

LECTURE 8 : BEATING OF CILIA

BB101 Spring 2023, IIT Bombay

Resources

Physical Biology of the Cell, Phillips, Kondev, Theriot, Garcia

Molecular Biology of the Cell. Alberts, Johnson, Lewis Walter

[Article : CILIA RELATED DISEASES](#)

[Article The many modes of flagellar and ciliary beating](#)

[ARTICLE TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED](#)

Recall : Diversity of Motion in different Cell types

For today's Lecture

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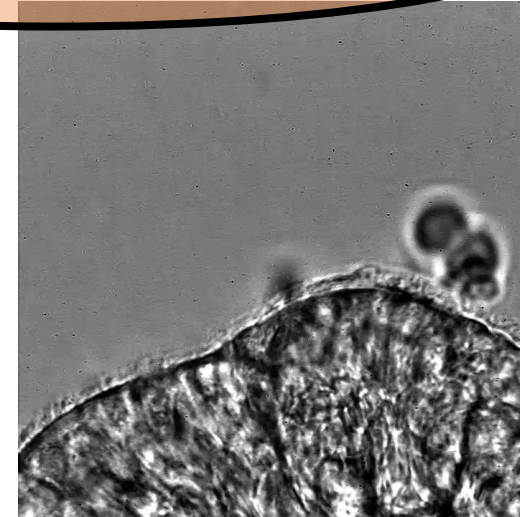
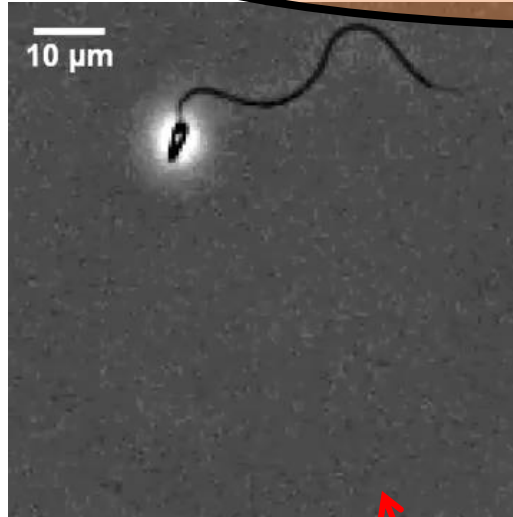
Bacteria



EUKARYOTES

Sperm

Epithelial Cells
(e.g. Lung airway)



White Blood Cell
Catching bacteria

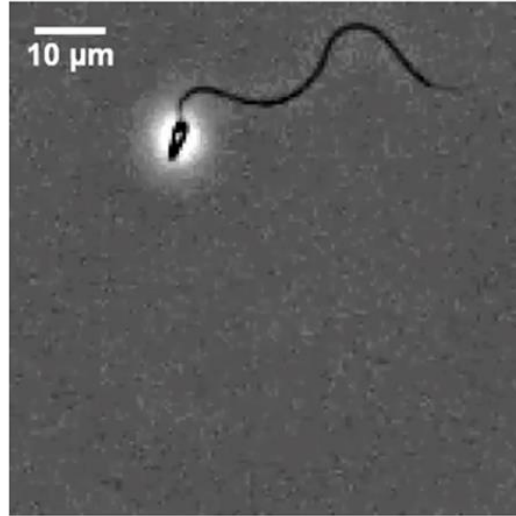


Both use "Flagella",
But mechanism is different
Rotary Motor Versus Dyneins

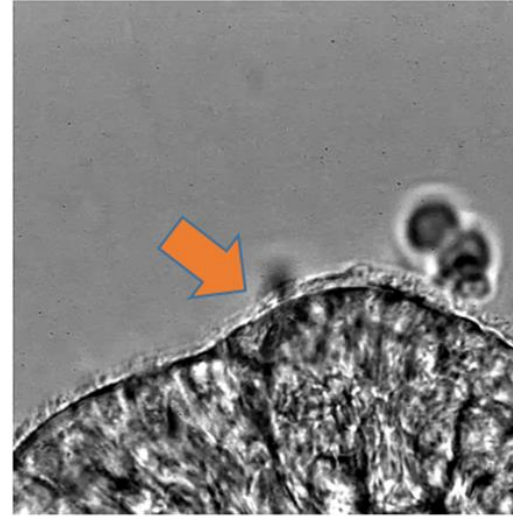
Flagella or Cilia
(Whip-like motion
Driven by Dynein)

Different Mechanism
Actin Polymerization and
Depolymerization

Whip-like motion



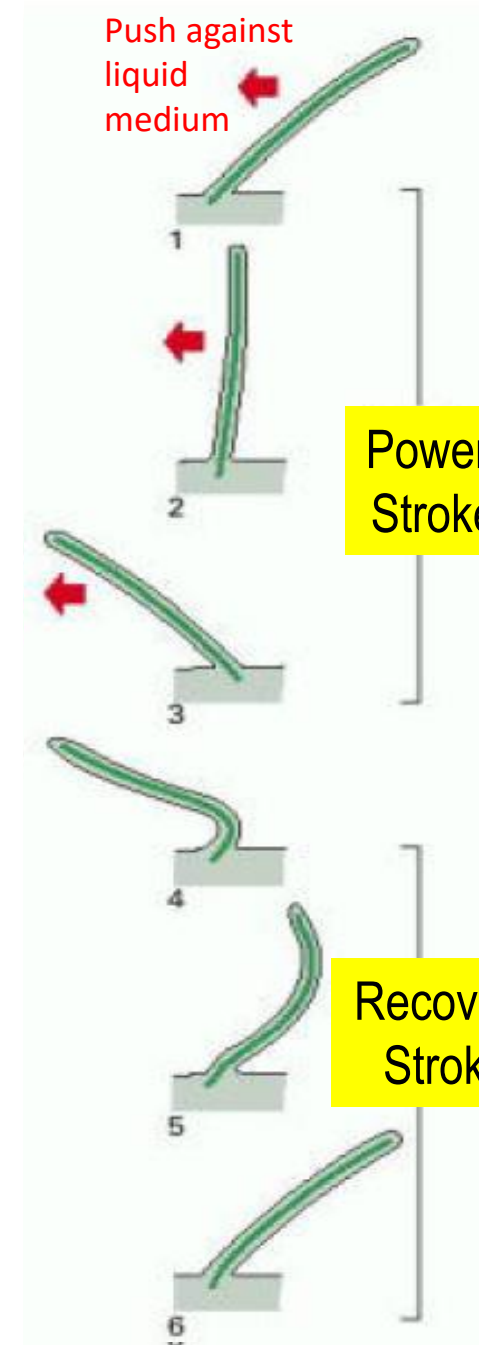
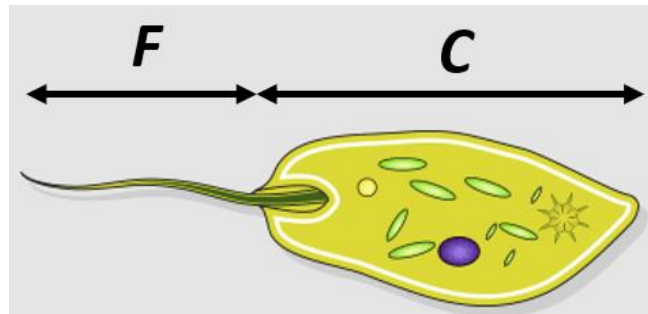
Generates Motion of Cell
(Swimming of Sperm,
Chlamydomonas)



Generates fluid flow
(e.g. lungs, nodal cilia in
left-right asymmetry)

Question

Ratio F/C : Is this ratio same for Cilia and Flagella?
What do you understand from this Ratio ?



