

Reproducible bioinformatics for everyone: Nextflow & nf-core

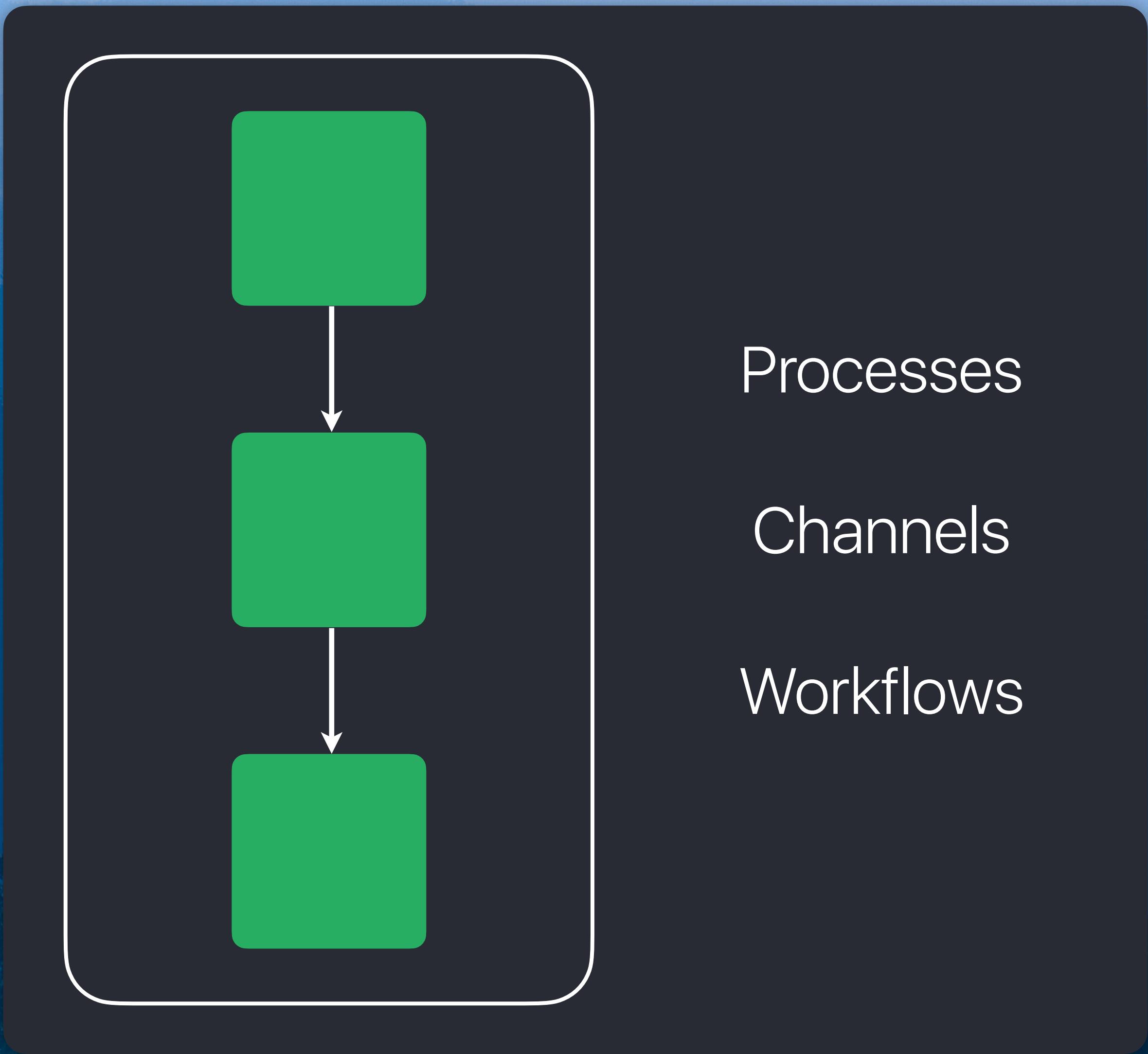
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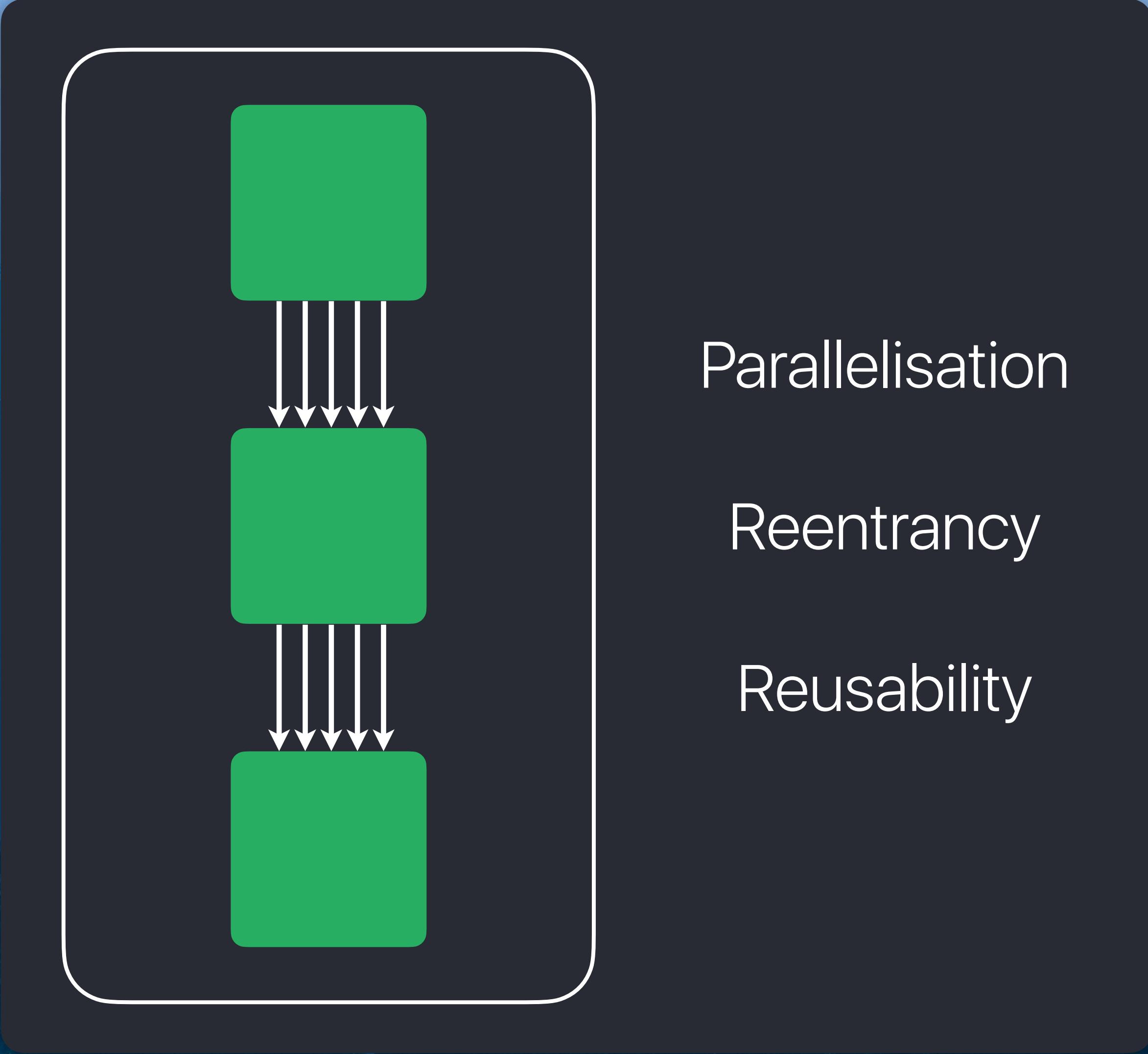
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process fastqc {
    input:
    path input

