List of molecule classes in the vesicle transport model. Each class can contain an arbitrary number of molecule species. Note, that vesicles are also Table S1: compartments by itself. All molecules that bind to a compartment membrane can also bind to vesicle membranes.



Coat

Function: Vesicle Budding

- · Polymerization shapes the vesicle
- Specific interactions select SNARE, Motor and Cargo molecules to ensure proper sorting

States:

- a. free in cytoplasm
- b. bound to membrane of compartment
- c. polymerized around a budding vesicle

Represents:

COPI, COPII, clathrin



Function: Selecting Coat Molecules

Catcher" • Specific interactions bind free Coat molecules to the compartment membrane to ensure proper sorting

States:

a. bound to membrane of compartment

Represents:

Specific molecules or motifs in the compartment membrane



Tethers

Function: Involved in Vesicle Fusion

- Tethering factors tether vesicles, initiating fusion
- Note: not included in the present model, therein their function is taken over by SNAREs

States:

a. bound to membrane of compartment

Represents:

(Yeast:) Vps 18, GSG1, Sec34-37, Tip 1, ...

SNAREs Function: Addressing and Vesicle Fusion

- SNAREs specify the fusion partner ="Addressing"
- · SNAREs mediate vesicles fusion

States:

a. bound to membrane of compartment

Represents:

(Yeast:) Ufe1, Sed5, Tlg2, Pep12, Vam3, Sso1, Sso2 Sec20, Bos1, Gos1, Vti1, Sec9, Spo20, Slt1, Sft1, Bet1, Tlg1, Syn8, Vam7, Sec9, Spo20, Sec22, Ykt6, Nyv1, Snc1, Snc2



Motors

Function: Directed Transport

· Pull vesicles along cytoskeleton filaments

States:

- a. free in cytoplasm
- b. bound to membrane of compartment

Represents:

Kinesins, Dyneins, Myosins



Function: Selecting Motor Molecules

Specific interactions bind free **Motor** proteins to the compartment membrane to refill the local pool

States:

a. bound to membrane of compartment

Represents:

Specific molecules or motifs in the compartment membrane



Cargo

Function: ... to be transported and sorted

- Cargo molecules are just cargo inside the vesicles
- The presence of Cargo molecules triggers vesicle budding

States:

- a. free in the lumen of the compartment
- b. bound to membrane of compartment

Represents:

All molecules that have to be sorted and transported in the membrane trafficking system.

Note: Coat and Motor Catchers can be treated as Cargo as well in order to transport and sort them.



Function:

 Other molecules in the cell can interact with the molecules in the compartments

States:

a. outside of the compartments

Represents:

All other molecules in the cell, especially signaling molecules that can be activated by membrane bound receptor complexes