

Energy storage device for knee flexion and extension

What is a knee-ankle exoskeleton?

In this paper, a knee-ankle exoskeleton is designed to recycle the negative work from the wearer's knee extension and ankle dorsiflexion. The exoskeleton can convert the mechanical energy into electrical energy for energy harvesting and assist the knee flexion and ankle plantarflexion to reduce the wearer's metabolic cost during walking.

How does an unpowered knee exoskeleton work?

In 2018, Tohoku University of Japan designed an unpowered knee exoskeleton for riding assistance (Figure 6 h) that is composed of a cross four-bar mechanism and an embedded torsion spring, with a total mass of 1.07 kg. During knee flexion, the torsion spring compresses and collects energy and releases the stored energy during knee extension.

Could a knee-ankle exoskeleton be used to power wearable devices?

Therefore, the proposed knee-ankle exoskeleton has the potential to recycle the negative work from the wearer's knee and ankle motion to power wearable electronic devices and assist the knee and ankle movements to reduce the wearer's muscle activities during the normal walking.

How does a knee flexor device work?

The device selectively engaged power generation towards the end of swing extension, assisting knee flexor muscles by producing substantial flexion torque (6.4 Nm), and efficiently converted the input mechanical power into electricity (54.6%).

How does a knee-mounted energy harvester work?

Chen et al proposed a knee-mounted energy harvester to harvest the biomechanical energy from the wearer's knee flexion and extension, and the average power generated was 3.6 W at 1.5 m s⁻¹. Xie et al developed an unpowered lower limb exoskeleton to assist the human knee motion and produce power.

Does a knee extension and ankle dorsiflexion generate more electrical energy?

In comparison with other existing energy harvesters that generate the electrical energy from a single joint motion [20,22], such as the ankle joint and knee joint, both the knee extension and ankle dorsiflexion are used to achieve power generation during a normal gait cycle in this study, and hence, more electrical energy can be generated.

During sit-to-stand, the KEA assists knee extension by returning the energy stored in the springs as an extension moment. In mechanical testing of a prototype of the new KEA, a mean ...

The linear extension springs are used to mimic knee flexors, where they store the exceeded kinetic energy

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produced by the electrically stimulated muscles as potential energy ...

1. Introduction. Assistive forces travelling from the exoskeleton to the knee go through the thigh and shank, body segments containing high volumes of soft tissue (i.e. muscle, fat, skin) with viscoelastic properties that deform under load [1,2]. As a result, soft tissue can absorb, return and dissipate exoskeleton mechanical energy, decreasing its efficacy in ...

The energy harvester has a spiral spring with a stiffness of K_s that acts as an energy storage component, storing kinetic energy during knee extension and releasing it ...

In this paper an energy storage device (linear extension spring) has been implemented in FES-cycling, the efficiency has been calculated for different spring positions and different spring constants.

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Without the constraint of induced impact on the human body, this device can harvest biomechanical energy from both knee flexion and extension, improving the harvesting efficiency over previous ...

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from a proportionality constant k ? knee (Nm rad⁻¹) and a change in knee flexion angle ? ? knee (rad) relative to the angle at the time at which the clutch was engaged.

This study aimed to evaluate the intra- and inter-rater reliability of a well-used and a less-used IsoMed-2000 dynamometer for knee flexion and extension peak torque (PT) measurements in a concentric test in athletes. ...

We systematically investigate in-vivo the effect of increasing prosthetic knee flexion damping on key features of the swing phase of individuals with transfemoral amputation during walking.

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The main findings of this study show that peak muscle strength in knee flexion and extension in CON and ECC is a measure with acceptable absolute reliability and extremely high relative reliability using the FEMD

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in professional female soccer players. ... There are currently devices on the international market that evaluate muscle strength with ...

During this deceleration, the muscles must expend energy to absorb and dissipate kinetic energy in order to slow down the lower limbs and control the extension velocity of the lower leg. 8 The DE harvester is worn as a soft, sleeve brace across the knee joint and when activated, it will convert small amounts of mechanical energy into stored electrical energy, ...

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