    output:
    path "*_fastqc.{zip,html}"

    script:
    """
    fastqc -q $input
    """
}

workflow {
    Channel.fromPath("*.fastq.gz") | fastqc
}
```

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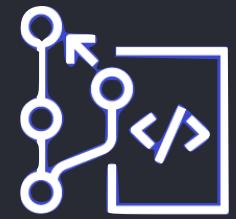
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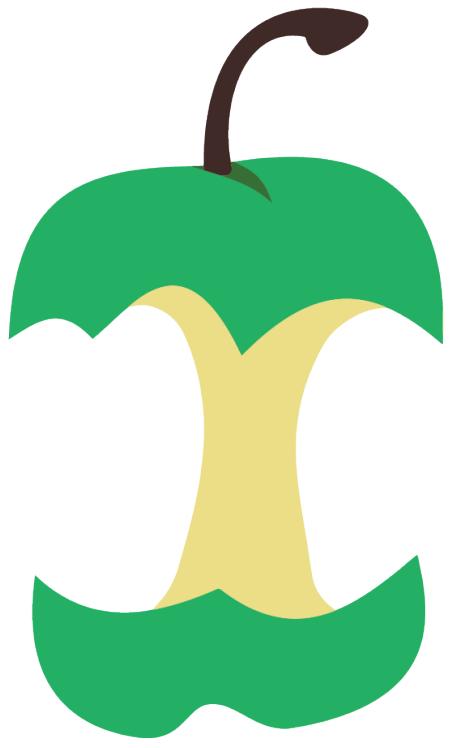


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Reproducible

Portable

nf-core 

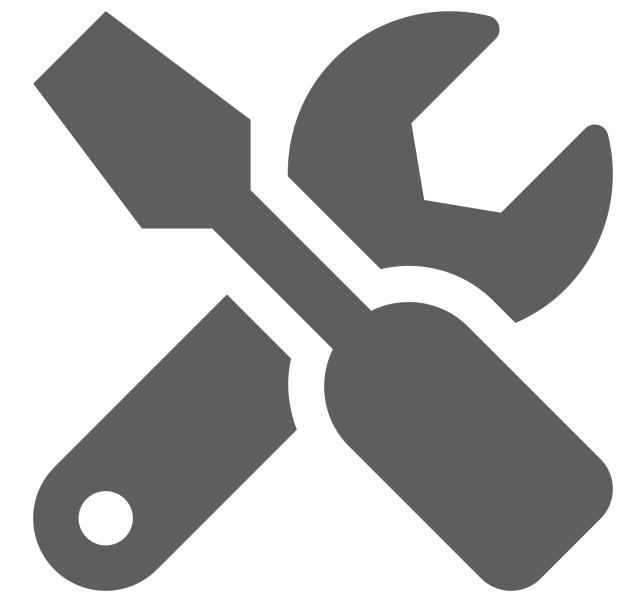


A community effort to collect a curated set
of analysis pipelines built using Nextflow.

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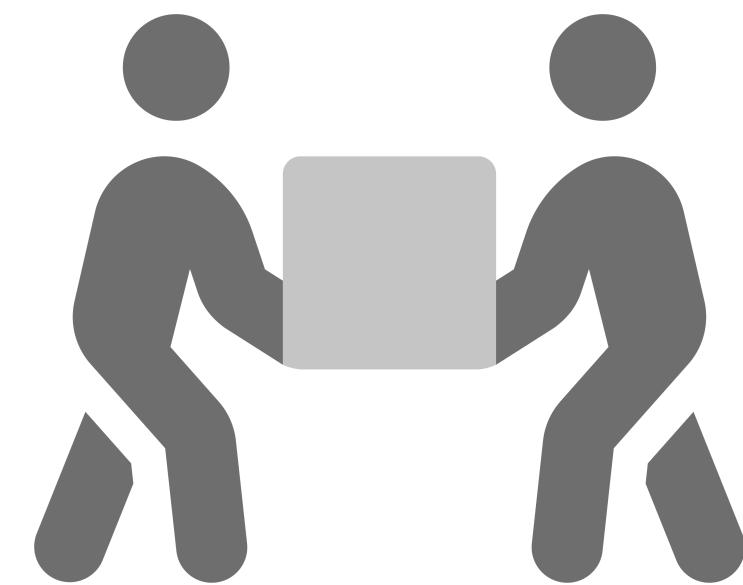
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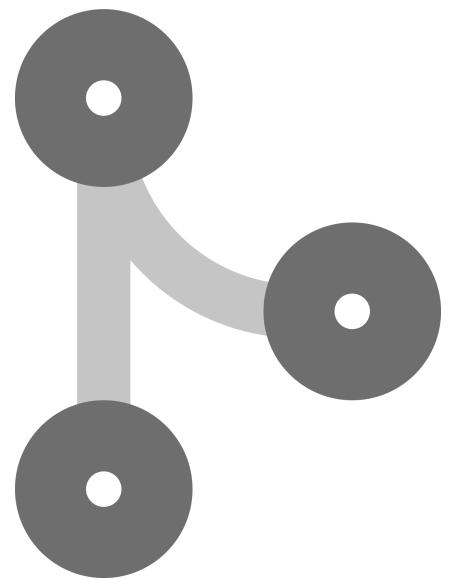
Pipelines



Develop with
the community



Use a common
template



Collaborate,
don't duplicate

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Available Pipelines

Can you think of another pipeline that would fit in well? [Let us know!](#)

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Coprolite host Identification pipeline

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Analysis pipeline to detect germline or somatic variants from WGS / targeted sequencing

Version 2.6.1

