



# Cellular mechanical response to applied force

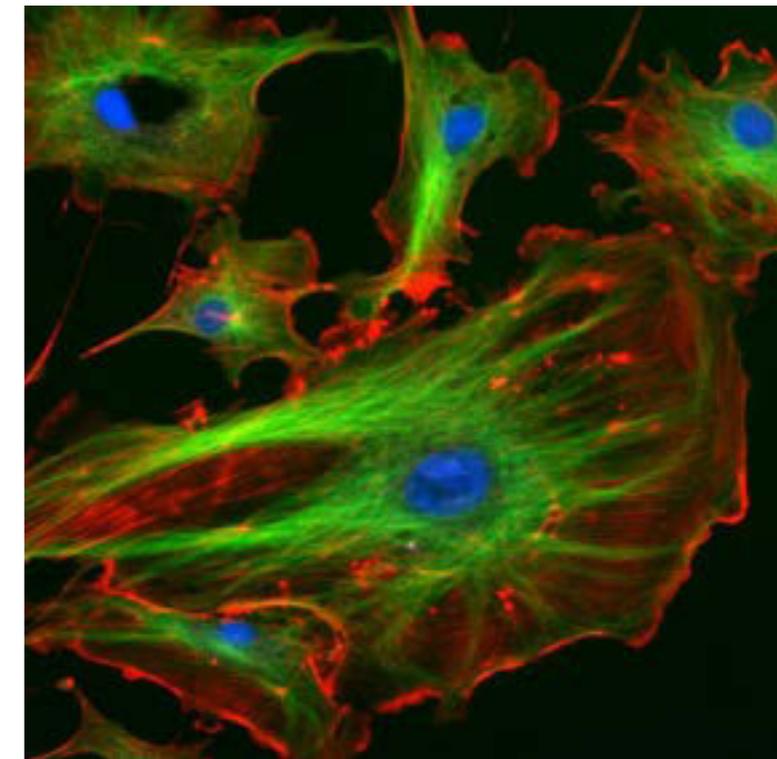
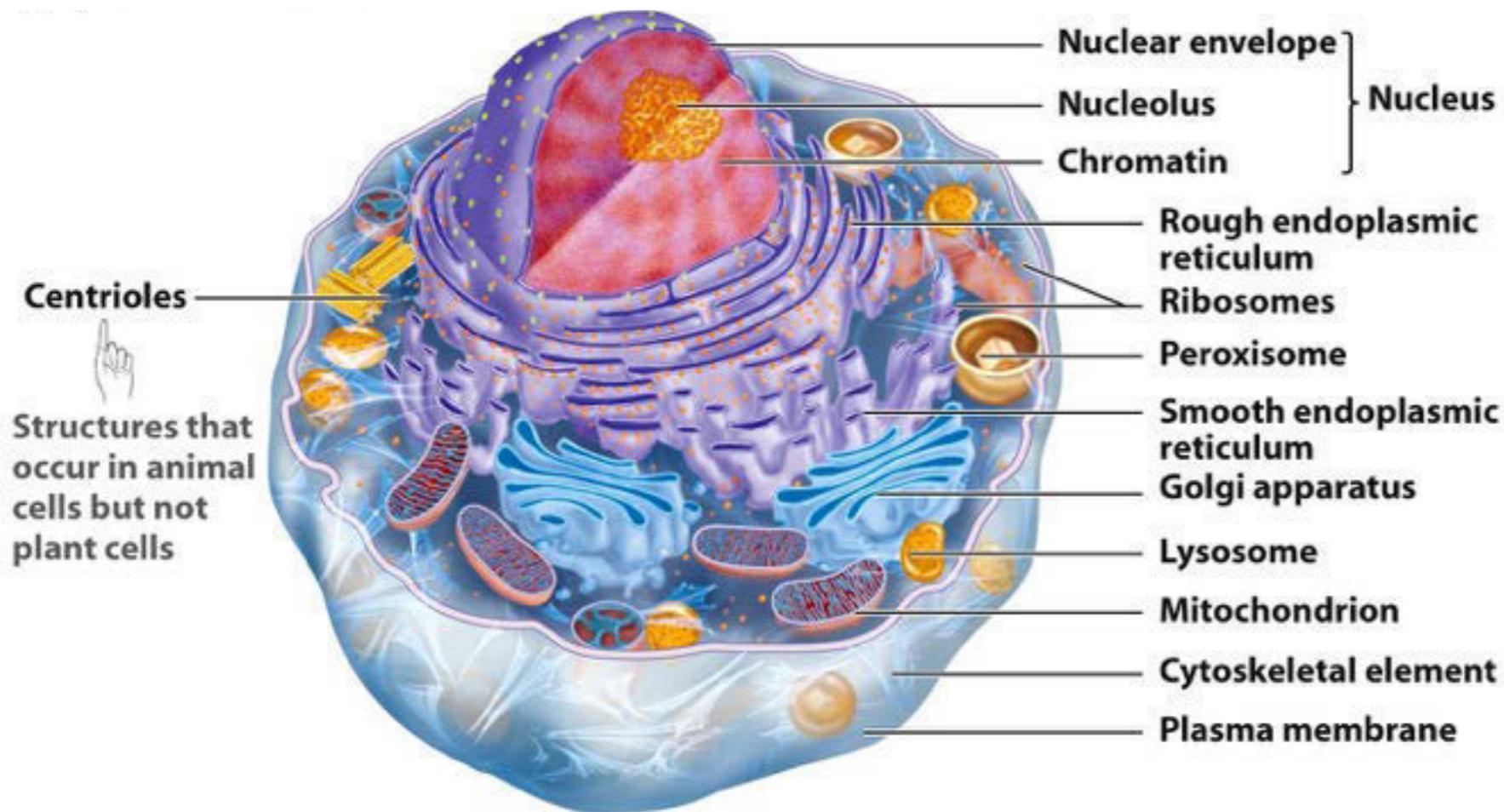


