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## Preface

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The growing need for energy by the human race calls for the search for sustainable resources to ensure energy security. Once the resources are identified, the effort has to be directed to harvest as much energy from these as is technologically feasible and economically viable.

Harvesting energy can be broadly divided into two levels: at the macro level and at the micro level. Technologies for harvesting energy would also need to be grouped into two corresponding groups. In the first group at the macro level, the focus primarily is on meeting the gross energy requirements of a region, state or country from the considerations of energy security as well as sustainability. Reduction of carbon emissions remains an important factor too while deciding the resources to be harvested and the technology used in the harvesting of energy. Extracting maximum power from solar, wind etc falls in this category. So do all technologies that assist in maintaining the grid stable and secure. All major energy storage devices and systems with their associated techniques fall into this group too. In fact, technologies for sustainable agriculture including irrigation and hydrological studies also fall into this category.

The second group at the micro level has a wide arrange of technologies that can help us in harvesting small amounts of energy through miniature, wearable and portable energy sensing elements like piezoelectric nano-generators (PENG), triboelectric nano-generators (TENG), nano-composite electrical generators (NEG), thermoelectric generator (TEG), etc. These mini harvesters can be used for harvesting the small amounts of energy associated with human movement, like walking, stepping, dancing, etc., that can be useful for self-powering small smart devices. The flexible and transparent harvesters made of nanocomposites can help in supplementing the battery life if not able to replace the battery altogether. Some polymer nanocomposites have shown promise for building thermoelectric coolers that can be used for transporting vaccines and serums. Because of the diffused form of small amounts of these harvesters, the role of AI and machine learning techniques can be handy in making the systems scalable and economically viable.

Inspiration for compiling this book basically came from the need felt by the editors to have in a single volume, the *Recent Advances in Energy Harvesting Technologies*. We are confident that this volume containing contributions from authors on energy harvesting technologies at the macro level in Chapters 2, 3, 4, 7 and 9 and at the technologies at the micro level in the remaining chapters will be found interesting and of value by the readers.

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ABC	Artificial bee colony
AI	Artificial intelligence
ANN	artificial neural network
AR	Augmented reality
CANN	cluster-ANN
CGSVM	Coarse-Gaussian support vector machine
CNN	Convolution Neural Network
CNTs	Carbon nanotubes
ELM	Extreme learning machine
EU	European Union
EVs	Electric vehicles
FOA	Firefly optimization algorithm
GMPP	Global MPP
GP	Global peak
HBB-BC	Hybrid big bang-big crunch
IGSA	Improved version of the gravitational search algorithm
ILC	Iterative learning controller
INC	Incremental conductance
IoT	Internet of Things
I–V	Current versus voltage
ML	Machine learning
MLR	Multiple linear regression
MPP	Maximum power point
MPPT	Maximum power point tracking
P&O	Perturb and observe
P-ANN	Periodic-ANN
PSC	Partial shading conditions
PV	Photovoltaic
P–V	Power versus voltage
RNN	Recurrent neural network
SAE	Stacked auto-encoder

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SI	Swarm intelligence
SOA	Seeker optimization algorithm
SVM	Support vector machine
T-ANN	Threshold-ANN
UI	User interface
UIC	Uniform irradiance conditions
VR	Virtual reality

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## AI in Energy Harvesting

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### Abstract

Humankind consumes different forms of energy for life and growth. Electric energy is one of them. Demand for electric energy keeps growing as the application area of electric energy keeps increasing day by day. To meet this huge demand and to save natural recourses, there is research going on to generate electrical energy from renewable energy resources like solar energy, wind energy, etc. Energy harvesting technology is an emerging area that gives the opportunity to increase the efficiency of reusable energy generation by using recent technology like artificial intelligence, machine learning, the Internet of Things, etc. The dissipated energies like electromagnetic waves, heat energy and vibrations are converted to electric energy. Artificial intelligence can be deployed along with different sensors like piezoelectric sensors for energy harvesting. This harvested energy can effectively be useful in different sectors like automobiles, domestic and industrial applications, etc. This book chapter summarizes the characteristics of energy harvesting with the help of AI/ML, recent developments in this area and major challenges, along with the future scope of development. Application of existing artificial intelligence technology in the field of energy harvesting is explained and the possible use of existing state-of-the-art AI/ML technologies for prediction

and increase the efficiency of energy harvesting technology is also suggested in the present book chapter.

**Keywords:** Energy Harvesting; AI/ML; Piezoelectric Energy Harvester; Electro-magnetic Energy Harvester; Triboelectric energy harvester (TENG).

### 1.1 Introduction

There is unlimited energy available in nature surrounding us. A small amount of this energy can be harvested and used as electrical energy. This energy harvested from nature plays important role in achieving sustainable development goals. Nowadays, with the increasing use of technology, the requirement for energy is further increasing. To fulfil these energy requirements, effective implementation of energy harvesting became the need of the day. Energy harvesting is mainly dealing with photovoltaics in the visible light range. The process of energy harvesting can be classified mainly into four processes: energy harvesting from the environment, conversion of this energy into electric energy, power conservation and power management. Figure 1.1 shows this process in detail.

Solar cells are one of the most widely used technologies for energy harvesting for a long time. Apart from sunlight, researchers are also focusing on the stable output from indoor light whose spectrum is spread in the narrow bend of the visible light. There are different types of solar cells used for energy harvesting, there is a need to have a standard process to evaluate energy harvesting characteristics of the solar cells to implement those technologies in society and carry out more research and development activities on energy harvesting.

Solar power technology is described in various research articles and in high-level review papers by a number of researchers. This chapter is mainly focused on three techniques for collecting vibration, radio waves and thermoelectric energy. The parameters mainly needed for power harvesting devices applied to Internet of Things instruments are tiny and high-performance. Also, environmental resistance and functional dependability requirements depend on the application environment, execution type and economical involvement. As depicted in Figure 1.1, the energy harvesting technology is assumed to be applied to IoT fields such as clearing the information and transmission of sensor data and excludes geothermal, wave and wind power generation as well as large-scale environmental energy harvesters.

