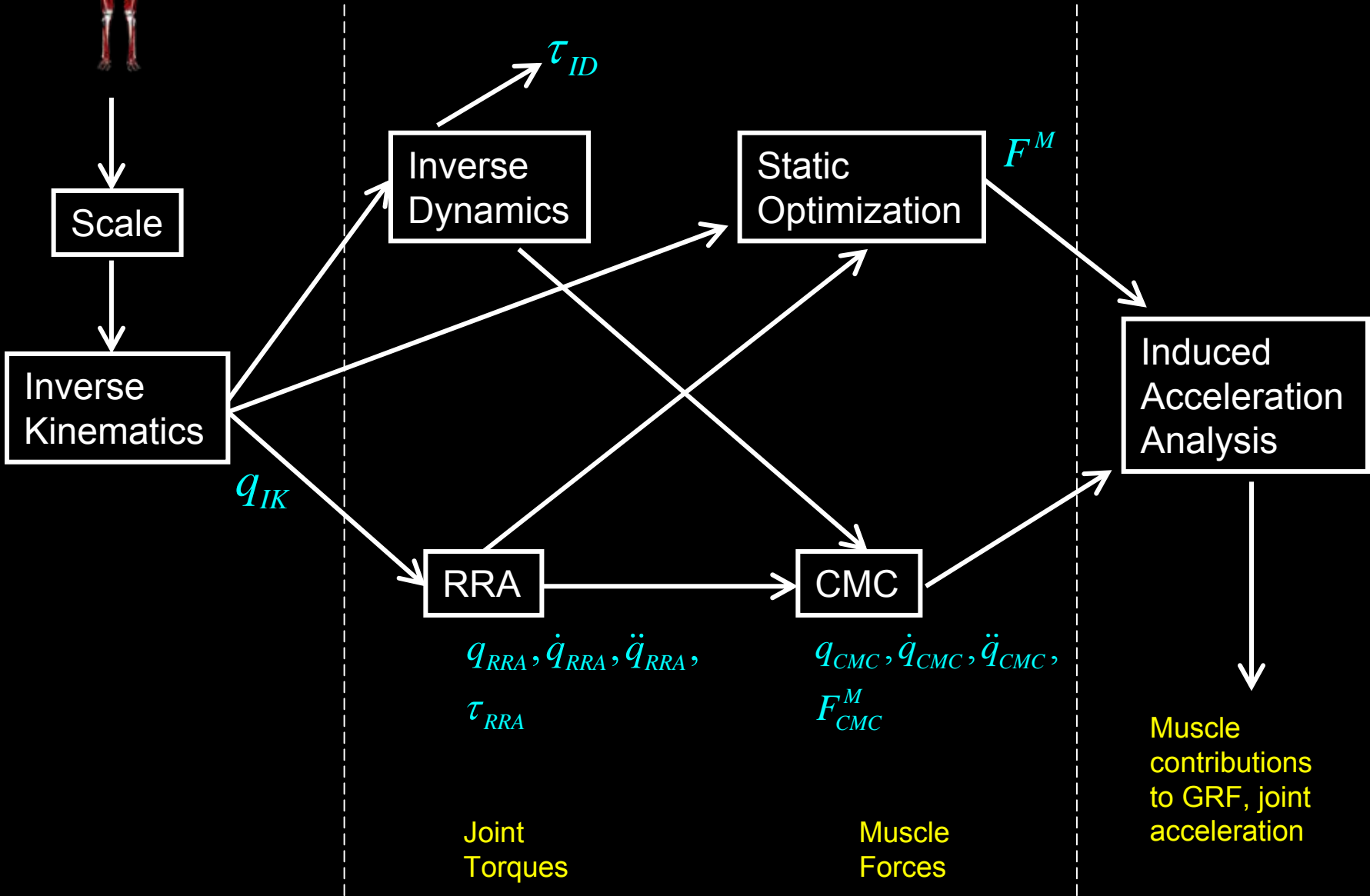


# OpenSim Simulation Pipeline

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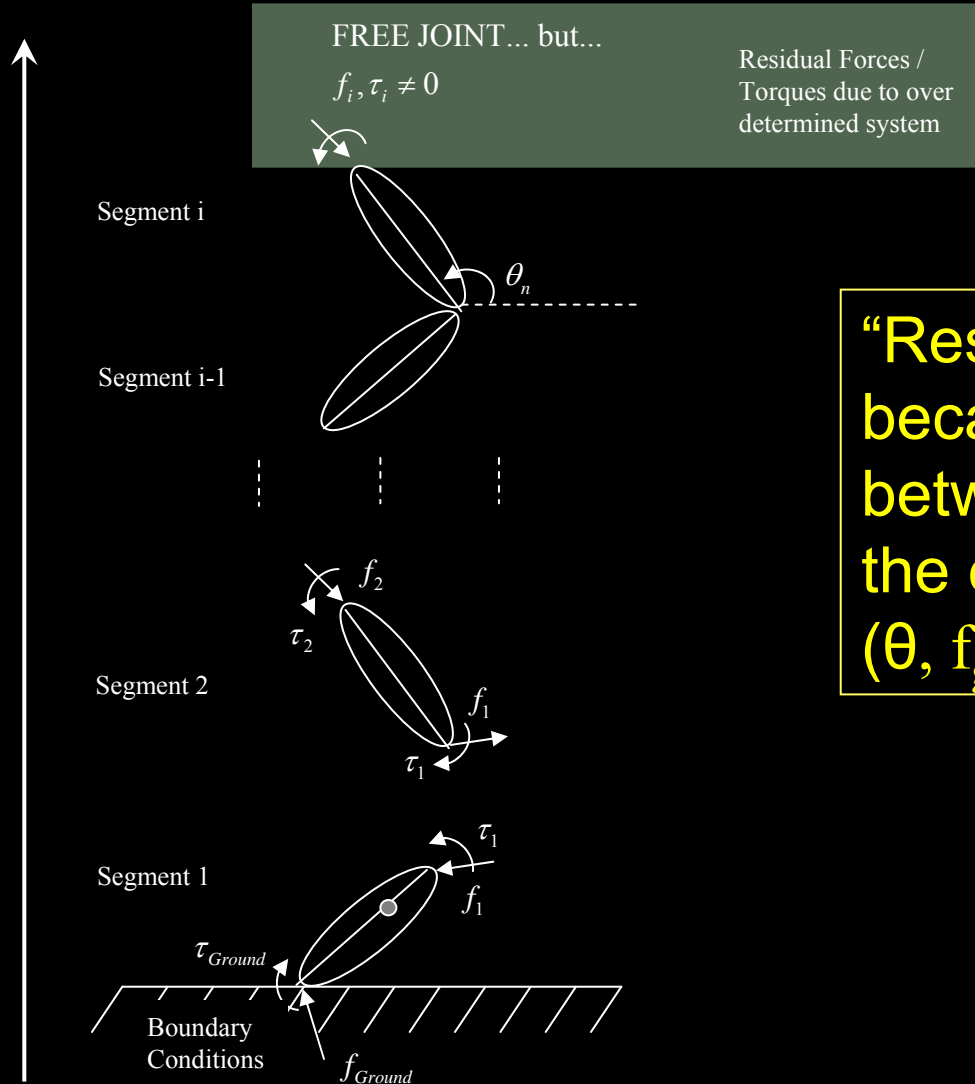
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# Pipeline tools: what's available?



# Inverse Dynamics

Solved algebraically from the ground up:  
NO FORWARD INTEGRATION



“Residuals” appear  
because of a mismatch  
between the model and  
the experimental data  
( $\theta, f_{ground}, \tau_{ground}$ ).

Solve for distal reactions:

$$f - m\ddot{x} = 0$$

$$\tau - I\ddot{\theta} = 0$$

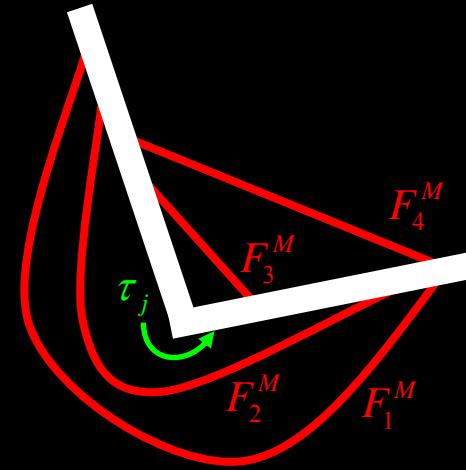
# Are “residuals” bad?

**YES:** “Residuals” do not occur in reality: our motion is fully actuated by torques (via muscles) at the joint and NOT by the “hand of god”.

**NO:** We acknowledge that our experimental data contains errors (e.g. noise, skin artifact). We also acknowledge that our models are not perfect. “Residuals”, therefore represent these lumped unmodeled phenomenon / errors. Having zero “residuals” would mean that we are modeling our subject perfectly and with perfect experimental data, which is highly unlikely.

