

Building a Conventional Gait Model

Introduction

The conventional gait model has many variations and can go by many names. Clinical Manager, Newington, and Cleveland Clinic to name a few. For this Wiki we will refer to this model as the Conventional Gait Model. We will not discuss each variation but will point out some of the variations that can exist and how you might handle them.

What is the Conventional Gait Model?

The conventional gait model refers to the marker set (both unilateral and bilateral) used to estimate the pose (position and orientation) of the segments, the joint angles, representing model based items (joint angles and joint moments). This model was developed many years ago and was largely a result of inadequate technology rather than a lack of markers. At HAS-Motion we prefer to think of this as a Legacy Gait Model. We are presented with a better alternative, most knowledgeable users naturally prefer the new representation.

Legacy Data

The persistence of the conventional gait model is often attributed to the argument being that adopting a new marker set would render this legacy data unusable. We would argue that the assessment of sensory motor functioning is constant and it would be unfair to patients to ignore this evolution and to persist in perpetuating the old model.

Simplicity of Marker Placement

A sensible reason for the persistence of the conventional gait model may be the simplicity of the marker placement. A consequence of this simplicity is that it can be used conveniently for all subjects (young and old).

Rationale for the Conventional Gait Model

The principal advantage may actually be that using the term Conventional Gait Model implicitly the definitions and conventions of the kinematic and kinetic models. This isn't necessarily true, but it is treated this way in the literature. When the Conventional Gait Model was used, the reader, and more importantly the user, was comfortable that they understood the conventions used, whether or not they were the best.

Visual3D users that have the flexibility to define custom conventions are encouraged to do so.

subject populations are expected to describe explicitly these conventions of course, should probably be true of all articles, so it is actually good this need only be done in one article, while all subsequent articles can

Limitations of the Conventional Gait Model

The principal limitations of the marker placement are that the tracking (track the segments) are often placed such that the markers on each segment (e.g. lie in a straight line). If the markers were actually collinear, then the position and orientation of a segment. If the markers are almost collinear but it is very sensitive to any noise or artifacts in the data.

In particular, one consequence of the marker placement is that the axis is unreliable.

In many cases only two tracking markers are actually provided for each segment is not possible to compute the pose of a segment independently of other segments (freedom analyses are not possible).

A variant of the conventional gait model, which distributes the tracking markers on segments has been published by Alberto Leardini and colleagues, and Motion as IORGait. The IORGait model has sufficient markers to permit the segments.

Another important limitation is that the model cannot be used directly for deformities or even prostheses.

Equivalence with other Implementations

Segment Coordinate Systems

The definition of the segment coordinate systems is based on anatomical conventions consistent with many other gait models. The main differences lie in the algorithms used to estimate the position and orientation of the segments.

Pose Estimation

The following description of the Visual3D segments will generate consistent commercial and non-commercial representations, but note that the results are precisely equivalent because Visual3D uses [Segment Optimization or Global Optimization algorithm](#), while the conventional models typically use Direct (Non-Optimization) Estimations.

It is our opinion that the Direct Pose Estimation is the least effective for position and orientation of a segment/model, and that given the superiority of any differences in the pose estimation between the conventional gait models

reveal limitations in Direct Pose Estimation and therefore in the other
We attempt to elucidate the pit-falls of using this marker set during th

Conventional Gait Model Decisions

Since there are variations of the conventional gait model, decisions m
placement and data collection. The diagram below lays out some of th
segment. This is not comprehensive since many variations exist. The f
conventional gait model marker placement locations and challenges ba

Hip Joint Center

The conventional gait model has three variations for hip joint center c
the [Helen Hayes \(Davis\)](#) Pelvis, the [Costello](#) Pelvis, and the [Bell and Brand \(1989\)](#)
calculation. All three are based on regression equations. The Hip Join
the [Helen Hayes \(Davis\)](#) Pelvis based on Leg Length, inter-ASIS Distance, and
to Greater Trochanter Distance. The [Costello](#) Pelvis is based on the Bell and Brand (1989)
equation which uses the inter-ASIS Distance. The following sections d

Marker Placement

Appropriate marker placement for any model is critical. The motion system will not work if the marker is not placed correctly. When placing markers on the subject, use the center of the marker, not the attached bases or wands. It is also good practice to use an eye to check the location of the markers. If a marker is knocked off or moved, it must be replaced at the same location. But, one has to be very careful about replacing markers. If a marker is replaced, then the standing trial should be collected again; simply replacing a marker is usually sufficient.

Pelvis Markers

The conventional gait model pelvis has two marker set variations: a three marker set and a four marker set. The three marker set is known as the [Pelvis Hayes \(Davis\) Pelvis](#) and the four marker set is known as the [CODA Pelvis](#). The [Pelvis Overview](#) section discussed the difference between the two models.

Four Marker Set Pelvis - CODA Pelvis

RIAS , LIAS= Right Ilium Anterior Superior (Anterior Superior Iliac Spine)
RIPS , LIPS= Left Ilium Posterior Superior (Posterior Superior Iliac Spine)

As with the [Pelvis Hayes \(Davis\) Pelvis](#), the [CODA Pelvis](#) is visualized as a triangle plane. In this case the plane is formed by the Right and Left Anterior Superior Iliac Spines (RIAS and LIAS) and the mid point of the Right and Left Posterior Superior Iliac Spines (RIPS and LIPS).

Iliac Spines (PSIS's).

The origin of the pelvis is defined as being halfway between the ASIS and the line joining them regardless of the position of the PSIS markers. So the medial/lateral position of the PSIS markers is not critical but care should be taken in the vertical position.

Three Marker Set Pelvis - Helen Hayes (Davis) Pelvis

RIAS , LIAS= Right Ilium Anterior Superior (Anterior Superior Iliac Spine)
RIPS , LIPS= Left Ilium Posterior Superior (Posterior Superior Iliac Spine)
between RIPS and LIPS)

The plane of the Pelvis is visualized as a triangle or plane that is formed by the Right Anterior Superior Iliac Spine (RIAS) and Left Anterior Superior Iliac Spines (LIAS) and the mid-point of the Sacral Spines (SACR). Place the centers of the markers over both Anterior Superior Iliac Spines (RIAS and LIAS). The sacral marker (SACR) is placed over the mid-point of the Posterior Superior Iliac Spines (LIPS).

For the Visual3D implementation of the Helen Hayes pelvis the mediolateral position of the markers is very important, so care should be taken in the placement of the markers as well as the vertical position. The origin of the Helen Hayes pelvis is at the midpoint between the ASIS markers.

Placement challenges for obese subjects

Placement on obese subjects can be challenging due to excessive tissue. It is difficult to palpate the ASIS's since the skin and tissue may be in different locations. There are three options for marker placement: move the ASIS markers anterior or use the pointer to identify a virtual point on the ASIS.

Move ASIS markers Laterally

Move both ASIS markers lateral to the anatomical ASIS in the pelvic plane. The lateral displacement is symmetrical between sides. Measure Subject's Mastic and Inter-ASIS distance

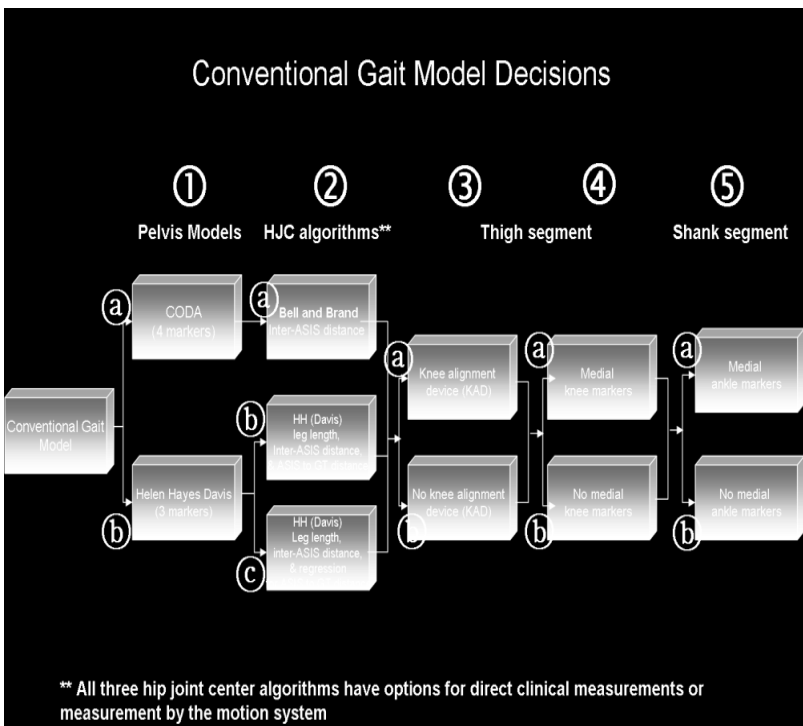
Move ASIS markers Anteriorly

Move both ASIS markers anterior (coming forward directly anterior to the pelvis) directly over them in the coronal plane of the pelvis) by an equal distance that would have been. Measure this distance and add a landmark that specifies the ASIS. These ASIS landmarks should be used for defining the segment of the pelvis, but the original markers should be used as the tracking markers for the pelvis.

Use a Pointer to make ASIS Landmarks

A **Digitizing Pointer** is used to identify the ASIS markers.

Upper Leg Markers



RFCH, LFCH=Femur Center of Head

RTH, LTH=Thigh marker

RFLE, LFLE=Femur Lateral Epicondyle

RFME, LFME=Femur Medial Epicondyle

There are few variations for the thigh segment. **Knee Alignment** (Medica) is used,

one without a KAD, one that uses both, and one that uses medial knee

Without Knee Alignment Device (KAD)

The upper leg segment can be visualized as a triangle or plane formed by the Hip Center (RFCH, LFCH) and the Knee Flexion/Extension axis. Palpate the medial and lateral epicondyles to estimate the knee flexion/extension axis. Place a marker on the right and left lateral epicondyles to approximate this axis. This should be done in the standing position with the knee flexed and extending the joint to confirm placement. You are looking for a position about which the lower leg appears to rotate. Mark that location with a marker.

When not using a Knee Alignment Device (KAD), the placement of the thigh markers (wands (stick on a base with an attached marker)) is critical. This marker should be in the plane of the femur (knee flexion/extension axis location and orientation). The best location to decrease movement due to muscle bulk and swing height is not critical but try not to place the thigh marker too low on the thigh. The position of this marker is critical and it is extremely difficult to visualize if it is not aligned in the plane that contains the hip and knee joint centers and the knee flexion/extension axis. Position this marker standing and observe knee flexion/extension to confirm placement.

Using a Knee Alignment Device (KAD)

As above, the upper leg segment can be visualized as a triangle or plane formed by the Hip Center (RFCH, LFCH) and the Knee Flexion/Extension axis. The difference between using a Knee Alignment Device (KAD) and not using one is that the KAD is used in the static trial to define the coronal plane. Palpate the medial and lateral epicondyles to estimate the knee flexion/extension axis. Place the KAD over the epicondyles such that the device is in line with the visualized axis. This should be done in standing position.

After the subject static calibration trial, remove the KAD and mark the medial and lateral epicondyle with a eyeliner pencil or pen. Place a marker on that location on the thigh (RTH, LTH) markers or wands (stick on a base with an attached marker) in the case so it can be placed anywhere on the thigh.

Improper Placement of KAD

The KAD can be aligned improperly or can slip after placement. If this occurs, the coronal plane will be improperly defined. Care should be taken when using the KAD to align the thigh markers. As a measure, it may be best practice when using the KAD to align the thigh markers (which is detailed in the next section) and collect data with and without the KAD. A choice can be made post data collection on whether to use the thigh or medial knee alignment.

Medial Knee Markers

Another variation of the model is to use medial knee markers. Palpate the medial epicondyle and place a marker on that location on the thigh.

epicondyles to estimate the knee flexion/extension axis. After lateral knee marker on the right and left Medial Epicondyles (RFME, LFME) to approximate the knee flexion/extension axis. Remember to mark that location with eyeliner pen marker only in the static trial (without KAD) and remove it for the dynamic trial. Do not knock out the medial knee markers.

Knee Diameter

If a medial knee marker is not placed, it is critically important to measure the knee diameter (e.g. the distance between the medial and lateral epicondyles) because it helps to identify the distal end of the thigh segment.

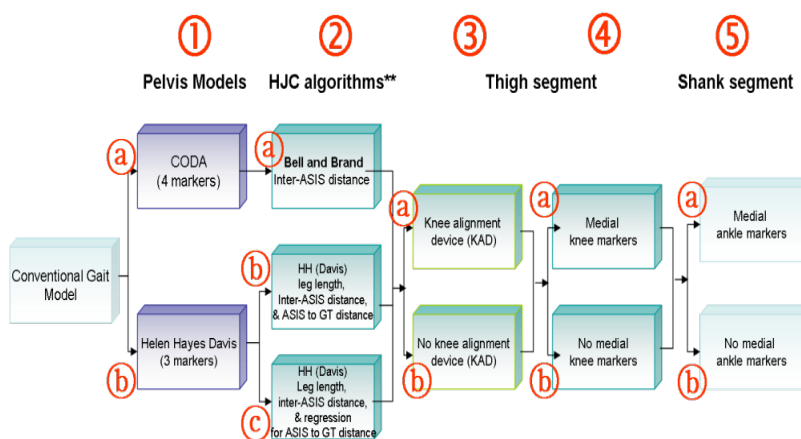
Axial Rotation of the Thigh

If the thigh segment uses only lateral markers (e.g. lateral knee and greater trochanter) and the hip joint center, the axial rotation of the thigh cannot be measured reliably, and the user should not try to interpret the axial rotation.

The inclusion of the medial knee marker as a tracking marker improves the accuracy of axial rotation dramatically.

Lower Leg Markers

Conventional Gait Model Decisions



** All three hip joint center algorithms have options for direct clinical measurements or measurement by the motion system

RFLE, LFLE=Femur Lateral Epicondyle
 RFME, LFME=Femur Medial Epicondyle
 RFAL, LFAL=Fibula Apex of Lateral Malleolus
 RTAM, LTAM=Tibia Apex of Medial Malleolus

The lower leg segment can be visualized as a triangle or plane formed by the Ankle Flexion/Extension axis (Transmalleolar axis). Palpate the medial malleolus and lateral malleolus to visualize an imaginary line that runs through the transmalleolar axis. Mark the right Lateral Malleolus (RFAL, LFAL) along that line. Remember to mark with a pencil or a pen.

As in the thigh, the placement of the shank markers (RSK, LSK) or waist marker (attached marker) is critical. This marker is used to define the coronal flexion/extension axis location and orientation). The distal 1/3 of the shank should be used to decrease movement due to muscle bulk. The vertical height is not critical, but the marker too low on the shank. The anterior/posterior position of this marker is extremely difficult to visualize. An alignment reference device such as a gait belt can be used to visualize the placement. Adjust the marker so that it is centered between the knee and ankle joint centers and the ankle flexion/extension axis. It should be placed in a seated position but should be checked when standing to confirm.

Medial Ankle Markers

Another variation of the model is to use medial ankle markers. Palpate the medial malleolus and lateral malleolus and visualize an imaginary line that runs through the transmalleolar axis. For marker placement, place a marker on the right and left Medial Malleolus (RTAM, LTAM). Remember to mark that location with eyeliner pencil or a pen. Some users use a marker for the trial and remove it for the dynamic trials since it can be knocked off.

Ankle Diameter

If a medial ankle marker is not placed, it is important to measure the diameter of the ankle (e.g. the distance between the medial and lateral malleolus) before the trial to identify the distal end of the shank segment.

Axial Rotation of the Shank

If only lateral tracking markers are used (e.g. lateral knee, lateral shank), the axial rotation of the shank is not tracked reliably.

If the medial ankle, or an anterior tibial tuberosity marker are added, the reliability of the axial rotation of the shank improves substantially.

Foot Markers

The foot is visualized as a line along the long axis of the foot from a marker on the 1st metatarsal heads and the ankle joint center projected onto the plantar surface.

The forefoot (toe) marker (RSMH, LSMH) is placed on the dorsal aspect of the 1st metatarsal heads proximal to the MP joint (on the mid-foot side of the foot, between the heel and midfoot). Care should be taken in feet with midfoot breakdown or

marker should be proximal to the deformity to avoid exaggerating dors

The heel marker (RCA, LCA) is placed on the calcaneus where the me with the ankle joint center. In a plantargrade foot, the heel marker is plantar surface of the foot as the toe marker. For a non-plantargrade conditions, the height of the heel marker must be placed so that the li viewed from the sagittal plane) is parallel to the plantar surface of th

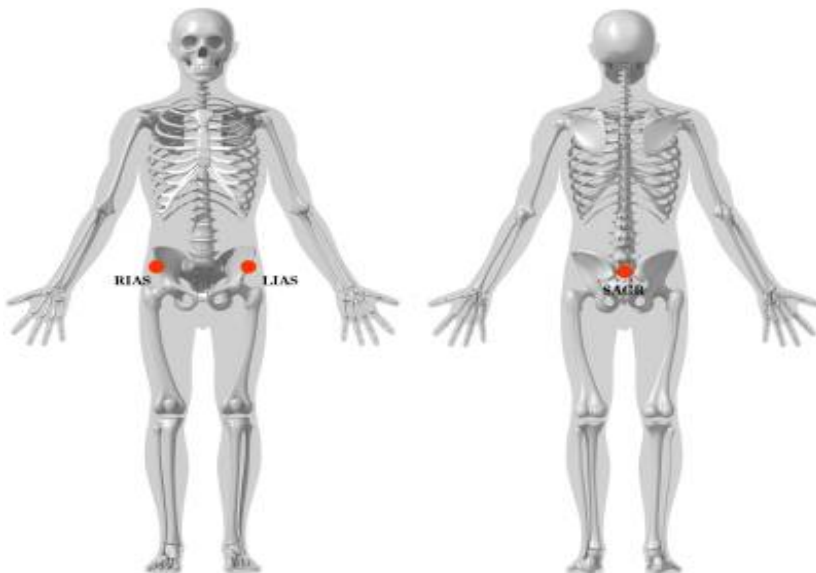
Note that the foot in the Conventional Gait model is not really segmen insuß cient information to track the orientation of the segment. For exa inversion/eversion of the foot cannot be measured reliably with the Co Model

Enhancing the Foot Segment

The addition of even one tracking marker that is not colinear (e.g. in the calcaneus and toe marker is suß cient to track the foot as a segm an additional marker could be placed on the 5th metatarsal.

If there are 3 tracking markers on the foot segment, it is possible to t inversion-eversion, and inward-outward rotation.

The placement of the calcaneus marker is then very important. The h relative to the height of the toe marker deß nes dorsi-plantarß exion in lateral placement of the calcaneus marker is important because the s deß ned by the calcaneus marker, the toe marker, and the virtual ankl



$CA(FCC)^{p. 160}_{[1][2]}$ = Posterior Surface of Calcaneus
 $SMH(FM2)^{p. 160}_{[1][3]}$ = Head of 2nd Metatarsus
 $VMH(FM5)^{p. 160}_{[1][5]}$ = Head of 5th Metatarsus

Anthropometric measures necessary for the Conventional Gait Model

The following table describes the anthropometric measurements that are needed for the Clinical Gait Model. The X represents the needed measurement. Some are clinically measured while others are calculated from the 3D markers. If no clinical measurements are entered, then calculated value is used.

Variable	Helen Hayes Pelvis 1	Helen Hayes Pelvis 2	CODAS Pelvis	Visual 3D Default Calculations
Height Remember to account for crouched posture.	X	X	X	None
Weight Weight is measured without shoes or braces	X	X	X	None
Inter-ASIS distance The three dimensional reconstruction of ASIS markers may be used, but it is often difficult to place markers on the ASIS on subjects that are overweight. * Clinically Measured ASIS Distance * Calculated ASIS Distance: from 3D distance between ASIS markers * Adjustments for Obese Subjects	X	X	X	3D distance between ASIS markers, but the user can enter a measurement.
Bilateral anteroposterior distance (ASIS to GT): The anteroposterior distance from the ASIS to the greater trochanter. * Clinically ASIS to GT: If there is asymmetry, use the side that appears to be most normal rather than an average. Measure with patient supine. * Calculated from a regression equation: $0.1288 * \text{Leg Length} - 0.04856$				$0.1288 * \text{Leg Length} - 0.04856$
Bilateral leg length Measured as the distance between the ASIS and the malleolus. * Clinically Measured: should be measured as the distance between the ASIS and the medial malleolus. If the legs are of different lengths, the user should enter the leg length of the more normal leg. * Calculated from: distance from ASIS to Proximal Foot Marker				* Right Leg length = distance from Right ASIS to Right Proximal Foot Marker * Left Leg length = distance from Left ASIS to Left Proximal Foot Marker * Leg Length = $0.5 * (\text{Right Leg Length} + \text{Left Leg Length})$
Width of the bilateral shoulders Should be measured at the same level as the markers used to identify flexion/extension axes.	X	X	X	Knee Width 0.086
Width of the bilateral ankles Should be measured at the same level as the markers used to identify plantar flexion/dorsiflexion axes.	X	X	X	Ankle Width 0.056

Width of the foot should be measured from the 1st to the 5th metatarsal. If the foot marker is placed above the third metatarsal, measure the vertical distance from the marker to the center of the foot.	Foot Width: 0.056
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Conventional Gait Model Construction - 3 examples

This tutorial will not construct every variation of the conventional gait model. It will show the most common variations of the model.

- Example 1: CODA pelvis, Bell and Brand HJC, no KAD, no medial knee markers - Steps: 1a, 2a, 3b, 4b, 5b
- Example 2: HH pelvis, Davis HJC with ASIS to GT regression, no K markers - Steps: 1b, 2c, 3b, 4b, 5b
- Example 3: HH pelvis, Davis HJC with ASIS to GT regression, with K markers - Steps: 1b, 2c, 3a, 4b, 5a

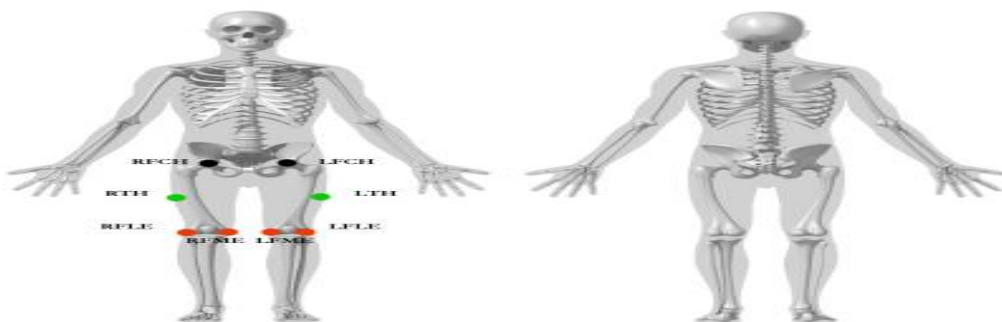
Example 1: with CODA Pelvis - Steps: 1a, 2a, 3b, 4b, 5b

This section will detail the construction of the following version of the **Conventional Gait Model**. It will load the example files.

- CODA pelvis, Bell and Brand HJC, no KAD, no medial knee or ankle markers - Steps: 1a, 2a, 3b, 4b, 5b

We begin by using the static standing trial.

1. From the menu, select **Create (Add Static Calibration File)**

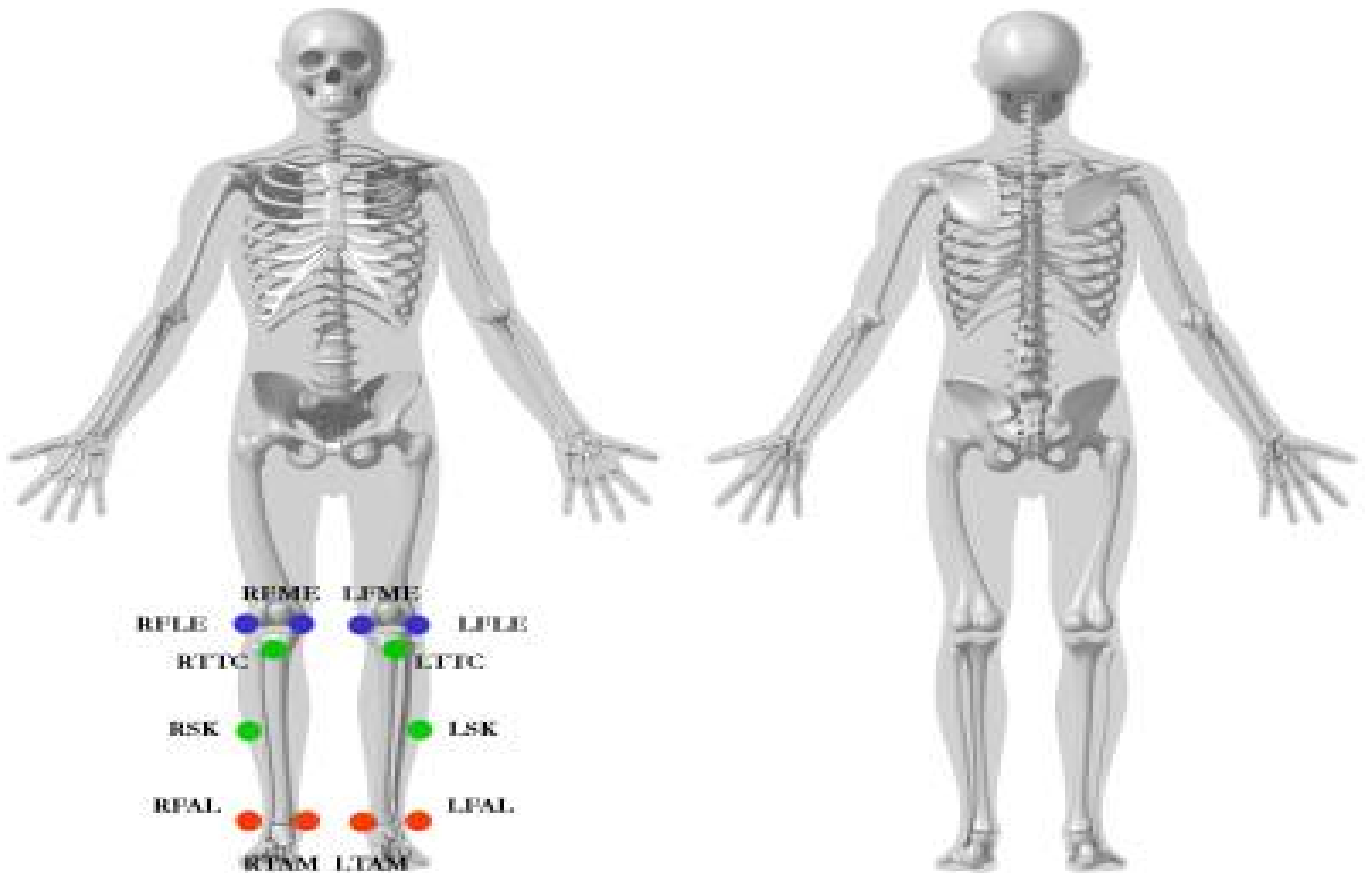


1. Select **Hybrid Model from C3D File**
2. A dialog box will appear. Select the calibration file for the example models and click **Open**.
3. Visual3D will switch to Model Building mode automatically. The 3D view will show the average value of the marker locations from the standing file. The screen will contain a list of segments, which by default will contain the Laboratory.