Whip-like motion
shows two distinct
“Strokes”. WHY ?



[Breatstroke Video](#)

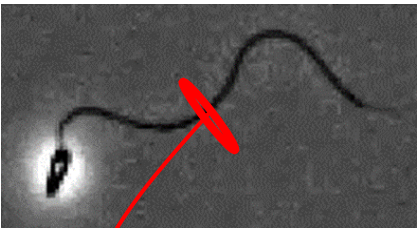
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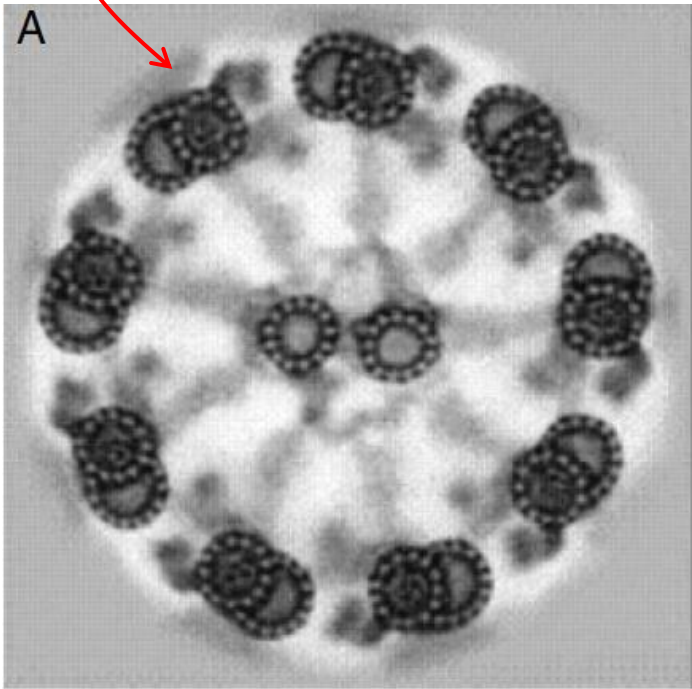
Mixed fluid returns to its original state

[Mix/Unmix Video](#)

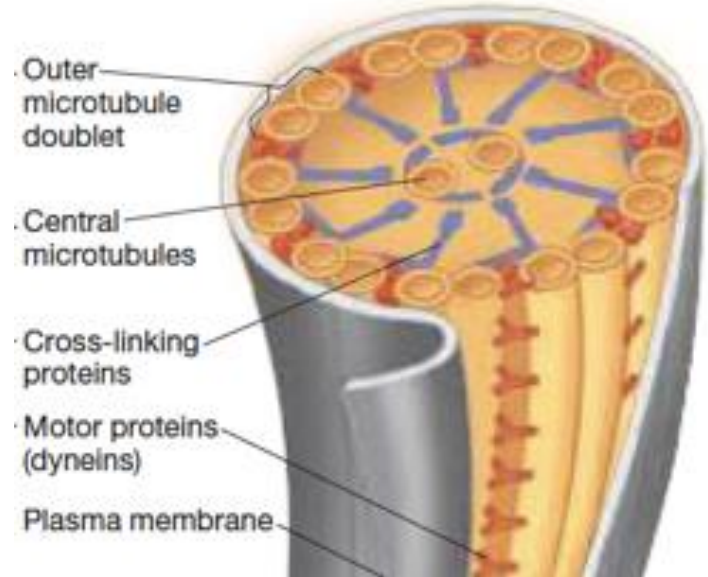
What is inside the Cilia or Flagella in Eukaryotes ?



