

The Edges of Life - 7pm at Centennial Hall

Wednesday, March 5

Life's Technological Edge: The Singularity is Near: When Humans Transcend Biology

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Humanity is on the edge of a vast transformation, when what it means to be human will be both enriched and challenged. Inventor and futurist Ray Kurzweil will introduce this radically optimistic singularity, an era when we break our genetic shackles to create a nonbiological intelligence trillions of times more powerful than today. In this new world, humans will transcend biological limitations to achieve entirely new levels of progress and longevity.

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Research Proposal Tips:

- Physiology and science should be subject, not researchers and experiments
- Having interesting question or problem helps give direction and focus
- More physiology
- Subheadings often helpful

- More sophisticated Future Directions, including gaps in current knowledge, flaws in current studies, proposed detailed experiments, think outside the box

- Synthesize, not serial book reports
- Abstract, role is summary of entire paper, not an intro to the intro

- Avoid Pronouns (its, these, this, ...which, there are)
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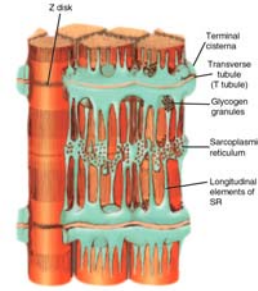
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- Peer editing (read quickly, then read for content and writing, comments helpful)

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Muscle

- A. Sarcomere
- B. Cross-bridge cycling
- C. Length-tension relationship
- D. Excitation-contraction coupling
- E. Force-Velocity curves, Power
- F. Fiber Types
- G. Motor Units/Recruitment
- H. Energetics
- I. Fatigue
- J. Repair and Regeneration



- Smooth and Cardiac introduction
- Integration of NS and Muscle Function

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Muscle

Uses:

- most observable animal behavior
- most visceral function
- generally act by shortening

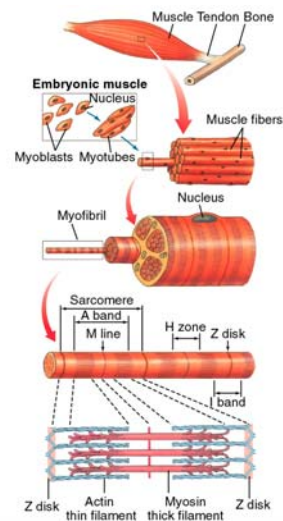
Classification:

- striated
 - [skeletal](#) or cardiac
- smooth
 - walls of hollow organs

All muscle movement based on myofilaments ([actin](#) and [myosin](#)) sliding past each other...

Utilize: [ATP](#), Ca^{2+} , $\sim\text{APs}$

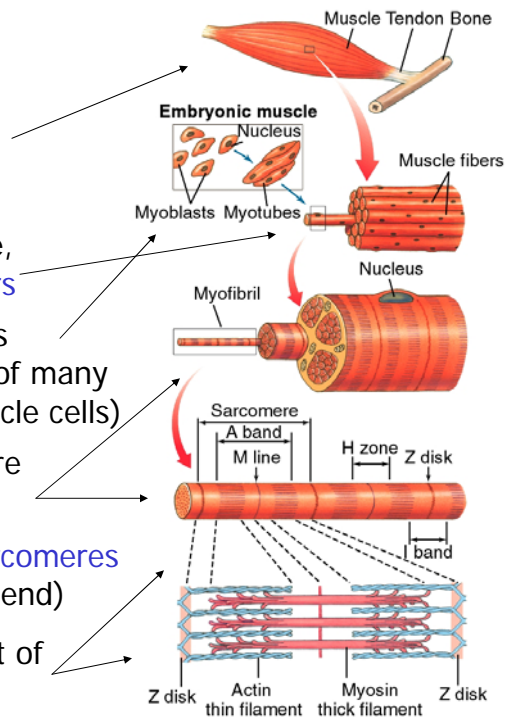
(*Myo-*, *Sarco-* = muscle related)



Skeletal Muscle

Structure:

- muscle attached to bone (skeleton) via **tendons**
- muscle comprises elongate, multinucleate, **muscle fibers**
- multinucleate muscle fibers derived from combination of many **myoblasts** (embryonic muscle cells)
- within each muscle fiber are many parallel **myofibrils**
- each myofibril contains **sarcomeres** arranged in series (end-to-end)
- **sarcomere** is functional unit of muscle



Sarcomere

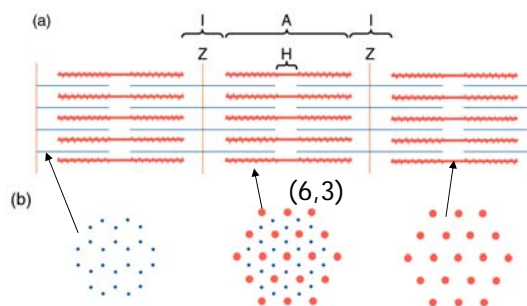
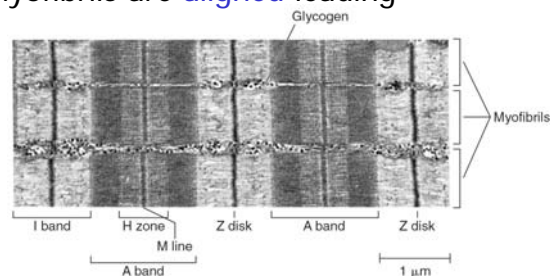
Sarcomeres in adjacent myofibrils are **aligned** leading to **striated appearance**

