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**INC1609499 - Update - Help with BEAR compute**

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BIRMINGHAM** | IT SERVICES**Reference Number:** [INC1609499](#)**Short Description:** Help with BEAR compute

Dear Anubrata,

There's been an update to your call. Here's what's been added:

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**18-06-2025 16:38:36 BST - Chris Greasley (Advanced Research Computing)**

User Notes

At some point in the pipeline, Matplotlib should be told how to cache files. How is this being configured at present?

I don't know what your config file looks like, but you could workaround this issue with the pipeline and expose your home directory in the nexflow config file:

Something like:

```
apptainer {  
  runOptions = "-B ${HOME}"  
}
```

Or if you wanted to leave your home directory from being exposed, you could define a new location for the matplotlib cache and bind that in the nexflow config. (This would need to already exist on your host system)

e.g.

```
env {  
  MPLCONFIGDIR = "${PWD}/.apptainer_cache/matplotlib"  
}
```

```
apptainer {  
  runOptions = "-B ${PWD}/.apptainer_cache"  
}
```

If you want to see a default config for working on BlueBEAR, have a look at <https://github.com/nf-core/configs/blob/master/conf/bluebear.config>.

Best regards,  
chris

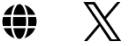
**Attachments** (requires login):[matplotlib\\_directory.png](#)

# Thank You

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