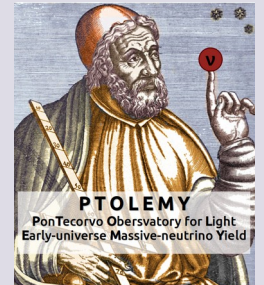


# Review on sensitivity to neutrino mass

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# Part I

## What we know about neutrino mass

# Neutrino mass

1.  $m_{\beta}^2 = \sum_i |U_{ei}|^2 m_i^2$  [beta decay]
2.  $m_{\beta\beta} = |\sum_i U_{ei}^2 m_i|$  [double beta decay]
3.  $\Sigma = \sum_i m_i$  [cosmology]



**Depending on**

- Mass ordering
- Oscillation parameters
- Cosmological model

# Reference formulae

		NuFIT 5.2 (2022)			
		Normal Ordering ( $\Delta\chi^2 = 2.3$ )			
		3 $\sigma$ range			
without SK atmospheric data	$\sin^2 \theta_{12}$	0.311 $^{+0.011}_{-0.011}$	0.306 → 0.316	0.311 $^{+0.011}_{-0.011}$	0.270 → 0.341
	$\theta_{12}/^\circ$	35.1 $^{+1.0}_{-1.0}$	30.6 → 51.9	35.1 $^{+1.0}_{-1.0}$	31.31 → 35.74
	$\sin^2 \theta_{23}$	0.572 $^{+0.018}_{-0.023}$	0.406 → 0.620	0.578 $^{+0.016}_{-0.021}$	0.412 → 0.623
	$\theta_{23}/^\circ$	49.1 $^{+1.0}_{-1.0}$	39.6 → 51.9	49.5 $^{+0.9}_{-0.9}$	39.9 → 52.1
	$\delta_{CP}/^\circ$	196 $^{+100}_{-100}$	196 → 196	196 $^{+100}_{-100}$	196 → 196
$m_{\nu_e}^{\text{eff}} = \sqrt{\sum_i m_i^2  U_{ei} ^2} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{m_0^2 + \Delta m_{21}^2 (1 - c_{13}^2 c_{12}^2) + \Delta m_{32}^2 s_{13}^2} & \text{in NO} \\ \sqrt{m_0^2 + \Delta m_{21}^2 c_{13}^2 c_{12}^2 - \Delta m_{32}^2 c_{13}^2} & \text{in IO,} \end{cases}$					
$10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2$		+2.511 $_{-0.027}$	+2.428 → +2.591	-2.498 $_{-0.025}$	-2.581 → -2.408
		Normal Ordering (best fit)		Inverted Ordering ( $\Delta\chi^2 = 6.4$ )	
with SK atmospheric data	$m_{ee} = \left  \sum_i m_i U_{ei}^2 \right $ $= \begin{cases} \left  m_0 c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2 + \sqrt{\Delta m_{21}^2 + m_0^2 s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2} e^{2i(\eta_2 - \eta_1)} + \sqrt{\Delta m_{32}^2 + \Delta m_{21}^2 + m_0^2 s_{13}^2} e^{-2i(\delta_{CP} + \eta_1)} \right  & \text{in NO} \\ \left  m_0 s_{13}^2 + \sqrt{m_0^2 - \Delta m_{32}^2 s_{12}^2 c_{13}^2} e^{2i(\eta_2 + \delta_{CP})} + \sqrt{m_0^2 - \Delta m_{32}^2 - \Delta m_{21}^2 c_{12}^2 c_{13}^2} e^{2i(\eta_1 + \delta_{CP})} \right  & \text{in IO} \end{cases}$				
	$\frac{\Delta m_{21}}{10^{-5} \text{ eV}^2}$	7.41 $^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.82 → 8.03	7.41 $^{+0.21}_{-0.20}$	6.82 → 8.03
	$\frac{\Delta m_{3\ell}^2}{10^{-3} \text{ eV}^2}$	+2.507 $^{+0.026}_{-0.027}$	+2.427 → +2.590	-2.486 $^{+0.025}_{-0.028}$	-2.570 → -2.406

# About ordering

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Yearningly  
Expected  
Spectrum

[F. Vissani, Neutrino 2018]

# Beta decay ent-point

## KATRIN (Tritium)

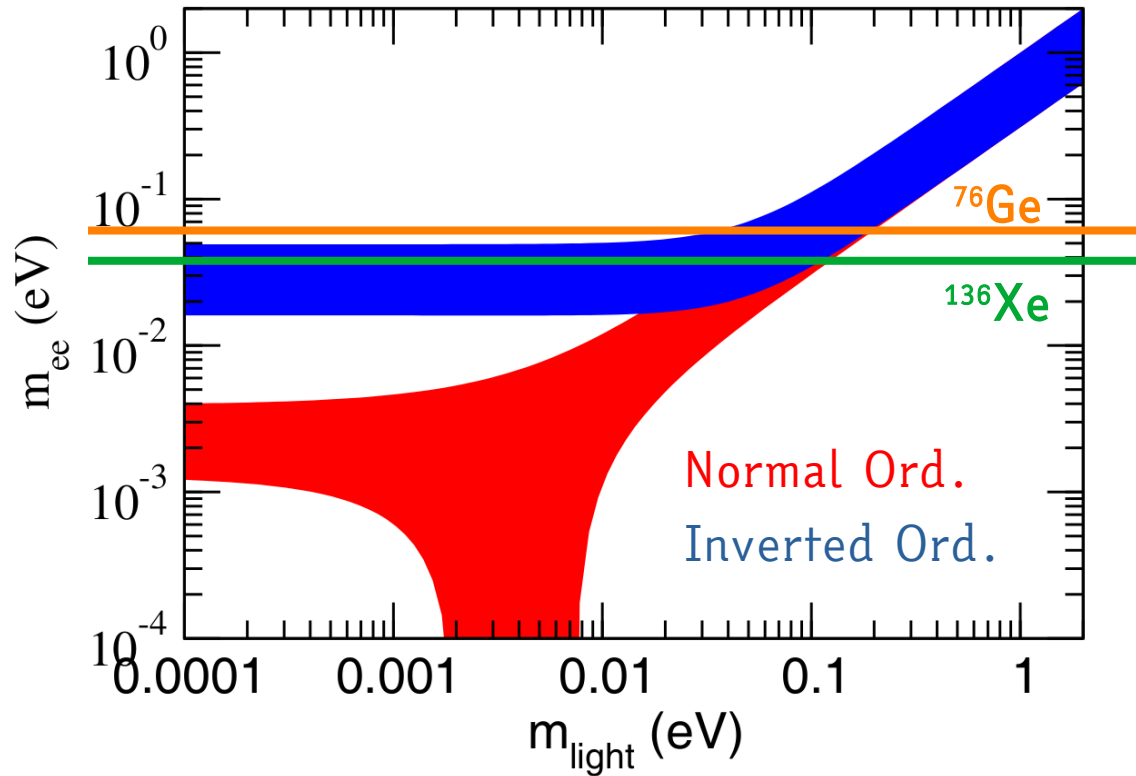
$m_\beta < 0.45 \text{ meV}$  (90% CL)  
(Lokhov-Tkachov)

$m_\beta < 0.31 \text{ meV}$  (90% CL)  
(Feldman-Cousins)

$Q_\beta = 18575.0 \pm 0.3 \text{ meV}$



# Neutrino-less double beta decay



KamLAND-Zen

$$T_{1/2} > 3.8 \times 10^{26} \text{ y}$$

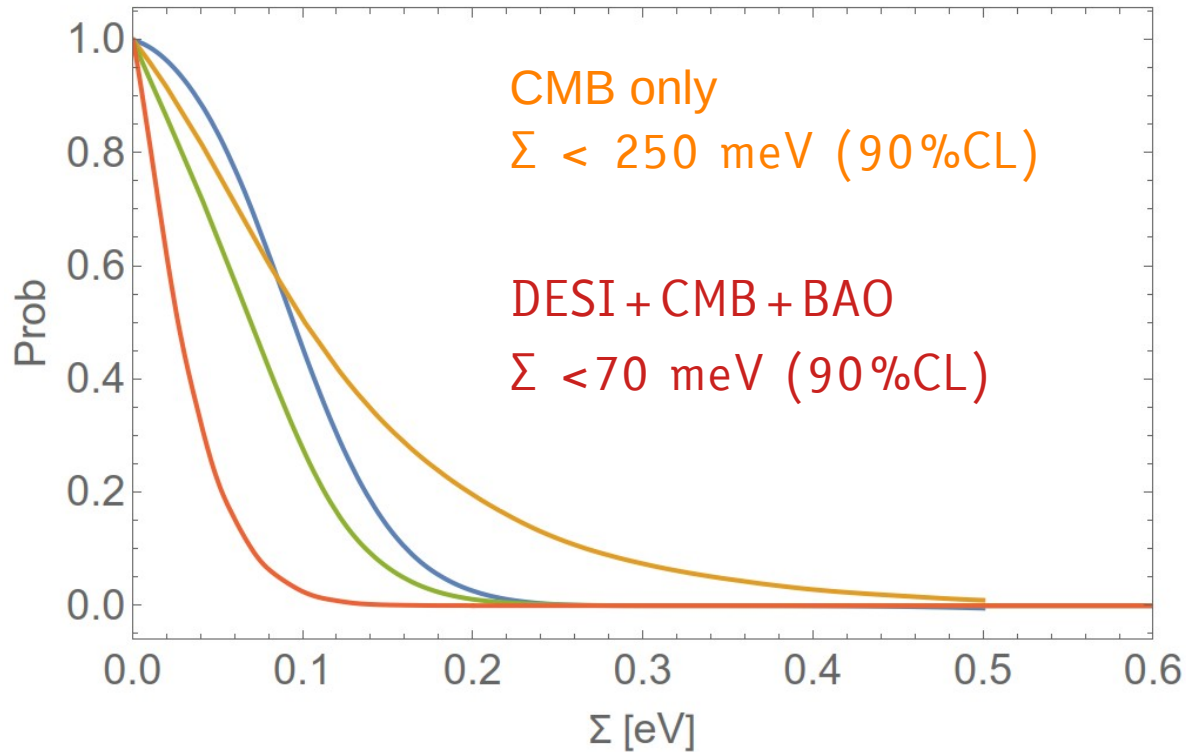
$$m_{\beta\beta} < 28\text{-}122 \text{ meV}$$

