

Opportunity

These technologies provide a variety of unique capabilities to makers of high-power battery systems. Individually or as a package, each offers unique features that provide benefits over a range of operating temperatures.

In addition to use in batteries, applications to electrochromics, displays, and super capacitors are also practicable.

Technology

Key aspects of the technology are described below. In general, the features focus on:

- Electrolyte composition and electrode processing
- Additives for conductivity and electrical property enhancement
- Proven expertise especially relevant to military and defense applications.

Intellectual property

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<i>Title</i>	<i>Patent</i>	<i>Key Features</i>
Foam Matrix Organic Salt Electrolytes by K.J. Green & J. C. Wilson	WO 98/11619	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Imidazolium or pyridinium alkyl sulfonate and alkali borate salt stabilized in acrylic polymer solid electrolyte • Good charge retention • Operating range: 20-120 degC • Applications in super capacitors; electrochromics and displays; as well as batteries
Dipyrrylmethane electrical conductor by J.R.M. Giles	US 4,781,443	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Claims cover the polymer and process for making and using it as an electrode • Air and water stable • One embodiment with CF₃SO₃ additive (n- or p-dopant) exhibits conductivity of ~1.0 S/cm • Cited by 18 later patents
High temperature battery by A.G. Ritchie	WO 96/08845 Application PCT/GB95/02140 now issued as US 5,895,730	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LiX + Li compounds, mainly for Li-FeS₂ systems • Lithium sulfate additive depresses melting point of electrolyte from 500 to 430 degC • Stable voltage for short burst power (e.g. missiles) • Reserve systems useful for submarine & EV power supplies

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