

Life at Low D

Lecture I : Biological Filaments (1D)

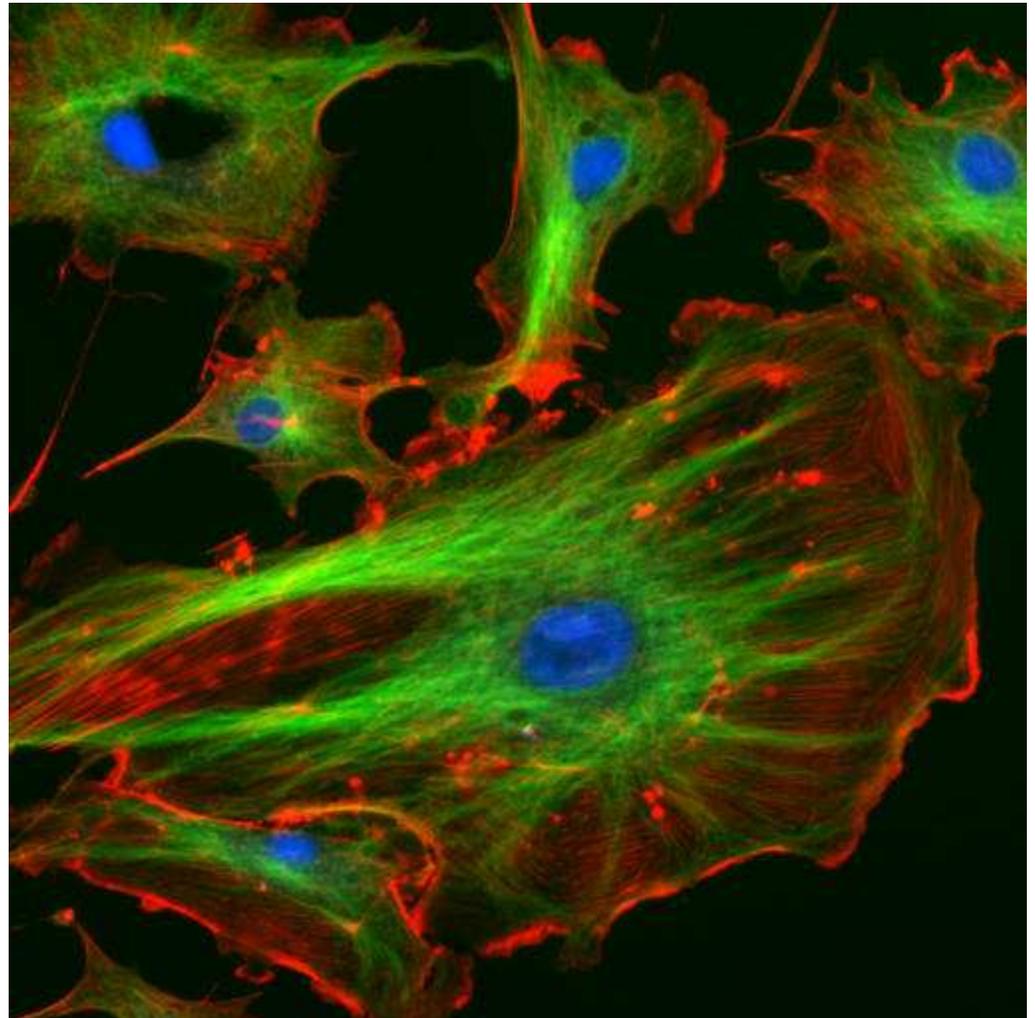
Cytoskeleton

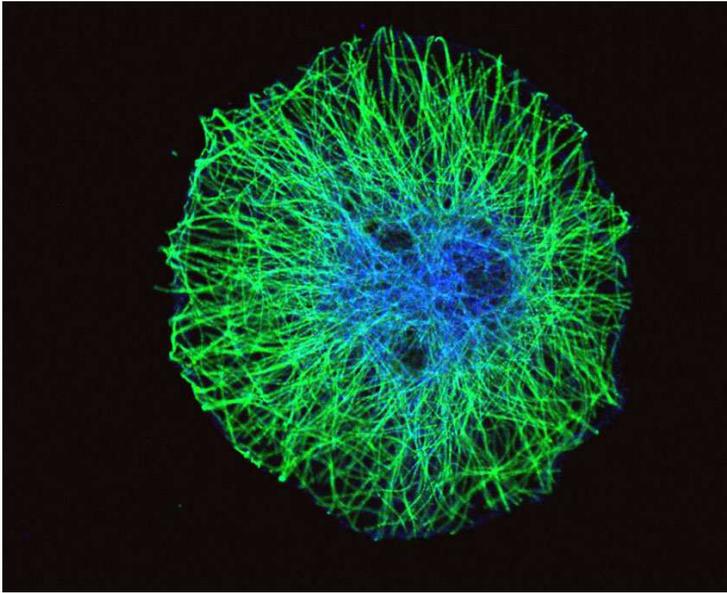
The "scaffolding" or "skeleton" contained within the cytoplasm

Cytoskeleton comprised of 3 types of protein filaments:

- a) **Actin**
- b) **Microtubules**
- c) **Intermediate Filaments**

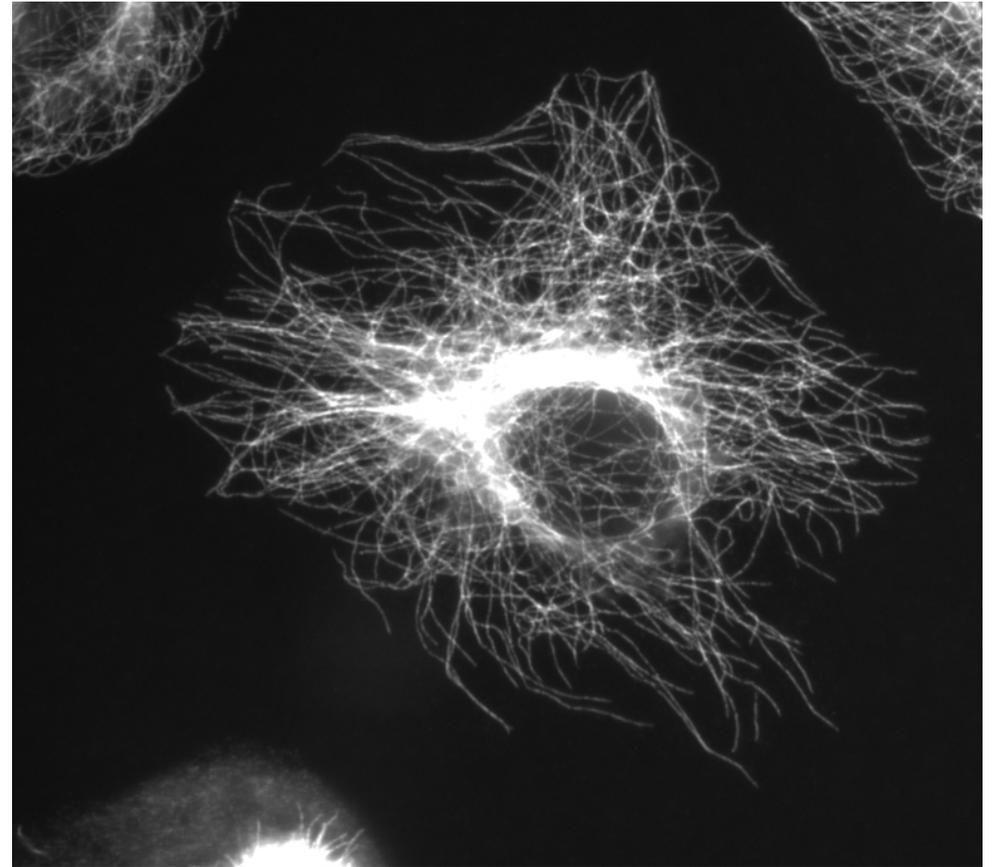
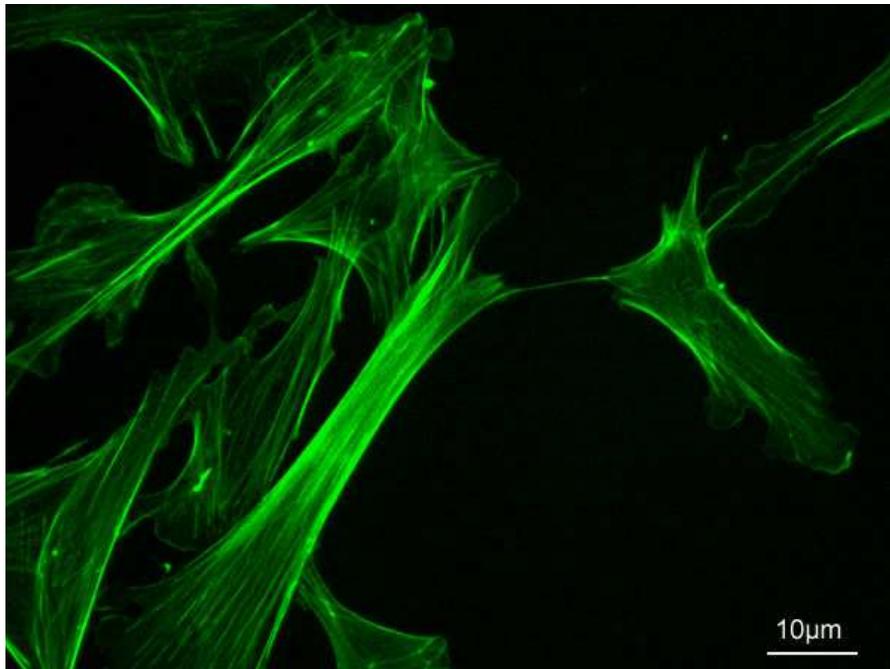
Endothelial cells. **Nuclei** are stained blue (DAPI), **microtubules** green (antibody bound to FITC), and **actin** filaments are red (phalloidin bound to TRITC). Bovine pulmonary artery endothelial cells





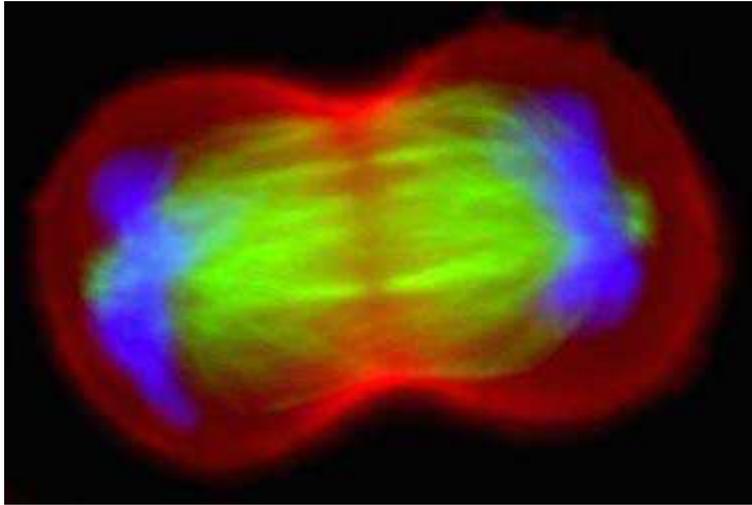
A *Drosophila* tissue culture cell labeled for: **microtubules** in green and **DNA** in blue

<http://www.pdn.cam.ac.uk/groups/roperlab/RoperLab/ImageGallery.html>



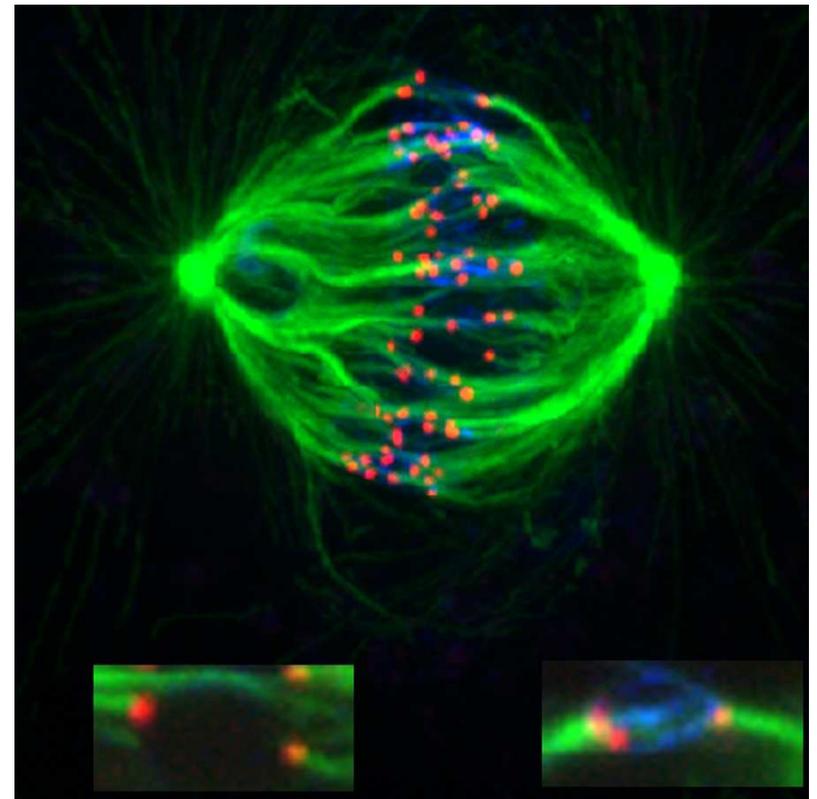
Actin filaments of mouse embryo fibroblasts, stained with FITC-phalloidin

Mitosis

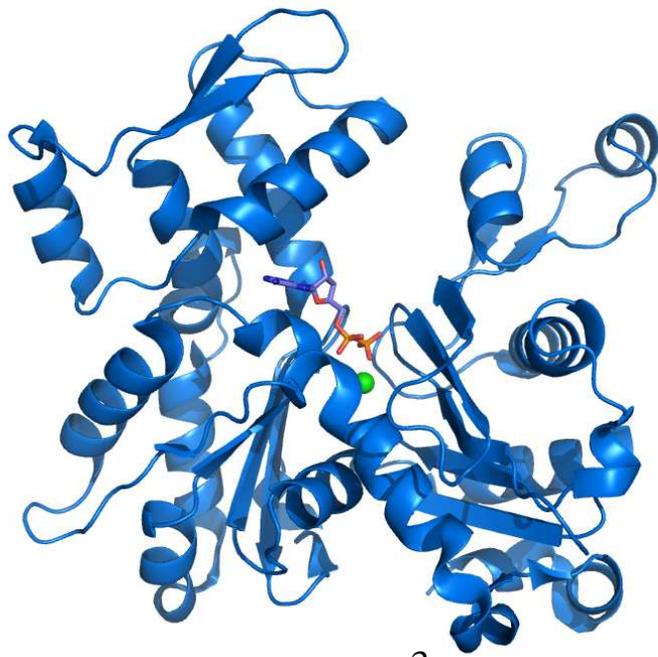


A Chinese hamster ovary cell (CHO) cell in anaphase. **Actin** (red), **tubulin** (green) and **DNA** (blue) are labeled

A mitotic spindle with **kinetochores** (motors that bend microtubules, thereby destabilizing them and promoting depolymerization) in red and **microtubules** stained green



