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### Abstract

The molecular crowding of the cytoplasm impacts a range of cellular processes. Using a fluorescent microrheological probe (GEMs), we observed a striking decrease in molecular crowding during the yeast to filamentous growth transition in the human fungal pathogen *Candida albicans*. This decrease in crowding is due to a decrease in ribosome concentration that results in part from an inhibition of ribosome biogenesis, combined with an increase in cytoplasmic volume; leading to a dilution of the major cytoplasmic crowder. Moreover, our results suggest that inhibition of ribosome biogenesis is a trigger for *C. albicans* morphogenesis.

The cytoplasm is a crowded environment and molecular crowding can affect a range of biological functions<sup>1,2</sup>, including chemical reaction rates, protein complex formation and rates of cytoskeletal protein polymerization<sup>3-5</sup>. In the budding yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* and mammalian cells the target of rapamycin complex (TORC) was shown to regulate ribosome concentration, and inhibition of TORC1 resulted in increased cytoplasmic fluidity<sup>6</sup>. More recently, cell cycle arrest mutants were shown to result in decreased macromolecular crowding of the cytoplasm, in part *via* ribosome downregulation<sup>7</sup>. Little is known about the relationship between molecular crowding in the cytoplasm and morphological growth states, for example when the human fungal pathogen *Candida albicans* switches from an ovoid yeast form to a filamentous hyphal form, a transition essential for virulence. Here, we show that there is a dramatic decrease in molecular crowding during filamentous growth, which is mediated by inhibition of ribosome biogenesis and subsequent dilution of this critical cytoplasmic crowder as a result of new growth. We propose that ribosome levels are tuned to regulate crowding in distinct growth states in this fungal pathogen. Furthermore, our results highlight that despite the new growth that occurs during the yeast-to hyphal transition, there is a substantial decrease in ribosome levels.

To investigate the link between cytoplasmic diffusivity at the mesoscale and cell morphology we took advantage of passive microrheological probes<sup>6</sup>, for which we can measure dynamics both in budding and hyphal cells. We used *C. albicans* cells expressing 40-nm GEMs. We imaged every 30 msec to obtain a signal sufficient for single particle tracking. The mean track length was 10 frames, which corresponds to 300 msec of imaging. The effective diffusion coefficient,  $D_{\text{eff}}$ , which is inversely proportional to microviscosity for Brownian motion, was determined from the first 120 msec of acquisition. Temporal projections that were false colored for GEM distribution in budding cells, fixed budding cells and cells treated with fetal bovine serum for 60 min, in which a filament is evident, are shown in Figure 1A, with trajectories of GEMs in representative budding and filamentous cells. Fixation

55 reduced the GEM  $D_{\text{eff}}$  of cells by over 10-fold. The median effective coefficient of diffusion in budding  
56 cells was  $\sim 0.1 \mu\text{m}^2 \text{s}^{-1}$  (Fig. 1B). This value was independent of GEM expression level, with similar  
57  $D_{\text{eff}}$  observed with *TEF1* and *ADHI* promoter driven expression (Fig. S2), and somewhat lower than  
58 that observed in *S. cerevisiae*<sup>6</sup>.

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60 After 1-2 hr incubation in serum, filaments formed with an average length of 12  $\mu\text{m}$  (range of 2 – 22  
61  $\mu\text{m}$ ). We observed a striking increase in GEM  $D_{\text{eff}}$  of  $\sim 2$ -fold in these filamentous cells, which  
62 corresponds to a substantial fluidization of the cytoplasm (Fig. 1B, S3). We speculated that some of the  
63 GEM  $D_{\text{eff}}$  variation in filamentous cells could be due to the different filament lengths. Hence, we  
64 examined whether cytoplasmic diffusivity scaled with filament length, which is directly proportional to  
65 cell volume. Figure 1C shows a correlation between filament length and cytoplasmic diffusivity; when  
66 values were grouped in 2  $\mu\text{m}$  filament length bins we observe a strong positive correlation between  $D_{\text{eff}}$   
67 and filament length, with a Pearson coefficient of 0.93. The median  $D_{\text{eff}}$  in the mother and filament  
68 compartments was examined and there was a small, but significant decrease in the filament, compared  
69 to mother compartment and whole cell (Fig. S4A). This is consistent with changes in the surface to  
70 volume, as shown in our diffusion simulations (Fig. S5, compare red-sphere to blue-cylinder bars).

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72 Cytoplasmic fluidization scaling with increased cell volume suggests that during hyphal morphogenesis  
73 there is substantial dilution of a molecular crowder, such as ribosomes. To test this hypothesis, we  
74 simulated the diffusion of mesoscale particles in spherical and cylindrical cell geometries, with an  
75 equivalent initial crowder/cell volume of 14,000 ribosomes/ $\mu\text{m}^3$  cytoplasm, based on values from *S.*  
76 *cerevisiae*, which accounts for 20% of the initial cytoplasmic volume<sup>6</sup>. We also investigated the effect  
77 of the addition of large intracellular excluded volumes (analogous to vacuoles in volume) on the  
78 simulation of ribosome  $D_{\text{eff}}$  (Fig. S5). As expected, we found that in contrast to the small effects of cell  
79 geometry, the addition of inaccessible space dramatically reduced  $D_{\text{eff}}$  (between 50-70%, depending on  
80 geometry). Note that the increase in cell volume during morphogenesis is greater than that from solely  
81 cell geometry changes, as the vacuole, which is GEM inaccessible, is localized predominantly to the  
82 mother cell portion (Fig. S1B)<sup>9,10</sup>. Therefore, we simulated the effect of doubling the cell volume, which  
83 occurs approximately every hour with filament elongation, maintaining the amount of cytoplasmic  
84 crowder. Figure 1D shows that, in such a simulation (irrespective of geometry), we also observe a  
85 significant increase in  $D_{\text{eff}}$  ( $\sim 2$ -fold), similar to the experimental data (Fig. 1C). These results are  
86 consistent with a striking dilution of a cytoplasmic crowder - on the order of 4-5-fold - due to both  
87 increased overall cell volume and accessible volume in the filament, as a result of less vacuoles (Fig  
88 S6). These simulations reveal that the decreased crowding could be due to a combination of a decrease  
89 in ribosome biogenesis, and an increase in accessible volume, both of which decrease crowding.

