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## 27 **Abstract**

28 The endosomal sorting complex required for transport (ESCRT) is a highly conserved protein  
29 machinery that drives a diverse set of physiological and pathological membrane remodeling  
30 processes. However, the structural basis of ESCRT-III polymers stabilizing, constricting and  
31 cleaving negatively curved membranes is yet unknown. Here we present cryo electron microscopy  
32 structures of membrane-coated CHMP2A-CHMP3 filaments of two different diameters at 3.3 and  
33 3.6 Å resolution. The structures reveal helical filaments assembled by CHMP2A-CHMP3  
34 heterodimers in the open ESCRT-III conformation, which generates a partially positive charged  
35 membrane interaction surface, positions short N-terminal motifs for membrane interaction and the  
36 C-terminal VPS4 target sequence towards the tube interior. Inter-filament interactions are  
37 electrostatic, which may facilitate filament sliding upon VPS4-mediated polymer remodeling.  
38 Fluorescence microscopy as well as high speed atomic force microscopy imaging corroborate that  
39 CHMP2A-CHMP3 polymers and VPS4 can constrict and cleave narrow membrane tubes, thus  
40 acting as a minimal membrane fission machinery.

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## 43 **Introduction**

44 The endosomal sorting complex required for transport (ESCRT) machinery catalyzes  
45 many divergent membrane remodeling processes including the formation of multivesicular  
46 endosomes, cytokinesis, nuclear envelope reformation, membrane repair, autophagy, exosome  
47 biogenesis, neuronal pruning, dendritic spine maintenance, enveloped virus budding, release of  
48 peroxisomes and of recycling endosomes<sup>1-9</sup>.

49 Common to all ESCRT-catalyzed processes in eukaryotes, archaea and bacteria is the  
50 recruitment of ESCRT-III proteins that polymerize to generate and/or to stabilize membranes with  
51 either flat, negatively or positively curved geometries<sup>10-16</sup>. The principal function of the polymers  
52 is to induce membrane constriction via outside-in fission of tubular structures with ESCRT-III  
53 protein coats on the outside of a membrane tube or inside-out fission with ESCRT-III polymers  
54 assembled within membrane neck/tube structures formed during vesicle and virus budding or at  
55 the cytokinetic midbody<sup>10,13,16-19</sup>.

56 Humans express eight ESCRT-III proteins that can comprise several isoforms per  
57 member, corresponding to eight homologues in *S. cerevisiae* (in parentheses) named CHMP1A/B  
58 (Did2), CHMP2A/B (Vps2), CHMP3 (Vps24), CHMP4A/B/C (Snf7), CHMP5 (Vps60), CHMP6  
59 (Vps20), CHMP7 (CHM7) and CHMP8/IST1 (Ist1)<sup>10</sup>. *S. cerevisiae* assembles two ESCRT-III  
60 subcomplexes, Vps20/Snf7 that in turn recruits Vps24/Vps2<sup>20</sup> consistent with CHMP4 recruiting

61 CHMP3 and CHMP2A<sup>21</sup>. Notably, Vps24 (CHMP3) and Vps2 (CHMP2) have been suggested to  
62 block Snf7 (CHMP4) polymerization and cap ESCRT-III assembly prior to recycling<sup>22,23</sup>.  
63 Consistent with the idea of a core ESCRT-III, HIV-1 budding can be catalyzed with a minimal set  
64 of one CHMP4 and one CHMP2 isoform<sup>21</sup>. Although CHMP3 is not strictly required, truncated  
65 versions thereof exert a potent dominant negative effect on HIV-1 budding<sup>24,25</sup> and CHMP3  
66 synergizes HIV-1 budding efficiency with CHMP2A but not with CHMP2B<sup>26</sup>. Thus ESCRT-III  
67 CHMP4, CHMP2 and CHMP3 constitute a minimal machinery that together with VPS4 catalyzes  
68 membrane fission from within membrane necks as proposed by *in vitro* reconstitution<sup>27</sup>.

69 ESCRT-III proteins adopt a closed conformation in the cytosol<sup>28-30</sup>. Membrane recruitment  
70 via ESCRT-I, ESCRT-II or Alix/Bro1<sup>31-34</sup> is thought to induce ESCRT-III activation, which entails  
71 opening of the closed conformation<sup>24,35,36</sup> to an extended open polymerization-competent  
72 conformation as first shown for CHMP1B<sup>37</sup>. The CHMP1B polymer stabilizes positively curved  
73 membranes and can co-polymerize with IST1 in the closed conformation thereby forming an outer  
74 layer on top of the inner open conformation CHMP1B layer<sup>37</sup>, whose interplay leads to membrane  
75 tube thinning and cleavage<sup>17,38</sup>.

76 CHMP4 homologues, Snf7 and shrub, adopt similar open conformations within crystalline  
77 polymers<sup>39,40</sup>. Notably *in vitro* CHMP4 polymers interact with flat membranes,<sup>41-43</sup> and stabilize  
78 positively curved membranes in the presence of CHMP2A (Vps2) and CHMP3 (Vps24)<sup>11,12</sup>.  
79 Furthermore, CHMP4 was proposed to interact with negatively curved membranes<sup>44</sup> and CHMP4  
80 spirals have been imaged within membrane tubes *in vivo*<sup>45,46</sup> leading to the model of ESCRT-III  
81 spiral springs assembling on flat membranes driving membrane deformation<sup>42</sup>.

82 The conservation of the structural principle of the open ESCRT-III conformation is further  
83 underlined by the structures of plastid and bacterial membrane repair proteins Vipp1 and PspA,  
84 which both stabilize positively curved membranes and corroborate the conservation of the  
85 ESCRT-III machinery throughout all kingdoms of life<sup>14,15,47</sup>.

86 While these structures demonstrate filament formation to stabilize positively curved  
87 membranes only low resolution models of filaments stabilizing negatively curved membranes have  
88 yet been imaged revealing single and multi-stranded polymers *in vitro*<sup>11,12,29,41-43,48-51</sup> and *in vivo*  
89<sup>43,45,46,52-55</sup>. Consistent with their central role in membrane fission catalyzed from within membrane  
90 necks, ESCRT-III CHMP2A and CHMP3 form helical tubular structures with defined diameters *in*  
91 *vitro*, which have been suggested to stabilize negative membrane curvature<sup>26,48</sup>. VPS4 constricts  
92 these filaments producing dome-like end caps prior to complete polymer disassembly *in vitro*<sup>56</sup> in  
93 agreement with the proposal of VPS4-driven subunit extraction and filament closure<sup>57</sup> and

94 continuous ESCRT-III turn-over *in vivo*<sup>43,58,59</sup>. Notably, *S. cerevisiae* Vps2 and Vps24 form similar  
95 helical tubes that, however, seem to require Snf7 for polymerization<sup>51</sup>.

96 Because most ESCRT-catalyzed processes act on negatively curved membranes to  
97 catalyze inside-out membrane fission, we set out to determine the structural basis of ESCRT-III  
98 stabilizing negatively curved membranes. We reconstituted CHMP2A-CHMP3 polymers within  
99 membrane tubes, solved their structure by cryo electron microscopy and show that VPS4 can  
100 indeed constrict CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane tubes to the point of fission, corroborating that  
101 CHMP2A and CHMP3 form a minimal membrane fission complex powered by VPS4 and ATP.

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## 103 **Results**

### 104 **Structure of the CHMP2A-CHMP3 polymer assembled within membrane tubes**

105 CHMP3 full length (residues 1-222) and C-terminally truncated CHMP2A (residues 1-161) were  
106 assembled into helical tubular structures as described<sup>48</sup>. After removal of the N-terminal tags, the  
107 tubular structures were coated with lipid bilayer, which tightly associated with the protein layer as  
108 shown by cryo electron microscopy (cryo-EM) (**Extended Data Fig.1a**). 2D classification of the  
109 manually picked tube-like structures generated a dataset composed of 5 different diameters  
110 ranging from 380 Å to 490 Å, with the 410 Å (51.4%) and 430 Å (31.2%) diameters representing  
111 the most populated classes (**Extended Data Fig.1b**). The power spectra of the segments of the  
112 class averages of the two diameters (**Extended Data Fig.1c and d**) were then employed to  
113 explore possible helical symmetries and combined with helical real-space reconstruction<sup>60</sup> to  
114 validate the symmetry parameters. This revealed that the 410 Å and 430 Å diameter tubes are  
115 formed by elementary helices composed of respectively 6.3 and 6.6 units per turn with a small  
116 pitch of 9 Å for the 410 Å diameter and 18 Å for the 430 Å diameter. The latter displays an  
117 additional C2 symmetry around the helical axis, explaining the doubling of the pitch (**Extended**  
118 **Data Fig.1c and d**). Although, the asymmetric units along the elementary helix are not  
119 biochemically connected, they translate into filaments with extended interaction surfaces between  
120 subsequent asymmetric units. The symmetry parameters of the filaments are relatively similar for  
121 both diameters (Rise/Twist of 8.227 Å /16.877° and 8.641 Å /17.701° for the 410 Å and 430 Å  
122 diameters, respectively), and therefore likely represent the preferred polymerization mode of the  
123 repeating unit, the CHMP2A-CHMP3 heterodimers (**Extended Data Fig.1c and d**).

124 Six filaments (2\*3 in the case of the C2 symmetric helix) form left-handed six-start helices  
125 with helical pitches of ~175 Å for both diameters (**Fig. 1a and b**). The 430 Å filament is composed  
126 of 21.33 units per turn (**Fig. 1a and b**) and the 410 Å filament contains 20.33 units per turn (**Fig.**  
127 **1c and d**), indicating a helical repeat after three turns and similar inter-filament interactions along

128 the helical axis. Comparison of the 430 and 410 Å diameter tubes demonstrates that removal of  
129 one heterodimer reduces the tube diameter by 20 Å.

130 The three-dimensional (3D) helical reconstruction shows an overall resolution of 3.6 Å for  
131 the 410 Å and 3.3 Å for the 430 Å diameter (**Fig. 1; Extended Data Fig.2 and 3a**) with local  
132 resolutions ranging from 3.3 Å to 4.6 Å for the 430 Å diameter and 3.6 to 5.2 Å for the 410 Å  
133 diameter (**Extended Data Fig.3b and c**). The map of the 430 Å diameter (**Fig. 1e**) was employed  
134 to build the atomic model of the repeating unit of the filament, formed by the CHMP2A-CHMP3  
135 heterodimer revealing both protomers in the open ESCRT-III conformation (**Fig. 1f and Extended**  
136 **Data Fig.3d, Table 1**).

