

ARE THERE APPLICATIONS FOR LAPLACIAN STATS IN U-PB DATA INTERPRETATION?

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Thomas Bayes (1701 – 1761)



Pierre-Simon Laplace (1749–1827)

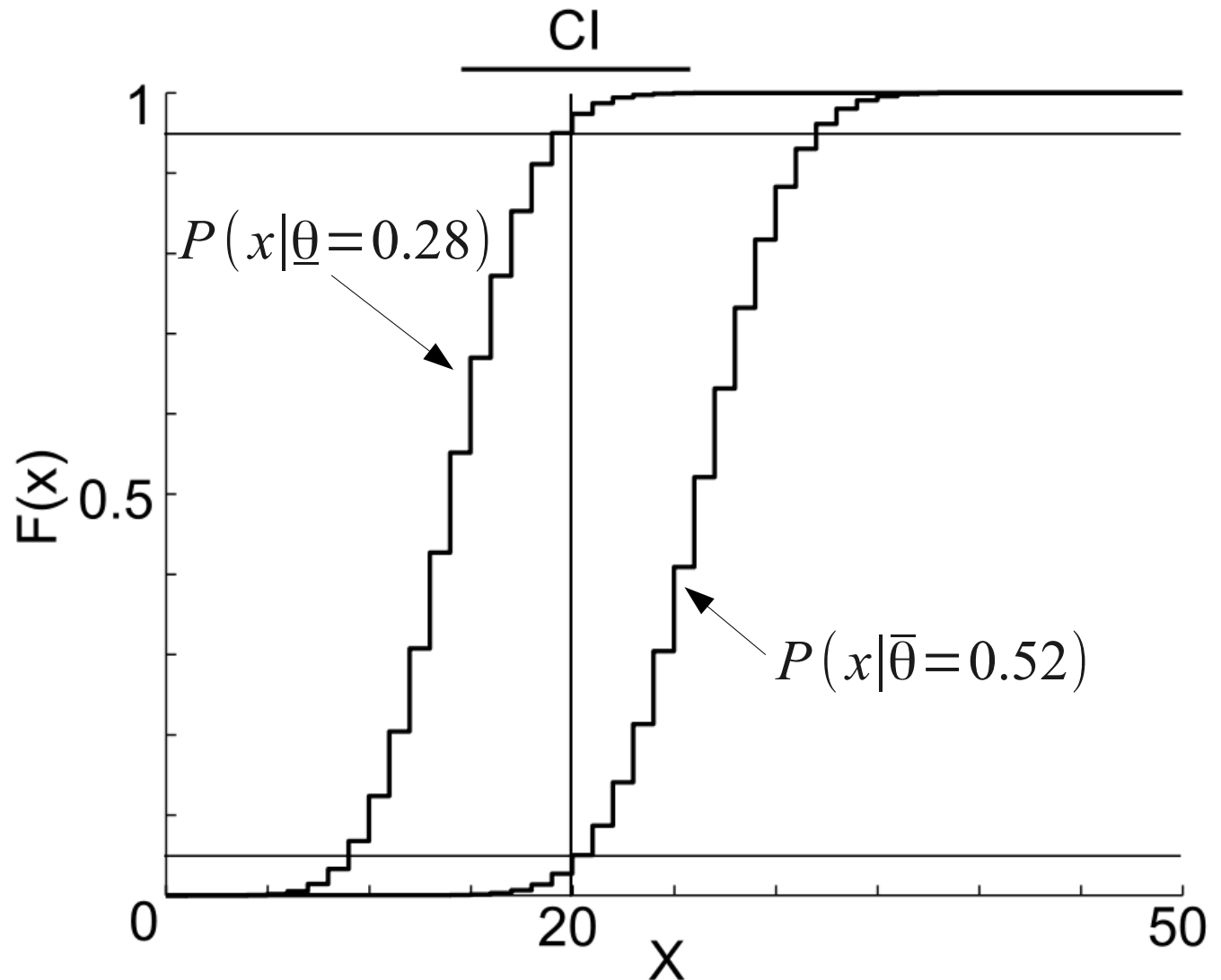
Posterior probability $\longrightarrow P(\theta|x) = \frac{P(x|\theta) P(\theta)}{P(x)}$

