

# A review on renewable energy and electricity requirement forecasting models for smart grid and buildings



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## ABSTRACT

The benefits of renewable energy are that it is sustainable and is low in environmental pollution. Growing load requirement, global warming, and energy crisis need energy-intensive management to give sincere attempts to promote high accuracy energy monitoring techniques in order to enhance energy system efficiency and performance. The energy consumption data of domestic, commercial and industrial are becoming accessible to estimate the notable share of various sectors in the energy market. Energy forecasting algorithms play a vital role in energy sector development and policy formulation. Energy prediction and power supply management are the key roots of energy planning. A large number of prediction models have been used in the recent past. The selection of a prediction model usually based on available data, the objectives of the model network mechanism and energy planning operation. In this review, we conduct a critical and systematic review of renewable energy and electricity prediction models applied as an energy planning tool. The forecasting intervals is divided into three sections including: i) short-term; ii) medium-term; iii) and long-term. Three renewable energy resources, i.e. wind, solar, and geothermal energy, and electricity load demand requirement are considered for review forecasting analysis. Three major states-of-art forecasting classifications: i) machine learning algorithms; ii) ensemble-based approaches; iii) and artificial neural networks are analyzed. These approaches are investigated for prediction applicability; accuracy for spatial and temporal forecasting; and relevance to policy and planning objectives. The machine learning models can handle large amount of data with accurate forecasting analysis. Applying ensemble techniques enables us to obtain higher forecasting accuracy by combining different models. Artificial neural networks if used in the right way can contribute a robust choice, given that it is capable to extract and model unseen relationships and features. Furthermore, unlike these conventional techniques, artificial neural networks do not force any limitation on residual and input distributions. Findings from this review would help professionals and researchers in obtaining recognition of the prediction approaches and allow them to choose the relevant methods to satisfy their desired tasks and forecasting requirements.

## 1. Introduction

One of the major issues for the world energy sector in the near future is to be secured with operation safety by the increasing integration of renewable energy (RE) resources (Benali, Notton, Fouilloy, Voyant, & Dizene, 2019; Renné, Zelenka, Wilcox, Perez, & Moore, 2006). The electricity generation market by RE systems, including wind and solar energy is hugely significant for future. The growth rate of the global business of wind energy, and photovoltaic farms are continuously expanding with 51 GW h of wind turbines networks (European Comission. (*EurObserv'ER*) (2016a)), 100 GWh of PV farms (*EurObserv'ER*, 2012) and 100 Megawatt of concentrated solar power (Sangster, 2014) incorporated in 2017. Therefore, the cumulative energy capacity of the

Global and the Europe markets reached up to 405 GW and 106.6 GW for Photovoltaic (PV) respectively (*EurObserv'ER*, 2013), 539.3 GW and 169.0 GW for wind power farms (European Comission. (*EurObserv'ER*) (2016b)) and 4845 Megawatt and 2314 Megawatt for concentrated solar power (Sangster, 2014) in 2017. From 2017, total 353.5 TW h of wind energy and 113.9 TW h of PV were generated in Europe. The continuous usage of fossil resources, environmental and energy issues frequently are displaying more serious concerns for the globe. It's essential to get an appropriate solution to determine the ecological problems of electricity and attain sustainable growth. Consequently, RE has obtained much consideration in the entire globe and been immediately expanded in the recent era (Sun, Wang, Zhang, & Zheng, 2018).

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Nomenclature	
AdaBoost	Adaptive boosting
AI	Artificial intelligence
ANNs	Artificial neural networks
ARIMA	Autoregressive integrated moving average
AIMA	Autoregressive integrated moving average
BP	Backpropagation
BN	Bayesian network
R	Coefficient of correlation
CV	Coefficient of variation
CDT	Compact decision tree
CEM	Competitive ensemble model
DT	Decision tree
DE	Differential evolution
EGS	Enhanced geothermal system
EL	Ensemble learning
GW	Gigawatt
GHI	Global horizontal irradiation
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning System
ISO	Independent system operators
kWh	kilowatt-hour
LRM	Linear regression model
ML	Machine learning
MAE	Mean absolute error
MAPE	Mean absolute percentage error
PV	Photovoltaics
RFM	Random forest models
RE	Renewable energy
RMSE	Root mean square error
SVM	Support vector machines
TWh	Terawatt Hour
ELMs	The electrical load management system

Among different RE sources, like solar, geothermal and tidal energy, the use of wind energy is definitely neat and clean, indispensable and inexpensive (Mohandes & Rehman, 2014; Wang, Song, Liu, & Hou, 2016; Wang, Zhang, Wang, Han, & Kong, 2014). Though, the wind power usage still faces many hurdles – it is an unstable provision of energy to the electricity networks and it is spatial and temporal variable presented in these references (Gnana Sheela & Deepa, 2013; Georgilakis, 2008; Söer et al., 2007; Smith, Milligan, DeMeo, & Parsons, 2007). The essential challenges for future world energy supply and demand will be the high RE integration resources into the future power demand-supply networks (Voyant et al., 2017).

Power utilities should guarantee an accurate balance between the consumption and energy generation to ensure the reliability of the electricity transmission and distribution networks. Because of the particular challenge, the utilities usually have some complexities to keep this stability with controllable energy generation and conventional system, particularly in the isolated or small power grid (as located in different areas of the island). The energy system reliability and security should become reliant on the capability of the operation to support unexpected and expected dispersion (in consumption & generation) and distortion between sustaining continuity and service quality of assistance to the consumers. Furthermore, the power producers must maintain the system management with different temporal horizons (see Fig. 1) (Voyant et al., 2017). Load planning for electrical networks should include network capacity, yearly planning, optimization generation and construction of networks and system reliability.

Renewable power prediction is applied to forecast the available generation capacity of renewable resources in the near future (Voyant, Soubdhan, Lauret, David, & Muselli, 2015). Many approaches have been used by researchers across the world such as time series models, which have frequently been employed (Bulut & Büyükkalaca, 2007; Wang, Hu, Srinivasan, & Wang, 2018). The renewable power prediction can be classified into two classes: indirect forecast classifications and direct prediction approaches (Marciukaitis et al., 2017). Energy demand forecasting is also fundamentally vital for either in defying the abnormal energy consumption trends or source-conserving intention. Indeed, it's a non-trivial business because energy usage is associated with various complicated factors, including the historical values of past load consumption, holidays, calendar dates, and domestic energy consumption practices (Lei, Tang, Li, & Ye, 2019).

The solar energy can be predicted in the short-term, medium-term and long-term by latest technologies like satellite imaging networks and ground-based atmosphere imaging that represents a collective potential drawbacks associated with cloud dissipation and formation. The wind energy prediction is identified as an essential tool to give system engineers with significant estimates of accessible wind energy data in

future time duration. These kinds of assessments are frequently used in energy scheduling and resource balancing (Foley, Leahy, Marvuglia, & McKeogh, 2012; Lara-Fanego, Ruiz-Arias, Pozo-Vázquez, Santos-Alamillos, & Tovar-Pescador, 2012; Jung & Broadwater, 2014; Qian, Pei, Zareipour, & Chen, 2019). Electricity demand prediction has been doing an essential part in the energy industry for over a century (Singh et al., 2011). The traditional means of energy prediction is deterministic load demand forecasting, which has been extensively used in the power plants control and electrical power market with the interconnected networks (Mohandes, 2002; Sun, Wang et al., 2018).

The efficiency, stability and performance of the prediction approaches are the primary concentration of this review. This review also intends to give a summary of the present techniques for prediction of energy requirement consumption of buildings, utilities, private and government sector and so on. The domestic, commercial and industrial building owners will get help from this review to choose suitable models to perform different kinds of tasks to fulfil their required needs. The classifications investigated in this review include the ML models, ensemble-based approaches and Artificial neural networks (ANNs) methods. An effort has been initiated to precisely show the most essential technical and scientific aspects and percent accuracy of forecasting results of many published papers, and readers can understand the prediction concept in a productive way. Further it can assist like a valuable design for the future study in RE energy system, operation, planning, and energy management.

This review is conducted on published researches for the knowledge of determining the prediction models in future sustainable electricity demand and renewable energy management with effective manner. The primary analysis is carried out to find a summary of the issues associated with predictions classifications in energy resources planning and management.

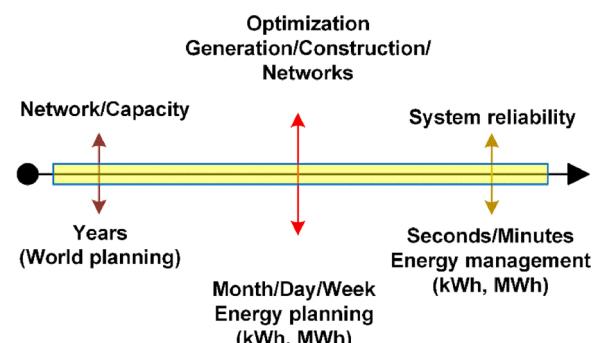


Fig. 1. Forecasting scale for load planning in an electrical network.

**Table 1**  
Objective of this study.

Models	Forecasting duration	Energy sources	Aim and objective	Geographical
Machine learning models	Short-term, medium-term, and long-term	Solar radiation prediction	Energy planning and management, Accuracy and speed, model selection, forecasting models' compatriots	City
Ensemble-based approaches		Wind energy forecasting		Province
Artificial neural networks		Geothermal energy forecasting Electricity load forecasting Electricity price forecasting		Country
				Multiple locations
				Region

The main classified problems were: supply model/energy demand/or prediction; energy management and planning approaches; time series forecasting analysis; emission mitigation techniques; renewable energy importance and prediction; the role of RE in the future perceptive; world total energy supply/demand and their future challenges; and prediction. These issues were applied to distinguish important key headings of this review, shown in [Table 1](#).

### 1.1. Importance of renewable energy and electricity requirement forecasting

Various stakeholders in the energy industry apply solar predictions. Power companies are utilizing solar forecasts to procure operating reserves, schedule production and assure that there is enough versatility to handle differences between the input and output. Market shareholders practice predictions to control their energy production portfolios. [Fig. 2](#) explains the techniques of the algorithm based on temporal and spatial resolution (Diagne, David, Lauret, Boland, & Schmutz, 2013). Precise wind energy prediction is essential in decreasing the length or occurrence of curtailments (that shows the effective cost of energy savings), increased operator safety measures, and minimizing the human effects of serving climate on wind operations.

Geothermal energy is a kind of energy stored and generated from in the earth. It's more competing in different lands that have a small number of hydrocarbon sources. The purpose of geothermal energy is a possible alternative resource of power that will grow more prominent as a result to avoid the more focuses on fossil power generation sources. The new expectation of world use of geothermal energy within the decade end is that the yearly installation capacity will cause the present around 12.6 GW to approximately 21.5 GW, with less progress in 2016–2017 (Lund, Bertani, & Boyd, 2015) presenting the alternative to higher annual improvements from 2018 to 2020, according to a survey conducted in April by Ruggero Bertani such as shown in [Fig. 3](#)<sup>1</sup>. In Asia Pacific, it shows a large share in geothermal generation capacity with about 1.81 GW, which is higher than those of North America, Latin America, Africa and Europe. The installed generation capacity of the United States of America is three times higher than Mexico and two times higher than Philippines.

Electricity requirement (or electricity load) prediction is vitally essential for the utility industries in the deregulated economics. There are a series of applications including electricity production and purchasing, contract evaluation, load switching, and power infrastructure extension. An expanding series of numerical approaches have been proposed for energy prediction. In this review, we examine several methods of RE and electricity prediction. A comprehensive literature review reveals that includes the substantial studies by experts have been published on short-term energy prediction for various load situations. [Fig. 4](#) shows the applications and kinds of electricity requirement prediction intervals for short, medium and long-term perceptive for efficient and reliable energy, control, planning, and management systems (Raza & Khosravi, 2015). Main objectives of power companies for load

forecasting include optimal reserve capacity, accuracy and reliability, unit commitment corporate planning and optimal reserve capacity handling.

[Fig. 5\(a & b\)](#) shows the energy source and consumption structures in the whole world and United States (US), respectively, based on the data collected from December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 2017; World Energy Flow, 2017). Firstly, the energy sources majorly include Wind, Nuclear, Hydro, Solar, Geothermal, Natural Gas, Coal, Biomass and Petroleum. The energy consumption sectors are divided into residential, commercial, industrial, nano-energy and transportation. Different coloured pipelines show the total net requirement of energy of the different consumption sectors.

These plots could be very helpful for making energy policies to tackle environmental change. It can be observed that conventional energy sources still construct the major part of the global energy consumption. In contrast, the share of RE resources is quite small. From 2011, the Global used 534,000 petajoules of energy, and it shows that most (60 %) of the energy sources came from oil, unsurprisingly. The average American resident utilized about 39 billion Joules (BJ) of energy in 2013. The world's largest energy-consuming area is the industrial sector, with transport close behind it. What's especially striking is that transportation of the energy sector — that's the trains, planes as well as automobiles — is the largest consumers of the petroleum, which is shocking and terrible for the climate change.

