

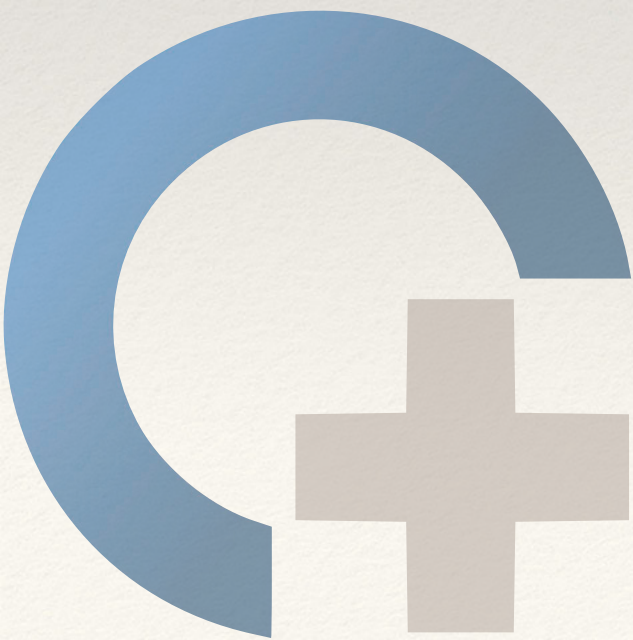
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Nextflow – pipelines

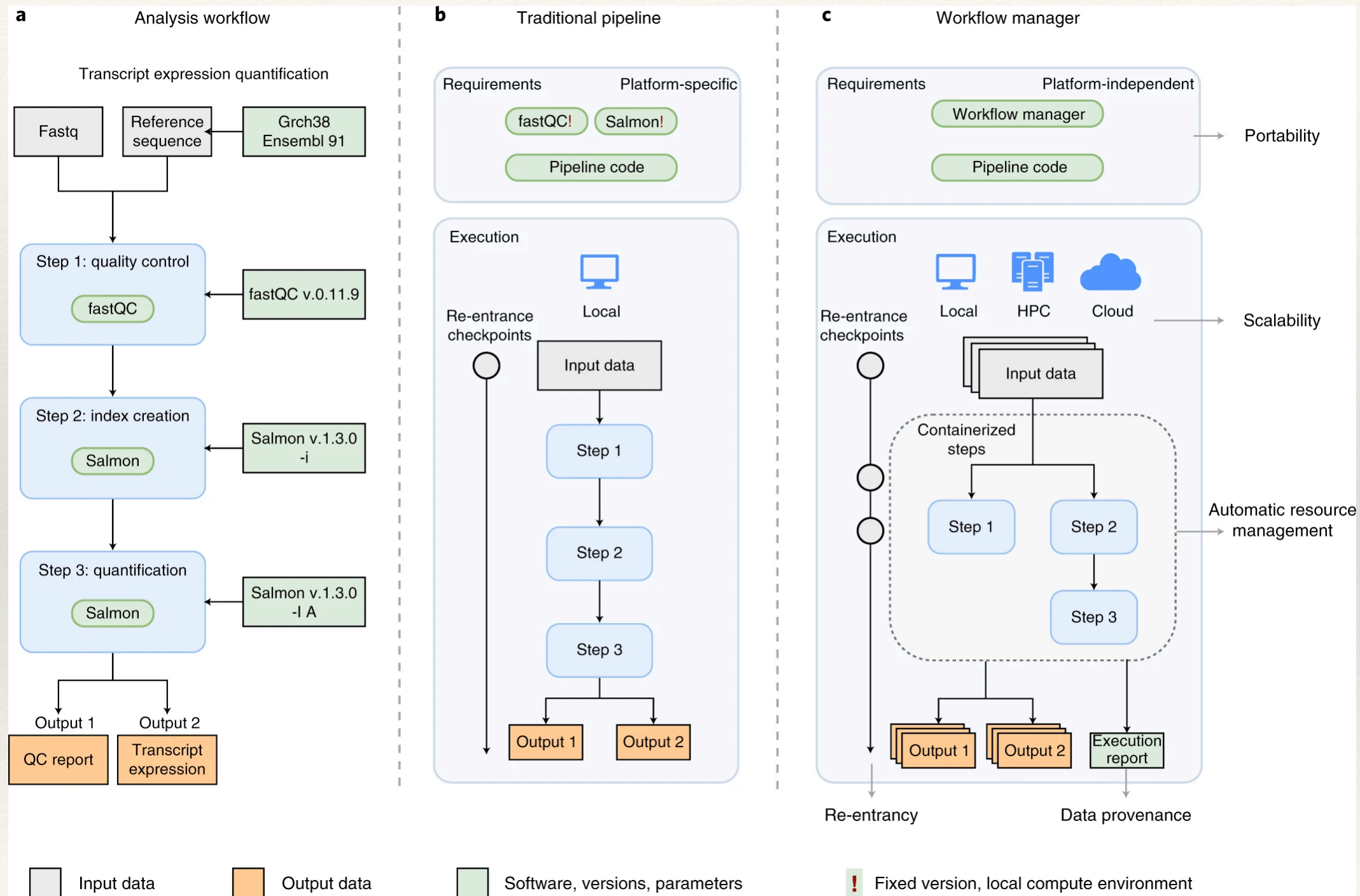
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Bioinformatics workflow managers



