

Introduction to AlphaFold for 3D Protein Structure Prediction on ACES

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Resources for Running AlphaFold

- Login to ACES using your ACCESS ID
 - <https://hprc.tamu.edu/kb/Helpful-Pages/ACCESS-ID>
 - <https://hprc.tamu.edu/kb/User-Guides/ACES/Access>
- Run as a Slurm job script on ACES
 - <https://portal-aces.hprc.tamu.edu>
 - use ParaFlow workflow
 - first job of multiple sequence alignments is run on CPU-only
 - second job of structure predictions is run on a GPU node
 - the ParaFlow software module also contains the AlphaFold/2.3.2 software module
 - reduced_dbs parameter is not supported by ParaFold

<https://hprc.tamu.edu/kb/Software/AlphaFold>



AlphaFold Limitations

- Currently AlphaFold can only utilize one GPU
- About 90% of processing is done on CPU
 - multiple sequence alignments are CPU-only
 - structure prediction step is on GPU



AlphaFold Databases on ACES

/scratch/data/bio/alphafold/2.3.2/

Database	Size	File Count	monomer	multimer
bfd	1.8T	7	✓	✓
mgnify	120G	2	✓	✓
params	5.3G	17	✓	✓
pdb70	56G	10	✓	-
pdb_mmcif	264G	211,106	✓	✓
pdb_seqres	257M	2	-	✓
uniprot	114G	2	-	✓
uniref30	467G	15	✓	✓
uniref90	77G	2	✓	✓
small_bfd	17G	2	✓	✓
example_data	6K	5	✓	✓
TOTAL	2.9T	211,170		



AlphaFold ACES Job Scripts



Finding AlphaFold template job scripts using GCATemplates on ACES

- Genomic Computational Analysis
Templates have example input data so you can run the script for demo purposes

```
mkdir $SCRATCH/acesworkshop
```

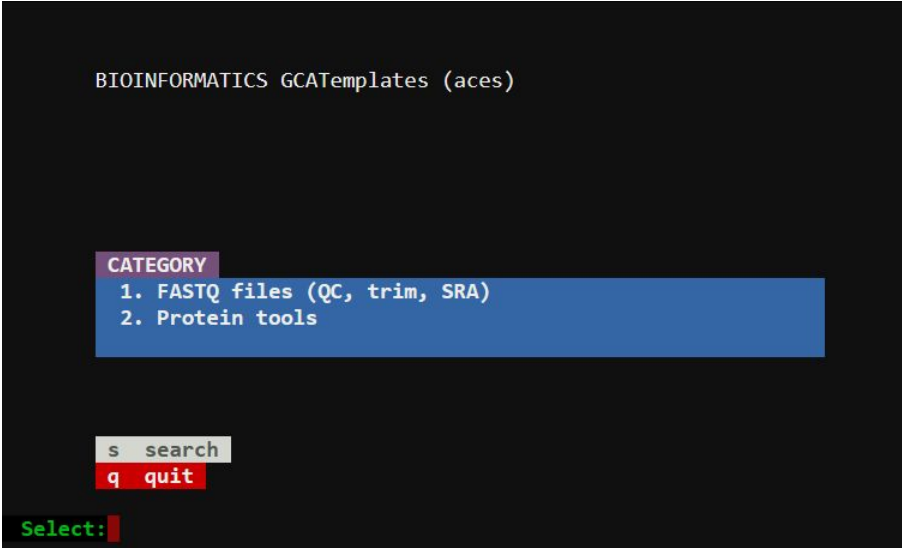
```
cd $SCRATCH/acesworkshop
```

```
gcatemplates
```

- Type **s** for search then enter **parafold** to search for the alphafold 2.3.2 template script and select the **monomer_ptm** script
- Review the script and submit the job script which takes about 3 hours to complete

```
sbatch run_parafold_alphafold_2.3.2_monomer_ptm_h100_aces.sh
```

```
squeue --me
```



The screenshot shows a terminal window titled "BIOINFORMATICS GCATemplates (aces)". It displays a "CATEGORY" menu with two options: "1. FASTQ files (QC, trim, SRA)" and "2. Protein tools". Below this, there is a search prompt "s search" and a quit prompt "q quit". At the bottom, there is a "Select:" prompt with a red cursor.



