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## Examples of tubular crystals

Single-walled carbon nanotubes


## Bacterial cell wall

 (peptidoglycan mesh)(a)


Chrétien et al., Eur Biophys J, 1998.
Amir \& Nelson, "Dislocationmediated growth of bacterial cell walls", PNAS 109:9833 (2012)

Each of these systems may contain dislocations...

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 plastically deform by dislocation motion at high tempSimulation

Experiment
a)

b)

Axial strain ~ $10 \%$ temperature $=3000 \mathrm{~K}$ Nardelli et al., PRL 81:4656 (1998)

Dislocation pairs found at $\mathrm{T}=2273 \mathrm{~K}$



Torsional strain ~ 10\%
Zhang et al., J. Chem. Phys. 130:071101 (2009)

Dislocations migrate in presence of kink


Suenaga et al., Nature Nanotech. 2:358 (2007)

## In this talk:

Dislocations in triangular crystals on tubes


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- Background: Phyllotactic geometry of tubular crystals
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(Not the subject of this talk, but fascinating!)


## sunflower

Pennybacker et al.,
Physica D 306:48 (2015)
^^^ a great review article!


Pineapple (D.A.B./Whole Foods)

aloe
Wikipedia


## Romanesco broccoli

www.fourmilab.ch


Pincushion cactus
www.cactuslovers.com


Pine cone
Warren Photographic

## Parastichies

Lattice lines $\rightarrow$ Spirals or helices

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Phyllotactic packing is described by parastichy numbers
= number of distinct parastichies in a parastichy family


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Critical stress for plastic deformation of pristine lattice: How strong must $\sigma^{\text {ext }}$ be to make $r^{*}=a$ ?


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Axial tension
$\left(\sigma_{x x}-\sigma_{y y}\right)^{\dagger}=2 s A / \sin (2 \theta)$


Key:
increases $R$ decreases $R$

Torsion

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radius variations exaggerated by factor of 10 for clarity

## Buckling at small $\tilde{\kappa}$



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## Conclusions

- Glide separation of dislocation pairs provides a mode of plastic deformation by parastichy transition $(\Delta m, \Delta n)$.
- Tubes under axial tension $\sigma_{x x}$ converge toward the stable $m=n$ achiral states while their radius shrinks.
- The bending modulus $\kappa$ shifts up the critical stress $\sigma_{x x}^{\dagger}$ required to drive apart dislocations, stabilizing narrow tubes.
- This shift contains all the $R$-dependence in $\sigma_{x x}^{\dagger}$.
- If $\kappa$ is large enough, very small tubes may even be unstable to emission of dislocation pairs that widen the tube.
- The "neck" around a dislocation has width $w \sim \gamma^{-1 / 4} R$ and also oscillations in local radius.

