

Resource Summary Report

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CARLsim: a GPU-accelerated SNN Simulator

RRID:SCR_014095

Type: Tool

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.nitrc.org/projects/carlsim/>

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Description: A GPU-accelerated library for simulating large-scale spiking neural network (SNN) models with a high degree of biological detail. CARLsim allows execution of networks of Izhikevich spiking neurons with realistic synaptic dynamics on both generic x86 CPUs and standard off-the-shelf GPUs. The simulator provides a PyNN-like programming interface in C/C++, which allows for details and parameters to be specified at the synapse, neuron, and network level.

Synonyms: CARLsim

Resource Type: simulation software, software resource, software application

Keywords: simulation software, snn model, gpu accelerated, library, izhikevich spiking neuron, graphics processor, stdp, data parallelism

Availability: Available for download

Resource Name: CARLsim: a GPU-accelerated SNN Simulator

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Alternate URLs: <http://www.socsci.uci.edu/~jkrichma/CARLsim/>

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for CARLsim: a GPU-accelerated SNN Simulator.

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Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 4 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [kravitz2](#) .

Hoang H, et al. (2025) Predictive reward-prediction errors of climbing fiber inputs integrate modular reinforcement learning with supervised learning. PLoS computational biology, 21(3), e1012899.

Wheeler DW, et al. (2024) Hippocampome.org v2.0: a knowledge base enabling data-driven spiking neural network simulations of rodent hippocampal circuits. bioRxiv : the preprint server for biology.

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Carlson KD, et al. (2014) An efficient automated parameter tuning framework for spiking neural networks. Frontiers in neuroscience, 8, 10.