Analysis strategies and recent results from AMANDA-II



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Overview



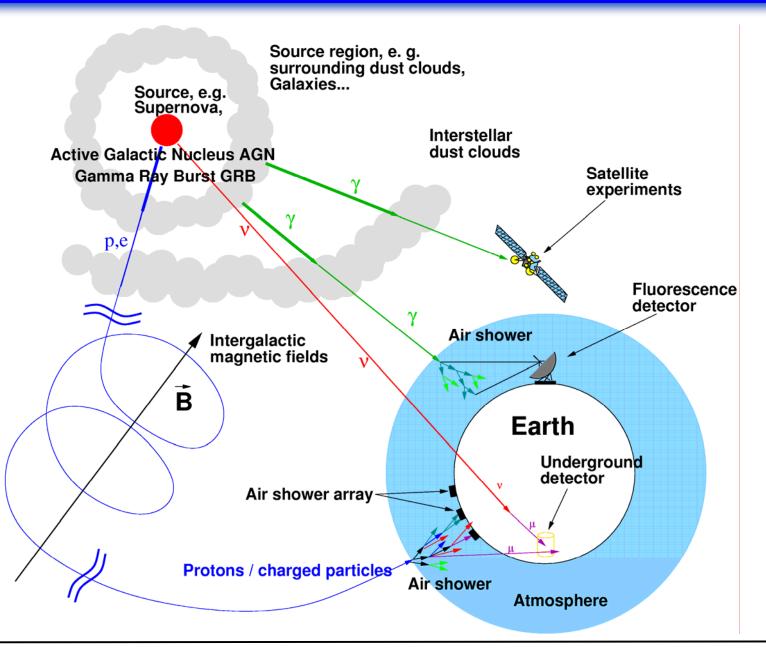
Introduction:

- Neutrino detection
- AMANDA-II
- Analysis strategies results:
 - Point-source
 - Stacking of point-source (AGN)
 - Isotropic / diffuse analysis
- Diffuse energy spectrum



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AMANDA/IceCube

South Pole

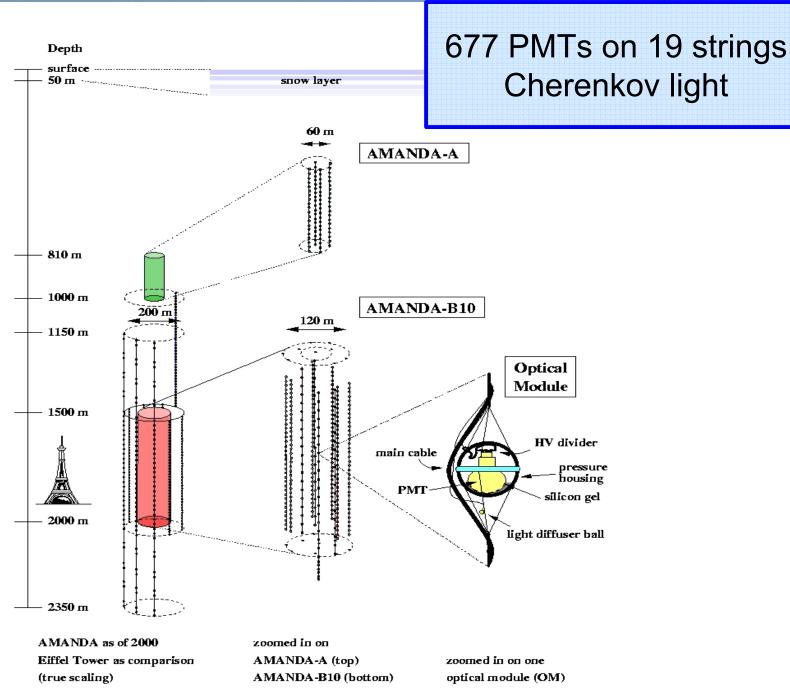


2000 m

[not to scale]

