37. mRNA – beyond the genetic code

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- 1. Evolution of mRNA features
- 2. Traditional functions of mRNAs (templates for protein synthesis, regulation of mRNA stability, translation, mRNA localization)
- 3. mRNAs as non-coding RNAs
- 4. mRNA as scaffolds for protein synthesis
- 5. mRNAs as structural elements of cells
- 6. mRNAs as regulators of biophysical properties of translation environments
- 7. mRNAs a regulators of protein conformations of disordered regions

Reading materials:

Review: Gasparski AM et al., WIRE's RNA (2021). Regulation and outcomes of localized RNA translation.

Paper to discuss:

Gasparski AM et al., Mol Cell (2023). mRNA location and translation rate determine protein targeting to dual destinations.