



## The Bright Future of Astronomical X-ray Polarimetry

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### Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

The exploration of astronomical X-ray polarimetry started at the end of the 1960s with Thomson-scattering polarimeters flown on rockets. Major discoveries regarding the physical processes behind solar flares and pulsar wind nebulae were made and the measurement of X-ray polarization unleashed new debates about the emission mechanisms of these sources. However, despite some important breakthroughs, no new X-ray polarimetric missions have been flown to ensure the sustainability of the field. Fifty years later, we are now on the verge to re-open this astrophysical window with the launch of several X-ray polarimeters. These detectors are based on state-of-the-art technology and are a hundred times more sensitive than the pioneering instruments. It is now necessary to compile the scientific goals we intend to achieve thanks to the new missions. This Special Issue aims to present the up-to-date interdisciplinary theories and simulations to be compared to the future observational results in X-ray polarimetry.





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