Example ParaFold Job Script

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=parafold-cpu      # job name
#SBATCH --time=7-00:00:00           # max job run time dd-hh:mm:ss
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1         # tasks (commands) per compute node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=24          # CPUs (threads) per command
#SBATCH --mem=122G                  # total memory per node
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%x.%j       # save stdout to file
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%x.%j        # save stderr to file

module purge
module load GCC/11.3.0 OpenMPI/4.1.4
module load ParaFold/2.0-CUDA-11.8.0

ALPHAFOLD_DATA_DIR=/scratch/data/bio/alphafold/2.3.2
protein_fasta=/scratch/data/bio/alphafold/example_data/1L2Y.fasta

# First, run CPU-only steps to get multiple sequence alignments
run_alphafold.sh -d $ALPHAFOLD_DATA_DIR -o pf_output_dir -p monomer_ptm -i $protein_fasta -t 2024-1-1 -f

# Second, run GPU steps as a separate job after the first part completes successfully
sbatch --job-name=parafold-gpu --time=2-00:00:00 --ntasks-per-node=1 --cpus-per-task=24 --mem=122G \
--gres=gpu:h100:1 --partition=gpu --output=stdout.%x.%j --error=stderr.%x.%j \
--dependency=afterok:$SLURM_JOBID<<EOF
#!/bin/bash
module purge
module load GCC/11.3.0 OpenMPI/4.1.4
module load ParaFold/2.0-CUDA-11.8.0 AlphaPickle/1.4.1
jobstats &
run_alphafold.sh -g -u 0 -d $ALPHAFOLD_DATA_DIR -o pf_output_dir -p monomer_ptm -i $protein_fasta -t 2024-1-1
# graph pLDDT and PAE .pkl files
run_AlphaPickle.py -od pf_output_dir/T1083_T1084_multimer
jobstats
EOF
```



Unified Memory

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=parafold-gpu      # job name
#SBATCH --time=2-00:00:00            # max job run time dd-hh:mm:ss
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1          # tasks (commands) per compute node
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=48           # CPUs (threads) per command
#SBATCH --mem=244G                   # total memory per node
#SBATCH --gres=gpu:h100:1           # request 1 A100 GPU
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%x.%j        # save stdout to file
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%x.%j         # save stderr to file

module purge
module load GCC/11.3.0  OpenMPI/4.1.4  ParaFold/2.0-CUDA-11.8.0
```

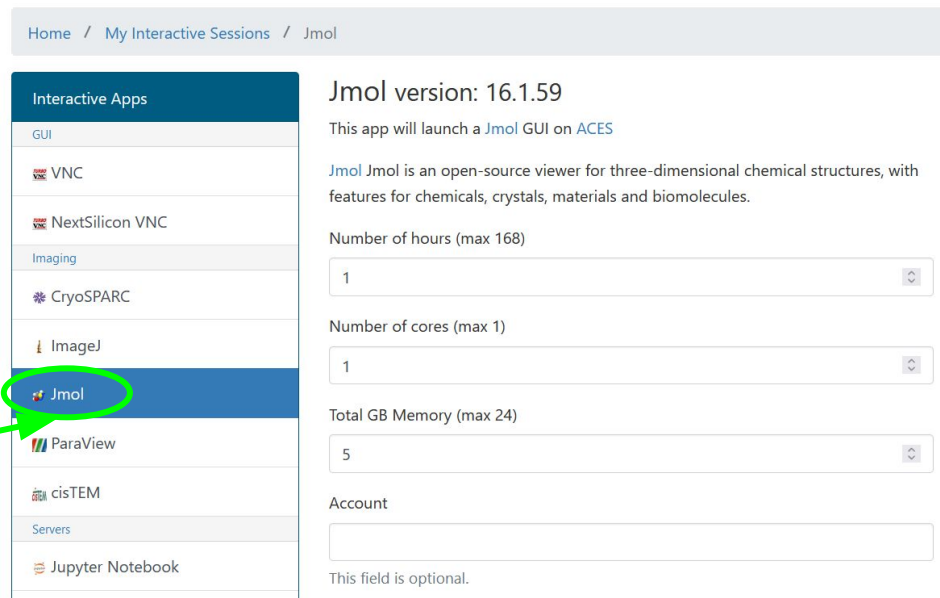
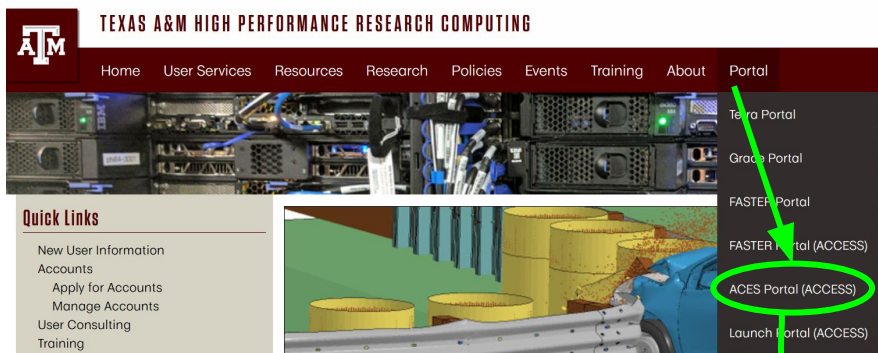
- Unified memory can be used to request more than just the total GPU memory for the JAX step in AlphaFold.
 - H100 GPU has 80GB memory.
 - XLA_PYTHON_CLIENT_MEM_FRACTION
 - automatically configured to 3.0 in the ParaFold 2.0-AlphaFold 2.3.2 module
- this example script has 240 GB of unified preallocated memory:
 - 80 GB from H100 GPU + 160 GB DDR from motherboard.