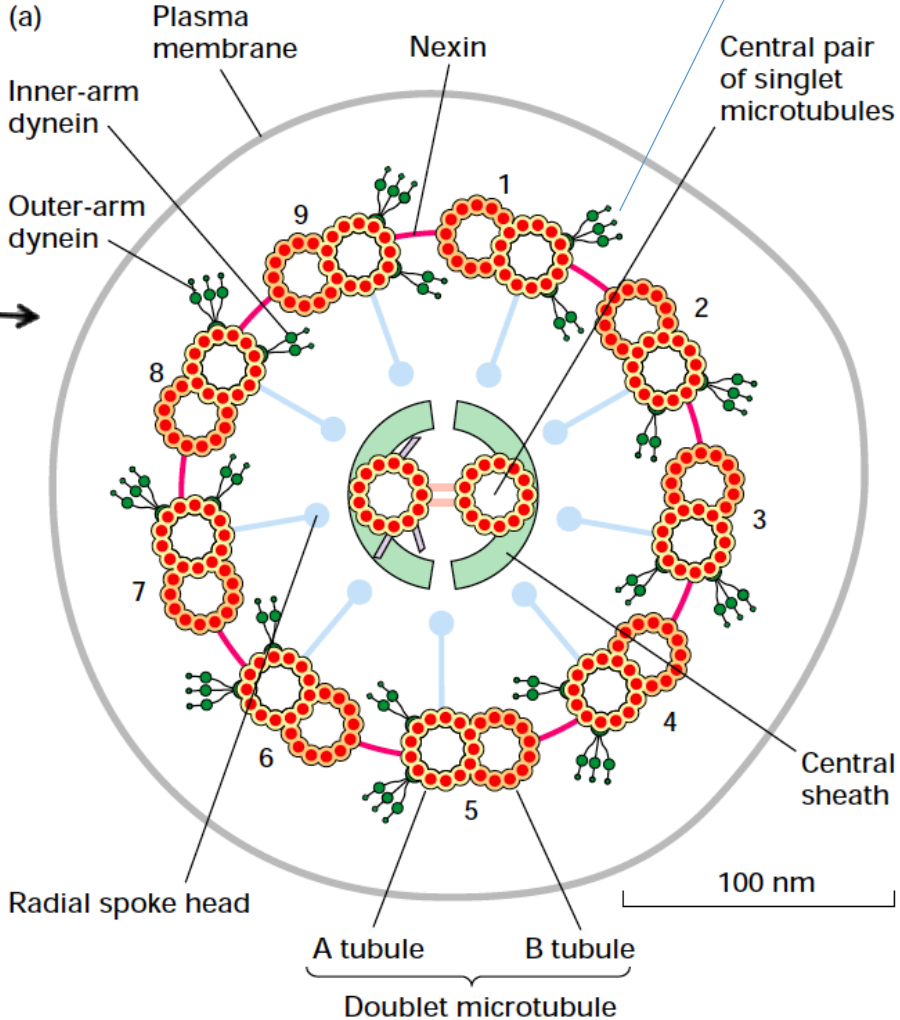
Cross section under
Electron Microscope



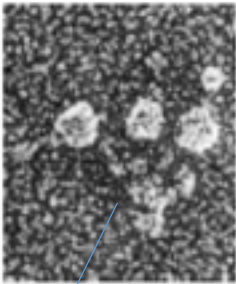
**“9 + 2”
Microtubule arrangement**



Cross
section



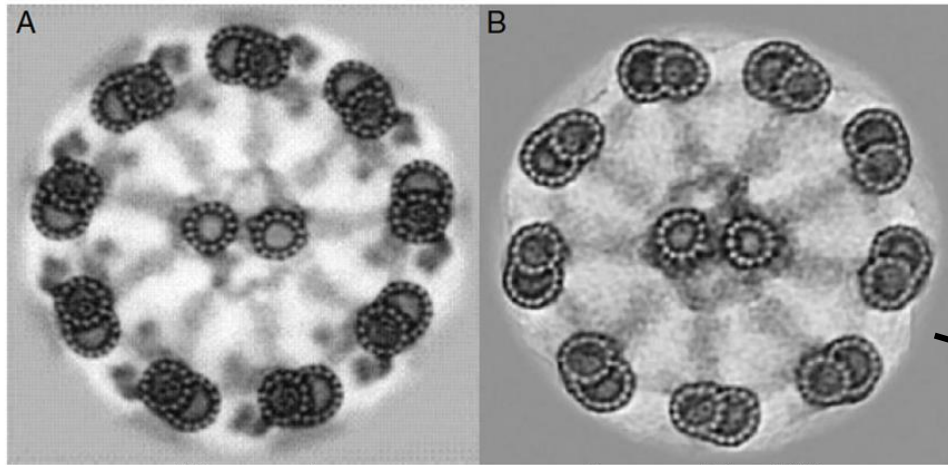
Outer arm
Axonemal
Dynein
under EM



The Human aspect : Diseases related to Cilia

Your body has :-

- (1) *Mucus-propelling cilia*. (2) *Water-propelling cilia*. (3) *Nodal cilia*. (4) *Monocilia*.
 (5) *Rudimentary cilia*. (6) *Olfactory cilia*. (7) *Photoreceptor cilia*. (8) *Sperm flagellum*.



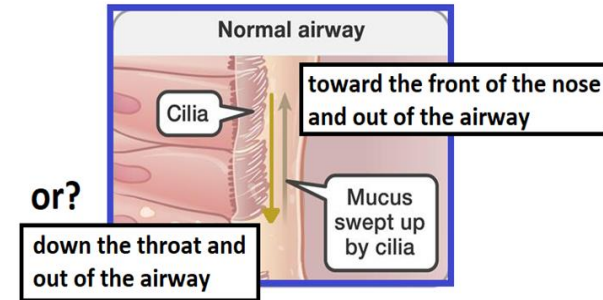
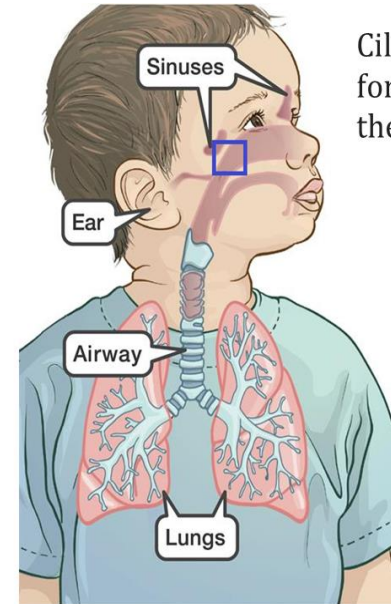
Normal

Immotile Cilia

What is missing here?

Why do we swallow frequently ?

Cilia provide the force necessary to transport foreign materials in the respiratory tract toward the mouth where they can be swallowed



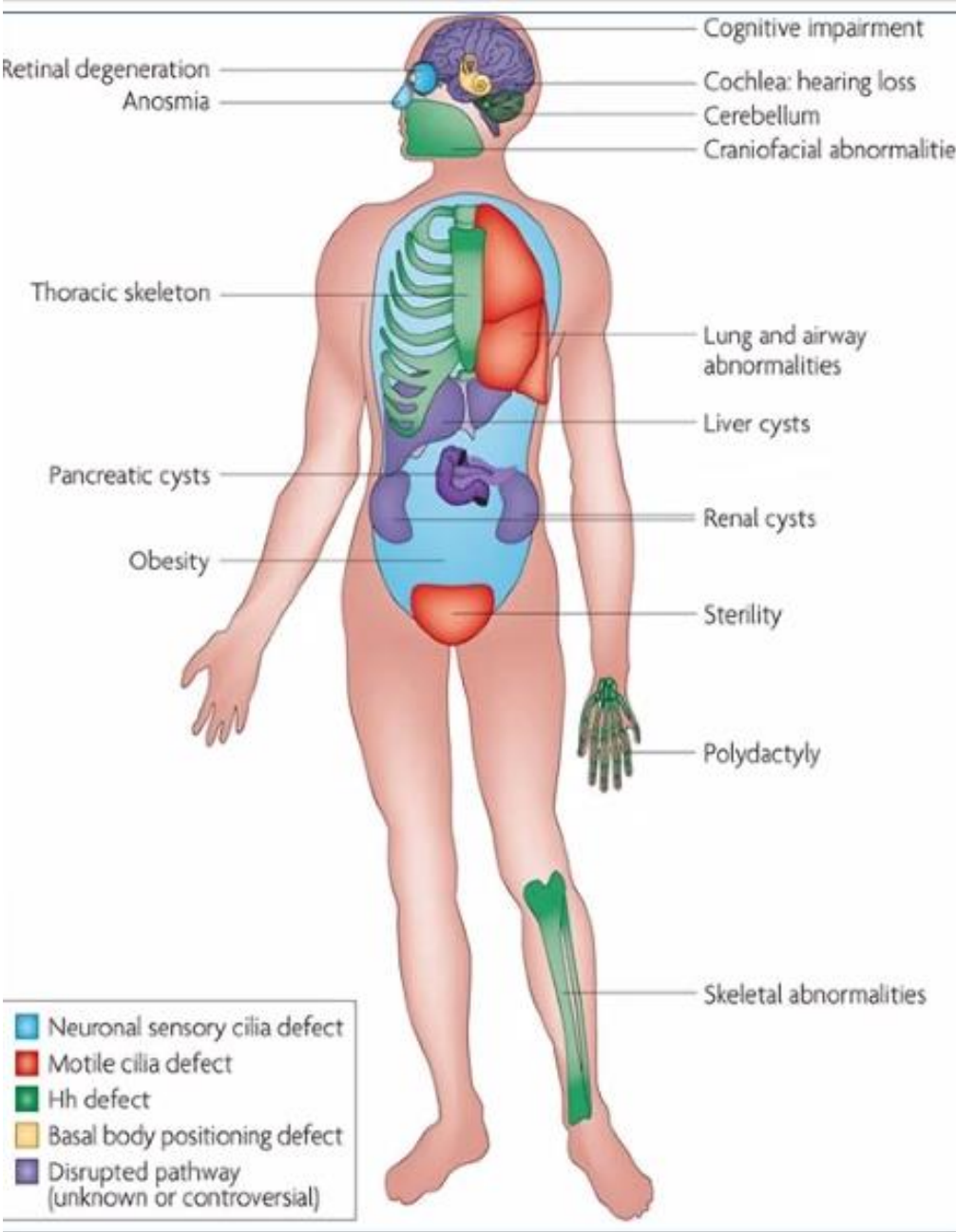
Cystic Fibrosis : Paralysis of Cilia
 Superviscous Mucus → Choking, Bacterial infection

