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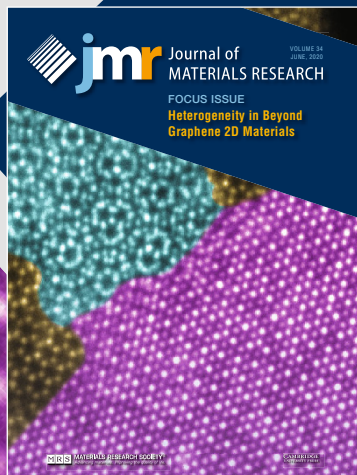CALL FOR PAPERS

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Van der Waals (vdW) layered crystals and two-dimensional (2D) materials have shown remarkable physical and chemical properties, indicating a potentially large impact for future electronics and optoelectronics devices, as well as in quantum information science and energy applications. These atomically thin materials, however, also display remarkable heterogeneities and imperfections. At atomic scales, 2D sheets contain point defects including vacancies, intentional dopants, and impurities. At the mesoscopic level, these imperfections include misoriented grains and layers, mixed phases, strain and charge transfer induced by the substrate, absorbates and the dielectric environment. While these heterogeneities are of manufacturing concern for controllable, uniform, and large area synthesis of these materials, they also present opportunities that could lead to new abilities in tailoring the functionalities of 2D and layered materials for future transformative technologies. To fully reveal these opportunities, a synergistic strategy to fundamentally study these 2D materials must be developed, and new characterization approaches must be found and implemented.

This *Journal of Materials Research (JMR)* Focus Issue serves to report the latest advances in the area of 2D and layered materials, with emphasis on fundamentally understanding the role of heterogeneities in these materials and heterostructures on their mesoscopic properties and functionalities, the development of paths to control the formation of these heterogeneities through synthesis and processing, and the emerging properties that can be accessed and used in novel application.

Contributing papers are solicited in the following areas:
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