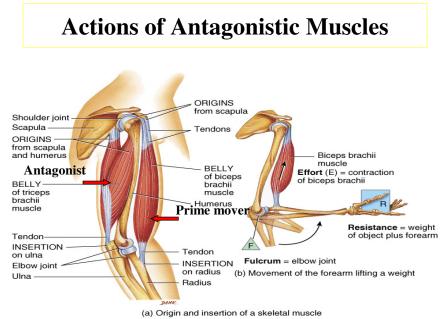
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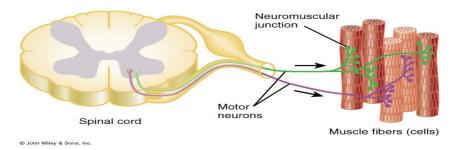
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# <section-header> A properties of Muscle Contraction Image: Contraction

## **Motor Unit**

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All the muscle fibers (cells) innervated by the same motor neuron



All-or-None Principle: All muscle fibers that make up a motor unit contract fully together. This principle holds true at the sarcomere, myofibril, and muscle fiber levels as well. Partial contraction occurs at the muscle level because all motor units are not contracting at the same time.

**Recruitment:** The process by which the number of actively contracting motor units is increased.

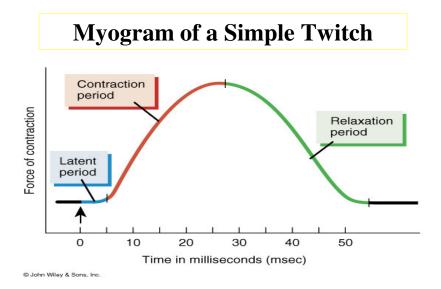
### **Types of Muscle Contraction**

**1.** Isotonic contraction:

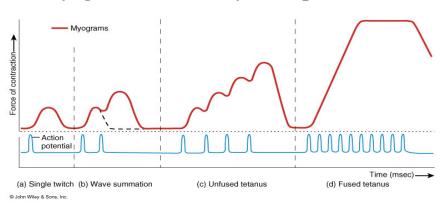
a. Concentric isotonic contraction: Overall length of a muscle decreases during contraction to produce movement.

b. Eccentric isotonic contraction: Overall length of a muscle increases during muscle contraction, i.e., when an antagonistic muscle contracts against its agonist.

2. Isometric contraction: a contraction where considerable muscle tension is generated without shortening of the muscle.



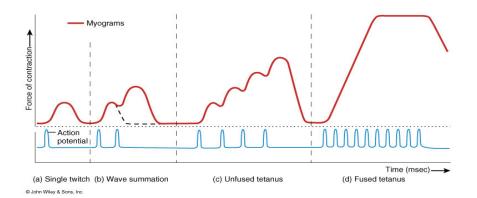
Simple twitch: Brief contraction of all fibers in a motor unit in response to a single stimulus.



### **Myograms Created by Multiple Stimuli**

Wave Summation: Two stimuli that occur close together so that the second stimulus occurs before the the muscle can completely relax. Increased force of contraction is due to recruitment of motor units.

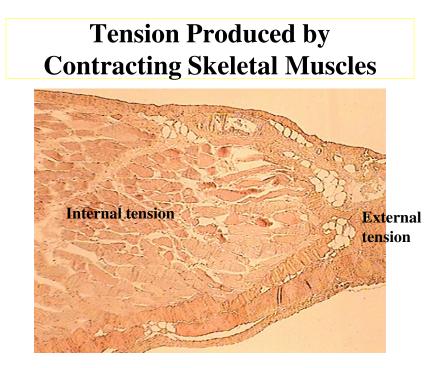
Unfused or Incomplete Tetanus: Due multiple stimuli that cause repeated wave summations that increase force of contraction due to recruitment.



Fused or Complete Tetanus: A sustained maximum contraction in which individual contractions are not discernable. In fused tetanus, multiple stimuli are occurring so fast, the muscle does not undergo any relaxation.

