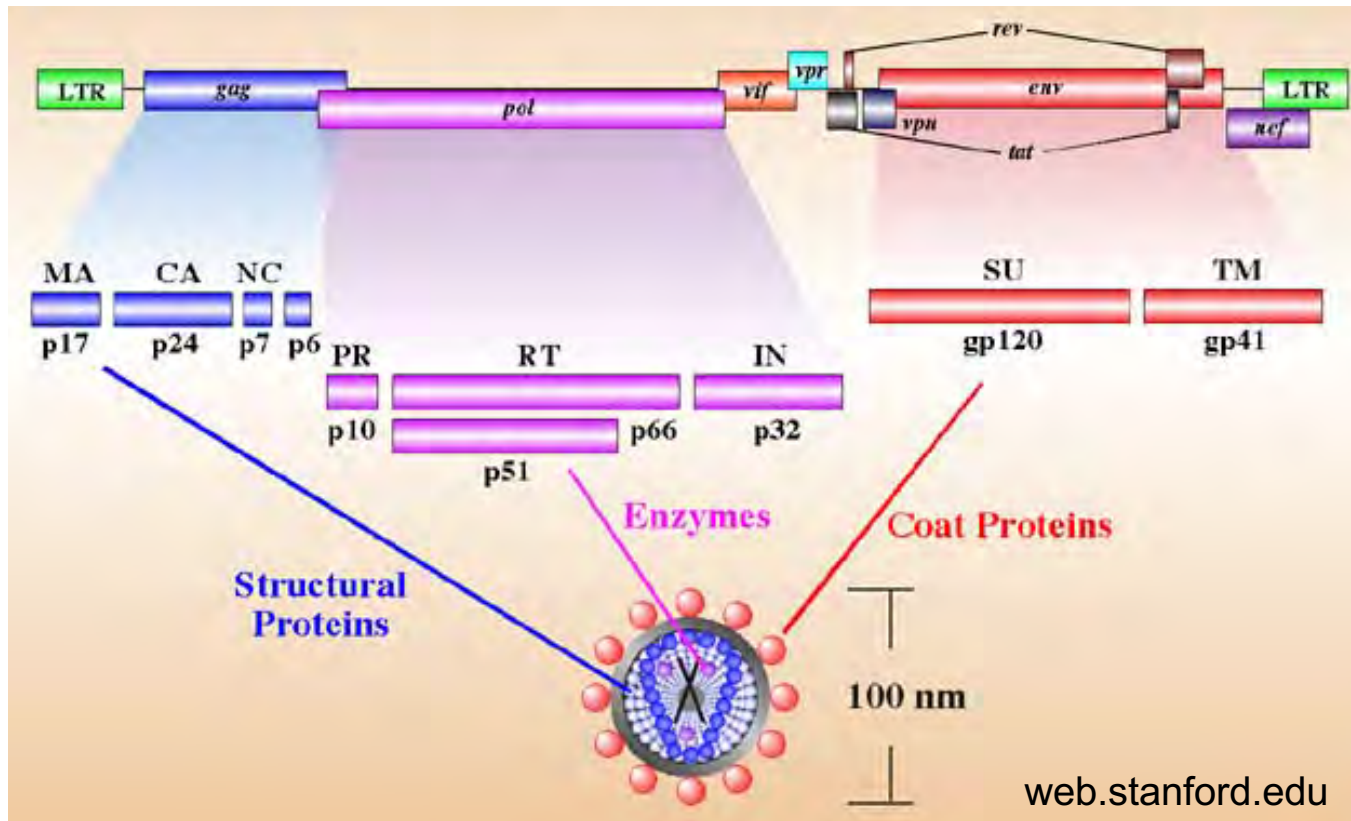
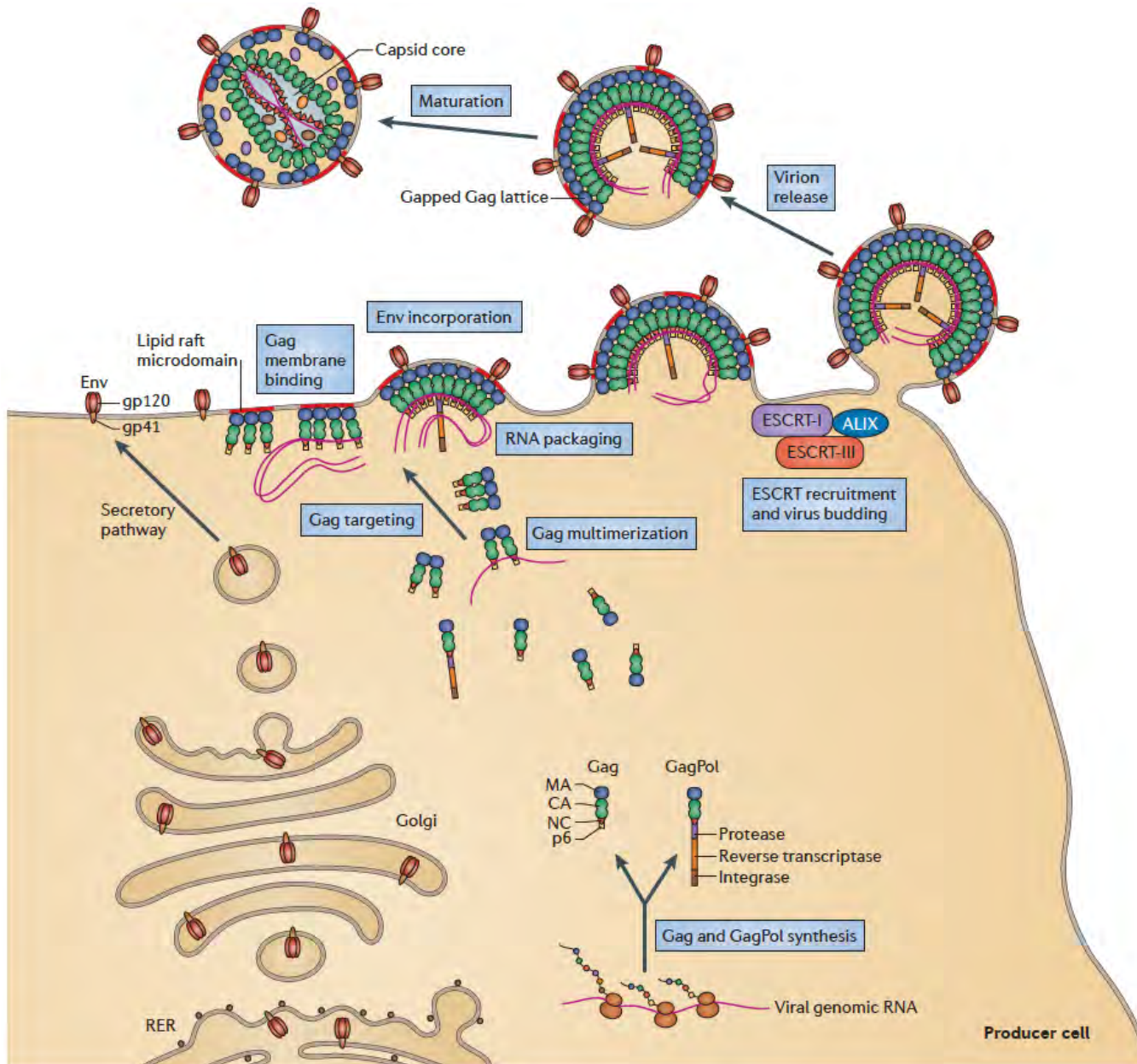


# HIV-1 genome organization



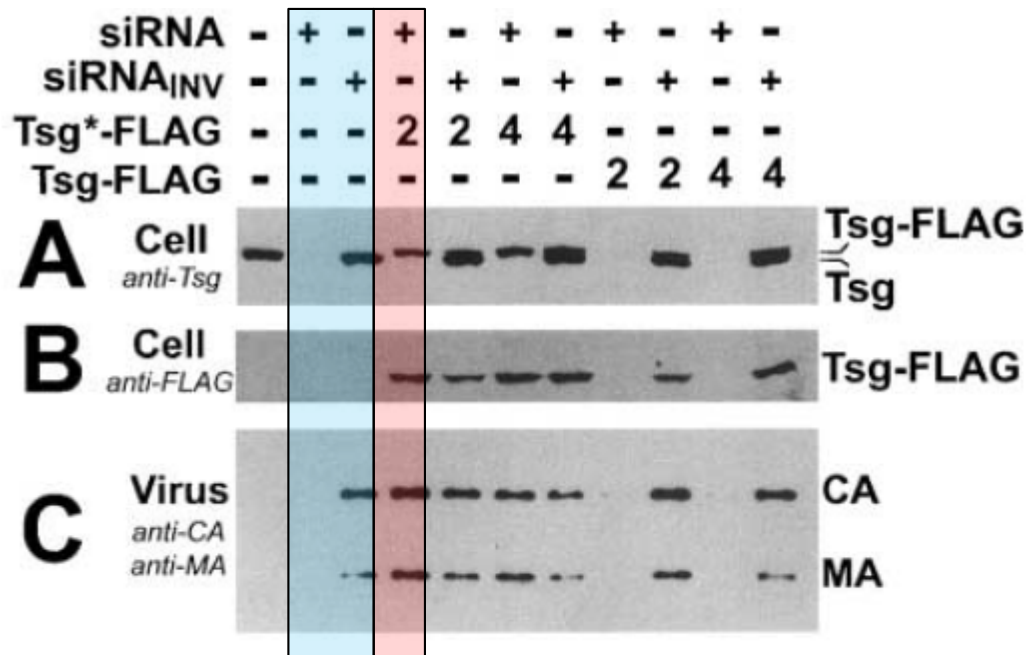
- Gag encodes for a polyprotein that is cleaved into 4 proteins by HIV-1 protease.
- Gag is present in 2 transcripts: Gag polyprotein precursor and GagPol polyprotein precursor (5%).
- Cleavage occurs during virus “maturation,” after viral budding.

# Late stage of HIV-1 replication



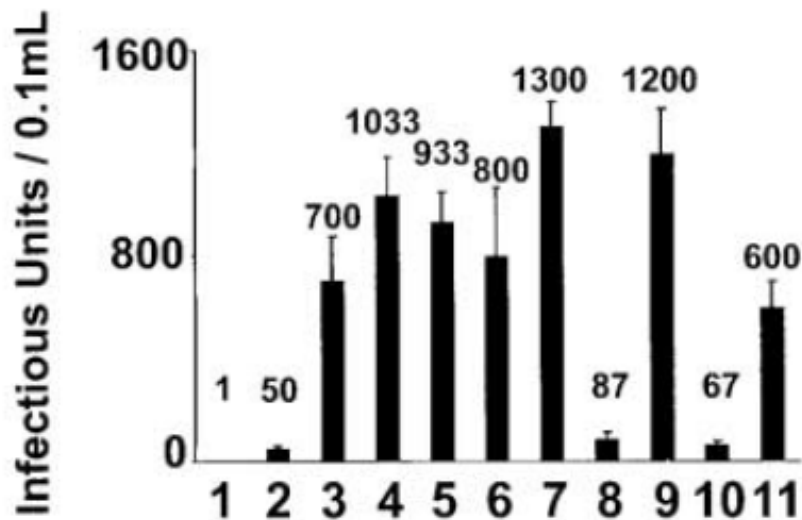
- Gag recruits viral RNA and is targeted to inner leaflet of plasma membrane.
- Virus budding involves assembly of Gag into lattice, evagination of bud, and scission of bud.
- **P6 of Gag is necessary for budding.**
- After virion is released, it undergoes maturation associated with cleavage of Gag and morphological change (radially symmetric to containing a conical capsid core).