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SLAMSeq processing and analysis pipeline

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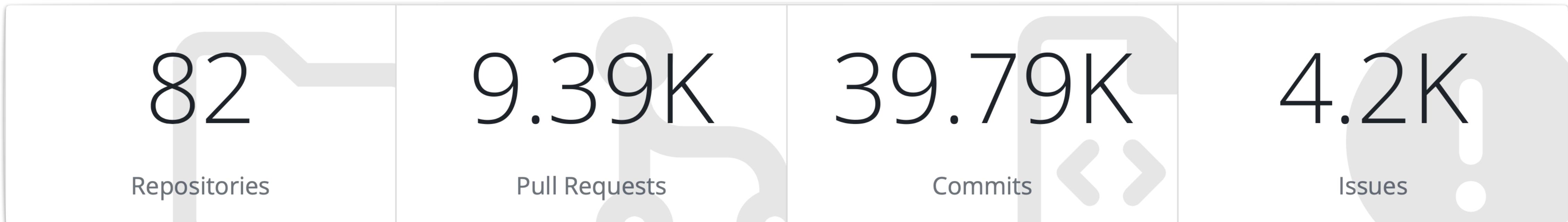
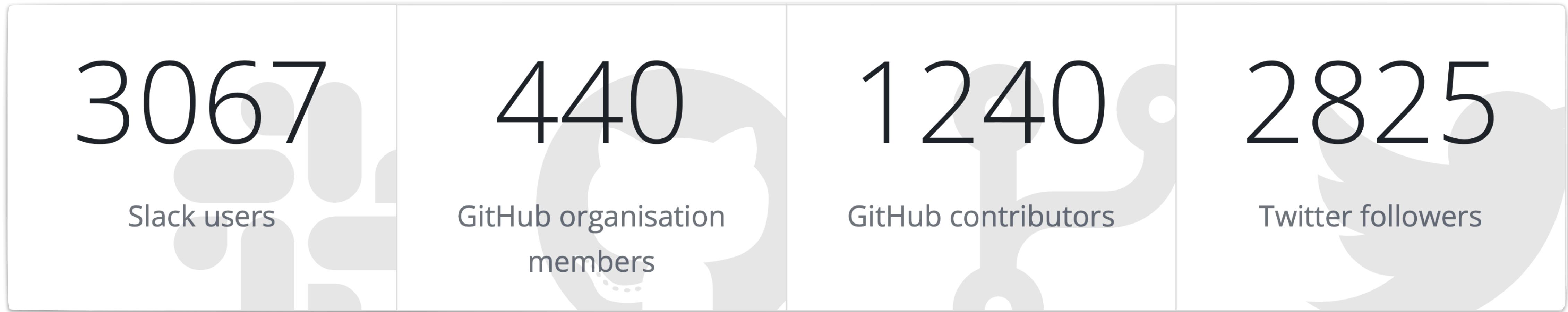
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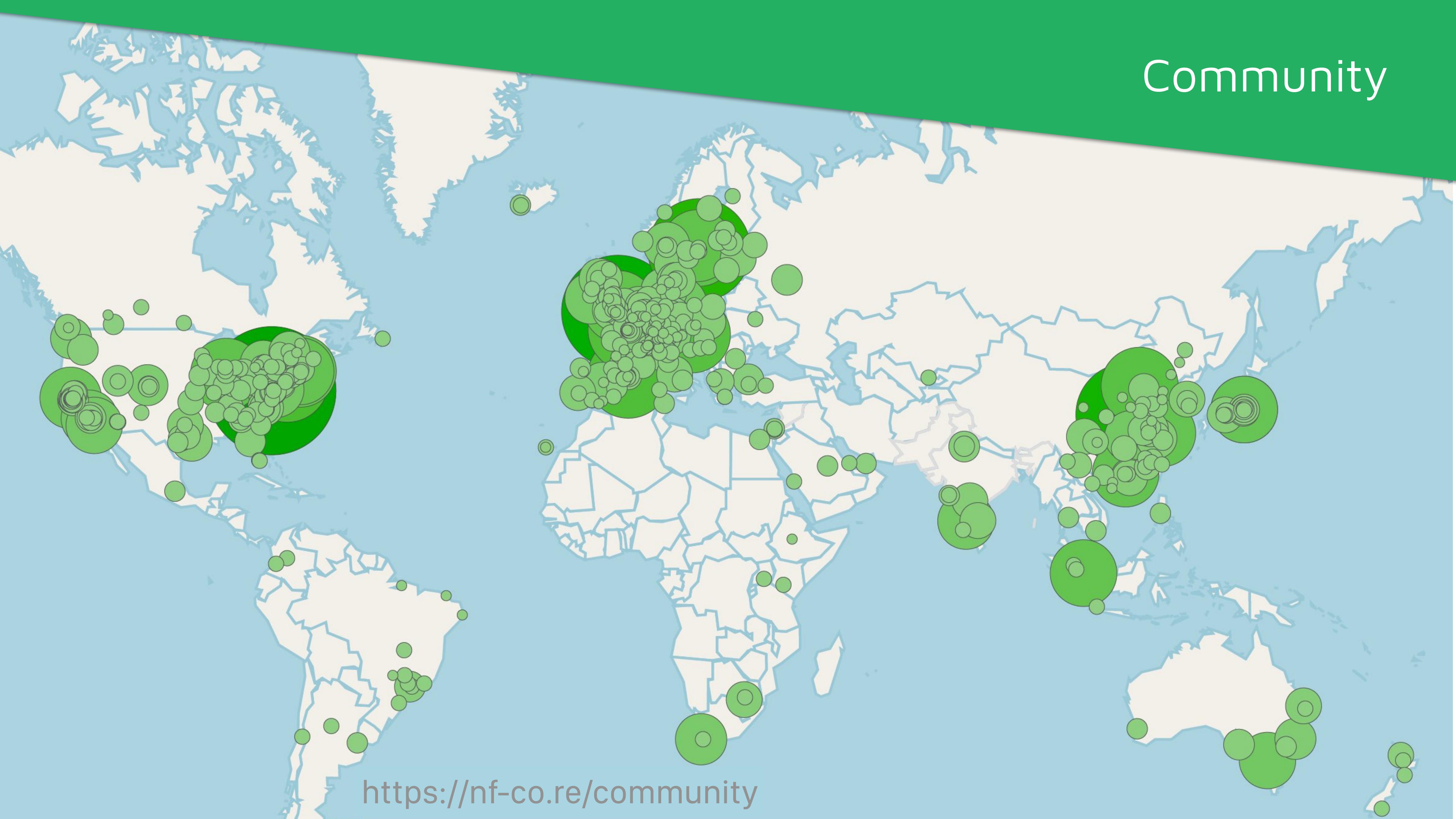
mass-spectrometry mhc peptides

Identify and quantify MHC eluted peptides from mass spectrometry raw

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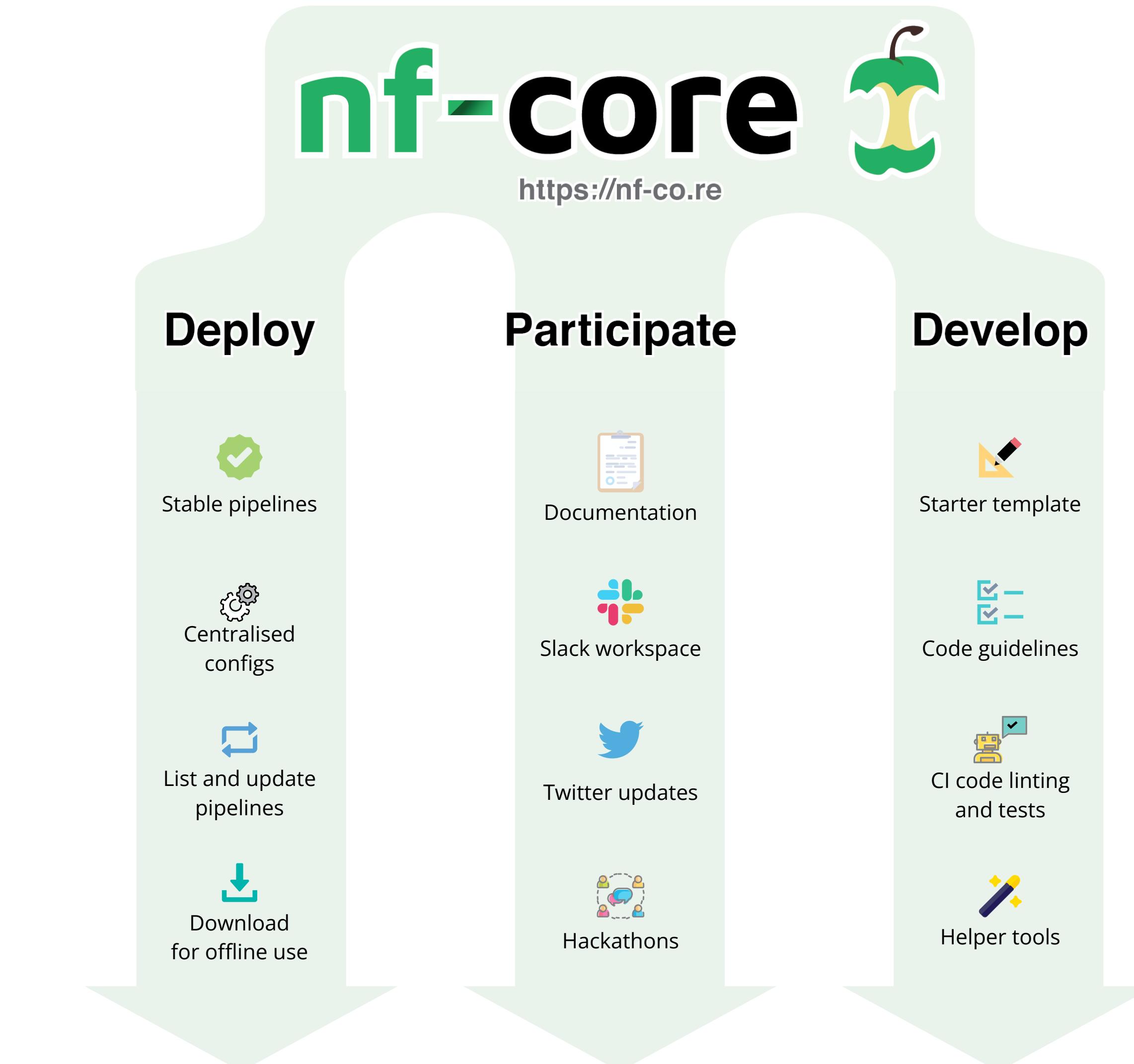
The nf-core framework for community-curated bioinformatics pipelines

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To the Editor — The standardization, portability and reproducibility of analysis pipelines are key issues within the bioinformatics community. Most bioinformatics pipelines are designed for use on-premises; as a result, the associated software dependencies and execution logic are likely to be tightly coupled with proprietary computing environments. This can make it difficult or even impossible for others to reproduce the ensuing results, which is a fundamental requirement for the validation of scientific findings. Here, we introduce the nf-core framework as a means for the development of