Z-disk at each end of sarcomere

Actin thin myofilaments attached to each Z-disk

Myosin thick myofilaments in between actins (6,3)

Actin and Myosin **overlap** is what allows muscle contraction



Sarcomere

Areas within sarcomere given names:

Z-disk (actin attaches)

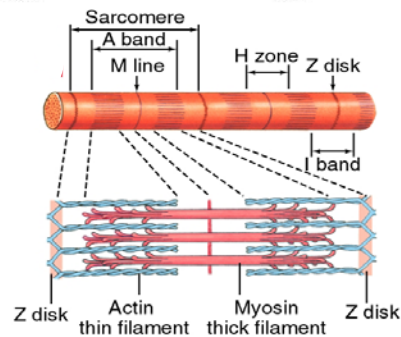
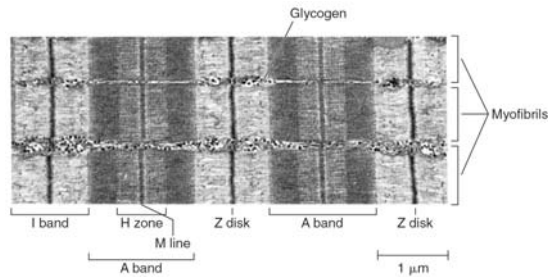
I-band (actin only)

A-band (myosin length)

M-line (midpoint of myosin)

H-zone (myosin only)

During muscle contraction, myosin thick filaments slide past actin thin filaments toward Z-lines



Which regions change length and which remain the same as the sarcomere shortens?

Z-disk (actin attaches)

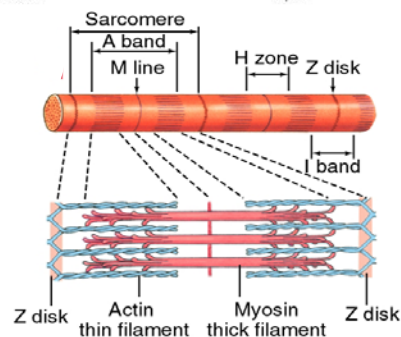
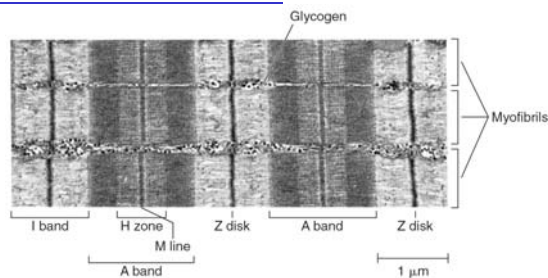
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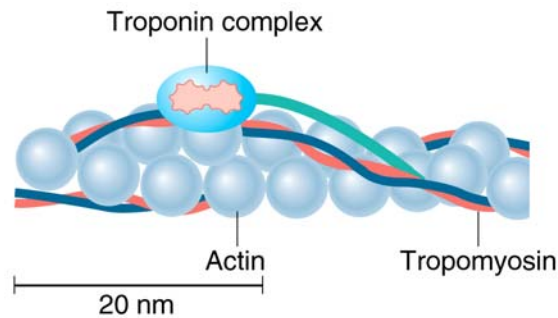
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Sarcomere Composition

Actin composed of:
individual molecules of **G-actin** (globular)
united into chains called **F-actin** (filamentous)
which form a two-stranded **helix**

In the groove of the two F-actin strands is **tropomyosin**,
which also has globular **troponin** molecules attached to it



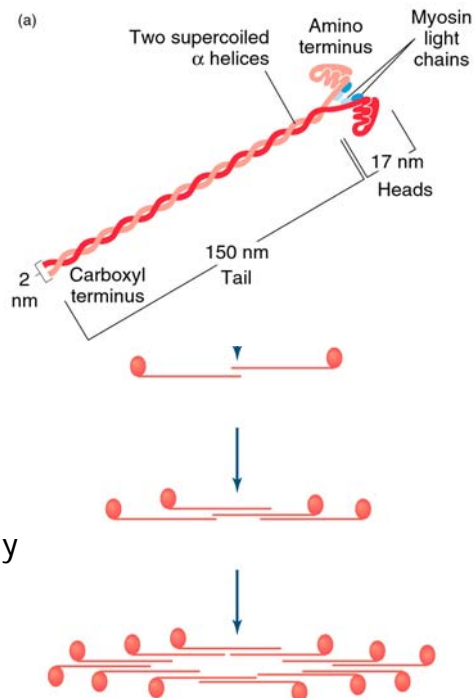
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Sarcomere Composition

Myosin composed of:
2 **heavy chains** with
globular **heads**
2 **essential light chains**
2 **regulatory light chains**

The **light chains** are involved
in the **speed of contraction**
(important for different
muscle fiber-types)

Myosin molecules spontaneously
aggregate into **complexes** with
the **heads at the ends** and the
tails toward the middle

