

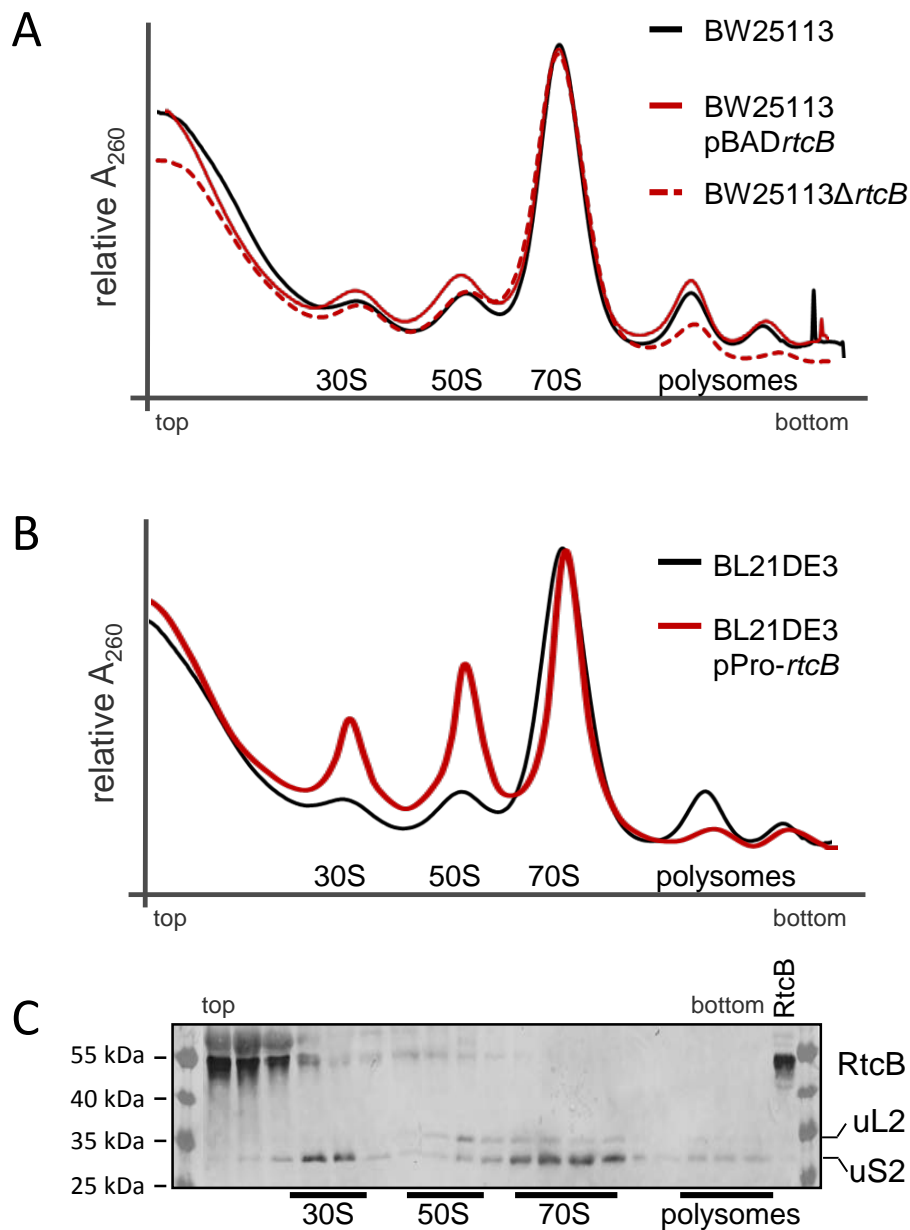
## **Supplementary Figures and Tables**

### **The RNA ligase RtcB reverses**

### **MazF-induced ribosome heterogeneity in *Escherichia coli***

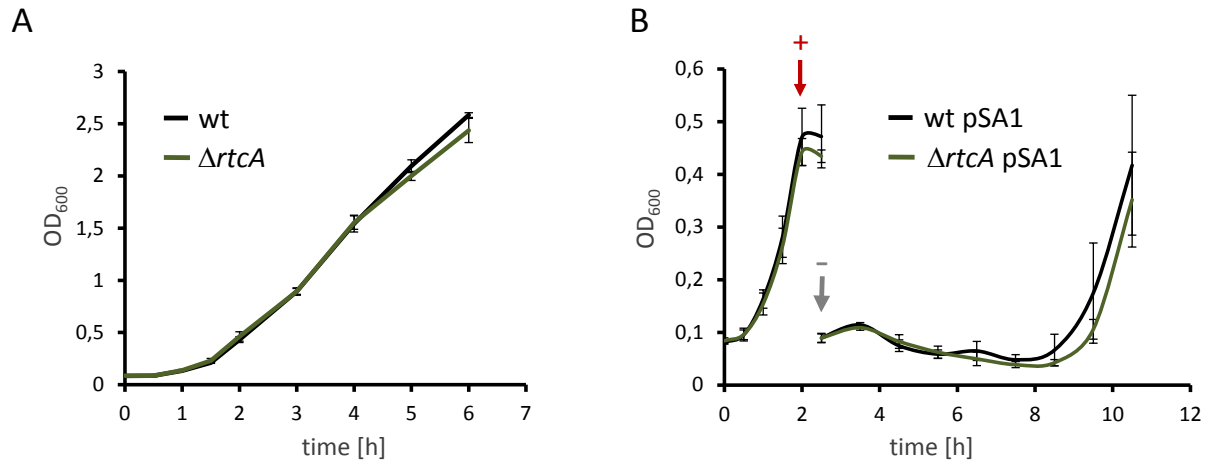
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## SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURES



**Supplementary Figure S1.** RtcB affects the SU/M ratio but does not alter the sedimentation of 70S ribosomes or ribosomal subunits. For ribosome profile analysis S30 extracts were prepared from exponentially growing *E. coli* strains BW25113, BW25113 $\Delta$ *rtcB* and from strain BW25113 harboring plasmid pBAD*rtcB* 30 minutes after induction of *rtcB* expression by addition of 0.2% arabinose (**A**) or from strain BL21DE3 before and 30 minutes after induction of *rtcB* expression from plasmid pET*rtcB* by addition of 0.1mM IPTG (**B**). The extracts were separated on 10-30% sucrose gradients in Tico buffer (20 mM Hepes pH 7.4 at 4°C; 6 mM MgOAc; 30 mM NH<sub>4</sub>Ac; 4 mM 2-mercapthoethanol) and analyzed and

fractionated using an Äkta FPLC system (GE Healthcare, NJ, USA). **C** The proteins from the respective fractions were precipitated using TCA and further tested for the presence of RtcB using an RtcB specific antibody. Purified RtcB was used as control. Antibodies specific for ribosomal proteins uS2 and uL2 were used to indicate the fractions comprising the subunits, 70S monosomes and polysomes, respectively. The molecular weights of the marker proteins are given to the left.



**Supplementary Figure S2.** RtcA does not affect growth and recovery after *mazF* expression. **A** Growth of strain MC4100 F' (black) and its isogenic *rtcA* deletion mutant (green) was monitored by measuring the OD<sub>600</sub>. See also Figure 4A. **B** Strain MC4100 F' (black) and its isogenic *rtcA* deletion mutant (green) both harboring plasmid pSA1 were grown to an OD<sub>600</sub> of 0.35, when *mazF* expression was induced by addition of 1 mM IPTG (+). 30 minutes thereafter cells were transferred in fresh medium to remove the inductive agent (-) and growth recovery was monitored for additional 7 hours. The analysis was performed in triplicate, error bars indicate the standard deviation from the mean. See also Figure 4B.