collaborative, peer-reviewed, best-practice analysis pipelines (Fig. 1). All nf-core pipelines are written in Nextflow and so inherit the ability to be executed on most computational infrastructures, as well as having native support for container technologies such as Docker and Singularity. The nf-core community (Supplementary Fig. 1) has developed a suite of tools that automate pipeline creation, testing, deployment and synchronization. Our goal is to provide a framework for high-quality bioinformatics pipelines that can be used across all institutions and research facilities.



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Parameters

>_ Input/output options

Define where the pipeline should find input data and save output data.

`--input`

Path to comma-separated file containing information about the samples in the experiment.

`--outdir`

Path to the output directory where the results will be saved.

default: './results'

`--email`

Email address for completion summary.

`--multiqc_title`

MultiQC report title. Printed as page header, used for filename if not otherwise specified.

`--save_merged_fastq`

Save FastQ files after merging re-sequenced libraries in the results directory.

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|||| UMI options

Options for processing reads with unique molecular identifiers

Launch wizard

<https://nf-co.re/launch>

Read trimming options

`--save_trimmed` True False

Save the trimmed FastQ files in the results directory.

Alignment options

Options to adjust parameters and filtering criteria for read alignments.

Aligner `--aligner` star_salmon

Specifies the alignment algorithm to use - available options are 'star_salmon', 'star_rsem' and 'hisat2'.

Pseudo aligner `--pseudo_aligner` [Select an option]

Specifies the pseudo aligner to use - available options are 'salmon'. Runs in addition to '--aligner'.

BAM CSI index `--bam_csi_index` True False

Create a CSI index for BAM files instead of the traditional BAI index. This will be required for genomes with larger chromosome sizes.

STAR ignore sjdbgtf `--star_ignore_sjdbgtf` True False

When using pre-built STAR indices do not re-extract and use splice junctions from the GTF file.

Salmon quant libtype `--salmon_quant_libtype`

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Nextflow command-line flags

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```
nf-core launch --id 1637063024_d92e0f1632c2
```

```
nextflow run nf-core/rnaseq -params-file nf-params.json
```

