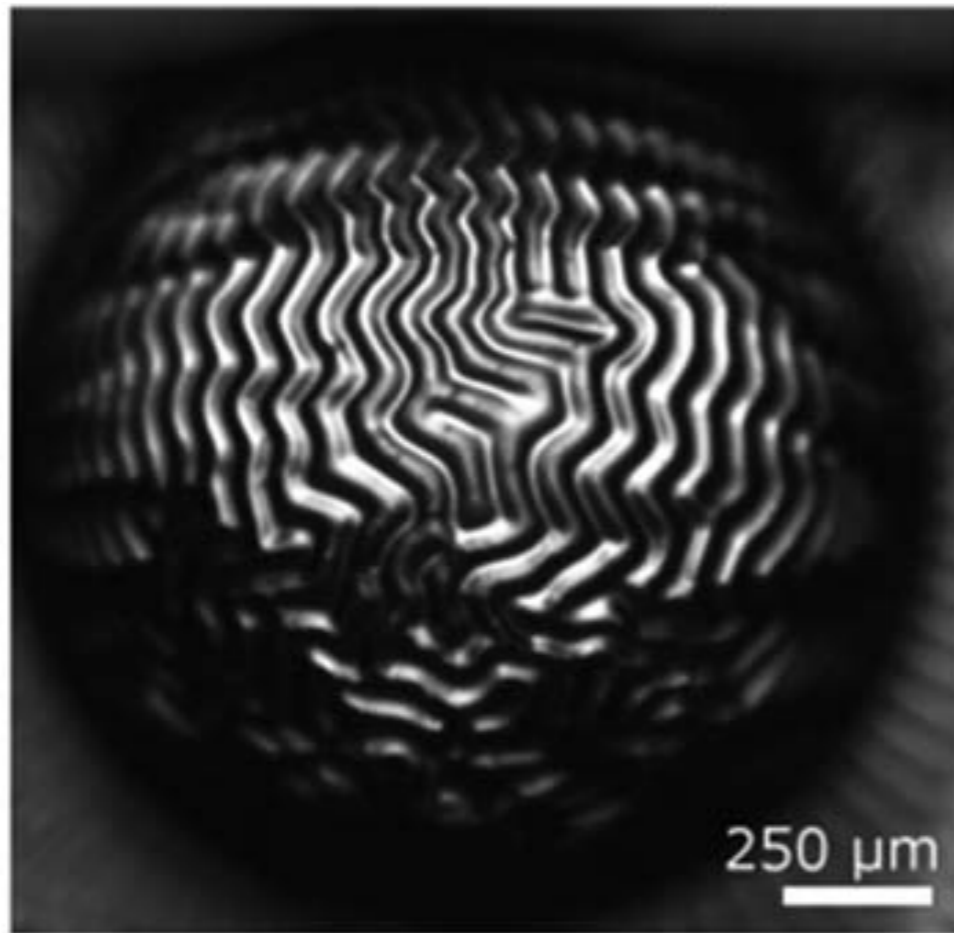
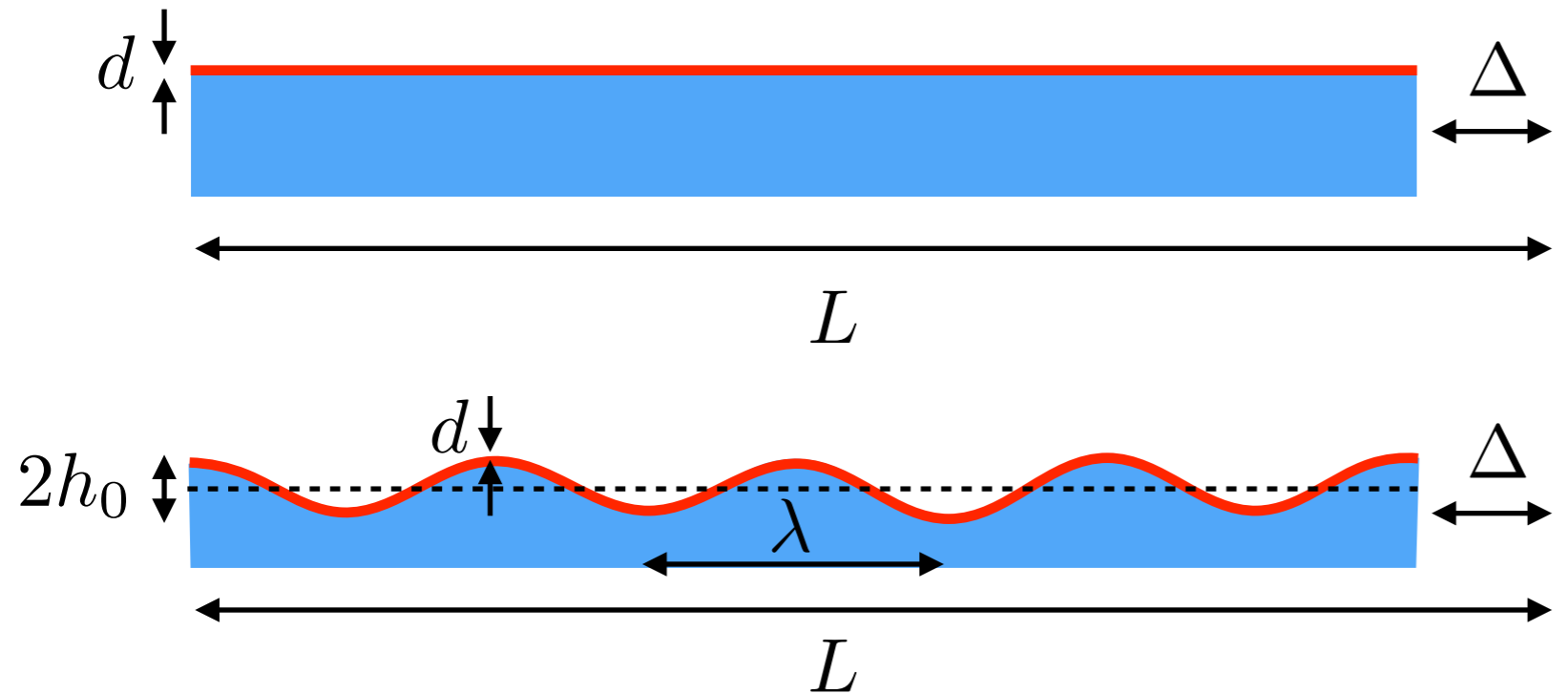


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Wrinkled surfaces

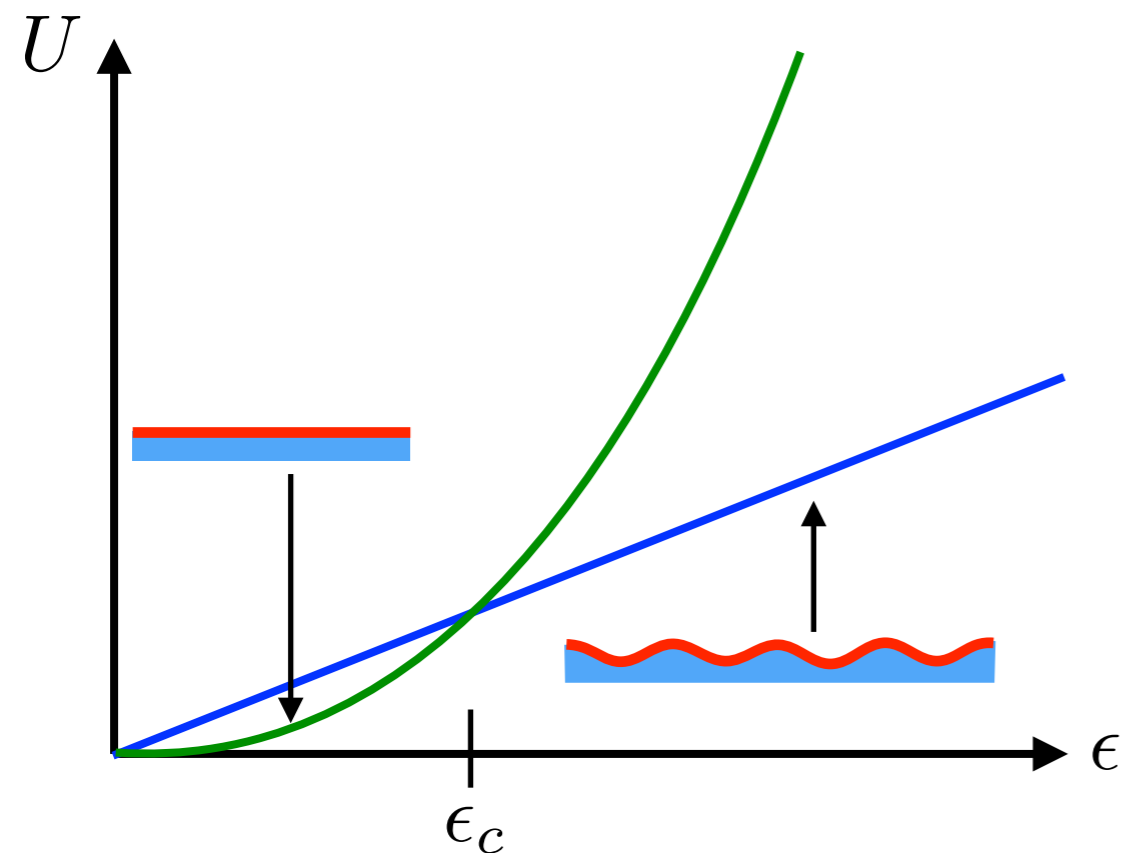


Compression of stiff thin membranes on liquid substrates



$$U_c \sim A \times E_m d \times \epsilon^2$$

$$U_b, U_p \sim A \epsilon \sqrt{E_m d^3 \rho g}$$



wrinkles are stable above the critical strain

wavelength of wrinkles

amplitude of wrinkles at the critical strain

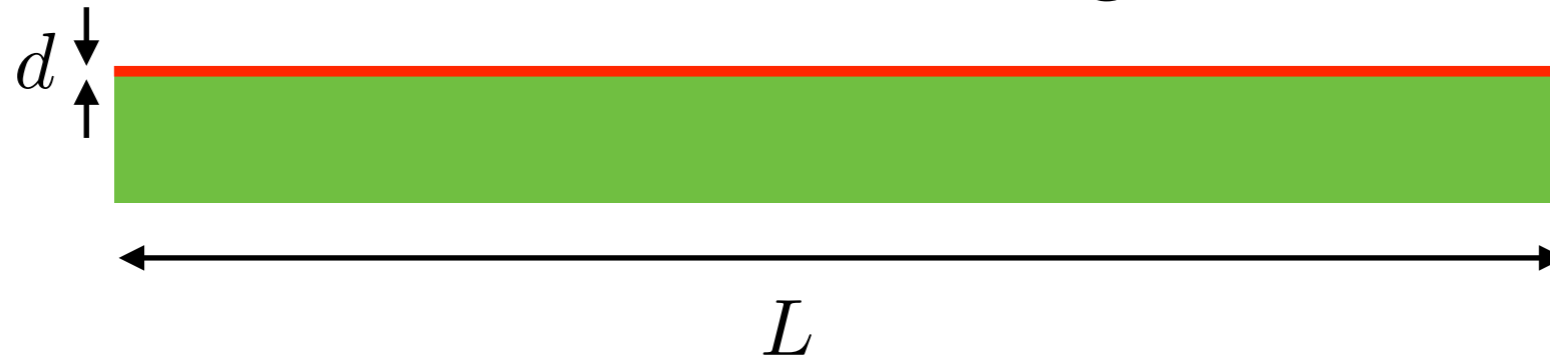
$$\epsilon > \epsilon_c \sim \sqrt{\frac{\rho g d}{E_m}}$$

$$\lambda \sim \left(\frac{E_m d^3}{\rho g} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$h_0^* \sim \lambda \sqrt{\epsilon_c} \sim d$$

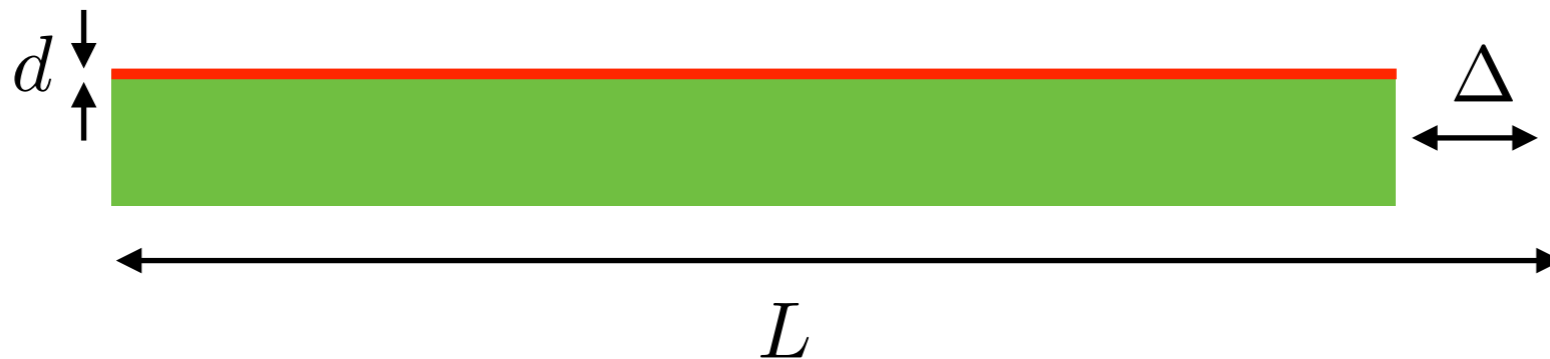
Compression of stiff thin membranes on soft elastic substrates

initial undeformed configuration

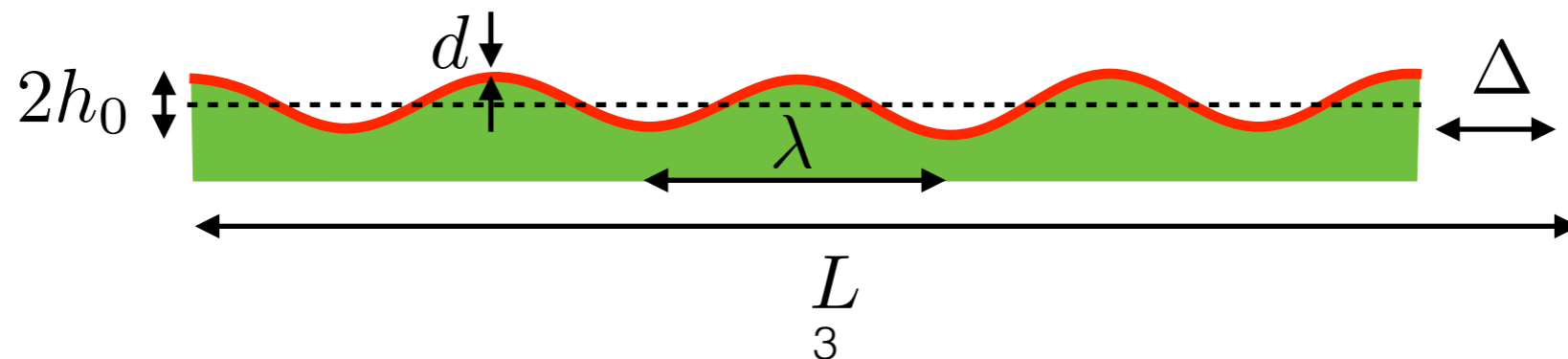


Consider the energy cost for two different scenarios:

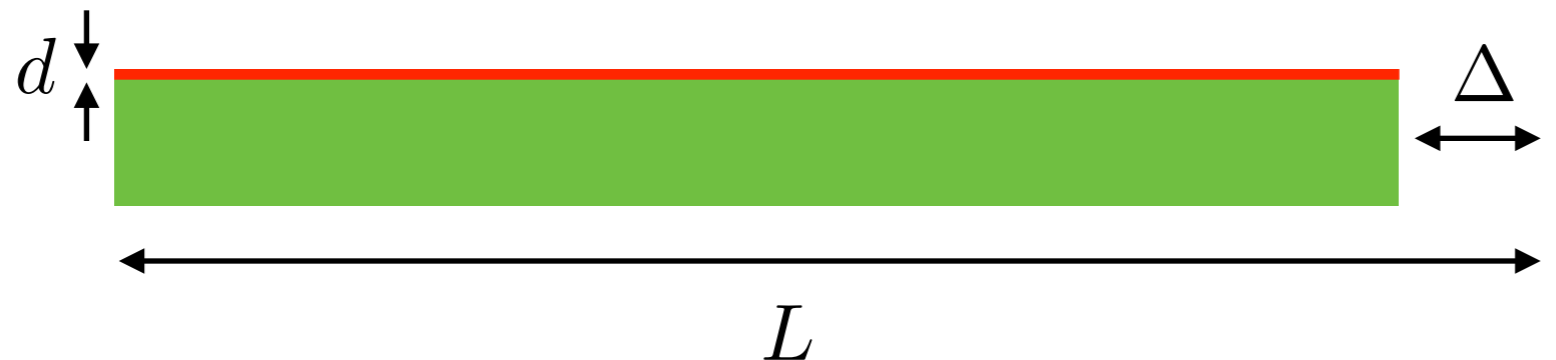
1.) thin membrane is compressed (no bending)



2.) thin membrane is wrinkled (no compression)
additional elastic energy for deformed substrate



Compression of stiff thin membranes on soft elastic substrates



compression energy of thin membrane

$$U_c \sim A \times E_m d \times \epsilon^2$$

**membrane
area**

$$A = WL$$

**membrane
3D Young's
modulus**

$$E_m$$

strain

$$\epsilon = \frac{\Delta}{L}$$

**substrate
3D Young's
modulus**

$$E_s$$

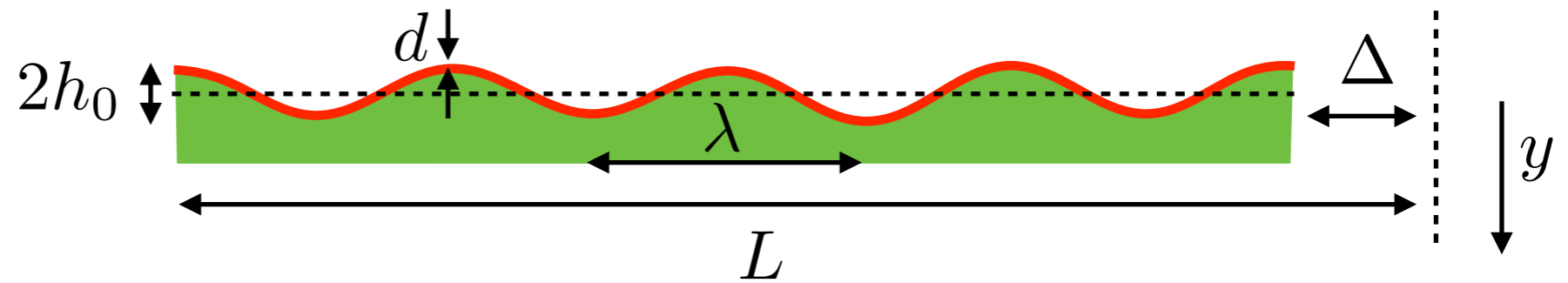
$$E_s \ll E_m$$

Note: soft elastic substrate is also compressed, but we will measure the substrate elastic energy relative to this base value!