https://jax.readthedocs.io/en/latest/gpu_memory_allocation.html



Jmol Portal App

- Launch a Jmol job on the ACES portal portal-aces.hprc.tamu.edu
- Jmol will be used later to visualize results from a ParaFold/AlphaFold job



AlphaFold Results Visualization



Review GPU and CPU usage for a Job

The **jobstats** command monitors GPU and CPU resource usage and create graphs.

```
#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=my_job
#SBATCH --time=1-00:00:00
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=48
#SBATCH --mem=488G
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%x.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%x.%j

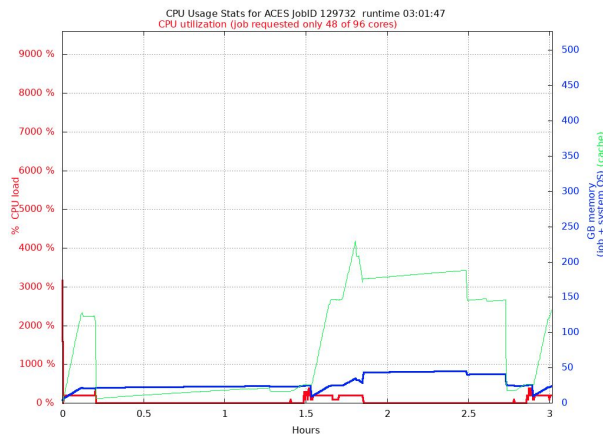
module purge
module load sw_modules
# run jobstats in the background &
# to monitor resource usage
jobstats &

my_parafold_alphafold_CPU_command

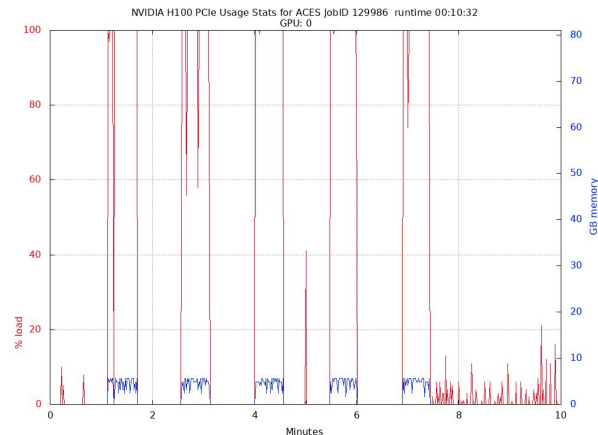
my_parafold_alphafold_GPU_command

# run jobstats to create a graph
# of cpu and gpu usage for this job
jobstats
```

view images in Portal Files app



stats_cpu.129732.png



stats_gpu.129986.png

- CPU stats are only accurate for jobs using the entire compute node resources (CPUs, memory), but we primarily want to make sure GPUs were used.
- GPU stats are accurate if using fewer than max CPUs and memory because your job will be the only job running on the requested GPU.