# Tsg101 is essential for HIV-1 virion release

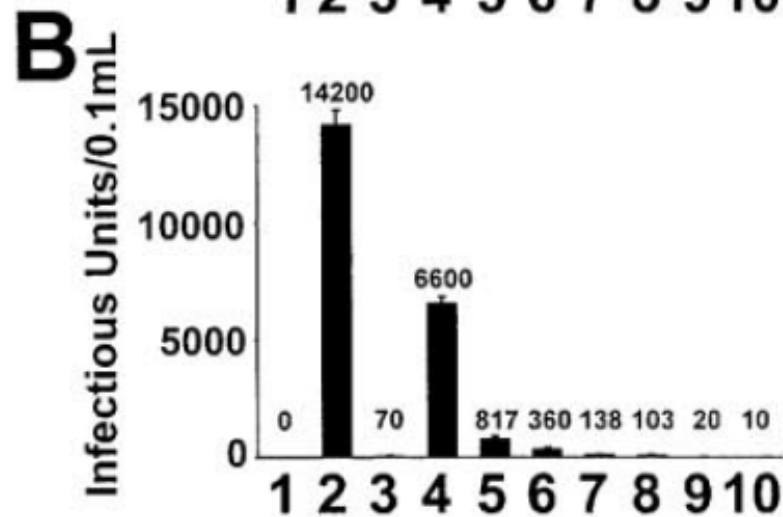
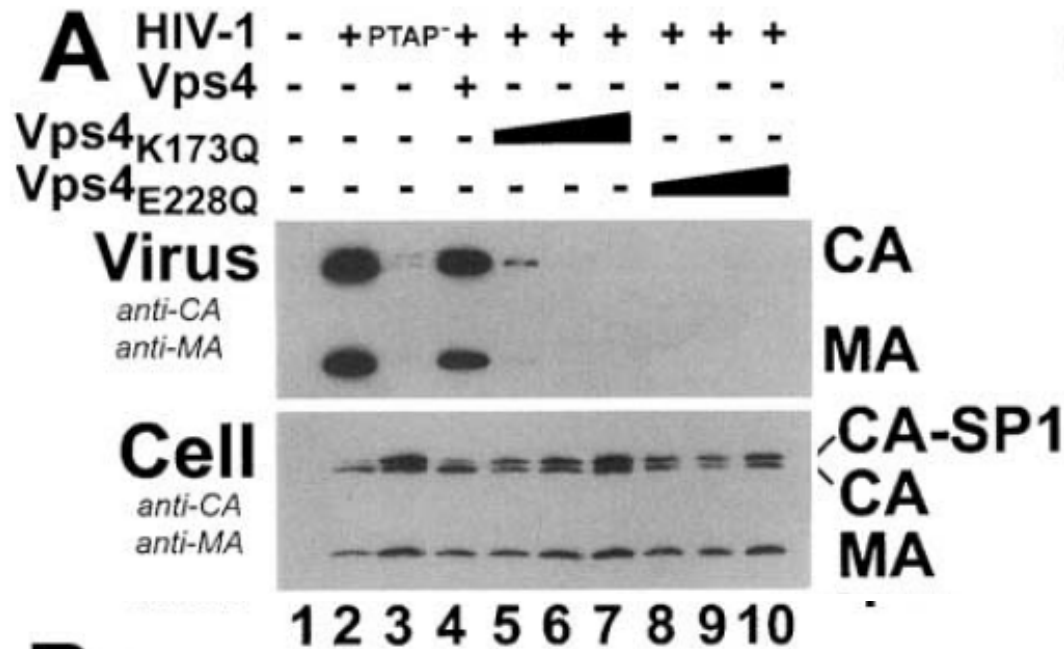


siRNA: against Tsg101  
 siRNA<sub>INV</sub>: inverted siRNA (control)  
 Tsg\*: siRNA resistant Tsg101

- Knockdown of Tsg101 prevents release of virions into supernatant of 293T cells.
- This effect can be rescued with siRNA-resistant Tsg101 construct.
- In other experiments, knockdown of Tsg101 did not affect MLV virion production.

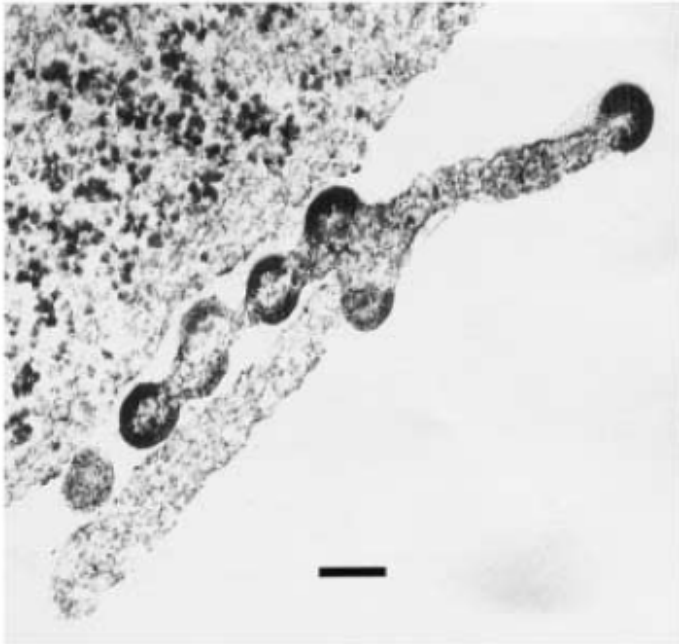


# Inhibition of Vps4 blocks HIV-1 virion release

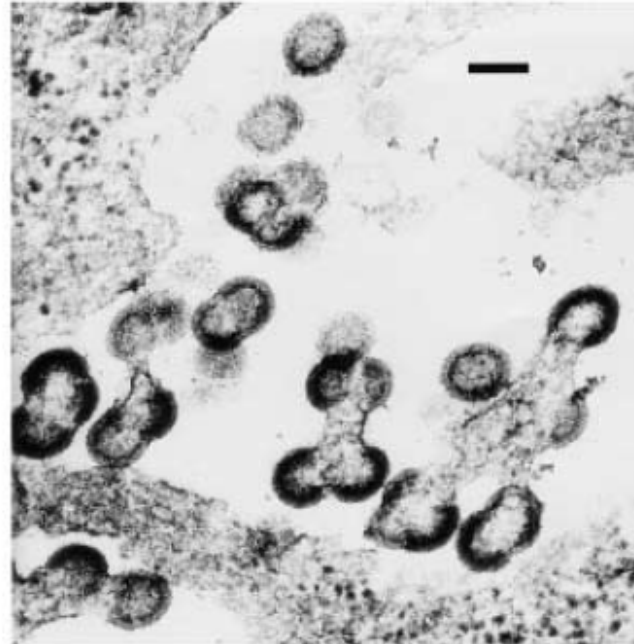


- K173Q (blocks ATP binding) and E228Q (blocks ATP hydrolysis) are dominant negative mutants.
- PTAP<sup>-</sup> is a mutant Gag (p6) that cannot be interact with Tsg101; used as control for defective virion production.
- Expression of WT Vsp4 reduced virion production several fold.

# Arrested budding intermediates

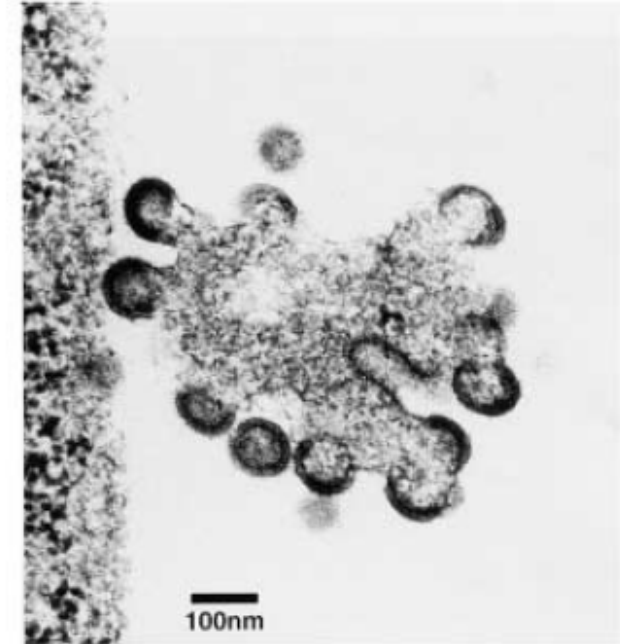


**HIV-1 PTAP<sup>-</sup>**



**HIV-1 + siRNA**

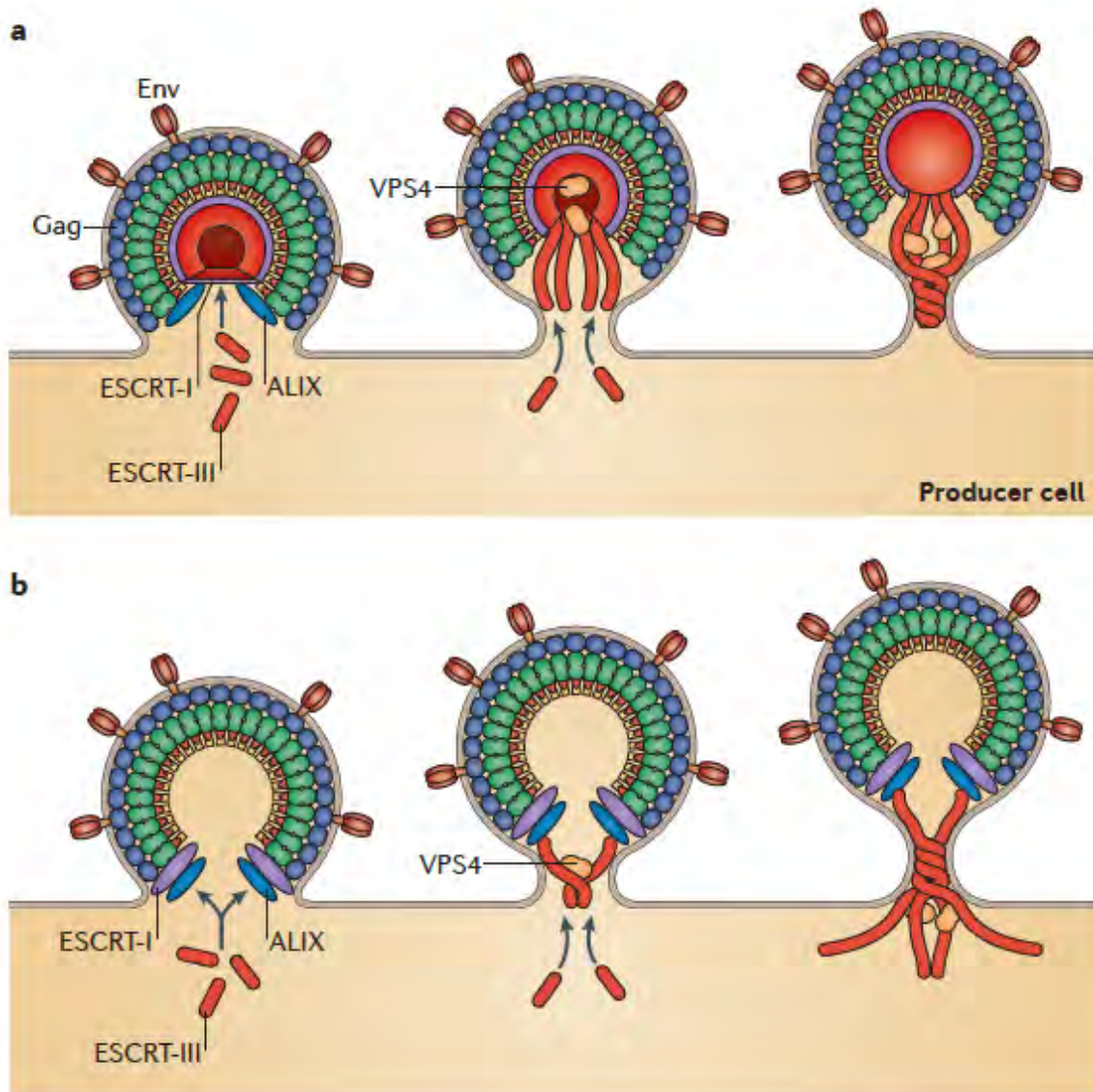
(Tsg101 siRNA)



**HIV-1 + Vps4<sub>E228Q</sub>**

- In cells lacking Tsg101 or Vsp4, late budding intermediates were found by EM. Immature viral particles connected to plasma membrane by membrane stalks.
- Similar to defect found in PTAP- mutant.

# Model of ESCRT-III in HIV-1 budding and virion release



- The p6 protein of Gag interacts with Tsg101, a component of ESCRT-I.
- Gag also interacts with ALIX, which interacts with Tsg101 and ESCRT-III.
- This leads to recruitment of ESCRT-III/Vps4.
- ESCRT-III polymerization at the bud neck causes scission.

# Epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR)

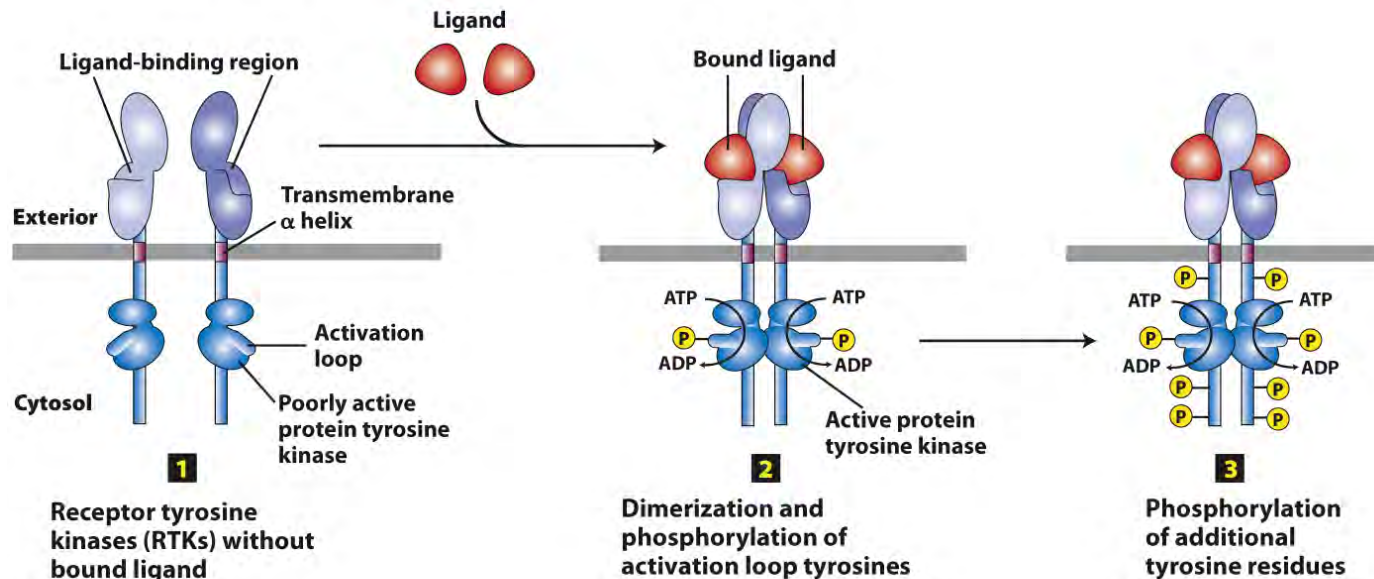
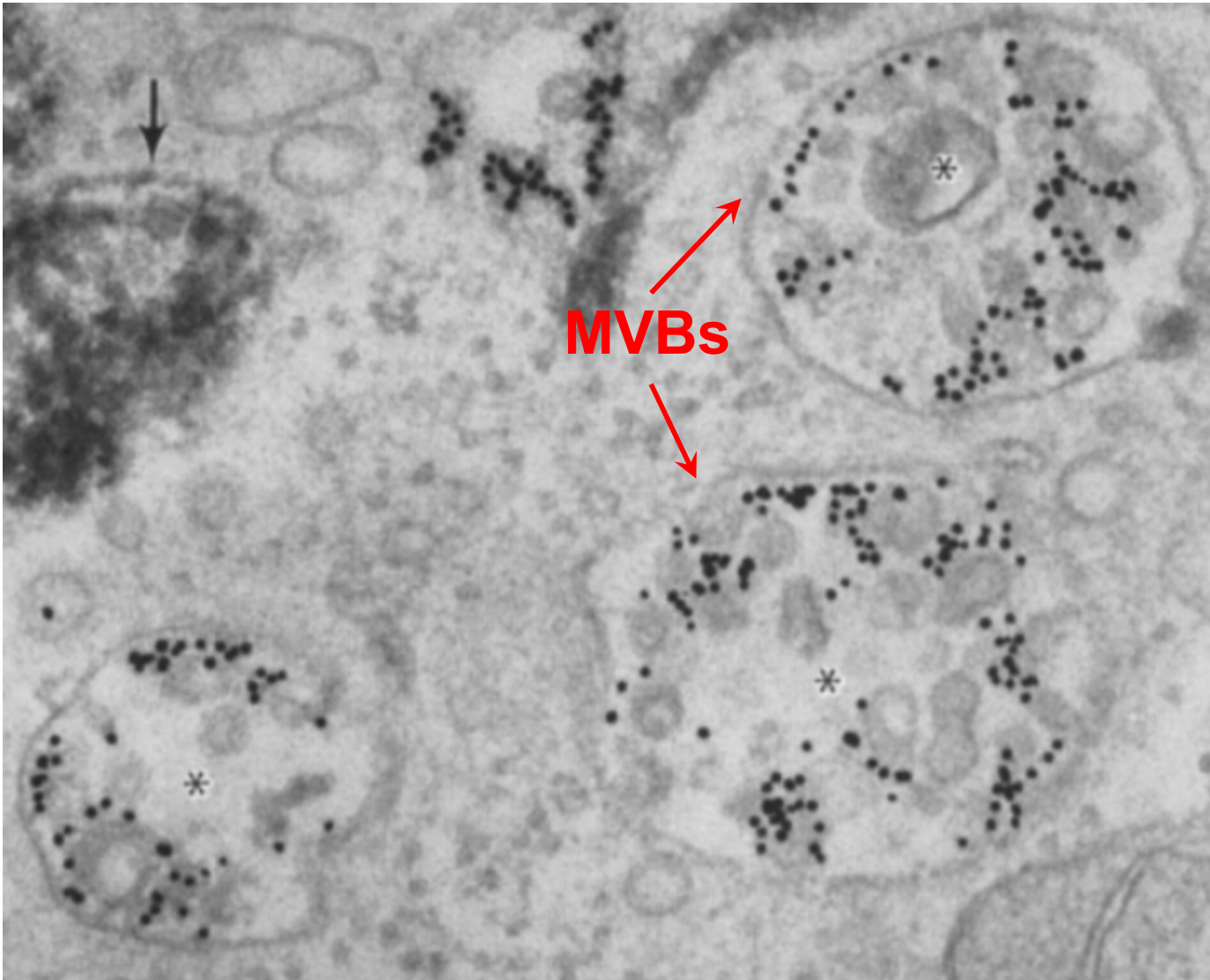


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- EGFR is a receptor tyrosine kinase. Binding of EGF activates EGFR kinase activity.
- This leads to MAPK signal transduction cascade for cell growth regulation.
- **Receptor down regulation:** Activation of EGFR causes reduction in EGFR numbers; the EGF/EGFR complexes are endocytosed and delivered to the lysosome.
- Failure to downregulate can result in dysregulated growth.

# EGFR is delivered to multivesicular bodies



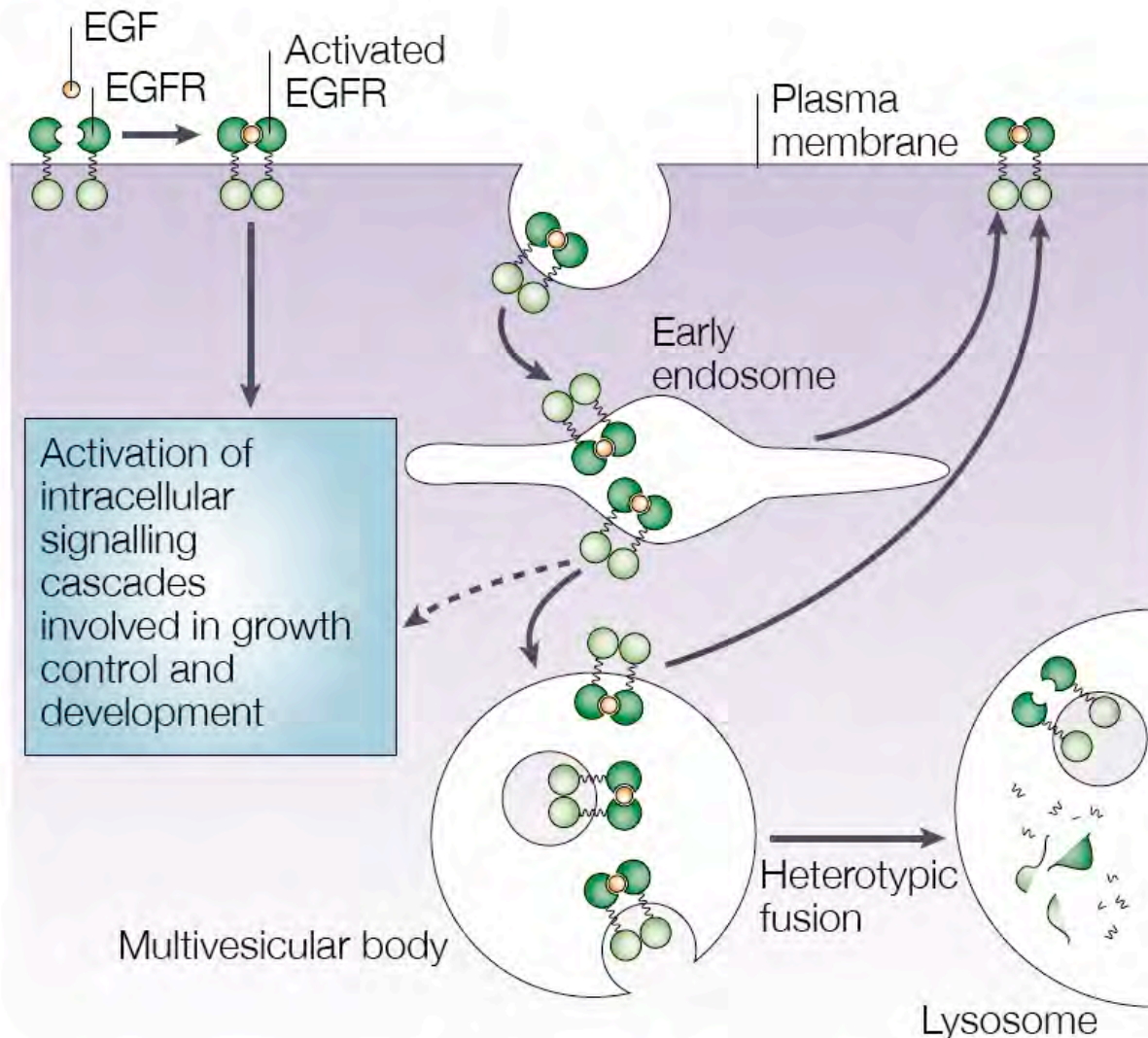
- EGFR was labeled with anti-EGFR conjugated with gold particles.
- EGF was added.
- Chase 1 hour.



