

MAT 395/495

Scientific Data Analysis and Computing

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Topic 8

Understanding Distributions

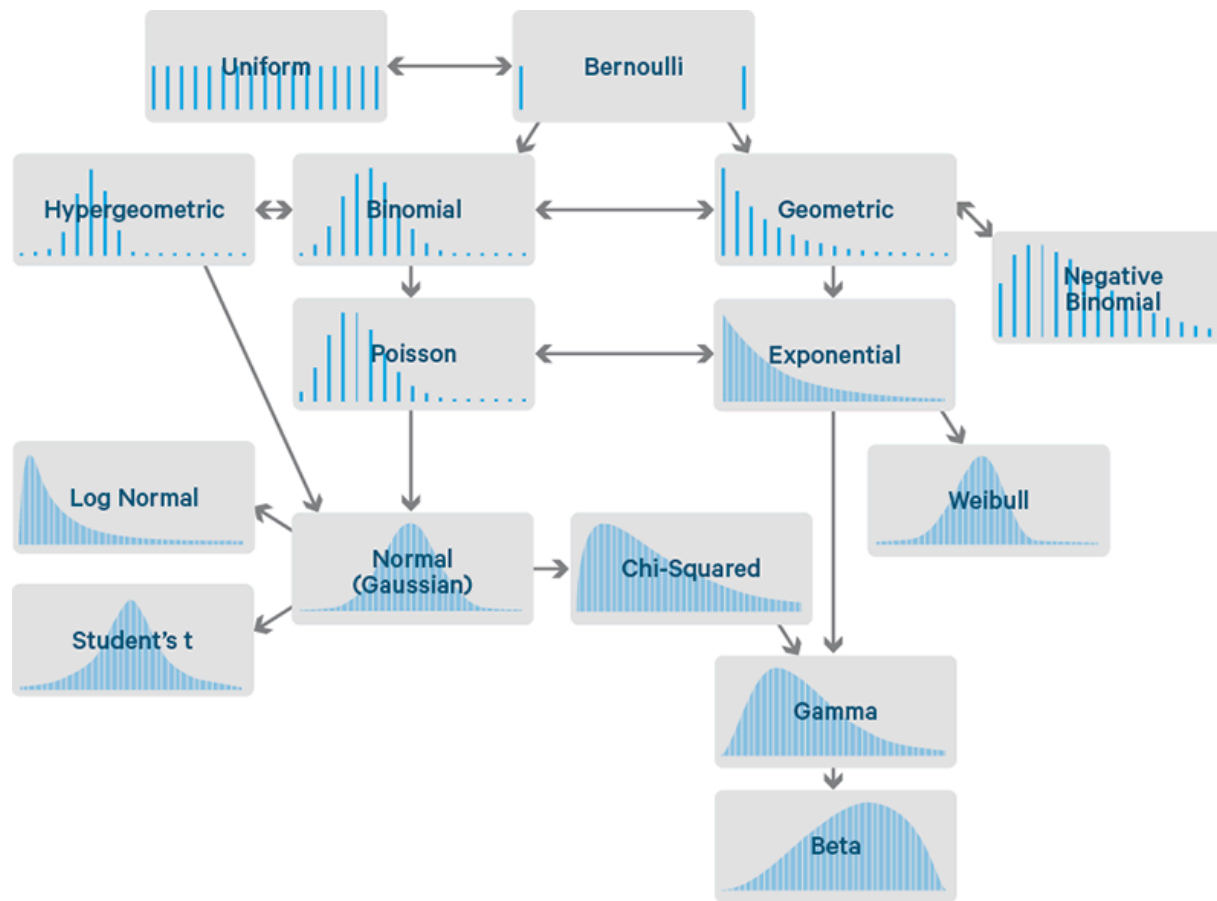
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Distributions

Reading

Data Reduction and Error Analysis for the Physical Sciences
by P.R. Bevington, D.K. Robinson, 3rd Ed.

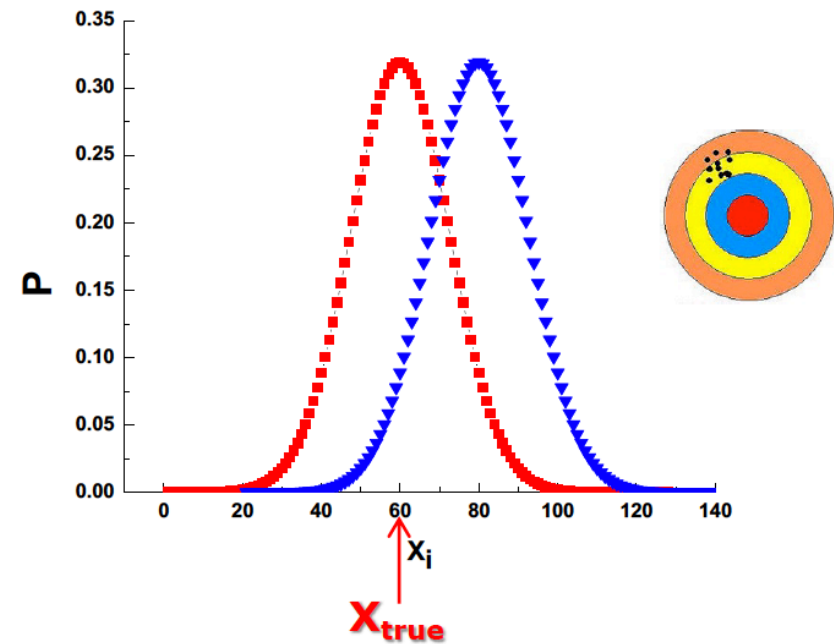
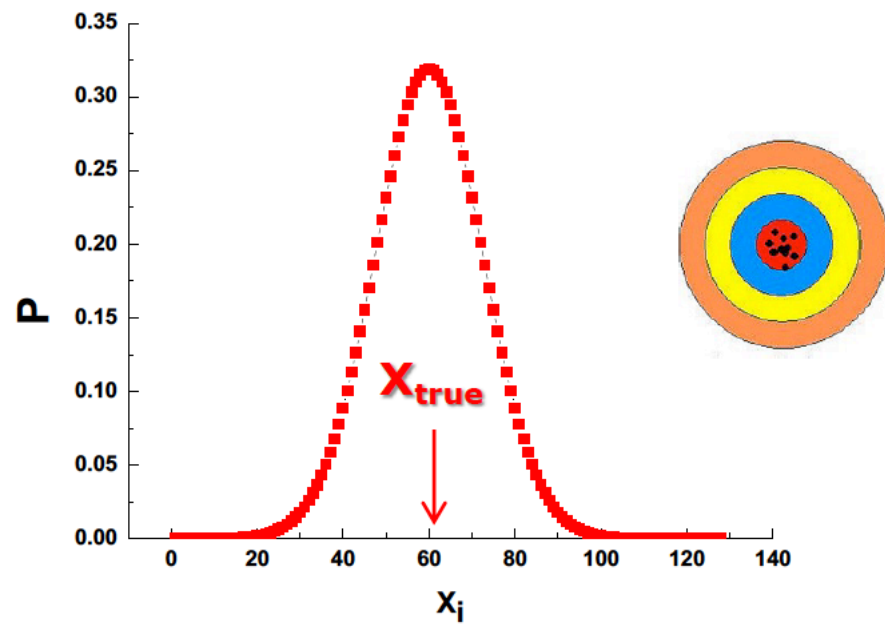
Ch. 2 Probability Distributions: pg. 17—33

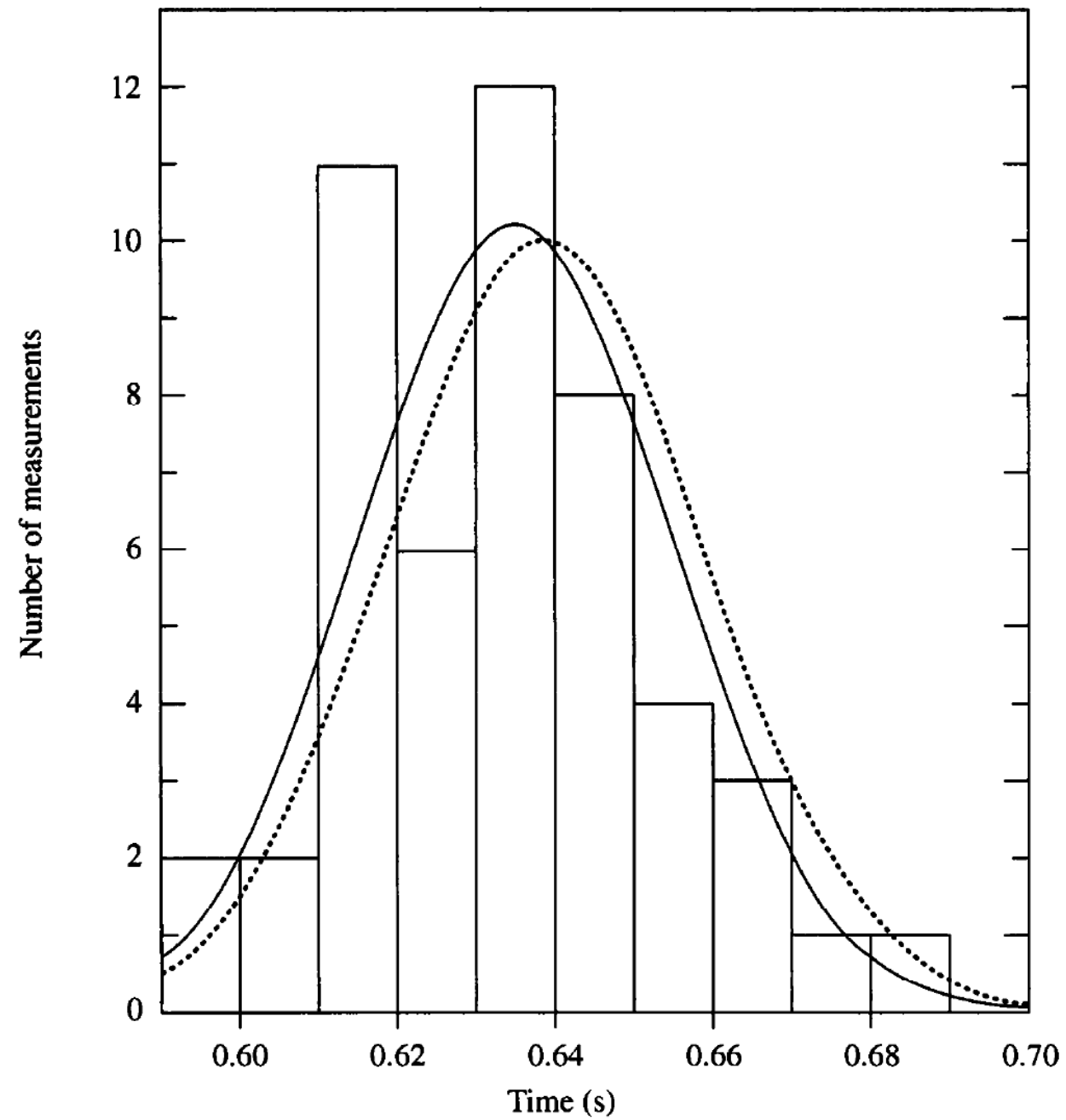
An Introduction to Error Analysis
by J.R. Taylor, 2nd Ed.

