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Seamless data pipelines at scale

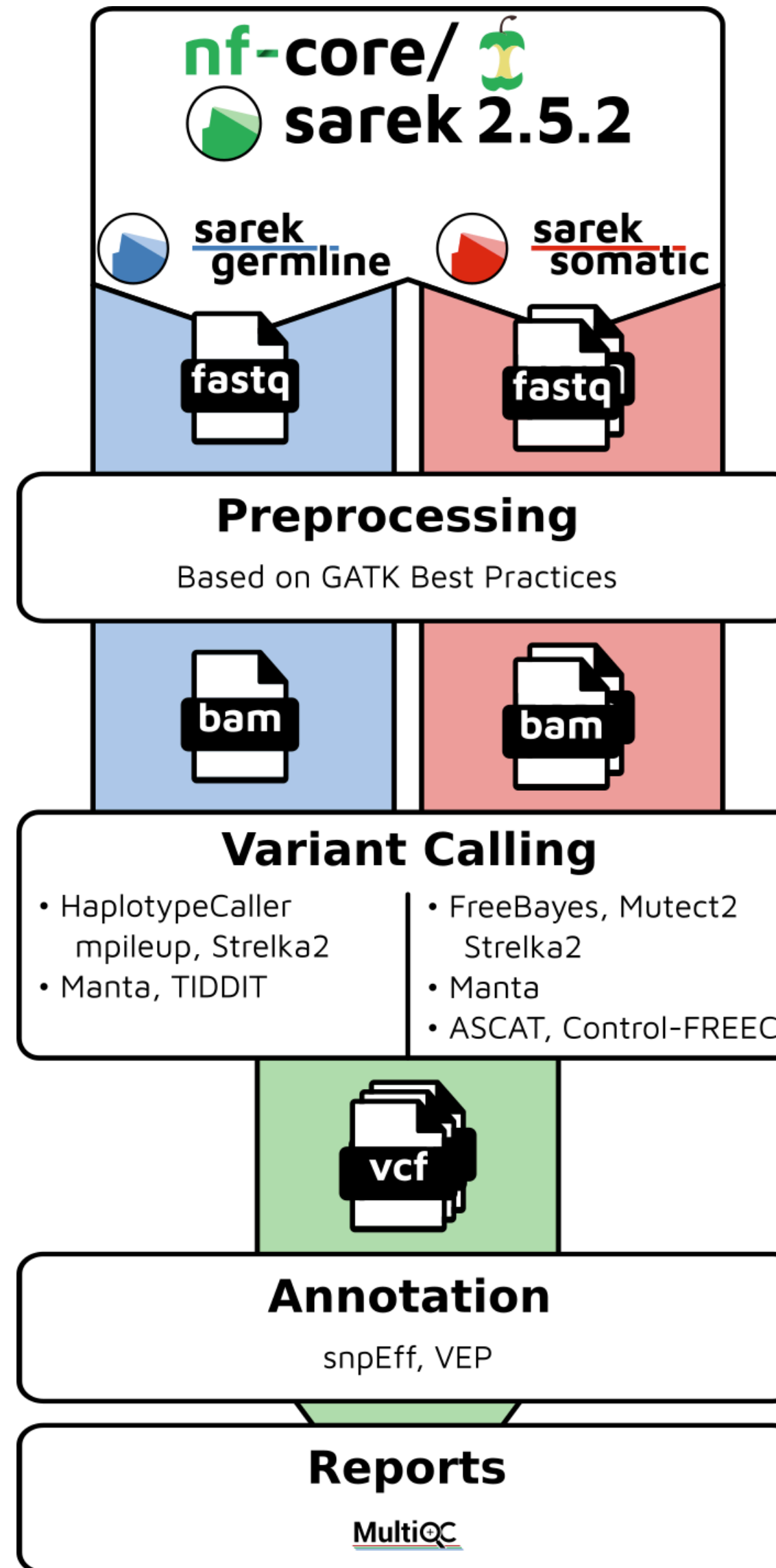
Project Mission

- Deploy anywhere, securely
- Enable best-practise software engineering
- Operate from GUI to API



NGS Variant Calling

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



What is Nextflow?