# Sorting of cargo into MVBs is selective

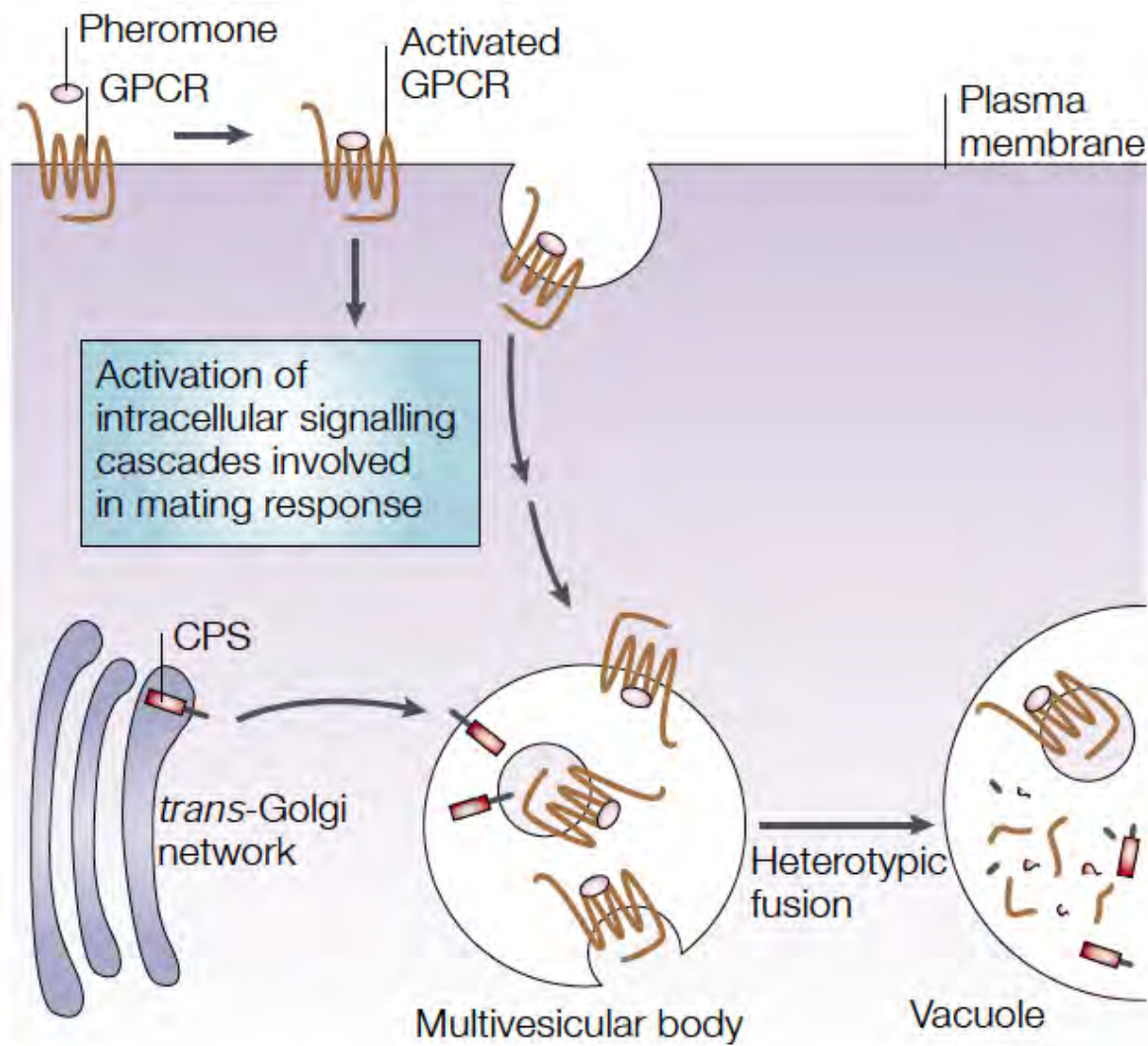
- Some surface receptors, like LDL receptor and transferrin receptor, go through many rounds of internalization and recycling; they stay in the limiting membrane of the lysosome and get resorted to the plasma membrane.
- Proteins destined for the lysosomal membrane do not get sorted into luminal vesicles.
- Sorting of EGFR:
  - Cytosolic tail
  - Kinase activity
  - Ubiquitin added to cytosolic tail

# Receptor downregulation by the multivesicular body



- EGFR is normally distributed uniformly on cell surface.
- Addition of EGF causes clustering of EGFR at clathrin-coated pits.
- Within 1-2 min, the EGF-EGFR complexes are internalized.
- Some are recycled to the cell surface.
- Some go to the MVB and are degraded in the lysosome—this is a major mechanism for regulating cell surface EGFR levels. Requires ubiquitination by Cbl.

# Downregulation of Ste2 in yeast by MVB sorting

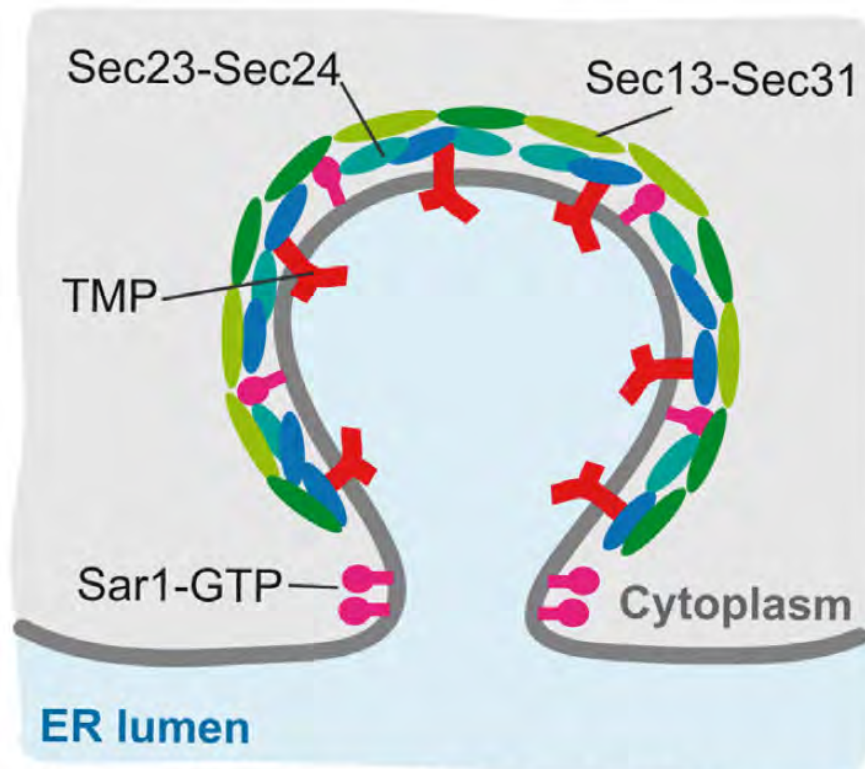


- Ste2 is a receptor (expressed in “a” cells) that binds to  $\alpha$ -factor (peptide mating hormone) expressed by  $\alpha$  cells.
- Ste2 activates MAPK cascade.
- Ste2 is downregulated by endocytosis and sorting to MVBs.
- Mutation of lysines from Ste2 impairs downregulation, showing importance of ubiquitylation.
- Mono-ubiquitination

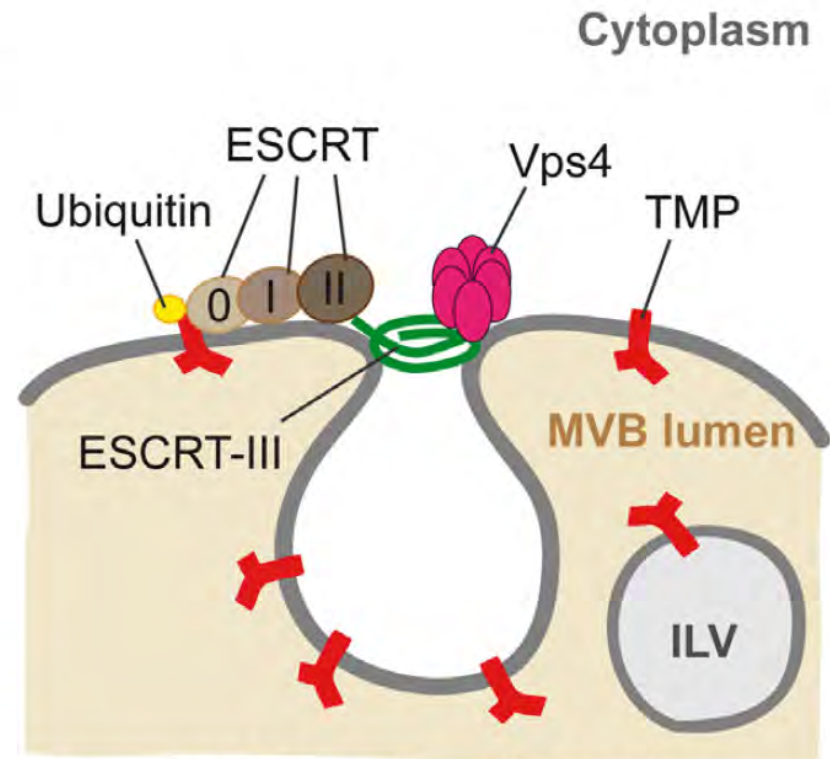
# The multivesicular body delivers cargo to the lysosome

- MVBs deliver cargo to lysosome lumen for degradation.
- Endosomes form invaginating buds that pinch off and form internal vesicles within the endosome.
- The MVB are progressively acidified and fuse with lysosomes.
- Mono-ubiquitin targets certain cell surface receptors for downregulation via MVB formation and fusion with lysosome.
- ESCRT (endosomal sorting complex required for transport) proteins recognize ubiquitinated cargo and sort them into MVBs for degradation by the lysosome.
- ESCRT-III and Vps4 mediate the scission of luminal vesicles.

