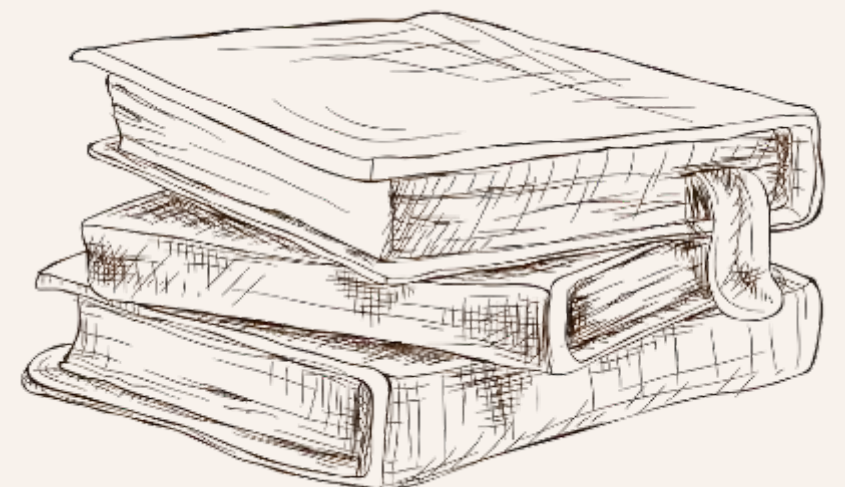


# Reducing the Barrier of Entry for GPU Accelerated Workflows using Open OnDemand and Charliecloud Containers in HPC

Presented by GPU Unicorns



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# Introducing

Dr. Shirley!

She has PhD in Theoretical Elementary Physics and just started working at LANL. She needs the resources on our cluster to run her simulation

*....but she's never used an HPC cluster before*



# What she Needs to do

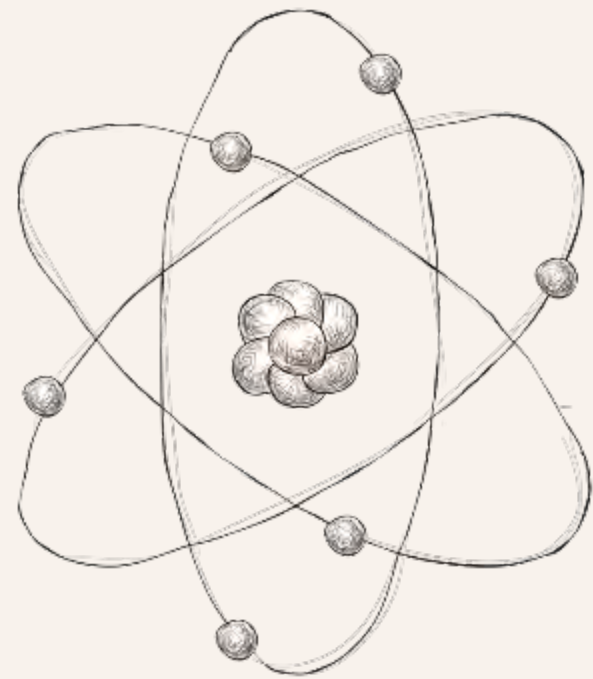
In order to run her simulation

- **Slurm workload manager**
  - *Creating jobs*
  - *Allocating the processors*
  - *Creating a workload*
- **The file system**
  - *She needs to ensure data is readily available*
- **Installation and Configuration**
  - *She needs to be able to run her simulation*

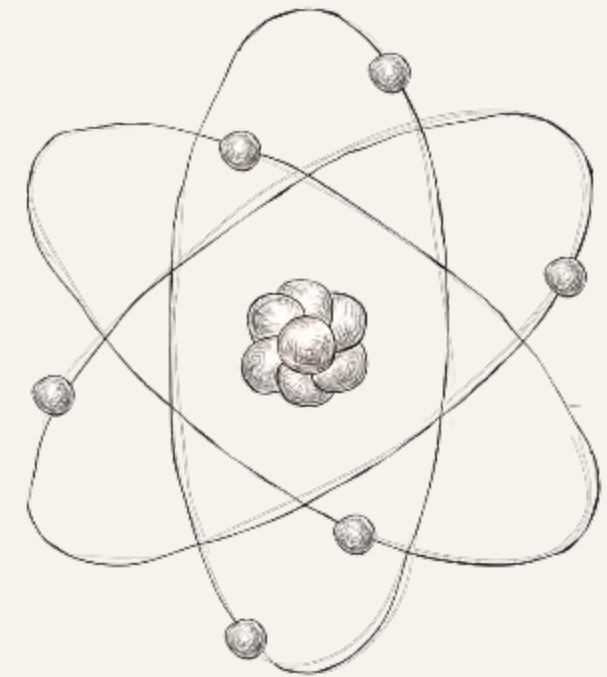


# Onboarding Made Easy

- Doesn't have to learn terminal commands
  - Doesn't have to learn Slurm
- Makes use of existing scientific workflows



# Open OnDemand



Open OnDemand (OOD) browser-based interface to access a cluster through the web

Now all Shirley needs to do is navigate to the custom OOD webpage where she has full access to the LANL cluster

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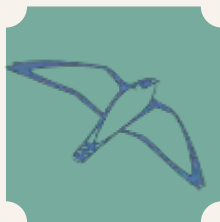
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 Active Jobs

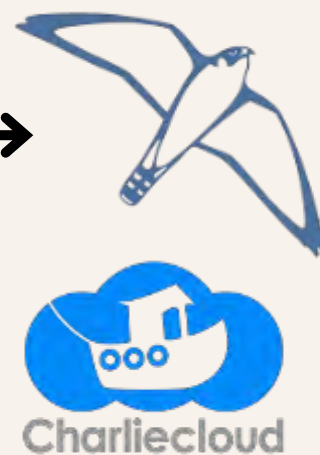
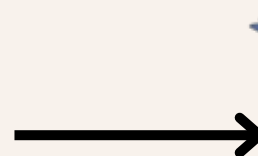
 System Status



# Theoretical Physics to HPC



With her expertise in theoretical elementary physics, Shirley is leveraging GROMACS to model atomic-level interactions.