<p>Immotile-cilia syndrome</p> <p>→ Sperm lack Dynein arms (immotile sperm)</p> <p>→ Patients cannot transport inhaled particles along the lung airway → Chronic sinusitis</p>	<p>Male infertility</p>
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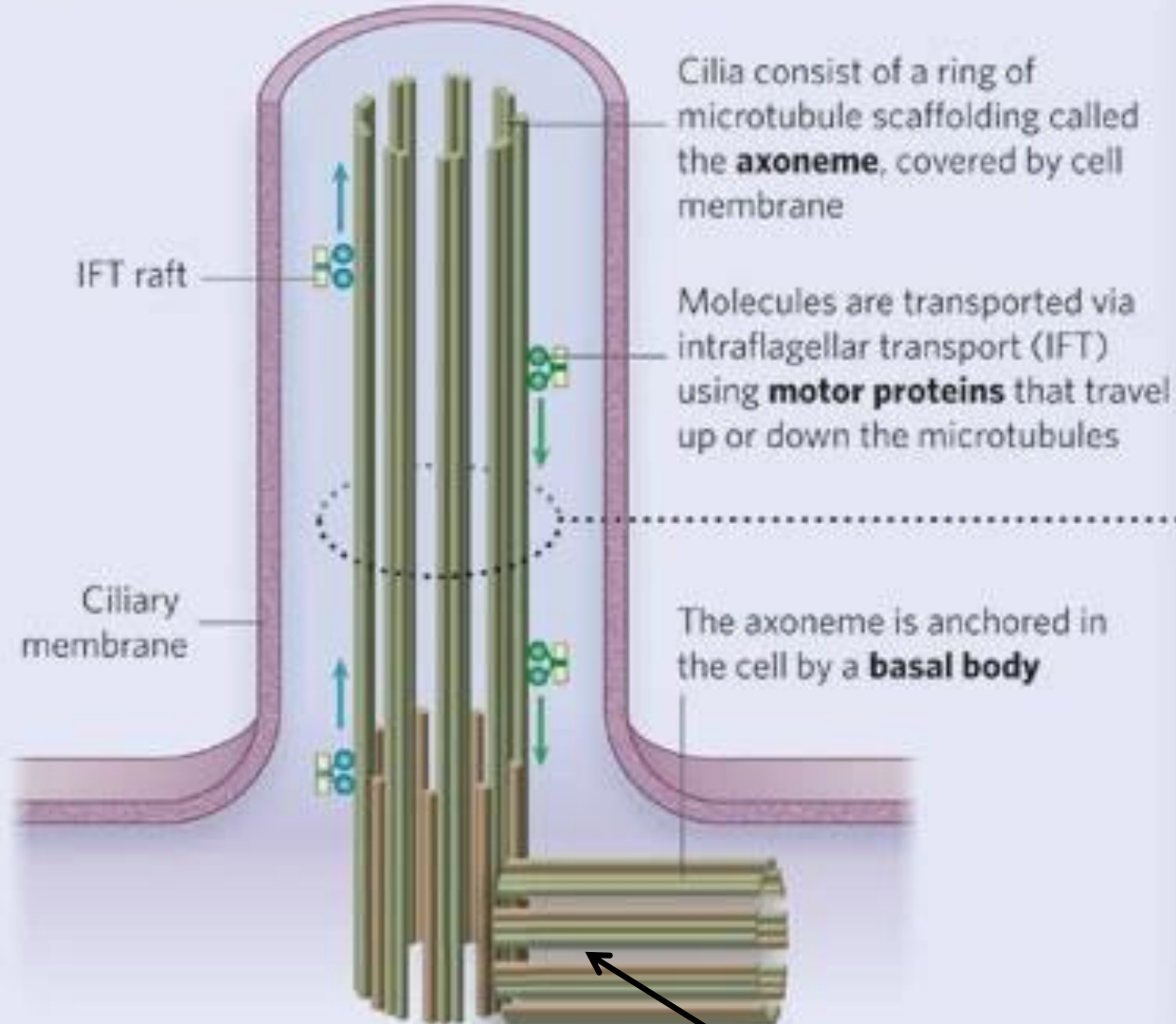
<p>Female infertility</p> <p>In the oviduct, cilia help transport eggs down the fallopian tube.</p>

[LINK : CILIA RELATED DISEASES](#)

Parts of the body affected by Ciliary diseases



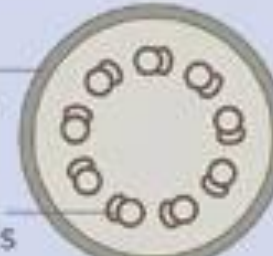
THE CILIUM DISSECTED



A cross-section of an axoneme reveals either a **9+0** or a **9+2** arrangement of microtubules

Ciliary membrane

Doublet microtubules

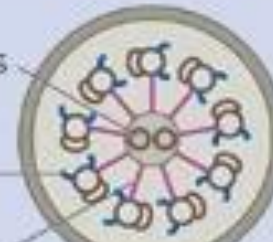


9+0
(primary cilium)

