Detecting Cosmic Neutrinos with IceCube at the Earth’s South Pole

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The Universe has been studied using light since the dawn of astronomy, when starlight captured the human eye. The IceCube Neutrino Observatory observes the universe in a different and unique way: in high-energy neutrinos. IceCube discovered a diffuse flux of astrophysical neutrinos, in other words, celestial emission of high energy neutrinos, and started a new era of neutrino astronomy. I will motivate why neutrinos are a necessary messenger in high-energy astronomy, and discuss spatial analyses that aim to identify the sources of such astrophysical neutrinos. An attempt to reconcile our many results will draw a picture that is the current state of neutrino astronomy.