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Population Structure and Reticulate Evolution of *Saccharomyces eubayanus* **and Its Lager-Brewing Hybrids**

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Abstract

 Reticulate evolution can be a major driver of diversification into new niches, especially in disturbed habitats and at the edges of ranges. Industrial fermentation strains of yeast provide a

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window into these processes, but progress has been hampered by a limited understanding of the natural diversity and distribution of *Saccharomyces* species and populations. For example, lager beer is brewed with *Saccharomyces pastorianus*, an alloploid hybrid of *S. cerevisiae* and *S. eubayanus*, a species only recently discovered in Patagonia, Argentina. Here we report that genetically diverse strains of *S. eubayanus* are readily isolated from Patagonia, demonstrating that the species is well established there. Analyses of multi-locus sequence data strongly suggest that there are two diverse and highly differentiated Patagonian populations. The low nucleotide diversity found in the *S. eubayanus* moiety of hybrid European brewing strains suggests that their alleles were drawn from a small subpopulation that is closely related to one of the Patagonian populations. For the first time, we also report the rare isolation of *S. eubayanus* outside of Patagonia, in Wisconsin, USA. In contrast to the clear population differentiation in Patagonia, the North American strains represent a recent and possibly transient admixture of the two Patagonian populations. These complex and varied reticulation events are not adequately captured by conventional phylogenetic methods and required analyses of Bayesian concordance factors and phylogenetic networks to accurately summarize and interpret. These findings show how genetically diverse eukaryotic microbes can produce rare but economically important hybrids with low genetic diversity when they migrate from their natural ecological context.

Keywords: hybridization, admixture, *Saccharomyces eubayanus*, *Saccharomyces pastorianus*, phylogeography, lager beer.

Introduction

The process of hybridization between species and populations has long been known to have the potential to generate new varieties of plants and animals. Indeed, many crop species are recent or ancient interspecies hybrids, including wheat, maize, sugar cane, coffee, cotton, and tobacco. Interspecies hybridization and admixture are less frequent in animals, but prominent examples have

been described in insects, fishes, amphibians, reptiles, and mammals (for a review see (Otto, 2007)), including in primates (Zinner *et al.*, 2011) and even suggested in ancient humans (Arnold 2008). Often, these types of reticulate evolutionary events can be beneficial in novel environments where the parental species or populations are not locally adapted (Verhoeven *et al.*, 2011), but the creative potential of hybridization has been less well-studied in eukaryotic microbes, in part due to the challenges of identifying the wild sources of the alleles found in hybrids.

The Saccharomycotina or hemiascomycete yeasts comprise a major eukaryotic subphylum with about 1,000 described species, including several hybrids, especially in the *Saccharomyces* genus (for a review see (Morales & Dujon, 2012)). Unfortunately, little is known about the ecology, biogeography, and population structure of most of the seven naturally occurring *Saccharomyces* species (Kurtzman *et al.* 2011; Hittinger 2013). Despite displaying predominantly vertical inheritance within species and lineages, *Saccharomyces* yeasts provide examples of all of the major types of reticulation, including interspecies hybridization, mosaic lineages generated by admixture, introgression, horizontal gene transfer (HGT), and intragenic recombination (Liti *et al.*, 2006; Liti *et al.*, 2009; Novo *et al.*, 2009; Dunn *et al.*, 2012; Peris *et al.*, 2012a; Peris *et al.*, 2012c; Peris 2012; Gladieux *et al.*, 2014). Although the ecological forces favoring reticulation are not always well understood, interspecies hybrids have an advantage over parents in some industrial fermentation conditions, such as low temperature wine-making and lager-brewing (Belloch *et al.*, 2008; Gibson *et al.*, 2013).

Reconstruction of the relationships of taxonomic groups that have undergone reticulate events requires a new layer of evolutionary thinking. Phylogenetic networks show considerable promise in aiding in the interpretation of conflicting phylogenetic signals (Bapteste *et al.* 2013). Using these network-based methods, incongruent data is visualized by connecting a taxon or clade with two or more distance-weighted edges to all of the lineages contributing to its evolution. Despite the

potential of supernetworks, including application to the analysis of short internodes between *Saccharomyces* speciation events (Holland *et al.*, 2004) and to the detection of recombination between *Saccharomyces* species in the mitochondrial-encoded gene *COX2* (Peris *et al.*, 2012a; Peris 2012), their application to the study of the important biological processes of admixture and hybridization has been limited.

In the last several thousand years, humans domesticated multiple lineages of *S. cerevisiae* for winemaking, brewing, and sake fermentation (Fay & Benavides, 2005). Double and triple hybrids between *Saccharomyces* species have also been described in beer, wine, cider, dietary supplements, and clinical samples (Masneuf *et al.*, 1998; Le Jeune *et al.*, 2007; González *et al.*, 2008; Peris *et al.*, 2012a). The lager-brewing yeast *S. pastorianus* is one of the best-known and most commercially important interspecies hybrids. Comparative genomic hybridization and DNA sequence data from the *S. cerevisiae* parents have convincingly established that at least two major groups of lagerbrewing yeast, the Saaz and Frohberg lineages, resulted from two independent hybridization events between *S. cerevisiae* ale strains and *S. eubayanus* (Dunn & Sherlock, 2008; Libkind *et al.*, 2011). Multiple independent hybridizations also appear to have given rise to *S. cerevisiae* x *S. kudriavzevii* hybrids (Erny *et al.*, 2012; Peris *et al.*, 2012b) and to *S. bayanus* triple hybrids containing genetic contributions from *S. cerevisiae*, *S. eubayanus*, and *S. uvarum* (Libkind *et al.*, 2011) [Footnote].

