

CYTOSKELETON AND CELL MOTILITY

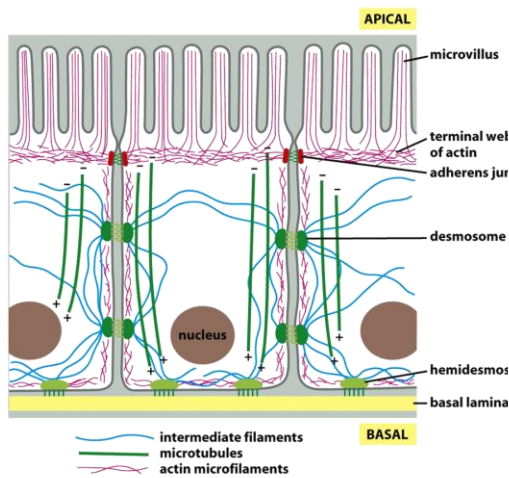
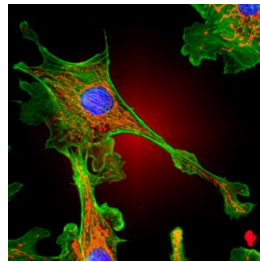
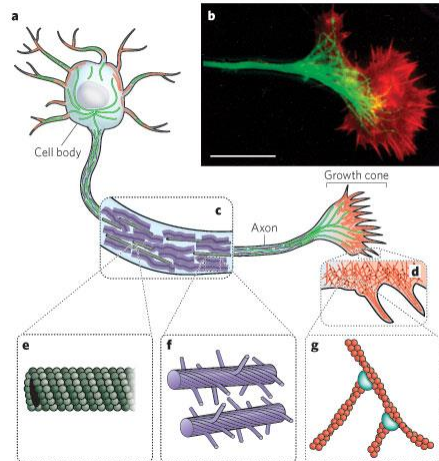


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Neurons have elaborate cytoskeletal structures

Cytoskeleton is structural protein that builds up membrane system and cytoplasmic components

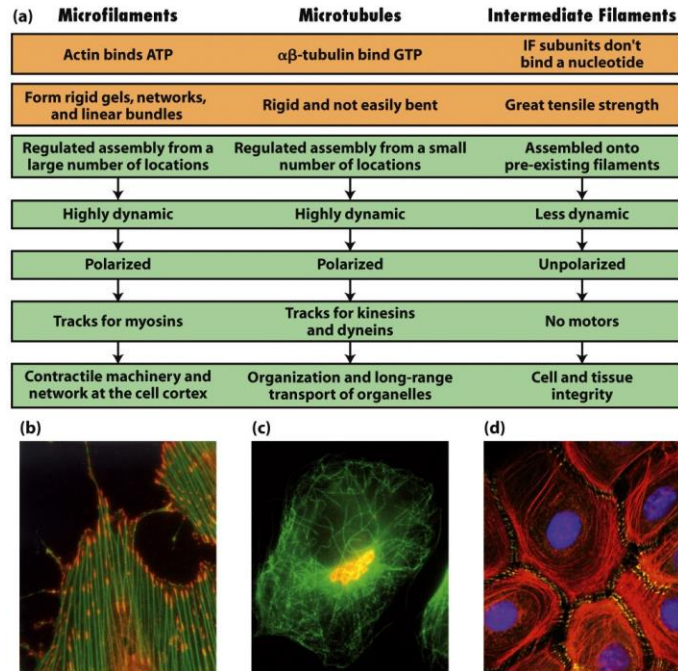
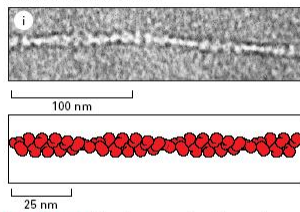
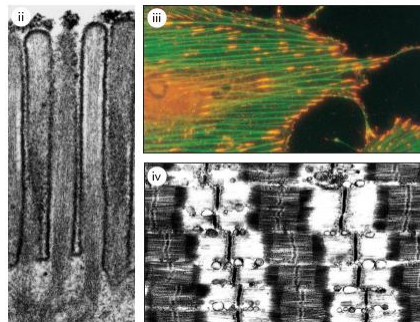
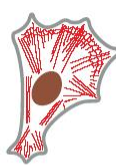


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ACTIN FILAMENTS



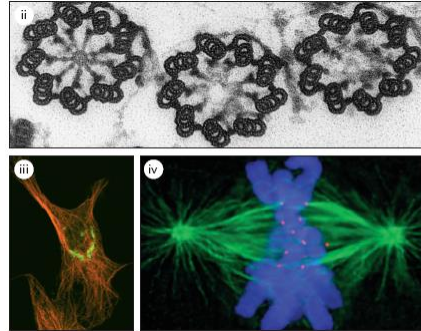
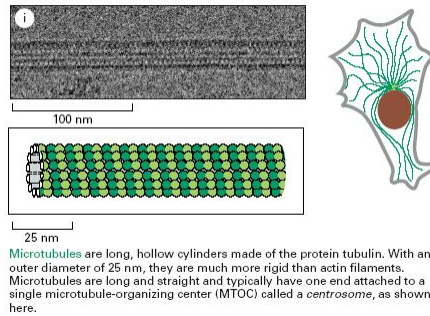
Actin filaments (also known as *microfilaments*) are two-stranded helical polymers of the protein actin. They appear as flexible structures, with a diameter of 5–9 nm, and they are organized into a variety of linear bundles, two-dimensional networks, and three-dimensional gels. Although actin filaments are dispersed throughout the cell, they are most highly concentrated in the *cortex*, just beneath the plasma membrane.



Some functions of actin filaments are:

- to provide mechanical strength to the cell by forming a band under the plasma membrane
- link transmembrane proteins to cytoplasmic proteins
- form contractile ring during cytokinesis in animal cells
- cytoplasmic streaming
- generate locomotion in cells such as white blood cells and amoeba
- Interact with myosin to provide force of muscular contraction

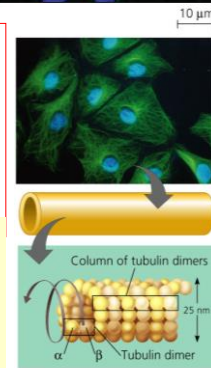
MICROTUBULES



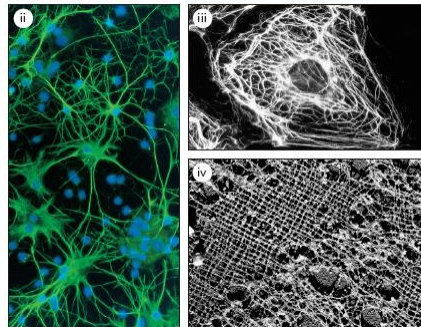
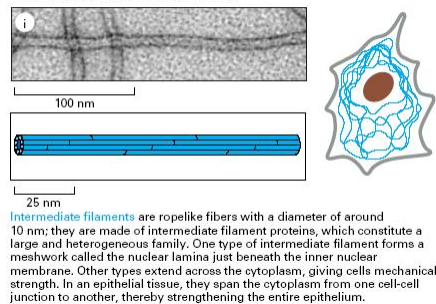
Microtubules participate in a wide variety of cell activities. Most involve motion that is provided by protein “motors” that use ATP. They determine the positions of membrane-enclosed organelles and direct intracellular transport. The migration of chromosomes during mitosis and meiosis takes place on microtubules that make up the spindle fibers.

Other functions:

- **Mechanical – physical + give shape**
- **Neuron: vesicles pathway and cytoplasmic particles**
- **In embryo : conserve elongated shape from axon**
- **conserved internal organization of the cell**



INTERMEDIATE FILAMENTS



Intermediate filaments provide mechanical strength and resistance to shear stress. There are several types of intermediate filaments, each constructed from one or more proteins characteristic of it.

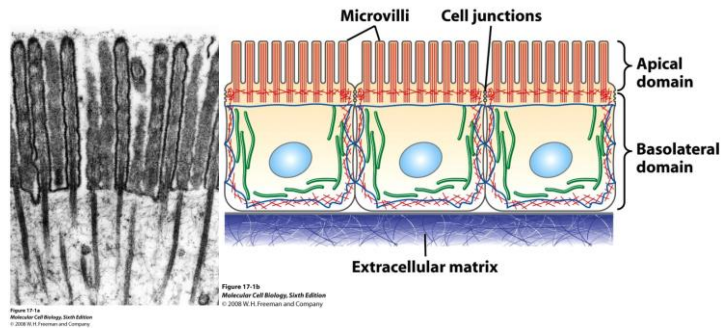
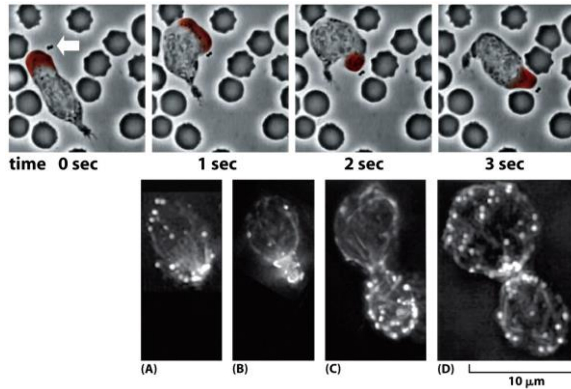
Keratins are found in epithelial cells, hair and nails

Nuclear lamins form a meshwork that stabilizes the inner nuclear membrane

Neurofilaments strengthen the long axons of neurons

Vimentins provide mechanical strength to muscle and other cells

- Cytoskeletal filaments are dynamic and adaptable
- Cytoskeleton can form stable structures

