

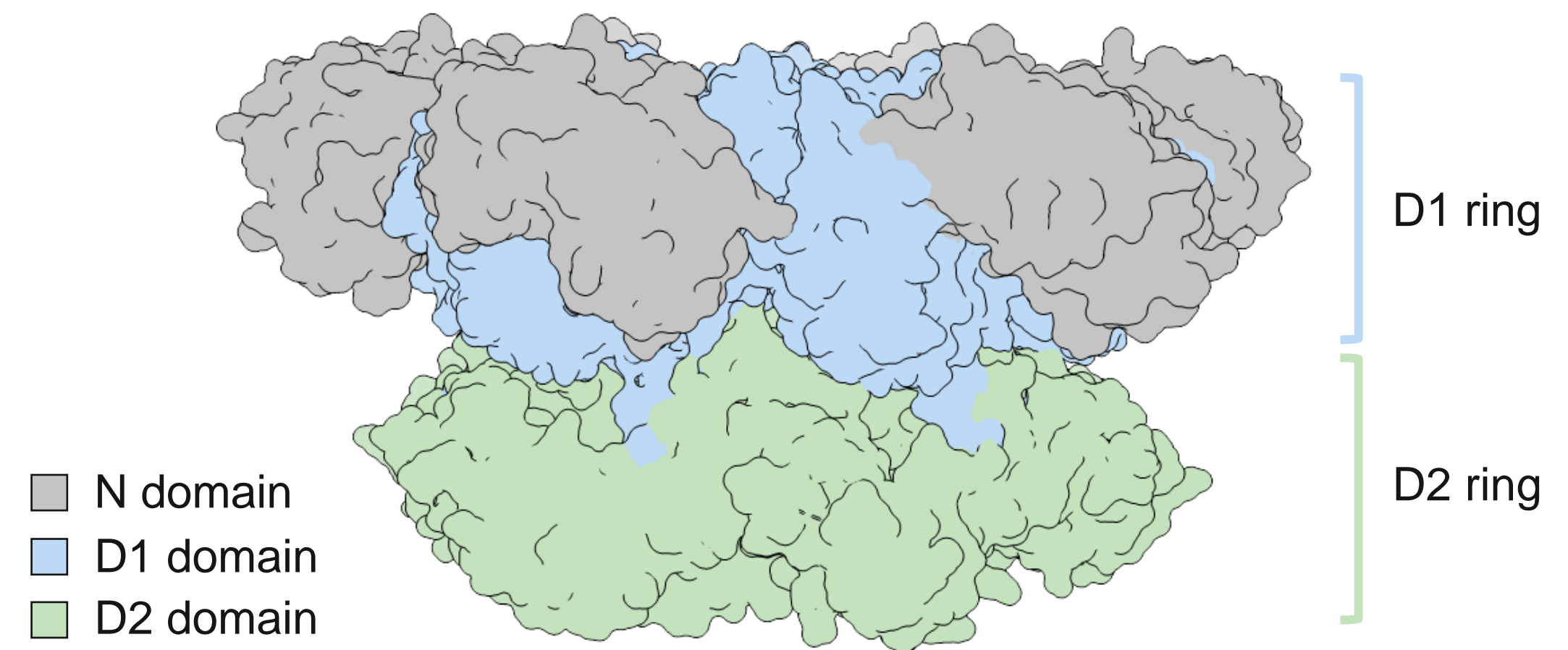
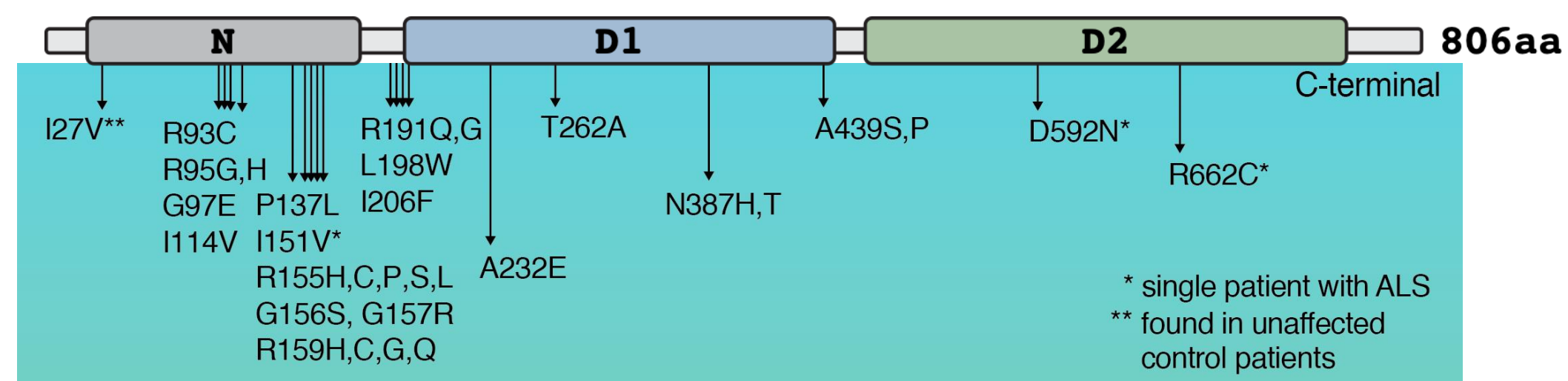
# The Human p97 Complex

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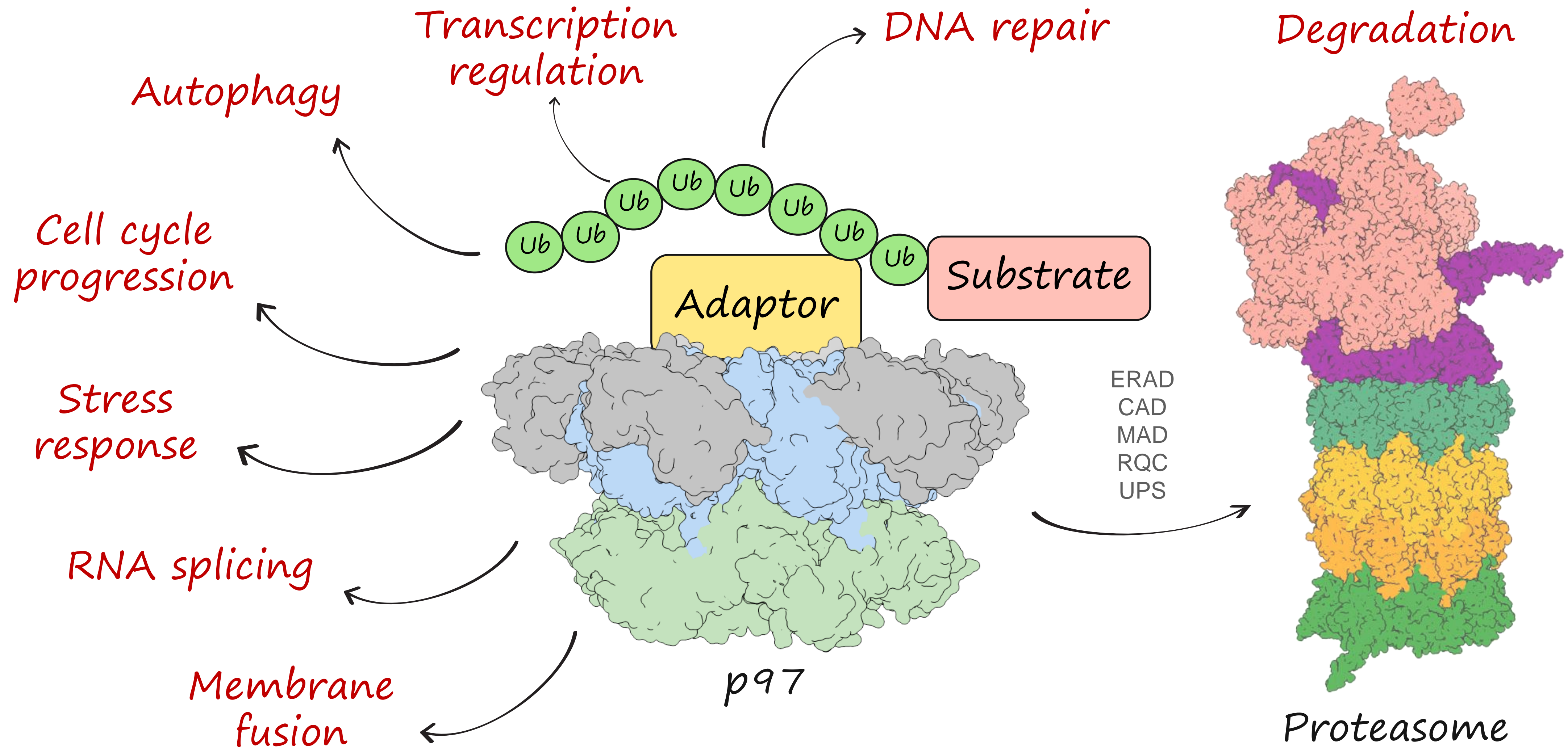
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# p97 (also known as VCP or Cdc48) is an abundant ATPase

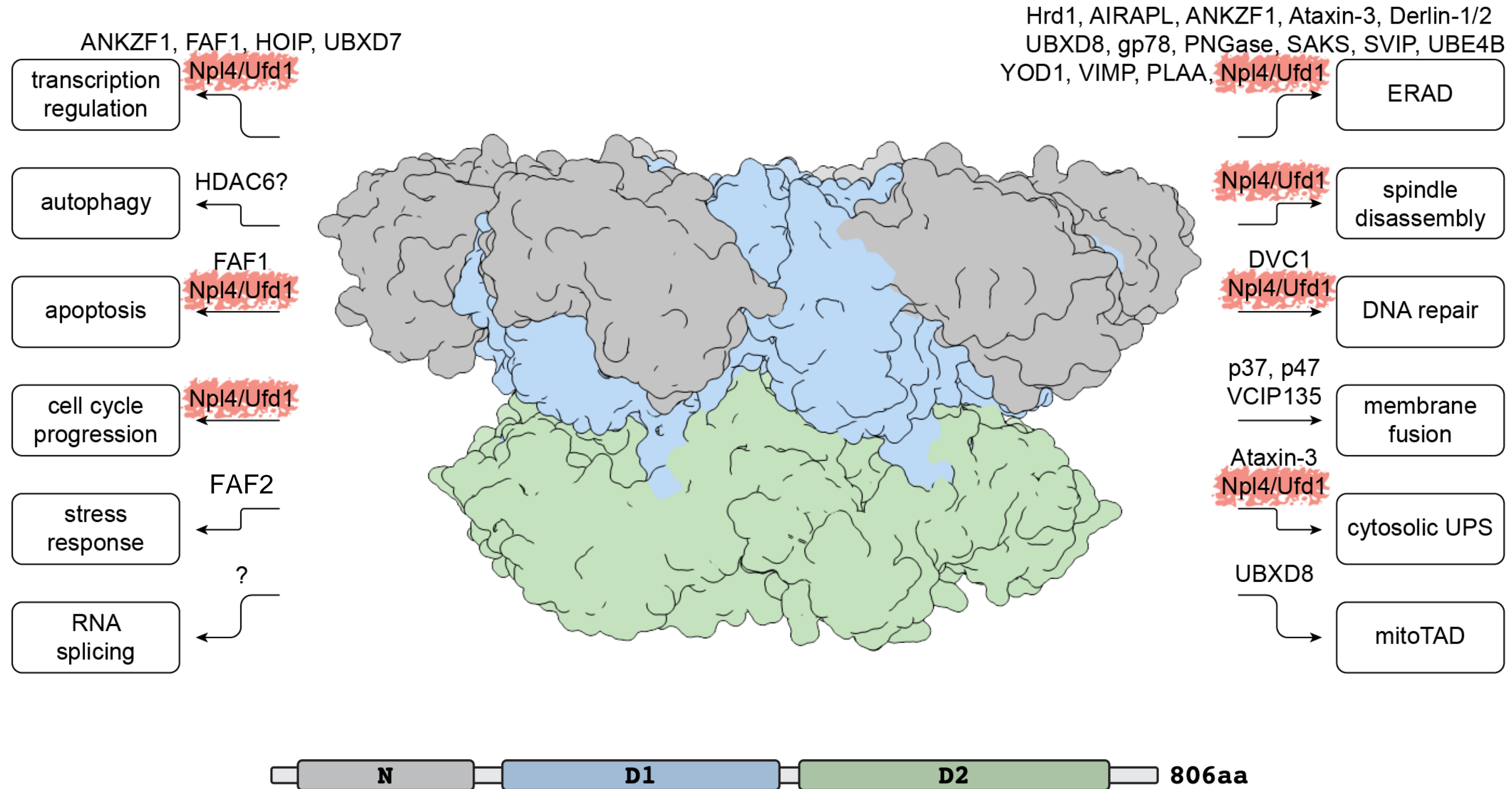
- ❑ First discovered from yeast genetic screen
- ❑ Type-II AAA Family (ATPases Associated with various cellular Activity)
- ❑ One of the most abundant ATPases in cytoplasm
- ❑ Mutations associated with several neurodegenerative diseases
- ❑ Cancer/antiviral drug target



