

# CaosDB - An open scientific database

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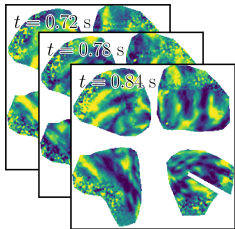
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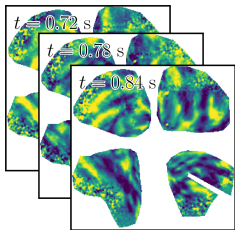


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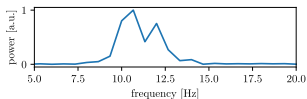
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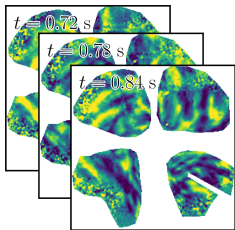
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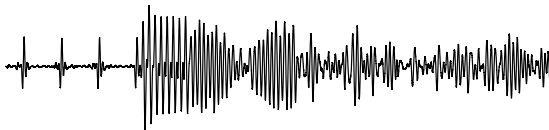
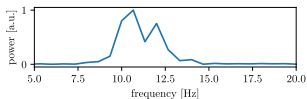
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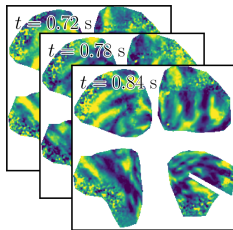
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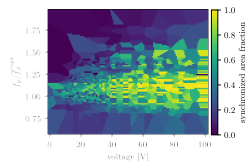
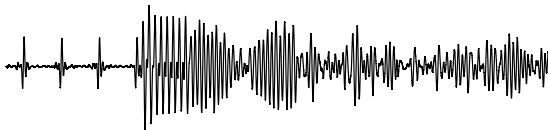
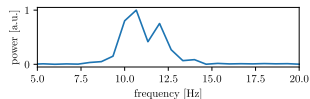
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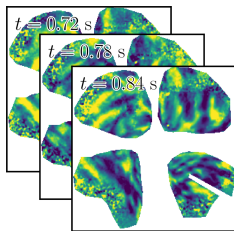
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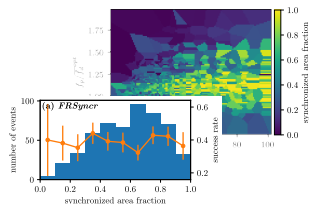
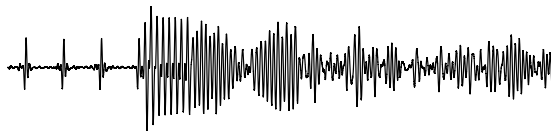
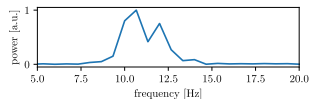
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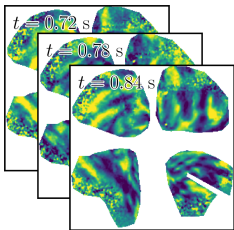


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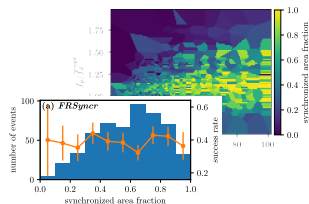
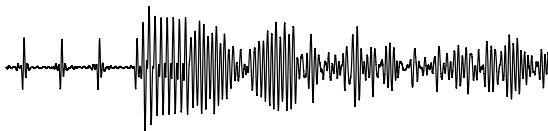
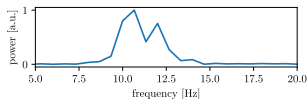




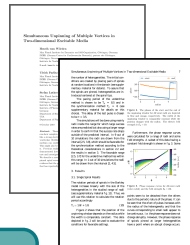
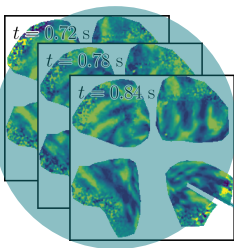
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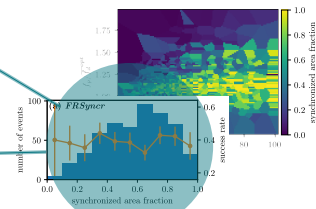
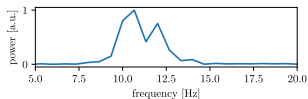
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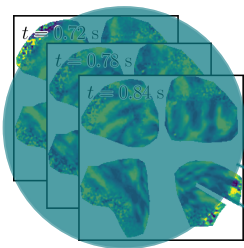
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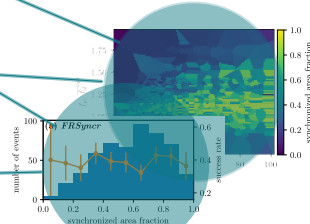
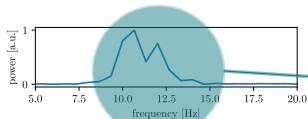
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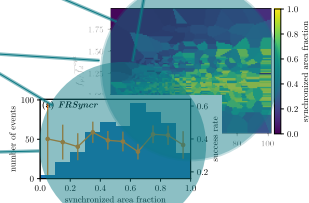
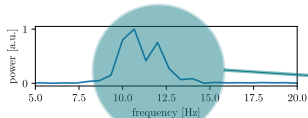
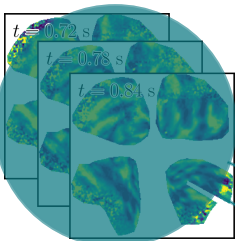


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- Retrievability and searchability

- Filename and folder structure conventions

Example:

/Photos/Holidays/Europe/2019/img1.jpg or  
/Photos/2019/Holidays/Europe/img1.jpg ?

