Bipolar Rechargeable Lithium Battery For High Power Applications

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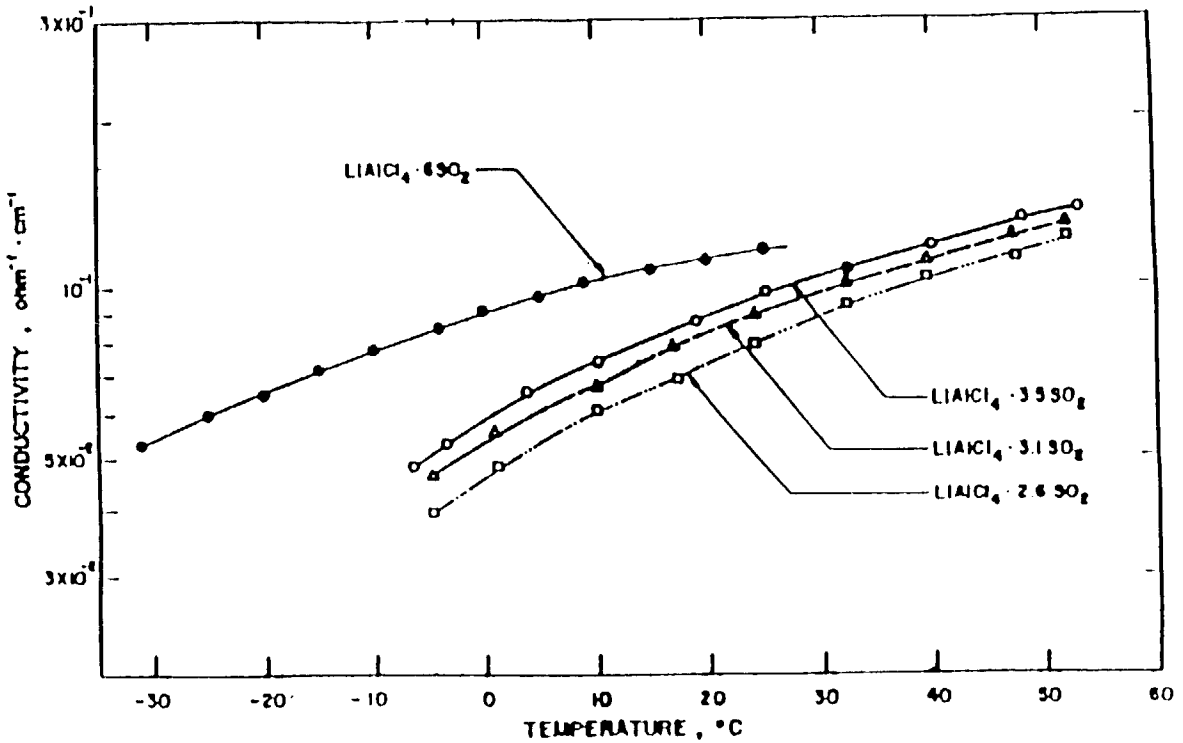
Bipolar Rechargeable Lithium Battery: CELL CHEMISTRY

Anode or Negative Electrode	:	Li
Cathode or Positive Electrode	:	$CuCl_2$
Electrolyte	:	SO_2 based $LiAlCl_4$
OCV	:	3.45V versus Li

NO organic electrolytes offer as high conductivity as SO_2-based electrolytes

Conductivity of $LiAlCl_4/SO_2$ Electrolytes at Various Temperatures



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Bipolar Rechargeable Lithium Battery: ELECTROLYTE

Vapor-pressure lower than atmospheric pressure can be achieved with SO_2-based electrolytes.

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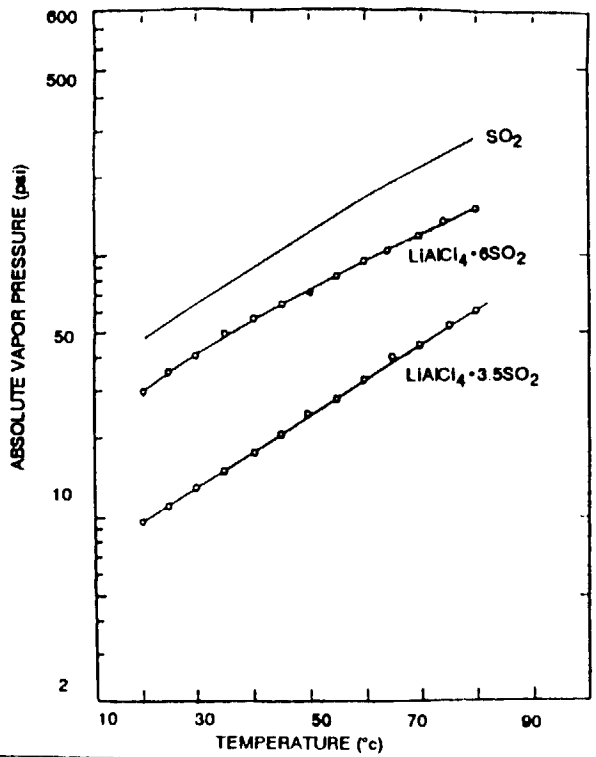

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Bipolar Rechargeable Lithium Battery: ELECTROLYTE ADVANTAGE

SO_2 based Li–ion conducting electrolytes offer several advantages

- High ionic conductivity ($1 \cdot 1 \times 10^{-2}$ Scm^{-1})
- Excellent electrochemical voltage window
- Limited overcharge tolerance
- Very low shelf–discharge rate (<0.1% per month)
- Insignificant Li–anode passivation

Bipolar Rechargeable Lithium Battery: REACTION MECHANISMS

The use of high surface area carbon and SO_2–based $LiAlCl_4$ electrolyte provides extra capacity before SO_2–reduction occurs.

Discharge

Anode: $Li \rightarrow Li^+ + e^-$

Cathode:

1. $Cu^{++} + e \rightarrow Cu^+$ (~ 3.4 versus Li)
2. $LiAlCl_4 \cdot 3SO_2 + xC + 3e^- \rightarrow LiClAl$ (OSO, OSO, OSO) $Cx + 3Cl^-$
3. $2SO_2 + 2e^- \rightarrow S_2O_4^=$ (~ 2.8V versus Li)
4. $Cu^+ + e \rightarrow Cu^0$ (~2.5V versus Li)

