



A Practical Introduction to AI-Based Protein Structure Prediction

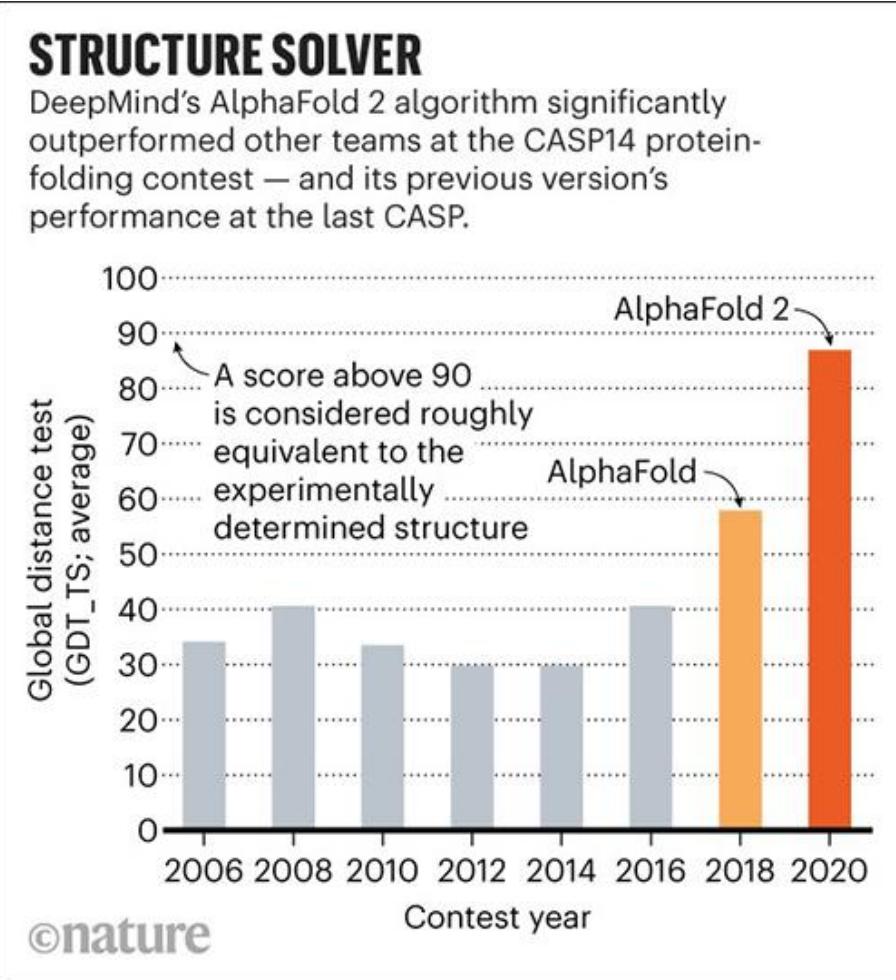
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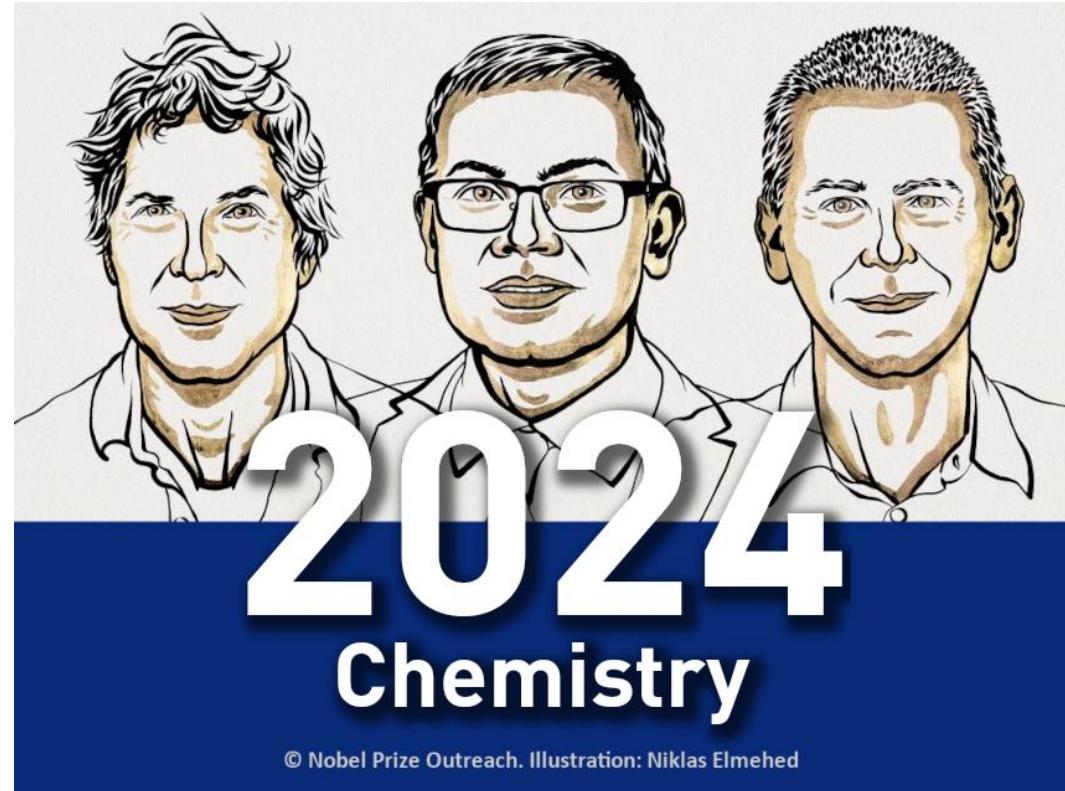
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Alphafold