LEGEND-200

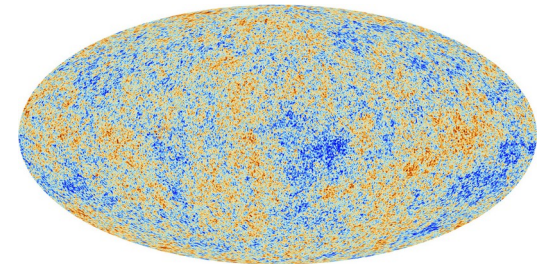
$$T_{1/2} > 1.9 \times 10^{26} \text{ y}$$

$$m_{\beta\beta} < 79\text{-}180 \text{ meV}$$

# Cosmology

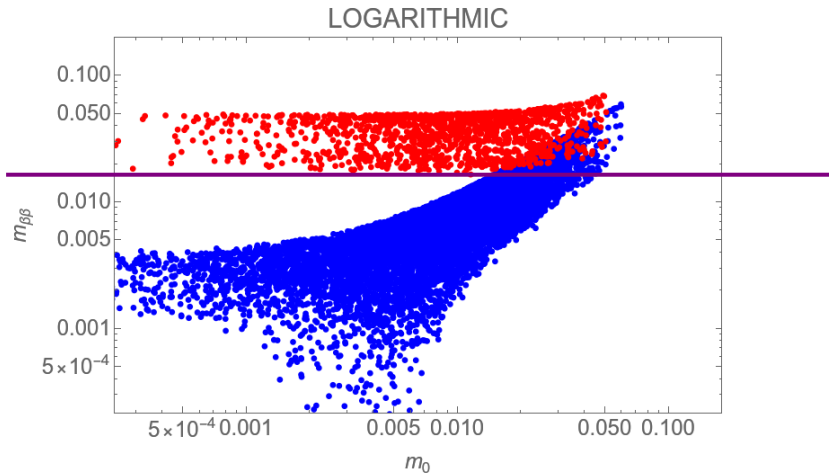


Neutrinos affects the growth of the cosmic clustering  $\rightarrow$  CMB, LSS





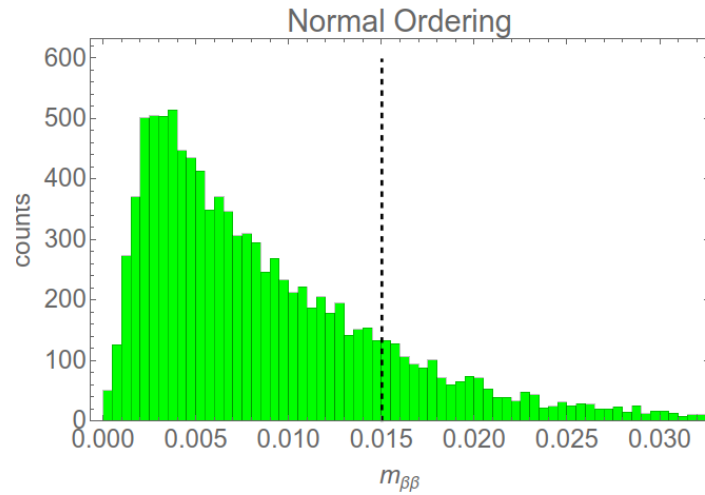
# $m_{\beta\beta}$ Bootstrap



Next generation  $0\nu\beta\beta$   
(KamLAND-Zen, LEGEND-1000, CUPID)

$m_{\beta\beta} \sim 15$  meV

$(m_0, m_{\beta\beta}) = f(\text{oscillation, Majorana, Cosmology})$



**Chance for discovery:**

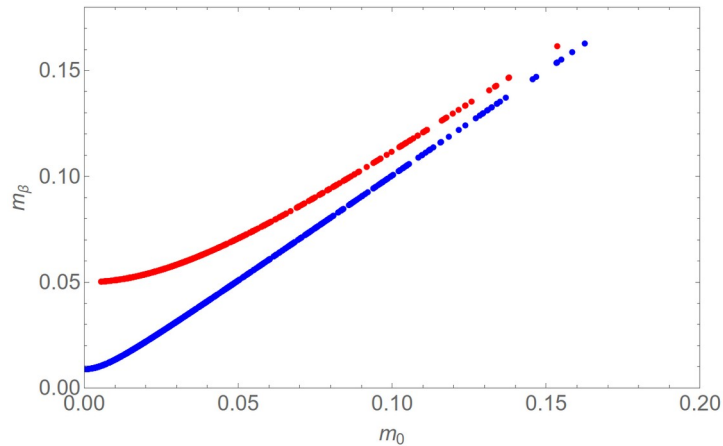
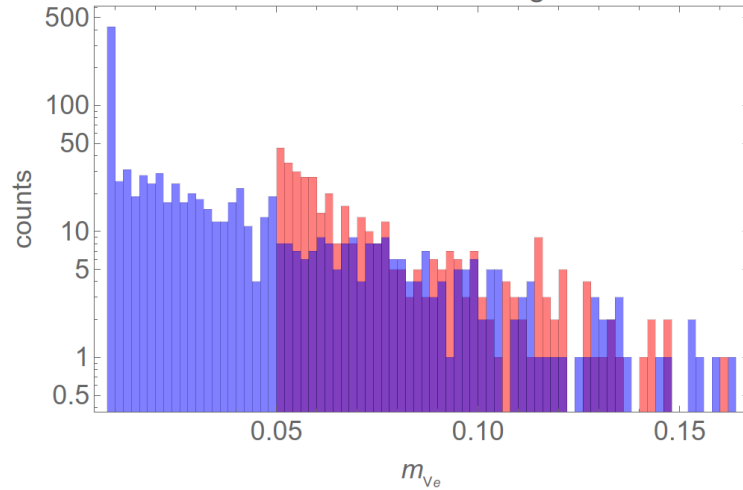
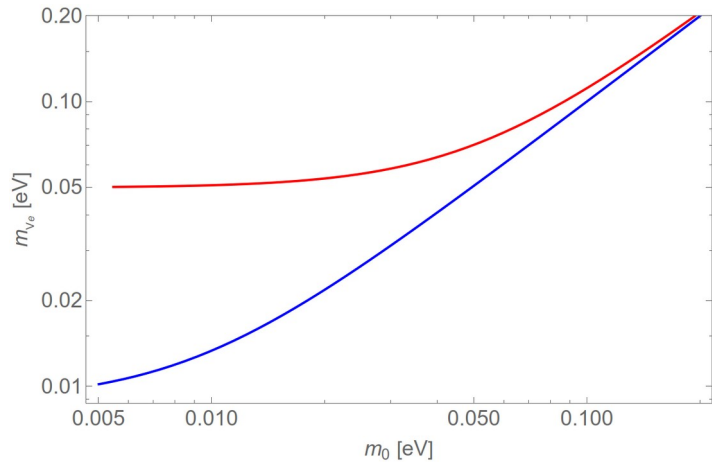
Planck + ACT: **66%**

Planck + BAO: **41%**

Planck + BAO + ACT + RDS: **36%**

Planck + BAO + DESI: **16%**

# $m_\beta$ Bootstrap



Most conservative choice (CMB only)

$$\langle m_\beta \rangle = 31 \text{ meV (NO)}$$

$$\langle m_\beta \rangle = 72 \text{ meV (IO)}$$

(challenging)

# Dirac vs Majorana

Race for Majorana Neutrino

$$T_{1/2} > 10^{28} \text{ y}$$

**LEGEND-1000**

(1t of  $^{76}\text{Ge}$ , 500 M\$, >10 y)

**nEXO**

(5t of  $^{136}\text{Ge}$ , 500 M\$, >10 y)

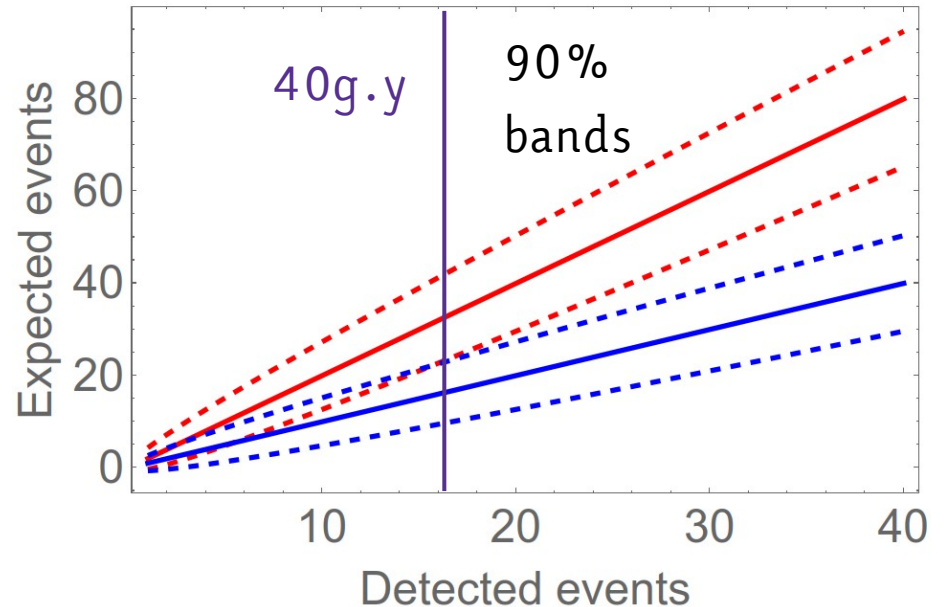
**CUPID**

(1t of  $^{100}\text{Mo}$ , 100 M\$, >10 y)

Expected rate

- **Dirac** 0.4 events/g/y

- **Majorana** 0.8 events/g/y



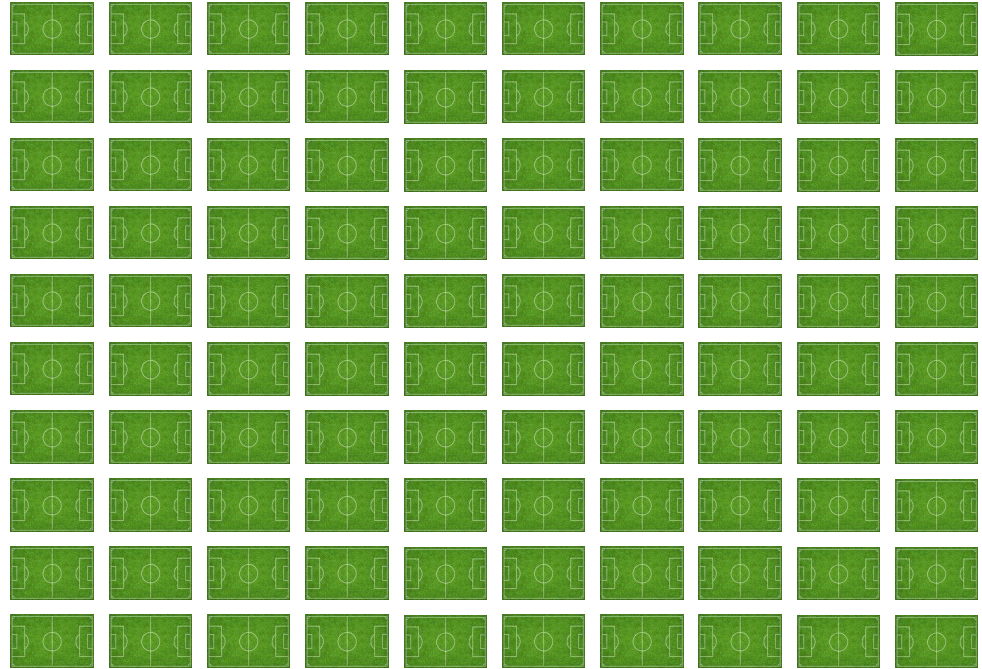
# Problem to face



1 g

5000 m<sup>2</sup>

We urgently need  
source compactification!!!