Creating the CODA Pelvis Segment - Step 1a

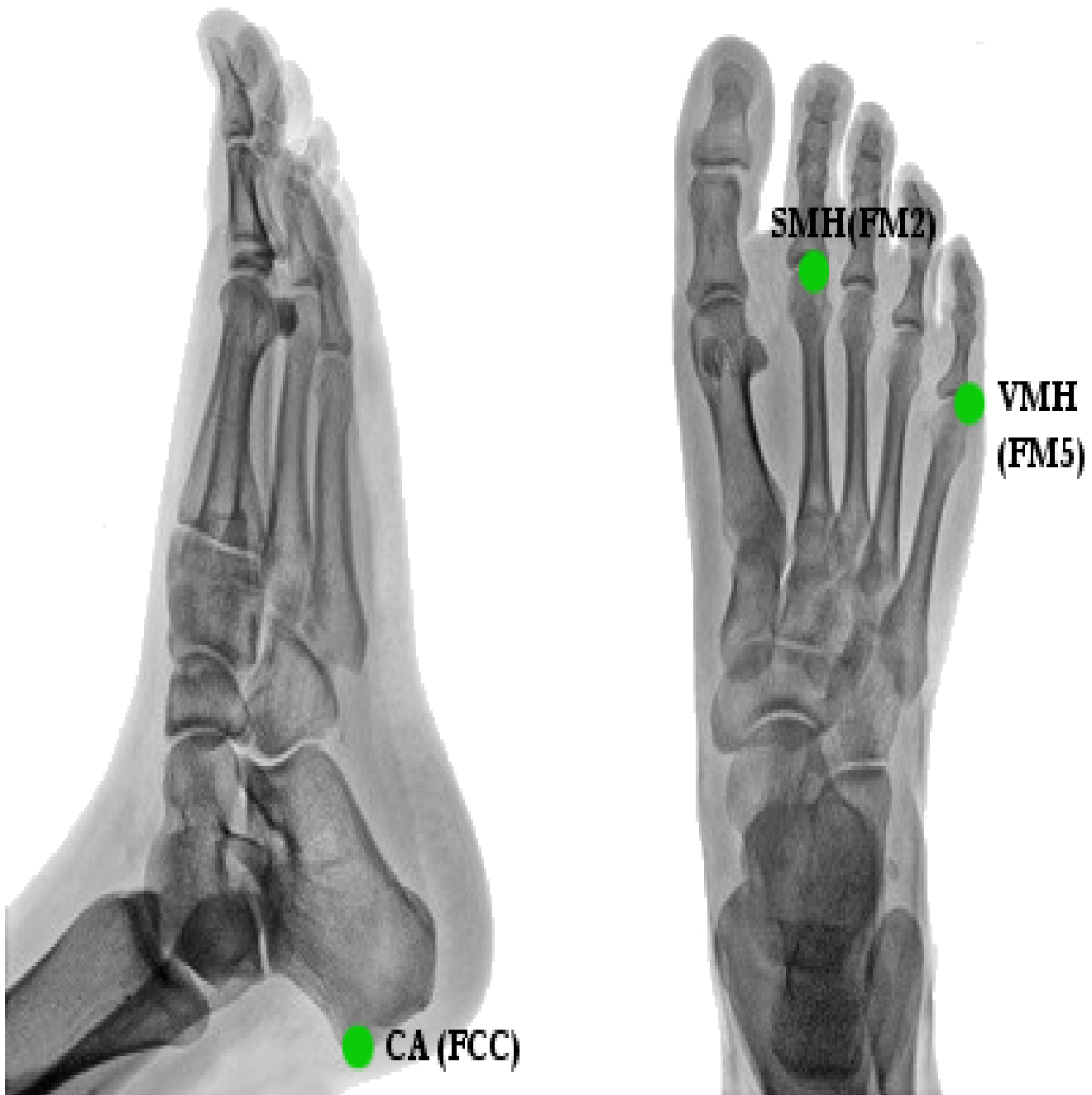
To construct the CODA Pelvis segment:

1. From the segment Naoex, select Pelvis.
2. From the segment Typoex, select Coda.
3. Click Create.



1. A dialogue box Enter Body Mass and Height will appear because Visual3D needs a subject to be assigned a mass and a height. Enter a mass of 56 kg and a height of 1.67 m, and click OK.

1. A dialogue box CODA Segment Markers will appear. Select the markers so that they correspond to the figure below. Click



1. Click **Build Model** to build the segment. You should now see a pelvis segment model. If you do not see the pelvis segment model, click **Build Model** and check the values you entered in the last step.

Bell and Brand Hip Joint Center - Step 2a

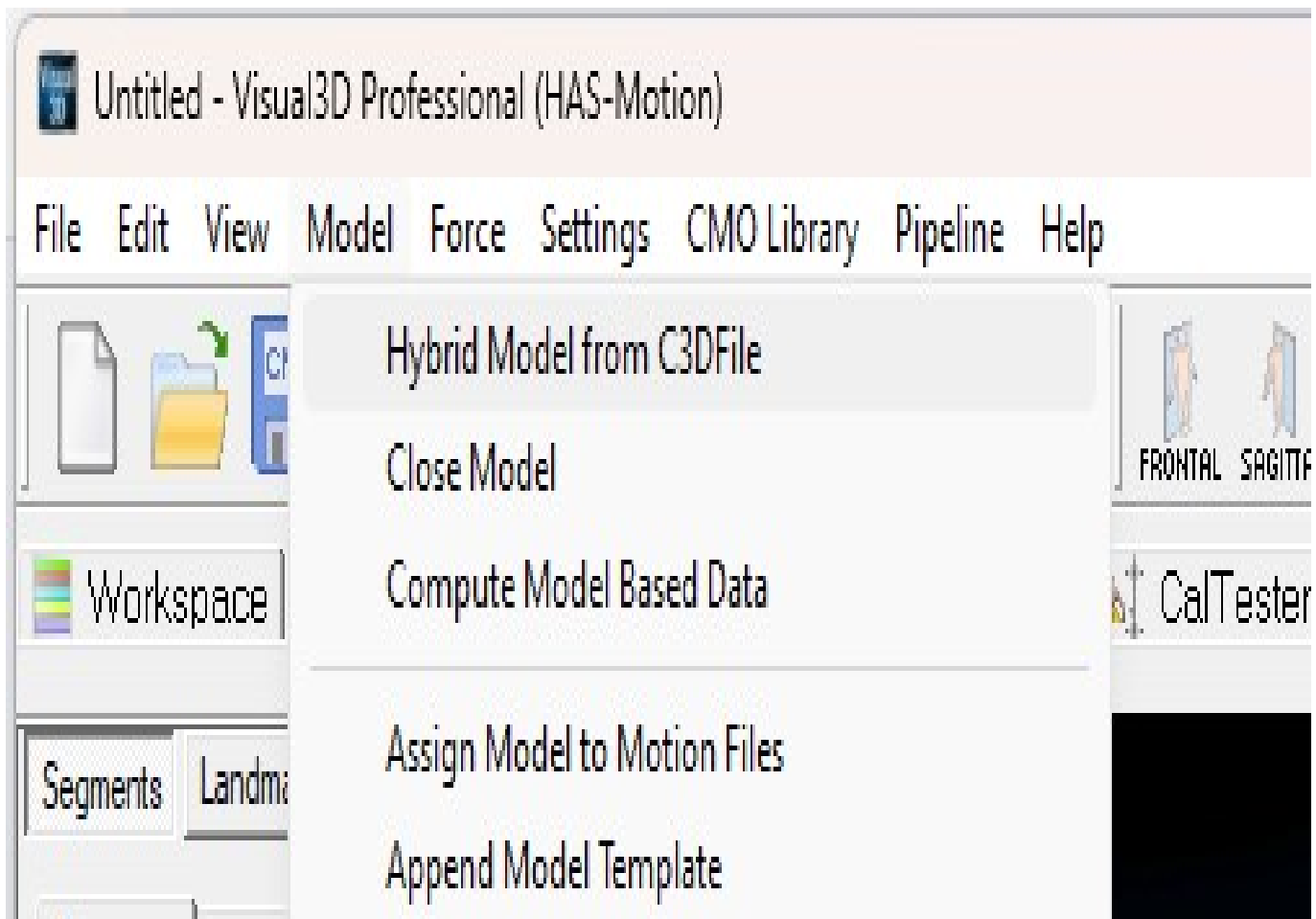
The hip joint center calculation is based on a regression equation (Bell and Brand, 1981) that provides estimates of the distance from the pelvic origin to the hip joint center in a coordinate system. Inter-ASIS distance is the only measurement that is required in this section describes inter-ASIS distance measurement. It can be clinically measured or calculated from the 3D positions of the ASIS markers. No measurement is required for the hip joint center calculation.

is needed.

The hip joint center regression equation is defined as:

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RIGHT_HIP=(0.36*ASIS_Distance,-0.19*ASIS_Distance,-0.3*ASIS_Distance)
LEFT_HIP=(-0.36*ASIS_Distance,-0.19*ASIS_Distance,-0.3*ASIS_Distance)
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Estimates for the Right and Left Hip Joint Center are represented as L and R Hip Joint Center. These are automatically calculated when the segment is created. To view right and left hip joint center, click on the Landmarks TAB. In the image below, the Landmarks are shown in blue.



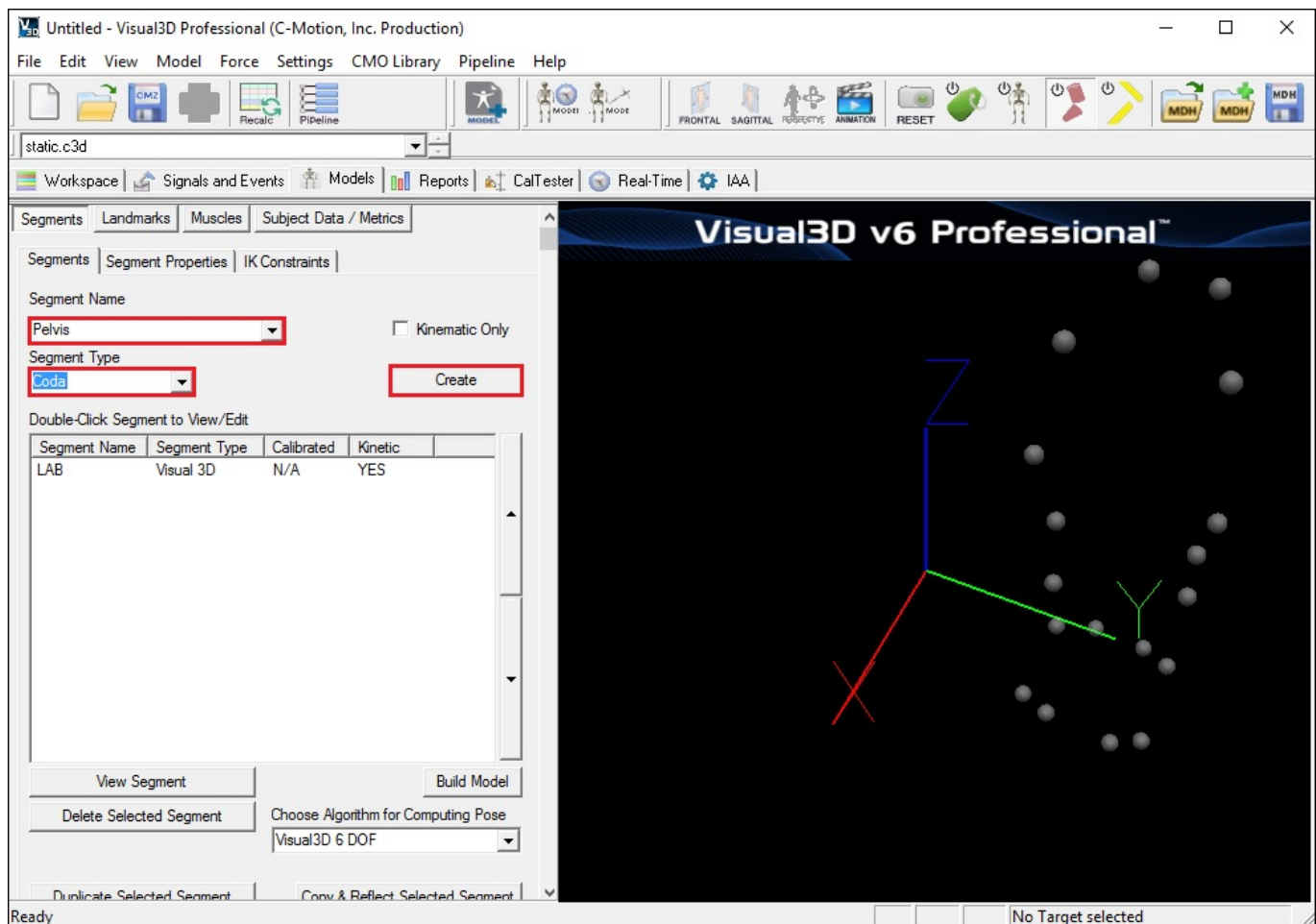
Note: that if the ASIS markers have been placed medial or lateral to the hip joint center landmark because the subject is obese or because the markers cannot be placed at the correct locations, it is important to measure the inter-ASIS distance and enter it in the Subject Data/Metrics. If this is not done, then the hip joint center calculation will be incorrect.

Enter Subject Measurements

The CODA pelvis does not require direct measurement. However, the CODA lower leg requires measurement of knee and ankle width. To enter those measurements, you must create a Subject Data Metric with that measurement.

1. Click Subject Data/Metrics

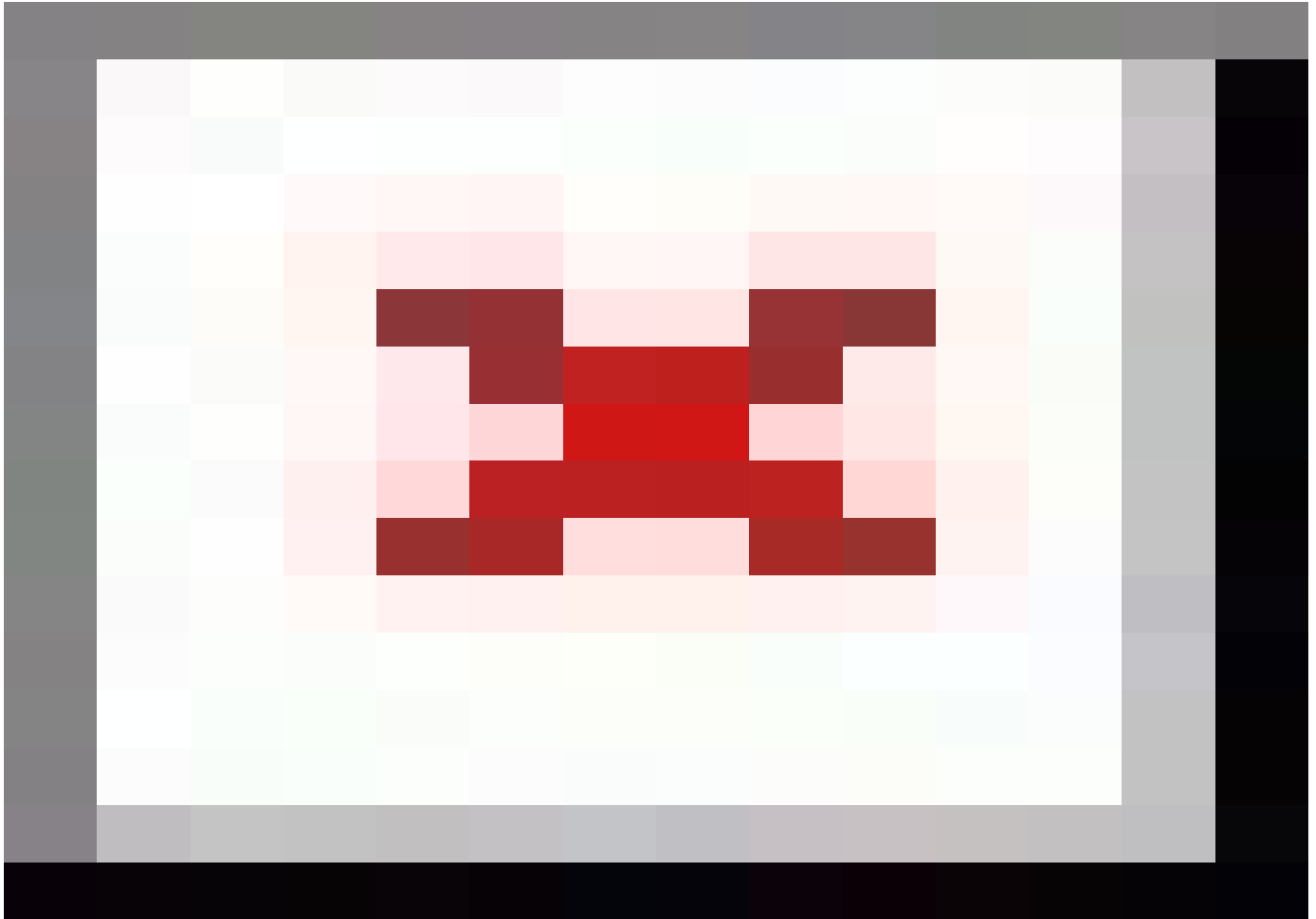
2. Click Add New Item
3. Type RKNEEWIDTH as name
4. Type 0.099 as Value of Expression
5. Click OK



RKNEEWIDTH should now appear in the list. Using the above steps, continue to add subject data metrics:

- LKNEEWIDTH as mean 0.1 as Value of Expression
- RANKLEWIDTH as mean 0.066 as Value of Expression
- LANKLEWIDTH as mean 0.069 as Value of Expression
- MARKER_Radius as mean 0.012 as Value of Expression

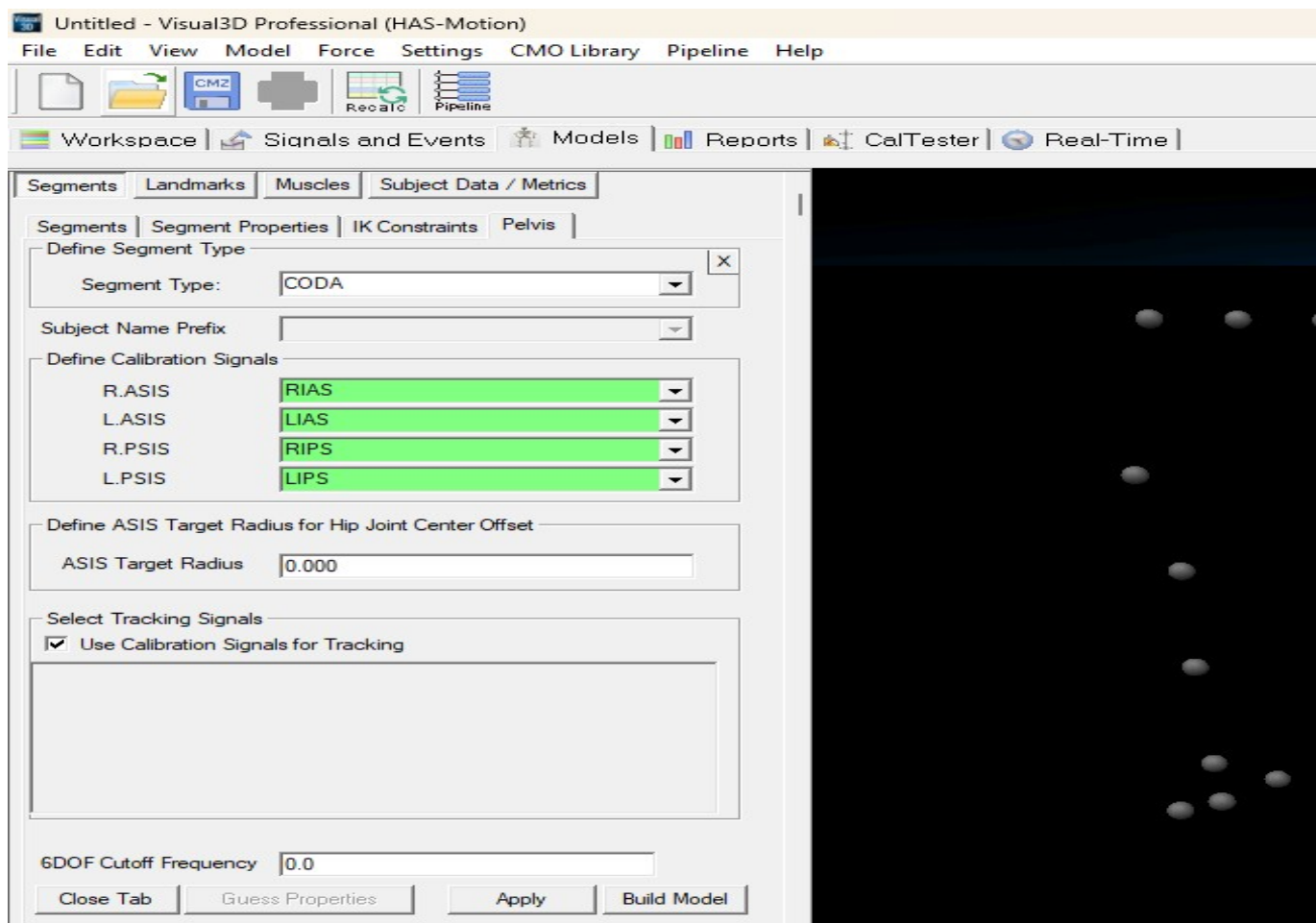
The Subject Data/Metrics should look like the image below.



Create Thigh Segments - Steps 3b and 4b

To create the right thigh segment:

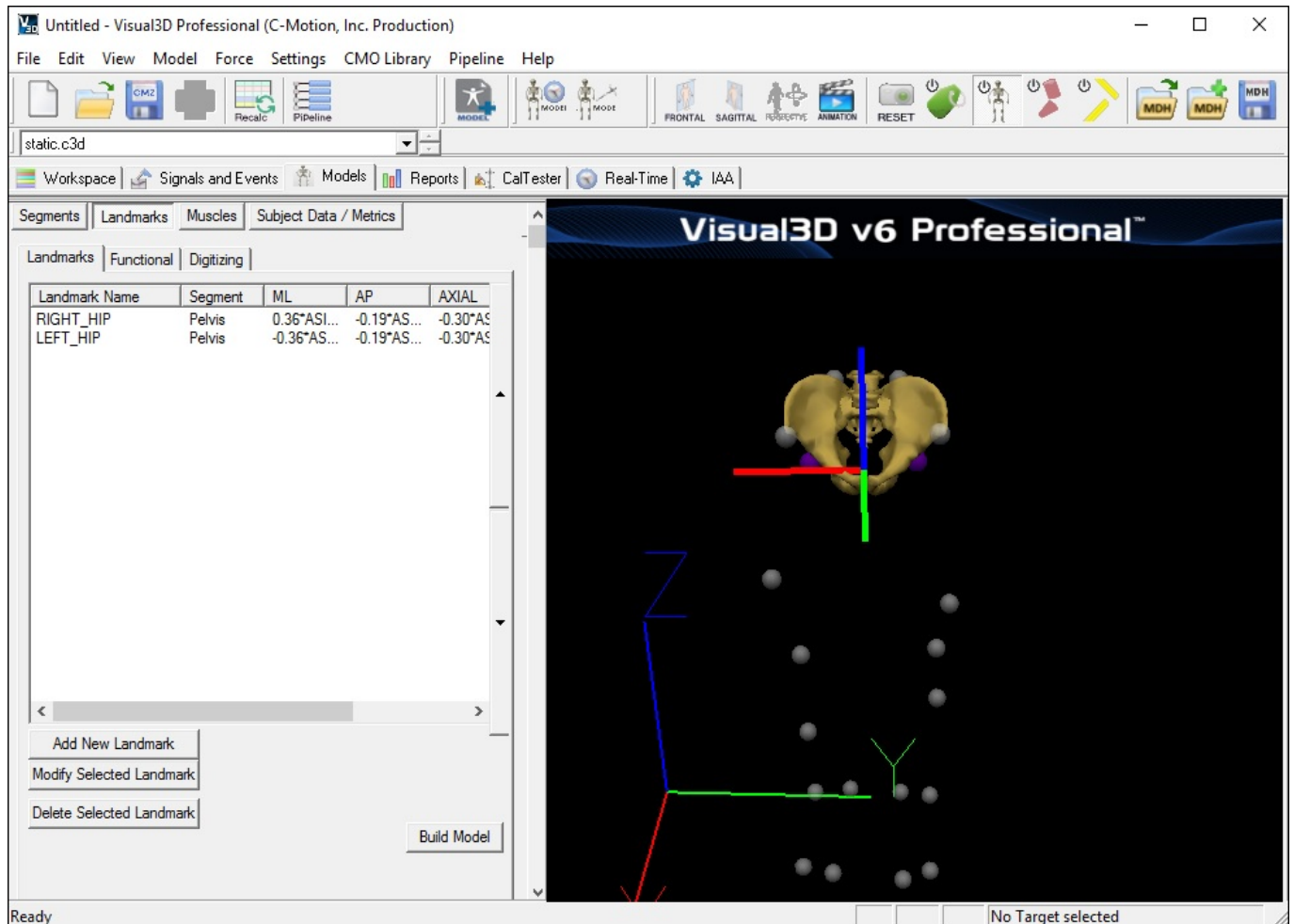
1. Click **Segments** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Right Thigh**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.



A dialog will open that will allow us to define the segment. To create a thigh segment, we will define the proximal joint as the hip joint and the distal joint as the knee joint. The proximal radius must be defined.

1. In the 'Define Proximal Joint and Radius' section, select 'RIGHT_HIP' for the proximal joint and 'RIGHT_KNEE' for the distal joint.
2. In the 'Proximal Radius' section, enter 0.089. The proximal radius is the geometrical radius of the proximal end of the thigh. You can use calipers to measure this or estimate it as one quarter of the distance between the greater trochanter and the lesser trochanter.
3. In the 'Define Distal Joint and Radius' section, select 'RIGHT_KNEE' for the distal joint and 'RIGHT_ANKLE' for the proximal joint.
4. In the 'Distal Radius' section, enter $0.5 * \text{RKNEEWIDTH} + \text{MARKER_RADIUS}$.
5. In the 'Extra Target to Define Orientation' section, select 'RIGHT_ANKLE' for the location and 'RIGHT_ANKLE' for the marker.
6. In the 'Select Tracking Targets' section, check 'RIGHT_HIP', 'RIGHT_KNEE', and 'RIGHT_ANKLE'.
7. Click 'Build Model'.

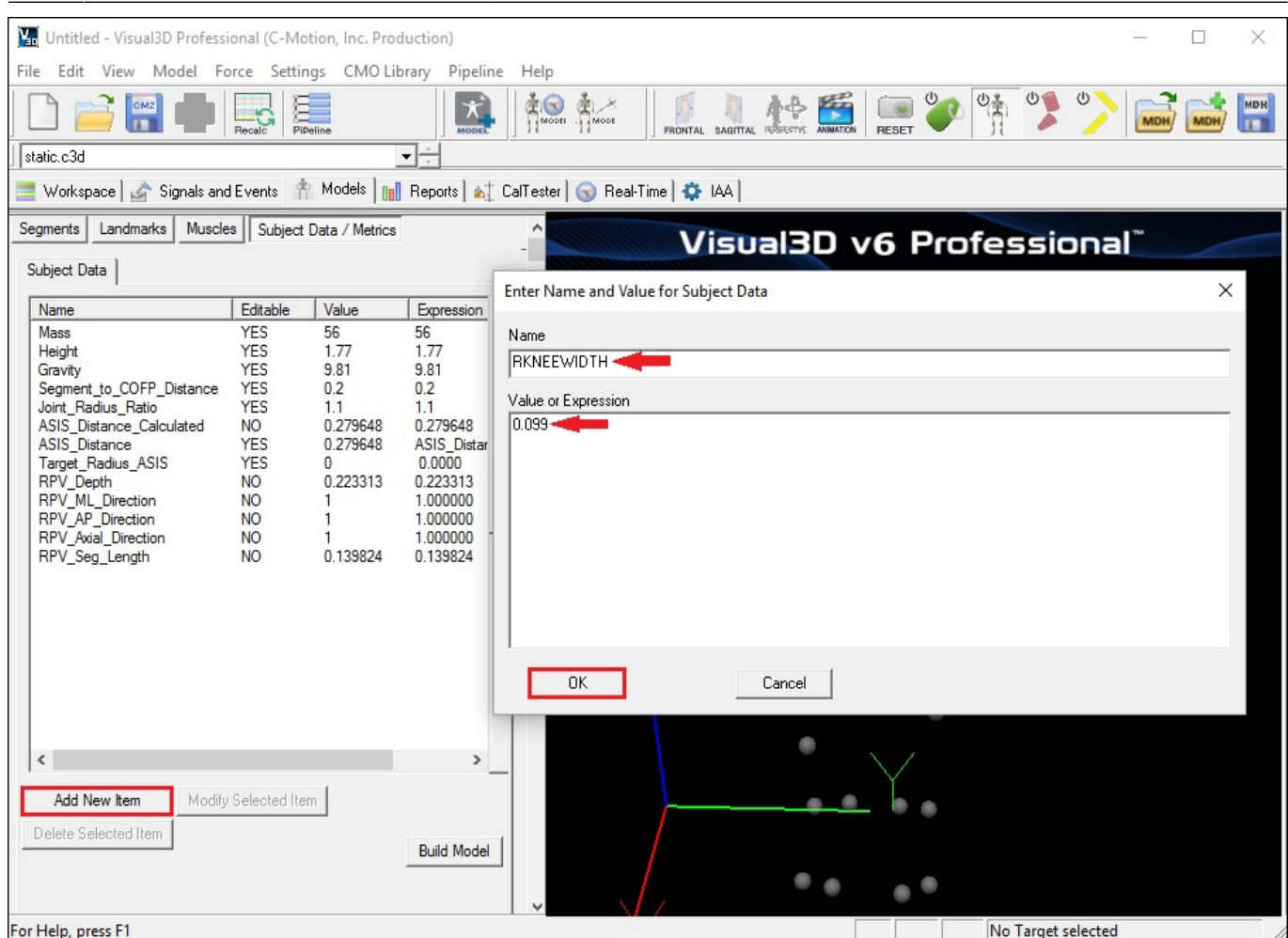
You should now see a thigh segment on your standing model. If you do not see it, after clicking 'Build Model', double check the values you entered in the dialog.



