The rate of adaptive molecular evolution in wild and domesticated *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* populations

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Abstract

Through its fermentative capacities, *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* was central in the development of civilization during the Neolithic period, and the yeast remains of importance in industry and biotechnology giving rise to *bona fide* domesticated lineages. Here, we conduct a population genomic study of both domesticated and wild lineages of *S. cerevisiae*. Using coalescent analyses, we report that the effective population size of yeast populations decreased since the divergence with *S. paradoxus*. We fitted models of distribution of fitness effects to population genomic data sets to infer the rate of adaptive non-synonymous substitutions in protein-coding genes. We report an overall limited contribution of positive selection to *S. cerevisiae* protein evolution, albeit with higher rates of adaptive evolution in wild compared to domesticated populations. We find that populations with a larger effective population size experience a lower rate of non-adaptive substitutions, as well as a higher rate of adaptive ones, suggesting that, in yeast, adaptive mutations accumulate at a faster rate in large populations. Our analyses revealed the signature of background selection but no Hill-Robertson interference, as recombination was found to mildly impact the efficacy of purifying selection and does not affect the rate of adaptive evolution in yeast. Conversely, the rate of adaptive non-synonymous substitutions is significantly correlated with the residue solvent exposure, a relation that cannot be explained by the population's demography. Together, our results provide a detailed characterization of adaptive mutations across *S. cerevisiae* genomes and populations.

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Introduction

The domestication of crops and livestock is widely regarded as a defining determinant in the rise of permanent human settlement and the development of contemporary civilisation during the Neolithic period (Diamond, 2002; Fuller & Stevens, 2019; Zeder, 2008). The budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* is believed to be among the earliest domesticated species, as archaeological evidence has shown that humans were crafting fermented beverages as early as 9,000 years ago in ancient China (McGovern et al., 2004). From its initial use in liquid fermentation reactions, domesticated usage of *S. cerevisiae* has further diversified into bread leavening and myriad biotechnological applications (Lahue, Madden, Dunn, & Smukowski Heil, 2020; Parapouli, Vasileiadis, Afendra, & Hatziloukas, 2020), and it has been adopted as a leading model organism in molecular biology and (evolutionary) genetics (Botstein & Fink, 2011; Duina, Miller, & Keeney, 2014; Marsit et al., 2017), being the first eukaryote to have its full genome sequenced (Goffeau et al., 1996). The close alliance between man and yeast has led to the global dispersal of *S. cerevisiae* through trade and migration, leaving a marked impact on the life history of the yeast (Legras, Merdinoglu, Cornuet, & Karst, 2007; Ludlow et al., 2016; Money, 2018; Sicard & Legras, 2011). Consequently, industrially-used strains of *S. cerevisiae* show distinct patterns of demographic history and genome evolution marked by typical domestication signatures, including historic bottlenecks and higher rates of unbalanced rearrangements, polyploidies and aneuploidies in domesticated- compared to wild strains (Duan et al., 2018; Gallone et al., 2016; Liti et al., 2009; Peter et al., 2018; Yue et al., 2017). In contrast to these highly domesticated strains, the relatively recent discovery of truly wild populations of *S. cerevisiae* in Asian primeval forests showed that there are present-day populations that have continued to evolve under purely natural conditions, countering the long-standing view that *S. cerevisiae* is an exclusively domesticated species (Liti, 2015; Wang, Liu, Liti, Wang, & Bai, 2012). High-resolution phylogenetic analyses have confirmed the historic separation between wild and domesticated lineages (Duan et al., 2018; Gallone et al., 2016; Legras et al., 2018; Ludlow et al., 2016; Peter et al., 2018). Therefore, while *S. cerevisiae* isolates routinely used in research and industry represent *bona fide* domesticated lineages, there also exist truly wild populations of *S. cerevisiae* in their native Far East Asia.

Owing to the unique availability of large amounts of genomic data from both these domesticated and wild

lineages, *S. cerevisiae* provides an outstanding opportunity to investigate the impact of domestication on

genome evolution.

The study of domestication has a long-standing tradition in evolutionary biology, and has been influential

in establishing the theory of evolution by natural selection (Darwin, 1868). It is known to impact population

demographic dynamics substantially and, at the molecular level, genome diversity and evolution. One open

question is how domestication impacts the relative contributions of positive selection and genetic drift

(Moyers, Morrell, & McKay, 2017). With the dawn of the (post-)genomic era, novel population genomics

approaches towards delineating the relative contributions of these drivers of sequence evolution have

become available. Importantly, these methods enable the quantification of adaptive sequence evolution (i.e.,

resulting from positive selection) from non-adaptive sequence evolution (i.e., attributable to genetic drift).

This is made possible by the comparison of intra-specific (polymorphism) and inter-specific (divergence)

data, an approached pioneered by (Hudson, Kreitman, & Aguadé, 1987) and extended by (McDonald &

Kreitman, 1991). The latter approach makes the distinction between two types of mutations in protein-

coding sequences: synonymous mutations, which do not change the encoded amino-acid owing to the

redundancy of the genetic code and are thus assumed to be neutral, and non-synonymous mutations, which

by contrast do change the amino-acid sequence, in turn possibly altering the function of the resulting protein

and making these subject to selection. The comparison of the amount of synonymous and non-synonymous

polymorphism on the one hand, with the quantity of synonymous and non-synonymous divergence on the

other hand permits to estimate the proportion of non-synonymous substitutions fixed by positive selection,

a metric termed α by (Smith & Eyre-Walker, 2002). More recent developments include the modelling of

the distribution of fitness effects (DFE) underlying polymorphism and divergence patterns obtained from

population genomics data (Adam Eyre-Walker & Keightley, 2007; A. Eyre-Walker & Keightley, 2009; A.

Eyre-Walker, Woolfit, & Phelps, 2006). This approach was later further extended to explicitly account for

slightly beneficial mutations (Galtier, 2016; Tataru, Mollion, Glémin, & Bataillon, 2017). These statistical

approaches permit the inference of parameters describing historic adaptive evolution: the rate of adaptive

non-synonymous substitutions (ω_a), the rate of non-adaptive non-synonymous substitutions (ω_{na}) and the

proportion of adaptive non-synonymous substitutions (α).

There are various ways in which domestication could have impacted the contributions of adaptive versus

non-adaptive evolution in *S. cerevisiae*. First, studies of animal and plant domestication have shown that

the strong directional selection involved in domestication leaves notable signatures of adaptive evolution

on domestication-associated genes (Ahmad et al., 2020; Ross-Ibarra, Morrell, & Gaut, 2007), and,

therefore, it is possible that similar mechanisms underly niche-adaptation in domesticated yeast lineages

(Duan et al., 2018; Legras et al., 2018), in turn yielding elevated values for ω_a in genes involved in

phenotypic adaptations towards domesticated niches. Furthermore, differences in adaptive evolution across

populations may be the result of their distinct effective sizes. The effective population size (N_e) and the rate

of adaptive evolution are tightly linked as, in small populations, (i) genetic drift is stronger, preventing

advantageous mutations with small effect (lower than 1/Ne) to get fixed, and (ii) the available supply of

standing genetic variation will generally be lower (Charlesworth, 2009; Gossmann, Keightley, & Eyre-

Walker, 2012; Lanfear, Kokko, & Eyre-Walker, 2014). Importantly, domestication is associated with strong

demographic dynamics and domestication-associated bottlenecks have been identified in domesticated *S.*

cerevisiae lineages (Gallone et al., 2016). Therefore, it is expected that domesticated lineages of *S.*

cerevisiae have lower overall rates of adaptive evolution compared to wild lineages as a result of the

domestication bottleneck, despite the strong directional selection acting on specific cellular processes.