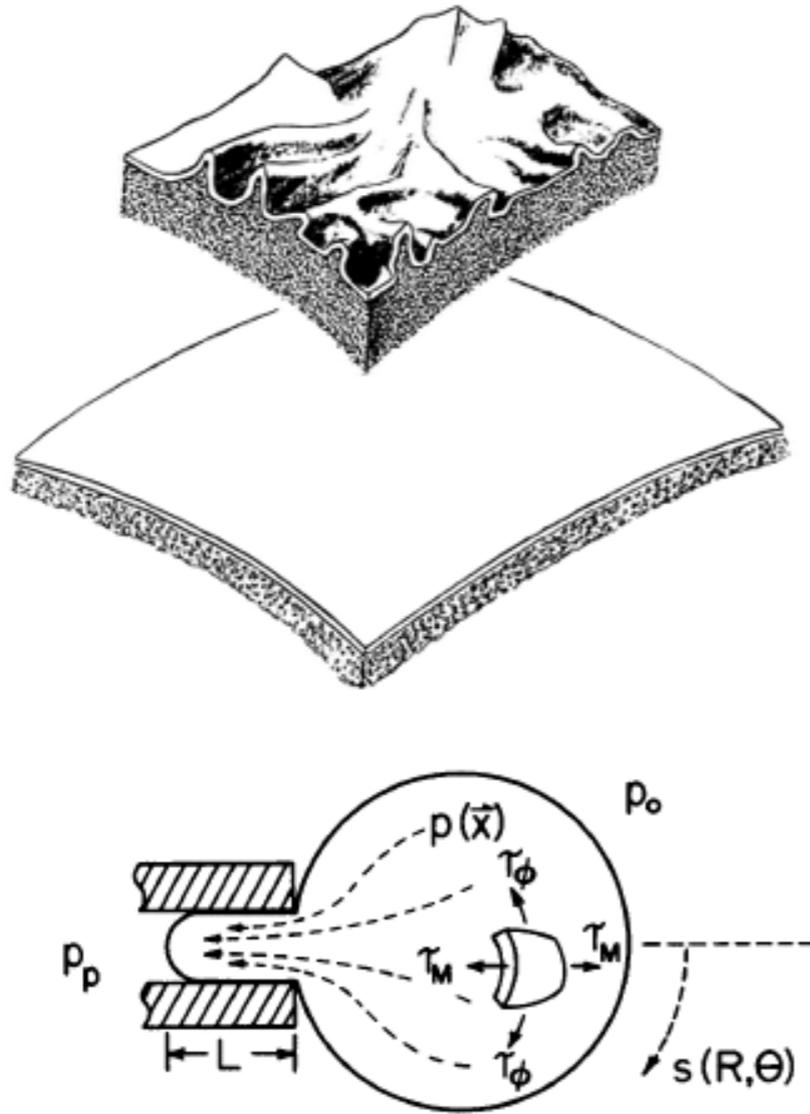
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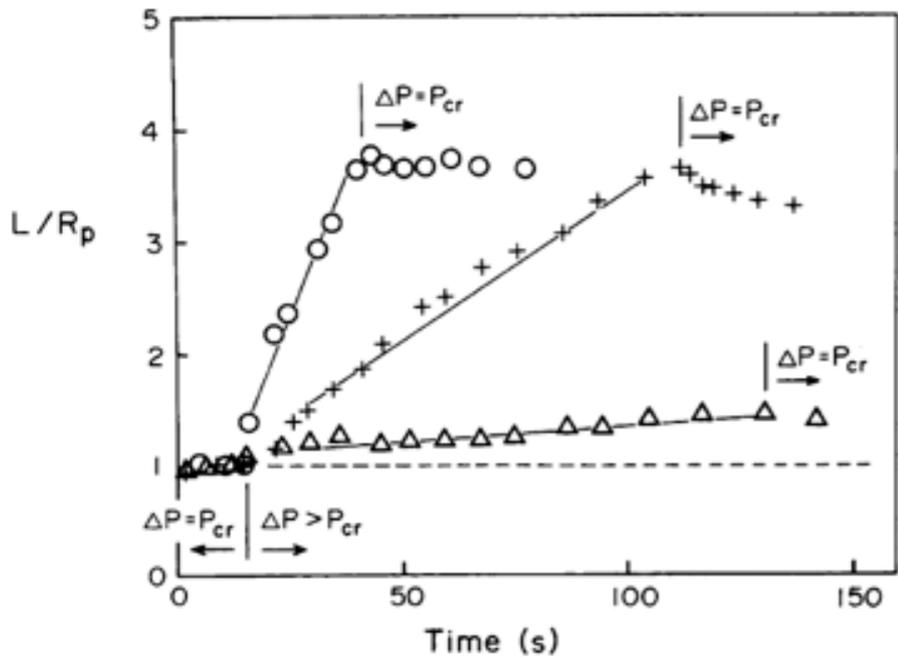
# Neutrophils behave like Newtonian fluids!