Compression of stiff thin membranes on soft elastic substrates

assumed profile

$$h(s) = h_0 \cos(2\pi s/\lambda)$$

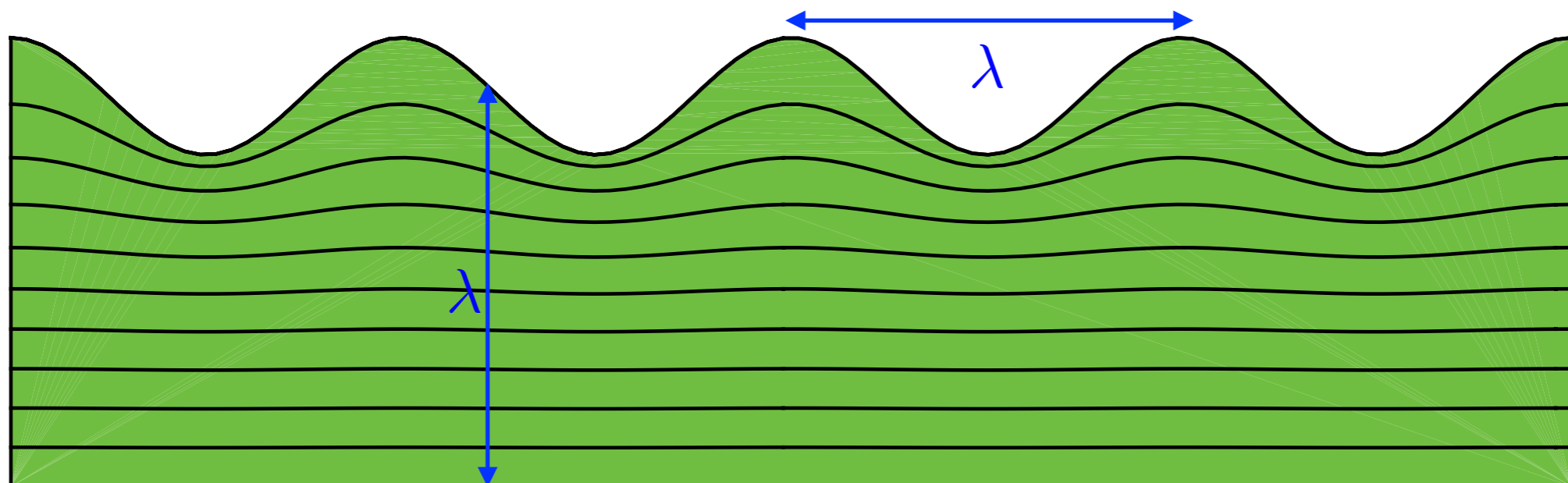


amplitude of wrinkles

$$h_0 = \frac{\lambda}{\pi} \sqrt{\frac{\Delta}{L}} = \frac{\lambda \sqrt{\epsilon}}{\pi}$$

deformation of the soft substrate decays exponentially away from the surface

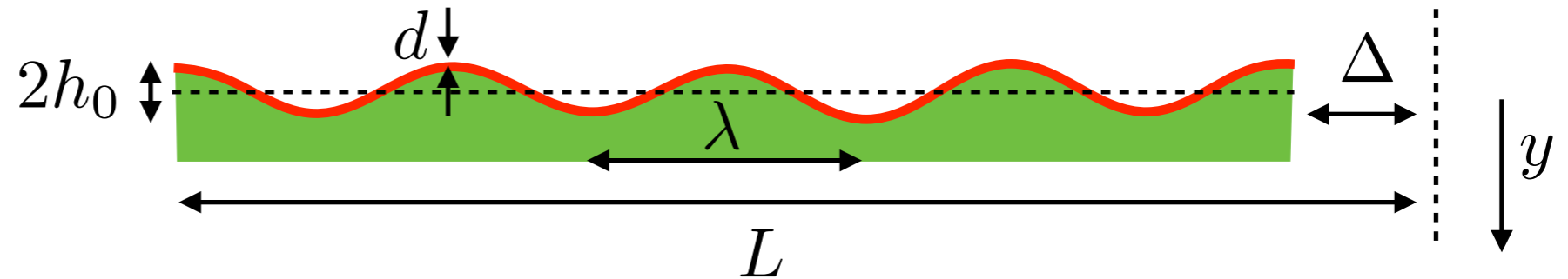
$$h(s, y) \approx h_0 \cos(2\pi s/\lambda) e^{-2\pi y/\lambda}$$



Compression of stiff thin membranes on soft elastic substrates

assumed profile

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deformation of the soft substrate decays exponentially away from the surface

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bending energy of stiff membrane

$$U_b \sim A \times \kappa \times \frac{1}{R^2} \sim A \times E_m d^3 \times \frac{h_0^2}{\lambda^4} \sim \frac{AE_m d^3 \epsilon}{\lambda^2}$$

deformation energy of soft substrate

$$U_s \sim V \times E_s \times \epsilon_s^2 \sim A\lambda \times E_s \times \frac{h_0^2}{\lambda^2} \sim AE_s \lambda \epsilon$$

minimize total energy ($U_b + U_s$) with respect to λ

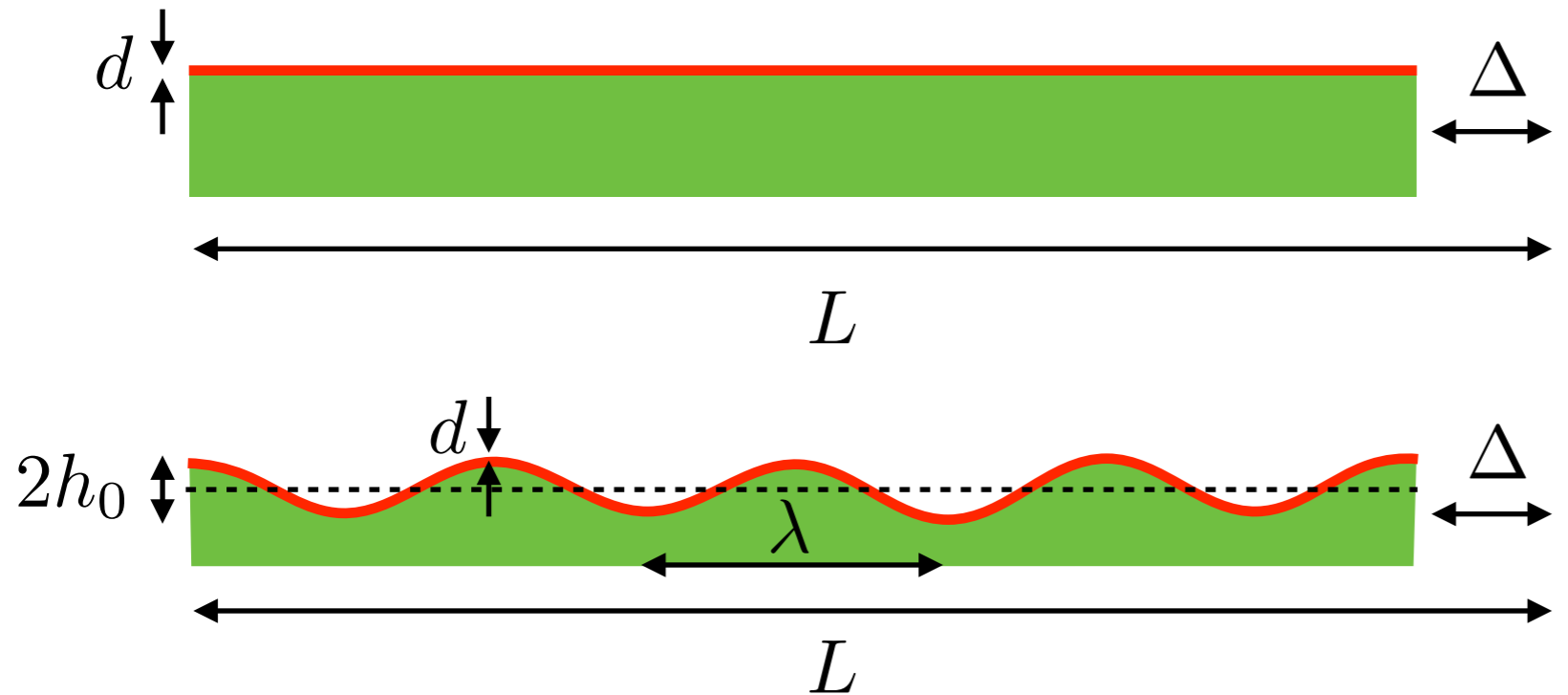


$$\lambda \sim d \left(\frac{E_m}{E_s} \right)^{1/3}$$



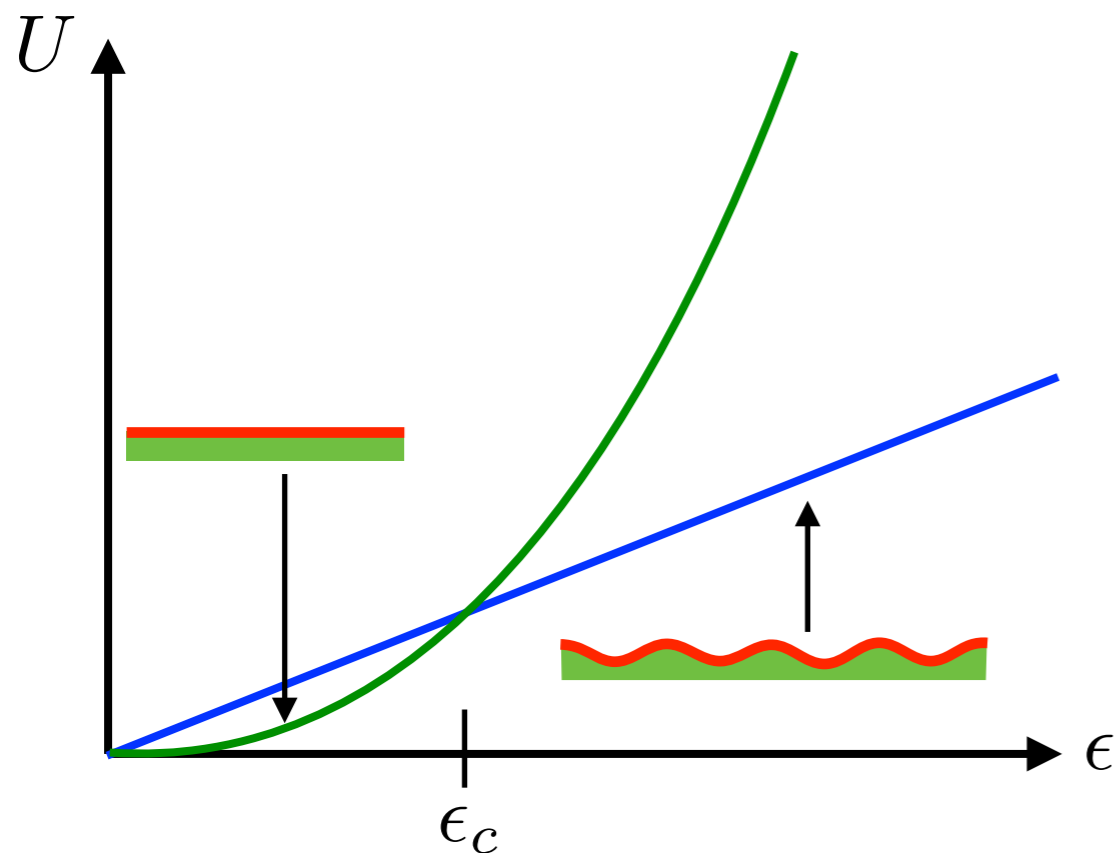
$$U_b, U_s \sim Ad\epsilon (E_s^2 E_m)^{1/3}$$

Compression of stiff thin membranes on soft elastic substrates



$$U_c \sim A \times E_m d \times \epsilon^2$$

$$U_b, U_s \sim A d \epsilon (E_s^2 E_m)^{1/3}$$



wrinkles are stable for large strains

wavelength of wrinkles

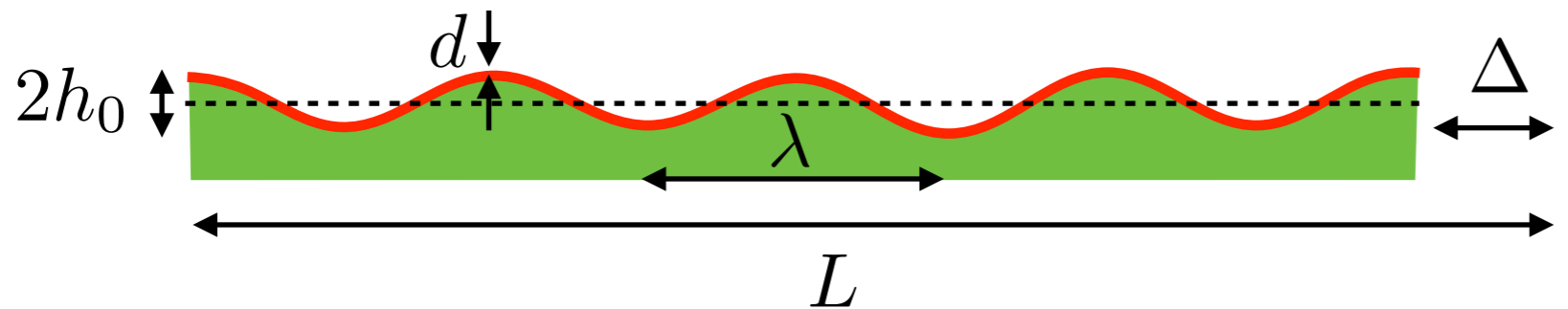
amplitude of wrinkles at the critical strain