The discovery of *S. eubayanus* in association with *Nothofagus* (southern beech) trees in Patagonia, Argentina, identified the second parental species of *S. pastorianus* hybrids and provided a model for their evolution (Libkind *et al.*, 2011). Despite the high (99.56%) identity across the genome, key differences exist between the type strain of *S. eubayanus* and the *S. eubayanus* moiety found in domesticated *S. pastorianus*. Some differences, such as the inactivation of *SUL1* (a high affinity sulfate permease), probably reflect the process of domestication (Libkind *et al.*, 2011), but most sequence differences are expected to be neutral accumulated divergence or sites segregating within

S. eubayanus. Broader surveys of *S. eubayanus* diversity are therefore necessary to determine which alleles from wild populations are most closely related to the alleles found in the interspecies hybrids present in the brewing environment and to infer which genetic changes occurred during domestication.

To better understand the complex reticulate evolution and domestication of hybrids containing *S. eubayanus* alleles, we launched a global effort to characterize the genetic diversity of *S. eubayanus* and its interspecies hybrids. Here we combine population and phylogenetic supernetwork approaches to infer the genetic structure of *S. eubayanus* in nature and the history of its reticulation events. We also trace the relationships between wild and brewing strains in the context of hybridization and the exploration of new ecological niches.

Materials & Methods

Yeast isolation and culture media

The complete yeast surveys will be described in more detail elsewhere, but *S. eubayanus* was recovered from Patagonia using the 10° C enrichment and isolation protocol of Sampaio & Gonçalves (2008). Outside of Patagonia, this protocol and several other protocols were deployed on samples from Europe, Asia, Oceania, and North America. All non-Patagonian *S. eubayanus* strains came from a single site in North America and were enriched at 10° C in Synthetic Complete media with 8% glucose as the sole carbon source (without ethanol). Representatives from more than 200 wild strains isolated in Patagonian were selected based on preliminary MSP-PCR fingerprinting data, which was performed as previously described (Libkind *et al.*, 2011). Yeast strains used in this study (Table 1) were grown in YPD medium (2% glucose, 2% peptone, and 1% yeast extract).

PCR amplification, sequencing, and nucleotide sequences

Partial gene sequences were obtained for nine nuclear genes using primers and conditions described in Table S1: *DCR1* (*Sbay_13.48* following the Scannell *et al.* (2011) annotation of *S. uvarum* CBS 7001)*, FSY1* (*LBYG08543* following the Nakao *et al.* (2009) annotation of *S. pastorianus* Weihenstephan 34/70)*, FUN14, GDH1, HIS3, MET2, RIP1, URA3*, and the *ITS* region of the *rDNA* locus (containing *ITS1*, *5.8S*, and *ITS2*). Mitochondrial inheritance was assessed by amplifying and sequencing part of *COX2* (Belloch *et al.*, 2000), which corresponds to positions 179-708 of the *S.* cerevisiae S288c COX2 gene. We could not amplify yHCT96 COX2 because it was a ρ⁻ petite (confirmed by its inability to grow with glycerol as the sole carbon source). Gene sequences were determined by colony-PCR and Sanger-sequencing. Sequences were edited and assembled with Staden Package v1.7 (Staden *et al.* 2000). Sequences were deposited in GenBank under accession numbers KF530330-KF530542 and KJ412200.

Nuclear gene sequences of the lager hybrid yeast *S. pastorianus* Weihenstephan 34/70 were obtained using the BLAST search tool (Altschul *et al.*, 1990) against the *S. pastorianus* genome project ABPO00000000 (Nakao *et al.*, 2009) and mtDNA genome sequence accession number EU852811.1 (Nakao *et al.*, 2009). Gene sequence accession numbers of the triple hybrid strains *S. cerevisiae* x *S. eubayanus* x *S. uvarum* (CBS 380, CBS 1546, and NBRC 1948) were previously described (Rainieri *et al.*, 2008; Libkind *et al.*, 2011; Peris 2012). For sequences that were heterozygous for *S. uvarum*/*S. eubayanus* alleles (annotated using IUPAC ambiguity codes in GenBank), we inferred both the *S. eubayanus* and *S. uvarum* alleles by comparing them with the reference strains FM1318 (yHCT76) and CBS 7001, respectively. All sequences for FM1318 and CBS 7001 were previously described (Libkind *et al.*, 2011; Scannell *et al.*, 2011), except the *ITS* region of CBS7001 and the *GDH1* and *COX2* genes of FM1318 and CBS 7001.

Multiple sequence alignments and individual gene trees

Gene sequences were aligned using ClustalW, as implemented in MEGA 5.1 (Tamura *et al.*, 2011), and manually trimmed. Since *S. eubayanus* yeast strains were homozygous at the loci examined and *Saccharomyces* yeasts frequently autodiploidize and generally reproduce by clonal divisions (Tsai *et al.*, 2008), we considered *S. eubayanus* to be haploid for subsequent analyses. We calculated Tajima's D (Tajima, 1989) and Fu's Fs (Fu, 1997) statistics in DnaSP v5 (Librado & Rozas, 2009) to test for selection or unusual demography.

Individual phylogenetic trees were reconstructed using the Maximum Likelihood (ML) method under the best-fit evolutionary model following the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC), as implemented in MEGA 5.1 (Tamura *et al.*, 2011). The *ITS* region was used to confirm species identification due to its status as a barcode gene. However, *ITS* was removed from downstream analyses due to the lack of variation within *S. eubayanus* and the presence of a recombinant (*S. cerevisiae* x *S. eubayanus*) sequence in the hybrid lager-brewing strain W34/70.

