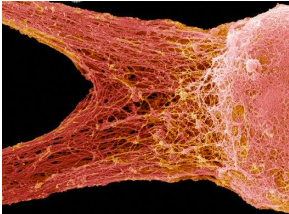


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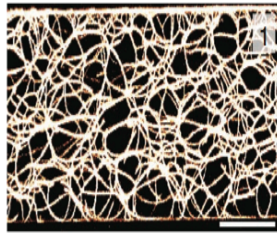
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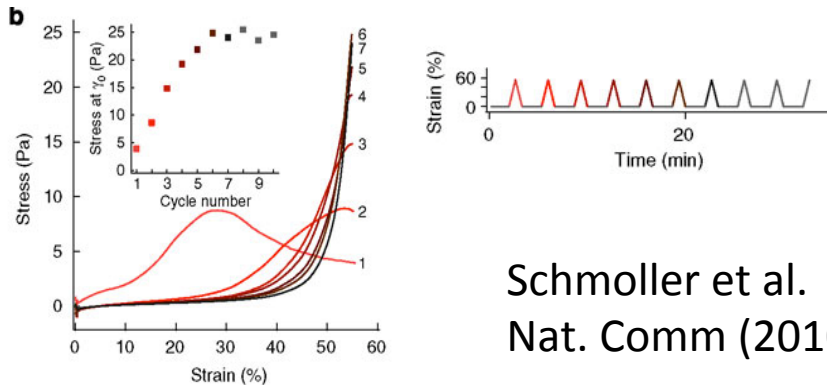
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Actin network
crosslinked alpha actinin



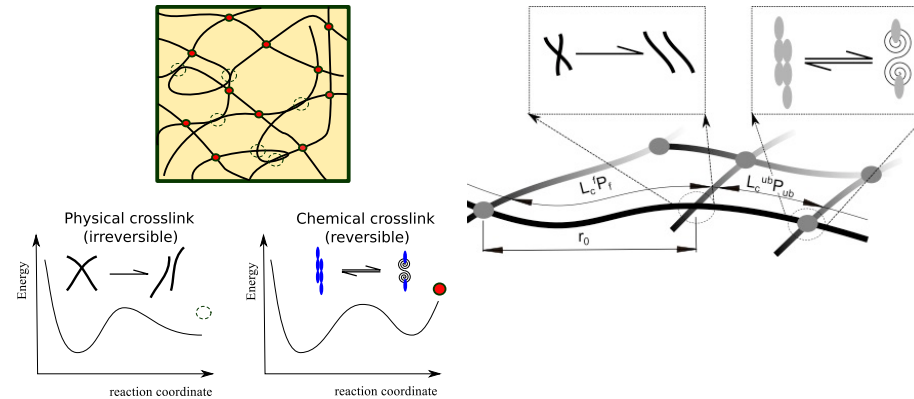
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Modeling



