

Exoskeletons for physical assistance in human motion



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Exoskeletons at AAU Exo Lab



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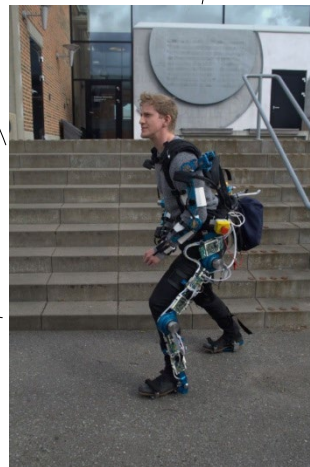
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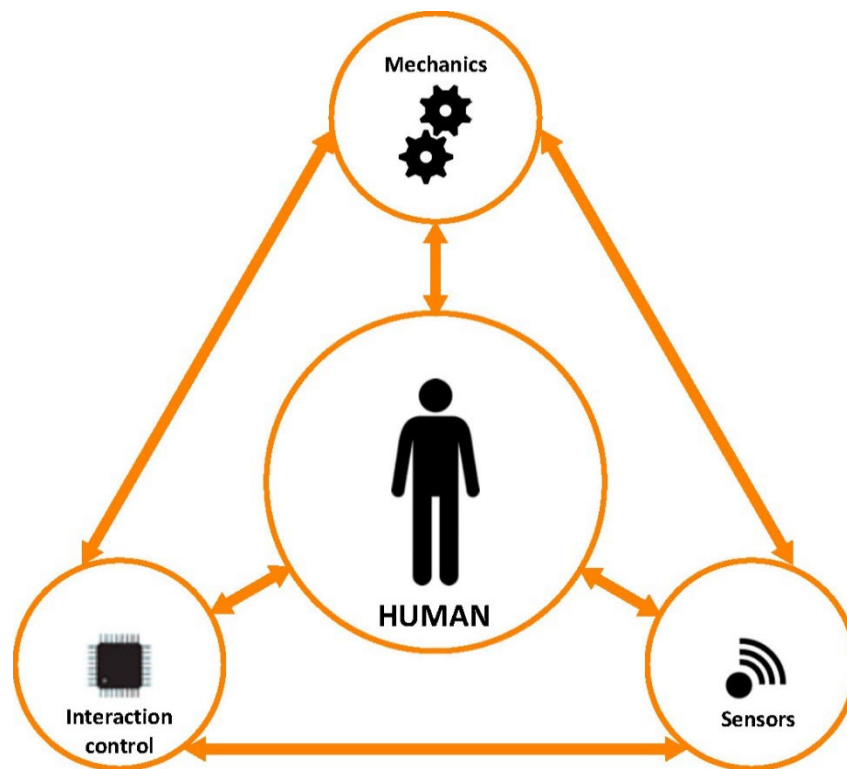


