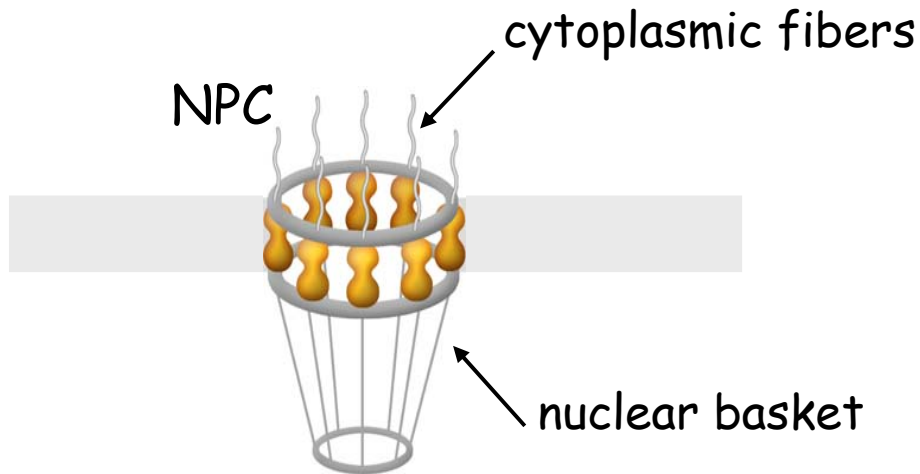


RECAP FROM MONDAY AND TUESDAY LECTURES

Nucleo-cytoplasmic transport factors:

interact with the target macromolecule (signal recognition)
interact with the NPC (nucleoporin Phe - Gly repeats)



Nucleocytoplasmic transport factors:

Karyopherins (importins/exportins)

import proteins / export tRNA, snRNA, rRNA
regulated by the GTPase Ran

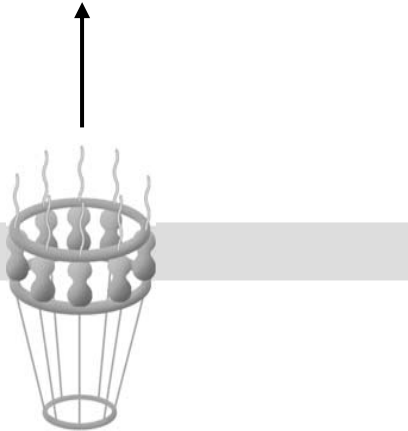
NTF2 import Ran

Search for mRNA export factors

translation

Cytoplasm

Nucleus



nuclear export

m⁷G [black box] [white box] - AAAA

pre-mRNA processing

m⁷G [black box] [white box]

yeast genetics:

poly(A⁺) accumulation
interaction with nucleoporin

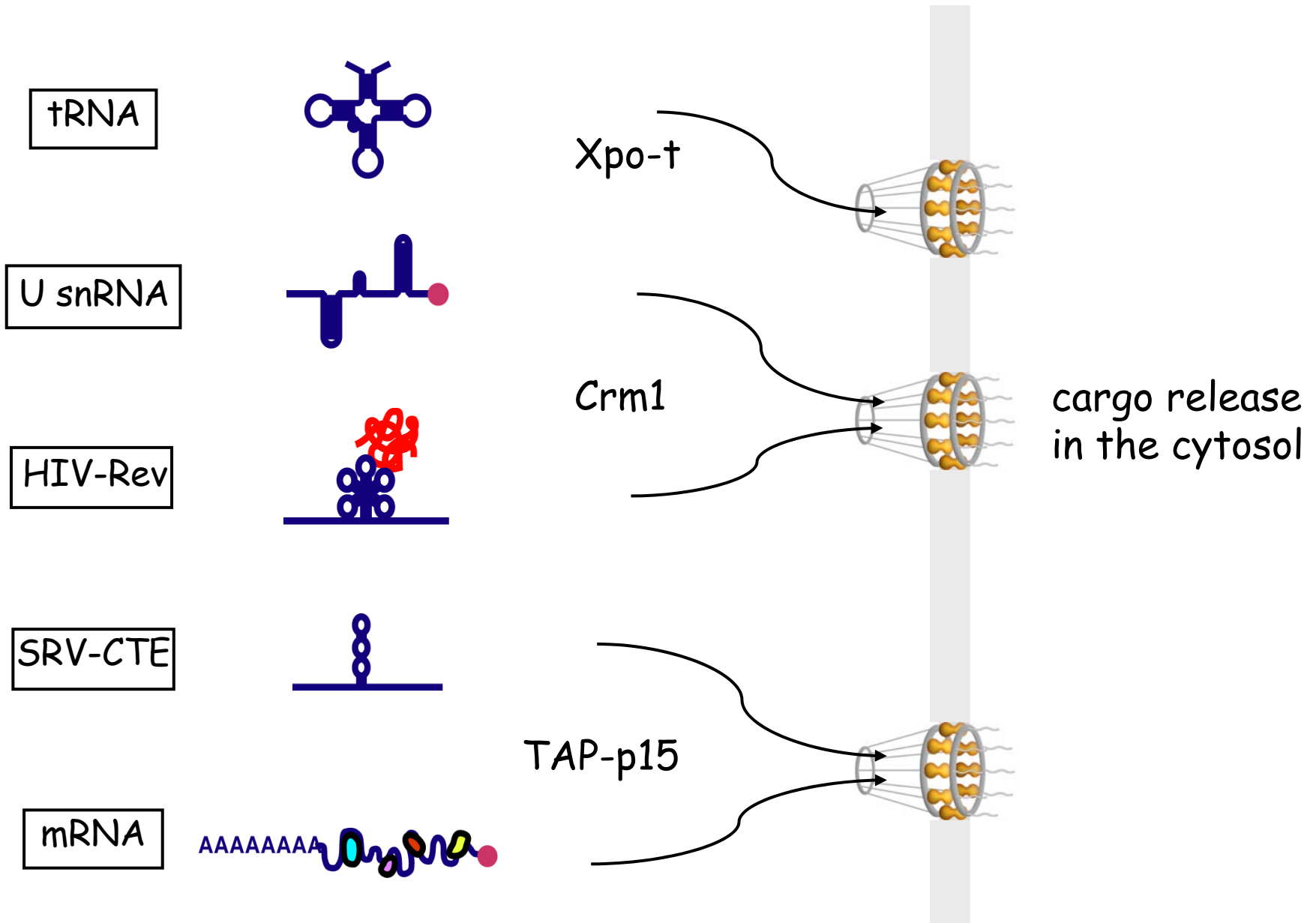
- Mex67p Segref et al., '97
 - Dbp5p
 - Gle2p/Rae1 Snay-Hodge et al., '98
- Murphy et al., '96;
Brown et al., '95

retroviruses:

- Crm1 (exportin) - HIV-1
Fornerod et al., '97
- TAP (Mex67p homologue) - SRV (CTE RNA)
Grüter et al., '98

RNA export

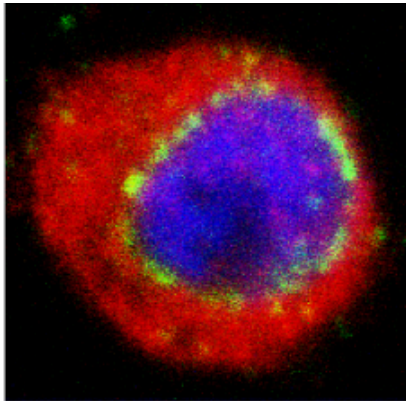
receptor binding
in the nucleus



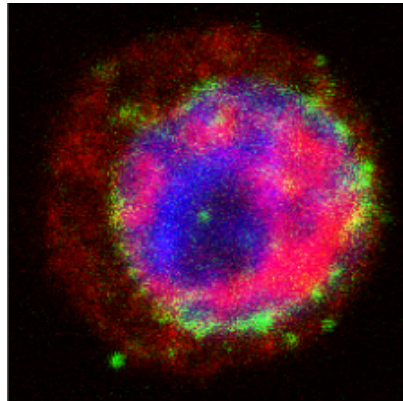
Both TAP and p15 are essential for bulk mRNA export

Knockdown of *D.melanogaster* TAP or p15 results in nuclear accumulation of bulk polyadenylated RNAs

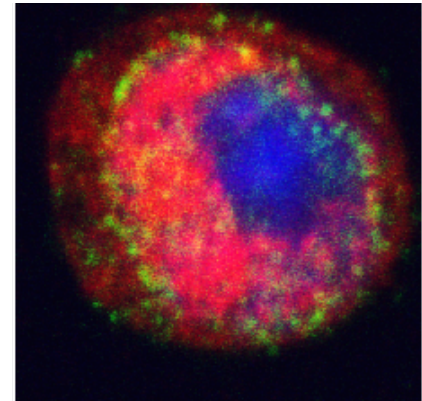
control



TAP ds RNAi



p15 ds RNAi



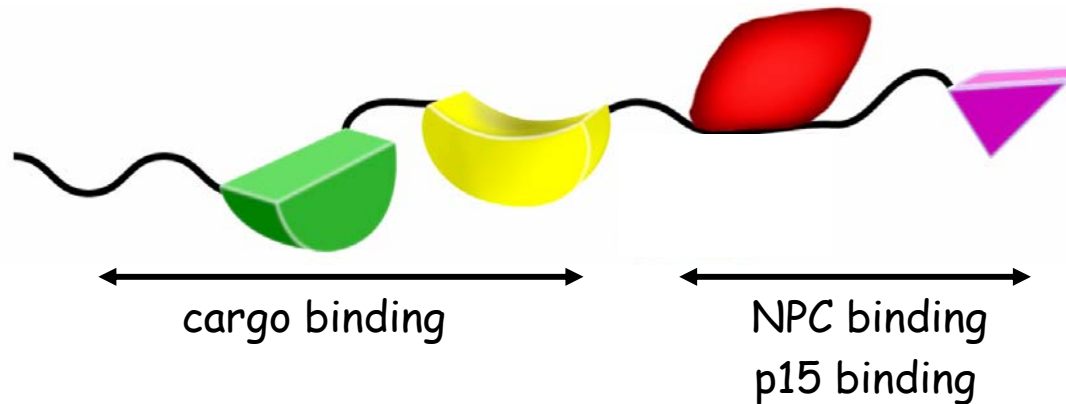
oligo(dT) *in situ* hybridization

poly-(A)⁺

DNA

nucleoporins

The TAP subunit of the mRNA export receptor is conserved
(human NXF1 and yeast Mex67)



The p15 subunit of the mRNA export receptor is not conserved
(human p15 / yeast Mtr2)

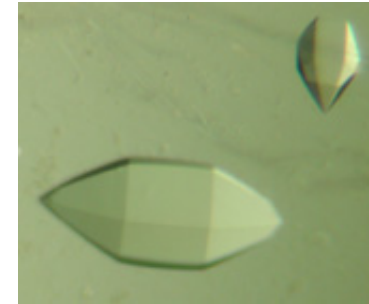
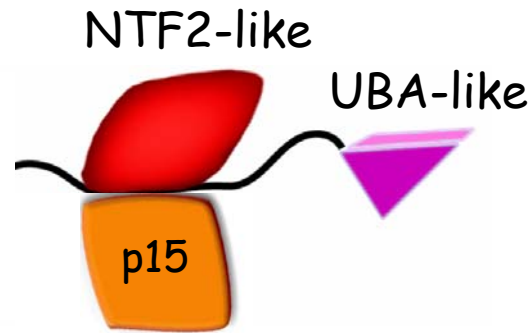


How does it recognize RNA cargoes?

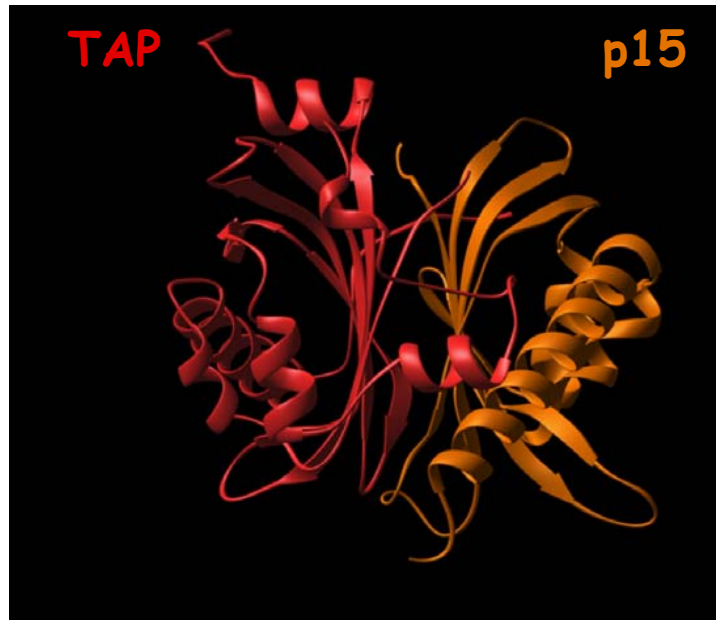
How does it recognize nuclear pore complexes?

What is the function of p15? Mtr2?