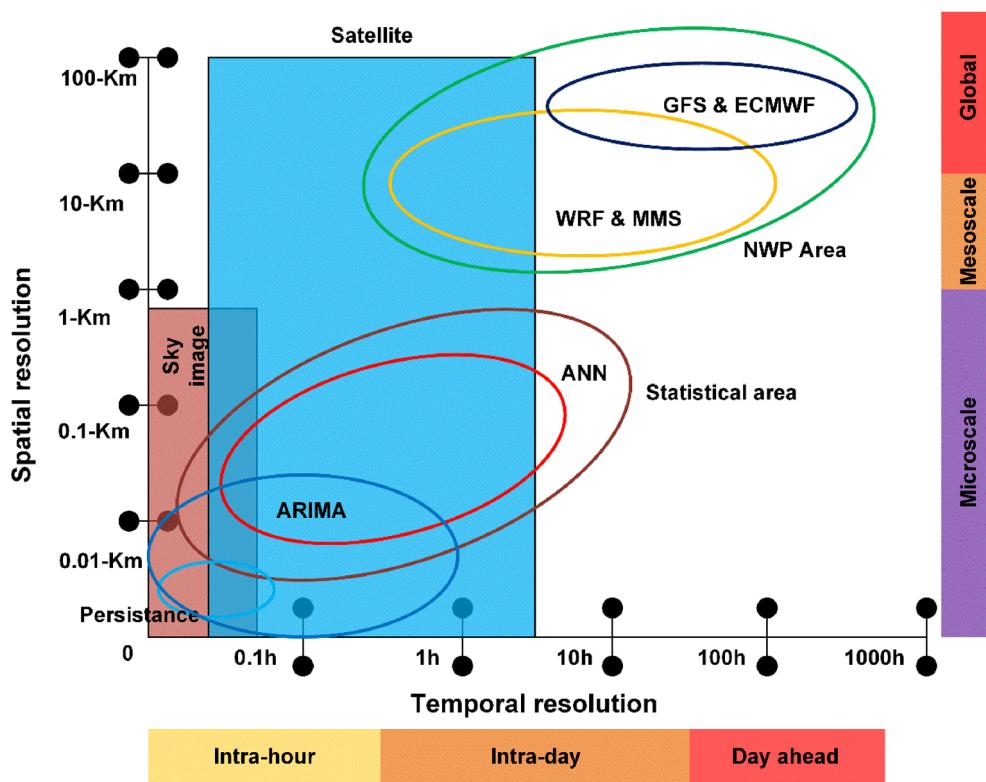
### 1.2. Paper organisation

Section 2 gives a detailed analysis of short-term solar, wind, electricity and geothermal energy demand forecasting. Further, it is classified into four basic parts including: i) solar radiation forecasting models; ii) wind energy forecasting models; iii) electricity demand forecasting models; and iv) geothermal energy forecasting models. Each section is further classified into three basic parts including machine learning models, ensemble models and artificial neural networks. Section 2 also includes the medium and long-term wind, solar and electricity demand forecasting with different state-of-the-art models. Section 3 gives a summary of the reviewed models and Section 4 concludes this review.

## 2. Renewable energy and electricity requirement forecasting models

Renewable and electricity requirement prediction models to the real time applications render and overlook state-of-the-art electricity and renewable energy technology. Energy prediction is an essential and integral part in virtually and for the domestic, commercial and industrial sectors. Power companies control the power grid, recognized as the several complicated human-made systems on the globe, to produce power to more than 7.53-billion peoples throughout the world. Energy prediction, mainly pointing out to prediction electricity requirement is being utilized throughout the whole sections of the utility industry, including transmission, generation, distribution as well as the retail. Energy forecasting applications spread distribution and transmission

<sup>1</sup> <http://geothermalresourcecouncil.blogspot.com/2016/01/global-outlook-for-geothermal-industry.html>



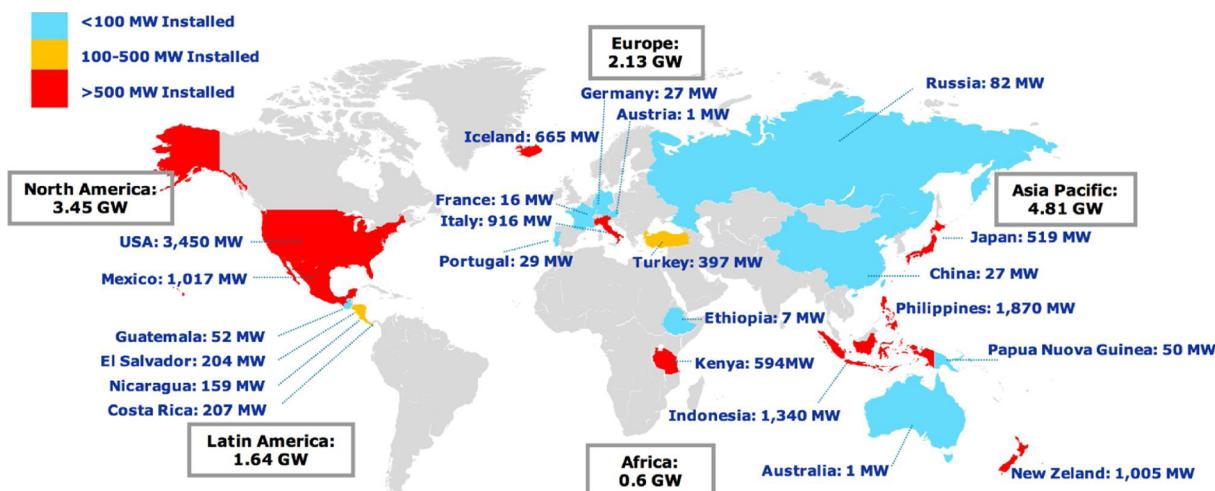
**Fig. 2.** Forecasting classifications which are based on the input data of temporal and spatial resolution (Diagne et al., 2013).

planning, power supply planning, power system maintenance and operations, demand-side management, rate design, financial planning and so onward. Because of the primary role of energy prediction in the utility's business services, incorrect energy prediction may result in an economic loss or even failure of the power companies. Though energy prediction gives a significant input to control the systems planning and operations, imprecise energy prediction can start to equipment malfunctions or even operations-wide blackout.

The issue of sustainable energy is typically unique to every energy planner based on their conditions, which involve the sector coverage, geographical location, and available sources. The World Energy Council (WEC) invented an expression power trilemma to represent some essential difficulties in the sustainable advancement in the energy sector, an on-going discussion concentrates throughout the agenda of the United Nation's initiated seventeen sustainable development goals,

which displace the previous millennium development agenda and satisfy the wide-area by sustainable development growth problems. Mainly, the object #7 "Assure feasibility to reliable, affordable and smart power usage to each and everyone". This problem affects the globe as a world-unit; however, it leads to determine the legislative discussion of power supply in particular continents or countries. With the increasing attention of weather transition, energy demand and supply has shifted a frequently significant problem. Because of the rising world energy requirement, strict emissions targets, players within the power planning and management must obtain difficult decisions comprised of risk-based estimations concerning the future. Considering the particular goals, there is a requirement for assistance mechanisms which aid the decision-making rule throughout power networks.

Under the pressure of environmental protection and economic development, the transforming and cleaning of energy construction



**Fig. 3.** Installed geothermal generation capacity in 2015 of the global market (Lund et al., 2015).

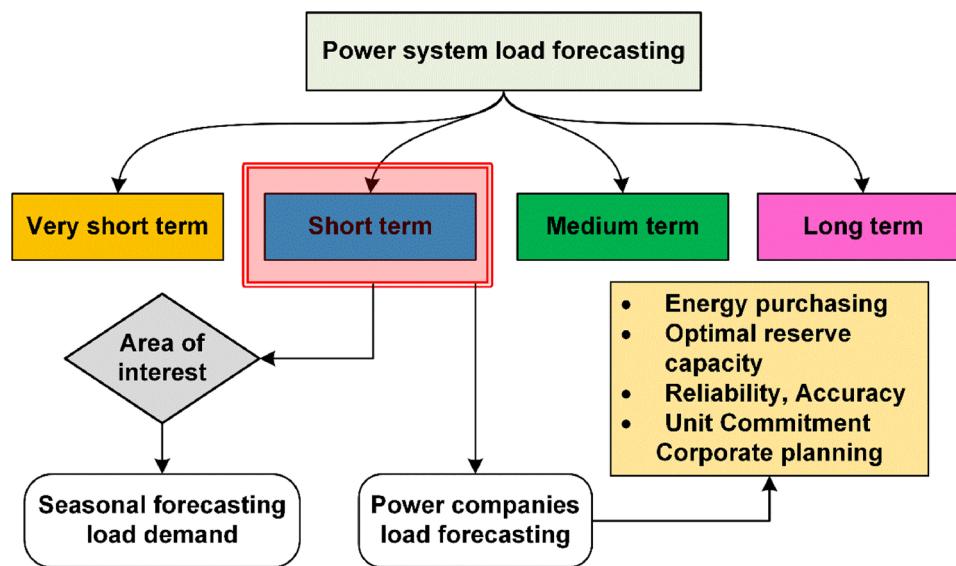


Fig. 4. Types of load forecasting and applications (Raza & Khosravi, 2015).

initiated the distributed power operation to display some unique features. There are some new system side theories, like Pan Energy Net (PEN), Energy Internet (EI), micro-grid and active distribution systems have been broadly affected under the knowledge of the development of world energy internet. While, by the renewable energy introduction, the distributed power networks would suffer difficulties in different perspectives of the design phase, operation, and application.

The structure of information operation and application is developed fundamentally from 3 technical areas: model predictive control (MPC) in control area, the knowledge of data-mining, and the optimization operation area of ML section in the building operations, like air conditioning and refrigeration. The field where these 3 areas cross or overlap improves fast advancement of the energy prediction approach in the optimization and operation of the distribution. The data mining (DM) approach which renders helpful information could be obtained by a huge number of samples data points, the information gathered by DM should be unknown. The method of DM is complicated which needs iterative adjustment, human-computer interaction and increasing realization to create a high degree of information. The ML is the essence of artificial intelligence (AI), which points to the ample use in the area of AI because it creates the network intelligently. The ML such as support vector machine and ANNsartificial neural networks are often applied for energy prediction, which can considerably increase the forecast efficiency and accuracy. Ensemble learning is ML paradigm where different algorithms are trained to solve complicated issues of the model's network and combined to acquire better results.

### 2.1. Short-term renewable energy and electricity requirement forecasting

Very short-term prediction comprises up to nine hours applies in transmission lines planning and load management, intraday market, and ancillary duty management. Short-term forecasts explain up to seventy-two hours and use to day-ahead demand, reserve scheduling, maintenance schedule management, and planning of energy networks or wind plants as well as the unit commitment. Usually, prediction ranges between 24–72 hours show the time-step as hourly (Kim & Hur, 2018). In this section the detailed analysis has been conducted for solar, wind, electricity and geothermal energy forecasting through ML, ensemble and ANNs based forecasting models.

#### 2.1.1. Solar radiation forecasting

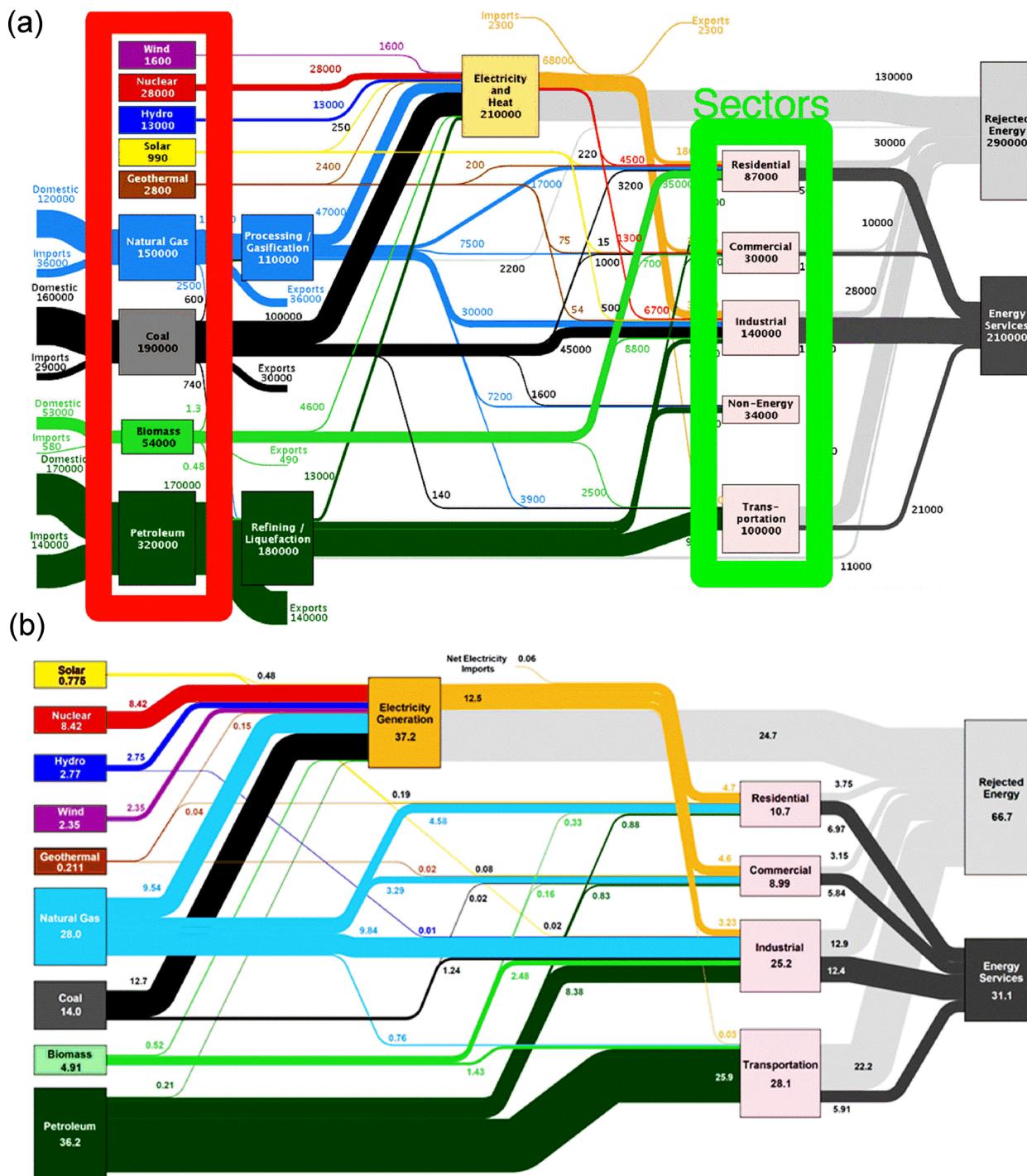
Because its intermittency, the integration of large-scale solar energy into power grids is a problem and further particularly in an isolated

context. Therefore, The solar energy prediction output is an essential characteristic to maintain the demand and supply balance efficiently (Boland, David, & Lauret, 2016). It can be considered two essential perspectives to solar energy prediction, which of the required level of power as well as putting the sensible forecasting error bounds of that prediction. This review will focus on the past, and in specific, that horizontal global solar irradiation prediciton.

**2.1.1.1. Machine learning models.** The RE integration into a power system increases the grid station continuity and complexity of the consumption/generation balance due to their unpredictable and intermittent nature (Lara-Fanego et al., 2012; Pelland, Remund, Kleissl, Oozeki, & Brabandere, 2013). The non-controllable features and intermittency of the solar energy generation bring a large number of other issues like local power quality, voltage fluctuations, and power network stability problems (Moreno-Muñoz, De La Rosa, Posadillo, & Pallarés, 2008; Anderson & Leach, 2004). Therefore, predicting the output of solar energy is needed for efficient control of the power station as well as optimal control, planning, and load fluxes occurred toward the solar farms (Paulescu, Paulescu, Gravila, & Badescu, 2013).

