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[54] METHOD OF MAKING A LAMINATED LITHIUM-ION RECHARGEABLE BATTERY CELL

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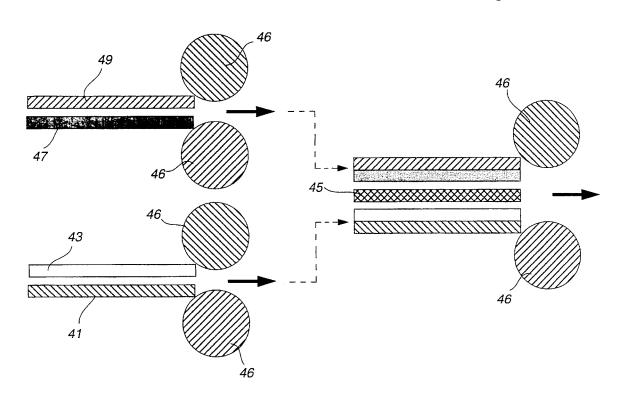
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[57] **ABSTRACT**

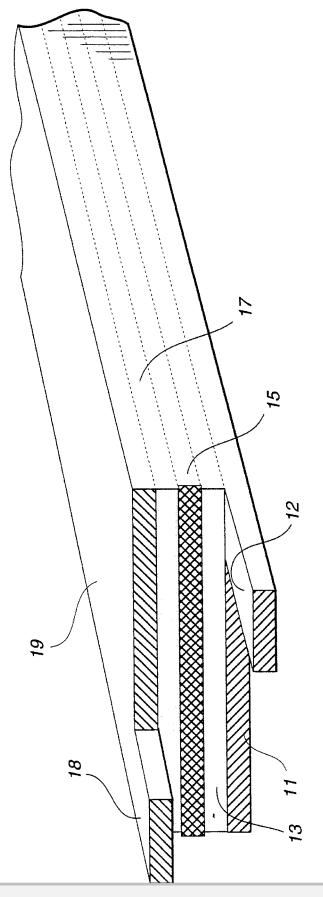
Li-ion rechargeable battery cell electrode and electrolyte/ separator elements formulated as layers of plasticized polymeric matrix compositions are laminated with electrically conductive collector elements to form a unitary battery cell structure. Adhesion between the electrode and collector elements is enhanced by pretreatment of the collector elements in which a 0.25% to 3.0% solution of a polymeric material compatible with said matrix polymer is applied to a collector foil or grid and dried to form a coated film, and the resulting coated collector element is heated within the range of about 250° to 450° C. for about 5 to 60 seconds.

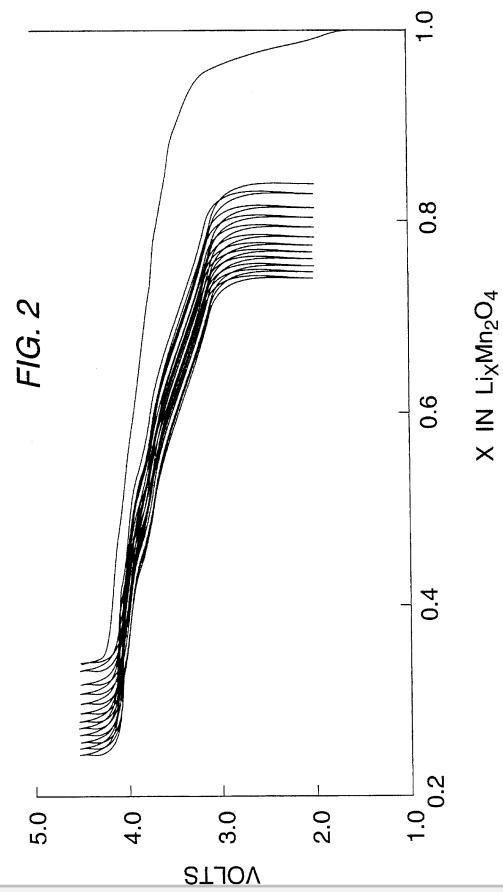
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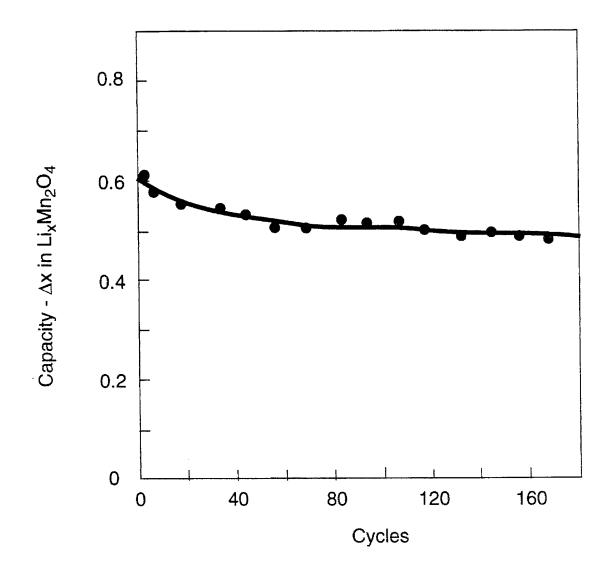
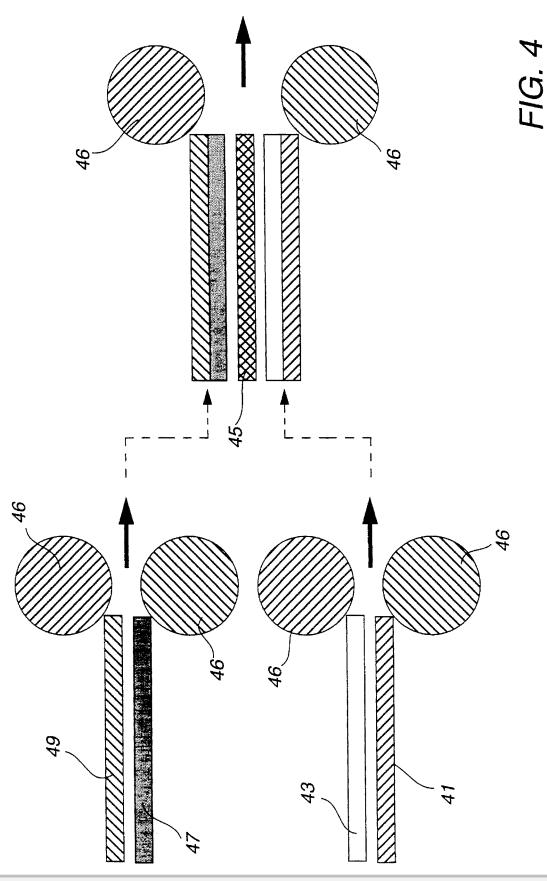


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