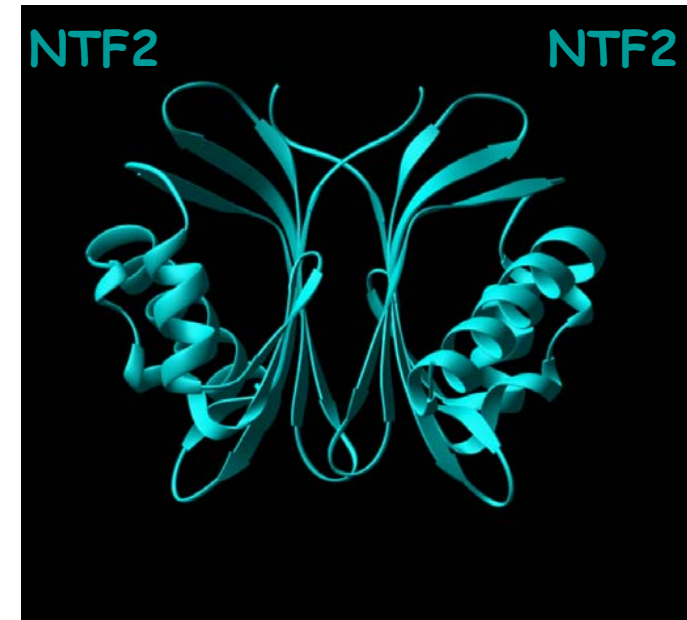
TAP C-terminal portion: interacts with nucleoporins and p15



1.9Å resolution
 R_{free} 22.5 %



TAP-p15 heterodimer
(Fribourg et al., 2001)



NTF2-NTF2 homodimer
(Stewart et al., 1998)

Structural similarity of NTF2-like domains

insertion

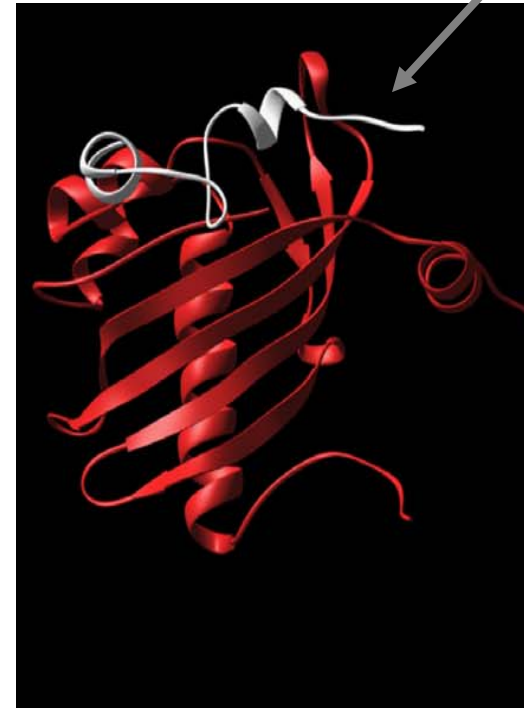


NTF2



p15

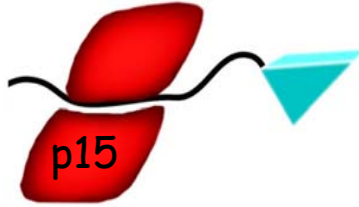
22% seq.id. with NTF2
rmsd 1.9 Å (113 C α)



TAP

13% seq.id. with NTF2
rmsd 2.5 Å (95 C α)

NTF2-like UBA-like



UBA-like domain function: NPC binding
 Δ UBA-like domain: 10% export activity

Δ NTF2-like domain: no export activity

NTF2-like domain: function ????

Extrapolate functional similarity from structural similarity?

NTF2 is the Ran import factor
binds RanGDP
binds nucleoporins

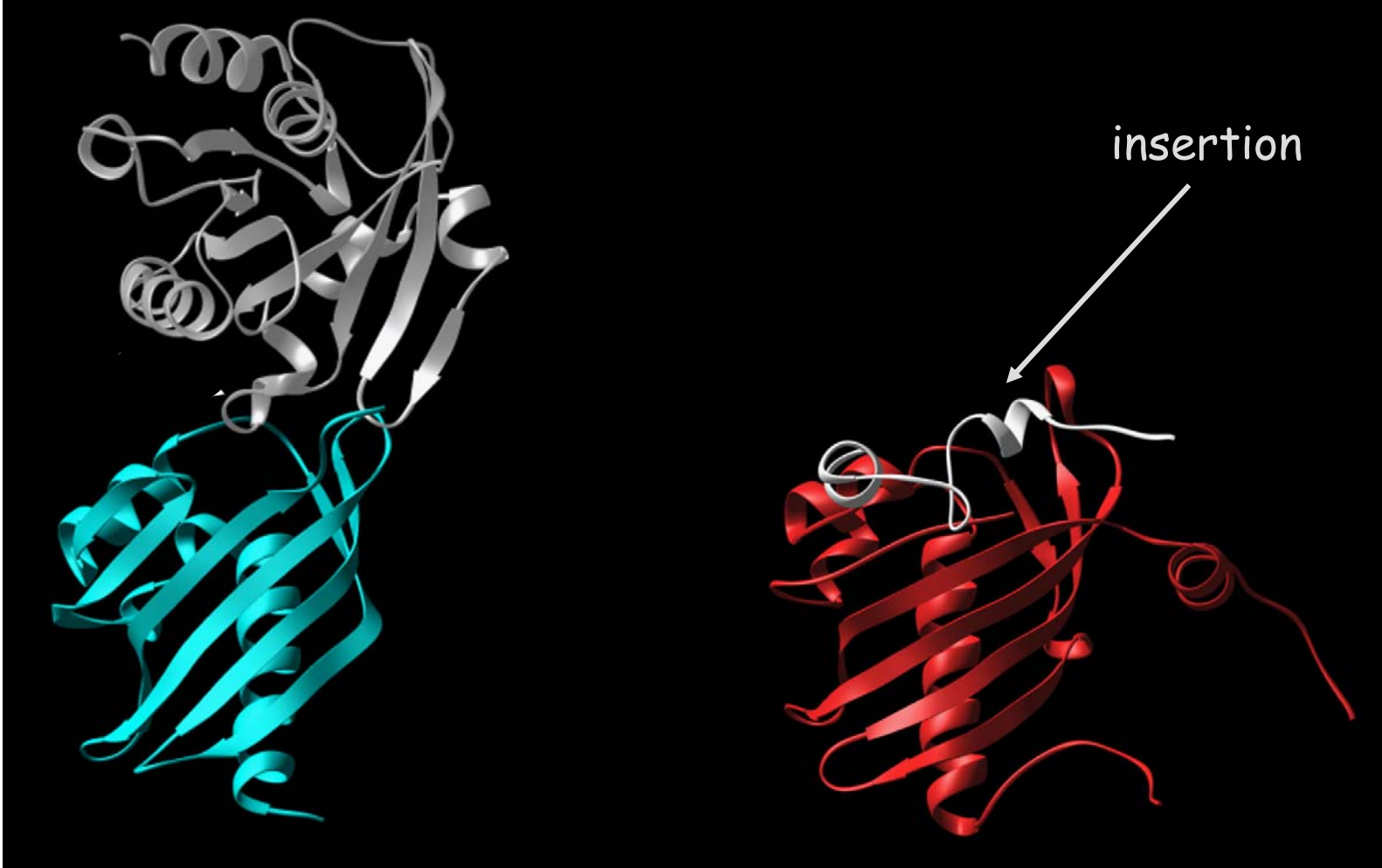


RanGDP

NTF2

Ran regulator to most transport pathways
?mRNA export pathway?

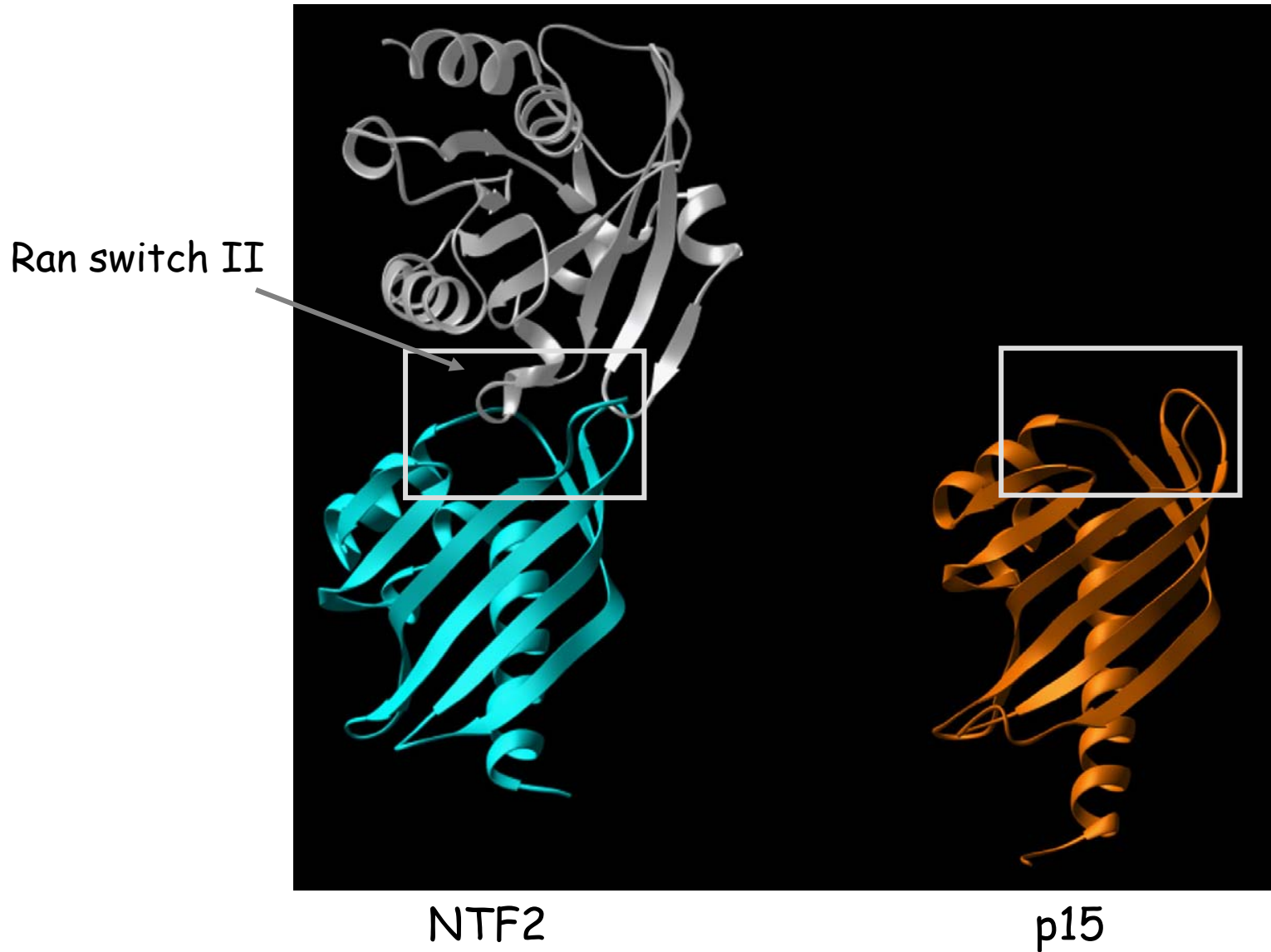
TAP structure is incompatible with Ran binding