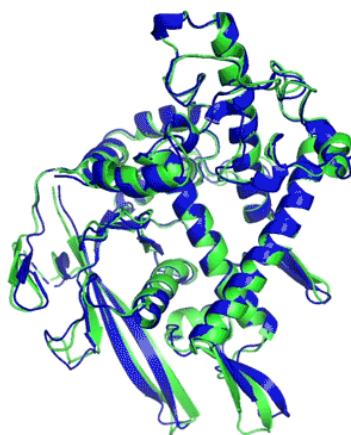
50년 이상의 난제 “단백질 폴딩 문제”
단백질 서열로 3D 구조 예측 어려움



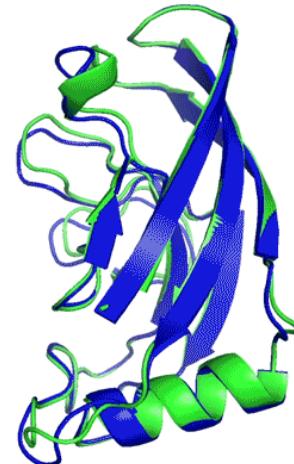
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AlphaFold 3 등장 배경

- AlphaFold 2의 등장(2020), 단백질 단일 사슬 구조예측도가 혁신적으로 향상
- 단백질과 이종 분자(리간드, 핵산(DNA/RNA), 이온)와의 상호작용 구조 예측이라는 과제가 남아 있었음



T1037 / 6vr4
90.7 GDT
(RNA polymerase domain)

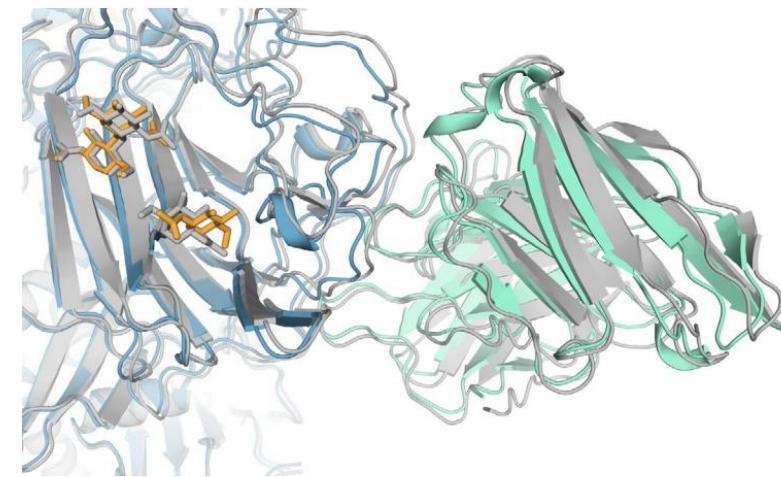


T1049 / 6y4f
93.3 GDT
(adhesin tip)