# p97 (VCP/Cdc48) is a central hub of cellular ubiquitin system

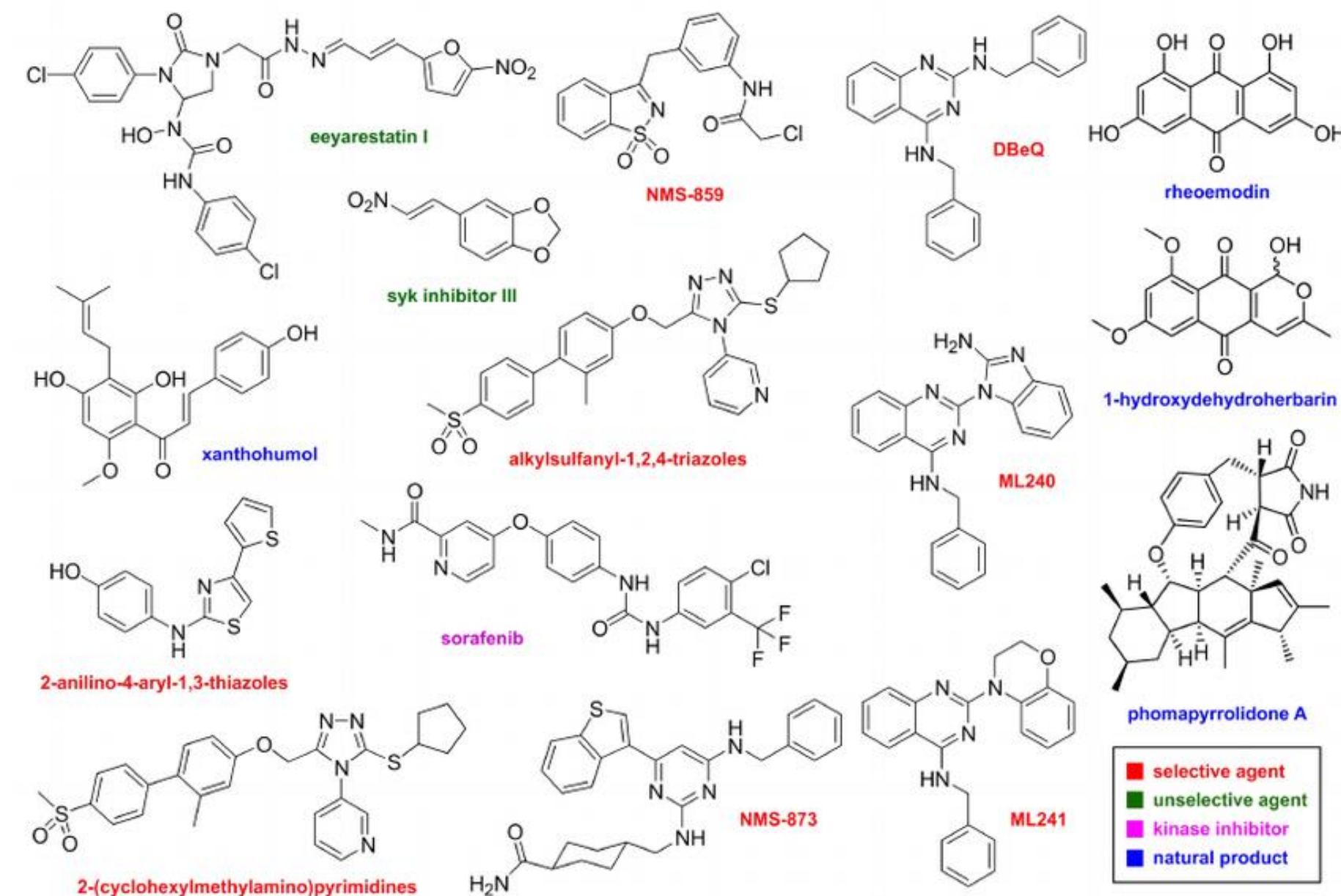


# p97 participates in cellular processes via various adaptors



# Outstanding questions

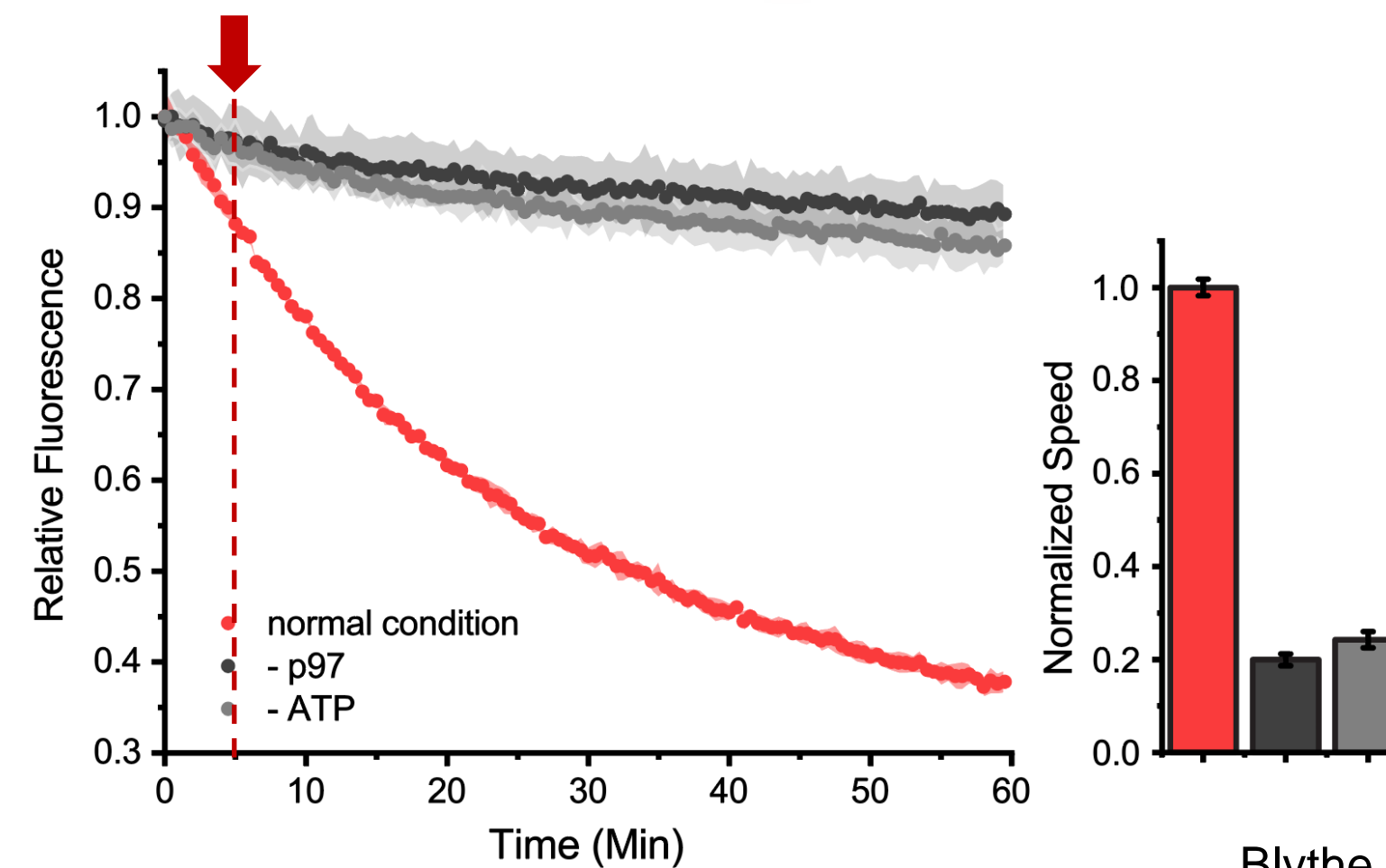
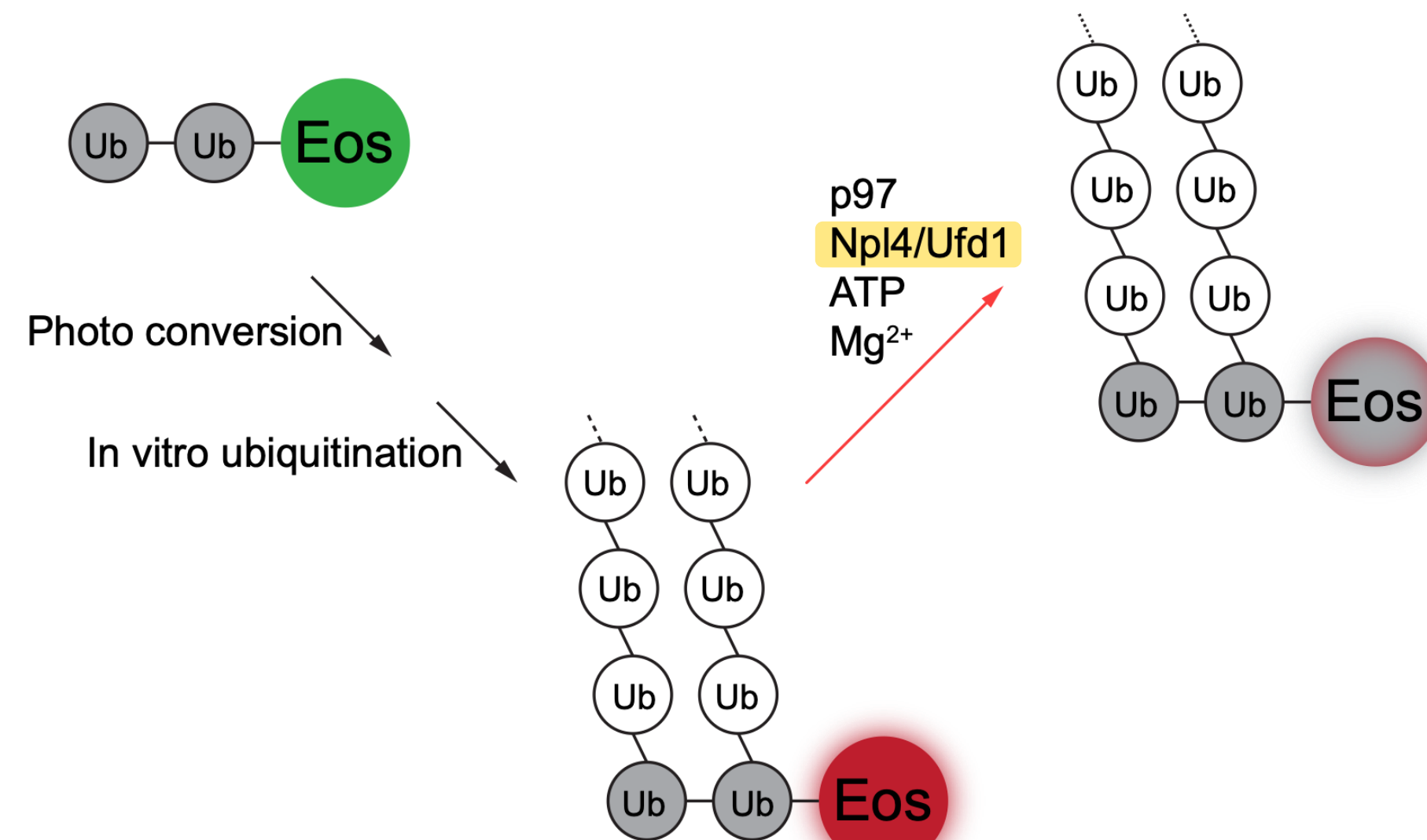
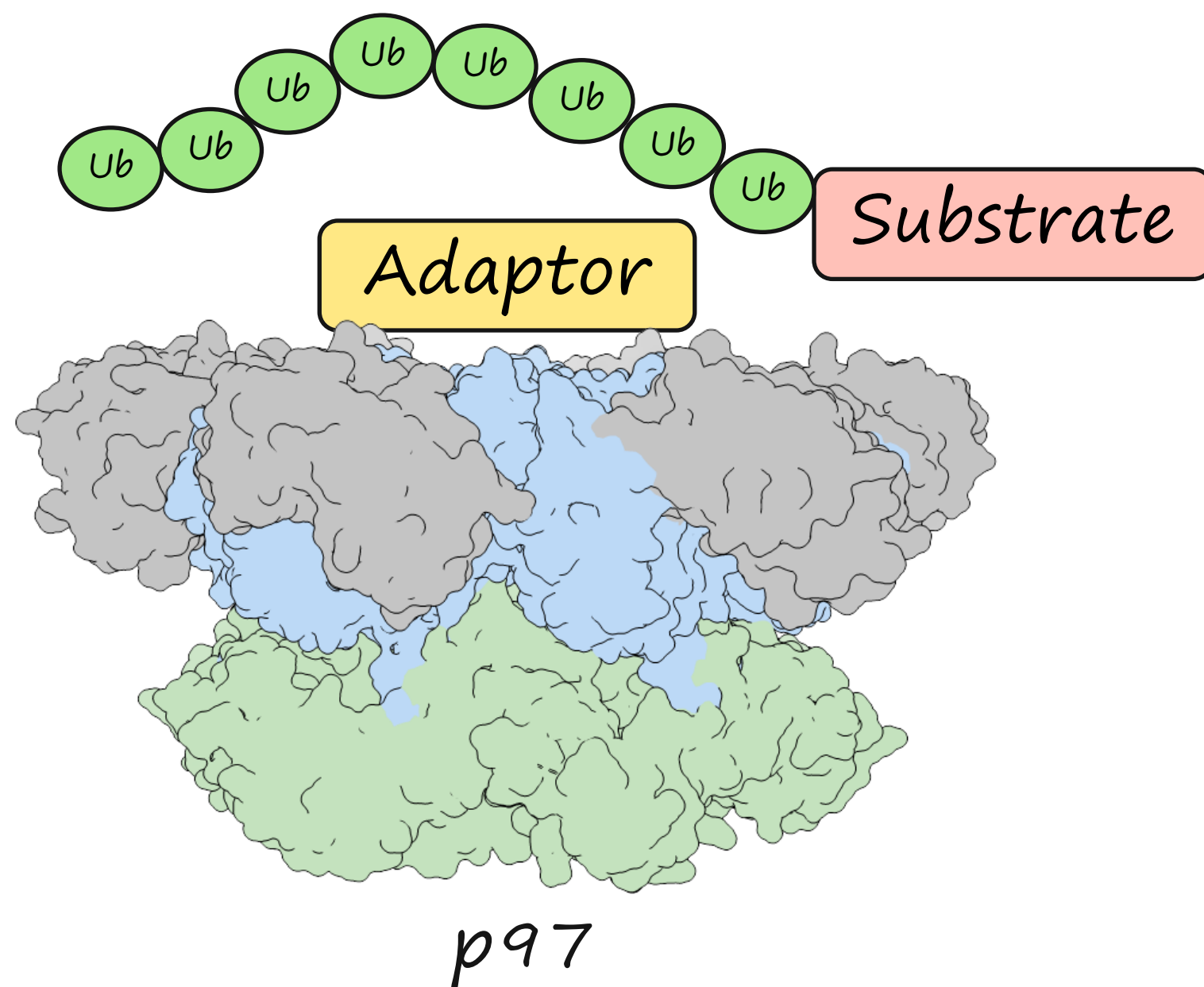
- ❑ How does p97 process ubiquitinated substrates via various cofactors?
- ❑ What are the physiological roles of disease mutations?
- ❑ What are the mechanisms of various inhibitors?



