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# **RiboPy**

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RiboPy is a set of tools to work with ribo files. Ribo is a file format designed specifically for ribosome profiling data. Ribo files contain essential quantitative entities such as metagene coverage and 5'UTR, CDS and 3'UTR counts. Ribo files are used for downstream analysis of ribosome profiling data. RiboPy provides interfaces to read and write ribo files as well as generating plots.



### 1.1 General Advice

We strongly recommend that users install [conda](#) first. Then, using conda, one can install RiboPy in a separate conda environment.

For example, the following command will install RiboPy inside a conda environment named *ribo*.

```
conda env create -f environment.yaml
```

The environment file above, *environment.yaml*, can be obtained from the [RiboFlow repository](#).

Also, we highly encourage using conda for the installation of scientific Python packages: numpy, pandas and h5py.

### 1.2 Requirements

RiboPy is a python package and requires Python 3.6 or a later version. The python packages, that RiboPy requires, are automatically installed by pip. The command line interface (CLI) requires terminal access.

### 1.3 Using pip

```
pip install ribopy
```

### 1.4 From Github

Alternatively, you can install the latest version from github.

```
pip install git+https://github.com/ribosomeprofiling/ribopy.git
```



## CHAPTER 2

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### Quickstart

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There are two interfaces, available in RiboPy, to work with ribo files: Command Line Interface(CLI) and Application PRogramming Interface (API).

A walk-through of Python API

A walk-through of Python CLI

Also, for R users, a walkthrough of RiboR is in this [link](#).



Ribo files contain ribosome profiling data in a compact form. Ribo format is built on top of [HDF5](#) . A ribo file can hold data coming from multiple experiments.

### 3.1 Reference & Annotation

Ribo files work on the transcriptomic coordinates. Thus, sequencing data must be mapped to a transcriptome reference where each reference entry is a transcript. Thus, in this context we use the terms ‘transcript’ and ‘reference’ interchangeably. Typically, one representative transcript is picked for each gene for eukaryotic organisms.

#### 3.1.1 Transcript Lengths

A ribo file requires a list of the transcript names and transcript lengths. This information is stored under *reference* data group.

Transcript names and lengths are provided in a tab separated file at the creation of a ribo file. The first column contains transcript names and the second column contains corresponding transcript lengths. All data will be stored and reported according to this given transcript order.

**Transcript List Example:**

TRANSCRIPT_1	1512
TRANSCRIPT_2	1387

All quantified entities (region counts, metagene, ribosome footprint coverage and transcript abundance) are stored per transcript.

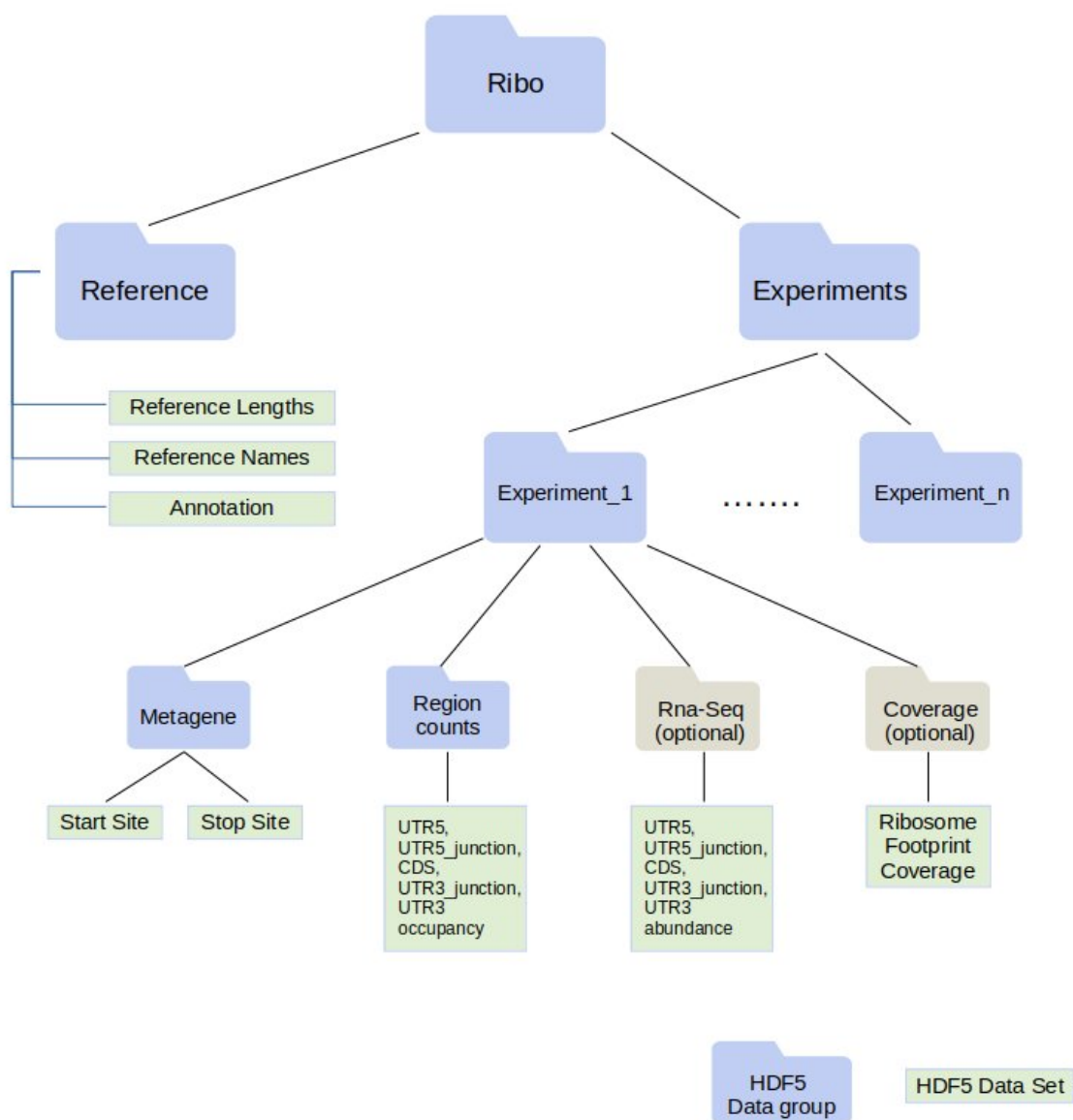


Fig. 1: Ribo File Organization

### 3.1.2 Annotation

*Annotation* of a transcript is the coordinates of the regions UTR5 (untranslated region on the five prime end), CDS (coding sequence) and UTR3 (untranslated region on the three prime end). Annotation information of each transcript is stored in a ribo file where region boundaries are stored in an array.