## GROMACS in HPC

1. Runs across multiple nodes and GPUs
2. Supports GPU decomposition
3. Compatible GPUs can use CUDA aware MPI

## Toggle fields for Slurm arguments

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Automatic population of pre-existing GROMACS scripts

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Easy job resubmission and cancel functionality

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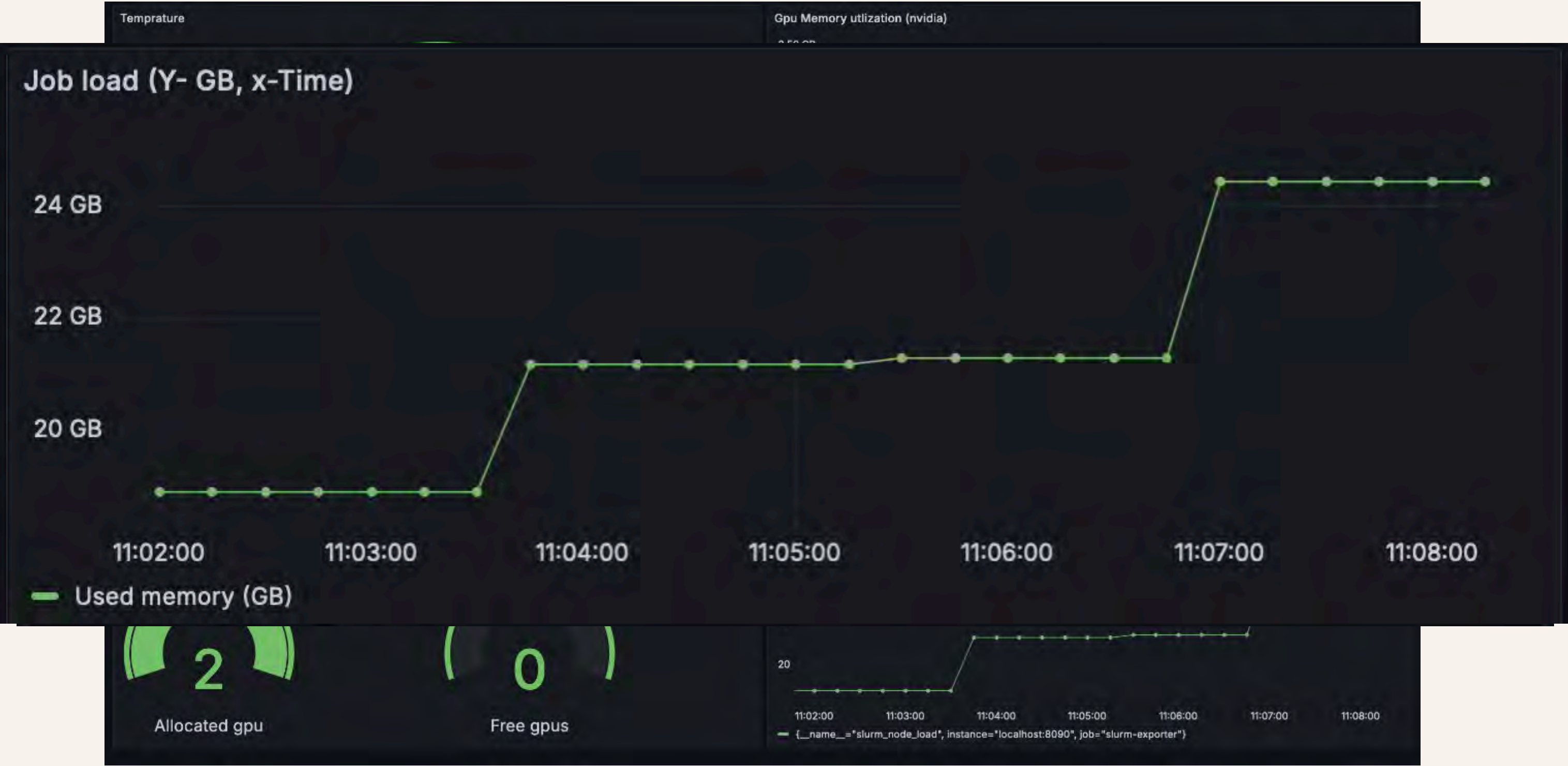
“Real time monitoring is something we desperately want”

