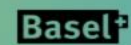


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# Revealing the knee joint loading during directional badminton lunges via subject-specific modelling

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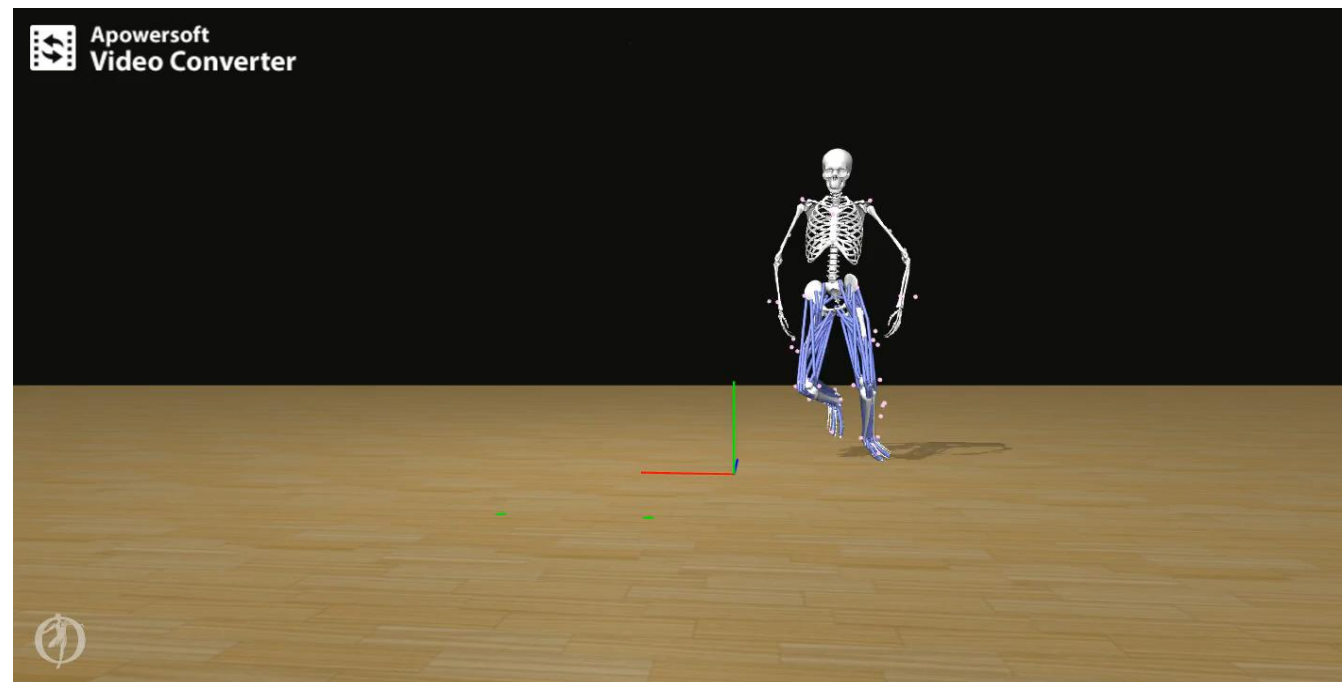
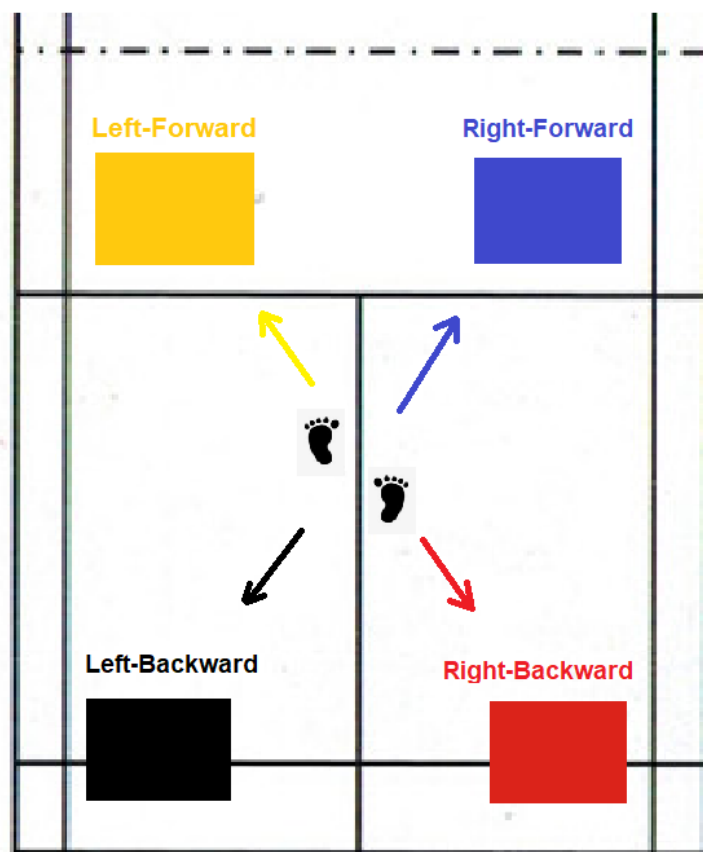
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- Knee joint - one of the most injured sites among badminton players;
  - patellar tendinopathy & patellofemoral pain;
  - up to 42.7%.  
(Jérgensen et al, 1987; Shariff et al, 2009; Yung et al, 2007)
- Knee brace & knee tape – commonly observed;
- Conservative & compensatory movements - reduced performance & other injury risks.  
(Huang et al, 2014; Lin et al, 2015)
- Mechanism: Chronic injury – Repetitive sub-maximal lunges;  
Acute injury – Maximal lunges + inciting factors.

- Current approaches of musculoskeletal (**MSK**) modelling and Finite Element (**FE**) simulations provide feasible and reliable solutions;
- Aiming to reveal the **1)** knee joint kinematics (angles in degree);  
**2)** knee joint moment (torque in Nm/kg);  
**3)** quadriceps muscle forces (in Body Weight, BW);  
**4)** knee joint contact forces (BW);  
**5)** patellar and femoral cartilage stress (MPa).

