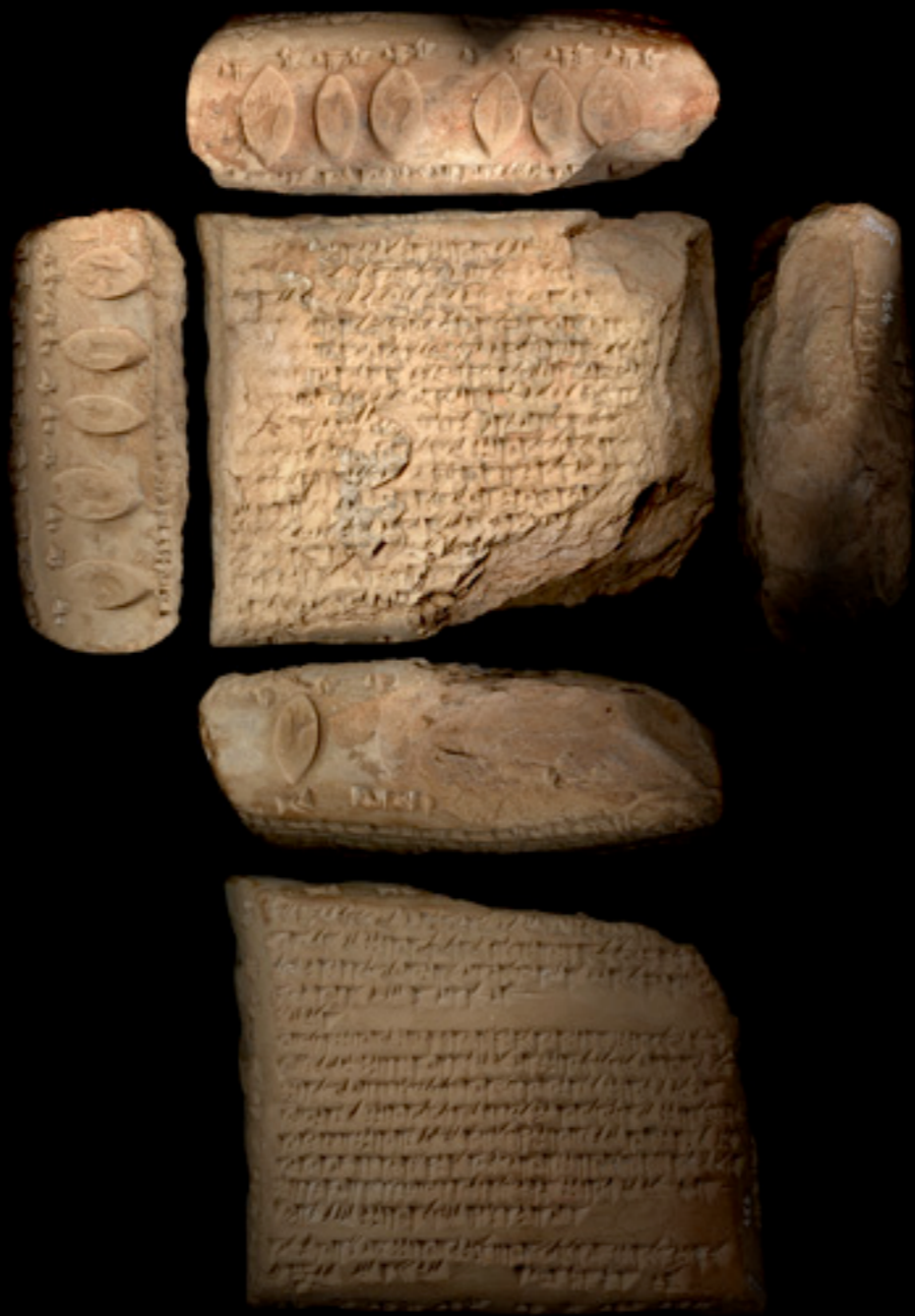
noisy
+ external control

Niche construction $e \rightarrow 0$

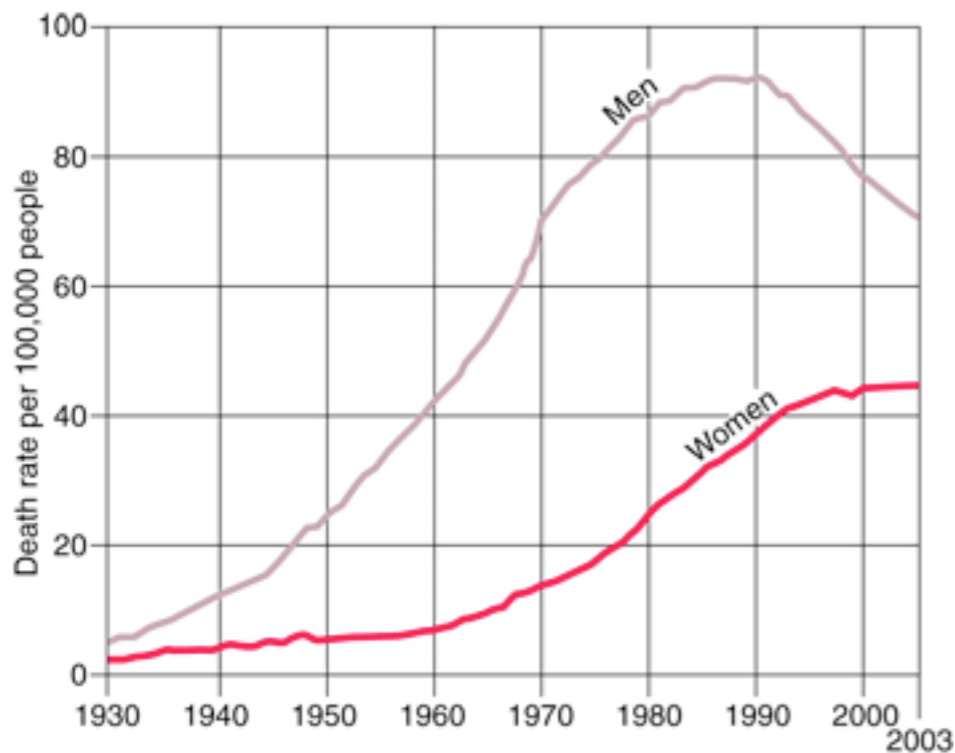
IV. NC, learning & cultural change

learning to construct cultural selection