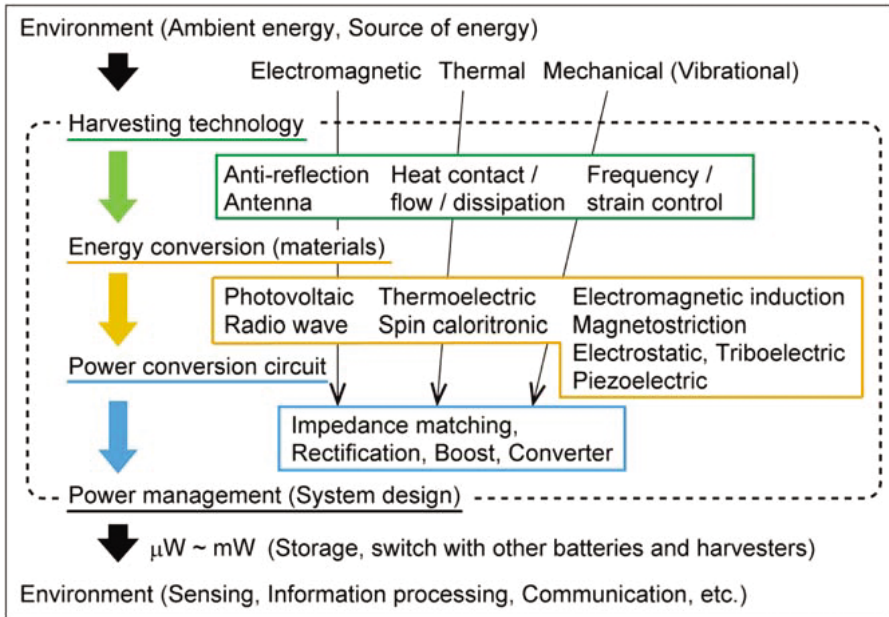


Figure 1.1 Energy harvesting process [1].

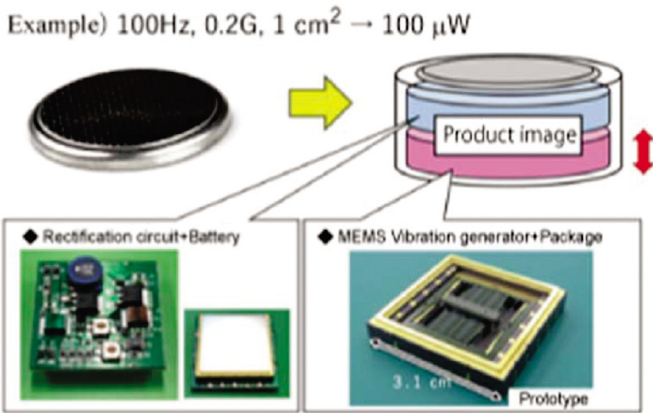
## 1.2 Energy from Mechanical Vibrations

Mechanical vibrations can be used as a source of energy to be harvested. The vibration energy harvester senses the mechanical vibration in the surroundings and converts this vibration energy into electrical energy which can be used for remote or wireless applications. As this energy is of low level it can be used for electronic devices such as sensors whose energy requirement is low specifically in terms of mW. Vibrational energy can be harvested using the following three methods:

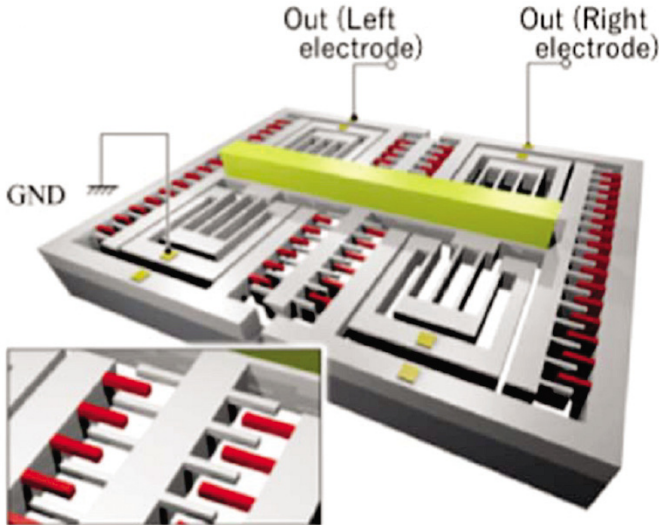
1. electromagnetic,
2. electrostatic and
3. piezoelectric.

In the **electromagnetic method** of vibrational energy harvesting, electromagnetic induction and inverse magnetostrictive effects are used. In this method, permanent magnets are used to apply the bias magnetic field to control the magnetisation state of the magnetostrictive material. Afterward, the variation in magnetic flux is achieved by using a strain. This variable magnetic flux is converted into electric energy with the help of coils. Electret

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(a) Button cell-type MEMS vibrational energy collector.



(b) Button cell-type MEMS vibrational generator and package.

**Figure 1.2** MEMS vibrational energy harvester of button cell type [1].

vibrational energy harvesting with the help of MEMS and triboelectric energy harvesting comes under the **electrostatic method** of vibrational energy harvesting. In this method, the electric energy is generated with the help of fluctuating electrostatic capacitance. The fluctuations in the electrostatic capacitance are produced with the help of the vibrations of the electrode of a capacitor. Piezoelectric energy is generated when piezoelectric materials come in contact with the vibrations. When mechanical stress or strain is

applied to the dielectric surface charge produced, this effect is known as the piezoelectric effect. The **piezoelectric method** uses this phenomenon to harvest energy from the vibrations. The performance of all three methods depends on the type of vibrations and the frequencies of the vibrations. These harvesters can work for the vibration of up to 200 Hz. If we take the example of vibrations of the human body or some of the infrastructures such as buildings or bridges, the frequency of these vibrations is approximately 2–3 Hz with an acceleration of approximately  $10 \text{ m/s}^2$ . Also, the vibration in the real condition is random in nature so as does the frequency and the accelerations. The performance of these energy harvesters is mainly depended upon the characteristics of these harvesters, such as output power, impedance and frequency response. The designs of the vibrational energy harvesters are, therefore mainly focused on impedance matching and energy conversion rate by avoiding the resonant conditions. Current research is focused on the development of harvesters to efficiently generate electric energy from MEMS which are being used for smaller vibrations such as with an acceleration of  $0.98 \text{ m/s}^2$  and frequency of less than 100 Hz with the help of MEMS. Figure 1.2 shows a schematic diagram of a button cell-type MEMS vibrational energy collector. When the electret of one of the opposing comb electrode pairs is charged, the current is produced by electrostatic induction which produces vibrations in the electrodes. The comb electrodes make the device bulkier as the effective area is increased due to its structure. To overcome these problems, the use of advanced MEMS is essential at this point of time. CMOS integrated circuits are used to make voltage booster rectifiers which can give an output voltage of approximately 3.3 V. This low output of the rectifier helps to increase the frequency band by approximately 10 times in comparison to p-n rectifiers.

