

## Simulation Analysis: Estimating Joint Loads

OpenSim Workshop

# **Investigating a Simulation:**



## **The Analyze Tool:**



# Example: Quantifying Joint Loads

#### **Design Biomedical Devices**



Argenson et al, J. Biomech 2005

#### Predict Tissue Stress



Besier et al, MED. SCI. SP & EXERCISE, 2006

#### Study degradation



USC2000, 2009, http://www.flickr.com/photos/usc2000/3189533413/

# **Joint Reaction Analysis**

Joint reaction forces and moments

- satisfy joint constraints
- represent internal loads carried by the joint structure
- result from all loads acting on the model

Prevent movements that cannot be produced

Available from the Analyze Tool







# Esternal Loads

Estimate

## <u>Calculate</u>

Muscle Forces

Joint Reaction Forces and Moments

# **Static Optimization**

#### <u>Input</u>

Model

**Joint Kinematics** 

**External Loads** 

<u>Output</u>

Muscle Forces

**Muscle Activations** 

Complete dynamic description





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Calculation of the joint reaction forces on  $S_i$ 





# Joint Reaction Analysis: Setting It Up

**Inputs from Static Optimization** 

Model Kinematics External Loads data Residual Actuators

Inputs specific to JointReaction

Muscle force data Joints of interest Bodies of interest Coordinate reference frames

### <u>Output</u>

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