Likelihood $\swarrow$ $P(x|\theta)$

Prior probability $\swarrow$ $P(\theta)$

Constant $(= \int_{\theta} P(x|\theta) P(\theta))$ $\swarrow$ $P(x)$

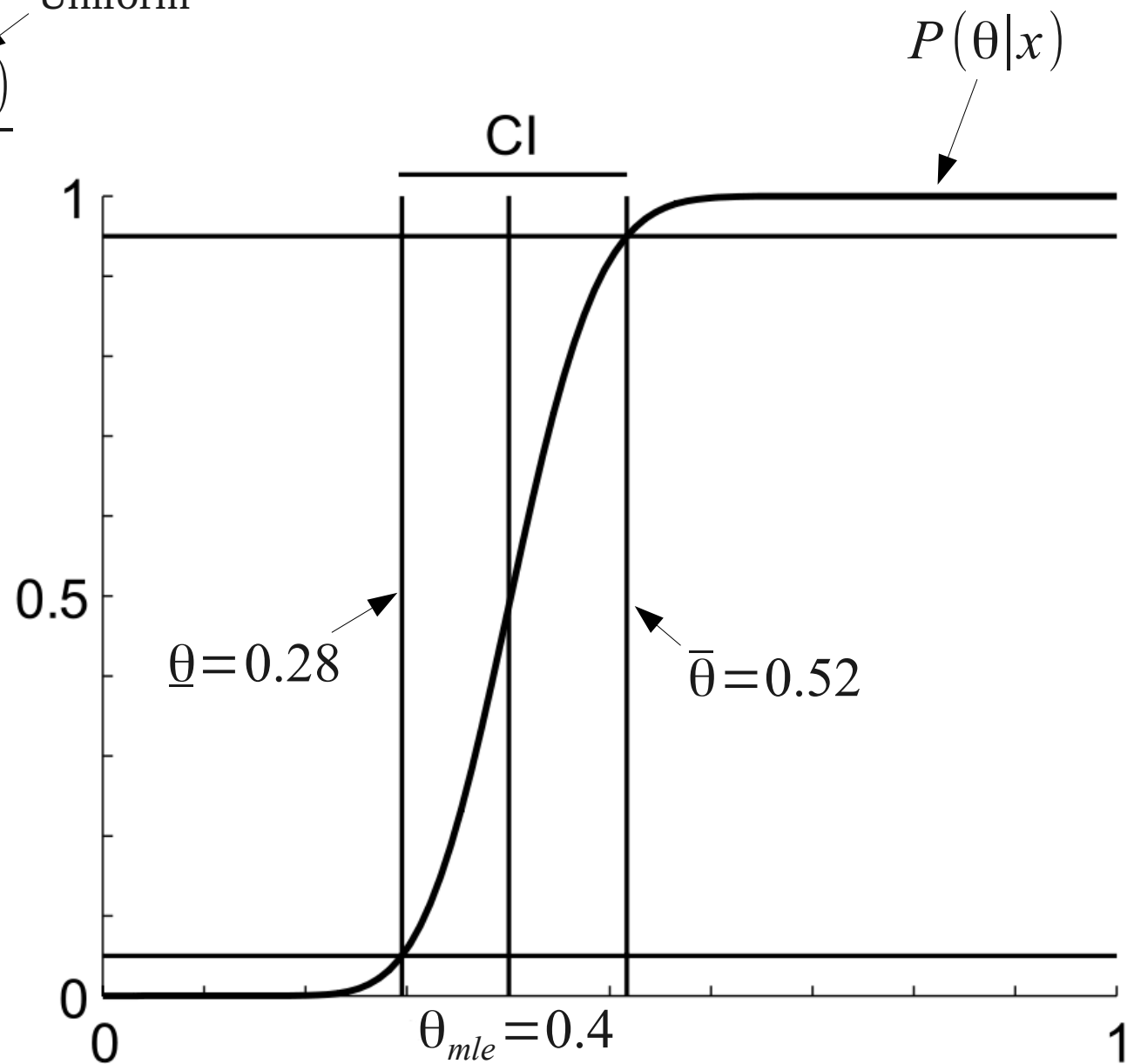
$$P(\theta|x) = \frac{\overset{\text{Binomial}}{P(x|\theta)} P(\theta)}{P(x)}$$

