

## Step 0 Identifying the location of gecko phenotypes in Phenotype Step 0 phenotype space Space We measure the fractional area and eccentricity of each gecko pattern to find its location in [FA,EE] phenotype space. Generating the phenotype cloud of a single Step 1 **LALI-type L** Phenotype Step 1 Space Through numerical simulations with fixed LALI-type L<sub>1</sub> (same genotype and environment for each LALI-type), but varied random initial conditions. In this way, we LALI-space obtained the set of phenotypes generated by a single LALI-type due to developmental noise (red lines), thus determining the 'phenotype cloud' of $L_1$ (red points). Generating the r % neutral region of a phenotype P Step 2 Phenotype We systematically search a larger region of LALI-space Step 2 to find all the LALI-types L (variation in genotype and Space environmental conditions, e.g. $L_1$ and $L_2$ ) likely to yield phenotype P. The set of LALI-types containing the phenotype P in their r% phenotype cloud is the "r%

neutral region of P" (sketched in gray, with two example

LALI-types  $L_1$  and  $L_2$ ).

LALI-space