NTF2

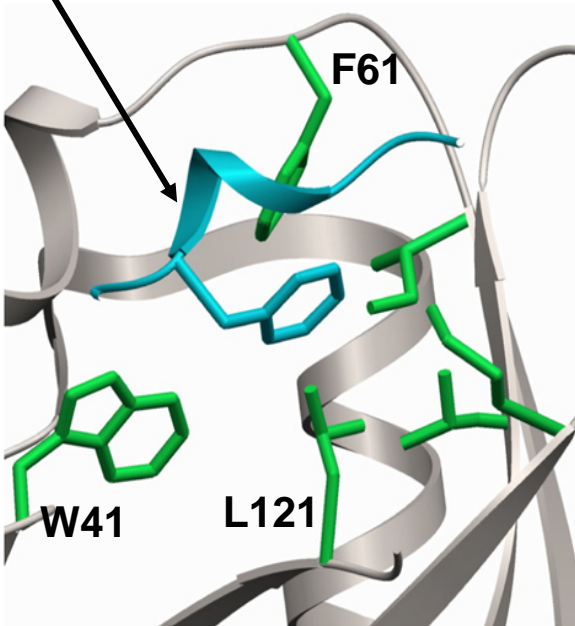
TAP

p15 structure is incompatible with Ran binding

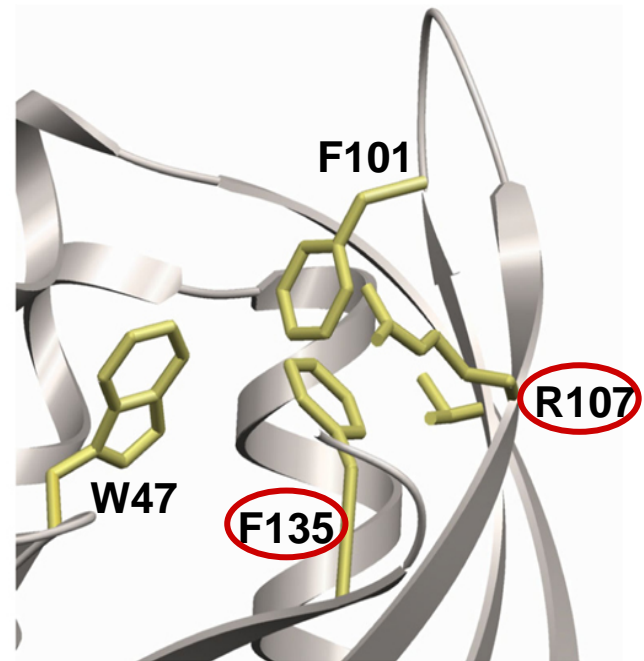


The Ran-binding pocket of NTF2 is occluded in p15

Ran switch II

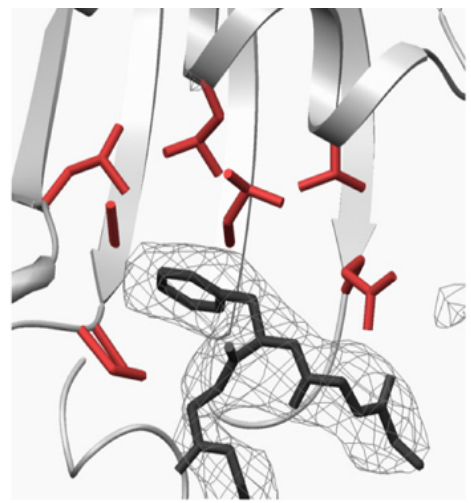
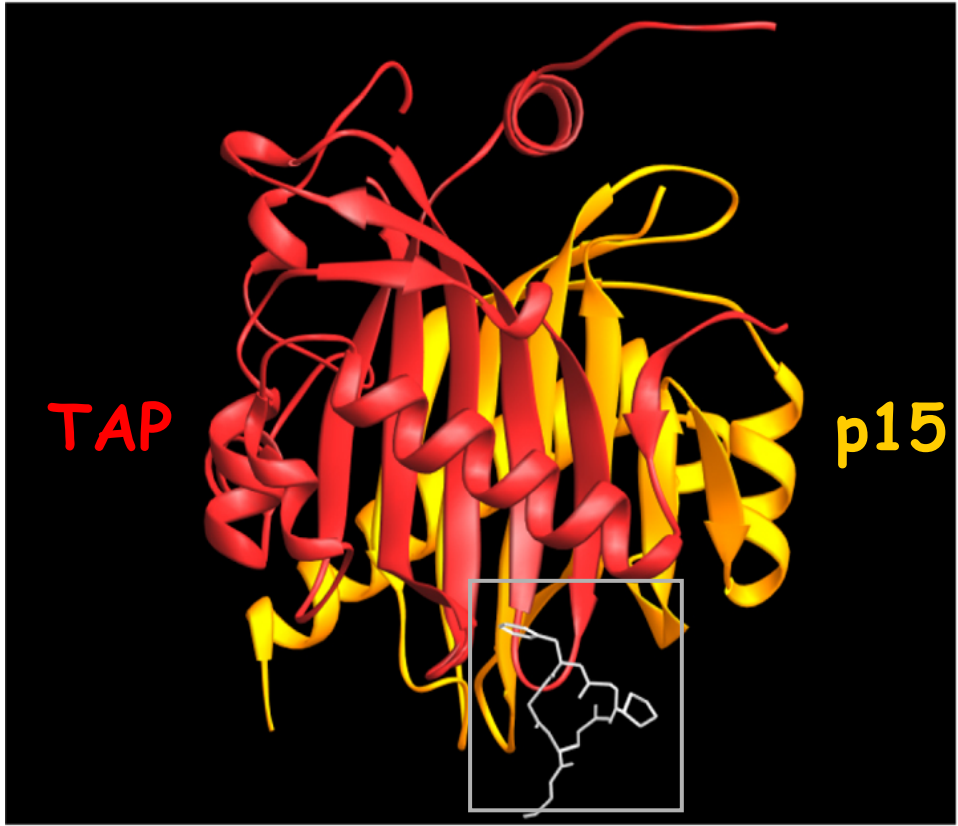


NTF2

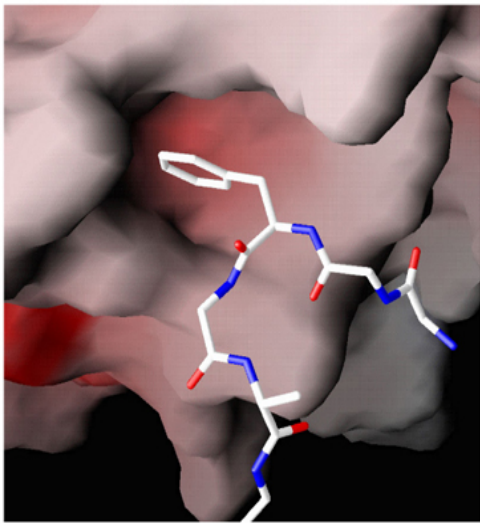


p15

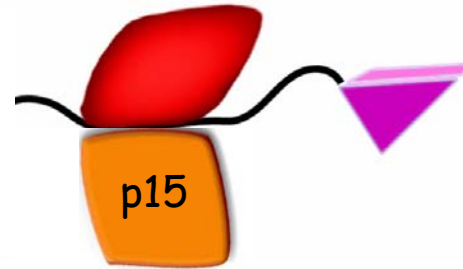
TAP NTF2-like domain binds Phe-Gly repeat nucleoporins



2.8 Å
*R*_{free} 26.9%

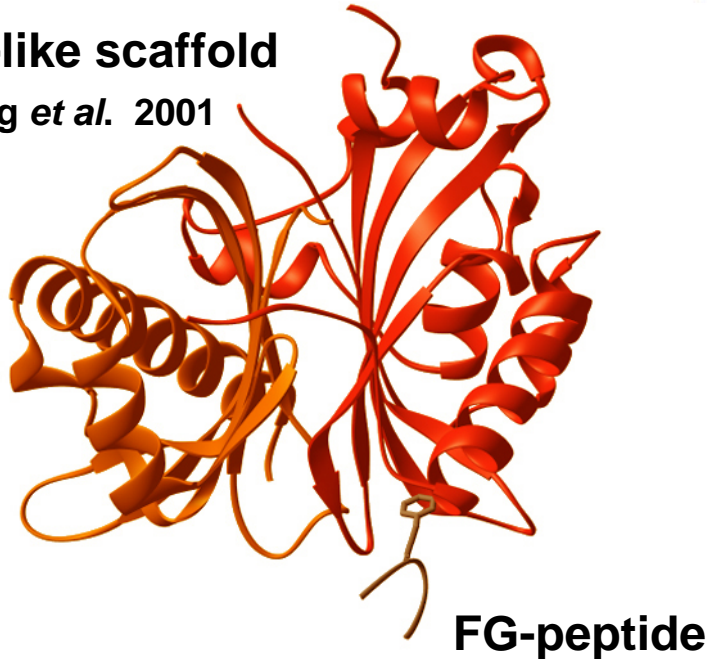


TAP:p15 directly interact with Phe-Gly containing nucleoporins via two structurally unrelated domains



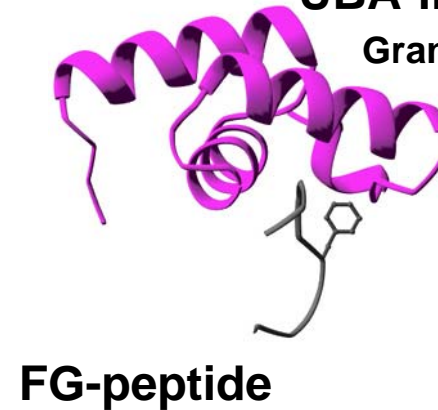
NTF2-like scaffold

Fribourg *et al.* 2001



UBA-like domain

Grant *et al.* 2003

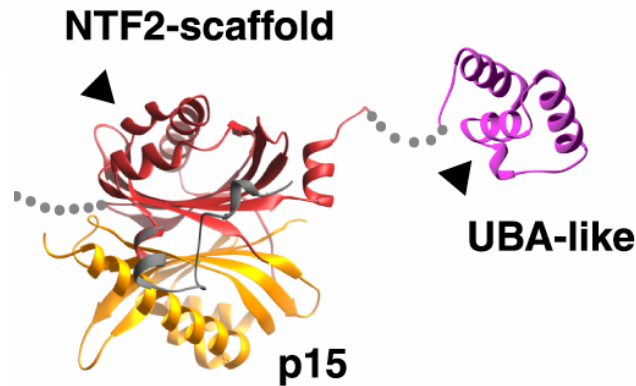


Recognition of nucleoporins:

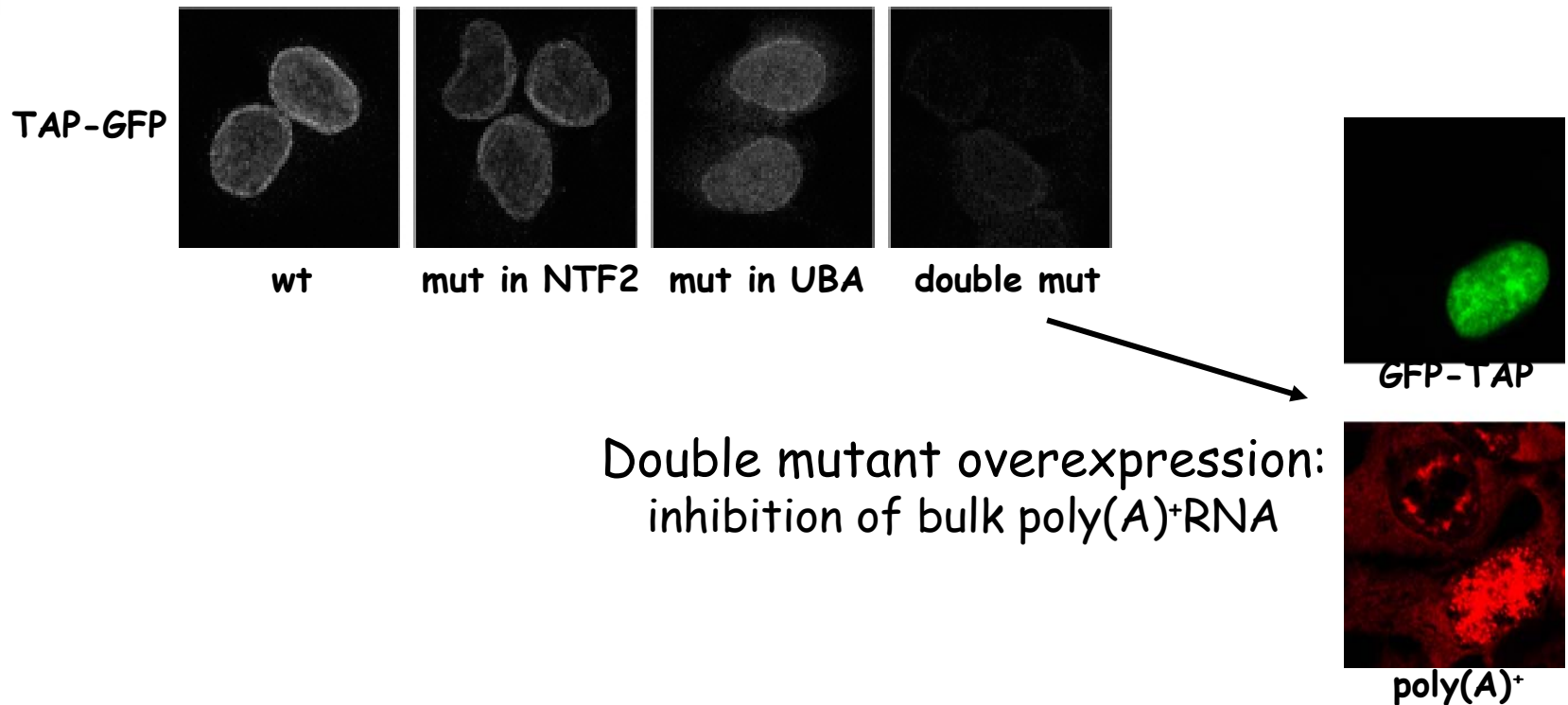
Phe residue: hydrophobic interactions

Gly residue: conformational flexibility

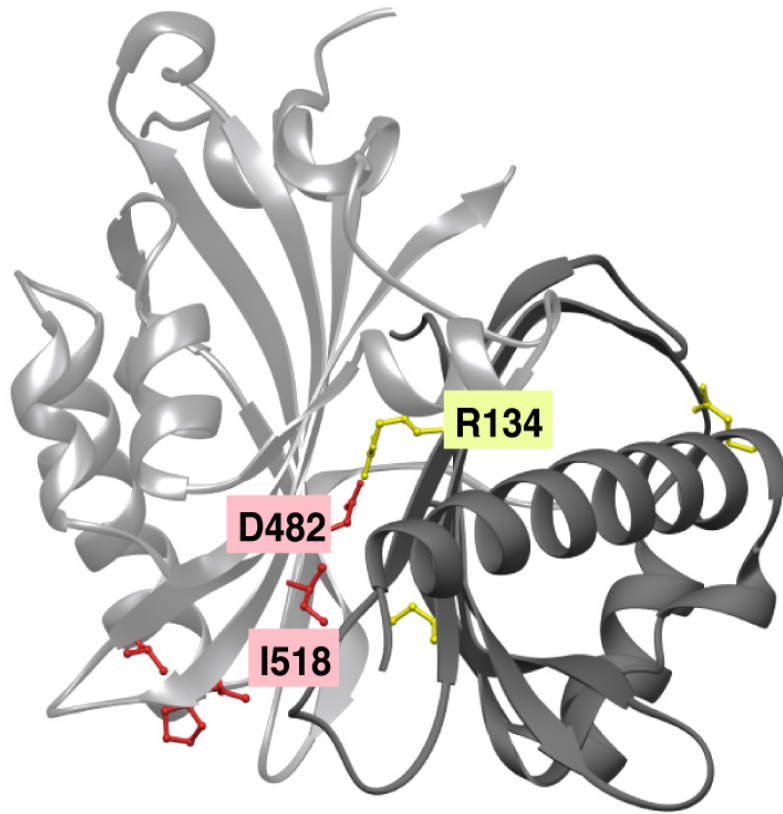
TAP has two nucleoporin binding sites



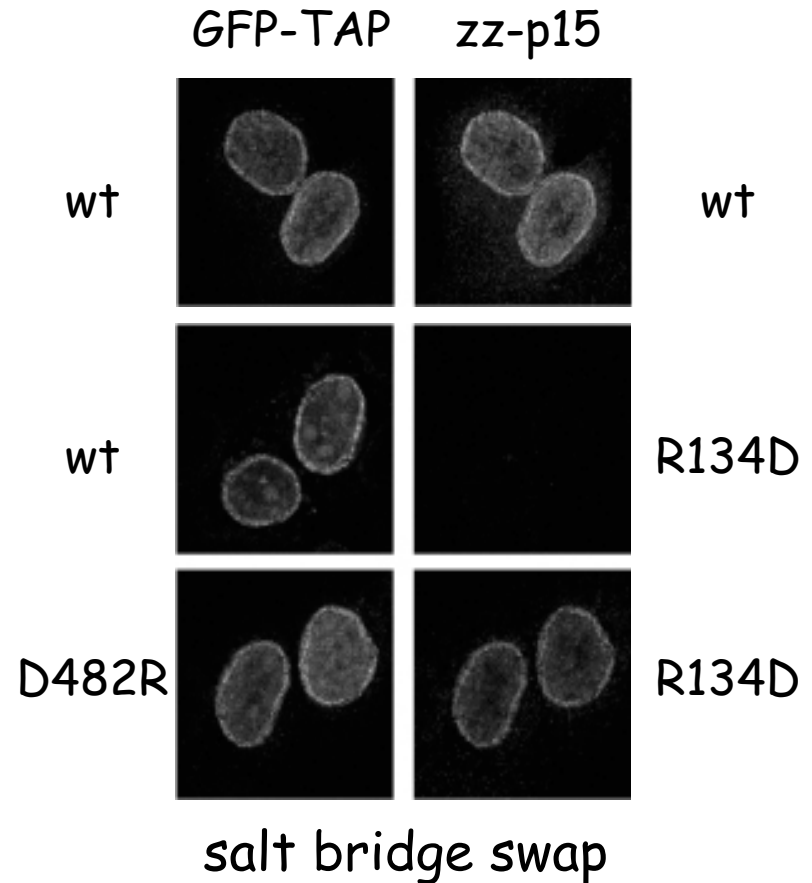
Mutation of nucleoporin-binding sites: nuclear envelope localization



