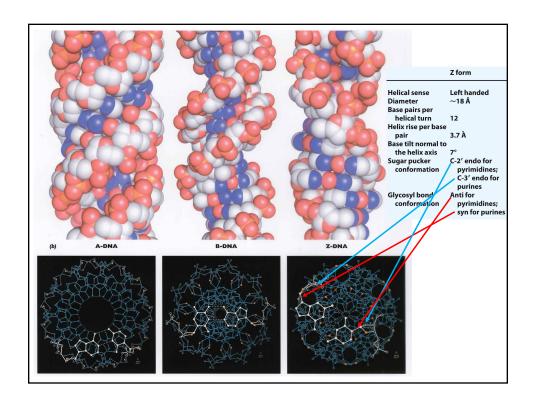
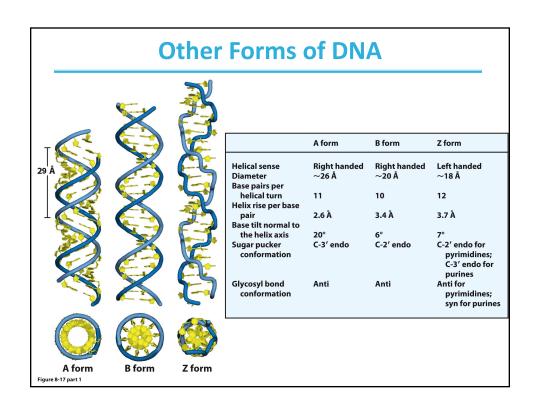


Nucleic Acids: Shape Structural Features of A-, B-, & Z-DNA

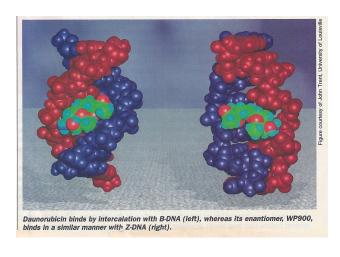
TABLE 24-1	Structural	Features	of Ideal	A-, B-	and Z-D	NA
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	Α	В	z
Helical sense	Right handed	Right handed	Left handed
Diameter	~26 Å	~20 Å	~18 Å
Base pairs per helical turn	11	10	12 (6 dimers)
Helical twist per base pair	31°	36°	9° for pyrimidine–purine steps; 51° for purine–pyrimidine steps
Helix pitch (rise per turn)	29 Å	34 Å	44 Å
Helix rise per base pair	2.6 Å	3.4 Å	7.4 Å per dimer
Base tilt normal to the helix axis	20°	6°	7°
Major groove	Narrow and deep	Wide and deep	Flat
Minor groove	Wide and shallow	Narrow and deep	Narrow and deep
Sugar pucker	C3'-endo	C2'-endo	C2'-endo for pyrimidines; C3'-endo for purine
Glycosidic bond conformation	Anti	Anti	Anti for pyrimidines; syn for purines





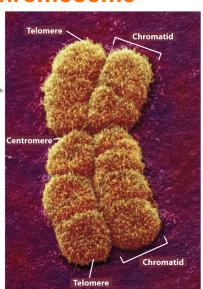
Nucleic Acids: Shape Nucleotide Sugar Conformations

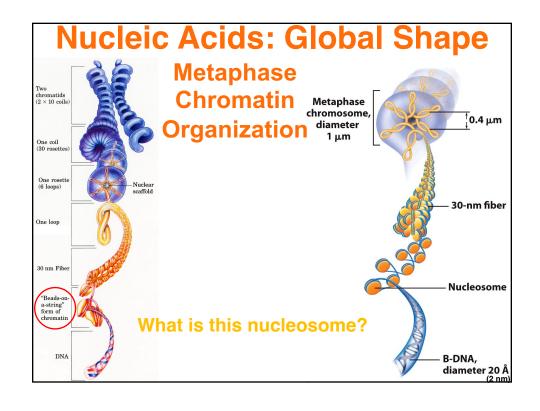


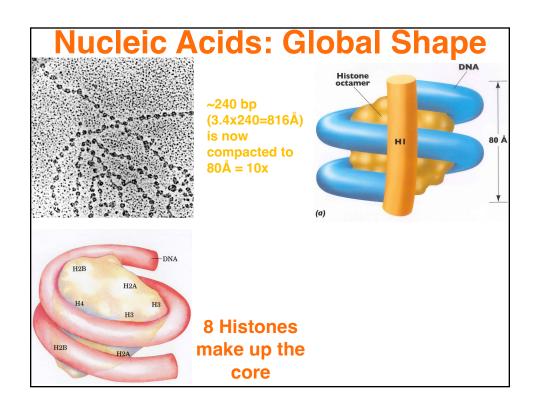
Nucleic Acids: Global Shape Metaphase Chromosome

How do we get something that is 2-10 cm long into one of these, which is only 10 μ m?

