

XCAT phantom parameter file

This is an example parameter file for the XCAT phantom, using photon energies corresponding to SPECT.

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mode = 4          # program mode (0 = phantom, 1 = heart lesion, 2 = spherical lesion, 3 = plaque, 4 = vectors, 5
    ↪ = save anatomical variation) SEE NOTE 0
act_phan_each = 1  # activity_phantom_each_frame (1=save phantom to file, 0=don't save)
atten_phan_each = 0 # attenuation_coeff_phantom_each_frame (1=save phantom to file, 0=don't save)
act_phan_ave = 0   # activity_phantom_average (1=save , 0=don't save) see NOTE 1
atten_phan_ave = 1 # attenuation_coeff_phantom_average (1=save, 0=don't save) see NOTE 1

motion_option = 0  # motion_option (0=beating heart only, 1=respiratory motion only, 2=both motions) see NOTE
    ↪ 2

out_period = 5     # output_period (SECS) (if <= 0, then output_period=time_per_frame*output_frames)
time_per_frame = 0 # time_per_frame (SECS) (**IGNORED unless output_period<=0**)
out_frames = 16    # output_frames (# of output time frames )

hrt_period = 5     # hrt_period (SECS) (length of beating heart cycle; normal = 1s) see NOTE 3
hrt_start_ph_index = 0.0 # hrt_start_phase_index (range=0 to 1; ED=0, ES=0.4) see NOTE 3
heart_base = vmale50_heart.nrb # basename for heart files (male = vmale50_heart.nrb; female = vfemale50_heart.
    ↪ nrb)
heart_curve_file = heart_curve.txt # name for file containing time curve for heart

apical_thin = 0.0  # apical_thinning (0 to 1.0 scale, 0.0 = not present, 0.5 = halfway present, 1.0 =
    ↪ completely thin)
uniform_heart = 0  # sets the thickness of the LV (0 = default, nonuniform wall thickness; 1 = uniform wall
    ↪ thickness for LV)

hrt_v1 = 0.0       # sets the LV end-diastolic volume (0 = do not change); see NOTE 3A
hrt_v2 = 0.0       # sets the LV end-systolic volume (0 = do not change); see NOTE 3A
hrt_v3 = 0.0       # sets the LV volume at the beginning of the quiet phase (0 = do not change); see NOTE 3A
hrt_v4 = 0.0       # sets the LV volume at the end of the quiet phase (0 = do not change); see NOTE 3A
hrt_v5 = 0.0       # sets the LV volume during reduced filling, before end-diastole (0 = do not change); see
    ↪ NOTE 3A

hrt_t1 = 0.5       # sets the duration from end-diastole to end-systole, hrt_v1 to hrt_v2 (default = 0.5s); see
    ↪ NOTE 3A
hrt_t2 = 0.192     # sets the duration from end-systole to beginning of quiet phase, hrt_v2 to hrt_v3 (default
    ↪ = 0.192s); see NOTE 3A
hrt_t3 = 0.115     # sets the duration of quiet phase, hrt_v3 to hrt_v4 (default = 0.115s); see NOTE 3A
hrt_t4 = 0.193     # sets the duration from end of quiet phase to reduced filling, hrt_v4 to hrt_v5 (default =
    ↪ 0.193s); see NOTE 3A

resp_period = 5     # resp_period (SECS) (length of respiratory cycle; normal breathing = 5s) see
    ↪ NOTE 3
resp_start_ph_index = 0.0 # resp_start_phase_index (range=0 to 1, full exhale= 0.0, full inhale=0.4) see NOTE
    ↪ 3
max_diaphragm_motion = 2.0 # max_diaphragm_motion (extent in cm's of diaphragm motion; normal breathing = 2 cm
    ↪ ) see NOTE 4
max_AP_exp = 0.5    # max_AP_expansion (extent in cm's of the AP expansion of the chest; normal breathing =
    ↪ 1.2 cm) see NOTE 4
dia_filename = diaphragm_curve.dat #name of curve defining diaphragm motion during respiration
ap_filename = ap_curve.dat        #name of curve defining chest anterior-posterior motion during respiration