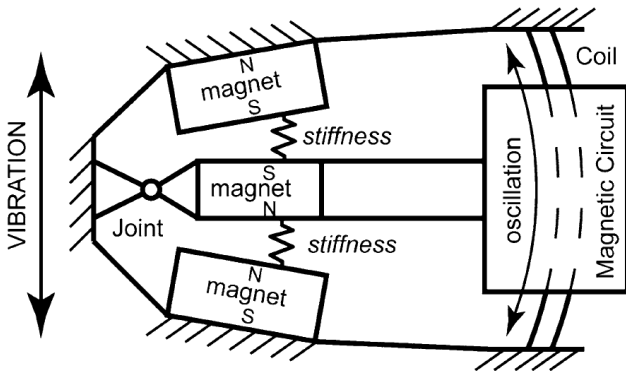
### 1.3 Fundamentals of Vibrational Energy Harvesting

The vibration energy harvesting system works on the basis of a seismic mass's resonance operation which electromechanically converts kinetic energy into electric energy. Only in a limited natural frequency bandwidth of the resonant frequency machine can the vibration energy harvester operate effectively. The resonance mechanism is an essential component of any vibration energy harvesting mechanism. The seismic mass oscillations within the mechanism get converted according to the physical principle of electromechanical transformation. Vibration energy harvesting system typically employs piezoelectric, electrostatic, or electro-magnetic conversion principles. Several techniques,

such as spring non-linearity, can be used to extend the operating frequency's narrow bandwidth. Another critical parameter of the vibration energy harvester is the quality factor of the resonance mechanism. In resonant mode, the maximum amplitude of the relative motion of the resonant mechanism is estimated by the quality factor, which determines the collected power. The electromagnetic vibration energy converter explained here is having a magnetic circuit and a fixed air coil.

Figure 1.3 depicts the energy harvesting system developed by Hadas and his team. When this system is excited by vibration, the resonance mechanism's design causes vibrations in the magnetic circuit which is having a permanent magnet around the fixed coil. The oscillatory movement of the magnetic field induces a voltage in the coil due to Faraday's law. The use of harvested power in an electrical load results in energy dissipation. This means that an electrical load connected to the circuit will produce an electric current. According to Faraday's law, the oscillating motion of a magnetic field induces a voltage in the coil. Consumption of power collected from electrical loads causes energy loss. This means that the connected electrical load provides a current to the electrical circuit, producing feedback proportional to the electrical energy collected in the resonant circuit. The vibration energy rapidly decreases as the electric energy is harvested and with this, the amplitude of the vibration also reduces in the resonance circuit. This results in an induced voltage that is much lower than that of an open electrical circuit.

Vibration energy harvesting systems produce maximum power at the time of equivalent mechanical and electrical damping. This phenomenon is popular and has been inferred in several instances (Williams and Yates



**Figure 1.3** Springless electromagnetic vibration energy harvester [2].

1996; Hadas et al. 2010a). This fact must be taken into account whenever a vibrational energy harvesting model is developed, after which an optimal vibrational energy harvesting system is developed. Though the system can be again optimised to minimise volume and weight, or it can be optimised for maximum power output. The main factors of these studies are the quality factors and mass of the resonant mechanism, the geometry, the parameters of the electromagnetic transducer, the electrical load, the materials and technology used, etc. Hadas et al developed the vibration energy harvester under the European project WISE, which was again modified to maximise vibration sensitivity and the efficiency of the system in terms of power output. This device works on the electromagnetic principle of conversion of mechanical to electrical energy. This system converts electromagnetic energy into electric energy [2]. Optimisation is carried out for maximum power output and to minimise the volume and weight of the device. Artificial intelligence methods can be used to optimise the parameters of the harvester device. The authors applied AI techniques to optimise the mechanical, electrical and electromagnetic permeates of the harvester device.

## **1.4 Piezoelectric and Triboelectric Nanogenerators**

Piezoelectric nanogenerators (PENG) and triboelectric nanogenerators (TENG) are energy harvesting technologies that harvest energy from environments using piezoelectric and triboelectric effects, respectively. In the last 10 years, both of these technologies are growing rapidly and they have reignited the interest among researchers towards green energy and energy harvesting. At a time of the considerable power shortage and remarkable ecological downturn caused by conventional fossil fuel consumption, it becomes important to restructure the energy generation system from an unreproducible conventional energy generation method to ecologically sound reproducible energy harvesting technologies such as PENG and TENG. PENG and TENG are to outperform traditional power solutions because of their efficiency, potential for producing power from different natural scenarios like body movements, fluctuating temperatures, structural oscillations, etc., and out-of-the-box electromechanical characteristics.

Because of the characteristics of piezoelectric and triboelectric materials, the structural and material elements play an important role in these energy harvesting technologies; so it is important to logically design the structure and artificial materials for getting the improved electrical properties that

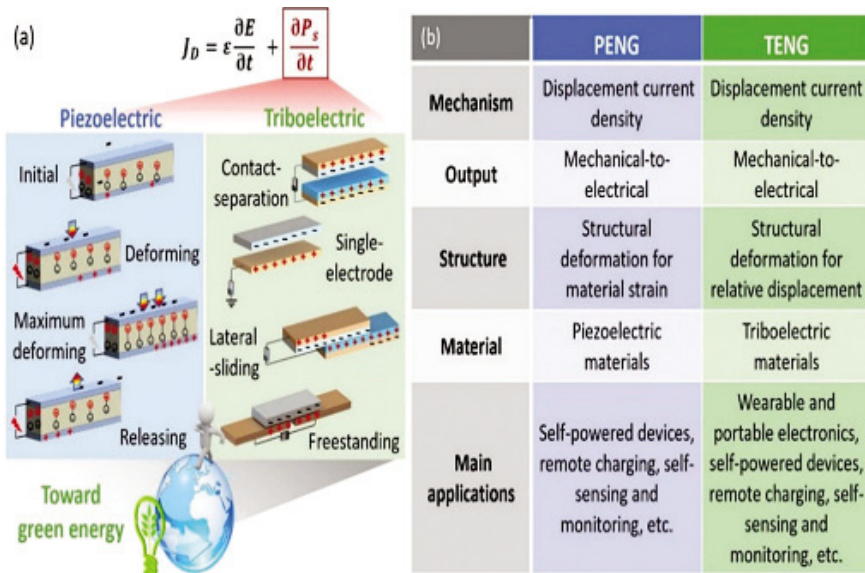
are generally absent in the conventional structures or conventional materials. As a result, a new research focus has been shifted to the design, characterisation and use of PENGs and TENGs to get the desired electrical performance which results in a wide interdisciplinary research area that includes power, electricity, structural analysis, materials science and multi-scale commerce, manufacturing and multi-functional applications. Energy harvesting devices are reported for use in a variety of usage apart from energy harvesting that includes new equipment and methods in engineering and biomedical fields. Due to the exponential growth of the recent information era, efficient power supplies and a wide range of energy solutions are urgently needed to charge different advanced commercial and information technologies like smart sensors and monitors, recognition and computing in high-tech cities. However, these energy harvesters are currently struggling to provide clean energy solutions in a more portable, dependable and eco-friendly way. As a result, research efforts have emerged to design, predict as well as optimise the performance of these devices using artificial intelligence (AI). AI, an intelligent machine that tries to imitate human perception, has been widely used as a supportive model for solving difficult engineering problems which conventional approaches cannot solve. Artificial intelligence has received considerable attention in the present time because of the inefficiency of conventional models developed using the first principles of physics. AI technologies improve computers' ability to solve problems by copying complicated bioactivities like learning, rational thinking and auto-correction. Early attempts identified artificial intelligence and its derivatives as an effective approach to solving the problems of designing, predicting and optimising structures and materials in energy harvesting techniques. Unlike conventional statistical methods, AI methods can capture precise operational relationships between input parameters like environmental conditions and exogenous variables like electrical energy in absence of prior assumptions of any relationships. The benefits of AI over conventional methods in PENG and TENG are primarily due to the characteristics that promote computational efficiency in designing new structures and discovering materials. Using AI to mine, process and analyse data has improved the precision and effectiveness of the modified structural design and piezoelectric and triboelectric material research in energy harvesting devices. As a result, the present model for deploying AI in harvesting devices has emerged. Although AIPENG and AITEN offer advanced mechanical and electrical performance, an overview of bright topics has not yet been explored.

