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Applications of Artificial Intelligence in Electrical and Electronics Engineering

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Abstract

Electrical and electronics engineering are increasingly used with artificial intelligence (AI). It also facilitates a transition from hardware-based design. In this chapter, we look at AI applications that, starting from Machine Learning paradigms, move towards neuromorphic computing concepts. The real-life implementations will involve smart grids, power system optimisation, circuit automation, embedded IoT devices, and semiconductor fabrication. The chapter will show how AI is making systems more reliable, energy-efficient, and scalable through analysis of the relevant historical context and mathematical framework, a comprehensive set of case studies, and future trends that cover how AI capabilities are addressing critical challenges, including renewable integration and Industry 4.0 requirements. Engineers will learn strategies for deployment and performance metrics, ethics, and cross-pollination, as engineers will deploy AI as the mainstay of next-gen autonomous engineering ecosystems rather than just a tool. The story highlights the transformation from rules-based automation to probabilistic intelligence, predicting a time when electrical and electronic systems optimise themselves in real time without human intervention, with an eye to sustainability.

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1. Introduction

AI is a new computing paradigm that can learn, reason and adapt to new information to simulate human intelligence. AI is the future. The development of AI in electrical and electronics engineering began in 1980 with a basic expert system for fault diagnosis in power distribution. This continued through the 2010s with the creation of easily accessible deep learning frameworks. Since 2020, AI has rapidly advanced, driven by hardware such as TPUs and neuromorphic chips that bring AI to the edge. By the time we reach April 2026, the AI will be embedded in every layer, from gigawatt-scale transmission to nano-scale transistor fabrication. This enormous application will be driven by an ever-growing database provided by IoT sensors, 5G-enabled telemetry, and high-resolution imaging.

This change solves base engineering pain points caused by the variability of renewables (solar output can vary by 70% daily), ageing infrastructure that suffers from 20-30% unplanned outages, and the design of sub-7nm chips, which require billions of simulation runs due to their complexity. Conventional deterministic systems, such as a PID controller or a SPICE simulation, struggle with uncertainty, whereas AI has been shown to excel at handling it by probabilistically modelling nonlinear systems. For example, a neural network may read phasor measurement unit (PMU) data at a rate of 60 samples/second, predicting cascading failures seconds ahead of human operators.

The chapter's coverage includes the theoretical fundamentals, application-specific content, empirical case studies, and future challenges, which are organised to guide practitioners from ideas to practice. The goal is to make AI accessible to non-experts, generate quantitative indicators of benefit (e.g. 25-40% efficiency increases), and suggest hybrid human-AI workflows. Readers will understand AI's contribution to resilient and sustainable engineering infrastructure by the end of the chapter.

2. Foundations of AI for Engineers

Artificial intelligence in engineering essentially revolves around machine learning (ML), deep learning (DL), and reinforcement learning (RL). Supervised ML uses labelled datasets to train algorithms for tasks like load forecasting. These algorithms are also similar to support vector machines (SVMs) and random forests. In these cases, the goal is to minimise empirical risk.: $\hat{f} = \arg\min_f \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} L(y_i, f(x_i)) + \lambda R(f)$, where L is loss (e.g., hinge for classification) and $R(f)$ regularises complexity.

Deep learning extends this via multi-layer neural networks, with architectures like recurrent neural networks (RNNs/LSTMs) capturing temporal dependencies in power waveforms: hidden states evolve as $h_t = \tanh(W_{hh}h_{t-1} + W_{xh}x_t)$. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) excel in spatial data, such as spectrograms from fault currents, via kernels that compute $(f * g)(t) = \int f(\tau)g(t-\tau)d\tau$.

Reinforcement learning is well-suited to control problems, where agents maximise cumulative reward. $G_t = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \gamma^k R_{t+k+1}$ through policies $\pi(a \mid s)$, as in Q-learning: $Q(s,a) \leftarrow Q(s,a) + \alpha[r + \gamma \max_{a'} Q(s',a') - Q(s,a)]$.