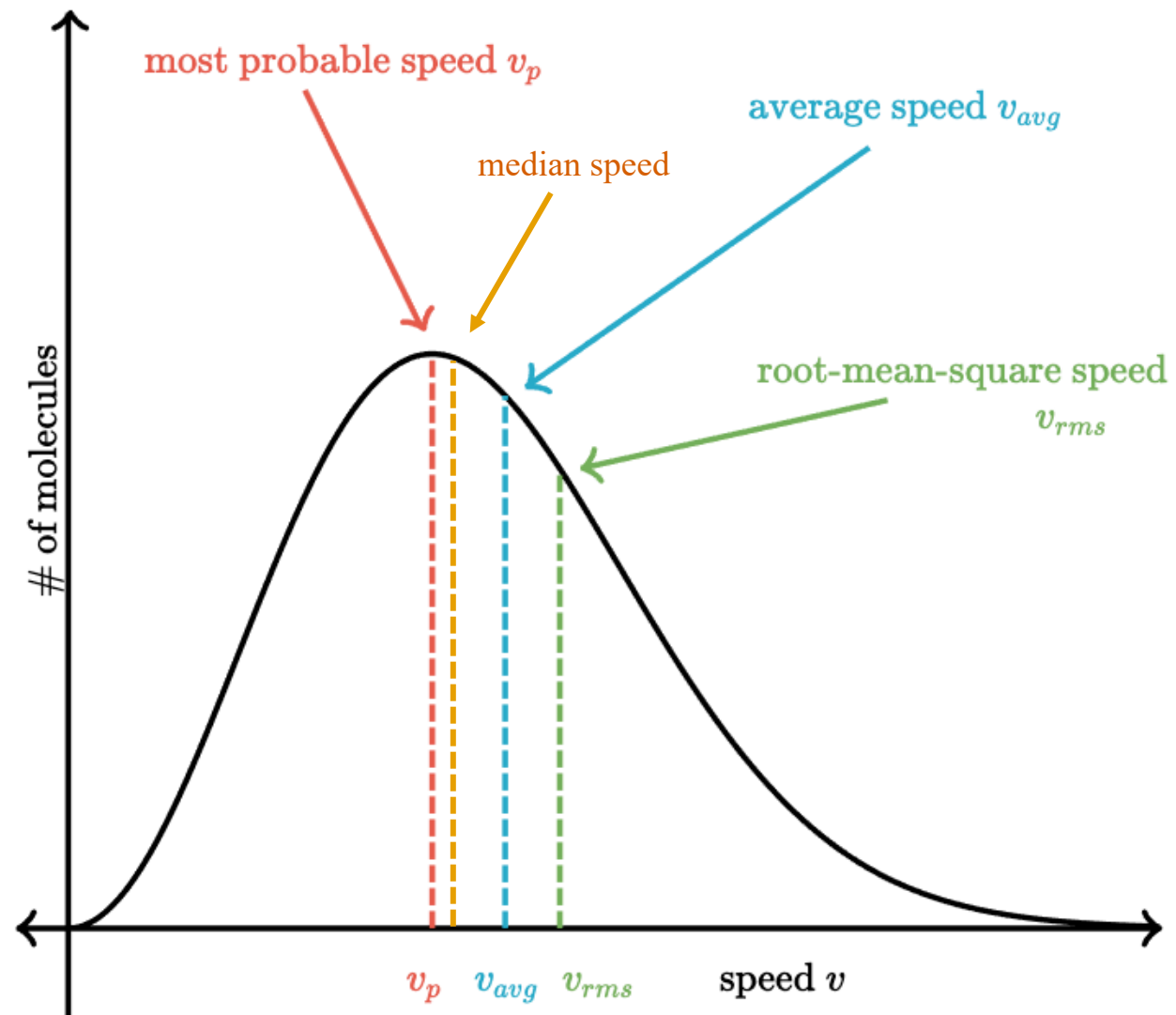
Ch. 5 Normal Distribution

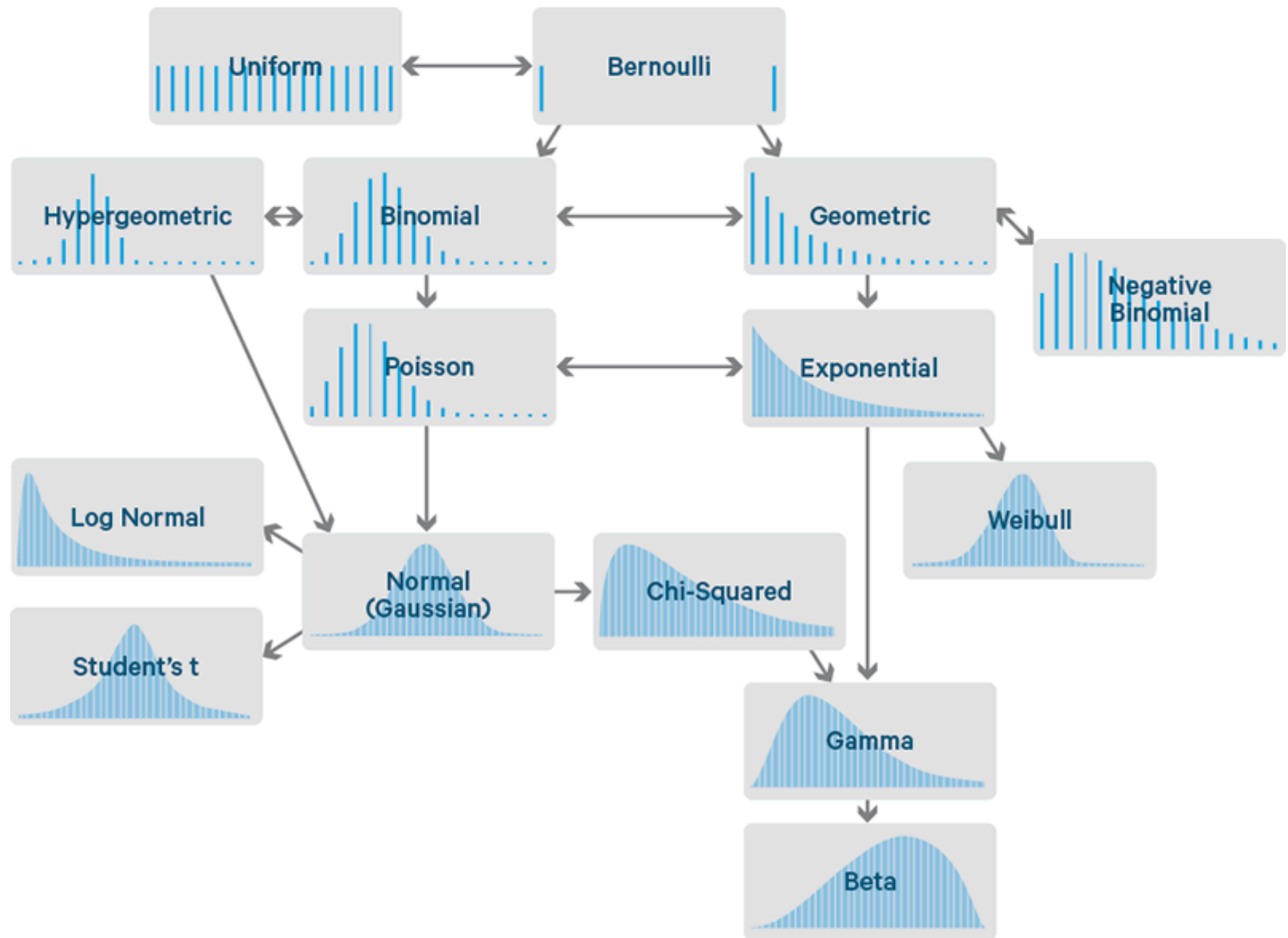
Ch. 10 Binomial Distribution

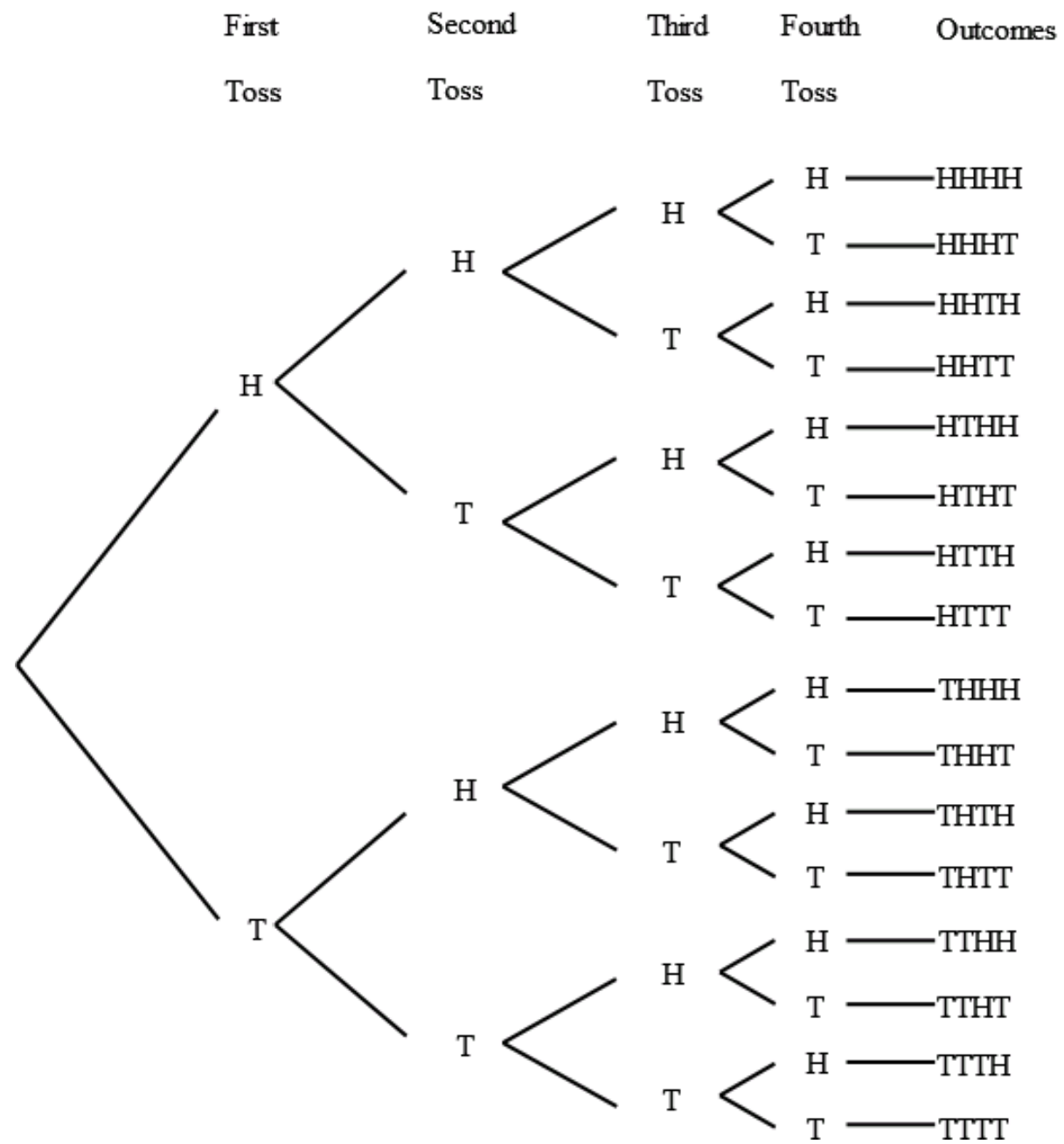
