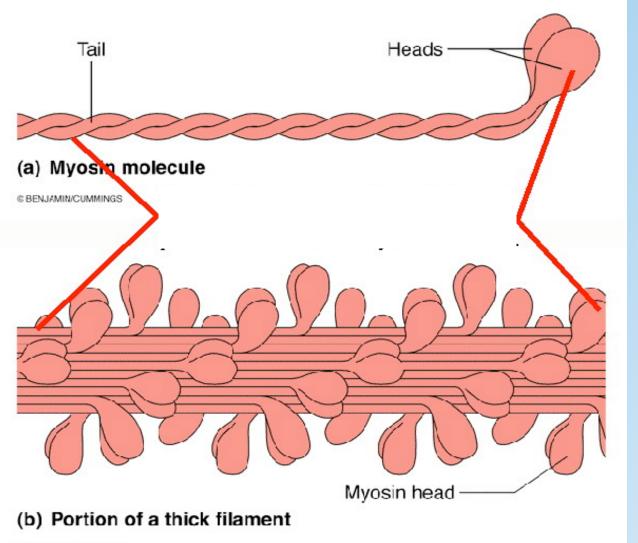
## MUSCLE CONTRACTION



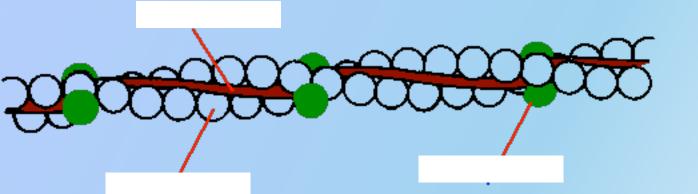


Myosin compromises the thick filaments

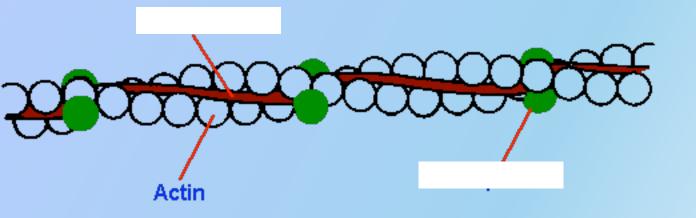
- Consist of six polypeptide chains
  - One pair heavy chains
  - Two pairs light chains