# ESCRT-III processes have topology opposite traditional budding events



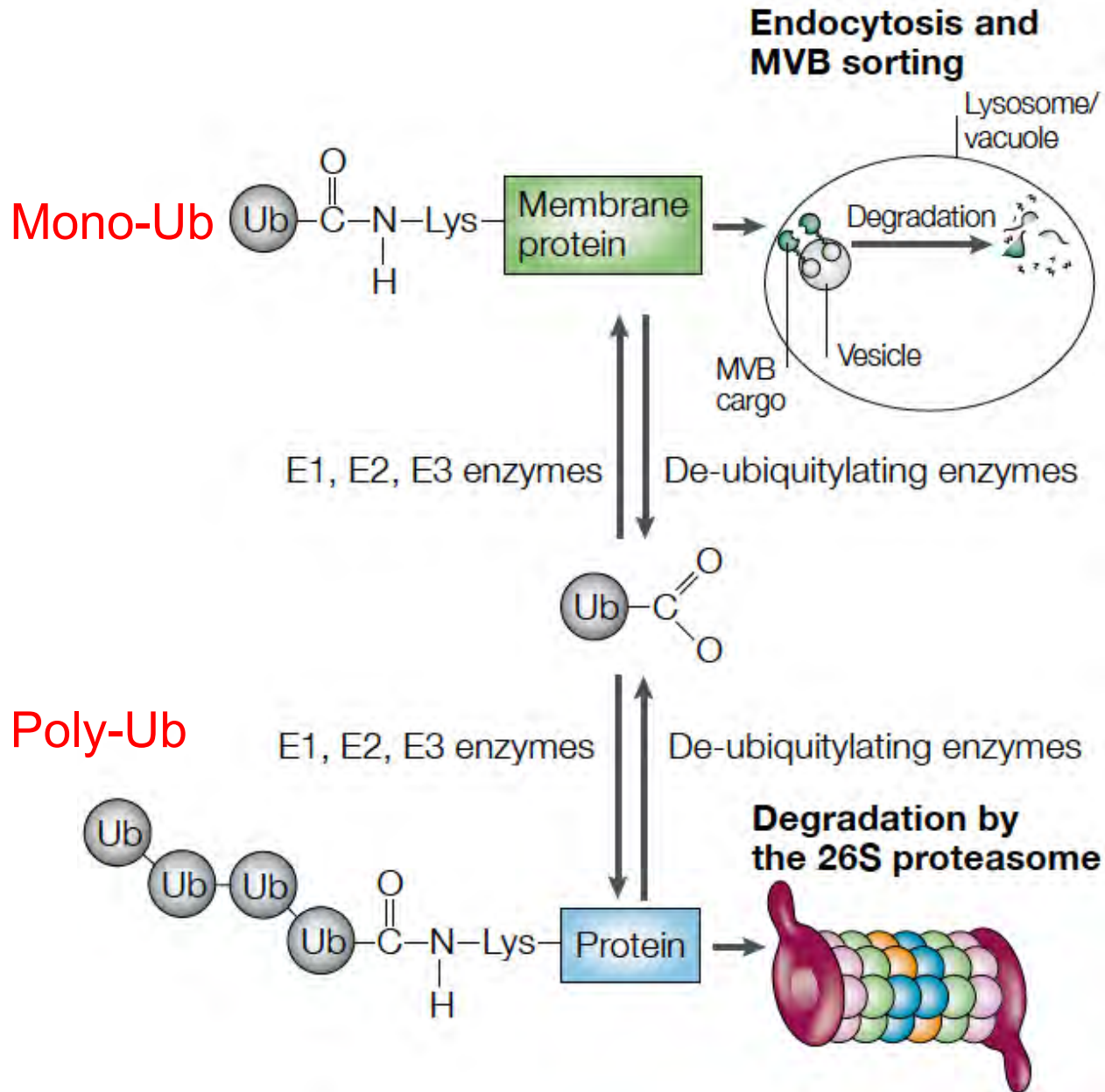
A COPII mediated vesicle budding



B ESCRT mediated ILV budding

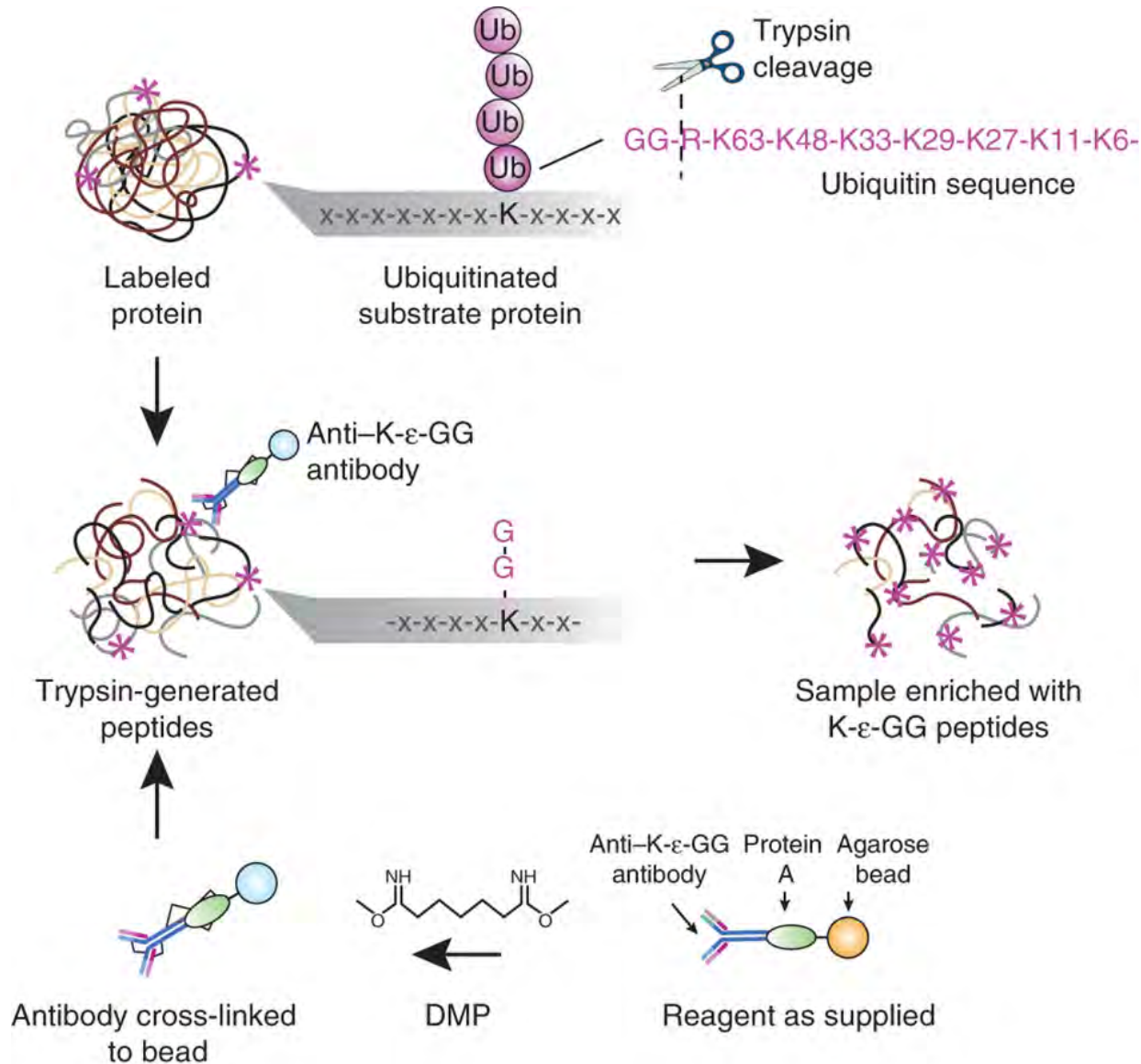
- ESCRT-III processes bud *away* from cytosol.
- ESCRT-III protein assemble *inside* vesicle.

# Two types of ubiquitin signals



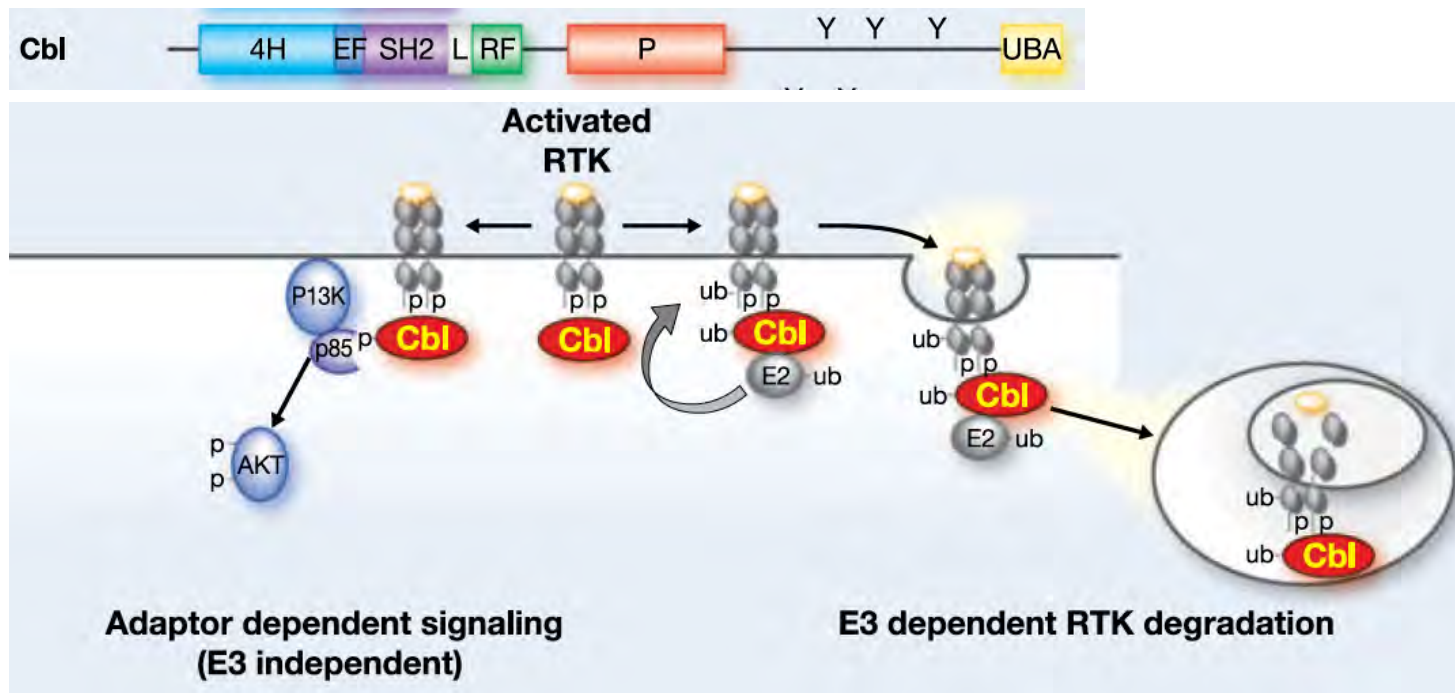
- Ub is a 76 aa polypeptide
- Attached to lysine residues by isopeptide bond between C-term of Ub and  $\epsilon$ -amino group ( $\text{NH}_3^+$ ) of lysine on substrate.
- Requires
  - E1 (ubiquitin-activating enzyme)
  - E2 (ubiquitin-conjugating enzyme)
  - E3 (ubiquitin ligase)
- Ubiquitylation can be reversed by de-ubiquitylating enzymes.
- Ub has 7 lysines; K48 polyubiquitylation is classic degradation signal for 26S proteasome.

# Identification of ubiquitylation sites by mass spectrometry



- Trypsin is an endopeptidase that cleaves after R and K.
- Trypsin digestion of a protein creates an array of tryptic peptides that can be identified by mass spectrometry.
- In the case of a ubiquitylated protein, some of these tryptic peptides will have gly-gly signatures. The C-terminal sequence of Ub is: RGG\*

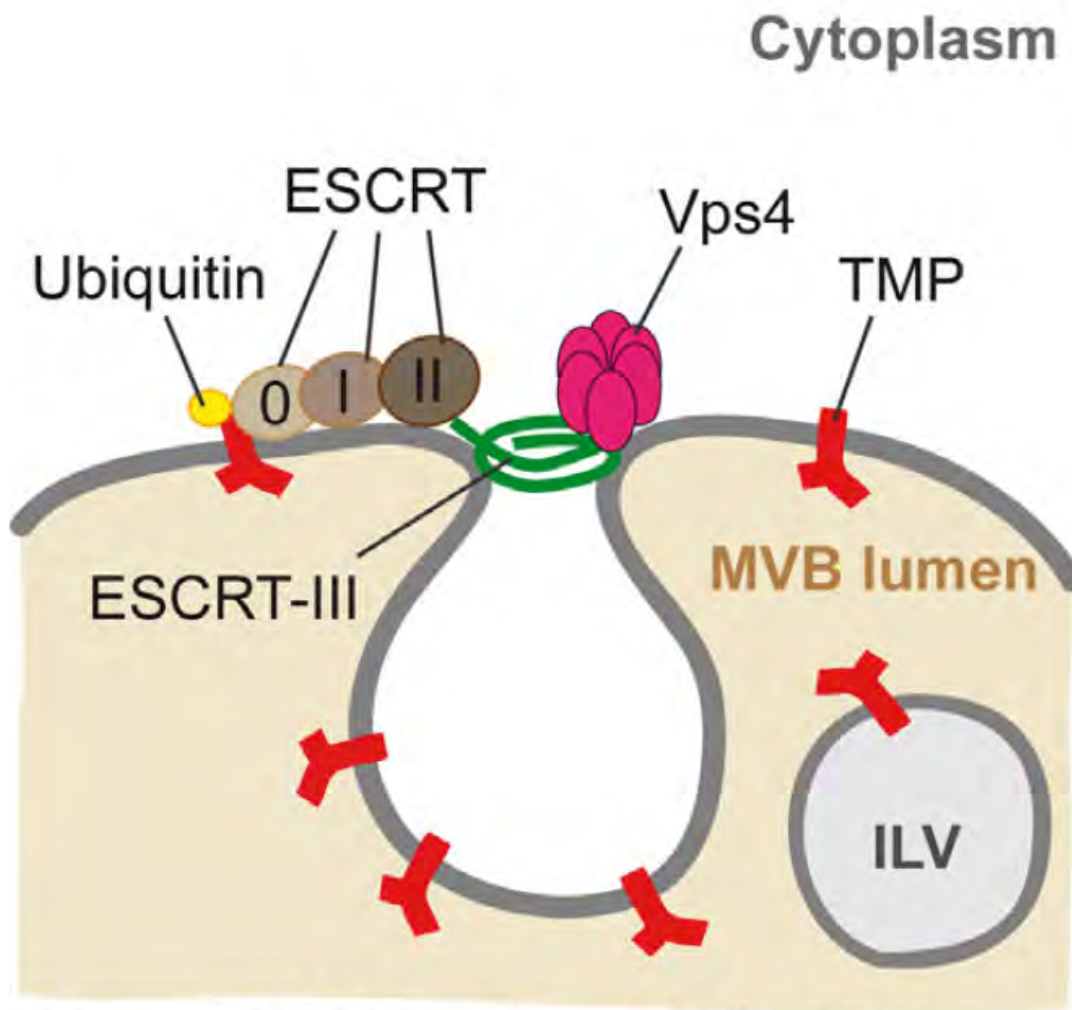
# Inability to downregulate EGFR can lead to cancer



- Cbl is a Ring Finger E3 ubiquitin ligase (RF is the largest class of E3s)
- Cbl is recruited to activated EGFR and conjugates ubiquitin to it.
- Loss of Cbl E3 ligase activity is associated with myeloid cancers in humans and mouse.
- Note: Cbl has both positive and negative roles for EGFR activity.



