

1 **Supplementary protocol 1. Installing cryoDRGN version 0.3.5**

2 1. Instructions for installing the latest version of cryoDRGN are available at
 3 <https://github.com/zhonge/cryodrgn>. For consistency with our results, we recommend
 4 using version 0.3.5 that we employed in this protocol. It can be installed using github as
 5 described below. To set up the conda environment, run the following commands:
 6
 7 conda create --name cryodrgn python=3.7
 8 conda activate cryodrgn
 9 conda install pytorch cudatoolkit=10.2 -c pytorch
 10 conda install pandas seaborn scikit-learn
 11 conda install umap-learn jupyterlab ipywidgets cufflinks-py
 12 "nodejs>=15.12.0" -c conda-forge
 13 conda update typing_extensions -c conda-forge
 14 jupyter labextension install @jupyter-widgets/jupyterlab-manager
 15 --no-build
 16 jupyter labextension install jupyterlab-plotly --no-build
 17 jupyter labextension install plotlywidget --no-build
 18 jupyter lab build
 19
 20 **Critical step:** Ensure that you install cudatoolkit and pytorch versions compatible with
 21 your graphics card and drivers. For example, your CUDA version is returned by the
 22 command nvidia-smi, and generally the latest pytorch version (built for your CUDA version
 23 and python 3.7) will be appropriate. See pytorch.org for more details on how to install
 24 pytorch.
 25
 26 2. Optionally install NVIDIA's Apex library to enable --amp acceleration via the following
 27 commands:
 28
 29 git clone https://github.com/NVIDIA/apex
 30 cd apex
 31 pip install -v --disable-pip-version-check --no-cache-dir ./
 32
 33 3. Optionally install the CUDA machine learning library for faster UMAP embeddings in
 34 analyze_convergence.py.
 35
 36 conda install cuml -c rapidsai-nightly -c rapidsai -c nvidia -c
 37 conda-forge
 38
 39 4. Clone version 0.3.5 from GitHub:
 40
 41 git clone https://github.com/zhonge/cryodrgn.git
 42 cd cryodrgn
 43 git checkout tags/0.3.5
 44 python setup.py -q install

1 **Supplementary protocol 2. Creating a consensus refinement in cryoSPARC**

- 2 1. Run an import particle stack job by specifying `L17Combine_weight_local.mrcs` as
3 the particle data path and `Parameters.star` as the particle meta path. Note that the
4 data sign needs to be flipped to dark-on-light.
- 5
- 6 2. Run an ab initio reconstruction job with default parameters.
- 7
- 8 3. Run a homogeneous refinement job with default parameters. Note that we generally
9 suggest performing reconstructions without imposed symmetry (*i.e.* C1) as it preserves
10 potentially interesting heterogeneity.
- 11
- 12 4. Copy the refined `particles.cs` file, whose name should resemble
13 `cryosparc_P4_J33_004_particles.cs`, to the working `cryoDRGN` directory where
14 the full dataset is stored.

1 **Supplementary protocol 3. Setting up port forwarding via SSH**

- 2 1. SSH port forwarding can be set up at the time of login using the following command and
3 replacing remote_username and remote_host_name with the appropriate values:

4 ssh -N -f -L localhost:8888:localhost:8888
5 remote_username@remote_host_name

6 If you are running your jupyter notebook on a worker node in a compute cluster, as
7 opposed to a local workstation, we suggest the following alternative port forwarding
8 command:

9 ssh -t -t username@cluster-head-node -L 8888:localhost:8888 ssh
10 active-worker-node -L 8888:localhost:8888

- 11
12 2. To open Jupyter notebook, enter the command `jupyter lab --no-browser --port`
13 8888 into the terminal, and navigate to `localhost:8888` in a web browser on your local
14 computer.

1 **Supplementary protocol 4. Generating segmented PDB chains for subunit occupancy analysis**

2 1. Open PyMOL and use the command-line interface to retrieve an atomic model of the 70S
3 ribosome from the PDB: `fetch 4ybb`

4
5 2. Delete atoms outside the region of interest. For example, to generate the segmented .pdb
6 of the 5S rRNA, we use:

7 `sele not_5s, not chain CB`

8 Then select ‘Remove atoms’ from the drop-down ‘Action’ menu in the `not_5s` selection.
9 This will delete all non-5S atoms.