hrt_motion_x = 0.0  #hrt_motion_x (extent in cm's of the heart's lateral motion during breathing; default =
    ↪ 0.0 cm)
hrt_motion_y = 0.5  #hrt_motion_y (extent in cm's of the heart's AP motion during breathing; default = 1.2
    ↪ cm)
hrt_motion_z = 2.0  #hrt_motion_z (extent in cm's of the heart's up/down motion during breathing; default =
    ↪ 2.0 cm)

hrt_motion_rot_xz = 0.0 #hrt_motion_rot_xz (extent in degrees of the heart's xz rotation during breathing;
    ↪ default = 0.0 ) SEE NOTE 4 and NOTE 8
hrt_motion_rot_yx = 0.0 #hrt_motion_rot_yx (extent in degrees of the heart's yx rotation during breathing;
    ↪ default = 0.0 ) SEE NOTE 4 and NOTE 8
hrt_motion_rot_zy = 0.0 #hrt_motion_rot_zy (extent in degrees of the heart's zy rotation during breathing;
    ↪ default = 0.0 ) SEE NOTE 4 and NOTE 8

vessel_flag = 0      # vessel_flag (1 = include arteries and veins, 0 = do not include)
coronary_art_flag = 0 # coronary artery flag (1 = include coronary arteries, 0 = do not include)
coronary_vein_flag = 0 # coronary vein flag (1 = include coronary veins, 0 = do not include)
papillary_flag = 0   # papillary_flag (1 = include papillary muscles in heart, 0 = do not include)
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arms_flag = 1          # arms_flag (0 = no arms, 1 = arms at the side)
gender = 1            # male or female phantom (0 = male, 1 = female), be sure to adjust below accordingly
organ_file = vfemale50.nrb # name of organ file that defines all organs (male = vmale50.nrb, female = vfemale50
    ↳ .nrb)

phantom_long_axis_scale = 1.0      # phantom_long_axis_scale (scales phantom laterally - scales everything but
    ↳ the heart) SEE NOTE 5
phantom_short_axis_scale = 1.0     # phantom_short_axis_scale (scales phantom AP - scales everything but the
    ↳ heart) SEE NOTE 5
phantom_height_scale = 1.0        # phantom_height_scale (scales phantom height - scales everything but the heart)
    ↳ SEE NOTE 5

head_cir_scale = 1.0              # head_circumference_scale (scales head radially - scales everything in head)
    ↳ SEE NOTE 5
head_height_scale = 1.0           # head_height_scale (scales head height - scales everything in head) SEE
    ↳ NOTE 5
head_skin_cir_scale = 1.0         # head_skin_circumference_scale (scales head radially - scales only outer skin)
    ↳ SEE NOTE 5

torso_long_axis_scale = 1.0       # torso_long_axis_scale (sets torso, chest and abdomen, transverse axis - scales
    ↳ everything but the heart) SEE NOTE 5
torso_short_axis_scale = 1.0      # torso_short_axis_scale (sets torso, chest and abdomen, AP axis - scales
    ↳ everything but the heart) SEE NOTE 5

chest_skin_long_axis_scale = 1.0   # chest_skin_long_axis_scale (sets chest transverse axis - scales only
    ↳ body outline) SEE NOTE 5
chest_skin_short_axis_scale = 1.0  # chest_skin_short_axis_scale (sets chest AP axis - scales only body
    ↳ outline) SEE NOTE 5

abdomen_skin_long_axis_scale = 1.0 # abdomen_skin_long_axis_scale (sets abdomen transverse axis - scales
    ↳ only body outline) SEE NOTE 5
abdomen_skin_short_axis_scale = 1.0 # abdomen_skin_short_axis_scale (sets abdomen AP axis - scales only body
    ↳ outline) SEE NOTE 5

pelvis_skin_long_axis_scale = 1.0  # pelvis_skin_long_axis_scale (sets pelvis transverse axis - scales only
    ↳ body outline) SEE NOTE 5
pelvis_skin_short_axis_scale = 1.0  # pelvis_skin_short_axis_scale (sets pelvis AP axis - scales only body
    ↳ outline) SEE NOTE 5