~ Everyone on the support team



# Grafana

Shirley can monitor the resources her job is using



# Custom GPU Monitoring

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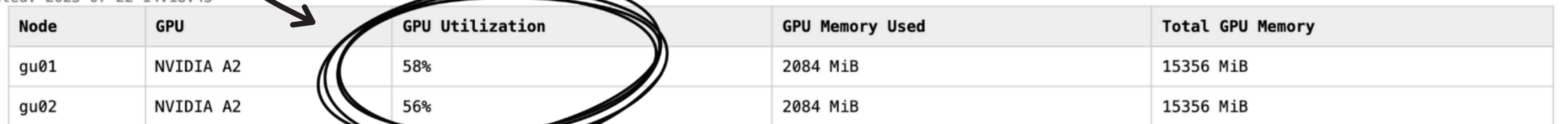
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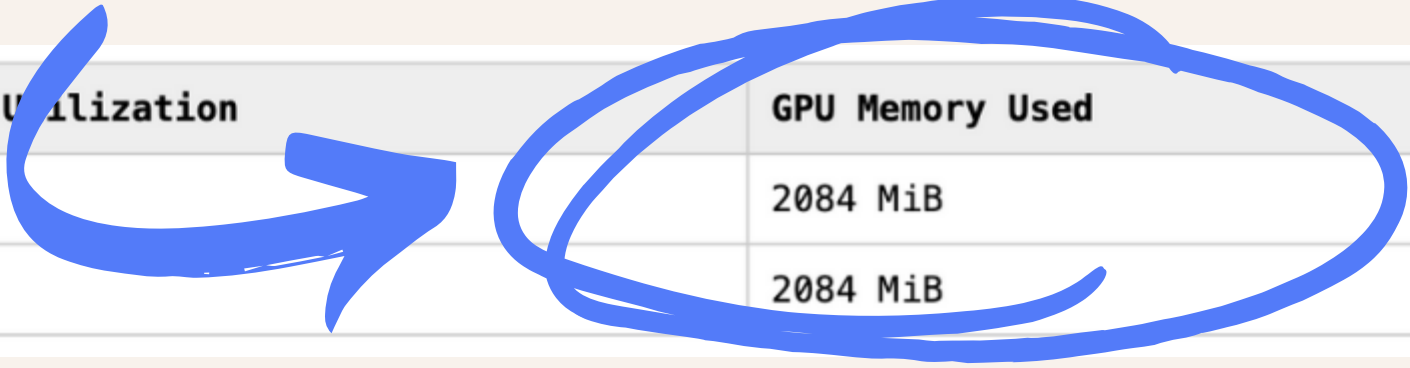
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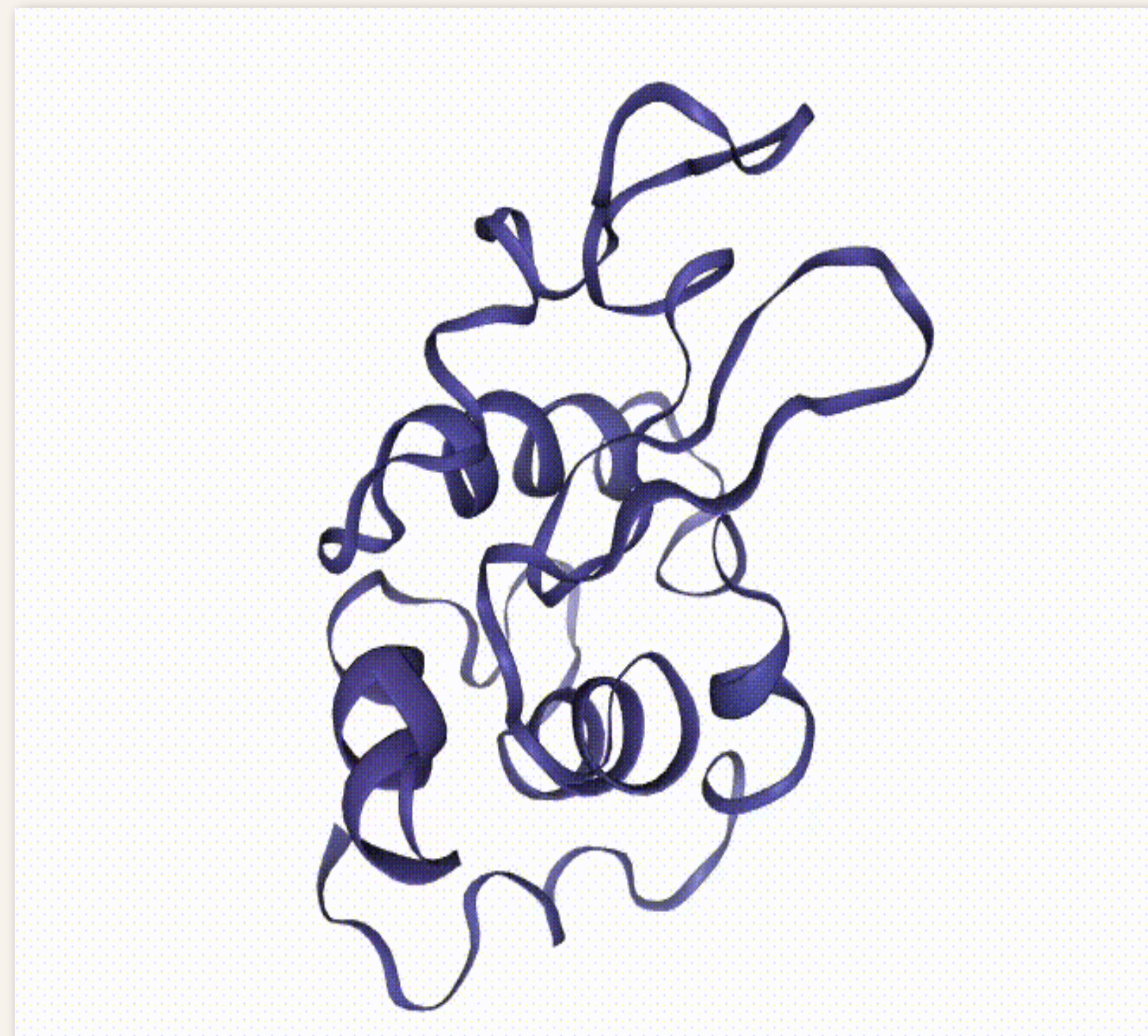
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