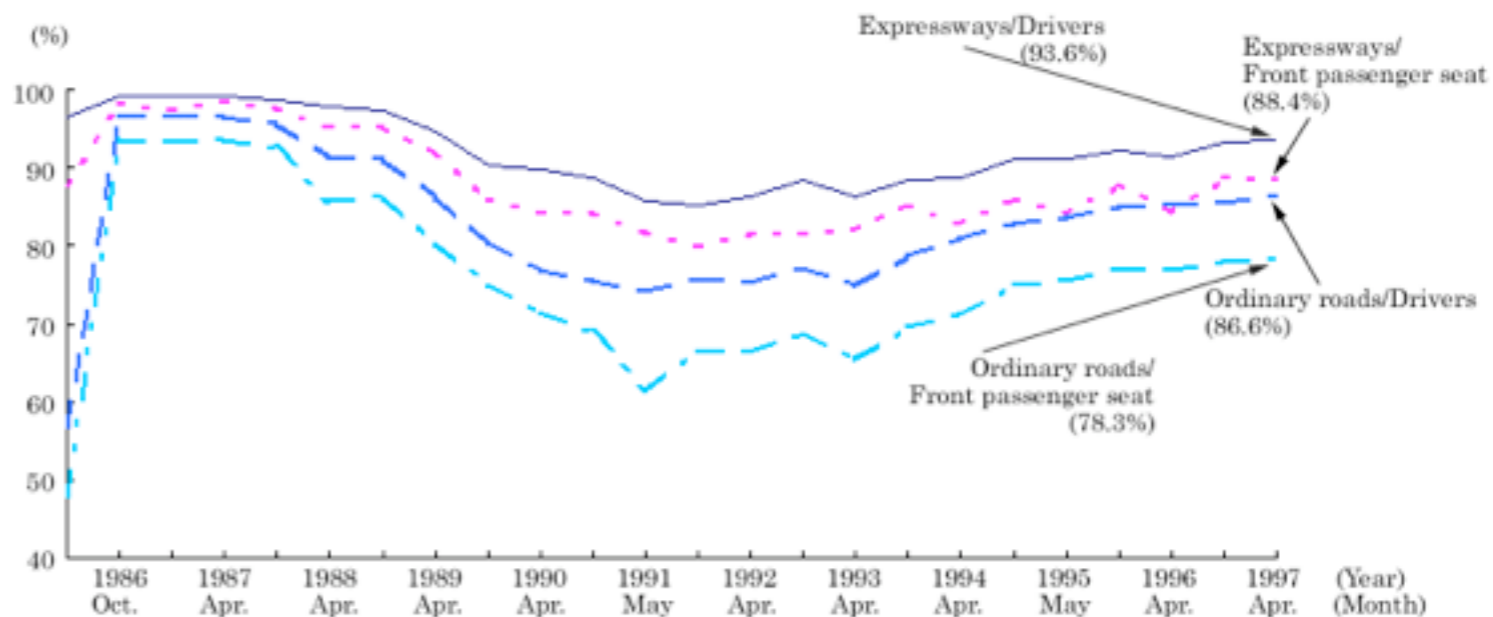




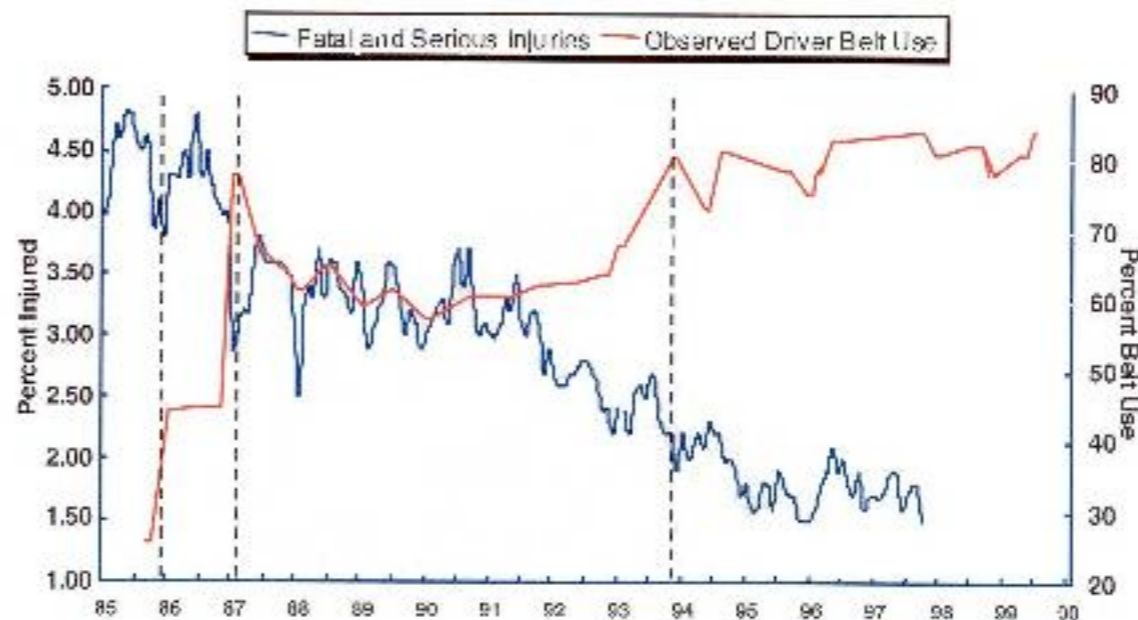
Smoking related deaths

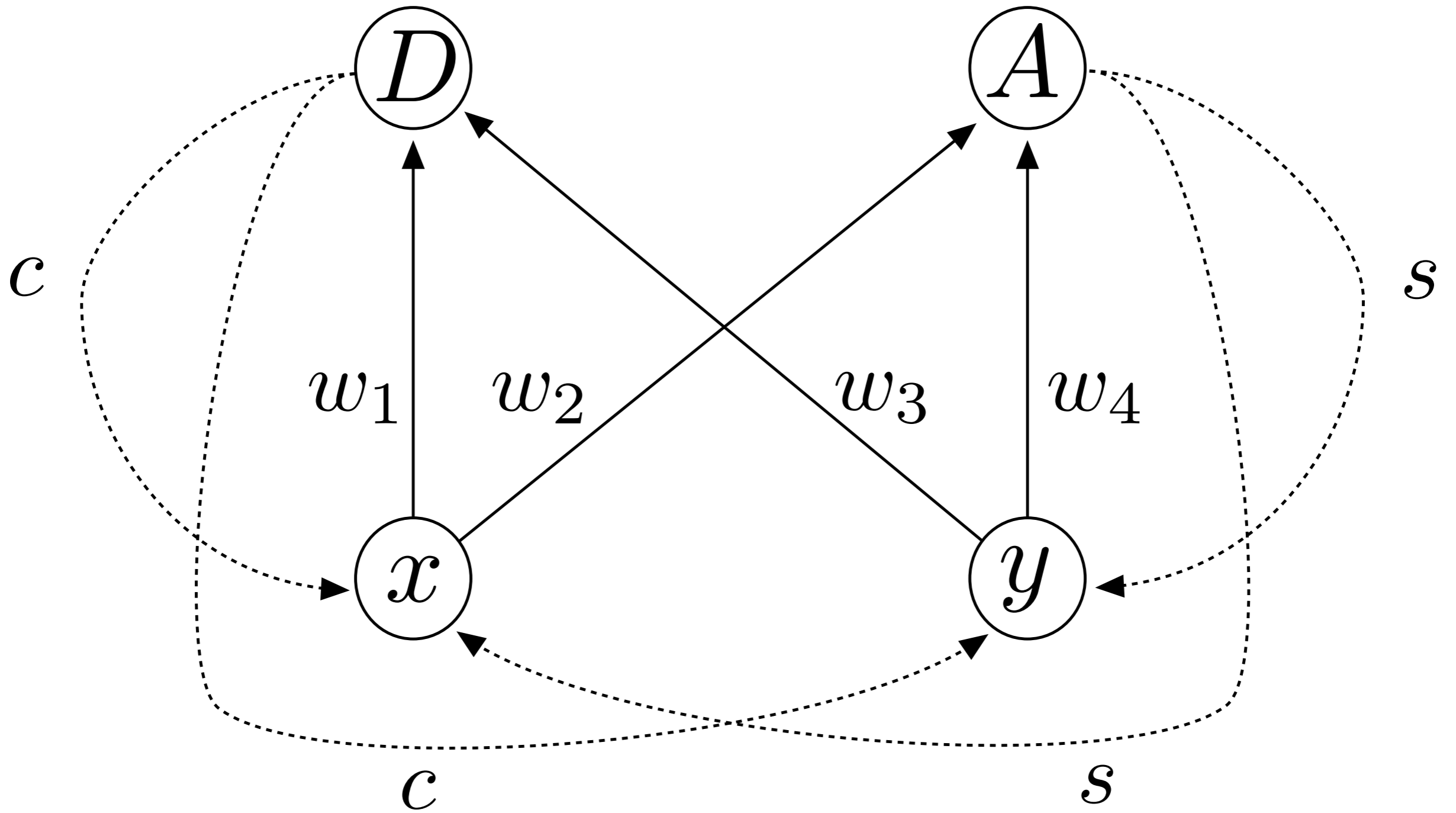


Seat belt usage



NC Driver Seat Belt Use and Covered Occupant Injury Rates 1985 - 1999





Mind the Gap.

I did not cover this so I have omitted these slides.

Key Implications of Demons & NC

- The construction of multiple overlapping time scales - selective boundary conditions.
- The feed-forward construction is as important as the feedback selection
- The organism-environment dichotomy is challenged
- Provides an approach to dealing with questions of hierarchy/complexity in nature

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