## 1.5 Electro-mechanical Energy Harvesting

Mechanical to electrical energy harvesting is designed to produce the electricity from the environment in an eco-friendly, inexpensive, reproducible, dependable and greener way. In addition to the popular electromagnetic generators, various techniques have been designed to collect all sorts of energy like solar, nuclear, thermal, chemical, magnetic, etc. Mechanical energy is usually wasted due to its low amplitude, low frequency, low energy density and diffusion form. As a new green energy solution, piezoelectric and triboelectric nano harvesters are developed to harvest energy from mechanical energy sources which are constant, unconventional, easily procurable and extensive. PENGs and TENGs are piezoelectric and friction materials with an easy design that can be activated by mechanical excitation and produce power more efficiently. Mechanical–electrical energy harvesting is designed to harvest cheaper, renewable, green, energy from the environment. In addition to the popular electromagnetic generators, other methods like PENG and TENG were developed primarily based on the output current in Maxwell’s theory of displacement current. Debuting in 2006, PENG uses the piezoelectric effect to convert strains or stresses caused by mechanical excitation into electrical energy. First reported in 2012, TENG uses the triboelectric effect to convert the combined effects of contact charging and electrostatic induction into electrical energy. Compared to their counterparts in the energy harvesting technology suite, PENG and TENG have demonstrated advantages, ranging from the conceptual economics of environmental power generation to the manufacturing and applicability of self-powered units on multiple scales.

Figure 1.4 (a) shows the fundamentals of the piezoelectric and triboelectric effects. The piezoelectric effect of PENG can be displayed in a metal–insulator–metal sandwich structure comprising an insulating piezoelectric sheet in-between two sheets of the metal electrode. Initially, positive and negative ions are superimposed, so there is no polarisation in the piezoelectric material. This reduces the volume of the piezoelectric material and creates negative stresses as a result of the deformation. The positive and negative ions separate to create an electric dipole and the electric dipole moment changes, creating a piezoelectric potential in-between the electrodes.

By attaching the electrodes to an outer excitation, the piezoelectric charge causes electrons to flow into an external circuit, partially shielding the potential and attaining a new equilibrium. This is how energy is harvested from mechanical vibrations. The maximum compression state with the maximum polarisation density is achieved when the two conductive electrodes



**Figure 1.4** Comparisons of PENG and TENG [3].

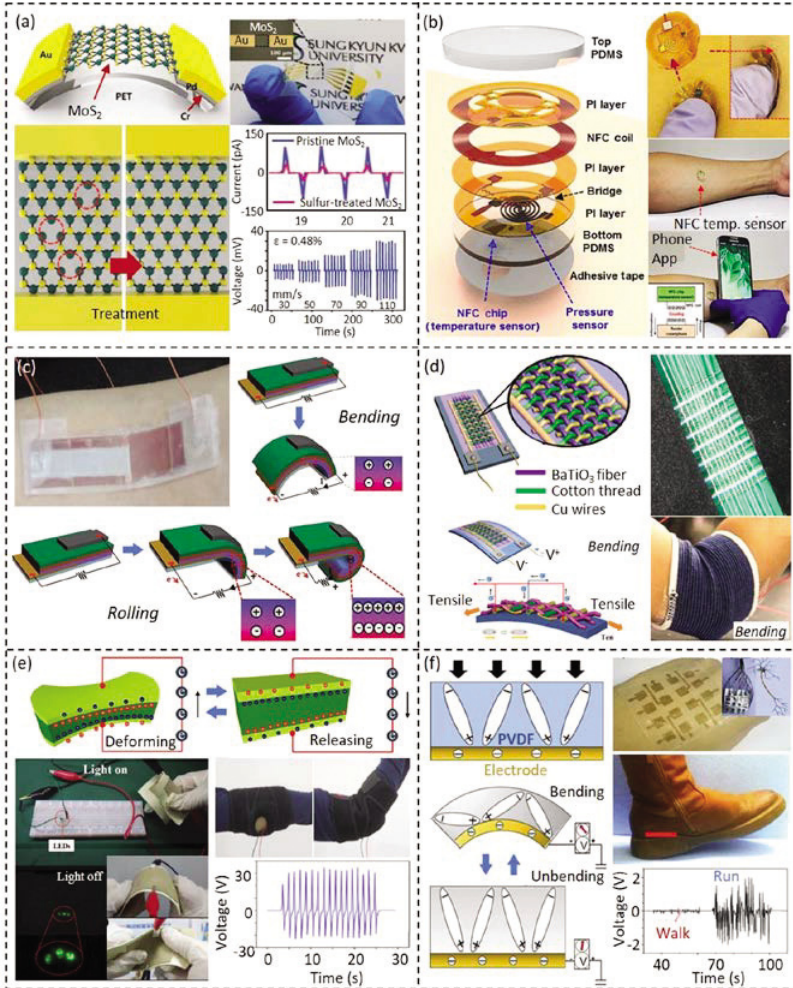
come into full contact by means of deformation. Finally, when the external force is released from the shunt, the electrons return to a new equilibrium state. The triboelectric effect of a heating element is depending on the joint effect of contact charging and electrostatic induction. This nano harvester is considered as a multi-purpose mechanical energy harvesting technology that efficiently converts external mechanical energy into electrical energy. In general, the more two triboelectric materials are separated; the more electric charge can move along the triboelectric series, thus generating higher power. The triboelectric effect is widespread in a variety of materials, but triboelectric materials have a significant impact on charging efficiency and final power. Therefore, it is very important to choose a triboelectric material for the heating element. The selection of a set of triboelectric materials with opposite triboelectric polarities is the key to getting increased power. The mechanism, output, structure, material and applications of PENG and TENG are compared in Figure 1.4 (b). Depending on the bias current density mechanism, the PENG and TENG generate an electrical output from a mechanical input power source. Due to fundamental differences, PENG structures are usually designed to activate piezoelectric materials by material deformation whereas TENGs activate triboelectric materials by relative displacement. Thus, PENG and TENG have developed microstructures engineered to get

unusual electromechanical behaviours in terms of design, such as PENGs reinforced with mechanical Meta materials, TENGs reinforced with spring or pivot structures, etc. In addition, PENG and TENG have been reported to provide a decisive increase in the energy density generated using functional materials in terms of material properties such as PZT-based compositions.