Requirements

- ❖ Data provenance
- ❖ Portability
- ❖ Scalability
- ❖ Re-entrancy

Requirements

- ❖ Graphical workflow managers: point-and-click pipeline development
- ❖ Domain-specific language workflow managers (DSL): rapid and flexible development
- ❖ Programming-library-based workflow managers
- ❖ Workflow specifications: portability across workflow systems
- ❖ Ready-to-use pipelines provide easy access to complex workflows

Bioinformatics workflow managers

Table 1 Overview of workflow managers for bioinformatics (top, editable version; bottom, image version)

From: [Reproducible, scalable, and shareable analysis pipelines with bioinformatics workflow managers](#)

Tool	Class	Ease of use ^a	Expressiveness ^b	Portability ^c	Scalability ^d	Learning resources ^e	Pipeline initiatives ^f
Galaxy	Graphical	●●●	●○○	●●●	●●●	●●●	●●○
KNIME	Graphical	●●●	●○○	○○○	●●●	●●●	●●○
Nextflow	DSL	●●○	●●●	●●●	●●●	●●●	●●●
Snakemake	DSL	●●○	●●●	●●●	●●●	●●○	●●●
GenPipes	DSL	●●○	●●●	●●○	●●○	●●○	●●○
bPipe	DSL	●●○	●●●	●●○	●●●	●●○	●○○
Pachyderm	DSL	●●○	●●●	●○○	●●○	●●●	○○○
SciPipe	Library	●●○	●●●	○○○	○○○	●●○	○○○
Luigi	Library	●●○	●●●	●○○	●●●	●●○	○○○

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Table 2 Overview of bioinformatics pipeline projects

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Pipeline initiative	Tool	Curated ^a	Community ^b	Citable ^c	Pipelines ^d
nf-core	Nextflow	✓	✓	✓	27
snakePipes	Snakemake	✓	×	✓	9
Snakemake-Workflows	Snakemake	✓	✓	✓	7
GenPipes	GenPipes	✓	×	✓	12
Galaxy Community	Galaxy	×	✓	×	>1,000
BioWDL	WDL	✓	×	✓	17
WARP	WDL	✓	×	×	8
KNIME Hub	KNIME	×	✓	×	>1,000

Nextflow



<https://www.nextflow.io/>

- ❖ Built for bioinformatics
- ❖ Uses “processes”, “channels” and “workflows”
- ❖ Written in Groovy
- ❖ Out of the box support
 - ❖ for several coding repositories
 - ❖ containers
 - ❖ Execution environments

