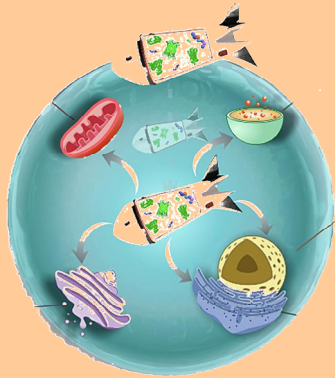


Module 4

Protein Sorting Pathways I

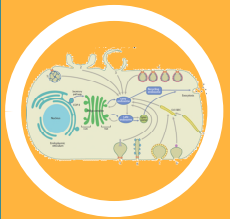


4_1 Vesicular traffick

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4_3 Nonvesicular traffick

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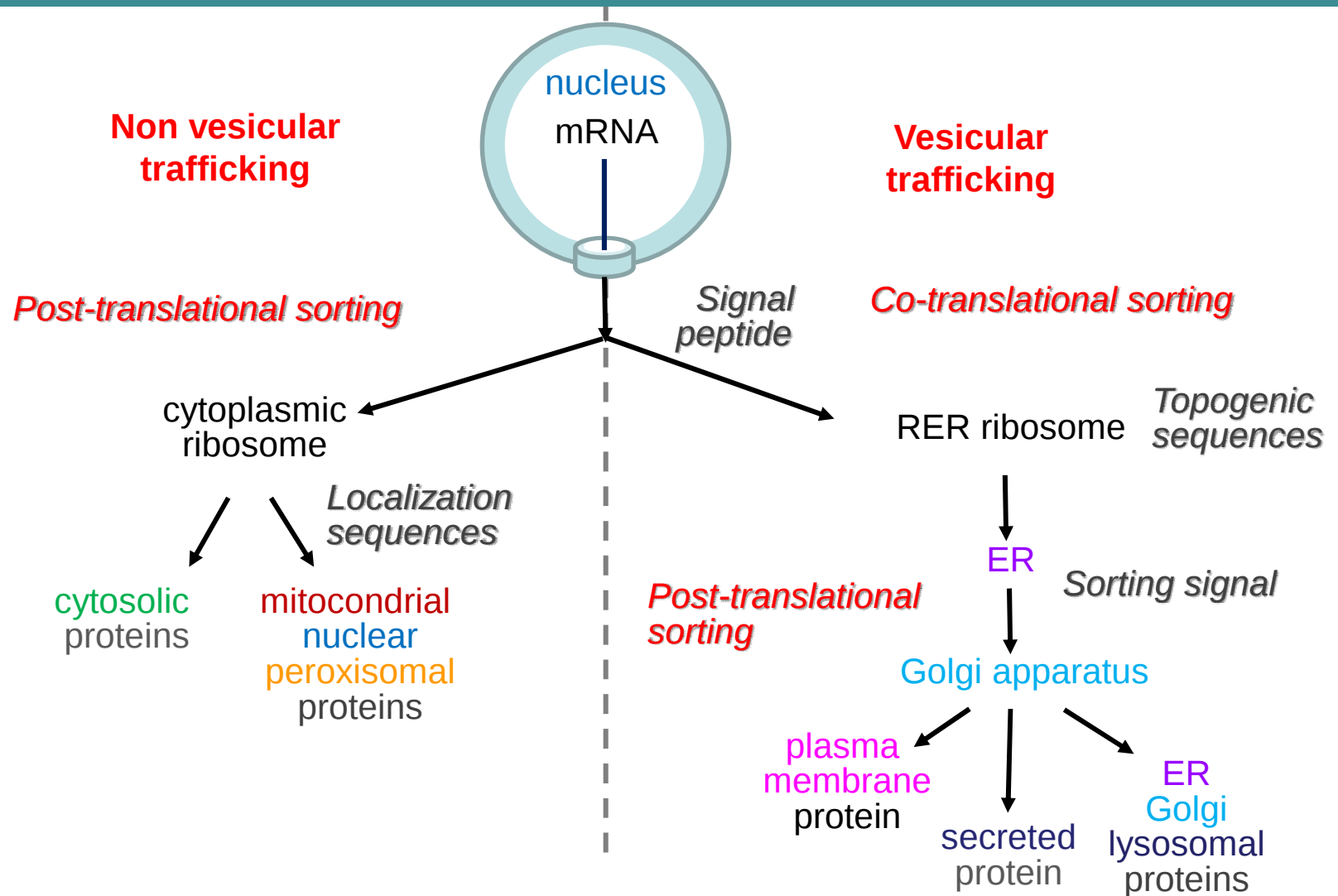


Modul4_1 Vescicular trafficking

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PROTEIN TRAFFICKING



Signal peptide:

Localization sequences:

Topogenic sequences:

Sorting signals:

N-terminal AA sequence interacting with signal recognition particle

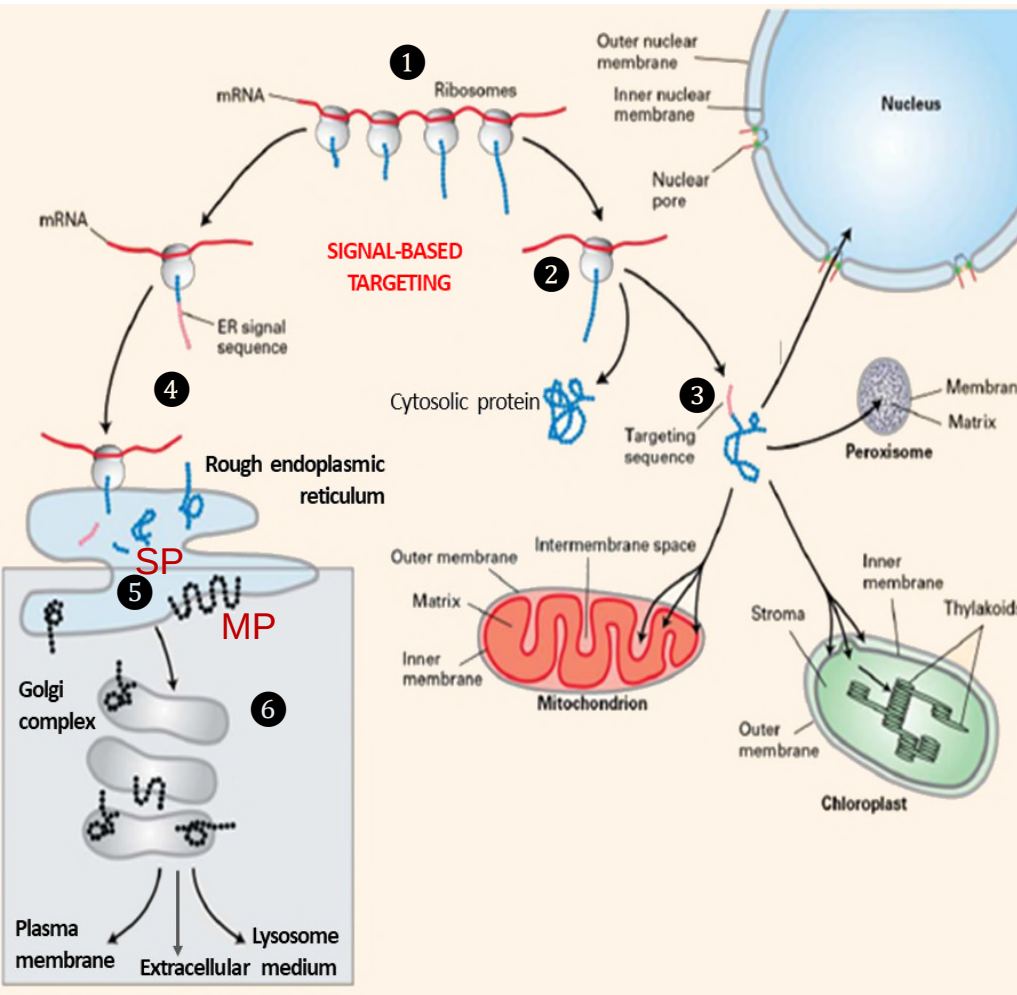
AA signal sequences in proteins

AA signal sequences in proteins

AA signal sequences in proteins or PTMs (glycosylation)

SORTING PATHWAYS

► Major protein-sorting* pathways in eukaryotic cells -



① mRNA; nucleus → cytosolic ribosome

② No signal peptide:
protein translation → cytosol

③ Specific localization sequences:
proteins → mitochondria/nucleus etc.

④ Signal peptide for ER :
Ribosome + SRP⁽⁺⁾ → RER

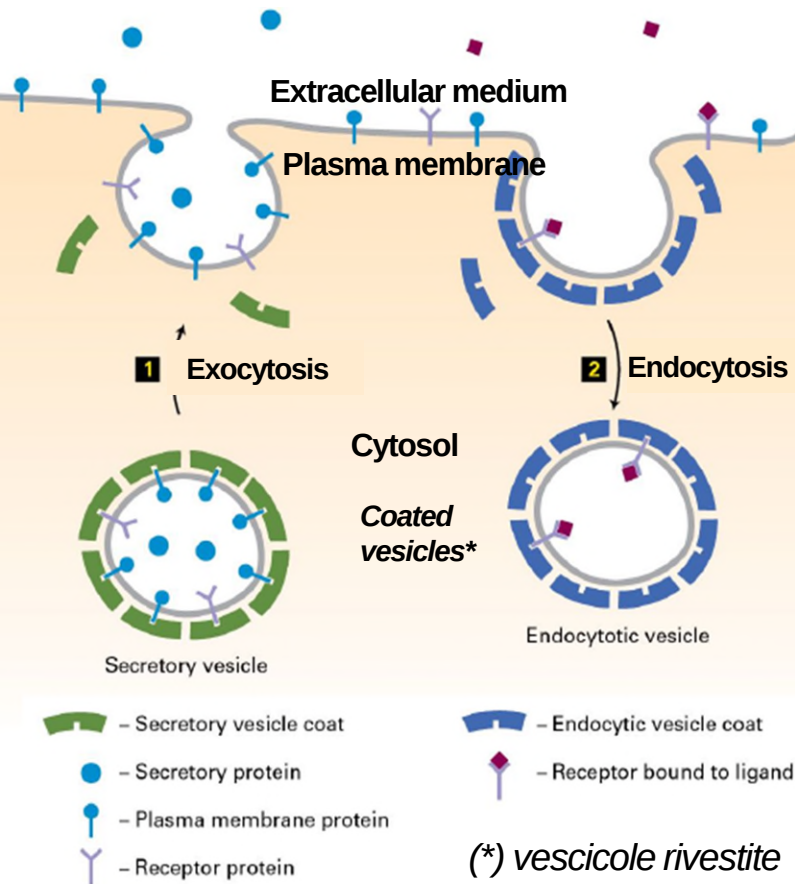
⑤ protein → ER lumen (soluble proteins **SP**)
ER membrane (membrane proteins – **MP**)

⑥ Vesicular trafficking of proteins:
ER → Golgi complex → plasma membrane
→ lysosome (LS)
→ LS membrane
→ secretion

**sorting* = *smistamento*

VESICULAR TRAFFICKING

Basic principles of vesicular trafficking



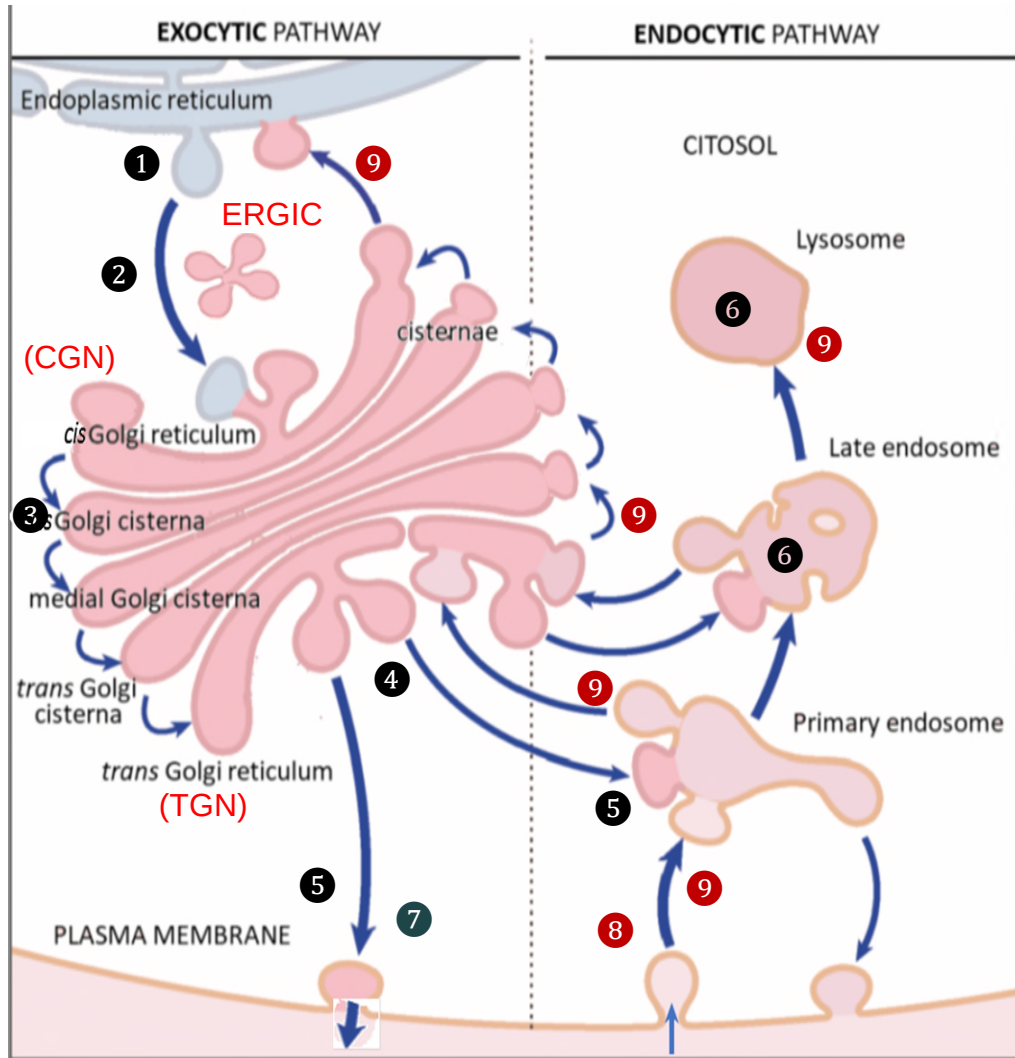
Trafficking is required for:

- 1 Delivery of membrane proteins (MP) to plasma /organelle membranes and soluble proteins (SP) to organelle lumens or to the extracellular medium (secretion) from cells (Exocytosis)**
 - It makes use of coated vesicles*. The coat proteins are *i)* necessary for vesicles formation, *ii)* determine the type of protein cargo and *iii)* destination
 - Cargo proteins (SP & MP) preserve their topology; secretory and organelle-directed SP never enter the cytosol. They bind to cargo receptors. For MP the domains facing *exo* will face the vesicle interior and then the extracellular medium or organelle lumen.
- 2 Protein internalization into cells (Endocytosis) uses similar mechanisms and serves for:**
 - internalization of activated receptors allowing to modulate receptor activity
 - internalization of large nutrient molecules or of lipoproteins (e.g. LDL)

Secretory (protein export) and **Endocytic** (protein import) pathways are **correlated**

VESICULAR TRAFFICKING (CONT.)

► Major routes in the secretory and endocytic pathways



- 1 Vesicles bud* from ER, carrying soluble proteins (SP) or membrane proteins (MP)
 - 2 In animal cells, they fuse to form the ER-Golgi intermediate compartment (ERGIC) which matures into the cis-Golgi network (CGN).
 - 3 Golgi cisternae progress *cis* → *trans* to form the *trans*-Golgi network (TGN)
 - 4 Vesicles bud from TGN and 5 fuse with the plasma membrane (PM) or endosomes
 - 6 Early endosomes (EE) (*primari*) mature to late endosome (LE) (*tardivi*) and then to the Lysosome (LS)
- SP/MP exit cells by 7 Exocytosis and enter by 8 Endocytosis.