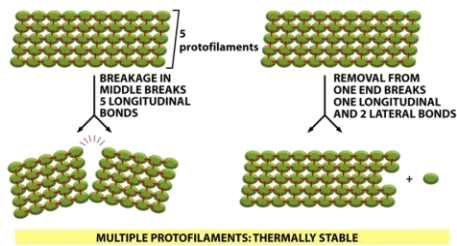
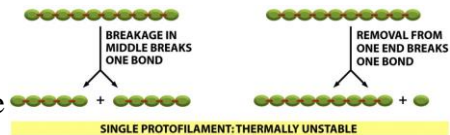
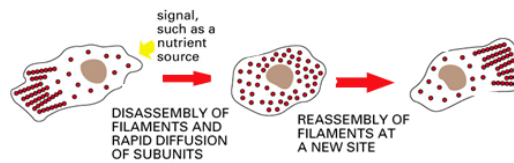
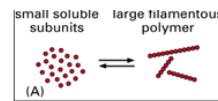
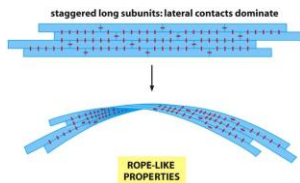


• **Monomer-polymer → filamen :**

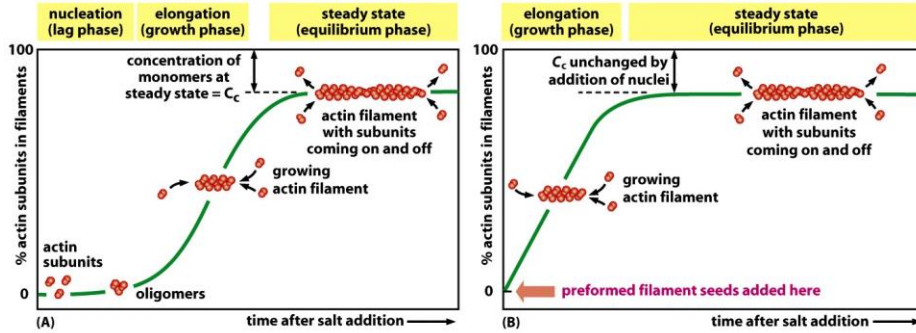
1. Microtubule : Tubulin
2. Filament : Actin
3. Intermediate Filamen : "fibrous" protein



Multiple protofilaments
 -resist thermal breakage while leaving the filaments ends as dynamic structure
 → addition and loss of subunits can occur rapidly
 - IF tolerate stretching, bending, strong

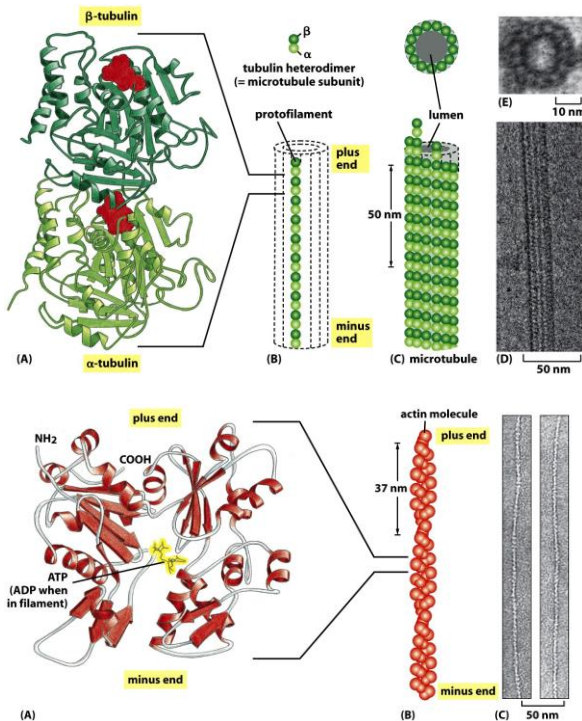


Cytoskeletal polymer formation



critical concentration/ C_c =

- The concentration of free subunits in solution.
- rate constant for subunit loss divided by the rate constant for subunit addition that is, $C_c = k_{off} / k_{on}$.



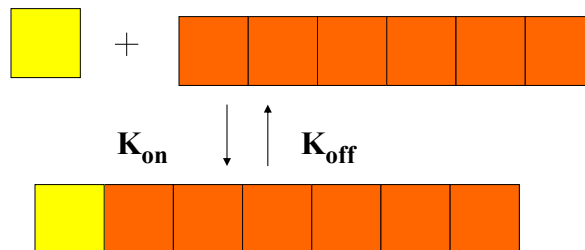
- Two distinct ends
 - Plus end
 - Fast growing end
 - Negative end
- Different growing rates

polymer dynamics: 3 cases

- linear polymers
 - polar polymers: asymmetric subunits
undergo conformational change during assembly
 - complex polymers: non-equilibrium
→ subunit nucleotide hydrolysis (energy input)
- actin and
microtubules

linear Polymer

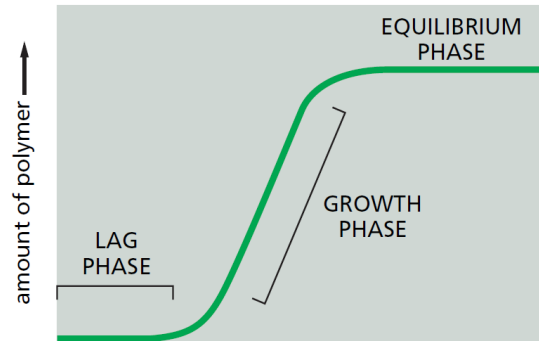
Assembles/disassembles by addition/loss of subunits at ends
Rates = K_{on} and K_{off}



K_{on} depends on concentration of subunit, units of $M^{-1}sec^{-1}$
 K_{off} does not (unimolecular), units of sec^{-1}

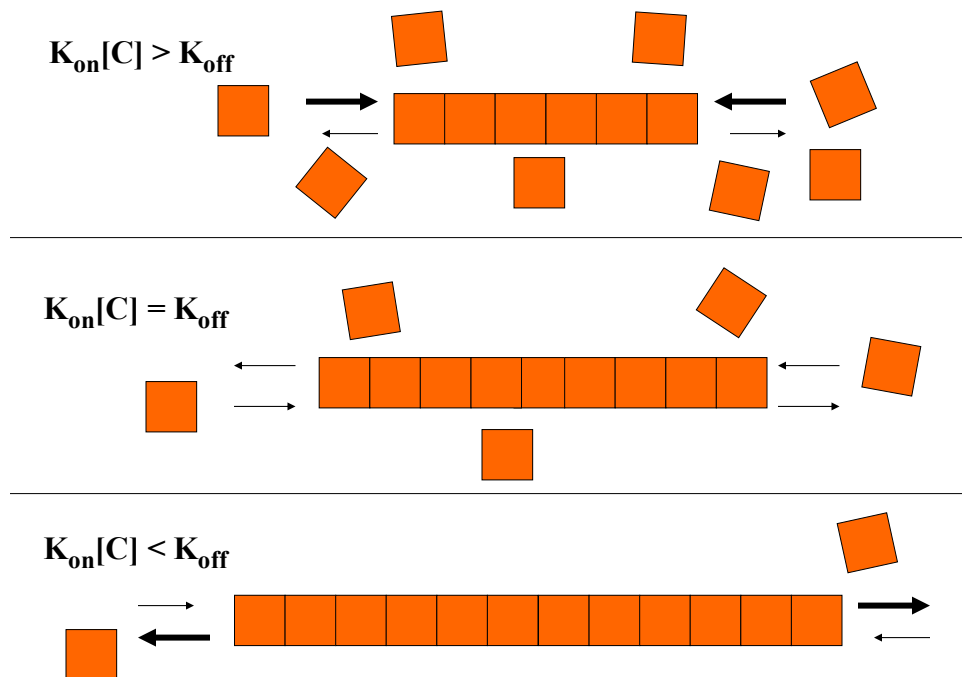
Time course of polymerization

- 1) lag due to kinetic barrier to nucleation
- 2) growth
- 3) equilibrium



rate of
subunit
addition =
rate of
loss

polymer grows, subunit concentration drops
until $K_{on}[C] = K_{off}$, when $[C] = \text{critical concentration } C_c$
($M^{-1}sec^{-1}[M] = sec^{-1}$)



Critical Concentration

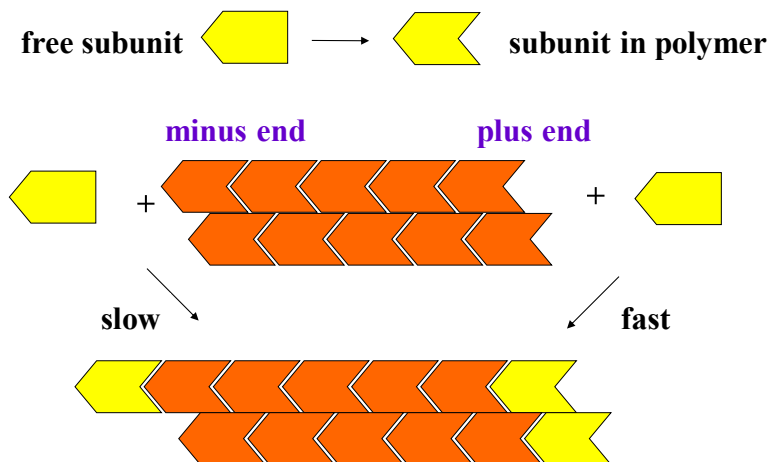
- Concentration of free subunits at which rate of subunit addition $k_{on}C =$ rate of loss (k_{off})
- Above $C_c \rightarrow$ net growth,
below $C_c \rightarrow$ net shrinkage
- Equilibrium constant K_{eq} determined by change in free energy between free subunits and polymer

$$k_{on} C = k_{off}$$

$$C_c = \frac{k_{off}}{k_{on}} = \frac{1}{K}$$

Polar Polymer

Two ends polymerize and depolymerize at different rates
BECAUSE
subunit conformation changes as it incorporates into the polymer



Plus and minus ends:

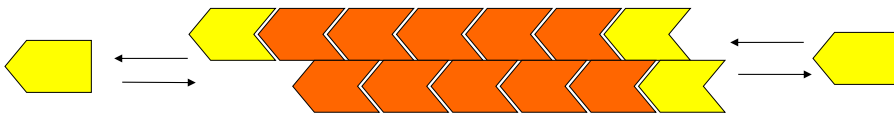
- Different K_{on} and K_{off}

- But!

