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"High-energy neutrino astronomy: a first glimpse to the promised land"

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Abstract

First ideas to build a large underwater neutrino detector started in 1973. After a fourty-year march we now are close to the promised land: IceCube, the cubic kilometer neutrino telescope at the South Pole reports high-energy neutrino events which hardly can be explained by interactions of neutrinos generated in the Earth's atmosphere. If confirmed, these observations would open a third window to the high-energy universe (after charged cosmic rays and gamma rays). The talk gives a short introduction into history, physics goals and functional principles of neutrino telescopes and then focuses to the results obtained during the last 2 years by IceCube and ANTARES. A discussion of future perspectives of the field will conclude the talk.