Furthermore, it has recently been reported that domesticated lineages of *S. cerevisiae* largely abolish sexual

reproduction (De Chiara et al., 2022) and, therefore, do not undergo meiotic recombination. Recombination

impacts the efficacy of both adaptive and purifying selection, as it can combine interfering adaptive

mutations and unlink adaptive mutations from deleterious ones (Marais & Charlesworth, 2003). The

relation between sexual reproduction and the efficacy of selection is well-documented in yeasts (Connallon

& Knowles, 2007; Goddard, Godfray, & Burt, 2005). Therefore, the suppression of recombination in

domesticated populations is also expected to induce a lower rate of adaptive evolution in domesticated lineages.

Earlier landmark work by (Liti et al., 2009) identified no evidence for adaptive evolution in a set of ~1,100 *S. cerevisiae* genes from a diverse set of *S. cerevisiae* strains, using the method developed by (McDonald & Kreitman, 1991). However, this method has important limitations when it comes to accounting for slightly deleterious mutations, which can therefore substantially bias inferences of adaptive evolution (A. Eyre-Walker & Keightley, 2009). Moreover, protein structure plays an important role in shaping the rate of substitutions. Specifically, residues with a high relative solvent accessibility (RSA) show higher rates of both adaptive and non-adaptive substitutions (Moutinho, Trancoso, & Dutheil, 2019). Accounting for RSA will yield higher-resolution insights into the factors shaping substitution rates in *S. cerevisiae* and allow for more sensitive detection of adaptive sites.

Here, we use a population genomics approach to assess the impact of several factors on the rate of adaptive and non-adaptive non-synonymous substitutions in wild and domesticated populations of *S. cerevisiae*. By comparing 17 populations of different origins, we show that domestication resulted in both a decrease of the rate of adaptive substitutions and an increase of the rate of non-adaptive substitutions, and that the effective population size is a determinant of both rates. We find that the recombination rate and domestication-associated functional category of genes only impacts the rate of non-adaptive substitutions. Conversely, the solvent exposure of residues strongly impacts both adaptive and non-adaptive rates, with the majority of adaptive substitutions occurring at the protein surface.

Materials & Methods

Genomic dataset and population definition

The *S. cerevisiae* genome data used in this study was generated by (Peter et al., 2018) as part of the "1,002 Yeast Genomes Project". Relevant populations of isolates were defined based on the clades as determined in the original publication, followed by manual filtering of isolates based on ecological- and geographical origins to assure population homogeneity. We included populations with a minimum sample size of five isolates for further analyses. The Italian Wine population had a large sample size and it was randomly sampled to a subset of isolates for computational tractability. Combined, this yields a total of 17 *S. cerevisiae* populations from both domesticated and wild origins (*Supplementary Table 1*).

Genome alignment and gene extraction

For each population, we generated full genome alignments and extracted the protein-coding DNA sequence (CDS). The genomes in each population and the reference genome R64 (Downloaded from ftp://ftp.ensemblgenomes.org/pub/fungi/release-49/fasta/saccharomyces_cerevisiae/dna/; last accessed December 2020) were aligned using the MultiZ v11.2 alignment program from the Threaded-Blockset Aligner tool suite (Blanchette et al., 2004). The resulting alignments were then projected onto the reference sequence, and the resulting alignment blocks were realigned and filtered using MafFilter v1.3.1 (Dutheil, Gaillard, & Stukenbrock, 2014). Alignment blocks were split into windows with a maximum size of 10 kb, which were subsequently realigned using MAFFT v7.38 (Katoh & Standley, 2013). We then filtered the alignment to only include i) blocks with sequences of all selected isolates and ii) blocks with a minimum length of 10 bp. Ten bp windows, slid by 1 bp, containing $\geq$ 30% gap and unresolved characters were discarded. The remaining alignment blocks were merged if not further apart than 100 bp and between-block positions were filled with unresolved characters "N", resulting in a masking of ambiguously aligned regions. A callability mask was also generated, recording the coordinates of the filtered positions.

CDSs were extracted according to the General Feature Format (GFF) file of the reference sequence (Downloaded from ftp://ftp.ensemblgenomes.org/pub/fungi/release-49/gff3/saccharomyces_cerevisiae;

last accessed December 2020) and the obtained CDSs were concatenated to reconstruct genes from the

alignment files. Reconstructed gene-coding sequences were checked for premature stop codons to ensure

accurate reconstruction. No genes were removed at this step. In these and subsequent procedures, genomic

data was handled with scripts using the Biopython package v1.78 (Cock et al., 2009), available at

https://gitlab.gwdg.de/molsysevol/saccharomycespopgen. The total number of nucleotide sites and final

number of genes for each lineage are summarised in *Supplementary Table 2*.

Phylogenetic tree

We used the complete (unaligned) genome sequences of all isolates in the selected populations to compute

pairwise distances using *andi* v0.12 (Haubold, Klötzl, & Pfaffelhuber, 2015). A phylogenetic tree was

inferred from the resulting distance matrix using FastME v2.0 (Lefort, Desper, & Gascuel, 2015) and

plotted using FigTree v1.4.4 (Rambaut, 2018).

Demographic history inference

We used the Multiple Sequentially Markovian Coalescent 2 v2.1.1 (MSMC2) (Malaspinas et al., 2016) to

reconstruct the demographic histories of the selected populations. MSMC-compatible input files were

generated from the filtered genome alignments using MafFilter v1.3.1 (Dutheil et al., 2014). MSMC2 was

run using a 1*5+20*1+1*5 discretisation scheme, following a benchmarking procedure with simulations

(see below). Other options were kept as program defaults. We first ran MSMC2 on all isolates in each

population. Then, depending on sample size, a maximum number of ten random non-repetitive selections

of two-, six-, twelve-, eighteen- and twenty-four genomes were sampled to estimate the robustness of the

inferred demography for each population, as well as the homogeneity of the samples. Replicates were run

in parallel using the GNU parallel software (Tange, 2011). Results are reported in coalescent units (x-axis)

and inverse instantaneous coalescence rate (IICR, y-axis).

We estimated the effective population size of the *S. cerevisiae* / *S. paradoxus* ancestor using the IM-

CoalHMM model (Mailund et al., 2012). The model considers a speciation process with an initial

differentiation phase with symmetric migration between the two populations, followed by a phase where

the two populations are genetically isolated. The estimated parameters are the start and end of the migration

phase, the average ancestral population size, and the average recombination rate. A seven species genome

alignment of yeasts was downloaded from the UCSC genome browser. The alignment was projected on the

S. cerevisiae (sacCer3) genome using the 'maf_project' program (v12) from the TBA package (Blanchette

et al., 2004) and the pairwise alignment of *S. cerevisiae* with *S. paradoxus* (sacPar) was extracted and

merged, replacing non-aligned positions by missing data. The 16 chromosomes were further concatenated

before being input to the IMCoalHMM program (v0.7.0, https://github.com/mailund/IMCoalHMM).