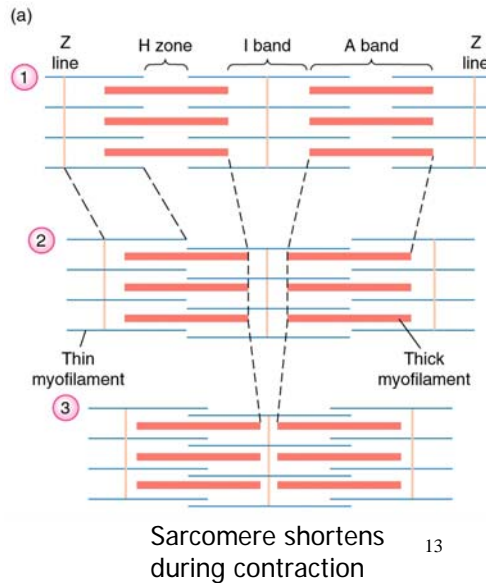


Sarcomere Function

Actin and Myosin molecules **slide** past each other, **but don't** themselves **change length**

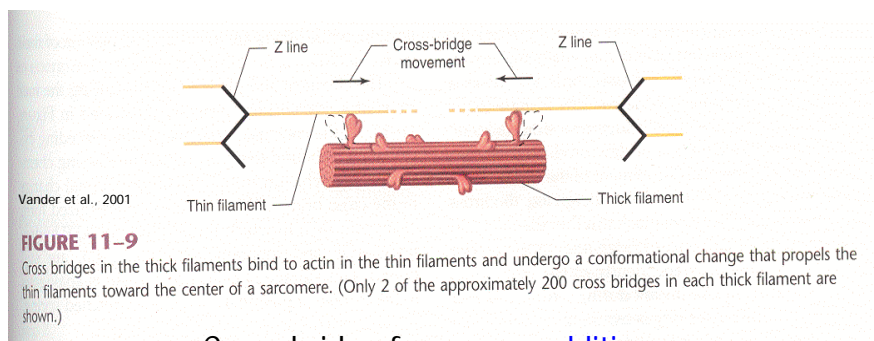
Sliding Filament Theory

Cross-bridges form transiently between **myosin head** and **actin filament** (actomyosin)



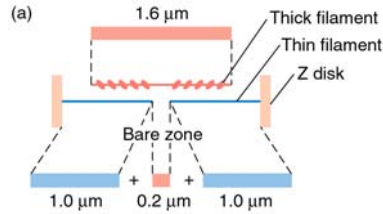
Cross Bridges and Force Production

Myosin head binds to actin (**actomyosin**), then pulls myosin toward z-line thereby shortening sarcomere (= contraction)

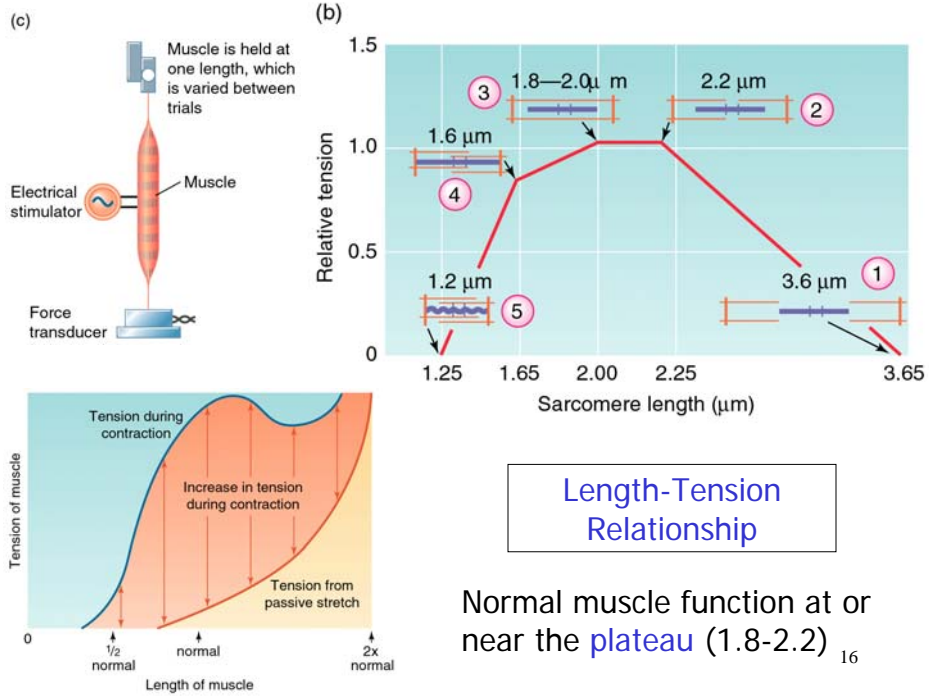
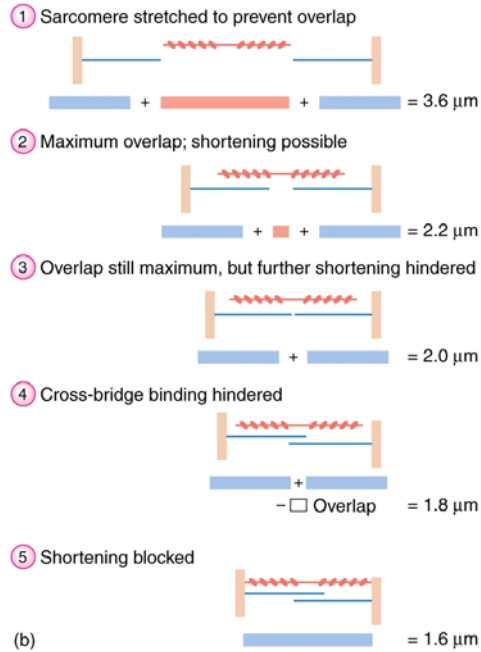


Cross-bridge forces are **additive**.
Same force all along myofibril.