K_{off}/K_{on} ratio or C_c must be the same for both ends:

>The same interactions are broken when a subunit dissociates from either end

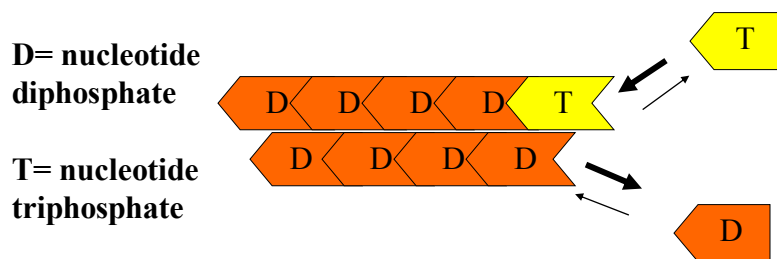
>The final state of the subunit is identical



If the plus end grows 3 times faster it must also shrink 3 times faster.
Above C_c both ends grow, below C_c , both shrink

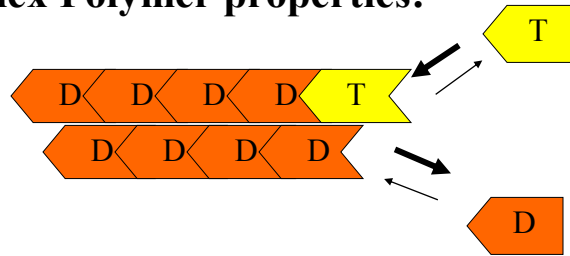
Complex Polymer (non-equilibrium): microtubules, actin filaments

Due to nucleotide hydrolysis upon assembly of subunit into polymer:



Nucleotide hydrolysis reduces binding affinity

Complex Polymer properties:



⇒ Internal subunits have different dynamic properties than the ends

T form binds, D form dissociates

$$K_{on}^T \gg K_{on}^D \quad K_{off}^D \gg K_{off}^T$$

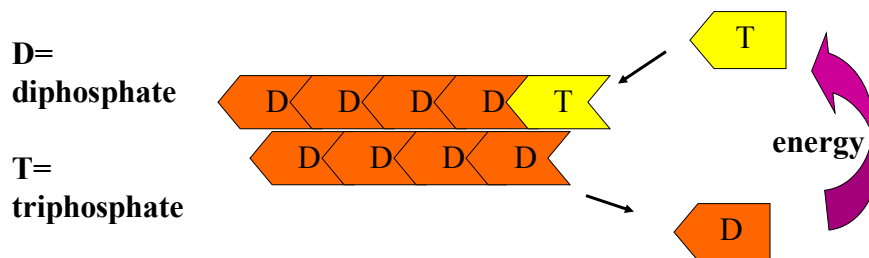
C_c = “steady state” concentration:

$$K_{on}^T [C] = K_{off}^D$$

$$C_c = K_{off}^D / K_{on}^T$$

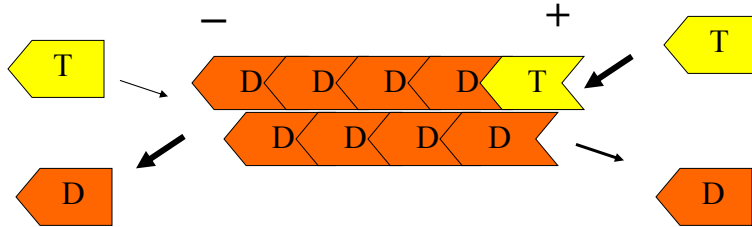
Steady State Dynamics

No longer true equilibrium, rather **steady state** because ATP or GTP subunits must be replenished



Consequences for polymer dynamics

Treadmilling (actin and microtubules)



- Two different reactions at each end of the polymer
- Critical concentration different
 $Cc(-\text{ end}) > Cc(+\text{ end})$

Treadmilling

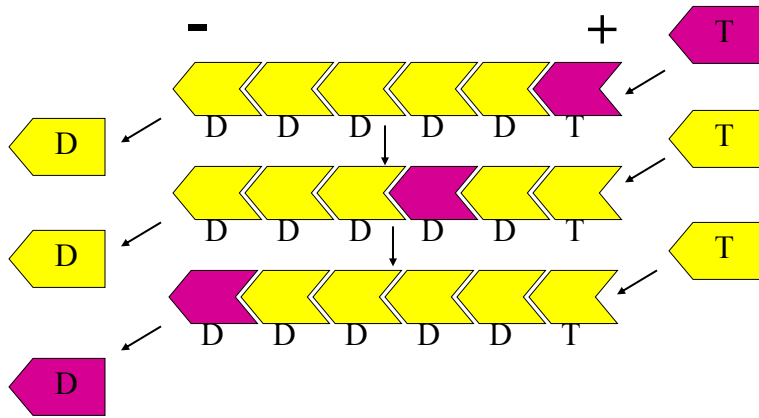
Both ends exposed:

Steady state occurs at concentration between $Cc(-\text{ end})$ and $Cc(+\text{ end})$

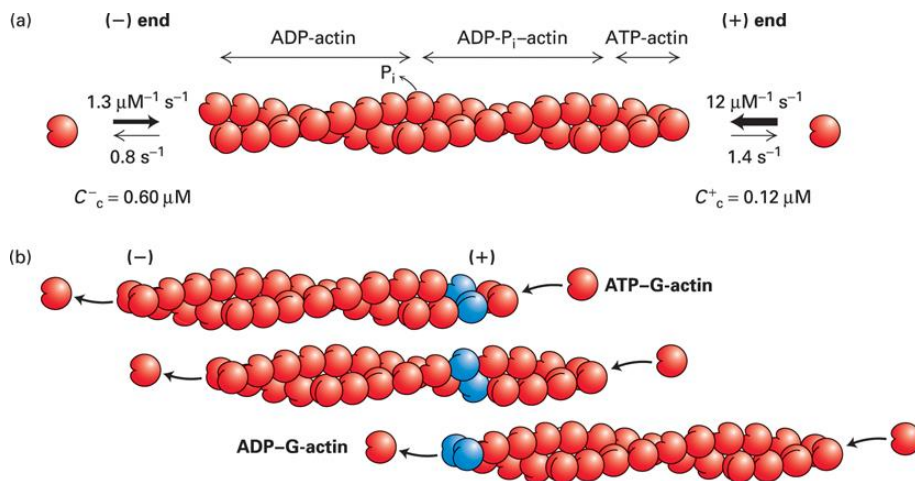
- ⊖ net assembly at the plus end
- ⊖ net disassembly at the minus end

subunits “flux” through the polymer

Treadmilling



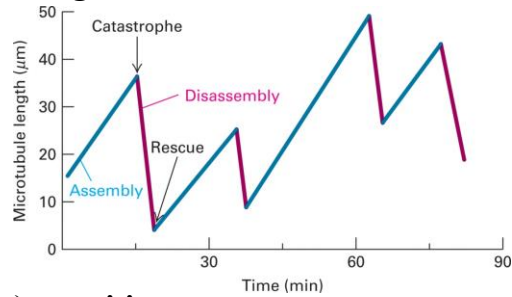
Actin treadmilling.



Dynamic instability (microtubules):

- subunit addition is faster than nucleotide hydrolysis
 - cap of GTP-tubulin on polymer ends
- $K_{\text{Doff}} \gg K_{\text{Toff}}$: GTP cap favors growth

GTP Cap present:
Growth
GTP Cap lost:
rapid disassembly



- stochastic (unpredictable) transitions
- frequency correlates with tubulin concentration