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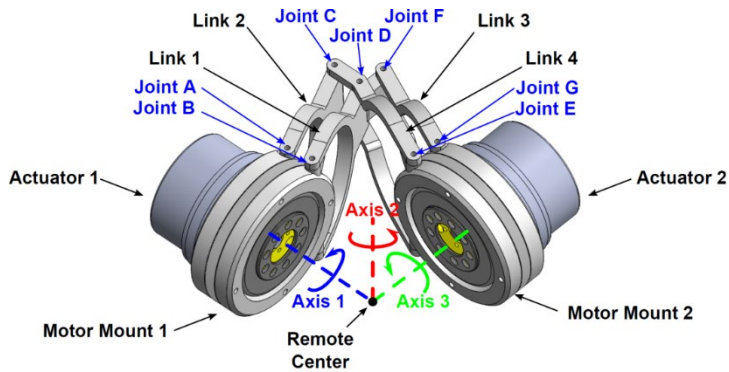
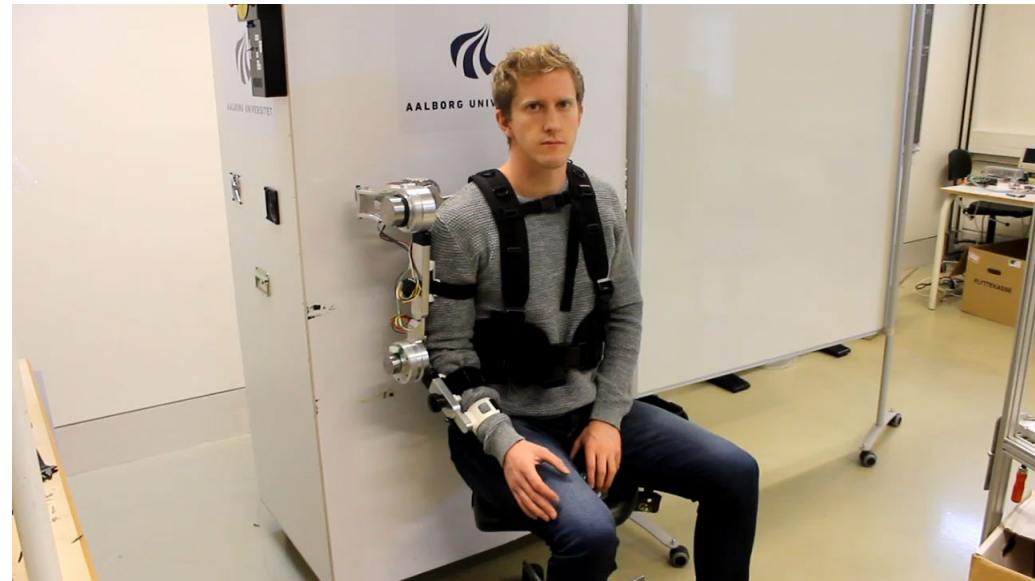
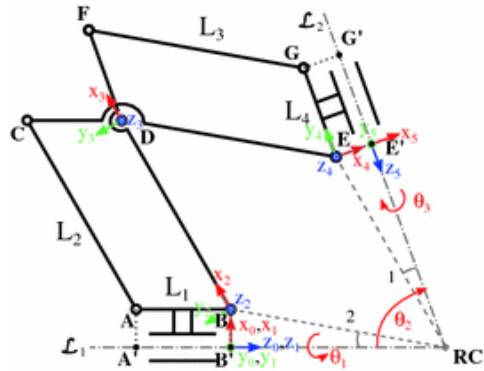


2019 BioX

Design and development challenges for exoskeletons

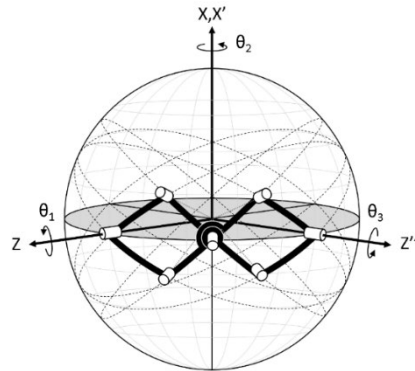
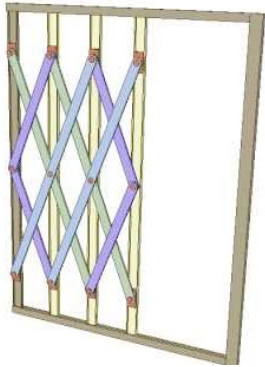


Double-parallelgram shoulder exoskeleton



S. Christensen and S. Bai, Kinematic Analysis and Design of a Novel Shoulder Exoskeleton using a Double Parallelogram Linkage, *ASME J. Mechanisms and Robotics* 2018, 10(4), 041008

