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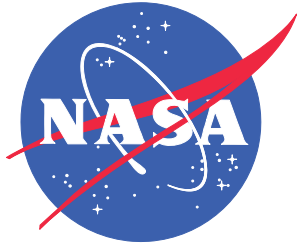
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Nomenclature

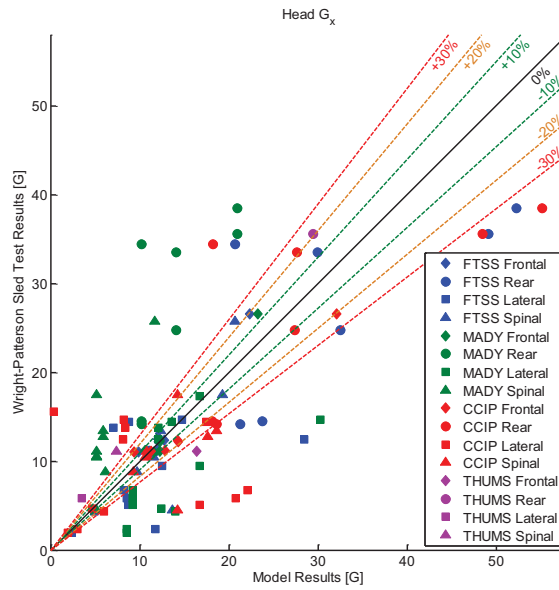
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| AFB | Air Force Base |
| AFRL | Air Force Research Library |
| AIS | Abbreviated Injury Scale |
| ANSI | American National Standards Institute |
| ASCII | American Standard Code for Information Interchange |
| ATD | Anthropomorphic Test Devices |
| ATK | Alliant Techsystems |
| ATLS | Advanced Trauma Life Support |
| BDR | Brinkley Dynamic Response |
| BMD | Bone Mineral Density |
| CAD | Computer-Aided Design |
| CCD | Crew Cursor Device |
| CCIP | Constellation Crew Injury Prediction [ATD] |
| CEV | Crew Exploration Vehicle |
| CFC | Channel Frequency Class |
| CM | Crew Module |
| CPU | Central Processing Unit |
| CSDM | Cumulative Strain Damage Measure |
| CSSS | Constellation Space Suit System |
| CxP | Constellation Program |
| D | Dimensional |
| DAC | Design Analysis Cycle |
| DoD | Department of Defense |
| DOF | Degree of Freedom |
| DRI | Dynamic Response Index |
| DR _x | X-axis Dynamic Response |
| DR _y | Y-axis Dynamic Response |
| DSS | Decelerator System Simulation |
| DU | Display Unit |
| DXA | Dual-energy X-ray Absorbance |
| EFA | Exploratory Factor Analysis |
| EOM | End of Mission |
| EuroSID | European Side-Impact Dummy |
| EVA | Extravehicular Activity |
| F/B | Fighter/Bomber |
| FAA | Federal Aviation Administration |
| FACB | Flight Activities Control Board |
| FE | Finite Element |
| FEM | Finite Element Model |
| FMVSS | Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard |
| FR | Front Right |
| FS | Flight Status |
| FTSS | First Technologies Safety Systems |
| G | Gravitational constant |
| GM | General Motors |

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| GRC | Glenn Research Center |
| GSI | Gadd Severity Index |
| HANS® | Head and Neck Support® |
| HIA | Horizontal Impact Accelerator |
| HIC | Head Injury Criteria |
| HRP | Human Research Program |
| HSIR | Human-Systems Integration Requirements |
| IARV | Injury Assessment Reference Values |
| IRC | Injury Reference Criteria |
| IRL | Indy Racing League |
| IS | Injury Severity |
| IWE | Independent Witness® Encrypted Format File |
| IWI | Independent Witness® Unencrypted Binary File |
| JSC | Johnson Space Center |
| LaRC | Langley Research Center |
| lb | pound |
| LM | Lockheed Martin |
| LOC | Loss of Consciousness |
| LS-DYNA® | Finite Element Analysis Software by Livermore Software Technology Corporation |
| LSTC | Livermore Software Technology Corporation |
| MADYMO | MAThematical DYNAMIC Modeling |
| MATLAB® | MATrix LABoratory data analysis program from The Mathworks |
| mm | millimeter |
| MOB | Medical Operations Board |
| mph | miles per hour |
| msec | millisecond |
| MTSO | Management and Technical Support Office |
| N | Newton |
| NASA | National Aeronautics and Space Administration |
| NASCAR | National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing |
| NESC | NASA Engineering and Safety Center |
| NFS | Not Further Specified |
| NHTSA | National Highway Traffic Safety Administration |
| Nm | Newton meter |
| NRB | NESC Review Board |
| OOB | Out-of-Board |
| OPRA | Order Probit Regression Analysis |
| ORIS | Operationally Relevant Injury Scale |
| OSU | Ohio State University |
| PMHS | Post-Mortem Human Subject |
| PRA | Probabilistic Risk Assessment |
| S&G | Sprague-Geers |
| SAA | Space Act Agreement |
| SAE | Society of Automotive Engineering |
| SAR | Search and Rescue |

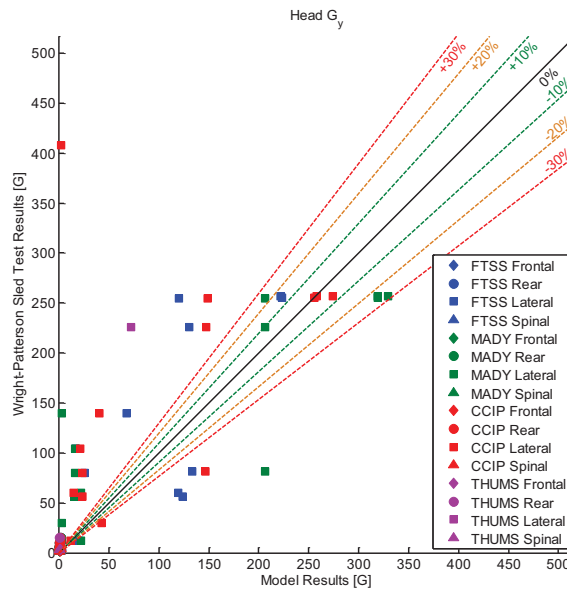
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| SC | Suit Connector |
| SE | Self-Egress |
| SID | Side-Impact ATD |
| SIMon | Simulated Injury Monitor |
| SMCCB | Space Medicine Configuration Control Board |
| SME | Subject Matter Expert |
| SRD | System Requirement Document |
| SSP | Space Shuttle Program |
| STD-DEV | Standard Deviation |
| TASS | TNO Automotive Safety Solutions |
| TBI | Traumatic Brain Injury |
| THUMS | Total HUMAN Model for Safety |
| TMA | Transport Modified Anthropometric |
| US | United States |
| USAF | United States Air Force |
| USN | United States Navy |
| USRA | Universities Space Research Association |
| VDT | Vertical Drop Tower |
| WP | Wright Patterson |
| WPAFB | Wright-Patterson Air Force Base |
| WSTC | Wayne State Tolerance Curve |

Appendix D. WPAFB Model Parameter Peak Value Comparison

D.1 Head X Translational Acceleration



D.2 Head Y Translational Acceleration



D.3 Head Z Translational Acceleration

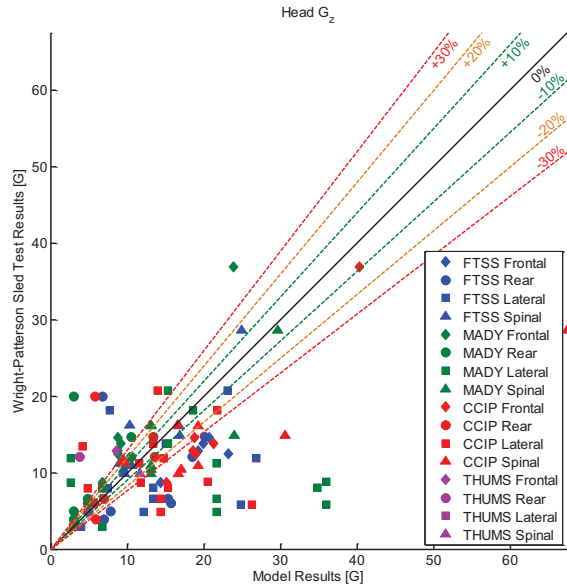


Figure D-3: Head Z Translational Acceleration

D.4 Head Resultant Translational Acceleration

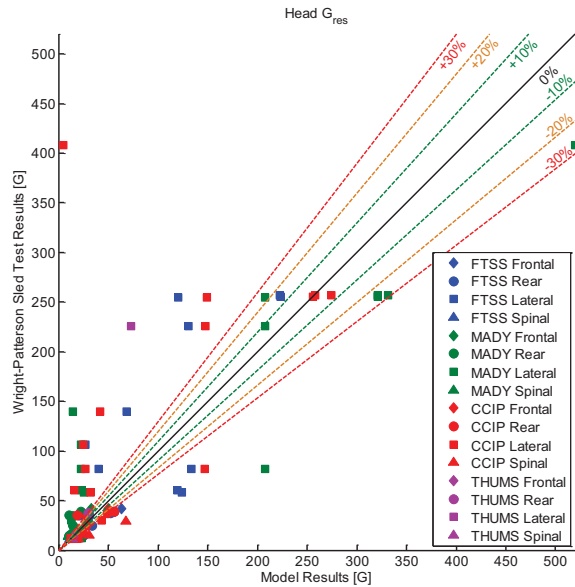


Figure D-4: Head Resultant Translational Acceleration

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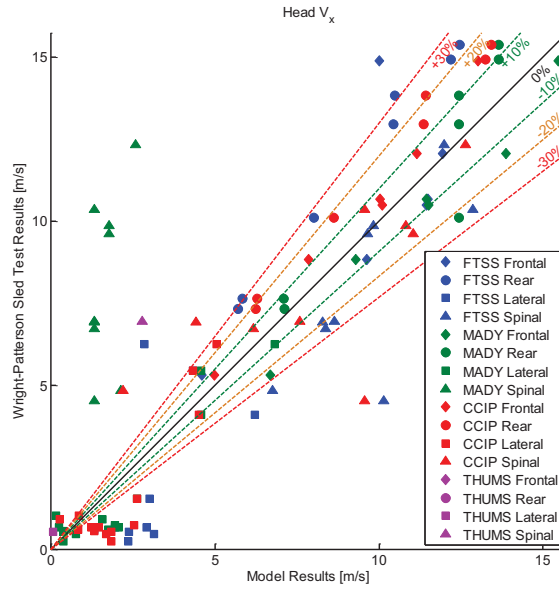


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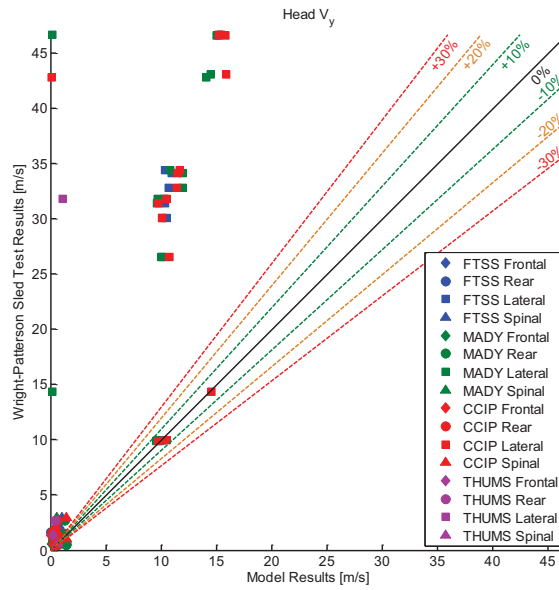


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D.7 Head Z Translational Velocity

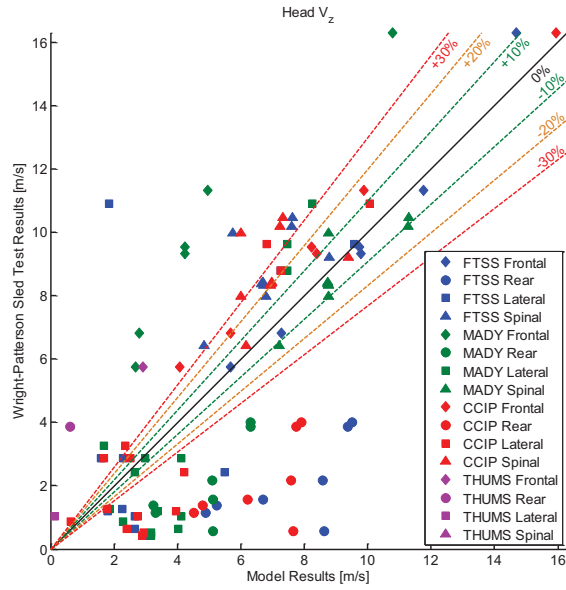


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D.8 Head Resultant Translational Velocity

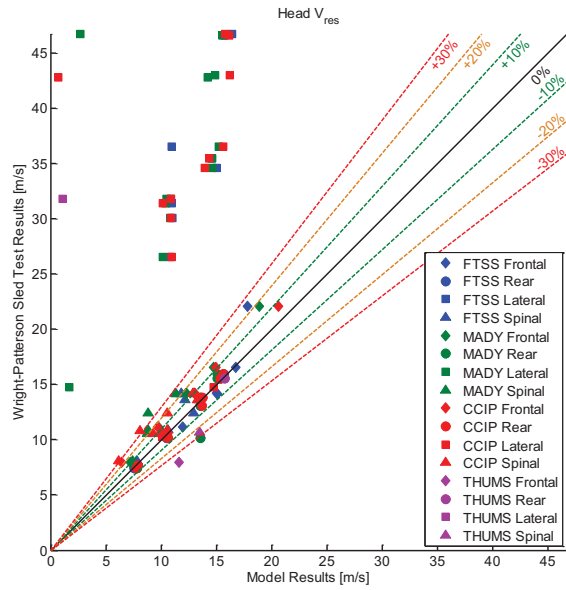


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D.9 Head Y Rotational Acceleration

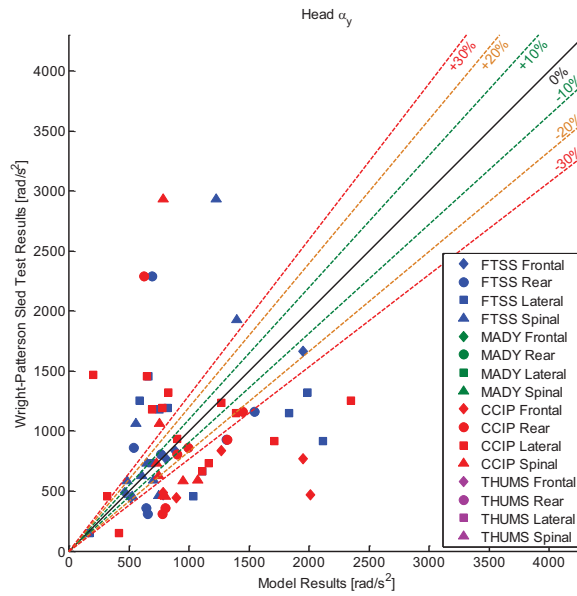


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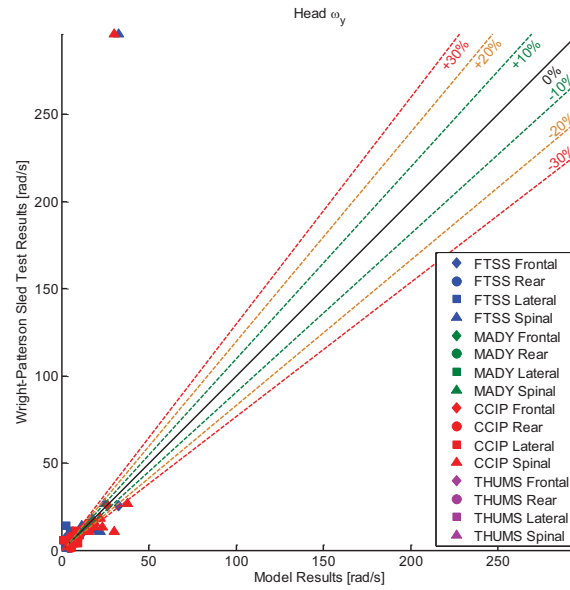


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D.11 Head X+ Movement

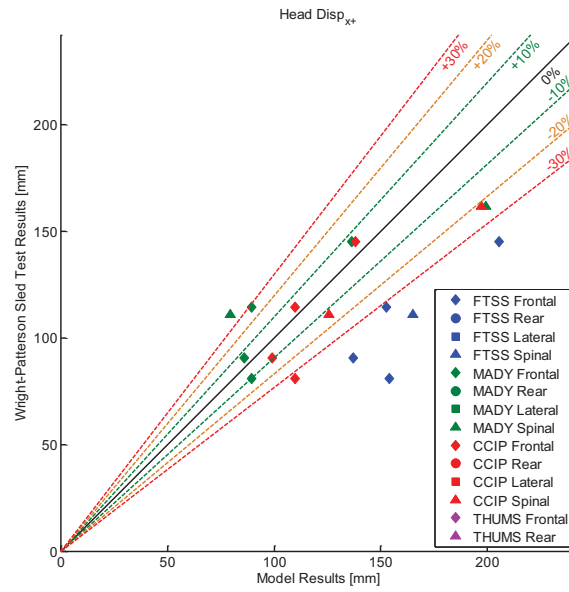


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D.12 Head X- Movement

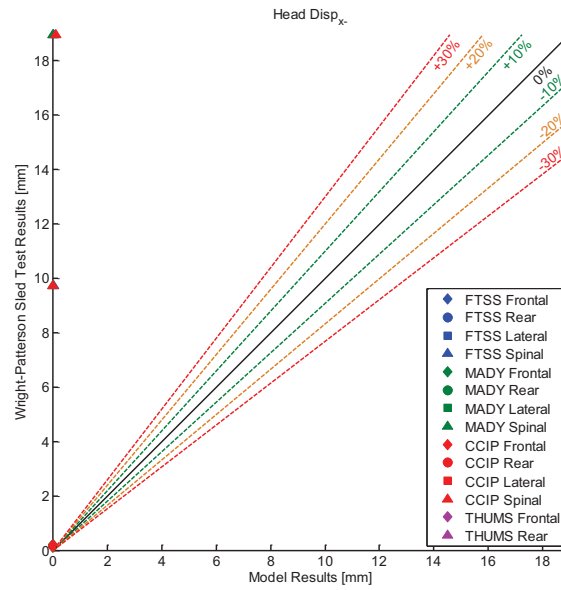


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D.13 Head Y Movement

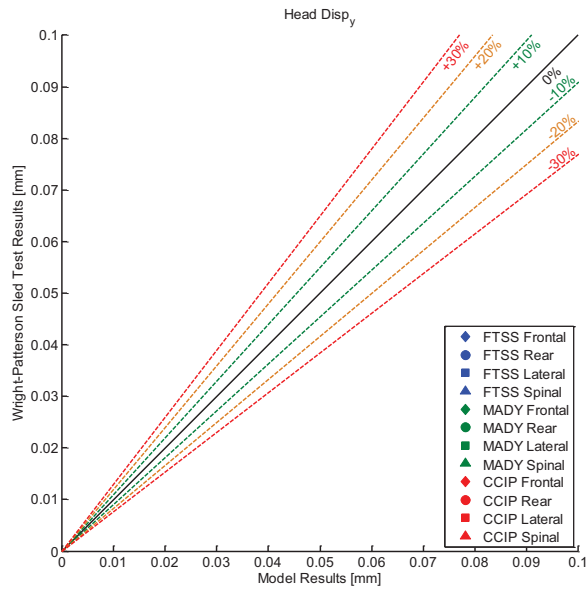


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D.14 Head Z+ Movement

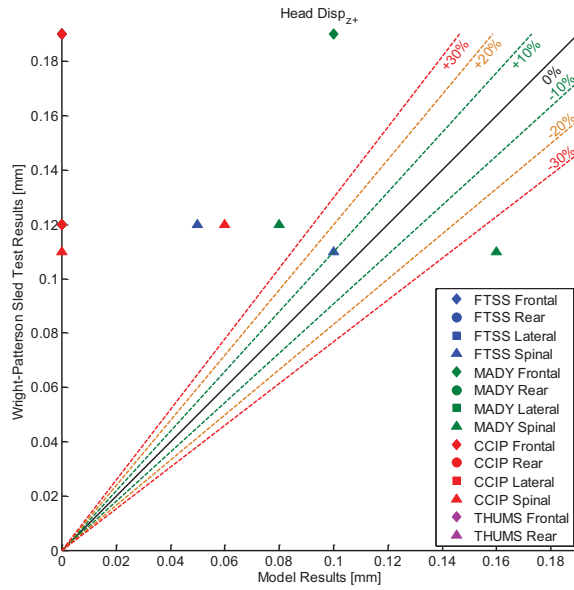


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D.15 HIC 15

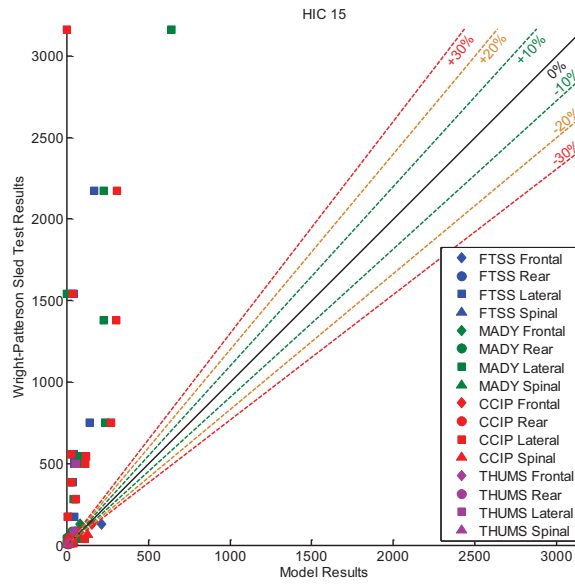


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D.16 HIC 36

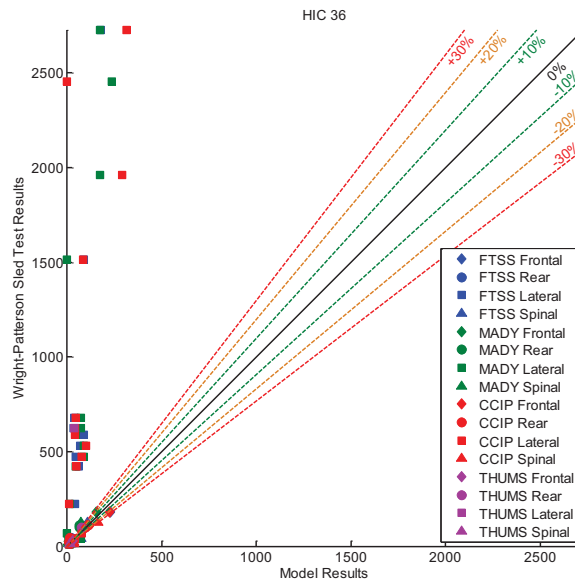


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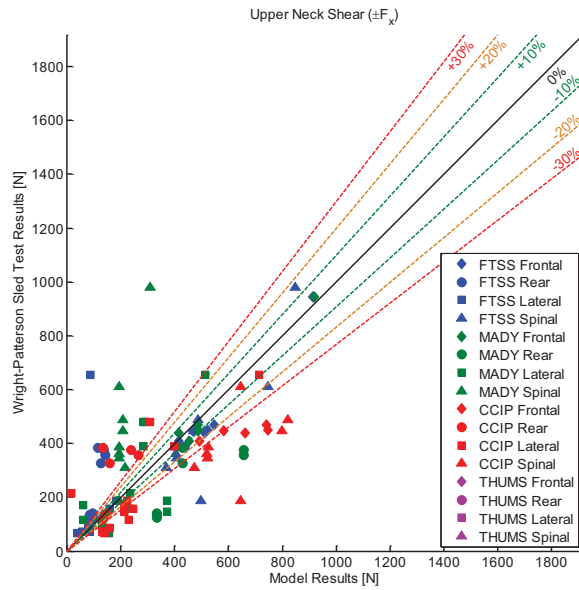


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D.18 Neck Y Shear

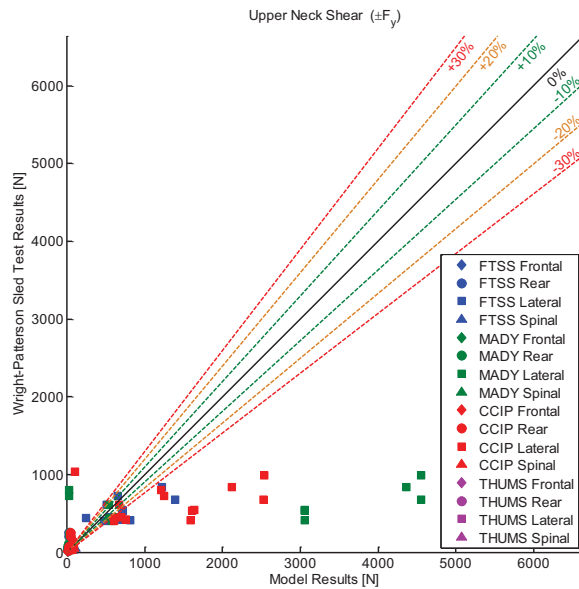


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D.19 Neck Axial Tension

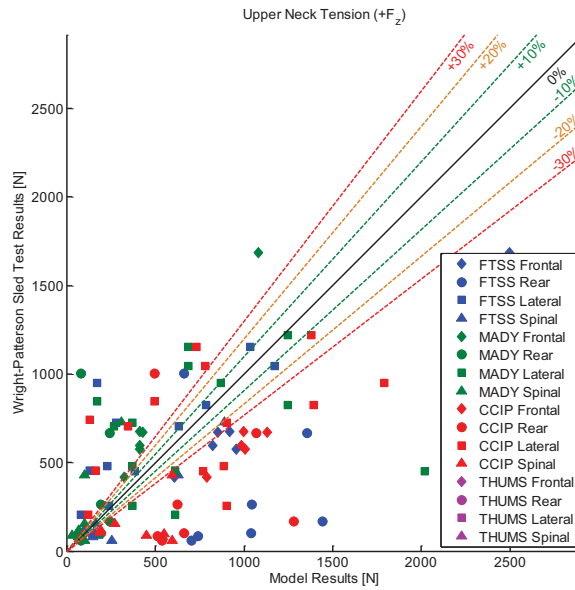


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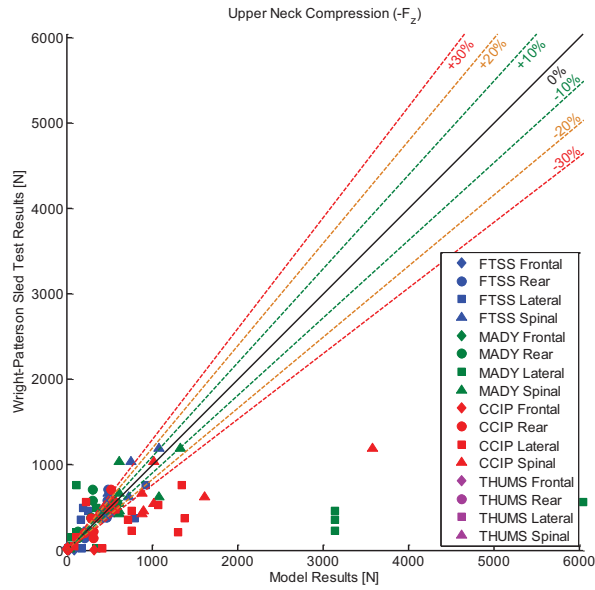


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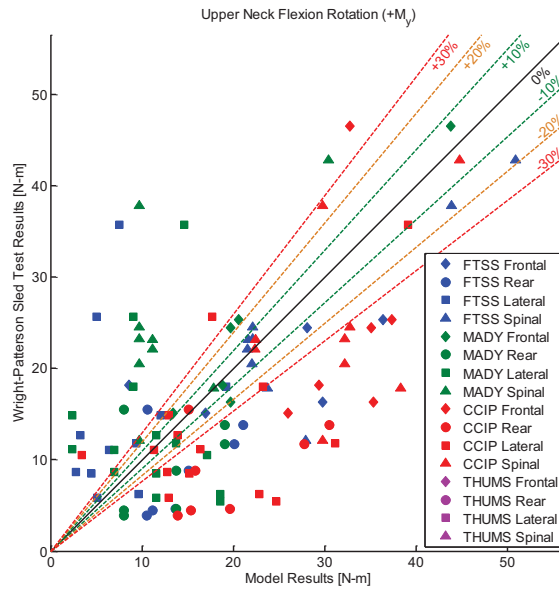


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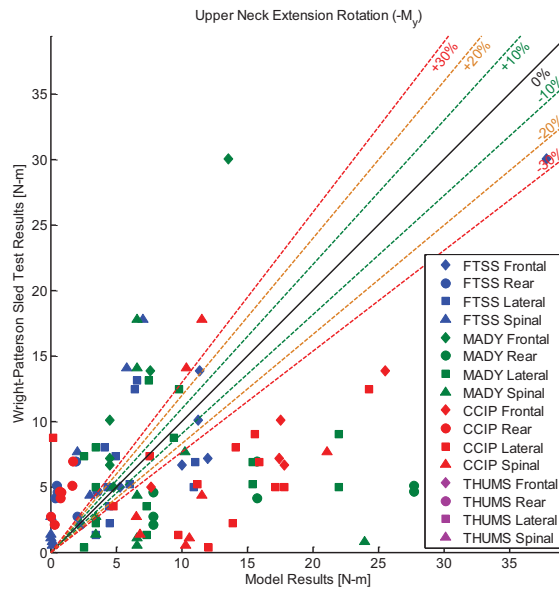


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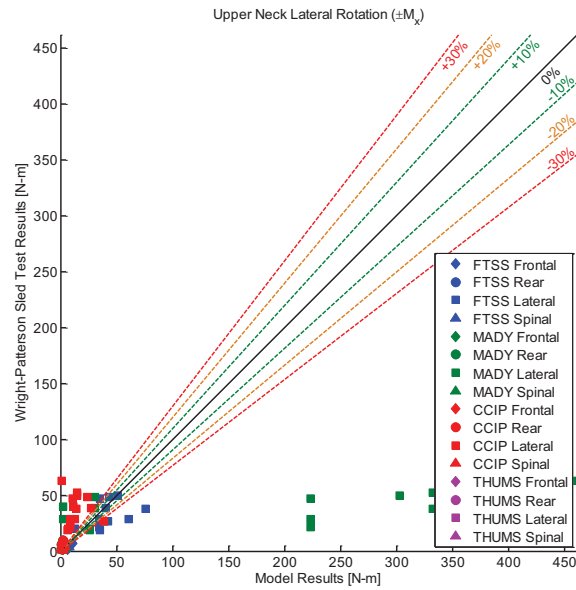


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D.24 Neck Rotation

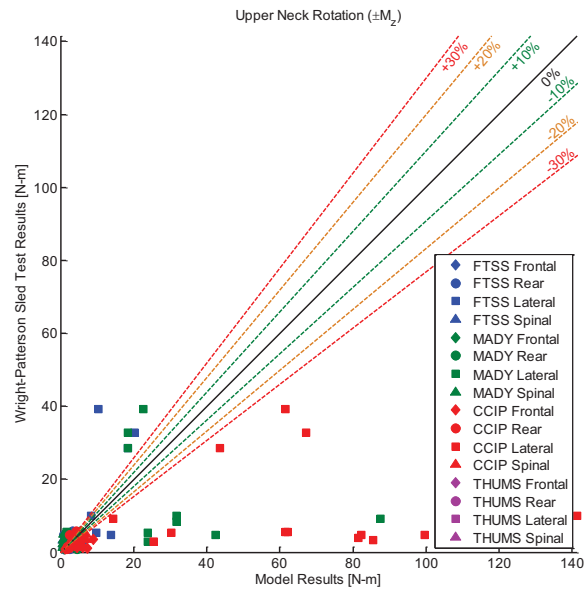


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D.25 Nij

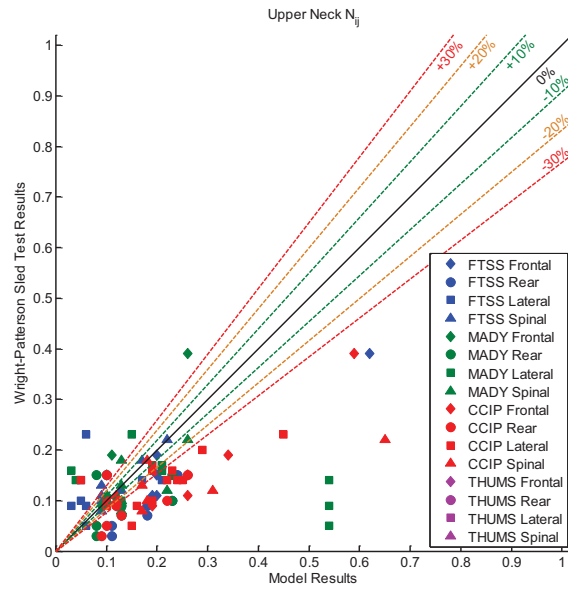


Figure D-25: N_{ij}

D.26 Nkm

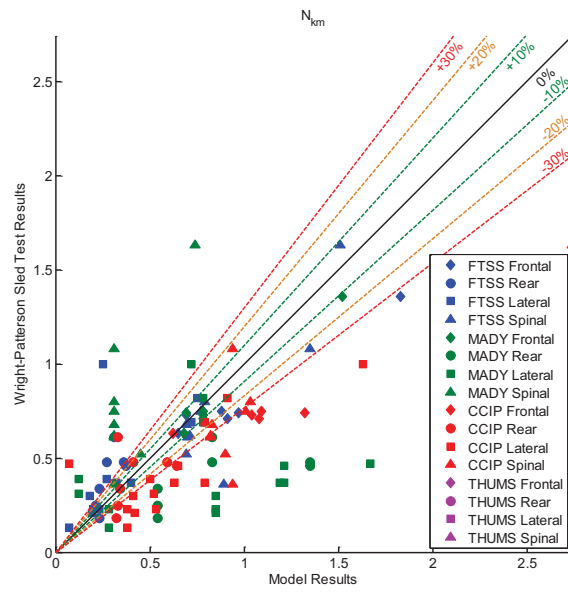


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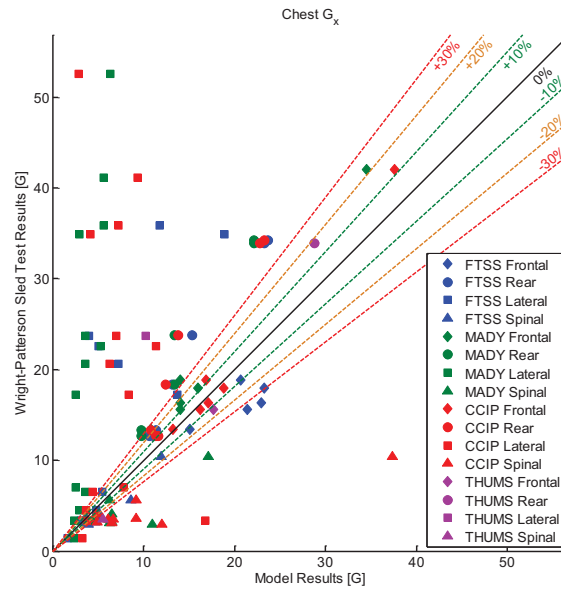


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D.28 Chest Y Acceleration

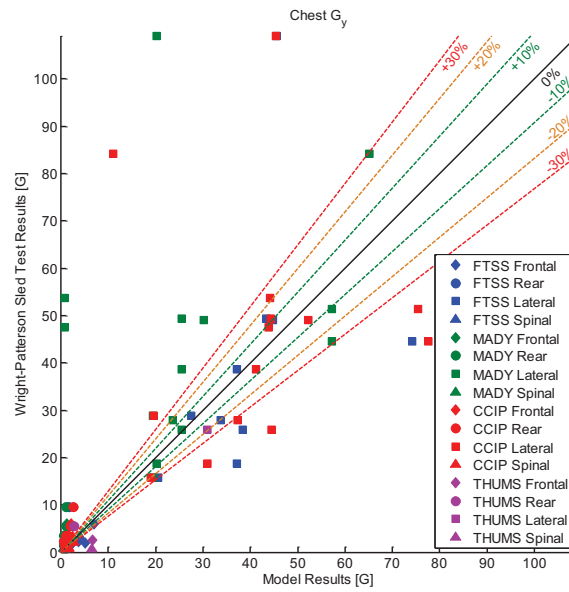


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D.29 Chest Z Acceleration

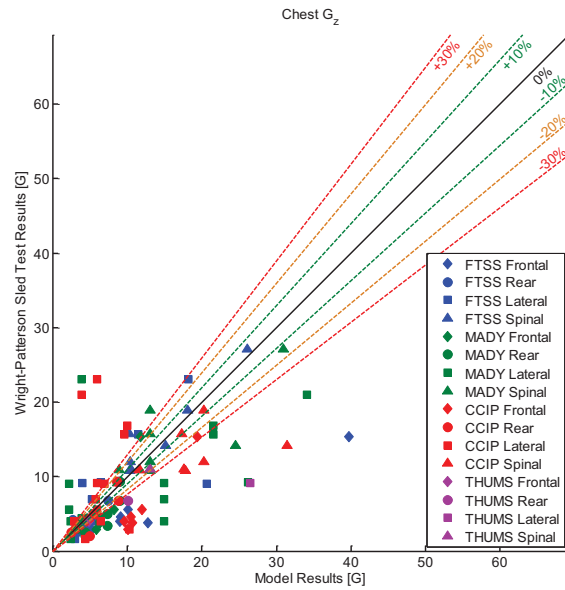


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D.30 Chest Resultant Acceleration

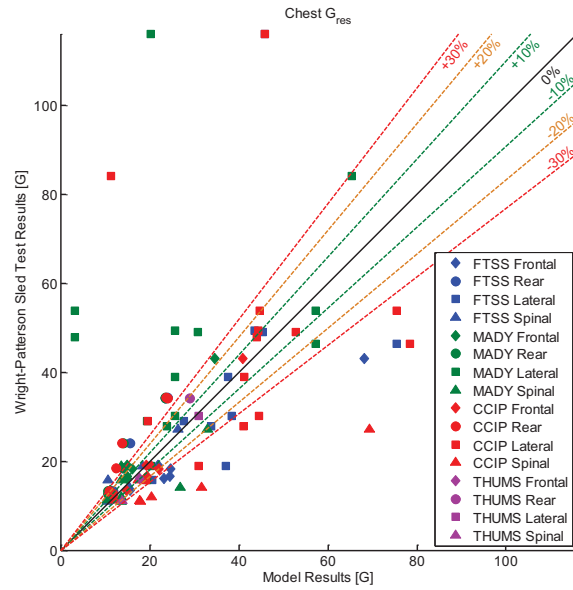


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D.31 Chest X+ Movement

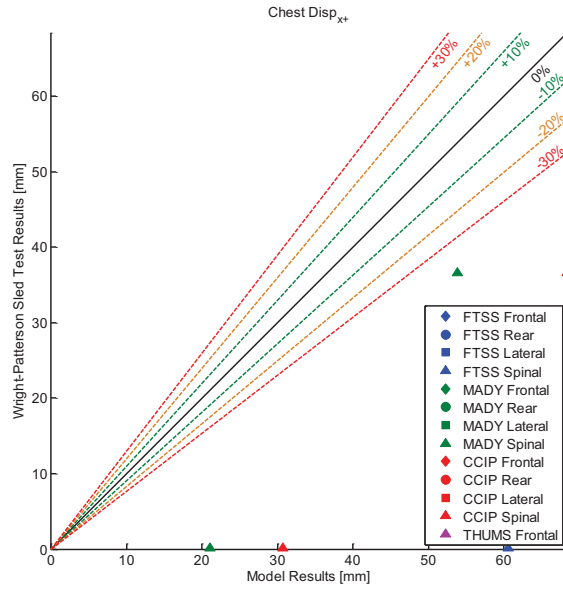


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D.32 Chest X- Movement

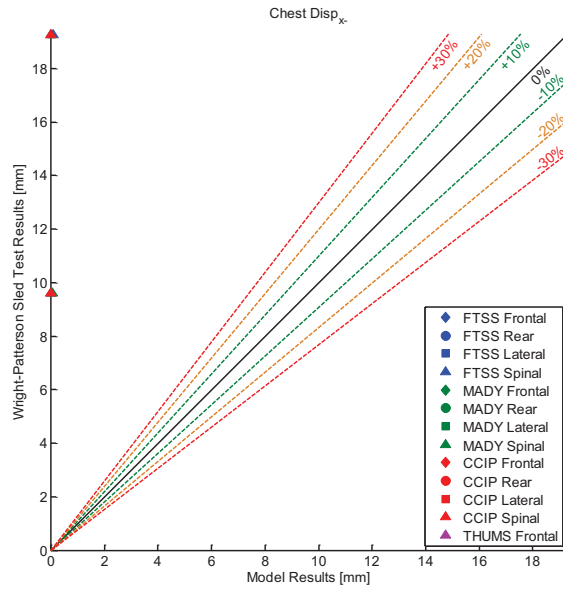


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D.33 Shoulder Y Movement

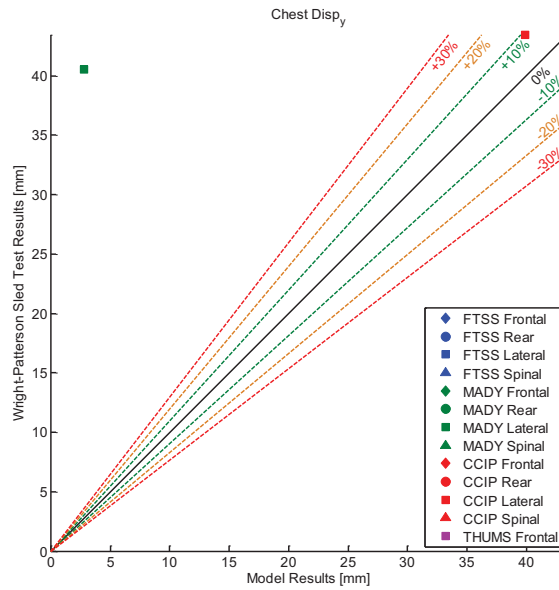


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D.34 Chest Z+ Movement

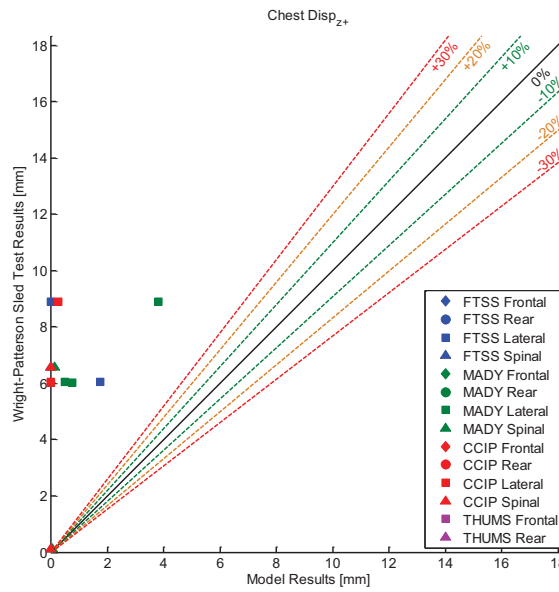


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D.35 Lumbar X Shear

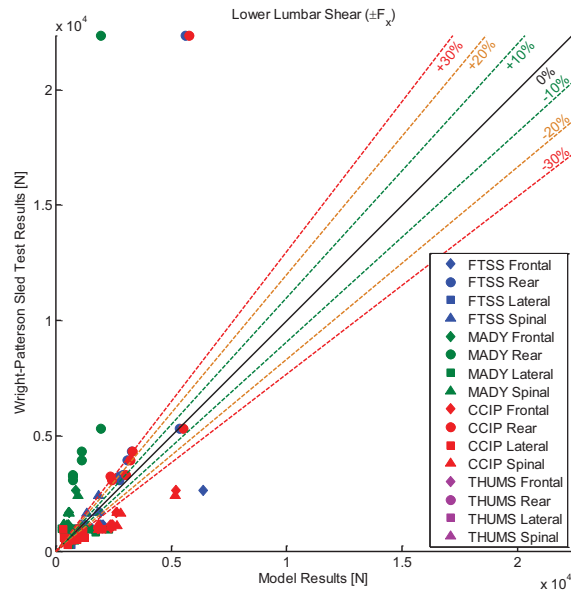


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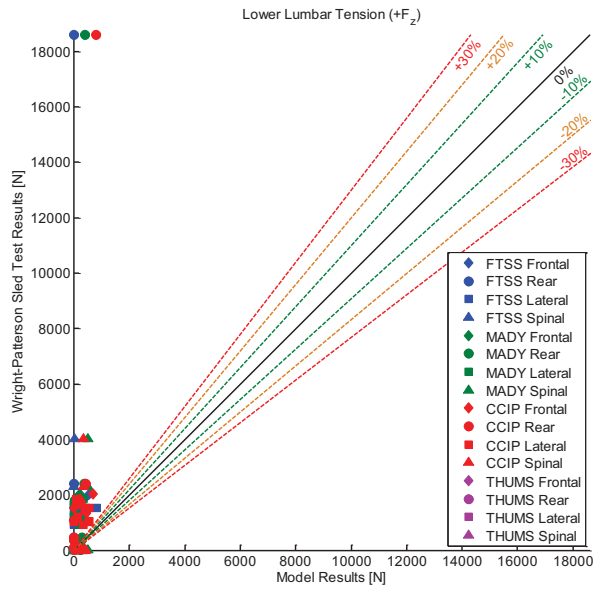


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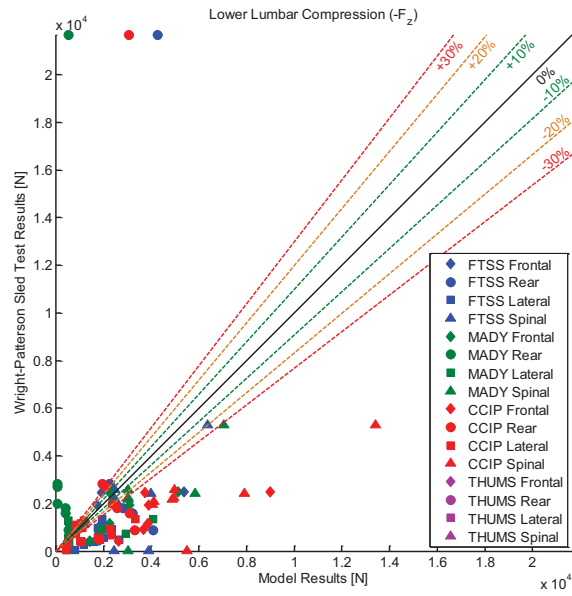


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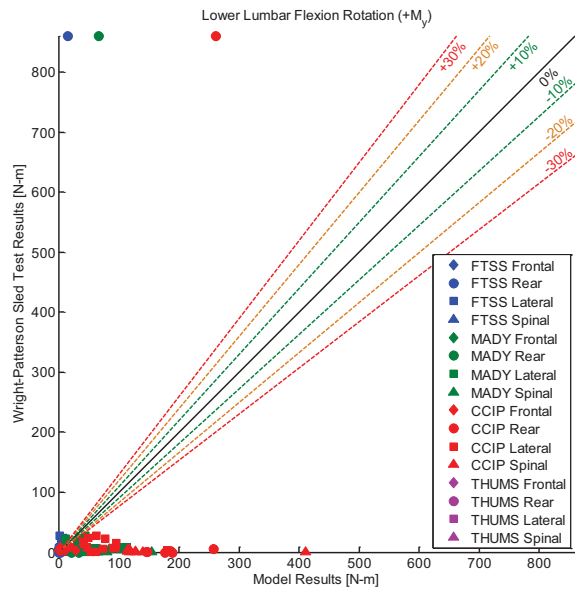


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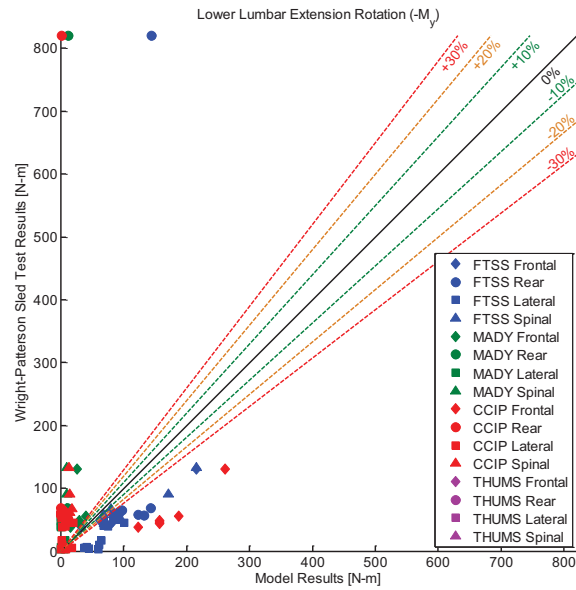


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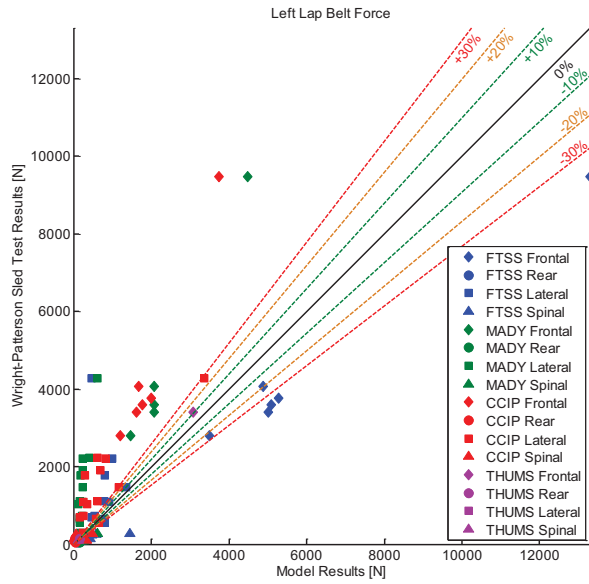


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D.41 Right Lap Belt Force

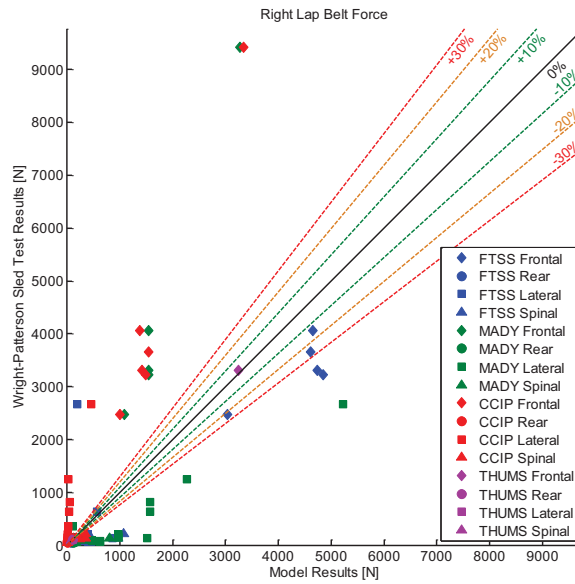


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D.42 Left Shoulder Belt Force

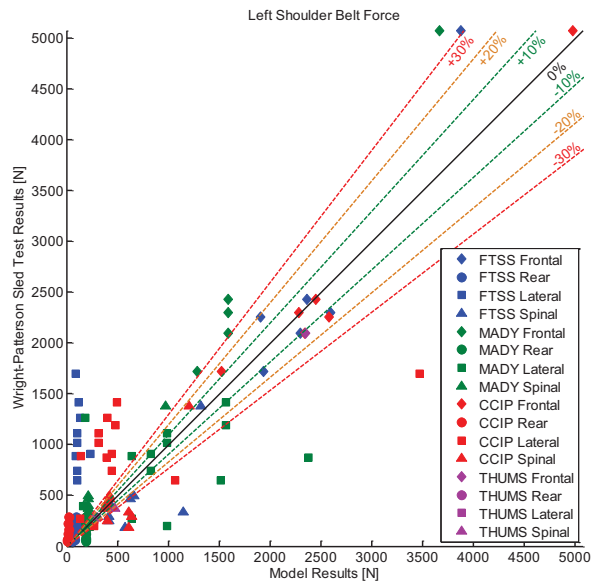


Figure D-42: Left Shoulder Belt Force

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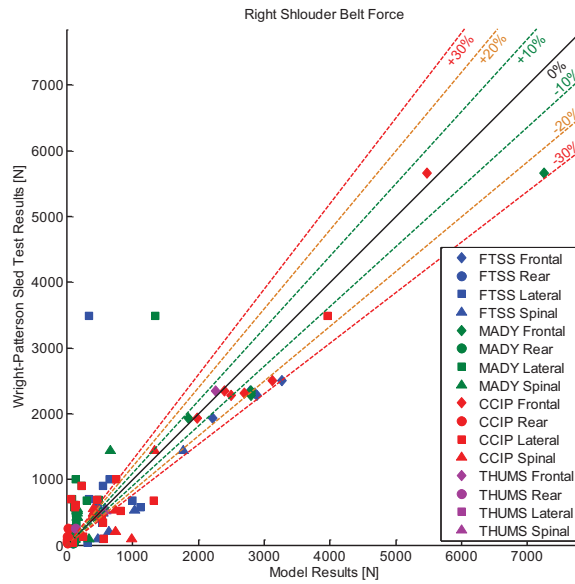


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D.44 Crotch Belt Force

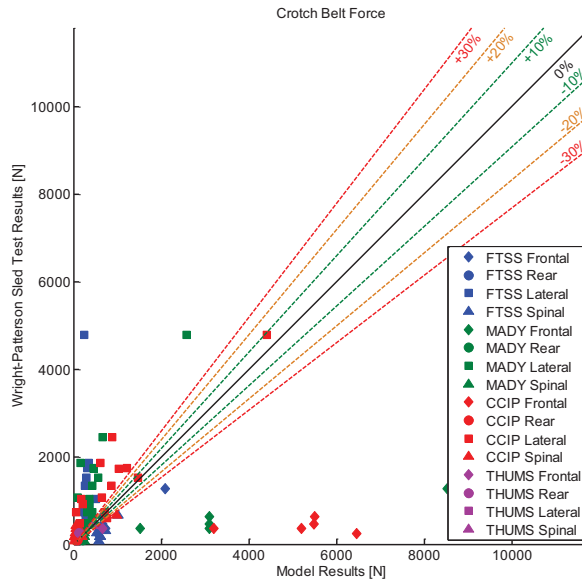


Figure D-44: Crotch Belt Force

Appendix E. THUMS Wright-Patterson Sled Test Comparison Results



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Abstract

The purpose of this study was to determine the similarity between the response of the THUMS model and the Hybrid III Anthropometric Test Device (ATD) given existing Wright-Patterson (WP) sled tests. There were four tests selected for this comparison with frontal, spinal, rear, and lateral loading. The THUMS was placed in a sled configuration that replicated the WP configuration and the recorded seat acceleration for each test was applied to model seat. Once the modeling simulations were complete, they were compared to the WP results using two methods. The first was a visual inspection of the sled test videos compared to the THUMS d3plot files. This comparison resulted in an assessment of the overall kinematics of the two results. The other comparison was a comparison of the plotted data recorded for both tests. The metrics selected for comparison were seat acceleration, belt forces, head acceleration and chest acceleration. These metrics were recorded in all WP tests and were outputs of the THUMS model. Once the comparison of the THUMS to the WP tests was complete, the THUMS model output was also examined for possible injuries in these scenarios. These outputs included metrics for injury risk to the head, neck, thorax, lumbar spine and lower extremities. The metrics to evaluate head response were peak head acceleration, HIC₁₅, and HIC₃₆. For the neck, N_{ij} was calculated. The thorax response was evaluated with peak chest acceleration, the Combined Thoracic Index (CTI), sternal deflection, chest deflection, and chest acceleration- 3 ms clip. The lumbar spine response was evaluated with lumbar spine force. Finally the lower extremity response was evaluated by femur and tibia force. The results of the simulation comparisons indicate the THUMS model had a similar response to the Hybrid III dummy given the same input. The primary difference seen between the two was a more flexible response of the THUMS compared to the Hybrid III. This flexibility was most pronounced in the neck flexion, shoulder deflection and chest deflection. Due to the flexibility of the THUMS, the resulting head and chest accelerations tended to lag the Hybrid III acceleration trace and have a lower peak value. The results of the injury metric comparison identified possible injury trends between simulations. Risk of head injury was highest for the lateral simulations. The risk of chest injury was highest for the rear impact. However, neck injury risk was approximately the same for all simulations. The injury metric value for lumbar spine force was highest for the spinal impact. The leg forces were highest for the rear and lateral impacts. The results of this comparison indicate the THUMS model performs in a similar manner as the Hybrid III ATD. The differences in the responses of model and the ATD are primarily due to the flexibility of the THUMS. This flexibility of the THUMS would be a more human like response. Based on the similarity between the two models, the THUMS should be used in further testing to assess risk of injury to the occupant.

1 Introduction

1.1 Existing Models

Finite element models (FEMs) have been used extensively to simulate impacts to predict the likelihood of injury in these scenarios. There are several total body models in use today; however, for this study the Total HUMAN Model for Safety (THUMS) was used. This model was developed for use in automotive testing and has been extensively validated against post mortem human subject (PMHS) data [1]. In previous evaluations of the ORION crew module, THUMS was also used to evaluate possible injuries in severe x- and z-direction loading. An advantage of the THUMS model is the injury risk assessment capabilities are not limited by load cell placement. Therefore, the user can examine a body region of interest for possible injury sources.

1.2 Injury Metrics

The main focus of this study was to compare the response of the THUMS to that of a Hybrid III (H3) Anthropometric Test Device (ATD) given the same testing configurations. Several injury metrics were selected and examined to compare the results of the THUMS simulations to the data collected during the Wright-Patterson (WP) sled tests. These injury metrics were selected because they were recorded during the WP tests and could be evaluated based on the response of the THUMS. The metrics selected were seat acceleration, belt forces, chest acceleration, and head acceleration.

After the response of the two models were compared, the THUMS output was evaluated for additional injury metrics to evaluate risk of injury to the occupant. The major body regions covered were the head, neck, thorax, lumbar spine, and lower extremities. The head metrics evaluated were peak head acceleration, HIC_{15} , and HIC_{36} . Head acceleration was used to calculate the values for the Head Injury Criterion (HIC), both HIC_{15} and HIC_{36} . These two metrics were developed based on the risk of skull fracture given head acceleration into a padded or unpadded surface [2, 3]. The curve relating the HIC value to risk of injury is the same for HIC_{15} and HIC_{36} .

The next body region examined was the neck. The selected injury metric to assess risk of injury to the neck was the N_{ij} . N_{ij} is calculated based on loads and moments observed in the neck. The injury criteria include the four injury mechanisms of neck injury: tension-extension, tension-flexion, compression-extension, and compression-flexion [3, 4].

The metrics selected to assess thorax injury were chest deflection, sternal deflection, chest acceleration, the Combined Thoracic Index (CTI), and chest acceleration- 3 ms clip. Chest acceleration was used to calculate CTI and chest acceleration- 3 ms clip. The risk of injury calculated for CTI, chest acceleration and sternal deflection. Additionally, lumbar spine forces were evaluated for each simulation.

The final body region evaluated was the lower extremity. In all cases, the forces in the femurs and tibias were evaluated. All injury metrics are included in the body of the document or in one of the appendices for completeness.

2 Methods

The configuration of the FEM for the simulations of interest involved the integration of multiple components and models. This section describes each of the individual components of the final model and the simulations conducted with this FEM. First, the initial FEM model configuration will be examined. The next section explains the acceleration pulses modeled for each WP sled test. After this, the final model configuration is illustrated and a test matrix is included which details the simulations completed. The final section examines the data collected for injury metric comparisons across simulations.

2.1 Initial Model Configuration

The FEM of the occupant used in this analysis was a modified version of the THUMS version 1.61c. This model had been previously modified for NASA simulations to stabilize the model response in Z-loading configurations. The modifications implemented include different response curves for the pelvis flesh and lung tissue. Additionally, all element failure criteria were removed to assess loading values in all the elements for the entire simulation. All simulations were conducted on a Linux cluster computer in LSDYNA version 971 (LSTC, Livermore, California) with a time step of 6.67E-7 seconds.

The seat configuration used was the same seat configuration and material properties as the WP sled test seat. This model was provided by NASA's task group one. This seat consisted of a rigid back with a cushioned head rest and a cushioned seat bottom. A floorboard was included and the feet of the THUMS were restrained to this component. The floorboard used with the THUMS model was translated in the X-direction to accommodate the original knee bend of the THUMS model. The WP restraint system is a five point harness configuration. Figure 1 illustrates the initial THUMS model before placement in the seat and Figure 2 and Figure 3 illustrate the WP seat configurations.

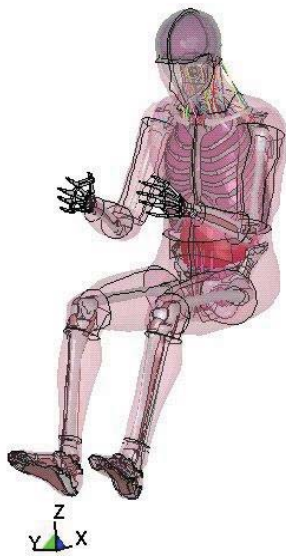


Figure 1: Isolated THUMS model prior to integration with the seat.

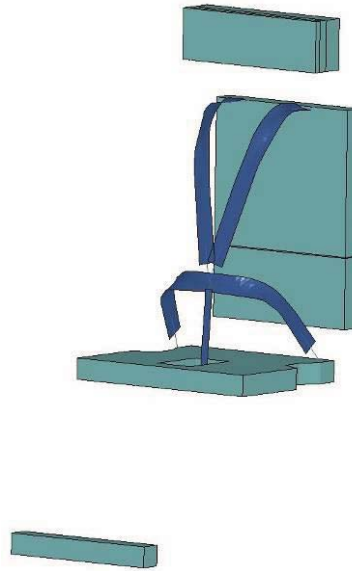


Figure 2: Seat configuration for anterior/posterior and inferior/superior loading pulses.

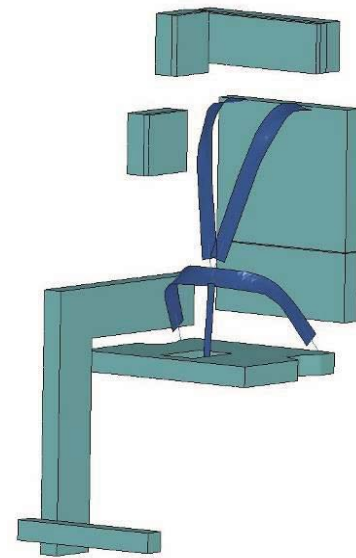


Figure 3: Seat configuration for lateral loading simulations.

2.2 Accelerations

There were four landing scenarios modeled in the simulations with corresponding tests conducted at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The four tests selected were 8202, 8208, 8212, and 8245. These tests were selected to represent loading in the frontal (8202), spinal (8208), rear (8212), and lateral (8245) directions. The input for the THUMS simulations was the acceleration of the seat. This acceleration was applied directly to the modeled seat. Before simulations were conducted, the acceleration data from the WP sled testing was slightly modified.

Prior to use in the simulation, the seat acceleration was filtered, zeroed and truncated. All filtering was conducting using CFC 600 [6]. After the data was initially filtered, the data was zeroed. To zero the data, the first 10 milliseconds of data were taken as the calibration data for the remainder of the pulse. This section of the data was averaged and the resultant value was subtracted from the remainder of the data. Starting at 10 milliseconds into the pulse, the data was traced backwards until the first time the acceleration crossed the x-axis. This time point was taken as the time zero for the simulation. Finally, the data was truncated to minimize the amount of time required to run the simulation. The end time of the simulation was taken as 20 milliseconds after the maximum velocity of the pulse. The acceleration and velocity data for the frontal simulation (8202) is shown in Figure 4. After running some initial simulations, it was determined that the truncation step missed some acceleration spikes in the resulting model outputs. Therefore, additional simulations were conducted to insure these spikes were included in the final modeling output. The modified and truncated acceleration data is included in Appendix 1. The long simulation acceleration data (modified but manually truncated) is included in Appendix 2.

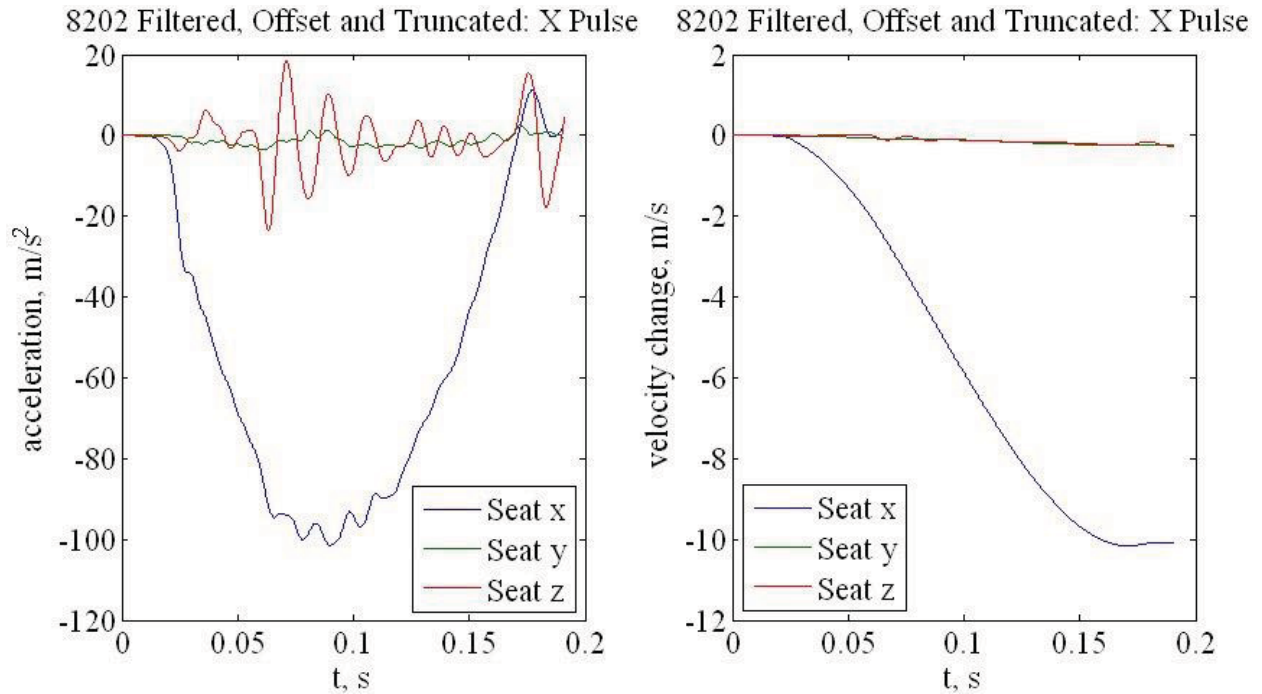


Figure 4: Acceleration and velocity data from WP Sled test 8202.

2.3 Final Model Configurations

The four WP sled tests selected for use with the THUMS model are further described in the test matrix shown in Table 1. The corresponding directions of loading for each simulation are illustrated in Figure 5.

Table 1: Test Matrix for the simulations conducted

| Simulation Number | Acceleration (g's) | Delta-V (m/s) | Pulse | Simulation Time (ms) |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 8202 | 10 | 10 | +X (frontal), short | 180 |
| | | | +X (frontal), long | 260 |
| 8208 | 10 | 15 | +Z (spinal), short, X gravity | 170 |
| | | | +Z (spinal), short, Z gravity | 170 |
| | | | +Z (spinal), long, X gravity | 410 |
| 8212 | 20 | -10 | -X (rear), short | 125 |
| | | | -X (rear), long | 210 |
| 8245 | 10 | 10 | -Y (lateral), short | 170 |
| | | | -Y (lateral), long | 260 |

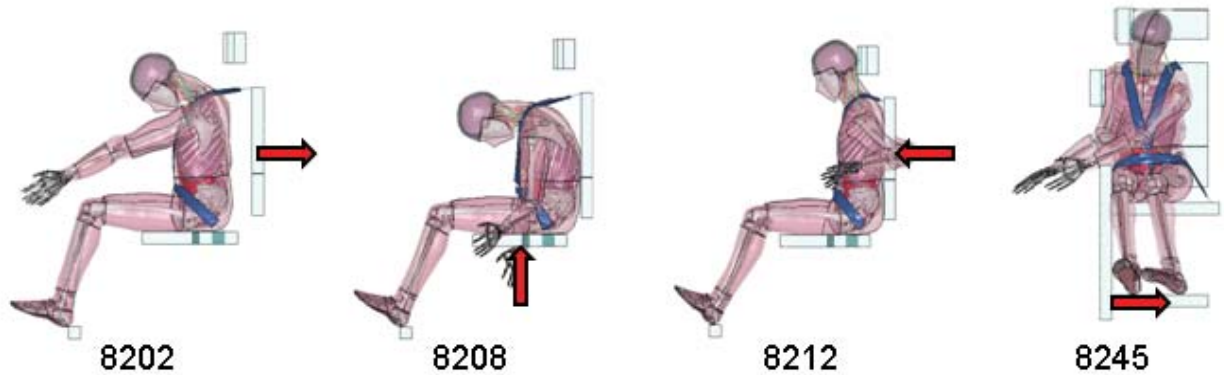


Figure 5: Illustration of seat directions for each pulse.

2.4 Injury Metric Calculations

There were several metrics selected to evaluate the body response in comparison to the H3 ATD and the potential for injury in various regions throughout the body. The regions of interest were the head, neck, thorax, lumbar spine, and lower extremity. Additionally, the tension in all belts and the acceleration of the seat were evaluated for each simulation.

2.4.1 Head Metrics

The metrics selected to evaluate the risk of injury to the head were peak head acceleration, HIC₁₅ and HIC₃₆. Peak head acceleration was measured by the nodal acceleration of a single node located at the center of the head (node 8890001) as shown in Figure 6. HIC₁₅ and HIC₃₆ were calculated from the acceleration recorded by this node.

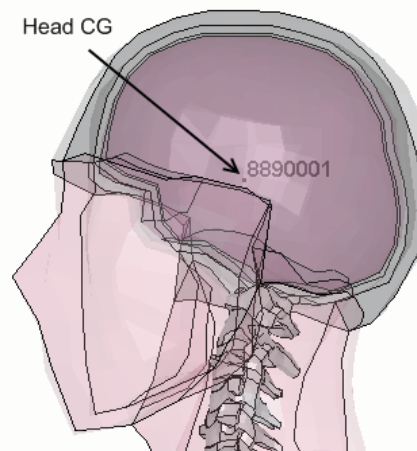


Figure 6: Location of the node used to record head acceleration in the THUMS model.

2.4.2 Neck Metrics

The metric selected to evaluate risk of injury to the neck is the N_{ij} . This metric takes into account the forces and moments in the neck during the simulation. This metric was measured

using the section plane command in LS-PrePost. Figure 7 illustrates the location of the neck section plane.

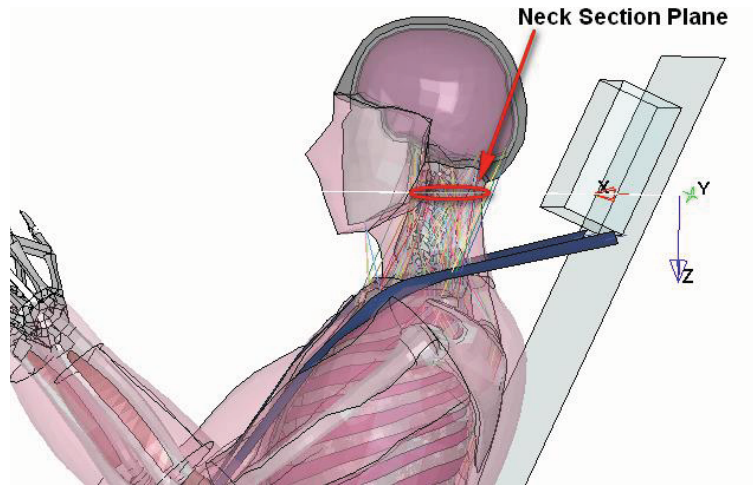


Figure 7: Neck section plane location from LS-PrePost.

2.4.3 Chest metrics

Several injury metrics were selected to evaluate the response of the chest. They include sternal deflection, chest deflection, and peak chest acceleration. Risk of injury to the chest was calculated using the chest acceleration 3 ms clip and CTI. The first chest metric evaluated was sternal deflection. Deflection was the change in the distance from the sternum to the ninth thoracic vertebra. This distance was measured between nodes in the THUMS model. The red line in Figure 8 illustrates the distance between the two nodes used to measure deflection. Figure 9 illustrates the same measurement of deflection at the time of maximum compression during the simulation. Given the model results, a custom Matlab code calculates the deflection of the sternum along this line as the simulation progresses. A negative value of deflection indicates a compressive load. The maximum deflection value was the value compared across simulations. This value can also be compared to the injury risk curves shown in Figure 10.

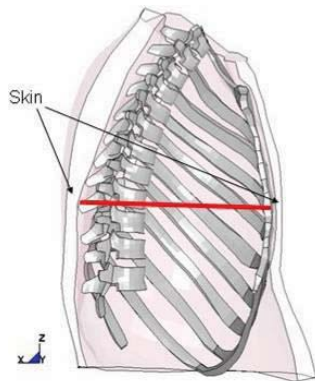


Figure 8: Deflection measurement line in the THUMS thorax.

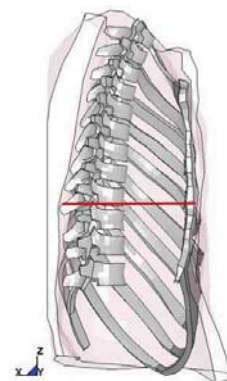


Figure 9: Deflection of the rib cage during a simulation.

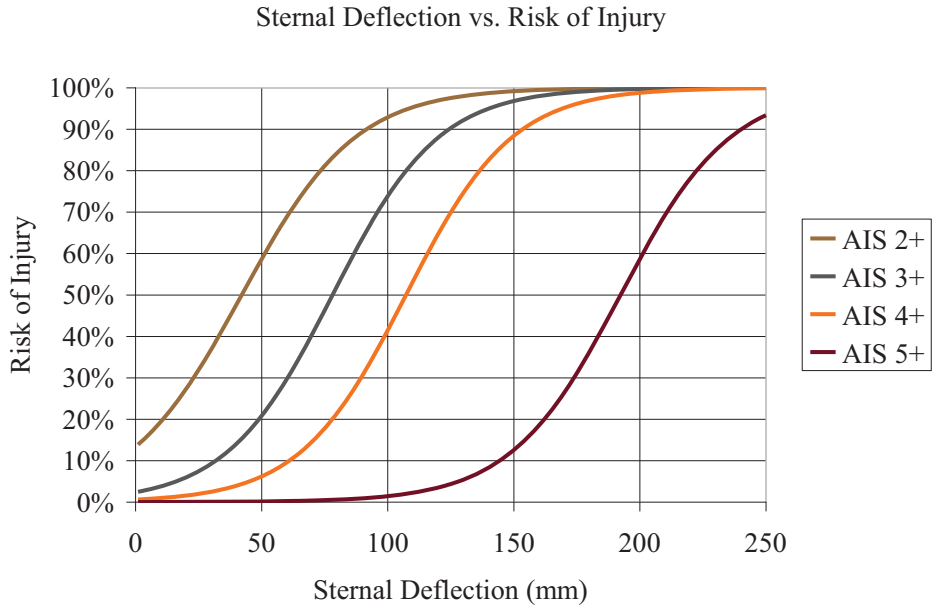


Figure 10: Plot of the injury risk given a range of sternal deflection values [3].

Another metric to describe the compression of the chest was the chest deflection metric. This metric measures the deflection of seven ribs along a line from the sternum to the spine. Each line is horizontal; therefore, the front node is not on the same rib as the rear node. These deflections were measured to assess the overall response of the thorax. Figure 11 illustrates the nodes compared and the lines measured for this metric.

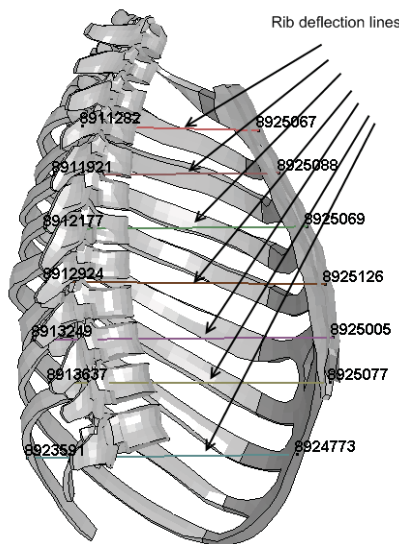


Figure 11: Rib Deflection measurement lines

2.4.4 Lumbar Spine Metric

Lumbar spine forces were the injury metric evaluated for the lumbar spine. This force was measured with a section plane between T12 and L1. Figure 12 illustrates the location of the section plane used to measure lumbar forces.

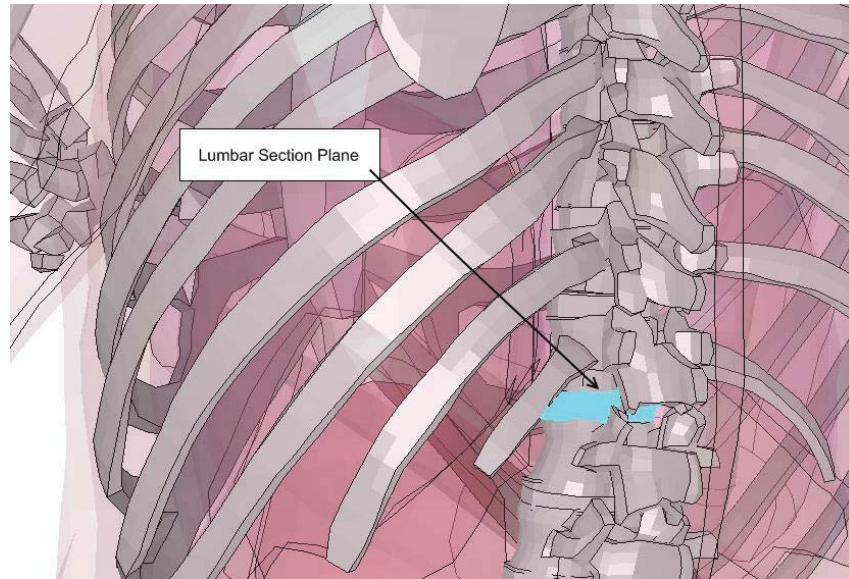


Figure 12: Location of section plane used to measure the lumbar force.

2.4.5 Lower Extremity Metric

The forces in both femurs and tibias were evaluated for each simulation using the section force command. The section force was defined through each bone in the locations highlighted in Figure 13.

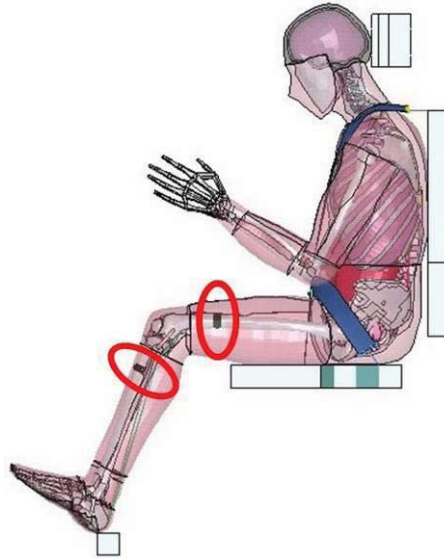


Figure 13: Location of femur and tibia section planes for leg force measurement.

3 Results

The results of this study can be divided into two sections: Comparison of the THUMS model response with the Hybrid III response, and injury metric results from the THUMS model for each loading scenario.

3.1 Comparison of the THUMS and the Hybrid III response

To compare the two results, two methods were used. The first was a qualitative visual assessment of the THUMS movement to the Hybrid III by using the test videos and comparing them to the THUMS d3plot output. The next method for comparison was plotting the head acceleration, chest acceleration, seat acceleration, and forces in the belts for both the tests and the simulations to demonstrate the similarities and differences in response.

3.1.1 Visual Comparison

A qualitative visual assessment of the THUMS response and the Hybrid III response was the first step in determining the differences in the response of these two simulations of the landing conditions. Pictures from the d3plot files of the model and the Hybrid III test videos were taken at the time of maximum engagement of the occupant with the restraint system. Maximum engagement was defined as the time where the occupant had fully loaded the belts or the seat structure and before rebound occurred. Also, screen captures of a time progression of each simulation are included in Appendix 17. The first load case, 8202 (frontal), is shown in Figure 14 and Figure 15. These figures illustrated the more flexible response of THUMS neck and back when compared to the Hybrid III.

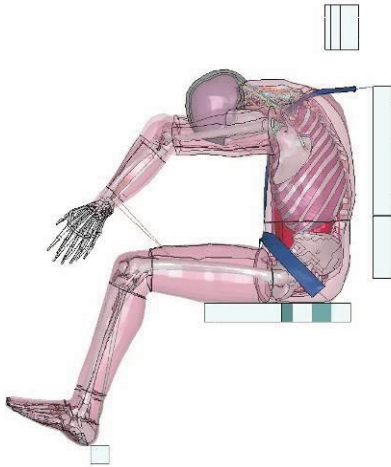


Figure 14: THUMS at maximum belt engagement for load case 8202.

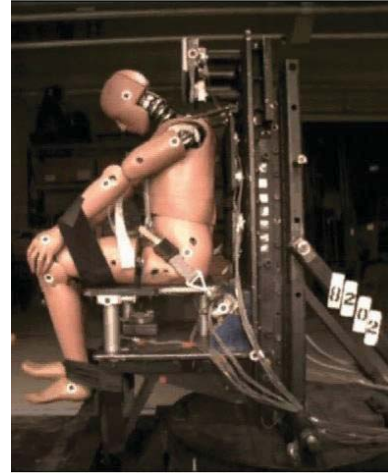


Figure 15: Hybrid III at maximum belt engagement for load case 8202.

The next loading condition was a spinal impact (8208). The THUMS experienced a large downward displacement of the head due to the lack of a head restraint and the more flexible neck and upper back. In this test, it is important to note that due to the configuration of the sled, gravity is acting along the X-axis (anterior to posterior) instead of the Z-axis (superior to inferior) in the Wright-Patterson test. For the THUMS simulations, gravity was applied in both the X and Z directions to compare the results. Figure 16 and Figure 17 illustrate maximum engagement with the belts for both the simulation and the test case.

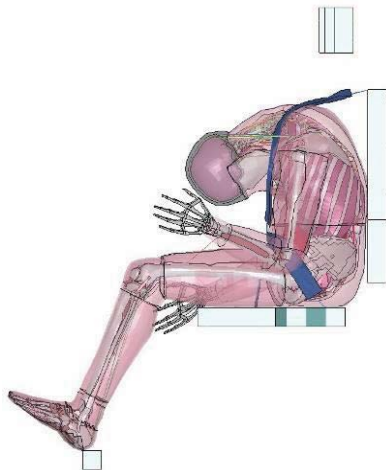


Figure 16: THUMS at maximum belt engagement for load case 8208.

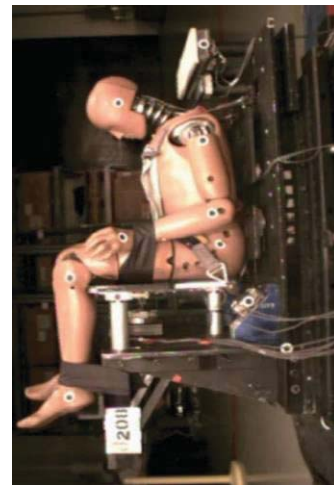


Figure 17: Hybrid III at maximum belt engagement for load case 8208.

The rear impact (8212) demonstrated less of a difference between the models because the seat engages the posterior aspect of the occupant. This rigid seat engagement does not allow as much movement by the occupant; therefore, the flexibility differences between the two occupants are not as apparent. The one difference of note was the increased chest compression

of the THUMS model due to the more flexible chest. Figure 18 and Figure 19 illustrate this difference.

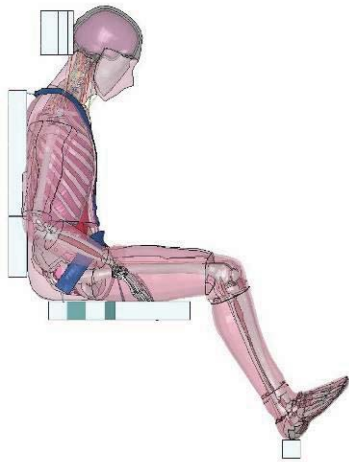


Figure 18: THUMS at maximum belt engagement for load case 8212.

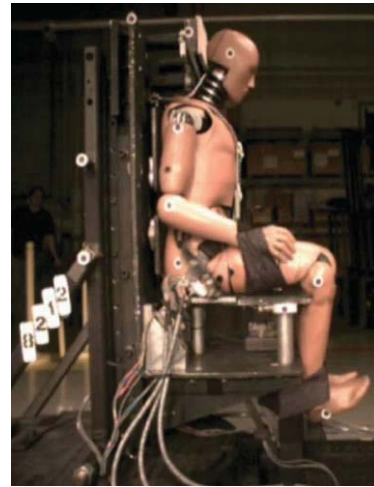


Figure 19: Hybrid III at maximum belt engagement for load case 8212.

The final case was a lateral impact (8245) of the occupant into the support structure of the seat. In this case, the flexibility of the THUMS model allowed for more head rotation about the upper head rest, more shoulder deflection at the level of the shoulder restraint pad, and an uneven loading of the harness system due to the twisting of the occupant. These differences are illustrated in Figure 20 and Figure 21.

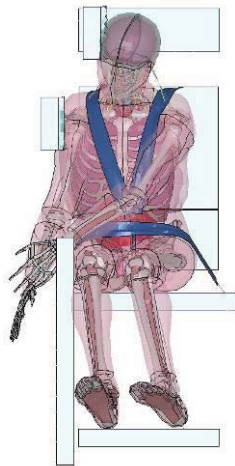


Figure 20: THUMS at maximum belt engagement for load case 8245.

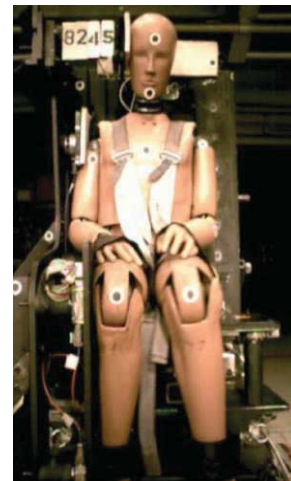


Figure 21: Hybrid III at maximum belt engagement for load case 8245.

3.1.2 Comparison of Resulting Accelerations and Forces

To further examine the differences between the response of the THUMS and the Hybrid III ATD, four measured quantities were compared between the simulations. These included head acceleration, chest acceleration, seat acceleration, and force in the belts. For the THUMS model, the seat acceleration from the Wright-Patterson tests was the input used to initiate the motion of the THUMS model. This was expected to be the same as the Wright-Patterson tests; however, it is included to demonstrate that the model seat had the same motion as the test seat. For clarity, the head, chest and seat acceleration plots will be include in the text and the belt force plots will be included as Appendix 3.

Seat Acceleration

The seat acceleration was expected to be the same as the Wright-Patterson test results since the seat acceleration was the input used for the simulations. Figure 22 to Figure 25 illustrated the seat acceleration of the seat in the primary direction of the simulation. For brevity, only the longer pulse comparisons are included.

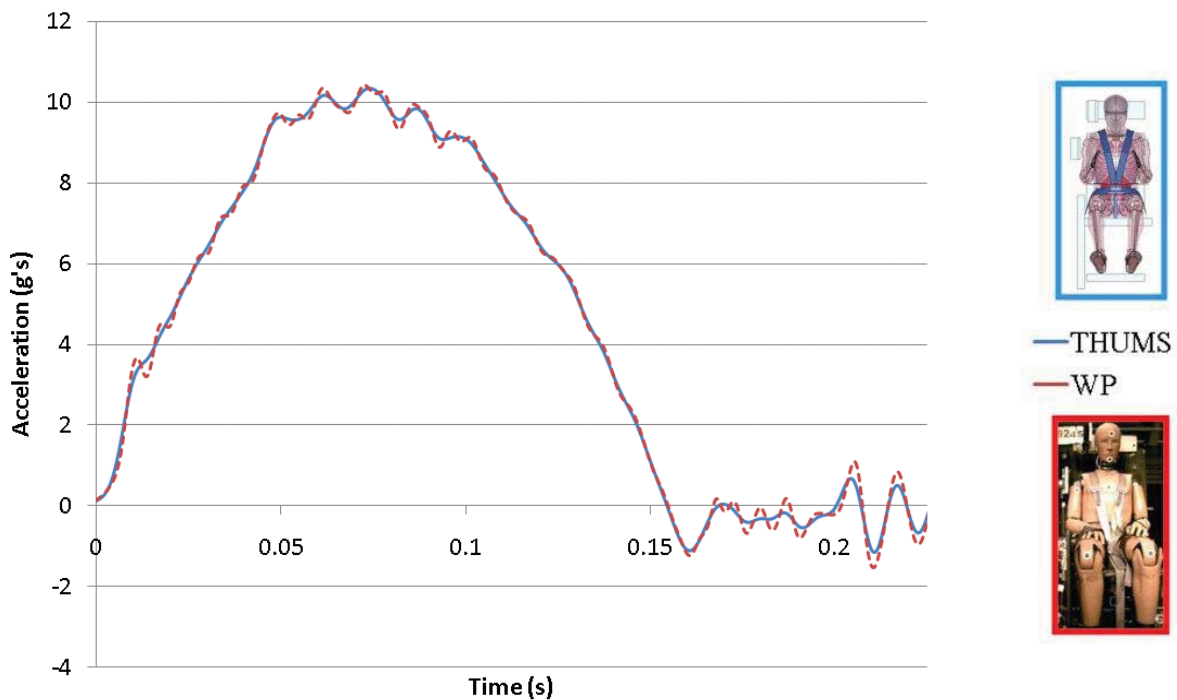


Figure 22: Test 8202 (frontal) seat acceleration, X-axis plot.