Quantifying adaptive evolution

For reconstructed gene alignments, an outgroup sequence was identified using the closest match of a

'blastn' v2.9.0+ search (Altschul, Gish, Miller, Myers, & Lipman, 1990) on the *S. paradoxus* genome

(downloaded   from

https://ftp.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/genomes/refseq/fungi/Saccharomyces_paradoxus/latest_assembly_versions/G

CF_002079055.1_ASM207905v1/). Specifically, the reference sequence of each *S. cerevisiae* gene

alignment (R64) was queried against the reference CDS file of *S. paradoxus* (Downloaded from

https://yjx1217.github.io/Yeast_PacBio_2016/data/) (Yue et al., 2017). Protein-coding sequences,

including the outgroup sequence, were re-aligned using the codon alignment program MACSE v2 (Ranwez,

Douzery, Cambon, Chantret, & Delsuc, 2018). We calculated statistics on synonymous and

nonsynonymous divergence between the species, transversion per transition ratio, and inferences on

ancestral alleles from these alignments using the BppPopStats v2.4.0 program from the Bio++ Program

Suite (Guéguen et al., 2013) and used them to produce unfolded site frequency spectra (SFSs). Models of

distribution of fitness effects (DFE) were then fitted with Grapes v1.1 (Galtier, 2016), to estimate the rates

of adaptive and non-adaptive substitutions (ω_a and ω_{na}), and the proportion of adaptive substitutions (α).

Grapes was run with the '-no_div_param' option, as the underlying model here was shown to be more

robust in light of historic changes in population size (M. Rousselle, Mollion, Nabholz, Bataillon, & Galtier,

2018). Additionally, the option '-nb_rand_start 5' was specified to test distinct optimization starting

conditions and prevent model settling on suboptimal local maximum likelihoods. Three DFE models were

fitted onto the data: GammaExponential (GammaExpo), DisplacedGamma (DisplGamma) and ScaledBeta

(Galtier, 2016). To determine the quality of model fit, Akaike's Information Criterion (AIC) was calculated

for the complete SFSs per population (Akaike, 1973). Here, the GammaExpo and ScaledBeta models

performed comparably well, but the ScaledBeta model failed to estimate ω_a in more cases than the

GammaExpo model. Therefore, the GammaExpo model was determined as the best performing model,

which is in accordance with previous results obtained from data in animals (Galtier, 2016), plants

(Moutinho et al., 2019) and fungi (Grandaubert, Dutheil, & Stukenbrock, 2019). Finally, sites were

bootstrapped to create 150 SFS replicates for each dataset enabling a more comprehensive analysis of α,

ω_a and ω_{na}. For some replicates, optimisation failed and the corresponding replicates were discarded. The

minimum number of replicates for which estimates could be obtained was 90 for the North American Oak

population in the Metal Stress gene category. The average number of successful bootstraps across all runs

is 149.2. The mean values of the estimates over all bootstrap replicates were used as the final estimates of

these parameters in each analysis.

Gene set definition

Gene sets were defined based on "Genes and gene products" annotations obtained from AmiGO 2

(http://amigo.geneontology.org/amigo) using the search terms "Meiosis" and "Sporulation" (corresponding

to the gene set "Meiosis"), "Osmotic Stress", "Oxidative Stress", "Glucose OR Xylose OR Maltose OR

Fructose OR Sucrose" (corresponding to the gene set "Domestic Carbon"), and "Heat Stress" and

"Temperature" (corresponding to the gene set "Heat Stress"). The "Metal Stress" gene set was compiled

based on data from genetic screens performed by (Thorsen et al., 2009) for arsenic exposure and by (Jo et

al., 2007) for copper exposure. Genes that were found in none or multiple of the aforementioned categories

were combined into the "Other Genes" and "Multiple sets" categories. All gene sets are restricted to only

include the genes that were recovered from all populations, which totalled 2,855 genes (*Supplementary*

figure 2).

Recombination landscape

Recombination rates across the genome for *S. cerevisiae* were taken from (Liu, Maclean, & Zhang, 2018), who quantified crossover (CO) rates in a window-based approach with a window size of 20 kb, and these rates were mapped onto the genes included in our analyses based on the genomic location of the midpoint of these genes in the respective reference genomes. The genes were then binned into 15 approximately equal sized categories, except for the populations Ecuadorian, Malaysian and North American Oak, for which the overall genetic variation was lower and so they were binned into 5 categories with sufficient polymorphic sites.

Prediction of relative solvent accessibility

The relative solvent accessibility (RSA) per site was predicted using NetSurfP-2.0 (Klausen et al., 2019). NetSurfP-2.0 was run on R64 translated CDSs to obtain the RSA for each site. These per-site RSA values as computed for R64 were mapped onto the corresponding sites of the population-specific alignments. Sites were categorised as buried at RSA < 0.25 and exposed at RSA ≥ 0.25, as per (Pollastri, Baldi, Fariselli, & Casadio, 2002) and (Lin, Hsu, Hwang, & Li, 2007). The sites were binned into 15 equal-sized bins based on RSA except for the populations Ecuadorian and Malaysian, which were binned into 5 categories, and the North American Oak population, which was binned into 3 categories.

Linear modelling

All statistical analyses were conducted in the R software, version 4.1.0 (R Development Core Team, 2021). We fitted generalised least squares (GLS) linear models to assess the impact of several factors on the rate of adaptive and non-adaptive non-synonymous substitutions while accounting for the phylogenetic relationships between populations. Models were fitted with the maximum likelihood method to compute values of Akaike's information criterion, using the 'gls' method of the 'nlme' package (Pinheiro, Bates, DebRoy, Sarkar, & R Core Team, 2021) with phylogenetic correlation structures taken from the 'ape' package (Paradis & Schliep, 2019). We fitted separate models to each rate (response variable) including estimates for all populations. All models included the life history of the population (Wild, Domesticated-

Asian, and Domesticated-Non Asian), the culture method (Environment, Repitching, and Starter-based),

and the mean synonymous diversity (π_S) as explanatory variables. We specified a correlation model using

the previously estimated population phylogenetic tree and fitting branch lengths using the method of Grafen

(Grafen, 1989). Residues were normalised using the Box-Cox transform, modified to allow for non-strictly

positive values, as implemented in the 'car' package (Fox & Weisberg, 2018).

To assess the effect of gene sets, recombination rates and RSA, we fitted extended models including each

of these variables in addition to life history, culture method, and π_S, together with their interaction. For

instance, the model assessing the impact of RSA on ω_a is described by the formula:

$\omega_a \sim RSA + \text{Life history} + \text{Method} + \pi_S + RSA{:}\text{Life history} + RSA{:}\text{Method} + RSA{:}\pi_S$.

After normalisation of the residues, a model selection was conducted using Akaike's information criterion

(AIC), as implemented in the 'stepAIC' function of the 'MASS' package (Venables, 2002). Normality and

independence of the residues were assessed using the Shapiro and Ljung-Box test, as implemented in the

'stats' package.