Amundsen-Scott South Pole Station

AMANDA/IceCube



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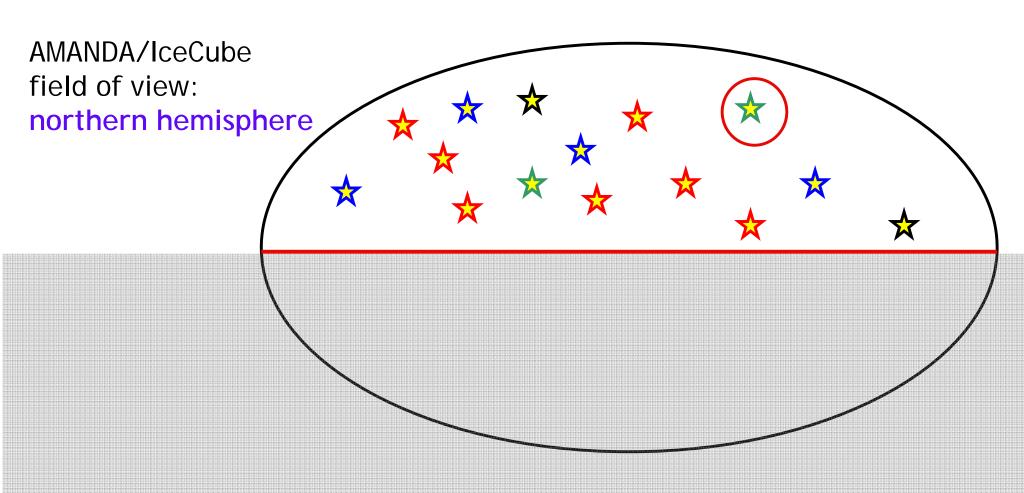
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Analysis strategies



Point source searches - significance map ?clustering of neutrinos identified photon sources

