A high-quality reference genome for the fission yeast *Schizosaccharomyces*

osmophilus

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Abstract

Fission yeasts are an ancient group of fungal species that diverged from each other from

tens to hundreds of million years ago. Among them is the preeminent model organism

Schizosaccharomyces pombe, which has significantly contributed to our understandings of

molecular mechanisms underlying fundamental cellular processes. The availability of the

genomes of *S. pombe* and three other fission yeast species *S. japonicus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S.*

cryophilus has enabled cross-species comparisons that provide insights into the evolution of

genes, pathways, and genomes. Here, we performed genome sequencing on the type strain of the

recently identified fission yeast species *S. osmophilus* and obtained a complete mitochondrial

genome and a nuclear genome assembly with gaps only at rRNA gene arrays. A total of 5098

protein-coding nuclear genes were annotated and orthologs for more than 95% of them were

identified. Genome-based phylogenetic analysis showed that *S. osmophilus* is most closely

related to *S. octosporus* and these two species diverged around 16 million years ago. To

demonstrate the utility of this *S. osmophilus* reference genome, we conducted cross-species

comparative analyses of centromeres, telomeres, transposons, the mating-type region, Cbp1

family proteins, and mitochondrial genomes. These analyses revealed conservation of repeat

arrangements and sequence motifs in centromere cores, identified telomeric sequences composed

of two types of repeats, delineated relationships among Tf1/sushi group retrotransposons,

characterized the evolutionary origins and trajectories of Cbp1 family domesticated transposases,

and discovered signs of interspecific transfer of two types of mitochondrial selfish elements.

Introduction

Fission yeasts (genus *Schizosaccharomyces*) are an ancient group of fungal species that originated more than 200 million years ago (Rhind *et al.* 2011; Shen *et al.* 2020). They belong to the *Taphrinomycotina* subphylum of *Ascomycota* (Liu *et al.* 2009). There are five currently recognized species of fission yeasts: *S. pombe*, *S. japonicus*, *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. osmophilus* (Helston *et al.* 2010; Vaughan-Martini and Martini 2011; Brysch-Herzberg *et al.* 2019). *S. pombe* was adopted for biological research more than 70 years ago (Leupold 1950; Fantes and Hoffman 2016), and is one of the most prominent model organisms (Hoffman *et al.* 2015; Hayles and Nurse 2018; Vyas *et al.* 2021). In the last decade, *S. japonicus* has emerged as a powerful new experimental model for biologists, especially those interested in evolutionary cell biology (Klar 2013; Aoki *et al.* 2017; Rutherford *et al.* 2022). Genetic tools have also been developed for *S. octosporus* (Seike and Niki 2017), adding another fission yeast species to the list of experimentally amenable organisms.

The value of fission yeast species as research subjects relies to a great extent on the availability of well-annotated genomes. *S. pombe* is the sixth eukaryote to have its genome fully sequenced (Wood *et al.* 2002), and has one of the most completely annotated genomes (Harris *et al.* 2022). The genomes of *S. japonicus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus* were published in 2011 (Rhind *et al.* 2011). More recently, long-read sequencing has been used to generate more contiguous genome assemblies of *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* (Tong *et al.* 2019). These genomes have not only served as critical resources for molecular studies using these species, but also enabled cross-species comparative genomic analyses, which have shed light on how centromere structure, transposon diversity, the roles of RNAi, and carbon metabolism have evolved in the past tens to hundreds of million years (Rhind *et al.* 2011; Tong *et al.* 2019).

S. osmophilus is the newest fission yeast species to be identified. It was initially discovered in bee bread of solitary bee species belonging to the *Megachilinae* subfamily (Brysch-Herzberg *et al.* 2019). Bee bread, which is a mixture of pollen and nectar, is the food source for growing bee larvae (Figure 1A). An extensive fission yeast isolation study revealed that bee bread of solitary bees is the only type of habitat where *S. osmophilus* can be frequently isolated (Brysch-Herzberg *et al.* 2022). Like other fission yeast species, *S. osmophilus* cells propagate vegetatively by medial fission (Figure 1B). During sexual reproduction, *S. osmophilus* usually form asci containing eight spores (Figure 1C). Analyses of the sequences of rRNA genes

and the *rrk1* gene showed that *S. osmophilus* is more closely related to *S. cryophilus* and *S. octosporus* than to *S. pombe* or *S. japonicus* (Brysch-Herzberg *et al.* 2019). Unique among fission yeast species, *S. osmophilus* is an obligate osmophilic organism that requires a high-osmolarity environment for growth, likely due to its long-term evolution in high-osmolarity habitats such as bee bread, nectar, and honey (Brysch-Herzberg *et al.* 2019).

In this study, we generated a high quality genome assembly for the type strain of *S. osmophilus* and comprehensively annotated the genes in this genome assembly. We performed a series of comparative analyses using this reference genome of *S. osmophilus* and obtained new insights into the evolution of centromeres, telomeres, retrotransposons, Cbp1 family proteins, and mitochondrial genomes in the fission yeast lineage.

Materials and Methods

Strain and media

The strain used for genome sequencing in this study is the *S. osmophilus* holotype strain CBS 15793^T (isotype: CLIB 3267^T = NCAIM Y.02225^T; MycoBank #: 829586; original name SZ134-FG-A) (Brysch-Herzberg *et al.* 2019). *S. osmophilus* cells were cultured in a modified Yeast Extract Supplemented (YES) medium (30% glucose, 0.5% yeast extract, 200 mg/L of leucine, adenine, uracil, and histidine) for vegetative growth and in a modified Pombe Minimal Glutamate (PMG) medium (30% glucose, 3 g/L potassium hydrogen phthalate, 2.2 g/L sodium hydrogen phosphate anhydrous, 5 g/L L-glutamate, standard concentrations of salts, vitamins, and minerals) for sporulation (Forsburg and Rhind 2006).

Genome sequencing, assembly, and quality assessment

S. osmophilus cells were grown in the modified YES medium at 25°C and cells in the logarithmic phase of vegetative growth were collected and frozen using liquid nitrogen. For long-read sequencing library construction, frozen cells were sent to Frasergen Bioinformatics Co., Ltd. (Wuhan, China) for genomic DNA extraction, sequencing library construction, and long-read sequencing on the Sequel II platform in the circular consensus sequencing (CCS) mode. A total of 430.07 Mb of PacBio HiFi read data was generated using CCS (v4.0,

https://github.com/PacificBiosciences/ccs). The HiFi reads have been deposited at NCBI SRA under the accession number SRR21149833.

For short-read sequencing library construction, genomic DNA was extracted using the MasterPure Yeast DNA Purification Kit (Epicentre). An Illumina sequencing library was prepared using home-made Tn5 transposase as previously described (Tao *et al.* 2019). Paired-end sequencing was performed on the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 System (2×150 bp read pairs) by Novogene Co., Ltd. (Beijing, China), and a total of 4.86 Gb of raw read data was generated. Low-quality reads were filtered or trimmed using fastp (v0.20.0, https://github.com/OpenGene/fastp) and 4.67 Gb of high-quality paired-end read data was retained (Chen *et al.* 2018). The short-read genomic DNA sequencing data has been deposited at NCBI SRA under the accession number SRR21149832.

PacBio HiFi reads were used to assemble the mitochondrial genome (mitogenome) using a procedure based on the mitoVGP pipeline (Formenti *et al.* 2021). Briefly, we used pbmm2 (v1.4.0, https://github.com/PacificBiosciences/pbmm2) to map the HiFi reads to a reference, which is a collection of fungal mitogenomes (https://github.com/Kinggerm/GetOrganelleDB/blob/master/0.0.1/SeedDatabase/fungus_mt.fasta) supplemented with the *S. cryophilus* mitogenome sequence (Jin *et al.* 2020). Reads mapped to the reference were given to the assembler canu (v2.2, https://github.com/marbl/canu) to perform de novo assembly (Nurk *et al.* 2020). The mitogenome contig in the assembly was identified by BLASTN search. Overlapping sequences at the ends of the mitogenome contig were identified by self-to-self BLASTN analysis and trimmed accordingly. One round of polishing with Illumina short reads was performed using Pilon v1.23 (Walker *et al.* 2014). The annotation of the mitogenome is described in a later section. The sequence and annotation of the *S. osmophilus* mitogenome have been deposited at GenBank under the accession number OP310968.

For the assembly of the nuclear genome using PacBio HiFi reads, we ran the assembler hifiasm (v0.16.1, https://github.com/chhylp123/hifiasm) under the "inbred/homozygous" mode (-l0) and only the primary assembly (named p_ctg by hifiasm) was retained (Cheng *et al.* 2021). To optimize the number of input HiFi reads, down-sampling was performed using rasusa (v0.3.0, https://github.com/mbhall88/rasusa) with the estimated genome size set to 12 Mb (Hall 2022). After several preliminary assembly trials, about 30× coverage of HiFi reads were finally used to generate the initial genome assembly. The initial genome assembly was polished once using HiFi

reads and racon (v1.4.20, https://github.com/isovic/racon) (Vaser *et al.* 2017) and then polished

once using Illumina paired-end reads and pilon (v1.24, https://github.com/broadinstitute/pilon)

(Walker *et al.* 2014). The polished genome assembly contains 124 contigs and has a total length

of 15,485,841 bp. Manual inspection of all 124 contigs assembled by hifiasm identified three

megabase-sized contigs as chromosomal contigs and they were named as chromosomes 1 to 3

from largest to smallest. Among the remaining kilobase-sized contigs, 114 contigs could be

aligned to the mitogenome by BLASTN and were discarded. The other seven contigs contained

repeats of 18S–5.8S–25S rRNA genes (rDNA). Two of them also contained telomeric repeats.

These two contigs were retained as rDNA-distal contigs and the other five were discarded. The

final assembly includes three chromosomal contigs (chromosome 1: 5,565,604 bp; chromosome

2: 3,504,162 bp; chromosome 3: 2,346,755 bp), two rDNA-distal contigs (rDNA-distal contig 1:

82,109 bp; rDNA-distal contig 2: 70,191 bp), and one mitogenome contig (46,134 bp). The

nuclear genome assembly together with gene annotations (see below) has been submitted to

GenBank under the submission number SUB1225547.

To assess the quality of the genome assembly, raw HiFi reads and fastp-filtered Illumina

paired-end reads were mapped to the genome assembly using minimap2 (v2.21,

https://github.com/lh3/minimap2) (Li 2018) and BWA (v 0.7.17-r1188,

https://github.com/lh3/bwa) (Li and Durbin 2009), respectively. The overall mapping ratio was

calculated using GATK CollectAlignmentSummaryMetrics (v4.2.0.0,

https://gatk.broadinstitute.org/hc/en-us) (McKenna *et al.* 2010). Average read depths in 10-kb

sliding windows along the genome were calculated. Variant calling based on the mapping result

of Illumina paired-end reads was performed using three variant callers: bcftools (v1.1.1,

http://www.htslib.org/doc/1.0/bcftools.html) (Li 2011), GATK (v4.2.0.0), and deepvariant

(v1.1.0, https://github.com/google/deepvariant) (Poplin *et al.* 2018). Homozygous variants that

were called by at least two variant callers and passed a read depth cutoff (DP>10) were retained.

Variant calling based on the mapping result of HiFi reads was performed using deepvariant

(v1.1.0, --model_type PACBIO) and homozygous variants that passed both a read depth cutoff

(DP>10) and a genotype quality cutoff (GQ>30) were retained. Benchmarking Universal Single-

Copy Orthologs (BUSCO, v3.0.2, https://busco.ezlab.org/) was used to assess the assembly

completeness based on the presence/absence of 1315 predefined single-copy orthologs of

Ascomycota (ascomycota_odb9 gene set) (Simão *et al.* 2015).

To compare the BUSCO completeness of our *S. osmophilus* assembly to those of

previously published genome assemblies of other fission yeast species, six genome assemblies

were downloaded and analyzed. The reference genome of *S. pombe* (ASM294v2.29) was

downloaded from PomBase (https://www.pombase.org/) (Harris *et al.* 2022). The reference

genomes of *S. japonicus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus* were downloaded from Ensembl Fungi

(https://fungi.ensembl.org/) (Rhind *et al.* 2011). More recently published PacBio sequencing-

based genome assemblies of *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* were downloaded from http://bifx-

core.bio.ed.ac.uk/~ptong/genome_assembly/ (Tong *et al.* 2019). These six genome assemblies

were analyzed using BUSCO as described above.

Obtaining high-confidence transcript sequences

S. osmophilus cells were grown in the modified YES medium at 25°C and cells in the

logarithmic phase of vegetative growth were collected for total RNA extraction. Cells were

washed once in DEPC water at 4°C and subsequently resuspended with TES buffer (10 mM Tris

pH 7.5, 10 mM EDTA pH 8.0, 0.5% SDS). One volume of acidic phenol-chloroform (1:1) was

added and incubated at 65ºC for 1 hour. Then the mixture was centrifuged at 4ºC, and the

aqueous phase was collected and treated with phenol-chloroform (1:1) and chloroform:isoamyl

alcohol (24:1) sequentially. 1/10 volume of 3 M NaAc (pH 5.2) and 2 volumes of isopropanol

were added to the aqueous phase, mixed thoroughly by inverting, and stored at -20ºC overnight

before centrifugation at 4ºC. After centrifuging, the supernatant was removed, and the RNA

pellet was washed with 70% ethanol twice. The RNA pellet was dissolved in DEPC water after

air-drying and stored at -80ºC.

The total RNA was sent to Annoroad Gene Technology (Beijing, China) for RNA-seq

library construction and paired-end Illumina sequencing. A total of 2.34 Gb of raw read data was

obtained. Reads were filtered or trimmed using fastp (v0.20.0) with default parameters. Cleaned

reads were mapped to the *S. osmophilus* genome using STAR (v2.6.0a,

https://github.com/alexdobin/STAR) with the following parameters: --alignIntronMin 29 --

alignIntronMax 819 --outFilterMultimapNmax 1 --outFilterMismatchNmax 0 --alignEndsType

EndToEnd (Dobin *et al.* 2013). The Illumina paired-end RNA sequencing data has been

deposited at NCBI SRA under the accession number SRR21149830.

For long-read cDNA sequencing using the Oxford Nanopore Technologies (ONT)

platform, the total RNA obtained above was sent to Biomarker Technologies (Qingdao, China)

for sequencing library preparation and ONT cDNA sequencing. A total of 2.15 Gb of raw read

data was obtained. Reads were processed using pychopper (https://github.com/epi2me-

labs/pychopper) and 1.65 Gb of full-length read data was obtained. The Full-Length Alternative

Isoform analysis of RNA (FLAIR, v1.5, https://github.com/BrooksLabUCSC/flair) pipeline was

used for downstream analysis (Tang *et al.* 2020). FLAIR is a pipeline designed to perform reads

mapping, reads correcting, and isoform clustering for noisy long reads generated by ONT cDNA

sequencing. It can also be run optionally with short-read RNA sequencing data to help increase

the accuracy of splicing site identification. Briefly, the long reads were mapped to the *S.*

osmophilus genome using "flair.py align" submodule with default parameters. The splicing

junction information generated by short-read RNA sequencing was extracted using a FLAIR

script "junctions_from_sam.py" from the reads mapping SAM file and then submitted to

"flair.py correct" submodule. Finally, high-confidence transcript sequences were obtained by

running a FLAIR submodule "flair.py collapse". The ONT long-read cDNA sequencing data has

been deposited at NCBI SRA under the accession number SRR21149831.

Annotation of protein-coding genes

Protein-coding genes in the *S. osmophilus* nuclear genome were annotated using the

MAKER pipeline (v3.01.04, https://www.yandell-lab.org/software/maker.html) (Campbell *et al.*

2014). The MAKER pipeline utilizes the protein evidence, the EST evidence, and ab initio gene

predictions for gene annotation. For the protein evidence, protein sequences encoded in the

reference genomes of *S. pombe*, *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. japonicus* were downloaded

from Ensembl Fungi (https://fungi.ensembl.org/) and combined into a single FASTA file. For the

EST evidence, high-confidence transcript sequences obtained as described above were used.

Two ab initio gene predictors were used: SNAP (v2006-07-28,

https://github.com/KorfLab/SNAP) (Korf 2004) and AUGUSTUS (v3.2.3,

https://github.com/Gaius-Augustus/Augustus) (Stanke *et al.* 2008), both of which needed to be

trained. Because the training of SNAP and AUGUSTUS requires pre-existing gene models as

training data, the first round of MAKER annotation was carried out and a genome annotation

was generated using only the protein evidence and the EST evidence (the protein2genome,

est2genome, and correct_est_fusion options in the maker_opts.ctl control file were set to 1). The

resulting gene models were utilized for the training of SNAP and AUGUSTUS. After SNAP and

AUGUSTUS were trained, their predictions were used in the second round of MAKER

annotation. In this round, the protein2genome and est2genome options were set to 0. The

resulting gene models were used to train SNAP and AUGUSTUS again. The third round of

MAKER annotation was conducted with the same settings as the second round and the resulting

gene models were used to re-train SNAP and AUGUSTUS. Finally, the last round of MAKER

annotation was conducted with the protein2genome, est2genome, and correct_est_fusion options

set to 1. All resulting gene models were retained (the "keep_preds" option was set to 1) and

recorded in a GFF3 format file for downstream analysis.

8   To further improve the quality of gene models, EVidenceModeler (EVM, v1.1.1,

https://evidencemodeler.github.io/) was employed to generate weighted consensus gene

predictions (Haas *et al.* 2008). We adopted the weight values used in a published protocol for

annotating the genomes of *S. cerevisiae* isolates (https://github.com/yjx1217/LRSDAY) (Yue

and Liti 2018). Finally, all resulting EVM gene models were loaded into the Integrative

Genomics Viewer (IGV, v2.9.2, https://software.broadinstitute.org/software/igv/) (Robinson *et al.*

2011) together with protein evidence alignments extracted from the MAKER output and ONT

cDNA-seq read alignments for visual inspection. Erroneously fused genes were manually

corrected and unannotated genes suggested by orthogroup analysis (see blow) were manually

annotated. Systematic names containing a prefix of SOMG (for <u>S</u>chizosaccharomyces

<u>os</u>mophilus genes) followed by a five-digit number were assigned to annotated genes. The

annotation and naming of *wtf* genes are described in a later section. The annotations were

recorded in a GFF3 format file.

Orthogroup analysis

22   Orthologous gene groups (orthogroups, OGs) of nuclear-encoded protein-coding genes

across *S. pombe*, *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, *S. osmophilus*, and *S. japonicus* were identified

using proteinortho (v6.1.0, https://gitlab.com/paulklemm_PHD/proteinortho) (Lechner *et al.*

2011). The protein sequences of *S. pombe* and *S. japonicus* were retrieved from PomBase and

JaponicusDB (*S. pombe*:

https://www.pombase.org/data/genome_sequence_and_features/feature_sequences/peptide.fa.gz;

S. japonicus:

https://www.japonicusdb.org/data/genome_sequence_and_features/feature_sequences/peptide.fa.

gz). The protein sequences of *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* were retrieved from Ensembl

Fungi (*S. octosporus*: http://ftp.ensemblgenomes.org/pub/fungi/release-

54/fasta/schizosaccharomyces_octosporus/pep/Schizosaccharomyces_octosporus.GCA_0001505

05.2.pep.all.fa.gz; *S. cryophilus*: http://ftp.ensemblgenomes.org/pub/fungi/release-

54/fasta/schizosaccharomyces_cryophilus/pep/Schizosaccharomyces_cryophilus.GCA_0000041

55.2.pep.all.fa.gz). To enhance the accuracy of orthogroup identification, we enabled the POFF

extension of proteinortho, which takes into account the relative gene order (synteny) (Lechner *et*

al. 2014). The synteny information for POFF was generated from GFF3 files using custom

scripts. The GFF3 files of *S. pombe* and *S. japonicus* were retrieved from PomBase and

JaponicusDB (*S. pombe*:

https://www.pombase.org/data/genome_sequence_and_features/gff3/Schizosaccharomyces_pom

be_all_chromosomes.gff3.gz; *S. japonicus*:

https://www.japonicusdb.org/data/genome_sequence_and_features/gff3/Schizosaccharomyces_ja

ponicus_all_chromosomes.gff3.gz). The GFF3 files of *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* were

downloaded from Ensembl Fungi (*S. octosporus*:

ftp://ftp.ensemblgenomes.org/pub/fungi/release-

51/gff3/schizosaccharomyces_octosporus/Schizosaccharomyces_octosporus.GCA_000150505.2.