137 Comparison of the closed<sup>28,29</sup> and open CHMP3 conformations showed the conformational  
138 transitions upon CHMP3 activation, which involves extension of the helical hairpin (residues P12-  
139 A101) that is identical in both conformations (r.m.s.d. of 1.082 Å) by a linker and helix 3 (L117).  
140 The following short connection forms an elbow and translates helix 4 by ~10 Å positioning helix 4  
141 in a 140° angle with respect to the hairpin axis. Helix 4 is composed of the closed conformation  
142 helix 4 and most of the disordered linker connecting to helix 5 via a 90° kink at positions M151 to  
143 D152 (**Fig. 2a**). The remaining CHMP3 residues 170 to 220 are flexible and disordered in the  
144 structure. Both CHMP3 and CHMP2A open conformations are similar as superposition of their C $\alpha$   
145 atoms revealed an r.m.s.d. of 0.934 Å (**Fig.3a**), suggesting that CHMP2A can fold into the same  
146 closed conformation structure as CHMP3.

147 The repeating unit of the filament is the CHMP2A-CHMP3 heterodimer formed by parallel  
148 interaction of their hairpins with the CHMP2A hairpin tip shifted by six helical turns with respect to  
149 CHMP3 (**Fig. 2b**). The heterodimer interaction covers 2026 Å<sup>2</sup> of CHMP2A and 1997 Å<sup>2</sup> of CHMP3  
150 surfaces involving 55 and 51 interface residues, respectively. The structure of the heterodimer  
151 was further confirmed by mutagenesis. Introducing pairs of cysteine demonstrated that  
152 CHMP2A\_D57C together with CHMP3\_S75C and CHMP2A\_N18C together with CHMP3\_V110C  
153 (**Extended Data Fig.4a**) assembled into disulfide-linked heterodimers upon polymerization into  
154 tube-like structures as shown by SDS-PAGE analyses and negative staining EM (**Extended Data**  
155 **Fig.4b and b**). Furthermore, mutagenesis of CHMP2A-CHMP3 interface residues (**Extended**  
156 **Data Fig.4d**) prevented polymerization as expected (**Extended Data Fig.4e**). The principle of the  
157 heterodimer hairpin stacking is employed to assemble the filament, which is further stabilized by  
158 lateral interactions of CHMP3<sub>i</sub> elbow helix 4 with CHMP2A<sub>i</sub>, CHMP3<sub>i+1</sub> and CHMP2A<sub>i+1</sub>. In  
159 addition, CHMP3<sub>i</sub> helix 5 interacts with the tip of the CHMP3<sub>i+2</sub> hairpin (**Fig. 2b**), as observed in  
160 the closed conformation (**Fig. 2a**)<sup>28,29</sup>. Similar to CHMP3, CHMP2A helix 4 exerts the same  
161 domain exchange interactions (**Fig. 2b**). C $\alpha$  superposition of the open CHMP3 conformation

162 revealed the closest match with the *S. cerevisiae* Snf7 protomer up to helix 4 (**Fig.3b**) and  
163 considerable differences with CHMP1B, Vipp1, PspA and Vps24<sup>14,15,37,47,61</sup> (**Fig.3c-f**). Notably,  
164 different hairpin interactions and orientations of the helical arms upon polymerization determine  
165 the filament geometry that leads to positively curved membrane interaction by CHMP1B, Vipp1  
166 and PspA<sup>14,15,37,47</sup> underlining the extensive structural plasticity of ESCRT-III proteins.

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### 168 **CHMP2A-CHMP3 polymer interaction with membrane**

169 The CHMP2A-CHMP3 polymer is tightly associated with the lipid bilayer, which has a width of ~50  
170 Å (**Fig.4a; Extended Data Fig.1e and f**). Comparison of the membrane diameters of CHMP2A-  
171 CHMP3 coated tubes with protein-free vesicles generated during the membrane-coating process  
172 suggests thinning of the membrane upon interaction with the polymer, because protein-free  
173 vesicles revealed diameters of ~58 Å (**Extended Data Fig.1g and h**). Both CHMP2A and CHMP3  
174 expose the same regions to the membrane including the positioning of their N-terminal regions at  
175 the membrane interface. Although CHMP3 residues 1-10 and CHMP2A residues 1- 7 are  
176 disordered, they are both oriented towards the lipid bilayer by conserved proline residues (**Fig. 4a**  
177 **and Extended Data Fig.5a**) consistent with previous suggestions that short amphipathic N-  
178 terminal helices insert into the bilayer<sup>52,62</sup>. The main membrane interaction surfaces locate to the  
179 elbow formed by helices 3 and 4 (residues K104 to R131) exposing six basic residues of CHMP2A  
180 (K104, K108, R115, K118, K124, R131) and five basic residues of CHMP3 (K106, K112, K119,  
181 K132, K136) prone to interact with negative charges of the membrane (**Fig. 4b**). The electrostatic  
182 potential map shows in addition to the stretch of basic surfaces some negative and non-charged  
183 regions on the outer polymer surface (**Fig. 4c**). Most of the basic residues are conserved in *S.*  
184 *cerevisiae* Vps2 and Vps24 (**Extended Data Fig.5a**). Notably, alanine mutagenesis of some  
185 CHMP3 basic residues within the membrane interaction surface did not interfere with CHMP2A-  
186 CHMP3 polymerization *in vitro* (**Extended Data Fig.6a**) nor did they affect the dominant negative  
187 effect of C-terminally truncated CHMP3 on HIV-1 Gag VLP release (**Extended Data Fig.7b**),  
188 indicating that membrane binding is complex and not only electrostatic, consistent with plasma  
189 membrane localization of the CHMP3 mutant (**Extended Data Fig.7c**).

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### 191 **Inter-filament interactions**

192 Conserved basic helix 1 residues of CHMP2A and CHMP3 (**Extended Data Fig.5a**) are at the  
193 filament interface opposed by a stretch of conserved acidic residues within helices 4 and 5  
194 (**Extended Data Fig.5a**) of neighboring filaments (**Fig. 4d**), which indicate electrostatic inter-  
195 filament interactions (**Fig. 4c**). Mutation of the helix 1 basic cluster within either CHMP2A or

196 CHMP3 prevented polymer formation *in vitro* (**Extended Data Fig.6d**), indicating that the basic  
197 charge of helix 1 is important for filament polymerization, which is in line with mutagenesis of a  
198 similar cluster of basic residues within helix 1 of CHMP3 abolishing its dominant negative effect  
199 on HIV-1 budding <sup>28</sup>. To further test the electrostatic inter-filament interactions, we exposed the  
200 helical tubular CHMP2A-CHMP3 polymers to high ionic strength. This led to the partial unwinding  
201 of the filaments producing single and multi-stranded filaments (**Extended Data Fig.7a-e**) in  
202 agreement with the presence of single and multi-start helices upon CHMP2A-CHMP3  
203 polymerization *in vitro* <sup>26</sup>. We suggest that these electrostatic interactions between filaments  
204 enable filament sliding upon VPS4-catalyzed remodeling. The acidic cluster in helices 4 and 5 is  
205 conserved in CHMP4A, B, C, CHMP5 and CHMP6 (**Extended Data Fig.5b**) indicating potential  
206 similar involvement in inter-filament interaction for the formation of mixed filaments. Notably, the  
207 acidic cluster is not conserved in CHMP1A and B, which stabilizes positively curved membranes  
208 via basic charges present on the inside of the protein tube-like polymer <sup>37</sup>. We therefore suggest  
209 that the acidic cluster is a hallmark of ESCRT-III stabilizing negatively curved membrane  
210 structures.

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#### 212 **VPS4 remodels and cleaves CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane tubes**

213 We next tested whether VPS4B can remodel the CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane coated tubes as  
214 we have shown before for CHMP2A-CHMP3 tubes without membrane <sup>48,56</sup>. When we incubated  
215 CHMP2A-CHMP3 and VPS4B containing membrane tubes (**Extended Data Fig.8a**) with ATP and  
216 Mg<sup>2+</sup>, complete disassembly of the tubes can be occasionally observed (**Extended Data Fig.8b**  
217 **and c**). In order to image tube remodeling by fluorescence microscopy, VPS4B and caged ATP  
218 were incorporated into the tubes wrapped with fluorescently labelled membrane. Imaging of tubes  
219 containing either only caged ATP (**Fig. 5a and b; movie 1; Extended Data Fig.9a and b; movie**  
220 **2**) or only VPS4B (**Fig. 5c and d; movie 3**) demonstrated that photolysis used to uncage ATP did  
221 not affect the tube structure. However, tubes containing both caged ATP and VPS4B revealed  
222 constriction and tube cleavage upon ATP activation at different sites starting at 30s leading to  
223 complete disassembly within 270s (**Fig. 5e and f; movie 4**) or starting at 69s (**Extended Data**  
224 **Fig.9c and d; movie 5**) or at 50 s (**movie 6**).

225 Tube cleavage was further confirmed by high-speed AFM (HS-AFM) imaging. First,  
226 CHMP2A-CHMP3 tubes with and without membrane were imaged (**Extended Data Fig.10a-c**). A  
227 comparative height histogram showed an increase in tube height of ~8 nm for the membrane  
228 coated tubes (**Extended Data Fig.10d**), as expected for unilamellar membrane coating. Next,  
229 membrane-coated tubes loaded with 10 mM caged ATP with and without UV exposure (**Extended**



230 **Data Fig.10e; movie 7)** were recorded by HS-AFM. In the absence of VPS4B, photolysis of the  
231 caged ATP did not induce changes in tube morphology, consistent with the observations by  
232 fluorescence microscopy. Further, no changes in tube morphology were observed without UV  
233 exposure for an extended period of time of CHMP2A-CHMP3 tubes coated with membrane and  
234 loaded with VPS4B and caged ATP (**Fig. 6a, movie 8**). However, upon UV exposure, constriction  
235 and cleavage of the membrane coated tubes was observed (**Fig. 6b; movie 9**). Kymographs along  
236 the tube cross section (**Fig. 6c**) and the evolution of the height at the constriction sites over time  
237 (**Fig. 6d**) reveal that complete cleavage of the membrane tube occurs within a time period of ~  
238 200 s of UV exposure. We conclude that VPS4B can constrict the CHMP2A-CHMP3 filaments  
239 bound to membranes that leads to membrane cleavage, reminiscent of membrane fission.

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## 241 **Discussion**

242 The structure of the CHMP2A-CHMP3 heteropolymer demonstrates how ESCRT-III  
243 filaments polymerize into rigid structures that can stabilize and/or shape negatively curved  
244 membrane necks with diameters of approximately 50 nm. Such membrane structures are present  
245 at many ESCRT-catalyzed processes including vesicle and virus budding or at later stages during  
246 cytokinetic midbody constriction<sup>10,63</sup>. Although the structural principles of the open ESCRT-III  
247 conformation are highly conserved between CHMP2A/CHMP3 and CHMP1B<sup>37</sup>, Snf7/Shrub  
248 (CHMP4)<sup>39,40</sup> and bacterial PspA and Vipp1<sup>14,15,47</sup>, differences in helical hairpin stacking and  
249 orientations of the helical arms dictates the geometry of the filaments that stabilize positively  
250 curved membrane or negatively curved membrane as in case of CHMP2A-CHMP3 polymerization.  
251 Furthermore, assembly modes of ESCRT-III monomers can vary as shown for CHMP2A, CHMP3  
252 and CHMP4B, which can yet adapt another filament geometry that stabilizes positively curved  
253 membranes<sup>11,12</sup>. Thus the plastic nature of ESCRT-III protein conformations can lead to variable  
254 ESCRT-III filament geometries that can adapt a wide range of curvatures to accommodate ESCRT  
255 function in different membrane remodeling processes<sup>16</sup>.