● Experimental result
● Computational prediction



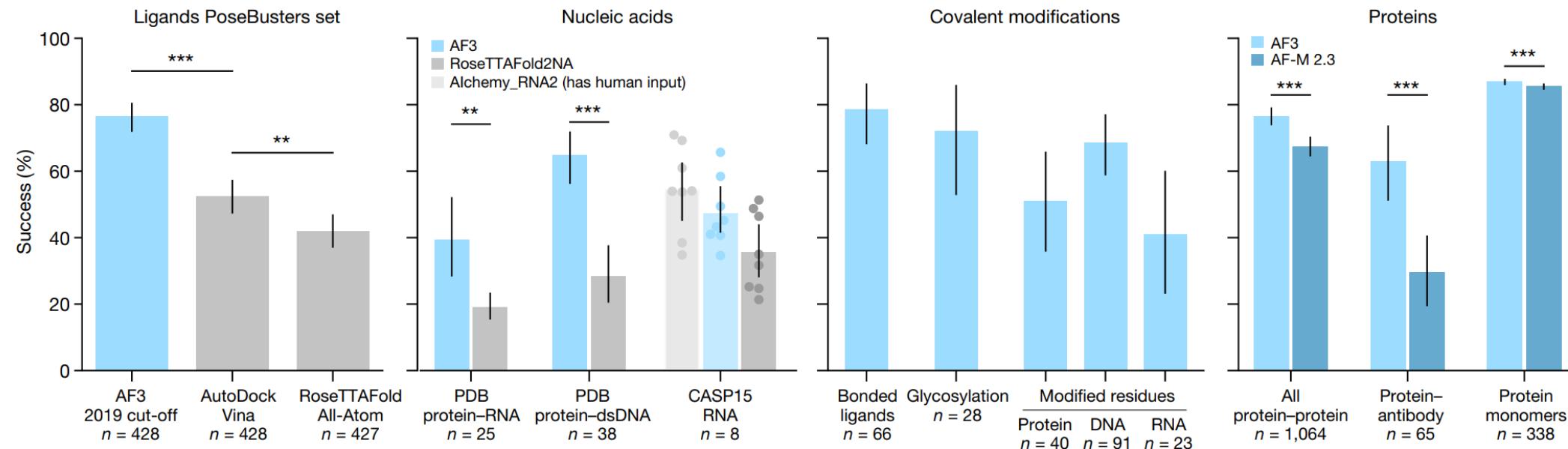
Bacterial CRP/FNR family transcriptional regulator protein bound to DNA and cGMP



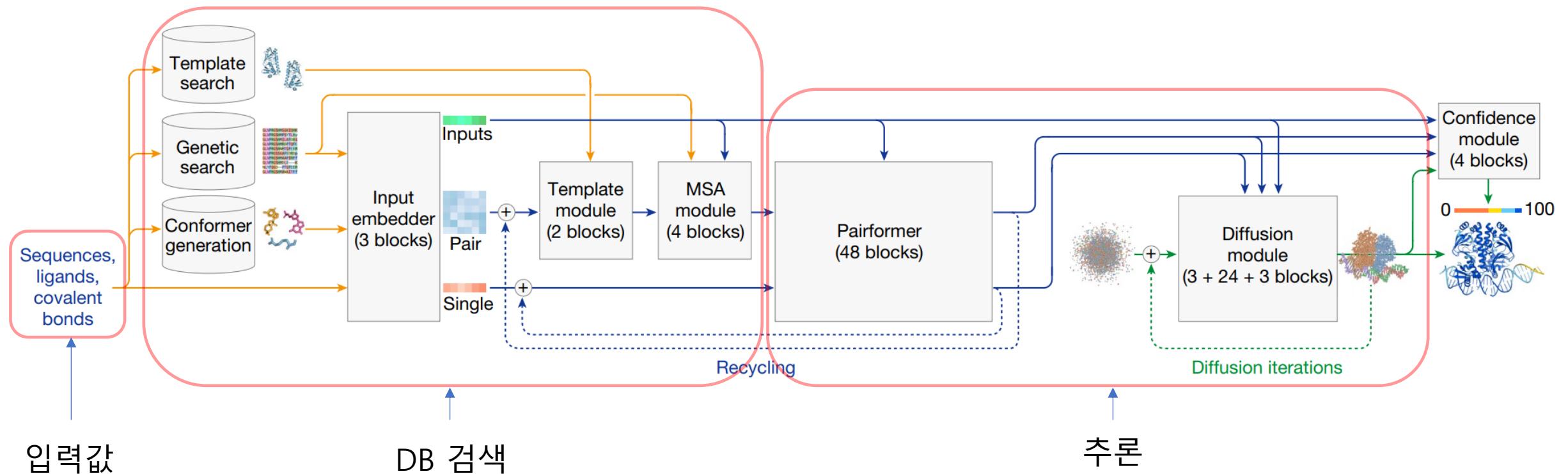
Human coronavirus OC43 spike protein, 4,665 residues, heavily glycosylated and bound by neutralizing antibodies

AlphaFold 3의 성능 및 특징

- 예측 정확도 향상
- 단백질-단백질과 단백질-이종 분자(리간드, 핵산(DNA/RNA), 이온)간 복합체 모델링 가능
- Post-translational modification (PTM) 가능
- 항원-항체 상호작용 모델링 가능



AlphaFold 3의 기본 작동 구조



AlphaFold의 연구 활용 사례

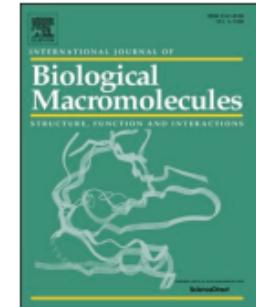
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Enhancing protein structural properties through model-guided sequence optimization

