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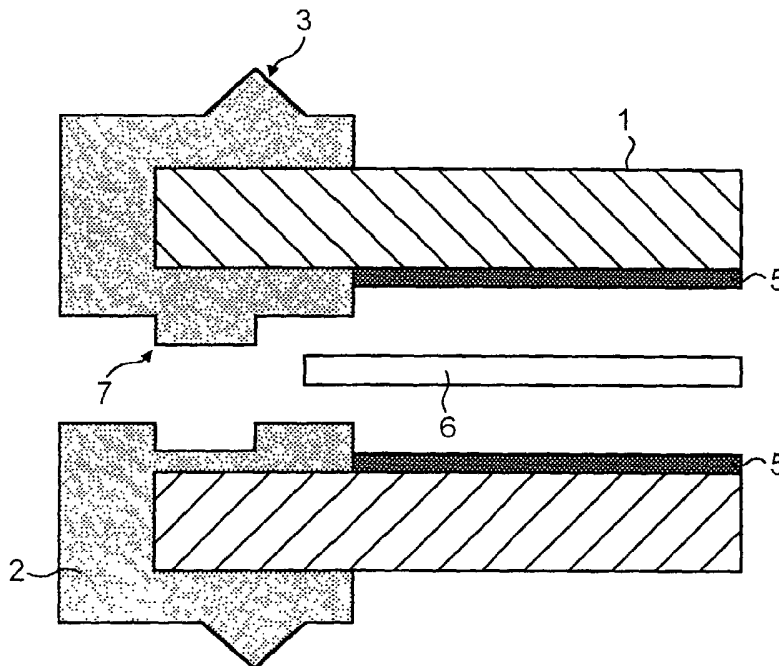
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(57) Abstract: A membrane electrode assembly wherein each gas diffusion substrate (1) comprises a porous electrically conductive sheet material, wherein an integral gasket member (2) is located on the first and second planar faces of a peripheral portion of the sheet material. The electrocatalyst layers (5) are not present adjacent to the gasket members and the edge of the membrane (6) is sandwiched between the gasket members. The invention further relates to integrated cell assemblies and fuel cell stacks comprising membrane electrode assemblies according to the invention.



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