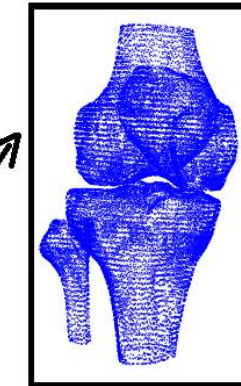
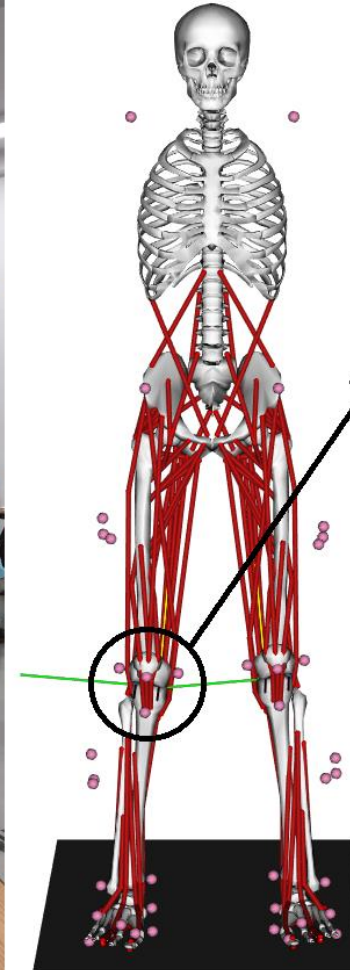
- **20** badminton athletes (national level) (right hand & right leg dominant)
  - 12 males** (age:  $20.5 \pm 3.1$  yrs, height:  $176 \pm 4.9$  m, mass:  $68.6 \pm 5.6$  kg);
  - 8 females** (age:  $19.3 \pm 4.1$  yrs, height:  $165 \pm 3.8$  m, mass:  $57.6 \pm 3.5$  kg);



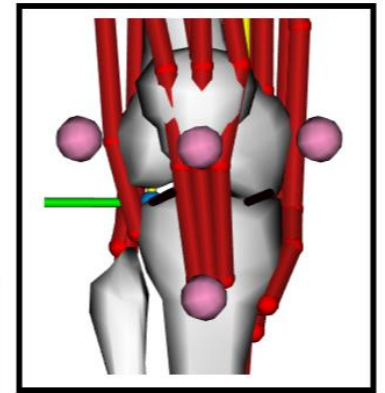
(Mei et al, 2017, Journal of Sports Sciences)



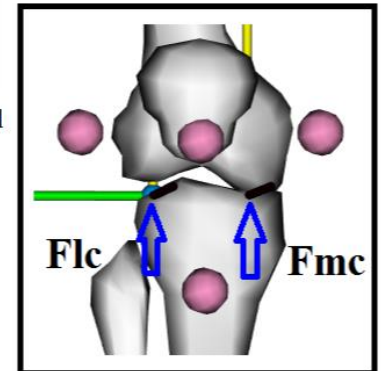
- Subject-specific model *Scaling*
  - Static markers
  - Body mass (kg)
  - Imaging data (Knee CT)
- *Inverse kinematics*
  - Joint angles
- *Inverse dynamics*
  - Joint moments
- *Static optimization*
  - Muscle activation & force
- *Joint Reaction*
  - Joint contact force



CT-based knee model



Scaling

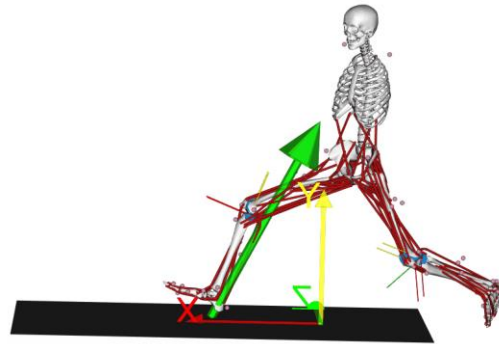


Medial and Lateral Compartments

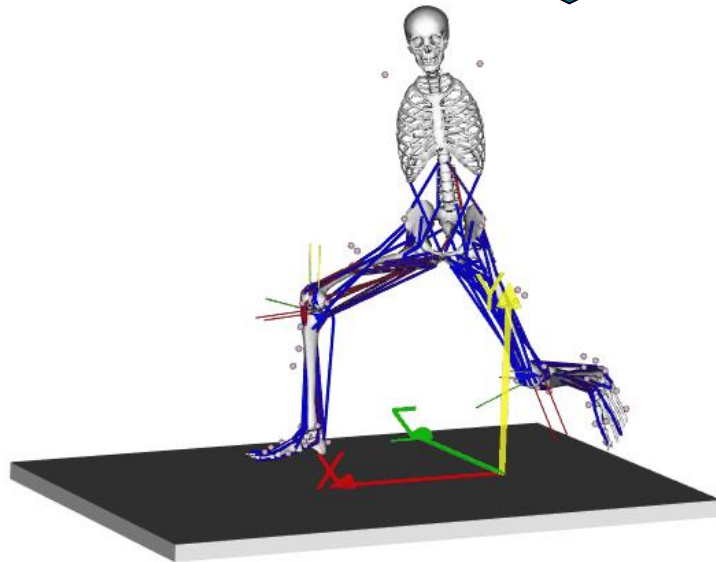




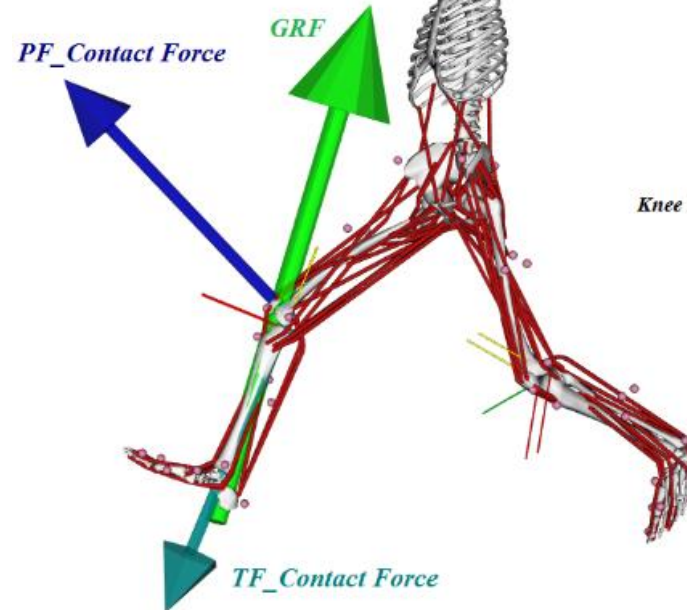
1. MoCap (trc & mot)



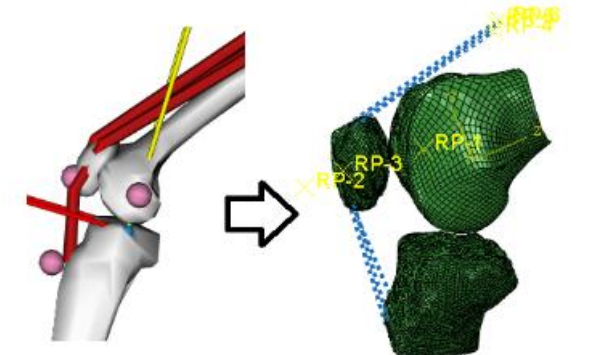
2. IK (angle) & ID (moment)