- No central file storage
- Vendor-lock-in / Proprietary file formats / Missing APIs (application programming interfaces)
- Undocumented file formats

Many file formats don't provide metadata storage.

Popular workarounds:

- Store metadata in filename:  
`datafile_networksimulation_20190207_a120_b17_CRPGM_debug.dat`
- Non-standardized text file formats

→ How to search metadata?

“Find all data files which were recorded by Person X.”

# “Missing Link”

- I have the plot `plot_network.pdf`, where is the plotting script and the raw data?
- I have the data file `datafile_networksimulation_20190207_a120_b17_CRPGM_debug.dat`, but haven't I plotted the data before?

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- Scientific environments change often: Need for flexible data model

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# Research Data Management during Data Analysis

## Data Acquisition

### Electronic Lab Notebooks



z.B. RSpace, IDBS E-WorkBook,  
Biovia

## Data Publication

### Data Repositories

ePIC / PID

Metadata

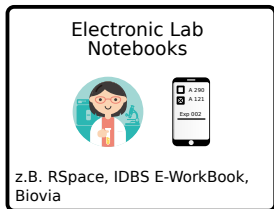


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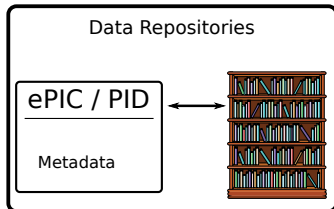
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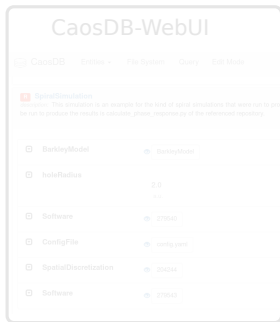
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Use your desired workflow!

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CaosDB-WebUI

CaosDB | Browse | File System | Query | Edit Mode

SystemSimulation

BarkleyModel | BarkleyModel

holoRadius | 2.0

Software | 27040

ConfigFile | config.yaml

SpatialDiscretization | 20424

Software | 27042



CaosDB-Python-Interface

```
alex@alexan-x1 ~ % !python  
!caosdb --db  
results = db.execute_query()
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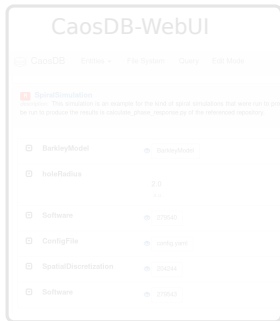
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**SpatialSimulation**  
Simulation. This simulation is an example for the kind of spatial simulations that were run in the past. It is used to produce the results in columns, please, remember to fill the relevant reporting.

BarkleyModel	2000000000
holeRadius	2.5
Software	27040
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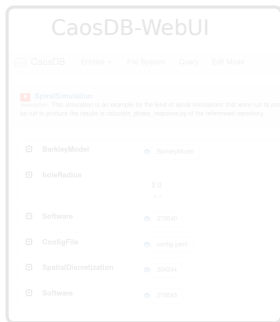
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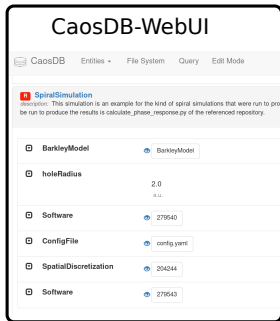


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SpiralSimulation  
description: This simulation is an example for the kind of spiral simulations that were run to produce the results in calculate\_phase\_response.py of the referenced repository.

BarkleyModel	BarkleyModel
holeRadius	2.0
Software	279640
ConfigFile	config.yaml
SpatialDiscretization	304244
Software	279643



CaosDB-Python-Interface

```
salexan@salexan-x1 ~ % ipython
In [1]: import caosdb as db
In [2]: results = db.execute_query("FIND Simulation")
```

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# State and Future of the Project

- CaosDB is a scientific project at the Research Group Biomedical Physics
- It is developed since  $\approx 9$  years and running stable since  $\approx 2016$
- CaosDB has been released as OpenSource software in 2018
- CaosDB is currently tested in several other workgroups in and outside of Göttingen
- Since May 2019: Commercial support and development by IndiScale GmbH

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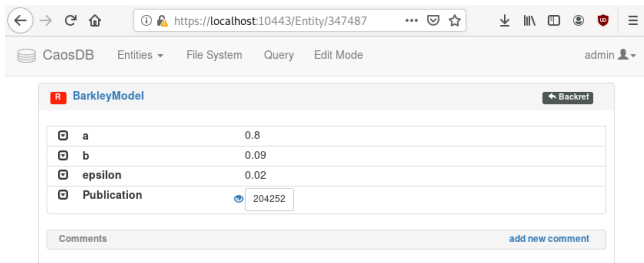
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Property	Value
a	0.8
b	0.09
epsilon	0.02
Publication	204252

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- OpenSource Project: <https://gitlab.com/caosdb>
- Paper in Data <https://doi.org/10.3390/data4020083>
- Demo Instance (hosted by IndiScale) <https://demo.indiscale.com> (Beta test!)

## Thank You!