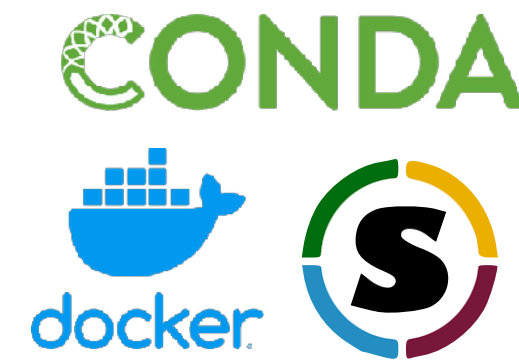
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Write code
in any language.



Define orchestration with
dataflow programming.

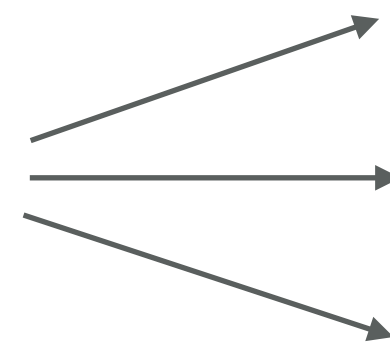
Define software
dependencies
with containers.



Version
control.

nextflow *runtime*

Orchestration of tasks to
deploy anywhere with ease.



Task example

```
bwa mem reference.fa sample.fq \  
    | samtools sort -o sample.bam
```

Task example

```
process align_sample {  
  
    input:  
    path 'reference.fa' from genome_ch  
    path 'sample.fq' from reads_ch  
  
    output:  
    path 'sample.bam' into bam_ch  
  
    script:  
    """  
    bwa mem reference.fa sample.fq \  
        | samtools sort -o sample.bam  
    """  
  
}
```

Task composition

```
process align_sample {  
  
  input:  
  file 'reference.fa' from genome_ch  
  file 'sample.fq' from reads_ch  
  
  output:  
  file 'sample.bam' into bam_ch  
  
  script:  
  """  
  bwa mem reference.fa sample.fq \  
    | samtools sort -o sample.bam  
  """  
  
}
```

```
process index_sample {  
  
  input:  
  file 'sample.bam' from bam_ch  
  
  output:  
  file 'sample.bai' into bai_ch  
  
  script:  
  """  
  samtools index sample.bam  
  """  
  
}
```


How does it work?

- **Fast prototyping** \Rightarrow custom DSL that enables tasks composition, simplifies most use cases + general purpose programming language for corner cases
- **Easy parallelisation** \Rightarrow declarative reactive programming model based on dataflow paradigm, implicit portable parallelism
- **Self-contained** \Rightarrow functional approach, a task execution is idempotent ie. cannot modify the state of other tasks + isolate dependencies with containers
- **Portable deployments** \Rightarrow executor abstraction layer + deployment configuration from implementation logic



DSL2

A major revision of the Nextflow DSL

- Pipeline modularisation
- Component reuse
- Fluent definition of recurrent implementation patterns

Nextflow syntax - DSL 2

task

```
process QUANT {
  input:
  path index
  tuple val(pair_id), path(reads)

  output:
  path pair_id

  script:
  """
  salmon quant -i $index \
    -1 ${reads[0]} \
    -2 ${reads[1]} \
    -o $pair_id
  """
}
```