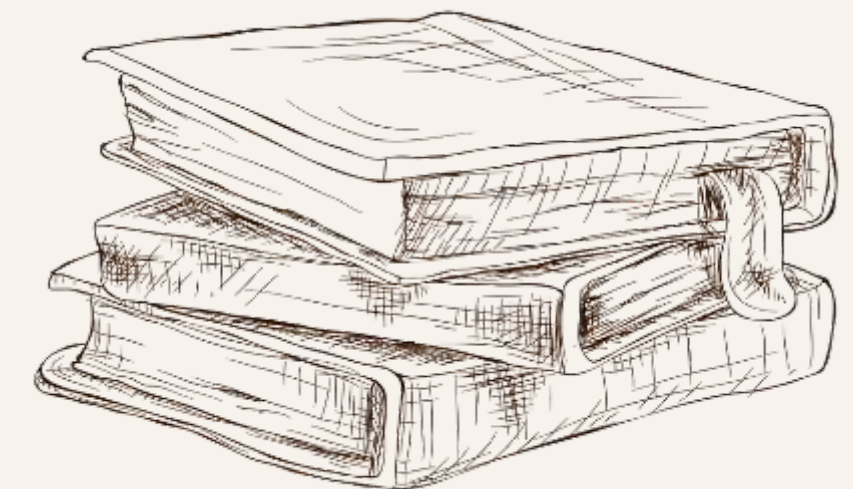
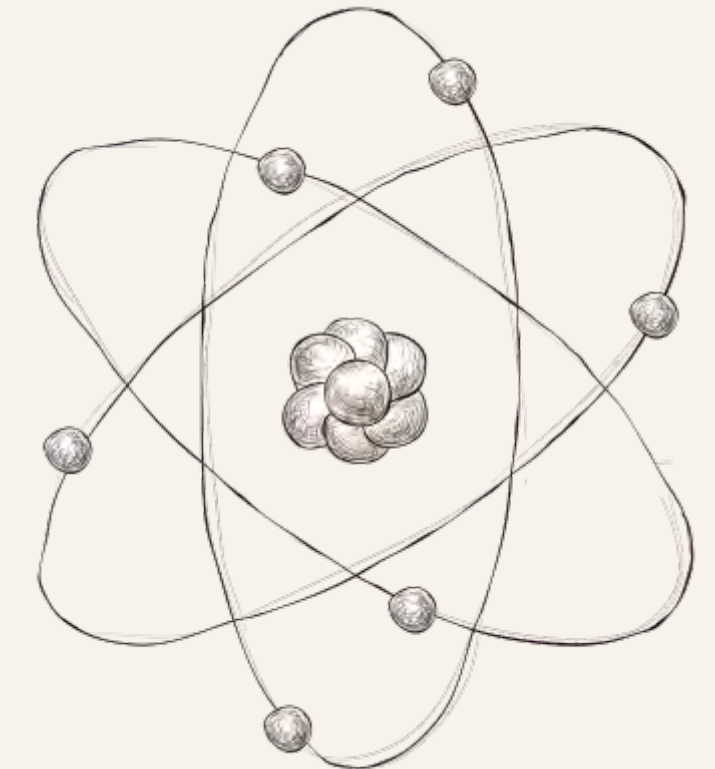
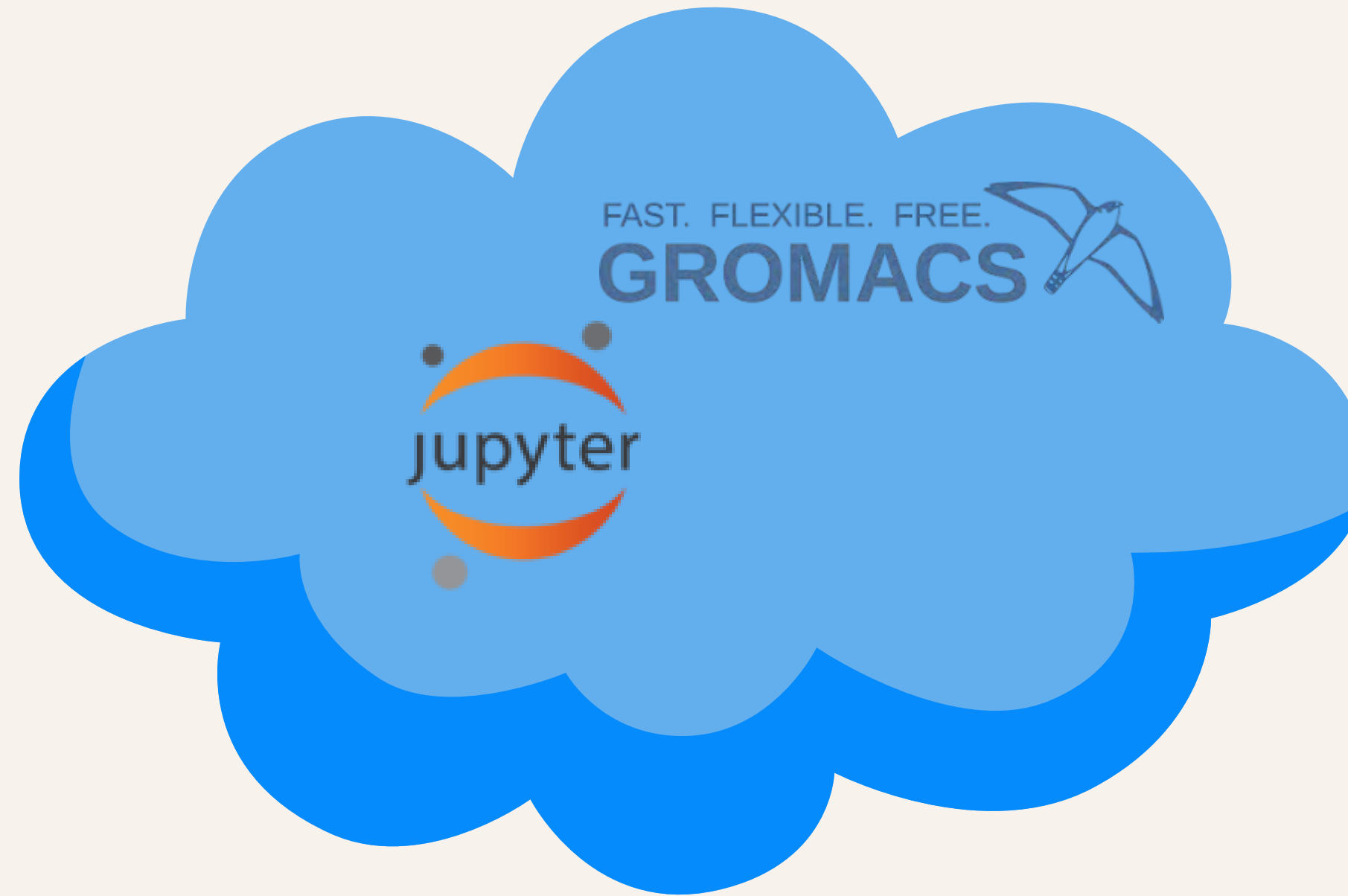
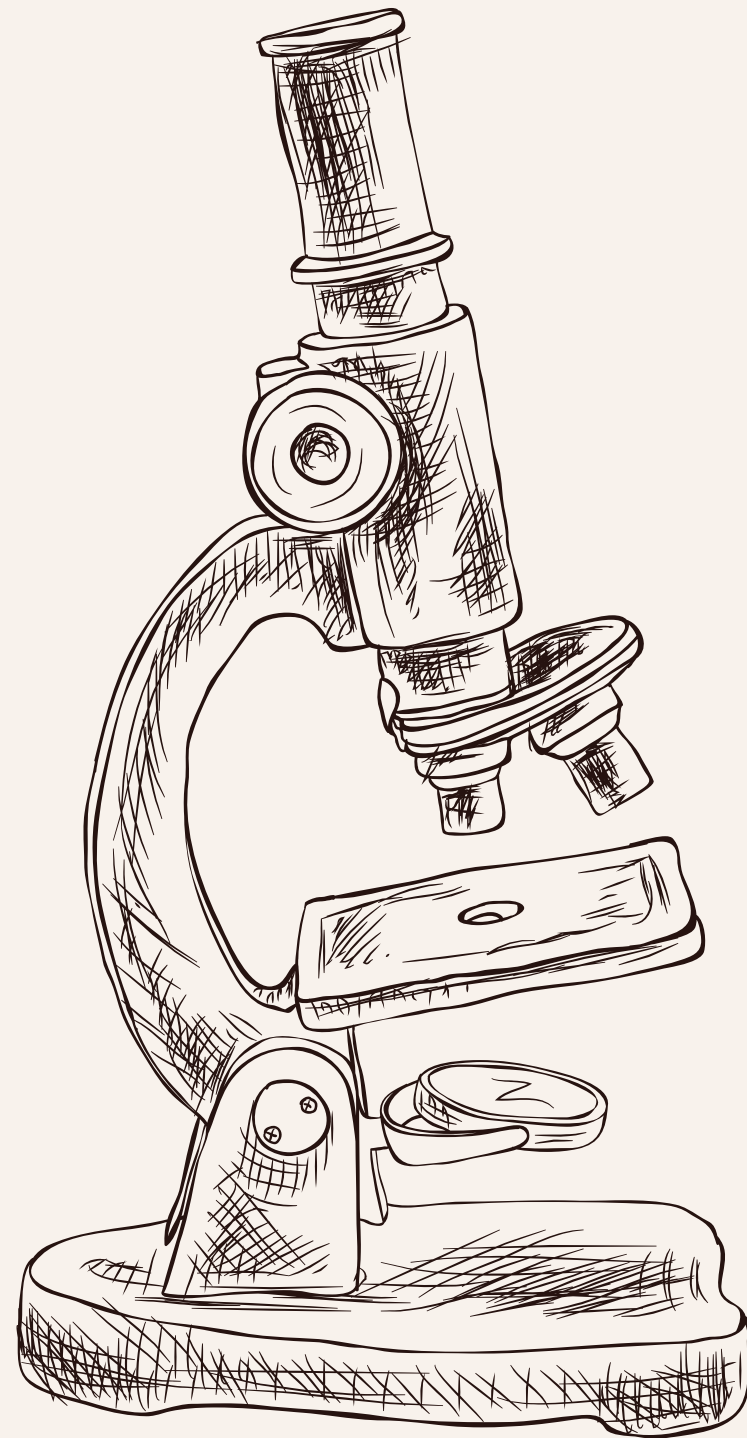
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# Post Processing