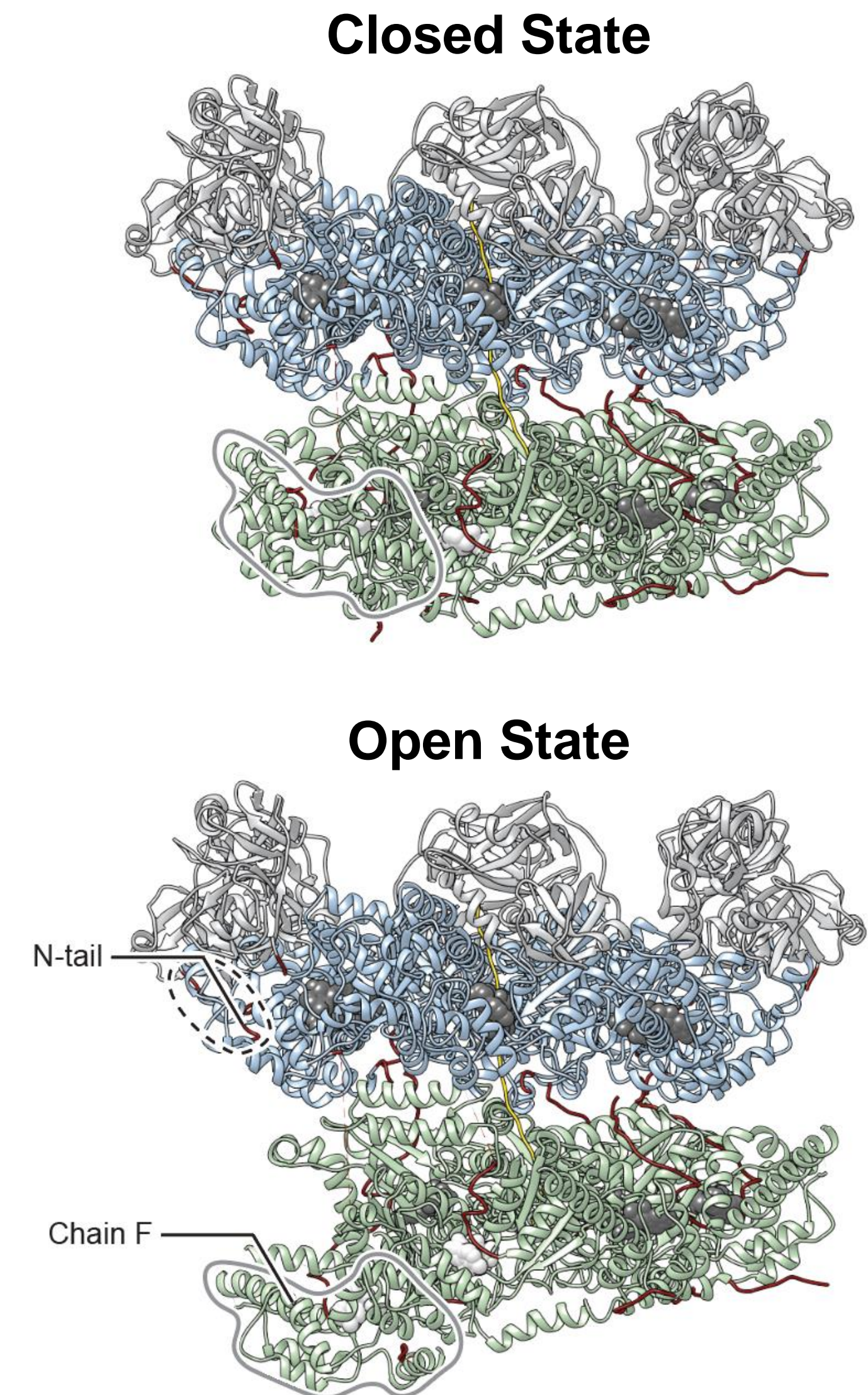
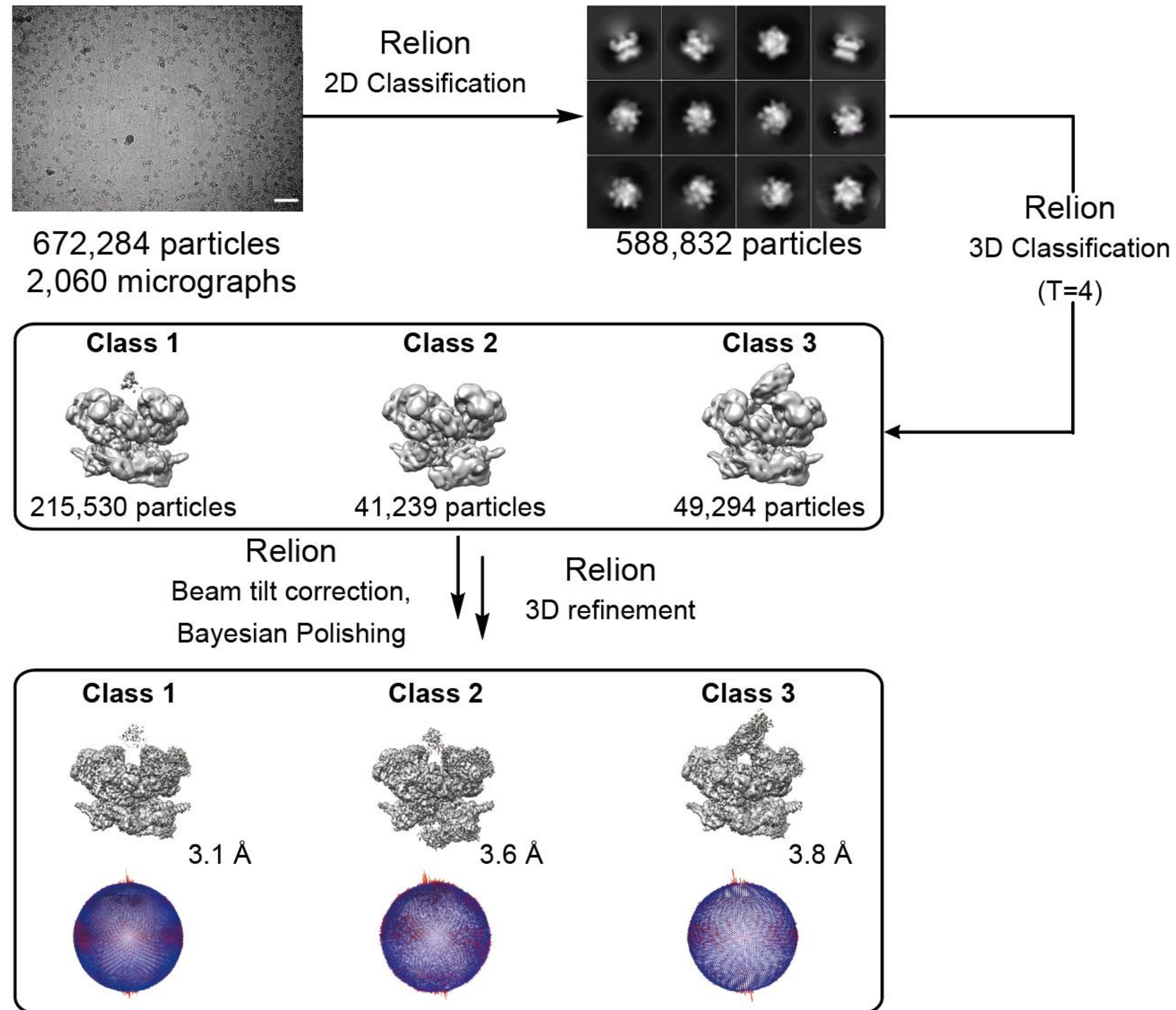
# Capturing the p97 complex *in vitro*



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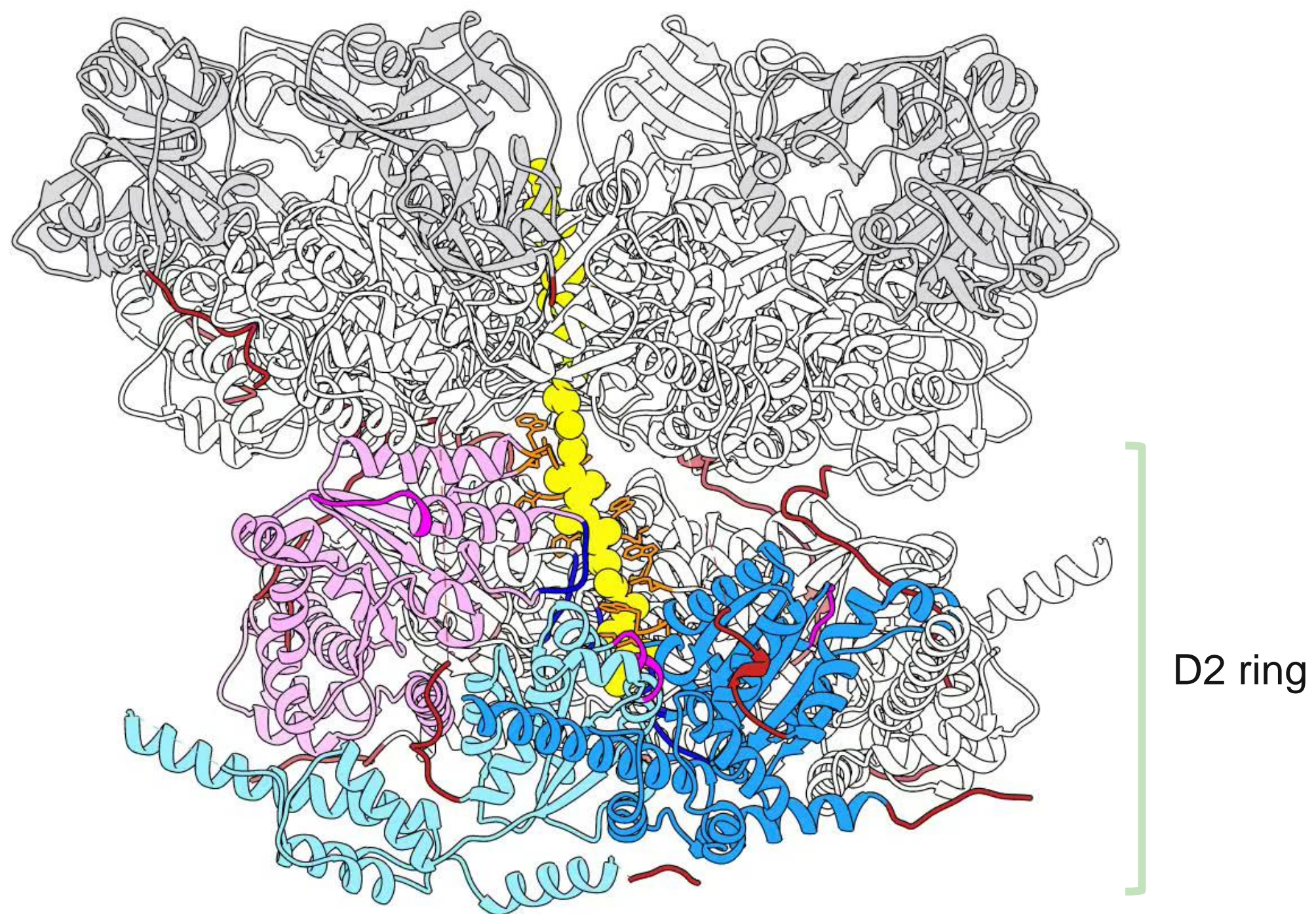