256 A striking feature of the CHMP2A-CHMP3 polymer is the narrow range of tube diameters,  
257 indicative of a late recruitment during the constriction process. During yeast MVB biogenesis,  
258 Vps24/Vps2 (CHMP3/CHMP2) is indeed recruited last prior to complete ESCRT-III disassembly  
259 and probably completion of fission<sup>20,22,23</sup>. Likewise, CHMP4 isoforms recruit CHMP3 and  
260 CHMP2A to HIV-1 budding sites<sup>21,64,65</sup>. The narrow range of diameters of the CHMP2A-CHMP3  
261 polymer structure suggests that recruitment of CHMP3 and CHMP2A molds membrane necks into  
262 approximately 40 to 50 nm diameters, which sets the stage for further constriction. Comparison of  
263 the 410 and 430 Å wide structures shows that removal of only one CHMP2A-CHMP3 heterodimer

264 per filament turn reduces the tube diameter by 20 Å, indicating how a stepwise removal of  
265 heterodimers can successively induce membrane constriction.

266 Another feature of the tubular polymer is that it can assemble from single or multi-stranded  
267 filaments<sup>26</sup> the latter being the preferred assembly *in vitro*. Interaction between filaments is driven  
268 by complementary positive and negative charges. However, surprisingly, high ionic strength did  
269 not disassemble the tube consistently into individual filaments but partially preserved the multi-  
270 strand architecture *in vitro*. The 17.5 nm width of the six-stranded helix present in the structure fits  
271 the 17 nm wide helices imaged at the midbody<sup>53</sup>, suggesting that such spirals contain six ESCRT-  
272 III filaments. Since inter-filament interactions are electrostatic, different ESCRT-III filaments may  
273 contribute to the formation of mixed multi-stranded filaments<sup>43,66</sup>. In line, acidic residues within  
274 helix 4 and basic residues within helix 1 have been implicated in *S. cerevisiae* Snf7-Vps24  
275 interaction<sup>67</sup>. Because basic and acidic charges within these regions are conserved in CHMP6,  
276 CHMP4A, B, C, CHMP2B and CHMP5, filaments thereof may also form side by side via homo- or  
277 hetero-filament assembly. The loose electrostatic inter-filament interactions likely facilitate sliding  
278 of filaments upon ESCRT-III filament remodeling by VPS4, which catalyzes filament constriction  
279 prior to complete disassembly<sup>56</sup>. Notably, dynamic VPS4-mediated turnover of ESCRT-III has  
280 been proposed in different membrane remodeling processes<sup>43,58,59</sup>.

281 CHMP2A-CHMP3 polymers have been suggested to interact with negatively charged  
282 membranes<sup>68-70</sup>, which is confirmed by the cluster of basic residues within the membrane  
283 interaction surface. Furthermore, the structure indicates that short N-terminal hydrophobic motifs,  
284 implicated in ESCRT-III function<sup>52 62</sup> are positioned to insert into the membrane. Although this N-  
285 terminal motif is helical in a filament structure assembled by an intermediate Vps24 (CHMP3)  
286 conformation<sup>61</sup>, the corresponding helices of CHMP2A and CHMP3 are not visible in the  
287 membrane-bound structure suggesting that the putative amphipathic helices can adopt different  
288 membrane insertion angles. Polymer interaction with membrane is tight, which likely excludes  
289 membrane proteins from the site of polymerization *in vivo* thereby serving as a diffusion barrier<sup>70</sup>.  
290 The thickness of the membrane bound to the polymer is ~50 Å as compared to ~58 Å of protein-  
291 free vesicles generated during the CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane-coating process, which indicates  
292 that CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane interaction may induce membrane reorganization leading to  
293 membrane thinning as reported for the CHMP1B-IST1 polymers<sup>17</sup>.

294 CHMP3 is dispensable for HIV-1 budding<sup>21</sup> and *S. cerevisiae* Vps24 can be substituted  
295 by Vps2 overexpression restoring partial endosomal cargo sorting<sup>71</sup>. Both processes depend on  
296 CHMP2A and Vps2 interaction with CHMP4 or Snf7<sup>22,21</sup>. The structure suggests that CHMP3 can  
297 be structurally replaced by CHMP2A in the polymer, indicating that CHMP2A filaments on their

298 own may form similar helices. Although CHMP2A can polymerize into circular filaments with  
299 approximate diameters of 40 nm that often coil up, no regular CHMP2A tube-like structures have  
300 been yet imaged *in vitro* <sup>26</sup>.

301 VPS4B remodels CHMP2A-CHMP3 helical tubular structures *in vitro* <sup>48,72</sup> inducing filament  
302 constriction and cleavage that generates dome-like end caps prior to complete disassembly, which  
303 was proposed to drive membrane fission <sup>56,73</sup>. Here, we show that VPS4B constricts and cleaves  
304 CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane-coated tubes via membrane fission likely via the formation of dome-  
305 like end-caps <sup>56</sup>. Cleavage of membrane tubes pulled from GUVs has been proposed previously  
306 by employing a minimal system composed of *S. cerevisiae* Snf7, Vps24, Vps2 and Vps4 <sup>27</sup>, while  
307 another model suggested sequential recruitment of *S. cerevisiae* Snf7, followed by Vps2-Vps24,  
308 Vps2-Did2 and Did2-Ist1 for final constriction <sup>66</sup>. Our data indicate that CHMP2A-CHMP3 filaments  
309 constitute together with VPS4 a minimal ESCRT-III membrane fission machinery that can constrict  
310 membrane necks with 40 to 50 nm large diameters to the point of fission. It is yet unclear how  
311 many helical turns are required for constriction *in vivo*, although more than one, as estimated from  
312 imaging <sup>59</sup>, would allow filament sliding powered by ATP-driven forces that can drive filament-  
313 induced membrane constriction and cleavage. Finally, catalyzing membrane fission with a minimal  
314 machinery is well in line with ancestral ESCRT-III function <sup>74,75</sup>.

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## 316 **Methods**

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### 318 **Expression and purification**

319 CHMP2A $\Delta$ C containing residues 1 to 161 was subcloned in a pMAL-c5X vector with an additional  
320 TEV site at the amino terminal end and expressed as a MBP fusion protein in the C41 (DE3) *E.*  
321 *coli* bacterial strain (Lucigen). Expression was induced for 1h at 37°C. Bacteria were lysed by  
322 sonication in a buffer containing 50 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 300 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 5 mM EDTA  
323 and protease inhibitors. Cleared lysate was applied onto an amylose resin (New England Biolabs),  
324 washed with buffer A (25mM HEPES 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 1mM DTT), then with Buffer B (25 mM  
325 HEPES pH 7.5, 1 M NaCl, 1 M KCl, 1mM DTT) followed by a last wash with Buffer A. Finally,  
326 protein was eluted with buffer C (25 mM HEPES 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 10 mM maltose). The most  
327 concentrated fraction was directly applied to size exclusion chromatography (SEC) Superdex 200  
328 column (GE Healthcare) in buffer D (25 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl).

329 Full-length CHMP3 was subcloned in a pProEX-HTb vector (Life Technologies, Thermo Fisher)  
330 and expressed in BL21Gold (DE3) *E. coli* bacterial strain (Agilent). Expression was induced for 3h  
331 at 37°C and purified as described <sup>48</sup> with minor modifications. Bacteria were lysed by sonication

332 in buffer E (25 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 10mM imidazole) containing protease inhibitors  
333 and the cleared lysate was applied onto a Ni<sup>2+</sup>-chelating sepharose (Cytivia), washed extensively  
334 with lysis buffer E, and subsequently with buffer F (25 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 300 mM NaCl, 300 mM  
335 KCl, 20 mM imidazole) and buffer G (25 mM HEPES pH 7.5, 300 mM NaCl, 300 mM KCl, 50 mM  
336 imidazole). Finally, CHMP3 was eluted with buffer H (25 mM HEPES 7.5, 150 mM NaCl, 350 mM  
337 imidazole) and cleaved overnight at 4°C with Tobacco Etch Virus (TEV) protease at 1:100 (w/w)  
338 ratio in the presence of 10 mM β-mercaptoethanol. Cleaved protein was then applied on a second  
339 Ni<sup>2+</sup>-chelating sepharose in order to remove TEV, the His-tag and uncleaved protein. The final  
340 step included size exclusion chromatography (SEC) on a Superdex 75 column (GE Healthcare)  
341 in buffer D. CHMP3 concentrated at 300 μM was frozen for further use.  
342 CHMP2AΔC-mutants containing residues 9 to 161 and CHMP3-mutants containing residues 9 to  
343 183 were synthesized (ThermoFisher), subcloned in a pETM40 vector (PEPcore facility-EMBL  
344 Heidelberg) and the pProEX-HTb (ThermoFisher) vector, respectively. Mutants were expressed  
345 and purified as described above for wild type sequences.

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347 **CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane tube generation**

348 For helical tube formation as described previously <sup>48</sup>, 10 μM CHMP2AΔC was mixed with 20 μM  
349 full-length CHMP3 and incubated for 48-72h at 4°C. After incubation, tubes were harvested by  
350 centrifugation at 20,000g for 30min and the pellet containing CHMP2AΔC-CHMP3 tubes was  
351 resuspended in buffer D. In order to wrap the CHMP2AΔC-CHMP3 tubes with a lipid bilayer, the  
352 following lipid film was produced containing 70% Egg phosphatidyl choline (Egg PC), 10% dioleoyl  
353 glycerol phosphoserine (DOPS), 10% dioleoyl glycerol phosphoethanolamine (DOPE), 10% brain  
354 phosphatidylinositol-4,5-bisphosphate (PI(4,5)P2) and 2μL of dioleoyl-sn-glycero-3-  
355 phosphoethanolamine-N-(lissamine rhodamine B sulfonyl) (LISS-Rhodamin PE) (all Avanti Polar  
356 lipids). The lipid film was re-suspended in water at a final concentration of 5 mg/mL. The  
357 CHMP2AΔC-CHMP3 tubes (25 μL) were mixed with 25 μL of 2% CHAPS, 25 μL of lipids and 0.1  
358 mg/mL of TEV protease (to remove the MBP from CHMP2AΔC) and incubated at room  
359 temperature for 2h. To remove free lipids/micelles and CHAPS, the tubes were dialyzed twice for  
360 48-72h against buffer I (25mM Tris pH 7.4, 25 mM NaCl, 1 mM β-mercaptoethanol and 0.5 g of  
361 Bio-Beads (Biorad). After dialysis, CHMP2AΔC-CHMP3 tubes wrapped with bilayer were  
362 incubated with Bio-Beads overnight at 4°C and removed by centrifugation. The removal of CHAPS  
363 was monitored by UV spectroscopy. The quality of the bilayer wrapped CHMP2AΔC-CHMP3 tubes  
364 was assessed by negative staining EM prior to cryo-EM data collection, fluorescence microscopy  
365 imaging and HS-AFM analysis.