10 3. Segment the map into chains if necessary. If you want to do occupancy analysis on whole
11 protein subunits, this is likely unnecessary, as the chains are likely already defined in the
12 atomic model. If you want to define your own subunits for occupancy analysis as we do
13 here, you can do so using the `alter` command as shown below, again for the examples
14 of the 5S rRNA:

15 `alter (resi 1-14,108-120), chain='A'`
16 `alter (resi 15-27,60-68), chain='B'`
17 `alter (resi 28-59), chain='C'`
18 `alter (resi 78-99), chain='D'`
19 `alter (resi 69-77,100-107), chain='E'`

20 4. After you have made all the chain alterations, save the .pdb file with a new name, e.g.
21 `RNA_5S.pdb` using the “Export Molecule” command. Note that to create more than 26
22 chains, you will need to use multiple .pdb files, each containing at most 26 chain IDs.

1 **Supplementary protocol 5. Aligning segmented PDB models for subunit occupancy analysis**

- 2 1. The .pdb files must now be aligned to your cryoDRGN sampled maps. Open one of the
3 generated 500 maps (e.g. vol_000.mrc) in ChimeraX. Aim to select a map that has high
4 occupancy of most elements of your structure to ensure a good alignment. Because maps
5 with adjacent indices (e.g. vol_000 and vol_001) are often structurally similar as they are
6 sampled from proximal locations in latent space, users are advised to find a mature map
7 by downloading 20 random volumes from the set of 500.
- 8
- 9 2. Open all the .pdb files (prots1.pdb, prots2.pdb, RNA_5S.pdb, RNA1.pdb,
10 RNA2.pdb, RNA3.pdb, RNA4.pdb). These should now be models #2-8 in your ChimeraX
11 session.
- 12
- 13 3. Select models #2-8 with the command `select #2-8`. Provide a rough manual alignment
14 between the selected atoms and the example map, using the ‘Rotate model’ and ‘Move
15 model’ right mouse modes.
- 16
- 17 4. Having provided a rough manual alignment, use the Tools > Volume Data > Fit in Map
18 option to fit your .pdb files in the map. Choose to fit ‘selected atoms’ in your example map,
19 making sure that all the .pdb model files are still selected.
- 20
- 21 5. Save each of the .pdb files individually using File > Save, and selecting .pdb file type. Be
22 sure you have the correct .pdb model selected in the Models selection box, and that you
23 select the option to ‘Save relative to model:’, with the example map selected as the model.

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1 **Supplementary protocol 6. Identifying centroid volumes for subunit occupancy volume classes**

2 1. Use pandas to load dataframe you saved with information about which k -means 500 class
3 each particle corresponds to.

4 df = pd.read_csv('kmeans500_df.csv', index_col = 0)

5 2. To save the volume classes defined by clustering in the occupancy_analysis.ipynb
6 Jupyter notebook, run the cells in the 'Extract classes from clustering' section. This will
7 save the class assignments as a .pkl file that you can load into the
8 cryoDRGN_viz.ipynb notebook.

9 3. Open the volume class assignments .pkl file in the cryoDRGN_viz.ipynb notebook,
10 changing the name or relative path of the .pkl file name as necessary in the code below.

11 classes = utils.load_pkl('..../vol_class.pkl')

12 4. Identify the nearest on-data point to the median z-coordinates of each class. The resulting
13 variable nearest_inds contains the indices in your dataframe of the centroid particles.
14 You can then generate volumes at these indices as before using the volume generation
15 cells of the Jupyter notebook.

16 median_coords = np.empty([len(classes.keys()), z.shape[1]], dtype
17 = 'float64')
18 z_list = df.columns[df.columns.str.contains('z')]
19
20 for i in classes.keys():
21 df.loc[df['Kmeans500'].isin(classes[i])].index,
22 'volume_class'] = i
23 sub = df[df['volume_class'] == i][z_list]
24 median_coords[i, :] = np.array(sub.median(axis = 0))
25
26 df_z = df[z_list]
27
28 neighbor_dists = pd.DataFrame(distance.cdist(median_coords, df_z,
29 'euclidean'))
30 nearest_inds = neighbor_dists.idxmin(axis = 1)
31

