

# Refactoring Riboviz Analysis Code:

## *A Personal Journey*

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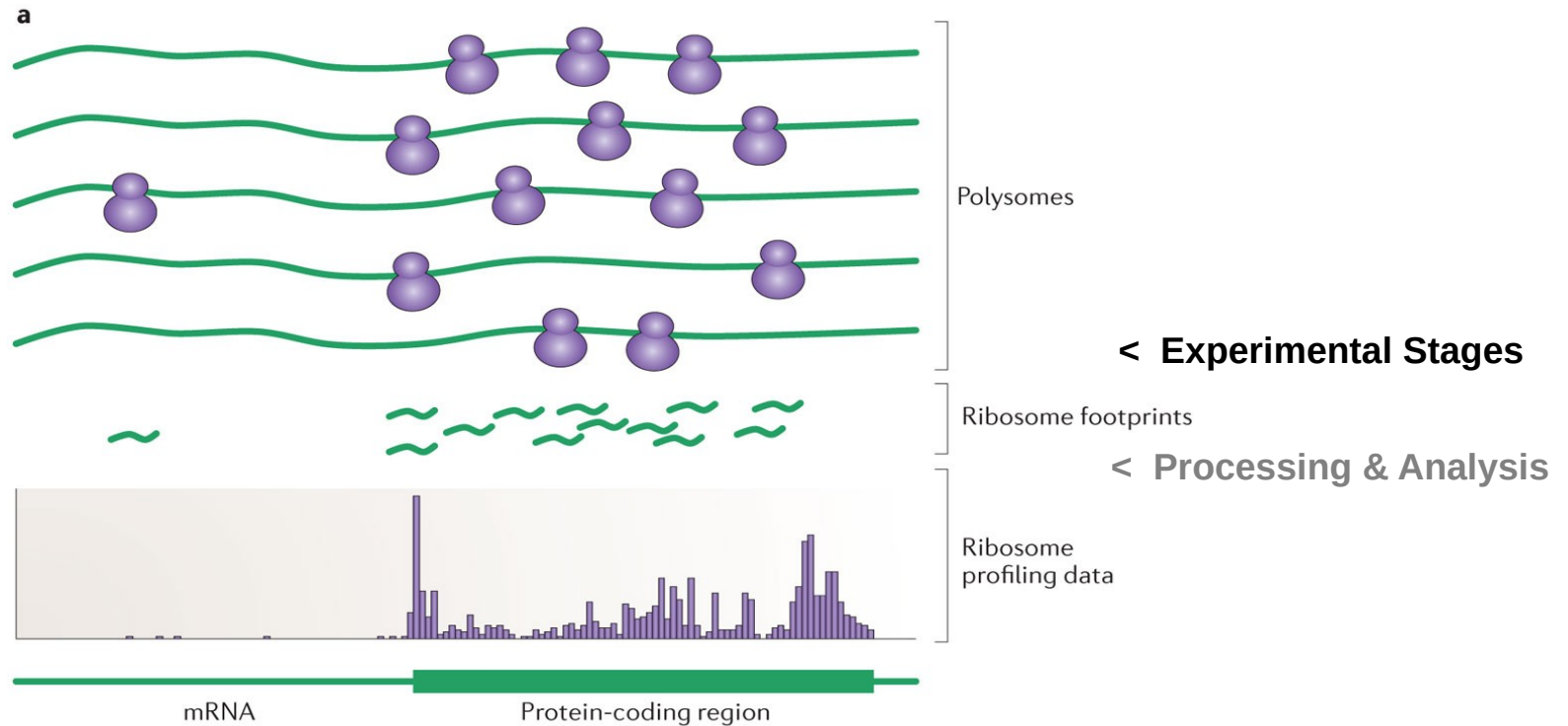
# Outline

- Riboviz 101
- Ribosome Profiling Process
- Riboviz Workflow
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- Call to action!
- Future Priorities