3. SO (muscle force) & JR (contact force)

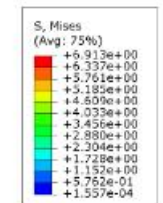


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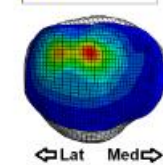
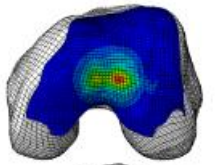


Knee kinematics and quadriceps force

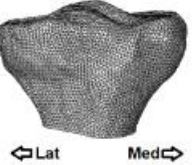
Finite element model simulation



Right-Forward lunge



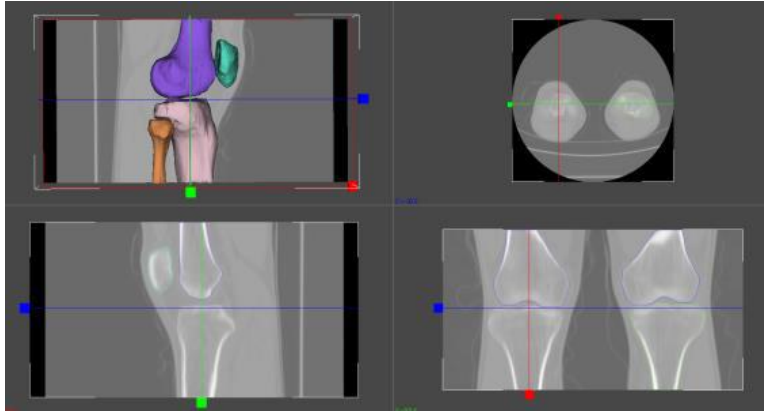
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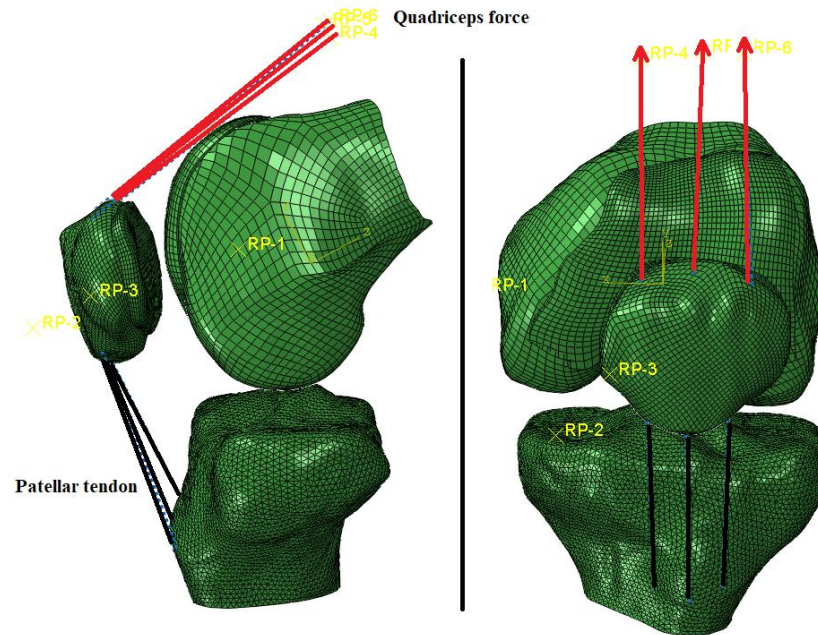
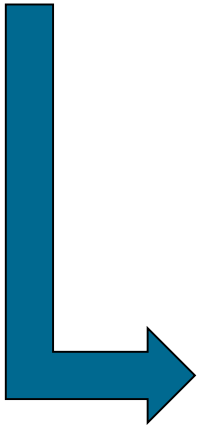
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Stress distribution on femoral and patellar cartilage