workflow

```
params.outdir = 'results'

include { INDEX } from './index'
include { QUANT } from './quant'
include { FASTQC } from './fastqc'

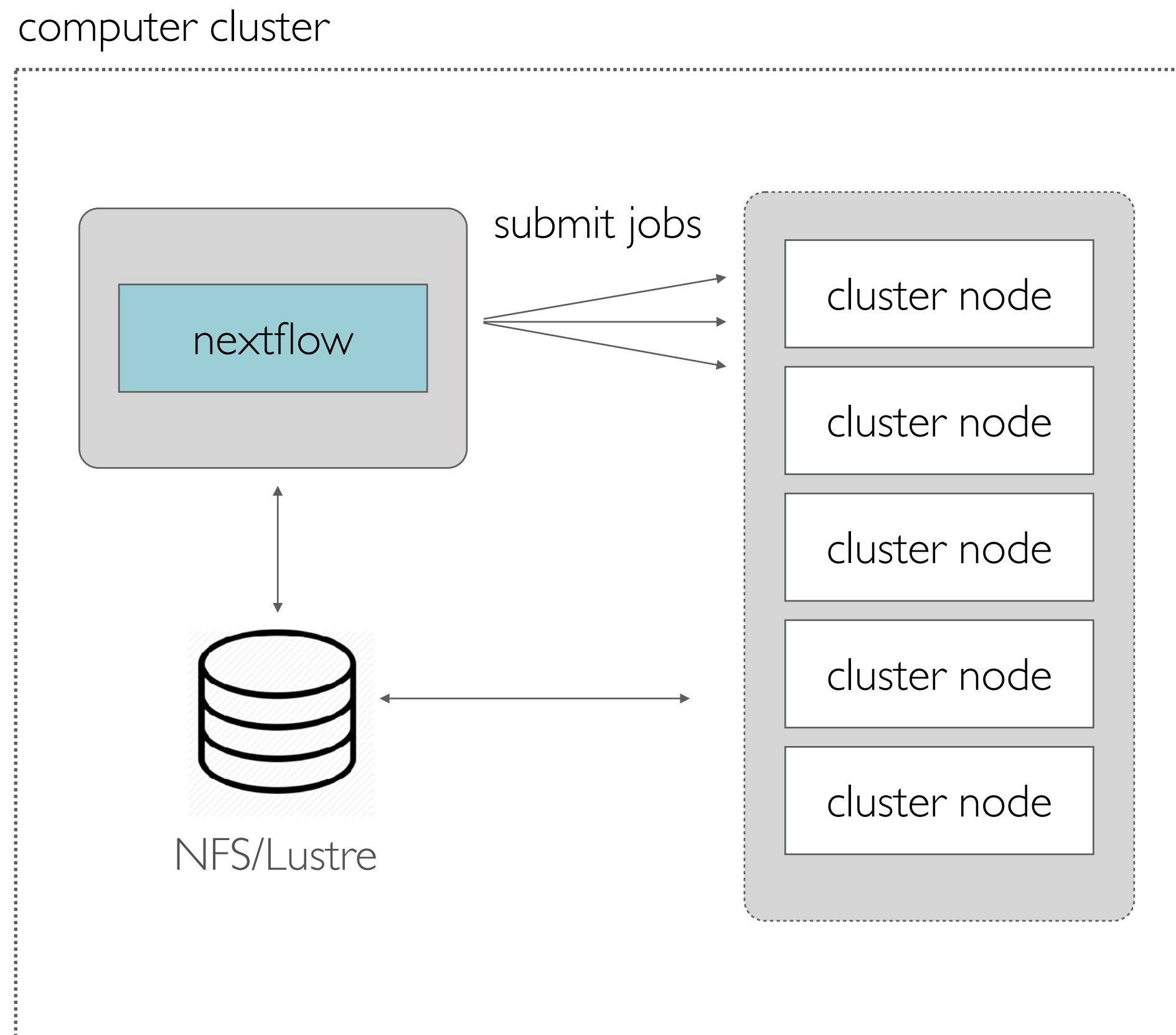
workflow RNASEQ {
  take:
  transcriptome
  read_pairs_ch

  main:
  INDEX(transcriptome)
  FASTQC(read_pairs_ch)
  QUANT(INDEX.out, read_pairs_ch)

  emit:
  QUANT.out | concat(FASTQC.out) | collect
}
```