# Single-particle cryo-EM analysis of the p97 complex



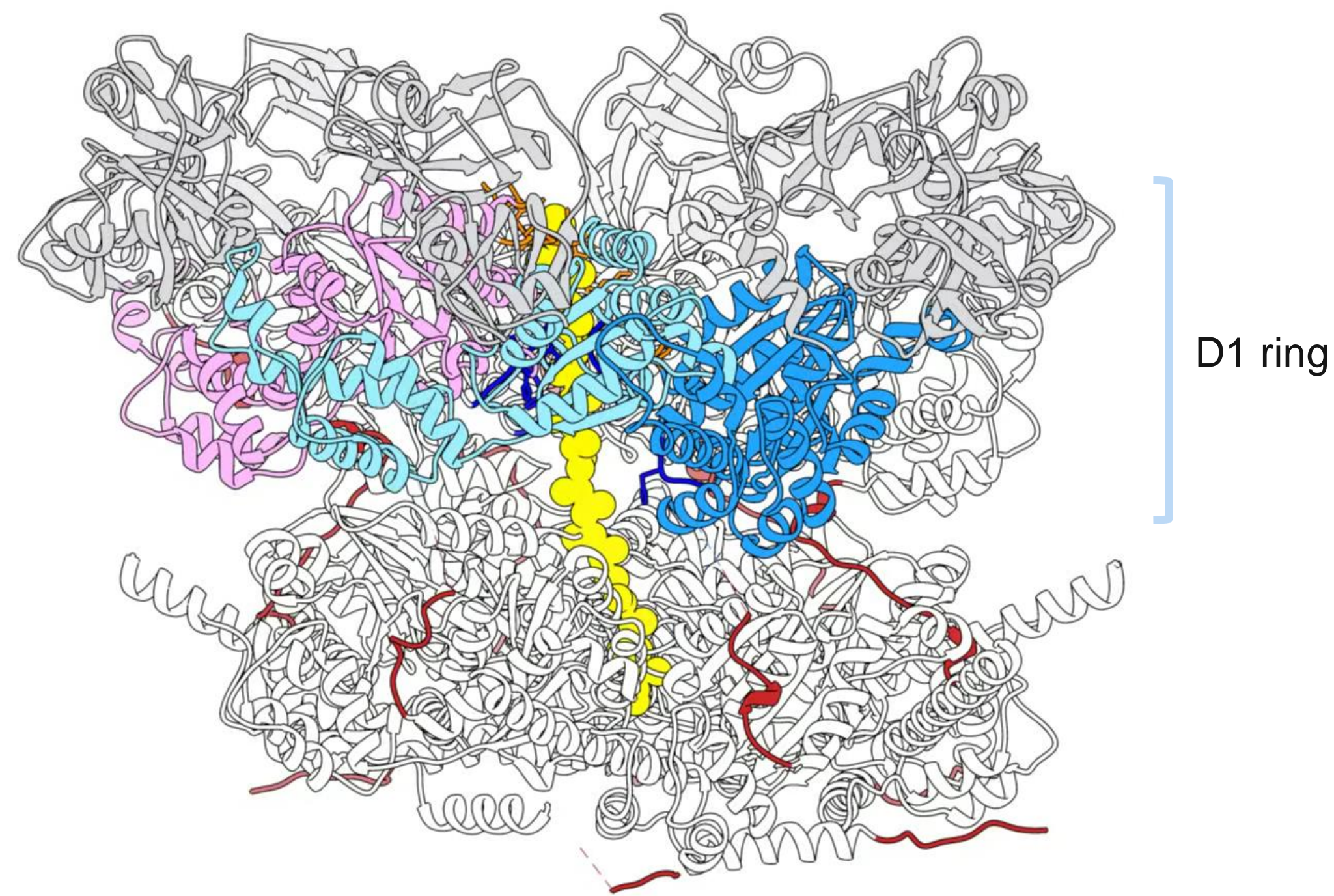
# Staircase conformation and power stroke motion of D1 and D2 rings