The head binds actin and ATP

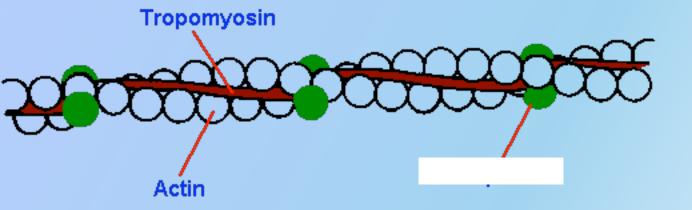




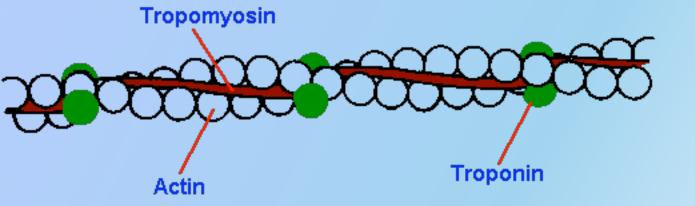




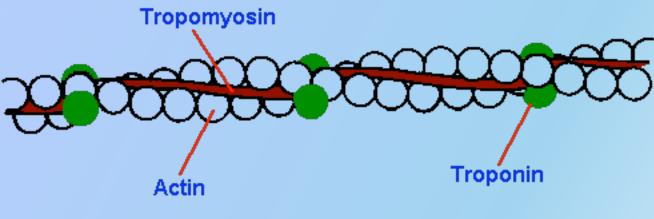






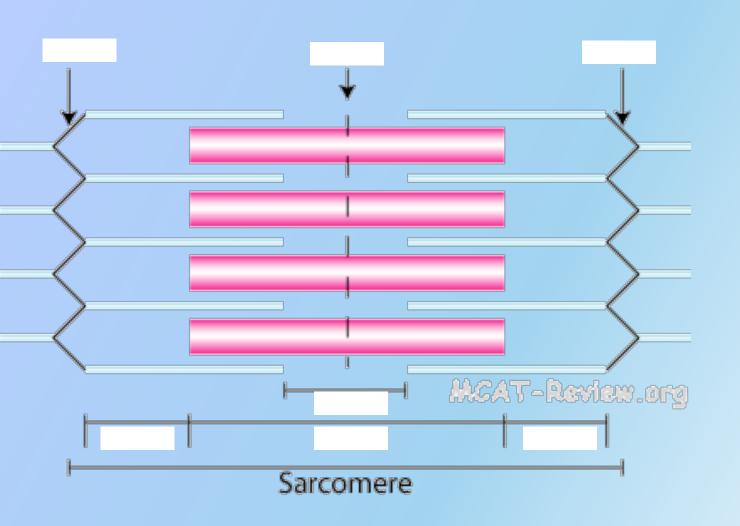




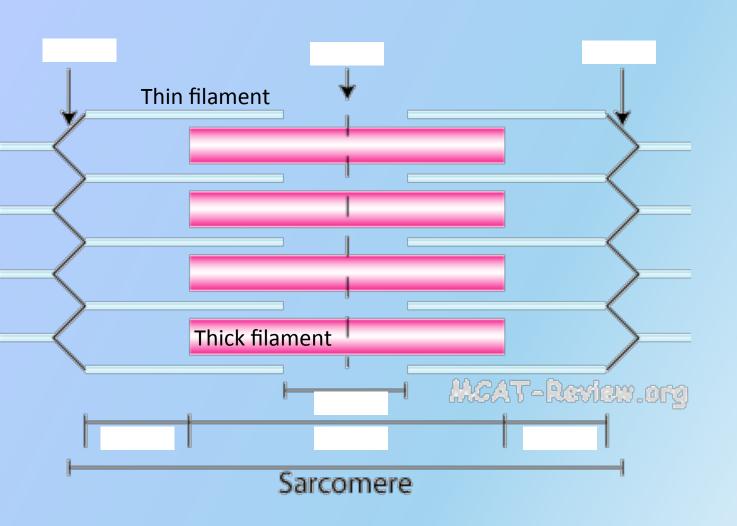


- Actin has myosin-binding sites
- At rest the binding sites are blocked by tropomyosin
  - For contraction to occur tropomyosin must be moved out of the way
- Troponin consist of three proteins
  - Troponin T
  - Troponin I
  - Troponin C