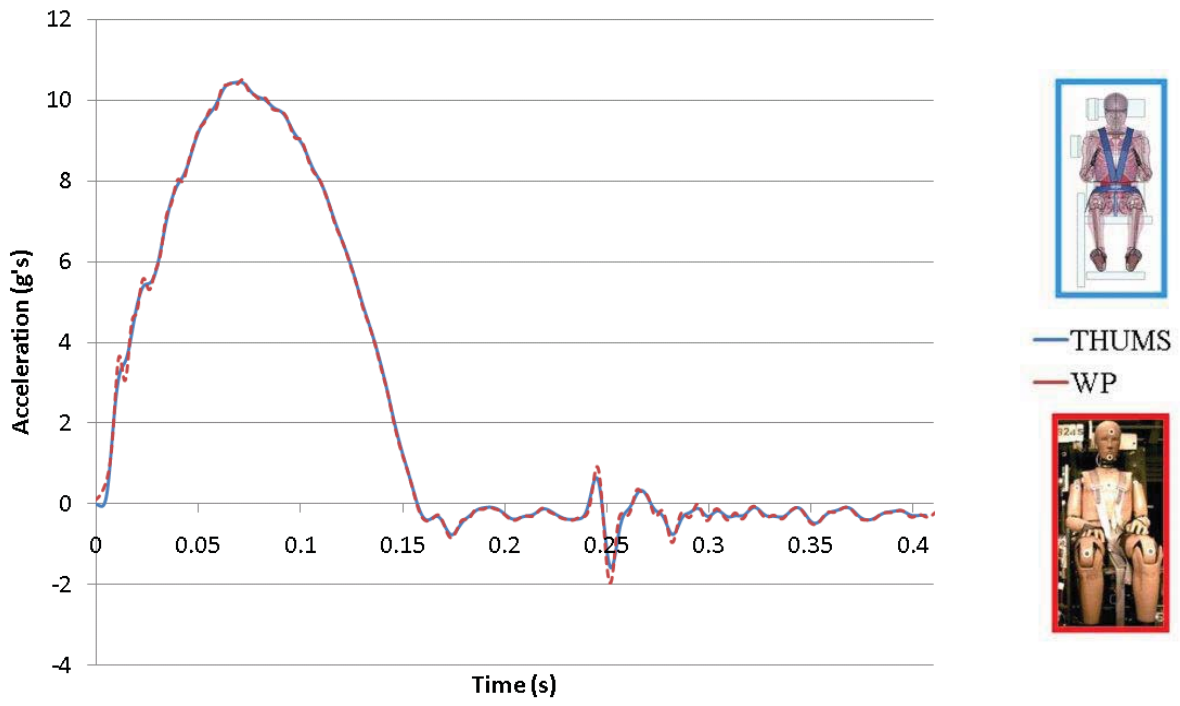
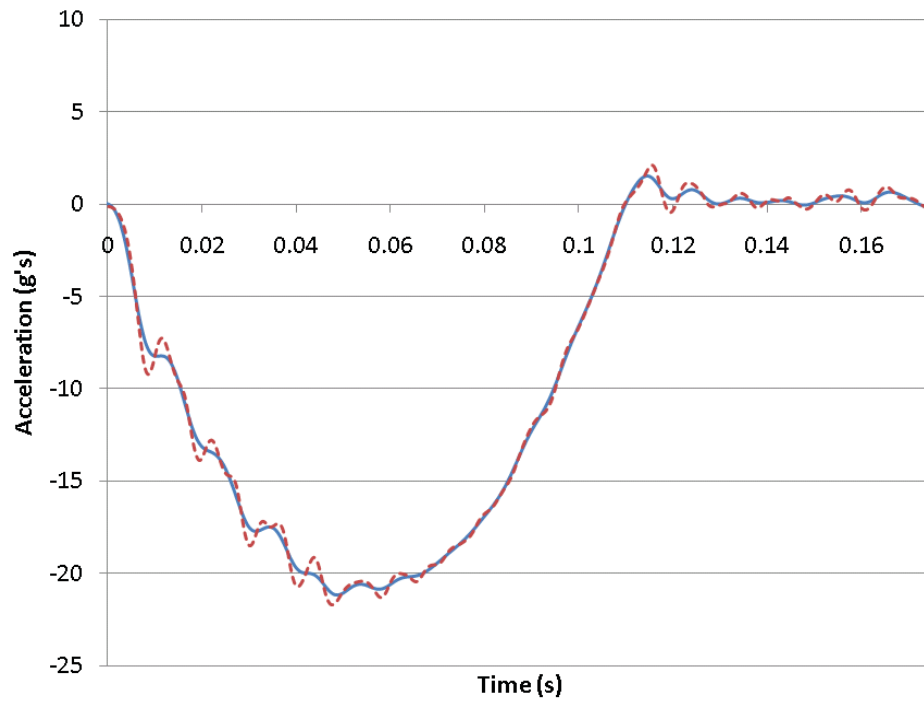


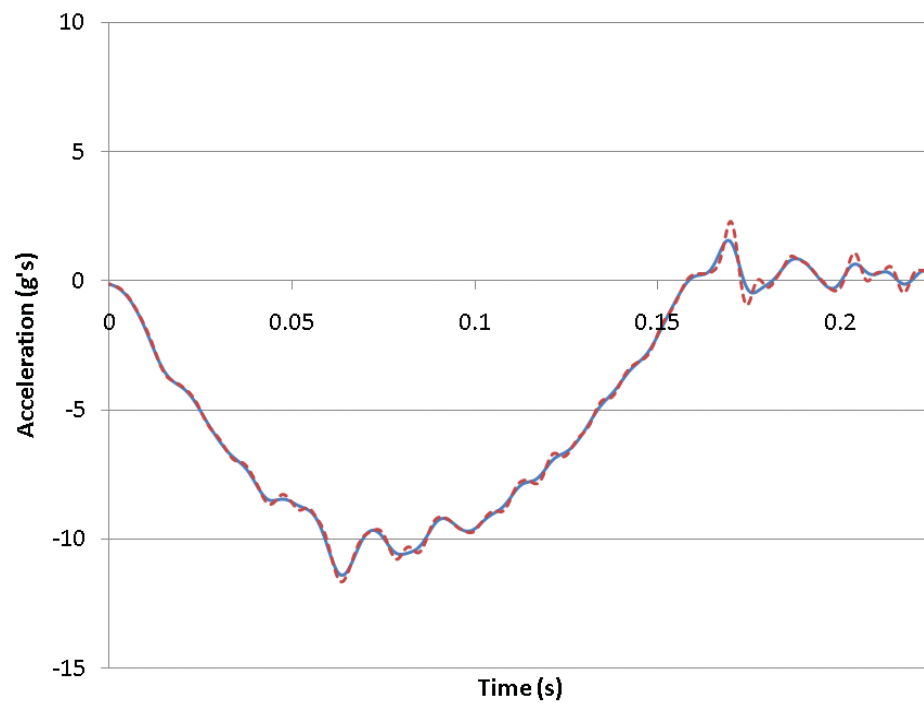
Figure 23: Test 8208 (spinal) seat acceleration, Z-axis plot.



— THUMS
— WP



Figure 24: Test 8212 (rear) seat acceleration, X-axis plot.



— THUMS
— WP



Figure 25: Test 8245 (lateral) seat acceleration, Y-axis plot.

Head Acceleration

The first body region measurement compared between the simulations and the sled tests was the head acceleration of the occupant. This acceleration was measured in the THUMS by tracking the acceleration of a node at the center of gravity of the head. In a Hybrid III dummy, head acceleration is measured with a tri-axial accelerometer placed in the head. Figure 26 through Figure 29 are the plots of the head acceleration for both the simulation and the test. On each comparison plot for all comparisons, the THUMS acceleration or force is shown in blue and the matching Hybrid III measurement is shown in red. The head acceleration of the THUMS model lags the acceleration of the Hybrid III ATD head acceleration. This lag was expected due to the more compliant neck of the THUMS model.

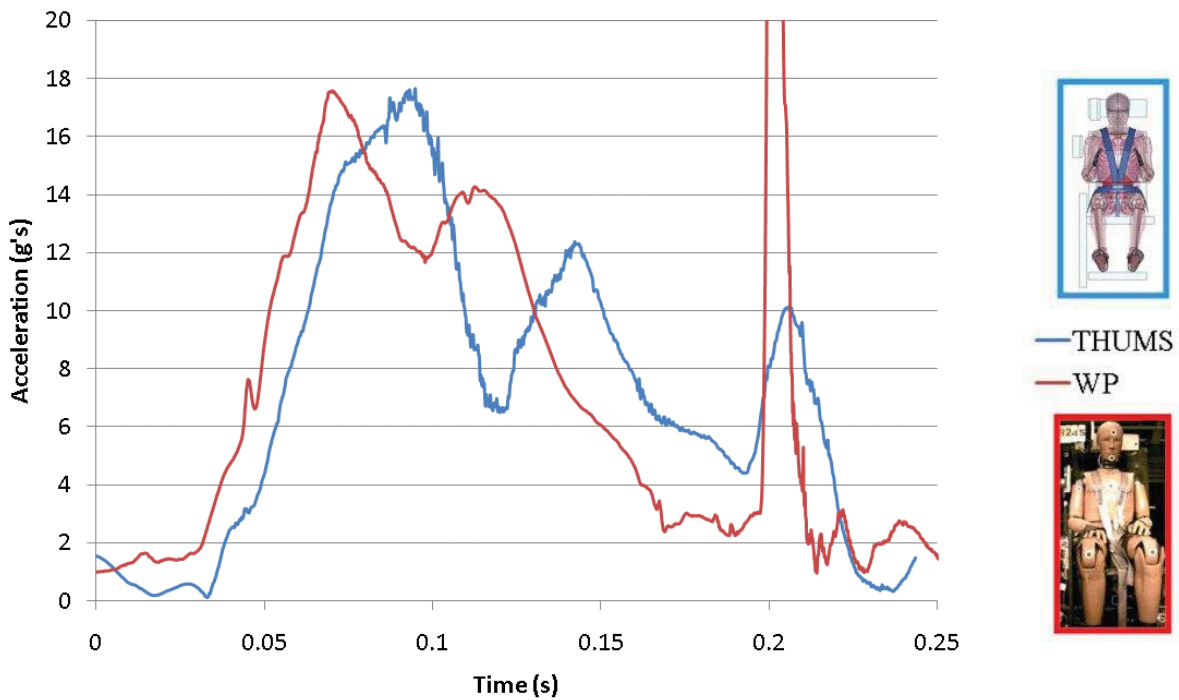


Figure 26: Test 8202 (frontal) head acceleration.

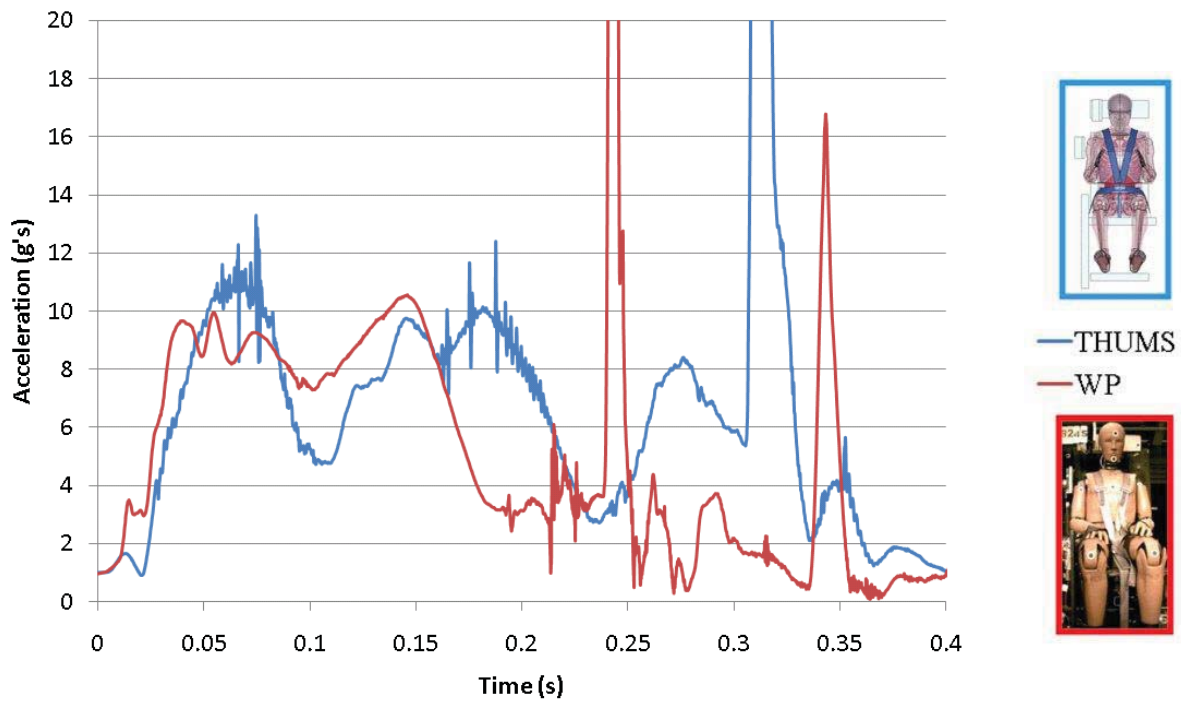


Figure 27: Test 8208 (spinal) head acceleration.

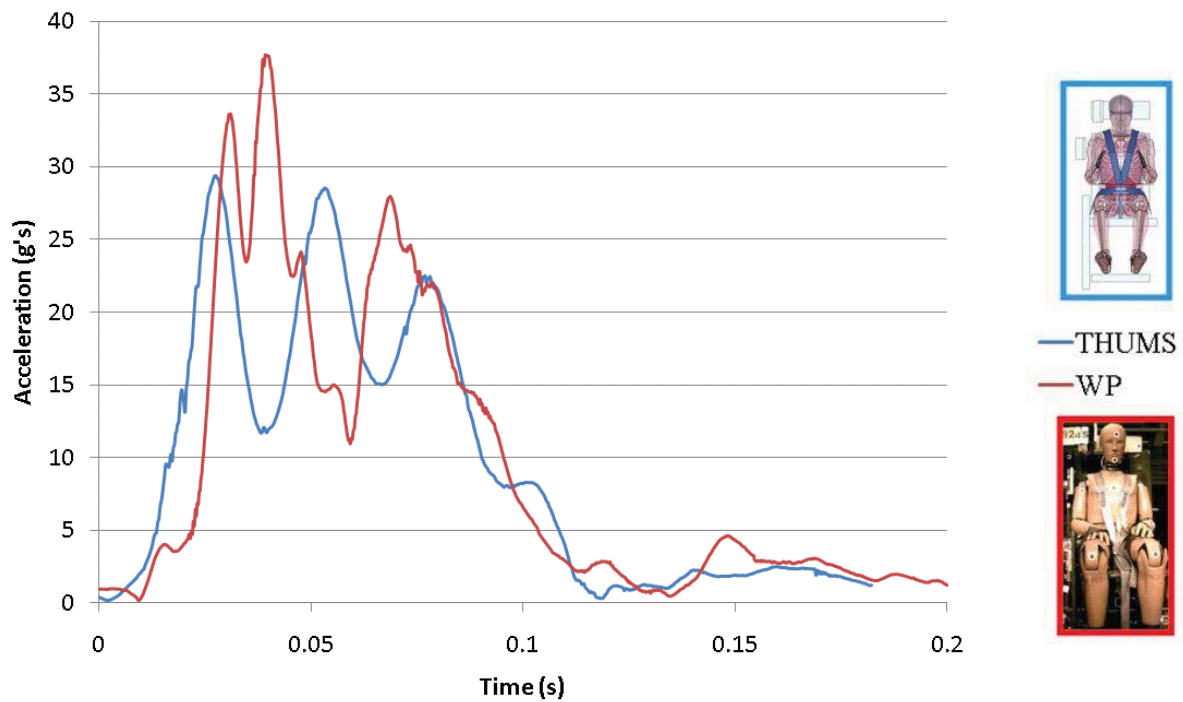


Figure 28: Test 8212 (rear) head acceleration.

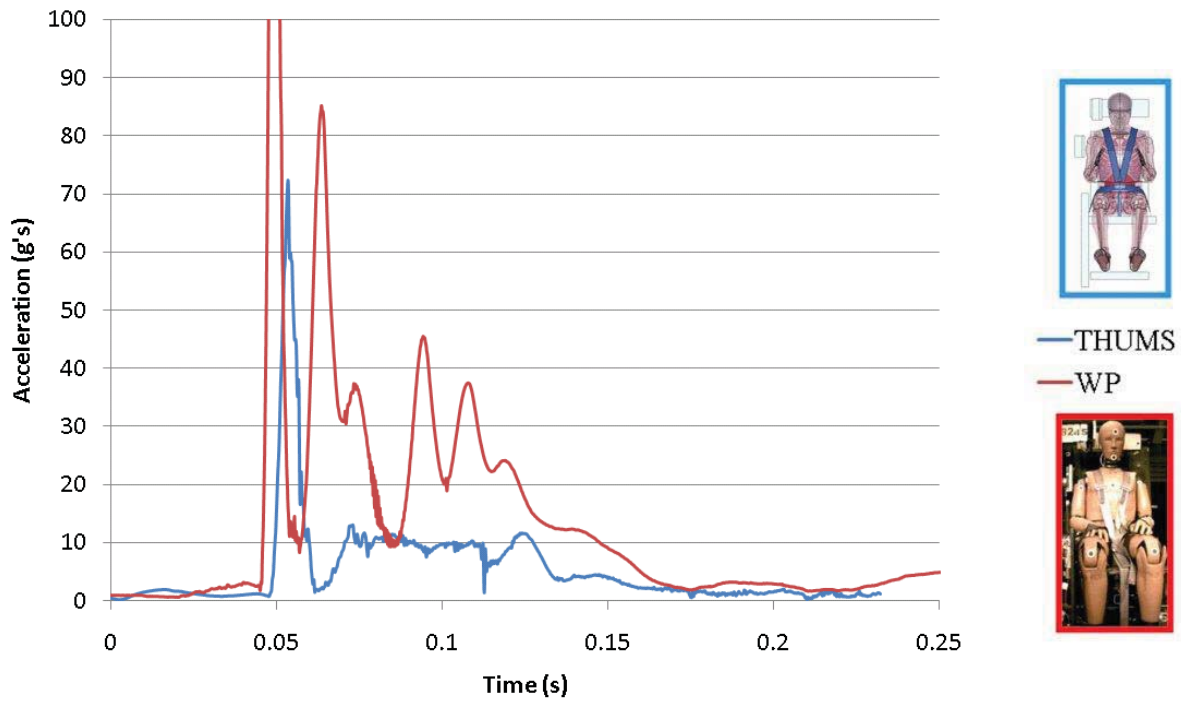
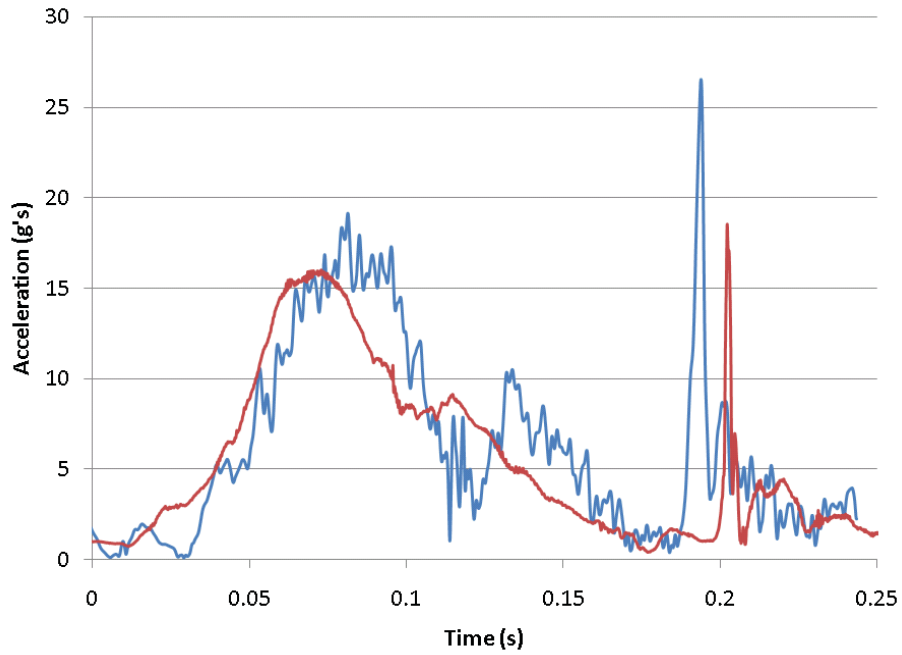


Figure 29: Test 8245 (lateral) head acceleration.

Chest Acceleration

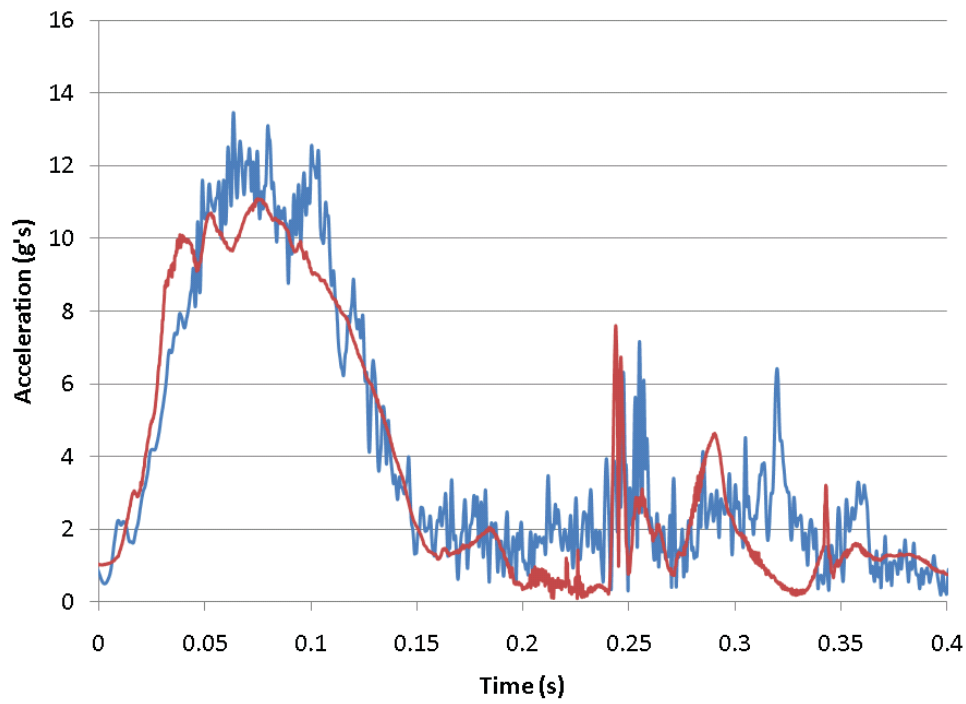
Next, the chest acceleration of the THUMS and Hybrid III were compared. The plots in Figure 30 to Figure 33 demonstrate the similarity between the two. In general, the THUMS model had the same peaks as the Hybrid III.



— THUMS
— WP



Figure 30: Test 8202 (frontal) chest acceleration.



— THUMS
— WP



Figure 31: Test 8208 (spinal) chest acceleration.

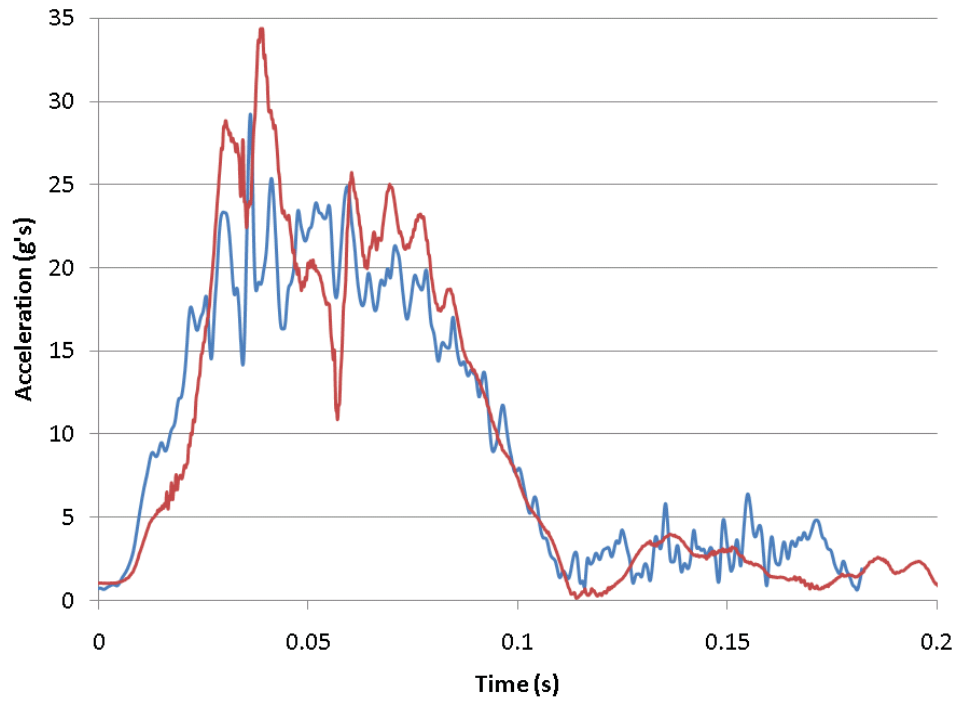


Figure 32: Test 8212 (rear) chest acceleration.



— THUMS
— WP

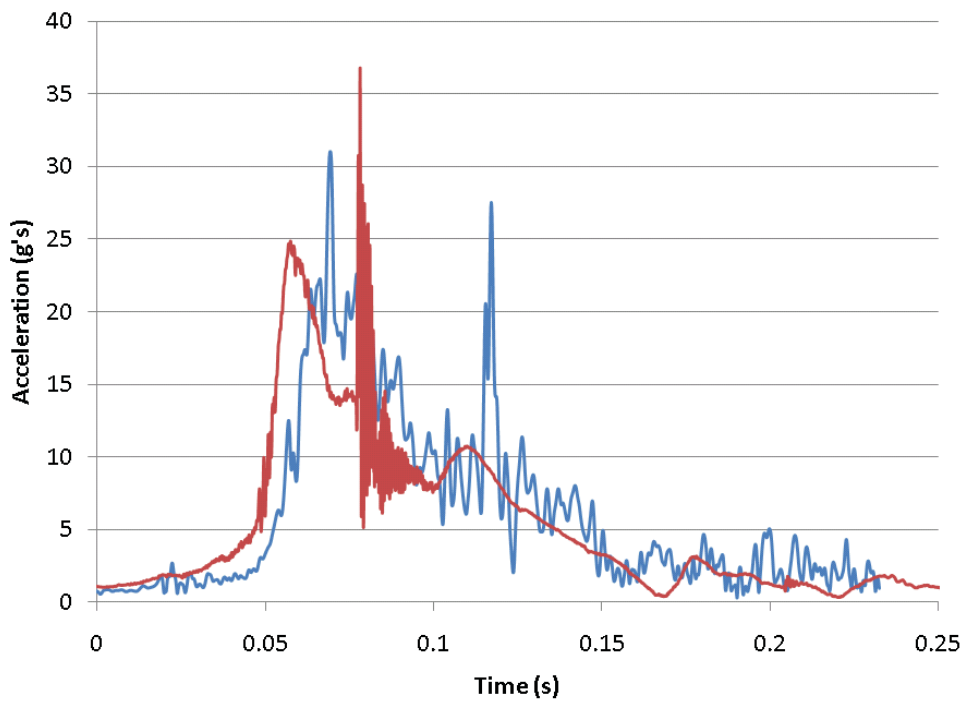


Figure 33: Test 8245 (lateral) chest acceleration.



— THUMS
— WP



3.2 THUMS Injury Metric Results

In addition to comparing the results of the THUMS modeling to the Wright-Patterson testing results, injury metrics for various body regions were also calculated. These results are extensive with the maximum values and plots included in Appendix 4 to 16. To summarize these results, the maximum value for each metric was plotted for each body region. From these plots, trends in the injury metric values depending on the simulation can be examined. These plots are shown in Figure 34 to Figure 40.

To compare possible injury mechanisms across simulations, a select group of injury metrics were evaluated to obtain a percent risk of injury. For the head simulations, this was HIC_{15} and HIC_{36} shown in Figure 41 and Figure 42. For the neck, the N_{ij} was calculated and shown in Figure 43. Chest injury was assessed through the CTI and chest acceleration with a 3 ms clip. The chest injury risks are shown in Figure 44 to Figure 46.

The lateral impact simulation (8245) resulted in the highest risk of head injury followed by the spinal impact (8208). Both of these simulations had a head strike to the seat resulting in higher head accelerations. For the risk of chest injury, the rear impact simulation (8212) had the highest risk of injury due to compression of the chest by the rear of the seat. All of the simulations had a similar risk of neck injury.

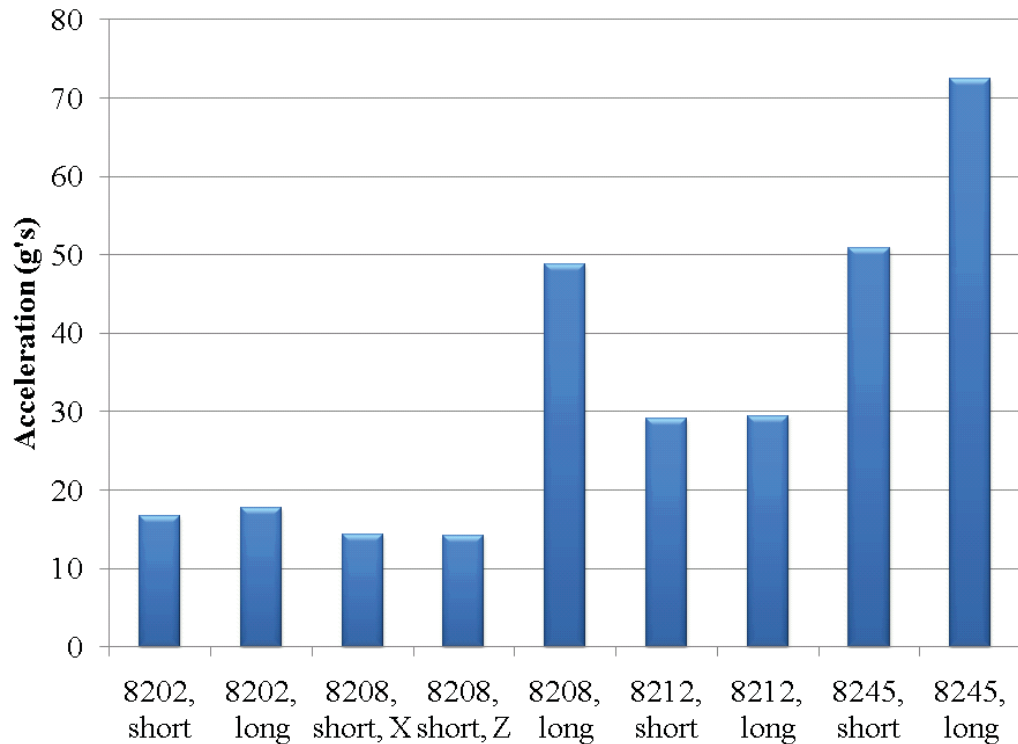


Figure 34: Head acceleration value for each simulation

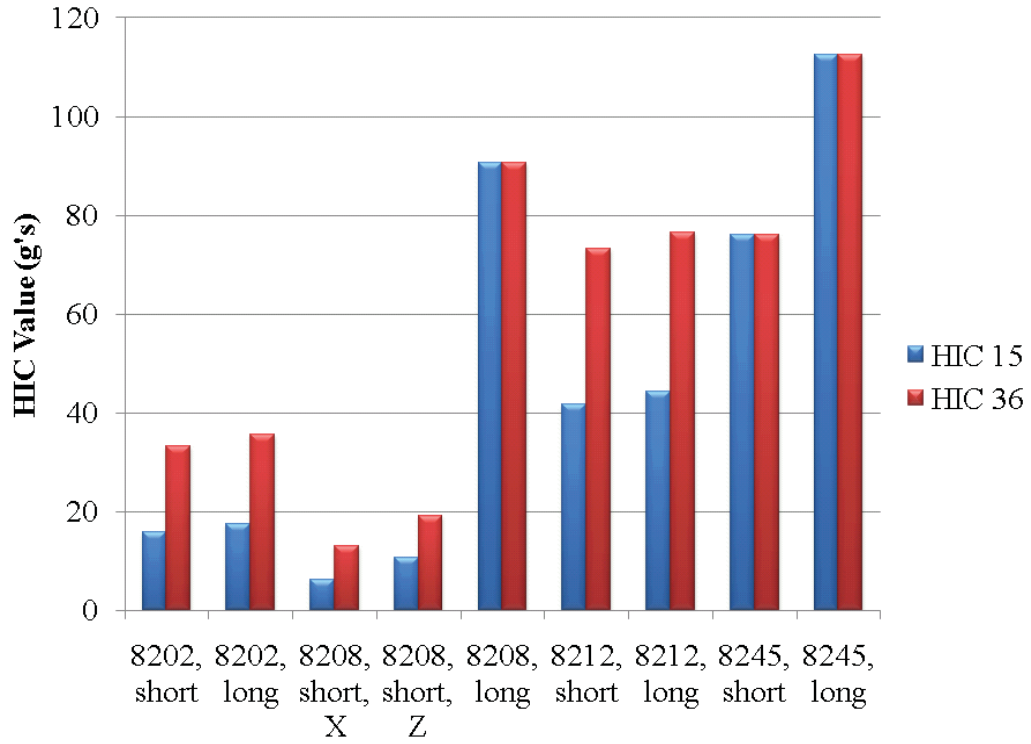


Figure 35: HIC values for each simulation

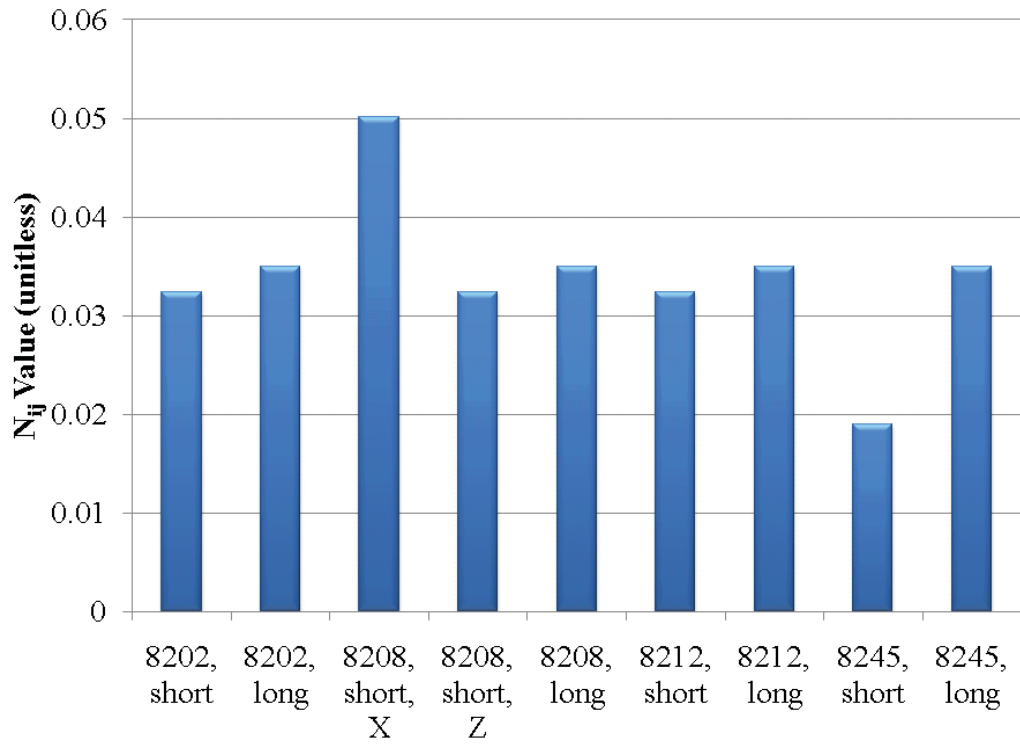


Figure 36: N_{ij} value for each simulation.

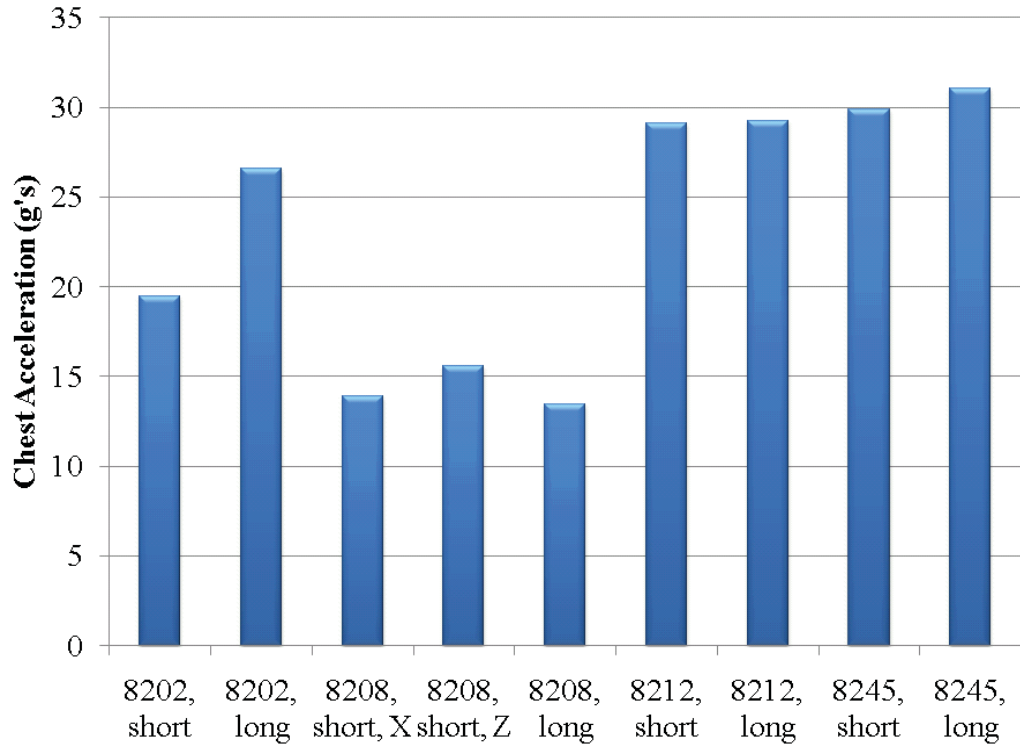


Figure 37: Chest acceleration values for each simulation

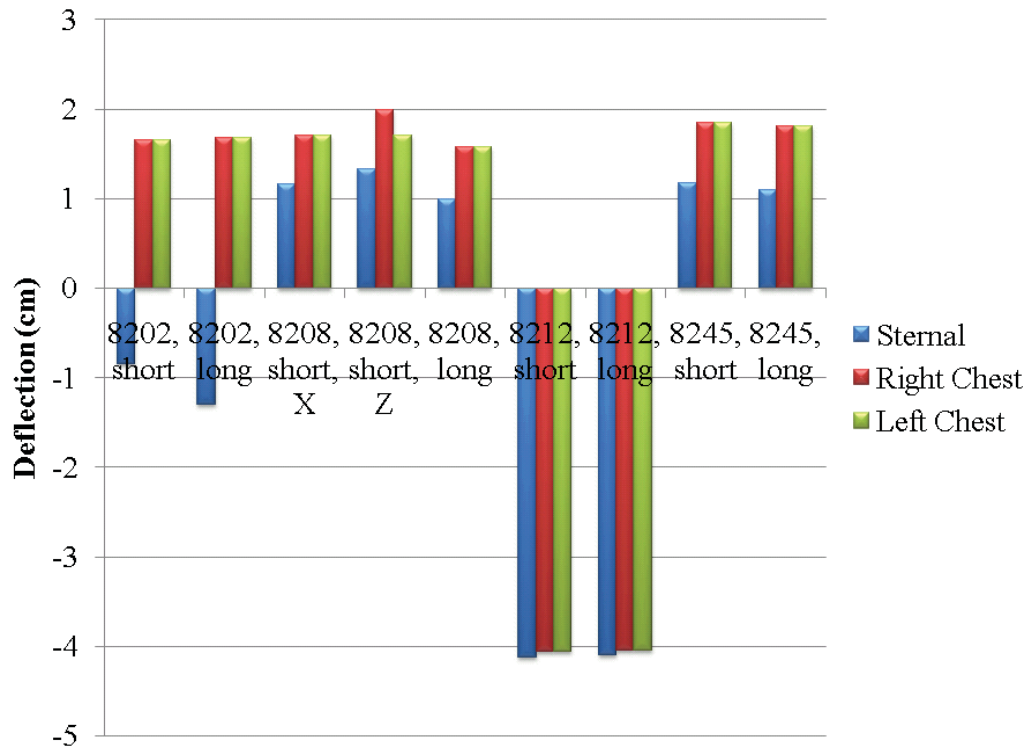


Figure 38: Chest deflection values for each simulation.

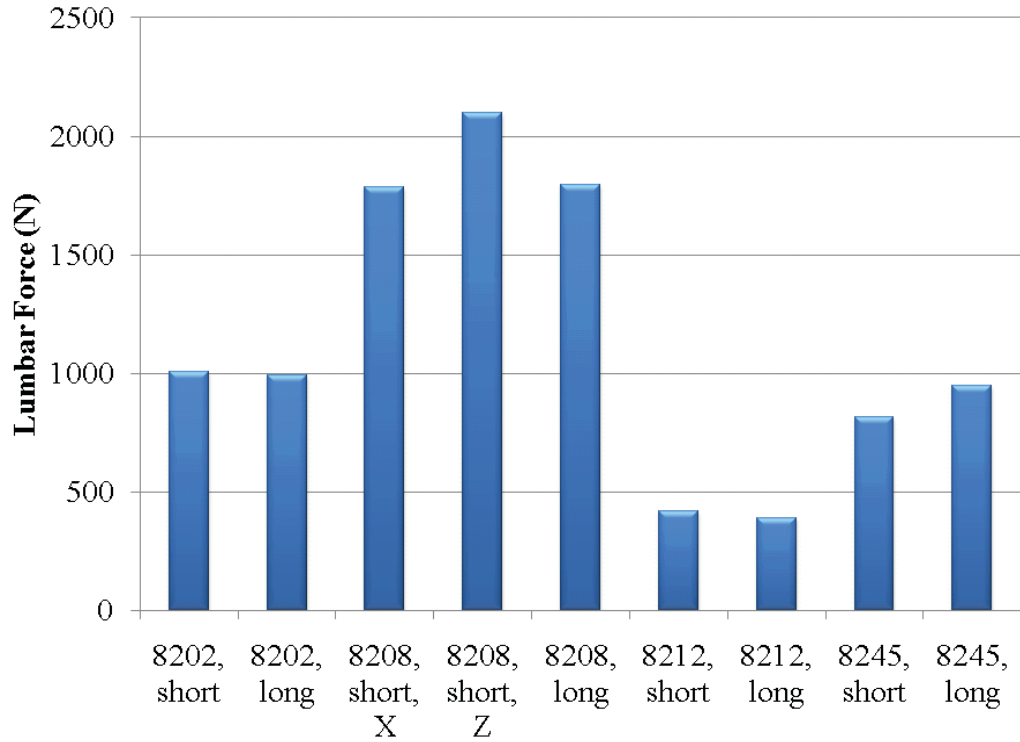


Figure 39: Lumbar force value for each simulation.

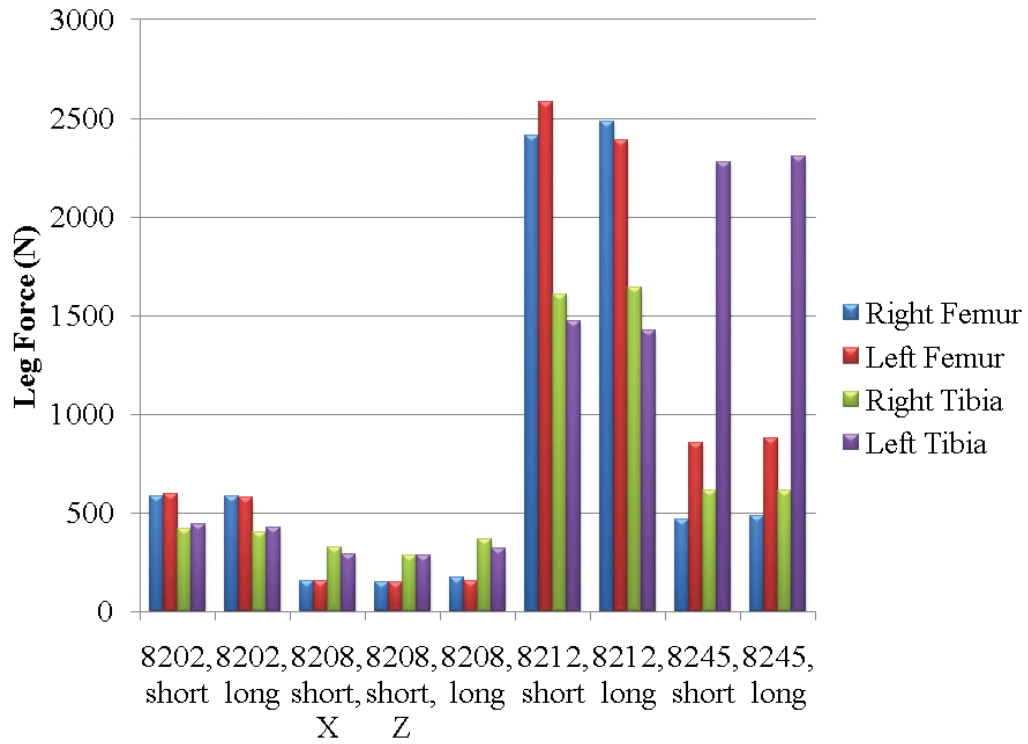


Figure 40: Leg force values for each simulation.

HIC15 Probability of Injury

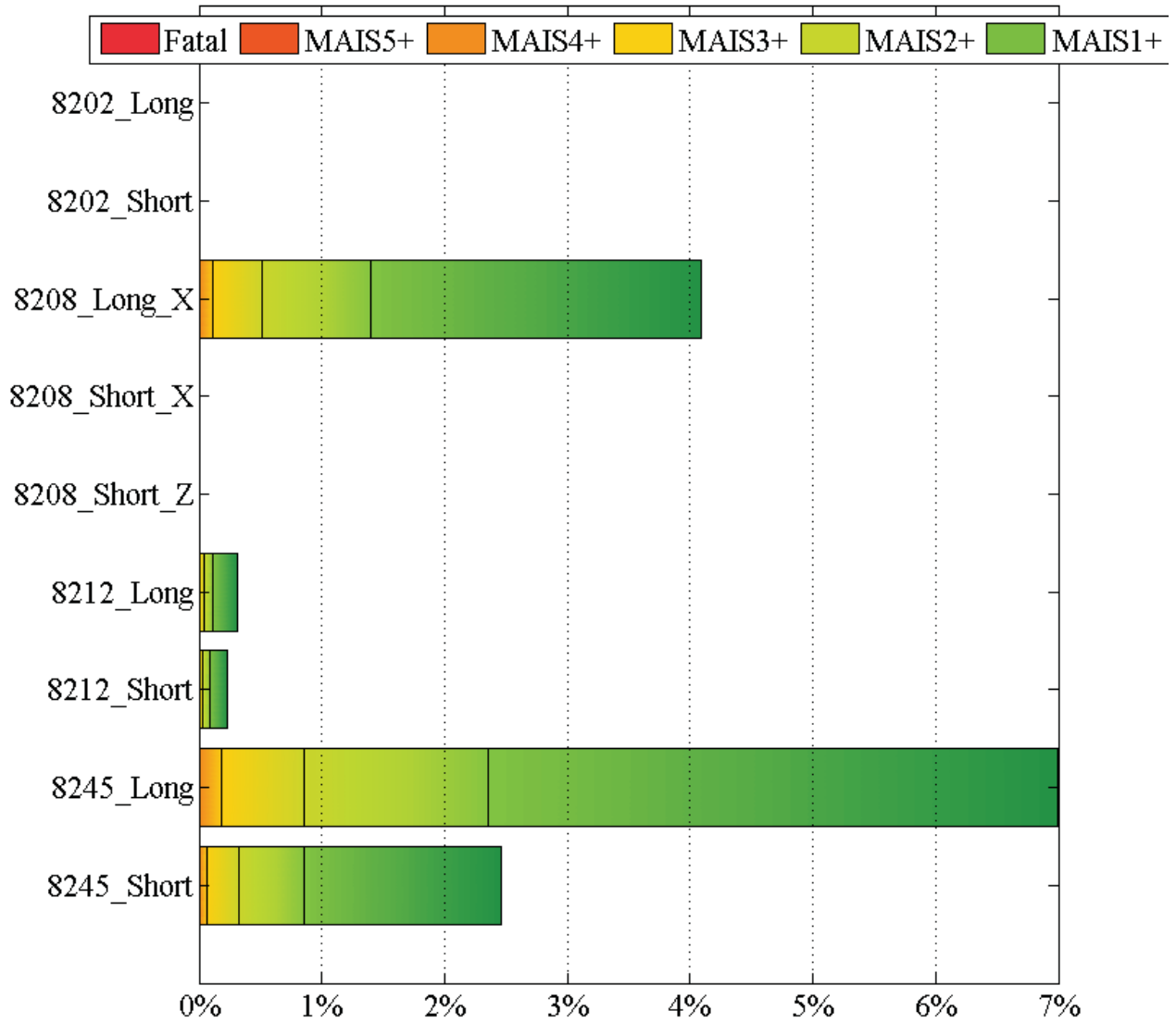


Figure 41: Risk of head injury based on HIC₁₅.

HIC36 Probability of AIS 4+ Injury

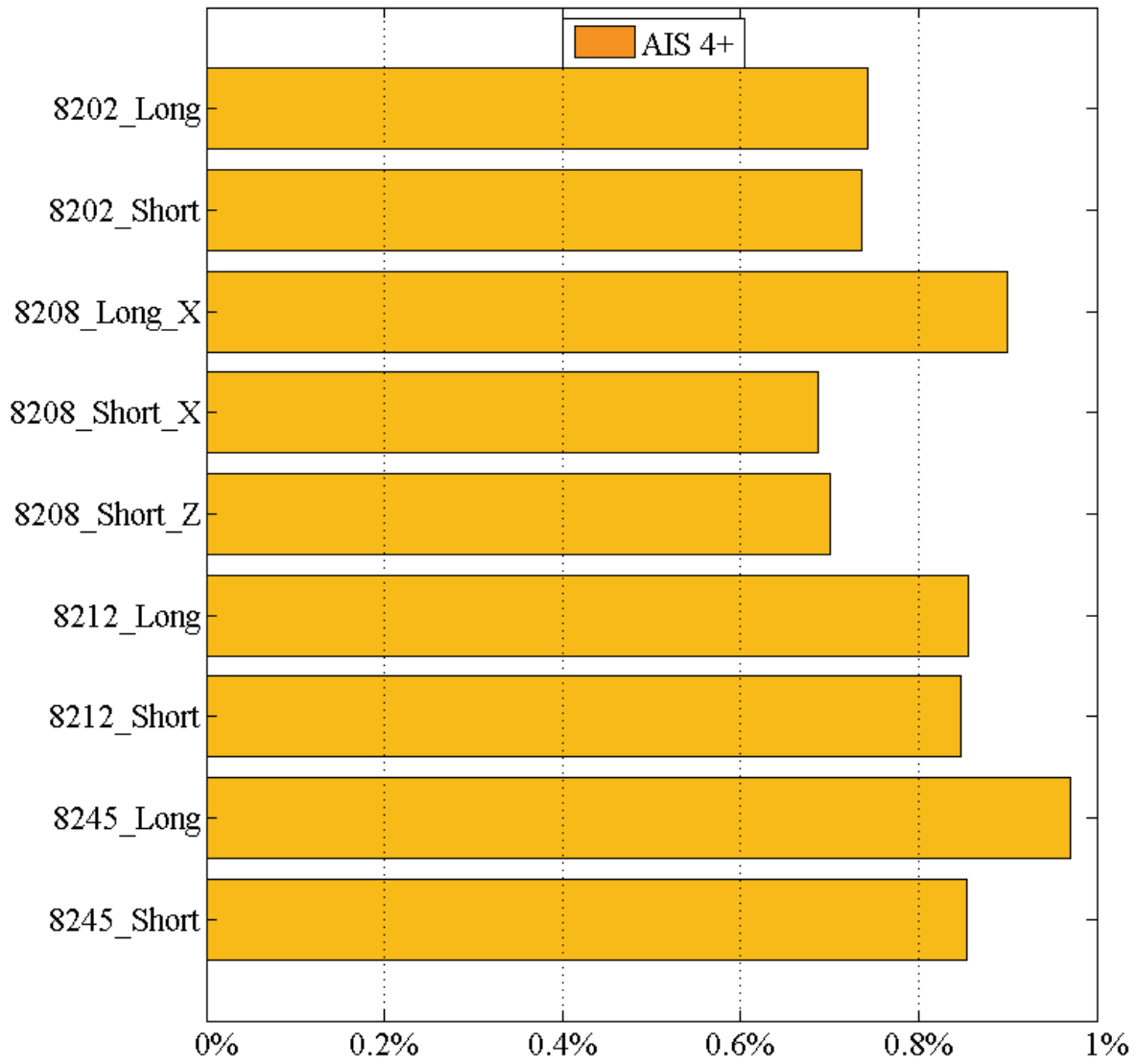


Figure 42: Risk of head injury based on HIC₃₆.

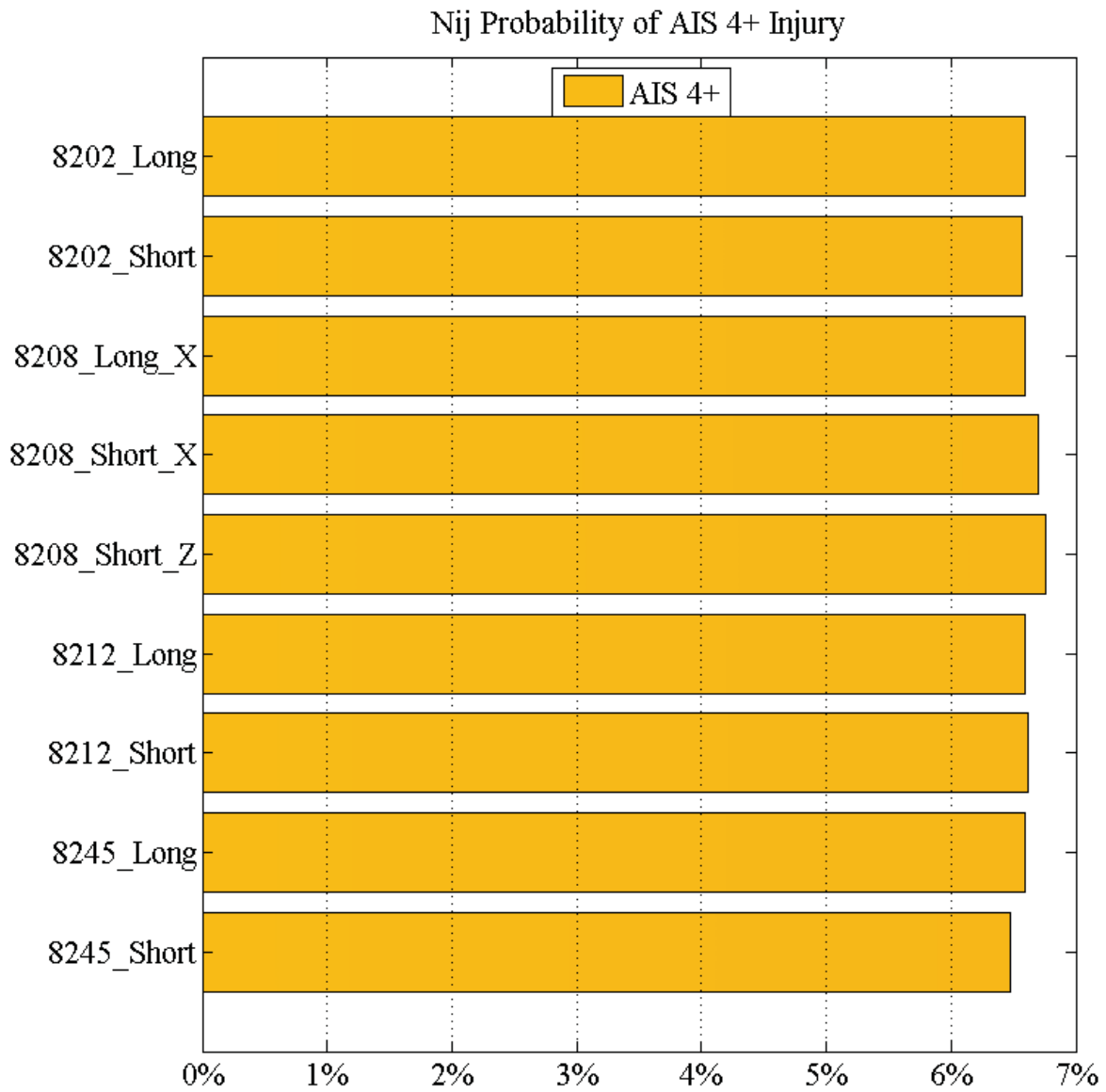


Figure 43: Risk of head injury based on N_{ij} .

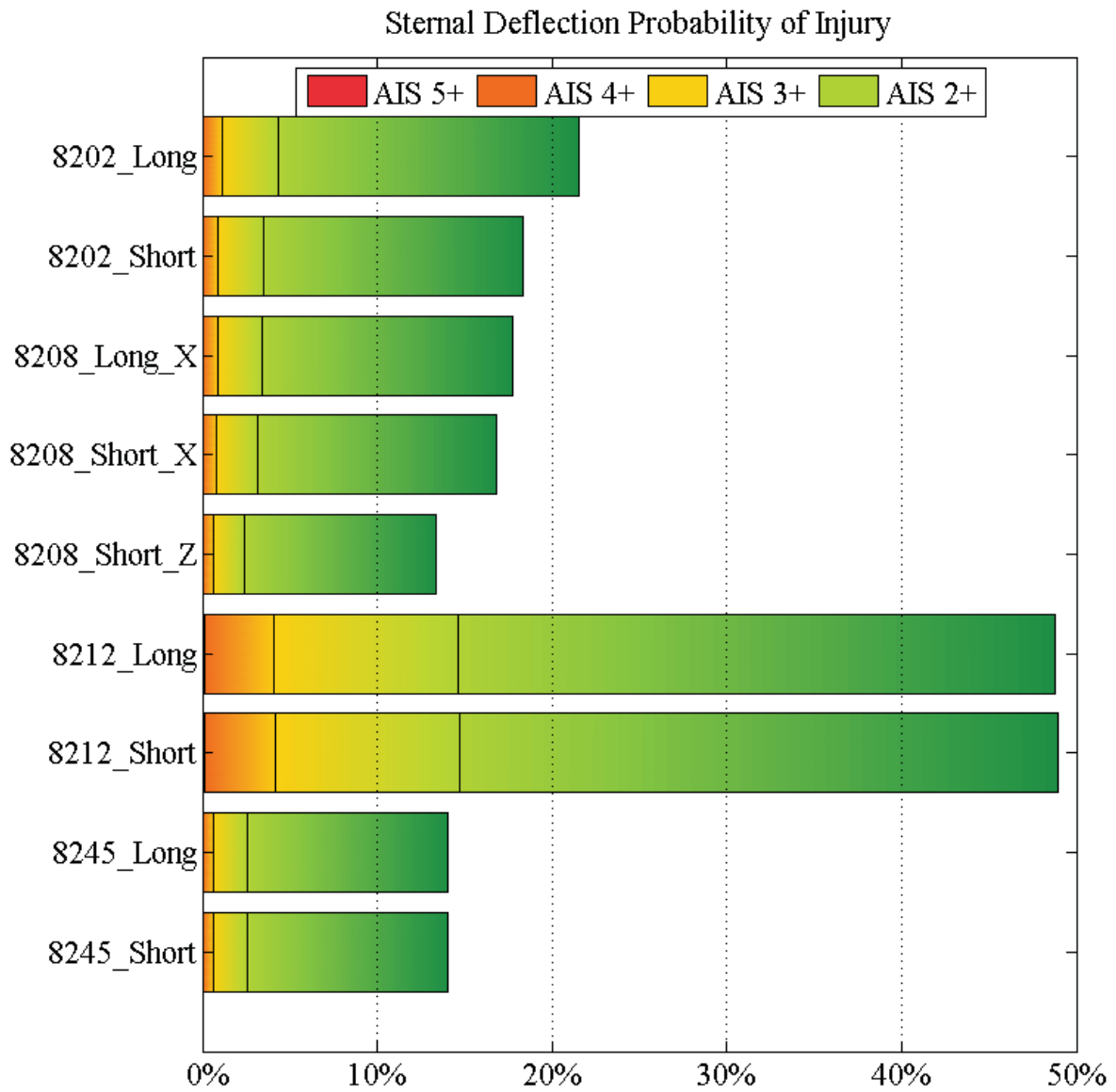


Figure 44: Risk of chest injury based on sternal deflection.

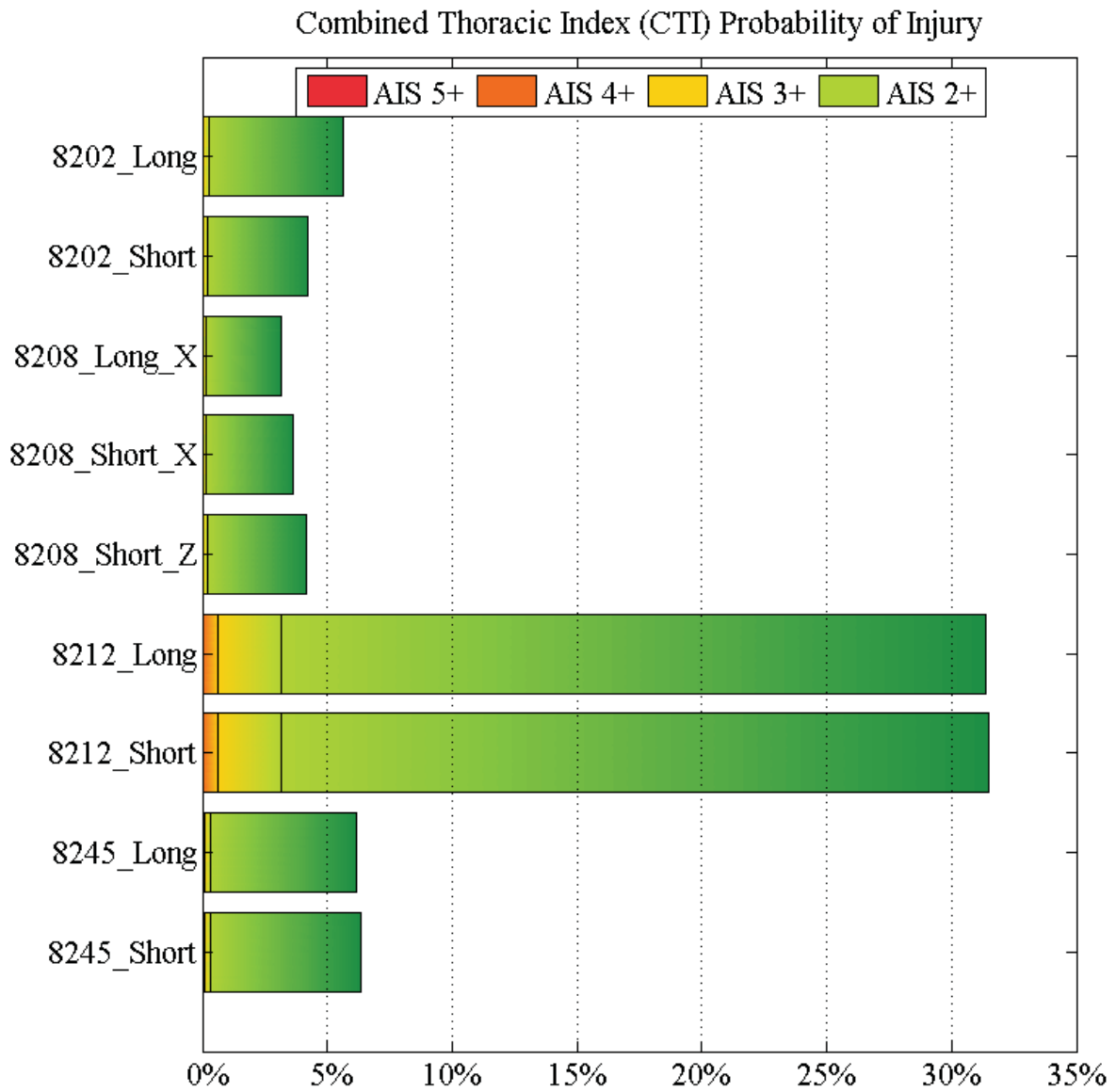


Figure 45: Risk of chest injury based on CTI.

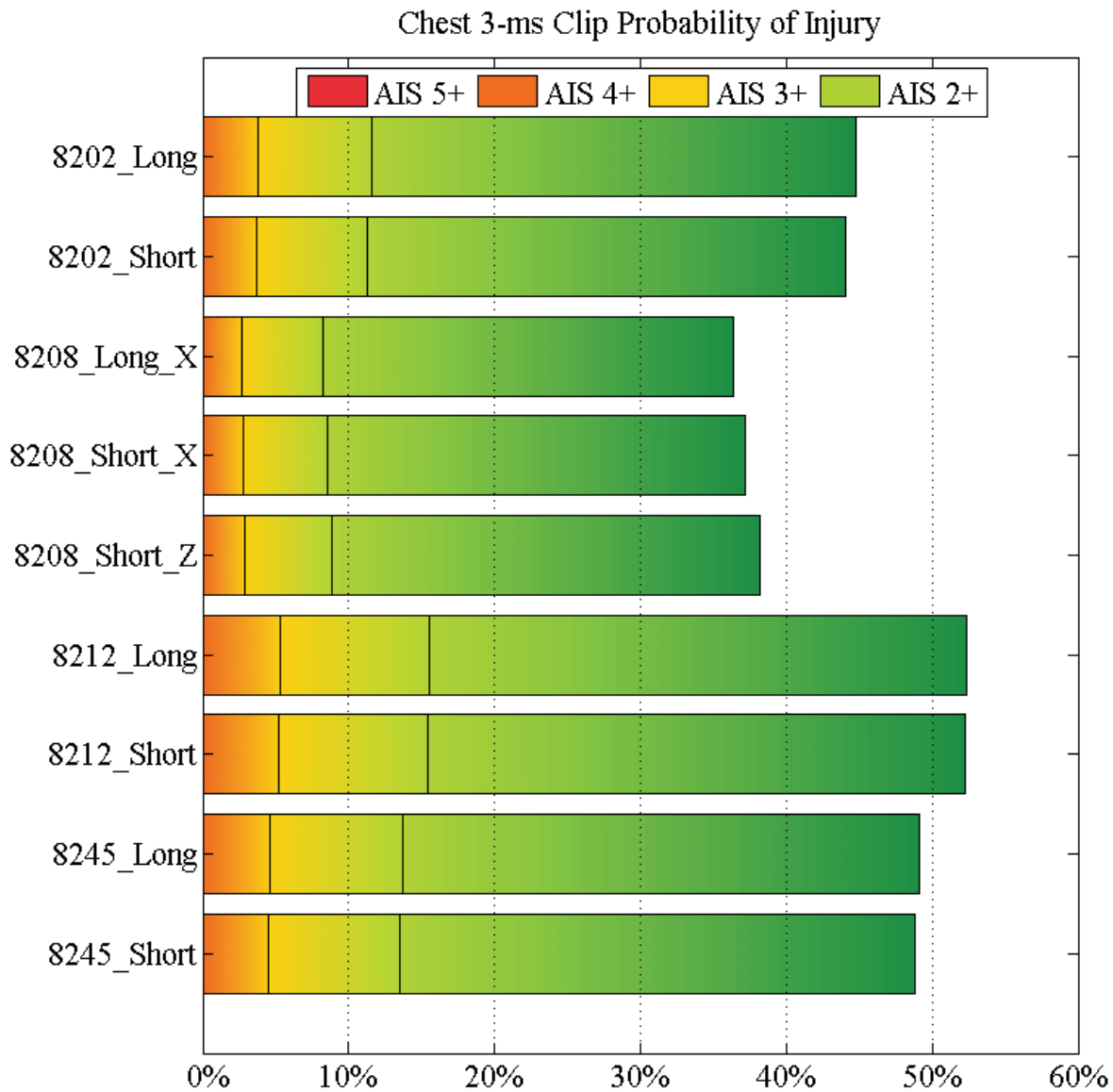


Figure 46: Risk of chest injury based on chest acceleration, 3-ms clip.

3.3 Discussion

There were several trends in the values of the injury metrics examined for these simulations. The head injury metrics (head acceleration, HIC₁₅ and HIC₃₆) all indicated that the longer spinal pulse, the rear impact pulse, and the lateral pulse all resulted in higher head metric values. These simulations all had a head strike to a seat component which resulted in higher head acceleration values. For neck injury, only the N_{ij} values were examined. For all simulations, the N_{ij} values were similar; therefore, there is no indication any of the loading scenarios would be more likely to cause neck injury.

For the chest injury metrics, acceleration and deflection were compared. For chest acceleration, the spinal impact had lower values than all of the other simulations. The frontal, rear, and spinal tests had similar acceleration values. The other metric examined was the deflection of the chest. This was measured both at the sternum and along the ribs. For the spinal, rear and lateral impacts, the values of each of the metrics were close to each other. Additionally, only the rear impact had the largest deflection in compression for all metrics. The frontal impact simulation showed a different trend. The largest sternal deflection was in compression and the largest rib deflection was in expansion. In this simulation, the ribcage was initially compressed by the belt system, and then it expanded during rebound.

The lower body metrics compared were all force measurements including the lumbar spine, the femurs, and the tibias. As expected, the lumbar force measurements were highest during the spinal loading simulation. The leg forces varied based on the bone and the simulation. The frontal and spinal impacts had lower leg force values than the rear and lateral impacts. This was due to relatively little engagement of the leg with the seat system. In the rear and lateral impacts, the legs had higher loads. In the rear impact simulations, the femurs experienced higher loads than the tibias. In the lateral impact simulations the left tibia experience higher loads than any of the other bones. This was most likely due to the knee to knee impact during the simulation.

Due to the configuration of the WP test sled, the spinal impact scenario was performed so that gravity was acting in the X-direction instead of the Z-direction. Since the purpose of this study was to compare the THUMS response to the actual test data, gravity was also applied in the X-direction for long and short THUMS simulations. However, in an actual spinal loading event, gravity would be acting in the Z-direction. An additional short simulation was conducted with Z-axis gravity to determine possible differences in the injury metric values. For the majority of the metrics, there was little difference between these two simulations. However, the lumbar force was higher and the N_{ij} was lower in the Z-gravity simulation.

The largest chest deflection values were a compression of approximately 4 cm during the rear impact loading scenarios. Additionally, there was little variation between the three chest compression measurement techniques for this simulation. This value is significantly higher than chest deflection values seen in the H3 ATD. In a previous report on VIE loading, the response of a H3 chest during a simulated impacted was compared to that of a matched PMHS test conducted at Ohio State University (OSU). The H3 test results demonstrated a slight compression with approximately 0.83 cm of compression. The comparison PMHS test had approximately 3 cm of compression. At 4 cm of compression, the WP test results more closely match the PMHS test results.

3.4 Limitations

One limitation of this study is the relative lack of biomechanical data on bony failure properties of occupants exposed to long term zero-gravity. This exposure has the well documented effect of the reduction in bone mineral density [8]. The corresponding decrease in

biomechanical strength is unknown. However, much of the human tolerance data in biomechanical literature is derived from PMHS testing. Generally, the subjects used in the studies tend to be older individuals with corresponding age related bone strength reduction. In this respect, the PMHS data is more like the returning crew members than the crew members before launch.

4 Conclusions

The results of this comparison indicate the THUMS model performs in a similar manner as the Hybrid III ATD. The differences in the responses of model and the ATD are primarily due to the flexibility of the THUMS. This THUMS flexibility is more similar to the response of a human occupant. Based on the similarity between the two models, the THUMS should be used in further testing to assess risk of injury to the occupant.

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Appendix 1: Modified and truncated acceleration data.

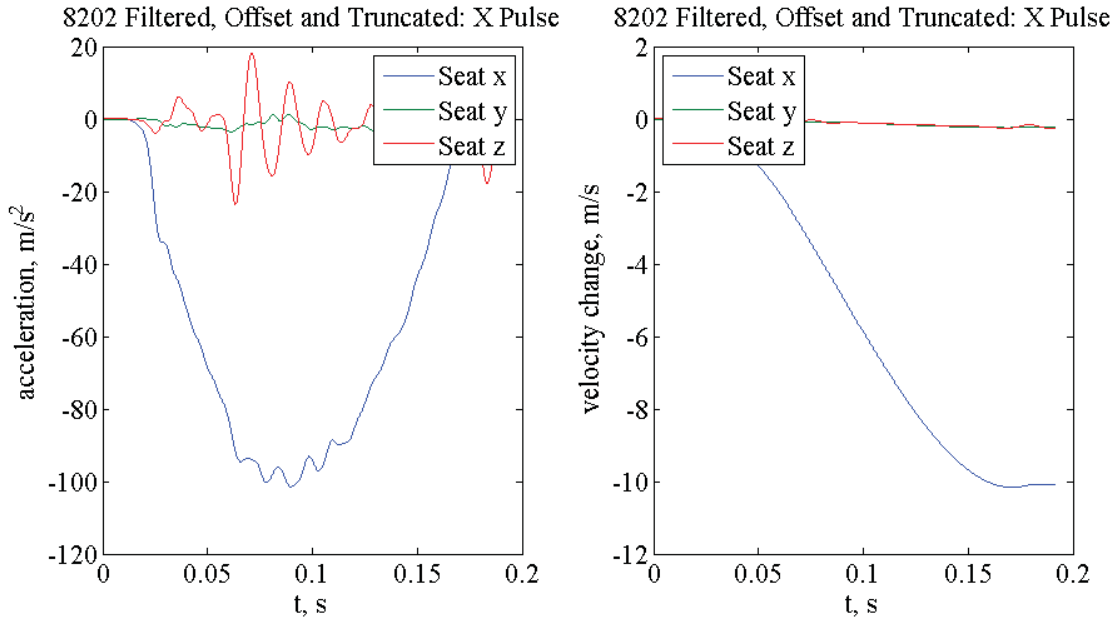


Figure 47: Pulse 8202, frontal impact.

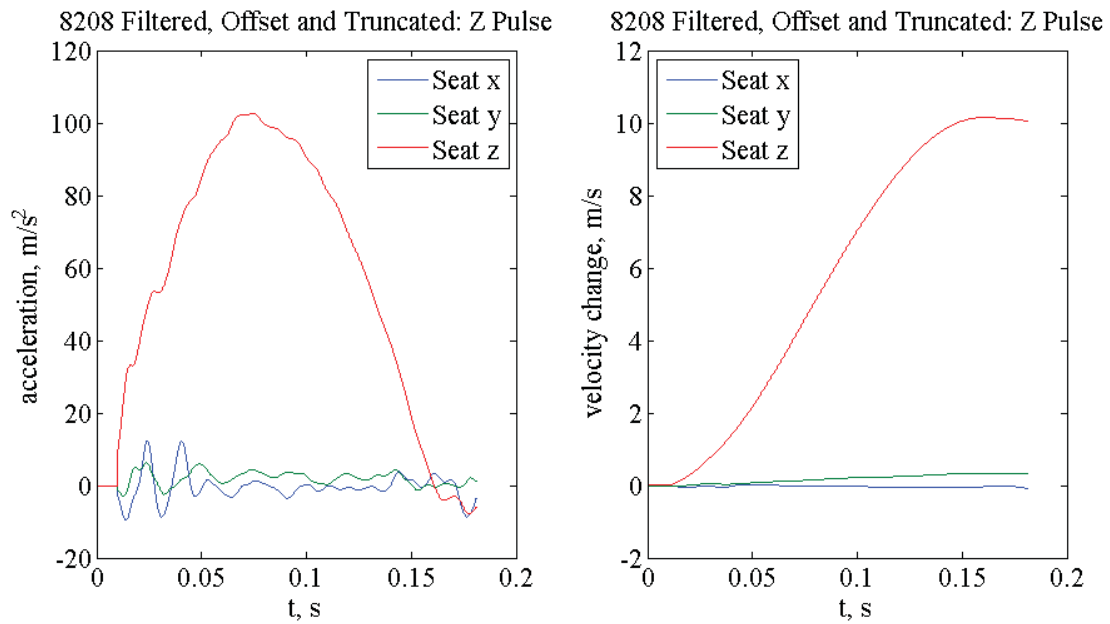


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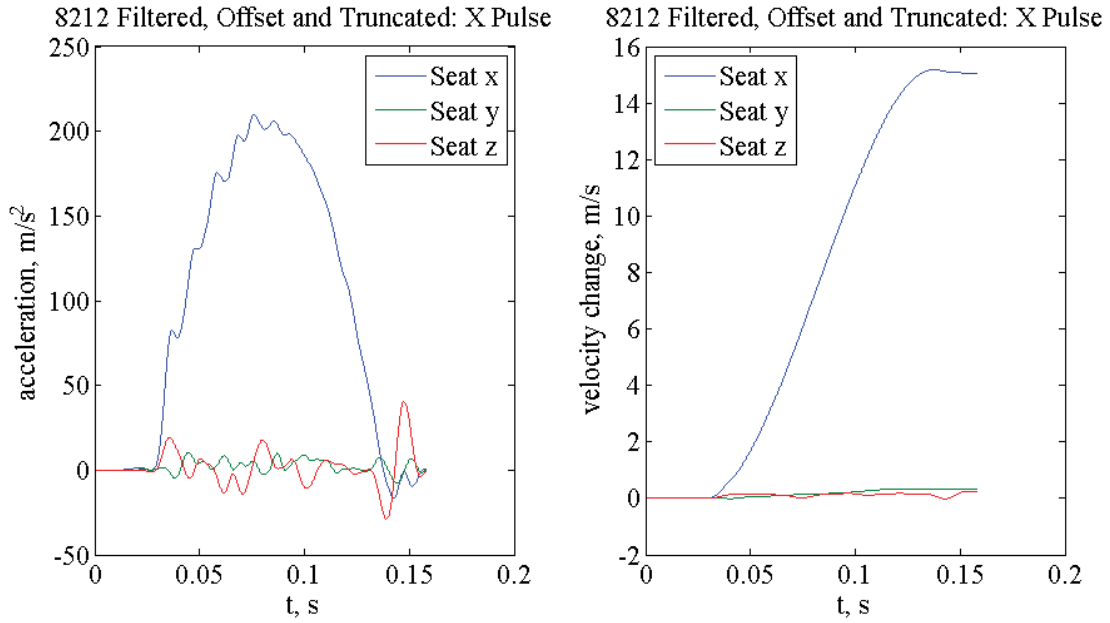


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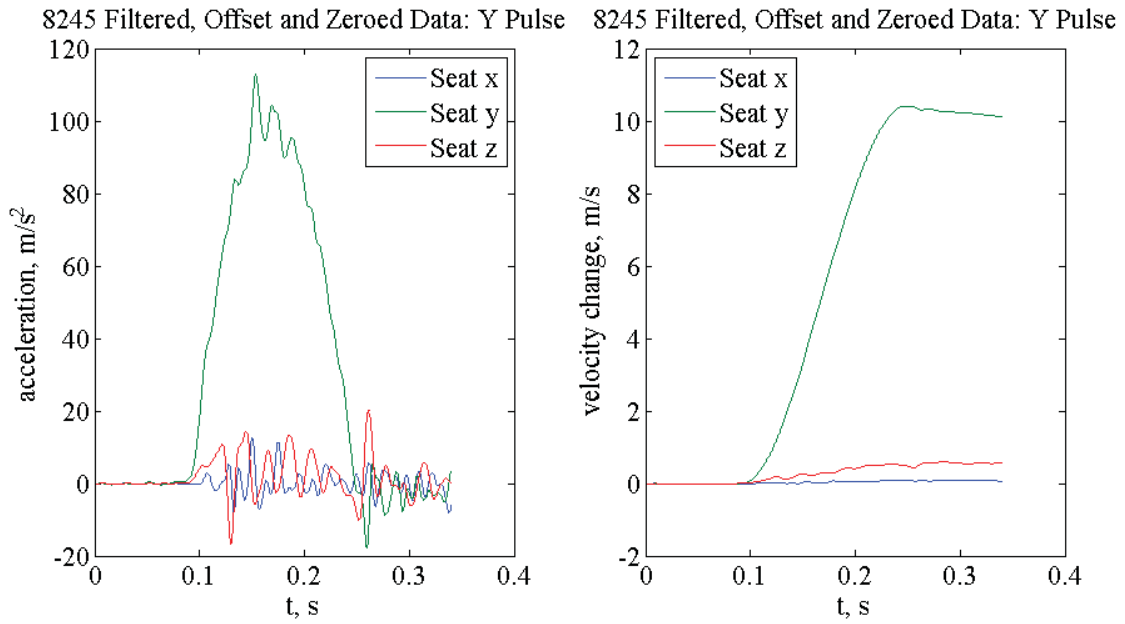


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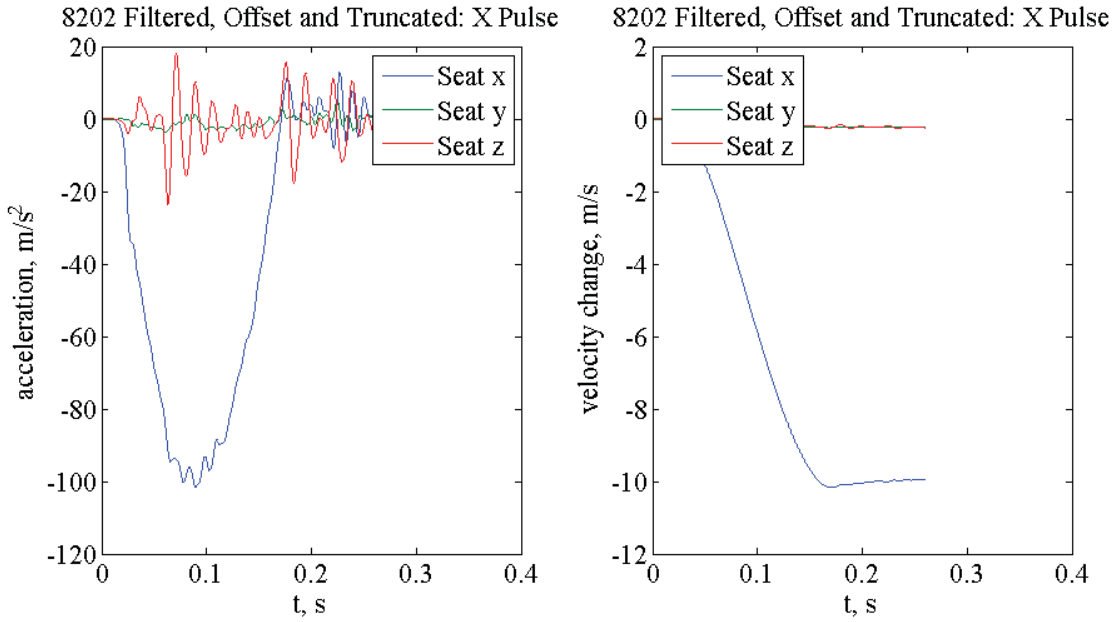


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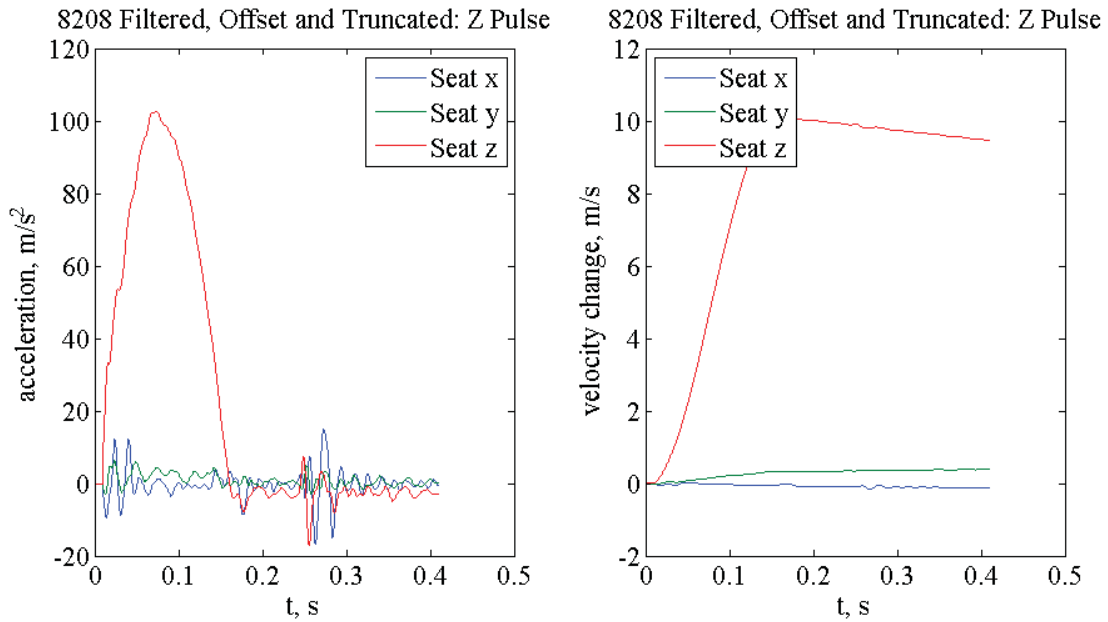


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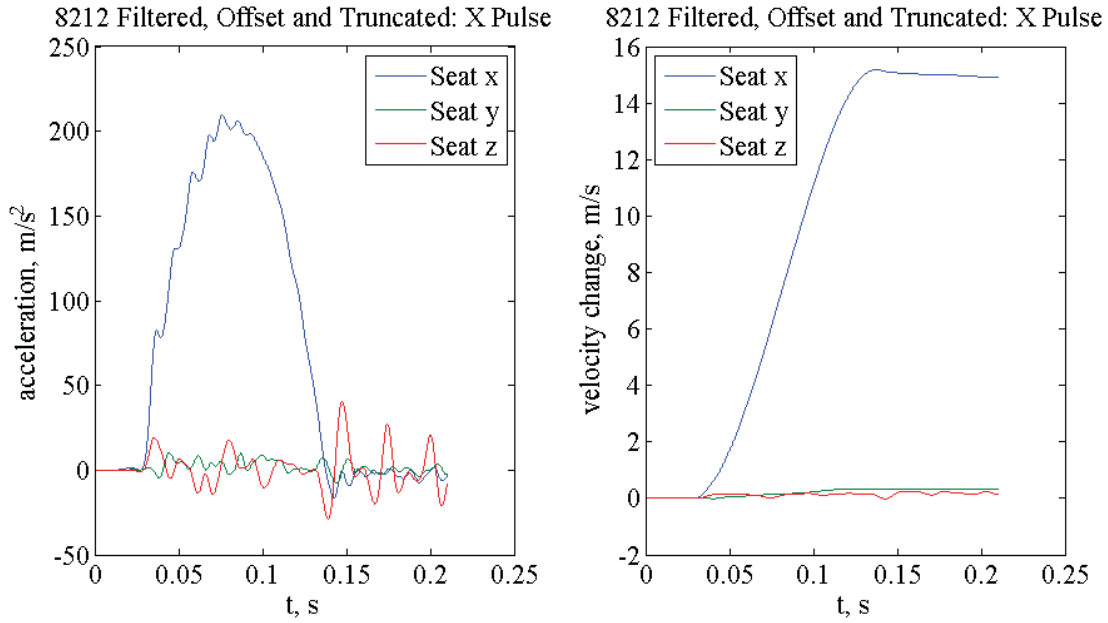


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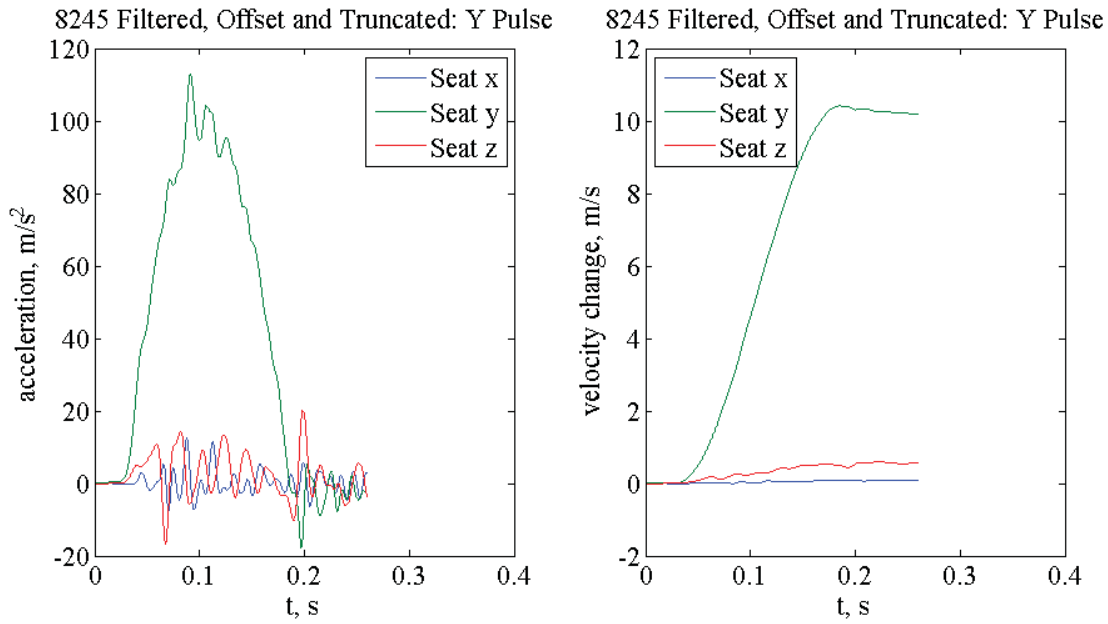


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Appendix 3: Seat belt force comparisons for all simulations.