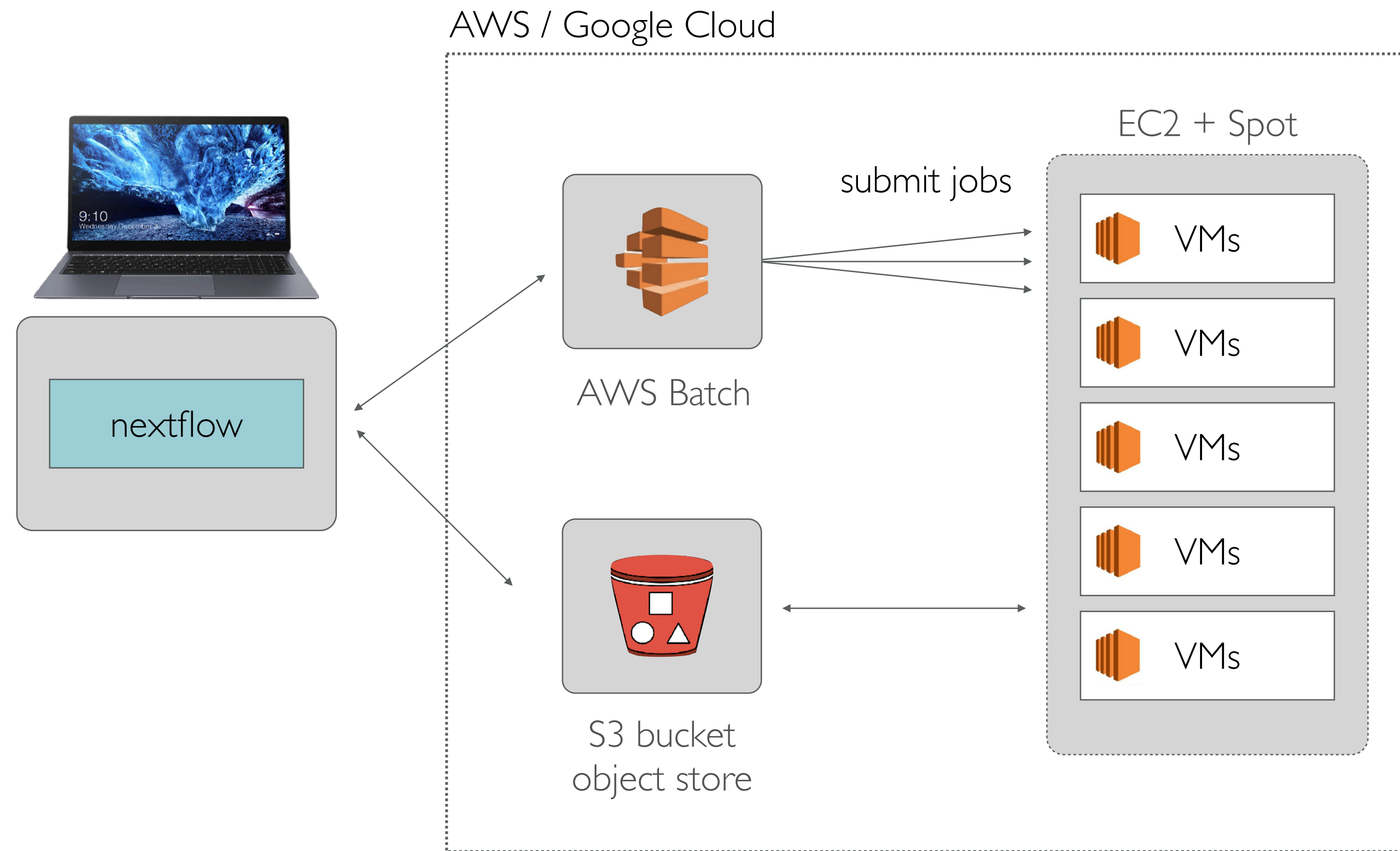
Scientists and engineers can now write complex, distributed and parallel data pipelines without requiring a degree in computer science.

Centralised cluster orchestration



- Nextflow orchestrates workflow execution submitting jobs to a compute scheduler
- Can run in the head node or a compute node
- Requires a shared storage to exchange data between tasks
- Ideal for coarse-grained parallelism

Cloud orchestration

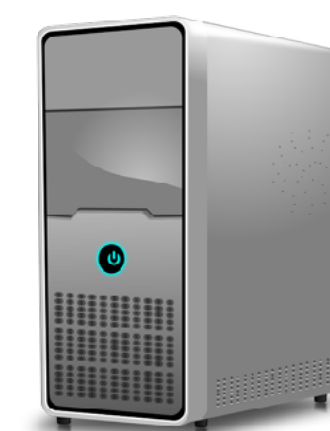


- Nextflow orchestrates workflow execution via AWS Batch
- Launched workflow from anywhere into the cloud
- Transfer of data between local environment and cloud storage
- Requires a shared object storage to exchange data between VMs.

