

Special Issue

New Trends in Dark Matter Detection

Message from the Guest Editor

Numerous astrophysical observations have revealed that the dominant component of matter in the Universe is non-luminous and non-baryonic, the so-called dark matter. So far the particle nature of dark matter remains largely unknown. Popular dark matter candidates such as the weakly-interacting massive particles have been extensively studied and searched by experiments. So far, all the current experimental searches for dark matter non-gravitational interactions including space-based indirect searches, underground direct searches and collider searches return null results, which has trigger great efforts in looking for novel dark matter candidates and detection approaches. The objective of the present Special Issue is to publish original papers and reviews which adequately represent the ongoing progress in this fast developing research area.

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