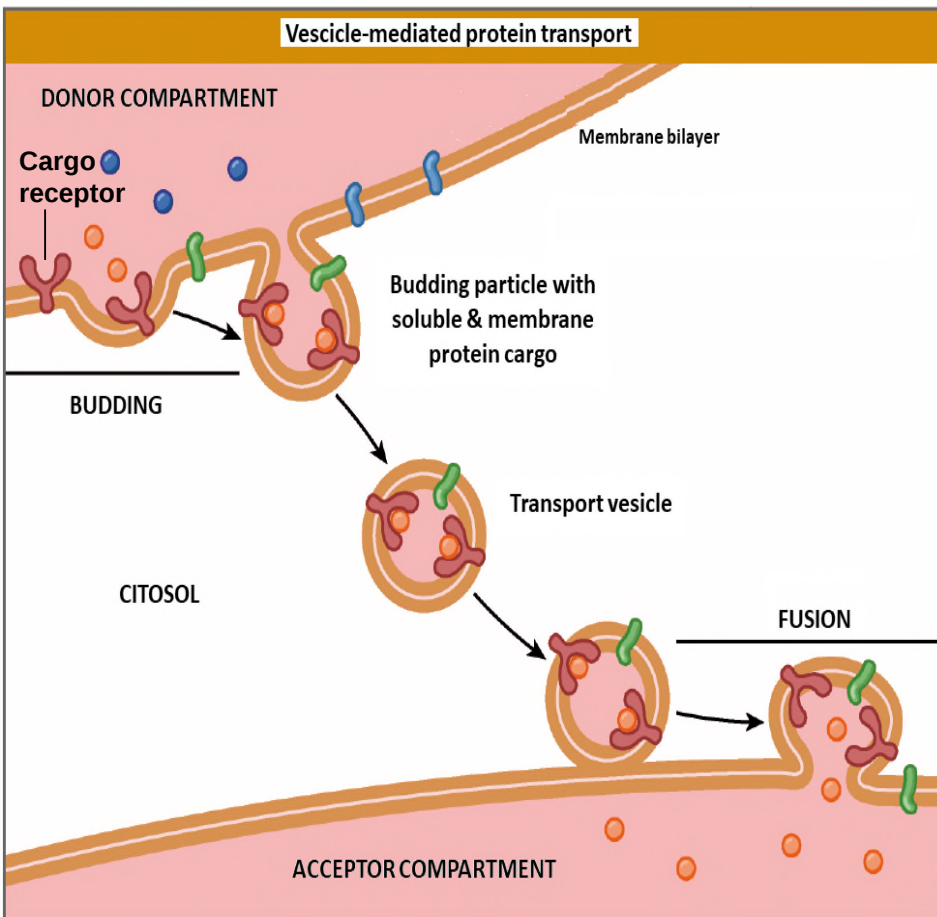
* to bud = germinare

1-6 Anterograde Vesicles move SP/MP from ER → Golgi → PM/LS

9 Retrograde Vesicles move SP/MP from PM → Early endosome → Lysosome or Golgi → ER

VESICULAR TRANSPORT

► Unifying principle for protein trafficking in secretory and endocytic pathways



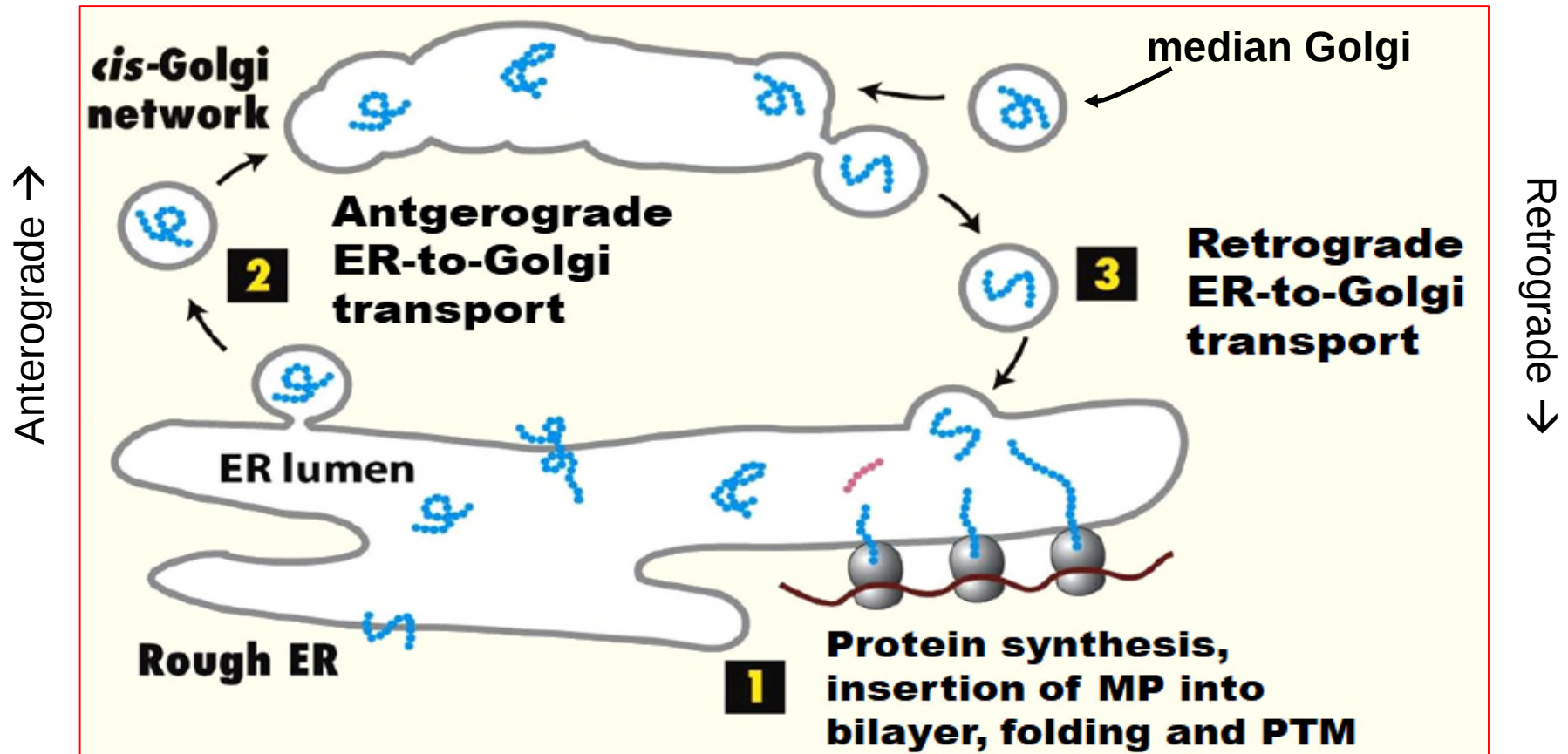
* germinazione

TOPOLOGICAL RESTRAINT:

During vesicular traffic the same membrane face is always oriented toward the cytosol (*cyto* / *exo* orientation is always maintained)

- **SP/MP** transport between compartments is mediated by transport vesicles
- **Budding***: “Cargo” proteins collect in buds that form on the membrane of the donor compartment and fuse with membrane of the acceptor compartment to deliver their cargo (**MP** and **SP** on cargo receptors)
- Each step in the secretory and endocytic pathways uses a different type of vesicle
- The different vesicular transport steps are simply a variation on a common theme:
 - i) coating & budding from donor compartment
 - ii) uncoating of vesicle
 - iii) transport along cytoskeleton tracks (actin filaments or microtubules)
 - iv) fusion with acceptor compartment

ANTEROGRADE AND RETROGRADE TRANSPORT



① Protein synthesis in ER-bound ribosomes:

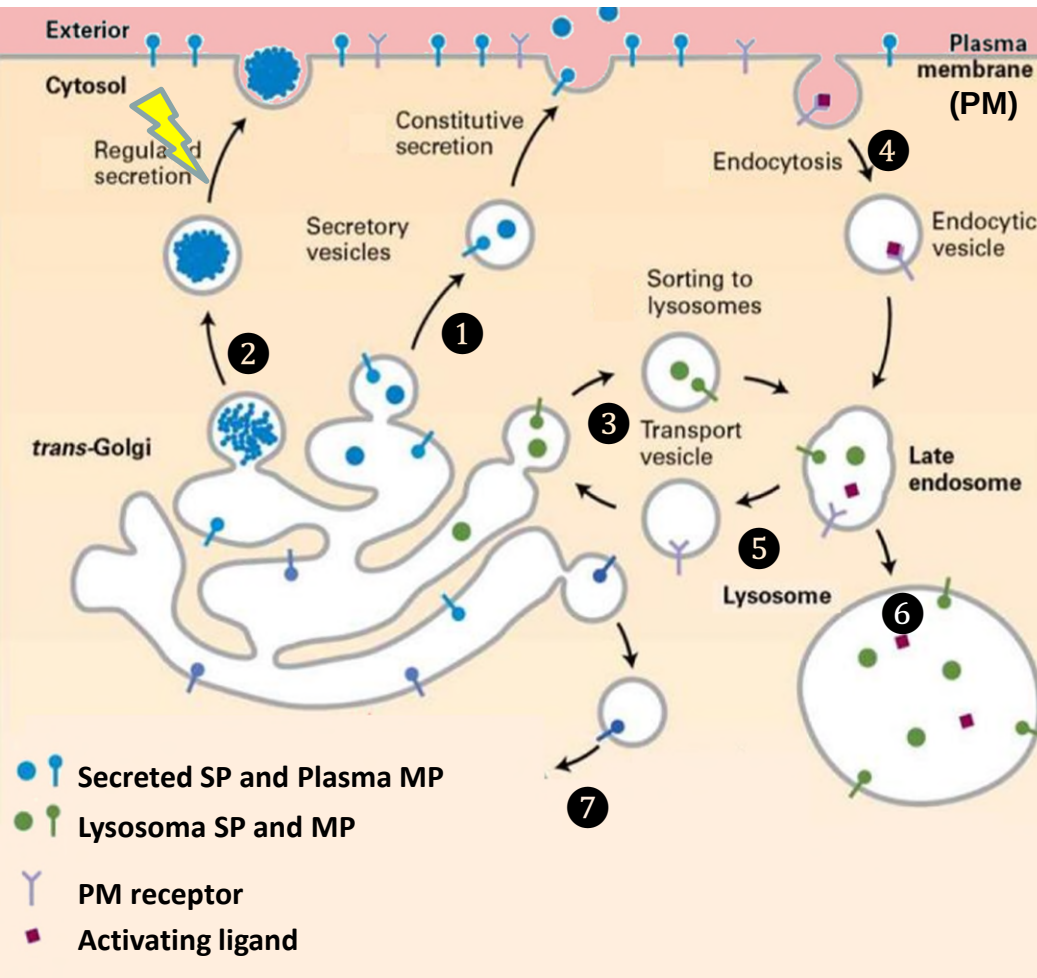
SP → folding/PTM MP → co-translational insertion in ER membrane/folding/PTM

② **Anterograde vesicle** bud from ER → fusion to ERGIC → formation of *cis*-Golgi reticulum

③ **Retrograde vesicles** bud from *cis*-Golgi → fusion to ER

These vesicles carry ER-resident SP incorrectly sorted to golgi or ER MP for reuse (e.g. SP cargo receptors)

EXOCYTOSIS AND ENDOCYTOSIS



► Exocytosis

Vesicles transport SP/MP cargo from *trans*-Golgi → PM after which:

- ① Some SP are *secreted continuously* (**Constitutive secretion**)
- ② In some cells SP are stored in *secretory vesicles* that require neuronal or hormonal signals for exocytosis (**Regulated secretion**)
- ③ Anterograde vesicles can also transport SP/MP cargo to lysosomes
trans-Golgi → late endosomes → lysosome

► Endocytosis

- ④ Plasma MP (eg. activated receptors) taken up by endocytic vesicles budding from PM:
PM → endosomes

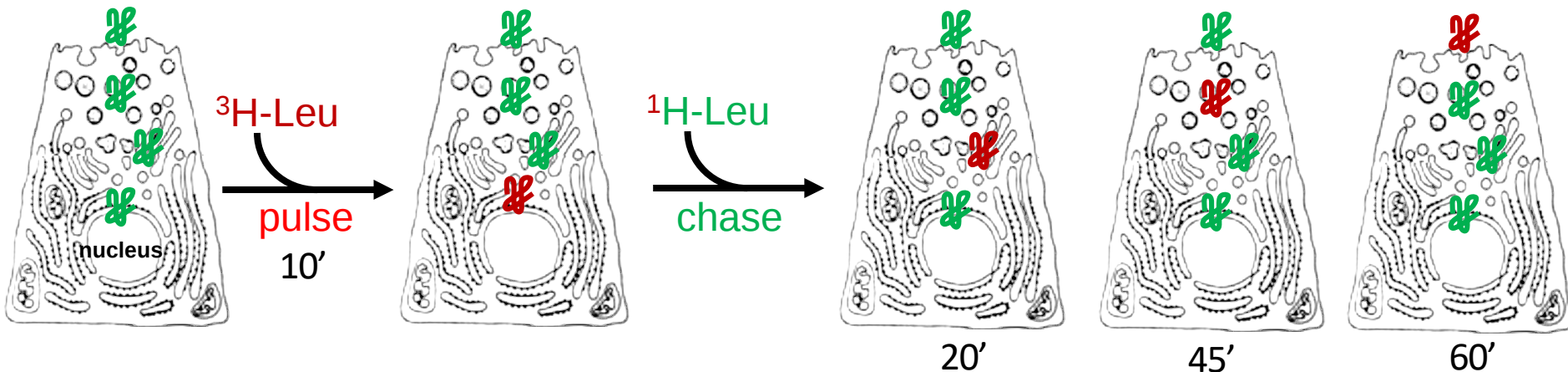
Endocytosed material in the endosome can either:

- ⑤ ① be recycled to the plasma membrane (early E → recycling E → PM) e.g. receptor recycling
- ⑥ be degraded in the lysosome (early E → late E → lysosome → dismantled) cargo, e.g. LDL
- ⑦ enter retrograde transport (Endosome → TGN → → → CGN → ER) rarer e.g. some toxins

VESICULAR TRAFFICKING – EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATION

► Classic methods used to establish the different steps of vesicular protein transport

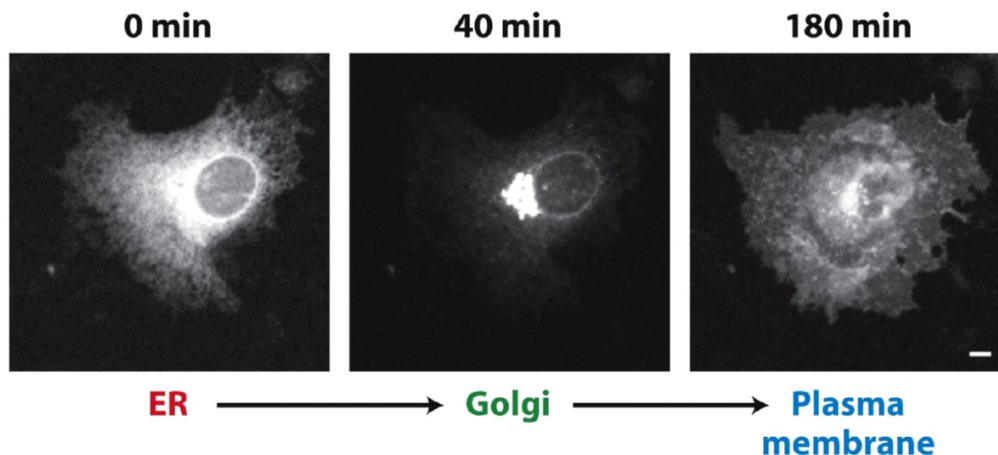
- The components required for formation and fusion of transport vesicles were identified in the 2nd half of 20th century by a remarkable convergence of classic biochemical and genetic approaches
- These studies were carried out by G. Palade (1960s, Nobel) on *live cells* to establish:
 - 1) the **order** in which proteins move from organelle to organelle in the secretory pathway.
 - 2) that **secretory proteins** were **never** released into the cytosol (cyto /exo conservation)
- They involved **pulse-chase** techniques. Radioactive amino acid (e.g. ^3H -Leu) were injected for a **brief period** (pulse) into experimental animal tissue (e.g. pancreas). Newly synthesized proteins (e.g. the secretory protein *Insulin*) incorporate ^3H -AA and are radioactively marked. Incorporation was then stopped by injecting cold ^1H -Leu (chase).
- At different times after injection, pancreatic cells were **extracted**, immediately **fixed** and the **location** of radioactively labelled protein (e.g. ^3H -Insulin) determined by autoradiography.
- Later, proteins could be safely & efficiently labelled using genetic methods (e.g. GFP fusion).



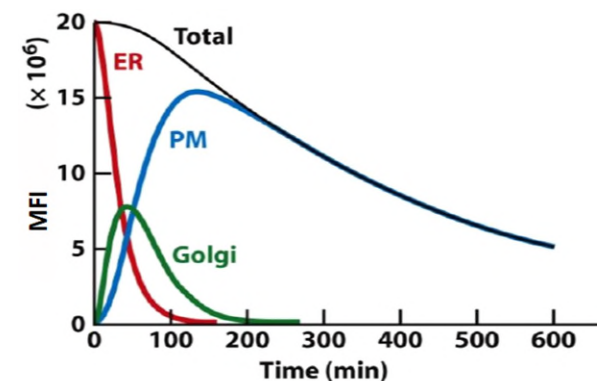
VESICULAR TRAFFICKING – EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATION (Cont.)