The ML is a significant area in computer science; further, it's listed as artificial intelligence (AI) models. It applies in different areas, and the benefit of these approaches is that resolve the issues which are complicated to be described by explicit models. In this study (Inman, Pedro, & Coimbra, 2013), the researcher can observe a complete analysis of some deterministic and ML approaches for solar energy prediciton. The ML approaches perceive relationships between outputs and inputs even though if the description is confusing; this feature allows the application of ML approaches in several states, for instance in classification problems, pattern recognition, spam filtering, prediciton issues, and data mining. The demand for reliable solar predictions describes the current surge in many types of research on this subject (Inman et al., 2013; Yang, Kleissl, Gueymard, Pedro, & Coimbra, 2018). The prediciton of solar radiation methods may be divided concerning the forecasting horizon, different kinds of input data into four main classifications, as defined in recent studies (Yang et al., 2018):

- Artificial Intelligence and statistical techniques: generally used for prediction ranges ranging from 5 min up to 6 h (Benmouiza & Chekane, 2013; Lauret, Voyant, Soubdhan, David, & Poggi, 2015);
- Classification of remote-sensing models: used for prediction boundaries from minutes to hours (Marquez & Coimbra, 2013);
- Numerical climate forecasting approaches: for prediction



**Fig. 5.** (a). This plot illustrates where whole the world's energy demand goes and comes from (World Energy Flow, 2017). (b). The plot demonstrates where total US energy goes and comes from in 2017 (Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, 2017).

- boundaries exceeding six hours (Lorenz, Heinemann, & Kurz, 2012);
- The hybrid forecasting approaches: for conceivably more reliable predictions based on the past predicton levels (Mellit, Benghanem, Arab, & Guessoum, 2005).

The current reviews present the new ML classification to estimate the global horizontal irradiation (GHI) for a short-term duration (suitable to sub-hourly, hourly duration) from a present and past time-series. These models rely on a mutual information measure to choose a set of optimal organized of the most important numbers (probably recent) in time-series intervals (henceforth, input parameters), and the

ANNs of extreme learning class (ELM) class to determine the day ahead patterns of GHI which are comprised of a recently proposed technique (Peng, Long, & Ding, 2005). Table 2 shows the short-term solar radiation forecasting with ML models. It shows the name of forecasting engine, real time advantages, region and performance evaluation indexes with best accuracy.

**2.1.1.2. Ensemble-based approaches.** Ensemble prediction models are meteorology classical for risk quantification (Thorey, Mallet, Chaussin, Descamps, & Blanc, 2015). Meteorological predictions can be unique deterministic predictions or and ensemble-based predictions,

**Table 2**  
Short-term solar radiation forecasting with machine learning models.

Sr. No.	Models	Advantages	Year	Region (Dataset)	Ref.	Accuracy				
						MAE	CV	MAPE	RMSE	R
1	Fourier series plus linear ARMA models	No obligation to construct complicated models like ANNs	2016	One coastal and one inland a	(Boland et al., 2016)	–	–	–	13.59 %	–
2	Regression tree, Random forest, Gradient boosting	The model can determine issues which are complicated to be described by explicit models	2017	Multiple locations	(Voyant et al., 2017)	3.73-9.45	–	6 %	5 %	0.72
3	Extreme learning machine, Wrapper mutual information methodology	Maximizing the common information measure concerning the target to be the prediction	2019	Madina and Tamanrasset	(Bouzgou & Gueymard, 2019)	–	–	8.4-11.55 %	–	0.87 and 0.91
4	Auto-regressive moving average, Multi-layer perceptron	Best and highly accurate forecasting algorithm for the energy sector	2018	Ajaccio, Tilos and Odeillo	(Fouillot et al., 2018)	98.48	–	–	46.56 %	–
5	FoBa, leapforward, spikestab, Cubist and bagEarthGCV	Measures a particular kind of data with higher accuracy & performance	2018	National renewable energy laboratory Australia	(Sharma & Kakkar, 2018)	–	–	–	23.73 %	0.9
6	Extreme learning machines models, Satellite solar model	Many sites with different features are applied in the model training	2019	Australia	(Deo, Şahin, Adamowski, & Mi, 2019)	1.140	–	–	0.049 %	0.91
7	Extreme learning machine (ELM) algorithm	Address complicated and ill-defined prediction issues	2017	Toowoomba, Australia	(Deo, Downs, Parisi, Adamowski, & Quilly, 2017)	–	–	–	0.629 %	0.90
8	Random forest regression, Support vector regression, Gradient boosted regression	Comfortable to replicate that in the situation with physical methods	2016	Spain	(Gala, Fernández, Díaz, & Dorronsoro, 2016)	14.84	–	–	–	–
9	Weighted Gaussian process regression	Mainly to it is simple training and implementation at different sites	2018	Algeria	(Guermoui, Melgani, & Danilo, 2018)	–	–	–	3.18 %	0.85
10	Gaussian processes and support vector machines	Improvement resembles to be more noticeable in cases of unpredictable sky circumstances	2015	French islands: Corsica, Reunion	(Lauret et al., 2015)	–	–	–	15.15 %	–
11	Self-organizing map	By recognizing anomalies and different trends and neglecting outliers	2015	Different locations	(Ghayekhloo, Ghofrani, Memhaj, & Azimi, 2015)	–	–	–	0.39 %	–
12	Boosted regression trees, Least absolute shrinkage and selection operator	Its insensitive to outliers, flexible to show characteristics of solar data, strong to fit complicated nonlinear relationship	2018	Folsom, CA	(Huang, Wang, & Lai, 2018)	–	–	–	18.36 %	–
13	K-nearest-neighbors, Gradient boosting	A broad area of solar variability micro-climate	2017	Stanford's Yang & Yamazaki Energy and Environment	(Pedro, Coimbra, David, & Lauret, 2018)	–	–	–	8 %	–
14	Convolutional neural networks	Variability can be perfectly characterized including comparatively easy equations	2017	Inner Mongolia	(Sun, Szucs, & Brandt, 2018)	–	–	–	26.0%-30.2%	–
15	Support vector machines, K-nearest neighbors	K-nearest neighbors can achieve higher performance and accuracy	2018	Multiple locations	(Wang, Zhen et al., 2017)	–	–	–	–	0.007
16	Multi-task learning for time series	Increasing the imputation of past PV data is extremely helpful for time-series modeling	2018	Multiple locations	(Shireen et al., 2018)	0.31	–	40.475	0.385	–
17	Machine learning approach	Ability to render excellent and bias-calibrated predictions, and it is the computationally scalable algorithm	2017	Italy	(Cervone, Clemente-Harding, Alessandrini, & Delle Monache, 2017)	–	–	–	–	–

**Table 3**  
Short-term solar radiation forecasting with ensemble-based classifications

Sr. No.	Models	Advantages	Year	Region	Ref.	Accuracy			
						MAE	CV	MAPE	RMSE
1	Analog ensemble	Needs a single design prediction and denied to the multiple algorithms runs The basic function is obtained immediately of the real signal instead a priori-fixed basis network function Comparative processing uniformity allows them to get the advantage of parallelization methods Better prediction for the daily spatial patterns and load trends Knowledge to give excellent and bias-calibrated estimates, and it is a computationally scalable model	2015	Southern Italy	(Alessandrini, Delle Monache, Sperati, & Cervone, 2015)	6–7	–	–	–
2	Least square support vector regression, Ensemble empirical mode decomposition Random forest regression, Gradient boosted regression, Extreme gradient boosting	2018	Beijing, China	(Sun, Wang et al., 2018)	–	–	3.09 %	3.27 %	–
3	Grand global ensemble	2019	China and India	(Torres-Barráin, Alonso, & Dorronsoro, 2017)	2190.9	–	–	–	–
4		2015	European centre	(Thorey et al., 2015)	20.0	–	–	8.3 %	–
5	Analog ensemble	2017	Italy	(Cervone et al., 2017)	–	–	–	–	–
6	Probabilistic forecasting model	2018	Météo France	(Thorey, Chauvin, & Mallet, 2018)	0.081	–	–	0.101 %	–
7	Ensemble forecast framework	2018	Queensland	(Raza, Mithulanathan, & Summerfield, 2018)	4.17 %	–	–	–	0.87
8	Climate research and prediction algorithm	2016	Japan	(Liu et al., 2016)	–	–	–	59.6 %	–
9	Ensemble methods	2015	Multiple locations	(Ren et al., 2015)	17.07 %	–	15.67 %	3.02 %	–
10	Glowworm swarm optimization	2017	India	(Jiang, Dong, & Xiao, 2017)	–	–	13.24 %	28.05 %	–
11	Extremely randomised trees, Random forest, Decision trees	2018	Cardiff, Wales, UK	(Ahmad, Mourshed, & Rezgui, 2018)	1.58	–	–	2.30 %	0.921
12	Ensemble forecast	2017	Multiple locations	(D. Yang & Dong, 2018)	–	–	–	15.40 %	–
13	Gradient boost, Bagging, Random forest, the Ensemble method	2017	Egypt, Jordan, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco	(Hassan, Khalil, Kaseb, & Kassem, 2017)	–	–	–	–	0.97
14	Multi-centre grand ensemble	2018	Japan	(Uno, Ohtake, Matsueda, & Yamada, 2018)	–	–	–	41.0 %	–
15	Extreme learning machines	2017	China	(Ni, Zhuang, Sheng, Kang, & Xiao, 2017)	–	–	–	–	–

usually at a coarser resolution. In Ref. (Inman et al., 2013), give a survey of photovoltaic (PV) prediciton approaches with deterministic forecasts. Ensemble models or probabilistic prediciton has been extensively described in the meteorological society (Gneiting & Katzfuss, 2014). In the recent past, ensemble-based prediciton approaches examined for PV (Zamo, Mestre, Arbogast, & Pannekoucke, 2014); however, these methods are more famous for wind power and wind speed prediction (Ren, Suganthan, & Srikanth, 2015). In climatology, an ensemble approaches (Roulin, 2007; Wei, Toth, Wobus, & Zhu, 2008) applied to estimate the security/reliability of the climate predictions for different kinds of studies and further used for commercial load forecasting methods.

An ensemble approach is general in ML and statistics. It practices multiple forecasters to get an aggregated determination which is useful as compared any of the base forecasts (Opitz & Maclin, 1999). According to Opitz & Maclin (1999), the ensemble models can be divided into two classes: cooperative and competitive for ensemble analysis. Competitive prediciton is used to train various features separately with multiple kinds of datasets or with the similar datasets though with numerous variables and then the forecasting is taken by equating the determinations of total individual forecasters (base prediciton). The cooperative ensemble prediction is to distribute the forecast assignment into many selecting suitable predictors and sub-tasks for specific sub-tasks comprised on the properties of sub-tasks; furthermore, the last choice is the total number of aggregate outputs of the previous base forecasts (Ren et al., 2015). Table 3 shows a comprehensive review with accuracy indexes for short-term solar radiation forecasting with ensemble-based classifications.

In Ref. (Ren et al., 2015), ensemble models for wind and solar prediction are used into two classes, each comprising further two subclasses, as given in Fig. 6. The competitive ensemble model (CEM) utilizes various variables and models to start predictions. The last projections are estimated from the weighted averaging by different predictions of the network. The CEM distributes the prediciton task into multiple steps, where many classifications which applied in various stages to achieve the final accurate and reliable predictions.

**2.1.1.3. Artificial neural networks.** The ANNs is a part of AI which operates as an excellent modeling tool for investigation such as its competitors to determine the non-linear network function evaluation, pattern detection, sorting of data, simulation, clustering and optimization. Such kind of setup called ‘black-box’ optimization methods to take out the non-linear trends. It is designed primarily includes a hidden layer, input layer, biases and weights, output layer, summation node, and the activation function. It is stepping into two steps: generalization (recalling) and learning (training). In the network training, biases and weights are applied to produce the output target by decreasing the error of the network function. The systems improved through ML, and the network trained from repetitions that are the remaining cycle of each dataset for training purpose to exist in the model networks. The modeling learning methods classified into reinforcement supervised learning, evolutionary and unsupervised approaches. For specific use of these, the supervised models are consisting of adding of deviation among the preferred output and actual network output results. The network biases, as well as weights, are adjusted by making training trend set as well as resultant forecasting errors among the subsequent network output and a preferred output network.

Though, supervised approaches continue as a closed-loop network feedback mode where the forecasting variation considered as the model feedback sign — the degree error identified by mean square error (MSE). The MSE defined a particular variation of the network, but the network training and learning rule ended when the MSE is decreased (Yadav & Chandel, 2014). Many researchers have proposed empirical classifications for the forecasting of solar radiation (Batelles, Rubio, Tovar, Olmo, & Alados-Arboledas, 2000; Karakoti, Pande, & Pandey,

2011; Khatib, Mohamed, & Sopian, 2012; Jebaraj & Iniyar, 2006; Khorasanizadeh & Mohammadi, 2013; Sonmete, Ertekin, Menges, Haciseferogullari, & Evrendilek, 2011). The forecasting observed to be precise with the quality estimated datasets (Coskun, Oktay, & Dincer, 2011; Myers, 2005).

Wange et al. developed a feature’s extraction methodology for solar irradiance and the support vector machine (SVM) based climate trend identification method for short-term Photovoltaic power forecasting (Wang, Zhen et al., 2015). Moreover, they estimated the accuracy of k-nearest neighbors and SVM methods, and then examined the sample-scale influences, amount of different classes as well as the distribution of data in various divisions on the everyday climate modeling results (Wang, Zhen, Wang, & Mi, 2017). Though, the fundamental disadvantage of these before-mentioned conventional classification approaches is their simple network learning with higher network dispersion. These models are inefficient to obtain ideal distribution efficiency due to deficient in achieving the deep nonlinear characteristics of the network data used for input, mainly when supplying vast numbers of complicated sets (different input feature variables) of data. One useful approach to mark the slight algorithm problem is the performance of the ANNs because it is the knowledge to determine the internal general characteristics variables and high-level hidden invariant constructions of the network in data (He, Zhang, Ren, & Sun, 2015). It’s observed through previous studies that the ANNs based distribution algorithms start developing as the large scale accuracy in different applications, exceeding classical statistics techniques such as the SVM (Sezer & Ozbayoglu, 2018). Fig. 7 gives the various kind of solar systems based applications using ANNs (Qazi et al., 2015). Table 4 shows a comprehensive review with accuracy indexes for the short-term solar radiation forecasting with ANNs classifications.

