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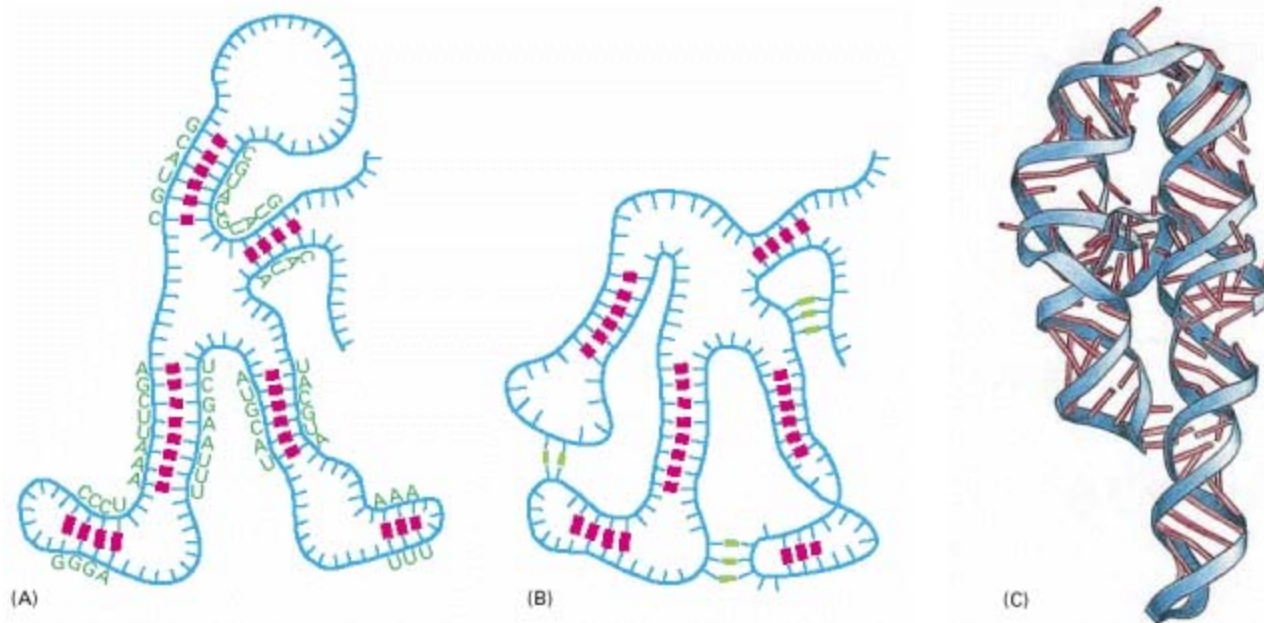


Figure 6-6

RNA can fold into specific structures

RNA is largely single-stranded, but it often contains short stretches of [nucleotides](#) that can form conventional [base-pairs](#) with [complementary](#) sequences found elsewhere on the same [molecule](#). These interactions, along with additional “nonconventional” [base-pair](#) interactions, allow an RNA [molecule](#) to fold into a three-dimensional structure that is [determined](#) by its sequence of [nucleotides](#). (A) Diagram of a folded RNA structure showing only conventional [base-pair](#) interactions; (B) structure with both conventional (*red*) and nonconventional (*green*) [base-pair](#) interactions; (C) structure of an actual RNA, a portion of a group 1 [intron](#) (see [Figure 6-36](#)). Each conventional [base-pair](#) interaction is indicated by a “rung” in the [double helix](#). [Bases](#) in other configurations are indicated by broken rungs.

