Best Practices for Scaling, Inverse Kinematics, and Inverse Dynamics

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## **Designing Your Experiment**

### What data do you really need?

- Motion capture to measures body motion
  Note: 3 markers per body segment + bony landmarks
- Force sensors to measure reaction forces
  Like force plates to measure GRFs
- EMG to measure muscle activity
  Only needed for muscle-actuated simulation



### Tips for better results

- Develop a standard lab protocol
- Take pictures or video
- Calculate function joint centers
- Measure subject specifics
  - Height
  - Body mass
  - Segment Lengths
  - Strength (Biodex)





# **Scaling the Model**



### **TIPS & TRICKS**

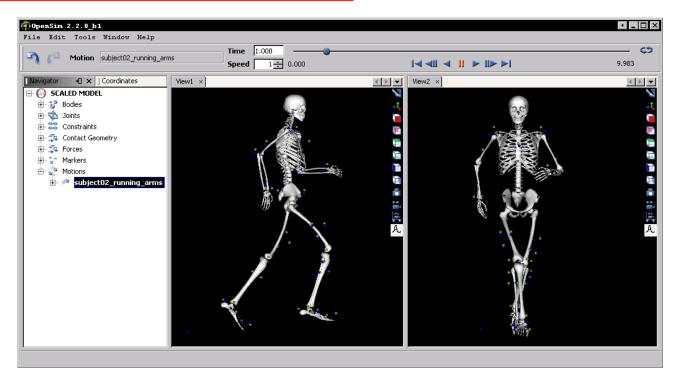
Use markers on anatomical or bony landmarks

Use the "preview static pose" before adjusting model markers

If the results of scale look incorrect, change virtual markers or marker weights

Good results require iteration

## **Inverse Kinematics (IK)**



#### **TIPS & TRICKS**

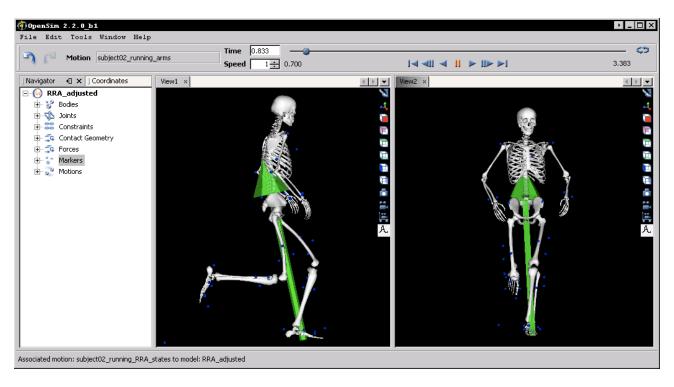
Marker weights are relative

Check max and RMS marker errors in messages window

Weight "motion" marker triads on body segments higher than anatomical markers

Max marker error should be < 2 cm with RMS error < 1 cm

## **Inverse Dynamics**



### **TIPS & TRICKS**

Filter your raw coordinate data

Check residuals for RRA and to make sure GRFs were applied correctly

Compare to previous literature data (if available)