## 1.6 Piezoelectric Energy Harvesters

As per the piezoelectric effect, EEG generates electricity due to deformation due to external excitation. An electric dipole is created when an electric charge builds up due to strain stress at both ends of a piezoelectric material. The positive ion displacement of the anion leads to a piezoelectric potential. According to existing research, piezoelectric energy harvesting is an energy harvesting technology that can convert the mechanical energy of various scales into electrical energy. Various types of piezoelectric materials are developed as piezoelectric energy harvesters, which can be divided into piezoelectric ceramics and piezoelectric polymers. Piezoelectric ceramics are the semiconductor nanomaterials, lead-based ceramics and lead-free ceramics and piezoelectric polymers generally refer to organic polymers such as polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) and inorganic polymers. Piezoceramics are chemically inert, resistant to moisture and have elevated electromechanical conversion efficiencies, but their harsh properties make them insufficient for flexible device applications. In contrast, piezoelectric polymers have a little piezoelectric effect but are much more flexible. Research is done to explore the major properties of designing, predicting and optimising PENGs in response to various external influences, such as body movements or environmental influences. Figure 1.5 shows the existing PENG techniques.

Figure 1.5 (a) shows a  $\text{MoS}_2$  piezoelectric energy harvester monolayer passivated with sulphur vacancy. Sulphur vacancies are passivated using a sulphur treatment on the original  $\text{MoS}_2$  surface to expand the output peak current to 100 pA and voltage to 22 mV of a sulphur-treated  $\text{MoS}_2$  piezoelectric energy harvester nano sheet monolayer. Sulphur treatment increased the maximum output by almost a factor of 10. The obtained data indicate that sulphur treatment can stop the screening effect and decreases the number of free charge carrier PENGs due to sulphur passivation. Figure 1.5 (b) shows a skin-like, battery-free piezoresistive sensor that can be conformal to human skin. The sensor was developed from four material groups, composed of (1) a multilayer NFC chip package, a loop antenna and a silicon pressure sensor, (2) a polyimide thin film as an electrical insulator and (3) a top and base.



**Figure 1.5** Existing piezoelectric energy harvesters [3]. (a) MoS<sub>2</sub> piezoelectric energy harvester monolayer passivated with sulphur vacancy. (b) Battery-free piezoresistive sensor. (c) Solution-treated piezoelectric energy harvester. (d) 2D fabric PENG using PVC BaTiO<sub>3</sub> nanowire hybrid piezoelectric fibres. (e) High tensile PZT-based PENG. (f) Electrode PENG with PVDF nano fibers.

Polydimethylsiloxane as summarisation and (4) bio-friendly skin glue. The test results displayed the capabilities of the skin-mounted sensor by using a smart device to read data from a short distance. It is concluded that sensors may have promising value in monitoring circadian cycles and reducing risk.

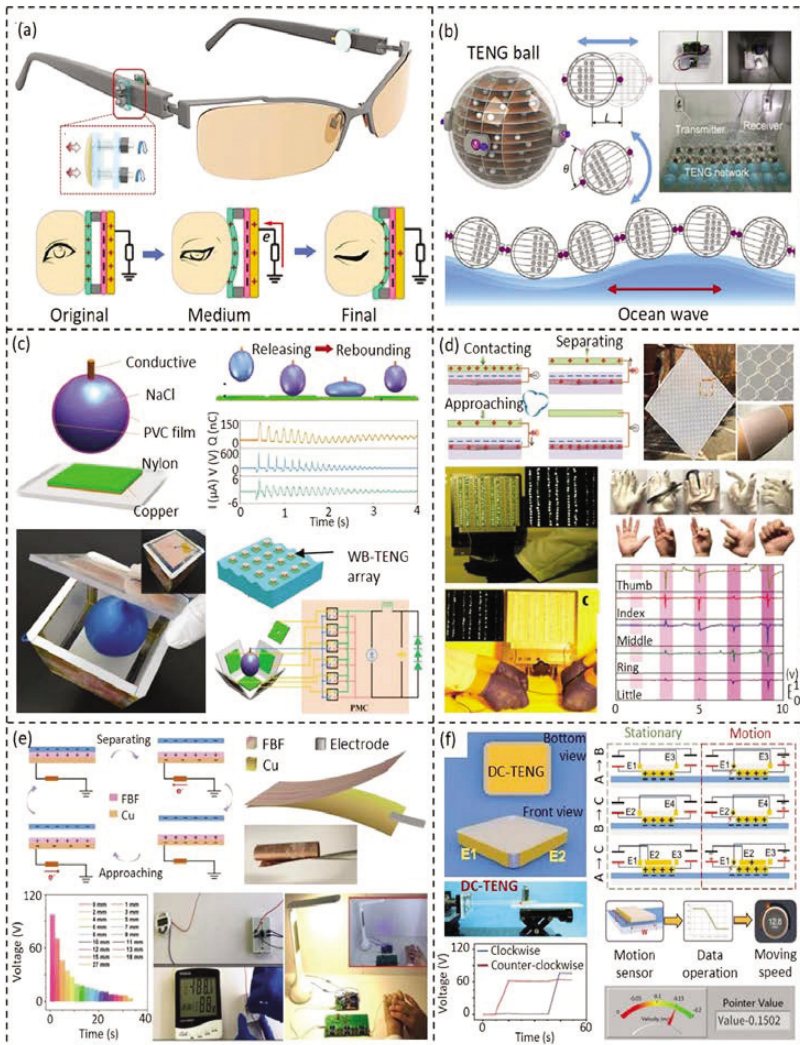
Figure 1.5 (c) depicts solution-treated piezoelectric energy harvester flexible thin films by using drenched ZnO ink as a thin layer. Electrical energy is produced by the mechanical deformation of the elastic thin film during the rolling and bending process. It was reported that the ZnO PENG thin film showed high elasticity and mechanical fatigue resistance. A solution-treated p-type polymer blend and a perforated transport layer are placed to increase the power output. Figure 1.5 (d) shows a 2D fabric PENG using PVC BaTiO<sub>3</sub> nanowire hybrid piezoelectric fibres. The piezoelectric properties of PVC BaTiO<sub>3</sub> nanowires were enhanced by inorganic active BaTiO<sub>3</sub> nanowires. The reported PENG was applied to an arm-actuated elbow pad, resulting in high performance and the ability to be used as a wearable power supply. Figure 1.5 (e) shows a high tensile PZT-based PENG that achieved an output power density of about  $81 \mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^3$ . PZT particles are added to a solid silicone rubber with the help of the blending method. Therefore, the part of PZT in the composite rose from elongation of 30–92% by weight. This nano harvester is then connected to the human body to collect kinetic energy in multiple deformation modes. Figure 1.5 (f) depicts a single-electrode PENG with PVDF nano fibers capable of performing pressure measurements with cold/heat integration with a single device. The piezoelectric signal is received as a square wave signal while the thermal sensor signal appears as a pulsed signal.