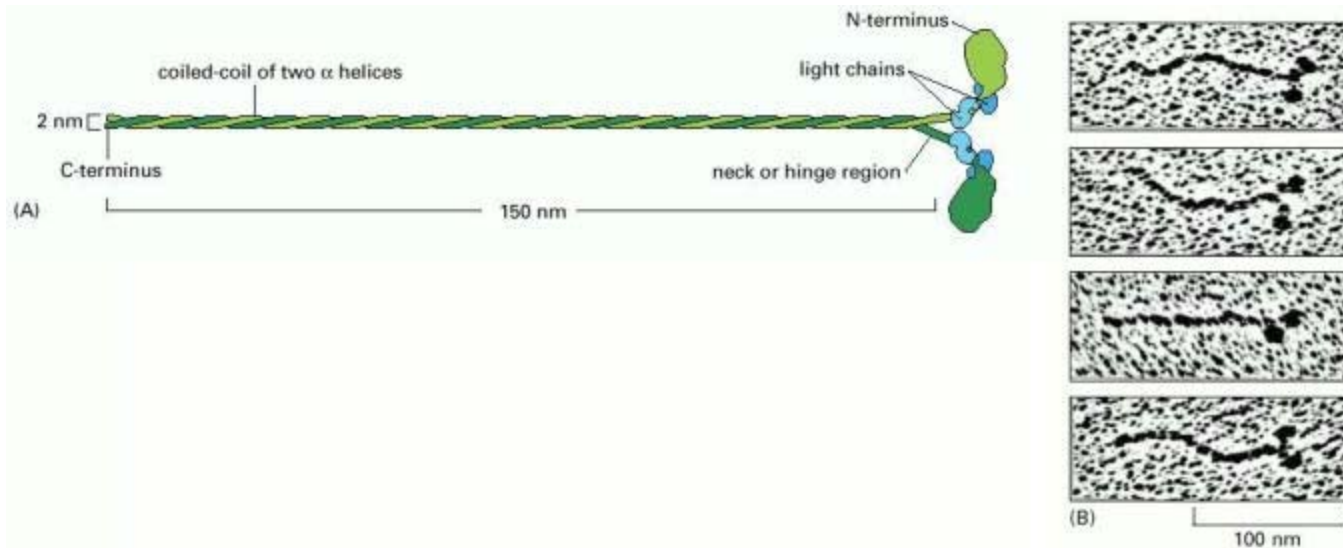
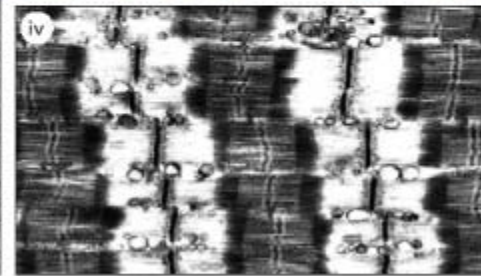
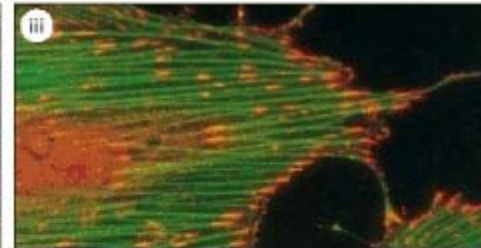
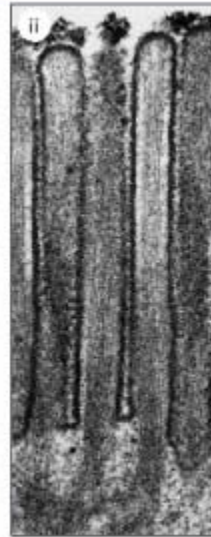
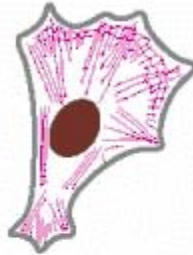
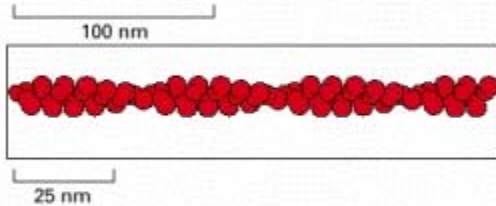