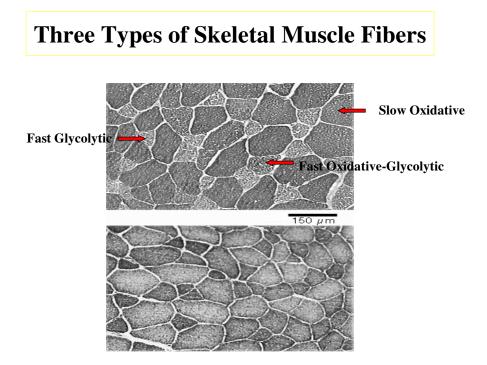
# **Tension Produced by Contracting Skeletal Muscles**

- Internal tension: The force created by the shortening of sarcomeres and myofibrils within a muscle cell or fiber.
- External tension: The force transferred from contracting muscle cells to their connective tissues (epimysium, perimysium, and endomysium) and tendons they become part of.
- Because of the "series elastic elements" within this connective tissue, external tension builds slowly during early contraction periods and then builds more rapidly, transferring the tension to the force that moves bones at joints.



# Receptors in Muscle

- Muscle spindle
  - Detect dynamic and static changes in muscle length
  - Stretch reflex
    - Stretch on muscle causes reflex contraction
- Golgi tendon organ (GTO)
  - Monitor tension developed in muscle
  - Prevents damage during excessive force generation
    - Stimulation results in reflex relaxation of muscle

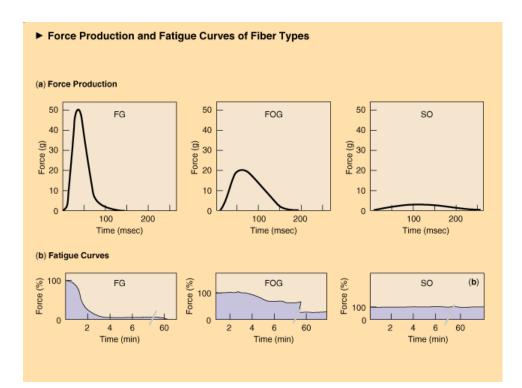


### **Structural Characteristics of the Three Fibers**

Slow Oxidative (Type 1, ST, SO)	Fast Oxidative (Type 2a, FOG)	Fast Glycolytic Type 2b, FG)
High Myoglobin	High Myoglobin	Low Myoglobin
Many	Many	Few
Mitochondria	Mitochondria	Mitochondria
Many Capillaries	Many Capillaries	Few Capillaries
Red in Color	Red-pink in Color	White (Pale pink) in color

### **Functional Characteristics of the Three Fibers**

Slow Oxidative	Fast Oxidative	Fast Glycolytic
Slow rate of ATP hydrolysis	Fast rate of ATP hydrolysis	Fast rate of ATP hydrolysis
Slow contraction speed	Fast contraction speed	Fast contraction speed
High fatigue resistance	Intermediate fatigue resistance	Low fatigue resistance
Low glycogen stores	Intermediate glycogen stores	High glycogen stores



### **Functional Characteristics of the Three Fibers**

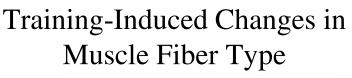
Slow Oxidative	Fast Oxidative	Fast Glycolytic
1 <sup>st</sup> recruitment	2 <sup>nd</sup> recruitment	3 <sup>rd</sup> recruitment
Most abundant in postural muscles	Most abundant in leg muscles	Most abundant in arm muscles
Involved in endurance activities	Involved in walking or sprinting	Involved in rapid, intense, short duration activities

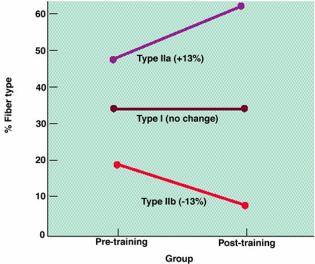
# Fiber Types and Performance

- Power athletes
  - Sprinters
  - Possess high percentage of fast fibers
- Endurance athletes
  - Distance runners
  - Have high percentage of slow fibers
- Others
  - Weight lifters and nonathletes
  - Have about 50% slow and 50% fast fibers

