

ADVANCED METAL HYDRIDES FOR BATTERY APPLICATIONS

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Metal hydrides are key compounds for battery applications. For long they have been developed as negative materials in Ni-MH alkaline batteries [1] and are widely used now in HEV cars. New fields of research arise recently with their use as anode in Li-ion batteries [2, 3] allowing to accommodate lithium through conversion reactions at the negative electrode. Additionally, some complex hydrides show excellent lithium ionic conductivity and are foreseen as electrolyte in all solid state batteries [4]. Recent aspects in this field of research will be presented and discussed.

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