100 g

500000 m<sup>2</sup>

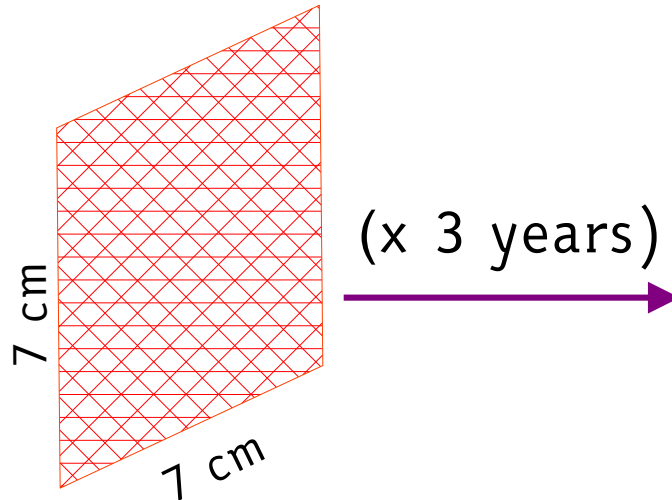
# Part II

## Experimental sensitivity to neutrino mass

# Reference source

$$N_{dec} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{m_S \mathcal{N}_A}{A_{(^3H)}} (1 - e^{-t/\tau}) \right) \simeq 10^{16}$$

(50%  
Efficiency  
for total  
events)  
in 3 y

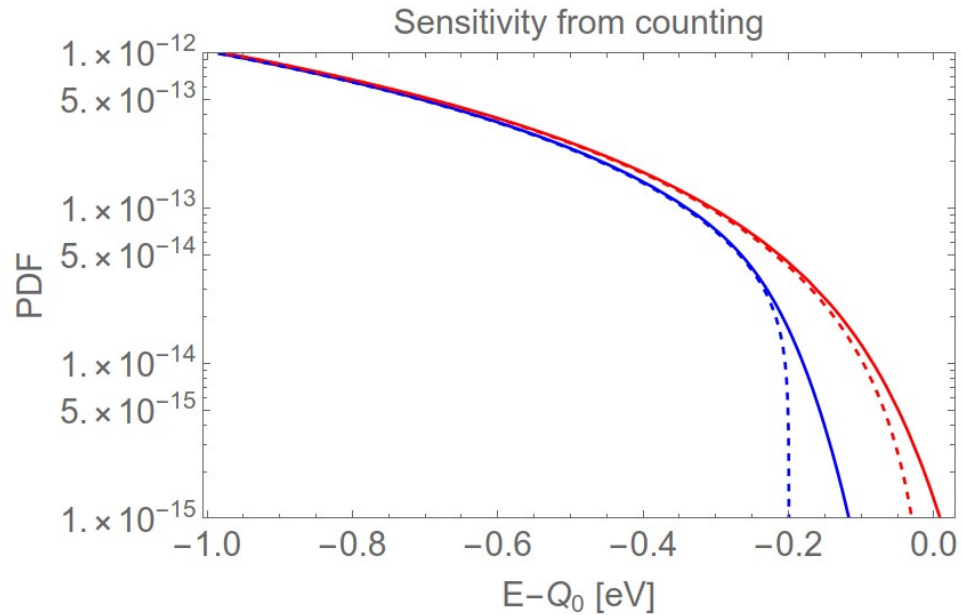


$\rho = 0.2 \text{ mg/m}^2$   
(full loading)

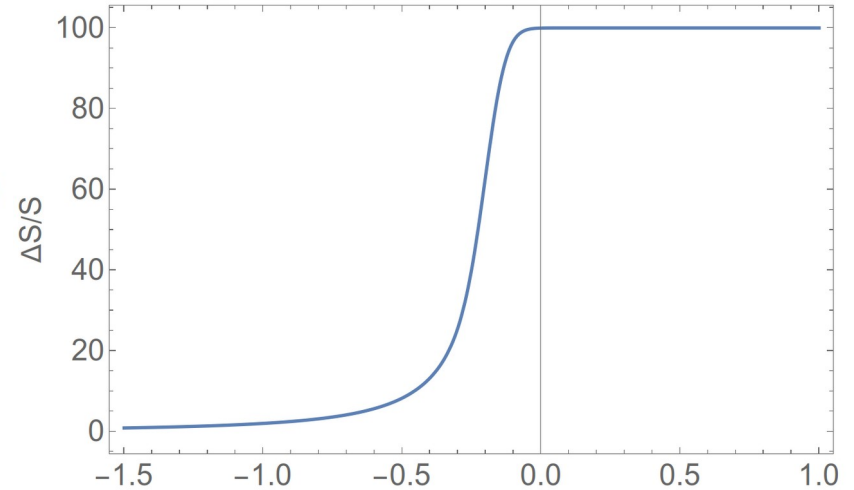
→ 1  $\mu\text{g}$

716 MBq  
(19.3 mCi)

# Origin of sensitivity

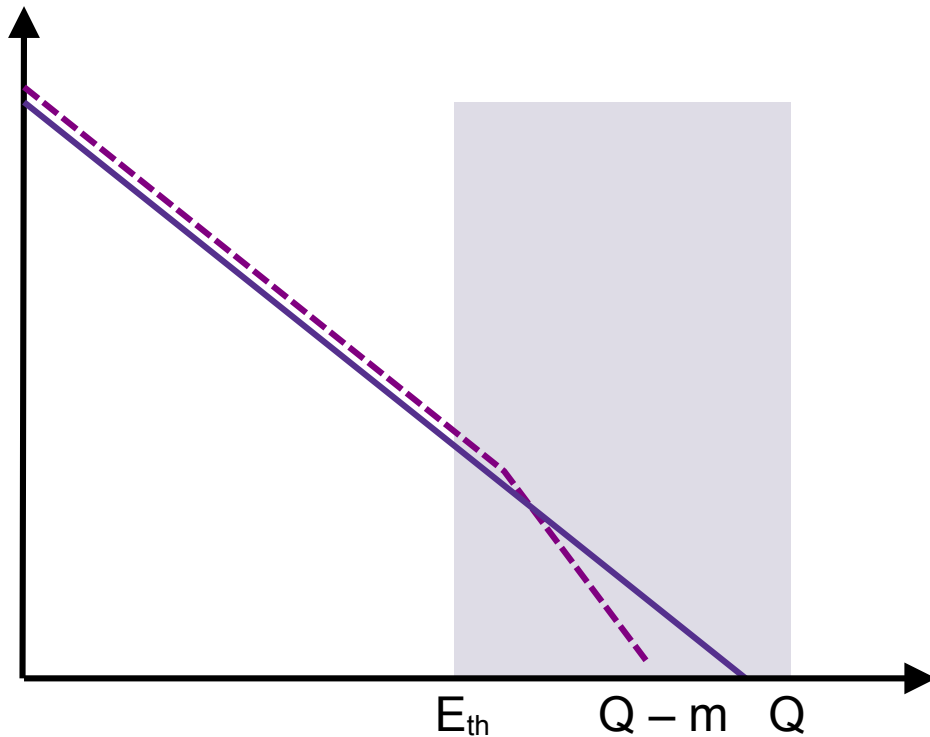


Spectrum distortion



Region of interest

# Counting analysis



$$N_{\sigma,m} = \int_{E_{th}} S_{\sigma,m}(E) dE$$

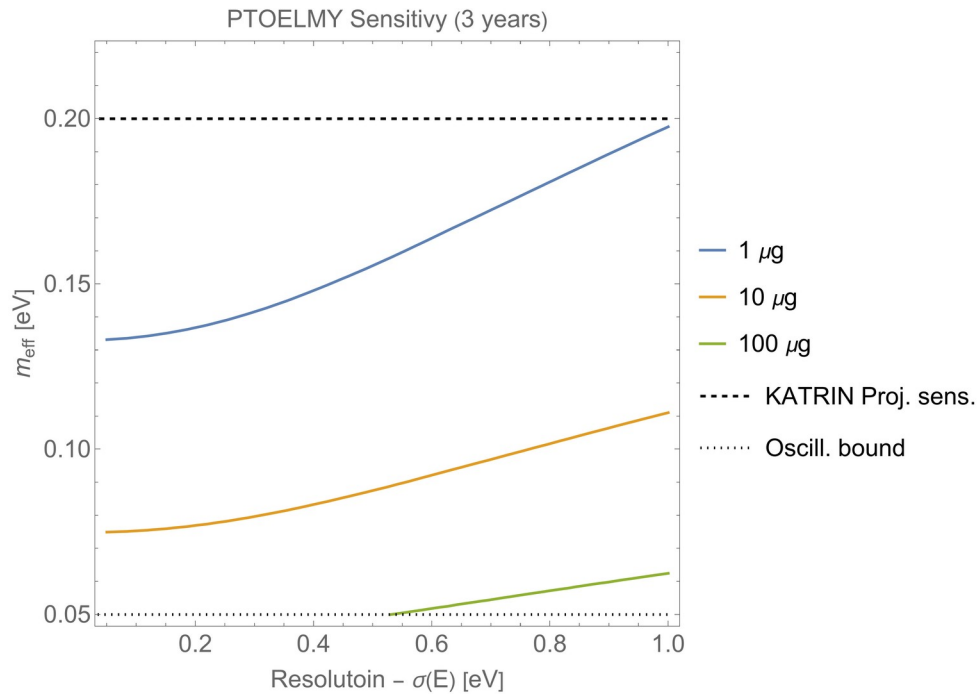
$$N_{\sigma,0} = \int_{E_{th}} S_{\sigma,0}(E) dE$$