$$\epsilon > \epsilon_c \sim \left(\frac{E_s}{E_m} \right)^{2/3}$$

$$\lambda \sim d \left(\frac{E_m}{E_s} \right)^{1/3}$$

$$h_0^* \sim \lambda \sqrt{\epsilon_c} \sim d$$

Compression of stiff thin membranes on liquid and soft elastic substrates

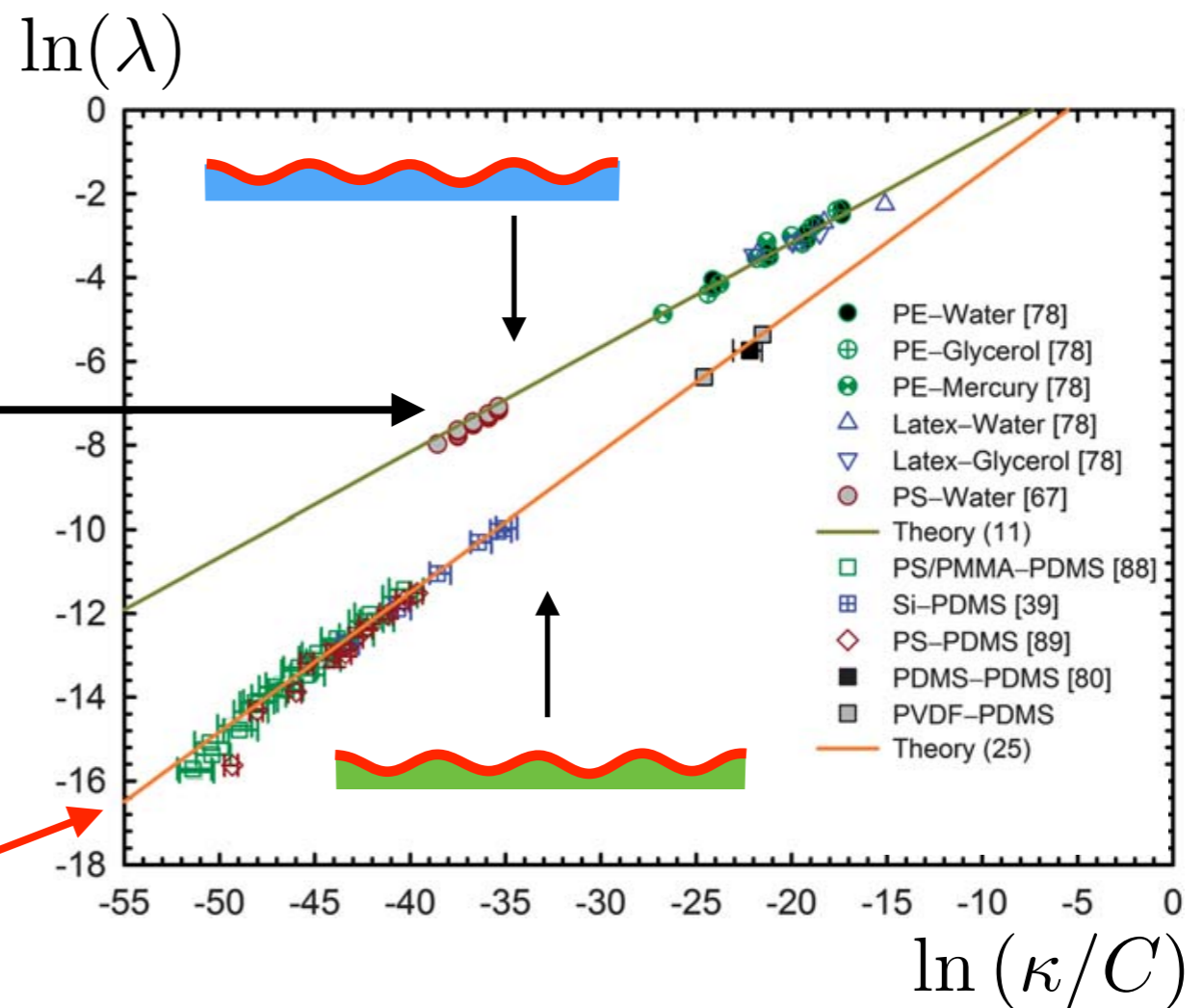


wavelength of wrinkles on liquid substrates

$$\lambda = 2\pi \left(\frac{\kappa}{\rho g} \right)^{1/4}$$

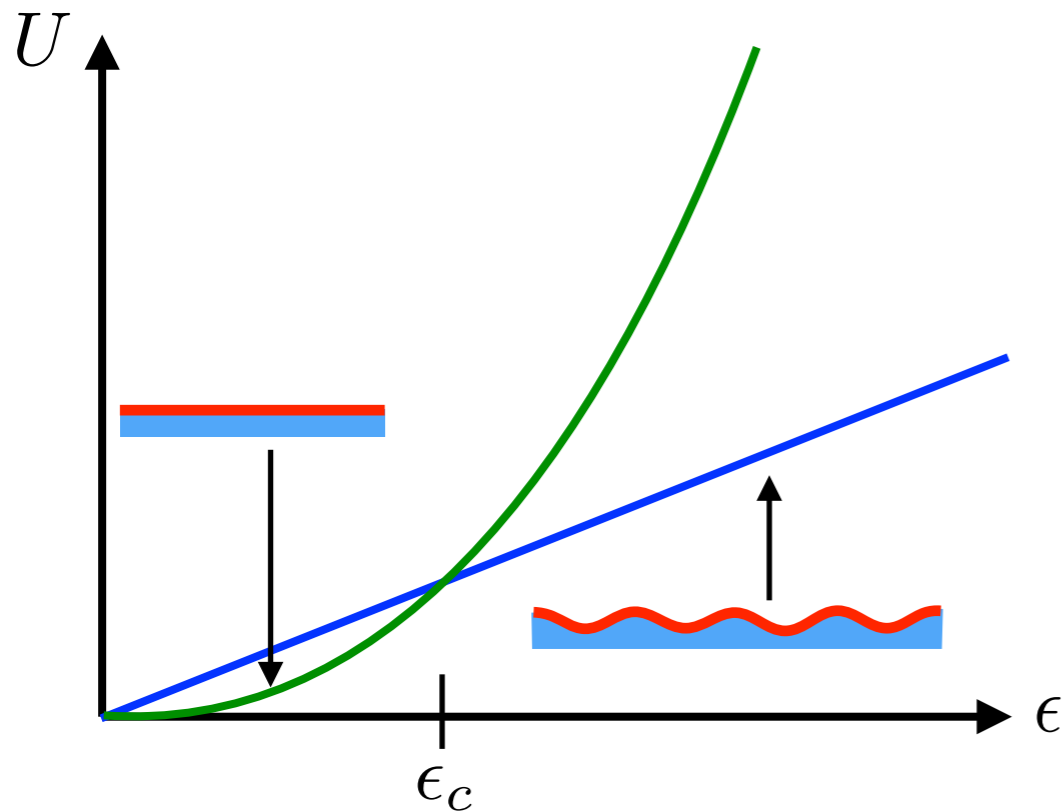
wavelength of wrinkles on soft elastic substrates

$$\lambda = 2\pi \left(\frac{3\kappa}{E_s} \right)^{1/3}$$



Compression of stiff thin sheets on liquid and soft elastic substrates

liquid substrate



wrinkles are stable above the critical strain

$$\epsilon > \epsilon_c \sim \sqrt{\frac{\rho g d}{E_m}}$$

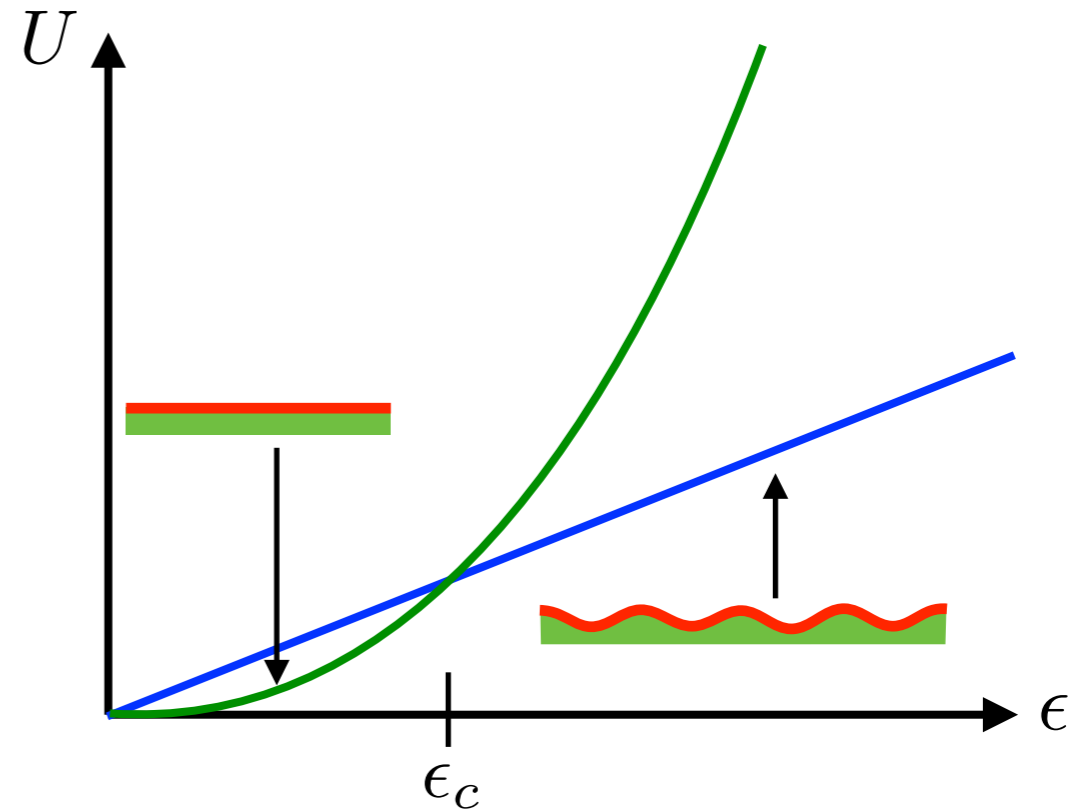
wavelength of wrinkles

$$\lambda \sim \left(\frac{E_m d^3}{\rho g} \right)^{1/4}$$

amplitude of wrinkles

$$h_0 \sim \lambda \sqrt{\epsilon}$$

soft elastic substrate $E_s \ll E_m$



wrinkles are stable for large strains

$$\epsilon > \epsilon_c \sim \left(\frac{E_s}{E_m} \right)^{2/3}$$

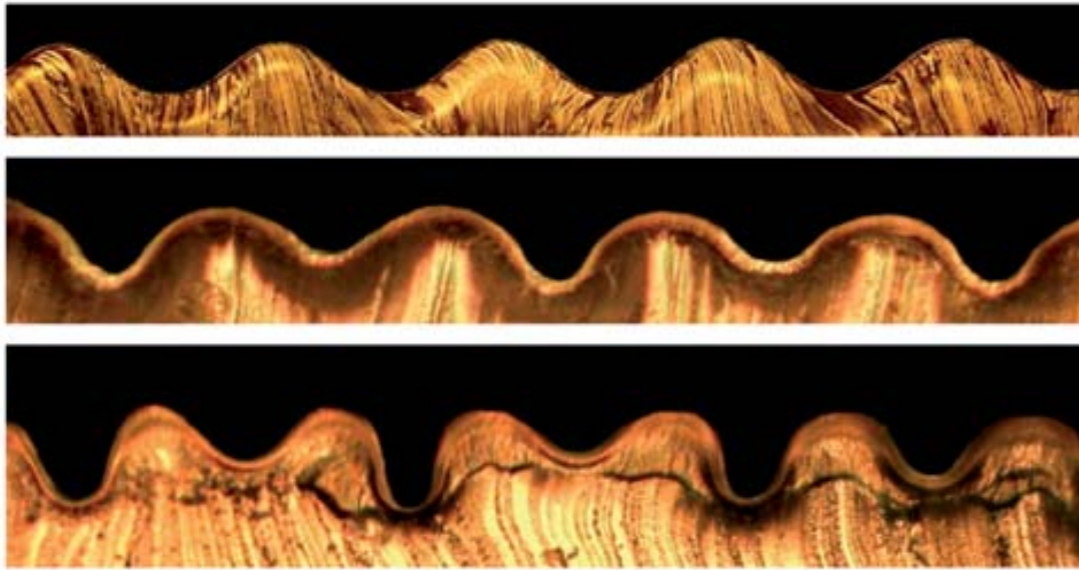
wavelength of wrinkles

$$\lambda \sim d \left(\frac{E_m}{E_s} \right)^{1/3}$$

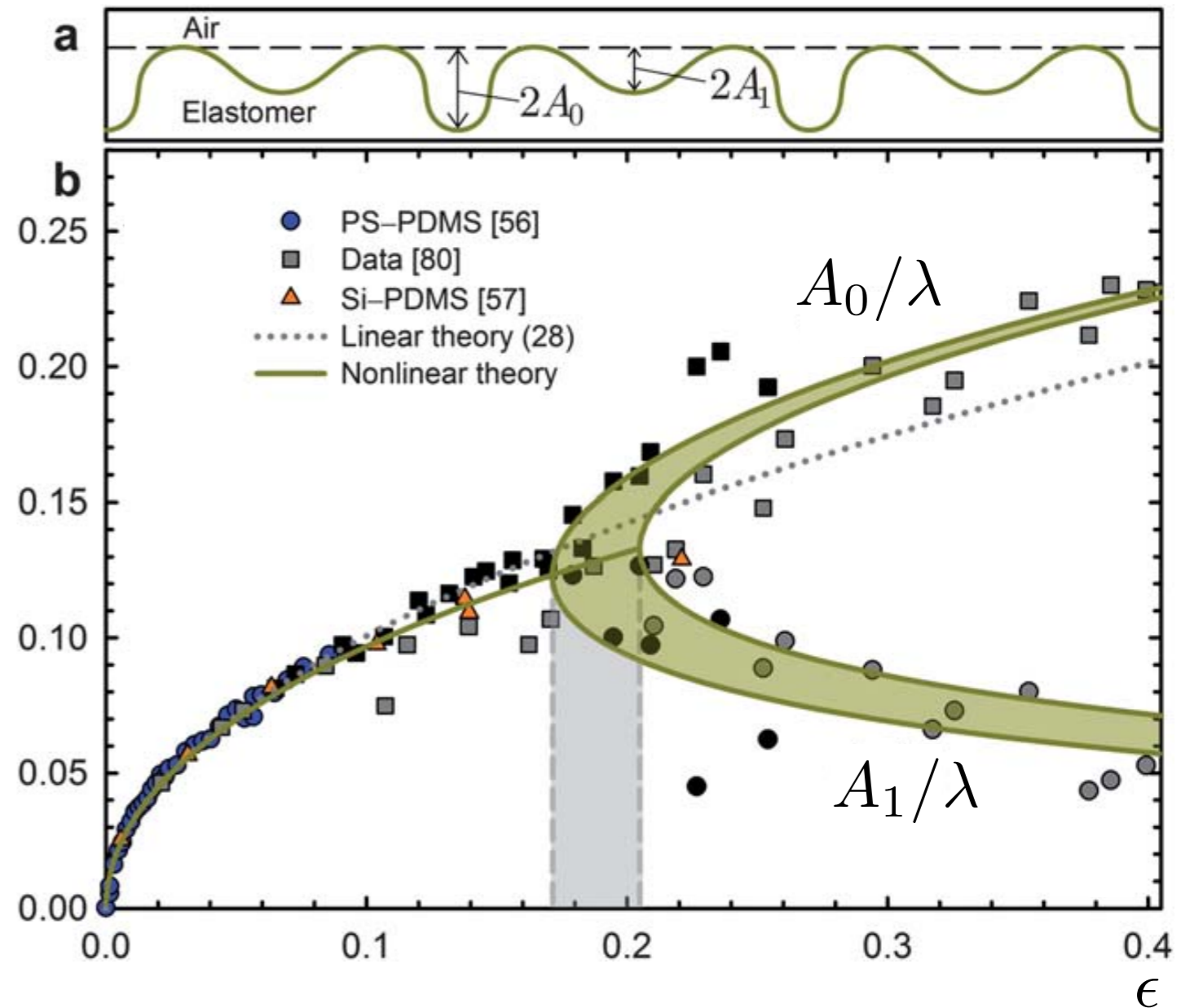
amplitude of wrinkles

$$h_0 \sim \lambda \sqrt{\epsilon}$$

Compression of stiff thin membranes on soft elastic substrates



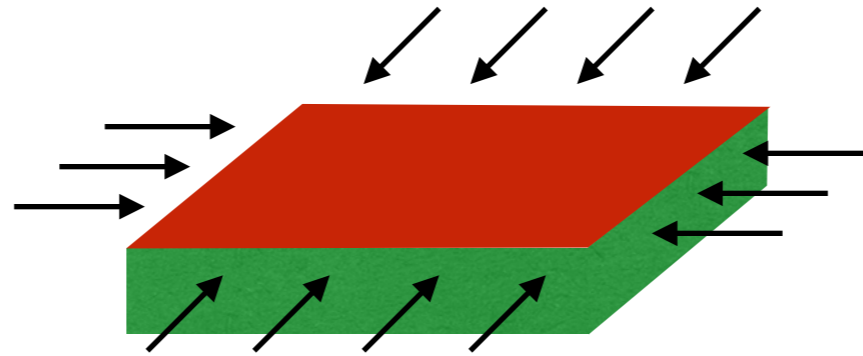
In order to explain period doubling (quadrupling, ...) one has to take into account the full nonlinear deformation of the soft substrate!