# Static Optimization

Solved independently at each time step:  
NO FORWARD INTEGRATION



solve for:  $\mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a}^M$

by minimizing:  $J(\mathbf{a}) = \sum_{i=1}^{nm} (a_i^M)^2$

subject to: 
$$\sum_{j=1}^{nj} \sum_{i=1}^{nm} \left[ \underbrace{a_i^M \cdot F_{o,i}^M \cdot f(l_i^M, v_i^M)}_{\text{active}} + \underbrace{F_{p,i}^M}_{\text{passive}} \right] \cdot \text{MomArm}_{i,j} = \tau_j$$

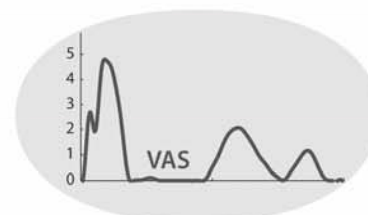
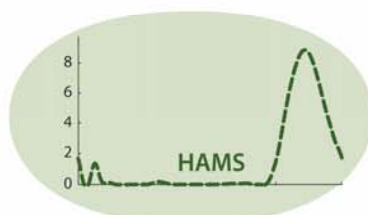
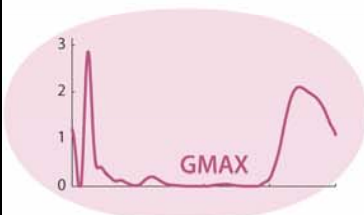
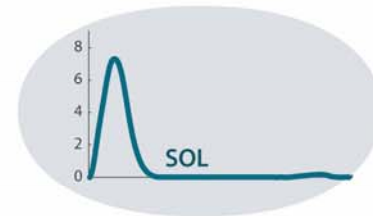
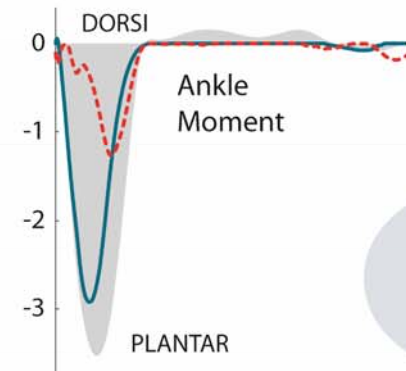
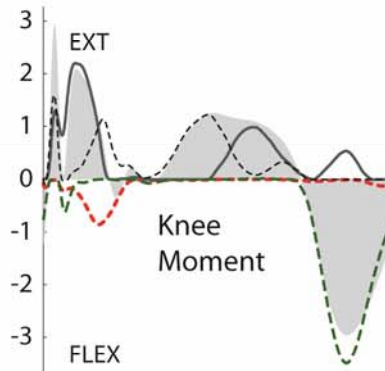
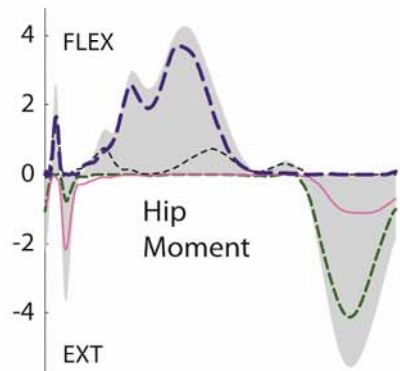
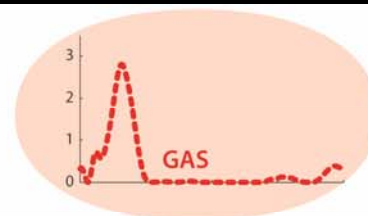
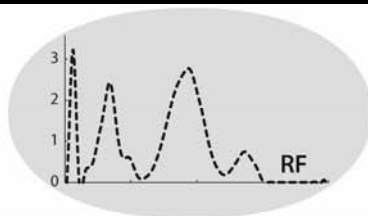
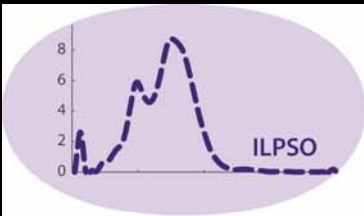
$$\mathbf{0} < \mathbf{a}^M < \mathbf{1}$$