p15 is recruited to the NPC by TAP



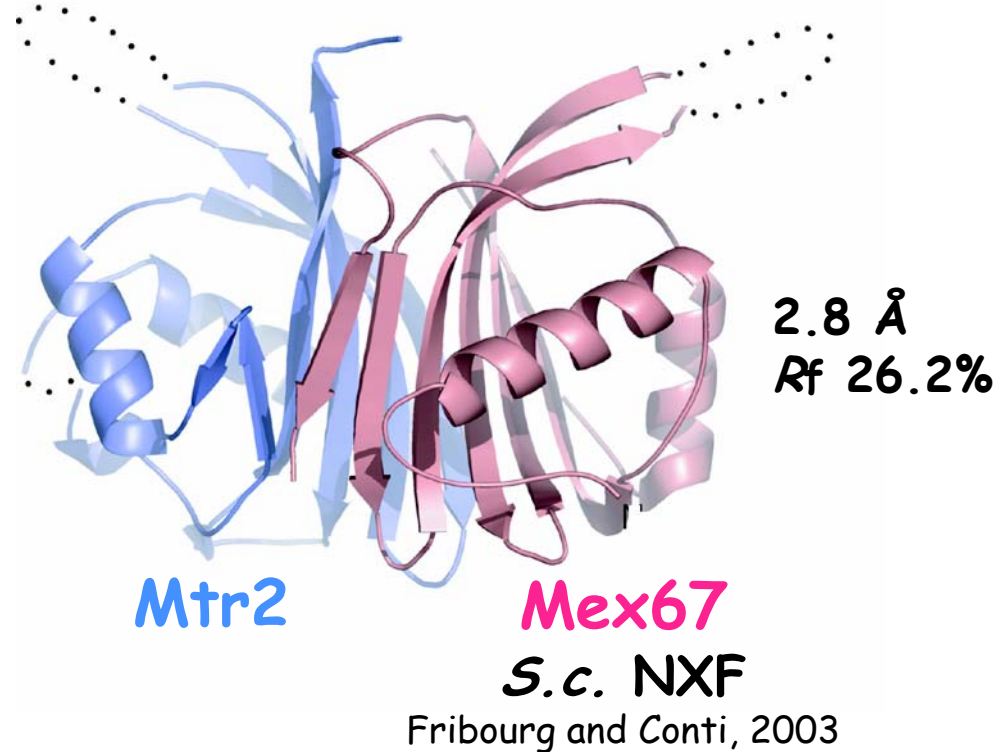
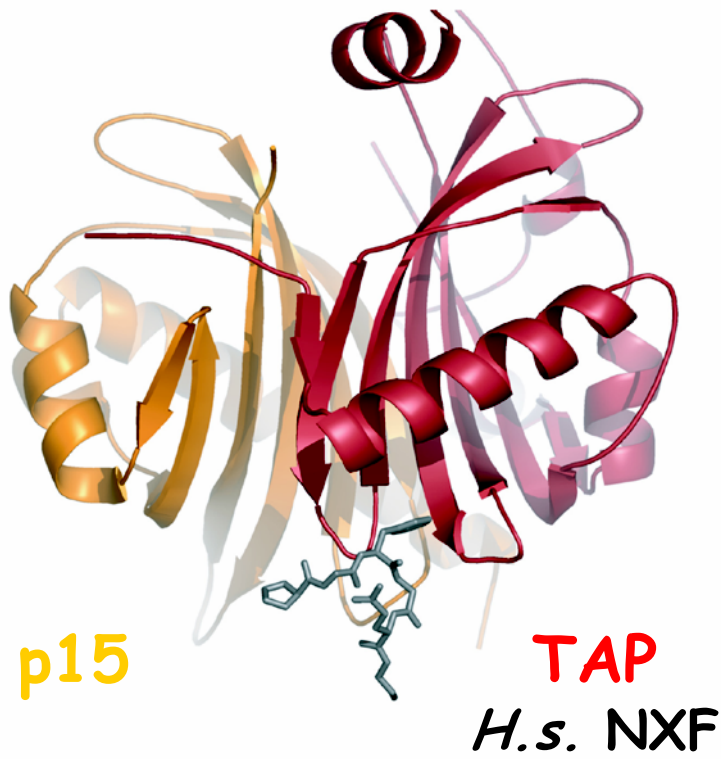
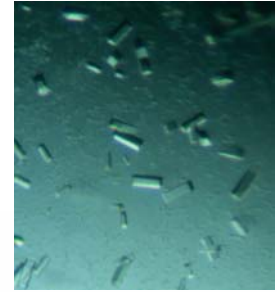
Nuclear envelope localization



the function of p15 is structural

TAP is conserved from lower to higher eukaryotes
Human TAP and yeast Mex67 (NXF)

The smaller subunit of the mRNA export factor is not conserved
Human p15 and yeast Mtr2: functional homologues
no sequence homology



Human p15 and yeast Mtr2: structural homology

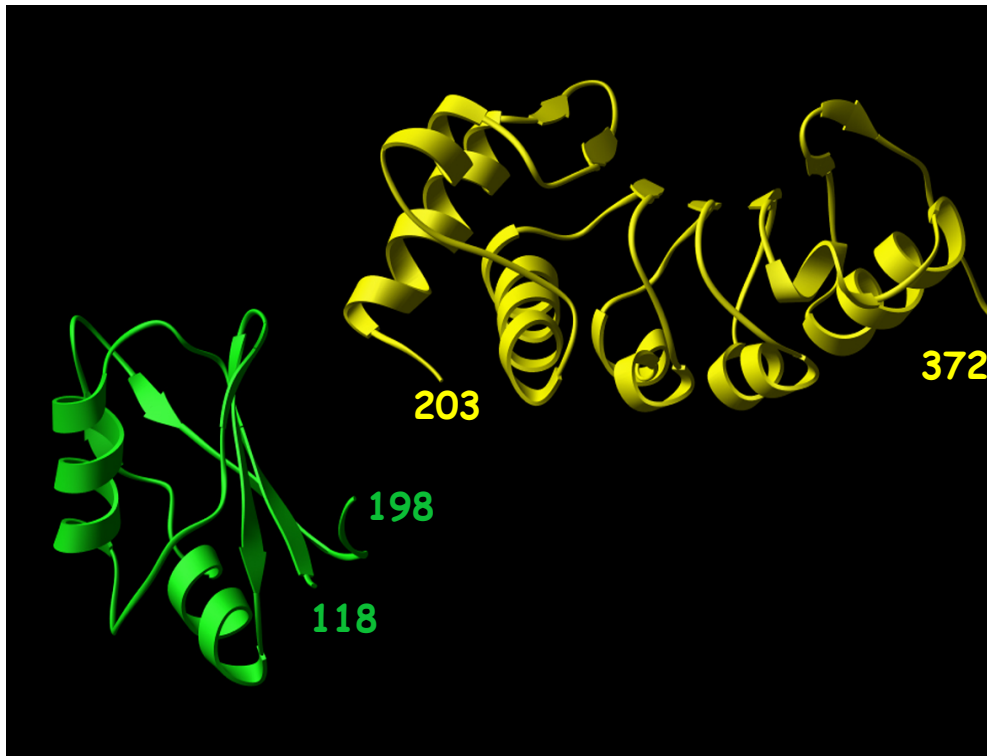
TAP N-terminal portion: cargo binding



Cellular mRNA (indirect binding via adaptors)
Viral CTE RNA (direct binding to human TAP)

RBD domain
RNA-binding

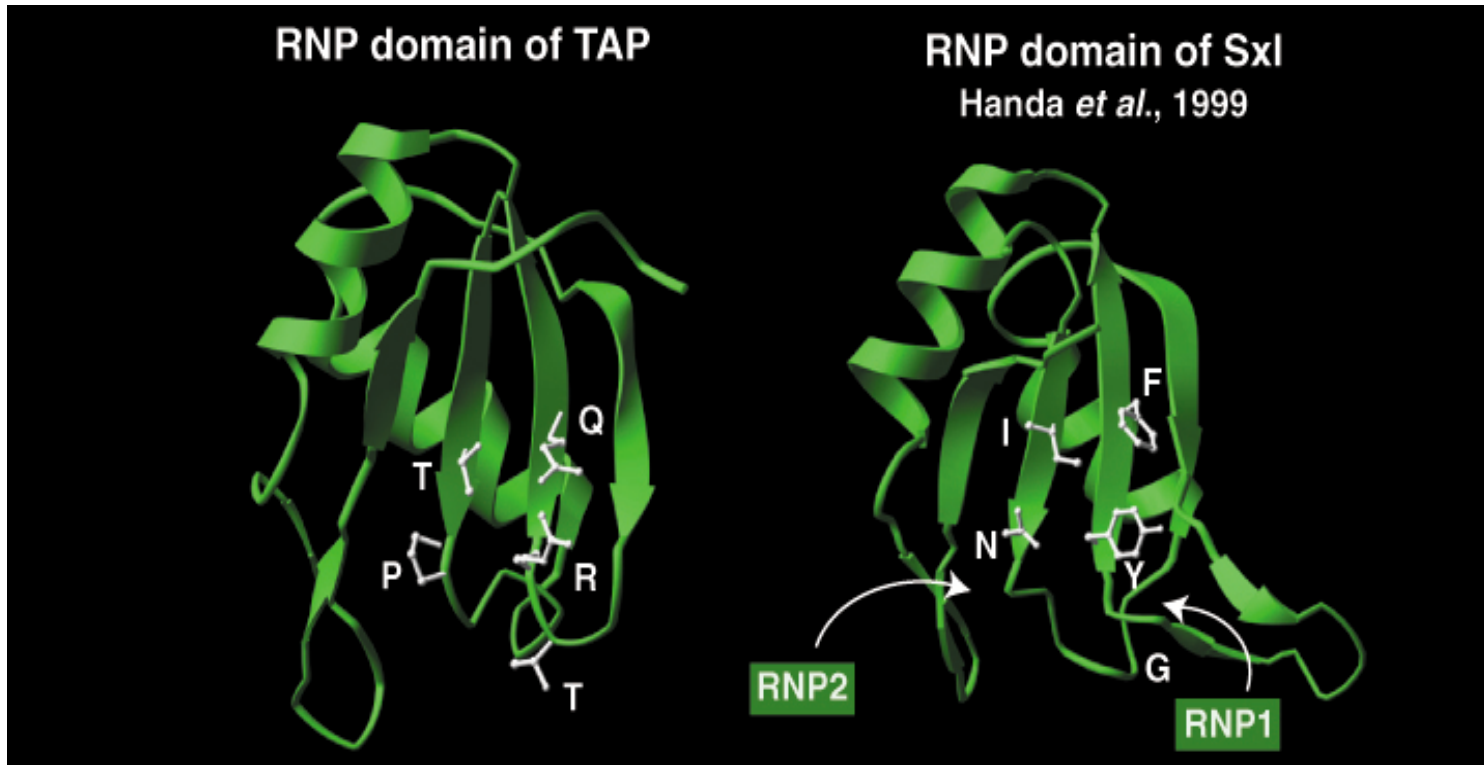
LRR domain
conserved human/yeast



2.9 Å resolution
R_{free} 27.8 %

Liker et al. 2000

RNA binding domain of TAP: canonical structure, non canonical sequence



	RNP2		RNP1
Sxl	... LIVNYL YGYAFVDF
U2B"	... IYINNM RGQAFVIF
TAP	... ITIPYG NTRAQFFV
deviation from consensus	▲ ▲		▲ ▲ ▲

LRR binding domain of TAP: structural homology to U2A'

