

# **Hierarchical Bayesian Uncertainty Quantification for a Red Blood Cell Model**

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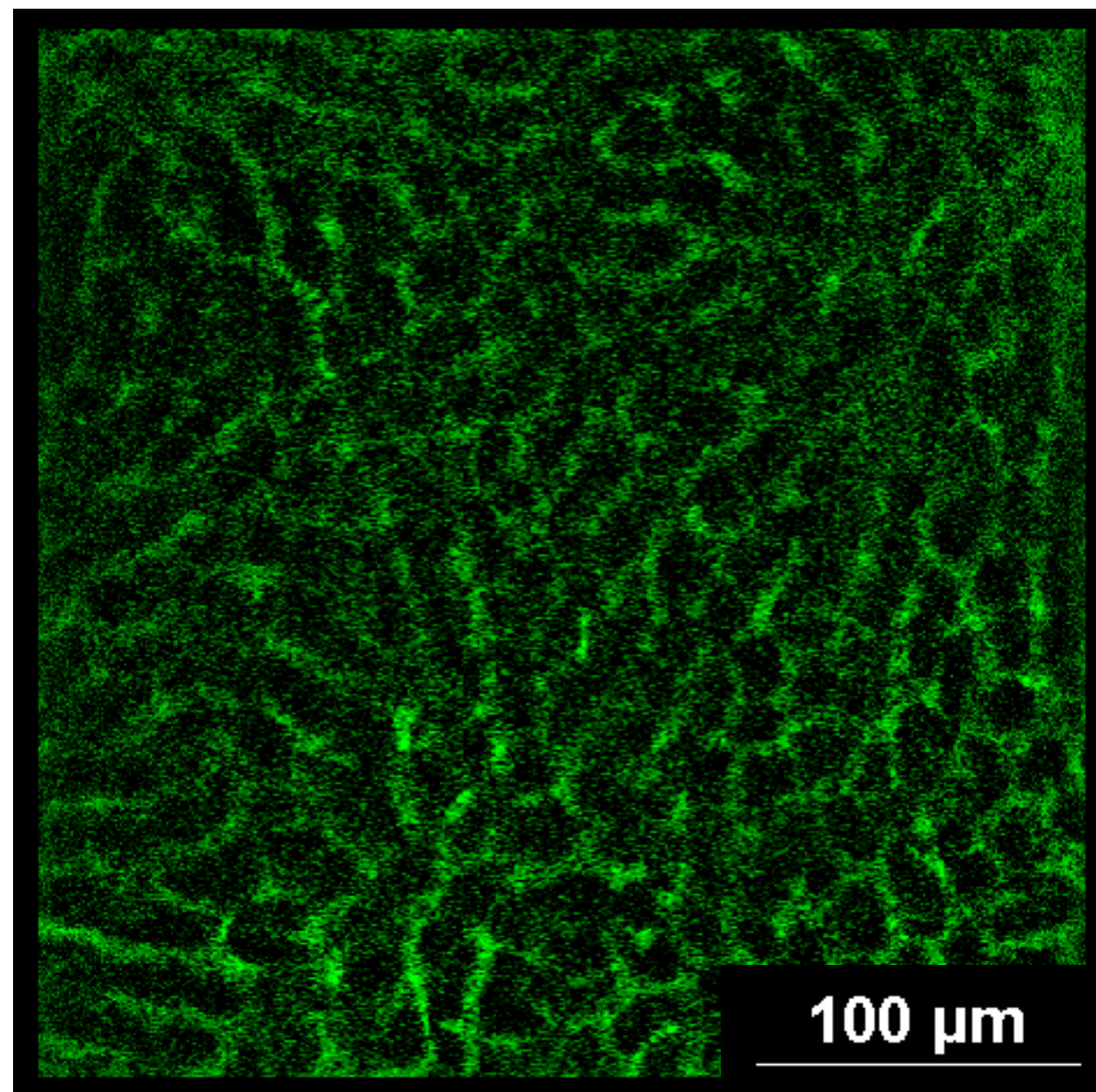
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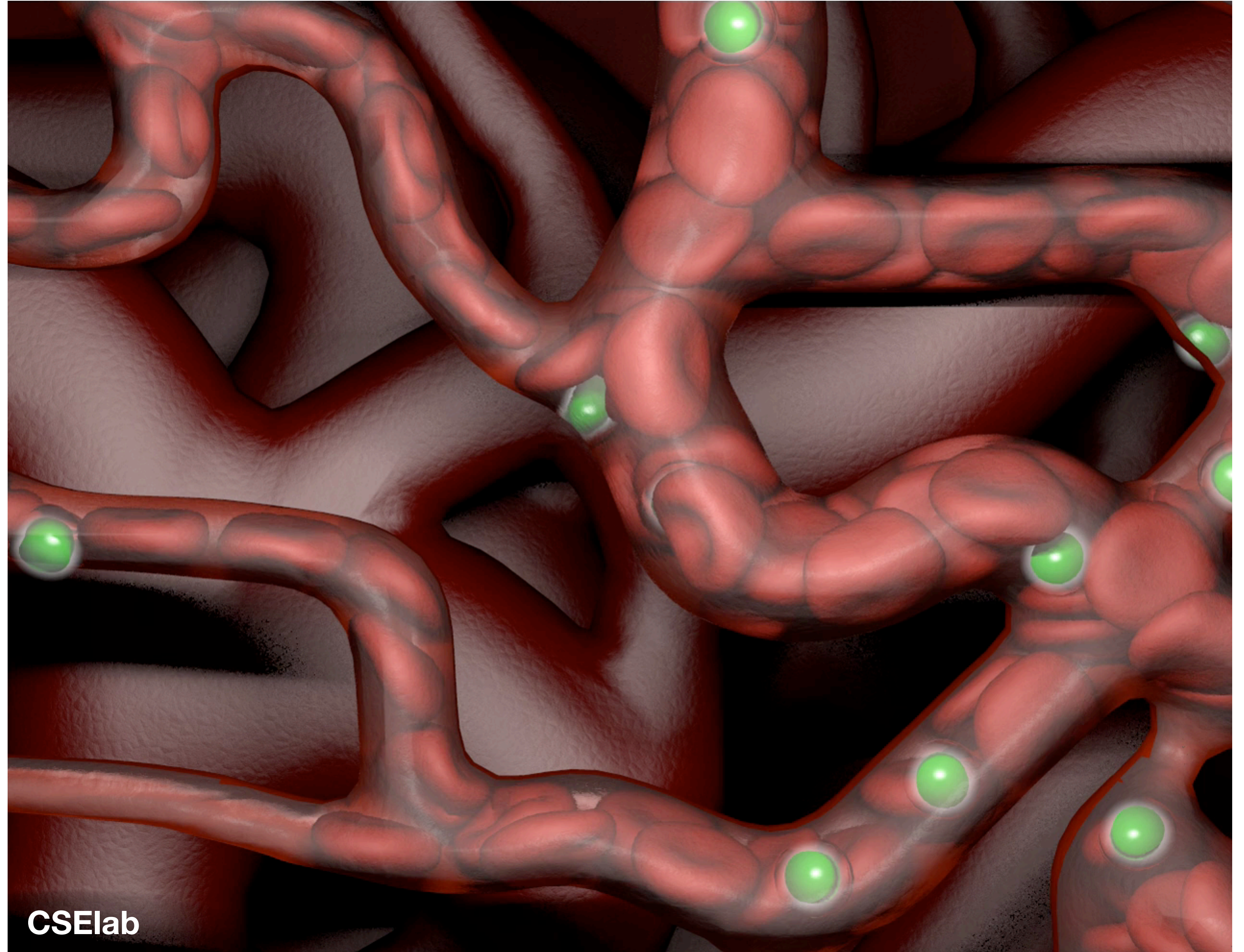
# Blood flow & NP in realistic vasculatures (with Ferrari Group, Houston)

- Understanding of transport oncophysics.
- Optimization of drug delivery.

Experimental data for vasculature.



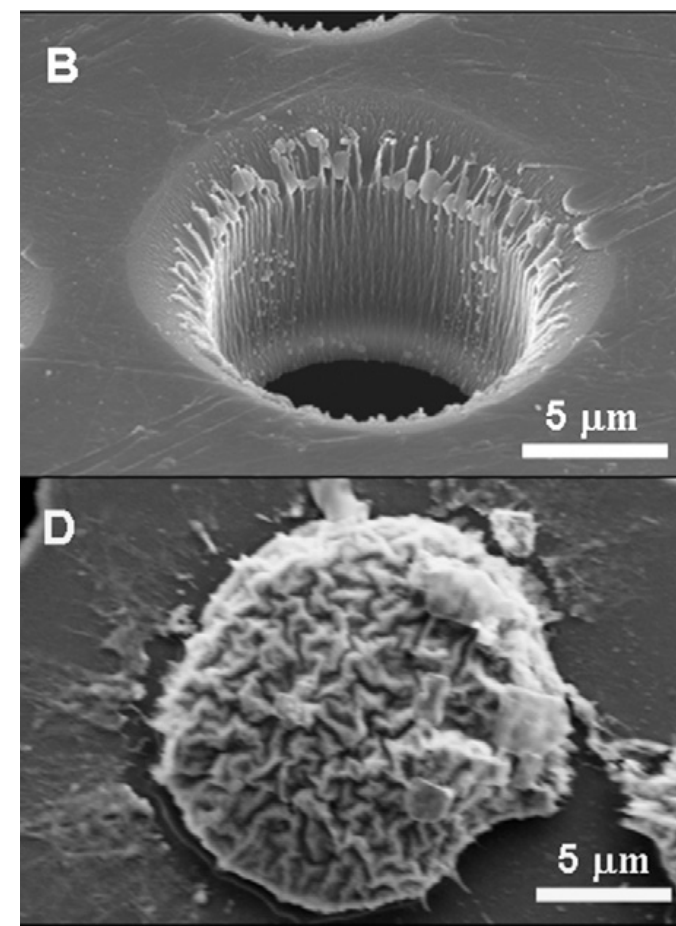
Vasculature reconstruction & Simulation.



# Microfluidic isolation of CTC

(with Toner Group, Harvard)

Zheng et al., "Membrane microfilter device for selective capture, electrolysis and genomic analysis of human circulating tumor cells", Journal of Chromatography A, 2007.



## Circulating tumor cells: approaches to isolation and characterization

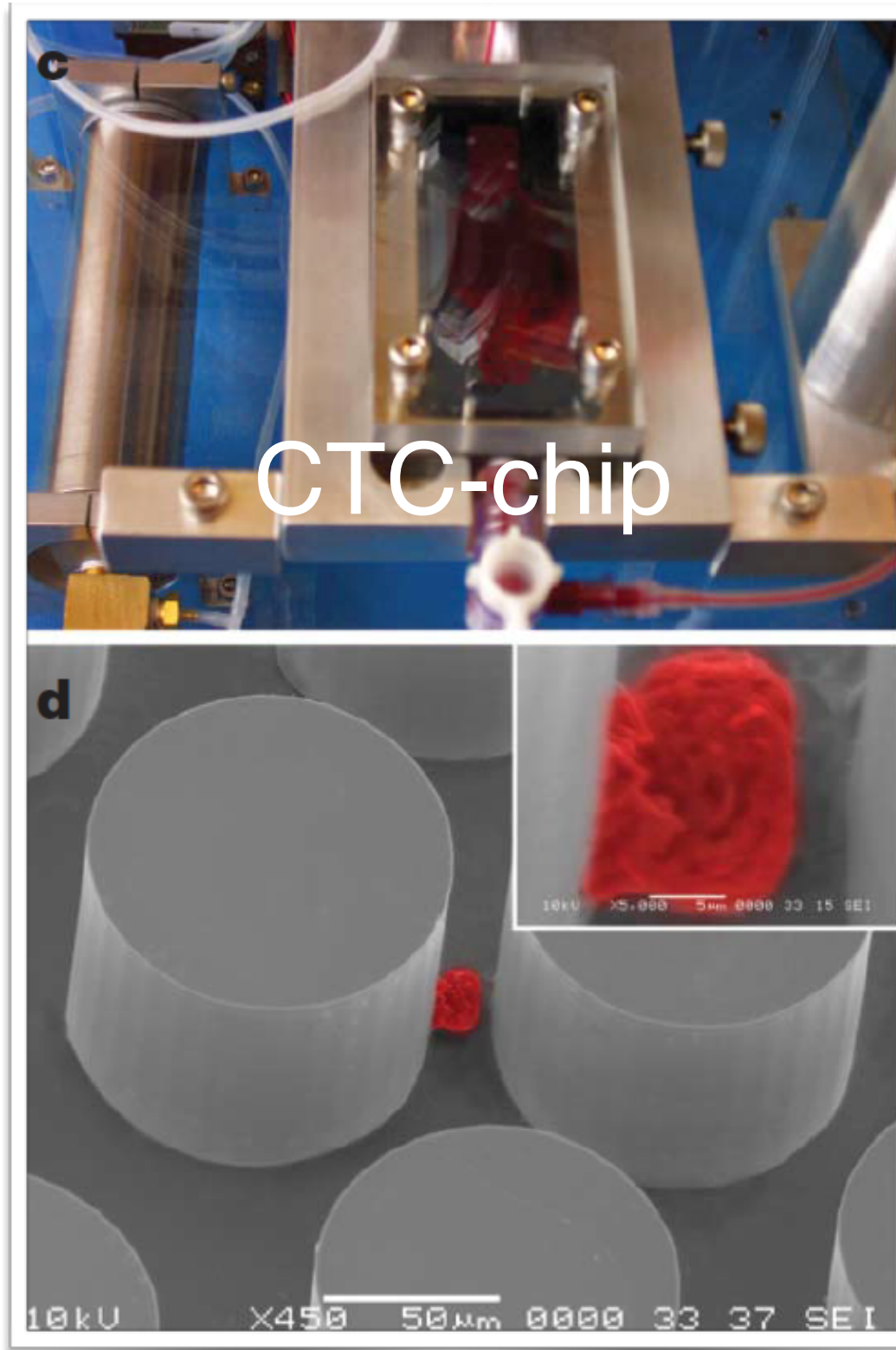
Min Yu,<sup>1,2</sup> Shannon Stott,<sup>3</sup> Mehmet Toner,<sup>3</sup> Shyamala Maheswaran,<sup>2</sup> and Daniel A. Haber<sup>1,2</sup>

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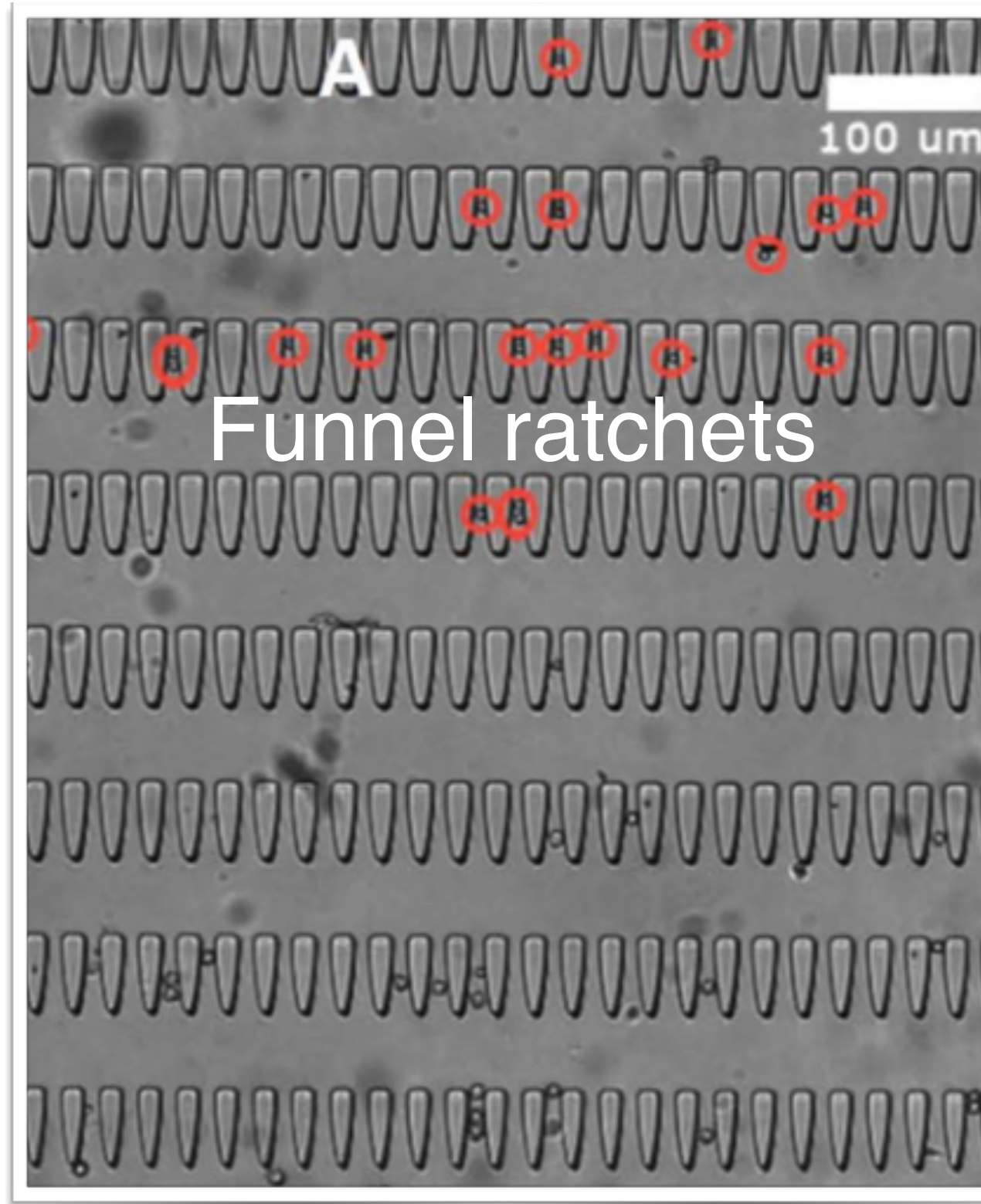
... ble metastatic precursors capable of initiating a clonal metastatic lesion. However, CTCs are extraordinarily rare (estimated at one CTC per billion normal blood cells in the circulation of patients with advanced cancer); our understanding of their biological ...

CTC detection → High throughput - mL Samples

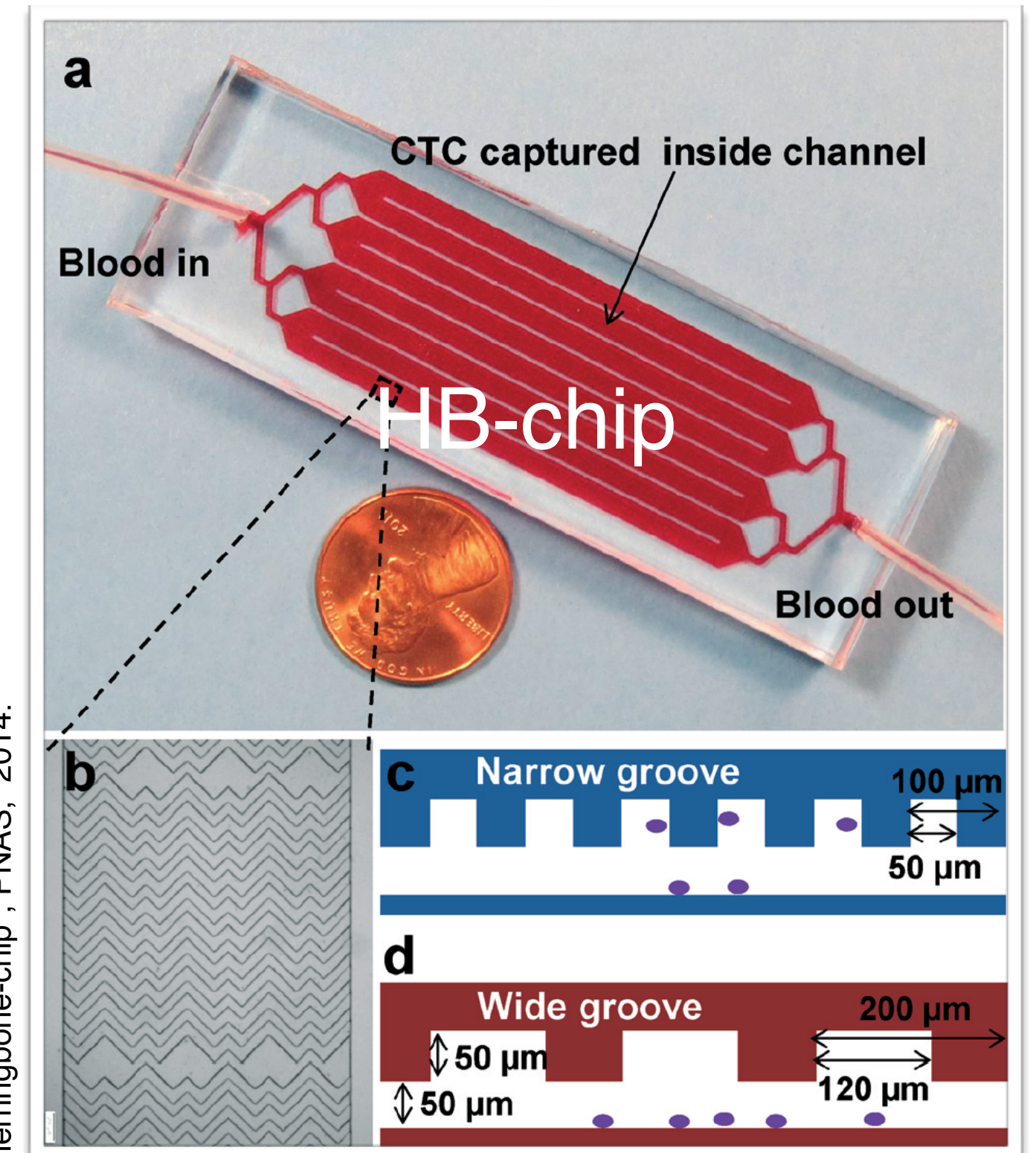
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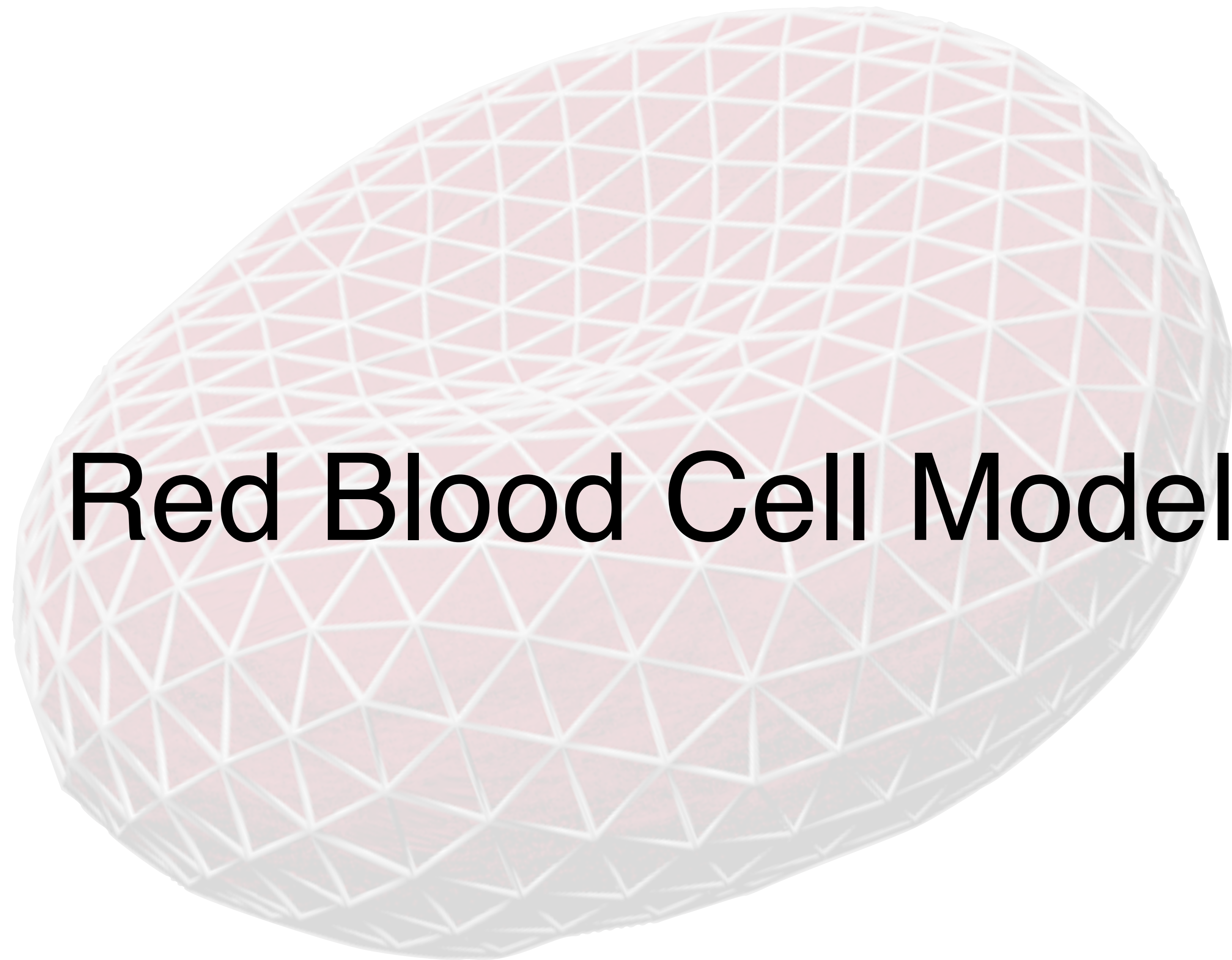


McFaul et al., "Cell separation based on size and deformability using microfluidic funnel ratchets", Lab on a Chip, 2012.



Scott et al., "Isolation of circulating tumor cells using a microvortex-generating herringbone-chip", PNAS, 2014.





