







<section-header> Levels of Muscle Structure Muscle Muscle Bundle Muscle Fiber (myofiber) Myofibrils Myofilaments









- Individual muscle
 cell
- Multinucleated
- Encased by endomysium
- Cell wall: sarcolemma



Drawing of skeletal muscle fibers showing structural features, and the longitudinal orientation. [After M. Brödel, Johns Hopkins Hops. Bull. 61:295, 1937; © The Johns Hopkins University Press.]





Myofibrils

- Comprised of repeating units: <u>sarcomeres</u>
 - A band
 - I band
 - Z disk
 - H zonePseudo-H zone















Contractile Proteins • Myosin - 70 - 80% of the total protein - Thick filament - Burns the ATP for muscle contraction Myosin & Its Fragments Myosin head moves back and forth to perform a muscle contraction



















More Structural Stuff

- Sarcolemma membrane around the myofibril; sits just under the endomysium
- Sarcoplasmic Reticulum
- T tubules or Transverse Tubules
- Terminal Cisternae



More Structural Stuff

- Sarcoplasmic Reticulum
 - Surrounds each myofibril
 - Stores Calcium, needed for contraction
- T tubules and Terminal Cisternae transport Ca to cytosol & transmit nerve impulse



We've laid the ground work, let's talk about muscle contraction

"Sliding Rod Theory" Hanson and Huxley 1955; Huxley 1965, 1972; Huxley and Hanson, 1960

Muscle Contraction

- A signal travels down a nerve
- Attached to individual muscle cells
- The signal is passed on the Sarcolemma
- The Sarcolemma depolarizes



Fig. 15-12. Photomicrograph showing the motor end skeletal muscle fibers (stained with gold chloride).







The ATPase activity of Myosin • ATP (Adenosine Triphosphate) bind to the Myosin head • ATP hydrolysis to ADP + Pi "cocks" the Myosin head • Myosin head





The ATPase activity of Myosin

 ATP re-attaches to the Myosin head causing the head to release from the Myosin – Actin binding site



Let's put it all together

- 1.) An impulse travels down a nerve to a muscle cell
- 2.) The nerve impulse is transferred to the Sarcolemma of a muscle cell
- 3.) The Sarcolemma depolarized causing the Sarcoplasmic Reticulum to release Ca into the cytosol of the cell

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- 4.) The Ca binds to Troponin on the Troponin Tropomyosin complex
- 5.) The Tn Tm complex shifts to the grove of the Actin exposing the Actin – Myosin binding site
- 6.) ATP has bound with the Myosin head releasing it from the previous contraction



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What makes those guys strong is the same that makes him strong!