## SUPPLEMENTARY TABLES

Supplementary Table 1

Gene	Protein product	Log <sub>2</sub> fold change
<i>rplY</i>	50S ribosomal protein L25	1,1614
<i>rpsP</i>	30S ribosomal protein S16	1,1461
<i>rpsF</i>	30S ribosomal protein S6	1,1139
<i>rplJ</i>	50S ribosomal protein L10	1,1139
<i>rpsM</i>	30S ribosomal protein S13	1,0000
<i>rplS</i>	50S ribosomal protein L19	1,0000
<i>rplX</i>	50S ribosomal protein L24	0,9700
<i>rplC</i>	50S ribosomal protein L3	0,9542
<i>rplU</i>	50S ribosomal protein L21	0,9542
<i>rpsA</i>	30S ribosomal protein S1	0,9420
<i>rpsD</i>	30S ribosomal protein S4	0,9294
<i>rpmG</i>	50S ribosomal protein L33	0,9031
<i>rpsU</i>	30S ribosomal protein S21	0,9031
<i>rplW</i>	50S ribosomal protein L23	0,9031
<i>rpmF</i>	50S ribosomal protein L32	0,8451
<i>rplI</i>	50S ribosomal protein L9	0,8239
<i>rpSJ</i>	30S ribosomal protein S10	0,8129
<i>rpsE</i>	30S ribosomal protein S5	0,7782
<i>rpsG</i>	30S ribosomal protein S7	0,7782
<i>rpmA</i>	50S ribosomal protein L27	0,7782
<i>secB</i>	protein export chaperone, general protein chaperone	0,7782
<i>rplA</i>	50S ribosomal protein L1	0,7533
<i>rplF</i>	50S ribosomal protein L6	0,7270
<i>rplO</i>	50S ribosomal protein L15	0,6990
<i>rplR</i>	50S ribosomal protein L18	0,6990
<i>trmD</i>	tRNA (guanine-N(1)-)-methyltransferase	0,6990
<i>gpsA</i>	glycerol-3-phosphate dehydrogenase [NAD(P)+]	0,6990
<i>pheA</i>	P-protein chorismate mutase	0,6990
<i>ydcY</i>	DUF2526 family protein	0,6990
<i>rplM</i>	50S ribosomal protein L13	0,6601
<i>lon</i>	Lon protease	0,6532
<i>ycbX</i>	6-N-hydroxylaminopurine detoxification oxidoreductase	0,6021
<i>rplL</i>	50S ribosomal protein L7/L12	0,5836
<i>yahK</i>	aldehyde reductase, NADPH-dependent, Zn-containing	0,5441
<i>rplQ</i>	50S ribosomal protein L17	0,5119
<i>rpsQ</i>	30S ribosomal protein S17	0,4771
<i>ribB</i>	3,4-dihydroxy-2-butanone 4-phosphate synthase	0,4771
<i>nank</i>	N-acetylmannosamine kinase	0,4771
<i>ynfG</i>	S- and N-oxide reductase, Fe-S binding	0,4771
<i>cspD</i>	cold shock-like protein CspD	0,4771
<i>hns</i>	DNA-binding protein H-NS	0,4771
<i>yfeX</i>	porphyrinogen oxidase, cytoplasmic	0,4771
<i>rpsP</i>	30S ribosomal protein S15	0,3979