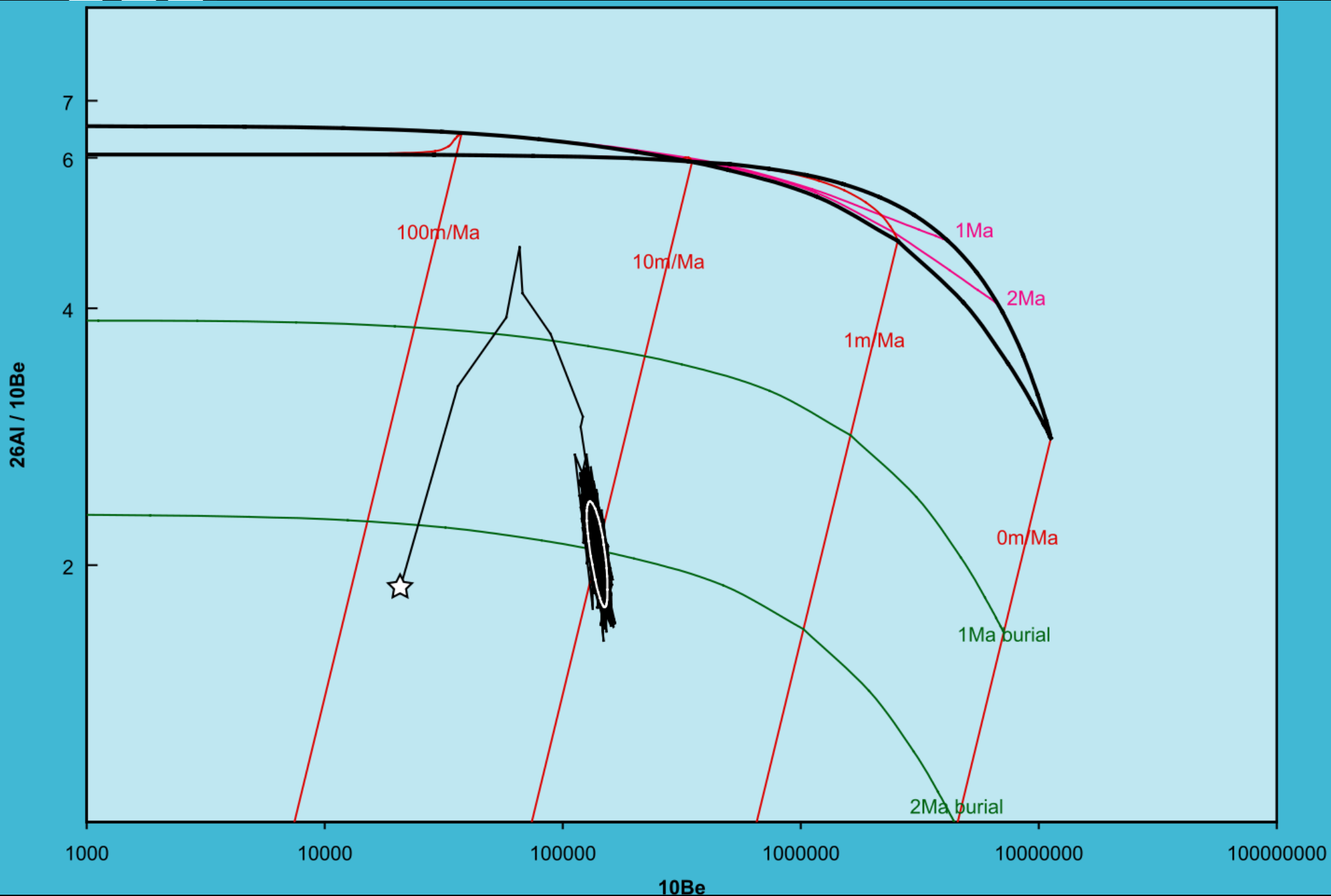


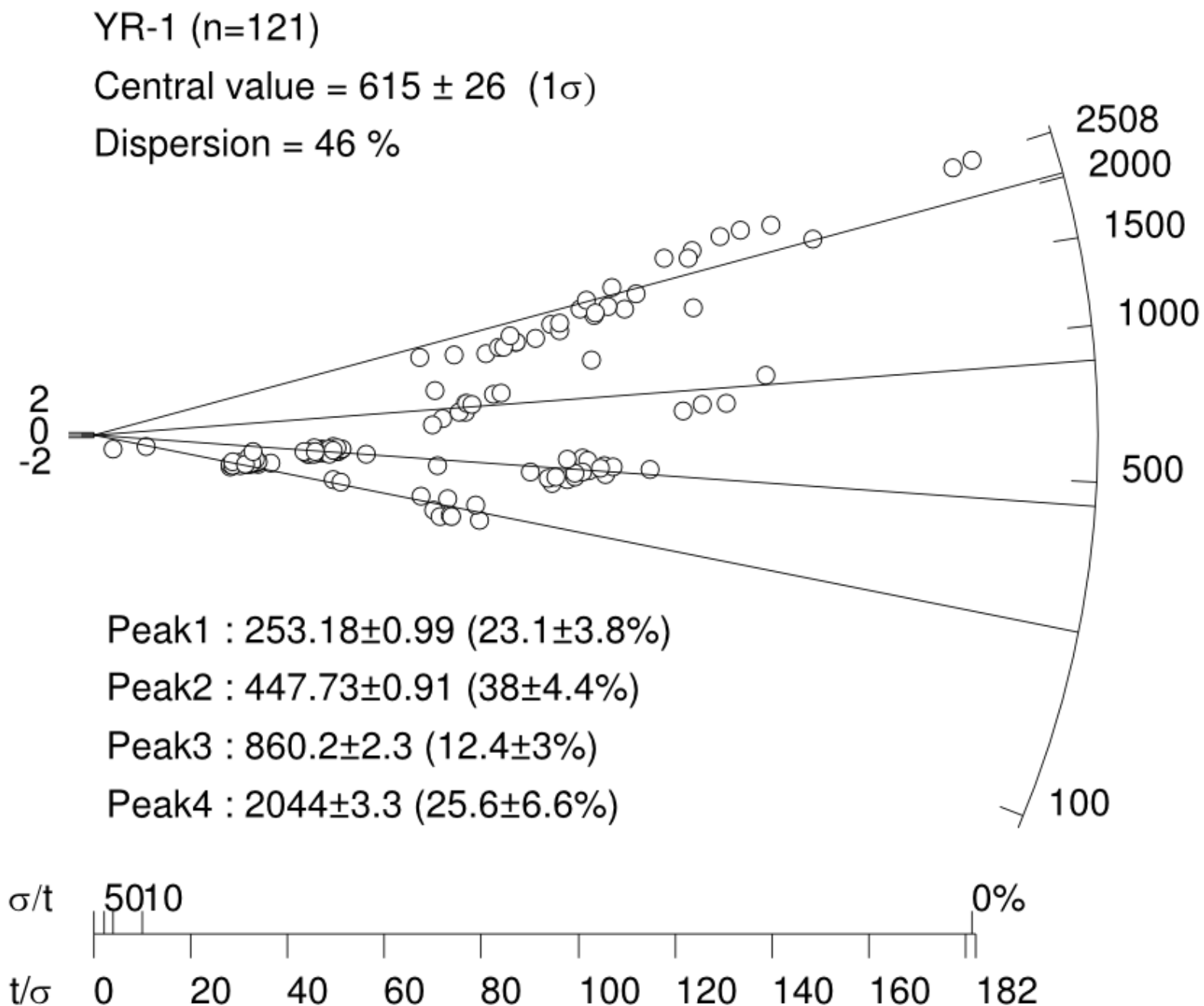
$$P(\theta|x) = \frac{P(x|\theta_{mle}) P(\theta)}{P(x)}$$