Uniform compression of stiff thin membranes on soft elastic substrates

critical strain

$$\epsilon_c \sim \left(\frac{E_s}{E_m} \right)^{2/3}$$



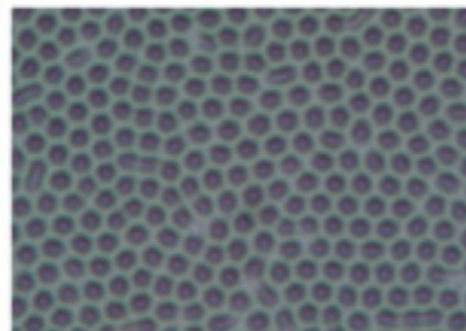
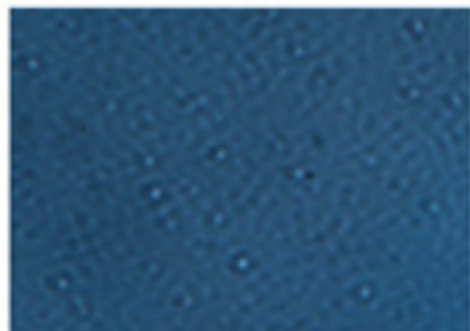
hexagonal crystal of bumps

ϵ/ϵ_c

$\lesssim 1$

$\gtrsim 1$

1.3



characteristic wavelength

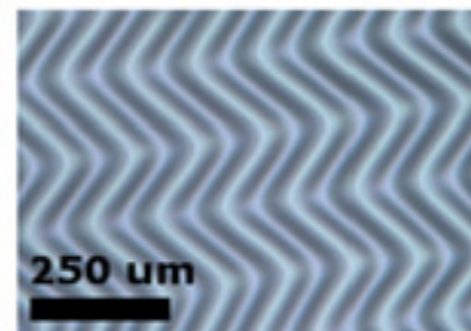
$$\lambda \sim d \left(\frac{E_m}{E_s} \right)^{1/3}$$

ϵ/ϵ_c

1.7

3.0

4.1

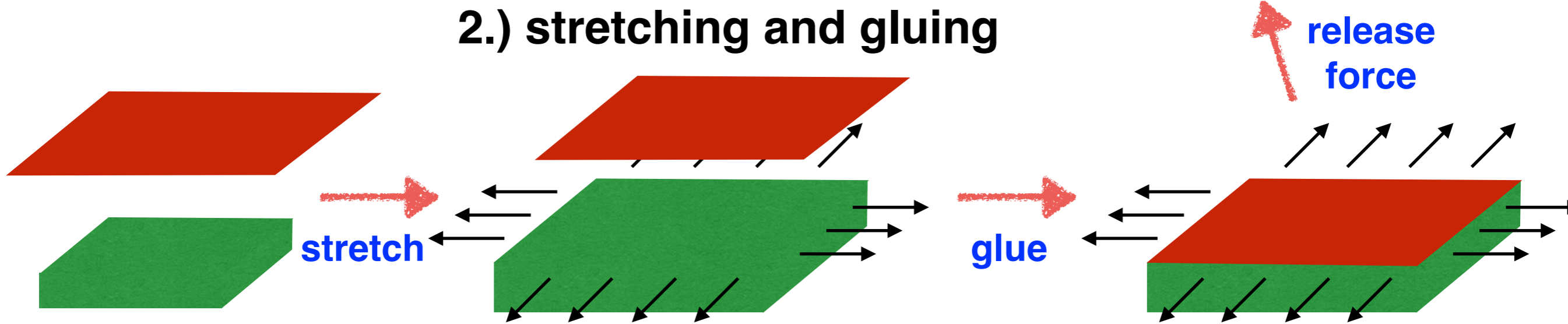
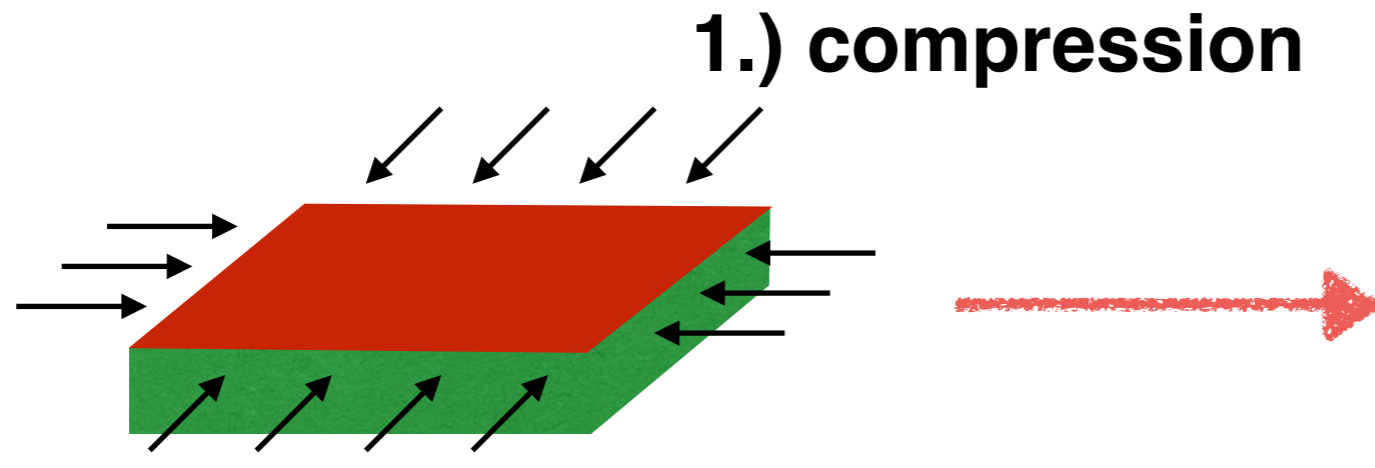


herringbone pattern

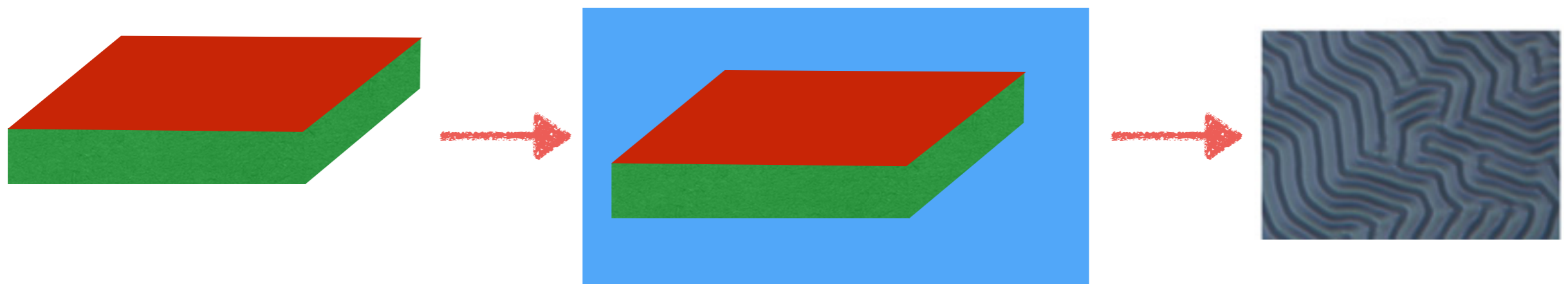
S. Cai et al., *J. Mech. Phys. Solids* **59**, 1094 (2011)

Experimental protocols

All protocols produce equivalent results for small strains!



3.) differential swelling of gels



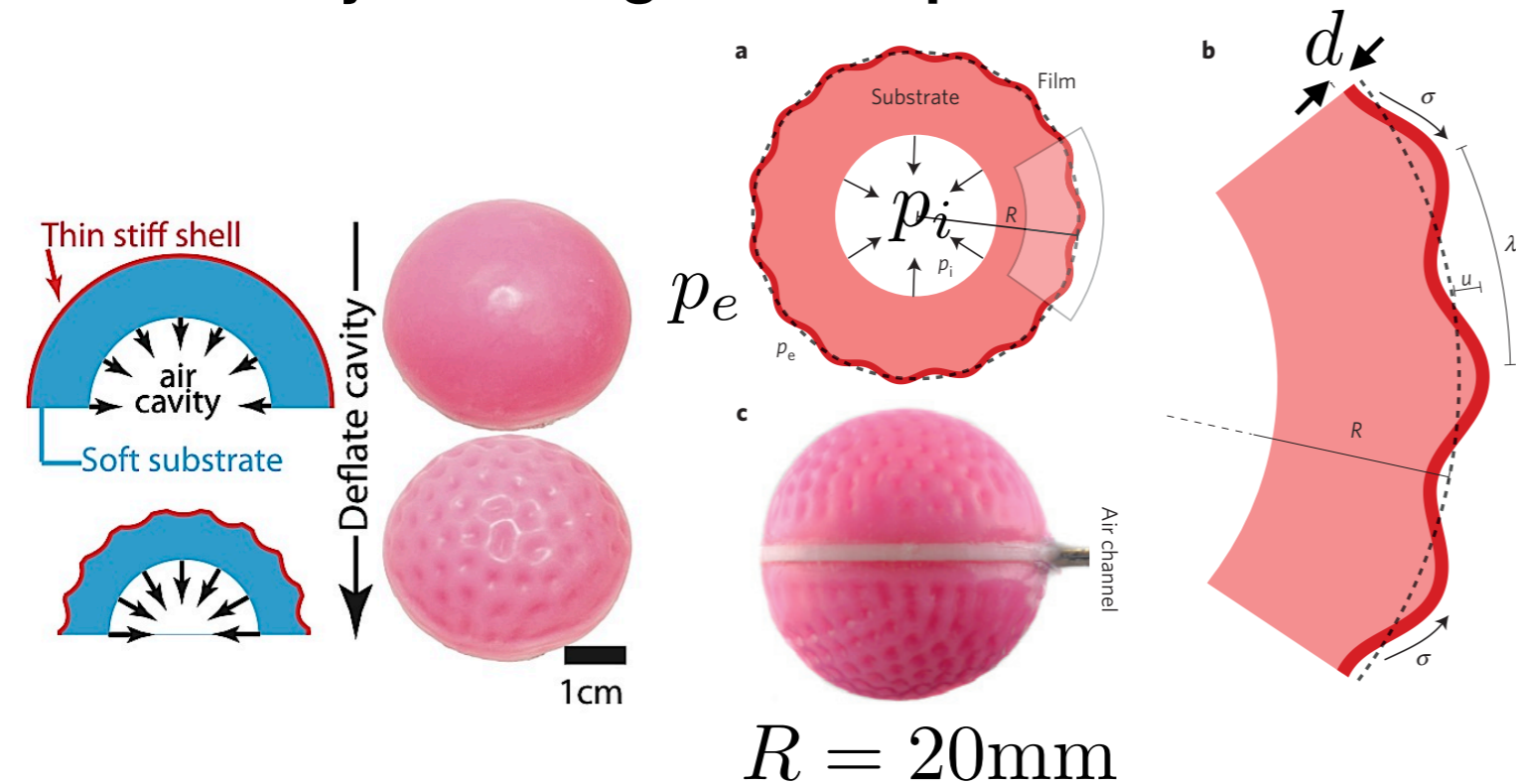
- 4.) differential growth in biology
- 5.) differential expansion due to temperature, electric field, etc.

