

### Sarcomere structure

#### Structure

- Z-lines (titin) hold thin filaments
- Thick filaments slightly overlap thin filaments
- Middle of thick filaments is A-band, middle of that is M-line
- Zone of thick filament not overlapping thin is H-zone
- Thick filaments have myosin head with ATPase/actin binding site and myosin tail
- Thin filaments have actin/troponin/tropomyosin
- Troponin binds C -> I -> T

### Skeletal Muscle

#### What is Skeletal Muscle?

- In opposition to cardiac and smooth
- Striated and voluntary (cardiac is striated/involuntary while smooth is unstriated/involuntary)
- 50% of body strength
- 40% body weight in men
- 32% body weight in women
- Allows us to purposefully move external objects around
- Squeezes internal hollow organs
- Empties certain organs to external environment

### Cross-Bridge Cycle

#### Cycle

- ATP binds to myosin head ATPase, breaking myosin/actin filament cross bridge
- ATPase splits ATP
- Cross-bridge forms in presence of  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  from troponin binding and forming tropomyosin, will not form if no  $\text{Ca}_2^+$
- Pi released to form stronger cross bridge between actin/myosin
- ATP binding again drives power stroke

### Calcium transport

#### Transport

- T-tubules are tubes in the SR, "invaginations", transports  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$
- SR is modified ER with network of T-tubules where  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  is transported/stored
- Lateral sacs are parts of SR that touch T-tubules
- Foot proteins (ryanodine receptors) span the gap between lateral sacs and T-tubules, modify permeability of t-tubules
- Dihydropyridine receptors are receptors in T-tubule membrane that change foot protein permeability to  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$

### Calcium Transport

### Muscle tension

#### Tension

- Tension opposes load
- Single action potential is twitch
- Tension develops from frequency, length of fiber, extent of fatigue, thickness of fiber
- Twitch summation increases tension from elevation of cytosolic calcium from repetitive stimulation, duration of action potential shorter than twitch
- Tetanus smooth sustained contraction of maximal strength, 3-4x stronger than twitch
- Optimal muscle length for maximal tension

### Muscle metabolism

#### Metabolism

- Creatine, oxidative phosphorylation, glycolysis
- Type 1 is slow contraction and uses oxidative phosphorylation
- Type 2a is fast contraction, still ox.
- Type 2b is very fast and uses glycolysis, high in glycogen
- Fatigue is CNS no longer activating motor neurons
- Deplete glycogen reserves and inorganic phosphate makes fatigue
- Excess post-exercise oxygen consumption elevated is  $\text{O}_2$  uptake after exercise

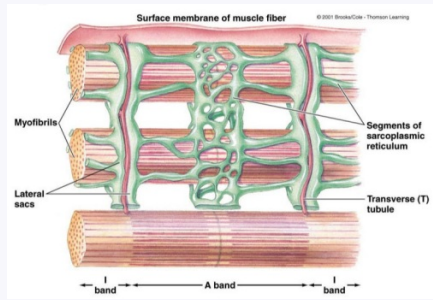
### Characteristics

#### Characteristics of one fiber

- Multiple mitochondria
  - Multinucleated
  - T tubules
  - Myofibrils and sarcomeres
  - Sarcolemma (plasma membrane)
- Structure from largest to smallest goes muscle fiber, myofibril, A/I bands, sarcomere, Z/M lines and H zone, thick (myosin) filaments, thin (actin) filaments
- Sarcoplasm (cytoplasm)
  - Sarcoplasmic reticulum (smooth ER)

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### Motor Unit

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- One motor unit multiple muscle fibers, but muscle fibers only have one motor neuron
- One motor neuron activated, triggers all innervated fibers
- Weak simultaneous contraction of whole muscle if one motor neuron triggered, need recruitment for stronger contraction
- Single motor unit may have 1.5-2k muscle fibers if strong
- Recruitment large increase in tension
- Strength  $\neq$  precision

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## Neuromuscular Junction

### NMJ sequence (1-4)

1. Action potential enters into terminal button
2. Depolarization of button opens voltage-gated  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  channels
3.  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions causes vesicles of acetylcholine (ACh) to fuse with the plasma membrane
4. ACh vesicles transported across synaptic cleft which causes binding at motor end plate

## Neuromuscular junction

### NMJ sequence (5-7)

5. ACh receptor binding opens  $\text{Na}^{+}$  channels which depolarizes the end plate
6. Depolarizing current flows to adjacent membrane with voltage gated  $\text{Na}^{+}$  channels
7. ACh degraded by acetylcholinesterase (ACh-esterase), terminating ACh action

## Cross-Bridge consequences

### Consequences

Binding  $\rightarrow$  power stroke  $\rightarrow$  detachment  $\rightarrow$  binding

1. Sarcomere shortens
2. H-zone shortens
3. I-band shortens
4. A-bands stay the same
5. Actin/myosin fibers stay the same

## Sarcomere