► Later methods used to establish the different steps of vesicular transport

- **Fluorescence microscopy**: procedure for observing intracellular trafficking of a secretory protein in almost any type of cell, using the **VSVG-GFP** fusion protein (> 1970s)
- A gene encoding **Vesicular Stomatitis Virus membrane glycoprotein G (VSVG)** was fused to **GFP (VSVG-GFP)** and transfected into cultured mammalian cells.
- **VSVG^{ts}**, a temperature-sensitive mutant was used to form **VSVG^{ts}-GFP**, which folds at 32° C (*permissive temperature*, T^p) but denatures at 40° C (*non-permissive temperature*, T^{np})
- Protein movement can be blocked at any time by increasing the temperature:
 - i) at T^p (32° C) **VSVG^{ts}-GFP** folds and transport is allowed
 - ii) at T^{np} (40° C) **VSVG^{ts}-GFP** misfolds (partly denatures) and transport is turned off
 - iii) reversible process; returning to 32° C **VSVG^{ts}-GFP** refolds and transport resumes
- Allows to establish transit kinetics



Mean fluorescence intensity vs time



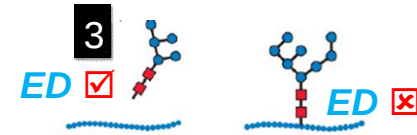
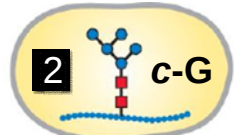
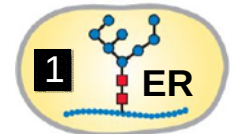
► Monitoring PTM – mannose trimming of secreted proteins

- Other procedures for observing the progress of **VSVG** is to follow its PTM

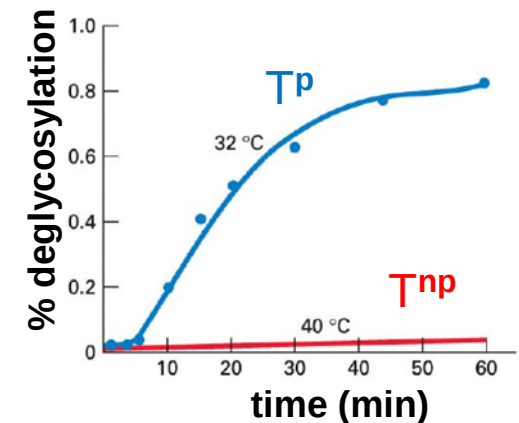
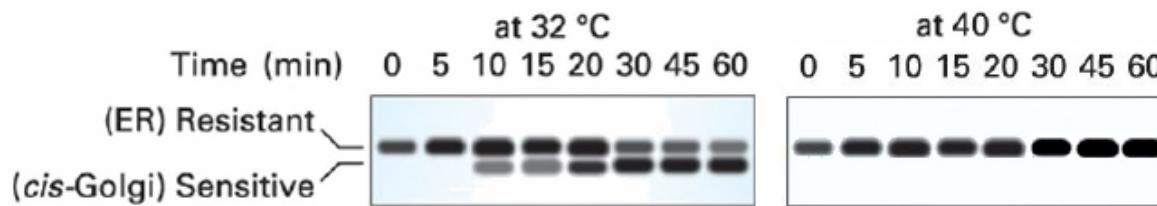
1 **VSVG** N-linked glycosylation in ER → $\text{Man}_8(\text{GlcNAc})_2$ before Golgi transfer (QC)

2 3 Man residues trimmed* in *cis*-Golgi by *Glycosidases* to $\text{Man}_5(\text{GlcNAc})_2$

3 *Endoglycosidase D* can selectively cleave $\text{Man}_5(\text{GlcNAc})_2$ making the protein lighter in gel electrophoresis but cannot cleave $\text{Man}_8(\text{GlcNAc})_2$



- By extracting **VSVG** at different times and at different temperatures, its progress from ER to the Golgi can be followed.

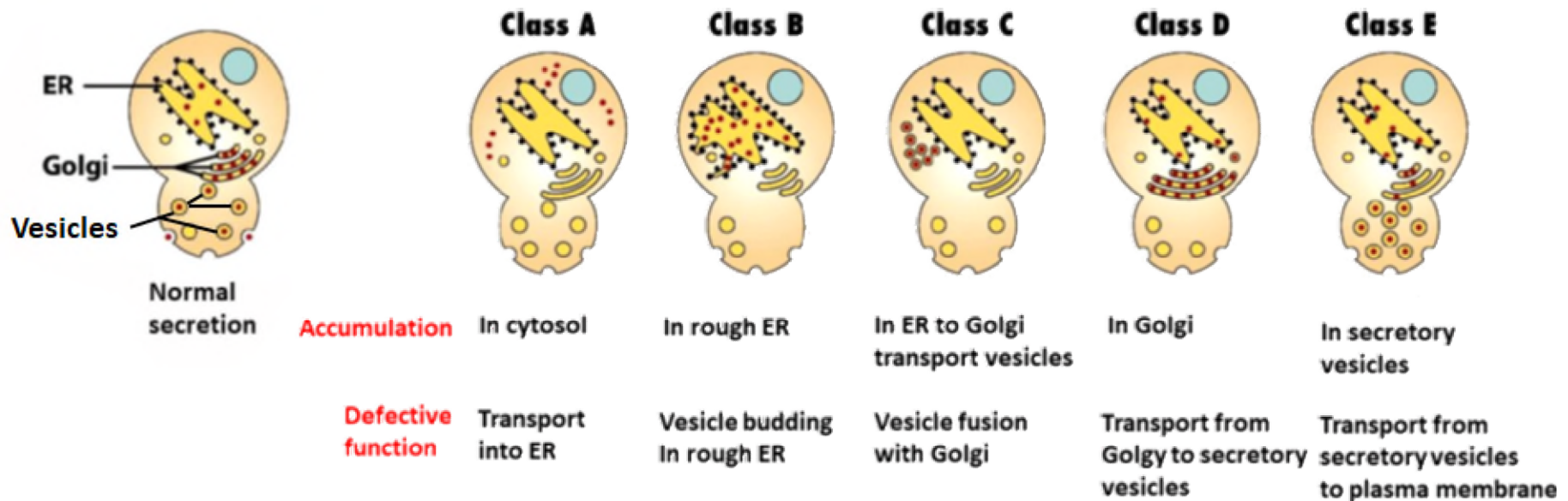


- This experiment allows to monitor the transit time from ER to *cis*-Golgi
- Other assays use specific later carbohydrate modifications that occur in Golgi compartments as they mature (see slide 28) to monitor the progression of **VSVG** through the Golgi complex.

VESICULAR TRAFFICKING – EXPERIMENTAL VERIFICATION (Cont.)

► Sec mutants in yeast cells (haploid yeast cells)

- Temperature-sensitive yeast sec^{ts} mutants used to identify the stages in the secretory pathway
- Mutated genes code for proteins that are essential components of the secretory pathway
- Permissive temperature (T^{p}): mutant proteins allow transport and secretion when folded were
- Non-permissive temperature (T^{np}): mutant proteins unstable and don't function, transport stops
- 5 classes of sec proteins identified (A–E) → protein accumulation in different compartments.



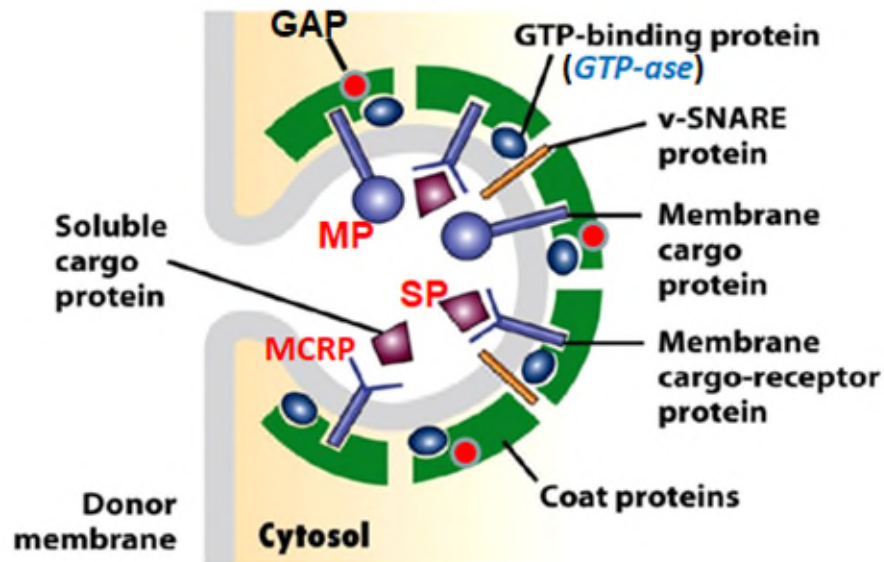
- When $T^{\text{p}} \rightarrow T^{\text{np}}$, protein transport is blocked and identifies the particular point where the mutant pathway component is normally functioning.
- Analysis of haploid double sec mutants determined the order of the steps in the pathway.

VESICULAR BUDDING & FUSION

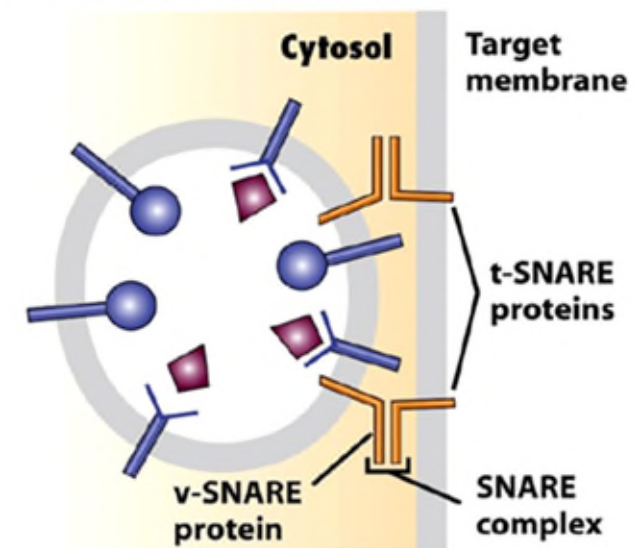
► Basic molecular mechanisms of vesicle budding and fusion – 1

- Vesicle budding is driven by polymerization of coatamer proteins (COP) on the cytoplasmic side of the donor membrane, forming a proteinaceous coat around the vesicle
- Polymerization & budding requires a GTP-binding protein belonging to the *GTP-ase* superfamily, cycling from GDP-bound to GTP-bound forms. Curvature activates a GAP activity in a COP.
- Coatamer proteins (COP):
 - i) when polymerized impose curvature to the budding vesicle
 - ii) recruit specific cargo MP and SP (via Membrane Cargo-Receptor Proteins - MCRP).
 - iii) recruit v-SNARE proteins required for subsequent fusion of vesicle with acceptor membrane.
- After budding the coat is lost – due to GTP hydrolysis in *GTP-ase* mediated by the GAP activity (*GTPase activating proteins*), allowing fusion with acceptor membrane via SNARE interactions.

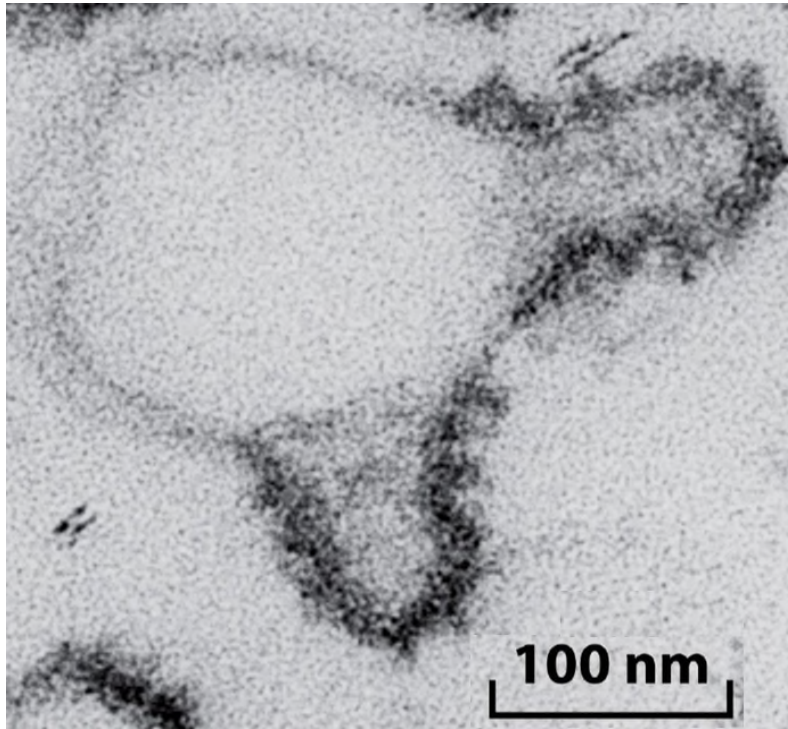
Coated vesicle budding



Uncoated vesicle fusion



VESICULAR BUDDING & FUSION (cont.)



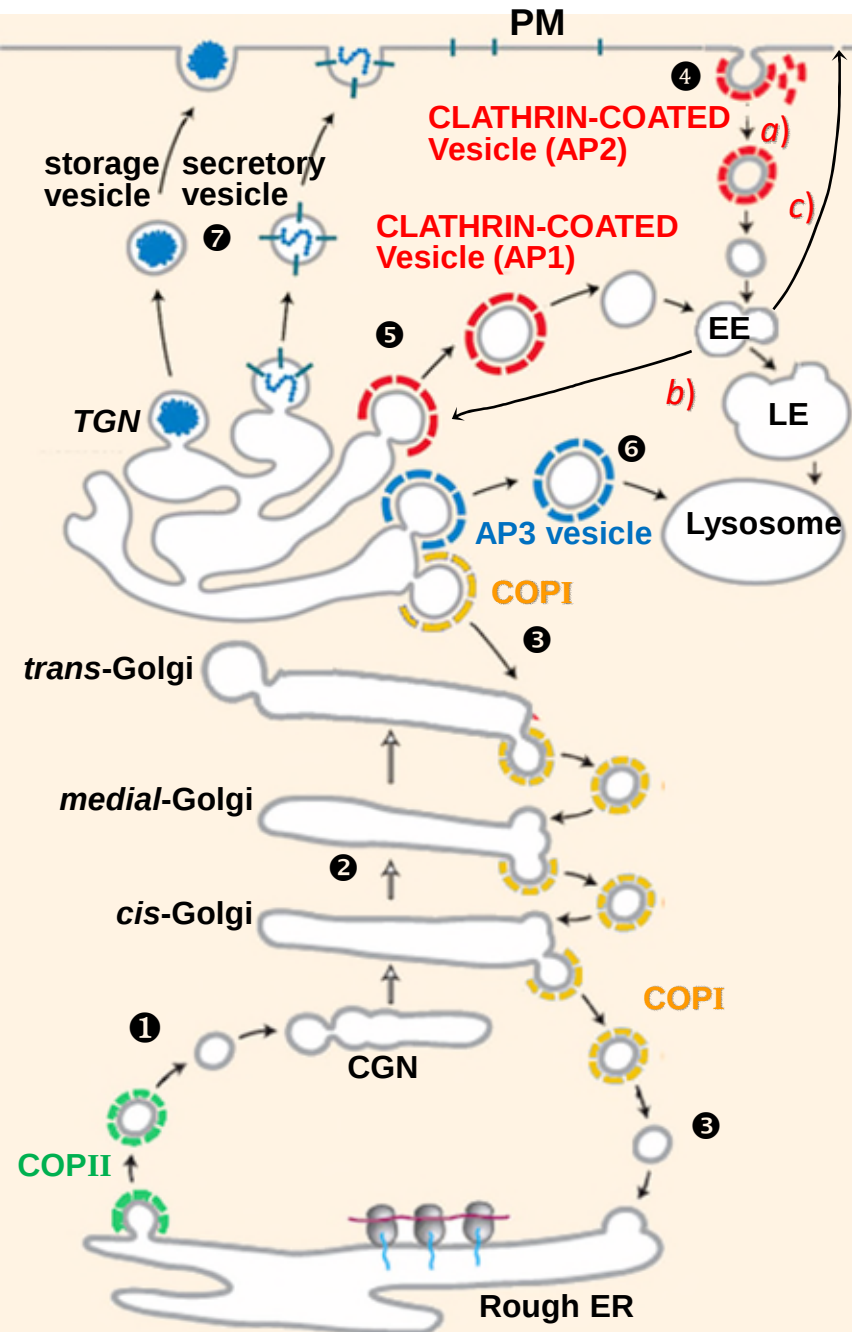
► Basic molecular mechanisms – 1

- COPs are complexes with multiple subunits
- Budding can be studied *in vitro* using isolated or artificial membranes and purified COP.
- COP polymerize on the cytosolic face of the donor membrane forming a curved lattice*
- The lattice imposes high curvature typical of transport vesicles ($\varnothing \sim 50$ nm), and drives vesicle formation.
- 3 different types of vesicles are known that use different COPs and different G-proteins.

* reticolo

Vesicle Type	Donor M → Acceptor M	Coat protein subunits	GTPase
COPII	ER → <i>cis</i> -Golgi network	Sec23/Sec24; Sec13/Sec31; Sec16	Sar1
COPI	- <i>cis</i> -GN → ER - Retrograde transport (Golgi)	seven different Sec subunits	ARF
Clathrin coated	- <i>trans</i> -GN → endosome	Clathrin + AP1 or Clathrin + GGA	ARF
	- PM → endosome	Clathrin + AP2 (endocytic)	ARF
	- <i>t</i> -GN → lysosome	AP3	ARF

MAJOR TYPES OF COP VESICLES



► COPII vesicles - anterograde

- ① transport proteins rough ER → cis-Golgi.
- move along microtubulin 'highways'
- loose COP, fuse to ERGIC → cis-Golgi reticulum
- ② cargo progression cis- → medial- → trans-Golgi (Golgi cisternal maturation) (not vesicular)

► COPI vesicles - retrograde

- ③ trans- → medial- → cis-Golgi → rough ER.

► AP2 Clathrin-coated vesicles

- ④ a) PM → EE → LE → lysosomes (degradation)
- b) PM → EE → TGN (retrograde transport)
- c) PM → EE → PM (recycling)

► AP1 Clathrin-coated vesicles

- ⑤ TGN → EE → LE → Lysosome (lysosomal cargo)

► AP3-Coated vesicles

- ⑥ TGN → Lysosome (lysosomal cargo) (clathrin?)

