

# Special Issue

## Delbrück Scattering: 50th Anniversary of the Discovery

### Message from the Guest Editor

By the time a new generation of physicists was able to demonstrate Delbrück scattering experimentally through the medium of novel technologies for that period, confirming predictions relying on Feynman diagrams, Max Delbrück had switched his main research area to become a Nobel Prize winner for his studies on replication and the genetic structure of viruses. Fifty years have passed since Lise Meitner's most meritorious student saw his idea demonstrated reliably, aided by QED techniques, strengthening Hans Bethe's early confirmation. However, this effect is still a topical direction for research, expected to open the way to new studies and applications for gamma ray scattering experiments.

The Special Issue invites articles reporting, reviewing or analysing results obtained in experiments related to Delbrück scattering, as well as theoretical studies on this effect. This deflection of gamma photons enabled by vacuum polarisation requires extended studies on nuclear physics energies, from the perspective of a direct, focused approach, together with competing processes or combined with non competing effects.

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