To create the left thigh segment:

1. Click **Model** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Thigh**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **3D**.
4. Click **Create**.
5. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **Left Hip Joint**.
6. In the **Proximal Radius**, enter **0.089**.
7. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius** section, select **Left Knee Joint**.
8. In the **Distal Radius**, enter **0.5 * LKNEEWIDTH + MARKER_RADIUS**.
9. In the **Extra Target to Define Orientation** section, select **Left Hip Joint** for the marker.
10. In the **Select Tracking Target** section, select **Left Hip Joint**.
11. Click **Build Model**.

You should now see both thigh segments on your standing model.



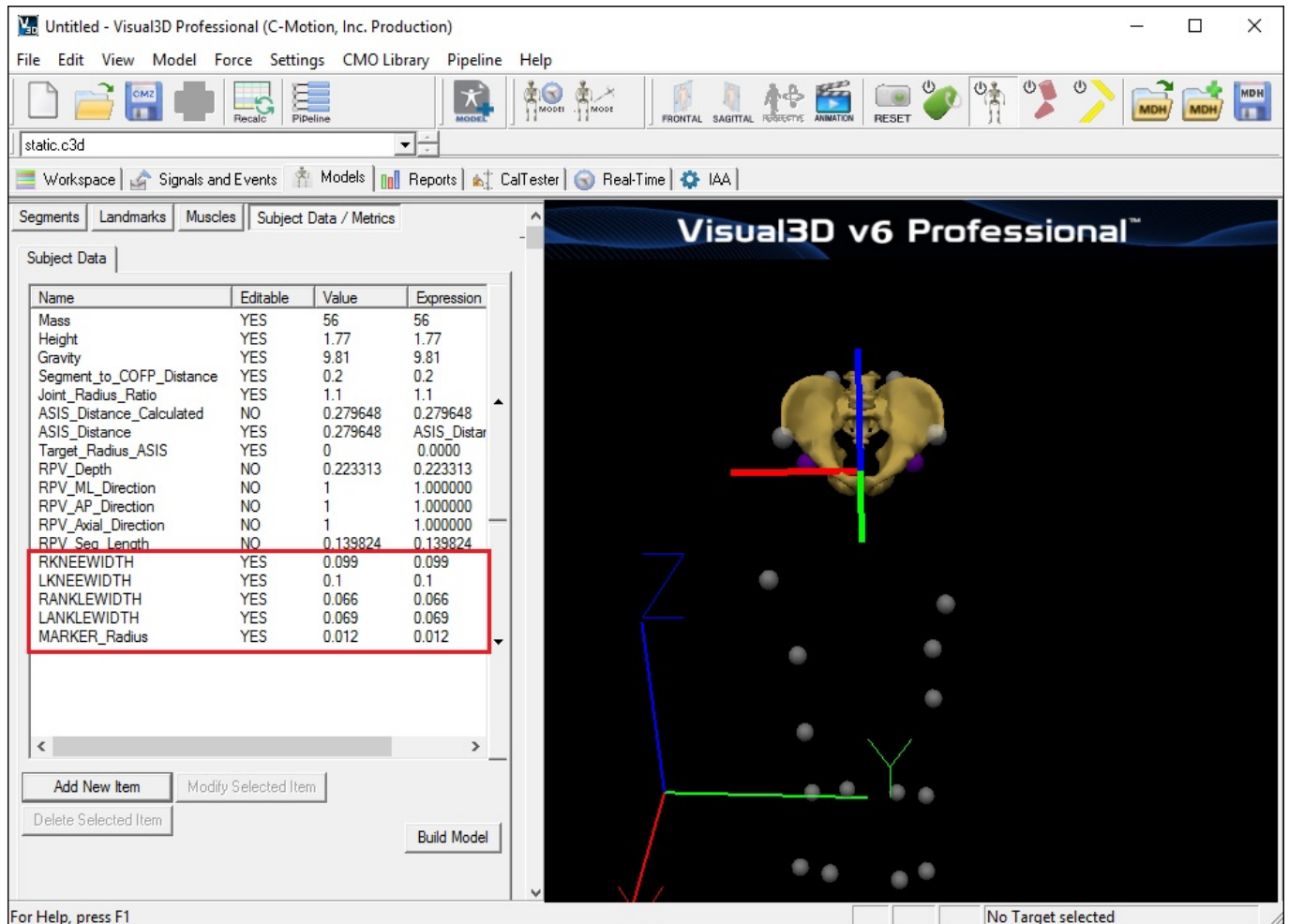
Create Knee Joint Centers

The knee joint center of the Conventional Gait Model is assumed to be the center of the knee joint. Its location is half the knee width and half a marker diameter from the knee joint center marker in the plane of the femoral segment.

When we constructed the thigh segments, we used these calculations to determine the knee joint center. Now we can explicitly define the knee joint center by creating the knee joint center landmark.

To create the right knee joint center landmark:

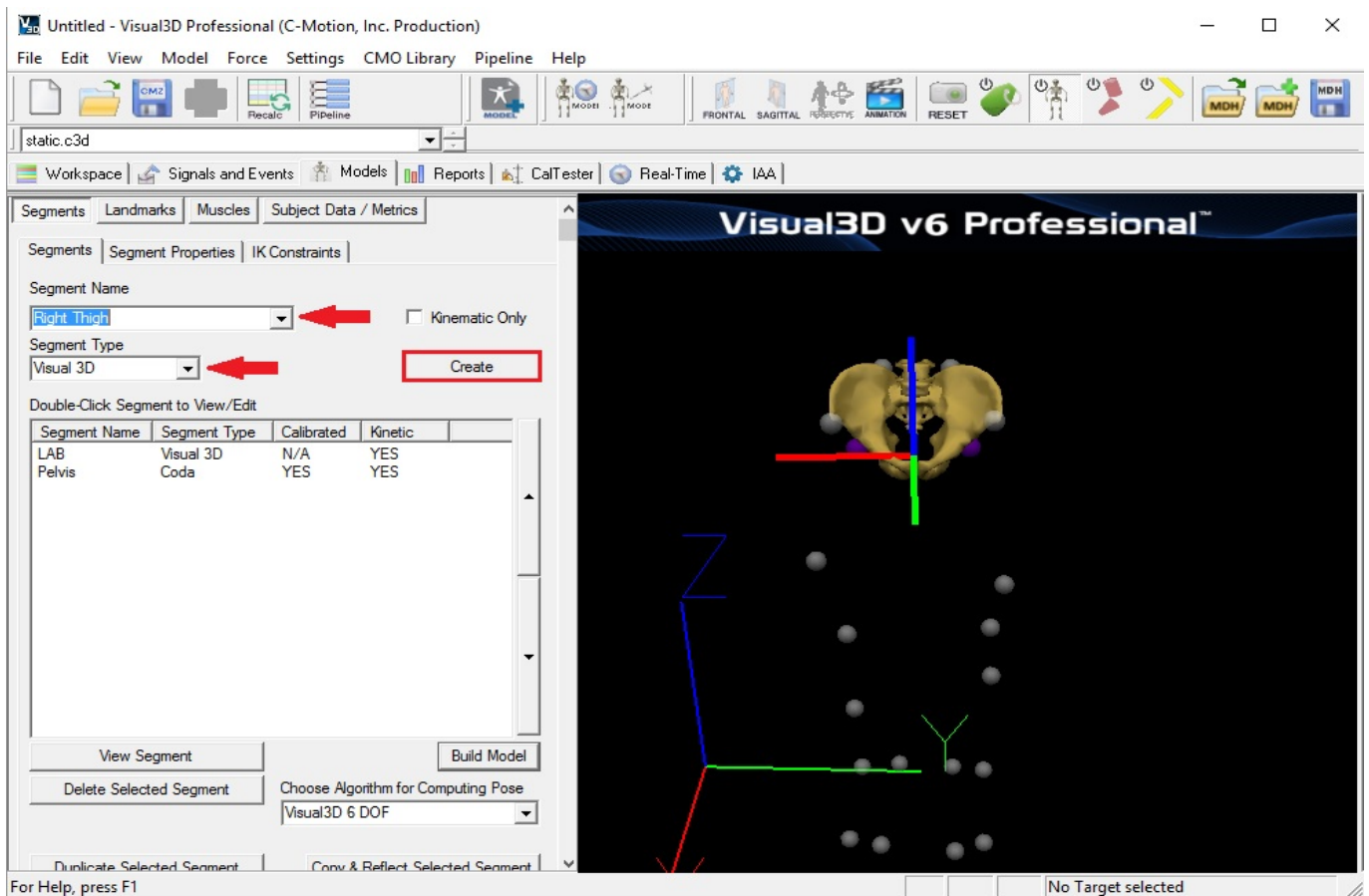
1. Click on the 'Add New Landmark' button.
2. Click on the 'Add New Landmark' button.
3. In the 'Landmark Name' field, enter 'RIGHT_KNEE'.
4. From the 'Existing Segment' list, select 'Right Thigh'.
5. From the 'Offset' list, select 'Using the Following AP/ML/Axial Offset'.
6. Check 'Offset by Percent (1.0=100%)' (Meters when not checked).
7. Click 'Apply'.



To create the left knee joint center landmark:

1. Click on **Landmarks** tab
2. Click **Add New Landmark**
3. In the **Landmark Name** box, enter **LEFT_KNEE**
4. From the **Existing Segment** box, select **Thigh**.
5. From the **Offset** box, select **Using the Following AP/ML/Axial Offset**
6. Check **Offset by Percent (1.0=100%)** (Meters when not checked)
7. Click **Apply**.

In the image below, the Landmarks are shown in blue.



Create Shank Segments - Steps 5b

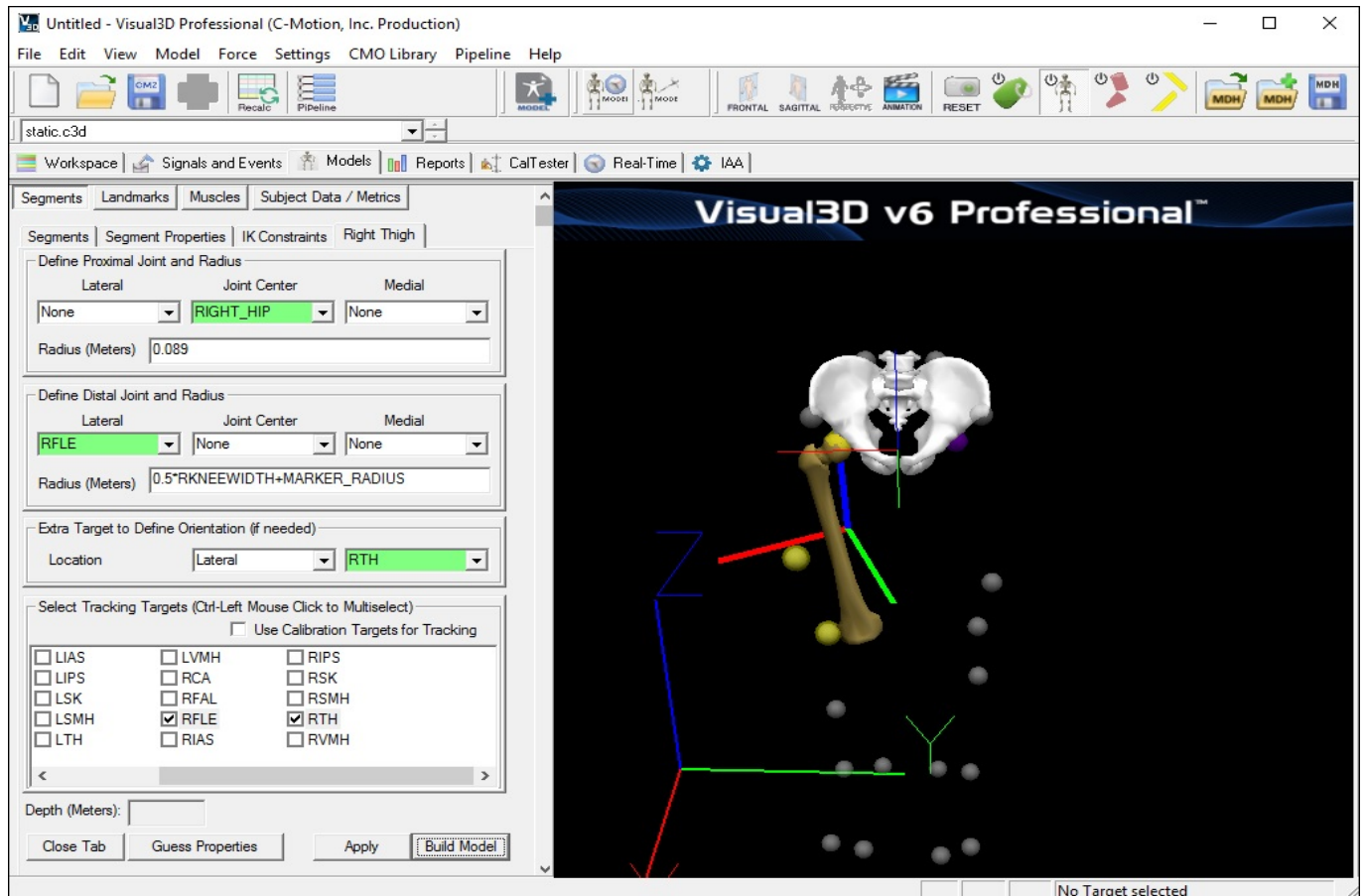
To create the right shank segment:

1. Click **Segments** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Right Shank**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.

A dialog will open that will allow us to define the segment. To create a

1. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **Left** for the lateral.
2. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **RIGHT_KNEE** for the joint.
3. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius** section, select **Left** for the lateral.
4. In the **Distal Radius** box, enter $0.5 * \text{RANKLEWIDTH} + \text{MARKER_RADIUS}$
5. In the **Select Tracking Tag** box, select **RIGHT_KNEE** for the tracking tag.
6. Click **Build Model**

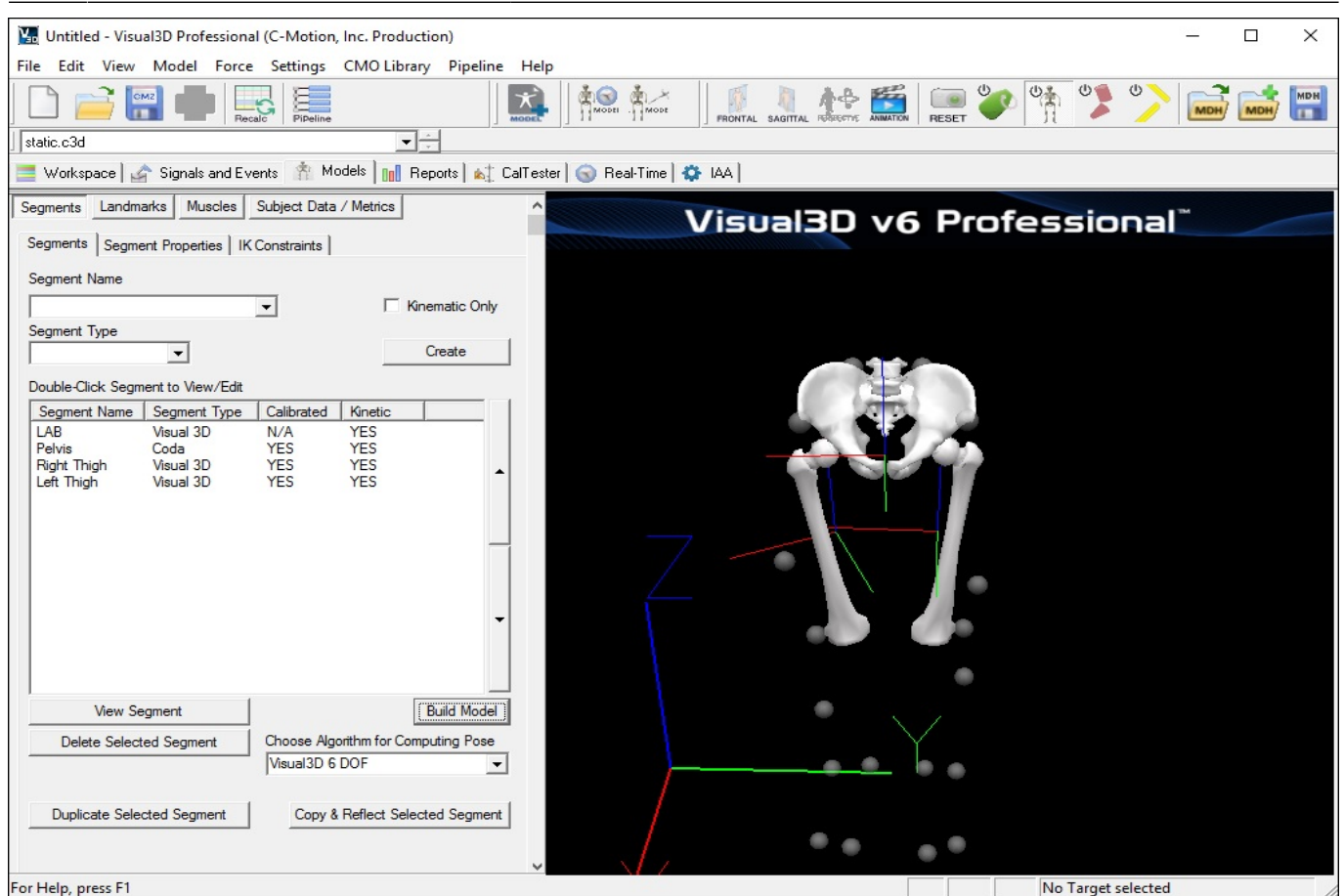
You should now see a shank segment on your standing model. If you double check the values you entered in the



To create the left shank segment:

1. Click **Mouse** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Shank**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.
5. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **RFLE** for the lateral.
6. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **LEFT_KNEE** for the medial.
7. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius** section, select **LEFT_ANKLE** for the lateral.
8. In the **Distal Radius** box, enter $0.5 * \text{LANKLEWIDTH} + \text{MARKER_RADIUS}$
9. In the **Select Tracking Targets** section, check **LEFT_KNEE**, **LEFT_ANKLE**, and **RSK**
10. Click **Build Model**

You should now see both shank segments on your standing model.



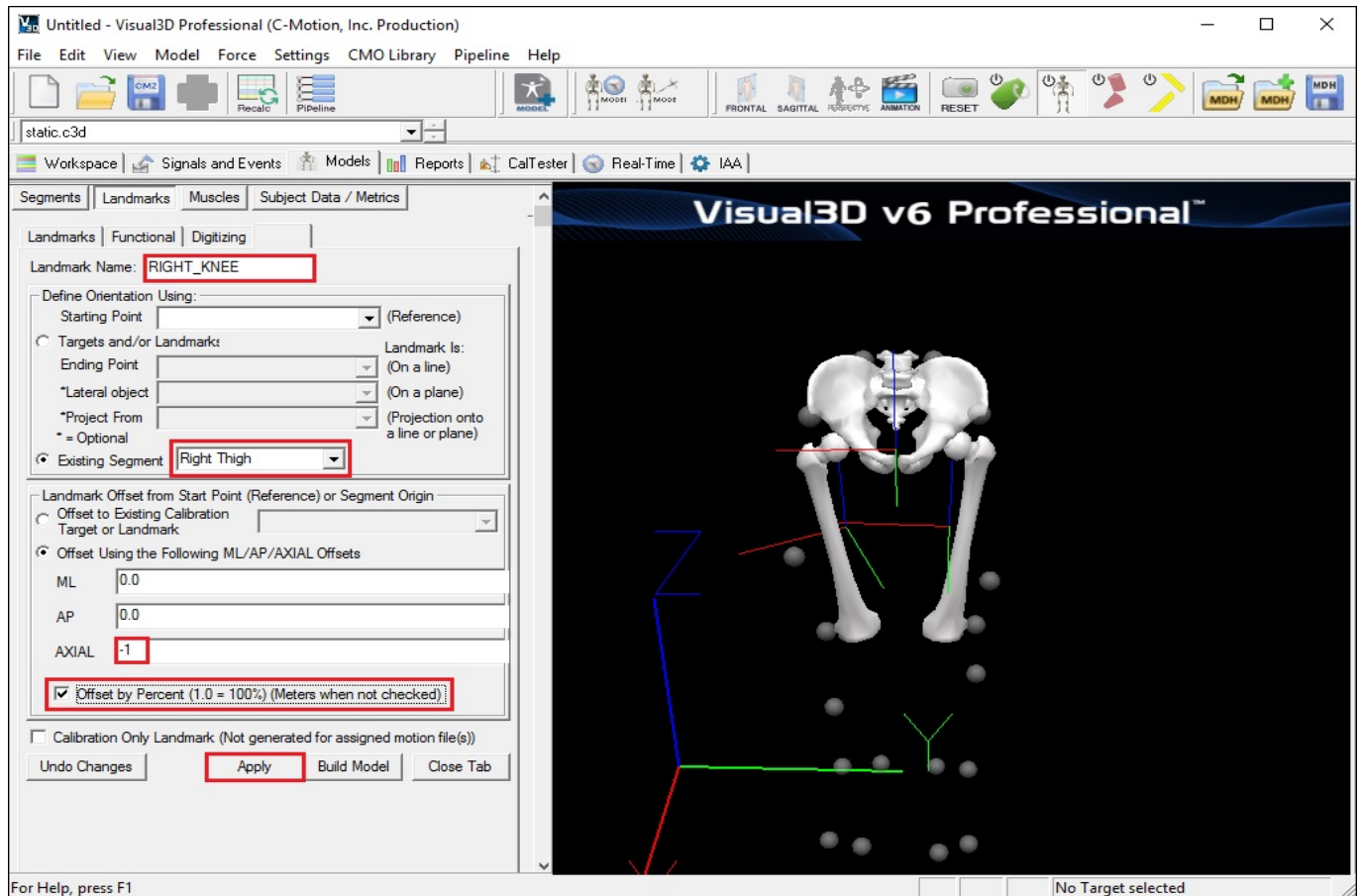
Create Ankle Joint Centers

As with the knee, the ankle joint center is assumed to be fixed in both is half the ankle width and half a marker diameter medial to the center in the plane of the tibial segment.

When we constructed the shank segments, we used these calculations radius. Now we can explicitly define the knee joint center by creating the thigh segment.

To create the right ankle joint center landmark:

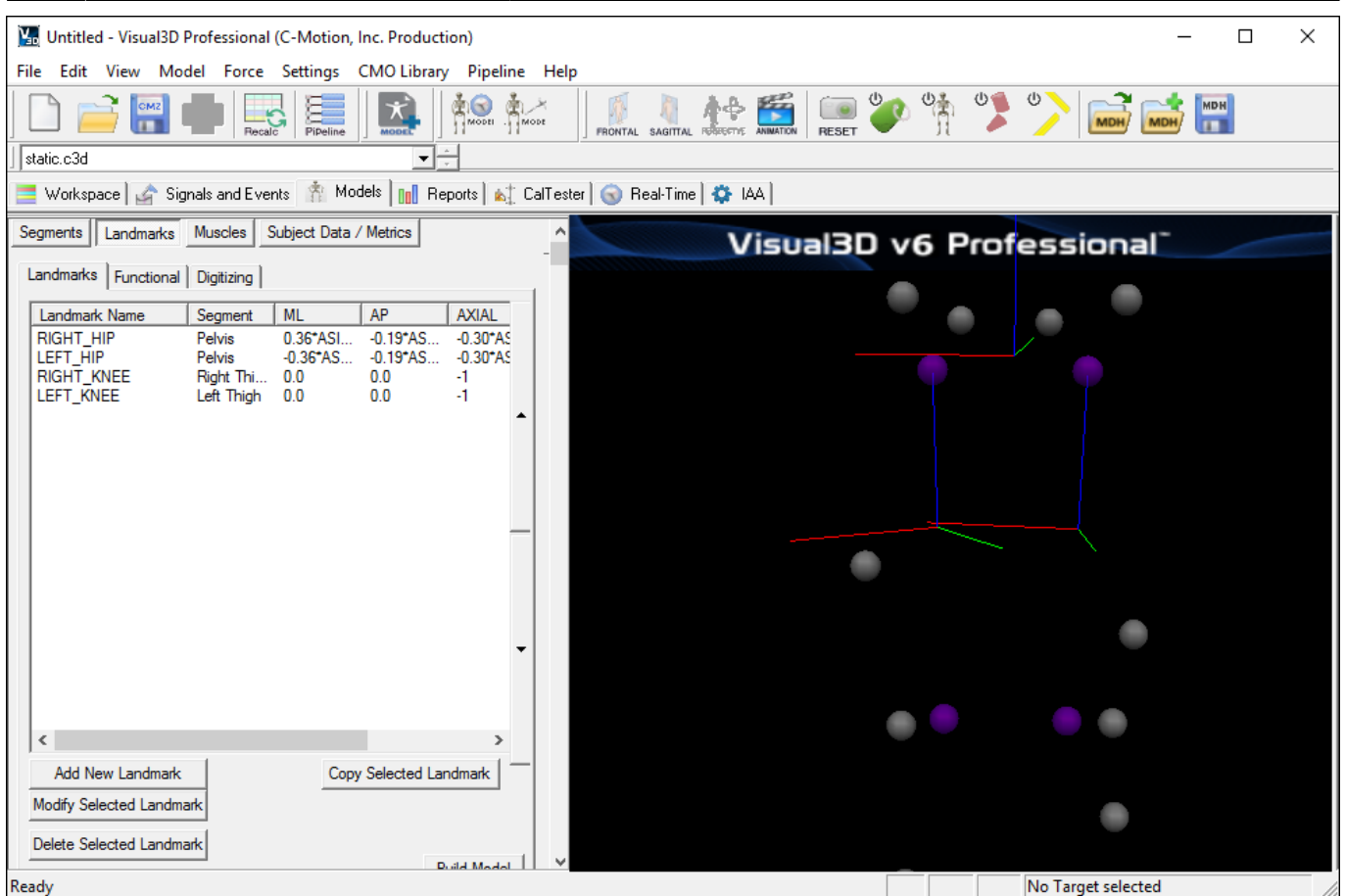
1. Click on **Landmark** tab
2. Click **Add New Landmark**
3. In the **Landmark Name** box, enter **RIGHT_ANKLE**
4. From the existing Segment list, select **Right Shank**.
5. From the set Using the Following AP/ML/Axial Orientation
6. Check **Offset by Percent (1.0=100%)** (Meters when not checked)
7. Click **Apply**.



To create the left ankle joint center landmark:

1. Click on **New Landmark**
2. Click **Add New Landmark**
3. In the **Landmark Name** box, enter **LEFT_ANKLE**
4. From the **Existing Segment** box, select **Shank**.
5. From the **Offset Using the Following AP/ML/Axial Offsets** box, select **AP**.
6. Check **Offset by Percent (1.0 = 100%) (Meters when not checked)**
7. Click **Apply**.

In the image below, the Landmarks are shown in blue.