# ESCRT complexes mediate MVB sorting and scission

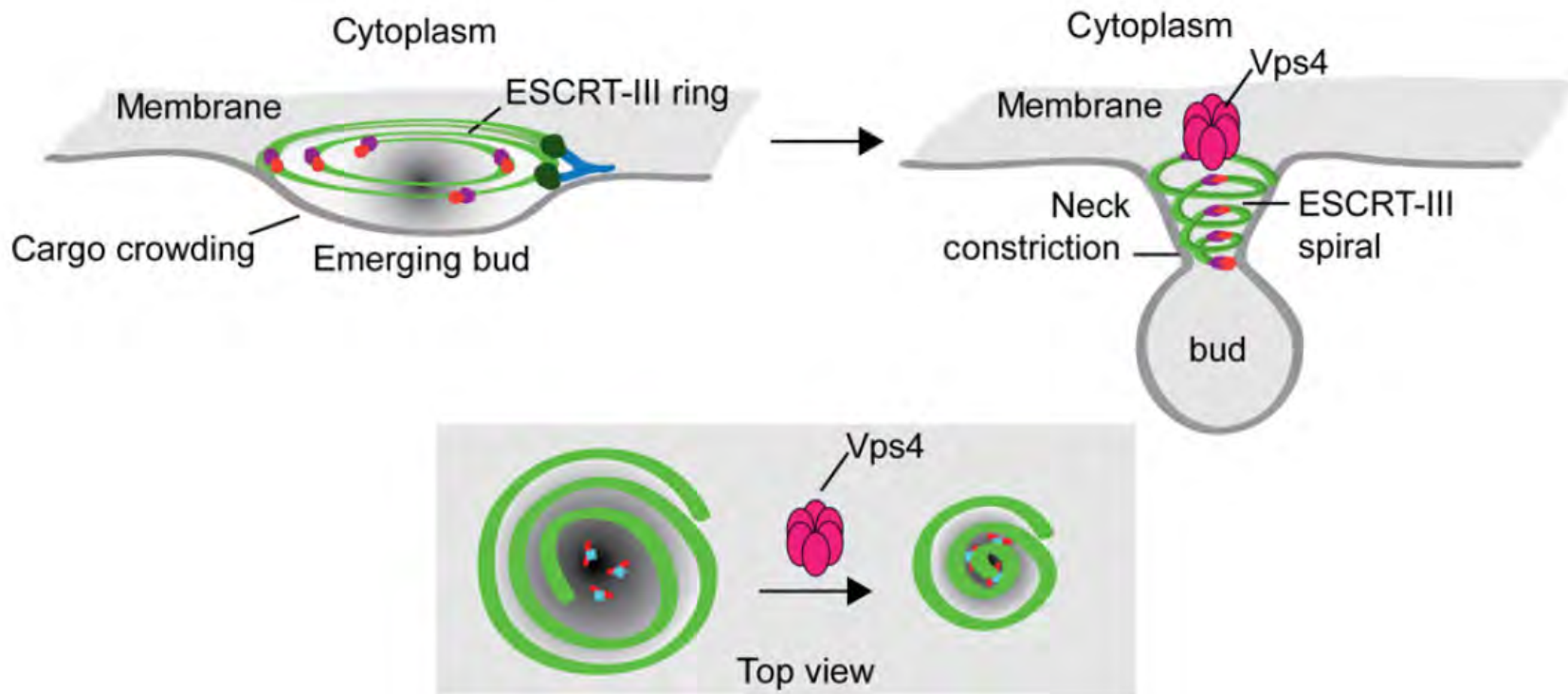


**B** ESCRT mediated ILV budding

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- Mechanism of ESCRTs not fully understood.
- ESCRT-0, I, II act “early” to sort cargo and recruit ESCRT-III.
- ESCRTI plays a major role in cargo recognition: several components (Vps23/Tsg101, Vps27) bind Ub.
- ESCRTIII assembles into spiral filaments that likely mediate scission.
- A key component of ESCRT-III is Chmp4/Snf7, which constitute the bulk of the filament.
- Disassembly of ESCRT-III requires the AAA ATPase Vps4.

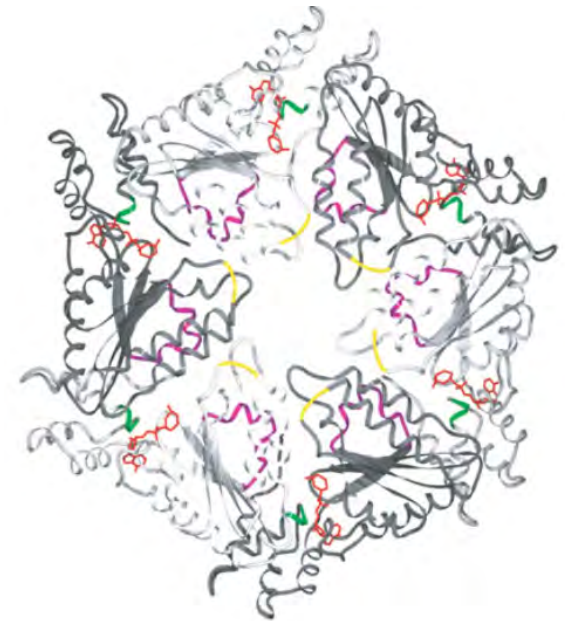
# Model of ESCRT-III scission



- ESCRT-III forms spiral filaments on lipid membranes.
- The diameters of these spirals can change; a small enough diameter may lead to membrane merger.
- Vps4 is usually thought to mediate disassembly of ESCRT-III after scission, so that the proteins can be used again; however, it may also contribute to the scission process.

# AAA ATPases

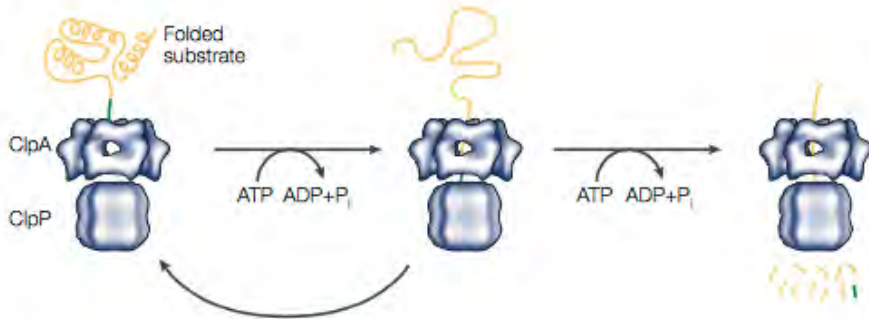
- AAA (ATPases Associated with various cellular Activities); also called AAA+ family.
- A large family of ATPases characterized by certain sequence motifs.
- Typically form oligomeric rings that use the power from ATP hydrolysis to undergo conformational changes and perform work on substrates.
- Examples:
  - Protein unfolding and degradation (ClpXP, ClpAP, Lon, 26S proteasome)
  - Protein disassembly (NSF, Vps4, VCP/p97)
  - Solubilization of protein aggregates (Hsp104)



Hexameric AAA domain  
from NSF

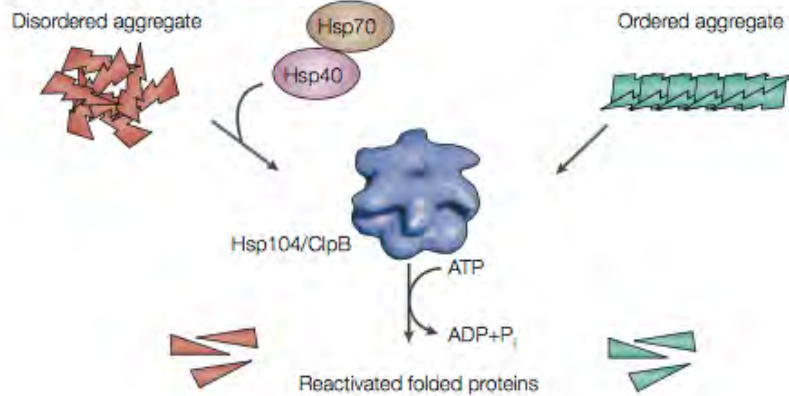
# Examples of protein remodeling by AAA ATPases

## a Protein degradation



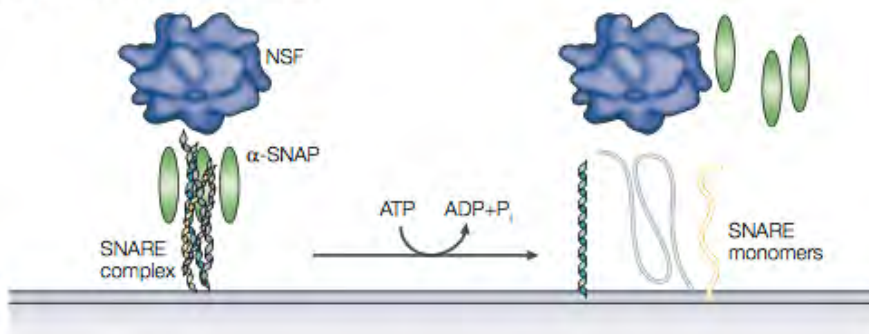
AAA domain unfolds protein and delivers it to proteolytic chamber.

## b Protein disaggregation



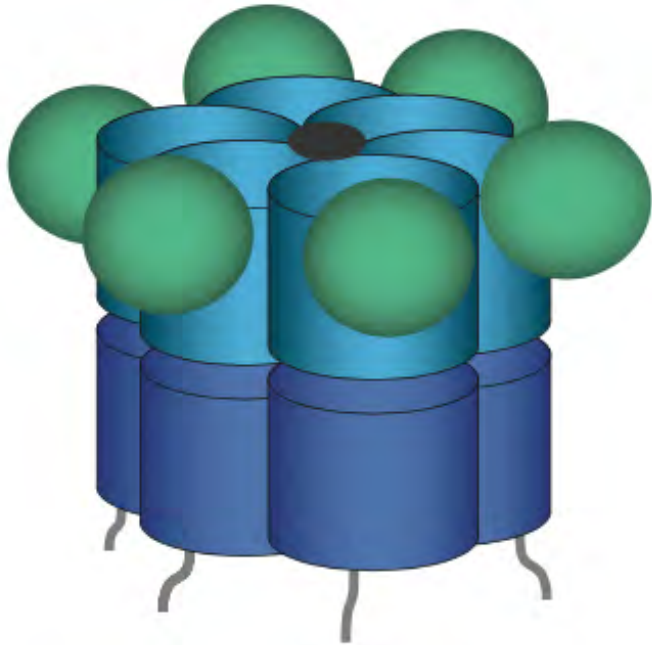
Protein aggregates are solubilized by 104 kD heat shock protein.

## c Protein-complex disassembly

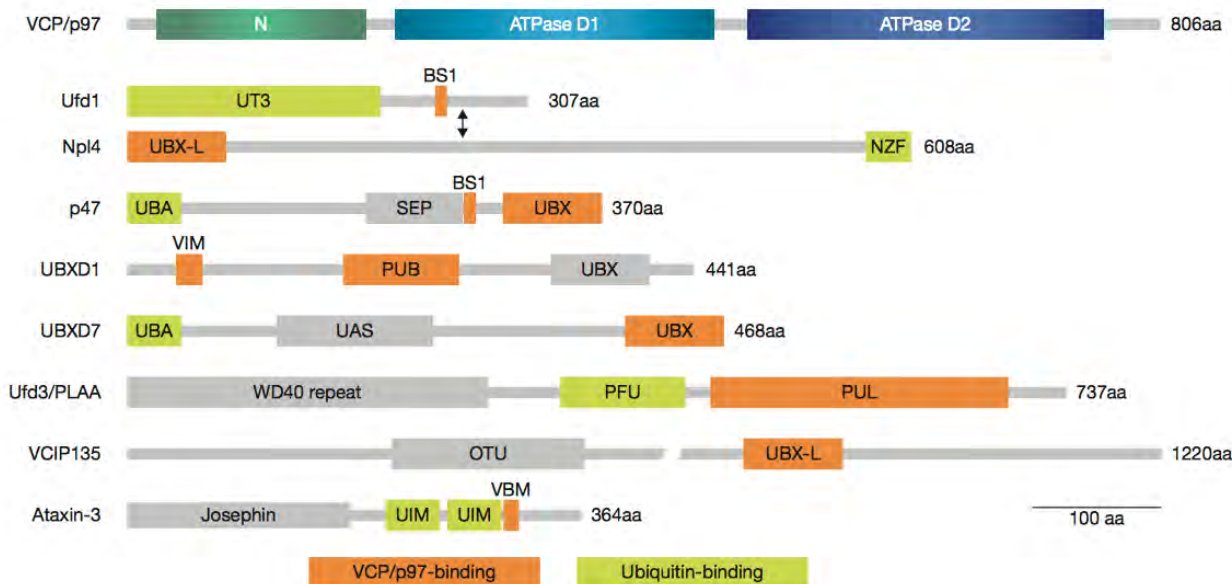


NSF, together with SNAP, disassemble 4-helix bundle SNARE complexes so that they can perform additional rounds of membrane fusion.

