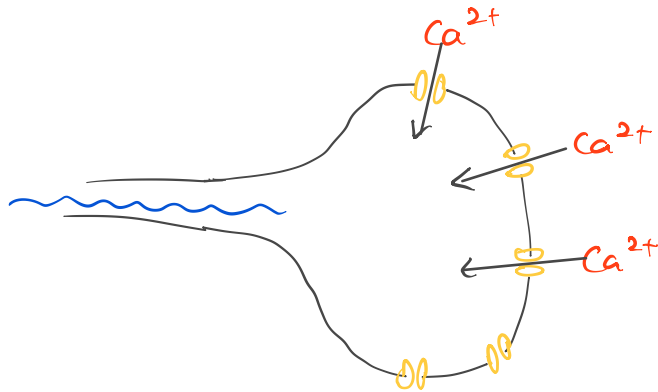
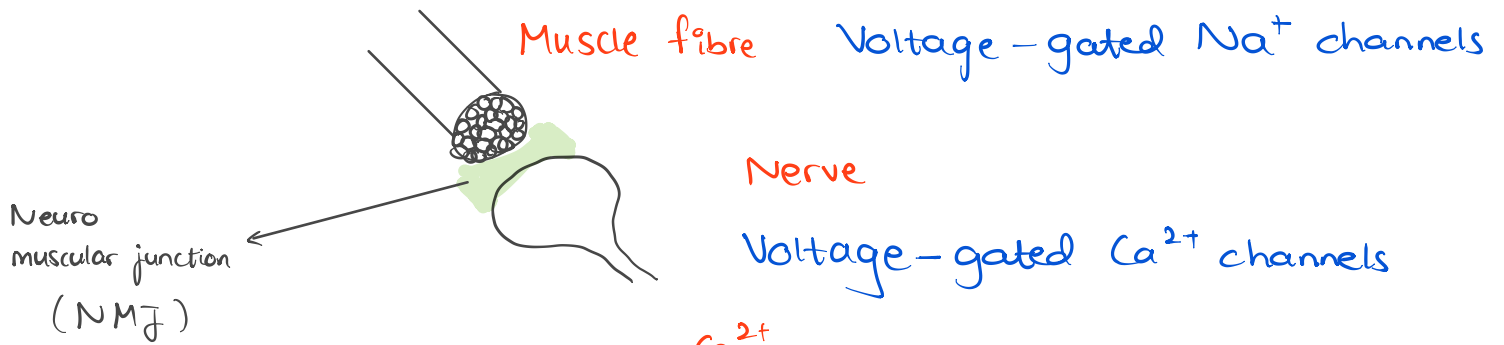
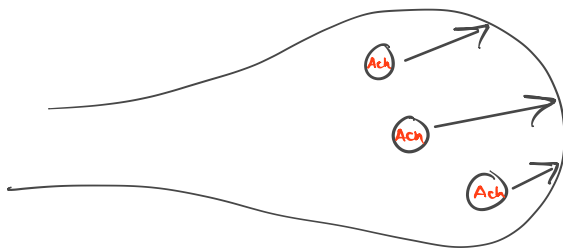


Neuron : Bundle of fibres

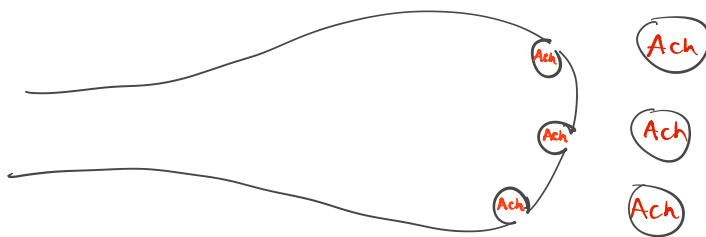
Muscle : Bundle of muscle fibres



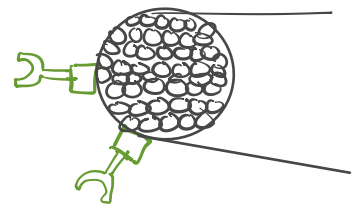
① Voltage-gated Ca^{2+} channels open



② Once inside, Ca^{2+} stimulates vesicles carrying Acetylcholine (ACh) to bind to peripheral of nerve cell