Parallelisation
Reentrancy
Reusability

```
process sayHello {
  input:
  val cheers
  output:
  stdout

  """
  echo $cheers
  """
}

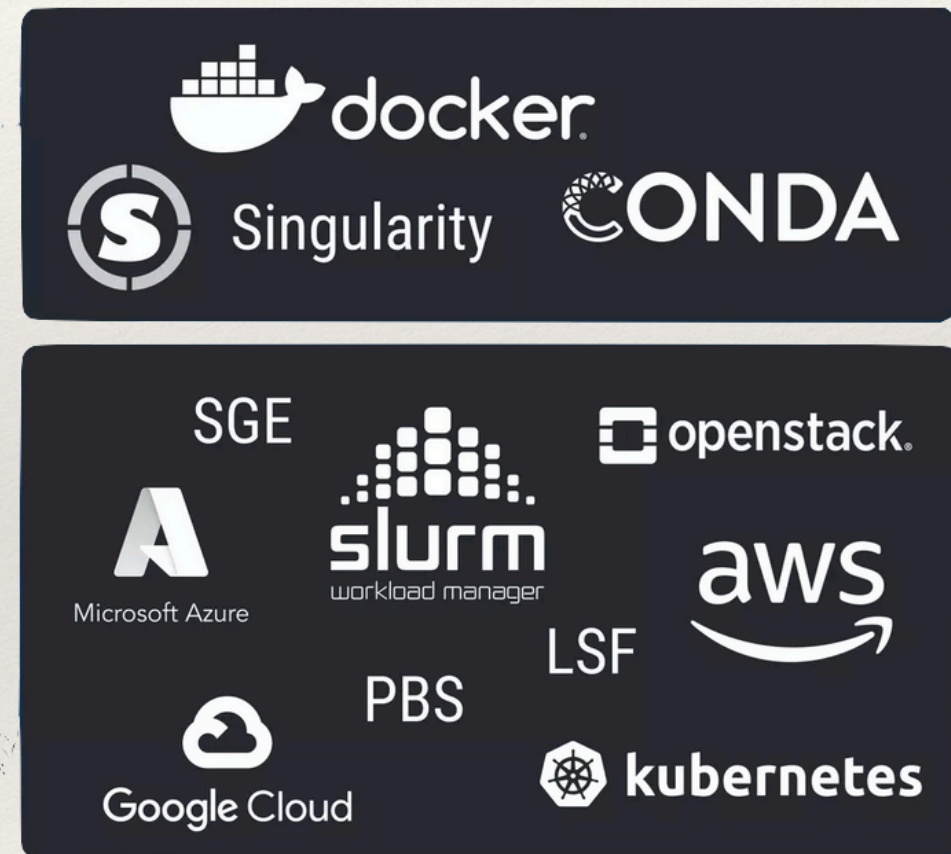
workflow {
  channel.of('Ciao','Hello','Hola') | sayHello | view
}
```


Nextflow

Language



Software



Compute

Quick hands-on

```
cd  
cd in-biosx000  
mkdir nextflow  
cd nextflow
```

```
rsync -rauPW /projects/ec34/in-biosx000/nextflow .
```

```
module load Nextflow/24.04.2
```

```
cat main.nf
```

```
nextflow run main.nf
```

```
singularity pull fastqc_v1.sif docker://arvindsundaram/fastqc:v1
```

```
nextflow run main.nf -with-apptainer fastqc_v1.sif
```


Nextflow community

nf-core



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



For facilities

Highly optimised pipelines with excellent reporting. Validated releases ensure reproducibility.



For users

Portable, documented and easy to use workflows. Pipelines that you can trust.



For developers

Companion templates and tools help to validate your code and simplify common tasks.

Released **68**

Under development **35**

Archived **13**

nf-core

Documentation

Extensive documentation covering installation, usage and description of output files ensures that you won't be left in the dark.



Stable Releases

nf-core pipelines use GitHub releases to tag stable versions of the code and software. Pipelines are exceptionally well tested and easy to run.



Open source

All nf-core code is licensed under the MIT license and is available on GitHub. Pipelines can be used, modified, and forked - by anyone.