arms_cir_scale = 1.0              # arms_circumference_scale (scales arms radially - scales everything in arms)
    ↳ SEE NOTE 5
arms_length_scale = 1.0           # arms_length_scale (scales arms length - scales everything in arms) SEE NOTE 5
arms_skin_cir_scale = 1.0         # arms_skin_circumference_scale (scales arms radially - scales only outer skin)
    ↳ SEE NOTE 5

legs_cir_scale = 1.0              # legs_circumference_scale (scales legs radially - scales everything in legs)
    ↳ SEE NOTE 5
legs_length_scale = 1.0           # legs_length_scale (scales legs length - scales everything in legs) SEE
    ↳ NOTE 5
legs_skin_cir_scale = 1.0         # legs_skin_circumference_scale (scales legs radially - scales only outer skin)
    ↳ SEE NOTE 5

bones_scale = 1.0                # bones_scale (scales all bones in 2D about their centerlines, makes each bone thicker) SEE
    ↳ NOTE 5

head_torso_muscle_scale = 1.0     # head_torso_muscle_scale (compresses/expands the muscles radially) SEE NOTE 5
arms_muscle_cir_scale = 1.0        # arms_muscle_cir_scale (compresses/expands the muscles radially) SEE NOTE 5
legs_muscle_cir_scale = 1.0        # legs_muscle_cir_scale (compresses/expands the muscles radially) SEE NOTE 5

hrt_scale = 1.0                  # hrt_scale (scales heart in 3D)

breast_type = 1                  # breast_type (0=supine, 1=prone)
which_breast = 1                 # which_breast (0 = none, 1 = both, 2 = right only, 3=left only)

rbreast_long_axis_scale = 1.0     # right breast_long_axis (sets the breasts lateral dimension) SEE NOTE 5
rbreast_short_axis_scale = 1.0    # right breast_short_axis (sets the breasts antero-posterior dimension) SEE NOTE
    ↳ 5
rbreast_height_scale = 1.0        # right breast_height (sets the breasts height) SEE NOTE 5

vol_rbreast = 0.0                # sets rbreast volume by scaling in 3D, will over-rule above scalings

rbr_theta = 10.0                 # theta angle of the right breast (angle the breast is tilted transversely (sideways)
    ↳ from the center of the chest SEE NOTE 5
rbr_phi = 0.0                   # phi angle of the right breast (angle the breast is tilted up (+) or down (-) SEE NOTE 5
r_br_tx = 0.0                   # x translation for right breast

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r_br_ty = 0.0      # y translation for right breast
r_br_tz = 0.0      # z translation for right breast

lbreast_long_axis_scale = 1.0  # left breast_long_axis (sets the breasts lateral dimension) SEE NOTE 5
lbreast_short_axis_scale = 1.0 # left breast_short_axis (sets the breasts antero-posterior dimension) SEE NOTE
    ↪ 5
lbreast_height_scale = 1.0     # left breast_height (sets the breasts height) SEE NOTE 5

vol_lbreast = 0.0      # sets lbreast volume by scaling in 3D, will over-rule above scalings

lbr_theta = 10.0      # theta angle of the left breast (angle the breast is tilted transversely (
    ↪ sideways) from the center of the chest SEE NOTE 5
lbr_phi = 0.0         # phi angle of the left breast (angle the breast is tilted up (+) or down (-) SEE NOTE
    ↪ 5
l_br_tx = 0.0         # x translation for left breast
l_br_ty = 0.0         # y translation for left breast
l_br_tz = 0.0         # z translation for left breast

rdiaph_liv_scale = 1.0  # height of right_diaphragm/liver dome (0 = flat, 1 = original height, > 1 raises
    ↪ the diaphragm) SEE NOTE 5
ldiaph_scale = 1.0     # height of left diaphragm dome (0 = flat, 1 = original height, > raises the diaphragm)
    ↪ SEE NOTE 5

frac_H2O = 0.5 # fraction (by weight) of water in wet bone and wet spine (used to calc. atten coeff)