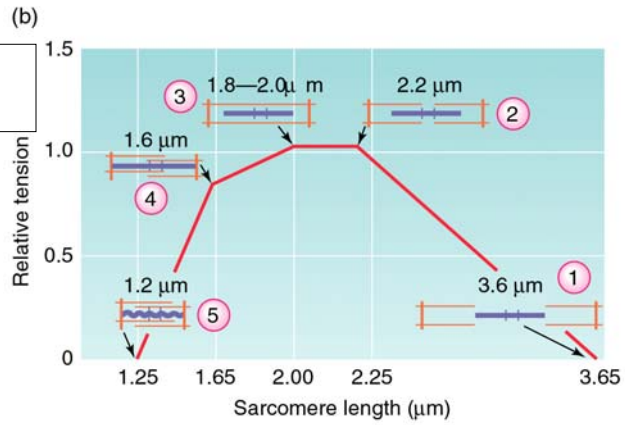
Sarcomere Function



Number of Cross-bridges (and therefore contraction magnitude) increased with appropriate overlap of actin with myosin heads



Length-Tension Relationship

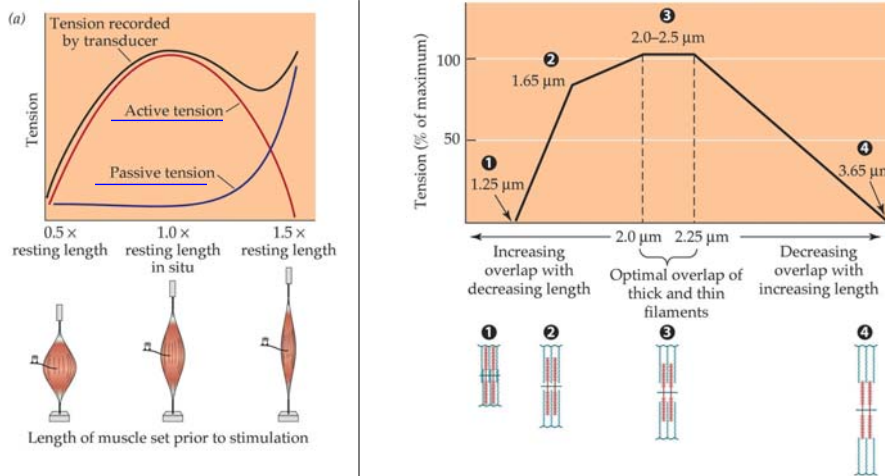


Why lose force production at short end?

What constrains muscle length in the body?

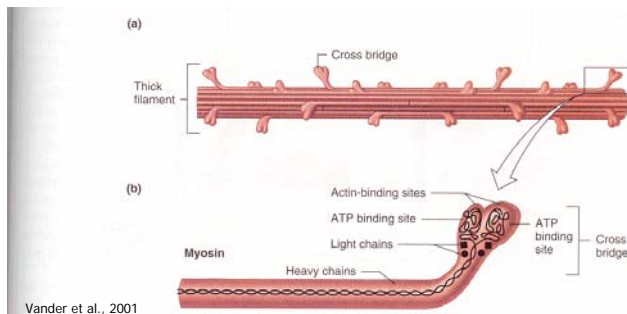
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Length-Tension Relationship



Hill et al. 2004, Fig 17.12

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Vander et al., 2001

FIGURE 11-11

(a) The heavy chains of myosin molecules form the core of a thick filament. The myosin molecules are oriented in opposite directions in either half of a thick filament. (b) Structure of a myosin molecule. The two globular heads of each myosin molecule extend from the sides of a thick filament forming a cross bridge.

Myosin head has to be able to **detach** and **bind again** to actin further along in order to **continue to generate force**

Detachment requires **ATP** bind to myosin head

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Cross Bridges and Force Production

ATP required for the (3) dissociation of actin and myosin (else *rigor mortis*)

Myosin acts as an **ATPase**, hydrolyzing ATP to **ADP + P_i** (4) (Energy of ATP hydrolysis "cocks" the myosin head)

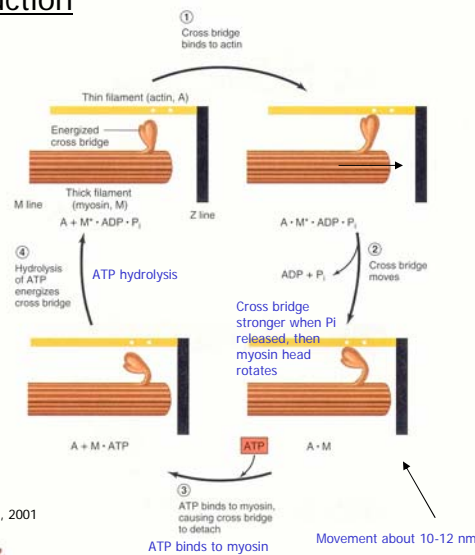
Actomyosin complex forms (= crossbridge) (1)

Myosin releases **ADP** and **P_i** (very slowly (2) unless bound to actin)