Ligand-gated Na^+ channels

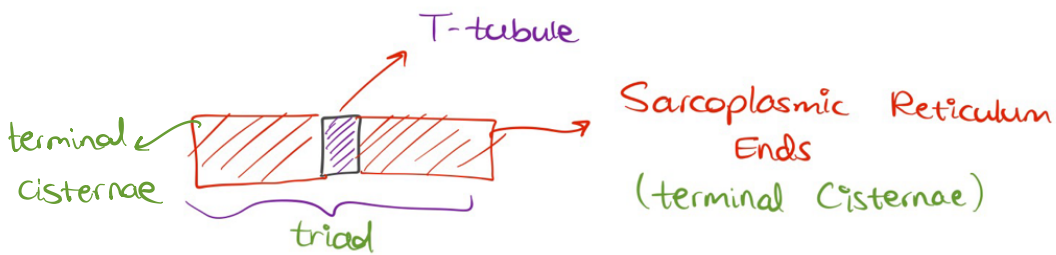
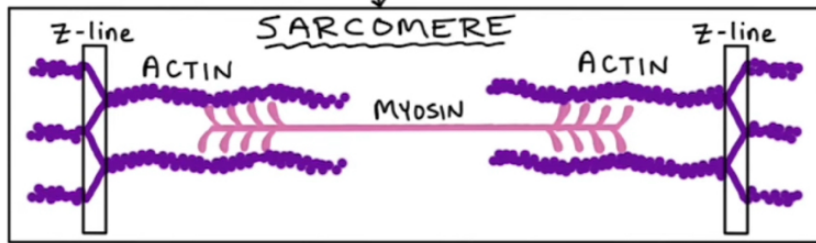
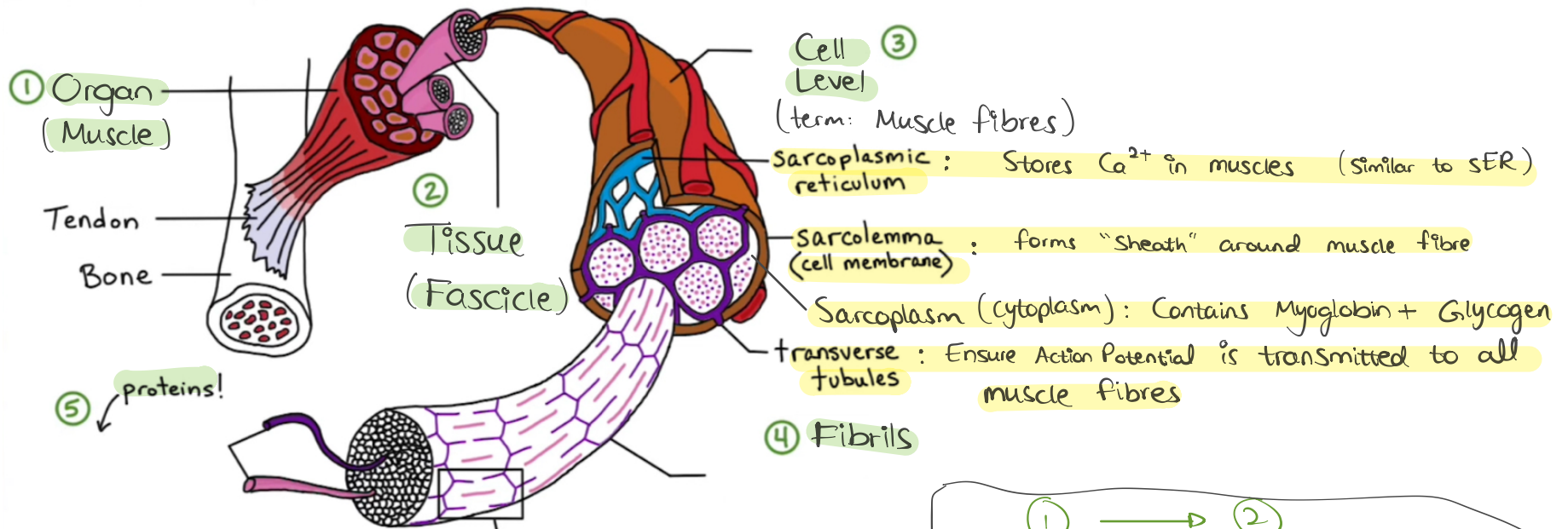