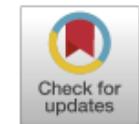
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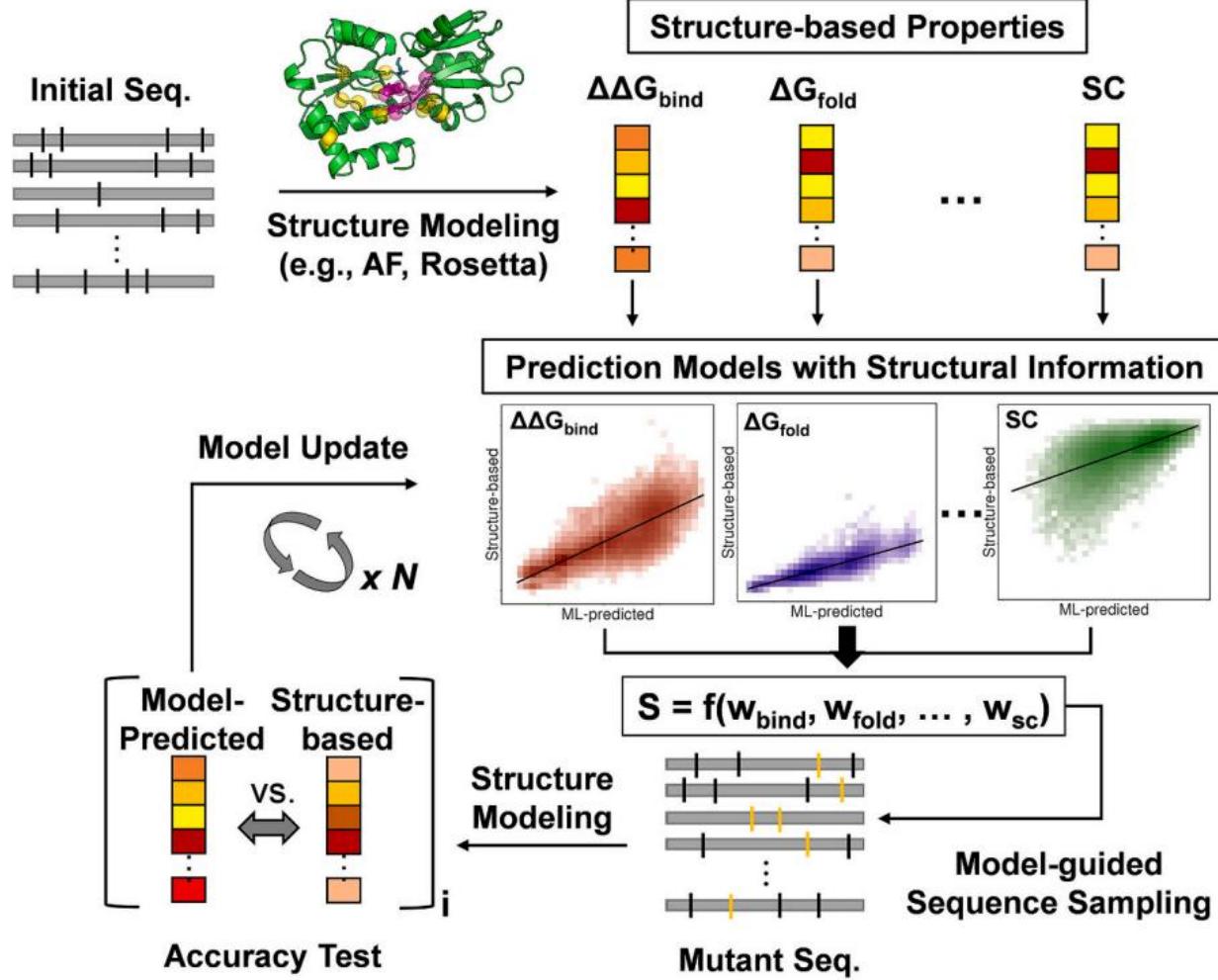
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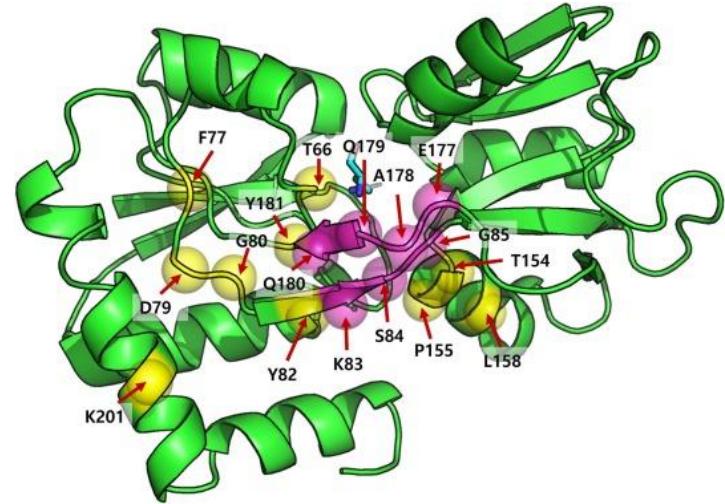


