







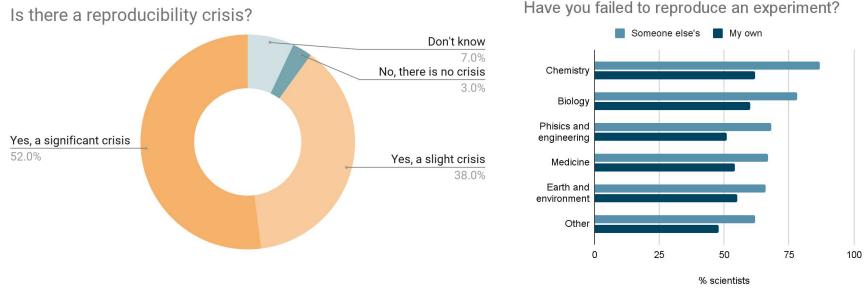
Reproducible NGS data analysis with Nextflow and nf-core

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Reproducibility in Science



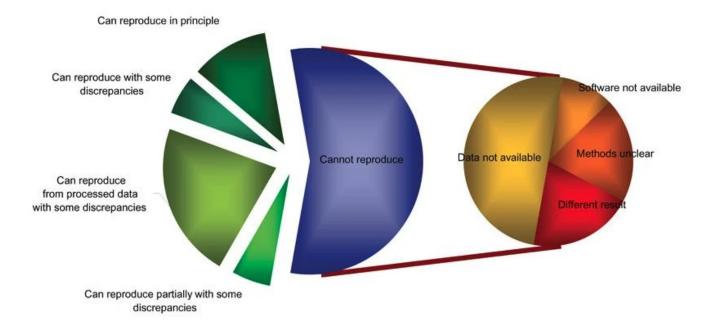
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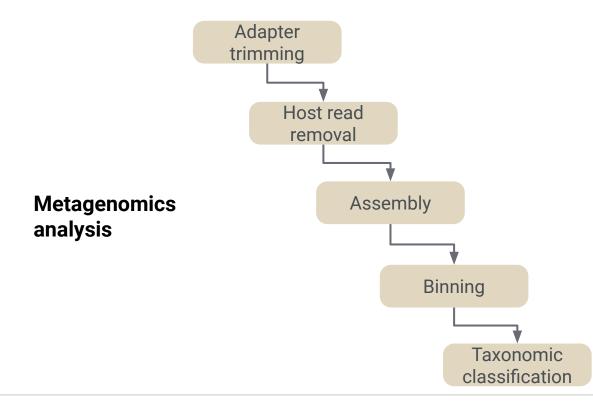
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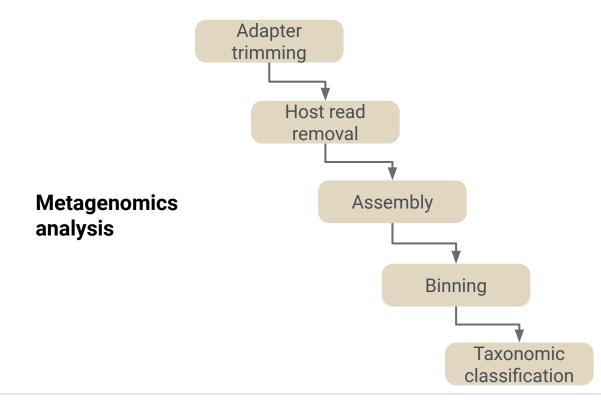










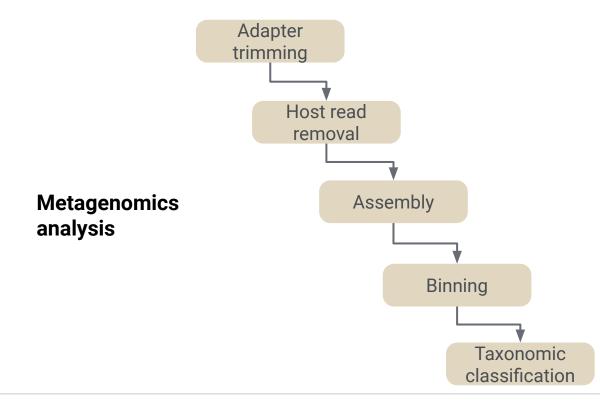


What affects reproducibility?

→ Tools & versions





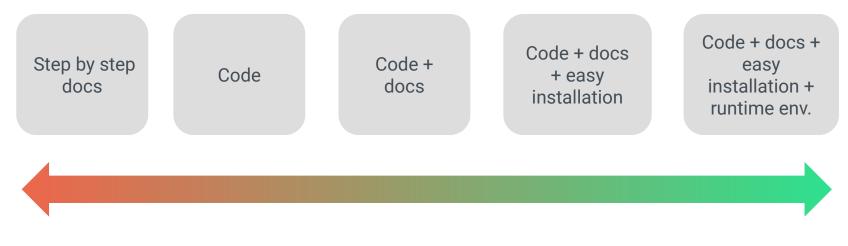


What affects reproducibility?