Singlet microtubules

Dynein arms

Radial spokes



9+2
(motile cilium)

In motile cilia, tubules work with the dynein arms and protein spokes that link them to produce movement

[LINK TO PAPER](#)



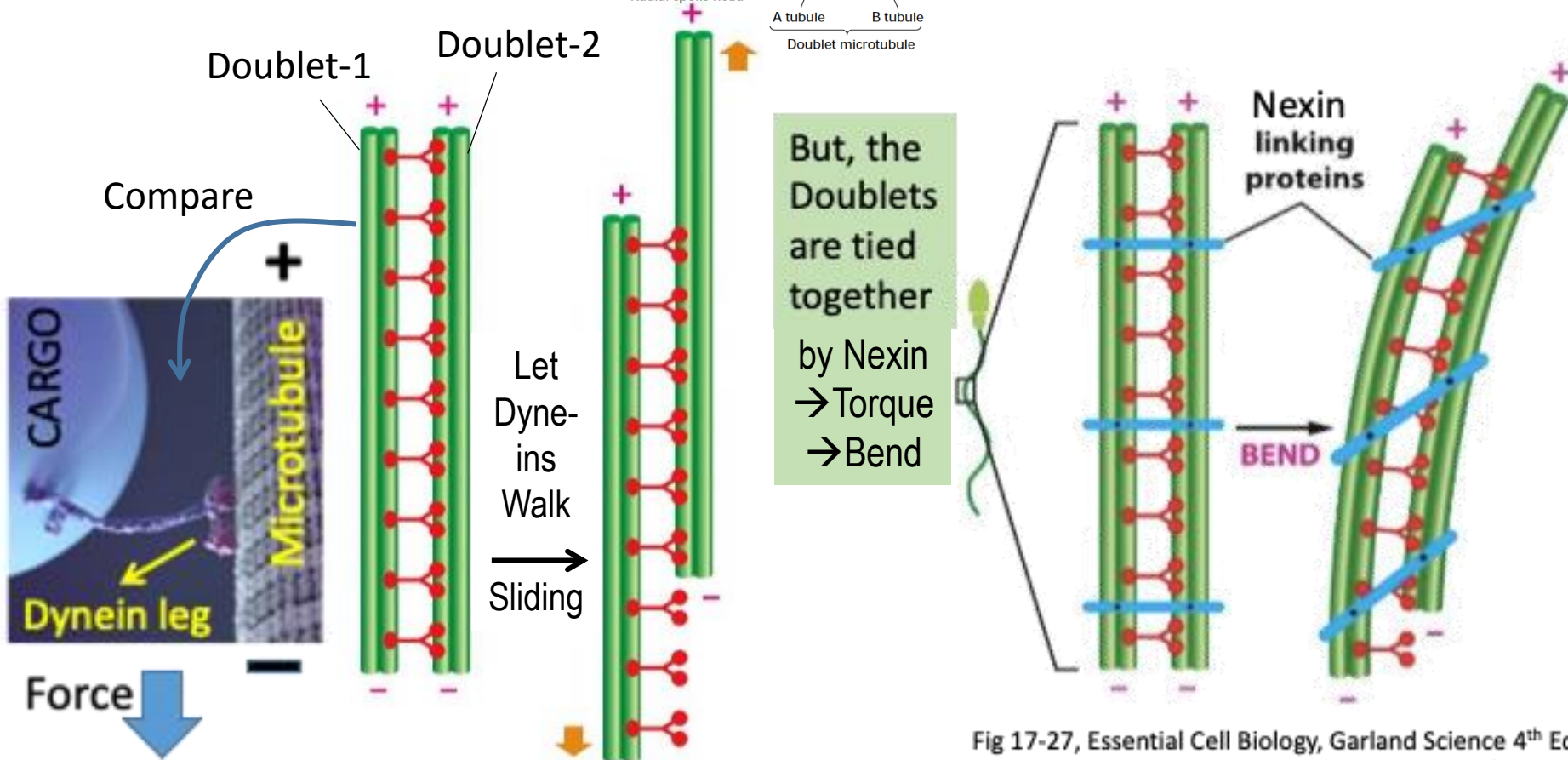
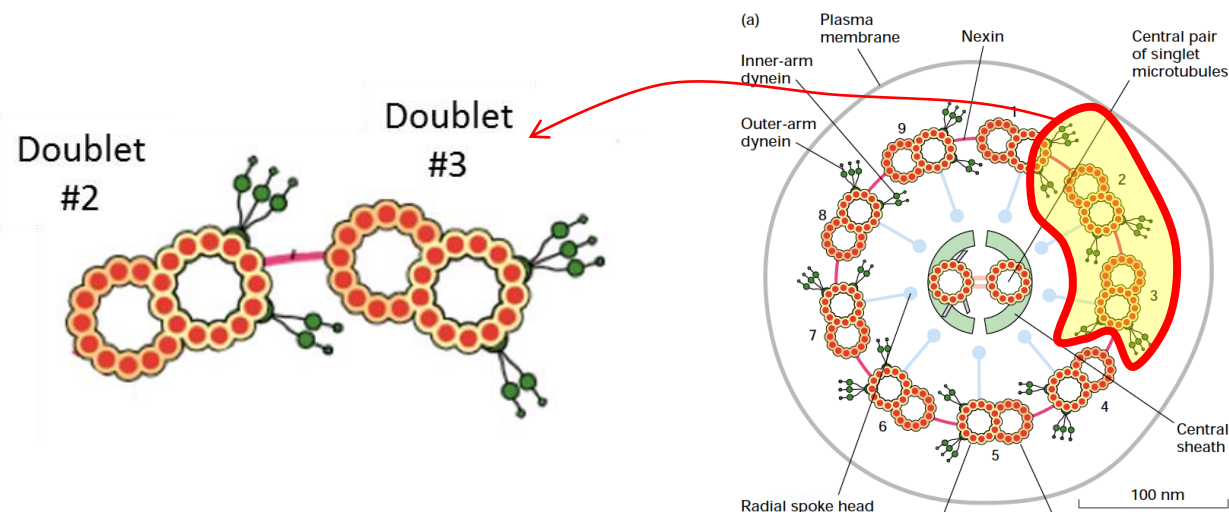