366 To test remodeling by VPS4, CHMP2A-CHMP3 tubes were incubated with 10 to 20  $\mu$ M VPS4B, 5  
367 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub> and 5 or 10 mM caged ATP (#A1048 Invitrogen) prior to membrane wrapping, following  
368 the protocol described above. Because deposition of the membrane onto the CHMP2A-CHMP3  
369 protein coat requires extensive dialysis, the final VPS4 concentration present within the tubes can  
370 be only estimated from SDS-PAGE; however, the final concentration of caged ATP inserted into  
371 the tubes cannot be determined.

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### 373 **CHMP2A-CHMP3-VPS4 membrane tube imaging**

374 Epifluorescence video microscopy of CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane tubes containing VPS4B and  
375 caged ATP was performed using an Olympus IX83 optical microscope equipped with a UPFLN  
376 100X O-2PH/1.3 objective and an ORCA-Flash4.0 Digital sCMOS camera (Hamamatsu). A 5  $\mu$ L  
377 aliquot of ESCRT-III tube suspension was spread on a slide, covered with a glass coverslip (#1)  
378 and sealed with twinsil speed 22 (Picodent, ref 13001002) for imaging. Caged-ATP was uncaged  
379 using a 10s 10% 365-nm LED illumination (**Fig. 5a-f; movies 1-4**) or using at each time point a  
380 100ms 30% 365-nm LED illumination (**Extended Data Fig. 9; movies 5 and 6**). ESCRT tubes  
381 were fluorescently imaged using a 550 nm LED (10% with an exposure time of 100 ms) at 1  
382 frame/s. Images were acquired using the Volocity software package. Images were analyzed,  
383 adjusted, and cropped using ImageJ software.

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### 385 **HS-AFM analysis**

386 The AFM images were acquired in amplitude modulation tapping mode in liquid, using high-speed  
387 atomic force microscopes (RIBM, Japan)<sup>56,76</sup>. The HS-AFM imaging was performed using USC-  
388 F1.2-k0.15 cantilevers (NanoWorld, Switzerland), an ultrashort cantilever with a nominal spring  
389 constant of 0.15 N/m and a resonance frequency  $\approx$  0.5 MHz. All HS-AFM recordings were done  
390 at room temperature and in buffer D. Uncaging of the caged ATP was performed by directly  
391 irradiating 365 nm UV light at the AFM sample stage using an optical fiber. The membrane coated  
392 tubes were immobilized at the surface using streptavidin on top of a lipid bilayer (DOPC) on mica  
393 containing 0.01% biotinylated lipid<sup>77</sup>. HS-AFM images were analyzed using Igor Pro, and ImageJ  
394 with additional home written plugins<sup>78</sup>. Height measurements were performed on raw images after  
395 tilt correction.

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### 397 **Dominant negative effect of CHMP3(1-150) wild type and mutants**

398 CHMP3 residues 1-150 wt or mutants were synthesized (ThermoFisher) and cloned into the  
399 pEGFP-N1 vector using restriction sites *Xho*I- *Hind*III. To determine the effect of CHMP3(1-150)-

400 GFP on virus like particle (VLP) production upon HIV-1 Gag expression, 293T cells were seeded  
401 into 10mm dishes and transfected 24 hr later using a Jetprime (Polyplus) technique. The cultures  
402 were co-transfected with 0.5  $\mu\text{g}$  of Rev-independent HIV-1 Gag construct and with 2  $\mu\text{g}$  of either  
403 pcDNA or wild type and mutant versions of CHMP3(1-150)-GFP. Twenty-four hours post  
404 transfection, VLPs released into the culture medium were pelleted through sucrose. HIV-1 Gag  
405 proteins in VLPs and cell lysates were detected by Western blotting with a mouse anti-p24  
406 antibody (183-H12-5C). For live cell imaging cells were seeded in glass bottomed  $\mu$ -dishes and  
407 co-transfected with 0.8  $\mu\text{g}$  of Rev-independent HIV-1 Gag construct, 0.2  $\mu\text{g}$  of Gag-mCherry <sup>79</sup>  
408 and with 1  $\mu\text{g}$  of either wild type or mutant CHMP3(1-150)-GFP. ESCRT-III and Gag protein  
409 localization was analyzed by spinning disc confocal microscopy 24 hr post transfection in HeLa  
410 cells.

#### 411 412 **Cryo-EM sample preparation and data collection**

413 *Cryo-electron microscopy.* 3.5  $\mu\text{L}$  of sample were applied to glow discharged (45s 30 mA) 1.2/1.3  
414 Ultrafoil holey grids (Quantifoil Micro Tools GmbH, Germany) and they were plunged frozen in  
415 liquid ethane with a Vitrobot Mark IV (Thermo Fisher Scientific) (100% humidity, temperature 20°C,  
416 6 s blot time, blot force 0). The grids were pre-screened on the 200kV Glacios electron microscope  
417 (Thermo Fischer Scientific) at the IBS (Grenoble) and data were collected at the beamline CM01  
418 of the ESRF (Grenoble, France) <sup>80</sup> on a Titan Krios G3 (Thermo Fischer Scientific) at 300 kV  
419 equipped with an energy filter (Bioquantum LS/967, Gatan Inc, USA) (slit width of 20 eV). 5028  
420 movies were recorded automatically on a K2 summit direct detector (Gatan Inc., USA) with EPU  
421 (Thermo Fisher Scientific) for a total exposure time of 5 s and 200 ms per frame resulting in 25  
422 frame movies with a total dose of  $\sim 24 \text{ e}^-/\text{\AA}^2$ . The magnification was 130,000x (1.052  $\text{\AA}/\text{pixel}$  at the  
423 camera level). The defocus of the images was adjusted between  $-0.5$  and  $-1.5 \mu\text{m}$  in 0.2  $\mu\text{m}$   
424 steps. For the high ionic strength unwinding of the CHMP2A-CHMPA filament the same grid and  
425 freezing conditions have been used as described above and images have been recorded on the  
426 Glacios electron microscope using a K2 direct electron detector.

#### 427 428 **EM image analysis and 3D reconstructions**

429 The workflow of the image analysis is shown in **Extended Data Fig.2**. Electron beam-induced  
430 sample motion on the recorded movie frames was corrected using MotionCor2 <sup>81</sup> and the contrast  
431 transfer function (CTF) was estimated with CTFFIND4 <sup>82</sup>. 9,207 filaments were manually picked  
432 from 5,027 micrographs using the EMAN2 program e2helixboxer.py <sup>83</sup>. All subsequent data  
433 processing steps were carried out in RELION3 <sup>84,85</sup> unless mentioned otherwise. Initially, 89,122

434 overlapping segments were extracted with ~90% overlap between boxes of 768 x 768 pixels and  
435 down sampled to a pixel size of 2.104 for initial classification steps. Several rounds of 2D  
436 classification resulted in class averages that could be classified into 5 main different groups based  
437 on the filament diameter, without membrane (380 Å diameter (7.4%), 410 Å diameter (51.4%),  
438 430 Å diameter (31.2%), 470 Å diameter (1.9%) and 490 Å diameter (0.3%)). In order to  
439 compensate for potential mis-assignment of diameters to the segments due to inaccuracies in 2D  
440 classification, we assigned to each entire tube a diameter based on the class assignment of the  
441 corresponding segments. If more than 80% of segments of a particular tube were belonging to  
442 classes assigned to a particular diameter, this entire tube would be assigned this diameter for the  
443 subsequent steps. After re-extraction of segments with ~95% overlap, another round of 2D  
444 classification was performed for each diameter group. Most populated 2D classes with filament  
445 diameter of 430 Å and 410 Å were chosen for further processing and analysis. For determination  
446 of helical symmetry, the sum of power spectra from a smaller subset (1,904 and 3,993 segments  
447 from one 2D class each for 430 Å and 410 Å respectively) was calculated for both filament groups.  
448 The resulting average power spectrum (**Extended Data Fig.1c and d**) was analyzed for  
449 estimation of helical symmetry parameters using the web tool helixplorer  
450 (<http://rico.ibs.fr/helixplorer/>). Based on a prior visual inspection of the Power Spectrum, we made  
451 following hypotheses: the layer line with a maximum seemingly on the meridian could be the  
452 helical rise or the pitch (given the large diameter of the tube and possibilities that selected 2D  
453 class averages contained a number of slightly out-of-plane tilted segments). Given those two  
454 hypotheses, and allowing any cyclic symmetries, we explored possible helical symmetries  
455 matching the experimental PS, giving a list of 20 and 15 symmetries to test for the 430 Å and 410  
456 Å diameter classes, respectively. Those symmetries were applied on the real-space 2D class-  
457 averages using SPRING program segclassesreconstruct.py<sup>86</sup> in order to generate initial models and  
458 narrowing down possible symmetry solutions to 14 and 10, by discarding those giving aberrant  
459 density distribution. Using those initial models, each of the remaining symmetry solutions was  
460 tested for 3D refinement in RELION3, and the resulting maps inspected for high-resolution  
461 features such as clear secondary structures, allowing to determine the helical parameters to be  
462 18 Å pitch, 2.72 Å rise, 54.39° twist, 6.6 units/turn and C2 point symmetry for 430 Å, and 9 Å pitch,  
463 1.43 Å rise, 57° twist, 6.3 units/turn and C1 point symmetry for 410 Å diameter filaments.  
464 In order to select a more homogeneous subset of segments, we applied 3D classification and the  
465 classes (containing 25,353 and 11,396 segments for diameters 430 and 410 Å) were chosen for  
466 a final round of 3D auto-refine reconstruction that converged to a 2.74 Å rise and 54.37° twist for  
467 430 Å, and 1.44 Å rise and 57.04° twist for 410 Å diameter filaments. Using soft protein-only

468 masks, the final resolutions were estimated at 3.3 Å and 3.6 Å for the 430 Å and 410 Å diameter  
469 filaments, at the FSC (Fourier shell correlation) 0.143 cutoff criterion<sup>87</sup>. The maps were sharpened  
470 with B factors of -96.57 Å<sup>2</sup> (430 Å) and -101.52 Å<sup>2</sup> (410 Å). Local resolution was estimated in  
471 RELION 3<sup>84</sup> and the density maps were rendered in UCSF Chimera<sup>88</sup>. The statistics of the EM  
472 map are summarized in **Table 1**.