# Riboviz 101

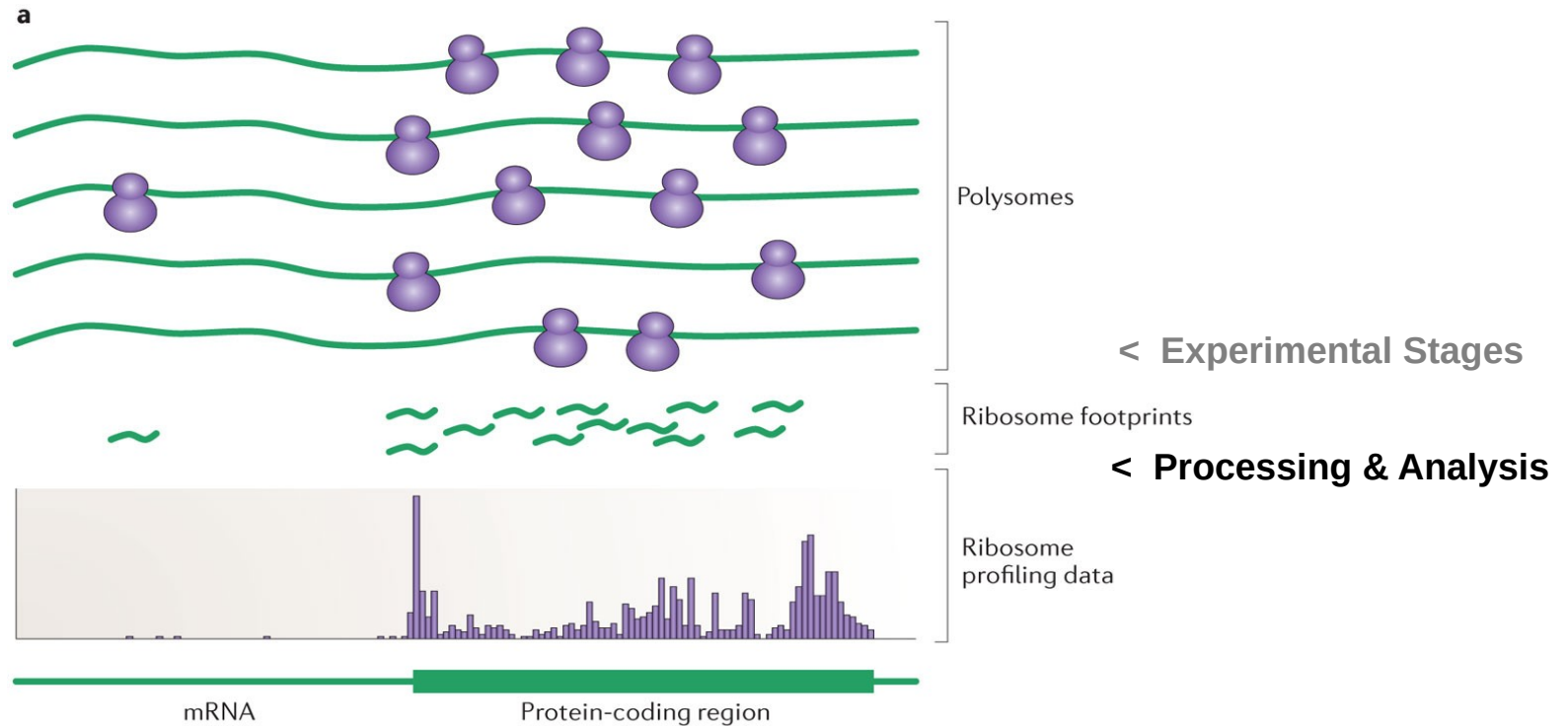
- Riboviz processes & analyses ribosome profiling data
- Ribosome profiling data helps unlock details of **active translation**: *mechanics of translation, regulation methods, translational efficiency*
- Developing/improving riboviz = **more researcher time** for biological questions rather than tinkering with pipelines & bespoke analysis code...

# Polysomes to Footprints



Ingolia (2014). "Ribosome profiling: new views of translation, from single codons to genome scale". *Nature Reviews. Genetics*. 15 (3): 205–13. doi:10.1038/nrg3645

# Footprints to Profiling Data



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# Analysis of Ribosome Profiling Data

- Looking for **3-NT periodicity**: ribosomes moving along transcript 1 codon at a time
- Most reads map to **coding regions** (98.8% in Ingolia et al 2009)
- Reasonable read-lengths (e.g. know should look for appx **~28-30NT**)
- Looking for most reads to be in **one frame**

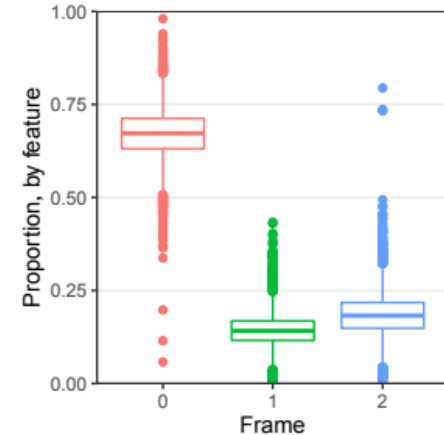
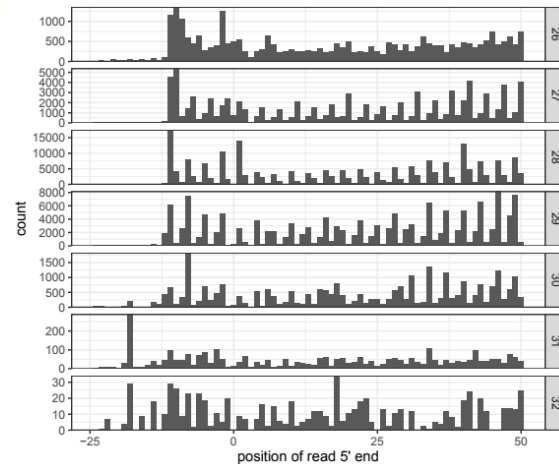
# Ribosome Data & Reading Frame

reading frame:

first reading frame  
second reading frame  
third reading frame

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123
|||
acttacccgggacta
 T Y P G L
  L T R D
   L P G T
```

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# Footprints to Ribosome Profiling Data

- **Processing:** *lots of steps*
  - Removing adapter sequences
  - Remove UMIs (Unique Molecular Identifiers) & barcodes if present
  - Demultiplex / Deduplicate reads if required
  - Need to filter out contaminant reads
  - Align reads to transcriptome
- **Analysis:** *more steps*
  - Analyse & quantify data:
  - Create outputs (including for quality-control, further analysis)



# Riboviz Workflow: Inputs

## Organism Specific

Transcript Sequences  
*.fasta*

Genome / Transcriptome  
Features  
*.gff*

Contaminant Sequences  
(rRNA)  
*.fasta*

(Additional  
Organism-Specific  
Data)

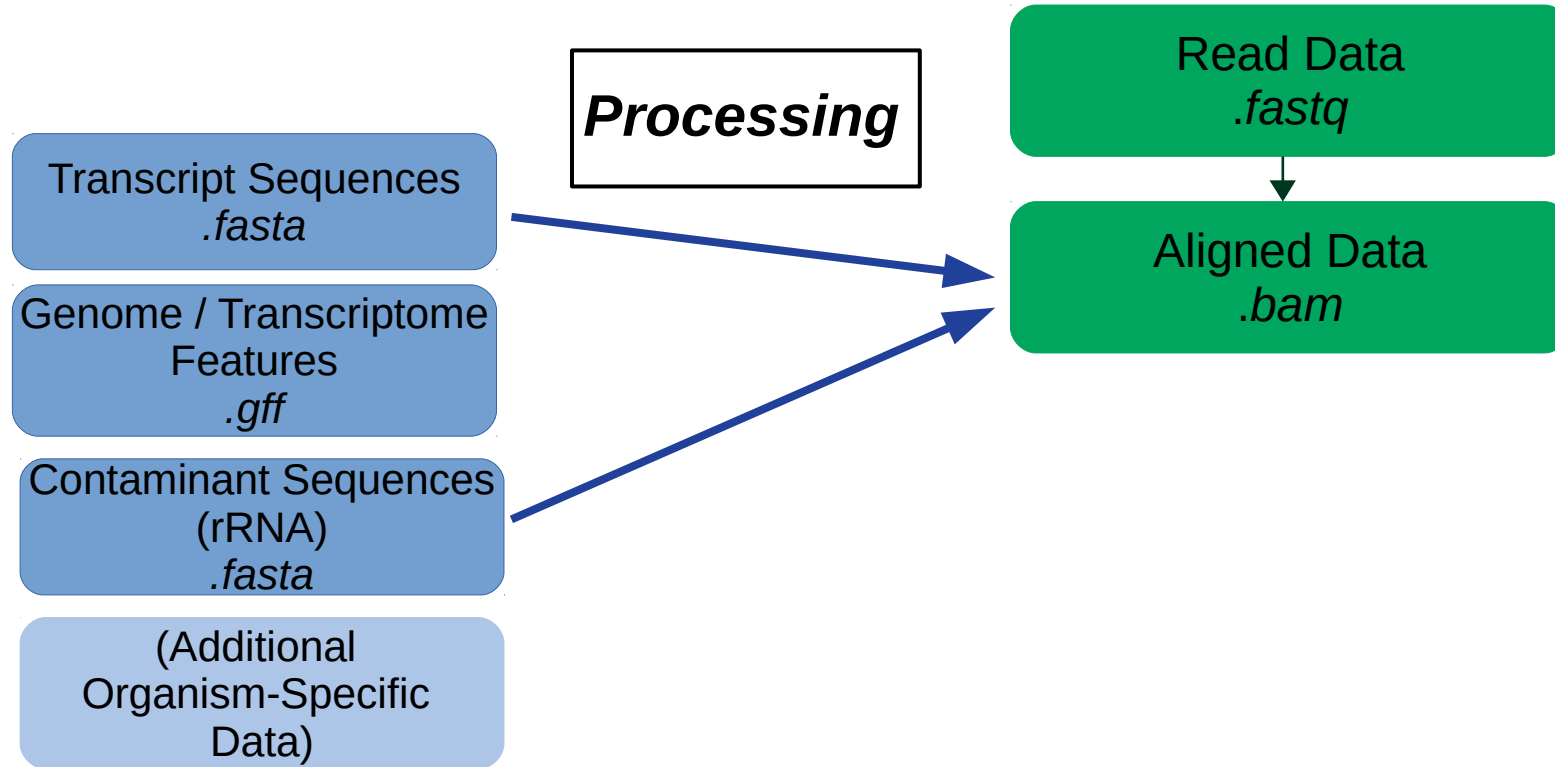
## Sample Specific

Read Data  
*.fastq*

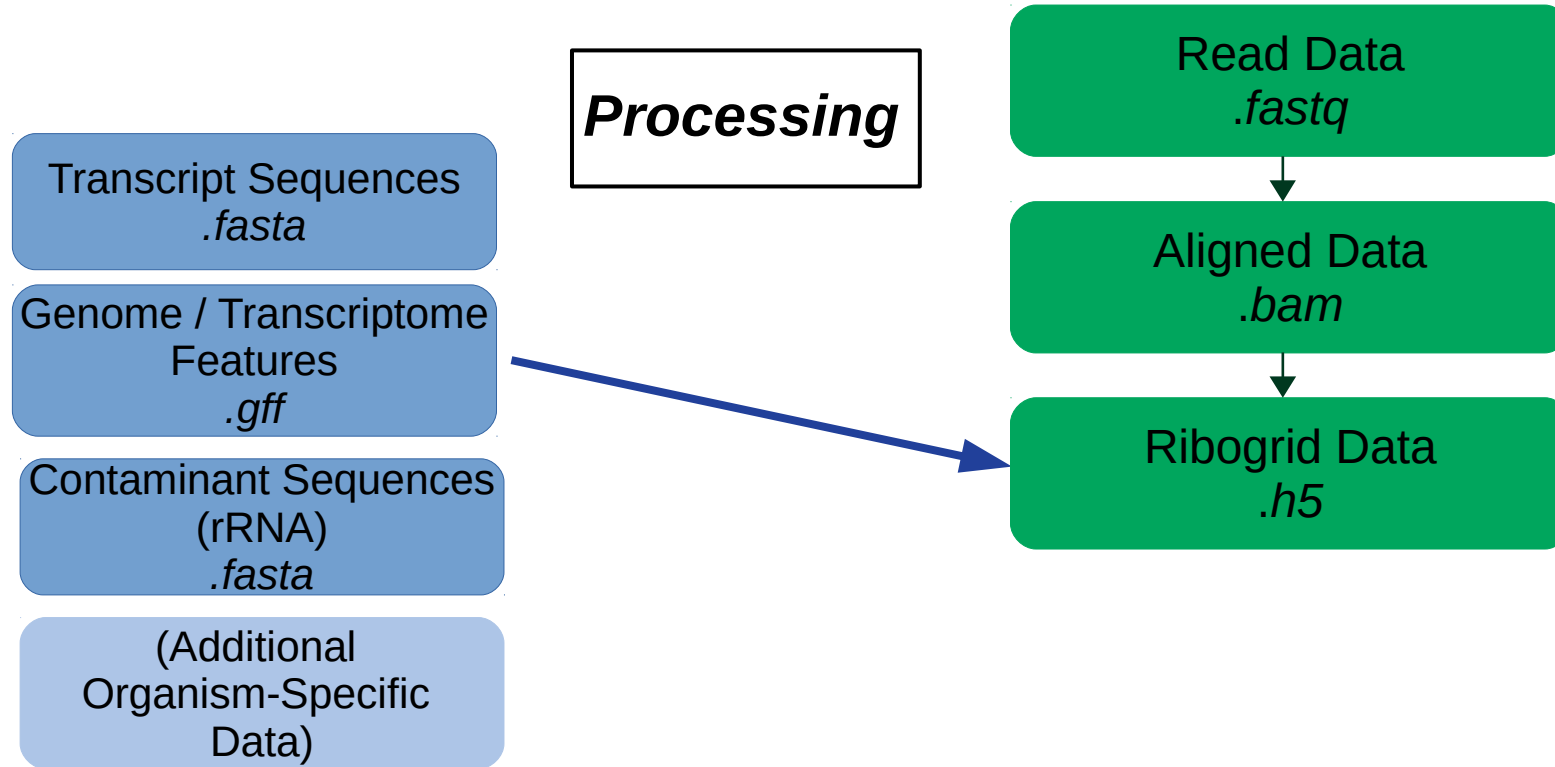
Configuration File  
*.yaml*

**Configuration File lists all files & parameters needed to run RiboViz**

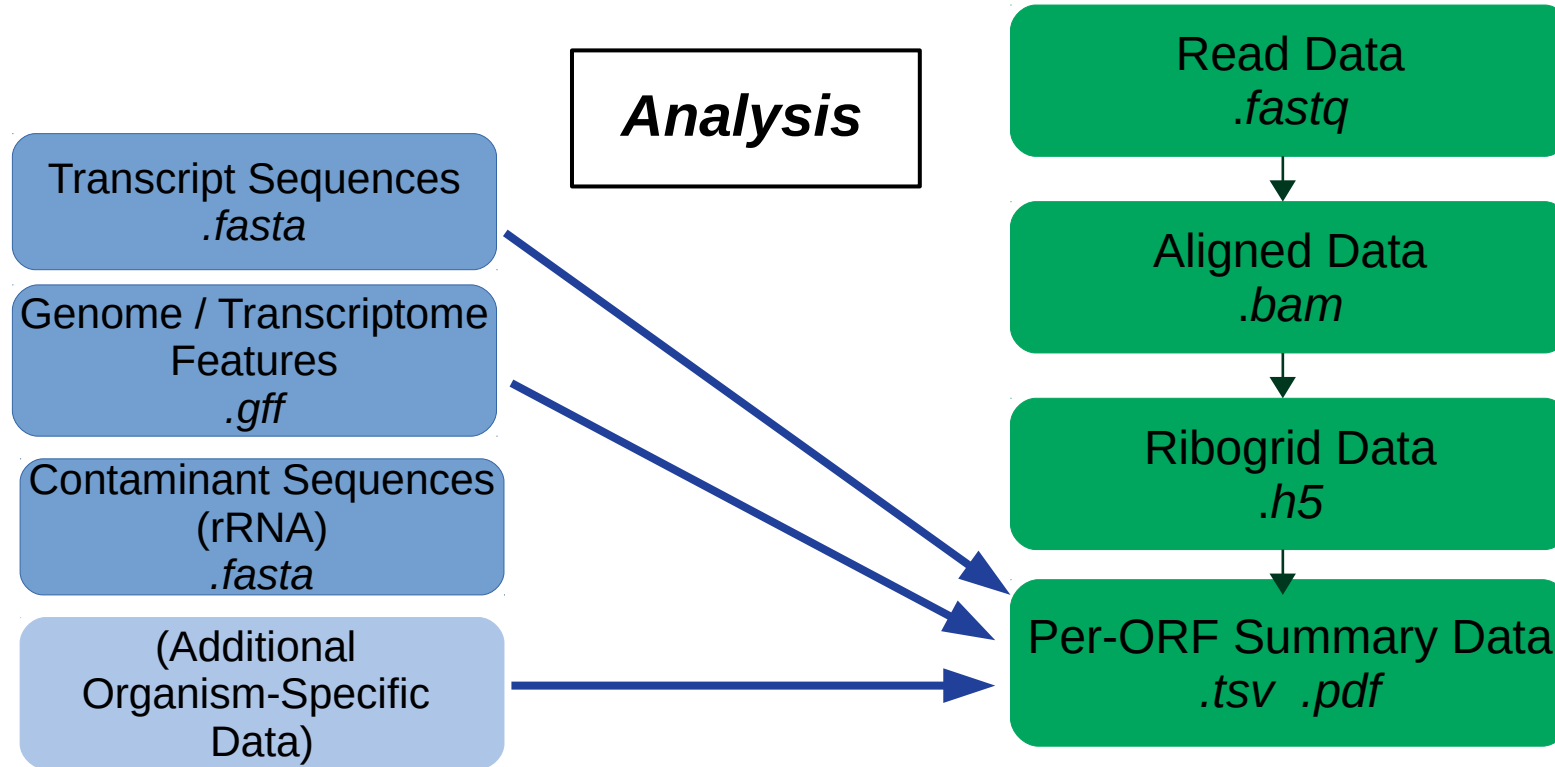
# Riboviz Workflow



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# ***Analysis***

## **generate\_stats\_figs.R:**

### **Inputs:**

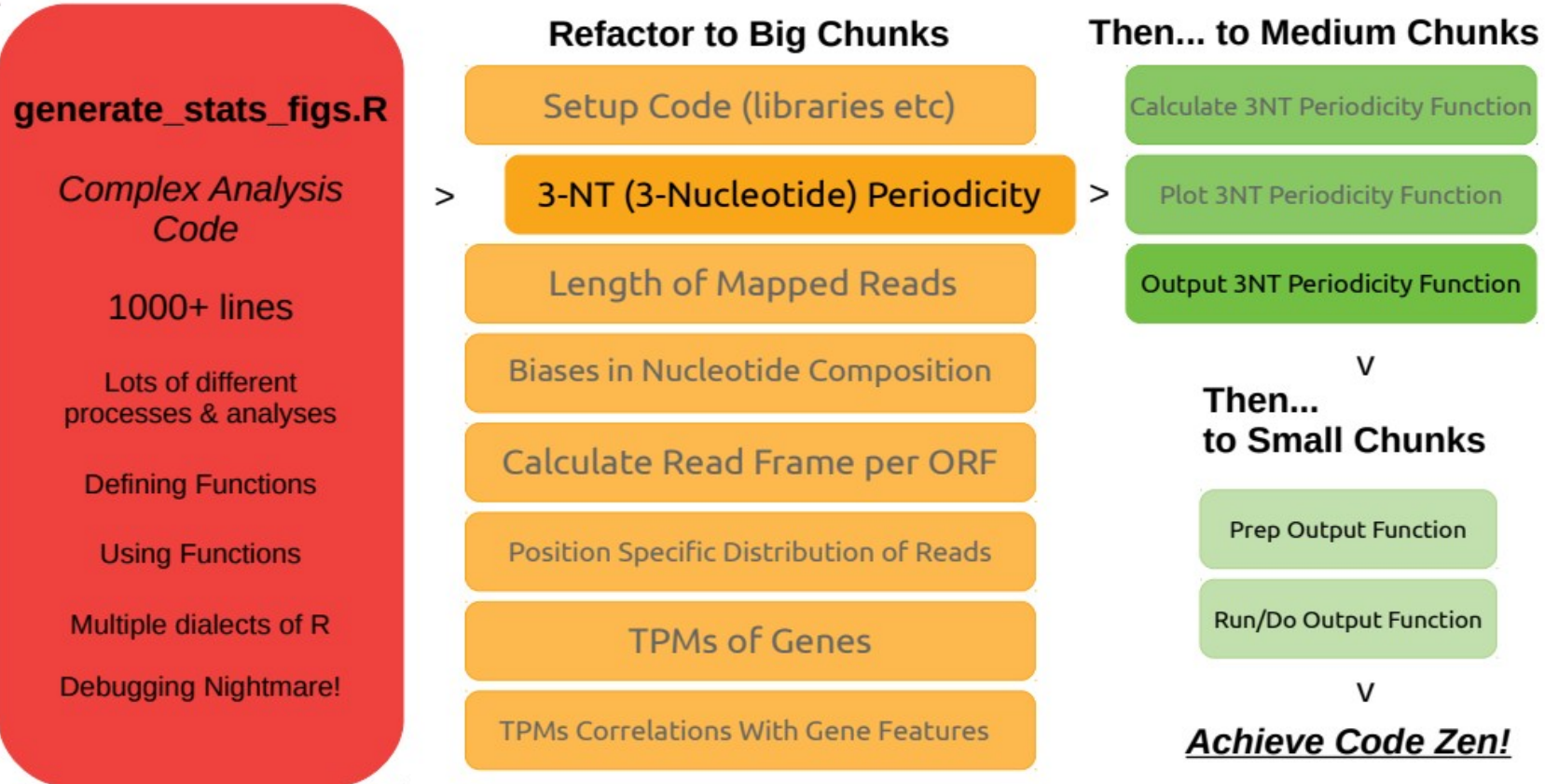