<https://hprc.tamu.edu/kb/Software/useful-tools/jobstats>



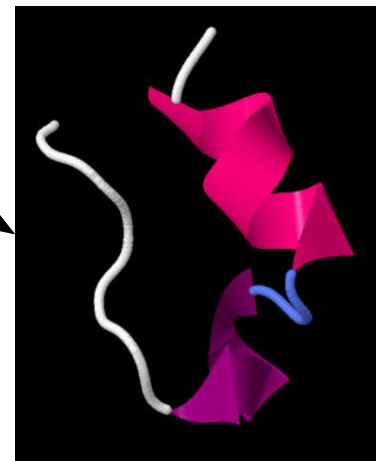
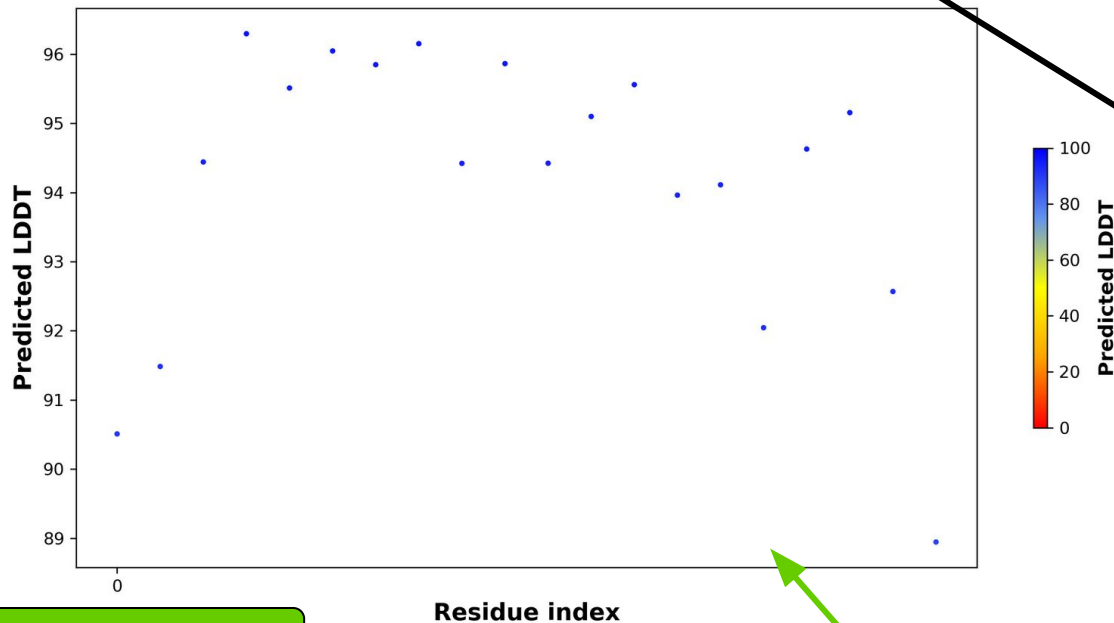
AlphaFold Confidence Metrics



Visualize AlphaFold Results

Jmol portal app

/scratch/training/parafold/monomer_ptm/out_parafold_1L2Y_monomer_ptm/1L2Y/ranked_0.pdb



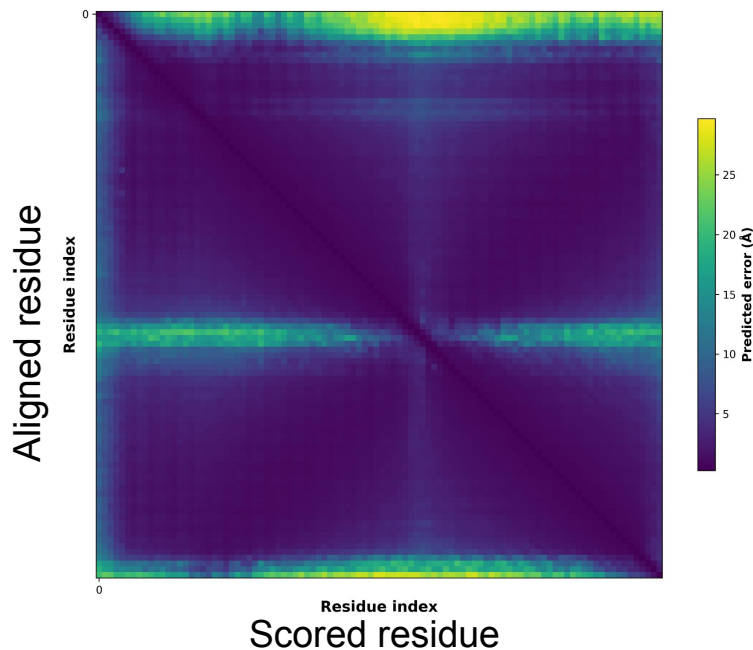
> 90 = Very high
70 - 90 = Confident
50 - 70 = Low
< 50 = Very low

Files portal app

/scratch/training/parafold/monomer_ptm/out_parafold_1L2Y_monomer_ptm/1L2Y/ranked_0_pLDDT.png



Visualize AlphaFold PAE Results (monomer_ptm)



- Low Predicted Aligned Error (PAE) value has higher confidence of accuracy
- Must use monomer_ptm or multimer as model_preset to create PAE image
- The colour at position (x, y) indicates AlphaFold's expected position error at residue x, when the predicted and true structures are aligned on residue y.