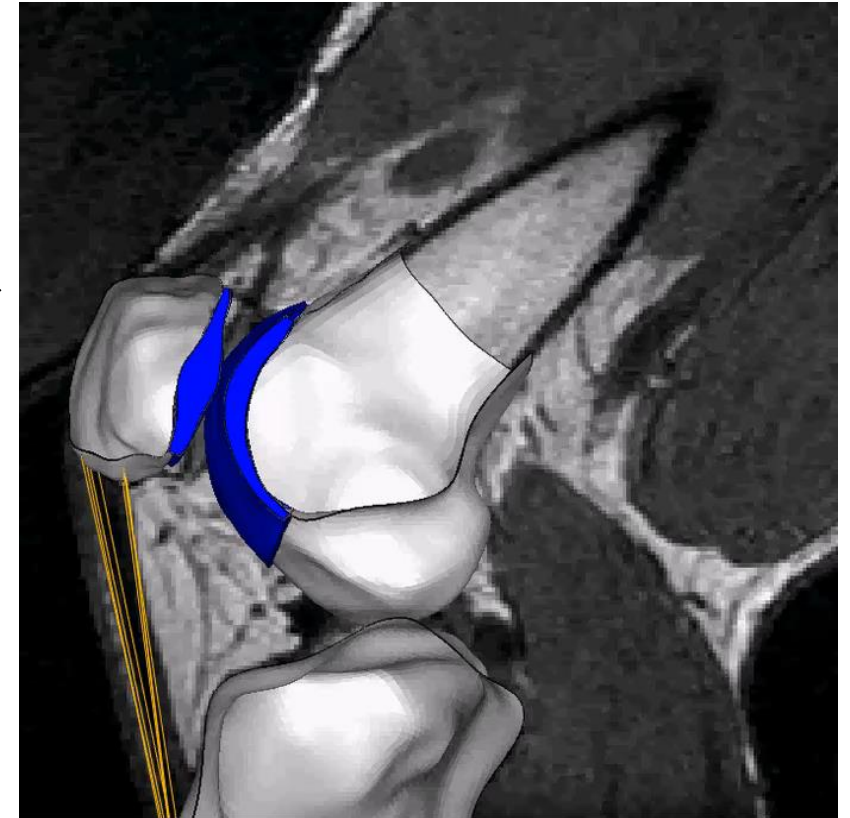




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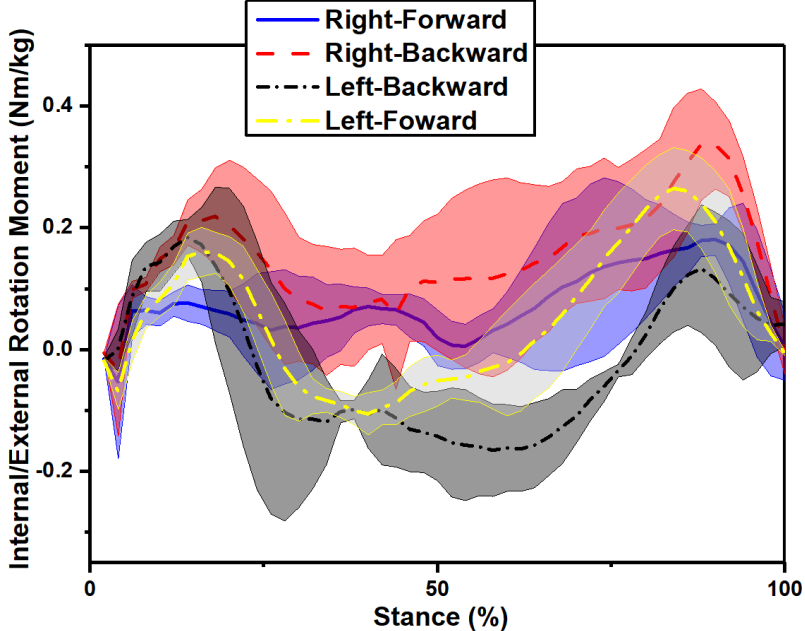
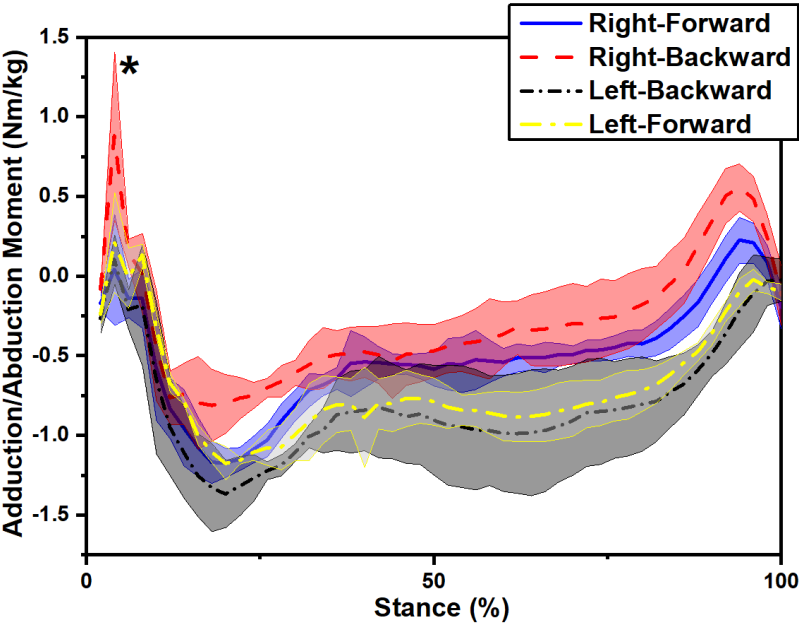
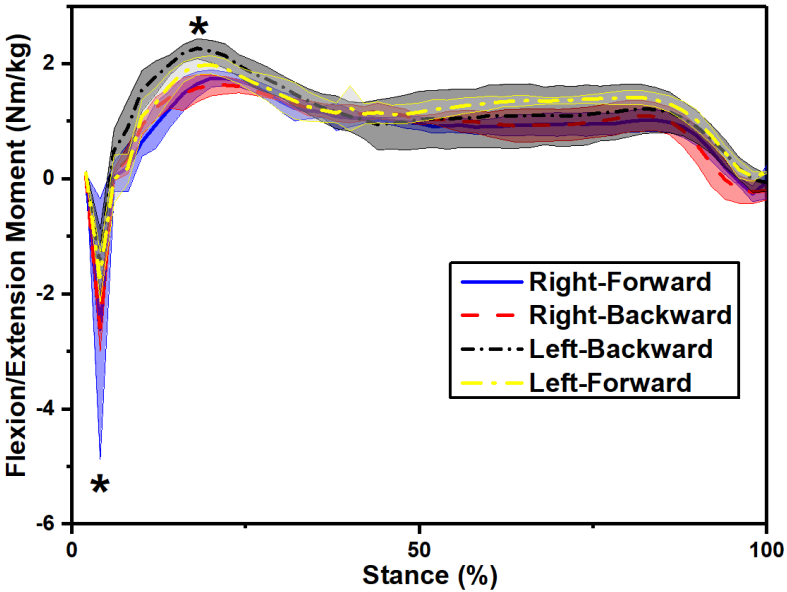
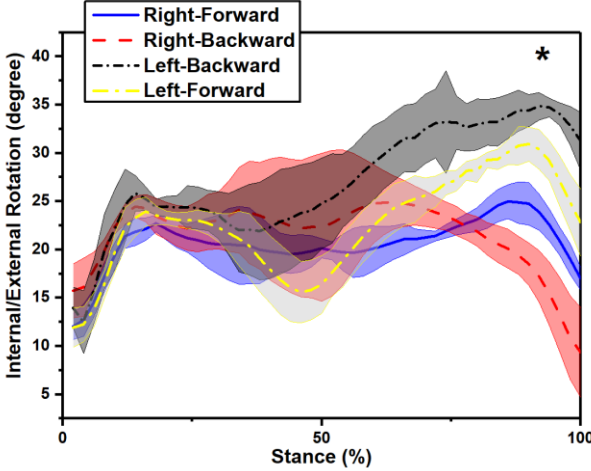
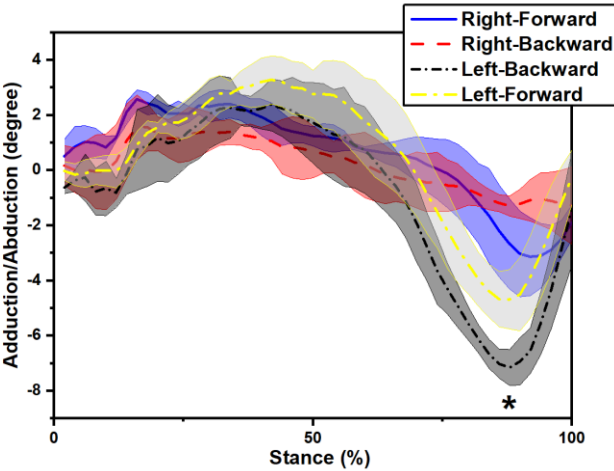
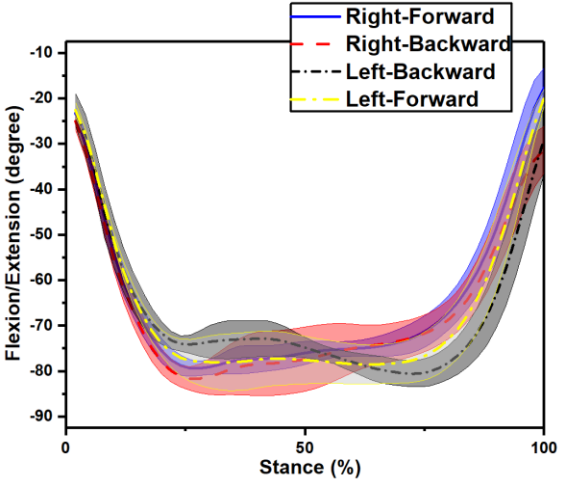
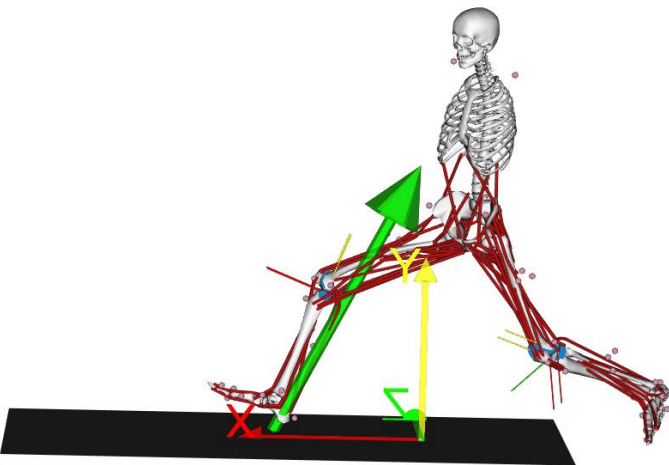