marrow_flag = 1      # render marrow (0 = no, 1 = yes)
thickness_sternum = 0.4 # thickness sternum (cm)
thickness_scapula = 0.35 # thickness scapulas (cm)
thickness_ribs = 0.3   # thickness ribs (cm)
thickness_backbone = 0.4 # thickness backbone (cm)
thickness_pelvis = 0.4  # thickness pelvis (cm)
thickness_collar = 0.35 # thickness collarbones (cm)
thickness_humerus = 0.45 # thickness humerus (cm)
thickness_radius = 0.45 # thickness radius (cm)
thickness_ulna = 0.45   # thickness ulna (cm)
thickness_hand = 0.35   # thickness hand bones (cm)
thickness_femur = 0.5   # thickness femur (cm)
thickness_tibia = 0.6   # thickness tibia (cm)
thickness_fibula = 0.5  # thickness fibula (cm)
thickness_patella = 0.3 # thickness patella (cm)
thickness_foot = 0.4    # thickness foot bones (cm)

thickness_si = 0.6 # thickness of small intestine wall (cm)
thickness_li = 0.6 # thickness of large intestine wall (cm)
si_air_flag = 1    # 0 = do not include air and 1 = include air in small intestine
li_air_flag = 5    # location of air in the large intestine see NOTE 6
thickness_esoph = 0.3 # thickness of the esophagus wall (cm)

vol_prostate = 0.0 # set the volume of the prostate; (0 = do not change)
vol_testes = 0.0  # set the volume of the testes; (0 = do not change)
vol_liver = 0.0   # set the volume of the liver; (0 = do not change)
vol_stomach = 0.0 # set the volume of the stomach; (0 = do not change)
vol_pancreas = 0.0 # set the volume of the pancreas; (0 = do not change)
vol_spleen = 0.0  # set the volume of the spleen; (0 = do not change)
vol_gall_bladder = 0.0 # set the volume of the gall_bladder; (0 = do not change)
vol_rkidney = 0.0  # set the volume of the right kidney; (0 = do not change)
vol_lkidney = 0.0  # set the volume of the left kidney; (0 = do not change)
vol_radrenal = 0.0 # set the volume of the right adrenal; (0 = do not change)
vol_ladrenal = 0.0 # set the volume of the left adrenal; (0 = do not change)
vol_small_intest = 0.0 # set the volume of the small intestine; (0 = do not change)
vol_large_intest = 0.0 # set the volume of the large intestine; (0 = do not change)
vol_bladder = 0.0    # set the volume of the bladder; (0 = do not change)
vol_thyroid = 0.0    # set the volume of the thyroid; (0 = do not change)
vol_thymus = 0.0     # set the volume of the thymus; (0 = do not change)
vol_salivary = 0.0   # set the volume of the salivary glands; (0 = do not change)
vol_pituitary = 0.0  # set the volume of the pituitary gland; (0 = do not change)
vol_eyes = 0.0       # set the volume of the eyes; (0 = do not change)
vol_rovary = 0.0     # set the volume of the right ovary; (0 = do not change)
vol_lovary = 0.0     # set the volume of the left ovary; (0 = do not change)
vol_ftubes = 0.0     # set the volume of the fallopian tubes; (0 = do not change)
vol_uterus = 0.0     # set the volume of the uterus; (0 = do not change)
vol_vagina = 0.0     # set the volume of the vagina; (0 = do not change)
vol_larynx = 0.0     # set the volume of the larynx/pharynx; (0 = do not change)
vol_trachea = 0.0    # set the volume of the trachea (total); (0 = do not change)
vol_esoph = 0.0      # set the volume of the esophagus (total); (0 = do not change)
vol_epidy = 0.0      # set the volume of the epididymus; (0 = do not change)