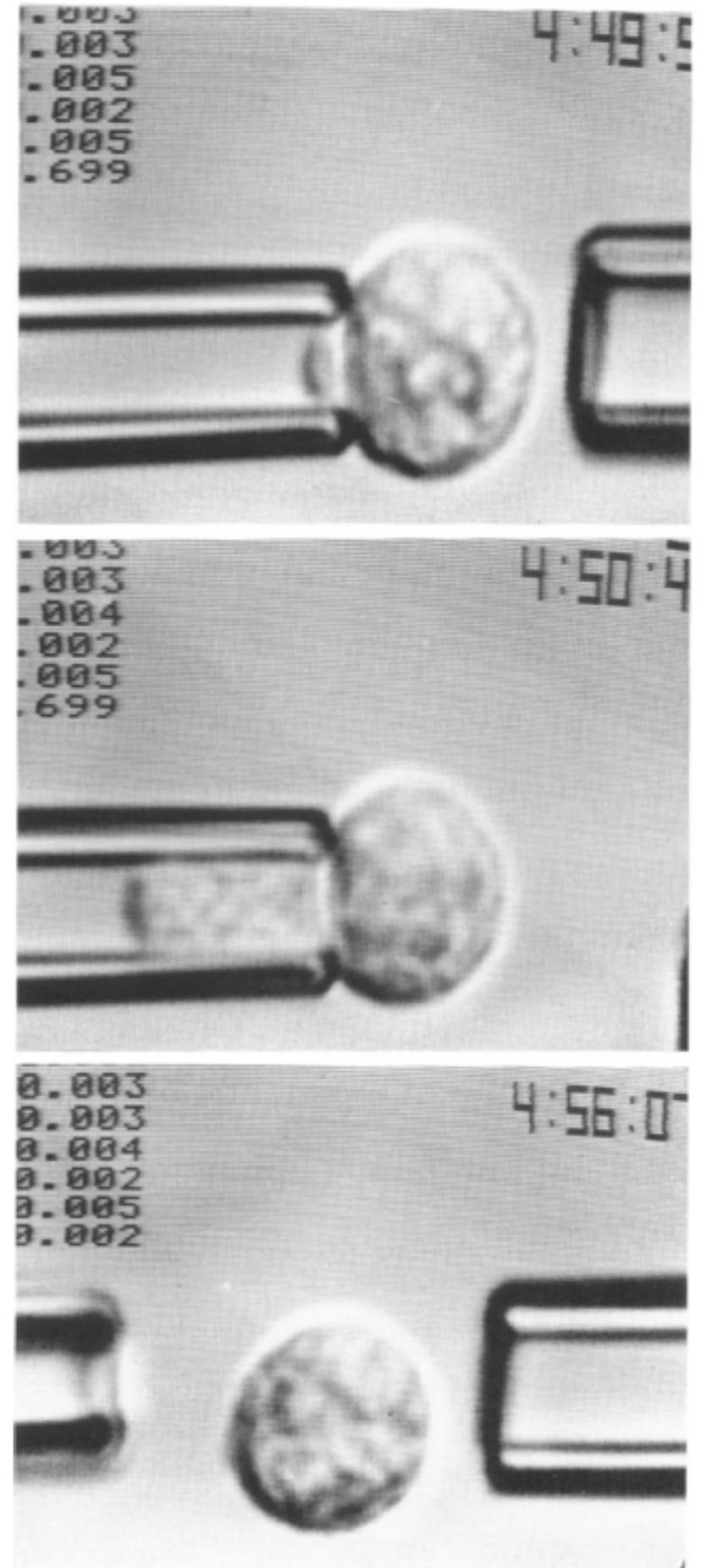
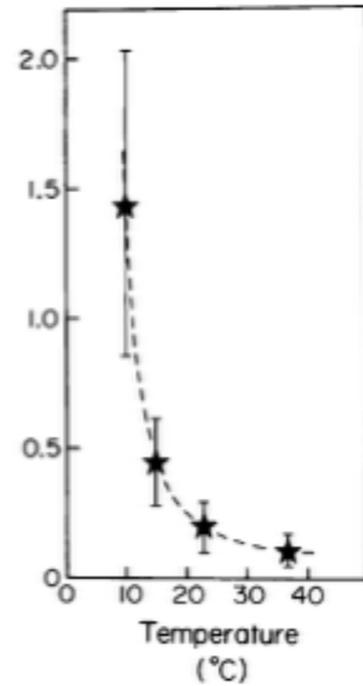
**FIGURE 3** Schematic of the convergent flow into the pipet and the in-plane stress resultants supported by the cortical shell.



