

## Stochastics of radiation measurement

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We consider radiation measurement, i.e., radiation emission and detection. In time  $T$  set  $p$  to be the probability to detect an emitted particle.  $q = 1 - p$  is the probability not to be detected.

Suppose, we have in empty space a point source of  $N$  nuclides and the ideal ( $4\pi$ ) detector. Let  $r \in [0, N]$  is the stochastic variable for the number of particles detected in the time  $T$ .  $r$  has the binomial distribution and the probability

$$p_m = \binom{N}{r} p^r q^{N-r}.$$

This subject you can find in references [1,2,3].

**Radiation detection:** When the particle or photon is emitted from the point source it has a solid angle  $\Omega$  to go into the detector or it goes past that. The ratio  $\Omega/4\pi$  multiplied by the probability, that it is monitored in the detector, is here denoted by  $p_d$ .

**Radiation emission:** We know that in the time  $T$   $n = N(1 - \exp(-\lambda T))$  is the number of emitted particles (incl. photons). In [3] I suppose  $p = 1 - \exp(-\lambda T)$  for the emission of a particle. Then

$$p_e = \binom{N}{r} (1 - \exp(-\lambda T))^r (\exp(-\lambda T))^{N-r}.$$

In the special case  $T \ll t_{1/2}$   $p_e$  has the Poisson distribution.  $\lambda = \ln(2)/t_{1/2}$ . Always the error  $\Delta n = \sigma(r) = \sqrt{n} \exp(-\lambda T/2)$ .

Is  $p_m = p_e p_d$  even for short lived radiation?

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