

# Challenges with using open source SCL databases

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## Need...

- Replication
- Standardization
- Availability of datasets
  - Testing new metrics
  - New algorithm development
  - Teaching purposes
- Ease of use



## **File Format**

- File format type of datasets
- Data format
  - Numpy, trs, etc.
- Compressed vs uncompressed
  - Zip, tar, etc.
- Opensource compatibility
- Metadata
- Conversion between file formats
  - API: no reliable universal implementation
  - Documentation: scattered/unavailable
  - Learning curve: ~10 hours for beginner
  - A barrier to entry for students

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☐ google / sedpack (Public



☐ decryptofy / scarr (Public)



### The SMAesH dataset

## **Storage structures**



- The hierarchy of data structure – json, hdf, zarr custom, etc.
- File sizes
- Multiple files vs single files for a trace set
- Accompanying information: documentation, scripts, metadata, etc.
- Test scripts

## Challenges

- The dataset should be easily distributable
- Capability to share partial datasets
- Language used to access the data scripts
- API creation from either the provider of dataset or the user
- Incorporation of different datasets into the flow requires time from the user



## Thank you





