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Hydrogen technologies, PEMFC, DMFC, Polymer electrolyte membranes, Hydrogen generation, Reenerative fuel cells, Electrochemical Carbon dioxide conversion, Hydrogen purification, Metal-Air batteries



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49. Water Uptake and Conductivity studies in sulphonated poly(ether ether ketone) membranes, D.Sabhita and **K.Ramya**, a poster presented in the Fourteenth National Convention of Electrochemists held at Indira Gandhi Centre for Atomic Research, Kalpakkam on the 6-7 December 2007 organised by Society of Advancement of Electrochemical Science and Technology, CECRI Campus, Karaikudi 630005.
50. Characterization and Optimization of Low cost activated carbon Fabric as a substrate layer for PEMFC electrodes, N.Rajalakshmi, G.Velayutham, **K.Ramya**, C.K.Subramaniam and K.S.Dhathathreyan in Fuel Cell 2005, Third International Conference on Fuel Cell Science, Engineering and Technology, May 23-25, Ypsilanti, Michigan ( FuelCELL-74182)
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### Invited Lectures

57. HTPMEMFC stack development and analysis using AC impedance spectroscopy, K.Ramya and K.S.Dhathathreyan, International conference on Advancements in Polymeric materials, Feb 12-14,2016, Organized by CIPETat Ahmedabad.
58. Polymer Electrolyte Membrane Based Electrochemical Conversion of Carbon Dioxide from Aqueous Solutions, P. Suresh, K. Ramya\*, K. S. Dhathathreyan, Fourth International Conference on Natural Polymers, Bio-Polymers, Bio-Materials, their Composites, Nanaocomposites, Blends, IPNs, Polyelectrolytes and Gels: Macro to Nano Scales (ICNP – 2015), April 10, 11 & 12, 2015, Kottayam, Kerala, India organised by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam Kerala
59. Polymer electrolytes in electrochemical devices  
K.Ramya and K.S.Dhathathreyan, International conference on Advancements in Polymeric materials, Feb 20-22,2015, Organized by CIPETat IISc, Bangalore.
54. Electrochemistry applications in Fuel cells DST SERB school on “Fundamental electrochemical principles applied to problems in science and engineering” from 10-14 Aug, conducted in the Dept. Chem. Engg. IIT Madras.
  
1. Polymer electrolyte membrane based supercapacitors  
K.Ramya and K.S.Dhathathreyan, International conference on Advancements in Polymeric materials, 2014, Organized by CIPET, Bhuvaneshwar.
  
60. Polymer electrolyte membranes in sensor applications  
K.Ramya and K.S.Dhathathreyan, International conference on Advancements in Polymeric materials, innovation in materials and product developments, March 1-3,2013, Organized by CIPET, Lucknow
61. Ionic conducting Materials- Solid Polymer electrolytes, K.Ramya at Two day Program on Fuel Cell Education and Training – 4-5 April 2011 organized by TIFAC-CORE in Automotive Infotronics, VIT University, Vellore
62. Nafion / PTFE Composite Membranes for Fuel Cell Applications, K.Ramya and K.S.Dhathathreyan, International conference on Advancements in Polymeric materials, innovation in materials and product developments, March 25-27,2011, Organized by CIPET, Chennai

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### Patents

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65. Polymer Electrolyte Membrane (PEM) cell and a method of producing hydrogen from aqueous organic solutions in pulse current mode 3313/DEL/2012.
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