Annotation is given in bed file format where each region is defined in a separate line. Regions are defined by specifying their boundaries. Note that a bed file is 0-based and the start coordinate is included whereas the end coordinate is excluded.

Bed file entry to define a region is of the following form.

TRANSCRIPT_NAME	START	END	REGION_NAME	0	+
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In the above entry, the last two columns are not used by RiboPy but they are still maintained for bed file compatibility.

**Warning:** RiboPy is not designed to work with transcripts with no CDS or UTR3 regions. In other words, all transcripts must have non-zero length CDS and UTR3 regions. Therefore the following annotation, in bed format, is **INVALID** because no UTR3 region is defined,

TRANSCRIPT_3	0	700	UTR5	0	+
TRANSCRIPT_3	100	1000	CDS	0	+

**Warning:** All nucleotide positions of a transcript must be annotated. Equivalently, there can NOT be gaps in the annotation of a transcript. Therefore, the following annotation is **INVALID** as the nucleotide positions 32, 33 and 34 don't belong to any region.

TRANSCRIPT_1	0	32	UTR5	0	+
TRANSCRIPT_1	35	920	CDS	0	+
TRANSCRIPT_1	920	1000	UTR3	0	+

**Hint:** It is possible to extract the annotation information from a ribo file. For example:

```
ribopy dump annotation sample.ribo
```

## 3.2 Read Length

Ribo format allows the user to store ribosome profiling data for a given range of lengths. If the minimum length is set to N and maximum length is set to M, then metagene, region counts, coverage and RNA-Seq (if any) data are stored for each length from N to M (N and M are included).

Note that length is the number of nucleotides of the ribosome protected RNA footprint.

## 3.3 Metagene

Metagene analysis is the study of ribosome footprint coverage around transcription start and stop sites.

First, a radius size,  $r$ , is fixed. Second, for each transcript, the coverage data from  $r$  nucleotides to the left and to the right side of the start site is obtained. Then, these coverage vectors are summed up to obtain an overall coverage around start / stop sites.

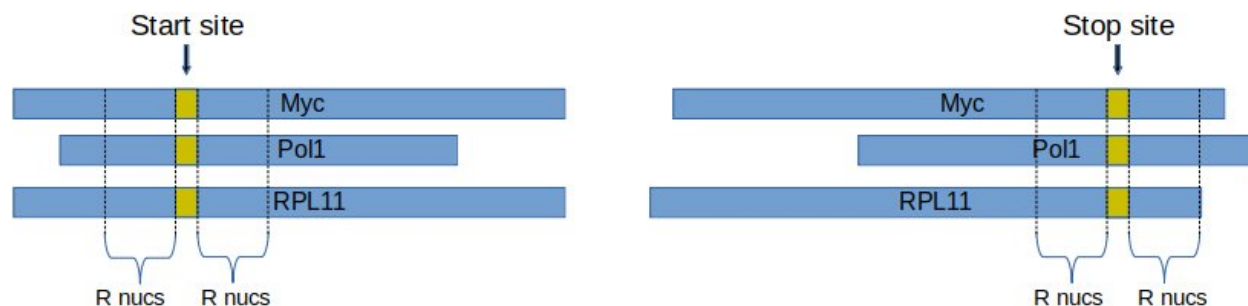


Fig. 2: Metagenome for Start and Stop Sites

### 3.4 Region Counts

Start site is the position of the nucleotide on which ribosome starts translation. Stop site is the position of the first nucleotide on which ribosome terminates translation. Typically, a transcript can be split into three regions via start and stop sites: UTR5 ( nucleotides on the 5' end of the start site ), CDS (nucleotides between start and stop sites) and UTR3 (nucleotides to the right of stop site).

For the purpose of calculating ribosome footprints per region, we define two additional regions around start and stop sites. The definition of these additional regions also modify the conventional definition of UTR5, CDS and UTR3.

First we fix two integers **left span** =  $l$  and **right span** =  $r$ .

**UTR5 Junction:** This is the part of the transcript consisting of  $l$  nucleotides to the left of the start site and  $r$  nucleotides to the right of the start site, including the start site.

**UTR3 Junction:** This is the part of the transcript consisting of  $l$  nucleotides to the left of the stop site and  $r$  nucleotides to the right of the stop site, including the stop site.

Using UTR5 and UTR3 junctions, we re-define UTR5, CDS and UTR3 as follows.

**UTR5:** Nucleotides to the left of UTR5 Junction.

**CDS:** Nucleotides between UTR5 junction and UTR3 junction.

**UTR3:** Nucleotides to the right of UTR3 Junction.

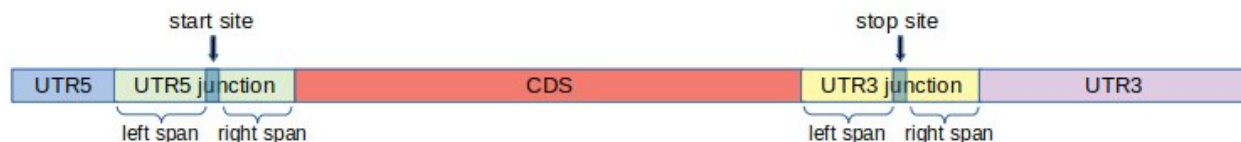


Fig. 3: Region Definitions

### 3.5 RNA-Seq

Storing RNA-Seq of an experiment is optional in ribo files.

?? More explanation is needed ??

## 3.6 Coverage

This is an optional part of ribo format.

Though metagene and region counts should be sufficient for most analysis, ribosome footprint coverage per nucleotide position for each length might be necessary in some cases. So, the user has the option to store this data in the ribo file. Storing coverage increases the size of the ribo file significantly,

## 3.7 Metadata

Metadata is an optional part of ribo format. During or after the creation of a ribo file, users can provide metadata.

Metadata is provided in pairs of the form **key: value** in `yaml` format.

Metadata can be provided for two entities: ribo file and experiment.