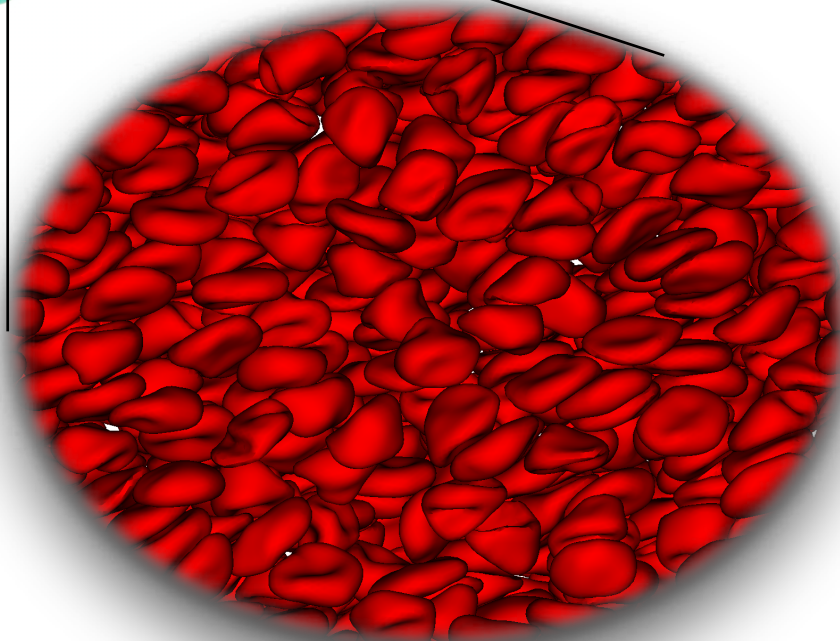
# Red Blood Cell Model

# Blood modeling



Basic constituents of blood:

- red blood cells
- plasma



## Plasma

- 95% water

modeling requirements:

- incompressible fluid
- hydrodynamic behavior (mass & momentum conservation)

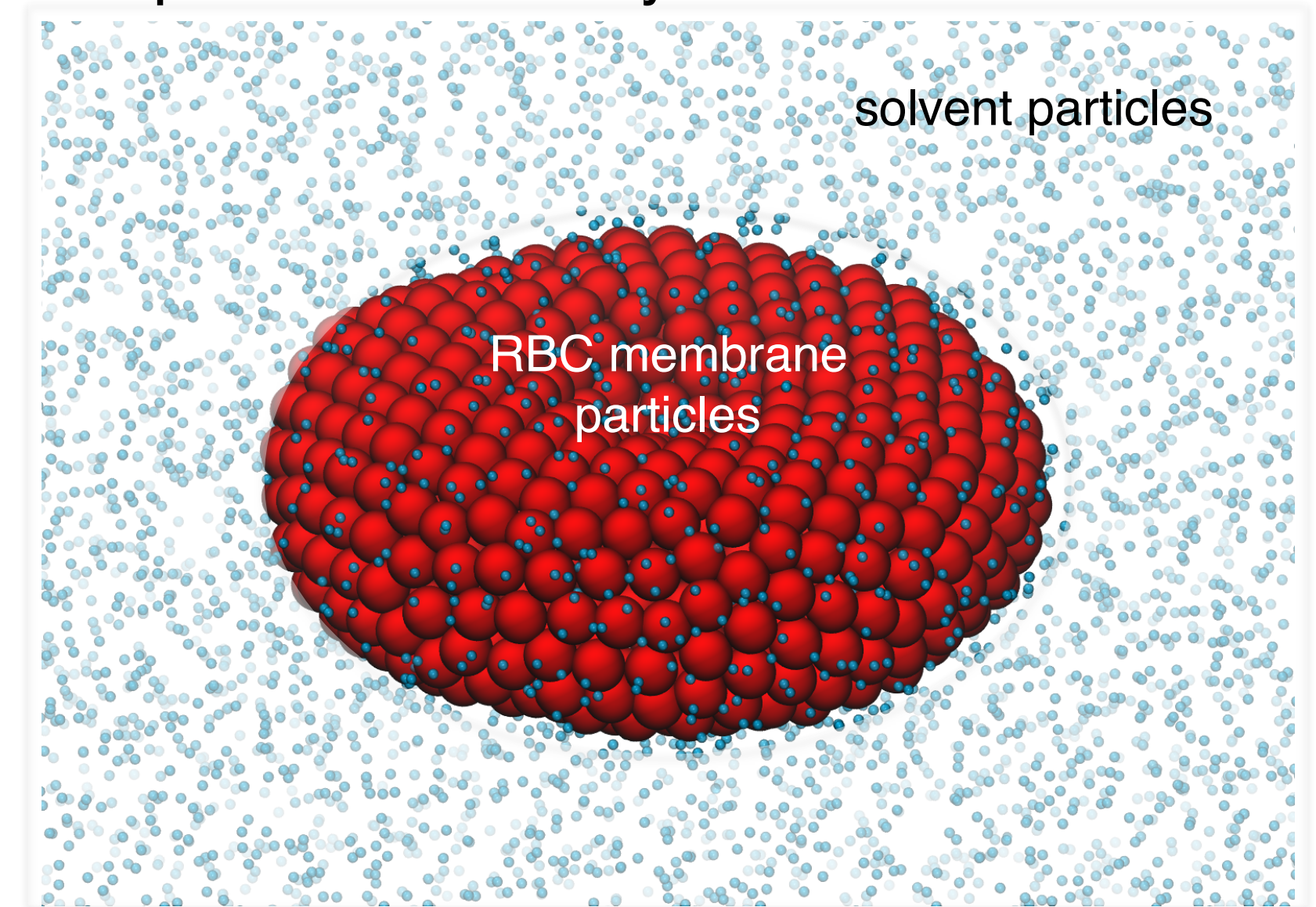
## Red Blood Cells



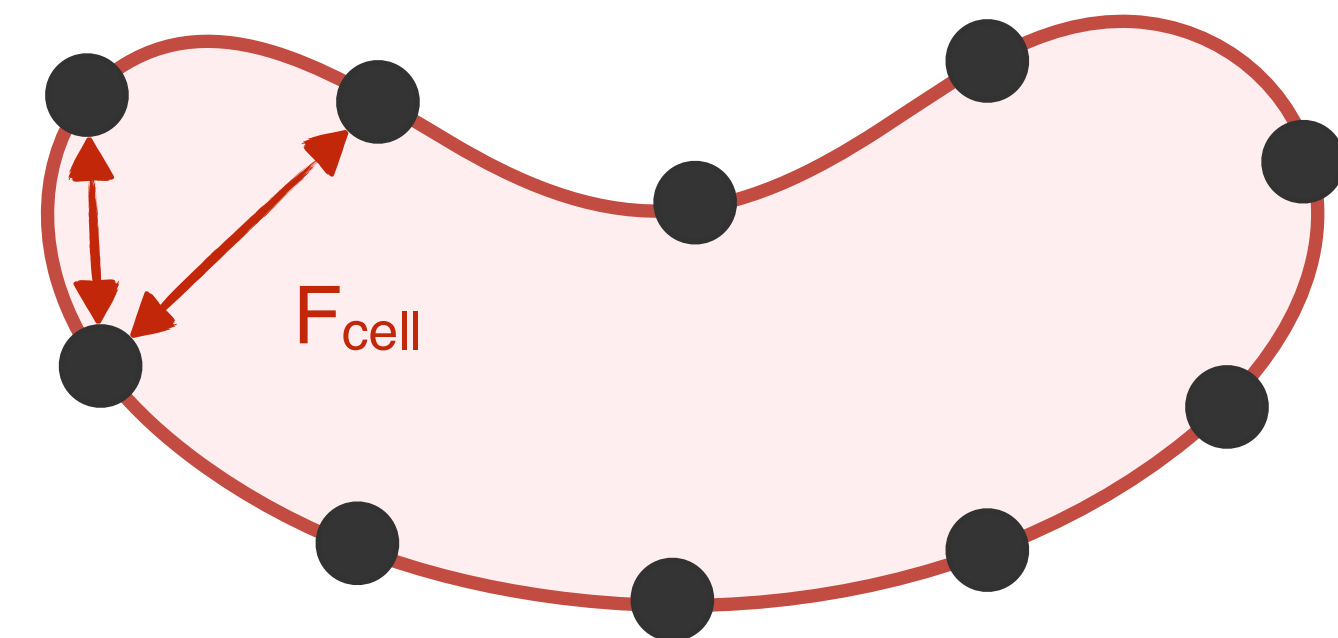
- biconcave shape
- viscoelastic membrane
- constant area & volume

Particle-based methods:

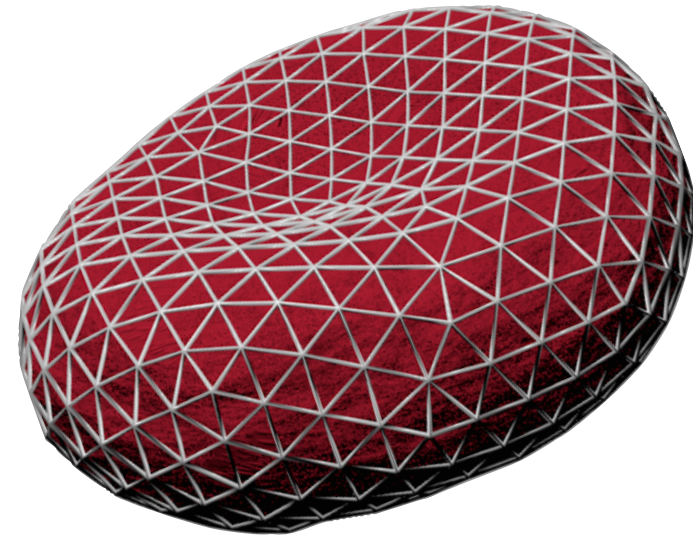
- Coarse-grained model for RBC membrane
- Dissipative Particle Dynamics for solvent



- Prescribe forces between RBC particles.
- Calibration of parameters to best fit experiments.



# Most widely used RBC model



Membrane elasticity  
 $U = U_{\text{in-plane}} + U_{\text{bending}}$ 

 Area+Volume incompressibility  
 $+ U_{\text{area}} + U_{\text{volume}}$

● Area and Volume coefficients fixed such that deviation is < 1%.

● Unknown parameters.

$$U_{\text{in-plane}} = \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} \left[ \frac{k_s l_{0j} (3x_j^2 - 2x_j^3)}{4(1-x_j)x_0} + \frac{k_{pj}}{l_j} \right]$$

$$U_{\text{bending}} = k_b \sum_{j=1}^{N_s} [1 - \cos \theta_j]$$

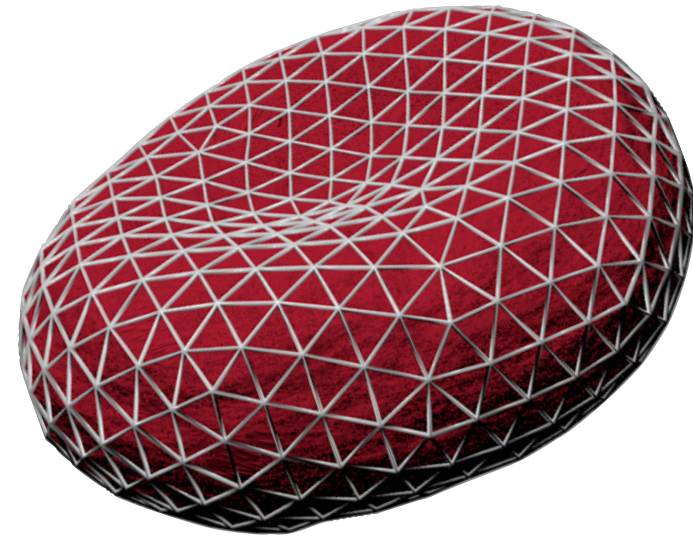
$$U_{\text{area}} = \frac{k_a (A - A_0)^2}{2A_0} + \sum_{j=1}^{N_t} \frac{k_d (A_j - A_{0j})^2}{2A_{0j}}$$

global
local

$$U_{\text{volume}} = \frac{k_v (V - V_0)^2}{2V_0}$$

Addition of viscous diffusion:  $\mathbf{F}_{m,ij}^D = -\gamma^c (\mathbf{v}_{ij} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{ij}) \mathbf{e}_{ij}$

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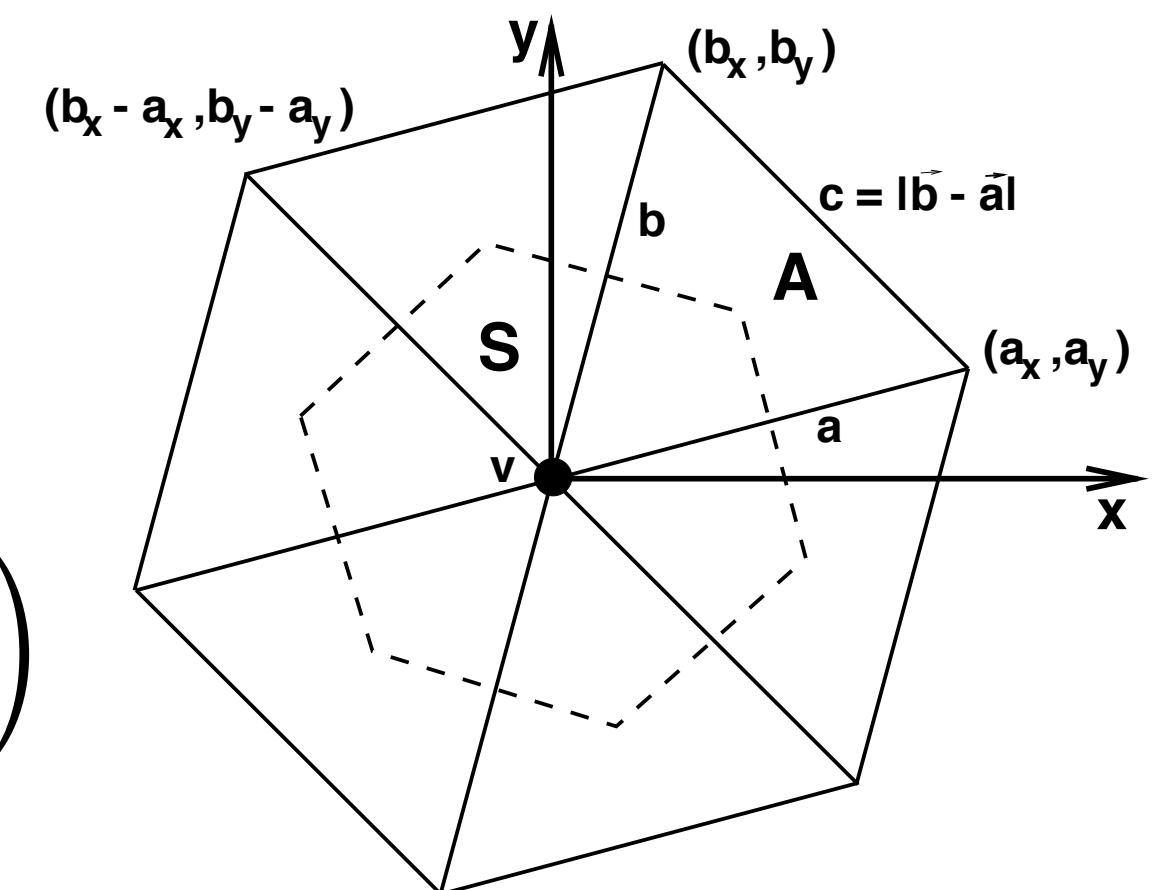
Potentials between pairs of particles (springs): Local potentials

Theoretical analysis for hexagonal network:

- Approximations to macroscopic material properties.
- Comparison with existing literature / other models.

Linear shear modulus:  $\mu_0 = \frac{\partial \tau_{xy}}{\partial \gamma} \Big|_{\gamma=0} \approx \frac{k_s \sqrt{3}}{4l_m x_0} \left( \frac{x_0}{2(1-x_0)^3} - \frac{1}{4(1-x_0)^2} + \frac{1}{4} \right)$

Membrane viscosity:  $\eta_m = \frac{\tau_{xy}}{\dot{\gamma}} \approx \gamma^c \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$

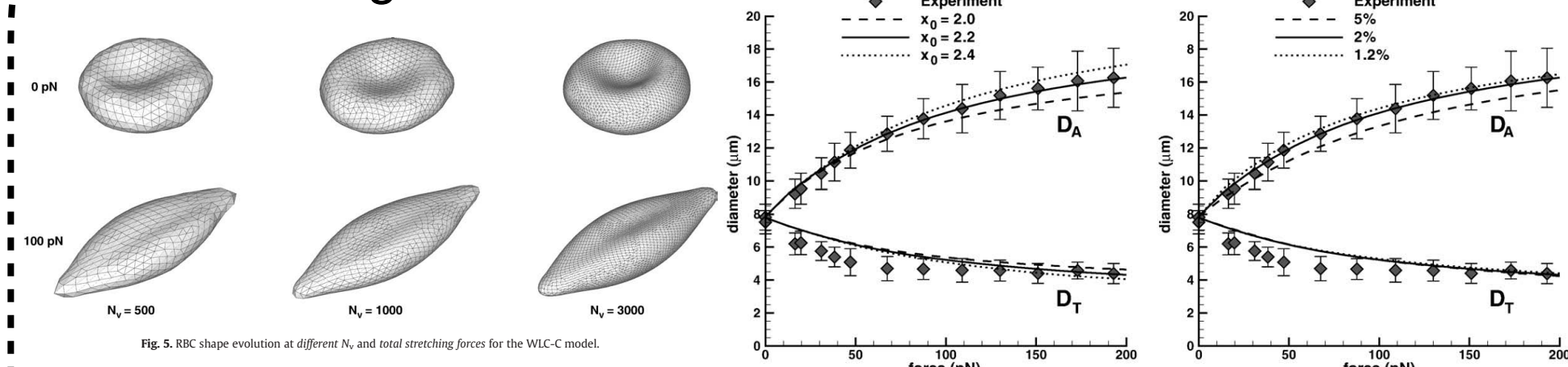


Fedosov, D., "Multiscale Modeling of Blood Flow and Soft Matter", PhD thesis, 2010.



# Validation & Applications in Literature

## Stretching



Fedosov et al., "Systematic coarse-graining of spectrin-level red blood cell models", *CMAME*, 2010.

## Twisting torque cytometry

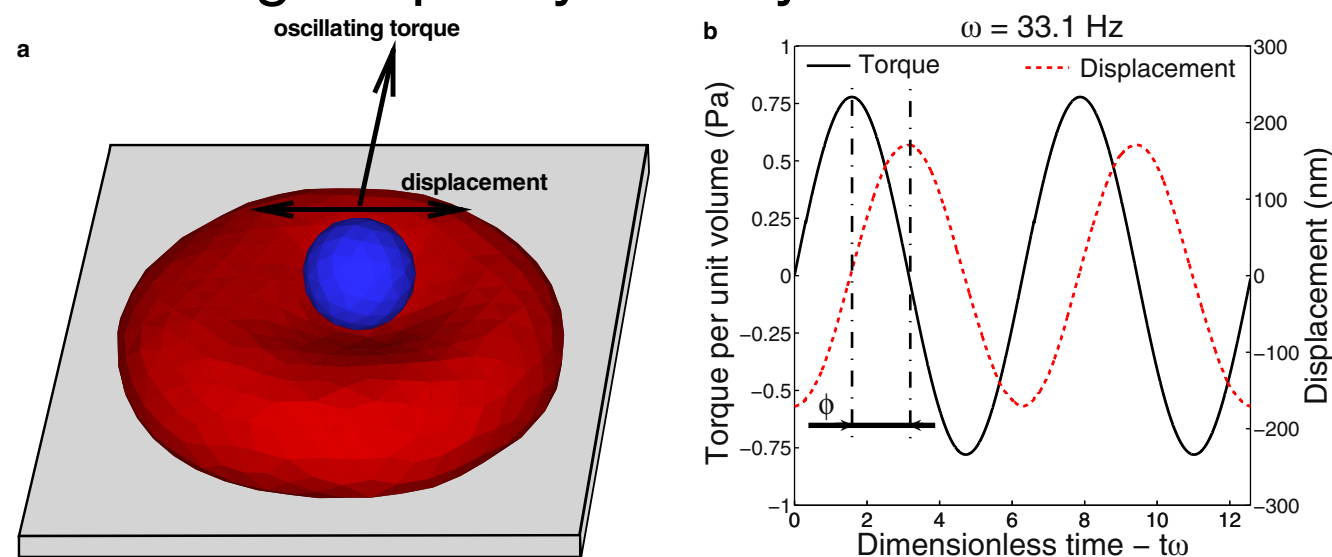
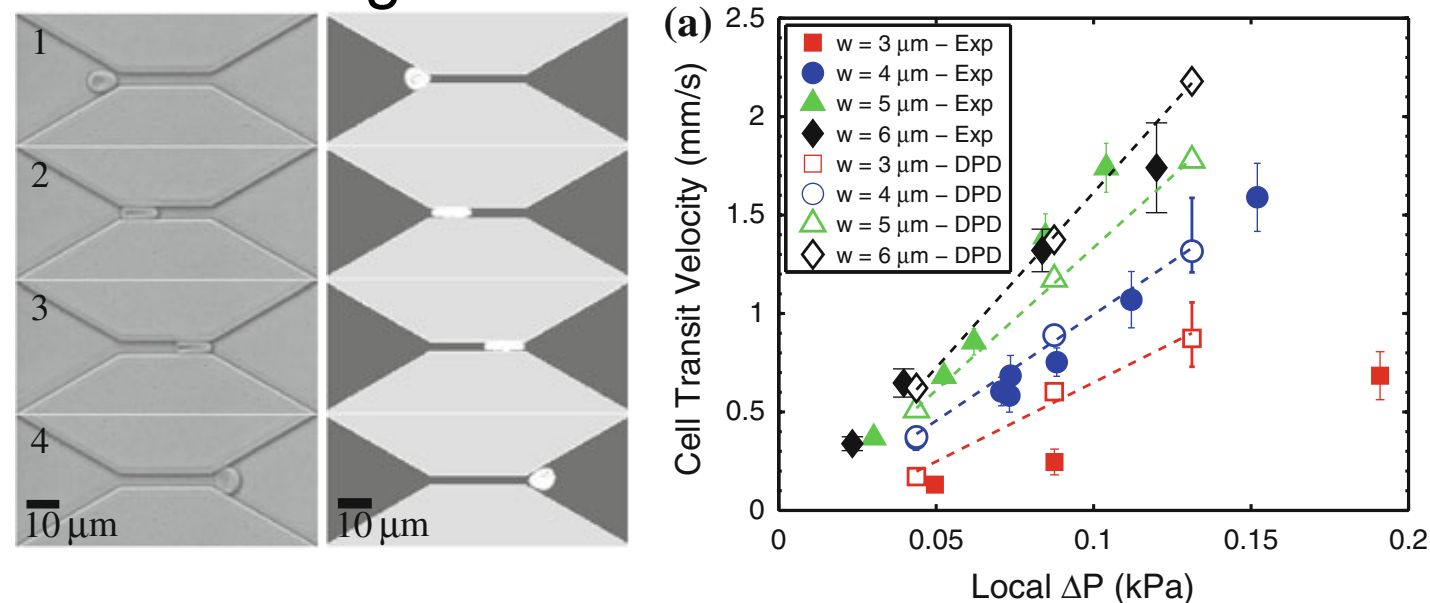


FIGURE 2 A setup of the TTC (a) and the characteristic response of a microbead subjected to an oscillating torque (b).

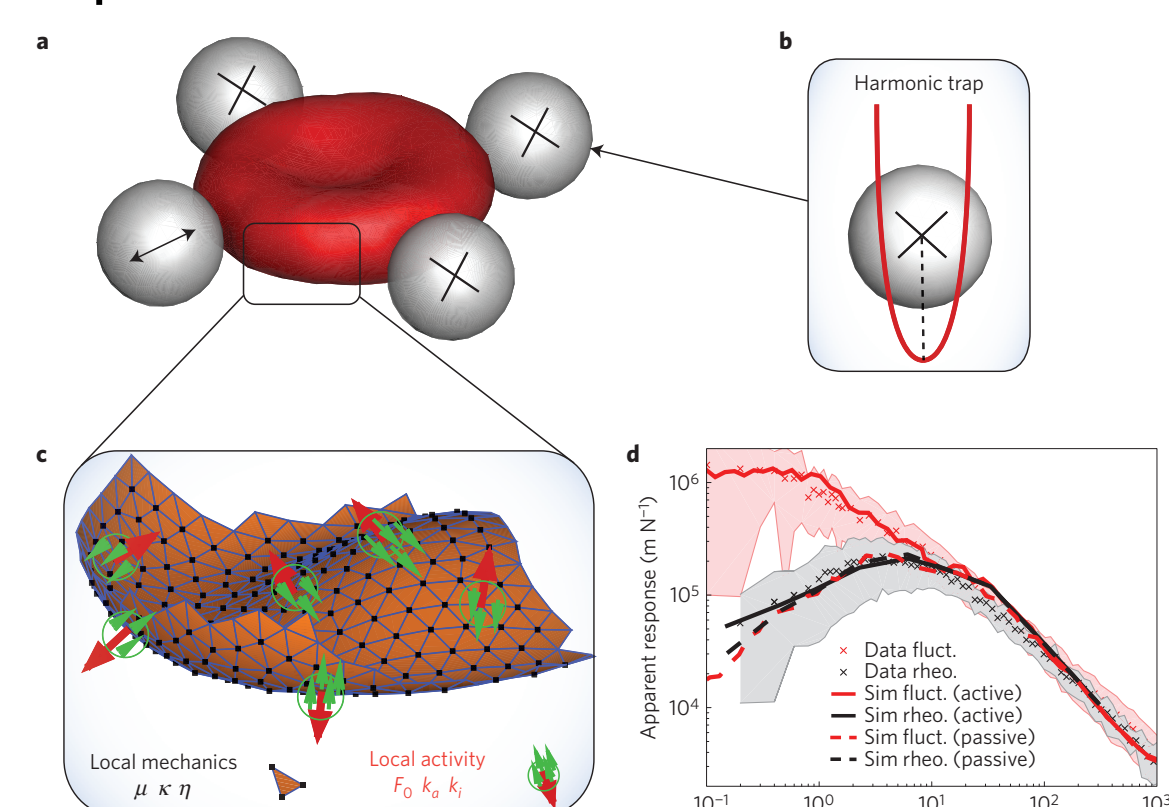
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## Flow through stenotic channel



Quinn et al., "Combined simulation and experimental study of large deformation of red blood cells in microfluidic systems", *Annals of Biomedical Engineering*, 2011.

## Equilibrium fluctuations



Turlier et al., "Equilibrium physics breakdown reveals the active nature of red blood cell flickering", *Nature Physics*, 2016.

## Flow in cylindrical μ-channels

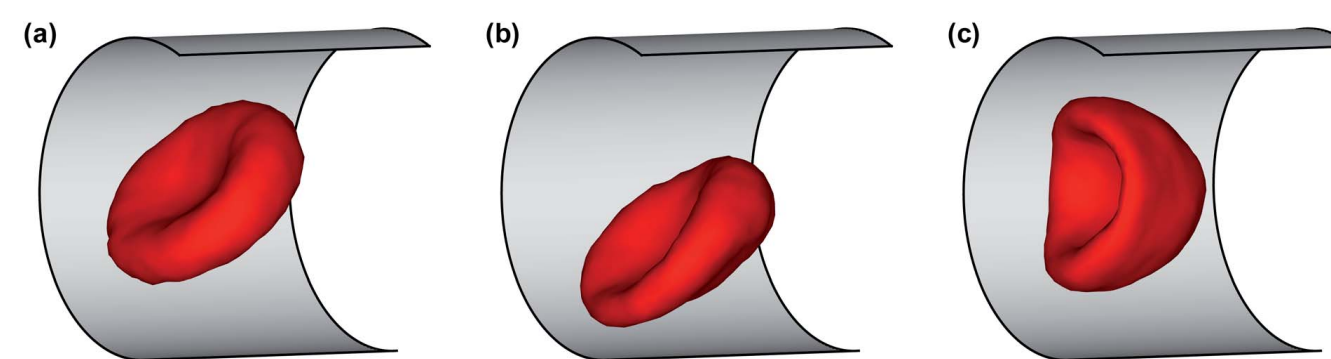
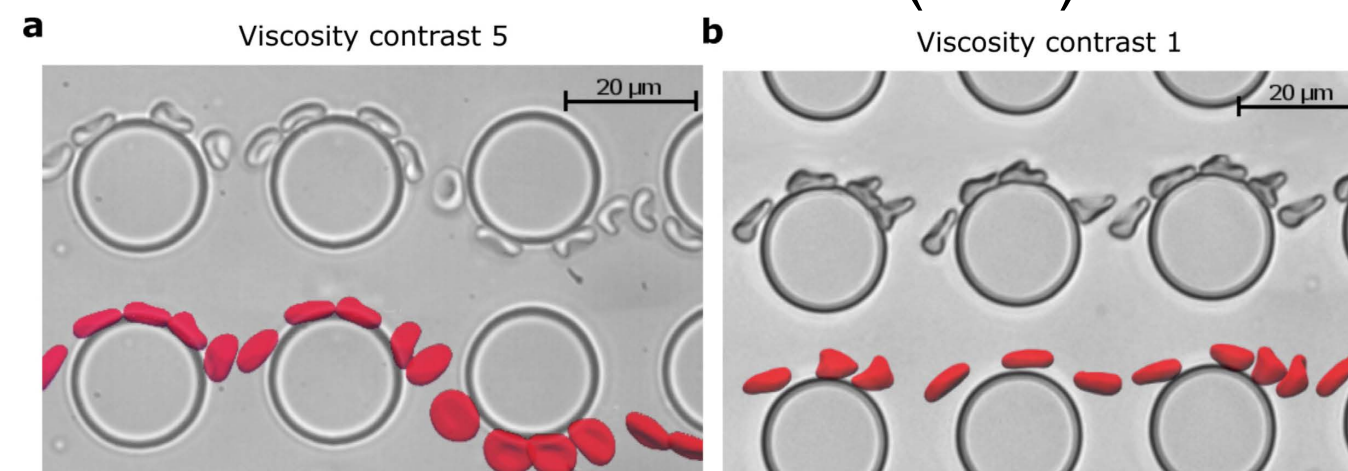


Fig. 1 Simulation snapshots of a RBC in flow (from left to right) for  $\chi = 0.58$ . (a) A biconcave RBC shape at  $\dot{\gamma}^* = 5$ ; (b) an off-center slipper cell shape at  $\dot{\gamma}^* = 24.8$ ; and (c) a parachute shape at  $\dot{\gamma}^* = 59.6$ . See also Movies S1–S4.†

Fedosov et al., "Deformation and dynamics of red blood cells in flow through cylindrical microchannels", *Soft Matter*, 2014.