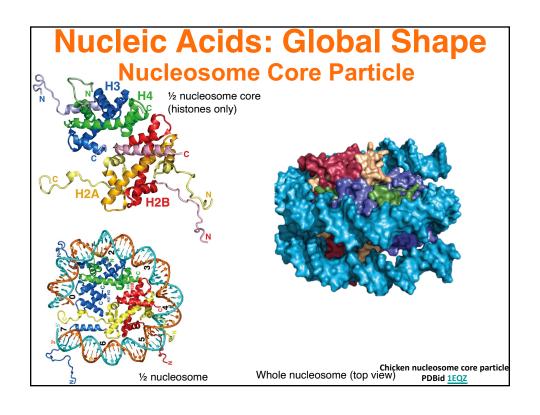
This condensation is 10,000x. Even interphase its 1000x

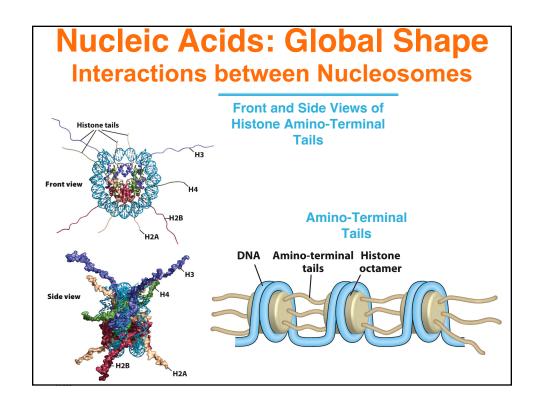


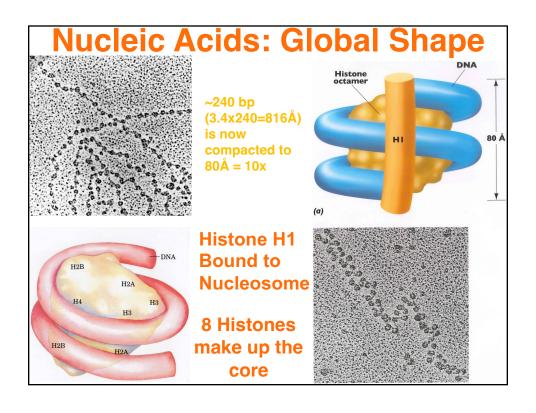


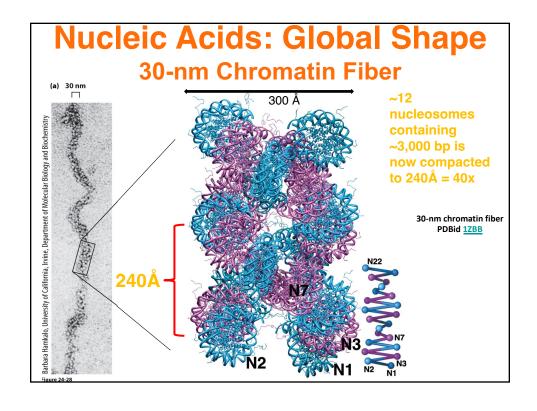


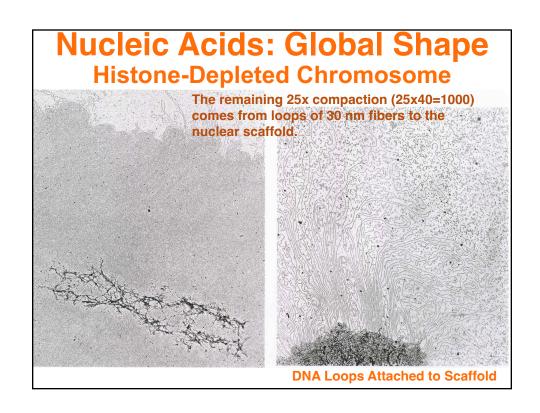
Histone	Number of Residues	Mass (kD)	% Arg	% Lys	Stoich
H1	215	23.0	1	29	1
H2A	129	14.0	9	11	2
H2B	125	13.8	6	16	2
Н3	135	15.3	13	10	2
H4	102	11.3	14	11	2