► Secretory/storage vesicles

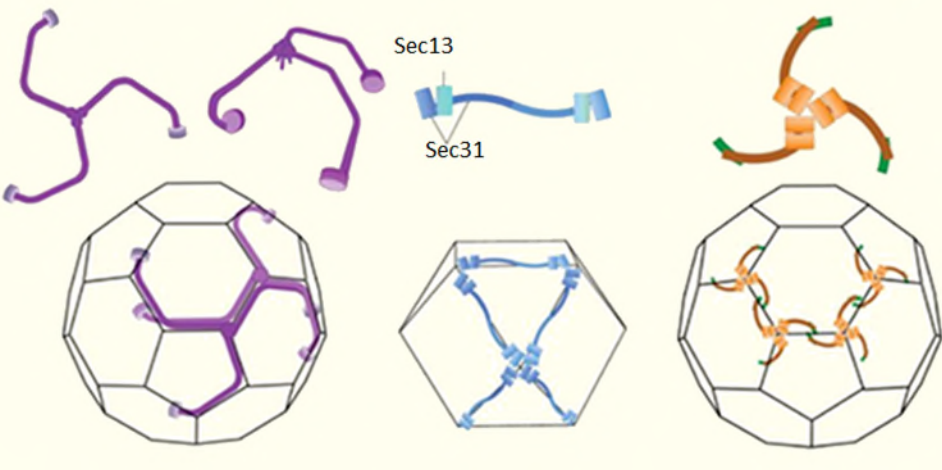
- ⑦ COP uncharacterized (Clathrin, AP1/AP2 ?)

VESICLE COAT (COP) ARCHITECTURE

CLATHRIN (a)

(b) COPII

(c) COPI

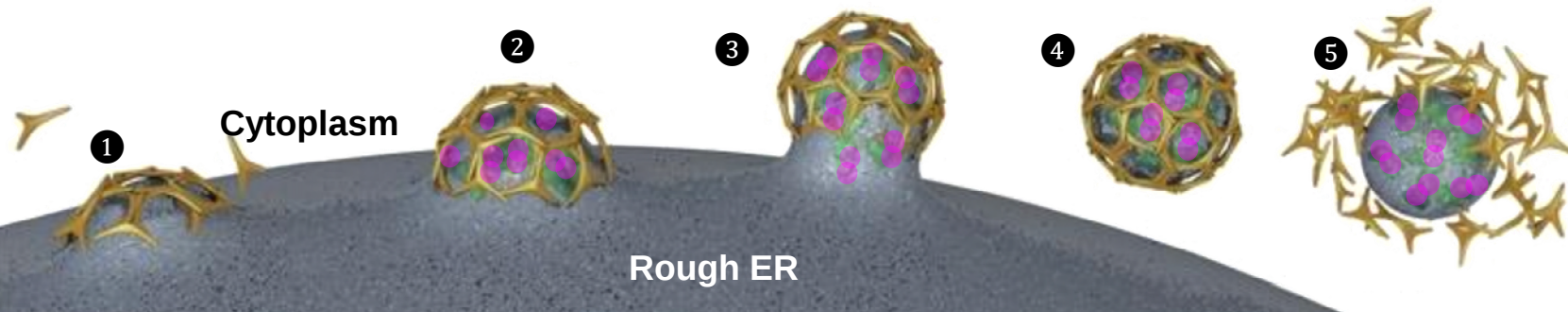


► Structure

- (a) Clathrin triskelion forms an **icosahedral** coat in clathrin-coated vesicles $\varnothing$ 90 nm.
- (b) **Sec31/Sec13** forms a tetramer and then a **cuboctahedral** coat (d) in COPII vesicles
- (c) **Sec27** + other **CoP** triskelion forms an **icosahedral** lattice in COPI.

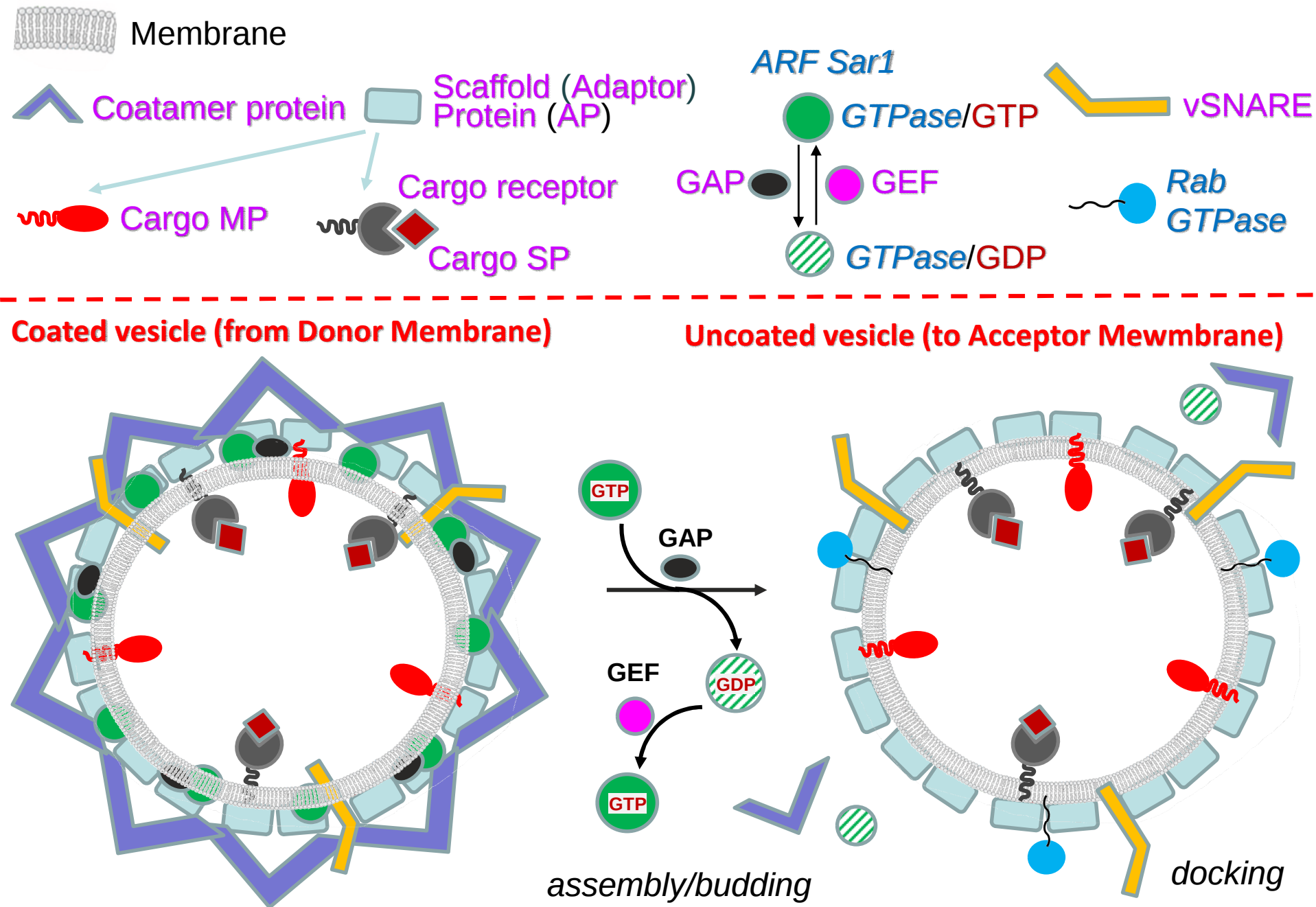
► Assembly

- 1 When COP assemble at the membrane surface they force the lipid bilayer to curve.
- 2 As they assemble a polymeric lattice, they start packaging selected protein cargo.
- 3 As more COP are recruited, the coat shapes the enclosed membrane into a spheroid
- 4 The coated vesicle then pinches off* the membrane. Membrane curvature triggers **GAPs**
- 5 GTP hydrolysis triggers uncoating. Some proteins remain and mediate tethering to target membrane



* si stacca

GENERAL ARCHITECTURE OF TRANSPORT VESICLES



MOLECULAR MECHANISM OF VESICLE BUDDING

► The coats of all three vesicle types contain GTP-binding proteins:

- these act as regulatory subunits for coat assembly/disassembly and belong to the **GTPase** superfamily -
COPII → **Sar1**
COPI → **ARF**
clathrin vesicles → **ARF**
- They are small & monomeric and act as **switch proteins**: GDP → GTP exchange (activation) GTP hydrolysis (inactivation).
- similar in structure to the cytosolic **Ras G-proteins** (signalling) but not part of this family, and distinct also from **Rab GTPases** (see slides 23,24)
- GDP/GTP recruitment and exchange:

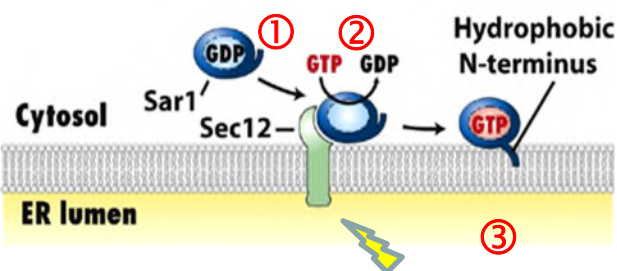
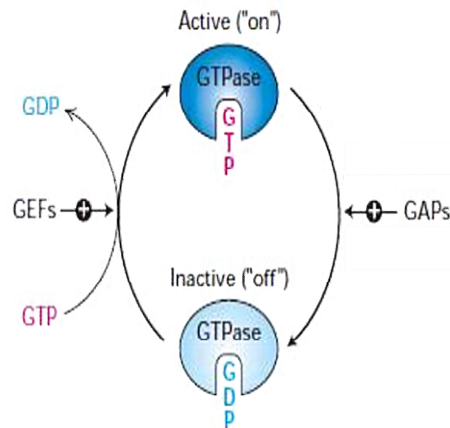
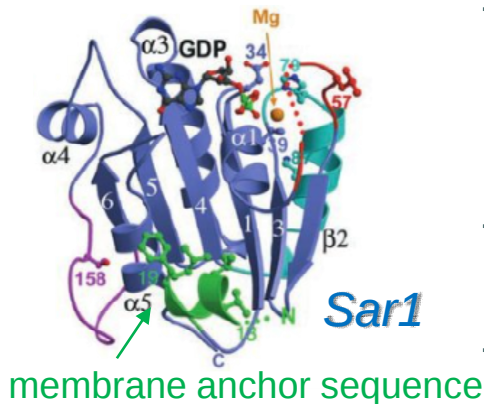
activation is promoted by **Guanine nucleotide-exchange factors (GEFs)**
inactivation is promoted by **GTPase activating protein (GAP)**

► COP II activation

① ER membrane protein **Sec12** is activated by the presence of protein cargo and recruits **Sar1/GDP**

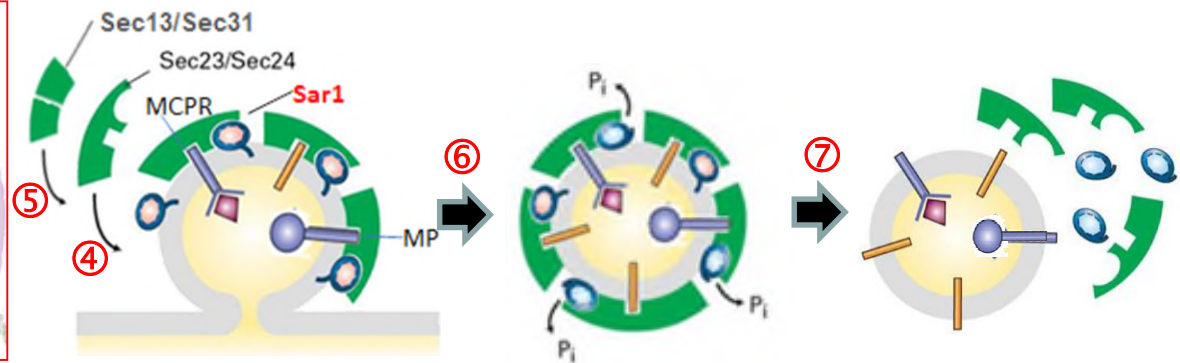
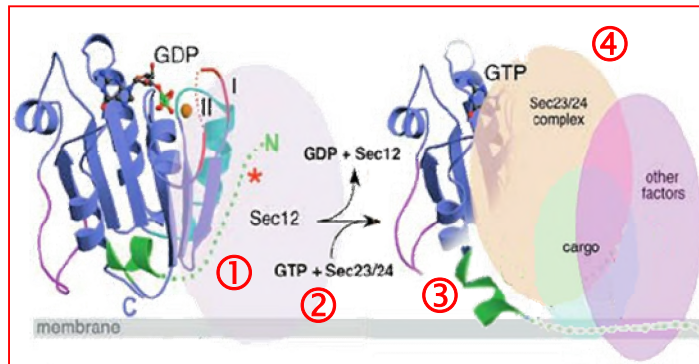
② **Sec12** acts as **GEF** for **Sar1** promoting GDP/GTP exchange

③ This causes a conformational change in **Sar1**, which exposes a hydrophobic helical sequence, allowing it to anchor to the ER membrane.



MOLECULAR MECHANISM OF VESICLE BUDDING (Cont.)

► COP II activation (cont.)



– **Sar1** couples a cycle of GTP binding/hydrolysis to formation and dissociation of the COPII coat

④ **Sar1**-GTP recruits the COP complex **Sec23/Sec24** and this complex recruits SP receptors (**membrane cargo receptor protein MCRP**) and **cargo MP** from the luminal side, recognising *specific sorting signal sequences*.

⑤ The coat is completed by recruitment of **Sec13/Sec31** which forms the coatamer. **Sar1**-GTP drives polymerization and formation of the spheroid coat lattice.

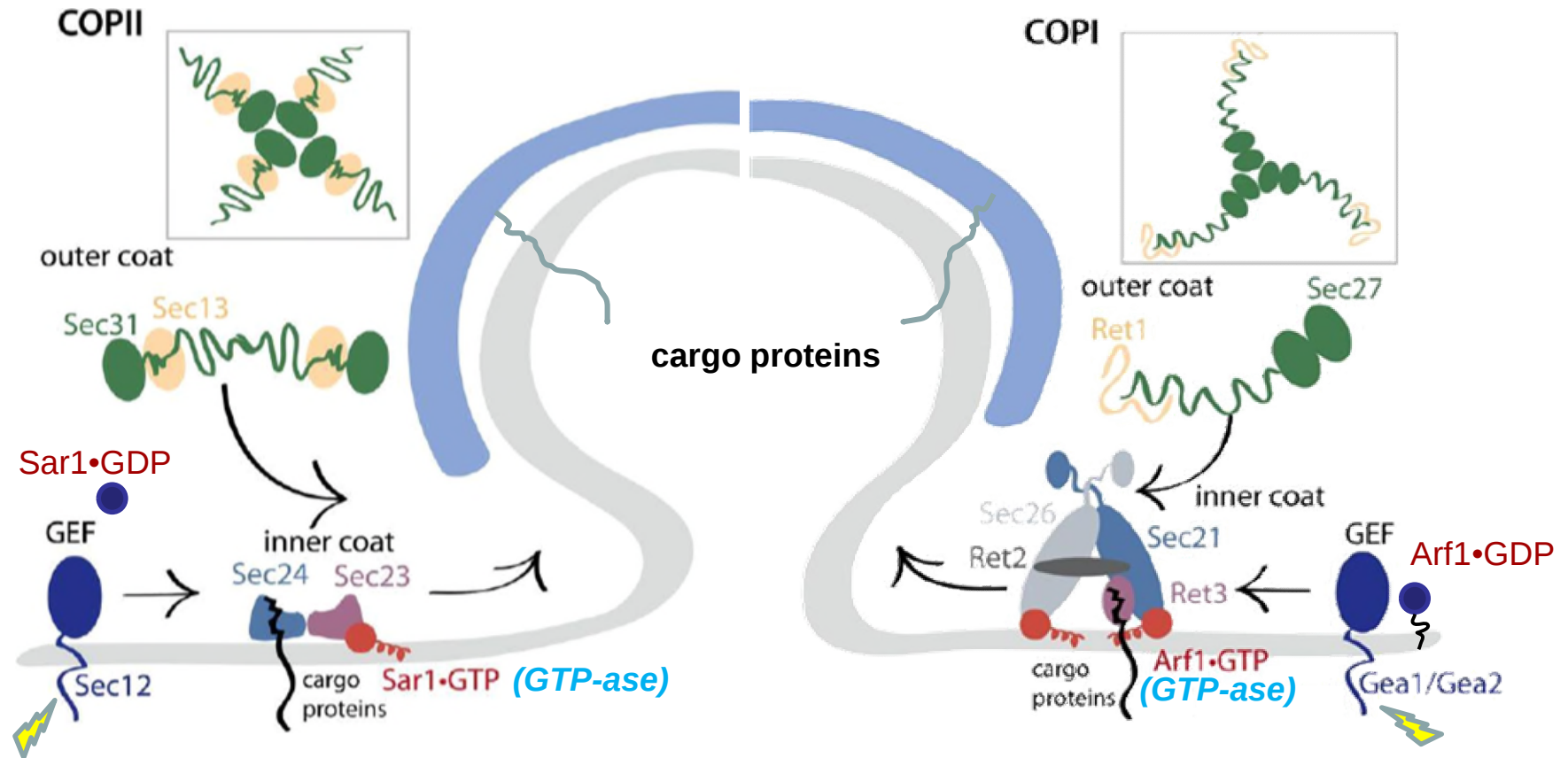
⑥ *Pinching-off* requires **Sar1**-GTP, acting with an as yet unclear mechanism.

⑦ **Sec23** is a **GAP**, activated by vesicle formation to promote hydrolysis to **Sar1**-GDP. This results in coat disassembly and vesicles can now fuse with target membranes

- **ARF** has a similar role in COPI and Clathrin-coated vesicles.