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FIGURE 11-12

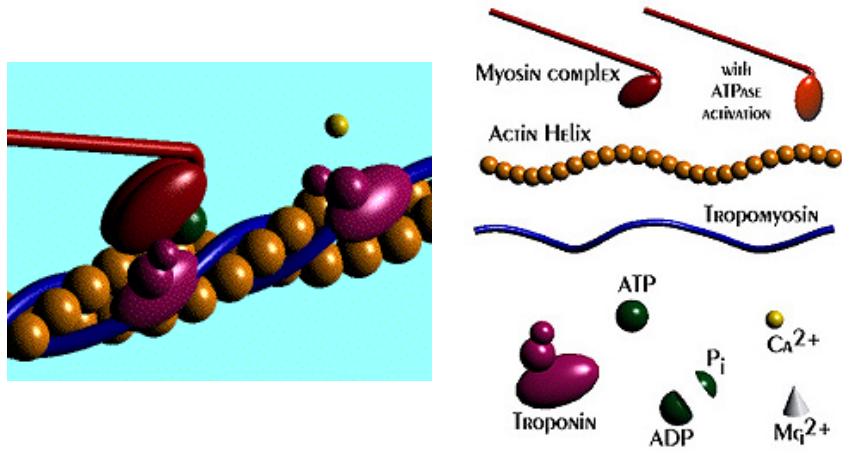
Chemical and mechanical changes during the four stages of a cross-bridge cycle. In a resting muscle fiber, contractile with the binding of a cross bridge to actin in a thin filament—step 1. (M* represents an energized myosin cross bridge)



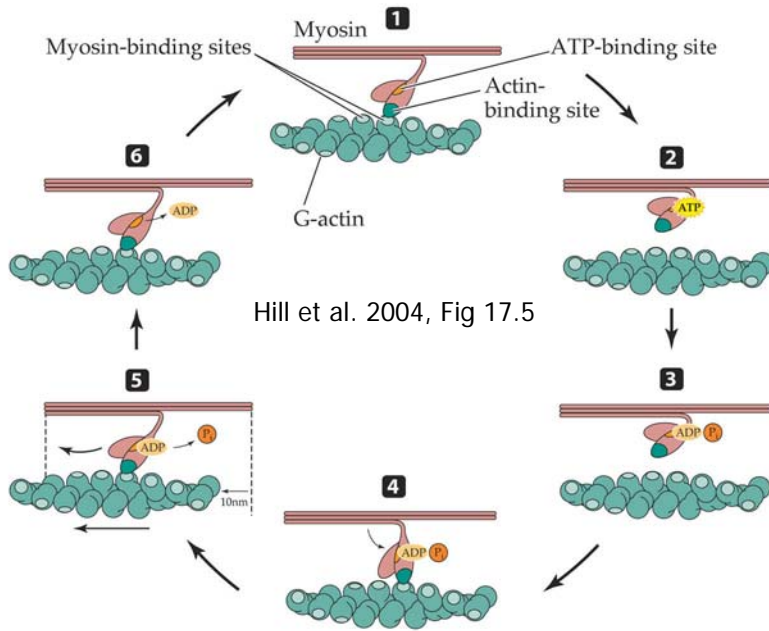
Cycle repeats until **Ca⁺⁺** resequenced or run out of energy

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 Actin Myosin Crossbridge 3D Animation*



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Regulation of Contraction

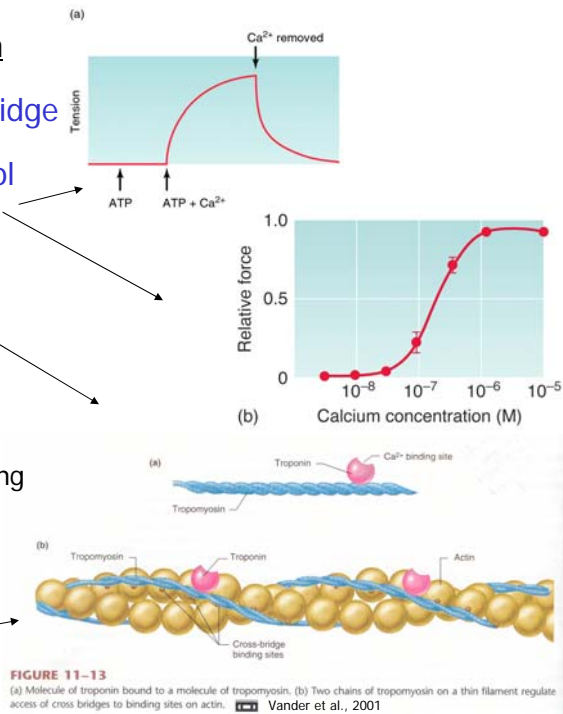
CALCIUM and the cross bridge

Need free Ca^{2+} in cytosol to get contraction

Calcium binds troponin which is attached to tropomyosin on actin

This causes conformational change in tropomyosin exposing actin binding sites for myosin heads (not shown)

Without calcium, contraction is inhibited

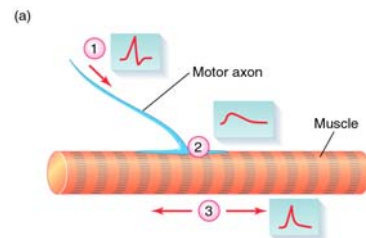


Excitation-Contraction Coupling, from the beginning...

