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# Enhanced Energy Harvesting Performance in lead-free Multi-layer Piezoelectric Electrospun Nanofiber Mats for Self-Powered Wearable Sensors

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## Abstract

In this work, an improved performance multilayer piezoelectric nanogenerator (M-PENG) is demonstrated by alternating layers of Barium titanate nanoparticles (BT NPs) and Graphite nanosheets (GNS) embedded P(VDF-TrFE) nanofibers (NFs) mats. Prior to fabricating M-PENG, the BT NPs and GNS-embedded P(VDF-TrFE) NFs with different dopants concentrations are optimized. The optimized composite NFs mats are being used to fabricate M-PENGs. The performance of M-PENG in terms of  $V_{oc}$  is gradually improved as the number of layers are increased up to six layers beyond that the performance is almost saturated. The superior electrical throughput (such as  $V_{oc} \sim 350$  V, and  $I_{sc} \sim 6$   $\mu$ A) of six layers (6L) M-PENG in comparison to all other multi-layered PENGs is exhibited. Owing to superior piezoelectric charge co-efficient ( $d_{33} \sim 285$  pC.N<sup>-1</sup>) and higher power density (P)  $\sim 3.6$  W.m<sup>-2</sup> in comparison to recently published electrospun NFs-based PENGs, the 6L M-PENG operates a range of consumer electronic components such as capacitors and light emitting diodes. Finally, the 6L M-PENG is implemented in the wireless healthcare system by transferring the pulse response, coughing, and different body movement responses wirelessly to a smartphone to establish the Internet of Things (IoT) based remote healthcare monitoring system.

**Keywords:** P(VDF-TrFE), Composite nanofiber, BaTiO<sub>3</sub>, Graphite nanosheet, Multi-layered PENG

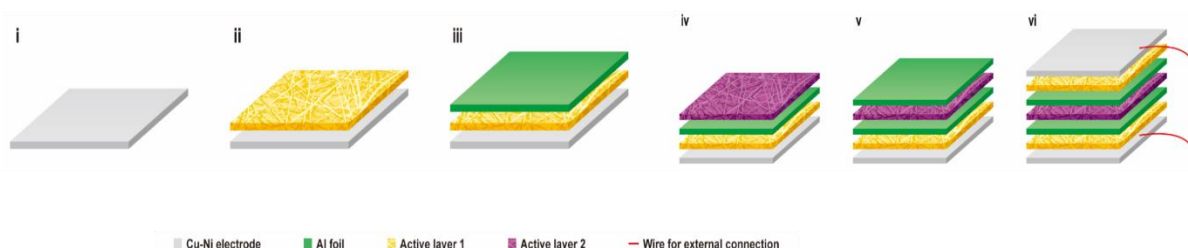


Fig. 1. Step by step multilayered PENG fabrication process.

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