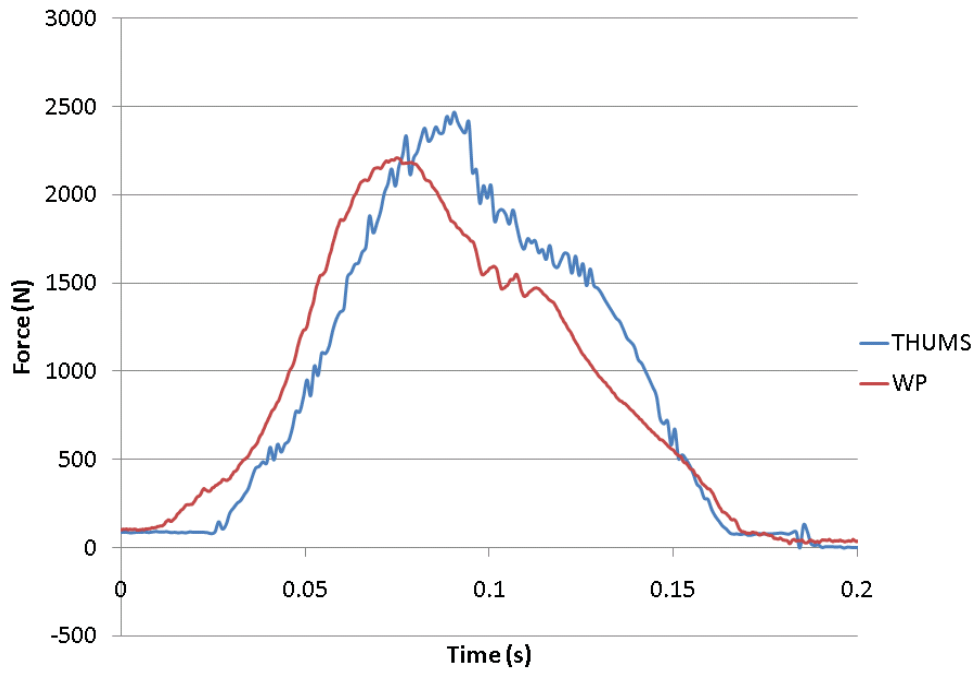


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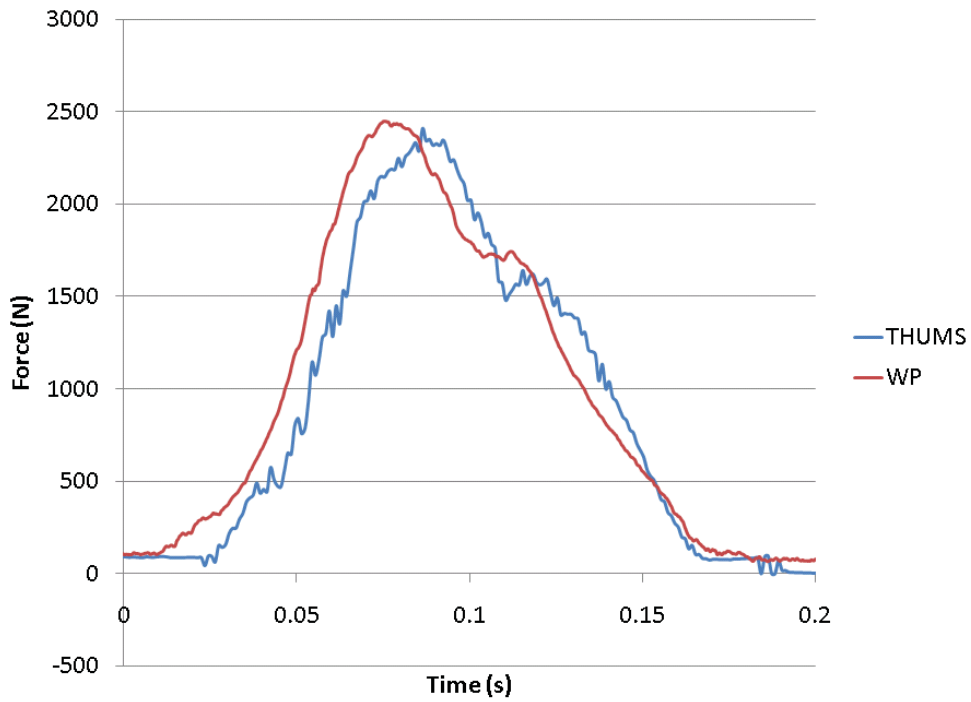


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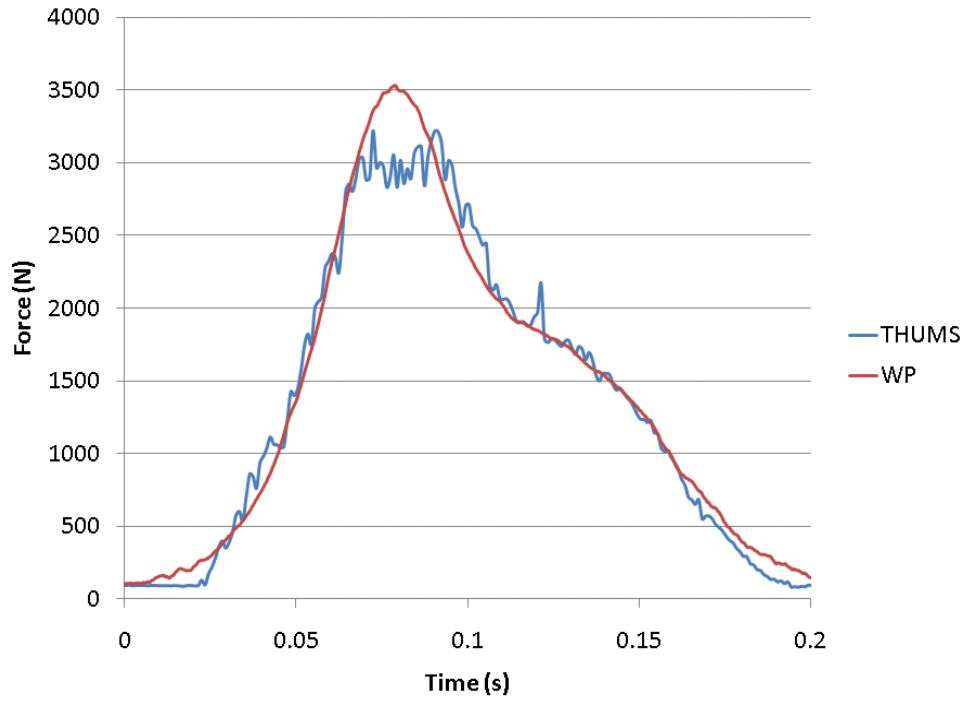


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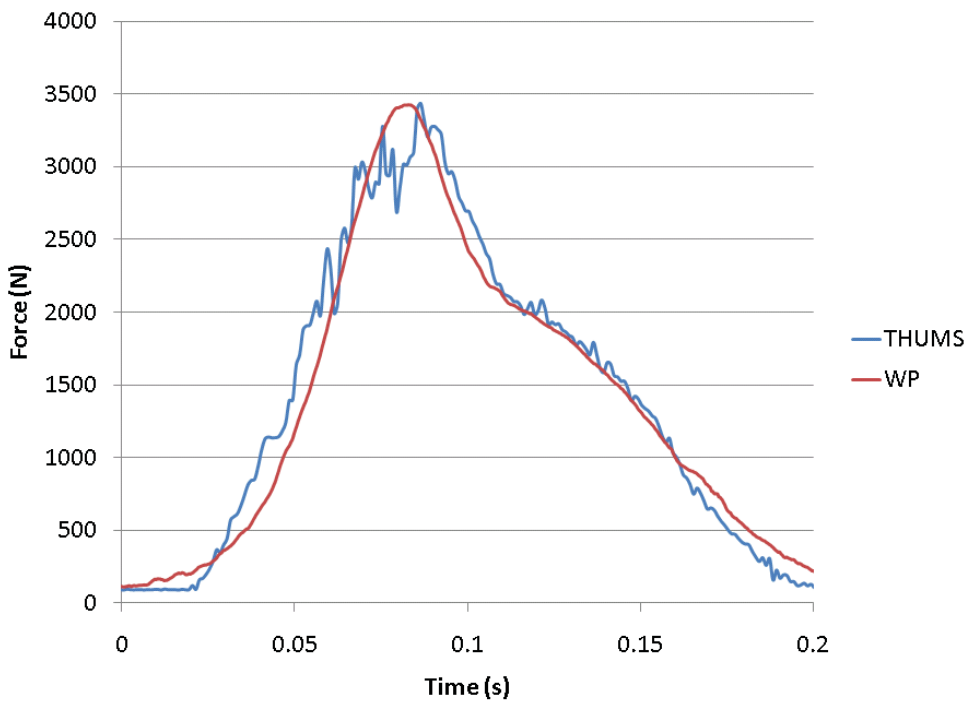


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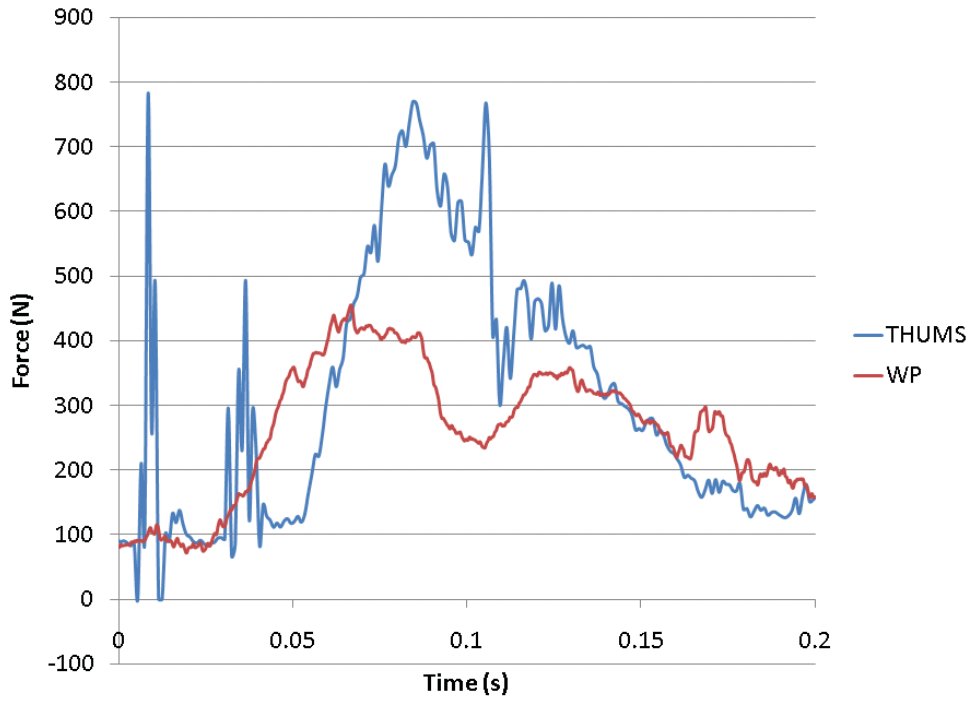


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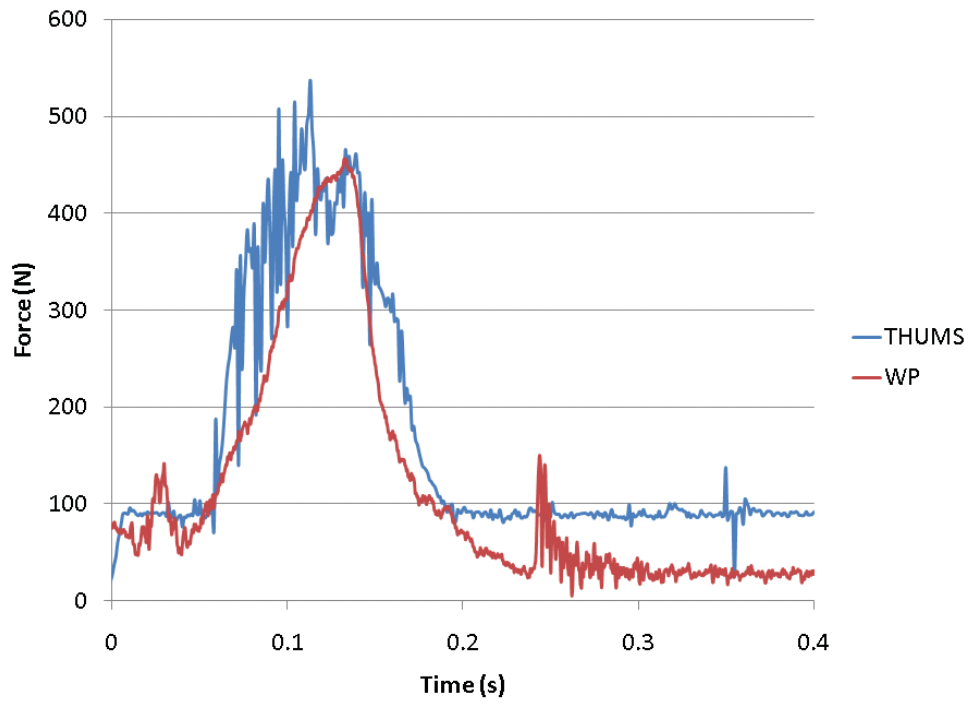


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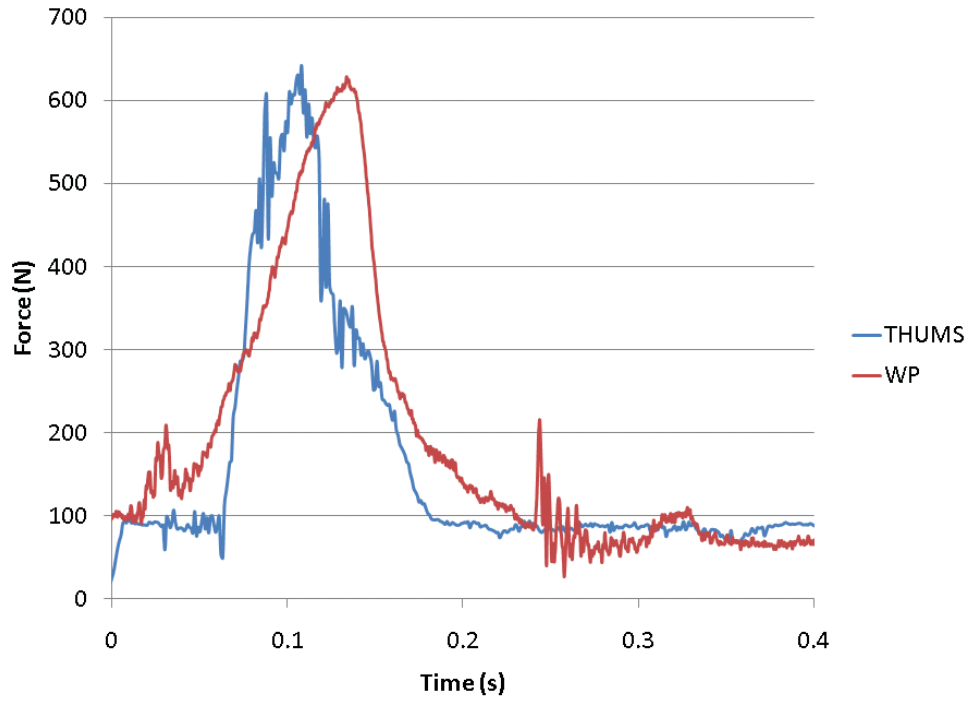


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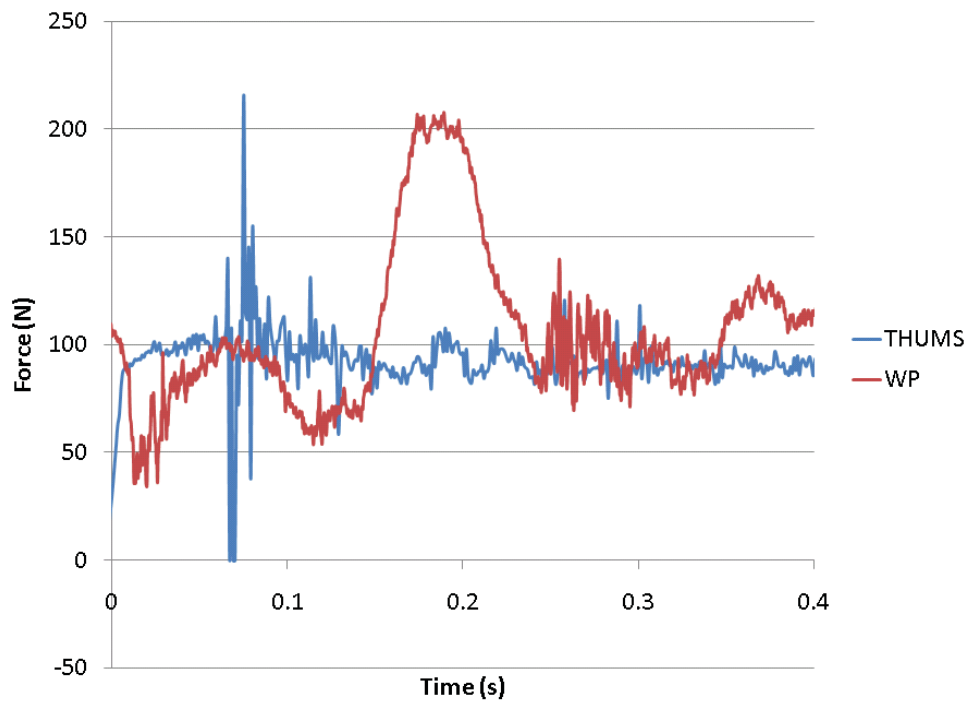


Figure 62: Pulse 8208, Left lap belt force.

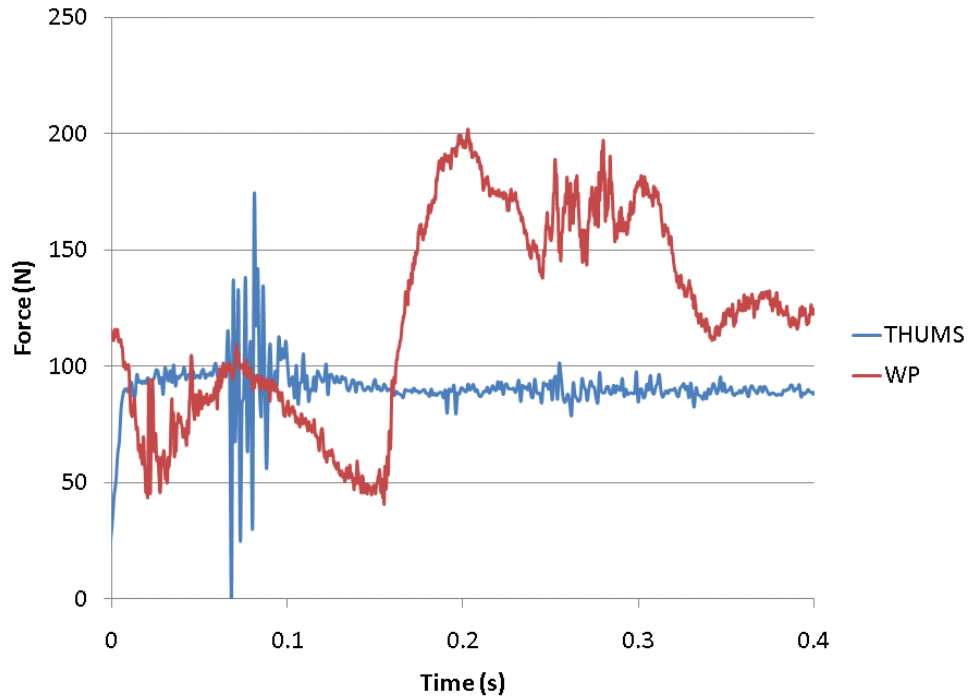


Figure 63: Pulse 8208, Right lap belt force.

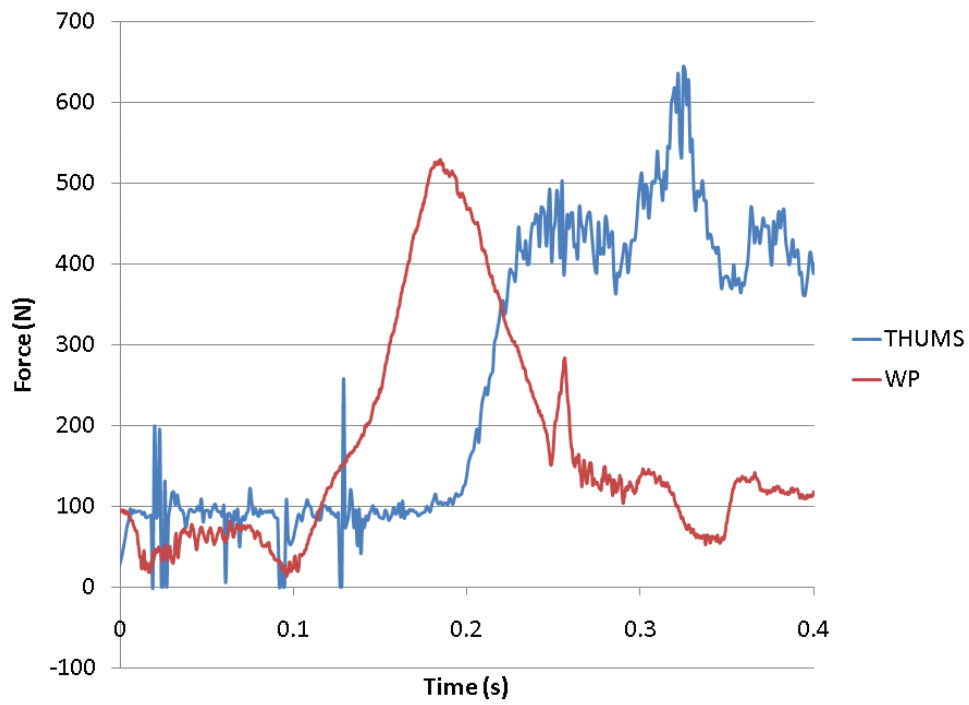


Figure 64: Pulse 8208, Crotch belt force.

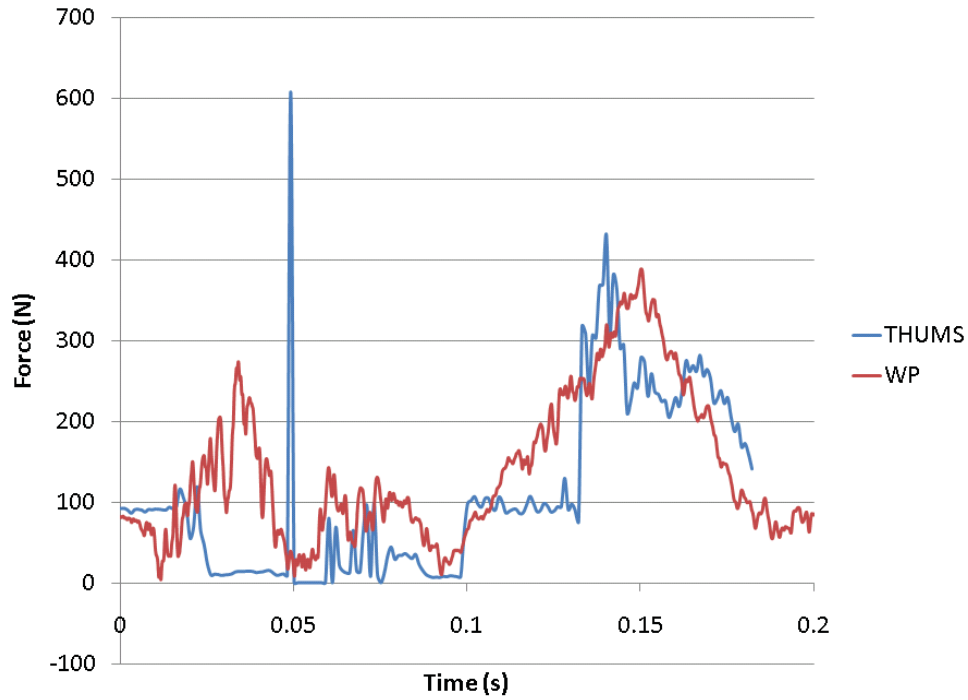


Figure 65: Pulse 8212, Left shoulder belt force.

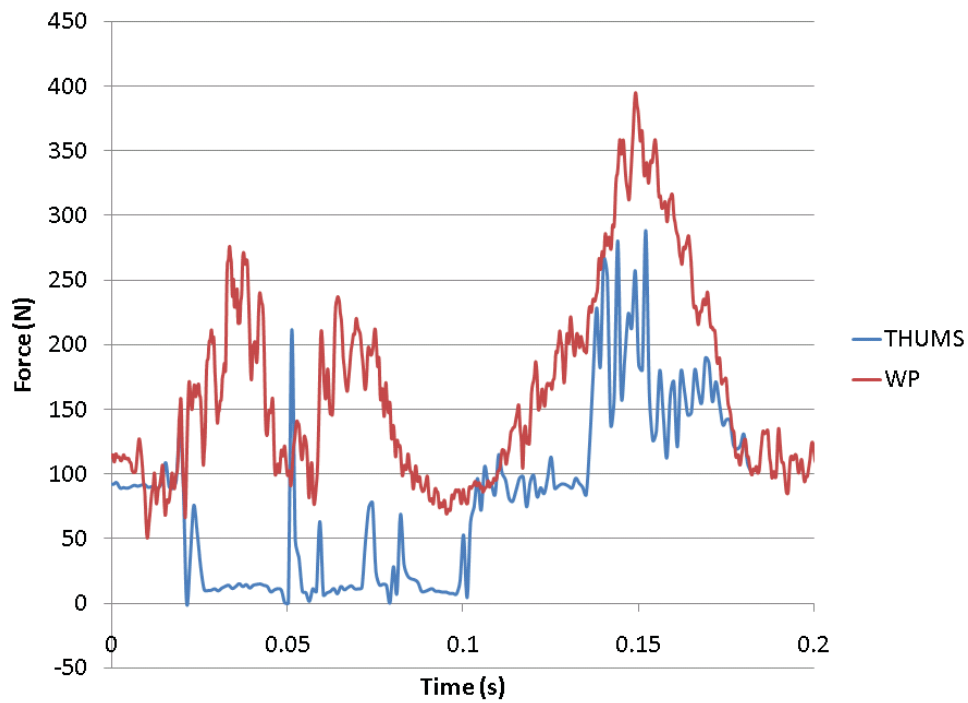


Figure 66: Pulse 8212, Right shoulder belt force.

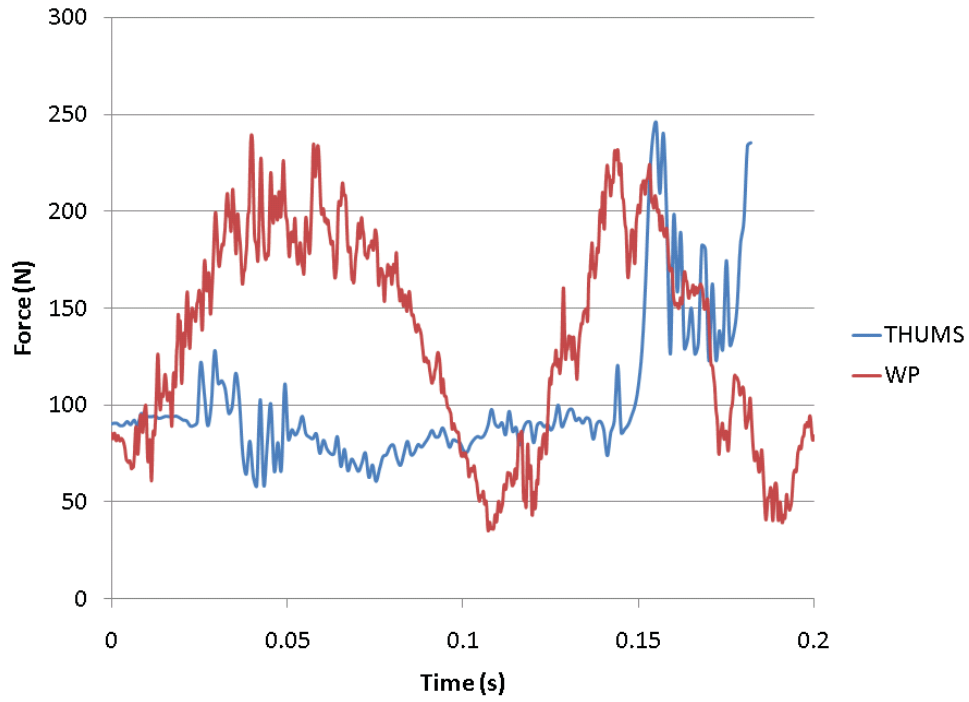


Figure 67: Pulse 8212, Left lap belt force.

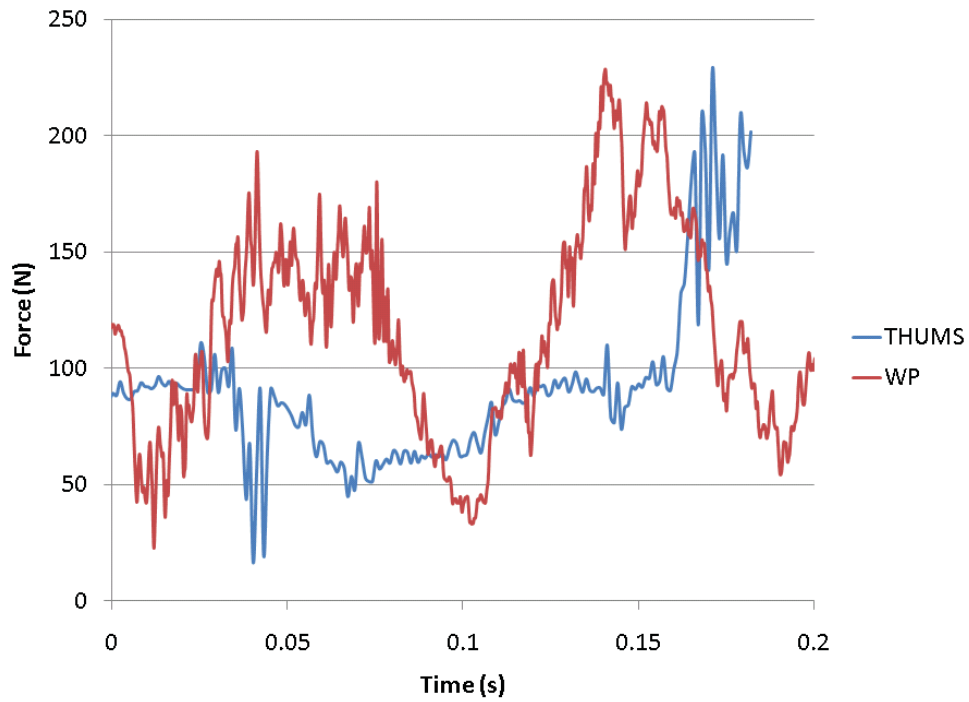


Figure 68: Pulse 8212, Right lap belt force.

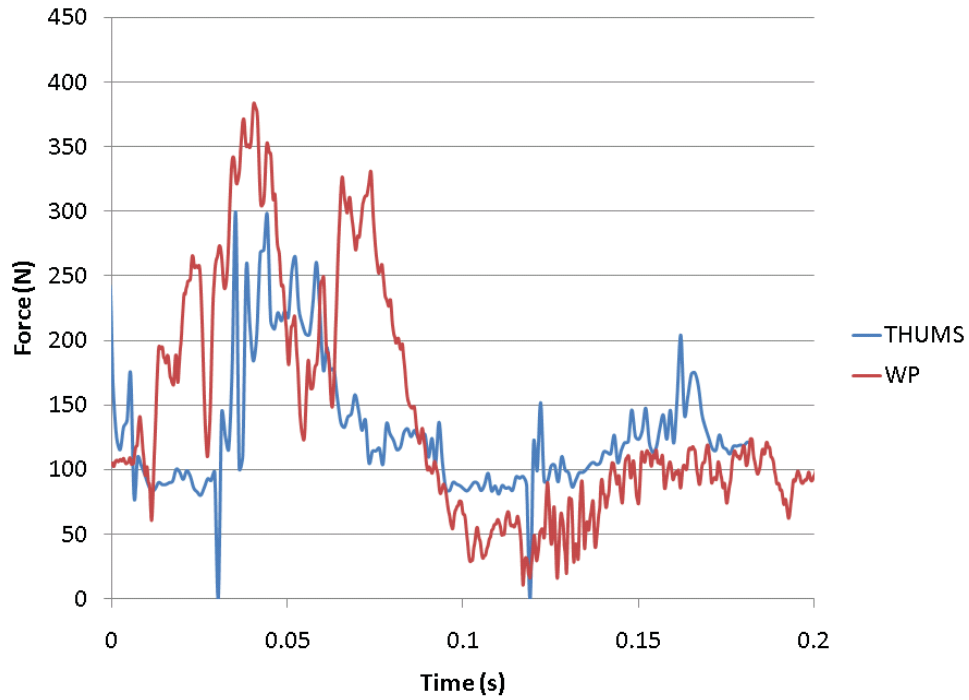


Figure 69: Pulse 8212, Crotch belt force.

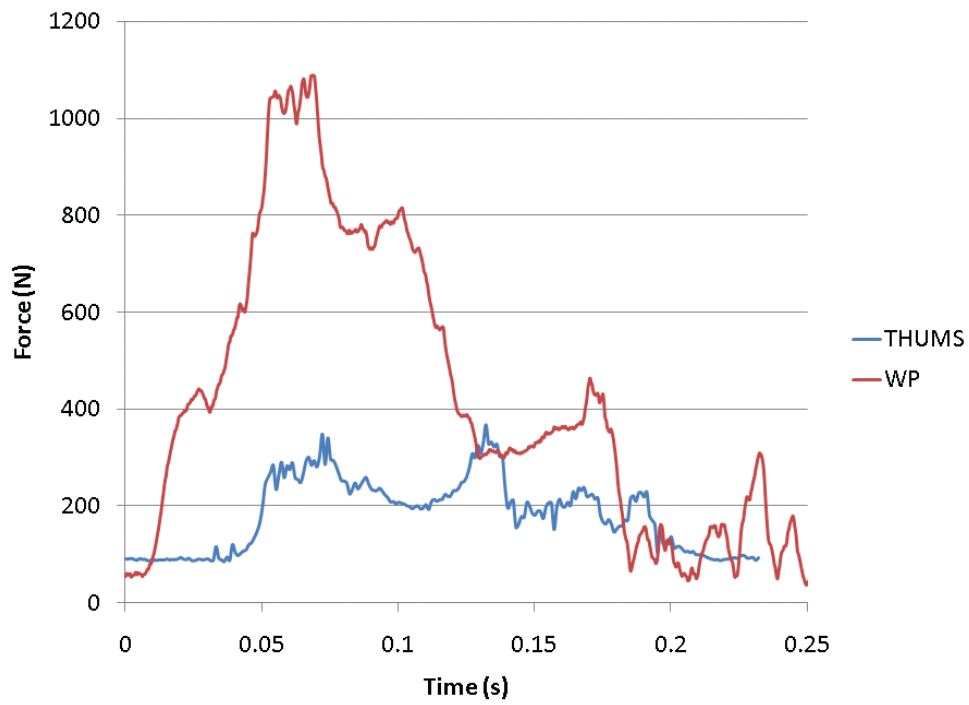


Figure 70: Pulse 8245, Left shoulder belt force.

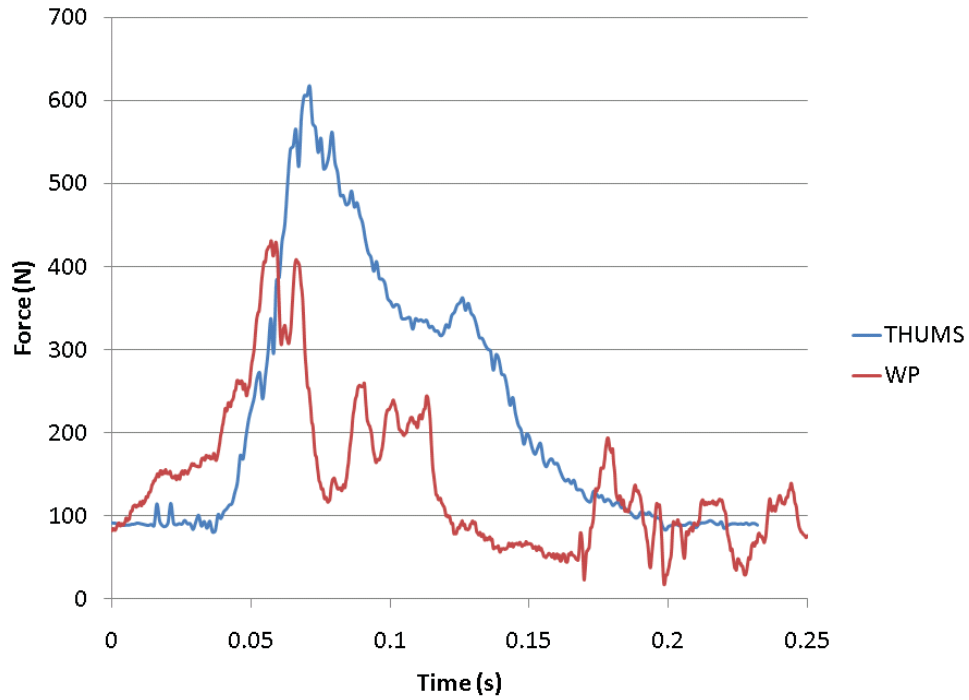


Figure 71: Pulse 8245, Right shoulder belt force.

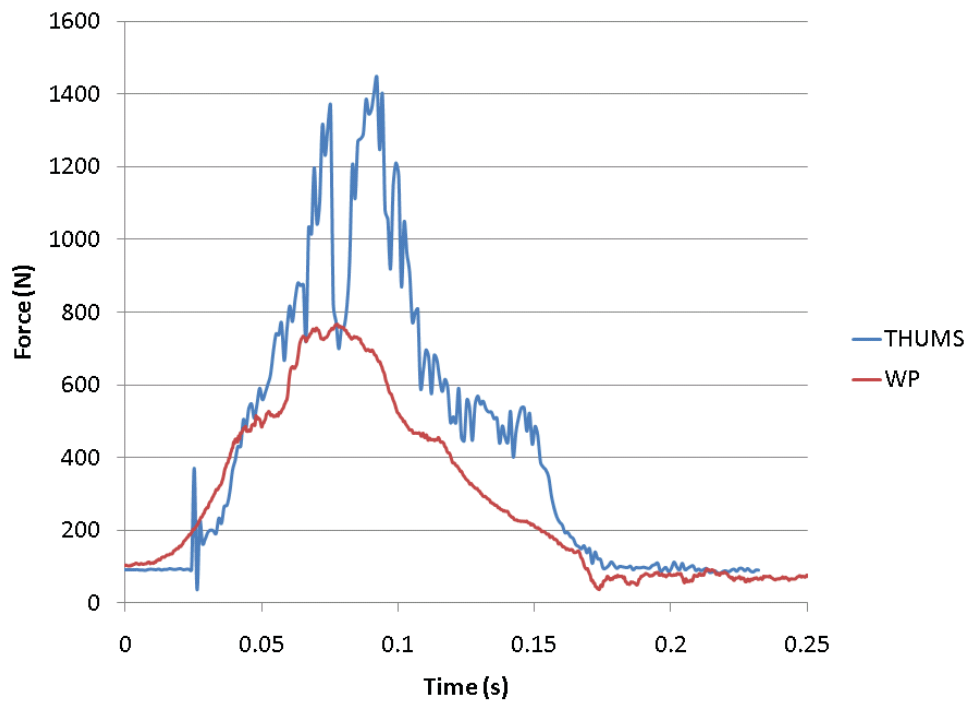


Figure 72: Pulse 8245, Left lap belt force.

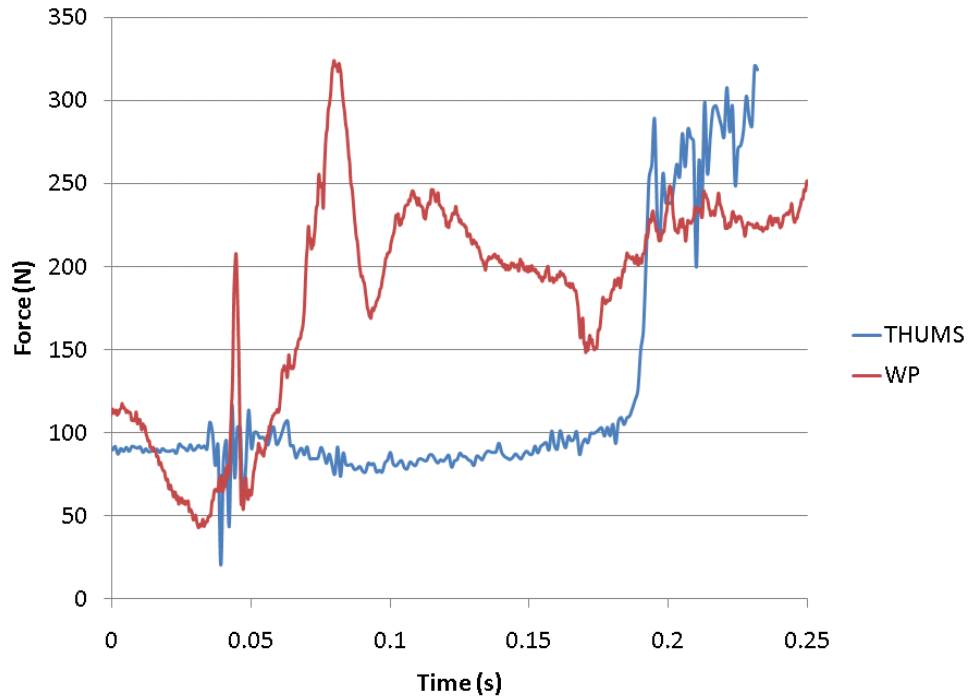


Figure 73: Pulse 8245, Right lap belt force.

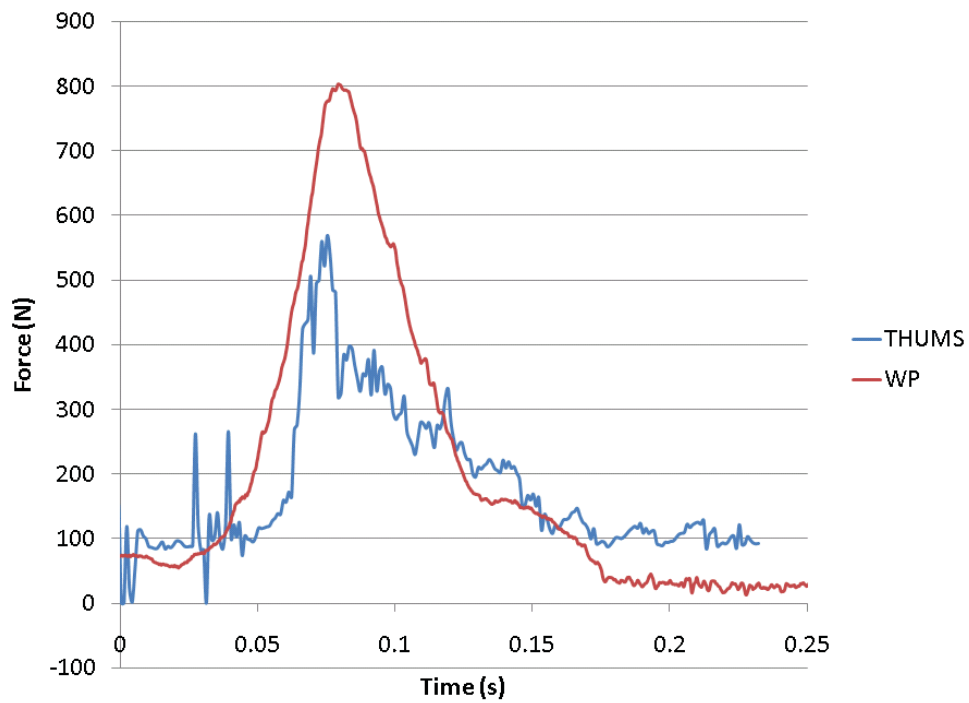
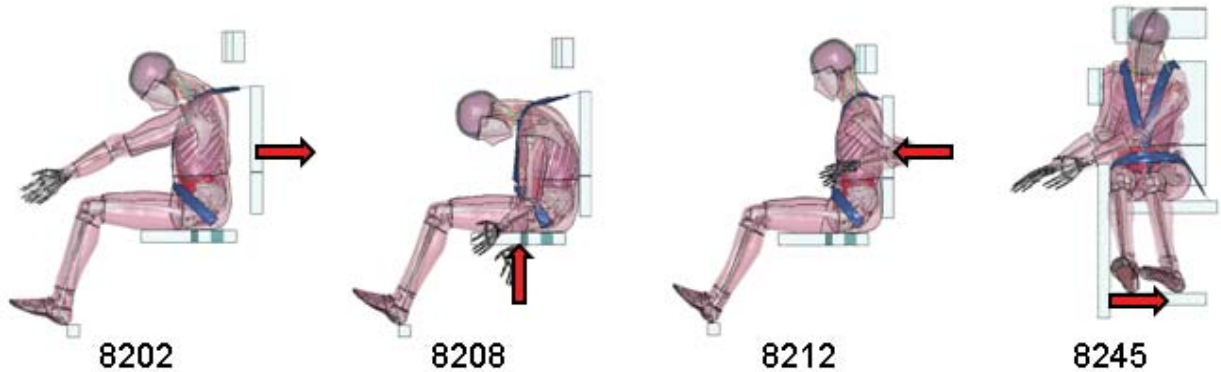


Figure 74: Pulse 8245, Crotch belt force.

Appendix 4: Head Injury, Peak Head Acceleration

Table 2: Tabulated Head Acceleration

| Simulation | Head Acceleration (g's) |
|--|-------------------------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | 16.741 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | 17.642 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 14.354 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 14.092 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 48.717 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | 29.044 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | 29.364 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 50.870 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 72.384 |



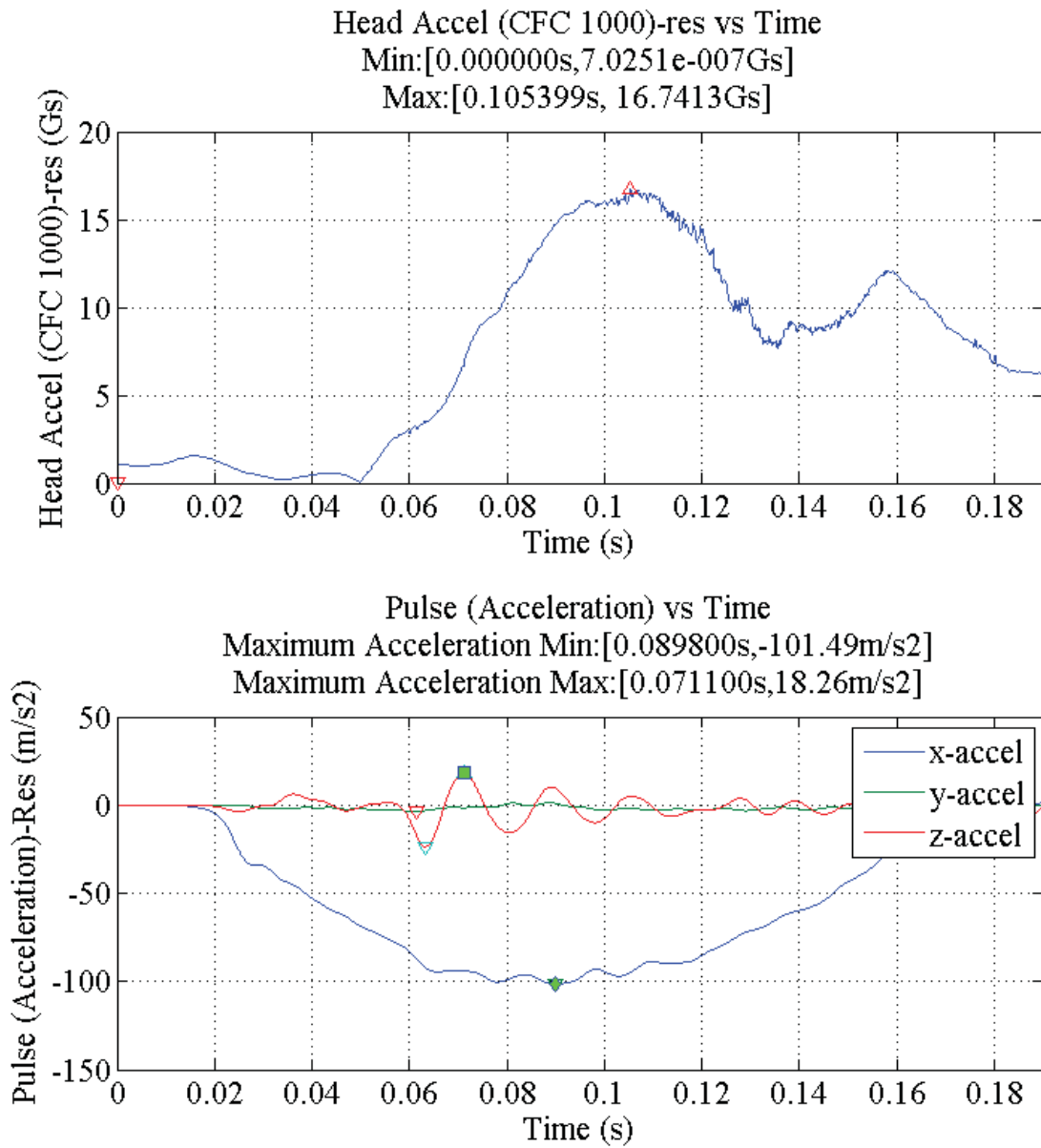


Figure 75: Head acceleration for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

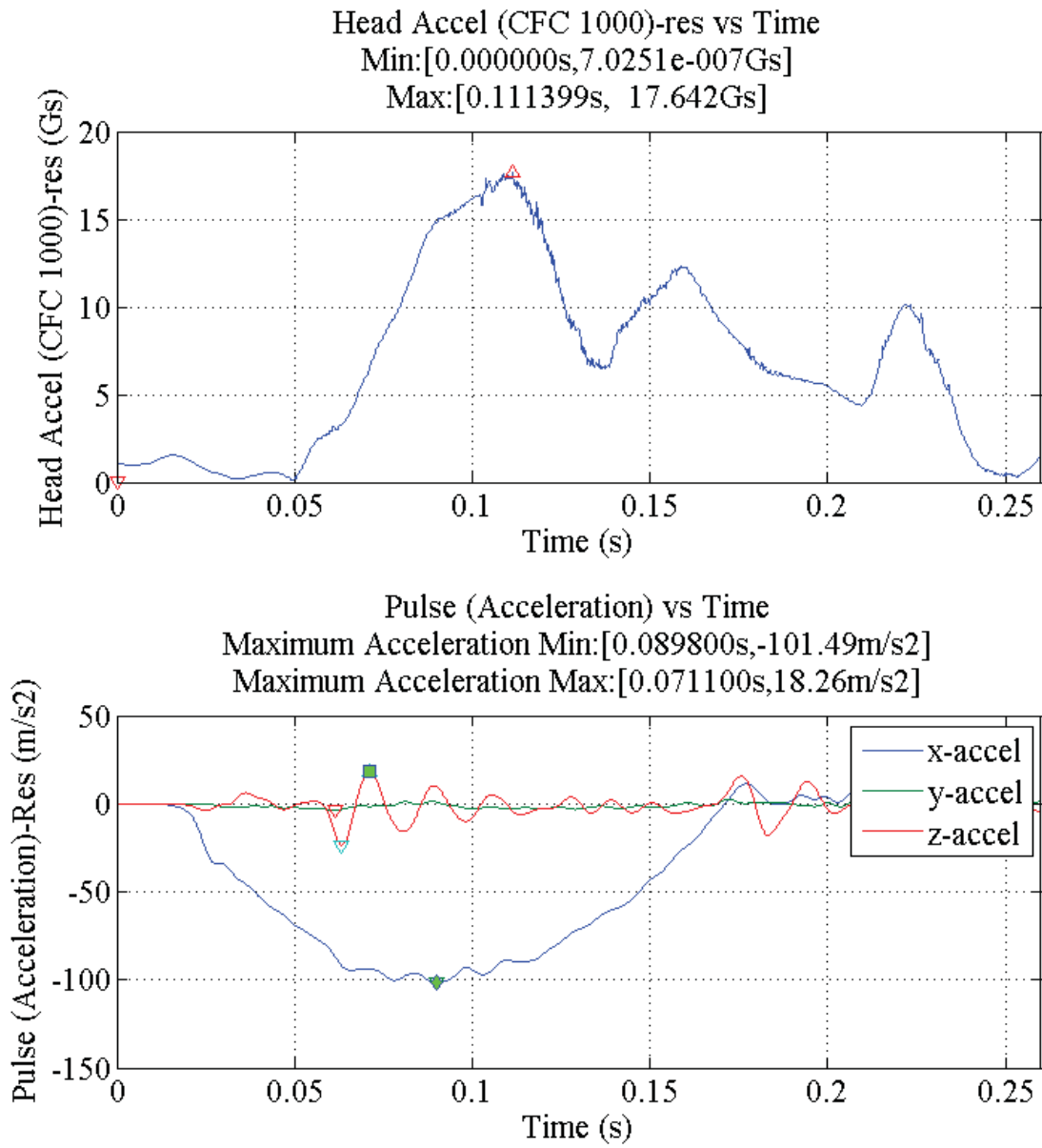


Figure 76: Head acceleration for simulation 8202 (Frontal), long pulse.

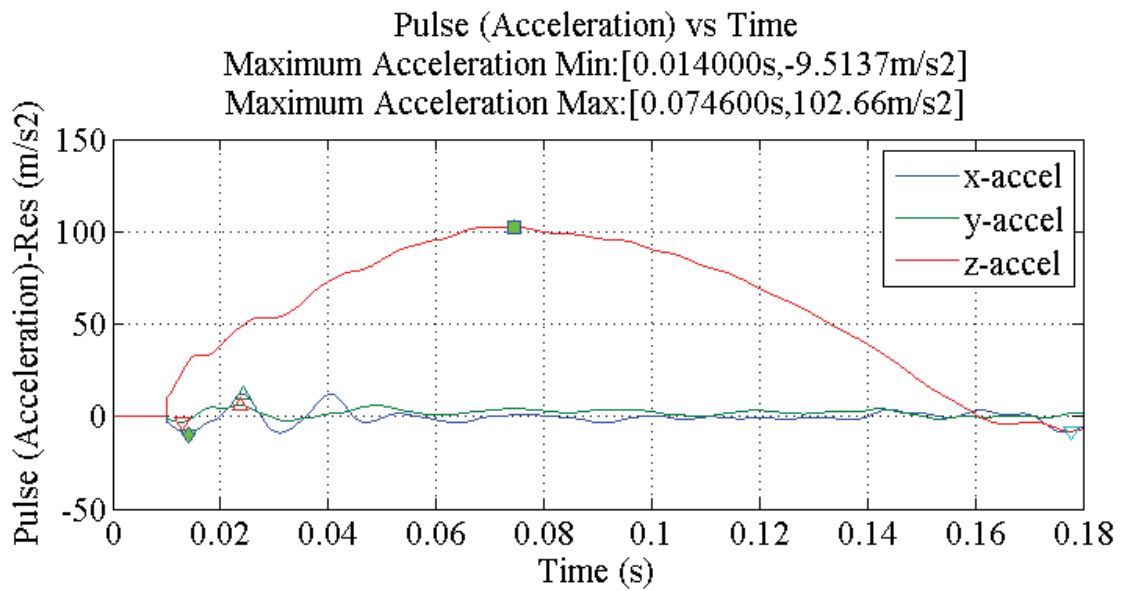
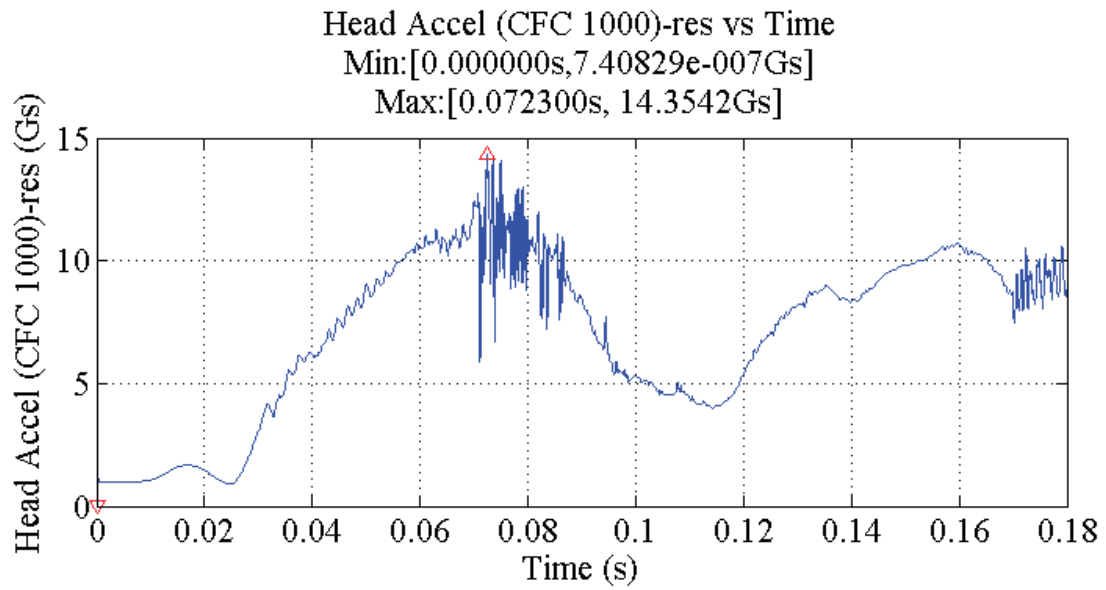


Figure 77: Head acceleration for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis gravity.

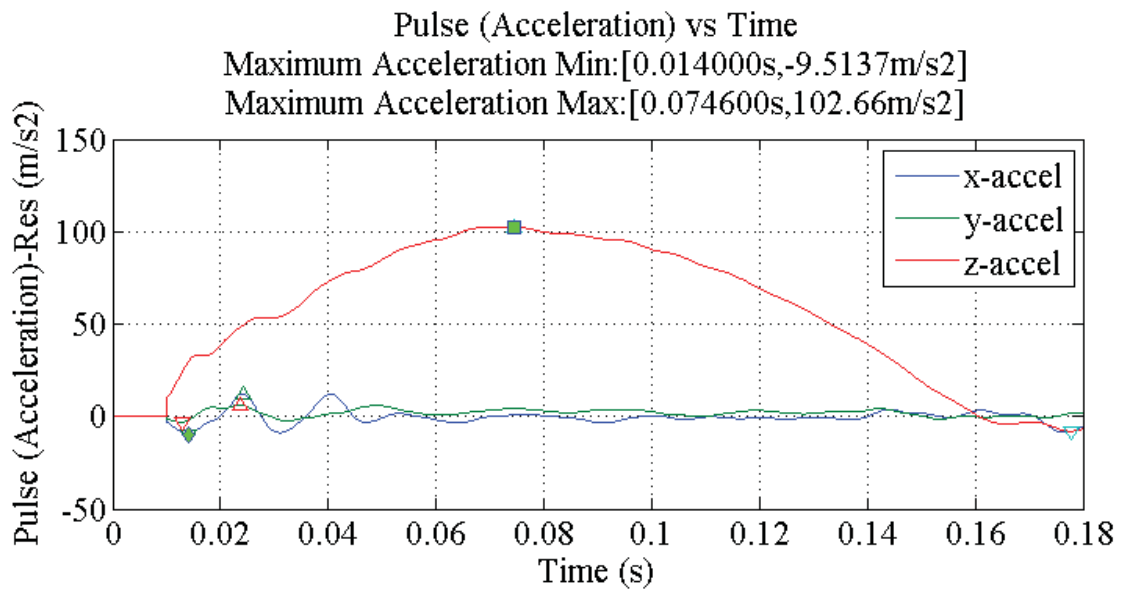
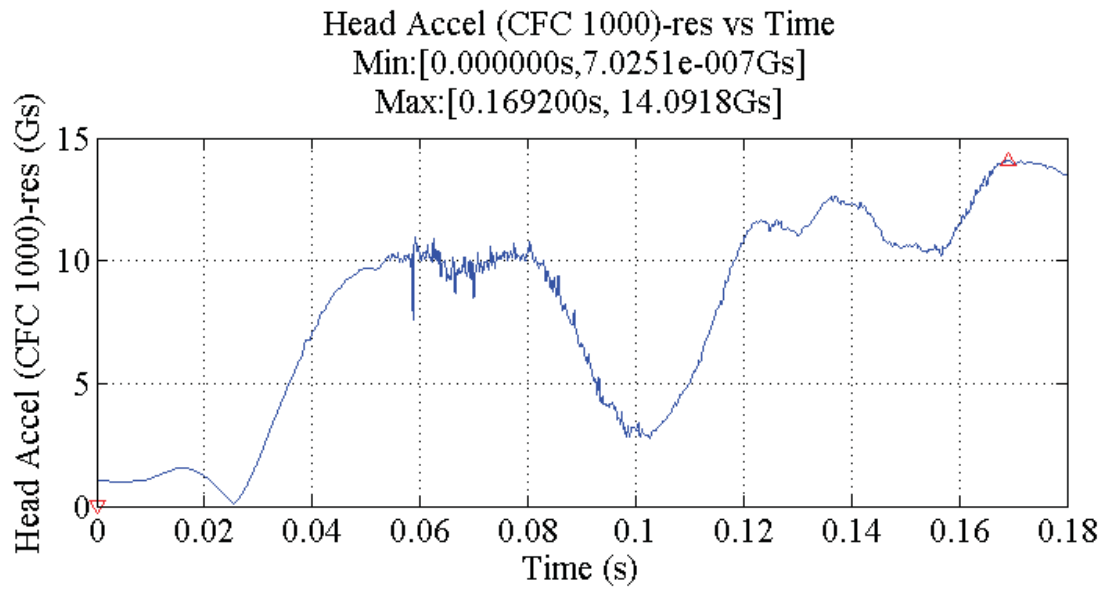


Figure 78: Head acceleration for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis gravity.

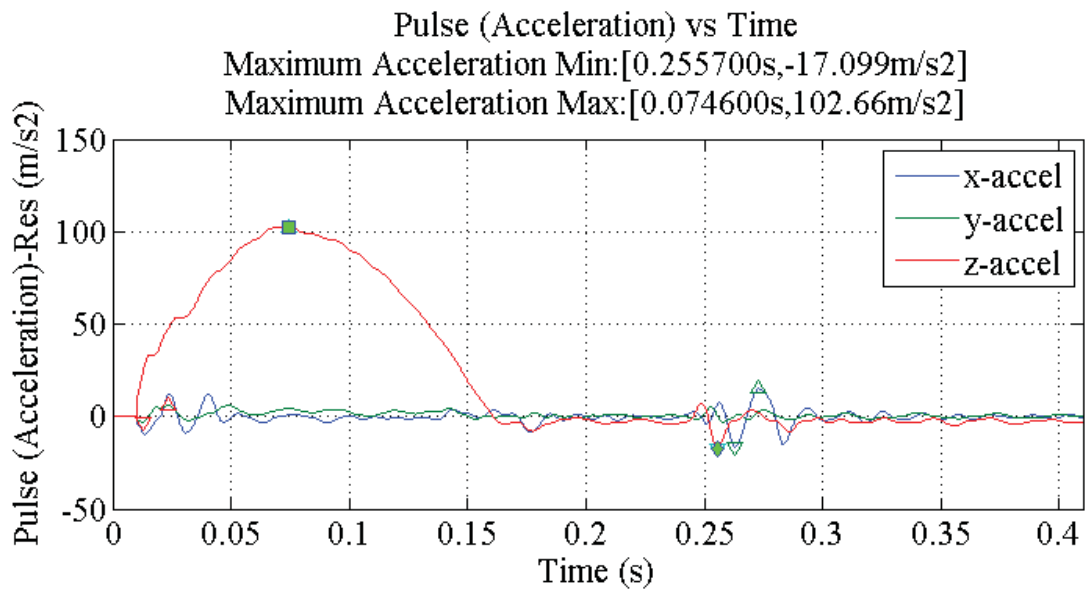
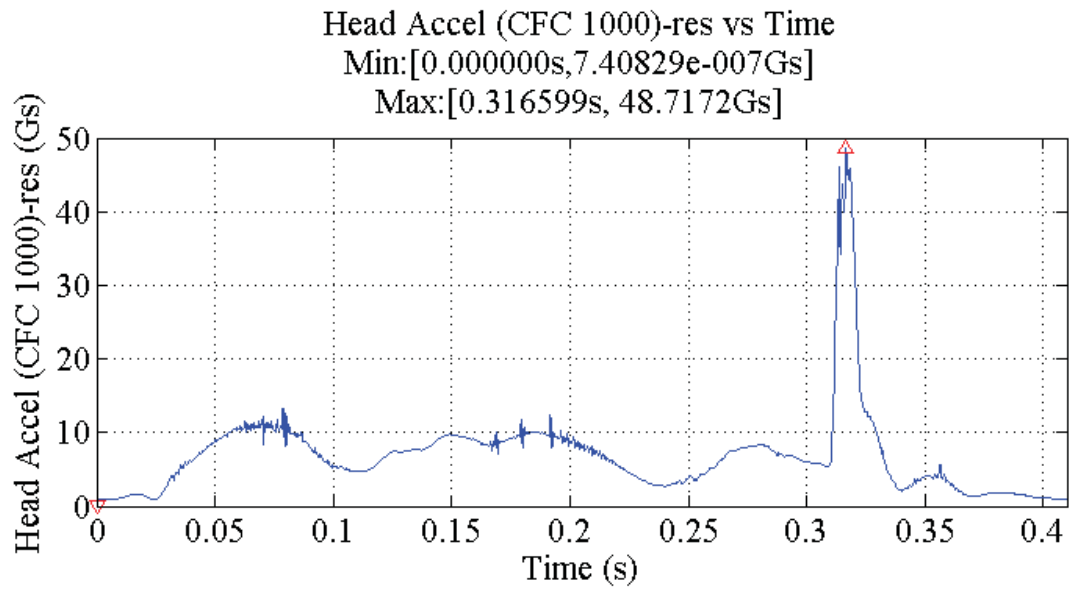


Figure 79: Head acceleration for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis gravity.

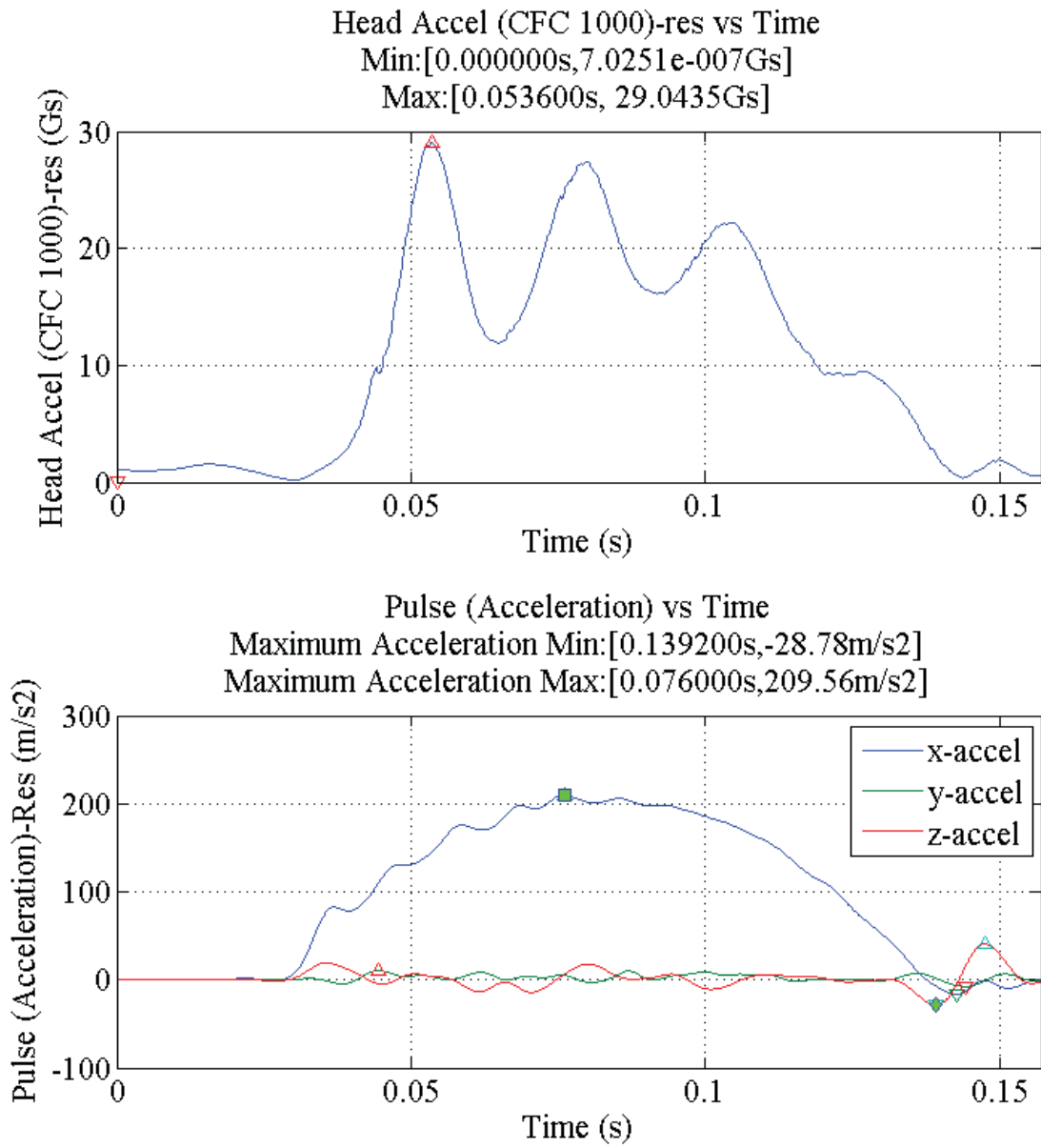


Figure 80: Head acceleration for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

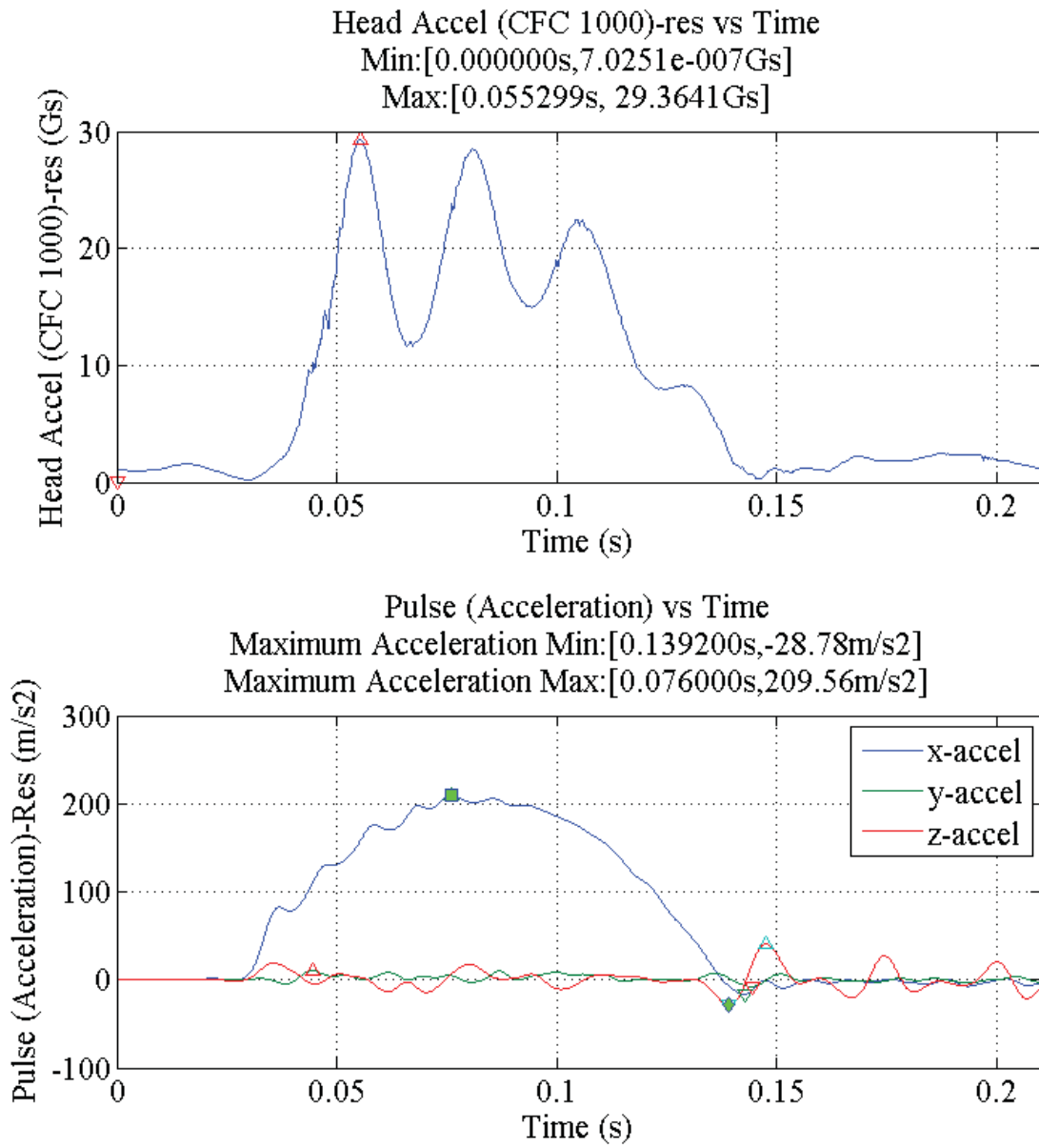


Figure 81: Head acceleration for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

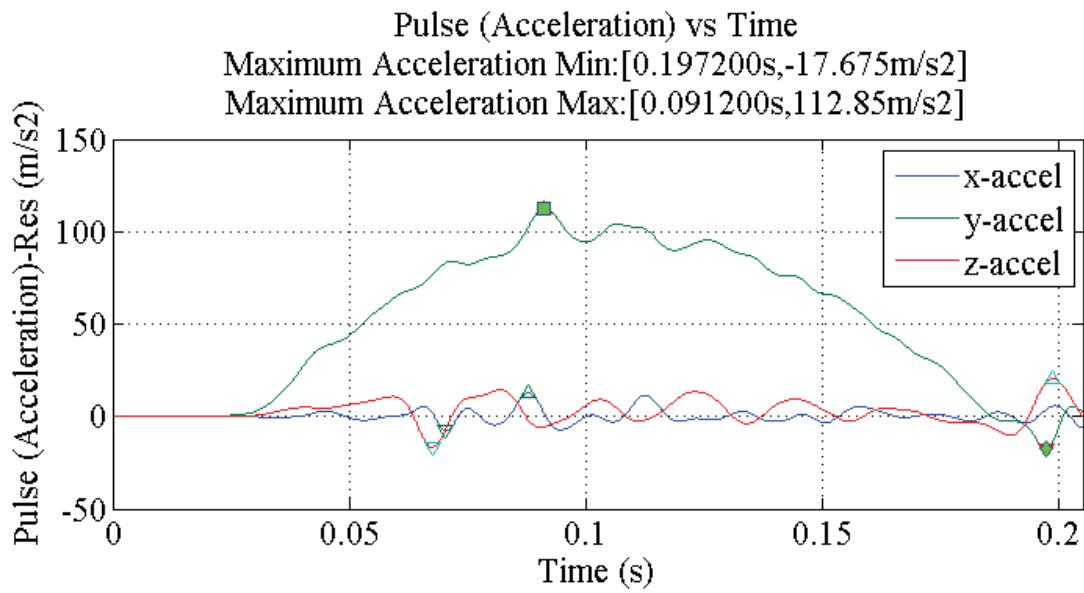
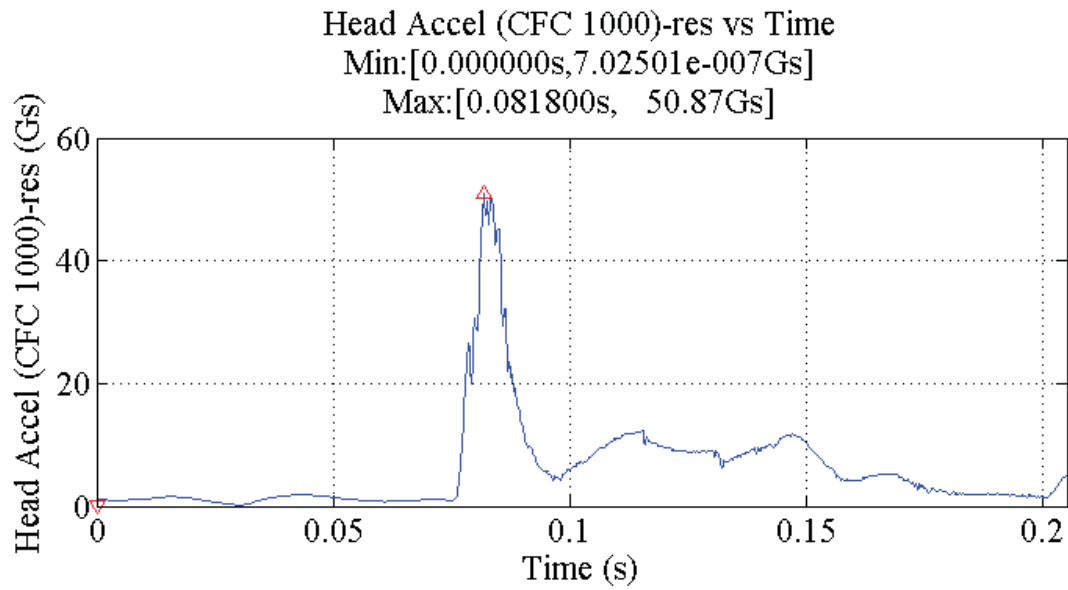


Figure 82: Head acceleration for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

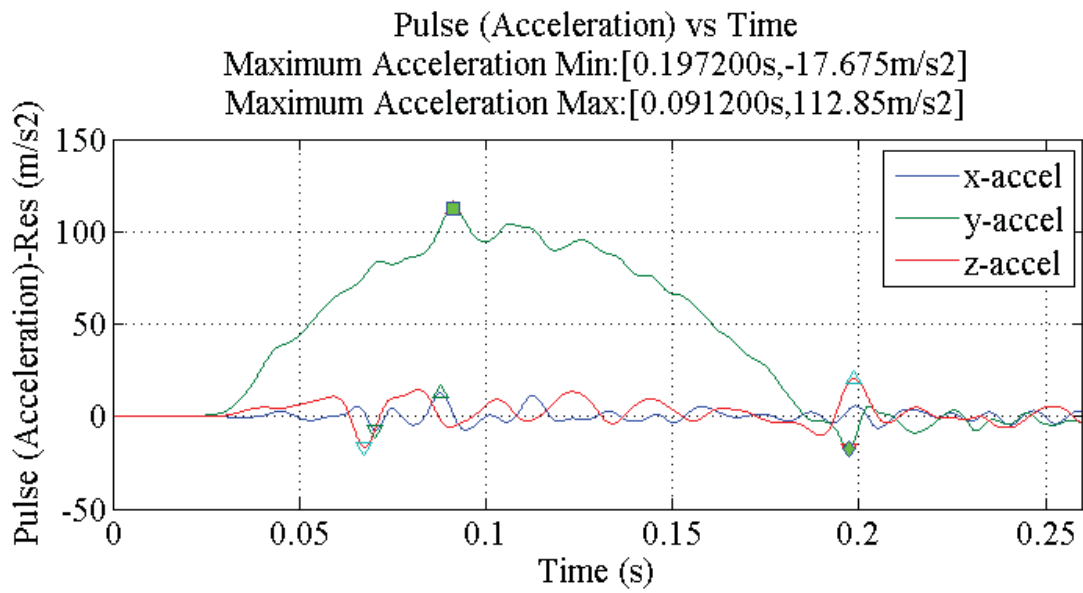
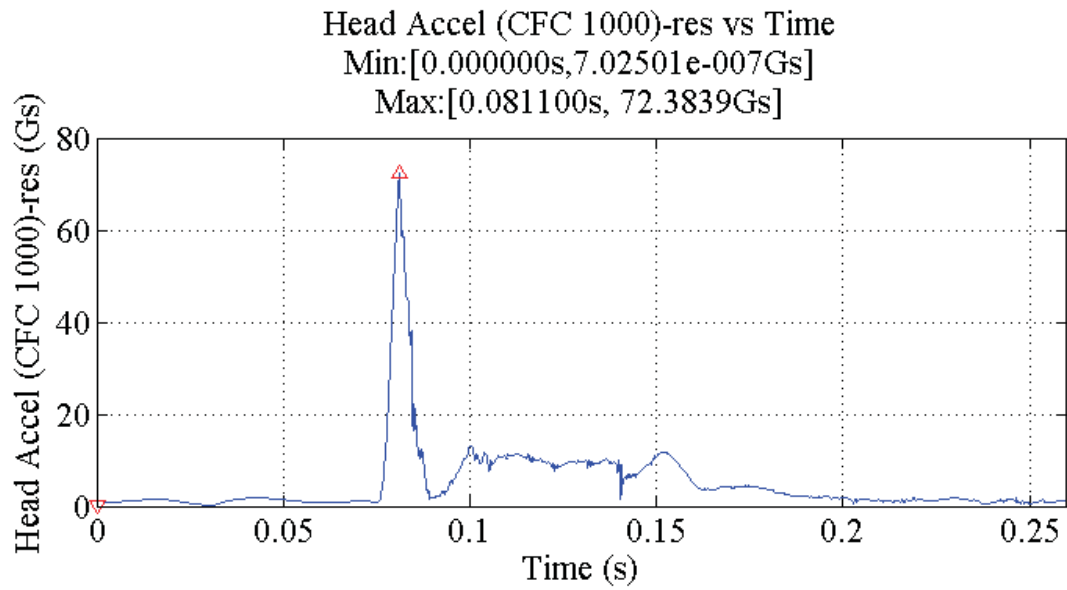
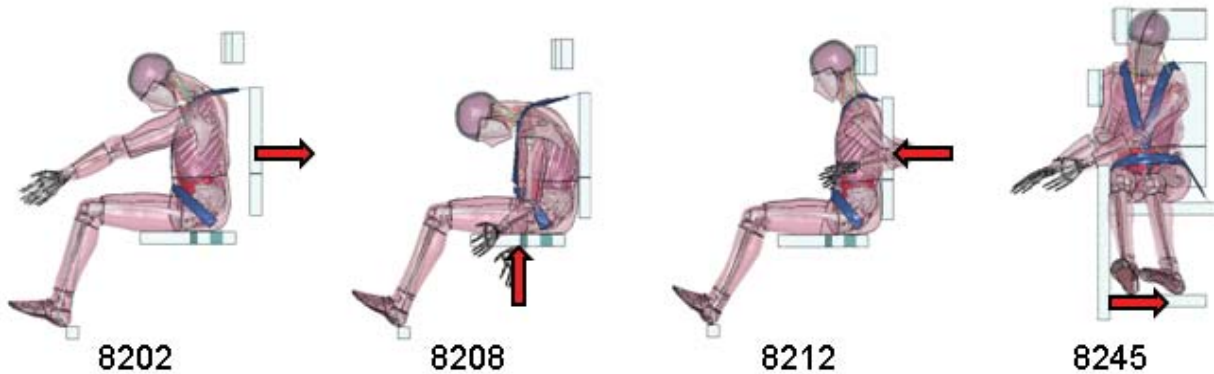


Figure 83: Head acceleration for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 5: Head Injury, HIC₁₅

Table 3: Tabulated HIC₁₅

| Simulation | HIC₁₅ |
|--|-------------------------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | 15.744 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | 17.491 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 6.189 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 10.710 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 90.686 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | 41.754 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | 44.311 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 75.980 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 112.474 |



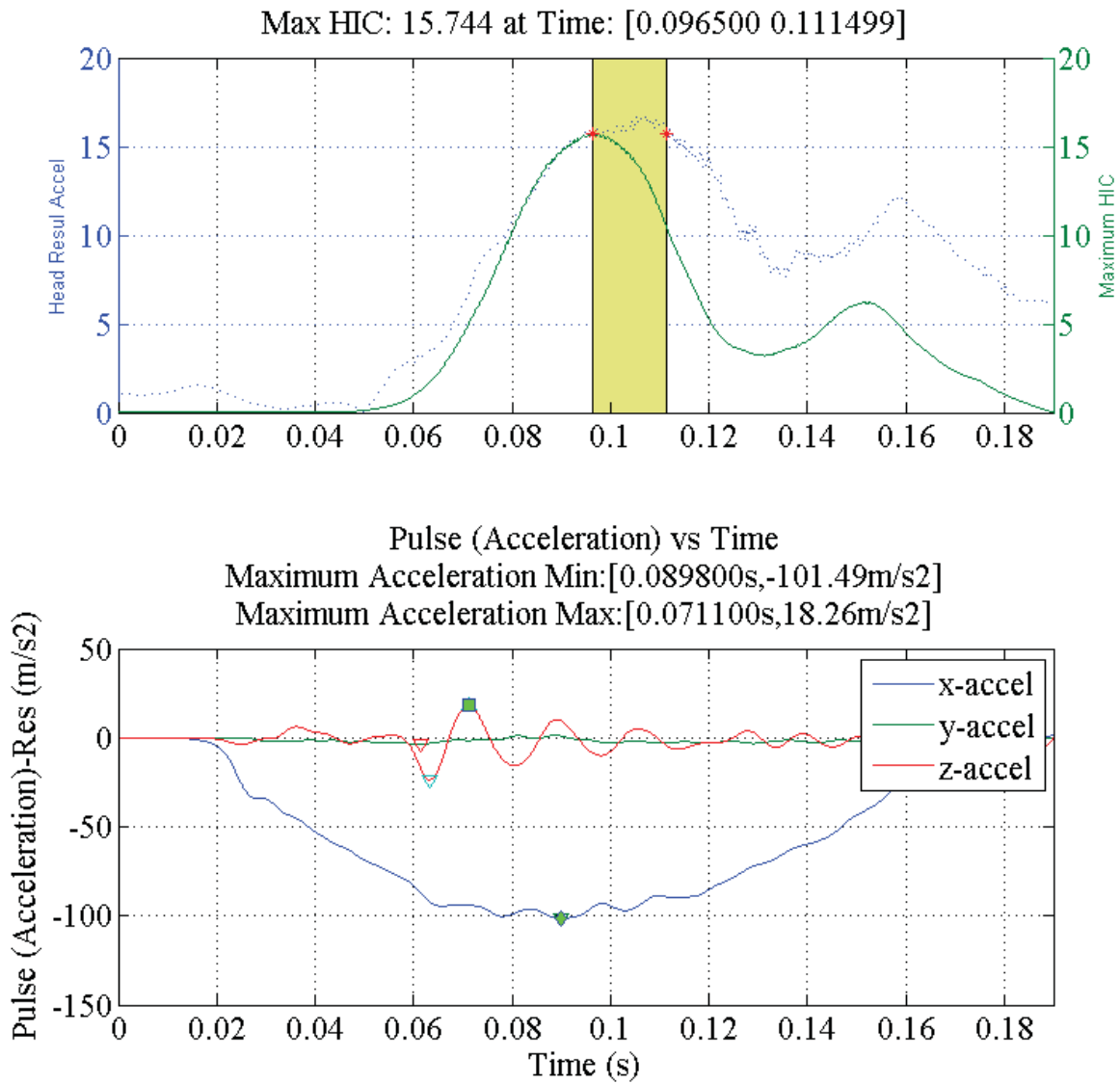


Figure 84: HIC₁₅ for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

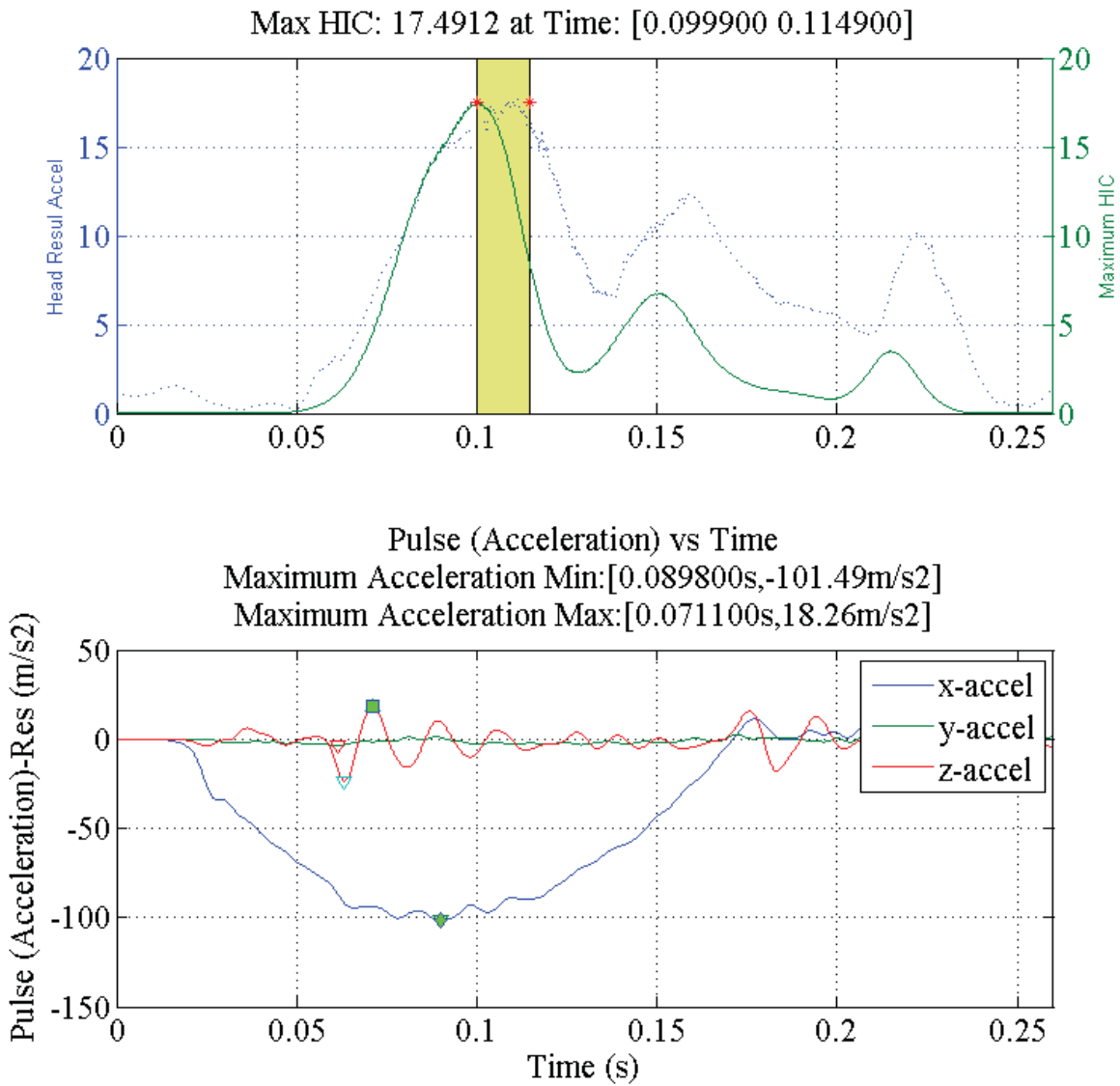


Figure 85: HIC₁₅ for simulation 8202 (Frontal), long pulse.

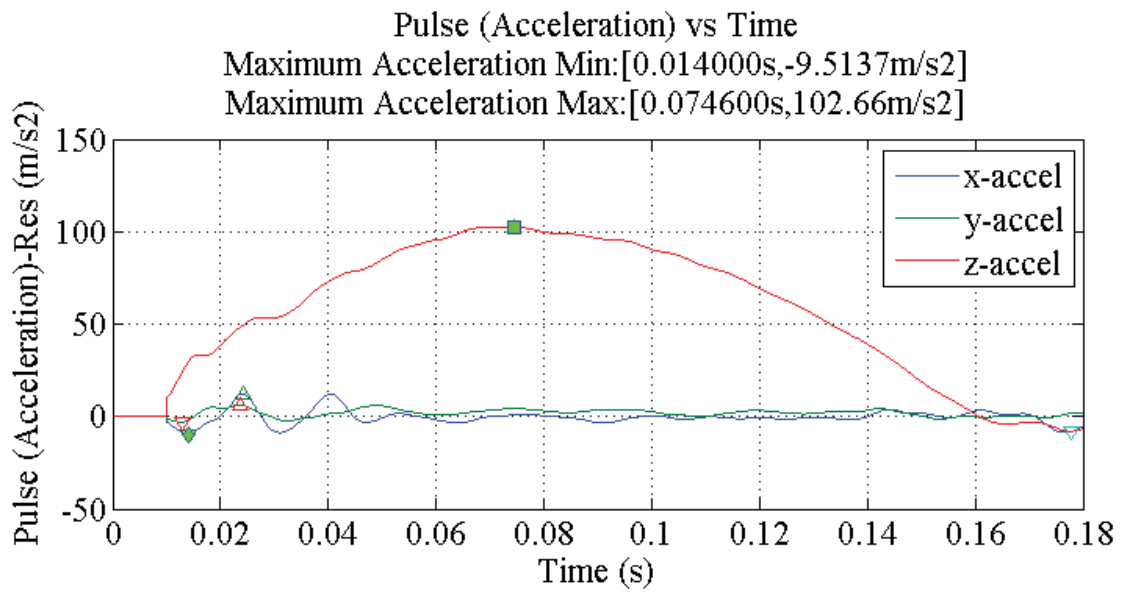
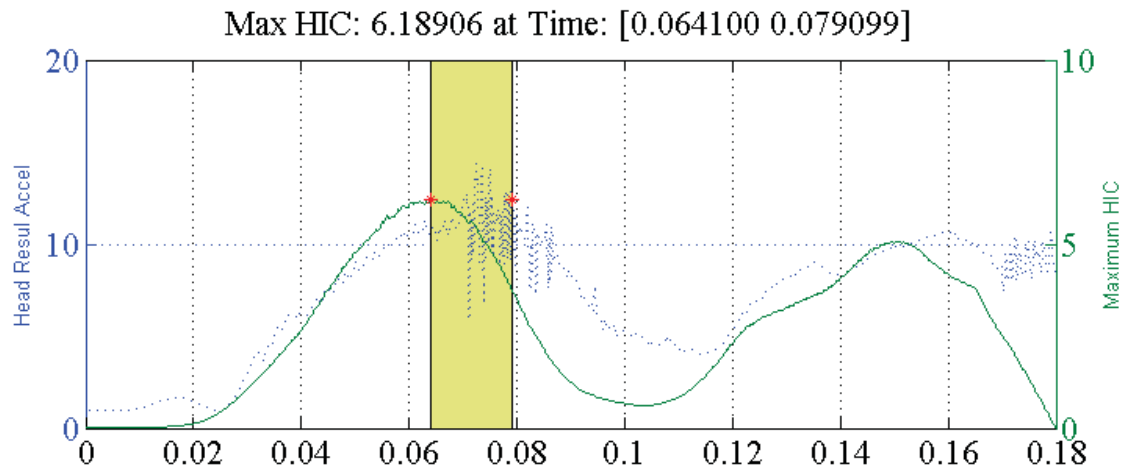


Figure 86: HIC_{15} for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis gravity.