Running in the cloud

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Google Cloud



Microsoft Azure

Running in the cloud

<https://github.com/nf-core/viralrecon>

The screenshot shows the GitHub Actions page for the repository `nf-core/viralrecon`. The page displays a summary of a recent workflow run, details about the workflow configuration, and a list of completed jobs.

Summary of the workflow run:

- Triggered via release 5 months ago
- Published by `drpatelh` (published 2.1)
- Status: Success
- Total duration: 2m 23s
- Artifacts: None

Completed jobs:

- Run AWS full tests (illumina)
- Run AWS full tests (nanopore)

awsfulltest.yml

on: release

Matrix: Run AWS full tests

2 jobs completed

Show all jobs

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→ command
`nextflow run nf-core/viralrecon`

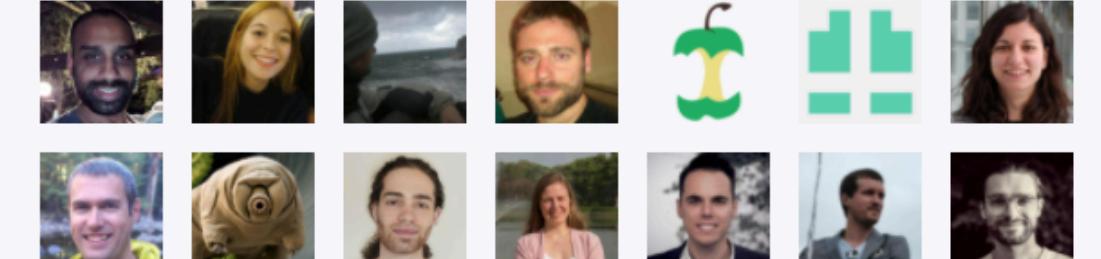
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1 month ago