③ ACh Vesicles now diffuse in Synapse toward Ligand-gated Na^+ channels on muscle

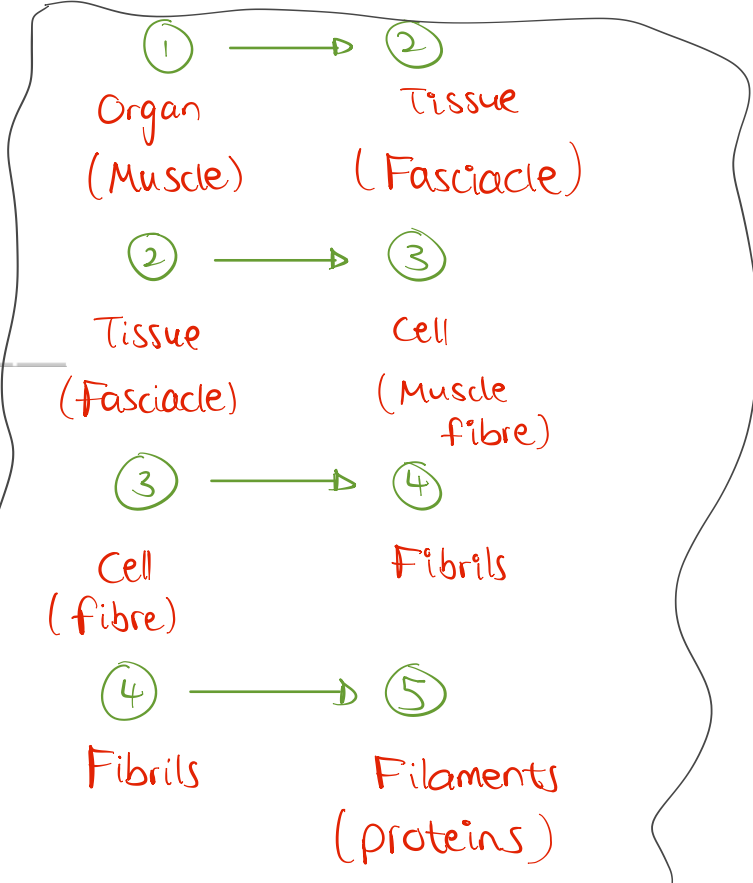
④ Once bound, ACh neurotransmitter causes Na^+ channels to open in Muscle \Rightarrow contraction

⑤ ACh removed by: A. Acetylcholinesterase B. Diffusion C. Recycling

(A, B, C are 3 ways ACh is removed.)



T-tubule + 2 terminal Cisternae = Triad



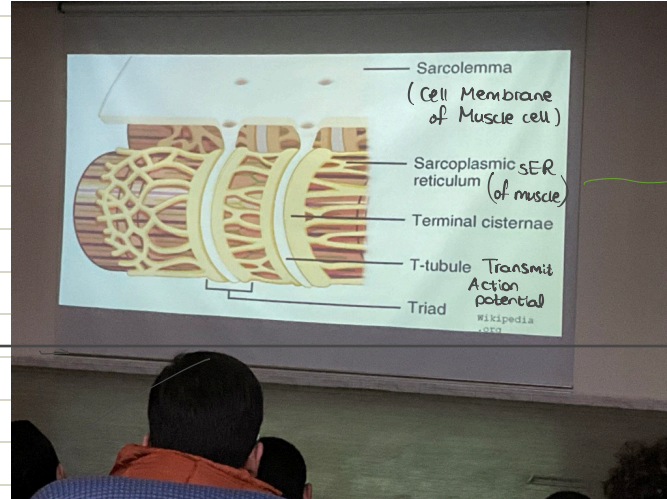
Duration of AP :
Muscle longer than nerve