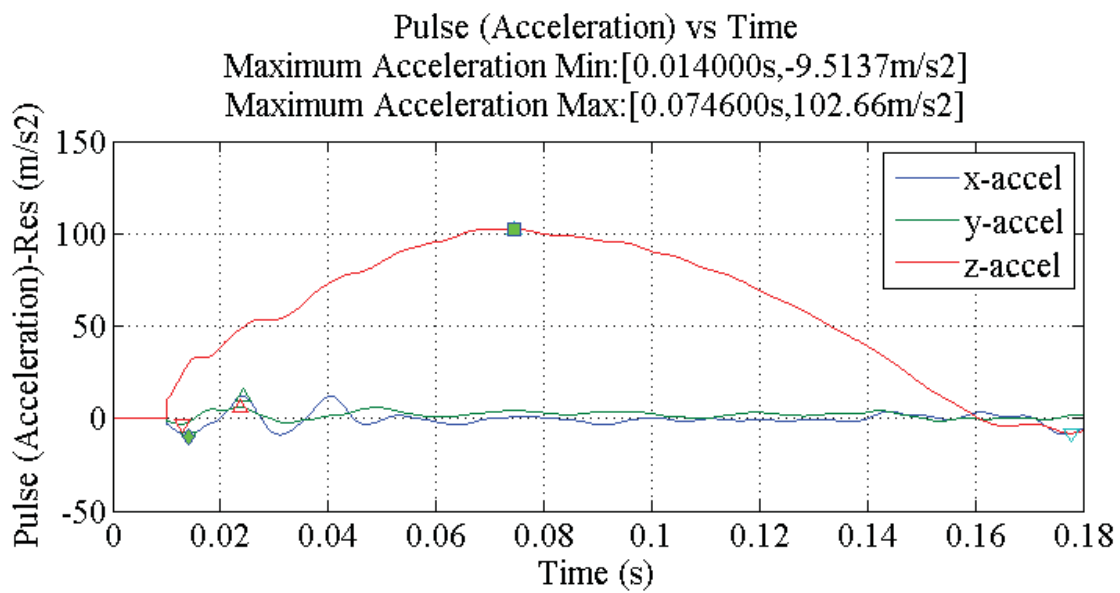
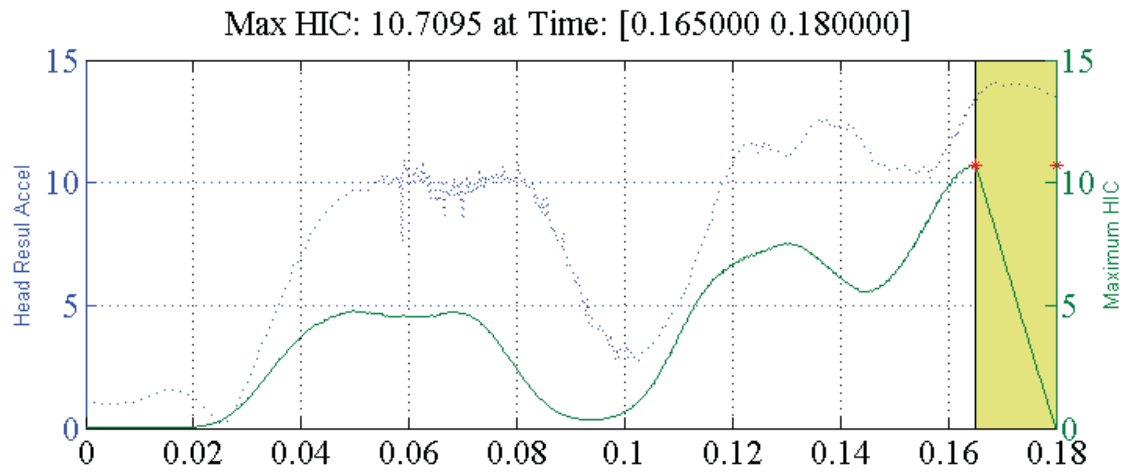


Figure 87: HIC_{15} for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis gravity.

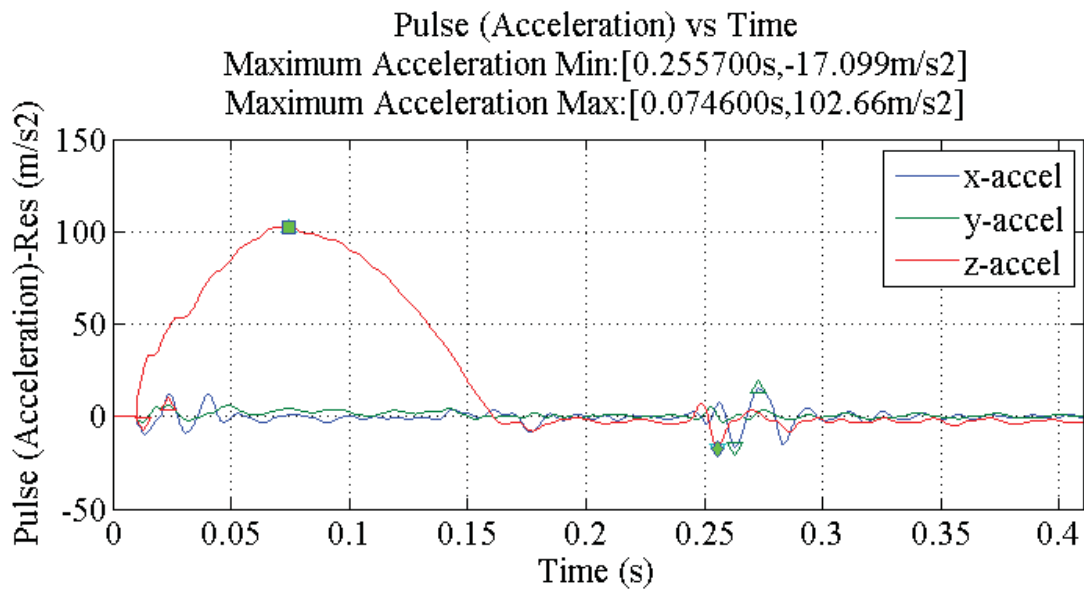
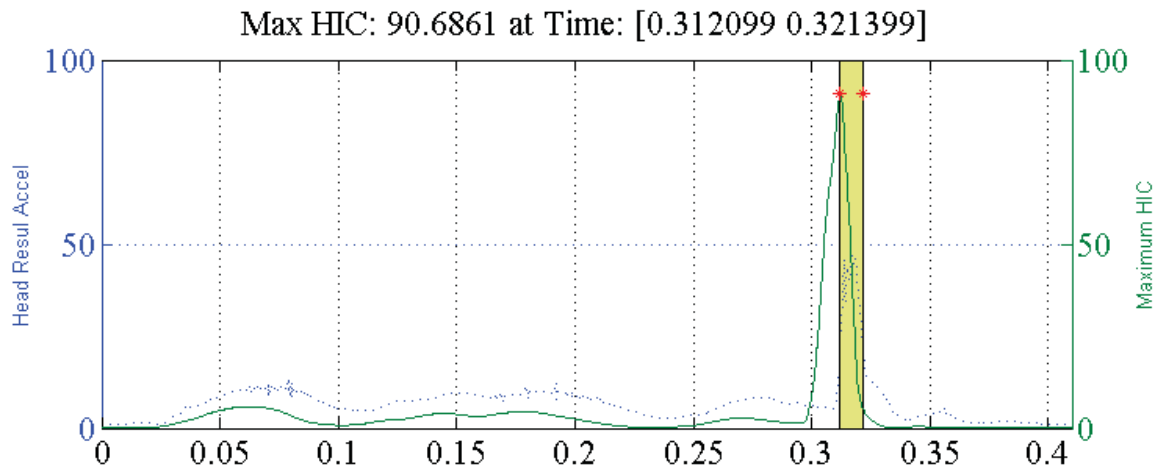


Figure 88: HIC_{15} for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis gravity

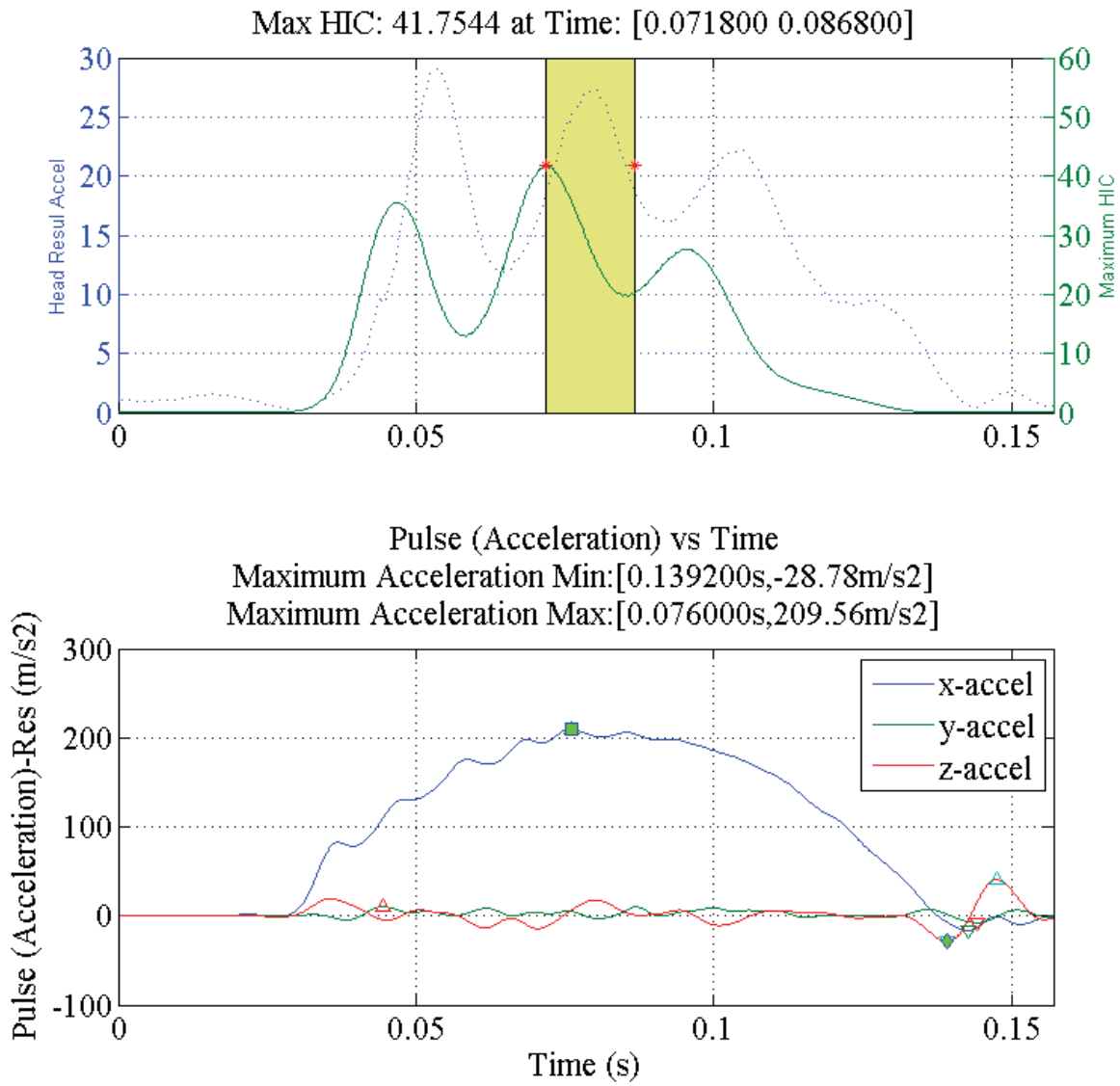


Figure 89: HIC₁₅ for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

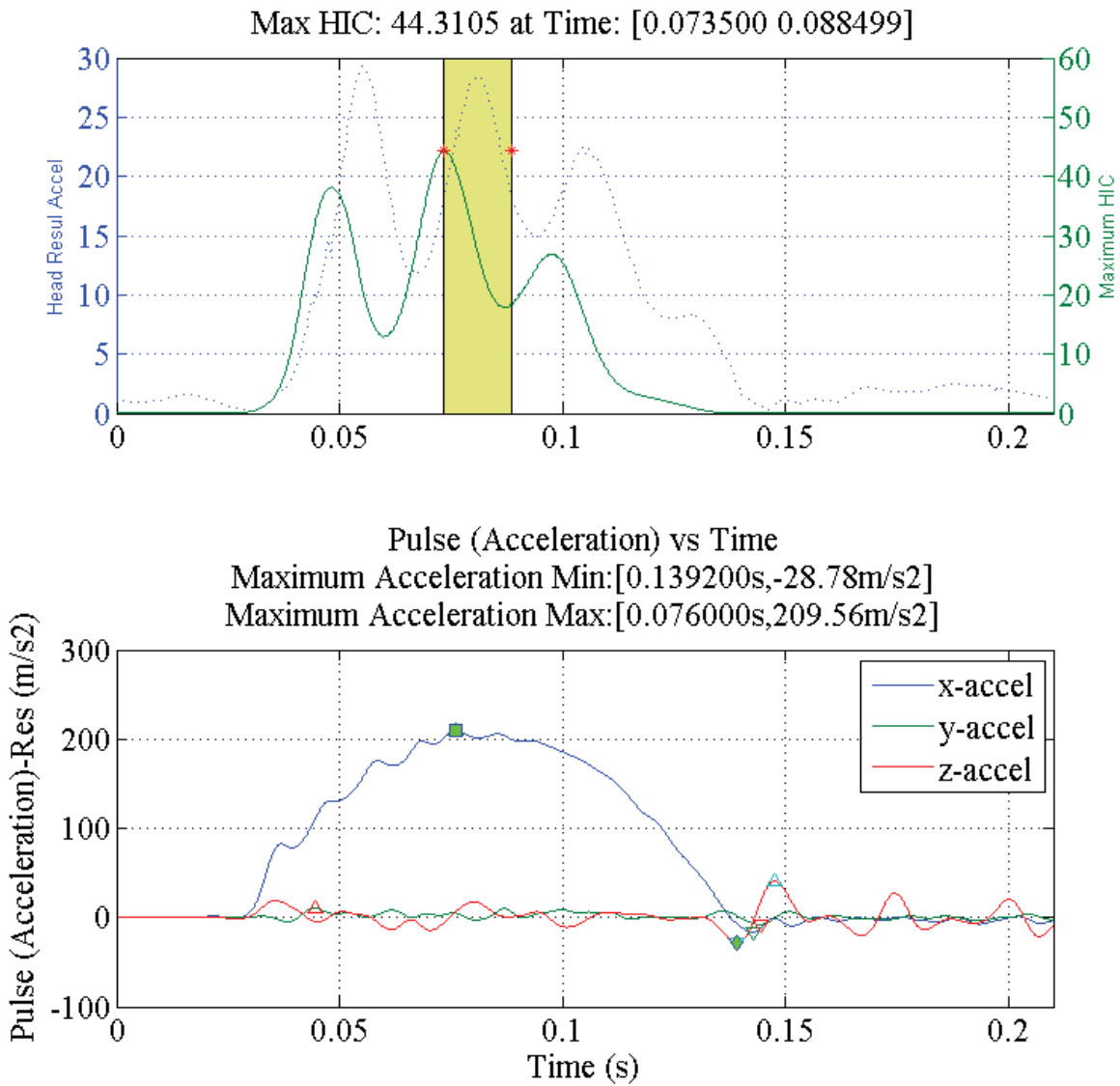


Figure 90: HIC₁₅ for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

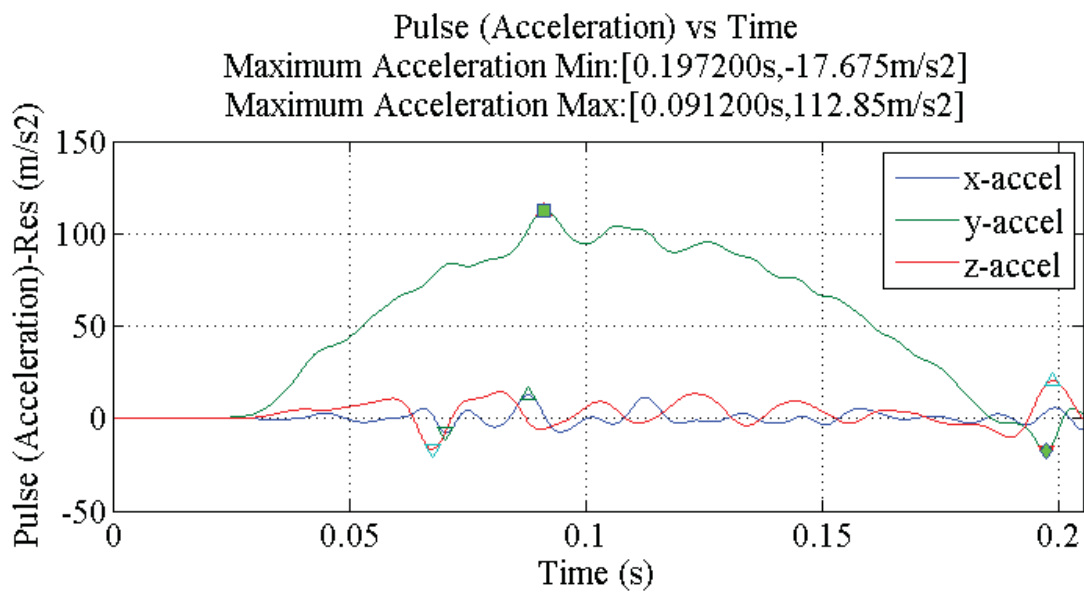
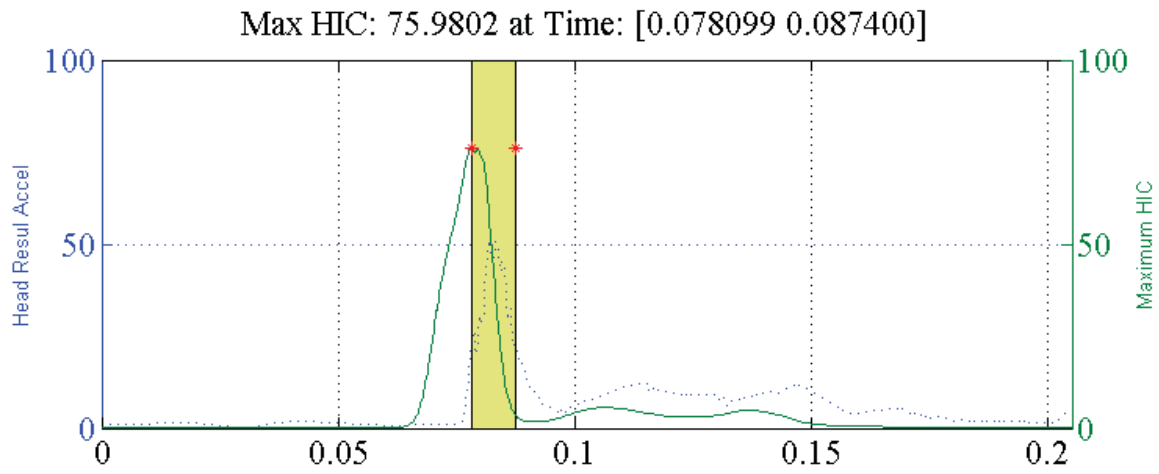


Figure 91: HIC_{15} for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

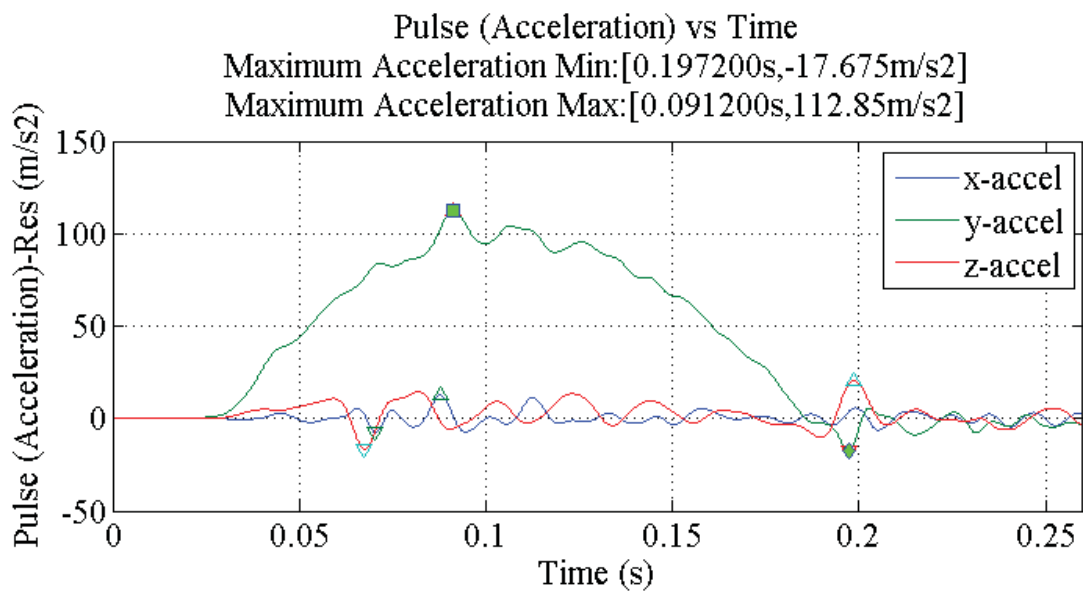
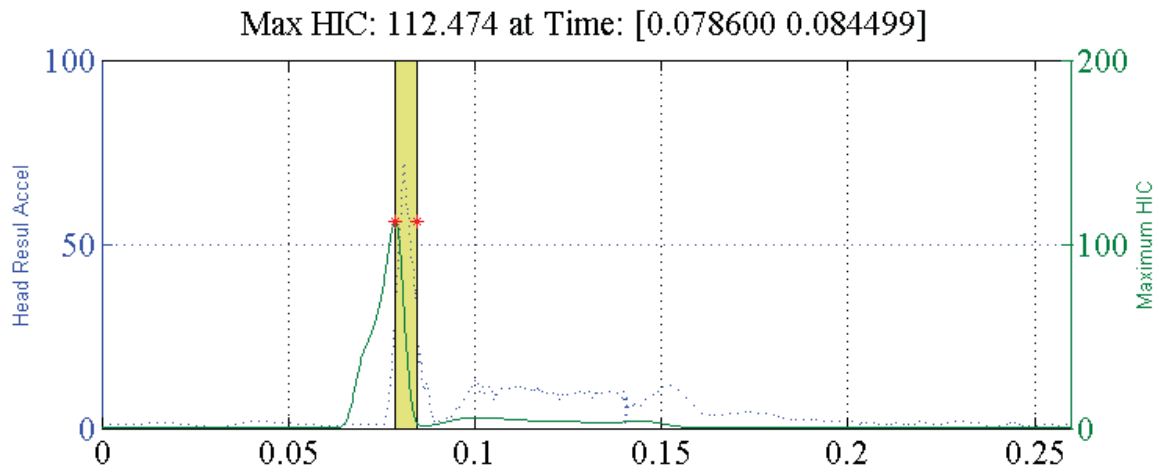
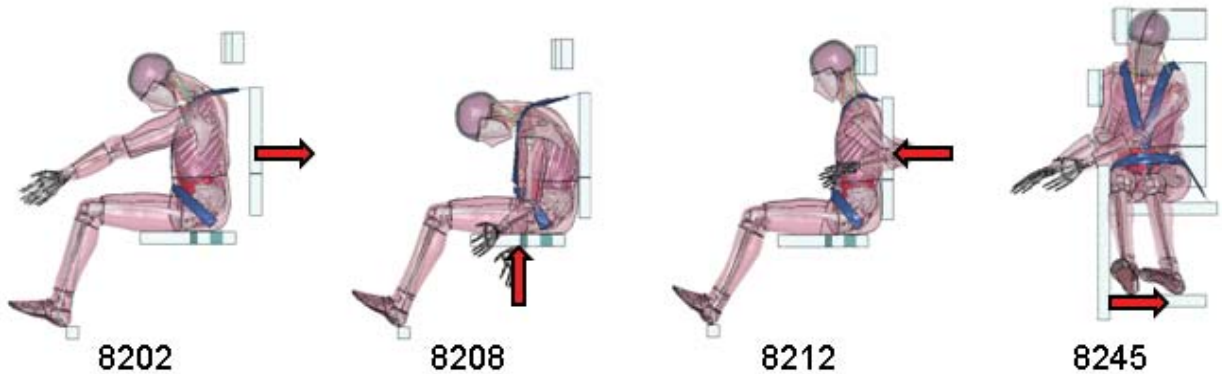


Figure 92: HIC₁₅ for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 6: Head Injury, HIC₃₆

Table 4: Tabulated HIC₃₆

| Simulation | HIC₃₆ |
|--|-------------------------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | 33.123 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | 35.641 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 12.967 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 18.964 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 90.686 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | 73.255 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | 76.406 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 75.980 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 112.474 |



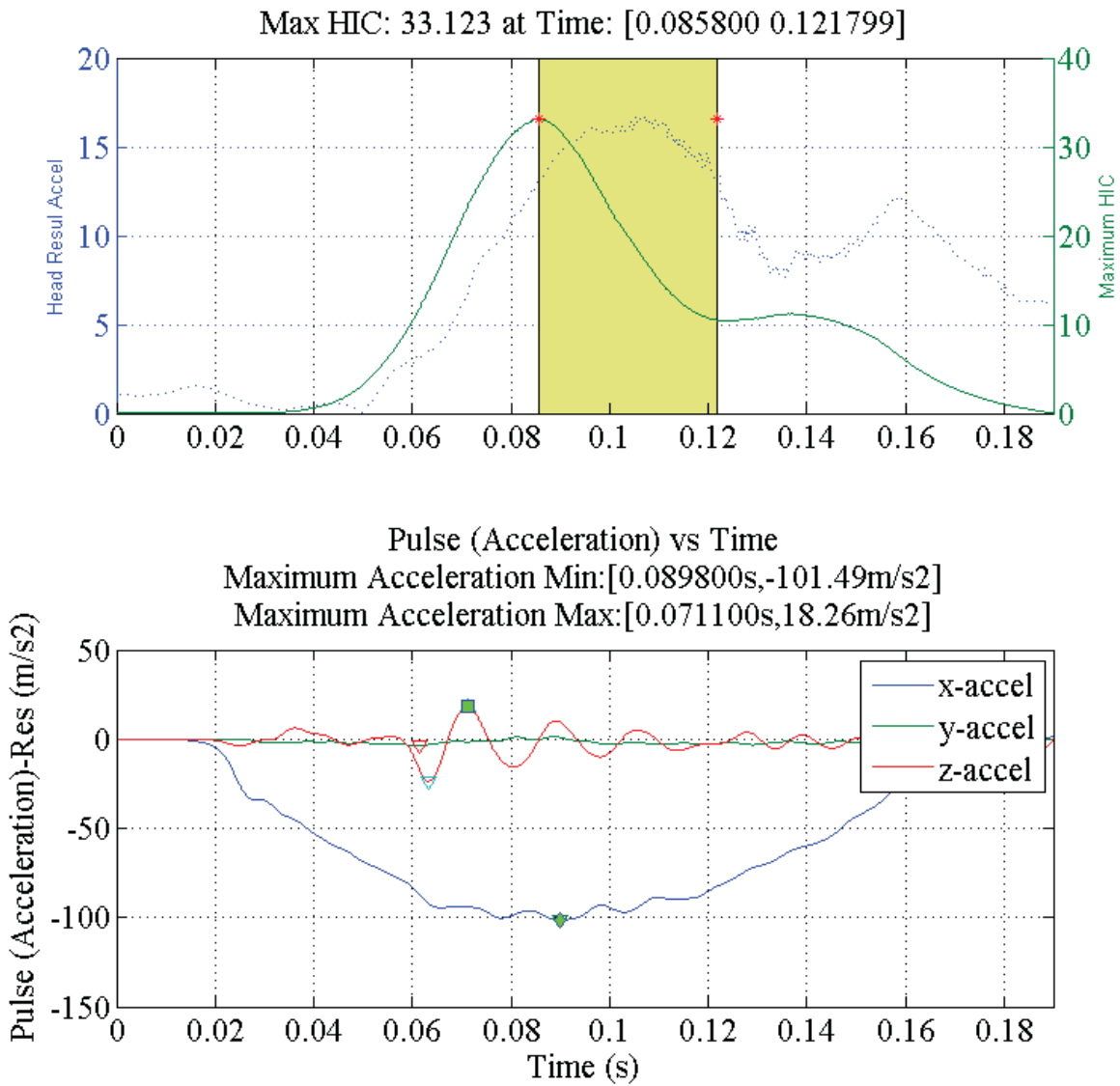


Figure 93: HIC₃₆ for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

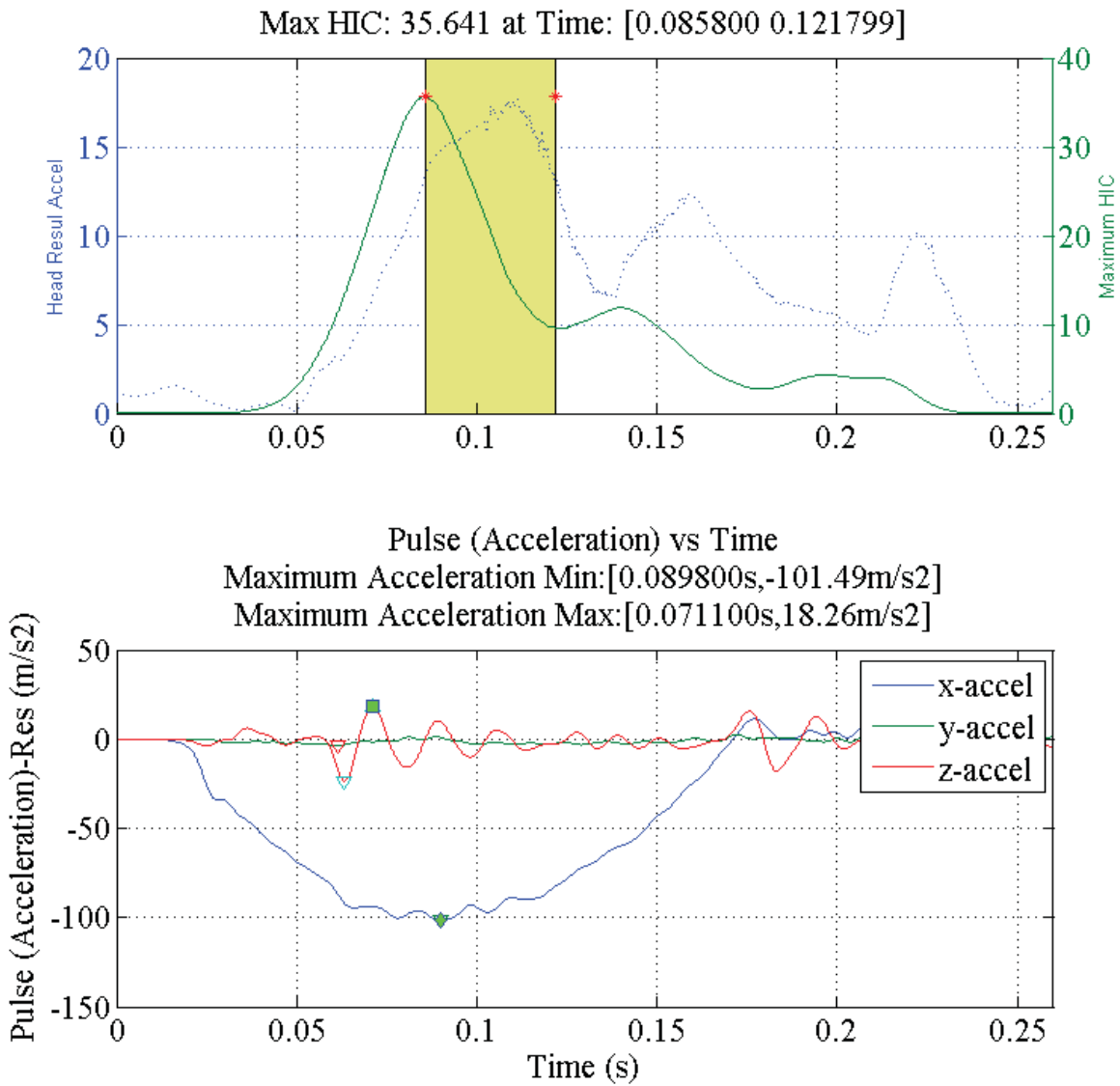


Figure 94: HIC₃₆ for simulation 8202 (Frontal), long pulse.

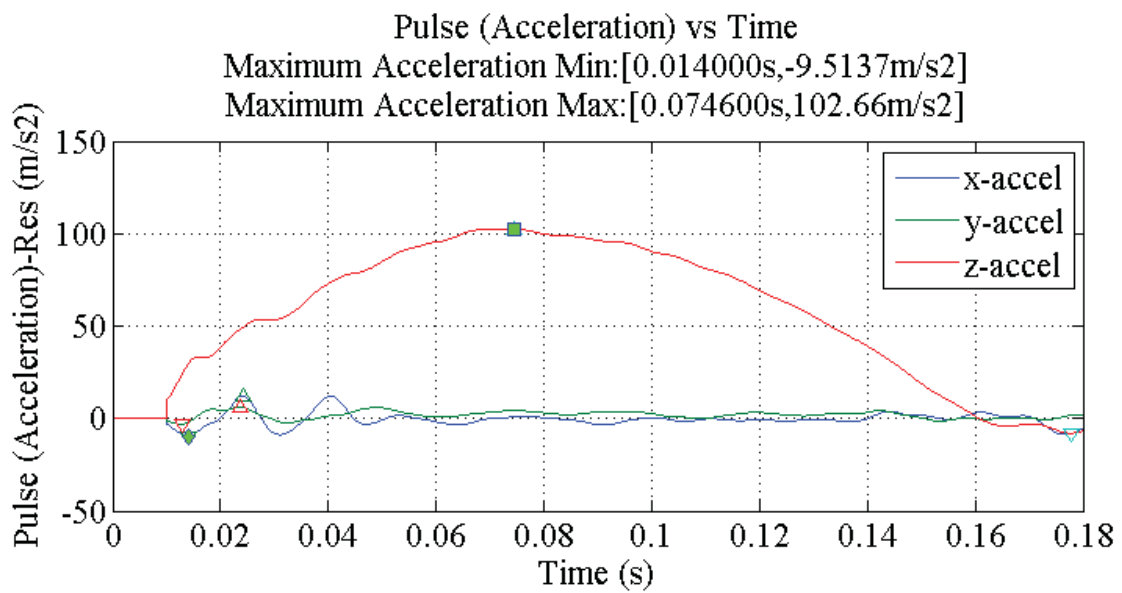
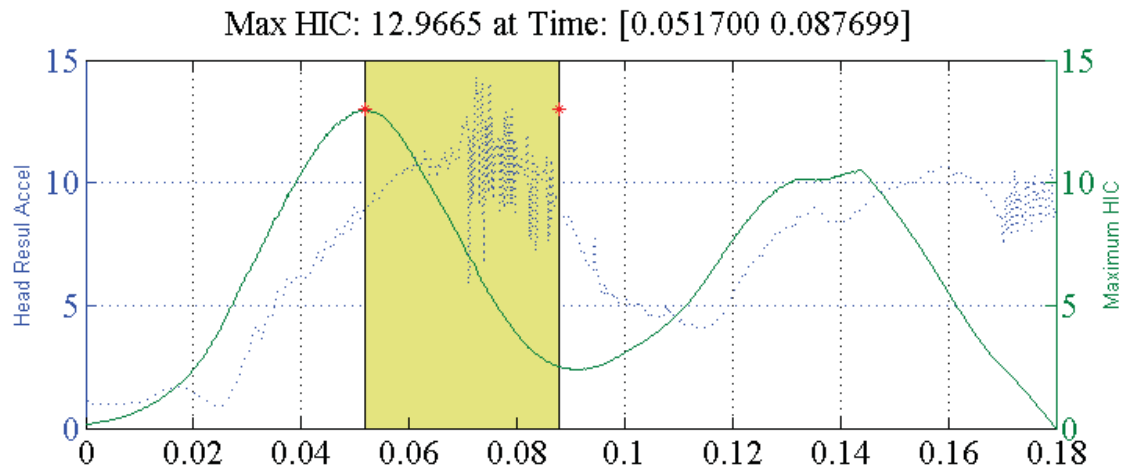


Figure 95: HIC_{36} for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis gravity.

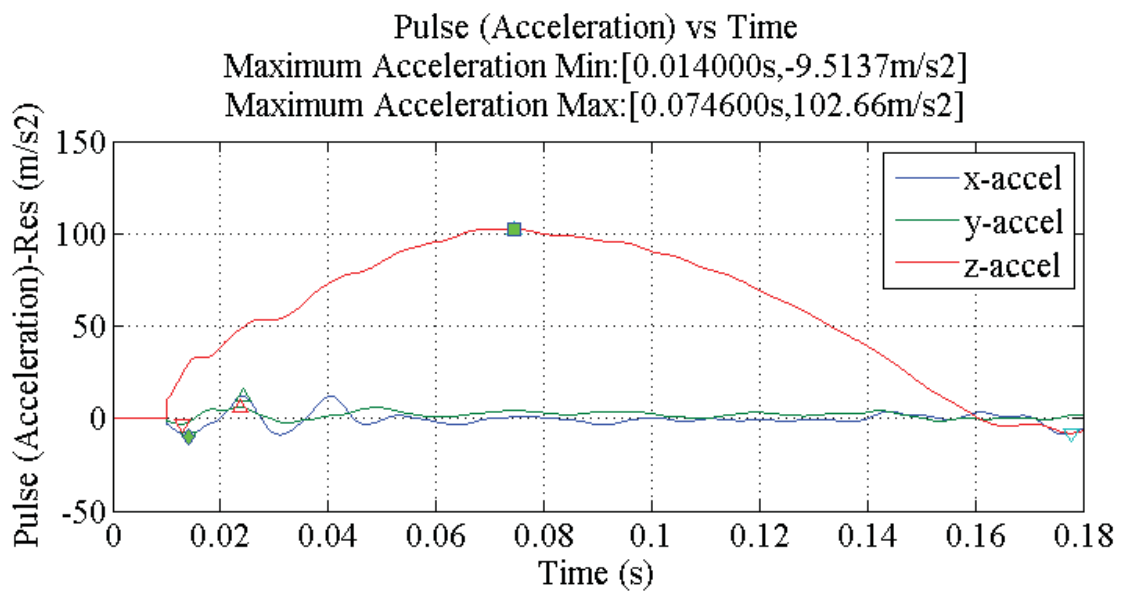
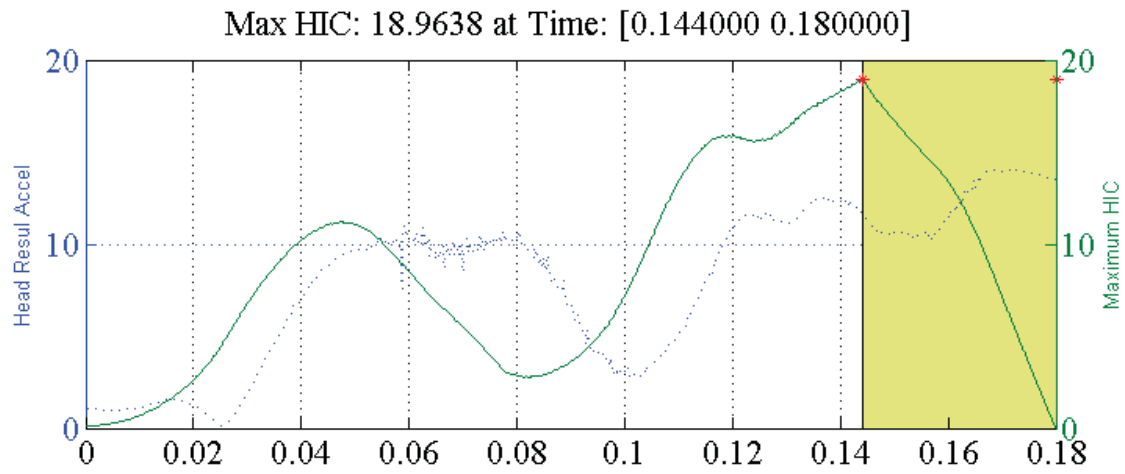


Figure 96: HIC_{36} for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis gravity.

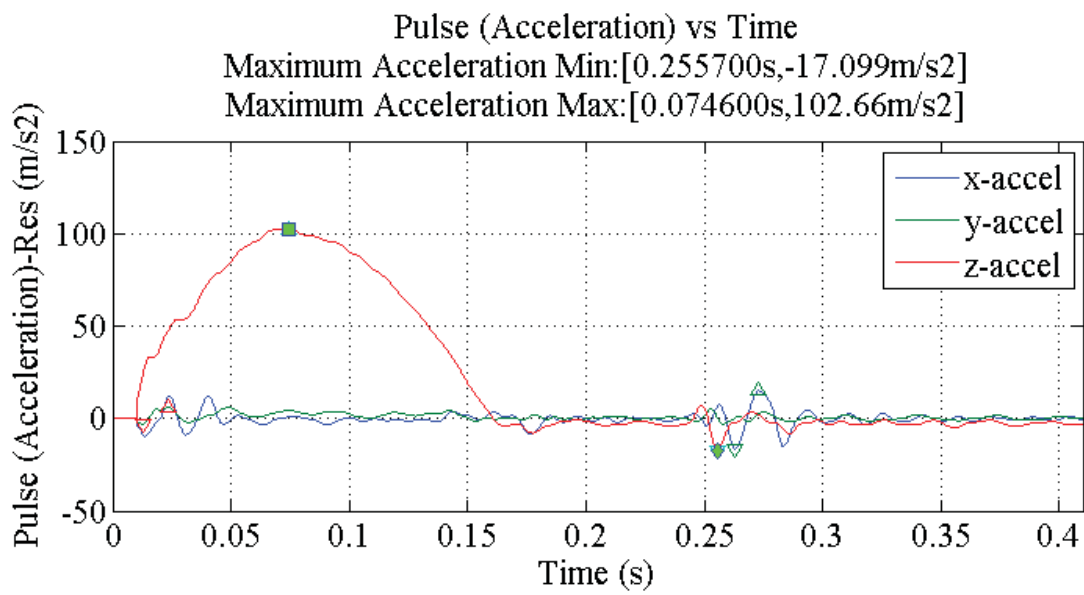
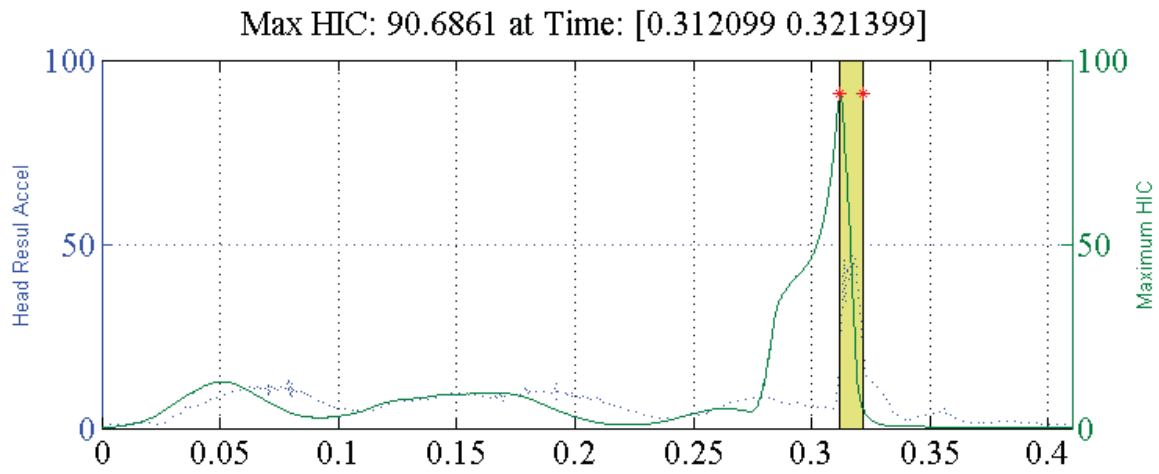


Figure 97: HIC_{36} for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis gravity.

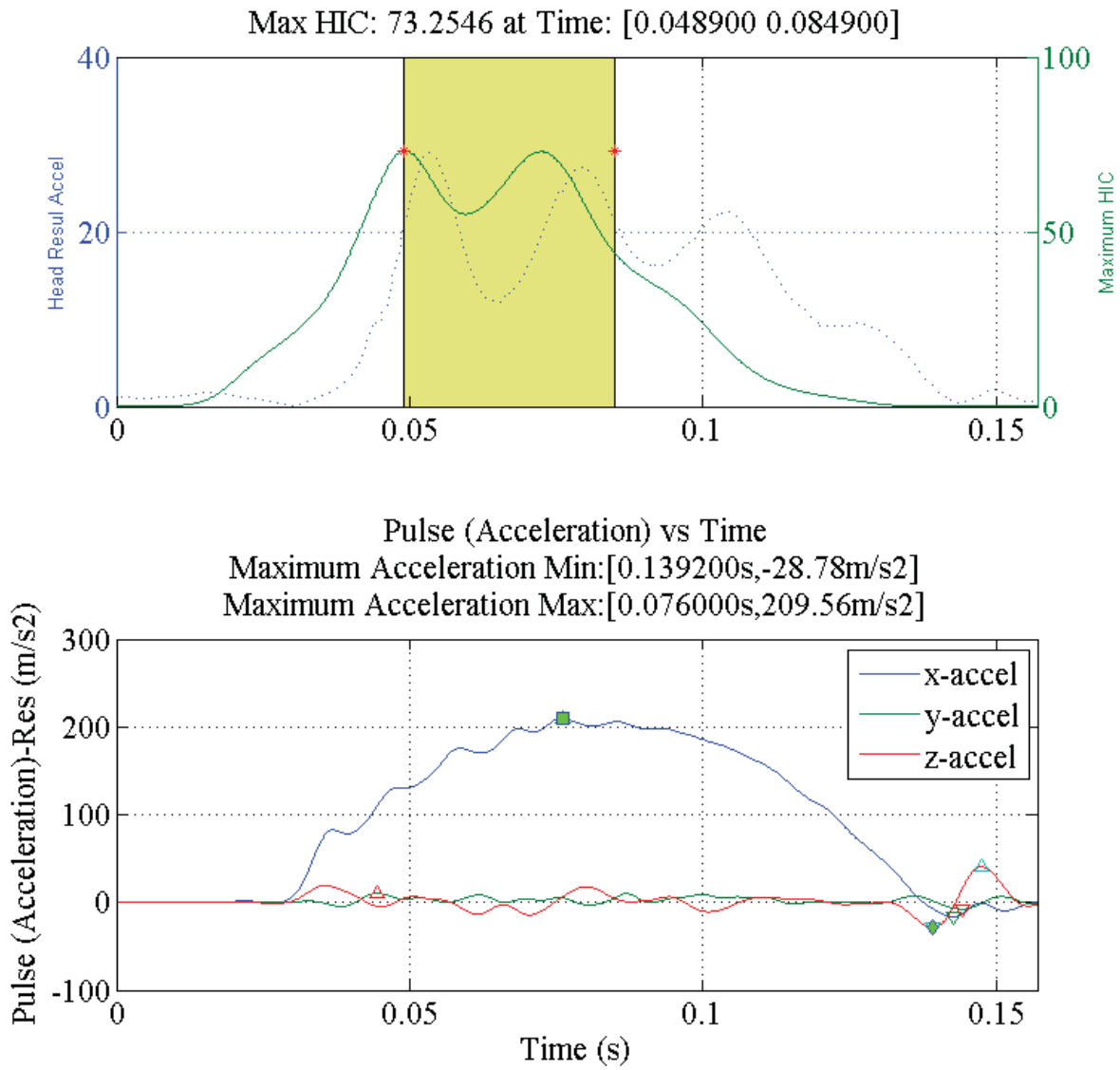


Figure 98: HIC₃₆ for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

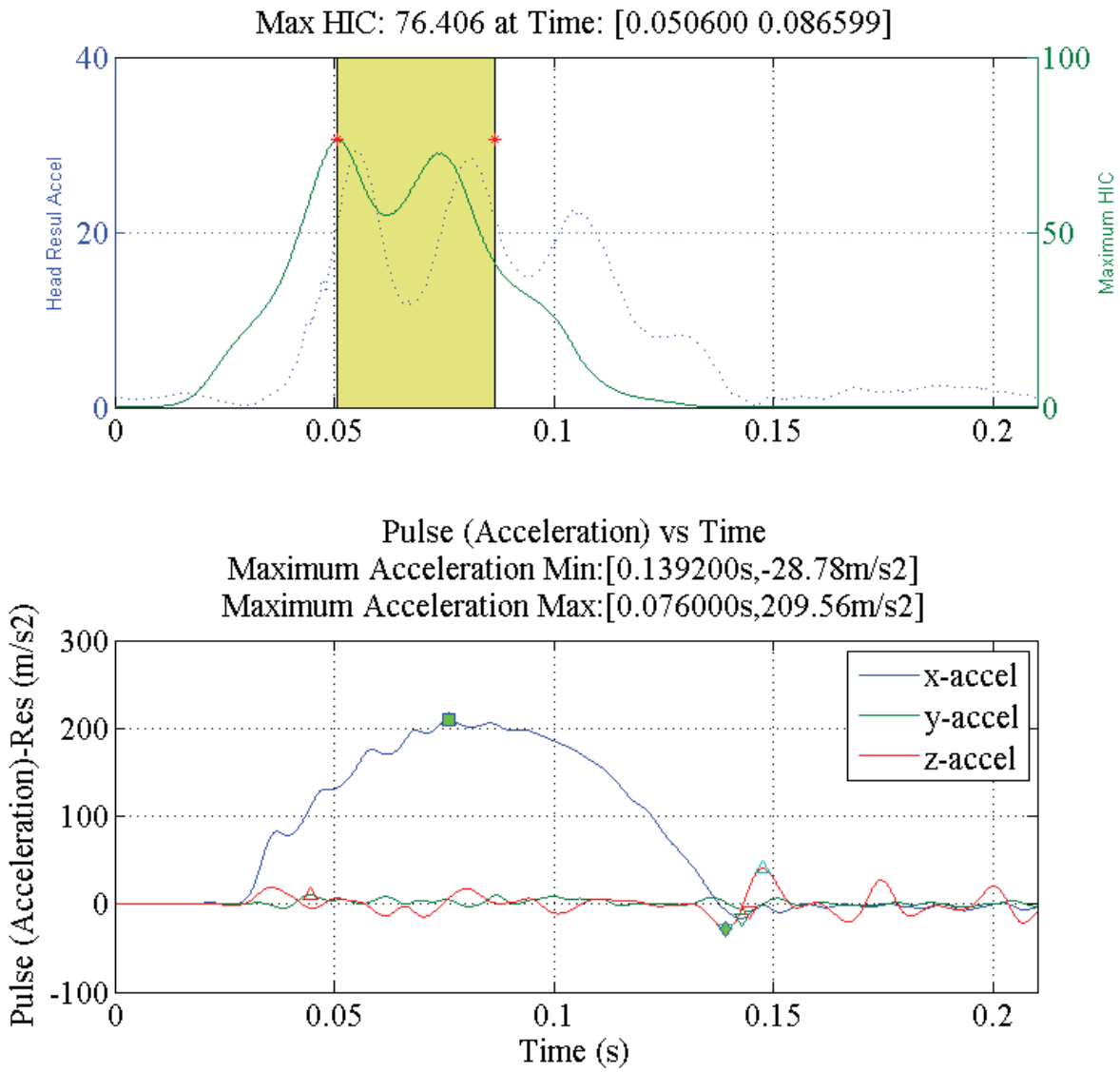


Figure 99: HIC₃₆ for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

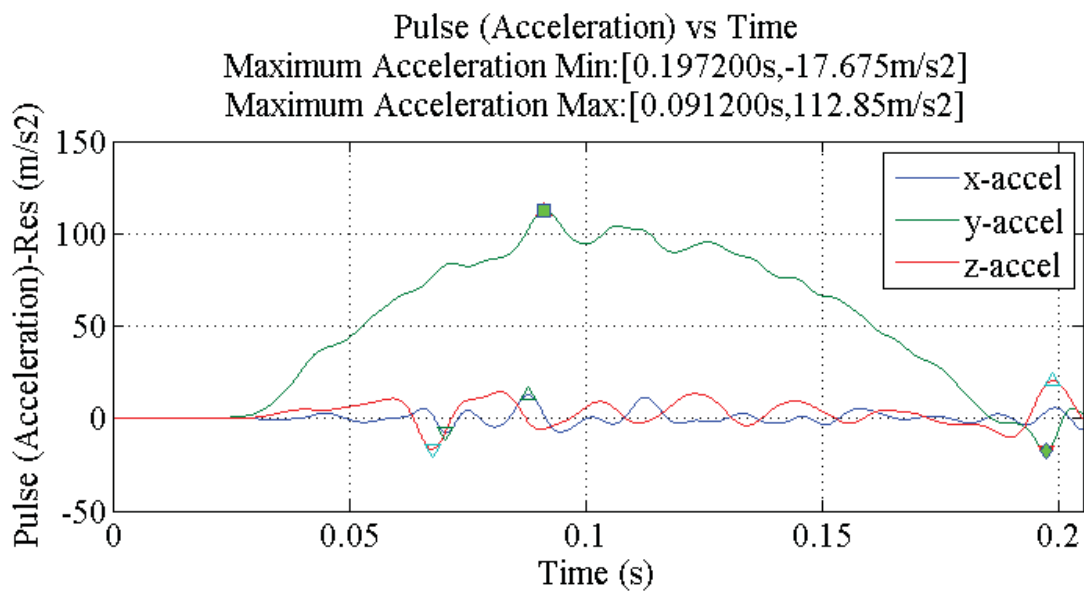
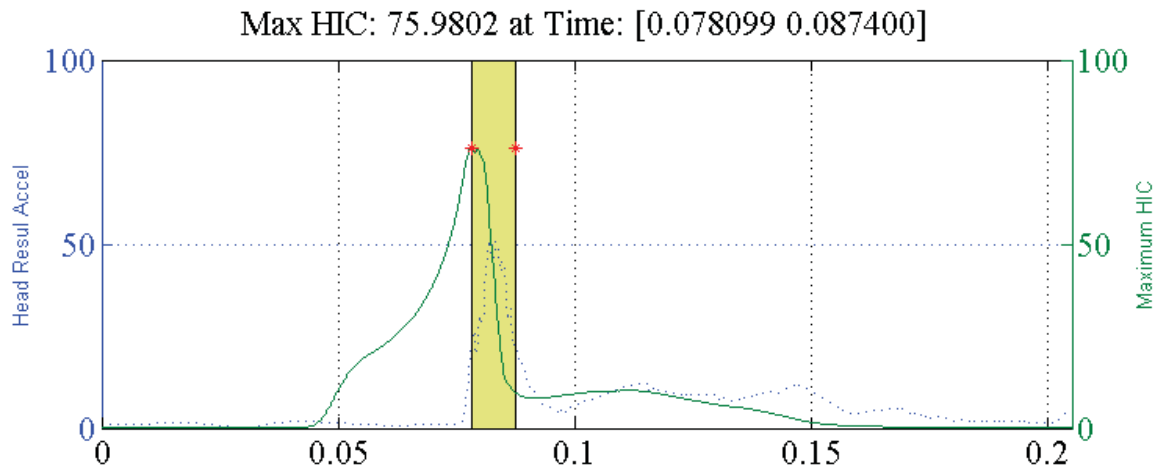


Figure 100: HIC₃₆ for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

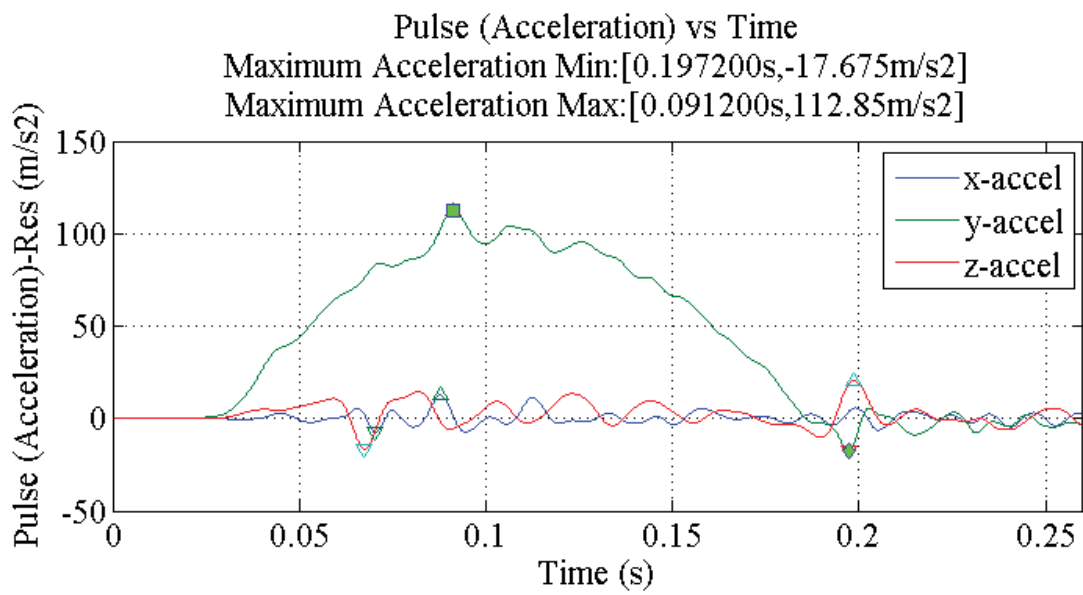
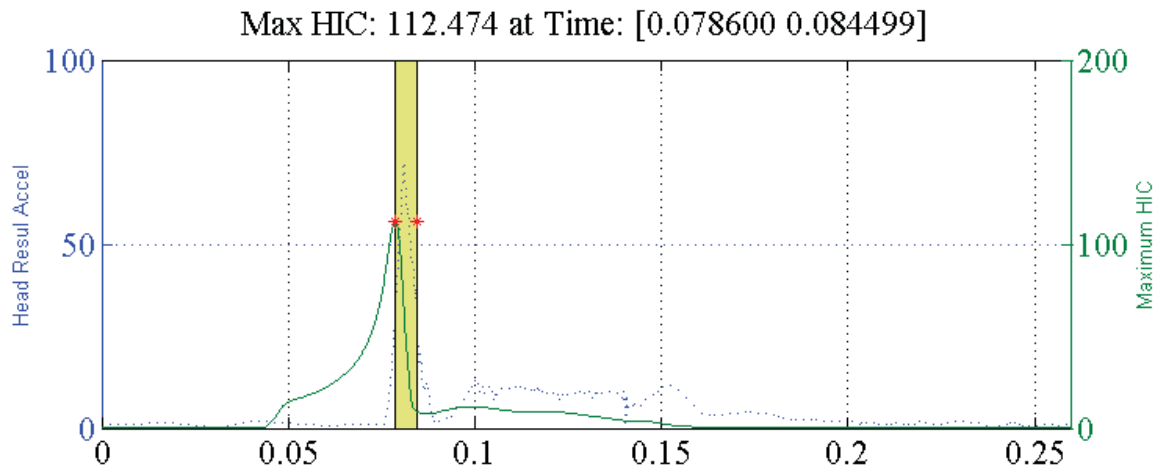
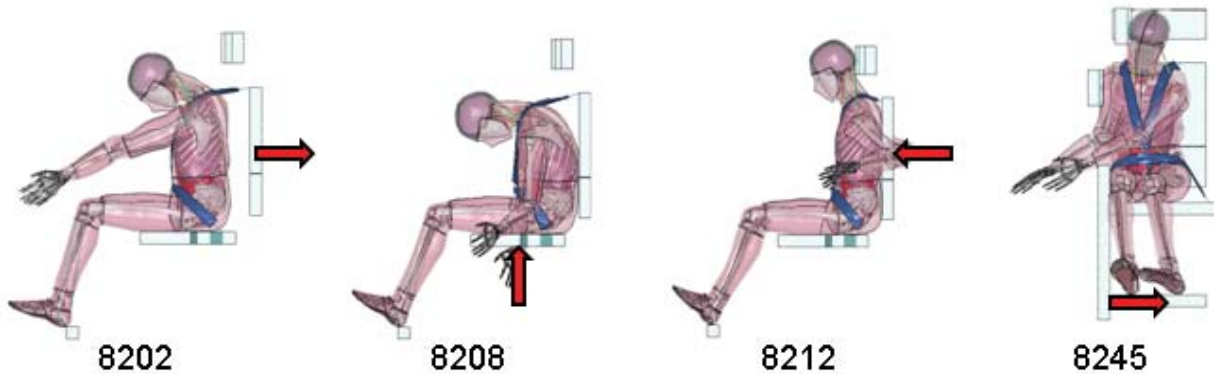


Figure 101: HIC₃₆ for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 7: Neck Injury, N_{ij}

Table 5: Tabulated N_{ij}

| Simulation | N_{ij} |
|--|----------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | 0.0324 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | 0.0349 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 0.0501 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 0.0324 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 0.0349 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | 0.0324 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | 0.0349 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 0.0190 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 0.0349 |



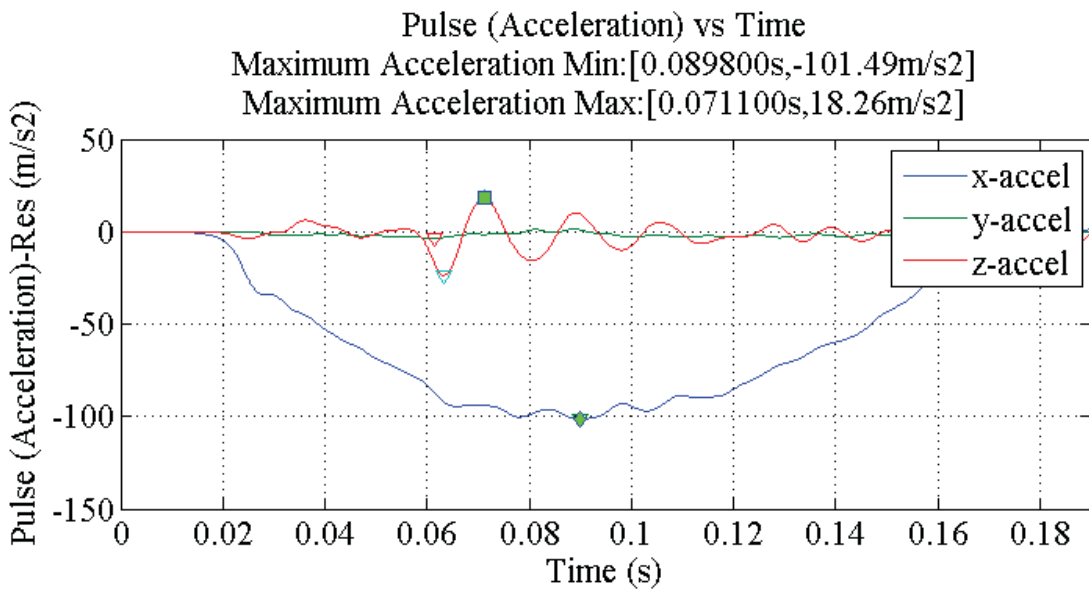
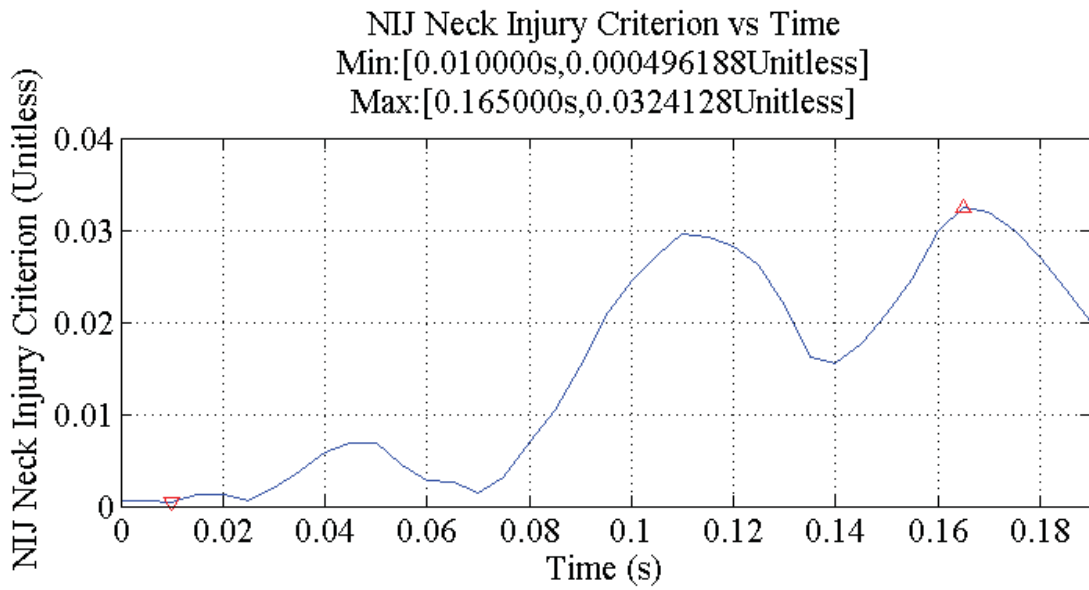


Figure 102: N_{ij} for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

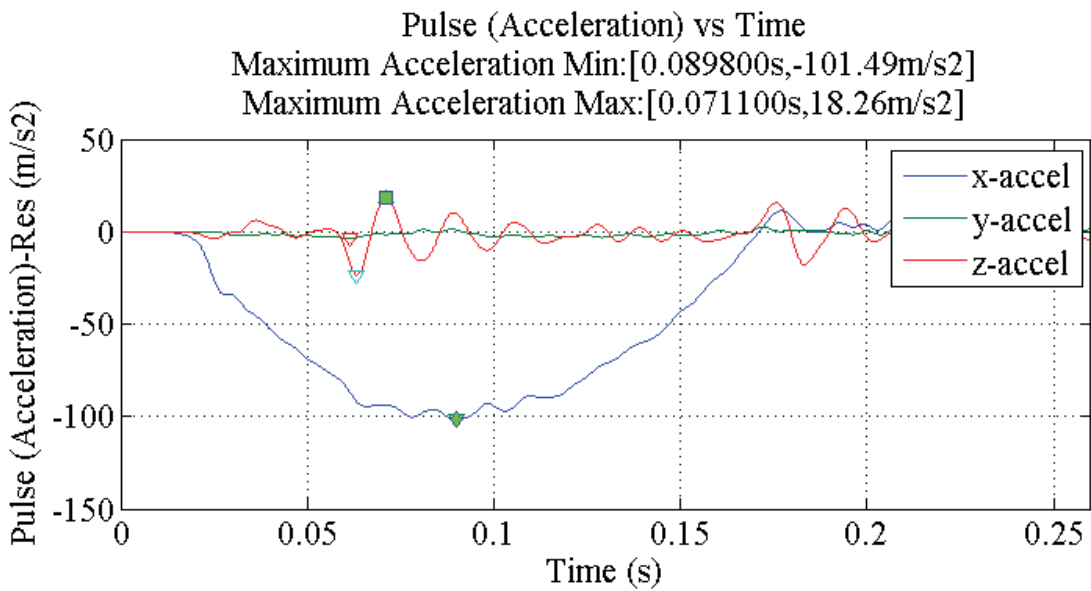
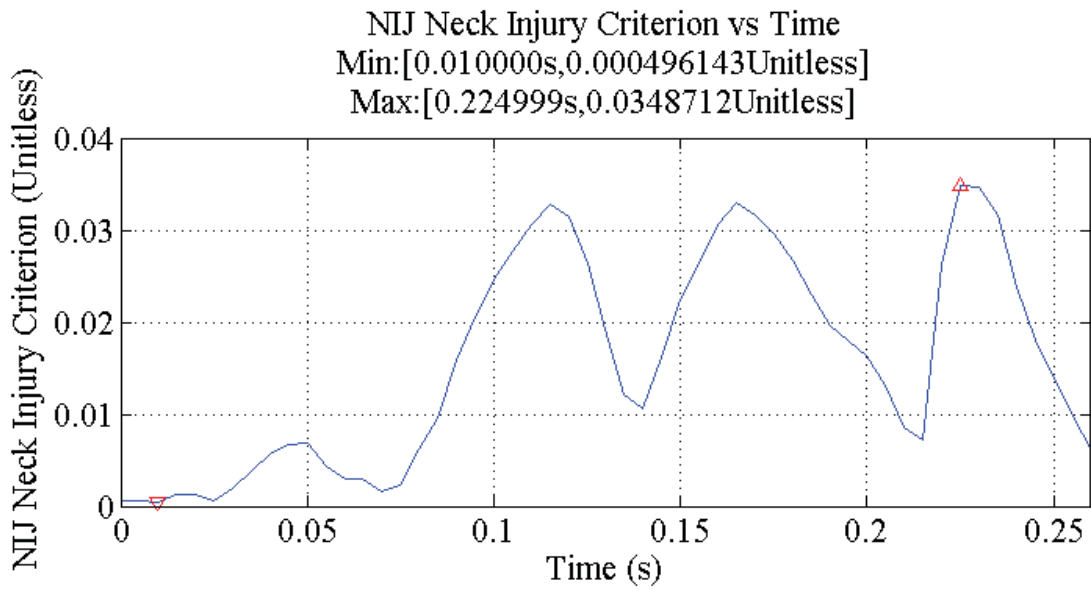


Figure 103: N_{ij} for simulation 8202 (Frontal), long pulse.

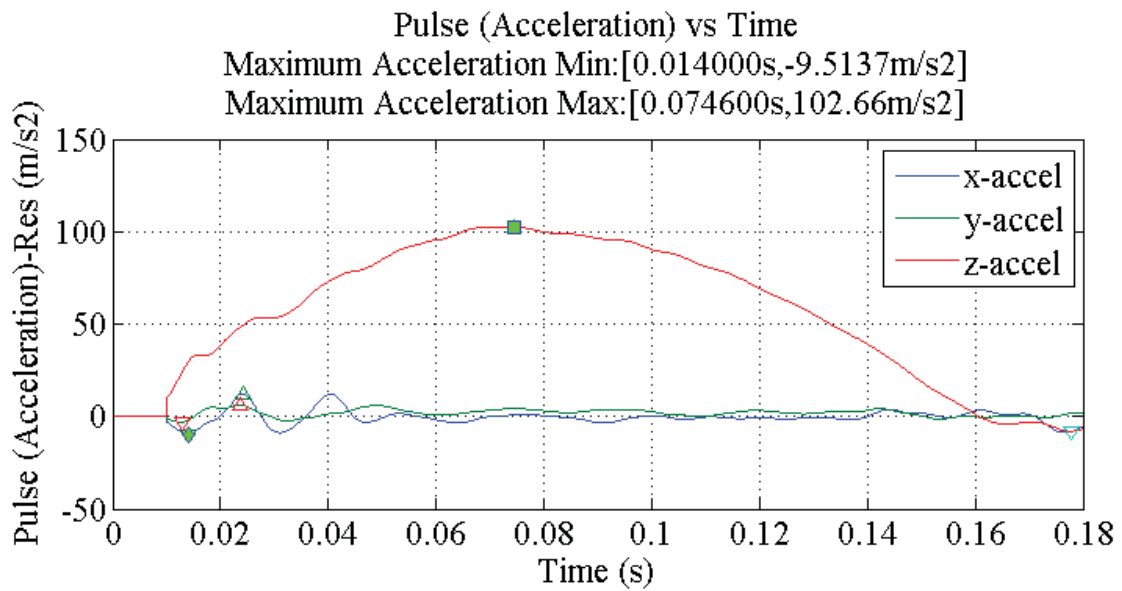
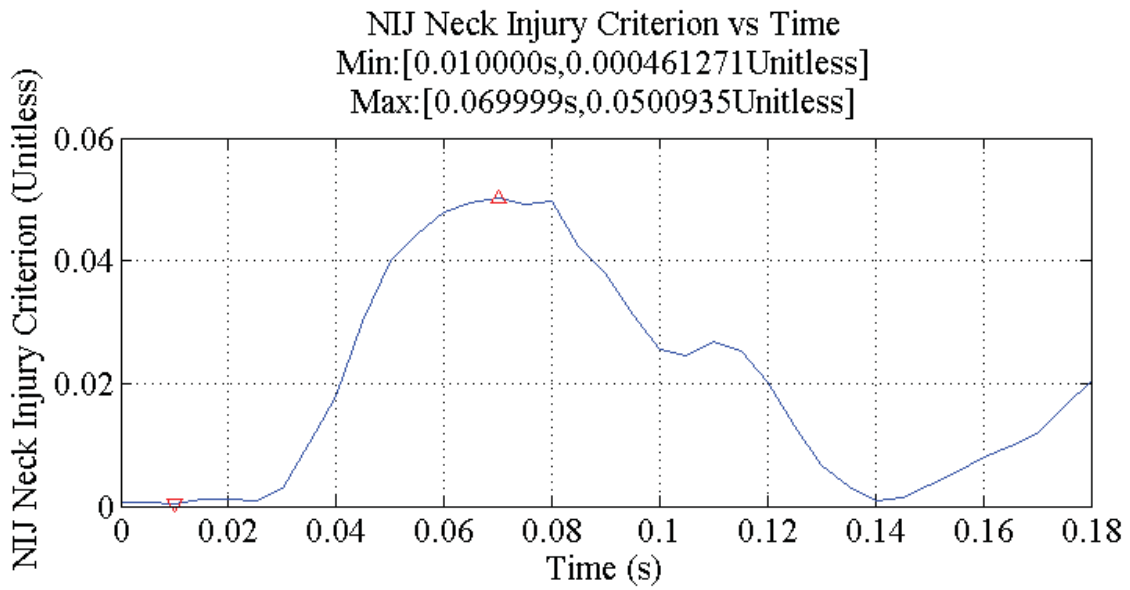


Figure 104: N_{ij} for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis gravity.

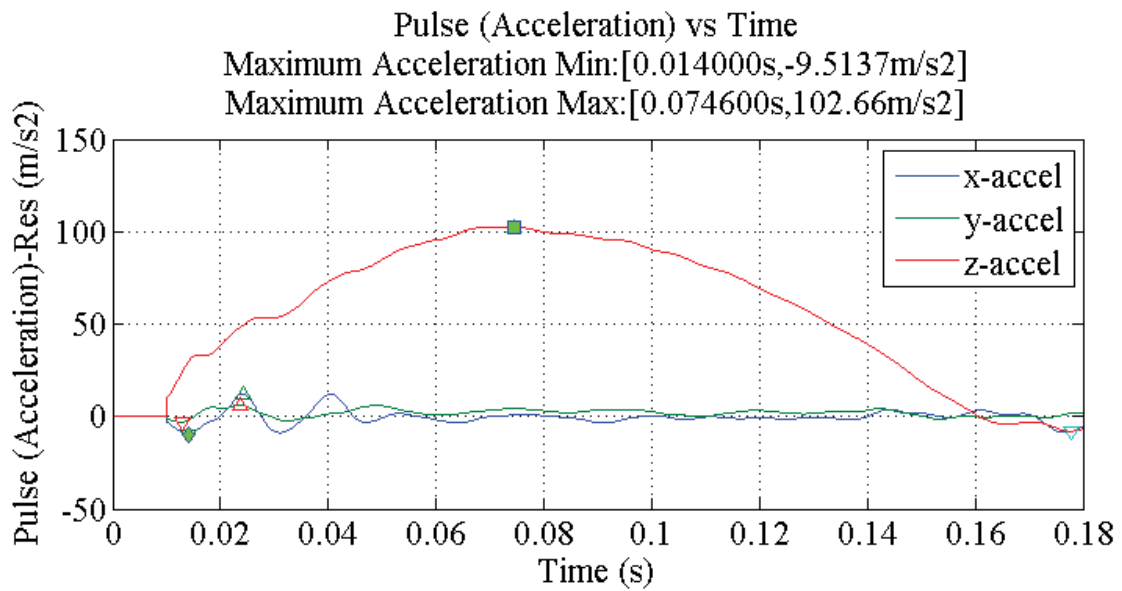
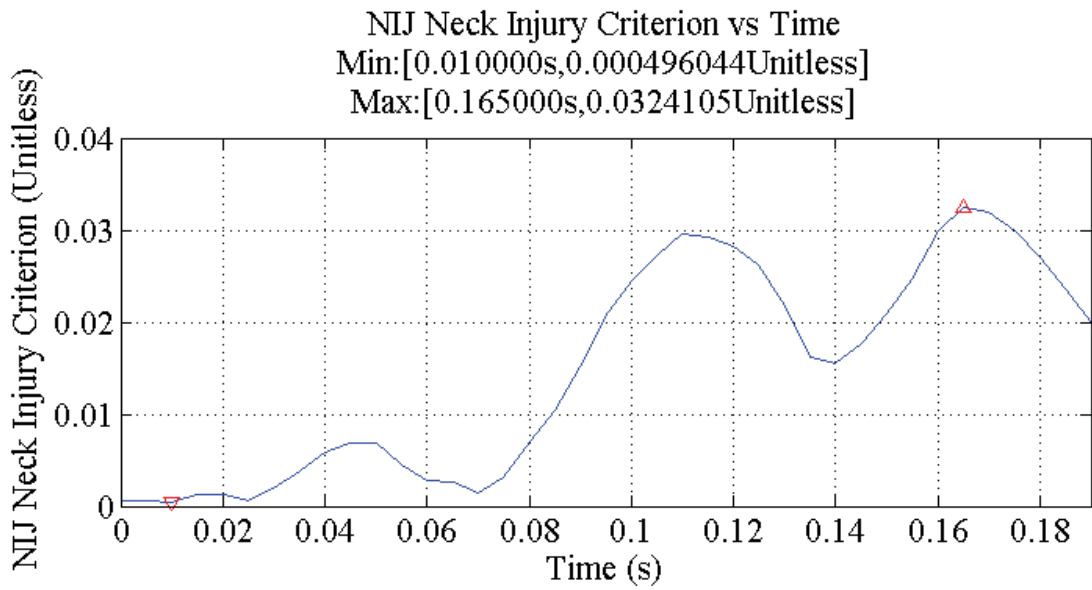


Figure 105: N_{ij} for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis gravity.

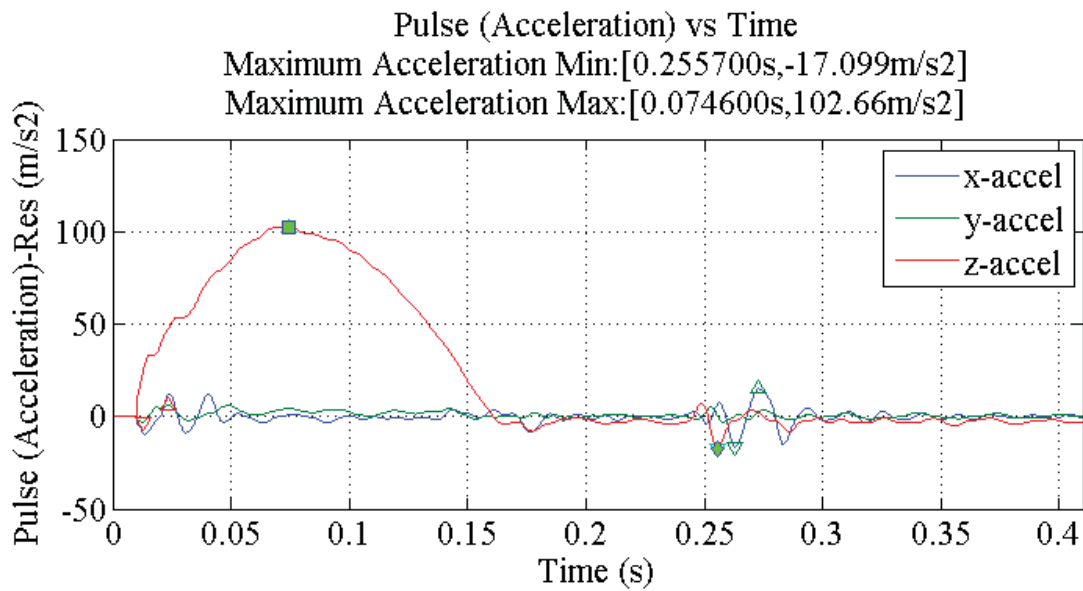
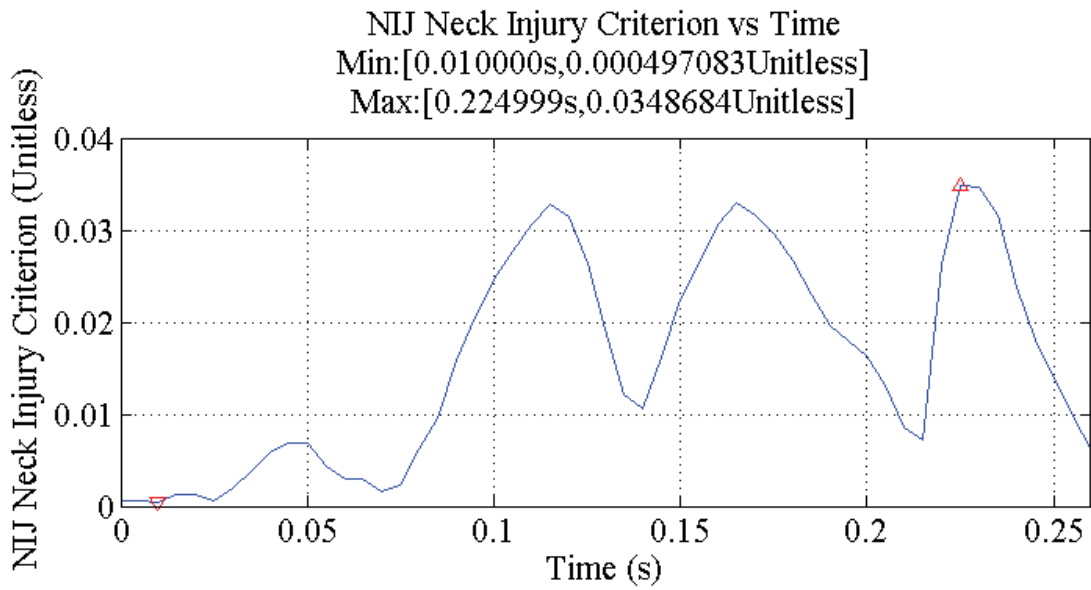


Figure 106: N_{ij} for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis gravity.