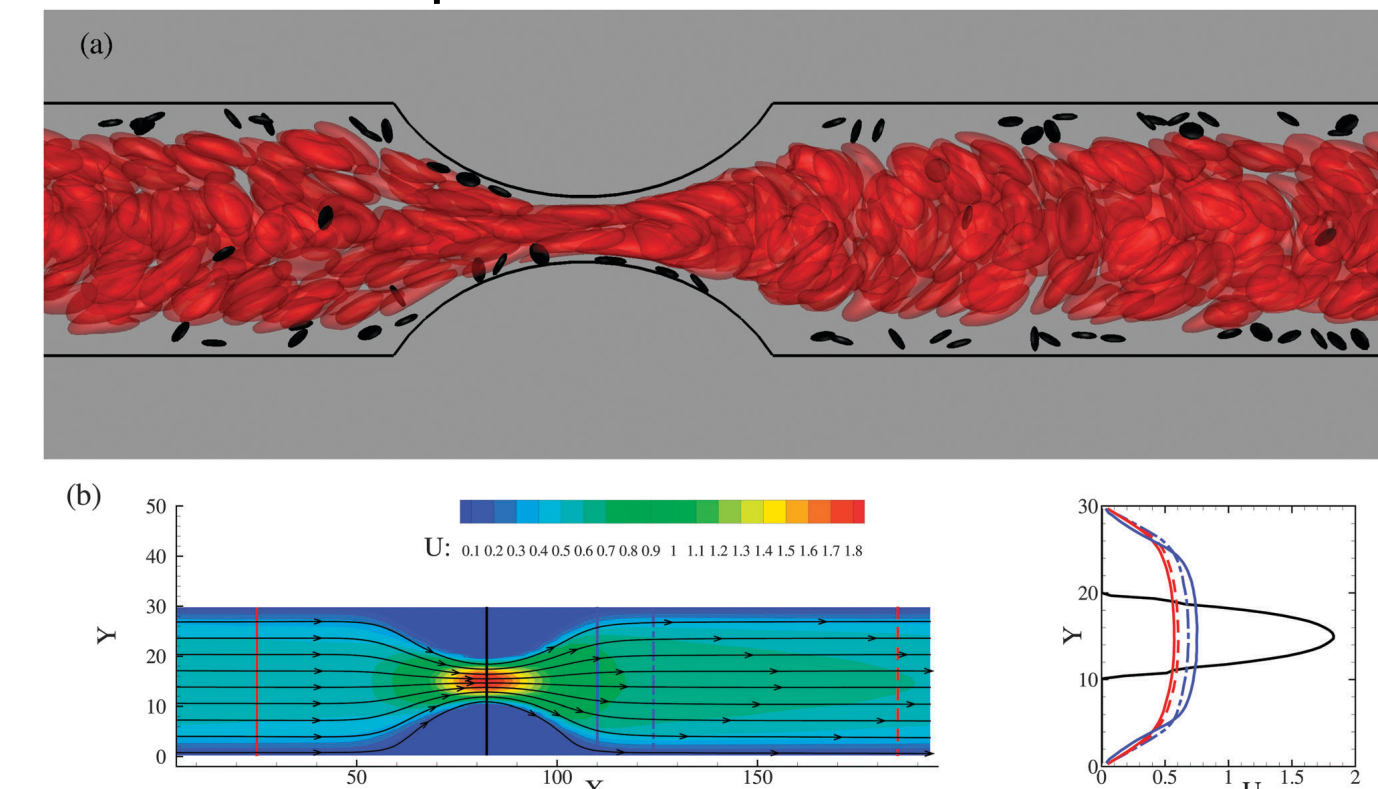
## Flow in microfluidics device (DLD)



Henry et al., "Sorting cells by their dynamical properties", *Scientific Reports*, 2016.

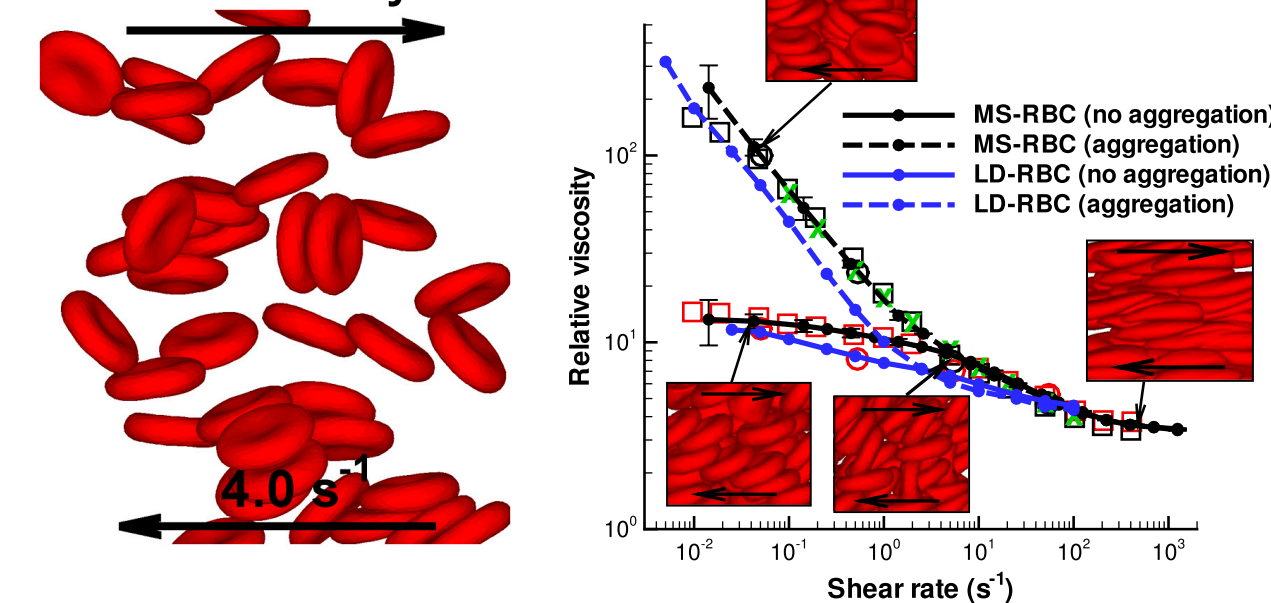
## SINGLE CELLS

## Platelet transport



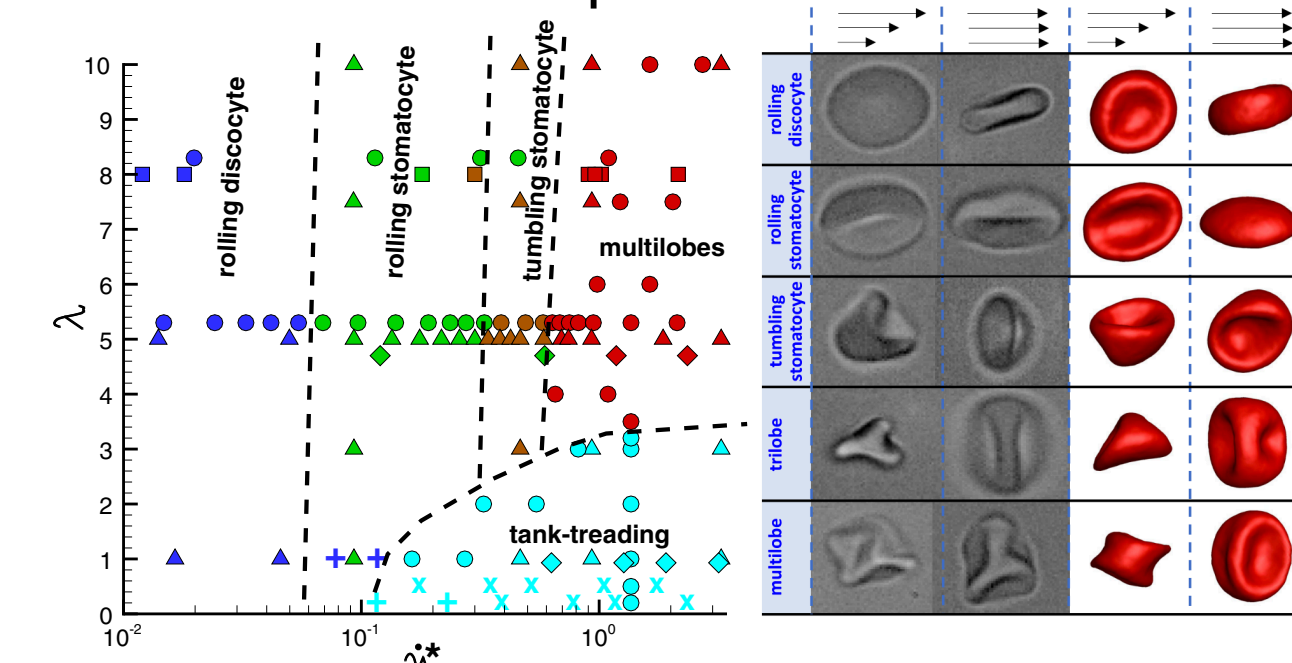
Yazdani and Karniadakis, "Sub-cellular modeling of platelet transport in blood flow through microchannels with constriction", *Soft Matter*, 2016.

## Blood viscosity



Fedosov et al., "Predicting human blood viscosity in silico", *PNAS*, 2011.

## Flow induced shape transitions



Mauer et al., "Flow-Induced Transitions of Red Blood Cell Shapes under Shear", *PRL*, 2018.

## MANY CELLS

# Model Parameters: Different experiments - different model

Application	T (°C)	$\mu_0$ ( $\mu\text{N}/\text{m}$ )	$\kappa_b$ ( $10^{-19}$ J)	$\eta_m/\eta_{Hb}$
single RBC				
Stretching <sup>20</sup>	23	6.30	2.40	—
TTC and shear flow <sup>19</sup>	23	6.30	4.80	4.4
Cylindrical $\mu$ -channel flow <sup>24</sup>	37	4.83	3.00	<i>n.a.</i>
Equilibrium <sup>70</sup>	23	2.42	1.43	22.2
DLD device <sup>34</sup>	37	4.83	3.00	<i>n.a.</i>
Dynamic morphologies in shear <sup>44</sup>	37	4.83	3.00	<i>n.a.</i>
Flow-induced shape transitions <sup>49</sup>	37	4.80	3.00	0
multiple RBCs				
Cell-free layer <sup>21</sup>	23	4.59	2.40	18.3
Pf-malaria biophysics <sup>22</sup>	37	6.30	2.40	<i>n.a.</i>
Blood viscosity prediction <sup>23</sup>	37	4.82	3.00	12.0
Platelet transport <sup>76</sup>	27	4.50	2.98	<i>n.a.</i>

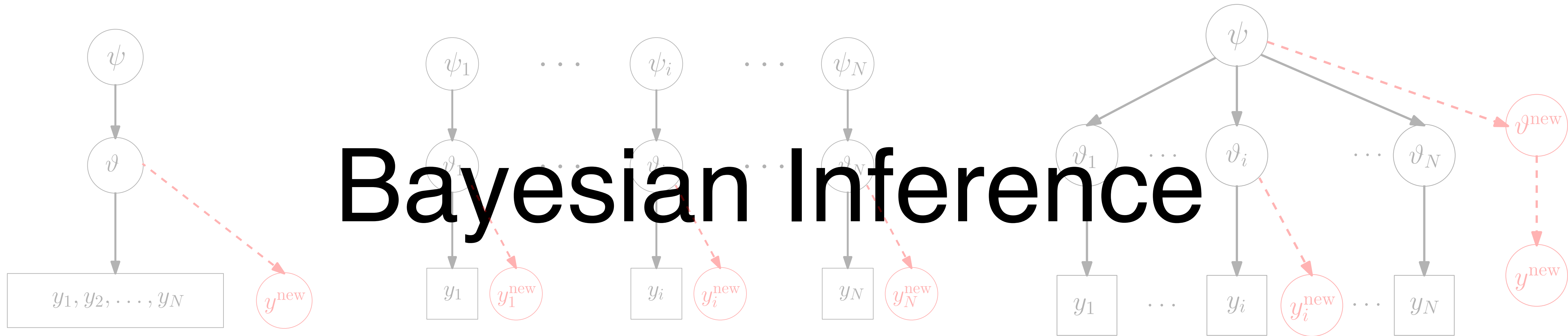
## Inferred Quantities

Scale:  $\mu_0$

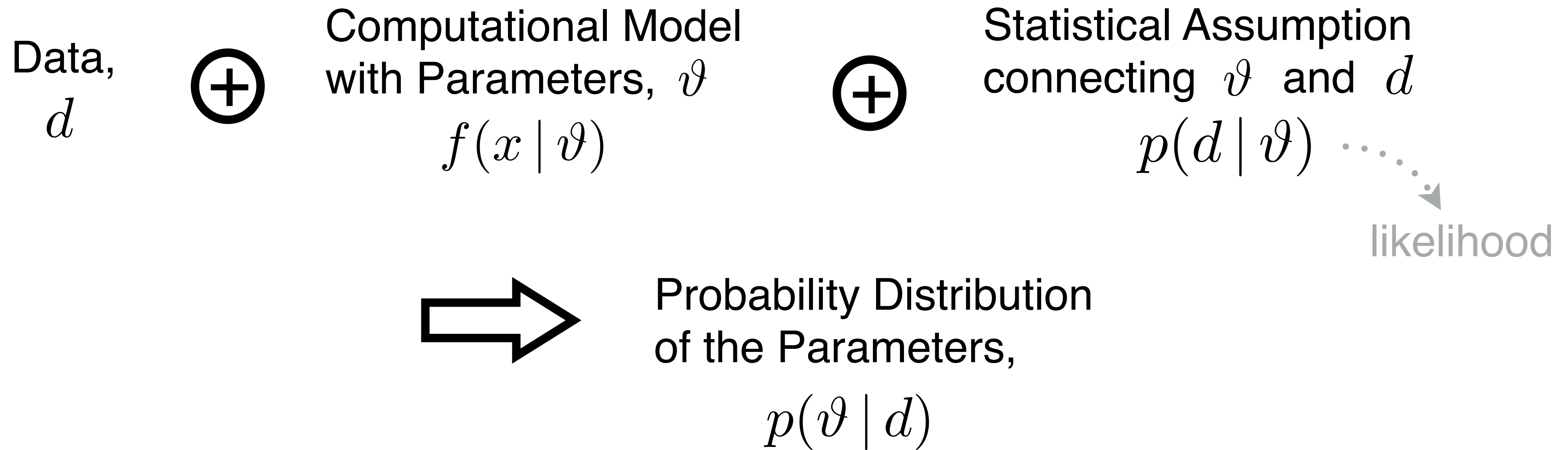
Relative strength between RBC energy potentials:

$$Q_1 = \frac{l_0}{l_{max}} \quad Q_2 = \frac{\mu_0 R_0^2}{k_b} \quad Q_3 = \frac{\eta_m}{\eta_{Hb}} \quad Q_4 = \frac{\eta_{Hb}^2}{\mu_0 R_0 \rho}$$

# Bayesian Inference



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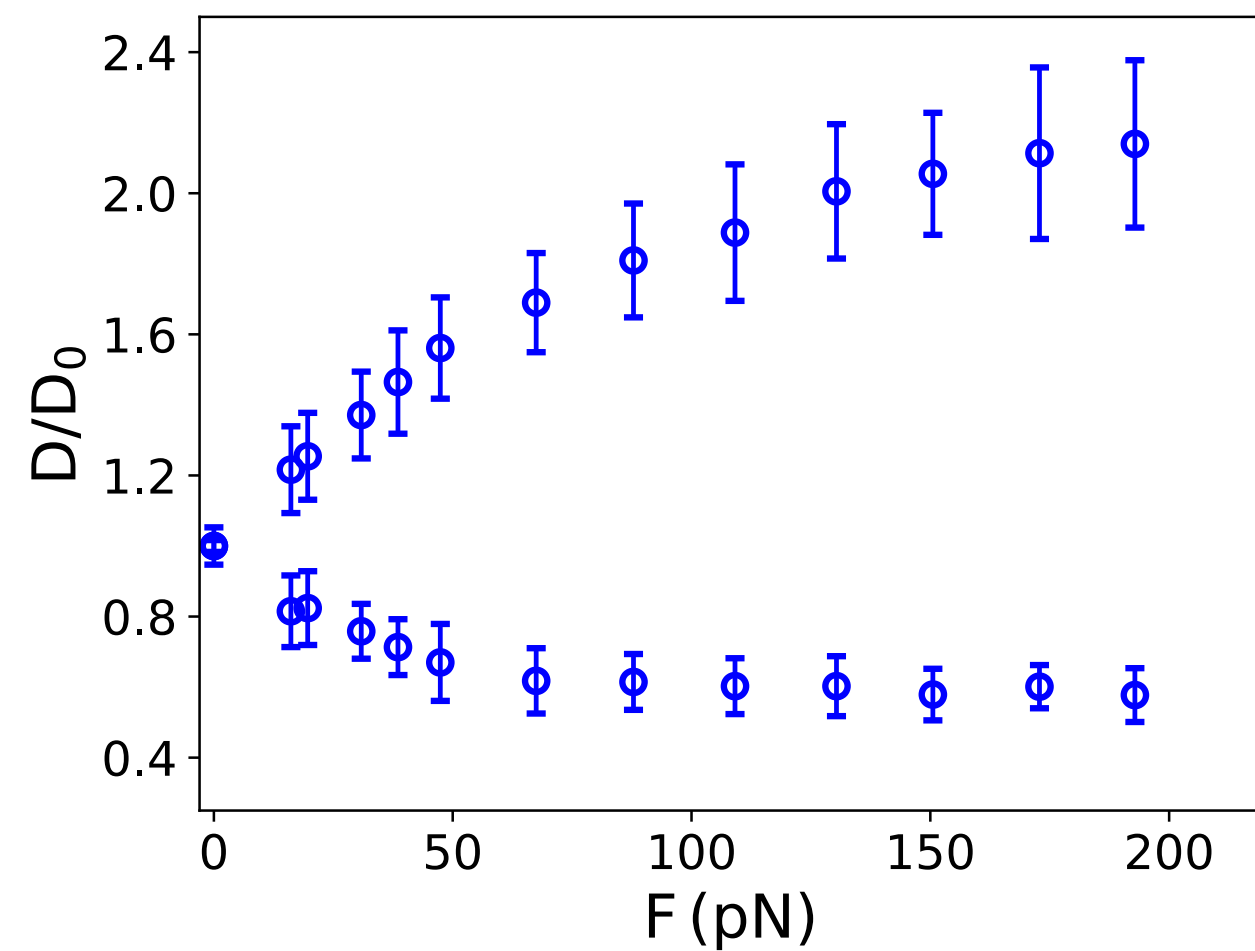


## Bayes' Theorem

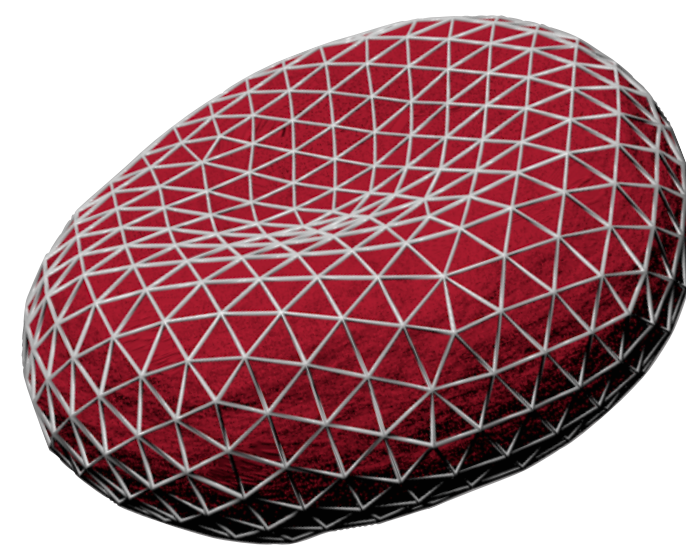
$$p(\vartheta | d) = \frac{p(d | \vartheta) p(\vartheta)}{p(d)}$$

# Bayesian Inference

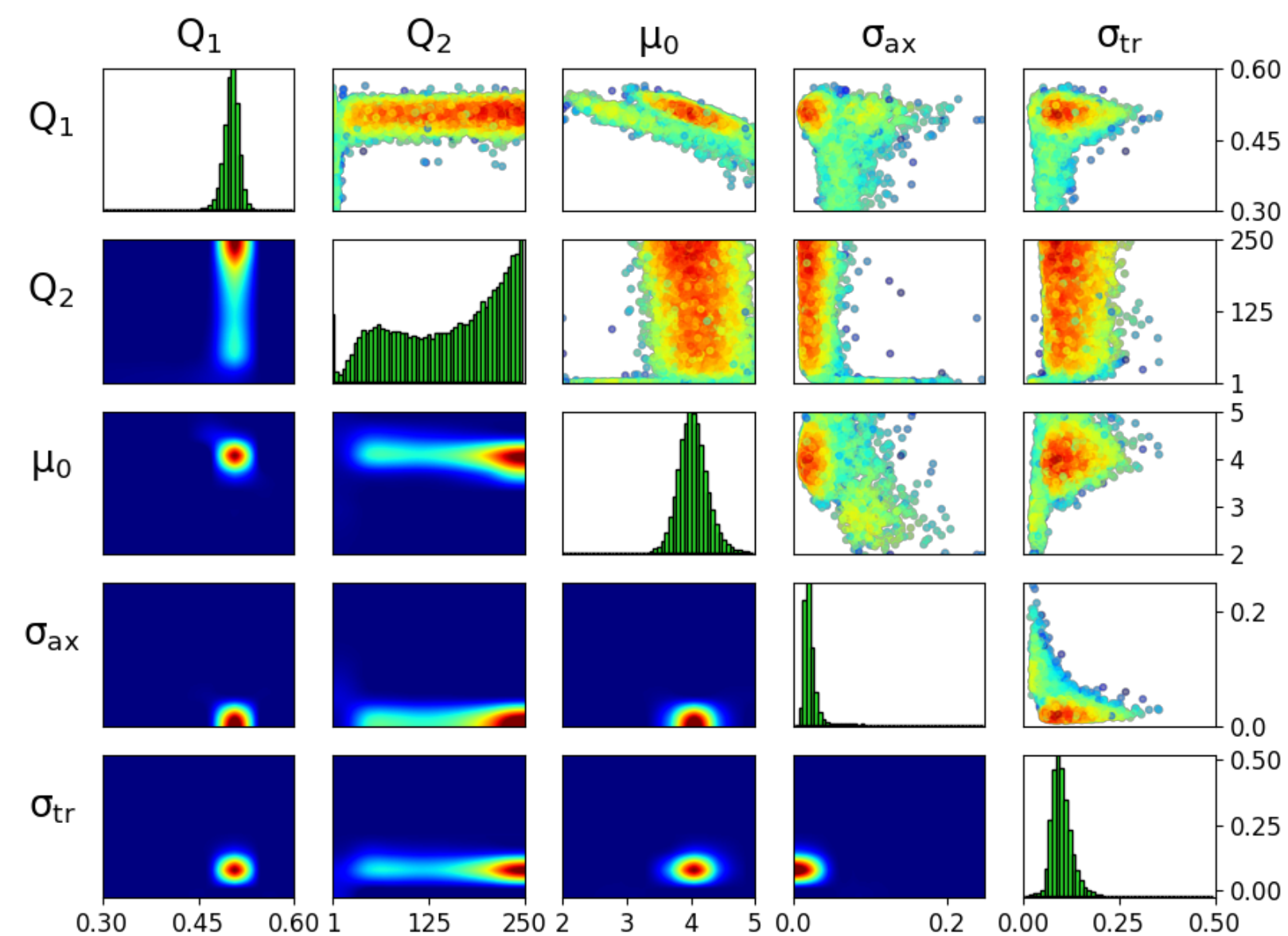
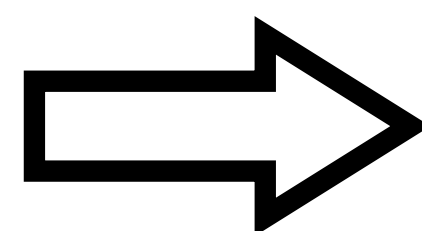
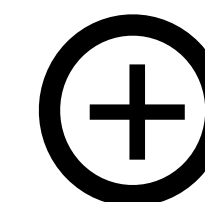
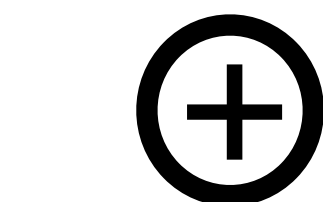
## Experimental Data



## Computational Model



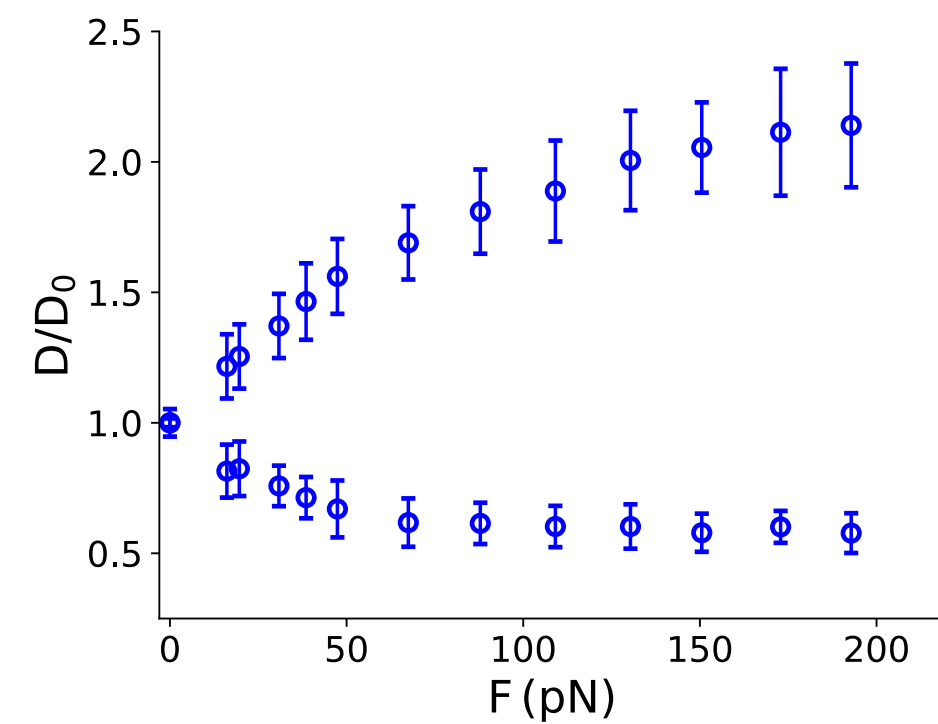
$$d = f(x | \vartheta) + \epsilon$$
$$\epsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_n)$$



