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Footstep Power Generation Using Piezoelectric Sensors

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Abstract: *The increasing demand for energy, essential for human sustenance and development, has led to the rapid depletion and wastage of conventional energy resources. In this context, the utilization of waste energy from human locomotion presents a promising and innovative solution, particularly in densely populated countries like India, where public spaces such as railway stations and temples remain crowded throughout the day. This research explores the concept of power-generating floors using piezoelectric technology, where mechanical pressure exerted by footsteps is harnessed through piezoelectric transducers embedded in flooring. These transducers convert kinetic energy into electrical energy, which can then be stored and utilized for various applications including agriculture, household needs, street lighting, and powering sensors in remote areas. Human movement exerts a considerable amount of force that typically goes to waste; this study aims to capture and convert that force into a usable power source. While it may not completely solve the global energy crisis, the development of such a system is a step forward. For instance, if 12 footsteps can generate 100W of power, then 120 footsteps could yield 1,000W, and installing this system across 100 such floors could potentially generate up to 1 megawatt of power. This approach offers a scalable, renewable, and sustainable energy solution, contributing meaningfully to energy conservation efforts.*

This Research investigates the feasibility of piezoelectric flooring for harnessing energy from human locomotion as a sustainable solution to the growing energy crisis. In densely populated areas, the kinetic energy wasted during walking can be converted into usable electrical power using piezoelectric transducers integrated into floor surfaces. This paper examines the potential applications of this technology, including powering remote sensors, street lighting, and agricultural systems. Furthermore, it outlines crucial areas for future research, such as hybrid energy harvesting techniques, smart power management strategies, material optimization, long-term durability assessments, wireless data monitoring, and comprehensive cost-benefit analyses. The goal is to demonstrate the viability of piezoelectric flooring as a significant contributor to energy generation, particularly in high-traffic environments, and to pave the way for its large-scale implementation

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