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 Source: Evans, E. and A. Yeung. "Apparent viscosity and cortical tension of blood granulocytes determined by micropipet aspiration." Biophysical Journal 56, no. 1 (1989): 151.



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 ( $10^4$  dyn-s/cm<sup>2</sup>)



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# Chondrocytes are more like elastic spheres

Table 1  
"Natural" SI units at the level of the cell

	"Micro SI"	Application
Distance (m)	1 $\mu\text{m}$ ( $10^{-6}$ m)	All
Force (N)	1 pN ( $10^{-12}$ N) 1 nN ( $10^{-9}$ N)	Molecular bonds "soft" cells Stiff cells
Pressure, stress (Pa)	1 pN/ $\mu\text{m}^2$ (1 Pa) 1 nN/ $\mu\text{m}^2$ (1 kPa)	Soft cells (blood cells) Stiff cells
Tension (mN/m)	1 pN/ $\mu\text{m}$ ( $10^{-3}$ mN/m)	Cortical elasticity of soft cells
	1 nN/ $\mu\text{m}$ (1 mN/m)	Elasticity of lipid bilayer

Hochmuth 2000

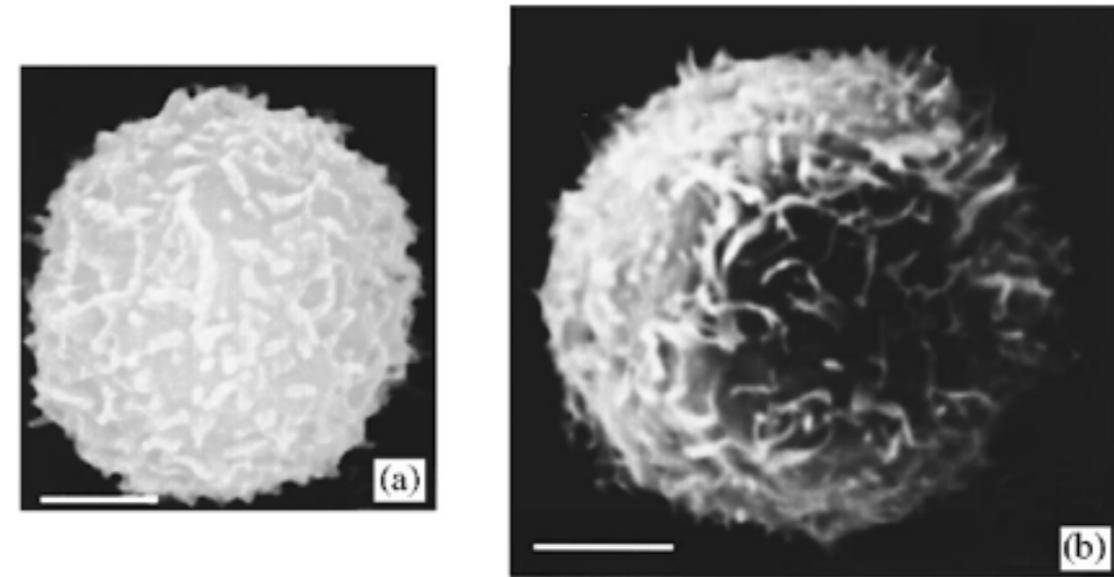


Fig. 3. Comparison of a human neutrophil (a) to a chondrocyte (b). The neutrophil has a diameter of about 8  $\mu\text{m}$  while the majority of chondrocytes have diameters between about 12 and 16  $\mu\text{m}$ . The scale bars indicate 2  $\mu\text{m}$ , but note that the significant shrinkage of the cell has occurred during the preparation of the cells for scanning electron microscopy.