Charge

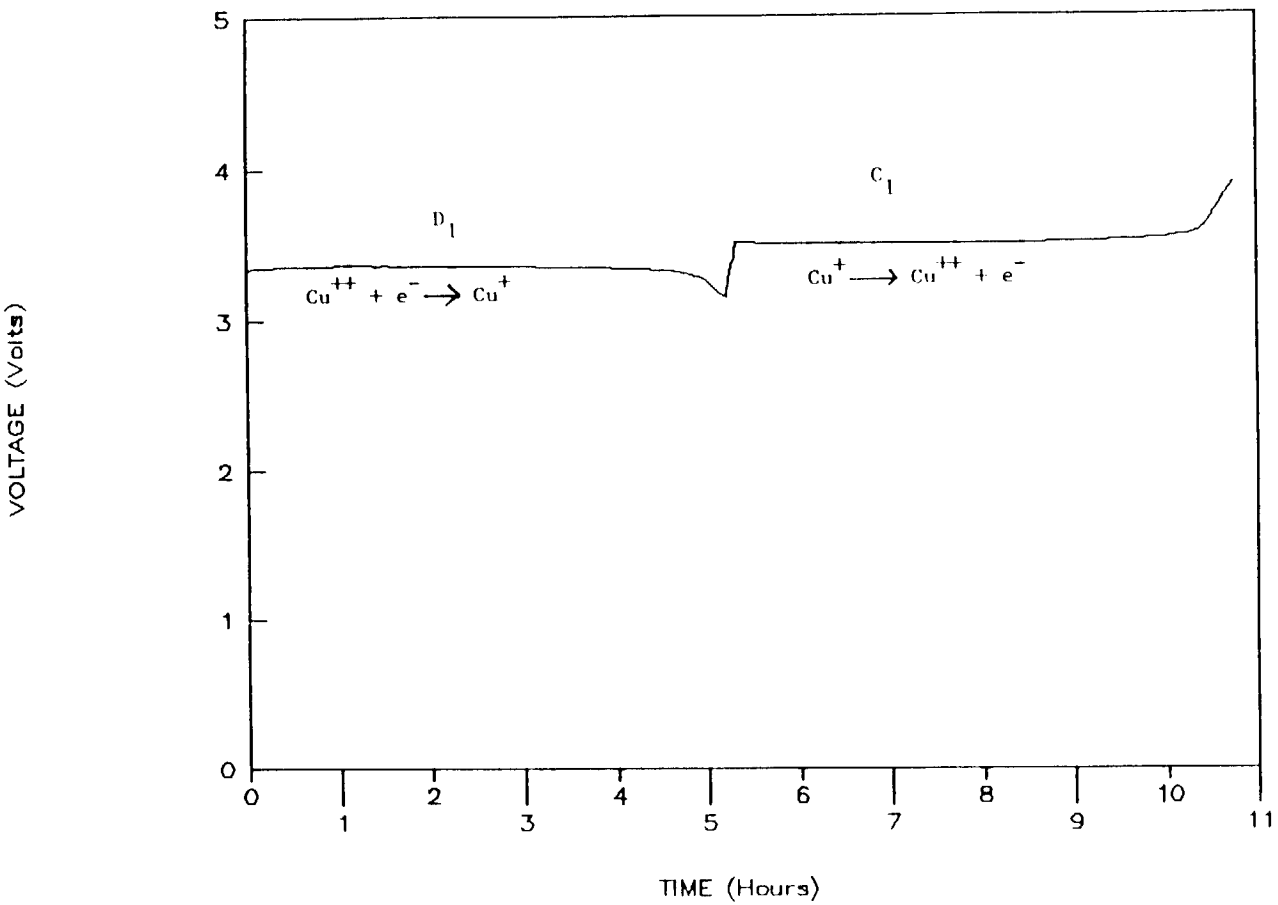
Anode: $Li^+ + e \rightarrow Li$

Cathode: $Cu^+ \rightarrow Cu^{++} + e$ (~3.5V versus Li)

$LiClAl(OSO)_3 \cdot xC + 3Cl^- \rightarrow LiAlCl_4 \cdot 3SO_2 + xC + 3e^-$ (~3.65V versus Li)

$LiAlCl_4 \rightarrow Li^+ + AlCl_3 + \frac{1}{2}Cl_2 + e^-$ (~3.9V versus Li)

$Li/CuCl_2$ Rechargeable Cells: CYCLING BEHAVIOR



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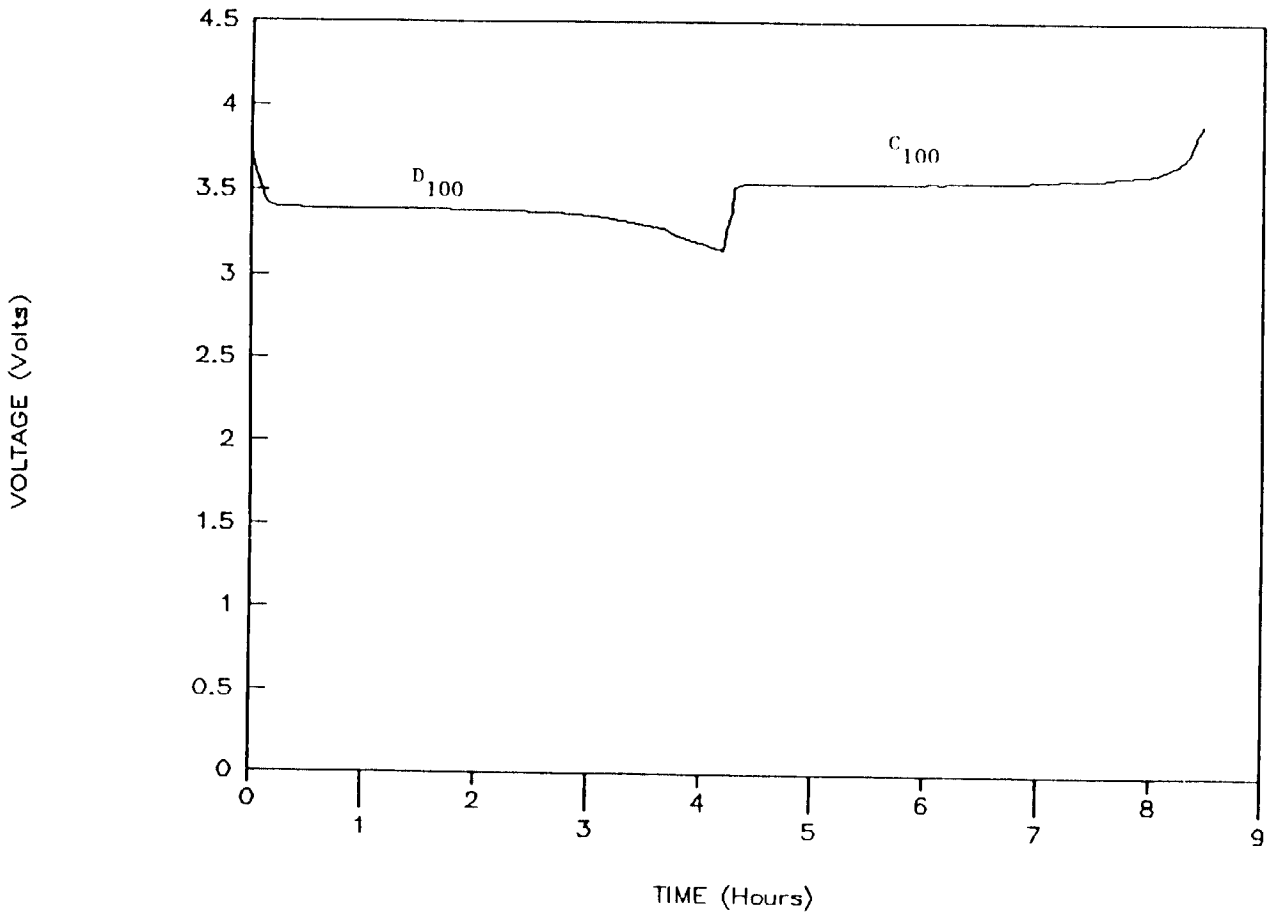

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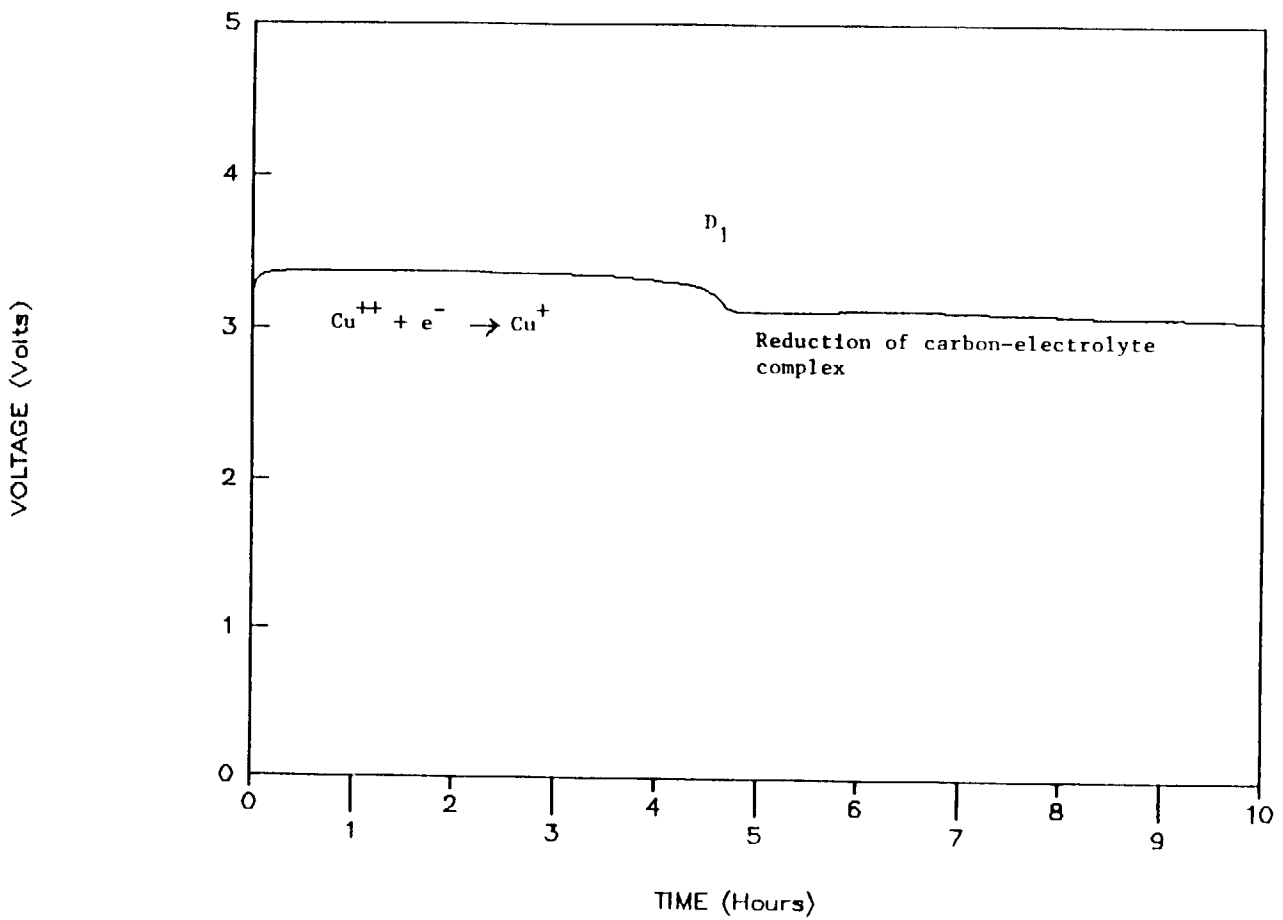

