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Since 2003, formal and experimental approaches to particles have become a flourishing area of research. For the right reason: particles provide challenges for the formal and experimental methods currently available, both in the kind of content they express and in the way they (seem to) do so. The papers in this volume provide many examples. (SDV 1-2/2009, S.5)

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