Figure 16-51 Myosin II

(A) A myosin II [molecule](#) is composed of two heavy chains (each about 2000 [amino acids](#) long (*green*)) and four [light chains](#) (*blue*). The [light chains](#) are of two distinct types, and one copy of each type is present on each myosin head. Dimerization occurs when the two α helices of the heavy chains wrap around each other to form a [coiled-coil](#), driven by the association of regularly spaced hydrophobic [amino acids](#) (see [Figure 3-11](#)). The [coiled-coil](#) arrangement makes an extended rod in solution, and this part of the [molecule](#) is called the tail. (B) The two globular heads and the tail can be clearly seen in [electron micrographs](#) of myosin [molecules](#) shadowed with platinum. (B, courtesy of David Shotton.)

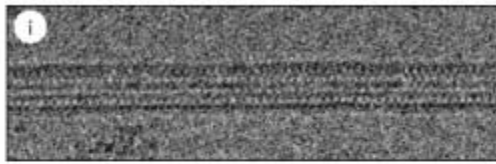
ACTIN FILAMENTS



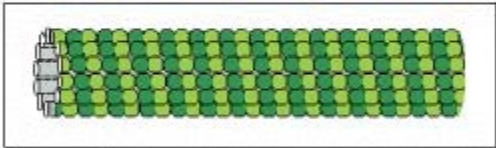
Actin filaments (also known as *microfilaments*) are two-stranded helical polymers of the protein actin. They appear as flexible structures, with a diameter of 5–9 nm, and they are organized into a variety of linear bundles, two-dimensional networks, and three-dimensional gels. Although actin filaments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

Micrographs courtesy of Roger Craig (i and iv); P.T. Matsudaira and D.R. Burgess (ii); Keith Burridge (iii).

MICROTUBULES



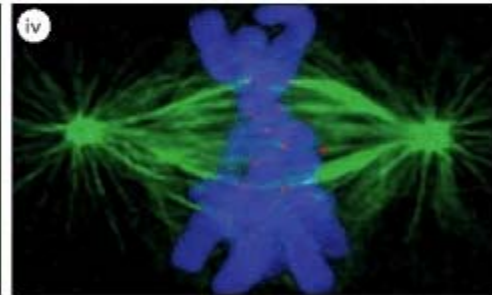
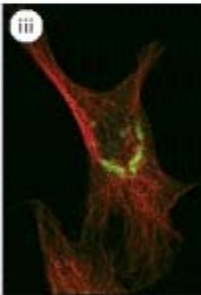
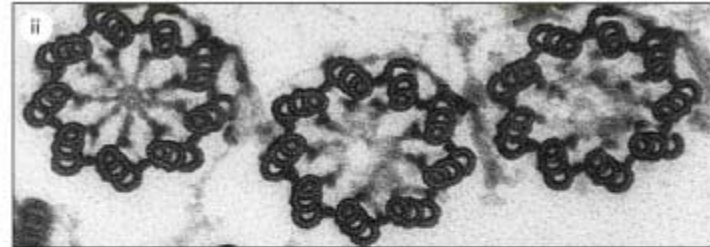
100 nm



25 nm

Microtubules are long, hollow cylinders made of the protein tubulin. With an outer diameter of 25 nm, they are much more rigid than actin filaments. Microtubules are long and straight and typically have one end attached to a single microtubule-organizing center (MTOC) called a *centrosome*, as shown here.

Micrographs courtesy of Richard Wade (i); D.T. Woodrow and R.W. Linck (ii); David Shima (iii); A. Desai (iv).