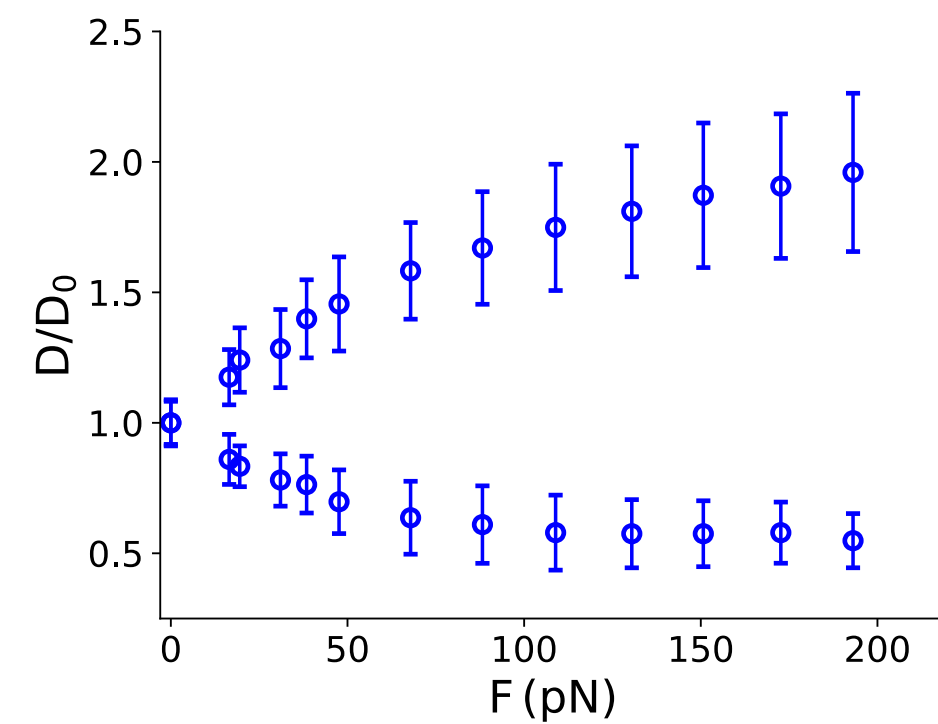
$$p(\vartheta_1 | d_1, \mathcal{M}_1)$$

# Hierarchical Bayesian Inference

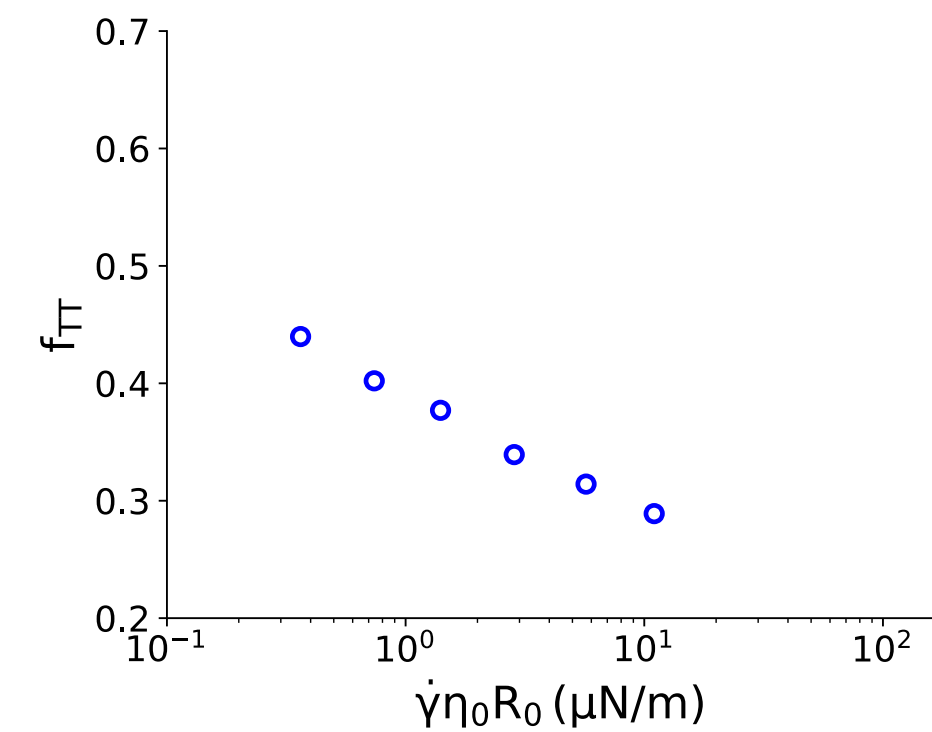
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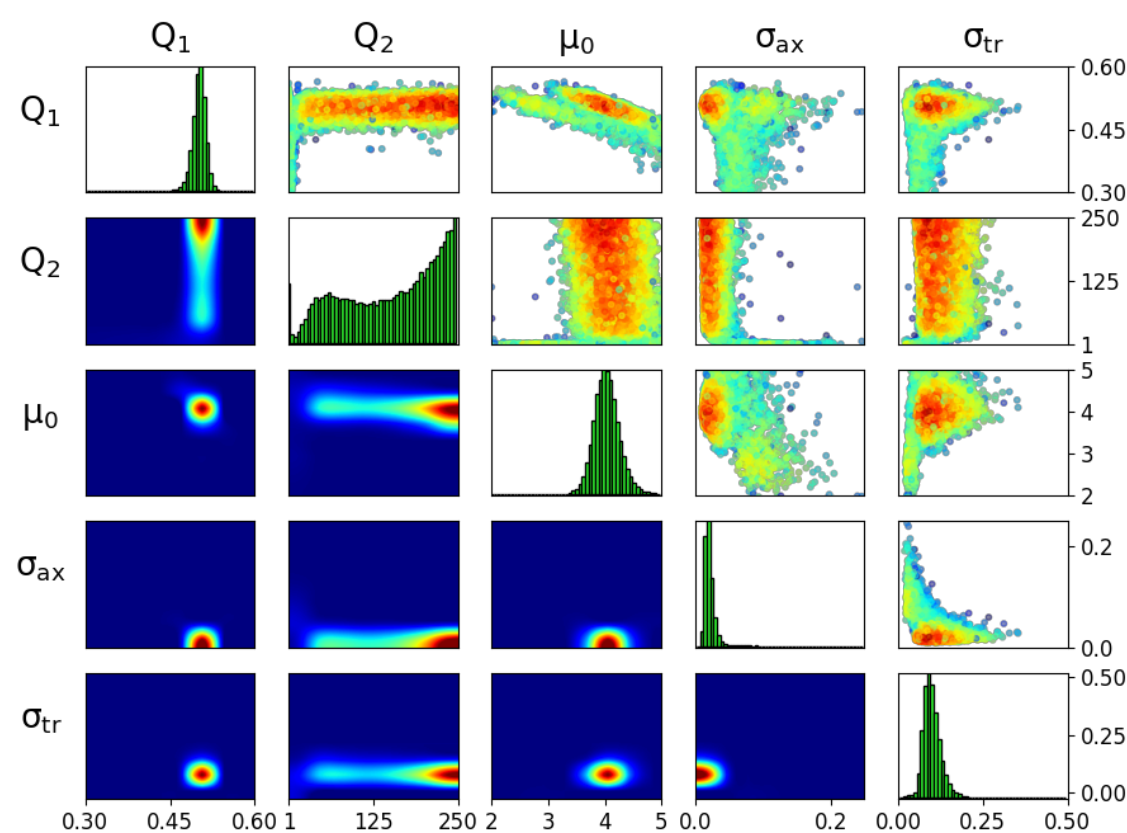
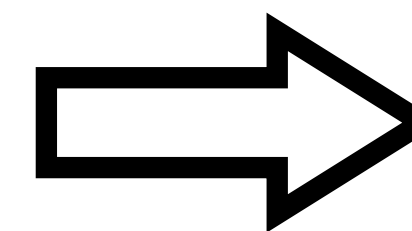
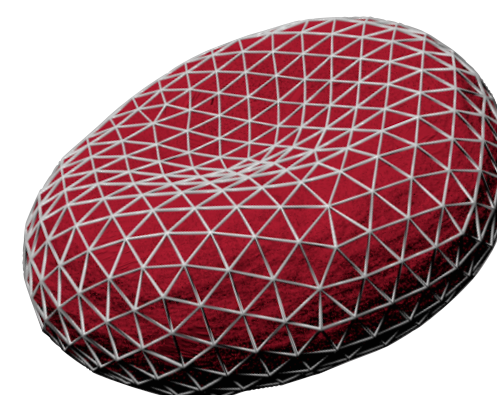
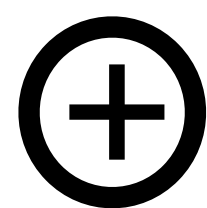
$d_2$



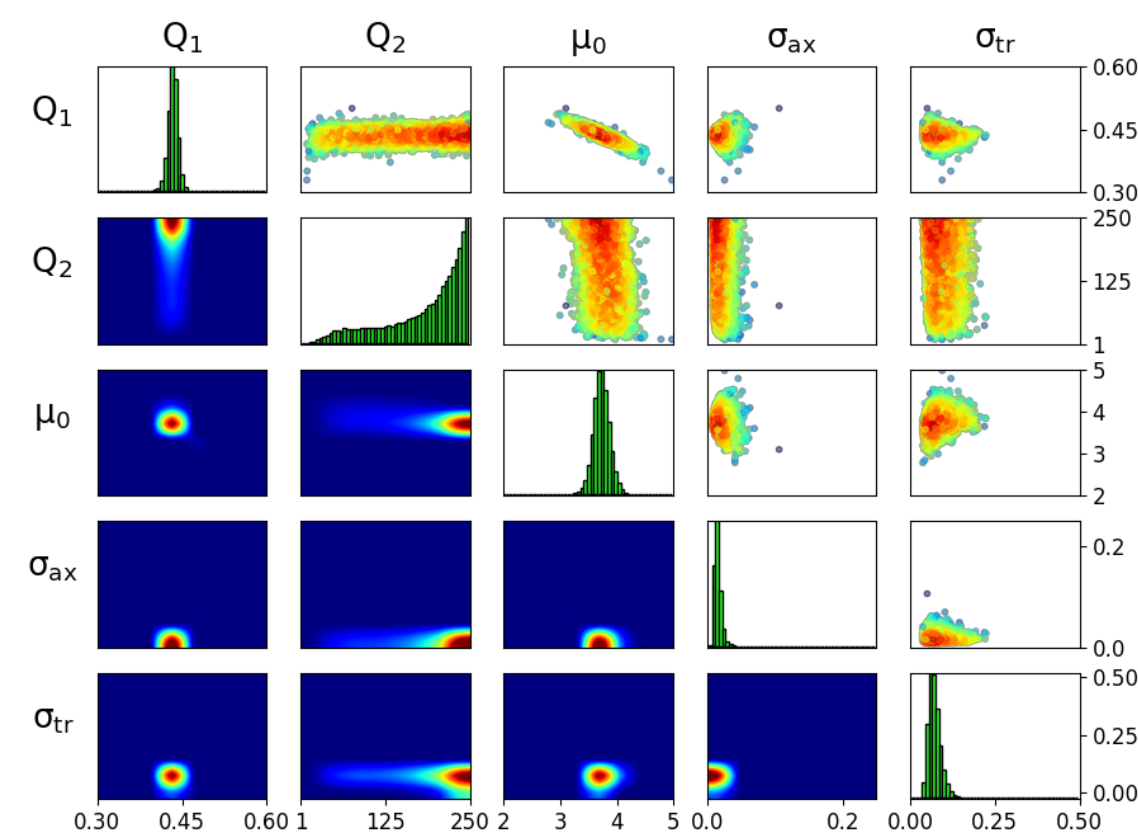
$d_N$



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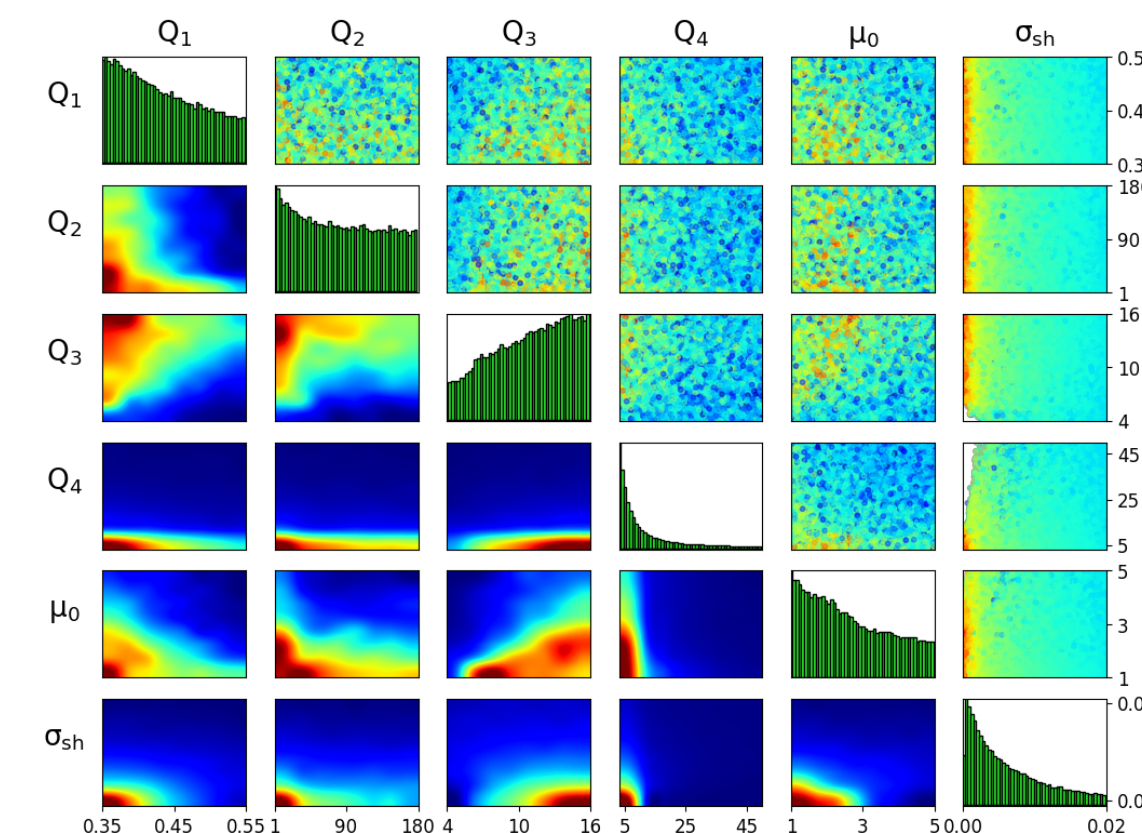


$p(\vartheta_1 | d_1, \mathcal{M}_1)$



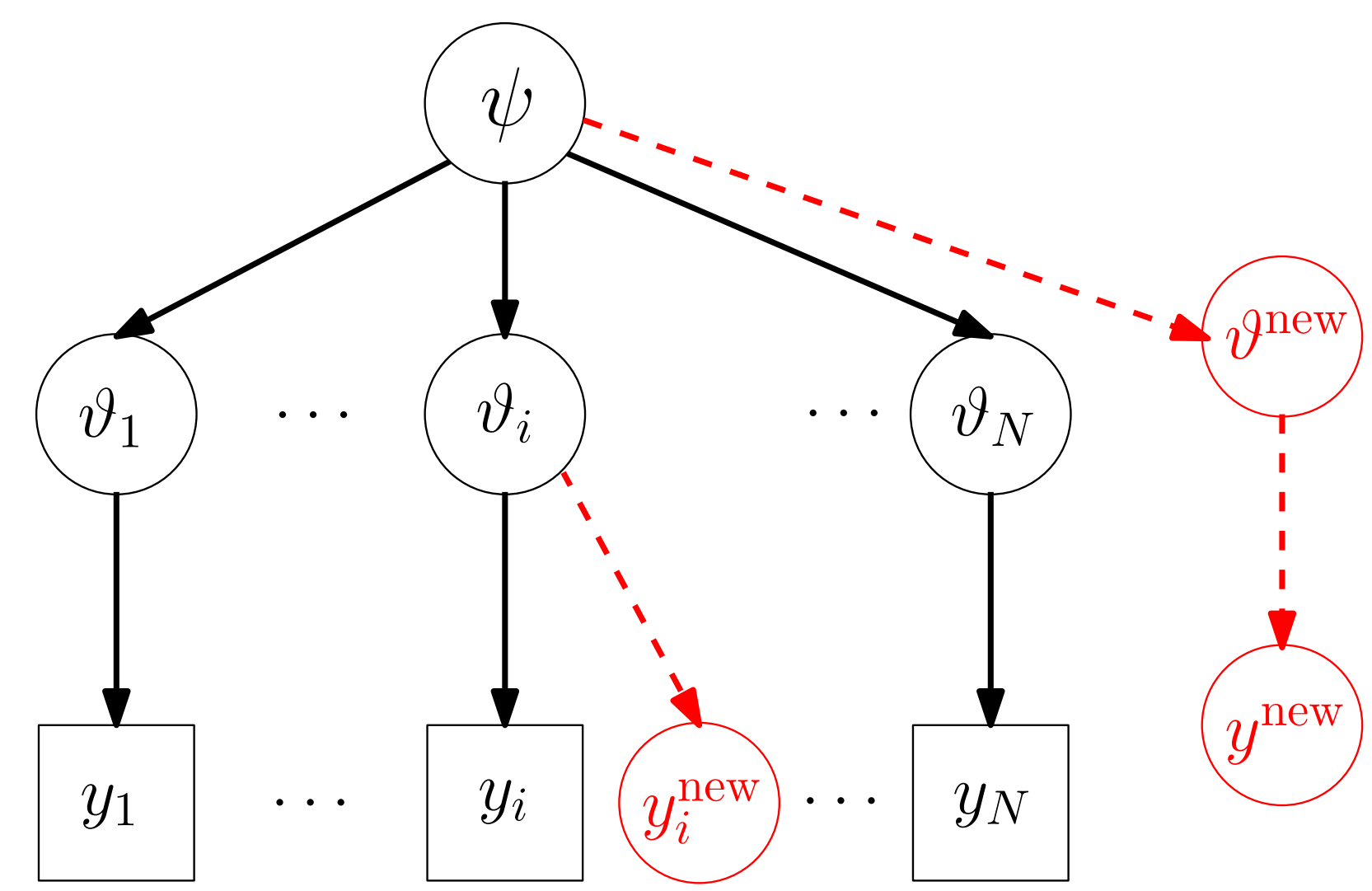
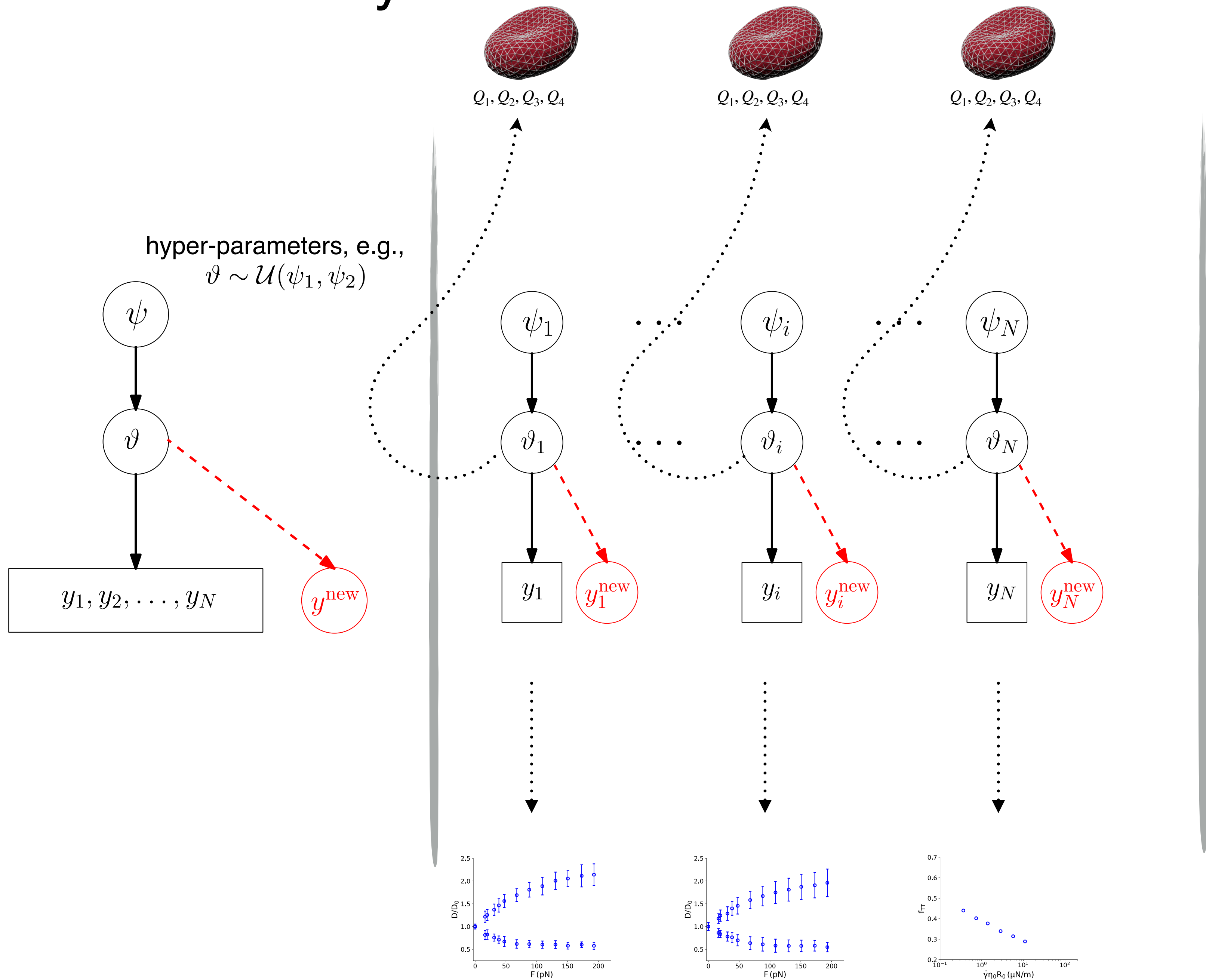
$p(\vartheta_2 | d_2, \mathcal{M}_2)$