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91 Hence, we tested this theoretically using the simplified formalism that describes diffusion with respect  
92 to energy transfer in polydispersed mixtures (*eq 2*)<sup>8</sup> to fit our data and derive the ribosome concentration,  
93 assuming they were the main crowding agent. We assumed that during filament growth, ribosomes are  
94 only diluted (*i.e.* no new synthesis). Fitting the experimental data using this equation allowed us to  
95 extract the initial concentration of ribosomes in the mother cell compartment, *i.e.*  $24,000 \pm 300$   
96 ribosomes/ $\mu\text{m}^3$  of cytoplasmic volume (Fig. 1C, predicted). In addition, when we took into account the  
97 fraction of GEM accessible volume (Fig. S6), in *eq 2*, we still observed a good fit to the experimental  
98 data, yielding a ribosome concentration ( $c_{\text{ribo}}$ ) of  $20,000 \pm 700/\mu\text{m}^3$  (Fig. S7), which is somewhat higher  
99 than that determined in *S. cerevisiae*<sup>6</sup>. The lower  $D_{\text{eff}}$  in *C. albicans* suggests that budding cells are more  
100 crowded in this fungal pathogen compared to *S. cerevisiae*.

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102 As ribosomes are likely to be the predominant cytoplasmic crowder, we used liquid-chromatography  
103 tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) to determine the relative abundance of ribosomal proteins,  
104 which decreased upon filamentation, compared to budding cells (Fig. S8). This is in agreement with the  
105 decreased ( $\sim 2$ -fold) levels of ribosomal RNA reported in *C. albicans* filamentous cells<sup>11</sup>, as well as a  
106 substantial decrease in the transcripts of many ribosomal proteins upon filamentation<sup>12</sup>. To directly  
107 assess ribosome levels during morphogenesis we carried out cryogenic electron microscopy (cryo-EM)  
108 coupled with 2D template-matching (2DTM) to identify 60S ribosomes<sup>13,14</sup> (Figure S9, S10). Figure 1E

109 shows that in filamentous cells there is a marked decrease in ribosome concentration, which is filament  
110 length dependent (Fig. 1F). Together, our results reveal that changes in crowding at the mesoscale  
111 occurs, in part, *via* ribosomes, although we cannot exclude the possibility that there is also a decrease  
112 in the concentration of larger, slowly diffusing polysomes<sup>15</sup> and/or changes in cytoplasmic viscosity.  
113 The increased GEM  $D_{\text{eff}}$  in the filamentous cells could also be the result of decreased turgor pressure,  
114 hence we examined how mesoscale cytoplasmic diffusivity was affected by changes in external  
115 osmolarity using sorbitol. At all sorbitol concentrations examined we observed an increased GEM  $D_{\text{eff}}$   
116 in filamentous compared to budding cells (Fig. 2A). Furthermore, a higher concentration of sorbitol is  
117 required to fully abolish GEM movement in filamentous cells, suggesting that molecular crowding in  
118 such cells is reduced (Fig. S11A, B).

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120 We also examined whether mesoscale cytoplasmic diffusivity was affected by depolymerization of the  
121 actin cytoskeleton, as it was shown to decrease cytoplasmic diffusivity in *S. cerevisiae*<sup>6</sup>, yet had no  
122 effect in *S. pombe*<sup>16</sup>. Figures 2B and S12 show that in budding *C. albicans* cells the GEM  $D_{\text{eff}}$  increased  
123 ~35% upon Latrunculin A (LatA) disruption of F-actin. In contrast, the same treatment had a  
124 substantially smaller effect on the GEM cytoplasmic dynamics in filamentous cells (Fig. 2C and S12).  
125 However, in LatA treated filamentous cells there was no longer a difference between the GEM  $D_{\text{eff}}$  in  
126 the filament compartment and that of the whole cell (Fig. S4B), indicating that the actin cytoskeleton,  
127 rather than solely cell geometry, is important for the small difference in the cylindrical filament (Fig.  
128 S5). Overall, these results indicate that actin is more critical for cytoplasmic crowding in budding cells  
129 compared to hyphal cells, in part due to the decreased accessible cytoplasm volume in budding cells  
130 (Fig. S6). As LatA also blocks growth, these results also reveal that growth *per se* does not substantially  
131 contribute to cytoplasmic mesoscale crowding in filamentous cells. This is further confirmed in Figure  
132 2D, which shows that over a 2-fold range of filament extension rates, GEM  $D_{\text{eff}}$  was essentially constant.

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134 The increase in cytoplasmic fluidity, as a result of the decreased ribosome concentration upon filament  
135 elongation, suggested that inhibition of ribosome biogenesis may be important for filamentous growth.  
136 This would lead to dilution of ribosome crowdens upon subsequent growth. To investigate the role of  
137 ribosome biogenesis in morphogenesis, we generated a mutant defective in the former process. *CGR1*  
138 encodes a protein that is critical for the processing of pre-rRNA in *S. cerevisiae*<sup>17</sup>, in particular rRNA  
139 for the 60S ribosome subunit. Addition of doxycycline (Dox) to a *C. albicans* strain in which the sole  
140 copy of *CGR1* is under the control of the Tet-repressible promoter, resulted in complete repression of  
141 *CGR1* mRNA transcript (Fig. S13A) and in slow growth (Fig. S13B). Analyses of rRNA levels revealed  
142 a decrease in 28S and 18S rRNA upon *CGR1* repression (Fig. S13C) and a substantial (~1.7-fold)  
143 increase in GEM  $D_{\text{eff}}$  (Fig 2E). Strikingly, repression of *CGR1* resulted in some filamentous cells in the  
144 absence of serum, which was not observed in the absence of Dox nor in wild-type cells (Fig. 2F).  
145 Furthermore, Figure 2G shows a dramatic induction of the hyphal specific genes *e.g.* those encoding  
146 the G1 cyclin, *HGCI*, the candidalysin toxin, *ECE1*, and the hyphal cell wall glycoprotein, *HWPI*, in  
147 the *cgr1* mutant in the presence of Dox. Similarly, inhibition of the Tor kinase by rapamycin, which has  
148 been shown to reduce the number of ribosomes in *S. cerevisiae*, resulted in hyphal specific gene  
149 induction in *C. albicans*<sup>18</sup>. Together these results reveal that inhibition of ribosomal biogenesis is  
150 important for the yeast to hyphal morphogenetic transition and that, upon filament elongation, dilution  
151 of ribosomes leads to a substantial reduction in cytoplasmic crowding.