In some cases, the non-normality of the residues was still significant after using the Box-Cox transform,

owing to the distribution of ω_a being zero-inflated. Therefore, for comparison, we fitted another set of

models where all points with $\omega_a < 1e-3$ were discarded. While these models were fitted on reduced

datasets, their residues were generally in better agreement with the Gauss-Markov assumption and had

possibly more accurate P-values. Results were visualised with the 'ggplot2' (Wickham, 2016), 'cowplot'

(Claus O. Wilke, 2020), and 'ggpubr' (Alboukadel Kassambara, 2020) packages.

Codon usage analyses

We computed codon frequencies for the set of genes used to estimate substitution rates, using the Far East

Asian wild population data set. All 61 non-stop codons frequencies were computed for each analysed site,

summed over all individuals in the population. Frequencies were further summed according to site

groups, one of gene functional category, recombination rate category, or RSA category. The resulting

contingency tables were submitted to a within-group correspondence analysis as described in (D. Charif,

Thioulouse, Lobry, & Perrière, 2004). Relative synonymous codon usage (RCSU) values were also

computed for each codon. The RSCU value of a codon is defined as the ratio of the observed codon

frequency to the expected frequency if all synonymous codons for the encoded amino-acid were equally

used. It is a measure of codon usage bias, which takes values above 1 is the codon is preferentially used,

and below 1 if the codon is less preferentially used. The mean codon usage bias for a category of sites

was thus computed as the average of the absolute values of RSCU – 1. All codon analyses were

conducted using the 'seqinr' (Delphine Charif & Lobry, 2007) and 'ade4' (Thioulouse, 2018) packages

for R.

Results

We defined 17 population encompassing 330 *S. cerevisiae* isolates from the *1,002 Yeast Genomes Project*

genome resource (Peter et al., 2018), based on geography and ecology. A phylogenetic analysis of the

selected isolates confirmed that the defined populations represent distinct lineages (*Figure 1*). In agreement

with previous reports (Peter et al., 2018), we observed a clear separation between Non-Asian &

Domesticated lineages, Wild lineages, and Asian & Domesticated lineages (see Supplementary Results and

Supplementary Figure 1 for a detailed overview of selected isolates and their phylogeny). For each

population, we estimated the rate of adaptive substitutions in protein-coding genes. We gained insights into

the drivers of adaptive evolution between populations and along the yeast genome by estimating rates of

adaptive evolution in gene sets with distinct functional categories or local recombination rates, as well as

within sites with different solvent exposure. We then compare these estimates between populations,

accounting for their evolutionary relationship and demographic history.

A low rate of adaptive substitutions in *S. cerevisiae*.

301   To study the rate of adaptive evolution in both domesticated and wild *S. cerevisiae* lineages, we calculated

302   unfolded site frequency spectra (SFSs) capturing within-lineage segregating frequencies of synonymous

303   and non-synonymous polymorphic sites. We then fitted models of distributions of fitness effects (DFEs)

onto the SFSs using the *Grapes* method (Galtier, 2016), allowing for the computation of the proportion of adaptive non-synonymous substitutions (α), the rate of adaptive non-synonymous substitutions (ω_a), and the rate of non-adaptive non-synonymous substitutions (ω_{na}). To ensure that the same genes are compared between groups, we restricted our analyses to genes that we could successfully recover from genome alignments in all lineages, totalling 2,855 genes (see *Supplementary Figure 2* and Materials & Methods).

We classified the 17 populations according to two criteria, which we refer to as "life history" and "method". The first distinguishes wild populations from domesticated lineages and within those, the Asian domesticated from non-Asian domesticated lineages, as the latter two are believed to be the result of independent domestication events (Duan et al., 2018; Peter et al., 2018). The second criterion refers to distinct application-specific practises for introducing yeasts to fermentation reactions in domesticated settings. These can be broadly classified into "repitching" (also known as "backslopping") and "starter-based" approaches. In repitching, yeasts are seeded into multiple consecutive fermentation cycles, either by purposely isolating yeasts from an ongoing or terminated fermentation reaction and re-seeding these into fresh wort (traditional repitching, characteristic for beer brewing) (Large et al., 2020), or indirectly via contaminated surfaces that carry residual yeast from previous fermentations such as flasks, baskets or tools (De León-Rodríguez, González-Hernández, Barba de la Rosa, Escalante-Minakata, & López, 2006; Djeni et al., 2020; Schwan & Wheals, 2004). In contrast, yeast cells used in starter-based methods are discarded after a single fermentation reaction. Previous studies have shown that repitching practices significantly affects rates of chromosomal rearrangement rates in *S. cerevisiae*, revealing the substantial impact of application-specific practices on yeast genome evolution (Large et al., 2020). Consequently, we hypothesise that these different practices might impact the rate of adaptation, with repitching methods being likely to better facilitate adaptation through the extended multi-generational exposure to environmental pressures, compared to the continuous evolutionary "reset" of lineages resulting from the use of fixed starter cultures.

These analyses revealed that the proportion of adaptive substitution, α, is generally low in *S. cerevisiae* (Figure 2 and Table 1), with some differences between wild and domesticated populations. Alpha ranges

from 0 (several populations) to 8.79% (Alpechin population) in domesticated population and from 1.65%

(Ecuadorian population) to 70.57% (Malaysian population). Accounting for the phylogenetic relationships

of the populations, we find that these differences are marginally significant: domesticated populations have

a lower α compared to wild populations (Generalised Least Square linear model, P value = 0.071 for non-

Asian populations, 0.063 for Asian populations, see *Table 2*). We also find a marginal negative effect of

the starter-based method, these populations having a lower α (P value = 0.055) compared to environmental

populations. Repitching populations have no significant difference with the environmental ones (P value =

0.326). We further note a positive effect of π_S on α (P value = 0.048). Considering ω_a and ω_{na} separately,

we note that this pattern is essentially due to differences in the rate of non-adaptive substitutions (*Table 2*).

However, as opposed to previous work based on the MK-test (Liti et al., 2009), and estimates from the

closely-related wild yeast *S. paradoxus* (Gossmann et al., 2012), we found a positive rate of adaptive

substitutions in several populations of *S. cerevisiae*. We hypothesise that the generally low rate of adaptive

substitutions results from two possible, non-mutually exclusive causes: population size changes since the

time of divergence, and intra-genomic variation of the substitution rates. We will examine these two aspects

in the following sections.

S. cerevisiae population size decreased since the divergence with *S. paradoxus*.

The historical change of population is an important factor shaping adaptive evolution (Charlesworth, 2009;

Gossmann et al., 2012; Lanfear et al., 2014; M. Rousselle et al., 2018). We employed two approaches based

on the sequentially Markov coalescent framework to infer the demographic histories of the selected

populations. We first used the multiple sequentially Markov coalescent version 2, MSMC2 (Malaspinas et

al., 2016) to get insights into populations sizes at the polymorphism scale (that is, from present time to the

time of the most recent common ancestor of the sample). We then employed the IMCoalHMM approach to

fit a model of isolation with migration between *S. cerevisiae* and *S. paradoxus* (Mailund et al., 2012),

allowing us to estimate the population size at the time of the divergence between the two species. The

estimated divergence time was found close to the most ancient time interval of the MSMC analysis, in

agreement with the recent speciation between the two species (Figure 3). Estimating population sizes in

number of individuals and determining coalescence events in number of years requires knowledge of the

per-generation mutation rate and generation times, which are difficult to assert in the case of yeast, owing

in particular to the existence of an asexual phase. Assessing the impact of demography on the rate of

adaptive substitutions, however, only requires information about the relative population sizes at the

polymorphism and divergence level (Soni, Moutinho, & Eyre-Walker, 2022). Therefore, we report time in

coalescence units and inferred historic variations of the inverse instantaneous coalescent rate (IICR), a

measure proportional to N_e when sequences are evolving neutrally (Chikhi et al., 2018; Mazet, Rodríguez,