- sample read data from .h5 file
- organism-specific transcriptome data from .gff & .fa
- parameters from configuration .yaml file

**Generates summary statistics, analysis plots & quality control plots**

### **Outputs:**

- .pdf plots
- .tsv files

# Refactoring Analysis Code



# Anatomy of a Code Chunk...

- 3NT Periodicity Big Code Chunk:
  - Calculate! Get start positions & read counts at each position for each gene from the .h5 file, calculate periodicity from this matrix of positions & counts
  - Plots! {ggplot2}
  - Save plots as .pdf
  - Write information out as .tsv (includes provenance info)

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313 ThreeNucleotidePeriodicity <- function(gene_names, dataset, hd_file, gff_df) {
314
315     # check for 3nt periodicity
316     print("Starting: Check for 3nt periodicity globally")
317
318     # CalculateThreeNucleotidePeriodicity():
319     three_nucleotide_periodicity_data <- CalculateThreeNucleotidePeriodicity(gene_names = gene_names, dataset = dataset, hd_file =
320
321     # PlotThreeNucleotidePeriodicity()
322     three_nucleotide_periodicity_plot <- PlotThreeNucleotidePeriodicity(three_nucleotide_periodicity_data)
323
324     # NOTE: repeated from inside CalculateThreeNucleotidePeriodicity() as preferred not to return multiple objects in list (hassle
325     gene_poslen_counts_5start_df <- AllGenes5StartPositionLengthCountsTibble(gene_names = gene_names, dataset= dataset, hd_file =
326
327     # run PlotStartCodonRiboGrid()
328     start_codon_ribogrid_plot <- PlotStartCodonRiboGrid(gene_poslen_counts_5start_df)
329     # creates plot object
330
331     # run SaveStartCodonRiboGrid():
332     SaveStartCodonRiboGrid(start_codon_ribogrid_plot)
333
334     # run PlotStartCodonRiboGridBar():
335     start_codon_ribogrid_bar_plot <- PlotStartCodonRiboGridBar(gene_poslen_counts_5start_df)
336     # creates plot object
337
338     # run SaveStartCodonRiboGridBar():
339     SaveStartCodonRiboGridBar(start_codon_ribogrid_bar_plot)
340
341     # run SavePlotThreeNucleotidePeriodicity():
342     SavePlotThreeNucleotidePeriodicity(three_nucleotide_periodicity_plot)
343
344     # run WriteThreeNucleotidePeriodicity():
345     WriteThreeNucleotidePeriodicity(three_nucleotide_periodicity_data)
346
347     print("Completed: Check for 3nt periodicity globally")
348
349 } # end ThreeNucleotidePeriodicity() function definition
350 # run ThreeNucleotidePeriodicity():
351 ThreeNucleotidePeriodicity(gene_names, dataset, hd_file, gff_df)