PORTABILITY



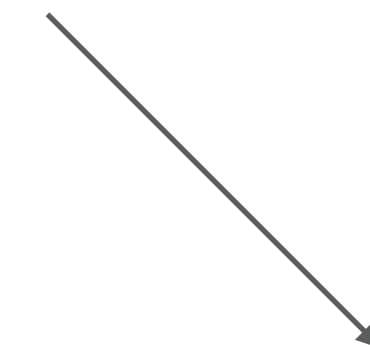
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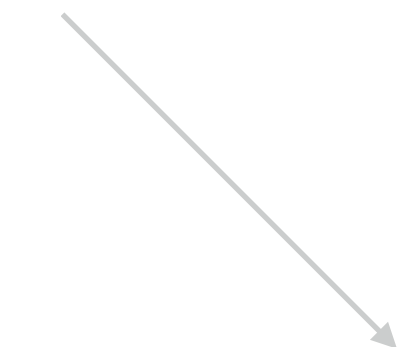
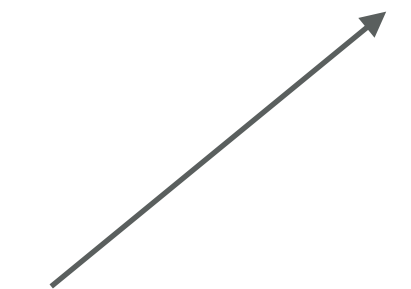
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process {  
  executor = 'slurm'  
  queue = 'my-queue'  
  memory = '8 GB'  
  cpus = 4  
  container = 'user/image'  
}
```



PORTABILITY



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```
process {  
  executor = 'awsbatch'  
  queue = 'my-queue'  
  memory = '8 GB'  
  cpus = 4  
  container = 'user/image'  
}
```



OPEN SOURCE COMMUNITY DRIVEN

45K+

monthly
downloads

6,800+

active developers
/month

18

international
Workshops

150 k+

lines of
code

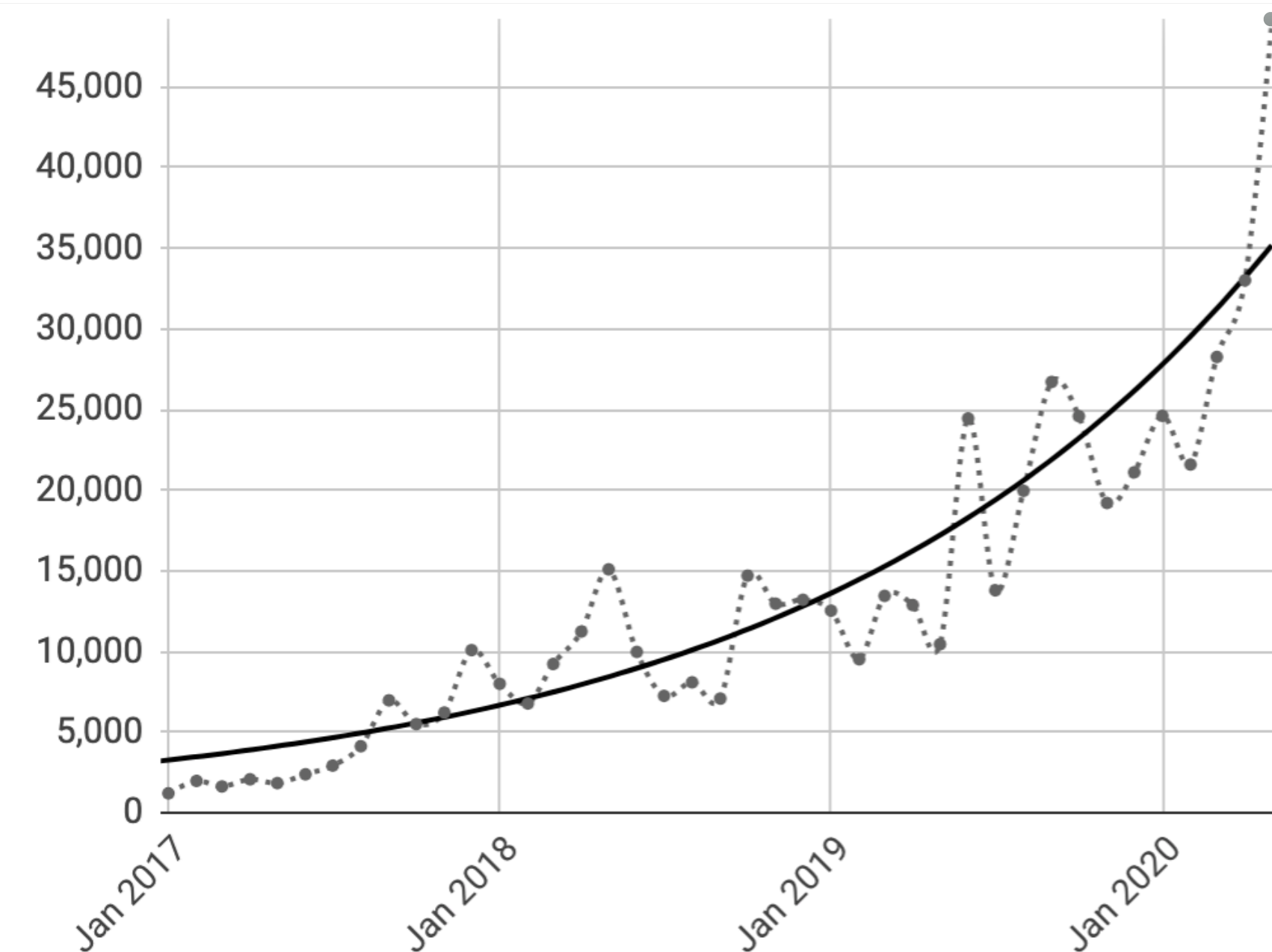
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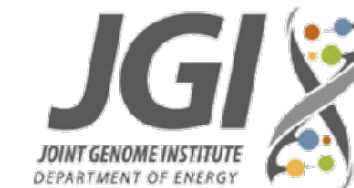
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Enterprise adoption