Dynamic Instability

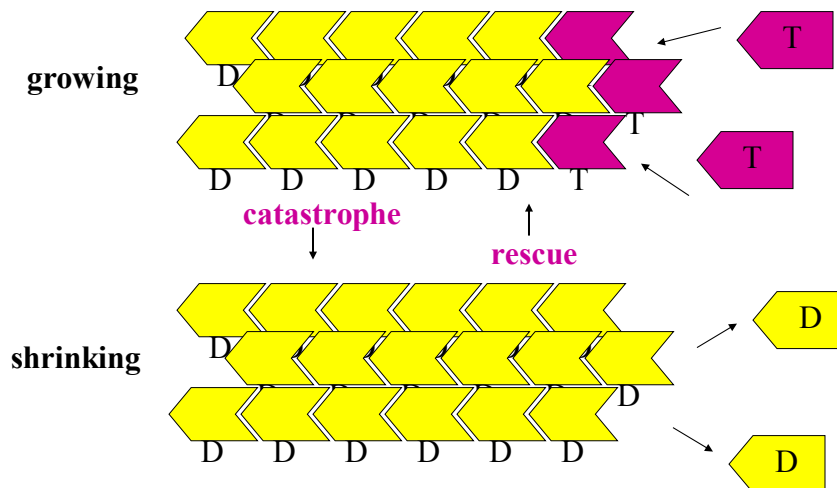
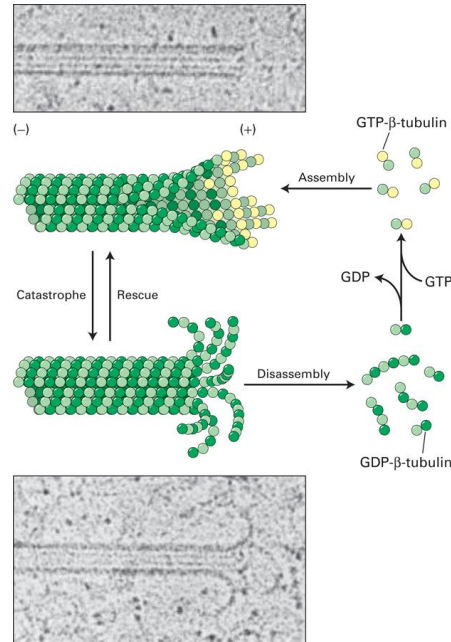
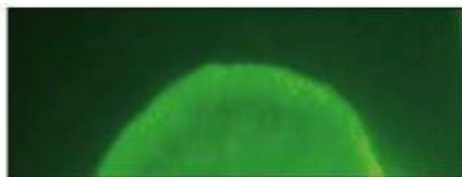


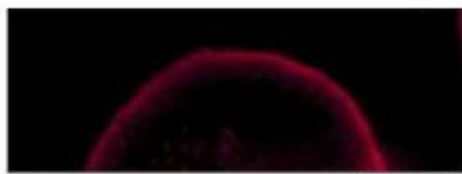
Figure 18.11 Dynamic instability depends on the presence or absence of a GTP- β -tubulin cap.



Actin Filaments



(A)



(B)

5 μm

- The tip of the leading edge of a cell nucleates actin filaments.
- Actin filament nucleation most frequently occurs at the plasma membrane \rightarrow highest density of actin filament is at the cell cortex

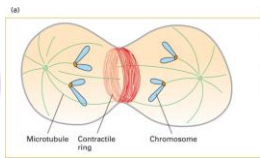
Actin Filaments

Actin function:

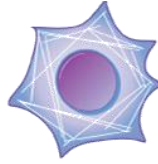
- Cell movement
- Cell shape



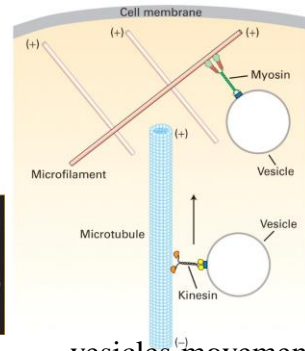
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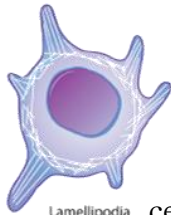
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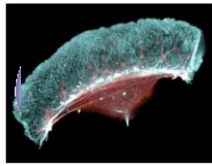
Cytoplasmic contractile



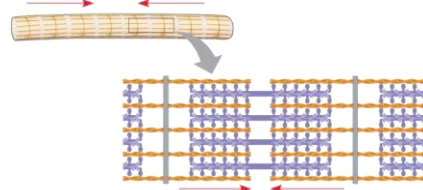
vesicles movement (in actin filaments)



Lamellipodia and filopodia

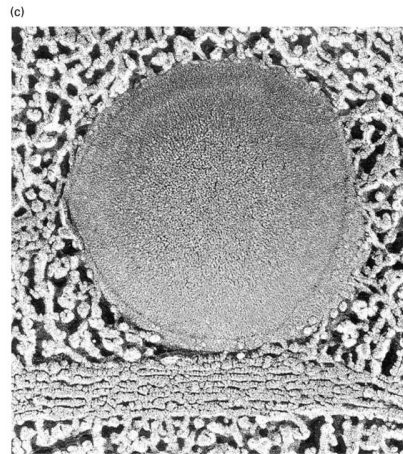
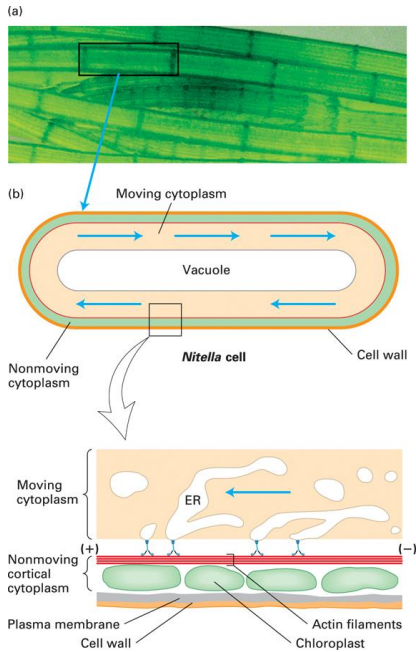


cell migration



“Thick and thin filaments” (e.g. muscle contraction)

Cytoplasmic streaming in cylindrical giant algae.



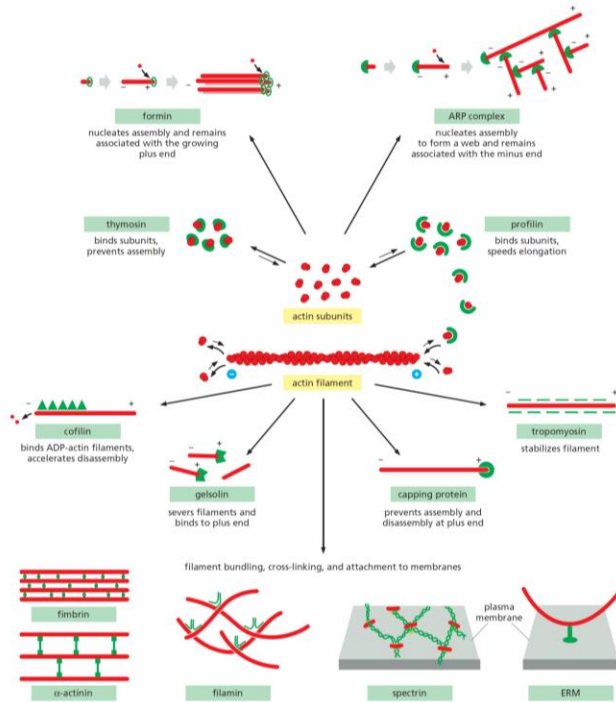
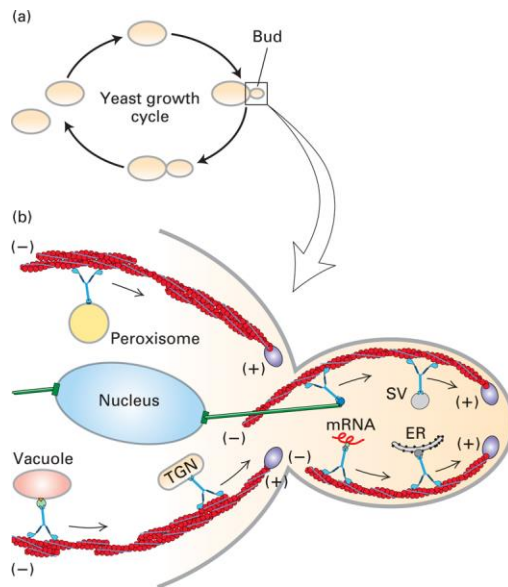
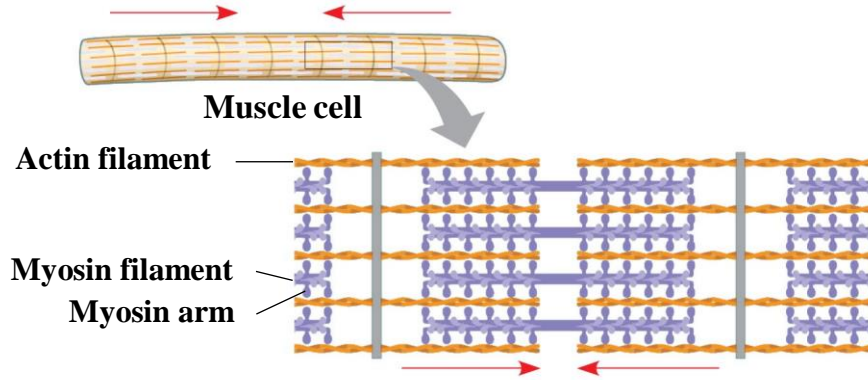


Figure 17.38 Cargo movement by myosin Vs in budding yeast.



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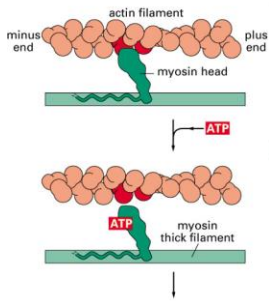
Actin/Myosin Fibers: muscle contraction



(a) Myosin motors in muscle cell contraction

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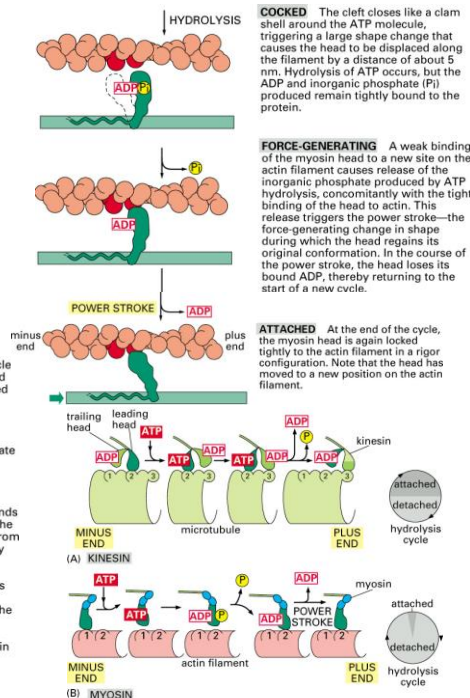
Motor Proteins Generate Force by Coupling ATP Hydrolysis to Conformational Changes



ATTACHED At the start of the cycle shown in this figure, a myosin head lacking a bound nucleotide is locked tightly onto an actin filament in a *rigor* configuration (so named because it is responsible for *rigor mortis*, the rigidity of death). In an actively contracting muscle, this state is very short-lived, being rapidly terminated by the binding of a molecule of ATP.

