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MAX phases are novel structural and functional ceramics with a layered structure. MXenes are 2D materials with graphene-like structures made by exfoliating MAX phases. MAX phases represent a new class of solids that combine some of the best attributes of metals and ceramics that result in fascinating properties. As such, MAX phases are creep, fatigue, fracture, thermal-shock and corrosion resistant, in addition to displaying good machinability, high electrical conductivity and ultra-low friction. These ceramics can find applications in nuclear research, metallurgy, mining and spaceflight fields. Similarly, MXenes are endowed with the rare combination of good electronic conductivity and hydrophilicity which render them particularly suitable for a wide range of potential applications, such as energy storage, polymer nanocomposite fillers, water purification, transparent optical conductive coatings, electromagnetic shielding/absorption, and electronic devices.

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