red gel swells more than the green gel

Compression of stiff thin membranes on a spherical soft substrates

Spherical shells are compressed by reducing internal pressure

Phase diagram of dimples/wrinkles

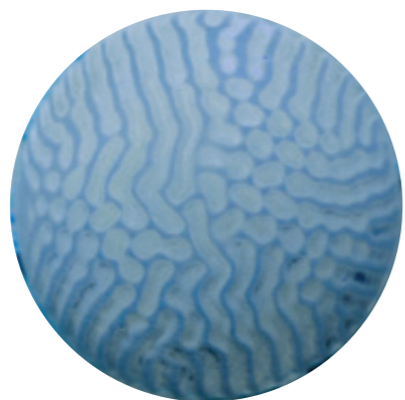


$R = 20\text{mm}$

hexagonal phase

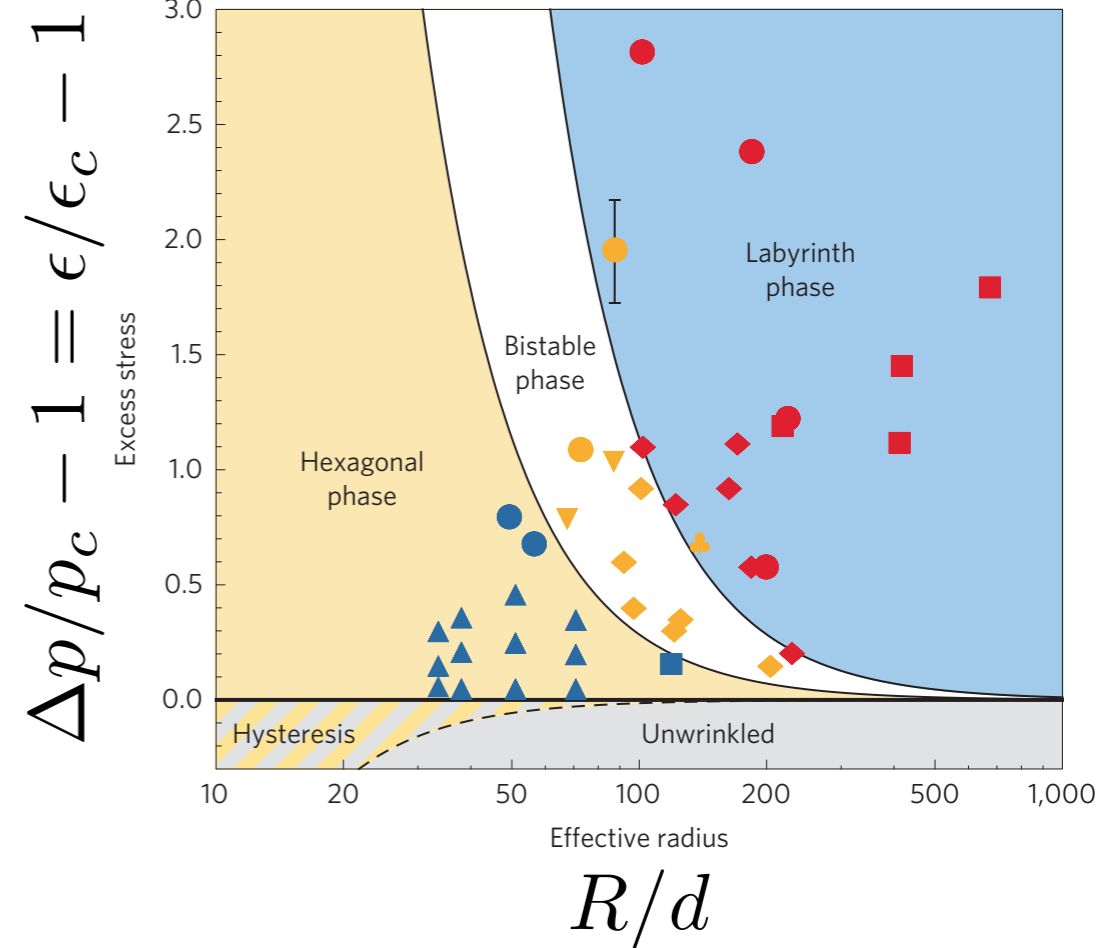
bistable phase

labyrinth phase



R/d

13

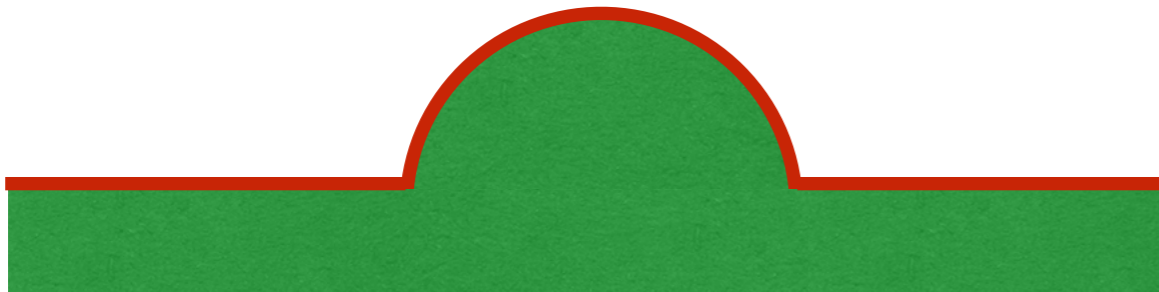


characteristic wavelength is almost independent of radius R

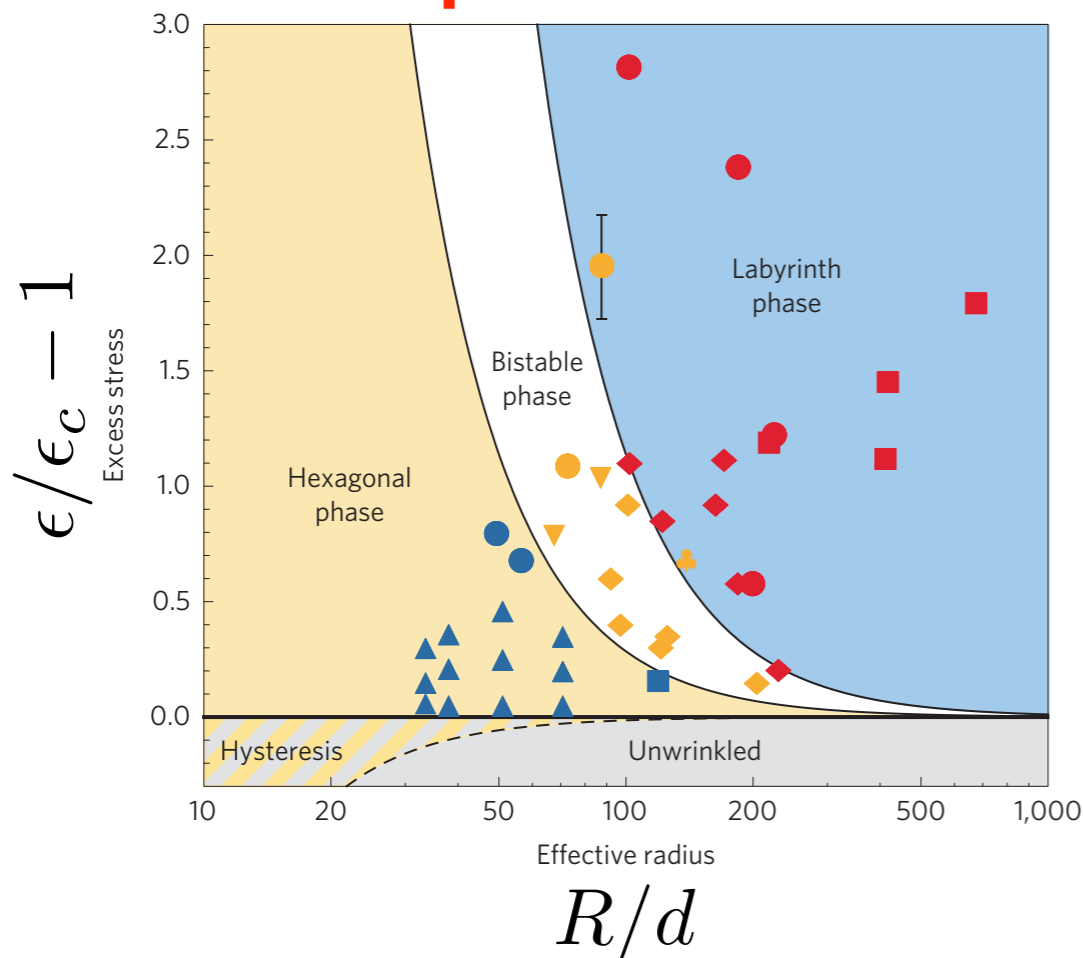
$$\lambda \sim d \left(\frac{E_m}{E_s} \right)^{1/3}$$

Compression of stiff thin membranes on a spherical soft substrates

Swelling of gels (red gel swells more than the green one)

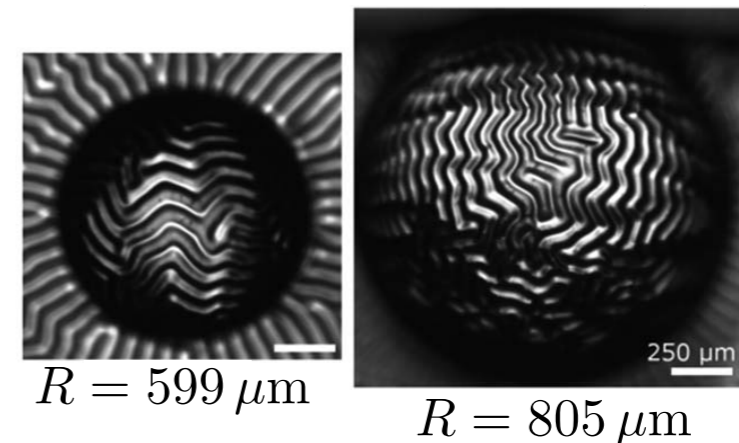
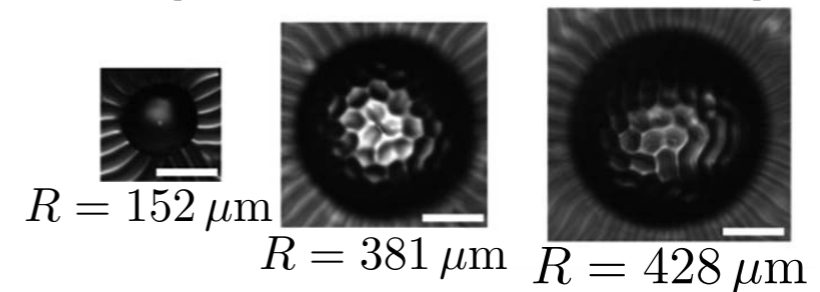


Phase diagram of dimples/wrinkles

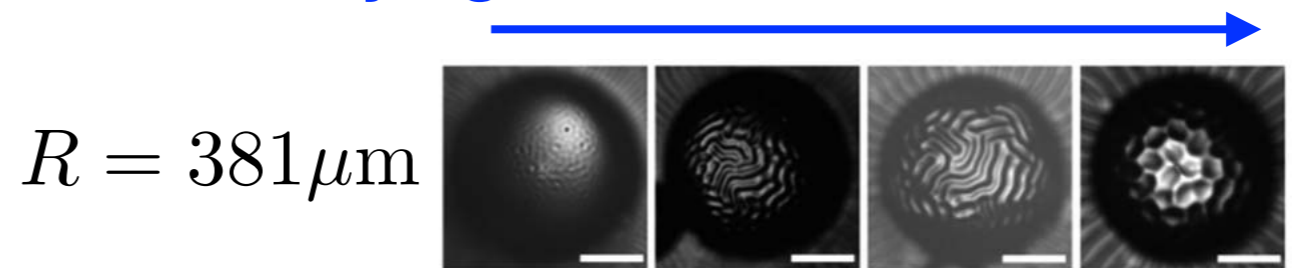


D. Breid and A.J. Crosby,
Soft Matter **9**, 3624 (2013)

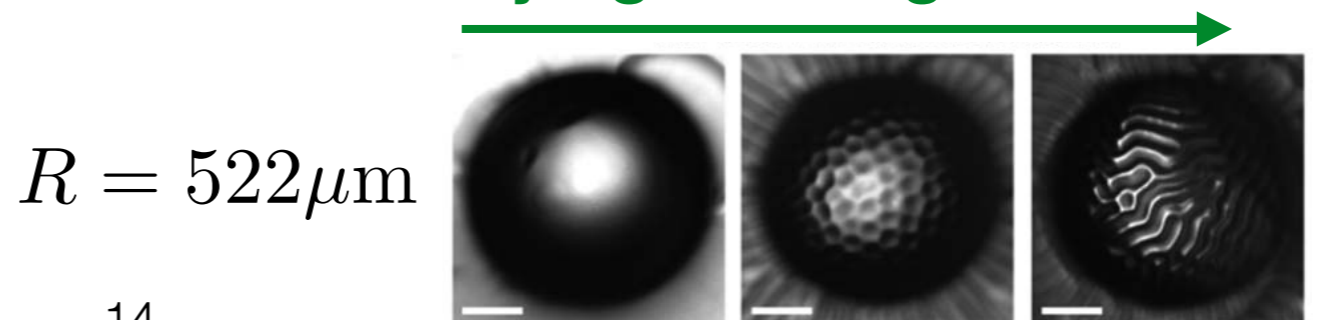
Modifying radius R
(fixed thickness d)