RELEASED A molecule of ATP binds to the large cleft on the "back" of the head (that is, on the side furthest from the actin filament) and immediately causes a slight change in the conformation of the domains that make up the actin-binding site. This reduces the affinity of the head for actin and allows it to move along the filament. (The space drawn here between the head and actin emphasizes this change, although in reality the head probably remains very close to the actin.)

Figure 16-58 part 1 of 3. Molecular Biology of the Cell, 4th Edition.



COCKED The cleft closes like a clam shell around the ATP molecule, triggering a large shape change that causes the head to be displaced along the filament by a distance of about 5 nm. Hydrolysis of ATP occurs, but the ADP and inorganic phosphate (Pi) produced remain tightly bound to the protein.

FORCE-GENERATING A weak binding of the myosin head to a new site on the actin filament causes release of the inorganic phosphate produced by ATP hydrolysis, concomitantly with the tight binding of the head to actin. This release triggers the power stroke—the force-generating change in shape during which the head regains its original conformation. In the course of the power stroke, the head loses its bound ADP, thereby returning to the start of a new cycle.

ATTACHED At the end of the cycle, the myosin head is again locked tightly to the actin filament in a *rigor* configuration. Note that the head has moved to a new position on the actin filament.

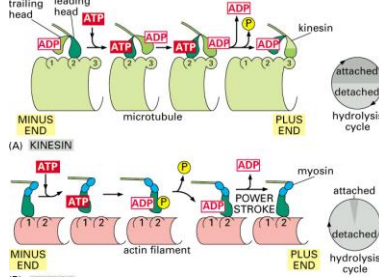


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Motor proteins transition/cycle between different conformations:
 one step is driven by the hydrolysis of ATP,
 thereby making the cycle essentially irreversible and movement unidirectional

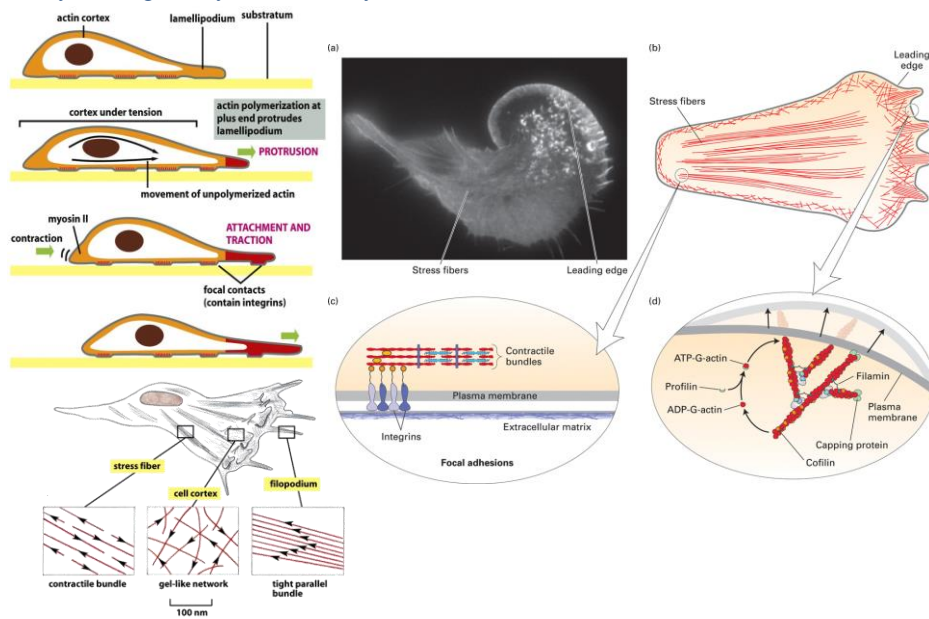
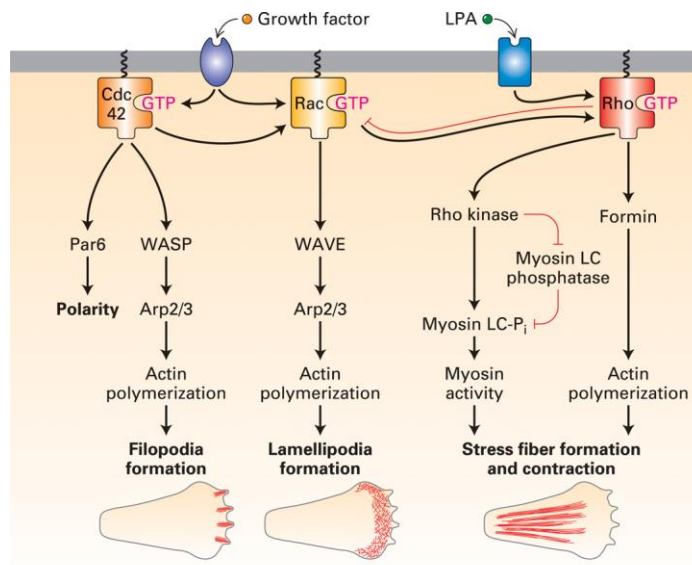
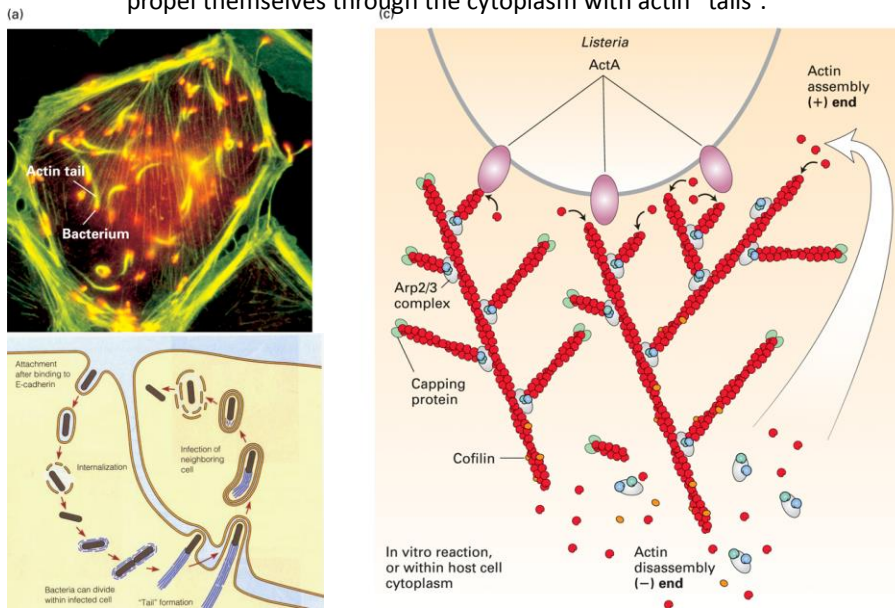


Figure 17.44 Summary of signal-induced changes in the actin cytoskeleton.

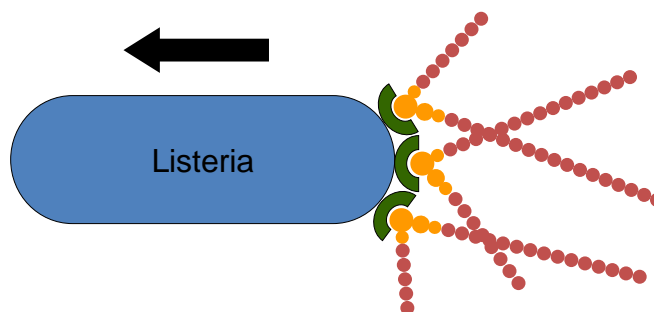


Some intracellular pathogens such as the bacteria *Listeria* and *Shigella* and the vaccinia virus usurp the host cell's mechanism of assembling actin networks and propel themselves through the cytoplasm with actin "tails".

