## Supplementary figures



Figure S1 The probability of rescue as a function of mutation rate for three different levels of initial maladaptation. See Figure 3 for details. Other parameters: $n=4, \lambda=0.005$, $m_{\text {max }}=0.5, N_{0}=10^{4}$.


Figure S2 The distribution of first-step mutant growth rates given 2-step rescue under three mutation rates. See Figure 7 for details. Parameters: $n=4, \lambda=0.005, m_{\max }=0.5$, $m_{0}=-0.2$.


Figure S3 (A) One-dimensional slices of multidimensional platykurtic (dashed; semicircle), normal (solid; as used in main text), and leptokurtic (dotted; Laplace) mutational distributions with the same (co)variance but varying kurtosis. (B,C) The probability of 1-, 2-, 3-, or 4-step rescue with platykurtic and leptokurtic mutational distributions, respectively. The dots and broken lines represent simulation results ( $10^{5}$ replicates for each wildtype growth rate). The solid lines are the numerical results for the normal mutational distribution (as in Figure 3). Parameters: $N_{0}=10^{4}, U=2 \times 10^{-3}, n=4$, $\lambda=0.005, m_{\text {max }}=0.5$.

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Figure S4 The distribution of growth rates among rescue genotypes under 1-step (blue) and 2-step (red) rescue with (A) platykurtic and (B) leptokurtic mutational distributions (see Figure S3A). The solid lines are predictions for a normal mutational distribution (as in Figure 6). The histograms show the distribution of growth rates among rescue genotypes observed across $10^{5}$ replicate simulations. Parameters: $N_{0}=10^{4}$, $U=2 \times 10^{-3}, n=4, \lambda=0.005, m_{\max }=0.5, m_{0}=-0.1$.