473 Membrane thickness was measured from the 2D class averages of membrane-bound CHMP2A-  
474 CHMP3 tubes as well as protein-free membrane vesicles generated during the membrane-coating  
475 process and plotted using the GraphPad Prism 5 software package. The statistical significance  
476 was determined using the t-test. For membrane-bound CHMP2A-CHMP3 tubes, measurements  
477 were made using several 2D classes of both 430 Å and 410 Å diameter tubes. For protein-free  
478 membrane, 257 particles were manually picked from the same set of cryo-EM micrographs that  
479 were used for CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane tube reconstruction. 2D classification was performed  
480 using RELION 3<sup>84</sup> and membrane thickness was measured from 2D class averages. 30  
481 measurements were made for each set. A mean thickness of 59.2 Å was observed for the protein-  
482 free membrane as compared to 49.8 Å for CHMP2A-CHMP3 bound membrane. Thus, a shrinkage  
483 of ~9 Å was observed in the membrane thickness upon CHMP2A-CHMP3 binding.

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### 485 **Atomic modelling and validation**

486 The SWISS-MODEL<sup>89</sup> server was used to create homology models of human CHMP3 and  
487 CHMP2A, using the open conformation of CHMP1B (PDB ID 6TZ4) as a reference model. Helices  
488 with residues 15-52, 57-117 and 120-151 for CHMP3 and 14-51, 56-116 and 119-150 for CHMP2A  
489 were initially fit into the EM density as separate rigid bodies using Chimera and then adjusted in  
490 Coot<sup>90</sup>. Further, the rest of the N-terminal and C-terminal residues, as well as the connecting loops  
491 were manually built and adjusted in Coot. The CHMP2A-CHMP3 heterodimer model was then  
492 expanded by helical symmetry in each direction in order to get 10 such dimers surrounding the  
493 central dimer. Thus, a total of 11 helical symmetry-related dimers were again checked in Coot,  
494 before applying the first round of real-space refinement in PHENIX<sup>91</sup> with non-crystallographic  
495 symmetry (NCS) restraints. NCS, along with SS (secondary structure) restraints were then used  
496 for a second round of real-space refinement. At last, the symmetry-related dimers were removed  
497 and the central CHMP2A-CHMP3 dimer was saved as the final model. The statistics of the final  
498 models were tabulated using MolProbity<sup>92</sup> and are summarized in **Table 1** and map versus atomic  
499 model FSC plots were computed in PHENIX<sup>93</sup>. All structure figures were generated with UCSF  
500 Chimera, ChimeraX<sup>94</sup> and PyMOL (W. Delano; The PyMOL Molecular Graphics System, Version



501 1.8 Schrödinger, LLC, <http://www.pymol.org>). Sequence alignments were performed with Clustal  
502 Omega <sup>95</sup> and ESPript <sup>96</sup>.

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#### 504 **Data Availability**

505 Cryo-EM maps and models were deposited to the PDB and EMDB with the following codes:  
506 membrane-bound CHMP2A-CHMP3, 430 Å diameter (PDB ID 7ZCG, EMD-14630) and  
507 membrane-bound CHMP2A-CHMP3, 410 Å diameter (PDB ID 7ZCH, EMD-14631).

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749 **Figure legends**

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751 **Fig. 1: Cryo-EM structure of CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane-coated helical polymers**

752 **(a)** Density map of the reconstructed 430 Å diameter CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane tube with the  
753 top view looking down the helical axis. The helical arrangement of CHMP2A (light blue) and  
754 CHMP3 (pink) inside the bilayer membrane (dark grey) is shown. The thickness, and the inner  
755 and outer diameter of the helical protein tube are also marked in Å.

756 **(b)** Side view of the helical polymer without the lipid membrane. One left-handed filament is  
757 indicated in orange, and the thickness of one filament and the pitch of the helical assembly are  
758 also marked.

759 **(c)** Density map of the reconstructed 410 Å diameter CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane tube with the  
760 top view looking down the helical axis. The helical arrangement of CHMP2A (green) and CHMP3  
761 (pink) inside the bilayer membrane (dark grey) is shown. The thickness, and the inner and outer  
762 diameter of the helical protein tube are indicated in Å.

763 **(d)** Side view of the helical polymer without the lipid membrane. One left-handed filament is  
764 indicated in orange, and the thickness of one filament and the pitch of the helical assembly are  
765 indicated.

766 **(e)** Cryo-EM density of the single repeating unit of the 430 Å diameter polymer formed by the  
767 heterodimer of CHMP2A (light blue) and CHMP3 (pink) is indicated.

768 **(f)** Ribbon representation of the atomic model of CHMP2A (light blue) - CHMP3 (pink) heterodimer.

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770 **Fig. 2: Atomic model and architecture of the CHMP2A-CHMP3 helical polymer.**

771 **(a)** Ribbon diagram of C $\alpha$  superposition of the closed and open CHMP3 conformations (Helix 1:  
772 pink, Helix 2: purple, Helix 3: light green, Helix 4: brown, Helix 5: red). The closed conformation  
773 model contains residues 12 to 172 and the open conformation residues 11 to 169.

774 **(b)** Three interlocked copies of CHMP2A-CHMP3 heterodimer are shown as ribbons. Helix 4 and  
775 5 of CHMP3 (pink) interact with four subsequent protomers. Helix 4 of CHMP2A (light blue) also  
776 makes similar interactions.

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778 **Fig.3: Comparison of ESCRT-III open conformations highlights their versatile**  
779 **polymerization modes.**

780 **(a)** Ribbon diagram of C $\alpha$  superposition of CHMP2A and CHMP3 reveals an RMSD of 0.934 Å.

781 **(b)** Ribbon diagram of C $\alpha$  superposition of CHMP3 with the Snf7 monomer (left panel) and with  
782 the homodimer (crystallographic dimer) (right panel), which indicates a different hairpin interaction  
783 (arrow) for the second protomer and different orientations of Snf7 helix 4.

784 **(c)** Ribbon diagram of C $\alpha$  superposition of CHMP3 and CHMP1B (left panel) and the superposition  
785 of the CHMP2A-CHMP3 heterodimer onto the CHMP1B homodimer (right panel) indicate the  
786 differences in helical hairpin stacking (zoom, right panel) and orientations of the C-terminal helical  
787 arms (helices 3 to 5).

788 **(d)** Ribbon diagram of C $\alpha$  superposition of CHMP3 (pink) with PspA and **(e)** with Vipp1.

789 **(f)** Ribbon diagram of C $\alpha$  superposition of CHMP3 with an intermediate Vps24 conformation that  
790 forms filaments on its own.

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792 **Fig. 4: Membrane interaction of the CHMP2A-CHMP3 filament.**

793 **(a)** Left panel, zoomed-in view of the membrane-bound CHMP2A-CHMP3 filament, highlighting  
794 the interface between lipid membrane (dark grey) and CHMP2A (light blue) and CHMP3 (pink).  
795 Red arrows are pointing to the N-termini of both CHMP2A and CHMP3 that are oriented towards  
796 the lipid bilayer. Right panel, the orientation of the N-termini is determined by Pro11 of CHMP2A  
797 (light blue) and CHMP3 (pink) shown with the density map.

798 **(b)** Ribbon diagram of the CHMP2A-CHMP3 heterodimer indicating the basic residues (sticks)  
799 oriented towards the membrane. Basic residues conserved in yeast Vps2 and Vps24 are marked  
800 by asterisks.

801 **(c)** Electrostatic potential map of the CHMP2A-CHMP3 filament (left panel, tilted, side view),  
802 revealing the exposure of the cluster of basic charges, a small negatively charged surface and a  
803 neutral surface to the membrane. Right panel, zoomed-in view of the electrostatic surface of the  
804 inside of the polymer showing clusters of negative charges in one filament juxtaposed to positive  
805 charges of the neighboring filament.

806 **(d)** Close-up of the inter-filament interactions. Ribbon diagram of two neighboring filaments  
807 showing the basic and acidic residues of CHMP2A (left panel) and CHMP3 (right panel) implicated  
808 in electrostatic inter-filament interactions.

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810 **Fig. 5: Fluorescence microscopy imaging of CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane tube cleavage by**  
811 **VPS4/ATP.**

812 **(a)** A CHMP2A-CHMP3-caged ATP containing membrane coated tube was activated at 365 nm  
813 (10%, 10s) to uncage ATP and imaged over 300s (snapshots from **movie 1**). Scale bar, 1 $\mu$ m.

814 **(b)** The kymograph of the tube shows that the tube stays intact over the imaging time.

815 **(c)** A CHMP2A-CHMP3-VPS4B containing membrane coated tube was activated at 365 nm (10%,  
816 10s) to uncage ATP and imaged over 300s (snapshots from **movie 3**) Scale bar, 1 $\mu$ m.

817 **(d)** The kymograph of the tube shows that the tube stays intact over the imaging time. **(a)** to **(d)**  
818 demonstrate that imaging at 550 nm to visualize the membrane tube and ATP uncaging at 365  
819 nm did not change the tube structures.