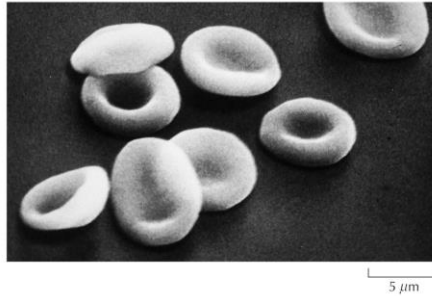


Stealing the machinery

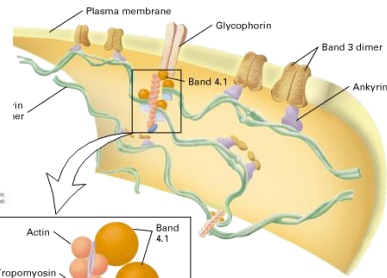
- *Listeria* has on its surface the protein **ActA**
- **ActA** recruits **Arp2/3** from the cytoplasm and *activates* it (basically substituting for WASP)
- Promotes **actin** filament nucleation and growth



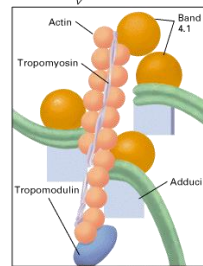
Biconcave Red Blood Cells



the structural basis for the cortical cytoskeleton in erythrocytes-spectrin



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Actin specific drugs

- **Phallotoxin (phalloidin)**
 - an actin filament stabilizer
 - the poison in some mushroom genera
 - It kills by *stabilizing* actin filaments (inhibiting disassembly)
 - Immediate cause of death is liver failure
- **Cytochalasin**
 - an actin filament de-stabilizer
 - also derived from mushrooms
- **Swinholide**
 - Severs filaments
- **Latrunculin**
 - Binds subunits and prevents their polymerization

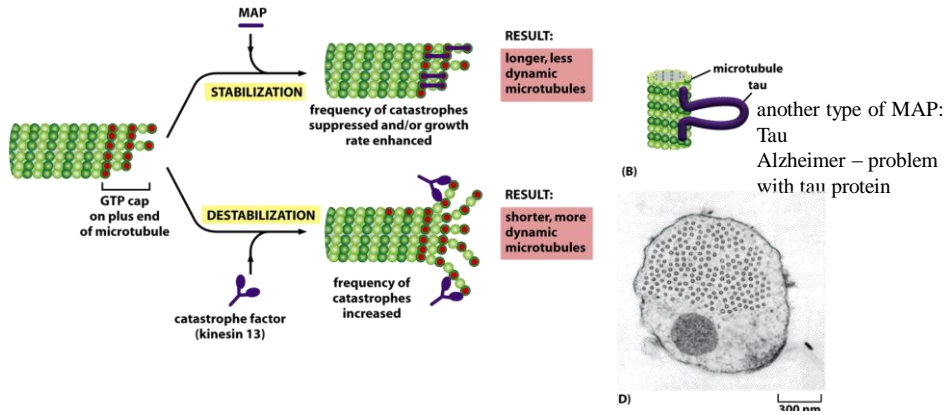


Death Cup mushroom

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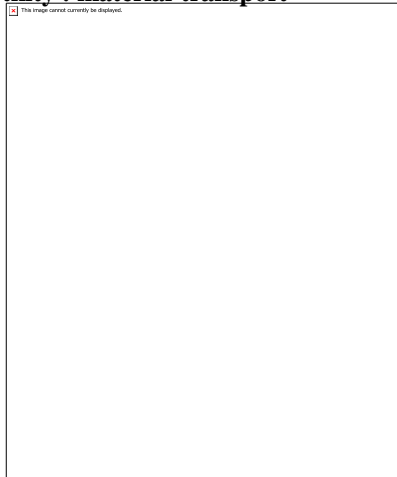
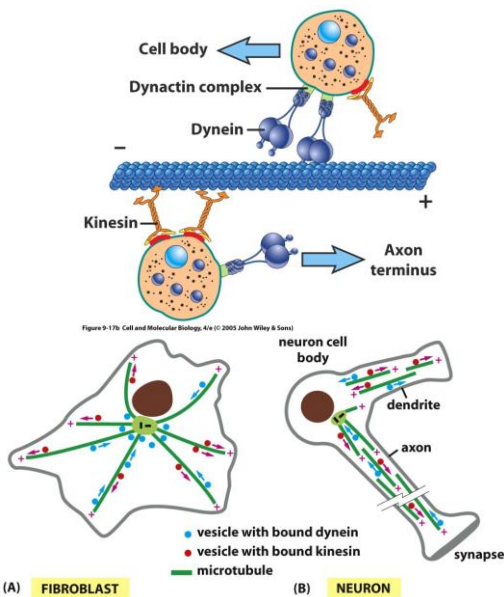
Structure and composition :

- Rod shape (tubule) exist almost in all eukaryote cells
- Function in mitosis and cell movement → cilia dan flagella
- Consist of proto-filaments → paralel along the axis of tubules.
- Protofilament consists of 2 kind of tubulin molecules :
α dan β tubulin

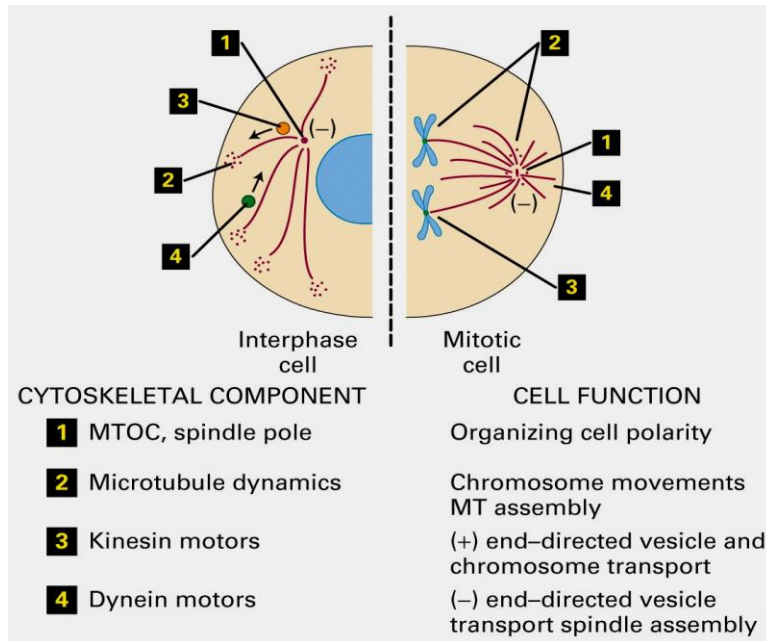


Microtubule play a role in intracellular motility : material transport

Protein motor : kinesin, dynein



kinesin & dynein → vesicle movement from cell to synaptic terminal & organelles transport
 dynein → cilia and flagella movement



Organization of MT around the MTOC and spindle poles

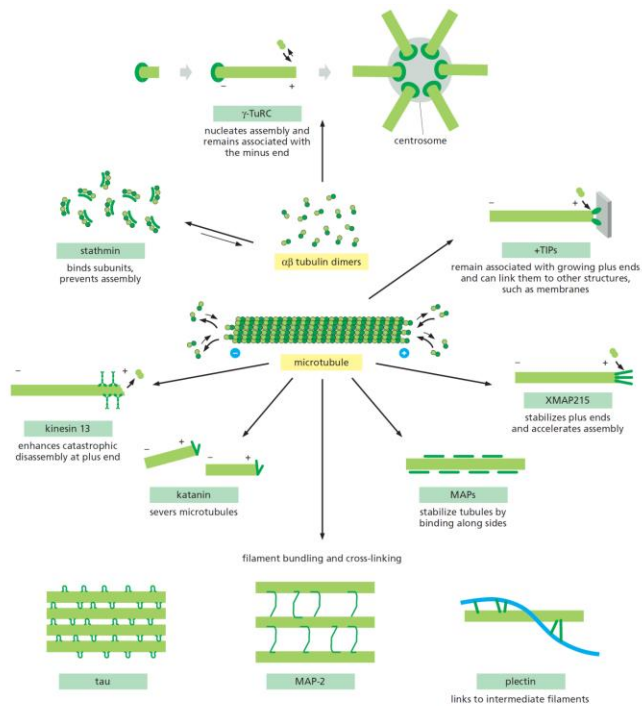
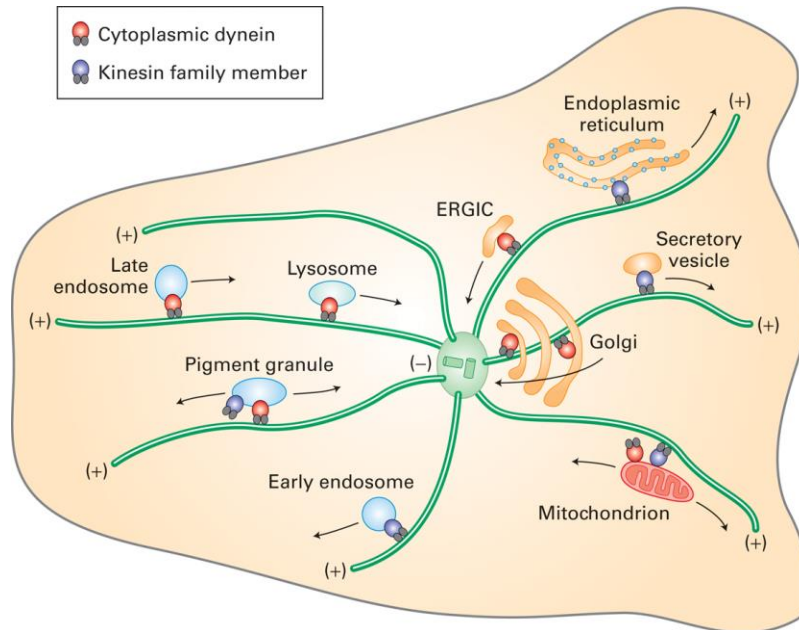


Figure 18.27 Organelle transport by microtubule motors.