nextflow

data pipelines at scale

massively scalable pipelines across cluster & cloud.

The world's leading workflow software
for genomics, biopharma and life sciences.

features.



Powerful HPC execution engines

Deploy across cloud & clusters effortlessly

Out-of-the-box support for AWS and GCP plus schedulers including SLURM, LSF & Grid Engine.



Portable & reproducible

Containers without the hassle

Docker and Singularity integrations encapsulate all pipeline dependencies across environments.



Language agnostic

Write pipelines in your language

The flexibility to develop, port and reuse code allows you to do things your way.



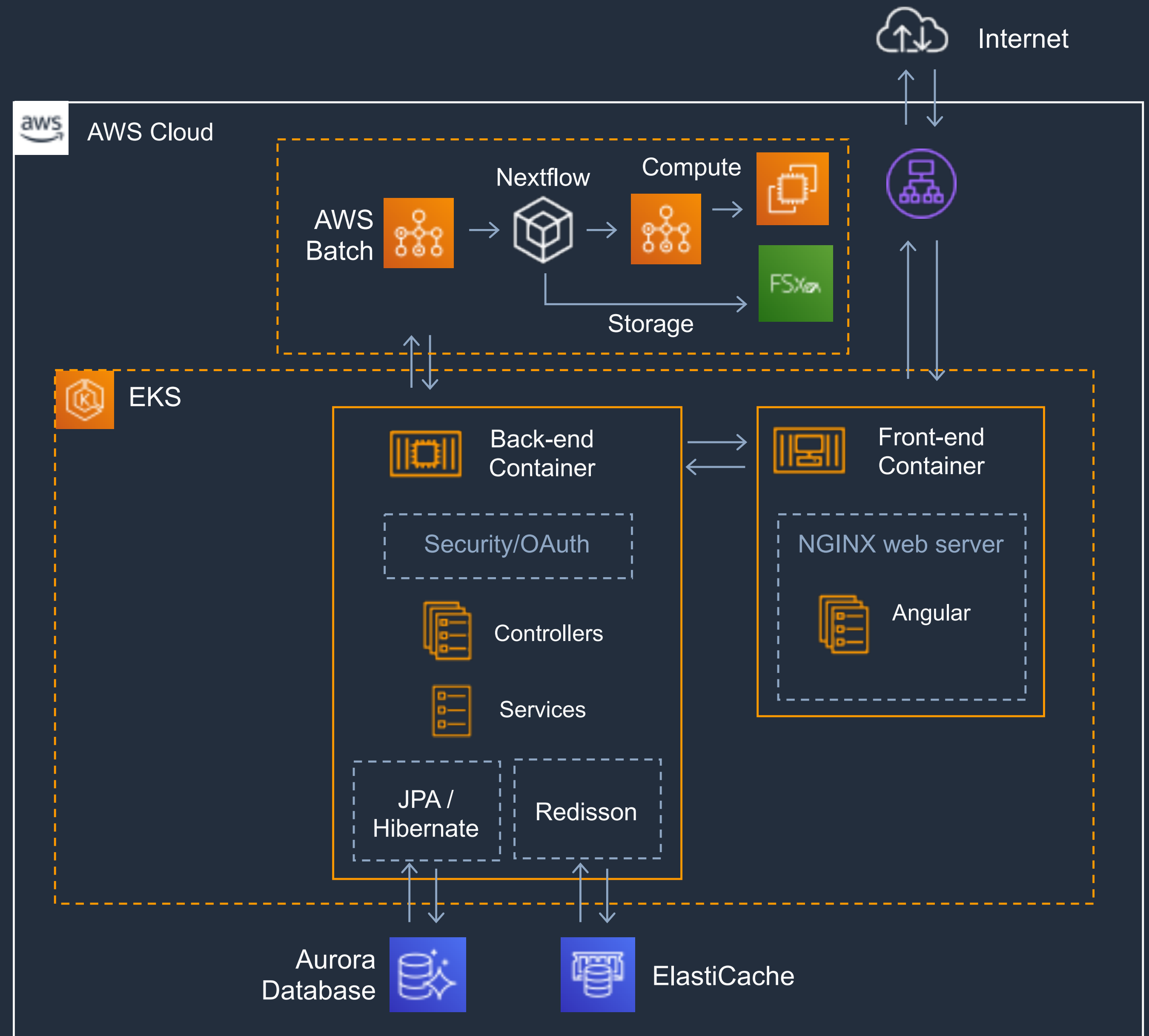
nextflow *tower*

delivering discovery.

Manage, optimize and launch data analysis pipelines from a secure command-post.

Tower for Nextflow

AWS Reference Deployment





* Support available for all cloud or on-premise infrastructure.

Sharing and collaboration

Workflow sharing

This feature allow you to share the workflow execution with your collaborators.

[Add Collaborator](#)

-  **paolo-ditommaso**
Added on 2020-10-19 13:56:11
-  **samuel-taylor-1834**
Sam Taylor
Added on 2020-10-19 13:56:33

Users will be able to access the workflow at this link: <https://tower.nf/watch/4rvqt3A7tA4DqE>

[Close](#)

SARS-CoV-2 Consensus Genome Pipeline

distraught_faggin

[Command line](#) [Parameters](#) [Configuration](#) [Execution log](#) [Share](#) [Re-launch](#)

```
nextflow run 'https://github.com/evanfloden/sc2-msspe-bioinfo'  
-name distraught_faggin  
-with-tower  
-profile test_fasta_reads
```

Share workflow executions with colleagues who can follow along live on the progress of the pipeline or catch up on the results at any time in the future.