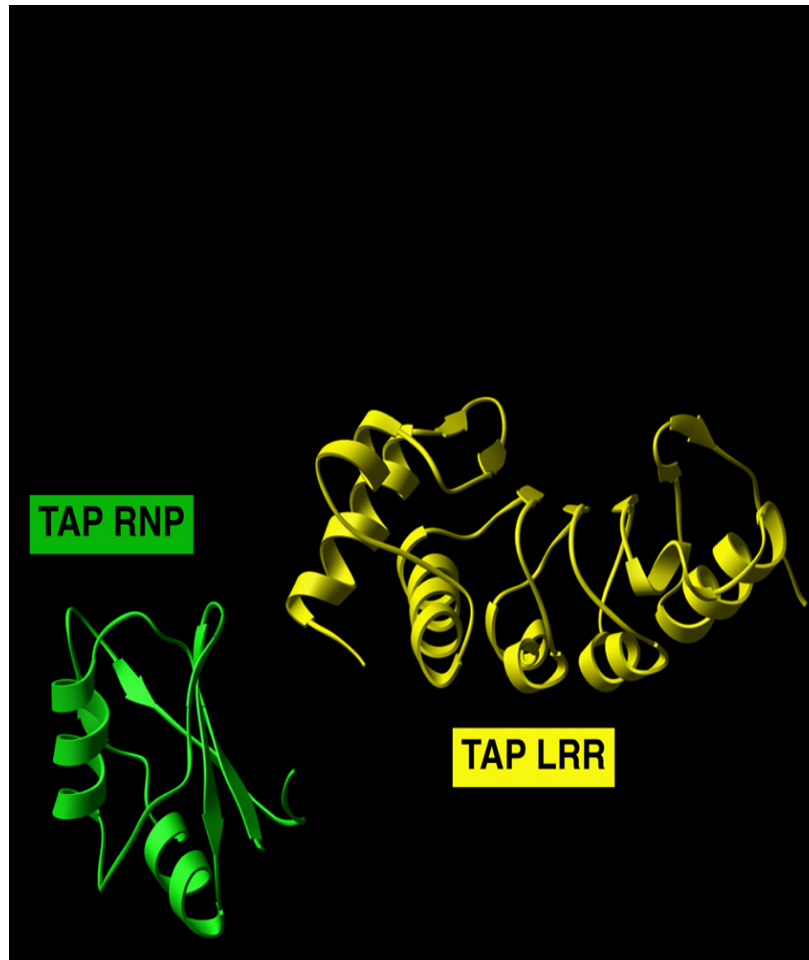


4 leucine-rich-repeats
in TAP

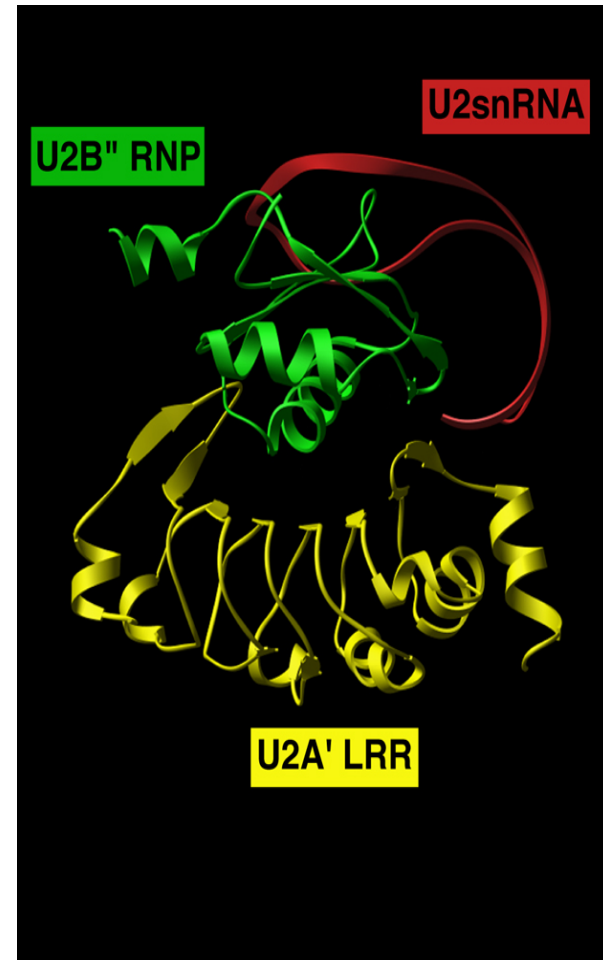


5 leucine-rich-repeats
in U2A'
(Price et al., 1998)

Structural homology



TAP RNP-LRR domains

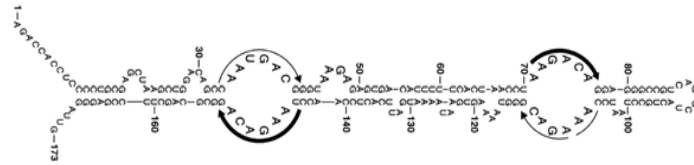


RNP-LRR domains
binding to U2 snRNA
(Price et al., 1998)

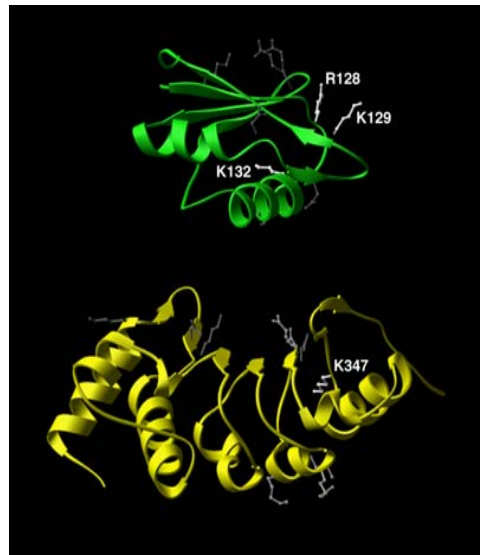
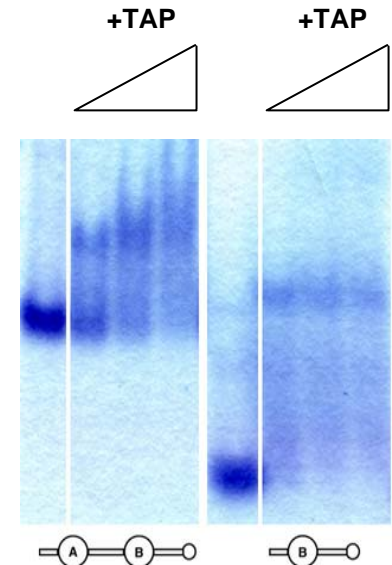
TAP RNP and LRR domains bind a viral RNA directly

Viral CTE RNA

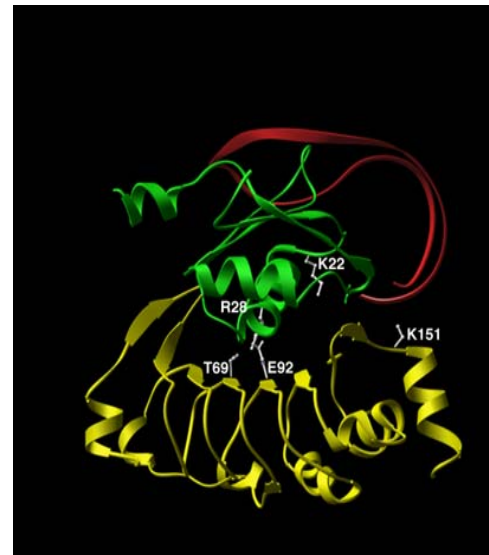
CTE-RNA:



TAP: RNP and LRR domains required (*in cis*)
mapped the surface by mutagenesis



TAP

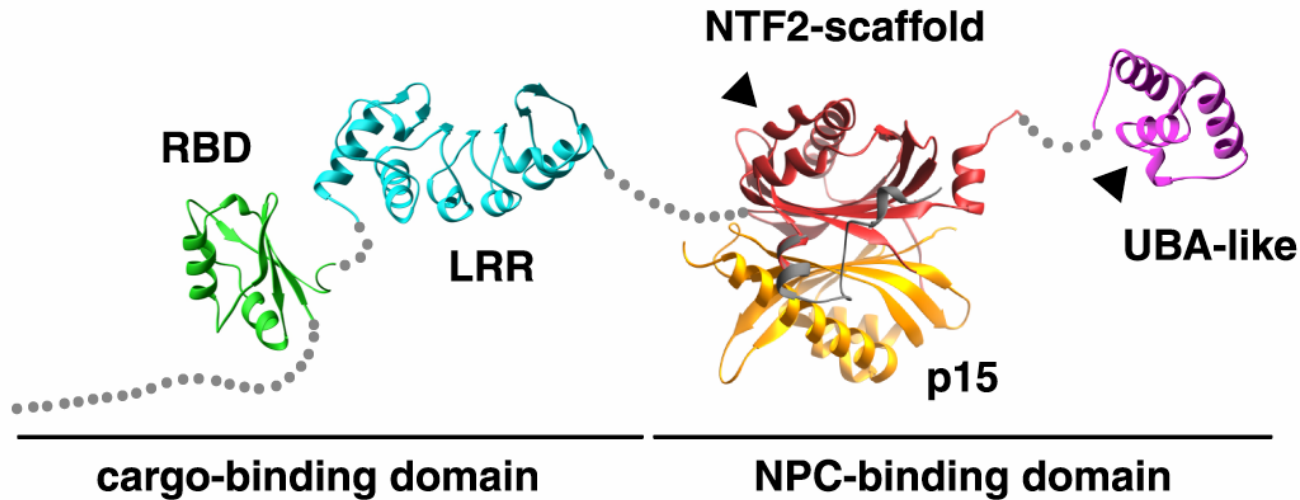


Spliceosomal complex
(Price et al., 98)

Cellular mRNA

TAP: RNP not strictly required (not conserved)
conserved LRR domain as an adaptor?

mRNA export receptor TAP:p15 heterodimer



TAP: conserved and essential LRR, NTF2-like and UBA-like domains

recognizes Phe-Gly nucleoporin repeats at two sites

The function of p15 is structural in maintaining a proper fold (Mtr2?)

It is not regulated by Ran

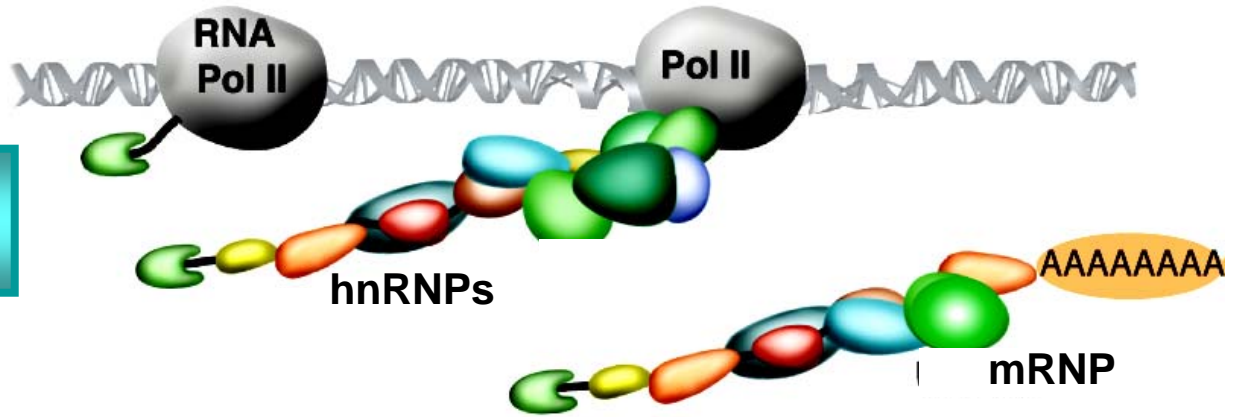
mRNA release?

mRNA binding? Adaptor proteins?