### 2.1.2. Wind energy forecasting

With the increasing growth of wind energy demand into the electricity grid station, reliable, accurate, and precise wind energy prediction is a necessary portion of the management and operation of electrical systems networks (Qian et al., 2019). The total global installed capacity of wind energy production predicted to lead 817 GW until 2021 (GWEC, 2017). Several approaches have been reported and applied in the different research to present wind energy speed predictions for the next few hours to the next couple of days (Foley et al., 2012). Existing classifications can be usually divided into three sections, e.g., data-driven models, physical numerical climate forecasting approaches, data-driven approaches with historical and the numerical weather prediction data (Chen, Qian, Nabney, & Meng, 2014; El Moursi, Al Hinai, Ssekulima, & Anwar, 2016; Lei, Shiyuan, Chuanwen, Hongling, & Yan, 2009). In this section, the detailed analysis conducted on ML, ensemble and ANNs for wind energy forecasting.

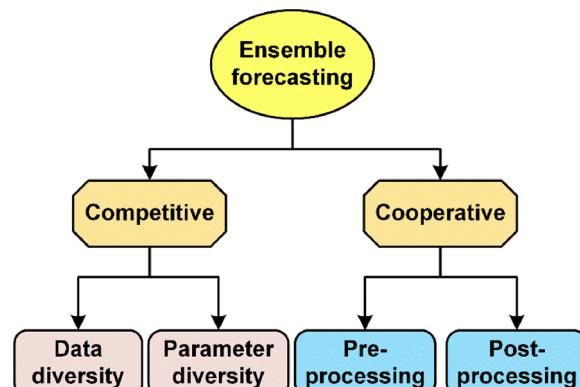


Fig. 6. Division of ensemble models for solar and wind energy prediciton (Ren et al., 2015).

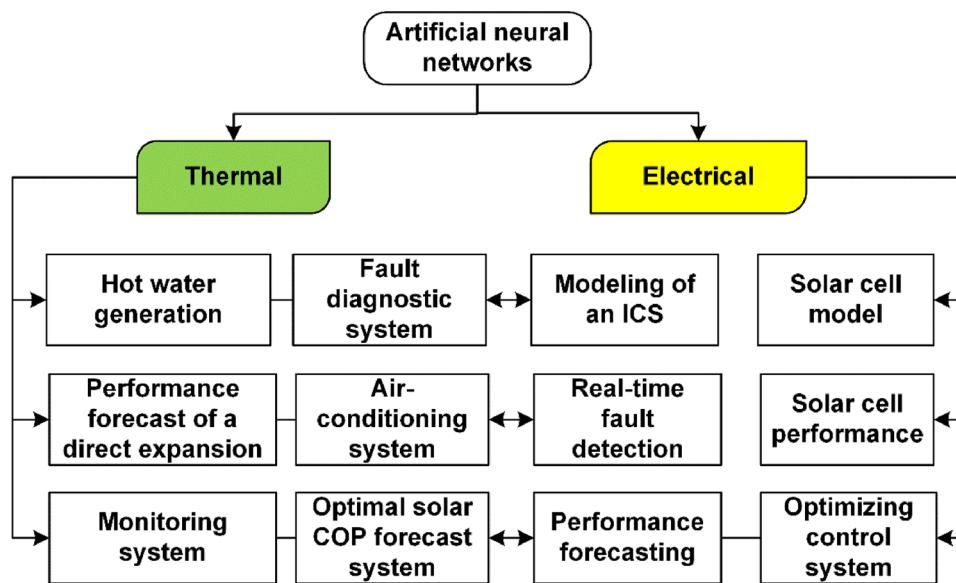


Fig. 7. The ANNs based network for solar systems (Qazi et al., 2015).

**2.1.2.1. Machine learning models.** Empirical and conventional approaches have been utilized conventionally to predict the solar energy and wind energy resources, although they have determined insufficient precision and other significant deficiencies (Lawan, Abidin, Masri, Chai, & Baharun, 2017; Qazi et al., 2015). Wind power prediciton error was compared and examined in (Hodge & Milligan, 2011) and (Bludszuweit, Domínguez-Navarro, & Llombart, 2008). Though, the before-mentioned study didn't investigate the forecastability and the prediction errors in combination with the prediciton manner. Several kinds of research tried to increase the predictability by improving forecasting techniques (i.e., ANNs (Wang, Luo, Grunder, & Lin, 2017), random forests based approaches (Min & Mitsuhashi, 2012), and fuzzy methods (Damousis, Alexiadis, Theocharis, & Dokopoulos, 2004) including higher learning ability, that can be studied in these review articles (Costa et al., 2008; Foley et al., 2012; Lei et al., 2009). These prediciton models classified based on various standards (i.e., look ahead duration (Okumus & Dinler, 2016), input data and model principles (Foley et al., 2012)). Including the rapid development of ML and big data analytics, wind prediction (notably, the short-term wind prediciton) has been substantially increased. Among several statistical approaches for short-term wind prediciton, deep learning and ensemble techniques have been obtained to operate better than ML-based single-algorithm methods (Feng, Cui, Hodge, & Zhang, 2017; Wang, Wang, Li, Peng, & Liu, 2016). However, these powerful ML approaches are essential for wind prediciton; the predictability is considerably influenced by other circumstances, like wind farm characteristics and local environmental conditions. Table 5 explains the short-term wind energy forecasting with machine learning models.

**2.1.2.2. Ensemble-based approaches.** Nonlinear ensemble forecasting classifications pointed out to be a higher efficient tool for getting higher forecast accuracy than the linear ensemble methods (Tian & Hao, 2018). In Ref. (Qiu, Ren, Suganthan, & Amaralatunga, 2017) developed an ensemble-deep learning approach for energy demand prediction. Moreover, ensemble learning (EL) has been recognized extensively that the network inner layer learning accuracy could be improved by combining and using with parallel learning approaches effectively (Ren, Zhang, & Suganthan, 2016). However, the present combined approaches for wind energy and speed prediction can be considered as one kind of ensemble forecast; most of their prediction accuracy of network results of individual predictors is a linear

combination. The general ensemble learning (EL) perceptive, ensemble forecasting comprised of non-linear learning could be more researched and investigated. Different ensemble models used for wind energy forecasting with higher accuracy and performance (Jiang & Huang, 2017; Liu, Tian, Liang, & Li, 2015; Wang, Li, & Bai, 2018; Wang, Zhang, Wu, & Wang, 2016; Wu & Huang, 2009). The forecasting accuracy of the hybrid algorithms is not that useful due to the variables like ensemble number and amplitude of noise are not accurately determined for decomposition. In the applicability of these methods to power and wind speed prediction, the central objective was a quantification of uncertainty for such kind of projections. The ensemble techniques developed for electricity and wind energy forecasting (Mein et al. (Men, Yee, Lien, Ji, & Liu, 2014; Men, Yee, Lien, Yang, & Liu, 2014; Wang, Wang, & Wang, 2013), and other different areas. The significant benefits of the ensemble models are the network confidence duration to the predicted electricity and wind energy can be taken efficiently, and later it can be applied as standards for the prediction estimation. Alternatively, Bremen (Bremnes, 2004) applied the quantile regression local for probabilistic prediction. Genting et al. (Gneiting, Larson, Westrick, Genton, & Aldrich, 2006) applied the Gaussian truncated forecast approach for the probabilistic predictions of one hour-averaged wind energy at the specific location. Furthermore, the ensemble-based learning models have been confirmed as an efficient method to dispose of the idea drift issues. Table 6 shows the short-term wind forecasting with ensemble-based classifications.

**2.1.2.3. Artificial neural networks.** From the recent past, many experts have given themselves to study on techniques to increase the prediction performance of wind energy and have explained a selection procedure of prediction approaches to accomplish this objective (Du, Wang, Guo, & Yang, 2017; Heng, Wang, Zhao, & Xiao, 2016; Jiang, Liu, & Song, 2017). An upgraded autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) approach in the mathematical application was used by in Ref. (Hodge et al., 2011) to forecast the wind energy and they got satisfactory forecast accuracy and proposed network structure shows higher forecasting performance. Though, a single mathematical algorithm sometimes fails to obtain accurate information about wind speed prediction efficiently. The AI like ANNs (Li & Shi, 2010; Liu, Tian, Pan, & Li, 2013; Liu, Wang, & Wang, 2015) and SVM (Ramesh Babu & Jagan Mohan, 2017) also commonly used for wind energy prediction. Though, the limitation of such methods while training duration of the algorithm is quite expensive. This type includes fuzzy systems (Liao &

**Table 4**  
Short-term solar radiation forecasting using ANNs.

Sr. No.	Models	Advantages	Year	Region	Ref.	Accuracy			
						MAE	CV	MAPE	RMSE
1	The multivariate neural network, Feedforward neural network, Elman backpropagation network	Strength to handle nonlinear, dynamic and abrupt meteorological differences	2018	Queensland	(Raza et al., 2018)	4.17 %	–	–	–
2	Artificial neural networks	Reducing the mutual information measure concerning the validation to be predicted	2019	Madina and Tamarrasset	(Bouzgou & Gueymard, 2019)	–	8.4–11.55 %	–	0.87 and 0.91
3	Artificial neural networks	Models obtain notable prediction improvements	2019	Pyrenees Orientales, France	(Benali et al., 2019)	–	–	34.11 %	–
4	BP neural network	Efficiently applied for short-term solar irradiance prediction	2011	United States	(Wang, Wang, & Su, 2011)	–	–	0.03 %	0.99
5	Convolutional neural networks, Generative adversarial networks	Decreased the number of variables to be measured because of the weight sharing method	2019	Multiple locations	(Wang, Zhang, Liu et al., 2019)	–	–	–	–
6	Artificial neural network	The most efficient algorithm as compared to independent approaches	2018	India	(Mital, Bora, Saxena, & Gaur, 2018)	–	–	–	–0.04
7	Artificial neural network	Higher accuracy, higher speed	2014	Multiple locations	(Yadav & Chandel, 2014)	–	2.99 %	1 %	0.99
8	Relief algorithm, Random-fog model, and Laplacian score algorithm Monte Carlo	Reliable forecasting of solar radiation correlated with utilizing all the available features	2018	Saudi Arabia	(Almarashi, 2018)	304.75	–	14.34 %	–
9	Artificial neural network	The main advantage of ANNs is it is highly non-linear modeling	2017	Kuwait	(Bou-Rabee, Sulaiman, Saleh, & Marafi, 2017)	–	86.3 %	–	–
10	Artificial neural network	Predicting solar irradiance with various time structures and in multiple parts	2016	Spain	(Gutiérrez-Córea, Manso-Callejo, Moreno-Regidor, & Manrique-Sancho, 2016)	35.55	–	12.88 %	–
11	Artificial neural network	It can be used in real time solar engineering applications at different levels	2012	Turkey	(Tüzgi, Öztopal, Yerli, Kaynak, & Şahin, 2012)	–	–	33–55 %	–
12	European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts -Based solar prediction model	An efficient alternative to determine SE and help with energy modeling for SR-rich places	2019	Southeast Queensland	(Ghimire, Deo, Downs, & Raj, 2019)	7.97–11.74	–	9.07 %	–
13	Artificial Neural Networks	Multiple designs in a comprehensive set of anthropic projects and operative areas	2016	Italian peninsula	(Alsina, Bortolini, Gambieri, & Regattieri, 2016)	–	1.67 %	–	–
14	Multi-objective particle swarm optimization	A single run can take forecast intervals for any target coverage probability	2017	State of Oklahoma	(Galván, Valls, Cervantes, & Aler, 2017)	–	–	–	0.99
15	Autoregressive moving average	Updates the operation and planning of photovoltaic systems and yields numerous economic benefits for electric companies	2017	Canada	(Alzahrani, Shamsi, Dagli, & Ferdowsi, 2017)	–	–	0.16 %	–
16	Data processing and neural networks. Multi-Parameter-based ANN	The flexibility of the model is higher, better speed and convergence	2017	Multiple climates China, UK, India Tehran, Iran	(Kashyap, Bansal, & Sato, 2015)	–	–	25–35 %	–
17	MLP artificial neural network	Higher credibility and accuracy compared to the algorithms that have been developed in previous studies	2014	Southern Spain	(Vakili, Sabagh-Yazdi, Khosrojerdi, & Kalhor, 2017)	–	1.50 %	–	–
18	Artificial neural network	Applied to calculate the PV energy output with a satisfactory degree of accuracy	–	–	(Almonacid, Pérez-Higueras, Fernández, & Hontoria, 2014)	–	–	–	–