- Launch a **JupyterLab** through Open OnDemand
- **Visualize** results of your simulation.
- Our example uses **mdtraj** and **NGLView** for post processing



All Additional Applications are built in a



**Charliecloud Container**



**DEMO Time!**

# Conclusions



**01**

OOD allows for users to share pre-made workflows with other people on their team

**02**

Users are given easy access to running and evaluating scientific simulations

**03**

Eliminates the need for users to SSH into compute nodes, navigate file structures manually, and write complex job scripts - replacing 30+ commands with a convenient interface.

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# Questions?



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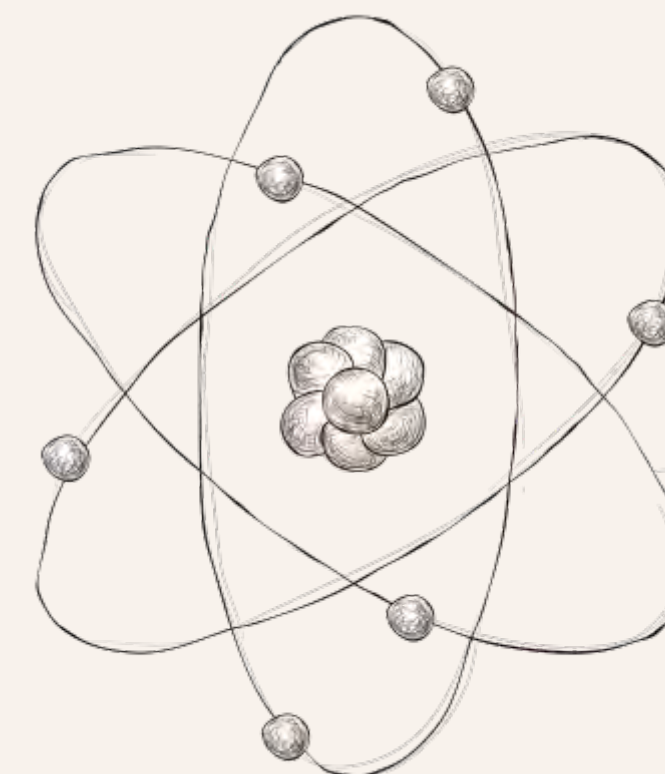
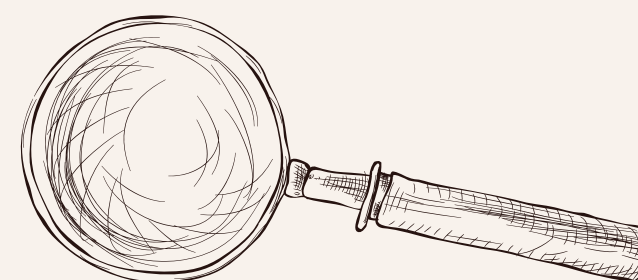
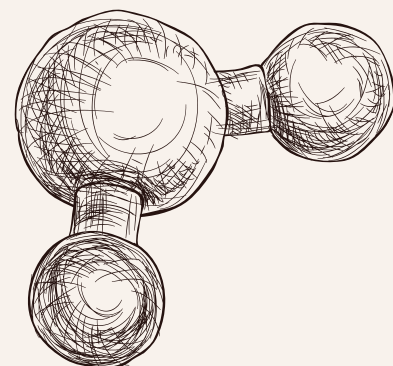
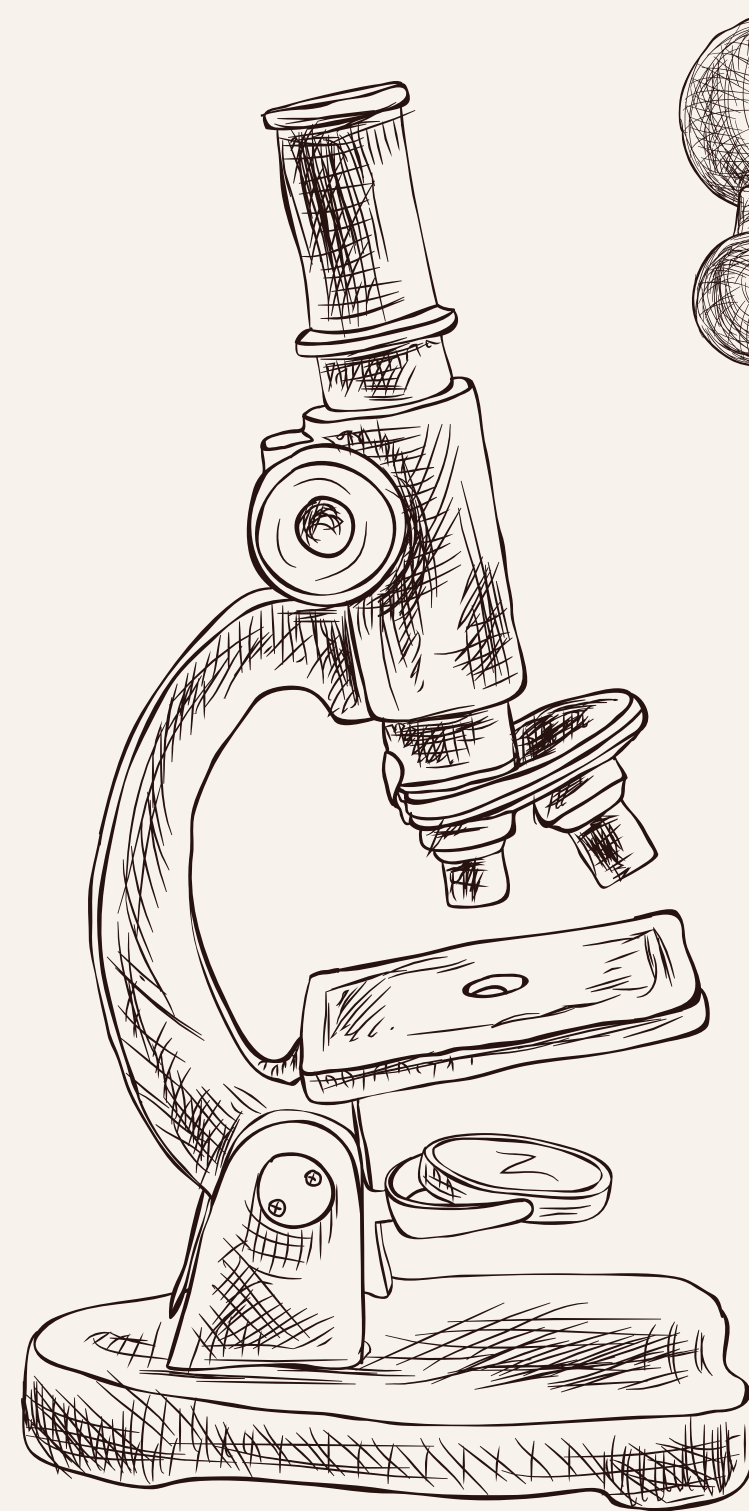


