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New Applications of Symmetry in Lattice Field Theory

Message from the Guest Editors

Symmetry is at the heart of lattice field theory. While a robust and rigorous means of formulating the gauge symmetries underlying particle physics, it breaks another cherished symmetry, Poincaré invariance. One of the great challenges of lattice field theory has been to identify faithful implementations of the chiral symmetry protecting fermions from acquiring mass. Symmetry considerations also determine important strong-interaction issues such as confinement. This special issue highlights applications in several fast-developing directions: the nature of confinement and role of topological excitations; quantum critical points in lower-dimensional fermionic theories relevant to condensed-matter systems; symmetry-protected topological phases yielding edge states; robust quantum computation; dynamical mass generation without symmetry breaking; exact implementations of supersymmetry; chiral gauge theories for the Standard Model/Extended Technicolor; tensor networks for interacting quantum systems; and studies of quantum gravity using dynamical triangulation of spacetime.

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Symmetry is ultimately the most important concept in natural sciences. It is not surprising then that very basic and fundamental research achievements are related to symmetry. For instance, the Nobel Prize in Physics 1979 (Glashow, Salam, Weinberg) was received for a unified symmetry description of electromagnetic and weak interactions, while the Nobel Prize in Physics 2008 (Nambu, Kobayashi, Maskawa) was received for the discovery of the mechanism of spontaneous breaking of symmetry, including CP symmetry. Our journal is named *Symmetry* and it manifests its fundamental role in nature.

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