**Table 5**  
Short-term wind energy forecasting with machine learning models.

Sr. No.	Models	Advantages	Year	Region	Ref.	Performance evaluation statistics			
						MAE	CV	MAPE	RMSE
1	The hybrid mode decomposition method	Ability to further improves the forecasting accuracy	2019	Denver West Pkwy, Gold	Zhang, Peng, Pan, & Liu, (2019)	0.01	–	0.12 %	0.015 %
2	Time series models	Increasing the accuracy of power forecasting and wind speed	2019	United States	Feng et al., (2018)	–	–	–	–
3	Backtracking search optimization model, Regularized extreme ML	Enhance prediction stability and accuracy	2018	Sotavento	Sun, Zhou et al., (2018)	24.99	–	18.15 %	11.86 %
4	Sparse Bayesian-based robust functional regression model	More precise predictions than the contrasted models	2019	Dongshan, China	(Wang, Wang, Srinivasan, & Hu, (2019))	0.33	–	8.66 %	0.46 %
5	Multi-task learning, Deep neural networks	Models can determine two outputs with less than 5 % error	2019	Multiple locations	Qin et al., (2019)	–	–	0.78 %	–
6	Empirical mode decomposition, Autoregressive moving average approach, Wavelet packet decomposition, Extreme ML	The models have the higher forecasting performance, accuracy and stability	2017	China	Mi, Liu, & Li, (2017)	0.99	–	4.42 %	1.23 %
7	Multimodel machine learning-based ensemble deterministic forecasting framework	Developed two-step probabilistic predicton methodology has increased the loss of pinball metric score about 35 % contrasted to a baseline quantile regression approach	2019	Multiple locations USA	Sun, Feng, Chaitan, Hodge, & Zhang, (2019)	4.92	–	3–5 %	–
8	Gradient boosted machines	Algorithms are efficient of being used to any such wind prediction task with least modeling exercise	2016	Multiple locations	Landry, Erlinger, Patschke, & Varrichio, (2016)	–	–	–	–
9	Fuzzy set theory, Multi-objective slap swarm model	Very satisfying results in both objects among least width and high coverage.	2019	Shandong Province, China	Jiang, Li, & Li, (2019)	–	–	–	–
10	Empirical mode decomposition, Secondary hybrid decomposition, Wavelet packet decomposition	The great benefit over different past hybrid algorithms with respect to load demand forecasting accuracy	2017	Spain	Yin et al., (2017)	0.10	–	0.13 %	–
11	Deep belief network	The locality-sensitive hashing search model is used to cluster the nearest training data samples to increase forecasting efficiency	2019	Jiangsu Province of China	Zhang, Le, Liao, Zheng, & Li, (2018)	1.79	–	2.76 %	–
12	Quantile based regression outlier-robust extreme ML	Efficient to increase the calculation and forecast ability	2017	National Renewable Energy Laboratory data	Zheng, Peng et al., (2017)	0.009	–	0.42 %	0.01 %
13	Decomposition-based models	It has the benefit of treatment non-linearity	2019	China	Qian et al., (2019)	–	–	–	–
14	Regularized extreme ML, Empirical wavelet transform	The used hybrid algorithm has a higher multiple-step forecasting accuracy	2018	China	Liu, Wu, & Li, (2018)	-0.71	–	1.46 %	9.12 %
15	Autoregressive integrated moving average	Concise training time and its suitability for short-term predictions	2018	China	(Wang, Li et al., 2018)	0.14	–	7.63 %	0.21 %
16	Sequence transfer correction algorithm	Strong generalization capability to various correction algorithms	2019	China	(Wang, Han, Liu, Yan, & Li, 2019)	–	–	9.8 %	–
17	Multi-objective optimization, Least squares support vector machines	The basic benefits of this approach are that it's easy and simple to implement	2018	Penglai, China	Li & Jin, (2018)	–	–	–	–
18	Deep learning	More accurate and robust in extracting the trend knowledge	2018	China	Liu, Mi, & Li, (2018)	-5.88	–	36.12 %	1.35 %
19	Gaussian process, Uncertainty propagation	Gives an innovative systematic structure for iterative multi-step interval predictions	2018	Ireland	(Yan et al., 2018)	0.02	0.03 %	0.03 %	–

**Table 6**  
Short-term wind forecasting with ensemble-based classifications.

Sr. No.	Models	Advantages	Year	Region	Ref.	Performance evaluation statistics			
						MAE	CV	MAPE	RMSE
1	Anologue ensemble method	Only needs a single predicting algorithm, as opposed to the different algorithm runs	2015	Sicily, Italy	(Alessandrini, Delle Monache, Sperati, & Nissen, 2015)	—	—	—	—
2	Multi-objective optimization algorithm, Extreme learning machine	The developed model is better performance to all the different considered algorithms with respect to both stability and accuracy	2019	Canada and Spain	(Hao & Tian, 2019)	8.15	—	3.64 %	8.45 %
3	Ensemble learning, Extremal optimization	Can obtain a better prediction performance	2018	Inner Mongolia, China	(Chen, Zeng, Zhou, Du, & Lu, 2018)	1.14	—	17.10 %	1.53 %
4	Convolutional neural network	Increased the accuracy and help to reduce the probabilistic uncertainties	2017	China	(Wang, Li et al., 2017)	—	—	—	—
13	Multi-Objective Grey Wolf Optimizer, Wavelet Packet decomposition	Ensemble algorithm outperforms other benchmark methods significantly	2018	Xinjiang Province, China	(Liu, Duan, Li, & Lu, 2018)	0.76	—	0.79 %	1.43 %
	Hybrid evolutionary approach	High stability and precision of wind-speed prediction	2017	China	(Qu et al., 2017)	0.77	—	1.025	—
	Ensemble empirical mode decomposition, Hybrid model	Actual and forecasted values are more than smaller variations	2018	Xinjiang region of China	(Santhosh, Venkaiah, & Vinod Kumar, 2018)	27.06	—	15.70 %	31.78 %
	Ensemble forecasting, Gaussian mixture	Confidence duration for the predicted load and wind speeds can be achieved rigorously and then applied as criteria for the prediction estimation	2016	Taiwan	(Men, Yee, Lien, Wen, & Chen, 2016)	146.50	—	—	170.10 %
	On-line sequential Outlier Robust Extreme ML, Time-varying mixture copula function	Solution convergence and accuracy speed addressing complicated optimization issues	2017	Texas, USA	(Peng et al., 2017)	0.01	—	0.62 %	0.02 %
	Empirical mode decomposition	Good multi-resolution and broad applicability	2016	Mongolia in China	(Wang, Zhang et al., 2016)	—	—	8.08 %	0.71 %
	Fast ensemble empirical mode decomposition Ensemble methods	The benefits of mutual knowledge in estimating the nonlinearity Higher speed and accuracy	2018	China	(Sun & Wang, 2018)	0.68	—	14.41 %	1.14 %
			2016	Multiple locations	(Nagy, Barla, Kazi, Borbély, & Simon, 2016)	—	—	—	—
	The generalized autoregressive conditional heteroskedasticity models	Higher forecasting results for point forecasting and wind power density forecast	2009	United Kingdom	(Taylor, McSharry, & Buiza, 2009)	—	—	51 %	—
	Deep learning	Increases the function of activation to optimize the convergence speed	2019	Multiple locations	(Yu et al., 2019)	—	—	5.61 %	—

**Table 7**  
Short-term wind energy prediction using the ANNs.

Sr. No.	Models	Advantages	Year	Region	Ref.	Performance evaluation statistics				
						MAE	CV	MAPE	RMSE	R
1	Adaptive wavelet neural network	Actual and forecasted variation is smaller and higher accuracy	2018	Xinjiang region of China	(Santhosh et al., 2018)	27.06	–	15.70 %	31.78 %	–
2	Genetic algorithm backpropagation neural network	Good multi-resolution networks and wide applicability in different fields	2016	Mongolia in China	(Wang, Zhang et al., 2016)	–	–	8.08 %	0.71 %	–
3	Improved BP neural network	The benefit of mutual learning in estimating the nonlinearity	2018	China	(Sun & Wang, 2018)	0.64	–	11.77 %	0.88 %	–
4	Wavelet-based neural network	With decreased complexity, the algorithm needs less historical data as contrasted to that in available kinds of literature	2017	India	(Abhinav, Pindoriya, Wu, & Long, 2017)	51.47	–	–	32.83 %	–
5	Multi-task learning, Deep neural networks	Useful in prediction oncoming atmosphere circumstances	2019	Different location	(Qin et al., 2019)	–	–	1.10 %	–	–
6	Artificial neural networks	There is no cost or time benefit contrasted to other combination algorithms	2019	China	(Wang, Zhang, & Lu, 2019)	21.61	–	21.69 %	21.56 %	–
7	Echo state approach, Nonlinear echo state approach, Adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference approach	The scheme is simple with higher learning ability and forecast efficiency	2019	Nevada	(Chitsazan, Sami Fadali, & Trzynadlowski, 2019)	0.3	–	–	0.74 %	–
8	Hybrid decomposition technique	Highly fit for non-stationary multi-step wind energy prediction	2019	Shandong, China	(Qu, Mao, Zhang, Zhang, & Li, 2019)	0.06	–	2.23 %	0.08 %	–
9	Type-2 fuzzy ANNs, Particle swarm optimization model	Precise wind energy prediction in an energy system control centre	2018	Island, Canada	(Sharifian, Ghadi, Ghavidel, Li, & Zhang, 2018)	–	–	0.88 %	3.38 %	–
10	Empirical wavelet transforms, Deep learning	High-precision wind speed forecast	2018	China	(Liu, Mi, & Li, 2018)	0.58	–	4.43 %	0.57 %	–
11	Covariance matrix adaptation evolutionary approach	Render precise forecasts when forecasting multiple time-steps in the future perspective	2018	Ireland	(Mason, Duggan, & Howley, 2018)	–	–	5.02 %	41.04 %	–
12	Functional network	Cost-efficient for energy planning and dispatch plans by precisely forecasting	2018	Dodge City, KS	(Ahmed & Khalid, 2018)	24.79	–	17.38 %	27.31 %	–
13	Fast ensemble empirical mode, Wavelet packet decomposition	Adequate performance in the multi-step wind energy forecasts	2015	Algeria	(Liu, Tian, Liang, & Li, 2015)	0.05	–	0.28 %	0.06 %	–
14	Elman neural network, Gradient boosted regression trees	Wind prediction by gathering characteristic data into different parts	2018	Sichuan Province, China	(C. Yu, Li, Xiang, & Zhang, 2018)	0.08	–	3.0 %	0.11 %	–
15	Local linear fuzzy neural network	The performance of the forecast increased contrasted with conventional predicting algorithms	2017	China	(Dong, Sun, & Li, 2017)	–	–	–	0.028 %	–
16	Artificial neural networks	Higher speed and accuracy	2018	Multiple locations	(Camelo et al., 2018)	0.44	–	8.70 %	0.56 %	–
17	Support vector machines, Artificial neural networks	ANNs prediction accuracy improves significantly with increasing the ensemble size	2015	San Francisco	(Taghiarri, Viola, & Flay, 2015)	0.81 to 0.78	–	–	–	–
18	Generalized dynamic fuzzy neural network	A simple and effective tool for the energy management and planning of smart grids	2017	China	(Ma, Jin, & Dong, 2017)	0.83	–	1.07 %	19.71 %	–

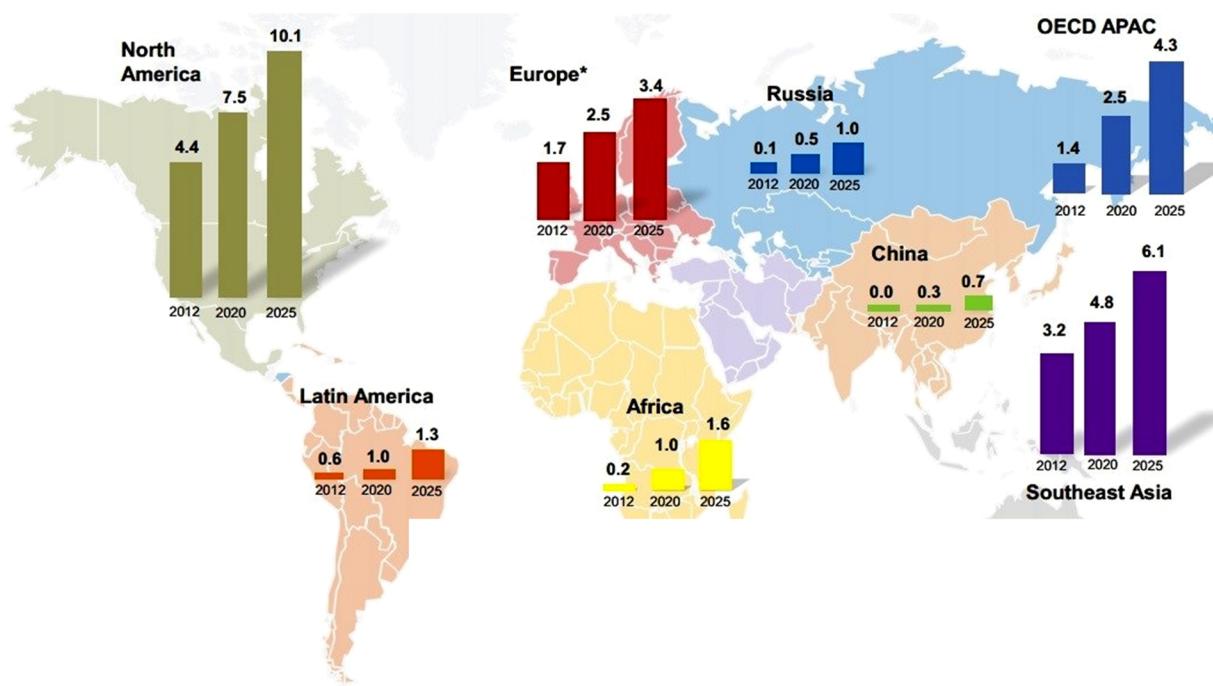
Tsao, 2006; Park, Kim, Hwang, & Kim, 1995) expert systems (Park et al., 1995), ANNs (Yun et al., 2008), type-2-fuzzy ANNs (Wan, Xu, Pinson, Dong, & Wong, 2014) and the Kernel-density estimator (Tascikaraoglu, Sanandaji, Poolla, & Varaiya, 2016). Moreover, applying the extreme ML (Fang & Chiang, 2017; Kavousi-Fard, Khosravi, & Nahavandi, 2016), the Gaussian process regression (Ren, Suganthan, & Srikanth, 2016) and SVR (Xydas et al., 2017; Rodan & Tišo, 2011) are becoming famous for wind energy and wind speed prediciton. These methods are more suitable and practical for real-time online applications. The most practical and popular AI methods are the Type-2-fuzzy ANNs that connects the linguistic feature interception of Type-2-fuzzy sets as well as the network learning function of the ANN (Lou & Dong, 2015; Mohammadzadeh & Ghaemi, 2015; Sharifian & Sharifian, 2015). Furthermore, this system can manage the associated uncertainty with input variables. Table 7 shows the short-term wind energy prediction using the ANNs.