Ch. 11 Poisson Distribution

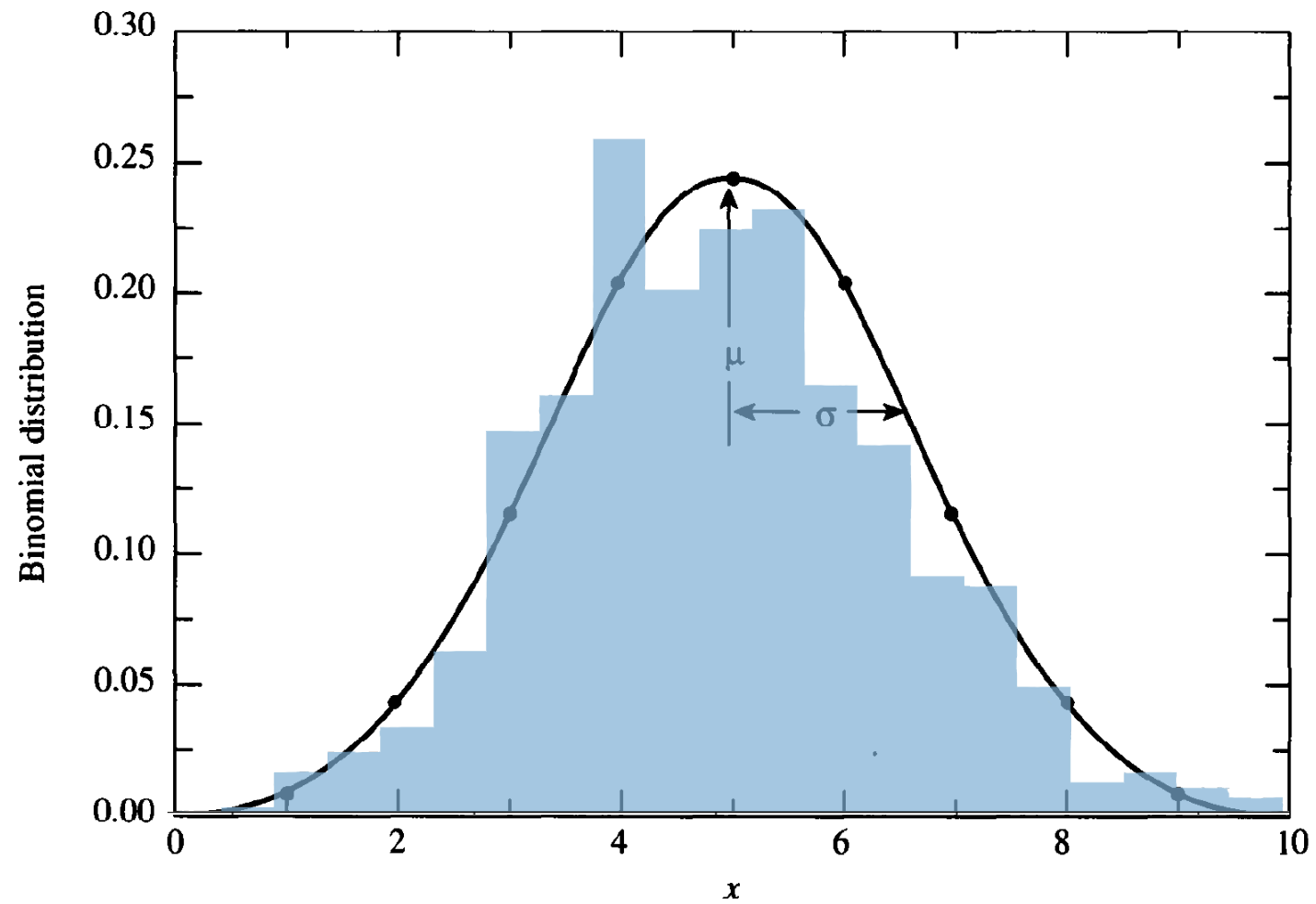




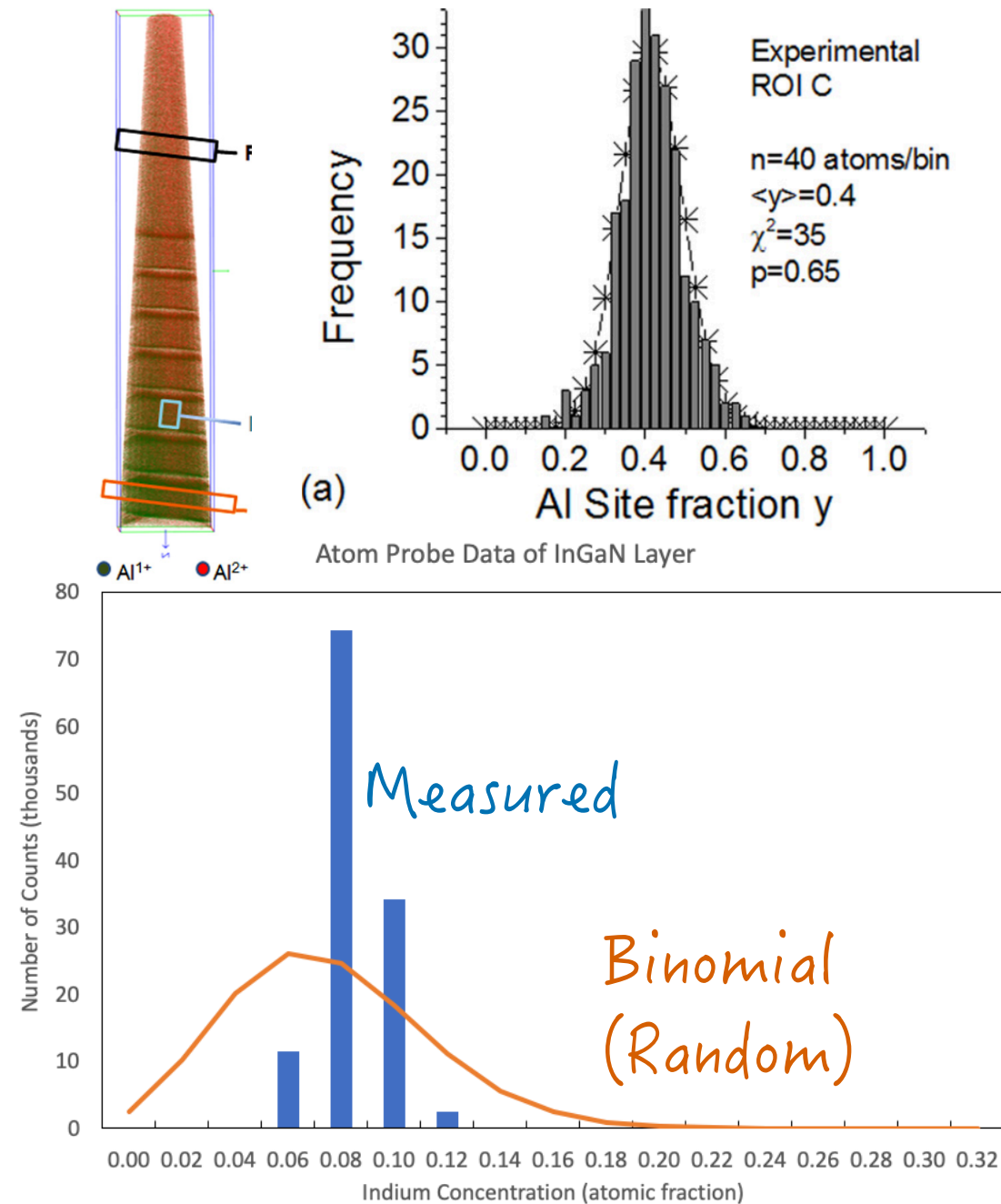
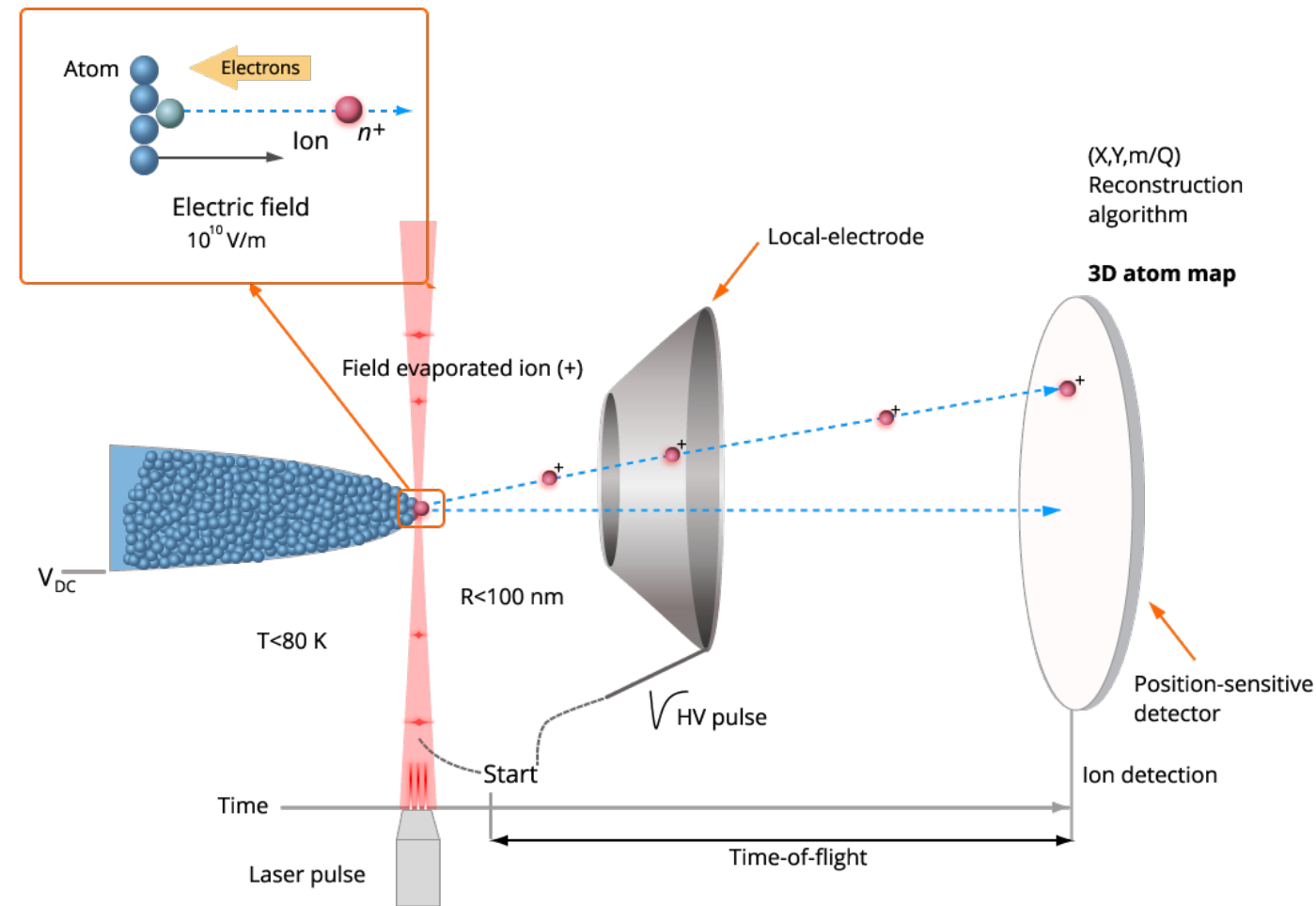