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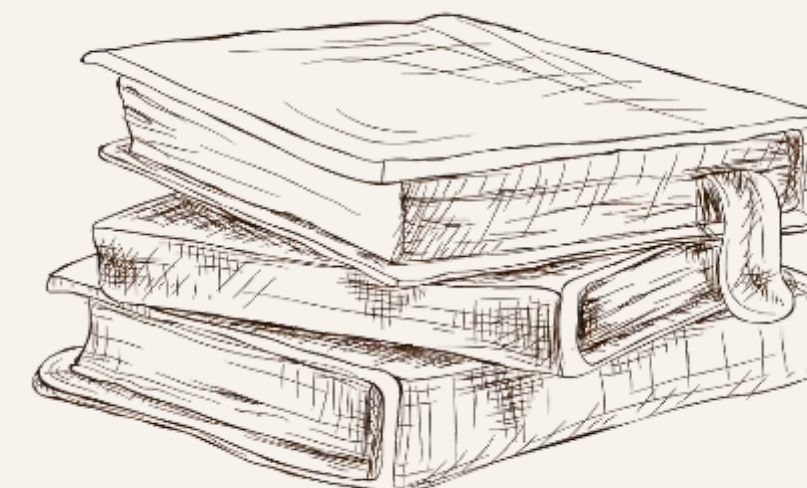
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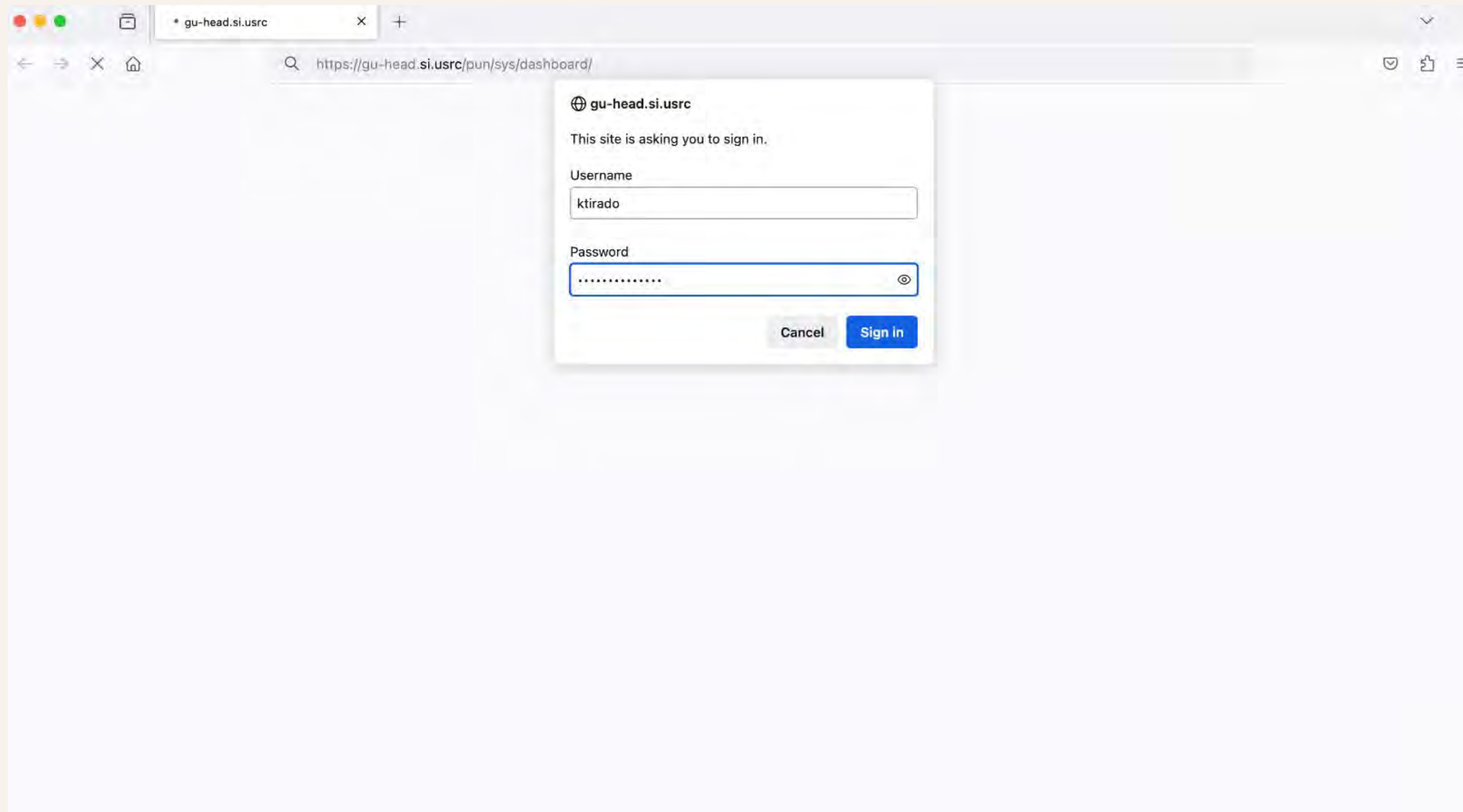