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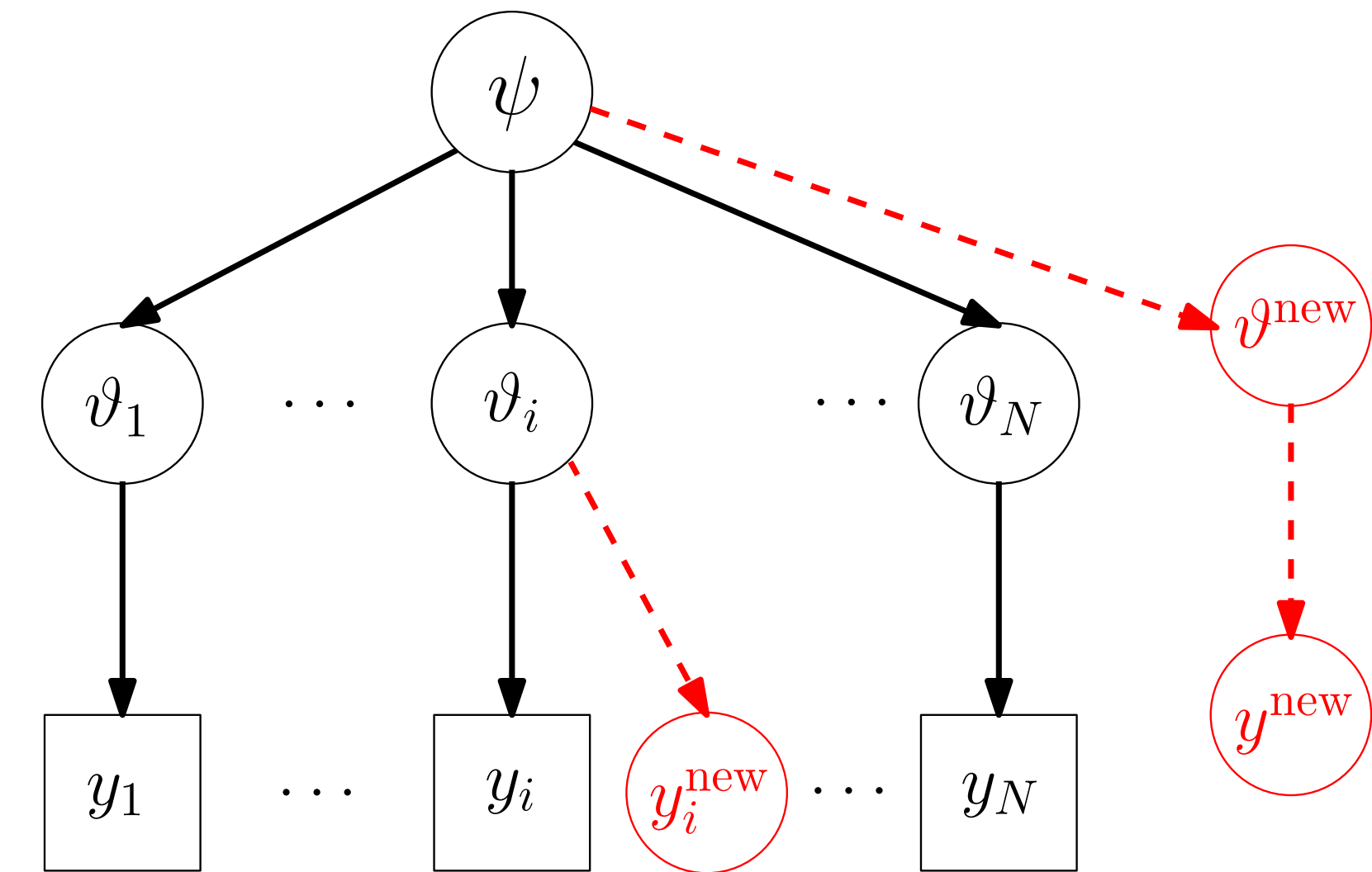
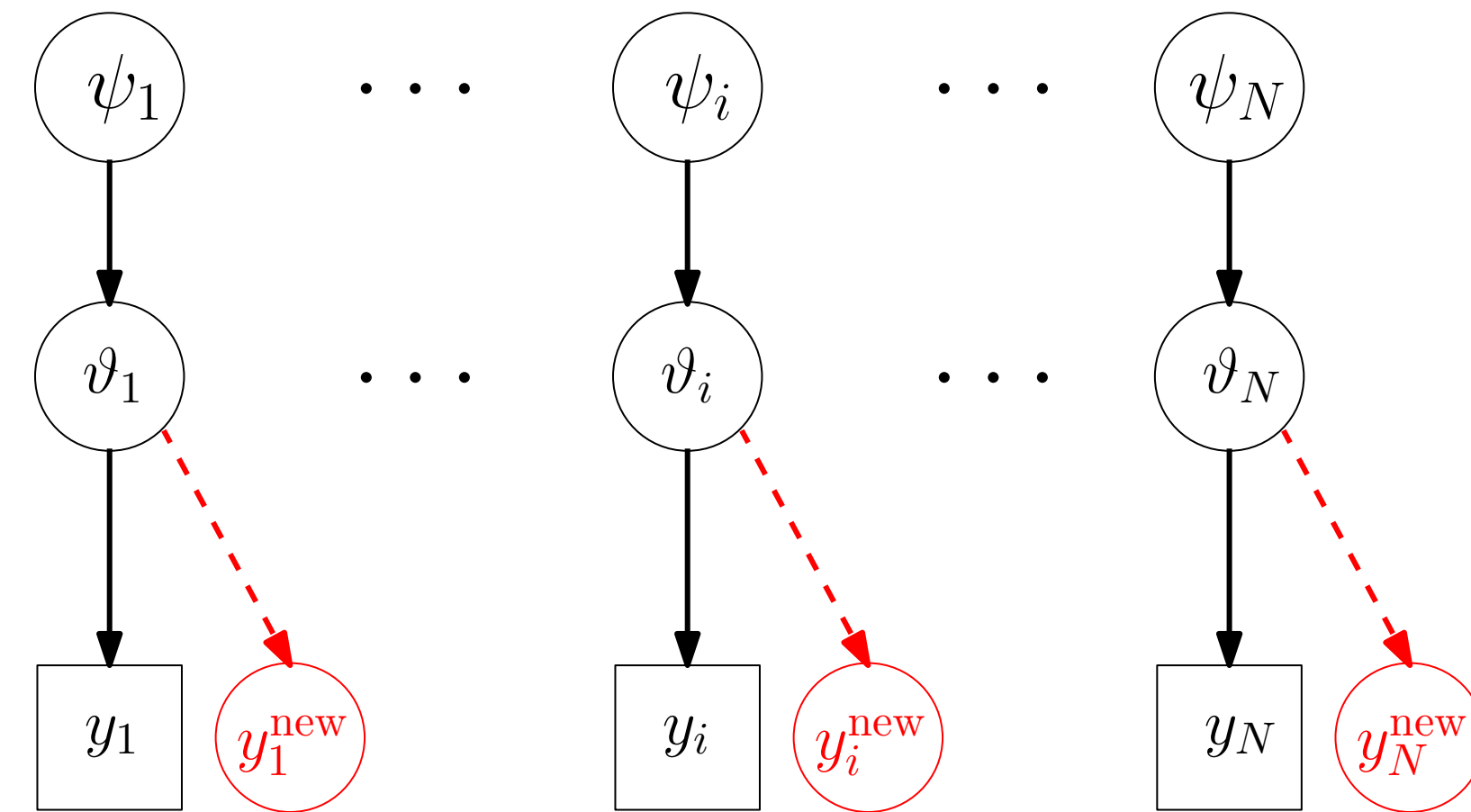
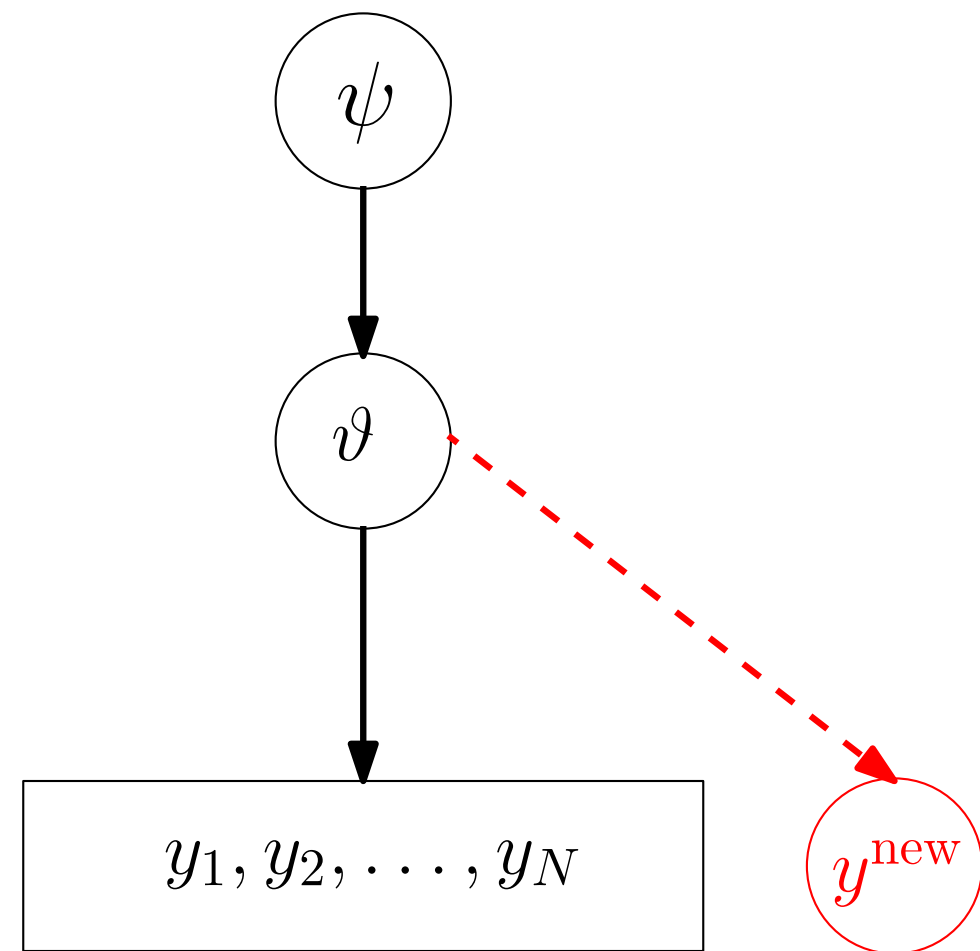


$p(\vartheta_7 | d_7, \mathcal{M}_7)$

# Hierarchical Bayesian Inference



# Hierarchical Bayesian Inference



- lost of individual information
- one parameters explains all data
- large uncertainty

- no exchange of information between data
- some data sets may be more informative

- information flows through the hyper-parameters
- uncertainty of individual parameters may be reduced
- the hyper-parameters serve as a data driven prior for future inferences



# Hierarchical Bayesian Inference

$$p(\psi|d) \propto p(d|\psi)p(\psi)$$

$$d = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_N\}$$

prior on hyperparameters

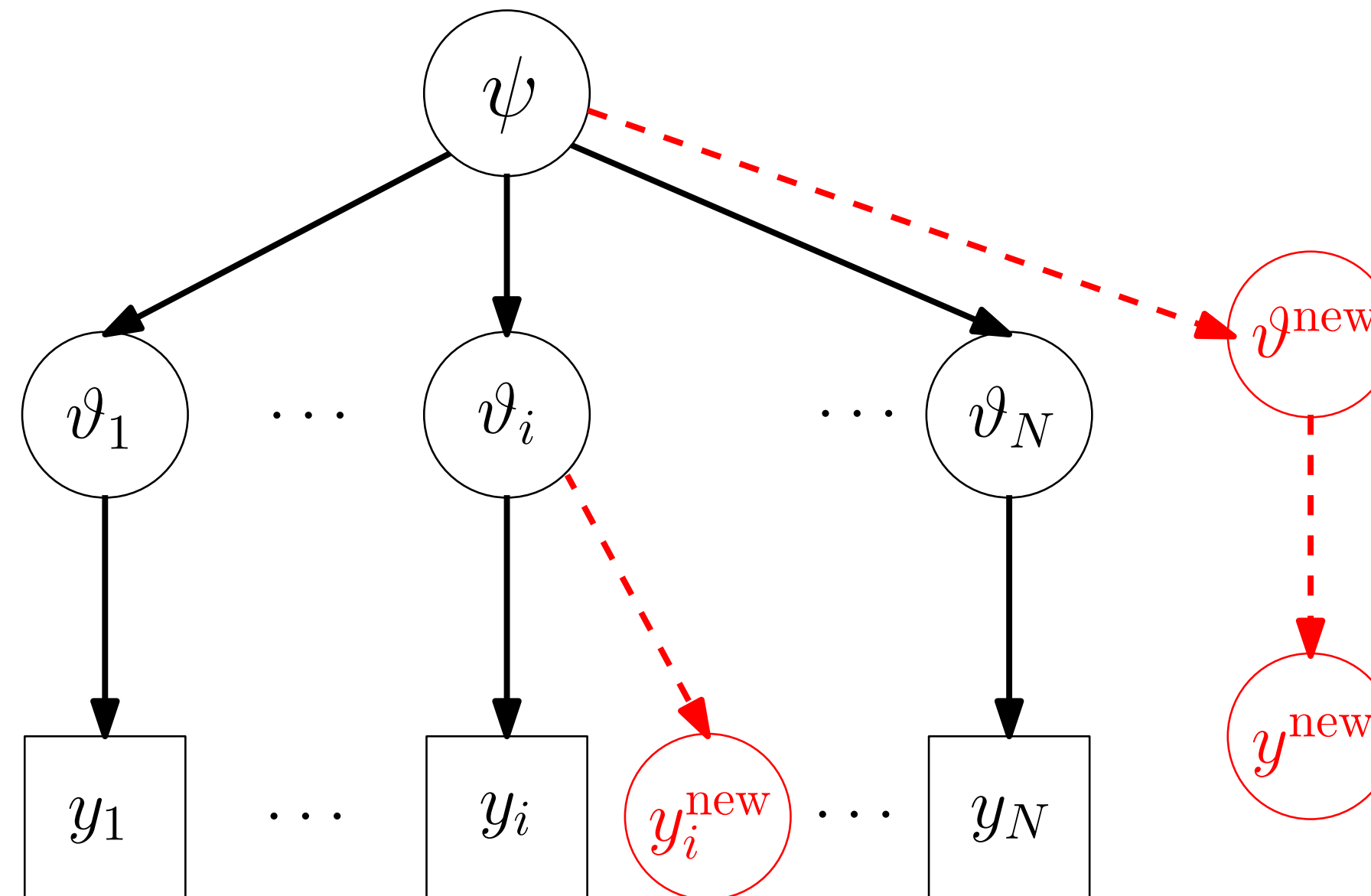
$$\leftarrow \dots \dots p(\psi)$$

prior on model parameters

$$\leftarrow \dots \dots p(\vartheta_i|\psi)$$

likelihood of the data

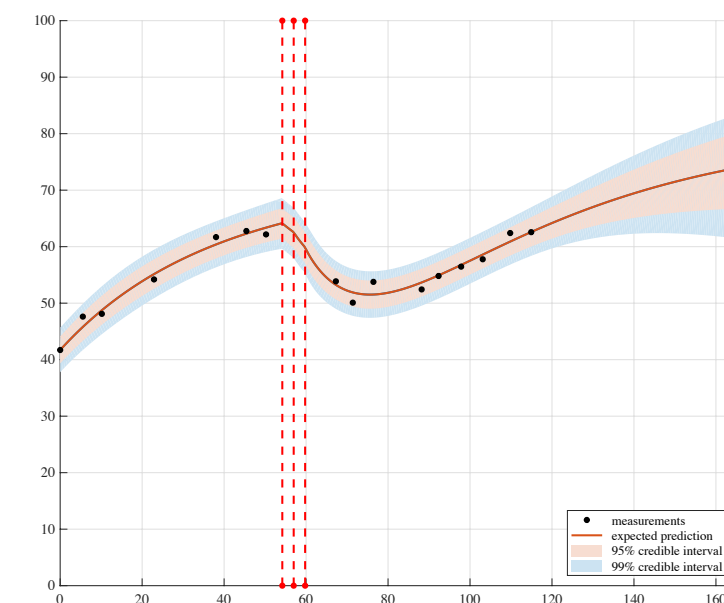
$$\leftarrow \dots \dots p(y_i|\vartheta_i)$$

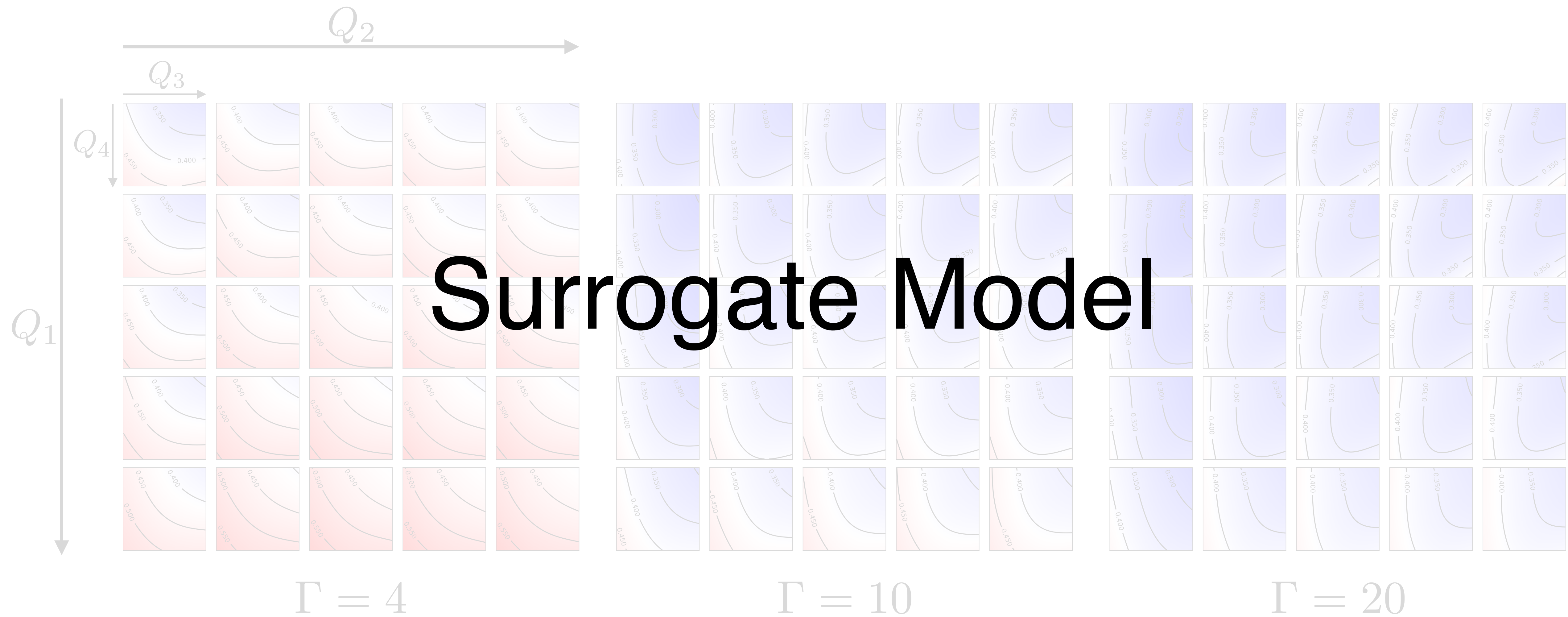


$$p(d|\psi) = \int p(d, \vartheta|\psi) d\vartheta$$

prediction for the i-th individual

$$= \prod_{i=1}^N \int p(d_i|\vartheta_i) p(\vartheta_i|\psi) d\vartheta_i$$





# Gaussian Processes

Discretize the parameter space  $\vartheta^{(i)}, i = 1, \dots, M$

Run the computational model on  $\vartheta^{(i)}$  with input  $x^{(i)}$  and get the output  $\mathbf{t}_M = (t_1, \dots, t_M)$

Set  $\mathbf{D}_M = \{t_1, \dots, t_M, \zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_M\}$  where  $\zeta_i = (x^{(i)}, \vartheta^{(i)})$

The prediction  $t_{M+1}$  of the GP model for a new  $\zeta_{M+1}$  given the data  $\mathbf{D}_M$  is a random variable

$$p(t_{M+1}, \mathbf{D}_M) = \mathcal{N} \left( t_{M+1} \mid m(\mathbf{D}_M), \sigma^2(\mathbf{D}_M) \right)$$

$$m(\mathbf{D}_M) = k_{M+1}^\top C_M^{-1} \mathbf{t}_M$$

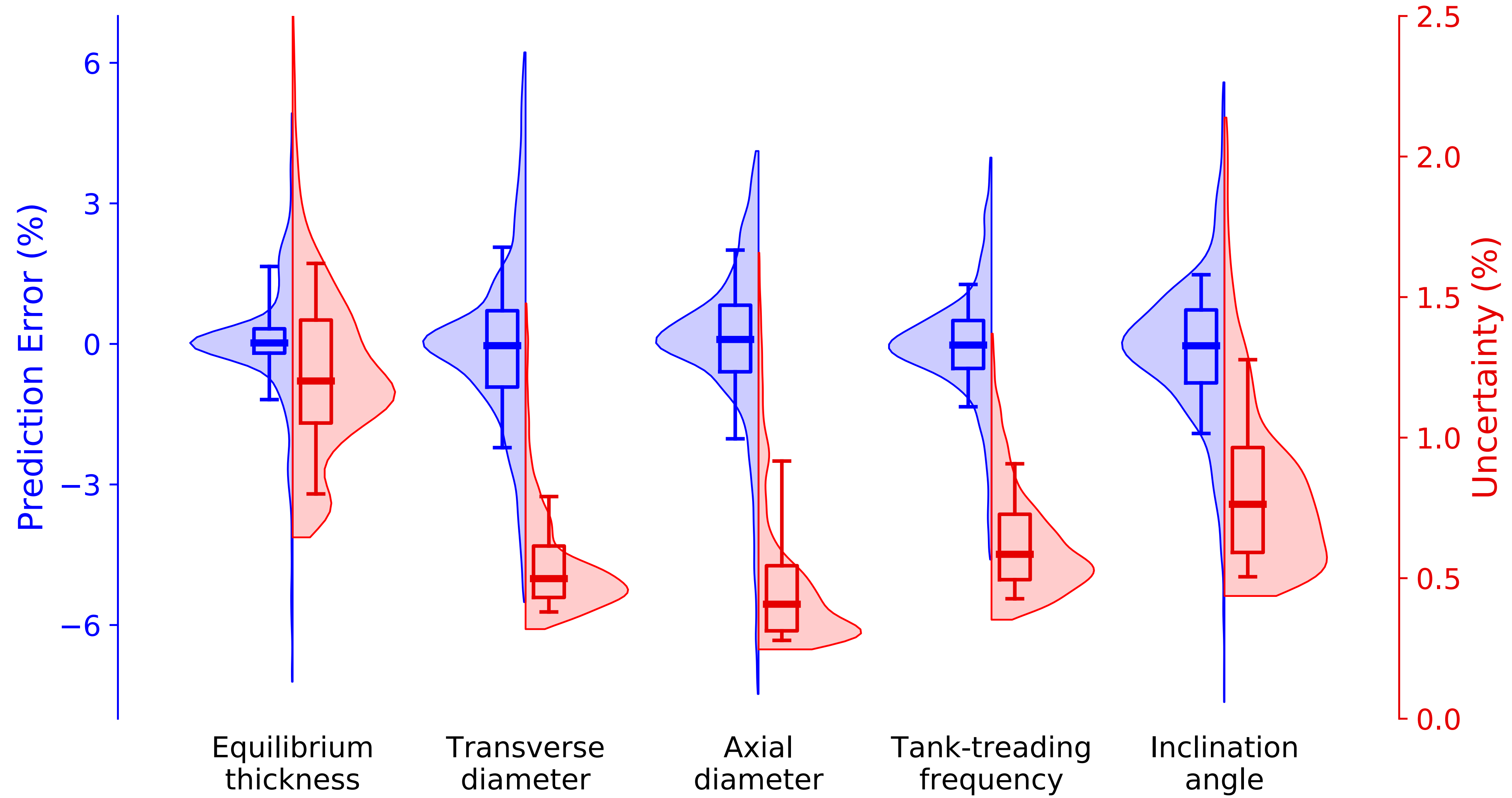
$$\sigma^2(\mathbf{D}_M) = c_{M+1} - k_{M+1}^\top C_M^{-1} k_{M+1}$$

$$\left[ k_{M+1}^\top \right]_i = \kappa(\zeta_i, \zeta_{M+1}), \quad i = 1, \dots, M$$

$$\left[ C \right]_{i,j} = \kappa(\zeta_i, \zeta_j), \quad i, j = 1, \dots, M$$

$$c_{M+1} = \kappa(\zeta_{M+1}, \zeta_{M+1})$$

# Gaussian Processes: Validation



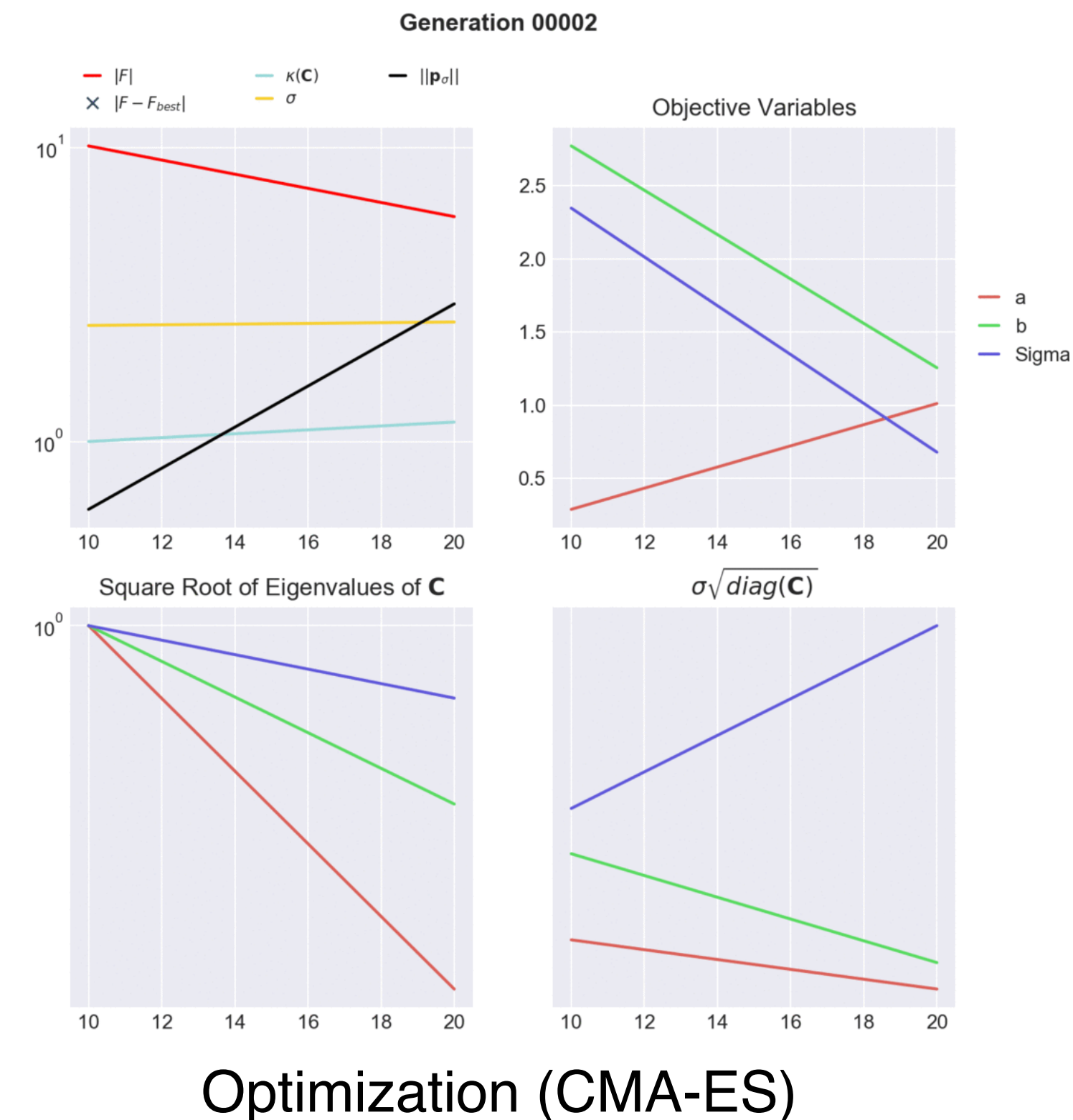
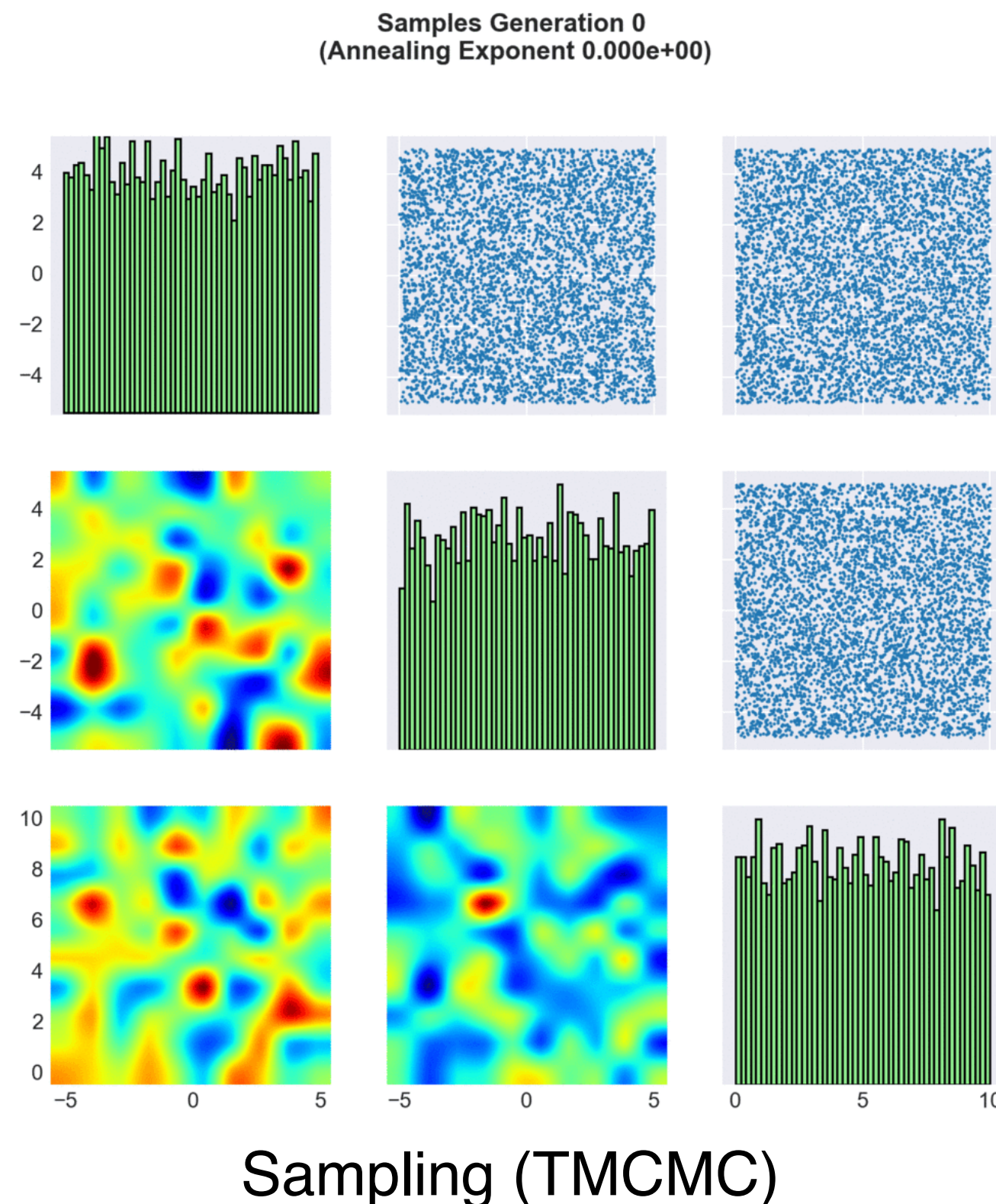