### 3.7.1 Ribo File Metadata

This is stored at the root data group of the ribo file. Mapping or pipeline parameters or other metadata common to the experiments can be stored here.

### 3.7.2 Experiment Metadata

This part is intended to hold experiment specific metadata such as cell line, treatment, library preparation method etc.

## 3.8 Ribo File Attributes

Upon the creation of a ribo file, the following parameters are stored and they can NOT be changed thereafter. These attributes are created by RiboPy and they can NOT be specified or changed by the user.

- Metagene Radius
- Left Span & Right Span
- Minimum and Maximum Read Length
- Reference Name

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**Hint:** These attributes can be viewed using the *info* command.

```
ribopy info sample.ribo
```

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A walk-through of Python API

## 4.1 Quick reference

### 4.1.1 Ribo Attributes

Essential Ribo class attributes

<code>ribopy.Ribo(ribo_file[, alias, file_mode])</code>	Ribo is an interface to ribo files.
<code>ribopy.Ribo.experiments</code>	List of experiments in the ribo object
<code>ribopy.Ribo.minimum_length</code>	Reads, used to generate the ribo file, are of at least minimum_length
<code>ribopy.Ribo.maximum_length</code>	Reads, used to generate the ribo file, are of at least minimum_length
<code>ribopy.Ribo.metagene_radius</code>	#nucleotides to the left and right of start / stop sites in metagene coverage.
<code>ribopy.Ribo.left_span</code>	#Nucleotides to the left of start / stop sites to define UTR5 & UTR3 junction regions
<code>ribopy.Ribo.right_span</code>	#Nucleotides to the right of start / stop sites to define UTR5 & UTR3 junction regions
<code>ribopy.Ribo.format_version</code>	Ribo file format version

### 4.1.2 Getter Functions

Methods for reading ribosome profiling data.

<code>ribopy.Ribo.get_metagene(site_type[, ...])</code>	Returns metagene data at start / stop site
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<code>ribopy.Ribo.get_region_counts(region_name[,Returns number of reads mapping to UTRs or CDS. ...])</code>	
<code>ribopy.Ribo.get_coverage(experiment[, ...])</code>	Returns coverage at nucleotide resolution.
<code>ribopy.Ribo.get_rnaseq([experiments])</code>	Returns region counts coming from RNA-Seq data.

### 4.1.3 Plot Functions

Some essential plots for ribosome profiling analysis,

<code>ribopy.Ribo.plot_metagene(site_type[, ...])</code>	Generates coverage plots around start / stop sites.
<code>ribopy.Ribo.plot_lengthdist(region_type, ...)</code>	Generates distribution of the reads according to length
<code>ribopy.Ribo.plot_region_counts(experiments)</code>	Generates bar plots of region counts

## 4.2 Ribo

**class** `ribopy.Ribo(ribo_file, alias=None, file_mode='r')`

Ribo is an interface to ribo files.

It provides access to ribo file attributes, metadata and ribosome profiling data in a ribo file.

#### Parameters

- **ribo\_file** (*str*, *BytesIO*) – Path to a ribo file or a handle to a ribo file
- **file\_mode** (*str*, [*choices*: "r", "r+"]) – h5py file mode. Ribo file must exist. So only read ("r") or read & write ("r+") modes are allowed. Be extremely careful with the r+ option. For most use cases, "r" (read-only) option should be sufficient. You are strongly discouraged to delete or modify existing attributes or data tables as this can corrupt the file.

#### experiments

List of experiments in the ribo object

#### format\_version

Ribo file format version

**get\_coverage** (*experiment*, *range\_lower=0*, *range\_upper=0*, *alias=False*)

Returns coverage at nucleotide resolution.

Note that RNA-Seq data is an optional entity of Ribo File.

**get\_length\_dist** (*region\_name*, *experiments=[]*)

Returns the number of reads for each length for a given region

**Parameters** **region\_name** (*str*, *list*) –

**get\_metadata** (*experiment=None*)

Returns user defined metadata in dictionary form

**Parameters** **experiment** (*str* (*default = None*)) – If None, the metadata of the ribo file itself is returned. Otherwise, returns the metadata of the given experiment.

**Returns result**

**Return type** dict

**get\_metagene** (*site\_type*, *experiments=[]*, *sum\_lengths=True*, *sum\_references=True*, *range\_lower=0*, *range\_upper=0*, *alias=False*)

Returns metagene data at start / stop site

Metagene data is reported for a range of read lengths. Every read length in this range is included in the returned data frame. This range is provided as an interval by specifying *range\_lower* and *range\_upper*, both of which are included. If range is not specified, the minimum and maximum read lengths from the ribo file are taken as the range definition.

#### Parameters

- **site\_type** (*str* [*choices*: 'start' , 'stop']) – Determines the site, around which metagene coverage is going to be reported.
- **sum\_lengths** (*bool* [*default*: True]) – If True, metagene data is summed up across the given length range. If False, metagene data is reported for each length in the given range.
- **sum\_references** (*bool* [*default*: False]) – If True, metagene data is summed across references (transcripts). If False, metagene data is reported for each transcript.
- **experiments** (*list*, *str*) – List of experiment(s). If empty, all experiments are included.

**Returns metagene\_df** – This data frame contains coverage around start or stop site. The column labels are the relative positions, with respect to the start or stop site. The index of the dataframe depends on the two parameters: *sum\_lengths* and *sum\_references*. Whichever of these parameters are set to True, won't be in the index. Therefore, if *sum\_lengths* is True, there won't be a length index in the *metagene\_df* because the values are summed across the lengths.

**Return type** pandas.DataFrame

**get\_region\_counts** (*region\_name*, *sum\_lengths=True*, *sum\_references=True*, *range\_lower=0*, *range\_upper=0*, *experiments=[]*, *alias=False*)

Returns number of reads mapping to UTRs or CDS.

Region counts are reported for a range of read lengths. Every read length in this range is included in the returned data frame. This range is provided as an interval by specifying *range\_lower* and *range\_upper*, both of which are included. If range is not specified, the minimum and maximum read lengths from the ribo file are taken as the range definition.