51.gff3.gz; *S. cryophilus*: ftp://ftp.ensemblgenomes.org/pub/fungi/release-

51/gff3/schizosaccharomyces_cryophilus/Schizosaccharomyces_cryophilus.GCA_000004155.2.

51.gff3.gz). The GFF3 file of *S. osmophilus* was generated in this study as described above.

Functional annotation of protein-coding genes

Functional annotation of protein-coding genes in the *S. osmophilus* nuclear genome was

conducted with the aid of the orthogroup information. For an *S. osmophilus* gene, if it has an *S.*

pombe ortholog and the ortholog is not annotated as a "hypothetical protein", the gene name and

the product description of the *S. pombe* ortholog were assigned to it. If it does not have an *S.*

pombe ortholog, we examined whether it has an ortholog in another fission yeast species (in the

order of *S. japonicus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus*), and if an ortholog is found and the

ortholog is not annotated as a "hypothetical protein", the product description of the ortholog is

assigned to it. All remaining genes not functionally annotated were submitted to eggNOG-

mapper (online version, http://eggnog-mapper.embl.de/) (Cantalapiedra *et al.* 2021) for ortholog

searching and functional annotation. Genes without reliable hits in eggNOG-mapper were

annotated as "hypothetical protein". Based on the discrepancy reports generated during the

submission of the genome to NCBI, we manually adjusted the annotations of some genes to

conform with the requirement of NCBI.

Annotation of non-coding RNA genes

For tRNA genes in the nuclear genome, tRNAScan-SE (v2.0.8,

http://lowelab.ucsc.edu/tRNAscan-SE/) was used for prediction (Chan *et al.* 2021). For rRNA

genes in the nuclear genome, rnammer (v1.2,

https://services.healthtech.dtu.dk/service.php?RNAmmer-1.2) (Lagesen *et al.* 2007) and barrnap

(v0.9, https://github.com/tseemann/barrnap) were used for prediction. snRNA and snoRNA

genes in the nuclear genome were predicted by Infernal (v1.1.3, http://eddylab.org/infernal/)

(Nawrocki and Eddy 2013) and BLASTN searches using snRNA and snoRNA genes of *S.*

pombe as queries. Infernal outputs and BLASTN hits were merged using custom scripts. The

following four functional non-coding RNA genes were also annotated using BLASTN and/or

synteny analysis: *srp7* (7SL signal recognition particle component), *mrp1* (RNase MRP

component), *rrk1* (RNase P component), and *ter1* (telomerase component).

Species tree inference and estimation of the divergence time

To infer the phylogenetic relationship of fission yeast species, we used single-copy

BUSCO genes of five fission yeast species and an outgroup species *Saitoella complicata*, which

also belongs to the *Taphrinomycotina* subphylum of the *Ascomycota* phylum (Liu *et al.* 2009).

The genome assembly of *S. complicata* was downloaded from NCBI

(https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/all/GCF/001/661/265/GCF_001661265.1_Saico1/GCF_00

1661265.1_Saico1_genomic.fna.gz) and submitted to BUSCO (v3.0.2, https://busco.ezlab.org/)

to assess the presence or absence of 1315 predefined single-copy orthologs of *Ascomycota*

(ascomycota_odb9 gene set) (Simão *et al.* 2015). A total of 1060 "complete and single-copy"

BUSCO genes present in all five fission yeast species and *S. complicata* were used for

phylogenetic analysis. For each of these BUSCO genes, protein sequences generated by BUSCO

analysis were aligned using MAFFT (v7.475) with the options "--thread 4 --auto --maxiterate

1000" (Katoh and Standley 2013). The resulting multiple sequence alignments were trimmed

using trimAL (v1.4.rev15, http://trimal.cgenomics.org/) with the option "-gappyout" (Capella-

Gutiérrez *et al.* 2009).

For each trimmed alignment, the best-fitting amino acid substitution model was inferred

using the IQ-TREE build-in ModelFinder (v 2.0.3, https://github.com/Cibiv/IQ-TREE) with

options "-m TESTONLY -nt 1" (Kalyaanamoorthy *et al.* 2017). All trimmed multiple sequence alignments were concatenated into a single alignment using catsequences (https://github.com/ChrisCreevey/catsequences/tree/73c11ef) (Creevey and Weeks 2021). A concatenation-based ML tree was inferred using IQ-TREE (v2.0.3, https://github.com/Cibiv/IQ-TREE) (Minh *et al.* 2020) with parameters -m LG + G4 -alrt 1000 -bb 1000. The "LG + G4" model was used because it is the best-fitting model for a majority of BUSCO genes (61.4%, 651 of 1060 BUSCO genes, Table S11).

The RelTime method in MEGA11 was employed to estimate the divergence time between *S. osmophilus* and *S. octosporus* using the branch lengths of the concatenation-based ML tree as input (Tamura *et al.* 2021). *S. complicata* was used as outgroup in the analysis. We used three calibration nodes based on a recently published time-calibrated phylogeny of *Ascomycota*: the *S. japonicus–S. pombe* split (207.2 million years ago), the *S. pombe–S. octosporus* split (108.2 million years ago), and the *S. octosporus–S. cryophilus* split (29.4 million years ago) (Shen *et al.* 2020). To assess the robustness of the analysis, we also carried out the analysis using only two calibration nodes (the *S. japonicus–S. pombe* split and the *S. pombe–S. octosporus* split) and only one calibration node (the *S. japonicus–S. pombe* split). Similar divergence times between *S. octosporus* and *S. osmophilus* were obtained (using three calibration nodes: 15.7 million years; using two calibration nodes: 15.5 million years; using one calibration node: 14.3 million years).

The species tree was visualized using Figtree (v1.4.4, http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/). For the timetree in Figure 1F, the outgroup species *S. complicata* was removed manually. A geologic time scale was manually added according to a document retrieved from the TimeTree resource (http://www.timetree.org/public/data/pdf/Gradstein2009Chap03.pdf) (Kumar *et al.* 2017).

Synteny analysis of nuclear genomes

To visualize the syntenic relationship of the nuclear genomes of two species, single-copy orthologous gene pairs were extracted from the proteinortho output. Two genes of the same orthologous gene pair were linked using a colored line in Circos (v0.69, http://circos.ca/) (Krzywinski *et al.* 2009). The *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* genomes used in this analysis are the PacBio sequencing-based genome assemblies downloaded from http://bifx-core.bio.ed.ac.uk/~ptong/genome_assembly/ (Tong *et al.* 2019). The *S. pombe* and *S. japonicus*

1 genomes used in this analysis are reference genomes downloaded from PomBase and Ensembl

2 Fungi respectively.

Centromere-related analyses

The centromeric regions in the *S. osmophilus* genome were identified based on the

synteny of centromere-flanking protein-coding genes (Table S13) (Ács-Szabó *et al.* 2018).

Centromeric repeats were identified by all-to-all comparison of centromeric sequences

using BLASTN and YASS (Noé and Kucherov 2005) and manually annotated. The central core

(*cnt*) region in each centromere was identified as the central region flanked by a pair of near-

perfect inverted repeat sequences because this is a conserved characteristics of the *cnt* regions in

S. pombe, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus* (Pidoux and Allshire 2004; Tong *et al.* 2019). The

annotation of retrotransposons and LTRs was described in a section below. Plots depicting

centromeric sequence features were generated using gggenomes

(https://github.com/thackl/gggenomes) (Hackl *et al.* 2021) and manually adjusted in Adobe

Illustrator.

To identify conserved sequence motifs enriched in the *cnt* regions, de novo motif

discovery was performed using the MEME (Multiple Em for Motif Elicitation) tool in the

MEME Suite (version 5.4.1) with the *cnt* sequences from *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S.*

cryophilus as input (Bailey *et al.* 2009). The "Any Number of Repetitions (anr)" option was

selected. We ran MEME multiple times, with the "maximum width (maxw)" parameter set at a

different value each time. Based on the recommendation given by the authors of the MEME

Suite (Bailey *et al.* 2009), we chose to set the maxw parameter at all integers from 10 to 20, and

at 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50. After manual inspection of all MEME output, a 11-bp motif was

selected as the conserved *cnt* motif because it can be found in all nine *cnt* sequences from the

three species and has strong *p*-values ($p < 1E-7$) in multiple MEME runs. To determine the

genomic distribution of this motif, we used the FIMO (Find Individual Motif Occurrences) tool

of the MEME Suite to scan the genomes of *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus,* and *S.*

pombe. The FIMO hits were filtered using the *p*-value cutoff of 3E-5 because all occurrences of

the motif in the *cnt* sequences as reported by MEME can pass this cutoff.

Telomere-related analyses

The analysis of telomeric repeat units present in the HiFi reads was performed using the

software TweenMotif (https://download.cnet.com/TweenMotif/3000-2054_4-75325319.html)

(Box *et al.* 2008). Incomplete repeat units at the end of the HiFi reads were filtered out.

The telomerase RNA gene (*ter1*) of *S. osmophilus* was identified by synteny and

similarity (Ard *et al.* 2014; Kannan *et al.* 2015).

Transposon-related analyses

Automated whole-genome de-novo transposable element (TE) annotation was performed

using the Extensive de novo TE Annotator (EDTA) version 2.0.0 (Ou *et al.* 2019). Candidate

transposons identified by EDTA were filtered by removing the ones overlapping with coding

genes unrelated to transposons and the ones lacking any transposon-related protein domains that

can be identified by TEsorter version 1.3 (Zhang *et al.* 2022). No intact DNA transposons, non-

LTR retrotransposons, or Ty1/Copia superfamily LTR retrotransposons were found. The only

intact transposons identified were four Ty3/Gypsy superfamily retrotransposons designated as

Tosmo1-1, Tosmo1-2, Tosmo2-1, and Tosmo3-1 (Tosmo1-1 and Tosmo1-2 are identical in

sequence) (Table S18). The LTR sequences and internal sequences of these intact

retrotransposons were used as curated sequence input to perform another round of EDTA

annotation. EDTA-annotated LTRs and internal sequences were filtered by removing the ones

overlapping with coding genes unrelated to transposons and verified by TEsorter analysis and

manual inspection of sequence alignments. For LTRs judged to be incomplete based on sequence

alignment, we added flanking sequences, performed sequence alignment against, and manually

evaluated where their borders can be extended. If an internal sequence and a neighboring LTR

were of the same orientation and the interval between them was no longer than 5 bp, they were

merged into a retrotransposon. Retrotransposon sequences generated by the merging operation

were verified by manual inspection of sequence alignments. The start and end coordinates of

LTRs and retrotransposons are listed in Table S18. In that table, LTRs are classified into four

types (A, B, C, and D) based on a phylogenetic analysis (Figure S9A). For brevity, we used the

midpoint coordinates of LTRs and retrotransposons to denote their locations in Figure S9 (the

same location information is also provided in Table S18). The sequences of Tosmo1-1, Tosmo2-

1, and Tosmo3-1 (including 50-bp upstream and 50-bp downstream flanking sequences) have

been deposited at GenBank under accession numbers OP263985–OP263987.

The only copy of full-length Tcry1 retrotransposon in *S. cryophilus*, Tcry1-1, has an annotated length of 5055 bp (Rhind *et al.* 2011; Tong *et al.* 2019). Rhind et al. 2011 annotated two identical LTRs of 374 bp for Tcry1-1. Close inspection indicated that the 40-bp sequence immediately downstream of the annotated Tcry1-1 sequence should be part of the 3′ LTR, and the lengths of the 5′ LTR and the 3′ LTR should be 406 bp and 414 bp respectively. The length difference between the two LTRs is due to a 8-bp sequence (ATTTTCCC, at positions 393–400 of the LTR) being tandemly duplicated in the 3′ LTR. Apart from this duplication, the two LTRs are identical in sequence. The currently annotated version of Tcry1-1 does not have a TSD, whereas the revised version of Tcry1-1 has a perfect TSD of 5 bp (TTTAA). In the currently annotated version of Tcry1-1, the inverted repeats at the two ends of the LTR are 3-bp long (5′-TGT…ACA-3′), whereas in the revised version of Tcry1-1, the inverted repeats are 5-bp long (5′-TGTCA…TGACA-3′) and are identical to the inverted repeats in Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, and Tj1. The revised LTR annotation is also supported by the presence in the *S. cryophilus* genome a closely related solo LTR (NW_013185624.1 coordinates 2876278–2875872, minus strand), which is 407 bp long and 94% identical to the 406-bp 5′ LTR of the revised version of Tcry1-1 and possesses a perfect TSD of 5 bp (TGAAT). The revised annotation of Tcry1-1 (including 50-bp upstream and 50-bp downstream flanking sequences) (ACQJ02000037.1 coordinates 13333–18527, minus strand) has been deposited at the Third Party Annotation (TPA) section of GenBank under the accession number BK061829.

Retrotransposon sequences used for phylogenetic analysis were sequences of accession numbers given in the legend of Figure 4. The accession numbers of most of the non-fission-yeast retrotransposons were obtained from GyDB (https://gydb.org/) (Llorens *et al.* 2011). The exceptions are PpatensLTR2, Tcn1, and grasshopper. The accession number of PpatensLTR2 (GQ294565) was from (Novikova *et al.* 2010). The same publication provided an accession number for Tcn1 (XM_571377). XM_571377 is the mRNA of the predicted gene CNF03140 in the genome of *Cryptococcus neoformans* var. *neoformans* strain JEC21 (Loftus *et al.* 2005). The CNF03140 gene encompasses the coding sequences of Gag and Pol of Tcn1 but contains a wrongly annotated intron, presumably due to the inability of the gene prediction procedure to accommodate the programmed frameshift between the coding sequences of Gag and Pol. We manually annotated the Tcn1 sequence at the CNF03140 locus. The annotation of this copy of Tcn1 (including 50-bp upstream and 50-bp downstream flanking sequences) (AE017346.1

coordinates 926449–934423, minus strand) has been deposited at the Third Party Annotation
(TPA) section of GenBank under the accession number BK061830.

The grasshopper retrotransposon was first discovered in strains of the phytopathogenic
fungus *Magnaporthe grisea* that infect members of the plant genus *Eleusine* (Dobinson *et al.*
1993). Based on current taxonomy, these *Eleusine*-infecting strains should belong to the fungal
species *Pyricularia oryzae* (Couch and Kohn 2002; Zhang *et al.* 2016). Dobinson et al. deposited
a 5233-bp sequence of grasshopper at GenBank (M77661.1), which contains the 5′ LTR and the
coding sequences of Gag and Pol but lacks the 3′ LTR. The length of grasshopper was reported
to be approximately 8 kb (Dobinson *et al.* 1993). Thus, M77661.1 is missing more than 2 kb of
the sequence of grasshopper. We performed BLASTN search using M77661.1 as query and
identified 72 high-scoring hits (query length coverage = 100% and identity > 99.5%) in the
genome of the *Eleusine*-infecting *Pyricularia oryzae* strain MZ5-1-6 (GenBank assembly
accession GCA_004346965.1) (Gómez Luciano *et al.* 2019). Compared to M77661.1, these
BLASTN hits all have an extra nucleotide after the 33rd nucleotide downstream of the stop
codon of the Gag ORF. As a result, unlike the situation of M77661.1, where the Pol ORF is in
the +1 frame relative to the Gag ORF, in these BLASTN hits, the Pol ORF is in the −1 frame
relative to the Gag ORF. It is likely that the missing nucleotide in M77661.1 is due to a sequence
error. Manual inspection of the six top BLASTN hits, which are identical to each other and differ
from M77661.1 by 5 substitutions and 1 indel, and their flanking sequences showed that these
six BLASTN hits are each part of a full-length and intact copy of grasshopper with identical
LTRs at 5′ and 3′ ends. The six copies have nearly identical sequences (lengths ranging from
7614 to 7629 bp and all pairwise identities >= 99.8%). Five of the six copies have perfect 5-bp
TSDs. We deposited the annotation of a representative copy (7615 bp long, TSD = TAAAT)
with 50-bp upstream and 50-bp downstream flanking sequences (CP034205.1 coordinates
4282303–4290017, minus strand) at the Third Party Annotation (TPA) section of GenBank
under the accession number BK061831.

Alignment of the amino acid sequences of RT and IN was performed using MAFFT
v7.149b with the E-INS-i algorithm (Katoh and Standley 2013). Aligned sequences were
examined manually using Jalview version 2.11.2.3 (Waterhouse *et al.* 2009). Maximum
likelihood trees were calculated using IQ-TREE version 2.0.3 (Minh *et al.* 2020). The best-fitted
substitution model was selected using ModelFinder (Kalyaanamoorthy *et al.* 2017) as

implemented in IQ-TREE. Ten independent IQ-TREE runs were performed and the tree with the

best log-likelihood value was chosen. 1000 ultrafast bootstraps (UFBoot) were performed using

the '-bb' command and 1000 Shimodaira–Hasegawa approximate likelihood ratio test (SH-aLRT)

replicates were performed using the '-alrt' command (Guindon *et al.* 2010; Minh *et al.* 2013).

Rooting and visualization of trees were performed using FigTree version 1.4.3

(http://tree.bio.ed.ac.uk/software/figtree/).

Transcriptional start sites in the 5′ LTRs of Tosmo1-1, Tosmo2-1, and Tosmo3-1, and

Tcry1-1 were predicted based on multiple sequence alignment that includes the LTRs of Tf1 and

Tf2. The "pretzel" structures were identified by visual inspection of the RNA secondary

structures predicted using the MXfold2 web server (http://www.dna.bio.keio.ac.jp/mxfold2/)

(Sato *et al.* 2021). The alignment showing the conserved sequence context of the in-frame stop

codons and the alignment showing the conservation of sequences upstream of PPTs were

visualized using ggmsa (Zhou *et al.* 2022) and manually adjusted in Adobe Illustrator.

The sliding-window analysis was conducted using SimPlot++ v1.3 (Samson *et al.* 2022).

The following parameters were used: Distance model = identity, Window length = 40, Step = 5,

Strip gap = No Strip Gap, and Plot refresh rate = every window. For the comparison between

Tosmo1, Tosmo2, and Tosmo3, an MAFFT-generated alignment of their sequences was given as

input to SimPlot++ and three pairwise comparison plots were created. For the comparison

between Tf1 and Tf2, an MAFFT-generated alignment of their sequences was given as input to

SimPlot++ and a pairwise comparison plot was created. The plots generated by SimPlot++ were

manually adjusted in Adobe Illustrator.

***wtf* genes-related analyses**

wtf genes in another *S. osmophilus* strain CBS 15792 have been identified and annotated

in our recently published study (De Carvalho *et al.* 2022). We calculated the average nucleotide

identity (ANI) between the genomes of CBS 15792 and the type strain CBS 15793[T] using

OrthoANIu (Yoon *et al.* 2017). As a comparison we calculated ANIs between genomes of six

representative pure-lineage *S. pombe* strains (JB22, JB760, JB869, JB758, JB837, and JB864)

(https://db.cngb.org/search/project/CNP0001878/) (Tusso *et al.* 2022). OrthoANIu analysis

results are shown in Table S19. The synteny between the nuclear genome assemblies of CBS

15792 and CBS 15793[T] was analyzed using nucmer in mummer-4.0.0 (Marçais *et al.* 2018). The

smallest of the 11 nuclear contigs in the CBS 15792 genome assembly, tig00007777_pilon_x4,

which has a length of 12408 bp and does not contain any *wtf* genes, was not aligned to the CBS

15793^T genome by nucmer. *wtf* genes in the CBS 15793^T genome that are syntenic to *wtf* genes

in the CBS 15792 genome were identified as follows: for each *wtf* gene in the CBS 15792

genome, its flanking non-repetitive protein-coding genes were extracted, and their counterparts

in the CBS 15793^T genome were identified by BLASTP analysis of the amino acid sequences of

gene products. The thus defined genomic regions in the CBS 15793^T genome were inspected for

the presence of *wtf* genes. Annotated protein-coding genes falling into these regions and sharing

sequence similarities with *wtf* genes in CBS 15792 were classified as *wtf* genes. For regions

lacking any annotated protein-coding genes resembling *wtf* genes, BLASTN analysis was

performed to identify *wtf* pseudogenes. *wtf* pseudogenes not annotated by the MAKER pipeline

were given systematic names but were not included in the protein-coding genes listed in Table

S4. The coordinates of *wtf* genes (including *wtf* pseudogenes) in CBS 15793^T are listed in Table

S20. Pairwise nucleotide identities were calculated using Sequence Demarcation Tool Version

1.2 (SDTv1.2) (Muhire *et al.* 2014) and the default Needleman-Wunsch algorithm (as

implemented in MUSCLE) was used.