Fig 17-27, Essential Cell Biology, Garland Science 4th Ed

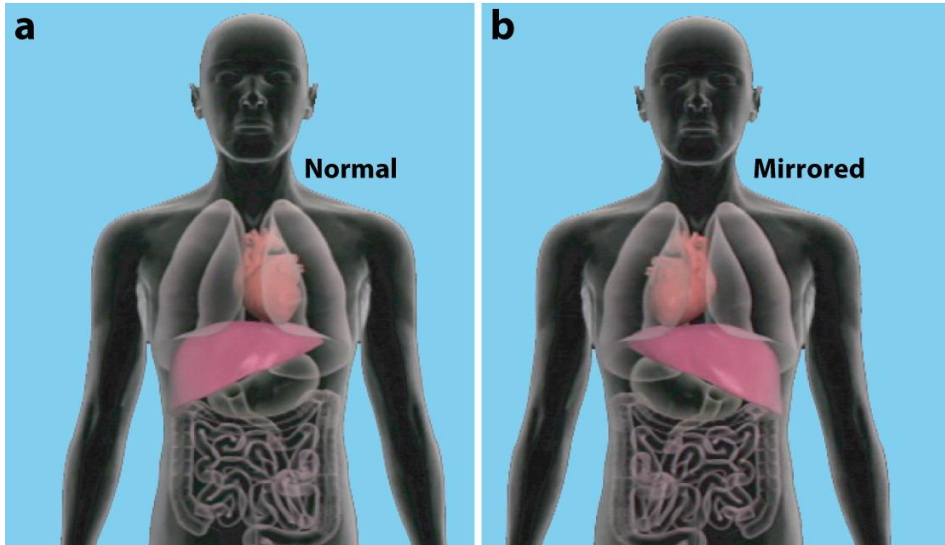
Interesting & Less Understood


1. If Dyneins on all doublets generate force together, then cilia bending is not possible

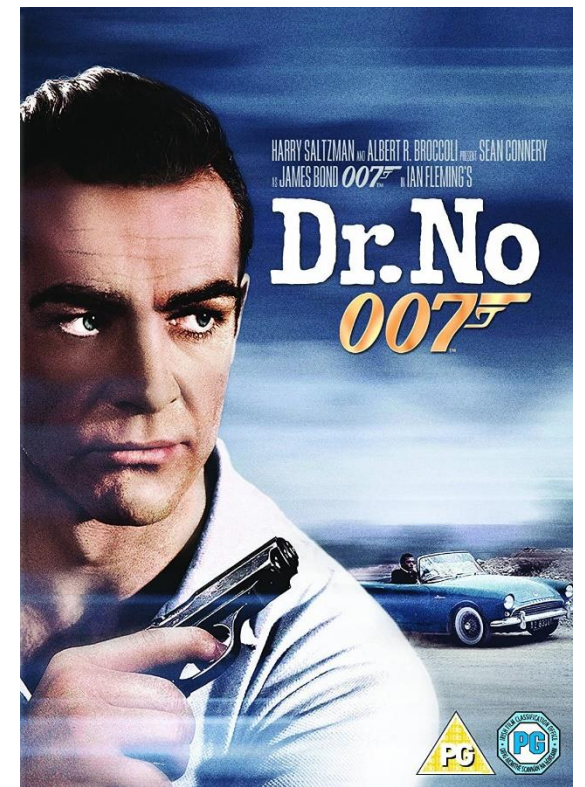
(up and down forces on each doublet would cancel out)

2. Dyneins on each of the doublets may be activated sequentially around the circle to bend the flagellum in a three-dimensional wave → Orientation of Central pair ?
3. But how does the wave propagate along length of cilia? The Central Pair was found to rotate during beats → Why?

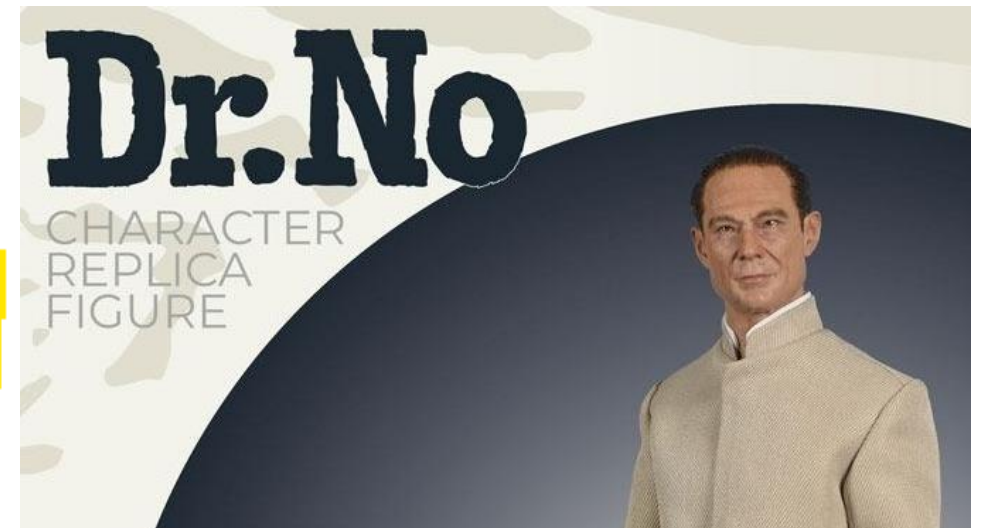
Situs inversus is a rare congenital condition in which all of an individual's internal organs in the thorax and abdomen are positioned on the opposite side to where they should be. The liver, for instance, is now on the left, the spleen on the right. Flipped, for want of a better word.



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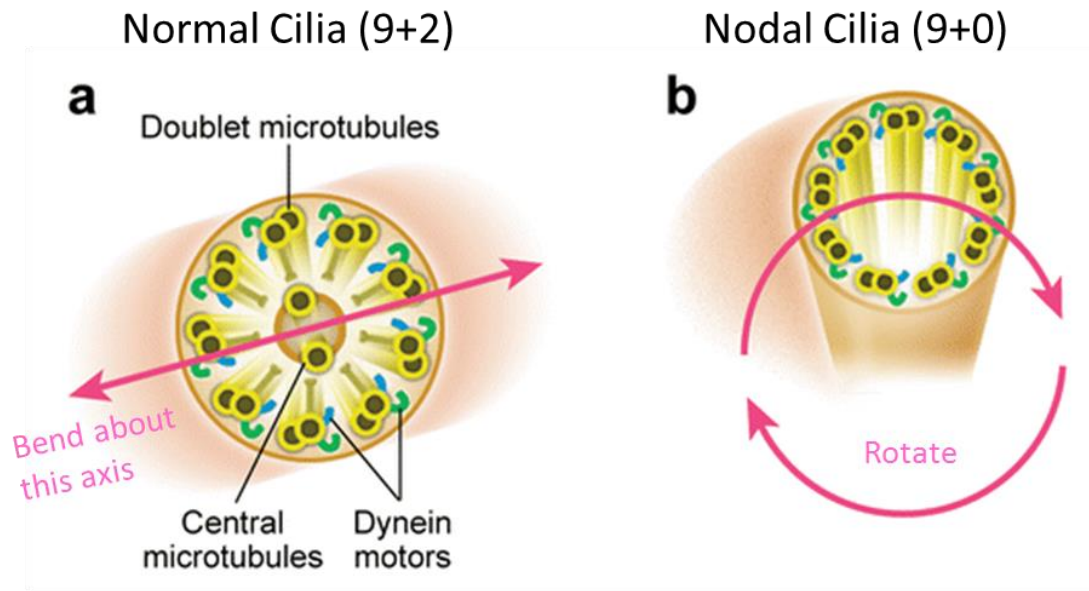
Artists and writers have explored the implications of situs inversus. Understandably so: it makes for a cracking plot twist. The titular character in Ian Fleming's 1958 James Bond novel Dr No is saved from a bullet because of his dextrocardia. In Her Fearful Symmetry, Audrey Niffenegger introduces