820 **(e)** Imaging of a CHMP2A-CHMP3-VPS4B-caged ATP containing membrane-coated tubes  
821 following ATP uncaging (365 nm, 10%, 10s) reveals constriction and cleavage of the tube at 30  
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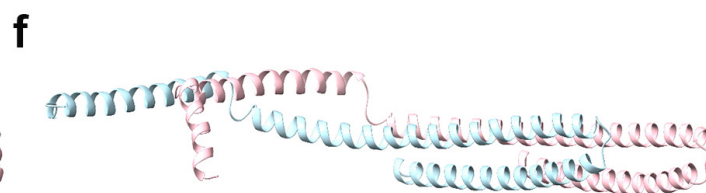
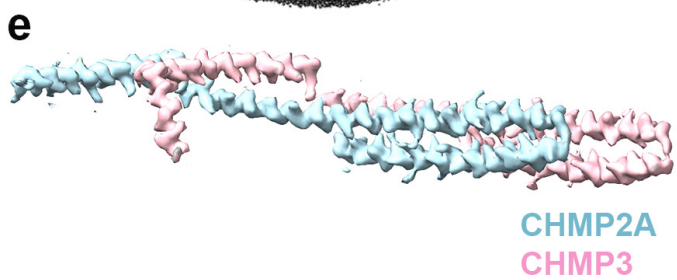
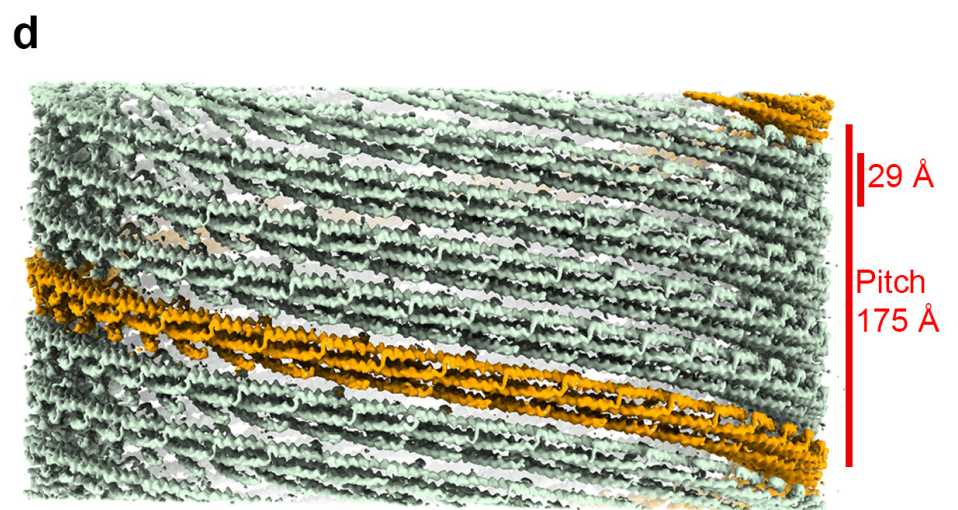
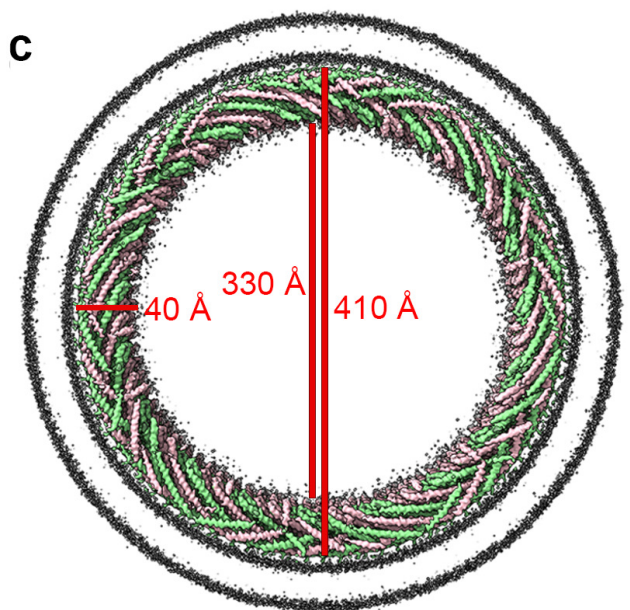
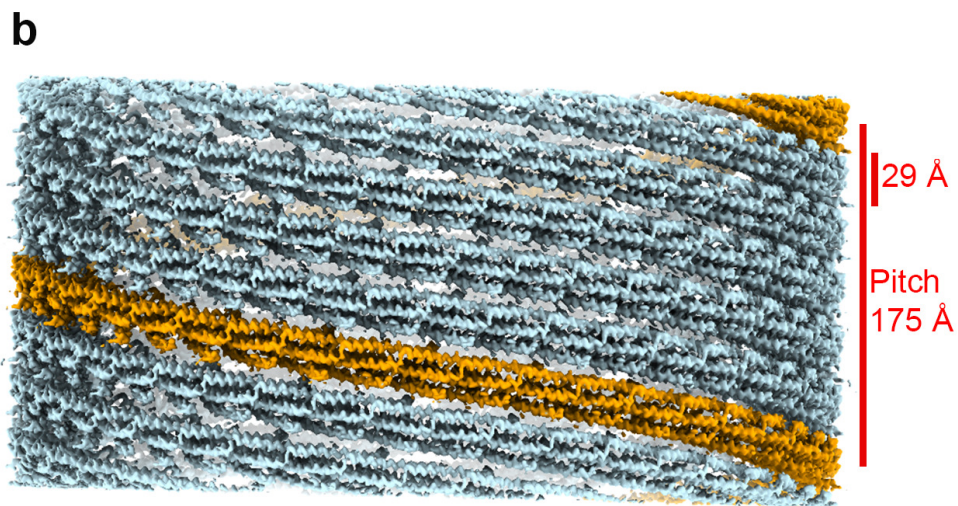
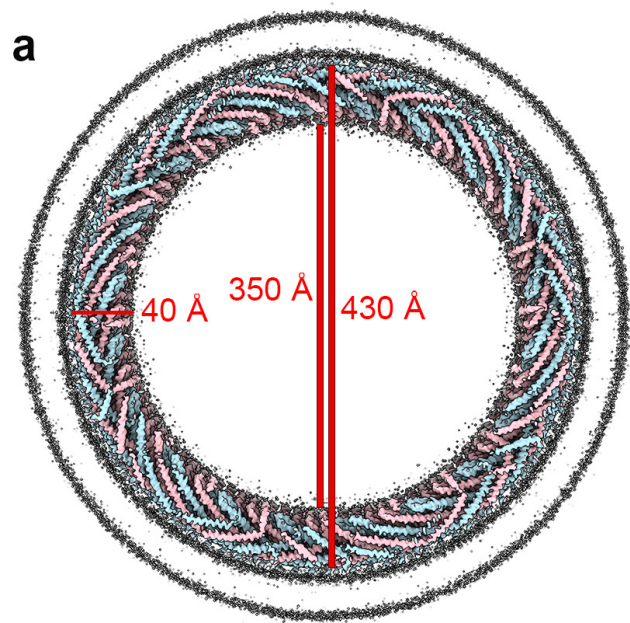
824 **(f)** The kymograph of the tube indicates the kinetics of cleavage and shrinking.

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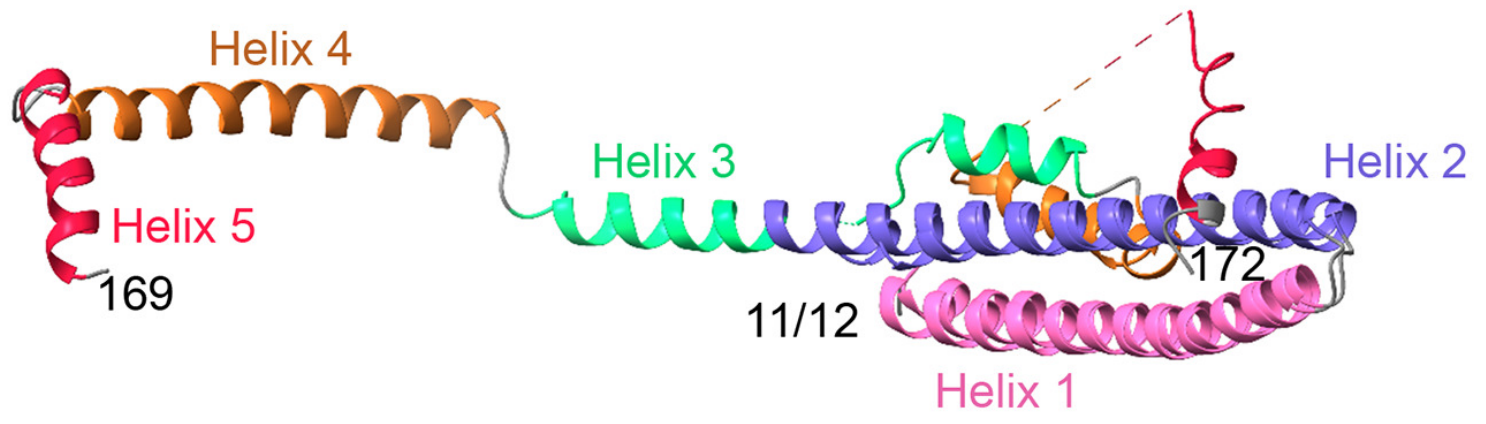
826 **Fig. 6. HS-AFM imaging of CHMP2A-CHMP3 membrane tube cleavage by VPS4/ATP.**  
827 **(a)** Snapshots of HS-AFM images (from **movie 8**) of CHMP2A-CHMP3 tubes coated with  
828 membrane and loaded with 5  $\mu$ M VPS4B, 10 mM caged ATP, in absence of UV irradiation. Scale  
829 bar, 200 nm.  
830 **(b)** Snapshots of HS-AFM images (from **movie 9**) of CHMP2A-CHMP3 tubes coated with  
831 membrane and loaded with 5  $\mu$ M VPS4B, 10 mM caged ATP taken upon UV irradiation. Scale  
832 bar, 200 nm.  
833 **(c)** Kymograph representation of the height vs time along the two lines (blue and red) in panel **b**  
834 (leftmost image) throughout movie 9.  
835 **(d)** Example of height vs time profile of the membrane coated tube in absence of UV irradiation  
836 (in black, measurements are from the tube shown in **a**), and in presence of UV irradiation (in blue  
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## Cryo-EM data collection, refinement and validation statistics