Assign material properties  
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Apply Load  
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Boundary conditions

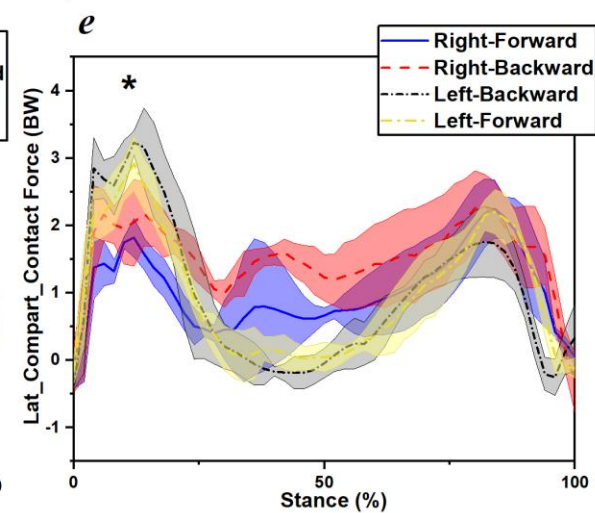
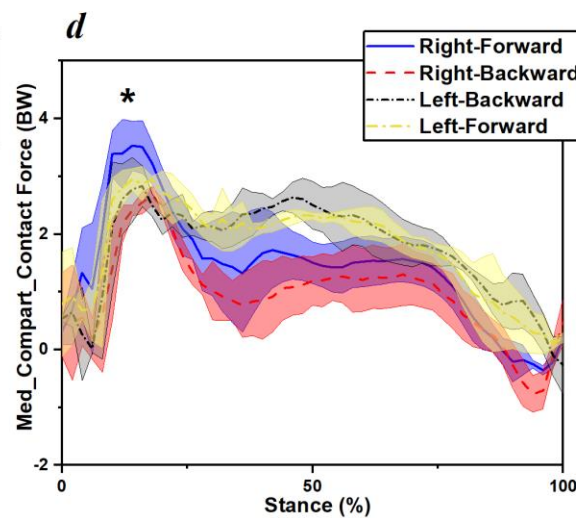
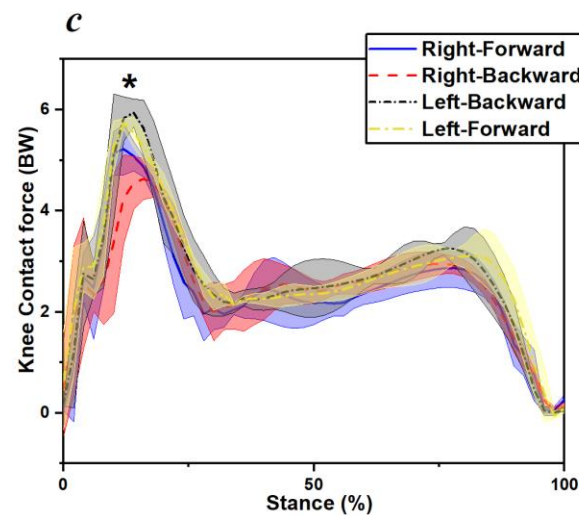
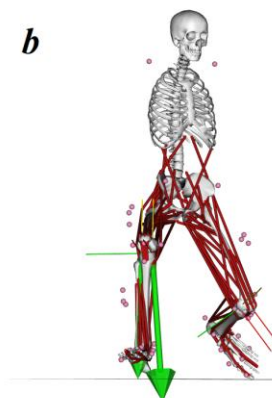
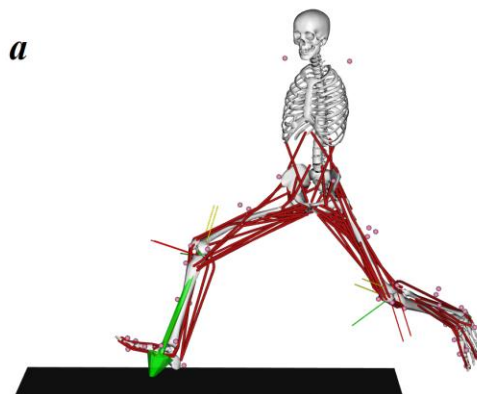
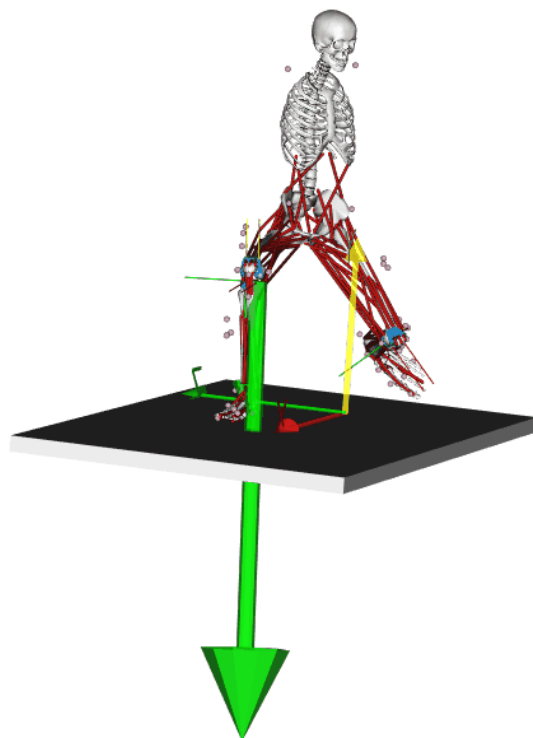