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collaborators



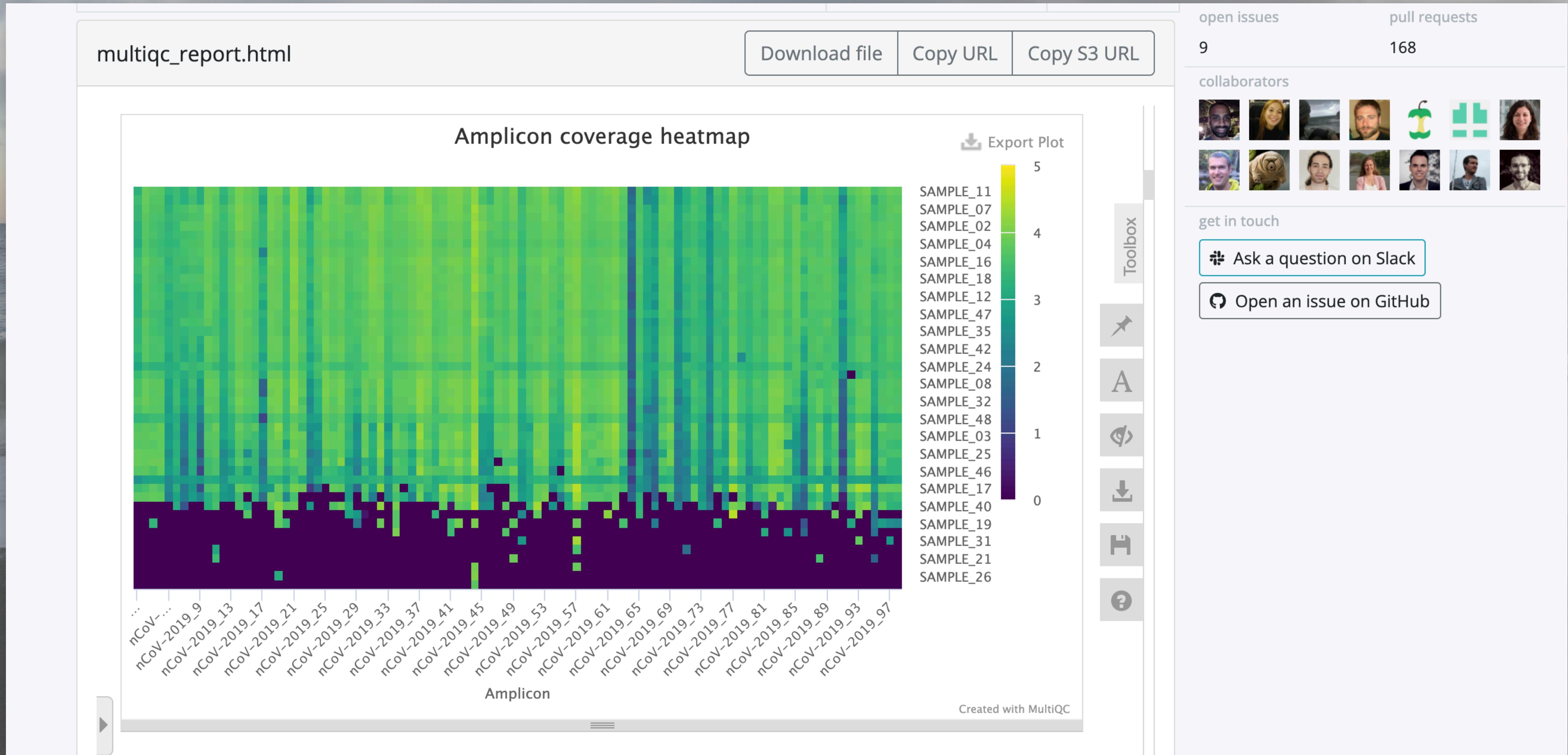
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[Ask a question on Slack](#)

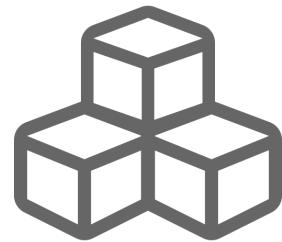
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Modular design gives clearer pipeline code



Proper unit testing of individual steps in each pipeline

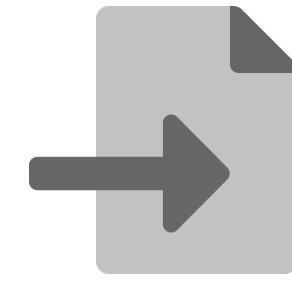


Different pipelines can reuse tool wrappers and software images

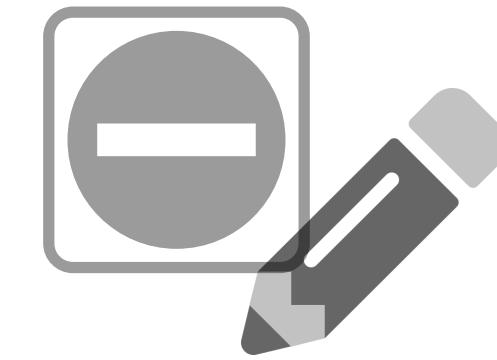


Library of tool wrappers makes building a new pipeline fast

nf-core/ modules



Copies module files in to pipeline



CI tests check that module files have not been edited



Metadata file tracks git hash of modules repo



Update command fetches latest versions

```
$ nf-core modules list
```

```
$ nf-core modules install fastqc
```

nf-core/ modules

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› nf-core modules install bwa/aln