## 1.7 Triboelectric Energy Harvester (TENG)

According to the triboelectric effect, a heating element that generates energy from electric charges after contacting various triboelectric materials by friction has been developed. particularly, when two triboelectric materials are misshaped and brought into contact by an external excitation, an electrostatic charge is induced on the contact surface by the triboelectric effect. When these materials in contact are separated, more electric potentials are created between the electrostatic charges, moving the charges on the conductive material side by side. Utilising the triboelectric effect, TENG is used in multi-scale energy harvesting applications because of the properties such as environmental friendliness, more efficiency, less weight, cheapness and ease of availability. TENGs are generally classified into four categories of usage, like triboelectric modes of vertical contact separation, lateral slip, single electrode and freestanding triboelectric layers, making them versatile and versatile applications in various work conditions such as wastewater treatment, wireless communication, etc. Its possible application may be

Textiles, Human Movement, Human-Machine Interface (HMI), Vibration, Wind, Flowing Water, etc.

Figure 1.6 (a) shows a PETN-based micro-motion sensor operating through the fusion of triboelectricity and electrostatic induction. This elastic



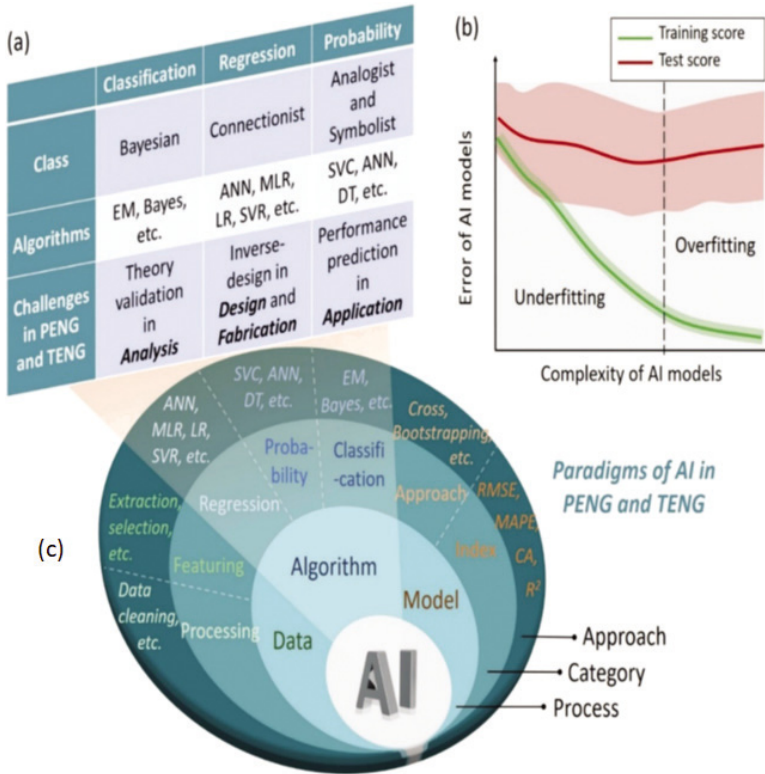
**Figure 1.6** Existing TENG [3]. (a) PETN-based micro-motion sensors, (b) TENG for energy generation from water waves, (c) multiple-frequency TENG, (d) Flexible and Waterproof Skin-Inspired Piezoelectric Nanogenerator (PENG), (e) Adaptable, Exceptionally Flexible, and Highly Sensitive Triboelectric Nanogenerator (TENG) using Fish Bladder Films, (f) Self-sustained Triboelectric Vector Sensors using Direct Current TENG for Motion Parameters measurements.

and see-through sensor composed of an indium tin oxide electrode and two opposing friction materials successfully detected blinking motion by a strong signal level of about 750 mV. The sensor was attached to the goggles and applied to two real-time mechanosensory HMIs are highly sensitive, stable, economical and simple in operating. TENG-based micro-motion sensors were a smart measurement technology available on HMI. The macroscopic auto-assembly network composed of the entrapped TENG for energy generation from water waves is depicted in Figure 1.6 (b). Based on the self-adaptive magnetic joints of the encapsulated TENG, the network demonstrated self-assembly, self-healing and easy reconfiguration. The three-dimensional electrode structures are created to improve the TENG unit's output. Figure 1.6 (c) shows a multiple-frequency TENG based on a water balloon for energy harvesting in any direction of a water wave. Because of the excellent mechanical properties of the water balloon, the TENG achieved multiple frequency response using low-frequency external mechanical simulations for generating high-frequency electrical of the instant short circuit output. In this method approximately the maximum instantaneous short-circuit current measured by the authors was 147 A, with an open-circuit high voltage.

## 1.8 Artificial Intelligent in Energy Harvesting

The foremost artificial intelligent technologies at present used in the energy harvesting sector are dealing with auto-gain of the information based on existing data, recognising invisible relationships in the inputs and outputs, and helping decision-making. The application of artificial intelligent for energy harvesting can be divided into information gathering and expression, algorithm definition and model construction as depicted in Figure 1.7 (a).

AI technologies are required to be trained for information gathering and plotting using available data of energy harvesting. Therefore, it is of utmost importance to maintain effective and sufficient data collection. In energy harvesting maintaining the capacity and efficiency of the data pool is critical as data collection and presentation will require training AI methods on existing energy harvesting data. For example, energy harvesting due to body motion is subjected to millions of periodic loads over a 24-hour period, typically resulting in 30% data loss which is the noise in data. Therefore, pre-processing of the initial information is required to be performed to understand missing or incorrect data during data collection.



**Figure 1.7** Artificial intelligence in energy harvesting [3]. (a) Artificial intelligent for energy harvesting. (b) The interrelation between the difficulties and errors of the AI model. (c) Artificial intelligence in energy harvesting.

Recognising and fixing these bugs is important to reduce the chance of an AI model being misguided. The large set of information in energy harvesting is so critical to the precision and effectiveness of AI models. For example, the voltage produced is recorded in the time domain. However, the output must be transformed into the frequency domain for more analysis. Like human intelligence, AI algorithms are far more efficient than remaining on some specific row information types. Transforming this data into a format appropriate for AI models requires functional characterisation or development. Converting the information into a suitable arrangement for AI models, characteristic study, or characteristic engineering is required to be carried out.