# Alteration of Fiber Type by Training

- Endurance and resistance training
  - Cannot change fast fibers to slow fibers
  - Can result in shift from Type IIb to IIa fibers
    - Toward more oxidative properties

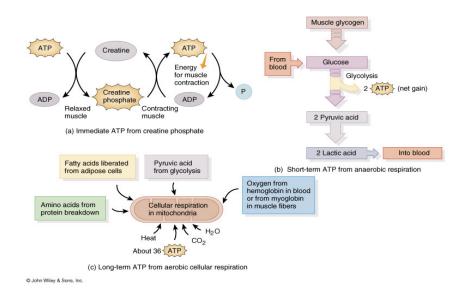


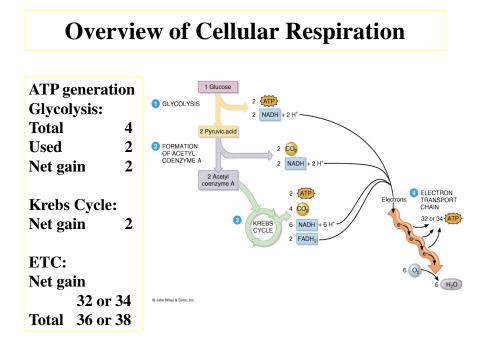


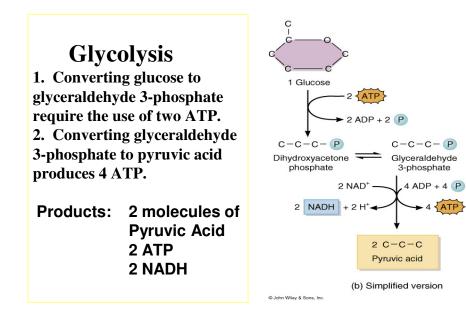
# Age-Related Changes in Skeletal Muscle

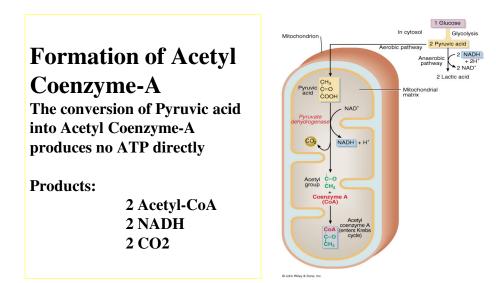
- Aging is associated with a loss of muscle mass
  - Rate increases after 50 years of age
- Regular exercise training can improve strength and endurance
  - Cannot completely eliminate the age-related loss in muscle mass



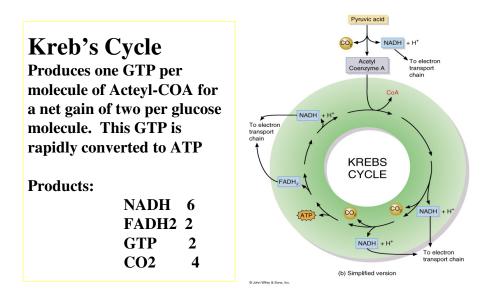








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### **Chemiosmotic generation of ATP**

### **Electron Transport Chain**

A series of Oxidative Phosphorylation reactions

Oxidation = the removal of electrons from a molecule and results in a decrease in the energy content of the molecule. Because most biological reactions involve the loss of hydrogen atoms, they are called dehydrogenation reactions.

Reduction = the opposite of oxidation; the addition of electrons to a molecule, and results in an increase in the energy content of the molecule.

## **Chemiosmotic generation of ATP**

**ATP production:** 

NADH from Glycolysis 2 NADH= 6 ATP or 4ATP

NADH from Acetyl-COA 2 NADH= 6 ATP

NADH from Kreb's Cycle: 6 NADH= 18 ATP

FADH2 from Kreb's 2 FADH2= 4 ATP

TOTAL 32 or 34