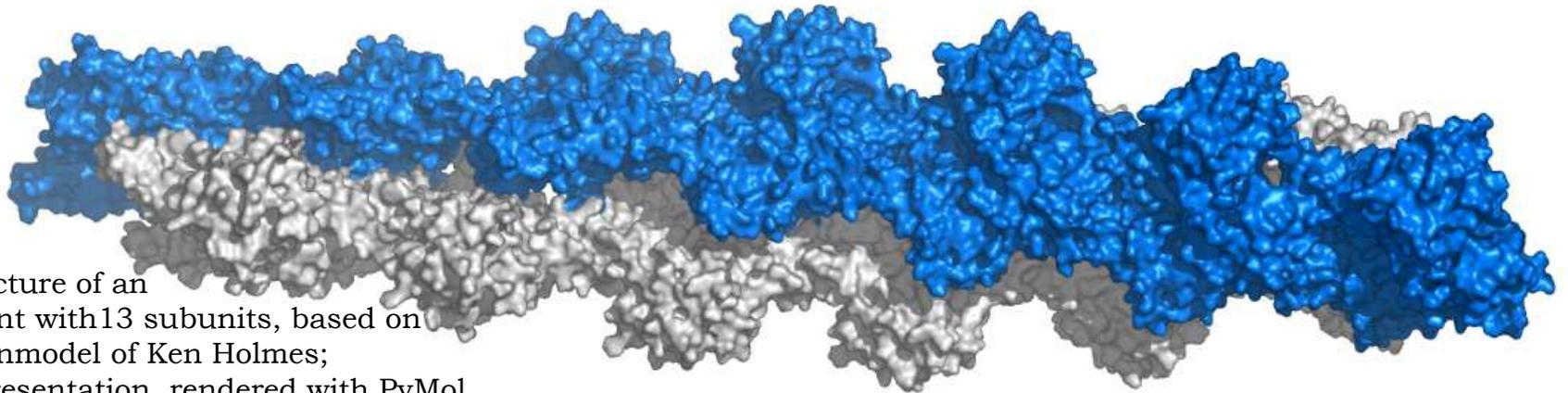
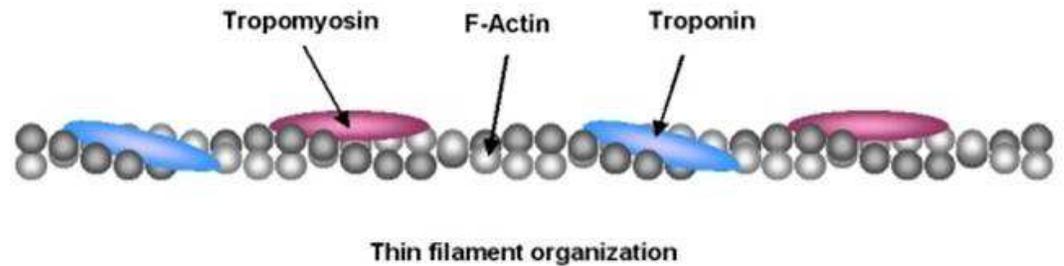
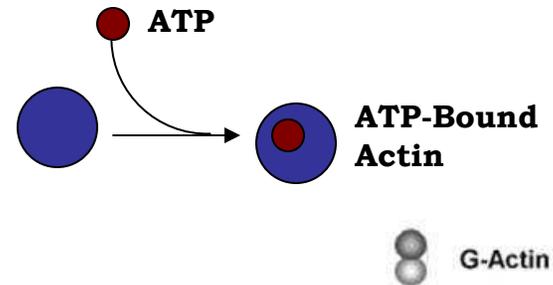
Biological Filaments Actin



$43kDa \sim 43nm^3$

G-Actin

ADP and the divalent cation highlighted



atomic structure of an actin filament with 13 subunits, based on actin filament model of Ken Holmes; surface representation, rendered with PyMol

Biological Filaments Microtubules

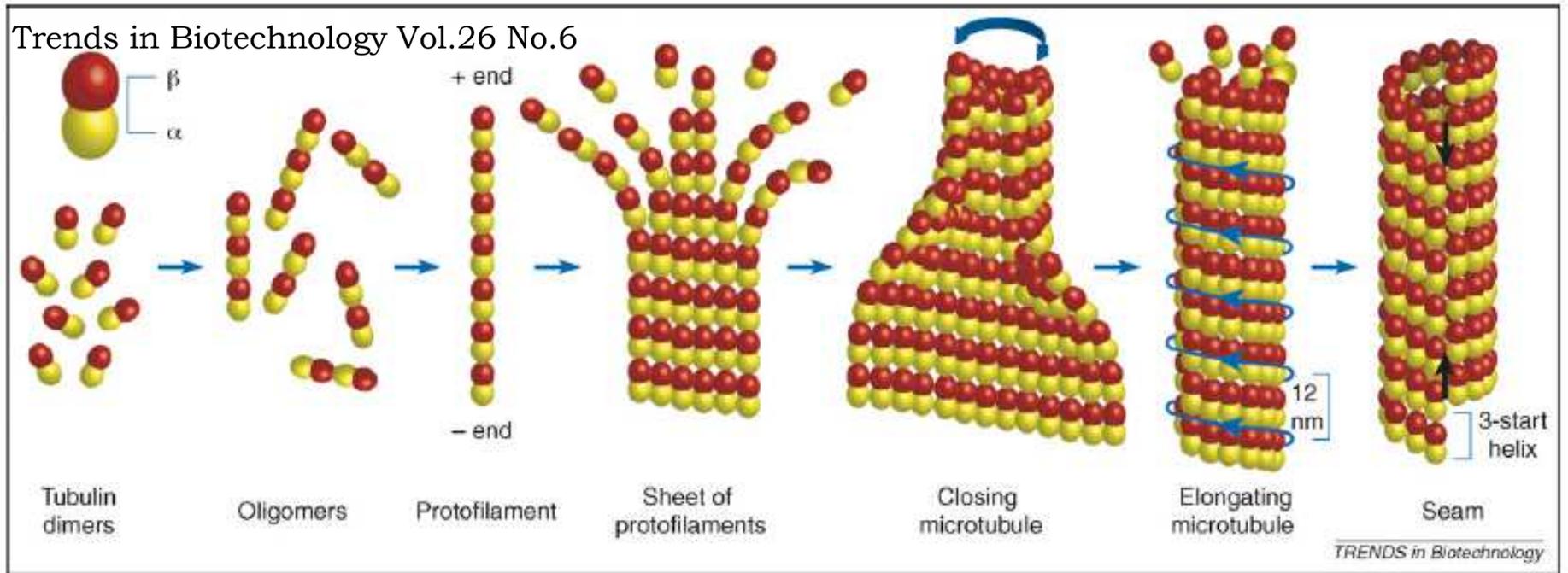
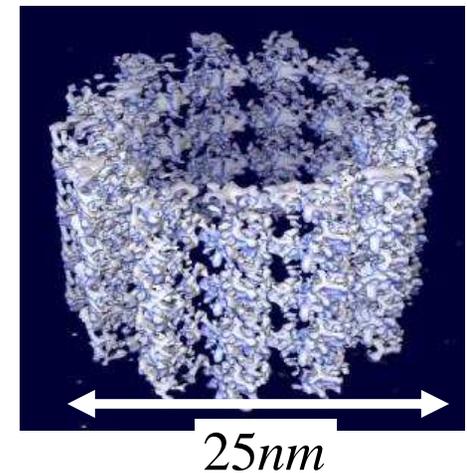
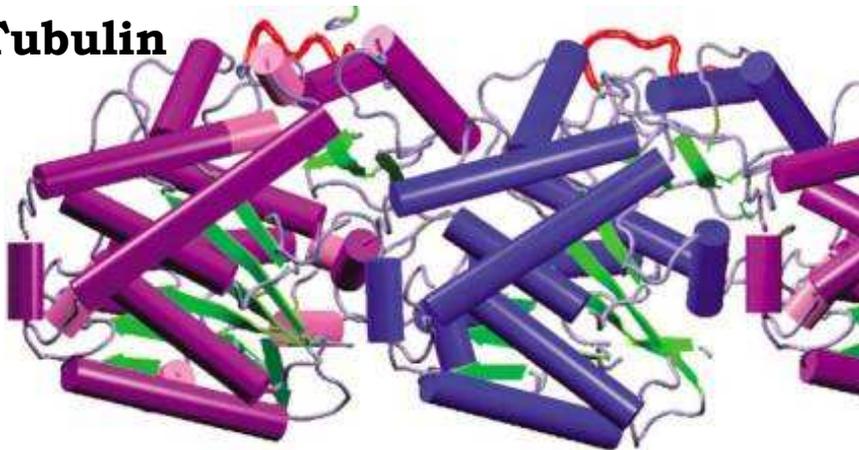


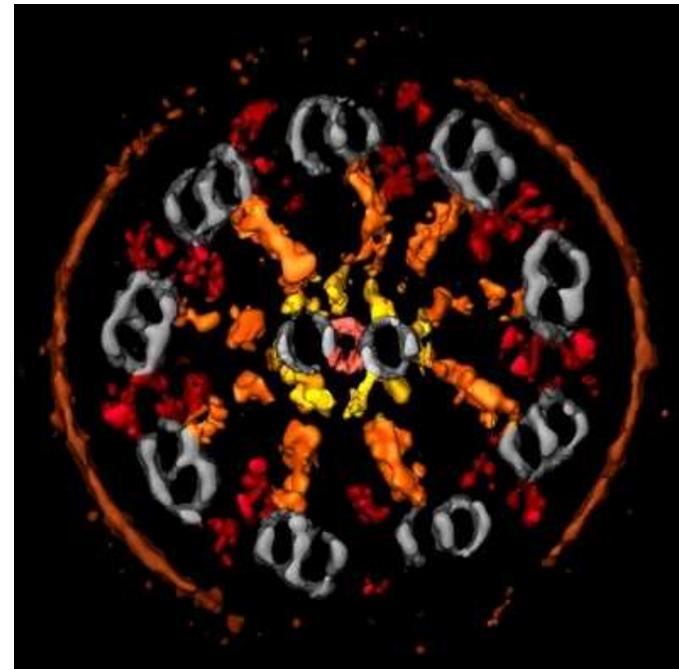
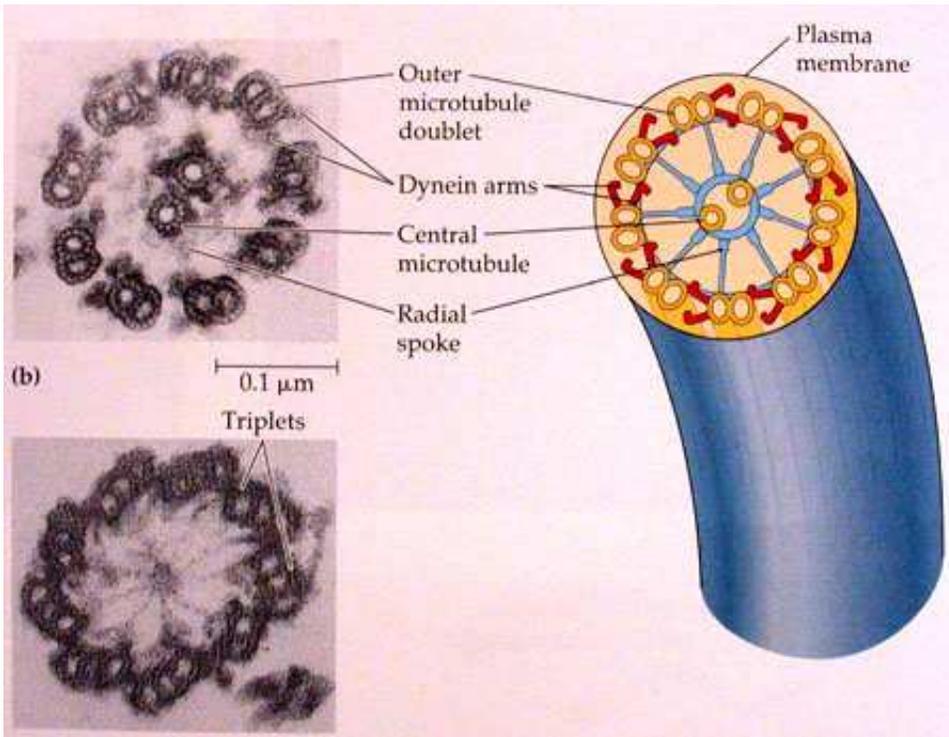
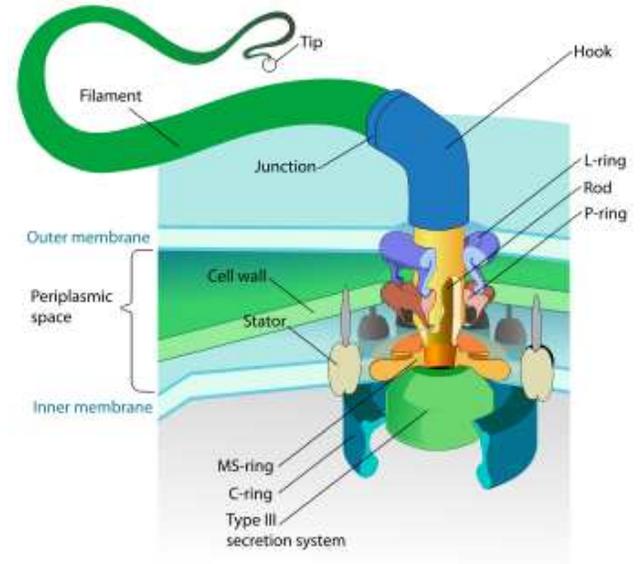
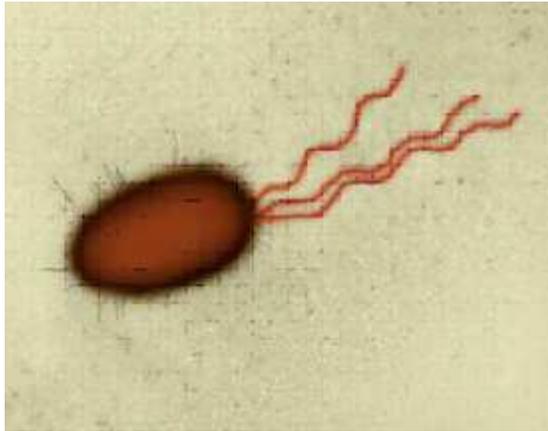
Figure 1. Polymerization of microtubules. Tubulin dimers assemble 'head-to-tail', forming oligomers that elongate into protofilaments. As the protofilaments reach an estimated critical length of 12 ± 2 dimers [65] they start to interact laterally, forming sheets with a characteristic intrinsic inward curvature. At a typical number of 13 protofilaments, the tubulin sheet closes into a tube, forming a microtubule. The tubulin lattice has a left-handed helical symmetry. The microtubule closes at the seam (black arrows), where there is a discontinuity point in the helical lattice.

Tubulin

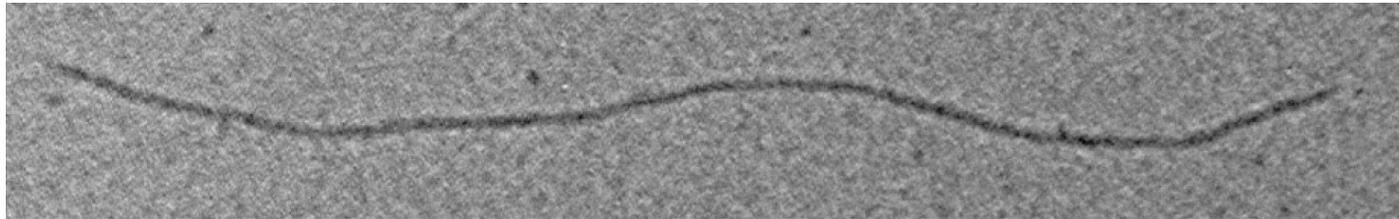


Biological Filaments “from” Actin and Microtubules

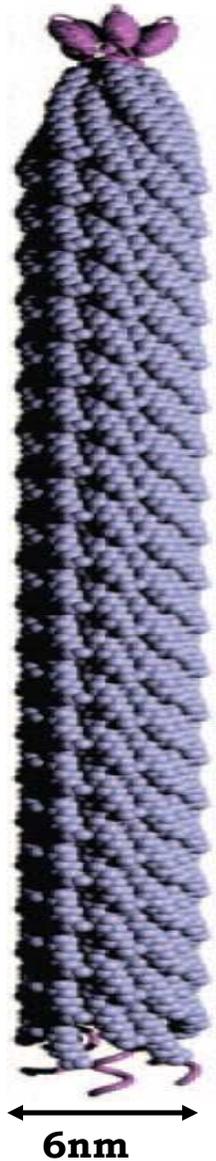
Flagella



Biological Filaments Filamentous Bacteriophages (M13)