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153 In *S. cerevisiae*, a sizeable portion of ribosomes (at least 25%) do not contribute to translation<sup>19</sup>.  
154 Intriguingly, while *C. albicans* filamentous growth (0.3  $\mu\text{m}/\text{min}$  extension) is similar with respect to  
155 volume increase, when compared to budding growth (doubling every 90 min), genome dilution upon  
156 DNA replication arrest in *E. coli* was reported to result in a decrease in active ribosomes and sub-  
157 optimal growth<sup>20</sup>. Increased cytoplasmic fluidity has been shown to increase cytoskeleton  
158 polymerization and depolymerization rates in fission yeast<sup>5</sup>, suggesting that decreased molecular  
159 crowding at the mesoscale could also be beneficial for *C. albicans* filamentous growth. In summary,  
160 our results reveal a striking change in cytoplasmic molecular crowding during morphogenesis (Fig.  
161 2H), which is critical for the virulence of this human fungal pathogen, as a result of dilution of  
162 ribosomes subsequent to inhibition of their biogenesis. Our results suggest that changes in cytoplasmic

163 diffusion at the mesoscale, by tuning ribosome numbers, are intimately associated with filamentous  
164 growth.

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## 225 MATERIAL AND METHODS

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### 227 Strains and media

228 Strains used in this study are listed in Table S1. For transformation, strains were grown in YEPD (yeast  
229 extract, peptone, dextrose) supplemented with Uridine (80  $\mu\text{g/ml}$ ) at 30°C. Cells were grown in YEPD  
230 medium, supplemented with Uridine at 30°C for budding growth. For filament induction cells, cells  
231 were either grown in YEPD liquid media with 50% fetal bovine serum (FBS; PAN Biotech) or on  
232 agarose pads with 75% FBS in synthetic complete (SC) media, both at 37°C. In all experiments that  
233 involved comparison with filamentous cells, budding cells were briefly incubated in the same media at  
234 37°C prior to imaging at the same temperature. For doxycycline (Dox) gene repression, YEPD was  
235 supplemented with 5  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  Dox. For sorbitol experiments, budding and filamentous cells were  
236 incubated with the indicated final concentrations of sorbitol for 5 min prior to imaging at 37°C. For  
237 Latrunculin A (LatA) actin depolymerization, cells were incubated with either 200 or 400  $\mu\text{M}$  LatA, for  
238 budding and filamentous cells, respectively, during 15 min prior to imaging.

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240 The oligonucleotides used in this study are listed in Table S2. The PfV gene, which encodes the subunits  
241 that comprise a 40-nm genetically encoded multimeric (GEM) nanoparticle<sup>1</sup> was codon optimized for  
242 *C. albicans* and synthesized (BaseClear, Netherlands). The CaPfV gene was cloned from the pUC57  
243 vector into the pFA-GFP $\gamma$ -URA3 plasmid using PstI sites, resulting in the pFA-CaPfV-GFP $\gamma$ -URA3  
244 plasmid. The URA3 marker was replaced with either *CdHIS1* and *ARG4* markers, using unique AscI  
245 and PmeI restriction sites, resulting in pFA-CaPfV-GFP $\gamma$ -CdHIS1 and pFA-CaPfV-GFP $\gamma$ -ARG4. The  
246 GFP $\gamma$  was then mutated using site directed mutagenesis to a monomeric version using primers  
247 CaGFP $\gamma$ pA206K-BamHI/CaGFP $\gamma$ mA206K-BamHI, yielding pFA-CaPfV-GFP $\gamma$ <sup>A206K</sup>-CdHIS1 and  
248 pFA-CaPfV-GFP $\gamma$ <sup>A206K</sup>-ARG4. Subsequently these two plasmids were used as a template to PCR  
249 amplify the CaPfV-GFP $\gamma$ <sup>A206K</sup>-CdHIS1 and pFA-CaPfV-GFP $\gamma$ <sup>A206K</sup>-ARG4 cassettes for integration  
250 behind the endogenous *ADH1* promoter by using primers ADH1p-PfVp and CaADH1KixFP\_S2. The  
251 tetracycline repressible *cgr1* $\Delta$ /pTet*CGR1* strain was constructed from PY173, a derivative of BWP17  
252 containing the tetracycline-regulatable transactivator TetR-SchAP4AD, as described<sup>2</sup>. To visualize F-  
253 actin, a LifeAct reporter was used which was derived from the plasmid pYGS974 (TEF1 $\Delta$ LifeAct-GFP-  
254 HIS1/pJET)<sup>3</sup>, in which GFP was replaced by mScarlet using primers NotItef1pLifeActS1 and  
255 CamScarletmAscI, resulting in pTEF1p-LifeAct-mScarlet-HIS1. This plasmid was digested with  
256 NotI/XbaI and integrated by homologous recombination in the *TEF1* locus.

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### 258 Microscopy, sample preparation and image analysis.

259 **Light microscopy.** The GEM nanoparticles were imaged, using TIRF on a Nikon Ti eclipse inverted  
260 microscope (Nikon France S.A.S., Champigny-sur-Marne, France) equipped with an iLas<sup>2</sup> scan head  
261 (Roper scientific, Evry, France), an iXon 888 EMCCD camera (Andor technology, Belfast, UK) and a  
262 100x CFI-APO-TIRF oil NA 1.49 objective. The laser illumination was with a 488 nm diode laser, with  
263 an intensity ranging between 10-60% and a TIRF angle of 56.24°. Images were acquired as a stream of  
264 300-600 images in a single Z plane, with a 30 msec image acquisition and readout time, unless otherwise  
265 indicated. Temperature was controlled with an Okolab incubator (Ottaviano, Italy) at 37°C, unless  
266 otherwise indicated. The LifeAct reporter was imaged using the spinning-disk confocal modality on the  
267 above described microscope, equipped with a Yokogawa CSU-W1 (Yokogawa Electric Corporation,  
268 Tokyo, Japan), and using a 561 nm diode laser. Multi-positions were acquired with a motorized XYZ  
269 stage. The effective diffusion of the GEM particles was calculated as described<sup>1</sup>, using the plugin  
270 Mosaic<sup>4</sup> in Fiji (version 1.54f) in a Windows 10/Intel computer and Matlab (version R2023a). Matlab  
271 was also used to generate the plots of all trajectories using a colormap, and to split the filamentous cells  
272 in order to analyze mother cell vs filament effective diffusion (scripts available upon request). Extension  
273 rates were calculated as a function of filament length (measured with Fiji) per time. Scale bar is 5  $\mu\text{m}$ .