CI Testing

Every time a change is made to the pipeline code, nf-core pipelines use continuous-integration testing to ensure that nothing has broken.



Run anywhere

Pipelines are ultra-portable and run on most laptops, HPCs and clouds. Tests run on AWS after every release: you can browse results on the website and use for your own benchmarking.



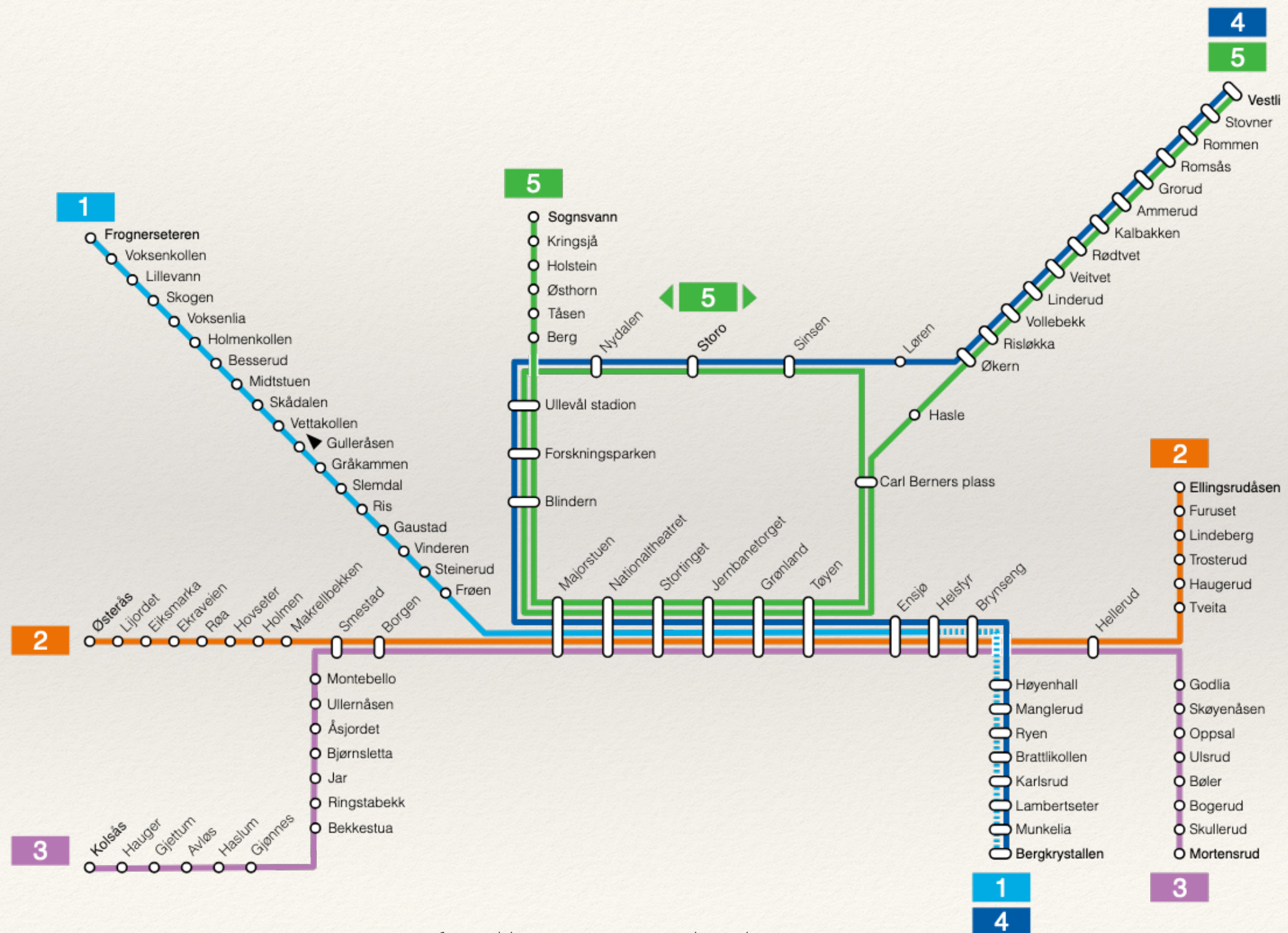
Packaged software

Pipeline dependencies are automatically downloaded and handled using Docker, Singularity, Conda or others. No need for any software installations.