Recombinant-free sequence blocks were generated using IMgc (Woerner *et al.*, 2007), removing blocks that violate the four-gamete test, such in *DCR1, FSY1, GDH1, MET2*, and *URA3*. These recombinant-free sequences were concatenated into ~4kb of nuclear sequence using FASconCAT v1.0 (Kück & Meusemann 2010). This recombinant-free alignment was used in the time-calibrated tree reconstruction and population size inferences because these methods assume no recombination.

Population structure

To delimit populations and infer the evolutionary history of the strains, we used the program STRUCTURE v2.3.4 (Pritchard *et al.*, 2000; Falush *et al.*, 2003; Hubisz *et al.*, 2009) after converting

our FASTA file into STRUCTURE input format using SeqPHASE (Flot, 2010). We assumed the admixture model and estimated the number of genetic clusters, *K*, testing from *K*=1 to *K*=6 subpopulations, and correlated allele frequencies with 5 parallel Markov chains run for all models of *K* with 200,000-iteration burn-ins, and 500,000 iterations of sampling. STRUCTURE output data was used as input for STRUCTURE HARVESTER v0.6 (Earl & vonHoldt, 2012), which allowed us to compare the likelihood ratios associated with each *K*. Output data from STRUCTURE HARVESTER was visualized in CLUMPP v1.1.2 (Jakobsson & Rosenberg, 2007) and DISTRUCT v1.1 (Rosenberg, 2004). The fixation index (F_{ST}) was calculated between the STRUCTURE-inferred populations, and Analysis of Molecular Variance (AMOVA) was performed in ARLEQUIN v3.5 (Excoffier & Lischer, 2010).

Genetic diversity

DnaSP v5 (Librado & Rozas, 2009) was used to calculate genetic diversity statistics for each locus, such as the number of polymorphic sites (*s*), average number of differences between sequences (*k*), nucleotide diversity (*π*), number of haplotypes, and haplotype diversity (*Hd*). Genetic diversity statistics were also calculated for each STRUCTURE-inferred population and between populations. The uncorrected and Tamura-Nei genetic distances were calculated within and between each STRUCTURE-inferred population using MEGA 5 (Tamura *et al.*, 2011).

Divergence time reconstruction

To estimate divergence times, we first inferred the number of generations possible per year. *S. eubayanus* strains were grown in Minimal Media (6.7g YNB w/ ammonium sulfate w/o amino acids (Amresco, USA)) + 2% glucose at 8ºC. These conditions were selected based on the average annual temperature of the Patagonian sampling sites and the likely rarity of rich conditions, such as YPD. OD₅₉₅ was monitored in a BMG Labtech FLUOstar (BMG Labtech, USA). Background signal was removed using custom R scripts, and growth curve parameters were obtained using GCAT (http://www.glbrc.org/gcat-vm/). To test for growth rate differences between populations, a oneway ANalysis Of VAriance (ANOVA) statistical test was performed using STATISTICA 7 (Hilbe 2007). To calibrate the molecular clock, we used the *S. cerevisiae* mutation rate of 0.33*10-9 substitutions/bp/generation (Lynch *et al.*, 2008). Divergence times were obtained using a concatenated alignment of four-fold degenerate sites. Three independent runs of MCMC length $10⁷$ were performed in BEAST v1.7.5 (Drummond & Rambaut, 2007) with sampling every 1000 steps; convergence of posterior probabilities were monitored with TRACER v1.5 (Rambaut & Drummond 2001). Convergence was confirmed when the estimated sample size (ESS) values were greater than 300, and independent runs were combined using LogCombiner from the BEAST package. To obtain the final tree, we used TreeAnnotator from the BEAST package. We discarded the first 10% of generations from each run as a burn-in. The calibrated tree with time divergences and 95% Highest Posterior Density (HPD) of node age estimates were observed in FigTree v1.3.1 (Rambaut & Drummond 2010).

Population differentiation: isolation by distance and isolation by ecology analyses

Tajima's D (Tajima, 1989) and Fu's Fs (Fu, 1997) were calculated, with 1000 permutations, for each STRUCTURE inferred-population using ARLEQUIN v3.5 (Excoffier & Lischer, 2010). In addition, extended Bayesian Skyline Plots (eBSPs) (Heled & Drummond, 2008) were produced using BEAST, with a MCMC of length 10^6 , sampling every 1000 steps, and 3 parallel runs that achieved ESS > 300. eBSPs were represented using the script supplied in the eBSP tutorial (Heled 2010).

In order to study the possible mechanisms of population differentiation, we performed isolation by distance and isolation by ecology analyses. In addition to sampling information (e.g. host, substrate), GPS points for localities were entered into DIVA-GIS v7.5 (Hijmans *et al.*, 2001). We extracted current climates (BIO1: annual mean temperature, BIO12: annual mean precipitation) and last glacial maximum (BIO1, BIO12) grids from worldclim.org (Hijmans *et al.*, 2005). Radiation grid (BIO20: annual mean radiation) was obtained from http://www.climond.org. Mantel tests (Sokal & Rohlf

1995) were performed in IBD Web Service v3.23 (Jensen *et al.*, 2005). Specifically, using 1000 permutations and the Rousset's distance measure (Rousset, 1997), we tested for a correlation between genetic distance (F_{ST}) , corrected by the Kimura 2-parameter model, and the geographic distance matrix generated using Geographic Distance Matrix Generator v1.2.3 (http://biodiversityinformatics.amnh.org/open_source/gdmg/index). Principal component analysis was also performed on ecological traits using the rgl package in the R statistical package (Adler 2009). The ecological dissimilarity matrix was calculated using the Euclidean distance method implemented in the ecodist package of R (Sarah & Goslee, 2007). Scatter plots and Pearson correlation against genetic distance were examined in STATISTICA 7 (Hilbe 2007).