Sensitivity 90%CL :=

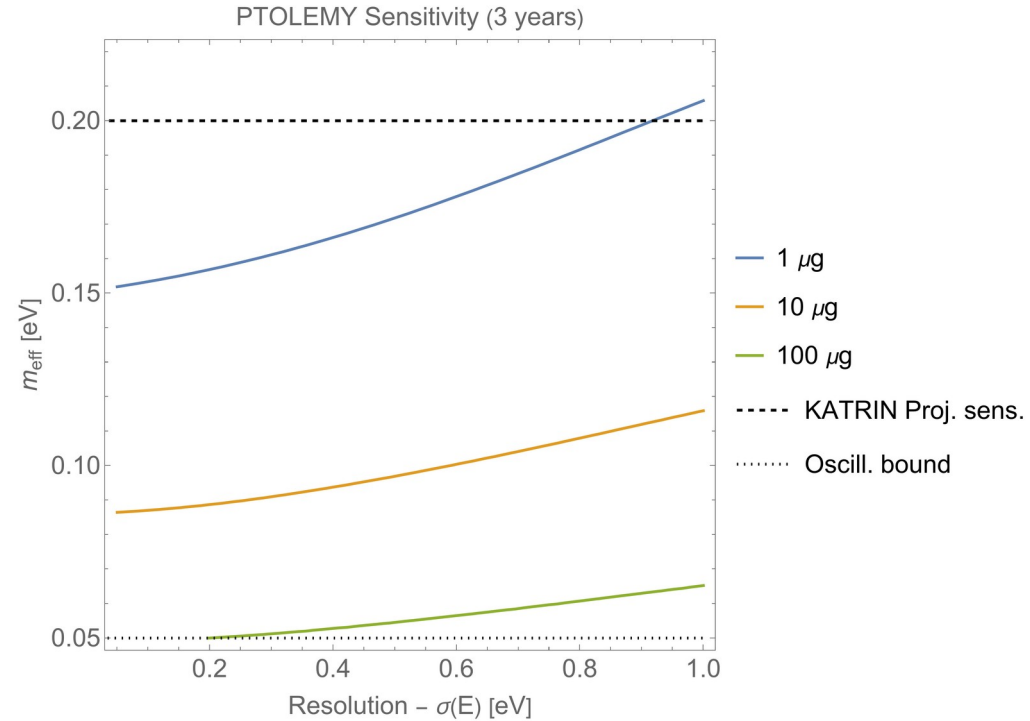
$$\frac{N_{\sigma,0} - N_{\sigma,m}}{\sqrt{N_{\sigma,0} + N_{\sigma,m}}} = 1.64$$



# Sensitivity from counting

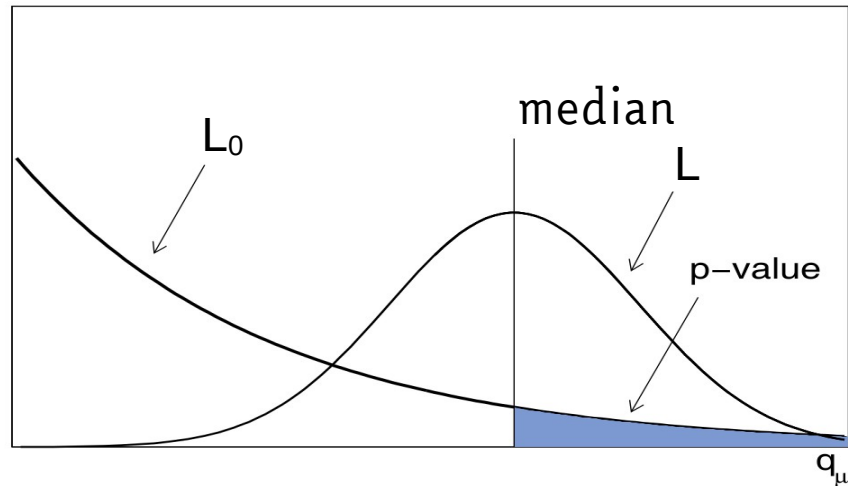
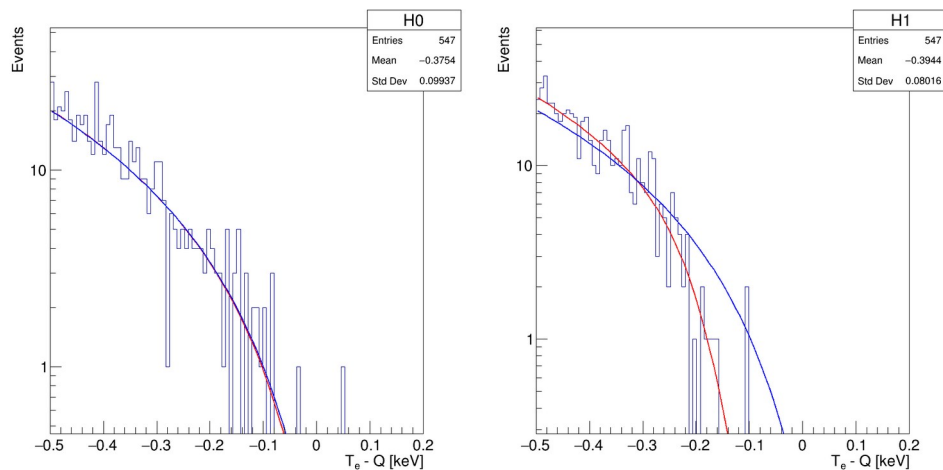


Simple counting



Effect of  $Q_0$  (KATRIN)

# Profile likelihood



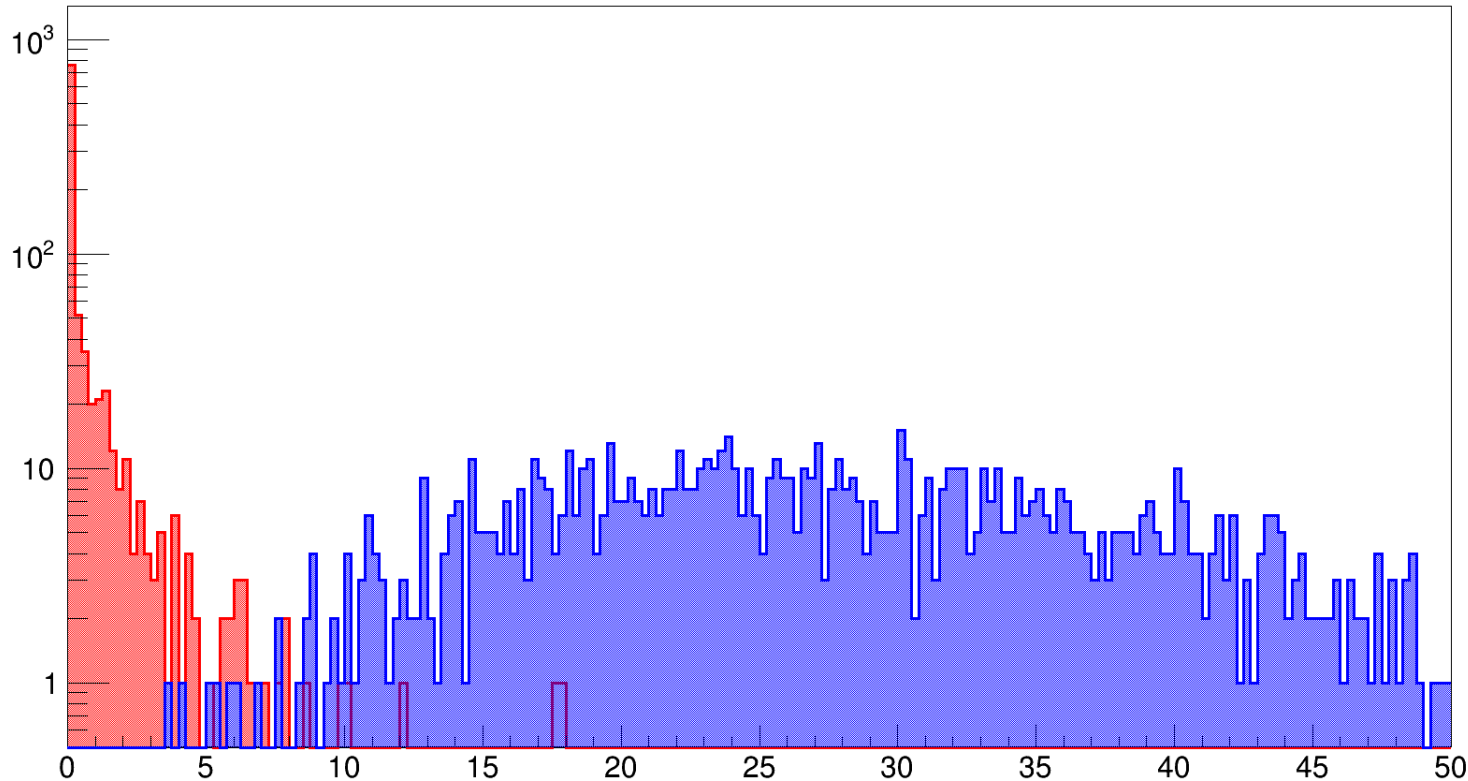
$$\mathcal{L}_0 = -2 \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(S_{\sigma,0} | \text{data}_0)}{\mathcal{L}(S_{\sigma,m} | \text{data}_0)}$$

$$\mathcal{L} = -2 \log \frac{\mathcal{L}(S_{\sigma,0} | \text{data}_m)}{\mathcal{L}(S_{\sigma,m} | \text{data}_m)}$$

[Cowan et al. (2013)]

