Subject: Re: Image activities mapped to colorbar Posted by David Foster on Thu, 04 Jun 1998 07:00:00 GMT

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Koon-Pong Wong wrote:

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> Hi folks,
> I have some data sets of SPECT images that I want to display in a window. For example:
> IDL> for i=0,30 do tvscl, ImageSeq(*,*,i), i
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- > where "ImageSeq" is a 3D FLTARR which contains a particular slice of the
- > brain. Since the images represent the activities in the brain at different
- > time, if I display the images with the above way, all of the images would
- > be scaled to their own maxima. What I want to do is to display the images
- > according to their activities and mapped the activities to a color bar so
- > that the first image frame may appear black while the last frame may
- > appear grey/white with background still black (assume that I use B/W for
- > display). How can I do that ??

Koon-Pong -

You might be interested in a program I wrote called SHOW_IMG that allows you to display a wide variety of medical images in a variety of different window configurations. This program can read many different medical image formats, so long as the images are square, with dimensions of either {64, 128, 256 or 512}; the image data must be in raw 8-bit or 16-bit format; there can be an initial header of unknown size, the image reader will skip over it appropriately.

You say that your images are FLTARR. Is this after pre-processing? As far as I understand it, SPECT images in raw form are usually 16-bit signed integer data.

You can get this program and many other routines related to medical imaging at:

ftp://bial8.ucsd.edu pub/software/idl/share

You can download just the SHOW_IMG program and it's required routines, or get a larger set of routines. There's a README file listing the routines and their use. All are written for UNIX, most should work on Windows/Mac without much work. All routines/programs have .doc documentation files; you can use my LHELP program to view these easily.

Hope this helps. Dave Univ. of California, San Diego David S. Foster

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