- This process is disrupted in sec mutants

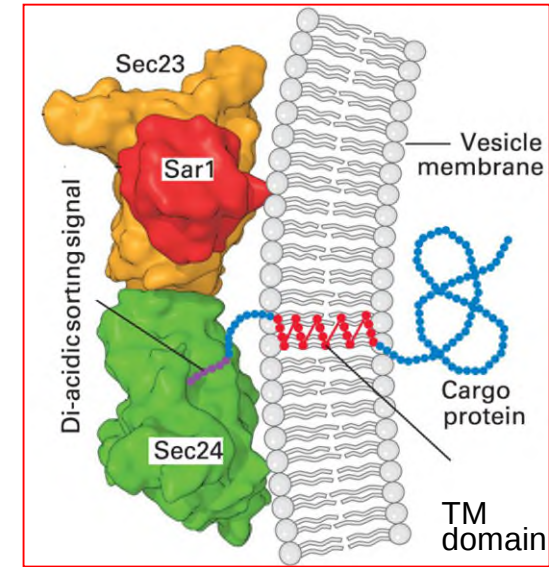
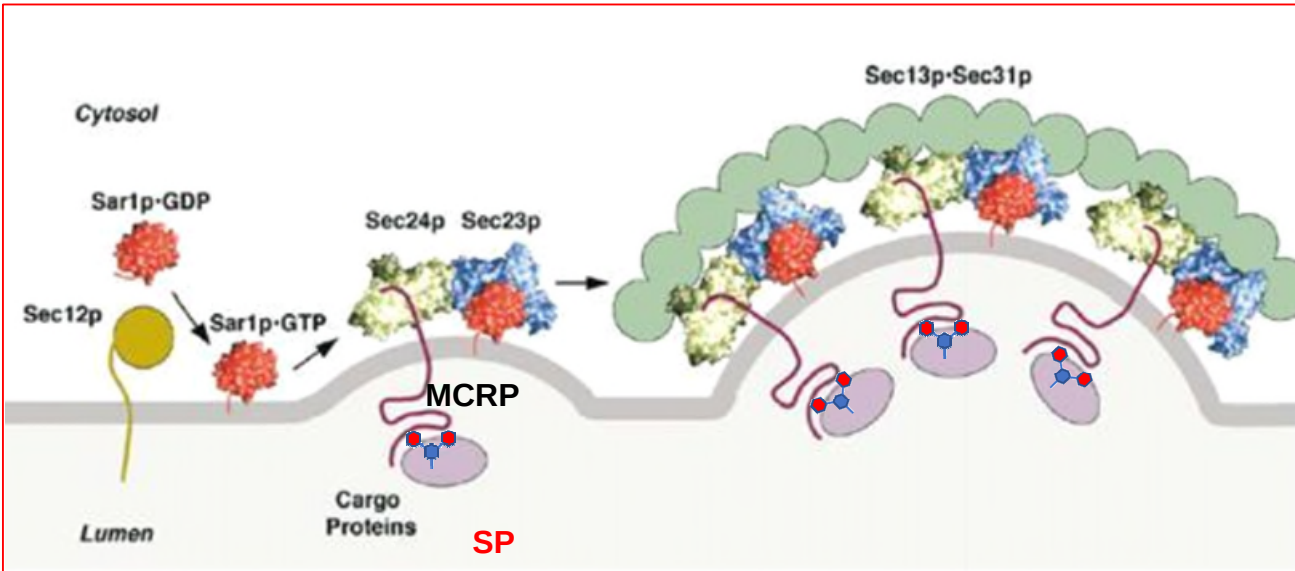
► Molecular mechanism of vesicle budding – COPII vs COPI



- COPII vesicles (left): **Sec12** recruits **Sar1-GTP** to the membrane; **Sar1-GTP** recruits **Sec23/Sec24** and then **Sec13/Sec31** complexes to form the coat; **Sec24** recruits cargo membrane proteins.
- COPI vesicles (right); **Gea1/Gea2** complex recruits **ARF1-GTP** and this recruits **Sec21/Ret3/Sec26/Ret2** and then **Sec27/Ret1** complexes to form coat; **Ret3** recruits cargo membrane proteins.
- **Sec13/Sec31** heterotetramers and **Ret1/Sec27** triskelions polymerize to form the outer coats

MOLECULAR MECHANISM OF VESICLE BUDDING (Cont.)

► Recruitment of cargo proteins into COPII and other vesicles



- Budding vesicle discriminate different MP & SP cargo to be transported to specific locations.
- MP specifically recruited into COPII have cytosolic segments with a **diacidic sorting signal (DXE)** towards the C-terminus which binds to a site in the **Sec24** subunit
COOH
- Glycosylated SP** bind to a **Membrane Cargo-Receptor Protein (MCRP)** associated with the COPII for anterograde transport towards *cis*-Golgi.
- ER-resident SP** have the sorting signal sequence **KDEL** and bind to the luminal domain of a **MCRP (KDEL receptor)** associated with **COPI** for retrograde transport
- MP that must return to the ER (e.g. the **MCRP** themselves) contain the **KKXX** sorting sequences and bind to **COPI** vesicle coat proteins for retrograde transport



MOLECULAR MECHANISM OF VESICLE BUDDING (Cont.)

► Known sorting signals that direct proteins to specific transport vesicles

SORTED PROTEIN	SIGNAL	SIGNAL RECEPT.	VESICLE	TRAFFICK
ER proteins (luminal)	-KDEL-COOH	KDEL receptor (cGolgi membrane)	COPI	CGN→ER
ER proteins (membrane)	-KKXX-COOH	COP (I) subunits	COPI	CGN→ER
MCPR (cytosolic domain)	DXEXX-COOH	COP (II) subunits (Sec24)	COPII	ER→CGN→
Lysosomal SP (Golgi PTM)	Man-6-P	Man-6-P receptor (tGolgi membrane)	Clathrin/AP1	TGN→Lysosome
Lysosomal MP	-YXXF(Φ)-	AP1 subunit	Clathrin/AP1	TGN→Lysosome
(Endocytosis) M protein (cytosolic domain)	-YXXF(Φ)-	AP2 subunit	Clathrin/AP2	PM →Endosome
M protein (cytosolic domain)	-DXXXLL-	AP2 complex	Clathrin/AP2	PM →Endosome
DL recept. (cytosolic domain)	-NPXY-	AP2 complex	Clathrin/AP2	PM → Lysosome

See later Slides

X = any AA, Φ = hydrophobic AA

MOLECULAR MECHANISM OF VESICLE FUSION

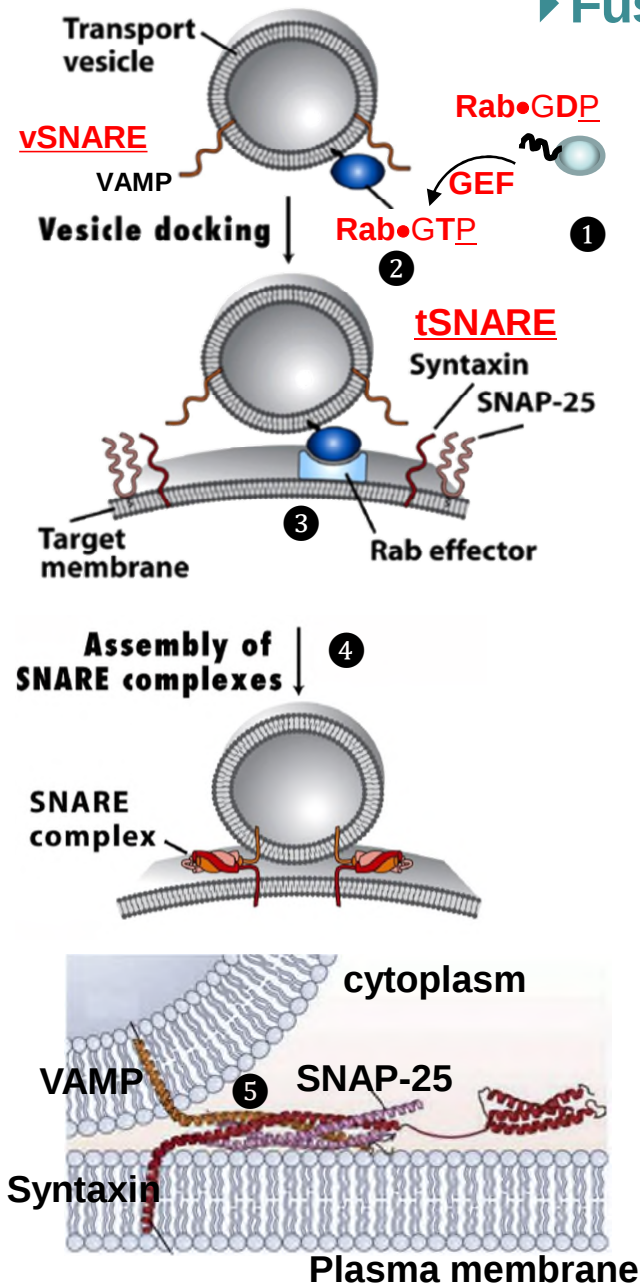
► Fusion of uncoated vesicles with acceptor membranes

Process requires another set of *G-proteins* called *Rab*

- 1 *Rab-GDP* are cytosolic proteins with an isoprenoid anchor
 - They belong to the *GTP-ase switch protein* superfamily
 - Specific *Rabs* are recognised by specific vesicle membrane proteins and anchor on the cytosolic side
 - *Rab-GDP* is kept cytosolic by GDP Dissociation Inhibitor (GDI) that prevents nucleotide exchange and hides anchor.

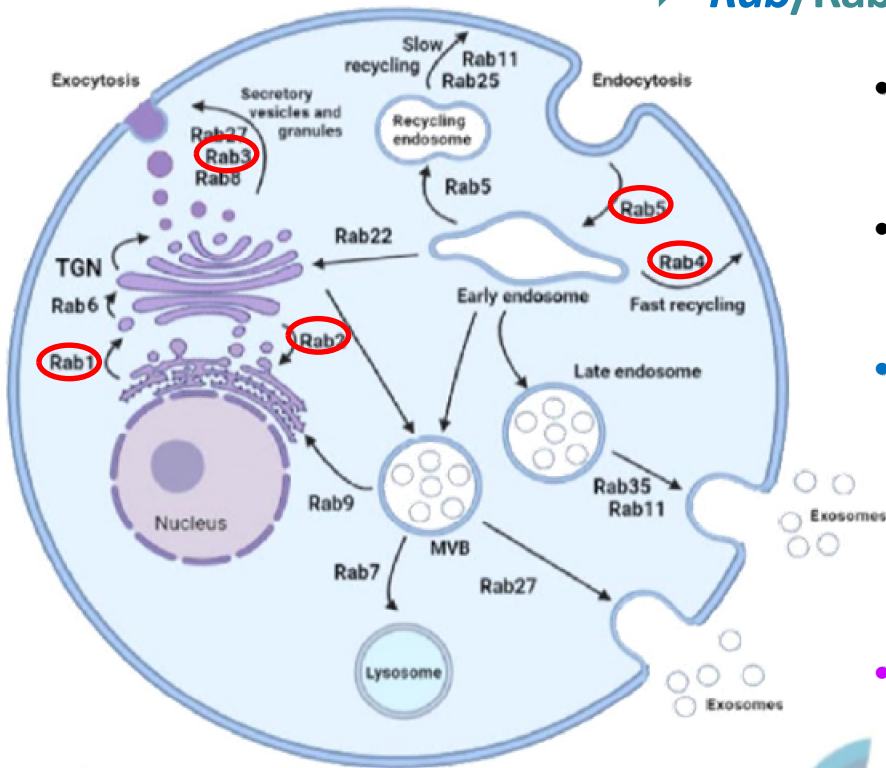
A *GEF* promotes exchange to *Rab-GTP*, which allows 2 lipid anchor exposure and binding to vesicle and 3 *Rab-GTP* to dock to *Rab effectors* in the acceptor membrane.

- 4 Cognate *vSNAREs* and *tSNAREs* interact, allowing membrane fusion.
- 5 The best-understood example of vesicle fusion is during exocytosis of secreted proteins, where cognate SNAREs are *VAMP* (*vSNARE*) and the *Syntaxin/SNAP-25* complex (*tSNARE*)
- 6 *SNAREs* contain repeating heptad sequences that allow formation of a very stable 4-helix bundle

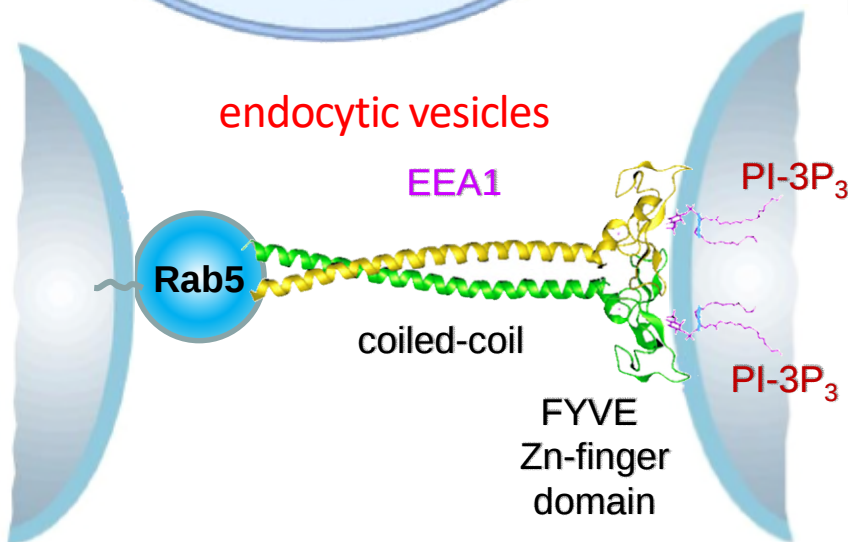


MOLECULAR MECHANISM OF VESICLE FUSION (cont.)

► *Rab*/Rab effector combinations and trafficking specificity



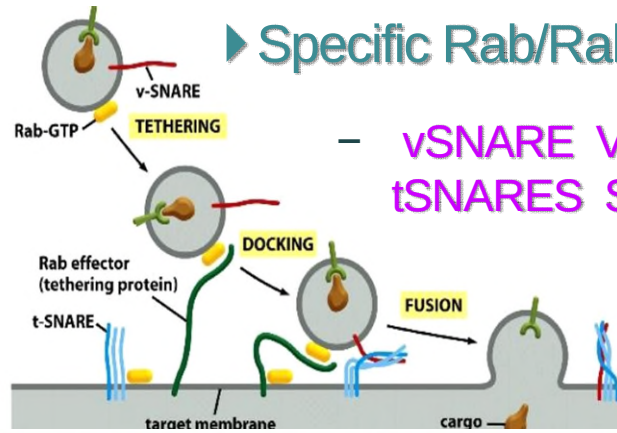
- Each vesicle and organelle type has at least one *Rab* protein on its cytosolic surface
- In yeast cells with mutant *Rab4* (Sec4), vesicles cannot dock to plasma membranes (Class E, [see slide 12](#)).
- *Rab* proteins determine the specificity of vesicle trafficking. E.g. *Rab5* (required for fusion of endocytic vesicles to form the Early Endosome) binds to *Early Endosome Antigen 1* (EEA1), a long protein that acts as *Rab5* effector.
- EEA1 docks onto **phosphatidylinositol-3-P** in the membrane. When it binds to *Rab* it becomes flexible



<i>Rab</i>	VT step	Vesicle	Context
<i>Rab1</i>	ER → cG	COPII	Anterograde transp.
<i>Rab2</i>	Intra-GN	COPI	Retrograde transp.
<i>Rab3</i>	tG → PM	Sec V	Secretion
<i>Rab4</i>	tG → PM	Rec V	Fast recycling
<i>Rab5</i>	PM → EE	Rec V	Endocytic fusion

MOLECULAR MECHANISM OF VESICLE FUSION (cont.)