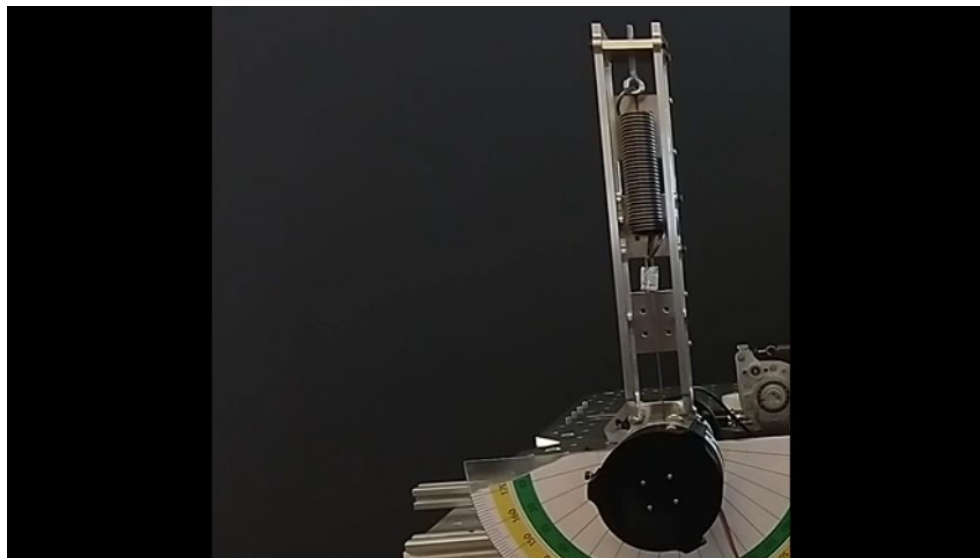
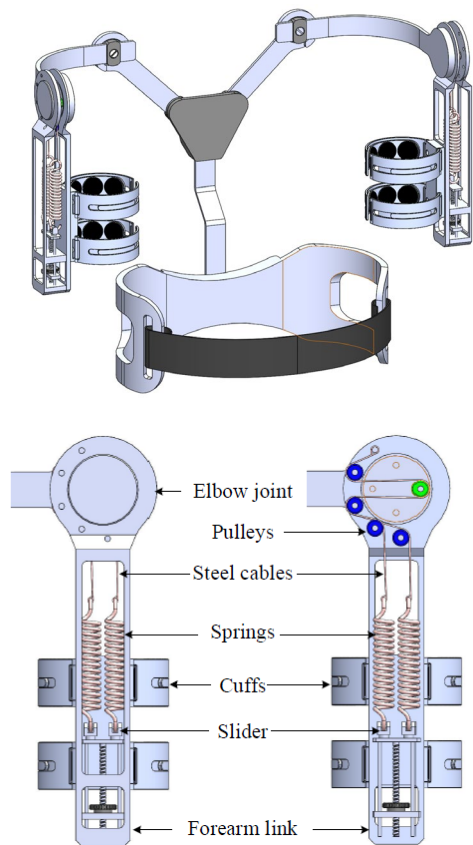
A compact shoulder exoskeleton - CXD