Mating-type region-related analyses

Sequences of mating-type regions of *S. pombe*, *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S.*

osmophilus (provided as GenBank format files in Supplementary Files S1–S4) were obtained as

follows: the *S. pombe* sequence was derived from the reference genome sequence by replacing

the chromosome 2 region spanning coordinates 2129208-2137121 with the sequence of the

"mating type region" contig (GenBank accession FP565355) and by replacing the *M* cassette

sequence at the *mat1* locus with the *P* cassette sequence; the *S. octosporus* sequence was from

the Tong et al. genome assembly (http://bifx-core.bio.ed.ac.uk/~ptong/genome_assembly/) (Tong

et al. 2019); the *S. cryophilus* sequence was derived from the Tong et al. genome assembly by

replacing the *M* cassette sequence at the *mat1* locus with the *P* cassette sequence and by

changing a nucleotide in the Pc-coding sequence that causes a premature stop codon to the

nucleotide in the reference *S. cryophilus* genome; the *S. osmophilus* sequence was from the

genome assembly generated in this study. For analyses of the mating-type loci of *S. japonicus*,

we used sequences of PCR-cloned *mat1* locus and donor region (GenBank accessions JQ735907

and JQ735908) (Yu *et al.* 2013). We note that the coding sequence of *S. japonicus* Pi in these

sequences differs from the coding sequence of Pi in the reference *S. japonicus* genome. A 1-bp

deletion in the reference *S. japonicus* genome causes a frameshift in the coding sequence of Pi.

The synteny plot was generated using clinker and clustermap.js (Gilchrist and Chooi

2021). Pairwise amino acid identities were calculated using Sequence Demarcation Tool Version

1.2 (SDTv1.2) (Muhire *et al.* 2014) and the default Needleman-Wunsch algorithm (as

implemented in MUSCLE) was used. Amino acid sequence alignments of cassette-encoded

proteins and nucleotide sequence alignment of the cassettes and the SAS region were generated

using MAFFT (Katoh and Standley 2013) and visualized using Jalview (Waterhouse *et al.* 2009).

Annotations of H1, H2, H3, and inverted repeats (IRs) in the *S. pombe* sequence are

according to GenBank accession FP565355. Annotations of H1, H2, and H3 in the *S. japonicus*

sequences are according to GenBank accession JQ735908. H1, H2, H3, and IRs in *S. octosporus*,

S. cryophilus, and *S. osmophilus* sequences were annotated by manually inspecting the self-to-

self sequence comparison results generated by YASS (Noé and Kucherov 2005). The structures

of the Pi–Mi complexes were predicted using AlphaFold-Multimer with default parameters

(Evans *et al.* 2022). The predicted structures were visualized using the Mol* Viewer

(https://molstar.org/) (Sehnal *et al.* 2021). Among the structures predicted, we chose the one with

the highest confidence score. The interface area of each complex was calculated using the

PDBePisa web server (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/pdbe/pisa/) (Krissinel and Henrick 2007).

Transposon-related sequences in the donor regions of *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S.*

osmophilus were identified by BLASTN analysis using the LTRs and the internal sequences of

full-length transposons Tf1, Tf2, Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1 as queries. Multiple

sequence alignment shown in Figure 5C was generated by adding INT-related sequences found

in the donor regions into an alignment of internal sequences of Tcry1-1, Tosmo1-1, Tosmo2-1,

and Tosmo3-1 using the --addfragments option of MAFFT, and was visualized using seqvisr

v0.2.6 (https://github.com/vragh/seqvisr) (Raghavan 2021).

Cbp1 family-related analyses

TBLASTN and BLASTP searches using 21 fission yeast Cbp1 family proteins as queries

were performed using the BLAST web server at NCBI (https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi).

Terminal inverted repeats (TIRs), a common characteristic of DNA transposons, were searched

by manually inspecting the self-to-self sequence comparison results generated by YASS (Noé

and Kucherov 2005). Sequence alignment and maximum likelihood tree construction were

performed as described above. Pairwise amino acid identities were calculated using Sequence

Demarcation Tool Version 1.2 (SDTv1.2) (Muhire *et al.* 2014) and the default Needleman-

Wunsch algorithm (as implemented in MUSCLE) was used. Local synteny plots were generated

using clinker and clustermap.js (Gilchrist and Chooi 2021).

Mitogenome-related analyses

Protein-coding genes in the mitogenome were annotated using the MFannot mitogenome

annotator based on genetic code 4 (https://megasun.bch.umontreal.ca/apps/mfannot/) (Prince *et*

al. 2022). Mitochondrial introns were classified using RNAweasel

(https://megasun.bch.umontreal.ca/apps/rnaweasel/) (Prince *et al.* 2022). Mitochondrial tRNA

genes were annotated based on the predictions of tRNAscan-SE using the sequence source

option "Other mitochondrial" (http://trna.ucsc.edu/tRNAscan-SE/) (Lowe and Chan 2016) and

the predictions of RNAweasel. Initiator formylmethionyl-tRNA gene and elongator methionyl-

tRNA gene were distinguished based on similarity to tRNA genes in annotated mitogenomes of

other fission yeast species. rRNA genes were annotated based on cross-species conservation

revealed by BLASTN analysis. The *rnpB* (RNase P RNA) gene was annotated based on the

result of RNAweasel analysis and manually adjusted based on homology to *S. octosporus rnpB*.

Gene boundaries and exon-intron junctions were manually examined and adjusted when

necessary. The sequence and annotation of the *S. osmophilus* mitogenome have been deposited at

GenBank under the accession number OP310968.

The circular graphic map of the mitogenome was generated as follows: The coordinates

of genes and DHEs were transformed into a tab-delimited text file using custom scripts. The GC

content of sliding windows with window size = 35 bp and step size = 5 bp was calculated using

bedtools nuc v2.30.0 (https://bedtools.readthedocs.io/en/latest/) (Quinlan and Hall 2010) and the

calculation result was transformed into a tab-delimited text file using custom scripts. These text

files were given as input to Circos v0.69 (Krzywinski *et al.* 2009). The backgrounds representing

the GC content ranges of 0–70% and 70–100% were defined in the "plot.conf" file of Circos.

The resulting Circos plot was manually modified in Adobe Illustrator. Phylogenetic analysis was

performed in the same manner as described earlier for the nuclear genome. Codon usage was

analyzed using Geneious Prime (Dotmatics).

Plots showing the synteny between the mitogenomes of fission yeast species were

generated using the graphics module of the JCVI utility libraries

(https://github.com/tanghaibao/jcvi/wiki/MCscan-%28Python-version%29) (Tang *et al.* 2015).

As input for JCVI, we manually constructed a BED file containing the coordinates of the genes

and a "blocks" file containing the matching relationships between genes in different species. The

plots were merged and adjusted using Adobe Illustrator. Local synteny plots for the mitogenome

region containing *trnI(cau)* and the nuclear genome region containing *til1* were generated using

clinker and clustermap.js (Gilchrist and Chooi 2021) and manually adjusted using Adobe

Illustrator. Pairwise amino acid identities were calculated using Sequence Demarcation Tool

Version 1.2 (SDTv1.2) (Muhire *et al.* 2014) and the default Needleman-Wunsch algorithm (as

implemented in MUSCLE) was used. The sliding-window analysis was conducted using

SimPlot++ v1.3 (Samson *et al.* 2022). The following parameters were used: Distance model =

identity, Window length = 40, Step = 5, Strip gap = No Strip Gap, and Plot refresh rate = every

window.

DHEs were identified using a GC scanning approach based on the GC-rich characteristics

of *S. octosporus* DHEs. GC-rich regions were found using bedtools nuc (window size = 35 bp,

step size = 1 bp, GC content > 75%) and then inspected visually for the potential to form double-

hairpin structures. The sequence alignment of DHEs and the accompanying arc diagram were

generated using ggmsa (Zhou *et al.* 2022) and manually adjusted using Adobe Illustrator.

Data Availability Statement

Sequencing data have been deposited at NCBI SRA (BioProject: PRJNA870673).

Genome assemblies have been submitted to GenBank (accession number OP310968 for the

mitogenome and submission number SUB1225547 for the nuclear genome).

Results and Discussion

Assembly of the genome of the *S. osmophilus* type strain CBS 15793[T]

To assemble the genome of the *S. osmophilus* type strain CBS 15793[T], we generated

430.07 Mb (~35× coverage assuming a 12 Mb genome) of PacBio HiFi read data using the

PacBio Sequel II platform, and 4.86 Gb (~405× coverage assuming a 12 Mb genome) of

Illumina paired-end read data using the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 platform (Table S1). After

contig assembly, polishing, and filtering (Figure S1A), we obtained a total of six contigs (Figure

1D and Table S2). One of the six contigs is the mitochondrial genome, which will be described

in detail in a later section. Among the other contigs are three megabase-sized contigs (5.57 Mb,

3.50 Mb, and 2.35 Mb respectively). The total length of these three contigs (11.42 Mb) is similar

to the total lengths of nuclear genome contigs in the reference genomes of the other four fission

yeast species (12.57 Mb, 11.27 Mb, 11.52 Mb, and 11.13 Mb for *S. pombe*, *S. octosporus*, *S.*

cryophilus, and *S. japonicus*, respectively) (Wood *et al.* 2002; Rhind *et al.* 2011). The six ends of

these three contigs are either telomeric repeat sequences (described in detail in a later section) or

sequences of 18S–5.8S–25S rRNA genes (rDNA) (Figure 1E), which are the types of sequences

found at or next to chromosome ends in other fission yeast species. Within each contig, one

centromere was identified based on synteny of centromere-flanking genes (Figure 1E). These

observations suggest that like other fission yeast species, *S. osmophilus* has three chromosomes

and these three contigs correspond to the three chromosomes. By convention, we numbered the

three chromosomes from the longest to the shortest and designated the short arm of each

chromosome as the left arm.

The rDNA repeat arrays are not fully assembled in the reference genomes of *S. pombe*, *S.*

octosporus, *S. cryophilus*, or *S. japonicus*. Cutting-edge sequencing technologies available today

still do not allow the full assembly of long arrays of rDNA repeats. In the recently published

telomere-to-telomere human genome assembly, the three longest rDNA arrays are not fully

assembled and have to be modeled instead (Nurk *et al.* 2022). In our *S. osmophilus* genome

assembly, there are approximately two copies, five copies, and one copy of rDNA repeat unit at

the left end of chromosome 2 contig, the left end of chromosome 3 contig, and the right end of

chromosome 3 contig, respectively (Figure 1E), suggesting that like the situation in *S. octosporus*

and *S. cryophilus* (Tong *et al.* 2019), *S. osmophilus* has three rDNA arrays. None of the rDNA

arrays is fully assembled as no telomeric repeats are present at their outer ends. Based on

Illumina read depth coverage, we estimated that there are a total of about 185 copies of rDNA

repeat units in the *S. osmophilus* nuclear genome.

The remaining two contigs in our *S. osmophilus* assembly are less than 100 kb long. They

both contain a few copies of rDNA repeat units at one end and telomeric repeats at the other end.

They share a nearly identical (99.98% identity) 15.3-kb sequence between rDNA and telomeric

repeats but differ in where the rDNA/non-rDNA junction falls within an rDNA repeat unit

(Figure S1B). We named them rDNA-distal contig 1 and 2 (Figure 1D). The Illumina read depth

coverage of the two types of rDNA/non-rDNA junctions showed an approximately 2:1 ratio

(Figure S1C), suggesting that rDNA-distal contig 1 may correspond to sequences located outside

of the distal ends of two rDNA arrays and rDNA-distal contig 2 may correspond to the sequence

distal to the other rDNA array.

The quality of our *S. osmophilus* genome assembly was assessed in multiple ways. First,

we found that 99.45% of PacBio HiFi reads and 99.62% of cleaned Illumina reads could be

mapped onto the genome assembly, indicative of its completeness. Second, mapping results

using both PacBio HiFi reads and Illumina reads showed even depth coverage across

chromosomes, with the only exception being the rDNA repeats (Figure S2A), suggesting that

there are no copy number errors of repeat regions outside of the rDNA arrays. Third, variant

calling using HiFi reads only identified three SNPs and 32 indels and variant calling using

Illumina reads only identified one SNP and 12 indels. The two variant sets overlap by one SNP

and 6 indels and all of them are in rDNA repeats, likely due to sequence variations in the

unassembled rDNA repeat units. Thus, the genome assembly is virtually error-free at the base

level. Fourth, we analyzed the presence or absence of 1315 Benchmarking Universal Single

Copy Orthologs (BUSCO) (ascomycota_odb9 gene set) (Simão *et al.* 2015) in our *S. osmophilus*

genome assembly and found that 1222 (92.9%) of them are classified as "complete and single

copy" and 29 (2.2%) of them are classified as "complete and duplicated" (Table S3). This level

of BUSCO completeness is similar to those of published genome assemblies of the other four

fission yeast species (Table S3 and Figure S2B). Together, these results demonstrate that we

have obtained a highly contiguous, complete, and correct genome assembly of the type strain of

S. osmophilus.

Gene annotation and orthogroup analysis

To facilitate gene annotation, we obtained transcriptome data of vegetatively growing

cells of the *S. osmophilus* type strain CBS 15793[T] using both Illumina short read-based RNA-seq

and long-read cDNA sequencing on the Oxford Nanopore Technologies (ONT) platform (Table

S1). High-confidence transcript sequences were generated from these transcriptome data using

the FLAIR (Full-Length Alternative Isoform analysis of RNA) workflow (Tang *et al.* 2020), and

were provided to the annotation pipeline MAKER as EST evidence (Campbell *et al.* 2014). By

incorporating additional evidence including ab initio prediction and annotated protein sequences

of other four fission yeast species, protein-coding genes of *S. osmophilus* were predicted (Figure

S3A). Upon further manual inspection and adjustment, a total of 5098 protein-coding genes were annotated in the three chromosomal contigs (Figure S3C and Table S4). We also annotated nuclear genes encoding functional non-coding RNAs including rRNAs, tRNAs, snRNAs, snoRNAs, and four other functional RNAs (*srp7*, *mrp1*, *rrk1*, and *ter1*) (Figures S3B–S3C and Tables S5–S9).

To establish evolutionary relationships between protein-coding genes of different fission yeast species, we inferred orthologous gene groups (orthogroups, OGs) encompassing nuclear-encoded protein-coding genes of five fission yeast species using proteinortho, a tool that takes into account both similarity and synteny (Lechner *et al.* 2011, 2014). 4873 (95.6%) of the 5098 *S. osmophilus* genes fall into 4864 orthogroups that contain genes of at least one other fission yeast species (Table S10 and Figure S4A). 4122 (80.9%) *S. osmophilus* genes fall into 4120 orthogroups that contain genes in all five fission yeast species (Table S10 and Figure S4A).

We assigned functional annotations to *S. osmophilus* protein-coding genes by giving them the gene product descriptions of the orthologs in other fission yeast species, especially *S. pombe* (Figure S4B). For genes without proteinortho-detected orthologs in other fission yeast species and for genes whose orthologs in other fission yeast species have the gene product description of "hypothetical protein", we resorted to the tool eggNOG-mapper to obtain functional annotations (Cantalapiedra *et al.* 2021) (Figure S4B). In total, descriptive annotations other than "hypothetical protein" were obtained for 4868 (95.5%) *S. osmophilus* protein-coding genes (Table S4).

Species phylogeny and evolutionary rate difference

We used the assembled nuclear genome of the *S. osmophilus* type strain to examine the phylogenetic position of *S. osmophilus*. First, we performed a maximum likelihood analysis using the amino acid sequences of 1060 "complete and single-copy" BUSCO genes present in all five fission yeast species as well as the outgroup species *Saitoella complicata*, which also belongs to the *Taphrinomycotina* subphylum of *Ascomycota* (Liu *et al.* 2009) (Figure S5A and Table S11). The sequences of these genes were generated by BUSCO analysis (Simão *et al.* 2015), which only uses genome sequences as input and is independent of genome annotations. The maximum likelihood tree shows that *S. osmophilus* shares a more recent common ancestor with *S. octosporus* than with other fission yeast species (Figure S5A).

We used the BUSCO-gene-inferred phylogeny to estimate the divergence time between *S.*

osmophilus and *S. octosporus* (Figure 1F). The divergence times of the *S. japonicus–S. pombe*

split (207.2 million years ago), the *S. pombe–S. octosporus* split (108.2 million years ago), and

the *S. octosporus–S. cryophilus* split (29.4 million years ago) reported in a recently published

timetree of *Ascomycota* were used as time calibration nodes (Shen *et al.* 2020). This analysis

showed that *S. osmophilus* and *S. octosporus* diverged about 15.7 millions years ago. This

divergence time is similar to the divergence time between humans and orangutans (genus *Pongo*)

(Kumar *et al.* 2017).

To corroborate the BUSCO-based results, we used the 4085 orthogroups containing

single-copy orthologs in all five fission yeast species (1:1:1:1:1 orthologs) to calculate pairwise

amino acid identities between orthologous proteins from two different fission yeast species

(Table S12). Mean pairwise identities were calculated for all species pairs (Figure S5B).

Consistent with the BUSCO-based species tree, the orthologs in *S. osmophilus* and *S. octosporus*

have the highest mean pairwise identity of 90.52%.

Interestingly, the maximum likelihood tree shows that the evolutionary rate of *S.*

octosporus is 51% higher than that of *S. osmophilus* since their divergence from each other

(0.0622 substitutions per site for *S. octosporus* vs. 0.0412 substitutions per site for *S. osmophilus*)

(Figure S5A). Consistent with this observation, the mean pairwise identity between *S. octosporus*

and *S. cryophilus* orthologs (85.51%) is lower than that between *S. osmophilus* and *S. cryophilus*

orthologs (87.06%) (Figure S5B). We plotted histograms of pairwise identities of the 4085

orthogroups and observed unimodal distributions of identity values, with the distribution for the

S. octosporus–S. cryophilus comparison slightly shifted to smaller values compared to that for

the *S. osmophilus–S. cryophilus* comparison (Figure S5C). To directly analyze the differences in

identity values for the two comparisons, we calculated the differences in pairwise identities for

orthologs belonging to the same orthogroup and plotted histograms of the differences (Figure

S5D). The difference values show unimodal distributions not centered at zero, confirming overall

differences in identity values. For 74% of the 4085 orthogroups, the pairwise identity between *S.*

osmophilus and *S. cryophilus* orthologs is larger than that between *S. octosporus* and *S.*

cryophilus orthologs (Table S12).

It is known that evolutionary rates of species are inversely correlated with their

generation times (Wu and Li 1985; Smith and Donoghue 2008; Thomas *et al.* 2010). It is

possible that *S. octosporus* has a shorter generation time or spends less time in quiescence than *S.*

osmophilus in native habitats and therefore has evolved faster. The second possibility is

consistent with the known natural habitats of these two species (Brysch-Herzberg *et al.* 2022):

the primary habitat of *S. octosporus* is honeybee honey, which can be available all year round in

a honeycomb, whereas the main habitat of *S. osmophilus* is bee bread of solitary bees, which

only lasts for a maximum of a few weeks before being fully consumed by the larva in a nest

chamber.

During evolution, both gene sequence divergences and changes in gene order accumulate

over time. To visualize how the gene order in the nuclear genome of *S. osmophilus* differs from

those in other fission yeast species, we generated pairwise synteny plots based on single-copy

orthologs (Figures 1G–1J). Consistent with the species phylogeny inferred from sequence

divergences, *S. osmophilus* shares the highest level of synteny with *S. octosporus*. There are only

a few large-scale chromosomal rearrangements between these two species. One of these

rearrangements is a reciprocal translocation with breakpoints falling into two centromeres

(described in more details below).

Centromeres of *S. osmophilus* and their comparison with centromeres of other fission

yeasts

Centromeres in the *S. osmophilus* genome were identified based on the conserved

synteny of centromere-flanking protein-coding genes (Ács-Szabó *et al.* 2018; Tong *et al.* 2019)

(Table S13). For *cen1*, *cen2*, and *cen3* of *S. osmophilus*, the lengths of the regions between the

two closest flanking protein-coding genes are approximately 56 kb, 57 kb, and 72 kb,

respectively (Figure 2A), together accounting for 1.6% of the total length of the chromosomal

contigs. These regions are the most prominent low-GC-content regions in the nuclear genome

and are also the regions with the highest densities of tRNA genes (Figure 1E).