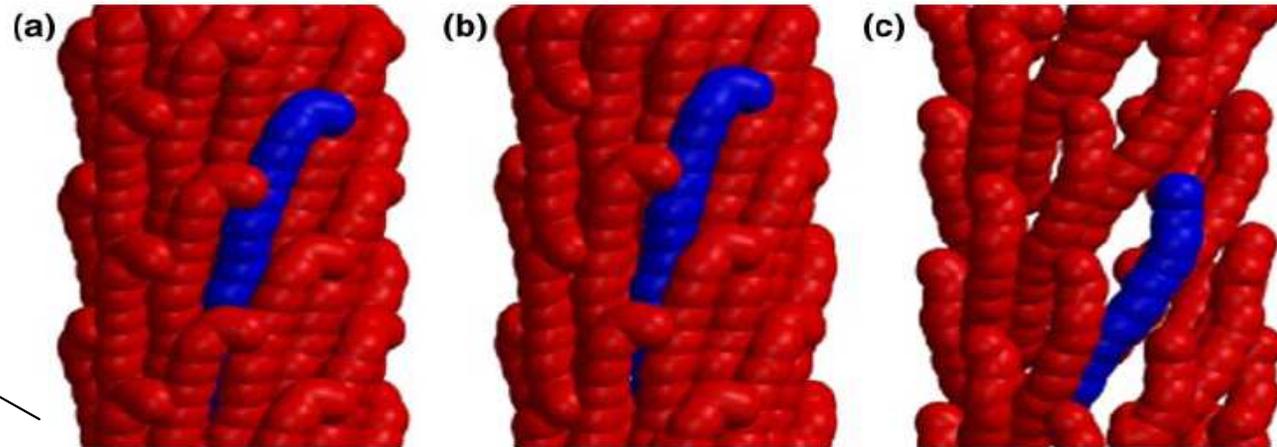


$L \sim 1\mu\text{m}$



geneIII and geneVI proteins
infective tip

geneVIII protein ~50aa monomer, 2700 copies



6nm

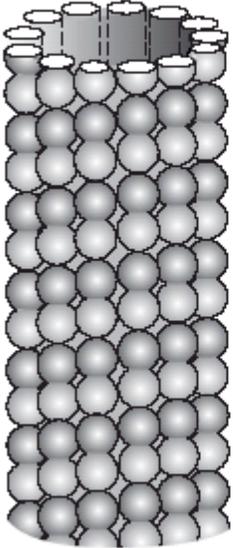
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geneVII and geneIX proteins
remote tip

ssDNA 7259bp = 2177nm

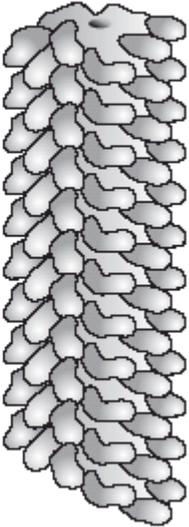
Biological Filaments

(A) microtubule



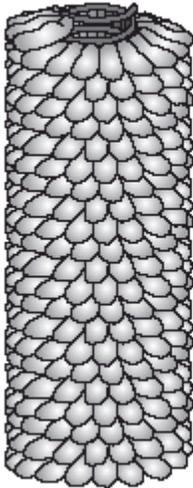
25 nm

(B) bacterial flagellum



20 nm

(C) tobacco mosaic virus

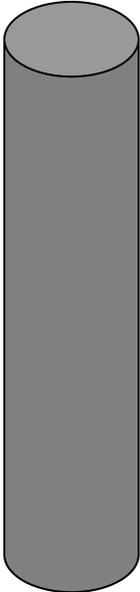


20 nm

(D) collagen fiber



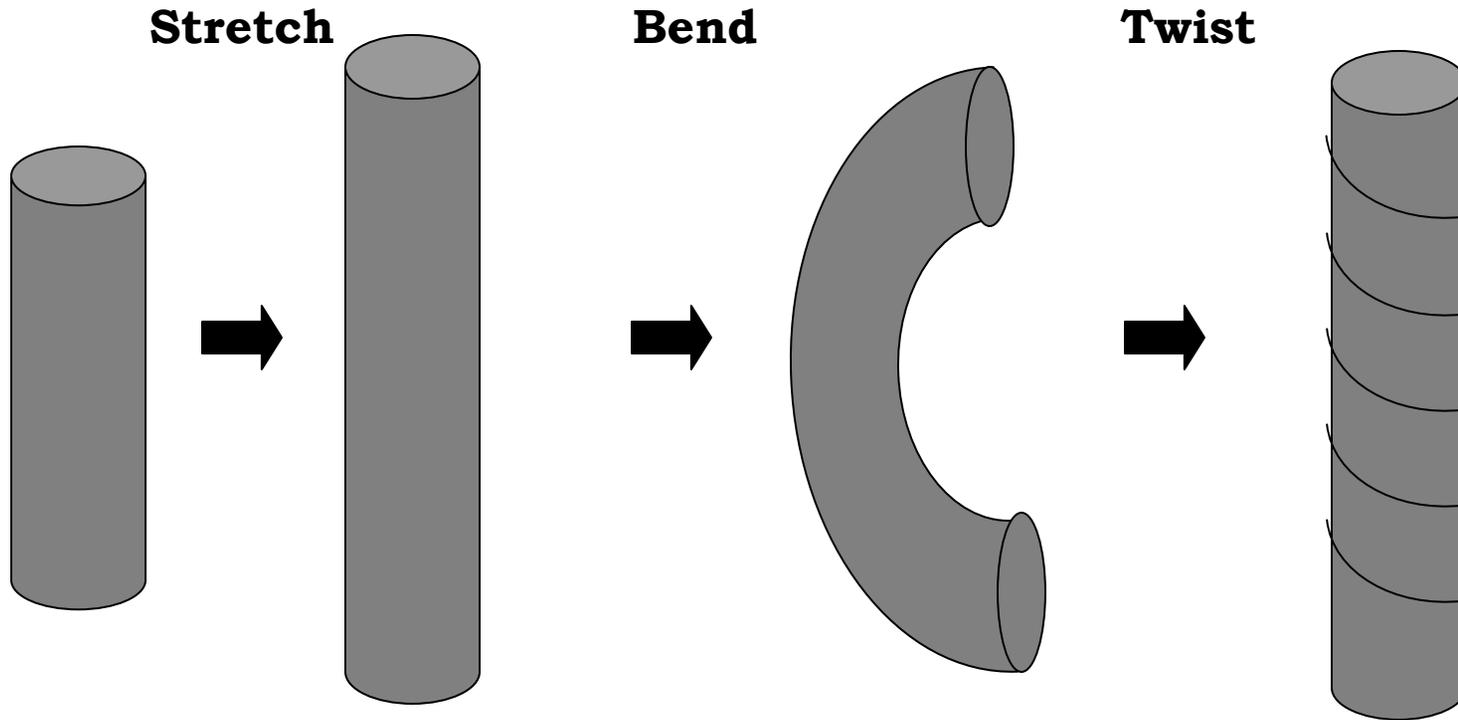
1.5 nm



Phys. Biol. Of the Cell

Biological Filaments

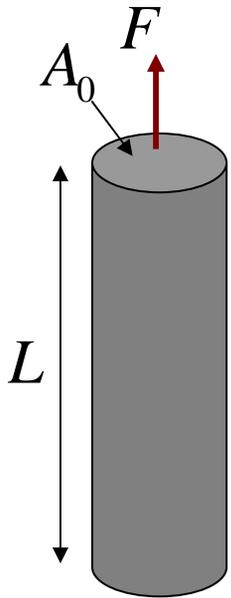
What are the types of deformations encountered in a filament's lifetime?



Stretching (Stress and Strain)



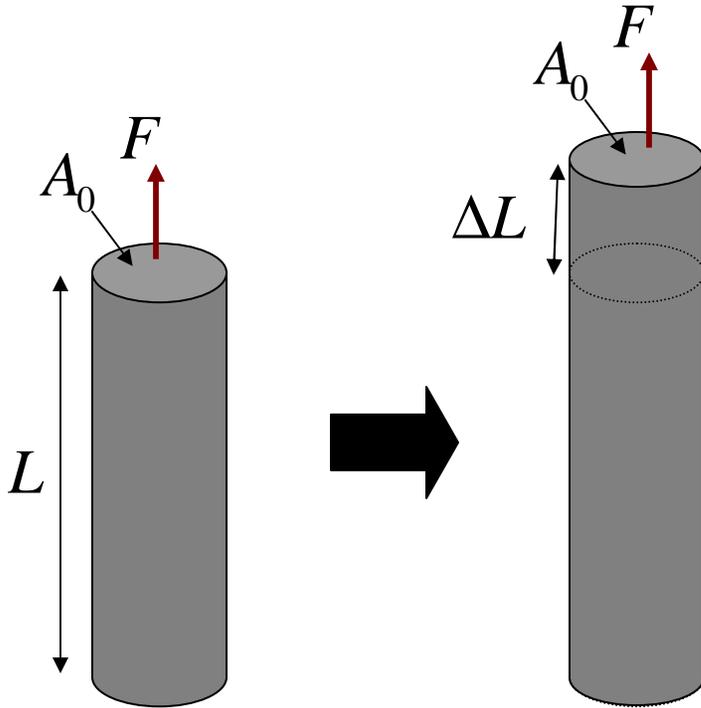
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Stress

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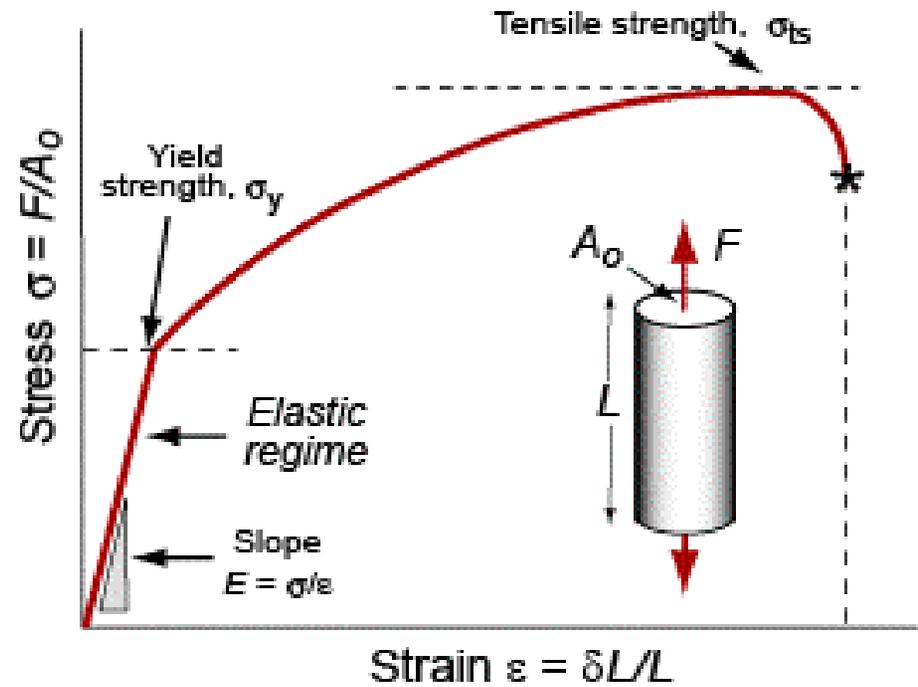
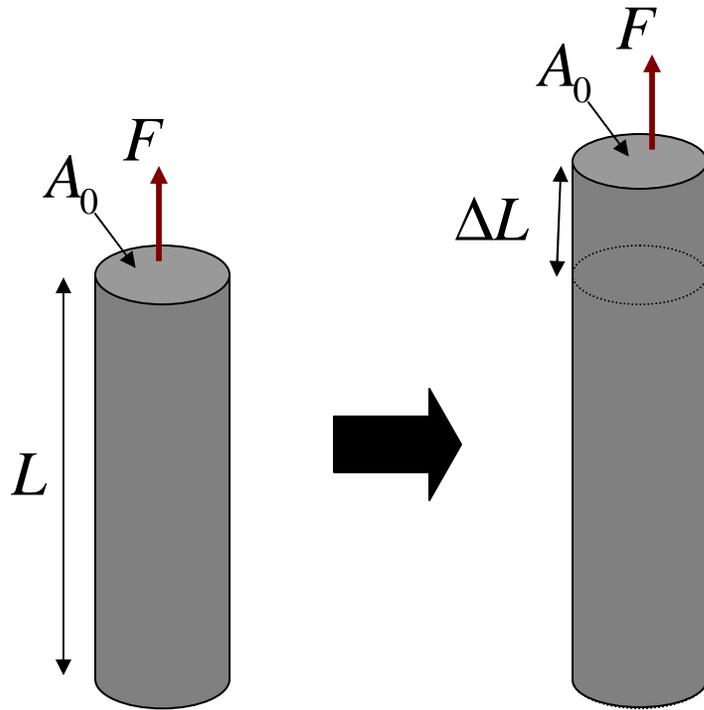
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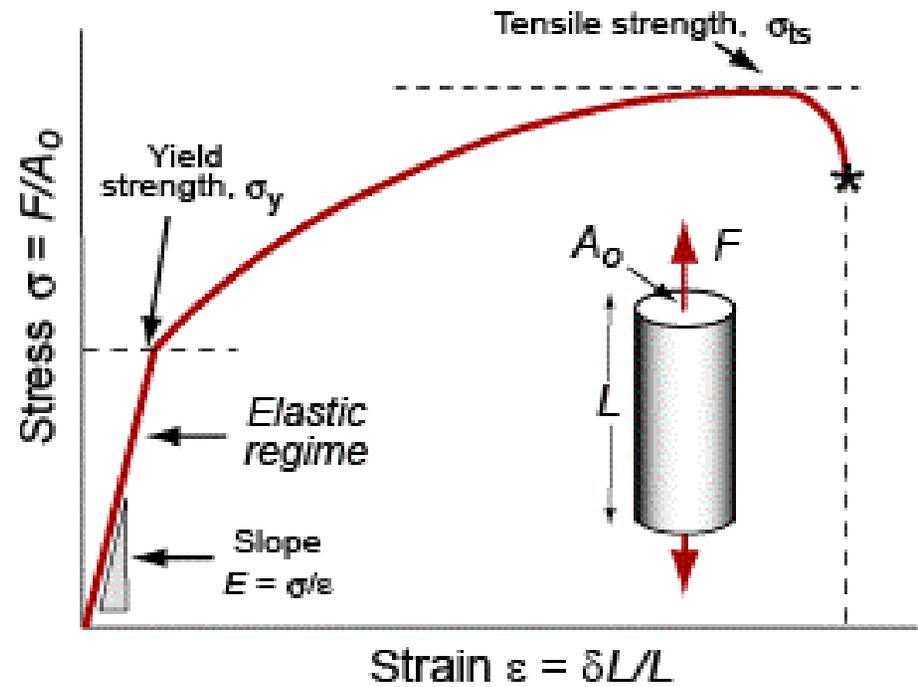
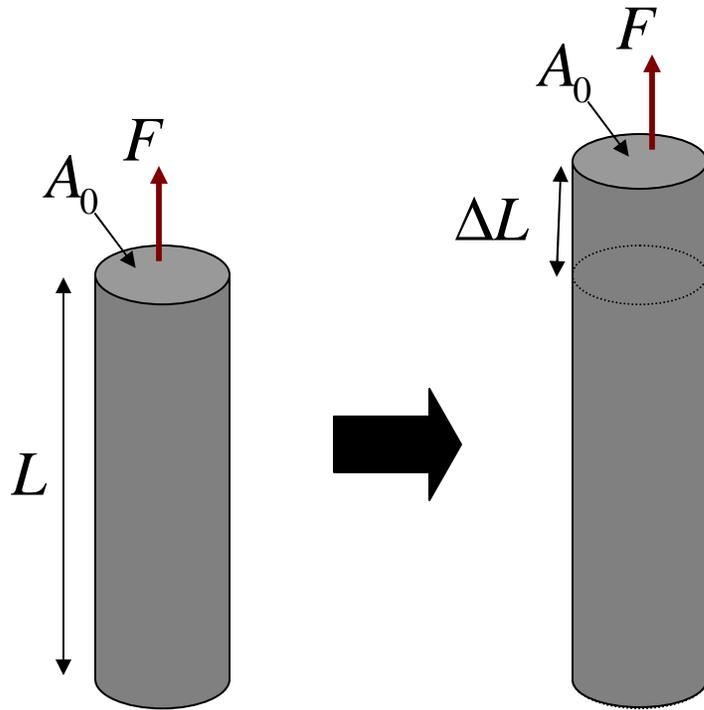
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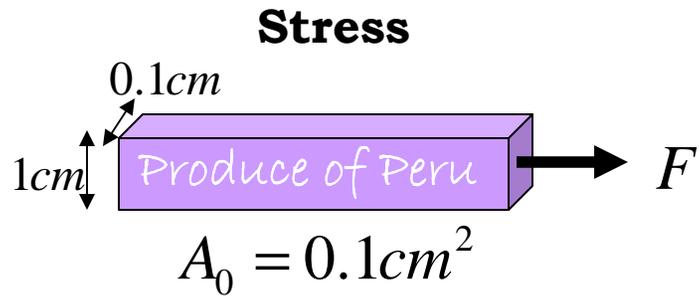
Strain

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\Delta L}{L}$$

$$\sigma = E\varepsilon$$

$$E = \left[\frac{\text{Force}}{\text{Area}} \right] = \left[\frac{\text{Energy}}{\text{Volume}} \right]$$

Peruvian Example Rubber Band



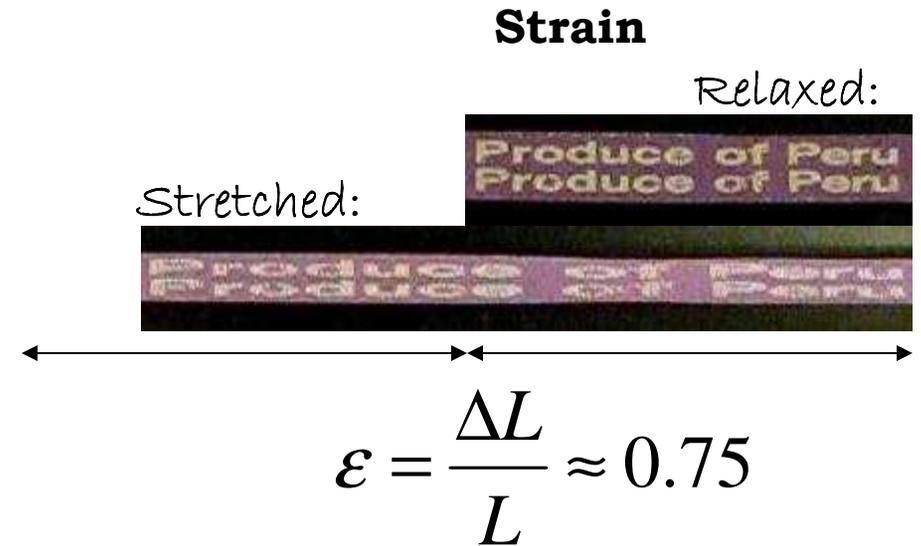
$$1\text{lbs} \approx 0.5\text{kg}$$

$$F \sim (2.5\text{kg})(9.8\text{m/s}^2) \approx 25\text{N}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A_0} \approx 250\text{N/cm}^2$$

$$\sigma = E\varepsilon$$

$$E \approx 300\text{N/cm}^2 = 0.003\text{GPa}$$



Young's Modulus

Stress

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A_0}$$

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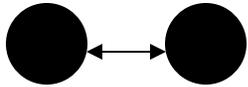
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UNITS!!!