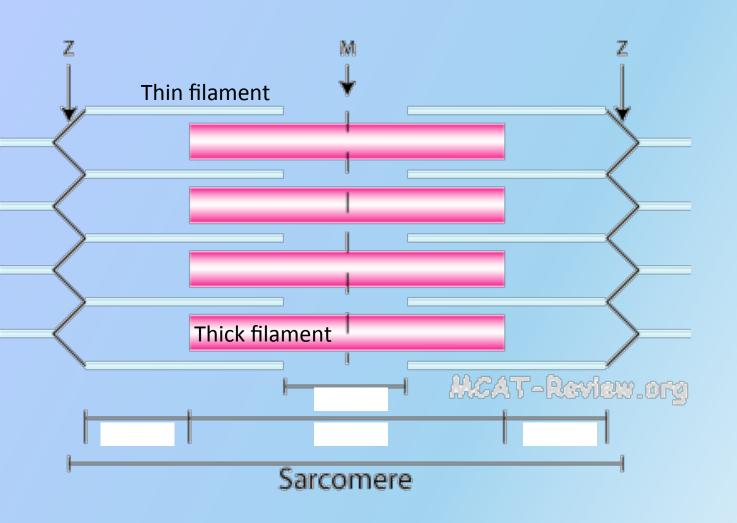




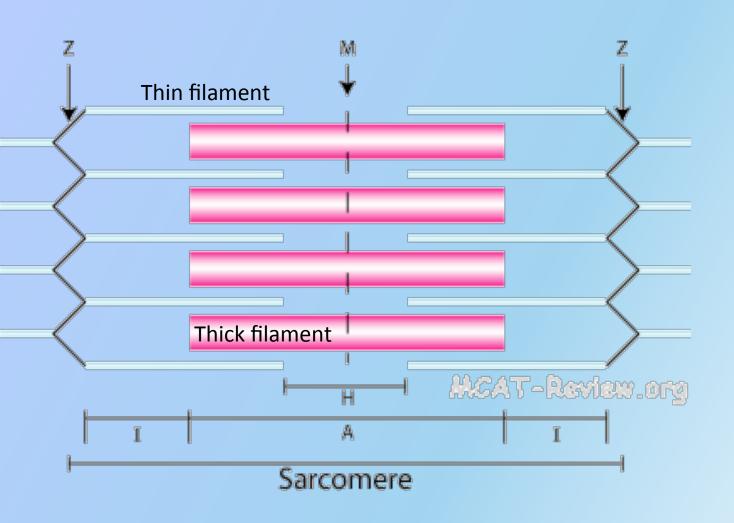




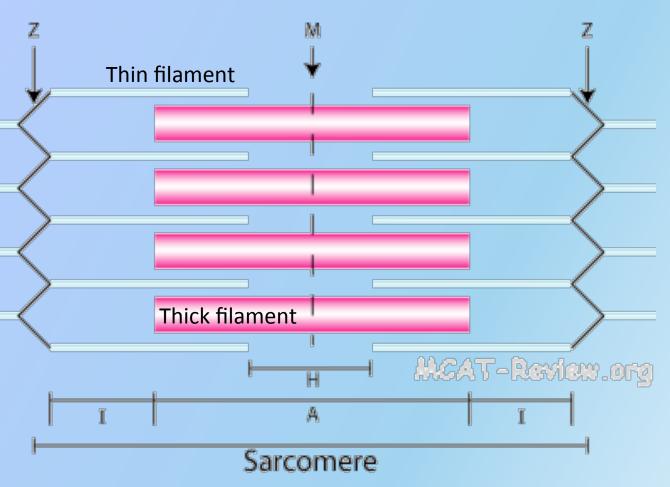








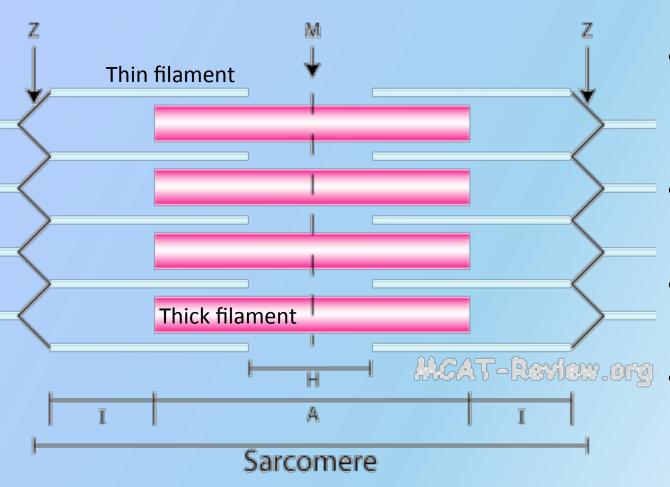




- Thick and thin filaments may overlap in the A band
  - Potential sites of cross-bridge formation
- I bands contain thin filaments, filamentous proteins and Z-disks
- Z-disks is the border of each sarcomere

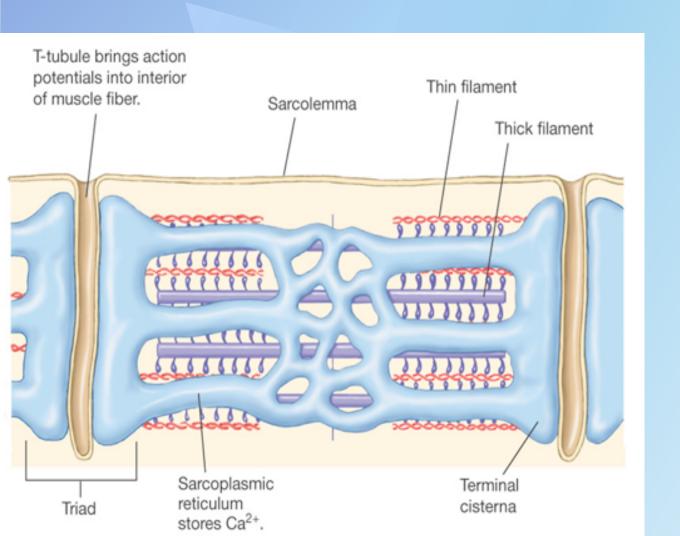


#### CYTOSKELETAL PROTEINS



- Dystrophin binds to actin and anchors myofibrils to cell membrane
- Titin binds thick filaments to Zdisks
- Nebulin sets the length of actin molecules
- α-Actinin anchors thin filaments to Z-disks