To investigate the organization of *S. osmophilus* centromeres, we performed all-to-all

comparison of the sequences of the three centromeric regions and found that like the situation in

other fission yeast species (Rhind *et al.* 2011; Tong *et al.* 2019), these regions are extensively

occupied by repetitive sequences (Figure 2A and Table S14). Similar to the centromeres of *S.*

octosporus, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. pombe* (Tong *et al.* 2019), in each *S. osmophilus* centromere, a

central core (*cnt*, blue rectangles in Figure 2A) is flanked by a pair of inverted repeats (IRs, thick

grey arrows in Figure 2A). The lengths of *cnt1*, *cnt2*, and *cnt3* are 10.1 kb, 3.1 kb, and 9.7 kb,

respectively, and the lengths of IRs flanking them are 1.5 kb, 11.1 kb, and 21.4 kb, respectively. Sequence similarity exists not only within the same centromere, but also between different centromeres. We identified 20 types of repeats present in more than one centromere (colored arrows in Figure 2A). Four types locate exclusively within *cnt* regions and are designated CntA–CntD (Figures 2A and 2C, Table S14). The other 16 types locate outside of *cnt* regions and are designated CenA–CenP (Figure 2A and Table S14). We will refer to these repeats outside of *cnt* regions as peri-core repeats.

There are 13 5S rRNA genes in the centromeres of *S. osmophilus* (Figure 2A), accounting for 13% of the 5S rRNA genes in the nuclear genome (Table S5). Nine of them form three clusters, with each cluster containing three tandemly arranged 5S rRNA genes. The other four 5S rRNA genes are situated alone. *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* have higher number of 5S rRNA genes in their centromeres (25 and 20 respectively), and they each have multiple types of 5S rRNA gene-associated repeats (termed Five-S-Associated Repeats, FSARs), some of which harbor protein-coding sequences (Tong *et al.* 2019). In *S. osmophilus*, there is only one type of centromeric repeats associated with 5S rRNA genes: the CenA repeats. CenA repeats are usually flanked by two tandemly arranged 5S rRNA genes (Figure 2A) and likely result from the homogenizing effect of 5S rRNA gene-mediated recombination. CenA repeats do not share sequence similarity with FSARs in *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* and do not contain protein-coding sequences.

There are 96 tRNA genes in the centromeres of *S. osmophilus* (Figure 2A), accounting for 33% of the tRNA genes in the nuclear genome (Table S6). This high level of tRNA gene enrichment in the centromeres is similar to the situations in *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. pombe* (Tong *et al.* 2019). Two types of peri-core repeats are flanked on both sides by tRNA genes (CenB and CenD) and many other types of peri-core repeats are flanked on one side by tRNA genes (Figure 2A), suggesting that tRNA genes may contribute to the formation of these repeats through tRNA gene-mediated recombination. There are two degenerated full-length retrotransposons and four solo long terminal repeats (LTRs) in the centromeres of *S. osmophilus* (Figure 2A) (see a later section for detailed description of *S. osmophilus* retrotransposons). Overall, centromeres of *S. osmophilus* are not rich in retrotransposon-related sequences. This is similar to the situation in *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* (Tong *et al.* 2019).

Chromatin immunoprecipitation followed by next-generation sequencing (ChIP-Seq)

analyses in *S. pombe*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus* have shown that *cnt* regions are assembled

in CENP-A^{Cnp1} chromatin and outer centromeric repeats are assembled in H3K9me2

heterochromatin, with the CENP-A/heterochromatin transitions demarcated by the most *cnt*-

proximal tRNA gene clusters or LTRs (Tong *et al.* 2019). We speculate that similar situations

may occur in *S. osmophilus*.

It has been shown that *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus*, but not *S. pombe*, share synteny

of tRNA genes and 5S rRNA genes in centromeres (Tong *et al.* 2019). We compared

centromeric tRNA genes and 5S rRNA genes of *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus*

(Figure 2B). The number, types, order, and orientation of centromeric tRNA genes are strongly

conserved among these three species. Synteny of tRNA genes often extends across a long cluster

of tRNA genes. There can be as many as 12 tRNA genes in a syntenic cluster. The small number

of breakdowns of synteny appear to be mainly caused by intra-centromeric rearrangements. For

example, tRNA gene order difference between *S. osmophilus cen1* and its orthologous

centromere in *S. cryophilus* can be explained by a single inversion event that may have occurred

through recombination between 5S rRNA genes. Compared to centromeric tRNA genes,

centromeric 5S rRNA genes show weaker synteny and appear to have undergone relatively

frequent gain and loss events, suggesting that they are under a more relaxed constraint during

evolution. No obvious cross-species sequence similarity can be detected in intervening sequences

between syntenic tRNA genes and 5S rRNA genes.

S. octosporus and *S. pombe*, but not *S. cryophilus*, share perfect synteny of protein-coding

genes flanking the three centromeres (Tong *et al.* 2019). Thus, it is thought that the situation in *S.*

octosporus and *S. pombe* represents the ancestral state. However, our analysis shows that *S.*

osmophilus and *S. cryophilus* share identical synteny of centromere-flanking genes (Figure 2B),

suggesting that the situation in these two species may represent the state in the common ancestor

of *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus*. Regardless of which situation is the ancestral

state of these three species, the break of synteny can be attributed to an inter-centromeric

translocation, with one breakpoint at or near a tRNA gene cluster (the RIA cluster) situated

between *cnt3* and *emc5* in *S. osmophilus* and the other breakpoint at or near another RIA cluster

situated between *cnt2* and *chk1* in *S. osmophilus* (Figure 2B).

No cross-species sequence similarity is known to exist between the *cnt* regions of

different fission yeast species (Tong *et al.* 2019). However, there appear to be conserved

arrangements of repeats in *cnt* regions of *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus*, as both species contain

cnt repeats of different lengths (termed oCNT-L and oCNT-S for the long and short *S.*

octosporus repeats respectively and cCNT-L and cCNT-S for the long and short *S. cryophilus*

repeats respectively) and they are arranged in similar ways in orthologous centromeres (Tong *et*

al. 2019). Our BLASTN analysis of the sequences of the *cnt* regions of *S. osmophilus*, *S.*

octosporus, and *S. cryophilus* revealed no cross-species sequence similarity. Interestingly, we

identified previously unrecognized sequence similarity among the three *cnt* regions of *S.*

octosporus. No *cnt* repeats were previously known to exist in *cnt1* of *S. octosporus*. We found

that a repeat of approximately 480 bp, which we named oCNT-N (N for new), is present in *cnt1*

and *cnt2* of *S. octosporus* (Figures 2C and S6). In addition, a part of oCNT-S is also present in

cnt1. Therefore, we split oCNT-S into two parts: oCNT-S1 and oCNT-S2. oCNT-S1 is present in

cnt2 and *cnt3*, and oCNT-S2 in present in all three *cnt* regions (Figures 2C and S6).

There are four types of *cnt* repeats in *S. osmophilus*: CntA–D (Figures 2C and S7 and

Table S14). They are arranged in a remarkably similar way to the four types of *cnt* repeats of *S.*

octosporus (Figure 2C). In Figure 2C, orthologous *cnt* regions in *S. cryophilus*, *S. osmophilus*,

and *S. octosporus* are grouped together to highlight cross-species similarities in *cnt* repeat

distribution and positioning. CntA is present in *cnt1* and *cnt2* of *S. osmophilus* and mirrors the

distribution of oCNT-N in *S. octosporus*. CntB is present in all three *cnt* regions of *S. osmophilus*

and resembles oCNT-S2 in distribution. CntC is located in *cnt1* and *cnt3* of *S. osmophilus* and

matches the locations of oCNT-S1. CntD is the longest *cnt* repeat in *S. osmophilus*. It is present

in *cnt1* and *cnt3*, whose orthologous *cnt* regions in *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* harbor the

long repeats oCNT-L and cCNT-L, respectively. Within each *cnt* region of *S. osmophilus*, the

relative positioning of different *cnt* repeats always perfectly matches that of their counterparts in

S. octosporus. The conserved *cnt* repeat arrangements suggest that inter-*cnt* sequence similarities

have been selected for during evolution and can be maintained long after cross-species *cnt*

sequence similarity is no longer detectable.

Even though no cross-species sequence similarities in *cnt* regions were found by

BLASTN analysis, we wondered whether it is possible that short conserved sequence motifs,

which cannot be detected by BLASTN, may be enriched in *cnt* regions. To test this possibility,

we applied the motif discovery tool MEME (Multiple Em for Motif Elicitation) (Bailey *et al.*

2009). A 11-bp motif was found in the *cnt* regions of *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S.*

cryophilus (Figure 2D). For each of these three species, the density of the occurrences of the 11-

bp motif in the *cnt* regions is about seven times of the average density across the nuclear genome

(Figure 2E and Table S15). This motif is present in all nine *cnt* regions of these three species

(Figure 2C), but is absent in the *cnt* regions of *S. pombe* (Figure 2E and Table S15). It is possible

that this motif may be of functional relevance.

Telomeres of *S. osmophilus* and their comparison with telomeres of other fission yeasts

Telomeres are composed of tandem arrays of short repeats synthesized by the reverse

transcription enzyme telomerase, which contains a RNA subunit that serves as the template for

telomeric repeat synthesis. We investigated telomeres of *S. osmophilus* and compared them to

those of other fission yeast species.

In the *S. osmophilus* genome assembly, telomeric repeats were found at the three rDNA-

free ends of the chromosomal contigs (Tel1L, Tel1R, and Tel2R) (Figures 3A and 3B). For the

other three chromosome ends that contain rDNA repeats and are not fully assembled, telomeres

are expected to locate at the far ends of rDNA-distal sequences (Tel2L, Tel3L, and Tel3R)

(Figure 3A) and should correspond to the telomeric repeats in the two rDNA-distal contigs

(Figure 3B).

The telomeres in *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* are composed of near-perfect arrays of

the same type of 9-bp telomeric repeat unit: TTGGGTTAC (Rhind *et al.* 2011; Kannan *et al.*

2015) (Figures S8A and S8B). Manual inspection of the telomeric sequences in the *S.*

osmophilus genome assembly revealed that there are two main types of telomeric repeat units, 9-

bp TTGGGTTAC and 11-bp ACTTGGGTTAC (Figure 3B). To exclude the possibility of

assembly artifacts, we examined the HiFi reads and confirmed that these two types of repeat

units indeed co-exist in the same telomeric sequence (Figure 3C and Table S16). The 9-bp repeat

unit is identical to the telomeric repeat unit in *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus*. We hereafter refer

to the 9-bp repeat unit as the conserved repeat and the 11-bp repeat unit as the non-conserved

repeat. We identified a total of 87 HiFi reads containing telomeric repeats (Table S16). The

lengths of telomeric repeats in these HiFi reads show a normal distribution centered around

approximately 200 bp (Figure 3D). The conserved repeat and the non-conserved repeat account

for 57% and 38% of the repeat units in the HiFi reads, respectively, and other types of repeat

units together only account for 5% of the repeat units (Figure 3E and Table S17).

To understand why *S. osmophilus* differs from *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* in the

telomeric repeat units, we compared the telomerase RNA genes (*ter1*) of these three species and

paid special attention to the template regions of telomerase RNAs (Figures 3F, S8C, and S8D).

The template region in a telomerase RNA usually consists of two parts: a "templating sequence"

corresponding to a full telomeric repeat unit and serving as the template for reverse transcription,

and on its 3′ side an "annealing sequence" that is identical to the 5′ part of the "templating

sequence" and base pairs with the 3′ end of a telomeric DNA that has just finished one round of

reverse transcription (Peska *et al.* 2020, 2021; Fajkus *et al.* 2021). The telomerase RNA genes of

S. osmophilus, *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* are well conserved (Figures 3F and S8D). *S.*

octosporus and *S. cryophilus* have the same nine-nucleotide templating sequence (3′-

AACCCAAUG-5′). This sequence is strictly conserved in *S. osmophilus* (Figure 3F). However,

there is a notable difference in the annealing sequence. *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* have the

same three-nucleotide annealing sequence 3′-AUG-5′, which is identical to the 5′ trinucleotide of

the templating sequence. In *S. osmophilus*, this sequence is 3′-GUG-5′. Consequently, the

templating sequence of *S. osmophilus* telomerase RNA is flanked on its 3′ side by two tandem

copies of the dinucleotide sequence 3′-UG-5′ (Figures 3F). We propose that either of the two 3′-

UG-5′ sequences can base pair with the 3′-most dinucleotide of a telomeric DNA (Figure 3G). If

the templating-sequence-proximal 3′-UG-5′ forms the base pairs, a 9-bp conserved telomeric

DNA repeat will be synthesized in the ensuing round of reverse transcription; on the other hand,

if the distal 3′-UG-5′ forms the base pairs, the proximal 3′-UG-5′ becomes part of the templating

sequence and a 11-bp non-conserved repeat will be synthesized in the next round of reverse

transcription.

Retrotransposons in *S. osmophilus* and their evolutionary relationships with other

retrotransposons

We surveyed the transposon content of the *S. osmophilus* genome using the Extensive de-

novo TE Annotator (EDTA) pipeline (Ou *et al.* 2019). Similar to the situations in other fission

yeast species (Bowen *et al.* 2003; Rhind *et al.* 2011; Tusso *et al.* 2022), the only type of intact

transposons found in the *S. osmophilus* genome is Ty3/Gypsy superfamily long terminal repeat

(LTR) retrotransposons (see Materials and Methods). We identified a total of four full-length and

intact retrotransposons (Figure 1E and Table S18). They each contain two identical LTRs at their

5′ and 3′ ends, indicative of recent transposition. Two of these retrotransposons are identical in

sequence, and we named them Tosmo1-1 and Tosmo1-2. The other two were named Tosmo2-1

and Tosmo3-1. The lengths of Tosmo1, Tosmo2, and Tosmo3 retrotransposons are 5098 bp,

5083 bp, and 5068 bp, respectively. The lengths of their LTRs are 395 bp, 392 bp, and 395 bp,

respectively. Tosmo1-1, Tosmo1-2, and Tosmo2-1 but not Tosmo3-1 are flanked by perfect 5-bp

target site duplications (TSDs) (Table S18). Using the sequences of these four retrotransposons

to guide a new round of EDTA-based analysis, we were able to identify 15 degenerated

retrotransposons and 63 solo LTRs in the *S. osmophilus* genome (Table S18). Phylogenetic

analysis classified the LTRs in the *S. osmophilus* genome into four types (Figure S9A). Tosmo1

and Tosmo3 have type-A LTRs and Tosmo2 has type-B LTRs. Retrotransposons and solo LTRs

in the *S. osmophilus* genome are not strongly enriched in any particular genomic regions (Figures

1E and S9B).

We performed comparative analysis of fission yeast retrotransposons, including the three

types of *S. osmophilus* retrotransposons identified here and *S. pombe* Tf1 and Tf2, *S. cryophilus*

Tcry1, and *S. japonicus* Tj1 (Figure 4A). Tf1 and Tf2 are extensively characterized

retrotransposons (Levin *et al.* 1990; Weaver *et al.* 1993; Esnault and Levin 2015; Maxwell 2020).

A survey of retrotransposons in a diverse set of *S. pombe* isolates found that full-length elements

are mostly Tf1 or Tf2 and the rest are hybrid elements resulting from recombination between Tf1

and Tf2 (Tusso *et al.* 2022). Tcry1 is the only type of full-length retrotransposon known to exist

in *S. cryophilus*. There is a single copy of Tcry1 in the genome of the only available strain of *S.*

cryophilus (Rhind *et al.* 2011; Tong *et al.* 2019). We noticed that the downstream boundary of

that copy of Tcry1 has been mis-annotated and its length should be 5095 bp, 40 bp longer than

previously reported (see Materials and Methods). *S. japonicus* has a large variety of

retrotransposons (Rhind *et al.* 2011; Chapman *et al.* 2022). However, the retrotransposons in the

S. japonicus reference genome tend to have sequence errors (Rhind et al. 2011). Thus, we

included in our analysis only one type of *S. japonicus* retrotransposon, Tj1, because a reliable

sequence of a full-length Tj1 retrotransposon is available (Guo *et al.* 2015), even though there is

no full-length Tj1 in the *S. japonicus* reference genome (Rhind et al. 2011). No full-length

retrotransposons have been found in *S. octosporus* (Rhind *et al.* 2011; Tong *et al.* 2019).

Tf1, Tf2, Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1 each encode four proteins: the

structural protein Gag, the protease (PR), the reverse transcriptase (RT), and the integrase (IN)

(Figure 4A). In Tf1 and Tf2, all proteins are encoded within a single open reading frame (ORF).

In contrast, in Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1, an in-frame stop codon separates the

coding sequence for Gag and the coding sequence for the Pol polyprotein that encompasses PR,

RT, and IN (Figure 4A). Such an in-frame stop codon is a known strategy employed by a number

of retroviruses and retrotransposons to express a Gag-Pol fusion protein through programmed

stop codon readthrough and to ensure that the level of the Gag-Pol fusion protein is lower than

that of the Gag protein (Yoshinaka *et al.* 1985; Matthews *et al.* 1997; Leng *et al.* 1998; Gao *et al.*

2003; Forbes *et al.* 2007; Guo *et al.* 2015). The in-frame stop codon in Tj1 has been shown to be

essential for its transposition activity (Guo *et al.* 2015).

We compared the sequences of and surrounding the in-frame stop codon in Tosmo1,

Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1 (Figure 4B). Interestingly, a 8-bp sequence, which includes the

stop codon (TGA), the preceding codon (GAA for glutamate), and the first two nucleotides of

the following codon (CTA or CTG for leucine), is strictly conserved, suggesting not only a

common ancestry, but also selective constraints preventing divergence. TGA is known to be the

most readthrough-permissive stop codon (Firoozan *et al.* 1991; Jungreis *et al.* 2011; Cridge *et al.*

2018). The dinucleotide AA immediately upstream of a stop codon promotes readthrough in

Saccharomyces cerevisiae (Tork *et al.* 2004). Several types of sequences immediately

downstream of the TGA stop codon are known to favor readthrough in various eukaryotic

organisms, including the nucleotide C (Li and Rice 1993; Bonetti *et al.* 1995; Jungreis *et al.*

2011; Cridge *et al.* 2018), the dinucleotide CT (Stiebler *et al.* 2014), and the tetranucleotide

CTAG (Loughran *et al.* 2014). Thus, Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1 appear to

exploit readthrough mechanisms conserved in eukaryotic organisms to regulate the expression of

the Gag-Pol fusion protein.

Ty3/Gypsy retrotransposons have been phylogenetically classified into two main

branches: chromovirus and non-chromovirus (Marín and Lloréns 2000; Llorens *et al.* 2009, 2011;

Neumann *et al.* 2019). Chromovirus retrotransposons usually contain a chromodomain at the C-

terminus of the integrase, whereas non-chromovirus retrotransposons lack the chromodomain.

Tf1, Tf2, Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1 all contain a chromodomain (Figure S10A)

and are thus chromovirus retrotransposons. Tf1 is the founding member of a sublineage of

chromovirus retrotransposons, termed the Tf1/sushi group (Butler *et al.* 2001; Goodwin and Poulter 2001; Neumann *et al.* 2019). A common feature of Tf1/sushi retrotransposons is that they initiate reverse transcription using a self-priming mechanism first discovered in studies of Tf1 (Levin 1995, 1996; Lin and Levin 1997b; Butler *et al.* 2001; Goodwin and Poulter 2001). The Tf1/sushi group is equivalent to the "Fungi/Vertebrates cluster" of chromovirus retrotransposons in the classification system of the Gypsy Database of Mobile Genetic Elements (GyDB, https://gydb.org/) (Llorens *et al.* 2009, 2011). The term "Fungi/Vertebrates cluster" is a misnomer as Tf1/sushi retrotransposons are present not only in fungi and vertebrates, but also in a number of non-seed plant species (Novikova *et al.* 2010; Neumann *et al.* 2019). Previously published phylogenetic analyses have shown that Tf1/sushi retrotransposons form a monophyletic group and the closest relatives of Tf1/sushi retrotransposons are plant chromovirus retrotransposons that use host tRNAs to prime reverse transcription (Marín and Lloréns 2000; Goodwin and Poulter 2001; Levin 2007; Llorens *et al.* 2009; Novikova *et al.* 2010; Neumann *et al.* 2019). These plant chromovirus retrotransposons are referred to as the "Plants cluster" of chromovirus retrotransposons in GyDB (Llorens *et al.* 2009, 2011).