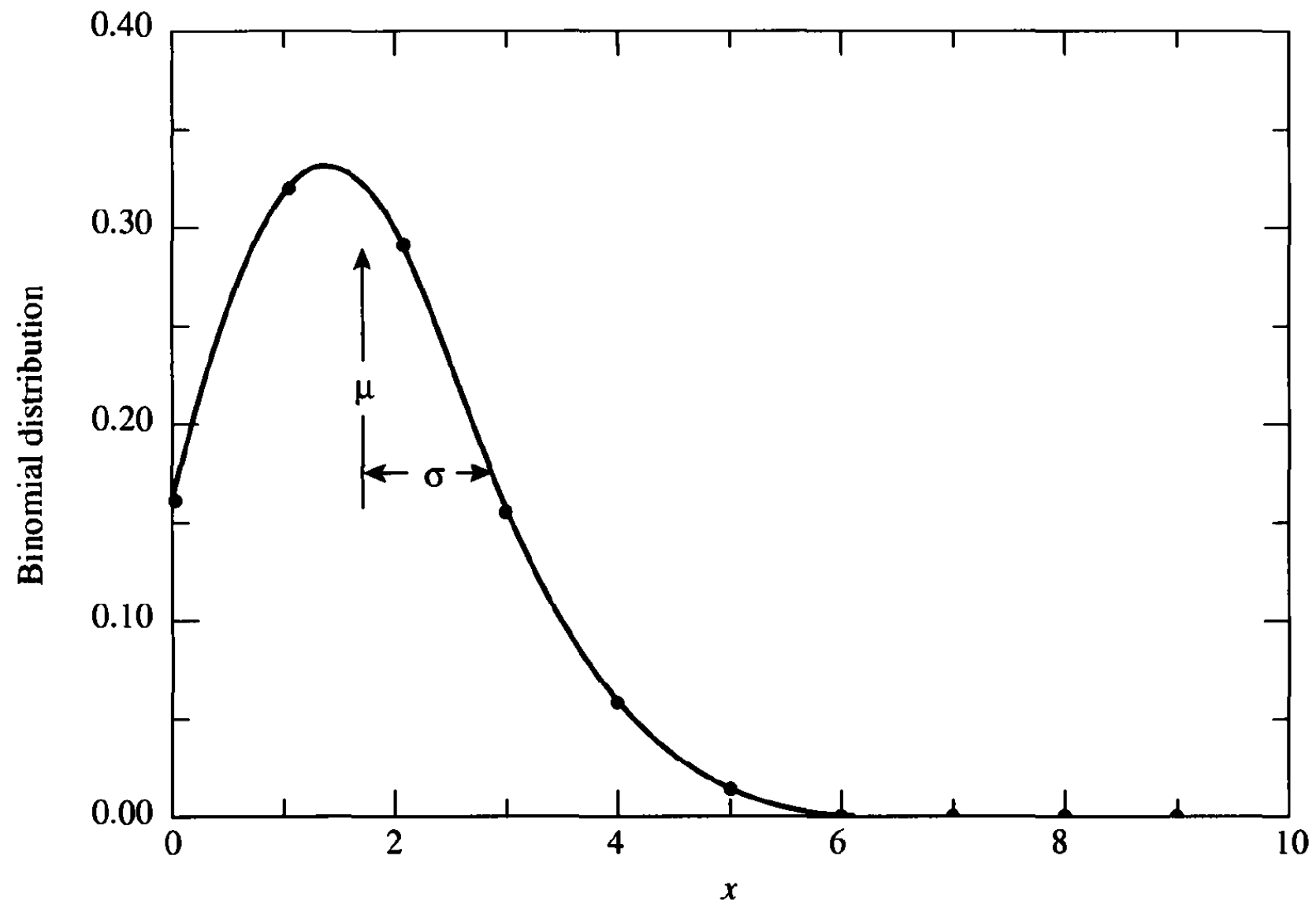


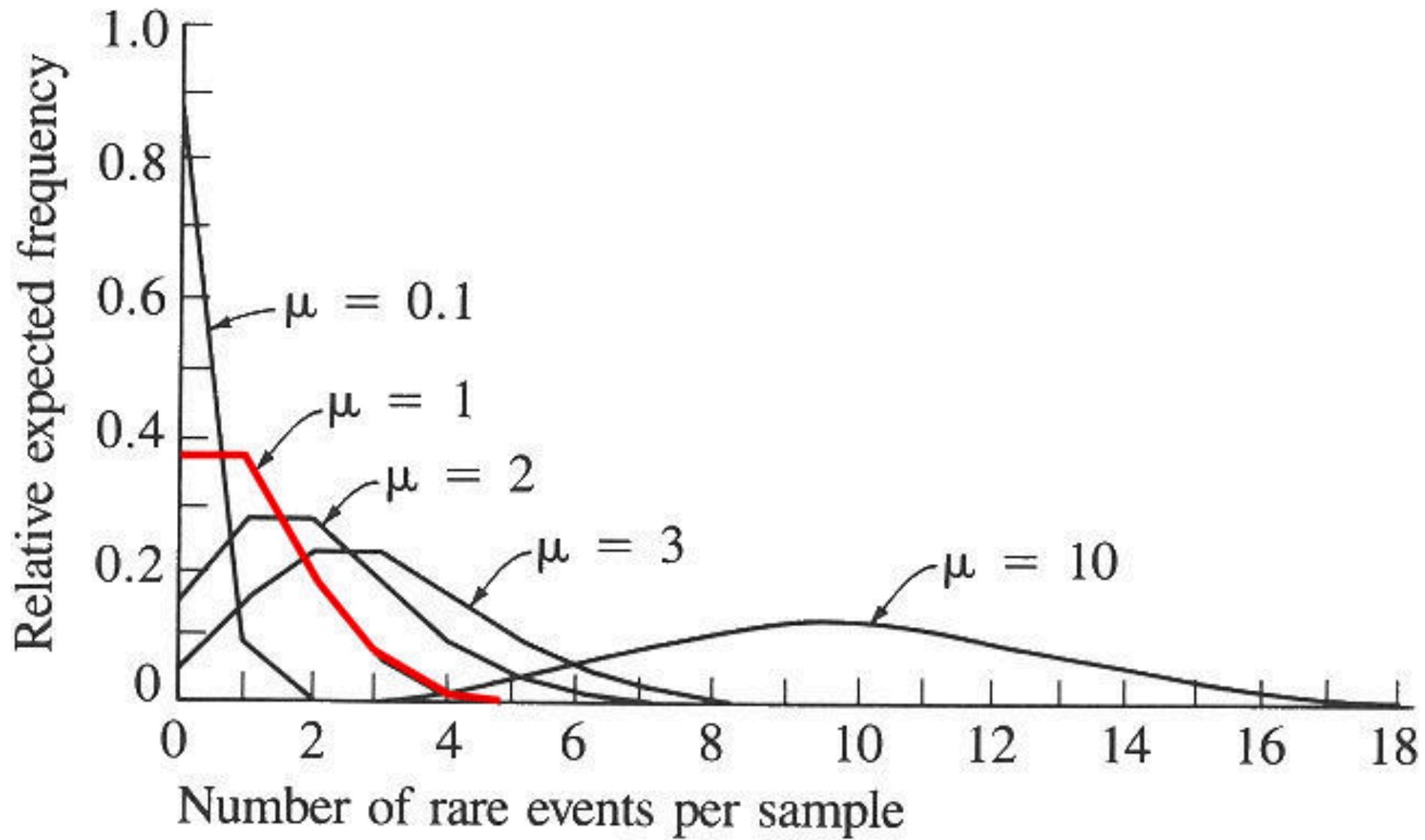


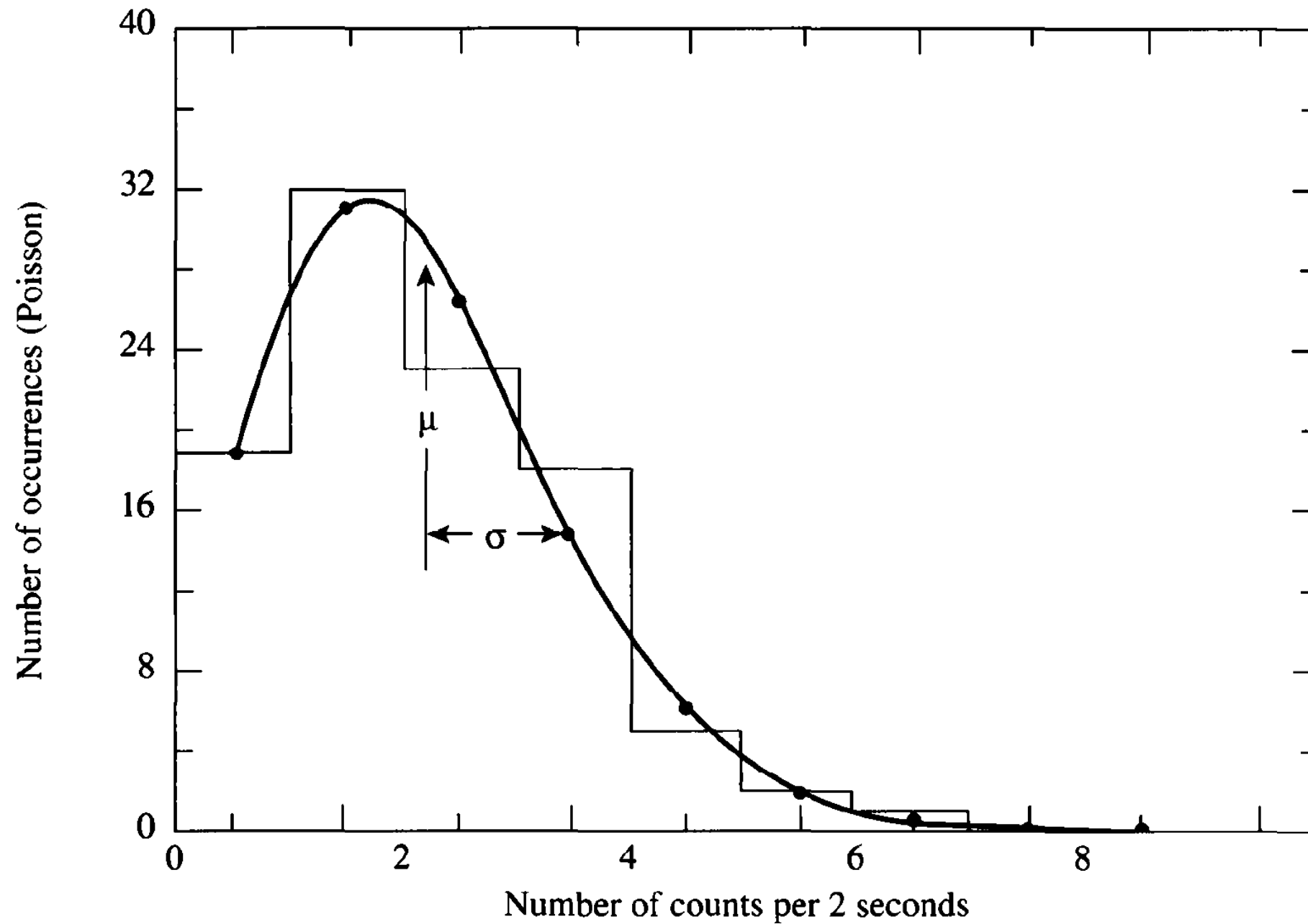