AlphaFold의 연구 활용 사례



Overview of the sequence optimization workflow for improving protein structural properties

Mutation sites selected in glutamine-binding protein



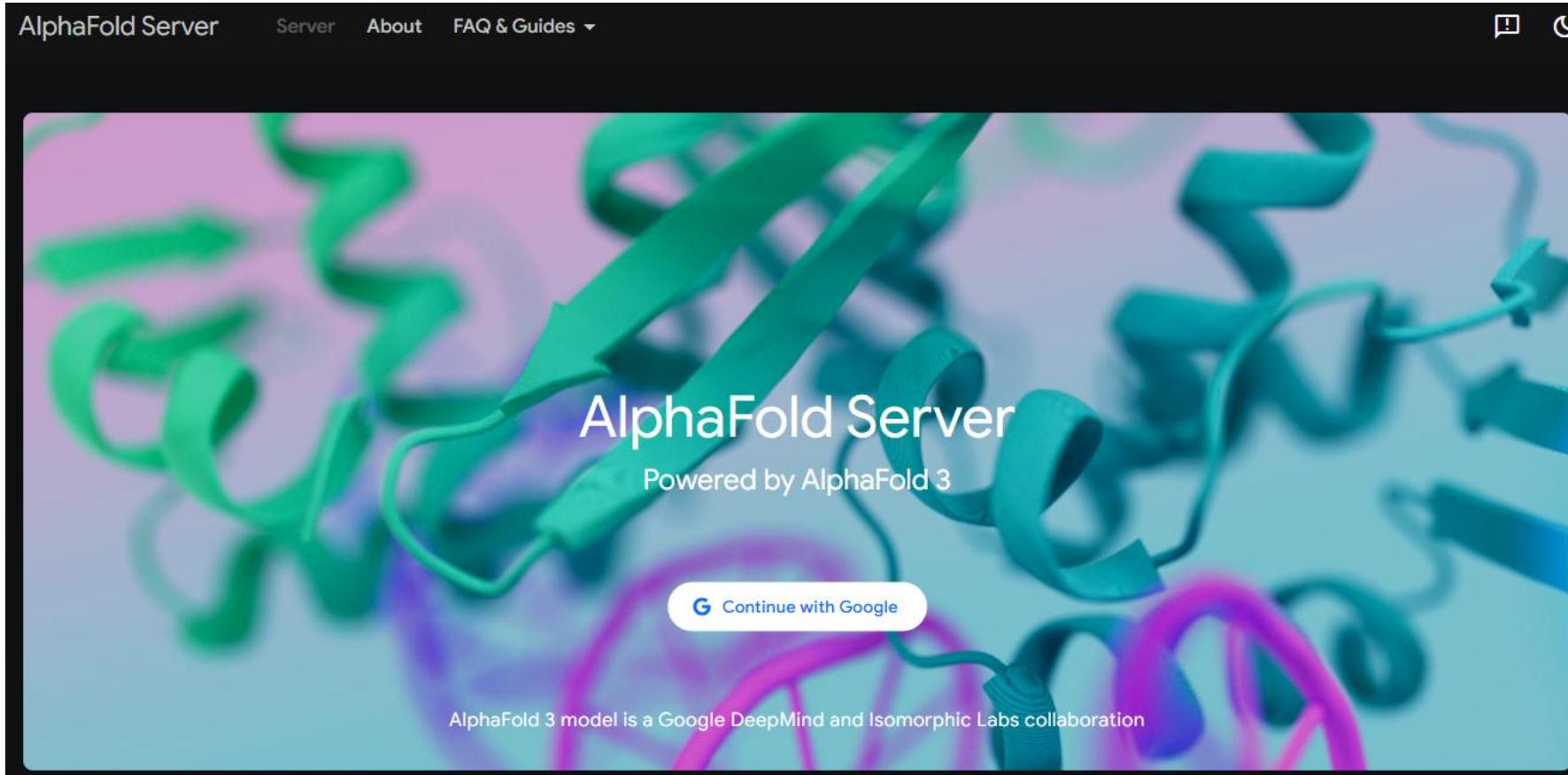
Potential structural determinants and additional scoring metrics associated with the observed thermal stability (T_m) values.