We performed a phylogenetic analysis of Tf1, Tf2, Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1 together with other representative chromovirus retrotransposons using amino acid sequences encompassing the two most conserved proteins encoded by retrotransposons, RT and IN (excluding the less conserved chromodomain at the C-terminus of IN) (Figure 4C). This analysis showed that Tf1, Tf2, Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1 form a highly supported monophyletic clade, which is sister to all other Tf1/sushi retrotransposons, suggesting that these fission yeast retrotransposons descent from an ancestral retrotransposon existing in the common ancestor of fission yeasts. Supporting their shared origin is the fact that the Gag proteins of these seven fission yeast retrotransposons do not contain a Cys-X$_2$-Cys-X$_4$-His-X$_4$-Cys (CCHC) motif, which is widely present in the Gag proteins of retrotransposons and retroviruses (Covey 1986; Llorens *et al.* 2008), including the Gag proteins of other chromovirus retrotransposons (Figure 4C and Figure S11). As the common ancestor of fission yeasts existed more than 200 million years ago (Rhind *et al.* 2011; Shen *et al.* 2020), these fission yeast Tf1/sushi retrotransposons may have co-evolved with fission yeasts for over 200 million years.

Intriguingly, the RT-IN phylogeny is incongruent with the species tree of fission yeasts, as retrotransposons in *S. osmophilus* and *S. cryophilus* share a more recent common ancestor

with *S. japonicus* Tj1 than with *S. pombe* Tf1 and Tf2. On the other hand, this phylogeny is consistent with the fact that Tf1 and Tf2 have a single ORF whereas Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1 have an in-frame stop codon at the Gag-Pol junction. Tf1/sushi retrotransposons of non-fission-yeast species predominantly express the Gag-Pol fusion protein through programmed −1 frameshifting at the Gag-Pol junction, whereas the outgroup "Plants cluster" retrotransposons usually have a single ORF (Figure 4C) (Gao *et al.* 2003). We speculate that the ancestor of the seven fission yeast retrotransposons may be a single-ORF retrotransposon. The in-frame-stop-codon retrotransposons would have arisen from this ancestor before the divergence of fission yeast species and would later have been lost in the lineage leading to *S. pombe*. The single-ORF retrotransposons would have been lost in the lineage leading to *S. osmophilus* and *S. cryophilus*. The situation in *S. japonicus* awaits further characterization of its retrotransposon repertoire.

The self-priming of Tf1 requires a three-duplex RNA structure formed by the 5' untranslated region (UTR) of the Tf1 mRNA (Lin and Levin 1997a) (Figure 4D). The central duplex is formed between the self-primer at the 5' end of the mRNA (shown in green in Figure 4D) and the primer-binding site (PBS) located downstream of the 5' LTR (shown in red in Figure 4D). The other two duplexes are each formed between a PBS-adjacent sequence and a 5' LTR sequence located downstream of the self-primer. This type of RNA structure, dubbed the "pretzel" structure (Butler *et al.* 2001), can also be formed by the mRNAs of Tf2 and several other Tf1/sushi retrotransposons (Lin and Levin 1997a; b; Butler *et al.* 2001; Goodwin and Poulter 2001). We inspected the sequences of Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1 and found that their mRNAs all have the potential to form the "pretzel" structure (Figure 4D), suggesting that they share a similar self-priming mechanism with Tf1.

During reverse transcription of retrotransposons and retroviral mRNAs, the synthesis of plus-strand cDNA is initiated from an RNA primer that corresponds to a purine-rich sequence located upstream and adjacent to the 3' UTR (Wilhelm and Wilhelm 2001; Rausch and Le Grice 2004; Rausch *et al.* 2017). This sequence is termed the polypurine tract (PPT) (Majors and Varmus 1981). We inspected PPT sequences and PPT-flanking sequences of Tf1, Tf2, Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1 (Figure 4E). Interestingly, even though their PPT sequences do not show strong conservation, the four nucleotides immediately upstream of the PPT are exclusively TCTT in these fission yeast retrotransposons. This feature is not conserved in other

Tf1/sushi retrotransposons (Figure S10B). Thus, the PPT-adjacent TCTT sequence is a

characteristic feature of these fission yeast retrotransposons. As the plus-strand primer of Tf1 is

known to begin at the third nucleotide of the TCTT sequence (Atwood-Moore *et al.* 2005;

Esnault and Levin 2015), the TTCT sequence may help define the 5' end of the plus-strand

primer. In addition, a T-rich sequence immediately upstream of the PPT, termed T-box or U-box,

is important for plus-strand priming of several retroviruses and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

retrotransposon Ty1 (Ilyinskii and Desrosiers 1998; Noad *et al.* 1998; Robson and Telesnitsky

1999; Wilhelm *et al.* 1999b). It is possible that the TCTT sequence is similarly important for

plus-strand priming of these fission yeast retrotransposons.

To more comprehensively understand the relationship between Tosmo1, Tosmo2, and

Tosmo3, we performed a sliding-window analysis of nucleotide identity using SimPlot++

(Figure 4F) (Samson *et al.* 2022). Consistent with the RT-IN tree, Tsomo1, Tosmo2, and

Tosmo3 are very similar to each other in the Pol coding sequence (overall nucleotide identity >

96%). However, strikingly high sequence diversity exists outside of the Pol coding sequence.

High sequence diversity is located in two separate regions: first, Tosmo2 strongly differs from

Tosom1 and Tosmo3 in an approximately 140-bp segment in the U3 region of the LTR, with the

downstream boundary of the segment only 9 bp away from the U3-R junction (Figure S10C);

and second, Tosmo1, Tosmo2, and Tosmo3 differ substantially from each other in an

approximately 780-bp region beginning from the 5' UTR sequence downstream of the PBS and

extending to the C-terminal region of the Gag coding sequence. The second diversity region

extends about 140 bp further downstream to the beginning of the Pol coding sequence for the

Tosmo1-Tosmo2 comparison and the Tosmo1-Tosmo3 comparison. At the amino acid level, the

identities of Gag proteins are 34%, 32%, and 55% for Tosmo1-Tosmo2, Tosmo1-Tosmo3, and

Tosmo2-Tosmo3 comparisons, respectively (Figure S11). Such mosaic patterns of diversity are

remarkably similar to the situation of *S. pombe* Tf1 and Tf2, which share 98% nucleotide identity

in the Pol coding sequence but are highly different from each other in a segment of the U3 region

and in the Gag coding sequence and the adjacent 5' UTR sequence (Figures 4F, S10D, and S11)

(Weaver *et al.* 1993; Kelly and Levin 2005). We hypothesize that this similarity may not be

coincidental but rather due to non-random formation of diversity regions and/or selective

advantages conferred by certain diversity patterns.

As has been proposed before for Tf1 and Tf2 (Kelly and Levin 2005), the mosaic patterns

of diversity between Tsomo1, Tosmo2, and Tosmo3 likely result from inter-element

recombination between divergent retrotransposons. Inter-element recombination may happen

either through recombination between chromosomally integrated retrotransposons, or through

extrachromosomal reverse-transcription-related recombination (Kelly and Levin 2005; Drost and

Sanchez 2019). The recombination breakpoint near the U3-R junction may be a reflection of

reverse-transcription-related recombination happening at the minus-strand transfer step of

reverse transcription, when the minus-strand cDNA that has been synthesized to the 5′-end of the

retrotransposon RNA, i.e. the beginning of the R region in the 5′ LTR, is transferred to base pair

with the R region in the 3′ portion of either the same RNA molecule or another RNA molecule

co-packaged in the same virus-like particle (Wilhelm *et al.* 1999a; Drost and Sanchez 2019).

The U3 region of the LTR serves as the promoter for the transcription of the

retrotransposon mRNA and contains cis-regulatory sequences such as the TATA box and

transcription factor-binding sites (Bilanchone *et al.* 1993; Benachenhou *et al.* 2013). In *S. pombe*,

a nucleosome positioned at the U3 region of the Tf2 retrotransposon by chromatin remodelers

Fft2 and Fft3 prevents the transcription of full-length Tf2 transcript in unstressed cells (Persson

et al. 2016). The diversification of the U3 sequence in the retrotransposons in *S. pombe* and *S.*

osmophilus may widen transcriptional regulatory mechanisms and thus confer adaptability. The

Gag proteins of retroviruses and retrotransposons are known to be the target of host defense

mechanisms and self-restriction mechanisms (Sanz-Ramos and Stoye 2013; Saha *et al.* 2015;

Cottee *et al.* 2021). The diversification of the Gag sequence in the retrotransposons in *S. pombe*

and *S. osmophilus* may be beneficial to the evolutionary survival of these retrotransposons.

Comparisons of the *wtf* genes in CBS 15792 and CBS 15793[T]

wtf (short for <u>w</u>ith <u>Tf</u> LTRs) genes, which represent the largest gene family in *S. pombe*,

are selfish spore killer genes (Hu *et al.* 2017; Nuckolls *et al.* 2017). Our recently published study

showed that *wtf* genes also exist in *S. octosporus*, *S. osmophilus*, and *S. cryophilus* (De Carvalho

et al. 2022). That study identified 42 *wtf* genes (including 11 pseudogenes) in a draft genome

assembly of the *S. osmophilus* strain CBS 15792. CBS 15792 and CBS 15793[T] share an average

nucleotide identity (ANI) of 99.73% (Table S19). As a comparison, ANIs between REF-clade *S.*

pombe strains estimated to have diverged within the last few thousand years are around 99.86%,

and ANIs between NONREF-clade *S. pombe* strains are around 99.38% (Table S19) (Tao *et al.*

2019). Consistent with the high nucleotide identity between CBS 15792 and CBS 15793^T, 41 of

the 42 *wtf* genes in CBS 15792 have syntenic counterparts in CBS 15793^T (Table S20 and Figure

S12A). The *wtf31* gene in CBS 15792 does not have a syntenic counterpart in CBS 15793^T. This

presence–absence polymorphism is likely owing to recombination mediated by tandemly

arranged 5S rRNA genes flanking the *wtf31* gene in CBS 15792 (Figure S12B).

Among the 41 pairs of syntenic *wtf* genes in CBS 15792 and CBS 15793^T, two pairs

show inter-strain differences in whether a gene is an active gene or a pseudogene (Table S20).

wtf7 in CBS 15792 is a pseudogene with a premature stop codon in exon 4, whereas its syntenic

counterpart, *wtf41* in CBS 15793^T, does not have the premature stop codon and is an active gene

(Figure S12C). Conversely, *wtf33* in CBS 15792 is an active gene, but its syntenic counterpart,

wtf26 in CBS 15793^T, is a pseudogene owing to a frameshifting 1-bp deletion in exon 2 (Figure

S12D).

The within-pair nucleotide identities of 22 (54%) syntenic pairs are 100% and the within-

pair nucleotide identities of 15 (37%) pairs are lower than 100% but higher than 98% (Table

S20). Manual inspection of the other four pairs whose within-pair nucleotide identities fall below

98% showed that ectopic recombination is the likely cause of their higher levels of inter-strain

divergence. Figure S12E shows one of these four pairs, *wtf13* in CBS 15793^T and its syntenic

counterpart *wtf22* in CBS 15792. They share an overall nucleotide identity of 96.60%. However,

within an approximately 250-bp region, the nucleotide identity between these two genes is only

85.36%. In this region, *wtf13* in CBS 15793^T is highly similar to *wtf15* in CBS 15793^T (97.98%

identity), and *wtf22* in CBS 15792 is highly similar to *wtf32* in CBS 15793^T (98.33% identity)

(Figure S12E). Thus, either *wtf13* in CBS 15793^T or *wtf22* in CBS 15792 may have undergone

ectopic recombination in this region. These results suggest that ectopic recombination drives fast

divergence of *wtf* genes in *S. osmophilus*.

Cross-species comparisons of the mating-type region

Haploid fission yeast cells exist in one of two mating types, P (plus) or M (minus).

Whether the mating type is P or M is determined by which of two cassettes, *P* or *M*, is present at

the mating-type locus *mat1* (Klar *et al.* 2014). Homothallic fission yeast strains can switch

mating type by replacing the cassette at *mat1* with a different cassette residing at a donor locus.

There are two heterochromatin-silenced donor loci, *mat2-P* and *mat3-M*, which are adjacent to

each other and are a few genes away from *mat1* in *S. pombe*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus*

(Rhind *et al.* 2011). The cassettes in the three *mat* loci are all flanked by homology boxes (H1

box on one side and H2 box on the other side), which serve as recombination substrates during

mating type switching.

We examined the synteny of the mating-type region in different fission yeast species

(Figure 5A). We did not include *S. japonicus* in this analysis because the mating-type region in

the reference *S. japonicus* genome is misassembled (Yu *et al.* 2013). For ease of comparison, we

chose to use sequences in which the cassette at *mat1* is the *P* cassette (GenBank format files of

sequences shown in Figure 5A are provided as Supplementary Files S1–S4). Sequences are

oriented such that *mat1* is on the left and the donor region is on the right. Genes flanking the

mat1 locus show strong synteny across *S. pombe*, *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. osmophilus*.

Notably, *nvj2* and *sui1*, which are the third and fourth genes on the left side of *mat1* in all four

species, are among the genes that show conserved proximity to the mating-type locus across the

Ascomycota phylum (Riley *et al.* 2016; Hanson and Wolfe 2017). With the exception of

SPBC23G7.10c, all genes locating in the 17-kb interval between *mat1* and *mat2-P* (the *L*-region)

in *S. pombe* are syntenically conserved in *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. osmophilus*. In *S.*

pombe, *mat2-P* and *mat3-M* have the same orientation (H2 on the left and H1 on the right) and

are separated by a 11-kb interval (the *K*-region). In contrast, in *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and

S. osmophilus, *mat2-P* and *mat3-M* are in opposite orientations, with their H1 boxes facing each

other, and are only about 600 bp apart (Figure 5A). This is likely the ancestral configuration as

mat2-P and *mat3-M* of *S. japonicus* are also arranged in this way (Yu *et al.* 2013). In all four

species, the donor region is separated from the closest neighboring genes by inverted repeats

(IRs), which have been shown to be the boundaries separating the donor region heterochromatin

from the neighboring euchromatin in *S. pombe*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus* (Noma K *et al.*

2001; Tong *et al.* 2019). On the right side of the donor region, gene synteny is maintained

between *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. osmophilus* but is broken between these three

species and *S. pombe*.

In *S. pombe*, the *P* cassette encodes two proteins Pc and Pi and the *M* cassette encodes

two proteins Mc and Mi (Kelly *et al.* 1988). Genes encoding Pc, Pi, and Mc but not Mi are

annotated in the reference genomes of *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. japonicus* (Rhind

2011). An Mi-encoding gene has been annotated in the PCR-cloned mating-type donor region of

a non-reference strain of *S. japonicus* (GenBank: JQ735908.1) (Yu *et al.* 2013). Our inspection

showed that Mi-encoding genes exist in *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* (Figure 5A). Pairwise comparisons and multiple sequence alignments of the amino acid sequences of Pc, Mc, Pi, and Mi showed that all four proteins are highly conserved among *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus* (Figures 5B and S13A–D). Pc and Mc of these three species are moderately similar to their counterparts in *S. pombe* and *S. japonicus*, whereas Pi and Mi of these three species show rather low overall similarities to their homologs in *S. pombe* and *S. japonicus* (Figures 5B and S13A–D).

In *S. pombe*, Pi and Mi interact with each other in the zygote (Vještica *et al.* 2018). We predicted a heterodimeric structure of the *S. pombe* Pi–Mi complex using AlphaFold-Multimer (PDB format file provided as Supplementary File S5) (Evans *et al.* 2022). Pi contains a homeodomain in its C-terminal region (Kelly *et al.* 1988). In the predicted structure of the Pi–Mi heterodimer, the N-terminal region of Pi (amino acids 1–82), which consists of three α-helices, forms an intermolecular four-helix bundle with the 42-amino-acid Mi, which folds into a single α-helix (Figure S13E). Analysis of the predicted structure using the SOCKET2 web application showed that the hydrophobic core of the four-helix bundle forms knobs-in-holes packing typical of coiled coils (Kumar and Woolfson 2021). Pi and Mi of *S. osmophilus* are predicted by AlphaFold-Multimer to form a heterodimer with a structure resembling that of the *S. pombe* Pi–Mi complex (Figure S13F and S13G; PDB format file provided as Supplementary file S6). The Pi–Mi interface areas are 1335 Å^2 and 1297 Å^2 for the *S. pombe* complex and the *S. osmophilus* complex, respectively. Residues at the Pi–Mi interfaces are mostly hydrophobic, but also include a few charged residues that form interhelical salt bridges. These interface residues are substantially conserved in *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. pombe*, but not in *S. japonicus* (Figures S13C and S13D). AlphaFold-Multimer did not predict a confident heterodimeric structure for Pi and Mi of *S. japonicus*. Thus, Pi and Mi of *S. japonicus* may not interact or may interact in a different manner.

We also examined the conservation of cis-acting sequences at the three mating-type loci using BLASTN analysis and multiple sequence alignment. The H1 boxes in all five fission yeast species share similar sequences (Figures S14A and Table S21) (Rhind *et al.* 2011; Yu *et al.* 2013). The H2 boxes in *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. pombe* are highly similar in the most cassette-proximal 75 nucleotides, which partially overlap with the 3' coding sequences of Pc and Mi (Figure S14B and Table S22). As a result of this overlap, Pc and Mi of *S.*

osmophilus, *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus* share the same 12 amino acids in their C termini (Figures S13A and S13D). The H2 box in *S. japonicus* shares no obvious similarity with the H2 boxes in other species. For the H3 boxes, which locate next to the H2 boxes in the donor region, cross-species similarity is only detectable between *S. osmophilus* and *S. octosporus* (Table S23). No obvious cross-species similarity was detected for the inverted repeats flanking the donor regions (Table S24). Two cis-acting sequences called switch-activating sites (SAS1 and SAS2) are present in a 110-bp *L*-region segment immediately adjacent to H1 in *S. pombe* (Arcangioli and Klar 1991). Sequence alignment suggests that this *L*-region segment is conserved across five fission yeast species (Figure S14A) (Rhind *et al.* 2011; Yu *et al.* 2013). SAS1 in *S. pombe* harbors three TA(A/G)CG motifs, which are binding sites for the trans-acting factor Sap1 (Ghazvini *et al.* 1995). SAS1 counterparts in *S. osmophilus*, *S. japonicus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus* contain one, one, two, and two TA(A/G)CG motifs, respectively (Figure S14A).

In *S. pombe*, two 8-bp Atf1-binding sites (ATGACGTA) located in the donor region, called *s1* and *s2*, act redundantly with the RNAi pathway to promote the establishment of the donor region heterochromatin (Thon *et al.* 1999; Nickels *et al.* 2022). Our inspection of the donor region sequences of the other four fission yeast species showed that there are two, two, and four ATGACGTA sequences in the donor regions of *S. cryophilus*, *S. osmophilus*, and *S. octosporus*, respectively (Figure 5A). Interestingly, the ATGACGTA sequences closest to the donor cassettes in these three species share similar locations and surrounding sequences (Figure 5A and Figure S14C), suggesting that they have a common evolutionary origin and are maintained by purifying selection. The donor region of *S. japonicus* lacks such Atf1-binding sites, presumably because its positioning inside a centromere allows it to depend on neighboring centromeric sequences for heterochromatin establishment (Yu *et al.* 2013).

The donor regions of *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* are known to harbor transposon remnants (Rhind *et al.* 2011; Tong *et al.* 2019). We found that transposon-related sequences also exist in the donor region of *S. osmophilus* (Figure 5A). We used the LTRs and the internal sequences (INTs) of full-length retrotransposons Tf1, Tf2, Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1 as queries to perform BLASTN analysis of the donor regions of these three species. Based on the BLASTN results, we separately annotated sequences with similarities to LTRs and sequences with similarities to INTs (Figure 5A, Table S25, and Supplementary Files S1–S4). The annotated transposon-related sequences in the donor regions of *S. cryophilus*, *S. octosporus*,

and *S. osmophilus* are most closely related to Tcry1, Tosmo1, Tosmo2, or Tosmo3 (Table S25).