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275 **Electron microscopy.** Cryoplunging was carried out essentially as described<sup>5</sup>. Au grids (200 mesh)  
276 with a 2/2 silicone oxide support film were glow-discharged on both sides for 45 sec at 20 mA. Glycerol  
277 (5% final concentration) was added to cells and then immediately 3  $\mu\text{l}$  (0.2 OD<sub>600</sub>) cell suspension was  
278 applied to the support film side of grids, blotted for 10 sec and then frozen in liquid ethane using a



279 cryoplunger (GP2 Leica, Wetzlar, Germany) and frozen. FIB-milling was carried out using an Aquilos  
280 2 FIB/SEM (Thermo Fisher, Waltham, MA) with a stage cooled to  $< -190^{\circ}\text{C}$  in a  $35^{\circ}$  AutoGrid sample  
281 holder. Grids were sputter-coated with metallic Pt and then coated with organo-Pt essentially as  
282 described<sup>5</sup>. An overview of the grid was created by montaging SEM images and isolated cells or cell  
283 clusters at the center of grid squares were selected for FIB-milling. Lamellae were generated  
284 automatically using the AutoTEM software (Thermo Fisher, Waltham, MA), with the following  
285 protocol: rough milling 1: 1 nA; medium milling 2: 0.3 nA ( $1.0^{\circ}$  overtilt); fine milling 0.1 nA ( $0.5^{\circ}$   
286 overtilt); finer milling 0.1 nA ( $0.5^{\circ}$  overtilt); lamella polishing: 50 and 30 pA,  $0.2^{\circ}$  overtilt resulting in  
287 150 nm thick lamellae which were subsequently sputter-coated with Pt for 5 sec at a current of 5mA.

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289 FIB-milled grids were imaged in a Titan Krios TEM (Thermo Fisher, Waltham, MA) operated at 300  
290 keV and equipped with a BioQuantum energy filter (Gatan, Pleasanton, CA) and K3 camera (Gatan,  
291 Pleasanton, CA). The instrument was controlled using SerialEM<sup>6</sup>. Individual lamellae were manually  
292 centered in the microscope and then moved to a position  $60\ \mu\text{m}$  below the eucentric height to achieve  
293 fringe-free illumination. The stage was tilted  $15^{\circ}$  to compensate for the milling angle and overview  
294 images were obtained with a pixel size of  $76.8\ \text{\AA}$ . Individual cells were annotated in these overview  
295 images using napari<sup>7</sup> and high-resolution montages were obtained for these cells using DeCo-LACE  
296 acquisition scripts<sup>8</sup>. The physical pixel size in high-resolution exposures was  $1.05\ \text{\AA}$ , defocus was  
297 maintained at  $1\ \mu\text{m}$ , and the total exposure was  $30\ \text{e}/\text{\AA}^2$ . The exposures were dose-fractionated into 30  
298 frames.

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300 Movies were imported into the cisTEM software package<sup>9</sup> and motion-corrected using a custom version  
301 of unblur<sup>10</sup> as described<sup>8</sup>, and binned to a final pixel size of  $2.0\ \text{\AA}$ . CTF parameters and sample thickness  
302 were estimated using CTFFIND5<sup>11</sup>. The structure of the vacant *C. albicans* 80S ribosome<sup>12</sup> (PDB code:  
303 7PZY) was modified by deleting subunits corresponding to the 40S subunit and the resulting 60S  
304 structure was converted to a density map at  $2.0\ \text{\AA}$  pixel size using the simulate program in cisTEM<sup>13</sup>  
305 using a B-factor scaling of 2. 2D template matching of individual exposures was performed using the  
306 GPU-accelerated version of the match\_template program in the cisTEM suite<sup>14</sup>. Rotation angles were  
307 search using a 2 in-plane and 3 out-of-plane step-size and defocus values were searched with a 240 nm  
308 slab at a 40 nm step size. Image data and template matching results were montaged together as  
309 described<sup>8</sup>.

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311 The number of 60S ribosome subunits per imaged area was determined by manually segmenting  
312 cytoplasmic areas from the montaged cryo-EM images (Fig. 1F, S9 and S10) and dividing the number  
313 of detections within the segmentation by the segmented area. The imaged volume was calculated  
314 by fitting the thickness of individual exposures, as estimated by CTFFIND5, to a 2-dimensional cubic  
315 B-spline model with 3 knots<sup>19</sup> and integrating the estimated thickness at every pixel of the segmented  
316 area. The variation of this measurement was estimated by repeating this calculation in 50 random square  
317 areas with a side-length of 200 nm within the segmented area.

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319 **Modeling cytoplasmic diffusion**

320 **Predictive equations.** A simplified formalism<sup>15</sup> was used to describe diffusion with respect to energy  
321 transfer in polydispersed mixtures to determine the fit to our experimental data and from these equations  
322 (eq 1 and 2) we derived the number of ribosome crowders:

$$323 \quad D = D_0(1 - a\varphi) ; \quad \varphi = \frac{V_{\text{ribo}}}{V_m + V_f}; \quad a = \frac{(R_{\text{ribo}} + R_{\text{GEMs}})^2}{R_{\text{GEMs}}^2} \quad (1)$$

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325 With  $V_i$  being the volume of the ribosomes (ribo), the mother part of the cell (m) and the filament (f).  
326  $D_0$  is the diffusion coefficient of GEMs in the absence of ribosomes, but with other crowders in the cell.  
327 To avoid this unknown, we define  $\widetilde{D}_0$  as the diffusion coefficient of GEMs when there is no filament  
328 (about  $0.1\ \mu\text{m}^2/\text{s}$  in our case). This results in:

$$329 \quad D = \widetilde{D}_0 \frac{1 - \frac{V_{\text{ribo}} a}{V_m + V_f}}{1 - \frac{V_{\text{ribo}} a}{V_m}} \quad (2)$$

