# Markov Link Method for combining destructive measurements

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#### Destructive measurements

- It is easy to calibrate thermometers
- RNAseq methods? Not so easy

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And we can estimate the set of calibrations:

$$\Theta = \left\{ \mathbb{Q}: \ \mathbb{P}(Y|\ell) = \sum_{X} \mathbb{P}(X|\ell) \mathbb{Q}(Y|X) 
ight\}$$

### Analyze $\Theta$

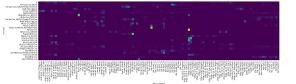
- Rotatially Uniform eXtremal distribution
- Uniform distribution
- Diameter estimation
- Center of mass

#### **Empirical** results

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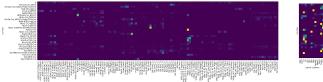
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