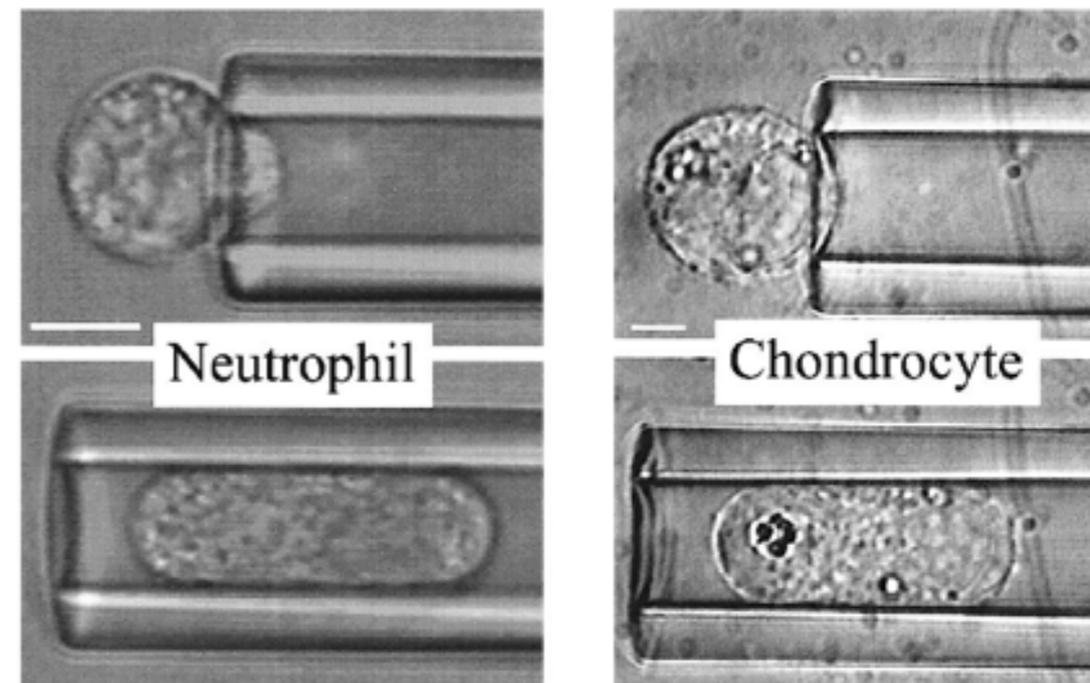


Fig. 4. A neutrophil and a chondrocyte each being aspirated into a micropipette. The photomicrographs of the chondrocyte are adapted from Jones et al. (1999). The scale bars indicate 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