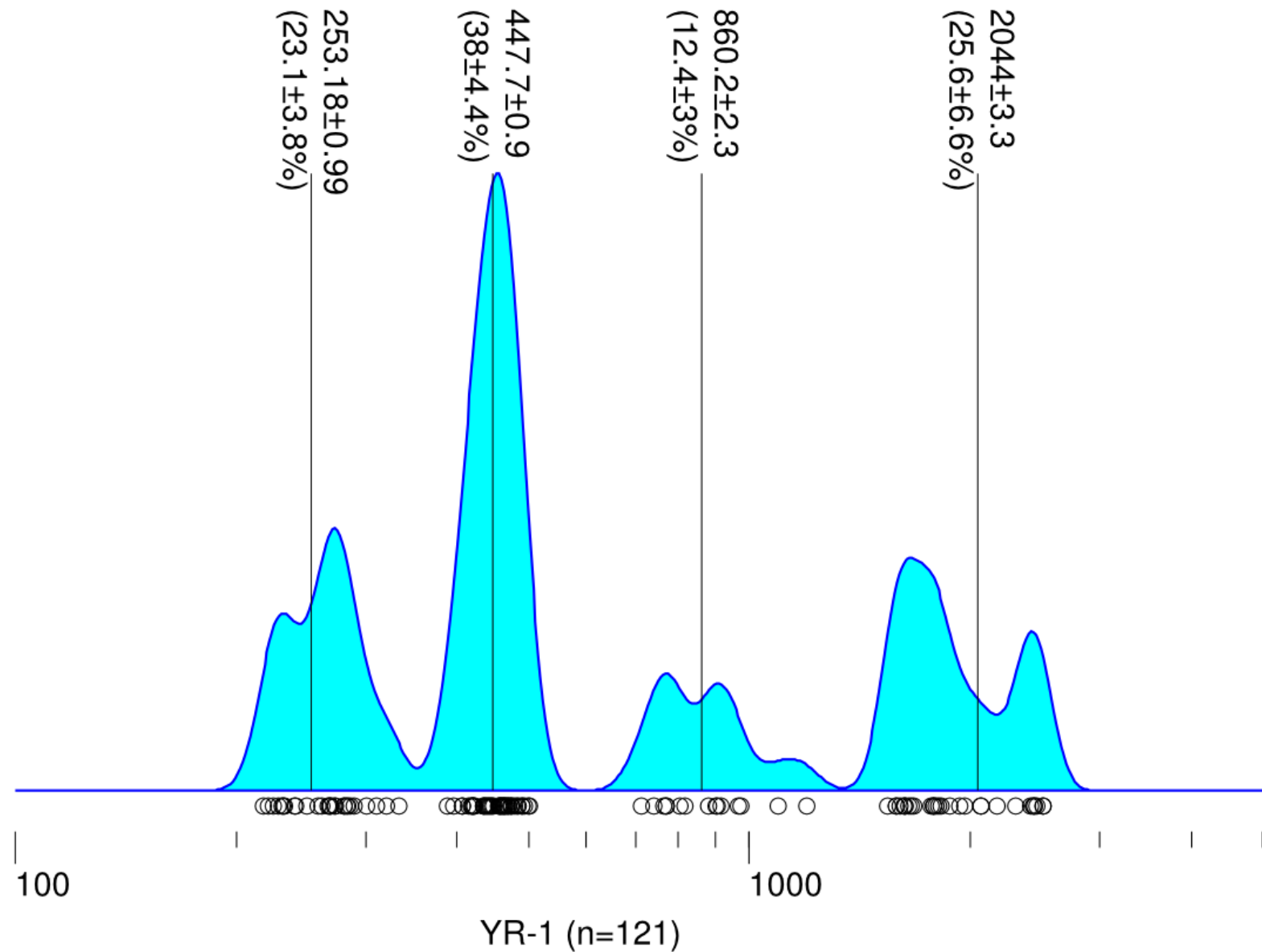
Binomial $\swarrow$ Uniform $\nwarrow$

Beta $\nearrow$









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