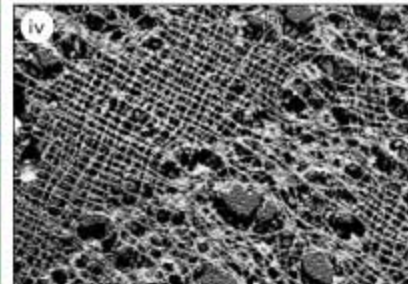
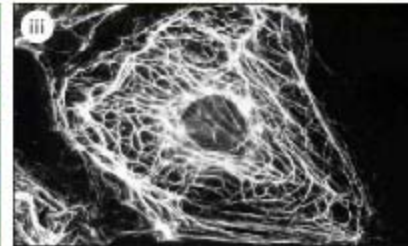
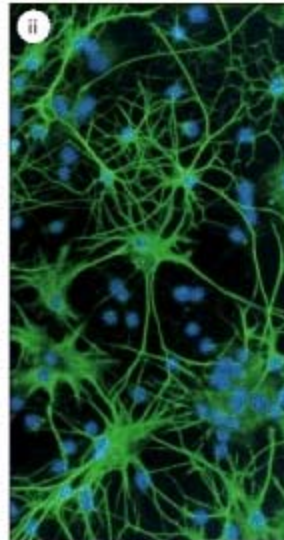


INTERMEDIATE FILAMENTS



Intermediate filaments are ropelike fibers with a diameter of around 10 nm; they are made of intermediate filament proteins, which constitute a large and heterogeneous family. One type of intermediate filament forms a meshwork called the nuclear lamina just beneath the inner nuclear membrane. Other types extend across the cytoplasm, giving cells mechanical strength. In an epithelial tissue, they span the cytoplasm from one cell-cell junction to another, thereby strengthening the entire epithelium.

Micrographs courtesy of Roy Quinlan (ii); Nancy L. Kedersha (iii); Mary Osborn (iii); Ueli Aebi (iv).