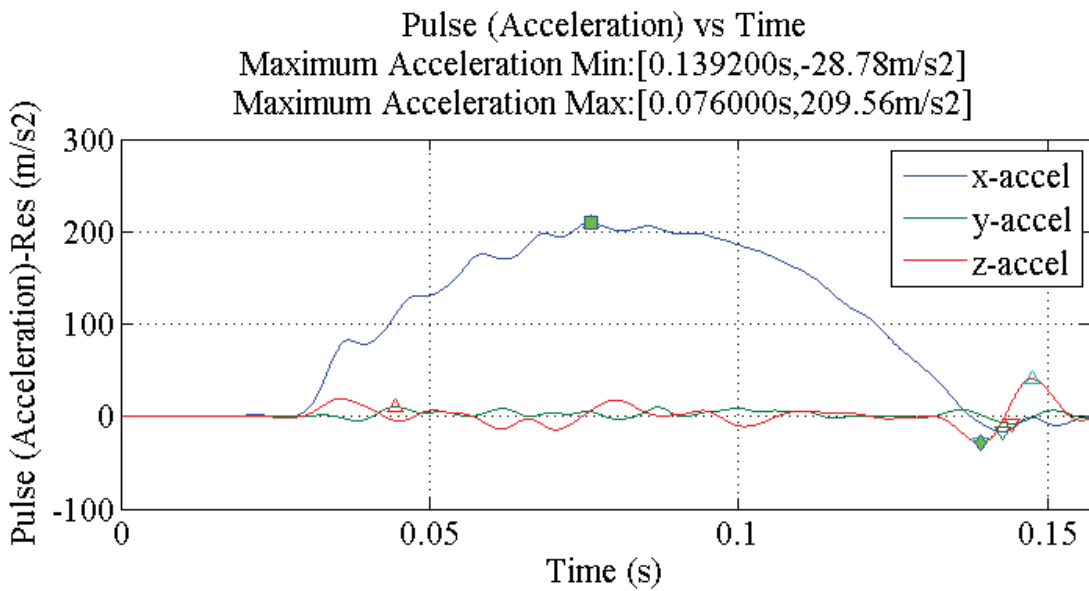
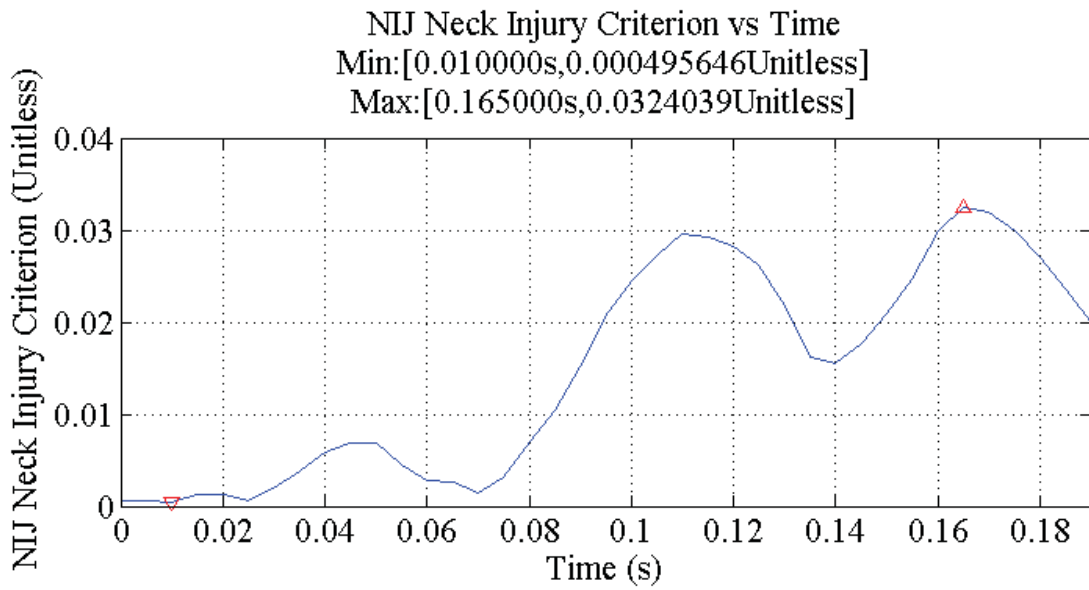


Figure 107: N_{ij} for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

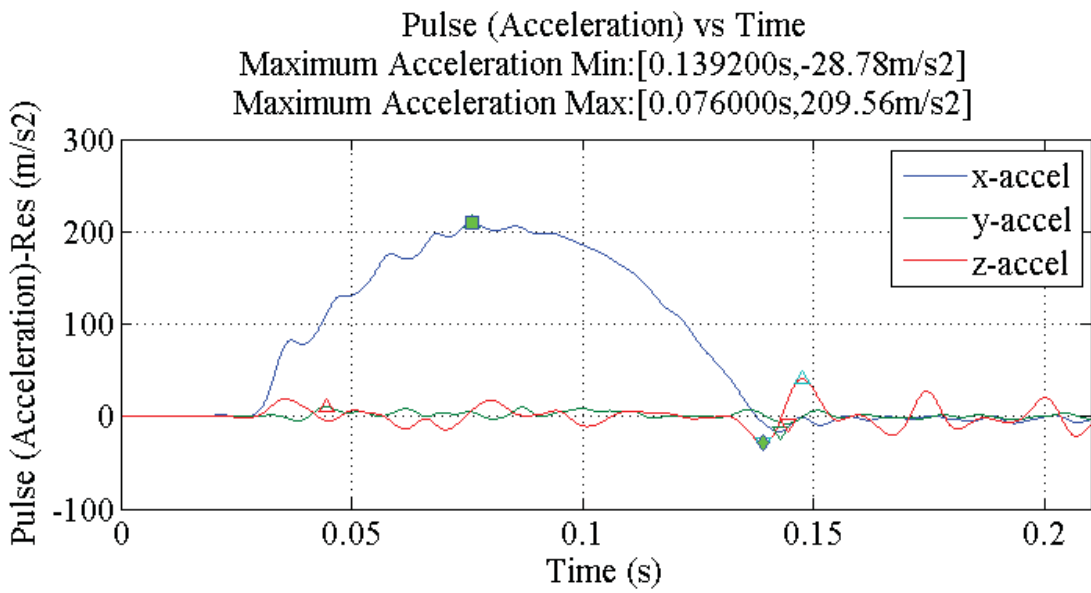
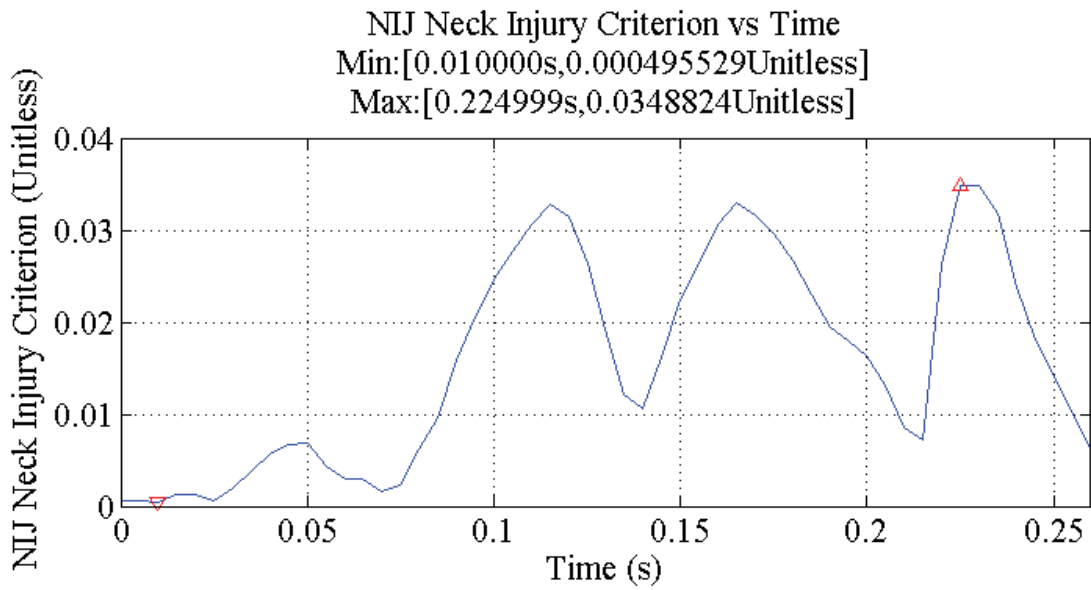


Figure 108: N_{ij} for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

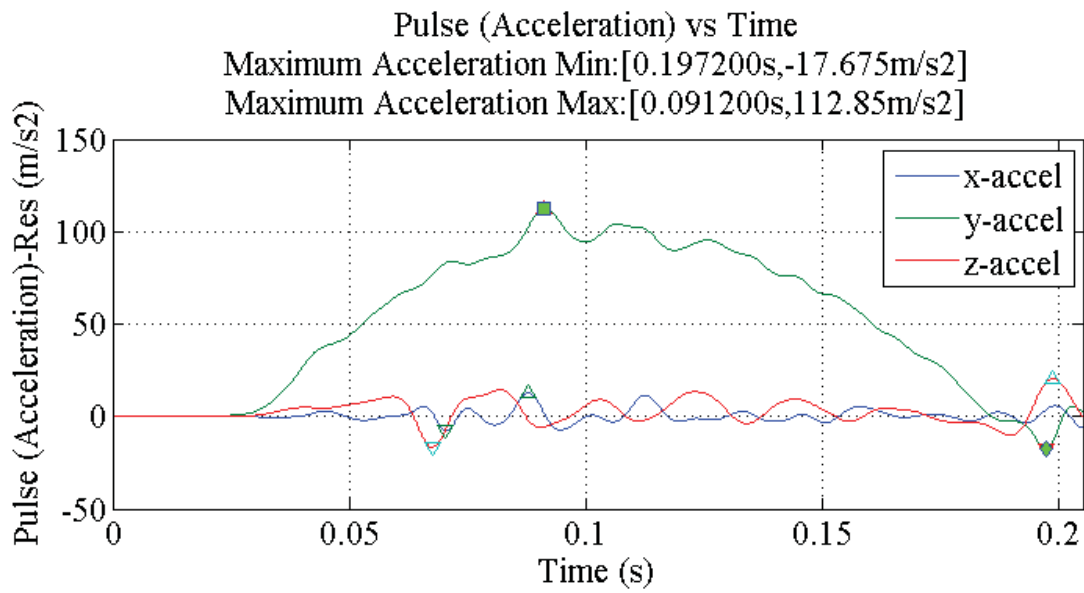
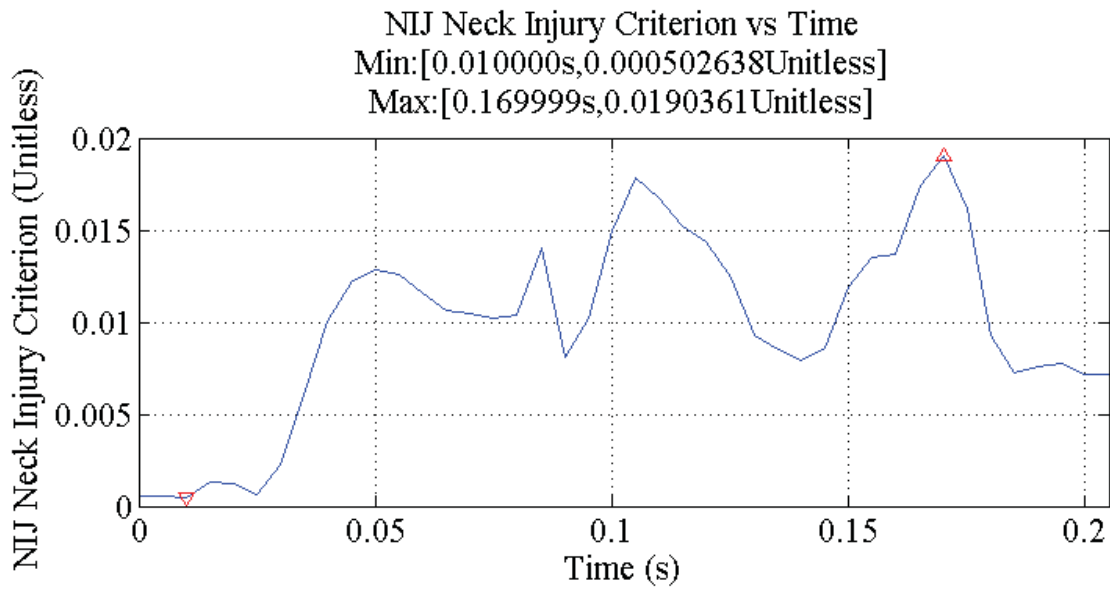


Figure 109: N_{ij} for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

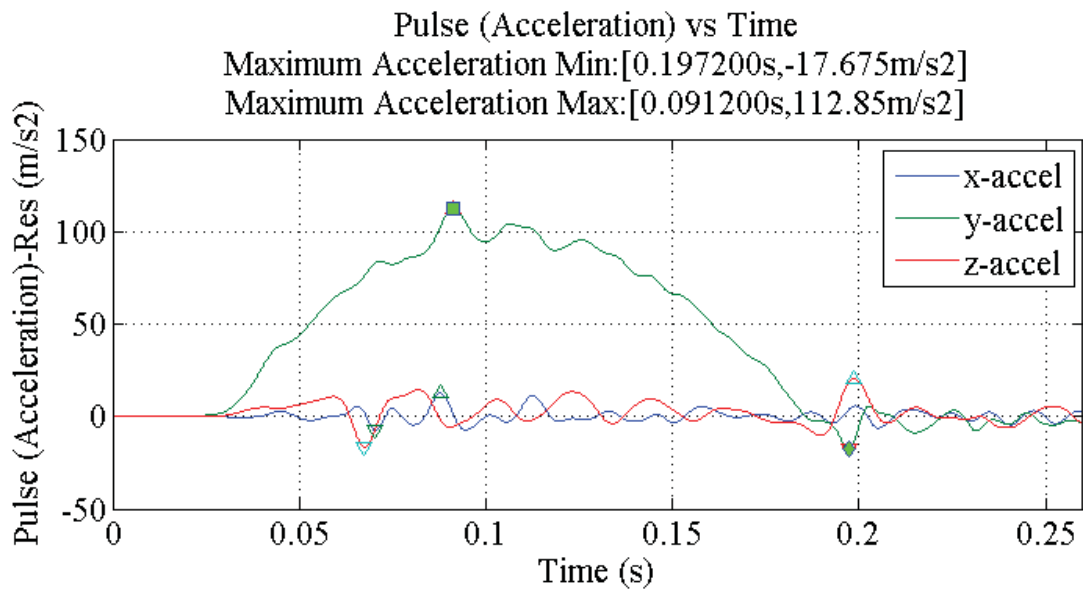
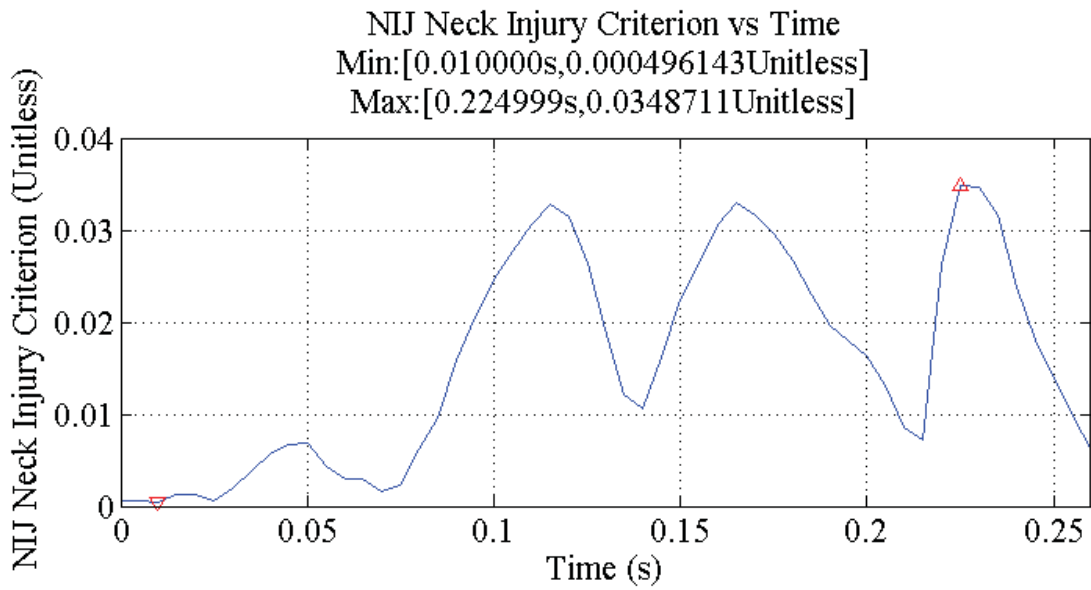
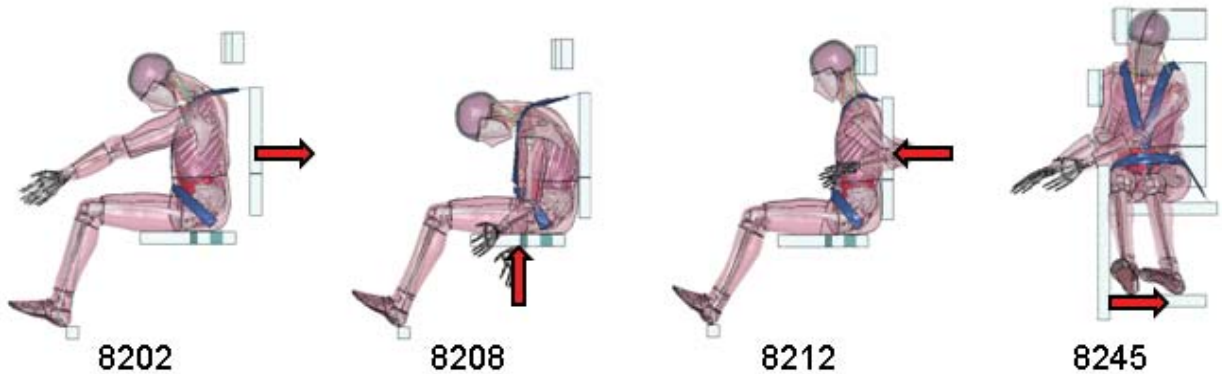


Figure 110: N_{ij} for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 8: Thorax Injury, Sternal Deflection

Table 6: Tabulated Sternal Deflection

| Simulation | Sternal Deflection (cm) |
|--|-------------------------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | -0.854 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | -1.300 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 1.165 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 1.334 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 0.996 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | -4.122 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | -4.103 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 1.177 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 1.099 |



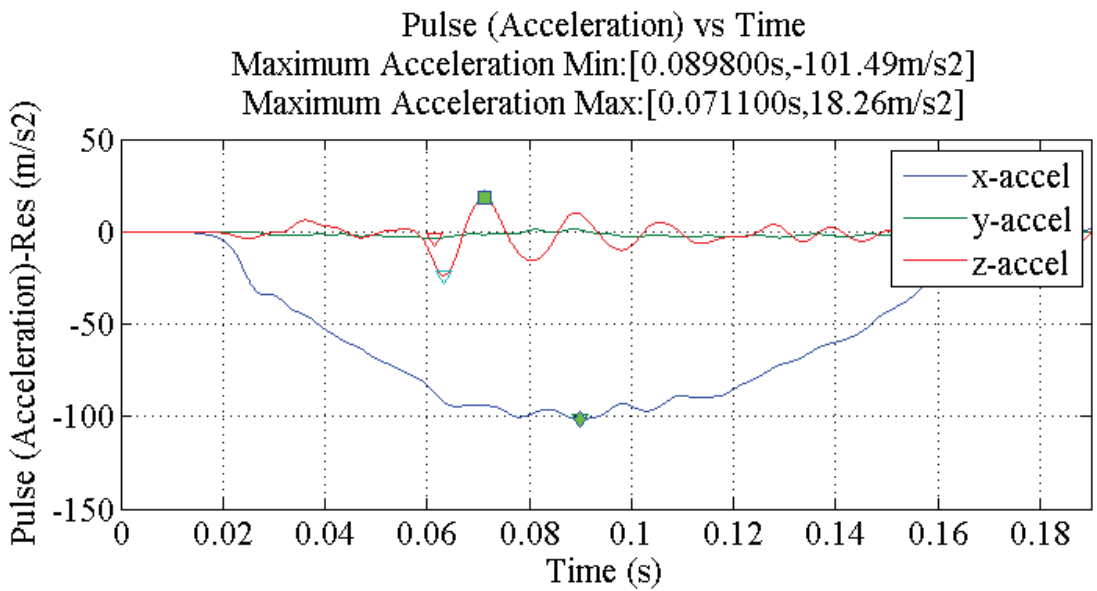
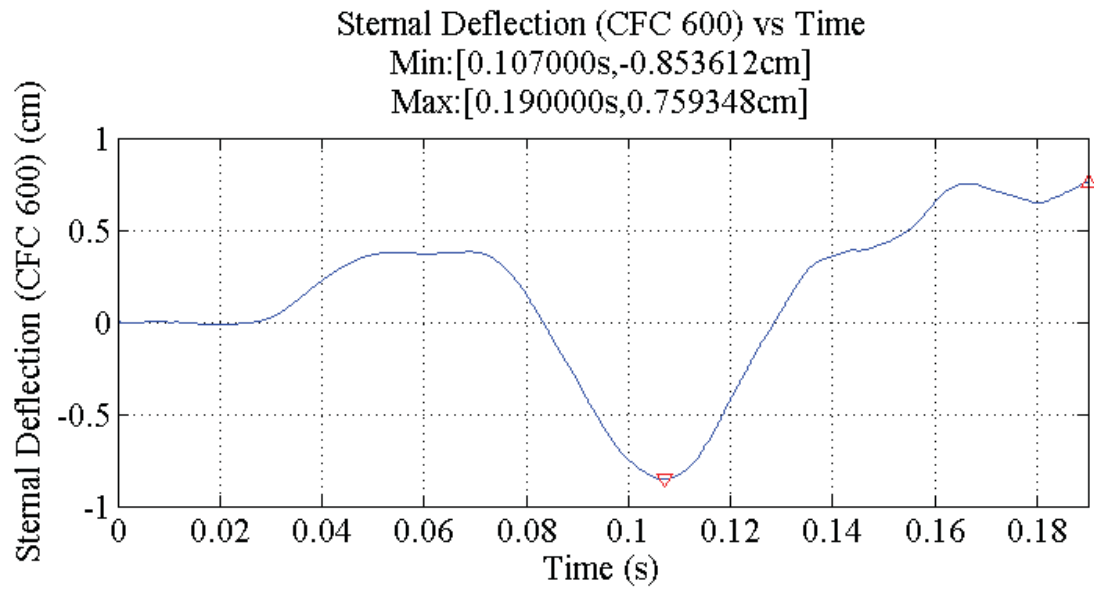


Figure 111: Sternal Deflection for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

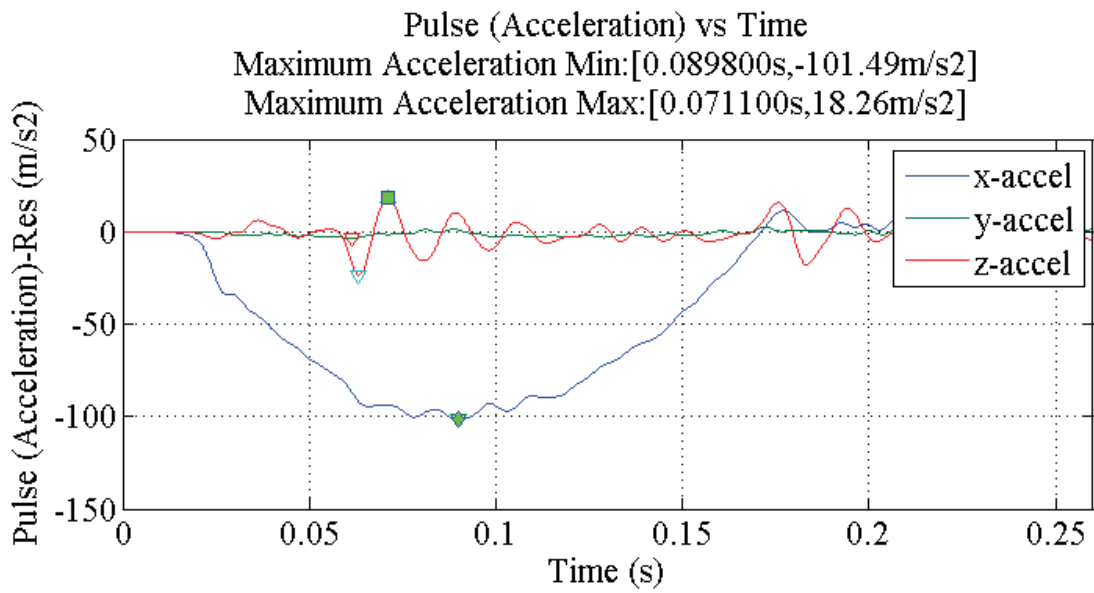
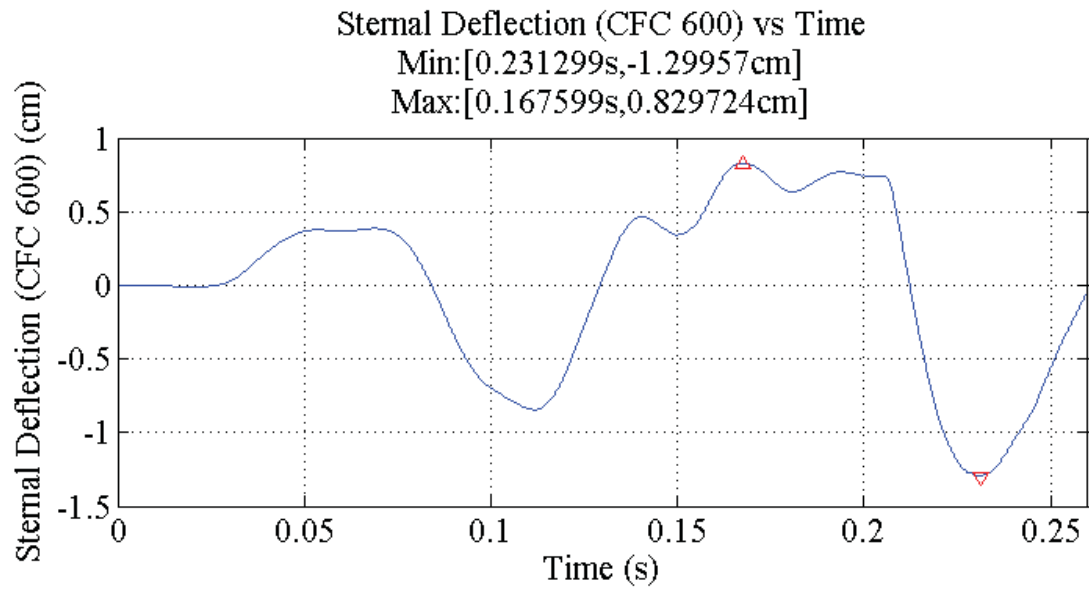


Figure 112: Sternal Deflection for simulation 8202 (Frontal), long pulse.

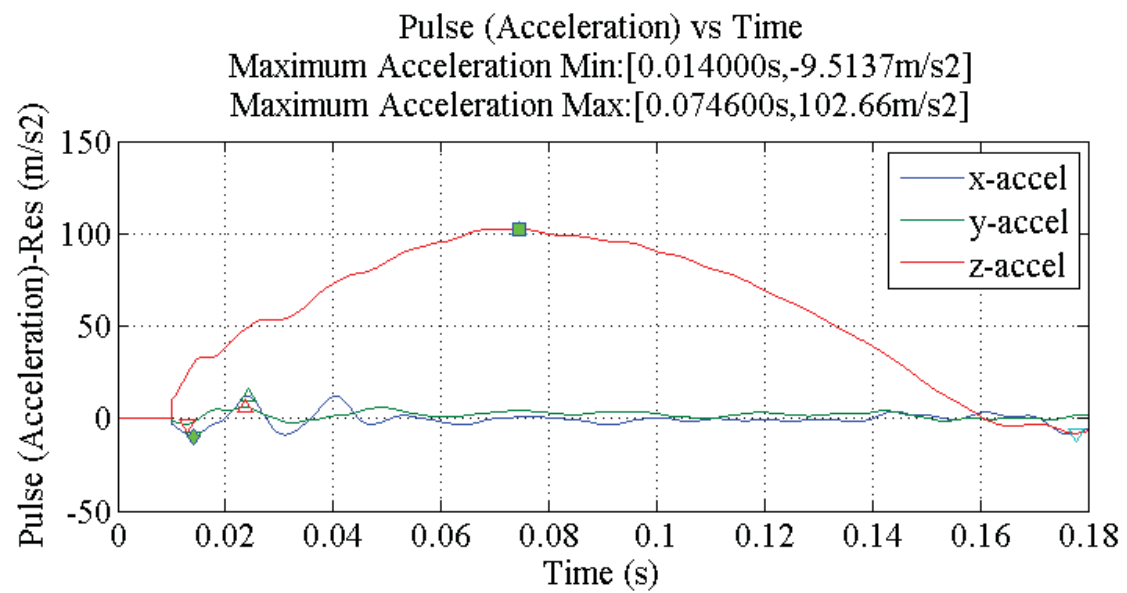
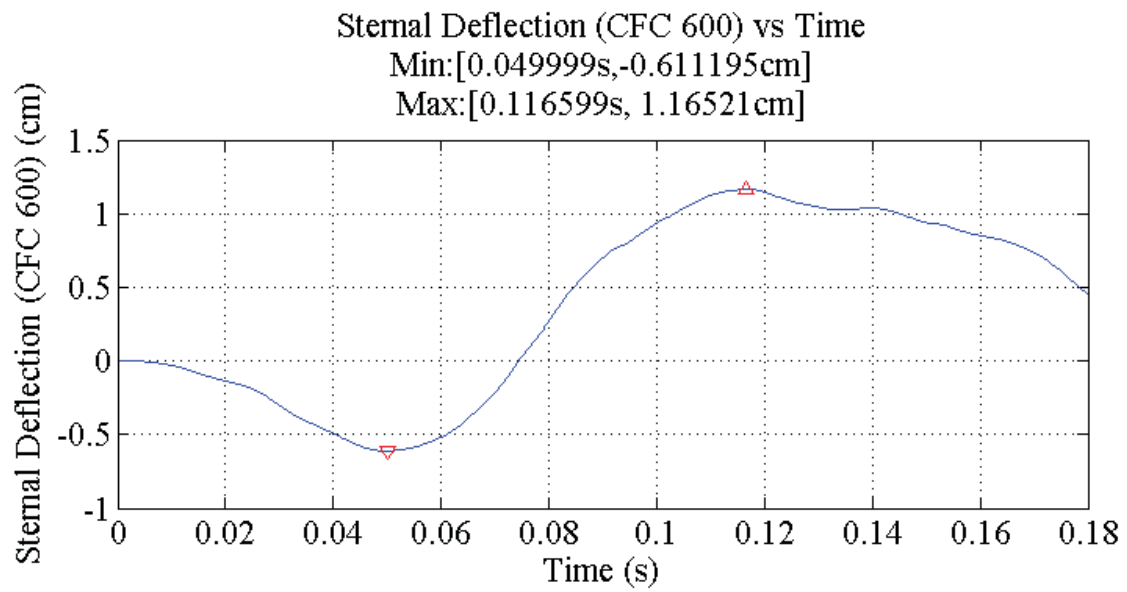


Figure 113: Sternal Deflection for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis gravity.

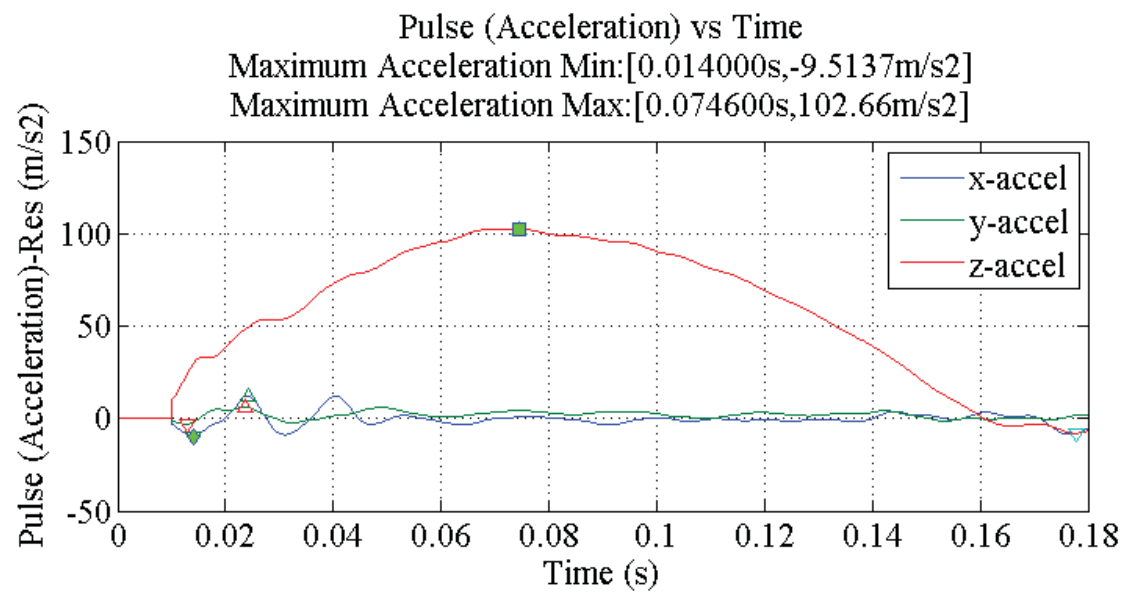
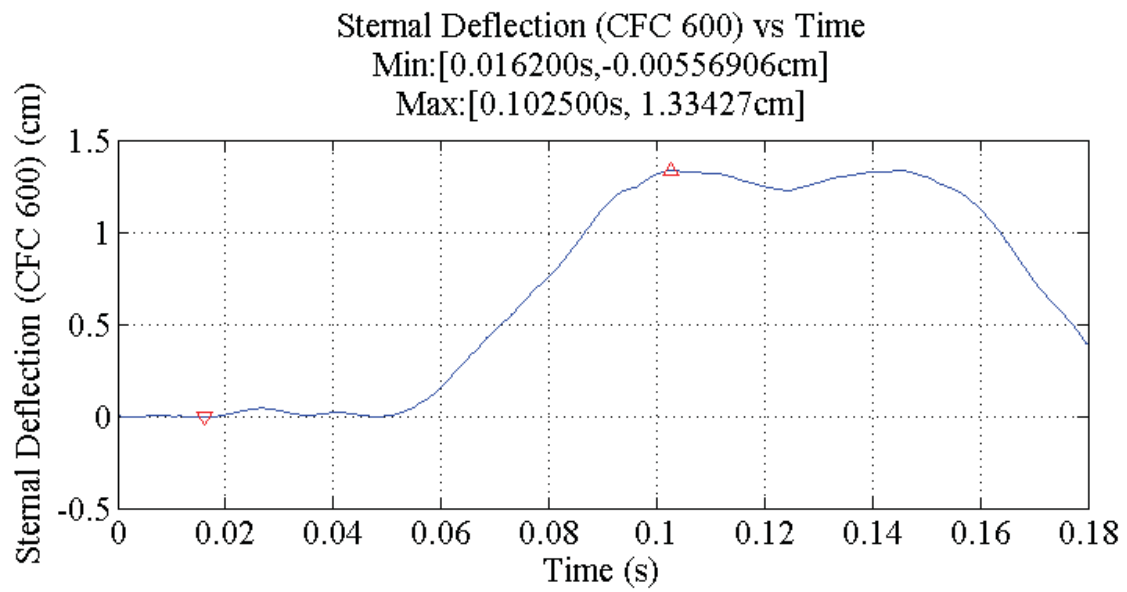


Figure 114: Sternal Deflection for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis gravity.

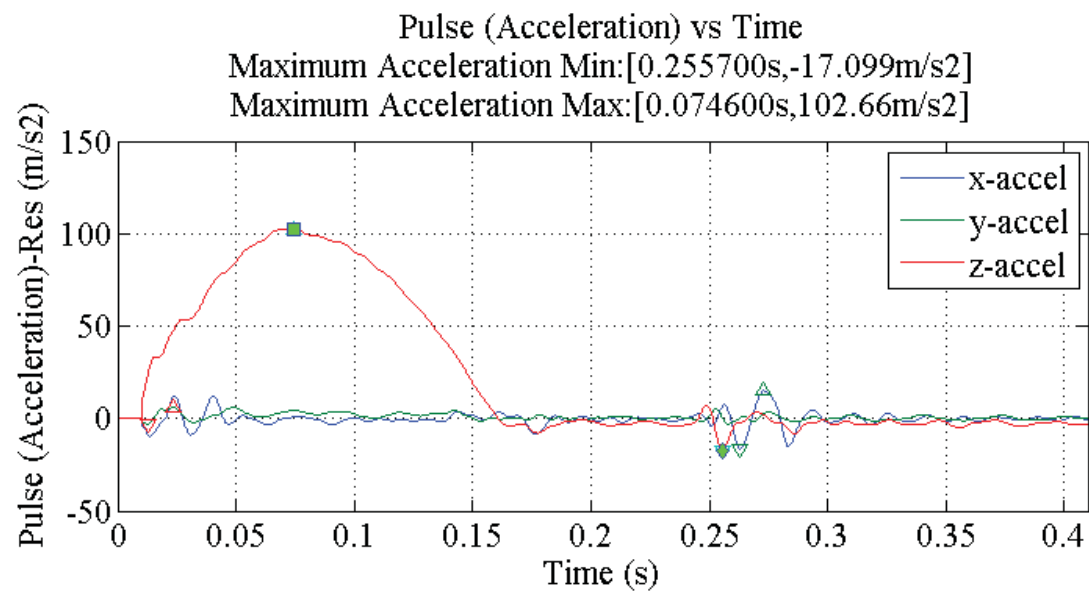
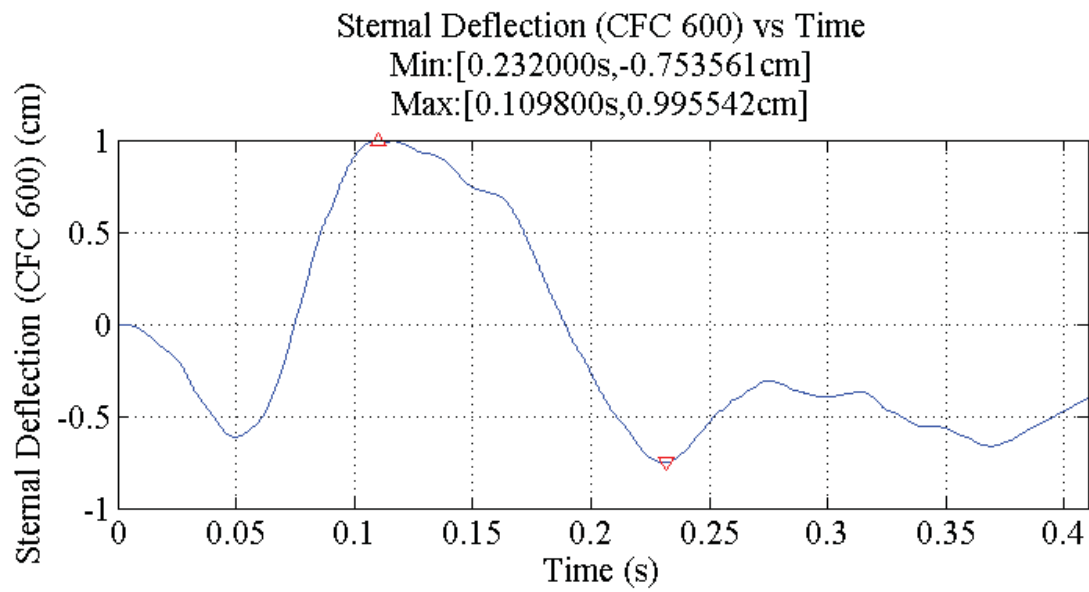


Figure 115: Sternal Deflection for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis gravity.

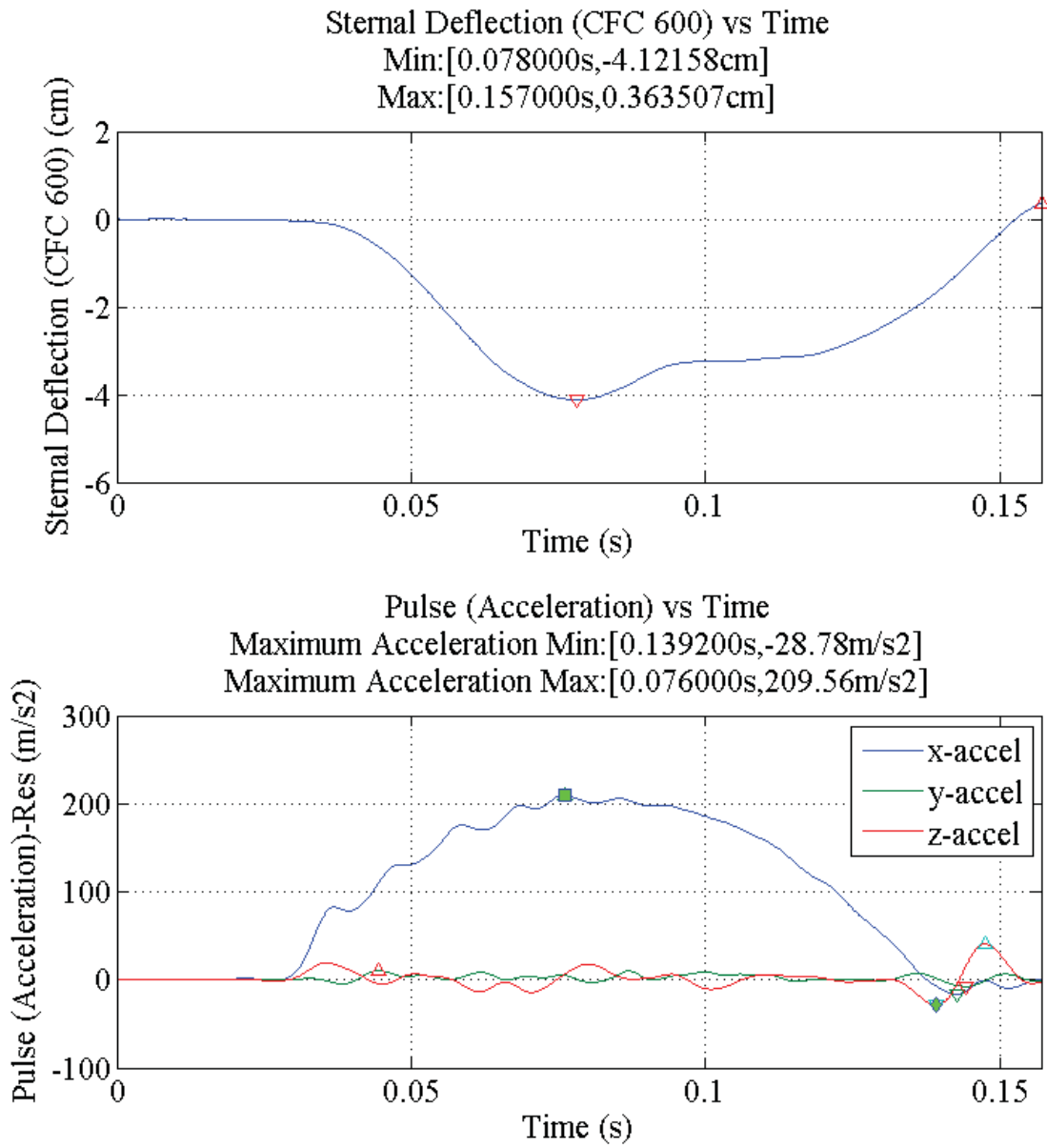


Figure 116: Sternal Deflection for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

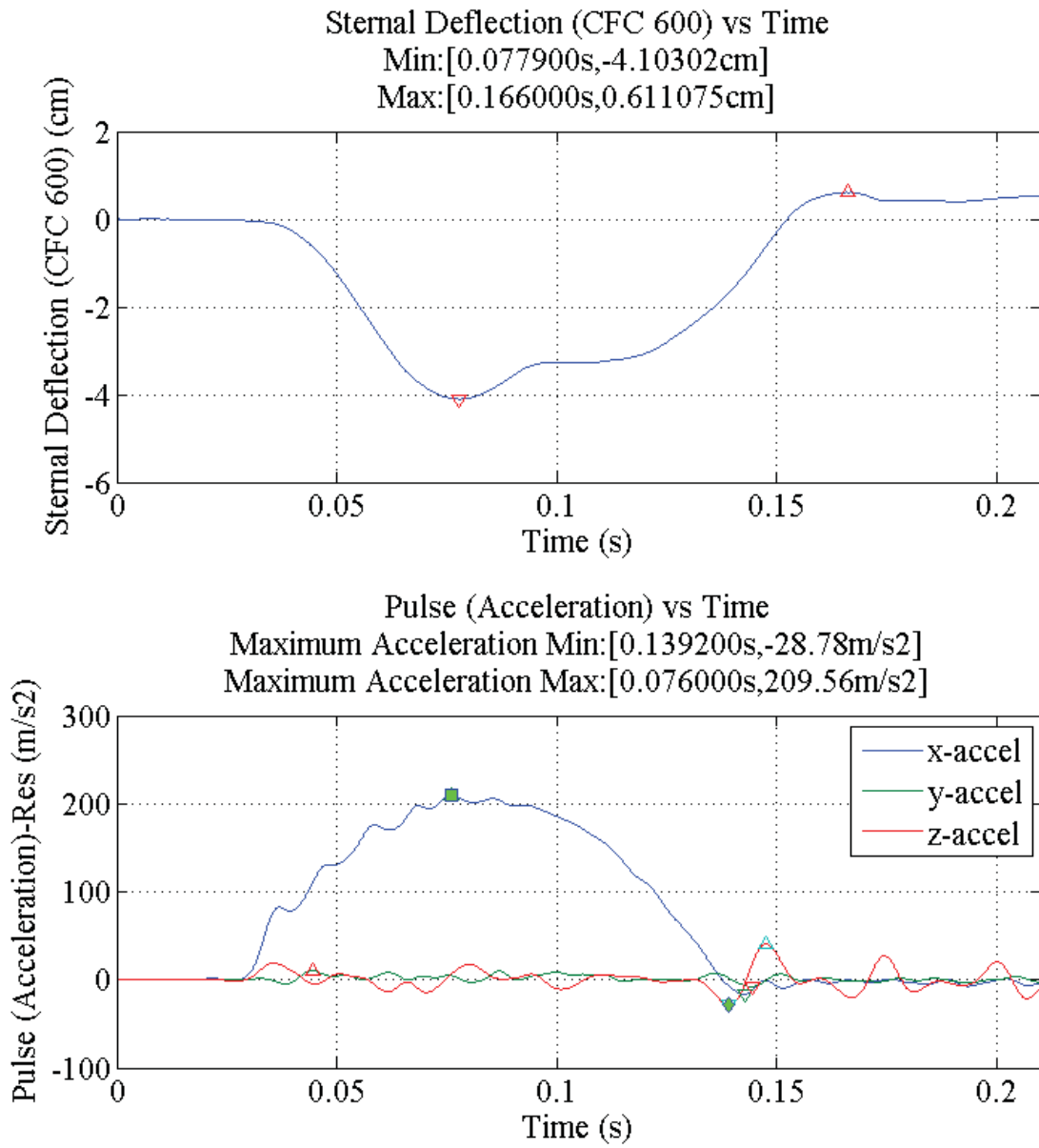


Figure 117: Sternal Deflection for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

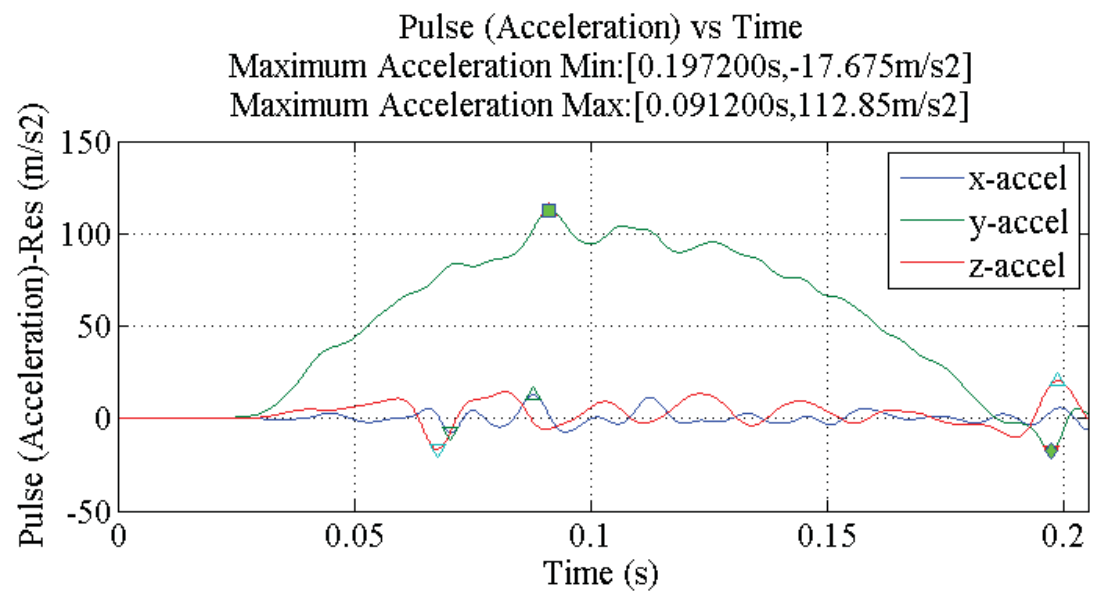
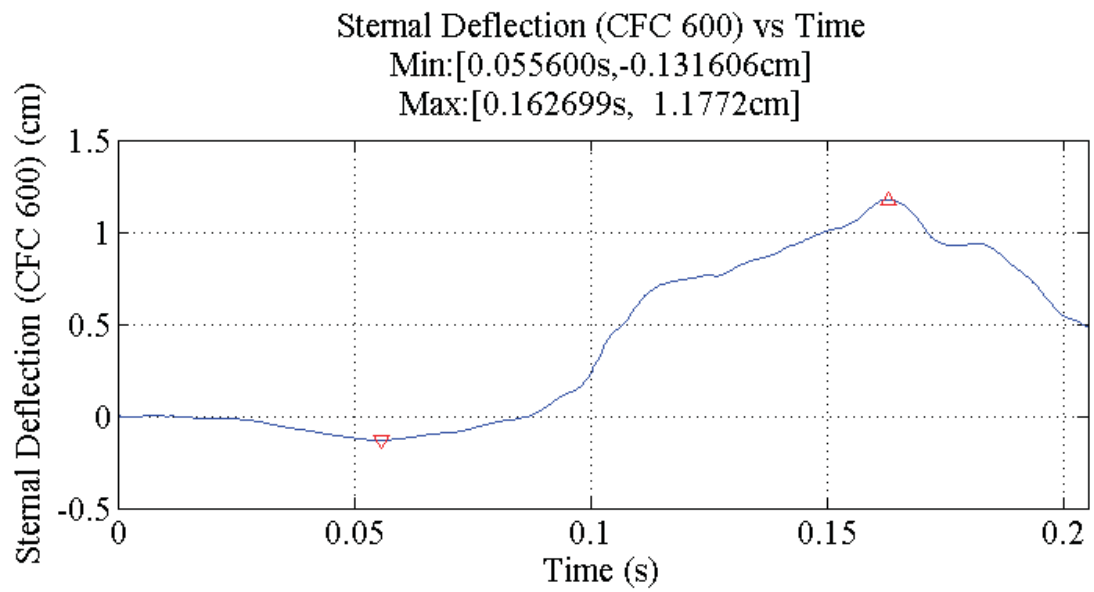


Figure 118: Sternal Deflection for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

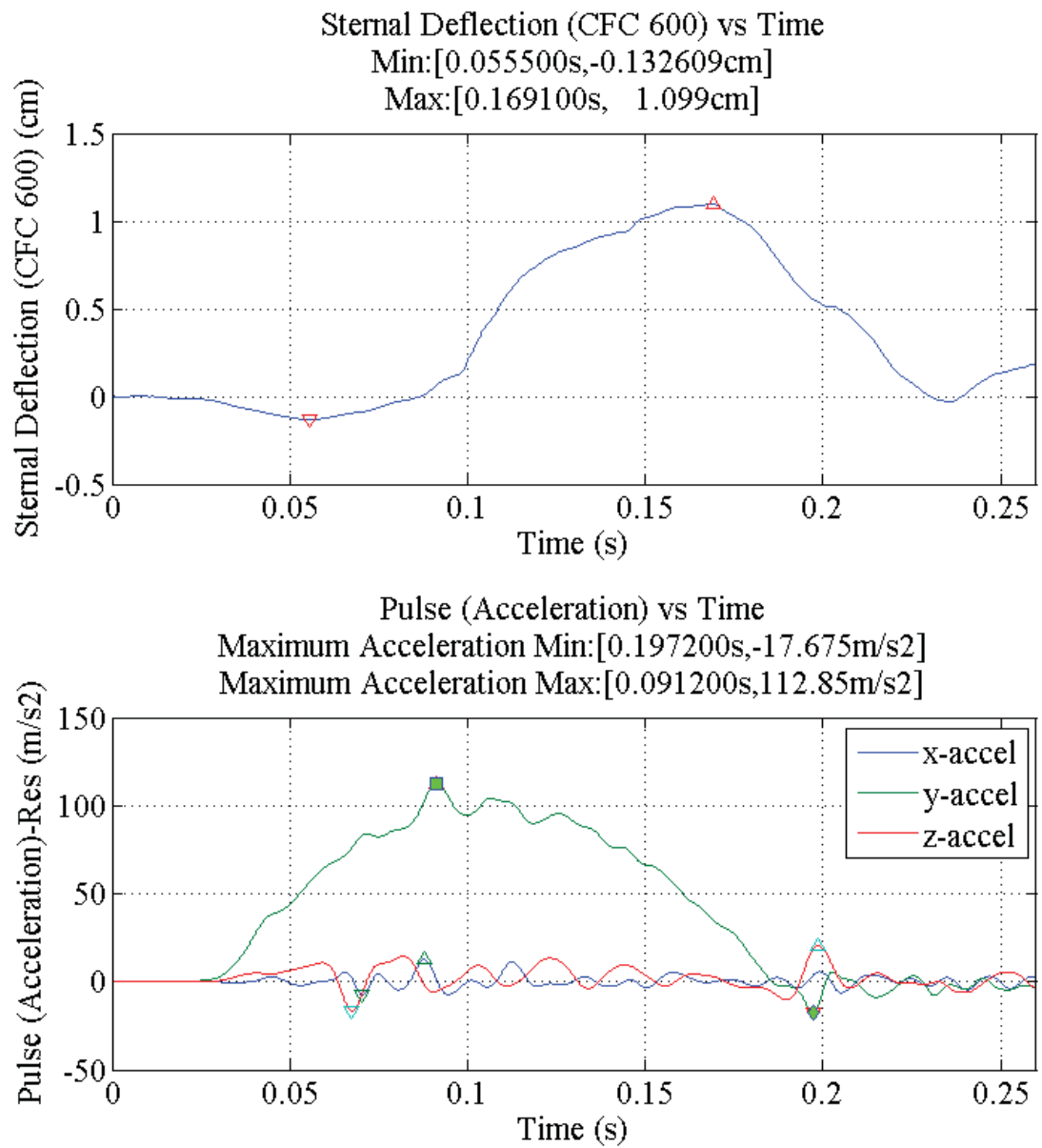
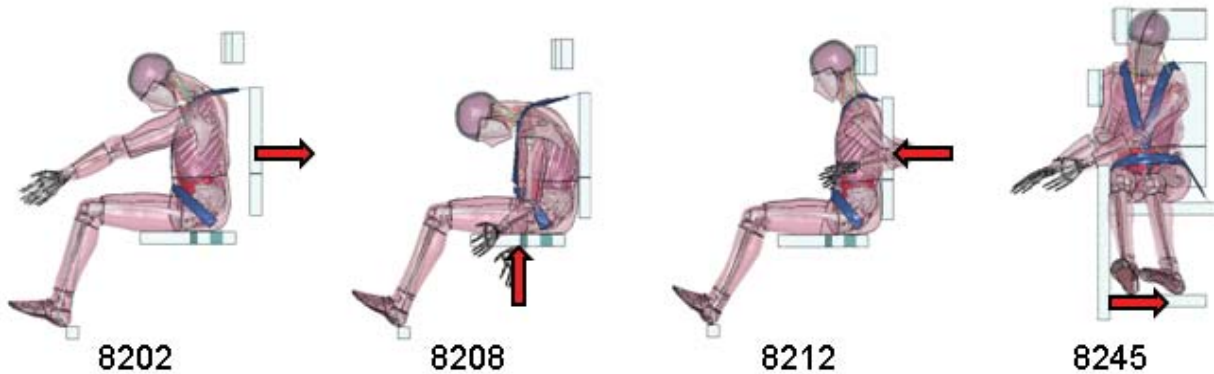


Figure 119: Sternal Deflection for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 9: Thorax Injury, Right Side Chest Deflection

Table 7: Tabulated Right Side Chest Deflection

| Simulation | Right Side Chest Deflection (cm) |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | 1.652 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | 1.674 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 1.700 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 1.988 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 1.580 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | -4.057 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | -4.047 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 1.852 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 1.811 |



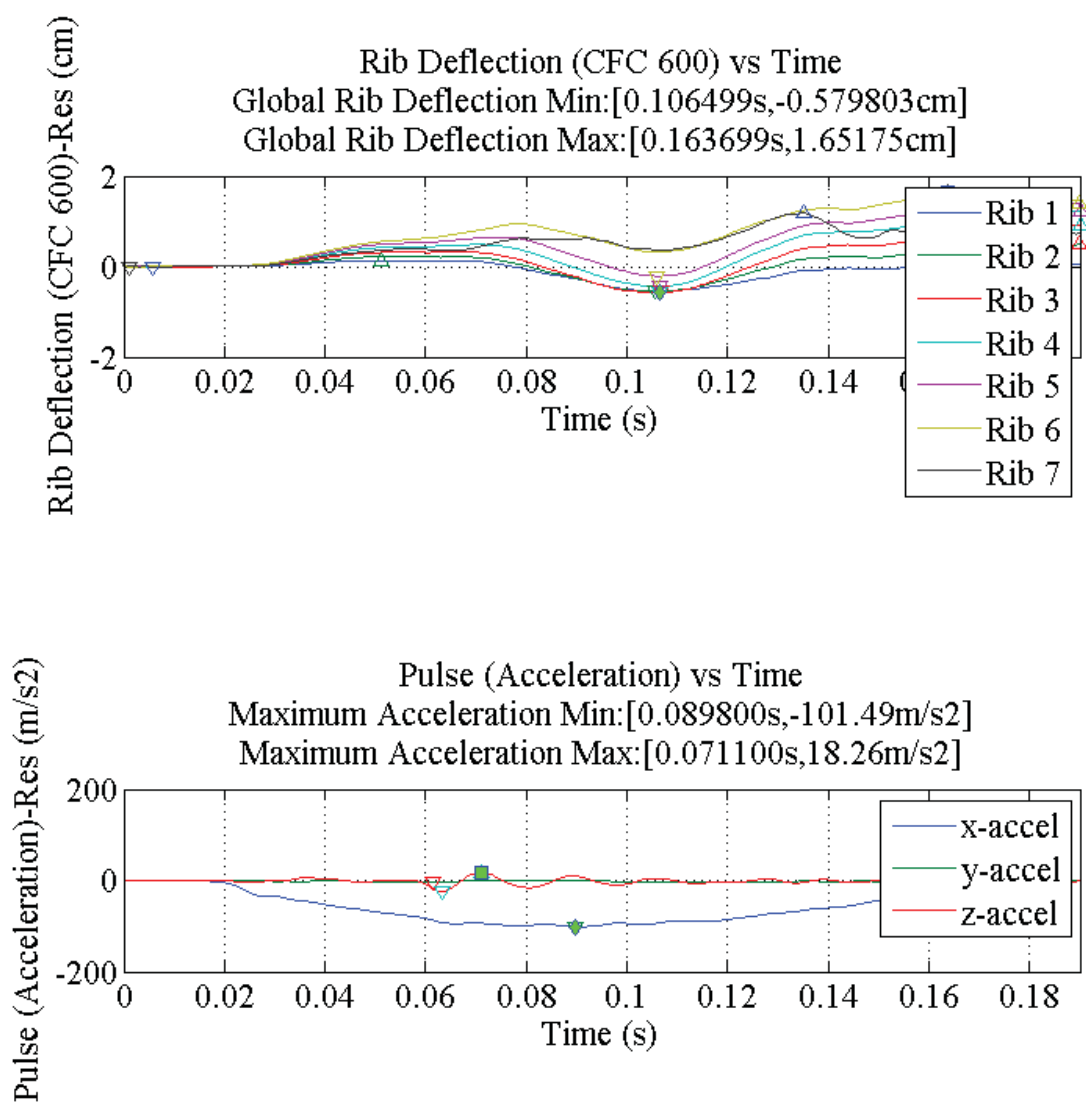


Figure 120: Right Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

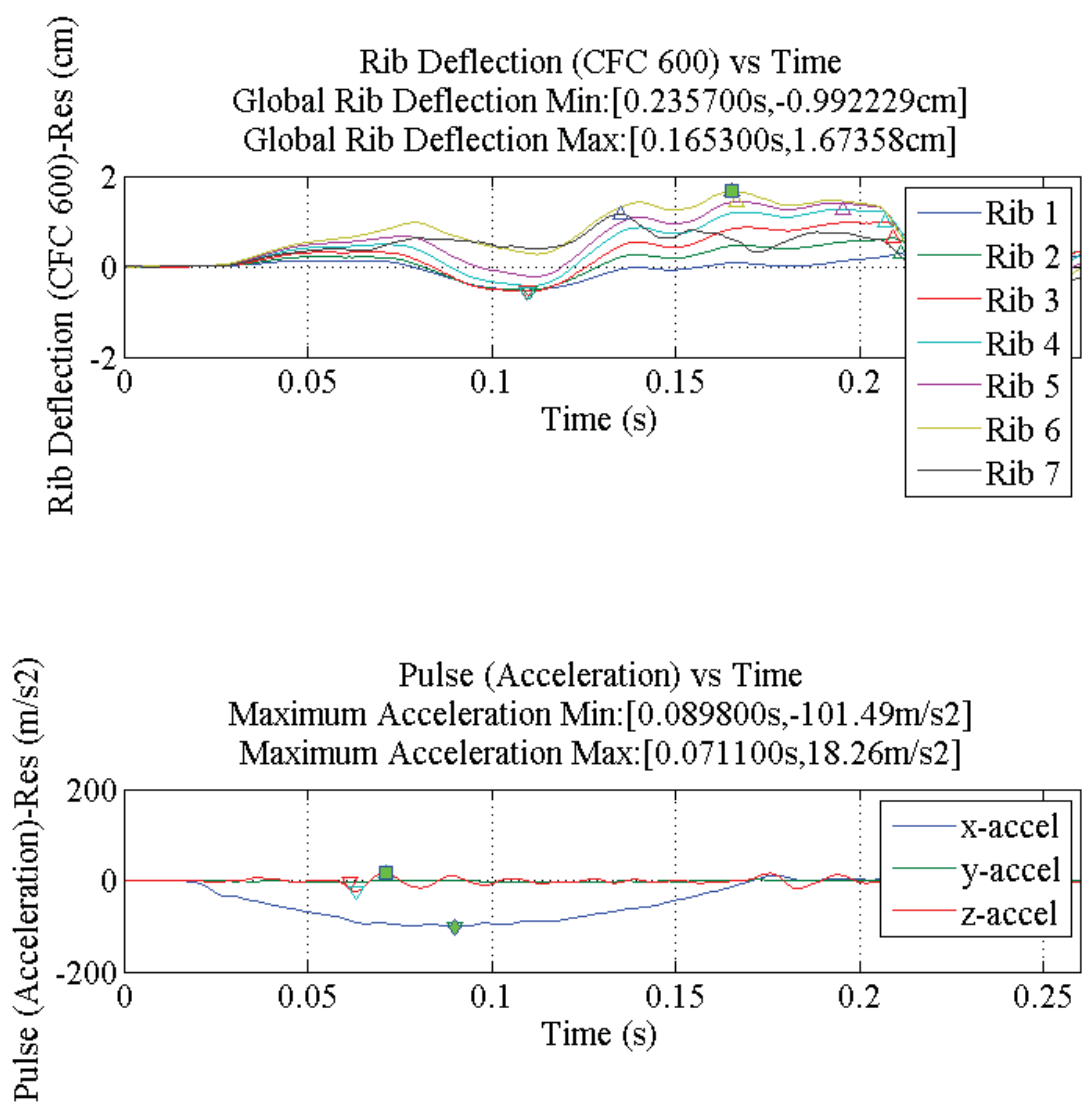


Figure 121: Right Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8202 (Frontal), long pulse.

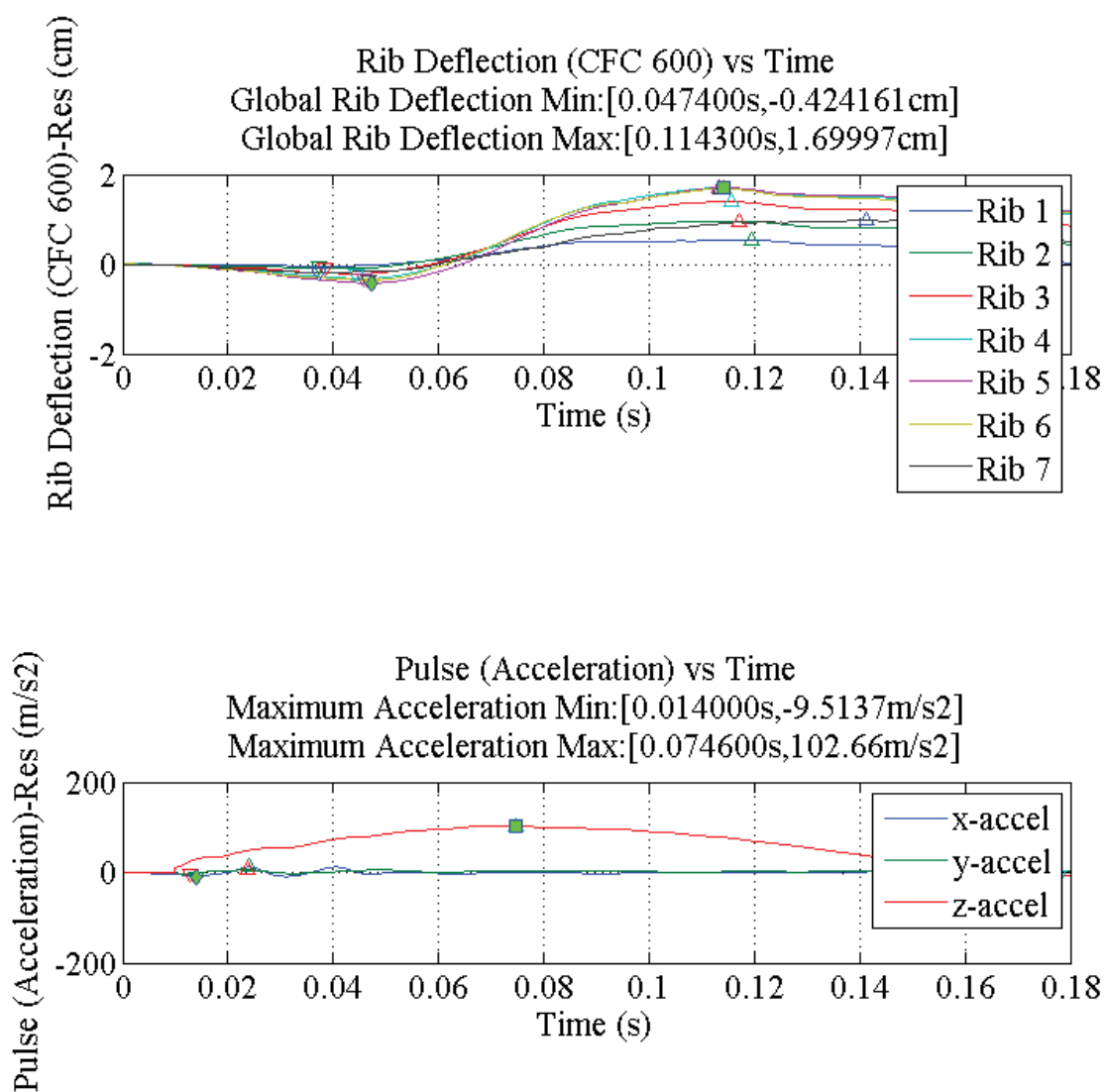


Figure 122: Right Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis gravity.

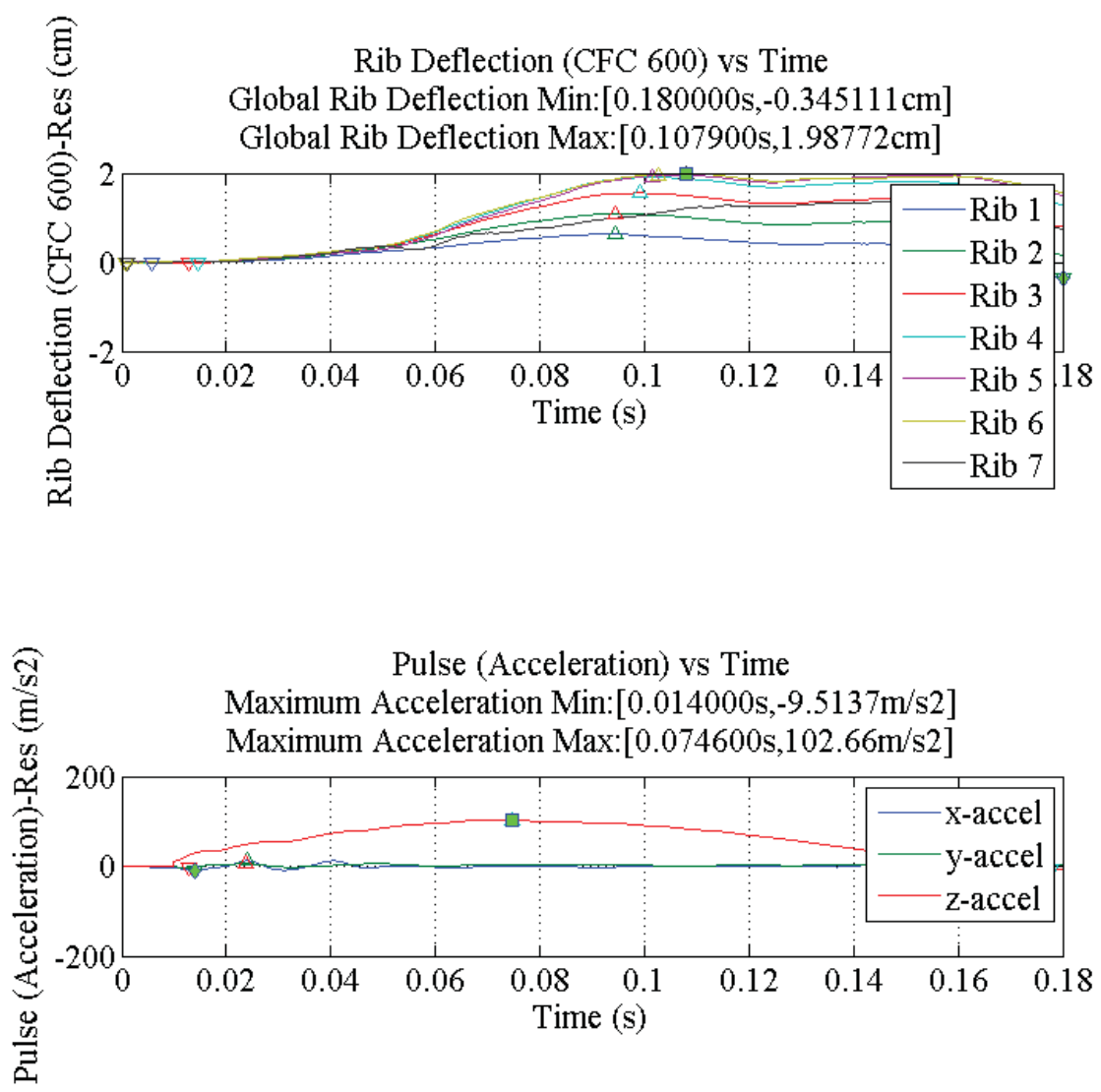


Figure 123: Right Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis gravity.

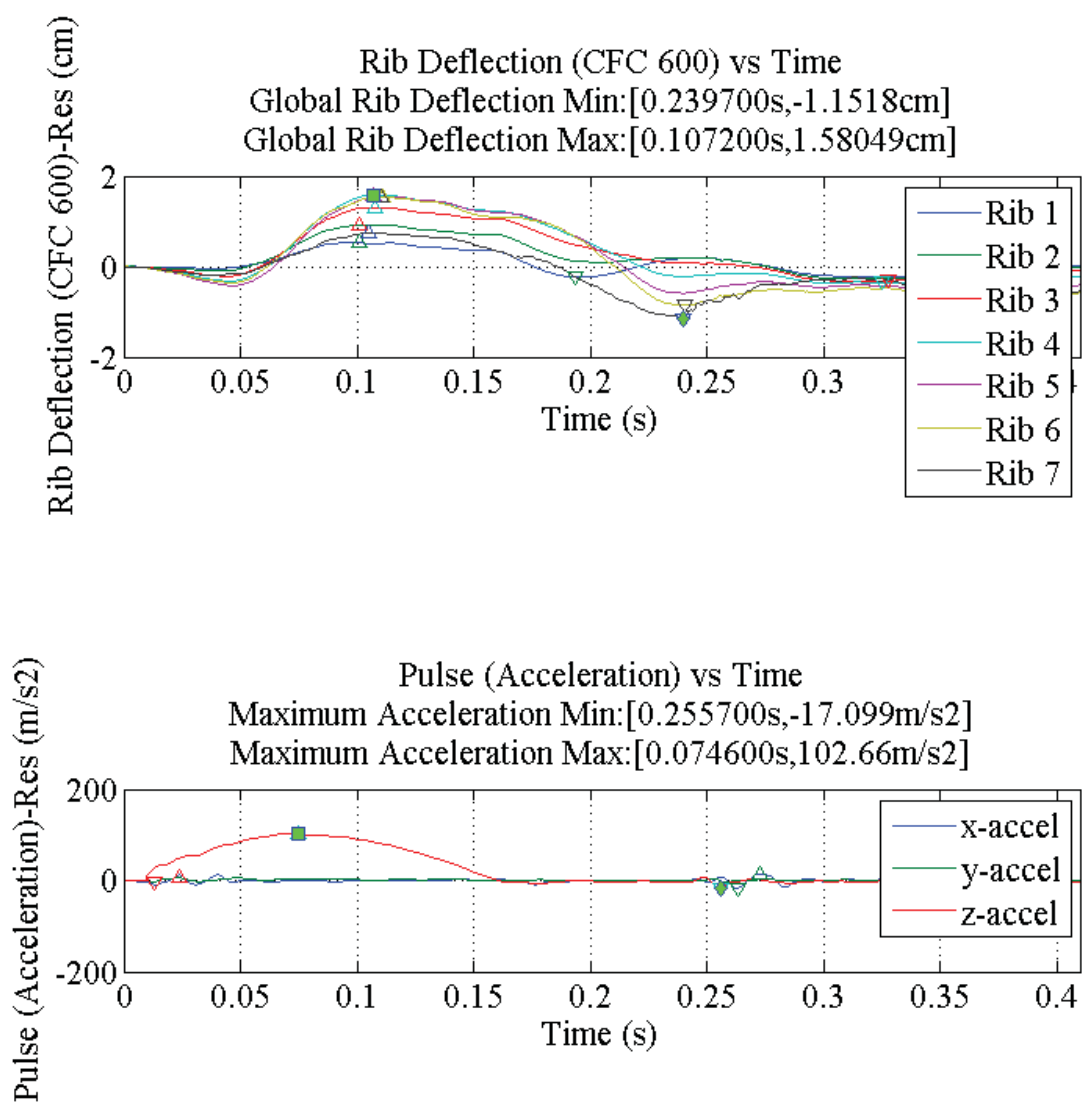


Figure 124: Right Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis gravity.

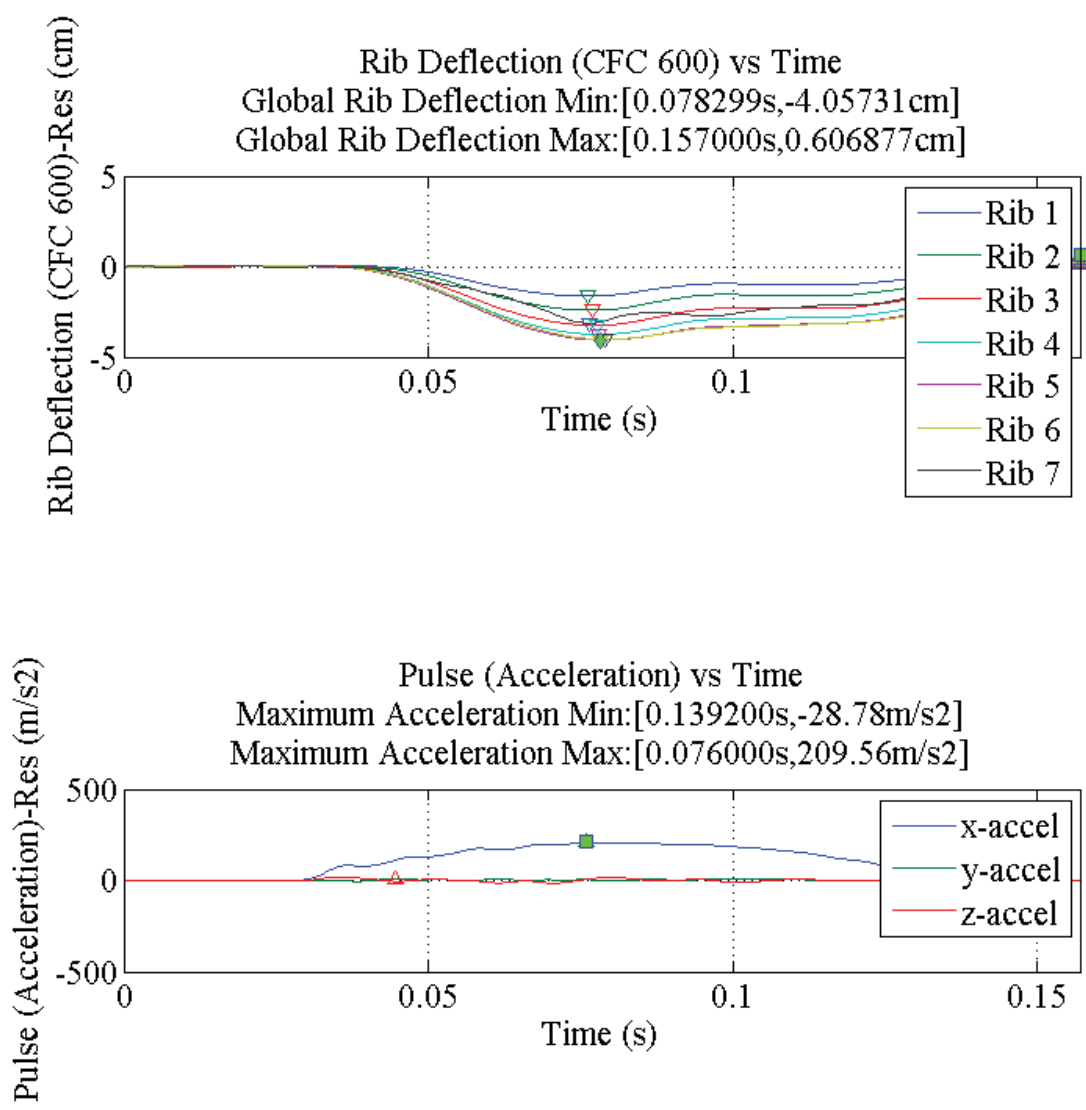


Figure 125: Right Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

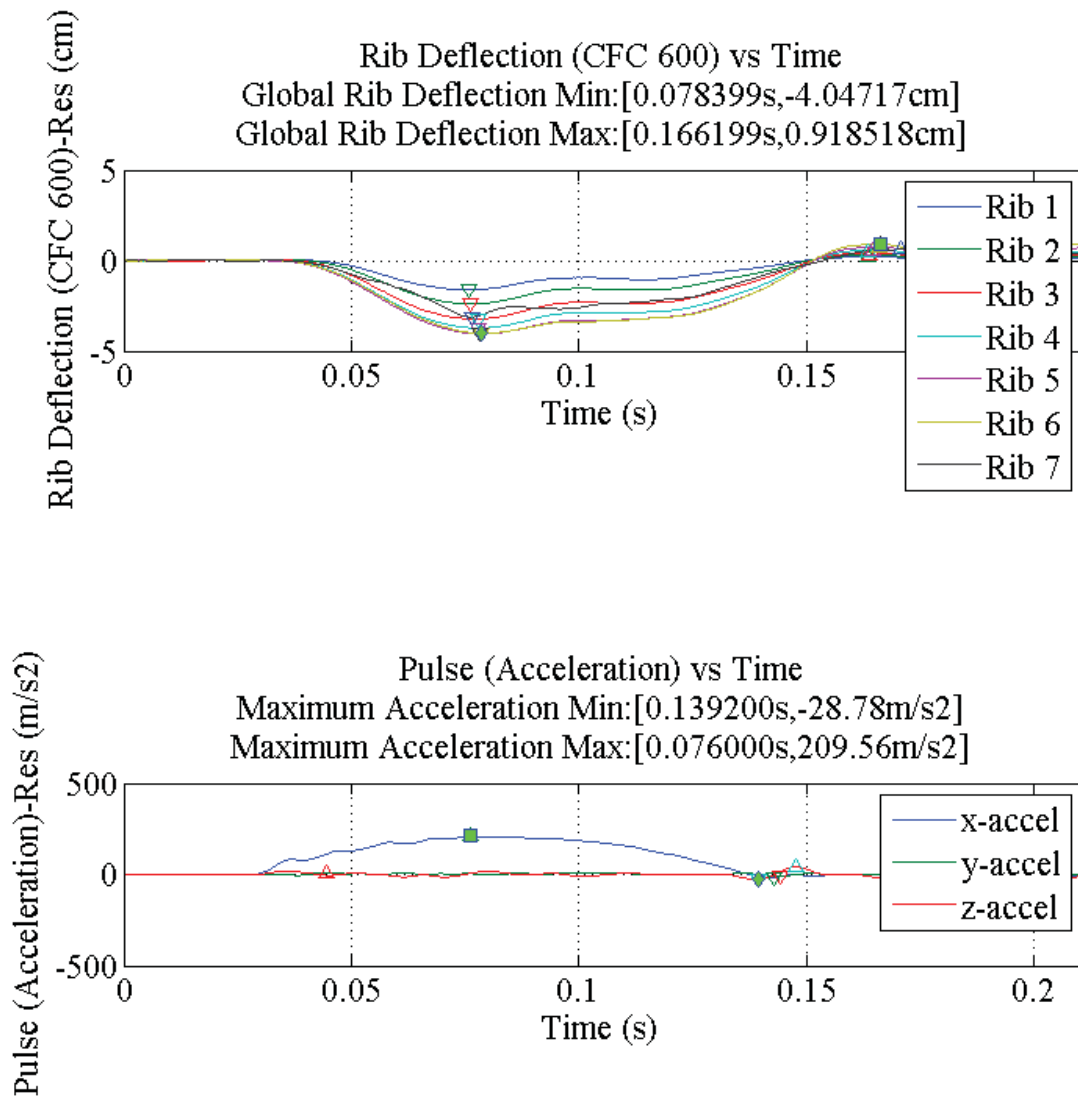


Figure 126: Right Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

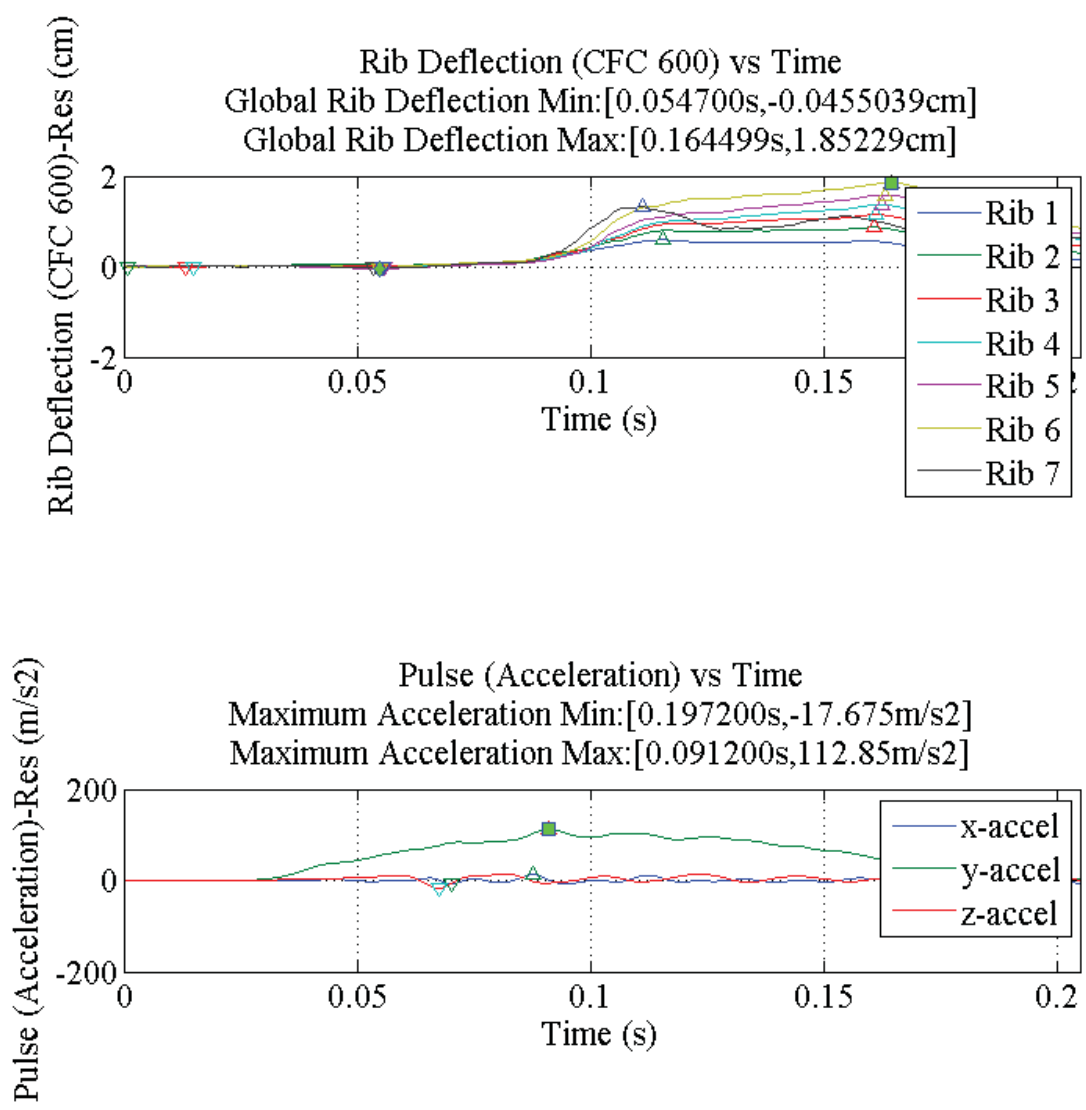


Figure 127: Right Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

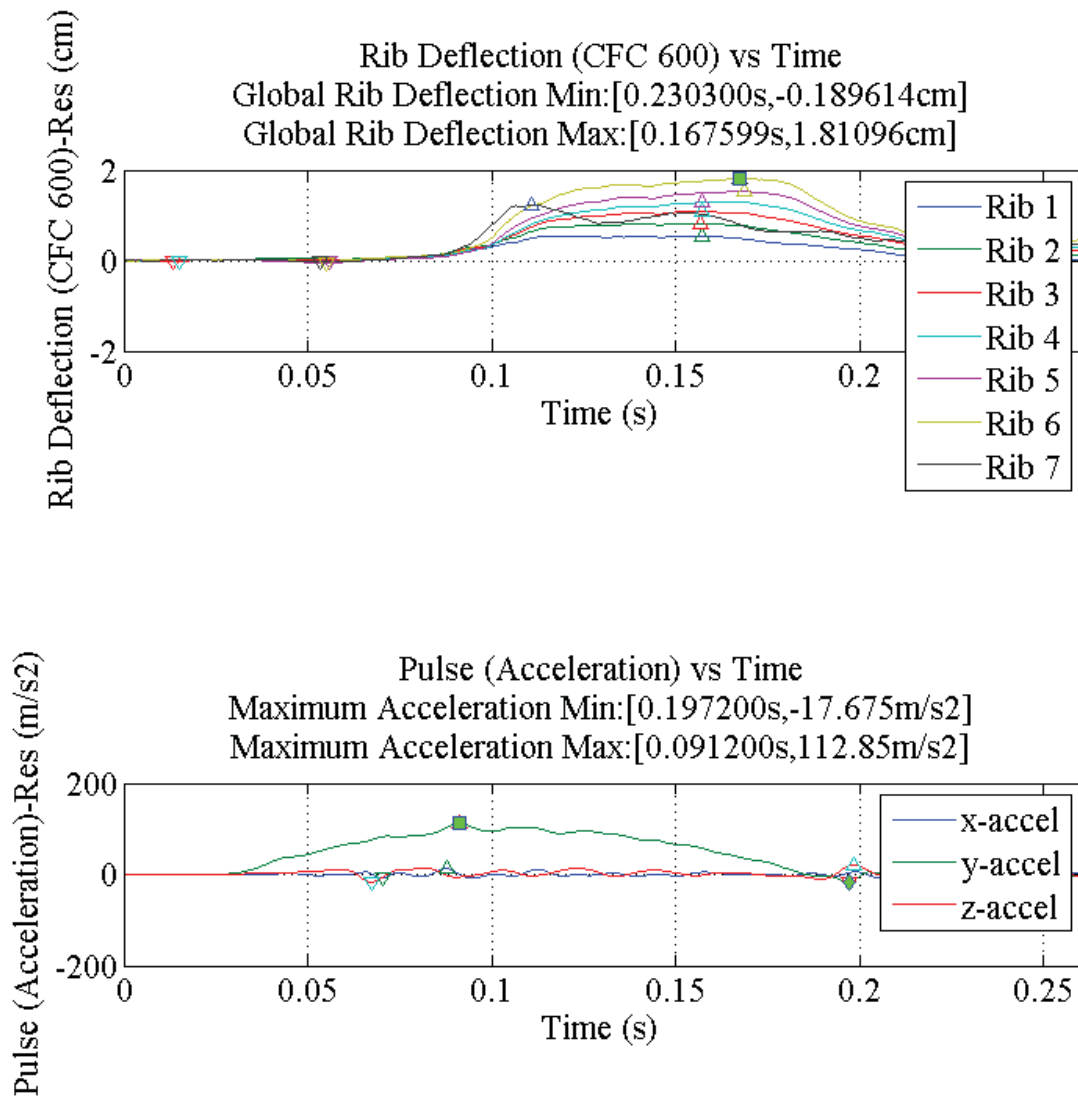
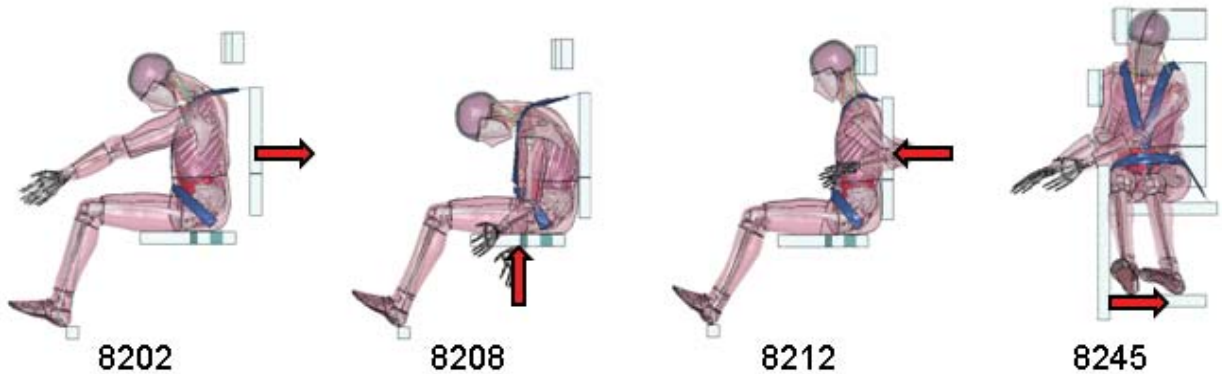


Figure 128: Right Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 10: Thorax Injury, Left Side Chest Deflection

Table 8: Tabulated Left Side Chest Deflection

| Simulation | Left Side Chest Deflection (cm) |
|--|---------------------------------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | 1.652 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | 1.674 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 1.700 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 1.700 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 1.580 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | -4.057 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | -4.047 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 1.852 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 1.811 |



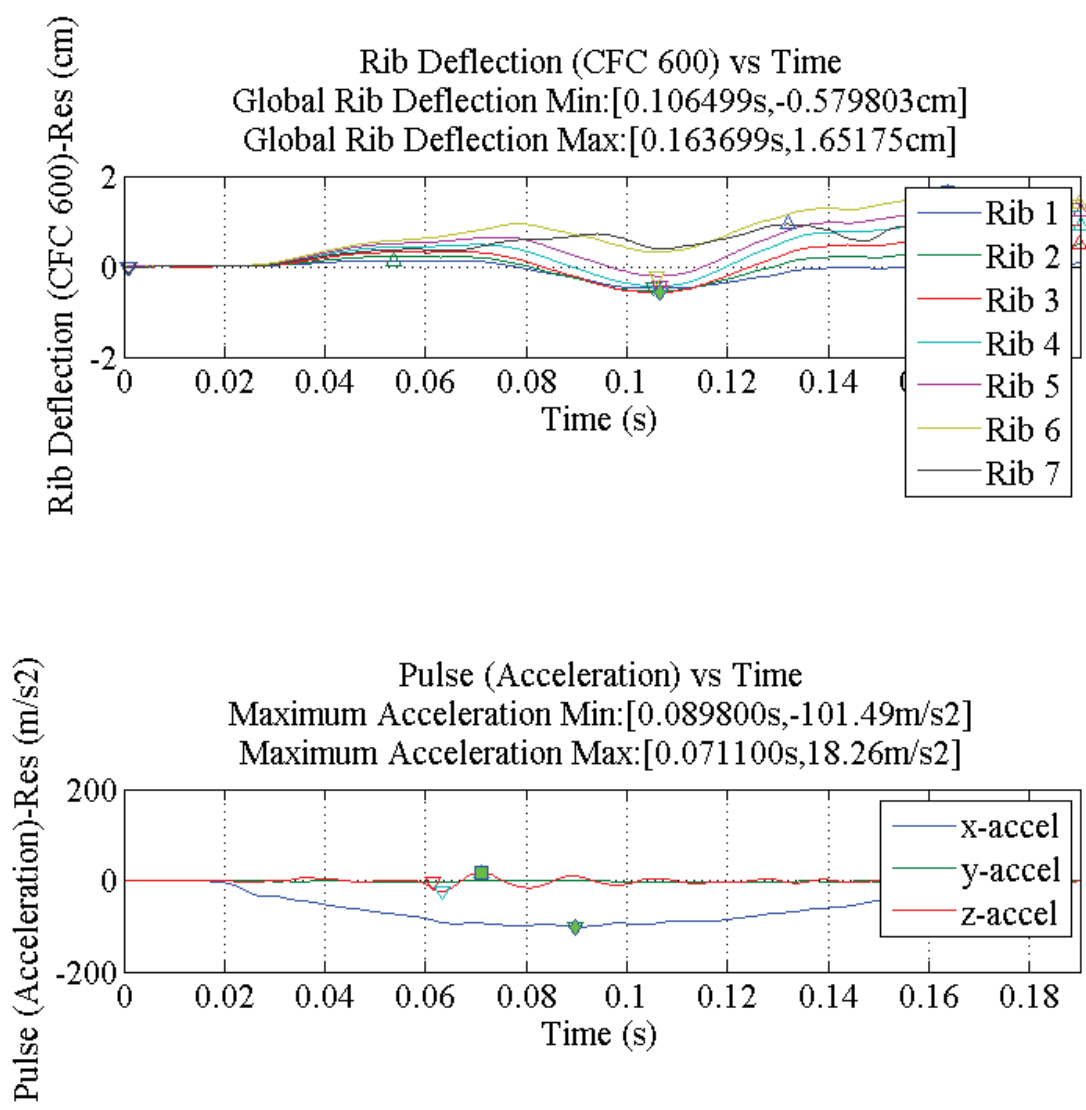


Figure 129: Left Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

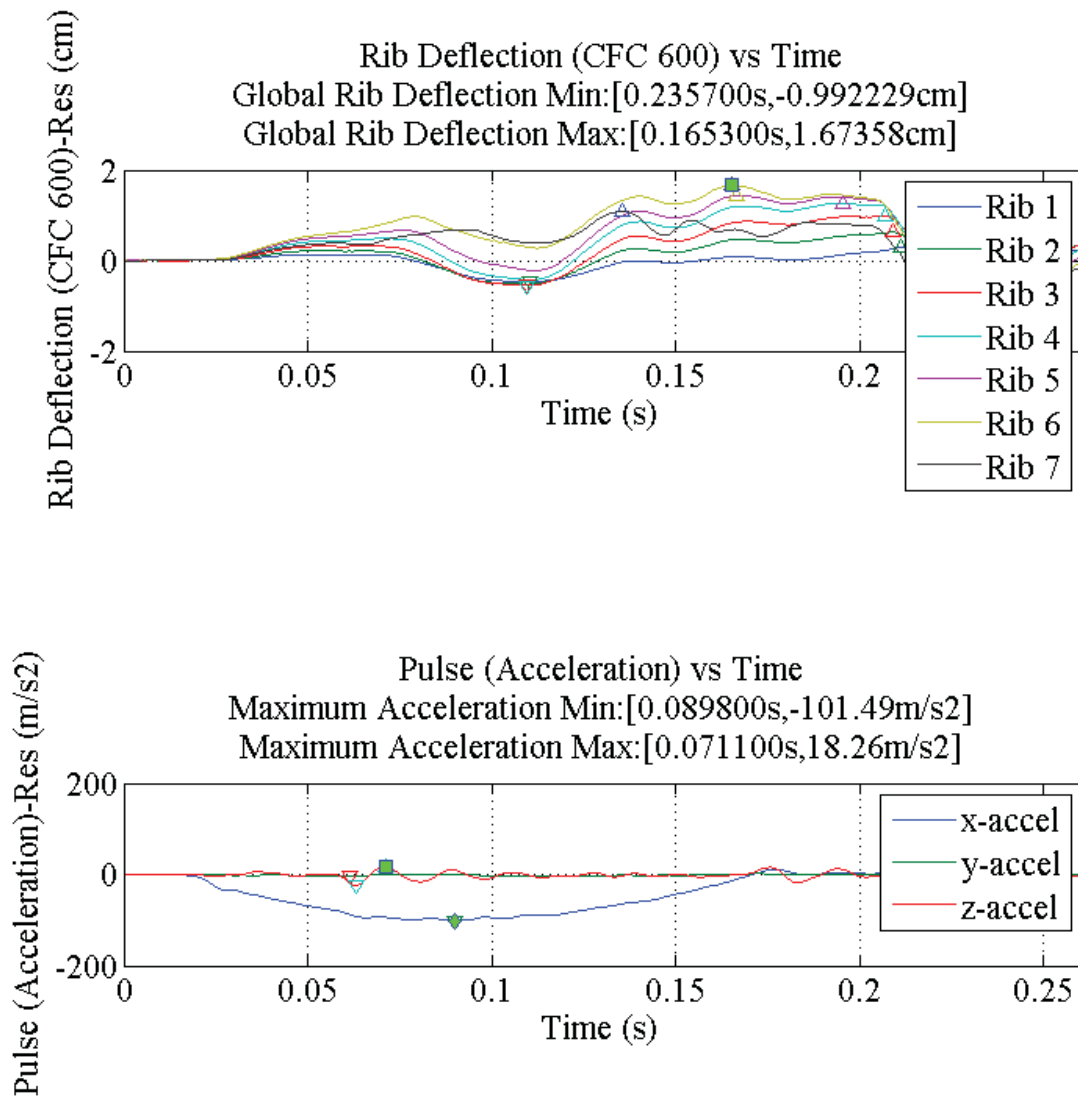


Figure 130: Left Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

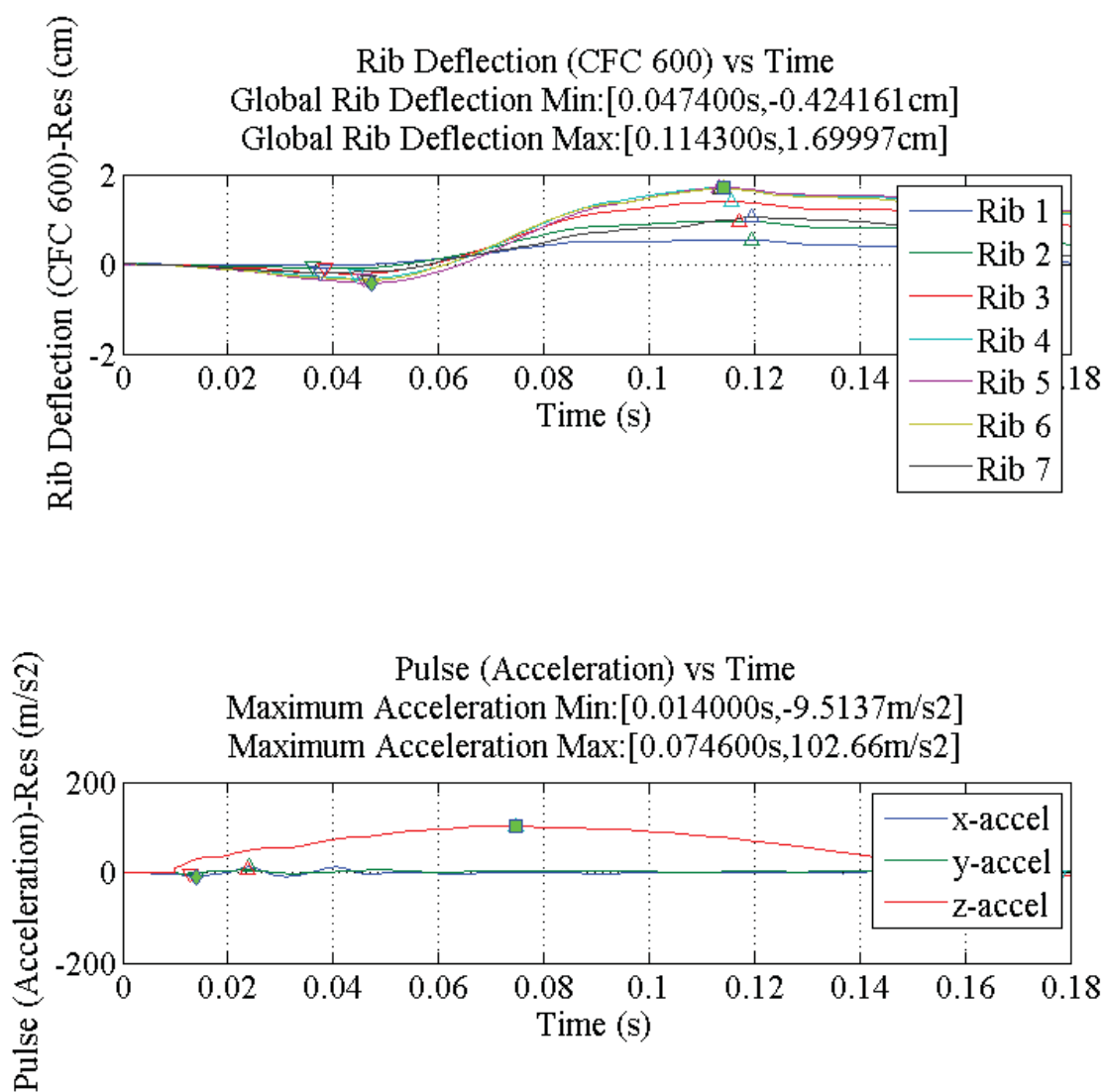


Figure 131: Left Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis gravity.