```



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180
181 CalculateThreeNucleotidePeriodicity <- function(gene_names, dataset, hd_file, gff_df){
182
183   # get gene and position specific total counts for all read lengths
184   gene_poslen_counts_5start_df <- AllGenes5StartPositionLengthCountsTibble(gene_names = gene_names, dataset=
185
186   gene_poslen_counts_3end_df <- AllGenes3EndPositionLengthCountsTibble(gene_names = gene_names, dataset= dat
187
188   # summarize by adding different read lengths
189   gene_pos_counts_5start <- gene_poslen_counts_5start_df %>%
190     group_by(Pos) %>%
191     summarize(Counts = sum(Counts))
192   # gives:
193   # > str(gene_pos_counts_5start)
194   # Classes 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame': 75 obs. of 2 variables:
195   # $ Pos : int -24 -23 -22 -21 -20 -19 -18 -17 -16 -15 ...
196   # $ Counts: int 285 318 307 386 291 347 840 330 475 355 ...
197
198   gene_pos_counts_3end <- gene_poslen_counts_3end_df %>%
199     group_by(Pos) %>%
200     summarize(Counts = sum(Counts))
201   # gives:
202   # > str(gene_pos_counts_3end)
203   # Classes 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame': 75 obs. of 2 variables:
204   # $ Pos : int -49 -48 -47 -46 -45 -44 -43 -42 -41 -40 ...
205   # $ Counts: int 19030 13023 50280 19450 12573 46012 19043 13282 36968 20053 ...
206
207   three_nucleotide_periodicity_data <- bind_rows(
208     gene_pos_counts_5start %>% mutate(End = "5'"),
209     gene_pos_counts_3end %>% mutate(End = "3'")
210   ) %>%
211     mutate(End = factor(End, levels = c("5'", "3'")))
212   # gives:
213   # > str(three_nucleotide_periodicity_data)
214   # Classes 'tbl_df', 'tbl' and 'data.frame': 150 obs. of 3 variables:
215   # $ Pos : int -24 -23 -22 -21 -20 -19 -18 -17 -16 -15 ...
216   # $ Counts: int 285 318 307 386 291 347 840 330 475 355 ...
217   # $ End : Factor w/ 2 levels "5'","3'": 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
218
219   return(three_nucleotide_periodicity_data)
220
221 } # end CalculateThreeNucleotidePeriodicity() definition
222 # gives:
223 # CalculateThreeNucleotidePeriodicity(gene_names = gene_names, dataset = dataset, hd_file = hd_file, gff_
224 # # A tibble: 150 x 3
225 # Pos Counts End
226 # <int> <int> <fct>
227 # 1 -24 285 5'
228 # 2 -23 318 5'
229 # 3 -22 307 5'
230 # 4 -21 386 5'
231 # 5 -20 291 5'
232 # 6 -19 347 5'
233 # 7 -18 840 5'
234 # 8 -17 330 5'
235 # 9 -16 475 5'
236 # 10 -15 355 5'
237 # # ... with 140 more rows