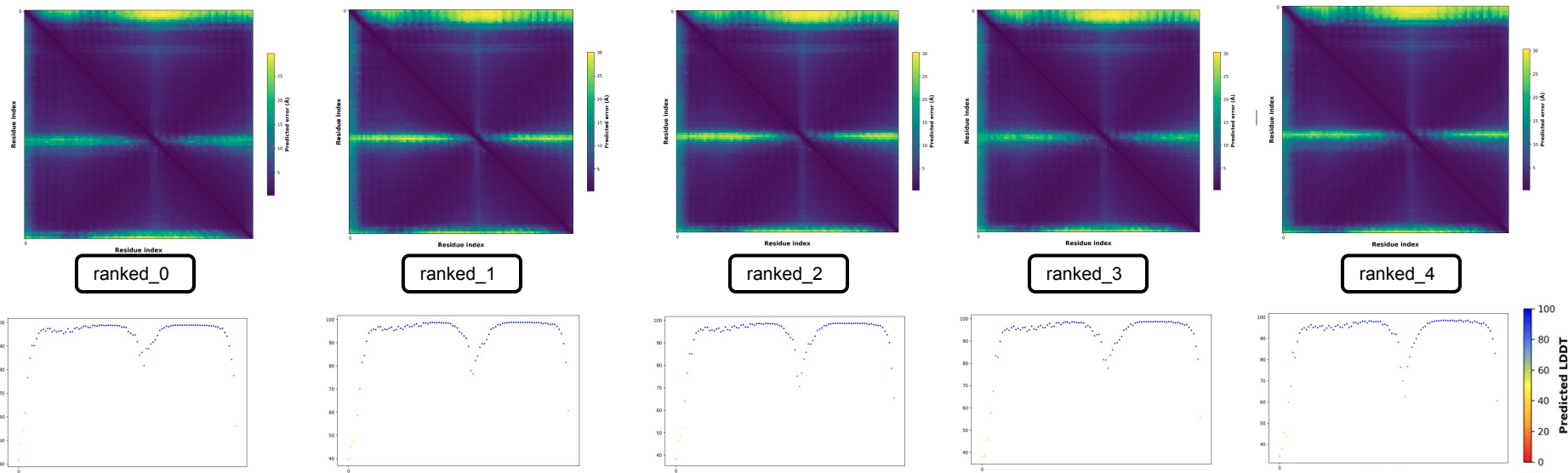
<https://alphafold.ebi.ac.uk>

Portal Files app

/scratch/training/parafold/monomer_ptm/out_parafold_1L2Y_monomer_ptm/1L2Y/ranked_0_PAE.png



Evaluating Models



see which model has the top rank based on pLDDT score

Portal Shell access

```
cat out_parafold_1L2Y_monomer_ptm/1L2Y/ranking_debug.json
```

```
"pLDDTs": {  
  "model_1_ptm_pred_0": 94.16585478746399,  
  "model_2_ptm_pred_0": 94.64120852328334,  
  "model_3_ptm_pred_0": 89.94980057627299,  
  "model_4_ptm_pred_0": 77.53515668415058,  
  "model_5_ptm_pred_0": 88.40610380463586  
},  
"order": [  
  "model_2_ptm_pred_0",  
  "model_1_ptm_pred_0",  
  "model_3_ptm_pred_0",  
  "model_5_ptm_pred_0",  
  "model_4_ptm_pred_0"  
]
```

ranked_0



ParaFold Results



ParaFold (ParallelFold)

- The ParaFold software module includes the AlphaFold software module
- ParaFold divides the AlphaFold workflow into two steps which can be run as two separate jobs:
 - CPU-only: processing the CPU steps to generate multiple sequence alignments
 - GPU: processing the GPU steps to generate predictions
- Test run of multimer (T1083_T1084_multimer.fasta) with full_dbs
- Runtimes for the same job script varied +/- 1 hour; TM-scores also vary

AlphaFold 2.3.2*	Runtime	Highest Scoring Model	TM-score**
ParaFold	3 hrs 10 min***	model_1_multimer_v3_pred_4	0.892
DeepMind	2 hrs 45 min	model_1_multimer_v3_pred_1	0.883

* ACES cluster

** measure of similarity between two protein structures

*** combined time for the separate CPU 3 hour job and GPU 10 min job

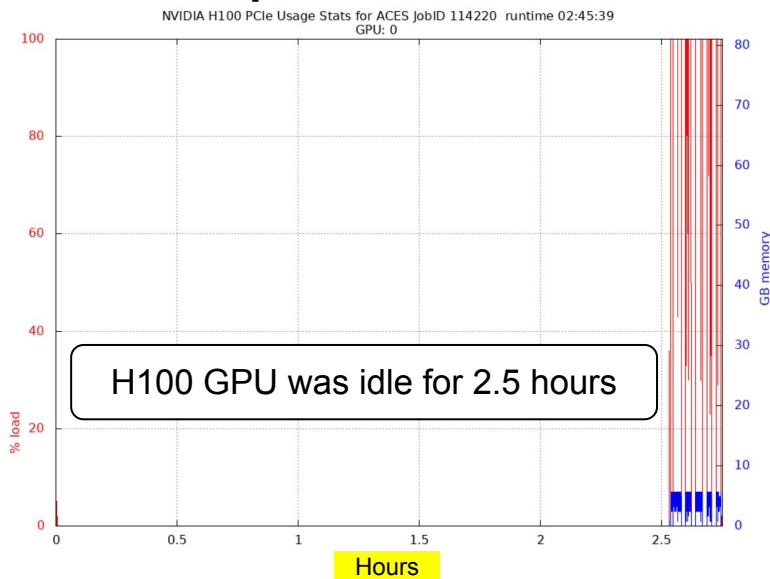
<https://github.com/Zuricho/ParallelFold>