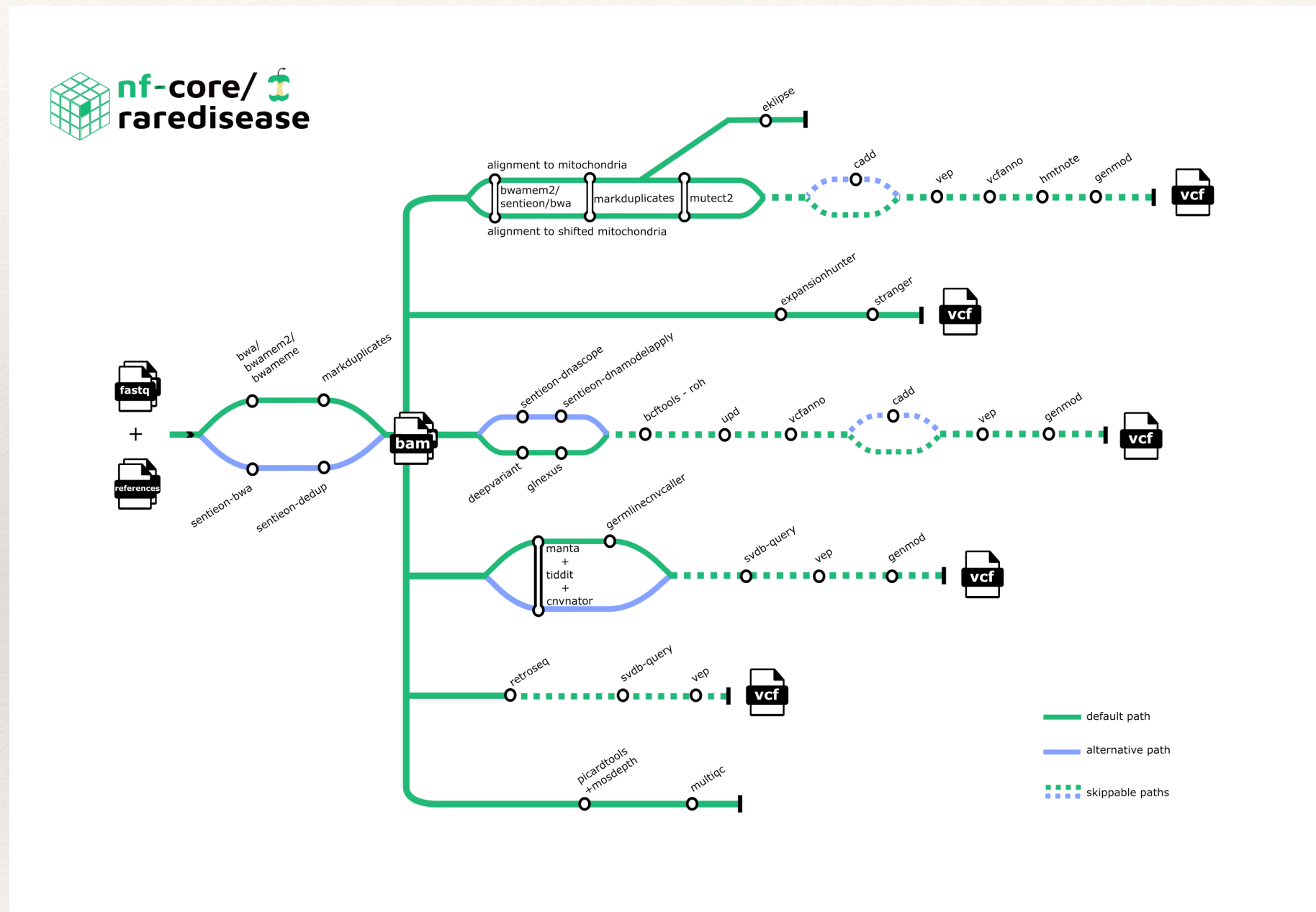


<https://nf-co.re/stats>

Oslo metro network

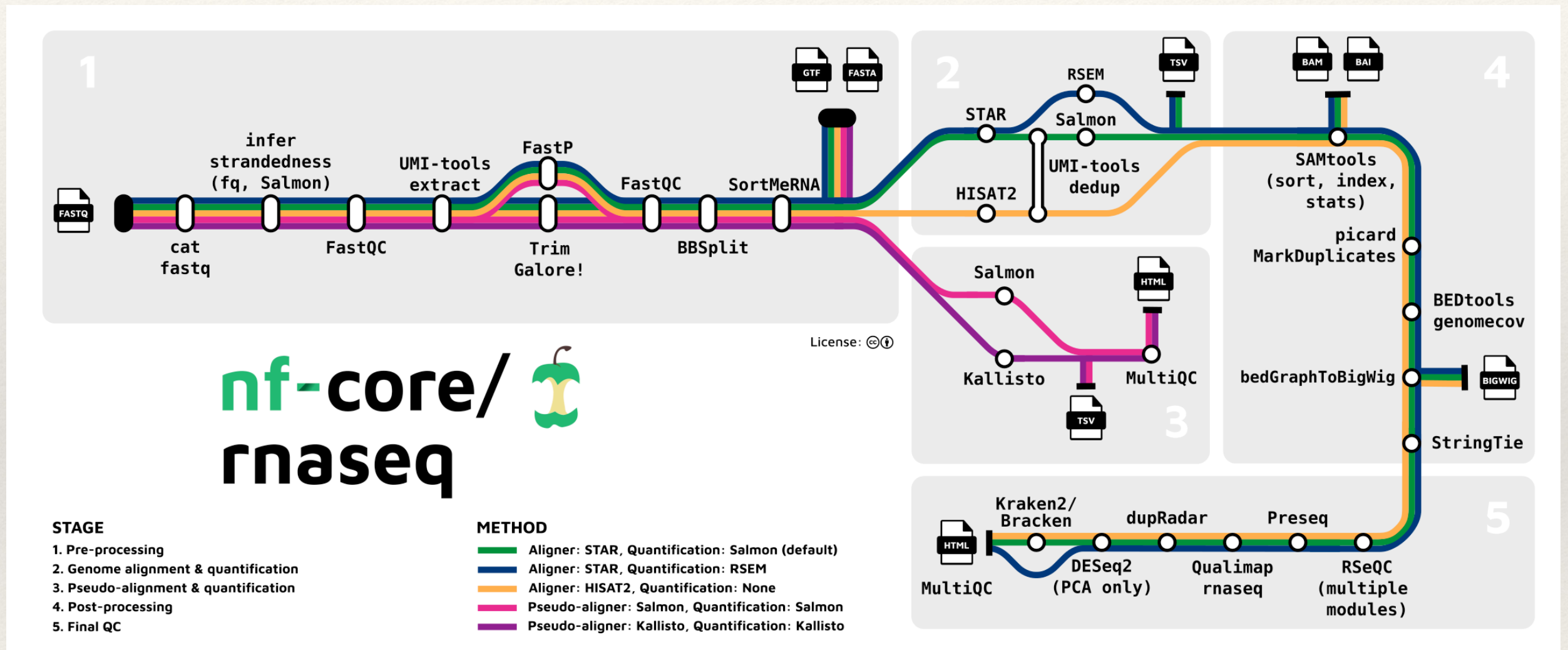


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