#### Parameters

- **region\_name** (*str* [*choices*: "UTR5", "UTR5\_junction", "CDS", "UTR3\_junction", "UTR3"]) – For the definition of these regions, check the documentation at <https://ribopy.readthedocs.io> The region definitions are coming from the annotation in the ribo file.
- **sum\_lengths** (*int* [*default*: True]) – If True, sum region counts across read lengths. If False, report region counts for each length.
- **sum\_references** (*int* [*default*: True]) – If True, sum region counts across references (transcripts). If False, report region counts for each reference.
- **range\_lower** (*int*) – Minimum read length to be included in the result. *range\_upper*:  
int

Maximum read length to be included in the result.

**experiments: list, str [default: []]** List of experiment(s). If empty, all experiments are included.

**Returns region\_counts** – The index of the dataframe depends on the parameters `sum_lengths` and `sum_references`. More precisely, if `sum_lengths` is `False`, there will be an index for read length. If `True`, there won't be such an index as data is aggregated by read lengths. Similarly, if `sum_references` is `False`, there will be an index for reference (transcript) names. If `True`, there won't be such an index. The columns correspond to experiments.

**Return type** `pd.DataFrame`

**get\_rnaseq** (*experiments=None*)

Returns region counts coming from RNA-Seq data.

Note that RNA-Seq data is an optional entity of Ribo File.

In contrast to region counts for ribosome profiling data, the resulting data frame do not have separate entries for read lengths. The columns of the data frame correspond to regions. The index of the Data Frame has two levels: experiment, transcript.

#### Parameters

- **experiments** (*list, str*) – List of experiment(s) whose RNA-Seq data is to be reported
- **rnaseq\_df** (*pd.DataFrame*) – Data Frame containing RNA-Seq counts for each region.

**has\_coverage** (*experiment*)

return `has_coverage_data(self._handle, experiment_name)`

**Parameters experiment** (*str*) – Named of the experiment whose coverage data is inquired.

**Returns result**

**Return type** `bool`

**has\_metadata** (*experiment=None*)

Checks if Ribo has metadata

**Parameters experiment** (*str (default = None)*) – If `None`, the metadata of the ribo file itself is inquired. Otherwise, checks if the given experiment has metadata

**Returns result**

**Return type** `bool`

**has\_rnaseq** (*experiment*)

Does experiment has RNA-Seq data?

**Parameters experiment** (*str*) – Name of the experiment

**Returns rnaseq\_exists**

**Return type** `bool`

**info**

All Ribo attributes packed in a dictionary.

**left\_span**

#Nucleotides to the left of start / stop sites to define UTR5 & UTR3 junction regions

**maximum\_length**

Reads, used to generate the ribo file, are of at least mininum\_length

**metagene\_radius**

#nucleotides to the left and right of start / stop sites in metagene coverage.

**minimum\_length**

Reads, used to generate the ribo file, are of at least minimum\_length

**plot\_lengthdist**(*region\_type*, *experiments*, *title*=", *normalize*=False, *output\_file*", *colors*=['blue', 'red', 'green', 'brown', 'orange', 'violet', 'black'])

Generates distribution of the reads according to length

The x-axis is the read length and the y-axis is the number of reads mapping to the particular region.

**Parameters**

- **region\_name** (*str* [*choices*: "UTR5", "UTR5\_junction", "CDS", "UTR3\_junction", "UTR3"]) – For the definition of these regions, check the documentation at <https://ribopy.readthedocs.io> The region definitions are coming from the annotation in the ribo file.
- **experiments** (*list*, *str*) – List of experiments to be plotted
- **title** (*str*) – Title of the plot
- **normalize** (*bool* (*default* = False)) – Normalize each experiment by total number of reads.
- **output\_file** (*str* (*default* = "")) – If provided, the output will be saved in this path.
- **colors** ((*default*: ["blue", "red", "green", "brown", "orange", "violet", "black"])) – Colors of lines.

**plot\_metagene**(*site\_type*, *title*=", *experiments*=[], *range\_lower*=0, *range\_upper*=0, *normalize*=False, *output\_file*", *colors*=['blue', 'red', 'green', 'brown', 'orange', 'violet', 'black'])

Generates coverage plots around start / stop sites.

“metagene\_radius” many nucleotides are taken on either side of the site type. The axis is the positions of the nucleotides relative to “site\_type” and the y-axis is their frequency.

Setting `normalize = True` might be helpful when plotting more than one experiment. Values are normalized by total number of mapped reads in the experiment,

**Parameters**

- **site\_type** (*str* [*choices*: "start", "stop"]) – Coverage plot is centered around the site type.
- **title** (*str*, *default* = "") – Title of the plot
- **experiments** (*list*, *str*) – List of experiments to be plotted
- **range\_lower** (*int*) – Minimum read length to be included in the metagene coverage data.
- **range\_upper** (*int*) – Maximum read length to be included in the metagene coverage data.
- **normalize** (*bool* (*default* = False)) – Normalize metagene data by number of mapped reads in the experiment
- **output\_file** (*str*, (*default* = "")) – If non-empty, the plot will be saved in the provided path.

- **colors** (*list*, (*default*: [*"blue"*, *"red"*, *"green"*, *"brown"*, *"orange"*, *"violet"*, *"black"*])) – Colors of lines.

**plot\_region\_counts** (*experiments*, *title*=, *range\_lower*=0, *range\_upper*=0, *horizontal*=True, *output\_file*=)

Generates bar plots of region counts

The bar plot coming from the percentages of the counts of the regions: UTR5, CDS and UTR3

#### Parameters

- **experiments** (*list*, *str*) – List of experiments to be plotted
- **title** (*str*) – Title of the plot
- **range\_lower** (*int*) – Minimum read length to be included in the bar plot data.
- **range\_upper** (*int*) – Maximum read length to be included in the bar plot data.
- **horizontal** (*bool* (*default* = True)) – Generates bar plots horizontally. Especially for long experiment names, this is the preferred method.
- **output\_file** (*str* (*default* = "")) – If provided, the output will be saved in this path.

**print\_info** (*return\_str*=False)

Prints Ribo file information in string format.

**Parameters** **return\_str** (*bool*) – If True, returns the info\_str and does not print. if False, prints the info\_str and returns none.

**Returns** **info\_str** – Ribo File Summary String

**Return type** str

#### Notes

If this information is needed in a structured form, use the “info” attribute of the ribo object.