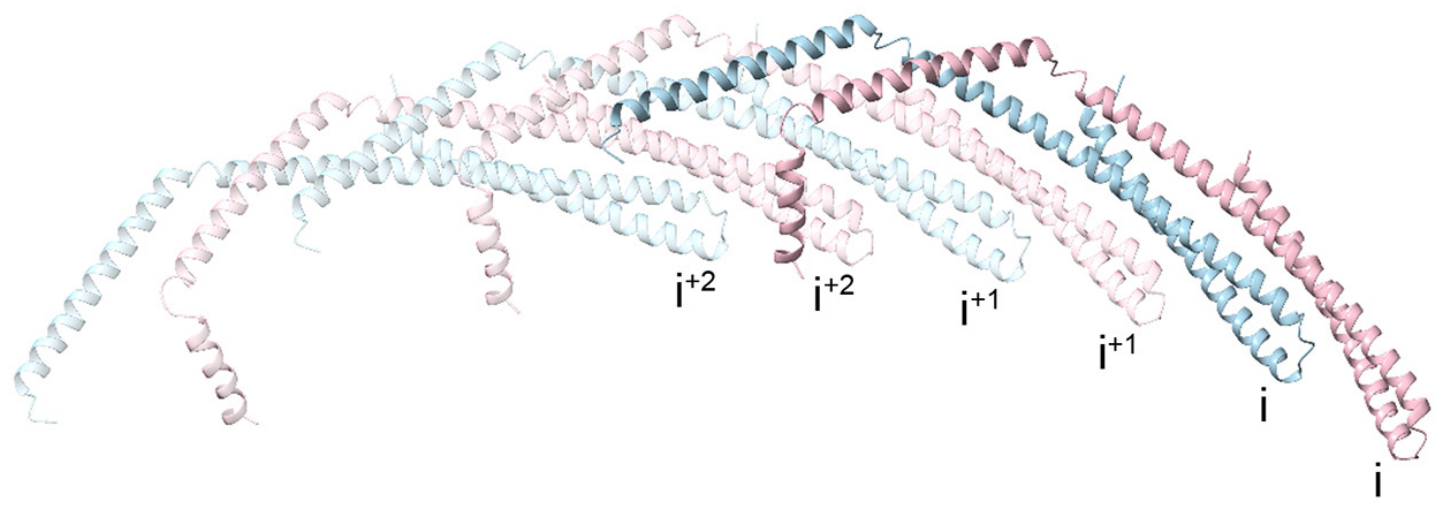
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<b>Data collection and processing</b>		
Magnification	130,000x	130,000x
Voltage (kV)	300	300
Electron exposure (e-/Å <sup>2</sup> )	24	24
Defocus range (µm)	0.5-1.5	0.5-1.5
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<b>Refinement</b>		
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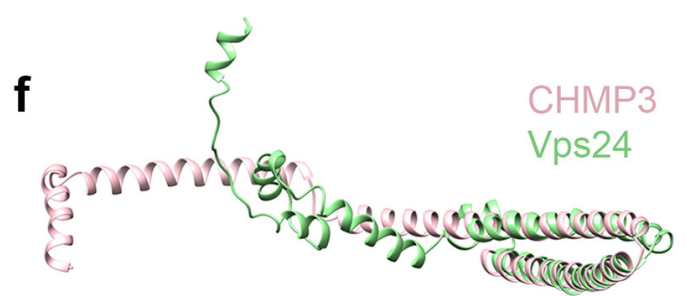
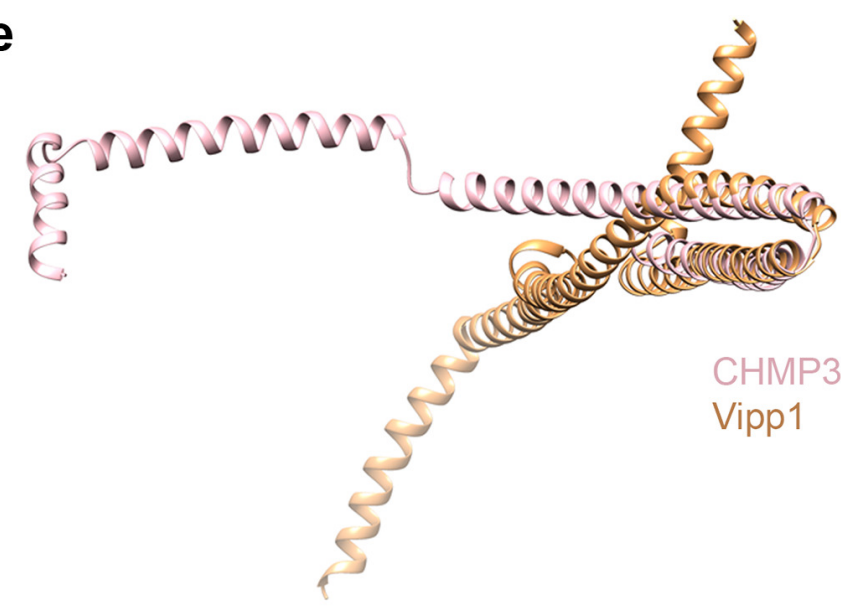
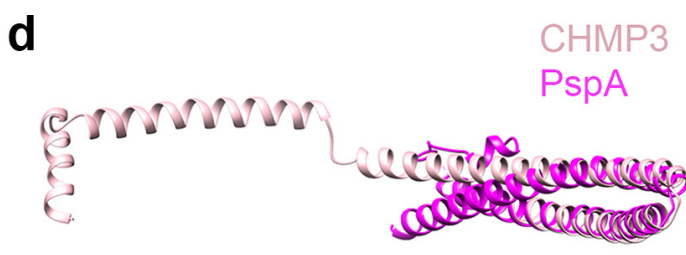
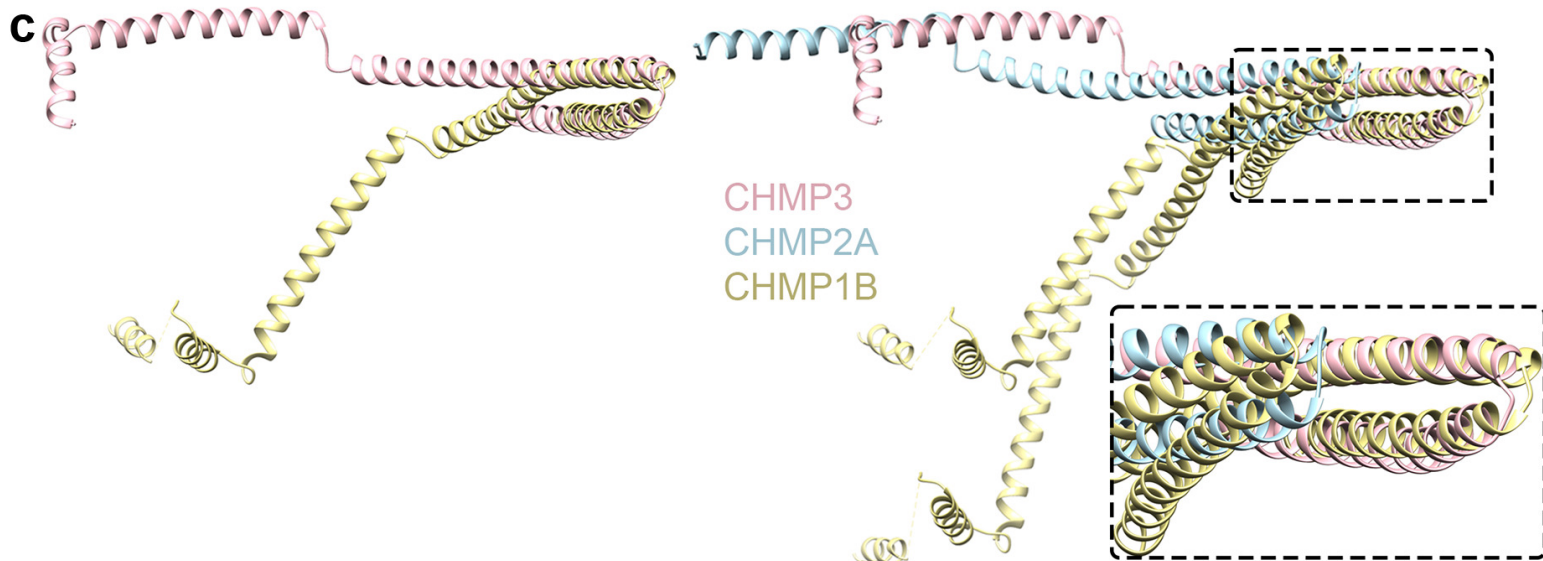
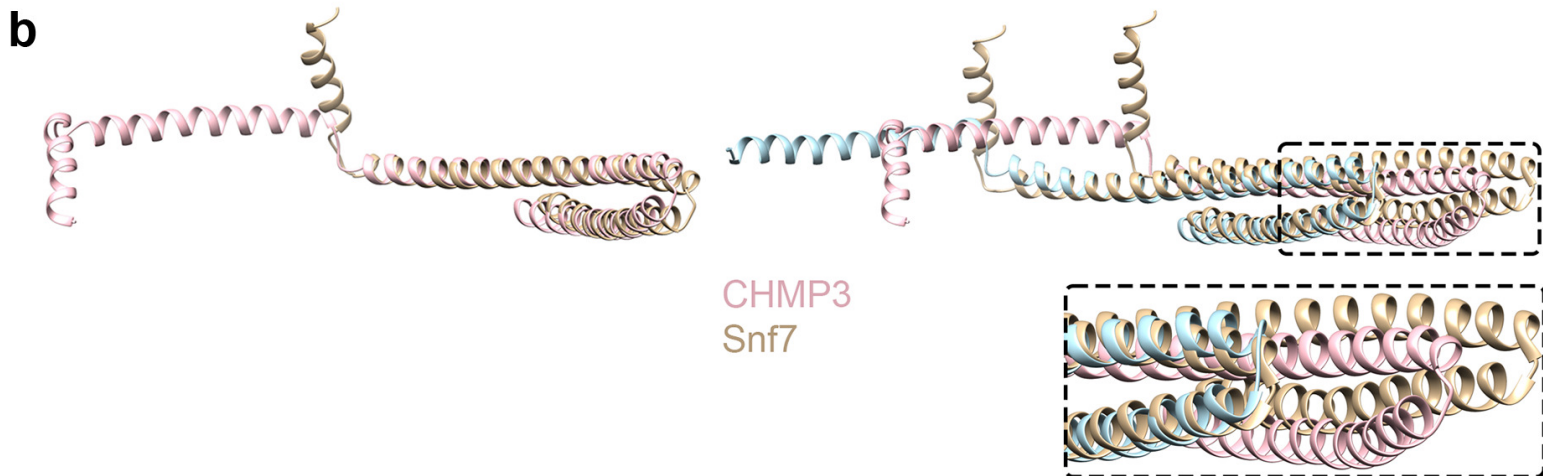
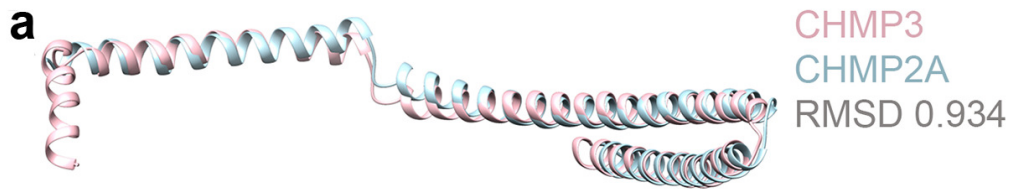