Open State  $\leftrightarrow$  Closed State



CHAPSO dataset

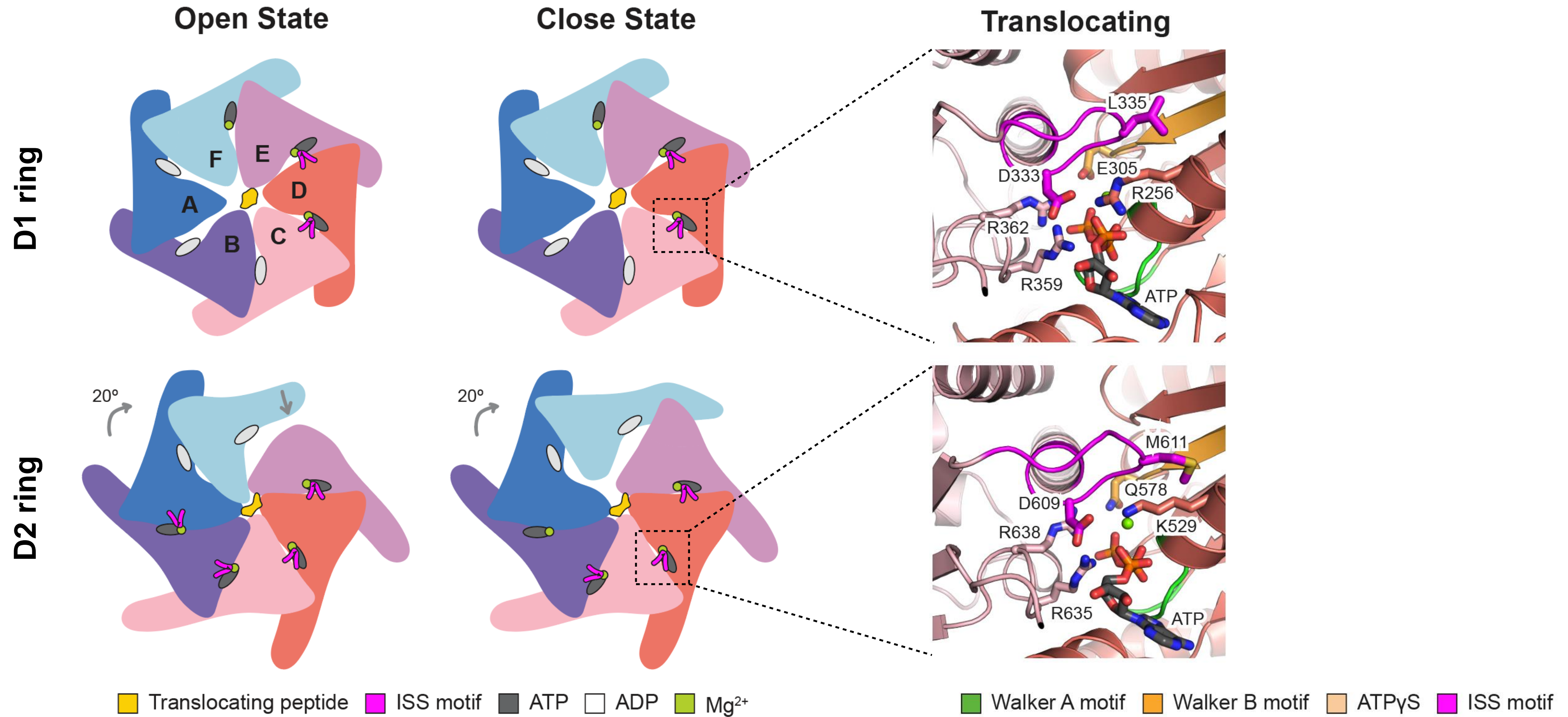
Three States



FOM dataset

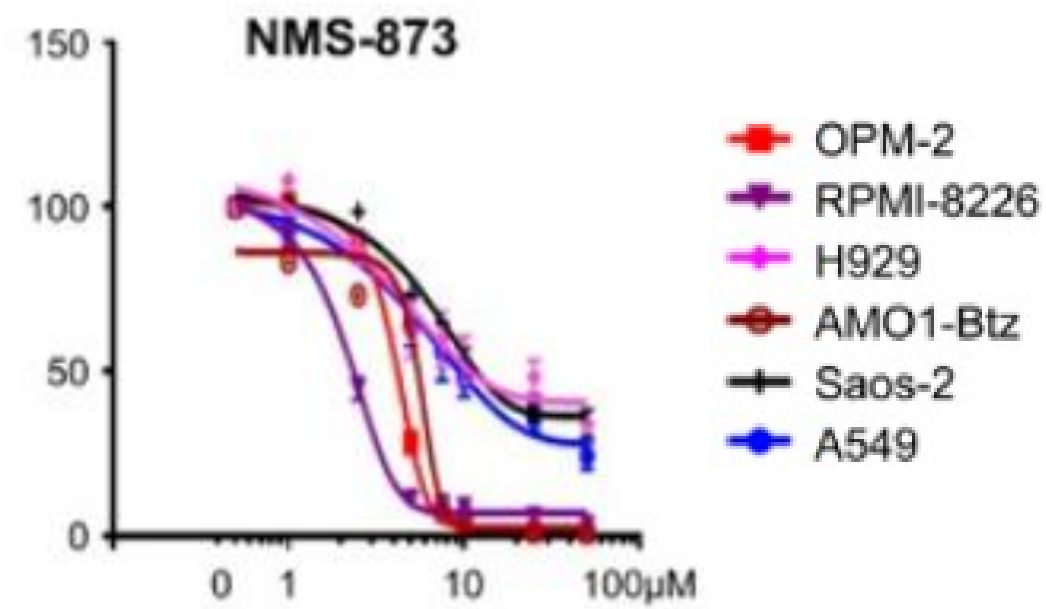


# Inter-Subunit Sensing (ISS) motif is responsible for the staircase conformation

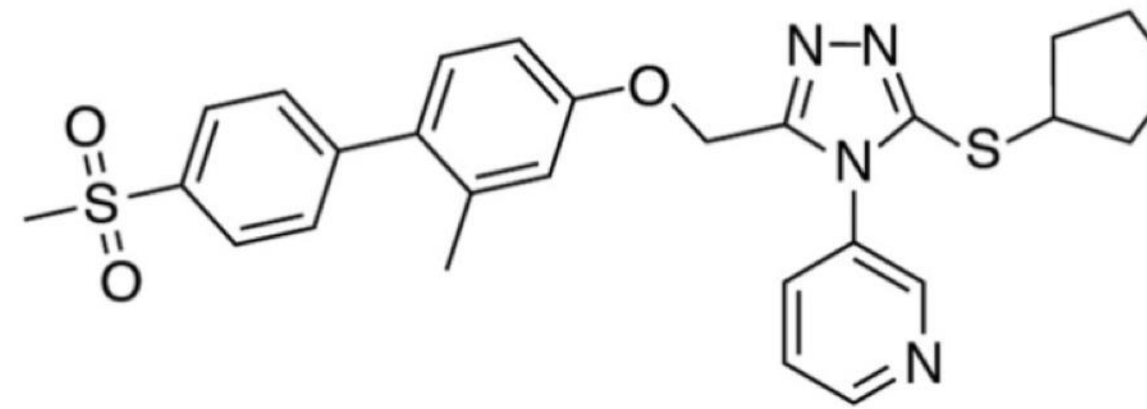


# NMS-873 is a non-competitive inhibitor of p97

## Anticancer activity



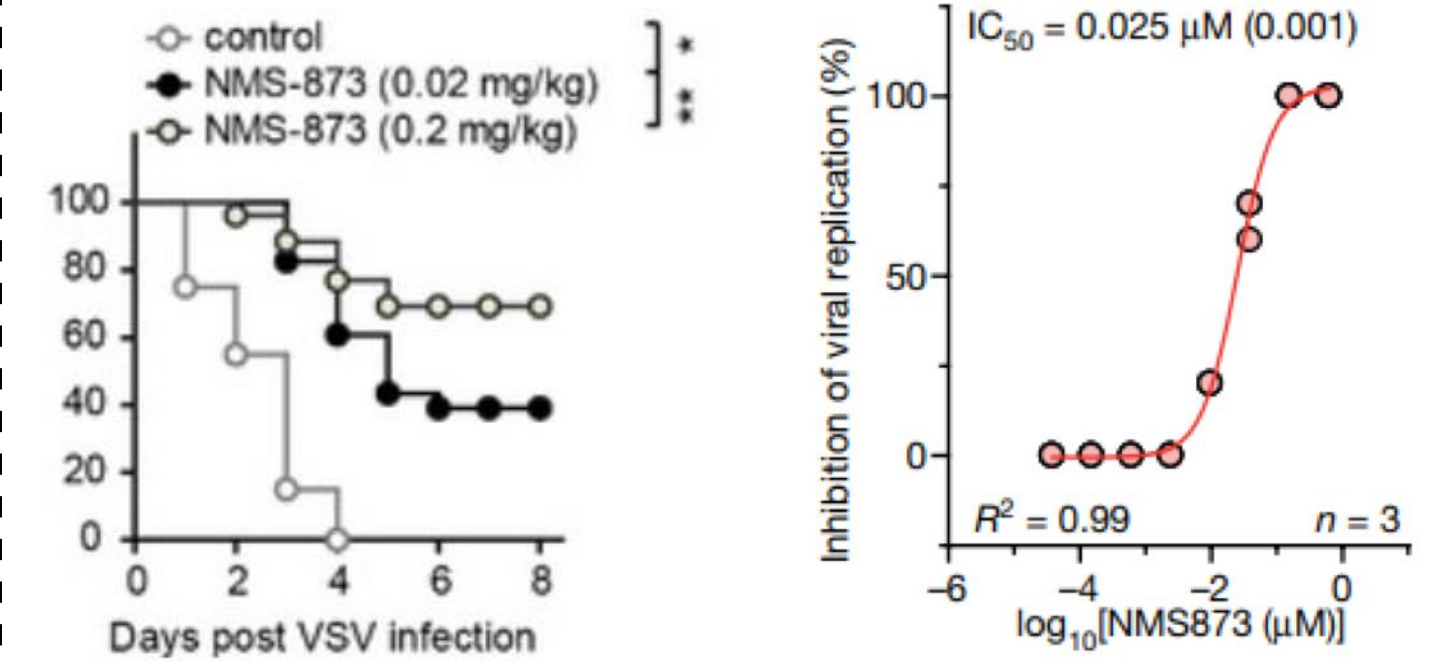
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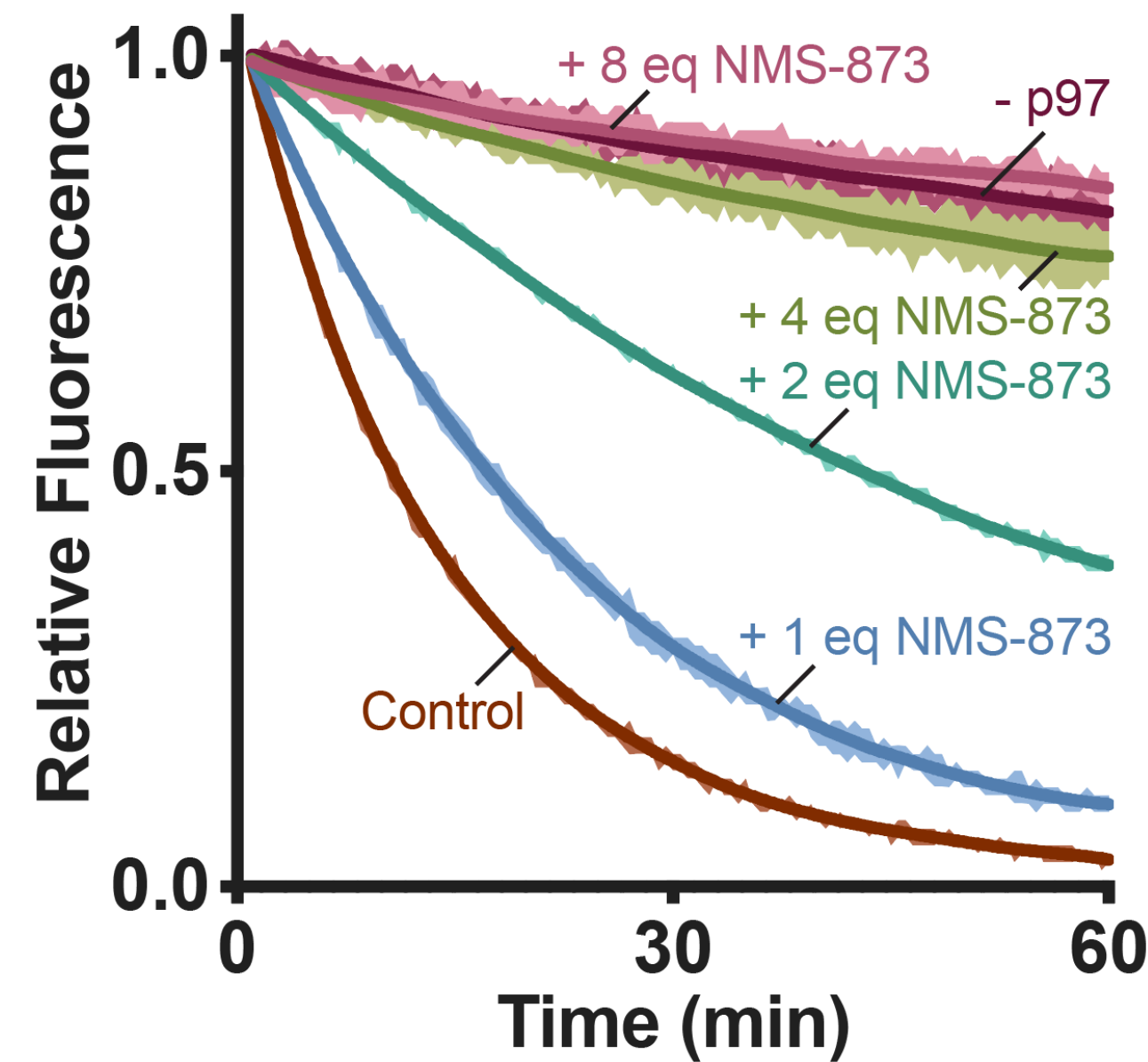
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## Antiviral activity

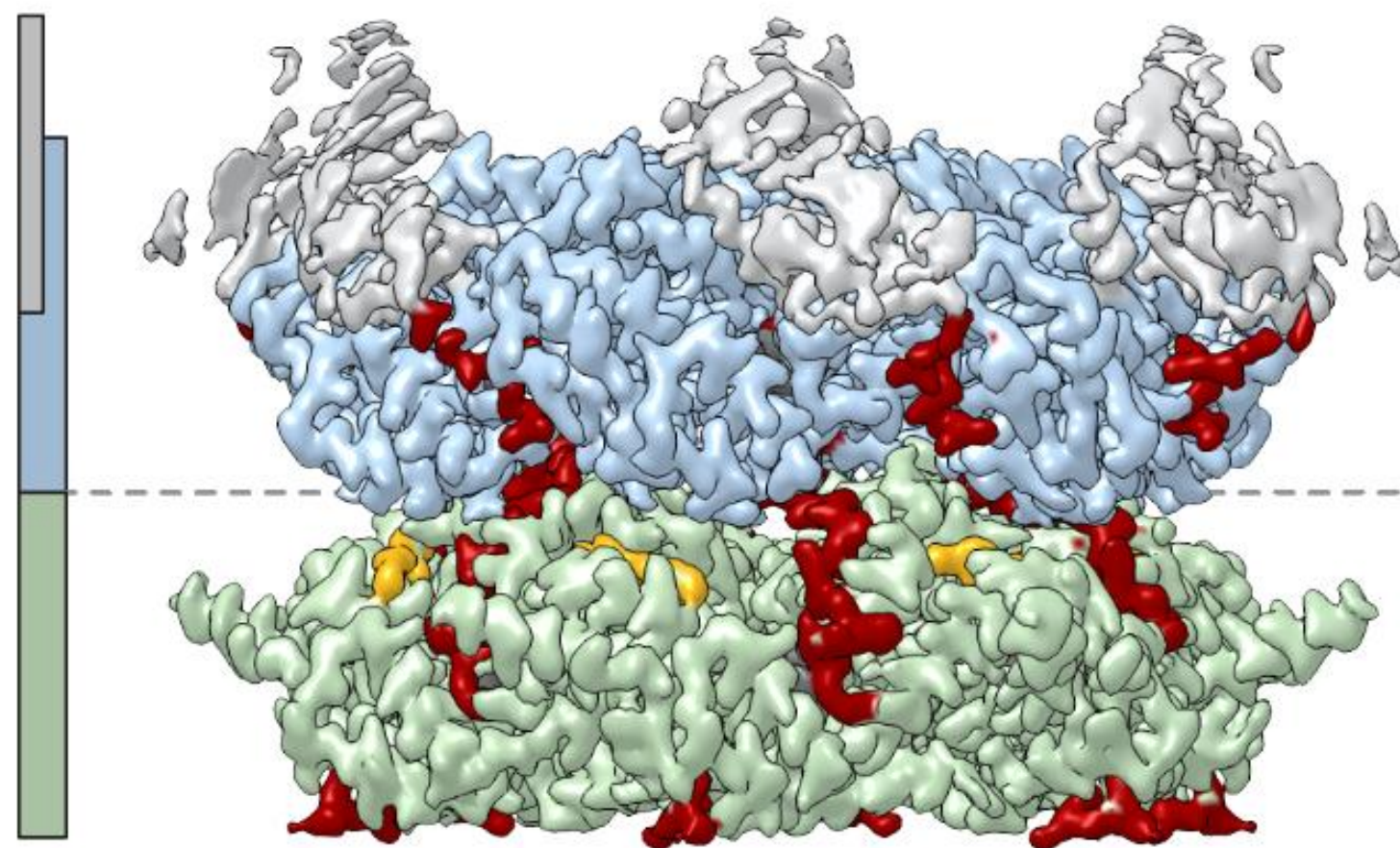
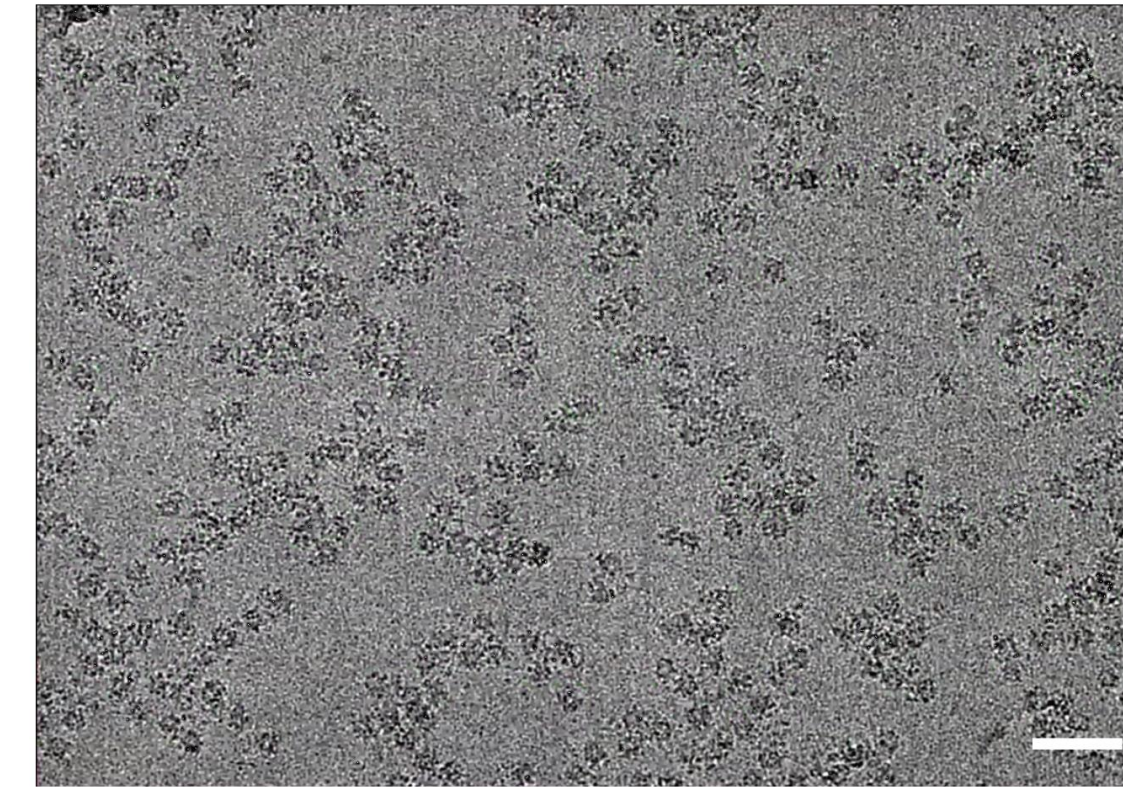
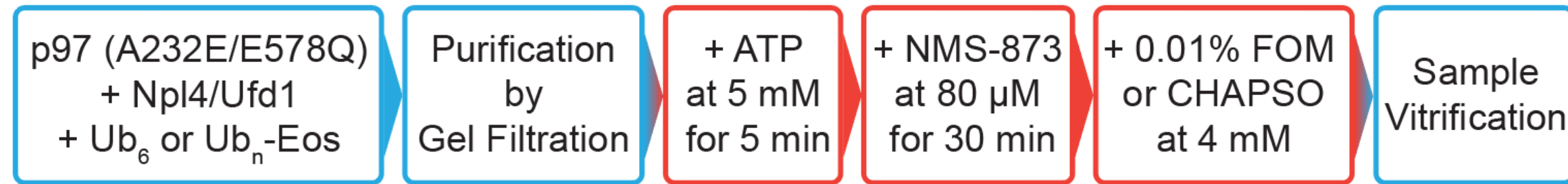


