The Energetic Cost of Adaptive Feet in Walking





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Related Studies



Variable height (Kang et al., 2010) Variable stiffness (Hashimoto et al., 2010) Toe (Zhang et al., 2010, Zhu et al., 2011)



Stiffness change (Briggs et al., 2001) Ball cushion (Bojsen-Moller et al., 1976) Windlass mechanism (Hicks, 1954)



Baseline foot



Absorbs impacts Provides secure grip

Requires additional muscles Provides less power transfer





(Hicks, 1954 II, Bolgla et al., 2004)



TFL, TEX (Yamaguchi et al., 1990), PF (Gunther et al., 2002), MTJ (Hashimoto et. al, 2010)

Neuromuscular Model



(Geyer et al., 2010)

Neuromuscular Model: Optimization (CMA-ES)

$$J = \left| \dot{x}_{avg} - \dot{x}_{tgt} \right| + P + C_E$$





Neuromuscular Model: Simulation



Result I: Human Feet Incur About 20% More Energetic Cost up to 1.2ms⁻¹



Result II: Passive Feet Reduces the Energetic Cost by 15% or More





Current and Future Directions

Simulation studies to interpret the result



Development of a robotic foot



Conclusion





2. Passive Feet Reduces the Energetic Cost by 15% or more