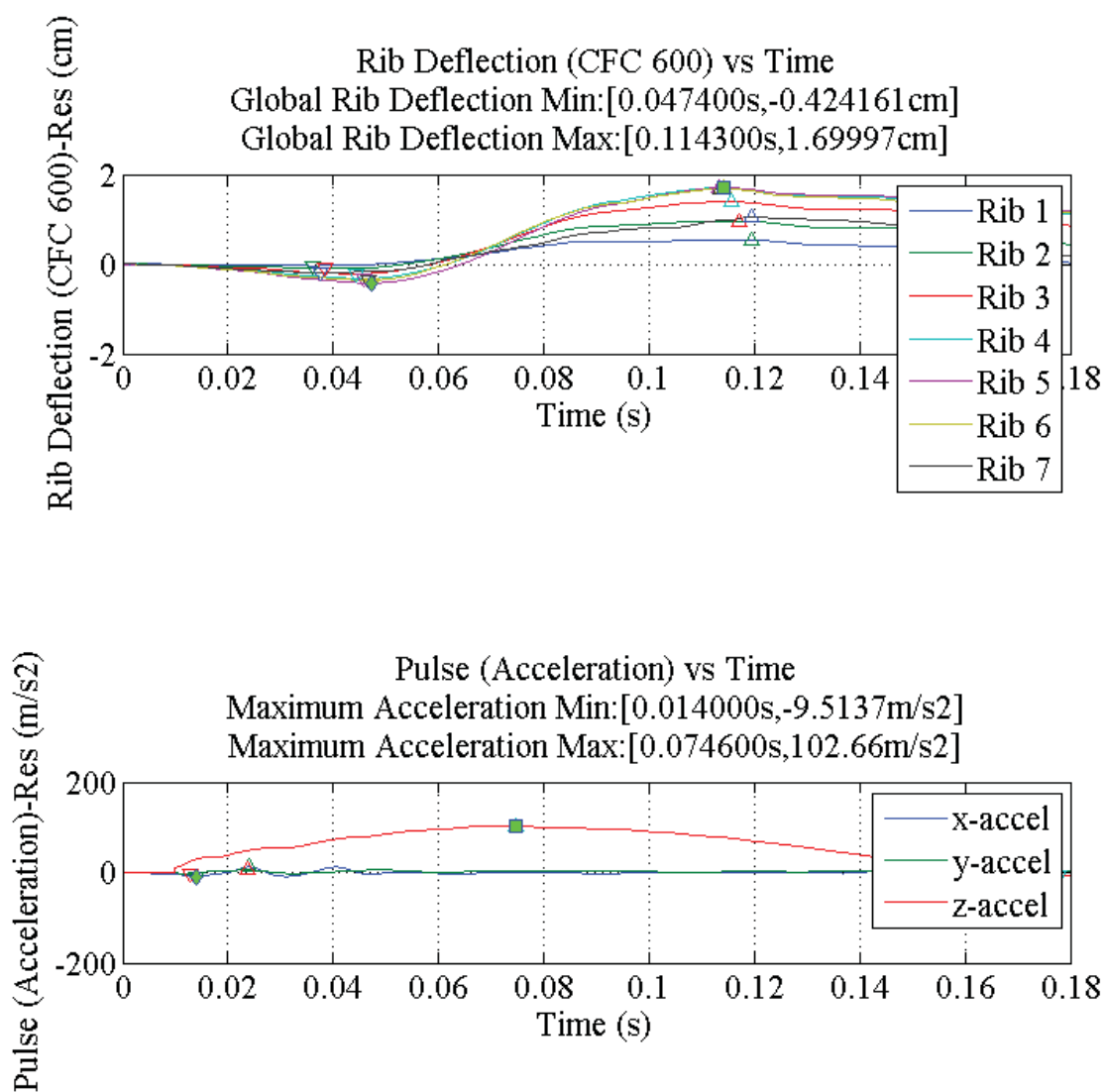


Figure 132: Left Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis gravity.

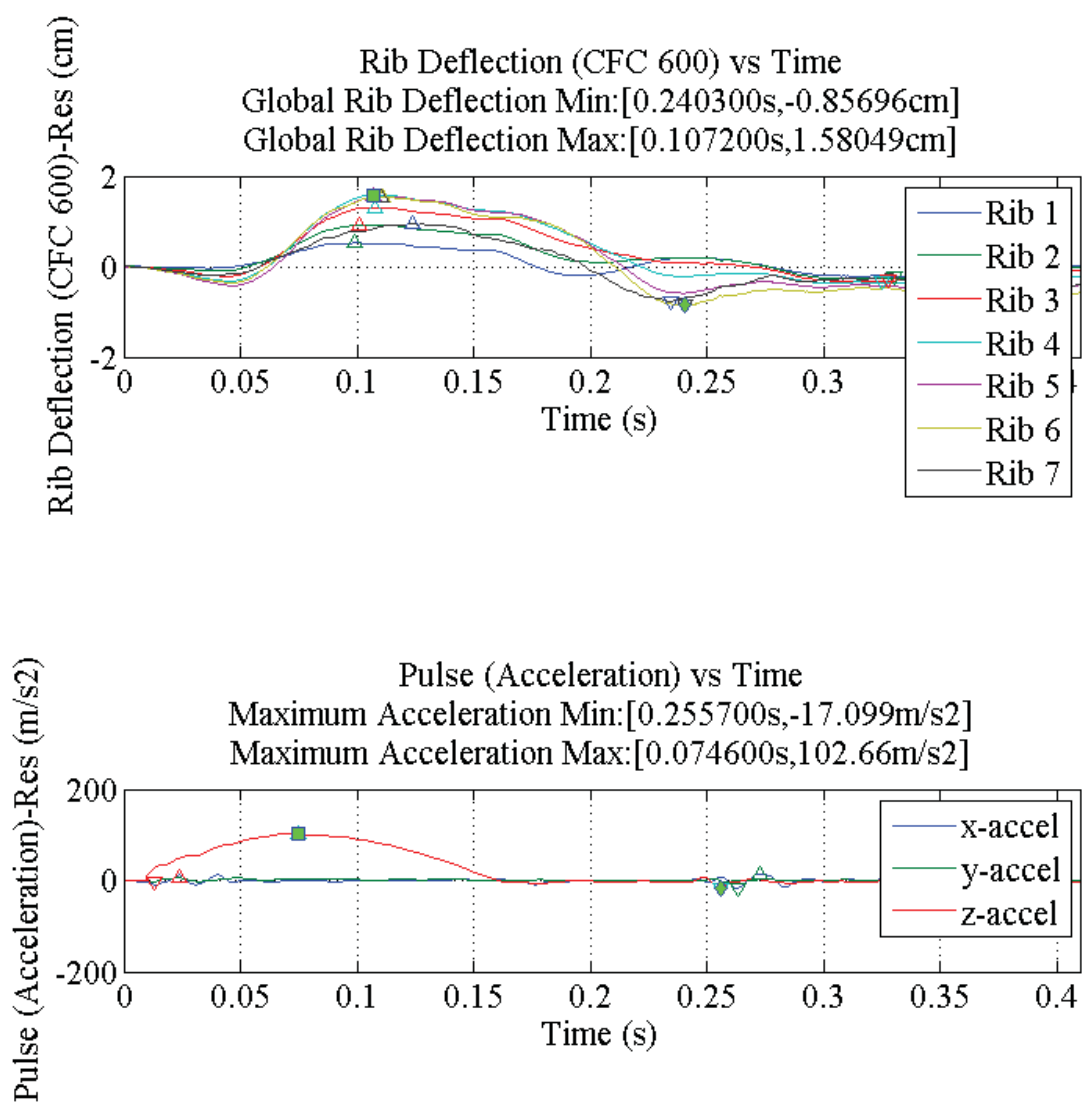


Figure 133: Left Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis gravity.

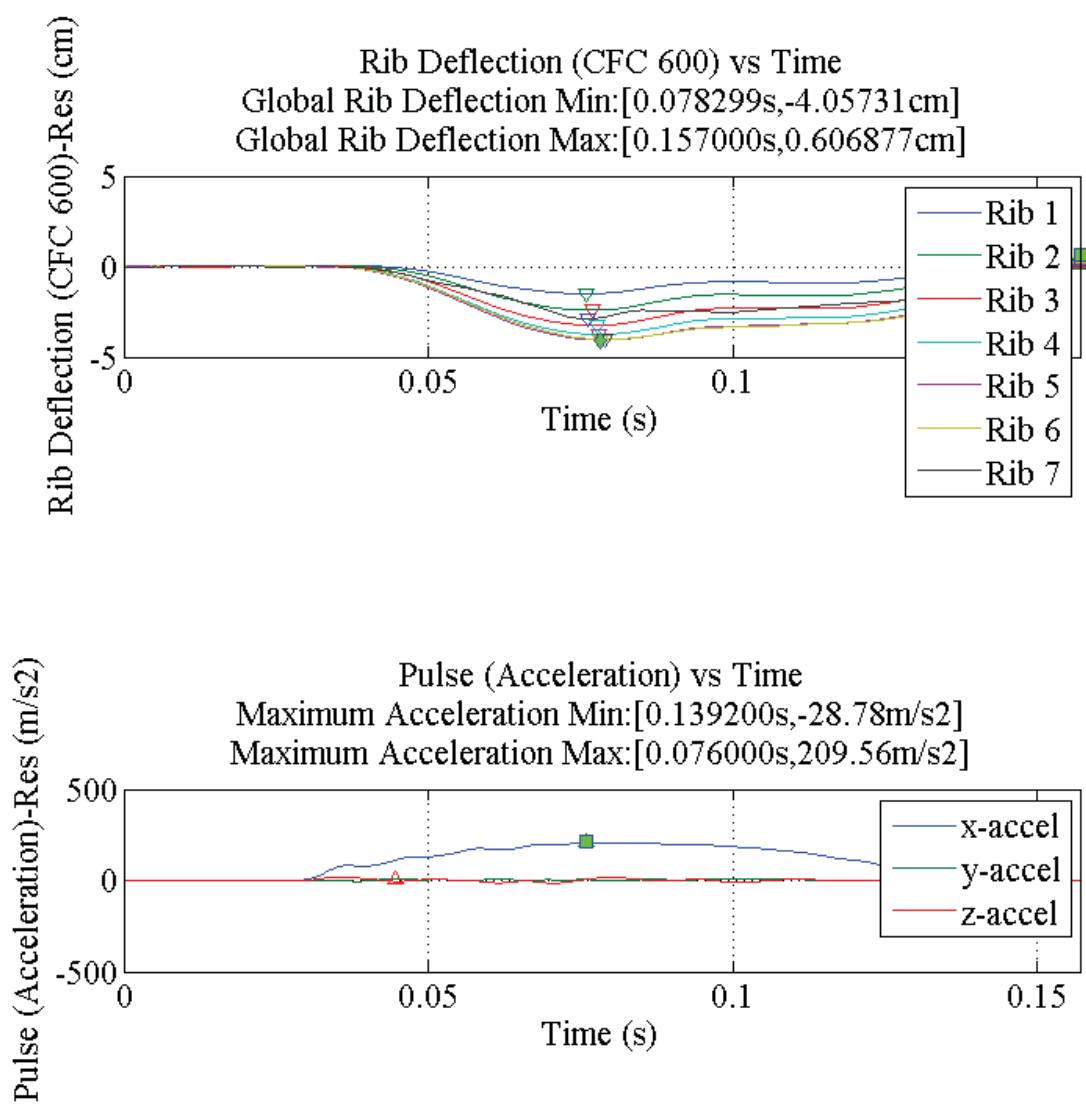


Figure 134: Left Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

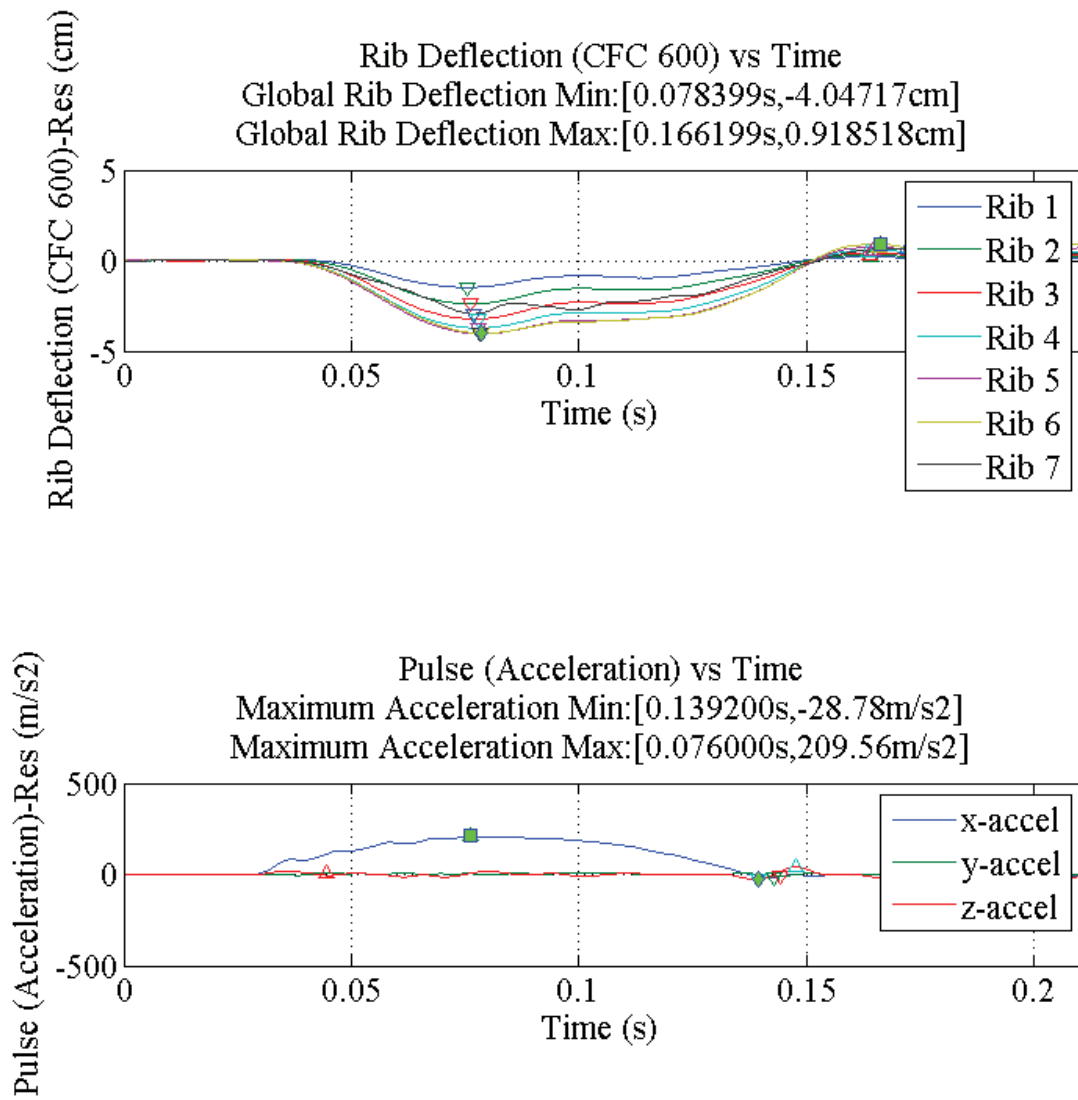


Figure 135: Left Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

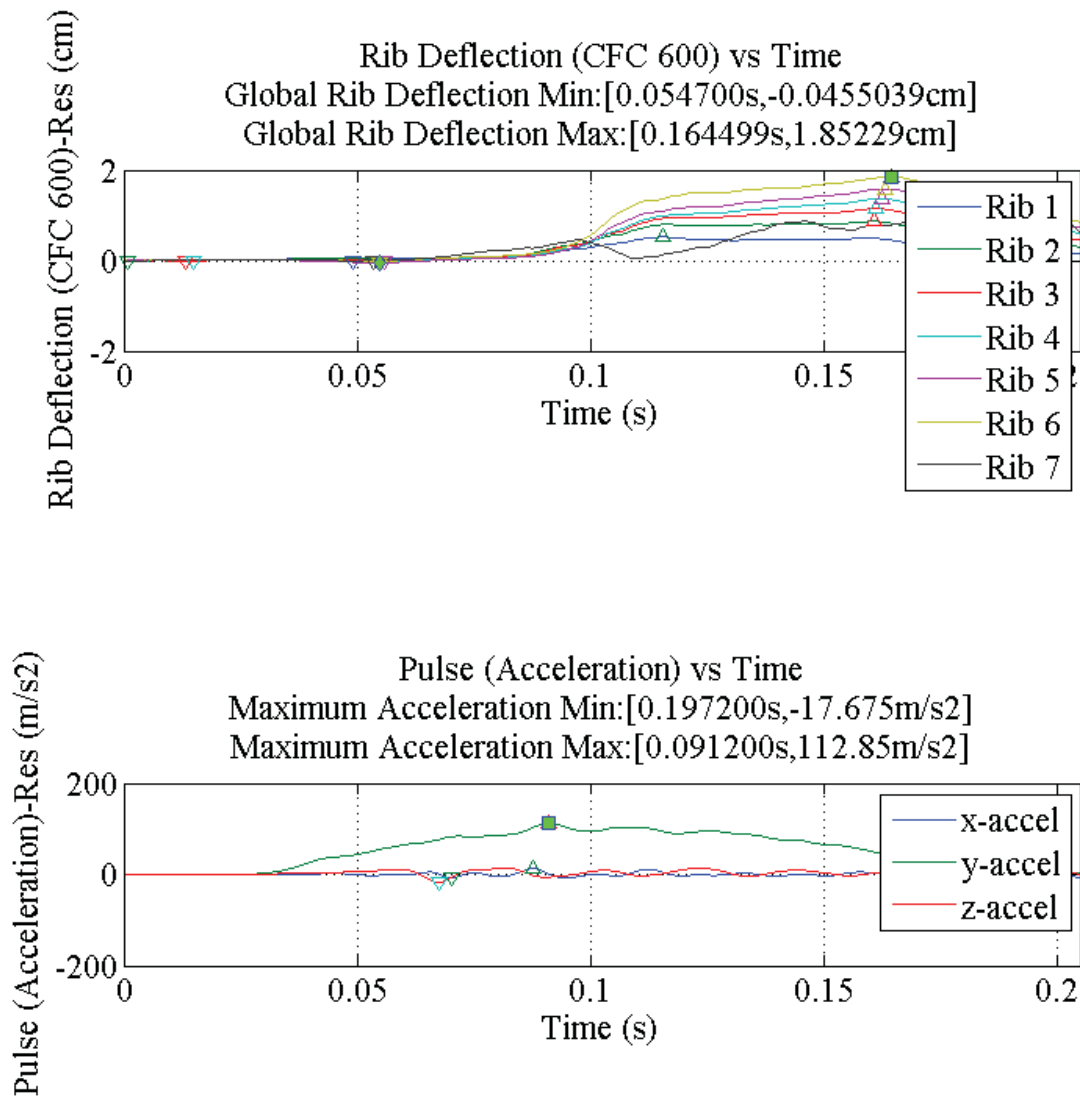


Figure 136: Left Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

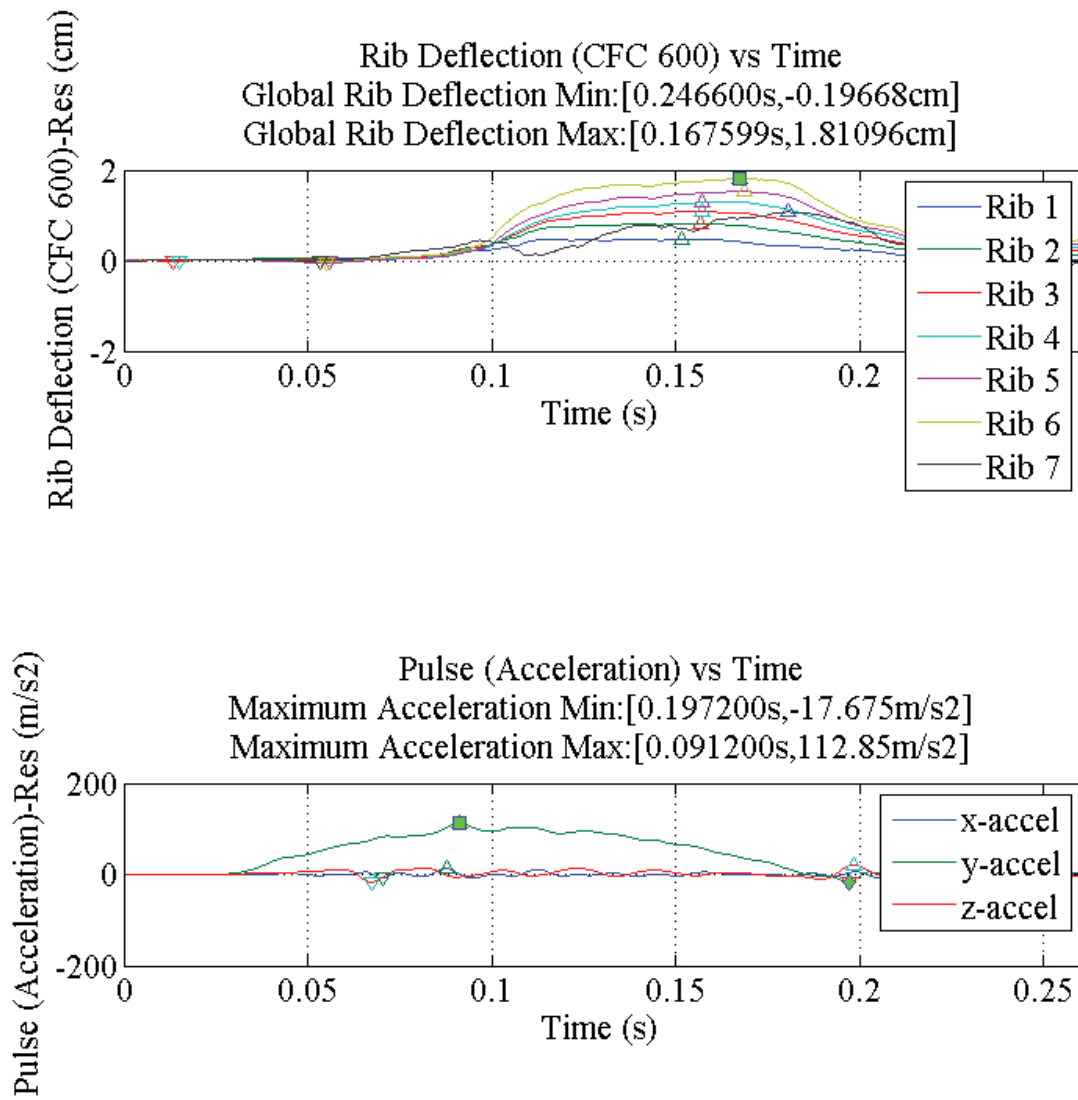
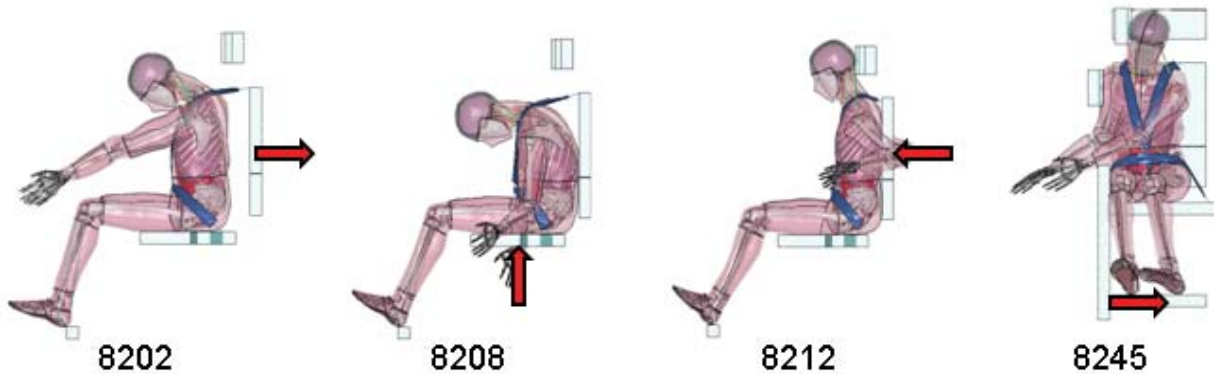


Figure 137: Left Side Chest Deflection for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 11: Thorax Injury, Chest Acceleration

Table 9: Tabulated Chest Acceleration

| Simulation | Chest Acceleration (g's) |
|--|--------------------------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | 19.435 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | 26.553 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 13.869 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 15.578 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 13.458 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | 29.141 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | 29.214 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 29.869 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 31.030 |



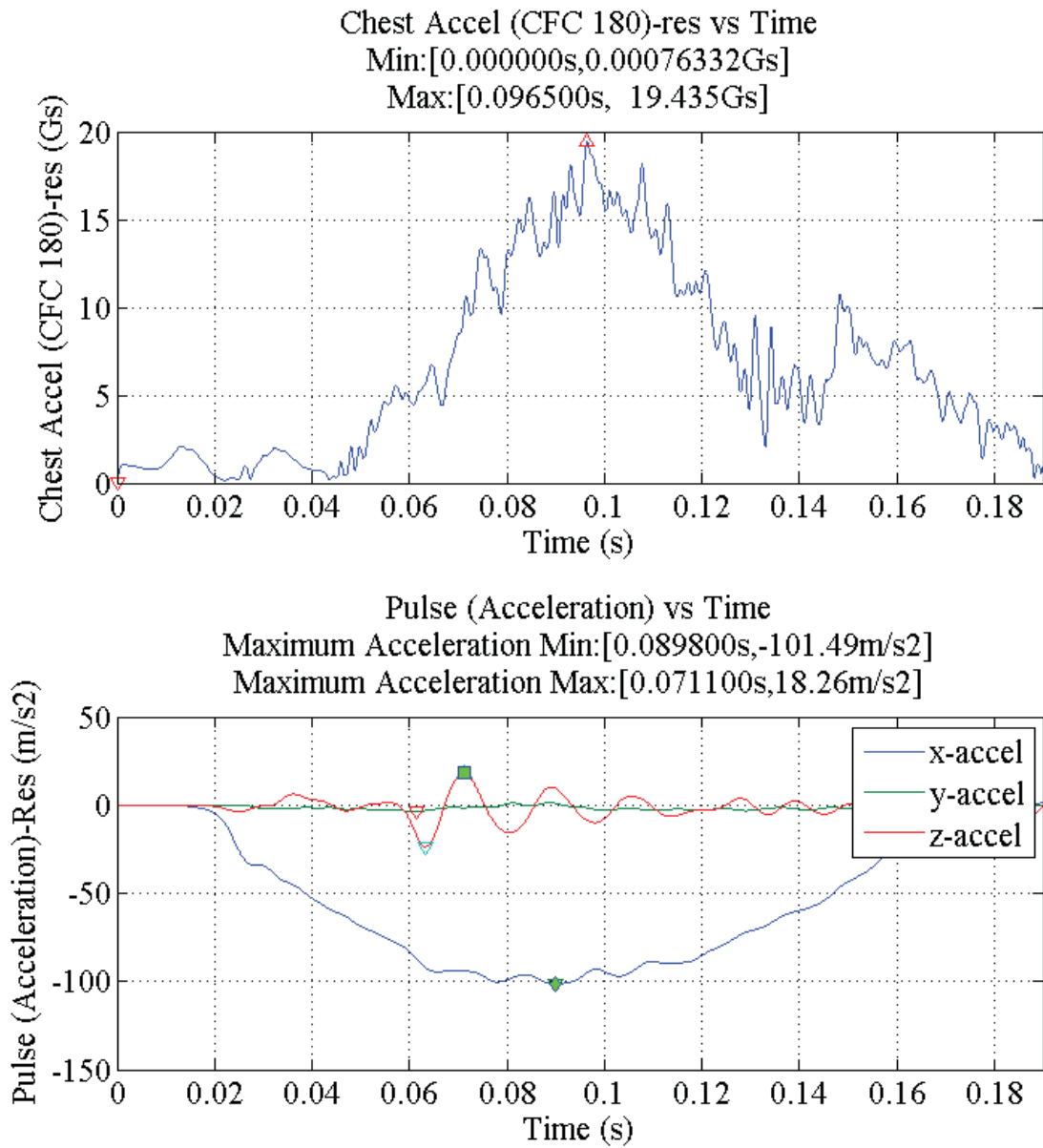


Figure 138: Chest Acceleration for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

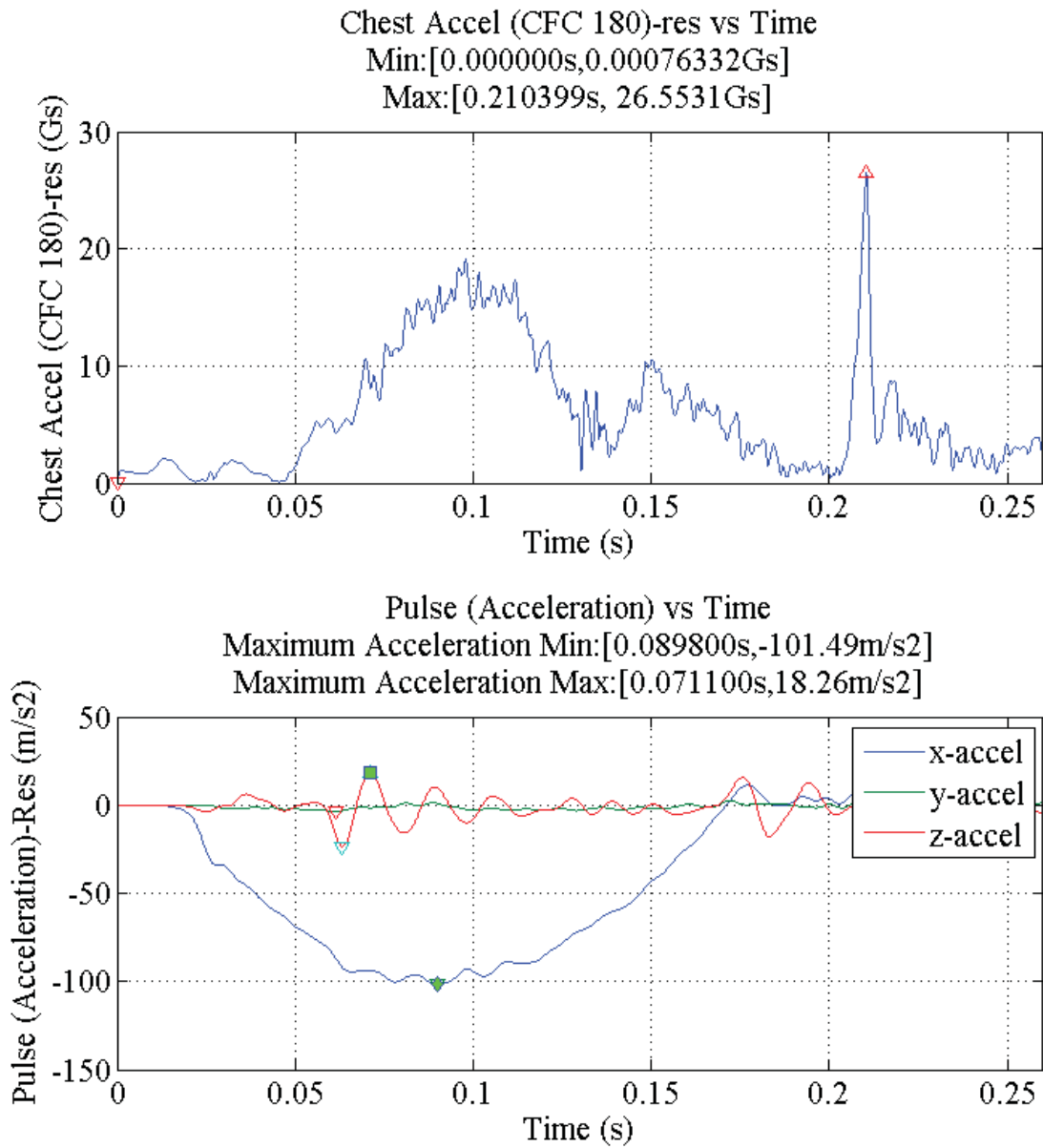


Figure 139: Chest Acceleration for simulation 8202 (Frontal), long pulse.

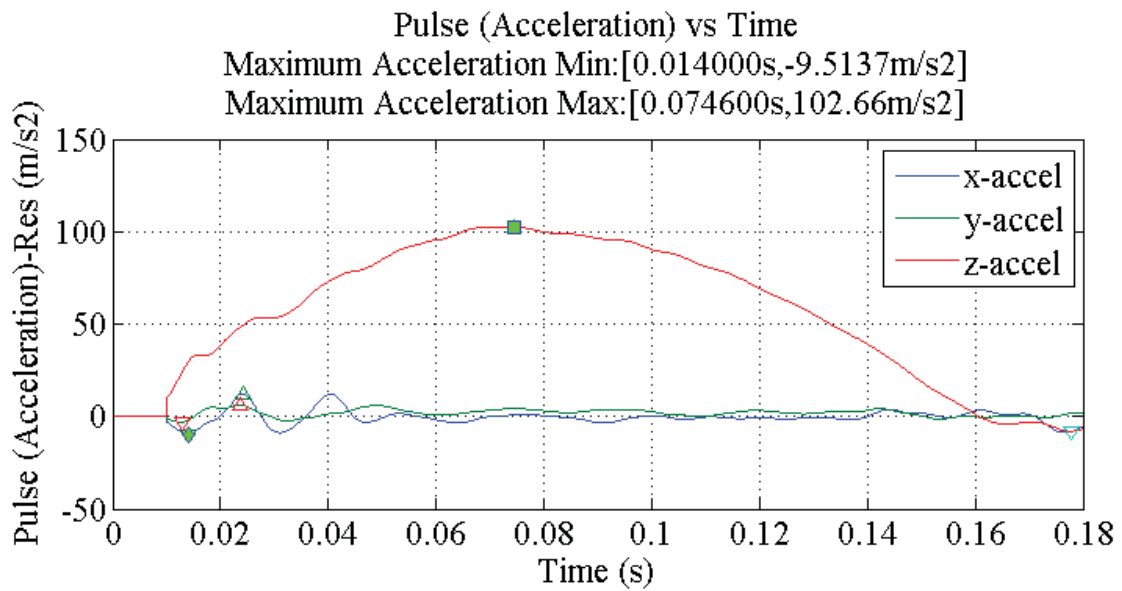
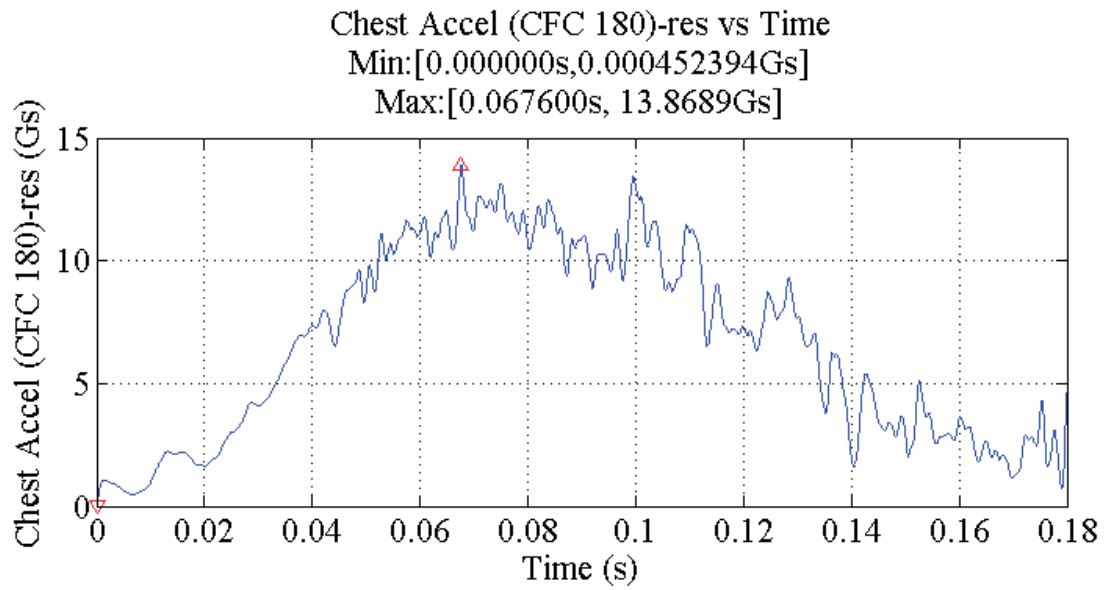


Figure 140: Chest Acceleration for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis gravity.

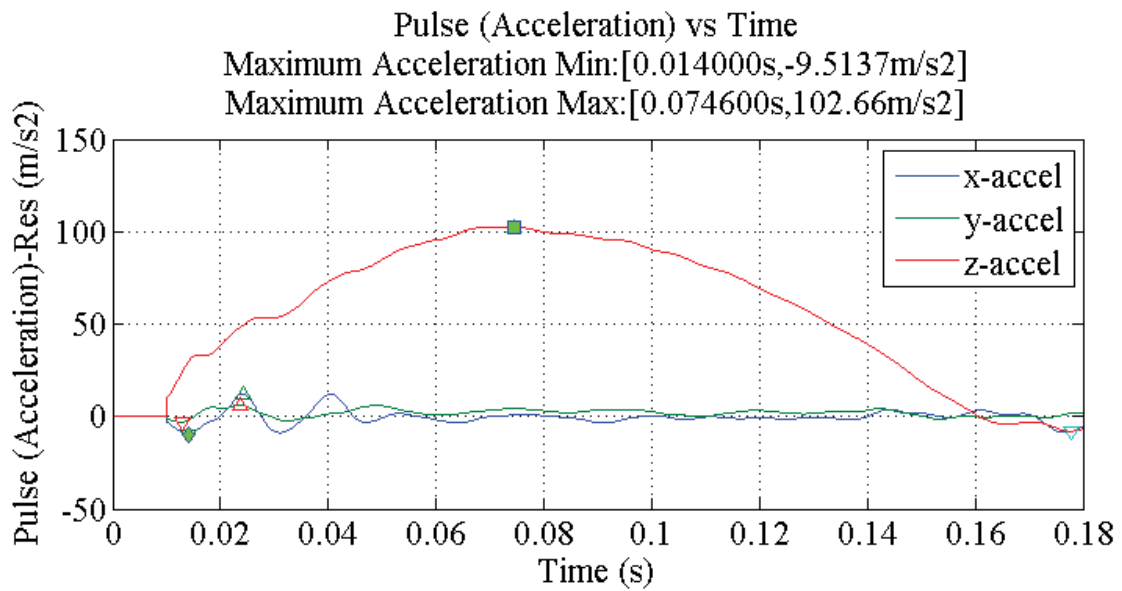
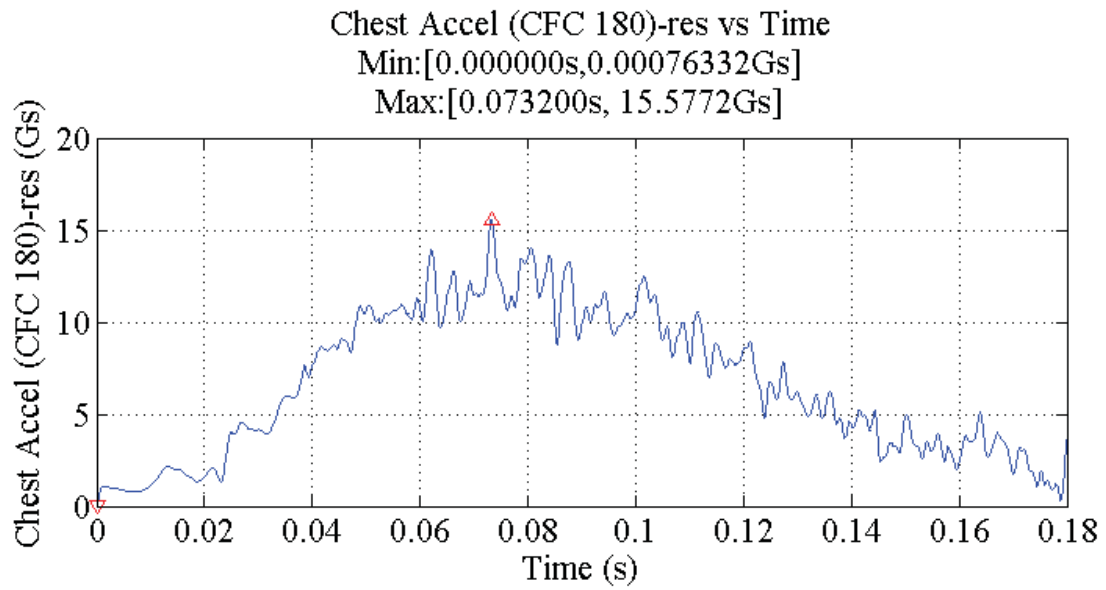


Figure 141: Chest Acceleration for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis gravity.

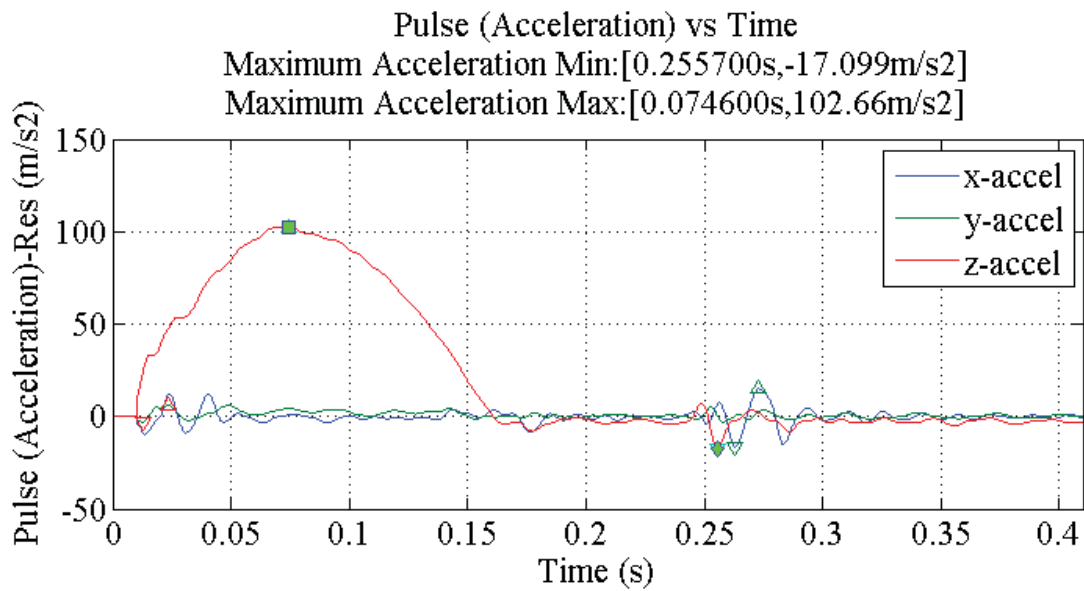
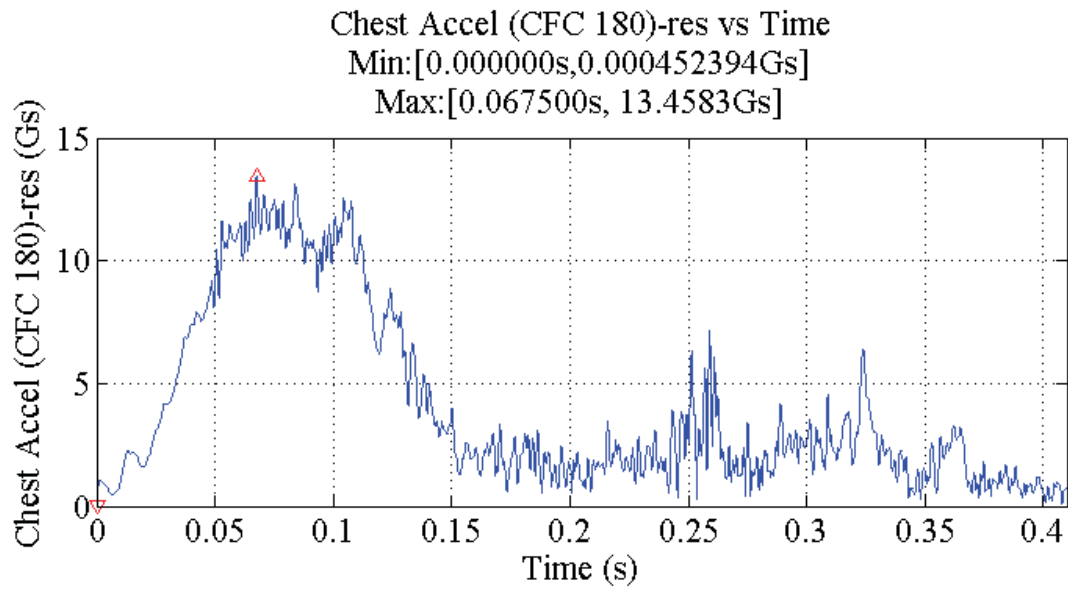


Figure 142: Chest Acceleration for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis gravity.

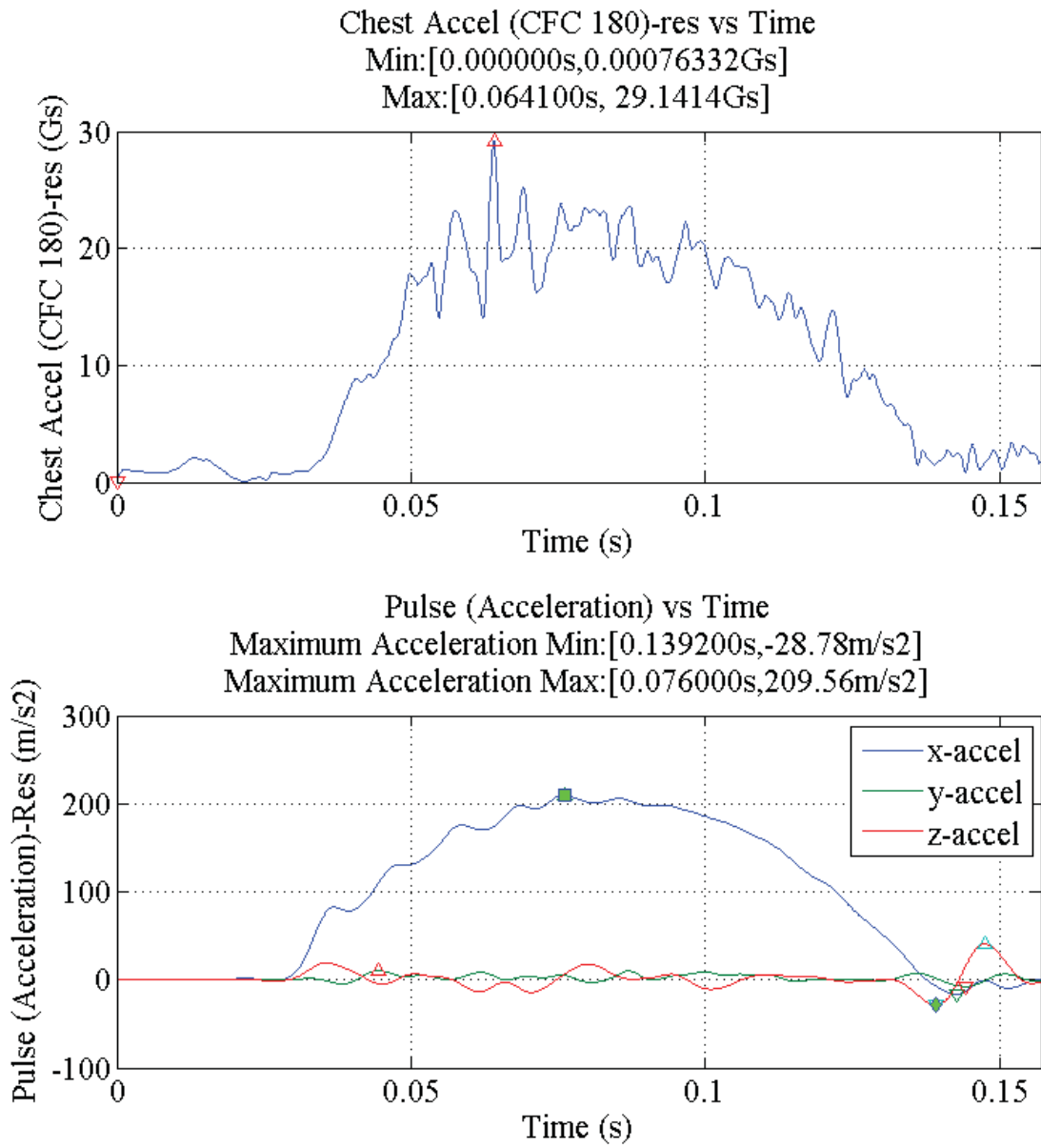


Figure 143: Chest Acceleration for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

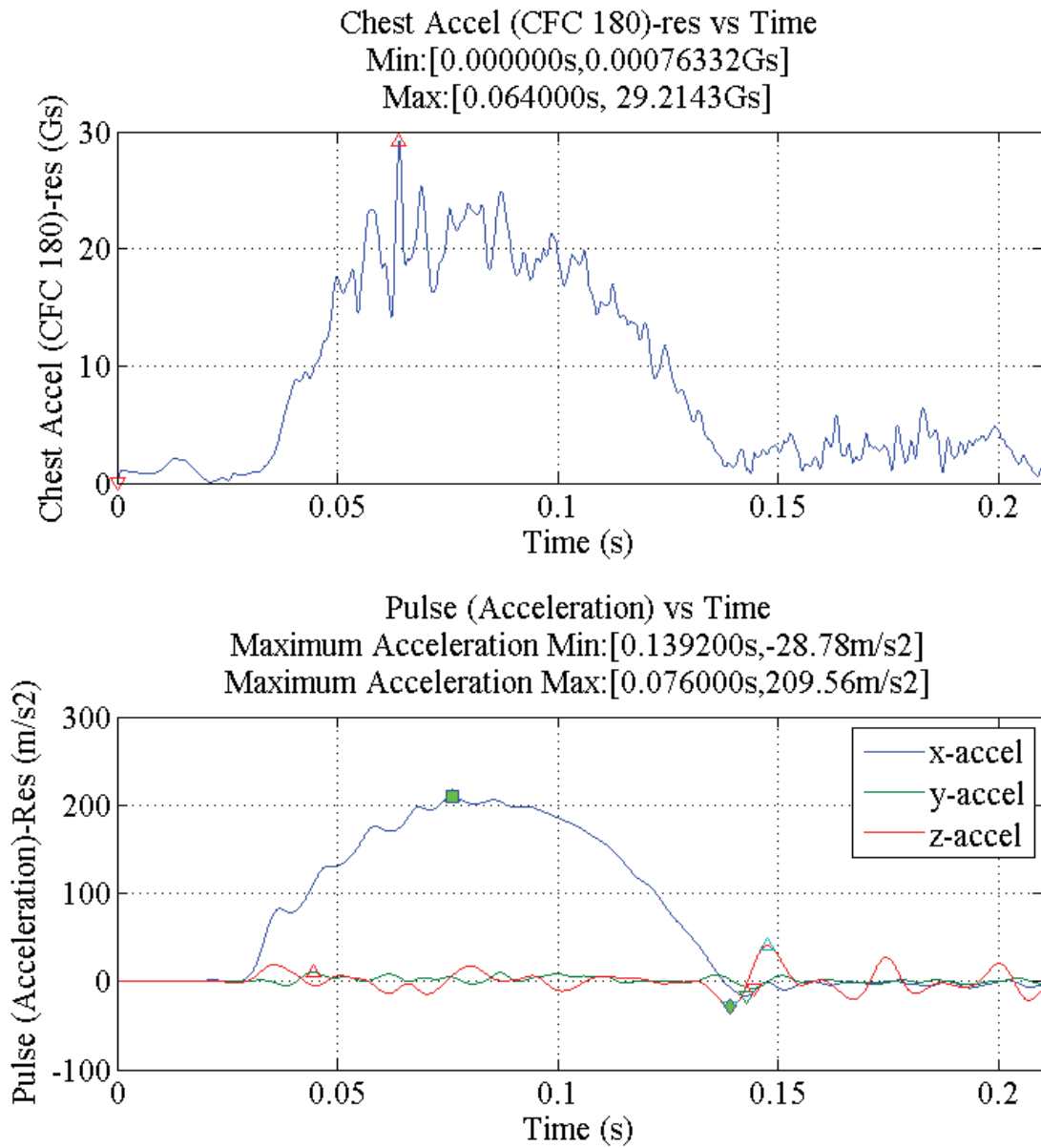


Figure 144: Chest Acceleration for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

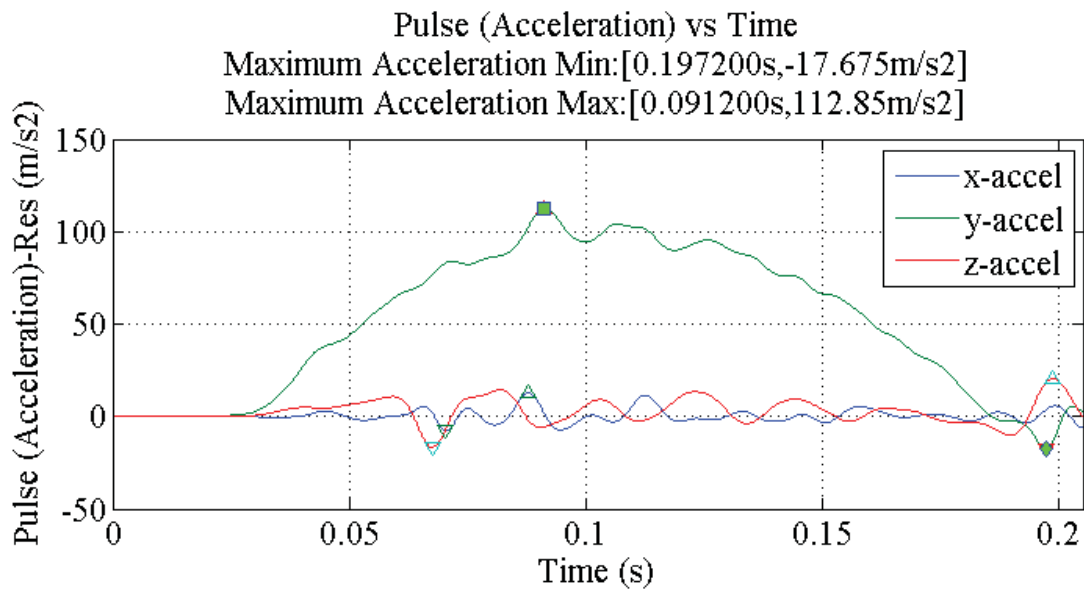
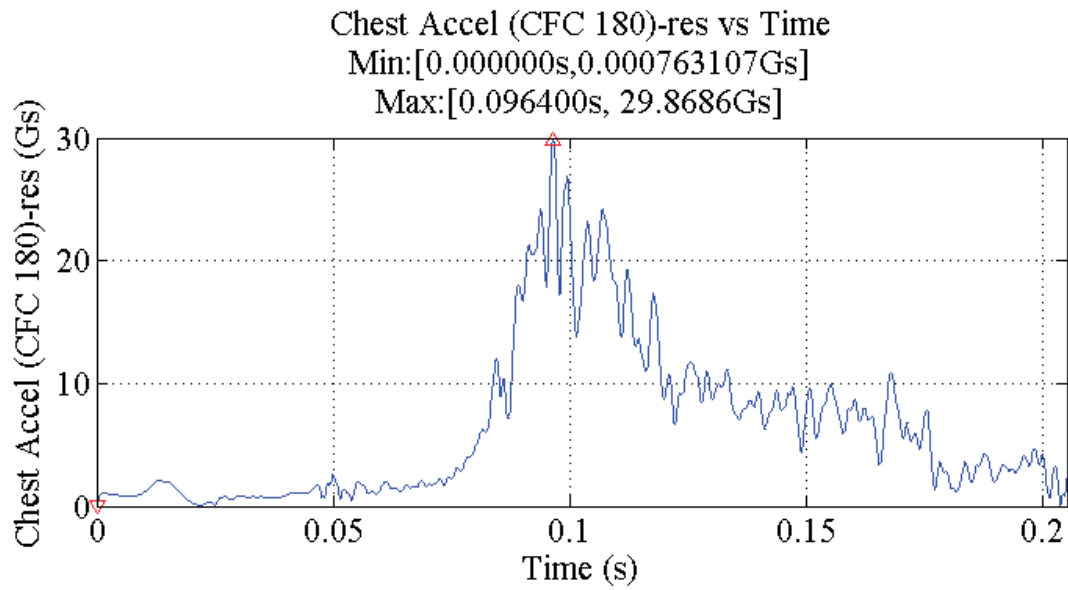


Figure 145: Chest Acceleration for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

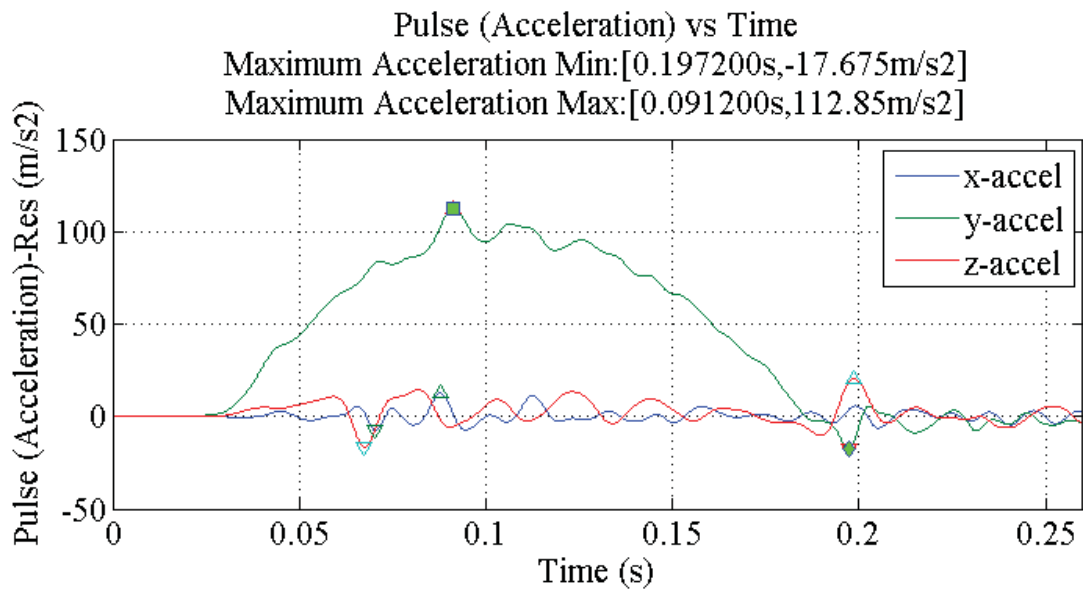
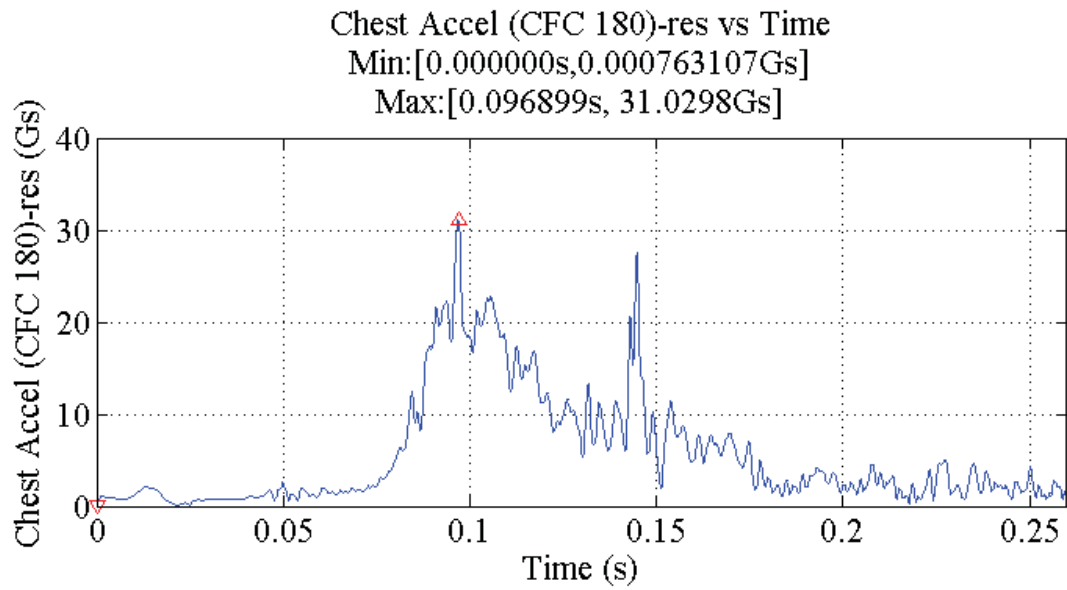
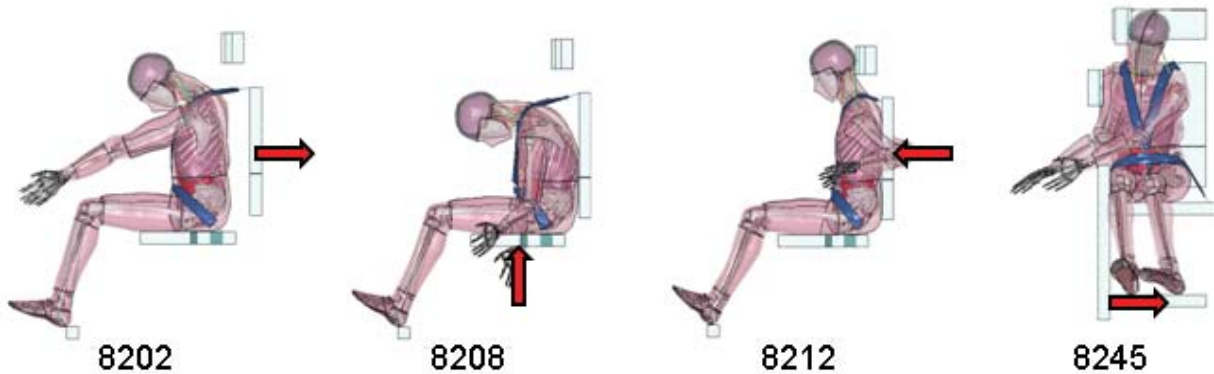


Figure 146: Chest Acceleration for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 12: Lumbar Spin Injury, Lumbar Spine Force

Table 10: Tabulated Lumbar Spine Force

| Simulation | Lumbar Force (N) |
|--|------------------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | 1005.45 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | 992.09 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 1784.99 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 2097.77 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 1795.05 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | 415.48 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | 388.51 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 816.22 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 945.47 |



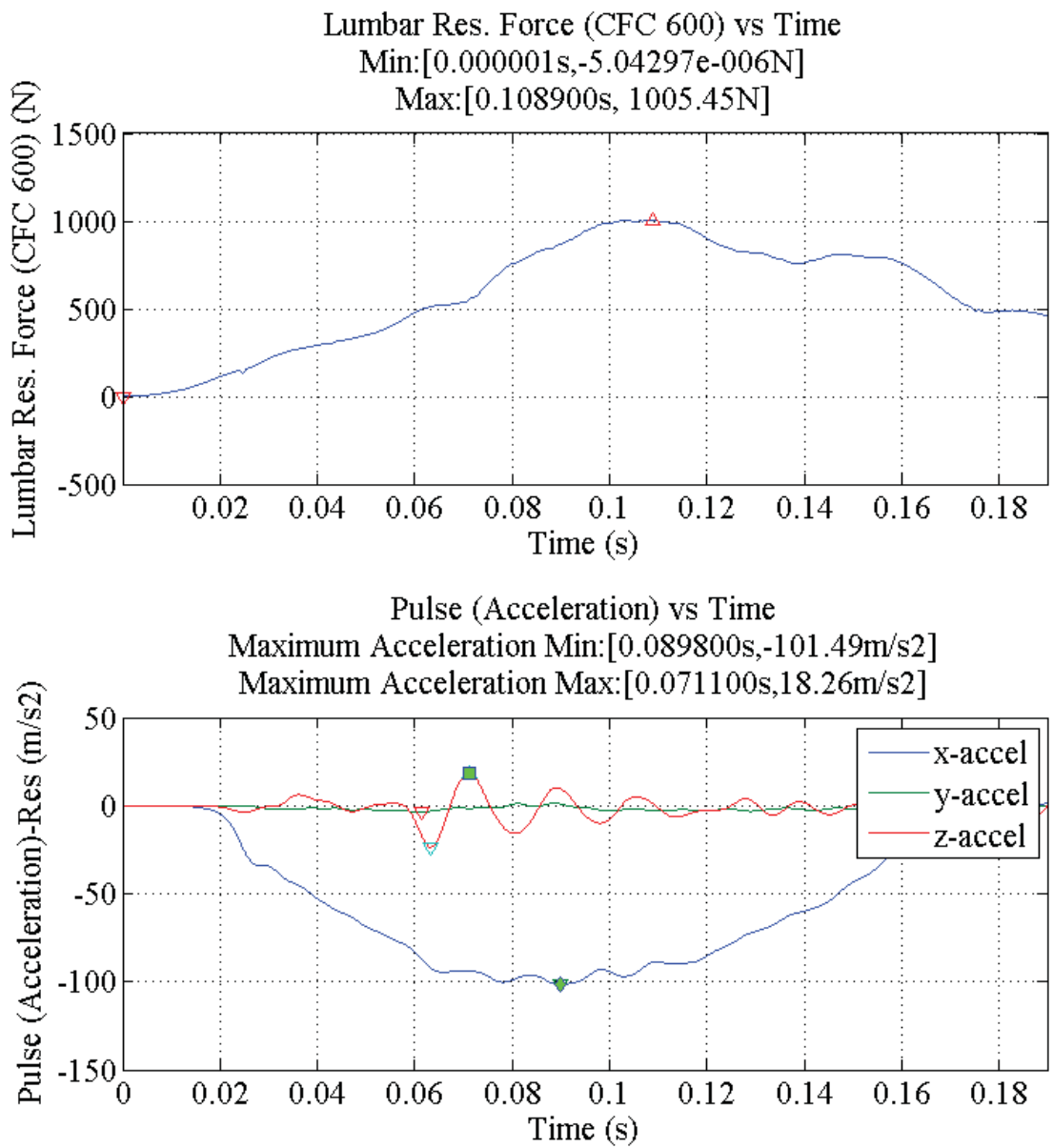


Figure 147: Lumbar Spine Force for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

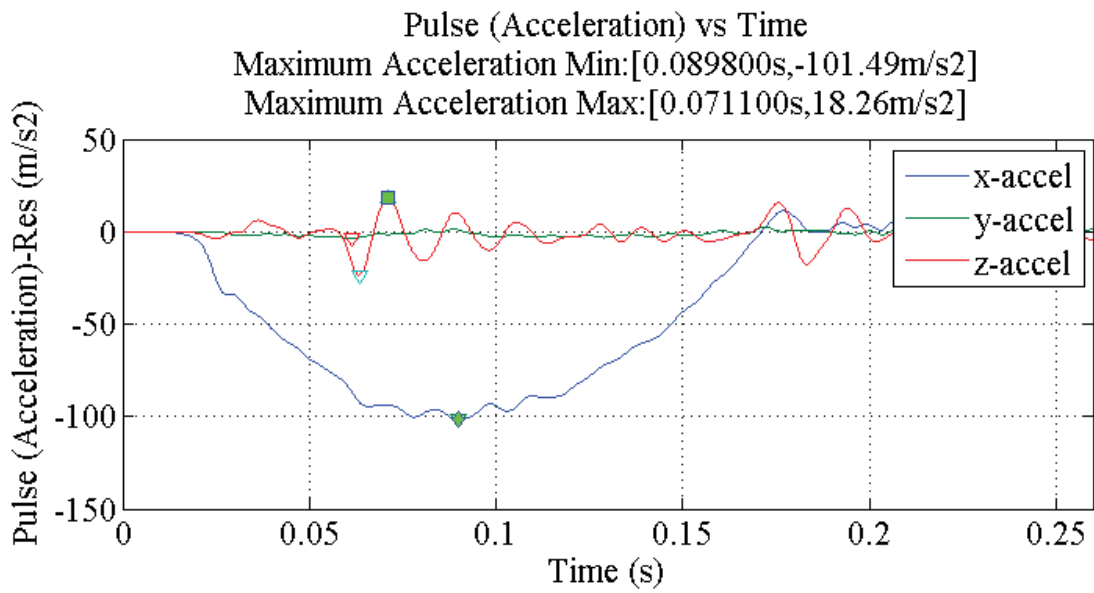
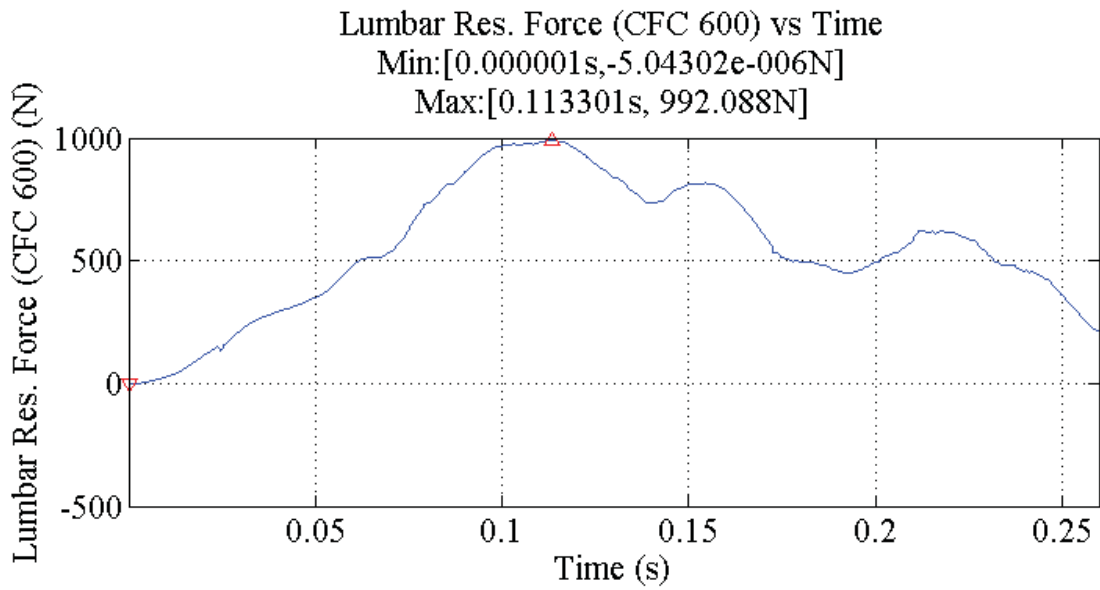


Figure 148: Lumbar Spine Force for simulation 8202 (Frontal), long pulse.

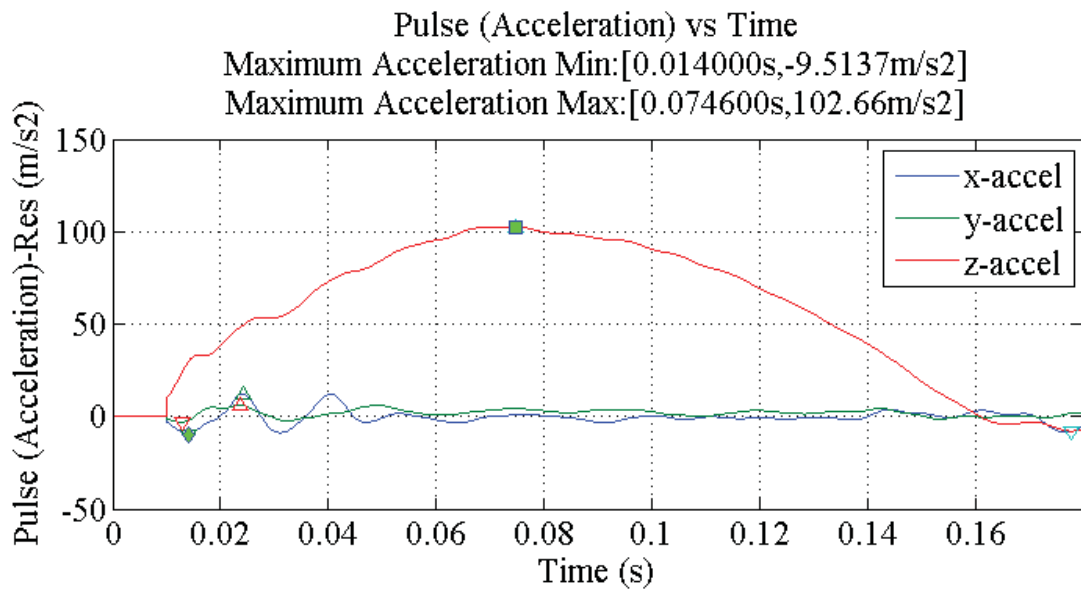
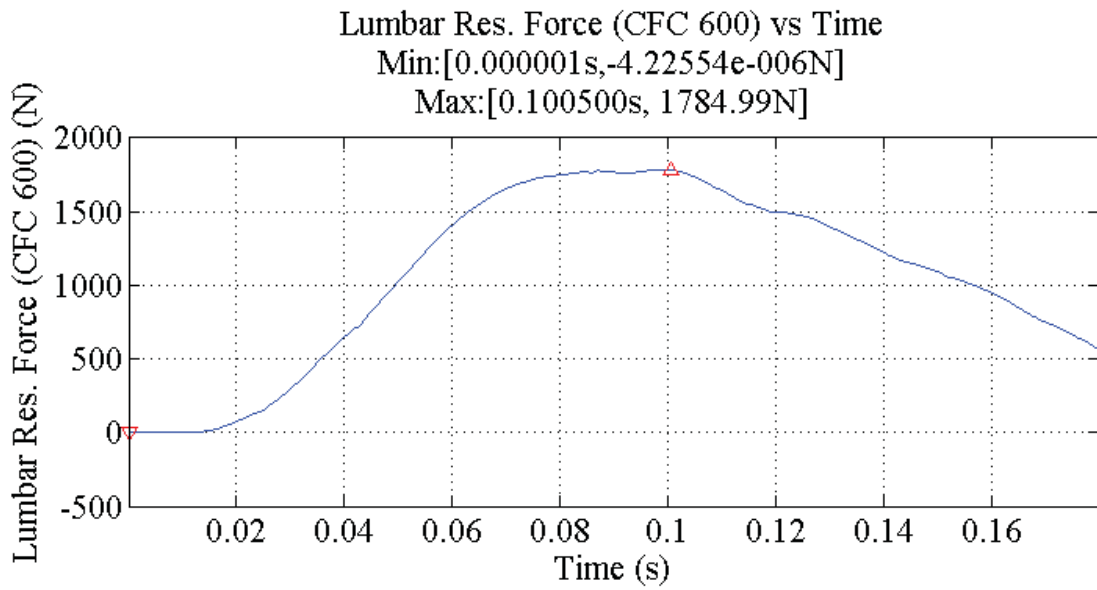


Figure 149: Lumbar Spine Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis gravity.

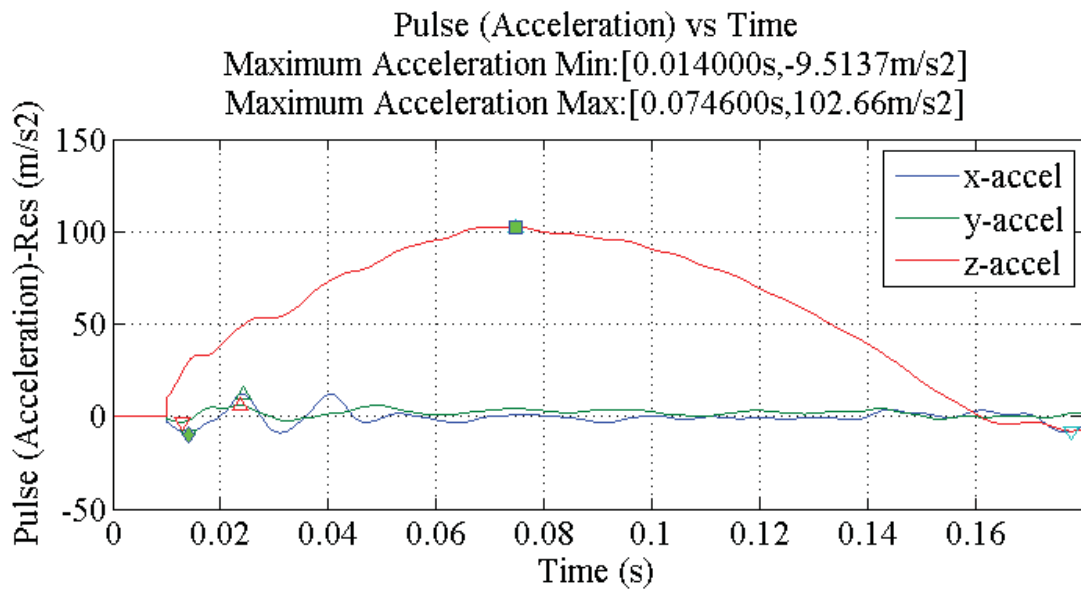
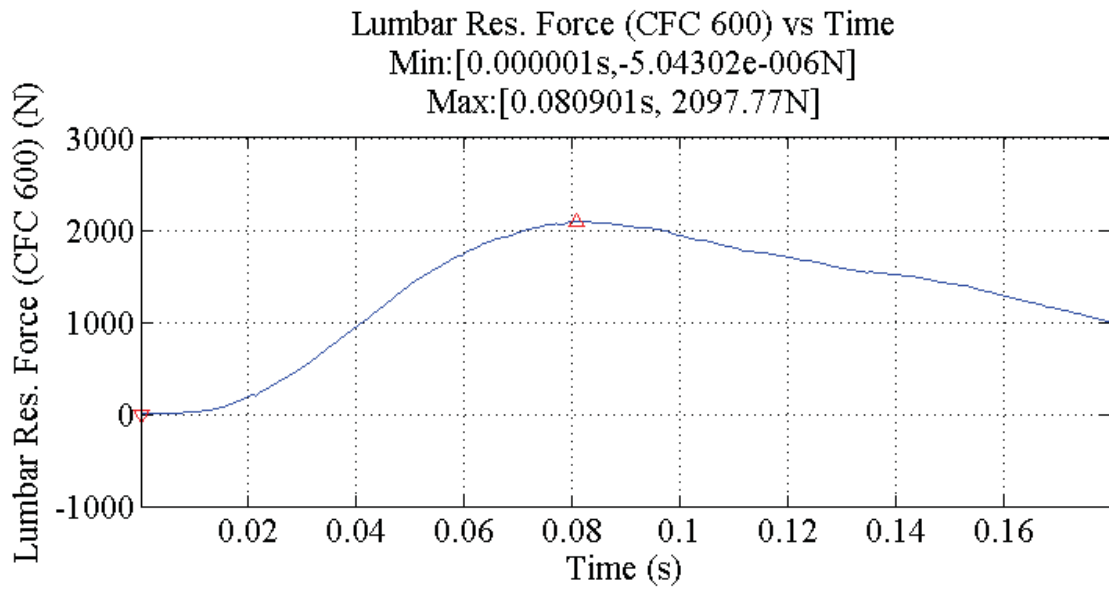


Figure 150: Lumbar Spine Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis gravity.

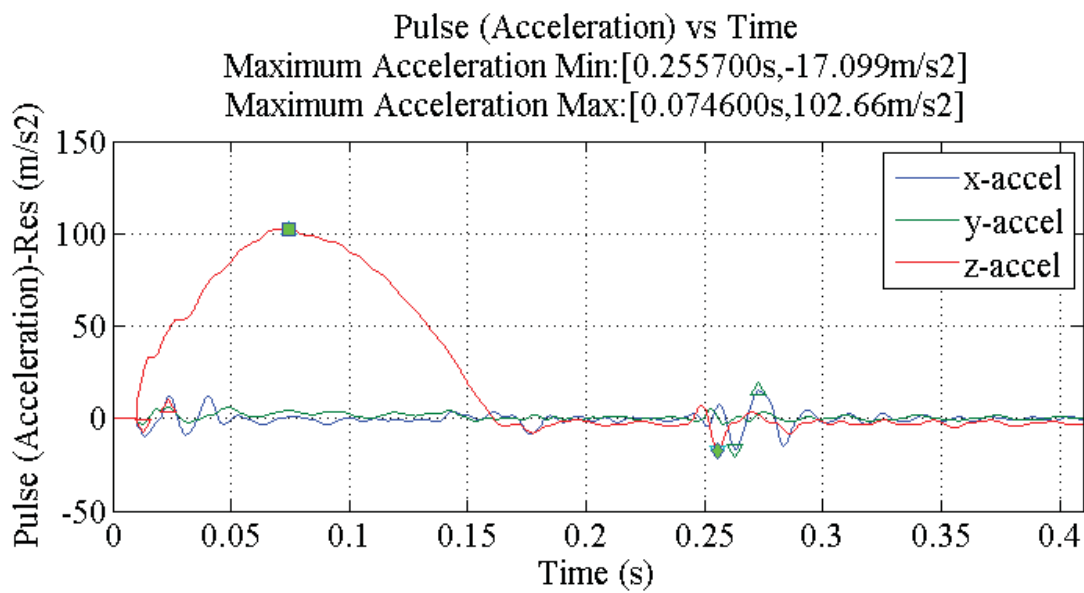
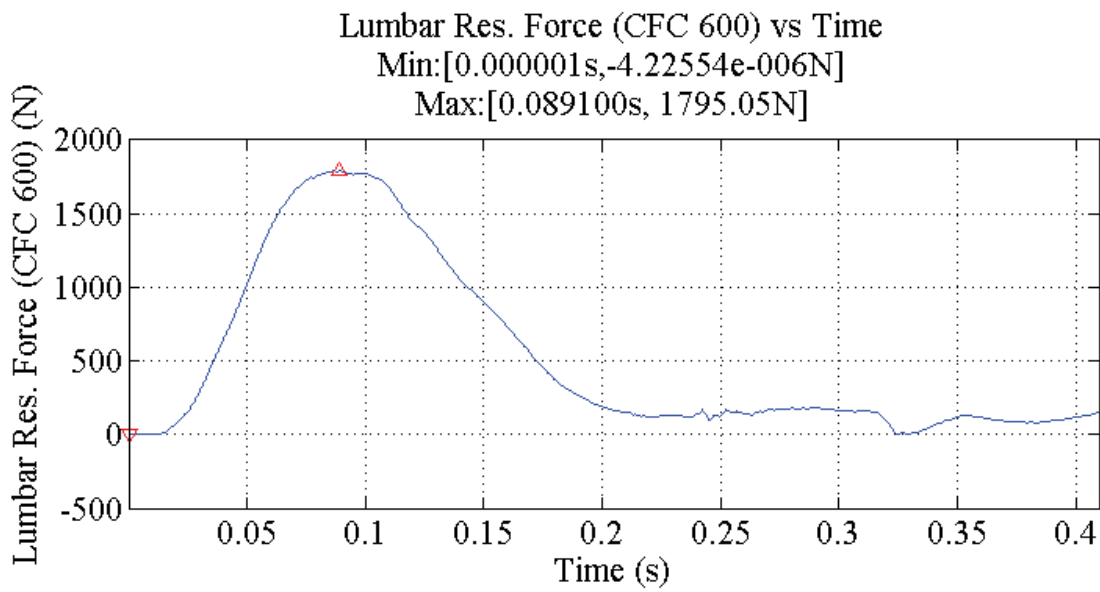


Figure 151: Lumbar Spine Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis gravity.