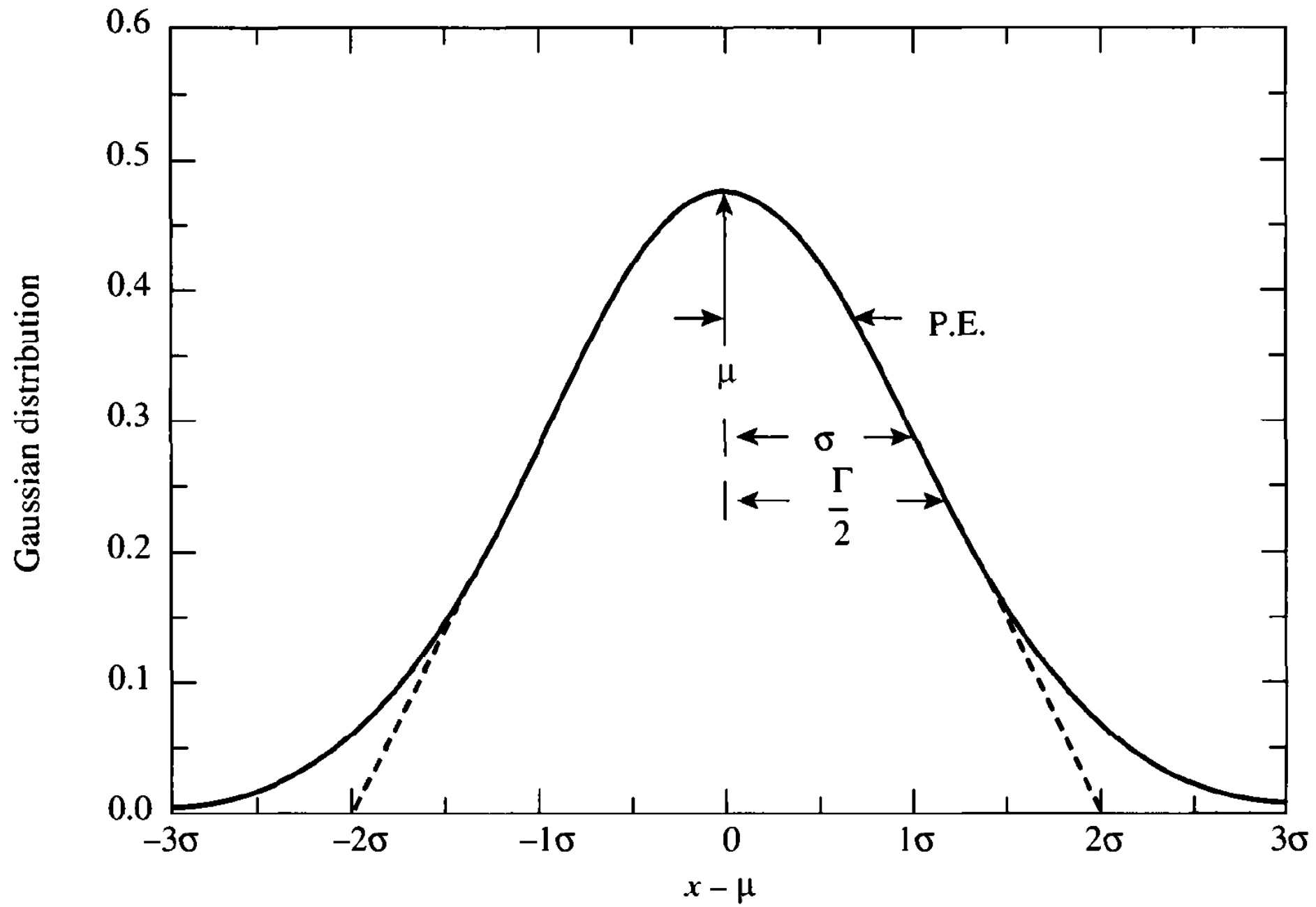
Example: Atomic distribution of In/Ga on Group III site of InGaN. Use of atom probe:

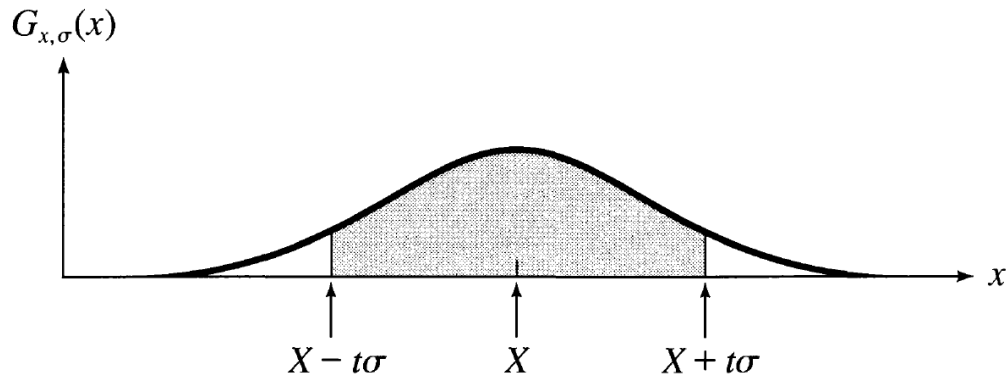




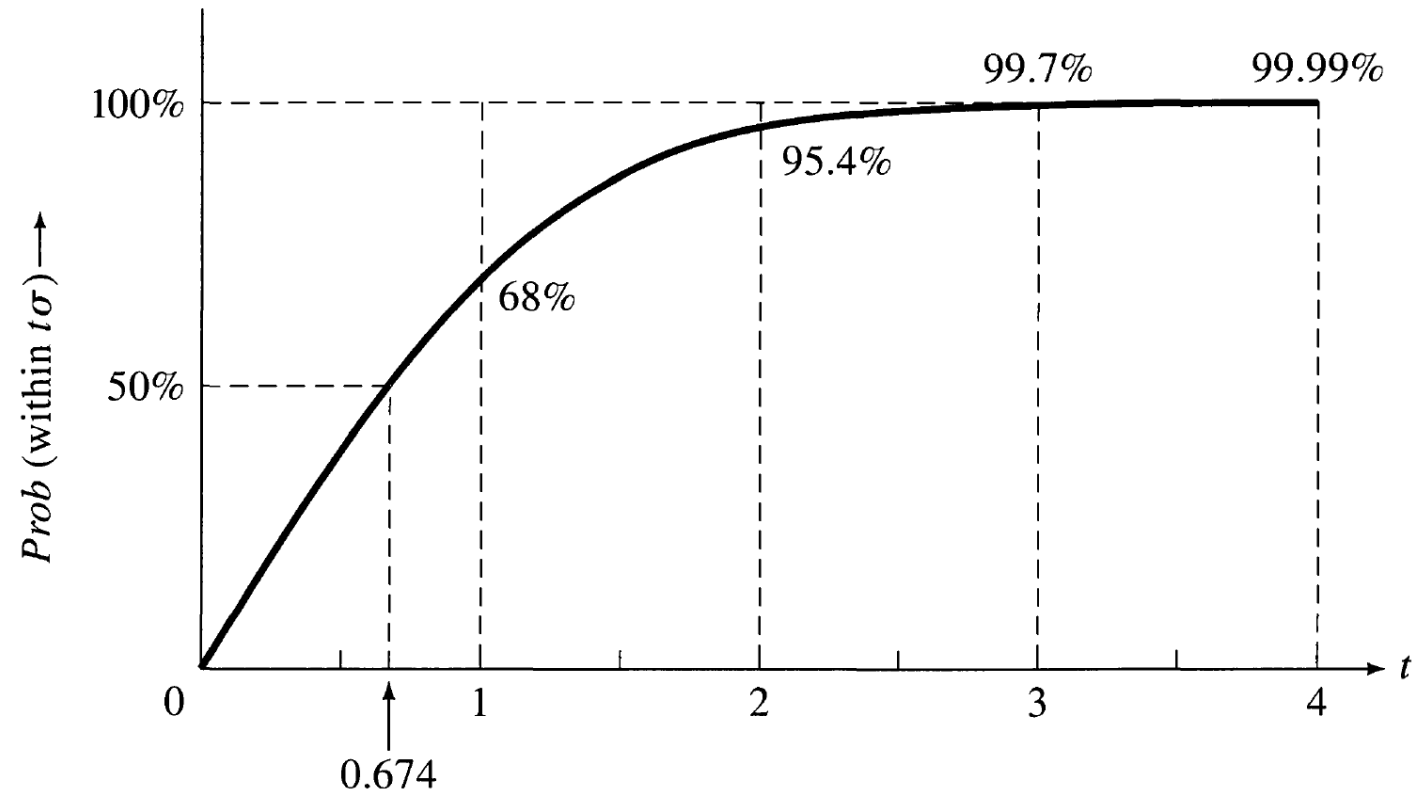




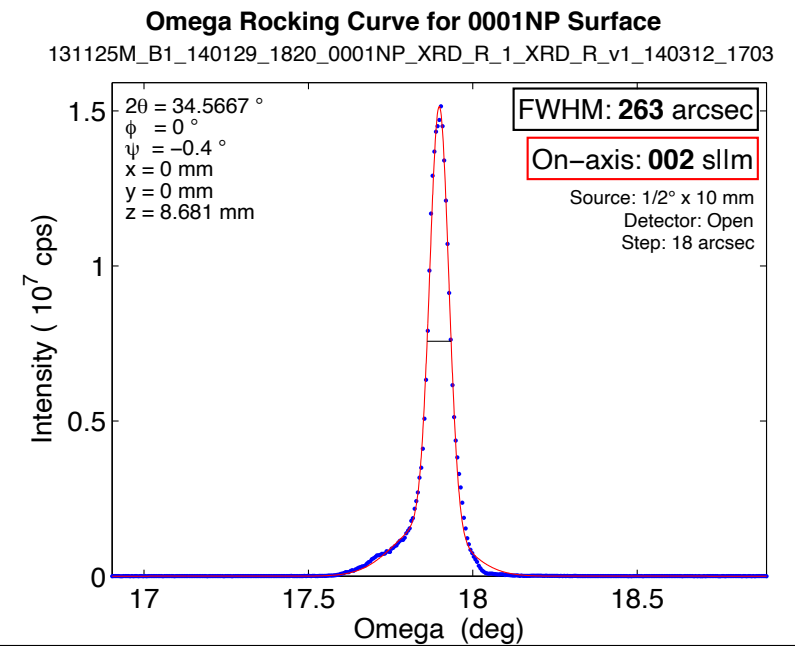
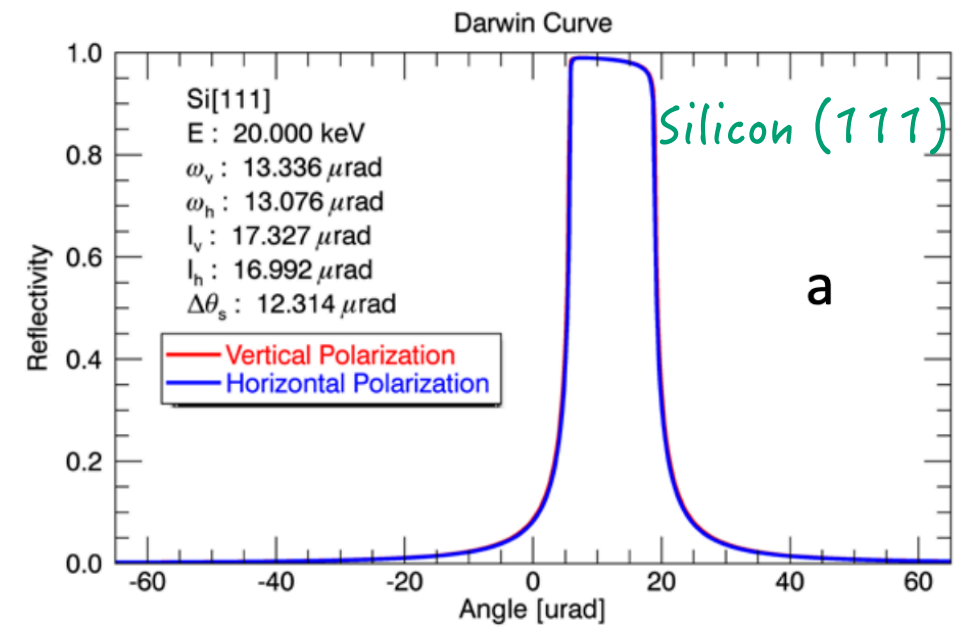
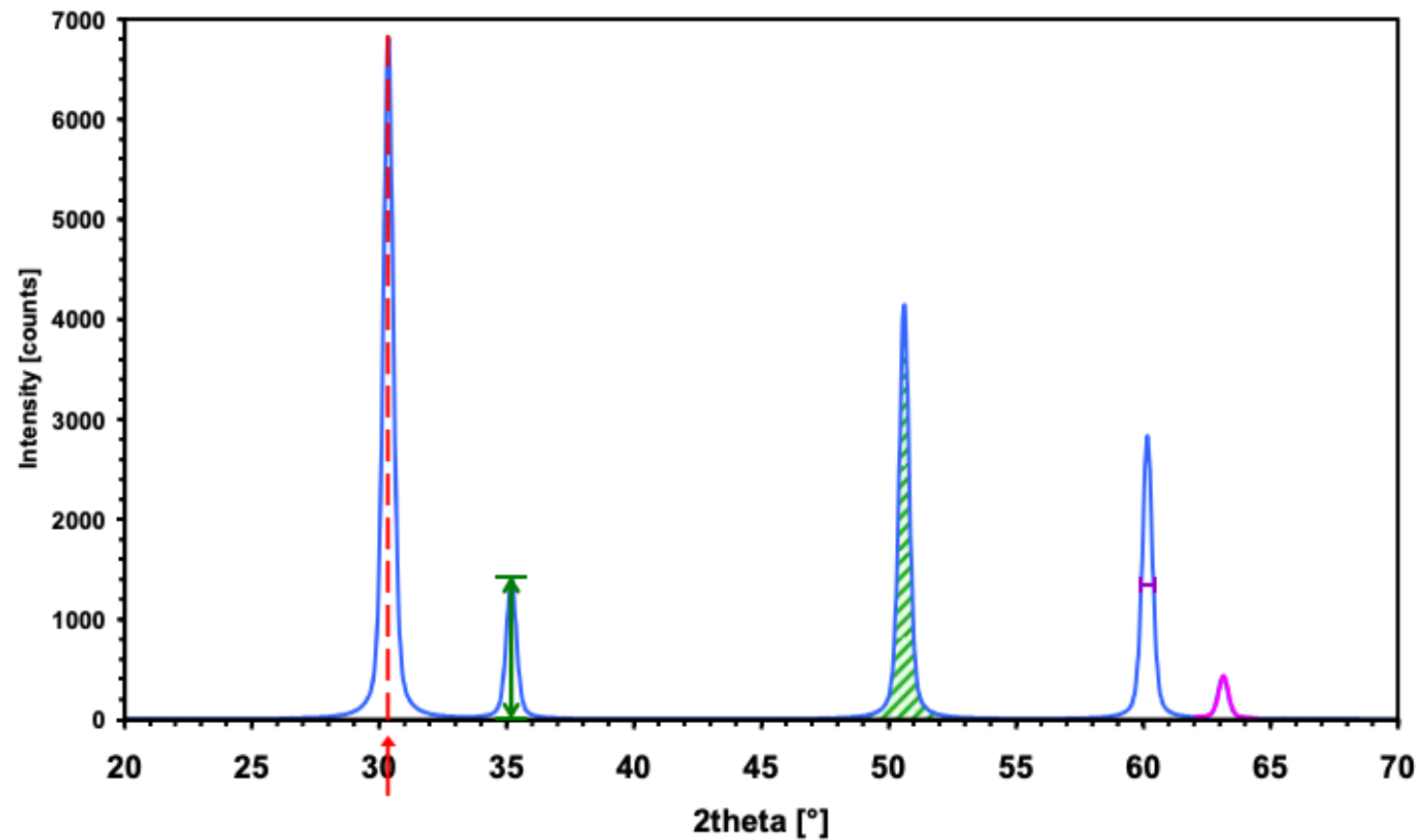