# Profile likelihood with spectral fit: 1 $\mu\text{g}$

Profile Likelihood



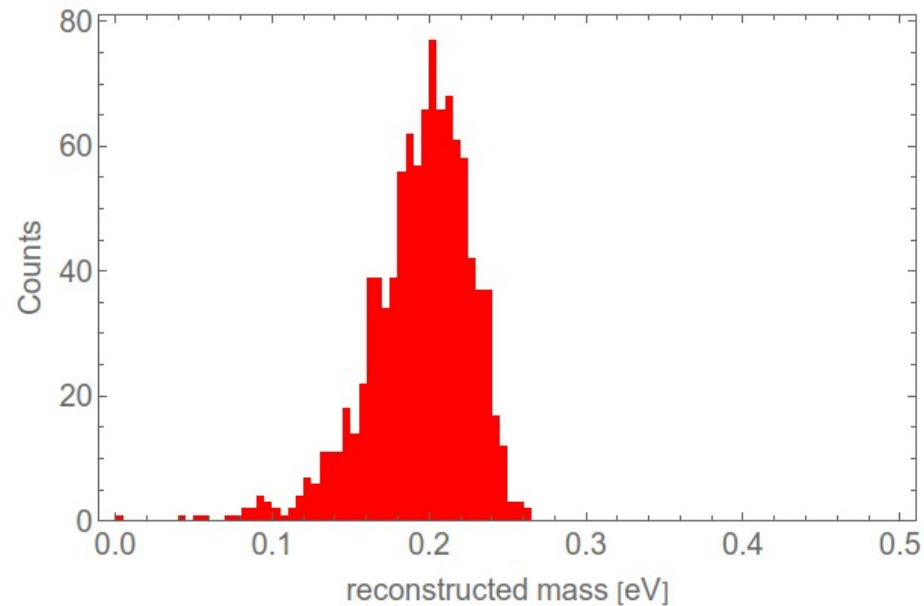
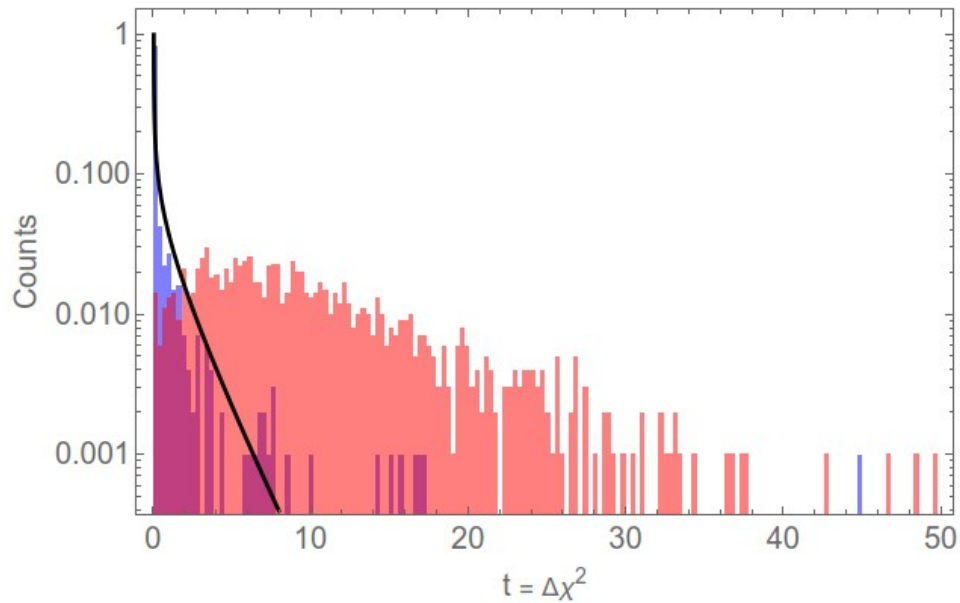
**Example**

$m = 200 \text{ meV},$

$\sigma = 50 \text{ meV}$

# Limit case: 150 ng

Profile Likelihood ( $N_{\text{sim}}=1000$ ),  $m_{\text{eff}}=0.2$  [eV], target=0.15 [ $\mu\text{g}$ ]