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238
239 # define PlotThreeNucleotidePeriodicity() function with reasonable arguments
240 PlotThreeNucleotidePeriodicity <- function(three_nucleotide_periodicity_data){
241
242   # Plot
243   three_nucleotide_periodicity_plot <- ggplot(
244     three_nucleotide_periodicity_data,
245     aes(x = Pos, y = Counts)) +
246     geom_line() +
247     facet_wrap(~End, scales = "free") +
248     labs(x = "Nucleotide Position", y = "Read counts")
249
250   return(three_nucleotide_periodicity_plot)
251
252 } # end PlotThreeNucleotidePeriodicity() definition
253
254 # potentially replace/tweak plot_ribogrid() to follow StyleGuide
255 PlotStartCodonRiboGrid <- function(gene_poslen_counts_5start_df){
256   # function to do the ribogrid & ribogridbar plots?
257   # ribogrid_5start
258   start_codon_ribogrid_plot <- plot_ribogrid(gene_poslen_counts_5start_df)
259   return(start_codon_ribogrid_plot)
260 } # end PlotStartCodonRiboGrid() definition
261
262 SaveStartCodonRiboGrid <- function(start_codon_ribogrid_plot){
263   # function to do the ribogrid & ribogridbar plots?
264   # ribogrid_5start
265   start_codon_ribogrid_plot %>%
266     ggsave(
267       filename = file.path(output_dir, paste0(output_prefix, "startcodon_ribogrid.pdf")),
268       width = 6, height = 3
269     )
270   #return() # no return as writing-out
271 } # end SaveStartCodonRiboGrid() definition
272
273 PlotStartCodonRiboGridBar <- function(gene_poslen_counts_5start_df){
274   start_codon_ribogrid_bar_plot <- barplot_ribogrid(gene_poslen_counts_5start_df)
275   return(start_codon_ribogrid_bar_plot)
276 } # end PlotStartCodonRiboGridBar() definition
277
278 SaveStartCodonRiboGridBar <- function(start_codon_ribogrid_bar_plot){
279   start_codon_ribogrid_bar_plot %>%
280     ggsave(
281       filename = file.path(output_dir, paste0(output_prefix, "startcodon_ribogridbar.pdf")),
282       width = 6, height = 5
283     )
284   #return() # no return as writing-out
285 } # end SaveStartCodonRiboGridBar() definition
286
287 SavePlotThreeNucleotidePeriodicity <- function(three_nucleotide_periodicity_plot) {
288   # Save plot and file
289   ggsave(
290     three_nucleotide_periodicity_plot,
291     filename = file.path(output_dir, paste0(output_prefix, "3nt_periodicity.pdf"))
292   )
293   # return() # NO RETURN as writing out
294 } # end of function definition SavePlotThreeNucleotidePeriodicity()
295

