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Turbulence, Waves and Transport in Stratified, Rotating Fluid and Plasma Flows

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Dear Colleagues,

The aim of this Special Issue is to gather recent studies on turbulent dynamics and transport properties in fluid and plasma frameworks in the presence of stratification and/or rotation, as well as under the influence of external and selfgenerated magnetic fields. In these systems, density profiles, rotation axes, and magnetic fields establish preferential directions that break isotropy at some scales, allow for the propagation of waves, and may lead to the creation of helicity and the onset of dynamos. Turbulence thus has to compete with waves, and the interplay between these two energy transfer mechanisms plays a crucial role in determining the transport of momentum, particles, active/passive scalars within the flows, dissipation properties, and in promoting the exchange between kinetic and potential or magnetic energy. Stratified, rotating fluid and plasma flows are the reference physical frameworks of planetary atmospheres and interiors, of the Earth's oceans, of the solar wind, the Sun, and also of those regions where the solar-terrestrial coupling is achieved (magnetosphere and ionosphere).

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