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EDUCATION

Nanyang Technological University (NTU)

Department: Physical Education and Sports Science Academic Group

Singapore

Apr 2020 - Jun 2023

- B.S., Sport Science and Management with Honours ([Highest Distinction](#))

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Nanyang Technological University

Sports Biomechanics Lab | Principal Investigators: Phillis Teng, PhD

Singapore

Aug 2023 - Present

- Assisting in developing the research design and research ethics application for the project titled, "Screening and Biomechanical Risk Factors for Early Knee Osteoarthritis".
- The project aims to develop a novel screening method to identify biomechanical markers for recreational runners identified to be at risk of early knee osteoarthritis, by utilizing various equipment such as foot pressure mapping, ultrasound, tensiomyography and DEXA.
- A first-author conference paper was accepted on the use of markerless motion capture system in running [[C3](#)].
- Conducting a systematic review on early knee osteoarthritis using Covidence.

Research Intern, Agency for Science, Technology and Research, Bioinformatics Institute

Biophysical Modelling Lab | Principal Investigator: Chiam Keng Hwee, PhD

Singapore

Jan 2023 - Jun 2023

- Contributed to a project on data-driven gait rehabilitation of lower limb amputees.
- Implemented generative AI (Stable Diffusion) to enhance existing open-source pose estimation algorithm (OpenPose & DeepLabCut) in identifying lower limb amputee's anatomical landmarks for the purpose of gait analysis [[P2](#)].
- Involved in sourcing for videos, labeling of anatomical landmarks, training a model using DeepLabCut and performed data analysis.

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Nanyang Technological University

Sports Biomechanics Lab | Principal Investigator: Kong Pui Wah, PhD

Singapore

Apr 2022 - May 2023

- Contributed to a project analyzing the biomechanical effects of exoskeletal in military personnel.
- Coordinated synchronized gait data collections using VICON Nexus on Bertec split-belt instrumented treadmill, Delsys EMG system and loadsol® sensors.
- Wrote MATLAB and Python scripts to extract data and conduct data analysis of ground reaction forces using statistical parametric mapping (SPM) Python package, [spm1d](#). [🔗](#)
- Publications: 2 conference abstract [[CA2](#), [CA3](#)] and 2 journal articles [[J2](#), [J4](#)].

Honors Thesis (Grade: A+), Nanyang Technological University

Sports Biomechanics Lab | Principal Investigators: John Cher Chay Tan, PhD & Sofyan Sahrom, PhD

Singapore

Apr 2022 - Nov 2022

- Collaborated with National Youth Sports Institute and Singapore Weightlifting Federation.
- Led the application of research ethics and designed the study protocol of evaluating the validity of a velocity-based training device in weightlifting exercises using VICON 3D motion capture cameras [[P1](#)].
- Wrote a MATLAB script to extract data from c3d files to perform Bland-Altman analysis. [🔗](#)
- Awarded Best Poster Presentation [award](#) at the 11th Lau Teng Chuan Physical Education & Sports Science Symposium. [📷](#)

Undergraduate Research Programme (URECA), Nanyang Technological University

Sports Biomechanics Lab | Principal Investigator: Kong Pui Wah, PhD

Singapore

Aug 2021 - Aug 2022

- Contributed to the development of a video-based analysis model for assessing treadmill running biomechanics.
- Facilitated over 40 participants' recruitment and utilized Kinovea to analyze running kinematics.
- Conferred the title "NTU President Research Scholar" for completing the programme with Distinction.
- Publications: 2 conference papers [[C1](#), [C2](#)], 2 journal articles [[J1](#), [J3](#)].

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Nanyang Technological University

Human Bioenergetics Lab | Principal Investigator: Yang Yifan, PhD

Singapore








Sep 2020 - Mar 2021

- Contributed to the project assessing the dose-response of leucine on muscle maintenance during weight loss.
- Independently recruited over 20 participants and coordinated weekly anthropometric measurements.
- Verified accuracy of participant's data entry for daily physical activity, sleep, and dietary intake log.



PUBLICATIONS

* indicates corresponding author


Peer-reviewed Journal Articles

- [J4] Kong, P. W.* , Koh, A. H., Ho, M. Y. M., **Iskandar, M. N. S.**, & Lim, C. X. E. (2024). Effectiveness of A Passive Military Exoskeleton in Offloading Weight during Static and Dynamic Load Carriage: A Randomised Cross-Over Study. *Applied Ergonomics*. 119, 104293. doi: 10.1016/j.apergo.2024.104293  
- [J3] **Iskandar, M. N. S.**, Loh, R. B. C., Ho, M. Y. M., Pan, J. W. & Kong, P. W.* (2023). Crossover Gait in Running and Measuring Foot Inversion Angle at Initial Foot Strike: A Front-View Video Analysis Approach. *Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology*. 11, 1210049. doi: 10.3389/fbioe.2023.1210049  
- [J2] Kong, P. W.* , **Iskandar, M. N. S.**, Koh, A. H., Ho, M. Y. M., & Lim, C. X. E. (2023). Validation of In-Shoe Force Sensors During Loaded Walking In Military Personnel. *Sensors*. 23(14), 6465. doi: 10.3390/s23146465  
- [J1] Pan, J. W., Ho, M. Y. M., Loh, R. B. C., **Iskandar, M. N. S.**, & Kong, P. W.* (2023). Foot Morphology and Running Gait Pattern between the Left and Right Limbs in Recreational Runners. *Physical Activity and Health*, 7(1), 43–52. doi: 10.5334/paah.226 



