

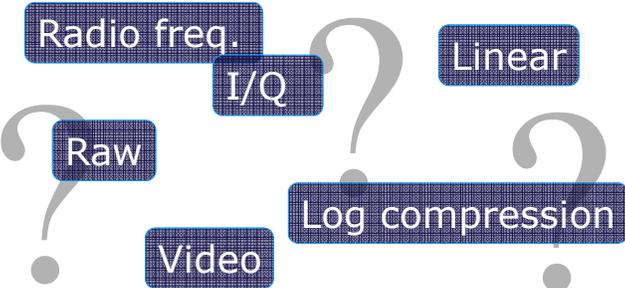
Measures with Contrast Agents



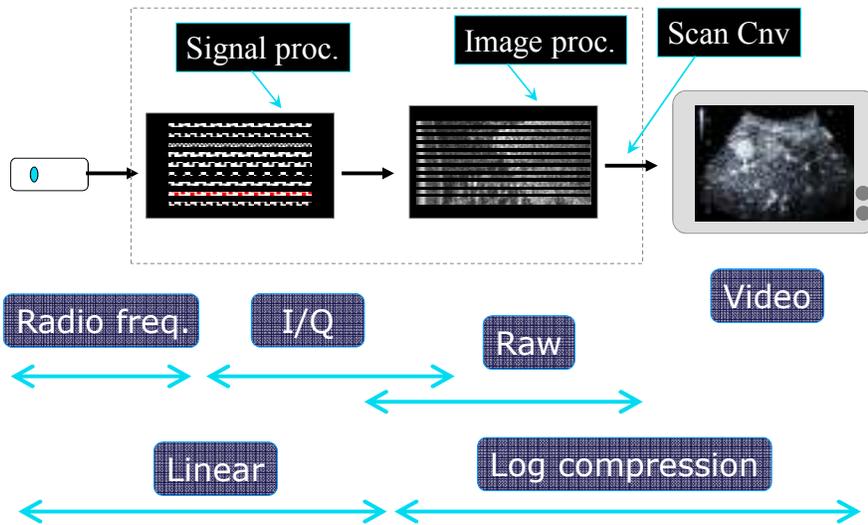
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Data Type “à foison”

> Which data type to use for adequate perfusion quantification?



Processing Path



Data Type

Radio freq.

- ✓ Very native
- ✓ Linear
- ✓ Phase information

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- ✓ Rx-freq. decided
- ✓ Linear
- ✓ Phase information

**Suitable for analyses necessitating phase information
(Frequency analysis, Doppler velocity, Elasticity...)**



Data Type

Raw

- ✓ Highly log-compressed
- ✓ Low post-processed
- ✓ Wide dynamic range
- ✓ Header information

Convenient to measure INTENSITY.
“Log-compressed” NOT a demerit. Header recovers.



Data Type

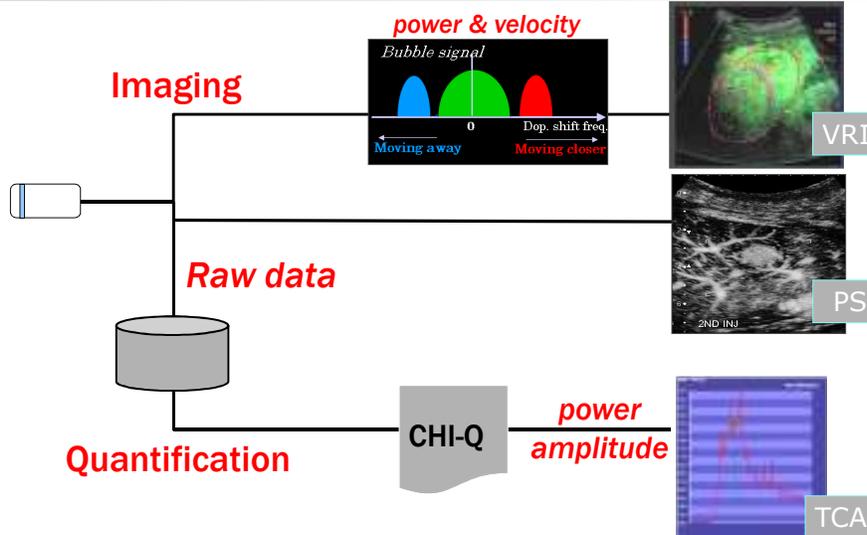
Video

- ✓ User defined log-compression
- ✓ 0–255 gray level intensity
- ✓ Narrow dynamic range
- ✓ Non-linear luminance (colormap)

RISKY
(possible loss of information)



Solution



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Quantification

> Example of perfusion modeling

> Local Density Random Walk function^{1,2}

$$f(t) = o + \alpha \left(\frac{e^{-\lambda t}}{\tau} \right) \left(\frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{\tau}{t} \right)^{1/2} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\lambda \left(\frac{\tau}{t} + \frac{t}{\tau} \right)}$$

with f : perfusion model

t : time variable

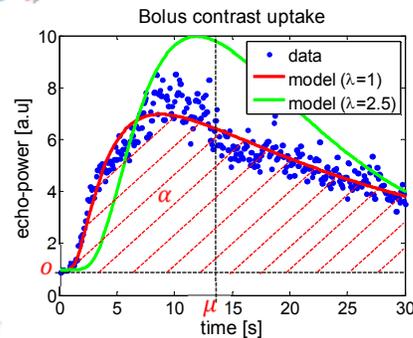
o : baseline

α : area under the curve

λ : skewness

τ : transit time

$\phi = \alpha/\tau$: correlated to blood flow



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