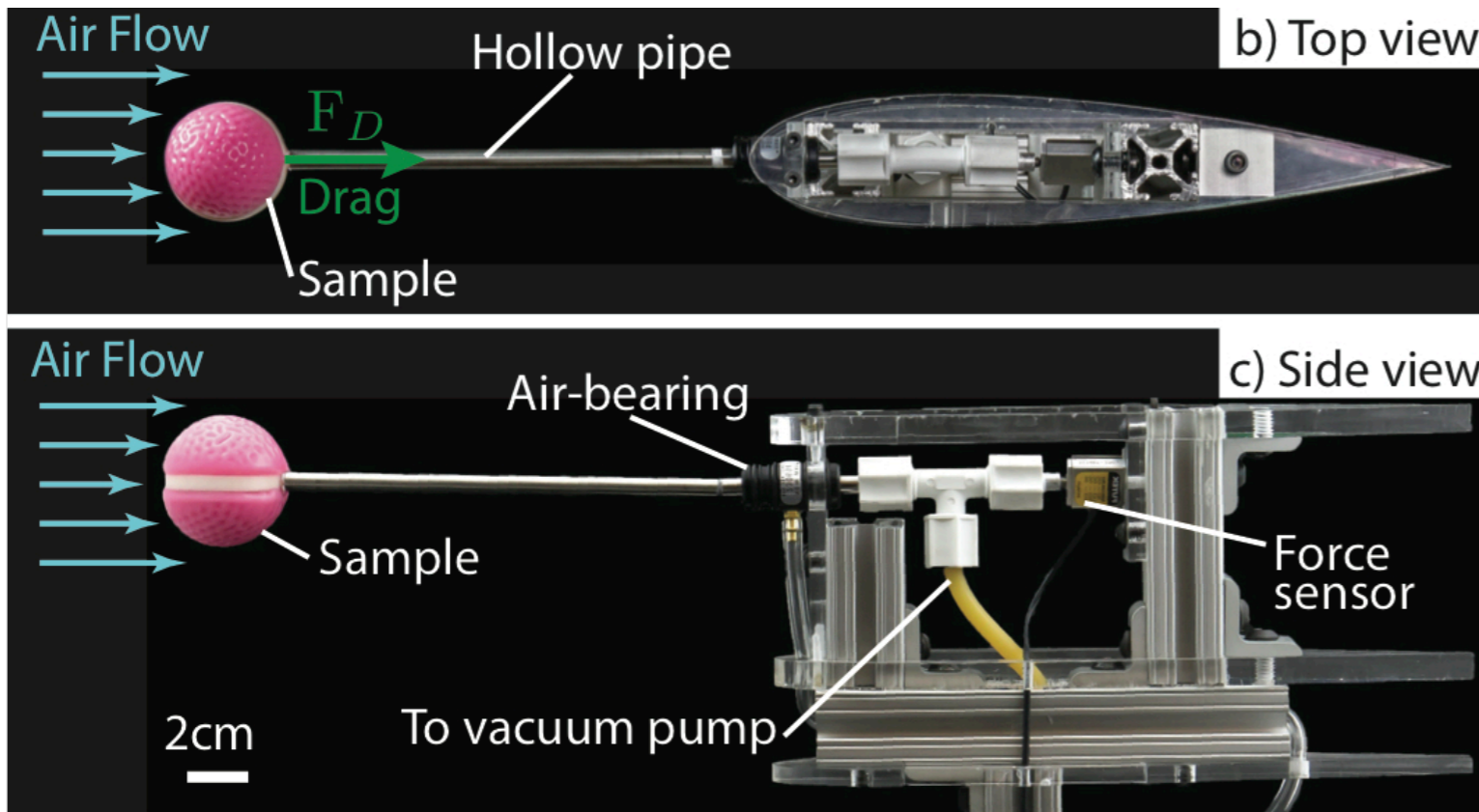
Modifying membrane thickness d



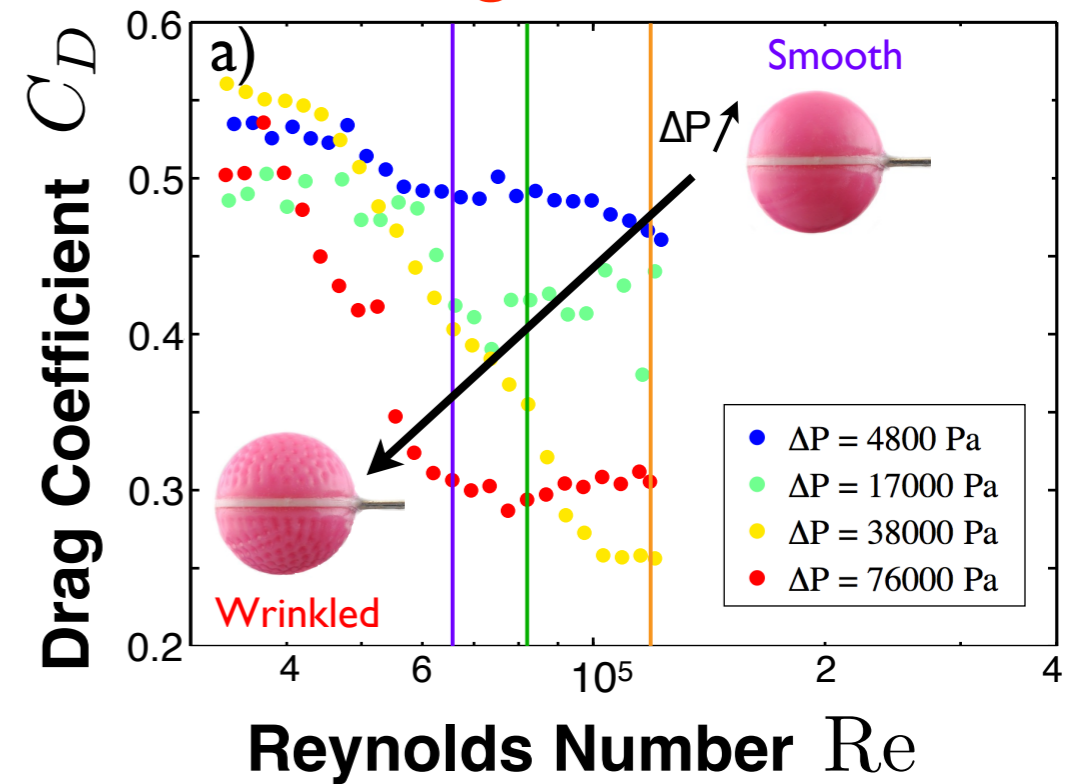
Modifying swelling strain ϵ



Tuning drag coefficient via wrinkling



Wrinkling reduces drag coefficient



Drag Force

$$F_d = \frac{1}{2} C_D \rho u^2 A$$

ρ air density

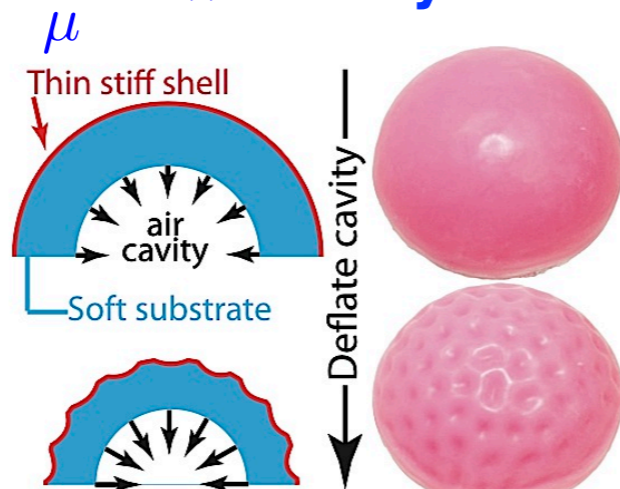
u air flow speed

R sphere radius

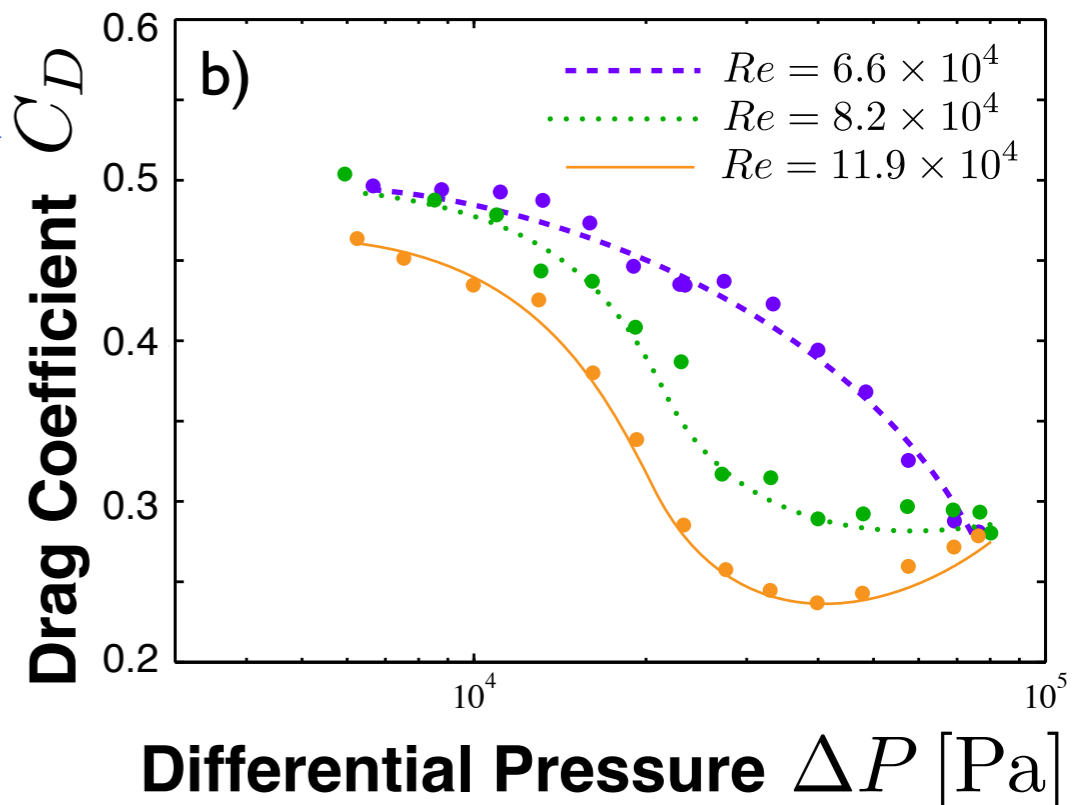
$A = \pi R^2$ sphere cross-section area

μ air viscosity

$$Re = \frac{\rho u (2R)}{\mu} \gg 1 \text{ Reynolds Number}$$

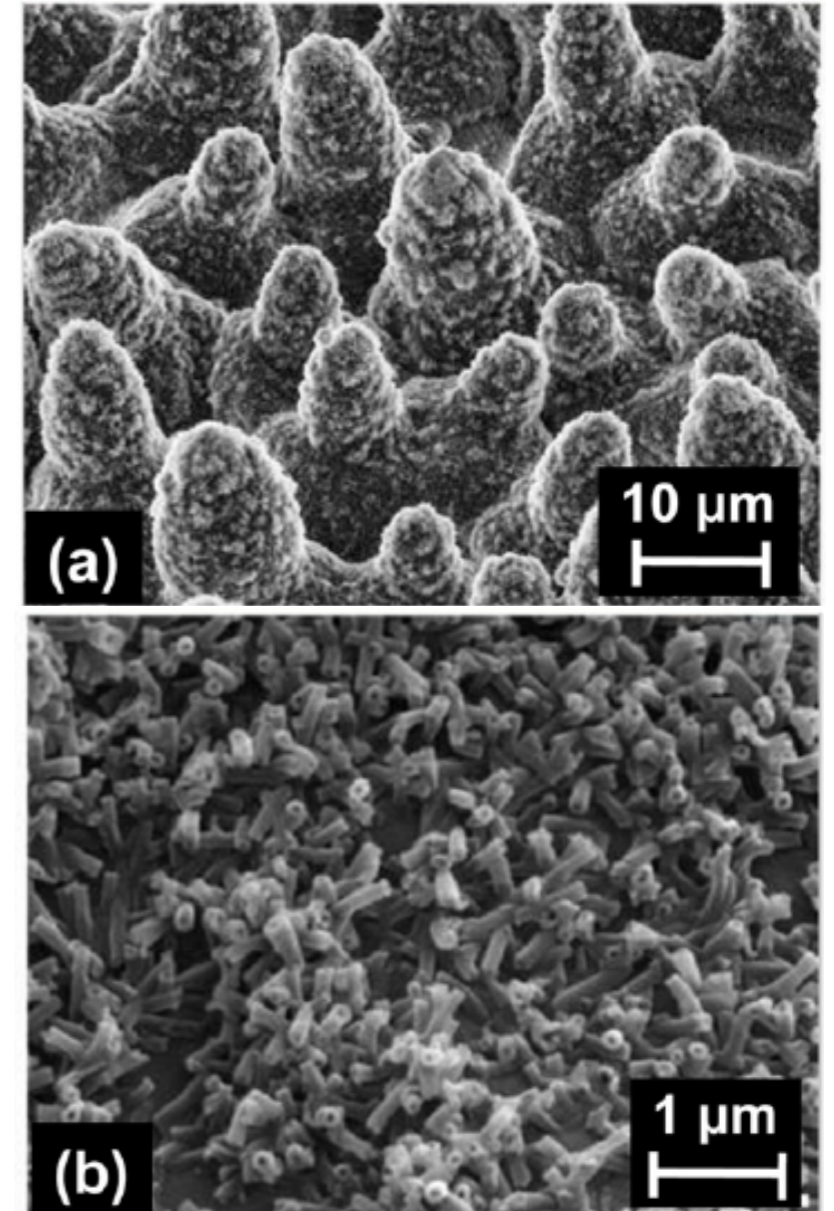


Depth of wrinkling is controlled via the reduction of internal pressure ΔP .



Self-cleaning property of lotus leaves

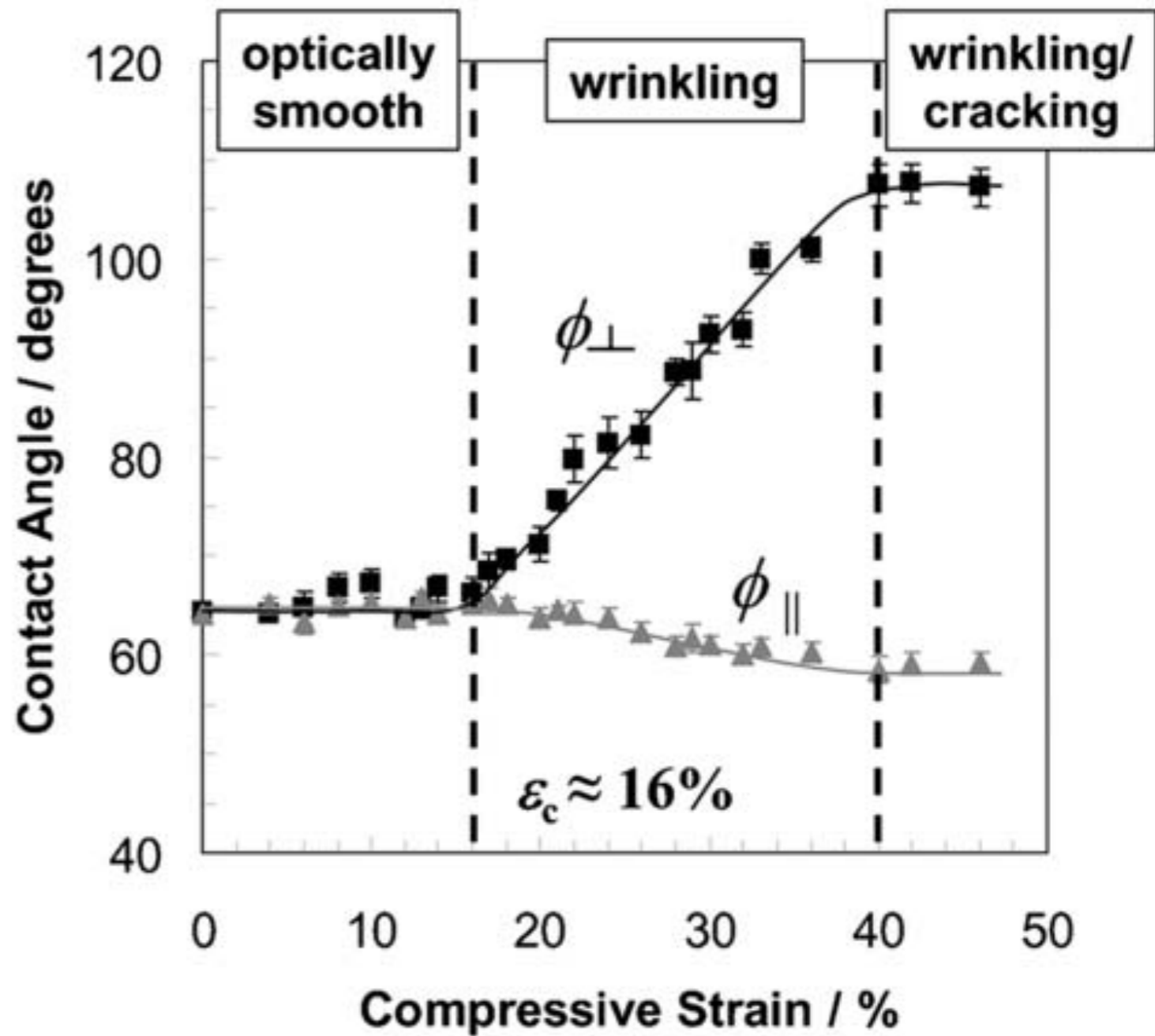
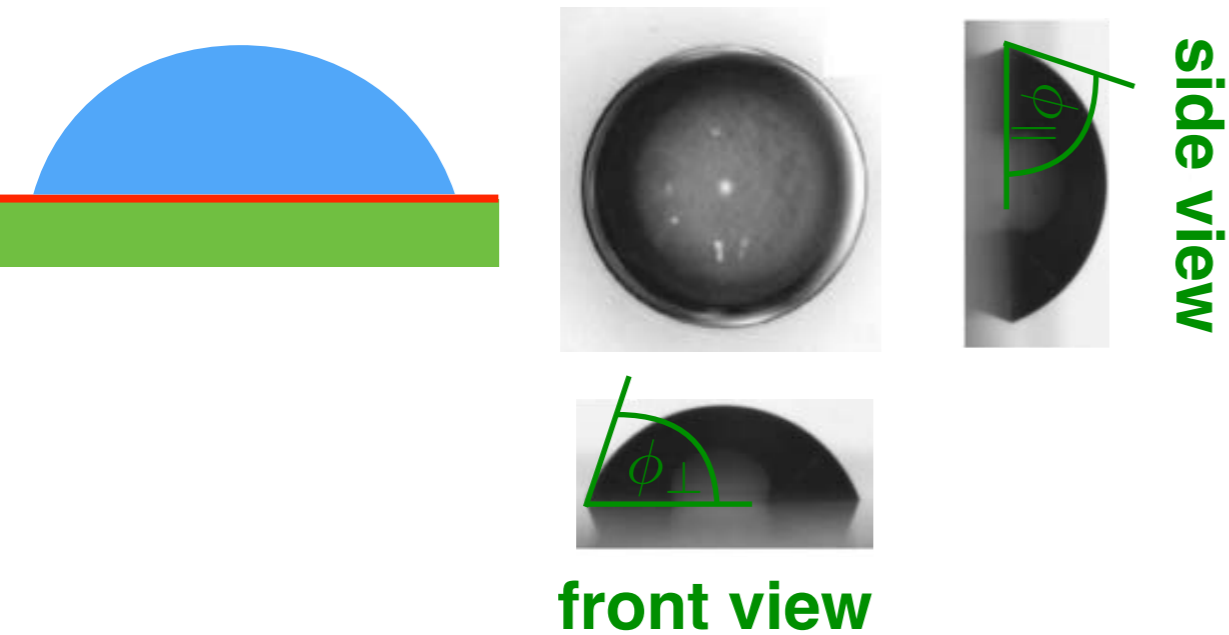
Lotus leaves repel water (hydrophobicity)
due to the rough periodic microstructure



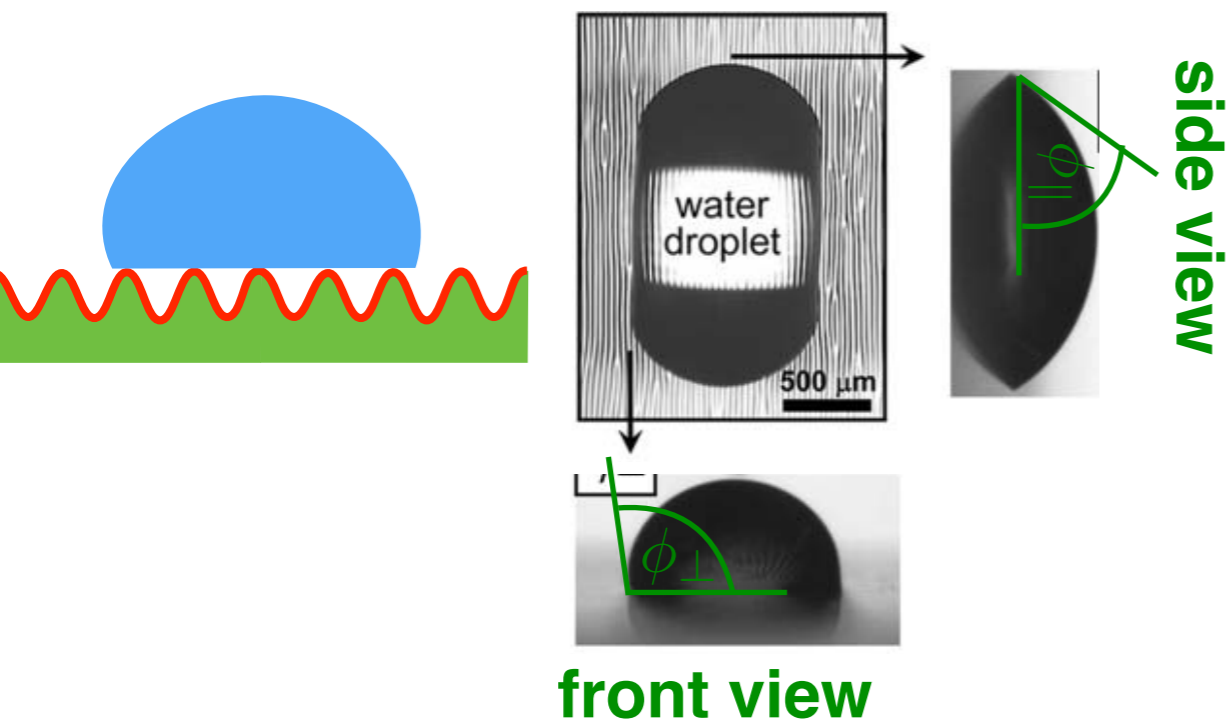
M. N. Costa et al.,
Nanotechnology **25**, 094006 (2014)

Tuning wetting angle via wrinkling

Water droplet on a flat surface

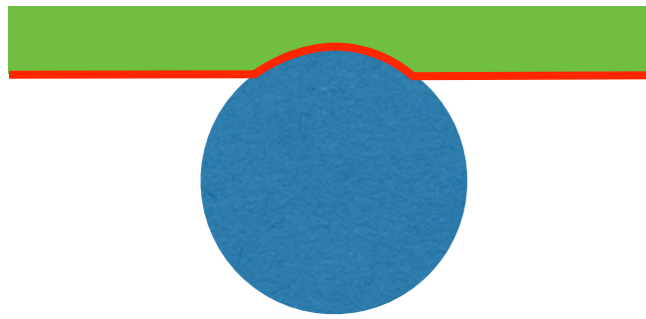


Water droplet on a wrinkled surface (wrinkling increases contact angle)

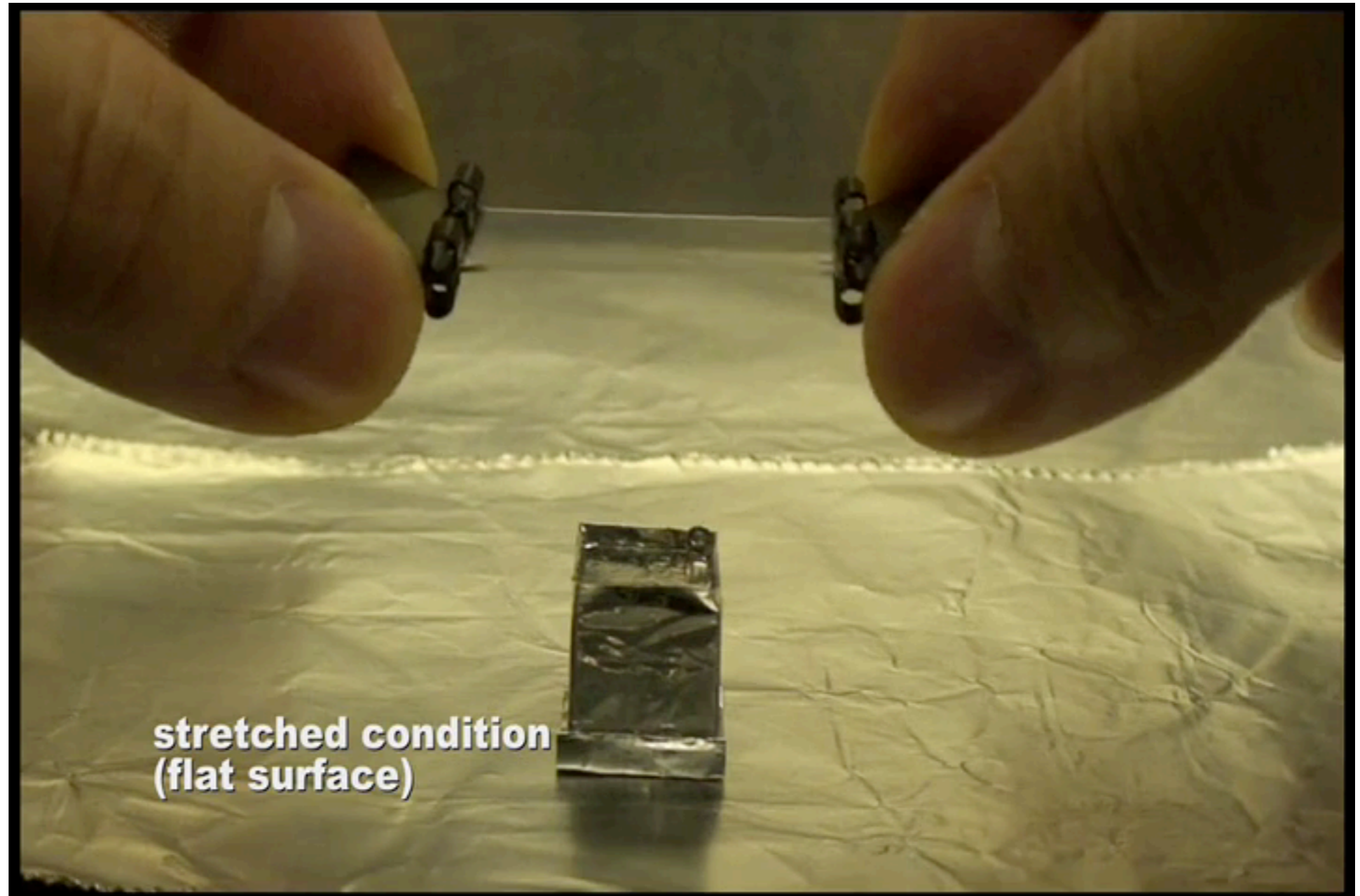
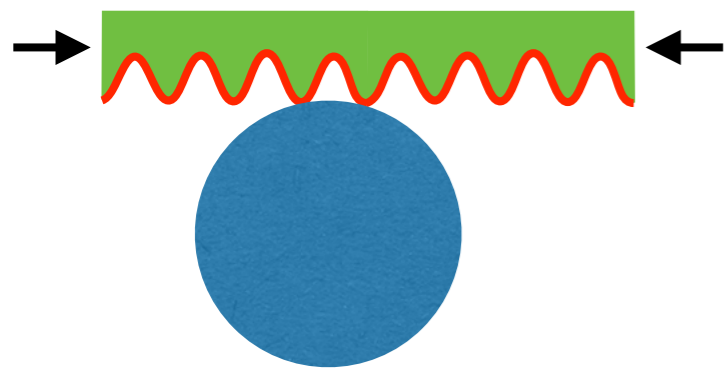