Multiple sequence alignment showed that INT2 and INT1 of *S. cryophilus* are substantially more

similar to the internal sequence of Tcry1 than to internal sequences of Tosmo1, Tosmo2, and

Tosmo3 and are likely to be two fragments of a retrotransposon that has suffered an internal

deletion during degeneration (Figure 5C). INT4 of *S. osmophilus*, which is a nearly full-length

internal sequence, is more similar to Tosmo2 than to other retrotransposons (Figure 5C). The

close relationships of these INT sequences to full-length retrotransposons present in the same

fission yeast species suggest that they result from retrotransposon insertions occurring after

species divergence.

The evolutionary trajectories of Cbp1 family proteins

Cbp1 family proteins are transposase-derived proteins known to be present in *S. pombe*, *S.*

octosporus, and *S. cryophilus*, but not *S. japonicus* (Casola *et al.* 2008; Rhind *et al.* 2011;

Upadhyay *et al.* 2017). There are three Cbp1 family proteins in *S. pombe*: Cbp1 (also known as

Abp1), Cbh1, and Cbh2 (Irelan *et al.* 2001). They bind to the LTRs of retrotransposons in the *S.*

pombe genome and repress the transcription of retrotransposons (Cam *et al.* 2008). In their

absence, replication forks stall and collapse at LTRs (Zaratiegui *et al.* 2011). It has been

proposed that the advent of Cbp1 family proteins in the common ancestor of *S. pombe*, *S.*

octosporus, and *S. cryophilus* resulted in lower diversities of retrotransposons in these three

fission yeast species compared to *S. japonicus* and a switch from a retrotransposon-rich

centromere structure to a retrotransposon-free or -poor centromere structure (Rhind *et al.* 2011).

Intrigued by their unique evolutionary origins and important roles in genome defense and

maintenance, we decided to take advantage of the *S. osmophilus* genome to better understand the

evolutionary origins and dynamics of Cbp1 family proteins.

S. octosporus and *S. cryophilus* each have six Cbp1 family proteins, encoded by six genes

sharing synteny between these two species (Upadhyay *et al.* 2017) (Figures 6A and S15A–E).

We found that *S. osmophilus* also has six Cbp1 family proteins and that their coding genes share

synteny with genes encoding Cbp1 family proteins in *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* (Figures

6A and S15A–E). We named these six proteins Cbt1–Cbt6 (Cbt stands for <u>Cb</u>p1 family

domesticated <u>t</u>ransposase). They mostly share the same domain organization with *S. pombe* Cbp1

family proteins (Figure 6B). The exception is Cbt2, which lacks the N-terminal tandem helix-

turn-helix (HTH) domains. For all three *S. pombe* Cbp1 family proteins, the eponymous catalytic

triads of their DDE/D transposase domains are degenerated, with at least one of the three acidic

residues mutated to a non-charged residue (Figure 6B). Interestingly, in four of the six Cbt

proteins (Cbt2, Cbt3, Cbt4, and Cbt5), the catalytic triad residues are either DDE or DDD

(Figures 6B and 6C), suggesting the possibility that these proteins may still retain some catalytic

activities. Notable examples of domesticated transposases retaining catalytic activities include

domesticated *piggyBac* transposases acting in programmed genome rearrangements in ciliates

(Baudry *et al.* 2009; Cheng *et al.* 2010), vertebrate RAG proteins involved in V(D)J

recombination (Huang *et al.* 2016), and two domesticated transposases involved in mating-type

switching in *Kluyveromyces lactis* (Barsoum *et al.* 2010; Rajaei *et al.* 2014).

      Cbp1 family proteins originated from DNA transposons related to the *pogo* element of

Drosophila melanogaster (Casola *et al.* 2008). The domestication of *pogo*-related transposons

has occurred independently many times during evolution, with the most famous example being

the emergence of the centromere-associated protein CENP-B in the common ancestor of

mammals (Tudor *et al.* 1992; Casola *et al.* 2008; Mateo and González 2014; Dupeyron *et al.*

2020; Gao *et al.* 2020). Traditionally, *pogo*-related transposons are classified as a family

belonging to the *Tc1/mariner* superfamily of DNA transposons (Plasterk *et al.* 1999). Two recent

studies have elevated *pogo*-related transposons to the status of a superfamily sister to the

Tc1/mariner superfamily (Dupeyron *et al.* 2020; Gao *et al.* 2020). The *pogo* superfamily has

been divided into six main families: *Passer*, *Tigger*, *pogoR*, *Lemi*, *Mover*, and *Fot/Fot-like* (Gao

et al. 2020). In vertebrates, four domesticated genes (*CENPB*, *TIGD3*, *TIGD4*, and *TIGD6*) are

derived from *pogoR* family transposons, six domesticated genes (*CENPBD1*, *JRK*, *JRKL*, *TIGD2*,

TIGD5, and *TIGD7*) are derived from *Tigger* family transposons, and two domesticated genes

(*POGK* and *POGZ*) are derived from *Passer* family transposons (Gao *et al.* 2020). The origins of

domesticated *pogo* superfamily transposons in fungi have not received the same level of scrutiny.

      We used the 21 fission yeast Cbp1 family proteins as queries to perform TBLASTN

searches against a collection of 1014 representative nucleotide sequences of *pogo* superfamily

transposons curated by Gao et al. 2020. The top 10 hits for each query overlap extensively across

the 21 queries. There are a total of 20 transposons in the top 10 hits for all queries (Table S26).

They are exclusively *Lemi* family transposons present in fungal species, including one

Saccharomycotina species (*Lipomyces starkeyi*) and more than 10 *Pezizomycotina* species

belonging to the classes of *Eurotiomycetes*, *Dothideomycetes*, and *Leotiomycetes*. The amino

acid identities between queries and top hits are in the range of 32–39% and similarities are found

throughout entire query sequences (Table S26). Thus, we conclude that Cbp1 family proteins

likely originated from *Lemi* family transposons.

We also used the 21 fission yeast Cbp1 family proteins as queries to perform BLASTP

searches against the NCBI nr database excluding *Schizosaccharomyces*. Consistent with the

TBLASTN results described above, transposases of *Lemi* family transposons are among the

high-scoring hits (Table S27). Interestingly, for a majority of the queries, the highest scoring hit

is either KAF5117802.1 or KAF7497890.1, two nearly identical proteins (amino acid identity

99.4%) from the *Saccharomycotina* species *Geotrichum candidum* (teleomorph *Galactomyces*

candidus) (Table S27). These two proteins are from two different strains (LMA-317 and LMA-

40) of *G. candidum* (Perkins *et al.* 2020). BLASTP searches using these two *G. candidum*

proteins as queries to search against the NCBI nr database excluding *G. candidum* identified

fission yeast Cbp1 family proteins as the highest scoring hits and transposases of known *Lemi*

family transposons as lower-ranking hits. Thus, fission yeast Cbp1 family proteins and these two

G. candidum proteins share higher similarities than they do with transposases of known *Lemi*

family transposons.

To determine whether KAF5117802.1 and KAF7497890.1 are proteins encoded by

transposons, we retrieved their coding sequences and flanking regions from the genome

assemblies of LMA-317 and LMA-40. We could not find terminal inverted repeats (TIRs), the

hallmark of DNA transposons, in nearby flanking sequences. Sequence alignment showed that in

LMA-317 and LMA-40, not only the coding sequences but also the flanking regions containing

multiple neighboring genes are nearly identical (nucleotide identity 97.8% in a 24-kb region).

Thus, these two proteins are encoded by the same gene locus in the two *G. candidum* strains. No

additional copies of this gene could be found in the two genome assemblies. The lack of TIRs,

the existence as a single-copy gene, and the identical genome locations in two divergent strains

all suggest that this gene is a domesticated transposon.

Using KAF5117802.1 as query to perform TBLASTN search against the NCBI whole-

genome shotgun contigs (wgs) database led to the identification of closely related homologs in

four fungal species belonging to the same family (*Dipodascaceae*) as *G. candidum*: *Dipodascus*

albidus, *Dipodascus geniculatus*, *Dipodascus ghanensis*, and *Galactomyces reessii*. Similarities

between the query and hits were found throughout the length of the query and the amino acid identities ranged from 62% to 85%. The local synteny is largely conserved between *G. candidum* and these four species (Figure S15F). *D. albidus* and *D. geniculatus* are estimated to have diverged about 112 million years ago from *G. candidum* (Shen *et al.* 2020). Thus, the gene encoding KAF5117802.1 has been residing at the same locus for over 100 million years. Together, our observations suggest that this gene originated from a transposon domestication event occurring more than 100 million years ago. Because it encodes a protein with high similarity to fission yeast Cbp1 family proteins, we named this gene *CBT7*.

We performed a phylogenetic analysis using the amino acid sequences of 21 fission yeast Cbp1 family proteins, five Cbt7 proteins from *Dipodascaceae* species, human CENP-B, and 21 transposases of representative transposons belonging to *Lemi* and *pogoR* families (Figure 6C). Consistent with the BLAST results, fission yeast Cbp1 family proteins and *Dipodascaceae* Cbt7 proteins form a highly supported monophyletic clade, which we hereafter refer to as the Cbp1 family clade. Transposases of *Lemi* family transposons from the *Saccharomycotina* species *Lipomyces starkeyi* and several *Pezizomycotina* species form a sister clade to the Cbp1 family clade. These two clades are nested within a larger monophyletic clade that includes transposases of other *Lemi* family transposons. Thus, phylogenetic analysis lends support to the idea that Cbp1 family proteins are derived from *Lemi* family transposases. As expected, *pogoR* family transposases, which form a monophyletic group including human CENP-B, are sister to *Lemi* family transposases and Cbp1 family proteins.

Within the Cbp1 family clade, the 18 proteins from *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus* form six highly supported monophyletic clusters, corresponding to Cbt1–Cbt6 (Figure 6C). The phylogenetic relationships between the three proteins in each of these six clusters are always congruent with the species tree. The catalytic triad residues and the number of amino acids between the last two residues of the catalytic triad are strictly conserved within each cluster (Figure 6C). Pairwise identities of proteins within each cluster are in the range of 86%–96% for the *S. osmophilus–S. octosporus* comparison, in the range of 82%–92% for the *S. osmophilus–S. cryophilus* comparison, and in the range of 79%–91% for the *S. octosporus–S. cryophilus* comparison (Figures 6D). These values are largely in line with those of single-copy orthologs conserved across all five fission yeasts species (Figure S5C), suggesting that since the divergence of *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus* about 29 million years ago, Cbt1–

Cbt6 have evolved at rates similar to conserved proteins under purifying selection. Together,
these observations indicate that the domestication event(s) leading to the emergence of Cbt1–
Cbt6 must have occurred earlier than the divergence of these three species. Furthermore, the
conservation of Cbt1–Cbt6 proteins suggests that the presence of full-length retrotransposons in
S. osmophilus and *S. cryophilus* but not *S. octosporus* cannot be attributed to interspecific
differences in Cbp1 family proteins.

Cbt7 proteins from the five *Dipodascaceae* species also form a monophyletic cluster
(Figure 6C). Branches within the Cbt7 cluster have longer lengths than branches within Cbt1–
Cbt6 clusters, consistent with longer species divergence time (112 million years vs. 29 million
years). The seven Cbt clusters and the three *S. pombe* proteins reside on 10 long branches
indicative of substantial divergence. Indeed, pairwise identities between any two proteins not
affiliated with the same long branch are below 50% (Figure 6D). Intriguingly, fission yeast Cbp1
family proteins form a paraphyletic group, with the *Dipodascaceae* Cbt7 cluster nested in it. The
fission yeast Cbt6 proteins are sister to the *Dipodascaceae* Cbt7 proteins. Such phylogenetic
relationships suggest that horizontal evolutionary events are likely responsible for the presence
of Cbp1 family proteins in both *Dipodascaceae* species and *Schizosaccharomyces* species, which
are estimated to have diverged about 563 million years ago (Shen *et al.* 2020).

The three *S. pombe* Cbp1 family proteins do not group together by themselves. Instead,
Cbp1 is sister to the Cbt1 cluster and Cbh2 is sister to a group including Cbp1 and Cbt1–Cbt3
clusters. Cbh1 is sister to the Cbt5 cluster but this grouping has poor support. Because genes
encoding the three *S. pombe* Cbp1 family proteins do not share synteny with genes encoding
Cbt1–Cbt6 proteins (Upadhyay *et al.* 2017) (Figures 6E and S15G–H), the relationships between
Cbp1 and Cbt1 and between Cbh1 and Cbt5 are unlikely to be orthologous. The intermingling of
S. pombe Cbp1 family proteins with Cbt1–Cbt5 clusters suggests that, if the three *S. pombe* Cbp1
family proteins arose through gene duplications, the duplication events occurred before the
divergence of *S. pombe* from the common ancestor of *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S.
cryophilus* about 108 million years ago. Similarly, if Cbt1–Cbt6 proteins resulted from gene
duplications, most duplications events probably occurred in the common ancestor of the four
fission yeast species.

We propose two possible evolutionary scenarios to explain the phylogenetic pattern of
the Cbp1 family clade. In the first scenario, all proteins belonging to this clade originated from a

single transposon domestication event occurring more than 100 million years ago in the common ancestor of the four *Schizosaccharomyces* species. A series of gene duplications resulted in nine or more paralogs dispersed in the genome. One paralog underwent horizontal transfer into the common ancestor of the five *Dipodascaceae* species. Subfunctionalization or neofunctionalization of the paralogs was accompanied by rapid evolution (Lynch and Conery 2000; Scannell and Wolfe 2008), contributing to the long branch lengths. After the divergence of *S. pombe* from the common ancestor of *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus*, independent gene loss events in the two lineages resulted in the remaining paralogs being completely non-overlapping between the two lineages. In the second scenario, multiple related but nonidentical *Lemi* family transposons invaded an ancestral *Schizosaccharomyces* species more than 100 million years ago, and one of these transposons also invaded an ancestral *Dipodascaceae* species at around the same time. Independent domestication events happened in the two ancestral species. In the ancestral *Schizosaccharomyces* species, multiple domestication events led to dispersed paralogous genes. Later, gene loss events occurred as in the first scenario, resulting in the phylogenetic pattern we see today.

Mitogenome of *S. osmophilus* and comparative analysis of fission yeast mitogenomes

Mitochondria possess a genome termed the mitogenome. In *S. pombe*, the mitogenome is indispensable for viability in the wild-type genetic background (Chiron *et al.* 2007; Li *et al.* 2019). The analysis of intraspecific mitogenome diversity of *S. pombe* has offered insights into the evolutionary history of this species (Tao *et al.* 2019). An interspecific comparison of the mitogenomes of *S. pombe*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. japonicus* has been conducted (Bullerwell *et al.* 2003). The mitogenome of *S. cryophilus* has been sequenced but has not been subjected to in-depth analysis (Rhind *et al.* 2011). Here, we assembled the complete circular-mapping mitogenome of the *S. osmophilus* type strain CBS 15793^T (Figure 7A and Table S28). We annotated it and performed comparative analysis of the mitogenomes of five fission yeast species.

The mitogenome of the *S. osmophilus* type strain is 46134 bp long and contains eight protein-coding genes (*atp6*, *atp8*, *atp9*, *cob*, *cox1*, *cox2*, *cox3*, and *rps3*), the RNaseP RNA gene (*rnpB*), two rRNA genes (*rnl* and *rns*), and 24 tRNA genes (Figure 7A). All 35 genes are encoded on the same DNA strand. Such gene content and gene orientations are exactly the same as those of the reference mitogenomes of *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* (Figure 7B). Moreover, the 35 genes show perfect synteny between these three species (Figure 7B). The size differences

between the mitogenomes of these three species are mainly due to differences in the lengths of

introns and intergenic regions (Figure S16A). Partial gene synteny conservation can be observed

between these three species and *S. pombe*, whereas the *S. japonicus* mitogenome shares little

synteny with the mitogenomes of the other four fission yeast species (Figure 7B). A phylogenetic

tree generated using mitochondrial genes has the same topology as the species tree generated

using nuclear genes, with *S. octosporus* being the closest relative of *S. osmophilus* (Figure S16B).

We analyzed the codon usage of protein-coding genes in the mitogenomes of five fission

yeast species (Figure S16C). As has been observed before for many *Ascomycota* species

(Bullerwell *et al.* 2003; Kamatani and Yamamoto 2007; Procházka *et al.* 2012), in all five

species, there exists a strong preference for A and T at the third position of redundant codons.

The exceptions are the phenylalanine codons and the tryptophan codons. The two phenylalanine

codons TTT and TTC are used at roughly equal frequencies. This has been explained by a

tendency to avoid frameshift-prone polyU in mRNAs (Bullerwell *et al.* 2003). Among the two

tryptophan codons TGG and TGA, TGG is strongly favored, perhaps due to the lack of a tRNA

that can efficiently decode the TGA codon (Bullerwell *et al.* 2003).

Similar to the situation in *S. octosporus* (Bullerwell *et al.* 2003), we found that non-

intronic protein-coding genes in the mitogenomes of *S. osmophilus* and *S. cryophilus* lack the

ATA codon for isoleucine (Figure S16C). In contrast, the ATA codon is used many times by

non-intronic protein-coding genes in the mitogenomes of *S. pombe* and *S. japonicus*. In these two

species, the ATA codon is decoded by a tRNA encoded by the mitochondrial tRNA gene

trnI(cau) (abbreviated as I_2 in Figures 7A–7C). This tRNA is only functional when the cytidine

at the wobble position is converted to lysidine (2-lysyl cytidine), which can base pair with

adenosine. This tRNA modification is catalyzed by the enzyme tRNA(Ile)-lysidine synthase

(Xavier *et al.* 2012), which is encoded by the nuclear gene *til1* in *S. pombe* and *S. japonicus*.

Interestingly, we found that *S. octosporus*, *S. osmophilus*, and *S. cryophilus* all lack the *trnI(cau)*

gene in their mitogenomes and the *til1* gene in their nuclear genomes (Figures 7C and 7D). Thus,

both genes were probably lost before the divergence of these three species about 29 million years

ago. The *til1* gene is an essential gene in *S. pombe* (Kim *et al.* 2010; Hayles *et al.* 2013). One

possible evolutionary scenario is as follows: the *til1* gene in the ancestral nuclear genome was

partially inactivated by mutation. Mitochondrial functions were compromised due to the

insufficient modification of the tRNA that decodes the ATA codon. Selective pressure led to the

replacement of the ATA codon in the mitogenome by other isoleucine codons. The *til1* gene and

the *trnI(cau)* gene thus became dispensable and eventually lost.

Mitochondrial introns are mobile elements and some of them harbor one or more open

reading frames for intron-encoded proteins (IEPs) (Lang *et al.* 2007). There are six introns in the

mitogenome of the *S. osmophilus* type strain, including four group I introns and two group II

introns (Figure 7A). They all reside in the *cox1* gene. We named them using a recently proposed

nomenclature that denotes the intron type with a uppercase letter (P for group I introns and S for

group II introns) and denotes the location in the host gene with a number, which is the

corresponding position in the equivalent gene of the *Pezizomycotina* species *Tolypocladium*

inflatum (Zhang and Zhang 2019). This nomenclature is designed to facilitate comparisons

between different mitogenomes. Thus, we also applied this nomenclature to mitochondrial

introns of other four fission yeast species (Table S29 and Figure S16D) (Bullerwell *et al.* 2003;

Tao *et al.* 2019). Five of the six *S. osmophilus cox1* introns (S206, P386, P731, P1107, and

S1138), which all encode proteins, reside at locations where introns have been found in other

fission yeast species (Figure S16D). The other *S. osmophilus cox1* intron (P951) does not encode

a protein and is at a location where introns are not known to exist in other fission yeast species

(Figure S13D).

Inspection of all known fission yeast mitochondrial introns revealed that introns at the

same location but in different species not only share the same intron type (group I or group II),

but also mostly share the same subgroup affiliation for group I introns (Figure S16D). In addition,

IEPs encoded by introns at the same location are more similar to each other than to IEPs encoded

by introns at other locations (Figures S16E and S16F). These observations suggest that fission

yeast mitochondrial introns at the same location tend to share a common evolutionary origin.

This is consistent with the "position class" concept proposed based on an analysis of *cox1* group

I introns in fungi and other eukaryotes (Férandon *et al.* 2010).