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pixel_width = 0.3125      # pixel width (cm); see NOTE 7
slice_width = 0.3125      # slice width (cm);
array_size = 128          # array size
subvoxel_index = 2        # subvoxel_index (=1,2,3,4 -> 1,8,27,64 subvoxels/voxel, respectively)
startslice = 360           # start_slice;
endslice = 459            # end_slice;

d_ZY_rotation = 0         # change in zy_rotation (beta) in deg. (0); see NOTE 8
d_XZ_rotation = -63        # change in xz_rotation ( phi) in deg. (0);
d_YX_rotation = -45        # change in yx_rotation ( psi) in deg. (0);
X_tr = 0.0                # x translation in mm ;
Y_tr = 0.0                # y translation in mm ;
Z_tr = 0.0                # z translation in mm ;

activity_unit = 0         # activity units (1= scale by voxel volume; 0= don't scale) NOTE 11

myoLV_act = 75            # hrt_myoLV_act - activity in left ventricle myocardium
myoRV_act = 75            # hrt_myoRV_act - activity in right ventricle myocardium
myoLA_act = 75            # hrt_myoLA_act - activity in left atrium myocardium
myoRA_act = 75            # hrt_myoRA_act - activity in right atrium myocardium
bldplLV_act = 2           # hrt_bldplLV_act - activity in left ventricle chamber (blood pool)
bldplRV_act = 2           # hrt_bldplRV_act - activity in right ventricle chamber (blood pool)
bldplLA_act = 2           # hrt_bldplLA_act - activity in left atria chamber (blood pool)
bldplRA_act = 2           # hrt_bldplRA_act - activity in right atria chamber (blood pool)
body_activity = 2         # body_activity (background activity) ;
muscle_activity = 2       # muscle activity;
brain_activity = 2        # brain activity;
sinus_activity = 2        # sinus activity;
liver_activity = 2.0      # liver_activity;
gall_bladder_activity = 2 # gall_bladder_activity;
r_lung_activity = 4        # right_lung_activity;
l_lung_activity = 4        # left_lung_activity;
esophagus_activity = 50   # esophagus_activity;
laryngopharynx_activity = 2 # laryngopharynx_activity
st_wall_activity = 2       # st_wall_activity; (stomach wall)
st_cnts_activity = 2       # st_cnts_activity; (stomach contents)
pancreas_activity = 2      # pancreas_activity;
r_kidney_cortex_activity = 75 # right_kidney_cortex_activity;
r_kidney_medulla_activity = 75 # right_kidney_medulla_activity;
l_kidney_cortex_activity = 75 # left_kidney_cortex_activity;
l_kidney_medulla_activity = 75 # left_kidney_medulla_activity;
adrenal_activity = 2       # adrenal_activity;
r_renal_pelvis_activity = 2 # right_renal_pelvis_activity;
l_renal_pelvis_activity = 2 # left_renal_pelvis_activity;
spleen_activity = 75       # spleen_activity;
rib_activity = 5           # rib_activity;
cortical_bone_activity = 5 # cortical_bone_activity;
spine_activity = 6         # spine_activity;
spinal_cord_activity = 2   # spinal_cord_activity;
bone_marrow_activity = 2   # bone_marrow_activity;
art_activity = 2           # artery_activity;
vein_activity = 2          # vein_activity;
bladder_activity = 2       # bladder_activity;
prostate_activity = 30     # prostate_activity;
asc_li_activity = 2        # ascending_large_intest_activity;
trans_li_activity = 2      # transcending_large_intest_activity;
desc_li_activity = 2       # desc_large_intest_activity;
sm_intest_activity = 2     # small_intest_activity;
rectum_activity = 2        # rectum_activity;
sem_activity = 2           # sem_vess_activity;
vas_def_activity = 2       # vas_def_activity;
test_activity = 2          # testicular_activity;
epididymus_activity = 2   # epididymus_activity;
ejac_duct_activity = 2     # ejaculatory_duct_activity;
pericardium_activity = 2   # pericardium activity;
cartilage_activity = 2     # cartilage activity;
intest_air_activity = 2.0  # activity of intestine contents (air);
ureter_activity = 2.0      # ureter activity;
urethra_activity = 2.0     # urethra activity;
lymph_activity = 2.0       # lymph normal activity;
lymph_abnormal_activity = 2.0 # lymph abnormal activity;
airway_activity = 2.0      # airway tree activity
uterus_activity = 60       # uterus_activity;
vagina_activity = 50       # vagina_activity;
right_ovary_activity = 40  # right_ovary_activity;