| Subunit | PDB ID | PDB Chain | Residues | Segmented file name | Segmented file chain |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| H1 | 4YBB | CA | 1-12,2895-2904 | RNA1.pdb | A |
| H2 | 4YBB | CA | 13-30,510-531 | RNA1.pdb | B |
| H3 | 4YBB | CA | 31-32,473-474 | RNA1.pdb | C |
| H4 | 4YBB | CA | 33-47,431-451 | RNA1.pdb | D |
| H5 | 4YBB | CA | 48-56,114-120 | RNA1.pdb | E |
| H6 | 4YBB | CA | 57-74 | RNA1.pdb | F |
| H7 | 4YBB | CA | 75-113 | RNA1.pdb | G |
| H8 | 4YBB | CA | 121-130 | RNA1.pdb | H |
| H9 | 4YBB | CA | 131-148 | RNA1.pdb | I |
| H10 | 4YBB | CA | 147-177 | RNA1.pdb | J |
| H11 | 4YBB | CA | 178-218,319-323 | RNA1.pdb | K |
| H12 | 4YBB | CA | 219-232 | RNA1.pdb | L |
| H13 | 4YBB | CA | 233-262 | RNA1.pdb | M |
| H14 | 4YBB | CA | 263-269,424-430 | RNA1.pdb | N |
| H16 | 4YBB | CA | 269-280,360-370 | RNA1.pdb | O |
| H18 | 4YBB | CA | 281-298,340-359 | RNA1.pdb | P |
| H19 | 4YBB | CA | 299-318 | RNA1.pdb | Q |
| H20 | 4YBB | CA | 324-339 | RNA1.pdb | R |
| H21 | 4YBB | CA | 371-404 | RNA1.pdb | S |
| H22 | 4YBB | CA | 405-423 | RNA1.pdb | T |
| H23 | 4YBB | CA | 452-472 | RNA1.pdb | U |
| H24 | 4YBB | CA | 475-509 | RNA1.pdb | V |
| H25 | 4YBB | CA | 532-561 | RNA1.pdb | W |
| H25a | 4YBB | CA | 562-578 | RNA1.pdb | X |
| H26 | 4YBB | CA | 579-586,1251-1261 | RNA1.pdb | Y |
| H27 | 4YBB | CA | 587-602,655-670 | RNA1.pdb | Z |
| H28 | 4YBB | CA | 603-625 | RNA2.pdb | A |
| H29 | 4YBB | CA | 626-636 | RNA2.pdb | B |
| H31 | 4YBB | CA | 637-654 | RNA2.pdb | C |
| H32 | 4YBB | CA | 671-683,790-809 | RNA2.pdb | D |
| H33 | 4YBB | CA | 684-698,763-775 | RNA2.pdb | E |
| H34 | 4YBB | CA | 699-733 | RNA2.pdb | F |
| H35 | 4YBB | CA | 734-762 | RNA2.pdb | G |
| H35a | 4YBB | CA | 776-789 | RNA2.pdb | H |
| H36 | 4YBB | CA | 810-821,1186-1195 | RNA2.pdb | I |
| H37 | 4YBB | CA | 822-835 | RNA2.pdb | J |
| H38 | 4YBB | CA | 836-942 | RNA2.pdb | K |
| H39 | 4YBB | CA | 943-973 | RNA2.pdb | L |
| H40 | 4YBB | CA | 974-990 | RNA2.pdb | M |
| H41 | 4YBB | CA | 991-1025,1133-1163 | RNA2.pdb | N |
| H42 | 4YBB | CA | 1026-1056,1103-1132 | RNA2.pdb | O |