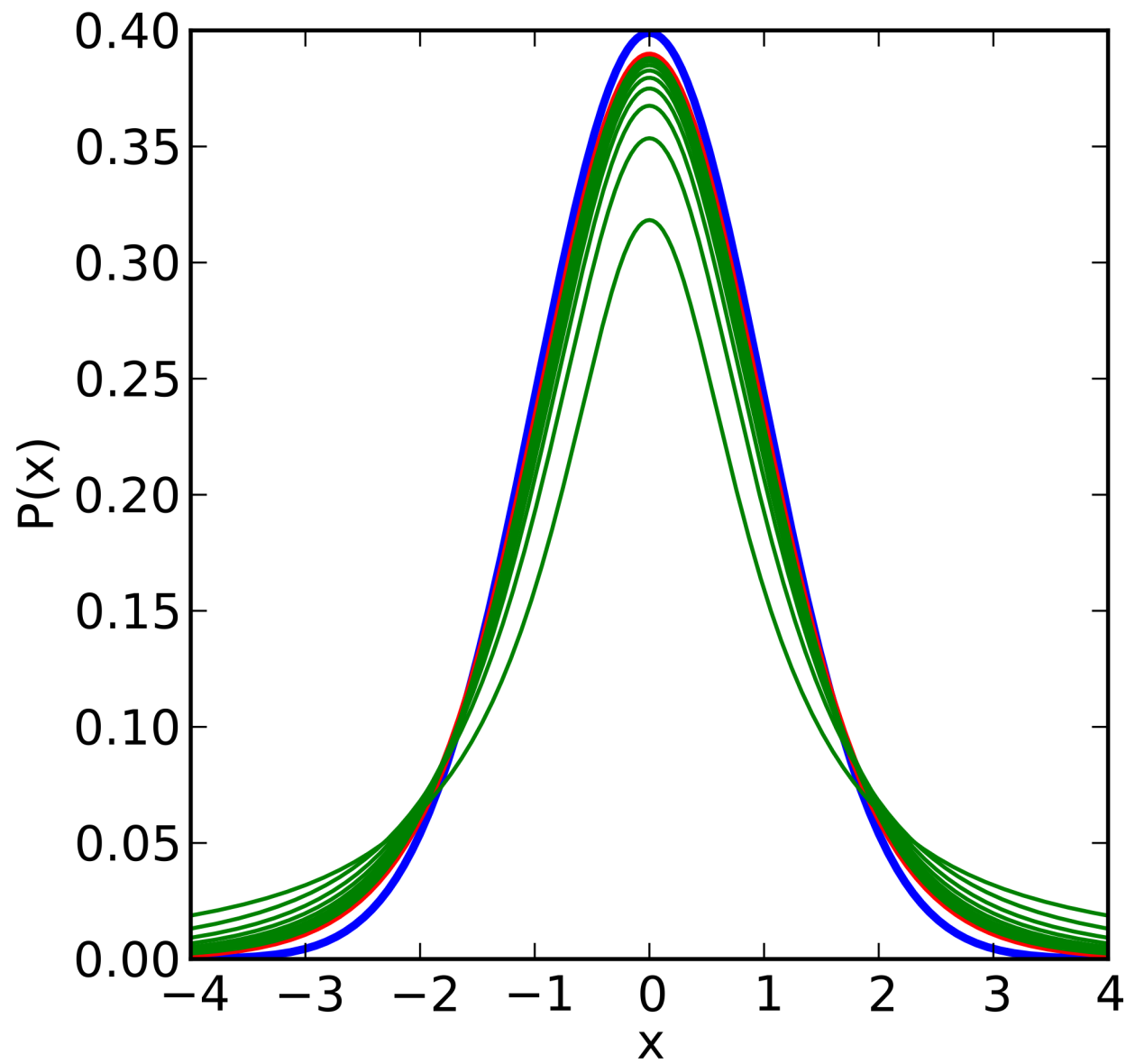
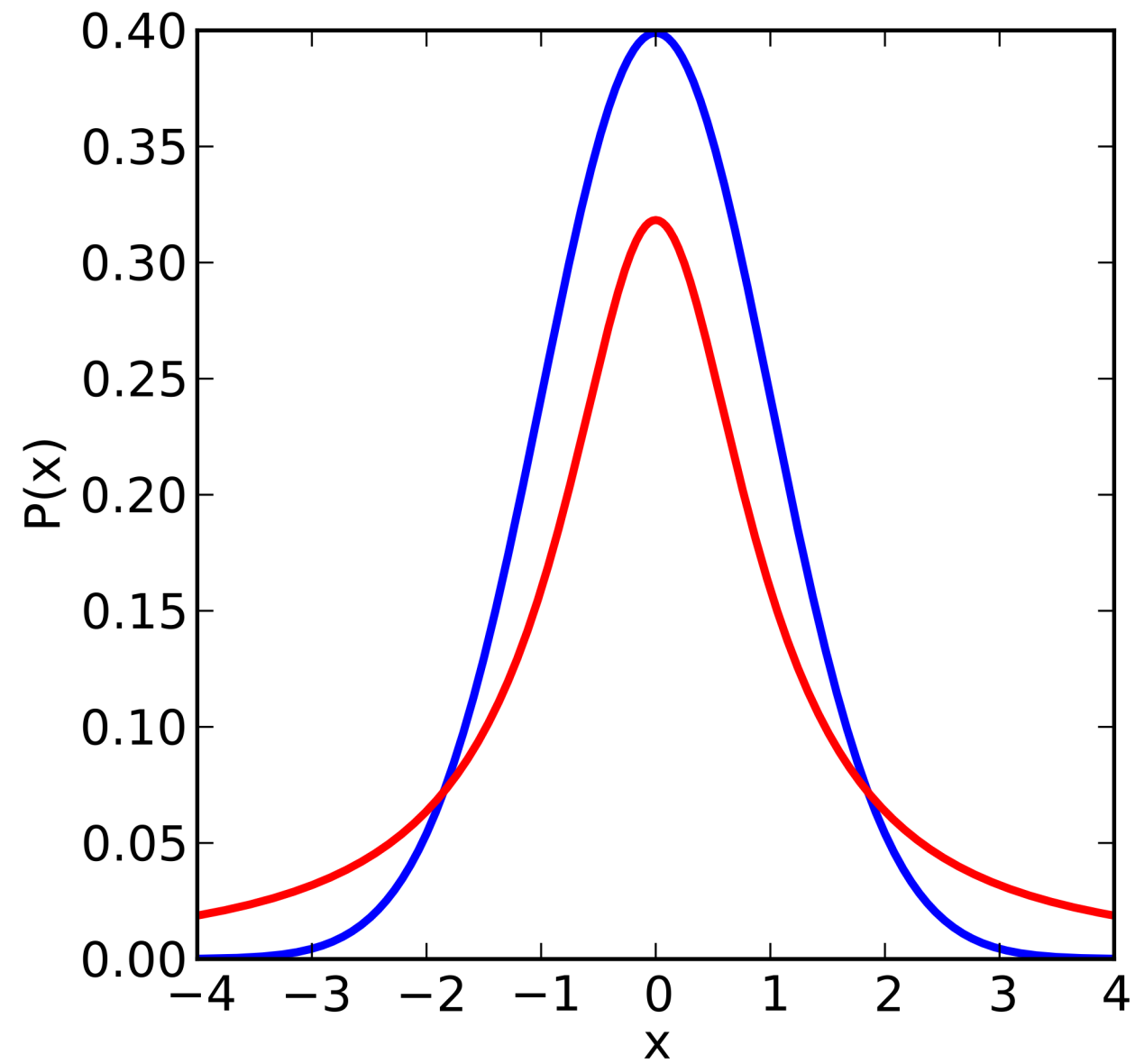


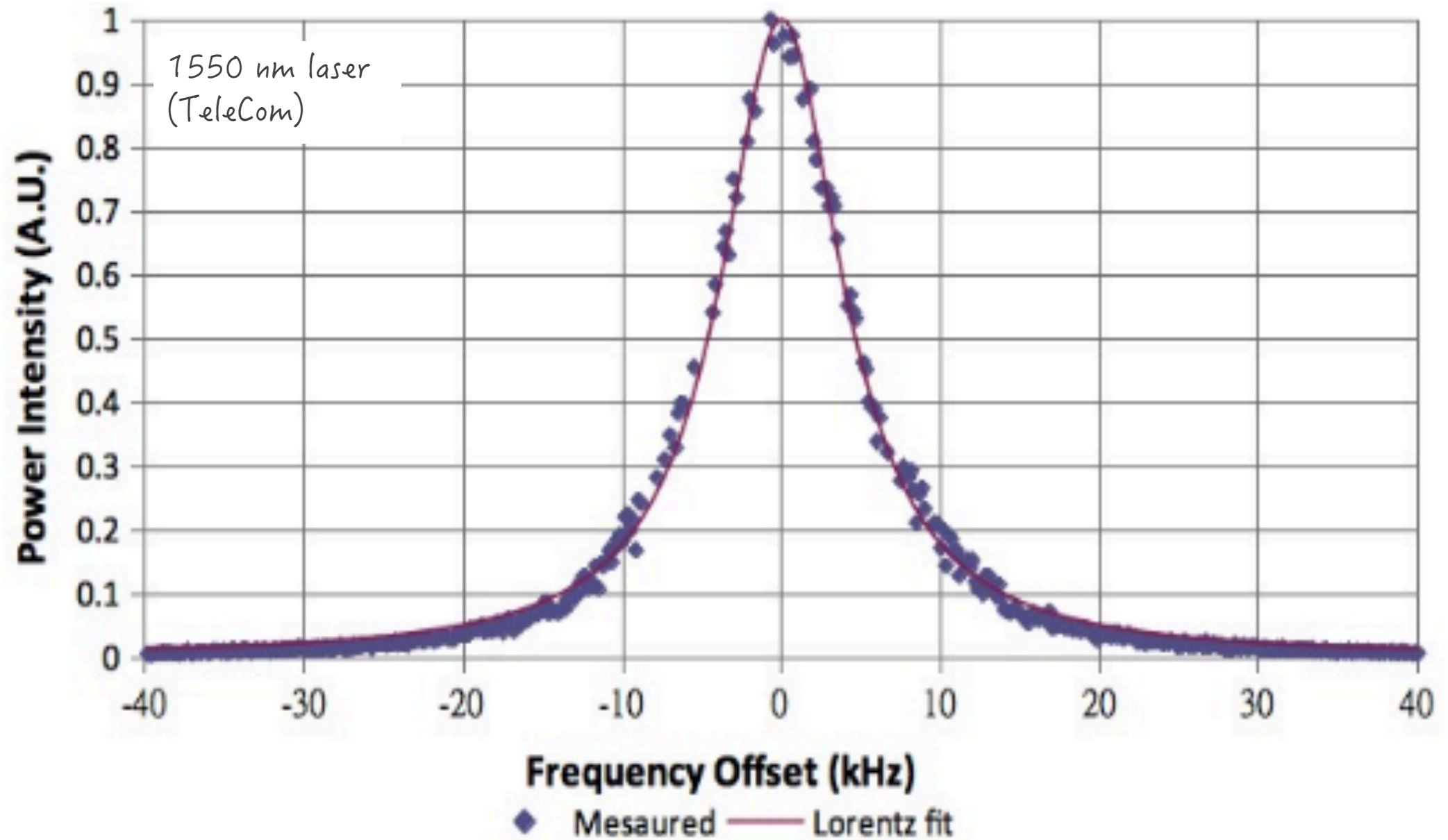
$$Prob(\text{within } t\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-t}^t e^{-z^2/2} dz.$$