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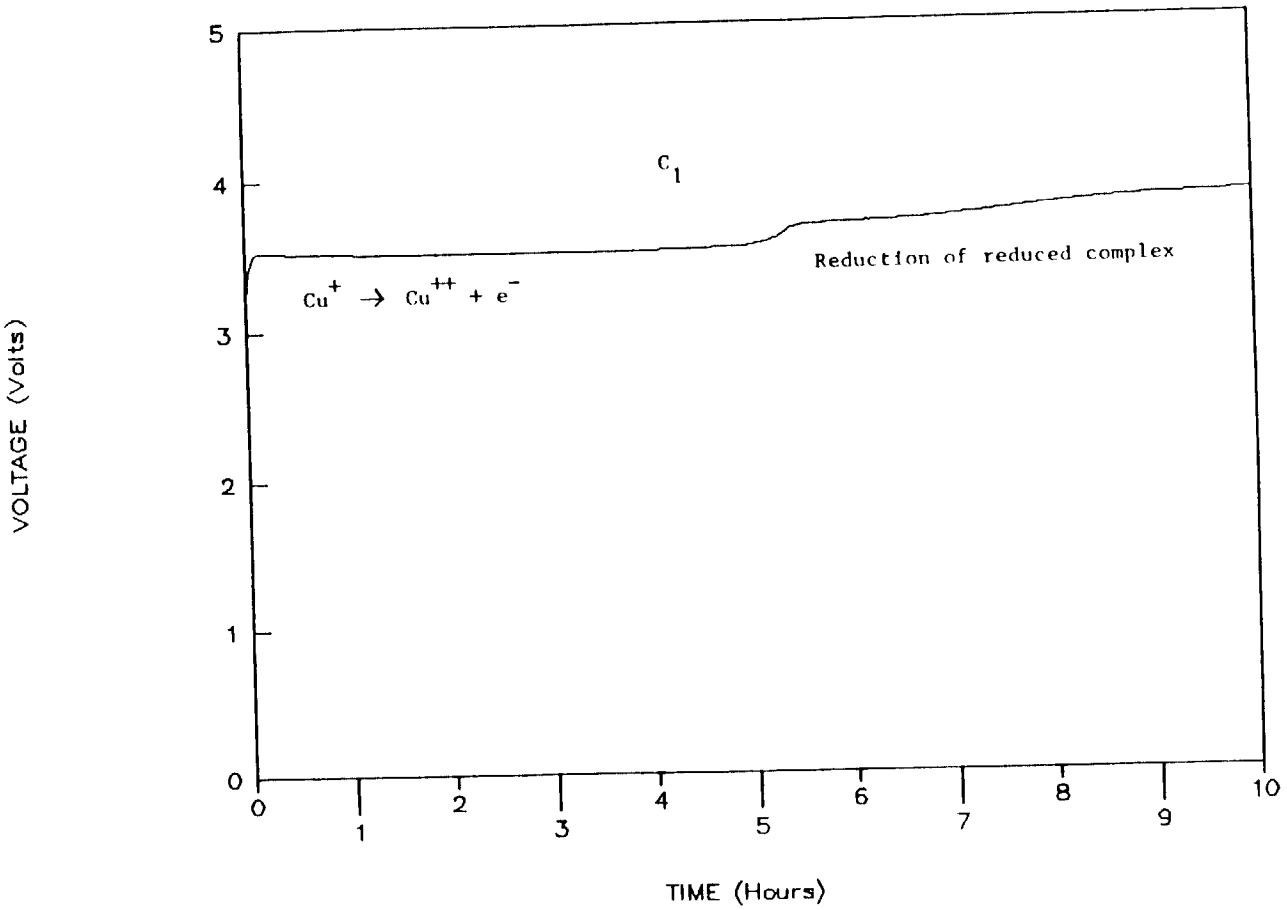

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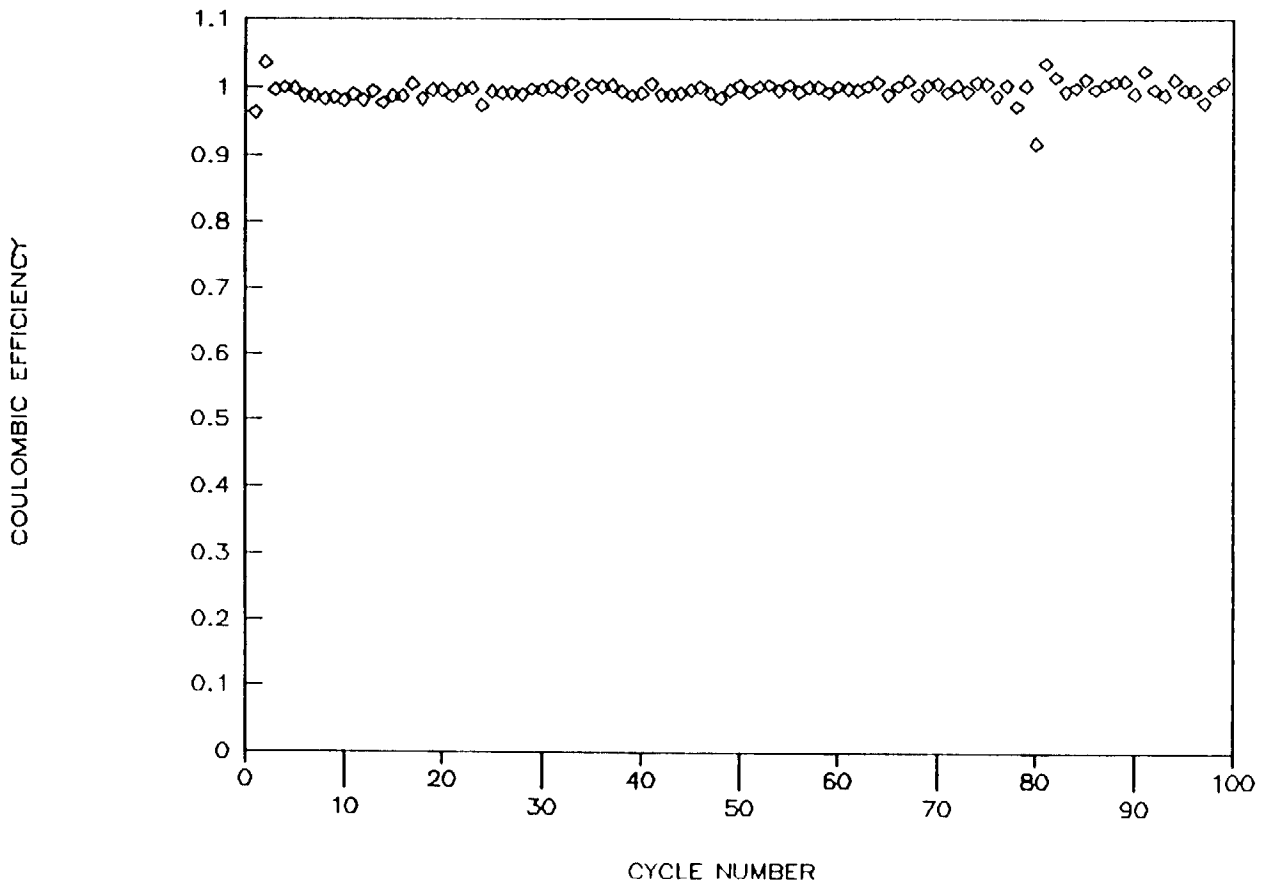