- → Tools & versions
- → Tool parameters
- → Dependency versions
- → Runtime environment







Not reproducible

Gold standard





Reproducible pipelines / workflows

- → Code comprises all steps processes call all necessary analysis tools
- → Specialized programming languages e.g. Common Workflow Language, Snakemake, Nextflow
- → Tools and dependencies are packaged with the pipeline container(s) ships all necessary tool dependencies, fixing their versions and the runtime environment







nextflow workflow language

Reproducibility – supports multiple container engines



Portable – supports a variety of computing infrastructures



Continuous checkpoints – allow pipeline resuming



Implicit parallelism – processes samples in parallel

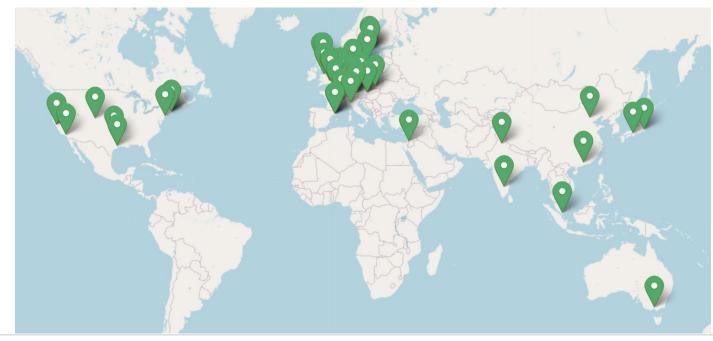








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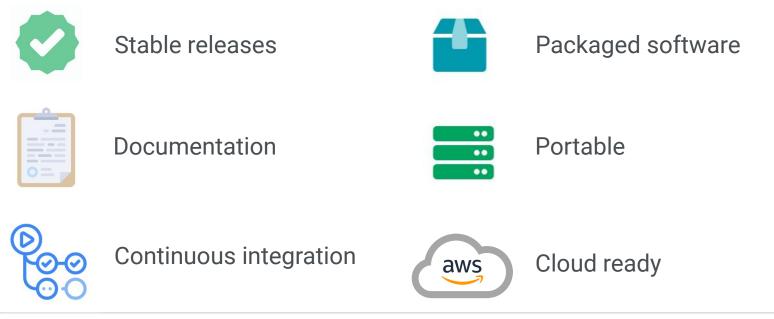








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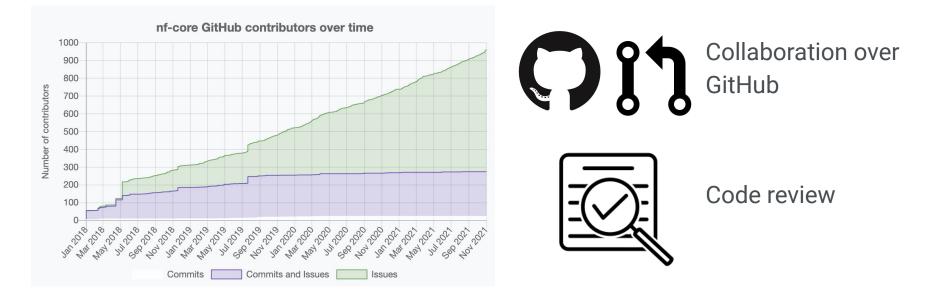
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Best practice pipelines, peer reviewed by the community







Pipelines with active QBiC contributors

Metagenomics / microbiology

nf-core / mag metagenomics assembly and binning

nf-core / ampliseq 16S amplicon

nf-core / bacass bacterial assembly Immunoinformatics

nf-core / **epitopeprediction** epitope prediction

nf-core / hlatyping HLA typing

nf-core / mhcquant MHC peptides MS data analysis

nf-core / bcellmagic TCR and BCR analysis Genomics / transcriptomics

nf-core / sarek somatic & germline variant calling

nf-core / scrnaseq single-cell RNAseq analysis





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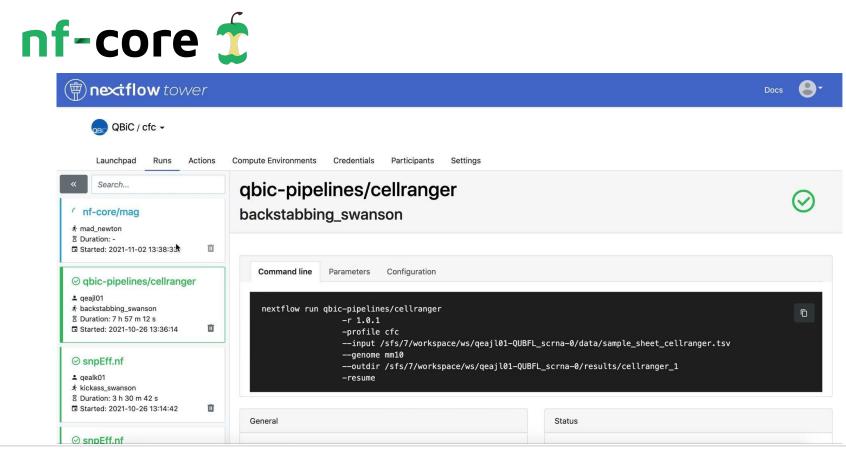
Prerequisites:

- → Java
- → Nextflow
- → Container engine (Singularity / Docker)
- → Unix system (MacOS / Linux)

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Data analysis pipelines at QBiC

- → Emphasis on reproducibility
- → Scalable and parallelizable for large datasets
- → Benefit from nf-core community development and peer review





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