Data pipelines start with acquisition: Analogue-to-digital converters (ADCs) with 12-16-bit resolution sample voltages/currents, followed by pre-processing—normalisation. $x' = \frac{x-\mu}{\sigma}$, feature engineering (e.g., Mel-frequency cepstral coefficients for audio signals), and augmentation to combat class imbalance in rare faults.

Optimisation employs variants of gradient descent: Adam adapts learning rates per parameter, $m_t = \beta_1 m_{t-1} + (1-\beta_1)g_t$, converging faster on non-stationary grid data. Hyperparameter tuning uses cross-validation or Bayesian optimisation to balance under fitting (high bias) and over fitting (high variance), and employs early stopping when validation loss plateaus.

In deployment, engineers quantise their models to INT8, achieving 4x faster inference on ARM Cortex-M7 MCUs with 95% accuracy. Frameworks such as Tensor Flow Lite Micro and ONNX Runtime are advantageous for edge computing, as they enable integration with RTOS (e.g., Free RTOS) in real time, with constraints such as <10ms latency for motor control.

Electrical engineers will benefit from prototyping AI with no-code tools such as Edge Impulse to perform sensor fusion without requiring a PhD.

3. AI Applications in Electrical Engineering

The LSTM methods that connected historical loads, weather APIs, and EV charging were able to forecast demand for a smart grid. The resulting MAPE was under 5%, compared with the ARIMA baseline of about 12%. When auto encoders are applied to SCADA data on vibration signals to check for anomalies in the occurrence of reconstruction error $|| x - \hat{x} ||^2 > \theta$It performs predictive maintenance on turbines, preventing 80% of failures.

Power system optimisation harnesses particle swarm optimisation (PSO) hybridised with neural networks for economic dispatch: minimise. $\sum F_i(P_i)$ subject to $\sum P_i = P_D$, converging 3x faster than Lagrange multipliers. Renewable integration employs Gaussian processes for solar irradiance prediction, $f(x) \sim \mathcal{GP}(m(x), k(x, x'))$, enabling battery storage dispatch that captures 15-20% more yield.

This study applies fault diagnosis using CNNs on current/voltage phasors to distinguish series faults from ground faults, achieving a 98% F1-score on a dataset of events. The CWT technique is also tested to yield scalograms as an input. Deep Q-networks in RL agents automate circuit breaker operations in substations. This reduced the restoration time from minutes to seconds.

Robotics in power plants, using AI vision (YOLOv8) and SLAM, for drone inspections in EMI-heavy environments to detect insulator cracks and perform semantic segmentation.

Application	**AI Paradigm**	**Input Data**	**Output Metric**	**Improvement Over Baseline**
Load Forecasting	LSTM	Time-series + Meteorology	MAPE <5%	58% error reduction
Predictive Maintenance	Autoencoder	Vibration/Thermal	Anomaly Threshold	80% failure preemption
Economic Dispatch	PSO + NN	Generator Curves	Cost Minimization	25% fuel savings

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Fault Classification	CNN + CWT	Phasor Waveforms	98% F1-Score	2x faster detection
Renewable Dispatch	Gaussian Processes	Irradiance History	Yield Optimization	18% energy capture gain

These applications collectively slash operational expenditures by 20-30%, fortifying grids against climate-induced volatility.

4. AI Applications in Electronics Engineering

Genetic algorithms to evolve topologies used in circuit design automation. Each chromosome represents a component/value combination, along with its fitness score, the power-delay-area product (PDAP). The result was Pareto-optimal schematic generation 50 times faster than manual. Using GNNs, reinforcement learning can refer to net layouts via the A_ij adjacency matrices, treating the nets as nodes.

TinyML is embedded in systems for on-device inference, processing MFCC features with models <100 KB for keyword spotting on Helium chips. Always-on voice control in wearables is one application of giant chips. Denoising RF with WaveNet-dilated convolutional neural networks, modelling $p(x) = \prod_t p(x_t \mid x_{<t})$, outperforming LMS filters in multipath fading.

Semiconductor manufacturing leverages gradient-boosted trees (XGBoost) for yield prediction: $\hat{y}_i = \sum_k f_k(x_i)$, ingesting 200+ fab parameters to flag excursions, boosting throughput 15%. Defect classification uses Vision Transformers (ViT), attention-weighted patches, achieving 99% accuracy on SEM images.