**reference\_name**

Name of the reference (transcript assembly & annotation)

**ribopy\_version**

Version of the ribopy used to creat the ribo file

**right\_span**

#Nucleotides to the right of start / stop sites to define UTR5 & UTR3 junction regions

**transcript\_index**

Transcript indices in dictionary form.

transcript\_name -> transcript\_length

The transcript index coming from the order of Transcripts in the ribo file,

**transcript\_lengths**

Transcript lengths in dictionary form.

transcript\_name -> transcript\_length

**transcript\_names**

Transcripts Names in the ribo reference

**transcript\_offsets**

Transcript offsets

This gives us the initial position of the transcript in determining coverage. If the transcripts are linearly lined up according to the order in the ribo file, then this offset is the position of the first nucleotide of the transcript.





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## 5.1 CLI Reference

`CLI Reference [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...`

### Options

`--debug`, `--no-debug`

#### 5.1.1 create

Creates a ribo file from a given reference, annotation and alignment file.

The resulting ribo file contains a single experiment whose name is provided in “--name”. If “--name” is not provided, the experiment name will be extracted from the ribo file path after stripping the file extension.

RiboPy works on transcriptomic coordinates. In other words, all coordinates are relative to transcripts where the first nucleotide of the transcript is always zero. Each entry in the alignment reference must come from a single transcript. Ribo-Seq data aligned against genomic coordinates is NOT usable with RiboPy.

**A note on transcript <-> reference:** Sequencing reads are mapped against a reference to generate alignment files in bed or bam format. Each entry of this reference is coming from a transcript. Therefore, in this context, reference and transcript correspond to the same entity. Thus, the names ‘reference’ and ‘transcript’ are used interchangeably. For example ‘reference names’ and ‘transcript names’ refer to the same list of names.

**Reference Lengths File:** Reference lengths must be provided in the ‘lengths’ option. This must be a tab separated file where transcript names are in the first column and the transcript lengths are in the second column.

**Example:**

TRANSCRIPT_1	1512
TRANSCRIPT_2	1387

**Annotation Examples:** Below are some valid and invalid annotation file examples. ribopy will report an error and fail to generate a ribo file if an invalid annotation file is given.

**VALID ANNOTATION:** (Assuming length of TRANSCRIPT\_1 is 1252)

TRANSCRIPT_1	0	21	UTR5	0	+
TRANSCRIPT_1	21	1041	CDS	0	+
TRANSCRIPT_1	1041	1252	UTR3	0	+

**INVALID ANNOTATION:** (Assuming length of TRANSCRIPT\_2 is 1000. Nucleotide positions 32,33 and 34 are not annotated)

TRANSCRIPT_1	0	32	UTR5	0	+
TRANSCRIPT_1	35	920	CDS	0	+
TRANSCRIPT_1	920	1000	UTR3	0	+

**INVALID ANNOTATION:** (Assuming length of TRANSCRIPT\_3 is 1200) (There is no CDS region.)

TRANSCRIPT_3	0	50	UTR5	0	+
TRANSCRIPT_3	50	1200	UTR3	0	+

**INVALID ANNOTATION:** (Assuming length of TRANSCRIPT\_4 is 1000) (There is no UTR3 region.)

TRANSCRIPT_3	0	700	UTR5	0	+
TRANSCRIPT_3	100	1000	CDS	0	+

**Region Counts & Left / Right Span:** For each transcript, the number of reads aligning to each region (UTR5, CDS, and UTR3) are stored. For this quantification, we exclude nucleotides in some proximity of start and stop sites.

This proximity is defined by taking ‘leftspan’ many nucleotides to the left of start / stop sites and ‘rightspan’ many nucleotides to the right of start / stop sites. The regions around start and stop sites are called UTR5\_junction and UTR3\_junction respectively.

**UTR5\_junction: Nucleotides ‘around’ start site.** This region is between UTR5 and CDS.

**UTR3\_junction: Nucleotides ‘around’ stop site.** This region is between CDS and UTR3.

Note that ‘around’ is precisely defined by ‘leftspan’ and ‘rightspan’ arguments.

**Read Length Range:** Quantified Ribo-Seq data (metagene coverage, region counts, transcript ocoverage (if any)) is stored for each read length for a given range. This range is defined by –lengthmin and –lengthmax. Both values are inclusive. So, for example, for –lengthmin 19 –lengthmax 21, region counts are computed and stored for RNA fragments of length 19,20 and 21 separately. For human Ribo-Seq data, a range from 15 to 35 can be sufficient for conventional experiments.

**Metadata:** Metadata, either for the ribo file or for any experiment, is an optional argument. Metadata must be provided in yaml format.

Users can provide metadata for

- i) ribo file
  - ribometa
- ii) experiment
  - expmeta

Metadata is provided in pairs of the form ‘label: value’

#### Example Metadata:

cell-line:	HEK
enzyme:	RNASEI

**Examples:** Below are some ribo file generation examples in different settings.

- 1) Some command line examples to create ribo files. Create a file named WT.ribo in the current directory. Provide alignment data in a zipped bed file. Do NOT store coverage data.

```
ribopy create --name WT \
  --alignmentfile WT.bed.gz \
  --reference appris_human_v1 \
  --lengths appris_len.tsv \
  --annotation appris_regions.bed \
  --radius 50 \
  -l 35 -r 15 \
  --lengthmin 15 --lengthmax 35 \
  --nocoverage \
  WT.ribo
```

- 2) Create a file named Treatment\_1.ribo in the current directory. Provide alignment data in a zipped bam file. Store coverage data.

```
ribopy create --name Treatment_1 \
  --alignmentfile Treatment_1.bam \
  --format bam \
  --reference appris_human_v1 \
  --lengths appris_len.tsv \
  --annotation appris_regions.bed \
  --radius 50 \
  -l 35 -r 15 \
  --lengthmin 15 --lengthmax 35 \
  Treatment_1.ribo
```

- 3) Create a file named WT\_2.ribo in the current directory. Provide alignment data in a zipped bed file. Do NOT store coverage data. Read metadata of this experiment from WT\_2\_meta.yaml

```
ribopy create --name WT_2 \
  --alignmentfile WT_2.bed.gz \
  --reference appris_human_v1 \
  --lengths appris_len.tsv \
  --annotation appris_regions.bed \
  --radius 50 \
  -l 35 -r 15 \
  --lengthmin 15 --lengthmax 35 \
  --nocoverage \
  --expmeta WT_2_meta.yaml \
  WT_2.ribo
```

`CLI Reference create [OPTIONS] RIBOFILE`

## Options

**-a, --alignmentfile** <alignmentfile>

Aligned Ribo-Seq Data File If no file is provided, it is read from standard input. Alignment file can be in bed or bam format. Bed files with '.gz' or '.gzip' extension are assumed to be gzipped. So they will be automatically unzipped. If no alignment file is given, it is read from the standard input. Thus, the user can pipe the output of some process to ribopy to produce ribo files.

