gelling agent. The base electrolytes of this invention are comprised of an aprotic liquid and a dissolved ionizable alkaline metal salt. The preferred radiation curable polymer pre-cursors of this invention include trimethylol ethoxy triacrylate (TMPEOTA) propane and poly(ethylene glycol) diacrylate (PEGDA). The solvent gelling agent should be a solid powder or polymer with high surface area to adsorb the liquid electrolyte. Solid powders that can be used in the gelling agent include inorganic oxygen compounds such as silica (SiO2), titania (TiO2), alumina (Al2O3), magnesium oxide (MgO), barium oxide (B2O3) and the like. Other compounds that can be used in the gelling agent include super absorbent polymers, clays, zeolite and such. The structurally stable gelled electrolyte of this invention is coated onto a suitable substrate, for example a glass plate, metal foil, a battery electrode web and cured, either in place, or can be used as a free standing film for cell assembly.

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ALLYL SILANE MONOMERS AND SOLID ELECTROLYTES DERIVED BY POLYMERIZATION THEREOF

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This invention is directed to novel allyl silane monomers and to solid electrolytes containing a solid polymeric matrix having incorporated therein allyl silane monomers. The solid electrolytes are used in electrolytic cells.

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POLYMER ELECTROLYTES HAVING A DENDRIMER STRUCTURE

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Polymers, oligomers or copolymers, having a dendrimer structure and containing electronegative heteroatoms, such as etheric oxygens, capable of complexing with cationic species, for use in ionically-conductive polymeric electrolytes, Relatively high ambient conductivity is a feature of such electrolytes.

LITHIUM BATTERIES

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METHOD OF MANUFACTURING A LITHIUM BATTERY

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A method of predischarging a novel battery wherein a stable lithiated film is formed at an anode by a small amount of the discharged capacity in order to rapidly recover the open circuit voltage of the battery, is disclosed. The battery includes a cathode using lithium metal as an active material, an anode using manganese dioxide as a main component of an active material, and an electrolyte including an inorganic electrolyte dissolved in a nonaqueous solvent containing at least propylene carbonate. The battery is predischarged by using a pulse current. The amount of discharge is not more than about 2% of the total discharge capacity. A lithiated film which is formed at the anode portion while being partially oxidized to lithium ions, is uniformed. By a small amount of the discharged capacity, a high potential portion can be removed and the gas generation reaction can be suppressed. In addition, the life of the battery is lengthened and the flatness of the battery's voltage is improved.

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CARBON ELECTRODE MATERIALS FOR LITHIUM BATTERY CELLS AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

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A method for preparing an amorphous carbon material for use as an electrode, such as the anode of an electrochemical cell. The amorphous carbon is fabricated in a one heating step process from multi-functional organic monomers. The material is then reheated in the presence of a lithium salt such as LiNO3, Li3PO4 or LiOH. Electrodes so fabricated may be incorporated into electrochemical cells as the anode thereof.

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OVERVOLTAGE DISCONNECT CIRCUIT FOR LITHIUM ION BATTERIES

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A lithium ion or similar lithium secondary battery pack includes an overvoltage disconnect circuit having an overvoltage disconnect switch, a voltage detector, and a delay circuit. The battery pack is connectable to a recharger which was not designed to accomodate the charge regime of the lithium ion cell or cells, such as a nickel system recharger. The voltage detector samples the battery voltage and changes its output signal if the battery voltage reaches an upper voltage threshold. The output of the voltage detector will not revert back until the battery voltage drops to a lower voltage threshold, which is below the upper voltage threshold.

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NON-AQUEOUS LIQUID ELECTROLYTE SECONDARY BATTERY

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A non-aqueous liquid electrolyte secondary battery using a carbon material satisfying predetermined conditions of true density and parameters of crystalline structure as an anode material, a transition metal composite oxide having predetermined ion supply capability as a cathode material, and ethylene carbonate as a non-aqueous solvent, is disclosed. The carbon material has a true density of 2.2 g/cm3 and greater, an interplanar distance of (002) plane of between 0.375 and 0.338 nm, inclusive a C-axis crystallite size of the (002) plane of 20.0 nm and greater and a G value in Raman spectrum of 2.5 and greater. The transition metal composite oxide contains lithium of an amount equivalent to a charge/discharge capacity of 300 mAh and greater per unit weight of the carbon material. The carbon material forming the anode has a grain diameter of 1 mum and greater. The non-aqueous solvent is a mixed solvent of ethylene carbonate and chain carbonic ester. As the chain carbonic ester, diethyl carbonate, dimethyl carbonate or methylethyl carbonate is employed.

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LITHIUM MAGANESE OXIDE COMPOUND AND METHOD OF PREPARATION

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A method for manufacturing Li2Mn2O4 comprising the steps of providing beta-MnO2 or lambda-MnO2; providing a source of lithium; dissolving lithium from the lithium source in a liquid medium in which lithium generates solvated electrons or the reduced form of an electron-transfer catalyst; and contacting the beta-MnO2 or lambda-MnO2 with the liquid medium containing the dissolved lithium and the solvated electrons or the reduced form of the electron-transfer catalyst.

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LITHIUM MANGANESE OXIDE COMPOUND AND METHOD OF PREPARATION

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A method for manufacturing Li2Mn2O4 comprising the steps of providing LiMn2O4; providing a source of lithium; dissolving lithium from the lithium source in a liquid medium in which lithium generates solvated electrons or the reduced form of an electron-transfer catalyst; and contacting the LiMn2O4 with the liquid medium containing the dissolved lithium and the solvated electrons or the reduced form of the electron-transfer catalyst.