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Estimates

Metals



154 pm

$U_{\text{int}} \sim eV$

$E \approx 200 \text{ GPa}$

G-Actin



$V \sim 43 \text{ nm}^3$

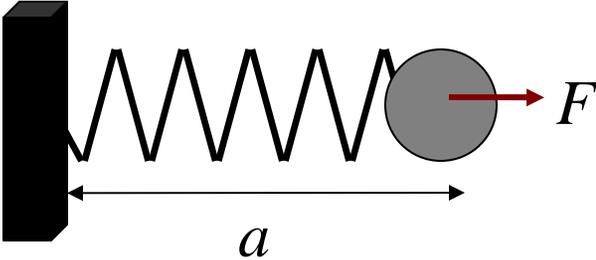
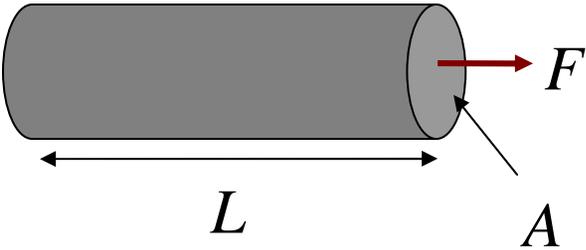
$U_{\text{int}} \sim 10 k_B T$

$E \approx 2 \text{ GPa}$

MATERIAL	E [GPa]
Diamond	1200
Steel	211
Glass	100
Wood	10
Plastic	2.4
Rubber	0.02

$$1 \text{ Pa} = 1 \text{ N} / \text{m}^2 = 1 \text{ J} / \text{m}^3$$

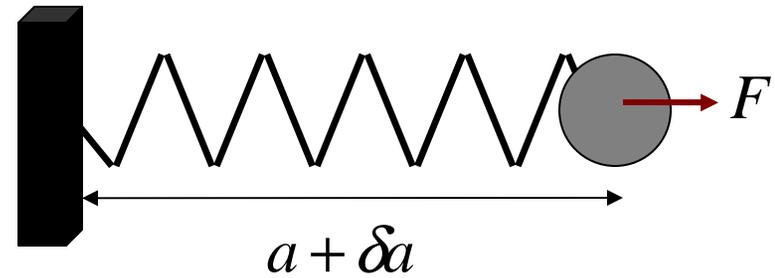
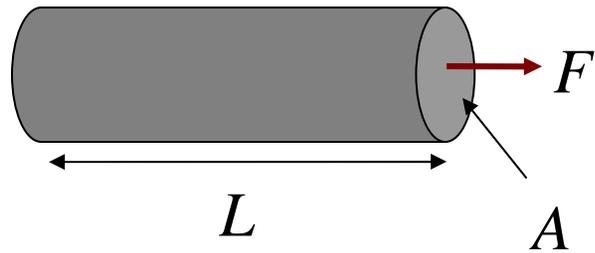
Spring Analogy



$$F = kx$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

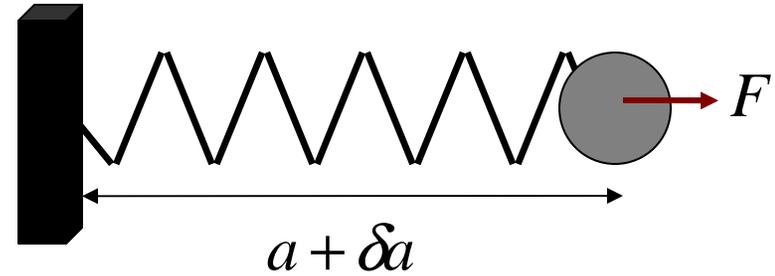
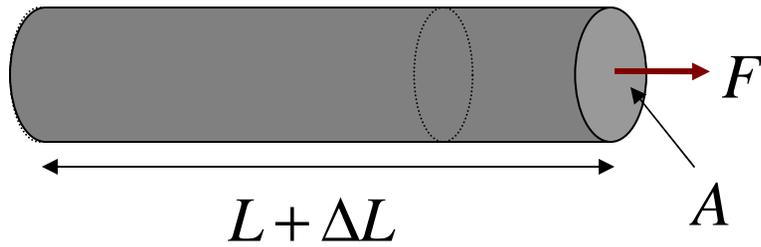
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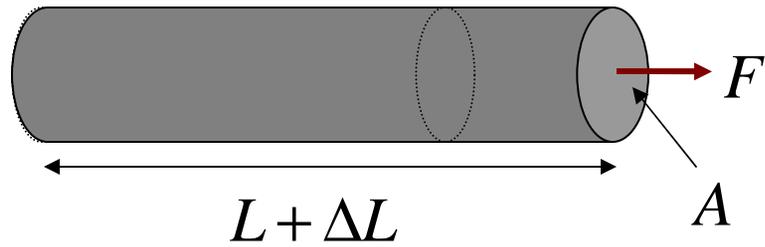
$$\frac{F}{A} = E \frac{\Delta L}{L} \quad \longrightarrow \quad F = \frac{EA}{L} (\Delta L)$$

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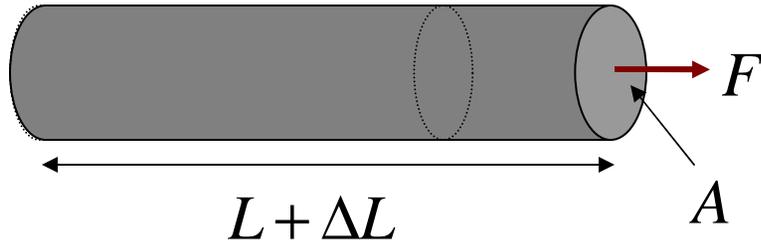
Strain Energy



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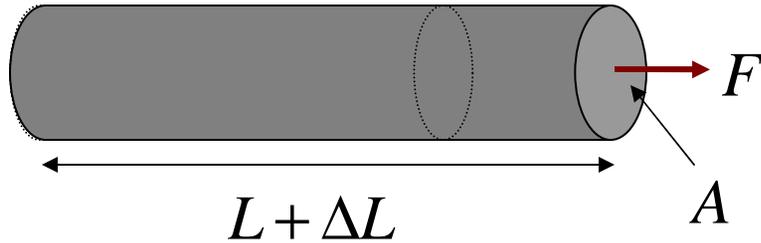


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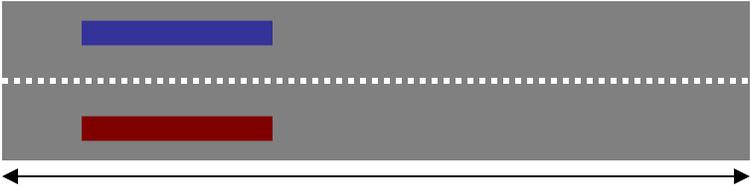
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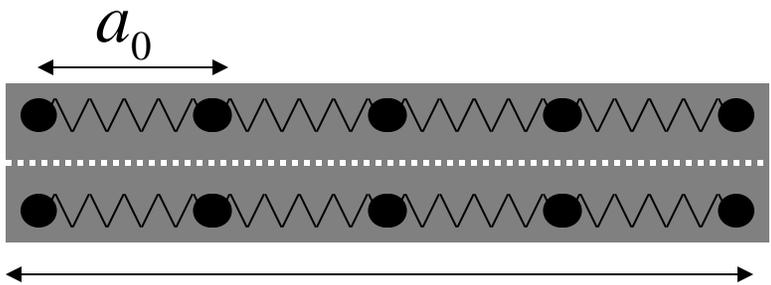
$$\frac{U_{Strain}}{Volume} = \frac{1}{2} E \epsilon^2$$

$$U_{Strain} = \frac{E}{2} \int \epsilon^2(x, y, z) dx dy dz$$

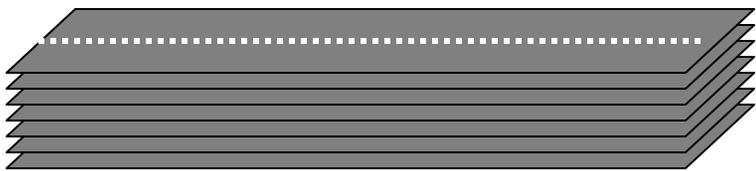
Bending



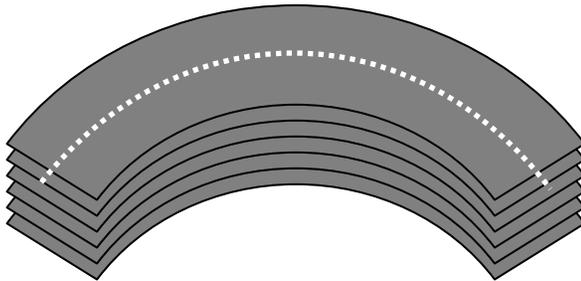
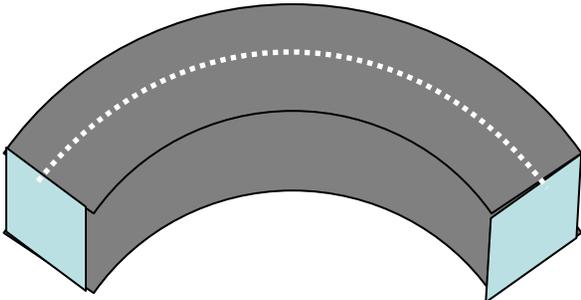
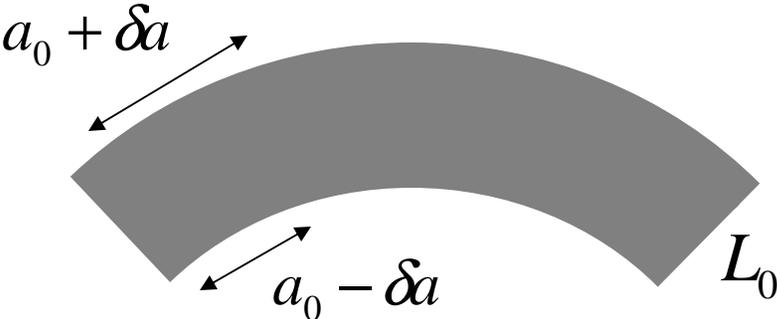
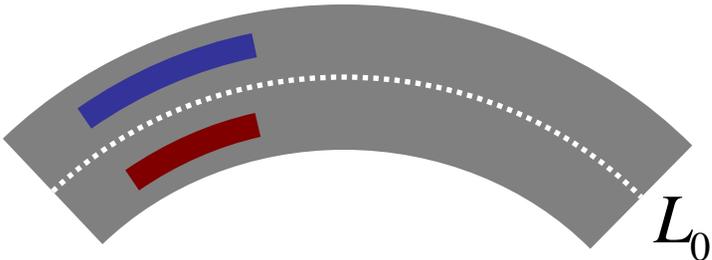
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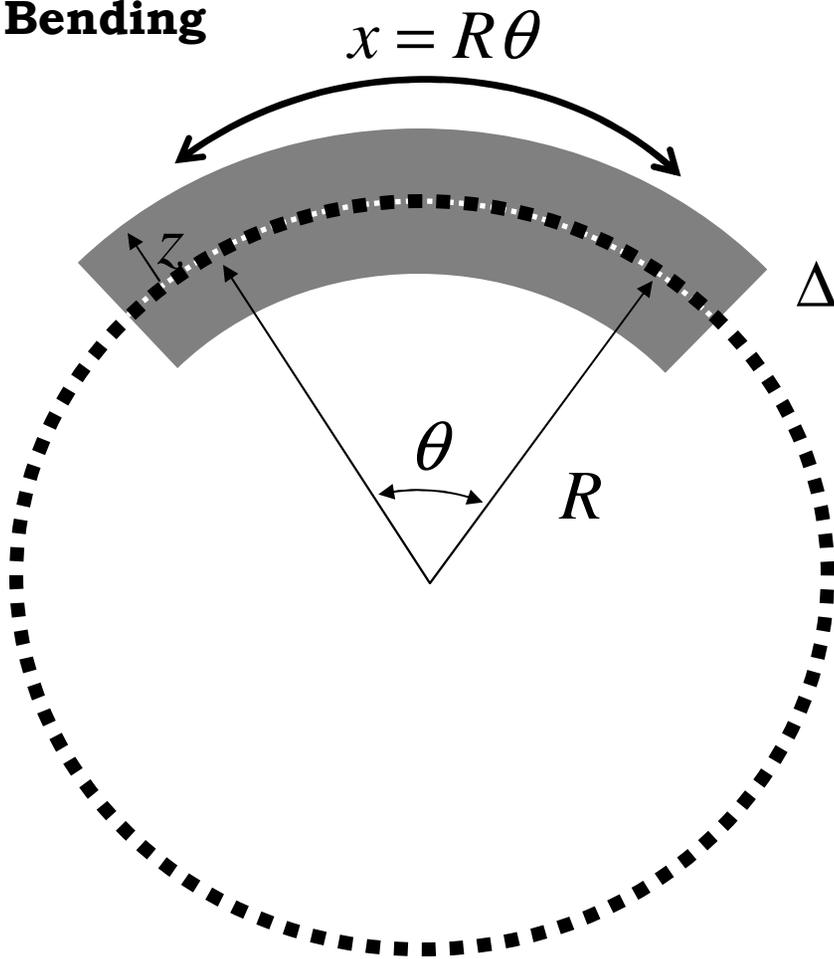
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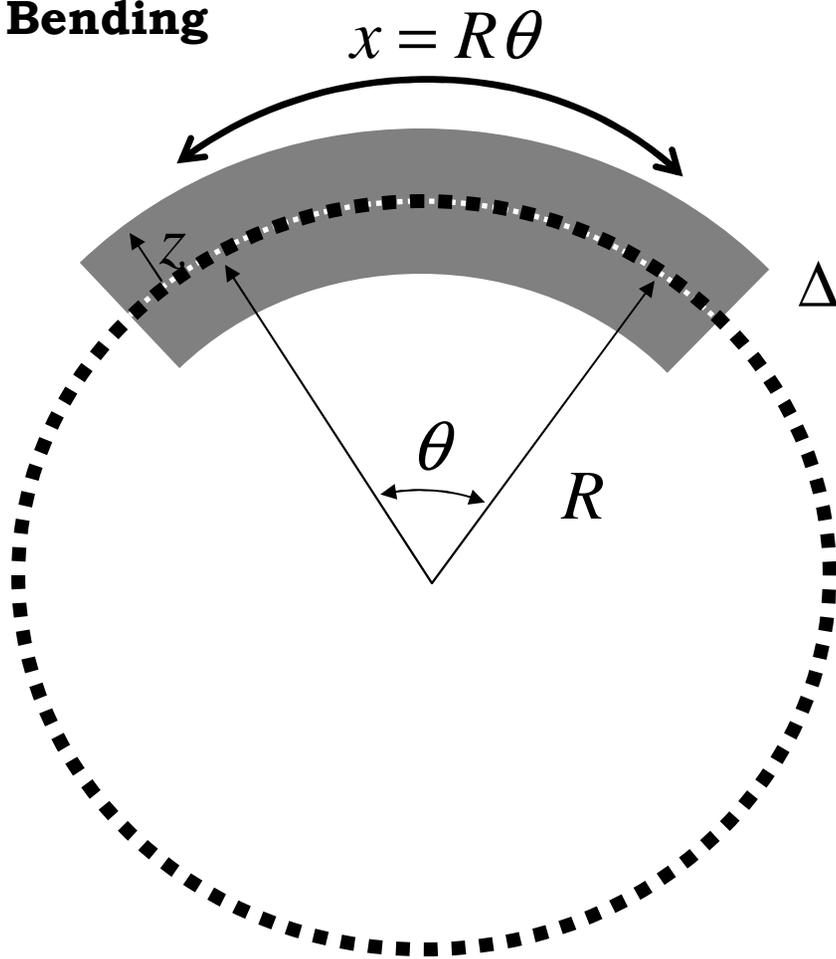
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Bending



