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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Bioinformatics workflow engineer with 8+ years building reproducible genomic analysis pipelines. Proficient in Nextflow (DSL2) with a focus on debugging, module composition, and automation. Experienced with containerisation and GitLab CI/CD in ISO-aligned quality settings. Built the `wf-pgx` research workflow from a template to a usable pipeline (available upon request).

I use Nextflow as the backbone of bioinformatics automation, supported by Python and R for analysis and glue. I also prototype LLM-assisted helpers to streamline text-heavy tasks when appropriate.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- **Nextflow Automation:** DSL2, nf-core patterns, schema-driven parameters, channel design, and debugging.
 - **Reproducible Environments:** Docker/OCI, Singularity/Apptainer.
 - **Collaboration & Traceability:** GitLab merge requests, code review, changelog management; JIRA ticketing linked to MRs.
 - **CI/CD & Verification:** GitLab CI/CD, smoke tests, automated documentation.
 - **HPC & Cloud:** Slurm; working familiarity with AWS (S3, EC2 basics).
 - **Analysis & Glue:** Python (pandas, NumPy), R (tidyverse, Shiny), Bash; Rust/PHP (familiar).
 - **Reporting:** Coverage metrics (mosdepth), VCF stats, HTML report generation.
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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Oxford Nanopore Technologies — Bioinformatician

Oxford, UK • Nov 2023 – Present

- Built and maintained Nextflow pipelines for targeted sequencing (schema-driven parameters, containerised modules, CI smoke tests).
- Assembled and evolved the `wf-pgx` research workflow from a barebones template to a usable pipeline (available upon request); added representative datasets and automated documentation.
- Supported biopharma workflows aimed toward regulatory compliance (team efforts): `wf-vax-qc`, `wf-plasmid-qc`, and `wf-installation-qualification`.
- Delivered Python utilities for variant calling/analysis across human, cattle, and bacterial datasets; integrated into pipelines and CI.
- Collaboration & quality: GitLab CI/CD; JIRA ↔ MR traceability; code reviews. Speaking: active in bioinformatics tools journal club (3 sessions/year).

Winter Genomics — Bioinformatics Intern

Mexico City, Mexico • Aug 2013 – Nov 2015

- Performed microarray-based expression profiling and genotyping; automated common analyses and QC.
- Designed a MySQL-backed variant database with a web interface to support collaborators' queries and curation.
- Built internal R scripts and contributed to pipeline automation for host–pathogen studies.

Wellcome Sanger Institute & University of Cambridge — Doctoral Researcher

Cambridge, UK • 2020 – 2023

- Developed workflows to analyse large biological datasets (genomes and metagenomes).
- Performed bioinformatic analyses of genomes and metagenomes.
- Gave invited and contributed talks to a variety of audiences.
- Provided guidance and training to students.

SELECTED PROJECTS

- **wf-pgx Evolution (ONT)**: Designed and now maintain flagship pharmaco-genomics workflow; added automated container builds, regression suites, and robust documentation pipeline.
- **Verification Workflow Suite**: Reusable Nextflow modules for coverage reporting, variant metrics, and report diffs to validate releases across datasets.
- **Biopharma QC Workflows (team support)**: Contributed to workflows aimed toward regulatory compliance: `wf-vax-qc`, `wf-plasmid-qc`, and `wf-installation-qualification`.
- **Chromosome-scale Genome Annotation (MSc)**: Nextflow workflow to annotate multi-megabase animal genomes; integrated gene prediction, repeat masking, and evidence-driven refinement for mid-scale HPC.
- **Assembly Completeness Assessment (PhD)**: Automated pipeline to assess completeness of newly assembled multi-megabase animal genomes using orthology- and k-mer-based metrics.
- **GEO Differential Expression Automation (BSc thesis)**: Automated microarray-based differential expression across dozens of GEO experiments using GNU Make; downloaded datasets and Brainarray annotations, inferred experimental designs, executed group-vs-group contrasts, and summarised results in a single table.
- **Regulatory Gene Visualisation (BSc training)**: Automated gene visualisation for a gene regulation website using PHP and available regulatory annotations.
- **AI-assisted Preference Matching (personal R&D)**: Prototyped LLM-assisted workflows to match user preferences against free-text (e.g., adverts) to reduce manual screening.

Context and outcomes (selected):

- wf-pgx: improved clarity via schema-driven params and docs automation; easier review for research users (available on request).
- Biopharma QC: supported team delivery of QC workflows aligned with regulatory expectations; clearer installation/qualification steps.
- Verification Suite: standardised release checks and metrics diffs; faster validation cycles.
- AI matching: accelerated manual screening tasks using LLM-assisted triage and ranking prototypes.

PUBLICATIONS (SELECTED)

- Stevens, L., *et al.* (2024). *The genome of Litomosoides sigmodontis illuminates the origins of Y chromosomes in filarial nematodes*. PLoS Genetics, 20(1), e1011116.
- Stevens, L., Martínez-Ugalde, I., *et al.* (2023). *Ancient diversity in host-parasite interaction genes in a model parasitic nematode*. Nature Communications, 14(1), 7776.
- Gonzalez de la Rosa, P. M., *et al.* (2021). *A telomere-to-telomere assembly of Oscheius tipulae and the evolution of rhabditid nematode chromosomes*. G3, 11(1), jkaa020.

Full list of publications: https://scholar.google.de/citations?hl=en&user=fzwjLYIAAAAJ&view_op=list_works&sortby=pubdate

EDUCATION

- **PhD Evolutionary Biology**, University of Cambridge & Wellcome Sanger Institute (2020 – 2023)

Chromosome evolution and programmed DNA elimination in Rhabditina nematodes.

- Developed an automated pipeline to assess completeness of newly assembled multi-megabase animal genomes (orthology/k-mer metrics, reproducible runs).
- **MSc Integrative Biology**, LANGEBIO-CINVESTAV, Mexico (2016 – 2018)

Host-specific gene expression in monarch butterflies.

- Built a Nextflow workflow to annotate multi-megabase animal genomes (repeat/structural annotation, evidence integration, HPC scheduling).
 - **BSc Genomic Sciences**, Center for Genomic Sciences, UNAM, Mexico (2011 – 2015)
 - Thesis: Automated GEO differential expression pipeline with GNU Make (data/annotation retrieval, design inference, batch contrasts, unified summary table).
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TECHNICAL TOOLKIT

- **Languages:** Python (advanced), R (advanced), Bash (proficient), SQL (proficient); Rust/PHP (familiar)
 - **Workflow Tools:** Nextflow DSL2 (nf-core patterns), schema-driven parameters; containers with Docker/Singularity
 - **CI/CD & Quality:** GitLab CI/CD, smoke tests, docs automation; JIRA for planning and MR traceability; ISO-aligned quality familiarity
 - **HPC & Cloud:** Slurm; AWS familiarity (S3, EC2 basics)
 - **AI/LLM Prototyping:** Prompting and LLM-assisted extraction for text triage (early-stage prototypes)
 - **Reporting:** matplotlib, Plotly, Shiny, custom HTML reports
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY

- Nextflow Summit attendee; contributor to nf-core discussions and module reviews.
 - Internal trainer for reproducible workflow practices and code review standards.
 - Active in cross-functional initiatives linking wet-lab requirements with informatics pipelines.
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REFERENCES

Available upon request.