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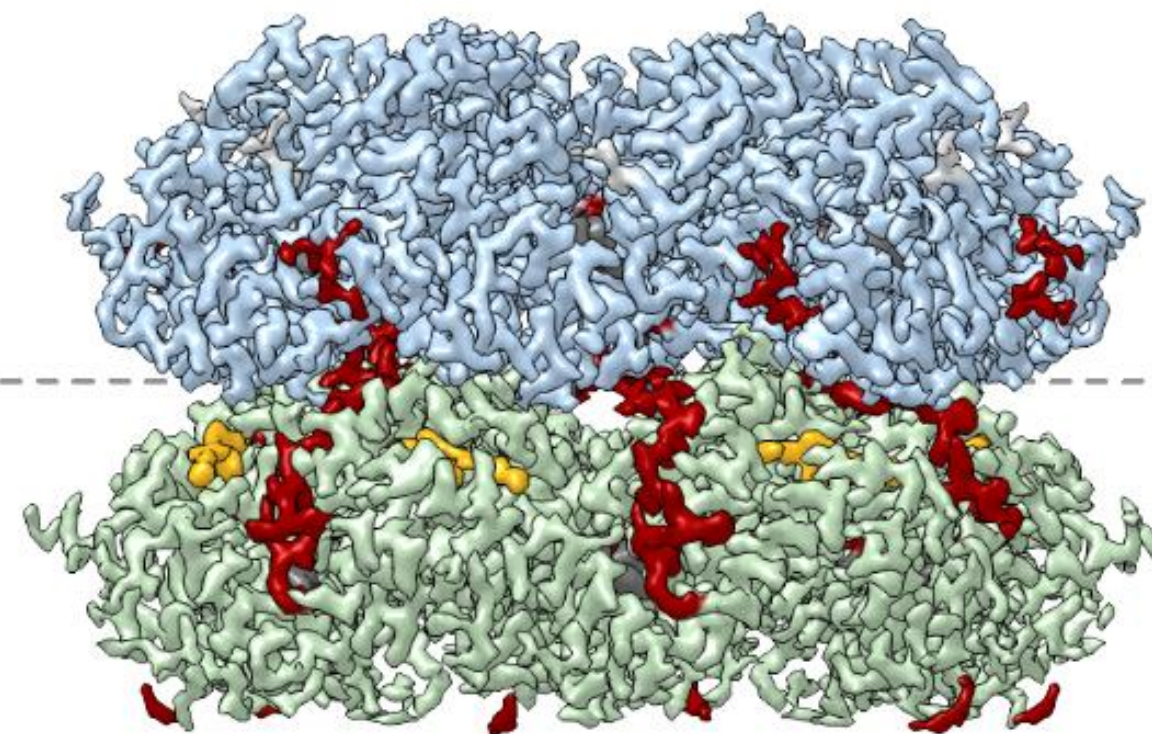
Bojkova D et al., *Nature*, 2020



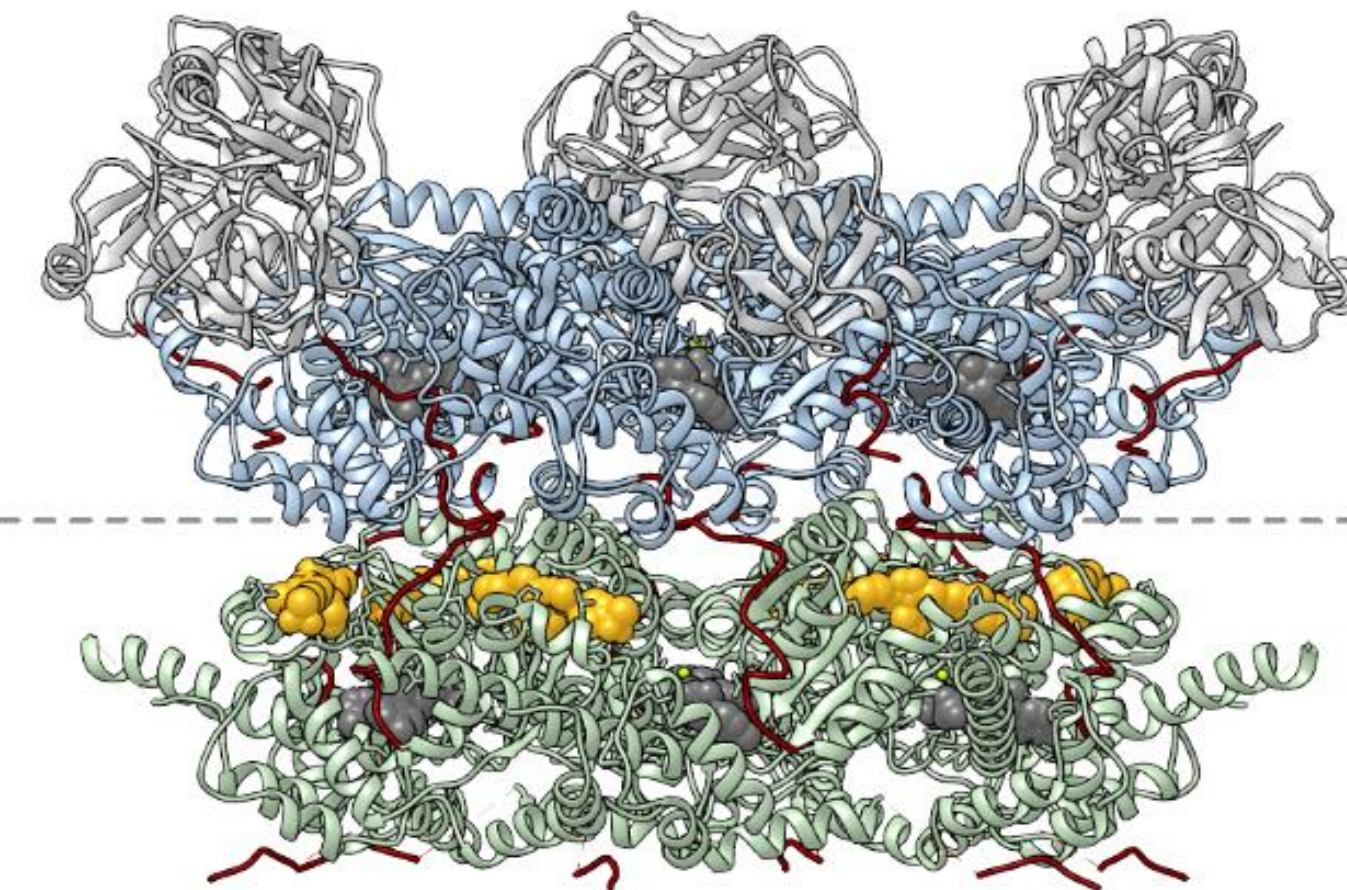
# Structure of human p97 in complex with NMS-873



unsharpened map



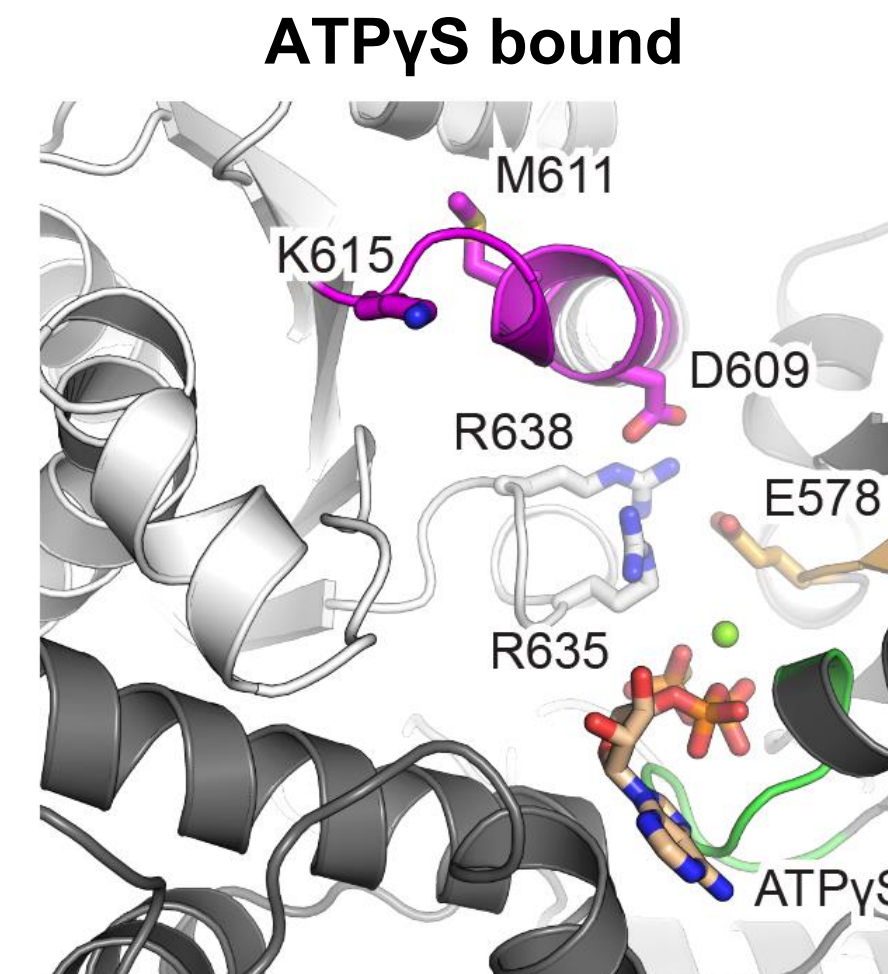
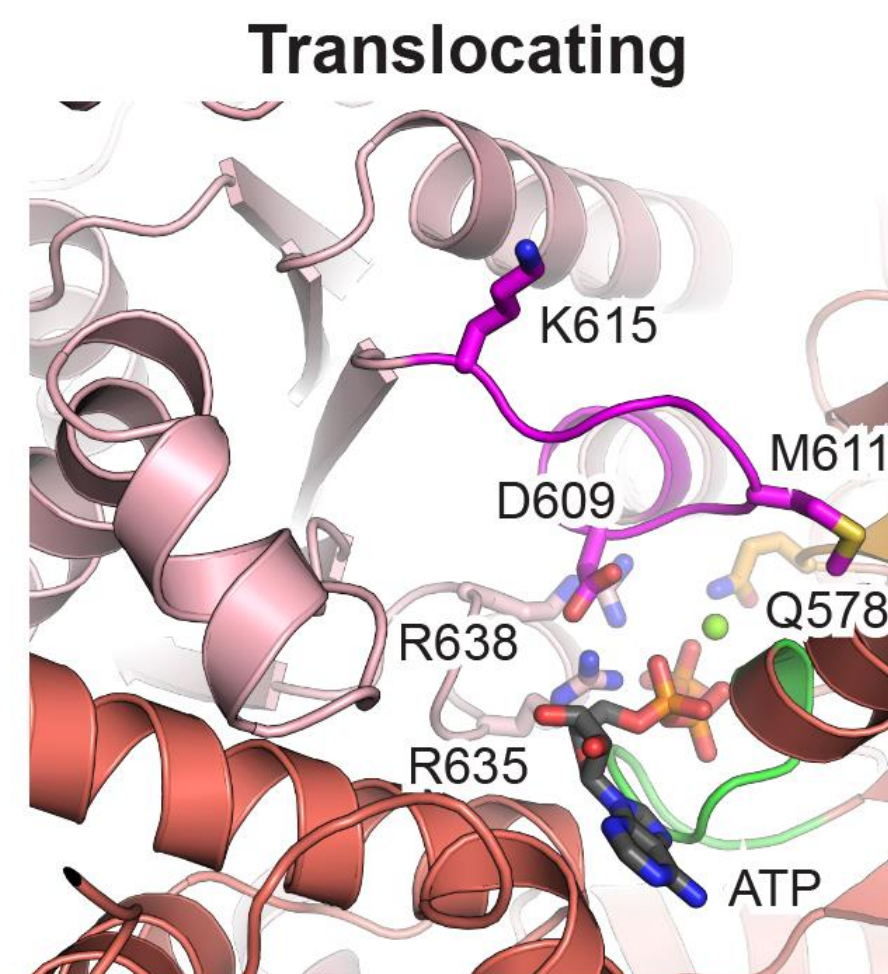
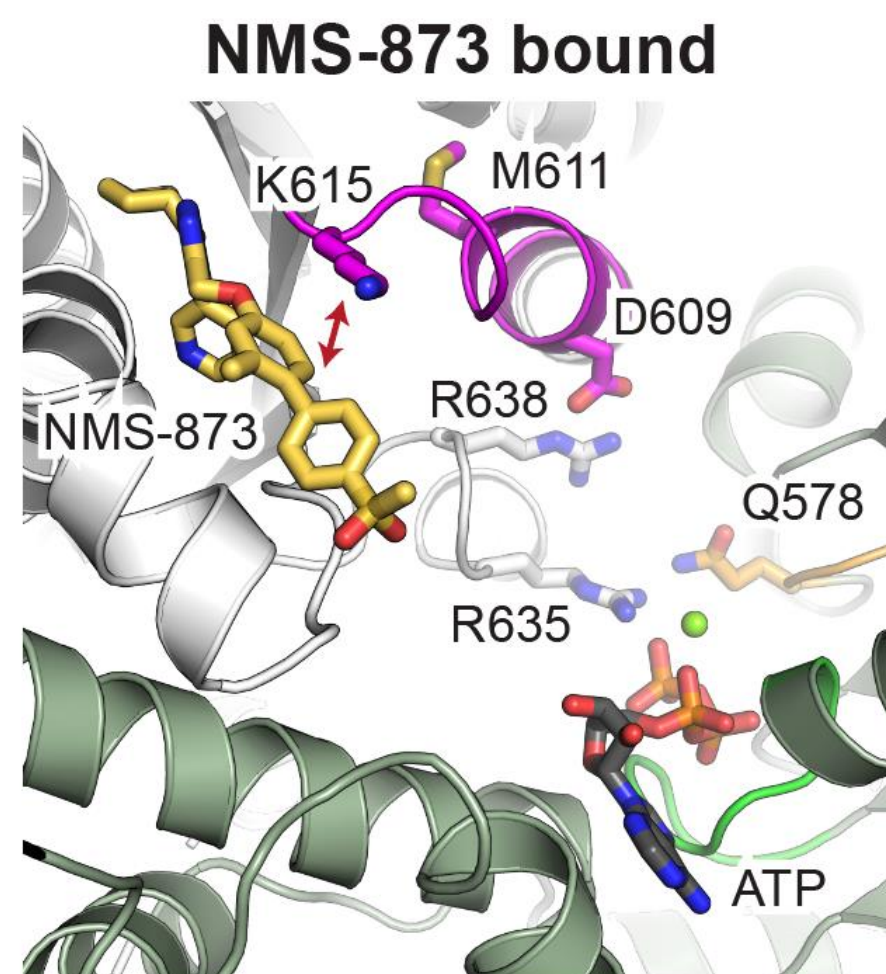
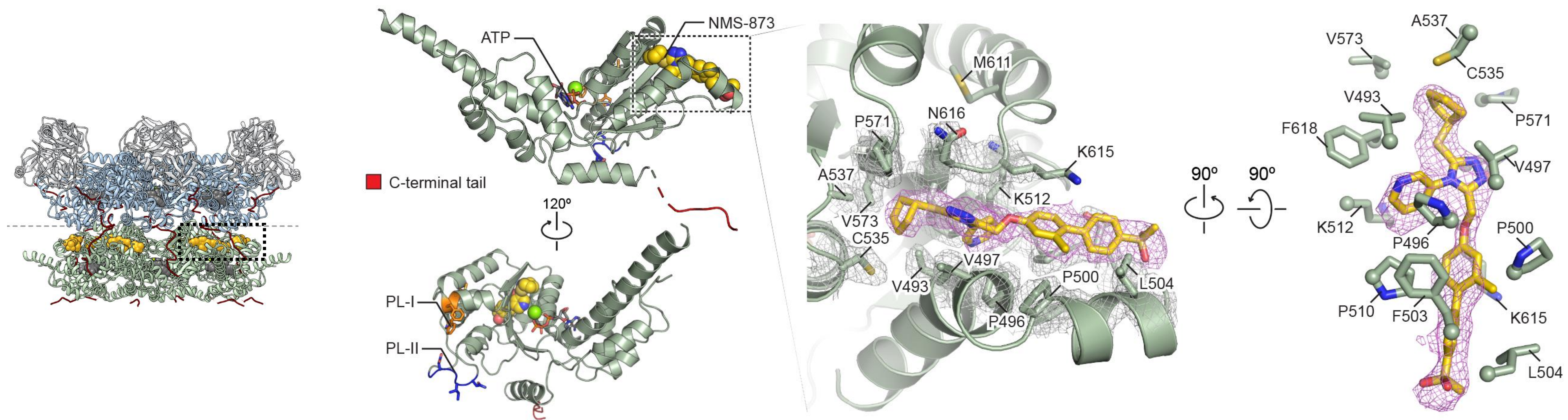
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model

