

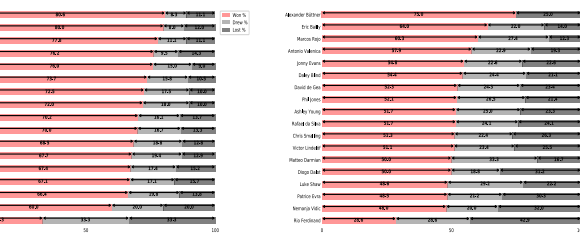
Infographic: The Defence of Manchester United 2007- 2019 in Figures

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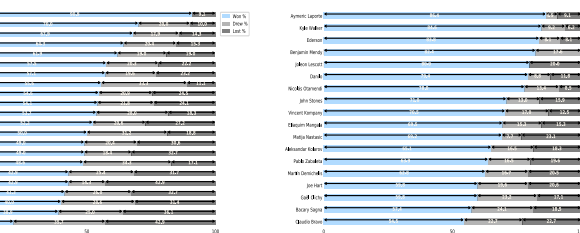
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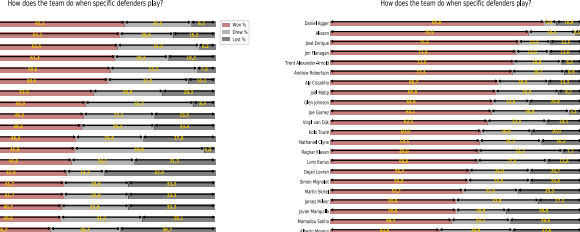
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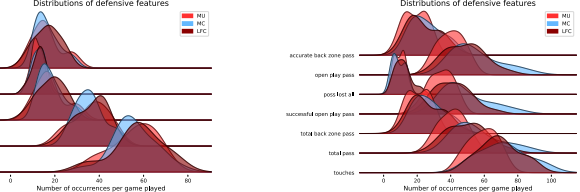
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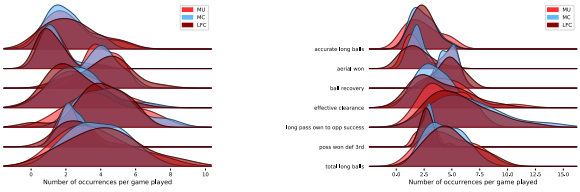
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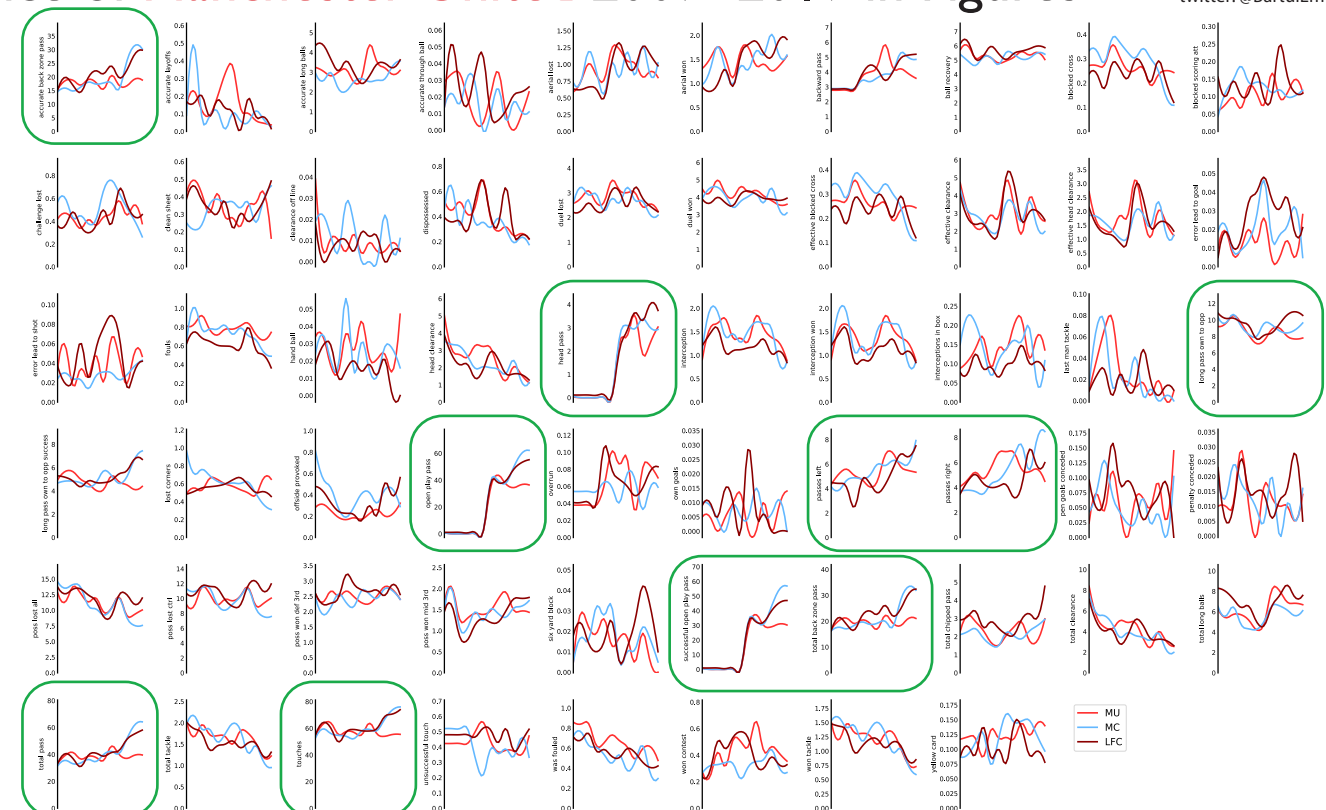
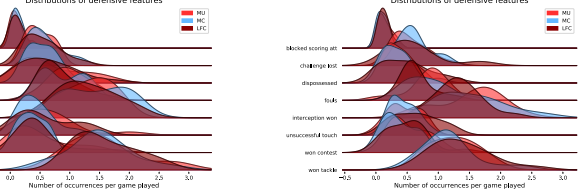
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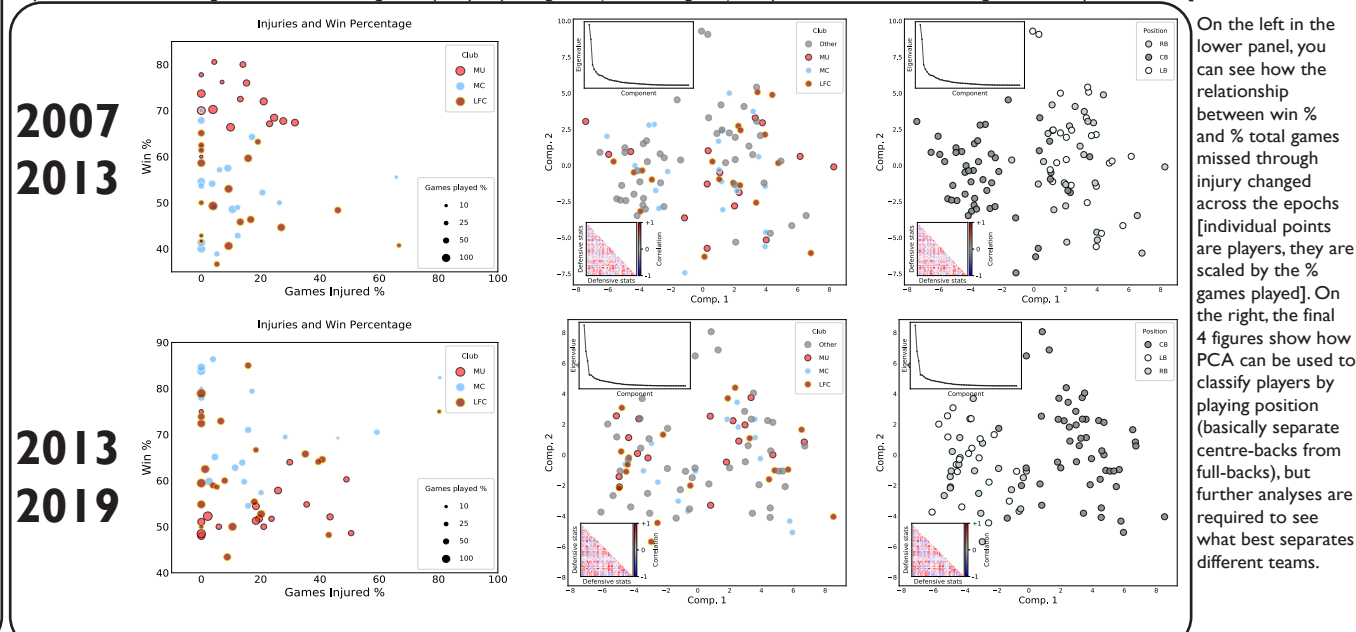
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On the upper left, you can see how well the teams did when each player was on the pitch across two periods (2007-13 and 2013-19). On the lower left, the 3 teams (MU, MC and LFC) are compared across groups of different defensive stats across the two epochs [note the enormous difference in passing stats between MU and others 2013-2019]. In the figure above, you can see how team averages on each stat evolve throughout the whole period (2007-19) [some stats that begin with 0 could not be obtained in that period as they were not measured; again, note the widening discrepancy in passing stats (marked in green) compared to MC and LFC during the last couple of seasons].



On the left in the lower panel, you can see how the relationship between win % and % total games missed through injury changed across the epochs [individual points are players, they are scaled by the % games played]. On the right, the final 4 figures show how PCA can be used to classify players by playing position (basically separate centre-backs from full-backs), but further analyses are required to see what best separates different teams.