Scores	Description	Pearson's r	p-value
SMINA score (AF3-SMINA)	SMINA local minimization score for AF3-predicted model	-0.814	0.002
Total Score (AF3-Rosetta)	Rosetta total score for relaxed AF3-predicted model	-0.687	0.014
omega (AF3-Rosetta)	Rosetta omega term for relaxed AF3-predicted model	-0.637	0.024
Normalized interface energy (AF3-Rosetta)	Rosetta interface energy for relaxed AF3-predicted model	-0.583	0.038
Total Score (Rosetta, binding site fixed)	Rosetta total score for relaxed Rosetta model structure fixing binding site geometry	-0.527	0.059
ProGen2 score (Sequence)	ProGen2 sequence likelihood score	0.508	0.067
fa_atr (AF3-Rosetta)	Rosetta Lennard-Jones attractive potential for relaxed AF3-predicted model	-0.445	0.099

AlphaFold 3 사용하기

Cloud 환경에서 단백질 구조예측 사용하기

- Alphafold server : <https://alphafoldserver.com/>



Cloud 환경에서 단백질 구조예측 사용하기

- NVIDIA models : <https://build.nvidia.com/models>

The screenshot shows the NVIDIA Models page with a dark theme. At the top, there are navigation links: Explore, Models (which is underlined), Blueprints, GPUs, and Docs. There is also a search bar, a help icon, and a login button.

The main heading is "Models" with the sub-instruction: "Deploy and scale models on your GPU infrastructure of choice with NVIDIA NIM inference microservices". Below this, there are two tabs: "Optimized by NVIDIA" (selected) and "Launch from Hugging Face" (Beta).

Below the tabs are several filter options: "Sort By" (set to "Most Recent"), "Publisher" (dropdown), "Use Case" (dropdown with "1 selected" and an "X" button), and "NIM Type" (dropdown). There is also a "Filter by text" input field and a "Clear Filters" button.

The main content area displays a grid of nine model cards:

- openfold** **openfold3**
OpenFold3 is a third-generation biomolecular foundation model tha...
Tags: biology, drug discovery +2
- mit** **Boltz-2**
Predict complex structures using Boltz-2.
Tags: nim, bionemo +4
- colabfold** **msa-search**
Generates a multiple sequence alignment from a query sequence...
Tags: nim, bionemo +4
- openfold** **openfold2**
Predicts the 3D structure of a protein from its amino acid...
Tags: nim, bionemo +4
- arc** **evo2-40b**
Evo 2 is a biological foundation model that is able to integrate...
Tags: dna generation +5
- nvidia** **genmol**
Fragment-Based Molecular Generation by Discrete Diffusion.
Tags: chemistry, nim +4
- deepmind** **alphaFold2-multimer**
Predicts the 3D structure of a protein from its amino acid...
Tags: nim, bionemo +4
- meta** **esm2-650m**
Generates embeddings of proteins from their amino acid sequences.
Tags: nim +5
- deepmind** **alphaFold2**
Predicts the 3D structure of a protein from its amino acid...
Tags: nim, bionemo +4

AlphaFold3 사용하기

- On-premises 환경

On-premises 환경에서 AlphaFold3 사용하기

- AlphaFold3 github URL
 - <https://github.com/google-deepmind/alphafold3>
- 권장사양
 - GPU : RTX 3090 or 4090 VRAM 8-12GB
 - CUDA : 12.6
 - Modern Multi-core CPU
 - System RAM : 32GB
 - HDD for DB : 630GB

가상화 환경



- **도커(Docker)?** - 컨테이너 기반 가상화 플랫폼
 - 응용 프로그램과 그 종속성을 격리된 환경인 컨테이너로 패키징하여 실행하는 기술
 - 응용 프로그램을 서로 다른 환경에서도 일관되게 실행
 - **가볍고 빠르며 확장성이 좋아서 개발 및 배포 프로세스를 간소화**하는데 사용된다.

On-premises 환경에서 AlphaFold3 사용하기

준비물

- Database
 - BFD, PDB, Mgnify, UniProt, UniRef, Rfam, NT, RNACentral 등
- Model parameter
 - Apply form link : <https://forms.gle/svvpY4u2jsHEwWYS6>
- Docker images
 - AlphaFold3 실행환경과 알고리즘이 담겨있는 가상화 이미지
- JSON 파일
 - 서열, smile, PTM, MSA 등 예측을 위한 정보가 담겨있는 파일
- Docker command
 - DB 경로, Model parameter 경로, 작업 경로, 결과물 경로를 지정하여 Docker 환경에서 AlphaFold3를 실행하는 명령어

On-premises 환경에서 AlphaFold3 사용하기

- Database
 - Link : <https://storage.googleapis.com/alphafold-databases/v3.0>
 - BFD, PDB, Mgnify, UniProt, UniRef, Rfam, NT, RNACentral 등 데이터베이스
 - pdb_2022_09_28_mmcif_files.tar.zst
 - mgy_clusters_2022_05.fa
 - bfd-first_non_consensus_sequences.fasta
 - uniref90_2022_05.fa
 - uniprot_all_2021_04.fa
 - pdb_seqres_2022_09_28.fasta
 - rnacentral_active_seq_id_90_cov_80_linclust.fasta
 - nt_rna_2023_02_23_clust_seq_id_90_cov_80_rep_seq.fasta
 - rfam_14_9_clust_seq_id_90_cov_80_rep_seq.fasta
 - Database download
 - shell> bash fetch_databases.sh <download path>

On-premises 환경에서 Alphafold3 사용하기

- Model parameter
 - Alphafold3 model parameter
 - Apply form link : <https://forms.gle/svvpY4u2jsHEwWYS6>
 - Form 작성후 심사후 download



AlphaFold 3 | Request to access model parameters

AlphaFold 3 is an AI model developed by [Google DeepMind](#) and [Isomorphix Labs](#). It generates 3D structure predictions of biological molecules, providing model confidence for the structure predictions.