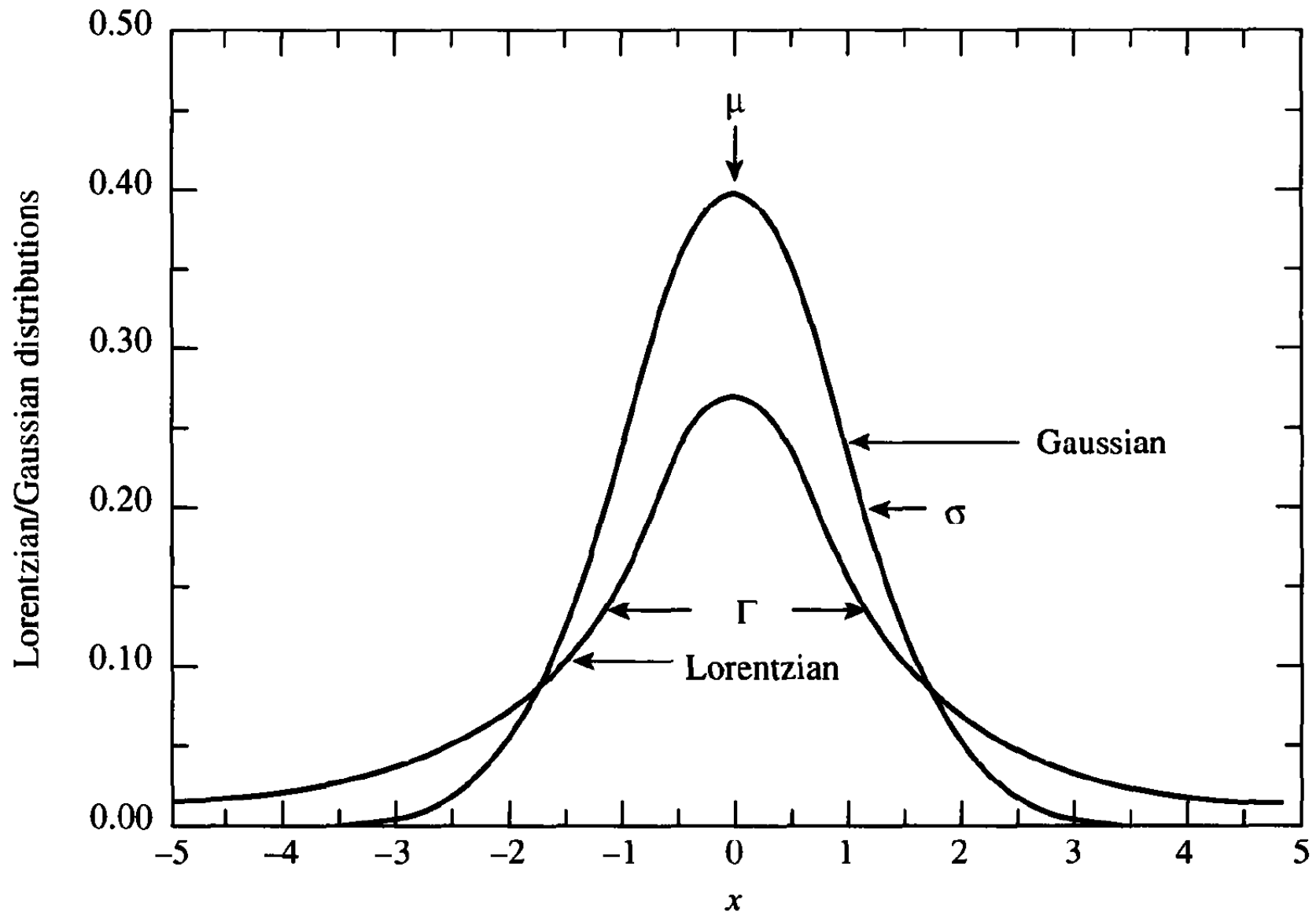


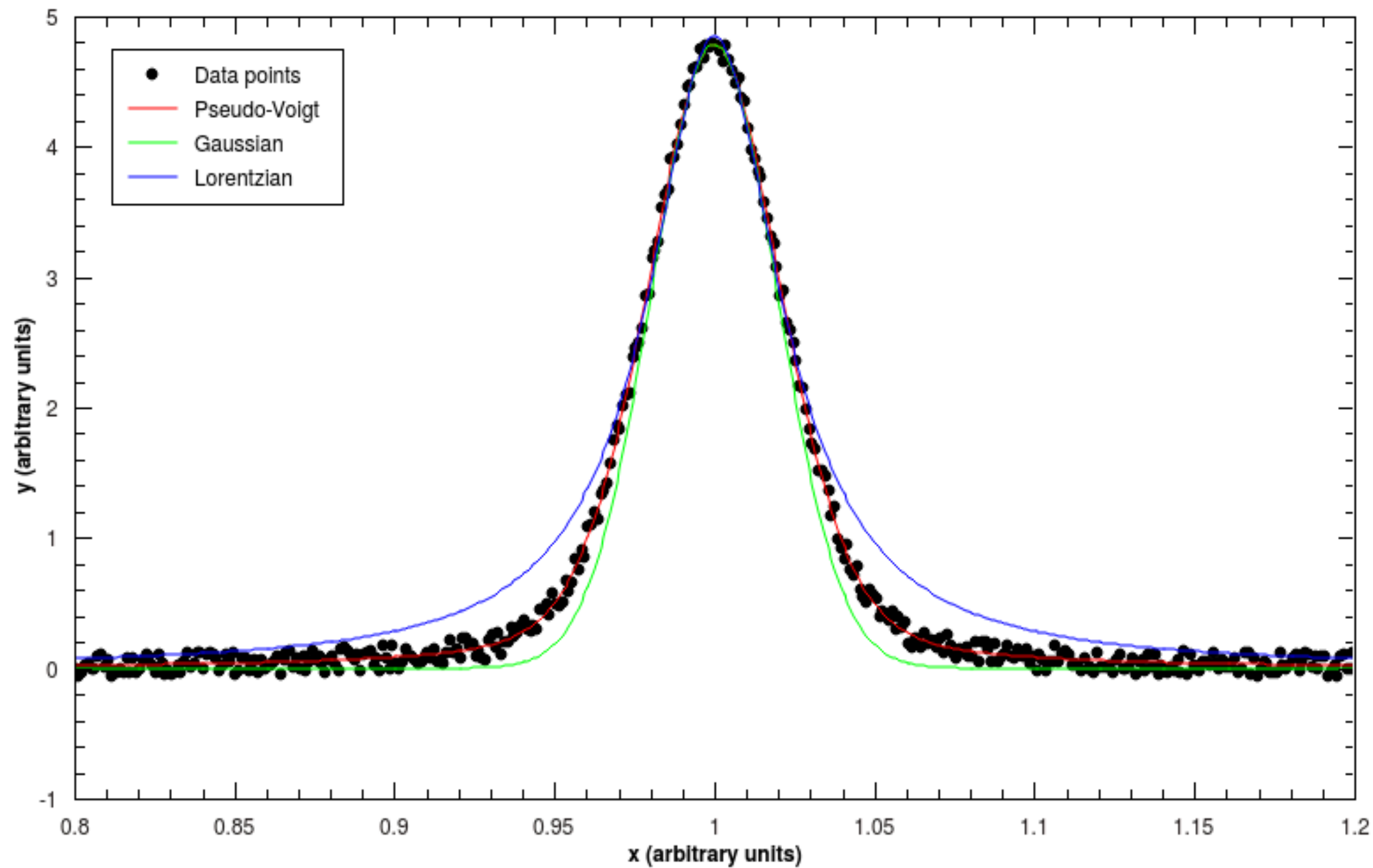
t	0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1.0	1.25	1.5	1.75	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5	4.0
$Prob (\%)$	0	20	38	55	68	79	87	92	95.4	98.8	99.7	99.95	99.99











Example: You are measuring photon emissions from a sample at a specific wavelength. Within a 2-hour period you record 6 photons. What is the probability of measuring one additional photon in the next 15 min?

As a large team working at CERN you as the team leaders is trying to determine which three people must run the nightshift with you to monitor and revise an ongoing experiment. The names of all senior team members are thrown into a hat and the first three that are drawn will be joining you. The names are not replaced once they are drawn (i.e. one person cannot assume the responsibilities of two team members). Everyone either likes beer or wine. You want to know the probability of all three individuals being beer drinkers as you have an awesome homebrew bottle you want to share.

Does this problem follow the binomial distribution?

You are synthesizing nanoparticles. The diameter of the nanoparticles follows a normal distribution due to the synthesis processes you used. The mean diameter you measure is 5.85 nm and you observe a standard deviation of 0.24 nm.

- a) Find the probability that a randomly selected particle will have a diameter of 6.0 nm. Plot the probability curve.
- b) The middle 20% of nanoparticles will have diameters between what sizes?
- c) Find the 90th percentile for the diameters for the nanoparticles and interpret it in a sentence.