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Advances in Nuclear Astrophysics and Symmetry

Message from the Guest Editors

Nuclear astrophysics is a modern and rapidly evolving field which addresses fundamental science questions at the intersection of nuclear physics and astrophysics. Nuclear astrophysics is the study of nuclear level processes that occur naturally in space. It is an interdisciplinary branch of physics involving close collaboration among researchers in various subfields of nuclear physics and astrophysics. For instance, in nuclear physics, symmetry energy is an important parameter in the equation of state describing the nuclear structure of heavy nuclei and neutron stars, and plays an important role in nuclear astrophysics. This Special Issue on “Advances in Nuclear Astrophysics and Symmetry” summarizes current problems and questions in theoretical and experimental nuclear astrophysics.

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