# korali

an HPC framework for optimization, sampling and Bayesian UQ  
of large-scale computational models

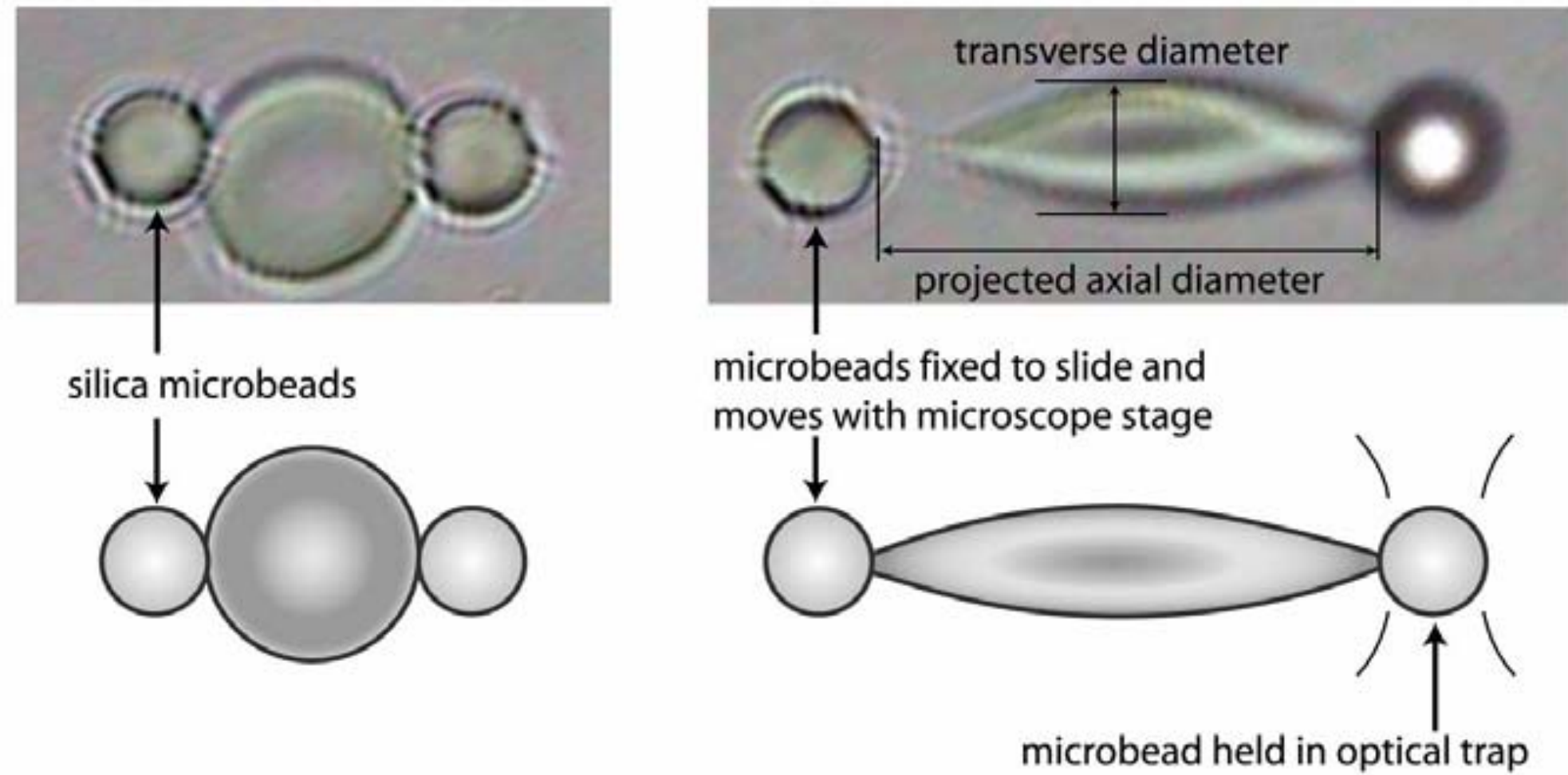
## Design Principles

- **Modularity.** Korali is designed as a completely modular software.
- **Scalability.** We have designed Korali's problem definition interface to remain agnostic about its execution platform.
- **High-Throughput.** Complete utilisation of the given computational resources.
- **High-Performance.** Supports the execution of parallel (MPI, UPC++) and GPU-based (CUDA) computational models.

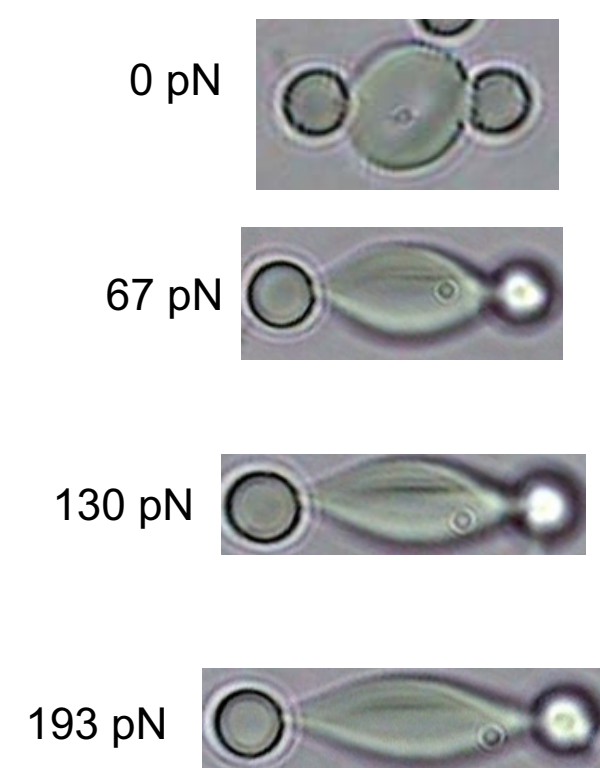


# Stretching experiment

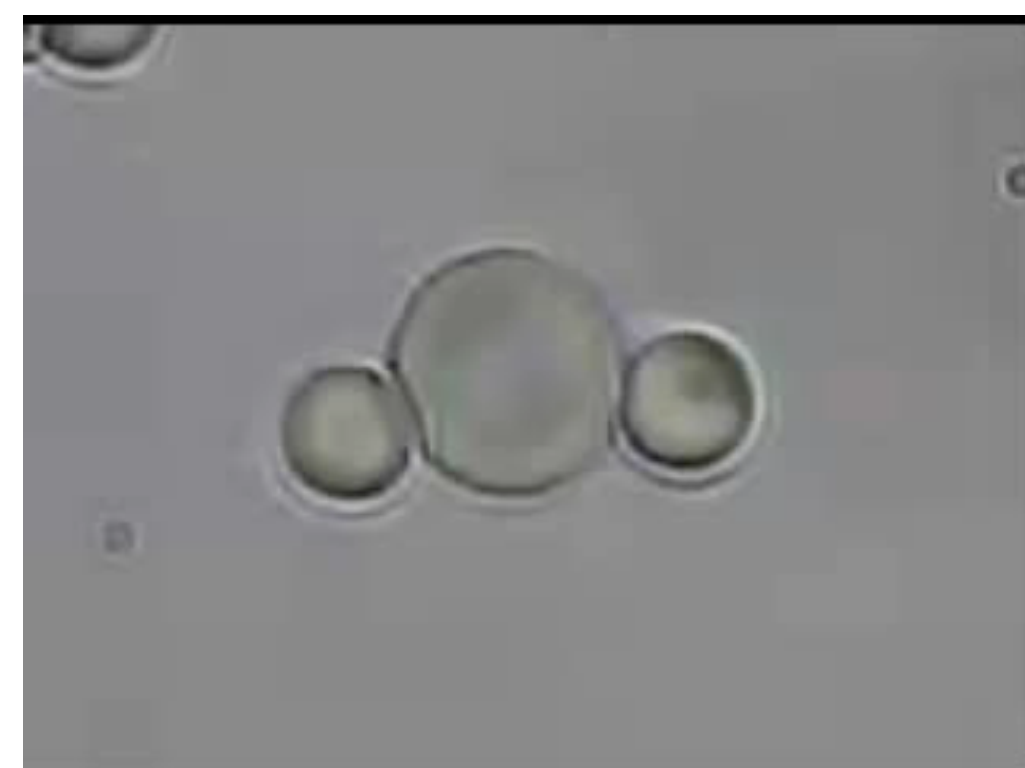
## Experimental Setup



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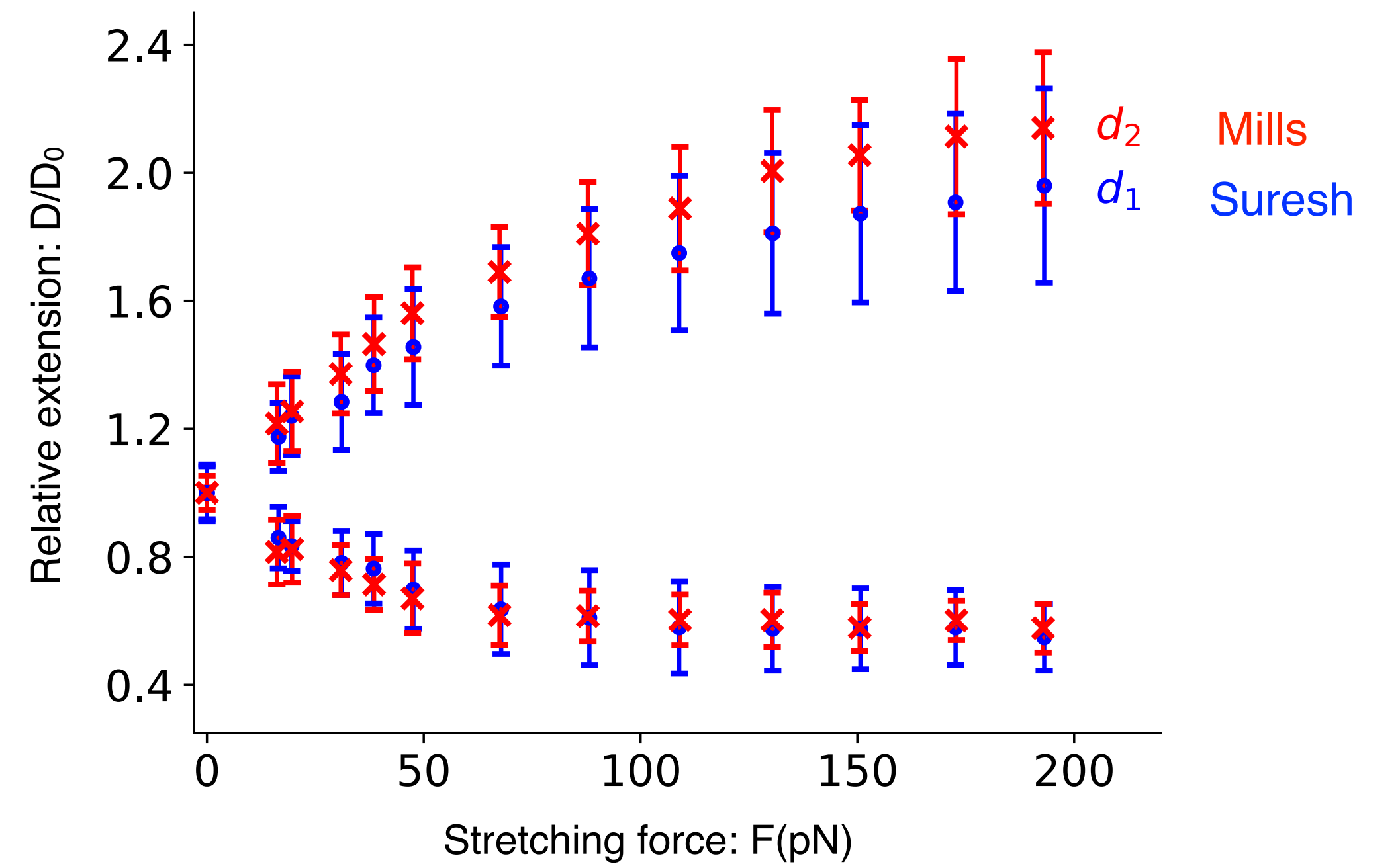


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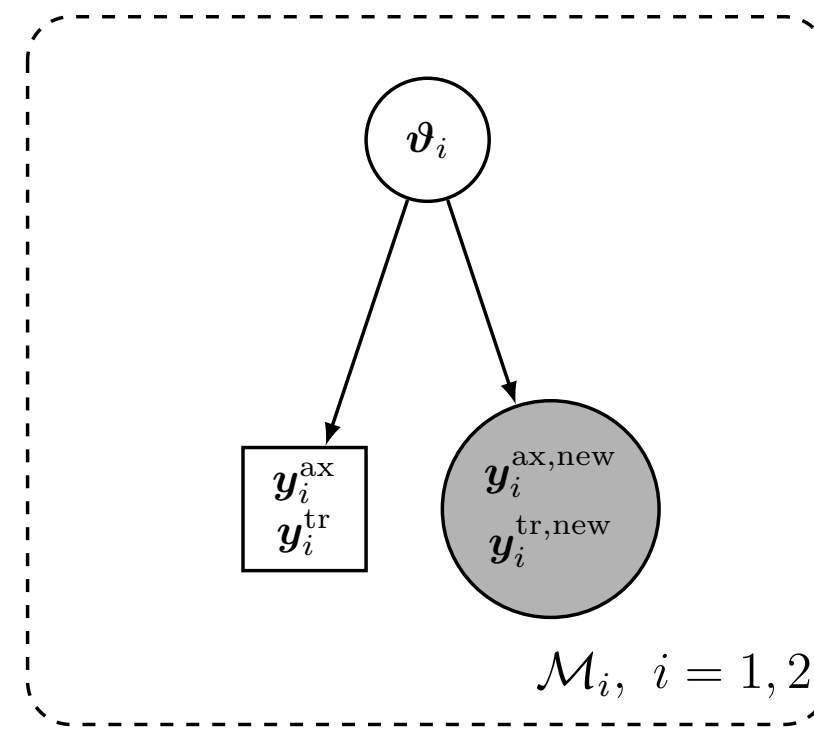


Suresh et al., "Connections between single-cell biomechanics and human disease states: gastrointestinal cancer and malaria", Acta Biomaterialia, 2005.

## Stretching data sets considered in UQ

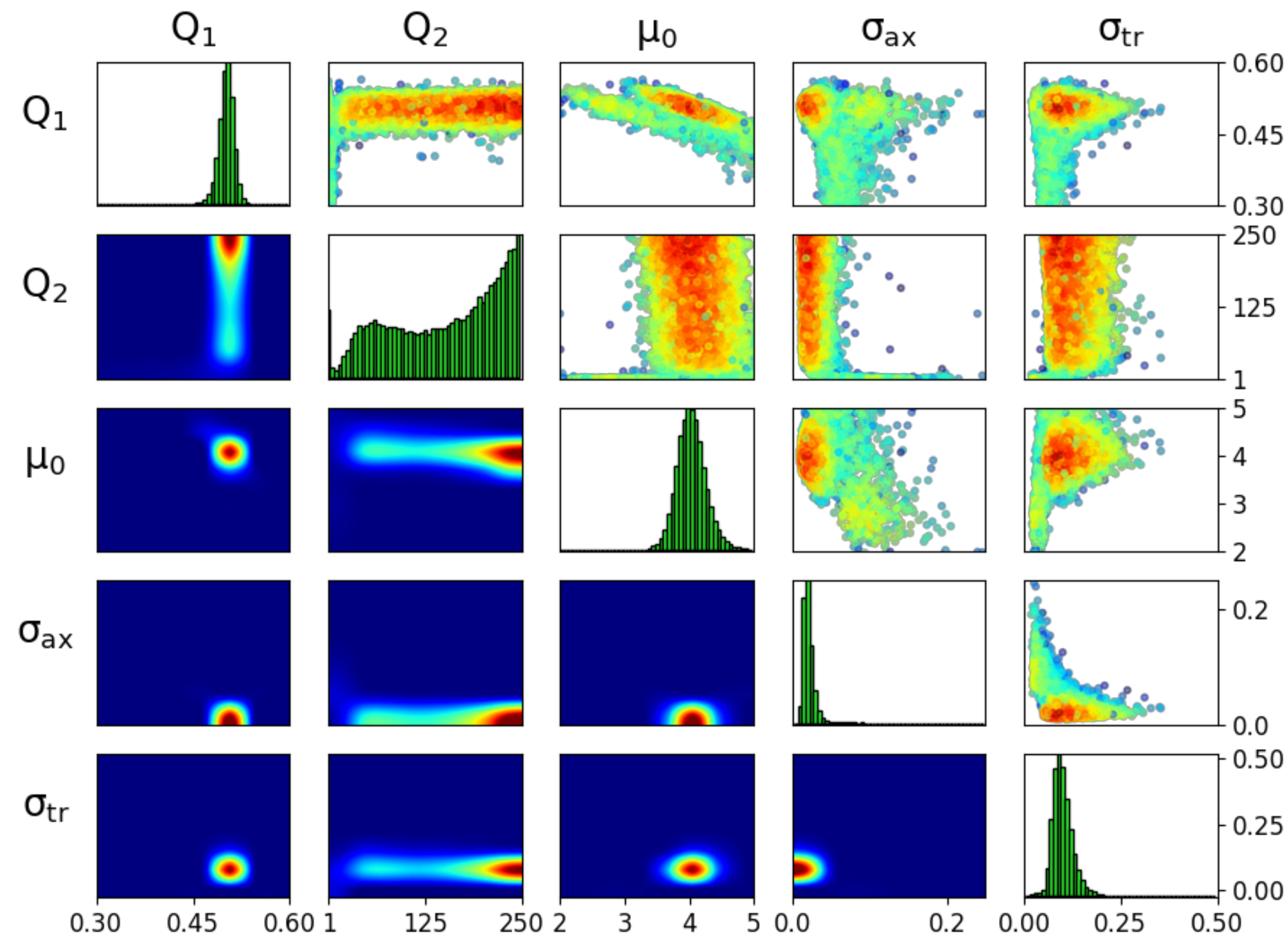


# Single-level UQ for stretching

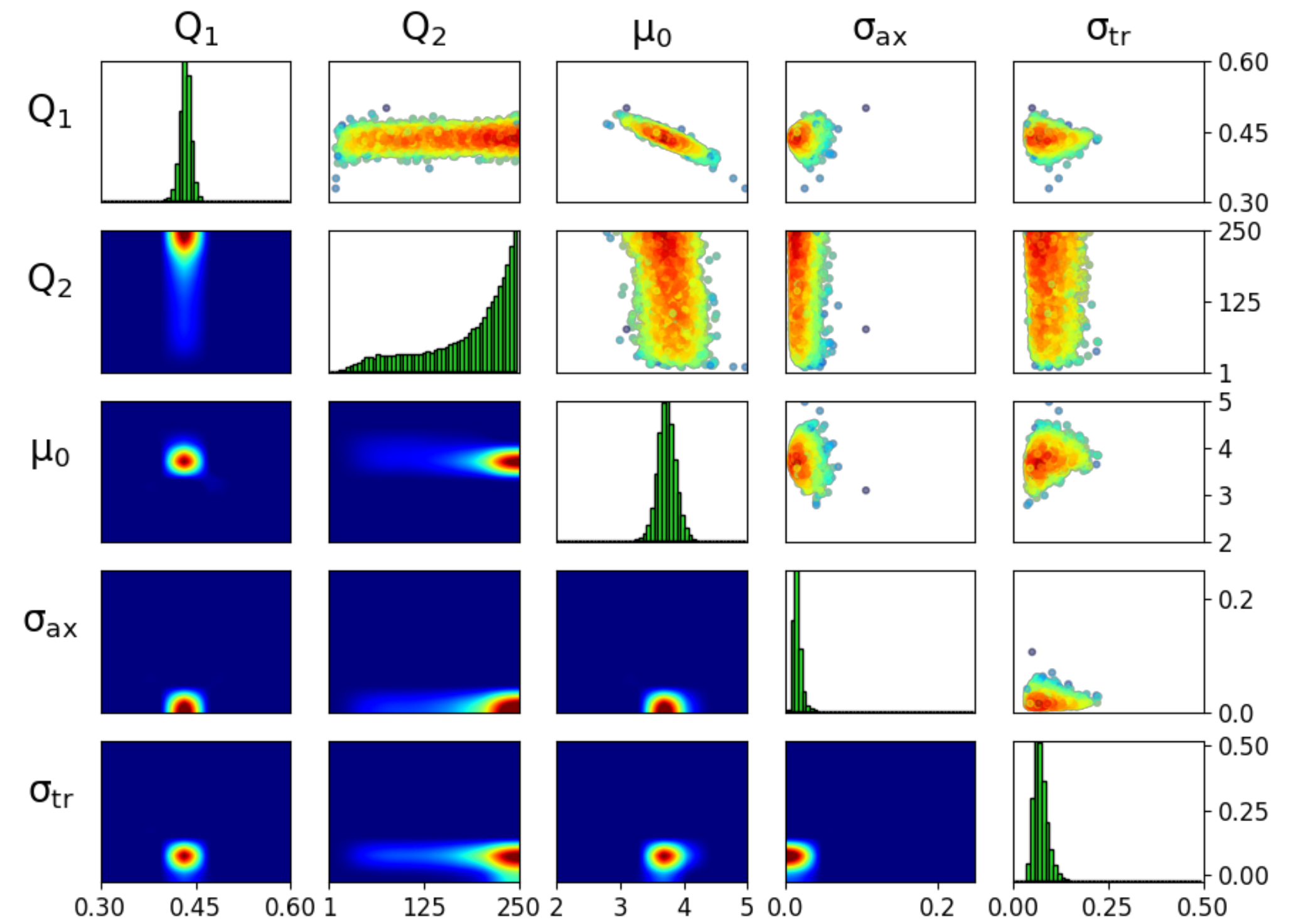


stretching

$$\vartheta_i = (Q_{1,i}, Q_{2,i}, \mu_{0,i}, \sigma_{st,i}), i = 1, 2$$



$$p(\vartheta_1 | d_1, \mathcal{M}_1)$$

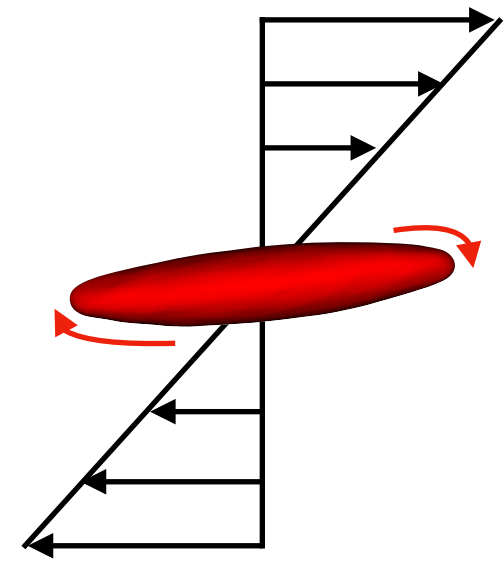


$$p(\vartheta_2 | d_2, \mathcal{M}_2)$$



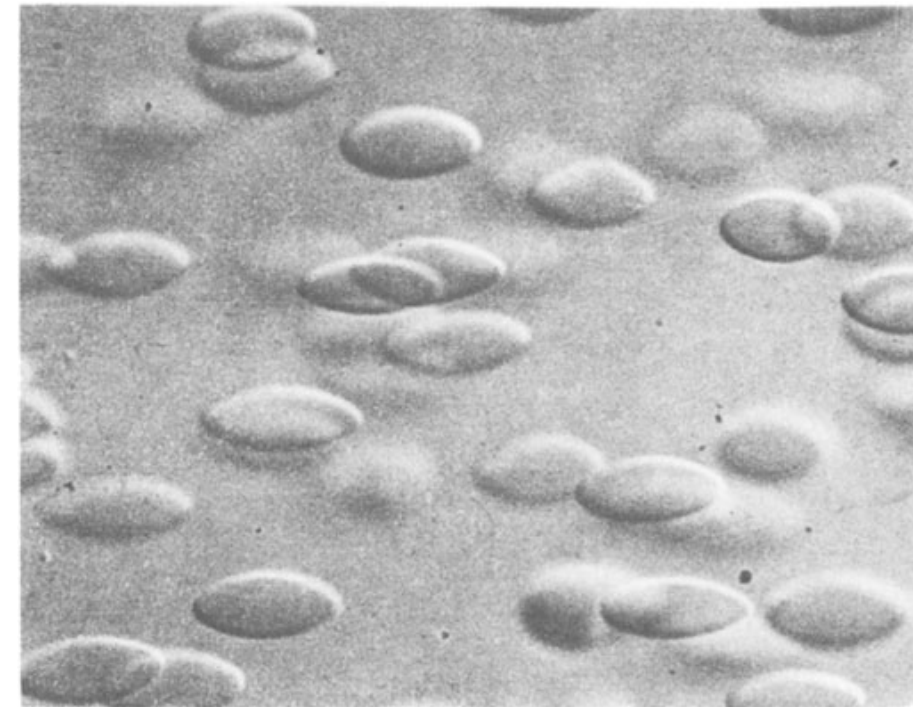
# Shear flow experiment

## Experimental Setup

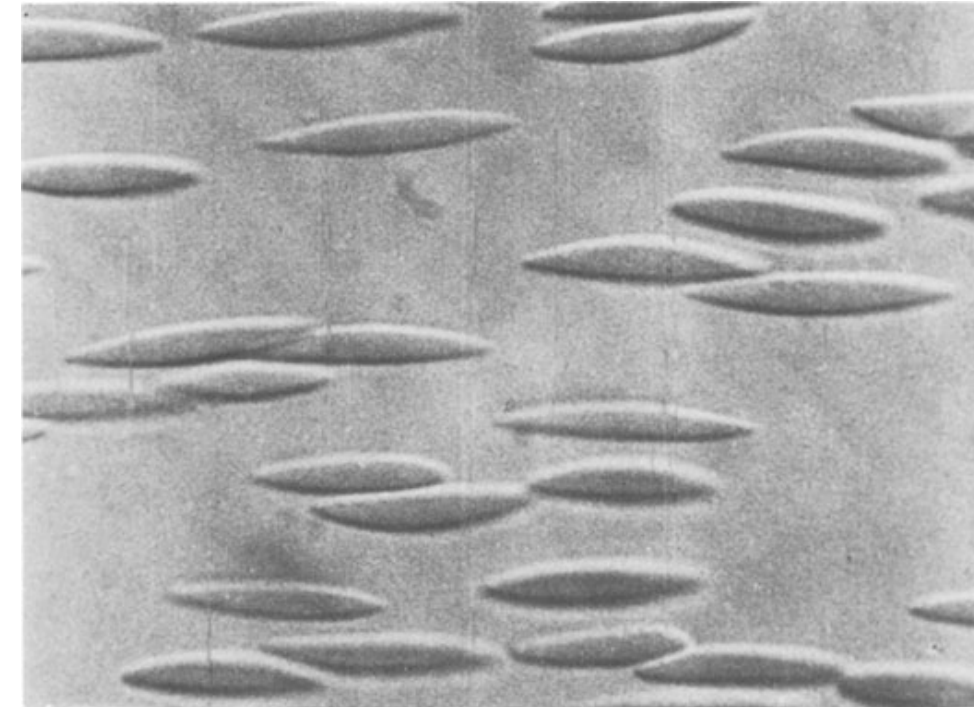


Basu et al.,  
"Tank  
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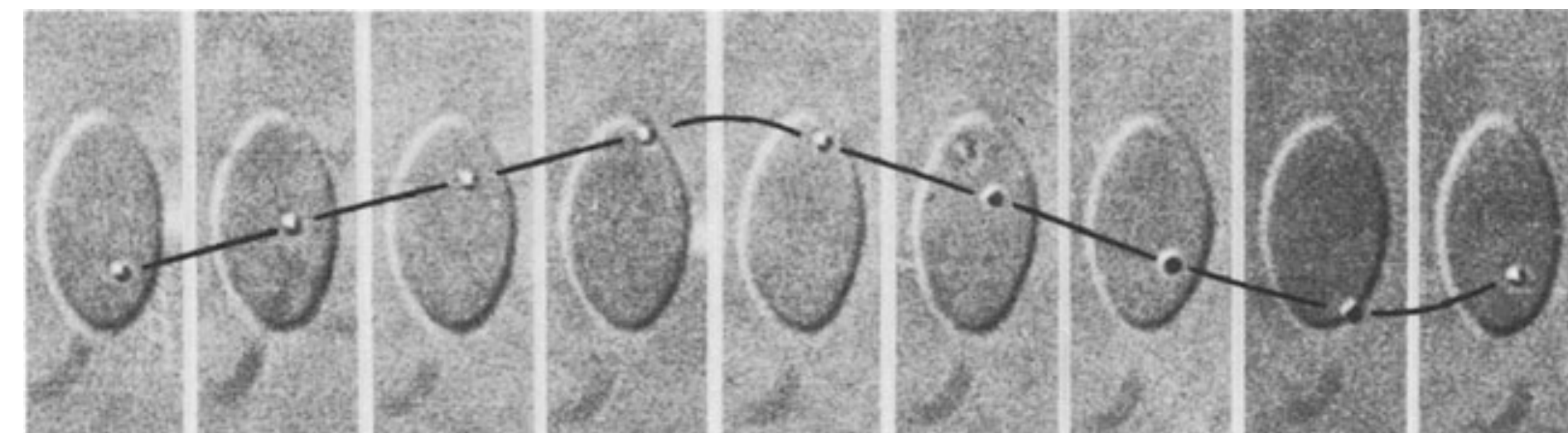
top-view