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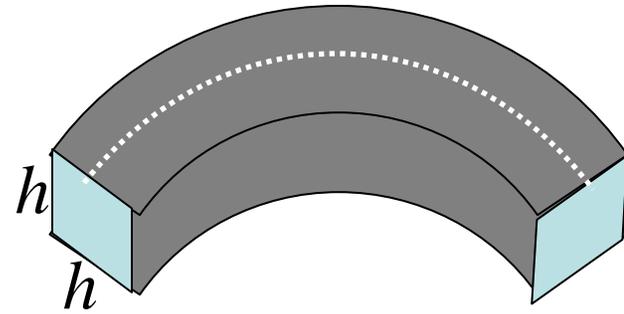
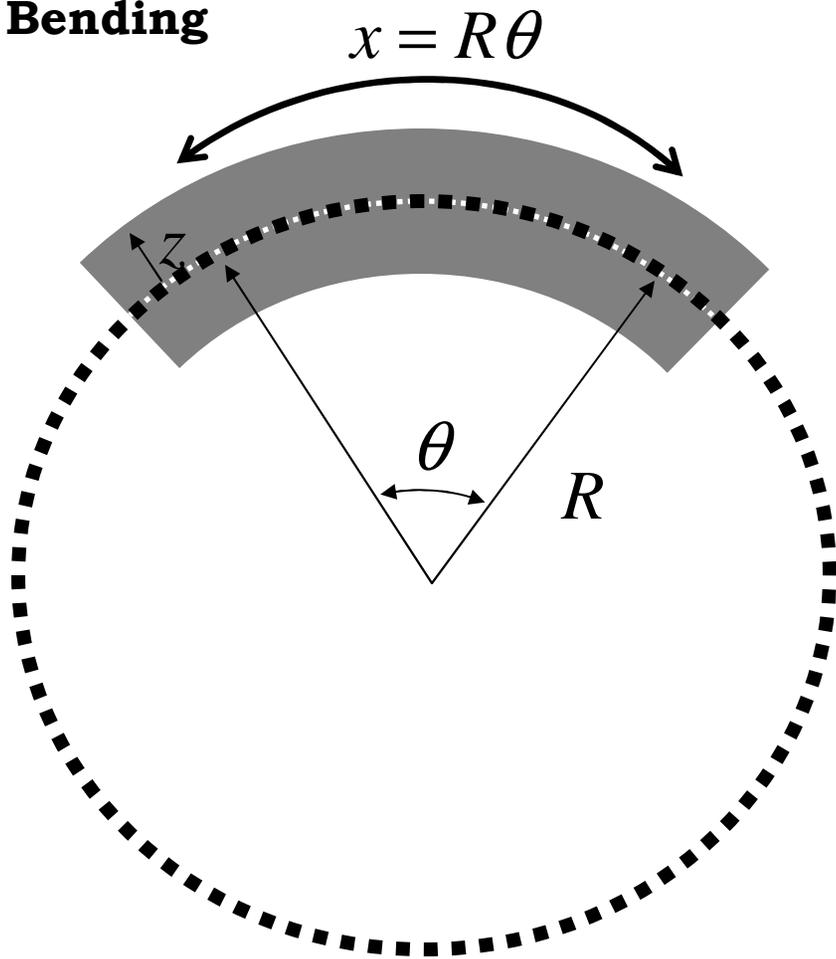
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Bending



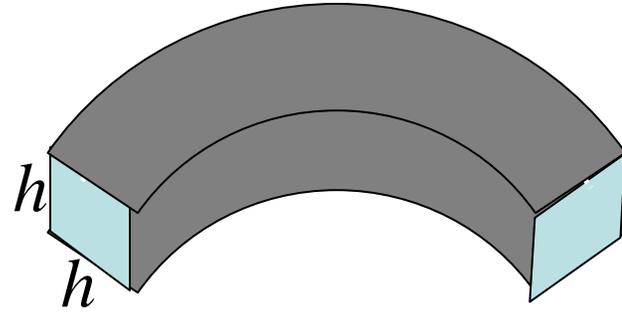
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$$U_{Bend} = \frac{E}{2} \int_0^L dx \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} dy \int_{-h/2}^{h/2} \left(\frac{z}{R} \right)^2 dz = \frac{E}{2} \frac{1}{R^2} L \cdot h \cdot \frac{h^3}{8 \cdot 3} \cdot 2 = \frac{E}{2} \left(\frac{h^4}{12} \right) \frac{L}{R^2}$$

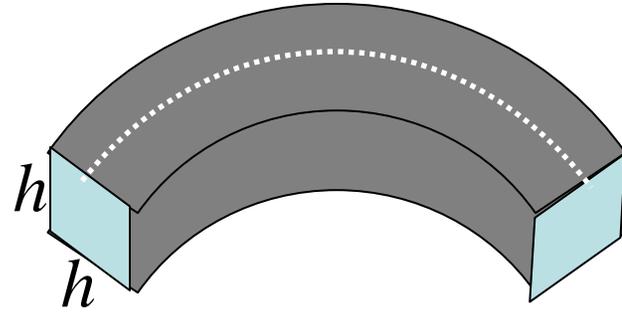
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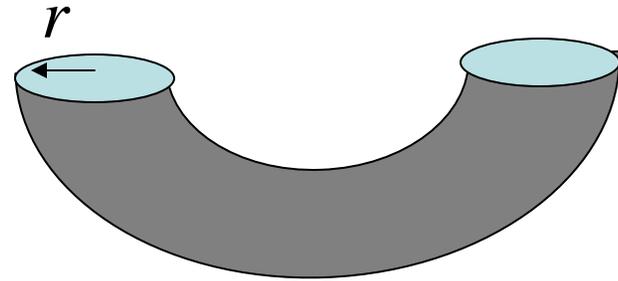


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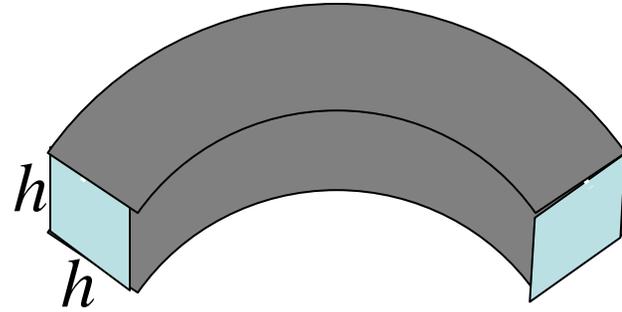


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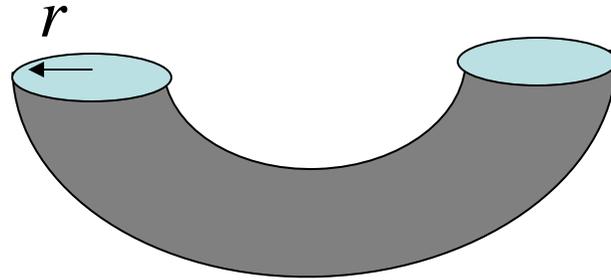


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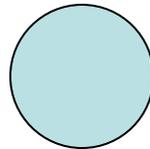
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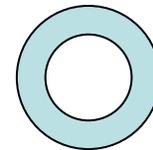
Areal Moment of Inertia



$$I = \frac{wh^3}{12}$$



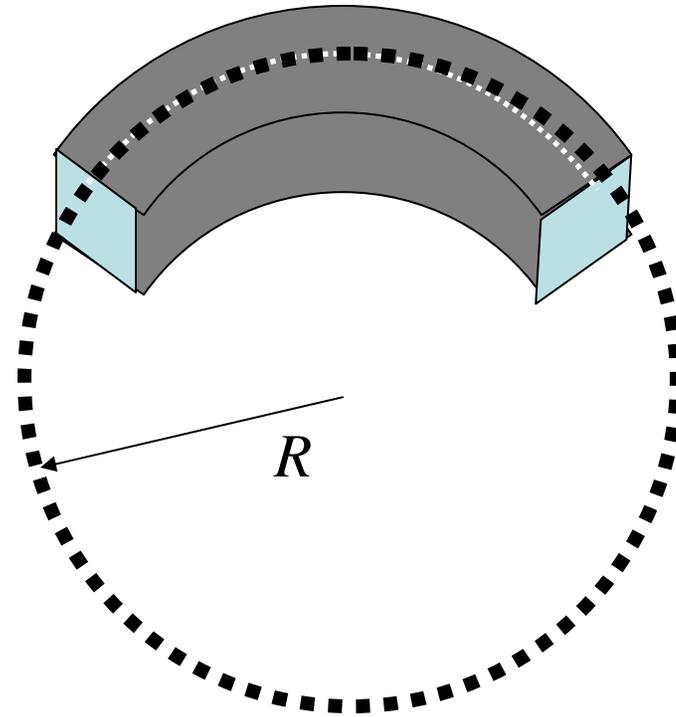
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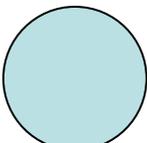
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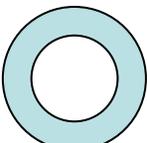
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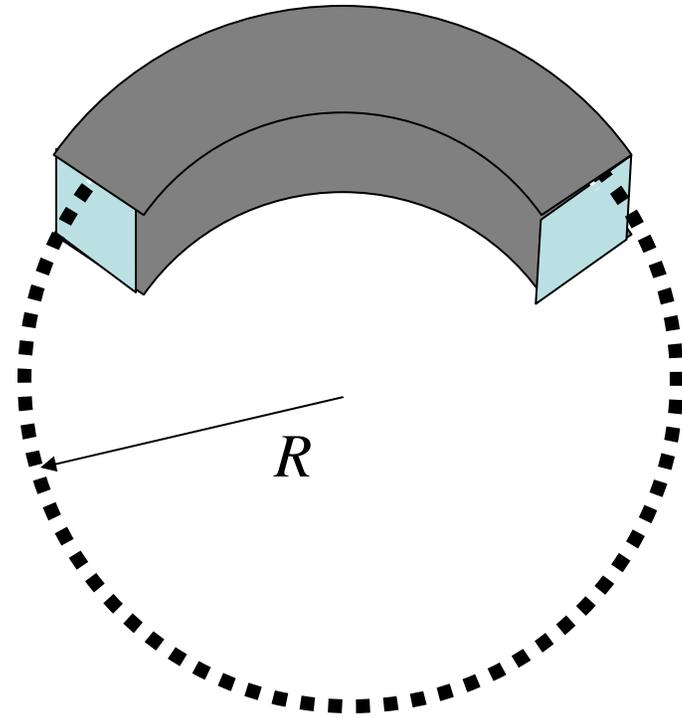

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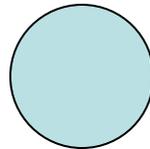
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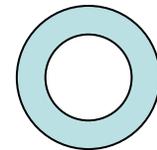
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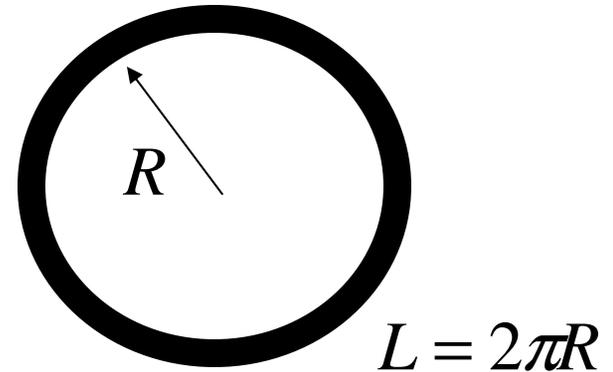
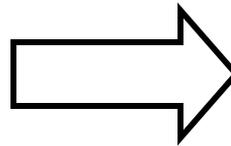
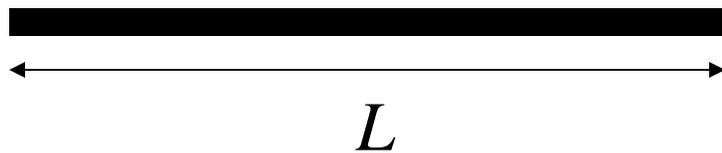


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Energy required to bend filament into circular arc of Length, L , and radius, R

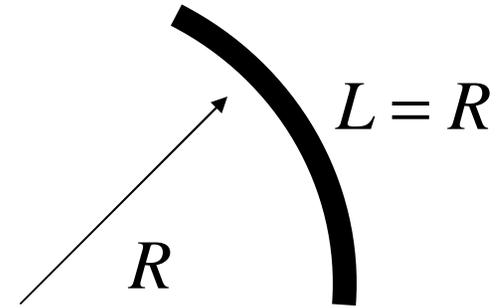
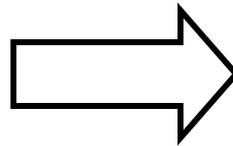
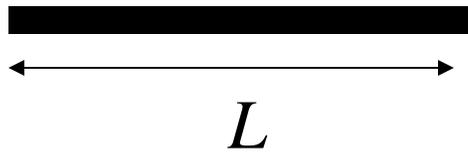


$$U_{\text{Loop}} = \frac{YI(2\pi R)}{2R^2} = \frac{\pi EI}{R}$$

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Energy required to bend filament into circular arc of Radius, R , and Length $L=R$

