



## Defects in Crystals

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### Message from the Guest Editors

Defects are an intrinsic feature of materials, meaning that perfect solids or crystals (without defects) do not exist in nature as dictated by thermodynamic constraints of order and disorder in solids. Imperfections in crystalline solids play a critical role in solid-state science since it can determine a variety of properties of materials such as mechanical resistance, spectroscopic behaviour, and mass transport. Thereby, defect-driven phenomena are of great importance in solid-state chemistry, physics, and engineering. The existence of defects occurs from nanomaterials to bulk materials, of single composition or composites, and may affect the material's performance in several orders of magnitude.

Given the importance of defects in material science as a multidisciplinary topic, we invite researches and scientists to contribute to the Special Issue Defects in Crystals.





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