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The selected papers describe the new developments in materials technology and the recent breakthrough for a new generation of capacitors based on Niobium.

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