Supporting Information

Newton's Cradle Motion-like Triboelectric Nanogenerator to Enhance Energy Recycle Efficiency by Utilizing Elastic Deformation

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Video 1. For a common TENG, the Al electrode on an acryl plate moves between two PTFE films fixed on opposite acryl plates to contact/separate the PTFE films alternately driven by linear motor.

Video 2. For a NC-TENG with the steel plate cut to eliminate the elasticity, the periodic contact/separation between the PTFE plates and Al electrode is driven by linear motor.

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