The AlphaFold 3 trained model parameters are available free of charge for non-commercial use, in accordance with the [AlphaFold 3 Model Parameters Terms of Use](#). You may only use the model parameters if received directly from Google. To request access to the AlphaFold 3 trained model parameters, please complete the information below. You must provide accurate and up-to-date information. Access will be granted at Google's sole discretion. We aim to respond to requests within 2 - 3 business days.

The AlphaFold 3 source code can be accessed via this [GitHub repository](#) and is licensed under the [Creative Commons Attribution-Non-Commercial ShareAlike International License, Version 4.0](#).

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On-premises 환경에서 AlphaFold3 사용하기

- JSON 파일

- Sequence (Protein, DNA, RNA), Ligand, bonds 등 예측을 위한 정보가 담겨있는 파일
- <https://github.com/google-deepmind/alphafold3/blob/main/docs/input.md>

The top-level structure of the input JSON is:

```
{  
    "name": "Job name goes here",  
    "modelSeeds": [1, 2], # At least one seed required.  
    "sequences": [  
        {"protein": {...}},  
        {"rna": {...}},  
        {"dna": {...}},  
        {"ligand": {...}}  
    ],  
    "bondedAtomPairs": [...], # Optional.  
    "userCCD": "...", # Optional, mutually exclusive with userCCDPath.  
    "userCCDPath": "...", # Optional, mutually exclusive with userCCD.  
    "dialect": "alphaFold3", # Required.  
    "version": 4 # Required.  
}
```

On-premises 환경에서 AlphaFold3 사용하기

- Docker command

- DB 경로, Model parameter 경로, 작업 경로, 결과물 경로를 지정하여 Docker 환경에서 AlphaFold3를 실행하는 명령어

```
docker run -it \
    --volume $HOME/af_input:/root/af_input \
    --volume $HOME/af_output:/root/af_output \
    --volume <MODEL_PARAMETERS_DIR>:/root/models \
    --volume <DB_DIR>:/root/public_databases \
    --gpus all \
    alphafold3 \
    python run_alphaFold.py \
    --json_path=/root/af_input/fold_input.json \
    --model_dir=/root/models \
    --output_dir=/root/af_output
```

Docker로 AlphaFold3 환경 구성하기

- Docker로 AlphaFold3 환경 구성하기
 - Docker image 생성
 - shell> git clone https://github.com/google-deepmind/alphafold3.git
 - shell> cd alphafold3
 - shell> docker build -t alphafold3 -f docker/Dockerfile .
 - Docker images pulling
 - shell> docker pull suppak/alphafold3:clean