Create Foot Segments

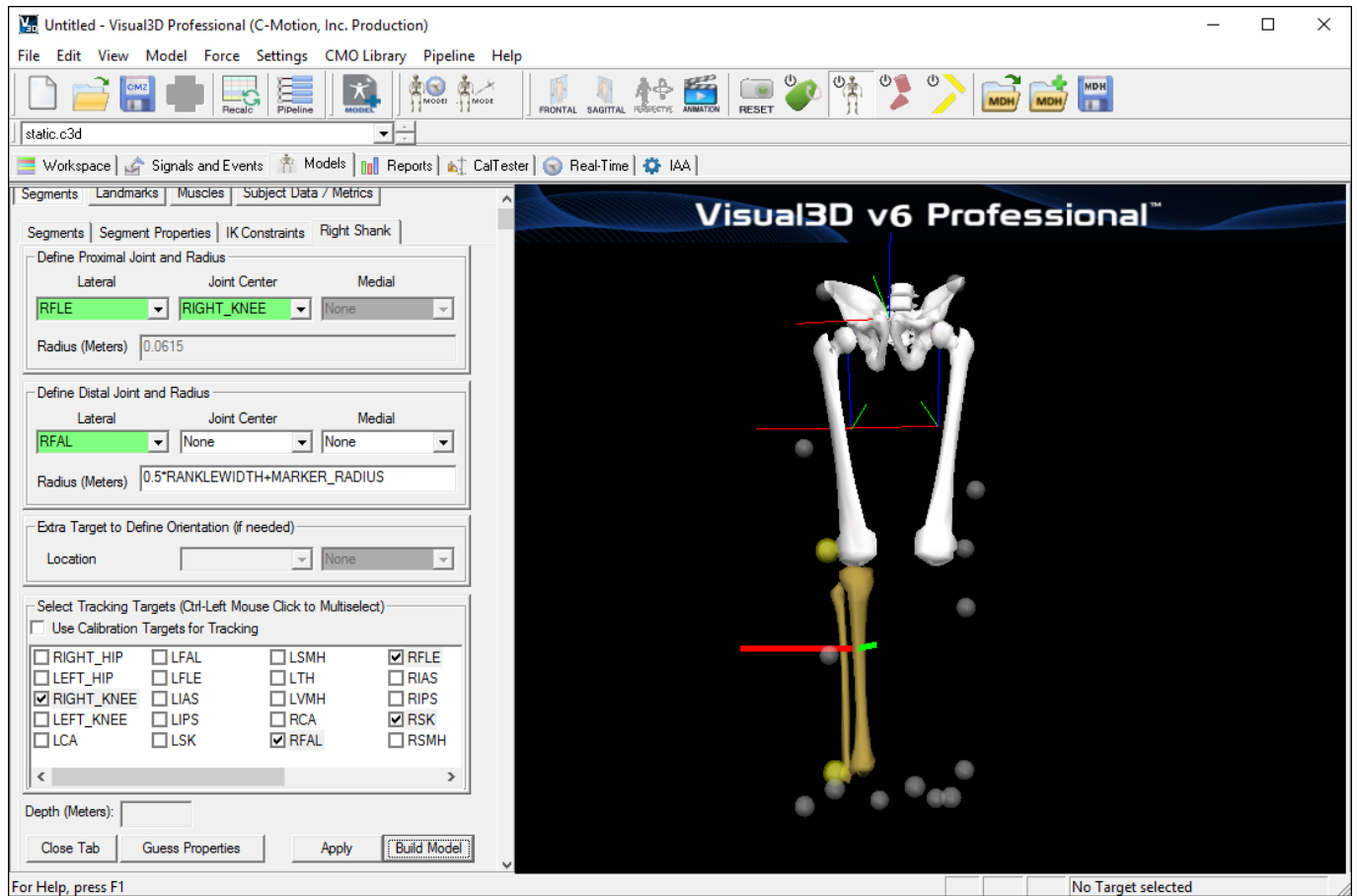
To create the right shank segment:

1. Click **Segments** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Right Foot**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.

A dialog will open that will allow us to define the segment. To create a

1. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Position** box, select **Right Ankle Joint**.
2. In the **Define Distal Joint and Position** box, select **Right Ankle Joint**.
3. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Position** box, select **Right Ankle Joint**.
4. In the **Define Distal Joint and Position** box, select **Right Ankle Joint**.
5. In the **Select Tracking Target** box, select **RIGHT_ANKLE_LANDSMH**.
6. Click **Build Model**.

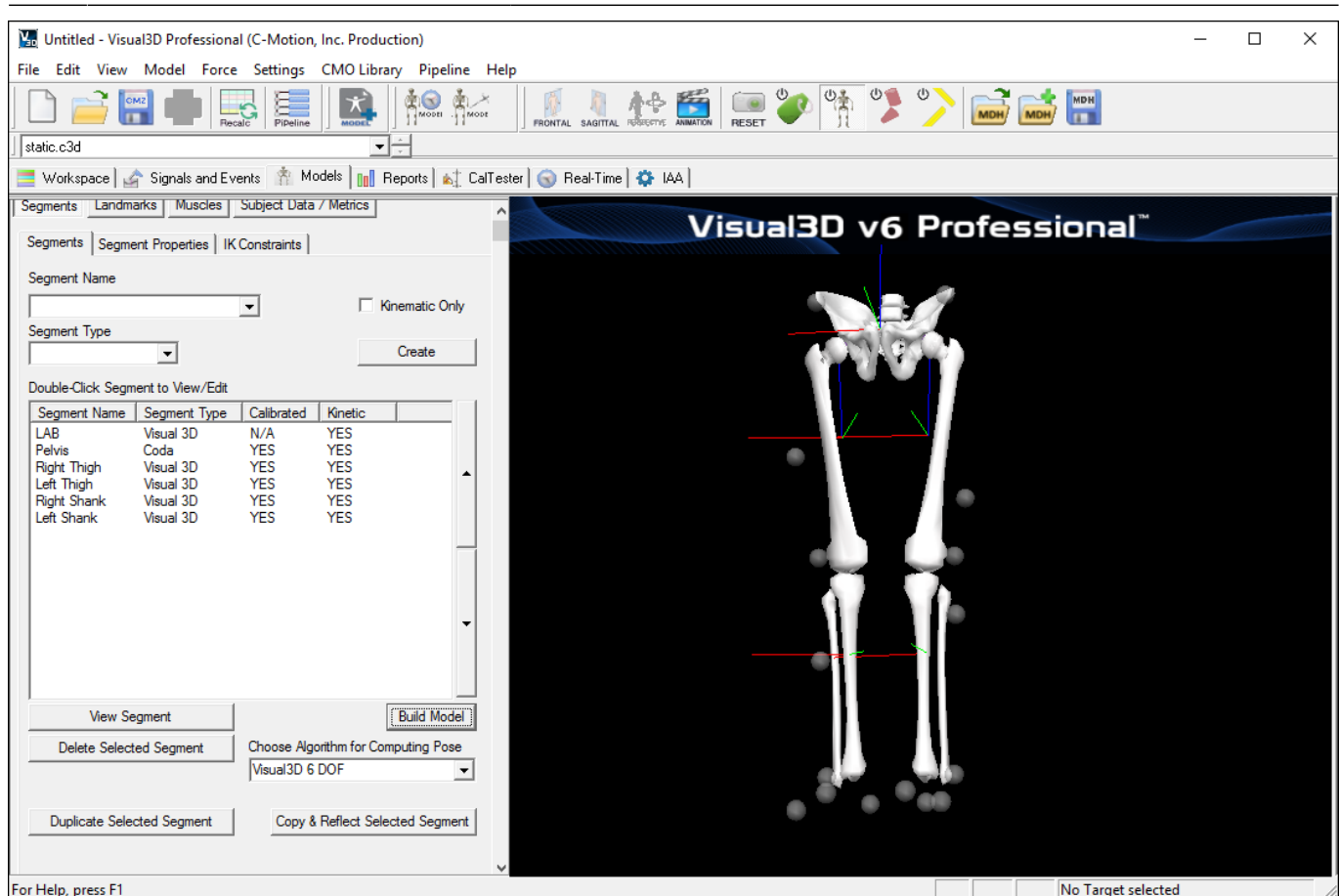
You should now see a foot segment on your standing model. If you do not see the foot segment, double check the values you entered in the last dialog.



To create the left foot segment:

1. Click **Close** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Foot**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **3D**.
4. Click **Create**.
5. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **RFAL** for the lateral.
6. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **LEFT_ANKLE** for the joint.
7. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius** section, select **LSMH** for the joint.
8. In the **Distal Radius** box, enter **0.06**.
9. In the **Select Tracking Targets** section, check **LEFT_ANKLE** and **LSMH**.
10. Click **Build Model**.

You should now see both foot segments on your standing model.



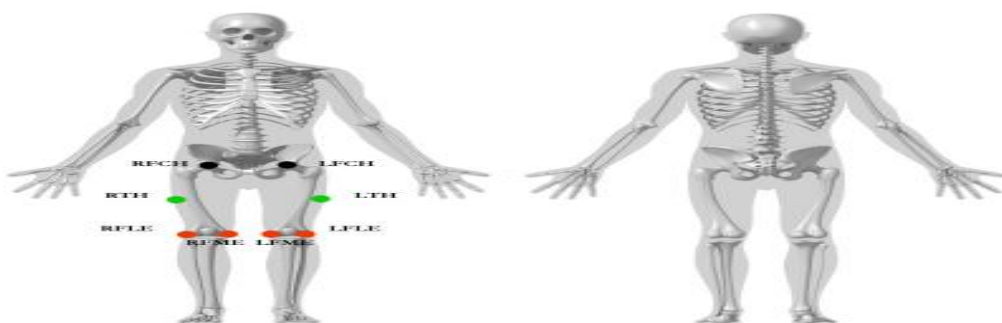
Example 2: with HH pelvis & no KAD - Steps:1b,2c,3b,4b,5b

This section will detail the construction of the following version of the [Conventional Gait Example 2](#) and example 3 files.

- HH pelvis, Davis HJC with ASIS to GT regression, no KAD, no medial axis
- Steps: 1b,2c,3b,4b,5b

We begin constructing the Conventional Gait Model by using the static

1. From the **Model** menu, select **Create** (Add Static Calibration File)



1. Select **Hybrid Model** from **C3D File**

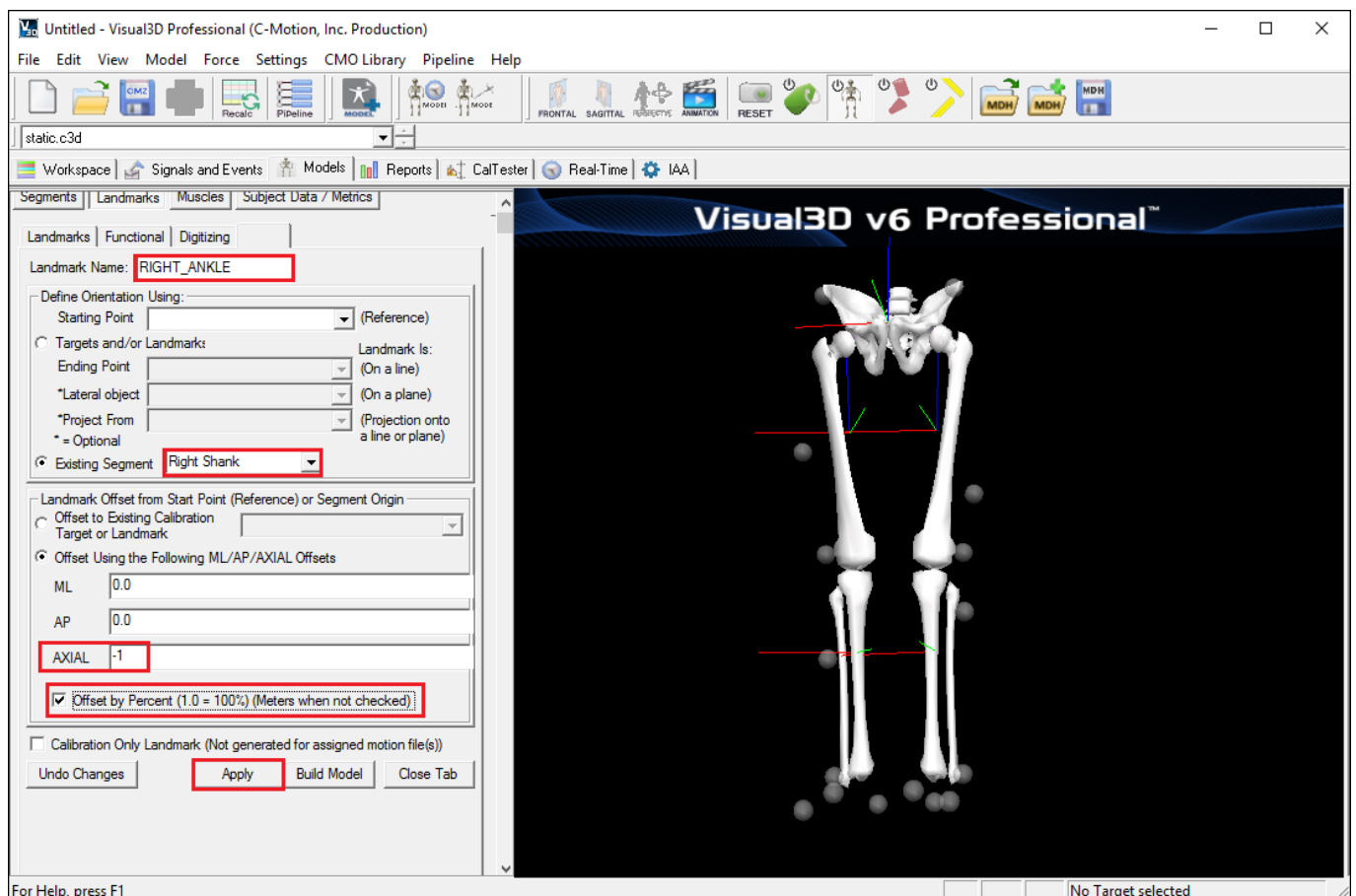
2. A dialog **Select the calibration file for the wire-wrapped INS** will appear. Select **Static no KAD Trial.c3d**.

1. Visual3D will switch to Model Building mode automatically. The 3D average value of the marker locations from the standing file. The screen will contain a list of segments, which by default will contain the Laboratory.

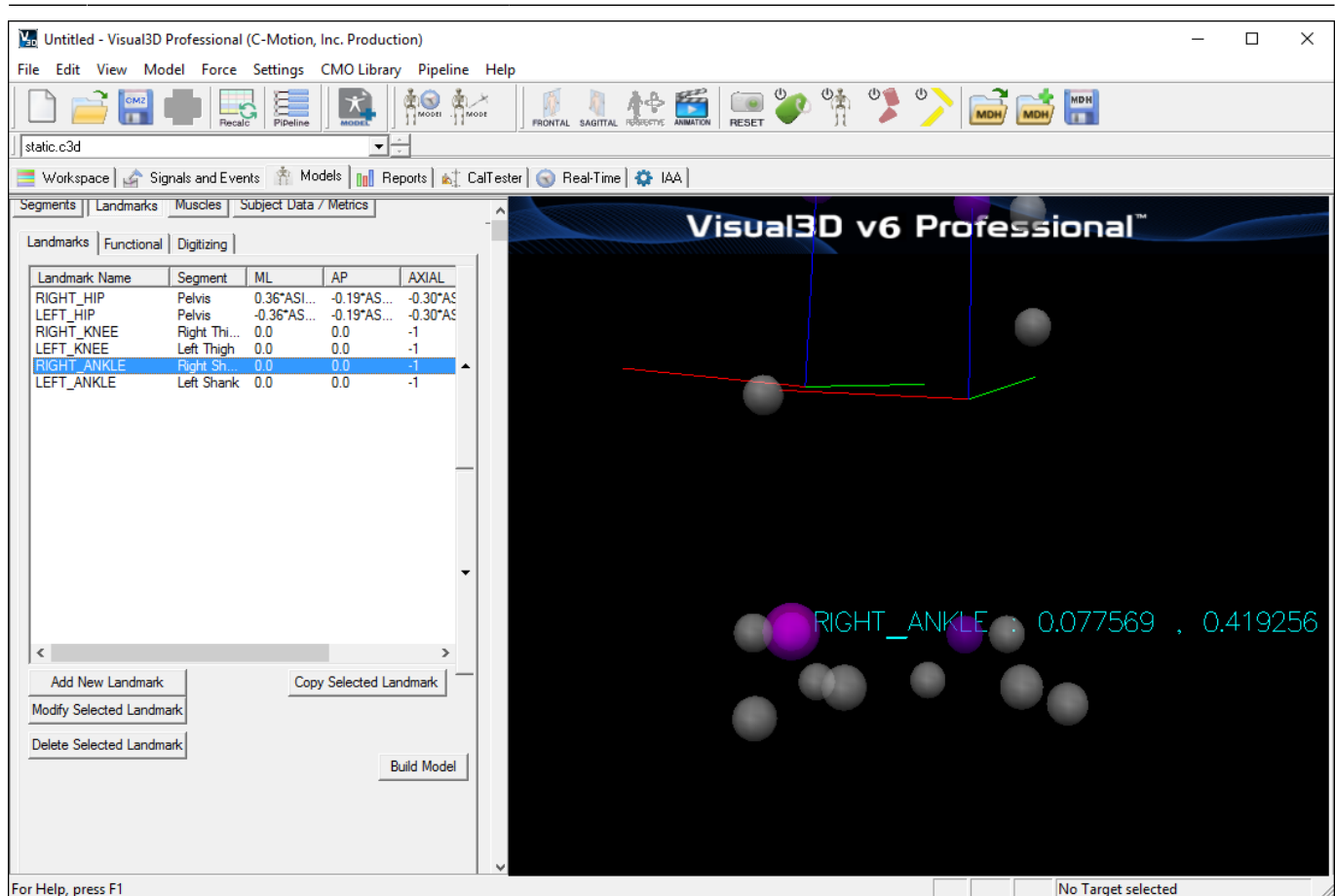
Creating the HH Pelvis Segment - Step 1b

To construct the HH Pelvis (Davis) segment:

1. From the Segment Name, select Pelvis.
2. From the Segment Type, select Den Hayes.
3. Click Create.



1. A dialogue box **Enter Body Mass and Height** will appear because Visual3D needs a subject to be assigned a mass and a height. Enter a mass of 50 kg and a height of 1.7 m, and click OK.
2. A dialogue box **Enter Den Hayes/Derived Segment Markers** will appear. Select the markers so that they correspond to the figure below. Click



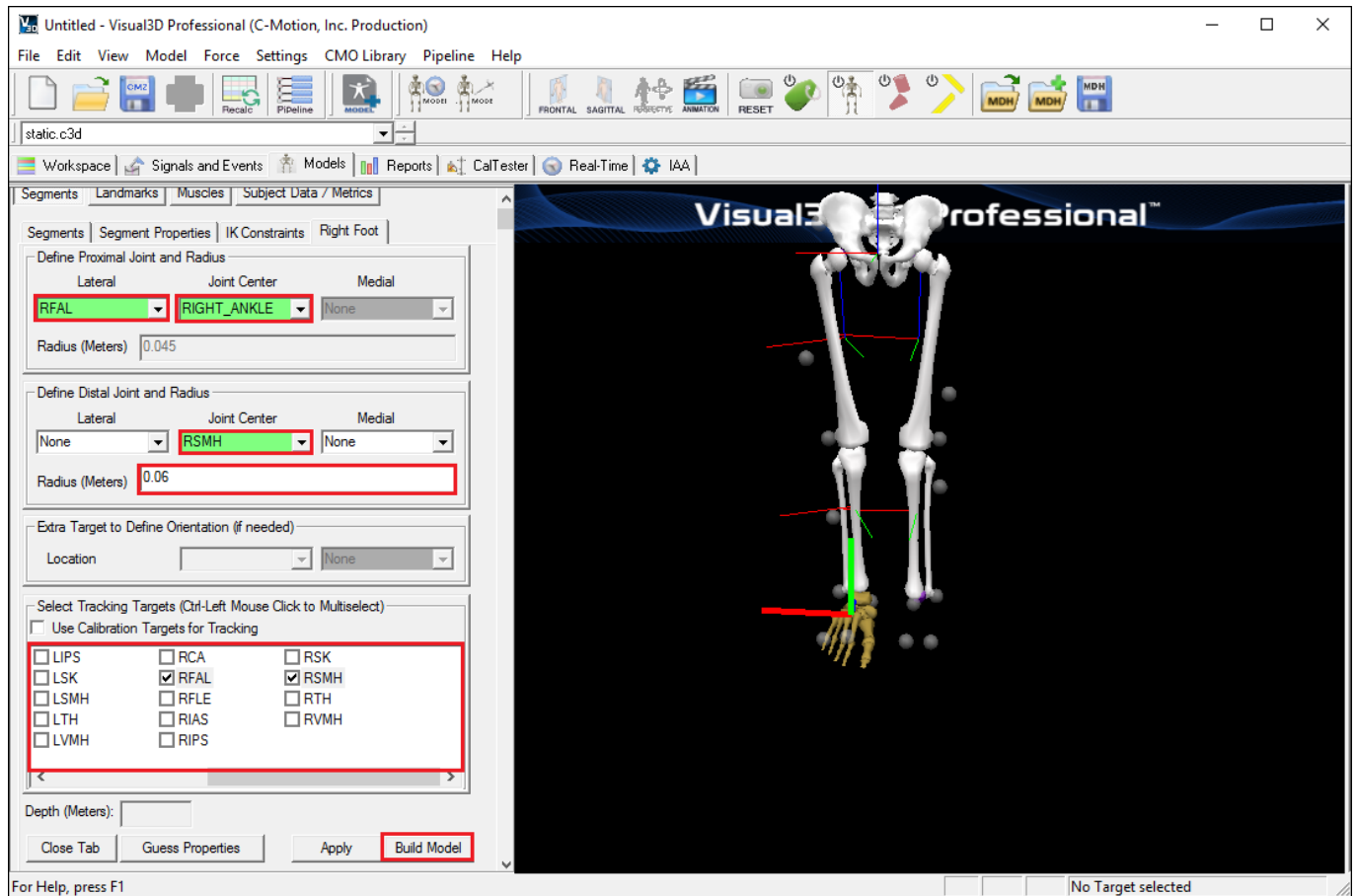
1. Click **Build Model** to build the segment. You should now see a pelvis segment model. If you do not see the pelvis segment model, click the **Build Model** button again.

Enter Subject Measurements

When Visual 3D creates the **Subject Data/Metrics** for the model. Since the hip joint center calculation for HH Pelvis model is based on inter-ASIS GT distance, these values need to be entered in the **Subject Data/Metrics**. In addition, knee and ankle **Subject Data/Metrics** need to be created and entered.

Enter the values by **Modify Selected Item** for each of the items below:

1. Enter 0.50m for **HH_Right_Leg_Length**
2. Enter 0.50m for **HH_Left_Leg_Length**



1. In this example, the values for inter-ASIS distance will be calculated from the positions of the ASIS's and the ASIS to GT distance will be calculated using the equation. There is no need to enter or change values for these variables. If distance is not entered, Visual 3D defaults to the calculated variable.
2. Click **Build Model** to build the segment. The hip joint centers should now be positioned properly. For further discussion on the hip joint center calculations, see the Calculations section.

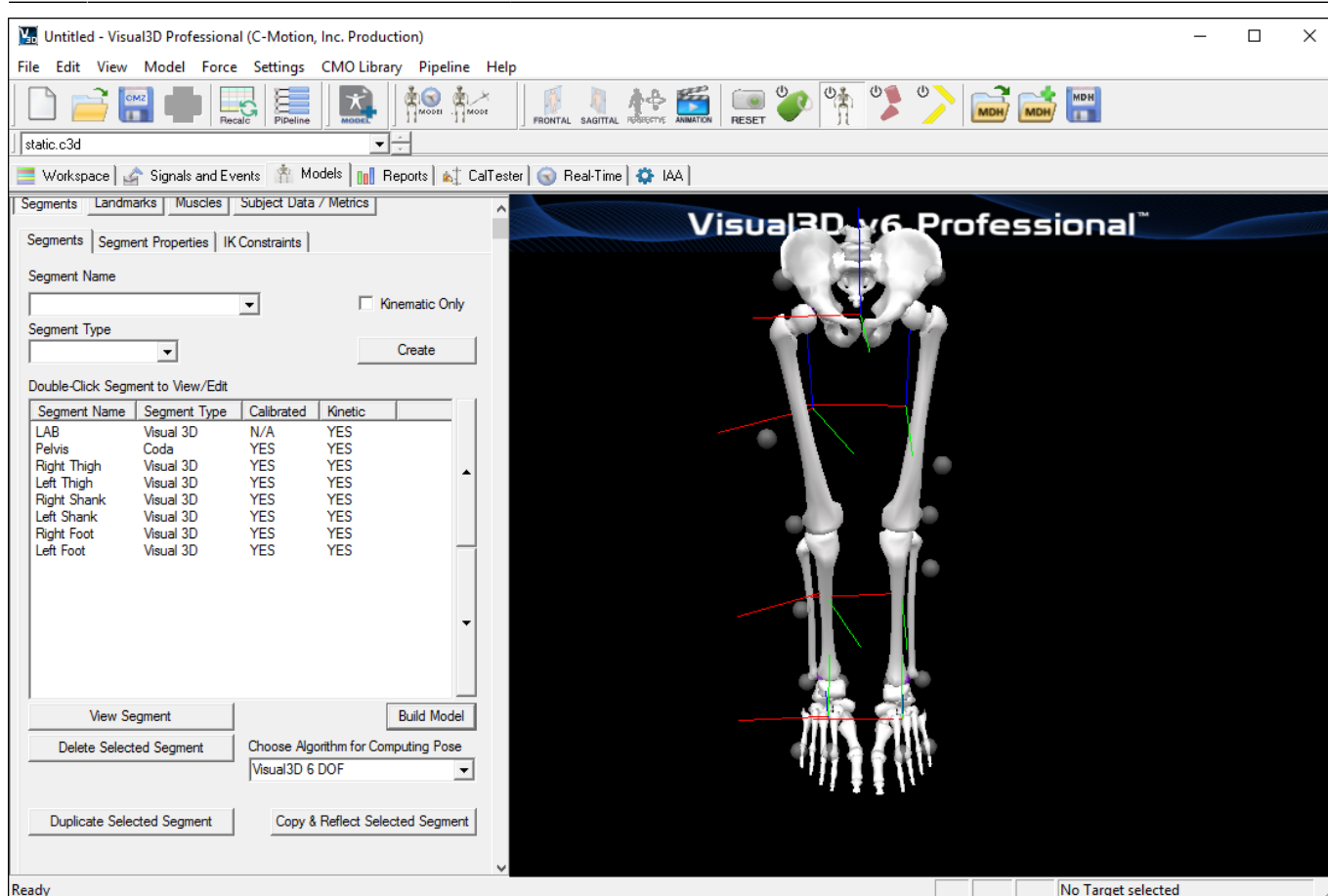
To add Knee and Ankle width:

1. Click **Add New Item**
2. Type **Right_Knee_Width** in the Name field
3. Type **0.110** in the Value of Expression field
4. Click **OK**

Using the above steps, continue to enter the following subject data metrics:

- Left_Knee_Width mean **0.110** in the Value of Expression field
- Right_Ankle_Width mean **0.080** in the Value of Expression field
- Left_Ankle_Width mean **0.080** in the Value of Expression field

The Subject Data/Metrics should look like the image below.



HJC Regression Without Clinical Measurement of ASIS to GT (Davis 1991)

The hip joint center calculation is based on a regression equation (Davis 1991) that estimates of the distance from the pelvic origin to the hip joint center. Measurements of leg length, anteroposterior ASIS to Greater Trochanteric Distance (GTD) are needed. The anthropometric section describes the measurement of inter-ASIS distance.