Speed of AP :
Nerve faster than muscle

Myofibrils \Rightarrow made from many Sarcomeres

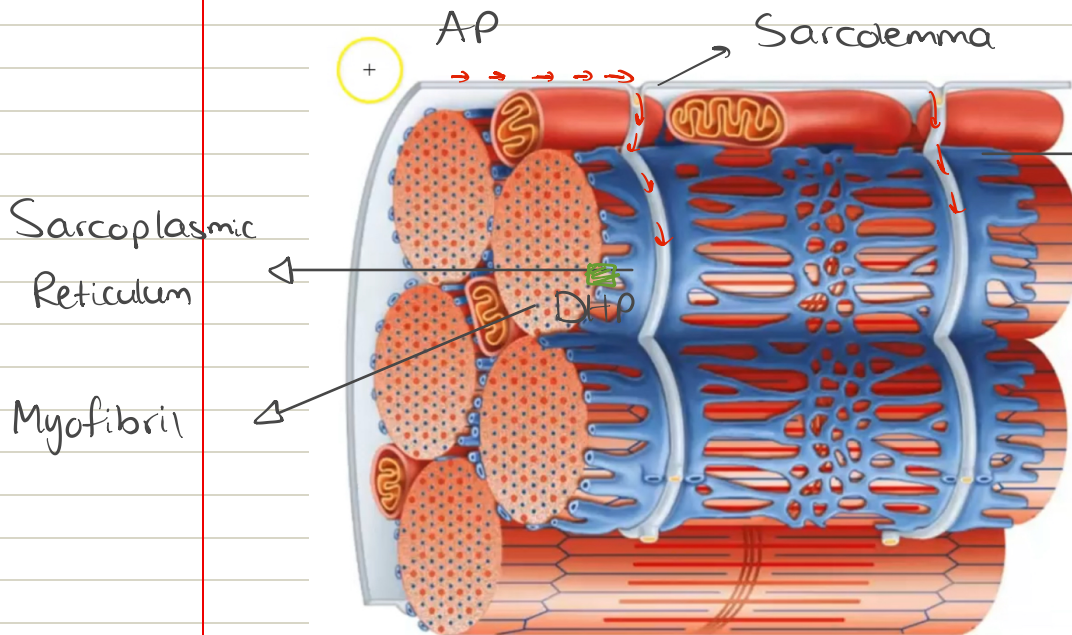
Many myofibrils \Rightarrow Myofibre

Many Myofibres \Rightarrow Muscle tissue

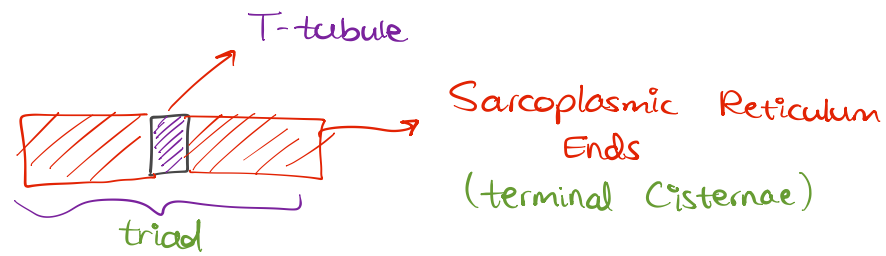


remember:

Ca^{2+} is needed for muscle contraction
SER stores Ca^{2+}



AP generated in neuron travels through Sarcolemma (Cell Membrane), because the CM is good conductor of electricity
Action Potential moves through Sarcolemma to myofibrils \Rightarrow until it reaches T-tubules (specifically, dilated ends called terminal cisternae), the Sarcoplasmic Reticulum releases Ca^{2+} ions to myofilaments through a Ca^{2+} channel called **DHP**