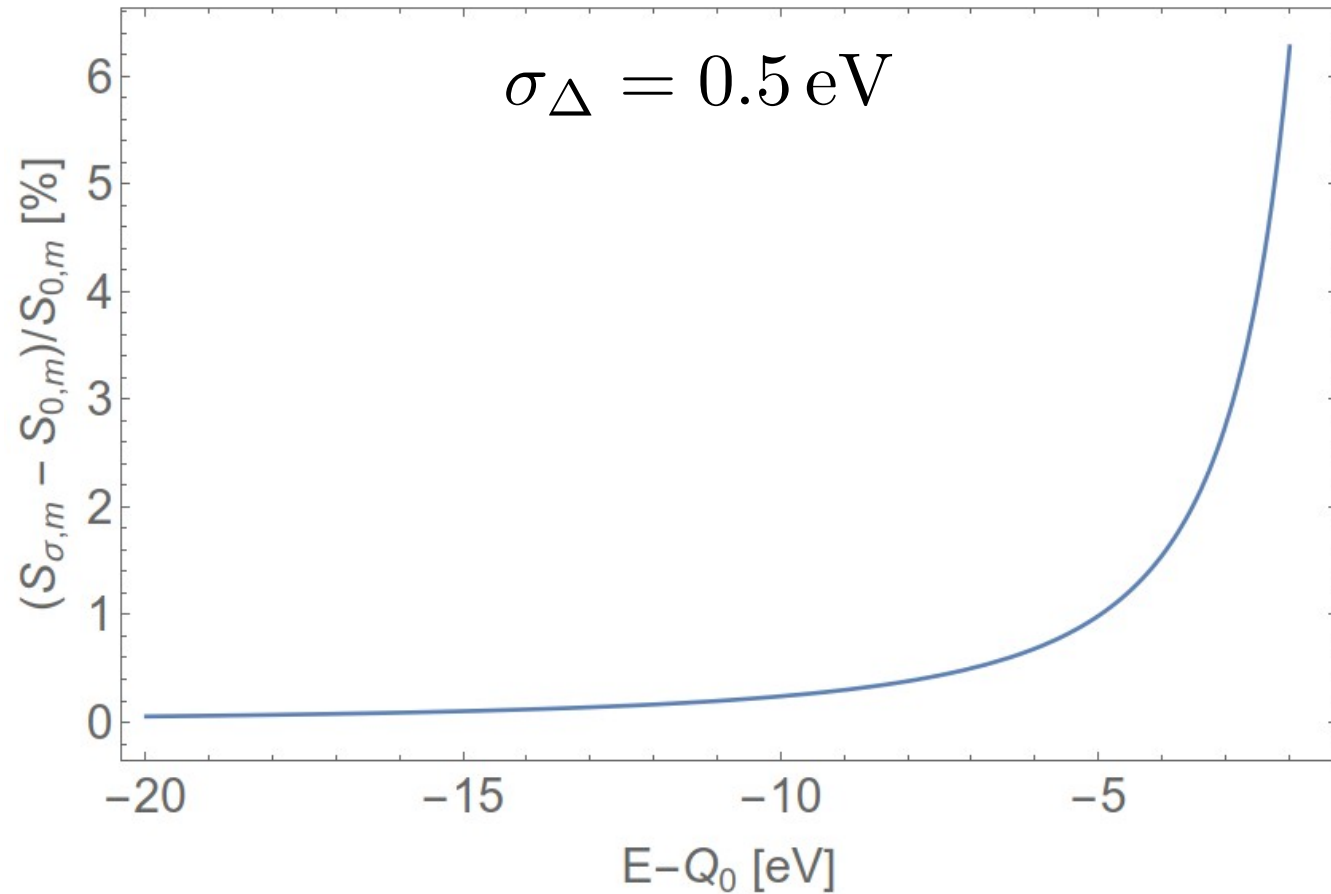


Source = 150 ng

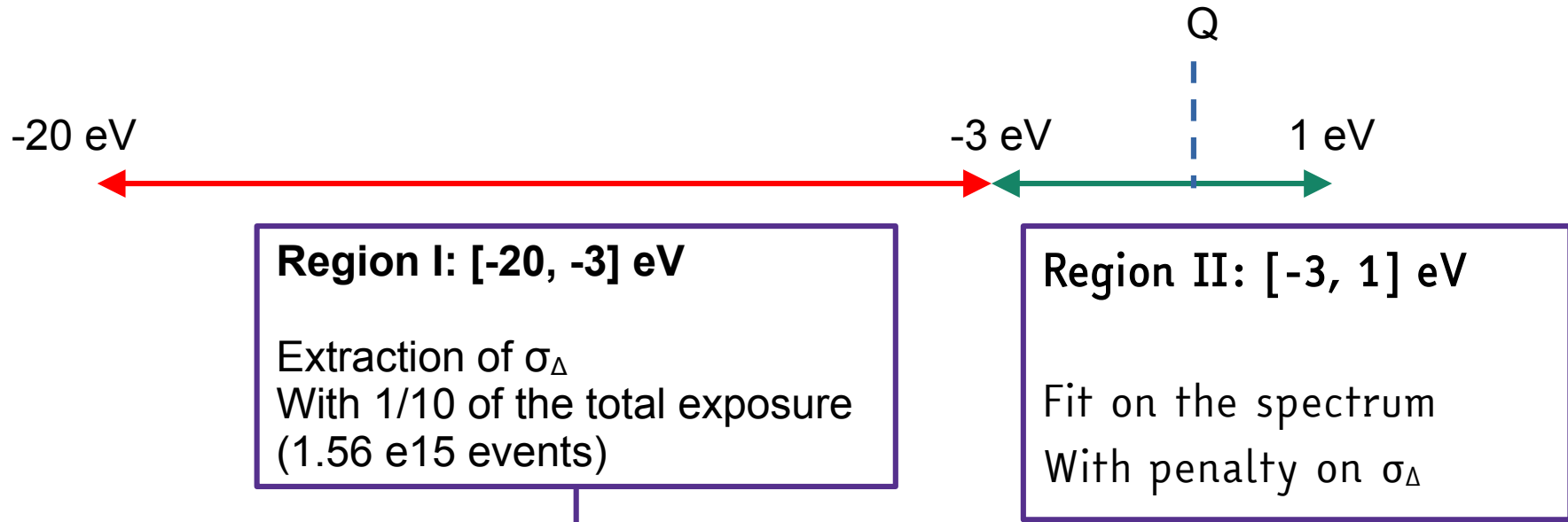
$M = 200$  meV

$\sigma = 50$  meV

# Sensitivity to (unknown) smearing

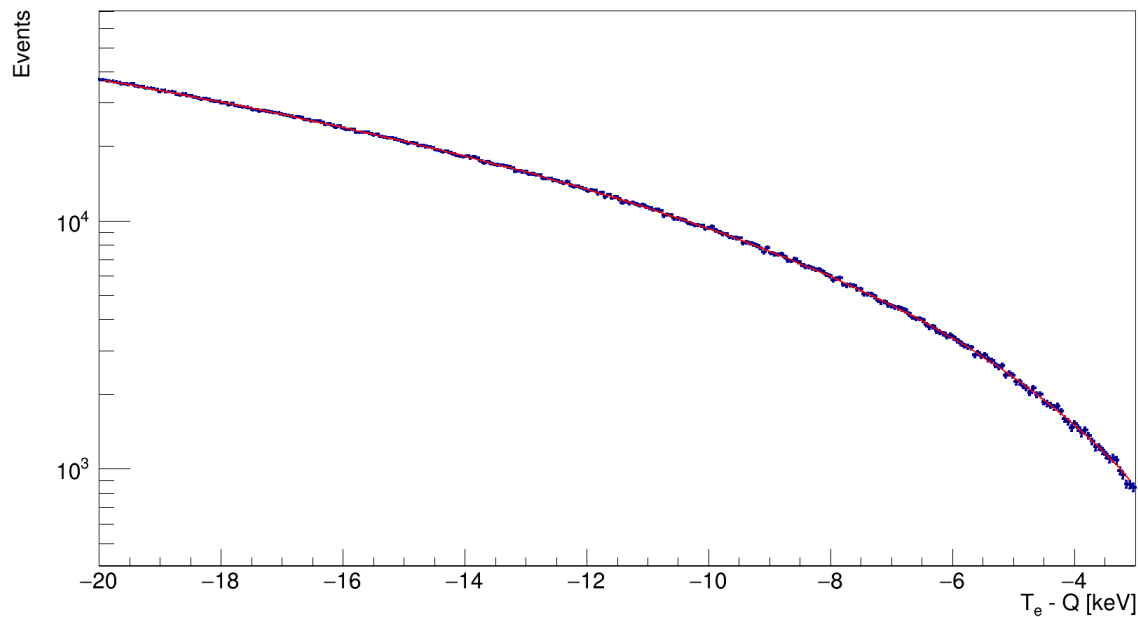


# Strategy



$$\sigma_{\Delta}(\text{R} - \text{I}) = \sqrt{\sigma_{\Delta}^2(\text{R} - \text{II}) - \sigma_{\text{exp}}^2(\text{prior})}$$

# Example



**Simulated:**

$$\sigma_{\Delta} = 500 \text{ meV}$$

$$m_{\nu} = 200 \text{ meV}$$

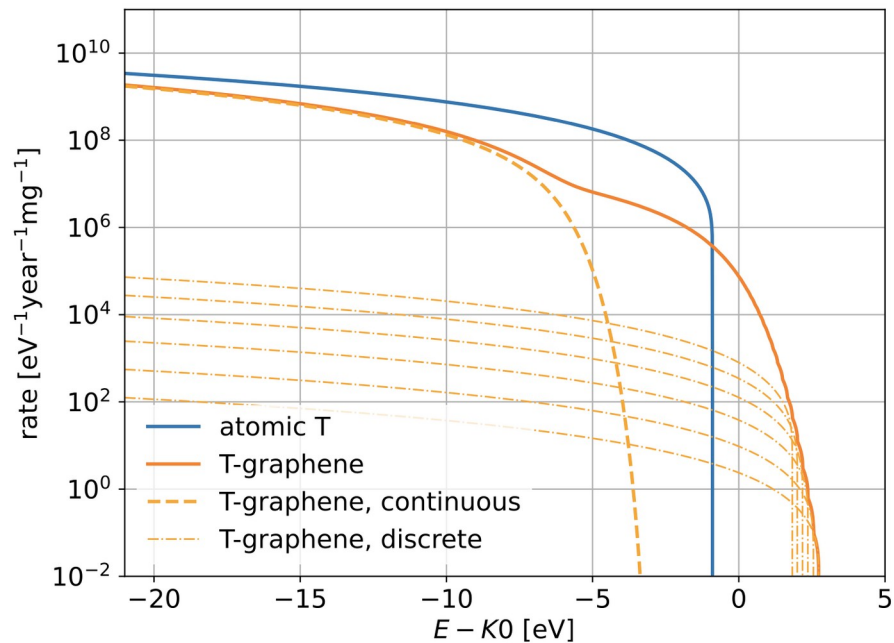
**Returned from the fit in (-20, -3):**

$$\sigma_{\Delta} = 0.49 \pm 0.06 \text{ eV (12\%)}$$

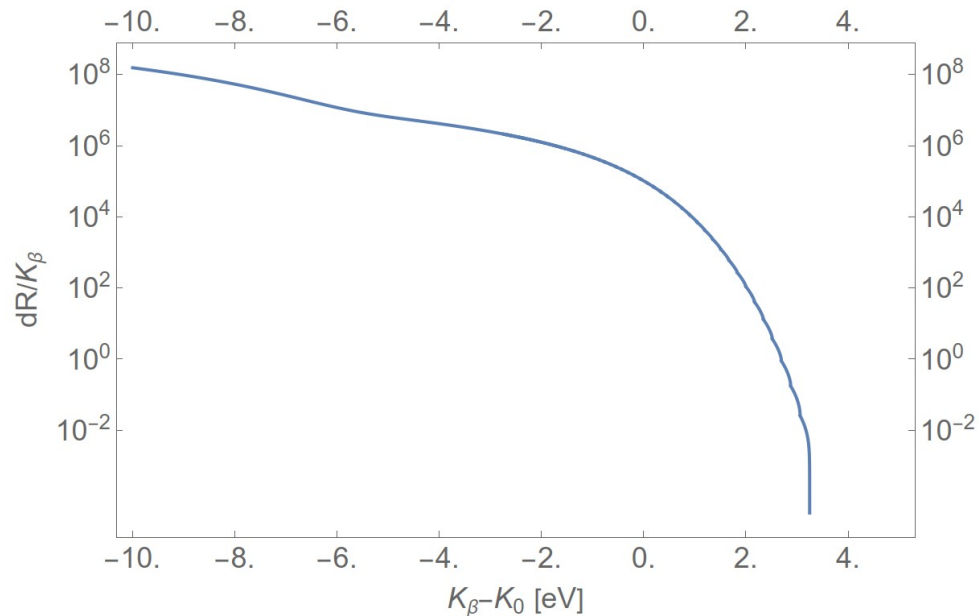
**Mass with prior from fit in (-3, 2):**