**-f, --alignmentformat** <alignmentformat>

Alignment File Format [default: bed]

**Options** bed bam

**--name** <name>

Experiment name If name is not provided, experiment name is extracted from the ribo file path. If --name parameter is omitted, experiment name is determined using the ribo file path. For example if the ribo file path is /home/user/data/WT.ribo, then, experiment name is set to 'WT'. Experiment name can only contain alphanumeric characters, '\_', '-', and '.'.

**--reference** <reference>

Reference name It is good practice to give a unique name to a particular transcriptome and annotation pair and use it consistently. For convenience, the user has the freedom to choose a name for the transcript reference and the annotation, used to create a ribo file. If used consistently, one can tell whether two ribo files are coming from the same annotation or not. Note that ribo files having different reference names can not be merged. [required]

**--lengthsfile, --lengths** <lengthsfile>

A tab-separated file containing ref. name and ref. lengths [required]

**--annotationfile, --annotation** <annotationfile>

A bed file defining UTR5, CDS and UTR3 regions. Each transcript must be annotated. More explicitly, the coordinates of the regions UTR5, CDS and UTR3 must be provided for each transcript. This annotation is provided in a BED file. The annotation can not contain gaps. All nucleotides of a transcript must belong to a region. If a transcript does not have a CDS or UTR3 region, it must be excluded from the lengths file and annotation. Note that bed files are 0-based, start position is included and the end position is excluded. The order and transcript names in the lengths file must match the order in the annotation file. Annotation data is kept in ribo files. It is possible to extract the annotation from a ribo file using the dump command. [required]

**--metageneradius, --radius** <metageneradius>

Number of nucleotides on either side of start / stop sites for metagene analysis.

Aligning transcripts by their start / stop sites and aggregating the coverage gives us metagene data. The number of nucleotides to be taken on either side of start / stop site is given by the metagene radius.

**-l, --leftspan** <leftspan>

Number of nucleotides to the left of start / stop sites for defining UTR5 / UTR3 junction regions. [default: 35]

**-r, --rightspan** <rightspan>

Number of nucleotides to the right of start / stop sites for defining UTR5 / UTR3 junction regions. [default: 15]

**--lengthmin, --min** <lengthmin>

Minimum read length to be counted [default: 15]

**--lengthmax, --max** <lengthmax>

Maximum read length to be counted [default: 35]

**--ribometa** <ribometa>

Metadata file, for the ribo file, in yaml format.

**--expmeta** <expmeta>

Metadata file, for the experiment, in yaml format.

**--nocoverage**

Do not store coverage. By default, coverage IS stored at nucleotide resolution, of each transcript, for each read length. Turning this flag on decreases size of ribo file at the cost of coverage data. From the alignment data, five prime end of the reads, mapping to each nucleotide position, of each transcript is computed for each read length. We call this coverage. Coverage is used for metagene analysis and region counts. By default, ribopy stores coverage data in the ribo file. Keeping coverage increases the ribo file size considerably. Users can choose NOT to keep coverage by setting this flag.

**-n, --nprocess** <nprocess>

Number of cores to be used. [default: 1]

## Arguments

**RIBOFILE**

Required argument

## 5.1.2 dump

Dump selected parts of ribo files to particular formats

```
CLI Reference dump [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

### annotation

Gives UTR5, CDS and UTR3 annotation in bed format.

Annotation is written to standard output if no output file is given.

#### Examples:

- 1) Store the annotation in a bed file

```
ribopy dump annotation -o regions.bed sample.ribo
```

- 2) Print annotation to standard output

```
ribopy dump annotation sample.ribo
```

```
CLI Reference dump annotation [OPTIONS] RIBO
```

## Options

**-o, --out** <out>

Output file in bed format

## Arguments

**RIBO**

Required argument

## coverage

Prints the coverage of each transcript.

This command prints the coverage of each transcript, at nucleotide resolution, for a given read length range. For a single read length, set 'lowerlength' equal to 'upperlength'. The values for the given range are aggregated by summation.

Append ".gz" to the output file name to have the output in zipped form.

**File format:** options: bg, tsv

**bg: Bedgraph** The columns of the bedgraph file are of the form transcript\_name location\_start location\_end coverage\_value Only the nonzero values are reported in the bedgraph file. Bedgraph is 0-based and location\_start is inclusive and location\_end is exclusive.

See <https://genome.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/help/bedgraph.html> for a detailed description of bedgraph file format.

**tsv: Tab separated File** In this format, coverage values for all nucleotide positions, regardless of their value ( 0 or not ) are reported.

The columns of the file are of the form transcript\_name comma\_separated\_coverage

## Examples:

- 1) Get coverage data, of WT, for read length 21 in zipped bedgraph format

```
ribopy --lowerlength 21 --upperlength 21 \  
-o coverage.bg.gz \  
--format bg sample.ribo WT
```

- 2) Get coverage data, of treatment\_1, for range 26 to 30 in tsv format

```
ribopy --lowerlength 26 --upperlength 30 \  
-o coverage.tsv \  
--format tsv \  
sample.ribo treatment_1
```

```
CLI Reference dump coverage [OPTIONS] RIBO EXPERIMENT
```

## Options

**-o, --out** <out>

Output file in csv format

**--lowerlength** <lowerlength>

Minimum read length to take

**--upperlength** <upperlength>

Maximum read length to take

**--format** <format>

Output file format

**Options** bgltsv

## Arguments

### RIBO

Required argument

### EXPERIMENT

Required argument

## metagene

Dumps metagene data to a csv file or standard output.

Metagene data is obtained from coverage around start / stop site in a pre-defined radius.

**Examples:** Below are some examples for different scenarios.

- 1) Get metagene data around START site for the experiment WT. Report results for read lengths from 28 to 32. Aggregate data by summing accross read lengths. Also, values are summed across transcripts. Save the results in start.csv.