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331 We used *eq* (2) to fit our data. Since we assume that no more ribosomes are produced during the growth  
332 of the filament, the total volume of ribosomes is fixed by the initial condition of the volume of the  
333 mother compartment, and is equal to  $V_{\text{ribo}} = c_{\text{ribo}} \times v_{\text{ribo}} \times V_m$  where  $v_{\text{ribo}} = 4/3\pi R_{\text{ribo}}^3$  is the  
334 volume of 1 ribosome, assuming a spherical geometry. The only unknown in *eq* (2) is thus  $c_{\text{ribo}}$ .  
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336 **Simulations.** A Matlab-based model (version R2023a) was developed to simulate particle diffusion  
337 within spherical and cylindrical boundaries, which we refer to as DiffSim. Particles of radii and  
338 concentration similar to that of ribosomes ( $r = 14 \text{ nm}$  and  $11,100/\mu\text{m}^3$ ) were randomly localized within  
339 these geometries, together with larger spherical crowders (similar in size to a vacuole taking up 60% of  
340 cell volume) which were immobile. To facilitate computation in this 3D simulation, cell geometries and  
341 excluded volumes were chosen accordingly. The model incorporated three primary forces affecting  
342 particle diffusion: Brownian motion and collisions with both other particles and crowders. Brownian  
343 motion was modeled using a random walk algorithm, where particles were displaced randomly at each  
344 time step. Collisions were simulated using a hard-sphere model, deflecting particles upon contact.  
345 Similarly, when particles encountered external boundaries, they were deflected back into the system.  
346 Particle positions were recorded in a matrix for subsequent analysis. The mean-squared displacement  
347 (MSD) was calculated as a function of time (with  $\Delta t$  being identical to GEM acquisitions) to assess the  
348 effective diffusion coefficient and its dependence on relative cell geometry and volume was determined.  
349 The effective diffusion coefficient ( $D_{\text{eff}}$ ) was then determined from the slope of the MSD curve using  
350 the Einstein-Smoluchowski equation. The accessible volume was determined using a custom Matlab  
351 program, which we refer to as AccessCyto, which analyzed the positions of GEM particle tracks to  
352 calculate the region of the cell that was accessible to particle movement. The accessible volume was  
353 then compared to the total cell volume, by segmenting the maximum projections, to calculate the  
354 percentage of the cell accessible to the GEM particles. Scripts available upon request.  
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### 356 **Proteomics**

357 Sample preparation was essentially as described<sup>16</sup>. Quality control samples to monitor LC-MS  
358 performance were created from pooling small aliquots of all samples. Peptide quantities were estimated  
359 *via* Quantitative Fluorometric Peptide Assay (Pierce). LC-MS based proteomic data acquisition was  
360 performed as described<sup>17</sup>. In brief, samples were injected on a ACQUITY M-Class HPLC (Waters)  
361 connected to a ZenoTOF 7600 mass spectrometer with an Optiflow source (SCIEX), separated on a  
362 HSS T3 column (300  $\mu\text{m} \times 150 \text{ mm}$ , 1.8  $\mu\text{m}$ ; Waters) using a 20 min active gradient. We used a Zeno  
363 SWATH acquisition scheme with 85 variable-sized windows and 11 ms accumulation time. LC-MS  
364 raw data was processed using DIA-NN 1.8<sup>18</sup>. First, a spectral library was predicted including the  
365 UniProt Proteome of *C. albicans* SC5314 (<https://www.uniprot.org/proteomes/UP000000559>), as well  
366 as the sequence of the genetically encoded multimeric nanoparticle (see description above). For the  
367 main search, we enabled tryptic digestion allowing for one missed cleavage, no variable modification,  
368 N-terminal Methionine excision and carbamidomethylation as fixed modification of Cysteines. Mass  
369 accuracies were set to fall within 20 ppm and match-between-runs was enabled with protein inference  
370 on Protein level. The obtained report was processed using Python 3.9 with the pandas (1.4.3), NumPy  
371 (1.23.0) and Seaborn (0.11.2) packages. Data was filtered to less or equal than 1% FDR concerning  
372 Global.Q.Value, as well as PG.Q.Value and Lib.PG.Q.Value. Prior to plotting, protein group intensities  
373 were sample-wise median normalized in two steps: first, subtracting the sample median in  $\log_2$ -space,  
374 then subtracting the  $\log_2$ -sample median of entities not belonging to the ribosome, according to UniProt  
375 annotated protein names (*i.e.* containing “60S” or “40S, that is the 76 core ribosome proteins”).  
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### 377 **RNA extraction and RT-PCR**

378 Cells were grown in YEPD media in the presence or absence of 5  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  of Dox. RNA extraction and  
379 RT-PCR were carried out as described<sup>20</sup>. Oligonucleotide pairs ACT1.P1/ACT1.P2,  
380 CGR1.P1/CGR1.P2, ECE1.P1/ECE1.P2, HGC1.P1/HGC1.P2 and HWP1.P1/HWP1.P2 were used to  
381 amplify *ACT1*, *CGR1*, *ECE1*, *HGC1* and *HWP1*, respectively.  
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### 383 **Statistical analysis**

384 Data were compared by the Mann-Whitney U test and where relevant the paired or unpaired t-test using  
385 GraphPad Prism (v. 8) software, with all  $p$  values indicated in figure legends. Unless stated otherwise  
386 medians and interquartile ranges are indicated. Pearson correlation coefficient and simple linear  
387 regression were determined using GraphPad Prism (v. 8) software.