# p97/VCP is a AAA ATPase with many functions

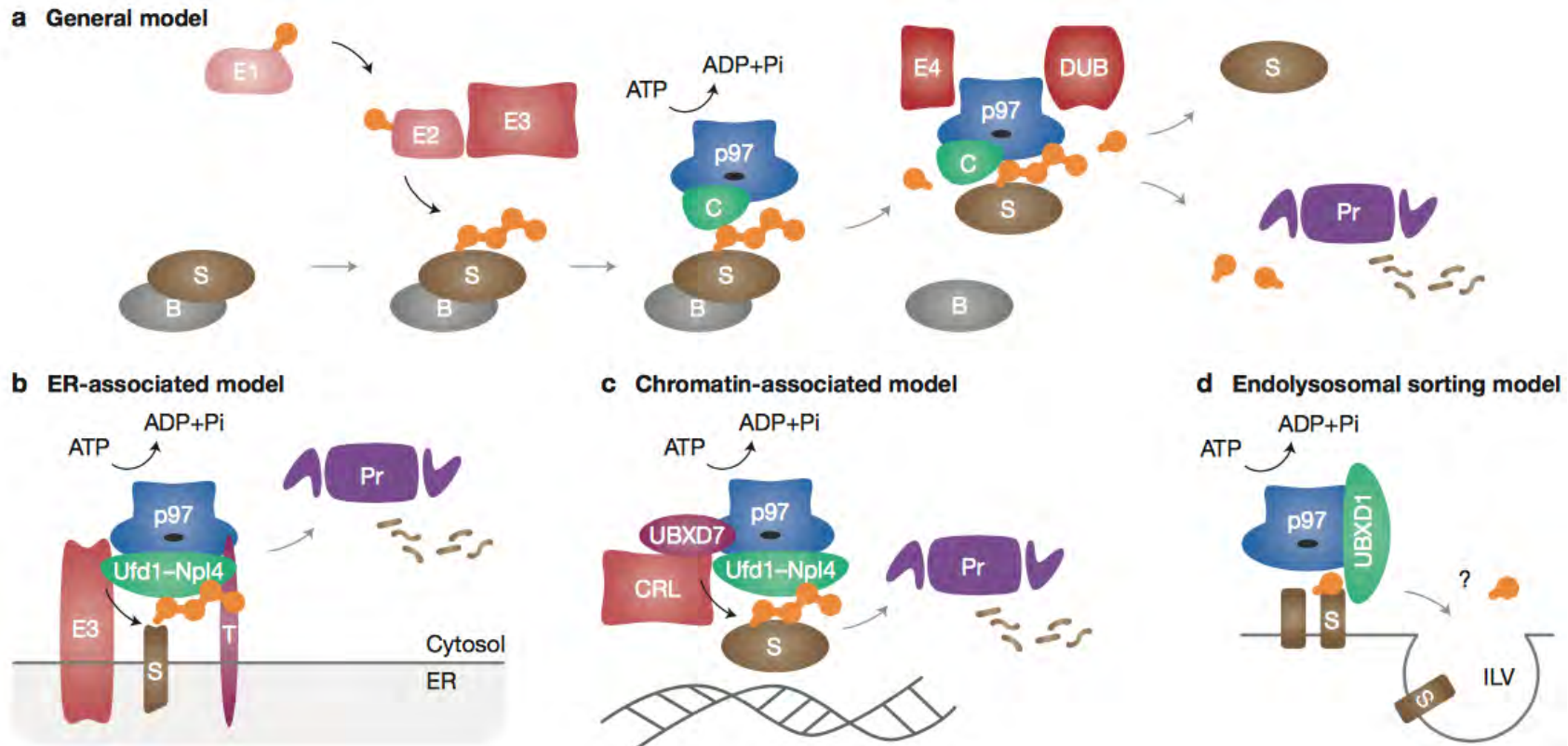


- p97/VCP (valosin-containing protein), Cdc48 in yeast
- Highly homologous to NSF.
- D2 has higher ATPase activity than D1.
- p97 operates with many adaptors/co-factors.
- Mutations in p97 cause IBMPFD (inclusion body myopathy associated with Paget disease of the bone and frontotemporal dementia)



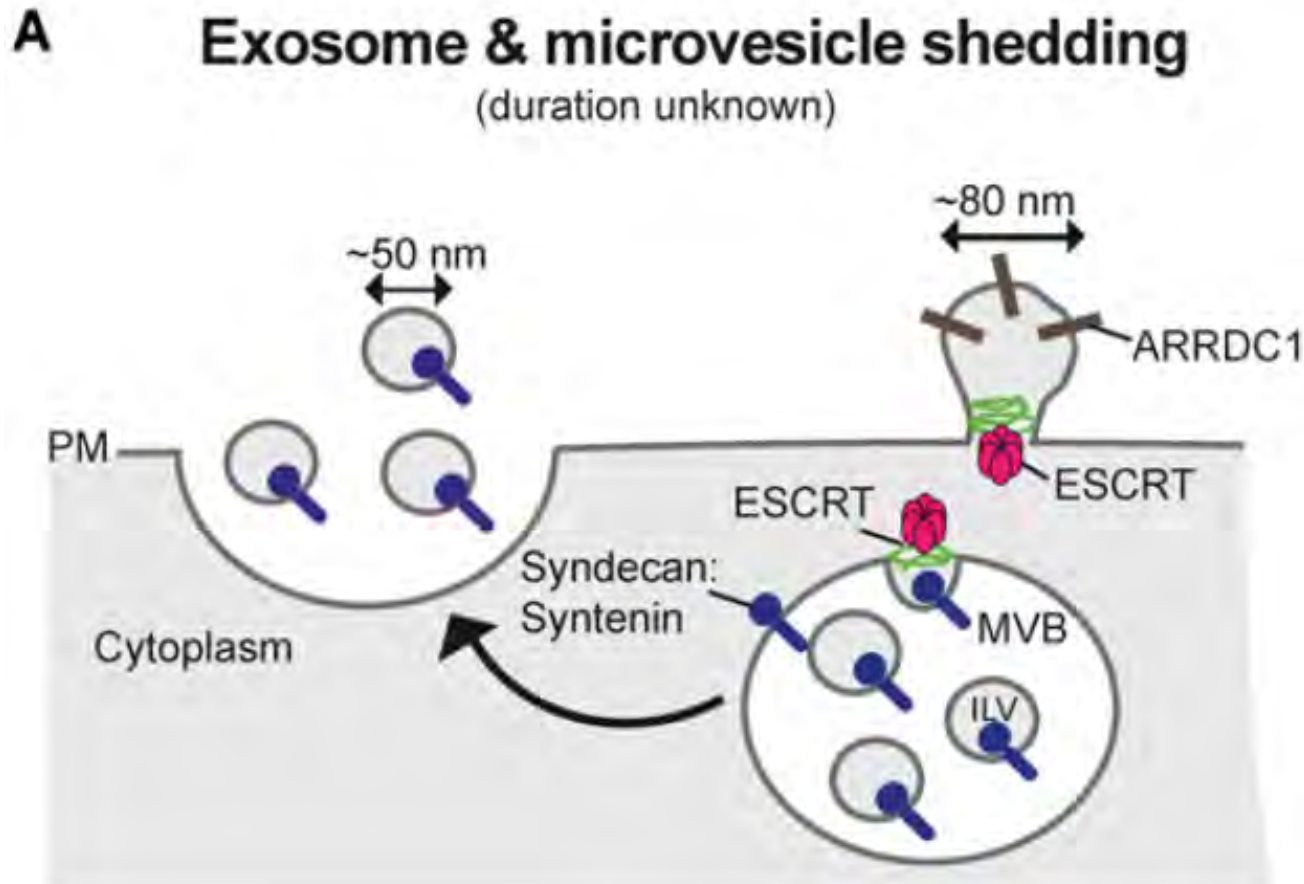
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# p97 often functions between ubiquitylation and the 26S proteasome



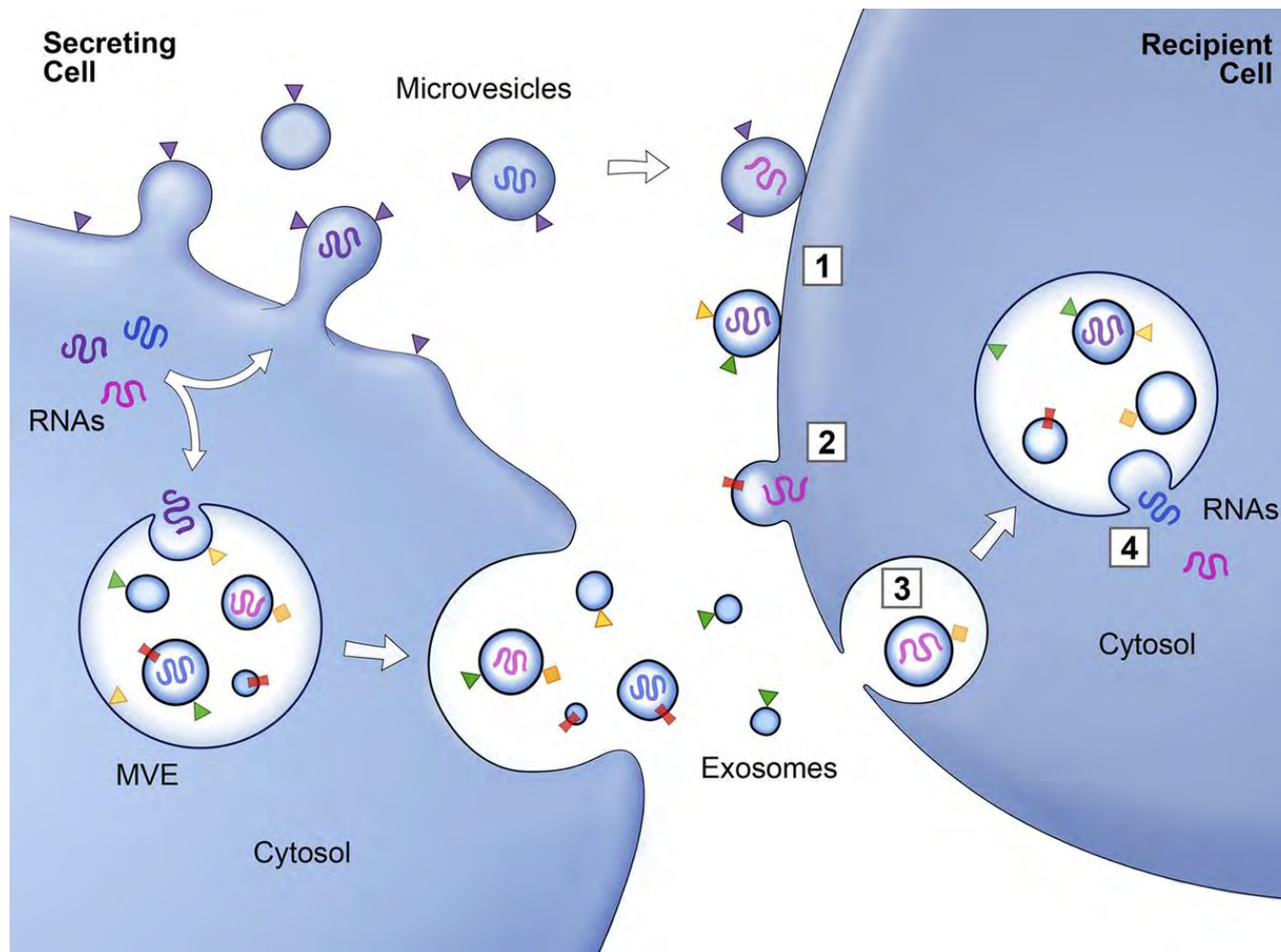
- p97 associates with ubiquitylated substrates that need remodeling before delivery to the 26S proteasome.
- Substrates might be in stable complexes or associated with surface.

# Additional functions of ESCRT-III pathway



- Exosomes: MVBs can fuse with plasma membrane, releasing vesicles to the extracellular space.
- 50-100 nm diameter.
- Ectosomes are microvesicles (100-1000 nm) that are shed directly from the plasma membrane.
- Tsg101 often used as a marker
- Some are independent of ESCRT.