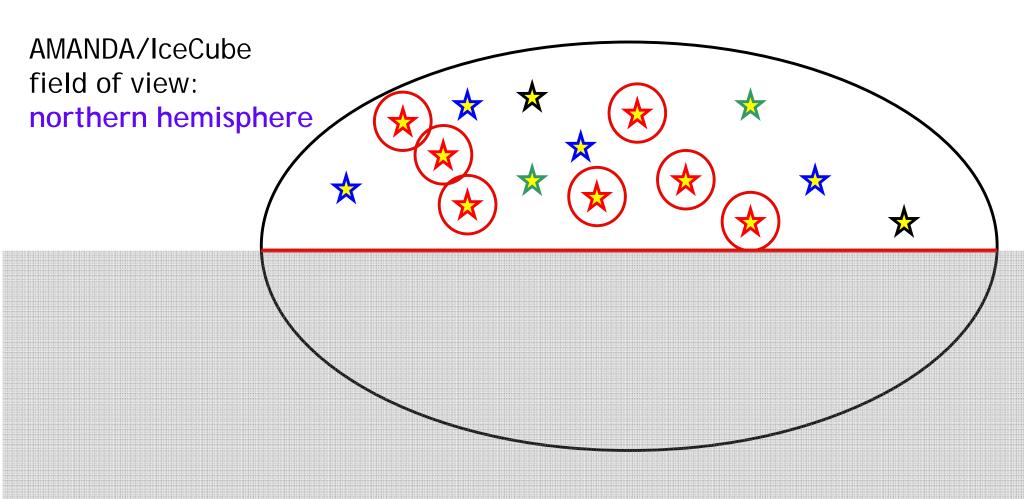




Analysis strategies



Stacking strategy - sum signal of point sources of same source class

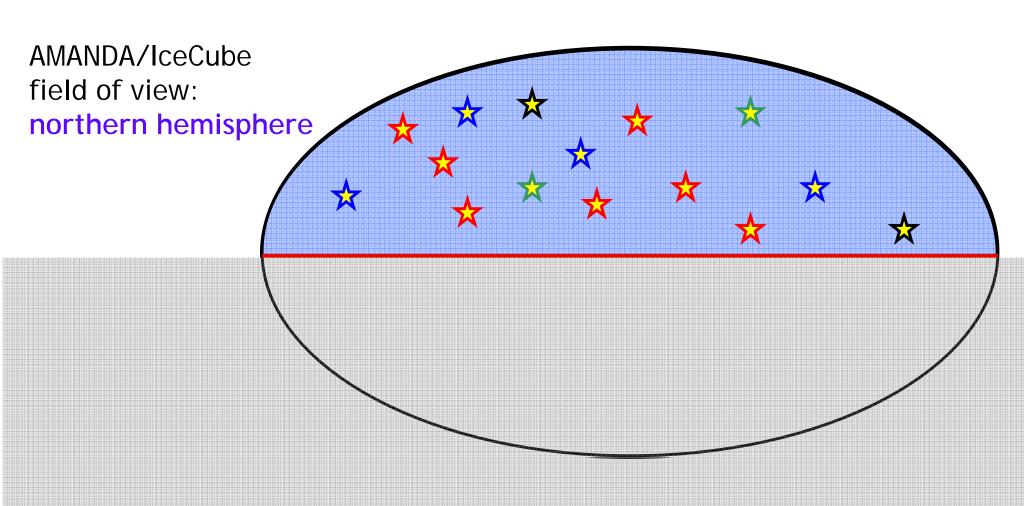




Analysis strategies



Search for a diffuse signal: use complete northern hemisphere





Other strategies



great© but too short time!

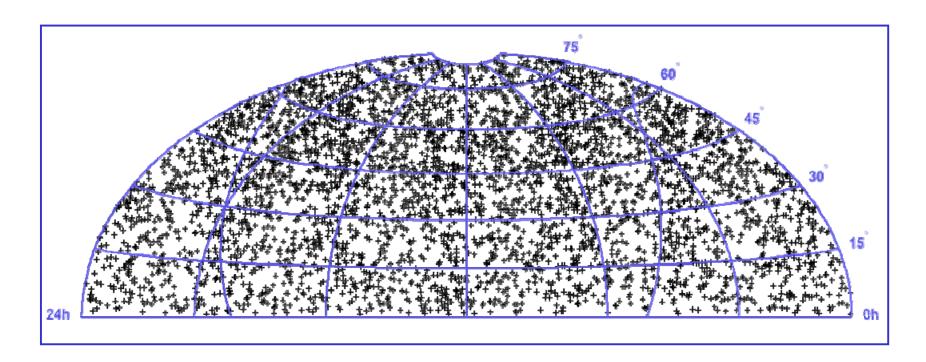
- Cascade analyses
- Transient searches:
 - Flares of permanent objects
 - Gamma Ray Bursts → stacking approach, temporal clustering
 - SGR 1860-20
- Dark matter searches
 - WIMPs
 - Magnetic Monopoles
- Atmospheric muons, charm contribution



Search for single point sources



Event map 4282 events in 5 years (2000-2004) -effective time: 1001 days



90% confidence level flux upper limits for the northern hemisphere

in 0.5 deg bins (15% systematic error included)

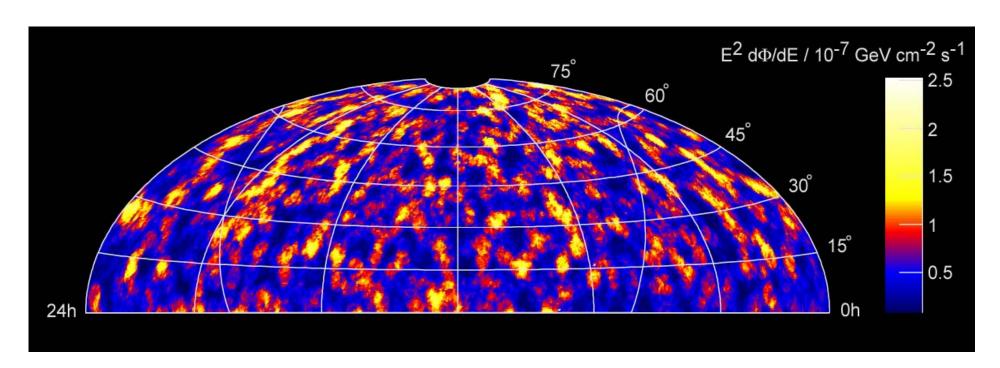
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Search for single point sources