Grusea, Boitard, & Chikhi, 2016).We further conducted the MSMC analysis on subsamples of individuals

in each population (Figure 3). This analysis showed no inconsistencies between individuals within each

lineage, as could result, for instance, from population structure. This was also true for the Cocoa lineage,

despite its paraphyly (Figure 1). As expected, increasing the sample size led to a higher resolution towards

more recent times. Interestingly, the large increase in IICR observed in the most recent times for some

populations dissipates as more individuals are added, revealing their artefactual nature. Our analysis reveals

that all populations follow a general trend of population decrease since the divergence with *S. paradoxus*,

and this trend becomes even more evident when disregarding the artefactual increase of population size in

the most recent times.

As SMC-based methods have been benchmarked on Primates dataset (Schiffels & Wang, 2020), we

conducted a simulation analysis to assess their accuracy on yeast datasets (see Supplementary Methods).

We assessed the power of the MSMC2 method by simulating data under a neutral model of sequence

evolution, which fulfilled the hypotheses of the inference model (homogeneous recombination and mutation

rate, no selection). We simulated 10 datasets of 5 diploid individuals (10 haploid genomes), with the same

chromosome structure as the reference *S.cerevisiae* genome (R64). We found that the default

parametrisation of the time epochs led to biased estimates in the most recent and ancient times

(Supplementary Figure 1A). We then fitted a model with fewer parameters. We considered 30 epochs, with

the five most recent and the five most ancient epochs sharing a common coalescence rate, leading to 22

parameters, the 20 intermediate epochs being allowed to have a distinct coalescence rate. With this

discretisation scheme, no bias was observed (Supplementary Figure 1B). However, we observed an

increased estimation variance in the most recent and ancient times. Adding a distribution of missing data

identical to the one of one of our population alignments (Far East Asia) did not significantly affect the

inference (Supplementary Figure 1C, repeated in Figure 4A). For all remaining MSMC2 inferences, we

used the 22 parameters time pattern.

Linked selection, and in particular background selection (BgS), was shown to impact demographic

inference (Boitard, Arredondo, Chikhi, & Mazet, 2022; Johri et al., 2021). Because the genome of *S.*

cerevisiae is small and has a high density of coding regions, BgS can potentially be strong. We assessed

the performance of MSMC2 in the presence of background selection in a *S. cerevisiae*-like genome by

simulating data with the reference gene set and deleterious mutations (see Methods). We found that

compared to simulations under a purely neutral scenario (Figure 4A), background selection led to an

apparent recent increase in population size despite the real population size being constant (Figure 4B),

recapping the results of previous studies (Boitard et al., 2022; Johri et al., 2021). When the real demography

is declining, the resulting inferred demography shows a combination of decline followed by a recent

expansion. In the light of these simulation results, we conclude that the observed decline of IICR in most

yeast populations reflects a decrease in population size since the divergence with *S. paradoxus*. Yet any

observed recent increase of the IICR might not reflect a population size recovery, as such an increase is

expected under a scenario of constant or decreasing population size with BgS.

Historic demographic changes are a known confounding factor in inferring adaptive evolution, as

fluctuations in population size can influence segregating frequencies of polymorphisms independent, or

even in spite, of selection acting on sites (Olson-Manning, Wagner, & Mitchell-Olds, 2012; M. Rousselle

et al., 2018; Soni et al., 2022). In particular, decreasing population sizes since the population divergence

leads to underestimations of the rate of adaptive non-synonymous substitutions, an argument that was

previously invoked to explain the low rate of adaptive substitutions in Primates and could explain the

generally low rate of adaptive mutations in yeast too (Soni et al., 2022). Moreover, a lower present effective

population size may lead to artificial positive correlations between the rate of adaptive substitutions and

any variable that is itself positively correlated with the strength of negative selection. In the following, we

estimate the rate of adaptive non-synonymous substitutions (ω_a) in all yeast populations and assess the

impact of intra-genomic factors on its distribution. Because of the difference in population sizes, we further

control for the strength of negative selection, which we estimate via the non-synonymous diversity /

synonymous diversity ratio (π_N/π_S).

Domestication-associated gene sets harbour lower rates of non-adaptive evolution

To gain insights into adaptive evolution in wild and domesticated lineages of *S. cerevisiae*, and in particular

niche-adaptation of domesticated lineages of *S. cerevisiae*, we focused on genes involved in known cellular

processes that are implicated in the domesticated use of *S. cerevisiae*. Specifically, domesticated yeasts

largely abandon meiosis and are exposed to strong osmotic stresses due to high concentrations of mono-

and disaccharides such as maltose, xylose, glucose, sucrose and fructose present early-on in fermentation

reactions (Betlej et al., 2020; De Chiara et al., 2022), and also use these domestication-associated carbon

sources more efficiently (De Chiara et al., 2022). Furthermore, domesticated isolates are oftentimes exposed

to toxic metals, such as those present in pesticides, including copper and arsenic (Bencko & Yan Li Foong,

2017; Pietrzak & McPhail, 2004; Pontes, Čadež, Gonçalves, & Sampaio, 2019). These exposures are all

typical of domestication-associated environments due to the processes involved in industrial fermentation

and agriculture (Legras et al., 2018). Conversely, wild lineages are more tolerant to natural stresses such as

heat stress and oxidative stress (De Chiara et al., 2022; Gallone et al., 2016). From these different

environmental exposures and life cycle characteristics, we have compiled seven gene sets. We will refer to

these resulting gene sets as "Meiosis" (N = 125), "Osmotic Stress" (N = 17), "Domestic Carbon" (N = 81),

"Metal Stress" (N = 103), "Heat Stress" (N = 25), and "Oxidative Stress" (N = 48), respectively. Genes that

were found to be annotated in several of these processes were combined into a category labelled "Multiple"

(N = 59), and genes not annotated in any of these processes were categorised under the label "Other genes"

(N = 2,739).

Linear models showed that the gene set variable only had an impact on ω_{na}; that is, the rate of adaptive

substitutions did not differ significantly between the gene categories (Figure 5 and Table 3). Conversely,

several gene categories had a significantly lower ω_{na} compared to unlabelled genes: "metal stress",

"domestic carbon", "osmotic stress", "oxidative stress", as well as genes with multiple labels. These results

indicate that the corresponding genes undergo stronger purifying selection. However, this effect was found

to be independent from life history or culture method (no interaction term was found significant), suggesting

that this feature is general to *S. cerevisiae* and not affected by domestication. Domestication was found to

have a significant positive effect on ω_{na} and a negative effect on ω_a, although the latter should be taken

with caution as (1) the model residues did not fulfil the independence and normality assumption, and (2)

the effect vanished when only strictly positive ω_a were considered (Table 3). Repitching and starter-based

populations had a significantly lower ω_a compared to environmental populations. They also had a higher

ω_{na}, although the effect vanished when considering only strictly positive ω_a. Finally, π_S had a positive

effect on ω_a, and a negative one on ω_{na}, both weakly significant, consistent with the hypothesis that

population with larger effective size have more efficient negative and positive selection.