Able to reach 94.97% of the volumes of the full active reachable workspaces

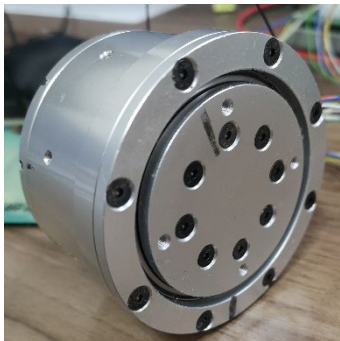
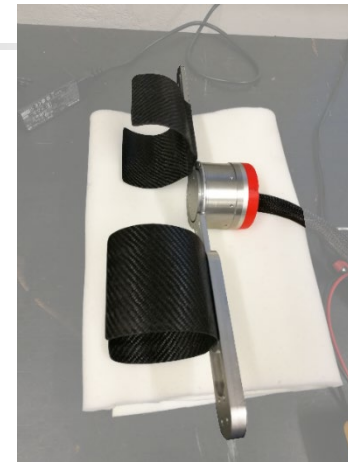
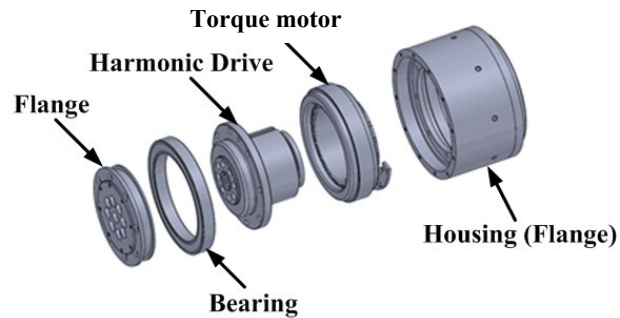
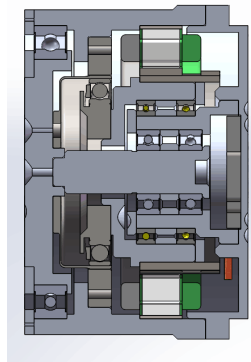
M. Castro, J. Rasmussen, M. S. Andersen, S. Bai, *Mechanism and Machine Theory*, 132:264-278, 2019

A new passive upper-body exoskeleton



F. Balsler, R. Desai, A. Ekizoglou and S. Bai, 2022, IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters

Other research and development (1) Integrated driving unit

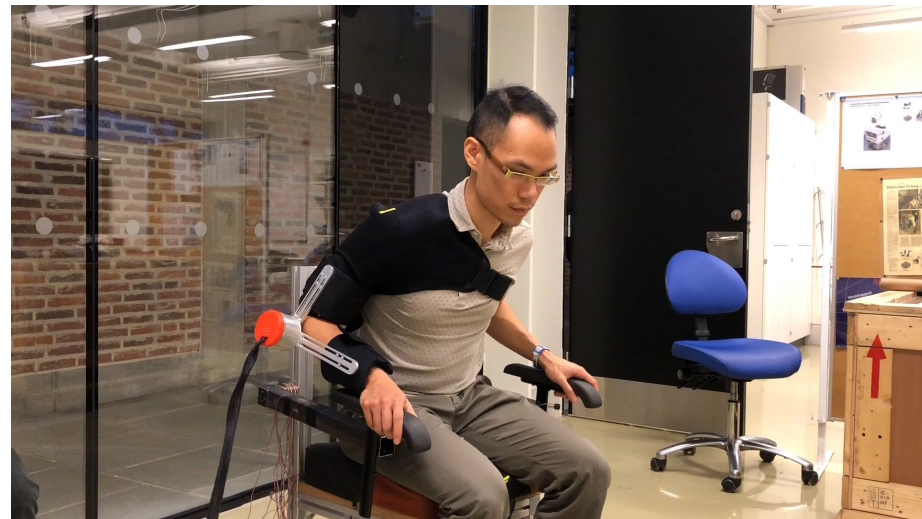


Parameters

- Length: 48mm
- Outer diameter: 72mm
- Weight: 0.6 Kg
- Maximum torque: 50 Nm

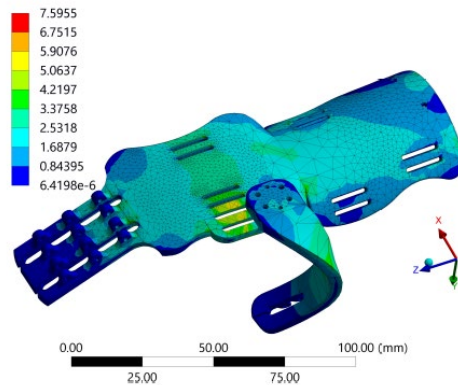
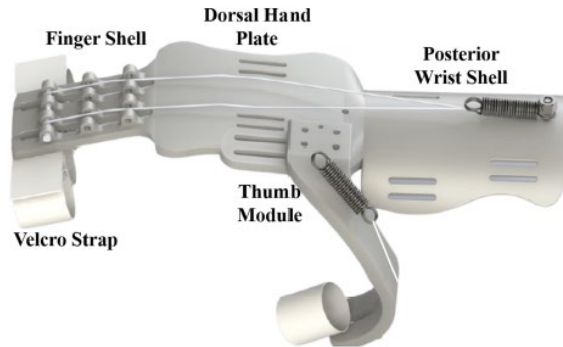