Limit map No significant signal



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Stacking of AGN



- GeV blazars (EGRET) GeV
- Unidentified EGRET sources unidGeV
- Infrared sources IR
- HAEO-A-detected keV sources keV(H)
- ROSAT-detected keV sources keV(R)
- TeV blazars TeV
- Compact Steep Spectrum and Giga-Hertz peaked sources – CSS/GpS
- FR-I galaxies including M87 FR-I(M)
- FR-I galaxies without M87 FR-I
- FR-II galaxies FR-II
- Radio-weak quasars QSO

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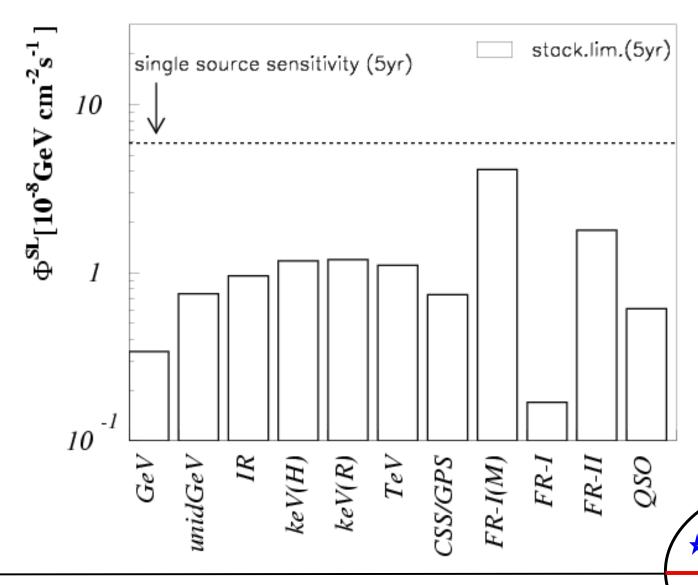




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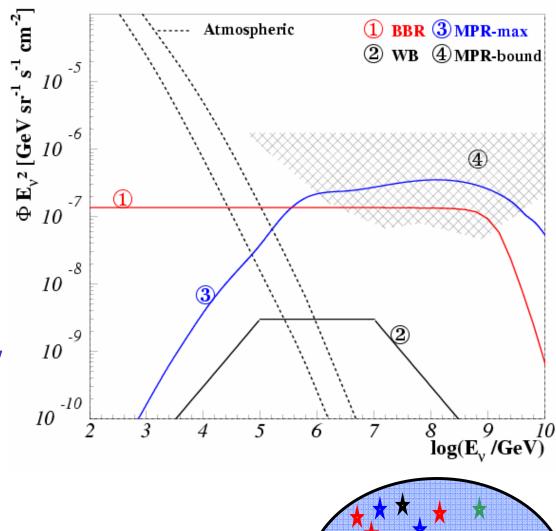




Isotropic / diffuse analysis



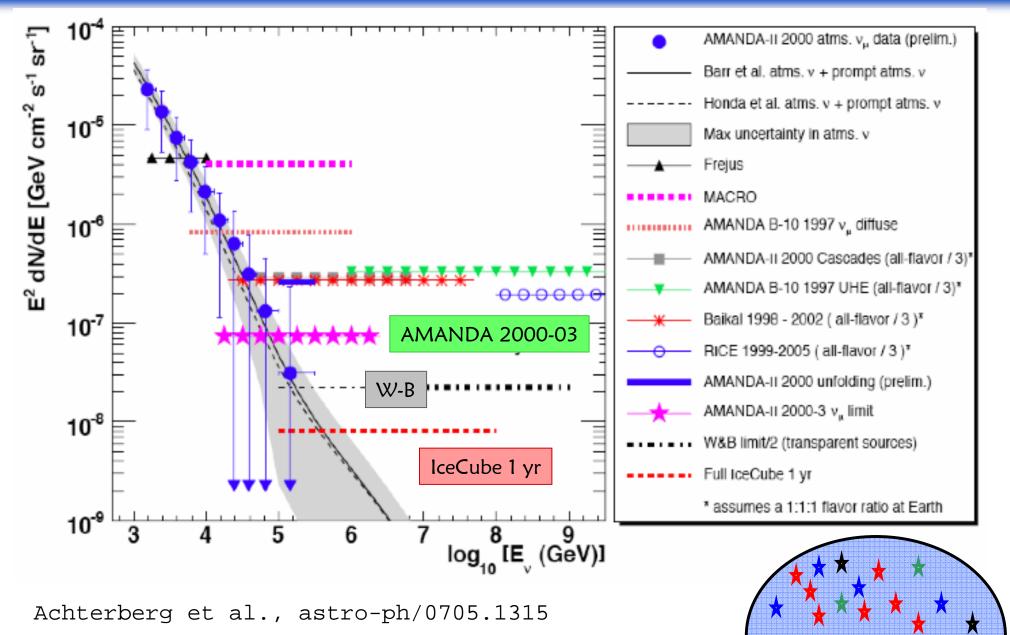
- Atmospheric neutrino flux follows E_v^{-3.7}
- Search for extragalactic contribution
 - AGN (1) (Becker/Biermann/ Rhode)
 - AGN (3 and 4)(Mannheim/Protheroe/ Rachen)
 - GRBs (2) (Waxman/Bahcall)