Phylogenetic networks and supernetworks

A nexus file with the collection of ML trees of the nuclear genes (except *ITS*) was the input for SPLITSTREE 4 for super split network (supernetwork) reconstruction. This method was selected because some gene sequences were absent from the triple-hybrid brewing contaminants. Edges' weights were calculated using the tree size weighted means option, which graphs the average genetic distance obtained from each tree (Huson *et al.*, 2004). The NeighborNet (NN) method was employed for *COX2* phylogenetic network reconstruction in SPLITSTREE 4 (Huson & Bryant, 2006). To test for recombinant sequences, we used RDPv4 (Martin *et al.*, 2010).

Bayesian concordance analysis among gene trees

To provide an estimate of the level of concordance among individual phylogenetic gene trees, we performed Bayesian concordance analysis (BCA) (Ané *et al.*, 2007). One of the useful descriptive statistics obtained from BCA is the clade concordance factor (CF), which describes the proportion of genes that contain a particular clade (Baum, 2007). Two BCA analyses were performed, one in which the North American admixture strains were included, and one in which the admixture strains were excluded. We reconstructed the individual phylogenetic trees using MrBayes v3.2.1 (Ronquist *et al.*,

2012). We selected the best-fit evolutionary model using MEGA 5.1 (Tamura *et al.*, 2011). Two independent runs for each gene alignment were used with the default parameters. Chains were run for one million generations, sampling every 100 generations, for a total of 10,000 samples. We discarded 10% of generations as burn-in. CBS 7001 was used as the outgroup. In all cases, replicate analyses converged on the same posterior distribution, as observed using TRACER v1.5 (Rambaut & Drummond 2001). We used the *mbsum* command, included in BUCKy v1.4.2 (Larget *et al.*, 2010), to combine the independent lists of tree topologies and posterior probabilities into one file for each gene. The combined file for each gene was the input for BUCKy v1.4.2. Two replicate analyses were run for three different α values as priors (0.1, 1 and 10). $α=0$ indicates that all posterior distributions are represented by the same trees; $\alpha = \infty$ indicates that each gene has a distinct set of trees. We performed a MCMC of one million generations after a burn-in period of 100,000 generations. We applied this MCMC for the 8 genes used in MrBayes. CFs were calculated for all possible bipartitions in the 24- and 21-tip trees. From these CFs, primary concordance trees were reconstructed from the set of bipartitions with the highest overall CFs. In the supernetwork, we have provided the concordance results for key clades as the CF and its 95% credibility interval.

Results

Multi-locus sequence diversity and relationships

To characterize the genetic diversity and phylogenetic relationships among wild *S. eubayanus* and their domesticated hybrids, we sequenced portions of nine nuclear genes and one mitochondrial gene, resulting in a total of ~6.78 kbp for each strain. Summary statistics revealed no unusual signatures of selection (Table 2). Individual genes displayed variable levels of diversity and several alternative topologies (Figure S1). The *ITS* locus differentiated *S. uvarum* from *S. eubayanus* strains by a single basepair. *ITS* contained no polymorphisms within *S. eubayanus* (Figure S1I), so we excluded it from subsequent analyses. The gene with the highest genetic diversity (*k, π*, number of haplotypes, and *Hd*) was budding yeast *Dicer (DCR1)*, presumably because most strains contained

premature stop codon(s) in the region sequenced, except for yHCT72, yHCT90, yHCT99, and yHCT114 (Figure S1G). Interestingly, hybrid brewing strains had particularly differentiated alleles of the subtelomeric *GDH1* and *FSY1* genes (Figures S1C, S1E), which are known play important roles during brewing in nitrogen (Godard *et al.*, 2007) and fructose metabolism (Anjos *et al.*, 2013), respectively. Although some Patagonian strains were subject to incomplete lineage sorting at specific loci, the placement of the North American strains was particularly variable.

Structure and admixture of two Patagonian populations

To infer the number of natural populations represented by our strain collection, we performed several simulations using the STRUCTURE software (Pritchard *et al.*, 2000; Earl & vonHoldt, 2012). These simulations consistently recovered two populations. *ΔK*, the rate of change in the log probability of data between successive cluster (*K*) values (Evanno *et al.*, 2005), was highest when *K*=2 (*ΔK* = 1164.5). At higher *K* values, the *ΔK* value was not significantly different from zero (e.g. at *K*=3, *ΔK* = 0.77), and the results were stochastic. For example, *K=3* barplots varied radically between independent runs (Figure 1B). These results led us to conclude that the data only support two populations.

Analysis of MOlecular VAriance (AMOVA) provided further support for strong structure in our data (*p* $< 10^{-4}$) with most of the genetic variation existing between the populations suggested by STRUCTURE (~73%) (Table 3). In addition to containing the type strain and the majority of wild strains of *S. eubayanus* from Patagonia, one of these populations also contained the Saaz and Frohberg lagerbrewing strains, so we called it the "Patagonia B (Lager)" population. We simply named the second population the "Patagonia A" population. Interestingly, the North American strains appeared to be the result of admixture between the Patagonia A and Patagonia B (Lager) populations, having membership coefficients of 0.53 and 0.47 for the Patagonia A cluster and the Patagonia B (Lager) cluster, respectively (Figure 1A).

The distributions of single-nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) provided further support for the existence of two well-differentiated populations. The Patagonia A and Patagonia B (Lager) populations had 23 fixed and only 4 shared SNPs (Figure 1C). The populations had 57 and 44 private SNPs, respectively. Similarly, analyzing the lager-brewing strains and the wild populations separately revealed 41 fixed differences between the lager-brewing strains and the Patagonia A population. In contrast, there were only 15 fixed differences between the lager-brewing strains and the wild representatives of the Patagonia B (Lager) population, more than a third of which were in *FSY1*. The North American strains had no private alleles and had nearly the same number of fixed differences when compared either to the Patagonia A population or to the Patagonia B (Lager) population (18 versus 17, respectively) (Figure 1C), observations consistent with recent admixture.