When defining an algorithm, it is necessary to define a specific algorithm for training a dataset after collecting and presenting the data. A wide pool of

AI algorithms can be run to construct the predictive energy harvesting models like supervised machine learning (ML) models utilised in forecasting energy generation depending on individual data sets that require categorisation of the data set or continuous data sets that require data regression. There can be simple and rigid or flexible and complex AI predictive models for energy harvesting. AI constructs the algorithms to increase model performance depending on big data by mimicking human learning abilities and gaining experience through thinking. Data is a key parameter in AI models, but big data is of no use until a computer can draw conclusions or knowledge. AI usually uses some assumptions and implements them in the model to effectively capture missing data. A normal AI paradigm may be described as the use of different methods to determine unique acts and relationships between resultant data and invisible patterns or features of materials and structures. In PENG and TENG, a grouping of algorithms can be used, inter alia, for analytical problems, regression algorithms for design and manufacturing problems and probabilistic algorithms for applied problems. During model construction, the models need to be evaluated, validated and optimised to obtain the best AI model for energy harvesting. The precision of the AI model can be tested using the cross-validation method if the inputs used for training and validation can represent the total data set, but problems can arise when the data set is smaller. Appropriate acts should be applied for testing the applicability of AI models. Different indicators (such as RMSE, MAPE, CA, R2, etc.) are suggested to test and analyse the projection errors of AI models. Model bias and difference are largely regarded as the main causes of model error in energy collection. Model bias refers to errors due to improper assumptions in an algorithm, resulting in a lack of a fundamental relationship between the input raw data and energy efficiency predictions. Model variance describes the sensitivity to small variations in the input raw data, such as data noise, computational uncertainty and measurement constraints. Relatively high bias or high variance usually degrades the performance of AI models. Figure 1.7 (b) shows the interrelation between the difficulties and errors of the AI model. High bias is considered underfitting, which happens at a time when an AI model is rigid enough to account for the difficult relationship between the input raw data (e.g., the power harvesting voltage observed in an experiment) and its predictive function (e.g., the forecasted voltage). The large variation is taken as overfitting that takes place when the AI model is more complicated like increasing input variables.

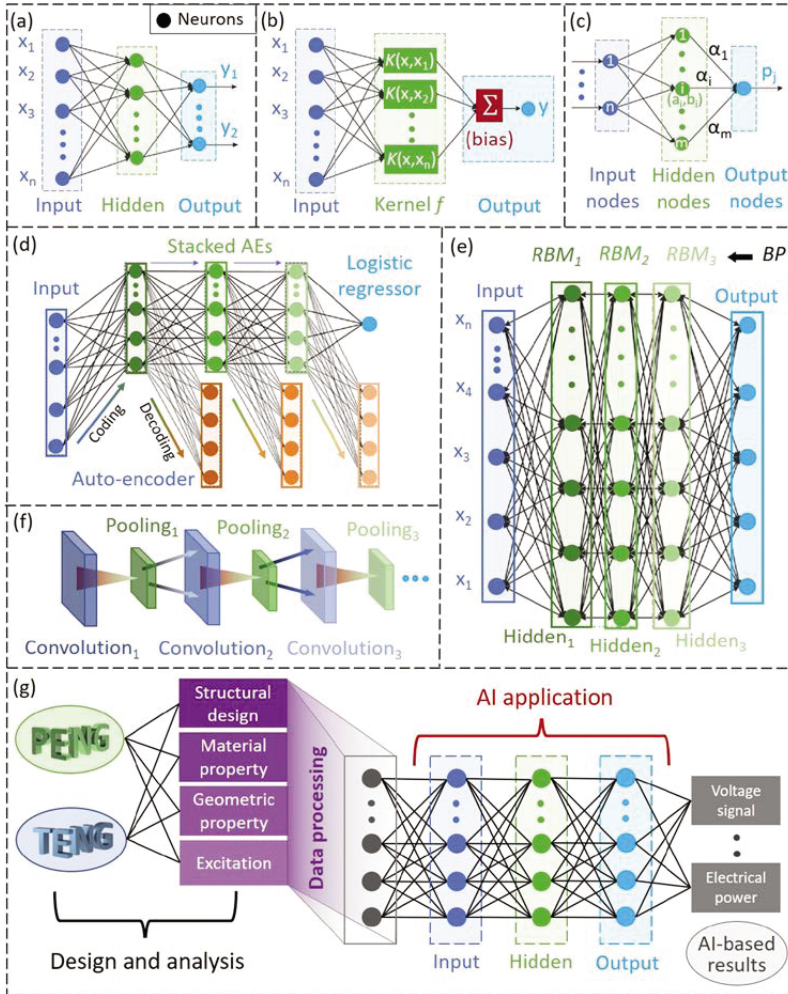
Figure 1.8 (a) explains a typical structure of an artificial neural network (ANN) composed of multiple abstract brain neurons and data processing

connections. Nodes represent a particular output performance and the relationship between nodes is the weights of the transform signal (i.e., the memory of the ANN model). As a result, the output of an ANN is strongly influenced by the weights, features and relationships of the model. ANN is used in AI algorithms in energy harvesting methods because of its high nonlinear approximation ability. Figure 1.8 (b) shows the structure of a support vector machine (SVM) that classifies input data using supervised learning. The nature of SVM as a generalised classifier is to determine a support vector for the formation of an optimal classification hyperplane on the training information volume. SVM uses a hinge loss function to estimate factual risk and therefore improves model soundness and slenderness. Figure 1.8 (c) shows the structure of an extreme learning machine (ELM) as a learning algorithm for a feed-forward neural network having one invisible surface. ELM can randomly generate network parameters. For example, the threshold of the hidden layer or the weight of the neural connection. Overall, high grasping power and adequate simplification capacity are observed in ELM which makes it more suitable for use in energy harvesters.

The mechanisms of the ELM as the training algorithm for the feed-forward neural network with one invisible surface are depicted in Figure 1.8 (c). ELM can generate the network parameters in a random manner.

ELM is widely used in PENG and TENG because of its quick learning capabilities and generalisation capability. Figure 1.8 (d) depicts a deep neural network algorithm known as a stacked auto-encoder (SAE). It is important to note that coding gives unpredictable changes between the input and invisible layers, whereas decrypting gives changes between the hidden and reconstruction layers. SAE can restructure the input data with acceptable error ranges by encryption and decryption process. Figure 1.8 (g) depicts classic AI methods and structures for PENG and TENG. In the design and analysis phase, the nanogenerator is characterised to obtain input data regarding structural design, material properties, geometric properties and external excitation. PENG and TENG inputs are generated by raw data processing. In particular, AI is utilised as a tool to study triboelectric mechanisms in heating elements. A lot of theoretical models are used in past to analyse triboelectric effects, such as the V-Q-X model for TENG in proximity division separation or skidding mode. But these theoretical models were mainly based on some assumptions such as proximity-sharing structures, linear or skidding structures, etc., to simplify them. It is tough to consider

