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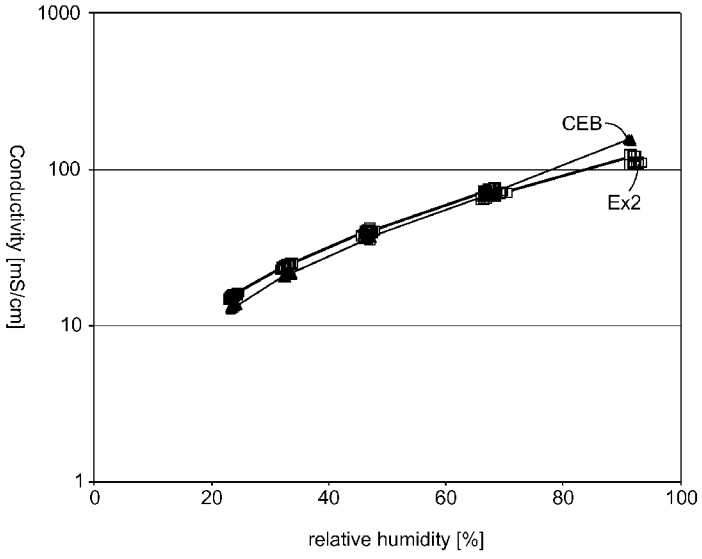
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(54) Title: LOW EQUIVALENT WEIGHT POLYMERS

FIG. 1



(57) Abstract: Described herein is a composition comprising: a polymer derived from (a) a fluorinated olefin monomer; (b) a highly fluorinated sulfur-containing monomer of the formula: $CX^1X^2=CX^3[(CX^4X^5)_w\text{-}O\text{-}R^1\text{-}SO_2Y]$ where X^1, X^2, X^3, X^4, and X^5 are independently selected from H, Cl, or F; w is 0 or 1; R^1 is a non-fluorinated or fluorinated alkylene group; and Y is selected from F, Cl, Br, I, or OM, where M is a cation; and (c) a polyfunctional monomer comprising at least two functional groups, wherein the functional groups are selected from the group consisting of: (i) a fluorovinyl ether group, (ii) a fluoroallyl ether group, (iii) a fluorinated olefinic group, and (iv) combinations thereof; articles thereof; and a method of making such polymers.

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eKOMPASS(KIPO internal) & Keywords: sulfonyl, sulphonyl, ether, fluorinated olefin, perfluoro, membrane, electrode, fuel cell

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