Although the nucleotide diversity of the hybrid European lager-brewing strains was extremely low (Table S2D, *π* = 0.0004 with no variation at 6/9 nuclear *S. eubayanus* loci) and the admixed North American strains were identical at all genes examined, both *S. eubayanus* populations proved to be remarkably diverse in Patagonia (Figure 1C, Tables 4, S2). Extended Bayesian Skyline Plots (eBSPs) (Heled & Drummond, 2008) imply that both natural populations of *S. eubayanus* have maintained a constant effective population size of around 20-30 million (Figure S2), suggesting that the Patagonian populations have been consistently large and diverse. The Patagonia B (Lager) effective population size may have decreased recently (Figure S2B), but this was likely driven by a strong lineage-specific bottleneck during the origin of hybrid lager-brewing strains.

The Patagonia A and Patagonia B (Lager) populations were highly divergent and differentiated from one another with a genetic divergence of 0.93% (Table 5) and a F_{ST} value of 0.73. To obtain a minimum estimate for when the Patagonian populations diverged, we applied an ultrametric molecular clock. We calibrated the molecular clock using the growth rate of *S. eubayanus* in minimal

media at 8°C (43.48 hours/generation or 201.43 generations/year), a rate that did not differ between populations (unequal N HSD as *post hoc* test) (Figure S3). This conservative calibration suggests that the *S. eubayanus* populations started to diverge at least 150,000 years ago (100-223 kybp, 95% HPD) (Figure S4). These results also imply that the *S. eubayanus* strains that hybridized with *S. cerevisiae* to form the *S. pastorianus* lager-brewing strains began to diverge from the wild Patagonia B (Lager) strains studied here at least several thousand years ago.

Evidence for ecological and geographic differentiation among the strains from northwestern Patagonia was limited and equivocal. We found no evidence for isolation by distance (IBD) or isolation by ecology within populations (IBE) (Table 1 and S3). Two ecological traits (longitude and average annual precipitation) were marginally significant between populations (*p* < 0.0215 and p<0.0364, Student's *t* Test).

Phylogenetic networks accurately summarize admixture and interspecies hybridization

In addition to the wild admixed or mosaic intraspecific hybrids of *S. eubayanus*, this species has contributed to several complex interspecies hybrids. To encapsulate these complex reticulation events, we performed a phylogenetic supernetwork reconstruction. This procedure clearly split the two natural species, *S. uvarum* and *S. eubayanus* (Figure 2). Interspecies hybrids showed a wide range of contributions from *S. uvarum*, ranging from no detectable nuclear contributions for the *S. pastorianus* (*S. cerevisiae x S. eubayanus*) lager yeast hybrids W34/70 and CBS 1503, to a majority of alleles from *S. uvarum* in the *S. bayanus* triple hybrid CBS 380. Since the *S. eubayanus* alleles present in hybrid European brewing strains were drawn from the Patagonia B (Lager) population or a closely related subpopulation, the supernetwork displays them along several close, nearly parallel edges with each interspecies hybrid strain's position determined primarily by the quantity of genetic contribution from *S. uvarum*. For example, the *S. bayanus* triple hybrids CBS 1546 and CBS 380 contain both full-length *S. eubayanus* and *S. uvarum* alleles, and they appear at intermediate

locations between these two main groups with edges connecting them to both. For NBRC 1948, its position along the edge connecting it with *S. uvarum* is due entirely to *MET2* (Figure S1F), the only gene analyzed that had a *S. uvarum* allele.

In contrast to the complex reticulate evolution in hybrid European brewing strains, the wild *S. eubayanus* strains branch into several well-supported nodes with few additional edges. Notably, the mosaic North American strains, which population genetic analyses had indicated were generated by the admixture of the Patagonia A and Patagonia B (Lager) populations, were placed at an intermediate position between the populations with edges connecting them to both. Importantly, the North American strains also have short but non-zero terminal edge lengths, which excludes both incomplete lineage sorting and laboratory contamination as the source of these mosaic strains.

To quantify the statistical support for the splits suggested by the supernetwork analyses, we performed BCA, which provides CFs or the proportion of genes that support the splits as clades in the primary concordance tree (Figure 2). When the North American strains were included, low CFs were obtained for both the clade representing the Patagonia A and the Patagonia B (Lager) populations (0.176 and 0.149, respectively), indicating that only a handful of genes supported each population as a monophyletic clade. The exclusion of the mosaic North American strains increased the CFs to 0.533 and 0.465, respectively, demonstrating that admixture outside of Patagonia is the main source of phylogenetic discordance among the wild strains of *S. eubayanus*.

Mitochondrial and nuclear intragenic recombination between species

To infer mitochondrial inheritance, we reconstructed a phylogenetic network using *COX2* gene sequences. This phylonetwork showed a unique cluster for most wild *S. eubayanus*, which we conclude corresponds to the *S. eubayanus COX2* allele. CBS 380 inherited a *S. uvarum COX2* allele, indicating the likely inheritance of *S. uvarum* mitochondria (Rainieri *et al.*, 2008; Peris 2012). Phylonetwork analysis also suggested that there were two types of recombinant alleles with edges connecting them to both *S. eubayanus* and *S. uvarum* (Figure 3A, Figure S1J). The sites of interspecies recombination were found near a known recombination hotspot (Peris 2012, Peris *et al.* 2012) and were readily identified by visual inspection (Figure 3B) and formal analyses with RDP4 (Figure S5).

