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The fight against COVID-19: Running Folding@Home simulations on ATLAS resources

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Following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the ATLAS experiment considered how it could most efficiently contribute using its distributed computing resources. After considering many suggestions, examining several potential projects and following the advice of the CERN COVID Task Force, it was decided to engage in the Folding@Home initiative, which provides payloads that perform protein folding simulations. This paper describes how ATLAS made a significant contribution to this project over the summer of 2020.

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