### 2.1.3. Geothermal energy forecasting

In the past few decades, a large number of challenges concerning global economic instability, the boost in climate and the competitiveness change (Dodox, Gustavsson, & Sathre, 2010). Under these conditions, the increasing cost of raw materials as well as the leading dependency on the fossil fuels as a result environment disaster headed to explore a new way in the usage area of alternative energy sources (Pouliezos, 2012). The renewable energy supply is unlimited, and it is the advantage is a comparatively clean environment. For these purposes, from the last decades, several governments have supported strategies that support the benefit of these types of clean energy use like geothermal energy (Jacobsson & Lauber, 2006). The world's fundamental energy usage requirement, a very least portion provided by the source of geothermal energy, e.g., lower than 1 % of the total world energy demand. It was observed in 2015, that the world geothermal energy capacity increased to 13.20 GW because of a substantial addition of 315.0 Megawatt of installed ratio in 2018. The geographic positions of geothermal energy farms, that provide about 72.01 % of entire world geothermal energy potential are adjacent Rim-Pacific hotspot characteristics. An unstable rate of total geothermal energy installation capacity about 43.01 % which positioned on island nations or regions, and is fit for uses like heating, energy generation, and the heat storage in ambient conditions (IRENA, 1980; Tareen et al., 2018). A significant hurdle in proposing the different geothermal areas is the higher up-front price of resource characterization and exploration (European Comission. (EurObserv'ER) (2016a)). Recognizing the productive potential of such kinds of geothermal sources needs the expedient models and inexpensive development for evaluating and identifying the unmeasured reservoirs of geothermal energy. The enhanced geothermal system (EGS) approach has evolved from the last forty years in different areas: hence, the primary attempt from the United States of America (USA) in it is Hill Fenton design by 1973 (Duchane & Brown, 2002; Lei, Zhang et al., 2019), a list of enhanced geothermal system study designs 85 new systems throughout the globe, like Rosemanowes in the United Kingdom (1977–1991) (Deep geothermal UK-United downs project, 2011), Hijiori project in Japan (1981–1986) (Kuriyagawa & Tenma, 1999), and Basel project in Switzerland (2005–2006) (Wyss & Rybach, 2010), in which Germany's Landau energy station was second commercial-level EGS and France's Soultz-sous Forêts station plants. The first GES plant was the Soultz EGS operating commercial energy plant in the globe. The Soultz EGS station has given a generation capacity of about 25 kg/s and recently renders consistent hydrothermal energy production (Lu, 2018). Furthermore, the EGS Pohang station in the Republic of South Korea, the noel EGS Insheem station located in Germany, additionally the EGS Desert-Peak station located in the USA possess expedite the speed of new studies and analysis on geothermal energy (Benato & Taron, 2014; Goldstein et al., 2009). A particular plant called 'Forge programme' completed from the USA energy department supposed to obtain technological enhancement

**Table 8**  
Geothermal energy forecasting.

Sr. No.	Models	Advantages	Year	Region	Ref.	Performance evaluation statistics				
						MAE	CV	MAPE	RMSE	R
1	Time series modeling, TDNN, ARIMA, Ridge regression, Decision trees	Enable the networks to get various instants in time, higher forecasting accuracy and fast speed	2019	Spain	(Baruque, Portras, Jove, & Calvo-Rolle, 2019)	1.72	—	—	—	0.55
2	Monte Carlo simulations	Estimate the uncertainty in reservoir variables, Higher efficiency and better forecastability	2018	Horn River, Clarke Lake, Prophet River and Jedney	(Palmer-Wilson, Banks, Walsh, & Robertson, 2018)	—	—	—	—	—
3	Numerical modeling	Estimates the optimized requirements for keeping the concentration	2019	Japan	(Yanaze, Yoo, Marumo, & Ueda, 2019)	—	—	—	—	0.89
4	Geothermal-solar power plant	The hybrid plant may considerably help from the increase of a thermal energy storage in different units	2018	Fallon, NV	(Ciani Bassetti, Consoli, Manente, & Lazzaretto, 2018)	—	—	—	—	—
5	Geothermal power plants, Geothermal energy	Most fit zones for energy plants installations	2015	Ischia volcanic island	(Paoletti et al., 2015)	—	—	—	—	—



**Fig. 8.** Annual geothermal energy outlook: The total geothermal global forecast installed capacity, 2012, 2020, and 2025.

in geothermal system breakthroughs like: creation of reservoir, exploration, maintenance of repository, and different methods that will hopeful to facilitate the EGS installation potential in the USA and to give 100 GWe estimated potential by 2050 (Workshop, Geothermal, & Development, 2013). There are different models presented in Table 8 and it shows that the monte Carlo simulations estimates the uncertainty in different kinds of reservoir parameters and give higher efficiency and forecastability.

Table 8 shows the detailed analysis of geothermal energy demand forecasting.

Furthermore, the Sullivan & Frost published a new report which predicts the world total installed capacity of EGS to more than double by 2025 - rising from 1566 GW in 2012 to 3203 GW in 2025 which has been presented in Fig. 8<sup>2</sup>.

#### 2.1.4. Electricity requirement forecasting models

Future electricity requirement prediction, also identified as energy electricity requirement prediction or load prediction, is not a novel theory. The primary study on electricity requirement prediciton can back to history in 1965 (Heinemann, Plant, & Nordman, 1966). Reliable electricity requirement prediction is essential such as critical economic importance (Bunn, 2000). In Ref. (Hobbs, 1999), with 1 % decrease in the prediciton for mean absolute percentage error (MAPE), 10,000 MW h energy can be conserved, it explains that a precise energy method may conserve up to 1.6 \$ million in a specific fiscal year. Electricity requirement prediction is doing a significant part in system operations, energy production, transmission, and storage, while accurate prediciton is shifting considerable attention of energy planning and management (Khuntia, Rueda, & van der Meijden, 2016). However, more studies also concentrated on how to increase the accuracy and robustness of energy demand prediction.

**2.1.4.1. Machine learning models.** Electricity requirement prediction technologies based on ML models are extensively applied in the area of applied energy, like wind energy and wind speed prediction (Meng,

Ge, Yin, & Chen, 2016), load demand and peak demand prediciton (Hernandez et al., 2014), building load requirement forecasting (Ahmad, Chen, & Shair, 2018), cooling load prediction (Ahmad & Chen, 2018b) and so on. The heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system in the commercial sector accounts for about 40 % of real-time energy expenditure, specifically for subtropical regions, therefore the fundamental tools to increase the building energy performance, reliability and accuracy (Fan, Xiao, & Wang, 2014). The rapid advancement in the ML approach do this an efficient system of univariate time-series prediction, and the basic challenge extends in the choice and selection of prediction techniques (Bontempi, Ben Taieb, & Le Borgne, 2013).

Current studies of load prediction give an overview of the present recent forecasting classifications and their further distribution in different sectors. Studies (Deb, Zhang, Yang, Lee, & Shah, 2017) has analyzed and compared the forecasting accuracy results of prior researches like (Deb et al., 2017; Zhao & Magoulès, 2012). They investigated the nine general prediction approaches which comprised of the ML platform. Magoules and Zhao (2012) reviewed the proposed classifications for forecasting energy load demand, including complicated and complex statistical techniques, AI approaches and engineering-based techniques (Zhao & Magoulès, 2012). Though, from these studies, analyzed that the past studies are based on forecasting analysis results but including the different kinds of database. The accuracy of these models is further presented in Table 9.

**2.1.4.2. Ensemble-based approaches.** Ensemble-based approaches consist of a different number of ensemble methods (ELMs) used for model training. It is observed that the ensemble approaches possess the strengths in term of unique methods for increased robustness and accuracy. Many ensemble techniques have been proposed for short-term energy prediction (Abdel-Aal, 2005; Brown, Wyatt, & Tino, 2005; Taylor & Buizza, 2002). For instance, in Ref. (De Felice & Yao, 2011), the negative regularized correlation learning approach was applied to improve the forecastability of the ensemble network.

Ensemble learning techniques, which achieve higher prediction accuracy and efficiency by strategically connecting recurring learning models, has been extensively used in different research areas including

<sup>2</sup> <https://cleantechica.com/2015/01/29/frost-sullivan-predict-renewables-double-2025/>

**Table 9**  
Short-term electricity forecasting with machine learning models.

Sr. No.	Models	Advantages	Year	Region	Ref.	Performance evaluation statistics				
						MAE	CV	MAPE	RMSE	
1	Grey wolf optimization, Least-squares SVM	A practical technique that can increase the prediction performance remarkably	2019	Australia	(Yang, Li, & Yang, 2019)	32.20	–	0.555	–	0.99
2	Autoregressive integrated moving average	The model can gain the various characteristics connected with power load	2018	Australia	(Zhang, Wei, Li, Tan, & Zhou, 2018)	113.6	–	–	1.42 %	–
3	CDT, Fitcknn, I.RM, and Stepwise-LRM	Facilities for investment management by power companies, commercial and industrial consumers	2018	Beijing, China	(Ahmad & Chen, 2018c)	1.67	–	0.03 %	15.10 %	–
4	Machine learning models	Support consumer in energy planning and management	2018	New Taipei City, Taiwan	(Chou & Tran, 2018)	0.02	–	15.65 %	0.09 %	0.79
5	An artificial neural network with nonlinear autoregressive exogenous multivariable Inputs, Multiple linear regression model, AdaBoost Chaos—support vector regression	Appearances or accuracy are shown to be promising	2018	ISO New England	(Ahmad & Chen, 2018a)	–	4.99 %	0.01 %	–	–
6	Extreme learning machine model	The developed algorithm could also be applied in different forecasting areas	2019	–	(Xuan et al., 2019)	–	2.44 %	3.89 %	–	0.74
7	Machine learning, Support vector regression, Regression trees	Useful mapping capability and can adequately handle with a considerable variety of designing and mapping difficulties	2018	–	(Chen, Kloff, Yang, Li, & Li, 2018)	71.00	–	0.92 %	83.93 %	–
8	Recurrent extreme learning machine	Capability to find world energy minima rather than local minima in the forecasting solution space, higher speed and accuracy	2017	University of New South Wales	(Yildiz, Bilbao, & Sprout, 2017)	–	–	1.04 %	–	0.99
9	Machine Learning algorithms	Higher potential to be used in modeling dynamic systems efficiently	2016	Portugal	(Ertegul, 2016)	–	–	–	0.02 %	–
10	Nadaraya-Watson Kernel density estimator approach	Better and higher performance	2018	Canada	(Saloux & Candalanedo, 2018)	–	–	–	2.9 %–3.9 %	–
11	Machine learning model	Captures one of the higher reliability indicator numbers	2018	Spain and Portugal	(Monteiro, Ramirez-Rosado, Fernandez-Jimenez, & Ribeiro, 2018)	5.55	–	–	–	–
12	Supervised based machine learning models	Big-data can be consolidated in the forecasting approach to increase the performance and interpret complicated data analytic issues	2016	United States	(Naimur Rahman, Esmailpour, & Zhao, 2016)	–	4.13 %	–	–	–
13	Stepwise regression, nonlinear autoregressive model	Higher speed, higher accuracy, the stability of the network	2018	ISO New England	(Ahmad, Chen Huang et al., 2018)	–	1.60 %	0.98 %	–	–
14	Deep learning, Multi-modal	Algorithms are guaranteed the precise design and network operation of the different distributed energy system operations	2019	ISO New England	(T. Ahmad & Chen, 2019)	–	4.53 %	3.19 %	402 %	–
15	Multiple linear regression	Calculate the energy tendency more perfectly with lower errors	2018	New York City	(Tong et al., 2018)	–	–	1.72 %	–	–
16	Multivariate adaptive regression spline	Precise cooling prediction in the building sector	2018	Beijing, China	(Ahmad, Chen Shair, 2018)	0.73	–	1.70 %	0.78 %	–
17	Chaos-SVR, WD-SVR, SVR and BP	Helpful scientific tools for the different investigation of real-time power requirement data prediction	2018	Queensland, Australia	(Al-Musaylih, Deo, Adamowski, & Li, 2018)	0.76	–	–	0.995	–
18	Artificial fish swarm and gene expression programming	Several features which are suitable for various kinds of cooling load in time series	2017	–	(Xuan, Zhubing, Liequan, Junwei, & Dongmei, 2017)	–	–	–	–	0.85
19	Gaussian process regression	The benefits in mean time-consumption, the mean number of convergences, higher predicted efficiency and most top parallel performance in scale-up and speedup	2018	Multiple locations	(Deng, Yuan, Yang, & Zhang, 2018)	–	3.69 %	–	–	–
20	Gaussian process regression	Models are useful in forecasting the abnormal behavior in the datasets as well as cooling energy requirement prediction	2019	Beijing, China	(Ahmad, Chen, Shair, & Xu, 2019)	0.19	2.05 %	2.59 %	–	0.99

time-series forecasting, regression and pattern classification. Dietterich has presumed three primary causes for the success and achievement rate of ensemble techniques: representational, computational and statistical characteristics (Dietterich, 2007). Furthermore, the decomposition of bias-variance (Geman, Bienenstock, & Doursat, 1992) and strong relationship also demonstrate why ensemble models have higher accuracy and efficiency than their non-ensemble classifications. Between the many ensemble techniques (EMD based AdaBoost-BPNN method for wind speed forecasting, 2014; Hu, Bao, & Xiong, 2014; Qiu, Zhang, Ren, Suganthan, & Amaralunga, 2014; Ren, Suganthan et al., 2016; Wei, 2016), conquer and divide (Radhakrishnan, Kolippakkam, & Mathura, 2007) is a theory which holds models which frequently used in the time series prediction. The wavelet transform approach is generally applied in time-series decomposition model. It disintegrates the primary time series into several orthonormal subseries from seeing at a different domain of frequency-time in the network (Benaouda, Murtagh, Starck, & Renaud, 2006) use multistate decomposition wavelet-based nonlinear approach for energy demand prediction. Adaptive wavelet ANNs applied for short-term prediciton with the feed-forward network and different hidden layers with neurons. Table 10 shows the short-term electricity forecasting with ensemble-based approaches. It can be observed that the ensemble-based empirical model decomposition and deep learning-based ensemble models widely used in different kinds of research including classification and time series analysis.

**2.1.4.3. Artificial neural networks.** A considerable number of researches have been carried on load demand forecasting, and various methods, like autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA), SVM, and ANNs have been introduced to solve such kinds of complex problems. For places where no accurate technique has been recognized, the combination of energy prediction has been one of the most effective, essential and successful study aspects used since it is the introduction part by Granger and Bates (Bates & Granger, 1969) in earlier 1960s. However, defining these determinants is a vital and challenging issue for the ANNs applications. Therefore, the systematic approach prevails unavailable; various heuristic methods have been developed in different literature such as presented in (Aladag, 2011; Aladag, Egrioglu, Gunay, & Basaran, 2010; Anders & Korn, 1999; Aras & Kocakoç, 2016; Egrioglu, Yolcu, Aladag, & Bas, 2015; Heravi, Osborn, & Birchenhall, 2004; Lachtermacher & Fuller, 1995).