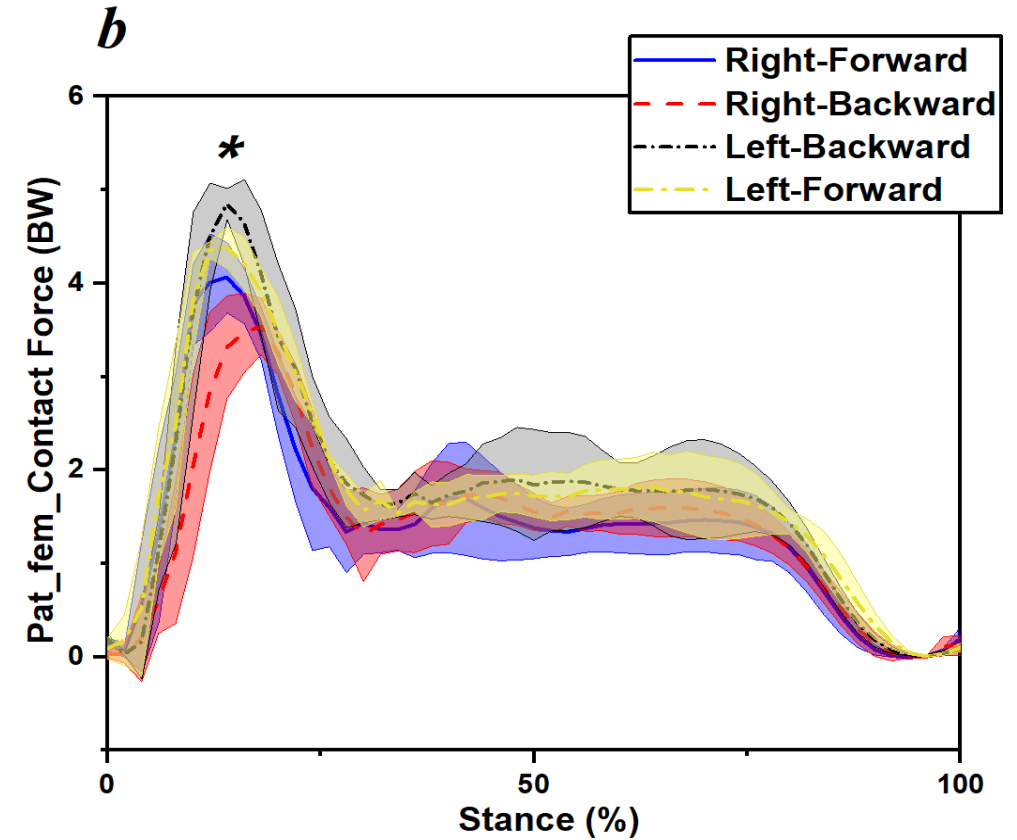
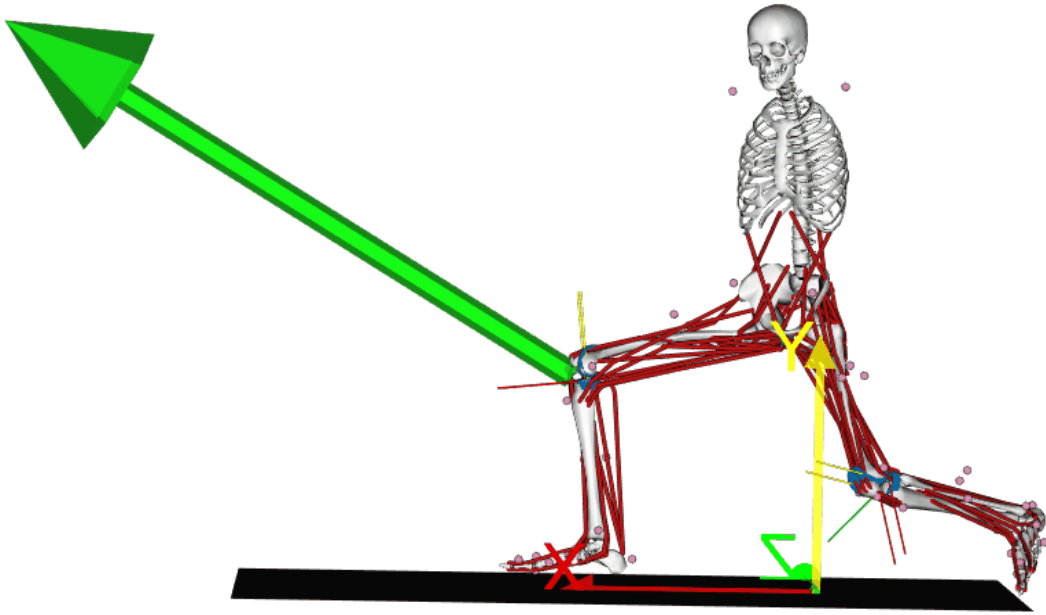
# Results (Angle & Moment)