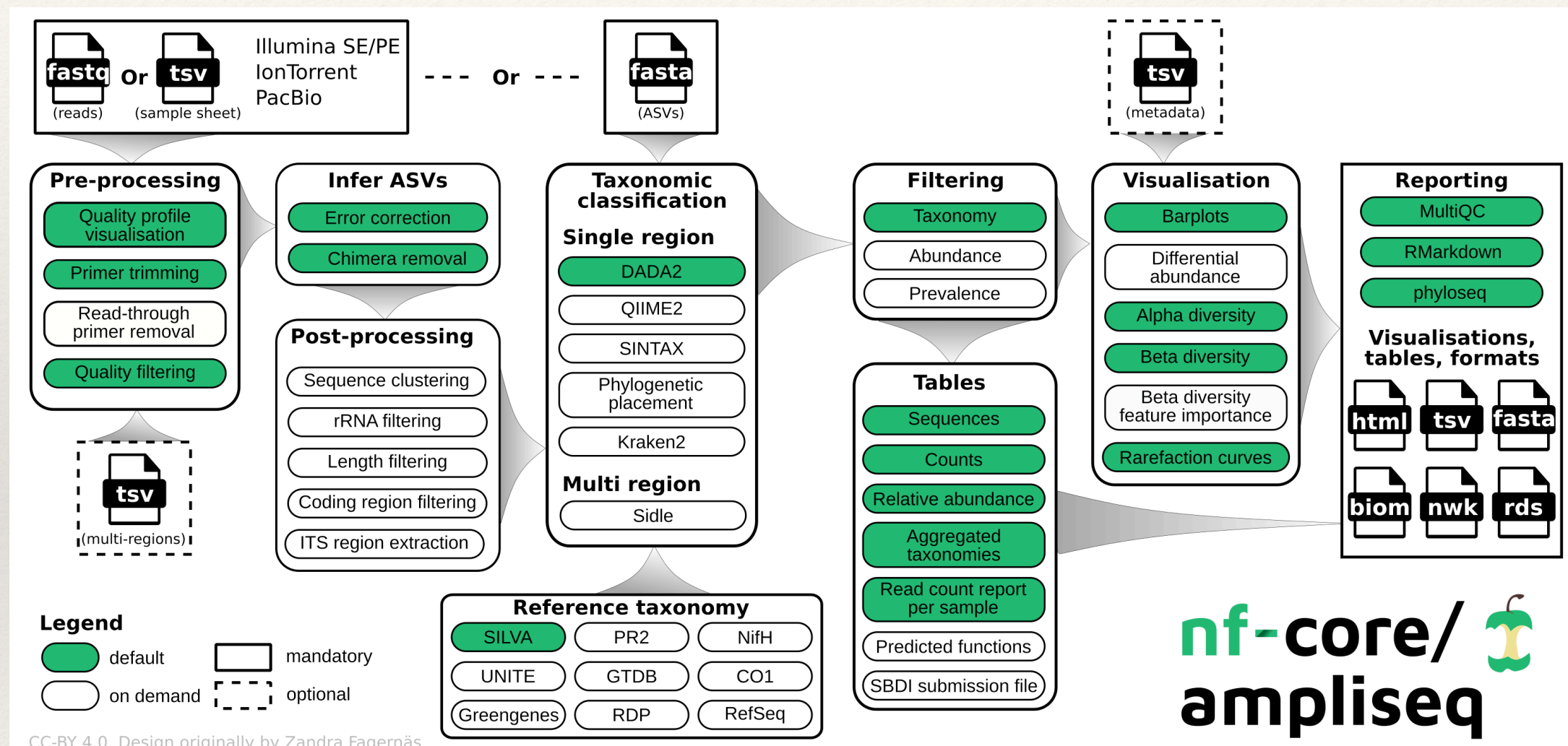
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nf-core pipelines



<https://nf-co.re/rnaseq/3.17.0/>

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<https://nf-co.re/ampliseq/2.11.0/>

Quick hands-on

```
cd
mkdir nextflow_rna-seq

cd nextflow_rna-seq

nextflow run nf-core/rnaseq -r 3.17.0 \
    -profile test,singularity \
    -outdir result
```