Isotropic / diffuse analysis







Diffuse energy spectrum



General case:

• measured distr. → unfolding → true distr.

Using RUN for unfolding:

- measured distr. A (E)
- measured distr. B (E) → RUN → energy distribution
- measured distr. C (E)

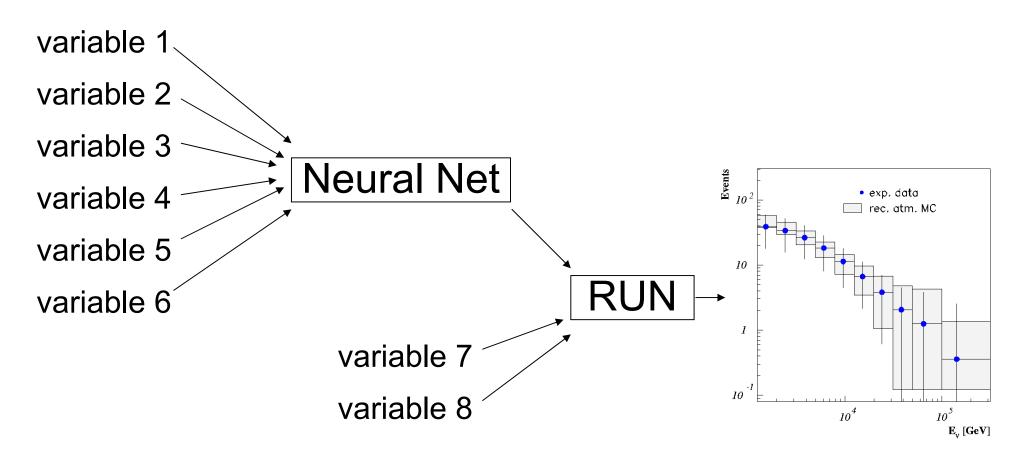
More than three measured distributions (E):

- combine N-2 observables to a new variable
- using a neural network for combining



