

environment to cause the oxidized aluminium and oxide of the metal M to react to form the beta-alumina compound.

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**COMPOSITE ELECTROLYTES FOR  
ELECTROCHEMICAL DEVICES**

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A solid state polymer electrolyte composite which is formed by coating an inert electrically insulating ribbon or sheet of expanded or perforated plastic film with a liquid, ion-conductive polymer, and curing the polymer to form a solid state or semi-solid state electrolyte composite.

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**ELECTRO CHEMICAL CELL  
COMPRISING NON-RADIATION  
CURABLE SOLID POLYMER  
ELECTROLYTES**

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Electrochemical cells comprising solid polymeric electrolytes are composed of a solid polymeric matrix formed by polymerization of organophosphate compounds.

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**PROCESS FOR PRODUCING  
CARBONACEOUS MATERIAL**

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A process for producing a carbon/carbon composite having a ceramic and carbon coating on its surface consists essentially of the steps of heating a carbon/carbon composite at a temperature of from 800°

to 1,700°C, contacting the thus heated composite in the presence of hydrogen with at least one compound selected from the group consisting of halides and hydrides of Si, Zr, Ti, Hf, B, Nb and W in gaseous form to convert the surface of the carbon/carbon composite, in the absence of a carbon releasing gas, into a carbide ceramic layer and then forming a coating film consisting of both carbon and ceramic by vapor phase decomposition at a pressure of 5-100 Torr on said carbide ceramic.

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**IONICALLY CONDUCTIVE MATERIAL  
HAVING A BLOCK COPOLYMER AS THE  
SOLVENT**

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1993. An ionically conductive material and its use are  
described. The material comprises at least one salt  
dissolved in a polymeric solvent and is characterized in  
that the polymeric solvent essentially consists of a block  
copolymer comprising at least one solvating segment  
and at least one segment having excellent mechanical  
properties, either intrinsically or once a number of  
segments have been cross-linked. Said material may be  
used as an electrolyte in various electrochemical  
systems.

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**POLYMER SOLID-ELECTROLYTE  
COMPOSITION AND  
ELECTROCHEMICAL CELL USING THE  
COMPOSITION**

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The polymer solid-electrolyte composition according to  
the present invention comprises a polymer solid

electrolyte selected from the group consisting of perfluorocarbon sulfonic acid, polysulfones, perfluorocarbonic acid, styrene-divinylbenzene sulfonic acid cation-exchange resins and styrene-butadiene anion-exchange resins, and 0.01-50% by weight of fine particle silica and/or fibrous silica fiber relative to the weight of the polymer solid electrolyte.

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**APPARATUS FOR USE IN A BATTERY**

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A battery electrode is provided comprising a porous, pleated metal structure, preferably comprising nickel as its substrate.

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**HYDROGEN STORAGE MATERIALS**

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A hydrogen storage material for use in various hydrogen absorber devices such as electrochemical cells, hydrogen separator devices, temperature sensors and the like, having the formula: (\*See Patent for Tabular Presentation\*) PS where R and R' are a rare earth metal; T is cobalt; T' is Ni, Fe, Mn or Cr; X is Ga; X' is Al, Si, Sn, Ge, Cr, In or Mo; x is from 0.0 to 3.6; y is from 0.0 to 9.0; and z is from 0 to 2.

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**PROTON CONDUCTING POLYMERS  
USED AS MEMBRANES**

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The subject invention relates to solid polymer electrolyte membranes comprising proton conducting polymers stable at temperatures in excess of 100°C, the polymer

being basic polymer complexed with a strong acid or an acid polymer. The invention further relates to the use of such membranes in electrolytic cells and acid fuel cells. Particularly, the invention relates to the use of polybenzimidazole as a suitable polymer electrolyte membrane.

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**CARBONACEOUS ELECTRODE  
MATERIAL FOR SECONDARY BATTERY  
AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION  
THEREOF**

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A non-aqueous solvent-type secondary battery having a large charge-discharge capacity and exhibiting a high utilization rate of an active substance, such as lithium, and an excellent charge-discharge cycle characteristic, can be constituted by using a carbonaceous electrode material having a specific microtexture. The carbonaceous electrode material is characterized by having an average (002)-plane spacing  $d_{002}$  of 0.336-0.375 nm and a crystallite size in c-axis direction  $L_c(002)$  of at most 50 nm, respectively, as measured by X-ray diffraction method, and an optically anisotropic texture showing a fine mosaic texture when observed through a polarizing microscope. The carbonaceous material may suitably be produced through a process including the steps of: crosslinking a tar or pitch of a petroleum or coal origin, and carbonizing the crosslinked tar or pitch at a temperature of at least 800°C under a reduced pressure or in an inert gas atmosphere.

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**LIGHTWEIGHT COMPOSITE  
POLYMERIC ELECTROLYTES FOR  
ELECTROCHEMICAL DEVICES**

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Lightweight composite polymeric electrolytes which contain a lightweight inorganic filler, such as oxides of