T-tubule + 2 terminal Cisternae = Triad

Myofilaments → **THICK** Myosin

THIN Actin

Ratio of Thin : Thick

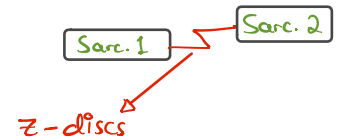
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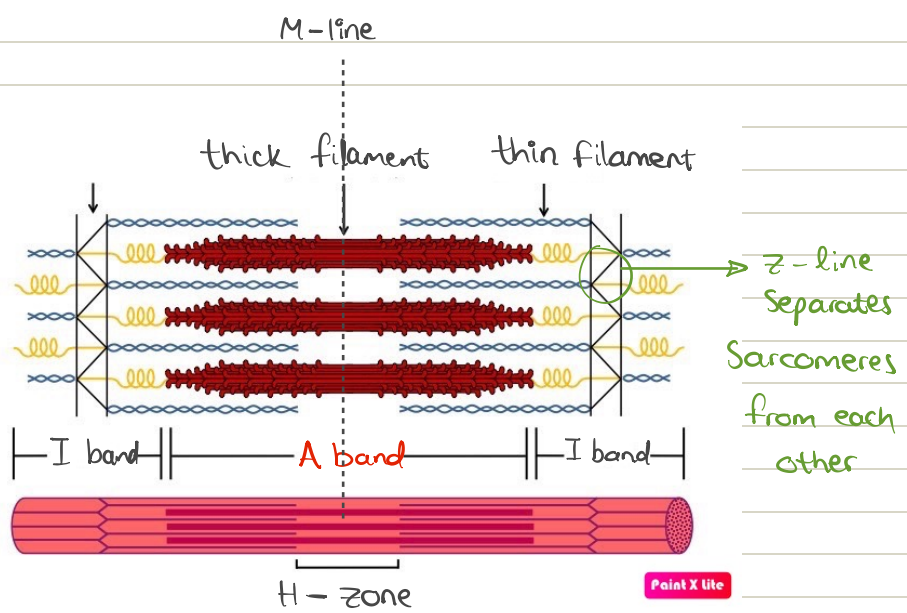
Actin : Myosin

Arranged in units called Sarcomeres

Separated by
Z-discs

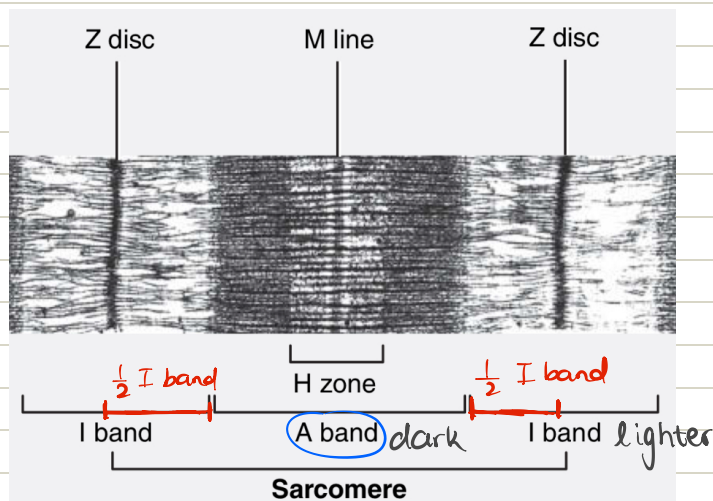
Sarcomere structure





- A band: All Thick + Some thin near A band: zone of overlap b/w A & H bands
- H zone: Thick only (no thin) \Rightarrow narrow region
- I band: Thin only
- M Line: Middle of Sarcomere: Supporting protein

Note: 1 full Sarcomere is 1 A band + 2 half-I bands (see below)



$$1 \text{ A-band} + 2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \text{ I-bands} = 1 \text{ Sarcomere}$$

(half)