A substantial number of researches have studied the building energy forecast applying various computational intelligence techniques. In the field of building load, the ANNs recognized as the common favourite option for forecasting load demand in the buildings sector (Ahmad, Mourshed, & Rezgui, 2017). The ANNs was applied to estimate the load demand for the passive solar house in reference (Kalogirou & Bojic, 2000). A single backpropagation ANN for building short-term energy prediction was applied by Gonzales et al. (González & Zamarreño, 2005). A customary regression-based ANNs was applied to predict the cooling energy demand which associated with energy usage for three main buildings (Ben-Nakhi & Mahmoud, 2004). Four forecasting models consist of the conventional back-propagation ANNs, general regression ANNs, the radial function and SVM were applied to forecast the one-hour cooling energy demand of a building located in China (Li, Meng, Cai, Yoshino, & Mochida, 2009). Several other studies have concentrated on ANNs for short-term energy prediciton (Hippert, Pedreira, & Souza, 2001; Rodrigues, Cardeira, & Calado, 2017). The forecasting results from these studies explain that the ANNs approaches a comparatively efficient method to predict the short-term energy demand for commercial buildings and homes. Table 11 explicates the advantages of ANNs. It also presents the that the ANNs improves the stability and accuracy of forecasts with simplicity and higer perfoamnce.

## 2.2. Medium-term renewable energy and electricity forecasting

Three major types including short, medium and long-term used in energy operations control and scheduling, planning and management and transmission/production extension planning(Arora & Taylor, 2018; González-Romera, Jaramillo-Morán, & Carmona-Fernández, 2006). For this purpose, retailers, and large customers require an accurate probabilistic price and energy forecasting in the medium-term (start from one-week, months to one year) to optimize their energy scheduling and operation to adjust accurately in the short-term market as well as profitable sign agreements. From the above discussion, several studies have been concentrated on short-term forecasting approaches, but the least number of researches has been conducted on medium-term load demand forecasting as well as heating and cooling load. Maximum predicted approaches only analyzed the effects of environmental determinants/factors, whereas the thermal inertia and indoor temperature of the buildings sector were still neglected. Furthermore, the weather condition, particularly the outdoor dry bulb temperature is one of the key factors that change the cooling and heating load demand and it needs to analyzed well for actual HVAC load. Table 12 shows the medium-term renewable energy forecasting models and explicates that the supervised give more accurate results. Support vector machine and ANNs give least forecasting errors. Stochastic programming can be used in rea time energy consumption data analysis at differt kinds of locations.

## 2.3. Long-term renewable energy and electricity forecasting

The long-term annual energy load prediciton represents a critical role in the country's energy mix development and planning. Reliable and accurate results can efficiently increase the efficiency of the load planning projects. Though, the long-term forecasting has been influencing by several factors such as: economic growth, policy adjustment, and technology advancement, that make long-term prediction as a complicated task (Xia, Wang, & McMenemy, 2010). From the recent past, several efforts at different levels for long-term energy planning have been established. Some models are econometrics, regression analysis, fuzzy logic, ANNs and grey algorithm (Bohi & Zimmerman, 2003; Suganthi & Samuel, 2012). Usually, these predictions approaches can be distributed into three classes: ANNs classifications, TS approaches and uncertainty classifications. The uncertainty and accuracy difference of the long-term energy requirement, fuzzy feed-forward neural network forecasting approaches and collaborative principal component analysis were reported in Ref. (Jia, Yokoyama, Zhou, & Gao, 2001). Therefore, some update model like the Bayesian network (BN) and Bayesian vector autoregression were developed to increase the probability density performance and methodology (Yao, Song, Zhang, & Cheng, 2000). Recently, in different studies, the top-down and bottom-up methods applied to calculate the long-term energy consumption requirement. The top-down approaches are the way to handles the network parameters at all, giving the effects directly for them; therefore, the bottom-up method divides such parameters into different network components, and model the output are then combined to produce the new feature variables. The energy effiriceny measures are very significant as they enable decreasing future load requirement and consequently used to increase the fertility of industrial methods (Farlat et al., 1997; Fleiter, Fehrenbach, Worrell, & Eichhammer, 2012; He et al., 2017; Worrell, Laitner, Ruth, & Finman, 2003). According to Zhang and Rajbhandari (Rajbhandari & Zhang, 2018; Silva, Souza, Cyrino Oliveira, Lourenco, & Calili, 2018; Silva et al., 2018), the load forecasting accuracy identified as a fundamental strategy option for weather change reduction as well as an industrial strategy to increase the economic growth. The Gaussian mixture based models show their higher generalization capability with supplementary testes on outliers toward kernel density estimation of the network such presented in Table 13

**Table 10**  
Short-term electricity forecasting with ensemble-based approaches.

Sr. No.	Models	Advantages	Year	Region	Ref.	Performance evaluation statistics			
						MAE	CV	MAPE	RMSE
1	Partial least squares regression approach, Extreme learning machine Ensemble method	The different numerical results determine that the developed approaches can substantially increase prediction accuracy Achieve better prediction results in contrast with different state-of-art standard approaches	2016	ISO New England	(Li, Goel, & Wang, 2016)	—	—	1.14 %	—
2	Deep learning, Ensemble method	Fault reliability and prediction is higher in real time applications	2016	ISO New England	(Li, Wang, & Goel, 2016)	—	—	0.91 %	—
3	Empirical mode decomposition, Deep learning ensemble method	Widely used in different research areas including pattern classification, time-series, and regression prediction	2014	National Aeronautics and Space Administration	(Qiu et al., 2014)	—	0.11 %	27.33 %	0.16 %
4	Autoregressive integrated moving average	Benefits of some predictive algorithms to obtain reliable results	2017	Australia	(Qiu et al., 2017)	266.58	—	3.00 %	—
5	Random forests, Gradient boosting regression trees	Gradient boosting and random forests trees can be suitable for energy prediction applications and yield actual results	2016	Iran	(Barak & Sadegh, 2016)	12.59	—	—	15.74 %
6	Generalizable approach	Ensemble approach is proficient of incorporating complicated forecasters	2015	Burlington, Concord, Portland, Boston, Bridgeport	(Papadopoulos & Karakatsanis, 2015)	—	—	1.97 %	270.6 %
7	Ensemble empirical mode decomposition	Great generalization capability, Higher training accuracy and speed and a better balance of error	2015	California	(Burger & Moura, 2015)	—	—	7.5 %	—
8	Ensemble learning	Ensemble learning approach an accurate and convenient method to forecast household energy usage requirement	2018	Jiangsu, China	(Li, Tao, Ao, Yang, & Bai, 2018)	26,765	—	5.31 %	22,30 %
9	Ensemble Kalman filter	The efficiency of developed algorithms is substantially higher than the present state-of-art approaches	2016	Japan	(Chen, Jiang, Zheng, & Chen, 2018)	—	—	1562 %	0.16
10	Evolutionary algorithms, Multi-objective optimization AdaBoost ensemble model	Results show reliability and higher accuracy of used models Don't require a pre-assumed form of the method; higher nonlinear mapping capability; can solve the complex nonlinear problems	2018	New Zealand	(Takeda, Tamura, & Sato, 2016)	—	—	1.86 %	—
11		Conceptual advantages of ensemble learning, relying on the need for diversity within different kinds of network datasets Boosting models more appropriate for unstable time-series prediction	2018	China	(Peimankar, Weddell, Jalal, & Lapthorn, 2018)	—	—	0.02 %	0.09 %
12		Can be used immediately to HVACs to tackle the time-lag issue Can be used for the real-time energy networks such as system fault detection and diagnosis	2018	China	(Xiao, Li, Xie, Liu, & Huang, 2018)	—	—	1.20 %	0.46 %
13	Ensemble learning, Robust regression	Conceptual advantages of ensemble learning, relying on the need for diversity within different kinds of network datasets Boosting models more appropriate for unstable time-series prediction	2018	France	(Alobaidi, Chehana, & Meguid, 2018)	—	—	11.39 %	296.34 %
14	Ensemble forecasting, Echo state network	Can be used immediately to HVACs to tackle the time-lag issue Can be used for the real-time energy networks such as system fault detection and diagnosis	2018	Hong Kong Gainesville, Florida	(Wang, Lv, & Zeng, 2018)	4.18	—	4.69 %	6.48 %
15	Ensemble approach				(Wang, Lee, & Yuen, 2018)	—	—	—	0.86
16	Ensemble learning, Bagging trees				(Wang, Wang, Srinivasan, 2018)	—	—	3.68 %	1.91 %

**Table 11**  
Short-term electricity forecasting with artificial neural networks.

Sr. No.	Models	Advantages		Year	Region	Ref.	Performance evaluation statistics			
		MAE	CV				MAPE	RMSE	R	
1	Least absolute shrinkage and selection operator, quantile regression Neural network, probability density forecasting	Can not only higher get the high-dimensional of the data in energy demand prediction, but also give more accurate results		2019	Guangdong province, China	(Yao Yao He, Qin, Wang, Wang, & Wang, 2019)	–	–	–	0.16 %
2	Probabilistic load forecasting, Neural networks	Very precise predictions among the top machine learning models		2019	ISO New England	(Dimoulkas, Mazidi, & Herre, 2018)	–	–	–	2.54 %
3	Artificial neural network	An effective method to calculate the short-term load for commercial and homes buildings		2018	Japan	(Yuan, Farnham, Azuma, & Emura, 2018)	–	–	–	0.99
4	Neural networks	Specify models parsimoniously at a lower computational cost		2018	Egypt	(Tealab, 2018)	–	–	–	–
5	Neural networks-based linear ensemble framework	Attempting to determine the familiar overfitting issue of the networks		2018	Northern Canada	(Wang, Wang, Qu, & Liu, 2018)	–0.49	–	–	–
6	Back-propagation (BP) neural network	Improves the stability and accuracy of forecasts, and it's appropriate for the short-term forecasting		2018	China	(Ye & Kim, 2018)	–	–	–	659.4 %
7	Wavelet transform with best basis selection	It decreases the dimensionality of data without losing relevant information		2016	Australia & Spanish	(Rana & Koprinska, 2016)	23.58	–	0.26 %	–
8	Deep neural network	Models are quite adjustable and can be used to other time-series forecast tasks		2017	China	(W. He, 2017)	99.41	–	1.34 %	–
9	Deep belief networks, Restricted Boltzmann machines	Concentrate on the parameters that are very important for the network output and neglect the learning rate that has a small influence on the output		2016	Macedonia	(Dedinec, Filiposka, Dedinec, & Kocarey, 2016)	8.6 %	–	–	–
10	Time series forecasting	Simplicity, higher accuracy		2018	University of Granada, Granada, Andalucía, Spain	(Ruiz, Rueda, Cuellar, & Peralajar, 2018)	–	–	–	–
11	Artificial Neural Network, Bayesian regularisation	Algorithm with adaptive training classifications is intelligent of predicting the power consumption		2016	International Business Machines Building	(Chae, Horesh, Hwang, & Lee, 2016)	9.35 %	–	–	–
12	The artificial neural network, COCO framework	Give the advantage of shorter training time		2018	New Pool England	(Singh & Dwivedi, 2018)	–	3.28 %	–	–
13	Forecast neural network, CID-STNN forecasting model	The models have a substantial power to prepare unconstrained issue		2018	West Texas	(Cen & Wang, 2018)	0.89	–	1.21 %	–
14	Artificial neural networks	Higher performance and forecasting accuracy		2018	Multiple locations	(Ahmad Chen, Guo, & Wang, 2018)	21.45	–	–	–
15	Artificial intelligence approaches	Ability to generalization and construct-in cross-validation and low sensitivity to variable costs		2017	France	(Mordjaoui, Haddad, Medoued, & Laouafi, 2017)	3.26 %	2604.4 %	–	–
16	Artificial neural networks	Calculate the maximum peak load and minimum of peak order with greater efficiency		2018	Taiwan	(Hsu, Tung, Yeh, & Lu, 2018)	–	–	1.90 %	–
17	Combined forecasting method, BP, ANFIS, diff-SARIMA	The methods are effective to decrease errors and increase the performance between the forecasted and real time load consumption effectively		2016		(Yang, Chen, Wang, Li, & Li, 2016)	139.65	–	1.59 %	–
18	Artificial neural networks, Ensemble neural networks	Higher prediction accuracy and performance as they can accurately algorithm the highly non-linear correlation		2017	New England	(Khwaja, Zhang, Anpalagan, & Venkatesh, 2017)	–	–	1.99 %	–
19	Fruit fly optimization model, General regression ANNs	This kind of methods present the full play to the benefits from every single approach		2019	Langfang, China	(Liang, Niu, & Hong, 2019)	7.35	–	0.80 %	9.58 %

**Table 12**  
Medium-term renewable energy forecasting.

Sr. No.	Models	Advantages	Year	Region	Ref.	Performance evaluation statistics			
						MAE	CV	MAPE	RMSE
1	Supervised ML models	Electricity prediction accuracy is more accurate, precise	2018	New England	(Ahmad, Chen Huang et al., 2018)	–	1.60 %	0.98 %	–
2	Monte Carlo simulation	Benefits of not relying on the availability of recent past knowledge to make forecasts	2016	Spanish	(Bello, Reneses, Muñoz, & Delgadillo, 2016)	4.81	–	–	–
3	Support vector machine, Neural network	Smaller relative errors in the algorithm forecasting	2018	Shijiazhuang, China	(Gu, Wang, Qi, Min, & Sundén, 2018)	–	–	1.80 %	45.96 %
4	Boeing Fuel Flow Method 2	The forecasting performance and accuracy of the algorithms are based on the quarterly, monthly and traffic demand series is higher	2016	Hefei	(Chen, Hu, Han, Zhang, & Yin, 2016)	–	–	0.64 %	–
5	Stochastic programming	The model can be used in real time energy consumption data at different kinds of locations with higher forecasting performance	2017	Portugal and Spain	(Mari, Nabona, & Pages-Bernaus, 2017)	–	–	–	–
6	IEAP-Beijing model	Used to analyse the total number of GHG emissions	2019	China	(Zhang, Liu et al., 2019)	–	–	–	–
7	Vector autoregressive model	Higher speed, lower error	2015	China	(Li, Liang, & Wang, 2015)	–	–	2 %	–
8	Nonlinear regression	Lower cost of water supply solution for the different country	2017	Australia	(Bertone, Halloran, Stewart, & de Oliveira, 2017)	–	–	–	–
9	Autoregressive approach, Moving-average approach, Time-series prediction	Can be extensively applied for various sets of data training without deteriorating the predictor's accuracy	2017	United States	(Borojeni et al., 2017)	0.92	–	0.86 %	1.24 %
10	Feedforward neural networks	An advantage of getting extensive use of the computation time expended	2019	Israeli	(Doveh, Feigin, Greig, & Hyams, 1999)	–	–	–	–
11	Probabilistic forecast	Potential benefits in applying seasonal forecasts	2015	European Centre	(Matteo De, Alessandri, & Catalano, 2015)	–	1.6 %	–	–
12	SVM, Elman recurrent ANNs, Hybrid algorithm	Predict the periodic wind velocities including the higher precise degree of efficiency	2015	Xinjiang, China	(Wang, Qin, Zhou, & Jiang, 2015)	0.90	–	–	11.67 %
13	Polynomial regression	The developed models are generic, Can be used to the one hourly energy consumption of any energy system networks	2011	Amman, Jordan	(Abu-Shikhh & Elkarmi, 2011)	–	–	–	–
14	SVM, RBF-NN	Higher accuracy, higher speed	2012	Ontario	(Torbaghan, Motamed, Zareipour, & Tian, 2012)	–	–	13.2 %	–
15	Mycielski algorithm	It is a pattern search model is simple to implement and is recognized for good results	2015	Fuhränder	(Croonenbroeck & Ambach, 2015)	70.25	–	–	99.46 %

