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Energy, Energy Storage, and Organic Synthesis: A Unique Scientific Interdisciplinary Approach, Part II

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Energy storage has been an area of electricity and electronics that has needed improvement for many years. Increasing both energy density and simultaneously decreasing cost per unit energy stored has been a pressing goal of our nation's scientific talent. Stepping back from traditional lines of thought in this area and readdressing fundamental approaches to the design of energy generators and energy storage components allowed the incorporation of the newest advancements from other scientific fields to direct the design of such devices. In the case of our research with traditional electrostatic capacitors, we have incorporated discovery of certain formulations of organic compounds that are able to maintain their permittivity when exposed to very high e-fields. Discoveries of this type are derived from the fundamental teachings that are part of the field of Organic Synthesis, a field that has rarely been applied to electrical component manufacture. These advancements have led to substantially greater energy densities for electrical storage and substantially reduced costs for these electrical components. Spin-off projects and products derived from this project offer many opportunities for advancement in this and other fields of endeavor.

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