nf-core/tools version 2.5.dev0 - <https://nf-co.re>

```
INFO    Installing 'bwa/aln'
INFO    Downloaded 2 files to ./modules/nf-core/modules/bwa/ln
INFO    Include statement: include { BWA_ALN } from '../modules/nf-core/modules/bwa/ln.
```

nf-core/ modules

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Module: bwa/aln

Location: ./modules/nf-core/modules/bwa/aln

🔧 Tools: bwa

📖 Description: Find SA coordinates of the input reads for bwa short-read mapping

Inputs	Description	Pattern
meta (map)	Groovy Map containing sample information e.g. [id:'test', single_end:false]	
reads (file)	List of input FastQ files of size 1 and 2 for single-end and paired-end data, respectively.	
index (file)	BWA genome index files	Directory containing BWA index *.{amb,ann,bwt,pac,sa}

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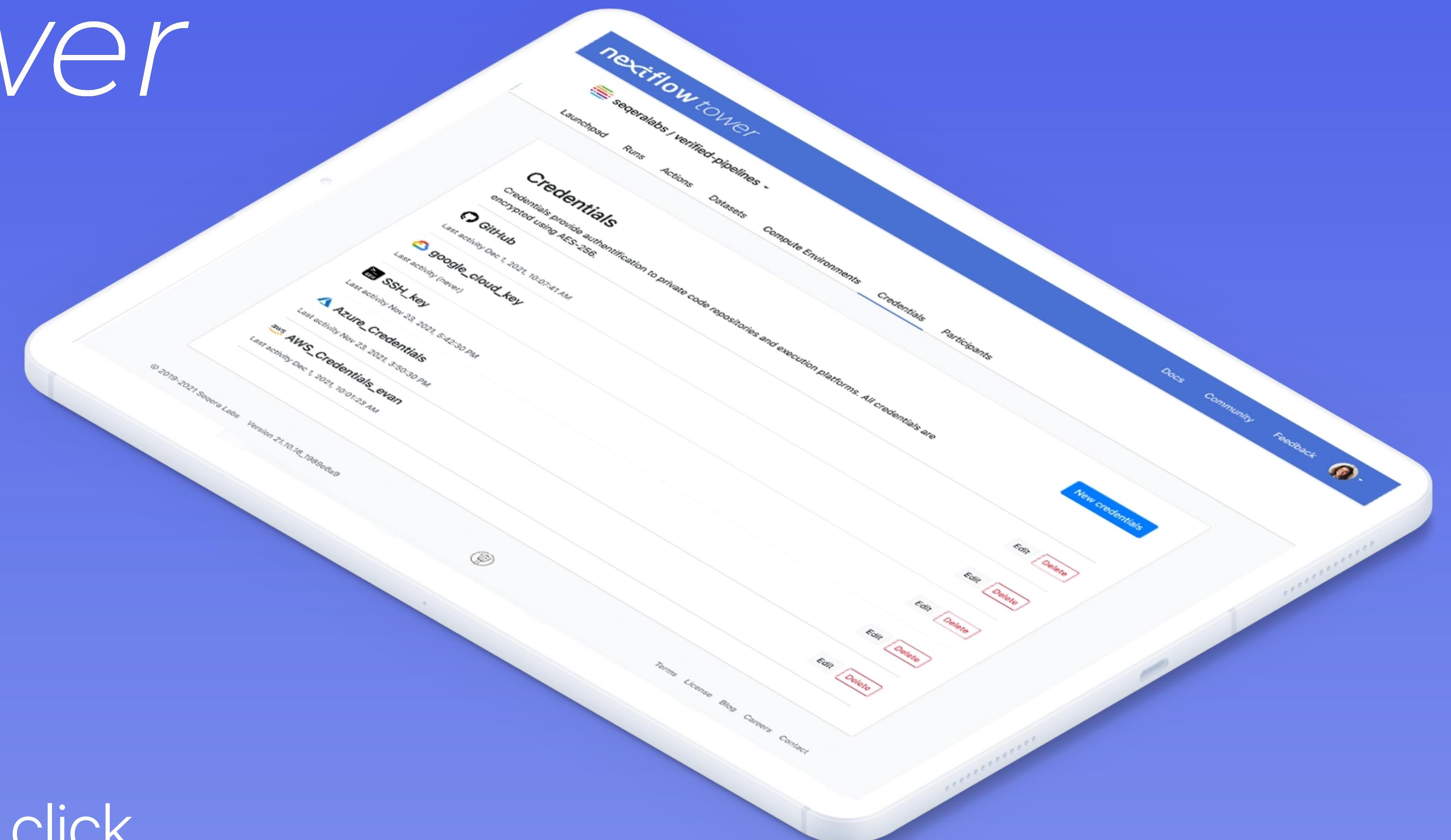
nextflow tower

Intuitive launchpad interface

Launch, manage, and monitor

Share runs and work in teams

Create cloud infrastructure with a click



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