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|------|------|----|---------------------|----------|---|
| H43 | 4YBB | CA | 1057-1081 | RNA2.pdb | P |
| H44 | 4YBB | CA | 1087-1102 | RNA2.pdb | Q |
| H45 | 4YBB | CA | 1164-1185 | RNA2.pdb | R |
| H46 | 4YBB | CA | 1196-1250 | RNA2.pdb | S |
| H26a | 4YBB | CA | 1262-1270,2010-2017 | RNA2.pdb | T |
| H47 | 4YBB | CA | 1271-1294 | RNA2.pdb | U |
| H48 | 4YBB | CA | 1295-1302,1640-1647 | RNA2.pdb | V |
| H49 | 4YBB | CA | 1303-1306,1622-1625 | RNA2.pdb | W |
| H49b | 4YBB | CA | 1307-1313,1603-1608 | RNA2.pdb | X |
| H50 | 4YBB | CA | 1314-1338 | RNA2.pdb | Y |
| H51 | 4YBB | CA | 1339-1347,1599-1602 | RNA2.pdb | Z |
| H52 | 4YBB | CA | 1348-1382 | RNA3.pdb | A |
| H53 | 4YBB | CA | 1383-1404 | RNA3.pdb | B |
| H54 | 4YBB | CA | 1405-1417,1581-1598 | RNA3.pdb | C |
| H55 | 4YBB | CA | 1418-1428,1569-1580 | RNA3.pdb | D |
| H49a | 4YBB | CA | 1609-1621 | RNA3.pdb | E |
| H56 | 4YBB | CA | 1429-1444,1547-1564 | RNA3.pdb | F |
| H57 | 4YBB | CA | 1445-1466 | RNA3.pdb | G |
| H58 | 4YBB | CA | 1467-1525 | RNA3.pdb | H |
| H59 | 4YBB | CA | 1526-1546 | RNA3.pdb | I |
| H60 | 4YBB | CA | 1626-1639 | RNA3.pdb | J |
| H61 | 4YBB | CA | 1648-1678,1990-2009 | RNA3.pdb | K |
| H62 | 4YBB | CA | 1679-1706 | RNA3.pdb | L |
| H63 | 4YBB | CA | 1707-1751 | RNA3.pdb | M |
| H64 | 4YBB | CA | 1758-1773,1977-1989 | RNA3.pdb | N |
| H65 | 4YBB | CA | 1774-1790 | RNA3.pdb | O |
| H66 | 4YBB | CA | 1791-1828 | RNA3.pdb | P |
| H67 | 4YBB | CA | 1829-1834,1970-1976 | RNA3.pdb | Q |
| H68 | 4YBB | CA | 1835-1905 | RNA3.pdb | R |
| H69 | 4YBB | CA | 1906-1924 | RNA3.pdb | S |
| H71 | 4YBB | CA | 1932-1969 | RNA3.pdb | T |
| H72 | 4YBB | CA | 2018-2042 | RNA3.pdb | U |
| H73 | 4YBB | CA | 2043-2057,2611-2625 | RNA3.pdb | V |
| H74 | 4YBB | CA | 2058-2074,2430-2451 | RNA3.pdb | W |
| H75 | 4YBB | CA | 2075-2092,2226-2245 | RNA3.pdb | X |
| H76 | 4YBB | CA | 2093-2114,2179-2196 | RNA3.pdb | Y |
| H77 | 4YBB | CA | 2115-2126,2169-2178 | RNA3.pdb | Z |
| H78 | 4YBB | CA | 2127-2168 | RNA4.pdb | A |
| H79 | 4YBB | CA | 2197-2225 | RNA4.pdb | B |
| H80 | 4YBB | CA | 2246-2258 | RNA4.pdb | C |
| H81 | 4YBB | CA | 2259-2281 | RNA4.pdb | D |
| H82 | 4YBB | CA | 2282-2286,2382-2390 | RNA4.pdb | E |
| H83 | 4YBB | CA | 2287-2296,2335-2344 | RNA4.pdb | F |