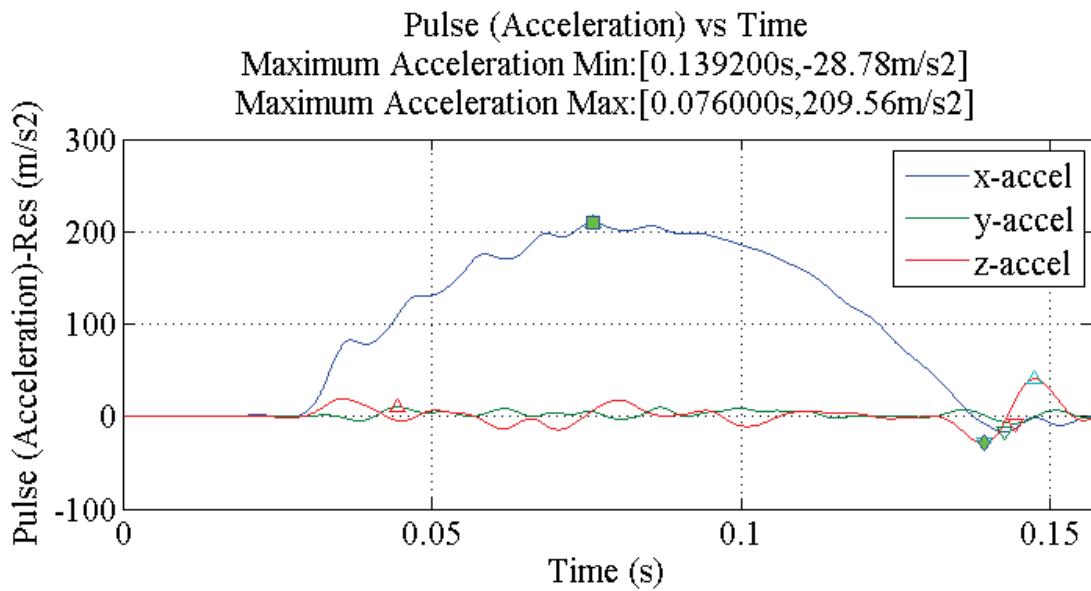
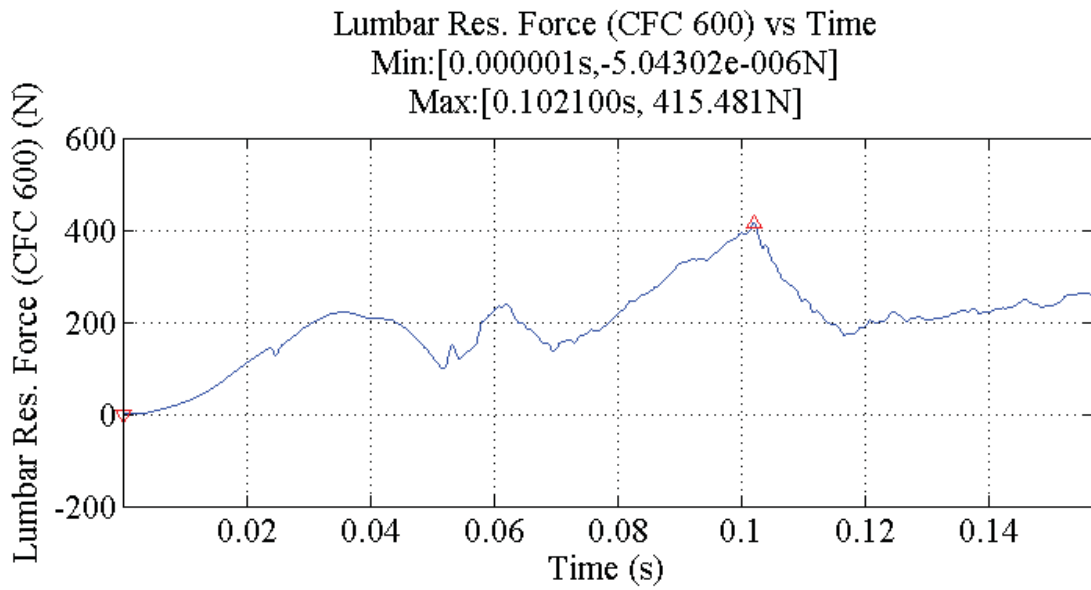


Figure 152: Lumbar Spine Force for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

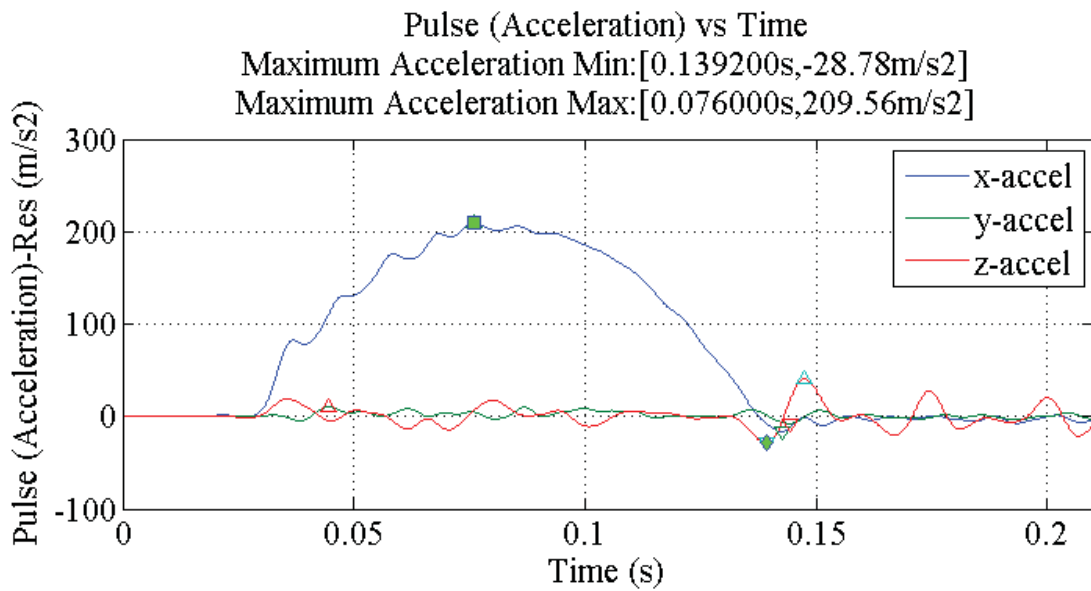
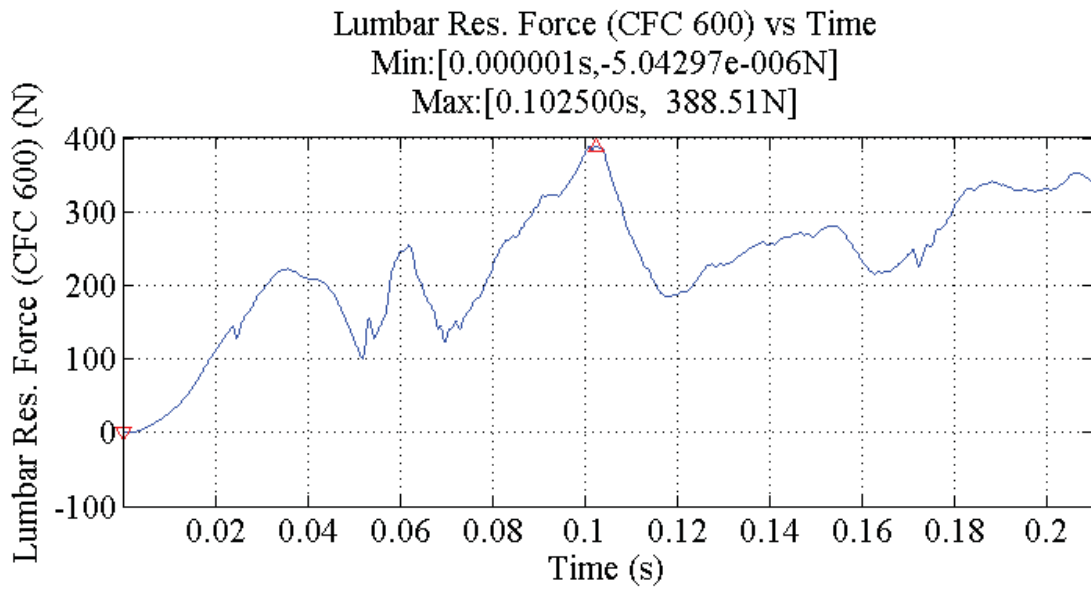


Figure 153: Lumbar Spine Force for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

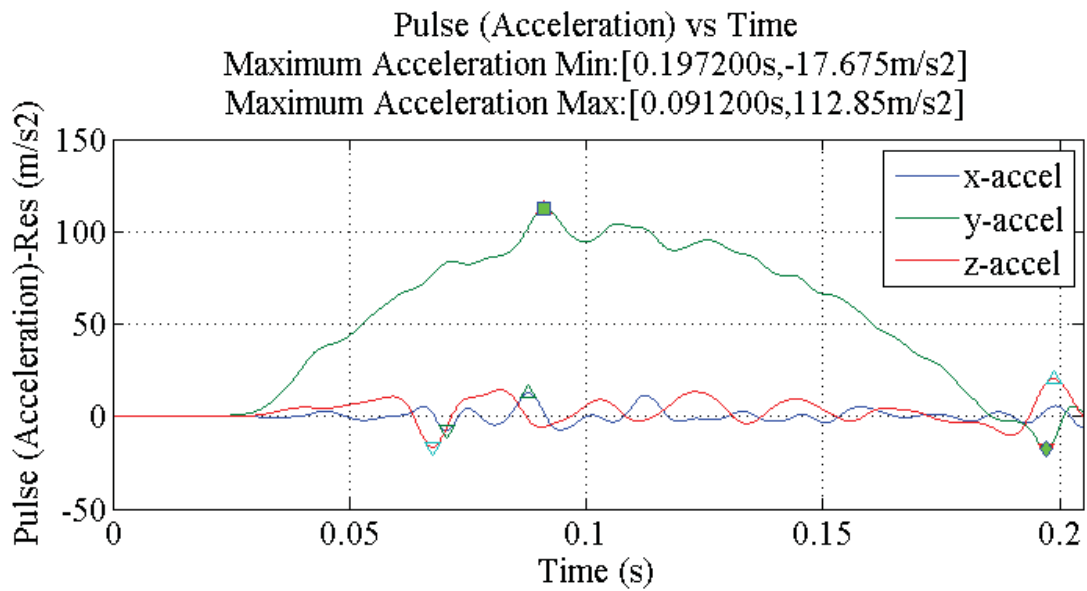
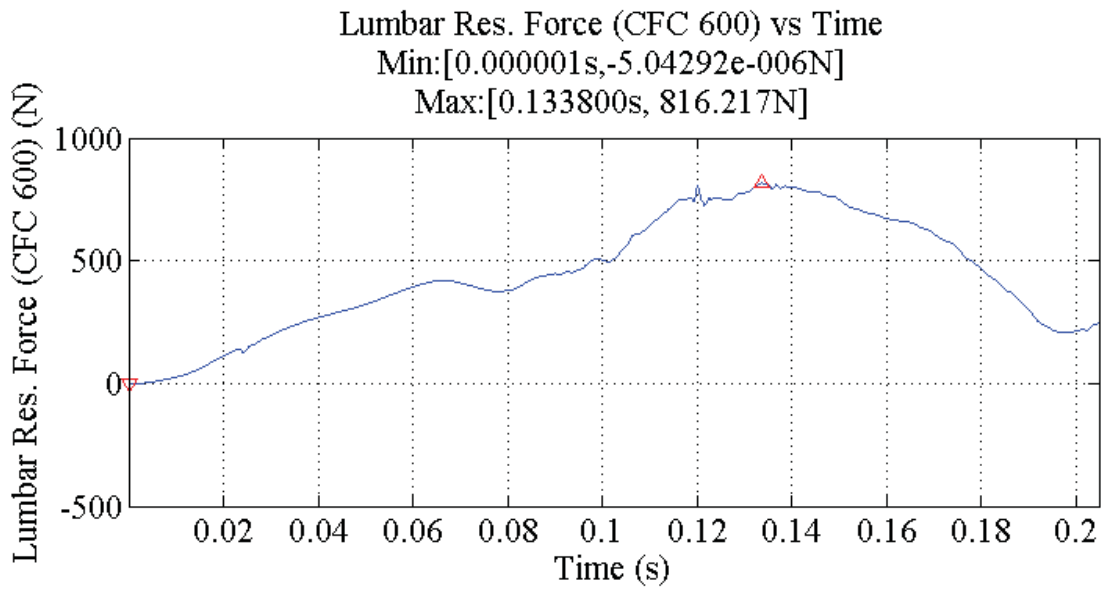


Figure 154: Lumbar Spine Force for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

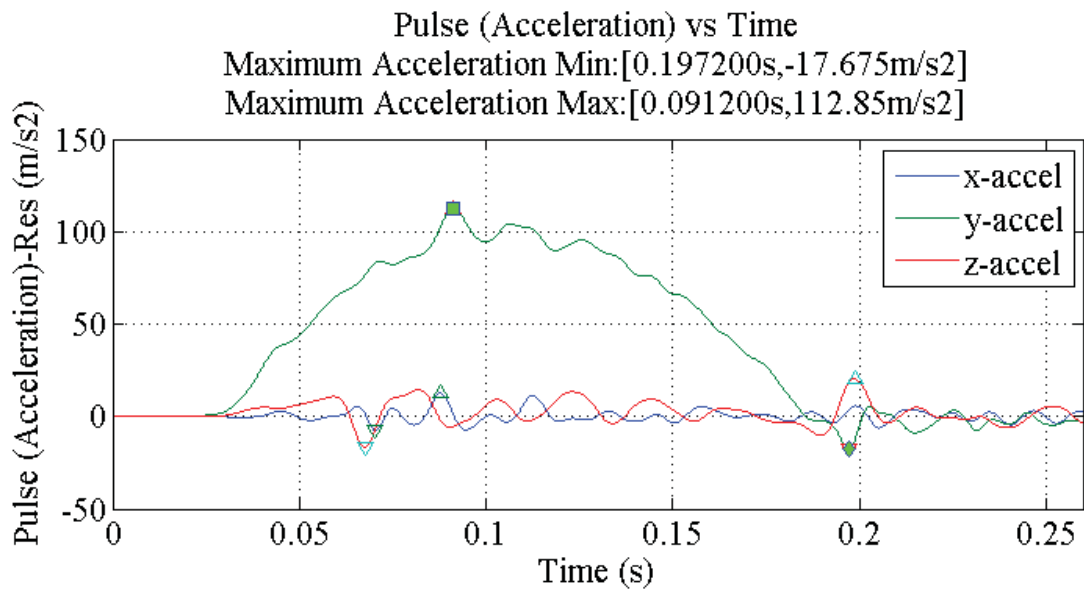
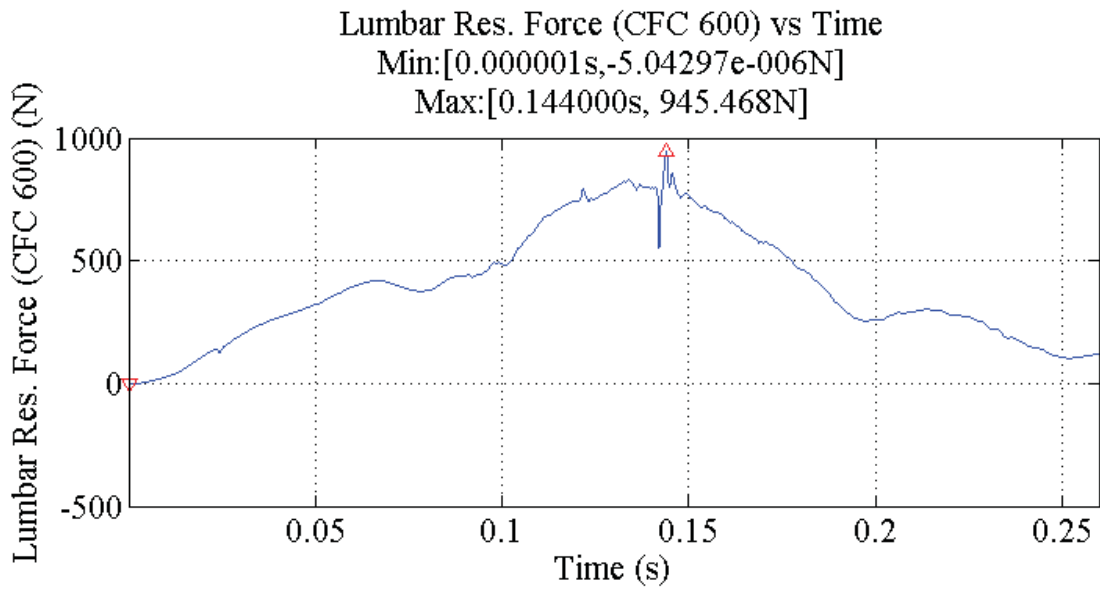
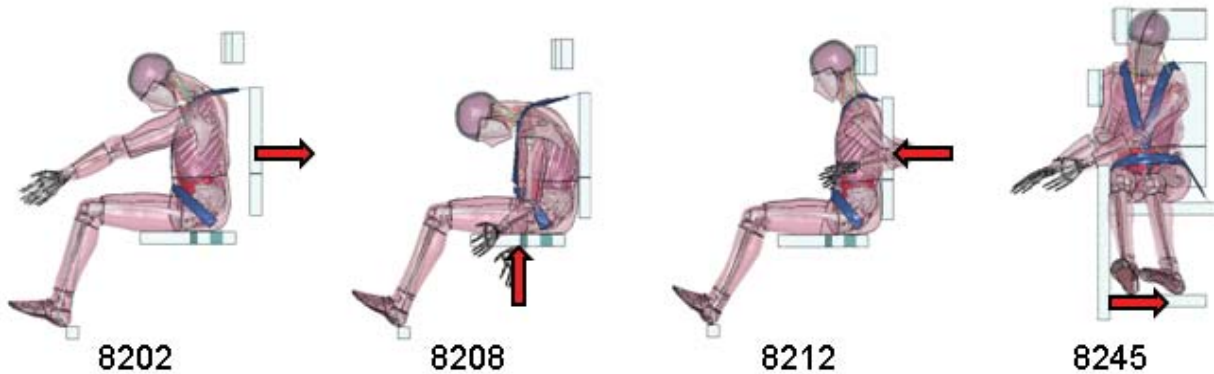


Figure 155: Lumbar Spine Force for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 13: Lower Extremity Injury, Right Femur Force

Table 11: Tabulated Right Femur Force

| Simulation | Right Femur Force (N) |
|--|-----------------------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | 582.68 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | 583.86 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 151.93 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 149.60 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 170.87 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | 2410.20 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | 2481.40 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 467.04 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 482.87 |



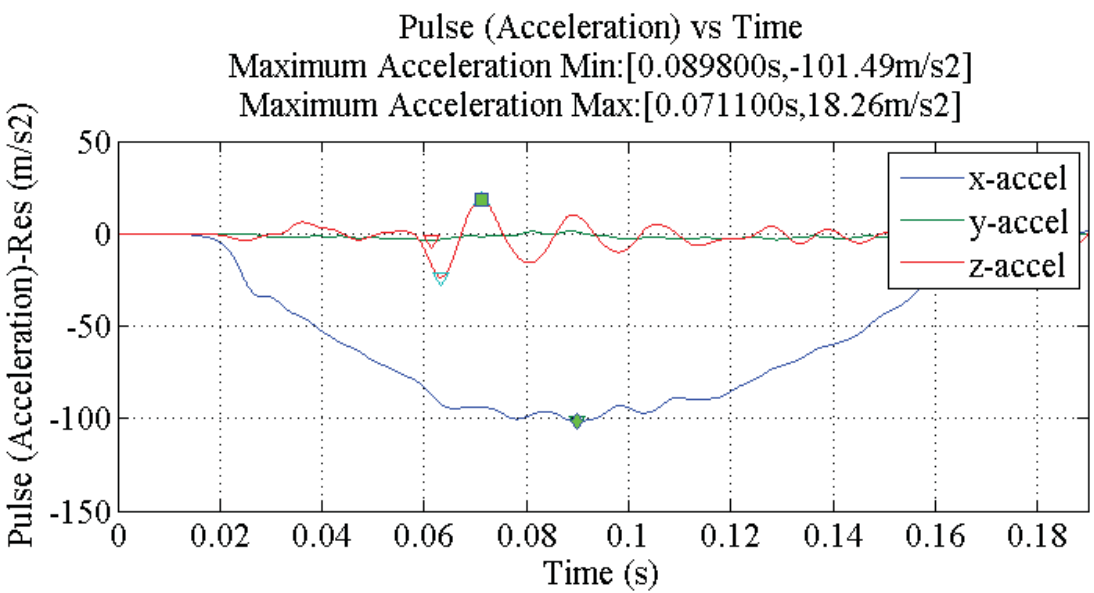
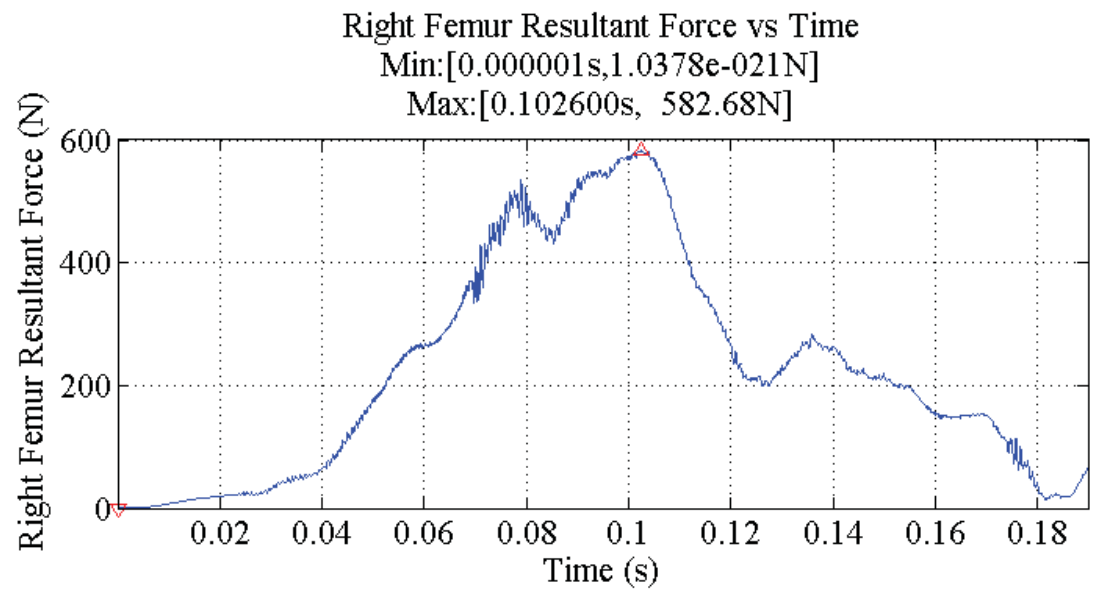


Figure 156: Right Femur Force for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

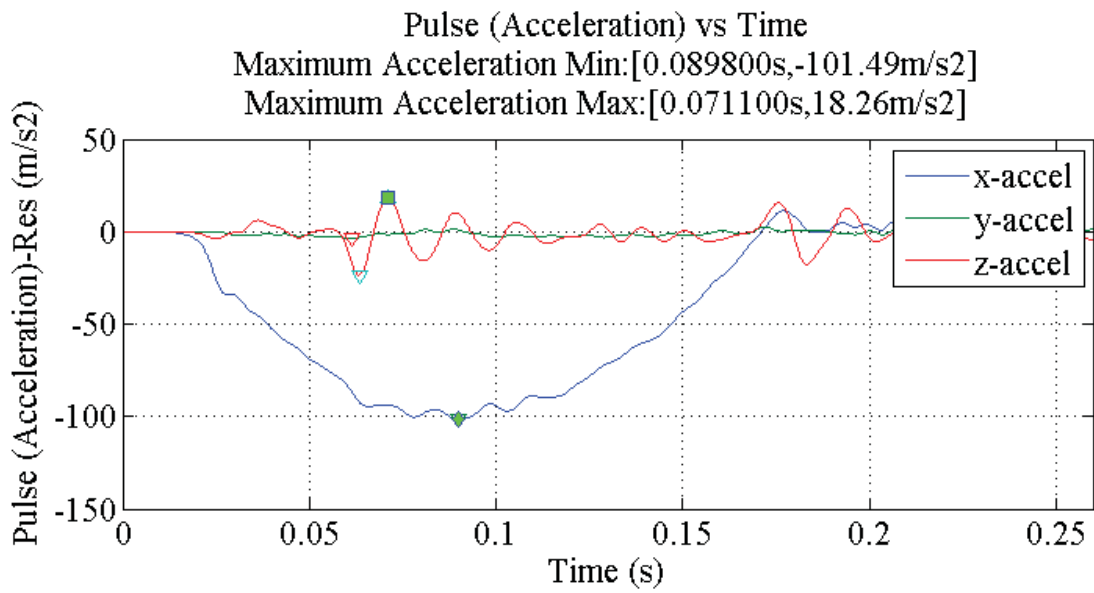
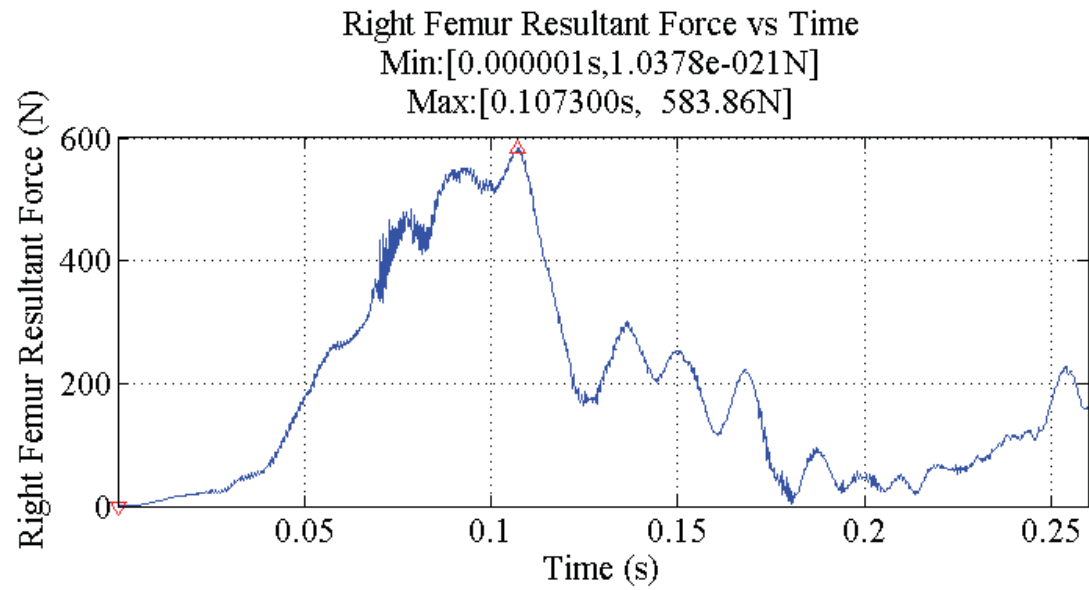


Figure 157: Right Femur Force for simulation 8202 (Frontal), long pulse.

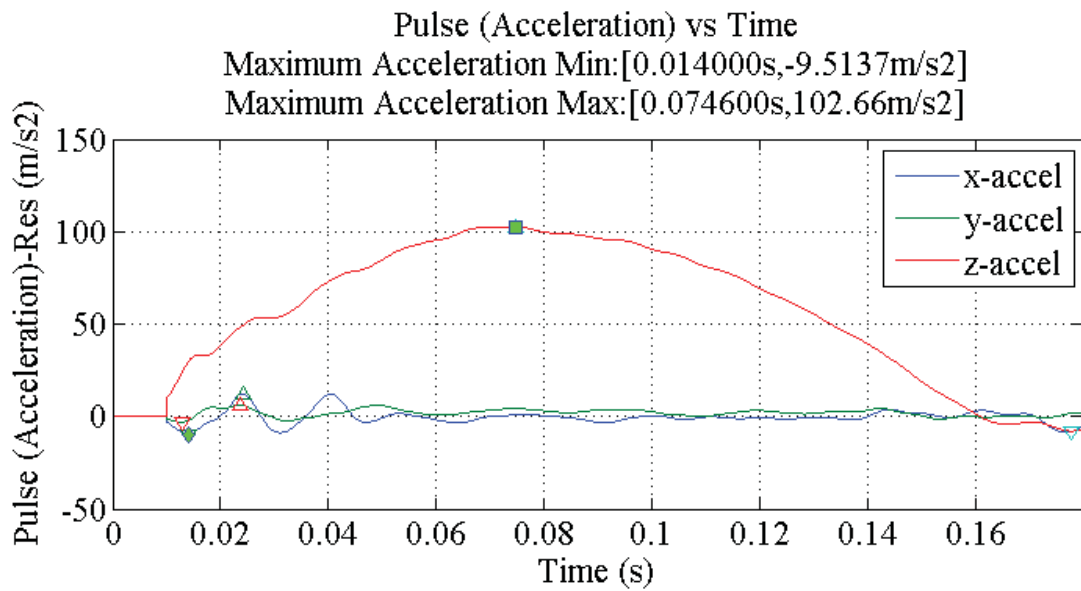
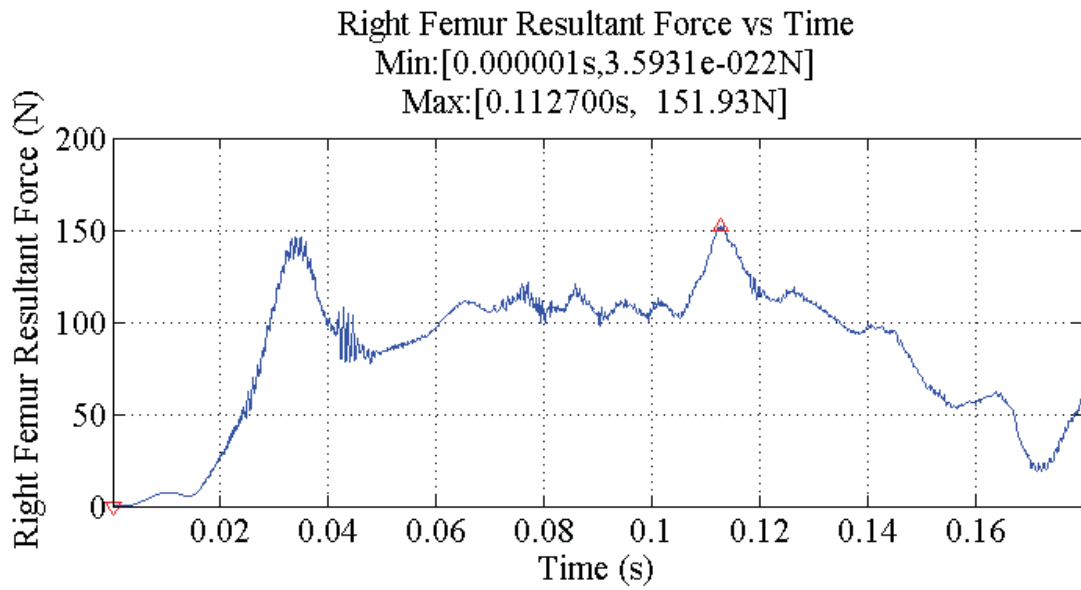


Figure 158: Right Femur Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis gravity.

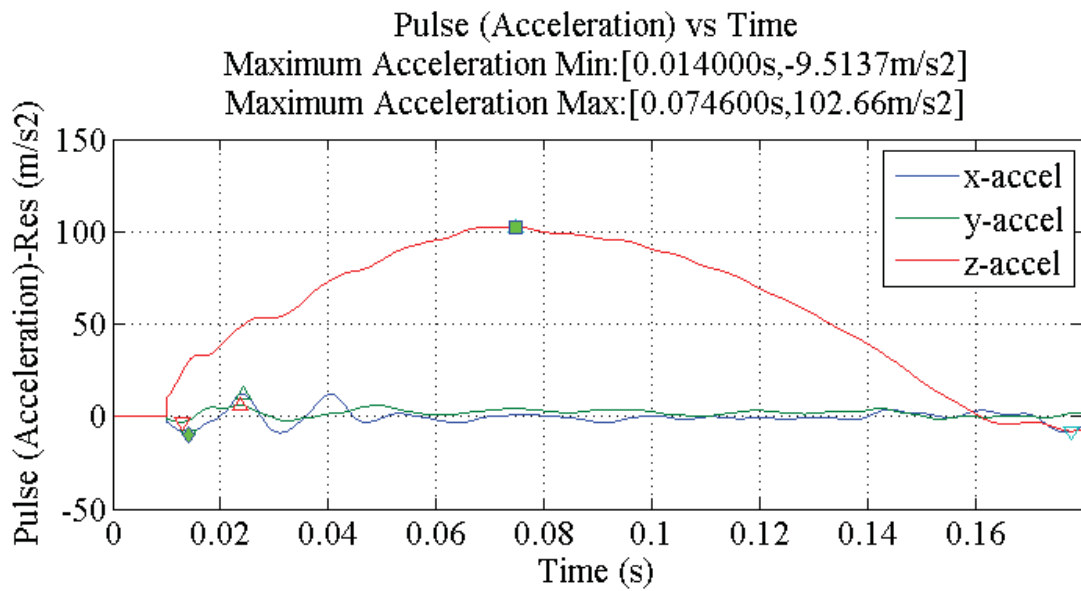
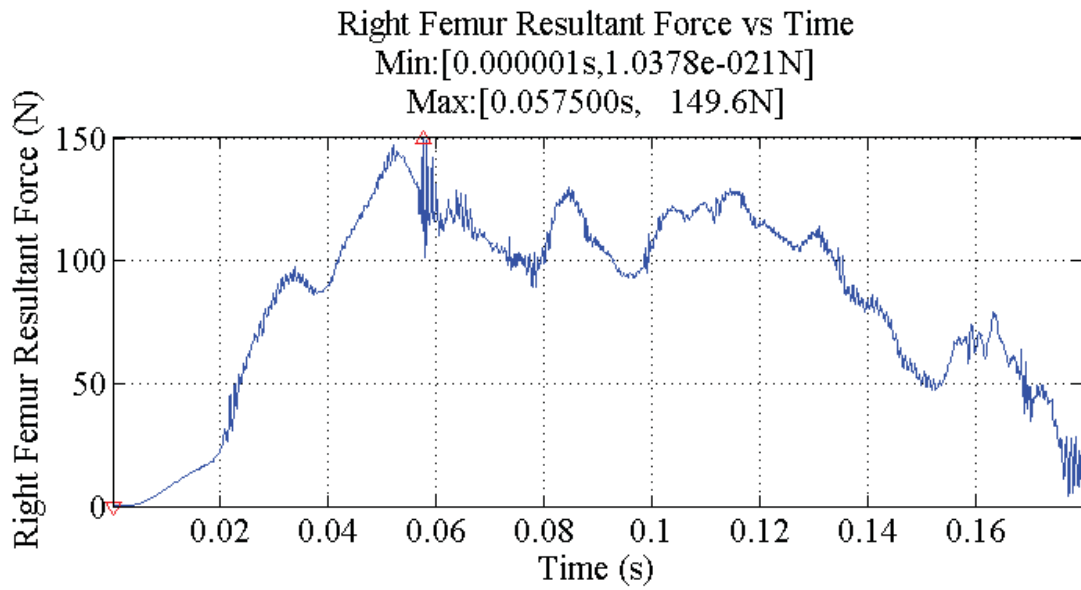


Figure 159: Right Femur Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis gravity.

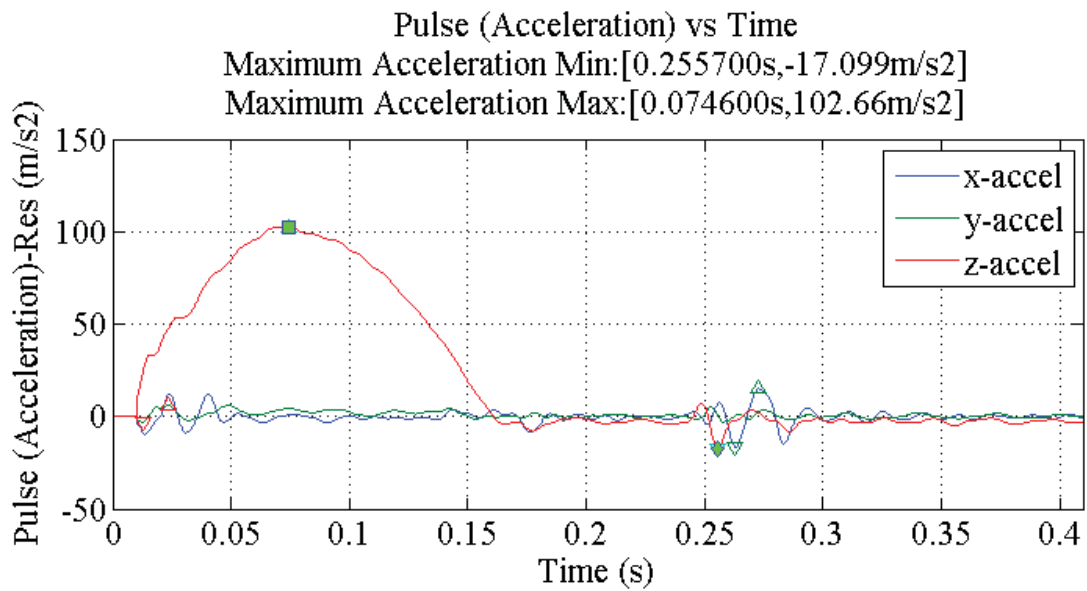
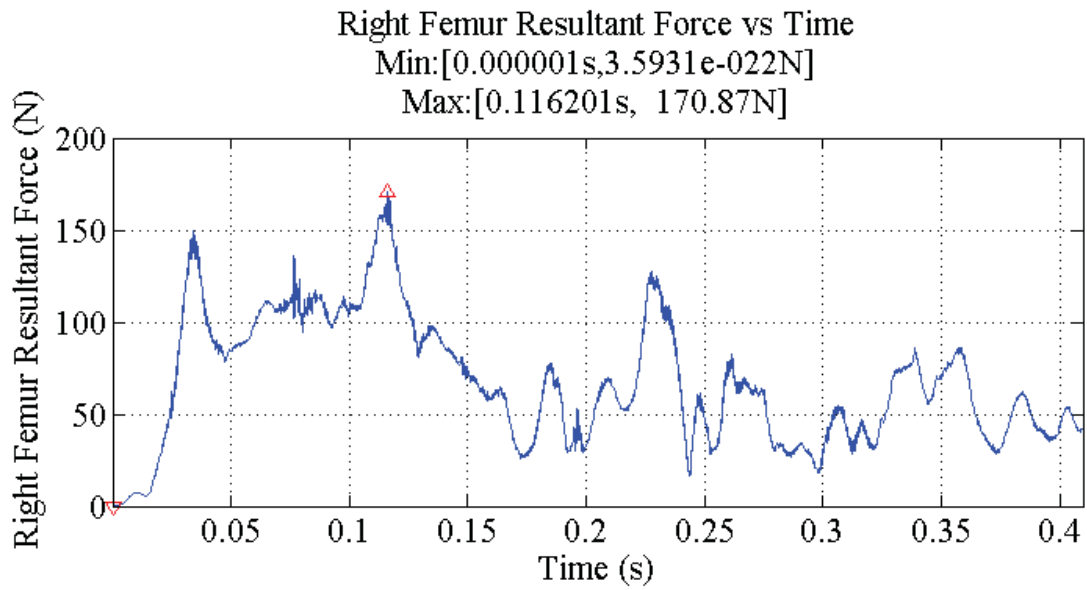


Figure 160: Right Femur Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis gravity.

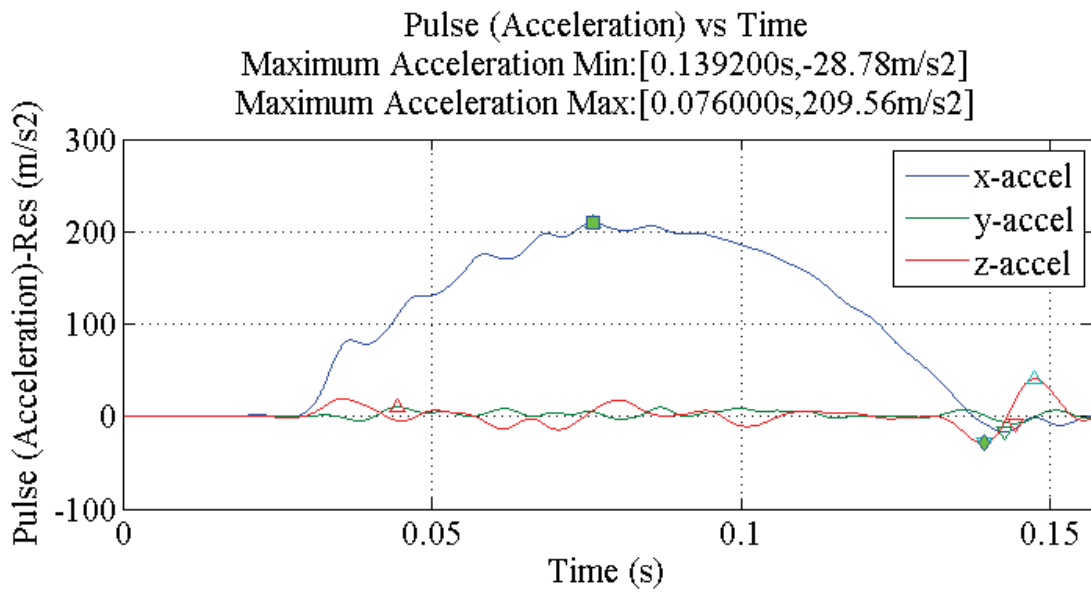
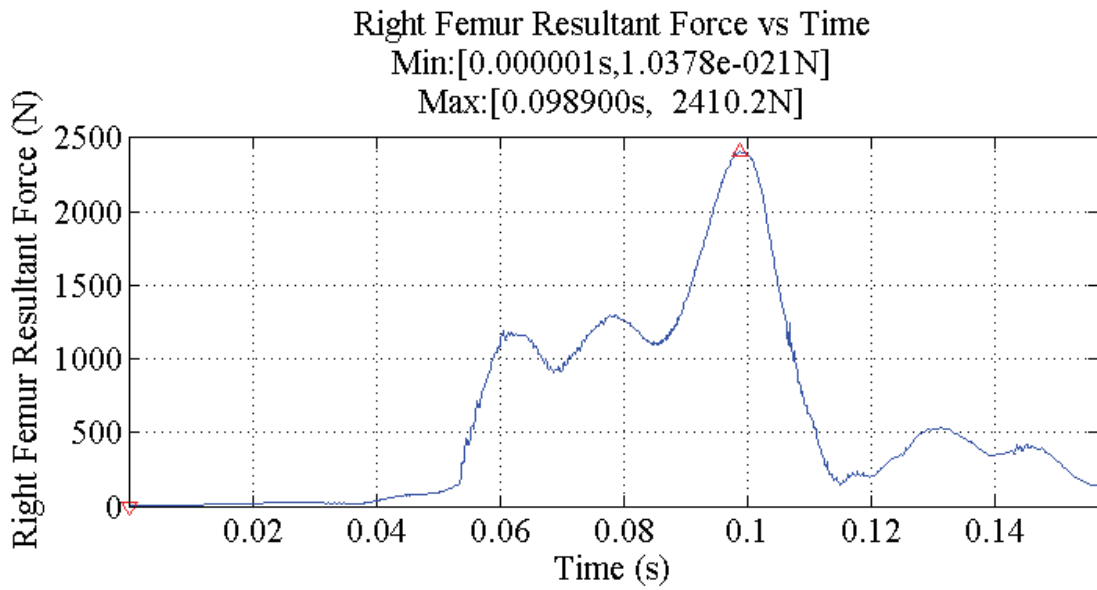


Figure 161: Right Femur Force for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

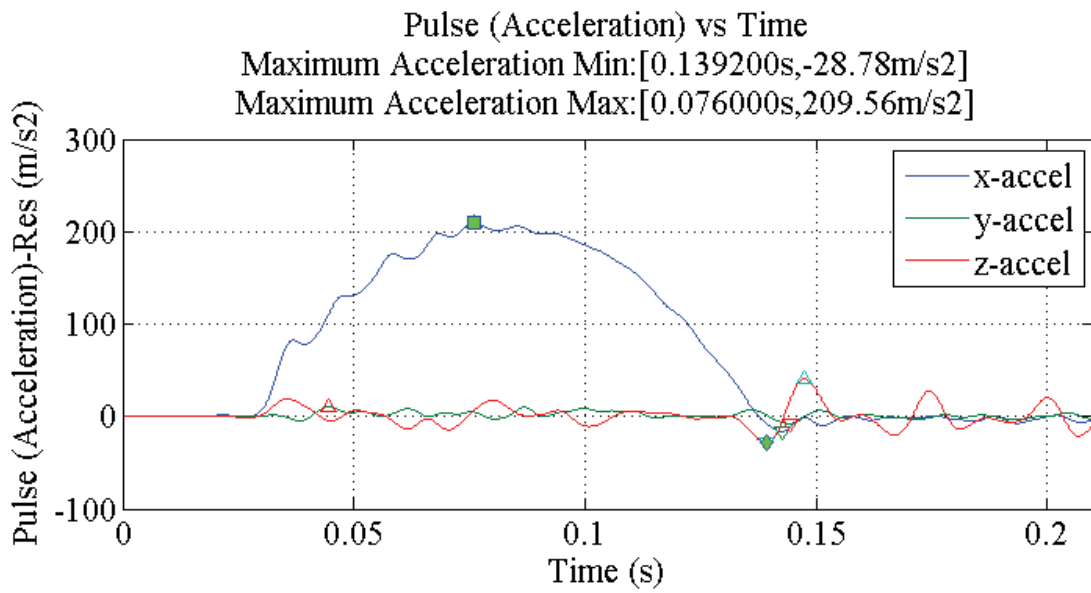
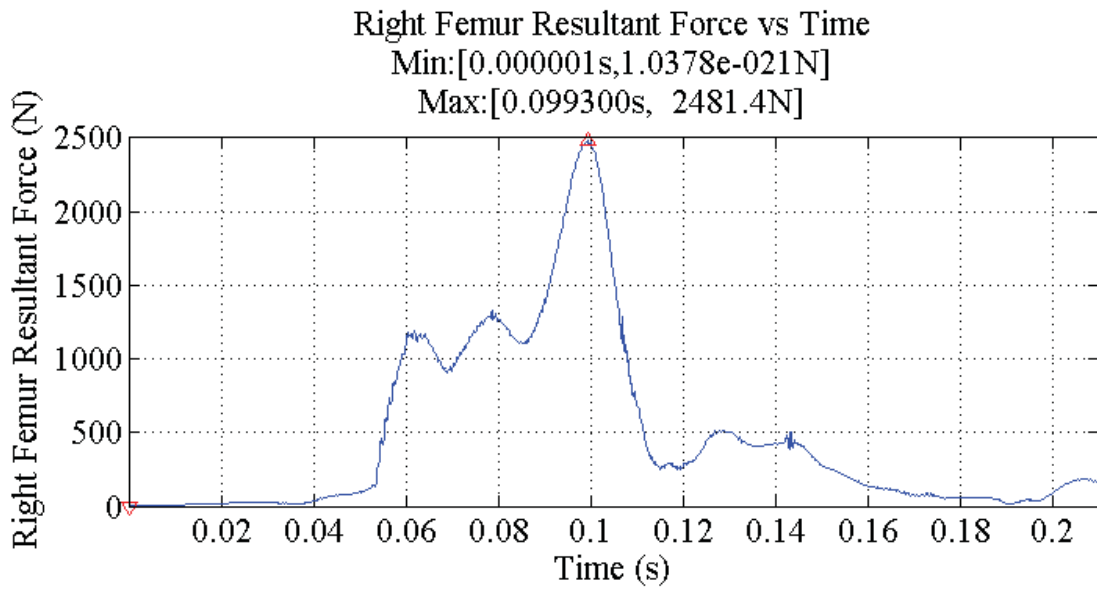


Figure 162: Right Femur Force for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

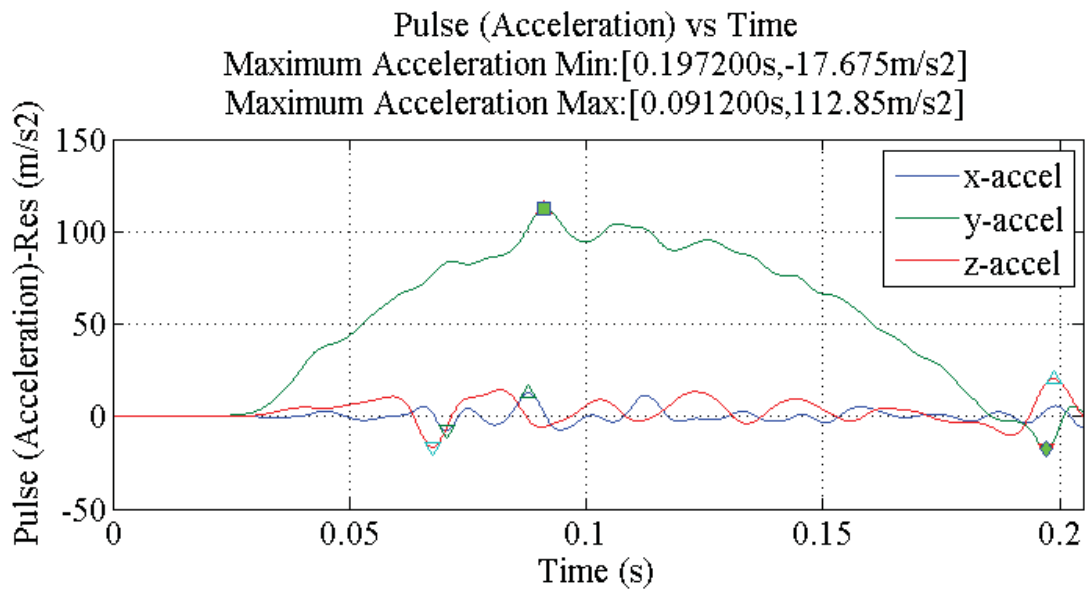
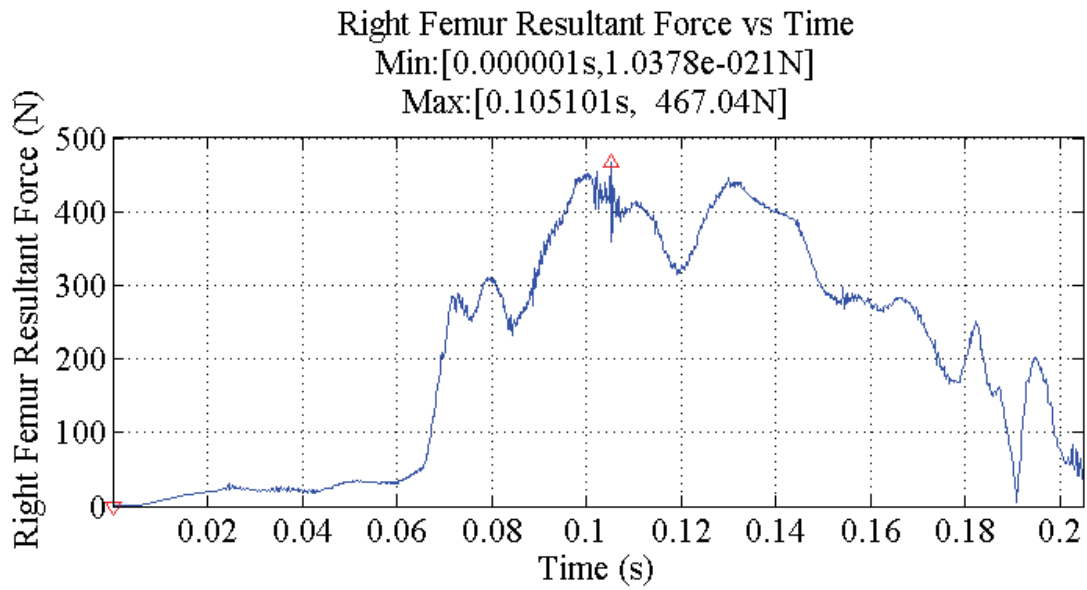


Figure 163: Right Femur Force for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

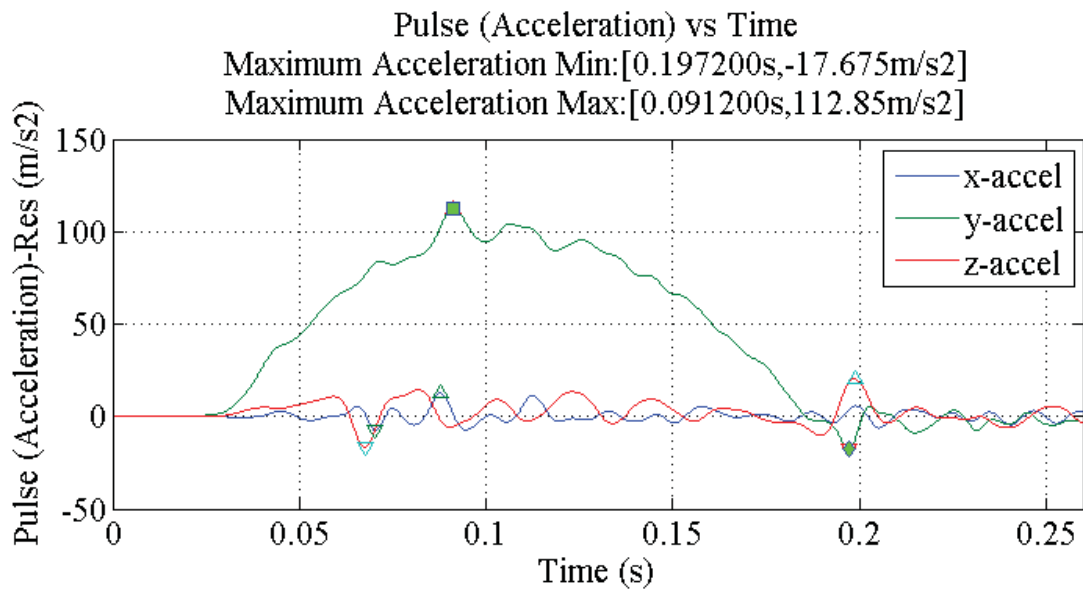
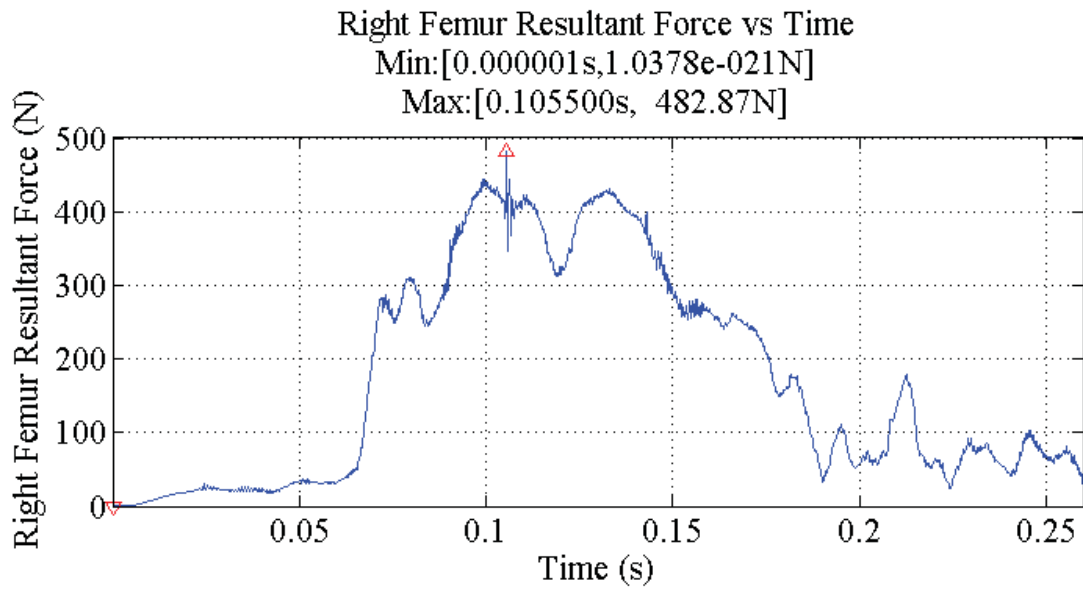
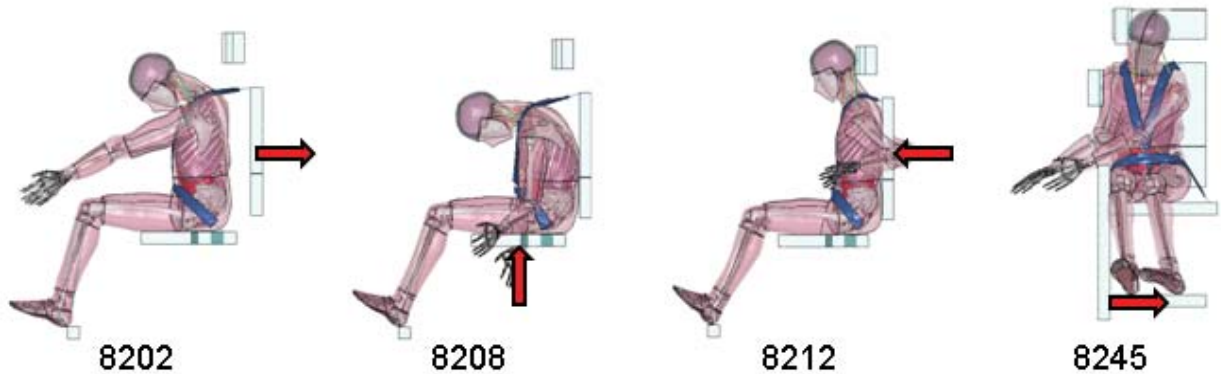


Figure 164: Right Femur Force for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 14: Lower Extremity Injury, Left Femur Force

Table 12: Tabulated Left Femur Force

| Simulation | Left Femur Force (N) |
|--|----------------------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | 595.39 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | 576.70 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 150.49 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 144.42 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 150.74 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | 2585.00 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | 2388.50 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 855.02 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 874.53 |



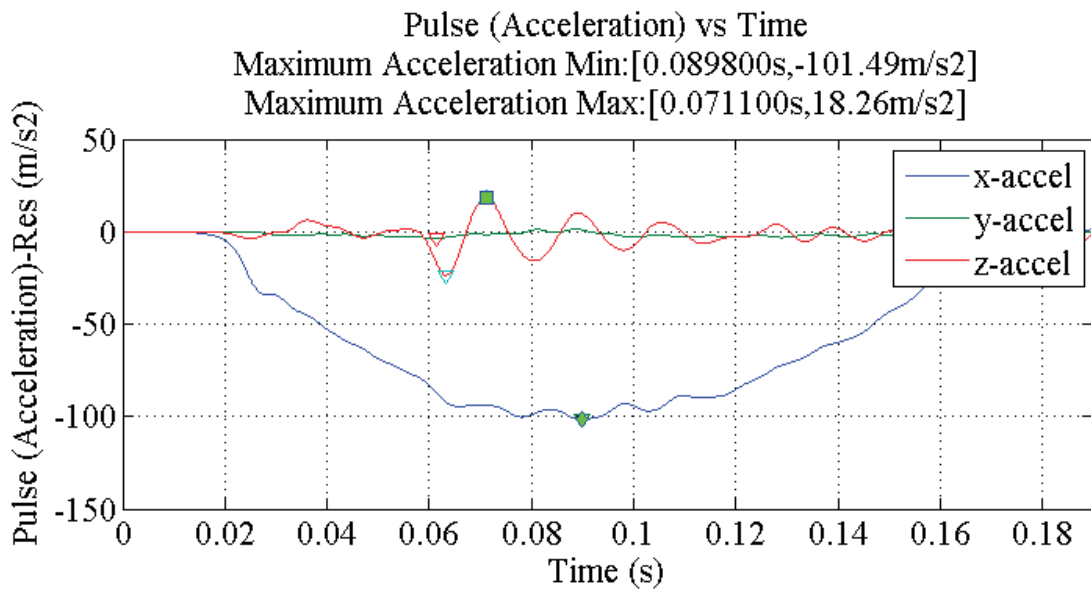
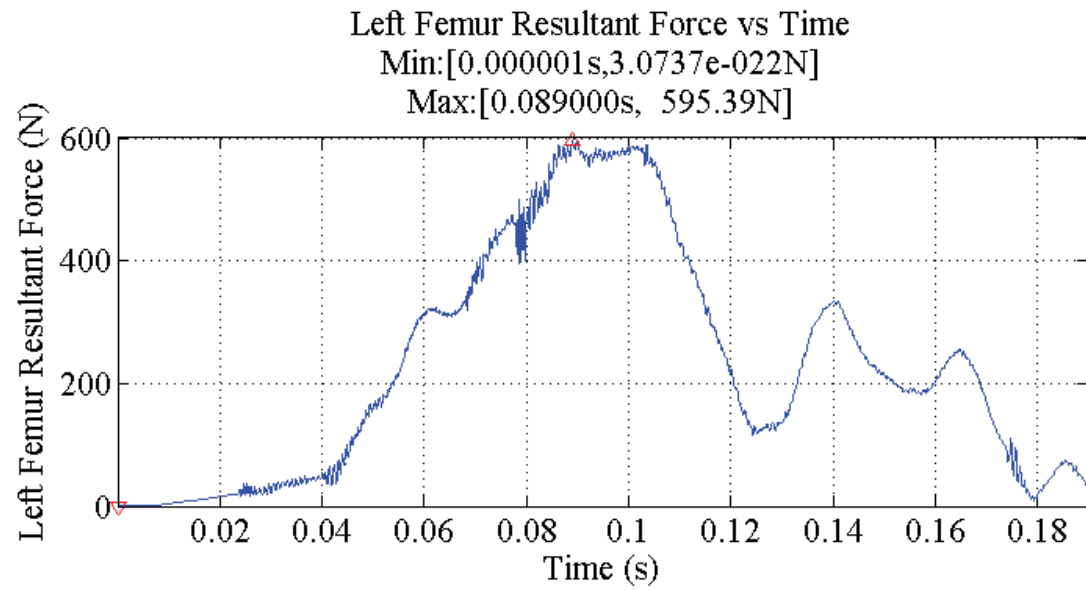


Figure 165: Left Femur Force for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

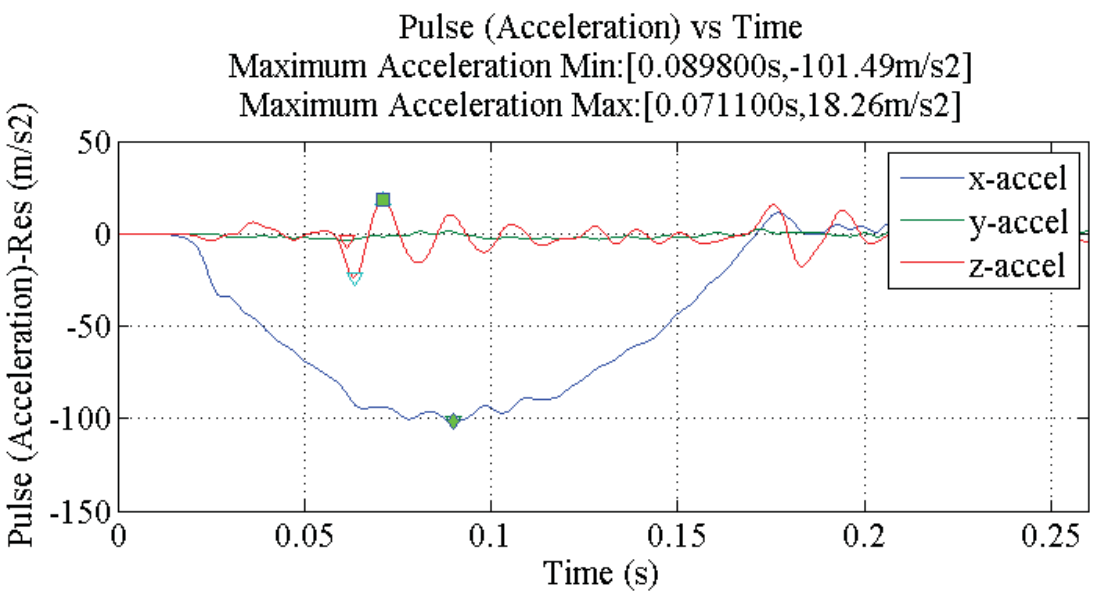
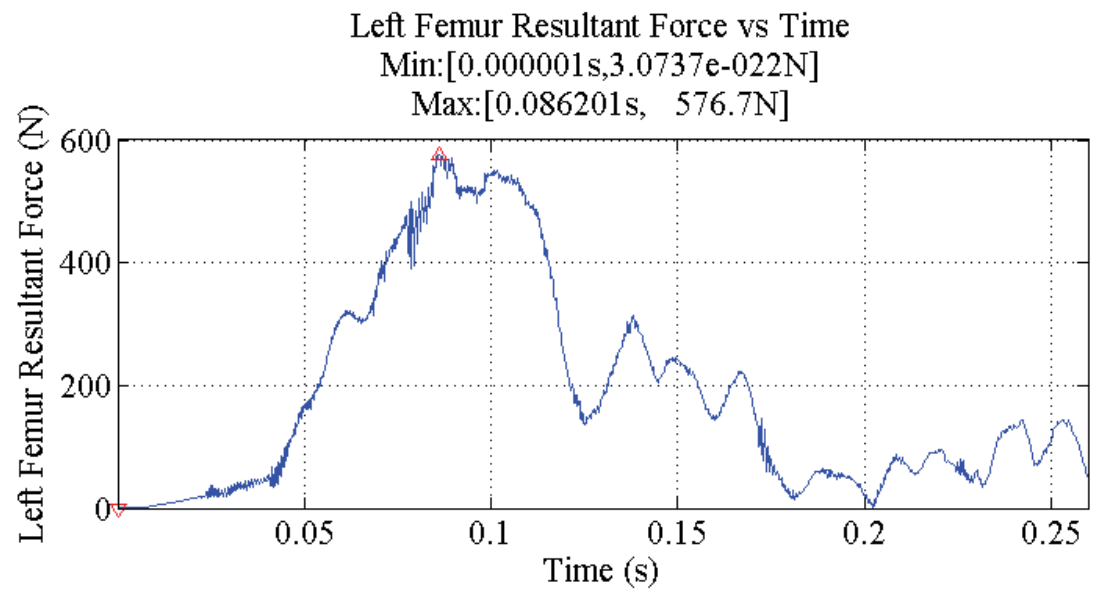


Figure 166: Left Femur Force for simulation 8202 (Frontal), long pulse.

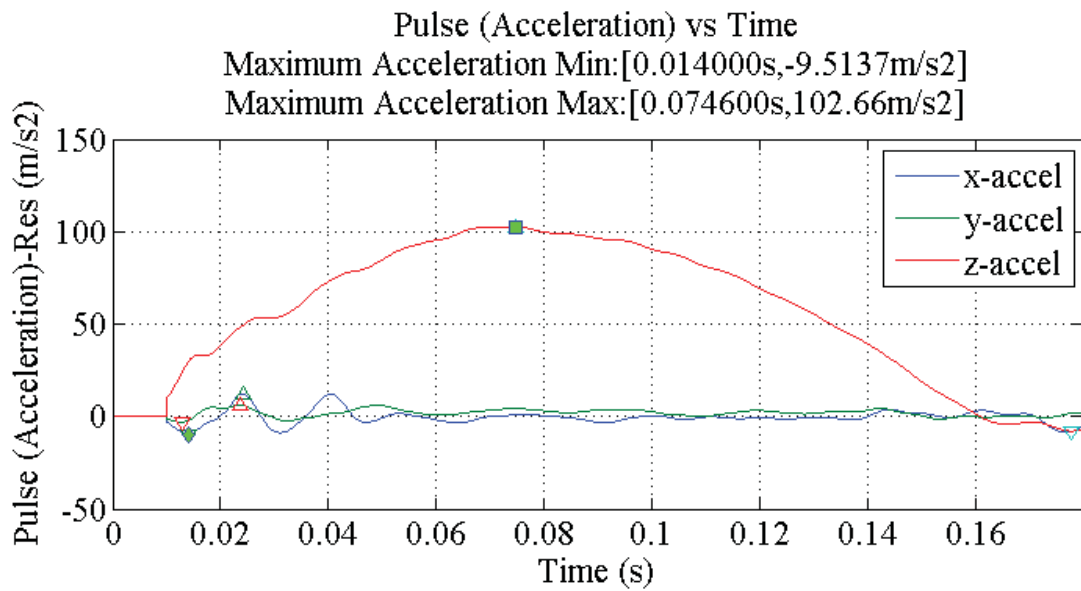
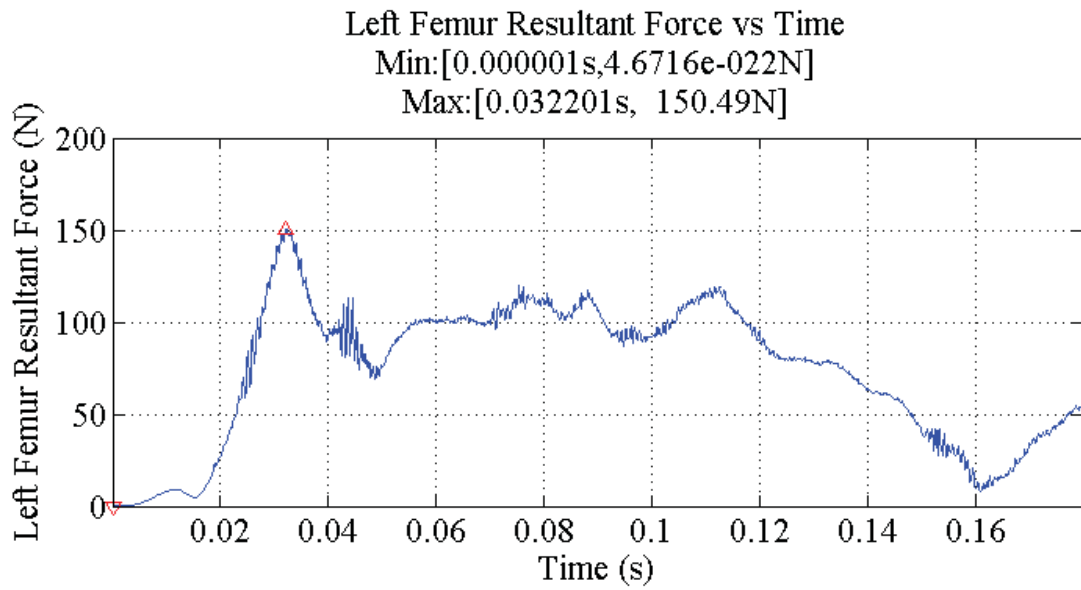


Figure 167: Left Femur Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis gravity.

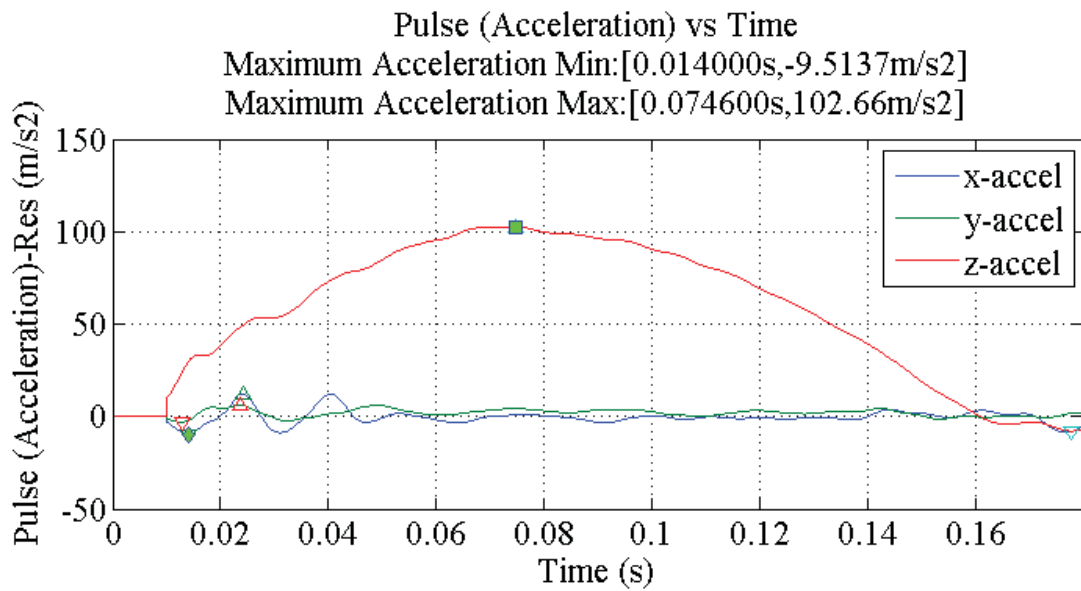
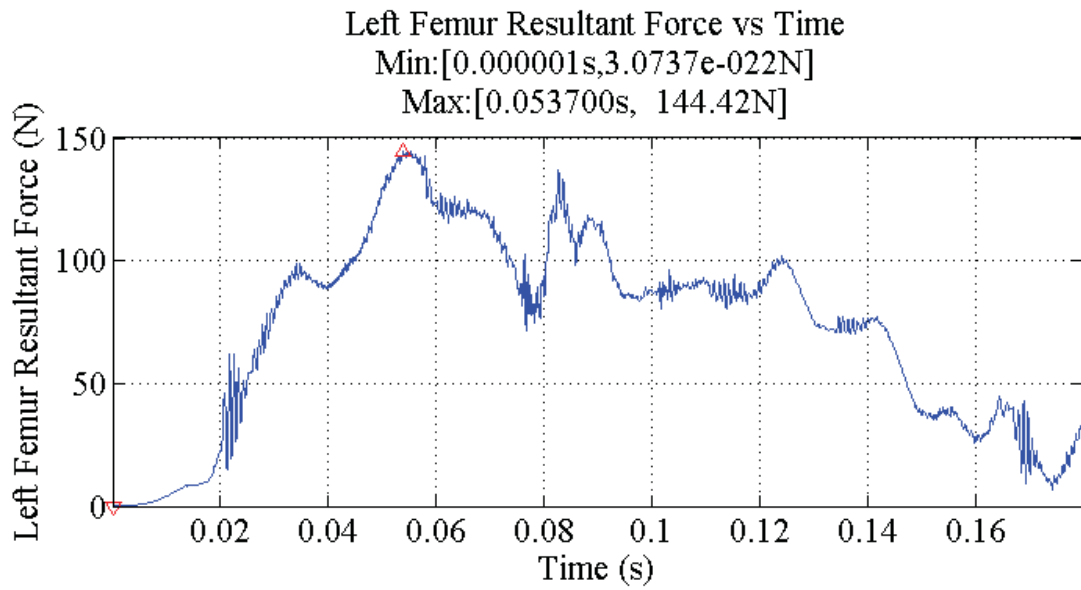


Figure 168: Left Femur Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis gravity.

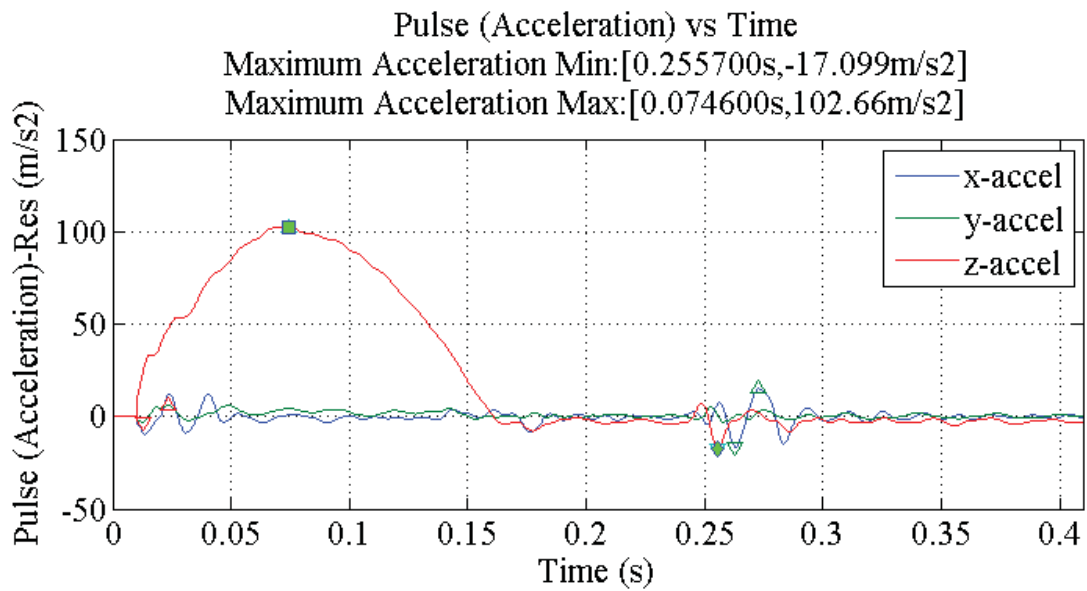
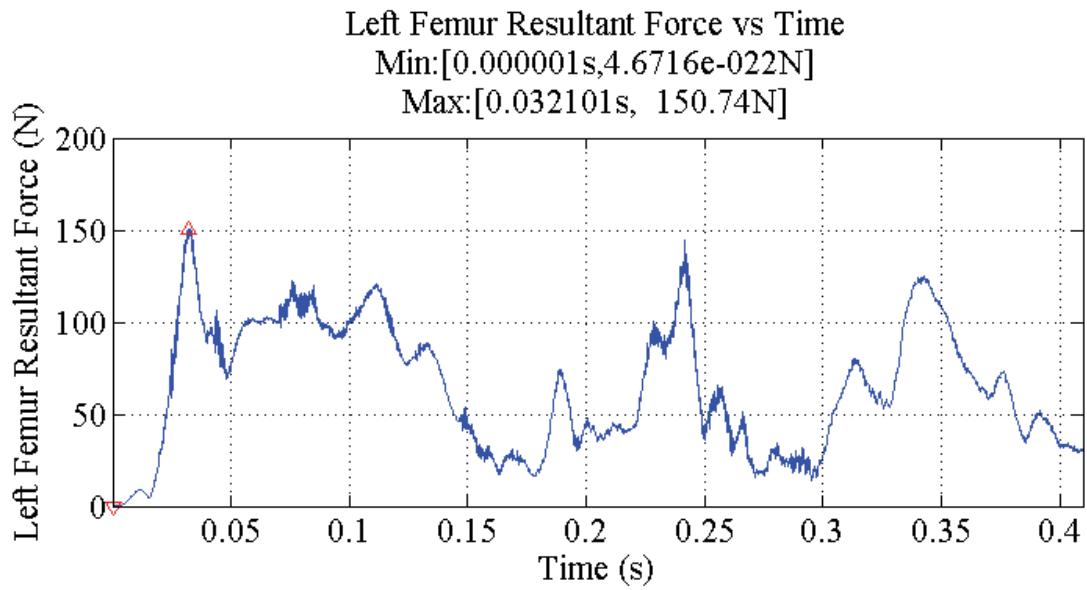


Figure 169: Left Femur Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis gravity.

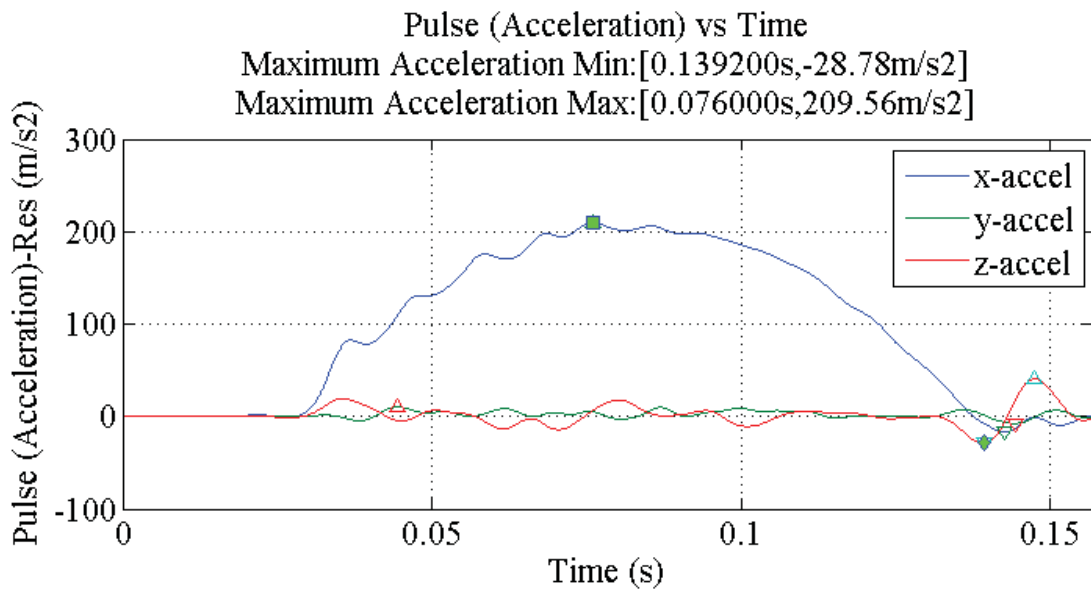
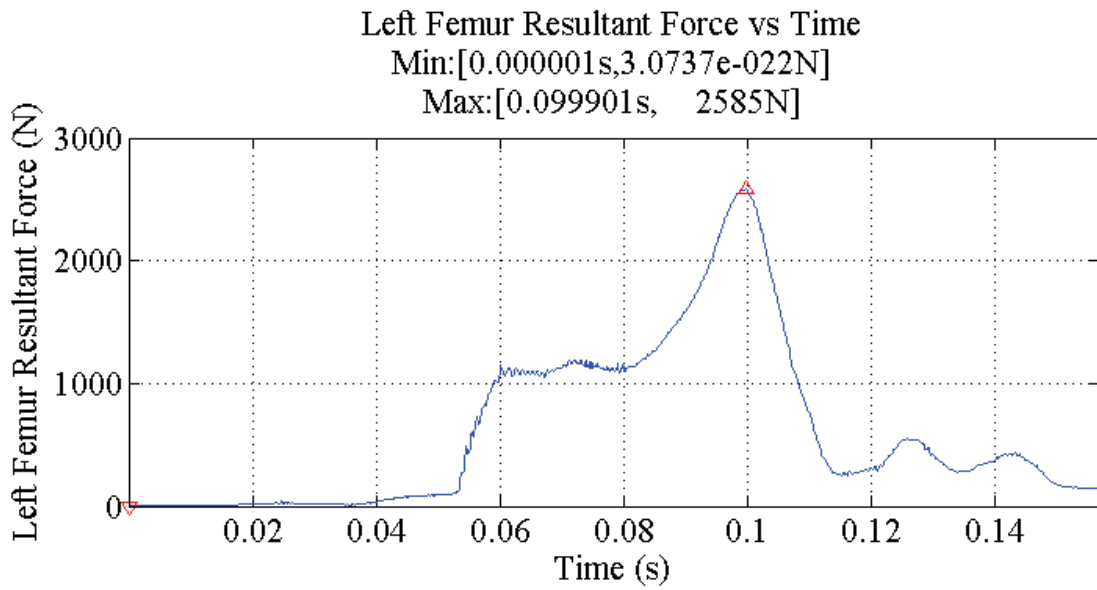


Figure 170: Left Femur Force for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

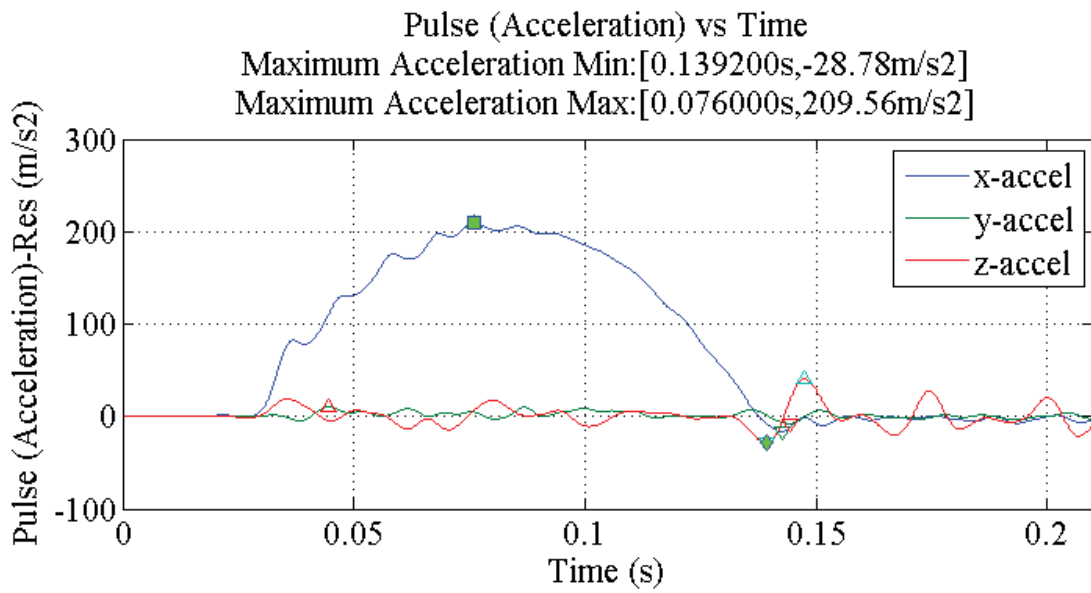
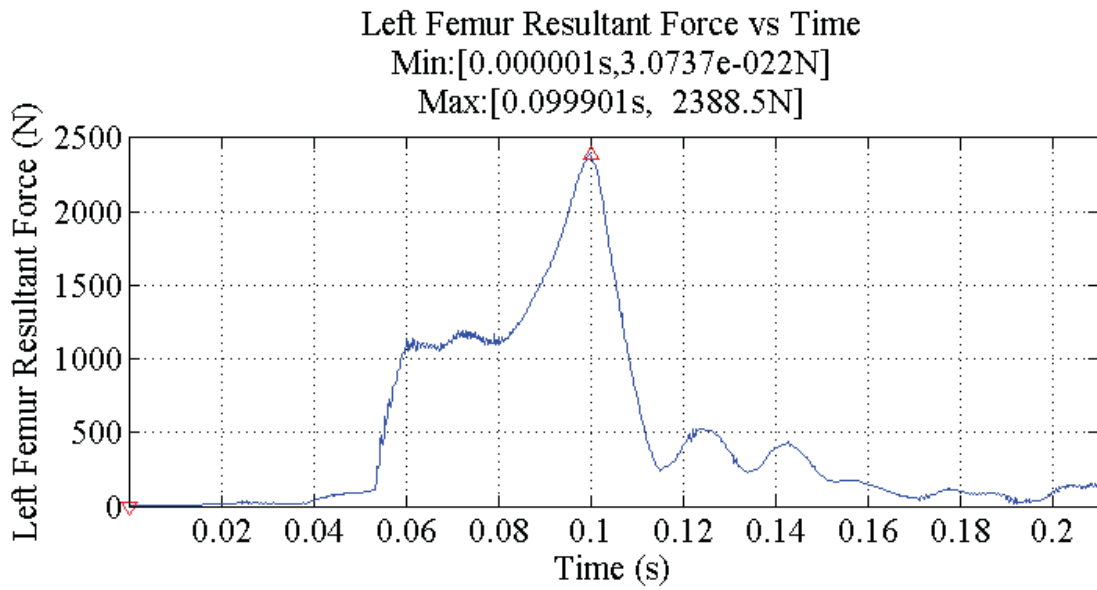


Figure 171: Left Femur Force for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

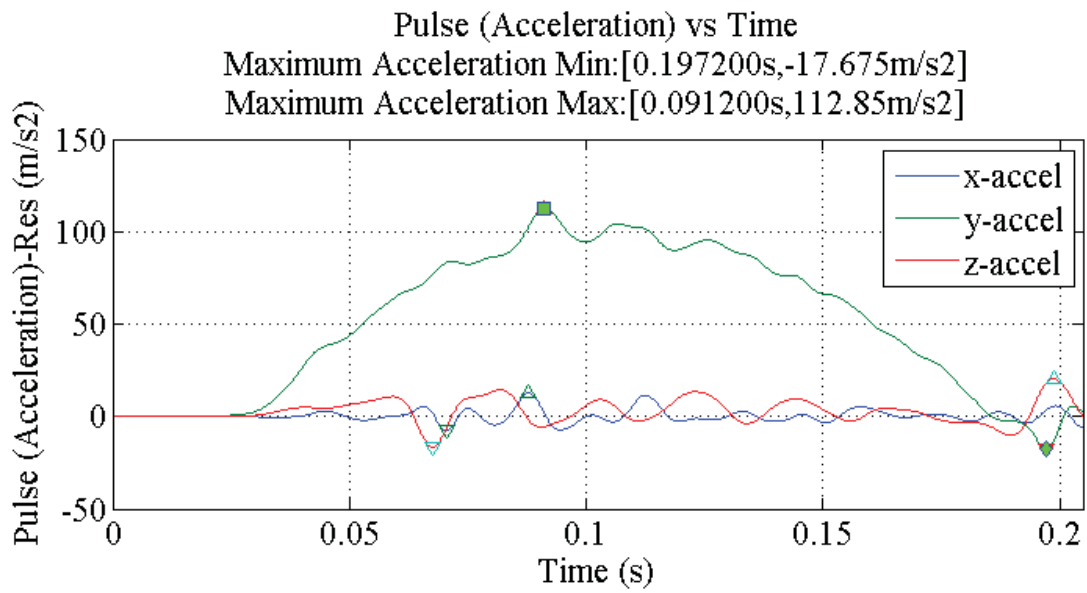
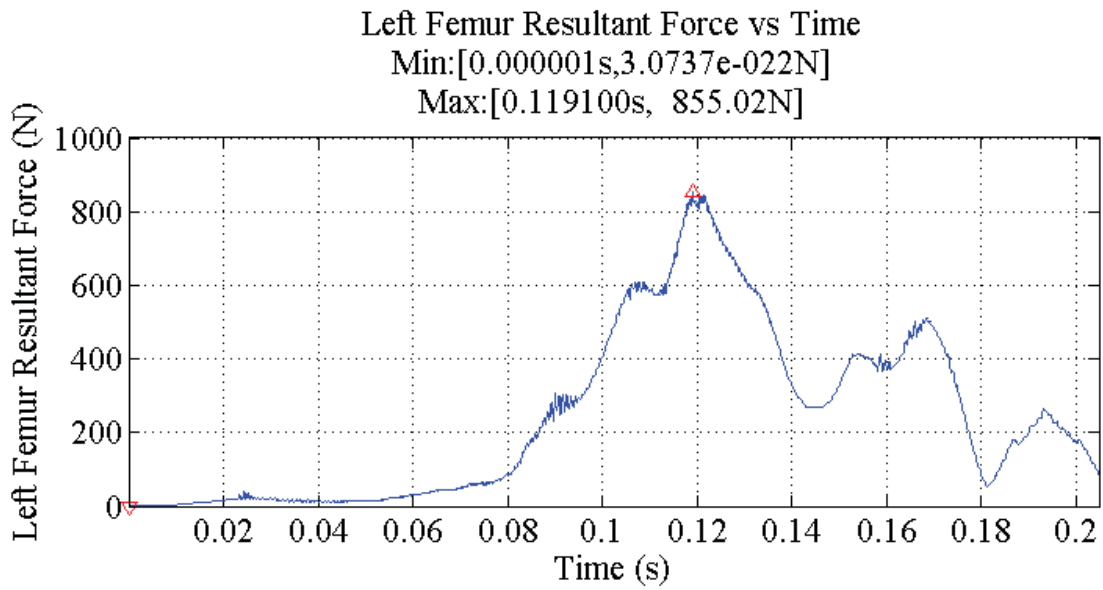


Figure 172: Left Femur Force for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

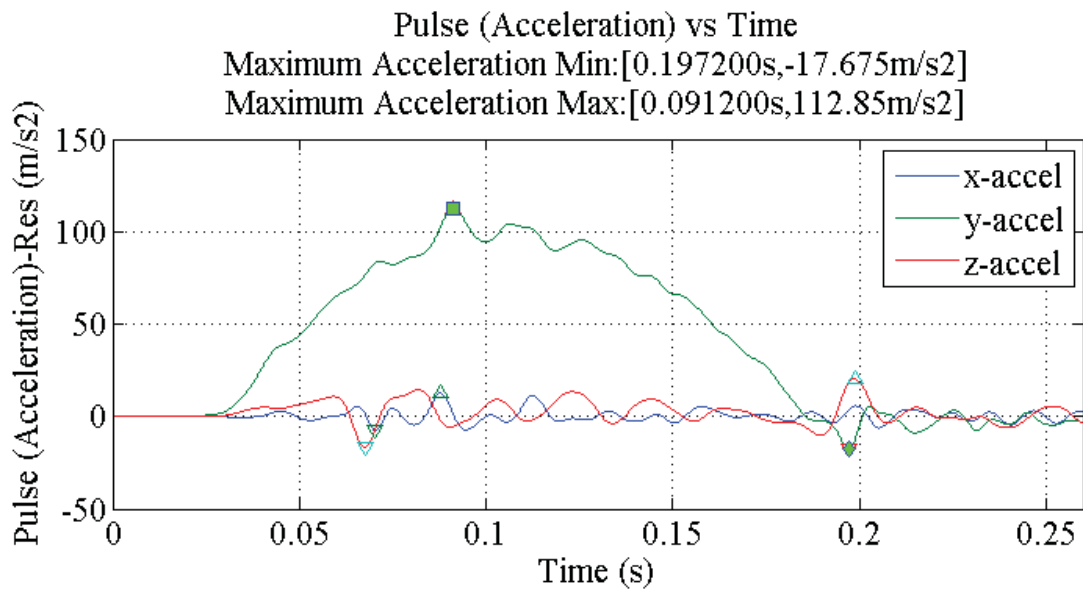
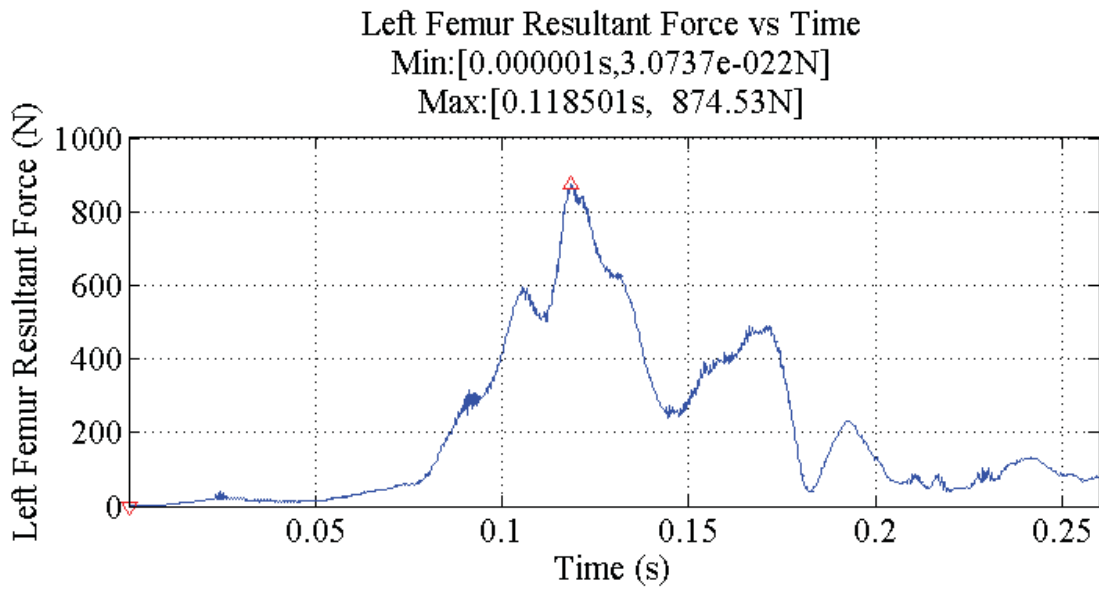
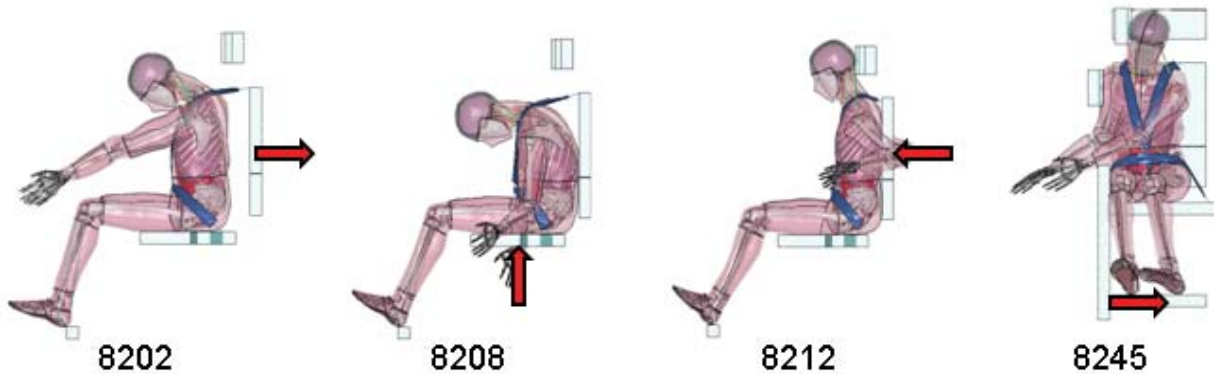


Figure 173: Left Femur Force for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 15: Lower Extremity Injury, Right Tibia Force

Table 13: Tabulated Right Tibia Force

| Simulation | Right Tibia Force (N) |
|--|-----------------------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | 415.71 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | 402.87 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 321.23 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 285.22 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 366.29 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | 1608.50 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | 1638.70 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 610.81 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 612.42 |



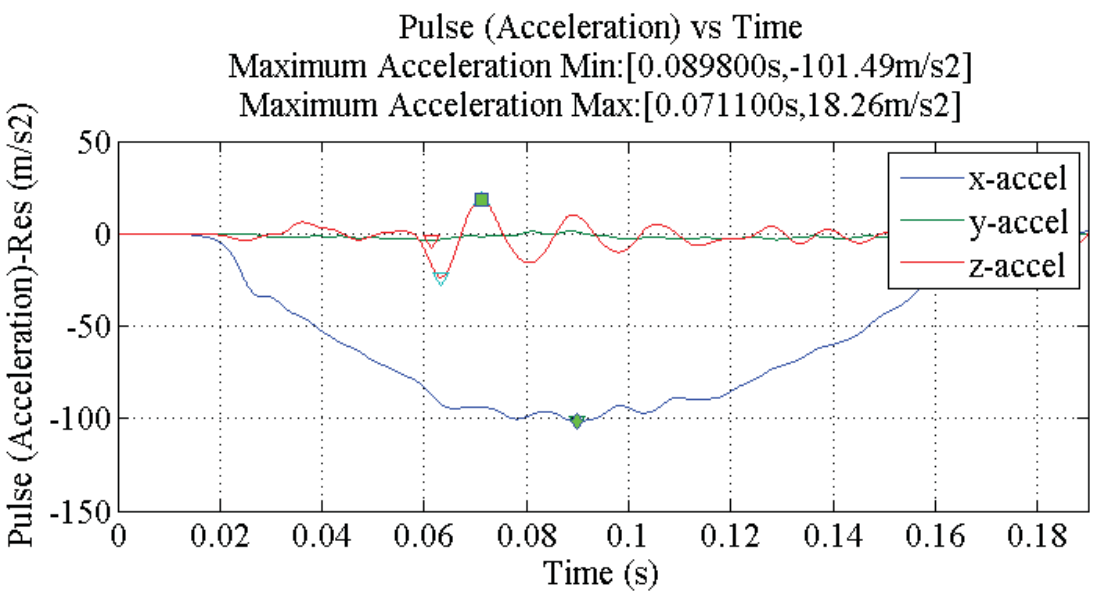
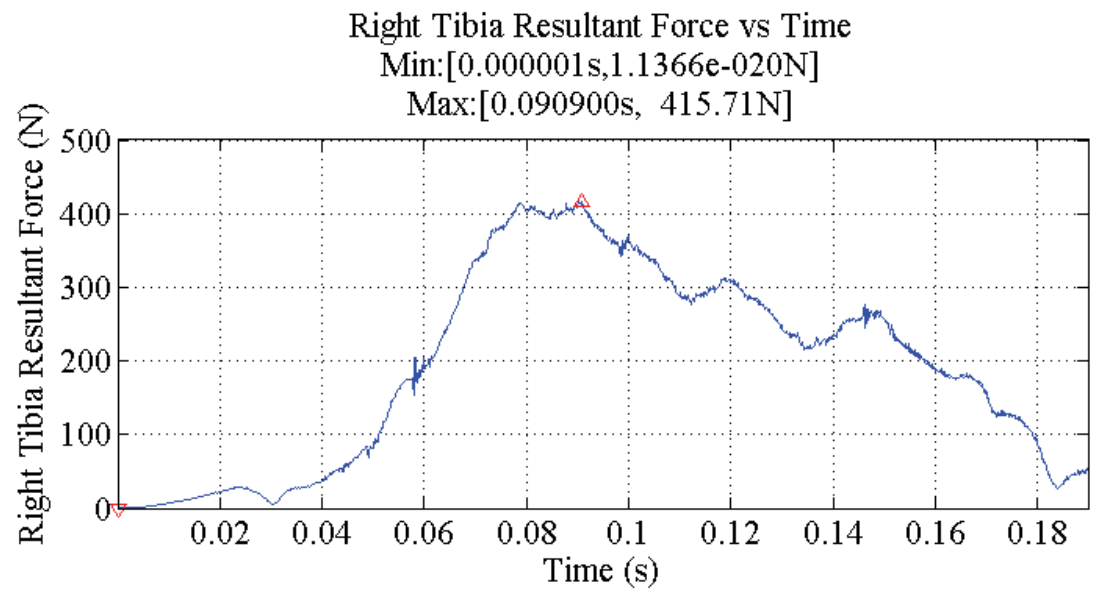


Figure 174: Right Tibia Force for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

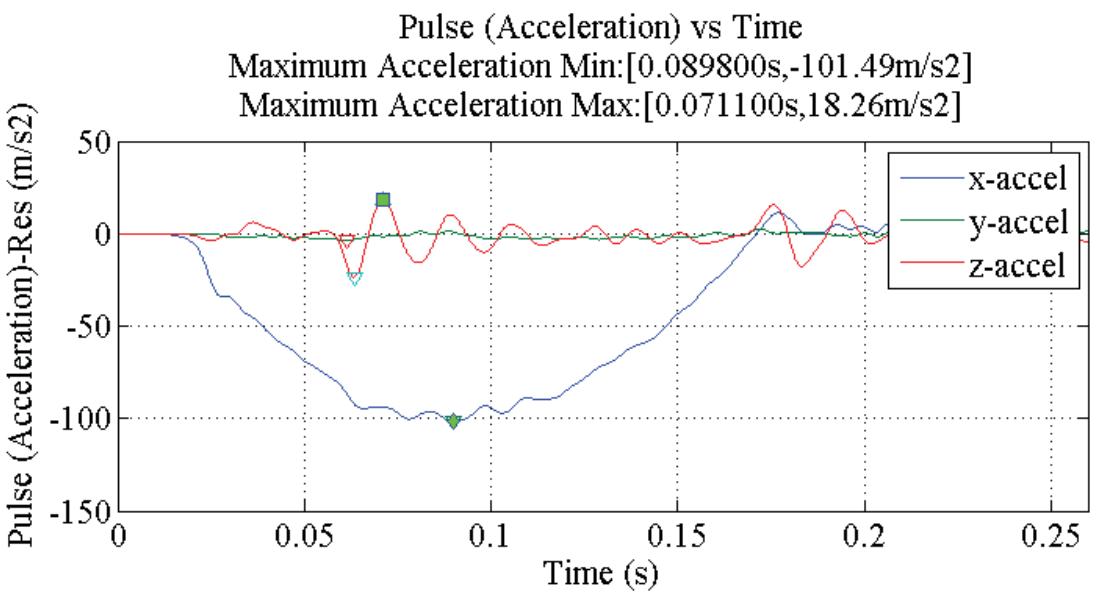
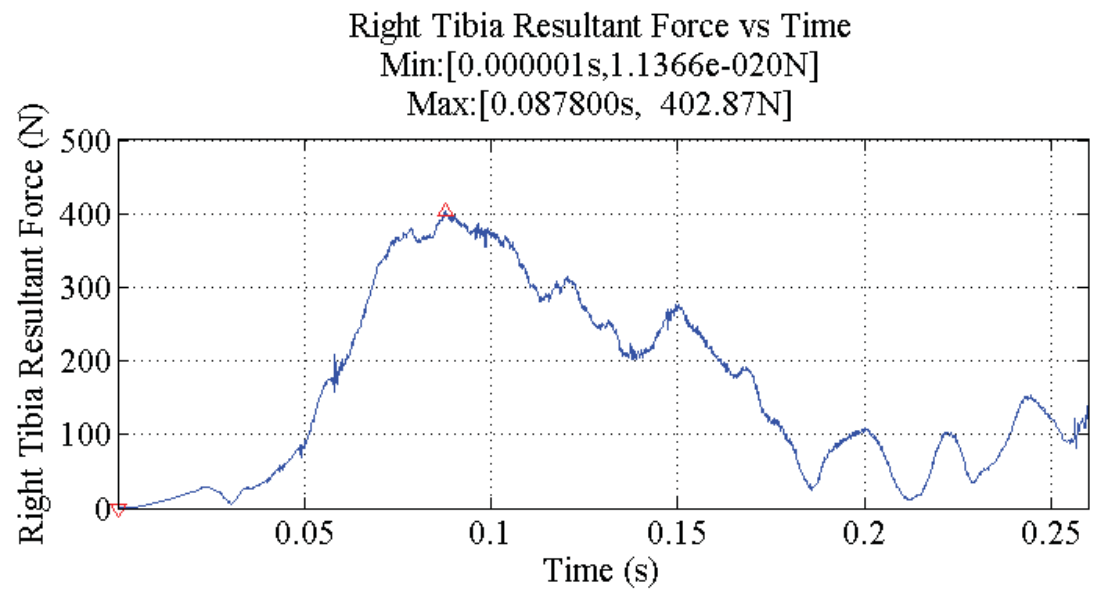


Figure 175: Right Tibia Force for simulation 8202 (Frontal), long pulse.