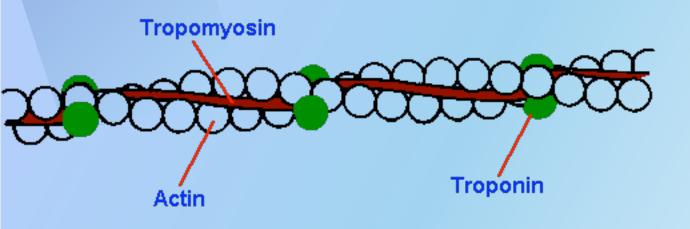
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- T-tubules carry depolarization
  - Dihydropyridine receptor is activated
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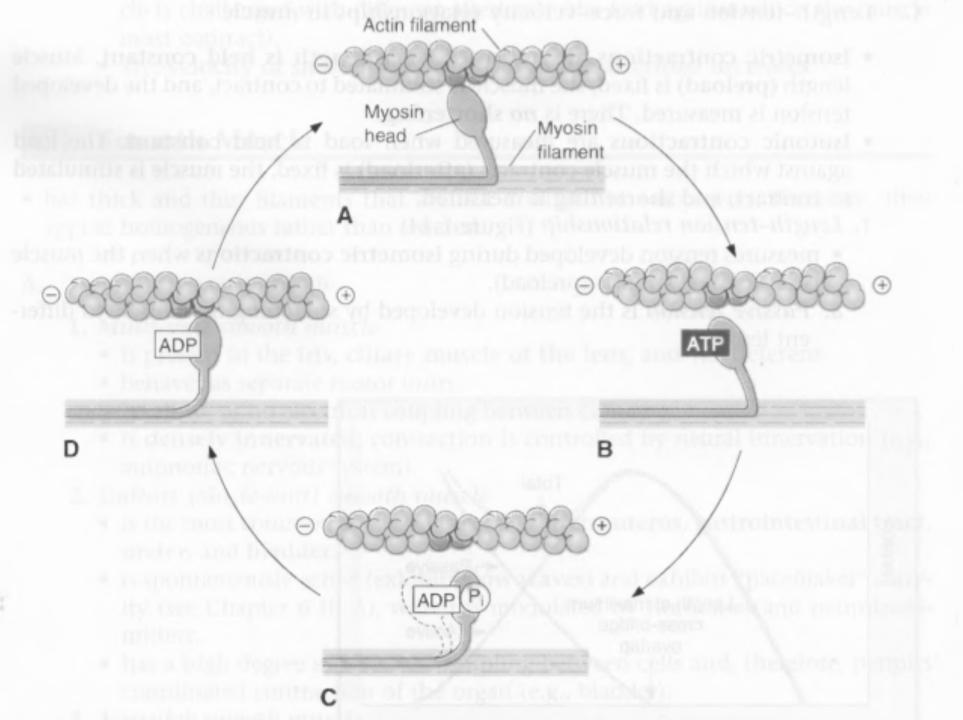


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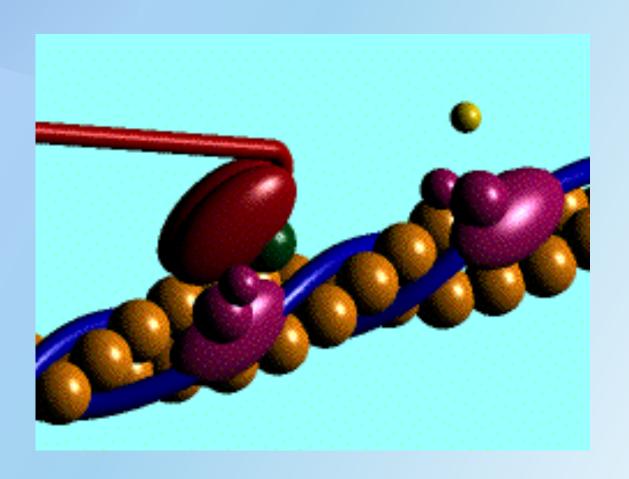


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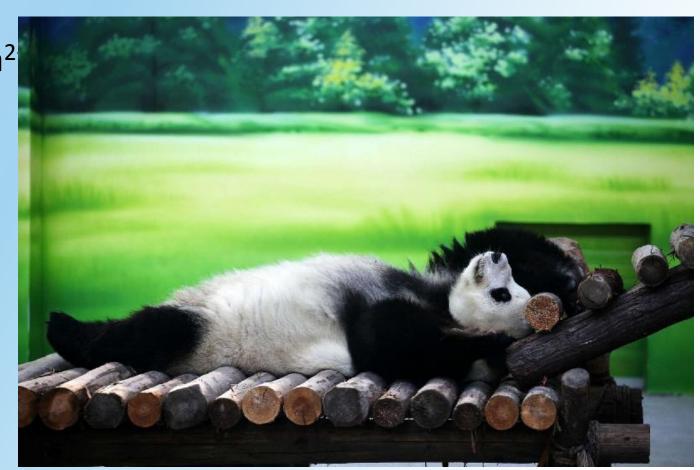