If no clinical measurement of anteroposterior distance between the ASIS is taken, then the equation below will be used:

$$\text{Bilateral anteroposterior distance} = 0.1288 * \text{Leg Length} - 0.04856$$

The regression equation is follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hip X} &= -S (C \sin(\theta) - 0.5 * \text{distASIS}) \\ \text{Hip Y} &= (-X_{\text{dis}} - R_{\text{marker}}) \cos(\beta) + C \cos(\theta) \sin(\beta) \\ \text{Hip Z} &= (-X_{\text{dis}} - R_{\text{marker}}) \sin(\beta) - C \cos(\theta) \cos(\beta) \end{aligned}$$

Where:

$$C = 0.115 * \text{LegLength} - 0.0153 \text{ (in meters)}$$

$$\theta = 28.4 * \pi / 180.0$$

$\text{beta} = 18.0 * \text{PI} / 180.0$

distASIS = ASIS to ASIS distance, measured during clinical exam

X_{dis} = anterior/posterior component of the ASIS/hip center distance in the sagittal plane of the pelvis and measured during the clinical exam

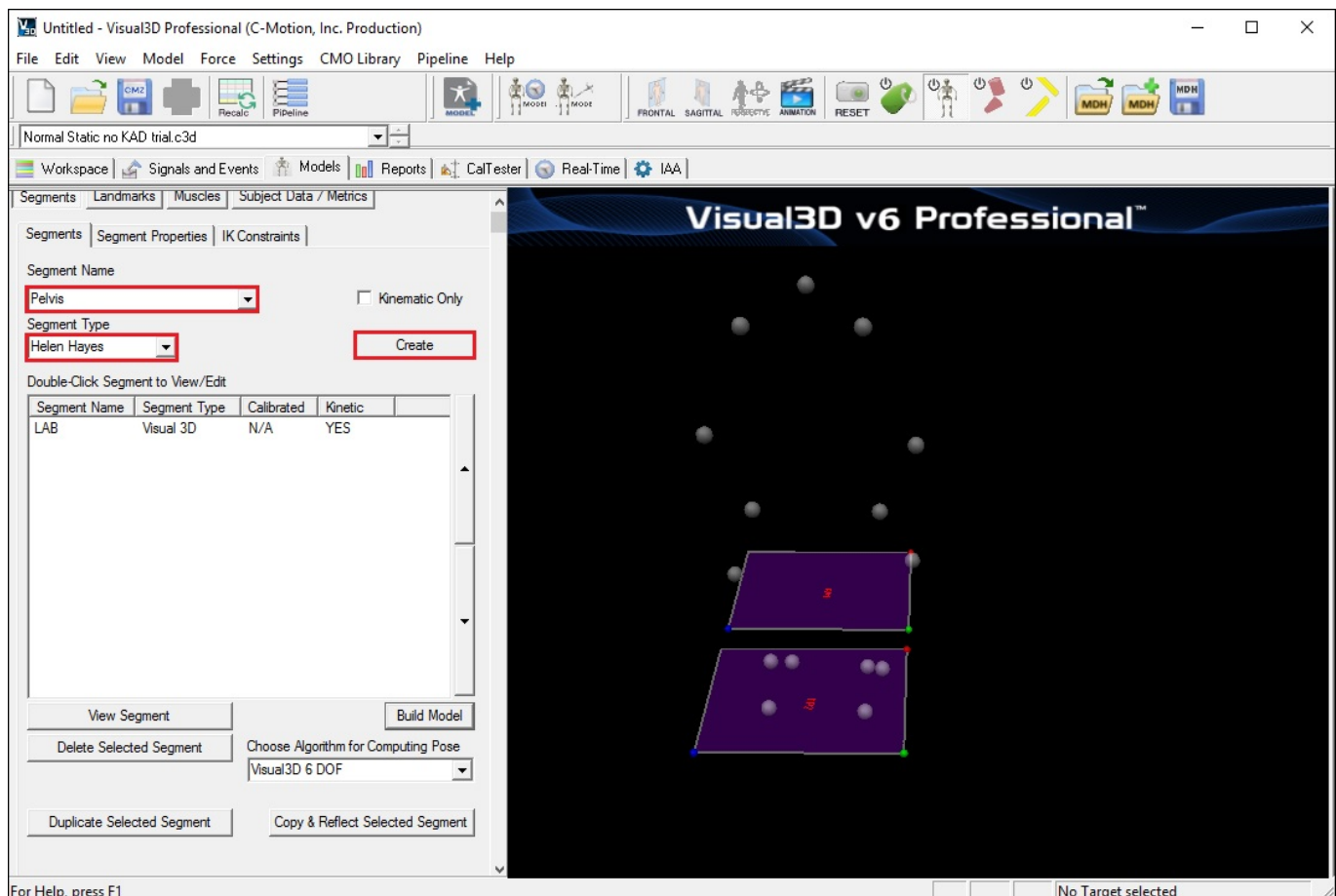
If X_{dis} not measured:

$X_{\text{dis}} = 0.1288 * \text{LegLength} - 0.04856$

R_{marker} = marker Radius (in meters)

$S = +1$ for the right side and -1 for the left side

Estimates for the Right and Left Hip Joint Center are represented as L and R respectively. These are automatically calculated when the Helen Hayes (Davis) Pelvis is created. To view right and left hip joint centers, click Landmarks TAB. In the image below, the Landmarks are shown.



Note: that if the ASIS markers have been placed medial or lateral to the hip landmark because the subject is obese or because the markers cannot be placed at the correct locations, it is important to measure the inter-ASIS distance and enter it in Subject Data / Markers TAB. If this is not done, then the hip joint center calculation will be incorrect.

Create Thigh Segments - Steps 3b and 4b

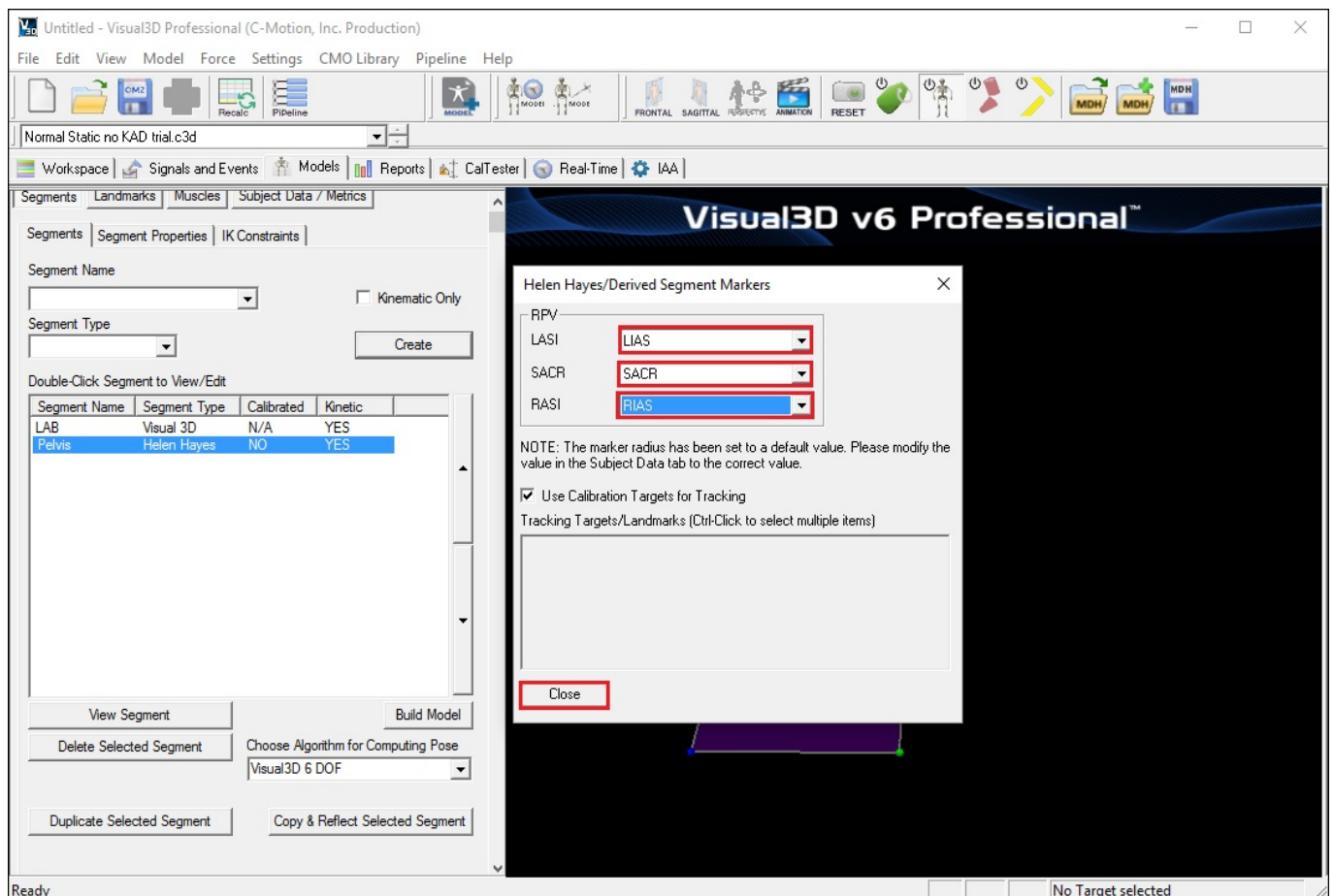
To create the right thigh segment:

1. Click **Segments**
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Right Thigh**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.

A dialog will open that will allow us to define the segment. To create a thigh as a geometrical primitive (conical frustrum). The proximal and distal must be defined.

1. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** box, select **RIGHT_HIP**.
2. In the **Proximal Radius** box, enter **0.089**. The proximal radius is the geometrical proximal end of the thigh. You can use calipers to measure this or measure as one quarter of the distance between the greater trochanter and the lesser trochanter.
3. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius** box, select **RIGHT_KNEE**.
4. In the **Distal Radius** box, enter **0.05 * Right_Knee_Width + Marker_Radius**.
5. In the **Extra Target to Define Orientation** box, select **RIGHT_THIGH** for the marker.
6. In the **Select Tracking Target** box, select **RIGHT_THIGH**.
7. Click **Build Model**

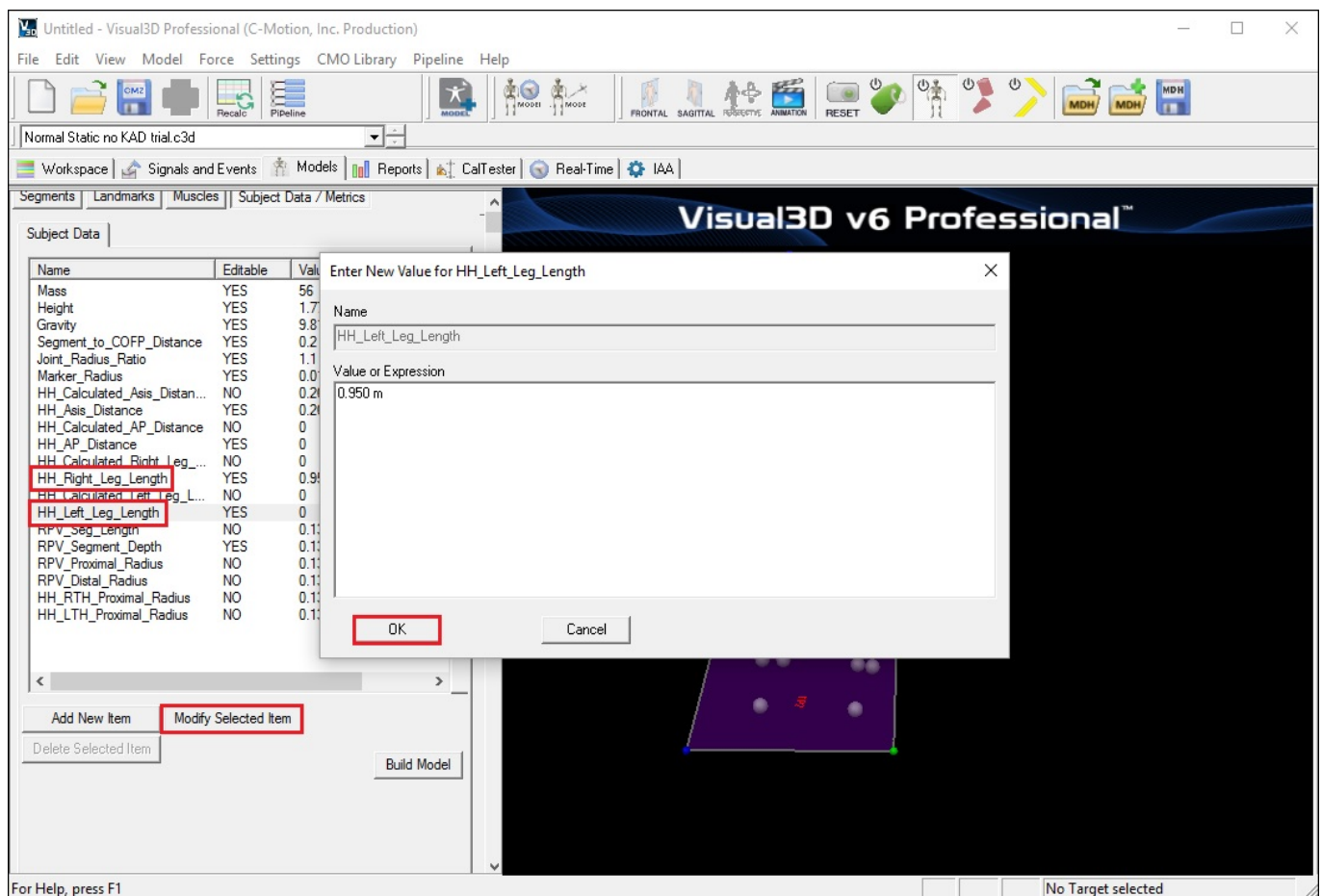
You should now see a thigh segment on your standing model. If you do after clicking Build Model, double check the values you entered in the



To create the left thigh segment:

1. Click **Choose** tab
2. From the **Segment Names**, select **Thigh**.
3. From the **Segment Types**, select **3D**.
4. Click **Create**.
5. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius**, select **Left Hip Joint**.
6. In the **Proximal Radius**, enter **0.089**
7. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius**, select **Left Knee Joint**.
8. In the **Distal Radius**, enter **0.5 * Left_Knee_Width + Marker_Radius**
9. In the **Extra Target to Define Orientation**, select **Left TH** for the marker.
10. In the **Select Tracking Target**, select **Left TH** and **Left TH**
11. Click **Build Model**

You should now see both thigh segments on your standing model.



Create Knee Joint Centers

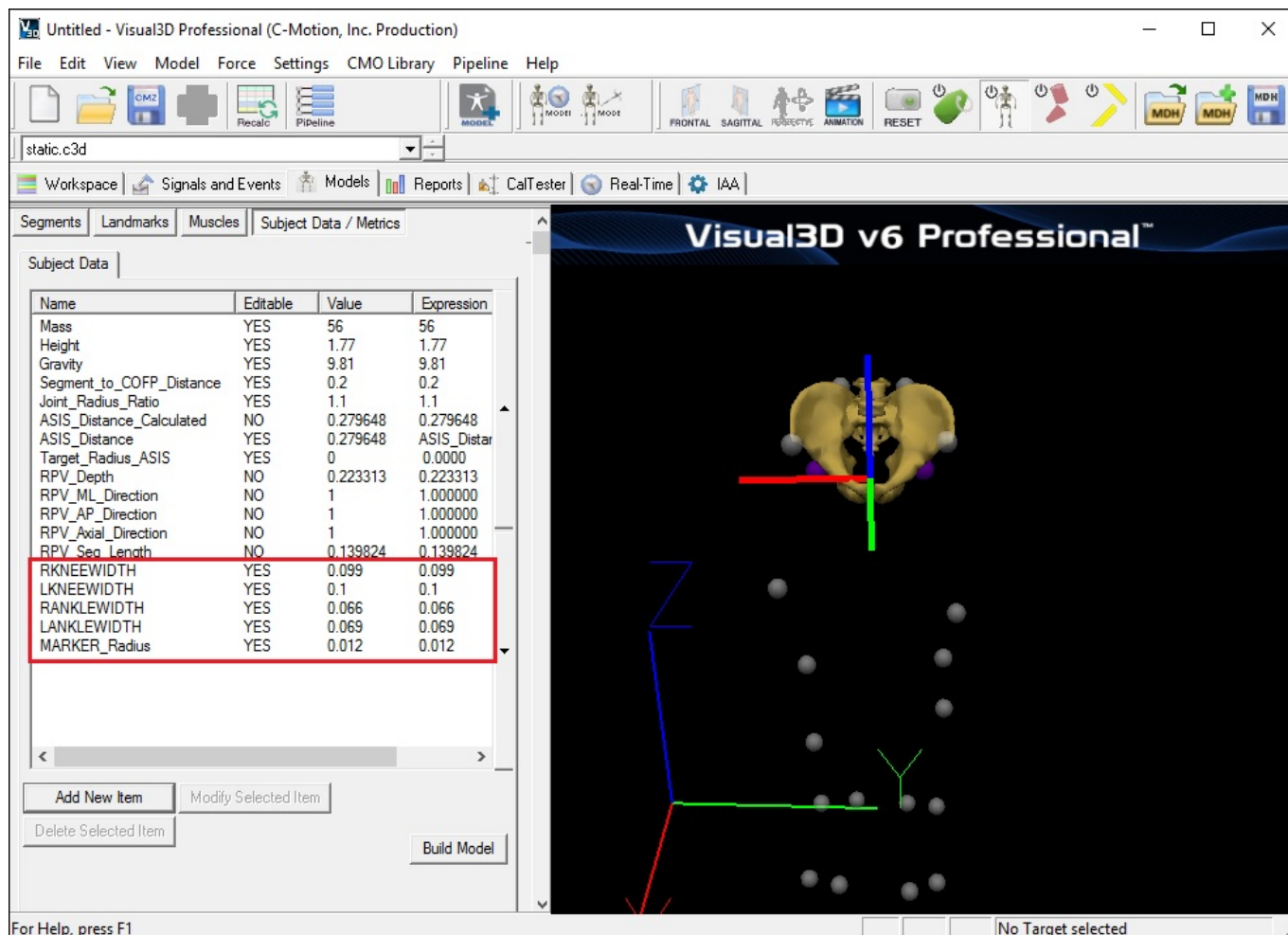
The knee joint center of the Conventional Gait Model is assumed to be the center of the knee joint. Its location is half the knee width and half a marker diameter from the medial epicondyle marker in the plane of the femoral segment.

When we constructed the thigh segments, we used these calculations to define the knee joint center radius. Now we can explicitly define the knee joint center by creating

the thigh segment.

To create the right knee joint center landmark:

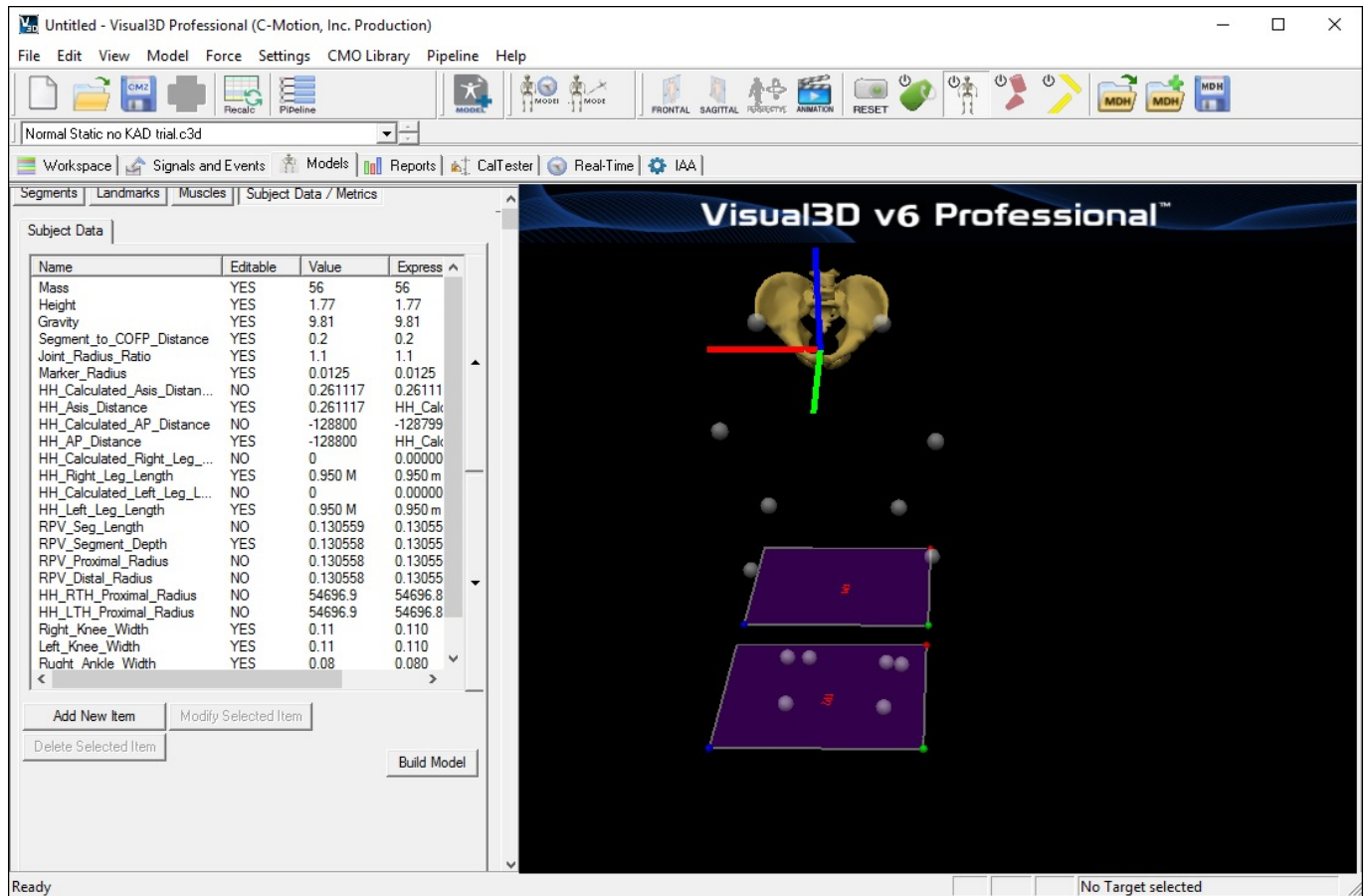
1. Click on **Landmark** tab
2. Click **Add New Landmark**
3. In the **Landmark Name** box, enter **RIGHT_KNEE**
4. From the existing **Segment**, select **Right Thigh**.
5. From the **Offset** set Using the Following AP/ML/Axial **Offset**
6. Check **Offset by Percent (1.0=100%)** (Meters when not checked)
7. Click **Apply**.



To create the left knee joint center landmark:

1. Click on **Landmark** tab
2. Click **Add New Landmark**
3. In the **Landmark Name** box, enter **LEFT_KNEE**
4. From the existing **Segment**, select **Left Thigh**.
5. From the **Offset** set Using the Following AP/ML/Axial **Offset**
6. Check **Offset by Percent (1.0=100%)** (Meters when not checked)
7. Click **Apply**.

In the image below, the Landmarks are shown in blue.



Create Shank Segments - Steps 5b

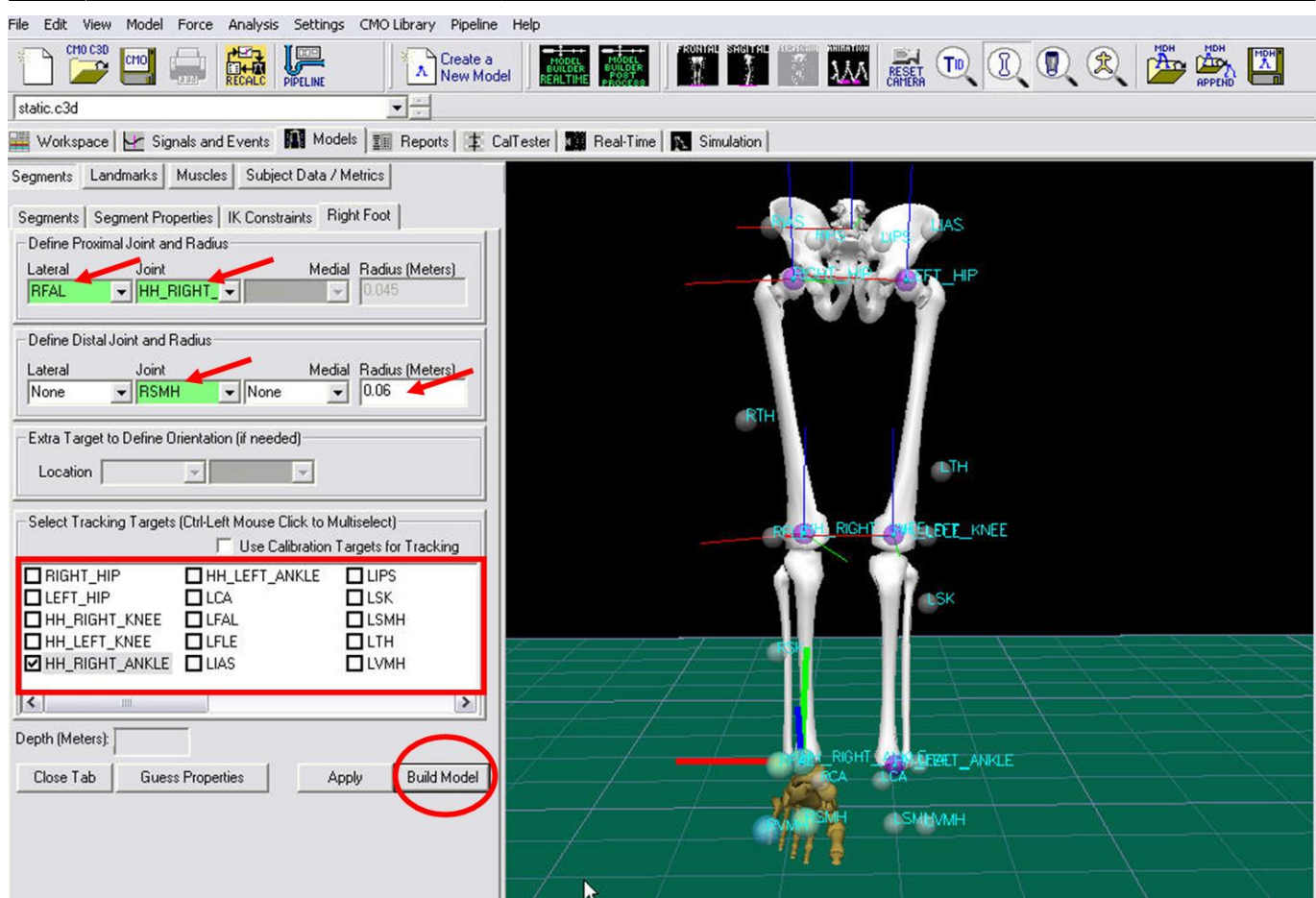
To create the right shank segment:

1. Click **Segments**
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Right Shank**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.