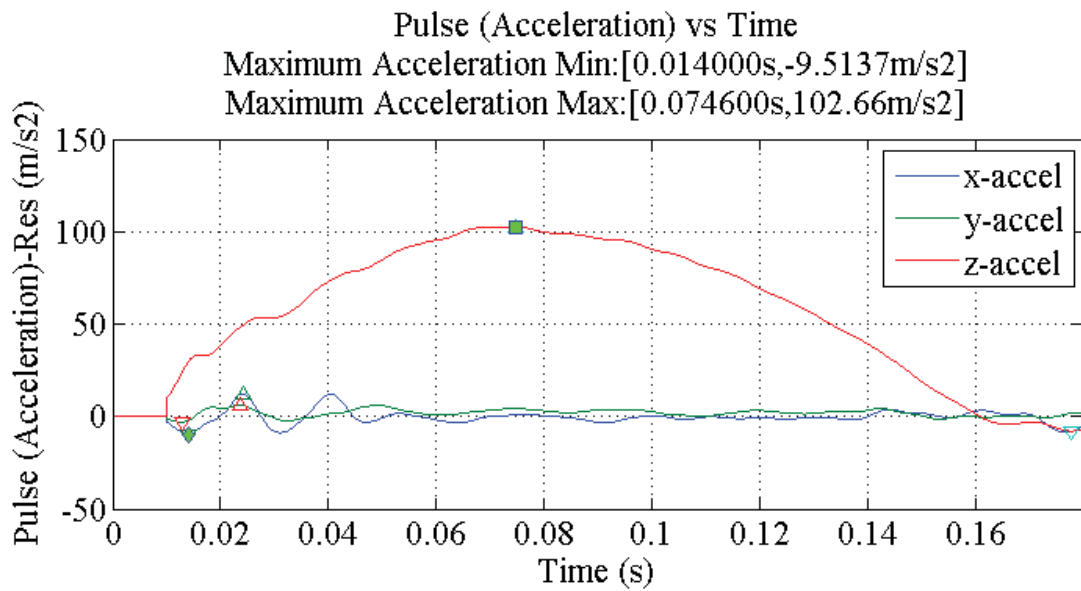
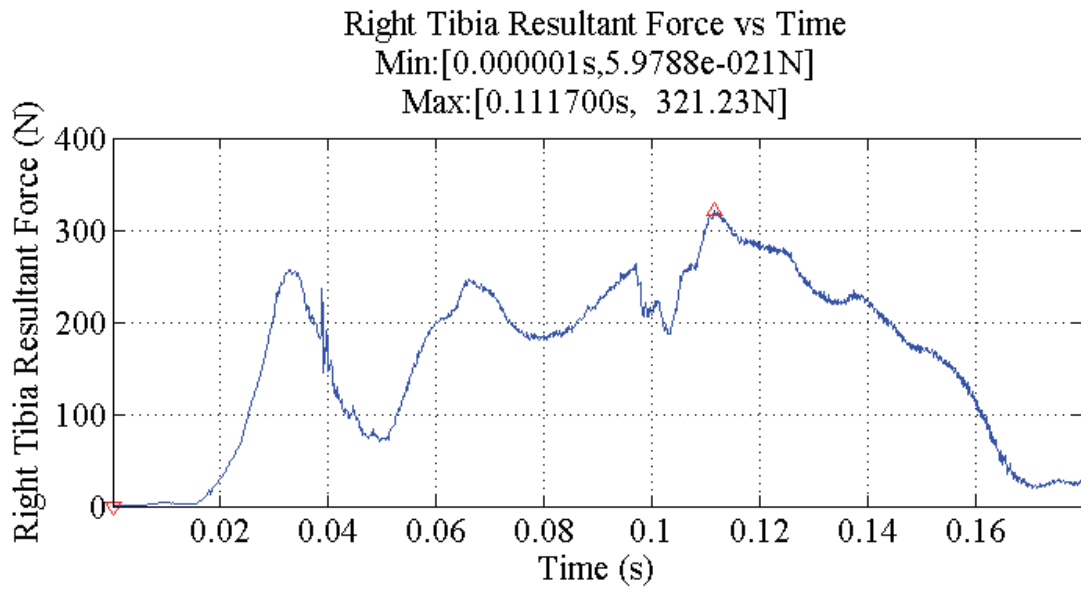


Figure 176: Right Tibia Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis loading.

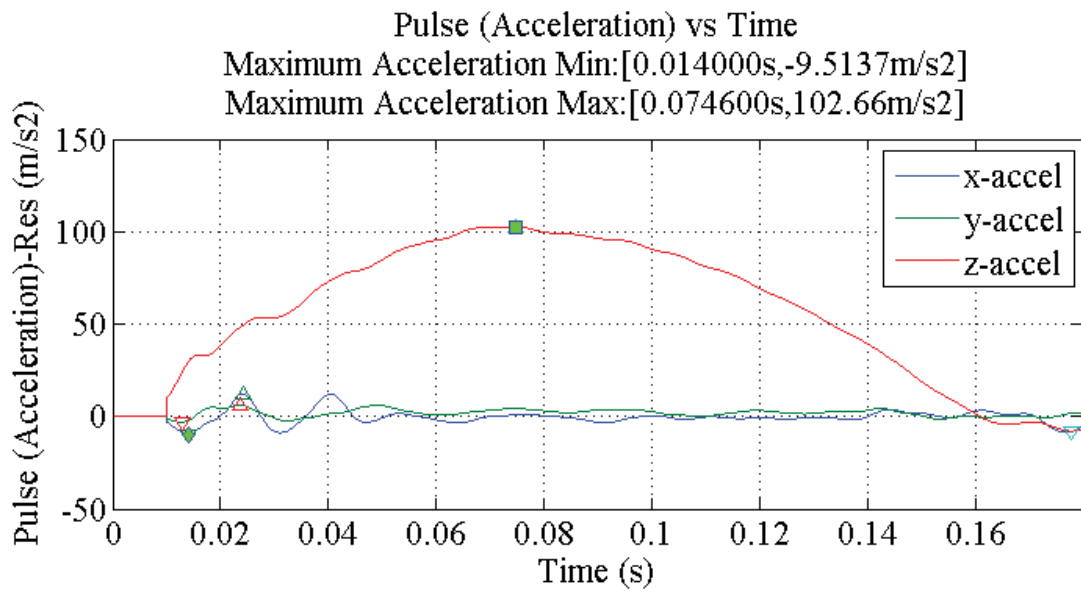
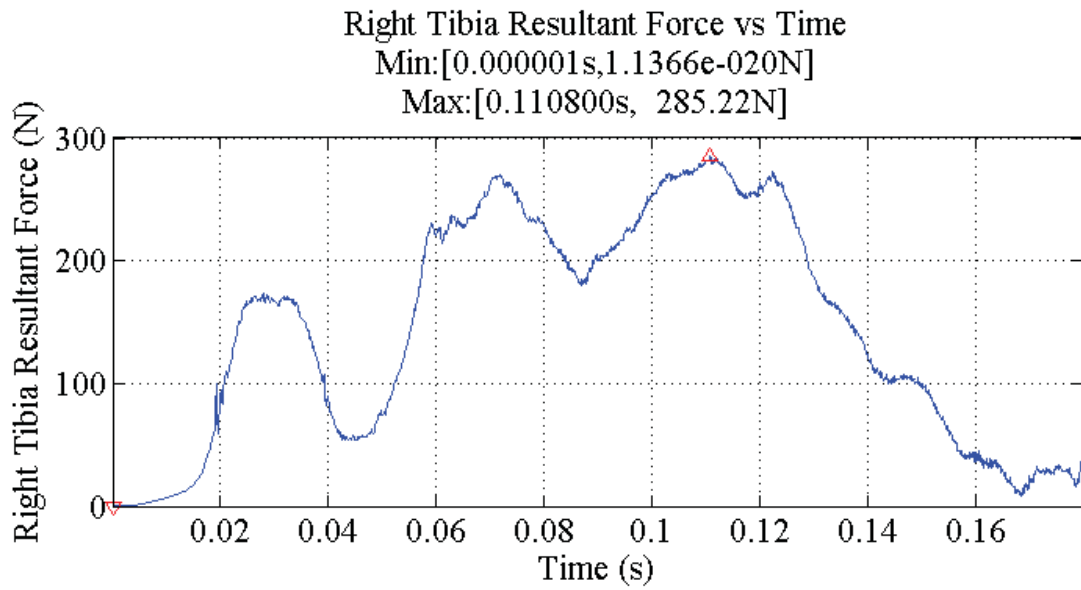


Figure 177: Right Tibia Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis loading.

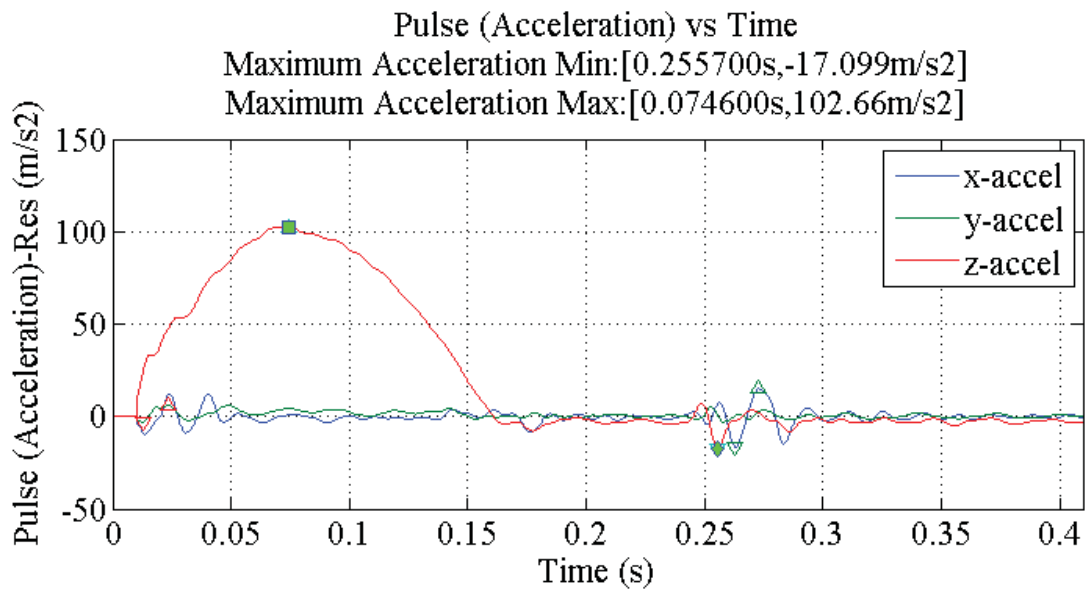
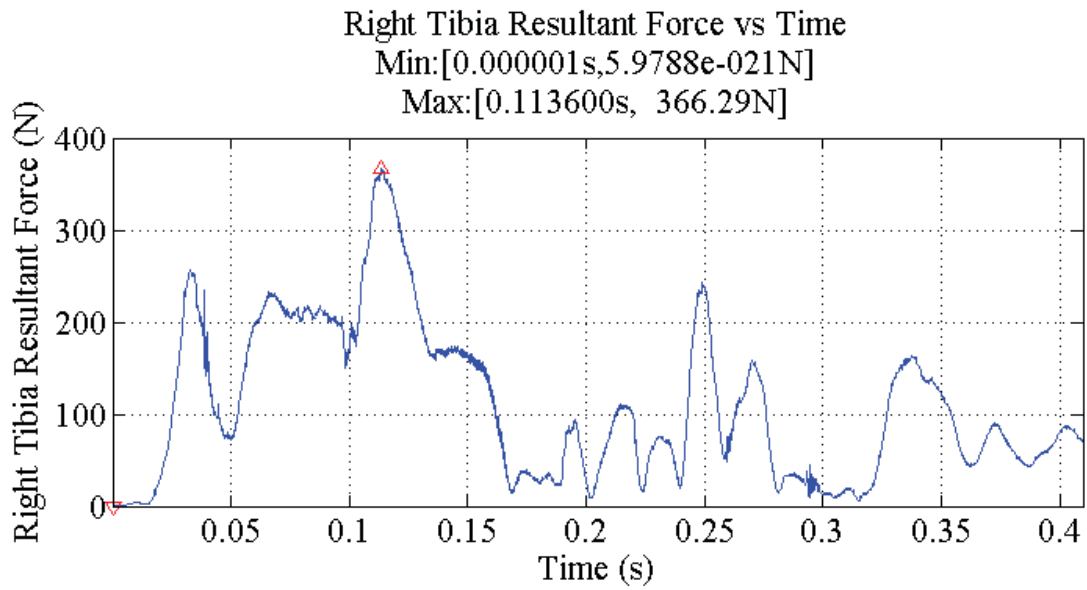


Figure 178: Right Tibia Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis loading.

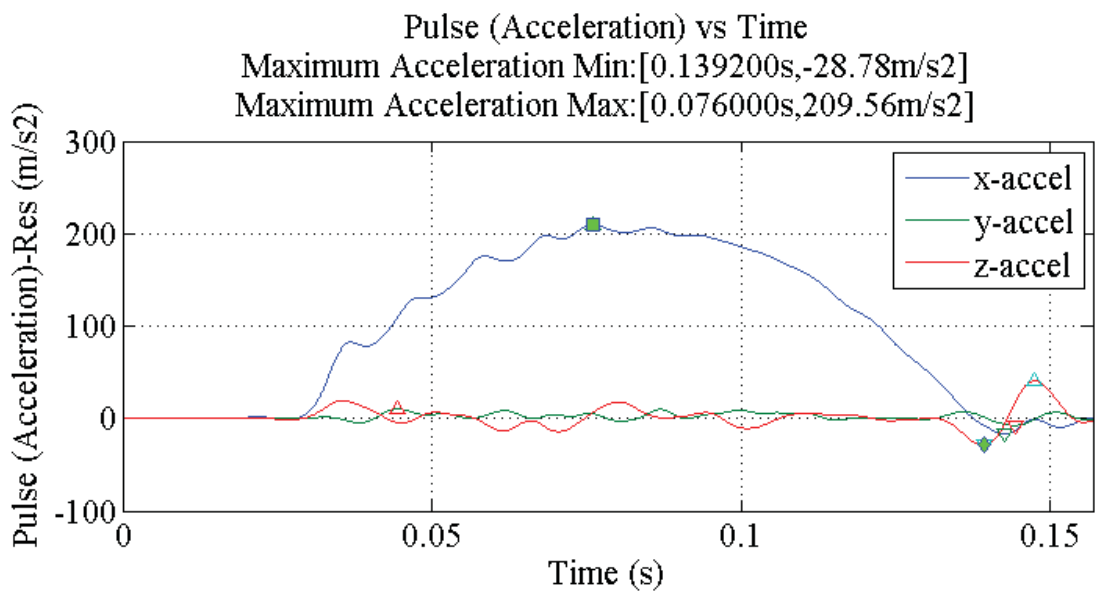
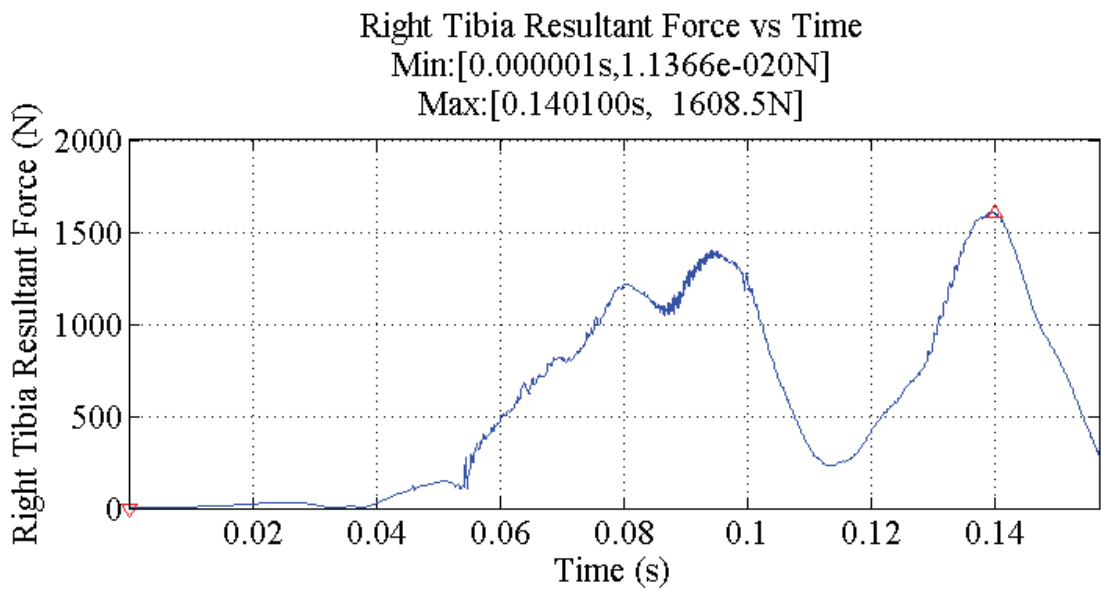


Figure 179: Right Tibia Force for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

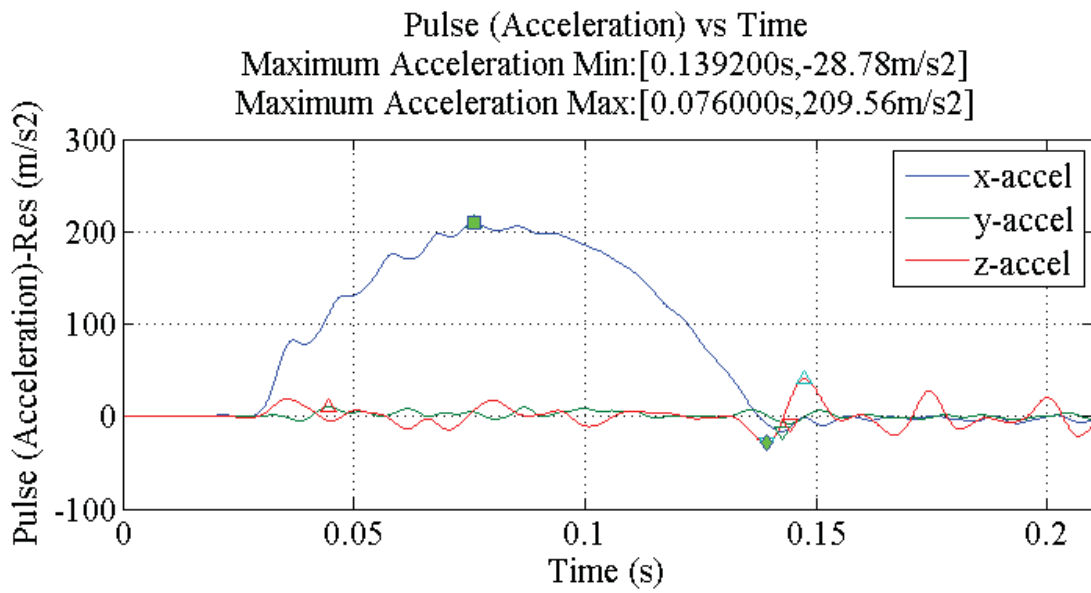
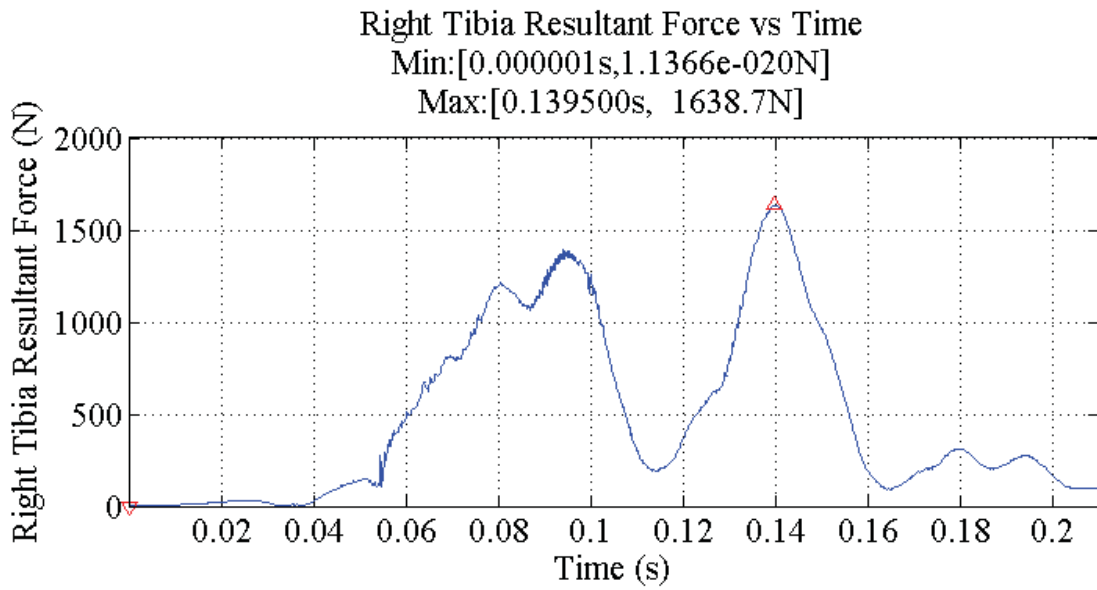


Figure 180: Right Tibia Force for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

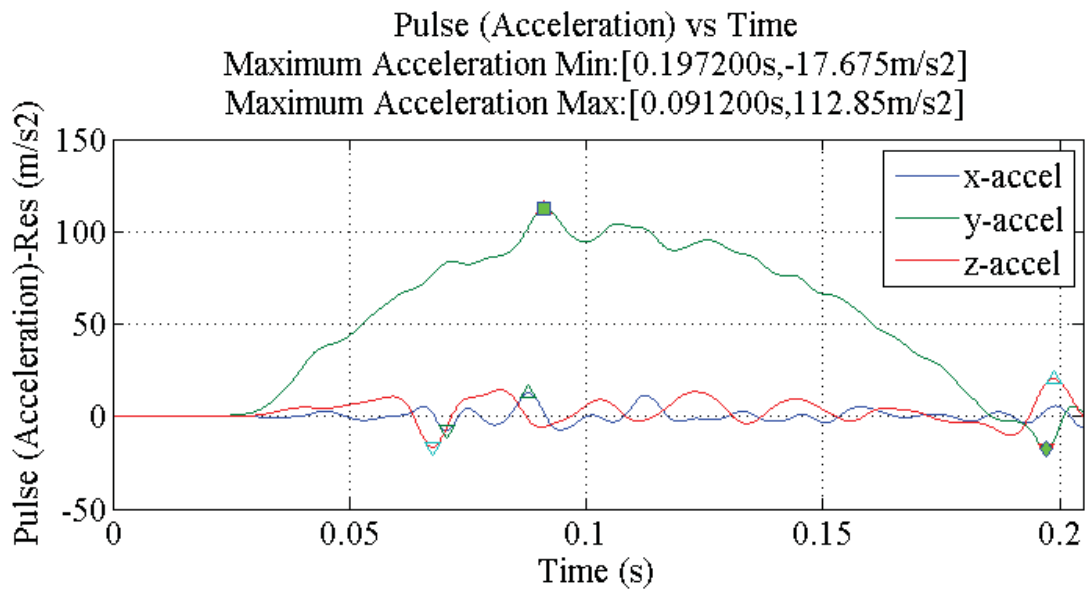
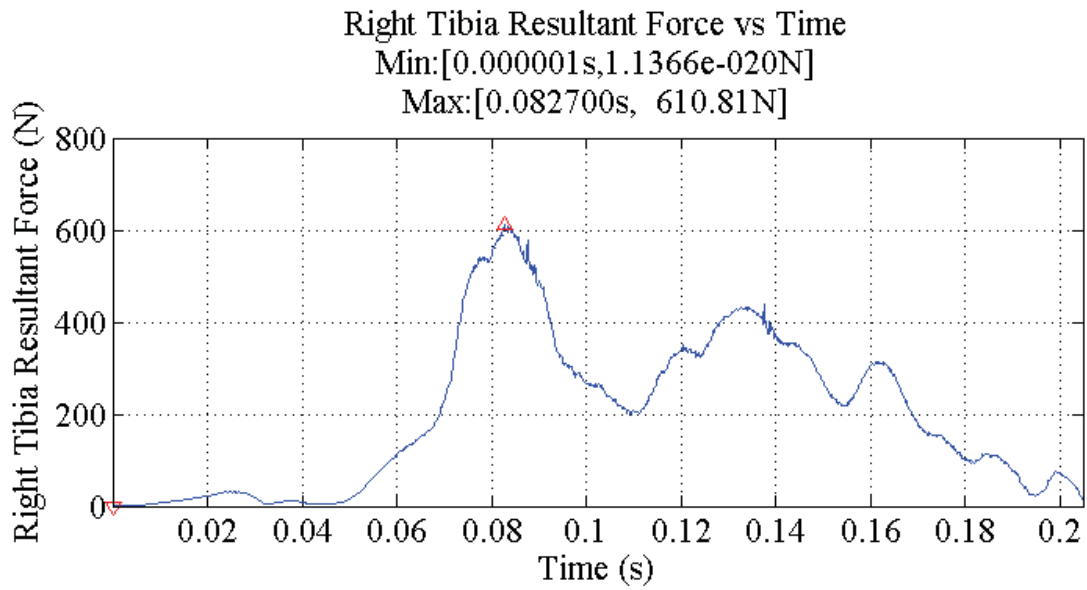


Figure 181: Right Tibia Force for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

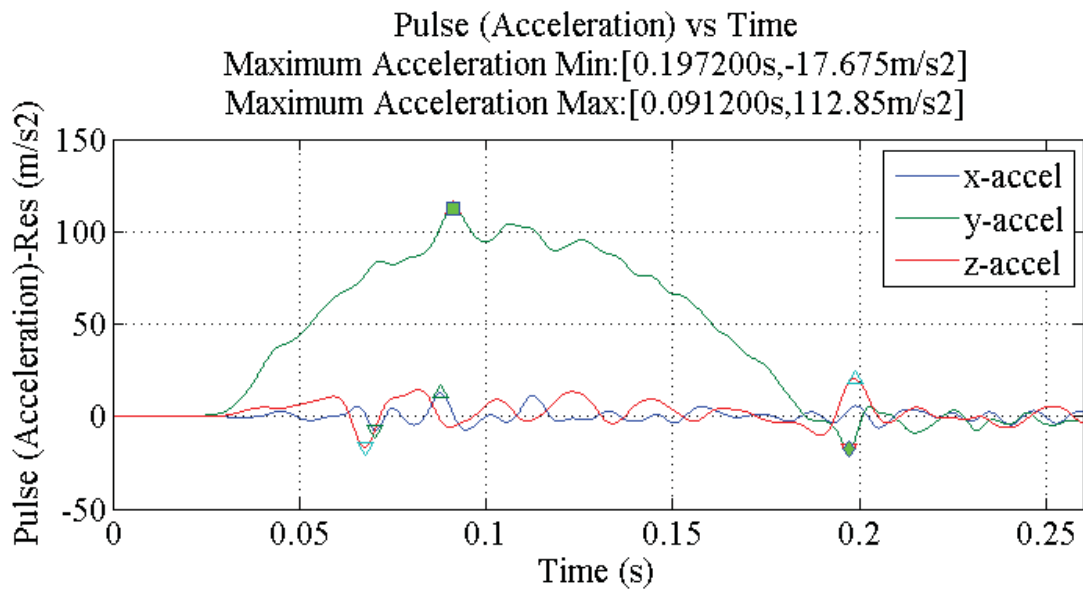
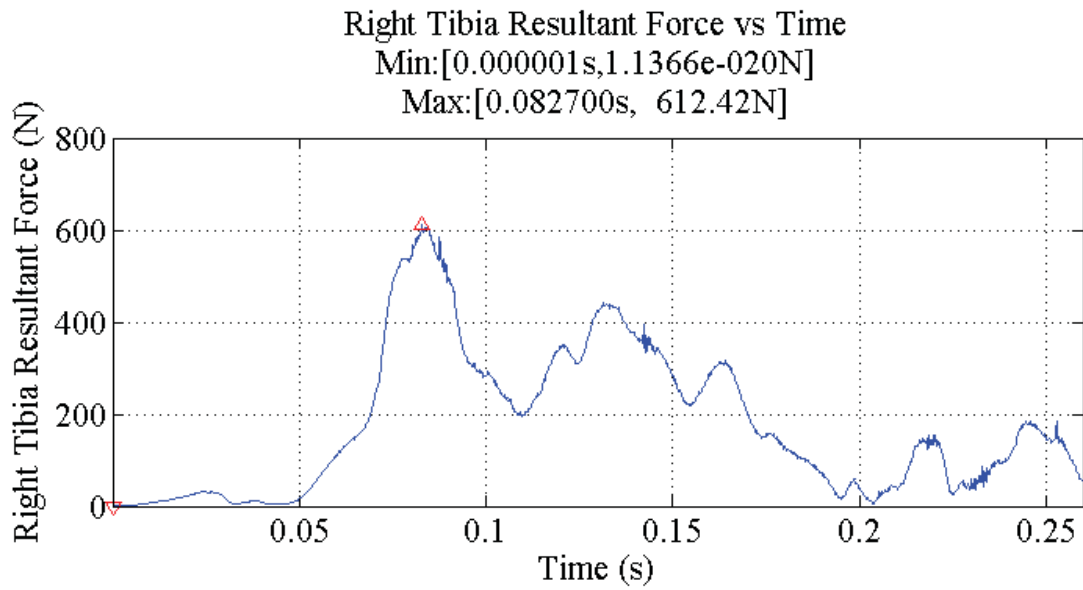
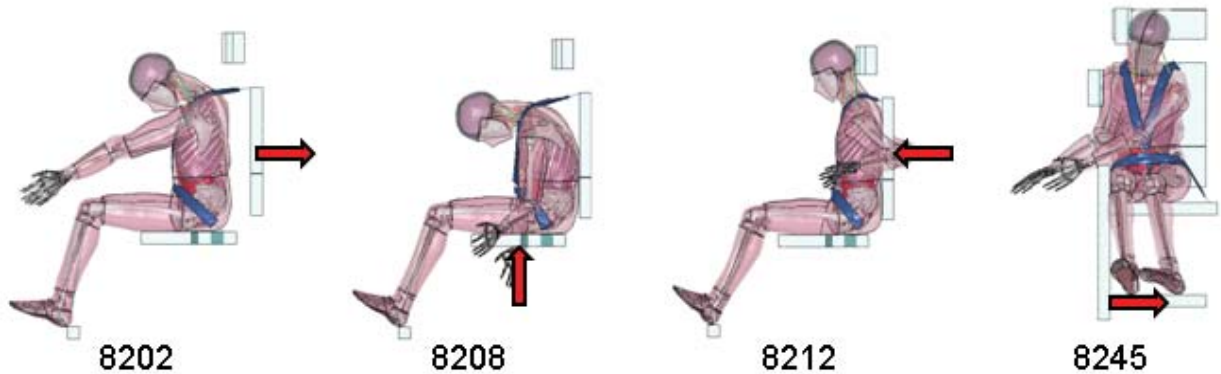


Figure 182: Right Tibia Force for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 16: Lower Extremity Injury, Left Tibia Force

Table 14: Tabulated Left Tibia Force

| Simulation | Left Tibia Force (N) |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 8202, Frontal, Short pulse | 440.58 |
| 8202, Frontal, Long pulse | 423.77 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, X-axis gravity | 286.27 |
| 8208, Spinal, Short pulse, Z-axis gravity | 281.36 |
| 8208, Spinal, Long pulse, X-axis gravity | 317.19 |
| 8212, Rear, Short pulse | 1469.30 |
| 8212, Rear, Long pulse | 1421.10 |
| 8245, Lateral, Short pulse | 2275.20 |
| 8245, Lateral, Long pulse | 2305.10 |



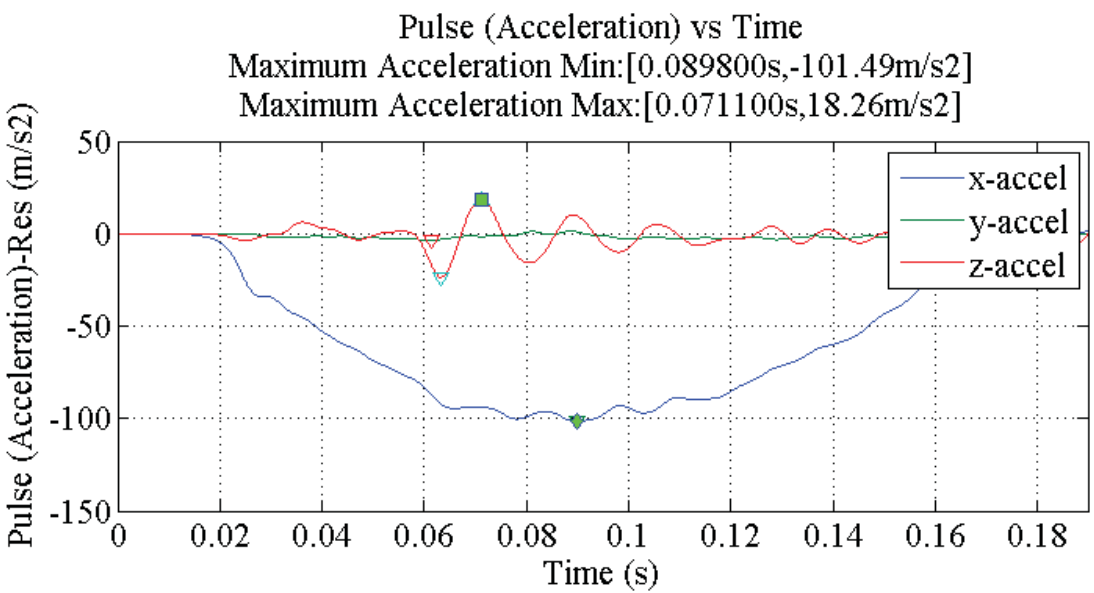
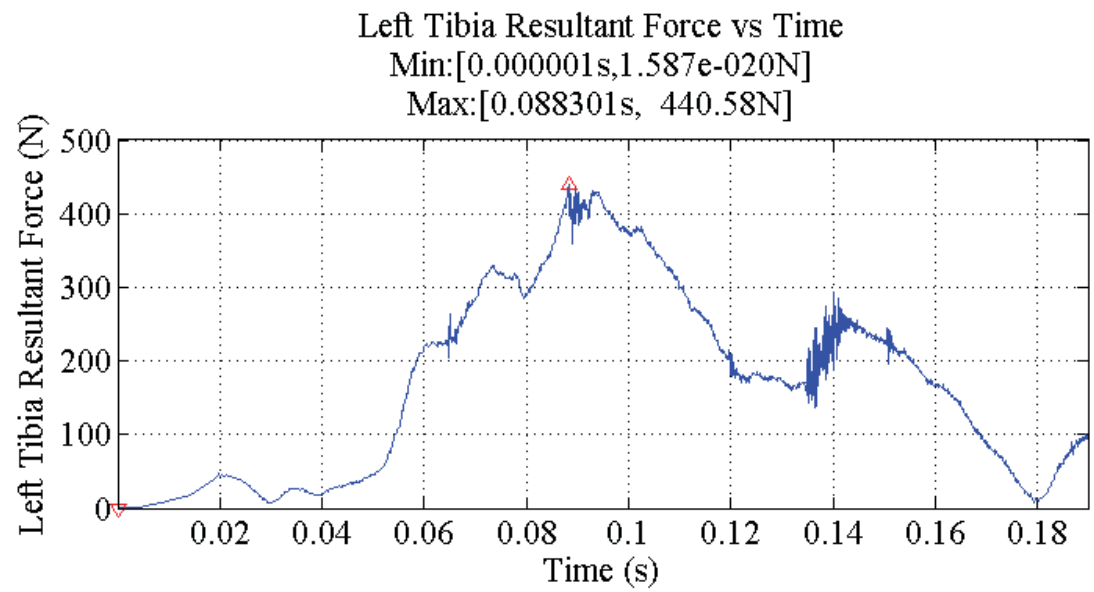


Figure 183: Left Tibia Force for simulation 8202 (Frontal), short pulse.

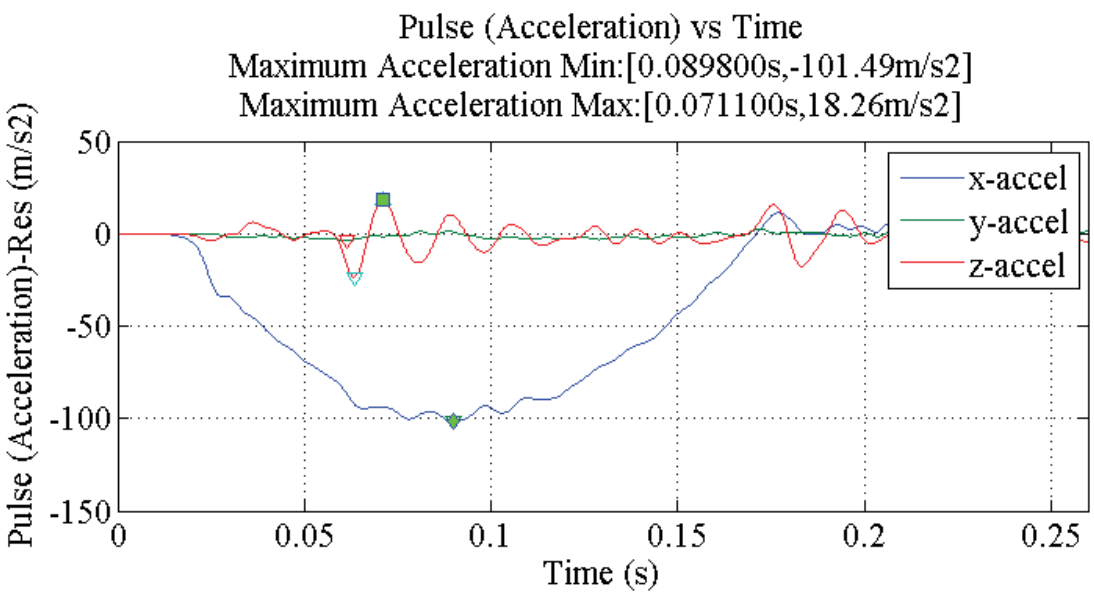
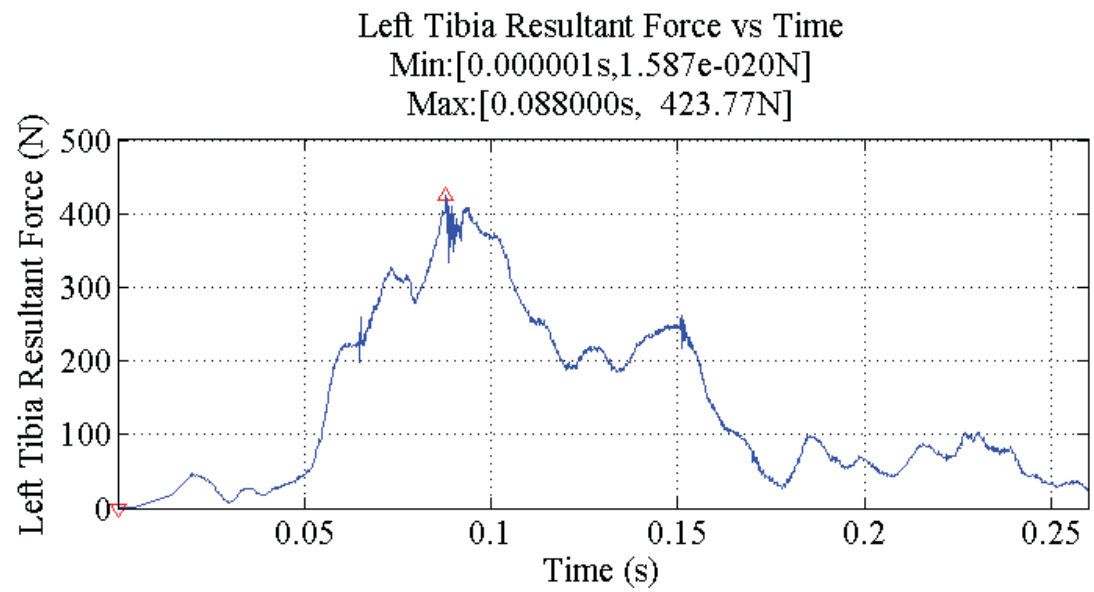


Figure 184: Left Tibia Force for simulation 8202 (Frontal), long pulse.

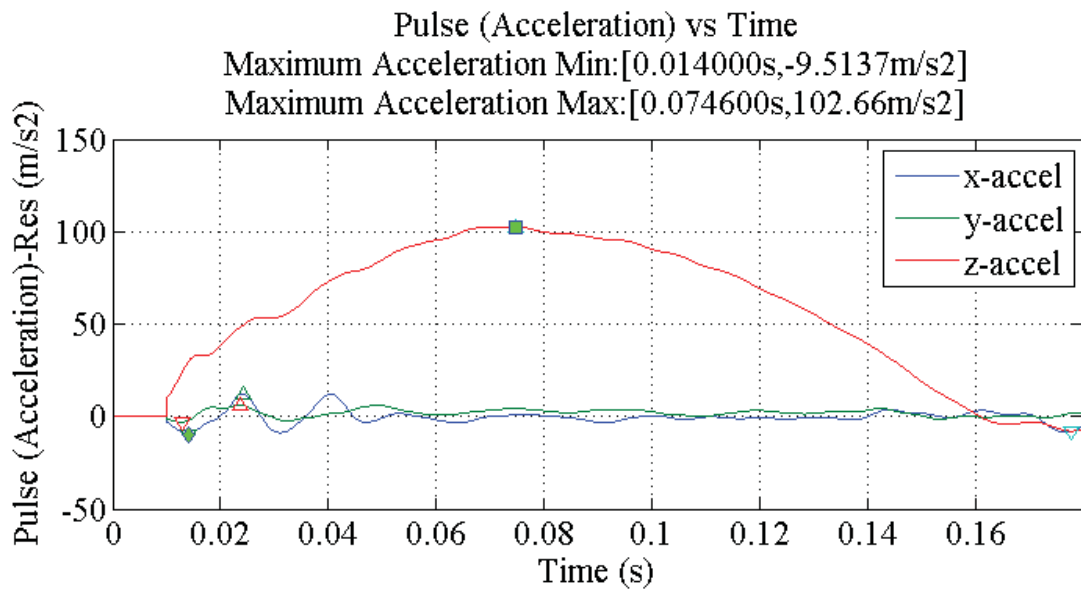
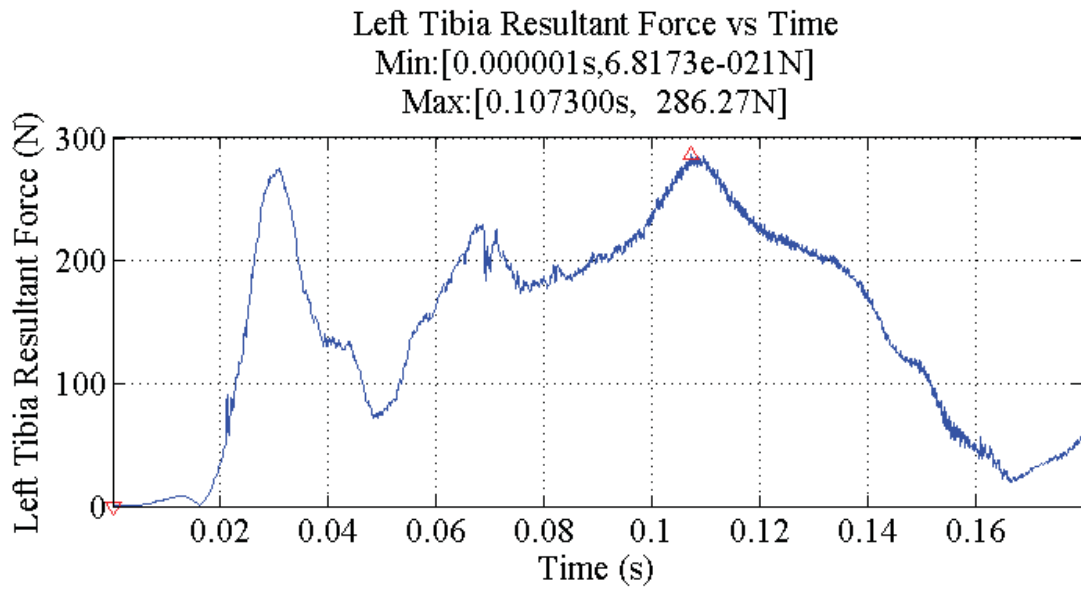


Figure 185: Left Tibia Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, X-axis gravity.

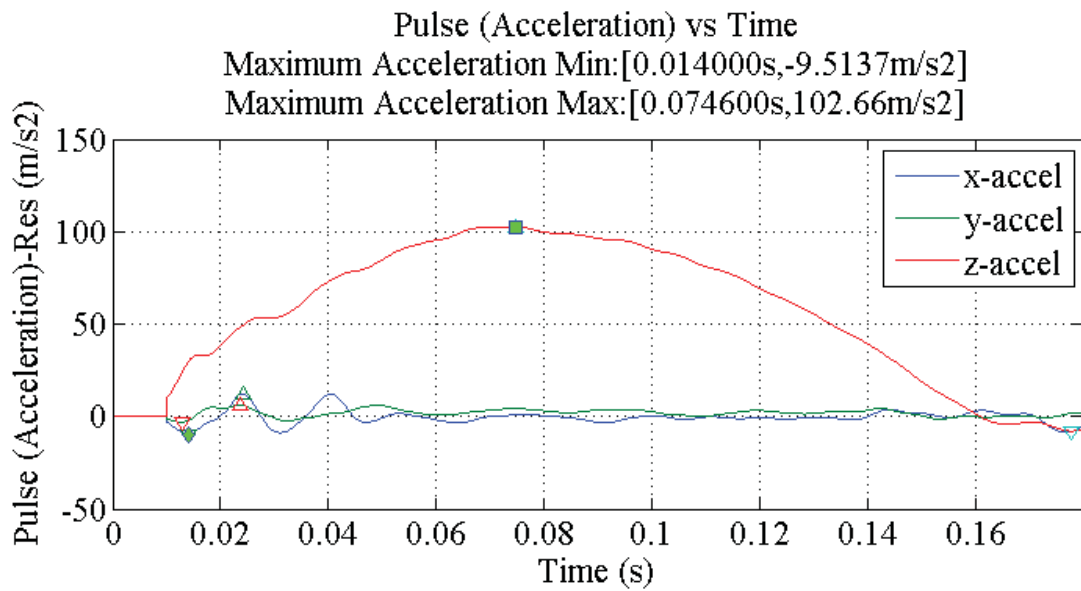
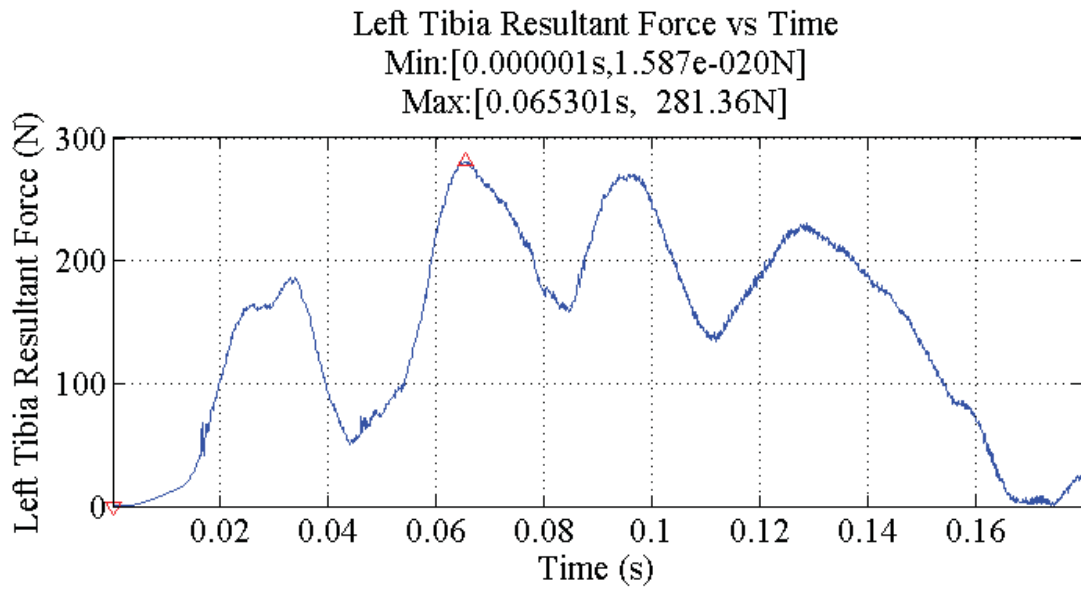


Figure 186: Left Tibia Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), short pulse, Z-axis gravity.

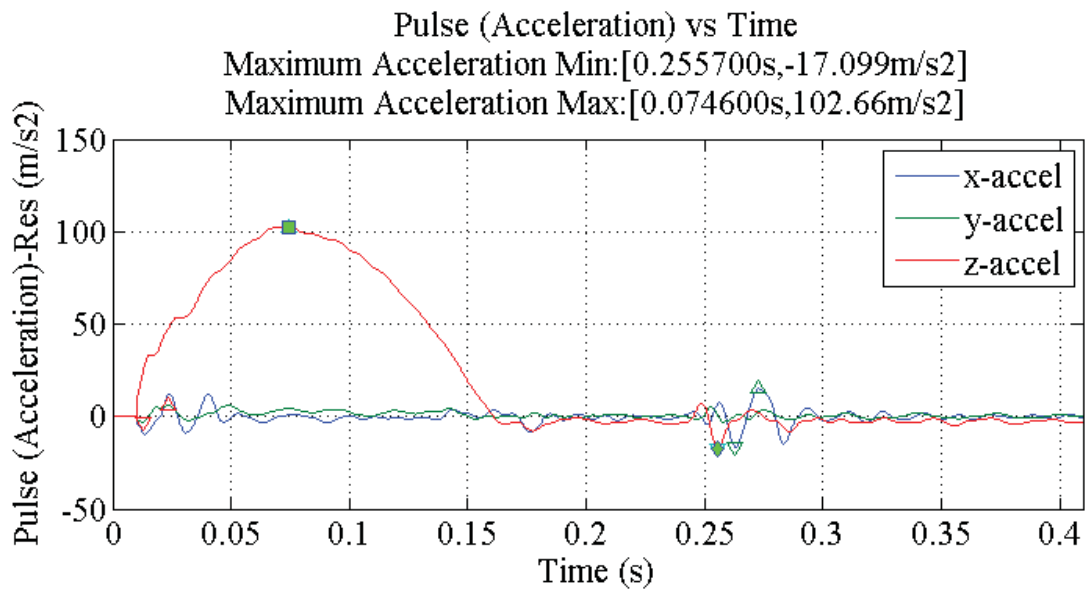
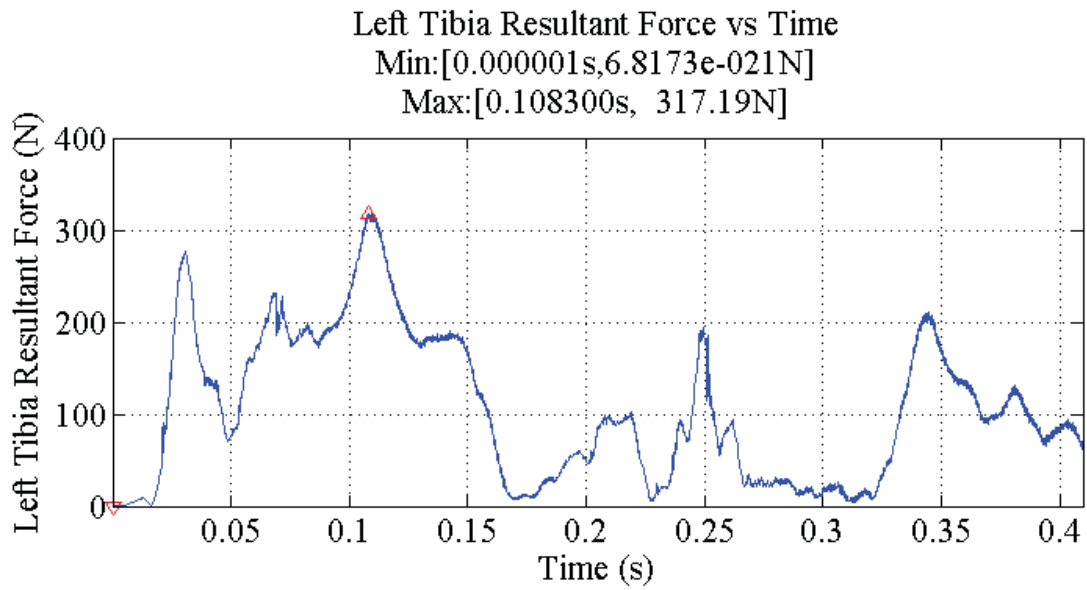


Figure 187: Left Tibia Force for simulation 8208 (Spinal), long pulse, X-axis gravity.

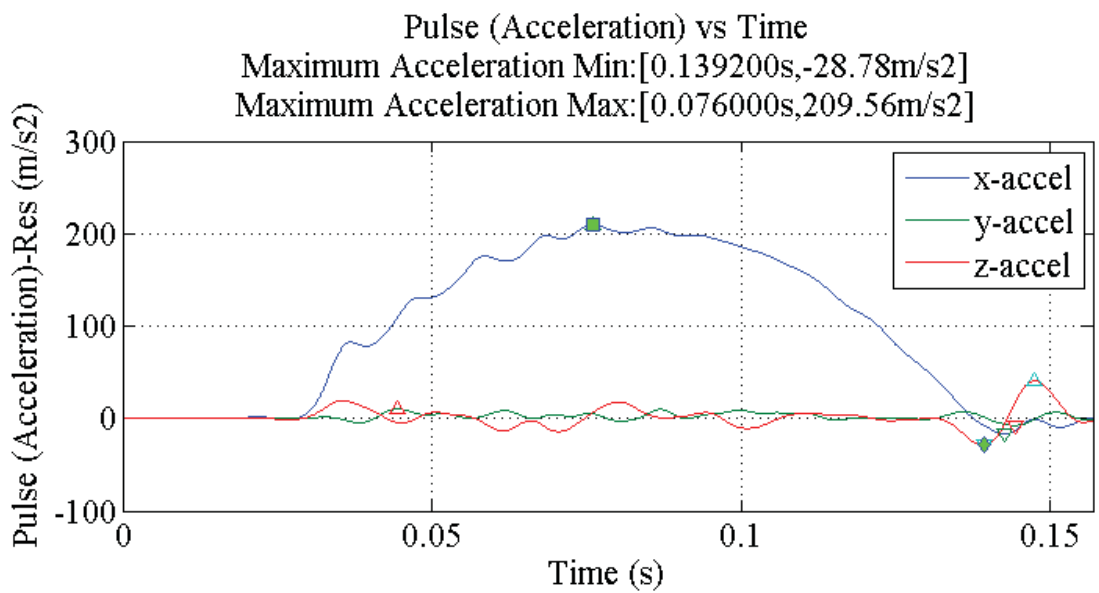
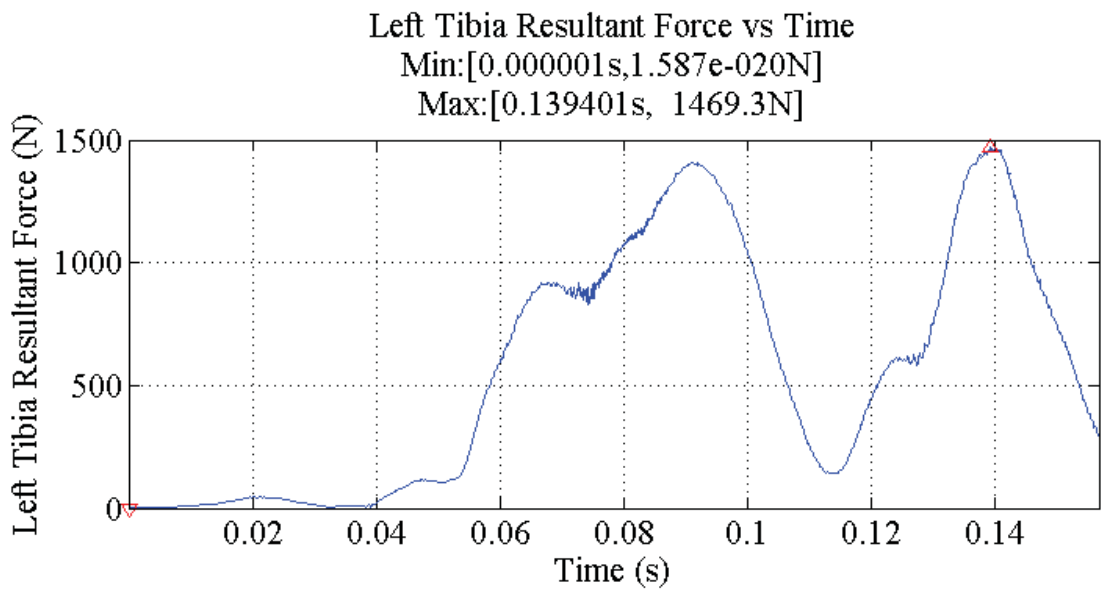


Figure 188: Left Tibia Force for simulation 8212 (Rear), short pulse.

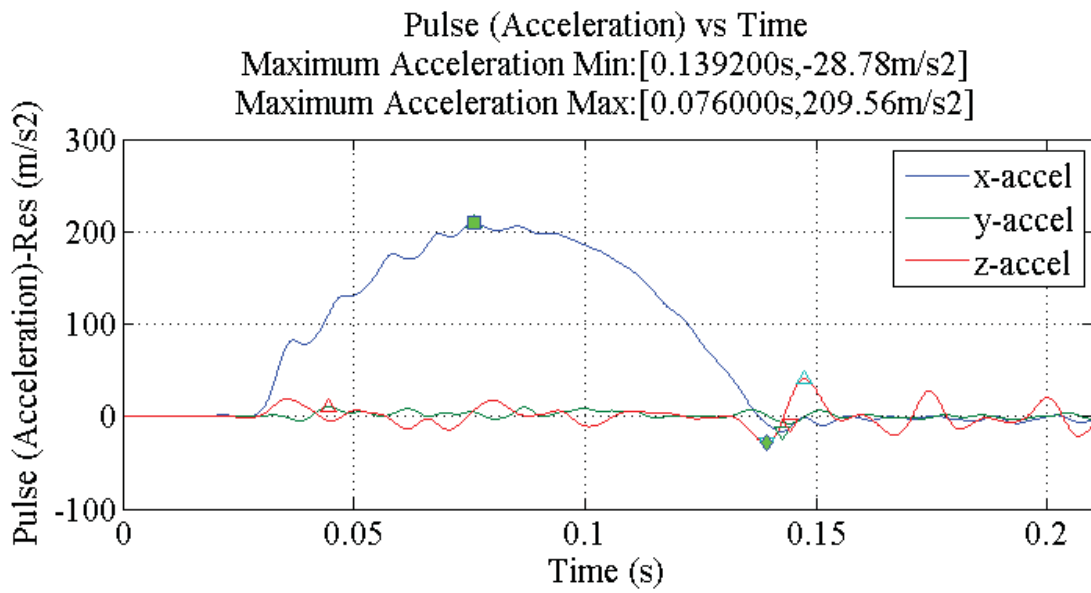
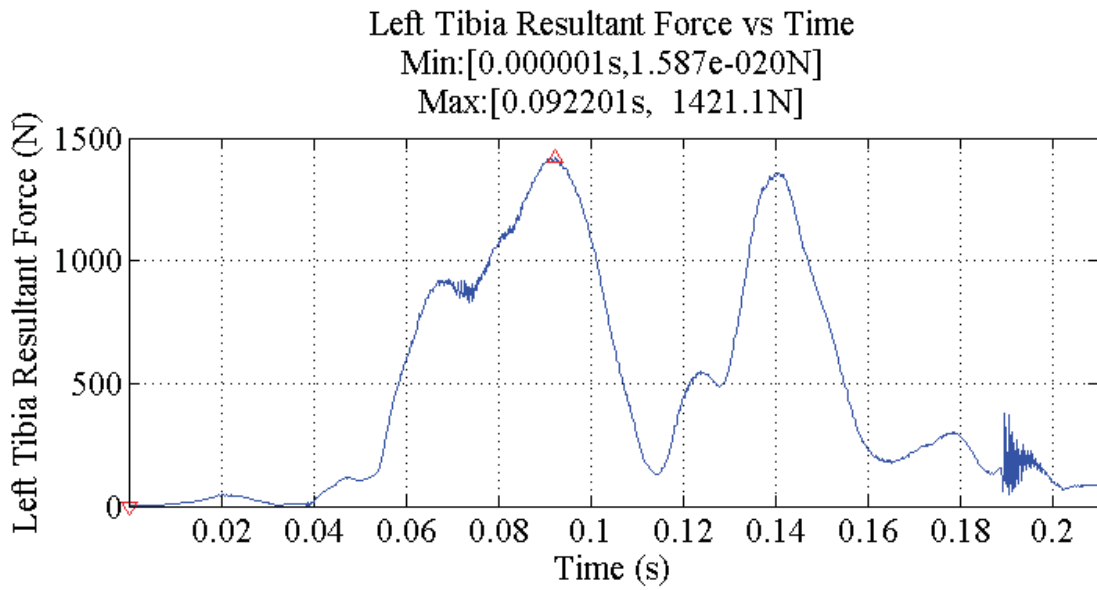


Figure 189: Left Tibia Force for simulation 8212 (Rear), long pulse.

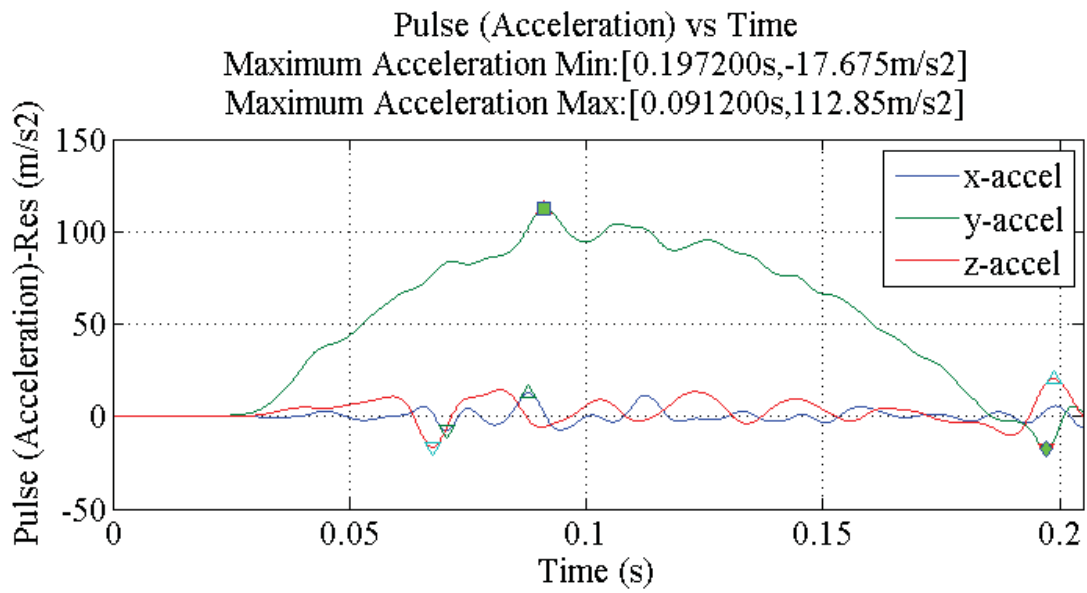
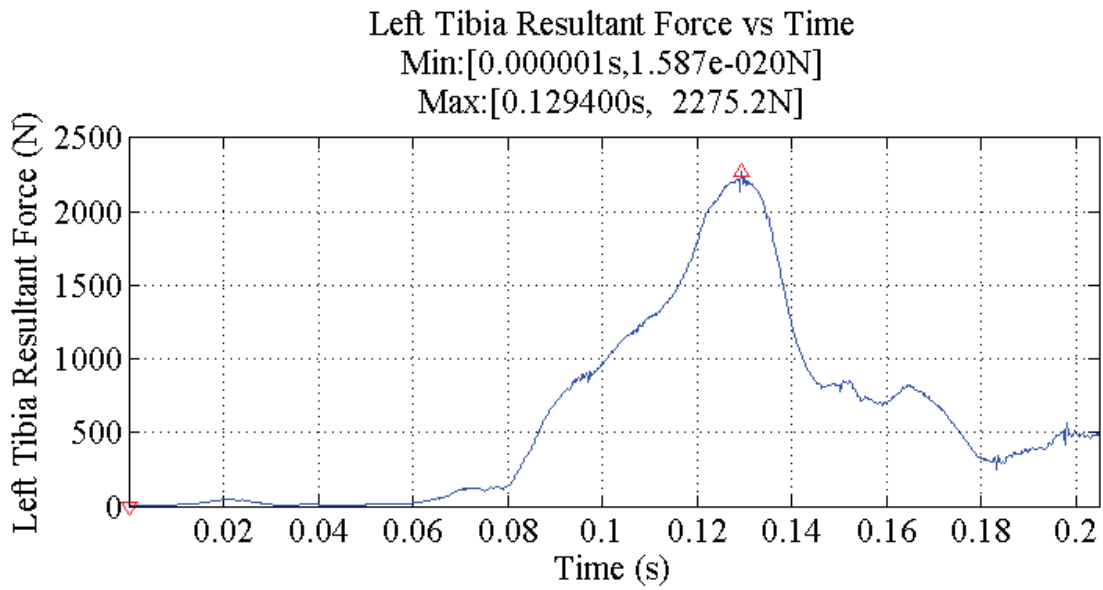


Figure 190: Left Tibia Force for simulation 8245 (Lateral), short pulse.

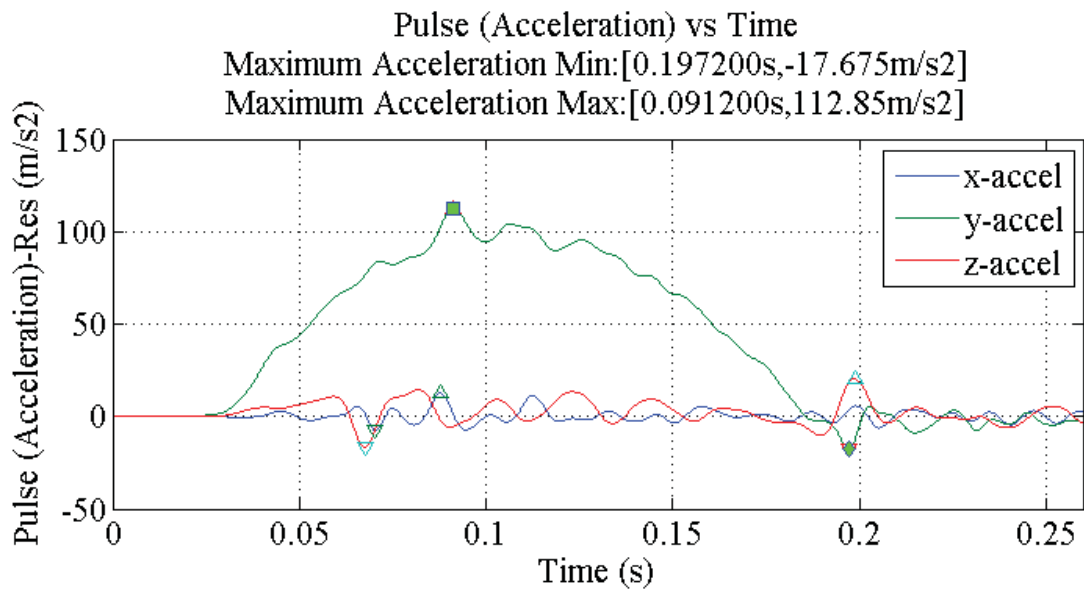
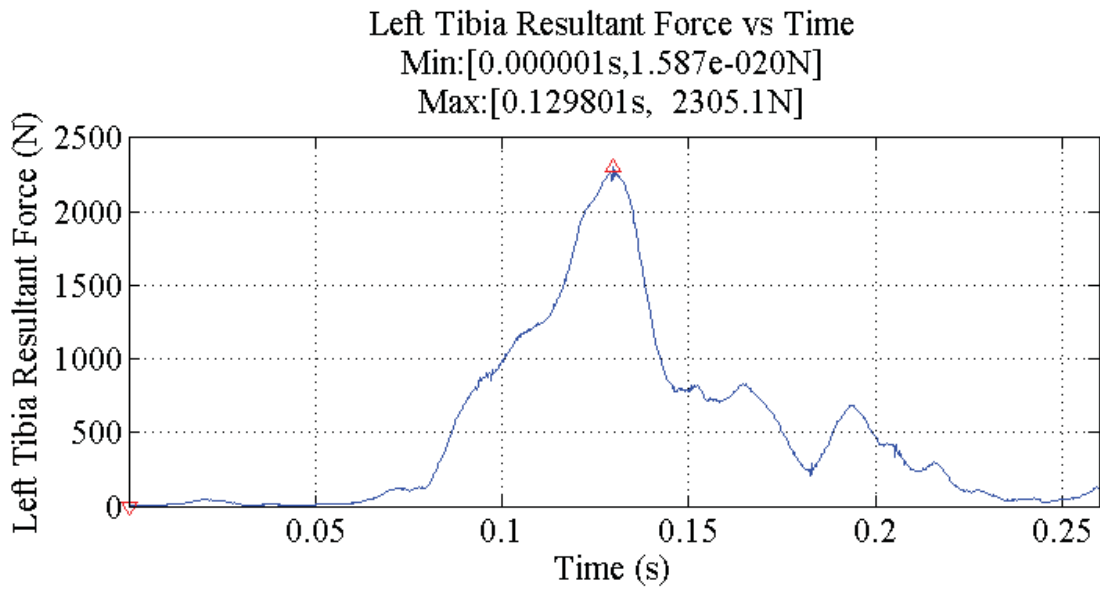


Figure 191: Left Tibia Force for simulation 8245 (Lateral), long pulse.

Appendix 17: Images from each simulation result.

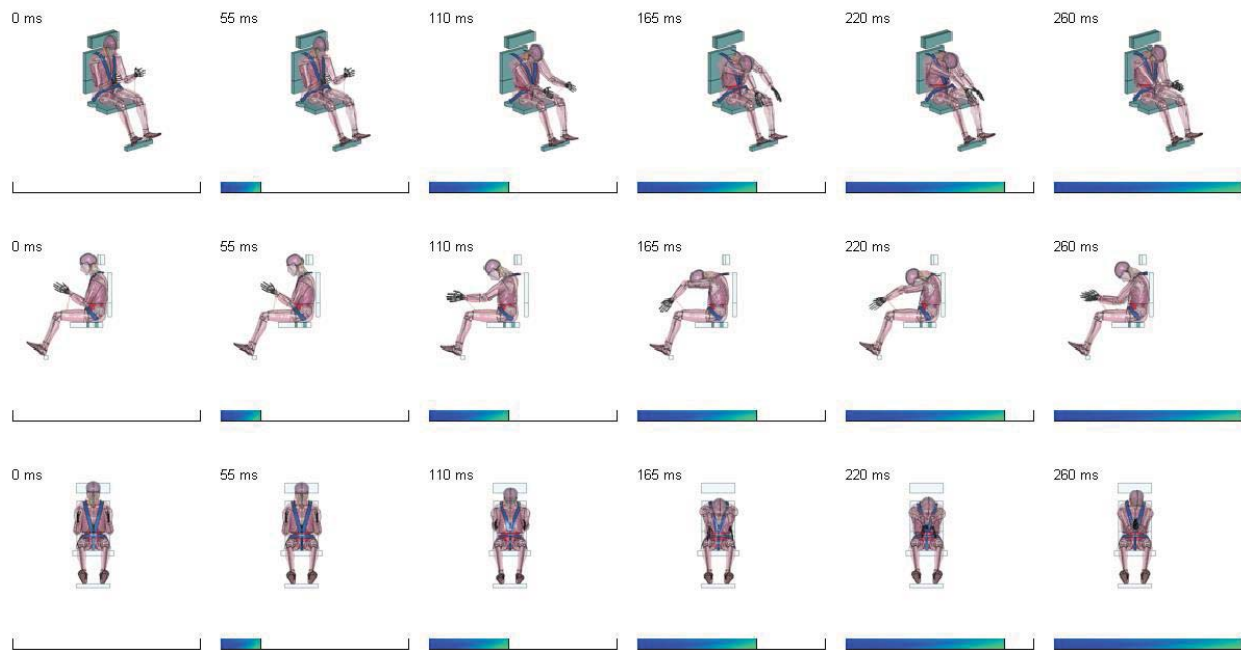


Figure 192: Resultant images from simulation 8202, frontal impact.

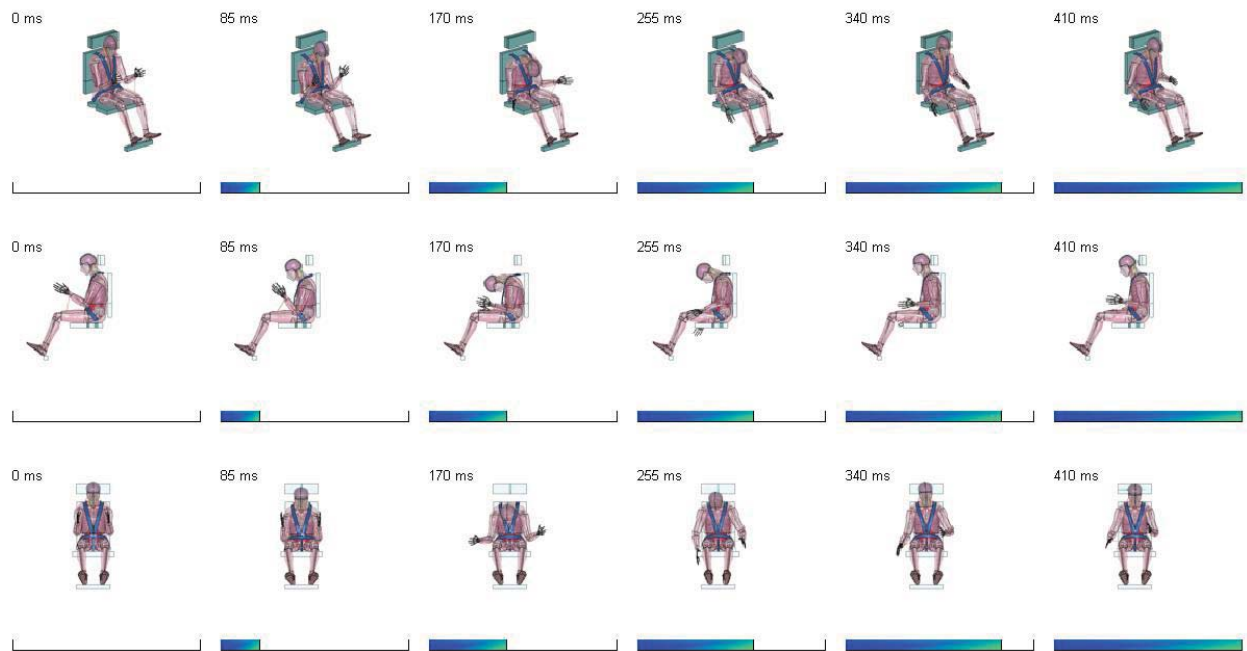


Figure 193: Resultant images from simulation 8208, spinal impact.

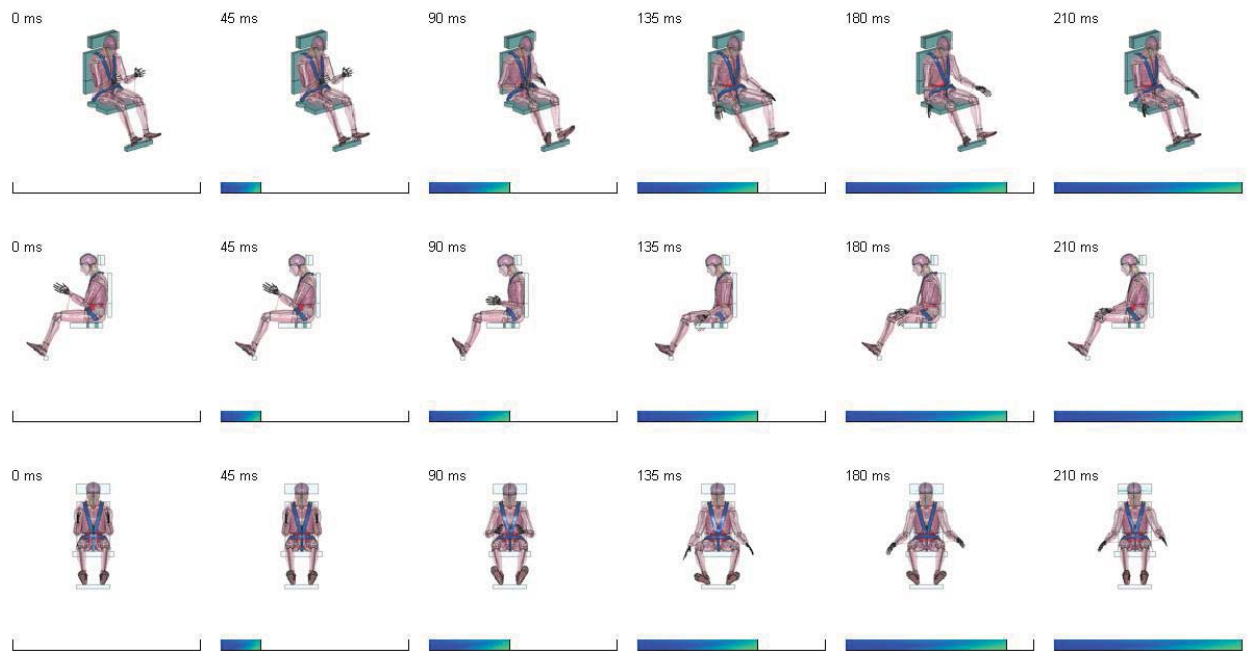


Figure 194: Resultant images from simulation 8212, rear impact.

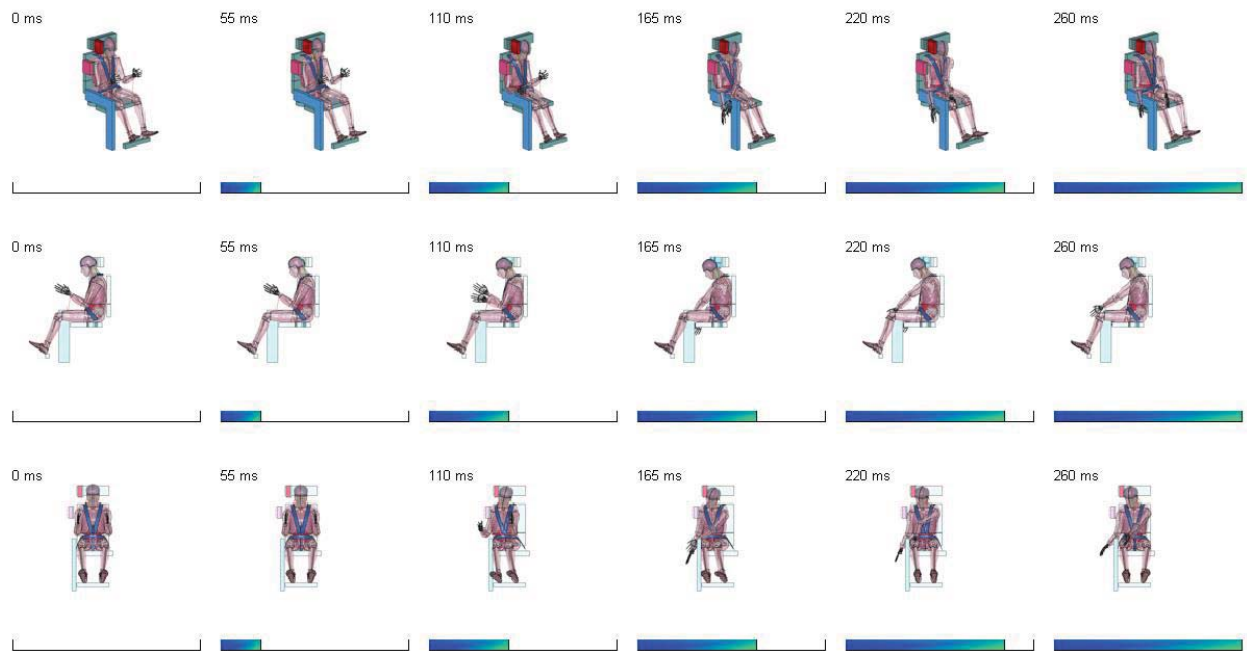


Figure 195: Resultant images from simulation 8245, lateral impact.

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