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left_ovary_activity = 30      # left_ovary_activity;
fallopian_tubes_activity = 20 # fallopian_tubes_activity;
parathyroid_activity = 2     # parathyroid_activity;
thyroid_activity = 2         # thyroid_activity;
thymus_activity = 2         # thymus_activity;
salivary_activity = 2        # salivary_activity;
pituitary_activity = 2       # pituitary_activity;
eye_activity = 2            # eye_activity;
lens_activity = 2           # eye_lens_activity;
lesn_activity = 2           # activity for heart lesion, plaque, or spherical lesion

energy = 140                # radionuclide energy in keV (range 1 - 40MeV, increments of 0.5 keV) ; for attn. map only

#-----Regional Heart Motion Defect-----
motion_defect_flag = 0      # (0 = do not include, 1 = include) regional motion abnormality in the LV as defined by
    ↪ heart lesion parameters see NOTE 9
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#-----Heart lesion parameters-----SEE NOTE 9
ThetaCenter = 0.0          # theta center in deg. (between 0 and 360)
ThetaWidth = 100.0         # theta width in deg., total width (between 0 and 360 deg.)
XCenterIndex = .5          # x center (0.0=base, 1.0=apex, other fractions=distances in between)
XWidthIndex = 60           # x width, total in mm's
Wall_fract = 1.0           # wall_fract, fraction of the outer wall transgressed by the lesion
motion_scale = 0.0         # scales the motion of the defect region (1 = normal motion, < 1 = reduced motion),
    ↪ altered motion blends with normal

border_zone_long = 10      # longitudinal width (in terms of number of control points) of transition between
    ↪ abnormal and normal motion
border_zone_radial = 5     # radial width (in terms of number of control points) of transition between abnormal
    ↪ and normal motion
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#-----Spherical lesion parameters-----SEE NOTE 10
x_location = 103           # x coordinate (pixels) to place lesion
y_location = 129           # y coordinate (pixels) to place lesion
z_location = 63            # z coordinate (pixels) to place lesion
lesn_diameter = 5.0        # Diameter of lesion (mm)
tumor_motion_flag = 1      # Sets tumor motion (0 = default motion based on lungs, 1 = motion defined by user
    ↪ curve below)
tumor_motion_filename = tumor_curve.dat # Name of user defined motion curve for tumor
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#-----Heart plaque parameters-----SEE NOTE 11
p_center_v = 0.2           # plaque center along the length of the artery (between 0 and 1)
p_center_u = 0.5           # plaque center along the circumference of the artery (between 0 and 1)
p_height = 1.0             # plaque thickness in mm.
p_width = 2.0              # plaque width in mm.
p_length = 5.0             # plaque length in mm.
p_id = aorta               # vessel ID to place the plaque in
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#-----Vector parameters-----SEE NOTE 12
vec_factor = 2             # higher number will increase the precision of the vector output
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#This is a general parameter file for the DYNAMIC XCAT phantom, version 2.0
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#THE PARAMETERS CAN BE IN ANY ORDER. THE PROGRAM WILL SORT THEM.
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#NOTES:
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#NOTE 0: The phantom program can be run in different modes as follows.
# Mode 0: standard phantom generation mode that will generate phantoms of the
#         body.
# Mode 1: heart lesion generator that will create phantoms of only the user
#         defined heart lesion. Subtract these phantoms from those of mode 0
#         to place the defect in the body.
# Mode 2: spherical lesion generator that will create phantoms of only the
#         user defined lesion. Add these phantoms to those of mode 0 to place
#         the lesions in the body.
# Mode 3: cardiac plaque generator that will create phantoms of only the
#         user defined plaque. Add these phantoms to those of mode 0 to place
#         the plaques in the body.

