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- EC5 Proton Transfer and Transport—From Biological Systems to Energy Applications

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- EM2 Rare-Earths in Advanced Photonics and Spintronics
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- ES5 Materials Research and Design for A Nuclear Renaissance
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- MB2 Materials under Mechanical Extremes
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- MB6 Cyclic Deformation and Fracture at the Nanoscale
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- NM2 2D Layers and Heterostructures beyond Graphene—Theory, Preparation, Properties and Devices
- NM3 Nanotubes and Related Nanostructures
- NM4 Nanomaterials-Based Solar Energy Conversion
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- PM5 Hierarchical, Hybrid and Roll-to-Roll Manufacturing for Device Applications

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Microstructural Characterization for Emerging Photovoltaic Materials

Emerging solar cell technologies, in particular those based on organic molecules and polymers, inorganic-organic perovskites, and kesterite-based semiconductors have begun demonstrating their potential for inexpensive solar energy on a terawatt scale. Increasing the power conversion efficiency and device lifetimes of these materials requires exercising nanoscale control over thin film microstructure and device interfaces across large areas. Each of these systems has presented unique challenges to their full morphological and microstructural characterization, with issues ranging from poor scattering contrast between layers (organics) to overlapping diffraction features (kesterites). Advances in x-ray and neutron scattering methods have enabled breakthroughs in understanding the relationship between thin film microstructure and device-level properties in these emerging energy materials, findings which have propelled photovoltaic performance over the last decade. Increased access to synchrotron and neutron sources, coupled with the development of new tools and techniques that merge scattering and spectroscopic information, are providing exciting opportunities to probe the microstructural evolution of these materials from fabrication through to fully operational devices subject to real-world environments.

Research papers are solicited in the use of x-ray and neutron characterization methods to monitor microstructure of these emerging energy materials, in particular methods that enable thin-film monitoring under fabrication and/or operational conditions. Approaches that demonstrate applications to the improved design and fabrication of materials and devices—affording insights into the underlying chemistry, materials science, and photophysics—are highly encouraged.

The issue will have a special emphasis on:

- ◆ Techniques that enable quantitative correlation between electronic performance and bulk microstructural evolution of emerging solar cell technologies, highlighting X-ray and neutron tools, but not excluding other approaches
- ◆ *In-situ* and *in-operando* techniques for monitoring physico-chemical interactions during photovoltaic device operation, including spectroscopic methods
- ◆ New experimental and computational approaches for classifying and quantifying structural properties in molecular and disordered electronic materials
- ◆ Integration of characterization tools in process monitoring for scalable module fabrication

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