1. AP from CNS arrives at neuromuscular junction.
2. ACh released into synapse.
3. ACh binds to nicotinic receptors on motor endplate.
4. Ion channels for K^+ and Na^+ open; greater Na^+ influx leads to depolarization and AP in muscle plasma membrane

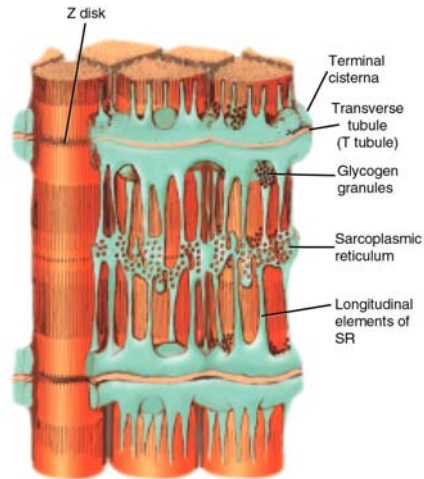
EPP = Endplate Potential

(~Excitatory Post-Synaptic Potential or EPSP)



Excitation-Contraction Coupling, the middle I...

5. Change in membrane potential (AP) reaches **deep** into the muscle cell via transverse tubules (T-tubules; one per Z-disk)



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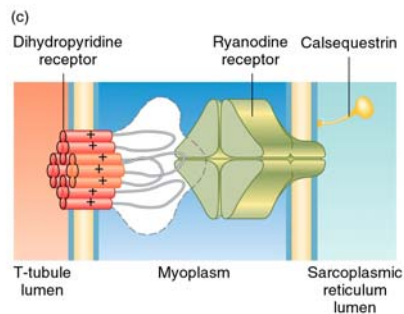
Excitation-Contraction Coupling, the middle II...

6. T-tubules have voltage sensitive proteins called **dihydropyridine receptors**

7. Dihydropyridine receptors in the T-tubules are **mechanically linked** with **ryanodine receptors (RR)** on the sarcoplasmic reticulum (SR)

The ends of the SR adjacent to the T-tubule are called **terminal cisternae (w/ calsequestrin)**

8. **Calcium** stored in the SR. Released into the cytosol via the ryanodine receptor channel when the RR is mechanically triggered by the voltage sensitive dihydropyridine receptor.



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Excitation-Contraction Coupling, the last bit...

9. Calcium triggers **release of more calcium** from some ryanodine receptors that are not linked to dihydropyridine receptors

Called *calcium-induced calcium release*

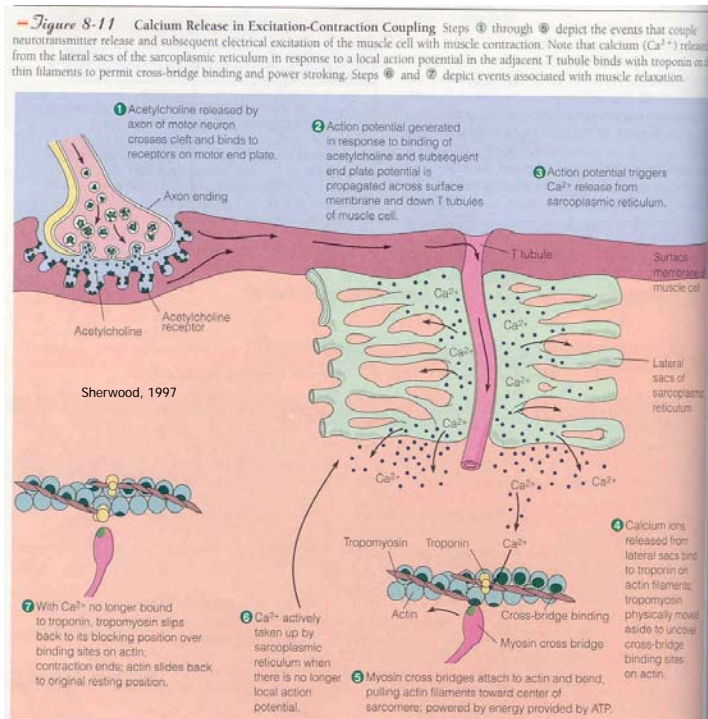
10. Calcium binds to troponin leading to **actomyosin** complex...

11. After repolarization, calcium **actively** (requires ATP) **moved** back into SR where much of it is bound to **calsequestrin**

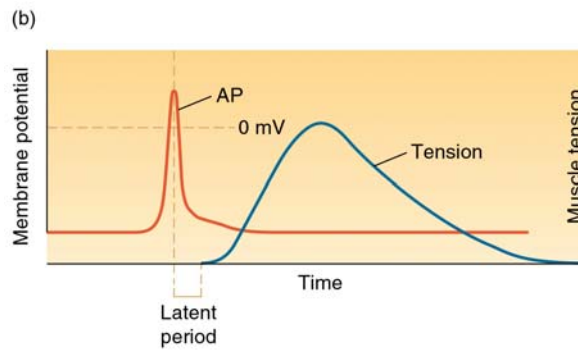
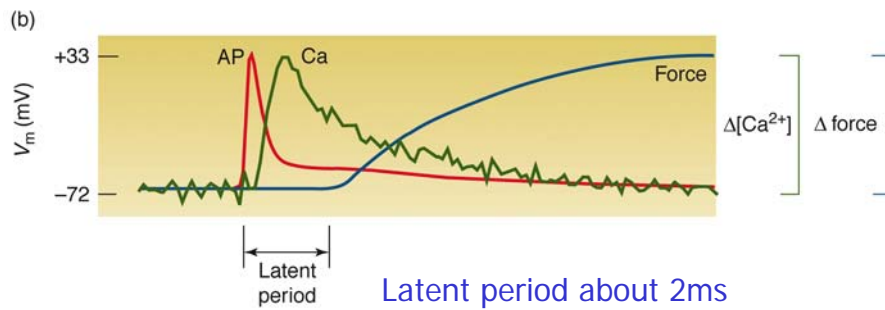
12. Muscle **relaxes** as long as **ATP** is present to allow actomyosin complex to dissociate