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# Mode 4: vector generator that will output motion vectors as determined from
#         the phantom surfaces. The vectors will be output as text files.
# Mode 5: anatomy generator will save the phantom produced from the user-defined anatomy
#         parameters. The phantom is saved as two files, the organ file and the heart_base
#         file. The names of these files can then be specified in the parfile for later runs
#         with the program not having to take the time to generate the anatomy again. In using
#         a saved anatomy, be sure to set all scalings back to 1; otherwise, the anatomy will be
#         scaled again.
#
#NOTE 1: The average phantom is the average ONLY OF THOSE FRAMES GENERATED. That is,
# if you specify that only 2 frames be generated, then the average phantom is
# just the average of those 2 frames.
# *****
# ** FOR A GOOD AVERAGE, generate at least 8-16 frames per 1 complete heart
# ** cycle and/or per 1 complete respiratory cycle.
# *****
#
#NOTE 2: Heart motion refers to heart BEATING or contraction, while resp.
# motion refers to organ motion due to breathing. Note that the entire heart is
# translated or rotated due to resp. motion, even if it is not contracting.
# ** IF motion_option=1 , THE HEART WILL MOVE (TRANSLATE) BUT NOT BEAT.****
#
#NOTE 3: Users sets the length and starting phase of both the heart
#         and respiratory cycles. NORMAL values for length of heart beat and
#         respiratory are cycles are 1 sec. and 5 secs., respectively,
#         BUT THESE CAN VARY AMONG PATIENTS and will increase if the patient
#         is under stress.
#
#         An index value between 0 and 1 is used to specify the starting phase
#         of the heart or resp cycles. IF NO MOTION IS SPECIFIED THEN THE STARTING
#         PHASE IS USED AS THE SINGLE PHASE AT WHICH THE PHANTOM IS GENERATED.
#         (see documentation for more details).
#
#NOTE 3A: These parameters control the LV volume curve of the heart. The user can specify the LV
#         volume at 5 points in the cardiac cycle. Check the logfile to see what the default volumes
#         are. The end-diastolic volume can only be reduced. The way to increase it would be to change
#         the overall heart scale. The end-systolic volume can be increased or reduced. The other volumes
#         need to have values between the end-diastolic and end-systolic volumes. The time durations for the
#         different portions of the cardiac cycle must add up to a total of 1.
#
#         Changing these parameters will alter the heart_curve. The altered curve and heart files can be
#         ↪ output using
#         mode = 5.
#
#NOTE 4: These NORMAL values are for normal tidal breathing.
# ** Modeling a deep inhale may require higher values. **
#
# The AP_expansion parameter controls the anteroposterior diameter of the ribcage, body,
# and lungs. The ribs rotate upward to expand the chest cavity by the amount indicated by the
# AP_expansion parameter. The lungs and body move with the expanding ribs. There is maximum amount
# by which the AP diameter can expand, due to the size of the ribs (some expansions are impossible
# geometrically.) If the user specifies too great an expansion, the program will terminate with an
# error message.
#
# The diaphragm motion controls the motion of the liver, the left diaphragm, stomach, spleen and
# all organs downstream from them.
#
# The heart has its own parameters to control its motion. It can translate left or right (+/- values of
# ↪ hrt_motion_x respectively),
# to the anterior/posterior (+/- values of hrt_motion_y respectively), or up/down (+/- values of hrt_motion_z
# ↪ respectively)
# with the diaphragm motion. The heart can also rotate. The x-axis runs from the right side of the body to the
# ↪ left.
# Changing the x-rot will tilt the heart up(+ values)/down (- values). The y-axis runs from the front of the
# ↪ body to the back.
# Changing the y-rot will tilt the heart from side to side. The z-axis runs from the feet to the head.
# The z-rot will spin the heart right or left.
#
#NOTE 5: The phantom program outputs statistics on these anatomical parameters in the logfile it generates. The
# ↪ logfile is
#         named with the extension _log. These statistics can be used to determine the amount of scaling
#         ↪ desired. Be aware
#         the phantom scaling parameters scale the entire phantom; therefore, any body, heart or breast scalings
#         ↪ will
#         be additional to this base scaling.
#
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#NOTE 6: Location of air in the large intestine and rectum