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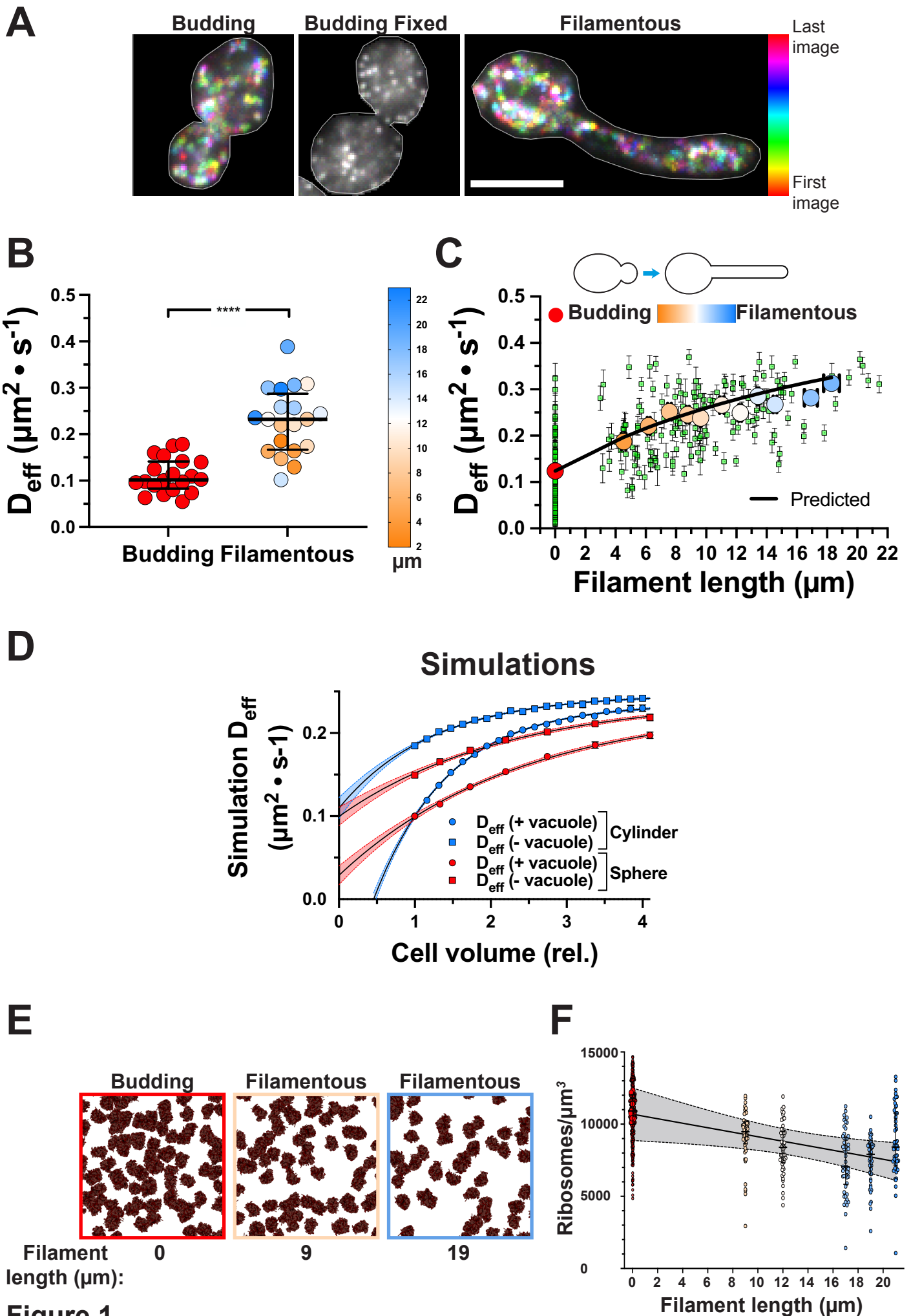


Figure 1

398 **Figure 1. Cytoplasmic fluidity increases with filament length.** A) Temporally color-coded projection  
399 of GEM dynamics. Indicated cells were imaged,  $250 \times 10$  msec. B) Dramatic increase in GEM  $D_{\text{eff}}$  in  
400 filamentous cells. Filamentous growth was induced for 45-150 min. Each symbol is median cell  $D_{\text{eff}}$  ( $n$   
401 = 20 cells; 10-350 trajectories/cell). Mean filament length  $12 \mu\text{m}$ ; color gradient indicates length with  
402 \*\*\*\*  $< 0.0001$ . C) Cytoplasmic fluidity increases with filament length. Filamentous growth induced on  
403 agarose SC FBS, 45-125 min. Green squares are median cell  $D_{\text{eff}}$  and bars SEM. Values are grouped in  
404  $2 \mu\text{m}$  filament length bins (red to blue gradient, with color indicating length as above;  $n = 6 - 26$  cells;  
405 1700 – 2600 trajectories). Red symbol is budding cells ( $n = 67$ ; 2500 trajectories). The solid black line  
406 is a fit using *eq 2* using overall cell volume;  $r^2 = 0.95$ . D) Simulation of GEM diffusion upon cell volume  
407 increase. Particle  $D_{\text{eff}}$  in a cylindrical or spherical compartment, with ribosome crowdors 20% at initial  
408 cell volume (■, ■). Simulations with excluded compartments (*e.g.* vacuoles; ●, ●), further reduced  
409 accessible volume from 80% (■, ■) to 20% (●, ●). Values are  $D_{\text{eff}}$  means (6000 particle simulations)  
410 carried out 10 times. Data fit with an exponential plateau equation,  $r^2 > 0.99$ , 95% confidence levels. E)  
411 Ribosome concentration is reduced in filamentous cells. Particle matching (cryo-EM 2DTM) of 60S  
412 ribosomal subunits in indicated cells (filament length assessed by SEM). F) Ribosome density decreases  
413 with filament length. Ribosomes concentration ( $n = 8$  budding and 5 filamentous cells) determined by  
414 cryo-EM 2DTM, small symbols values per ROI, large symbols median of each cell and symbol color  
415 corresponds to filament length. Fit of medians to a straight line,  $r^2 = 0.77$  with 95% confidence levels;  
416 slope different from 0,  $p < 0.0001$ .  
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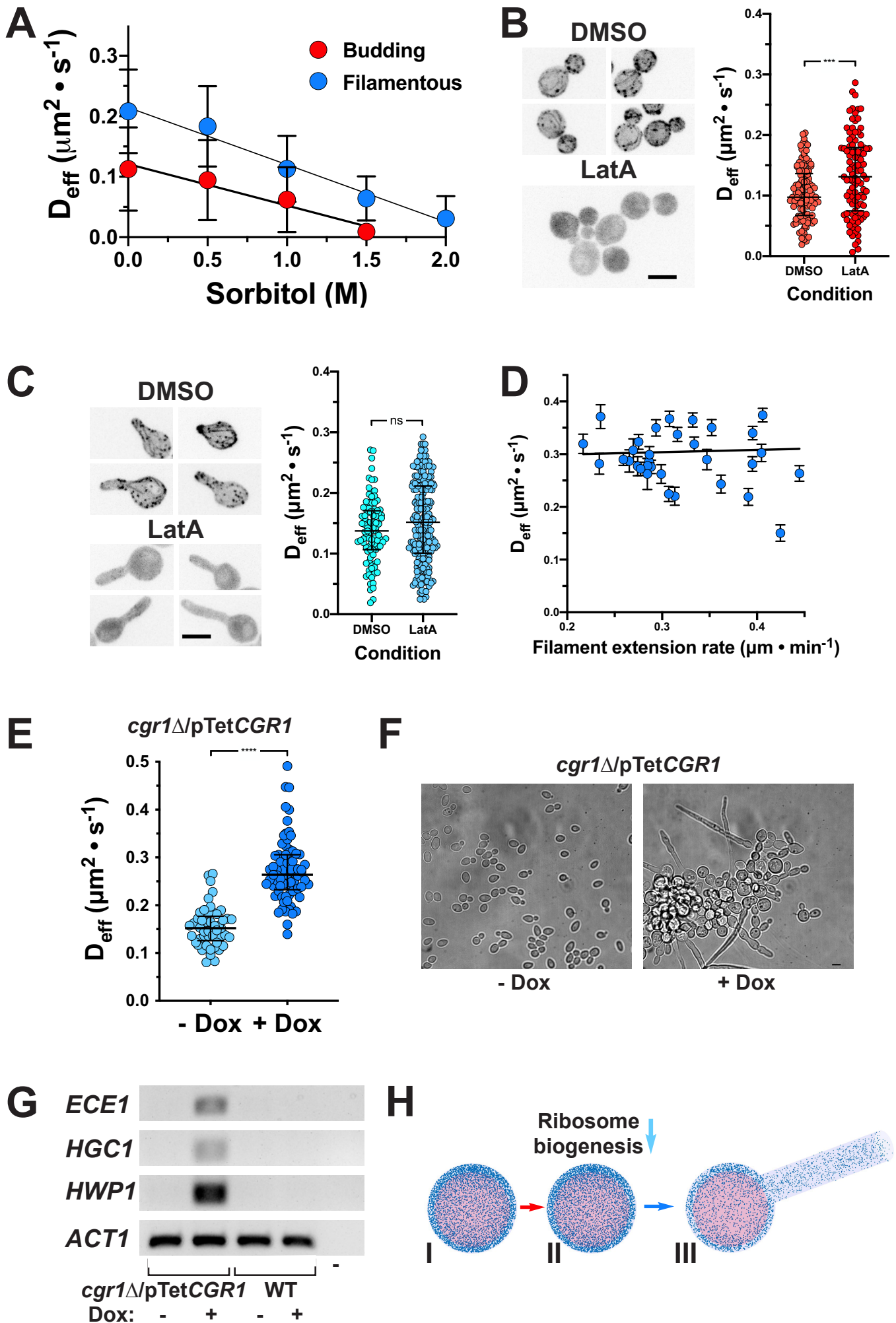