More muscles than joints:  
over-determined problem

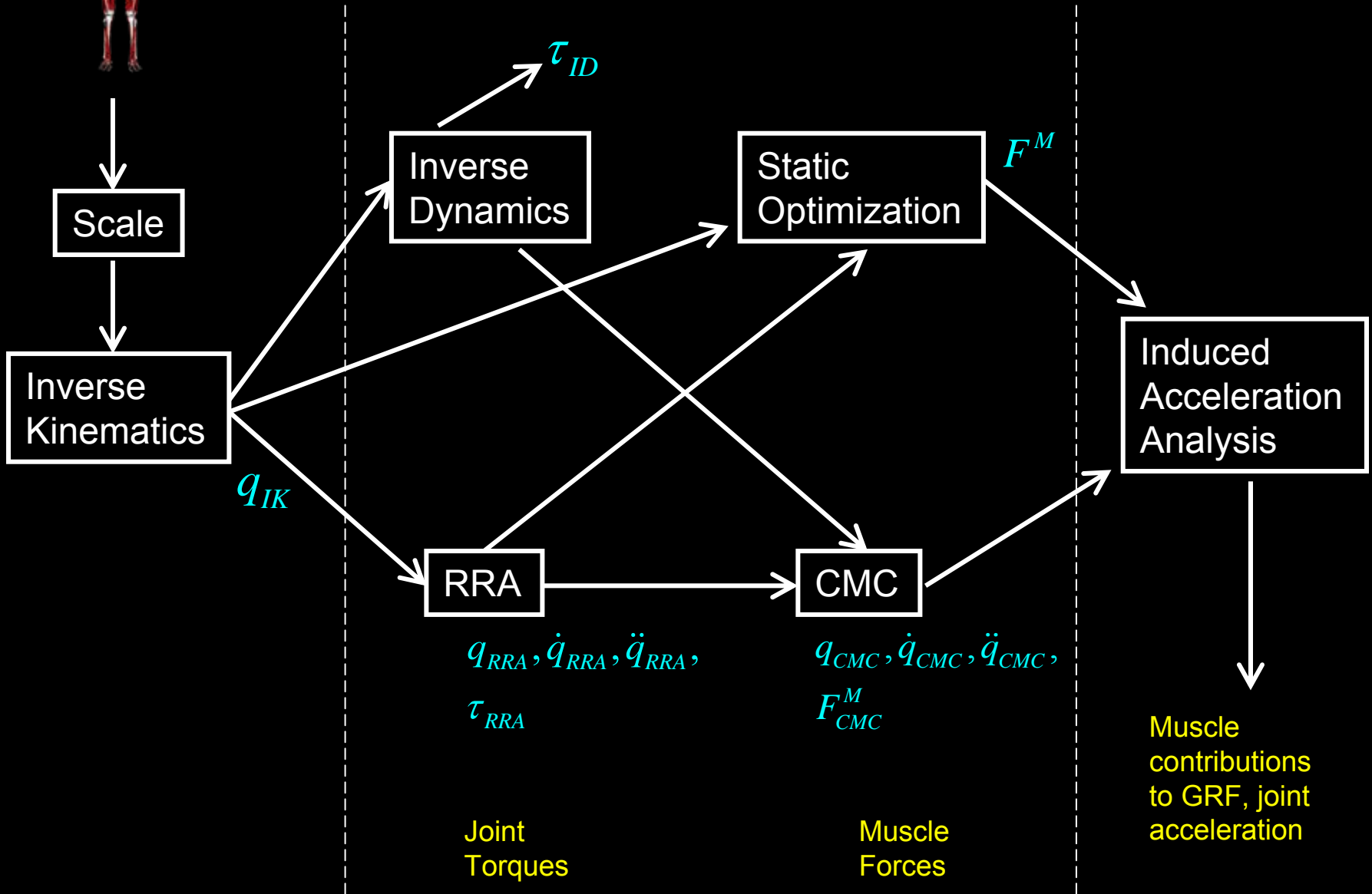
# Static Optimization

Joint moments are resolved into individual muscular torques

Sprinting  
(9.0 m/s)



# What pipeline is best for me?



	Inverse Dynamics	RRA
Forward integration	NO	YES
Tracks experimental kinematics	NO	YES
Activation & contraction dynamics	NO	YES
Time to execute	~10 sec	~5 mins
Experimental ground force applied to foot	YES	YES
Control over “residuals”	NONE	Can reduce residuals at the expense of modifying kinematics



	Static Optimization	CMC
Forward integration	NO	YES
Tracks experimental kinematics	NO	YES
Activation & contraction dynamics	NO	YES
Time to execute	~2 mins	~30 mins
Experimental ground force applied to foot	YES	YES
Time dependant objective function	NO	NO
Objective function used distribute muscle force	min( $a^2$ ) across all muscles at each time step	min( $a^2$ ) across all muscles at each time step

# CMC Versus Static Optimization



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# Running @ 3.5 m/s

—  $F^{SO}$   
- - -  $F^{CMC}$