API Release

Nextflow Tower API 1.0.0

Nextflow Tower service API

Email: info@seqera.io

URL: https://seqera.io

↑ actions

GET	/actions	List the available Pipeline actions for the authenticated user
GET	/actions/types	List the supported event types that can trigger a pipeline action
GET	/actions/{actionId}	Describe an existing pipeline action
PUT	/actions/{actionId}	Update a pipeline action
POST	/actions	Create a new pipeline action
POST	/actions/{actionId}/pause	Toggle the pause status of an existing pipeline action
POST	/actions/{actionId}/launch	Trigger the execution of a Tower Launch action
DELETE	/actions/{actionId}	Delete a pipeline action

collaborators

GET	/collaborators/workflow/{workflowId}	List the collaborators of the workflow for the authenticated user
POST	/collaborators	Add a collaborator
DELETE	/collaborators/{collaboratorId}/workflow/{workflowId}	Delete a collaborator

Pipelines Feature

The screenshot shows the Nextflow Tower web interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the Nextflow Tower logo, a 'Launch' button, and links for 'Docs', 'Community', 'Feedback', and 'Support'. Below this, the user is logged in as 'astrazeneca / crispr-screens'. A secondary navigation bar includes 'Launchpad', 'Monitor', 'Actions', 'Compute Env.', 'Credentials', 'Members', 'Teams', and 'Settings'. The main content area has tabs for 'Workspace', 'Organization', and 'Public'. A search bar prompts the user to 'Search pipelines or Add a Git Repo'. Below the search bar, there is a grid of six pipeline cards, each with a title, a GitHub link, a brief description, and the author's name 'Phil Ewels':