Figure 2

419 **Figure 2. Ribosome reduction increases cytoplasmic fluidity and results in filamentous growth.**  
420 A) Cytoplasmic fluidity is higher in filamentous cells, at different sorbitol concentrations. Symbols are  
421 the mean of 20-80 cells (11 - 200 trajectories/cell); bars are SD. Mean filament length was  $7 \pm 3 \mu\text{m}$ .  
422 B) Disruption of actin cytoskeleton in budding cells increases cytoplasmic fluidity. Left: Max  
423 projections of cells with LifeAct-RFP, with or without LatA. Right: symbol is median cell  $D_{\text{eff}}$  ( $n \sim$   
424 100; 10-180 trajectories/cell), \*\*\* = 0.0005. C) Disruption of actin cytoskeleton in filamentous cells  
425 does not affect cytoplasmic fluidity. Left: Max projections of cells induced for 45 min with or without  
426 LatA. Right: symbol is the median cell  $D_{\text{eff}}$  ( $n = 100-200$ ; 15-150 trajectories/cell) of filamentous cells  
427 with or without LatA, ns not significant. D) Cytoplasmic fluidity in filamentous cells is independent of  
428 growth rate. Cells preincubated on agarose SC FBS, 40 min and followed for 60 min (images every 15-  
429 20 min). Each symbol is the median cell  $D_{\text{eff}}$  with SEM and cell extension rate. Mean filament length  
430 was  $17 \pm 4 \mu\text{m}$ . E) *CGR1* repression increases cytoplasmic fluidity. Each symbol is the median cell  $D_{\text{eff}}$   
431 ( $n = 50-75$ ; 30-250 trajectories/cell); cells grown with or without Dox, \*\*\*\*  $< 0.0001$ . F) *CGR1*  
432 repression promotes filamentous growth. Representative cells with or without Dox. G) Hyphal-specific  
433 genes are induced upon *CGR1* repression. *ECEL1*, *HGCI* and *HWPI* transcripts in indicated strains, with  
434 or without Dox; *ACT1* as internal control. H) Schematic of ribosome biogenesis inhibition triggering to  
435 filamentation. Red arrow indicates serum addition, which inhibits ribosome biogenesis (light blue  
436 arrow), leading to ribosome dilution upon growth (dark blue arrow). Blue dots are ribosomes and pink  
437 sphere vacuole compartment, inaccessible to ribosomes.



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## 495 **Supplementary Figure legends**

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497 **Figure S1.** Projections of GEM trajectories. Representative budding and filamentous cells with  
498 maximum projection of GEM images (A) and particle trajectories of GEMs (B) shown. False colored  
499 LUT is indicated.

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501 **Figure S2.** GEM effective diffusion is independent of its expression level. Each symbol represents the  
502 median  $D_{\text{eff}}$  of indicated cells ( $n = 25\text{-}35$  cells each condition; 25-120 trajectories per cell), expressing  
503 GEMs under the control of either the *ADHI* or the *TEFI* promoter and grown at 30°C, with medians  
504 and interquartile range indicated; ns, not significant.

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506 **Figure S3.** Effective diffusion of all trajectories from budding and filamentous cells. Cells (20 each)  
507 from Fig. 1B, with 900 – 3300 trajectories for each condition. Medians and interquartile range are  
508 indicated; \*\*\*\*  $< 0.0001$ .

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510 **Figure S4.** GEM effective diffusion is somewhat reduced in filament compartment. A) GEM effective  
511 diffusion in filament and mother cell compartments. Left panel: median  $D_{\text{eff}}$  of cells ( $n = 74$ ) from Fig.  
512 2C, in the absence of latrunculin A (LatA), with trajectories in whole cell, mother compartment and  
513 filament compartment analyzed. Medians and interquartile range are indicated, with \*\*  $< 0.005$  paired  
514 t-test. Right panel: effective diffusion of all trajectories from filamentous cells from Fig. 2C in the  
515 absence of LatA, with trajectories in whole cell ( $n = 11100$ ), mother compartment ( $n = 6300$ ) and  
516 filament compartment ( $n = 4700$ ) analyzed. Medians and interquartile range are indicated, with \*\*\*  $<$   
517  $0.001$  and \*  $< 0.01$ . B) GEM effective diffusion is similar in the mother and filament cell compartments  
518 upon disruption of the actin cytoskeleton. Left panel: median  $D_{\text{eff}}$  of cells ( $n = 74$ ) from Fig. 2C in the  
519 presence of LatA, with all trajectories in whole cell, mother compartment and filament compartment  
520 analyzed. Medians and interquartile range are indicated with ns, not significant paired t-test. Right  
521 panel: effective diffusion of all trajectories from filamentous cells from Fig. 2C in the presence of LatA  
522 with trajectories in whole cell ( $n = 7300$ ), mother compartment ( $n = 5000$ ) and filament compartment  
523 analyzed ( $n = 2100$ ). Medians and interquartile range are indicated with ns, not significant.