IoT ecosystems fuse federated learning across edge nodes, averaging. $w_{global} =$

$\sum \frac{n_i}{N} w_i$ without raw data sharing, ideal for privacy-sensitive smart meters.

Domain	Technique	Challenge Addressed	Quantified Gain
Circuit Synthesis	GA + GNN	Exploration Space	50x design speedup
Edge Inference	TinyML	Resource Limits	4x latency cut
Yield Analytics	XGBoost	Process Variability	15% throughput rise
Defect Inspection	ViT	Nanoscale Imaging	99% classification accuracy
Signal Denoising	Dilated CNN	Non-Stationarity	30% SNR improvement

5. Emerging Technologies and Integration Trends

By using integrate-and-fire neuron models, spiking neural networks (SNNs) are revolutionising neuromorphic computing.$V(t) = V(t-1) + I(t)\Delta t$, spiking when $V > V_{th}$, enabling event-driven processing on Loihi 2 chips—1000x more energy-efficient than ANNs for radar tracking.

SoCs, or System-on-a-Chip, types include NPUs that enable Edge AI with access to the cloud. Simulink's digital twins reflect grid patterns, with AI (e.g. PINNs ensuring $\nabla\cdot(\sigma\nabla V)=0$) that speed up optimal control by x1000.

CPS uses OPC-UA and ROS2 to self-tune production lines in Industry 4.0. The NP-hard routing problem of printed circuit boards is tackled using quantum-inspired annealing.

The forces of sustainability are giving birth to Scanty Pruning (which zeroes out 90% of the weights after training) and green federated learning, which can reduce the global carbon footprint of AI to only 2%.

6. Case Studies

AI is effective and works in application validation, which is built on the theory. As of 2026, these use cases from industry leaders and academic pilots could enable scaled implementation across the electrical and electronics domains and allow for measuring success using metrics such as ROI, uptime, and error rates.

Case Study 1: AI-Driven Fault Prediction in Transmission Networks

A major utility in Europe (e.g., akin to National Grid) deployed a hybrid CNN-LSTM model on PMU data from 500kV lines. The system ingests 30 samples/second phasor streams, extracting features via short-time Fourier transforms (STFT): $S(f,\tau) = \int x(t)w(t-\tau)e^{-j2\pi ft}dt$. Trained on 5 years of labelled faults (arcing, sags), it predicts cascading outages 10-60 seconds ahead with 96% precision, versus 78% for wavelet-SVM baselines.

Deployment on edge gateways (NVIDIA Jetson) processes 1 terabyte per day, triggering auto-reclosers and averting events that would have cost a €2.5 million. After a 40% reduction in outages, the ROI materialised in 9 months. Further, the 1st trial's scalability to 200 substations was achieved via federated updates.

Case Study 2: Deep Learning for PCB Defect Inspection

A Vision Transformer (ViT) was trained at a Taiwan semiconductor fab (following TSMC practices) to replace manual AOI inspection on 4k SEM images for bridges, opens, and mousebites. Patches provide attention.: $\text{Attention}(Q,K,V) = \text{softmax}(\frac{QK^T}{\sqrt{d_k}})V$, classifying at 99.2% accuracy, 30% above CNNs across 7nm variation.

When incorporated into the factory workflows, it increased yield from 92% to 97%, processing 10k wafers per hour on GPU clusters. Cost saving was $ 15 M/year. The human inspectors have been reallocated to root cause analysis, which is a better use of their skills.

Case Study 3: Reinforcement Learning for Smart Building Energy Optimisation

An American commercial complex (similar to Google's DeepMind project) used multi-agent RL (MARL) to control HVAC, lighting, and batteries. States incorporate occupancy prognosis and tariffs; actions include setpoints; incentives maximise$r = -\alpha E_{cost} - \beta C_{comfort}$Proximal policy optimisation (PPO) converged in two weeks, using 37% lower energy (40M kWh/year) while maintaining 22 °C comfort.