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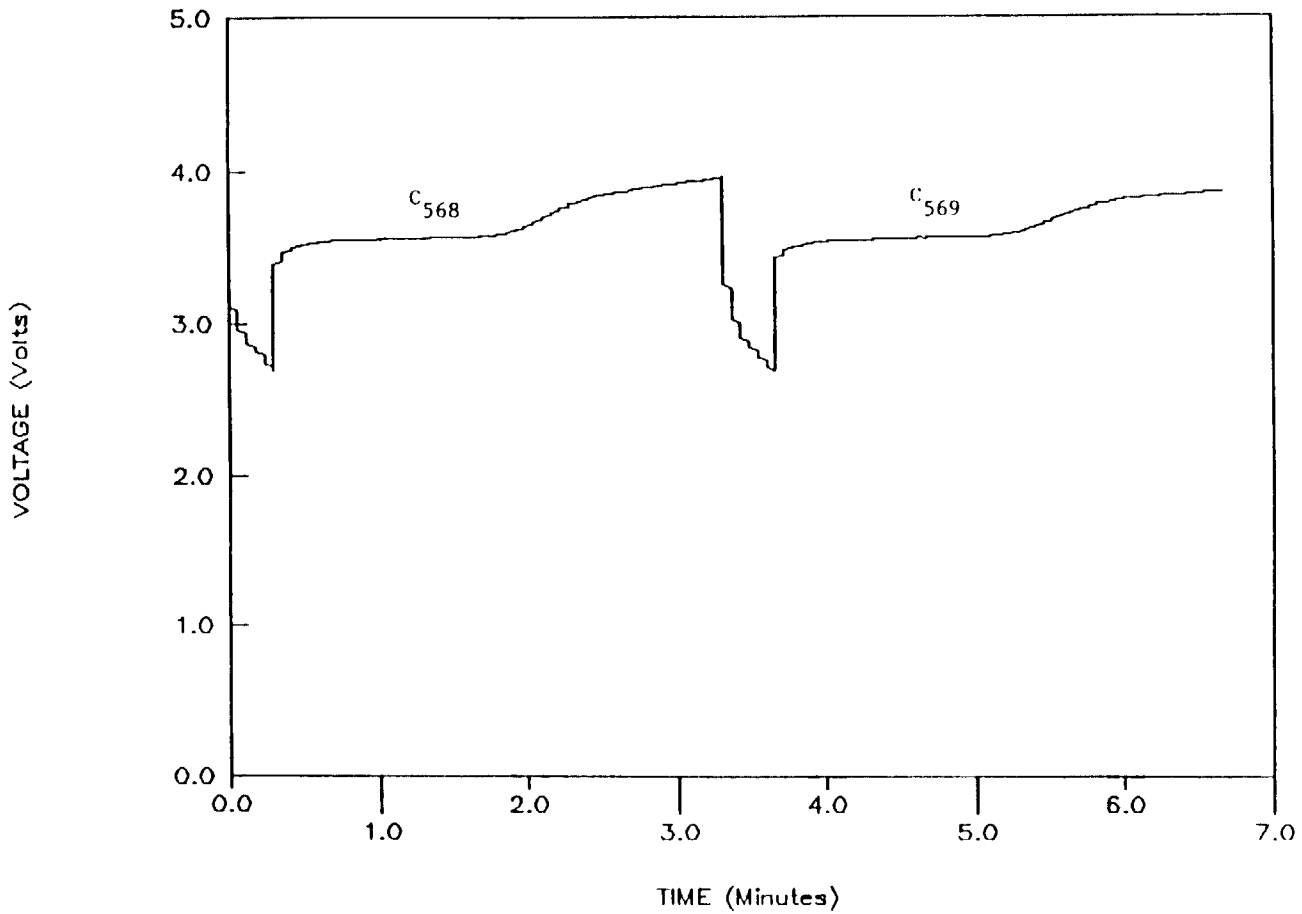
Bipolar Lithium Rechargeable Batteries: CYCLING BEHAVIOR



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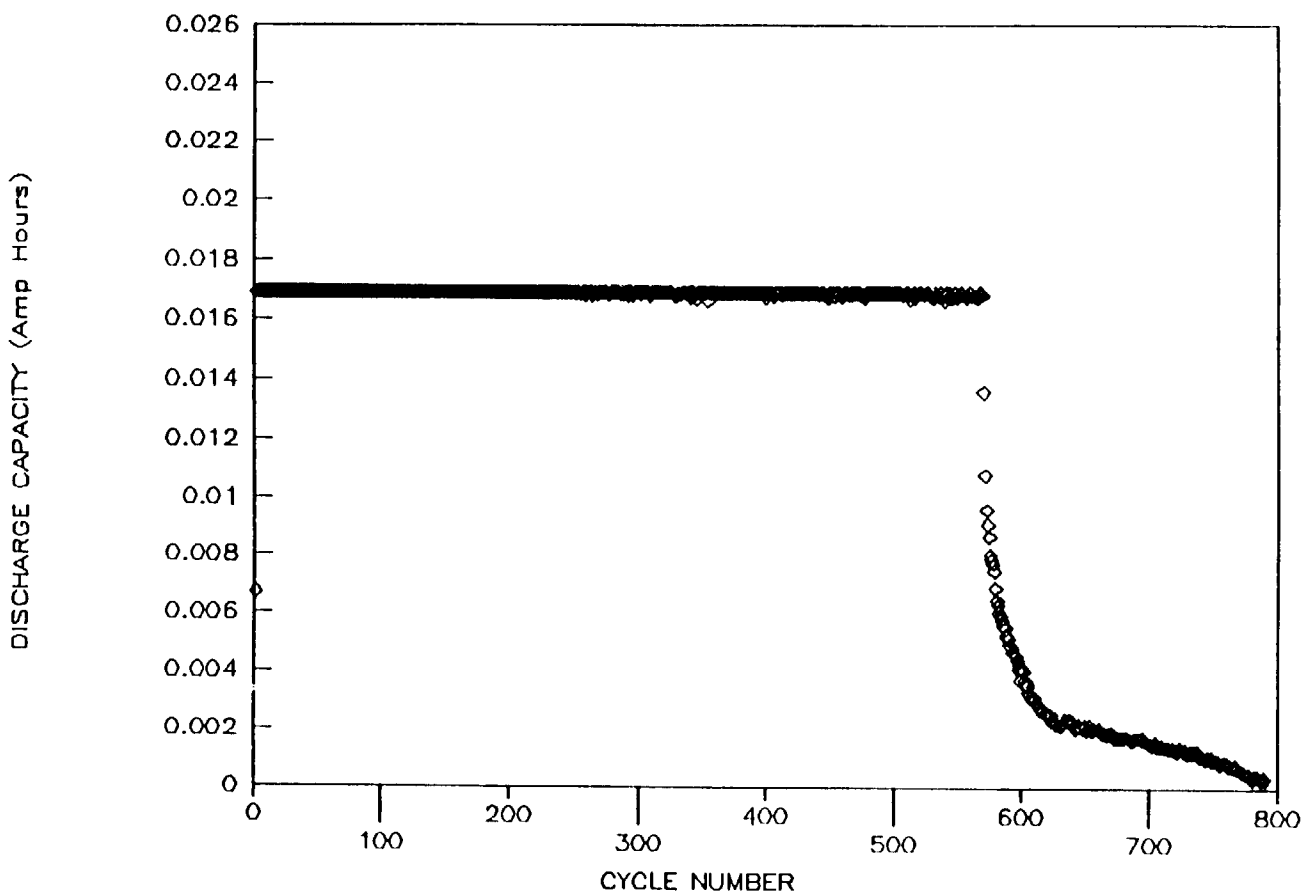