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|-------|------|----|---------------------|------------|---|
| H84 | 4YBB | CA | 2297-2321 | RNA4.pdb | G |
| H85 | 4YBB | CA | 2322-2334 | RNA4.pdb | H |
| H86 | 4YBB | CA | 2345-2371 | RNA4.pdb | I |
| H87 | 4YBB | CA | 2372-2381 | RNA4.pdb | J |
| H88 | 4YBB | CA | 2391-2429 | RNA4.pdb | K |
| H89 | 4YBB | CA | 2452-2504 | RNA4.pdb | L |
| H90 | 4YBB | CA | 2505-2517,2567-2586 | RNA4.pdb | M |
| H91 | 4YBB | CA | 2518-2546 | RNA4.pdb | N |
| H92 | 4YBB | CA | 2547-2561 | RNA4.pdb | O |
| H93 | 4YBB | CA | 2587-2610 | RNA4.pdb | P |
| H94 | 4YBB | CA | 2626-2643,2771-2788 | RNA4.pdb | Q |
| H95 | 4YBB | CA | 2644-2675 | RNA4.pdb | R |
| H96 | 4YBB | CA | 2676-2731 | RNA4.pdb | S |
| H97 | 4YBB | CA | 2732-2770 | RNA4.pdb | T |
| H98 | 4YBB | CA | 2789-2805 | RNA4.pdb | U |
| H99 | 4YBB | CA | 2806-2814,2886-2894 | RNA4.pdb | V |
| H100 | 4YBB | CA | 2815-2831 | RNA4.pdb | W |
| H101 | 4YBB | CA | 2832-2885 | RNA4.pdb | X |
| H1_5S | 4YBB | CB | 1-14,108-120 | RNA_5S.pdb | A |
| H2_5S | 4YBB | CB | 15-27,60-68 | RNA_5S.pdb | B |
| H3_5S | 4YBB | CB | 28-59 | RNA_5S.pdb | C |
| H4_5S | 4YBB | CB | 78-99 | RNA_5S.pdb | D |
| H5_5S | 4YBB | CB | 69-77,100-107 | RNA_5S.pdb | E |
| uL2 | 4YBB | CC | all | prots1.pdb | A |
| uL3 | 4YBB | CD | all | prots1.pdb | B |
| uL4 | 4YBB | CE | all | prots1.pdb | C |
| uL5 | 4YBB | CF | all | prots1.pdb | D |
| uL6 | 4YBB | CG | all | prots1.pdb | E |
| bL9 | 4YBB | CH | all | prots1.pdb | F |
| uL11 | 4YBB | CJ | all | prots1.pdb | G |
| uL13 | 4YBB | CK | all | prots1.pdb | H |
| uL14 | 4YBB | CL | all | prots1.pdb | I |
| uL15 | 4YBB | CM | all | prots1.pdb | J |
| uL16 | 4YBB | CN | all | prots1.pdb | K |
| bL17 | 4YBB | CO | all | prots1.pdb | L |
| uL18 | 4YBB | CP | all | prots1.pdb | M |
| bL19 | 4YBB | CQ | all | prots1.pdb | N |
| bL20 | 4YBB | CR | all | prots1.pdb | O |
| bL21 | 4YBB | CS | all | prots1.pdb | P |
| uL22 | 4YBB | CT | all | prots1.pdb | Q |
| uL23 | 4YBB | CU | all | prots1.pdb | R |
| uL24 | 4YBB | CV | all | prots1.pdb | S |
| bL25 | 4YBB | CW | all | prots1.pdb | T |

| | | | | | |
|------|------|----|-----|------------|---|
| bL27 | 4YBB | CX | all | prots1.pdb | U |
| bL28 | 4YBB | CY | all | prots1.pdb | V |
| uL29 | 4YBB | CZ | all | prots1.pdb | W |
| uL30 | 4YBB | C0 | all | prots1.pdb | X |
| bL32 | 4YBB | C1 | all | prots1.pdb | Y |
| bL33 | 4YBB | C2 | all | prots1.pdb | Z |
| bL34 | 4YBB | C3 | all | prots2.pdb | A |
| bL35 | 4YBB | C4 | all | prots2.pdb | B |
| bL36 | 4YBB | C5 | all | prots2.pdb | C |

1 **Supplementary Table 1: Residue and chain assignment for subunit occupancy analysis.**

2 Ribosomal RNA helices and ribosomal proteins are numbered as in Davis et al.

| Class | Centroid index |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | 51011 |
| 2 | 51189 |
| 3 | 80371 |
| 4 | 9177 |
| 5 | 74182 |
| 6 | 73537 |
| 7 | 95314 |
| 8 | 66910 |
| 9 | 53298 |
| 10 | 81097 |
| 11 | 11144 |
| 12 | 71755 |
| 13 | 46961 |
| 14 | 37896 |
| 15 | 89122 |

1 **Supplementary Table 2: Particle stack indices for the centroid volume of each subunit**
 2 **occupancy class.** Note that these indices are only relevant for the provided pre-computed results
 3 and users should select alternative indices when training new cryoDRGN models.

1 **Supplementary Movie 1. PC1 trajectory from high resolution training.** Density maps sampled
2 along PC1 were automatically generated by the `cryodrgn analyze` command. Volumes are
3 displayed at the same isosurface level, and the movie progresses from low to high PC1 value
4 strictly along the PC1 axis.

5
6 **Supplementary Movie 2. PC2 trajectory from high resolution training.** Density maps sampled
7 along PC2 were automatically generated by the `cryodrgn analyze` command. Volumes are
8 displayed at the same isosurface level, and the movie progresses from low to high PC2 value
9 strictly along the PC2 axis.

10
11 **Supplementary Movie 3. Graph traversal showing the B→D1→D2→D3→D4→E3→E5
12 assembly pathway.** Graph traversal pathway was generated using the `cryodrgn
13 graph_traversal` command as described in the protocol. The path taken by the traversal
14 through latent space is shown in **Extended Data Figure 9**. All volumes are displayed at the same
15 isosurface level.