

## The ANTARES detector: status and first results

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ANTARES is an underwater neutrino telescope, located about 2500 m under the sea, 40 km off the coast of Toulon/France.

Consisting of about 900 optical modules it is currently the largest neutrino detector in the northern hemisphere and has been taking data in its final configuration since May 2008. In this talk the physics potential and the detection technique are described and first results are presented. The future of neutrino astronomy in the Mediterranean Sea is discussed.

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