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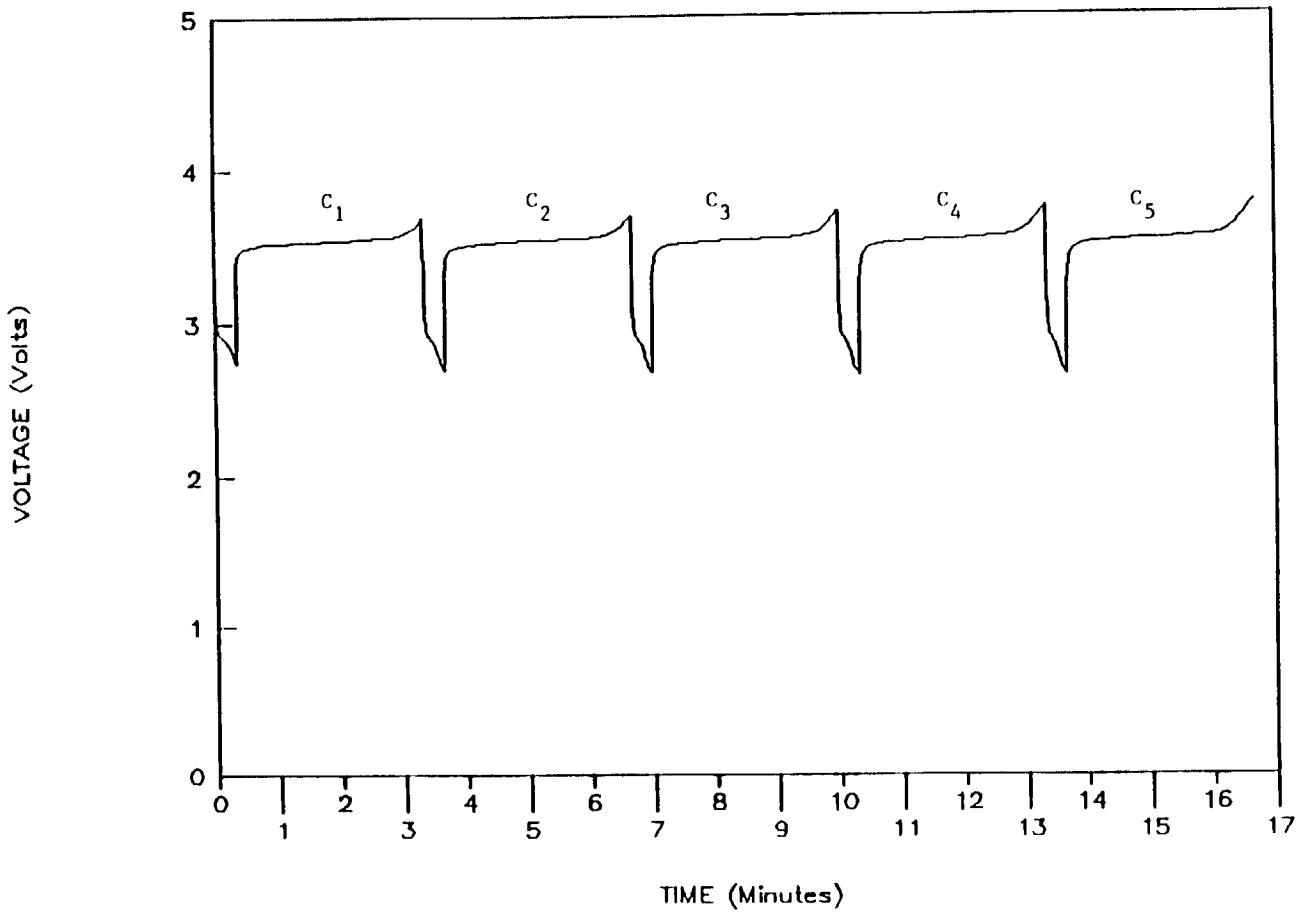

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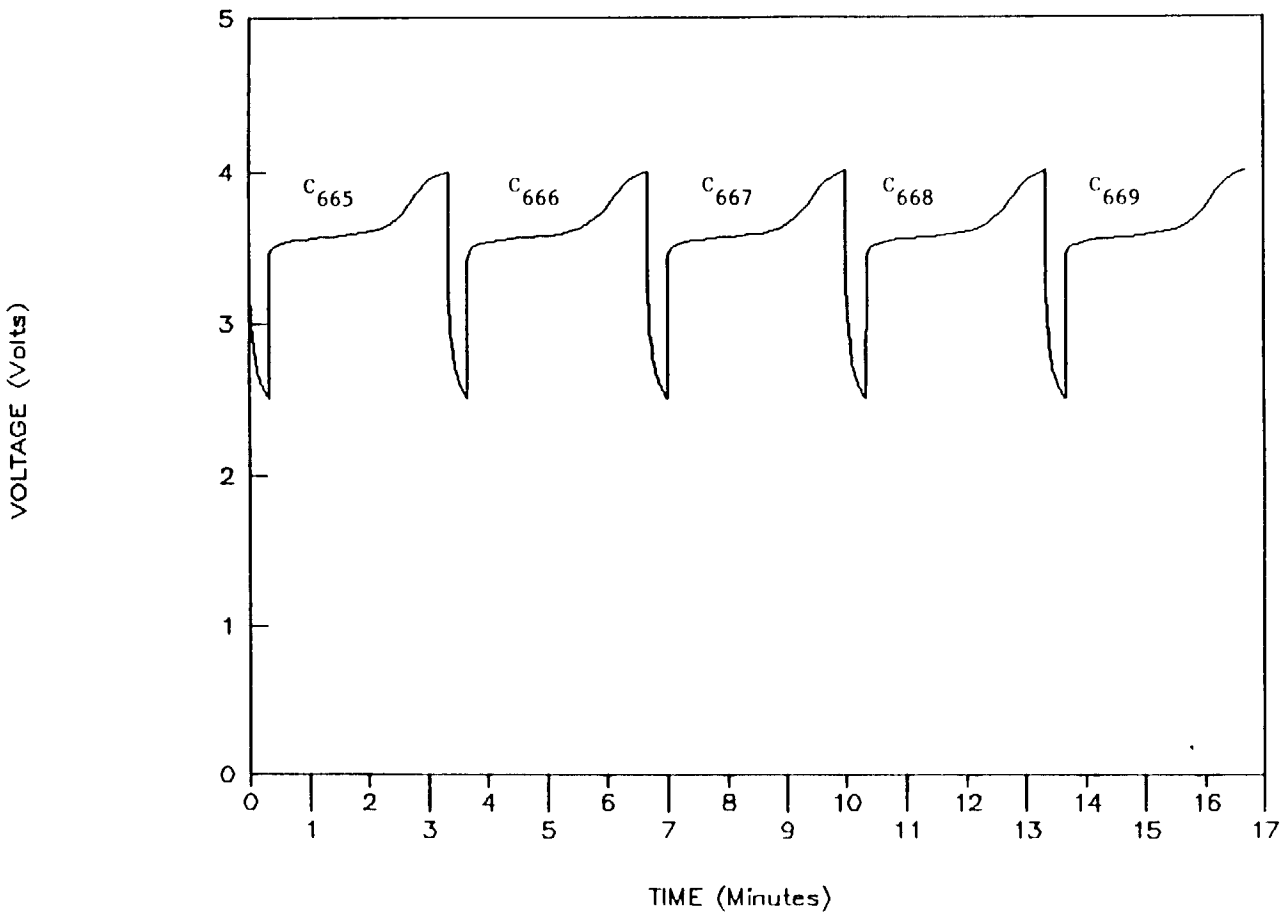

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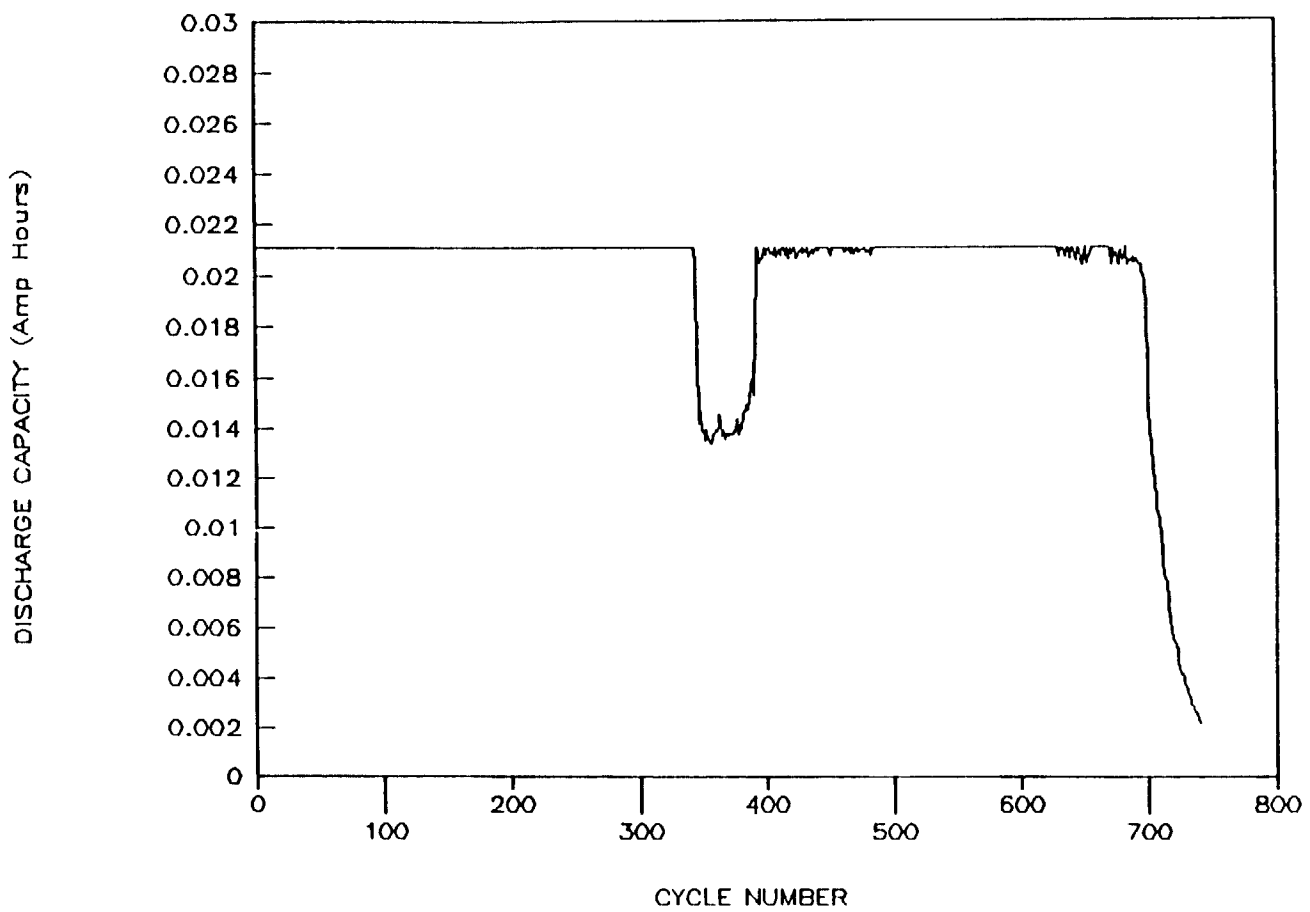