A dialog will open that will allow us to define the segment. To create a

1. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **RIGHT_KNEE** joint.
2. In the **Proximal Radius**, enter $0.5 * \text{Right_Knee_Width} + \text{Marker_Radius}$
3. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius** section, select **RIGHT_ANKLE** joint.
4. In the **Distal Radius**, enter $0.5 * \text{Right_Ankle_Width} + \text{Marker_Radius}$
5. In the **Extra Target to Define Orientation** section, select **RIGHT_ANKLE** for the location and **SK** for the marker.
6. In the **Select Tracking Target** box, select **RIGHT_ANKLE**.
7. Click **Build Model**

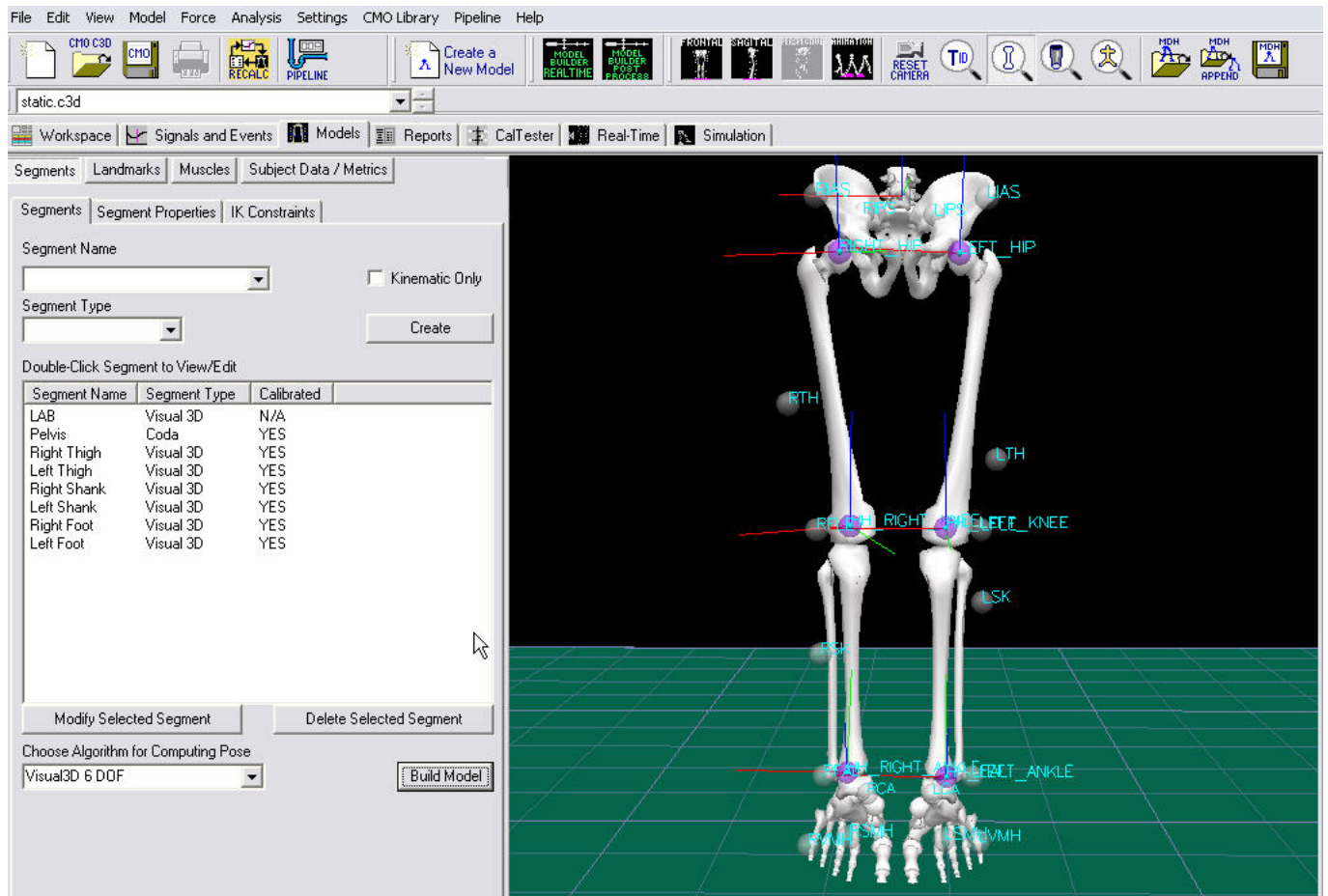
You should now see a shank segment on your standing model. If you double-click on the shank segment after clicking **Build Model**, double check the values you entered in the



To create the left shank segment:

1. Click Mouse tab
2. From the Segment Name box, select Shank.
3. From the Segment Type box, select 3D.
4. Click Create.
5. In the Define Proximal Joint and Radius section, select Left_Knee as the joint.
6. In the Proximal Radius, enter $0.5 * \text{Left_Knee_Width} + \text{Marker_Radius}$
7. In the Define Distal Joint and Radius section, select Left_Ankle for the lateral.
8. In the Distal Radius, enter $0.5 * \text{Left_Ankle_Width} + \text{Marker_Radius}$
9. In the Extra Target to Define Orientation section, select Left_Ankle for the location and LSK for the marker.
10. In the Select Tracking Targets section, select Left_Knee, Left_Ankle, LCA, LSC, LTH, LKA, and LKM
11. Click Build Model

You should now see both shank segments on your standing model.



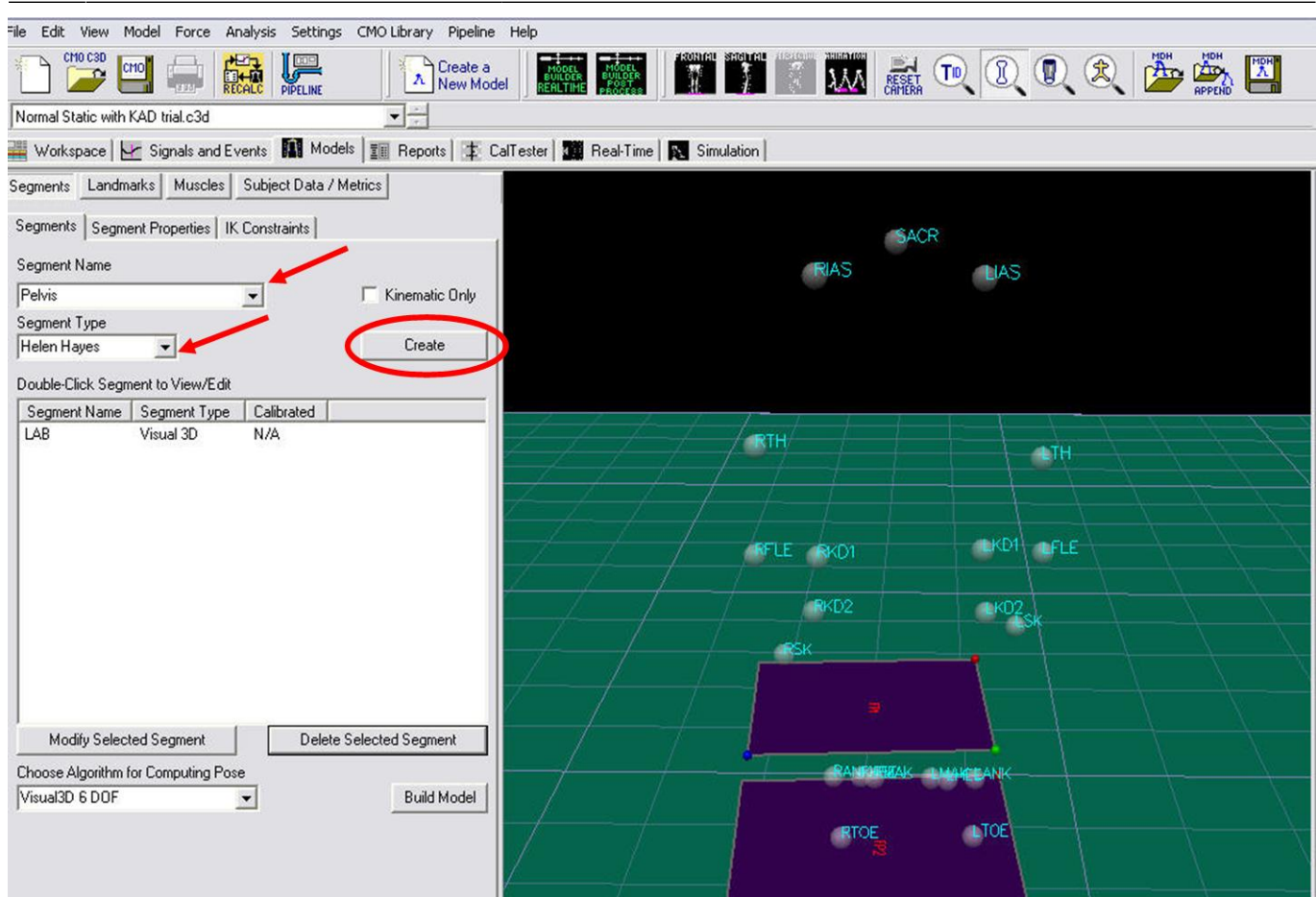
Create Ankle Joint Centers

As with the knee, the ankle joint center is assumed to be fixed in both is half the ankle width and half a marker diameter medial to the center in the plane of the tibial segment.

When we constructed the shank segments, we used these calculations radius. Now we can explicitly define the knee joint center by creating the thigh segment.

To create the right ankle joint center landmark:

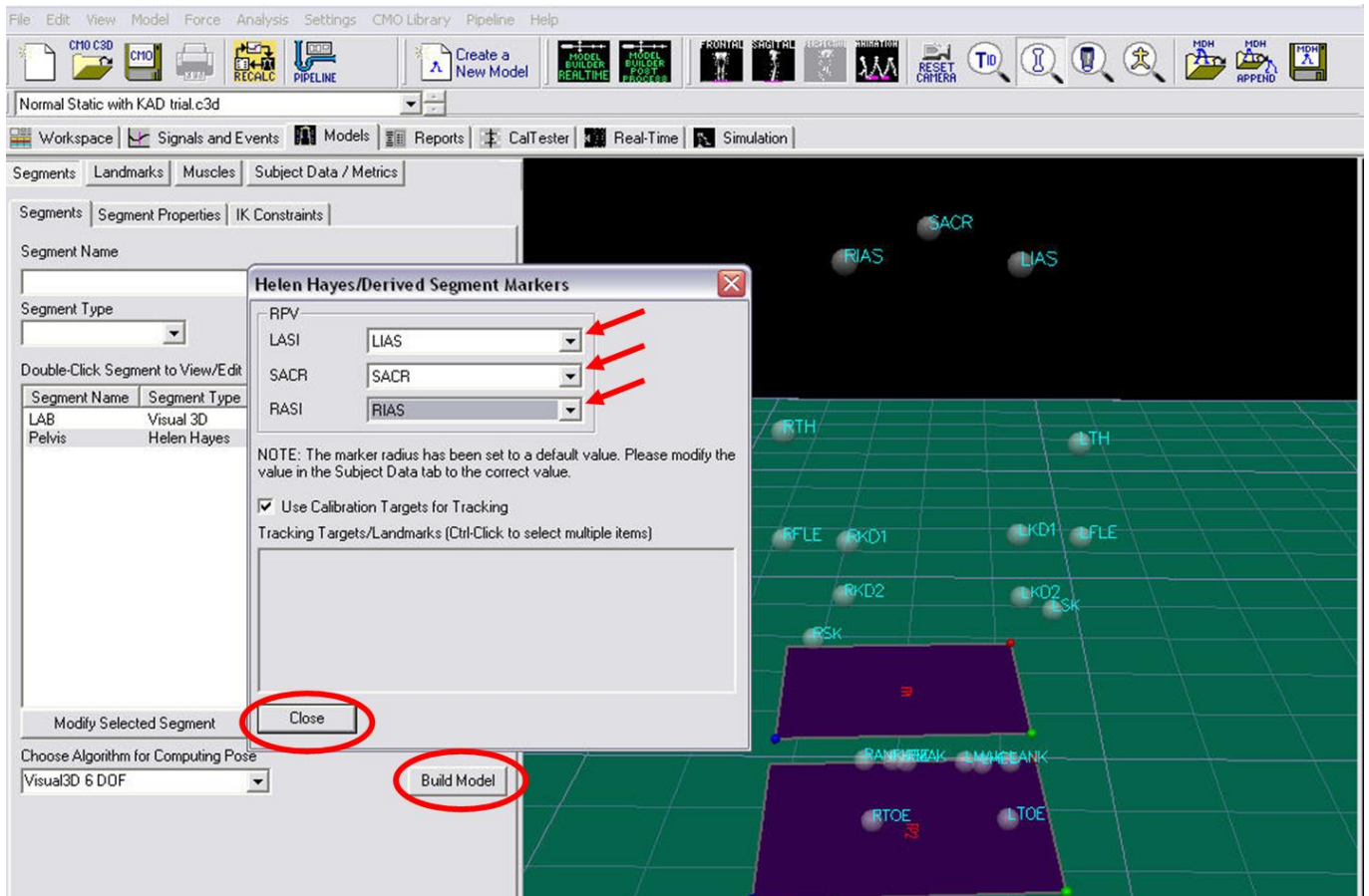
1. Click on **Landmark** tab
2. Click on **Add New Landmark**
3. In the **Landmark Name** box, enter **RIGHT_ANKLE**
4. From the **Existing Segment**, select **Right Shank**.
5. From the **Offset Using the Following AP/ML/Axial Orientation**
6. Check **Offset by Percent (1.0=100%)** (Meters when not checked)
7. Click **Apply**.



To create the left knee joint center landmark:

1. Click on the landmark button
2. Click Add New Landmark
3. In the Landmark Name box, enter LEFT_ANKLE
4. From the existing Segment list, select Shank.
5. From the set Using the Following AP/ML/Axial Orientation
6. Check Offset by Percent (1.0=100%) (Meters when not checked)
7. Click Apply.

In the image below, the Landmarks are shown in blue.



Create Foot Segments

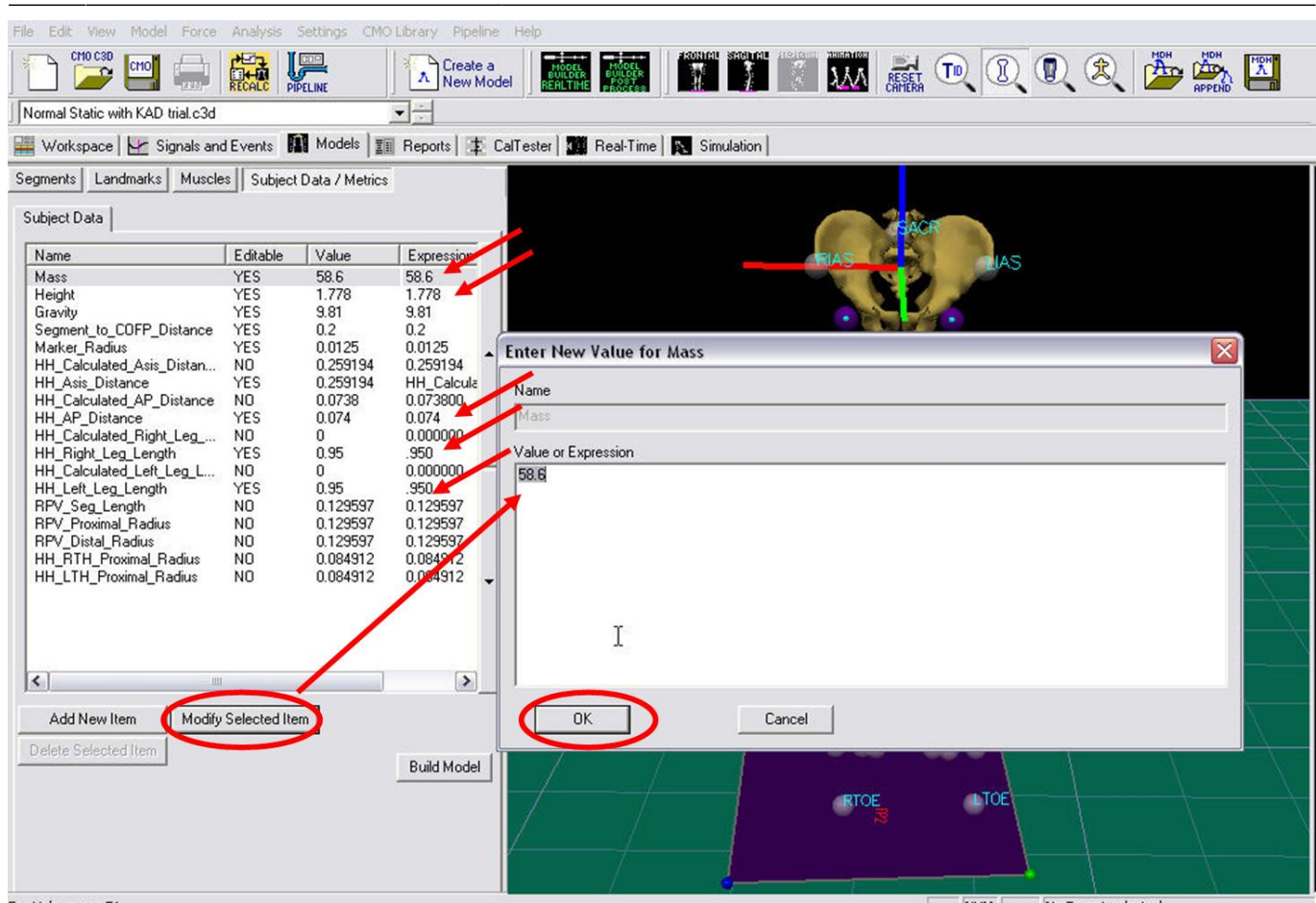
To create the right shank segment:

1. Click **Segments** tab
2. From **Segment Name** box, select **Right Foot**.
3. From **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.

A dialog will open that will allow us to define the segment. To create a

1. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** Ref Actor the lateral.
2. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** select the **RIGHT_ARM_L** Joint.
3. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius** select the **RIGHT_ARM_L** Joint.
4. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius** select the **RIGHT_ARM_L** Joint.
5. In the **Select Tracking Targets** select the **RIGHT_ARM_L** Joint.
6. Click **Build Model**

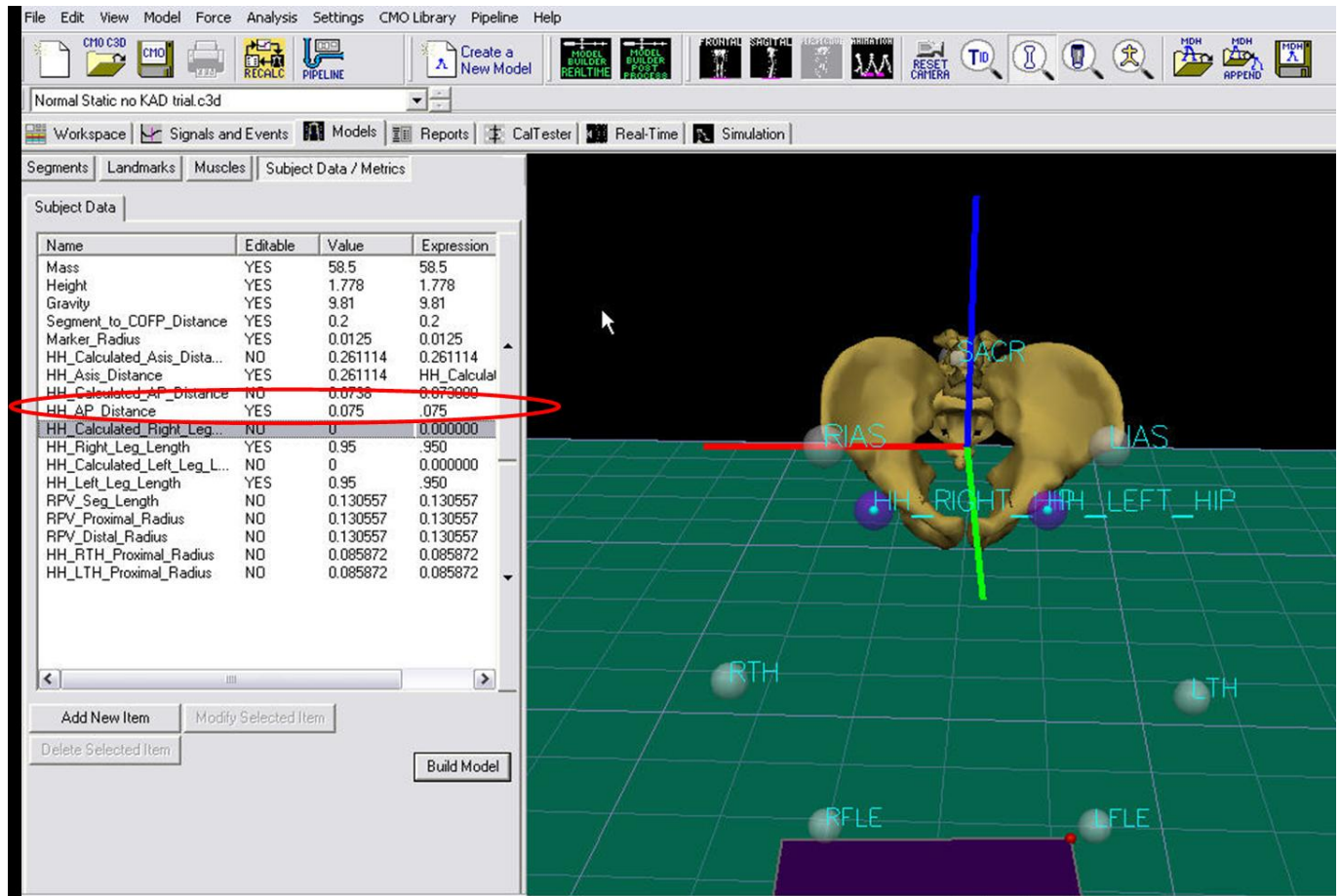
You should now see a foot segment on your standing model. If you do clicking Build Model, double check the values you entered in the last



To create the left foot segment:

1. Click **Mouse** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Foot**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.
5. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **Left** for the lateral.
6. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **Left** for the medial.
7. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius** section, select **Left** for the medial.
8. In the **Distal Radius** box, enter **0.06**.
9. In the **Select Tracking Target** box, select **Left_AIKALLES M, HandV M H**.
10. Click **Build Model**.

You should now see both foot segments on your standing model.



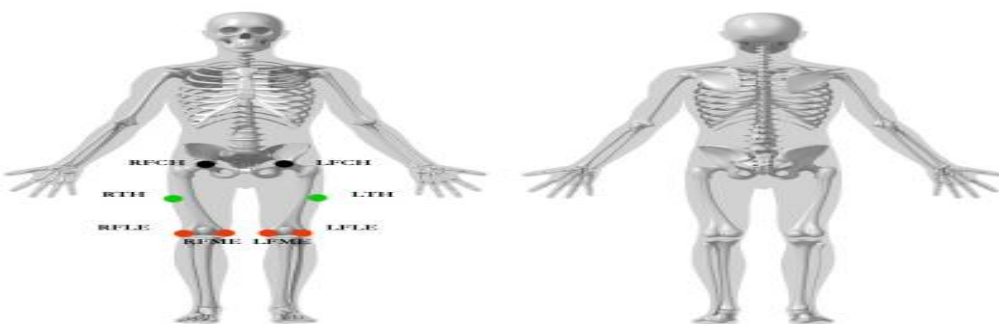
Example 3: with HH Pelvis with KAD - Steps:1b,2b,3a,4b,5a

This section will detail the construction of the following version of the **Conventional Gait Example 3** and example 3les.

- HH pelvis, Davis HJC with clinically measured ASIS to GT distance and ankle markers - Steps:1b,2b,3a,4b,5a

We begin by using the static standing trial.

1. From the **Model** menu, select **Create** (Add Static Calibration File)



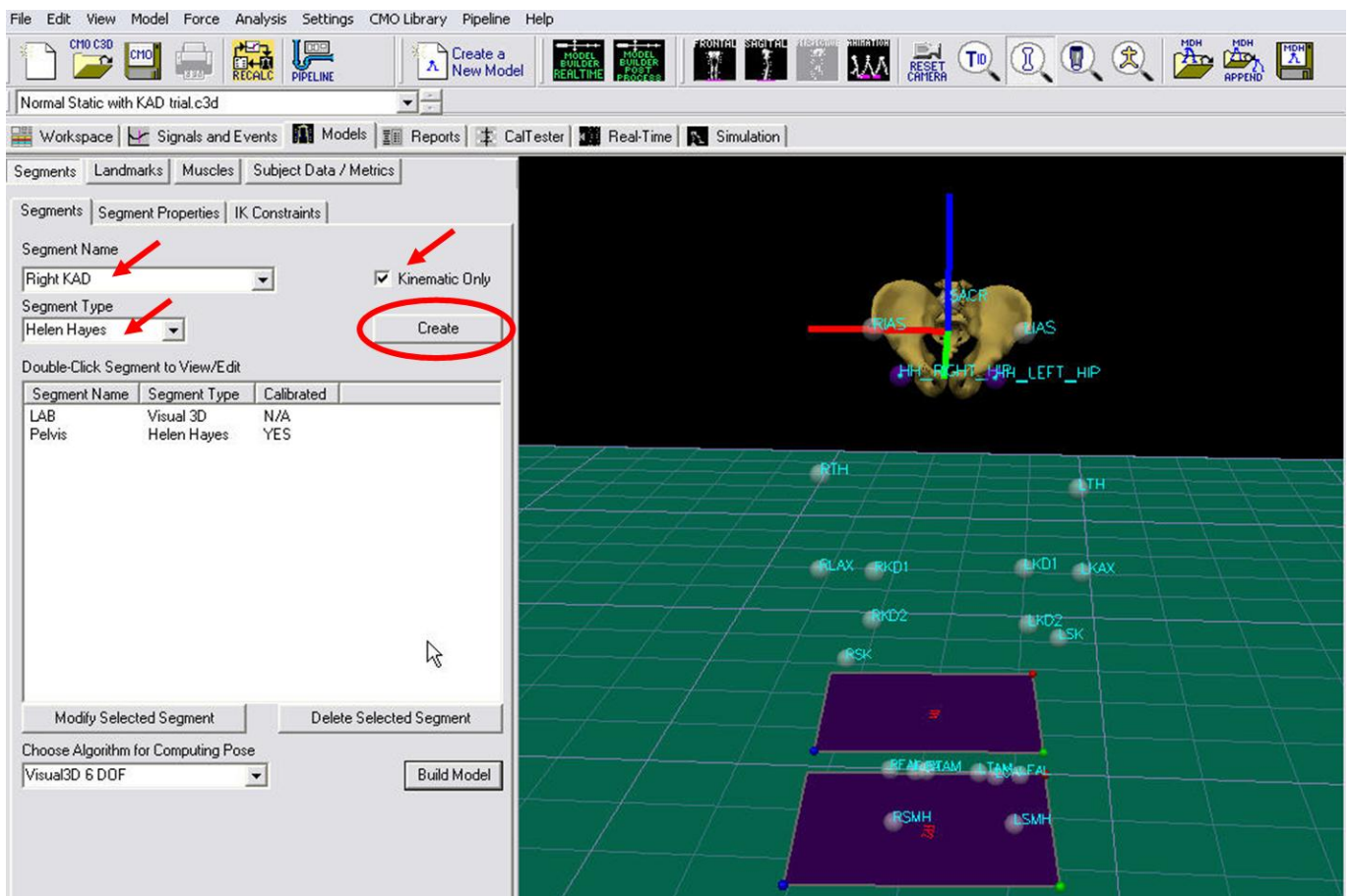
1. Select **Hybrid Model** from **C3D File**
2. A dialog **Select** the calibration file for the **wireapped INS** or **heat Static with KAD** and **Open**.

1. Visual3D will switch to Model Building mode automatically. The 3D screen will contain a list of segments, which by default will contain the Laboratory.

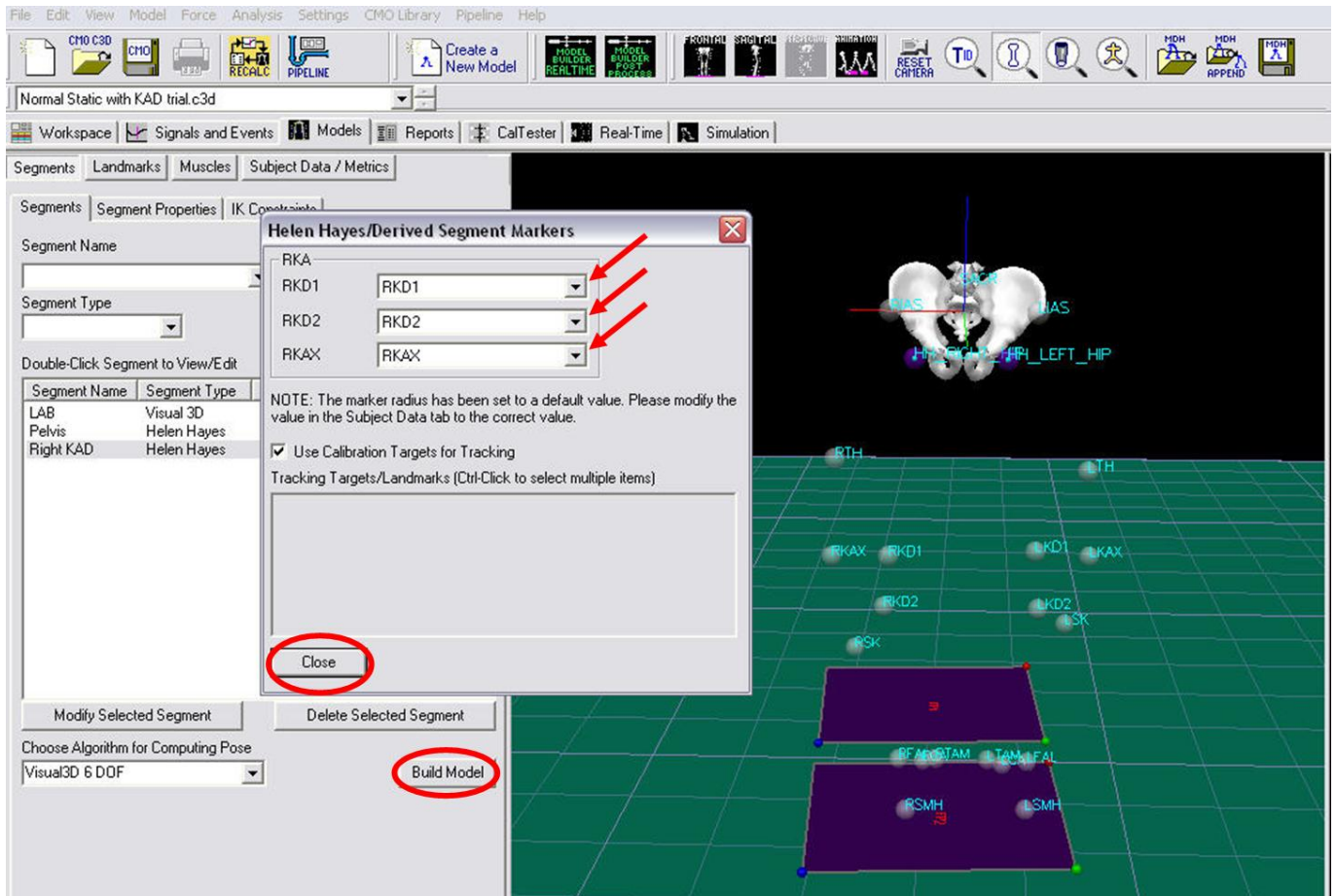
Creating the HH Pelvis Segment

To construct the HH Pelvis (Davis) segment:

1. From the Segment Name, select Right KAD.
2. From the Segment Type, select Helen Hayes.
3. Click Create.



1. A dialogue box **Enter Body Mass and Height** will appear because Visual3D needs a subject to be assigned a mass and a height. Enter 56 kg and 1.67 m, respectively. Click OK.
2. A dialogue box **Helen Hayes/Derived Segment Markers** will appear. Select the markers so that they correspond to the figure below. Click OK.



