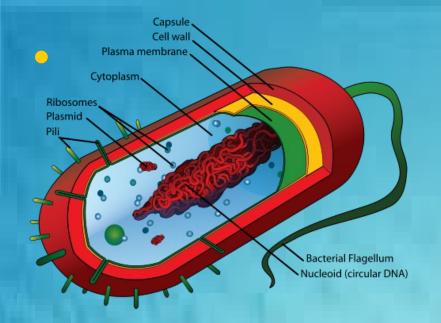
## PROKARYOTIC GENOME

- GENOME-entire hereditary information of an organism encoded either in DNA or RNA (in viruses). The name GENOME was given by HANS WINKLER in 1920.
- 4 TYPES-viral, prokaryotic, mitochondrial, eukaryotic genome.

### PROKARYOTIC GENOME

- It is circular, double stranded piece of DNA.
- Commonly referred to as NUCLEOID.
- Length varies widely but is generally few

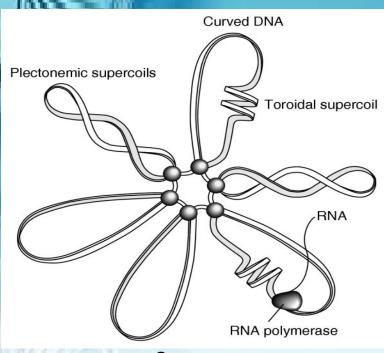
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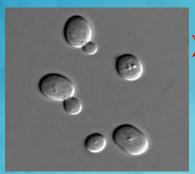
Nucleoid is composed of 60% DNA and small amounts of RNA and protein.

Nucleoid proteins help to maintain the supercoiled structure of DNA.

- DNA supercoiling refers to over or under winding of a DNA strand.
- It is important for DNA packing within all cells.
- >2 structures-toroid and plectoneme
- ➤In prokaryotes, plectonemic super coils are predominant because of circular DNA and small amount of genetic material.

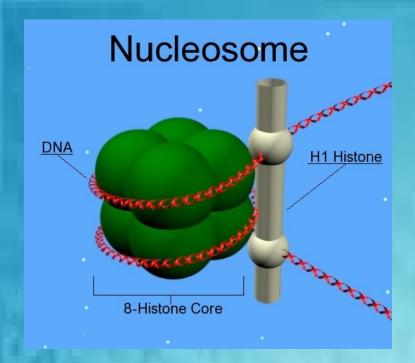


## **EUKARYOTIC GENOME**



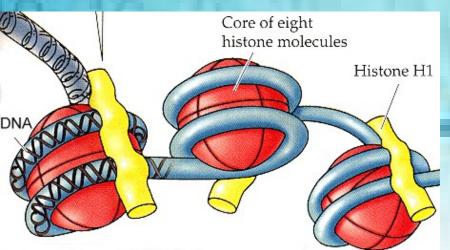
Saccharomyces cerevisiae was the 1<sup>st</sup> eukaryote to have its complete genome sequence determined.

- Genome is in the form of nucleoprotein complex called chromatin.
- Chromatin is made up of 35% DNA,60% proteins,5% RNA and is dispersed in nuclear matrix in form of network of chromatin threads.
- Information in DNA is read using histones and non-histones (associated with gene regulation).





- Tt has positively charged amino acids which helps histones to bind to DNA and help in packing of DNA molecule.
  - Nucleosome has octamer of histones H2A, H2B, H3, H4 & a strand of DNA having 146 base pair wrapped tightly around this.
  - >DNA strand linking 1 nucleosome to another is called linker DNA
    - Histone 1 protein is associated with linker DNA.
    - The nucleosome model was proposed by R.D.KORNBERG & J.O.THOMAS in 1974 to explain chromatin structure.



# Prokaryotic versus Eukaryotic Genome

#### PROKARYOTIC GENOME

- They are small in size.
- Contains single circular chromosome.
- They are haploid.
- DNA is not associated with histones.
- They are condensed in nucleoid via DNA super coiling.

#### **EUKARYOTIC GENOME**

- They are larger than prokaryotic genome.
- Contains multiple linear chromosome.
  - They are diploid.
- DNA is associated with histories.
- They are condensed in membrane bound nucleus via histones.