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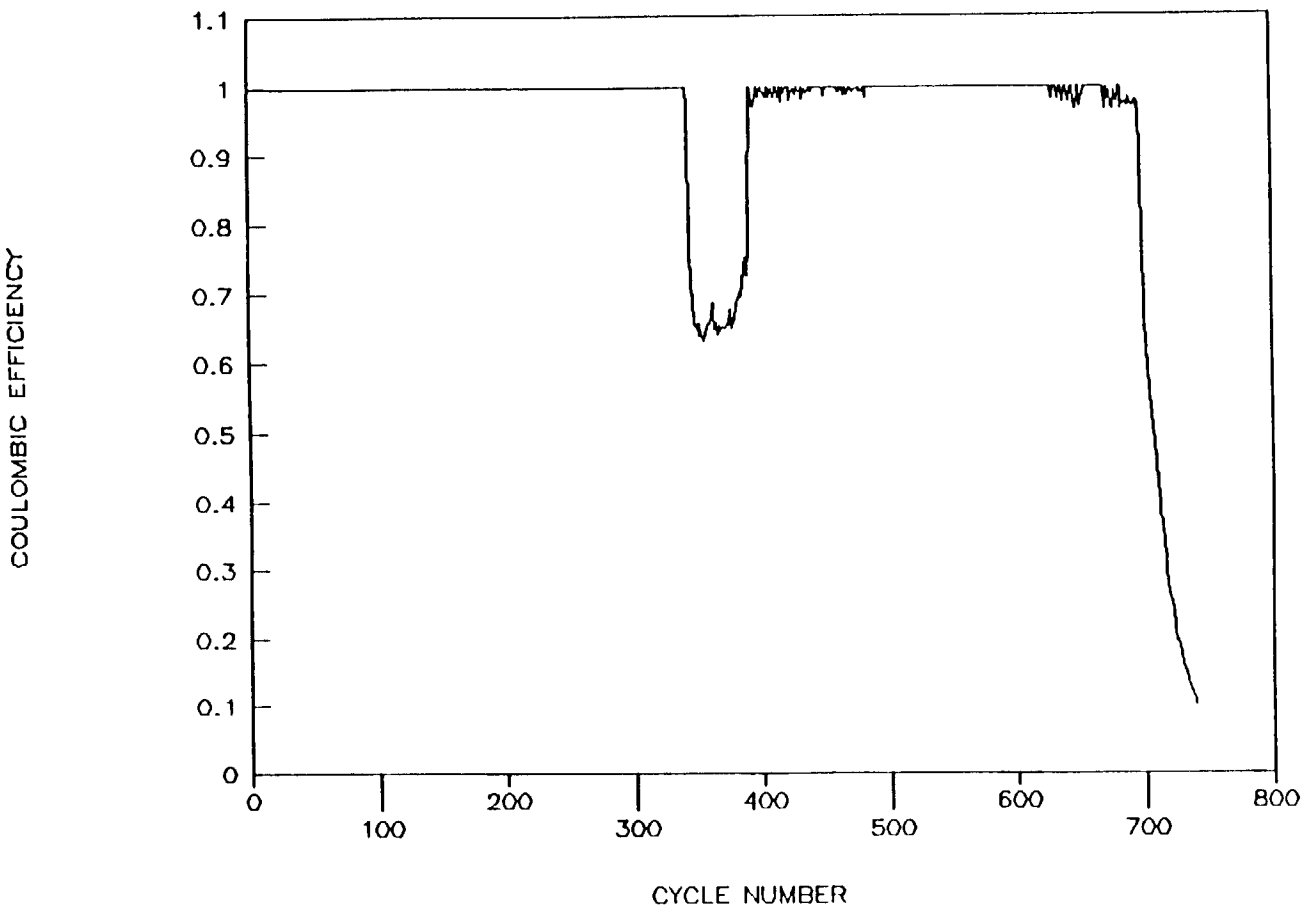

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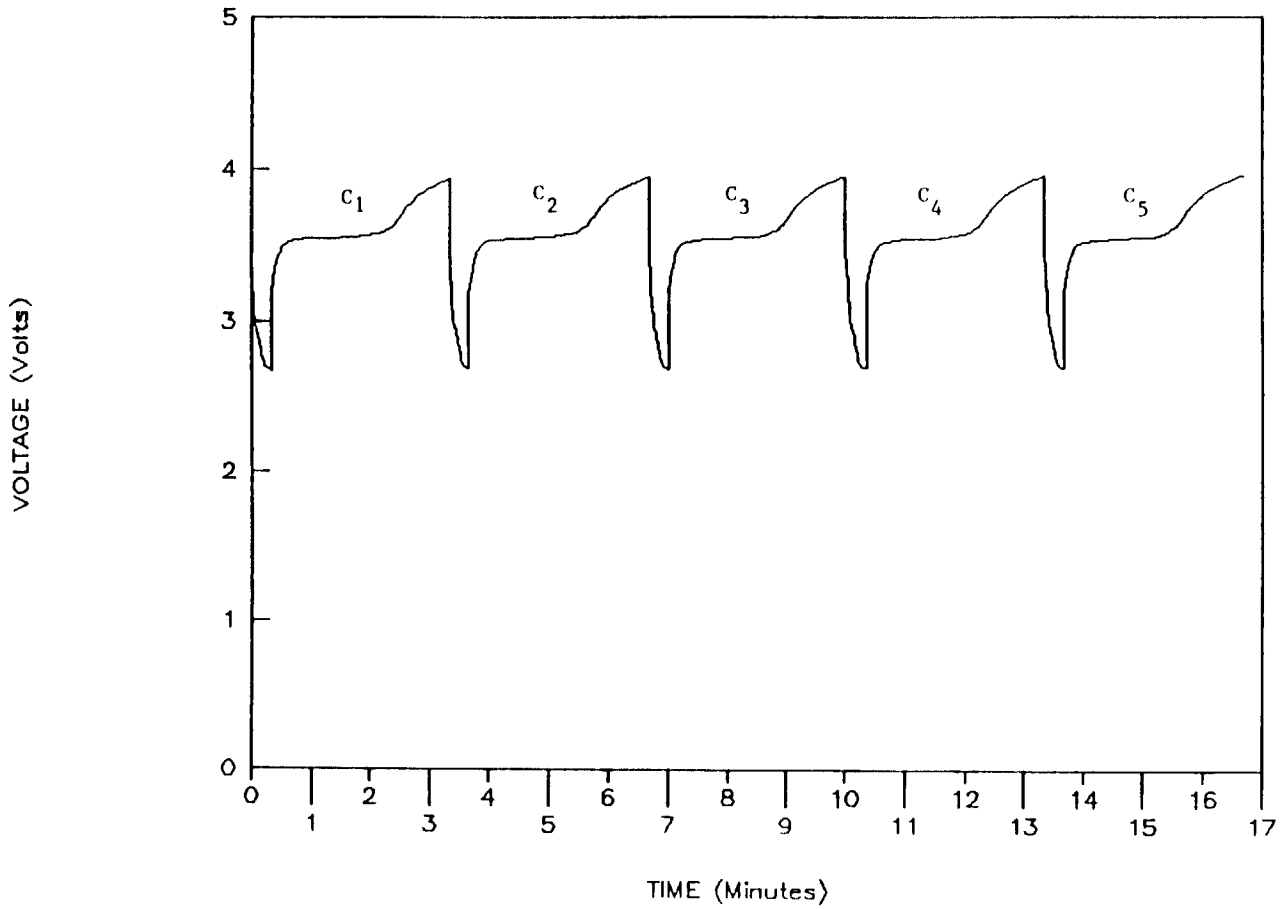