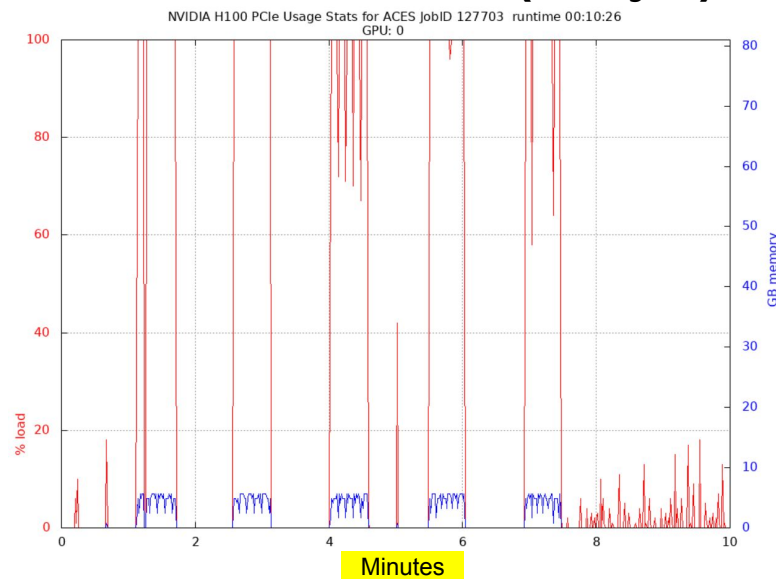
Comparison of DeepMind vs ParaFold Workflows

- AlphaFold DeepMind's workflow (1 job on a GPU node) vs ParaFold's workflow (1 CPU-only job + 1 GPU job) for the same multimer full_dbs analysis
- The ParaFold workflow significantly reduces GPU idle time

DeepMind Workflow



ParaFold Workflow (GPU job)



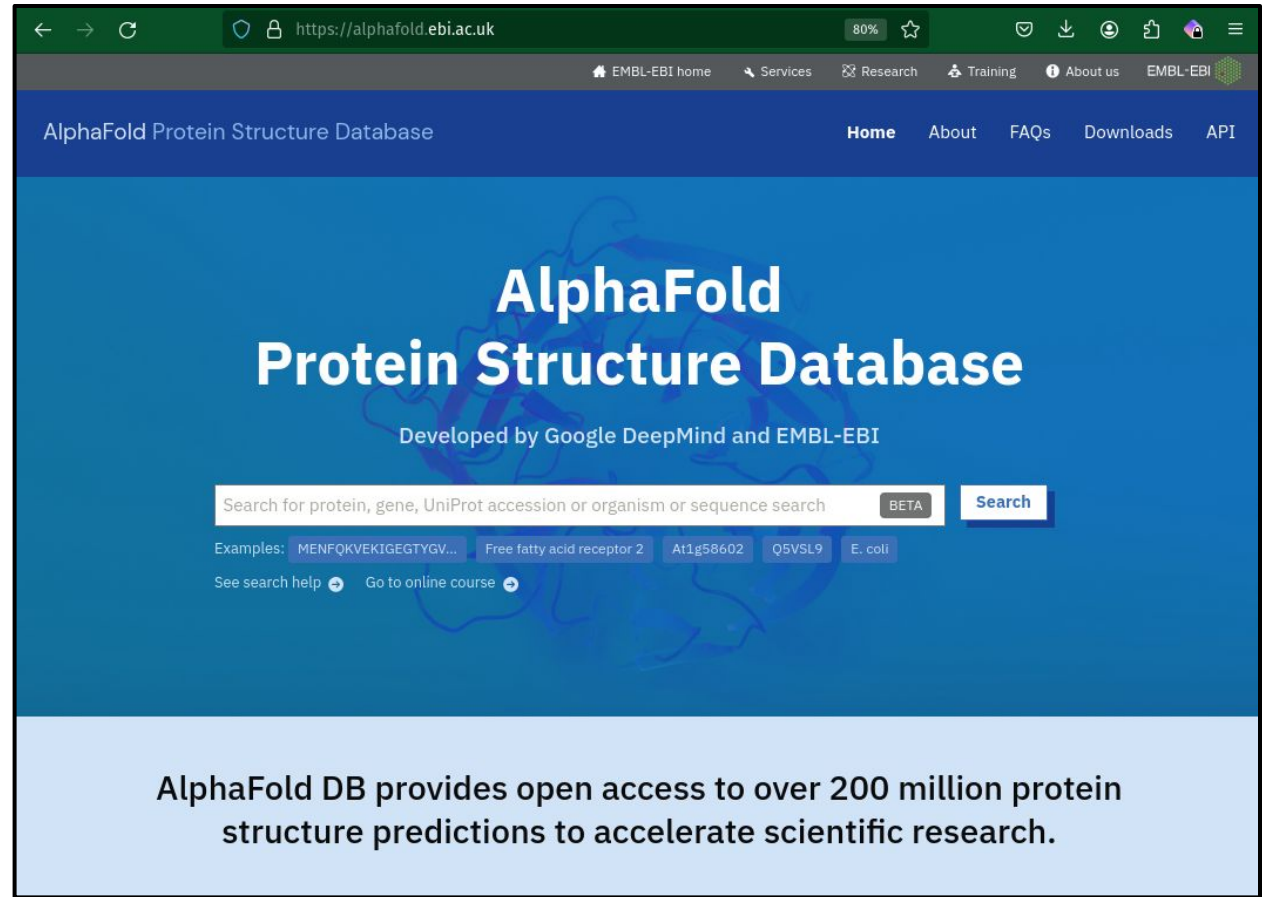
The first job of the ParaFold workflow (CPU-only) completed in 3 hours