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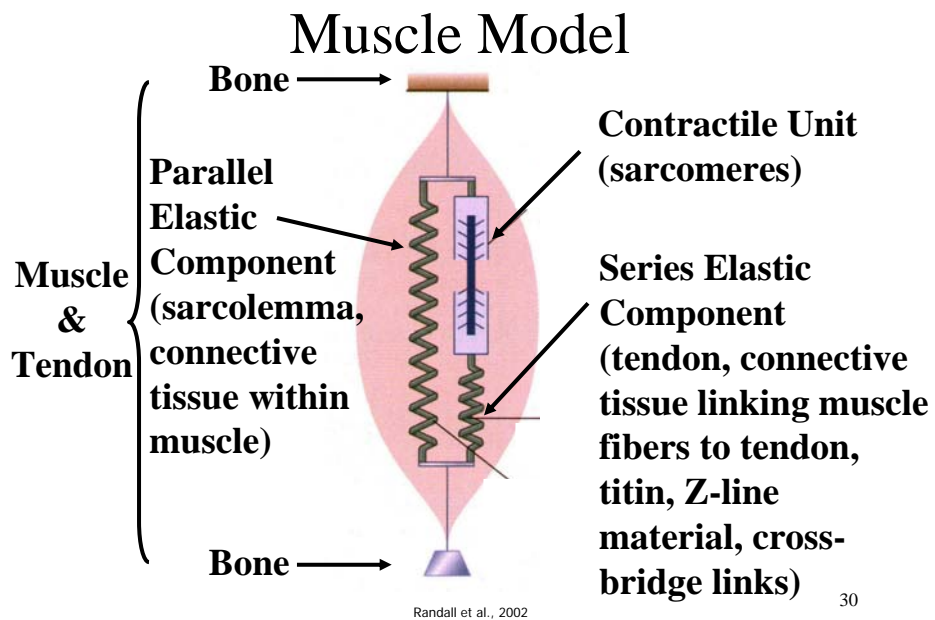
Review of EC Coupling and Muscle Contraction

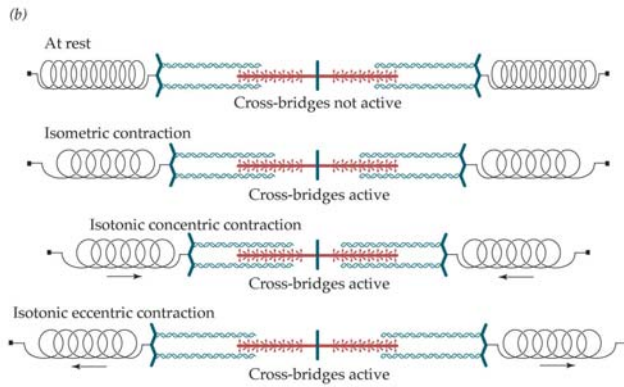
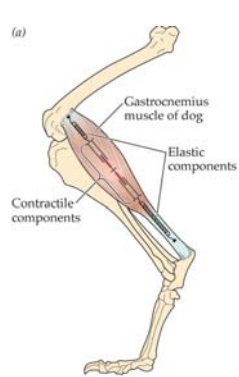


Time course of excitation-contraction events



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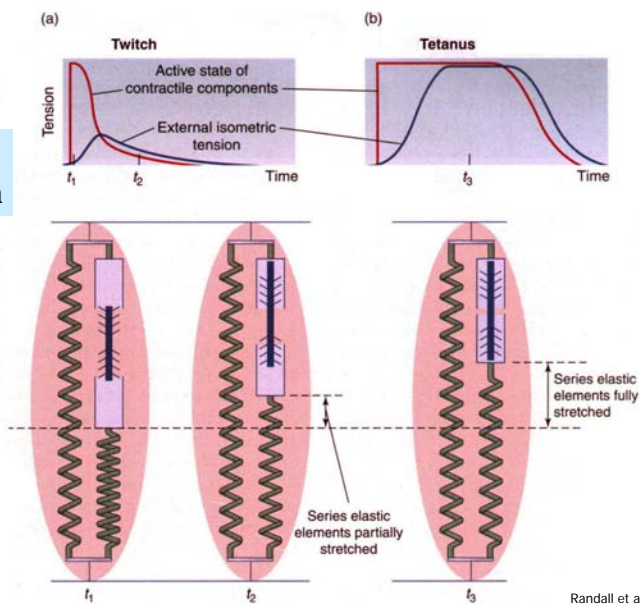