```
ribopy dump metagene \
  --experiment WT \
  --site start \
  --out start.csv \
  --lowerlength 28 --upperlength 32 \
  --sumlengths \
  sample.ribo
```

- 2) Get metagene data around STOP site for the experiment Treatment\_1. Report results for read length 31. Values are summed across transcripts. Print the results on the standard output.

```
ribopy dump metagene \
  --experiment WT \
  --site stop \
  --lowerlength 31 --upperlength 31 \
  sample.ribo
```

- 3) Get metagene data around START site for the experiment WT. Report results for read lengths from 30 to 32. Report results for each read length. Also, values are summed across transcripts. Save the results in start.csv.

```
ribopy dump metagene \
  --experiment WT \
  --site start \
  --out start.csv \
  --lowerlength 30 --upperlength 32 \
  sample.ribo
```

```
CLI Reference dump metagene [OPTIONS] RIBO
```

## Options

**-s, --site** <site>

Site type. [required]

**Options** start|stop

**-o, --out** <out>  
Output file in bed format

**-e, --experiment** <experiment>  
Name of the experiment

**-l, --lowerlength** <lowerlength>  
Minimum read length to be taken

**-u, --upperlength** <upperlength>  
Maximum read length to be taken

**--sumlengths**  
Sum accross lengths

**--nosumtrans**  
Do NOT aggregate values accross transcripts

## Arguments

**RIBO**  
Required argument

## reference-lengths

Gives transcript names and their lengths.

Annotation is written to standard output if no output file is given.

The first column corresponds to transcript names and the second column corresponds to transcript lengths.

**Examples:** Print the output to the terminal

```
ribopy dump reference-lengths sample.ribo
```

Save the output, in gzipped form, in lengths.csv.gz and use , to separate columns

```
ribopy dump reference-lengths -o lengths.csv.gz --sep "," sample.ribo
```

```
CLI Reference dump reference-lengths [OPTIONS] RIBO
```

## Options

**-o, --out** <out>  
Output file

**-s, --sep** <sep>  
Column separator, default is t (tab)

## Arguments

**RIBO**  
Required argument



## region-counts

Dumps a given region in csv format to a file or standard output.

**Examples:** Below are some examples for different scenarios.

- 1) Get number of reads mapping to the coding sequence (CDS) for the experiment WT. Report results for read lengths from 28 to 32. Aggregate data by summing accross read lengths. Also, values are summed across transcripts. Save the results in cds.csv.

```
ribopy dump region-counts \
  --experiment WT \
  --region CDS \
  --out cds.csv \
  --lowerlength 28 --upperlength 32 \
  --sumlengths \
  --sumtrans \
  sample.ribo
```

- 2) Get number of reads mapping to UTR3 for the experiment Treatment. Report results for read lengths from 30 to 32. Aggregate data by summing accross read lengths. CDS occupancy is reported for each transcript. Save the results in cds.csv.

```
ribopy dump region-counts \
  --experiment Treatment \
  --region UTR3 \
  --out cds.csv \
  --lowerlength 30 --upperlength 32 \
  --sumlengths \
  sample.ribo
```

```
CLI Reference dump region-counts [OPTIONS] RIBO
```

## Options

- r, --region** <region>  
Site type. [required]  
**Options** UTR5|UTR5\_junction|CDS|UTR3|UTR3\_junction
- o, --out** <out>  
Output file in csv format
- e, --experiment** <experiment>  
Name of the experiment
- lowerlength** <lowerlength>  
Minimum read length to be taken
- upperlength** <upperlength>  
Maximum read length to be taken
- sumlengths**  
Sum accross lengths
- sumtrans**  
Sum accross transcripts

## Arguments

### **RIBO**

Required argument

## 5.1.3 info

Displays a summary information about the given ribo file

```
CLI Reference info [OPTIONS] RIBOFILE
```

## Arguments

### **RIBOFILE**

Required argument

## 5.1.4 merge

Merges a set of given ribo files into one ribo file.

The input ribo files are merged into a new ribo file. The resulting ribo file has the union of the experiments of the input files

The ribo files to be merged must be compatible: They must have the same

- 1) Reference Name
- 2) Transcript Names & Transcript Lengths
- 3) Annotation
- 4) Ribo file parameters:
  - a) Metagene Radius
  - b) Left Span & Right Span
  - c) Min & Max Read Length
- 5) They can not have overlapping experiment names

This option is especially useful for Ribo-Seq Data processed together and needs to be analyzed together.

```
CLI Reference merge [OPTIONS] OUT_RIBO_PATH [IN_RIBO_PATHS]...
```

## Arguments

### **OUT\_RIBO\_PATH**

Required argument

### **IN\_RIBO\_PATHS**

Optional argument(s)

### 5.1.5 metadata

Display, set or delete user-defined metadata

If no name is given, the metadata of the ribo file is set, displayed or deleted.

```
CLI Reference metadata [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

#### delete

Deletes user-defined metadata of the ribo file or experiment

If no name is provided, metadata of the ribo file is deleted.

If name is given, metadata of the corresponding experiment is deleted.

```
CLI Reference metadata delete [OPTIONS] RIBO
```

#### Options

**--name** <name>  
experiment name

**--force**  
Set metadata without prompting user.

#### Arguments

**RIBO**  
Required argument

#### get

Displays user-defined metadata of the ribo file or experiment

If no name is provided, metadata of the ribo file is displayed.

If name is given, metadata of the corresponding experiment is displayed.

```
CLI Reference metadata get [OPTIONS] RIBO
```

#### Options

**--name** <name>  
experiment name

#### Arguments

**RIBO**  
Required argument

## set

Stores the metadata in the meta file.

If no name is given, the metadata of the ribo file is set.

If name is provided, the metadata of the corresponding experiment is set.

The metadata must be in yaml format.

Example Ribo Metadata File Contents:

pipeline_name:	RiboFlow
pipeline_version:	v1.0.2
project:	elongation blocker

Example Library Metadata File Contents:

Cell_Line:	Human ESC
Treatment:	Drug A
Enzyme:	RNASEI

```
CLI Reference metadata set [OPTIONS] RIBO
```

## Options

- name** <name>  
experiment name
- meta** <meta>  
Metadata File [required]
- force**  
Set metadata without prompting user.