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```
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296 WriteThreeNucleotidePeriodicity <- function(three_nucleotide_periodicity_data) {
297   tsv_file_path <- file.path(output_dir, paste0(output_prefix, "3nt_periodicity.tsv"))
298   write_provenance_header(path_to_this_script, tsv_file_path)
299   write.table(
300     three_nucleotide_periodicity_data,
301     file = tsv_file_path,
302     append = T,
303     sep = "\t",
304     row = F,
305     col = T,
306     quote = F)
307   # return()? NO RETURN
308 } # end of function definition WriteThreeNucleotidePeriodicity()
309
```

# Refactoring Tips

- Break it down into **chunks**!
- **Regression tests** are your friend
- Develop functions in your main script & then move into **separate functions script**
- Keep it specific: **issue-focussed working**  
... Decide how you'll know you're finished...

# Refactoring LFMFs

- **Issue proliferation**... Getting lost amongst different issues & losing sight of the main goals
- Schroedinger's **debugging** issues!
- **Package::function()** is very useful!
- ... Remember to **tell collaborators** about & document the new packages you add to the code to solve problems...

# Fails are not **ALWAYS** a failure!

- <3 Regression tests!
- Which output is the **correct** output? How do we know?
- How to decide when to make a **new issue** or keep working on a problem?
- **Rollback...**
- Importance of **code testing**... & understandable code!

# “Putting the YOU into USER”

- **User Testing** & User Interviews – *Sam!*
- Existing **Documentation Feedback** – *Siyin* & others already helping with this :)
- Leave the **Code Docs** to the Robots? – {roxygen2} – hoping to chat to *Edward* about this!
- **General Comparisons** - what features of other software doing similar things do you find useful/unhelpful? - **Everyone!!!**

# “Testable, Reliable CompYOUtation”

- **Code Testing:**
  - Helping integrate functions from *Ania* & *Siyin*’s projects: want to have good testable code...
  - **{testthat} R package** – would be great to chat with *Xuejia* on how this works
- **More data!**
  - This lab: *Rosey*?
  - Others? Let’s talk :)



# Priorities

- **Tests** for the analysis code
- generate\_stats\_figs.R **finishing touches**: Documentation / better output format / styling
- **New datasets** run & added to example datasets repository
- Integrate **new functions** from Ania & Siyin's project work
- **User** focus
- Q: How does riboviz compare with **other tools**
- Q: Do we have the right **statistics** for diagnostics?

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  - Oana Carja, Joshua Plotkin: The University of Pennsylvania

# Questions?

# EXTRA SLIDES

## Process ribosome profiling sample data

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If sample files ( `fq_files` ) are specified, then the workflow processes the sample files as follows:

1. Read configuration information from YAML configuration file.
2. Build hisat2 indices if requested (if `build_indices: TRUE` ) using `hisat2 build` and save these into the index directory ( `dir_index` ).
3. Process each sample ID-sample file pair ( `fq_files` ) in turn:
  - i. Cut out sequencing library adapters ( `adapters` ) using `cutadapt` .
  - ii. Extract UMIs using `umi_tools extract` , if requested (if `extract_umis: TRUE` ), using a UMI-tools-compliant regular expression pattern ( `umi_regex` ). The extracted UMIs are inserted into the read headers of the FASTQ records.
  - iii. Remove rRNA or other contaminating reads by alignment to rRNA index files ( `rrna_index_prefix` ) using `hisat2` .
  - iv. Align remaining reads to ORFs index files ( `orf_index_prefix` ). using `hisat2` .
  - v. Trim 5' mismatches from reads and remove reads with more than 2 mismatches using `trim_5p_mismatch` .
  - vi. Output UMI groups pre-deduplication using `umi_tools group` if requested (if `dedup_umis: TRUE` and `group_umis: TRUE` )
  - vii. Deduplicate reads using `umi_tools dedup` , if requested (if `dedup_umis: TRUE` )
  - viii. Output UMI groups post-deduplication using `umi_tools group` if requested (if `dedup_umis: TRUE` and `group_umis: TRUE` )
  - ix. Export bedgraph files for plus and minus strands, if requested (if `make_bedgraph: TRUE` ) using `bedtools genomecov` .
  - x. Write intermediate files produced above into a sample-specific directory, named using the sample ID, within the temporary directory ( `dir_tmp` ).
  - xi. Make length-sensitive alignments in compressed h5 format using `bam_to_h5.R` .
  - xii. Generate summary statistics, and analyses and QC plots for both RPF and mRNA datasets using `generate_stats_figs.R` . This includes estimated read counts, reads per base, and transcripts per million for each ORF in each sample.
  - xiii. Write output files produced above into an sample-specific directory, named using the sample ID, within the output directory ( `dir_out` ).
4. Collate TPMs across results, using `collate_tpms.R` and write into output directory ( `dir_out` ). Only the results from successfully-processed samples are collated.
5. Count the number of reads (sequences) processed by specific stages if requested (if `count_reads: TRUE` ).

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11
12 # Handle interactive session behaviours or use get_Rscript_filename():
13 if (interactive()) {
14   # Use hard-coded script name and assume script is in "rscripts"
15   # directory. This assumes that interactive R is being run within
16   # the parent of rscripts/ but imposes no other constraints on
17   # where rscripts/ or its parents are located.
18   this_script <- "generate_stats_figs.R"
19   path_to_this_script <- here("rscripts", this_script)
20   source(here::here("rscripts", "provenance.R"))
21   source(here::here("rscripts", "read_count_functions.R"))
22 } else {
23   # Deduce file name and path using reflection as before.
24   this_script <- getopt::get_Rscript_filename()
25   path_to_this_script <- this_script
26   source(here::here("rscripts", "provenance.R"))
27   source(here::here("rscripts", "read_count_functions.R"))
28 }
29
```

# Updates! UX

- Users:
  - Building user base?
  - Needs / wants?
  - Oven-ready datasets\*?

# Updates! UX

- Support & Documentation:
  - Existing docs suitable?
  - Document outputs better?
  - Translation UK workshop?



# Updates! Testing

- General Testing:
  - New feature development ongoing
  - Bug fixes
  - Code reviews happening
  - New datasets

# Updates! Testing

- Methods Testing:
  - Regression tests
  - Expected outputs: simulated data.

# First Things First: Setup

- Initial Setup Code:
  - load libraries
  - handle interactive session behaviours if required\*
  - source provenance & functions scripts
  - load parameters passed in from main riboviz workflow
  - read in key files (.gff, .fa, .h5)