# Exosomes may function in intercellular communication



- Exosomes contain RNA, miRNA, and protein, and have been proposed to facilitate intercellular communication.
- Many proposed functions:
  - Waste removal
  - Antigen presentation
  - Tumor promotion
  - Signal transduction

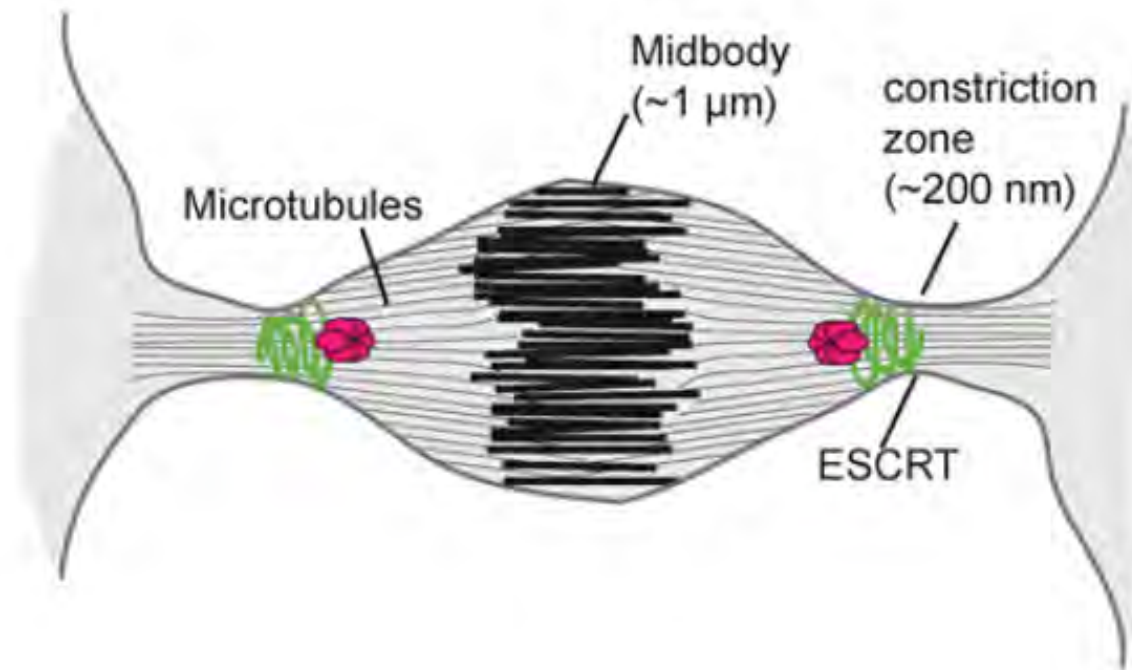


# Additional functions of ESCRT-III pathway

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## Cytokinesis

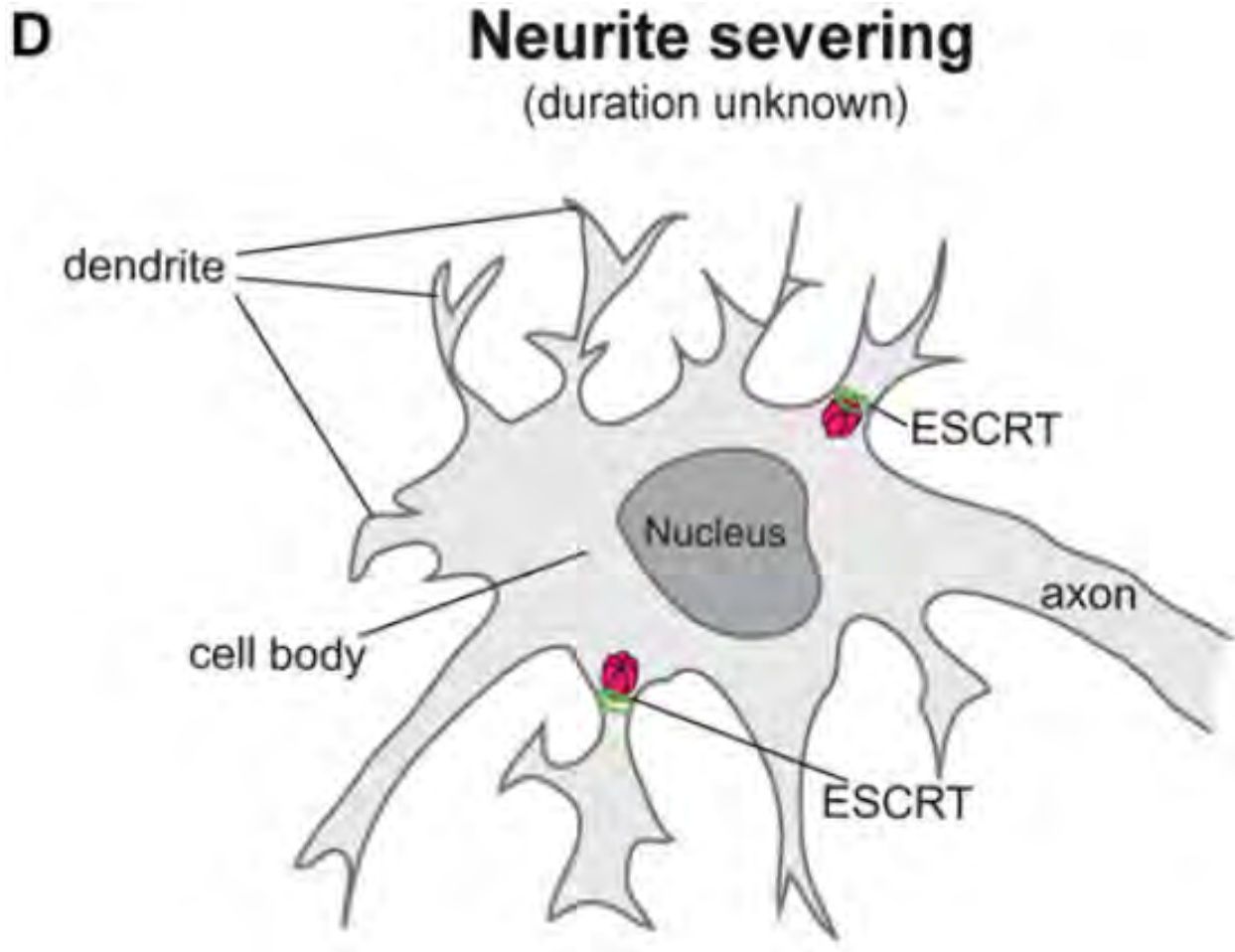
(duration ~110 min)



- Near the end of cytokinesis, the daughter cells are separated by the midbody.
- Midbody contains bundles of microtubules from the mitotic spindle.
- Cleavage at the midbody is termed abscission.

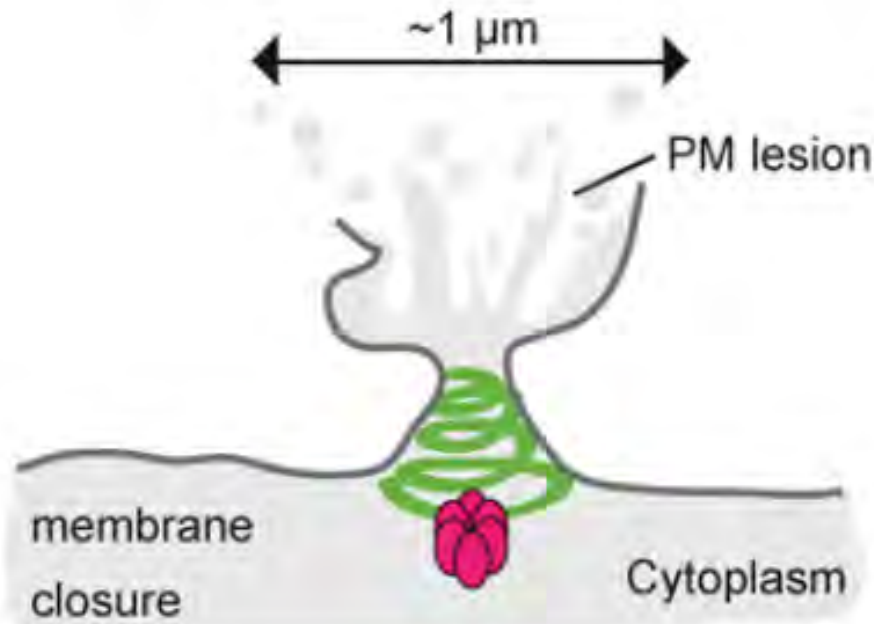
# Additional functions of ESCRT-III pathway

- Neuronal processes no longer needed can be pruned to remodel neurons.



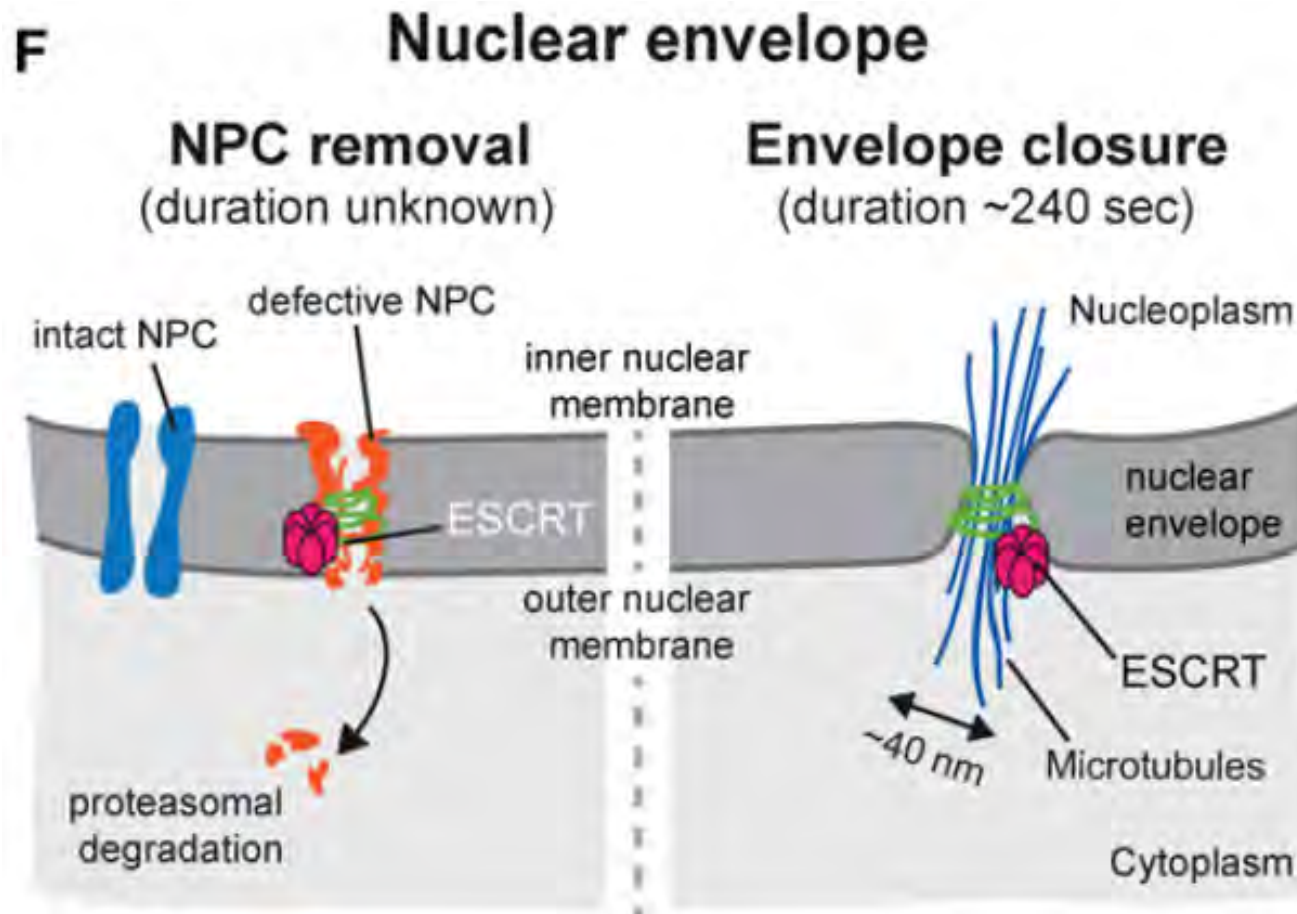
# Additional functions of ESCRT-III pathway

## Plasma membrane repair (duration ~4 min)



- Holes in the plasma membrane can be caused by physical trauma or bacterial toxins.
- Such damage leads to recruitment of ESCRT-III proteins to injury site.
- By budding part of the plasma membrane, the damage can be repaired.

# Additional functions of ESCRT-III pathway



- During late anaphase, the nuclear envelope must be re-formed; ESCRT-III is important for this process.
- Repair of defective nuclear pore complexes.