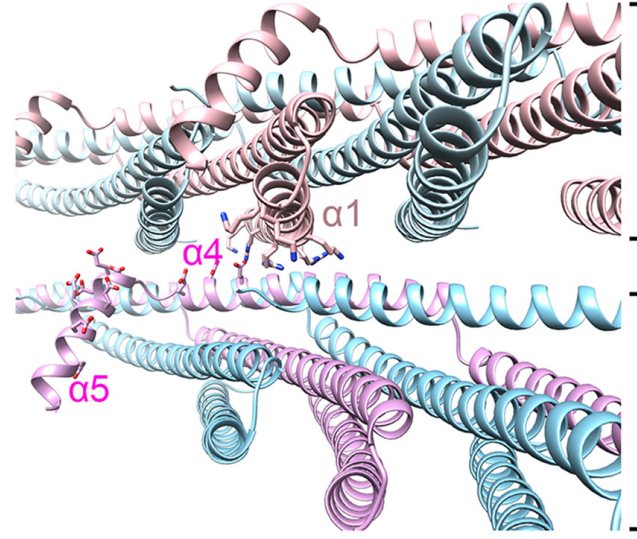
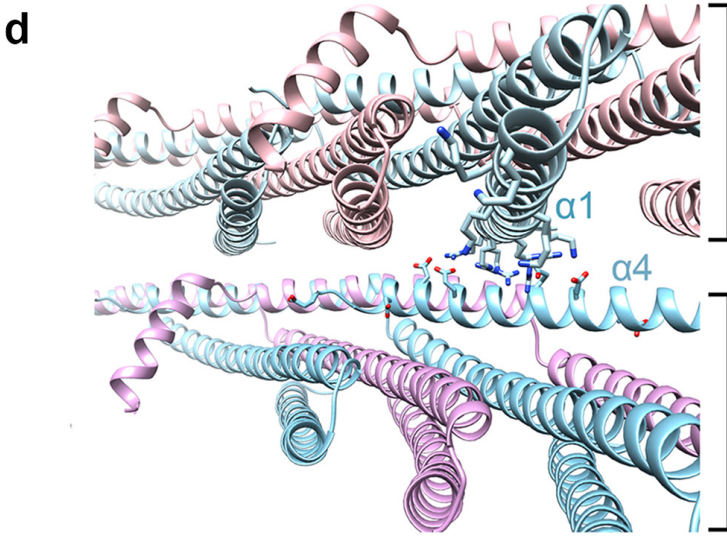
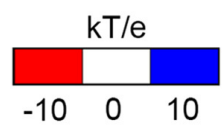
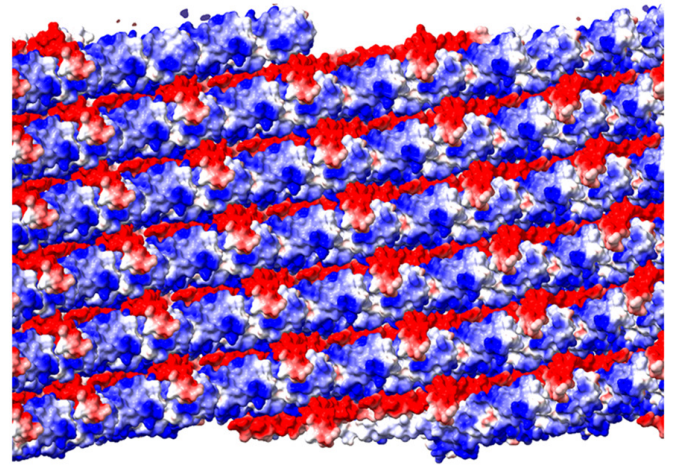
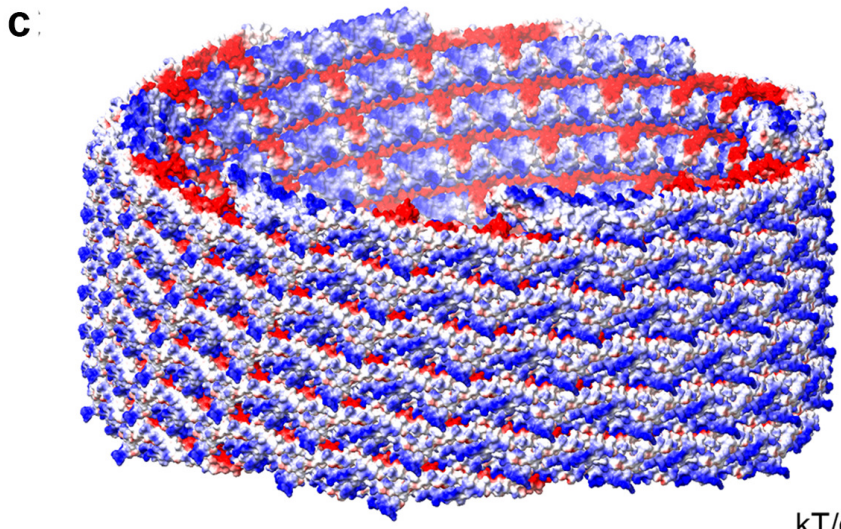
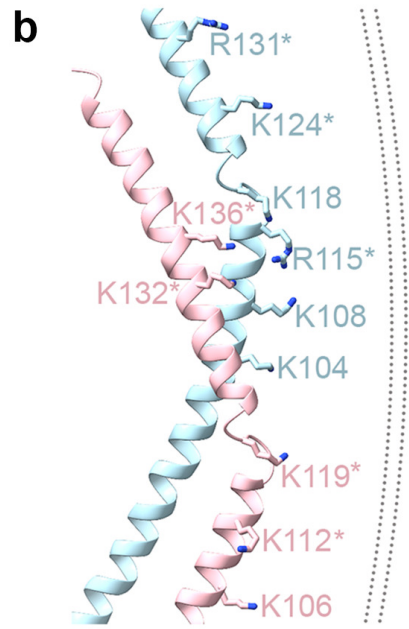
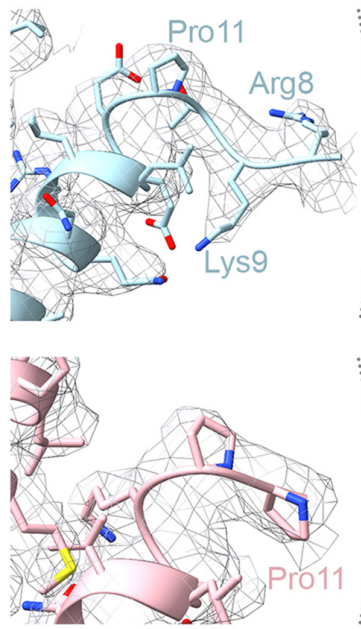
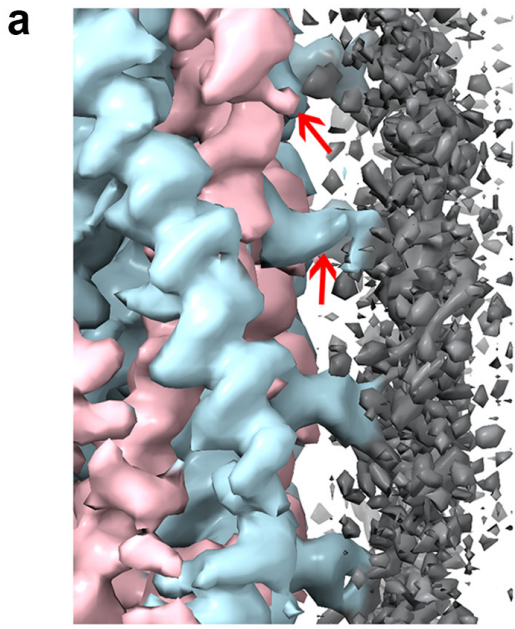
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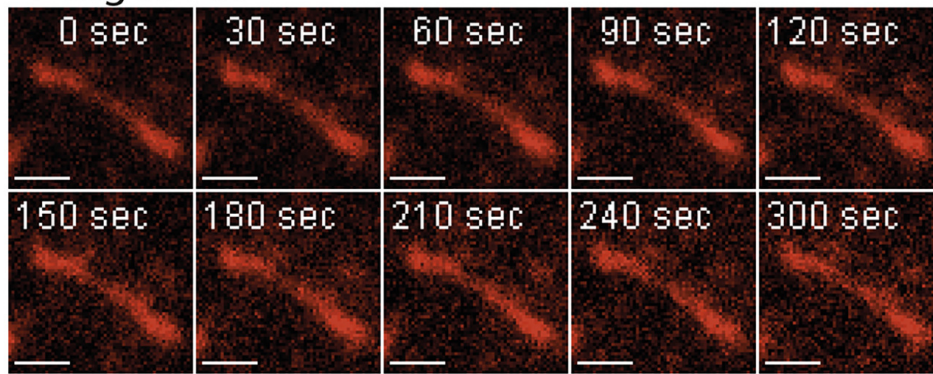




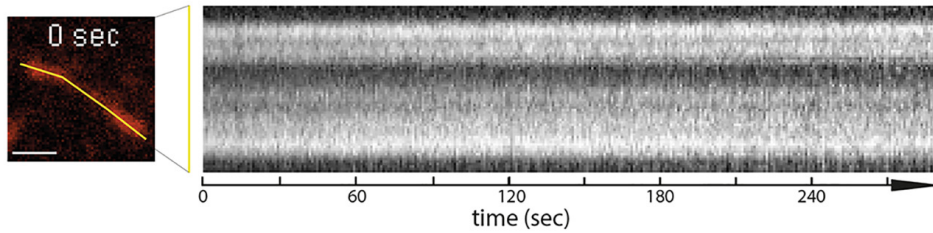


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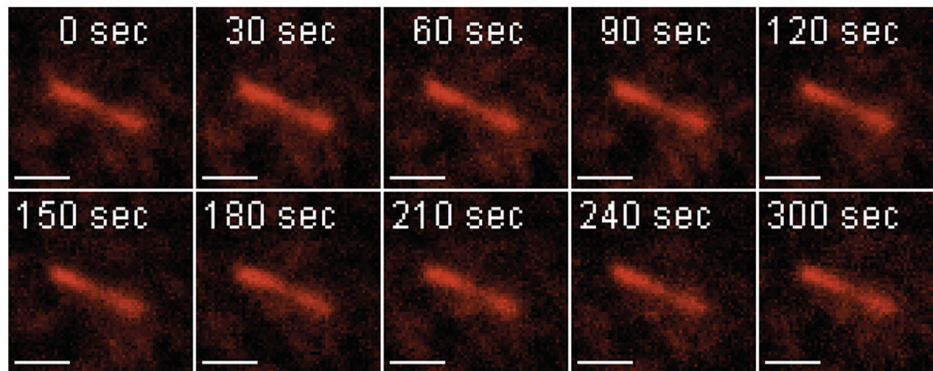
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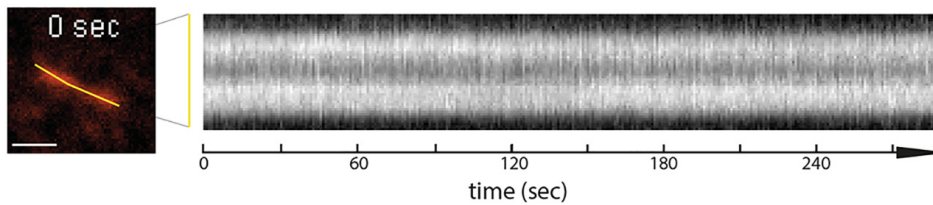
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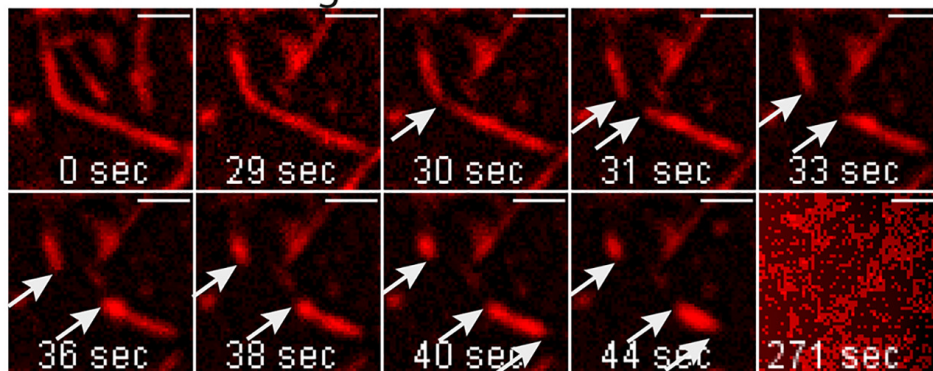
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