This gene set analysis did not allow to confirm *a priori* defined gene categories as key players in the

adaptive process linked to domestication. Their observed higher level of conservation is more likely to be

the result of their central functions than the consequence of domestication. Nonetheless, these results

suggest that domesticated populations undergo a lower rate of adaptive substitutions and a higher rate of

non-adaptive substitution, and that effective population size, as measured by π_S, affects both rates.

No indication of recombination as a determinant of adaptive protein evolution in yeast

We sought to assess how the non-synonymous substitution rates varied along the genome of *S. cerevisiae*.

Recombination may affect the substitution rate at positions linked to loci under selection, a mechanism

termed linked selection. A lower recombination rate is expected to slow down the fixation of advantageous

mutations and reduce ω_a, but also to reduce the efficacy of purifying selection and lead to an increased

fixation of deleterious mutations, thus increasing ω_{na}.

To investigate the role of recombination in shaping the rate of adaptive evolution across genes in our *S.*

cerevisiae lineages, we binned genes into categories of approximately equal sizes according to the

recombination landscape of *S. cerevisiae* (Liu et al., 2018) and quantified the rate of adaptive evolution

across categories. We found no relation between the crossing over rate and the rate of adaptive evolution

in *S. cerevisiae*, and a weak but significant negative relationship with ω_{na} (Figure 6 and Table 3),

suggesting that regions with a higher recombination rate tend to have a more efficient purifying selection

and fix less deleterious mutations. The absence of a relation between ω_a and the recombination rate

indicates a limited role of HRI in determining the rate of adaptive evolution in yeast. This contrasts with

organisms like *Drosophila melanogaster*, where the recombination rate was shown to have a strong positive

effect on the rate of adaptive evolution (Castellano, Coronado-Zamora, Campos, Barbadilla, & Eyre-

Walker, 2016), but also *Zymoseptoria tritici*, a fungal pathogen of wheat (Grandaubert et al., 2019). We

further note that, as with whole genome estimates of ω_a and ω_{na}, the effect of life history and culture

method were significant: domesticated populations have a lower rate of adaptive substitutions and a higher

rate of non-adaptive substitutions. Population size (as estimated by size π_S) had a significant positive effect

on ω_a, and a significant negative effect on ω_{na}, indicating that both positive and negative selection was

more efficient in larger populations. We note that, despite variable transformation, the model fit was

relatively poor, with significant departure from normality and independence of residues, indicating that the

P-values of the model coefficients may be biased (Table 3).

Protein structure shapes the rate of adaptive evolution within genes

Lastly, we assessed the impact of the residues solvent exposure, as it was recently shown to be a major

determinant of substitution rates in *Arabidopsis thaliana*, *Drosophila melanogaster* (Moutinho et al., 2019),

and Primates (Soni et al., 2022), with adaptation predominantly occurring at solvent-exposed residues in

these species. To gain a more in-depth understanding of adaptive evolution at the protein-structural level in

domesticated and wild lineages of *S. cerevisiae*, we computed the rate of adaptive non-synonymous

substitutions in residue categories with different levels of relative solvent accessibility (RSA) and inferred

ω_a and ω_{na} in these categories. We found that RSA had a strong positive, significant effect on both rates,

exposed residues having a higher rate of adaptive and non-adaptive substitutions (Figure 7 and Table 3).

As before, we find that domesticated populations had a significantly lower ω_a, but culture methods had a

significant interaction with RSA (the negative effect was stronger at exposed residues). The effect of

population size (π_S) was also significant as an interaction term with RSA: larger populations tend to

undergo more adaptive substitutions at exposed residues.

We investigated whether the correlation between ω_a and RSA could be an artefact of the decreasing

population size (Soni et al., 2022). Such a correlation may artificially occur if RSA was positively correlated

with the strength of purifying selection. We assessed the correlation between RSA and the average π_N/π_S

ratio of the genes in each RSA category (the lower the ratio, the stronger the strength of purifying

selection)..We found a significant positive correlation (Kendall's tau = 0.49, p-value < 2.2e-16), implying

that the strength of selection is negatively correlated with RSA. Demography is expected to bias the

correlation in the opposite direction of the observed one, which is, therefore, genuine, similar to what was

reported in Primates (Soni et al., 2022).

Finally, codon usage bias is an important factor shaping sequence evolution. A strong relation between

RSA and codon usage has been reported in several species (Ramsey, Scherrer, Zhou, & Wilke, 2011; Zhou,

Weems, & Wilke, 2009). In agreement with previous reports, we find that the first axis of a within-class

correspondence analysis was well described by RSA (Supplementary Figure S2A) and that the mean codon

usage bias was significantly negatively correlated with the average RSA (Supplementary Figure S2B,

Kendall's tau = -0.87, -value = 1.543e-07, see Methods). These results suggest that synonymous codon

usage is under selection in the analysed genes. We further investigated how synonymous and non-

synonymous polymorphism (π_S and π_N) and divergence (d_S and d_N) varied with RSA, and observed that

both π_S and d_S were decreasing as RSA increased (Supplementary Figure S3). If we exclude the possibility

that the mutation rate itself covaries with RSA, π_S and d_S should be independent of RSA if synonymous

substitutions were neutral. As the assumption of neutrality of synonymous sites is central in our DFE-based

adaptive protein evolution inference methods, we reanalysed the relation between RSA and the rate of

adaptive evolution using synonymous sites only from the most exposed RSA category, as these showed the

least amount of codon bias. Overall, the results from this reanalysis are strongly consistent with our initial

findings (Supp. Table 1), confirming that the relation between RSA and the rate of adaptive evolution is

independent of the stronger codon bias in buried residues.

Discussion

The rate of molecular adaptive evolution was previously reported to be low in *Saccharomyces*, with a rate

of adaptive non-synonymous substitutions found to be equal to zero (Gossmann et al., 2012; Liti et al.,

2009). This low rate contrasts with the high rate of molecular evolution of other fungal species, in particular

fungal pathogens (Grandaubert et al., 2019; Schweizer et al., 2021). Here, we showed that despite this

average low rate, signatures of adaptation are present in *S. cerevisiae* populations. We further determined

which factors underlie the variation of substitution rates between populations and within genomes.

To search for regions with signature of adaptation, we assessed three factors that may impact the

substitution rate: the gene functional category, the local recombination rate, and, at the site level, the relative

solvent accessibility. While all these factors proved to have a significant impact on the rate of non-adaptive

non-synonymous substitutions, ω_{na}, only solvent accessibility significantly impacted the rate of adaptive

synonymous substitutions, ω_a. This effect of RSA is consistent with previous reports from *Drosophila*,

Arabidopsis (Moutinho et al., 2019) and human (Soni et al., 2022) emphasizing its generality across

organisms with distinct life-history traits. The impact of RSA on ω_{na} can be attributed to mutations having

a generally less deleterious effect (as attested by the correlation of RSA with π_N/π_S), exposed residues

having on average less contact with other residues and, therefore, having more flexibility to cope with a

sidechain change. We further showed that the correlation of ω_a with RSA was not an artefact of its

correlation with the strength of purifying selection.