- nf-core/hlatyping**: Precision HLA typing from next-generation sequencing data.
- nf-core/eager**: A fully reproducible and state of the art ancient DNA analysis pipeline.
- nf-core/rnafusion**: RNA-seq analysis pipeline for detection gene-fusions.
- nf-core/chipseq**: CHIP-seq peak-calling, QC and differential analysis pipeline.
- nf-core/sarek**: Analysis pipeline to detect germline or somatic variants from WGS / targeted sequencing.
- nf-core/rnaseq**: RNA sequencing analysis pipeline using STAR, HISAT and Salmon with gene counts and quality control RNA...

The screenshot shows the configuration interface for a pipeline. At the top, there is a blue bar with a 'Show hidden params' button. Below this, the configuration is organized into sections:

- Input/output options**: A section with a dropdown arrow. It contains a text input field for defining where the pipeline should find input data and save output data.
- input**: A section with a dropdown arrow. It contains a text input field for 'Input FastQ or BAM files.' Below it are two radio buttons: 'single_end' (selected) and 'bam'.
- seqtype**: A section with a dropdown arrow. It contains a text input field with the value 'dna'.
- outdir**: A section with a folder icon. It contains a text input field with the value './results'.
- email**: A section with an envelope icon. It contains a text input field for an email address.

Extended documentation

The screenshot displays the 'Overview' page for 'Compute Environments' in the Tower documentation. On the left is a navigation sidebar with sections: 'Docs', 'Welcome' (Introduction), 'Getting Started' (Plans, System deployment), 'Compute Environments' (Overview, Introduction, Setup guides, Select a default compute environment, AWS Batch, Google Cloud, Slurm, LSF), 'Launching Pipelines' (Launch overview, Advanced options, Re-launch, Notifications), and 'Pipeline Monitoring' (Tracking progress). The main content area is titled 'Overview' and 'Introduction'. It explains that Tower uses 'Compute Environments' to define the execution platform. It lists supported platforms: AWS Batch, Google Cloud, IBM LSF, and Slurm. A screenshot of a 'Platform' dropdown menu is shown, listing these four options with their respective logos. Below this, it states that each environment must be configured and provides links to 'Setup guides' for each platform.

Docs

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Overview

Introduction

Tower uses a concept of **Compute Environments** to define the execution platform where a pipeline will run.

Tower supports launching of pipelines into **AWS Batch**, **Google Cloud**, **IBM LSF**, and **Slurm** with many more in development.

Platform

Select the platform

- Amazon Batch
- Google Life Sciences
- IBM LSF
- Slurm Workload Manager

Each compute environment must be configured to enable Tower to submit tasks. You can read more on how to set up each environment using the links below.

Setup guides

The following sections describe how to set up each of the available compute environments.

- [AWS Batch](#)
- [Google Cloud](#)
- [IBM LSF](#)
- [Slurm](#)

CZI EOSS Goals

WP1

- Goal 1.1 Reach 8,000 monthly Nextflow users
- Goal 1.2 Reach 150 active nf-core Slack members
- Goal 1.3 Sustain community support and advocacy activities
- Goal 1.4 Appoint project positions

WP2

- Goal 2.1 Improve Nextflow scalability and support for public clouds
- Goal 2.2 Expand the support for web-based usage of nf-core pipelines
- Goal 2.3 Nextflow kernel for Jupyter notebooks
- Goal 2.4 GA4GH API compliant TES & WES executors
- Goal 2.5 Migrate existing nf-core pipelines to Nextflow DSL2
- Goal 2.6 Introduce module-level testing for nf-core
- Goal 2.7 nf-core template for DSL2 pipelines

WP3

- Goal 3.1 Nextflow website refresh: learning, community and support
- Goal 3.2 Four new community Nextflow training events
- Goal 3.3 Ten expanded bursaries for 2020 Nextflow Community Conference
- Goal 3.4 Establish 2 nf-core hackathons and 2 user workshops
- Goal 3.5 Tutorial videos on nf-core website

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<https://nf-co.re>

Community efforts to collect production ready analysis pipelines built with Nextflow

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