Surprisingly, we also detected recombination within several nuclear genes of the interspecies hybrids associated with brewing. For example, the ambiguous positions of some *FSY1* and *RIP1* alleles from triple hybrid strains (Figure S1A, E) were due to recombination between *S. uvarum* and *S. eubayanus* alleles. Specifically, the CBS 380 *S. eubayanus RIP1* allele and the *FSY1* alleles of CBS 380 and CBS 1546 are clear *S. uvarum/S. eubayanus* recombinants (Figures S5C, D). The *ITS* gene of the Frohberg lager strain W34/70 appears to be a *S. cerevisiae*/*S. eubayanus* recombinant allele (Figure S1I).

Discussion

Distribution of S. eubayanus *and its hybrids*

The recent identification of *S. eubayanus* as the non-*cerevisiae* parent of the alloploid lager-brewing yeast, *S. pastorianus* (Libkind *et al.*, 2011), has allowed us to compare the natural genetic diversity of this species to the alleles present in brewing strains. Surprisingly, population genetic analyses suggest that there are two diverse and highly differentiated populations of *S. eubayanus* in Patagonia. Using a combination of Bayesian concordance factor and phylogenetic network analyses, we have conclusively demonstrated that *S. eubayanus* has been involved in three major types of reticulate evolution, predominantly outside of Patagonia.

First, rare North American isolates of *S. eubayanus* originated through the recent admixture of the two Patagonian populations. Although the isolation of *S. eubayanus* was frequent (~47% of samples)

across Patagonia (Libkind *et al.*, 2011), we have only rarely (<1% of samples) isolated it in North America, so far from a single site. Second, after hybridizing with two distinct *S. cerevisiae* ale lineages, *S. eubayanus* has generated two distinct lager-brewing lineages of *S. pastorianus* (Dunn & Sherlock, 2008) that we have shown contain nearly identical *S. eubayanus* alleles. Third, we described clear evidence of intragenic recombination between *S. eubayanus*, *S. uvarum*, and *S. cerevisiae* alleles within double and triple hybrid strains from the brewing environment. Thus, although reticulate evolution is rare in their natural ecological setting in Patagonia, *S. eubayanus* has participated in industrially important and genetically illuminating hybridization events in Europe and North America.

High genetic diversity suggests that S. eubayanus *is well established in Patagonia*

Northwestern Patagonia in Argentina provides a rich natural habitat for *Saccharomyces* yeasts, including two diverse *S. eubayanus* populations and their sister species, *S. uvarum*, all of which exist in sympatry. One of these populations has a close affinity with hybrid strains associated with the European brewing industry, including the lager yeast hybrid *S. pastorianus* (*S. cerevisiae x S. eubayanus*). The second population was highly differentiated and approximately ~1% divergent at the level of DNA sequence, a degree of divergence similar to pairs of allopatric populations of *S. paradoxus* and *S. kudriavzevii* on opposite sides of Eurasia (Liti *et al.*, 2009; Hittinger *et al.*, 2010). Moreover, the genetic divergence of the two *S. eubayanus* populations is greater than the pairwise divergence of any of the commonly studied *S. cerevisiae* strains from the *Saccharomyces* Genome Resequencing Project (Liti *et al.*, 2009). The existence of multiple diverse populations of *S. eubayanus*, as well as the high frequency of isolation, demonstrates that it is well established in Patagonia. Given the high genetic diversity found in close proximity at the Patagonian sampling sites, further investigation of the ecological factors maintaining diversity and differentiation between and within populations of *S. eubayanus* is warranted. Its rare isolation from North America and its

contribution to European hybrids suggests that, although *S. eubayanus* may be native to South America, it is not endemic or strictly exclusive to South America.

In contrast to the high genetic diversity in South America, the nucleotide diversity among the *S. eubayanus* moieties found in the Saaz and Frohberg lager-brewing strains was very low (0.04%), suggesting that alleles were drawn from a small and possibly transient subpopulation closely related to the *S. eubayanus* Patagonia B (Lager) population. The Saaz and Frohberg strains showed considerably higher divergence between their *S. cerevisiae* alleles (0.3%) (Dunn & Sherlock, 2008), consistent with the nearly ubiquitous presence of diverse strains of *S. cerevisiae* in Europe. Even the highly polymorphic mitochondrial *S. eubayanus COX2* gene (Peris 2012) had low nucleotide diversity among lager-brewing strains, 0.085%.

Although fungal molecular clocks suffer from a sparse fossil record and heterotachy (Taylor & Berbee, 2006), minimum estimates of divergence times have also been made using laboratory mutation and growth rates (Fay & Benavides, 2005). Such calculations almost certainly underestimate divergence times due to suboptimal nutrient availability in nature. Our calibration in minimal media at 8° C suggests divergence times of more than 150 kybp for the two Patagonian lineages of *S. eubayanus* and over 5 million years for the origin of the *Saccharomyces* genus. Placing absolute dates on fungal branching events remains a serious challenge, but calibration by any of these methods implies that it is highly unlikely that any of the wild strains examined shares a common ancestor with *S. pastorianus* in the last few hundred years.

Local adaptation and the invasion of new niches

The success of reticulate evolutionary events, such as hybridization, admixture, introgression, and HGT, depends on the ecological context in which they occur. When reticulate evolution happens in environments where parental strains are well adapted, the local adaption of the parents acts as a

strong isolating force against reticulate evolution (Verhoeven *et al.*, 2011). However, if the environment changes, new niches can become available where the acquisition of alleles by hybridization, admixture, introgression, or HGT can be advantageous (Verhoeven *et al.*, 2011; Abbott *et al.*, 2013; Baltrus 2013). Environmental changes can be driven by geology, human or biological modification of habitats, or long-range dispersal to new locales (Vitousek *et al.*, 1997; Kump, 2008; Merow *et al.*, 2011; Diffenbaugh & Field, 2013).