1. Click **Build Model** to build the segment. You should now see a pelvis segment in the 3D model. If you do not see the pelvis segment, click the **Build Model** button again.

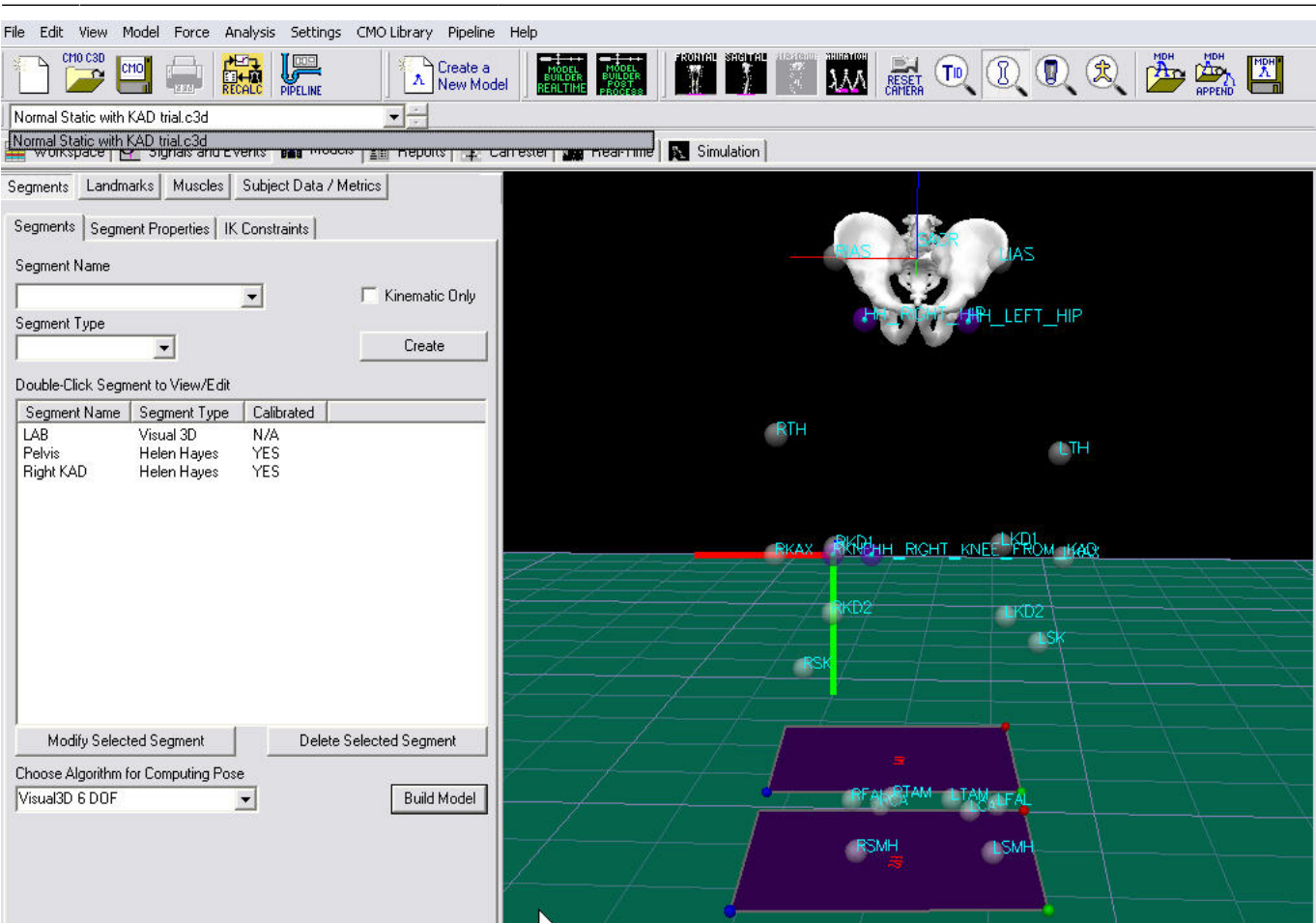
Enter Subject Measurements

When Visual 3D creates the Subject Data, Metrics are created for the model. Since the hip joint center calculation for HH Pelvis model is based on inter-ASIS distance, these values need to be entered in the Metrics.

Enter the values by clicking on each of the items below:

1. Enter 0.950 for **HH_Right_Leg_Length**
2. Enter 0.950 for **HH_Left_Leg_Length**
3. In this example, the values for inter-ASIS distance will be calculated from the positions of the ASIS's
4. The ASIS to GT distance is measured 0.074 in **HH_A_Py_Distance**

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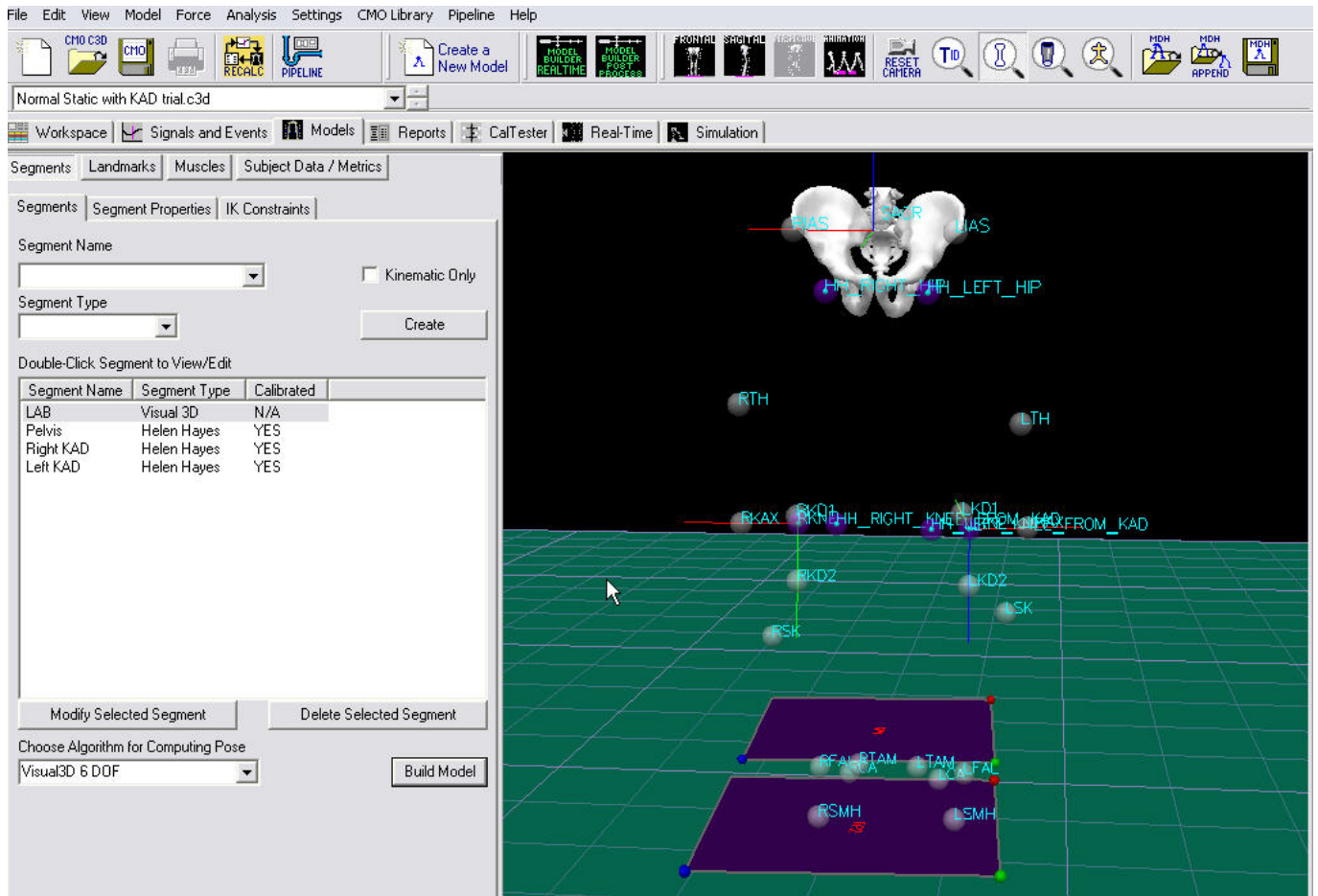


- Click Build Model to build the segment. The hip joint centers should now properly. For further discussion on the hip joint center calculations see the Calculations section.

HJC Regression with Clinical Measurement of ASIS to GT (Davis 1991)

The hip joint center calculation is based on a regression equation (D'Alella, 1990) that estimates the distance from the pelvic origin to the hip joint center based on a 3D coordinate system. Measurements of leg length, anteroposterior ASIS to Greater Trochanter distance, and inter-ASIS distance are needed. The anthropometric section describes the measurement of the anteroposterior ASIS to Greater Trochanter distance, and inter-ASIS distance. The hip joint center was shown in the Hip joint center calculations in Example 2.

Estimates for the Right and Left Hip Joint Center are represented as Landmarks and are automatically written to the .xml file when the report is created. To view right and left hip joint centers, click on the Landmarks tab. In the image below, the Landmarks are shown.

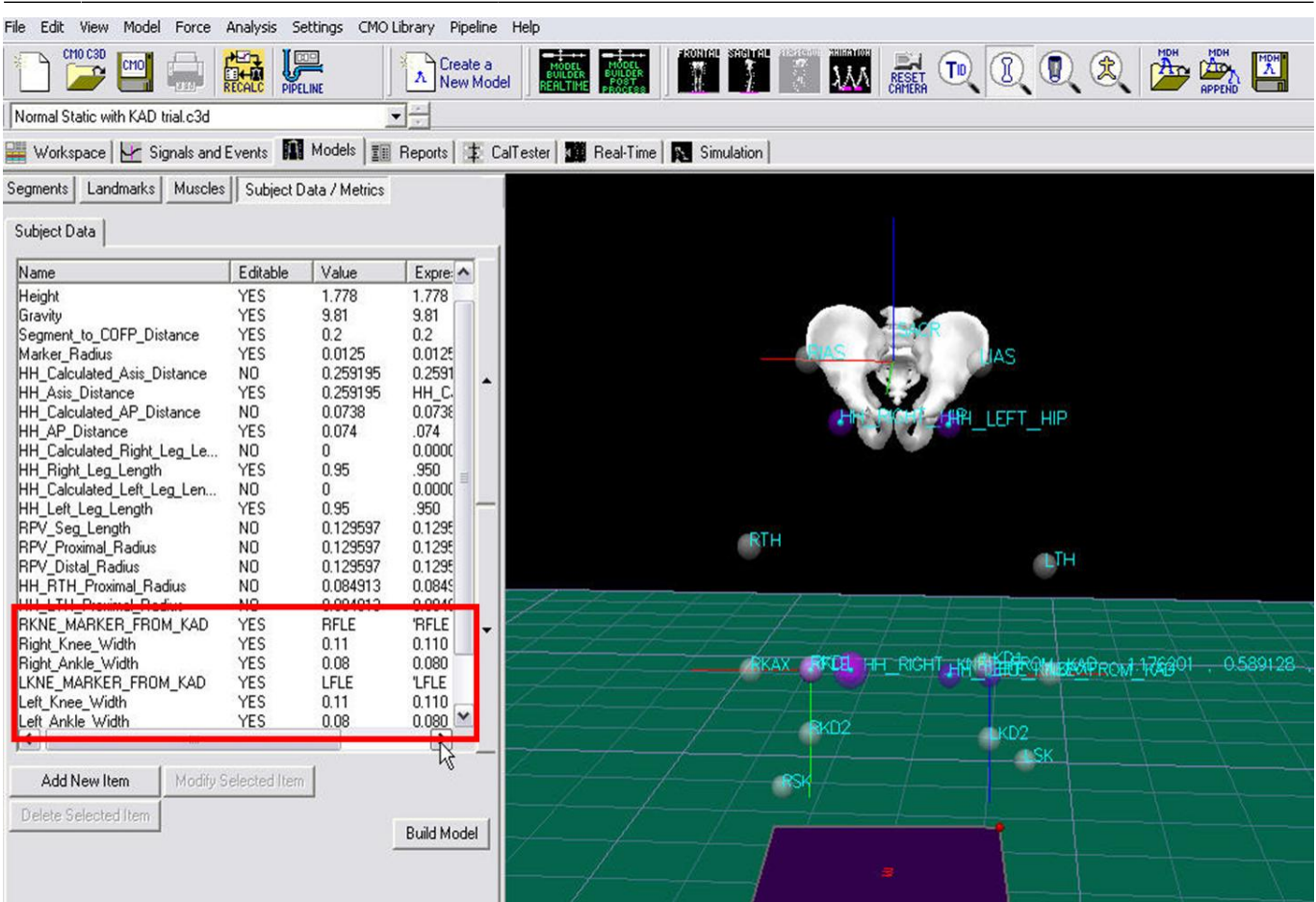


Note: that if the ASIS markers have been placed medial or lateral to the landmark because the subject is obese or because the markers cannot be placed at the correct locations, it is important to measure the inter-ASIS distance and enter it in Subject Data/Male Bridge. If this is not done, then the hip joint center calculation will be incorrect.

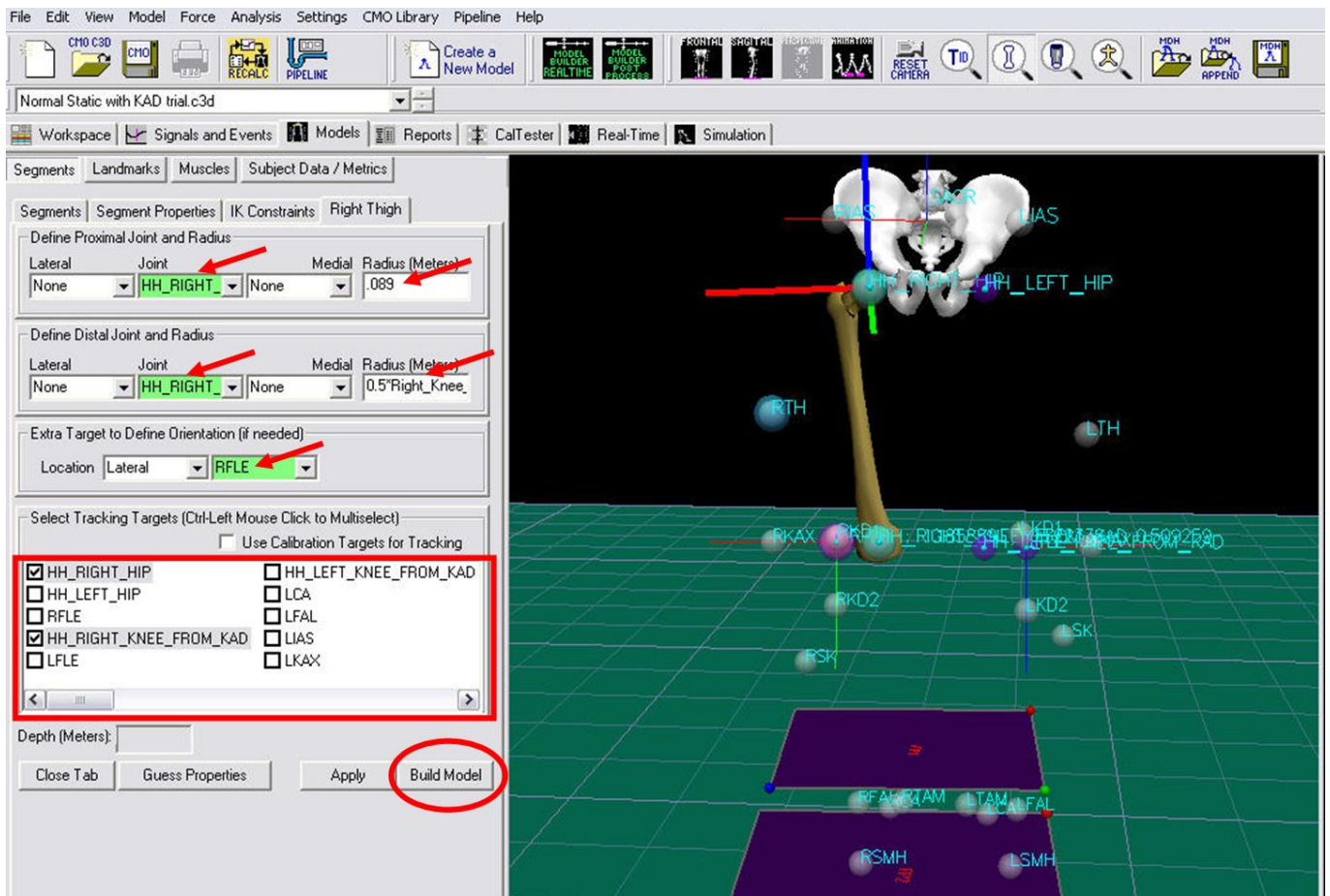
Create KAD Segments - Steps 3a

We must make a virtual segment (kinematic only) for the KAD. To create a segment:

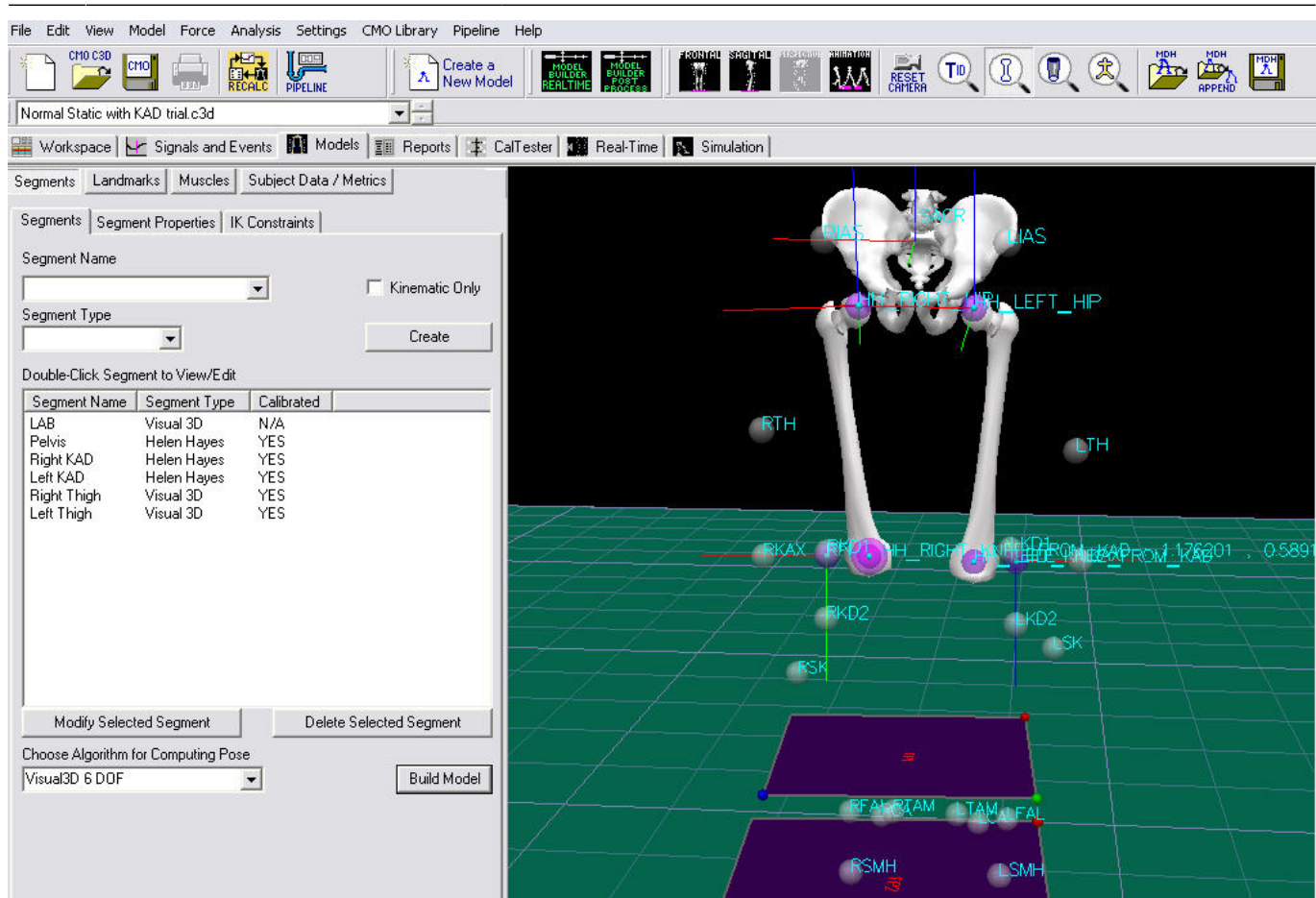
1. Click **Segments** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Right KAD**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Check **Kinematic Only**.
5. Click **Create**.



1. A dialogue box **Has been created** / **Derived Segments with Markers** opens. Select the markers so that they correspond to the figure below. Click

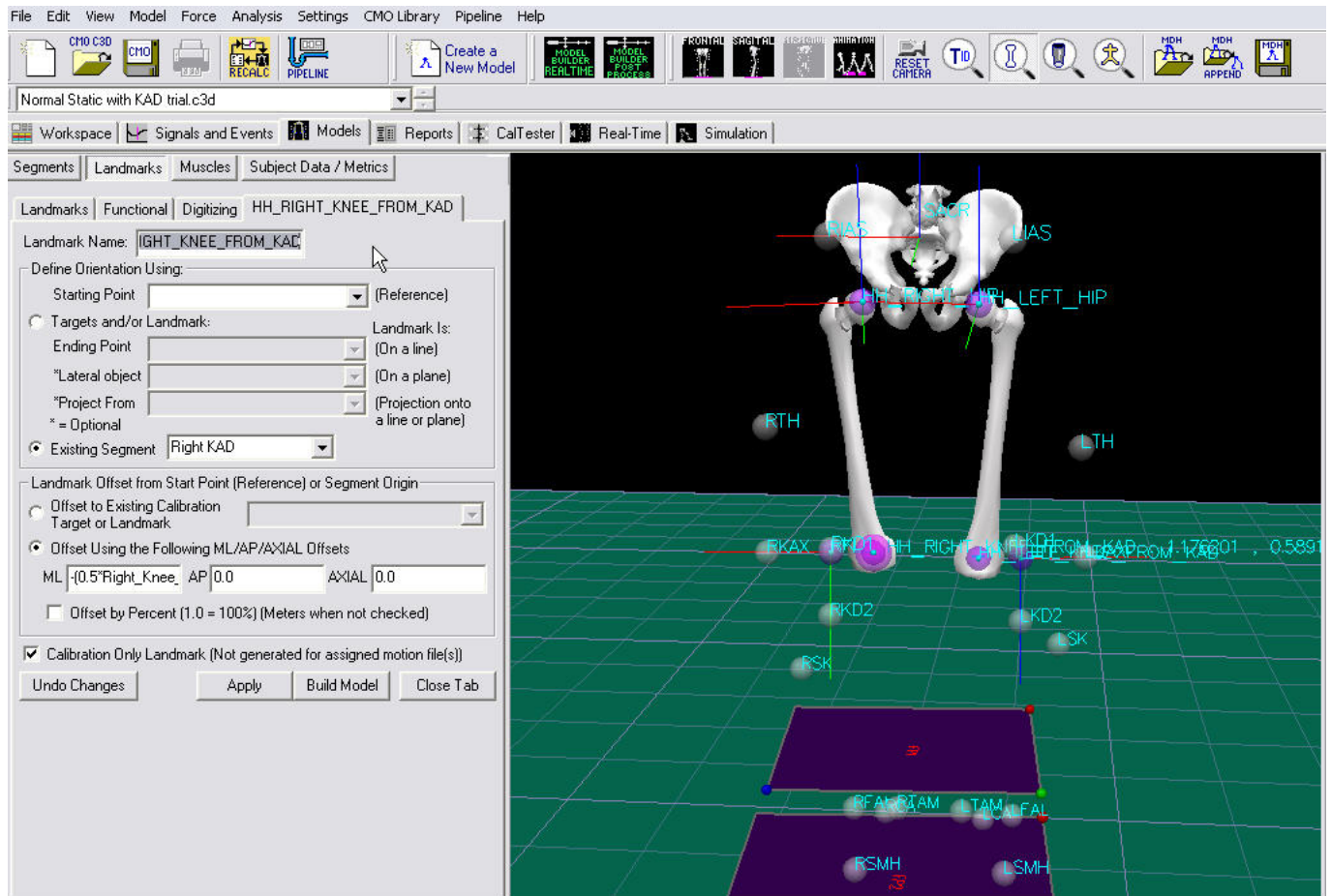


1. Click **Build Model** to build the segment. You should now see the KAD segment system on your standing model. If you do not see the KAD coordinate system, click **Build Model** double check the values you entered in the last step.



To create the left KAD segment:

1. Click **Segments** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **KAD**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.
5. A dialogue box **Helen Hayes/Derived Segment with Markers** opens. Select the markers similar to step 6 above. Click **OK**.
6. Click **Build Model** to build the segment. You should now see the KAD segment system on your standing model. If you do not see the KAD coordinate system, double check the values you entered in the last step.



Note: Many laboratories have taken to replacing the 25 mm markers with 10 mm markers in an erroneous assumption that it would be a good idea to have all markers the same size. This actually introduces an error in the assumptions of how the KAD is used. If this is done, the user must be able to accommodate this change to the original assumptions.