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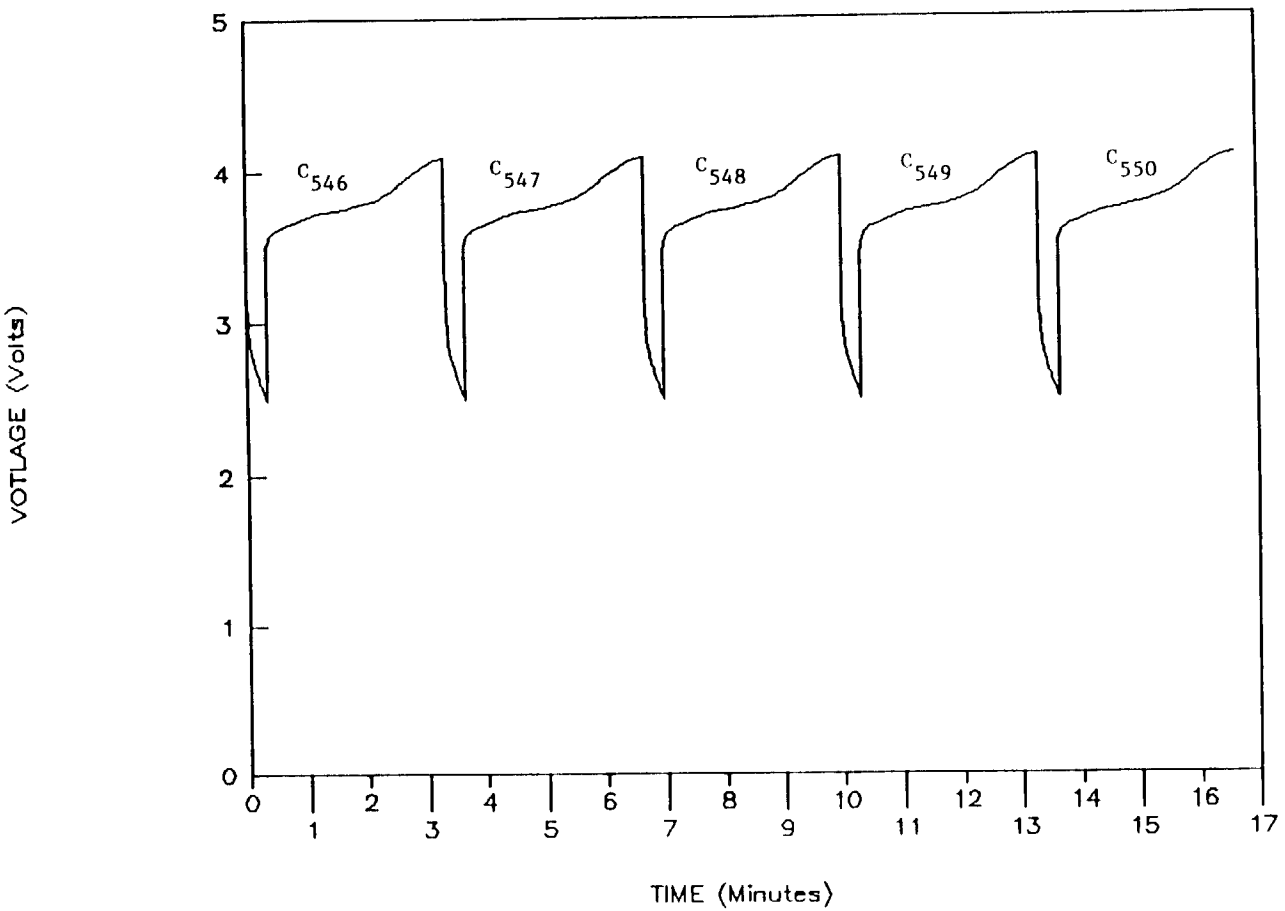

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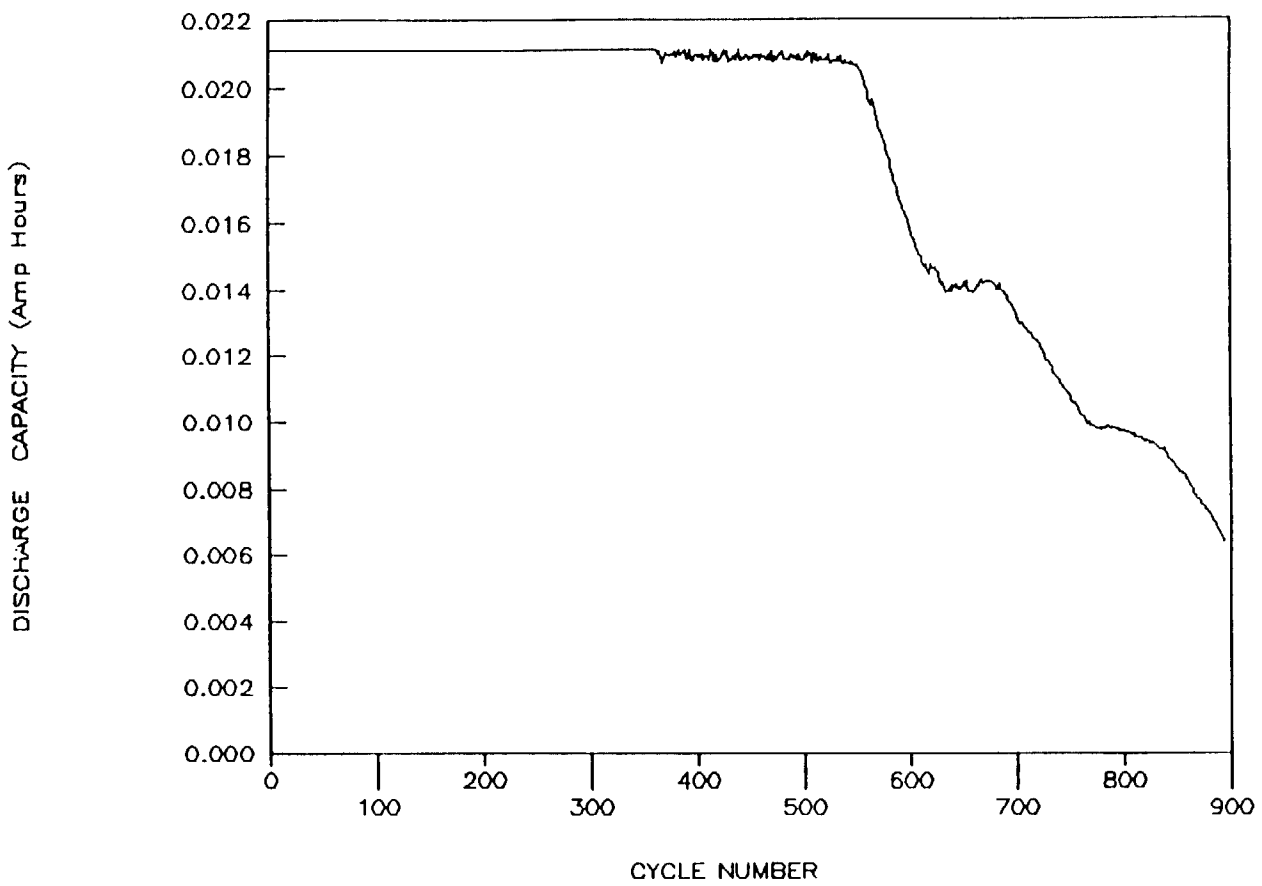