#       5 = air visible in the entire large intestine and rectum
#       4 = air visible in ascending, transverse, descending, and sigmoid portions of the large intestine
#       3 = air visible in ascending, transverse, and descending portions of the large intestine
#       2 = air visible in ascending and transverse portions of the large intestine
#       1 = air visible in ascending portion of the large intestine only
#       0 = no air visible (entire large intestine and rectum filled with contents)
#
#
#NOTE 7:
#       - The phantom dimensions do not necessarily have to be cubic. The array_size parameter
#         determines the x and y dimensions of the images. The number of slices in the z dimension
#         is determined by the start_slice and end_slice parameters. The total number of slices is
#         end_slice - start_slice + 1.
#
#NOTE 8:
#       - rotation parameters determine
#         initial orientation of beating (dynamic) heart LV long axis
#       - d_zy_rotation : +y-axis rotates toward +z-axis (about x-axis) by beta
#         d_xz_rotation : +z-axis rotates toward +x-axis (about y-axis) by phi
#         d_yx_rotation : +x-axis rotates toward +y-axis (about z-axis) by psi
#
#       - Based on patient data, the mean and SD heart orientations are:
#         zy_rot = -110 degrees (no patient data for this rotation)
#         xz_rot = 23 +- 10 deg.
#         yx_rot = -52 +- 11 deg.
#
#       - Phantom will output total angles for the heart orientation in the logfile
#
#NOTE 9: Creates lesion (defect) for the LEFT VENTRICLE ONLY.
#
#-----
#   theta_center: location of lesion center in circumferential dimension
#
#   theta center =    0.0  => anterior wall
#   theta center = +90.0  => lateral   "
#   theta center = +180.0 => inferior  "
#   theta center = +270.0 => septal    "
#-----
#   theta_width : lesion width in circumferential dimension
#
#   TOTAL width of defect in degrees. So for example a width of 90 deg.
#   means that the width is 45 deg. on either side of theta center.
#-----
#   x center :    lesion center in long-axis dimension
#
#   x center = 0    -> base of LV
#   x center = 1.0  -> apex of LV
#-----
#   x width:    lesion width in long-axis dimension
#
#   total width. Defect extend half the total width on either side of the
#   x_center.
#
#   NOTE: if the specified width extends beyond the boundaries of the LV
#         then the defect is cut off and the effective width is less than the
#         specified width. So for example...
#-----
#   Wall_fract : fraction of the LV wall that the lesion transgresses
#   Wall_fract = 0.0 => transgresses none of the wall
#   Wall_fract = 0.5 => transgresses the inner half of the wall
#   Wall_fract = 1.0 => transgresses the entire wall
#-----
#
#
#NOTE 10: Creates a spherical lesion in the XCAT phantom. Depending on where the lesion is placed, it will move
#         ↪ with
#         the respiratory motion. Location of the lesion is specified in pixel values. Initial location of the
#         ↪ lesion
#         needs to be with respect to end-expiration.
#
#
#NOTE 11: Creates a plaque in the coronary vessel tree that will move with the cardiac/respiratory motion
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#-----
# plaque_center: location of plaque along the length of the specified artery
#   center = 0    -> base of artery
#   center = 1.0  -> apex of artery
#
#-----
# plaque_thickness : plaque thickness in mm.
#
#-----
# plaque_width :    plaque width in mm.
#
#-----
# plaque_length :   plaque length in mm.
#
#-----
# plaque_id  :   vessel to place the plaque in
#
#       aorta
#       rca1
#       rca2
#       lad1
#       lad2
#       lad3
#       lcx
#-----
#
#
#NOTE12: Using mode = 4, vectors are output for each voxel of frame 1 to the current frame. The vectors show
    ↳ the motion
#       from the 1st frame to frame N. The vectors are output as text files with the format of
#       output_name_vec_frame1_frameN.txt.
#       The output vectors are a combination of known sampled points from the phantom objects and vectors
    ↳ interpolated
#       from these sampled points. The known vectors are designated as such in the vector output. You can
    ↳ increase
#       the number of known points (and accuracy of the vector output) by increasing the parameter vec_factor.

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