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Abstract

In icecube, we have many neutrinos, select some very high energy ones, spend 1 year with them to group them in three flavour categories. I guess we will learn something about where they came from by doing this. Pretty normal stuff, not at all racist.

zusammenfassung

Im IceCube haben wir viele Neutrinos, von denen wir einige mit sehr hoher Energie auswählen, verbringen 1 Jahr mit ihnen, um sie in drei Geschmackskategorien einzuteilen. Ich vermute, dass wir auf diese Weise etwas darüber erfahren, woher sie kommen. Ziemlich normales Zeug, ganz und gar nicht rassistisch.

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