Equations

$$\lambda = \sqrt{1 + \gamma^2/3}$$

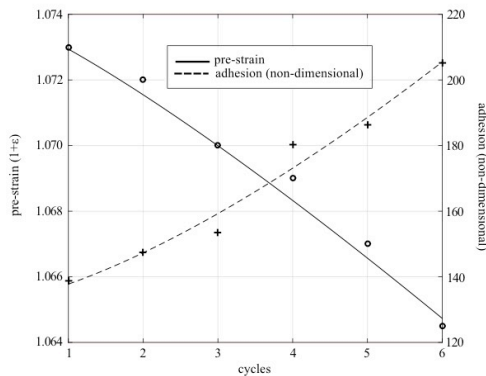
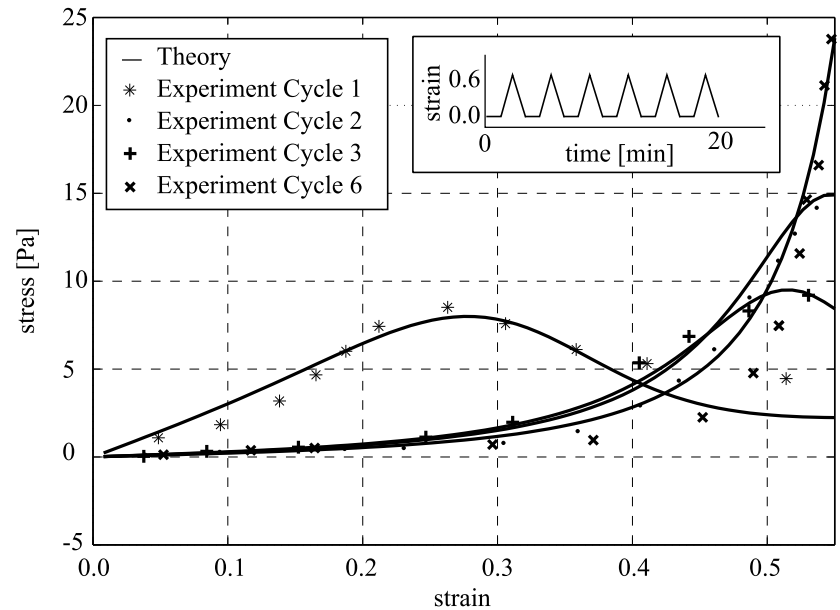
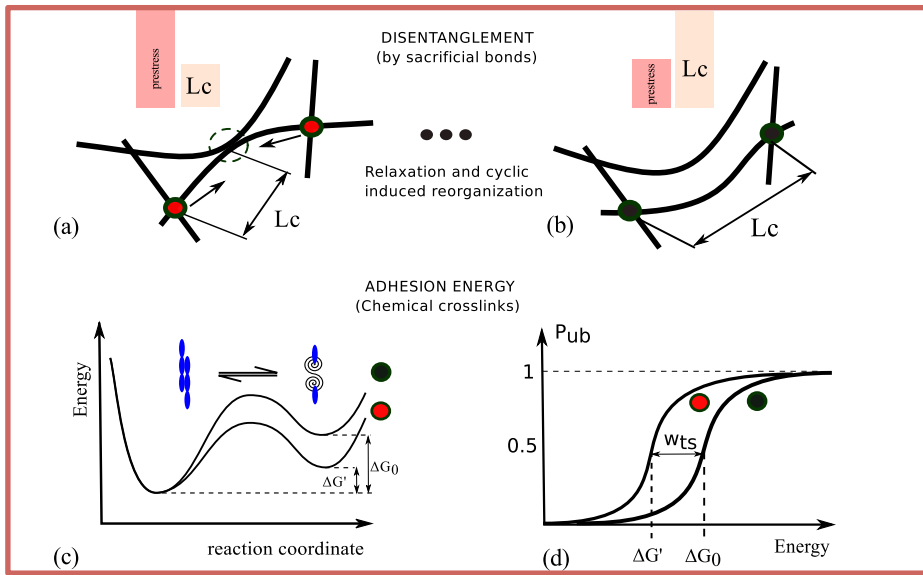
$$\tau = \frac{nk_B T r_0}{3l_p \lambda} \left[\frac{1}{4 \left(1 - \frac{\lambda r_0}{L_c}\right)^2} \right] \left[\frac{\frac{L_c}{l_p} - 6 \left(1 - \frac{\lambda r_0}{L_c}\right)}{\frac{L_c}{l_p} - 2 \left(1 - \frac{\lambda r_0}{L_c}\right)} \right] \gamma, \quad (1)$$

$$r = \lambda r_0 = \lambda (1 + \epsilon_i) L_c \left(1 - \frac{L_c}{6l_p}\right), \quad (2)$$

$$L_c = L_c^f \exp \left[\kappa^f (\lambda_{\max} - \lambda_0^f) \right] + \frac{L_c^{ub}}{1 + \exp \left[\kappa_i^{ub} (\lambda_{0_i}^{ub} - \lambda) \right]}. \quad (3)$$

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