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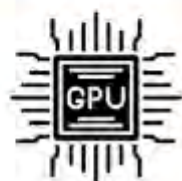
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**OPEN**

## nDemand

Welcome to Open OnDemand. This Instance has a custom app that allows users to run a GROMACS simulation and easily visualize the results through the integrated use of Jupyter Notebook. Simply add in your Slurm script and run your simulation! To view our test simulation run our provided script through the OpenComposer application. Our script runs the simulation in a Charliecloud container with two GPUs and visualizes the data in Jupyter Notebook through the use of NGLView.

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GPU Monitor  
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Usage



Open Composer  
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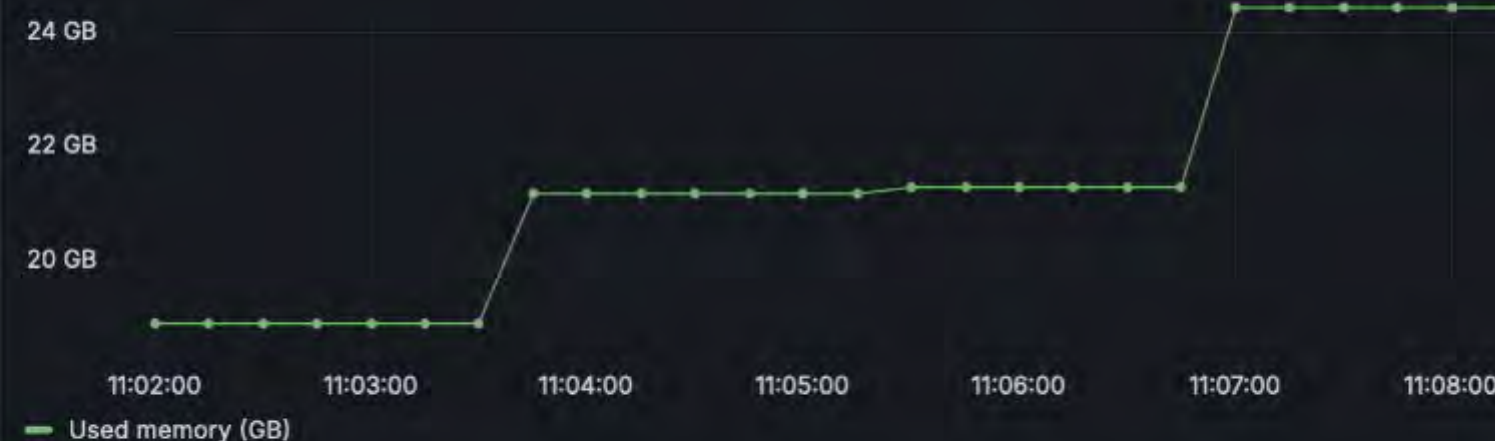
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Gpu Power Draw



Job load (Y- GB, x-Time)



Number of allocated vs free gpus



Allocated gpu



Free gpus

Total node loads reported by slurm





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 bc\_jupyterlab: Preset

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1 node | 1 core | Running

Host: >\_ gu01

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Notebook Python 3 (ipykernel)


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[1]: import nglview as nv
import mdtraj as md

[2]: #from simpletraj.trajectory import XtcTrajectory
import nglview as nv
import mdtraj as md # or use parmed

# Load structure for topology
#top = md.load("1AKI_clean.pdb") # can be PDB, PRMTOP+INPCRD, etc.

# Load trajectory directly with mdtraj
traj = md.load("run/md/md_0_1_ood.xtc", top="run/npt/npt.gro") # or .gro

# Visualize with nglview
view = nv.show_mdtraj(traj)
view
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