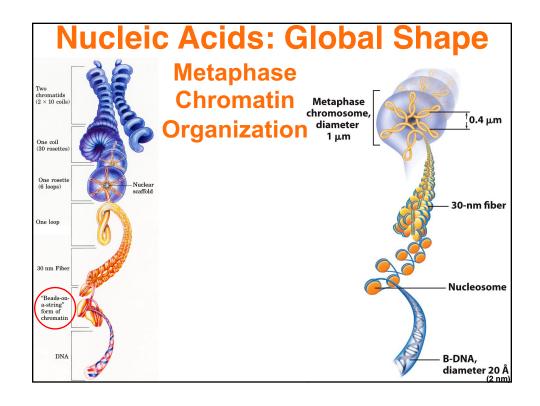










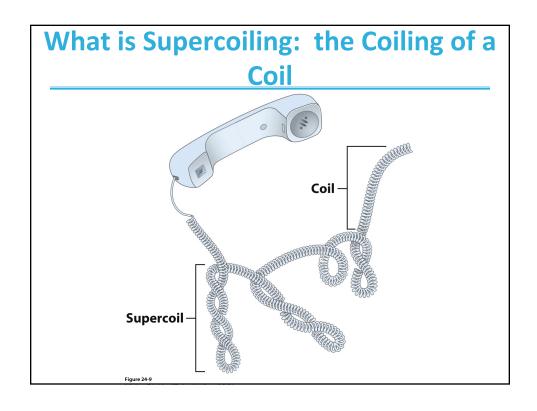


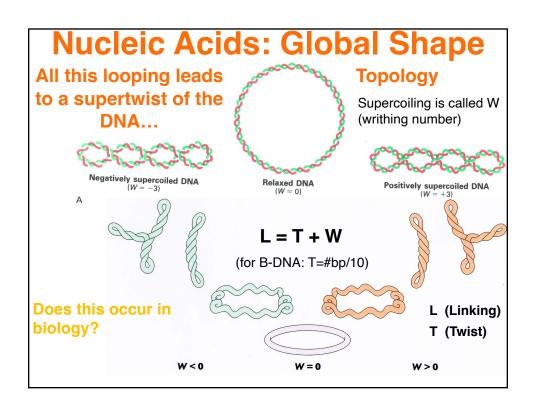
Nucleic Acids: Global Shape

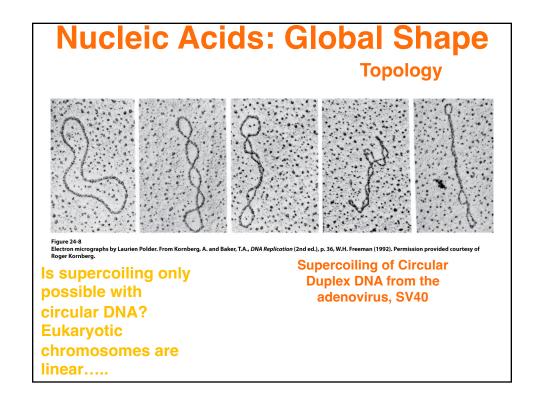
All this looping leads to a supertwist of the DNA...

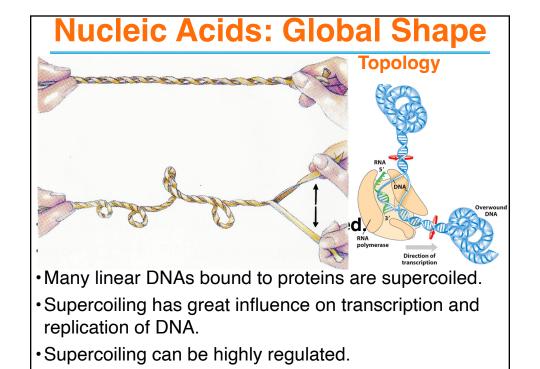
Nucleosomal DNA Is
Underwound

Supercoils









Nucleic Acids: Global Shape

Consequences of supercoiling:

- 1) Required for information retrieval; must be negative
- All circular extra-chromosomal DNAs are negatively supercoiled
- 3) Can be used for isolation of these DNAs in the laboratory

Nucleic Acids: Global Shape

All this looping leads to a supertwist of the DNA...

Nucleosomal DNA Is
Underwound

- Wrapping DNA around the histone core requires removal of one helical turn.
 - The under-winding occurs without a strand break, so a compensatory (+) supercoil forms.
 - This (+) supercoil is relaxed by a topoisomerase, which puts in 2 negative supercoils, leaving DNA with <u>net (-1) negative supercoil</u>.

Nucleic Acids: Global Shape **Techniques to Detect Topology** Separate DNAs with different topology based on density Centrifuge to Puncture equilibrium tube and collect its Increasing DNAs band points of buoyant density Figure 23-31 The separation of DNAs by equilibrium density gradient centrifuge tube to $\sim\!1.55~\text{g}\cdot\text{cm}^{-3}$ at the top. The sedimentation rates of the ultracentrifugation in CsCl solution. An initially 8 M CsCl solution forms a DNAs depend on their base composition. The amount of DNA in each fraction is density gradient that varies linearly from $\sim \! 1.80~{\rm g\cdot cm^{-3}}$ at the bottom of the estimated from its UV absorbance, usually at 260 nm.