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Isometric Contraction

iso = same
metric = length

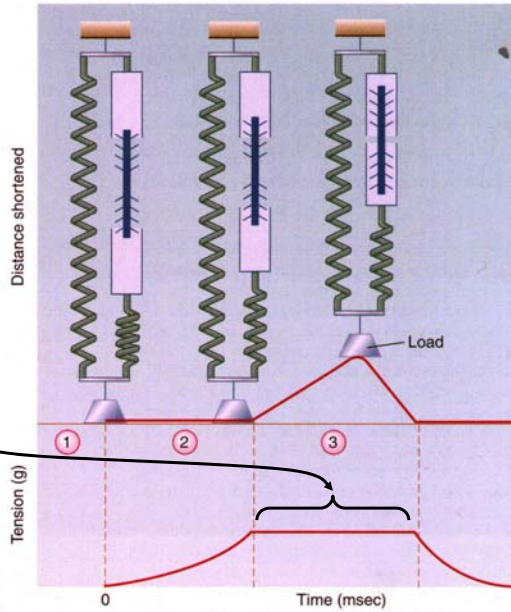


Randall et al., 2002

Isotonic Contraction

iso = same
tonic = tension

Purely isotonic contraction

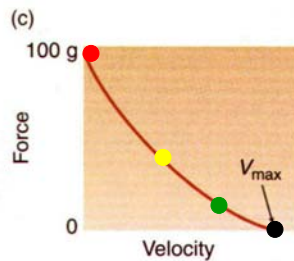
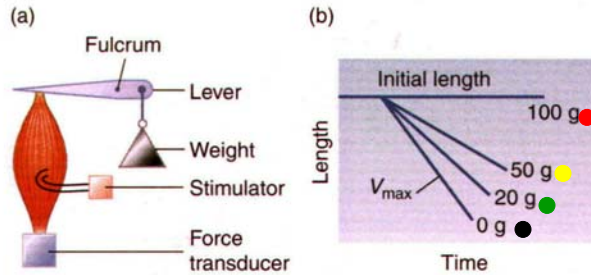


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Force-Velocity Curve



Greatest force during isometric contraction

Greatest velocity when muscle is unloaded

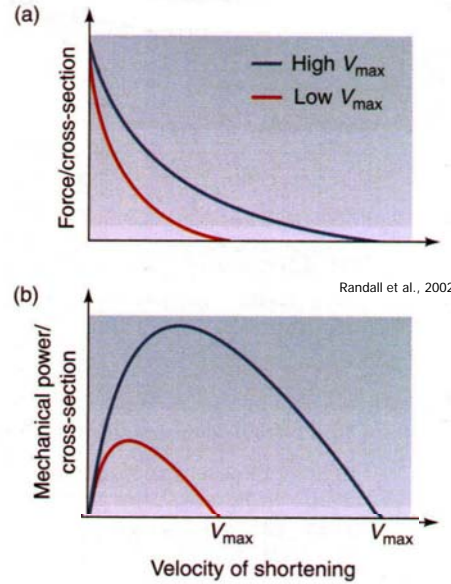
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Muscles can produce power

Muscle fiber types vary in their mechanical properties

Power = force * velocity

Maximum power output is found at intermediate force and velocity (~40%)



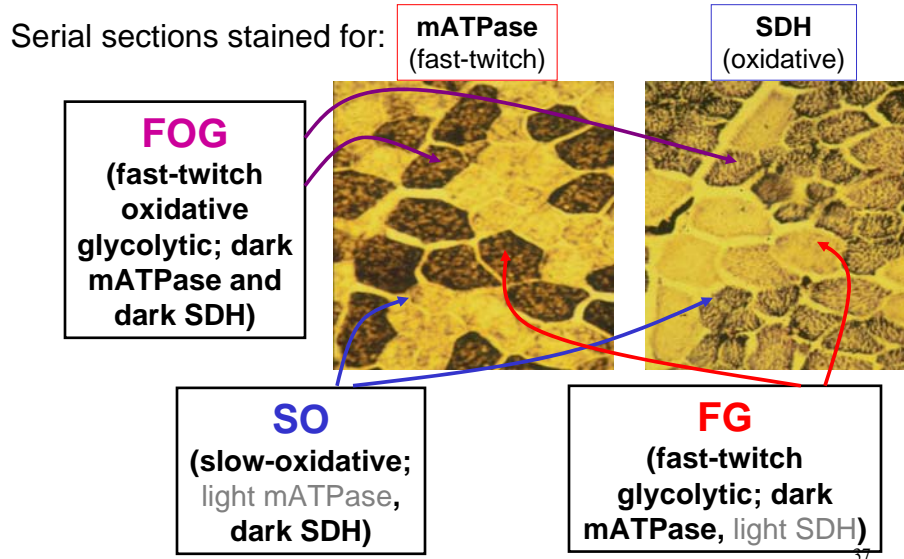
Different Muscle Fiber-Types

Table 10-1 Properties of twitch (phasic) fibers in mammalian skeletal muscles
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Property	Slow oxidative (type I)	Fast oxidative (type IIa)	Fast glycolytic (type IIb)
Fiber diameter	↓	↔	↑
Force per cross-sectional area	↓	↔	↑
Rate of contraction (V_{max})	↓	↑	↑
Myosin ATPase activity	↓	↑	↑
Resistance to fatigue	↑	↔	↓
Number of mitochondria	↑	↑	↓
Capacity for oxidative phosphorylation	↑	↑	↓
Enzymes for anaerobic glycolysis	↓	↔	↑

Source: Adapted from Sherwood, 2001. Key = ↓ Low ↔ Intermediate ↑ High

Histochemistry



Myosin isoform, ATPase speed
SR Ca-ATPase speed

IIx (=IIb) ten times faster than I

IIx default, exercise leads to I and IIa

MGF (~IGF-1) – mechanogrowth factor
autocrine, paracrine
made by muscle after sarcolemma damage
loss = muscular dystrophy

Why Athletes Taper?

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Olympic Athletes



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