

## Supplementary Information

**Figure S1.** Dynamical behavior of the spatial budding yeast SAC model. The figures show the total concentration over time for every species with different parameter sets. **(A)** Simulation results of the standard model for a budding yeast cell (experimental interaction, discussion rates and no convection, cf. Table 1). The steady state is reached in 5000 min, which is exceptionally long. O-Mad2 and Cdc20 concentrations are reduced to 70% and 40% of the initial amount, respectively. Cdc20:C-Mad2 has a concentration of  $6.0 \times 10^{-2} \mu\text{M}$  (60% of Cdc20) in the steady state while Mad1:C-Mad2 and Mad1:C-Mad2:Mad2\* do not change their concentration over time significantly which is very close to zero; **(B)** Simulation with a 100-fold increase of all reaction rates. Now, the steady state is reached after 30 min which can be counted for acceptable time. No qualitative change of the Cdc20:Mad2 level was observed; **(C)** Simulation with solely increasing the formation of Cdc20:C-Mad2 interaction rate (3) 100-fold higher. Steady state is reached about 10-times faster (500 min) than in the standard simulation (**panel A**). The concentration of Cdc20 nearly goes to 0  $\mu\text{M}$  while O-Mad2 is reduced to  $\approx 50\%$  of its initial amount. Cdc20:C-Mad2 goes up to a final concentration of 0:1\_M; **(D)** The same setup as shown in **panel C**, with a 104-fold increased reaction rate (3). Again the steady state is reached faster (about 12 min), while the formation level of Cdc20:C-Mad2 is almost the same.