$$m_{\nu} = 0.196 \pm 0.026 \text{ eV (13\%)}$$

# Sensitivity to (known) smearing



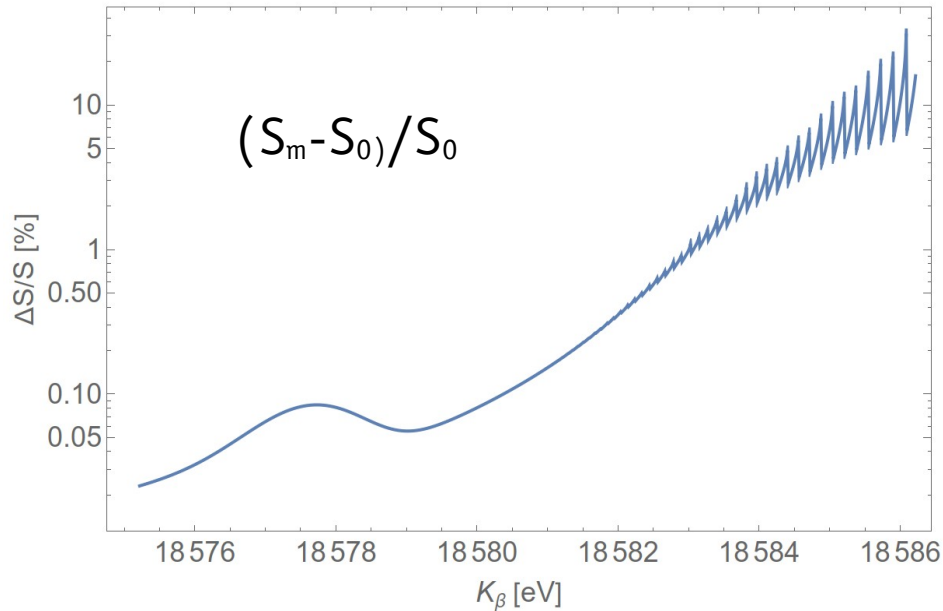
Quantum levels



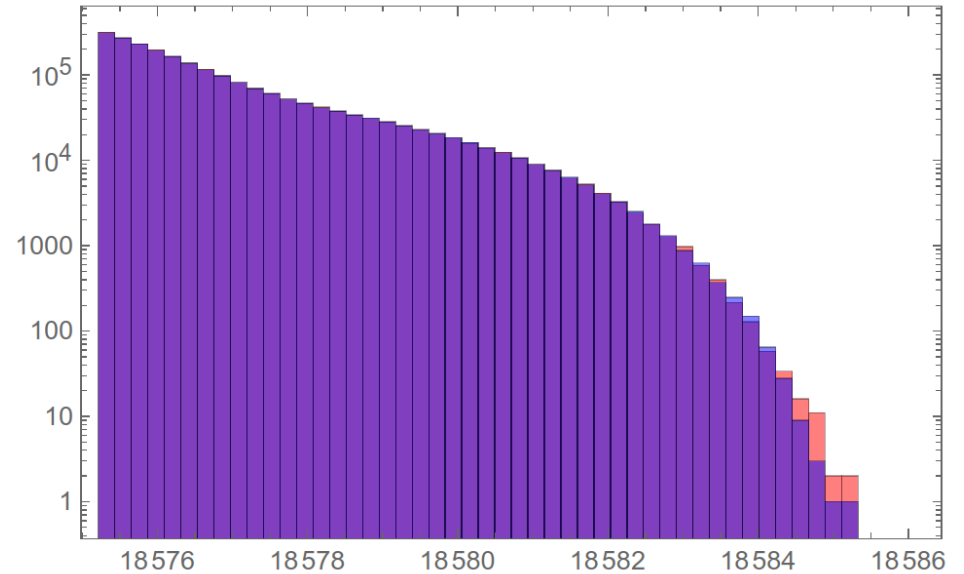
Total spectrum



# Region of interest



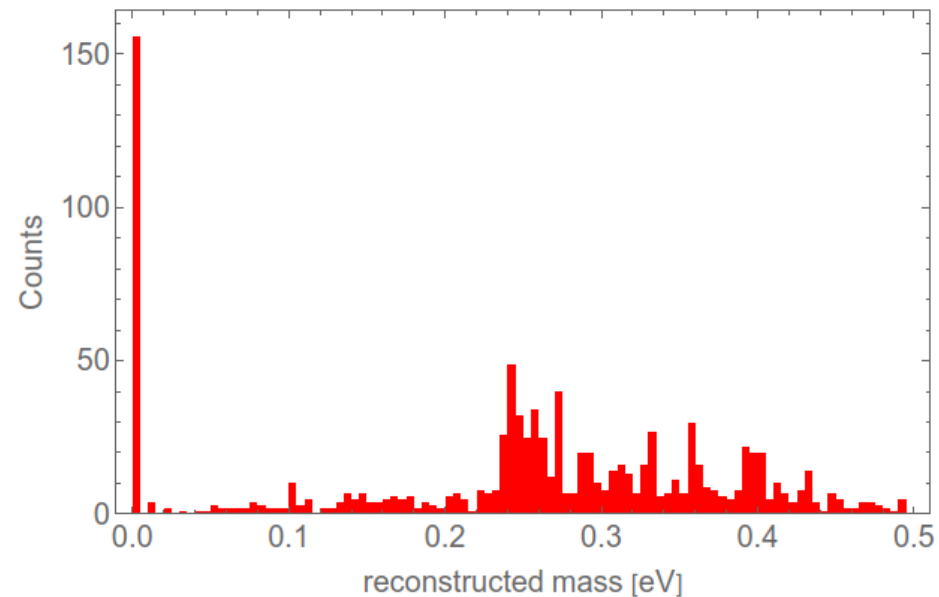
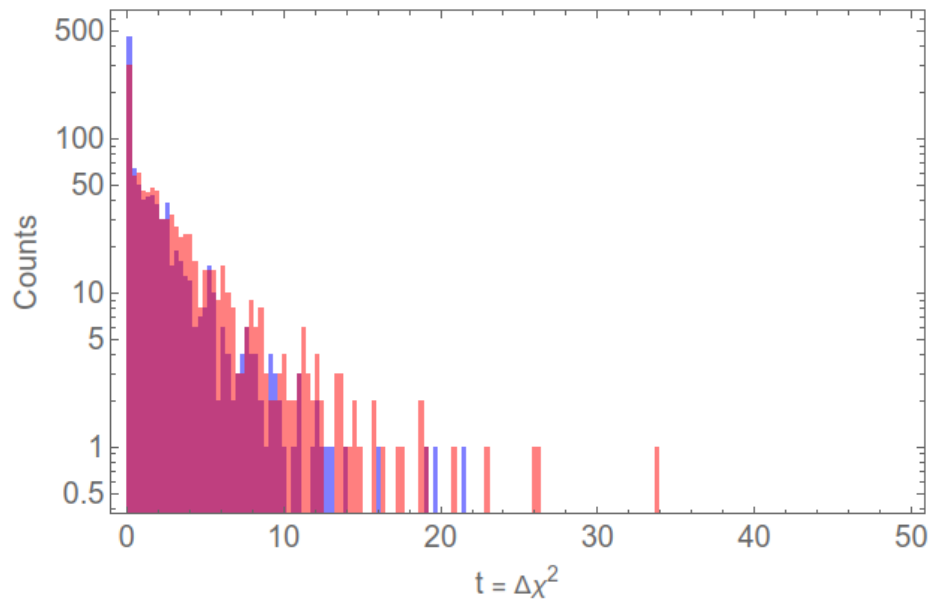
$S_m$  (200 meV)  
 $S_0$  (0 meV)



Random sampling  
10  $\mu\text{g}$  sample

# Profile likelihood

Profile Likelihood ( $N_{\text{sim}}=1000$ ),  $m_{\text{eff}}=0.2$  [eV], target=1. [ $\mu\text{g}$ ]



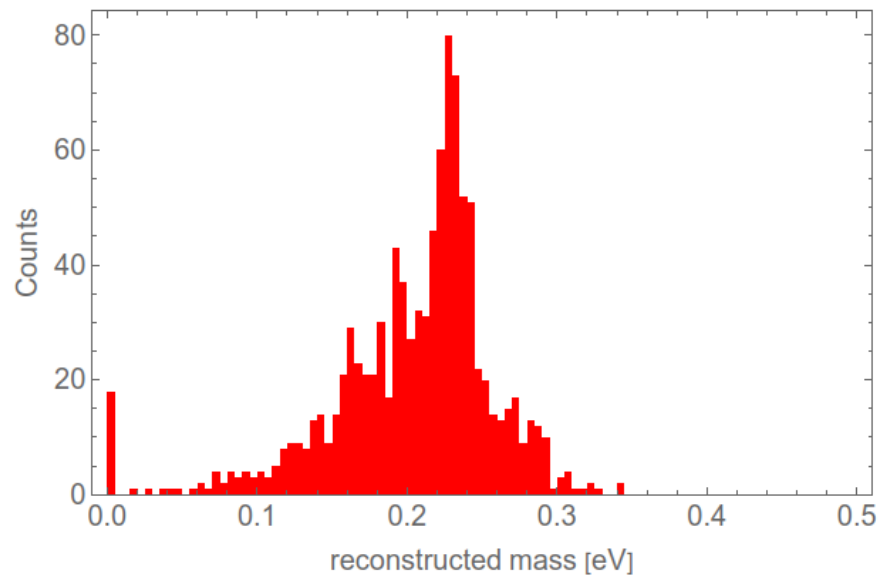
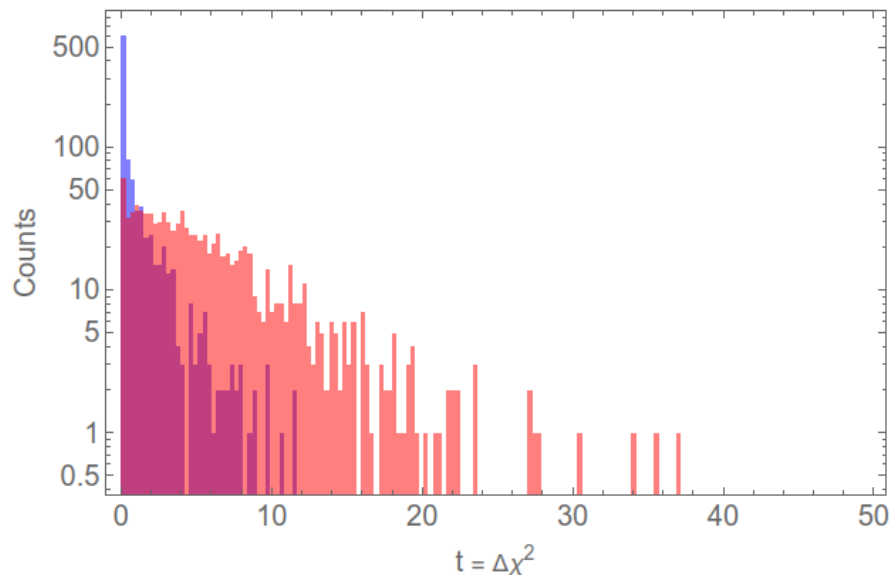
Source = 1  $\mu\text{g}$

$m = 200$  meV

$\sigma = 50$  meV

# Profile likelihood

Profile Likelihood ( $N_{\text{sim}}=1000$ ),  $m_{\text{eff}}=0.2$  [eV], target= $10.$  [ $\mu\text{g}$ ]



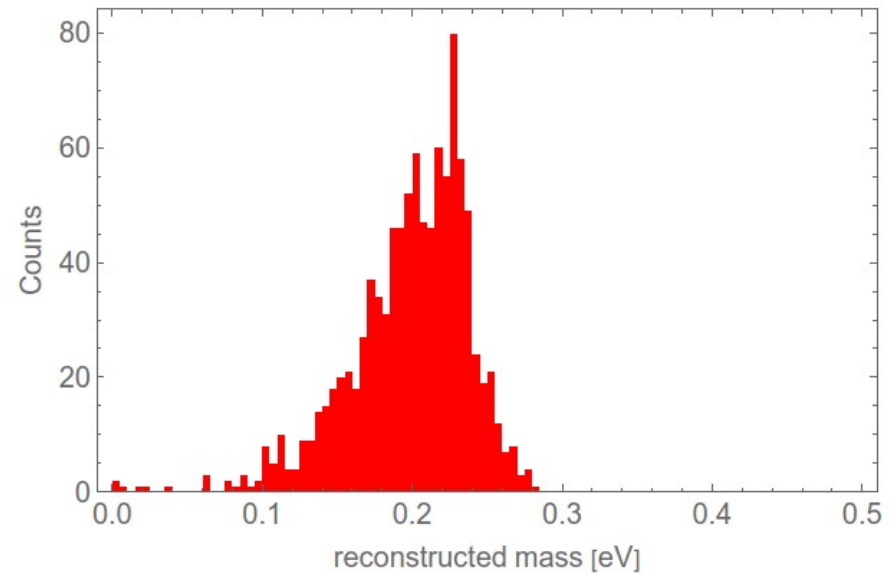
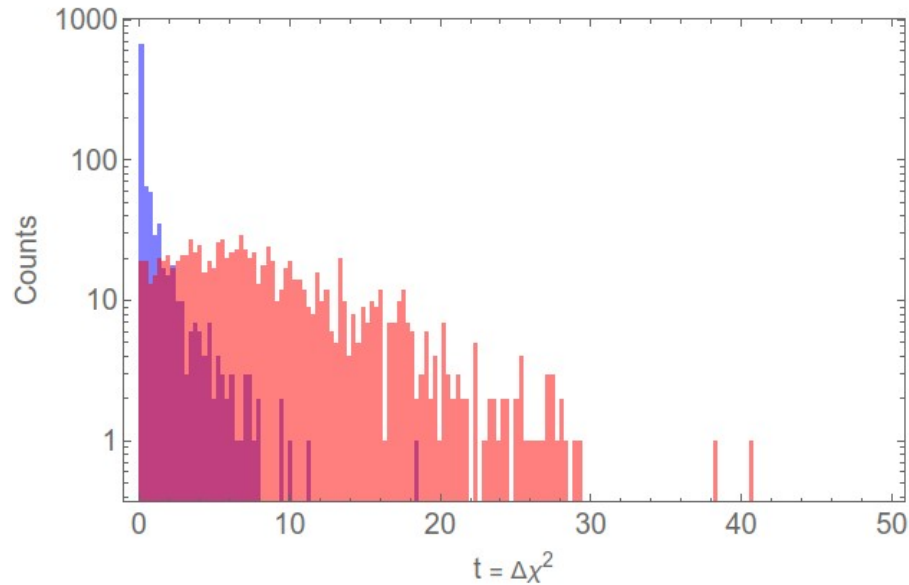
Source =  $10 \mu\text{g}$

$m = 200 \text{ meV}$

$\sigma = 50 \text{ meV}$

# Profile likelihood

Profile Likelihood ( $N_{\text{sim}}=1000$ ),  $m_{\text{eff}}=0.2$  [eV], target= $20.$  [ $\mu\text{g}$ ]

