

Function to generate time attenuation curves

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% Inputs:
% frame_rate      : frame rate of the scanner
% acquisition_time : total time of the scan
% max_atts       : max attenuation for each TAC in HU
% delays         : time delay before peak begins
% tmaxs          : time where max value occurs
% alpha_params   : alpha param to specify shape
% ROI            : struct with ROI data
% filename       : filename to store data to into inData folder

% Outputs:
% TAC             : struct containing TAC curves for each ROI

function TAC=tac_generator(frame_rate,acquisition_time,max_atts,delay,tmaxs,alpha_params,ROI,filename)

% directory to load files from and save files to
vnDir = 'inData';

% create time vector
t = 0:0.001:acquisition_time;

% calculate number of iterations
nframes = frame_rate*acquisition_time;

%loop through each TAC
for i = 1:length(max_atts)

    % place inputs into struct
    TAC(i).max_att = max_atts(i);
    TAC(i).delay = delays(i);
    TAC(i).tmax = tmaxs(i);
    TAC(i).alpha_param = alpha_params(i);

    % calculate difference between max attenuation and background
    TAC(i).delta = TAC(i).max_att - ROI(i).bg_HU;

    % call function to generate TAC data in HU
    TAC(i).f_HU = alter_gvf(t,TAC(i).delay,TAC(i).alpha_param,TAC(i).delta,TAC(i).tmax)+ROI(i).bg_HU;

    % convert to attenuation
    TAC(i).f_att = ((TAC(i).f_HU-1000-ROI(i).bg_HU)/1000+1)*0.02;

    % discretize time values and TAC
    TAC(i).timevalues = single(round(linspace(1,length(TAC(i).f_att),nframes)));
    TAC(i).discrete_f = TAC(i).f_att(TAC(i).timevalues);

    % create vector of scale factors to multiply ROI for each time step
    TAC(i).scale_factor = (ROI(i).bg_att+TAC(i).discrete_f)/ROI(i).bg_att;

    clear vn;
end

% save files to inData folder
save([vnDir, '/TAC_', filename, '.mat'], 'TAC', '-v7.3');

end
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