## Arguments

**RIBO**  
Required argument

### 5.1.6 plot

Generate some basic plots for ribo files.

```
CLI Reference plot [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

## lengthdist

Plots the distribution of the ribosome footprint lengths.

The x-axis is the length of the protected ribosome footprints. The y-axis is the raw or normalized frequencies.

At most 7 experiments can be provided for a single plot.

Pdf and png output formats are supported. If “dump” option is provided, the data is written to the provided file path.

If the frequencies are normalized using the “--normalize” option, the y-axis becomes the percentages of the frequencies.

**Examples:** 1) Plot CDS length distribution of exp\_1 and exp\_2 and normalize the frequencies.

```
ribopy plot lengthdist \
  -o multiple_dist.pdf \
  -r CDS --normalize \
  project.ribo exp_1 exp_2
```

2)Plot only main\_exp and write the data to out.csv.

```
ribopy plot lengthdist \
  -d out.csv \
  -o main_exp.pdf \
  -r CDS \
  project.ribo main_exp
```

```
CLI Reference plot lengthdist [OPTIONS] RIBO [EXPERIMENTS]...
```

## Options

**-r, --region** <region>  
Region type. [required]

**Options** UTR5|UTR5\_junction|CDS|UTR3\_junction|UTR3

**-o, --out** <out>  
Output file in bed format [required]

**-t, --title** <title>  
Plot title.

**--normalize**  
Normalize by total metagene site coverage

**-d, --dump** <dump>  
Dump the data to csv file

## Arguments

**RIBO**  
Required argument

**EXPERIMENTS**  
Optional argument(s)

## metagene

Generates metagene plots.

The x-axis is the relative nucleotide positions and the start /stop site is at the center (origin at 0). The y-axis is the raw or normalized coverage.

At most 7 experiments can be provided for a single plot.

For a given start or stop site, the coverage around the site of interest is plotted.

The supported output extensions are pdf and png.

If a length range is not provided, the minimum and the maximum ranges from the ribo file are read and used as the range. The values in the length range are aggregated to generate the metagene plot.

### Examples:

- 1) Get coverage data, of WT, for read length 21 in zipped bedgraph format

```
ribopy plot metagene -s start -o hela_1.pdf project.ribo HeLa_1
```

- 2) Two experiments in one plot, stop site, with normalization

```
ribopy plot metagene -s start --normalize -o hela_1_2.pdf project.ribo_  
↪HeLa_1 HeLa_2
```

- 3) Plot start site using footprints of length 20,21,22 Dump the data to out.csv file.

```
ribopy plot metagene -s start \  
  --lowerlength 20 upperlength 22 \  
  -o hela_1.pdf \  
  -d out.csv \  
  project.ribo HeLa_1
```

```
CLI Reference plot metagene [OPTIONS] RIBO [EXPERIMENTS]...
```

## Options

**-s, --site** <site>

Site type. [required]

**Options** start|stop

**-o, --out** <out>

Output file. [required]

**--lowerlength** <lowerlength>

Lower read length

**--upperlength** <upperlength>

Upper read length

**-t, --title** <title>

Plot title.

**--normalize**

Normalize by total metagene site coverage

**-d, --dump** <dump>

Dump the data to csv file

## Arguments

### RIBO

Required argument

### EXPERIMENTS

Optional argument(s)

## regioncounts

Generates barplots of the percentages of the UTR5, CDS and UTR3 counts.

The raw counts are saved to a csv file if “--dump” option is provided.

If a length range is not provided, then the range is determined using the minimum and the maximum read lengths in the ribo file.

**Examples:** 1) Plot the region counts for the experiment names sample for lengths from 29 to 31

```
ribopy plot regioncounts --lowerlength 29 --upperlength 31 \
  --out sample.region_counts.pdf test.ribo sample
```

2) Plot region counts for the two experiments WT and DrugA for all lengths combined

```
ribopy plot regioncounts --out wt_anddrug.pdf other.ribo WT DrugA
```

```
CLI Reference plot regioncounts [OPTIONS] RIBO [EXPERIMENTS]...
```

## Options

**-o, --out** <out>

Output file [required]

**--lowerlength** <lowerlength>

Lower read length

**--upperlength** <upperlength>

Upper read length

**-t, --title** <title>

Plot title.

**--horizontal**

Draw bars horizontally.

**-d, --dump** <dump>

Dump the data to csv file

## Arguments

### RIBO

Required argument

### EXPERIMENTS

Optional argument(s)

### 5.1.7 rnaseq

Display, set or delete RNA-Seq data

```
CLI Reference rnaseq [OPTIONS] COMMAND [ARGS]...
```

#### delete

Delete RNA-Seq data of a particular experiment

Example

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```
ribopy rnaseq delete --name WT test.ribo
```

```
CLI Reference rnaseq delete [OPTIONS] RIBO
```

#### Options

**--name** <name>  
experiment name [required]

**--force**  
Delete RNA-Seq without prompting user.

#### Arguments

**RIBO**  
Required argument

#### get

Get transcript expression data of a given experiment

If no output parameter is provided, the results are printed to standard output.

Transcript expression is reported in two columns where the first column corresponds to transcript names and the second column corresponds to transcript expression.

Examples

---

Save the transcript expression in a tab separated file in gzipped form.

1) `ribopy rnaseq get --name WT --out transcript_exp.tsv.gz test.ribo`

Print the transcript expression on the screen

2) `ribopy rnaseq get --name WT test.ribo`



```
CLI Reference rnaseq get [OPTIONS] RIBO
```

## Options

**--name** <name>  
experiment name

**--out** <out>  
Output File

**--sep** <sep>  
Column Separator: Default is tab

## Arguments

**RIBO**  
Required argument

## set

Store the transcript expression data of an experiment

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```
CLI Reference rnaseq set [OPTIONS] RIBO
```

## Options

**-n, --name** <name>  
experiment name [required]

**-a, --alignment** <alignment>  
RNASeq alignments in bed or bam format.

**-c, --counts** <counts>  
Transcript Expression File

**-f, --format** <format>  
RNA-Seq alignment format

**Options** bedlbam

**--sep** <sep>  
Column Separator for counts file [default: ]

**--force**  
Set RNA-Seq without prompting user.

## Arguments

**RIBO**  
Required argument



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### R API

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A walkthrough of RiboR is in this [link](#).



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## Release notes

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### 7.1 Latest

#### 7.1.1 Enhancements

- Improved documentation

### 7.2 v0.0.0

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- Working initial version.



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