Shear rate=500/s.  $\eta_0=12$  mPa.s



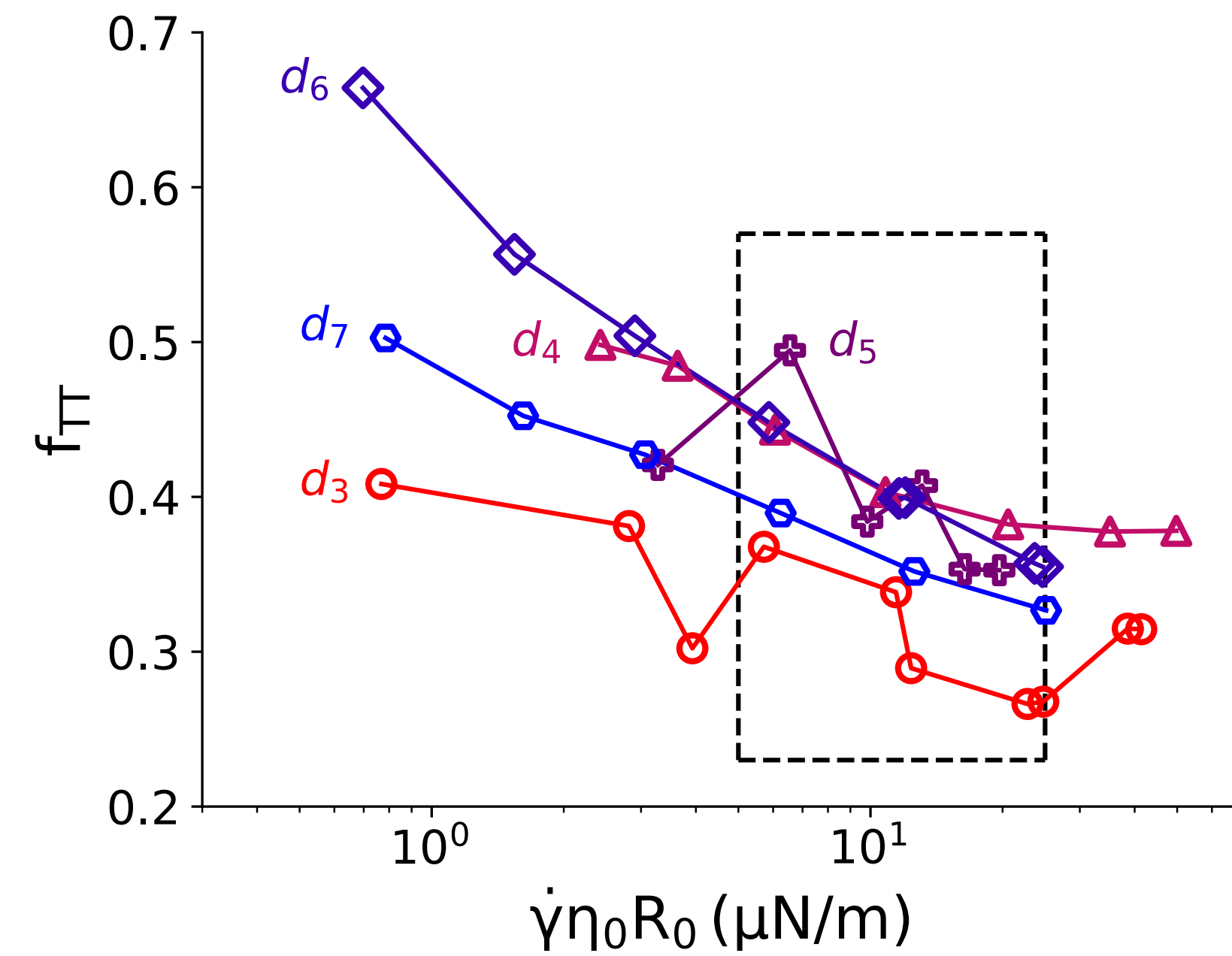
Shear rate<600/s.  $\eta_0=170$  mPa.s



Tank treading of the membrane is shown by the motion of a Latex marker. The motion is visualized by drawing a connecting line between markers in subsequent pictures. Shear rate=140/s.  $\eta_0=18$  mPa.s

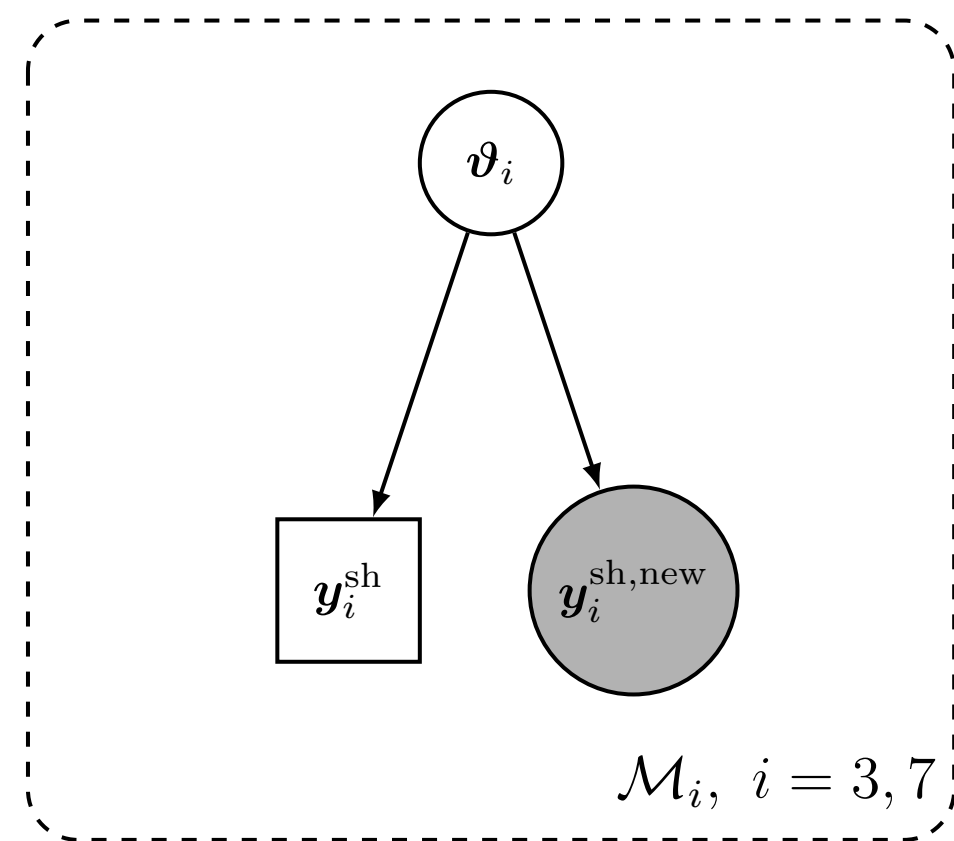
Fischer and Schmid-Schönbein. "Tank tread motion of red cell membranes in viscometric flow: behavior of intracellular and extracellular markers (with film)." Red Cell Rheology, Springer 1978.

## Shear flow data sets considered in UQ



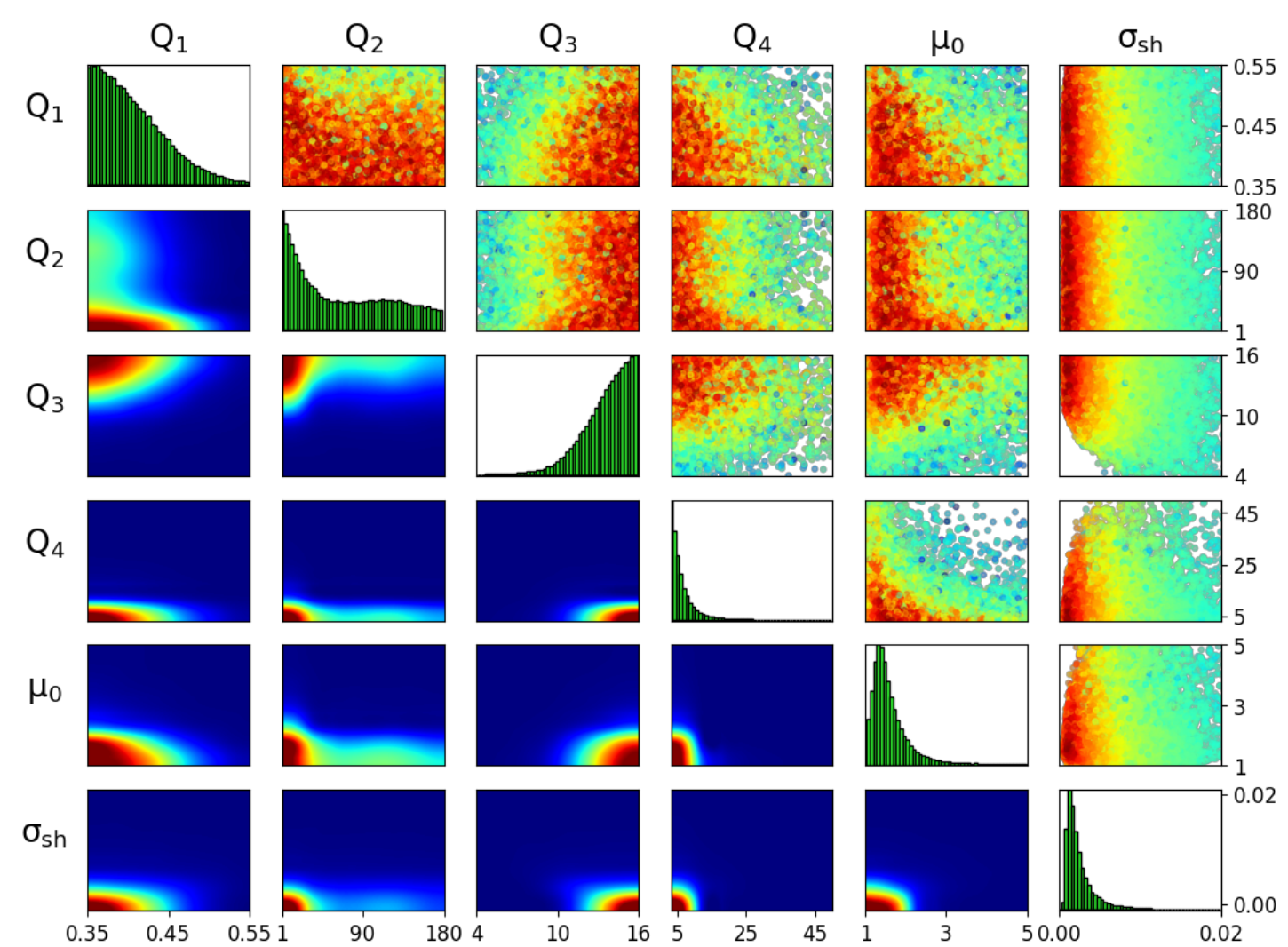
Reference	Year	symbol (Fig. 2)	Viscosity ratio, $\lambda$	data set ID in UQ
Fischer et al.	1978	○	0.56	<b><i>d</i><sub>3</sub></b>
Fischer	1980	△	0.43	<b><i>d</i><sub>4</sub></b>
Tran-Son-Tay	1983	⊕	0.50	<b><i>d</i><sub>5</sub></b>
Fischer	2007	◇	0.35	<b><i>d</i><sub>6</sub></b>
Fischer and Korzeniewski	2015	◇	0.35	<b><i>d</i><sub>7</sub></b>

# Single-level UQ for shear flow

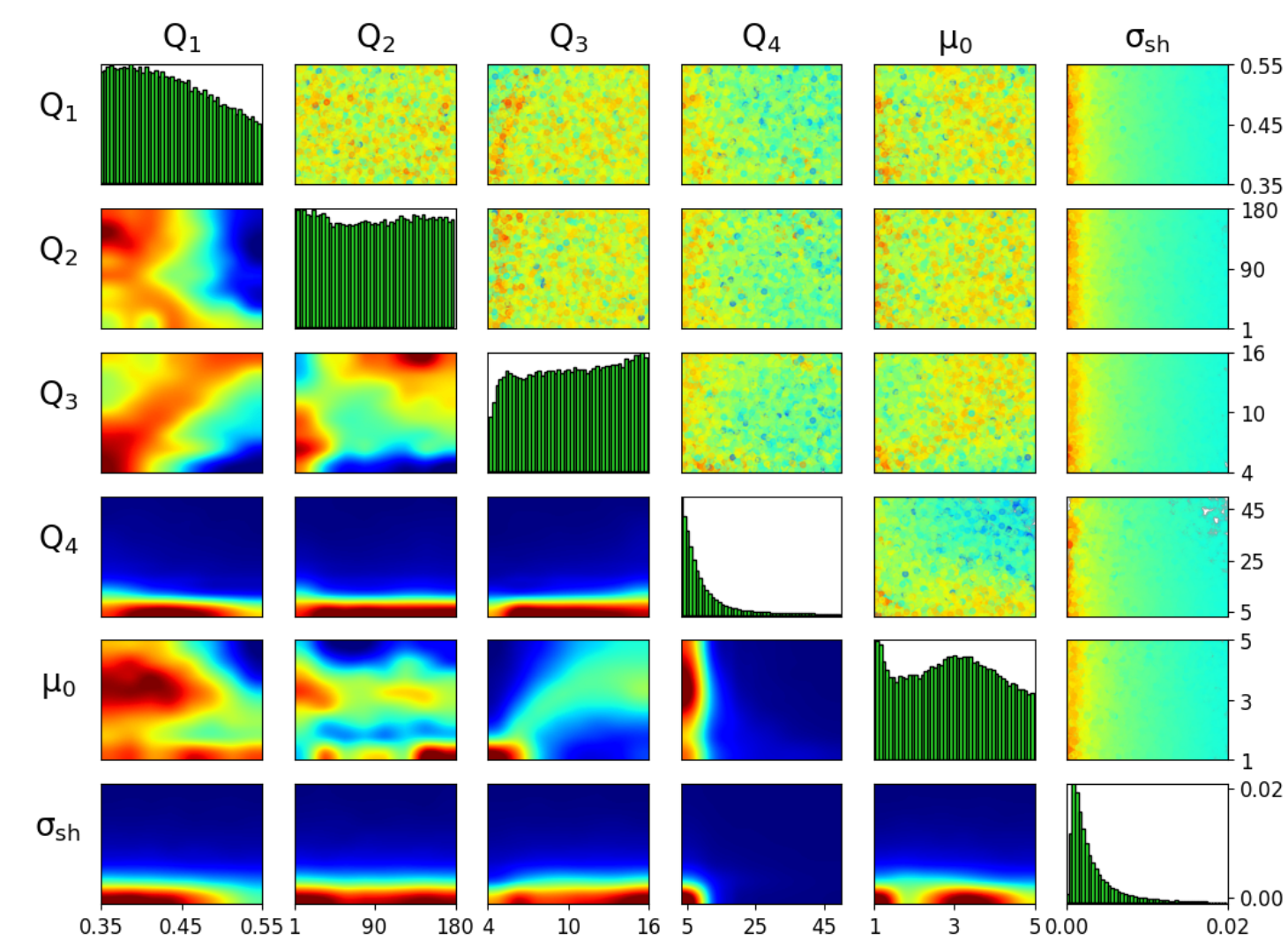


shear

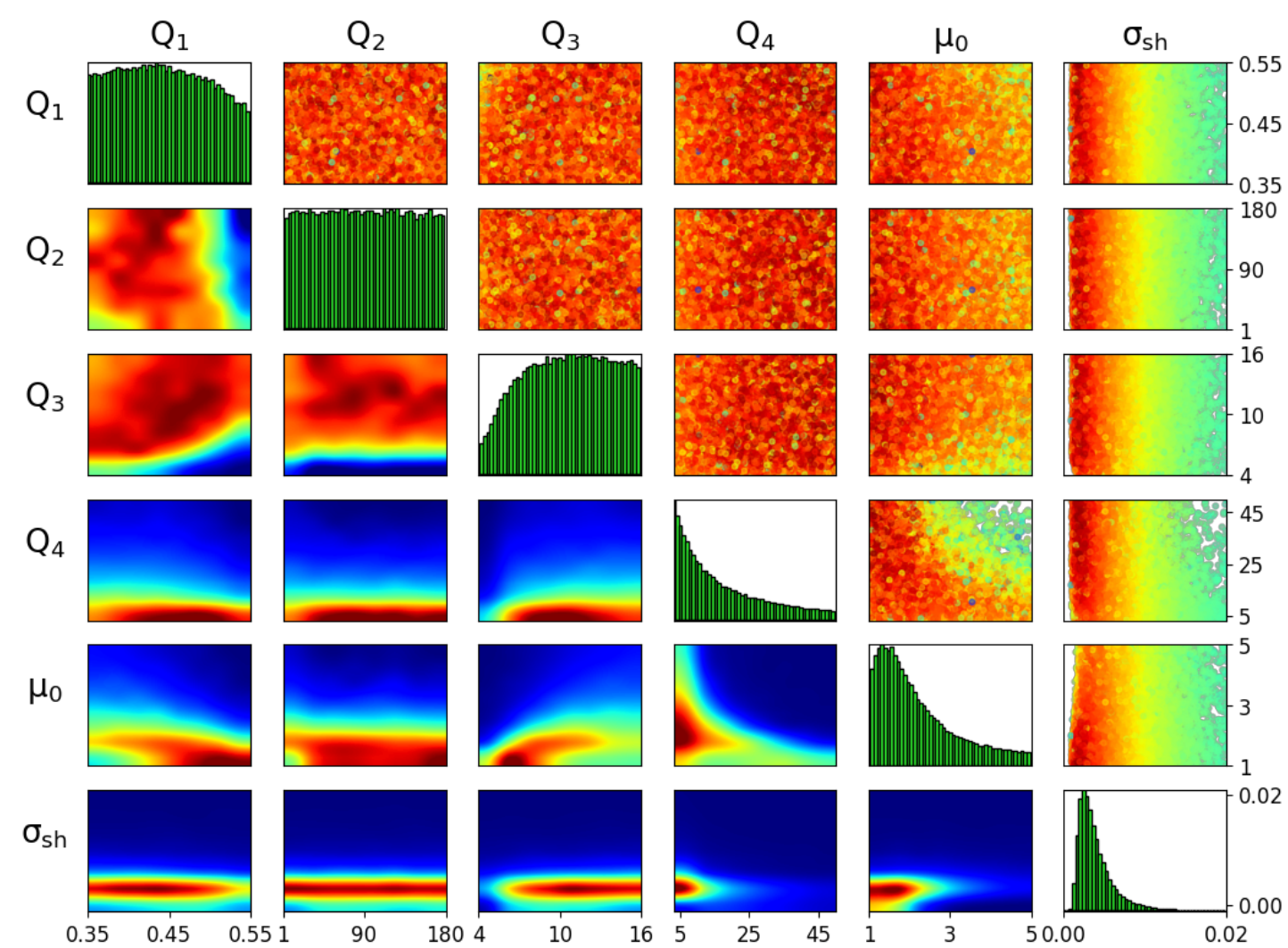
$$\vartheta_i = (Q_{1,i}, Q_{2,i}, \mu_{0,i}, Q_{3,i}, Q_{4,i}, \sigma_{sh,i}), i = 3, \dots, 7$$