A most compact, lightweight yet powerful elbow joint exo
800 g of weight, 50 Nm assistive torque

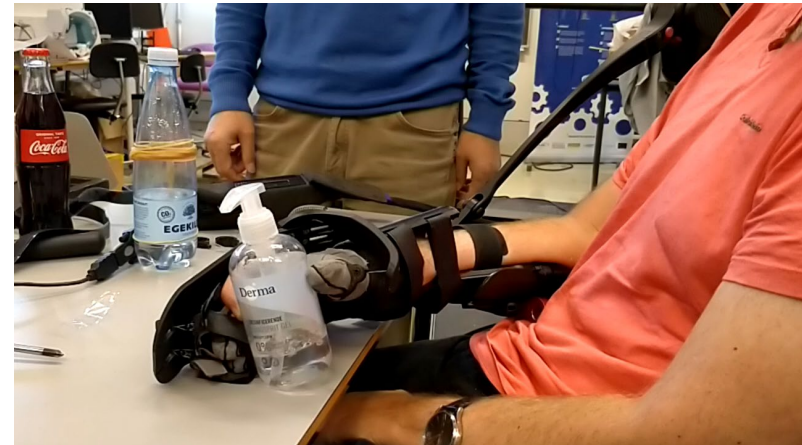


Sit-to-stand (STS) assistance

(2) 3D printed hand exoskeleton assisting both hand opening and closing



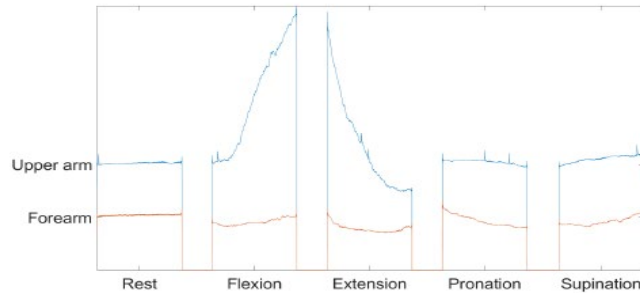
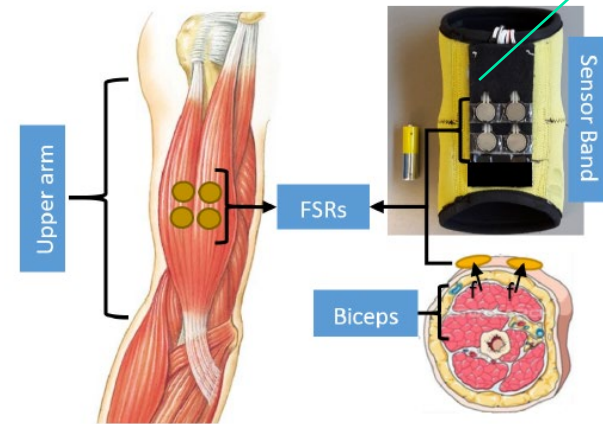
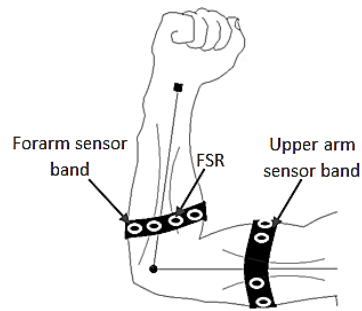
Hand exo assisting both hand closing and opening