In fungi, the ecological conditions that favor admixture or hybridization are still unknown, but hints of an association with novel habitats, disturbed environments, and human activity are emerging. Genome sequencing projects have demonstrated several cases of hybridization, admixture, introgression, recombination, and HGT (Brown *et al.*, 1998; Liti *et al.*, 2009; Schacherer *et al.*, 2009; Novo *et al.*, 2009; Dunn *et al.*, 2012; Peris *et al.*, 2012a; Peris *et al.*, 2012c; Peris *et al.*, 2012b; Peris 2012; Gladieux *et al.*, 2014). The clearest cases are closely associated with human activity (Dunn & Sherlock, 2008; Novo *et al.*, 2009; Schacherer *et al.*, 2009; Libkind *et al.*, 2011; Dunn *et al.*, 2012), but some fungal reticulation events appear to have occurred in nature (Liti *et al.*, 2006; Doniger *et al.*, 2008; Peris 2012), often in association with the acquisition of pathogenic capabilities or the adaptation to extreme environments (Gladieux *et al.*, 2014). Several *Saccharomyces* species have also been found in sympatry, but hybrids have only rarely been isolated from natural settings (Sniegowski *et al.*, 2002; Sampaio & Gonçalves, 2008; Libkind *et al.*, 2011). No evidence of stable hybridization was found in the Patagonian location studied here.

In contrast, admixed *S. eubayanus* strains were isolated from novel tree genera (*Acer* and *Fagus*, instead of *Nothofagus*) in North America, while the interspecies hybrids provide an even clearer example of novel combinations of alleles exploiting the new brewing and winemaking niches created by humans. These observations suggest that local adaptation is often strong enough or ecological niches distinct enough that *Saccharomyces* hybrids are generally outcompeted, as usually occurs in

animals and plants (Hatfield & Schluter, 1996; Verhoeven *et al.*, 2011). The means of long-range dispersal in *S. eubayanus* and other fungi remain speculative, but humans and the Central and Mississippi migratory bird flyways both provide plausible trans-hemisphere vectors (Somveille *et al.*, 2013; Francesca *et al.*, 2012).

Critically interpreting reticulate evolution

The reticulate evolution observed in *S. eubayanus* and its hybrids produced complex and sometimes contradictory phylogenetic signals. A population genetic framework was capable of capturing the population differentiation and admixture of the two wild populations of *S. eubayanus*, but phylogenetic networks provided an additional intuitive way to summarize admixture and the more complex reticulate biological processes (Bapteste *et al.* 2013). Unfortunately, supernetworks do not currently have built-in statistical tests, and homoplasy can lead to misleading summaries if phylogenetic networks are not applied critically (Woolley *et al.*, 2008). Combining phylogenetic network and Bayesian concordance factor analyses is an attractive approach that allows each gene to maintain an independent topology and model of evolution, while separately evaluating the statistical support that each gene lends to splits and clades.

This integrative approach allowed us to confidently visualize all three major types of reticulate evolution that had occurred in *S. eubayanus* and its brewing hybrids: admixture, interspecies hybridization, and intragenic recombination between species. The vast majority of these reticulation events were associated with novel environments outside of Patagonia, especially in the European brewing environment recently created by humans. In an era of global climate change, understanding the genetic consequences of even rare reticulation events between populations of eukaryotic microbes is likely to be increasingly important for human health and industry.

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Data accessibility

Gene sequences are available in GenBank under accession numbers KF530330-KF530542 and KJ412200.

Input and output files from the software used in this study, as well as phylogenetic trees, networks, and the alignments were deposited in the Data Dryad repository under doi: 10.5061/dryad.153b8.

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Figure legends

Figure 1. Population structure and summary statistics of SNPs. A) Inference of the genetic clusters (*K*) and composition of individuals by STRUCTURE. The most consistently supported number of genetic clusters/populations was *K*=2 with a *ΔK2* value = 1164.5 (*ΔK3*=0.77). B) Barplots for five independent *K=*3 runs yielded variable, conflicting results. Each color in A) and B) bar plots represents the cluster membership coefficients, and a mixture of colors suggests admixture. C) Numbers of private segregating alleles, fixed differences, and shared polymorphisms among SNPs found in pairwise comparison between populations or groups. PA, Patagonia A; PB(L), Patagonia B (Lager), NA, North America; L, *S. eubayanus* moiety of *S. pastorianus* lager-brewing strains; PB, Patagonia B (Lager) population, excluding lager strains.

Figure 2 A phylogenetic supernetwork captures reticulate evolutionary events. Phylogenetic supernetwork reconstructed using the Maximum Likelihood (ML) trees of eight nuclear genes by the Z-closure method. Incongruent tree topologies are represented by nodes subtended by multiple edges. Scale bar represents the edges' weights inferred using the tree size weighted means options, a measure similar to branch lengths in a phylogram. Orange and light blue shades correspond to the Patagonia A and Patagonia B (Lager) populations, respectively. The black shade corresponds to the admixed or mosaic North American strains. Gray shades highlight clades that were found only in the primary concordance tree obtained by BCA. Red numbers indicate the concordance factors (and 95% HPD) from BCA when the North American strains were included, while purple numbers show the values when the North American strains were excluded.