# Results (Knee contact force)



# Results (PatFem contact force)

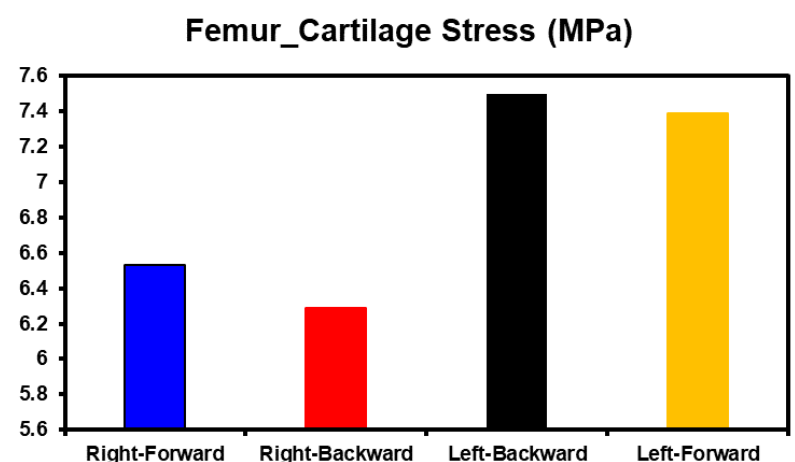
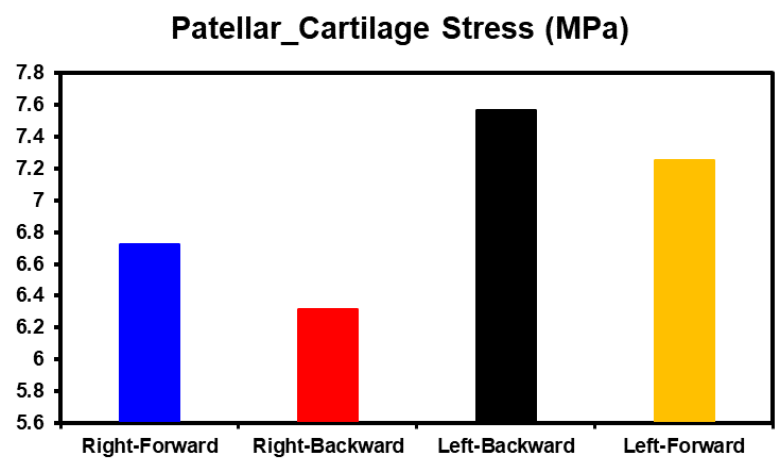
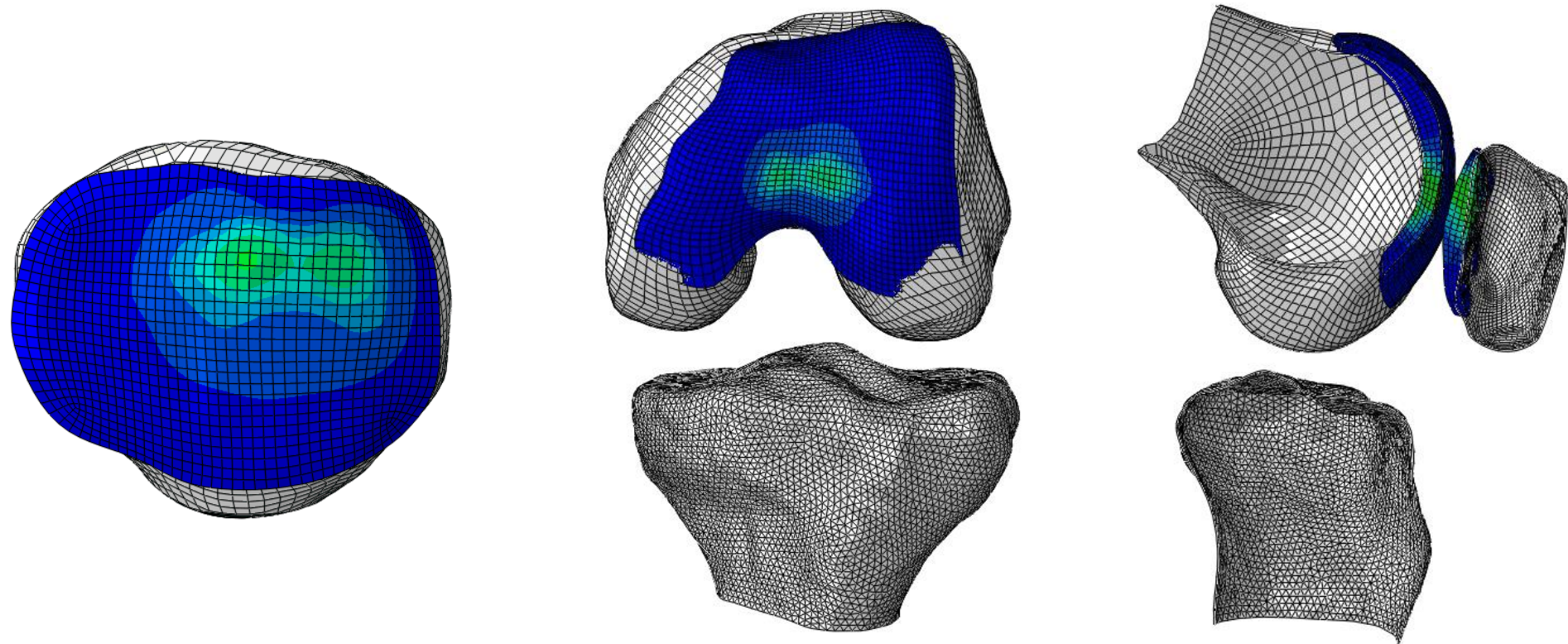
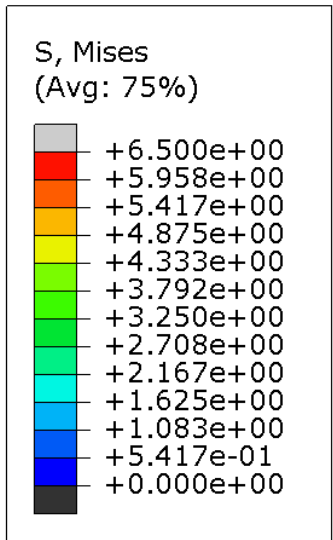


Boundary condition + Load:

- Knee joint angle (positions);
- Quadriceps (vastus lateralis, vastus medialis, vastus intermedius and rectus femoris) muscle force (Load).