Edit Subject Metrics and Landmarks

When the KAD segments are created, Visual 3D creates the Knee and Ankle segments from default values. These need to be edited to reflect Subject's current Subject Data/Metric and enter the values manually. Selected from each of the items below:

- ```
1.Enter 0.11 on for Right_Knee_Width
2.Enter 0.11 on for Left_Knee_Width
3.Enter 0.08 on for Right_Ankle_Width
4.Enter 0.08 on for Left_Ankle_Width
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In addition, when the KAD segments are created, Visual 3D also creates the KAD segments for the knee. These need to be edited to reflect our tutorial marker set.

1. Enter RFL EoHH RIGHT KNEE FROM KAD  
2. Enter RFL EoHH LEFT KNEE FROM KAD

The Subject Data/Metrics should look like the image below.

## Create Thigh Segments - Steps 4b

To create the right thigh segment:

1. Click **Segment tab**
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Right Thigh**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.

A dialog will open that will allow us to define the segment. To create the thigh as a geometrical primitive (conical frustrum). The proximal radius must be defined.

1. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **RIGHT\_HIP** Joint.
2. In the **Proximal Radius** box, enter **0.09**. The proximal radius is the geometrical proximal end of the thigh. You can use calipers to measure this or measure as one quarter of the distance between the greater trochanter and the lesser trochanter.
3. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius** section, select **RIGHT\_KNEE\_FROM\_KAD** Joint.
4. In the **Distal Radius** box, enter **0.5\*Right\_Knee\_Width+Marker\_Radius**.
5. In the **Extra Target to Define Orientation** section, select **RIGHT\_FLE** for the marker.
6. In the **Select Tracking Target** section, select **RIGHT\_HIP** and **RIGHT\_KNEE\_FROM\_KAD** and **RIGHT\_THIGH**.
7. Click **Build Model**.

You should now see a thigh segment on your standing model. If you do after clicking Build Model, double check the values you entered in the

To create the left thigh segment:

1. Click **Segments** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Thigh**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.

In the dialog enter:

1. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **LEFT\_HIP** for the joint.
2. In the **Proximal Radius** box, enter **0.09**. The proximal radius is the geometrical proximal end of the thigh. You can use calipers to measure this or measure as one quarter of the distance between the greater trochanter and the lesser trochanter.
3. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius** section, select **LEFT\_KNEE\_FROM\_MARKER** for the joint.
4. In the **Distal Radius** box, enter **0.5\*Left\_Knee\_Width+Marker\_Radius**.
5. In the **Extra Target to Define Orientation** section, select **LEFT\_KNEE\_FROM\_MARKER** for the marker.
6. In the **Select Tracking Target** section, select **LEFT\_KNEE\_FROM\_MARKER** and **LTH**.
7. Click **Build Model**.



## Create Shank Segments - Steps 5b

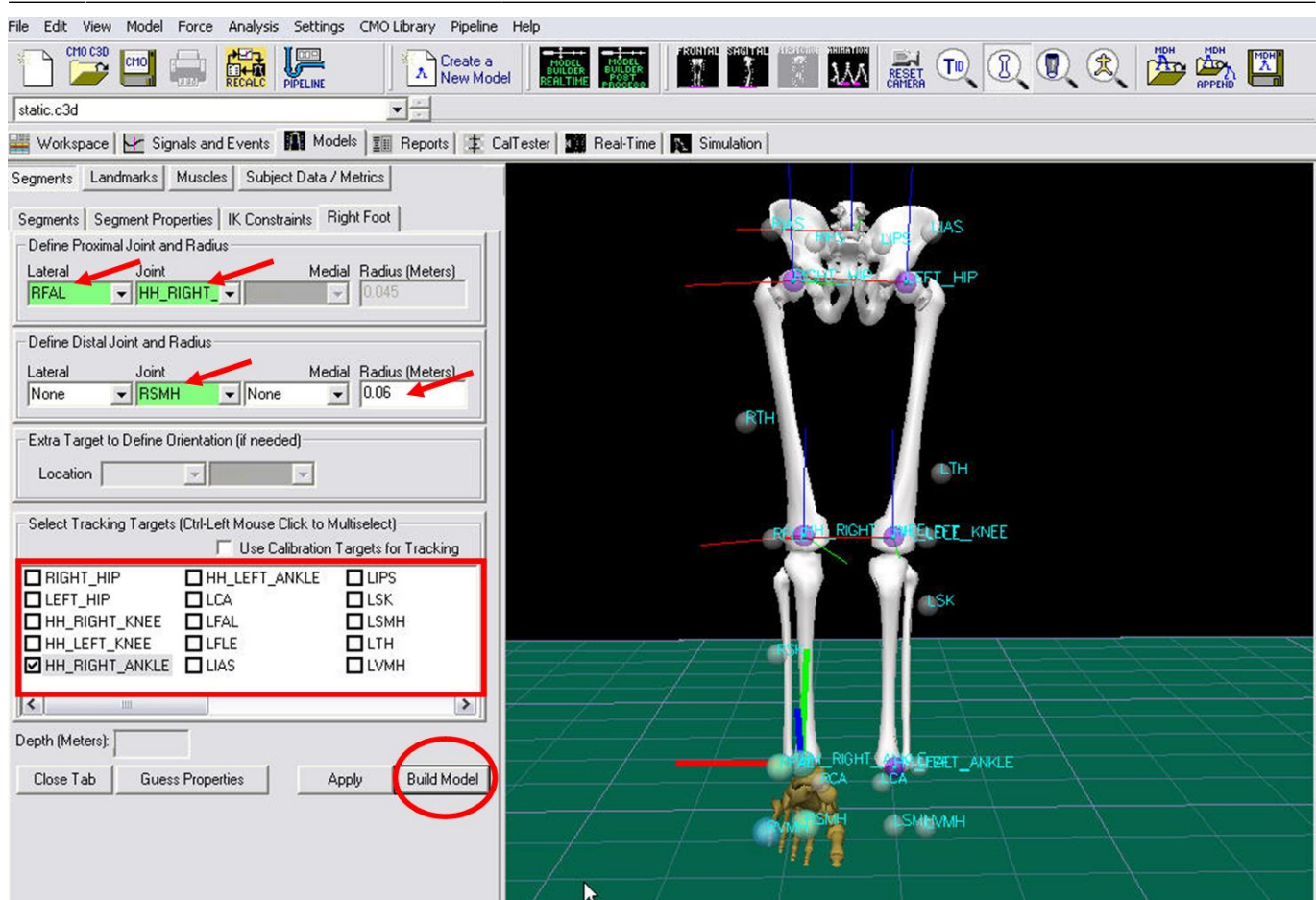
To create the right shank segment:

1. Click **Segments** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Right Shank**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.

A dialog will open that will allow us to define the segment. To create a

1. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Position** section, select **RIGHT\_KNEE\_FROTH** as the proximal joint.
2. In the **Proximal Radius** box, enter  $0.5 * \text{Right\_Knee\_Width} + \text{Marker\_Radius}$
3. In the **Define Distal Joint and Position** section, select **RIGHT\_ANKLE** as the distal joint.
4. In the **Distal Radius** box, enter  $0.5 * \text{Right\_Ankle\_Width} + \text{Marker\_Radius}$
5. In the **Extra Target to Define Orientation** section, select **RIGHT\_ANKLE** as the location and **SK** for the marker.
6. In the **Select Tracking Target** section, select **RIGHT\_KNEE\_FROTH** as the tracking target.
7. Click **Build Model**

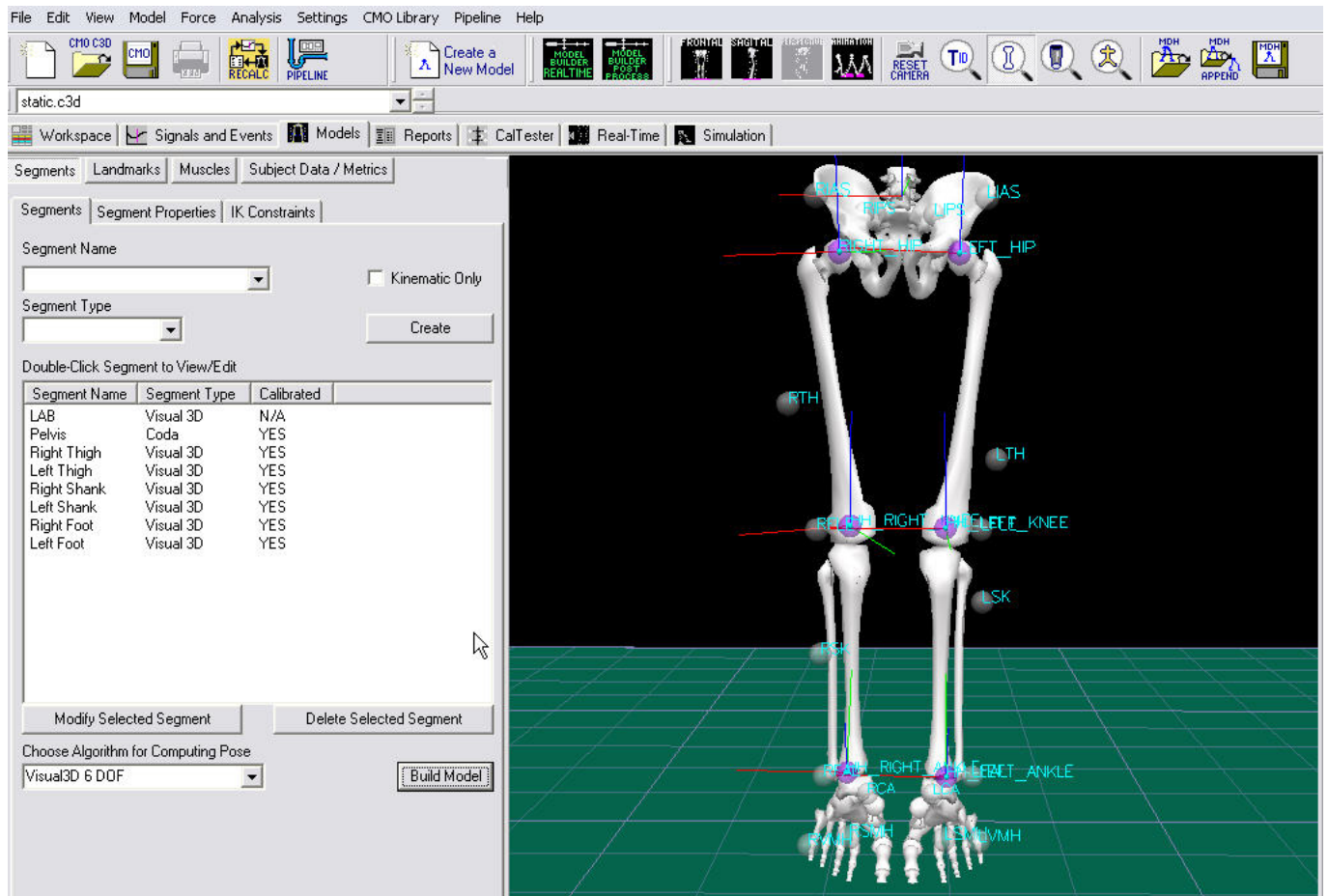
You should now see a shank segment on your standing model. If you double check after clicking Build Model, double check the values you entered in the



To create the left shank segment:

1. Click Mouse tab
2. From the Segment Name box, select Shank.
3. From the Segment Type box, select 3D.
4. Click Create.
5. In the Define Proximal Joint and Radius section, select LEFT\_KNEE\_FROMHEAD Joint.
6. In the Proximal Radius box, enter  $0.5 * \text{Left\_Knee\_Width} + \text{Marker\_Radius}$
7. In the Define Distal Joint and Radius section, select Lateral.
8. In the Distal Radius box, enter  $0.5 * \text{Left\_Ankle\_Width} + \text{Marker\_Radius}$
9. In the Extra Target to Define Orientation section, select Lateral for the location and LSK for the marker.
10. In the Select Tracking Targets section, select HH\_LEFT\_KNEE\_FROMHEAD and LSK
11. Click Build Model

You should now see both shank segments on your standing model.



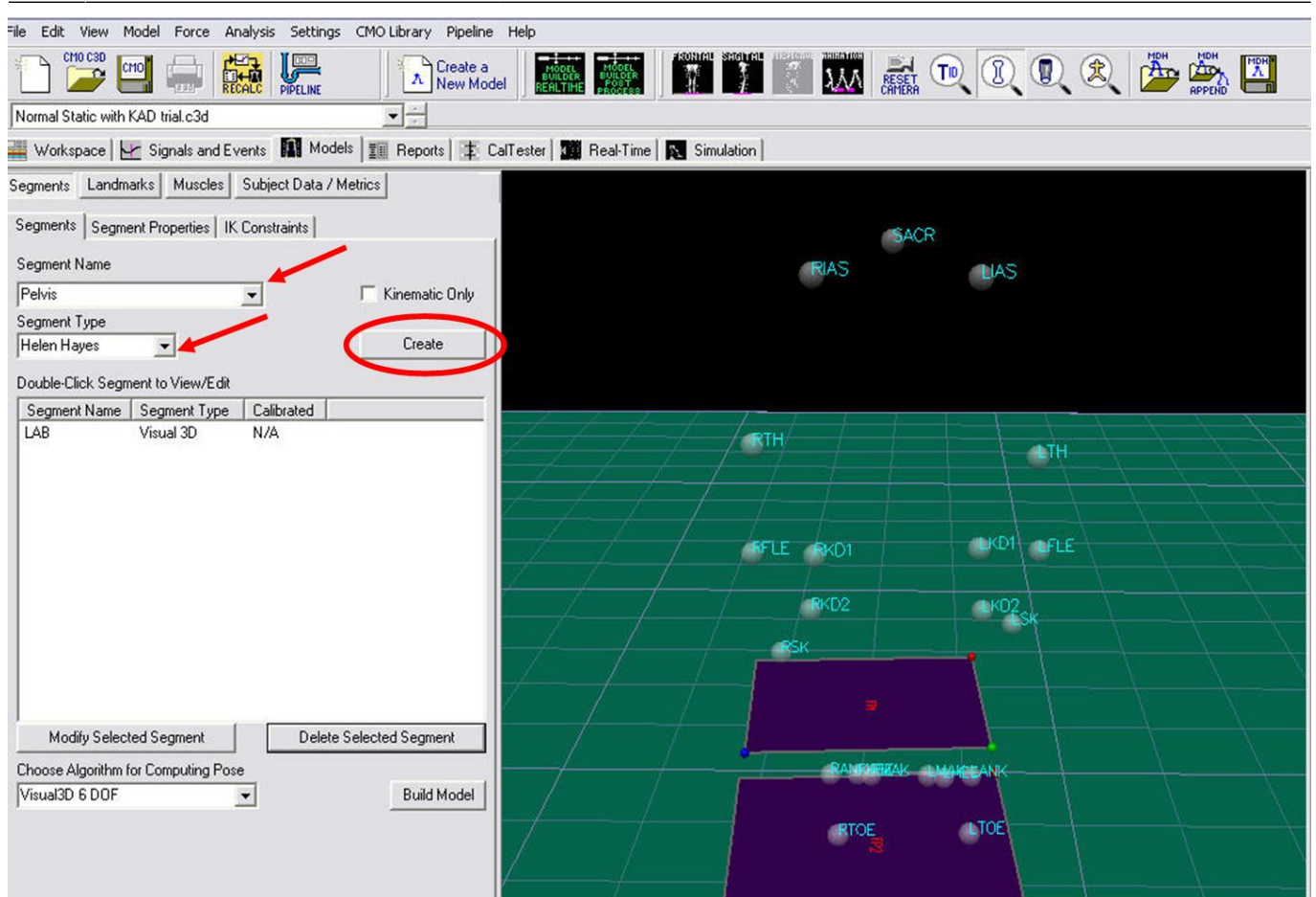
## Create Ankle Joint Centers

As with the knee, the ankle joint center is assumed to be fixed in both is half the ankle width and half a marker diameter medial to the center in the plane of the tibial segment.

When we constructed the shank segments, we used these calculations radius. Now we can explicitly define the knee joint center by creating the thigh segment.

To create the right ankle joint center landmark:

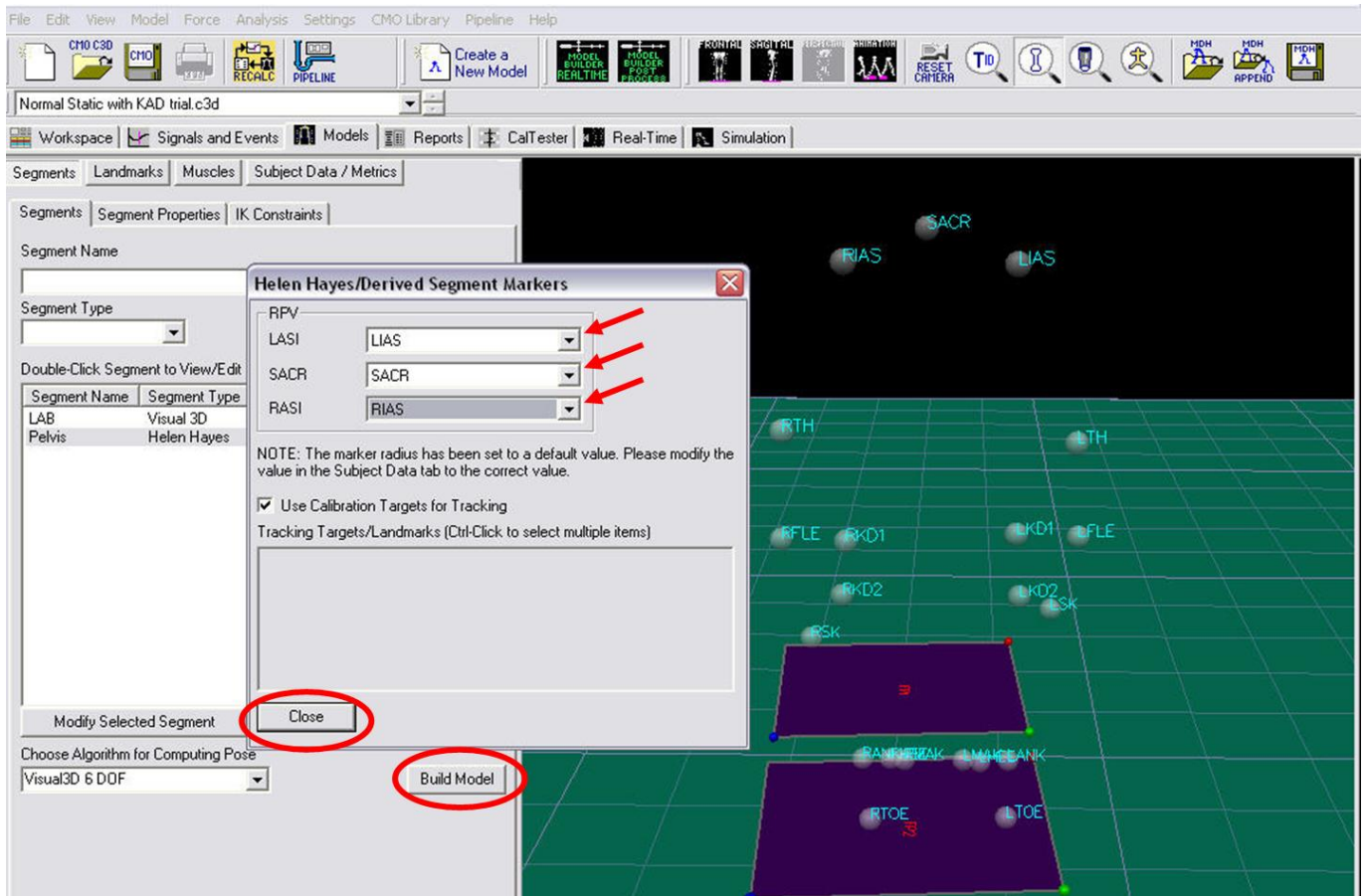
1. Click on **Landmark** tab
2. Click on **Add New Landmark**
3. In the **Landmark Name** box, enter **RIGHT\_ANKLE**
4. From the **Existing Segment** box, select **Right Shank**.
5. From the **Offset Using the Following AP/ML/Axial Orientation**
6. Check **Offset by Percent (1.0=100%)** (Meters when not checked)
7. Click **Apply**.



To create the left knee joint center landmark:

1. Click on **Landmark** tab
2. Click **Add New Landmark**
3. In the **Landmark Name** box, enter **LEFT\_ANKLE**
4. From the existing Segment list, select **Shank**.
5. From the set Using the Following AP/ML/Axial Orientation
6. Check **Offset by Percent (1.0=100%)** (Meters when not checked)
7. Click **Apply**.

In the image below, the Landmarks are shown in blue.



## Create Foot Segments

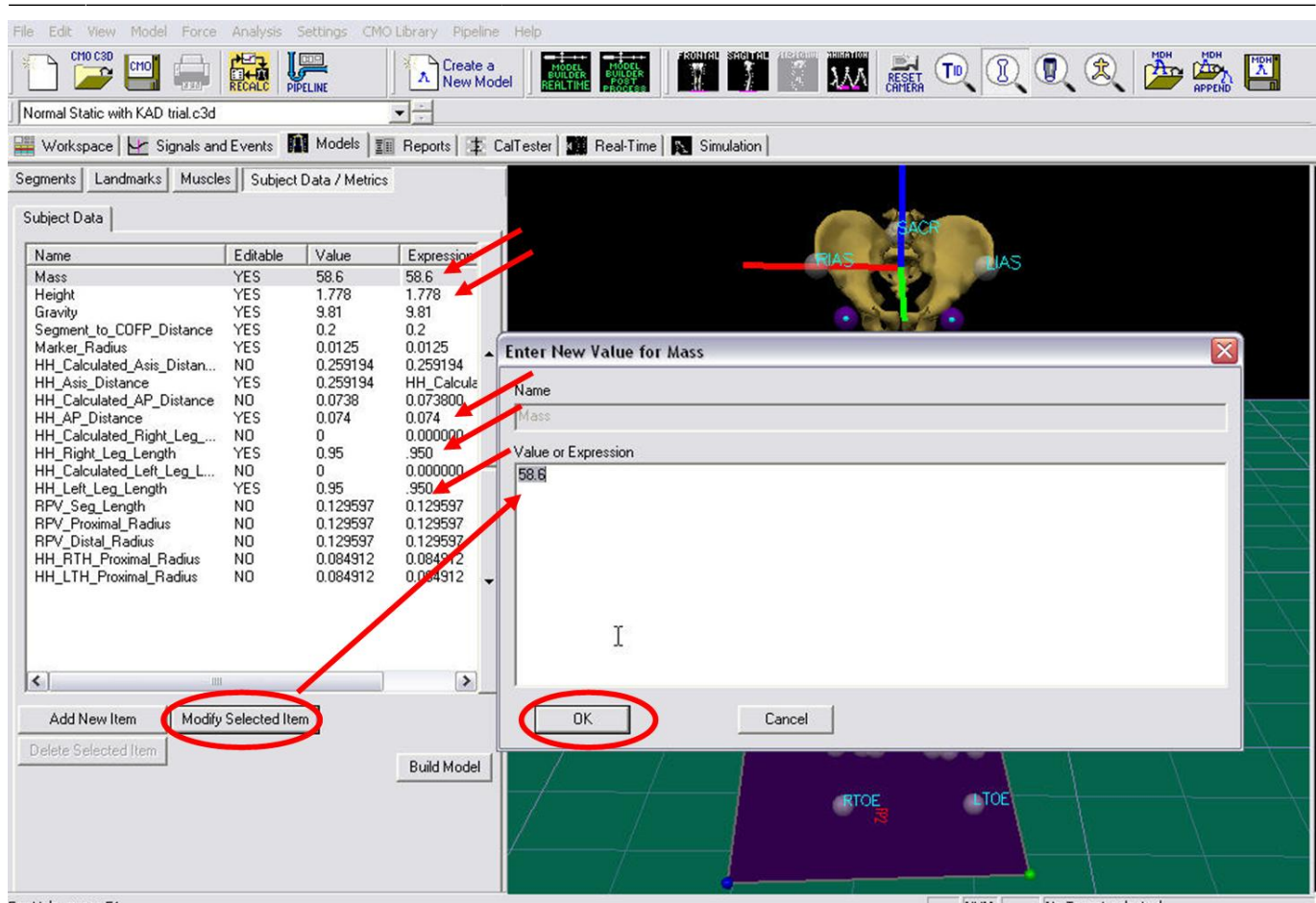
To create the right shank segment:

1. Click **Segments** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Right Foot**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.

A dialog will open that will allow us to define the segment. To create a

1. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Position** section, select **RIGHT\_ANKLE**.
2. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Position** section, select **RIGHT\_ANKLE**.
3. In the **Define Distal Joint and Position** section, select **RIGHT\_ANKLE**.
4. In the **Distal Radius** box, enter **0.06**.
5. In the **Select Tracking Targets** box, select **RIGHT\_ANKLE** and **SMH**.
6. Click **Build Model**.

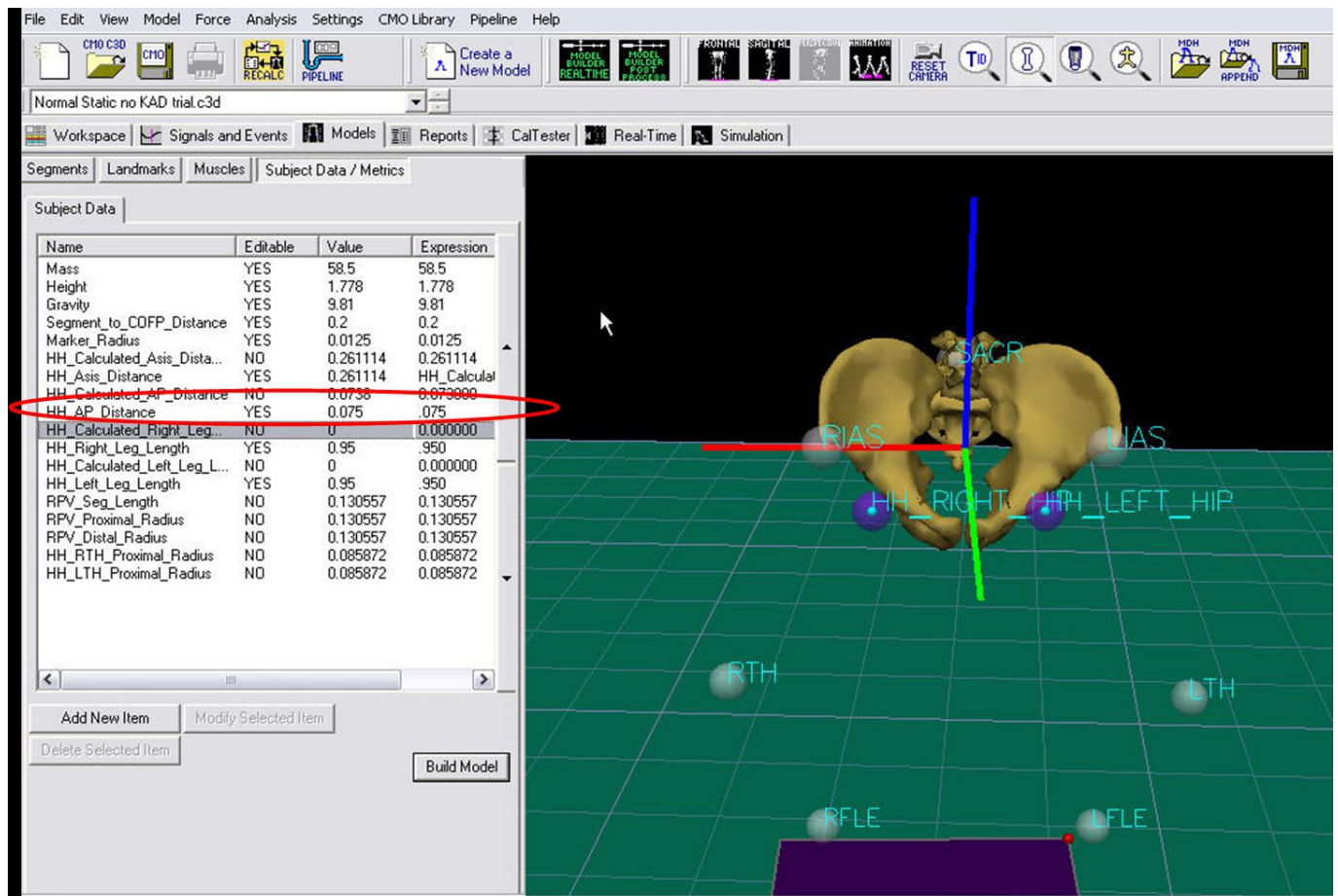
You should now see a foot segment on your standing model. If you do not see it, clicking **Build Model**, double check the values you entered in the last



To create the left foot segment:

1. Click **Model** tab
2. From the **Segment Name** box, select **Foot**.
3. From the **Segment Type** box, select **Visual 3D**.
4. Click **Create**.
5. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **Left** for the lateral.
6. In the **Define Proximal Joint and Radius** section, select **Left** for the medial.
7. In the **Define Distal Joint and Radius** section, select **Left** for the medial.
8. In the **Distal Radius** box, enter **0.06**.
9. In the **Select Tracking Target** box, select **Left** and **SMH**.
10. Click **Build Model**.

You should now see both foot segments on your standing model.



## Summary

This tutorial walked you through some of the variations of the conventional marker placement issues, and gave you 3 examples that you constructed. This was not meant to be comprehensive and some variations of the model were not listed below:

- Constructing virtual foot segment in Visual 3D for which the alignment yields the desired joint angle.
- Rotation of thigh segments by entering in a rotation value
- Rotating tibial segments by entering in a tibial torsion rotation or by measuring the transmalleolar axis on the table and entering in the value
- Using medial knee markers to define the knee flexion/extension axis
- Using medial ankle markers to define the transmalleolar axis

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