Unexpectedly, *S. osmophilus* cox1P386 IEP shares substantially higher homology to *S.*

cryophilus cox1P386 IEP (pairwise identity 80.2%) than to *S. octosporus* cox1P386 IEP

(pairwise identity 53.8%) (Figure S16E). The pairwise identities between cox1P731 IEPs are

also incongruent with the species tree, with the *S. octosporus* protein being more similar to the *S.*

cryophilus protein than to the *S. osmophilus* protein (Figure S16E). We hypothesized that such

patterns may result from interspecific introgression or horizontal transfer. Sliding-window

analysis showed that sequences that may have undergone introgression or horizontal transfer are

limited to within the cox1P386 intron and the cox1P731 intron (Figure S17A).

All proteins encoded by fission yeast group I introns are double-motif LAGLIDADG

homing endonucleases (LHEs), which contain two LAGLIDADG domains. Previously we

showed that half (7/14) of the LHEs in *S. pombe*, *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. japonicus*

suffer inactivating mutations at catalytic residues and thus no longer possess the ability to

generate DNA double-strand breaks that initiate intron mobilization (Tao *et al.* 2019). All three

LHEs in *S. osmophilus* contain inactivating mutations at catalytic residues (Figure S17B).

Interestingly, the prevalence of this type of LHE degeneration varies depending on intron

location, with cox1P731 introns nearly always harbor one active LHE and cox1P720 introns

never harbor an active LHE (Figure S17B). Such a position dependence of the extent of LHE

degeneration suggests that introns descending from different origins tend to have different

evolutionary trajectories.

Double-hairpin elements (DHEs) are potentially mobile elements first found in the

mitogenomes of several *Chytridiomycota* fungal species (Paquin and Lang 1996; Paquin *et al.*

1997, 2000). The only *Ascomycota* species where DHEs have been found is *S. octosporus*

(Bullerwell *et al.* 2003). There are five DHEs in the *S. octosporus* mitogenome. Four of them are

located in intergenic regions and one of them resides in the *rnl* gene (Bullerwell *et al.* 2003). Our

inspection of the mitogenomes of *S. osmophilus* and *S. cryophilus* led to the identification of 14

DHEs in *S. osmophilus* and one DHE in *S. cryophilus* (Figures 7A and 7E). Except for *S.*

osmophilus DHE11, which is located in the *rns* gene, the other DHEs of *S. osmophilus* and *S.*

cryophilus are located in intergenic regions. The DHEs of *S. osmophilus* and *S. cryophilus* have

the potential to form similar double-hairpin structures as the five *S. octosporus* DHEs (Figure

7E). Remarkably, *S. osmophilus* DHE1 and DHE2 are identical in sequence to *S. octosporus*

DHE3 and DHE4, *S. osmophilus* DHE3 and DHE12 are identical in sequence to *S. octosporus*

DHE2 and DHE5, and *S. osmophilus* DHE7, DHE9, DHE13, and DHE14 only differ from *S.*

octosporus DHE1 by two nucleotides in a loop region (Figure 7E). Such cross-species

conservation patterns suggest that either the sequences of DHEs have been strictly maintained by

purifying selection after the divergence of *S. octosporus* and *S. osmophilus* about 16 million

years ago, or perhaps more likely, DHEs have recently undergone introgression or horizontal

transfer across species barriers. As *S. osmophilus* has the highest abundance of DHEs among

fission yeast species, it is an attractive model for further studying the evolution and activities of DHEs.

Conclusion

In this study, we assembled a high-quality chromosome-level genome for the type strain of the fission yeast species *S. osmophilus* and comprehensively annotated the genes in this genome. Cross-species comparative analyses reported here demonstrate the usefulness of this genome for understanding how fission yeast genomes have evolved. We expect that this reference genome for *S. osmophilus* will facilitate future research using this species and serve as a valuable resource to support comparative genomic and population genomic studies.

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Figure 1

Figure 1. The genome assembly of the *S. osmophilus* type strain CBS 15793ᵀ.

(A) A cross-section photo of a nesting tube for solitary bees. Two nest chambers can be seen in the photo. A pupa occupies the left chamber, where little bee bread is remaining. In the right chamber, a dead egg is visible and the chamber is full of bee bread. Bee bread of solitary bees is the type of substrate from which *S. osmophilus* has most frequently been isolated.

(B) An image of vegetative cells of the *S. osmophilus* type strain CBS 15793ᵀ grown in liquid YES medium containing 30% glucose at 25°C.

(C) An image of an ascus of the *S. osmophilus* type strain CBS 15793ᵀ undergoing sporulation in liquid PMG medium containing 30% glucose at 25°C.

(D) The sizes of the contigs in the genome assembly of the *S. osmophilus* type strain CBS

15793ᵀ.

(E) Circos diagram illustrating the features of the three chromosomal contigs. From outer to inner: protein coding sequence density (A, bin size = 20 kb, range = 0–1); tRNA genes (B); 5S rRNA genes (C); full-length and intact retrotransposons (red arrowheads) and long terminal repeats (LTRs) (green lines) (D); GC content (E, bin size = 5 kb, range = 25%–50%, the boundary between the blue and the red backgrounds represents the genome-wide average GC content, 38.27%); centromeres (black), telomeres (orange, not drawn to scale), rDNA arrays (green), and the donor mating type region (blue) (E); mappability calculated by running GenMap using 100 bp k-mers with up to two mismatches (Pockrandt *et al.* 2020) (G).

(F) Time-calibrated phylogeny of fission yeast species. This timetree is based on a maximum likelihood tree inferred using a concatenation super-matrix of 1060 "complete and single-copy" BUSCO genes present in five fission yeast species and the outgroup species *S. complicate* (Figure S5A). The three time calibration nodes are shown as empty black circles. The divergence time between *S. octosporus* and *S. osmophilus* was calculated using RelTime and the corresponding node is shown as a filled red circle.

(G–J) Plots showing synteny conservation between the nuclear genome of *S. osmophilus* (top of each plot) and the nuclear genomes of the other four fission yeast species (bottom of each plot). The orientations of the chromosomes of *S. osmophilus* are clockwise and the orientations of the chromosomes of other species are counterclockwise. The midpoints of centromeres are indicated by vertical black lines on the outer ring. Colored lines connect single-copy orthologous genes of the two species shown in each plot. The color of a line is based on which chromosome the *S. osmophilus* gene is on (chromosome 1, red; chromosome 2, blue; chromosome 3, yellow). The *S. octosporus* and *S. cryophilus* genomes used in this analysis are those reported in (Tong *et al.* 2019). The *S. pombe* and *S. japonicus* genomes used in this analysis are the reference genomes.

Figure S1

Figure S1. Assembling the genome of the *S. osmophilus* type strain CBS 15793^T.

(A) Workflow of genome assembly.

(B) Diagrams of the two rDNA-distal contigs.

(C) IGV screenshot showing the result of mapping all paired-end Illumina reads to the rDNA-distal contig-1. Reads that show perfect mapping at the rDNA/non-rDNA junction are about twice as many as reads that are soft-clipped at the rDNA/non-rDNA junction. The soft-clipped portions match the sequence at the rDNA/non-rDNA junction of the rDNA-distal contig-2.

Figure S2. Quality assessment of the genome assembly.

(A) Sliding-window analysis (10-kb window) of the depth coverage of PacBio HiFi reads (red line) and Illumina paired-end reads (black line) along the chromosomal contigs.

(B) BUSCO completeness assessment of the *S. osmophilus* genome assembly and six published genomes of *S. pombe*, *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. japonicus*.

Figure S3. Annotating the genes in the genome assembly of the *S. osmophilus* type strain CBS 15793[T].

(A) Workflow of annotating protein-coding genes in the nuclear genome.

(B) Workflow of annotating non-coding RNA genes in the nuclear genome.

(C) Summary of the annotated genes in the nuclear genome .

Figure S4. Orthogroup analysis and functional annotation of protein-coding genes.

(A) UpSet plot showing the numbers of species-specific orthogroups and orthogroups shared by more than one fission yeast species.

(B) Workflow of functionally annotating protein-coding genes in the nuclear genome.

Figure S5

Figure S5. Species phylogeny analysis and evolutionary rate analysis.

(A) Maximum likelihood species tree constructed using the concatenation super-matrix of amino acid sequences of 1060 "complete and single-copy" BUSCO genes that present in all fission yeast species and the outgroup species *S. complicata*. The tree is rooted using *S. complicata*

as the outgroup. Branch labels are the SH-aLRT support value (%) and the UFBoot support value (%) calculated by IQ-TREE.

(B) Average amino acid percentage identities of fission yeast species pairs calculated using 4085 1:1:1:1:1 single-copy orthologs defined in this study. Pairwise amino acid percentage identities were calculated using Sequence Demarcation Tool Version 1.0 (Linux version). The heatmap was generated using the R package pheatmap (https://github.com/raivokolde/ pheatmap).

(C) Histogram illustrating the distribution of pairwise amino acid identities of the 4085 single-copy orthologs.

(D) Histogram illustrating the distribution of differences in pairwise amino acid identities of the 4085 single-copy orthologs.

Figure 2

Figure 2. Centromeres of *S. osmophilus*.

(A) Diagrams depicting the organization of *S. osmophilus* centromeres. For each centromere, features are shown on two lines. Shown on the top line are centromere-flanking genes (thin maroon arrows), centromeric repeats (colored arrows), the central core (*cnt*, dark blue rectangle), inverted repeats flanking the central core (IRs, thick grey arrows), retrotransposon (purple rectangle), and long-terminal repeats (LTRs, colored arrowheads with black border). Shown on the bottom line are 5S rRNA genes (red arrowheads) and tRNA genes (black arrowheads with single-letter codes of cognate amino acids). These diagrams and all features within them are drawn to scale.

(B) Diagrams depicting the synteny of tRNA genes and 5S rRNA genes in the centromeres of *S. cryophilus*, *S. osmophilus*, and *S. octosporus*. tRNA genes are denoted using single-letter codes of cognate amino acids. Isoacceptor tRNAs that accept the same amino acid but have different anticodons are distinguished by the color of the letter (white: tRNA-ArgACG, tRNA-GluTTC, and tRNA-LeuCAA; black: tRNA-ArgTCG, tRNA-GluCTC, and tRNA-LeuAAG). Syntenic tRNA gene clusters are denoted by colored arrows. The orientations of tRNA gene clusters are defined as follows: among the letters representing the tRNA genes in a tRNA gene cluster, the letter occurring earliest in the alphabet is selected and the orientation of its corresponding tRNA gene is taken as the orientation of the tRNA gene cluster. The orientations of partial tRNA gene clusters (dashed line border) are set to be the same as the orientations of their corresponding full clusters. 5S rRNA genes are shown as red arrowheads. A cluster of tandemly arranged 5S rRNA genes is shown as an arrowhead in brackets, with the number of 5S rRNA genes in the cluster shown below. Features are not drawn to scale.

(C) Diagrams depicting the arrangements of *cnt* repeats in the *cnt* regions of *S. cryophilus*, *S. osmophilus*, and *S. octosporus*. Orthologous *cnt* regions are grouped together as in (B). The orientations of the *cnt* regions of *S. osmophilus* are as in (A). The orientations of the *cnt* regions of the other two species are set in a way so as to best show the similarity of the arrangements of *cnt* repeats. The locations and orientations of the cCNT-S and cCNT-L repeats of *S. cryophilus* and the oCNT-S and oCNT-L repeats of *S. octosporus* are as defined previously (Tong *et al.* 2019). oCNT-S is split into oCNT-S1 and oCNT-S2. oCNT-N is a

type of repeat identified in this study. Orientations of oCNT-N and the four types of *cnt* repeats of *S. osmophilus* are set in a way so as to best show the similarity of the arrangements of *cnt* repeats. The *cnt* regions and repeats within them are shown to scale in these diagrams. The distribution of the MEME-identified 11-bp motif (red arrowhead, not drawn to scale) is also shown in the diagrams.

(D) Sequence logo of the MEME-identified 11-bp motif.

(E) The density of the 11-bp motif (number of motif occurrences per kb) within the *cnt* regions and across the entire nuclear genome of each of four fission yeast species.

Figure S6

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Socto_cnt2-oCNT-N  CTGCACATTAATGAAAGCGGGTCGTTCTA                                                                                                                         482
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Socto_cnt1-oCNT-S2  CCTTCCAAACAAAACAATAAACATGAAAATTTAGCAAATGTAAAT 338
Socto_cnt2-oCNT-S2  CCTTCCAAACAAAACAATAAACATGAAAATTTAGCAAATGTAAAT 349
Socto_cnt3-oCNT-S2  CCTTCCAAACAAAACAATAAACATGAAAATTTAGCAAATGTAAAT 349
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Figure S6. Sequence alignments of the oCNT-N, oCNT-S1, and oCNT-S2 repeats of *S. octosporus*. Nucleotides identical to the consensus are shaded in gray.

(A) Alignment of the nucleotide sequences of oCNT-N.

(B) Alignment of the nucleotide sequences of oCNT-S1.

(C) Alignment of the nucleotide sequences of oCNT-S2.

Figure S7

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Sosmo_cnt3-CntB  TTAGTGTTTTACTGCTATCTCTCCAGGCTGT                                                                                                                     631
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Sosmo_cnt3-CntC  GCGA                                                                                                                                               1052
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Figure S7: Sequence alignments of the *cnt* repeats of *S. osmophilus* and the occurrences of the 11-bp motif (boxed) in these repeats. Nucleotides identical to the consensus are shaded in gray.

(A) Alignment of the nucleotide sequences of CntA.

(B) Alignment of the nucleotide sequences of CntB.

(C) Alignment of the nucleotide sequences of CntC.

(D) Alignment of the nucleotide sequences of CntD.

Figure 3. Telomeres of *S. osmophilus*.

(A) Diagrams of the chromosomes in *S. osmophilus*.

(B) Telomeric sequences present in the genome assembly of *S. osmophilus*. Sequences juxtaposed to telomeric repeats are boxed.

(C) Telomeric sequence in a representative HiFi read containing telomeric repeats. The 9-bp conserved repeats are shown in red and the 11-bp non-conserved repeats are shown in blue. Other types of repeat units are shown in black. Neighboring repeats of the same type are distinguished by alternately using the regular font and the bold font.

(D) Lengths of telomeric repeats in the 87 HiFi reads containing telomeric repeats.

(E) The numbers of the conserved repeat, the non-conserved repeat, and other types of telomeric repeat units in the 87 HiFi reads containing telomeric repeats.

(F) The template regions of the telomerase RNAs of three fission yeast species and the corresponding telomeric DNA repeats. The nucleotide that distinguishes *S. osmophilus* from the other two species is highlighted in purple. A schematic species tree is shown at left.

(G) Models explaining why *S. osmophilus* has two types of telomeric repeat units. Watson-Crick base pairs are denoted by vertical lines. Telomerase reverse transcriptase (TERT) is the protein component of telomerase.

Figure S8

Figure S8. Comparative analysis of telomeric repeats and telomerase RNA genes in *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus*.

(A and B) Sequence of a telomere in the PacBio sequencing-based *S. octosporus* genome assembly (A) and a telomere in the PacBio sequencing-based *S. cryophilus* genome assembly

(B) (Tong *et al.* 2019). The sequence juxtaposed to telomeric repeats are shown in a yellow background. The main type of telomeric repeats is shown in red and neighboring repeat units are distinguished by using regular and bold fonts alternately. All other types of repeat units are shown in black.

(C) Local synteny of the genomic region contain *ter1* and its flanking protein-coding genes. 5S rRNA genes and tRNA genes are labeled as red and green arrows respectively. Gene names shown are the names of the genes in *S. pombe* except for three species-specific genes (*SPOG_05030*, *SOMG_00285*, and *SOCG_06090*) and two *wtf* genes (*Sosmo wtf2* and *Socto wtf74*). The start and end positions of the *ter1* genes correspond to the most frequent start and end positions of mature *ter1* transcripts shown in D.

(D) Alignment of DNA sequences of the *ter1* gene and its flanking conserved sequences among *S. cryophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. osmophilus*. Nucleotides identical to the consensus are shaded in gray. The templating region is indicated by a blue box. The most frequent start and end positions of mature *ter1* transcripts in *S. cryophilus* and *S. octosporus* reported in a previous study (Kannan *et al.* 2015) are highlighted in green letters. The introns (in a pink box) in the *ter1* genes of *S. cryophilus* and *S. octosporus* are as reported in a previous study (Kannan *et al.* 2015). The intron in the *ter1* gene of *S. osmophilus* are predicted based on sequence homology.

Figure 4. Identification of *S. osmophilus* retrotransposons and comparative analysis of fission yeast retrotransposons.

(A) Diagrams showing the structures of 7 fission yeast retrotransposons. Blue-colored regions and yellow-colored regions correspond to non-coding and coding sequences, respectively, and are drawn to scale. Boxed arrowheads denote LTRs. Gag, PR, RT, and IN indicate sequences coding for Gag, protease, reverse transcriptase, and integrase, respectively. The vertical red line with "stop" indicates the in-frame stop codon between the coding sequences of Gag and Pol proteins.

(B) Alignment of the nucleotide sequences of and surrounding the in-frame stop codons in Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1. The eight strictly conserved nucleotides are boxed.

(C) Maximum likelihood tree constructed using the amino acid sequences of the RT-IN region, which corresponds to amino acids 374–1256 of the Tf1 ORF. The tree was rooted using "Plants cluster" retrotransposons as outgroup. Branch labels are the SH-aLRT support value (%) and the UFBoot support value (%) calculated by IQ-TREE. The names of the species are colored as follows: blue for animal species, green for plant species, and purple for fungal species. Three major branches in the tree are highlighted by shades. The column with the header "CCHC" indicates whether a CCHC motif is present (+) or absent (−) in the Gag ORF of a retrotransposon. The column with the header "Gag-Pol" indicates which strategy is used to express the Gag-Pol fusion protein: −1 frameshift (−1 FS), in-frame stop codon (Stop), or a single ORF (1-ORF). We note that grasshopper was thought to use +1 frameshift (Gao *et al.* 2003), but our analysis showed that it uses −1 frameshift (see Materials and Methods). The accession numbers are as follows: *Tricholoma matsutake* marY1 (AB028236), *Pyricularia oryzae* MAGGY (L35053), *Alternaria alternata* REAL (AB025309), *Pyricularia oryzae* grasshopper (BK061831), *Pyricularia oryzae* MGLR-3 (AF314096), *Cryptococcus neoformans* Tcn1 (BK061830), *Physcomitrella patens* PpatensLTR2 (GQ294565), *Colletotrichum gloeosporioides* Cgret (AF264028), *Fusarium oxysporum* skippy (L34658), *Takifugu rubripes* sushi-ichi (AF030881), *S. japonicus* Tj1 (KT447435), *S. osmophilus* Tosmo1 (OP263985), *S. osmophilus* Tosmo2 (OP263986), *S. osmophilus* Tosmo3 (OP263987), *S. cryophilus* Tcry1 (BK061829), *S. pombe* Tf1 (M38526), *S. pombe* Tf2 (L10324), *Solanum*

lycopersicum Galadriel (AF119040, nucleotides 12865–19060, minus strand), *Oryza sativa* Retrosat-2 (AF111709, nucleotides 25889–38686), *Pisum sativum* peabody (AF083074), *Zea mays* CRM (AY129008).

(D) The "pretzel" structures that can be formed by the 5′ UTR regions of the retrotransposon RNAs. Self-primers situated at the 5′ ends of RNAs are highlighted in green. PBSs situated downstream of the 5′ LTRs are highlighted in red. The last two nucleotides of the 5′ LTR, which are always CA, are highlighted in bold.

(E) Alignment of the nucleotide sequences of and surrounding the polypurine tracts (PPTs) in Tf1, Tf2, Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1. The nucleotides of the PPTs are boxed.

(F) Sliding-window analysis showing that the mosaic nature of the diversity between Tosmo1, Tosmo2, and Tosmo3 is similar to the pattern of diversity between Tf1 and Tf2.

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Figure S9. Phylogenetic relationship and chromosomal distribution of LTRs in *S. osmophilus*.

(A) Maximum likelihood tree of LTRs found in the *S. osmophilus* genome. The tree was rooted by midpoint rooting. Four major branches are denoted A, B, C, and D.

(B) Distribution of LTRs in the *S. osmophilus* genome.