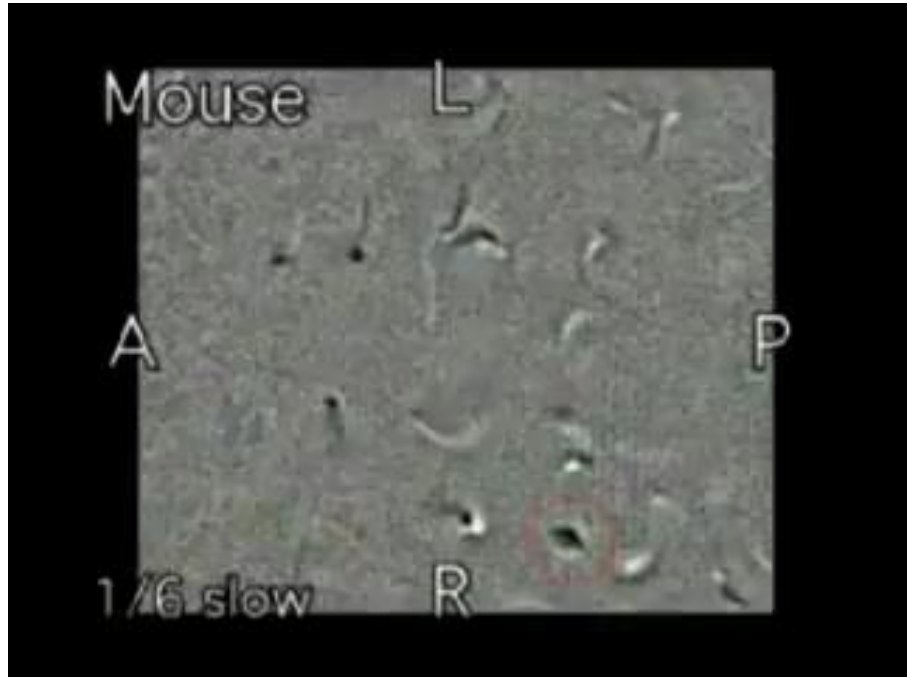
[Article in The Guardian](#)

Immotile Cilia patients have Situs inversus
(Arrangement of the internal organs is a mirror image of normal anatomy)

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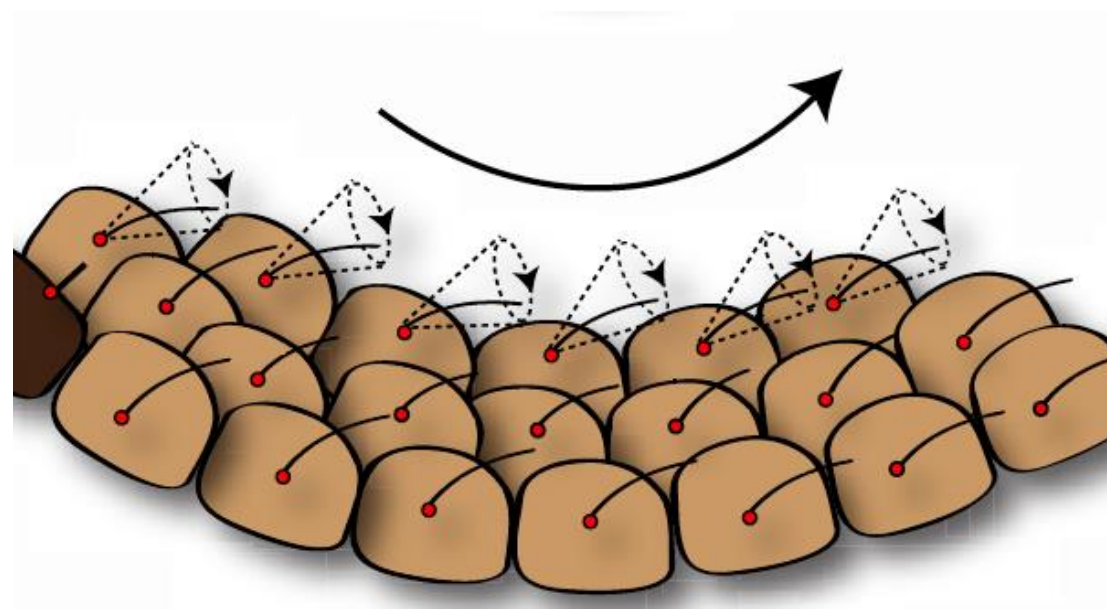
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Nearly half of immotile
Cilia patients have [Situs
inversus](#)