Figure 3 Mitochondrial *COX2* **reveals a history of interspecies recombination.** A) Phylogenetic Neighbor-Net network reconstructed from partial mitochondrial *COX2* gene sequences. Speciesspecific clusters are displayed using *COX2* gene sequences from the type or reference strains. Polymorphic sites for *COX2* gene sequences are displayed in B). Black regions correspond to SNPs

acquired from *S. uvarum*. RDP4 analysis (Figure S5) suggests that the lager strains (W34/70 and CBS 1503) and yHCT105 are both recombinant due to small insertions of *S. uvarum* sequence into the *S. eubayanus* backbone. Note that *COX2* is highly polymorphic and prone to recombination due to endonuclease activity (Peris *et al.*, 2012a; Peris 2012). In a previous study (Peris 2012), CBS 1546 and NBRC1948 (CECT 11185) were found to share the same haplotype as CBS 1503 (CECT 1970), Haplotype 78, which is closely related to W34/70's Haplotype 93 (1 bp difference, Figure 3B). Together with Haplotype 79, these haplotypes are enclosed in Haplogroup 6, which was previously considered to be the most plausible *S. eubayanus* allele. However, the intermediate positions between the alleles from *S. uvarum* and the wild strains of *S. eubayanus* suggest that Haplogroup 6 and yHCT105 represent recombinant versions of *COX2*. Orange and light blue bars mark strains included in Patagonia A and Patagonia B (Lager) populations, respectively. The black bar corresponds to the admixture strains.

Tables and Figures

Current mean annual temperature, ^bAnnual mean precipitation, ^cRadiation.

Strain references: ^dCommercial; ^eThis study; ^f(Libkind *et al.*, 2011) (a monosporic derivative of the *S. eubayanus* type strain, CBS 12357^T); ^g(Groth *et al.*, 1999); ^h(Scannell *et* al., 2011); ⁱ(Rainieri *et al.*, 2006); ^j(Kurtzman & Robnett, 1991); ^k(Montrocher *et al.*, 1998). [']S. pastorianus syn. S. carlsbergensis are interspecies hybrids between S. cerevisiae and S. eubayanus (Libkind et al., 2011). "S. bayanus are S. eubayanus x S. uvarum hybrids, some of which also have contributions from S. cerevisiae (Libkind et *al.*, 2011).

Table 2. Summary statistics for one mitochondrial and nine nuclear genes.

^a Located in the subtelomeric region of chromosome IV.

^b Gene encoding portions of the internal transcribed spacer 1, 5.8S ribosomal RNA, internal transcribed spacer 2, and the 28S ribosomal RNA gene. Located on Chromosome XII. *ITS* sequences from lager-brewing strains were removed for this analysis because the W34/70 allele was recombinant.

bp: fragment length in base pairs; *bp: base pairs used in the concatenated alignment without recombinant segments that violate the four-gamete test; *s*: number of segregating sites; *k*: average number of differences between sequences; π: nucleotide diversity; #hap: number of haplotypes; Hd: haplotype diversity; Fs: Fu's Fs; Tajima's D (no values are statistically significant, *p*<0.05).

Table 3. Analysis of MOlecular VAriance (AMOVA) of STRUCTURE-inferred populations.

 F_{ST} = $0.73268p < 10^{^{-4}}$

Table 4. Summary statistics for each STRUCTURE-inferred population and the admixture group.

Table 5. Average pairwise genetic distances within and between STRUCTURE-inferred populations and the admixture group.

Main diagonal (bold): Top entry is the average pairwise-distance within the population. Bottom entry is average Tamura-Nei corrected distance within the population. Rows: Average pairwise-distance between two populations.

Columns: Average Tamura-Nei corrected distance between two populations.

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GDH1 (C)*, HIS3* (D)*, FSY1* (E), *MET2* (F), *DCR1* (G), *URA3* (H), *ITS* region (I), and *COX2* (J). Sequences of NBRC 1948, CBS 380, and CBS 1546 are from Libkind *et al.* 2011. *Saccharomyces eubayanus, Saccharomyces cerevisiae,* and *Saccharomyces uvarum* alleles are indicated above branches, except in I) where species sequences are displayed using bars. Recombinant sequences (Figure S5 as

indicated by RDP4 analysis) were excluded from their respective species' branches. Orange and light blue bars correspond to strains from the Patagonia A and Patagonia B (Lager) populations, respectively. Black bars correspond to the admixture strains.

Figure S2 eBSPs.pptx

Figure S2 Extended Bayesian Skyline plots. eBSPs for Patagonia A (A) and Patagonia B (Lager) (B) populations are represented. X-axis represents time in kya and Y-axis represents Ne (Effective population size) * generation time. Dashed lines represent the average effective size across time, and grey regions indicate the 95% HPD.

Figure S3 Box plot.pptx

Figure S3 Population and admixture growth rate at 8ºC. Box plots representing the growth rates of *S. eubayanus* strains by population or admixture classification are shown. The blue dashed line corresponds to the average growth rate for all wild *S. eubayanus* strains.

Figure S4 Calibrated phylogenetic tree.pptx

Figure S4 Time-calibrated phylogenetic tree. An absolute time scale is given in thousands of years. The 95% HPD of node age estimates are shown with blue bars. Estimates are based on several critical assumptions and are likely minimum estimates (see Discussion).

Figure S5 RDP4 result.pptx

Figure S5 RDP4 analyses. Figure A1) shows the *COX2* recombination region between the *S. eubayanus* and *S. uvarum* alleles in the *S. eubayanus* yHCT105 strain. B1) shows the *COX2* recombination region between the *S. eubayanus* and *S. uvarum* alleles in the *S. pastorianus* W34/70 and CBS 1503 strains. C1) shows the *FSY1* recombination region between the *S. eubayanus* and *S. uvarum* alleles in the triple hybrid CBS 380 strain, for the *S. uvarum* allele. D1) shows the *RIP1* recombination region between the *S. eubayanus* and *S. uvarum* alleles in the CBS 380 strain, for the *S. eubayanus* allele. Figures A2, A3, B2, B3, C2, C3, D2, and D3 show the NJ phylogenetic trees for *S. eubayanus* and *S. uvarum* clustering of the segments detected as recombinants. The corresponding allele is indicated above each branch.