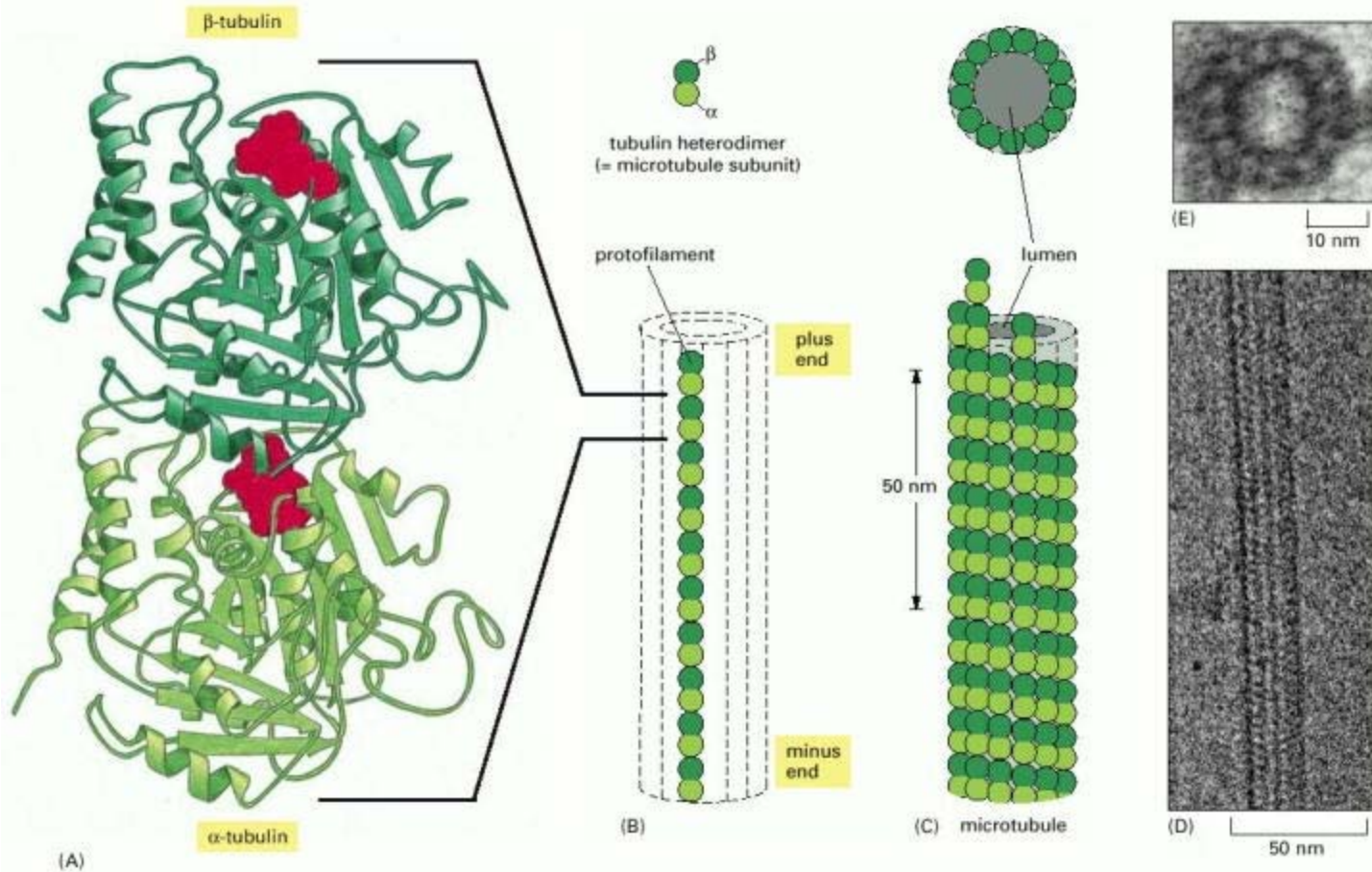


Figure 16-6 The structure of a microtubule and its subunit

(A) The subunit of each protofilament is a tubulin heterodimer, formed from a very tightly linked pair of α - and β -tubulin monomers. The GTP molecule in the α -tubulin monomer is so tightly bound that it can be considered an integral part of the protein. The GTP molecule in the β -tubulin monomer, however, is less tightly bound and has an important role in filament dynamics. Both nucleotides are shown in *red*. (B) One tubulin subunit (α - β heterodimer) and one protofilament are shown schematically. Each protofilament consists of many adjacent subunits with the same orientation. (C) The microtubule is a stiff hollow tube formed from 13 protofilaments aligned in parallel. (D) A short segment of a microtubule viewed in an electron microscope. (E) Electron micrograph of a cross section of a microtubule showing a ring of 13 distinct protofilaments. (D, courtesy of Richard Wade; E, courtesy of Richard Linck.)