AlphaFold3 실행을 위한 json 파일 작성하기

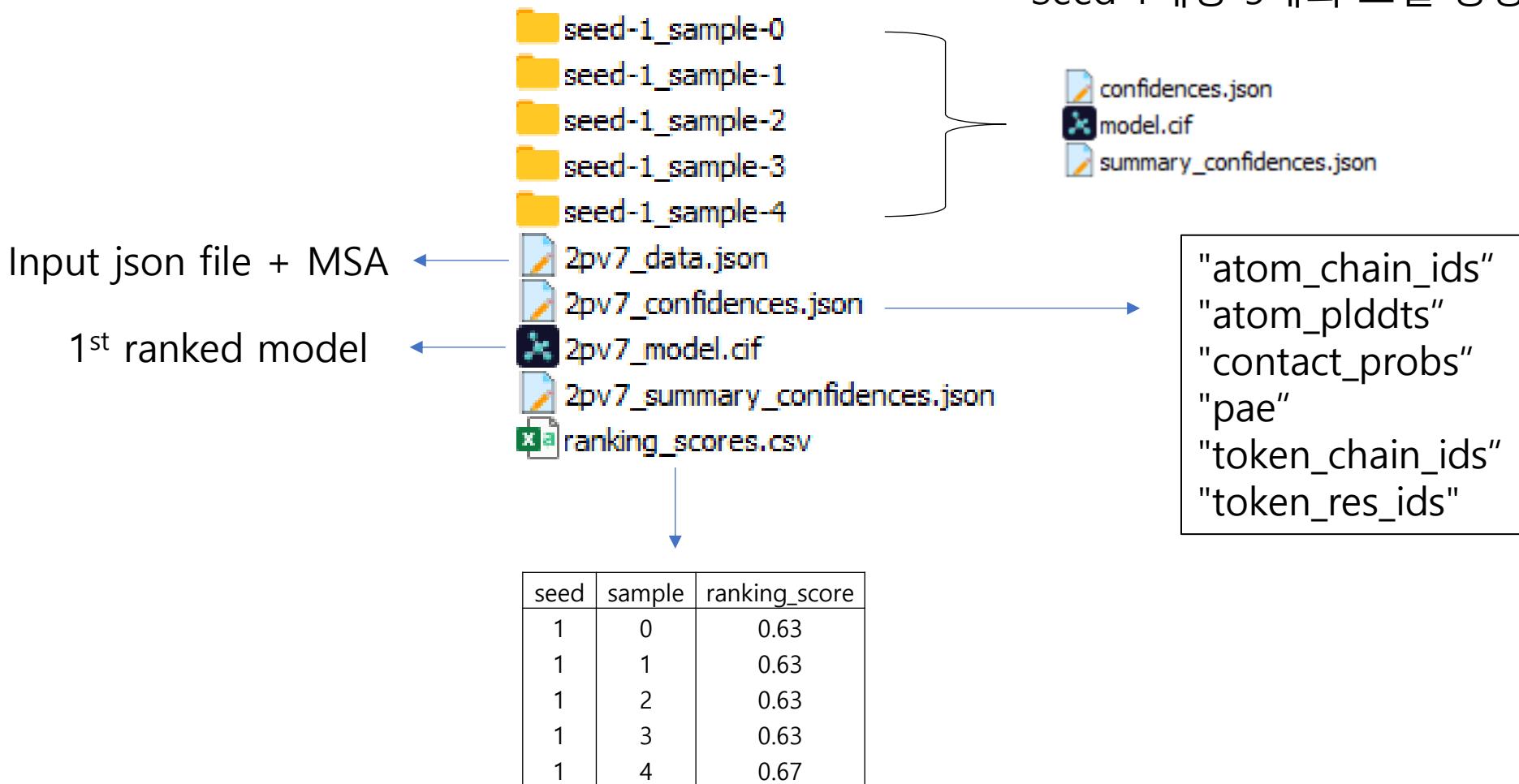
- On-premises 환경에서 AlphaFold3 사용하기
 - https://github.com/suppakoko/alphafold3_class/examples
- af3cli – json file 작성 도구
 - <https://github.com/SLx64/af3cli>
 - shell> git clone https://github.com/SLx64/af3cli.git

AlphaFold3 실행을 위한 docker 명령어 작성하기

- On-premises 환경에서 AlphaFold3 사용하기
 - https://github.com/suppakoko/alphafold3/blob/main/Docker/docker_command_example.txt

AlphaFold3 실행 결과

- root/af_output/



AlphaFold3 실행 결과

- summary_confidences.json

	A	B
A	0.76	1.04
B	1.03	0.76

```
"chain_iptm": [ 0.63, 0.63 ],
"chain_pair_iptm": [
    [ 0.68, 0.63 ],
    [ 0.63, 0.68 ]],
"chain_pair_pae_min": [
    [ 0.76, 1.04 ],
    [ 1.03, 0.76 ]],
"chain_ptm": [ 0.68, 0.68 ],
"fraction_disordered": 0.09,
"has_clash": 0.0,
"iptm": 0.63,
"ptm": 0.62,
"ranking_score": 0.67
```

pLDDT (Predicted Local Distance Difference Test) "Is this loop or helix **shaped correctly?**"

- > 90 : Very high confidence (side-chains are reliable).
- 70–90 : High confidence (backbone is reliable).
- 50–70 : Low confidence (caution needed).
- < 50 : Very low confidence (likely intrinsically disordered or unstructured).

ipTM (Interface Predicted Template Modeling Score) "Do these two proteins **actually bind** like this?"

- > 0.8: High confidence (very likely a real binder with correct pose).
- 0.6–0.8: Moderate confidence (likely interacts, but exact orientation might vary).
- < 0.5: Low confidence

PAE (Predicted Aligned Error) "Are these **two domains actually sitting next to each other**, or are they floating apart?"

- Scale: 0 to ~30 Å.
< 5 Å (Dark Blue/Green): The two residues are locked together rigidly
> 15 Å (White/Red): The relative position is uncertain

pTM (Predicted Template Modeling Score) "Is the **overall shape** of this protein correct?"

- > 0.7: High confidence (the fold is likely correct).
- > 0.5: Correct topology (the general shape is right).
- < 0.5: Failed prediction (random coil or incorrect fold).

AlphaFold3를 이용한 예제

- On-premises 환경에서 AlphaFold3 실제 사용하기

감사합니다

Q & A