Microtubule-Organizing center (MTOC)

- the place where enucleation of tubulin is happened
 - tubulin molecule start to organize and elongate
 - centrosome, basal body
- Centrosome
 - Only in animal cells
 - Consists of 2 centrioles & peri-centriolar material, located near the nucleus
- basal body
 - Microtubules from cilia and flagella start from basal body
- Polymerization in MTOC
 - is started with the arrangement of γ -tubulin in the nucleation center and then polymerization will continue with the arrangement of α and β tubulin

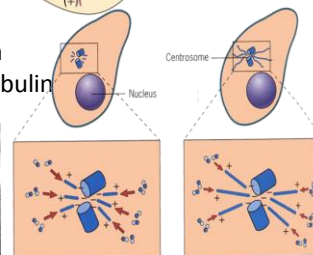
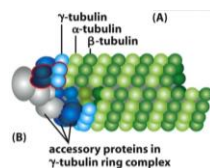
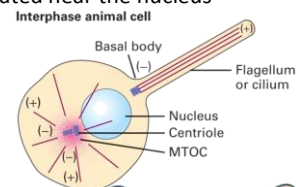
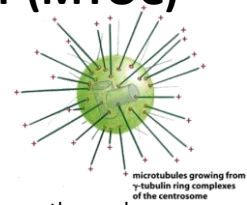
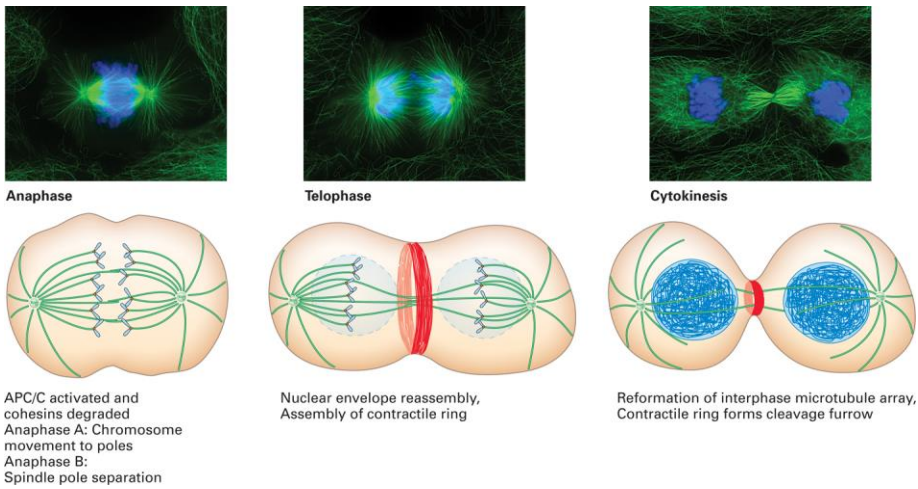
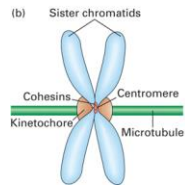
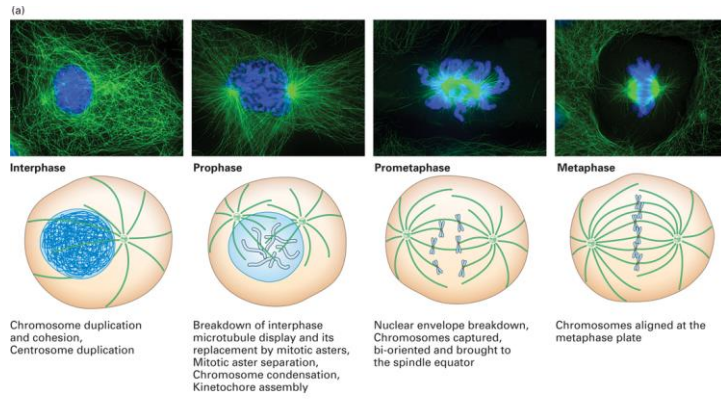
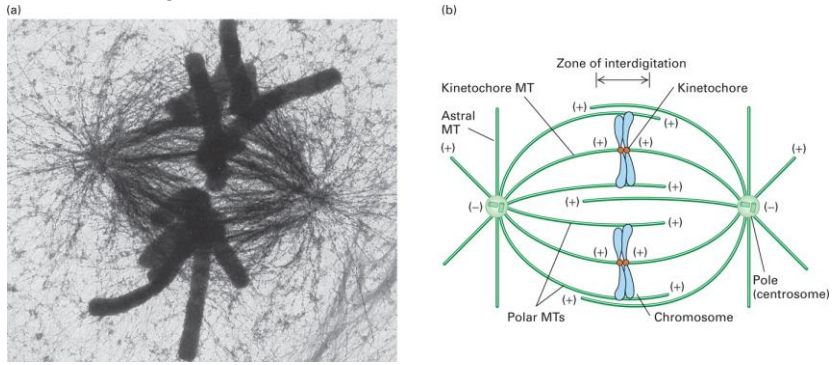


Figure 18.36 The stages of mitosis.



Mitotic spindles have three distinct classes of microtubules.



The structure of a mammalian kinetochore

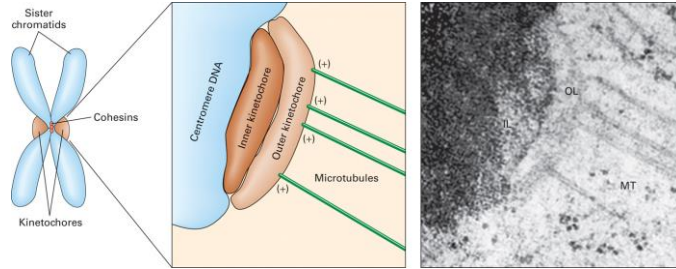


Figure 18.40 Chromosome capture and congression in prometaphase.

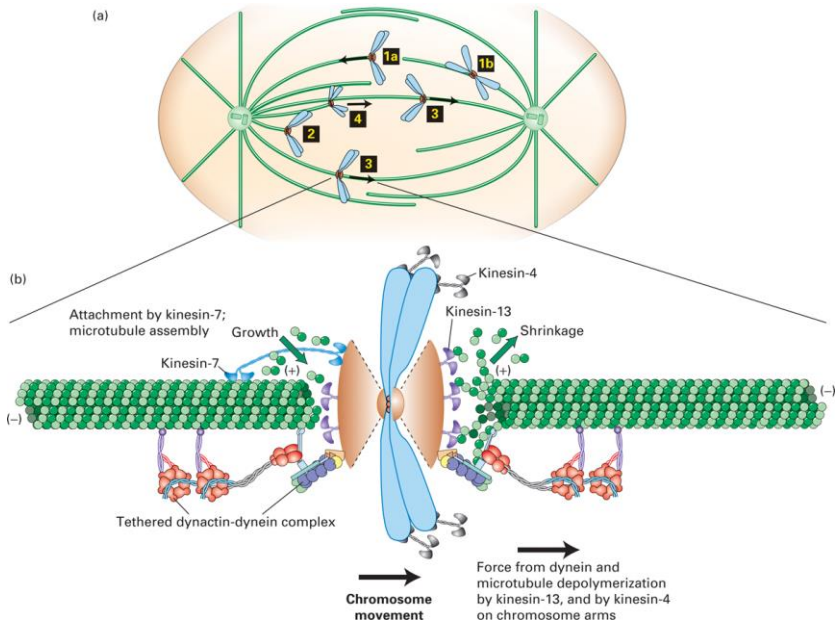
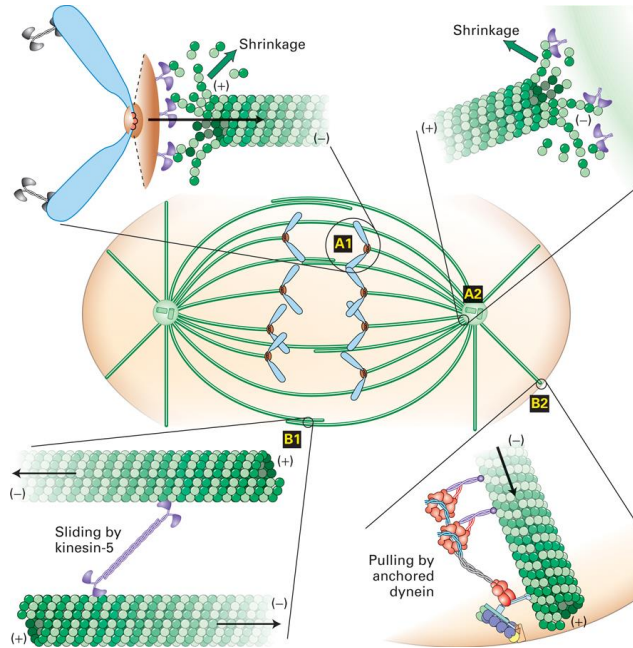
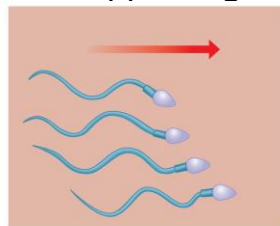


Figure 18.42 Chromosome movement and spindle pole separation in anaphase.