Diffuse energy spectrum



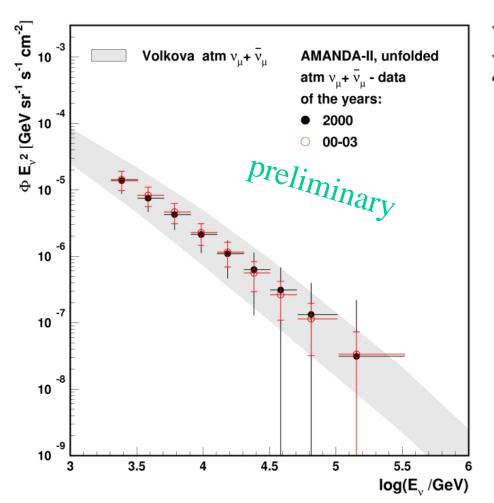


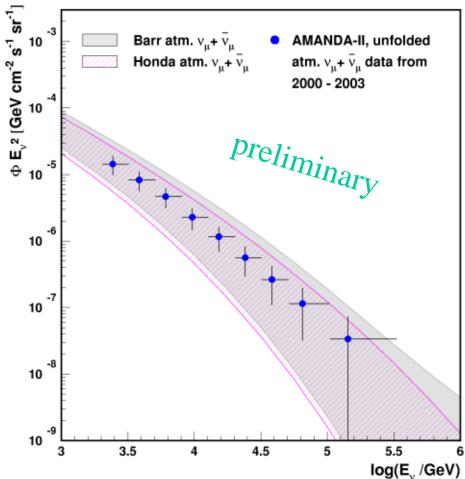


Diffuse energy spectrum



comparison: result 2000 with 2000-2003

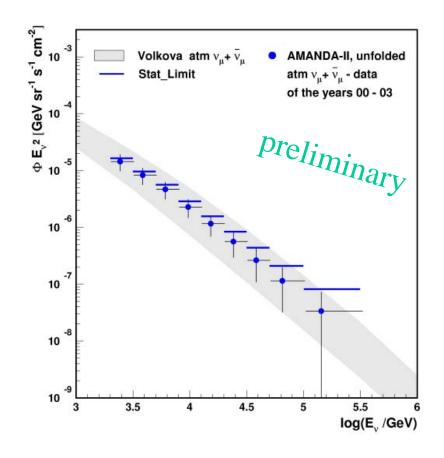


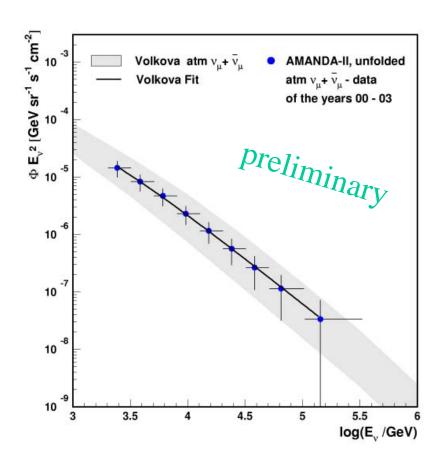




Fit on atm. prediction (2000-2003)





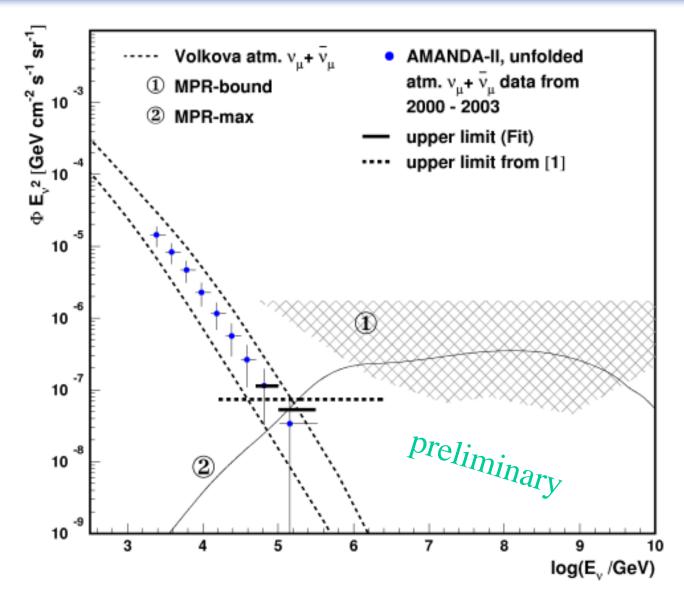


- > Fit on the atmos. prediction (Volkova)
- \triangleright (atmos.+ extrat.) ν flux (fit value) ν flux



Limits





[1] Achterberg et al., astro-ph/0705.1315



Summary



- Data from 2000-2004 taken with AMANDA-II are analyzed
- Different search strategies:
 - Steady point sources (single sources & stacking)
 - Diffuse search, spectrum up to 100 TeV
 - ...and more...
- Analyses show so far no signal above atmospheric flux
- Constraints on current models possible
- Future: IceCube