Figure S10

Figure S10. Sequence analyses of chromodomains, PPTs, and LTRs.

(A) Alignment of amino acid sequences of chromodomains. Secondary structures of the chromodomains of *S. pombe* Chp1 (PDB: 3G7L) and Ty3 integrase (PDB: 7Q5B) are shown at top and bottom, respectively.

(B) Alignment of the nucleotide sequences of and surrounding the polypurine tracts (PPTs). The phylogenetic tree shown on the left is the RT-IN tree shown in Figure 4C.

(C) Alignment of the LTR sequences of Tosmo1, Tosmo2, and Tosmo3. Nucleotides identical to the consensus are shaded in gray. Predicted transcription start sites and TATA boxes are highlighted in red and green, respectively. Transcription start sites are at the beginning of the R region and correspond to the 5′ ends of the self-primers shown in Figure 4D.

(D) Alignment of the LTR sequences of Tf1 and Tf2. Nucleotides identical to the consensus are shaded in gray. Transcription start sites and predicted TATA boxes are highlighted in red and green, respectively.

Figure S11. Alignment of amino acid sequences of Gag proteins.

The sequences included in this alignment all begin at a stretch of sequence exhibiting similarity to helix 1 of Ty3 capsid N-terminal domain (CA-NTD). For CCHC-containing Gag proteins, the sequences end at the 10th amino acids downstream of the last cysteine of the CCHC motif; for Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, Tcry1, and Tj1, the sequences end at the last amino acid before the

in-frame stop codon; for Tf1, the sequence ends at amino acid 245 (Teysset *et al.* 2003); for Tf2, the sequence ends at a position homologous to amino acid 245 of Tf1, and the amino acid at this position is the 4th amino acid upstream of the first β strand of the protease fold in the AlphaFold-predicted structure of the protein encoded by Tf2-3, which has a sequence identical to GenBank L10324 (https://alphafold.ebi.ac.uk/entry/P0CT36) (Varadi *et al.* 2022). Secondary structures shown at top are based on the structures of Ty3 CA-NTD (PDB 6R22) and Ty3 CA-CTD (PDB 6R23) (Dodonova *et al.* 2019). The secondary structure shown at bottom are based on the structure of *Drosophila* dArc1 (PDB 6TAS) (Erlendsson *et al.* 2020).

Figure S12. Comparisons of *wtf* genes in CBS 15792 and CBS 15793ᵀ.

(A) The genomic distribution of *wtf* genes in CBS 15793ᵀ and CBS 15792. The synteny between the three chromosomes of CBS 15793ᵀ and the 10 nuclear contigs of CBS 15972 is indicated by colored connections (red, blue, and yellow for chromosomes 1, 2, and 3 of CBS 15793ᵀ, respectively). Centromeres in the chromosomes of CBS 15793ᵀ are denoted by black ovals. The names of the 10 contigs of CBS 15972 are abbreviated such as the contig tig00007780_pilon_x4, for example, is written as contig7780. Active genes and pseudogenes are denoted by purple dots and red triangles, respectively. The 41 *wtf* genes of CBS 15793ᵀ are named according to their positions in the genome. The names of the 42 *wtf* genes of CBS 15792, which are underlined, are as described (De Carvalho *et al.* 2022). The names of pseudogenes are marked with an asterisk. The presence–absence polymorphism shown in B and the differences in the status as an active gene or a pseudogene shown in C and D are highlighted using black arrows.

(B) Schematic illustrating the presence–absence polymorphism of the *wtf31* gene of CBS 15792.

(C) Schematic illustrating the sequence difference that results in *wtf7* of CBS 15792 being a pseudogene but its syntenic counterpart *wtf41* of CBS 15793ᵀ being an active gene.

(D) Schematic illustrating the sequence difference that results in *wtf33* of CBS 15792 being an active gene and its syntenic counterpart *wtf26* of CBS 15793ᵀ being a pseudogene.

(E) Multiple sequence alignment illustrating the sequence divergence between *wtf13* in CBS 15793ᵀ and its syntenic counterpart *wtf22* in CBS 15792. Black box highlights the approximately 250-bp region where ectopic recombination may have occurred and resulted in a low nucleotide identity of 85.36% between these two syntenic genes.

Figure 5

Figure 5. Cross-species comparisons of the mating-type region.

(A) Synteny of the mating-type regions in *S. pombe*, *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. osmophilus*. For the two genes on the right side of the donor loci in *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. osmophilus*, the gene names shown are the names of the orthologous

genes in *S. pombe*. Sequences sharing similarities with the LTRs and the internal sequences (INTs) of full-length retrotransposons are denoted by blue arrowheads and green arrows, respectively. The 8-bp Atf1-binding sites named *s1*, *s2*, etc. are denoted by black vertical lines.

(B) Color matrices showing the pair-wise amino acid identities of mating-type cassette-encoded proteins of different fission yeast species. Color matrices were generated using Sequence Demarcation Tool Version 1.2 (SDTv1.2) (Muhire *et al.* 2014).

(C) Multiple sequence alignment of the internal sequences (INTs) of Tcry1, Tosmo1, Tosmo2, Tosmo3, and INT-related sequences in the donor regions of *S. octosporus*, *S. cryophilus*, and *S. osmophilus*. Multiple sequence alignment was visualized using seqvisr v0.2.6 (https://github.com/vragh/seqvisr) (Raghavan 2021). The reference sequences used for visualization are the internal sequences of Tcry1 (left) and Tosmo2 (right).

Figure S13

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 osmo_Pc  QIATLEKIILTLWHKEHNNYKLHISTVQ  117
 octo_Pc  QIATLEKIILTLWHKEHNNYKLHISTVQ  117
 japo_Pc  LAQKLEQ-------RH------RRRA    109
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 osmo_Mc  KQNMP-ARAPRPPNAFILYRKEKQSLLSETNPGMTNAEVSKLVGGQLWKEESNEVKLKYFKMSECYKTEHEKLYPNYKYQPRTRKSKNYLK-----  179
 octo_Mc  KQSMP-TRAPRPPNAFILYRKEKQSLLSETNPGMTNAEVSKLVGGQLWKEESNEVKLKYFKMSECYKTEHEKLYPNYKYQPRTRRSKNYLK-----  179
 japo_Mc  KDAGTRKRTPRPANAFILYRRDKQAKILESLPGTSNAEVSRLVGAMWKNEKVEVKVQYFQKAELLKVQHKRLYPDYKYQPQRNKKKYRNNITNEF  179
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 osmo_Pi  MKELISFLNNLLRKFVTINHERFGFILEQLKHAYGLLV--DVKHVPAKYILESFKILESIKHVKIHENVTRNTLNFSLQAQLFKPN--VLNCIHIS  95
 octo_Pi  MKELISFLNNLLRKFVTINHERFGFILEQLKHAYELLI--DVKHVPAKYILESFKILESIKHVCNVKIHENVTRKALNFSLHSQLFKPN--VLNCIHRS  95
 japo_Pi  MS-LIVNLEAFITNELRCGVSDCQNVYETLTVFLTELLY-SRRNFSLEIVSNCITRLESLK----------------QLMLAKLILRRDSFSVSVNFGS  81
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 osmo_Pi  ---------------NASGRPLVTSRDTCADCIKAHLMRWLLLHVDNPYPTPSEYYQLCLETGLTRNQLRNWFSNRRR---  158
 octo_Pi  ---------------NASGRPLVTSKDTCAECVKAHLMRWLLLHVDNPYPTPSEYYQLCLETGLTRNQLRNWFSNRRR---  158
 japo_Pi  CCDKVQALAIENRLFNVGGRPLRGINNELKAKAKTILQLWFALHLRHPYPSSQECIKLGNLTGLSVQQIRYWFSNRRREIK  162
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 osmo_Mi  METSELQEIYKICDAIQLKLSSLTLANKTKINLRKKKQKHNNYKLHISTVQ---  51
 octo_Mi  METSELQEIYKICDAIQLKLSSLTLANKTKINLRKKKQKHNNYKLHISTVQ---  51
 japo_Mi  MDFEE--KIYTLALCIQTVLSSKVTHRKSKKTKSKKNNSQTQLPSKTSTLRSSG  52
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Figure S13. Sequences and predicted structures of mating-type cassette-encoded proteins.

(A–D) Multiple sequence alignments of Pc (A), Mc (B), Pi (C), and Mi (D) of five fission yeast species. Residues identical to the consensus are shaded in gray. Residues encoded by sequences in the H2 boxes are highlighted in red letters. The Pc residue where a premature stop codon occurs in the *S. cryophilus* genome assembly reported in Tong et al. 2019 is highlighted by a red square box. The Pi residues affected by a frameshifting 1-bp deletion present in the reference *S. japonicus* genome are highlighted by a red rectangle box. Pi and Mi residues situated at the intermolecular interfaces of the AlphaFold-Multimer-predicted Pi–Mi heterodimer structures are highlighted by blue boxes.

(E–F) AlphaFold-Multimer-predicted heterodimeric structures of the Pi–Mi complex of *S. pombe* (E) and the Pi–Mi complex of *S. osmophilus* (F). For clarity, only the N-terminal Mi-interacting region of Pi is shown.

(G) Superposition of the structures shown in (E) and (F). The two structures were superposed using residues 1–67 of *S. pombe* Pi and residues 1–65 of *S. osmophilus* Pi.

Figure S14. Conservation of H1, H2, the *L*-region segment containing SAS1 and SAS2, and the Atf1-binding sites.

(A) Alignment of the nucleotide sequences of the 300-bp region that begins from the cassette-proximal border of H1 and extends into the *L*-region. Nucleotides identical to the consensus are shaded in gray. H1 sequences are highlighted in blue letters. SAS1 and SAS2 of *S. pombe* are highlighted by horizontal lines. Three TA(A/G)CG motifs in SAS1 of *S. pombe* are highlighted in pink, orange, and green letters. TA(A/G)CG motifs in

SAS1 counterparts in *S. cryophilus*, *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. japonicus* are highlighted similarly.

(B) Alignment of the nucleotide sequences of H2 boxes of *S. pombe, S. octosporus, S. cryophilus*, and *S. osmophilus*. Nucleotides identical to the consensus are shaded in gray. Coding sequences for Pc and Mi are highlighted in red letters and green letters, respectively.

(C) The 48-bp sequences centered on the most cassette-proximal 8-bp Atf1-binding sites (ATGACGTA) in the donor regions of *S. pombe*, *S. cryophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. osmophilus*. The *s1* and *s2* sites of *S. cryophilus* are located within the H3 boxes and therefore share the same flanking sequences. The *s2* site of *S. octosporus* is 33 bp away from the nearby H3 box and the *s2* site of *S. osmophilus* is 30 bp away from the nearby H3 box. Sequence shading is based on the level of sequence identity.

Figure 6

Figure 6. Evolutionary origins and trajectories of Cbp1 family proteins.

(A) Diagram showing the local synteny at the genomic region containing the *cbt1* gene. Gene names shown are the names of the genes in *S. pombe*. The *S. cryophilus* orthologs of *S.*

pombe trm2 and *trm12* were manually annotated because they are missing in the gene annotation of the *S. cryophilus* reference genome.

(B) Diagrams showing the domain organization of representative Cbp1 family proteins. Domain boundaries are based on the NMR structure of the N-terminal region of Cbp1 (Kikuchi *et al.* 2002), the crystal structure of the dimerization domain of human CENP-B (Tawaramoto *et al.* 2003), the AlphaFold-predicted structure of full-length Cbp1 (https:// alphafold.ebi.ac.uk/entry/P49777) (Varadi *et al.* 2022), and sequence alignment. The three residues of the catalytic triad and their positions are shown on top of each domain diagram. These diagrams were generated using IBS 2.0 (Xie *et al.* 2022).

(C) Maximum likelihood tree constructed using the amino acid sequences of Cbp1 family proteins of *Schizosaccharomyces* and *Dipodascaceae* (shaded in purple), human CENP-B (shaded in grey), and transposases of representative *Lemi* family transposons (shaded in blue) and *pogoR* family transposons (shaded in yellow). For Cbp1 family proteins, the names of the species are colored as follows: purple for *Schizosaccharomyces* species and blue for *Dipodascaceae* species. The tree was rooted using *pogoR* transposases (including human CENP-B) as outgroup. Branch labels are the SH-aLRT support value (%) and the UFBoot support value (%) calculated by IQ-TREE. The column with the header "DDE/ D" shows the catalytic triad residues and the number of amino acids between the last two residues of the catalytic triad. The accession numbers for the Cbp1 family proteins and human CENP-B are as follows: *S. pombe* Cbp1/SPBC1105.04c (NP_596460), *S. cryophilus* Cbt1/SPOG_05545 (XP_013022104), *S. octosporus* Cbt1/SOCG_02041 (XP_013015989), *S. osmophilus* Cbt1/SOMG_01668, *S. cryophilus* Cbt2/SPOG_05395 (XP_013022085), *S. octosporus* Cbt2/SOCG_00294 (XP_013018168), *S. osmophilus* Cbt2/SOMG_01142, *S. cryophilus* Cbt3/SPOG_05336 (XP_013024138), *S. octosporus* Cbt3/SOCG_02703 (XP_013016648), *S. osmophilus* Cbt3/SOMG_05008, *S. pombe* Cbh2/SPBC14F5.12c (NP_596738), *S. cryophilus* Cbt4/SPOG_05273 (XP_013022933), *S. octosporus* Cbt4/SOCG_00803 (XP_013018677), *S. osmophilus* Cbt4/SOMG_03711, *S. pombe* Cbh1/SPAC9E9.10c (NP_594583), *S. cryophilus* Cbt5/SPOG_05200 (XP_013025055), *S. octosporus* Cbt5/SOCG_00860 (XP_013018734), *S. osmophilus*

Cbt5/SOMG_03771, *S. cryophilus* Cbt6/SPOG_05660 (XP_013023607), *S. octosporus* Cbt6/SOCG_04915 (XP_013019516), *S. osmophilus* Cbt6/SOMG_00850, *Geotrichum candidum* Cbt7 (KAF5117802), *Galactomyces reessii* Cbt7 (QVTG01000070.1 coordinates 42,175–44,130), *Dipodascus ghanensis* Cbt7 (JAKKCX010000005.1 coordinates 397,487–399,661), *Dipodascus geniculatus* Cbt7 (PPOV01000003.1 coordinates 283,093–285,156, minus strand), *Dipodascus albidus* Cbt7 (PPJE01000012.1 coordinates 37,750–39,864), and human CENP-B (NP_001801). Names and nucleotide sequences of *Lemi* family and *pogoR* family transposons were from Table S1 of Gao et al. 2020. Amino acid sequences of *Lemi* family transposases and *pogoR* family transposases were translated from the nucleotide sequences.

(D) A color matrix showing the pair-wise amino acid identities between Cbp1 family proteins. This color matrix was generated using Sequence Demarcation Tool Version 1.2 (SDTv1.2) (Muhire *et al.* 2014).

(E) Diagram showing the local synteny at the genomic region containing the *cbp1* gene. Gene names shown are the names of the genes in *S. pombe*.

Figure S15. Diagrams showing the local synteny at genomic regions containing genes encoding Cbp1 family proteins, including Cbt2 (A), Cbt3 (B), Cbt4 (C), Cbt5 (D), Cbt6 (E), Cbt7 (F), Cbh1 (G), and Cbh2 (H). In (F), except for *CBT7*, gene names shown are the names of the homologous genes in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. In the other panels, except for *cbt1–cbt6* and two *wtf* genes in *S. octopous* (*wtf48*/*SOCG_00278* and *wtf49*/*SOCG_00295*), gene names shown are the names of the genes in *S. pombe*.

Figure 7. Mitogenome of *S. osmophilus* and comparative analyses of fission yeast mitogenomes.

(A) Graphic map of the circular-mapping mitogenome of *S. osmophilus*. Genes are shown in the outer circle and are colored as follows: protein-coding genes, yellow; *rnpB*, blue; rRNA genes, purple; tRNA genes, green. The names of tRNA genes are abbreviated and their full names are shown at the right side of panel B. Group I introns and group II introns are colored light grey and dark grey, respectively. GC content in 35-bp sliding windows is shown as a line plot in an inner circle, where red background denotes the GC content range of 0–70% and green background denotes the GC content range of 70–100%.

(B) Gene order conservation between the mitogenomes of five fission yeast species. Genes are colored as in (A), except that the tRNA gene *trnI(cau)* (abbreviated as I₂) is highlighted in red. The transcription orientation is from left to right for all genes except the *atp8* gene and three tRNA genes in the *S. japonicus* mitogenome (Bullerwell *et al.* 2003). For brevity, introns are not shown.

(C) Local synteny of the mitogenome region containing the *trnI(cau)* gene (abbreviated as I₂). A schematic species tree is shown at left.

(D) Local synteny of the nuclear genome region containing the *til1* gene. A schematic species tree is shown at left.

(E) Sequence alignment of DHEs in the mitogenomes of *S. osmophilus*, *S. octosporus*, and *S. cryophilus*. Below the alignment is an arc diagram depicting the predicted secondary structures of DHEs. In the arc diagram, each arc represents a base pair and connects the positions of two base-pairing nucleotides. At left is a neighbor-joining tree constructed using the bionj function of the APE package based on a distance matrix generated by the dist.gene function of APE (Paradis *et al.* 2004).

Figure S16. Comparative analysis of the mitogenomes of five fission yeast species.

(A) Length differences between the mitogenomes of *S. octosporus*, *S. osmophilus*, and *S. cryophilus* are mainly due to variations in the lengths of introns and intergenic regions.

(B) Maximum likelihood tree constructed using the amino acid sequences of the proteins encoded by the seven conserved protein-coding genes (*atp6*, *atp8*, *atp9*, *cob*, *cox1*, *cox2*, and *cox3*) in the fission yeast mitogenomes. The tree was rooted using *S. japonicus* as outgroup. Branch labels are the SH-aLRT support value (%) and the UFBoot support value (%) calculated by IQ-TREE.

(C) Codon usage in the mitogenomes of five fission yeast species. Red arrows highlight the presence of ATA codons in *S. japonicus* and *S. pombe*. Sja, *S. japonicus*; Spo, *S. pombes*; Scr, *S. cryophilus*; Soc, *S. octosporus*; Sos, *S. osmophilus*.

(D) Mitochondrial introns of five fission yeast species. The *S. pombe* introns listed include all introns known to exist in natural isolates of *S. pombe* (Tao *et al.* 2019). The introns of the other four species are introns present in the reference strains. RNAweasel-annotated intron type (group I or group II) and subgroup classification for group I introns are shown. Yellow and blue backgrounds indicate the presence and absence of intron-encoded proteins (IEPs), respectively. *S. pombe* has two different cox1P386 introns (cox1P386-1 and cox1P386-2). They belong to the same subgroup and both encode IEPs.

(E) A color matrix showing the pair-wise amino acid identities between proteins encoded by group I introns. This color matrix was generated using Sequence Demarcation Tool Version 1.2 (SDTv1.2) (Muhire *et al.* 2014). The two long arrows highlight that the identity between Sos.cox1P386 IEP and Scr.cox1P386 IEP was higher than the identity between Sos.cox1P386 IEP and Soc.cox1P386 IEP. The two short arrows highlight that the identity between Soc.cox1P731 IEP and Scr.cox1P731 IEP was higher than the identity between Sos.cox1P731 IEP and Soc.cox1P731 IEP.

(F) A color matrix showing the pair-wise amino acid identities between proteins encoded by group II introns. This color matrix was generated using Sequence Demarcation Tool Version 1.2 (SDTv1.2) (Muhire *et al.* 2014).

Figure S17. Comparative analysis of the mitogenomes of five fission yeast species.

(A) Sliding-window analysis using SimPlot++ showed that the sequences that may have undergone introgression or horizontal transfer were limited within the cox1P386 intron and the cox1P731 intron. Introns that are not present in all three mitogenomes were removed before performing sequence alignment and SimPlot++ analysis.

(B) The two LAGLIDADG motifs in the proteins encoded by group I introns. Black arrowheads point to the two catalytic residues, which must both be acidic residues to support DNA cleavage activities. Single asterisks indicate that the catalytic residue in one of the two LAGLIDADG motifs is not an acidic residue. Double asterisks indicate that the catalytic residue in neither LAGLIDADG motif is an acidic residue. Sja.cox1P731 intron encodes two IEPs (IEP-1 and IEP-2) and only one of them is degenerated.