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525 **Figure S5.** Simulation of GEM diffusion as a function of crowding. A) Representation of particle  
526 diffusion simulation with ribosomes (blue dots) and vacuoles (large red spheres), within the cell  
527 boundaries. B) Effect of cell geometry and excluded internal volume on particle diffusion. Ribosome  
528 crowding was initially set to 20% of the cell compartment volume, either in the presence or absence of  
529 vacuole compartment, which excluded an additional 60% of the cell. Note the surface to volume ratio  
530 increases ~3-fold from a sphere to a cylinder of fungal cell size.

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532 **Figure S6.** The GEM accessible volume increases significantly as the filament extends. The positions  
533 of the GEMs and the outer edge of cells used in Fig. 1C was used to calculate the relative volume of  
534 the whole cell (●) and the GEM accessible cytoplasm (●). The fraction of GEM accessible volume (●)  
535 is the volume of the GEM accessible cytoplasm divided by the volume of the whole cell. Error bars  
536 indicate standard deviation, data was fit either to a straight line ( $r^2 = 0.72\text{-}0.76$ ) or one phase association  
537 ( $r^2 = 0.48$ ) for each condition with 95% confidence levels shown.

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539 **Figure S7.** Theoretical equation for diffusion yields a good fit to the experimental data. Symbols  
540 (circles, red to blue color indicating filament length) are data (filament length bins) from Fig. 1C and  
541 grey squares/predicted line are from theoretical equation (eq 2), using GEM accessible volumes from  
542 the results in Fig. S6. Correlation coefficient,  $r^2 = 0.83$ .

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544 **Figure S8.** Relative abundance of ribosomal proteins decreases upon filamentation. Ribosomal proteins  
545 levels were determined by Liquid-chromatography tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS) from  
546 independent ( $n = 4$ ) replicates, and normalized to the sample median protein levels. Control cells were  
547 grown in YEPD at 30°C. In serum conditions, 50% FBS was added and samples were incubated at 37°C  
548 for 0 and 90 min. Bars indicate means and \*\*  $< 0.01$ .

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**Figure S9.** 2D Template matching of 60S ribosomal subunits in cryo-EM images of budding cells. A) Montage of cryo-EM exposures of three representative cells. B) Manual segmentation of cytoplasmic regions. C) 2DTM detections of the 60S ribosomal subunit. D) Overlays of A-C. E) Histogram of 2DTM SNR of 60S ribosomal subunit detections.

**Figure S10.** 2D Template matching of 60S ribosomal subunits in cryo-EM images of filamentous cells. A) Images of three representative cells taken by the focused ion beam prior to milling. Length of filaments was measured using the image viewer of the AutoTEM software. B) Montage of cryo-EM exposures of representative cells. C) Manual segmentation of cytoplasmic regions. D) 2DTM detections of the 60S ribosomal subunit. E) Overlays of B-D. F) Histogram of 2DTM SNR of 60S ribosomal subunit detections.

**Figure S11.** GEM effective diffusion is reduced with increasing sorbitol concentrations. A) Increasing sorbitol concentration decreases GEM effective diffusion in budding cells. Median  $D_{\text{eff}}$  of cells ( $n = 20-80$ ) from Fig. 2A, with 11 - 200 trajectories per cell (left), and effective diffusion of all trajectories from budding cells in Fig. 2A, with 600-4000 trajectories (right), as a function of sorbitol concentration. Medians and interquartile range are indicated. B) A higher concentration of sorbitol is required to fully abolish GEM dynamics in filamentous cells, compared to budding cells. Median  $D_{\text{eff}}$  of cells ( $n = 20-80$ ) from Fig. 2A with 11 - 200 trajectories per cell (left), and effective diffusion of all trajectories from filamentous cells from Fig. 2A, with 600-4000 trajectories (right), as a function of sorbitol concentration. Medians and interquartile range are indicated.

**Figure S12.** The actin cytoskeleton restricts GEM diffusion in budding cells. Left panel: effective diffusion of all trajectories from budding cells in the presence and absence (DMSO) of LatA. Cells from Fig. 2B, with 5800-7200 trajectories for each condition. Medians and interquartile range are indicated; \*\*\*\*  $< 0.0001$ . Right panel: effective diffusion of all trajectories from filamentous cells in the presence and absence of LatA. Cells from Fig. 2C, with 13600-21000 trajectories for each condition. Medians and interquartile range are indicated; \*\*\*\*  $< 0.0001$ .

**Figure S13.** Repression of *CGRI* results in slow growth and reduction of rRNA levels. A) *CGRI* is fully repressed in doxycycline. The transcript level of *CGRI* was determined in *cgr1Δ/pTetCGRI* and wild-type strains, grown in the presence or absence of 5  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  Dox by RT-PCR with *ACT1* used as an internal control. B) Repression of *CGRI* results in slow growth. Indicated strains were incubated with or without 5  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  Dox on rich media containing agar for 2 days. C) Repression of *CGRI* results in a decrease in rRNA. Total RNA was isolated from the indicated strains.

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Strain number	Relevant Genotype	Source
BWP17	<i>ura3Δ::λimm434/ura3Δ::λimm434 his1Δ::hisG/his1Δ::his arg4::hisG/arg4Δ::hisG</i>	21
PY173	Same as BWP17 with <i>ENO1/eno1::ENO1-tetR ScHAP4AD-3xHA-ADE2</i>	2
PY6413	Same as BWP17 with <i>adh1Δ::ADH1p-Pfv-GFP<sup>G206K</sup>-ARG4</i>	This study
PY6414	Same as BWP17 with <i>adh1Δ::ADH1p-Pfv-GFP<sup>G206K</sup>-CdHIS1</i>	This study
PY6523	Same as PY6413 with <i>tef1Δ::TEF1p-LifeAct-mScarlet-HIS1</i>	This study
PY6599	Same as BWP17 with <i>tef1Δ::TEF1p-Pfv-GFP<sup>G206K</sup>-CdHIS1</i>	This study
PY7287	Same as PY173 with <i>CGRI/cgr1Δ::CdHIS1</i>	This study
PY7301	Same as PY7287 with <i>cgr1::URA3pTet<sub>off</sub>CGRI</i>	This study
PY7322	Same as PY7287 with <i>adh1Δ::ADH1p-Pfv-GFP<sup>G206K</sup>-ARG4</i>	This study

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