M. Ahsan Gull and S. Bai, et al, ASME J. Medical Devices, 2021, 15(4): 041007

A sensing method based on FMG

- A new sensorband of FMG
 - Force sensing resistor (FSR)
 - Sensorbands are built with elastic arm bands with FSR embedded



(4) Digital and Automatic Rapid Upper-Limb Assessment (RULA)

RULA Employee Assessment Worksheet

A. Arm and Wrist Analysis

Step 1: Locate Upper Arm Position:



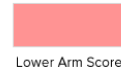
Step 1a: Adjust...
 If shoulder is raised: +1
 If upper arm is abducted: +1
 If arm is supported or person is leaning: -1



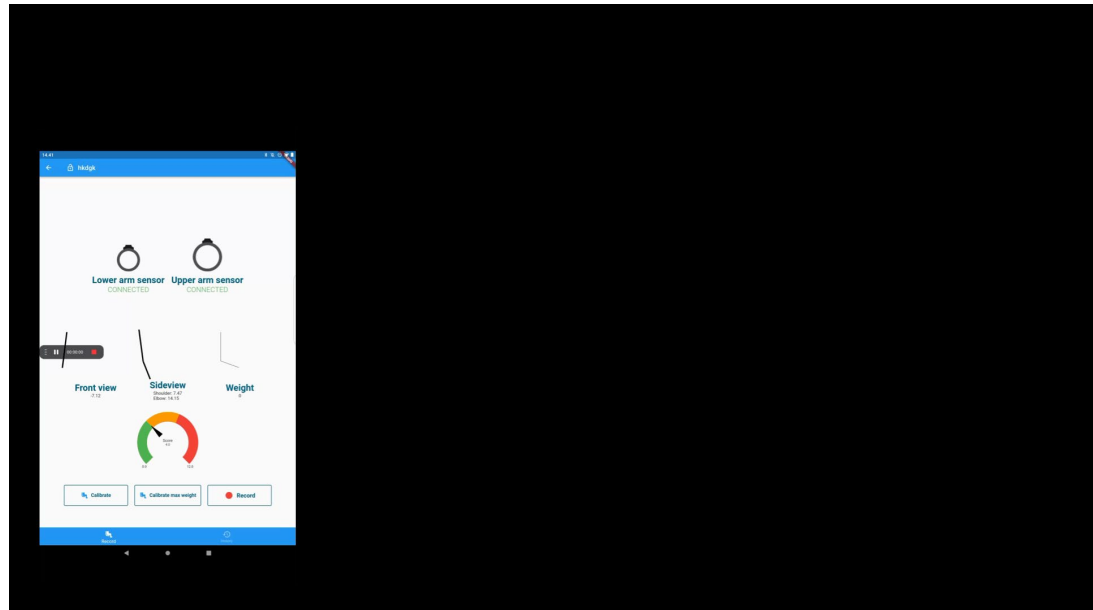
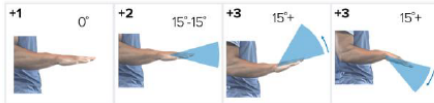
Step 2: Locate Lower Arm Position:



Step 2a: Adjust...
 If either arm is working across midline or out to side of body: Add +1

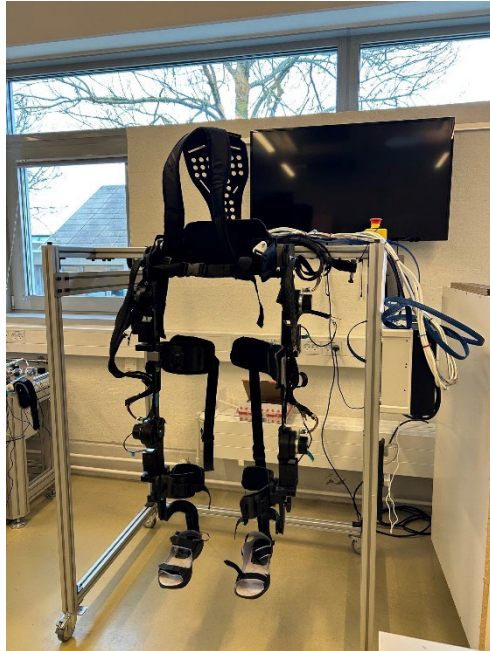


Step 3: Locate Wrist Position:



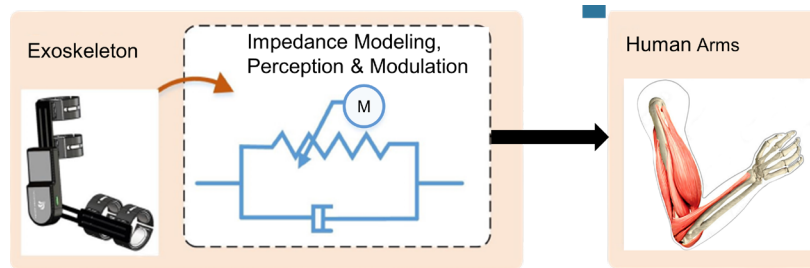
Lower-limb exoskeleton---ALEXO project

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- Fully powered at hip and knee joints
- Natural and comfortable interface
- Adaptive gait control built on ROS2

To develop advanced exoskeleton technologies for improvement of working conditions of physical demanding jobs to mitigate occupational injuries, such as musculoskeletal disorders (MSD), among others.



Human-exoskeleton interaction system of variable impedance

The project proposes a new bionic approach of exoskeleton development through variable impedance analogy to human limbs, which will lead to smart, safe and comfortable human-exoskeleton interaction (HEI) to meet situation-dependent requirements.

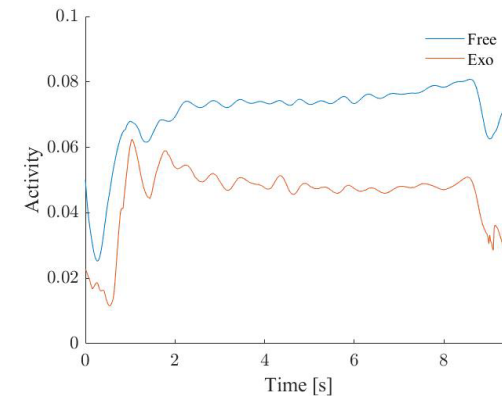
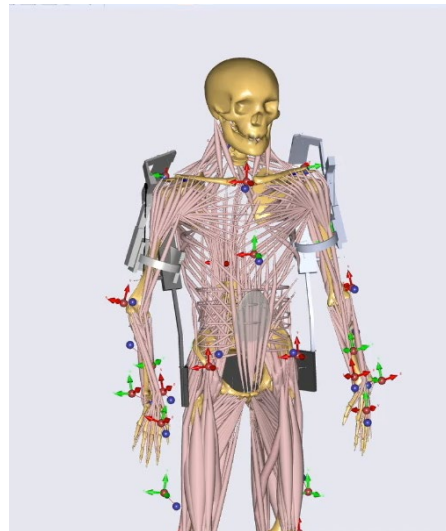
EXKALLERATE project

- To improve industrial exoskeleton technologies and
 - to accelerate deployment of exoskeletons in SMEs
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- Pilot sites at SMEs
 - Seven pilot sites
 - Contact us for pilot test at your company



Effect of Biomechanics --- AnyBody modeling and simulation

- Modeling of Skelex exoskeleton in overhead tasks



reduction of 41.91% (SD 12.17%) in the Antero-Posterior force

M. Musso, A, Oliveira, S.Bai, Non-Rigid Passive Exoskeleton-Mathematical Description and Musculoskeletal Simulations , Robotics 2022, 11, 147



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