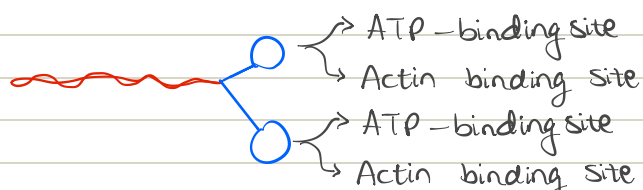
Proteins

Contractile Proteins: Proteins that are directly involved in contraction (+ relaxation)

①

Myosin 2 Myosin heads, 1 tail \Rightarrow each Myosin head has:

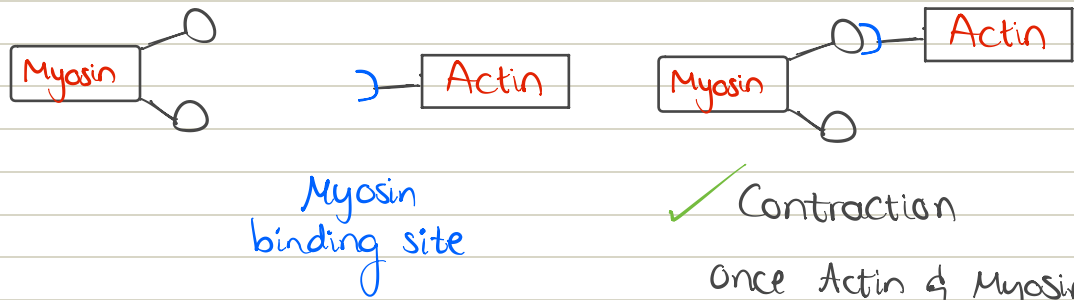
- * ATP binding site
- * Actin binding site



②

Actin 1 Myosin binding site

usually: Myosin binds to Actin through Myosin-binding Site.

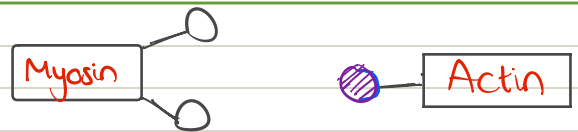


Once Actin & Myosin bind

Regulatory Proteins: Switch Contraction on & off.

Tropomyosin

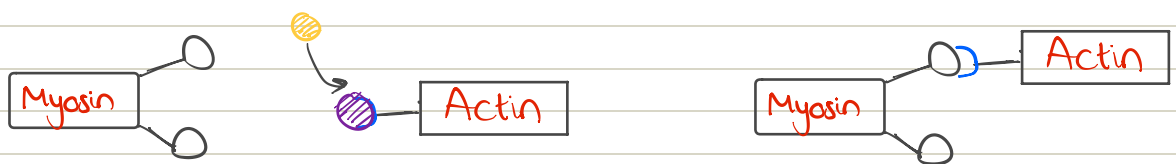
(switches off contraction)



Tropomyosin binds to

Myosin-binding site instead of Myosin head; no binding of Myosin head to Actin ⇒ NO Contraction X

Troponin (switches on contraction)



Troponin induces conformational change in tropomyosin that kicks it out of Myosin-binding site ⇒ Myosin heads can bind to Actin ⇒ contraction ✓

Structural proteins (got tired of writing bruv)

Structural proteins	Proteins that keep thick and thin filaments of myofibrils in proper alignment, give myofibrils elasticity and extensibility, and link myofibrils to sarcolemma and extracellular matrix.
Titin	Structural protein that connects Z disc to M line of sarcomere, thereby helping to stabilize thick filament position; can stretch and then spring back unharmed, and thus accounts for much of the elasticity and extensibility of myofibrils.
α-Actinin	Structural protein of Z discs that attaches to actin molecules of thin filaments and to titin molecules.
Myomesin	Structural protein that forms M line of sarcomere; binds to titin molecules and connects adjacent thick filaments to one another.
Nebulin	Structural protein that wraps around entire length of each thin filament; helps anchor thin filaments to Z discs and regulates length of thin filaments during development.
Dystrophin	Structural protein that links thin filaments of sarcomere to integral membrane proteins in sarcolemma, which are attached in turn to proteins in connective tissue matrix that surrounds muscle fibers; thought to help reinforce sarcolemma and help transmit tension generated by sarcomeres to tendons.