► Specific Rab/Rab effector interactions and v/t SNAREs required for docking



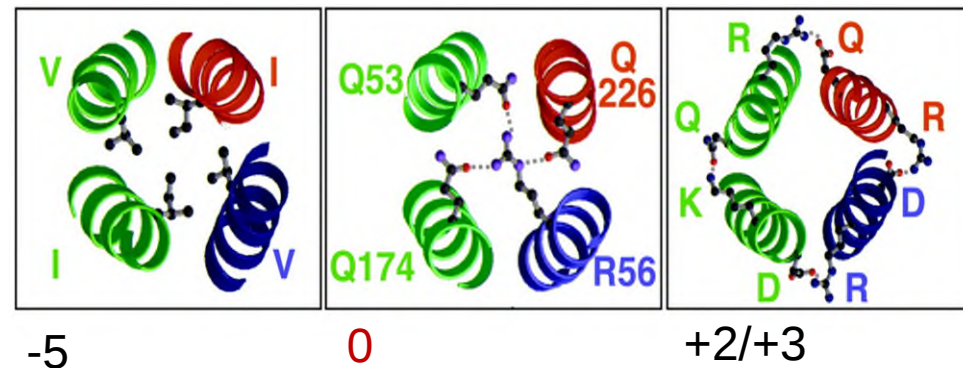
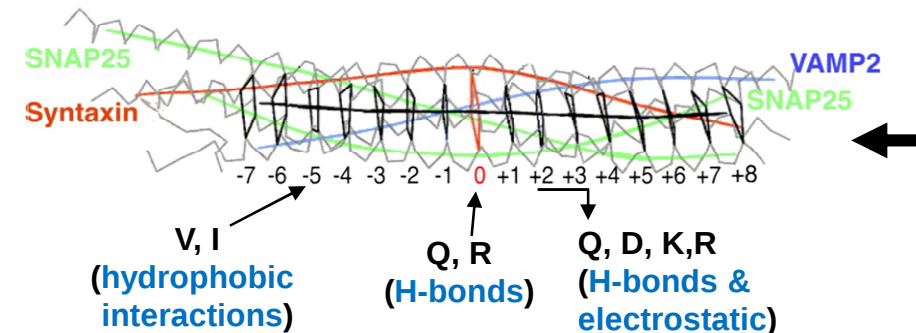
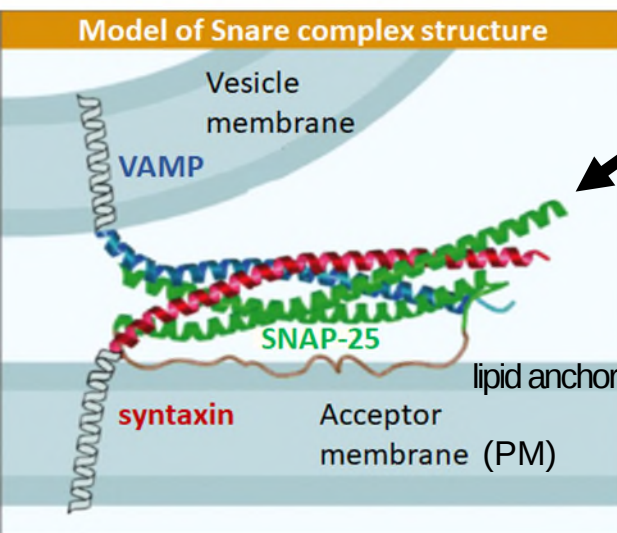
- vSNARE **VAMP** (*Vesicle-Associated MP*) of secretory vesicles binds to the tSNAREs **Syntaxin** (integral PM protein) & **SNAP-25** (lipid anchored to the PM)

- If liposomes with **VAMP** meet liposomes with **synapsin/SNAP-25** they fuse slowly, so SNARE formation is sufficient and essential for vesicle fusion - **Rab/Rab effector** makes it faster.

- For exocytic vesicles, the **SNARE complex** helix bundle involves 1 helical heptad repeat from **VAMP** + 1 repeat from **syntaxin** + 2 repeats from **SNAP-25**

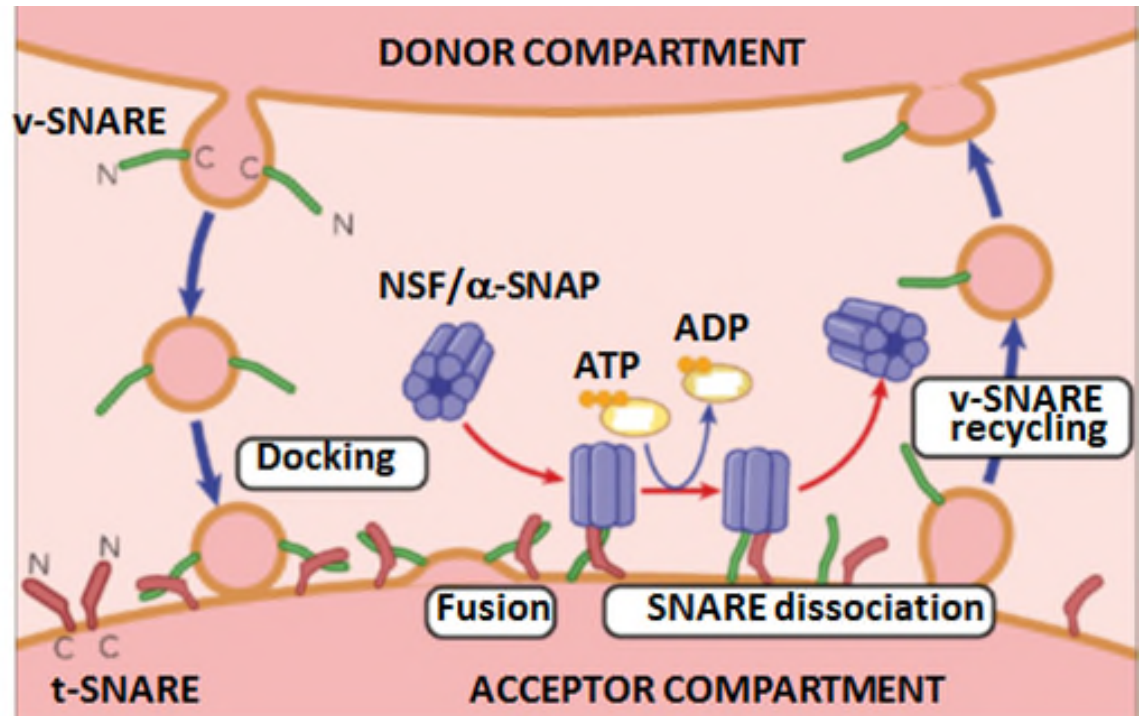
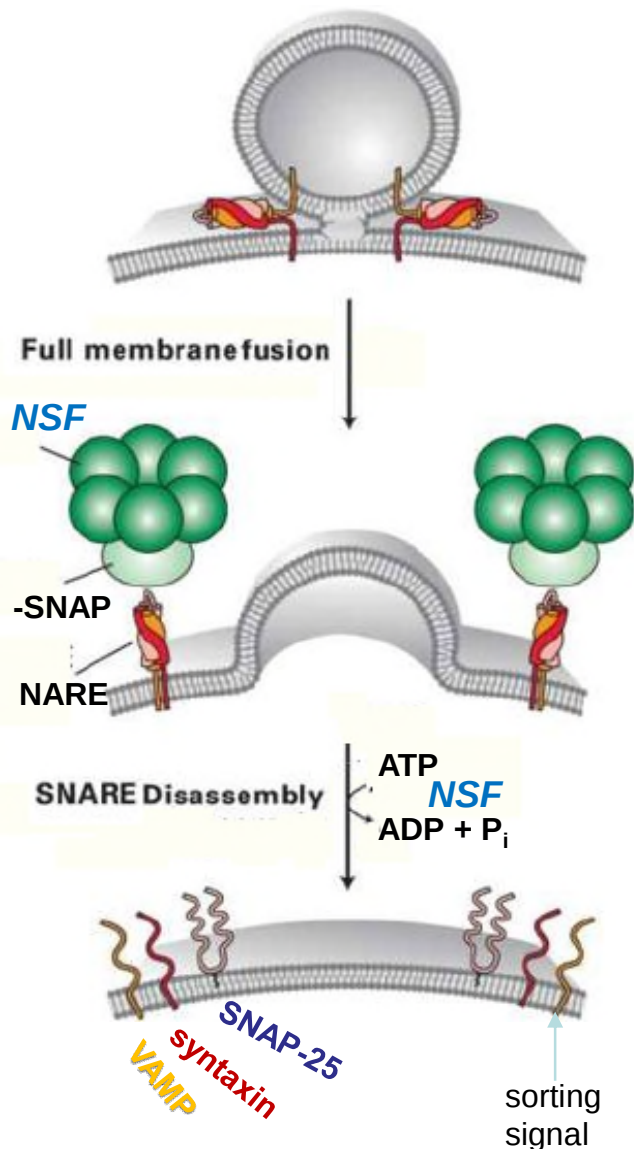
- Different SNARE components act for other vesicles (20 different vSNARE and tSNARE proteins known in eukaryotes) arranged in different ways, but they always form a four-helix bundle

- activation requires **Ca⁺⁺** ions and involves reversible interactions

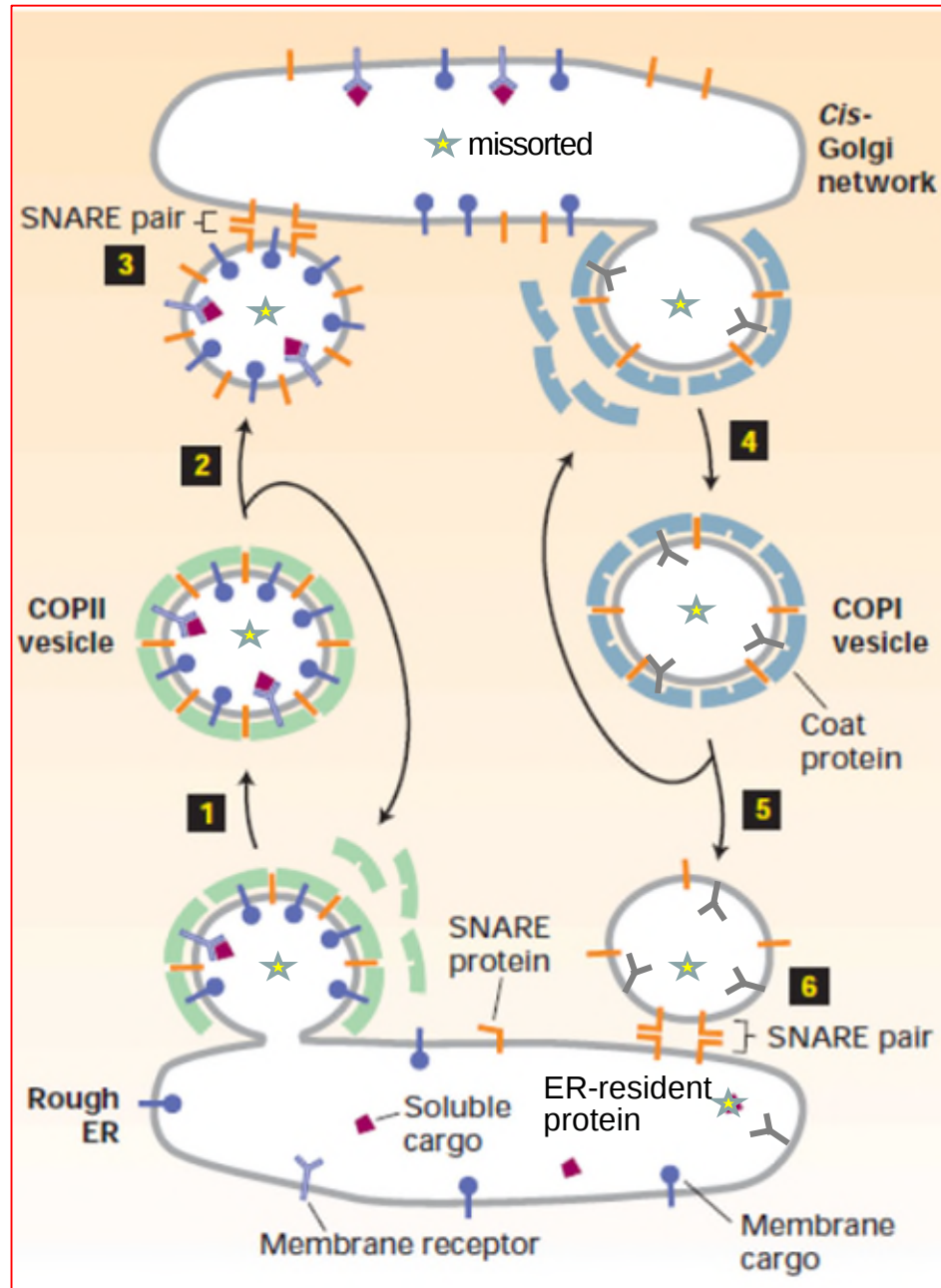


► Dissociation of SNARE complexes is driven by ATP Hydrolysis

- SNARE complexes must be recycled for membrane fusion to continue, but they are very stable and require energy to dissociate
- It requires **ATP hydrolysis** by **NSF** (*N-ethylmaleimide sensitive factor*) complexed with **α -SNAP** proteins
- **v-SNARE** are recycled back to *trans*-Golgi (using sorting signal)
- Class C sec mutants (see slide 12) have defective **NSF/ α -SNAP** so there is no endocytosis



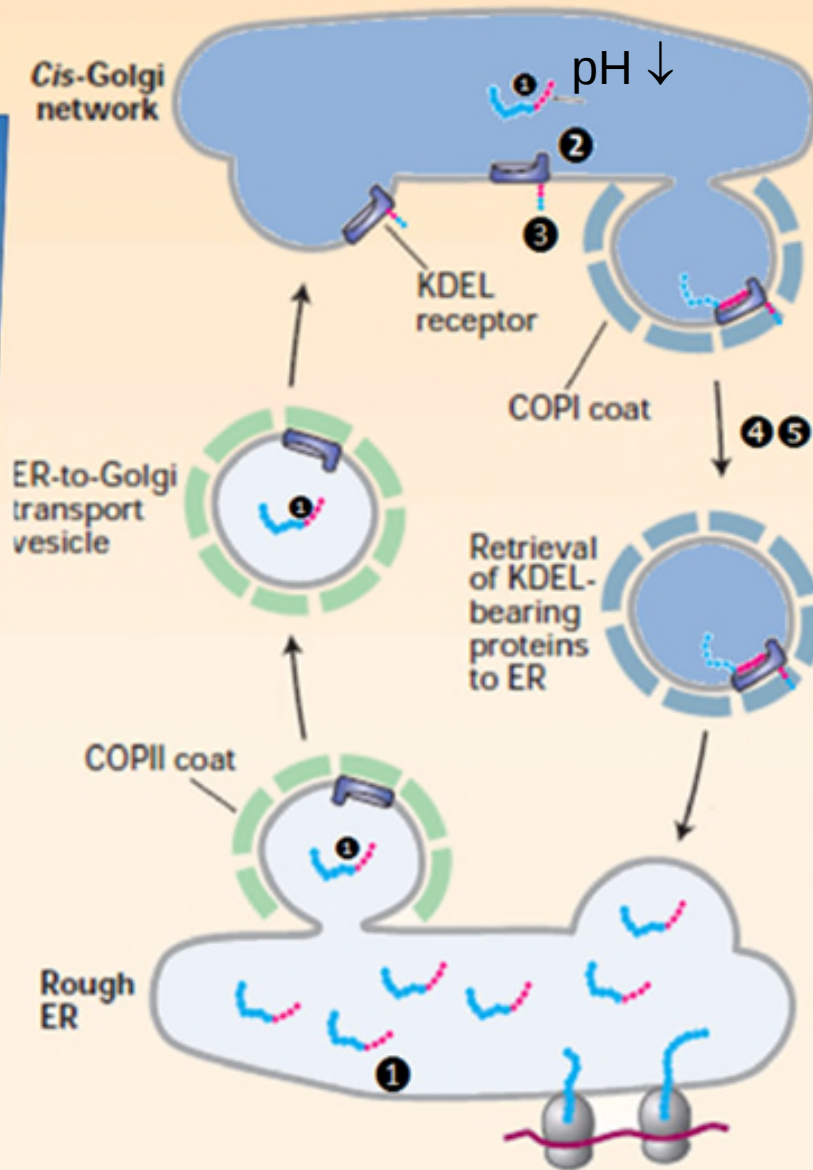
RETROGRADE TRANSPORT



- **COPI vesicles** mediate retrograde transport within the Golgi and from the Golgi to the ER
- They recycle proteins necessary for COPII vesicle anterograde function
- Yeast cells with COPI protein mutations are class B *sec mutants* (Slide 12)
- COPI retrograde transport is required for:
- **Recycling Sec proteins:** Class B mutants cannot recycle key MPs back to the rough ER, which is gradually depleted of proteins like **v-SNAREs** or **MCPR**. Vesicle fusion cannot occur and vesicle formation from the rough ER eventually halts
- **Recycling of vesicle membranes:** returning phospholipids to the rough ER
- **Retrieval of missorted* ER proteins:** ER-resident proteins (e.g. chaperones, disulfide isomerases) loaded by mistake into COPII vesicles (sorting errors).

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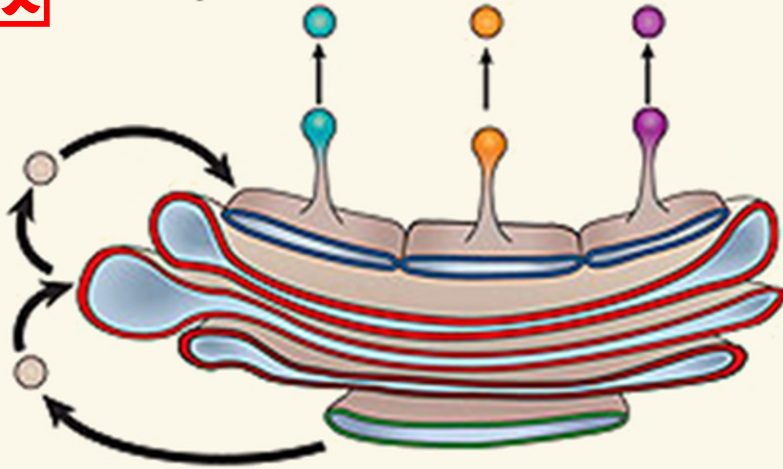
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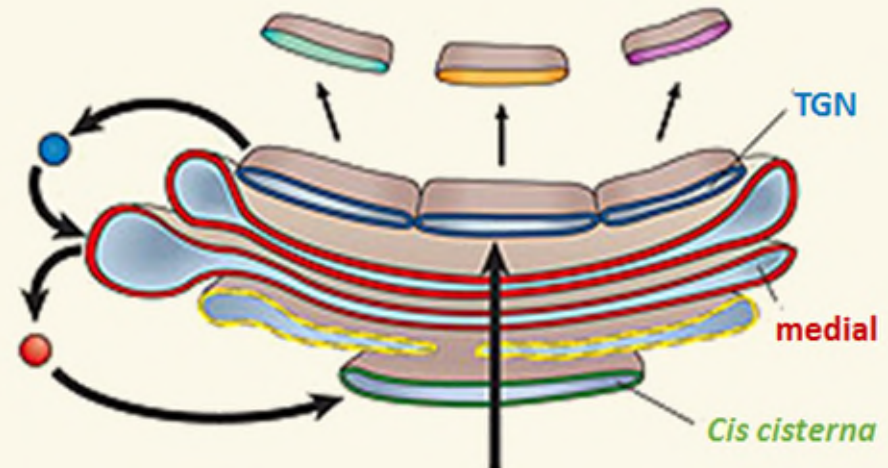
- ER-resident proteins carry the **KDEL** sorting signal at their C-terminus ① (see slide 21)
- This is recognized by the **KDEL receptor** ② in the membranes of transport vesicles and the *cis*-Golgi reticulum, binding at lower pH.
- The **KDEL** sorting signal is both *necessary and sufficient* to incorporate proteins into **COPI** vesicles for retrograde transport.
- ③ **KDEL receptor** and other ER-resident membrane proteins have the **Lys-Lys-Xaa-Xaa (KKXX)** sequence at the C-terminus (in their cytosolic domain)
- ④ They are incorporated into **COPI** and cycle from *cis*-Golgi → COPI → rough ER.
- ⑤ Apart from the **KDEL receptor**, other ER MP (e.g. ER **v-SNARE** proteins) also have the **KKXX** signal.
- Binding/release of KDEL/KDELR exploits pH differences between the Golgi and ER lumens.