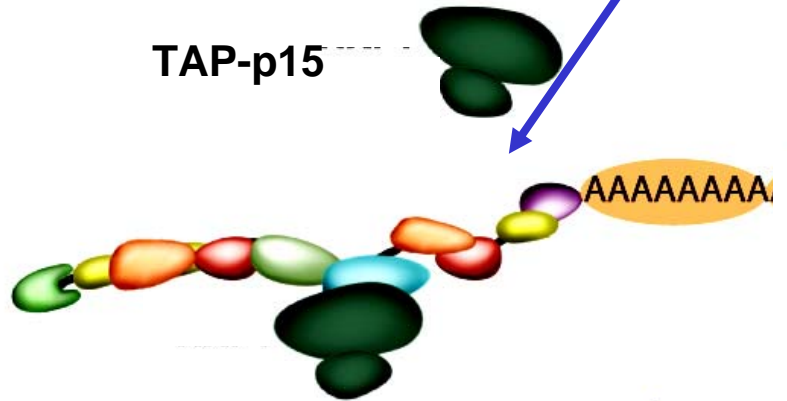
mRNA nuclear export

transcription

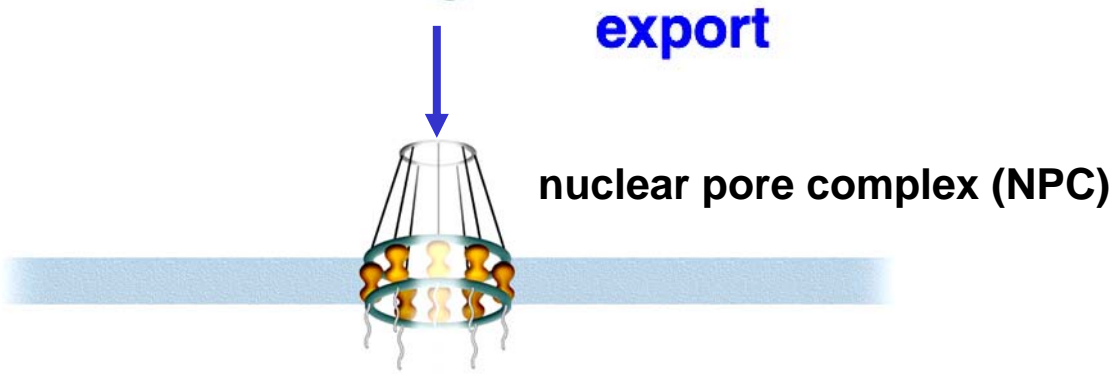
mRNA processing
mRNP assembly



cargo binding



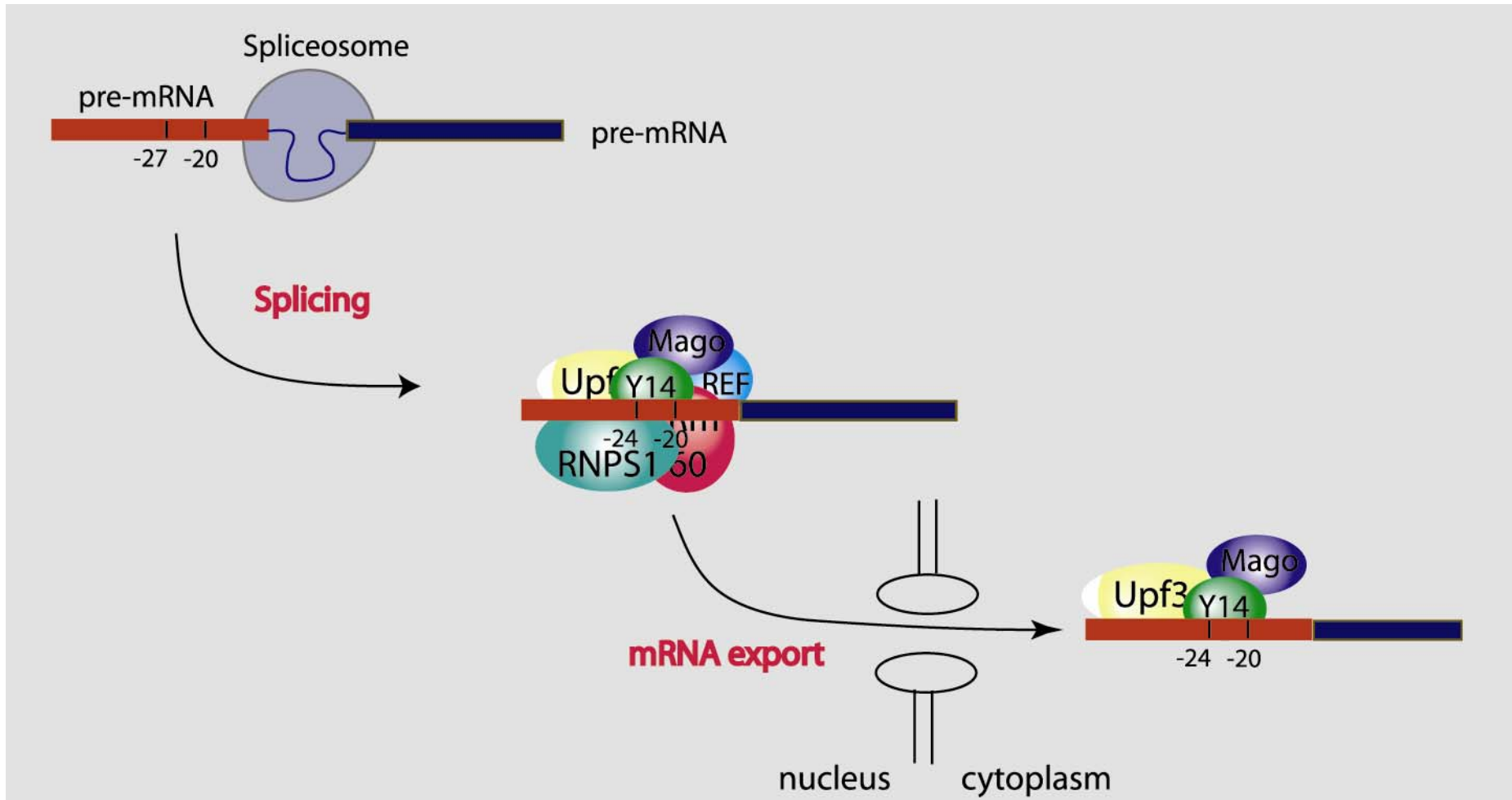
NPC docking
+ translocation



Translation
NMD/localization

Adaptors: the exon-exon junction complex?

EJC: protein complex deposited upstream of splice junctions



EJC proteins in mRNA metabolism: splicing, export, NMD, localization

Mago and Y14:

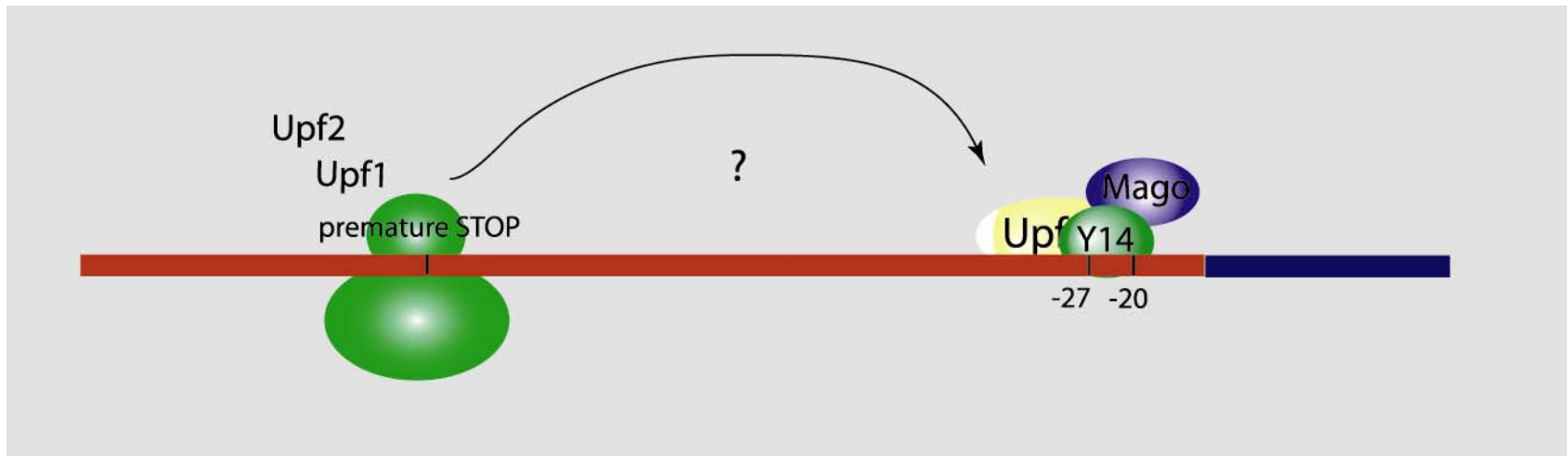
at the core of the EJC

form a complex in vitro and in vivo

from sequence: Y14 contains an RBD

involved in *oskar* mRNA localization

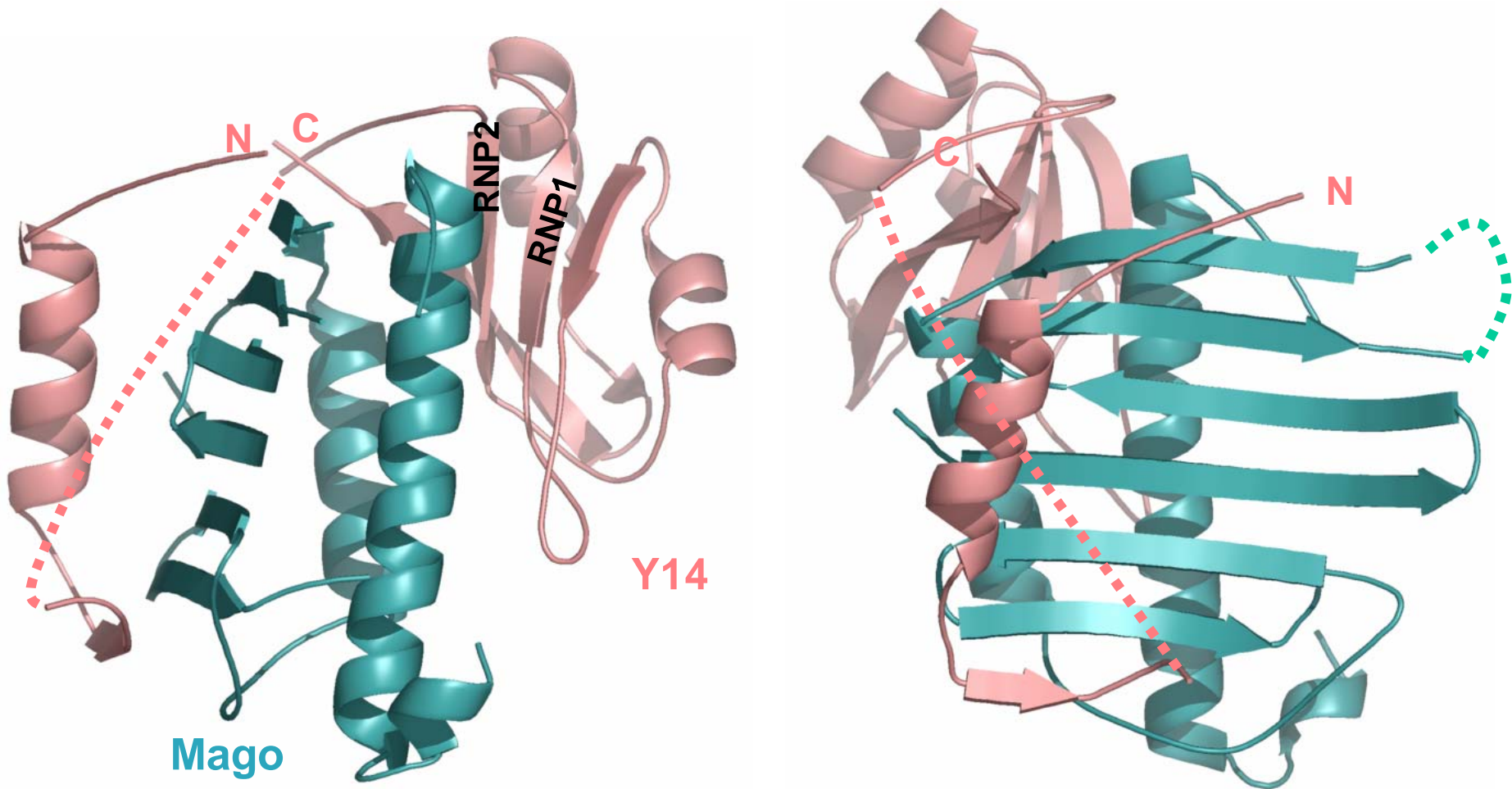
involved in nonsense mediated mRNA decay