Databases and References



DeepMind and EMBL's European Bioinformatics Institute ([EMBL-EBI](https://www.ebi.ac.uk)) have partnered to create the AlphaFold Protein Structure [Database](#) to make these predictions freely available to the scientific community.



The screenshot shows the homepage of the AlphaFold Protein Structure Database. The browser address bar displays <https://alphafold.ebi.ac.uk>. The page features a dark blue header with navigation links: EMBL-EBI home, Services, Research, Training, About us, and EMBL-EBI. Below this, a lighter blue banner contains the text "AlphaFold Protein Structure Database" and a navigation menu with links: Home, About, FAQs, Downloads, and API. The main content area has a blue background with a faint protein structure. It prominently displays "AlphaFold Protein Structure Database" in large white text, followed by "Developed by Google DeepMind and EMBL-EBI". A search bar is present with the placeholder text "Search for protein, gene, UniProt accession or organism or sequence search" and a "BETA" label. To the right of the search bar is a "Search" button. Below the search bar, there are examples of search terms: "MENFQKVEKIGEGTYGV...", "Free fatty acid receptor 2", "At1g58602", "Q5VSL9", and "E. coli". There are also links for "See search help" and "Go to online course". At the bottom of the page, a light blue box contains the text: "AlphaFold DB provides open access to over 200 million protein structure predictions to accelerate scientific research."



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HPRC Command Line Utilities



Viewing Maximum Available Resources

The **maxconfig** command will show the recommended Slurm parameters for the maximum available resources (cores, memory, time) per node for a specified accelerator or partition (default ACES partition: cpu).

```
[username@aces ~]$ maxconfig

ACES partitions:  cpu  gpu  pvc  bittware  memverge  nextsilicon
ACES GPUs in gpu partition:  a30:2  h100:2  h100:4  h100:8  pvc:2  pvc:4  pvc:8

Showing max parameters (cores, mem, time) for partition cpu

#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=my_job
#SBATCH --time=7-00:00:00
#SBATCH --nodes=1          # max 64 nodes for partition cpu
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=96
#SBATCH --mem=488G
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%x.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%x.%j
```



Viewing Maximum Available Resources

See the recommended Slurm parameters for requesting 1 x H100 GPU with a fraction the total CPUs and memory since there are multiple H100 GPUs per node

```
[username@aces ~]$ maxconfig -g h100 -G 1

ACES partitions:  cpu  gpu  pvc  bittware  memverge  nextsilicon
ACES GPUs in gpu partition:  a30:2  h100:2  h100:4  h100:8  pvc:2  pvc:4  pvc:8

Showing 1/8 of total cores and memory for using 1 x h100 GPU

#!/bin/bash
#SBATCH --job-name=my_job
#SBATCH --time=2-00:00:00
#SBATCH --partition=gpu
#SBATCH --nodes=1          # max 8 nodes for partition gpu
#SBATCH --ntasks-per-node=1
#SBATCH --cpus-per-task=12
#SBATCH --mem=61G
#SBATCH --gres=gpu:h100:1
#SBATCH --output=stdout.%x.%j
#SBATCH --error=stderr.%x.%j
```



Checking GPU Availability on ACES

- Use the command line (shell) to see the current GPU configuration and availability
- The GPU configuration can change since ACES is a composable resource cluster

```
[username@aces ~]$ gpuavail
```

CONFIGURATION

NODE	NODE
TYPE	COUNT

gpu:pvc:4	19
gpu:h100:2	15
gpu:a30:4	1
gpu:pvc:2	1

AVAILABILITY

NODE	GPU	GPU	GPU	CPU	MEM
NAME	TYPE	COUNT	AVAIL	AVAIL	AVAIL

ac040	h100	2	2	96	488
ac046	h100	2	1	48	244
ac055	h100	2	2	96	488
ac064	a30	4	4	96	488