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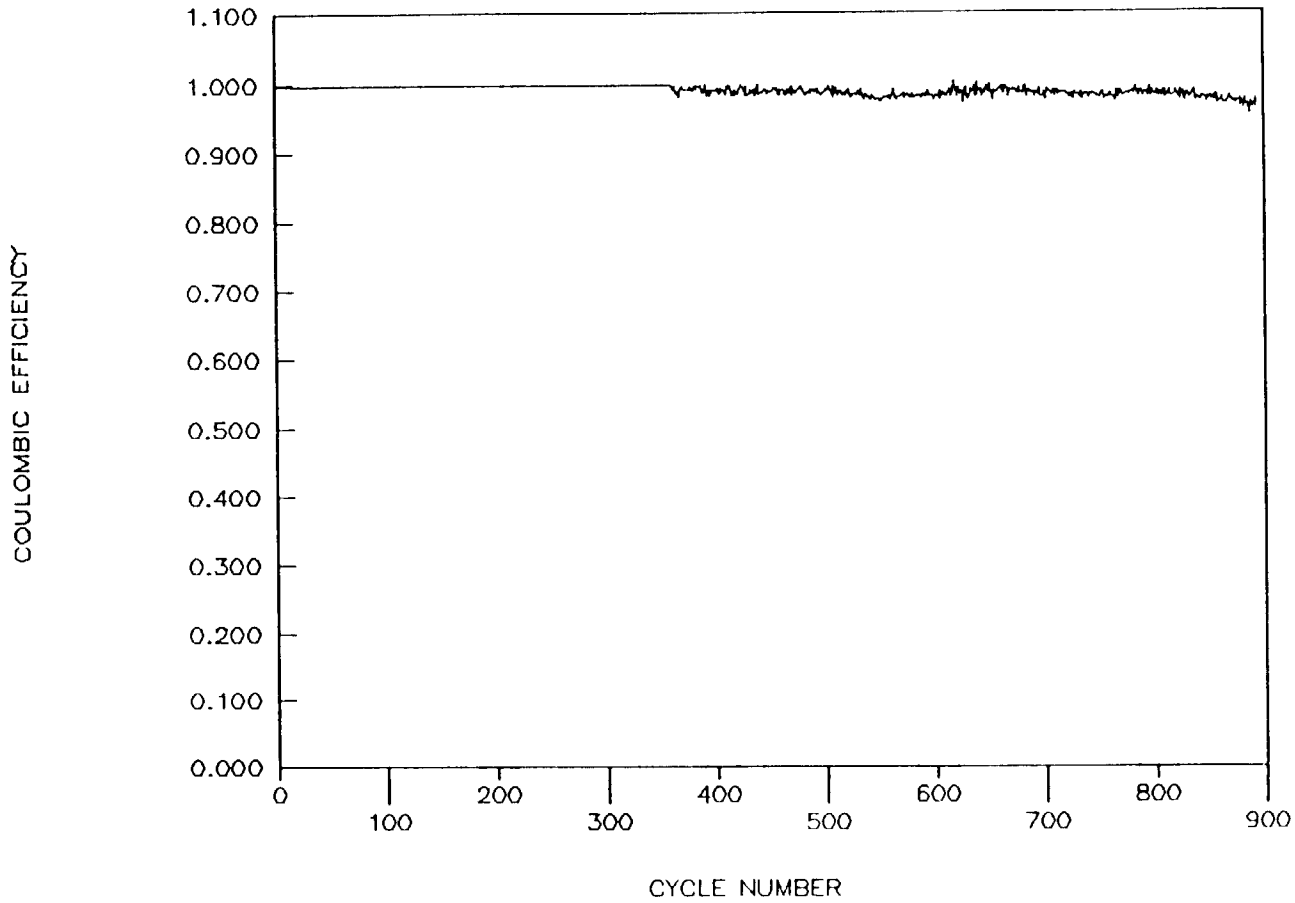

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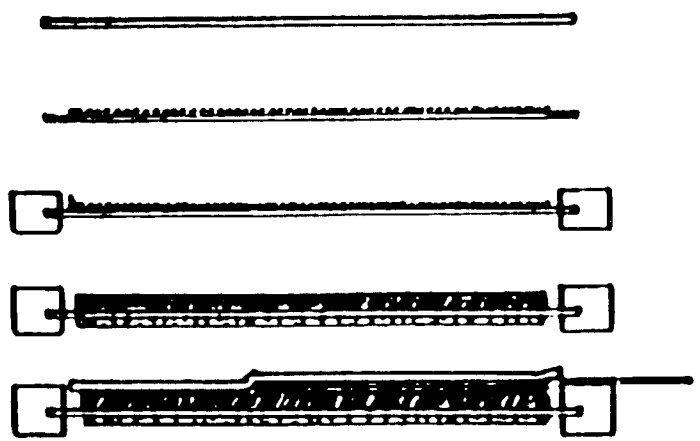
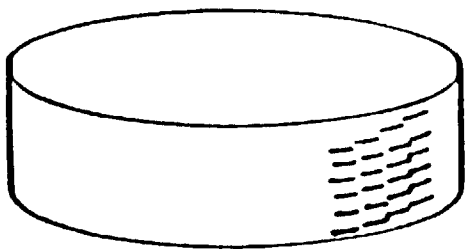


1. Nickel substrate
2. Carbon/TFE undercoat
3. Tefzel insulator
4. Anode and cathode
5. Fill tube and separator



6. Stack sealed except in fill tube area, then activated. Final.

BIPOLAR STACK ASSEMBLY SEQUENCE

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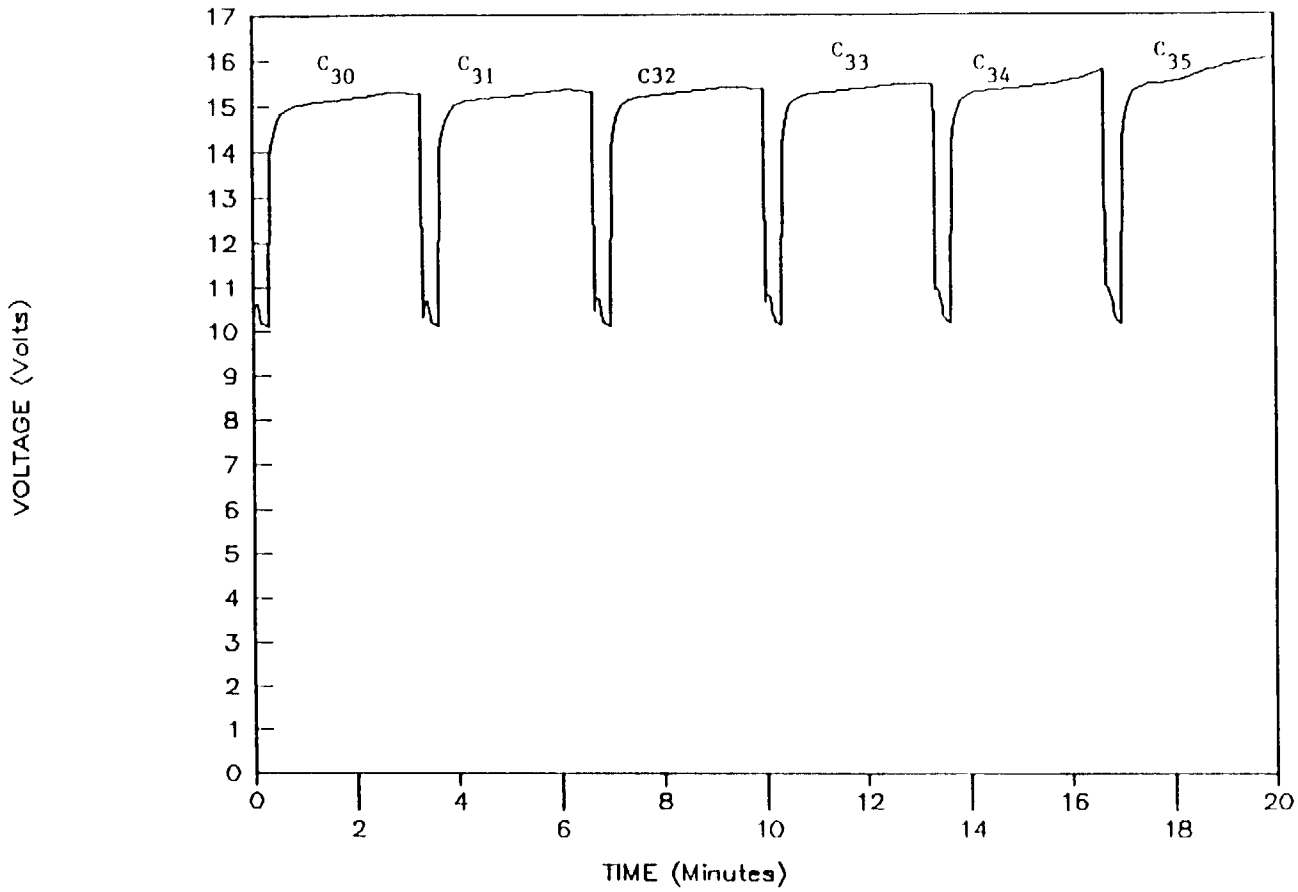

Discharge/charge behavior of a bipolar $Li/CuCl_2$ battery (4–cell stack) at $50mA/cm^2$ discharge for 20 seconds and $5.56mA/cm^2$ charge for 180 seconds. Voltage limits 10.0–16.0 V.

Bipolar Rechargeable Lithium Battery

Based on the present state–of–the–art of bipolar rechargeable lithium batteries, a cumulative specific power of 1mW/kg and specific energy of 6kWh/kg can be achieved

Develpment of a 270V bipolar rechargeable battery

REQUIREMENTS:

Discharge:	20 seconds at 50mA/cm^2 (Total = 30A)
Average operating voltage:	270 V
Charge:	180 seconds at 5.56mA/cm^2 (Total=3.33A)
Charge cut–off voltage:	360 V
Total number of cycles:	800 cycles

TOTAL WEIGHT OF BIPOLAR BATTERY: 6 kg

SPECIFIC POWER $= \frac{270 \times 30}{6}$ w/kg = 1.35kW/kg