Normal case: displacement of EJC proteins: no NMD, stable mRNA

Aberrant case (PTC): recruitment of NMD factors: mRNA degradation

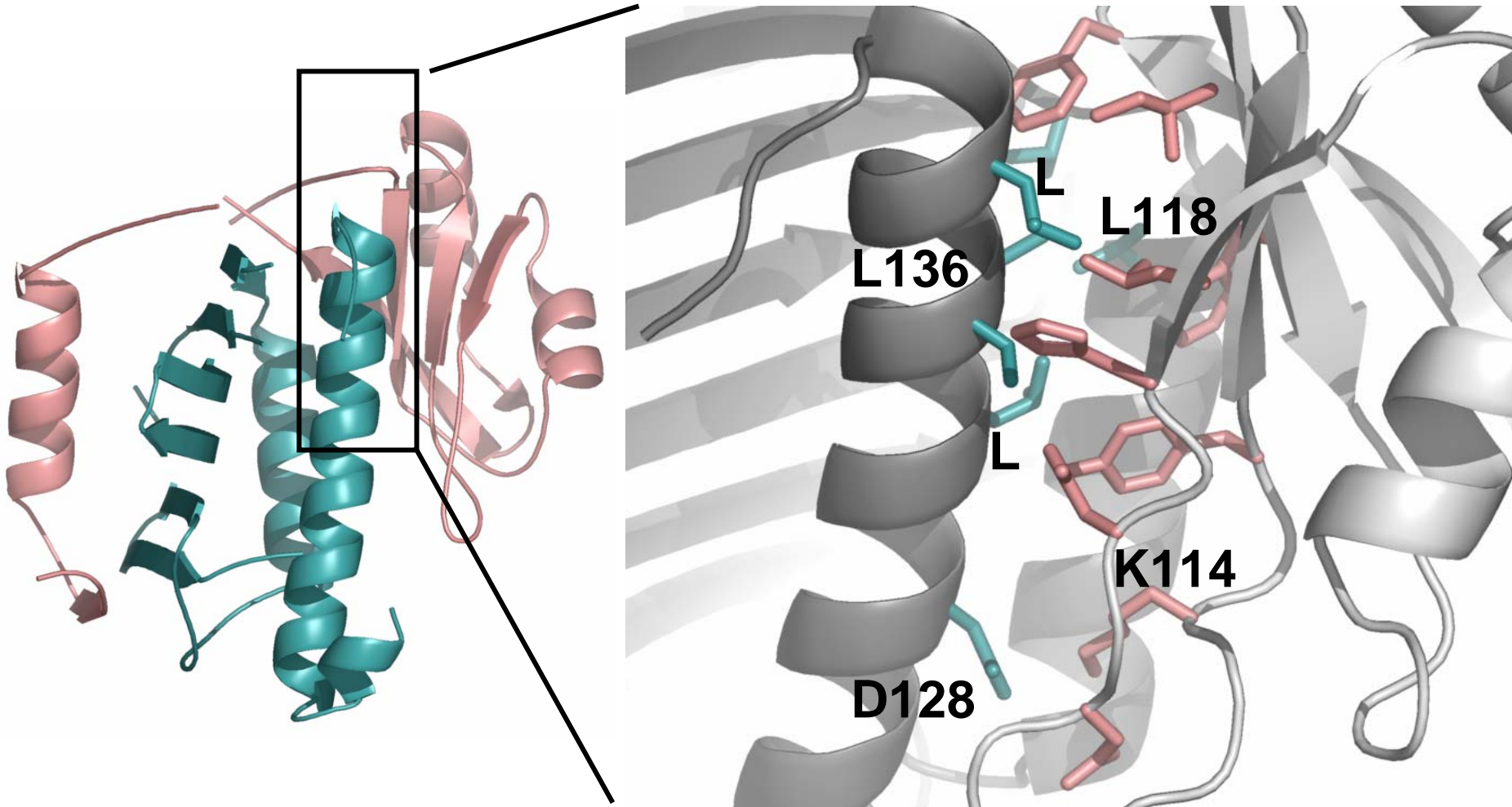
Mago-Y14 complex



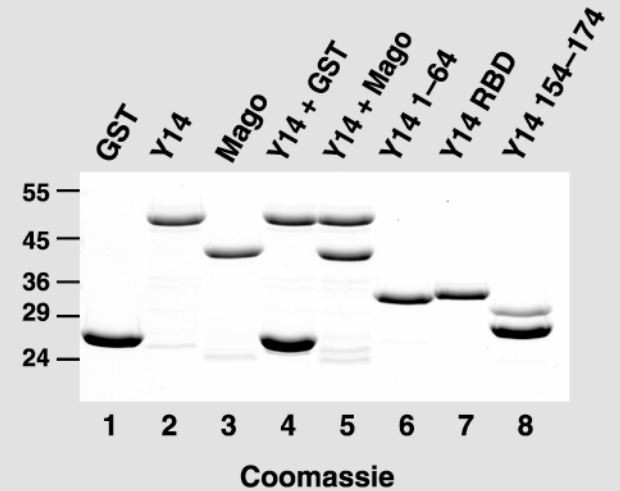
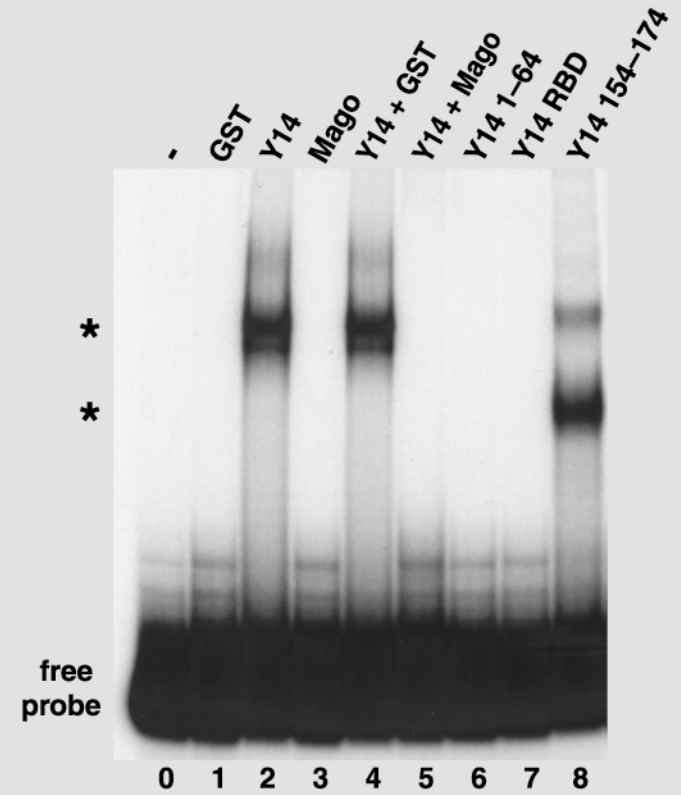
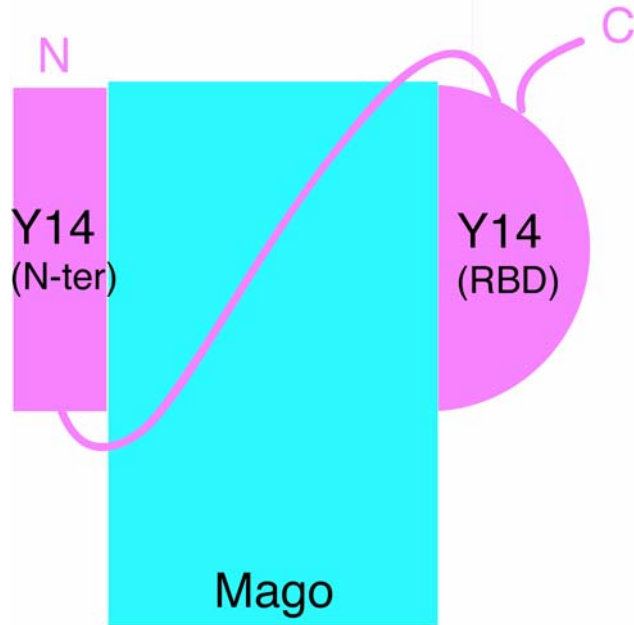
Mago is sandwiched between two domains of Y14

The RBD of Y14 binds the protein Mago

tight interaction interface



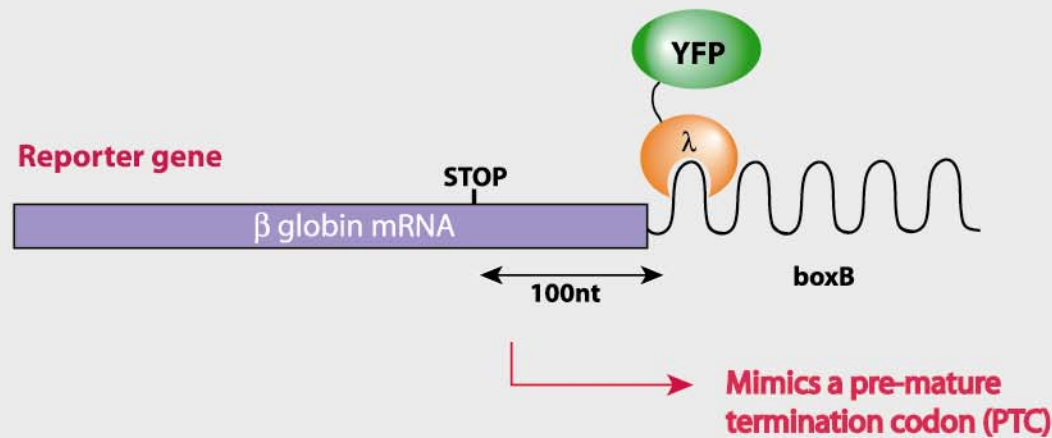
How does it contact RNA?



How does it work in nonsense-mediated mRNA decay?

Monitoring NMD by tethering protein to the 3' UTR of a mRNA

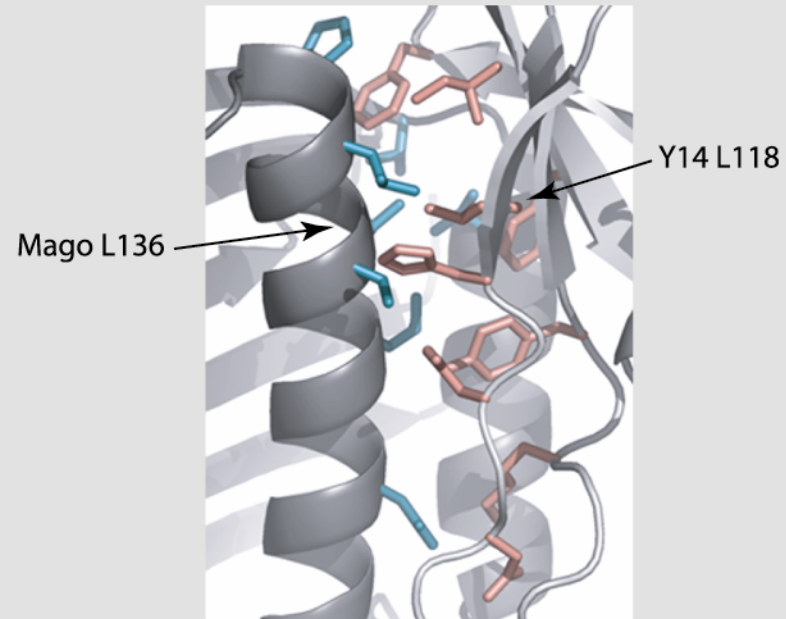
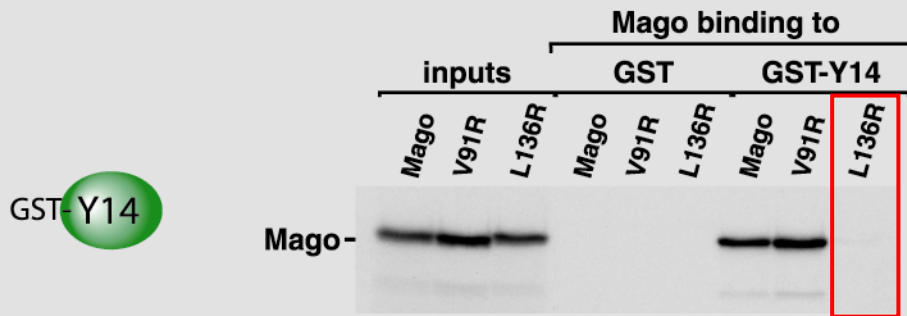
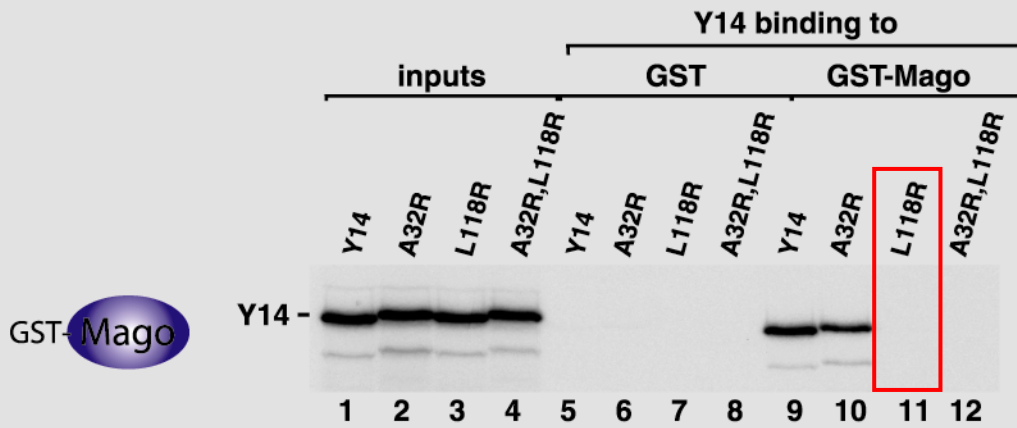
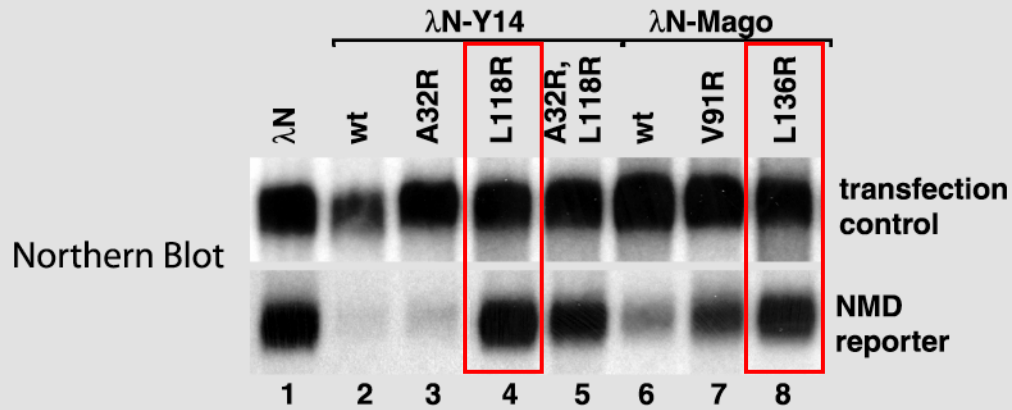
(Gehring et al. 2003)



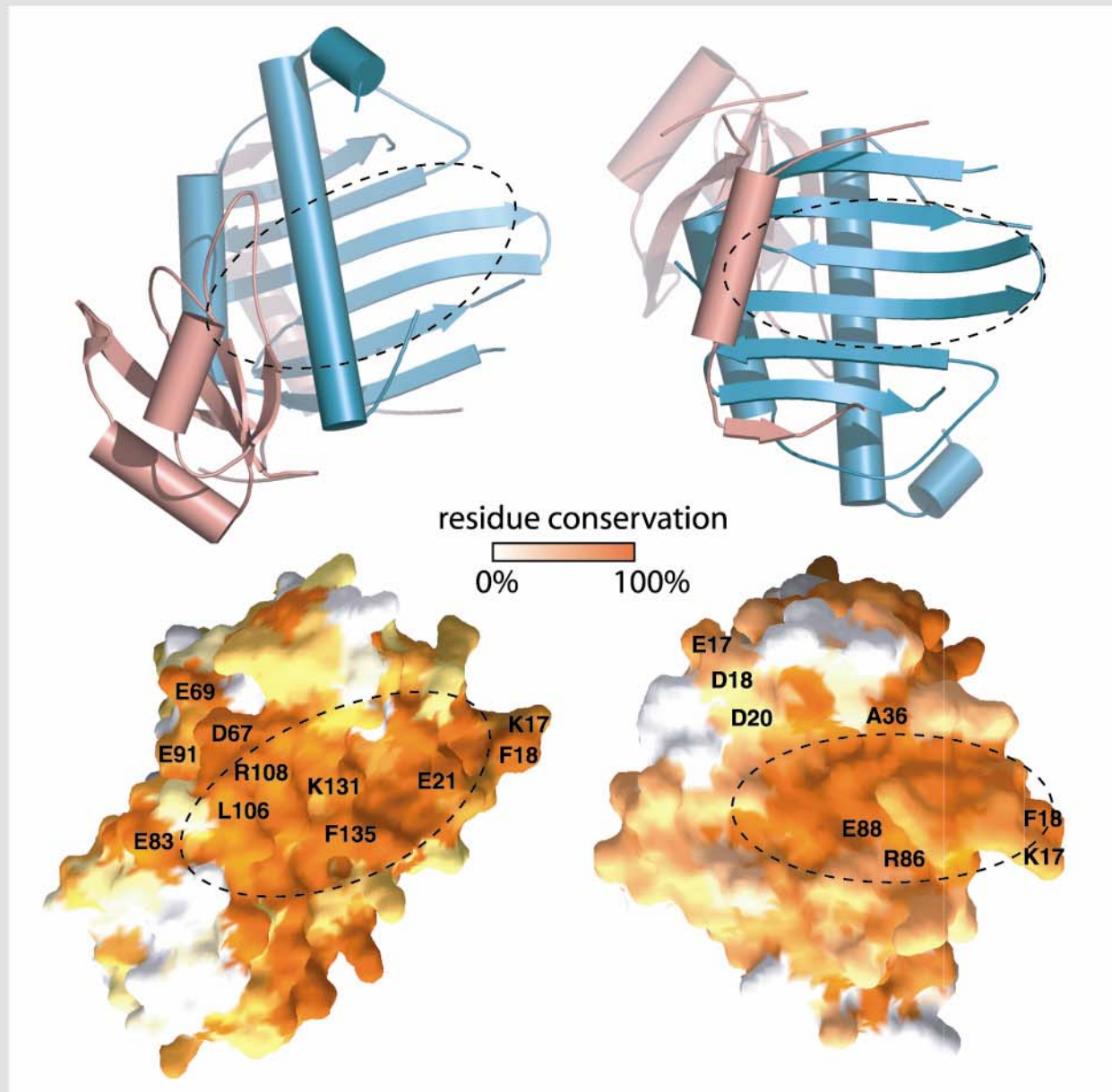
Protein involved in NMD \longrightarrow mRNA reporter degraded