Monitor a Running Job

The **myjob** command displays information about your job including time elapsed since starting

```
[username@aces ~]$ myjob 154568
```

```
    Job ID: 154568
    Cluster: aces
    User/Group: username/username
    State: RUNNING
    Partition: cpu
    Node Count: 1
    NodeList: ac014
    Cores per node: 24
    CPU Efficiency: 0.00% of 15:37:36 core-walltime
    Submit time: 2024-05-20 09:48:14
    Start time: 2024-05-20 09:48:16
    End time: Unknown
    Time limit: 10:00:00
    Time elapsed: 00:39:04
    Time remaining: 9:20:56
    Memory Efficiency: 0.00% of 122.00 GB (122.00 GB/node)
    WARNING: Efficiency statistics may be misleading for RUNNING jobs.
    Job Name: parafold-cpu
    Job Submit Directory: /scratch/user/username/templates/aces/dev/parafold/rcs2024
    Submit Line: sbatch run_parafold_alphafold_2.3.2_monomer_ptm_h100_aces.sh
```



Review a Completed Job

The **myjob** command displays CPU resource usage and provides more information than just using **seff**

```
[username@aces ~]$ myjob 154568
```

```
    Job ID: 154568
    Cluster: aces
    User/Group: username/username
    State: COMPLETED (exit code 0)
    Partition: cpu
    Node Count: 1
    NodeList: ac014
    Cores per node: 24
    CPU Utilized: 00:26:57
    CPU Efficiency: 0.29% of 6-08:34:24 core-walltime
    Submit time: 2024-05-20 09:48:14
    Start time: 2024-05-20 09:48:16
    End time: 2024-05-20 16:09:42
    Job Wall-clock time: 06:21:26
    Memory Utilized: 17.26 GB
    Memory Efficiency: 14.15% of 122.00 GB
    Job Name: parafold-cpu
    Job Submit Directory: /scratch/user/username/templates/aces/dev/parafold/rcs2024
    Submit Line: sbatch run_parafold_alphafold_2.3.2_monomer_ptm_h100_aces.sh
```



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Talk/Event	Date/Time	Room
Tutorial: Hands-on exercises on the Intel Data Center GPU Max 1100 (PVC-GPU) for AI/ML and Molecular Dynamics Workflows on the ACES Testbed	Mon, July 22, 2024 9:00 AM-12:30 PM ET	Room 553B
Seventh Workshop on Strategies for Enhancing HPC Education and Training (SEHET24)	Mon, July 22, 2024 9:00 AM-12:30 PM ET	Room 557
Workshop: Providing cutting-edge computing testbeds to the science and engineering community	Mon, July 22, 2024 1:30 PM-5:00 PM ET	Room 554A
Workshop: Engaging Secondary Students in Computing: K12 Outreach	Mon, July 22, 2024 1:30 PM-5:00 PM ET	Room 553A
Cultivating Cyberinfrastructure Careers through Student Engagement at Texas A&M University High Performance Research Computing	Tue, July 23, 2024 11:00 AM-11:25 AM ET	Junior Ballroom
Insight Gained from Migrating a Machine Learning Model to Intelligence Processing Units	Tue, July 23, 2024 11:00 AM-11:25 AM ET	Room 551 A&B
BOF 4: What's in it for me? How can we truly democratize the research computing and data community?	Tue, July 23, 2024 1:30 PM-2:30 PM ET	Room 551 A&B



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BRICCs: Building Pathways to Research Cyberinfrastructure at Under Resourced Institutions	Tue, July 23, 2024 3:25 PM-3:50 PM ET	Junior Ballroom
Memory Bandwidth Performance across Accelerators	Tue, July 23, 2024 3:25 PM-3:50 PM ET	Ballroom B
Container Adoption in Campus High Performance Computing	Wed, July 24, 2024 11:00 AM-11:25 AM ET	Ballroom B
Engaging Secondary Students in Computing and Cybersecurity	Wed, July 24, 2024 3:15 PM-3:30 PM ET	Room 557
Exploring the Viability of Composable Architectures to Overcome Memory Limitations in High Performance Computing Workflows	Wed, July 24, 2024 3:45 PM-4:00 PM ET	Room 553 A&B
Performance of Molecular Dynamics Acceleration Strategies on Composable Cyberinfrastructure	Wed, July 24, 2024 4:15 PM-4:30 PM ET	Room 551 A&B
BOF 17: Fantastic ACCESS Cyberinfrastructure Resources and Where to Find Them	Wed, July 24, 2024 4:45 PM-5:45 PM ET	Room 553 A&B
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