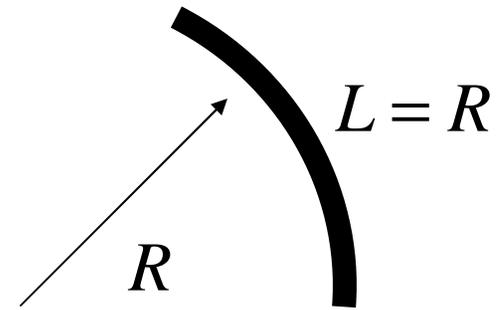
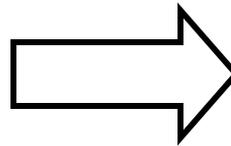
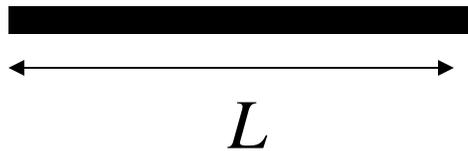


$$U_{Rad} = \frac{YI(R)}{2R^2} = \frac{EI}{2R} = \frac{EI}{2L}$$

Bend Energy

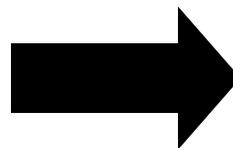
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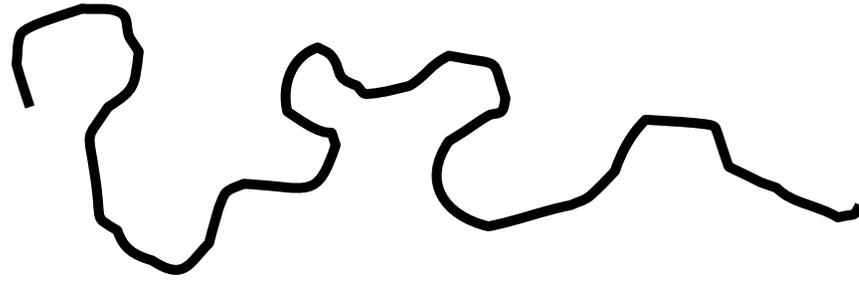
$$\frac{1}{2} k_B T = \frac{EI}{2\xi}$$



$$\xi = \frac{EI}{k_B T}$$

Persistence Length

$$\xi = \frac{EI}{k_B T}$$



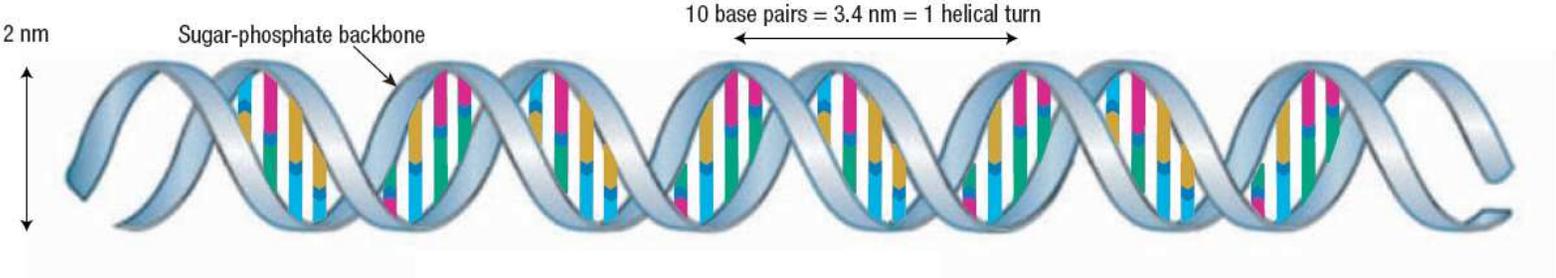
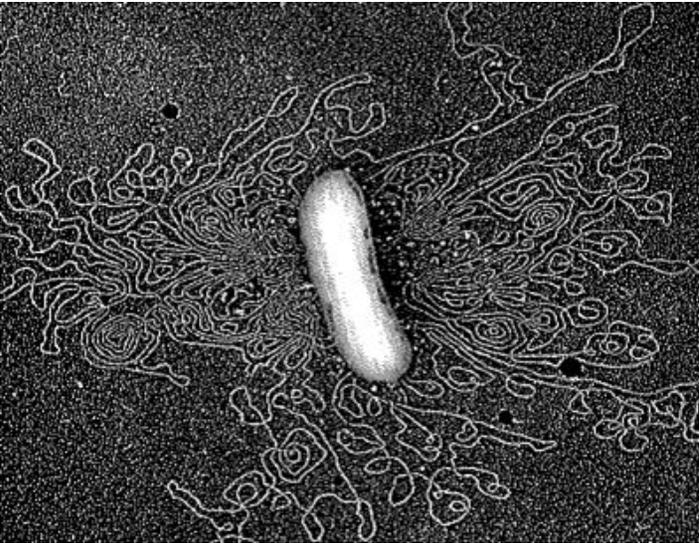
Correlation of Tangent Angles

Oooooh what fun...!

Just wait until Lecture II

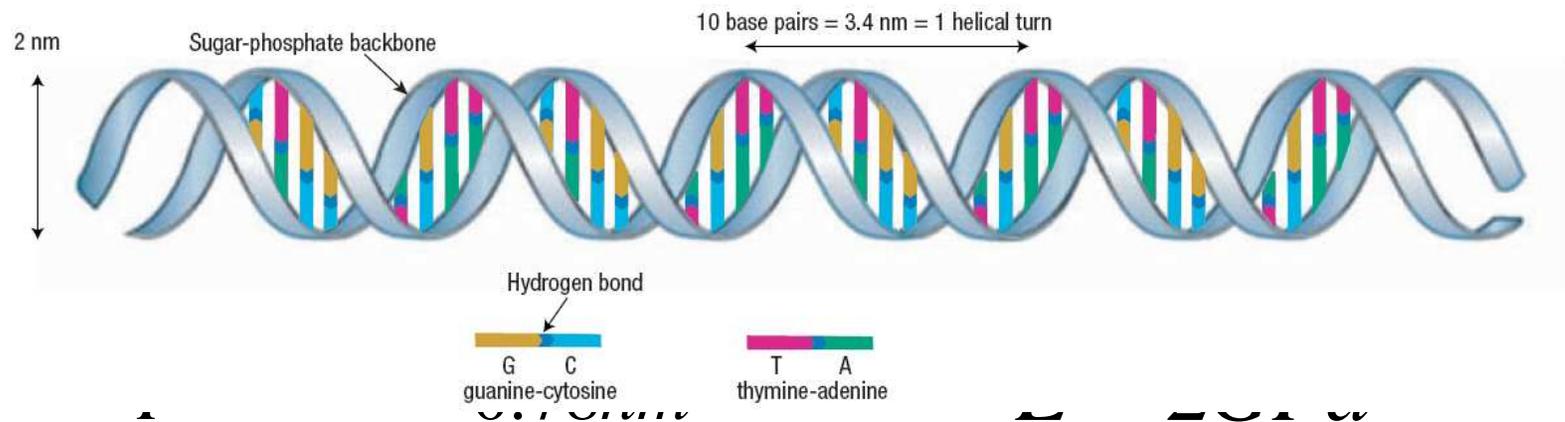
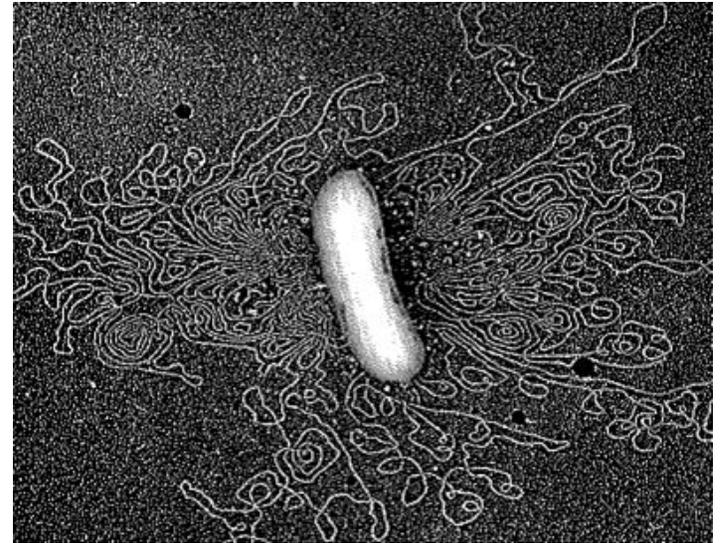
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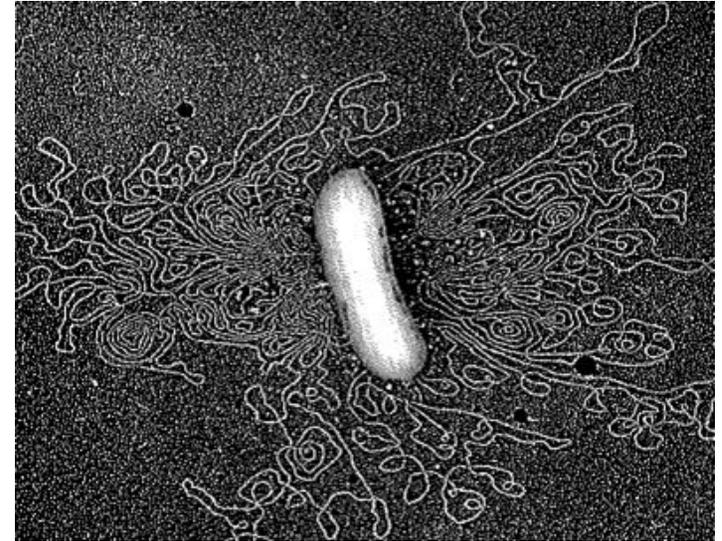


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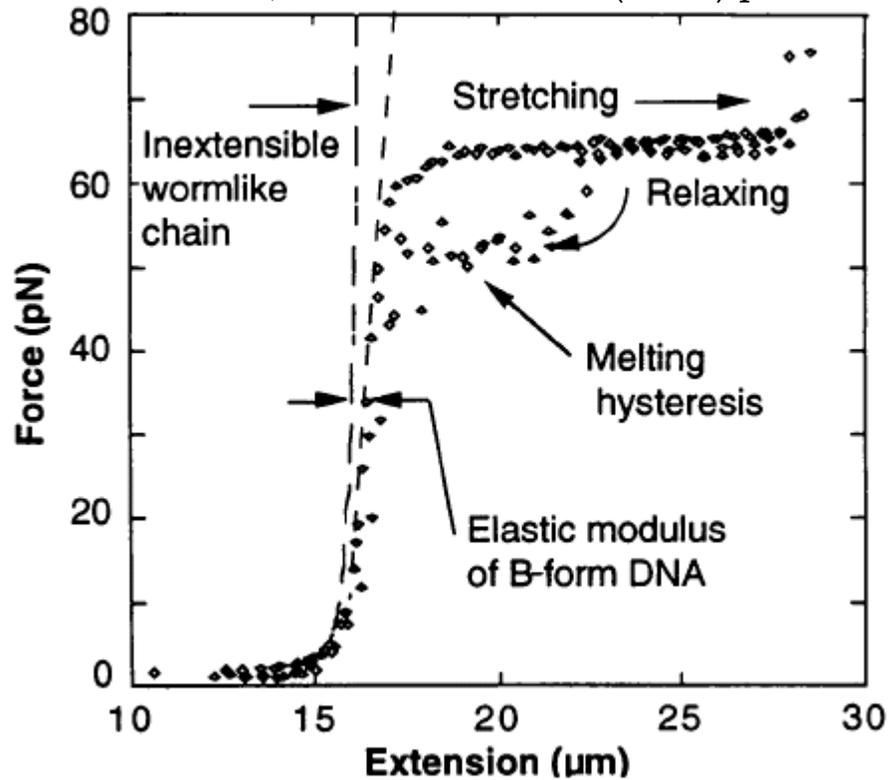
$$\xi \approx 340nm$$

Persistence Length DNA

$$\xi = \frac{EI}{k_B T}$$



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$$\sigma = E \varepsilon$$

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{A_0} = \frac{F}{\pi r^2} \quad \varepsilon = \frac{\Delta L}{L_0} = \frac{L - L_0}{L_0}$$

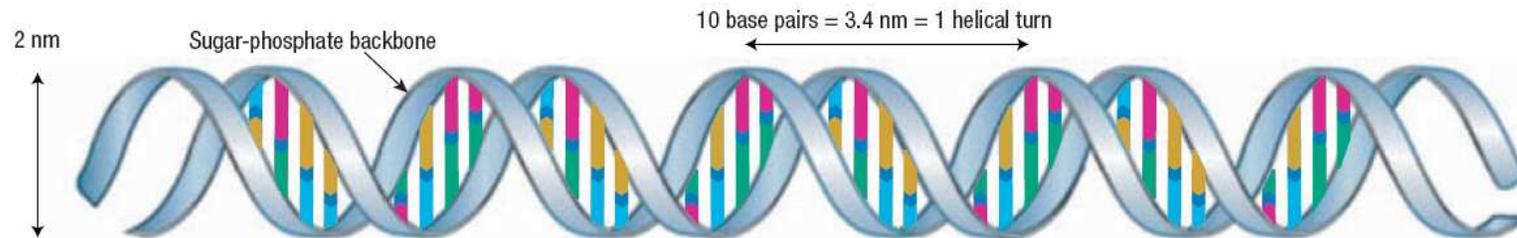
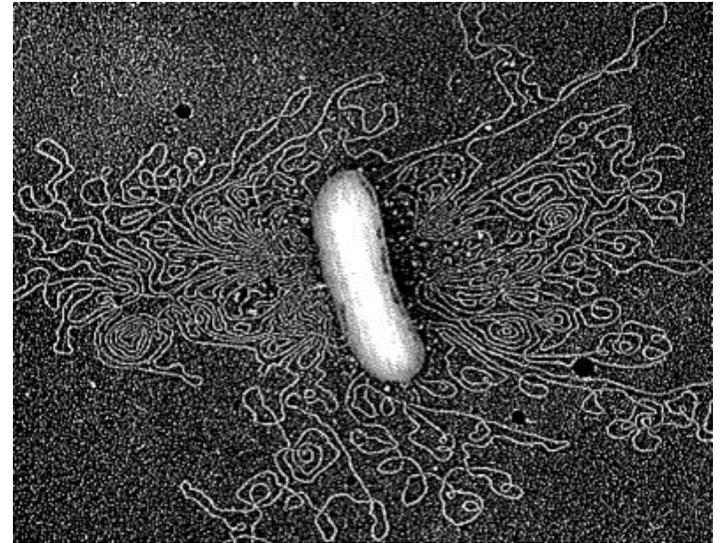
$$r = 10 \text{ \AA}$$

$$L_0 = 48,500 \text{ bp} = 16.4 \mu\text{m}$$

$$E = \frac{F}{\pi r^2} \frac{L_0}{L - L_0} = 0.34 \text{ GPa}$$

Persistence Length DNA

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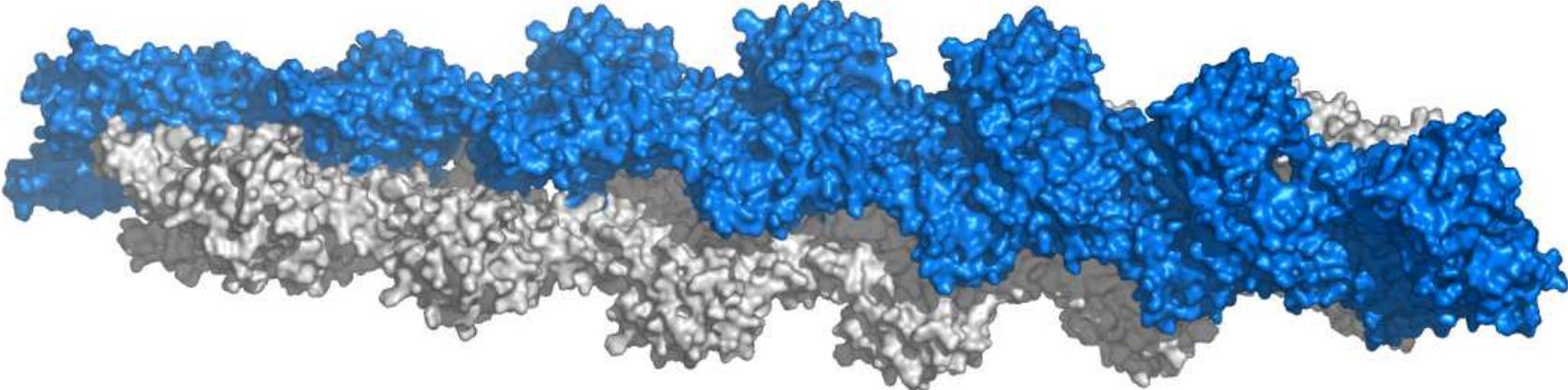
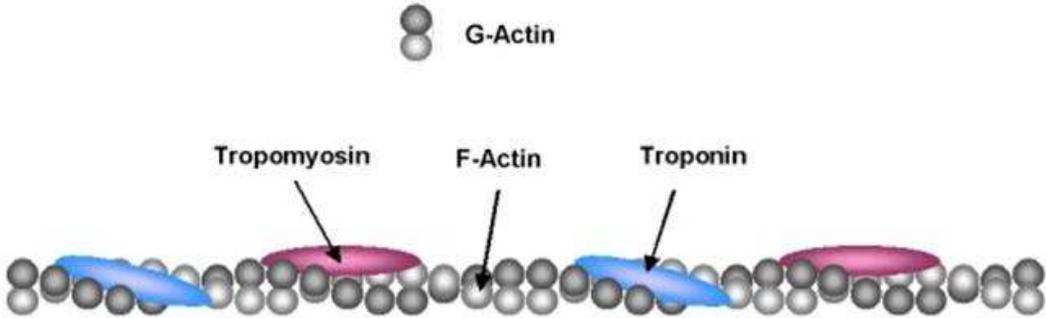
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$$E \approx 0.34 \text{ GPa}$$