Peer-reviewed Conference Proceeding

- [C3] **Iskandar, M. N. S.**, & Teng, P. S. P.* (Accepted). Kinematics Comparison of OpenCap and IMU with Marker-Based Motion Capture In Treadmill Running: A Pilot Study. *Proceedings of the 42nd International Society of Biomechanics in Sports Conference*. 
- [C2] Loh, R. B. C., Ho, M. Y. M., **Iskandar, M. N. S.**, & Kong, P. W.* (Accepted). Two-Dimensional Kinematics Differences Between Sexes In Runners With and Without Patellofemoral Pain. *Proceedings of the 42nd International Society of Biomechanics in Sports Conference*.
- [C1] **Iskandar, M. N. S.**, Loh, R. B. C., Ho, M. Y. M., Pan, J. W., & Kong, P. W.* (2022). Comparison of Rearfoot Inversion Angle at Initial Footstrike Measured From Front And Back View Videos. *Proceedings of the 40th International Society of Biomechanics in Sports Conference*, 40(1), 291. 

Conference Abstract

- [CA3] Lim, C., Kong, P. W., Koh, A. H., Ho, M., & **Iskandar, M. N. S.**. The physiological and biomechanical effects of a full-body passive exoskeleton on military load carriage. *6th International Congress on Soldiers' Physical Performance*. September 2023. 
- [CA2] **Iskandar, M. N. S.**, Koh, A. H., Ho, M. Y. M., Lim, C. X. E., & Kong, P. W. Validation of the loadsol® in-shoe force sensors during walking in military boots under heavy load carriage. *9th Asian Society of Sport Biomechanics Conference*. August 2023.
- [CA1] Loh, R. B. C., Ho, M. Y., **Iskandar, M. N. S.**, Pan, J. W., & Kong, P. W. Reliability of video-based running gait analysis in recreational runners. *XXII International Conference on Mechanics in Medicine and Biology*. August 2022.

In Progress

- [P2] Zhou, T., **Iskandar, M. N. S.**, & Chiam, K. H.* (Under Review). Diffusion Models Enable Zero-Shot Pose Estimation for Lower-Limb Prosthetic Users. 
- [P1] **Iskandar, M. N. S.***, Tan, J. C. C., Wong, H., Low, A., & Sahrom, S. B. (In preparation). Criterion Validity of The FLEX Device Measuring Barbell Velocity in Weightlifting Exercises Across the Load-Velocity Profile. 

CONFERENCE ORAL PRESENTATIONS

- [CP3] Validation of the loadsol® in-shoe force sensors during walking in military boots under heavy load carriage, *9th Asian Society of Sports Biomechanics (ASSB) Conference*, Bangkok, Thailand, August 2023
- [CP2] Two-Dimensional Video Analysis of the Rearfoot Inversion Angle at Initial Footstrike in Treadmill Running, *10th International Conference of Undergraduate Research (ICUR)*, Virtual presentation, September 2022
- [CP1] Comparison of Rearfoot Inversion Angle at Initial Footstrike Measured From Front And Back View Videos, *40th International Society of Biomechanics in Sports (ISBS) Conference*, Liverpool, United Kingdom, July 2022

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Yayasan MENDAKI PSLE Math Tutor

Mentored 2 students weekly in mathematics for their Primary School Leaving Examination (PSLE) in Singapore.

2020

Updated: 4 May 2024

AWARDS

Anugerah Cemerlang MENDAKI Award <i>Awarded by Yayasan MENDAKI to undergraduate Malay students for graduating with first-class honors/highest distinction.</i>	2023
Internship Commendation Award <i>Awarded by NTU to the top 15% of the cohort for excellent work performed during the undergraduate internship.</i>	2023
Best Thesis Oral Presentation Award <i>Awarded by NTU at the 11th Lau Teng Chuan Physical Education & Sports Science Symposium.</i>	2022
ISBS Student Travel Grant <i>Awarded by ISBS to attend the 40th ISBS Conference.</i>	2022

SKILLS

Programming: Python, MATLAB, R, Excel VBA, HTML/CSS
Software: SPSS, JASP, OpenSim, Visual3D, VICON Nexus
Languages: English (Native), Malay