We estimated substitution rates in different gene categories, based on the possible roles the underlying

genes may play in the domestication process. However, we did not find any significant differences in ω_a

between these gene classes. Our results revealed that domestication is associated with a general reduction

of the rate of adaptive substitutions and are consistent with domesticated populations having undergone a

reduction in their effective population size, limiting the rate of adaptive- and increasing the rate of non-

adaptive substitutions. While these results do not preclude the occurrence of some adaptive substitutions, it

parallels previous reports of gene copy number variations (CNV) associated with domesticated lineages

(Duan et al., 2018), supporting CNV mutations as a driver of the molecular changes underlying the

domestication process. Furthermore, the comparatively constant environment associated with human

practices could temper the rate of beneficial mutations. We note that our analysis focused on the genes

recovered from all populations, and thus did not assess molecular rates in population-specific genes.

Assessing the substitution rate in population-specific duplicated genes offers a promising perspective to

dissect the genetic mechanisms of yeast domestication.

While demography inference in all populations revealed a general trend of decreasing population sizes, we

did not observe systematic differences between domesticated and wild populations. Historical effective

population size, however, as estimated by the neutral diversity π_S proved to be a significant determinant of

the rates of both adaptive and non-adaptive substitutions. The amount of neutral diversity varied greatly

between populations, even within the "domesticated" and "wild" groups (Supplementary Figure 3A). The

lowest π_S values were observed for the wild populations "Ecuadorian", "Malaysian", and "North American

Oak". These results, therefore, suggest that in *S. cerevisiae* populations, adaptation is limited by the supply

of beneficial mutations, as observed is several animal taxonomic groups (Marjolaine Rousselle et al., 2020).

Finally, we investigated the evidence for signatures of linked selection on the substitution rate. Using a

previously published estimated map of crossing-over rates along the genome of *S. cerevisiae*, we found no

correlation between the rate of adaptive substitutions and the recombination rate. We concluded that

adaptive evolution in *S. cerevisiae* is not impeded by Hill-Robinson interference (Comeron, Williford, &

Kliman, 2008; Hill & Robertson, 1966). This result is most likely explained by the combination of a globally

low rate of adaptive substitutions and a high recombination rate along the *S. cerevisiae* genome. Conversely,

we found evidence for the occurrence of background selection (BgS), as we observed a significant negative

correlation between the recombination rate and the rate of non-adaptive substitutions. BgS is expected to

be high in *S. cerevisiae*, given its high gene density (more than 73% of the genome encodes an exon).

Although significant, the correlation between the recombination rate and ω_{na} was found to be low, probably

because of the high recombination rate resulting in a low linkage disequilibrium.

In summary, our analyses revealed the occurrence of adaptive non-synonymous substitutions in several

populations of *S. cerevisiae*. While we found the rate of adaptive substitutions to be generally low, we

showed that accounting for intra and inter-genic factors unravelled signatures of molecular adaptation.

Adaptive substitutions were notably found at the solvent-exposed surface of proteins, following a general

trend observed is other species of animals and plants and suggesting that these mutations were not directly

linked to the domestication process. Moreover, we showed that domestication is associated with a reduction

of the rate of adaptive non-synonymous substitutions, and that in *S. cerevisiae* wild and domesticated

populations, adaptation is generally limited by the supply of mutations.

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 Tables

Population	LifeHistory	Method	α	ωa	ωna	πS
North American Oak	Wild	Environmental	2.68%	0.004	0.142	1.34E-05
Malaysian	Wild	Environmental	70.57%	0.105	0.044	8.54E-05
Far East Asian	Wild	Environmental	40.59%	0.059	0.087	1.63E-02
Ecuadorian	Wild	Environmental	1.65%	0.002	0.143	2.44E-05
African Palm Wine	Wild	Environmental	14.71%	0.022	0.125	1.64E-02
African Cocoa	Wild	Environmental	10.07%	0.015	0.132	1.15E-02
Mediterranean Oak	Non-Asian & Domesticated	Environmental	0.40%	0.001	0.146	3.90E-03
Alpechin	Non-Asian & Domesticated	Environmental	8.79%	0.013	0.136	7.80E-03
Mezcal	Non-Asian & Domesticated	Repitching	1.84%	0.003	0.146	1.35E-02
Human French Guiana	Non-Asian & Domesticated	Repitching	0.00%	0.000	0.149	4.42E-03
Ale Beer	Non-Asian & Domesticated	Repitching	2.33%	0.003	0.142	1.15E-02
Italian Wine	Non-Asian & Domesticated	Starter-based	0.00%	0.000	0.148	9.16E-03
Dairy	Non-Asian & Domesticated	Starter-based	0.01%	0.000	0.150	1.07E-02
Bioethanol	Non-Asian & Domesticated	Starter-based	0.70%	0.001	0.146	1.61E-02
African Beer	Non-Asian & Domesticated	Starter-based	0.00%	0.000	0.146	9.85E-03
Sake	Asian & Domesticated	Environmental	0.00%	0.000	0.147	4.35E-03
Asian Rice Fermentation	Asian & Domesticated	Starter-based	0.06%	0.000	0.147	4.73E-03

842 **Table 1:** Genome-wide estimates of the rate of adaptive and non-adaptive non-synonymous substitutions.

Variable	Alpha			OmegaA			OmegaNA		
	Coefficient	P value		Coefficient	P value		Coefficient	P value	
(Intercept)	-68.88	0.004	(**)	-1403.82	0.008	(**)	-0.13	1.07E-77	(***)
Life history, non-Asian & Domesticated	-53.46	0.071	(.)	-986.57	0.137		1.26E-08	0.071	(.)
Life history, Asian & Domesticated	-67.70	0.063	(.)	-316.01	0.423		7.33E-09	0.205	
Method, repitching	-31.68	0.326		-283.35	0.628		5.09E-09	0.442	
Method, starter-based	-58.07	0.055	(.)	-462.90	0.062	(.)	7.92E-09	0.059	(.)
piS	3760.82	0.048	(*)	34002.55	0.135		-5.96E-07	0.067	(.)
Phylogeny (rho)	1.07E-09			0.82			0.39		
Normality		0.034	(*)		0.148			0.311	
Independence		0.278			0.378			0.091	(.)

844 **Table 2:** Effect of life history, culture method and effective population size (as estimated by piS) on the genome average rate of adaptive and non-

845 adaptive non-synonymous substitutions.