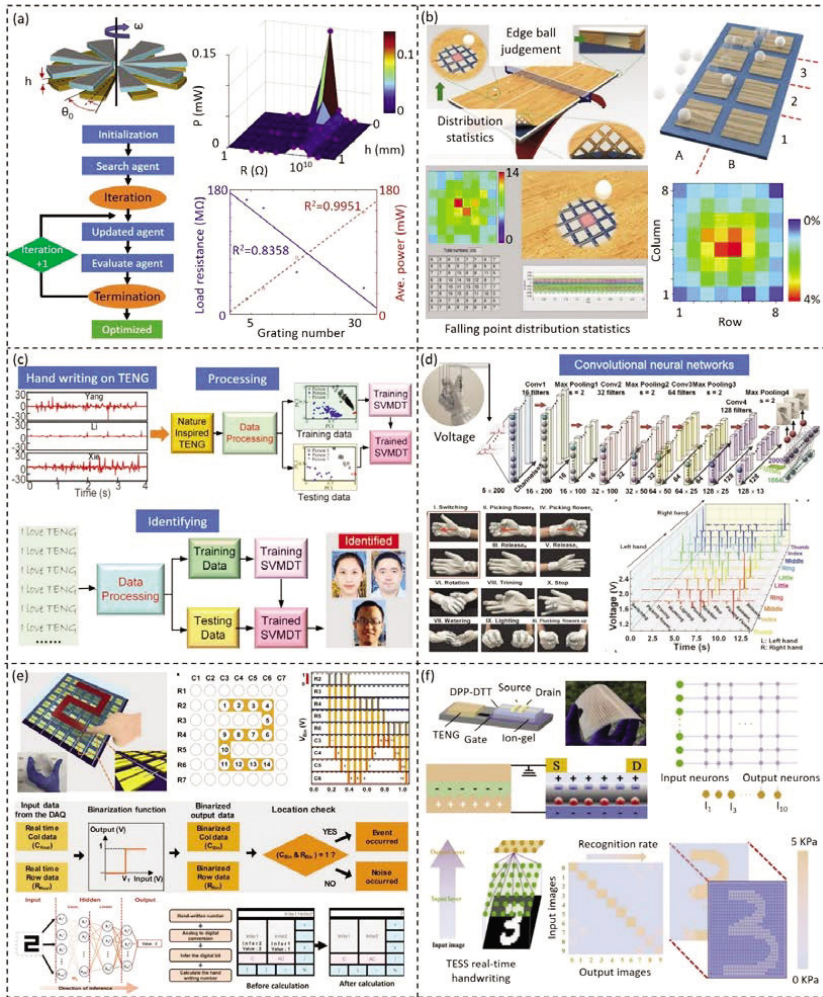
the theoretical location of heating elements in practical applications. Or else it becomes complicated. Using AI to analyse a large number of data and establish complicated relationships between inputs and outputs can greatly expand theoretical models of triboelectric mechanisms.



**Figure 1.8** Artificial intelligent structure for PENG and TENG [3]. (a) Artificial neural network (ANN). (b) Support vector machine (SVM). (c) Extreme learning machine (ELM). (d) Stacked auto-encoder (SAE). (e) Deep belief network (DBN). (f) Convolutional neural network (CNN). (g) Typical procedures and structures of AI-based PENG and TENG.

## 1.9 Artificial Intelligent in Energy Harvesters

Energy collection and measurement are the two main functions of PENG and TENG, providing a wide scope of use for smart techniques in engineering and life sciences applications. An intelligent system mainly consists of three steps, which include information gathering, information sharing and data analysis. Because of its character as a tool for data analysis, AI is mostly classified as level 3 and has become increasingly important in data processing and analysis. The use of AI in PENG and TENG, in particular, includes (1) big data analysis and sensor processing, (2) nanogenerator design and improvement depending on the requirements and (3) AI algorithm modification and optimisation based on data analysis requirements. At present, AI is largely used to analyse data from sensors, such as grouping and filtering big chunks of information gathered by sensors in PENG or TENG for smart sports devices. Figure 1.9 (a) shows a conceptual iteration in combination with artificial intelligence to forecast the electrical properties of a rotating heating element. The input parameters of the model are the number of components, the rotational speed, the distance between the friction surfaces and the output variables. The AI-enabled prognostication model was constructed to describe the rotary TENG outcomes in the form of kinematics and spatial constraints. Figure 1.9 (b) depicts the TENG-enabled falling juncture allocated numerical scheme and the edge ball judgment system, both of which use AI for data analytics. The wood-based TENG (W-TENG) was suggested as an intelligent table tennis device, and the falling point system is designed by assessing real-time information collection and transforming it into quantitative. Machine learning is used to collect handwriting as input with the help of a TENG tablet and process the information for pattern identification. A multiclass classification model was prepared with the help of an SVM-based flowchart for decision making and the input information was utilised to educate the machine learning model. Figure 1.9 (d) shows a super hydrophobic triboelectric gesture recognition glove. Machine learning has been applied for real-time gesture recognition, and virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) controls have been implemented. Convolution neural network (CNN) models have been constructed to identify actions and expressions and give appropriate commands via wireless communication. The self-powered HMI shown in Figure 1.9 (e) used TENG for monitoring handwriting in the tapping and sliding modes. CNN was specifically designed with three layers: the input layer, which fed the input data into the neurons; the hidden layer, which included the convolution layer and the linearization



**Figure 1.9** Recent AI for PENG and TENG [3]. (a) Theoretical modeling combined with AI to predict the electrical performance of the rotary TENG. (b) TENG-enabled falling point distribution statistical system and edge ball judgment system that use AI for data analytics. (c) Smart self-powered handwriting pad based on the textured TENG. (d) Superhydrophobic triboelectric gloves for gesture recognition. (e) Self-powered HMI that use TENG to monitor handwriting in the tapping and sliding modes. (f) Artificial sensory memory developed based on the TENG matrix.

layer to take out the characteristics of the input and the output layer, which displayed the results.

## 1.10 Philosophy of AI in Energy Harvesting

AI has received a great deal of research attention in energy harvesting in recent years, primarily because of the incapability of physics-based model mode with the help of first principles. In comparison to the conventional modelling ways that basically use physical principles to learn and forecast a particular response, AI has the ability to understand and manipulate higher-dimensional feature spaces. Depending on the goals and usage, energy-harvesting AI can be classified into technologies like AI algorithms and utilities (i.e., AI-enabled features).

Conventional modelling was mainly based on machine learning algorithms and the new approach includes features such as inference, programming, artificial life, computational development and hindrance satisfaction. A paradigm that applies artificial intelligence with energy harvesting technology. Energy harvesting technology can be divided into three steps, (1) code acceleration apparatus to decrease the economical involvement for the analysis of passive models, (2) creating experimental methods when passive models are not feasible and (3) procuring categorisation equipment. Applications of AI technology in energy harvesting primarily include four layers as depicted in Figure 1.10:

1. the environment layer,
2. hardware layer,
3. software layer and
4. application layer.

At the environment layer, most relations are of low frequency and low amplitude, so artificial intelligence helps control and utilise external activities for energy harvesters. The use of artificial intelligence to adjust and boost the external conditions of this layer to activate piezoelectric and triboelectric materials and generate electricity more effectively. At the hardware level, artificial intelligence helps design and optimise the energy harvester's physical networks and end devices. Hardware is required for the physical network to provide the produced data and to match the inputs and outputs in relation to the structure and materials of the energy harvester. To improve the efficiency and voltage analysis, the generated data must be rectified by signal pre-processing, mining and amplification. The Internet of Things (IoT), or an intelligent cloud can be used for the communication of the data through the wireless gateway, along with this, the data must be converted by another device software like a user interface (UI), man-machine interference, user interference, or modified cloud interface design. At the application

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