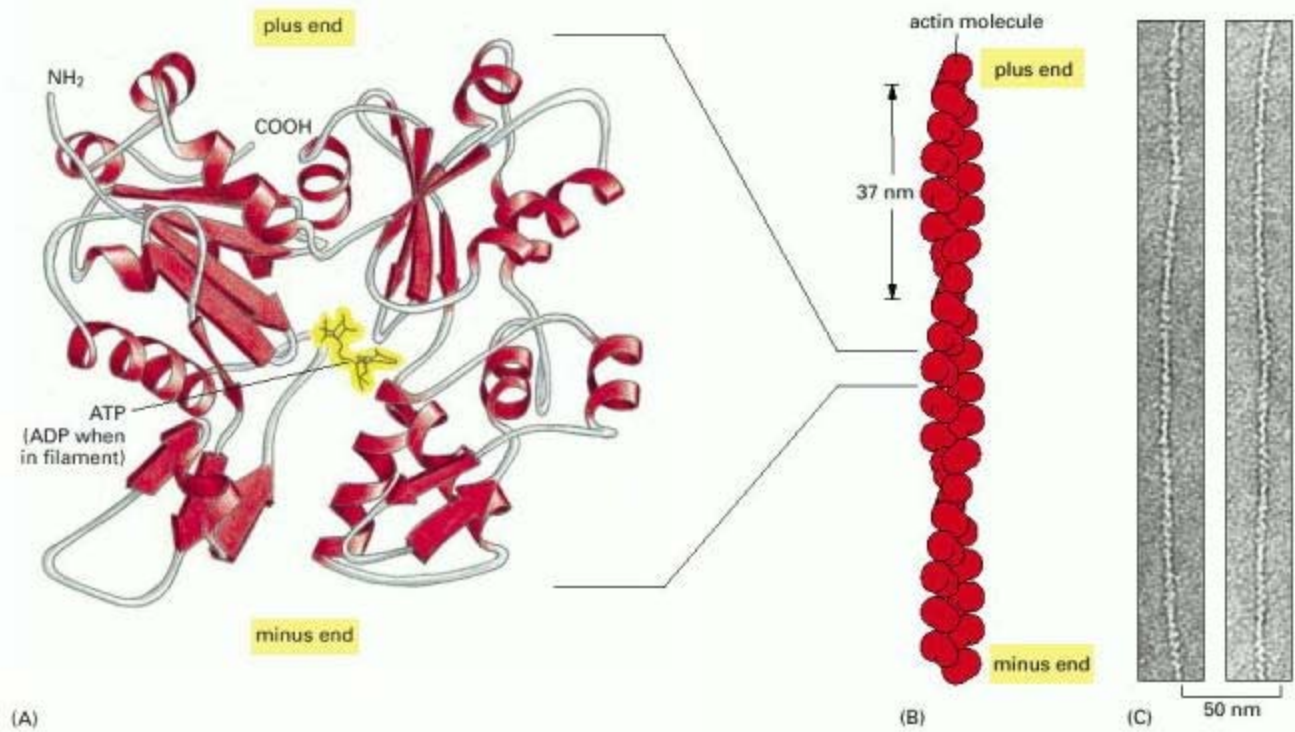
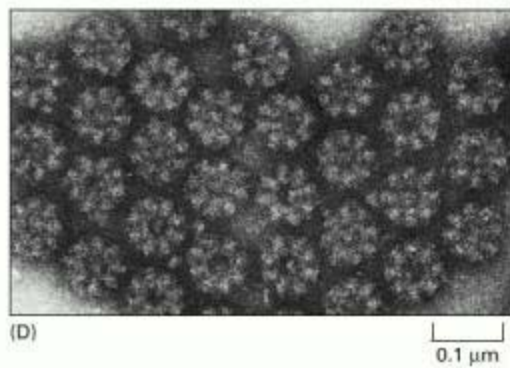
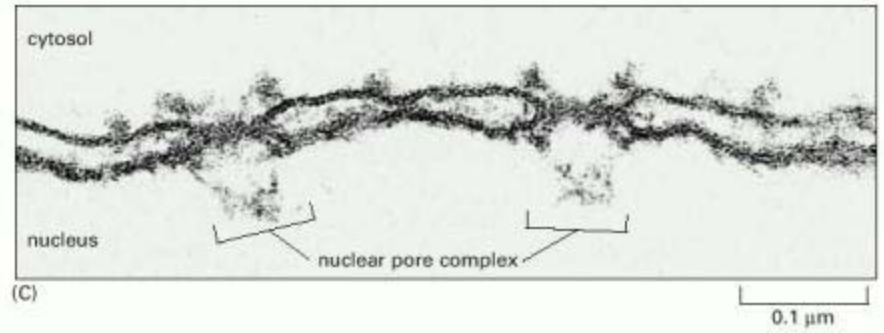
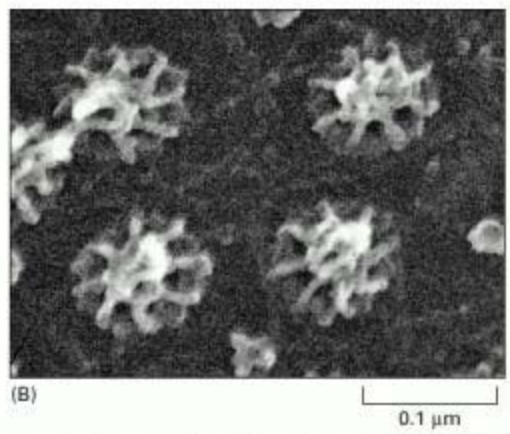
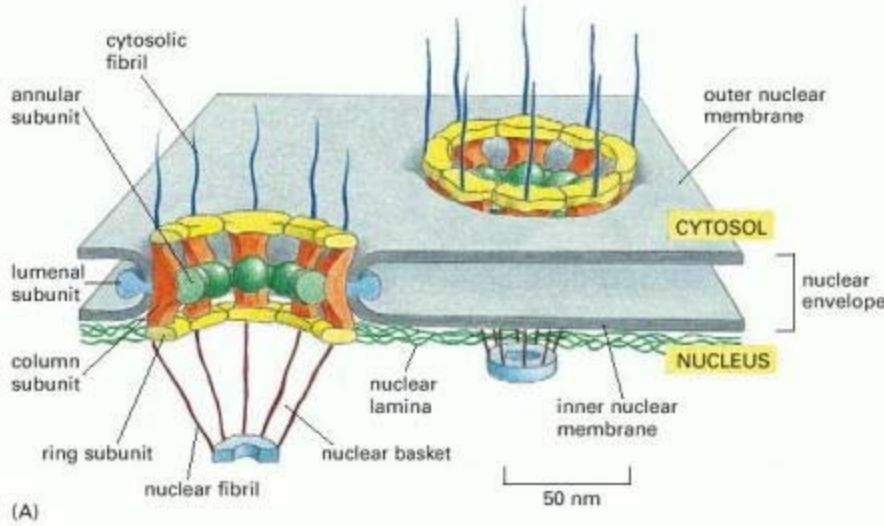