$$\xi \approx 66 \text{ nm}$$

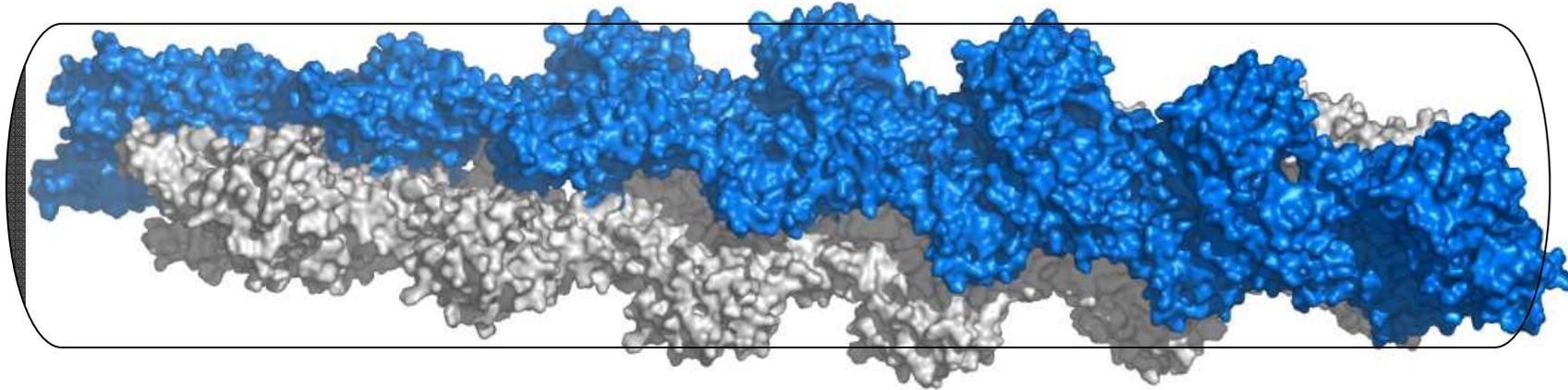
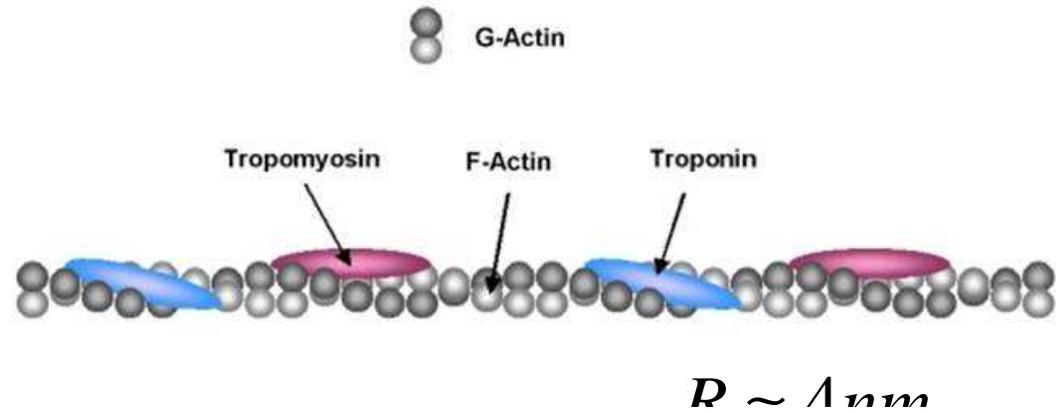
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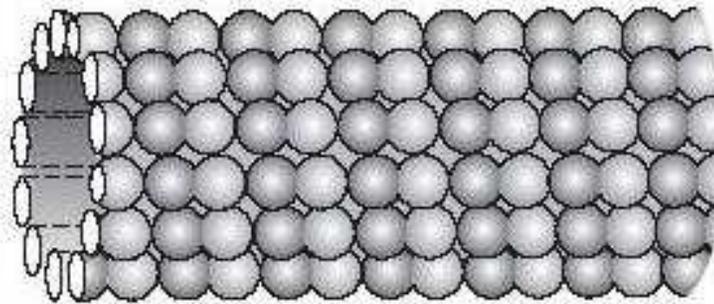
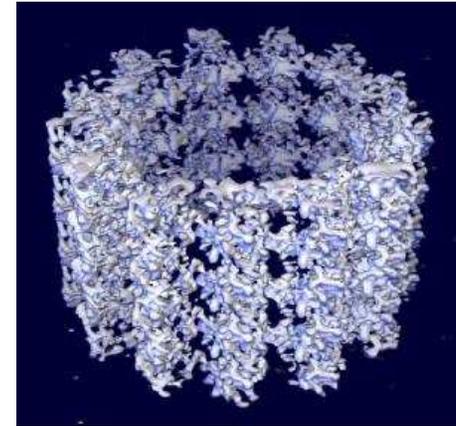
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$$E \approx 1.6 GPa$$

$$\xi \approx 47 \mu m$$

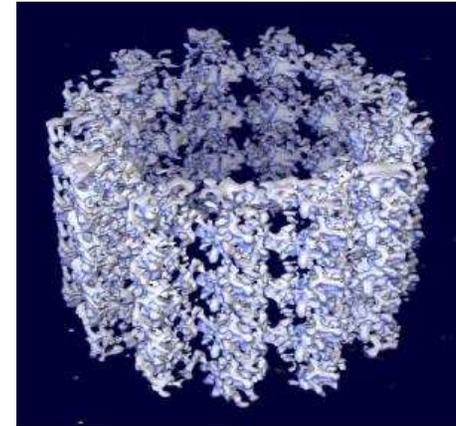
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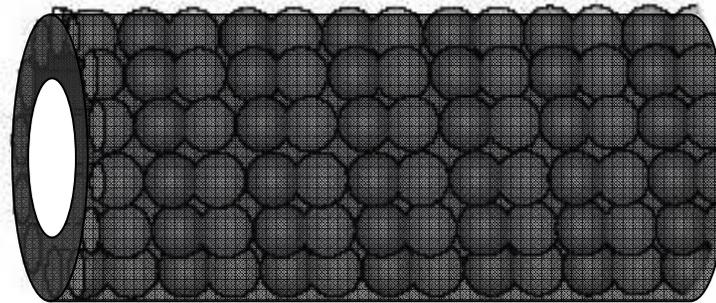
Persistence Length Microtubules

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$$R \approx 12.5nm$$

$$R_0 \approx 10nm$$



$$I = \frac{\pi (R^4 - R_0^4)}{4} \approx 0.78nm^4 \quad E \approx 1.6GPa$$

$$\xi \approx 4.5mm$$

Persistence Length A length dependence?

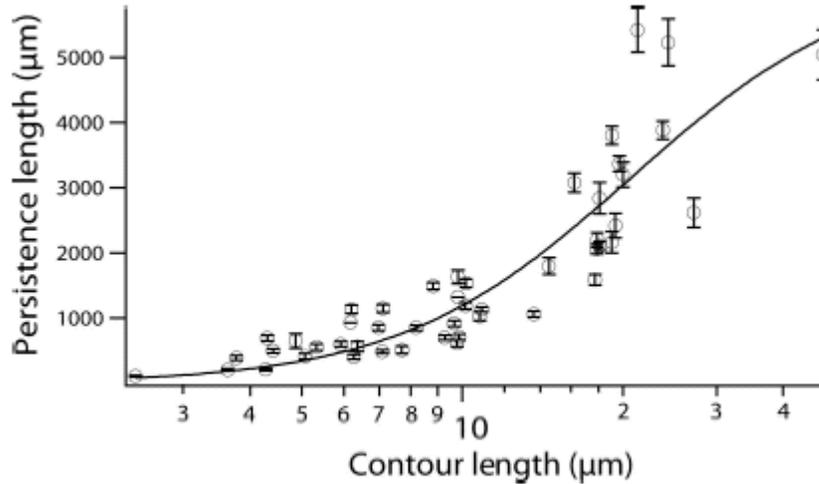
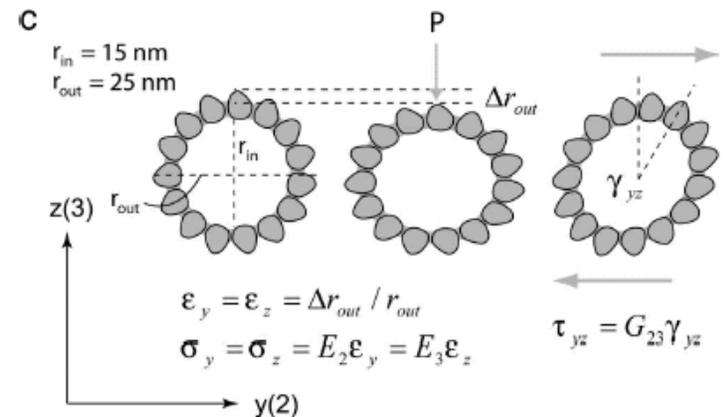
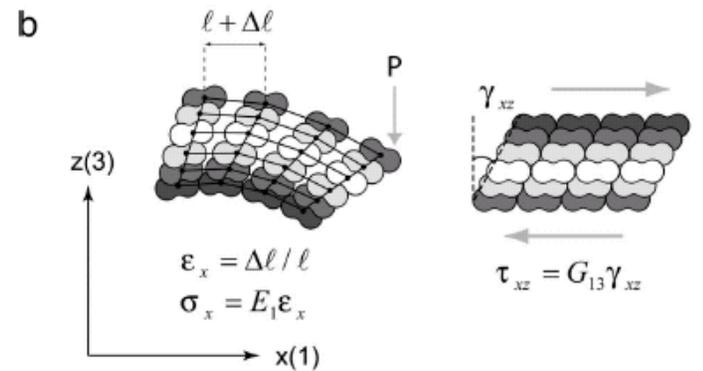


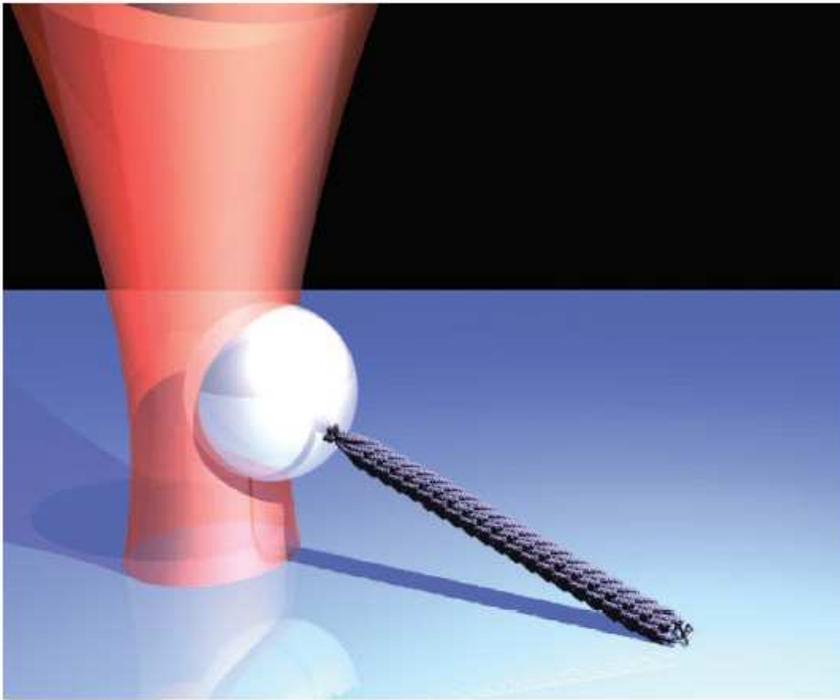
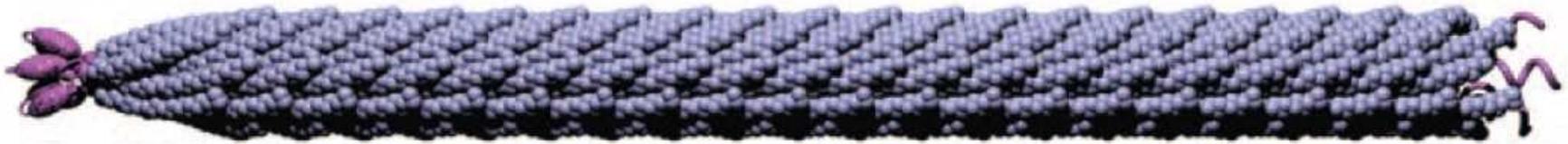
Fig. 3. The persistence length of MTs as a function of their contour lengths. The contour length ranges from 2.6 to 47.5 μm. The fit with Eq. 4 is superimposed on the experimental points.

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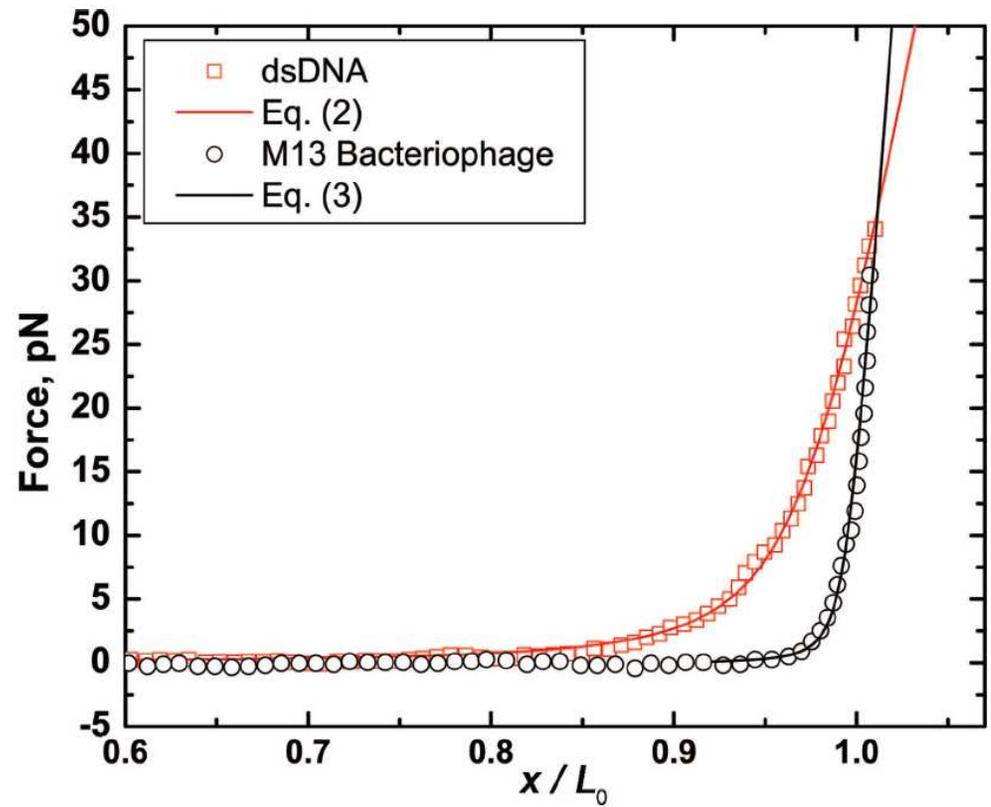
$$U_{Strain} = \frac{E}{2} \int \varepsilon^2 dx dy dz$$



