

Special Issue

Exploration, Selection, Transportation and Analysis of Space Materials

Message from the Guest Editors

The investigation of issues related to the selection, transportation, and analysis of space materials has been strongly pushed by recent sample return missions (e.g., OSIRIS-REx, Chang'e program, Hayabusa2, Tianwen2) and other missions under study. This has also allowed us to deepen our knowledge about the analysis techniques and transportation of meteorites. We are pleased to invite you to submit a paper to this Special Issue, which aims to give an overview of recent efforts in the exploration, selection, transportation, and analysis of space materials.

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