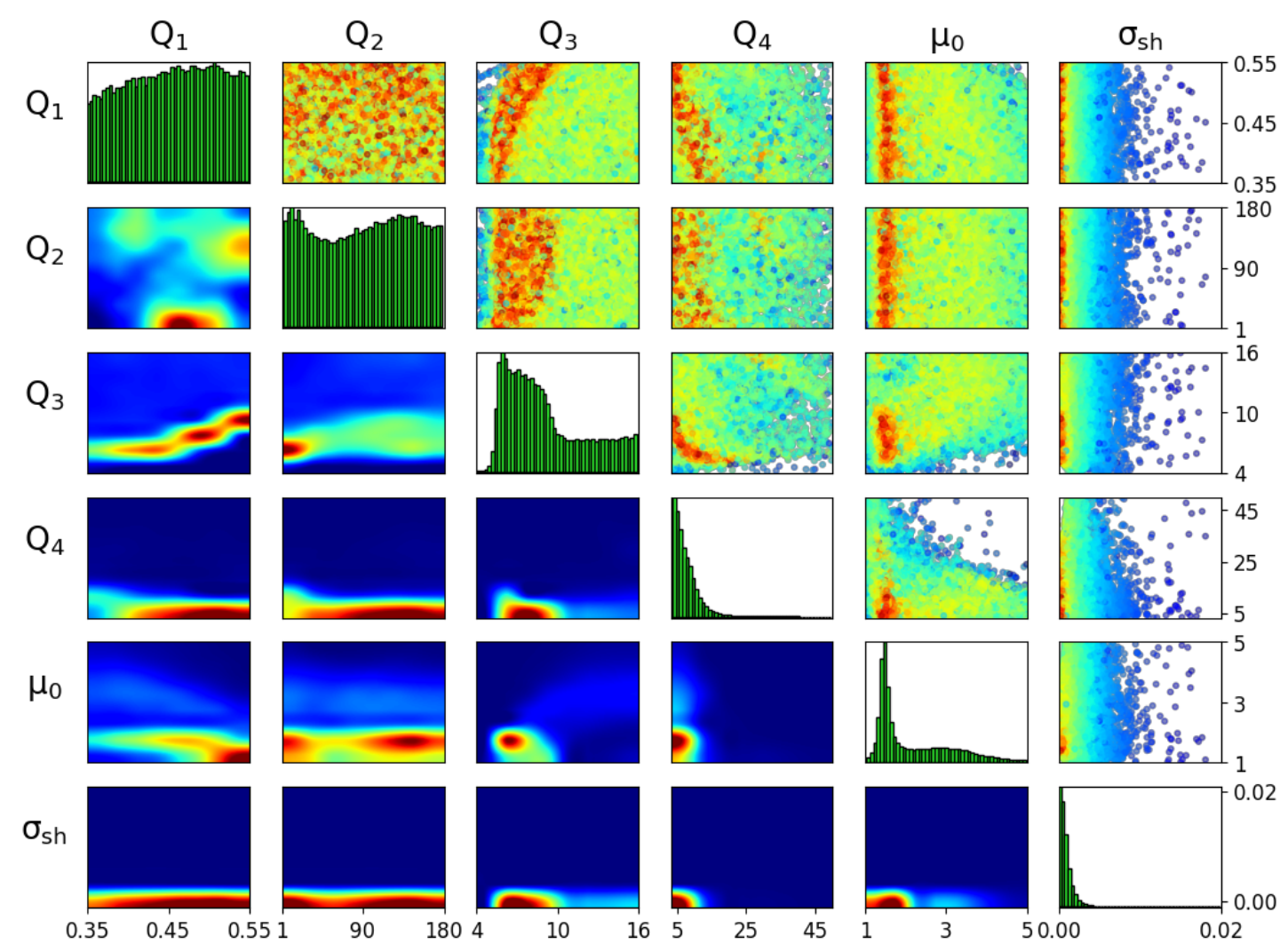
$p(\vartheta_3 | d_3, \mathcal{M}_3)$



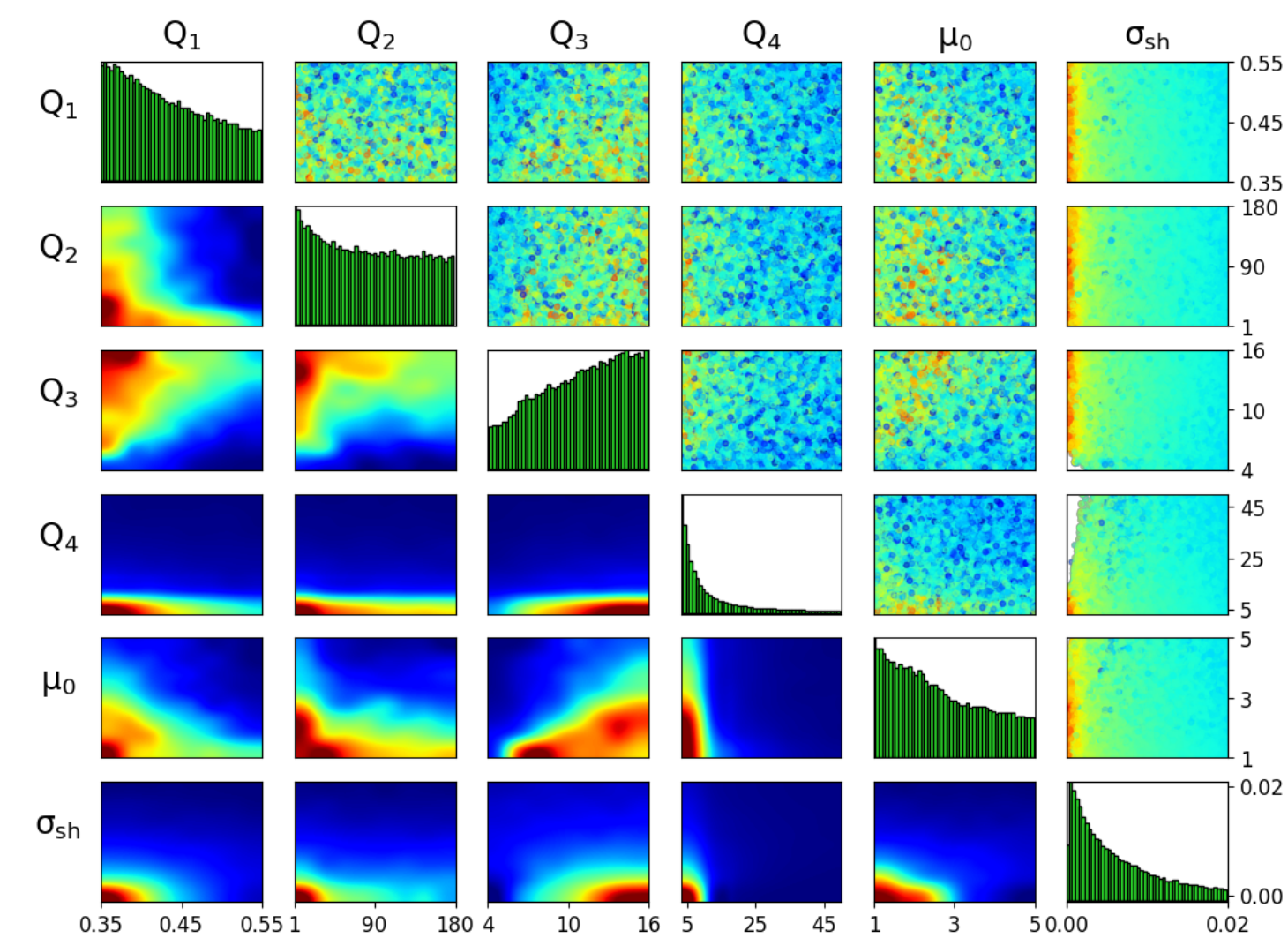
$p(\vartheta_4 | d_4, \mathcal{M}_4)$



$p(\vartheta_5 | d_5, \mathcal{M}_5)$

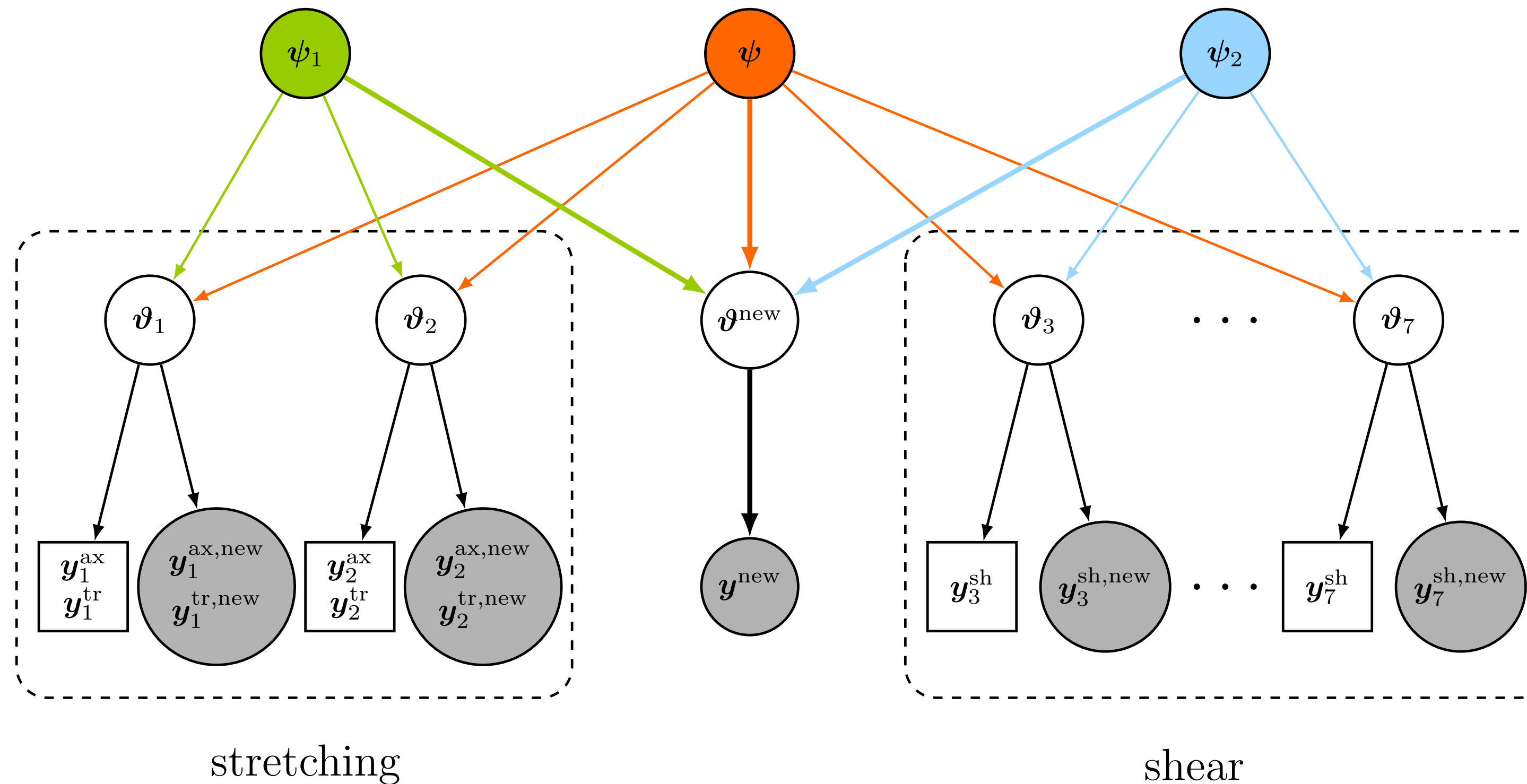


$p(\vartheta_6 | d_6, \mathcal{M}_6)$



$p(\vartheta_7 | d_7, \mathcal{M}_7)$

# Hierarchical Bayesian Inference for the RBC model

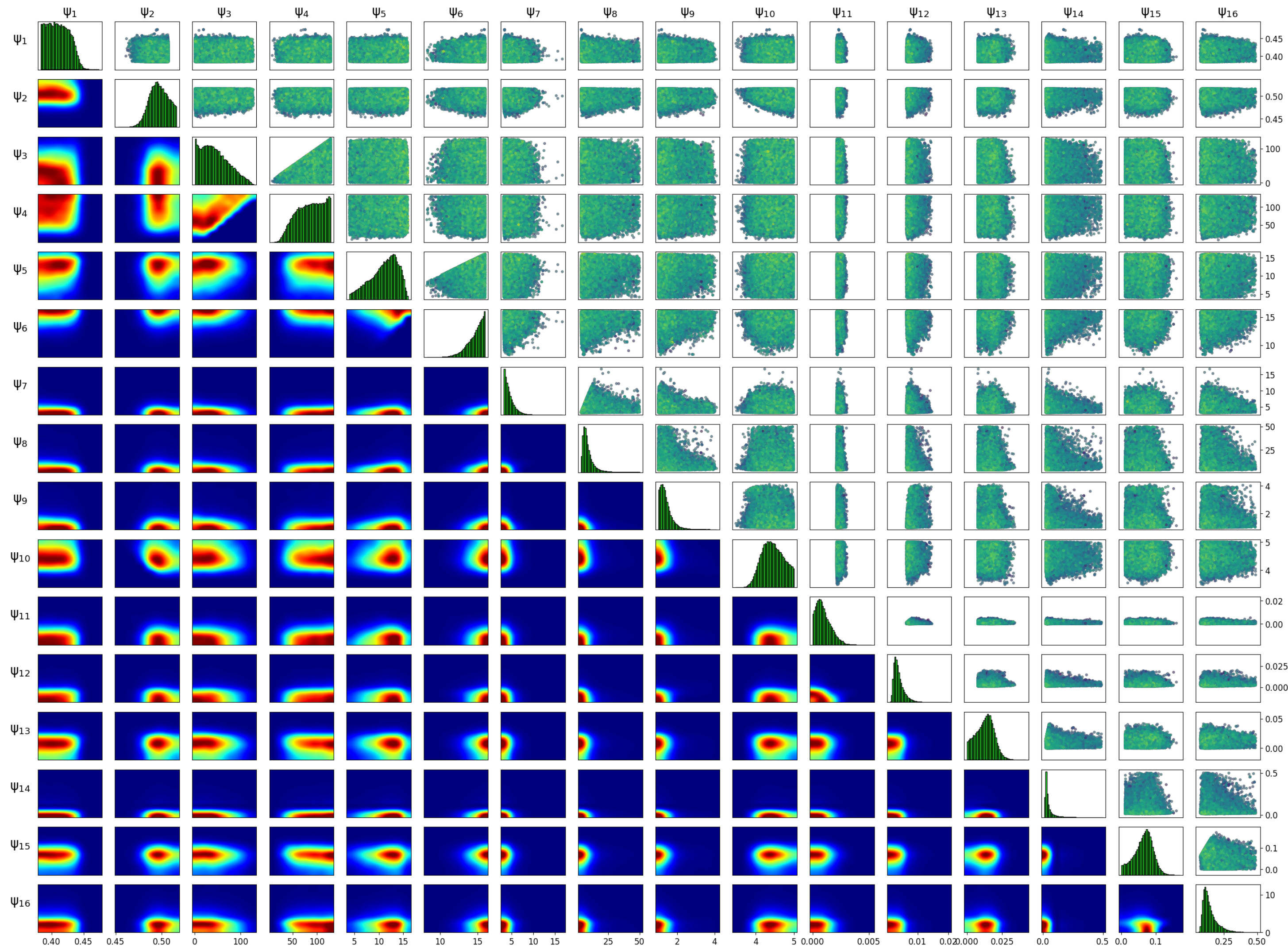


$$\vartheta_i = (Q_{1,i}, Q_{2,i}, \mu_{0,i}, \sigma_{st,i}), \quad i = 1, 2$$

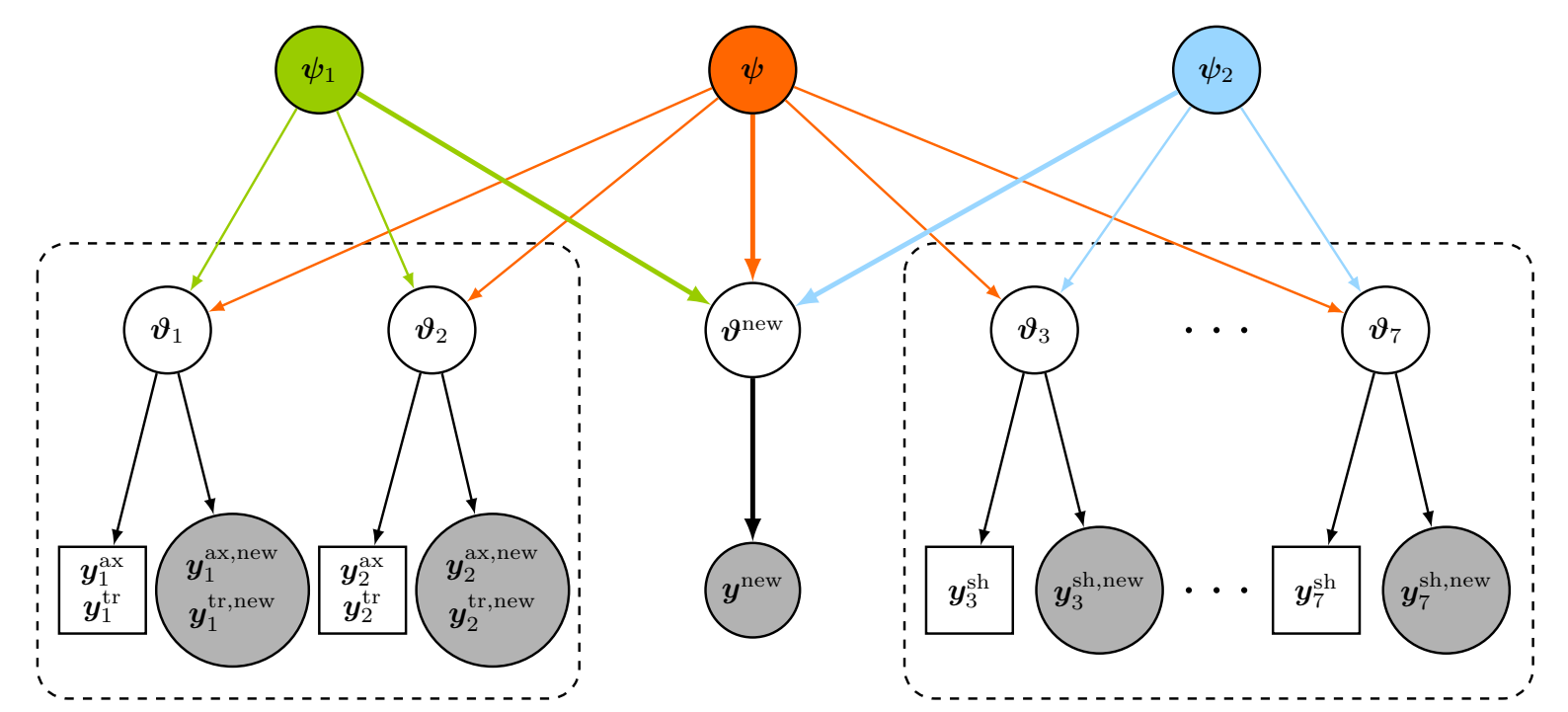
$$\vartheta_i = (Q_{1,i}, Q_{2,i}, \mu_{0,i}, Q_{3,i}, Q_{4,i}, \sigma_{sh,i}), \quad i = 3, \dots, 7$$

$$\vartheta^{new} = (Q_1, Q_2, \mu_0, Q_3, Q_4, \sigma_{sh}, \sigma_{st})$$

# Hierarchical Bayesian UQ



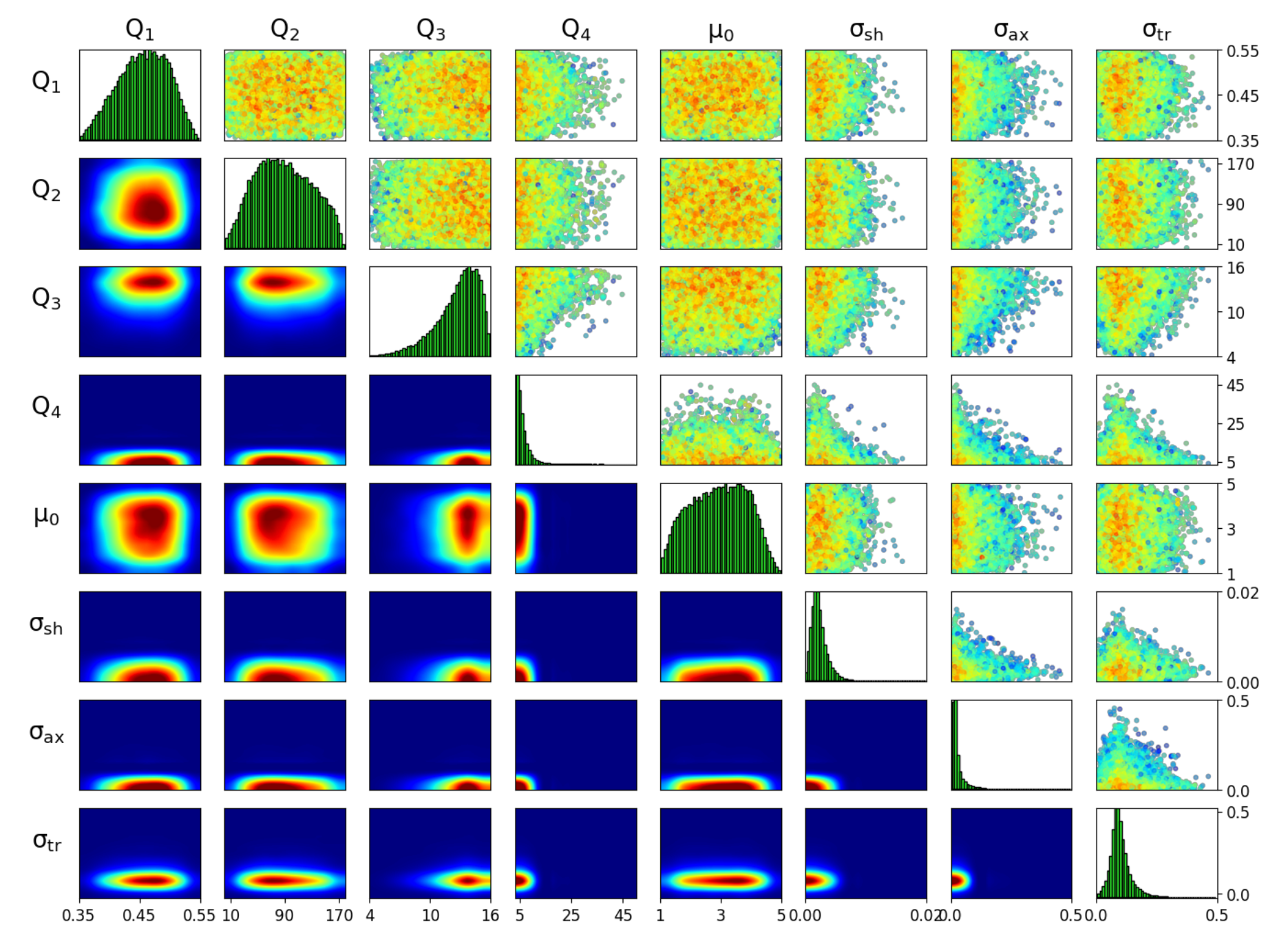
$$p(\boldsymbol{\psi} | \vec{\mathbf{d}}, \mathcal{M}_{HB})$$



stretching  $\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_i = (Q_{1,i}, Q_{2,i}, \mu_{0,i}, \sigma_{st,i}), i = 1, 2$

shear  $\boldsymbol{\vartheta}_i = (Q_{1,i}, Q_{2,i}, \mu_{0,i}, Q_{3,i}, Q_{4,i}, \sigma_{sh,i}), i = 3, \dots, 7$

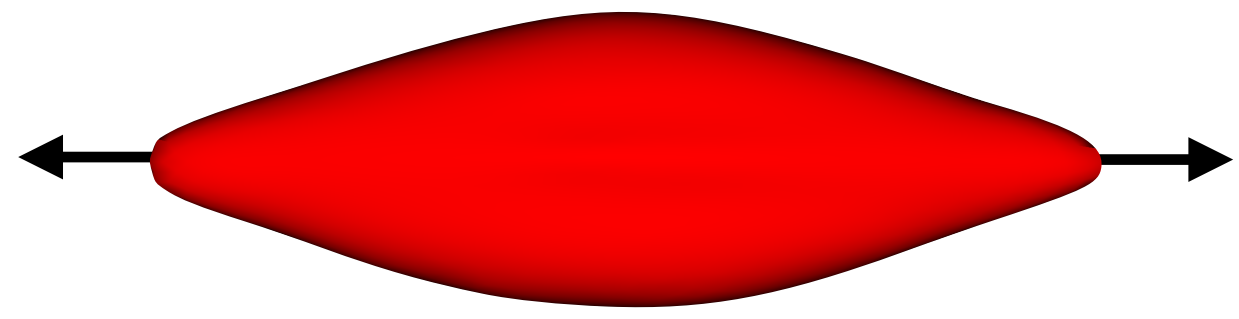
$\boldsymbol{\vartheta}^{new} = (Q_1, Q_2, \mu_0, Q_3, Q_4, \sigma_{sh}, \sigma_{st})$



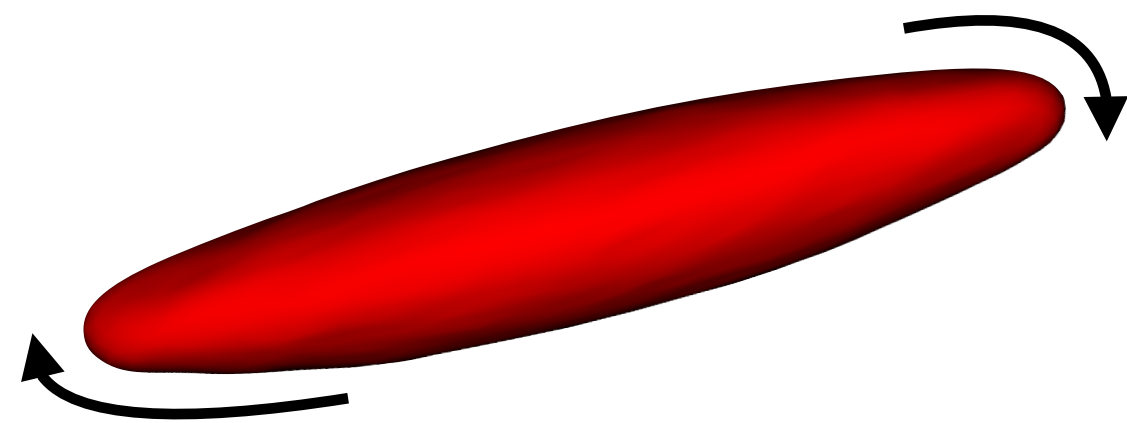
$$p(\boldsymbol{\vartheta}^{new} | \vec{\mathbf{d}}, \mathcal{M}_{HB})$$

# Model Transferability: Infer for quantity X - Propagate to quantity Y

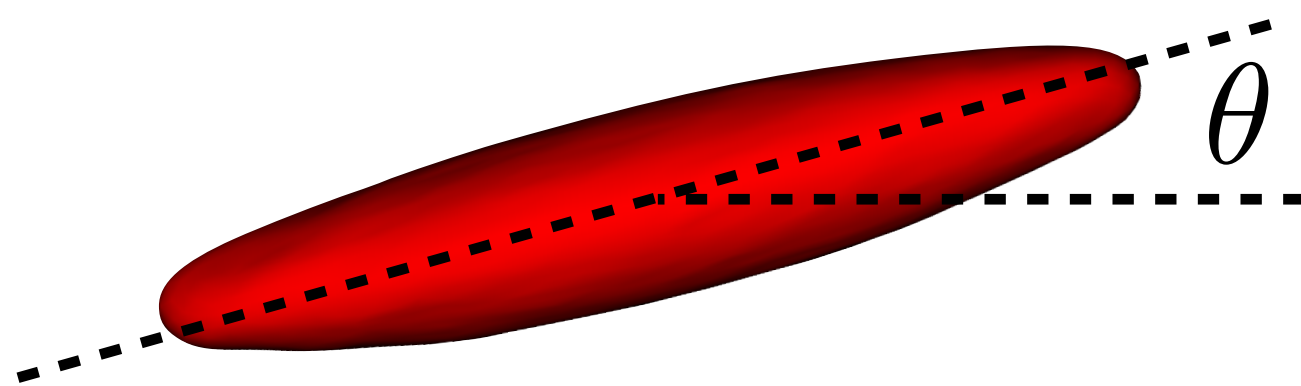
to stretching



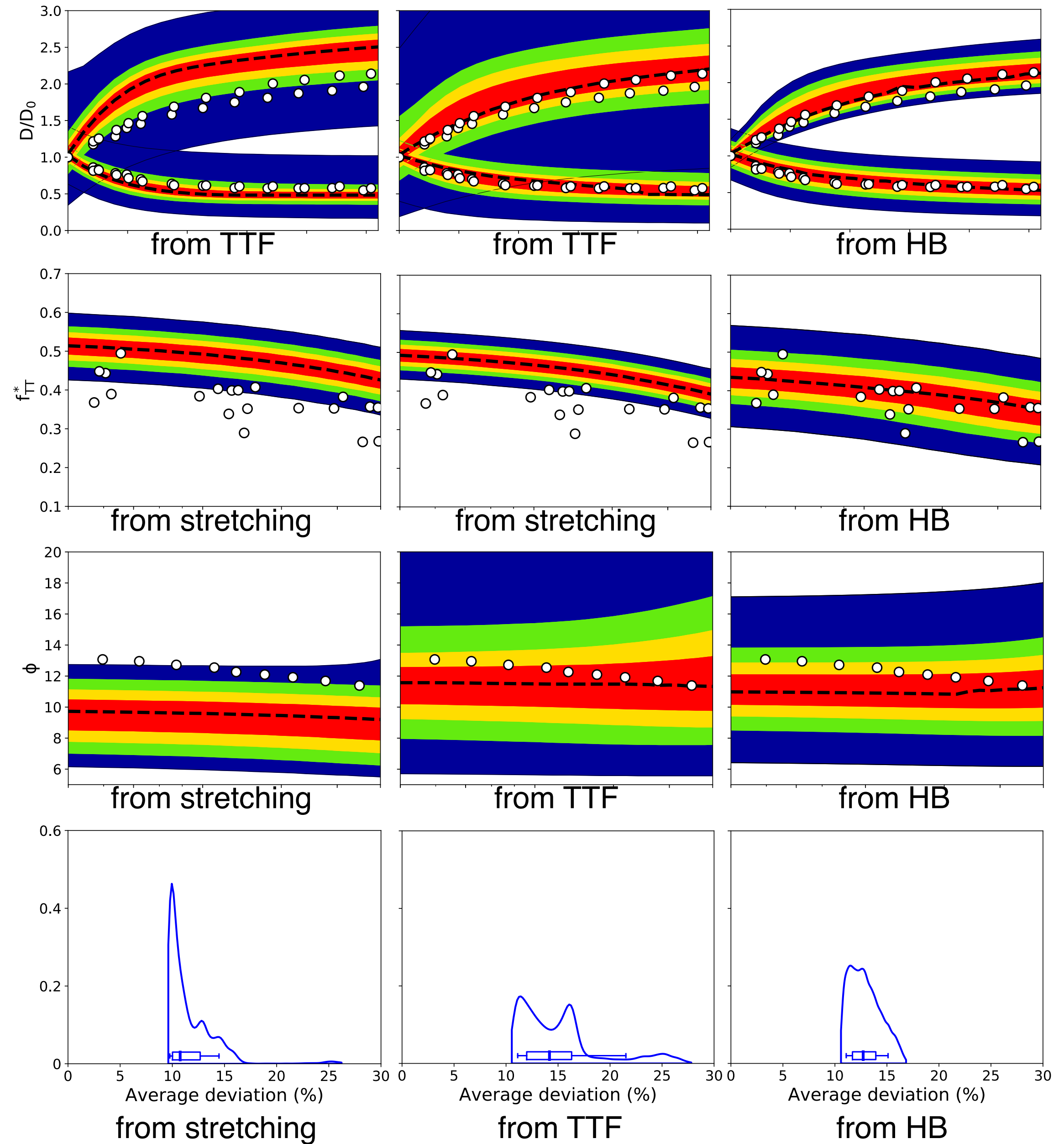
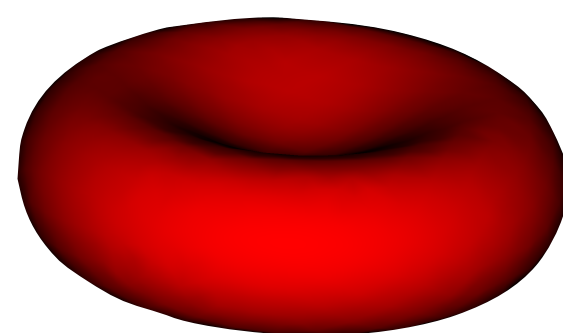
to TTF



to inclination angle



to equilibrium shape



**Thank you!**