Tuning adhesion via wrinkling

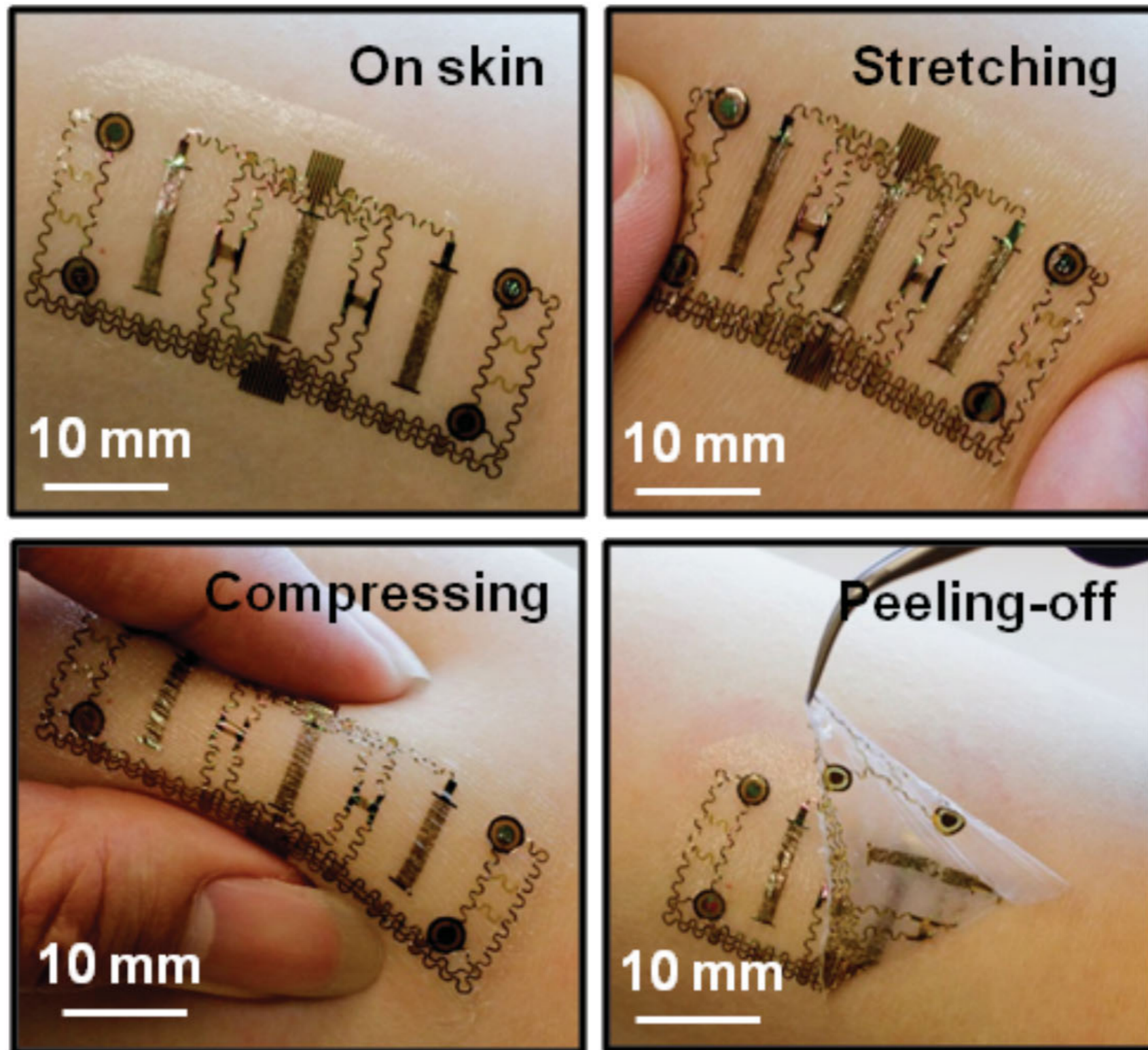
Flat compliant surface has enhanced adhesion (larger contact area)



Wrinkling reduces adhesion (smaller contact area)

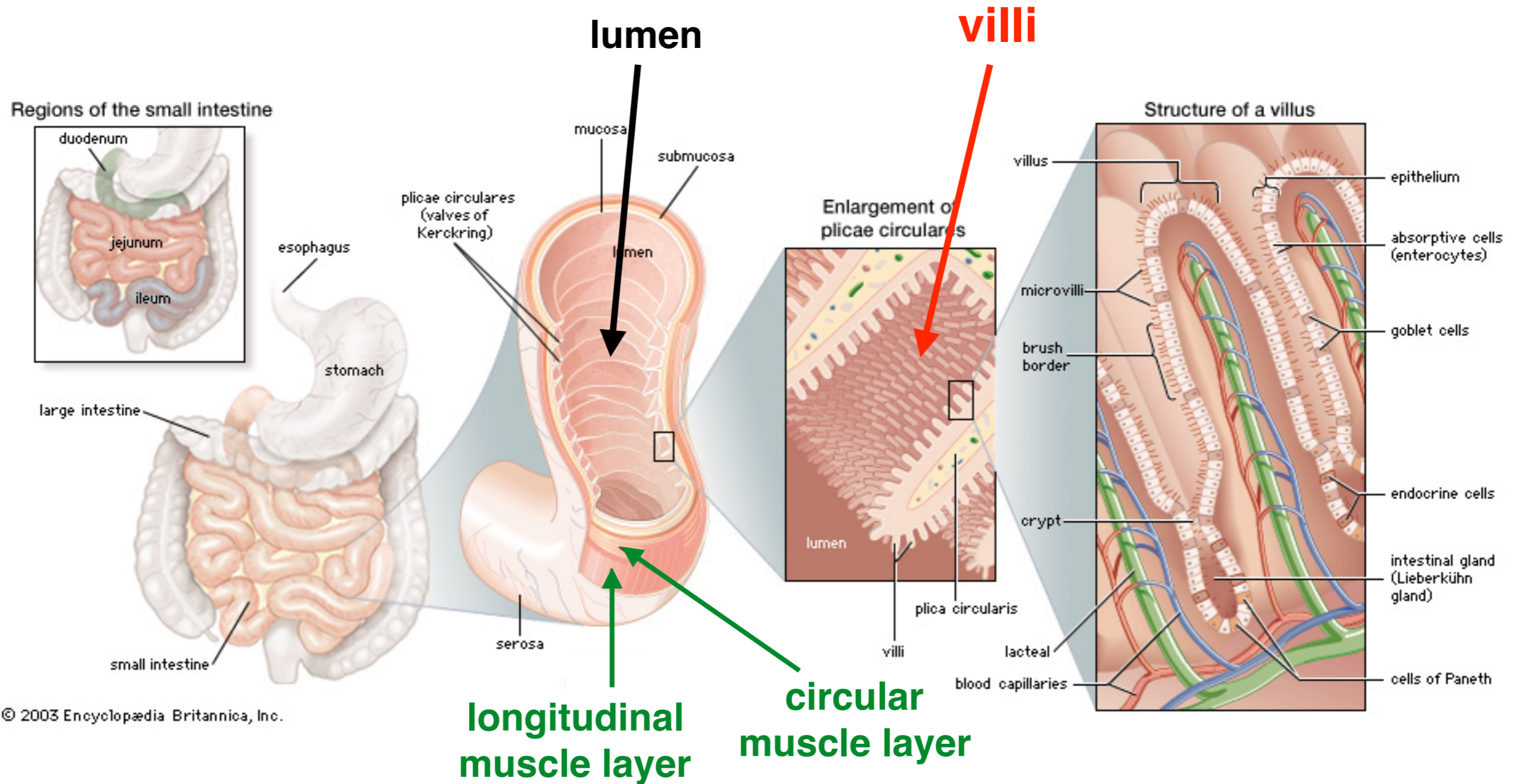


Wrinkled structures can be used for flexible electronics



B. Xu et al., *Adv. Mater.* **28**, 4462 (2016)

How are villi formed in guts?



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Villi increase internal surface area of intestine for faster absorption of digested nutrients.

Lumen patterns in chick embryo

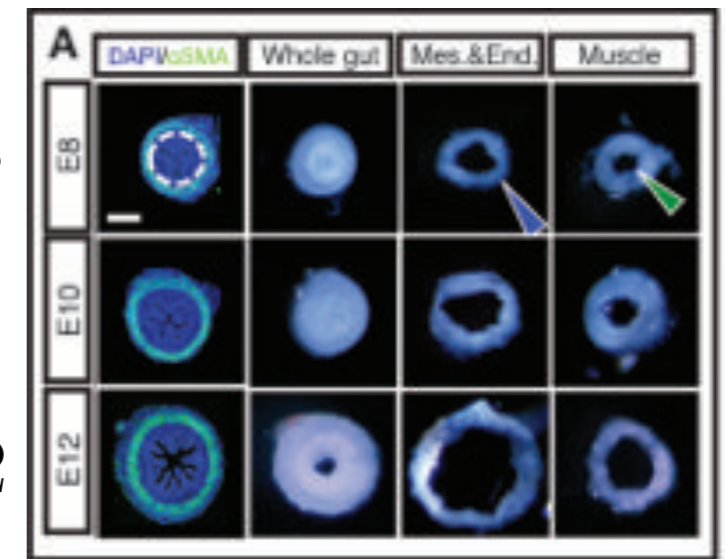


DAPI marks cell nuclei

α SMA marks smooth muscle actin

E...: age of chick embryo in days

Stiff muscles grow slower than softer mesenchyme and endoderm layers

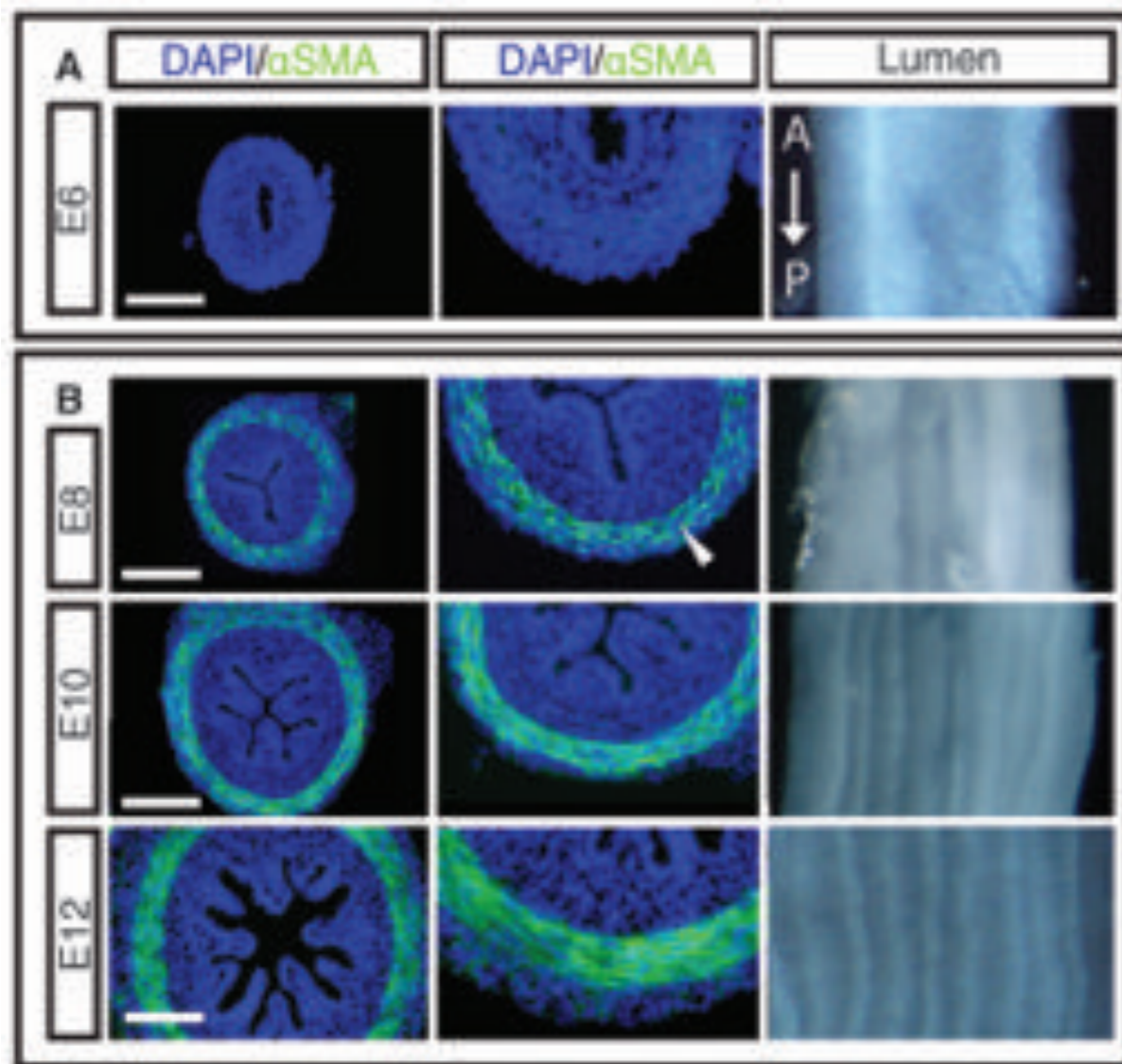
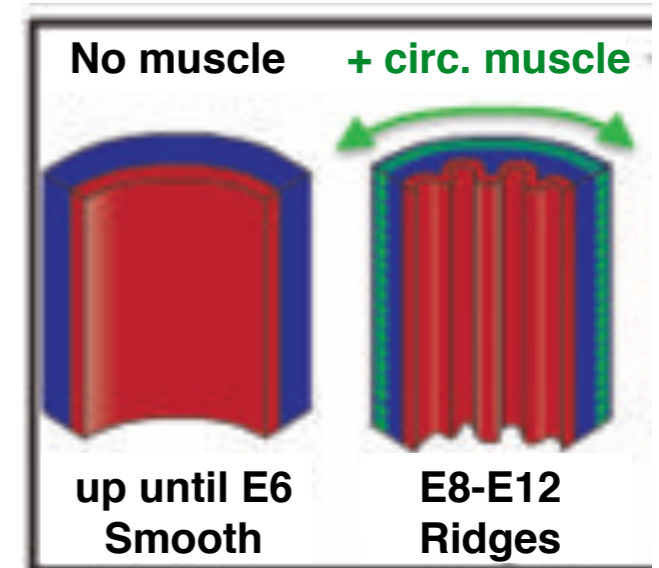