ANTEROGRADE TRANSPORT – 2 POSSIBLE MODELS

Vesicular transport model



Cisternal maturation model



► Anterograde vesicular transport model

- Each type of cisterna (cG, mG & tG) remains in its place with unchanging enzymes
- Cargo proteins move forward through the stack using anterograde vesicles moving from *cis* to median to *trans* cisternae.

– Evidence:

PRO – *cis* to *trans* movement of cargo proteins

CON – vesicles are too small to transport some cargo protein (e.g. tropocollagen fibrils)

► Cisternal Maturation model

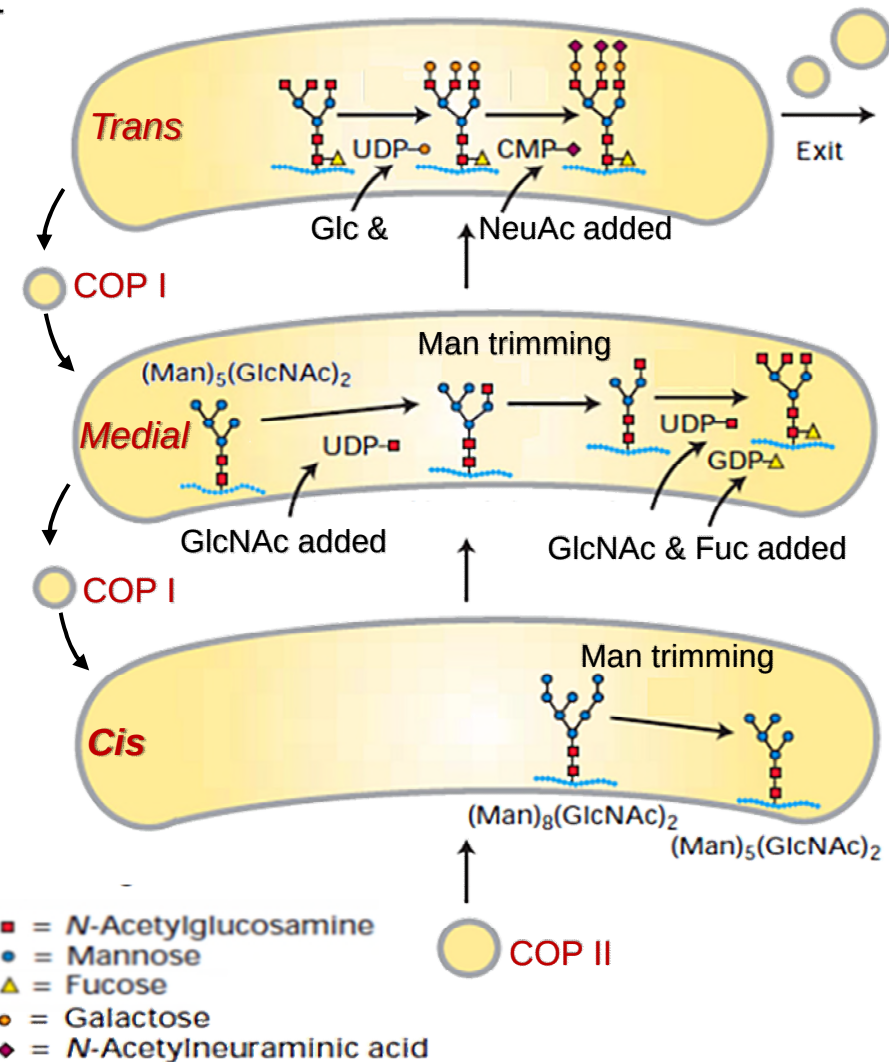
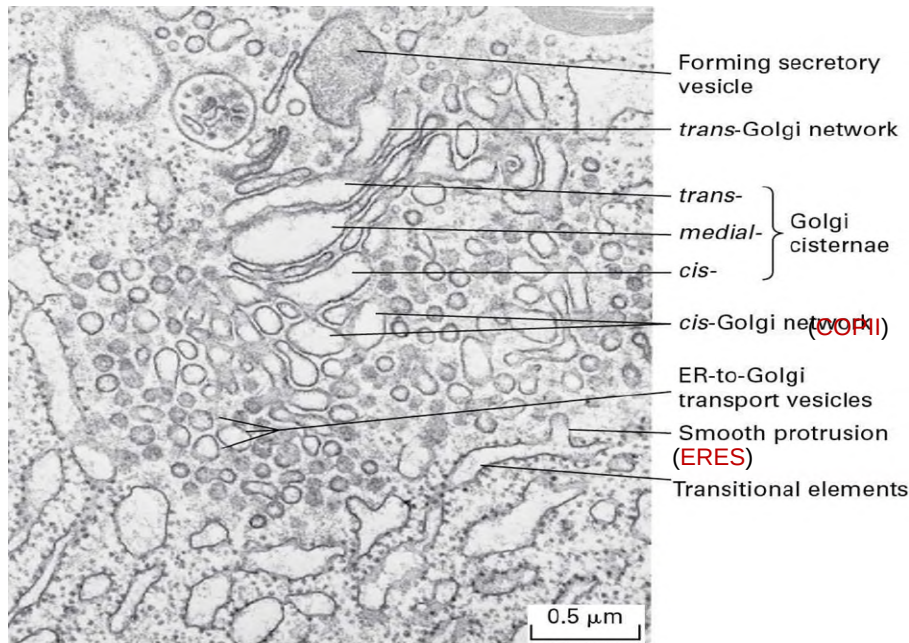
- A new *cis* cisterna is formed from ERGIC in turn formed by COPII vesicles coming from the RER.
- It then moves through the Golgi stack*, maturing by accumulating medial, then *trans* enzymes (*pila)
- This requires the return of enzymes from later cisternae, through retrograde vesicles

Evidence:

- 1) Compatible with efficient transit of larger proteins
- 2) Retrograde transport of Golgi enzymes has been verified

ANTEROGRADE TRANSPORT

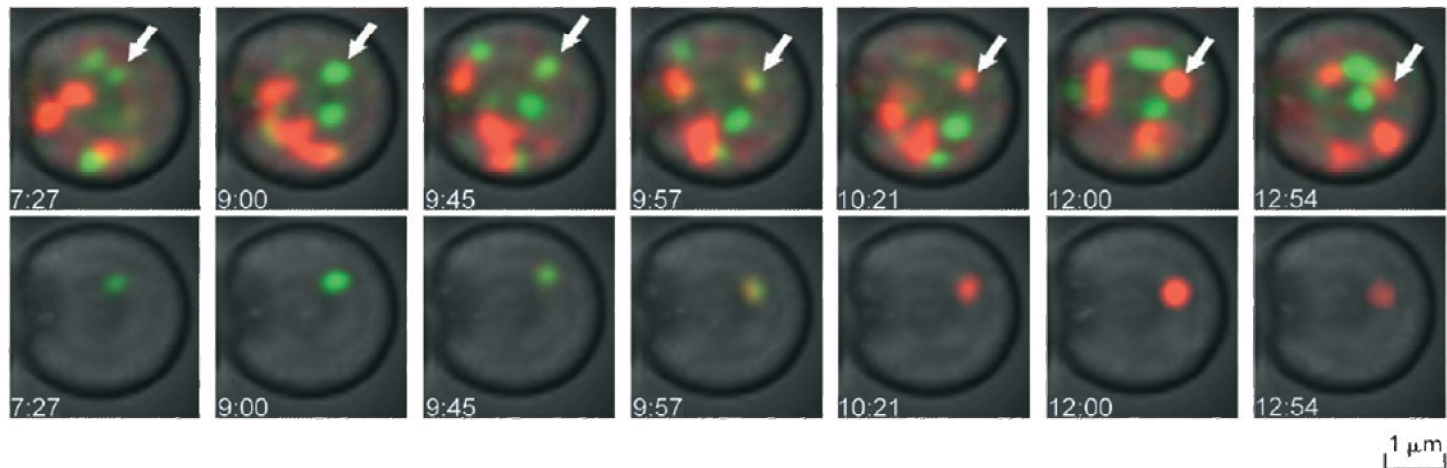
- **COP II** vesicles released from ER exit sites (**ERES**) into the cytosol; in animal cells they fuse to form the ER-to-Golgi Intermediate Compartment (**ERGIC**) and reach the *cis*-Golgi network
- Anterograde movement through the Golgi then occurs by Cisternal Maturation (Progression)
- The Golgi complex is organized into 3 compartment types, arranged as flattened sacs or *cisternae*.
- Cisternae differ in their enzymes (*Glycosidases* & *Glycosyltransferases* for PTM)
- The Golgi complex acts as an assembly line that modifies N- & O-linked carbohydrates on transiting secretory proteins.



ANTEROGRADE TRANSPORT (cont.)

► Anterograde movement in the Golgi network

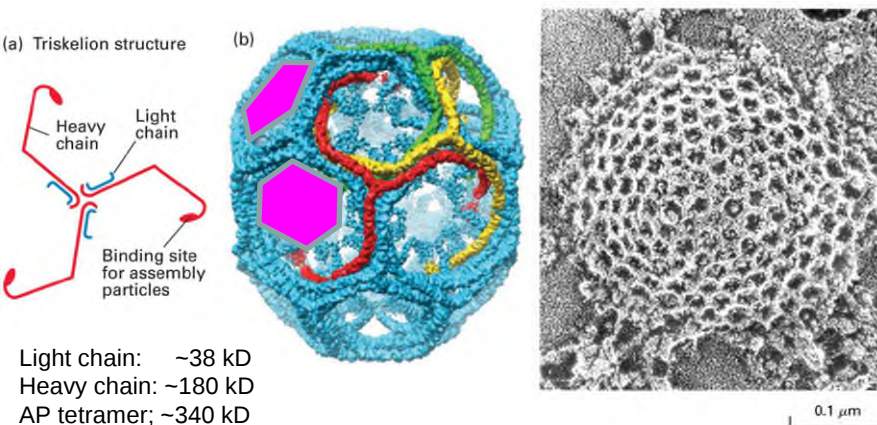
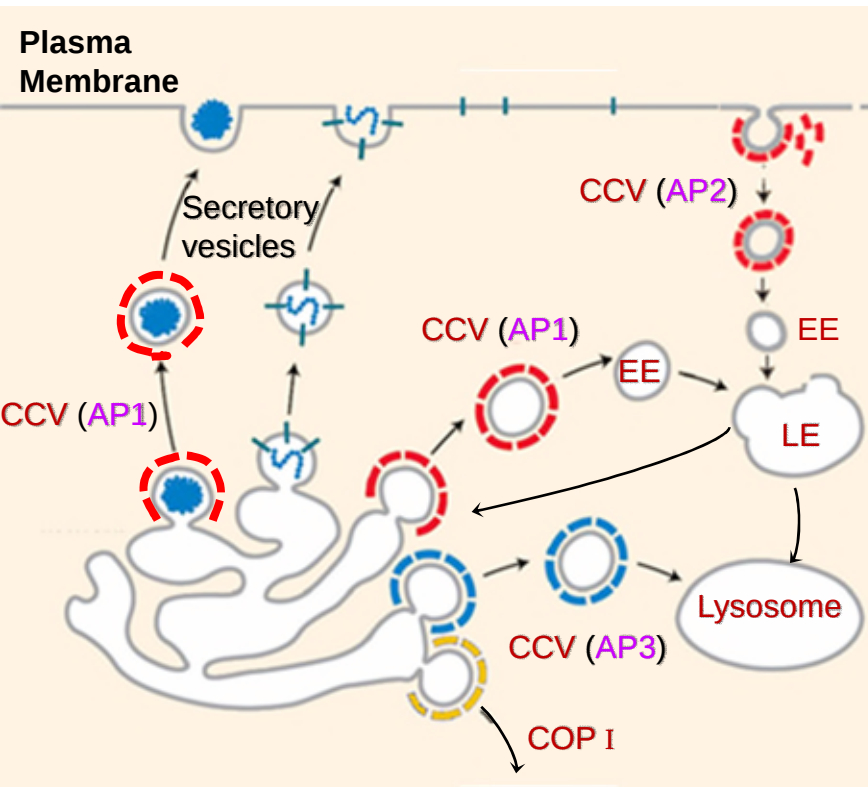
- Cargo proteins are not transported from one Golgi cisterna to the next, but rather the cisterna itself '*matures*' (progresses) from *cis* to *medial* to *trans*.
- *Cis*-cisternae become *medial* and *medial* become *trans*. This is known as *cisternal progression*.
- Retrograde transport by **COPI** vesicles is needed to transfer enzymes back from late cisternae (where they are no longer needed) to earlier cisternae (where they are required).
- Progression allows transit of large cargo proteins (e.g. tropocollagen fibrils in fibroblasts)
- Experimentally verified by **GFP-labelling** early Golgi enzymes and **RFP-labelling** late Golgi enzymes



- At any given time, cisternae are either green (early *Cis*-Golgi) or red (late *trans*-Golgi).
- Focusing on only one cisterna (indicated by arrow) this starts as green (*cis* with early Golgi enzyme), but in time **acquires the later Golgi red enzyme** and loses the early green enzyme, to become completely red

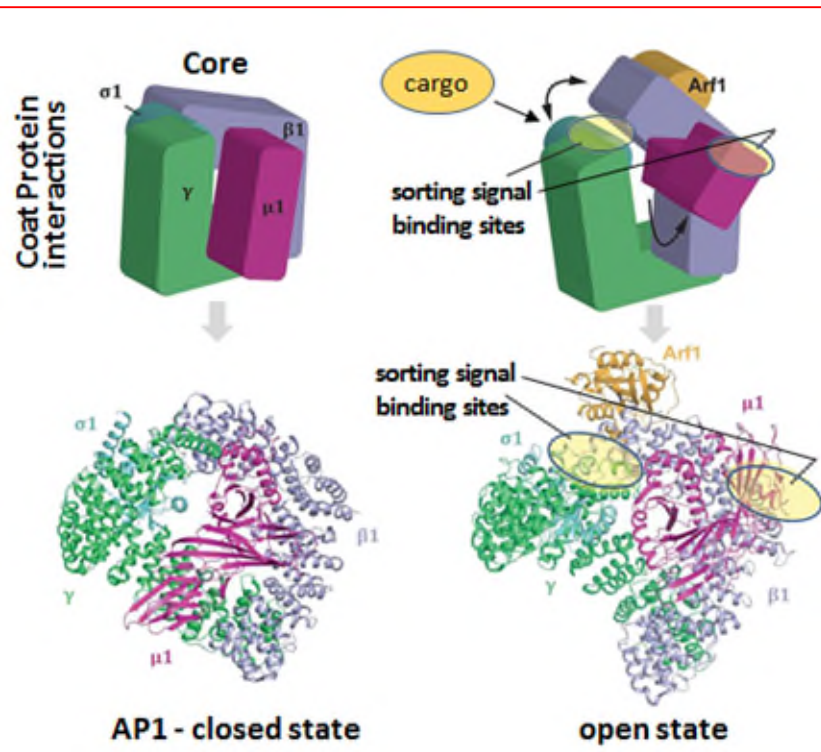
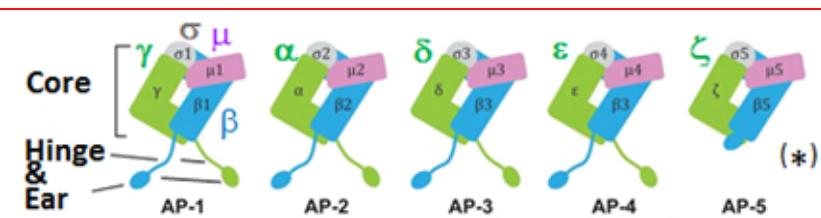
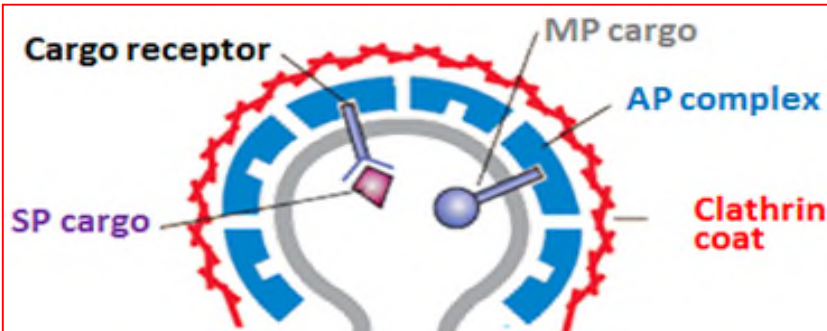
ANTEROGRADE TRANSPORT – LATE SECRETORY STAGES