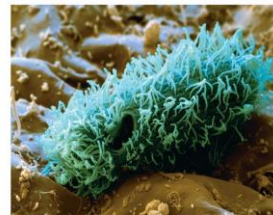
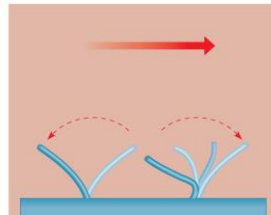
Cilia and Flagella

- Microtubules control the beating of cilia and flagella, locomotor appendages of some cells



flagella

(a)



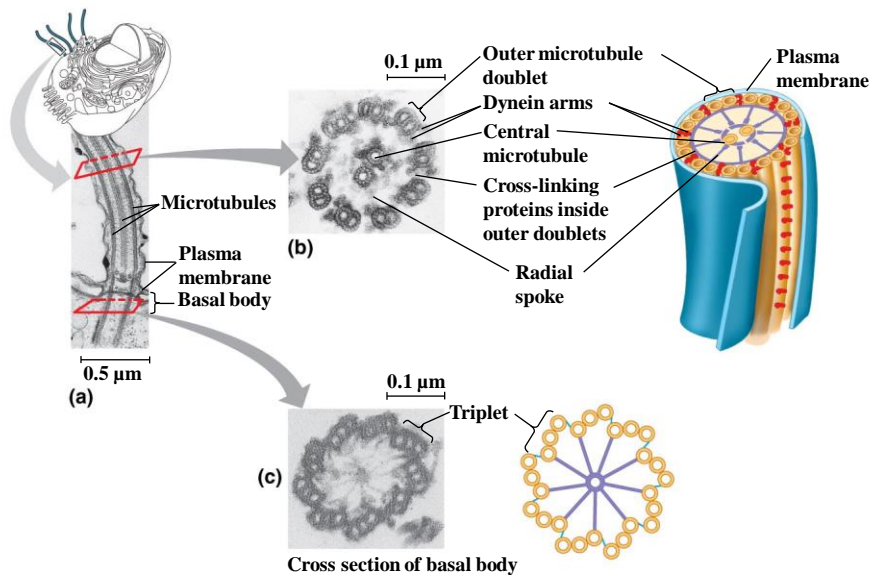
cilia

(b)

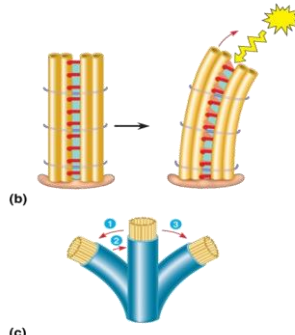
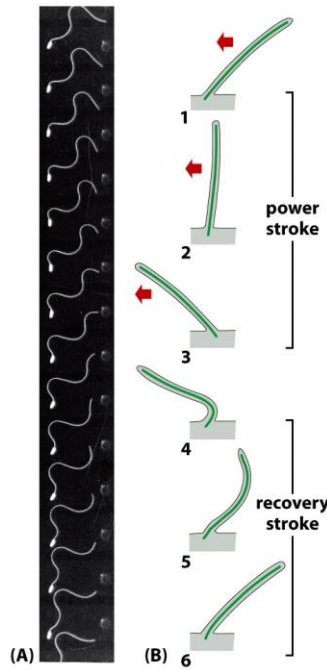
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Cilia and Flagella

- Cilia and flagella share a common ultrastructure:
 - **Flagella is longer than cilia**
 - **Consists of axonem (center) that surrounded by 9 double microtubules**
 - **MTOC : basal body** → A basal body that anchors the cilium or flagellum
 - A motor protein called dynein, which drives the bending movements of a cilium or flagellum

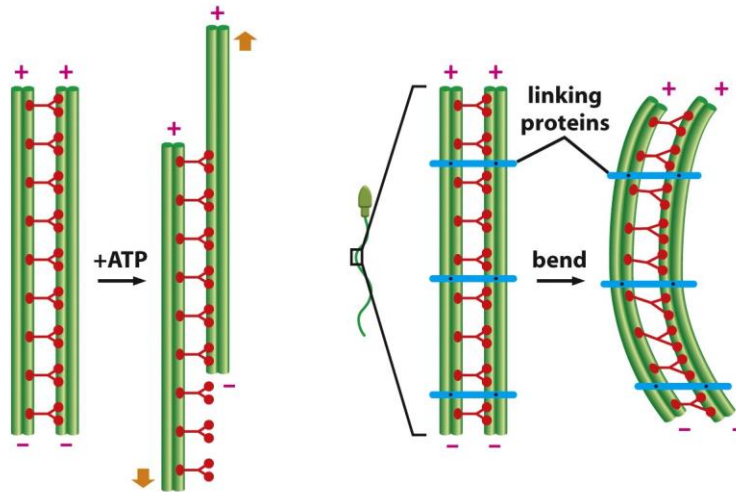


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The contrasting motions of flagella and cilia.

- (A) The wave-like motion of the flagellum of a sperm cell from a tunicate.
- (B) The beat of a cilium, which resembles the breast stroke in swimming. A fast power stroke (red arrows), in which fluid is driven over the surface of the cell, is followed by a slow recovery stroke.



(A) IN ISOLATED DOUBLET MICROTUBULES: DYNEIN PRODUCES MICROTUBULE SLIDING

(B) IN NORMAL FLAGELLUM: DYNEIN CAUSES MICROTUBULE BENDING

Substances that interfere microtubule

- **NOKODAZOL** → inhibit polymerization → substance binds to tubulin
→ inhibit + end addition
- **COLCHICINE** → de-polymerization
 - from the Autumn Crocus (a lavender)
 - causes disassembly of microtubules



- **VINBLASTIN & VINCRISTIN** → de-polymerization of microtubules
- **TAXOL** → increase microtubule's stability
→ as anticancer drug



Coordination and cooperation between cytoskeletal elements

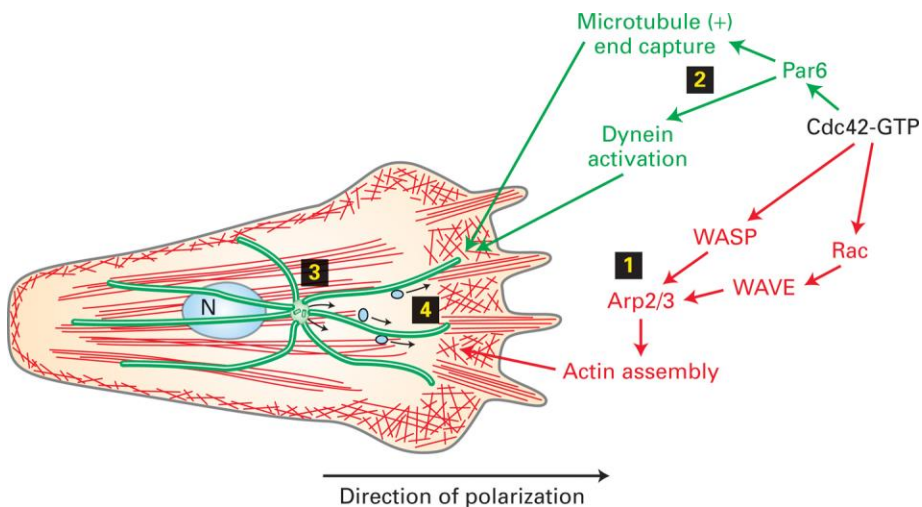


Figure 18.51 Independent Cdc42 regulation of microfilaments and microtubules to polarize a migrating cell.

Intermediate filament

Resistant to pressure, e.g in cornified skin (including human skin) → IF, skin is waterproof, resistant against bacteria or chemical substances

Assembly and disassembly → because phosphorylasi dan defosforilasi subunit

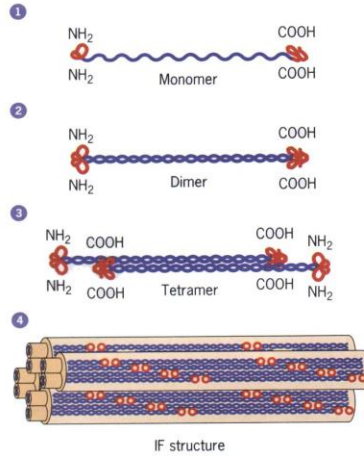
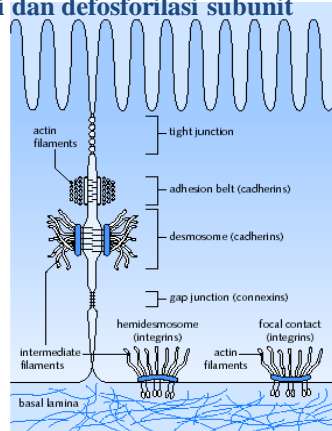


Figure 9.41 A model of intermediate filament assembly and architecture. Each monomer has a pair of globular terminal domains separated by a long α -helical region (step 1). Pairs of monomers associate in parallel orientation with their ends aligned to form dimers (step 2). Depending on the type of intermediate filament, the dimers may be composed of identical monomers (homodimers) or nonidentical monomers (heterodimers). Dimers in turn associate in an antiparallel, staggered fashion to form tetramers (step 3), which are thought to be the basic subunit in the assembly of intermediate filaments. The organization of the tetrameric subunits within the filament is shown in step 4.

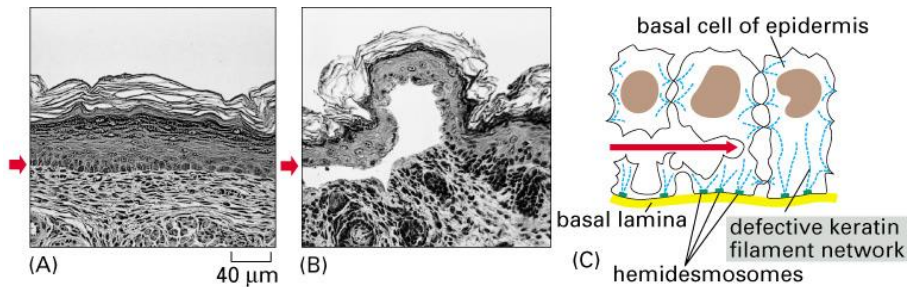


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Mutant of keratin gene causes peel of/ wound in the skin (Epidermolysis bullosa simplex)

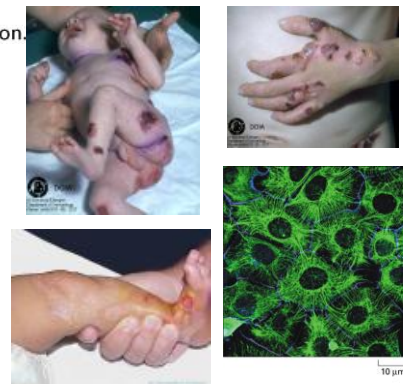


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