E8

E10

E12

radial compression due to differential growth produces striped wrinkles



E6

E8

E10

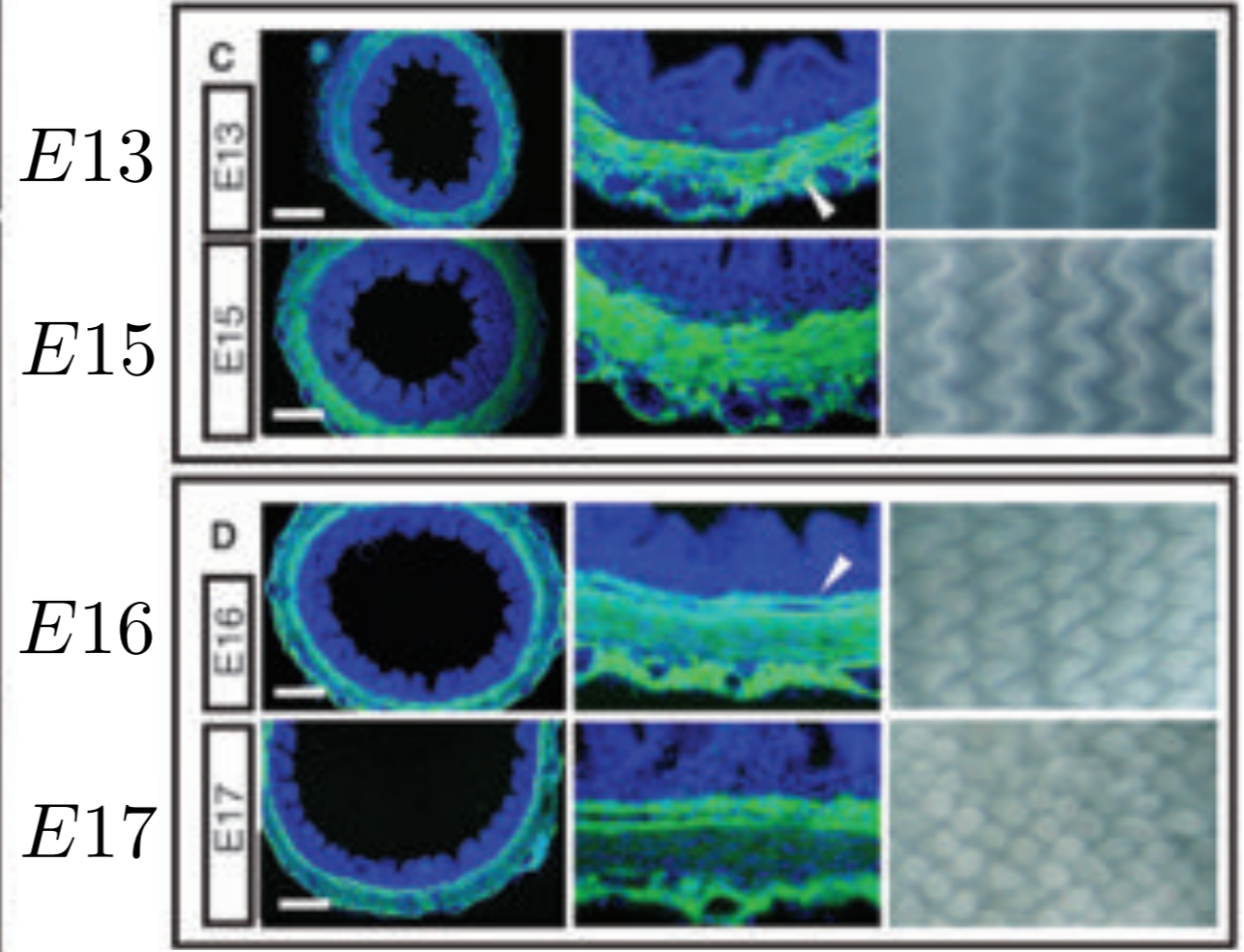
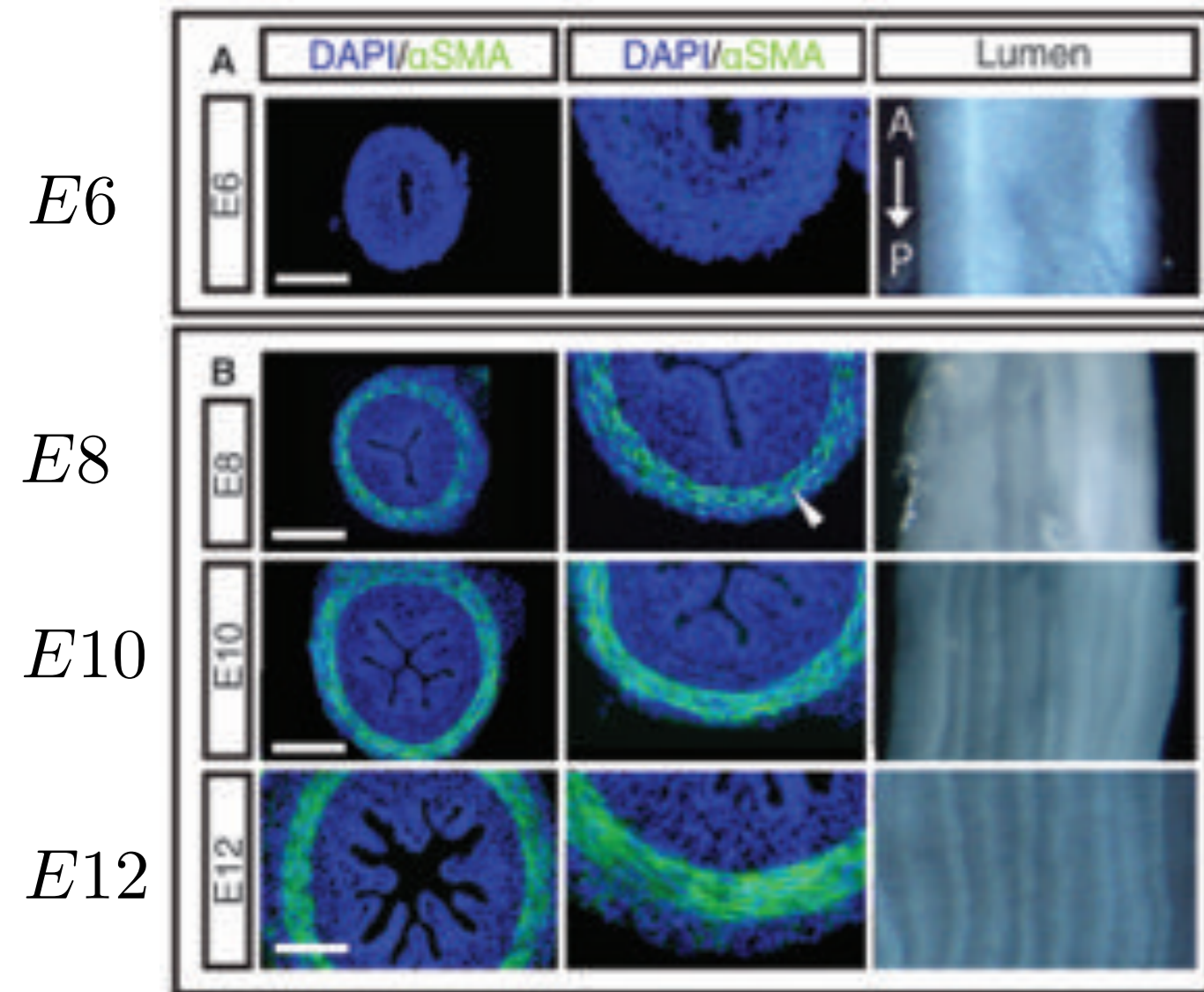
E12

↑
100 μ m

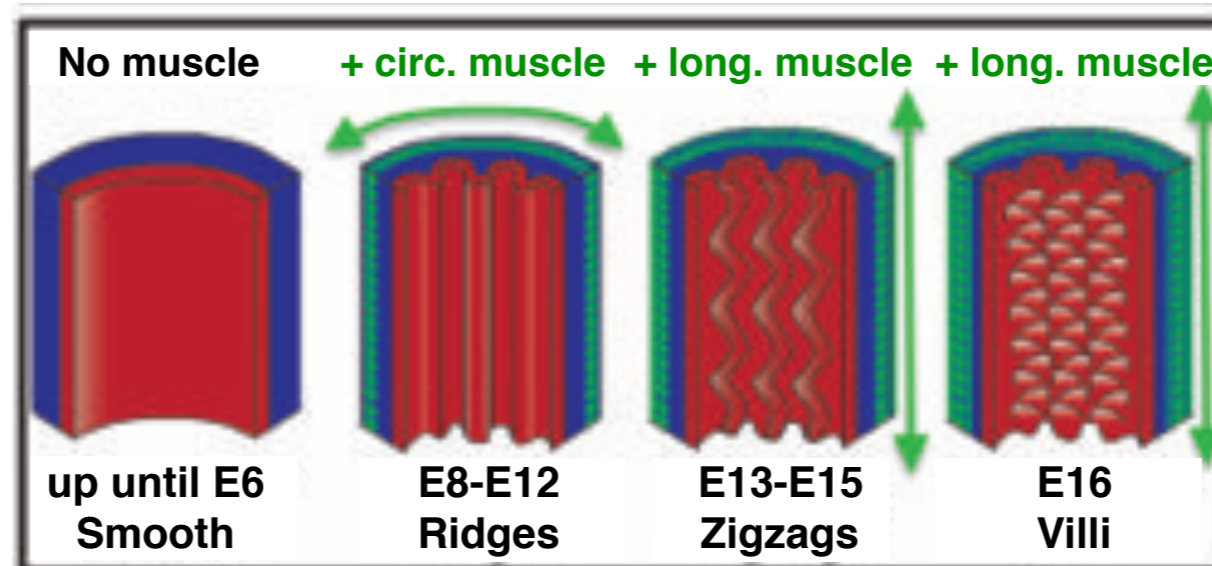
endoderm
mesenchyme
muscle

Lumen patterns in chick embryo

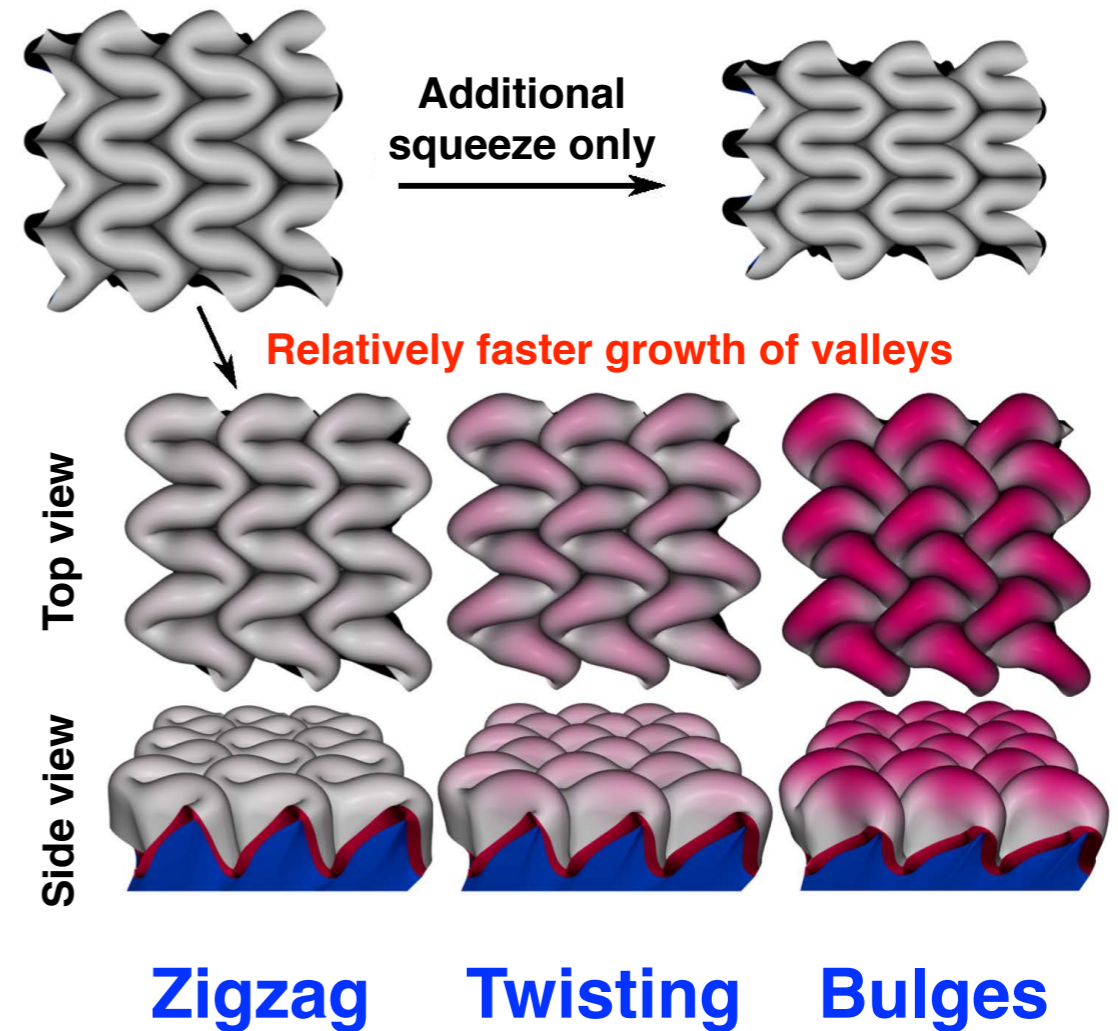
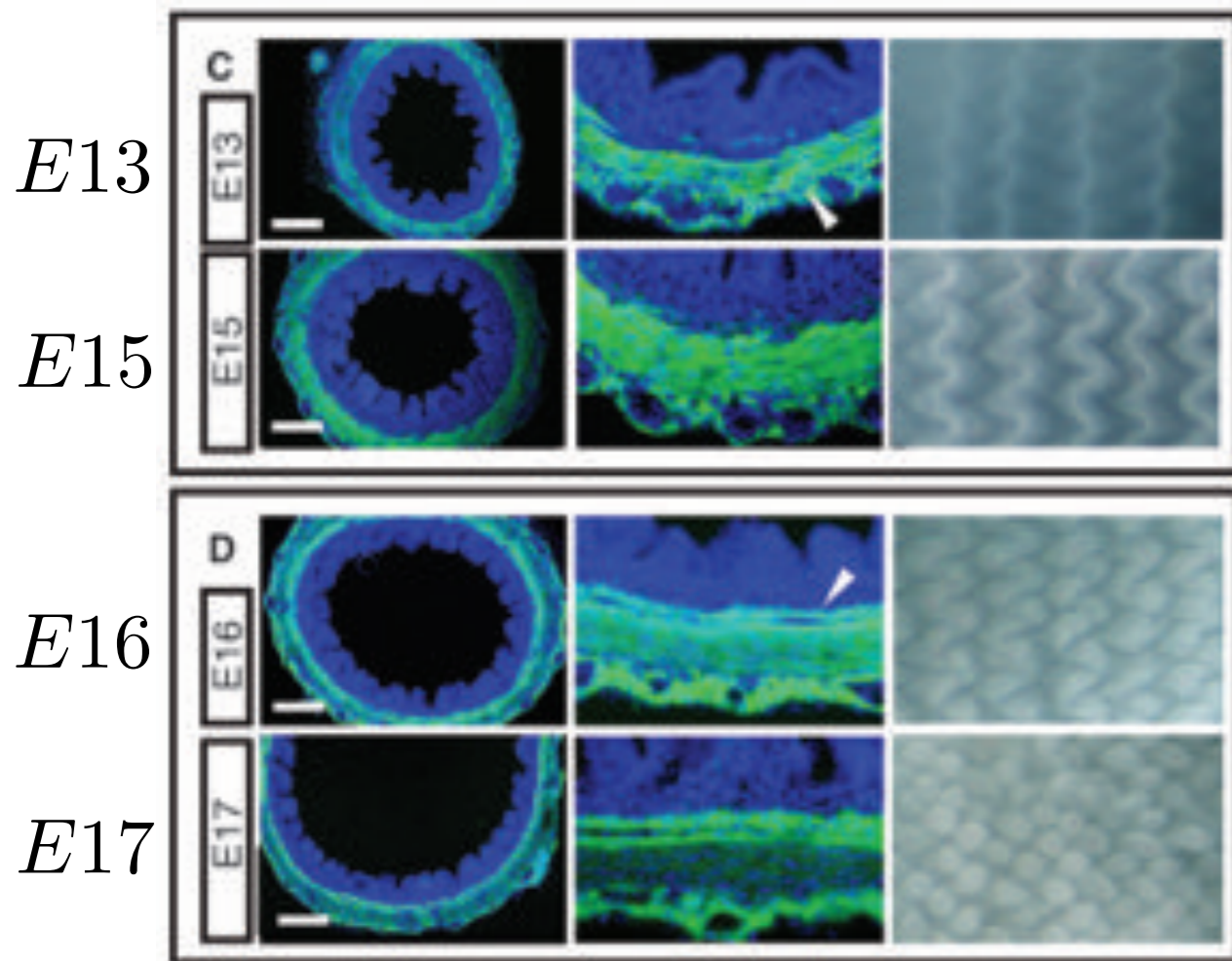
Formation of longitudinal muscles at E13 produces longitudinal compression



endoderm
mesenchyme
muscle



Lumen patterns in chick embryo



Villi start forming at E16 because of the faster growth in valleys

The same mechanism for villi formation also works in other organisms!