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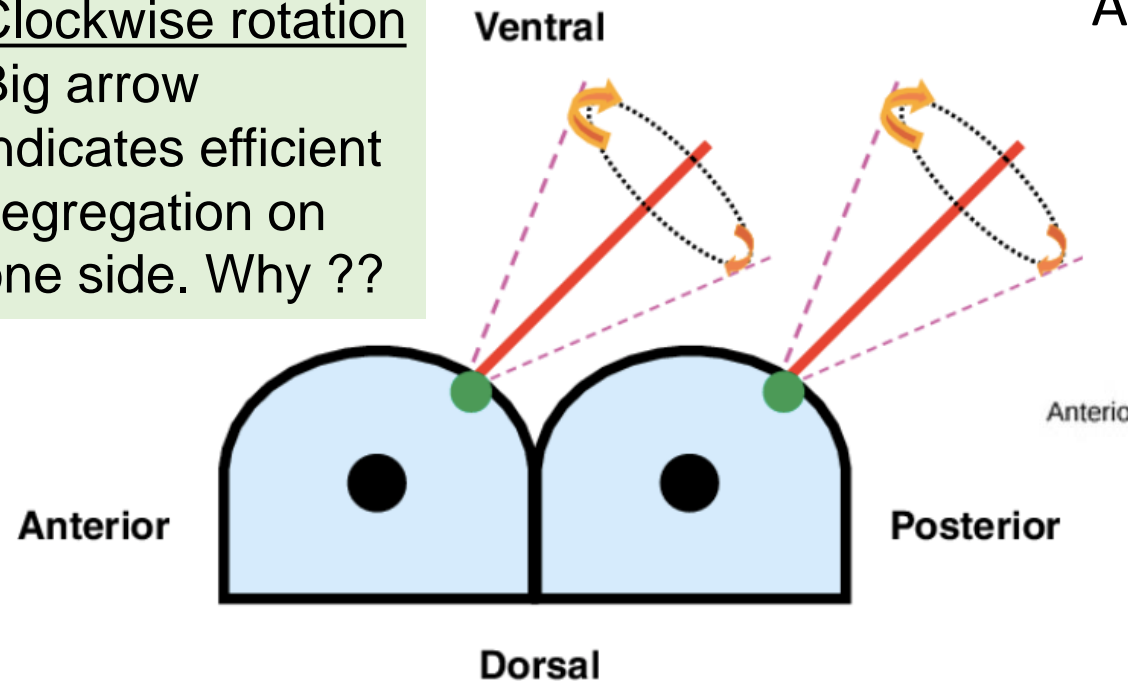
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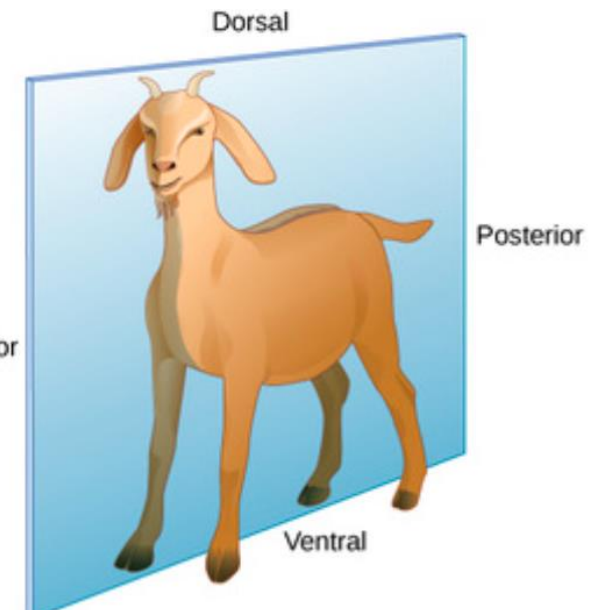
For more details
[Left-right
asymmetry: cilia stir
up new surprises in
the node](#)

Clockwise rotation

Big arrow
indicates efficient
segregation on
one side. Why ??



After it grows up ...



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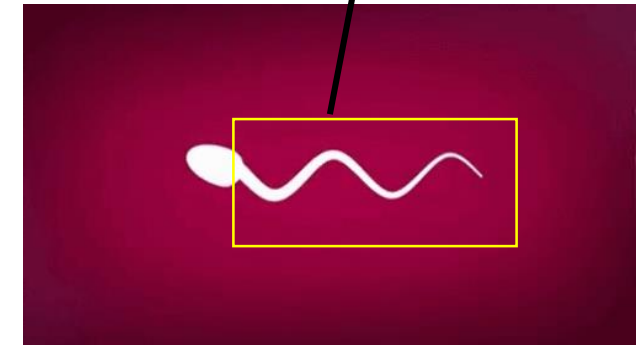
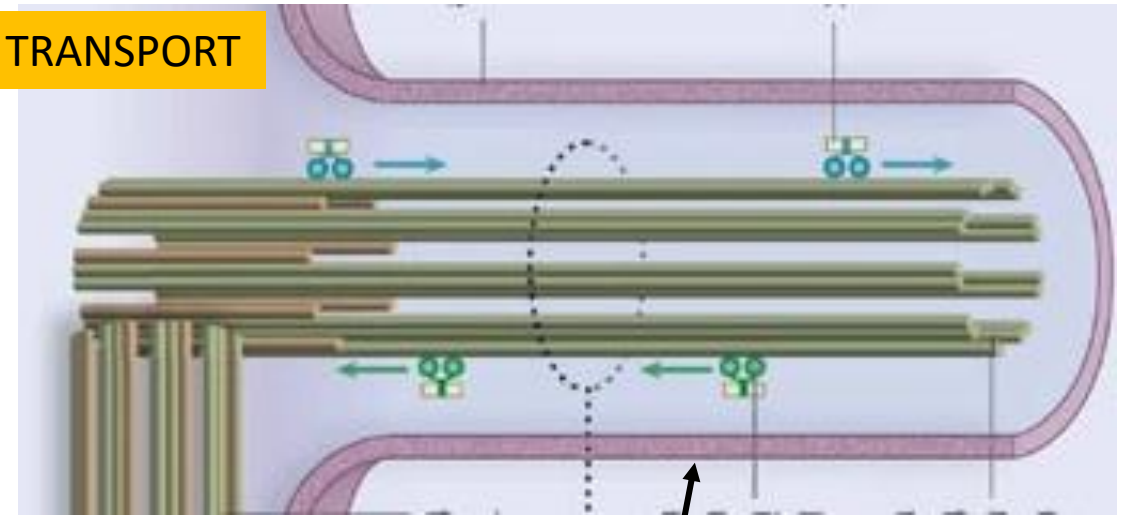
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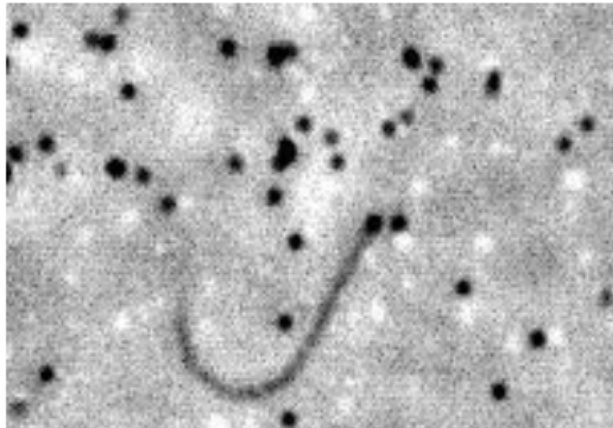


INTRA-FLAGELLAR TRANSPORT



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Ciliary oscillations driven by molecular motors cause fluid motion at micron scale. Stable oscillations require a significant source of dissipation to balance the energy input of motors. Conventionally, it stems from external fluid. We have shown, in contrast, that external fluid friction is negligible compared to internal elastic stress through a simultaneous measurement of motion and flow field of an isolated and active *Chlamydomonas* cilium. Consequently, internal friction emerges as the sole source of dissipation for ciliary oscillations. We combine these experimental insights with theoretical modeling of active filaments to show that an instability to oscillations takes place when active stresses are strain-softening and shear-thinning.

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