Figure 16-7 The structures of an actin monomer and actin filament

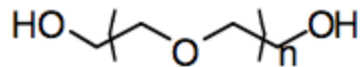
(A) The [actin monomer](#) has a [nucleotide](#) (either ATP or ADP) bound in a deep cleft in the center of the [molecule](#). (B) Arrangement of [monomers](#) in a filament. Although the filament is often described as a single helix of [monomers](#), it can also be thought of as consisting of two [protofilaments](#), held together by lateral contacts, which wind around each other as two parallel strands of a helix, with a twist repeating every 37 [nm](#). All the [subunits](#) within the filament have the same orientation. (C) [Electron micrographs](#) of negatively stained [actin](#) filaments. (C, courtesy of Roger Craig.)

Figure 12-10

The arrangement of nuclear pore complexes in the nuclear envelope

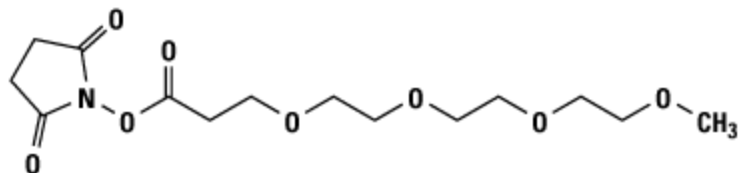


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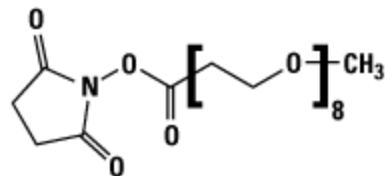
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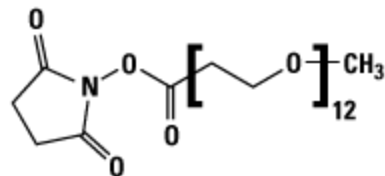


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