► Transport from *trans*-Golgi to cytoplasmic membrane & lysosomes



- Cargo proteins $\rightarrow$ T-GN $\rightarrow$ Vesicle $\rightarrow$ Destination.
- Vesicles budding from T-GN have outer layer of the fibrous protein **Clathrin** and inner layer of **adaptor proteins (AP)** (**Clathrin-coated vesicle – CCV**)
- 3 types of AP: **AP1**, **AP2** and **AP3**, each with 4 different subunits).
- **Clathrin** light & heavy chains form triskelions ([slide 17](#)) that assemble with the **AP**.
- A polyhedral cage forms (icosahedron with pentagonal and hexagonal faces) which confers intrinsic curvature to **CCVs**.
- Unlike COP, **Clathrin/AP** assemble spontaneously *in vitro* to form empty lattice cages - GTP hydrolysis or presence of membrane are NOT REQUIRED
- **CCVs** mediate several different transport steps. Cargo is selected by different AP subunits acting from the cytosolic side of the membrane

ADAPTOR COMPLEXES (AP)

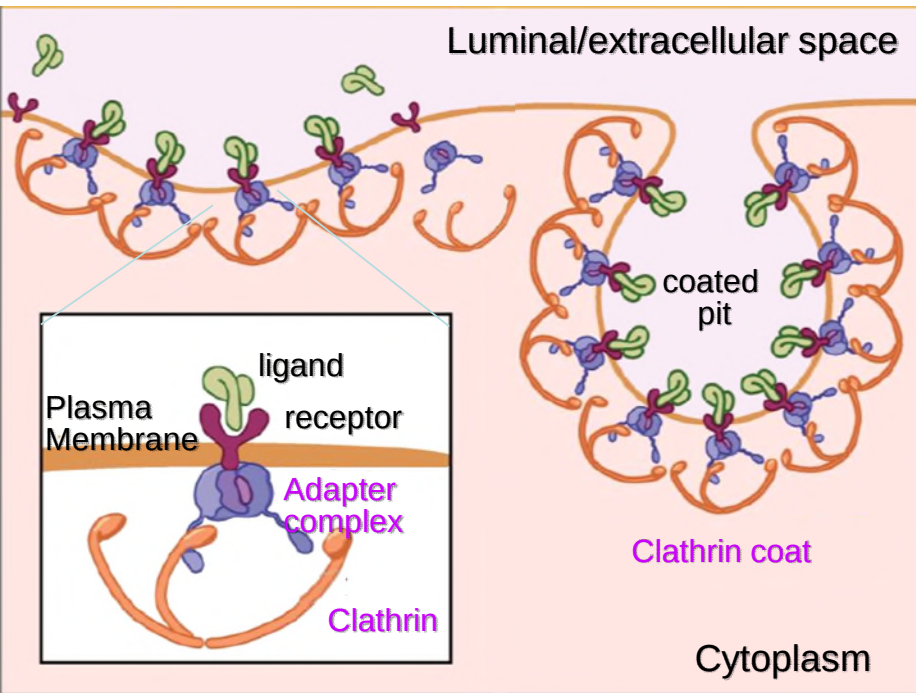


► Clathrin/AP vesicles

- **Clathrin** polymerization occurs on donor membrane only in association with **AP complexes**, which assemble between the **clathrin lattice** and the membrane.
- **Different AP** determine which cargo proteins are specifically included in (or excluded from) a budding transport vesicle.
- **AP complexes** are hetero-tetramers each with 1 copy of 4 different subunits ($\sigma, \beta, \mu + \alpha, \gamma, \delta, \epsilon$ or ζ)
- **AP** pass from CLOSED to OPEN STATES in the presence of **Arf1/GTP** (activated switch)
- The conformational change to the Open State exposes the binding sites for cargo proteins (recognise specific **sorting signals**).
- E.g. Cargo for **Clathrin/AP-1** complex are proteins containing a Tyr-XX-Φ sequence (Φ = bulky hydrophobic AA, e.g. Phe) (see slide 22)

core = nucleio; hinge = cardine; ear (appendage) = appendice

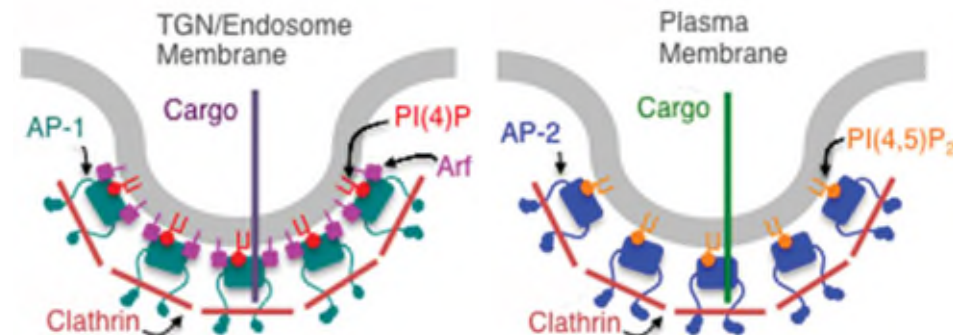
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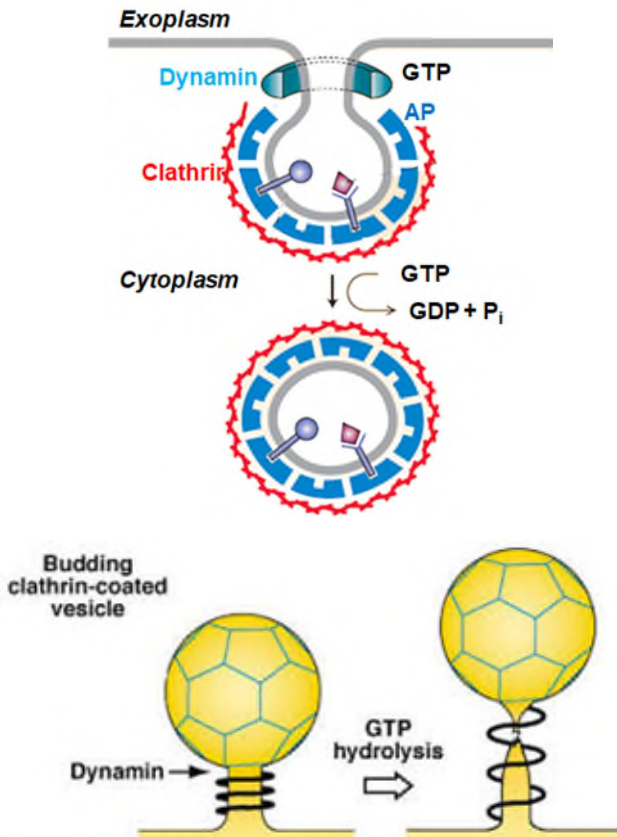
Adapter	Pathway	Subunits	Clathrin	Arf	PIP
AP-1	TGN→EE	4	✓	✓	PI(4)P
AP-2	PM→EE	4	✓	?	PI(4,5)P ₂
AP-3	TGN→LS	4	?	✓	PI(3)P
GGA	TGN→LE	1	✓	✓	PI(4)P

► AP select the cargo proteins

- **Clathrin** binds to a *clathrin-binding box* sequence on the **β subunit** of the **AP complex** (cytosolic).
- **AP C** bind **MP** or luminal **MCPR** and are central to vesicle formation/clathrin-mediated trafficking.
AP1 C: cargo from TGN → EE → LE → LS
AP2 C: cargo from PM → EE (→ TGN/LE)
AP3 C: cargo from TGN → Lysosome
GGA C: cargo from TGN → LE
- AP bind specific membrane **phospholipids** [PI(n)P]
- **GGA** has similar Clathrin-binding & cargo-binding elements (but monomeric & different sorting seq.)
- **ARF GTPase** and different **PIPs** are required for AP recruitment and CCV assembly.



CLATHRYN COATED VESICLES



► Role of Dynamin in vesicle detachment (pinching off)

- A cytosolic protein, **Dynamin**, polymerizes around the neck portion of a budding **CCV** forming a spiral
- This requires binding of **Dynamin** to **GTP**
- **Dynamin** has a **GTPase** activity and when polymerization is completed it hydrolyses **GTP** → **GDP**
- GTP hydrolysis drives “contraction” of the polymerized dynamin, allowing the vesicle to “pinch off” the PM
- Non-hydrolyzable GTP analogues result in **CCV** buds with long necks. Polymeric dynamin spirals cannot pinch off.
- N.B. COPI & COPII vesicles do NOT require a separate dynamin-like **GTPase** to pinch-off. **ARF/SAR1** may mediate this process in conjunction with other proteins.

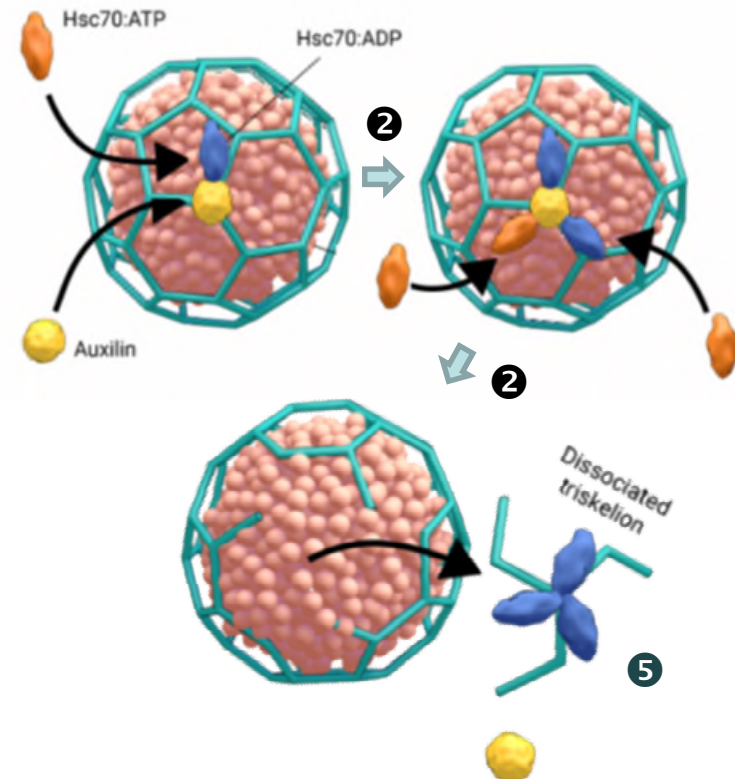
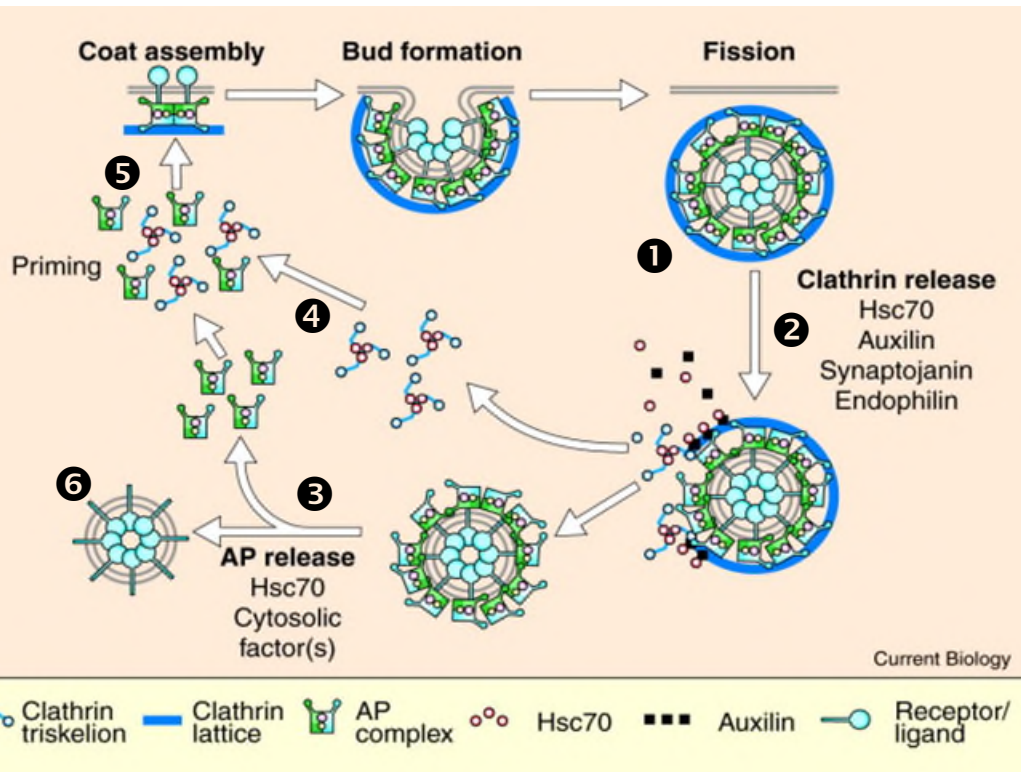
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► Uncoating and AP/clathrin recycling

– **CCVs** lose their coat soon after formation in a process assisted by *chaperonin ATPases*

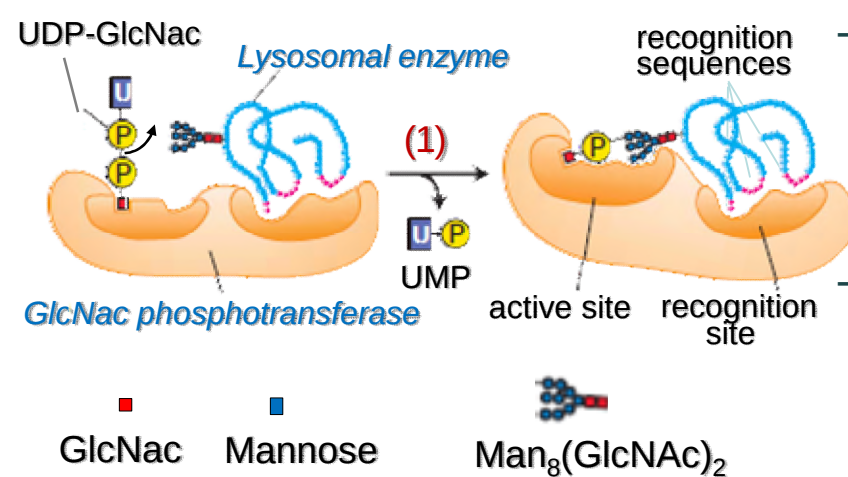
① uncoating is timed by **ARF-ATP** hydrolysis; ② 3 **Hsc70** chaperone bind in succession to a **auxilin** subunits and hydrolyze in succession to mediate **Clathrin** release in an **ATP** powered process;

③ **Hsc70** then also mediates the release of underlying **AP** subunit; ④ **AP** and **Clathrin** are then recycled to the membrane. ⑤ **Hsc70-ADP** protects **Clathrin** from premature polymerization and primes it for coat assembly; ⑥ Uncoating exposes **v-SNAREs** for assembly with **t-SNAREs** and membrane fusion

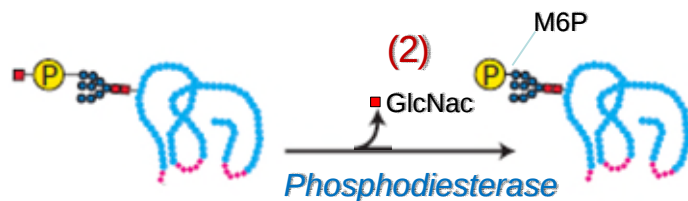


SORTING TO LYSOSOMES

► Role of M-6-P in targeting of luminal lysosomal enzymes



- The sorting signal that directs soluble lysosomal **enzymes** from the *trans*-Golgi network to the late endosome is a carbohydrate residue: **mannose 6-phosphate (M6P)**
- Unlike in **secreted proteins**, mannose residues (**Man**) in lysosomal proteins are NOT TRIMMED-OFF, but one is phosphorylated
- In the **cis-Golgi**, the N-linked Man₈(GlcNAc)₂ oligosaccharide present on most lysosomal enzymes undergoes a two-step modification:



- (1) **GlcNAc phosphotransferase** transfers a UDP-activated GlcNAc group to the C6 position of one or more Man.
 - (2) A **Phosphodiesterase** then removes the GlcNAc group, leaving Man-6-P on the lysosomal enzyme.
- **M6P** blocks further processing reactions of lysosomal enzymes (no trimming occurs)

SORTING TO LYSOSOMES (cont.)

► Mannose-6-P receptor

— **Clathrin/AP1** vesicles have an **M6P receptor** (for lysosomal **enzymes**)

- ① they bud from the *trans*-Golgi, and lose their coat proteins
- ② Coat proteins recycle back to *t*-G
- ③ Uncoated vesicles fuse with late endosome, where the lower pH causes **M6P** to dissociate from the **receptor**
- ④ The receptor is incorporated into vesicles for recycling.
- ⑤ These can return to *t*-G or fuse with the plasma membrane
- ⑥ missorted **M6P**-labelled proteins sent to PM are recovered by PM M6P-Receptor
- ⑦ They are delivered to the late endosome by receptor-mediated endocytosis and ⑧ eventually reach the lysosome.
- ⑨ In the lysosome, mannoses are dephosphorylated by **Acid phosphatases**