#### RELAXATION

- Ca<sup>2+</sup> reaccumulates in SR by Ca<sup>2</sup>
   ATPase (SERCA)
- In SR Ca<sup>2+</sup> is bound to calsequestrin

 The binding to calsequestrin results in a low amount of free Ca<sup>2+</sup> in SR





#### RIGOR MORTIS

- What is rigor mortis?
  - Stiffness of death
- Why are the muscles in the rigor position?
  - Because there is no ATP for Ca<sup>2+</sup>
     ATPase to use
- Why doesn't the myosin head move from the rigor position?
  - Because there is no ATP to bind to the myosin





#### TYPES OF SMOOTH MUSCLE

#### **Unitary**

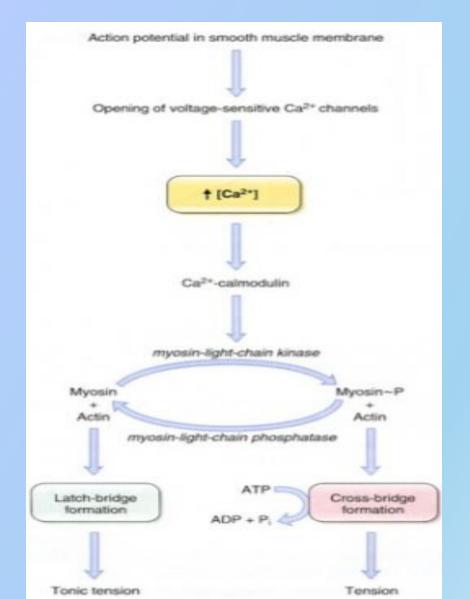
- Found in:
  - GI
  - Bladder
  - Uterus
  - Ureter
- Linked by gap junctions
- Pacemaker activity, or slow waves

#### Multiunit

- Found in:
  - Iris
  - Ciliary muscles
  - Vas deferens
- Little or no coupling
- Parasympathetic/sympathetic nervous system regulate function



# EXCITATION-CONTRACTION COUPLING IN SMOOTH MUSCLE



- Depolarization opens Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels in membrane
- IC Ca<sup>2+</sup> binds to calmodulin
  - Ca<sup>2+</sup>-calmodulin complex activates myosin-light-chain kinase
- Phosphorylated myosin binds to actin to form cross-bridges
- IC Ca<sup>2+</sup> decreases
  - Myosin-light-chain phosphatase

### Ca<sup>2+</sup> CHANNELS AND RECEPTORS

- Voltage-gated Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels
- Ligand-gated Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels
- IP<sub>3</sub>-gated SR Ca<sup>2+</sup> channels



#### BLE 1-3 Comparison of Skeletal, Smooth, and Cardiac Muscle

Feature	Skeletal Muscle	Smooth Muscle	Cardiac Muscle
Appearance Upstroke of action potential	Striated Inward Na+ current	No striations Inward Ca <sup>2+</sup> current	Striated Inward Ca <sup>2+</sup> current (SA node) Inward Na <sup>+</sup> current (atria,
Plateau	No	No	ventricles, Purkinje fibers)  No (SA node)  Yes (atria, ventricles,  Purkinje fibers; due to inward Ca <sup>2+</sup> current)
Duration of action potential	~1 msec	~10 msec	150 msec (SA node, atria) 250–300 msec (ventricles and Purkinje fibers)
Excitation- contraction coupling	Action potential  → T tubules  Ca²+ released  from nearby  SR  ↑ [Ca²+],	Action potential opens voltage-gated Ca <sup>2+</sup> channels in cell membrane Hormones and transmit- ters open IP <sub>3</sub> - gated Ca <sup>2+</sup> channels in SR	Inward Ca <sup>2+</sup> current during plateau of action potential Ca <sup>2+</sup> -induced Ca <sup>2+</sup> release from SR ↑ [Ca <sup>2+</sup> ] <sub>i</sub>
Molecular basis for contraction	Ca2+_troponin C	Ca²+-calmodulin ↑ myosin light-chain kinase	Ca2+-troponin C

IP<sub>3</sub> = inositol 1,4,5-triphosphate; SA = sinoatrial; SR = sarcoplasmic reticulum.