Stretching Experiments M13 virus

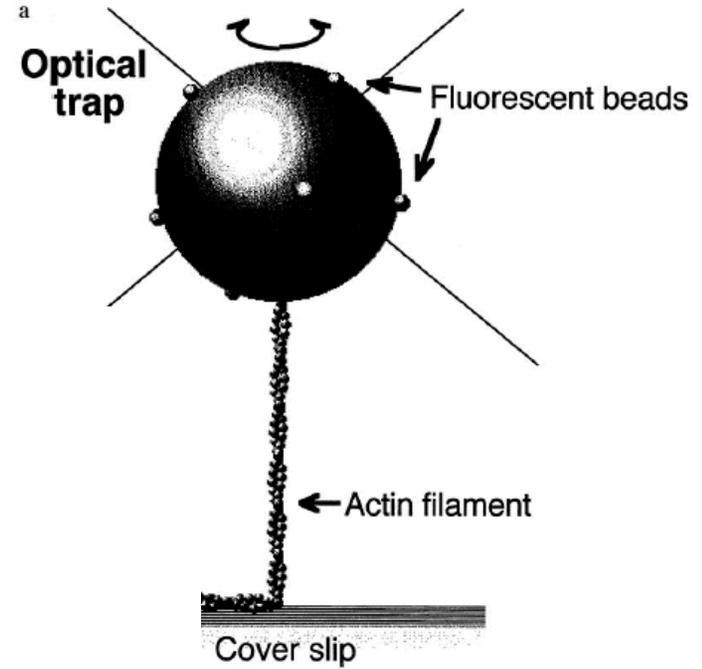
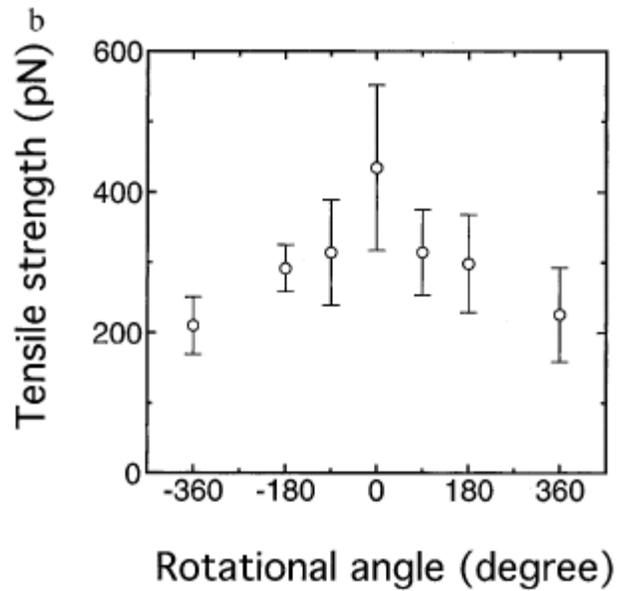
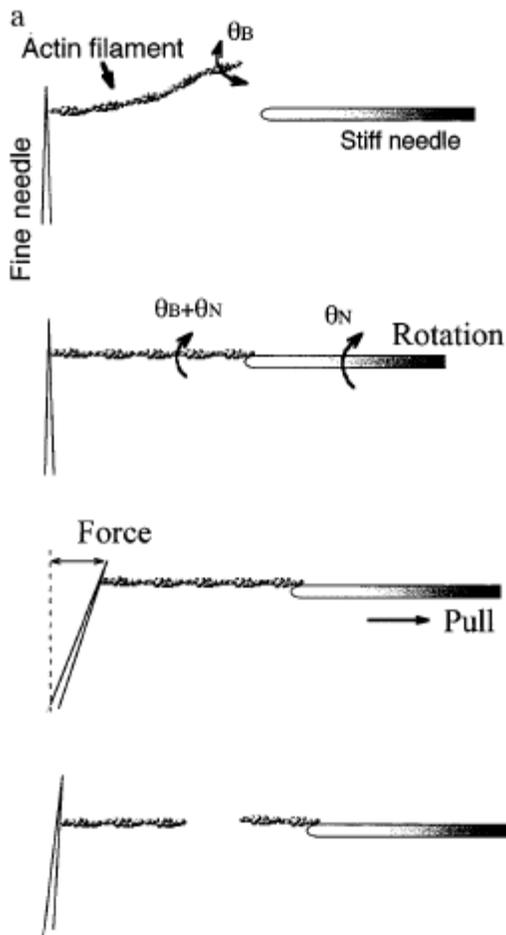


400nm Polystyrene Bead



Stretching Experiments Actin

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Life at Low D

END Lecture I

Thank you.

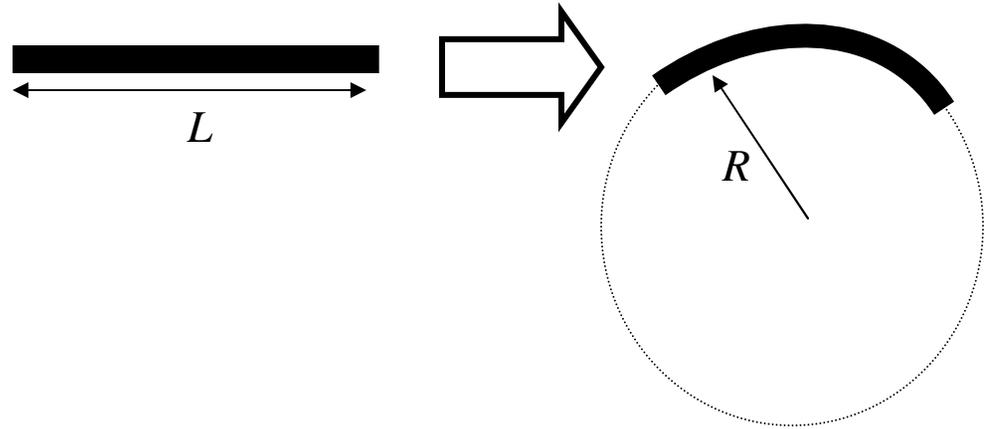
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Lecture II: Vitruval Lab

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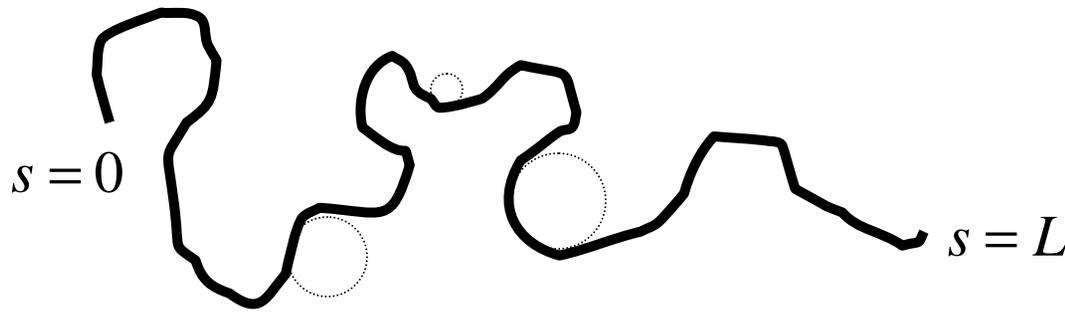
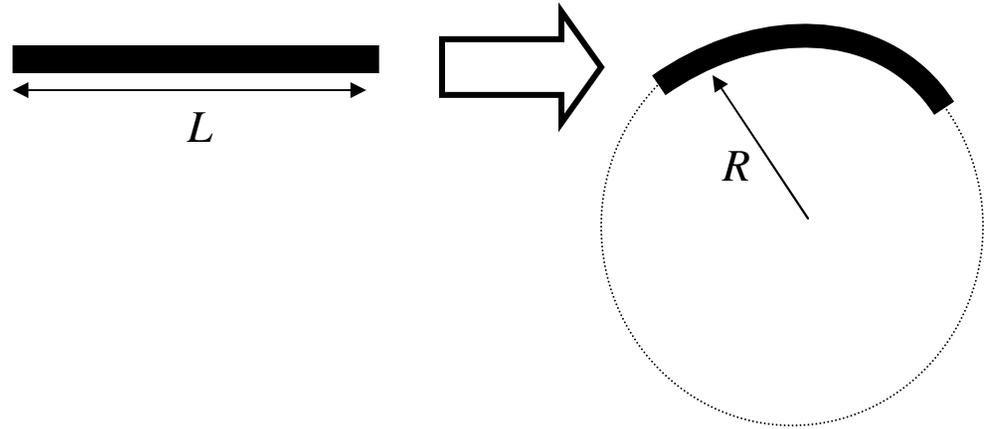
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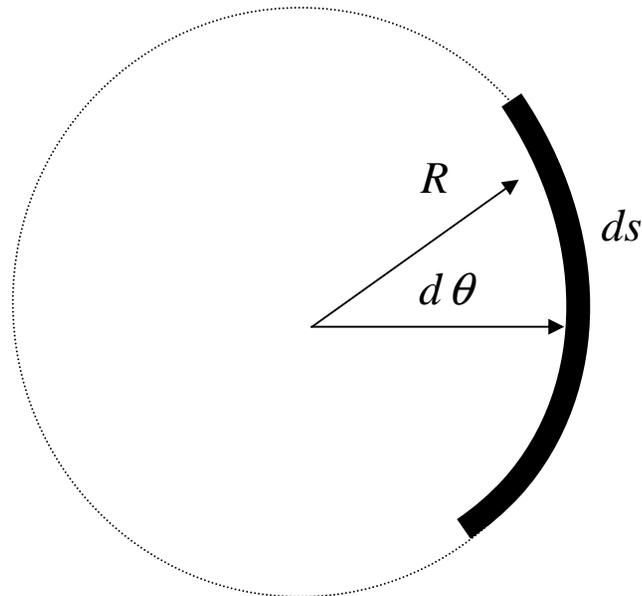
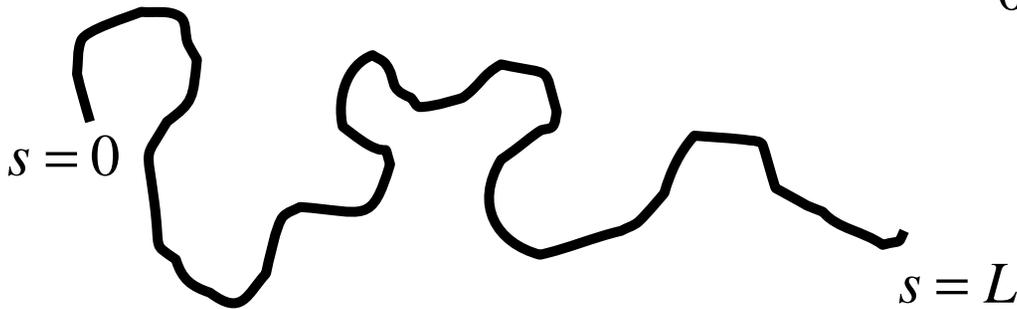
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$$U_{Bend} = \sum_{\text{all arcs}} U_{Bend}^o = \frac{EIL}{2} \int_0^L \frac{1}{R^2(s)} ds$$

Bend Energy

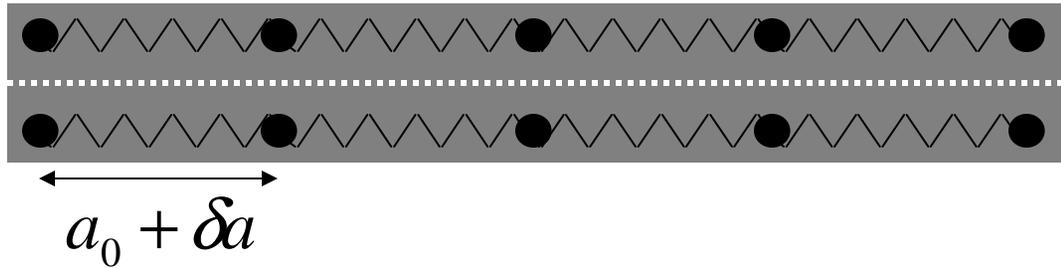
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$$ds = R d\theta \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{R} = \frac{d\theta}{ds}$$

$$U_{Bend} = \frac{EIL}{2} \int_0^L \left(\frac{d\theta}{ds} \right)^2 ds$$

“Molecular” Model - Estimates from Molecular Interactions



$$F = k_s (\delta a)$$

$$\varepsilon = \frac{\delta a}{a_0}$$

$$\sigma = \frac{F}{a_0^2} = \frac{k_s \delta a}{a_0^2}$$



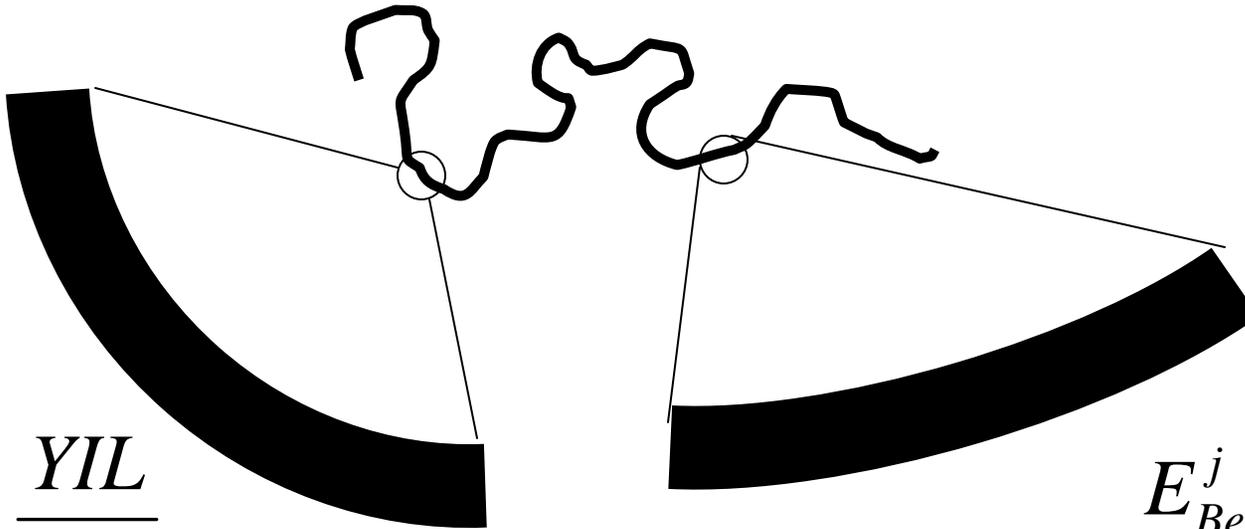
$$\sigma = \frac{k_s}{a_0} \varepsilon$$

"Monomer"	κ (N/m)	a (Å)
G-Actin	2	

$$E = \frac{k_s}{a_0}$$

$$k_s^{actin} = 2 \text{ N/m} \quad a_0^{actin} = 1 \text{ Å}$$

Bending Deformations (as collection of stretched beams)



$$E_{Bend}^i = \frac{YIL}{2R_i^2}$$

$$E_{Bend}^j = \frac{YIL}{2R_j^2}$$

$$E_{Bend} = \sum_n \frac{YIL}{2R_n^2}$$

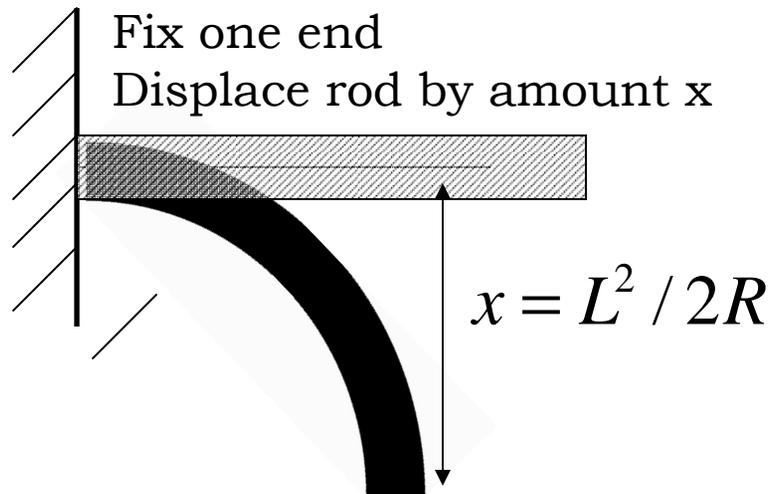
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Bending Moment

Flexural Rigidity



$$E_{Bend} = \frac{YIL}{2R^2} = \frac{BL}{2R^2}$$



$$E = \frac{2Bx^2}{L^3}$$

Harmonic Oscillator

$$E = \frac{k}{2} x^2$$

where $k = \frac{4B}{L^3}$

$$\langle x^2 \rangle = \frac{k_B T}{k} = \frac{L^3 k_B T}{4B}$$

Compare “deflections” for the filament models

Energies and Lengthscales

$$1k_B T \approx 4 \times 10^{-21} J$$

$$1J = 1N \cdot m$$

Gigajoule - 1 billion joules.

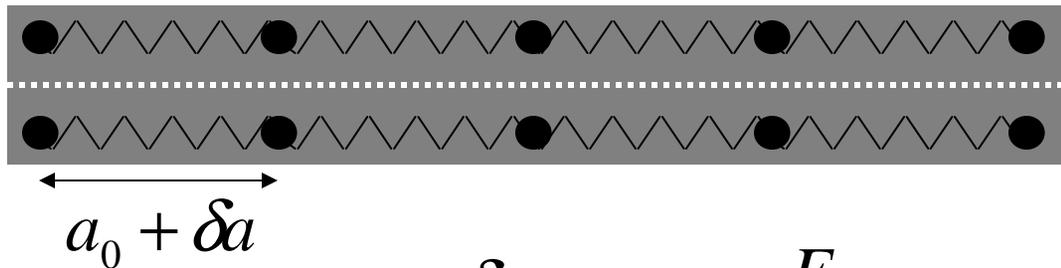
Six gigajoules is about the amount of chemical energy in a barrel of oil.

Terajoule - 1 trillion joules.

About 60 terajoules were released by the bomb that exploded over Hiroshima.

$$1k_B T = 4 pN \cdot nm$$

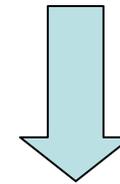
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