Dataset	Variable (1)	OmegaA				OmegaNA			
		All data		Positive omegaA		All data		Positive omegaA	
		Coefficient	P value	Coefficient	P value	Coefficient	P value	Coefficient	P value
Gene set	(Intercept)	-1303.4	1.52E-14 (***)	-357.4	2.46E-19 (***)	-0.417	2.80E-238 (***)	-0.484	7.63E-147 (***)
	Gene set, metal stress					-0.002	7.05E-07 (***)	-0.003	4.29E-03 (**)
	Gene set, domestic carbon					-0.002	3.64E-08 (***)	-0.003	4.57E-03 (**)
	Gene set, heat stress					0.000	8.49E-01	0.000	6.48E-01
	Gene qet, meiosis					0.000	8.85E-01	0.001	5.47E-01
	Gene set, osmotic stress					-0.001	1.32E-04 (***)	-0.002	5.07E-02 (.)
	Gene set, oxidative stress					-0.002	2.97E-07 (***)	-0.003	4.54E-03 (**)
	Gene set, multiple sets					-0.003	5.46E-12 (***)	-0.004	2.64E-05 (***)
	Life history, non-Asian & domesticated	-439.2	1.55E-02 (*)			0.001	5.36E-03 (**)	0.001	3.93E-02 (*)
	Life history, Asian & domesticated	-722.1	1.45E-03 (**)			0.001	1.09E-03 (**)	0.003	1.06E-02 (*)
	Method, repitching	-674.9	8.71E-04 (***)	-183.5	1.44E-04 (***)	0.001	2.02E-03 (**)	0.002	5.26E-02 (.)
	Method, starter-based	-851.2	3.05E-06 (***)	-203.5	8.27E-06 (***)	0.001	1.27E-04 (***)	0.001	1.50E-01
	piS	26779.8	2.64E-02 (*)	5169.3	7.51E-02 (.)	-0.044	2.48E-02 (*)		
	Phylogeny (rho)	0.0		0.0		0.000		0.000	
	Normality		3.67E-03 (**)		1.61E-01		8.04E-03 (**)		2.45E-01
	Independence		2.90E-04 (***)		9.40E-02 (.)		8.32E-01		5.57E-02 (.)
Recombination	(Intercept)	-113.6	3.61E-26 (***)	-39.2	1.86E-25 (***)	-0.445	0.00E+00 (***)	-0.462	3.54E-277 (***)
	Recombination rate					-0.001	5.25E-03 (**)	-0.001	3.97E-02 (*)
	Life history, non-Asian & domesticated	-46.1	2.52E-06 (***)	-12.5	1.16E-04 (***)	0.002	5.54E-07 (***)	0.003	1.24E-05 (***)
	Life history, Asian & Domesticated	-39.9	1.08E-03 (**)	-17.2	1.69E-04 (***)	0.002	8.99E-04 (***)	0.003	1.72E-04 (***)
	Method, repitching	-30.2	2.42E-03 (**)	-8.3	2.00E-02 (*)	0.001	1.14E-02 (*)	0.001	7.95E-02 (.)
	Method, starter-based	-54.5	2.16E-09 (***)	-8.5	1.18E-02 (*)	0.002	2.36E-07 (***)	0.001	4.31E-02 (*)
	piS	3341.3	1.72E-06 (***)	586.8	1.26E-02 (*)	-0.129	3.65E-05 (***)	-0.078	5.25E-02 (.)
	Phylogeny (rho)	0.0		0.0		0.077		0.113	
	Normality		2.53E-07 (***)		1.55E-03 (**)		6.22E-02 (.)		1.44E-01
	Independence		2.76E-12 (***)		1.58E-06 (***)		3.59E-01		2.54E-02 (*)
RSA	(Intercept)	-201.4	8.12E-27 (***)	-48.6	2.71E-33 (***)	-1.116	5.22E-160 (***)	-0.970	1.50E-122 (***)
	RSA	111.9	3.30E-04 (***)	41.7	4.01E-13 (***)	0.329	2.19E-22 (***)	0.206	2.09E-18 (***)
	Life history, non-Asian & domesticated	-45.0	4.96E-05 (***)	-4.5	2.32E-01	0.008	6.32E-01	0.003	8.42E-01
	Life history, Asian & domesticated	-40.6	3.59E-03 (**)	-6.2	3.24E-01	0.015	4.02E-01	0.033	4.33E-02 (*)
	Method, repitching	0.8	9.64E-01			0.004	8.03E-01	0.001	9.11E-01
	Method, starter-based	-6.2	6.83E-01			0.004	6.36E-01	-0.010	4.11E-03 (**)
	piS	429.6	7.45E-01	243.5	8.85E-02 (.)	-0.095	9.13E-01		
	RSA:Life history, non-Asian & domesticated			-14.1	6.12E-02 (.)	0.113	1.21E-03 (**)	0.090	6.58E-04 (***)
	RSA:Life history, Asian & domesticated			-22.3	5.53E-02 (.)	0.034	3.87E-01	0.029	3.47E-01
	RSA:Method, repitching	-72.9	3.66E-02 (*)			0.004	8.99E-01		
	RSA:Method, starter-based	-127.4	2.51E-05 (***)			0.034	5.91E-02 (.)		
	RSA:piS	8950.7	1.09E-03 (**)			-4.248	2.39E-02 (*)		
	Phylogeny (rho)	0.0		0.2		0.492		0.948	
	Normality		1.17E-03 (**)		6.56E-01		4.02E-14 (***)		2.51E-06 (***)
	Independence		9.98E-01		5.69E-01		6.23E-02 (.)		1.49E-04 (***)

Footnotes:
(1) The colon ":" symbol stands for the interaction term between the left and right variables

Table 3: Effect of the gene functional category, local recombination rate and solvent exposure on the rate of adaptive and non-adaptive non-synonymous substitutions.

849 Figures

Figure 1: Phylogenetic tree of S. cerevisiae populations. Unrooted phylogenetic tree highlighting the

distinct lineages considered as populations in this study. Life history clusters are indicated with dotted lines.

Colours indicate population identity as specified in the in-figure legend and numerals.

Figure 2: Whole genome estimates of the rates of adaptive (ω_a) and non-adaptive (ω_{na}) non-synonymous substitutions. Bars indicate the mean over a 150 bootstrap replicates, and the error bars the corresponding 95% confidence interval (1.96 * standard deviation).

Figure 3: Demographic histories of *S. cerevisiae* and *S. paradoxus* lineages and the corresponding inferred rates of ω_a in these lineages. A) Demographic histories of *S. cerevisiae* lineages as inferred with MSMC2. The coloured lines represent the history as inferred from subsamples of isolates from each population, with the number of considered genomes for each line specified in the in-figure legend. The solid black line represents the inference in which all genomes of the lineage are considered.

Figure 4: Demography recovery from simulated data with yeast genome characteristics, including chromosome sizes, gene content and callability mask. Ten replicates are plotted with black lines. A) Simulations under a neutral scenario and a flat demography (constant population size, plotted in orange). B) Simulations under a scenario with background selection and a flat demography (constant population size, plotted in orange). C) Simulations under a scenario with background selection and an exponentially declining population (from 10,000 individuals, upper orange line) to 100 individuals (lower orange line).

Figure 5: Rates of adaptive (ω_a) and non-adaptive (ω_{na}) non-synonymous substitutions in distinct

gene set. Bars indicate the mean over a 150 bootstrap replicates, and the error bars the corresponding 95%

confidence interval (1.96 * standard deviation).

Figure 6: Rates of adaptive (ω_a) and non-adaptive (ω_{na}) non-synonymous substitutions in regions

with distinct recombination rates. Points and lines indicate the mean over a 150 bootstrap replicates, and

the shaded area the corresponding 95% confidence interval (1.96 * standard deviation).

Figure 7: Rates of adaptive (ω_a) and non-adaptive (ω_{na}) non-synonymous substitutions in sites with

distinct relative solvent accessibility (RSA). Points and lines indicate the mean over a 150 bootstrap

replicates, and the shaded area the corresponding 95% confidence interval (1.96 * standard deviation).