# Complex fluids: Silly Putty



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# Silly Putty

$t = 0$  min



Silly Putty  
 $t = 30 \text{ min}$

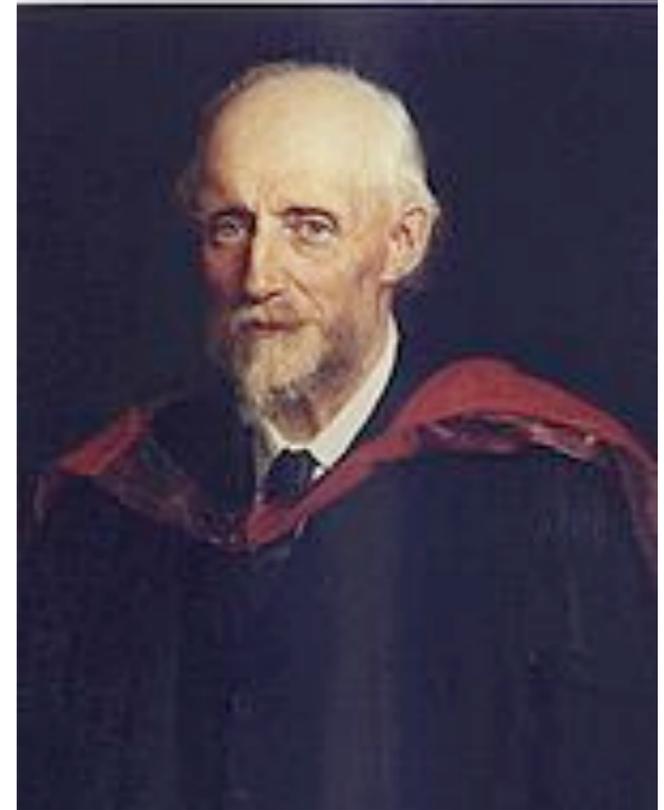


Silly Putty  
 $t = 24$  hours



# Low Reynolds Number Flows

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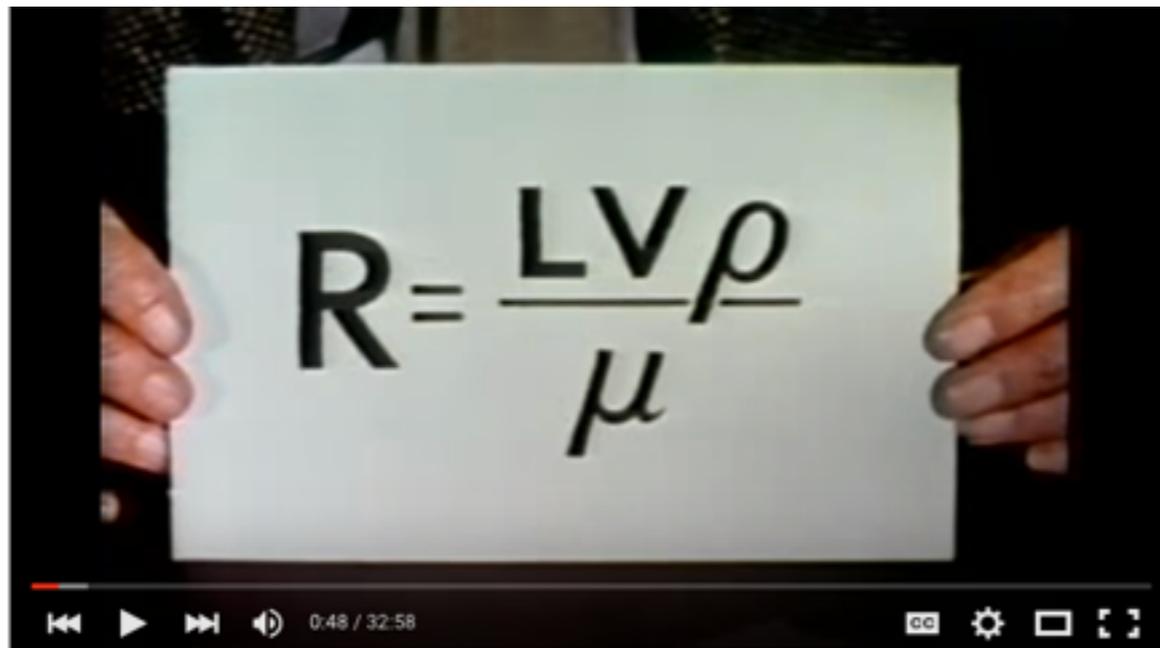
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# Low Reynolds Number Flows

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## Introduction to low Reynold's number flows (0-5:35)



## Kinematic reversibility at low Reynold's number (13:17-17:33)



# Falling spheres at low Reynolds number

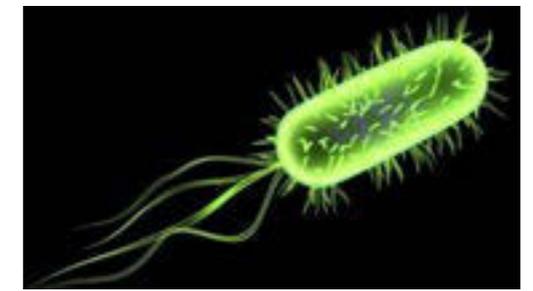
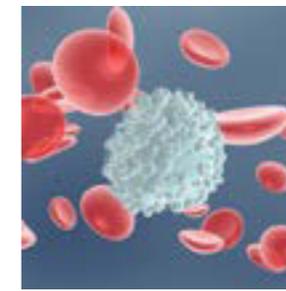
Class exercise:

1. Does a larger ball fall faster or slower than the smaller one?
2. How much faster, with a 2:1 diameter ratio?
3. Does a wall slow down the sphere, or not?



17:36-19:45

# Drag on spherical versus slender bodies



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## Drag on rodlike bacteria versus spherical cells (21:11-25:00)

Falling rods at low  $Re$ —difference in drag in two directions



**Does the rod fall vertically, or not?**

**Why or why not?**

# Self-propelling bodies, flapping versus rotating



25:07-28:55

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