Protein not involved in NMD \longrightarrow mRNA reporter not degraded

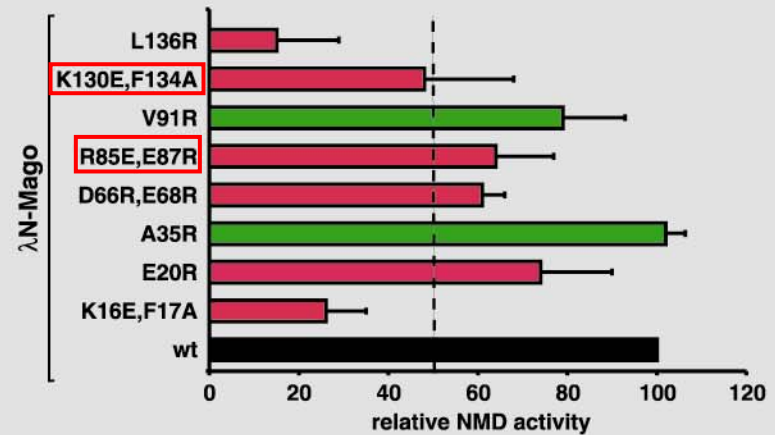
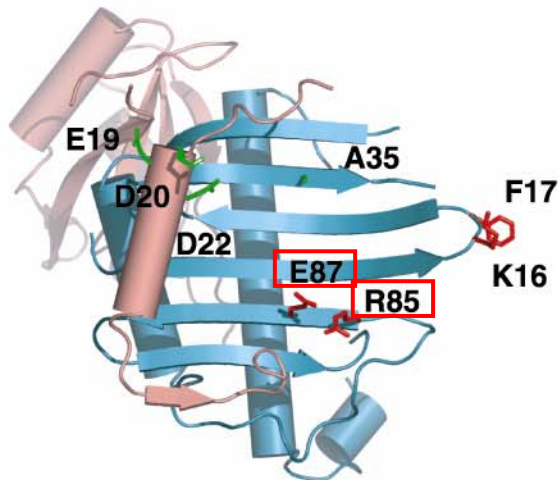
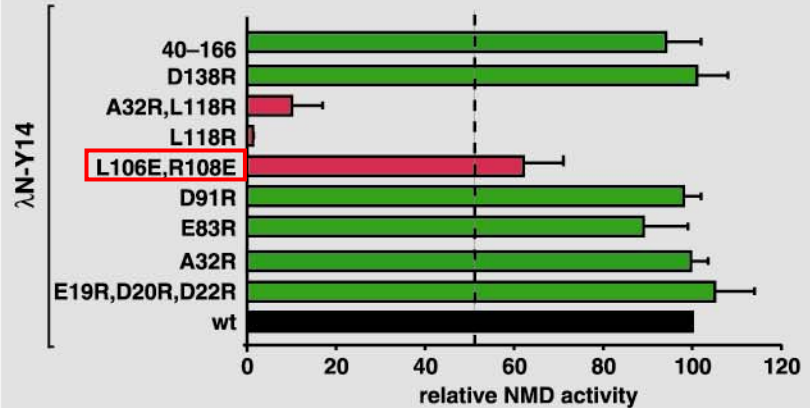
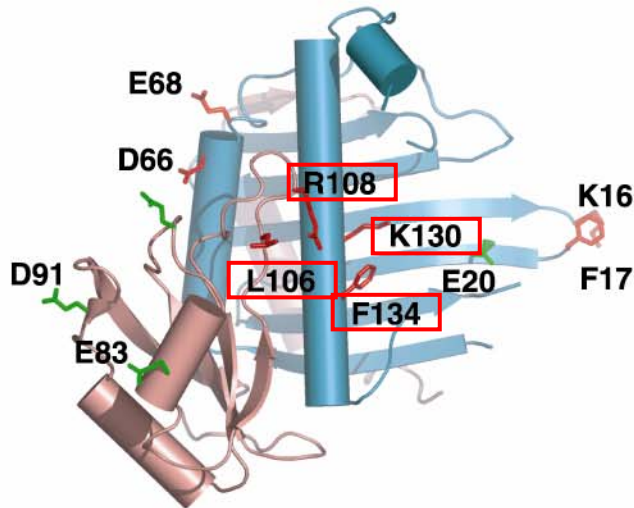
NMD is affected by disruption of Y14 - Mago heterodimer



A highly conserved surface

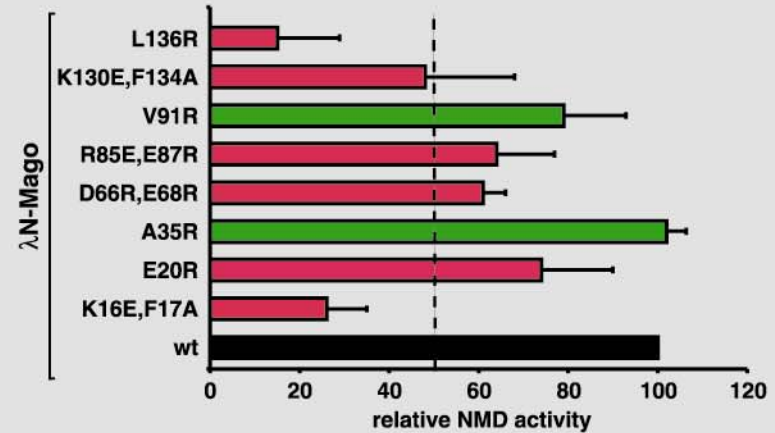
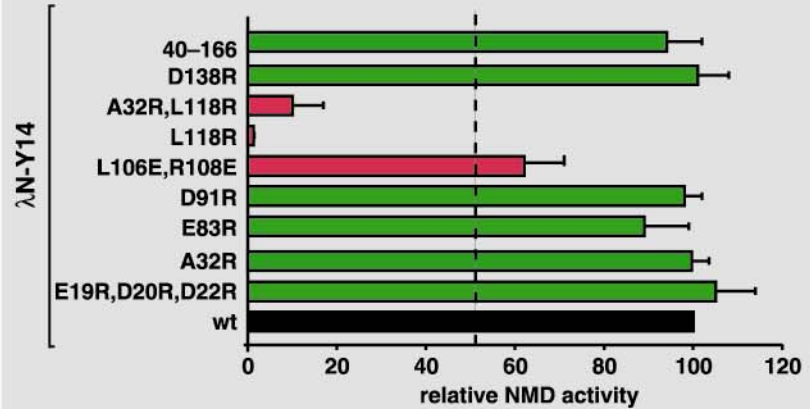
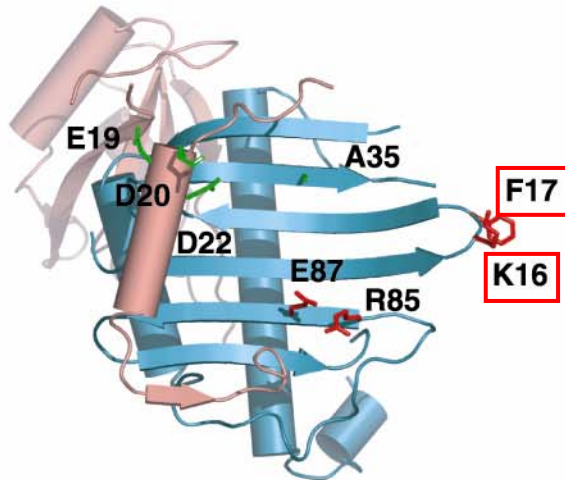
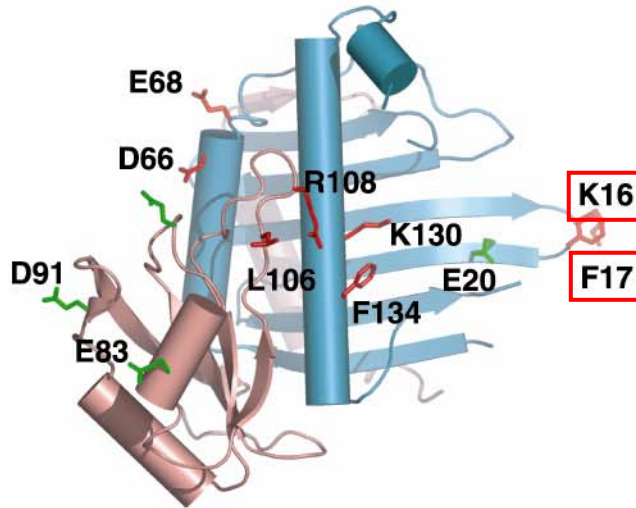


A highly conserved surface involved in NMD

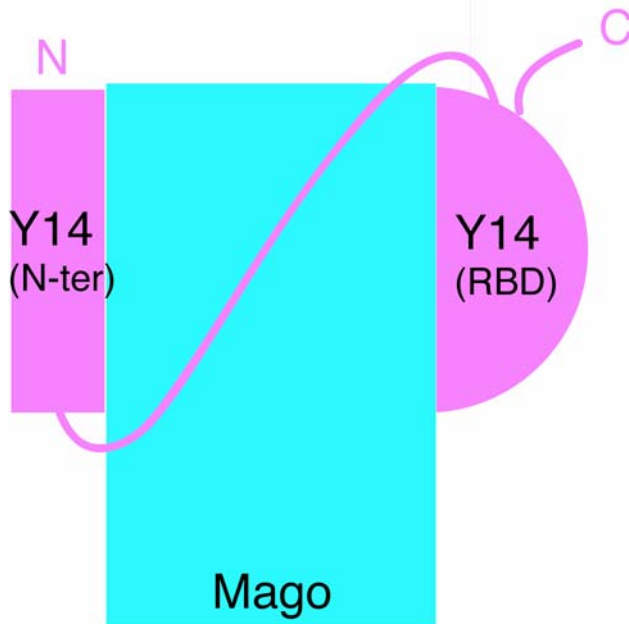


■ No effect on NMD
■ Alteration of NMD

A highly conserved surface involved in NMD



■ No effect on NMD
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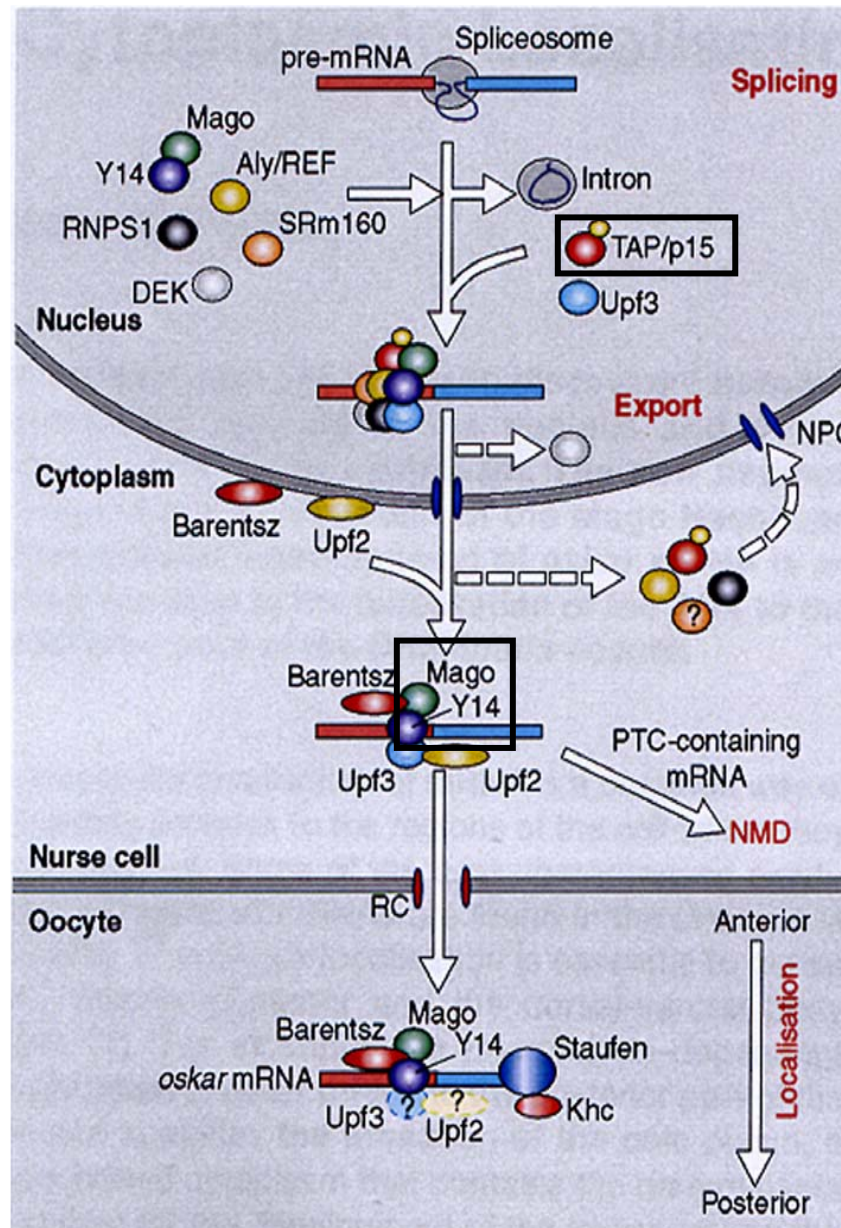


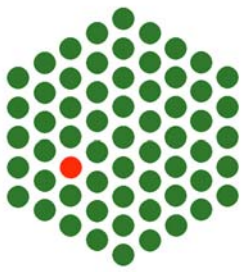
Both Y14 and Mago are required for nonsense mediated mRNA decay

Provide a binding platform for recruitment of the NMD machinery

Same surface is involved in both NMD and oskar mRNA localization

Current view of mRNA export





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