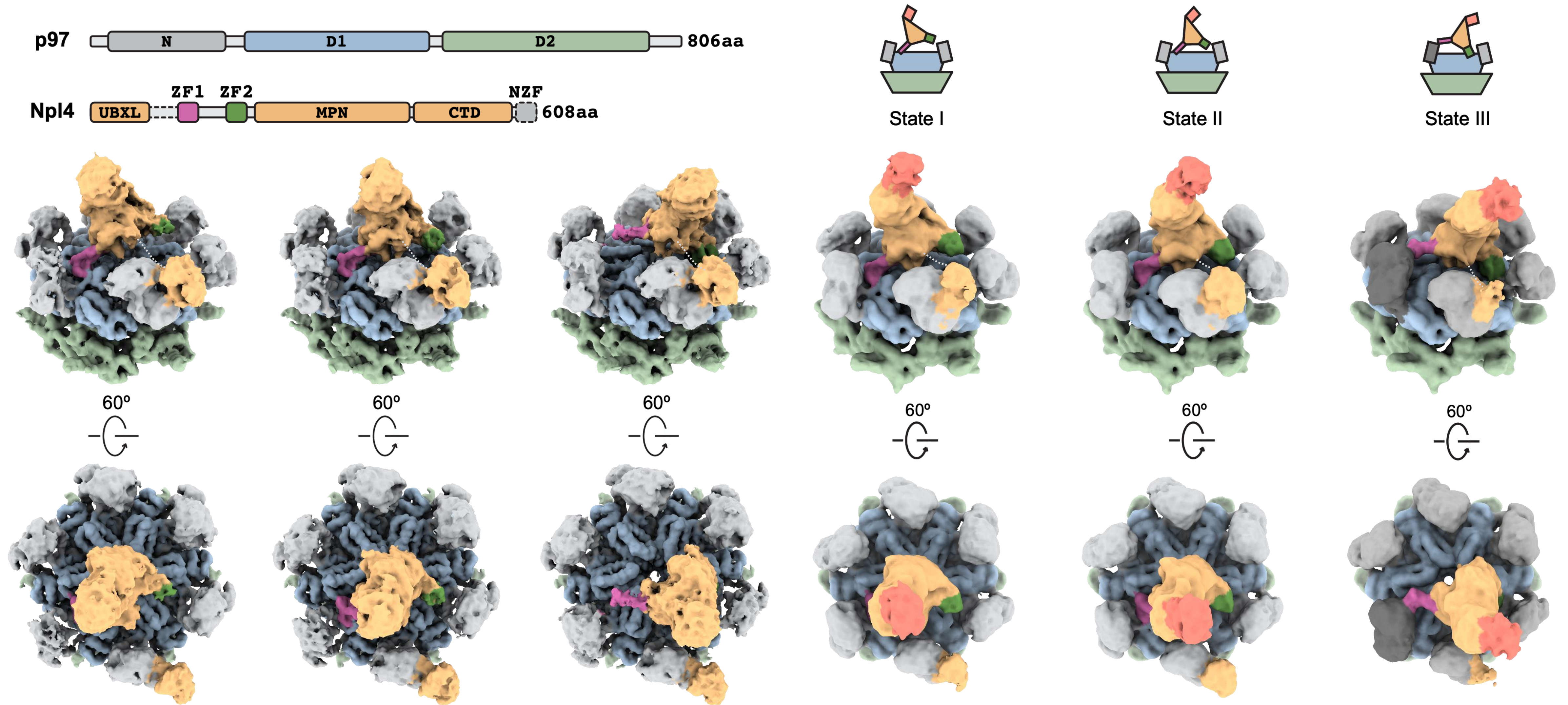
■ N domain ■ D1 domain ■ D2 domain ■ Tail and linker ■ NMS-873 ■ ATP

# NMS-873 binds at a cryptic groove in the D2 domain



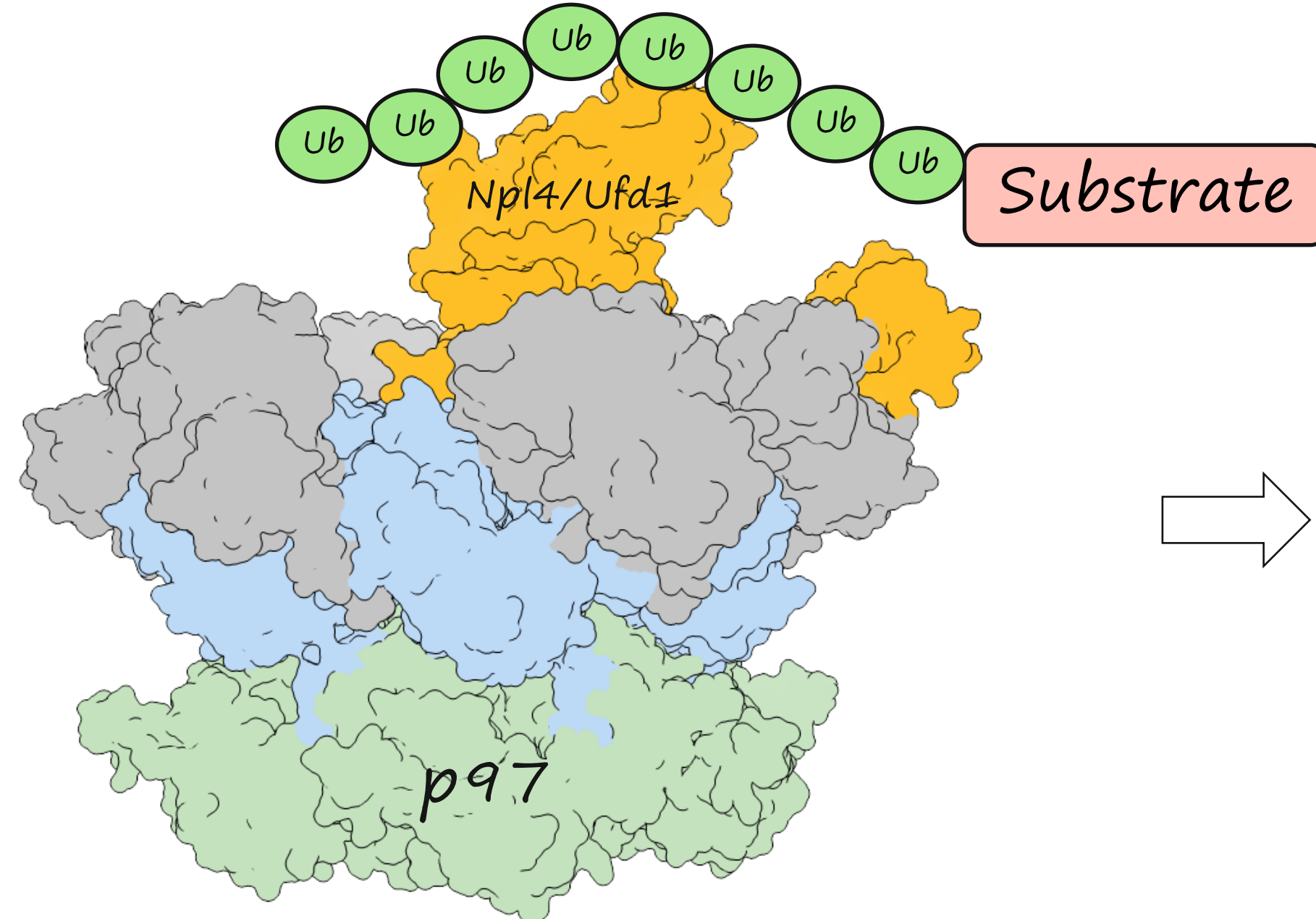
■ NMS-873 
 ■ ATP 
 ■ Mg<sup>2+</sup>
■ Walker A motif 
 ■ Walker B motif 
 ■ ATPyS 
 ■ ISS motif