**Table 13**  
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Sr. No.	Models	Advantages	Year	Region	Ref.	Performance evaluation statistics				
						MAE	CV	MAPE	RMSE	R
1	Gaussian Mixture Model	Higher generalization capability with supplementary tests on outlier samples toward kernel density estimate	2019	China	(Zhong, Tan, & Lin, 2018)	–	–	–	–	–
2	Fuzzy Bayes	The proposed methodology has higher adaptability and accuracy	2019	China	(Tang et al., 2019)	54.78	–	1.61 %	99.76 %	–
3	Electricity demand model	Set more accurate investments energy plans in the rural electrification	2019	India	(Riva, Gardumi, Tognollo, & Colombo, 2019)	–	–	–	–	–
4	Differential evolution (DE) algorithm	The DE-LSTM algorithm outperforms prediction algorithms in terms of prediction accuracy	2018	New South Wales, Germany/Austria, and France	(Peng, Liu, Liu, & Wang, 2018)	7.12	–	1.79 %	1.53 %	–
5	Hierarchical linear model, Markov chain Monte Carlo methods	Suitable to get the trajectory of the real load consumption with higher accuracy, higher speed	2019	Brazil	(da Silva, Cyrino Oliveira, & Souza, 2019)	–	–	–	–	–
6	Energy demand models	Higher prediction performance	2018	Multiple locations	(Riva, Tognollo, Gardumi, & Colombo, 2018)	–	–	–	–	–
7	Strategic modeling	Its sensible to at limited implicitly consider more extensive linkages in these bounded algorithms	2019	UK	(Blainey & Preston, 2019)	–	–	–	–	–
8	Energy systems models	Calcluate the differences in determinants like annual driving attitude and distances towards uncertainties of modern technology	2018	United States of America	(Ramea, Bunch, Yang, Yeh, & Ogeden, 2018)	–	–	–	–	–
9	LSTM model, Deep learning	Gives a notable improvement in seizure forecasting performance correlated to both conventional ML techniques	2018	Ioannina, Greece	(Tsioris et al., 2018)	–	–	–	–	–
10	Multiple models	Widespread geographic viability, large storage capacity, and lack of pollution, higher convergence speed	2017	Multiple locations	(Zheng, Wang, & Li, 2017)	–	–	–	–	–

### 3. Discussion of forecasting models

The short-term energy prediction is an essential tool for all power utilities. A large number of operational arrangements consist of short-term energy prediction. The efficiency of these predictions heads to important energy savings in operational costs as well as to increase the system safety and reliability. The technical research is sufficient with approaches and techniques for increasing short-term energy prediction. A large number of techniques operate well with several energy networks or some particular geographical regions, while some of them are failed because of different nature of electrical consumption requirement: its highly nonlinear, complex, and reliant on seasonal, weather and social factors (Kyriakides & Polycarpou, 2006). The medium-term energy prediction is an essential class of load prediciton that includes a time-span starts from one-week to one-year ahead duration. It accommodates the maintenance and outage planning and the energy switching operation of the power networks (Abu-Shikhah, Elkarmi, & Aloquili, 2011). Especially, the long-term energy prediction plays a significant part in energy management and system load planning. Classical methods for long-term system energy prediction are particularly in three classes: time series approaches (Carpinone, Langella, Testa, & Giorgio, 2010; Li, Han, & Yan, 2018), correlation classifications (Hyndman & Fan, 2010; Sanstad, McMenamin, Sukenik, Barbose, & Goldman, 2014) and AI algorithms (Ghelardoni, Ghio, & Anguita, 2013; Torrini, Souza, Cyrino Oliveira, & Moreira Pessanha, 2016; Yang, Lin, Zhu, Han, & Wang, 2015; Yang et al., 2015). Time series prediction models for future load estimation based on past energy and the climate data. Therefore, the prediciton error will substantially rise once the weather trend increases or decrease. The major issue of time series prediciton is that they do not accommodate adequately to a changing the climate. Meanwhile, due to the complex sets of determinants affecting the insufficient annual patterns of the data, energy demand, correlation algorithms and AI classifications sometimes doesn't operate well either.

The power systems and infrastructure are undergoing an imminent transition to describe the developed variability in the production and actual net energy demand, introduced by a series of power generators, specifically solar and wind. Several methods to decrease the adverse ramping impacts have been proposed, i.e., demand response, resources, and total energy prediciton and increased storage capacities, etc. The essence of complete solutions for combining the higher numbers of parameter solar and wind production is to develop the available flexibility options in the smart grid (Bird, Milligan, & Lew, 2013; Bott, 2014; Yang et al., 2015). However, in the recent past, the regulatory officials in various jurisdictions reconstructed the business environments to provide the resilient energy selling programs, planned to exploit temporal and spatial diversity in demand and generation adequately. This reorganization began in northern Europe by providing short-term, cross-border energy trading tariffs, motivated by the requirement to combine the developing portions of variable wind production. Through most comprehensive studies has been conducted on short-term energy, solar and wind speed forecasting. It's because of the lack of availability of real-time data, the accuracy of forecasting performance and variation of forecasting accuracy. The short-term prediction is more precise and accurate than the medium and long-term. Furthermore, three well know forecasting classifications including: i) ML-based approaches; ii) ensemble-based approaches; iii) and ANNs are prominently applied in many areas.

The ML is a data analysis approach that automates rational design building. It's a part of AI-based on the concept that schemes operations can discover from big data, recognize trends and build the decisions with least human interference. Due to the new computing technologies, ML in the present era is not the same as ML models used in the past. It was produced from theory and pattern recognition that ML networks can determine without doing processed to complete particular assignments; experts interested in AI needs to understand if systems of a

specific program of the computer could determine from big data. The repetition features of ML are robust due to the methods are displayed to the new big data and they are also capable of independently readjust. They discover the network function from previous estimates to provide repeatable decisions, reliable and results. Many ML models have been examined for long-term planning tasks, further the capability to automatically use the complicated mathematical estimates to big data – faster and faster, over and over – is a new addition in it. Fourier series plus models render no obligation to construct complicated network layers with different input feature variables. Wrapper mutual information methodology maximizing the common information measure of training network. ML models are capable to handle different kinds of data from different sites with different input feature variables. Extreme learning defines the complicated and ill-defined prediction issues. Random forecast regression, support vector regression and gradient boosted regression models are comfortable to replicate that in the situation with physical methods. Weighted Gaussian regression models are mainly simple to train and ease to implement at different sites.

The ensemble-based forecasting models are also ML approaches that combine different base methods to give one optimal forecast model. The ensembles methods are consists of two kinds including random forest and bagging, or bootstrap approaches. Bagging takes it is the name due to its consolidates aggregation and bootstrapping to determine one ensemble algorithm. Presented the data samples, subsamples of multiple bootstrapped are extracted. A decision tree determined on each of the subsamples of bootstrapping. After all subsample of the decision tree has been further established, a model applied to combine over the decision tree to develop the multiple useful predictors. When selecting the tree where to divide and how to obtain decisions, bagged decision tree possess the complete order of network characteristics and features to determine from.

Consequently, the bootstrapped data points/samples may be somewhat inconsistent and because of the use of big data going to break-off at the related variables throughout the specific algorithm. On the other hand, the random forest models (RFM) determine where to divide comprised of a random collection of network features and hidden neurons. The RFM achieve a differentiation level because every network tree will diverge based on various parameters. This differentiation level gives a better ensemble model to sum over, ergo providing a higher reliable predictor. Analog ensemble approach is to give excellent and bias-calibrated estimates and it a computationally scalable model. Ensemble forecasting framework has the capacity to manage the non-linear characteristics of the data and dynamic and abrupt meteorological changes as well. Its further benefits to developing large number divisions of the network with higher accuracy.

The ANN is a non-linear approach that is simple to apply constructs the statistical models. The ANN is a nonparametric approach though, a large number of statistical classifications are the parametric models which require a more extensive background of the statistics. The ANN with backpropagation model extensively applied in determining different classification and prediciton issues. Though the ANNs is black-box classification, which cannot interpret the correlation between outputs and inputs and cannot deal with various kinds of contingencies. To overcome these issues, different approaches have been coupled/connected with the ANNs like network variable feature collection for training and so on.

Meanwhile, the Fuzzy logic is quite useful at handling variability and can interpret the correlation between output/input by constructing rules. Hence, to improve the capacity of ANN and Fuzzy, hybridization of fuzzy and ANN is customarily executed. Benefits of ANNs are: i) good storing knowledge on the whole network; ii) capacity to operate with inadequate information; iii) possessing fault threshold; iv) possessing a shared memory; v) gradual corruption; vi) ability to build ML model; vii) and capability of parallel processing, etc. The limitations of ANNs include: i) hardware dependence; ii) unexplained operation of the network; iii) problem in the determination of individual network

construction' iv) challenge of exposing the issue to the system; v) the network duration is unknown. Multivariate neural networks and Elman backpropagation show their strength to handle nonlinear, dynamic and abrupt meteorological differences. It holds capacity reducing information measure concerning the validation point to be predicted. ANNs are very useful for short-term solar irradiance forecasting, and it gives higher network speed, accuracy and performance. The ANNs are highly non-linear with various time structures and multiple network layers. The ANNs are suitable with less or higher number of climate and energy consumption data for forecasting analysis. Hybrid decomposition models are highly fit for non-stationary multi-step wind energy prediction. Further, ANNs are cost-efficient for energy planning and dispatch plans.

#### 4. Conclusion

Renewable energy leads to endless energy generated from the natural environment that doesn't leave a bad impact on the environment. In response to the exhaustion of oil supplies and demands, increasing renewable energy has become the prime attention of world's energy planning approaches, energy policy help stakeholders to measure the influence of future and current energy strategies. The current performance of energy planning models depends on using suitable prediction algorithms for supply and demand sector forecasts. This review primarily calculates the growth patterns in the RE usage and energy demand requirement. Three forecasting intervals short, medium and long-term are reviewed. It is observed that the most of the researches are conducted on short-term instead of medium and long-term. When the power sectors were organized, power companies' monopolies use short-term energy prediction to guarantee the supply and reliability, and use long-term load requirement predictions as the references for investing and planning in the current position. Large industrial customers or utility companies who are capable of calculating the unstable wholesale rates including a reasonable context of efficiency can modify its bidding policy, consumption or production schedule to decrease the uncertainty or increase the profits of companies in day-ahead speculation. Furthermore, the ML, ensemble-based approaches and artificial neural networks are reviewed for renewable energy and electricity demand forecasting. The ML classification helps better planning of energy consumption and generation. Several ML approaches are applied in various steps of a RE power grid integration, relying on the specifications and features of predicament. For an electric grid with RE sources rendering a substantial number of ratio of the power demand, it's important to predict short-term and long-term load requirement. This could expedite the problem formulation of highly-informed power planning and management, electricity policies, for instance, by assisting in defining essential features to the relative spinning reserve levels as well as storage demands. On the contrary, it's also important to determine the load output demand from RE power generation plants by their self, because the output load from certain power stations relies on several climate factors which cannot be regulated. The ensemble forecast spread shows how it is confident the predictor can be in use for different kinds of prediction. The spread shows the drastic change between actual and forecasted energy demand. When the ensemble spread is lower, and the prediction explications are compatible with various algorithm runs, predictors observe more reliance on the prediction in general. On the other hand, when the spread is high, this shows more change or variation in the forecast. The ANNs with their exceptional knowledge to determine the mean from complex data can be applied to obtain trends and identify patterns that are too complicated to be observed by both individuals and different computer classifications. The ANNs can be used to a growing amount of real-world issues of noteworthy complexity. They are further applied to determining problems which extremely complicated for traditional technologies or those kinds of intricacies that don't possess an algorithmic solution. The extended benefits of ANNs allows the modeling of physical appearances in

complicated systems without needing specific mathematical descriptions or without expecting exhaustive measures. The ANNs can forecast the system desired output when adequate experimental datasets are given. In the present era, only a few researches which have been examined on geothermal energy prediction. It is observed through various types of approaches such as data-mining, ML, grey-box models and so on. The accuracy of state-of-the-art models measured/reviewed through well-known performance evaluation indicators mean absolute error (MAE), MAPE, RMSE, CV and R indicators. It's observed that the forecast accuracy of every single model in term of performance evaluation statistics are different. Through this review, it is concluded that the precise prediction will not only lead to notable decreases in penalties but also promote performance of various application fields, e.g., power grid maintenance and operating scheduling as well. Reliable forecasting of RE output and electricity requirement also presents an essential part in defining the optimal extent of the spinning stock required for the stable development and control of the micro-grid with higher renewable energy penetration.

Forecasting capabilities are increasing, and different nations are gradually moving towards the construction of smart grid, which is fully automated energy distribution network that controls and monitors the consumers and nodes, further ensuring a bi-directional flow of information and energy. Much work is still needed in forecasting field to support these networks with accurate knowledge and also support RE integration with the conventional grids.

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