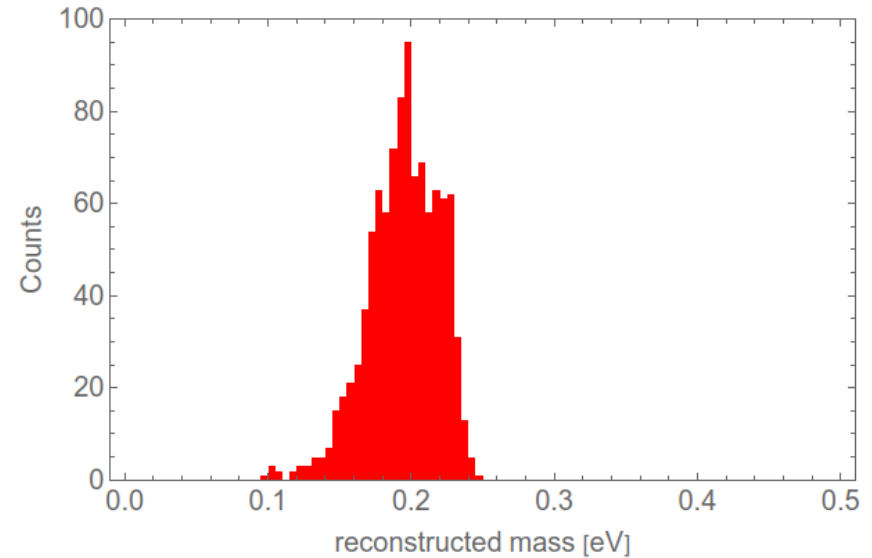
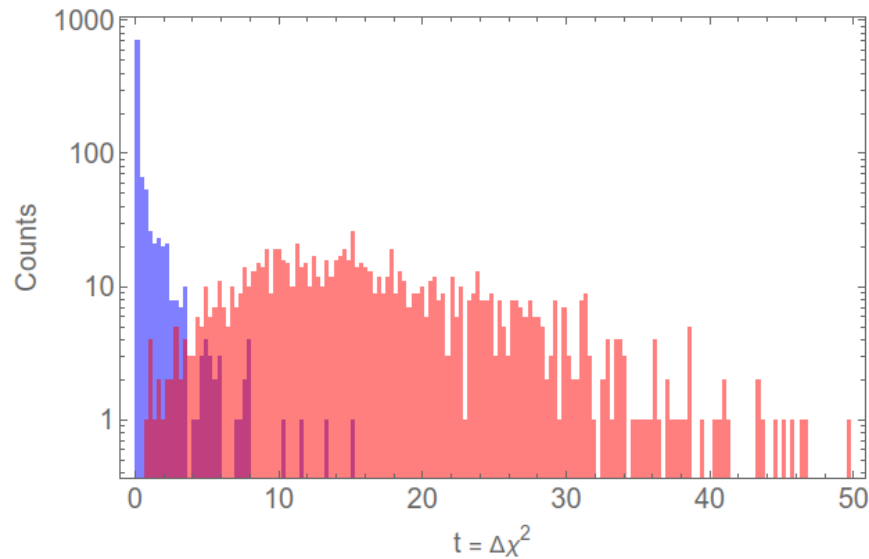


Source =  $20 \mu\text{g}$

$m = 200 \text{ meV}$

$\sigma = 50 \text{ meV}$

# Profile likelihood

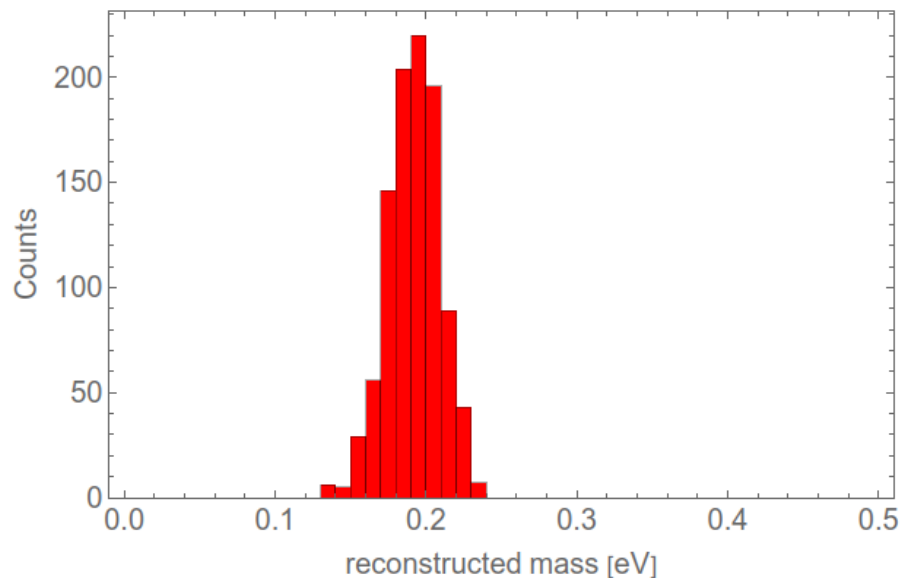
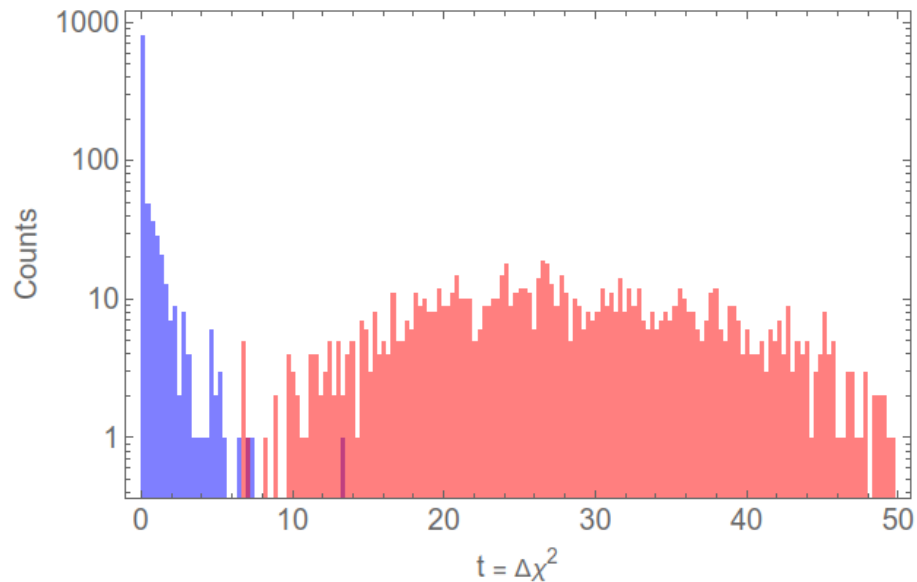


Source = 50  $\mu\text{g}$

$m = 200 \text{ meV}$

$\sigma = 50 \text{ meV}$

# Profile likelihood



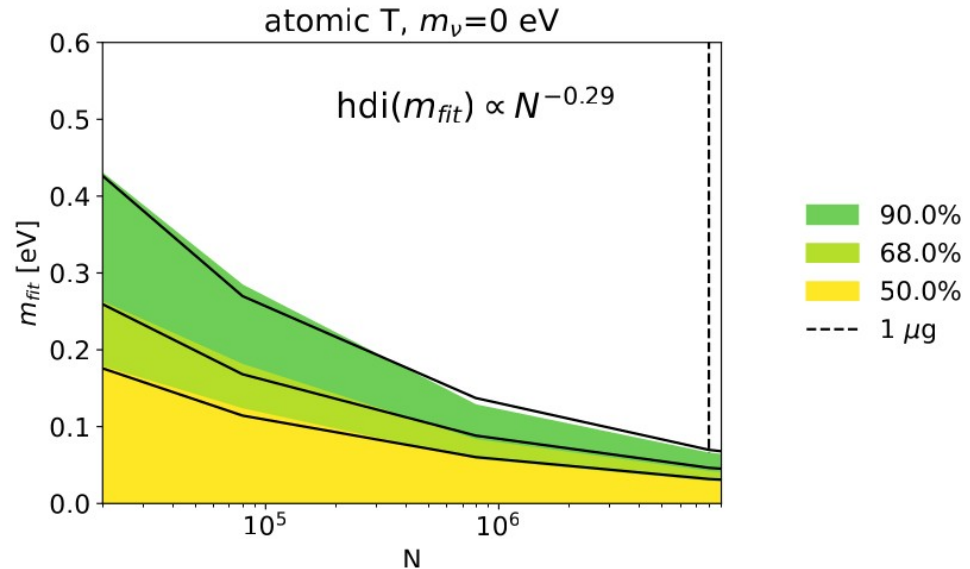
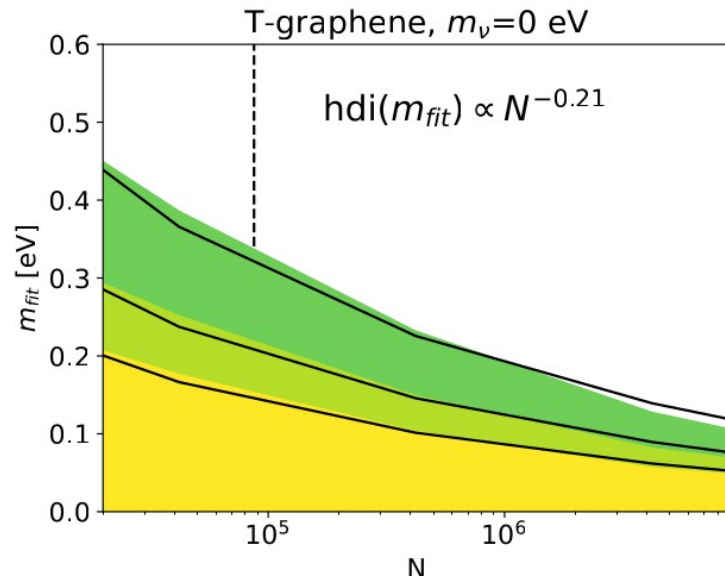
Source = 100  $\mu\text{g}$

$m = 200 \text{ meV}$

$\sigma = 50 \text{ meV}$

# From P. Campana (Bayesian)

- The dependence of the upper limits on  $m_\nu$  from the number of collected events  $N$  has been fitted with a power law.
- In each case, the results are consistent between different choices of CL.



# Conclusions

- Ptolemy could be **competitive with KATRIN** in the neutrino mass exploration with a very small target ( $1\mu\text{g}$ )
- (Tough) **expectations for  $m_\beta$**  are not really promising
- Gaussian unknown or complex know **smearing** could be reasonably handled



**Thank you very much!**