# Cryo-EM structures of p97 complex before translocation

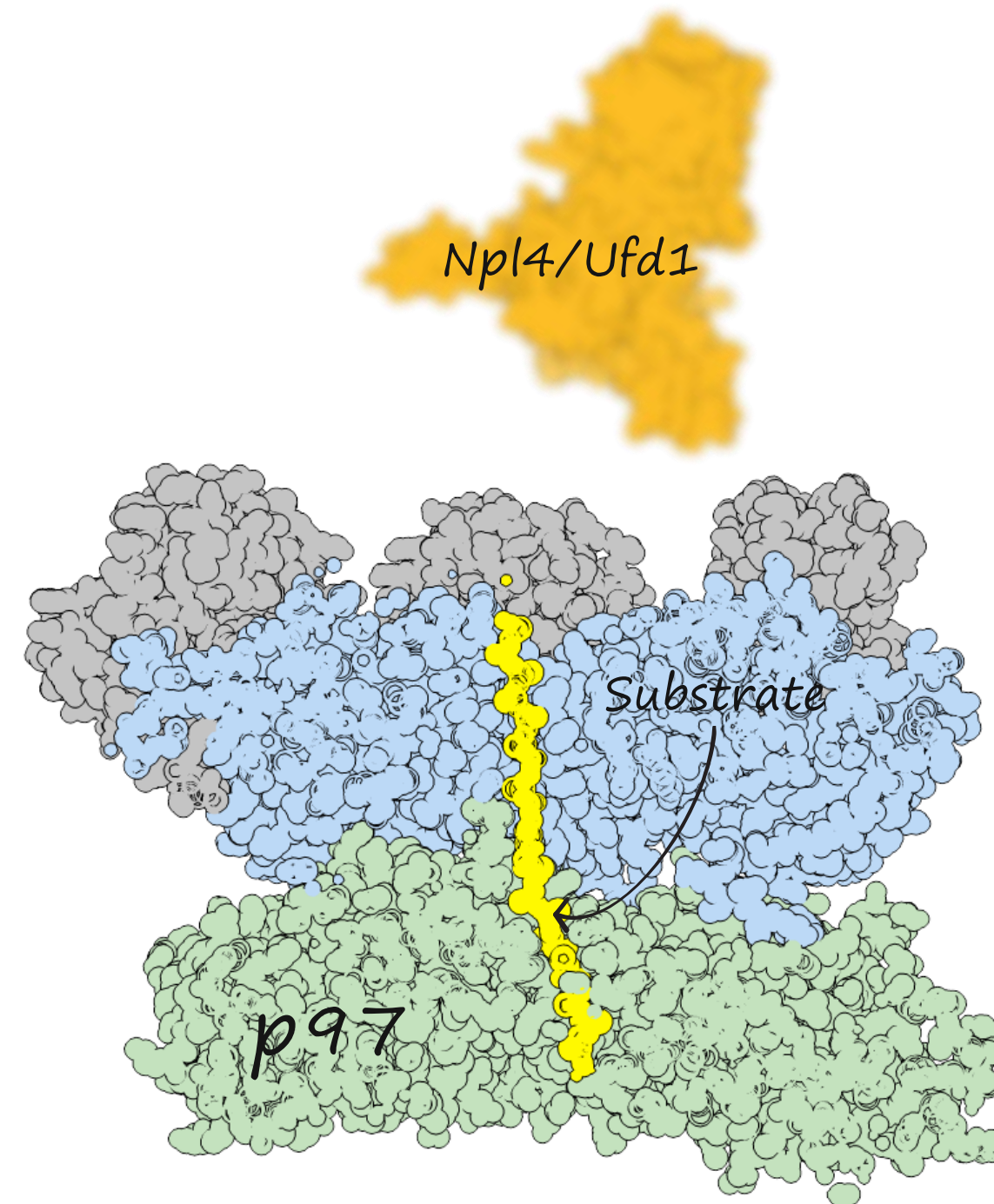


# Translocation mechanism of human p97

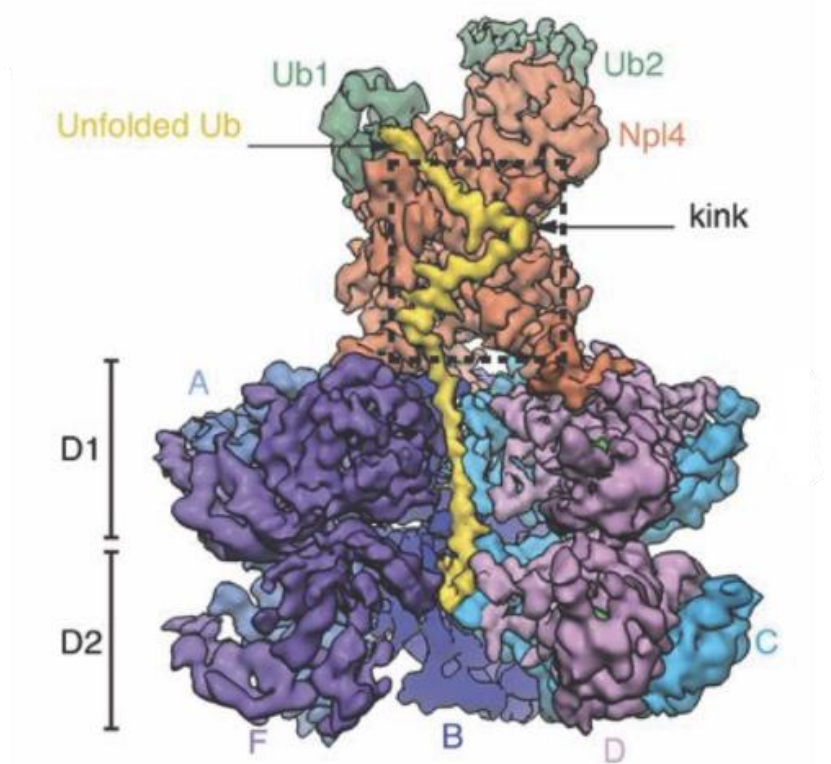
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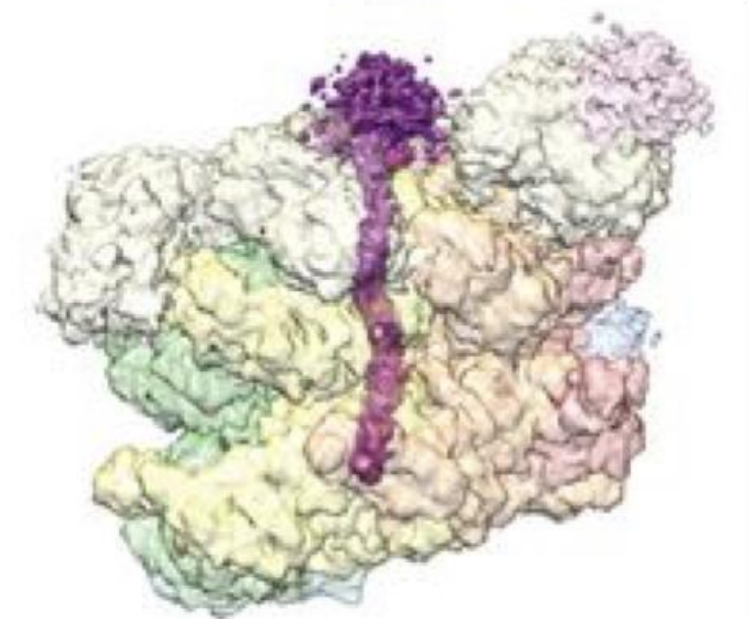
Translocating



Yeast Cdc48



Twomey EC, et al.,  
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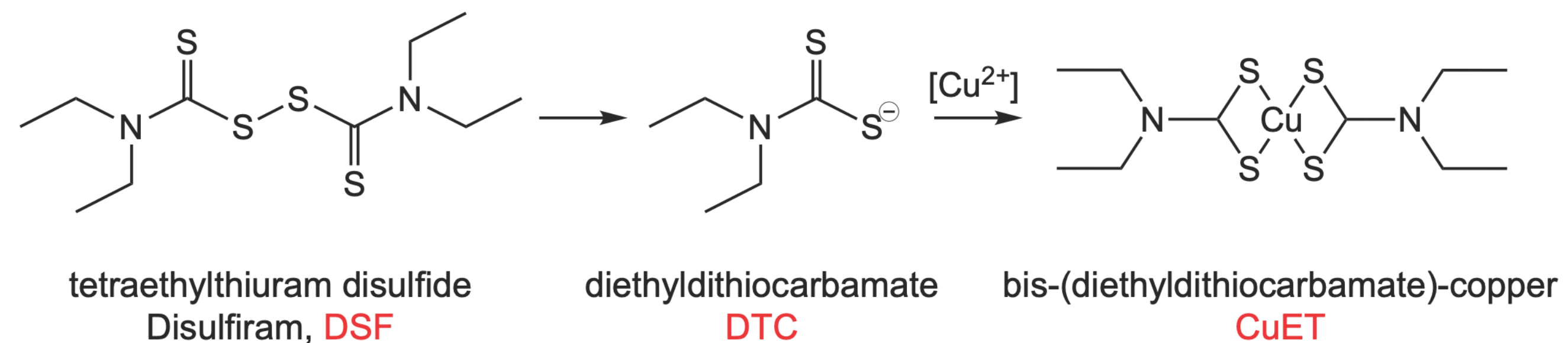
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# Disulfiram and Diethyldithiocarbamate-copper (CuET)

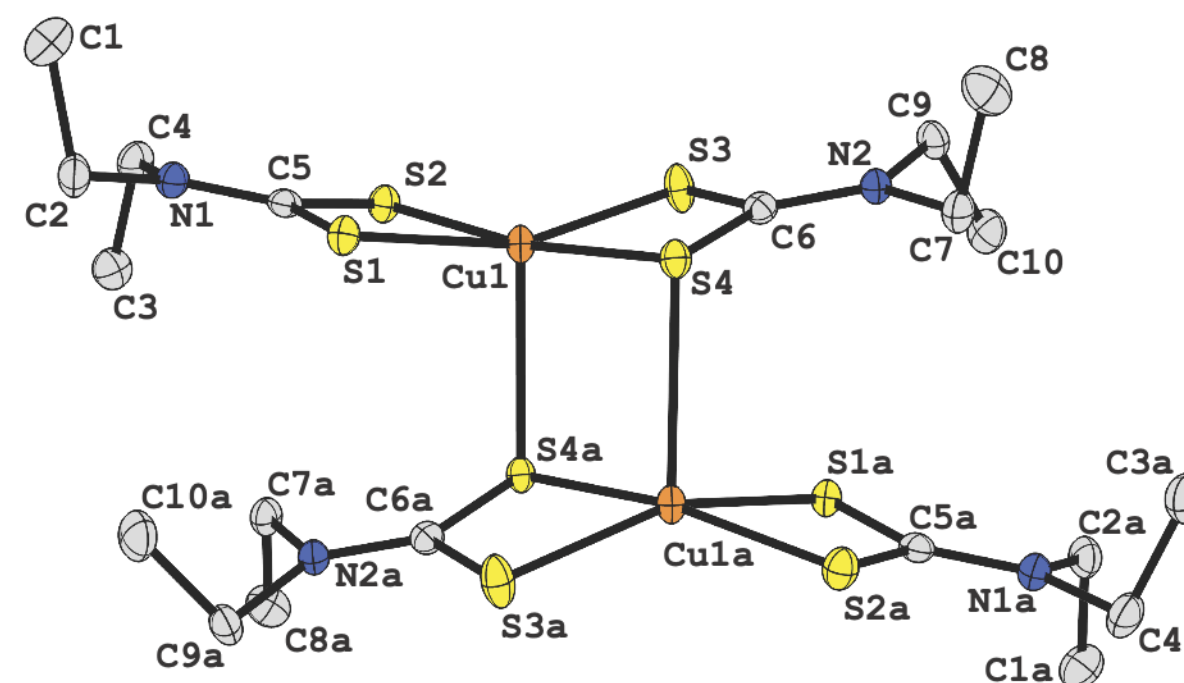
## Alcohol-abuse drug disulfiram targets cancer via p97 segregase adaptor NPL4

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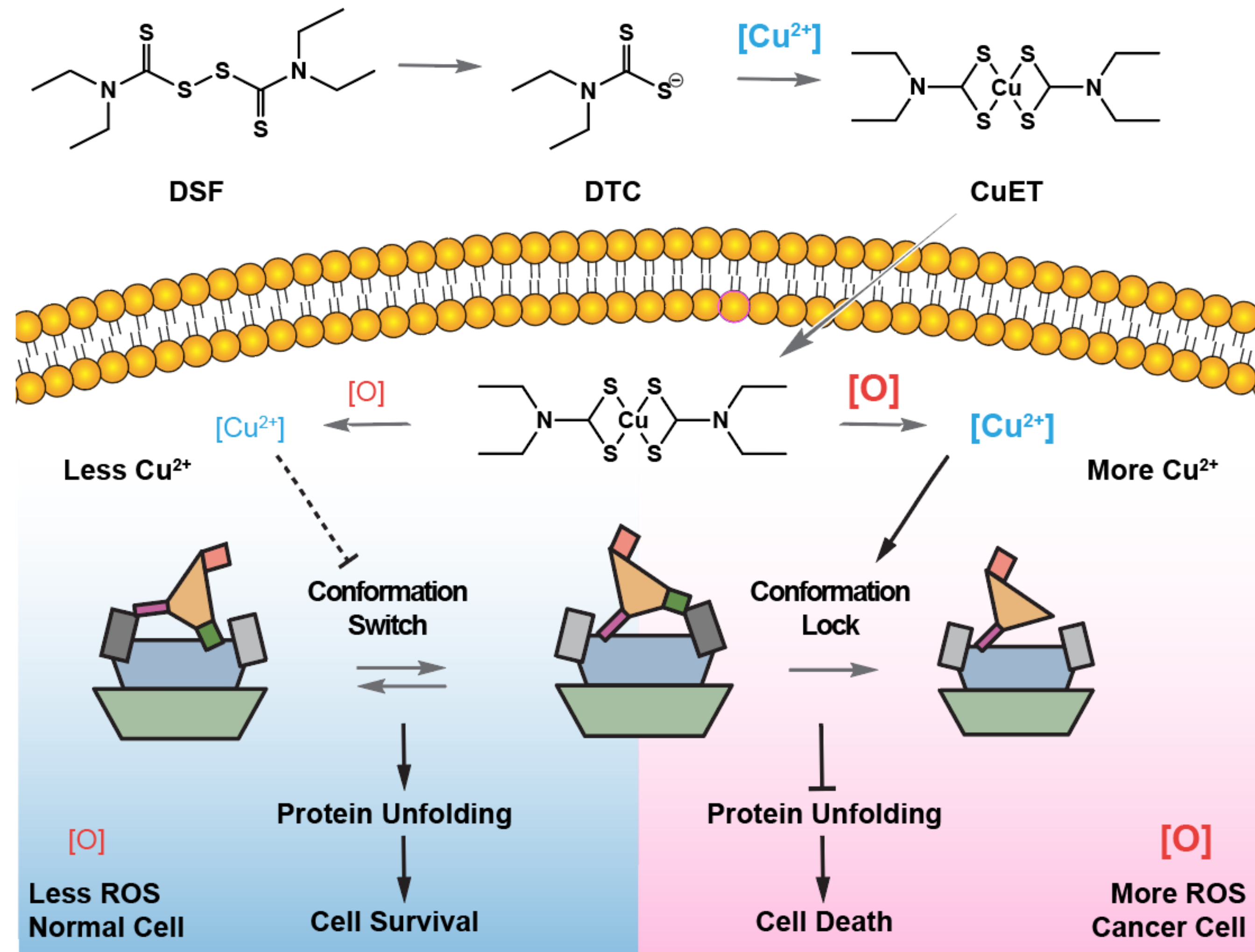
*Nature* **552**, 194–199(2017)



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# CuET bypasses copper transporters





# Summary

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- ❑ Structures of human p97 in working conditions revealed translocation mechanism
- ❑ ISS motif plays an important role in substrate translocation
- ❑ NMS-873 locks the ISS motif and allosterically inhibits the translocation of p97
- ❑ Disulfiram derivative CuET diffuses across plasma membrane and likely targets the zinc finger motifs of Npl4

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