Raspberry Pi clusters helped manage 100 zones and policy synchronisation with the cloud every quarter. CO2 Savings of 20K tons a year, payback 18 months.

Case Study 4: Neuromorphic AI in Autonomous Substation Drones

Drones Insulator Inspection by Asian Power Authority Pilots Intel Loihi Chips for the Purpose. Spiking neural networks (SNNs) that process spikes from thermal cameras can run the membrane potential.$\tau \frac{dV}{dt} = -V + I$so that cracks are detected at 1 mW, as opposed to 1 W on GPUs, and can allow for 8-hour flights.

With a fleet that has now reached 20, inspection costs are down by 65% and certified on 50km lines, fog/EMI detection shows a recall of 98%. This creates hardware that can withstand electromagnetic interference.

Case Study	**AI Technique**	**Key Inputs**	**Outcomes**	**ROI Timeline**
Transmission Faults	CNN-LSTM	PMU Phasors	96% Prediction, 40% Outage Cut	9 Months
PCB Inspection	ViT	SEM Images	99% Accuracy, 5% Yield Gain	12 Months
Building Optimization	MARL-PPO	Sensors/Tariffs	37% Energy Save	18 Months

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Drone Inspection	SNN	Thermal Spikes	98% Recall, 65% Cost Drop	6 Months

These cases underscore AI's maturity: from pilot to production, with 3-5x returns via reduced downtime and waste.

7. Challenges and Future Prospects

AI integration faces challenges despite its success. Data on rare events are scarce (for example, geomagnetic storms occur <1% of the time). We can synthesise data using VAEs via VAEs: $q(z \mid x) \approx p(z \mid x)$, yet risking distribution shifts. Model interpretability lags—black-box NNs hinder regulatory compliance (e.g., NERC standards demand causal reasoning); SHAP values. $\phi_i = \sum_{S \subseteq M \setminus \{i\}} \frac{|S|!(|M|-|S|-1)!}{|M|!} [v(S \cup \{i\}) - v(S)]$ offer post-hoc insights but not innate transparency.

Hardware limitations constrain edge AI: MCUs are limited to 1 TOPS, necessitating pruning (removal of 90% of weights) or distillation, which results in a 2-5% accuracy drop but a 10x speedup. Cybersecurity vulnerabilities in grids can be exploited. Adversarial patches fool classifiers at 20% attack success. We examine the robustness of defences. Robust training $\min_\theta \mathbb{E}_{(x,y,\delta)\sim\Delta} L(f_\theta(x+\delta), y)$ but still nascent.

Ethical dilemmas include worker displacement (with 20% of lineworkers needing reskilling) and bias amplification from unrepresentative datasets, which skew renewable energy forecasts for the grids of the Global South. Regulatory gaps persist: the EU AI Act classifies grid AI as “high-risk,” triggering audits.

The future looks promising. Explainable AI (XAI) that uses causal graphs and prototypes, such as Neuro-Symbolic systems, combines logic with NNs to enable verifiable decisions. By using variational circuits, quantum machine learning can reduce the number of epochs by a factor of 100 for portfolio optimisation. Green AI is prioritising FLOP-efficient models, targeting <1g CO2/kWh for training.

By 2030, let us expect the self-healing grid enabled by swarm reinforcement learning, fully autonomous CPS, zero-touch fabs, and GNNs and brain-computer interfaces for intuitive control. It will produce analogue chips for Artificial Intelligence, thereby removing the digital bottleneck.

8. Conclusions

The use of artificial intelligence is gradually transforming electrical and electronics engineering by converting rigid systems into resilient systems.20-50% improvements in efficiency, reliability and sustainability from LSTM-forecasted grids to SNN-powered drones, based on global case studies.

The future is one of pervasively autonomous systems. Digital twins will predict failures. Edge swarms will self-organise. Ethical frameworks will allocate benefits. In the years to come, those who will make an impact will be engineers who are lifelong learners and fluent not only in their own domain but also in AI.

Working with diverse groups, including academics, industry leaders, and policymakers, will help AI reach its full potential to deliver an electrified, net-zero future.

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