# Results (PatFem Cartilage Stress)



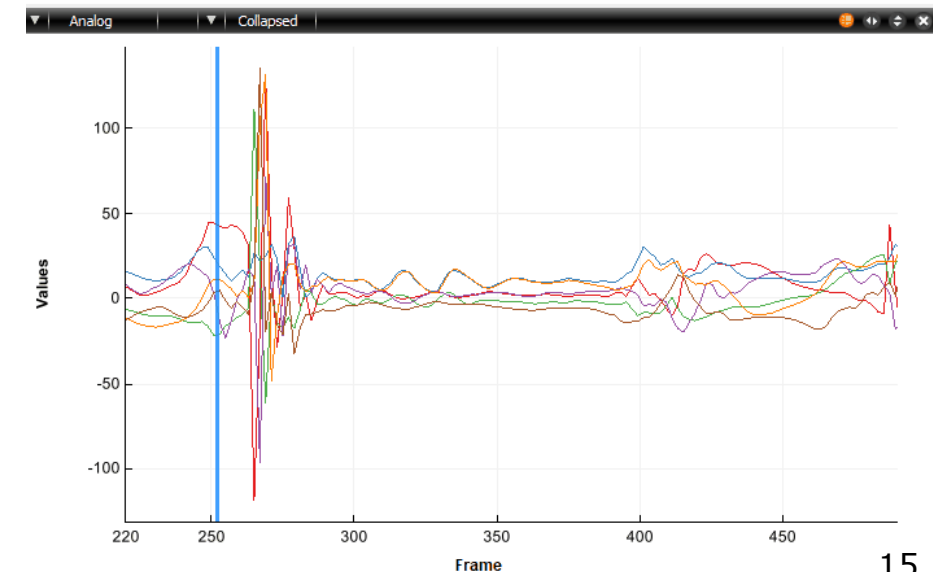
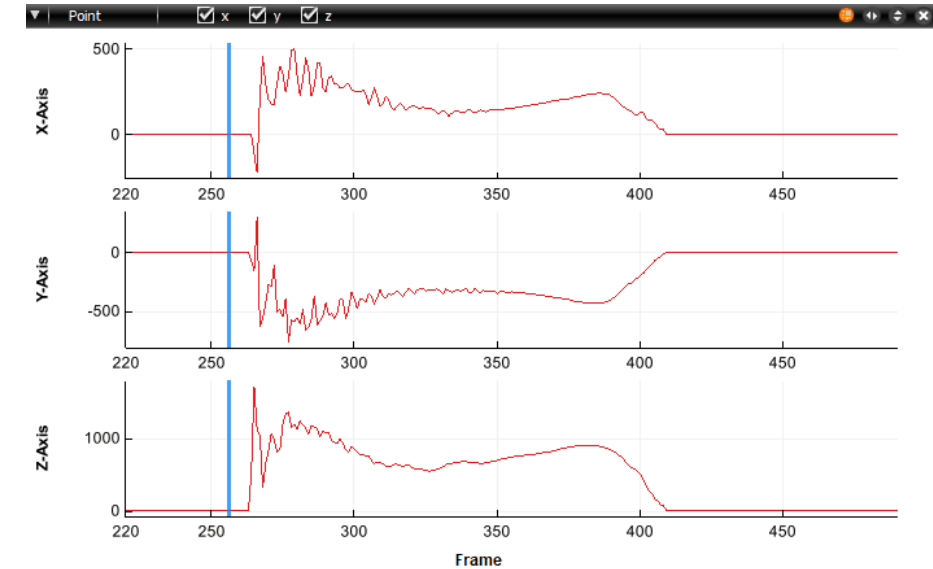
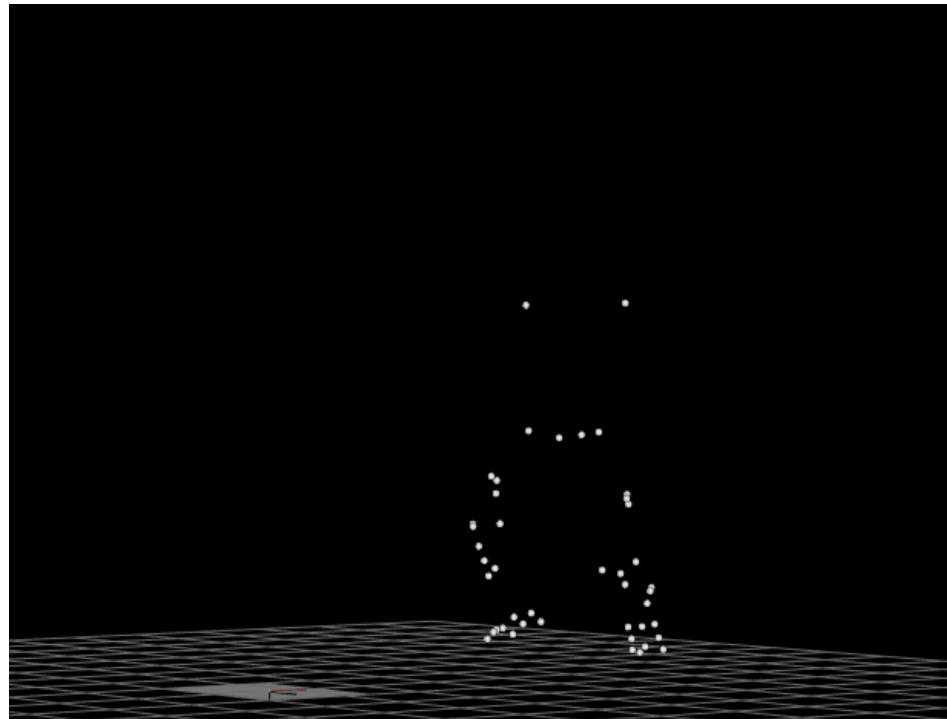
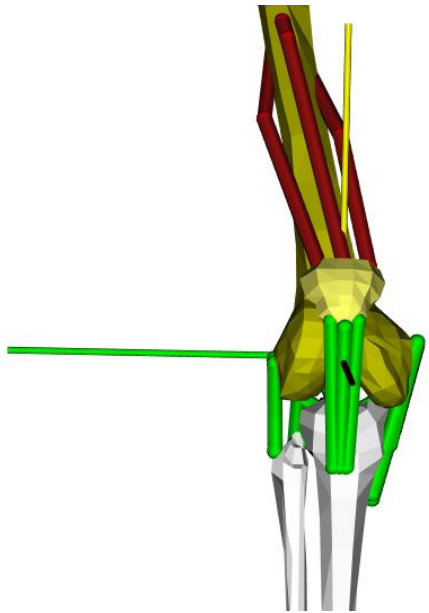


- Significantly increased peak knee flexion moment were observed from sub (**2.24Nm/kg**) to maximal lunge (**4.1Nm/kg**);
- Tibiofemoral axial contact force and patellofemoral compressive force increased significantly during maximal-lunge (**8.4BW** and **8.1BW**) comparing to sub-lunge (**7.2BW** and **7.3BW**).
- Forces of vastus lateralis, vastus medialis, vastus intermedius and rectus femoris muscles increased from **0.31BW**, **1.62BW**, **1.21BW** and **3.1BW** (sub-lunge) to **0.68BW**, **1.8BW**, **1.56BW** and **3.6BW** (maximal-lunge), respectively.

- Left-Backward and Left-Forward lunges presented higher knee contact force and cartilage stress loadings.
- Larger flexion and adduction moments in the Right-Forward and Right-Backward should also be noted as potential factors contributing to overuse injury risks.
- Quadriceps muscle force contributions were revealed that could assist the training program for developing these muscles, so as to prevent potential knee pain and injuries and help improve lunging performance.



- Synchronize IMU with MoCap
- Pattern recognition (Machine learning algorithm)
- Real-time on-court monitor & Feedback



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