<i>rpsR</i>	30S ribosomal protein S18	0,3979
<i>rplT</i>	50S ribosomal protein L20	0,3979
<i>rplE</i>	50S ribosomal protein L5	0,3979
<i>nfuA</i>	Fe/S biogenesis protein NfuA	0,3979
<i>luxS</i>	S-ribosylhomocysteine lyase	0,3680
<i>grcA</i>	autonomous glycyl radical cofactor A	0,3522
<i>ydgH</i>	DUF1471 family periplasmic tri-domain protein	0,3522
<i>uspG</i>	universal stress protein G	0,3522
<i>rsuA</i>	ribosomal small subunit pseudouridine synthase A	0,3010
<i>groL</i>	60 kDa chaperonin GroEL	0,3010
<i>tig</i>	trigger factor	0,3010
<i>groS</i>	10 kDa chaperonin GroES	0,3010
<i>mglB</i>	D-galactose-, D-glucose-binding protein, periplasmic	0,3010
<i>infC</i>	translation initiation factor IF-3	0,3010
<i>xseB</i>	exonuclease VII, small subunit	0,3010
<i>mdh</i>	malate dehydrogenase	0,3010
<i>bfr</i>	bacterioferritin	0,3010
<i>yacF</i>	FtsZ stabilizer	0,3010

**Supplementary Table 1.** Proteins that interact with RtcB as identified by co-purification and subsequent mass-spectrometry. Proteins enriched by ratios  $> 0,3 \log_2$  fold-change in relation to the mock experiment were considered significant.

**Supplementary Table 2**

	Relevant features	Source or reference
<b><i>E. coli</i> strains</b>		
MG1655	F <sup>-</sup> , lambda <sup>-</sup> , <i>rph-1</i>	(1)
JE28	MG1655:: <i>rplL-his</i>	(2)
BW25113	F <sup>-</sup> , DE( <i>araD-araB</i> )567, <i>lacZ</i> 4787(del):: <i>rrnB-3</i> , LAM <sup>-</sup> , <i>rph-1</i> , DE( <i>rhaD-rhaB</i> )568, <i>hsdR</i> 514	(3)
MC4100 F <sup>'</sup>	[ <i>araD</i> 139]B/r, Del( <i>argF-lac</i> )169, lambda <sup>-</sup> , e14 <sup>-</sup> , <i>flhD</i> 5301, Δ( <i>fruK-yeiR</i> )725( <i>fruA</i> 25), <i>relA</i> 1, <i>rpsL</i> 150( <i>str</i> <sup>R</sup> ), <i>rbsR</i> 22, Del( <i>fimB-fimE</i> )632(::IS1), <i>deoC</i> 1, [F <sup>'</sup> <i>proAB lacI</i> <sup>q</sup> ZΔM15, Tn10 ( <i>Tet</i> <sup>R</sup> )]	(4)
BL21(DE3)	<i>dcm</i> , <i>ompT</i> , <i>hsdS</i> (rB <sup>-</sup> mB <sup>-</sup> ), <i>gal</i> , λDE3	NEB
MG1655Δ <i>rtcB</i>	MG1655, <i>rtcB</i> <sup>-</sup>	this study
BW25113Δ <i>rtcB</i>	BW25113, <i>rtcB</i> <sup>-</sup>	this study
MC4100Δ <i>rtcB</i> F <sup>'</sup>	MC4100 F <sup>'</sup> , <i>rtcB</i> <sup>-</sup>	this study
<b>Plasmids</b>		
pSA1	<i>amp</i> <sup>R</sup> , pQE30 derivative harboring <i>mazF</i> gene	(5)
pBAD- <i>rtcB</i>	<i>cam</i> <sup>R</sup> , pBAD33 derivative harboring <i>mazF</i> gene	this study
pProEX-HTb	<i>amp</i> <sup>R</sup> , vector for Trc driven gene expression	Invitrogen
pPro- <i>gfp</i>	<i>amp</i> <sup>R</sup> , pProEX-HTb encoding his- and HA-tagged emGFP	this study
pPro- <i>rtcB</i>	<i>amp</i> <sup>R</sup> , pProEX-HTb encoding his- and HA-tagged RtcB	this study
pPro- <i>rtcB</i> (-His)	<i>amp</i> <sup>R</sup> , pProEX-HTb encoding HA-tagged RtcB	this study
pET28a	<i>kan</i> <sup>R</sup> , vector for T7 driven gene expression	Novagen
pET <i>rtcB</i>	<i>kan</i> <sup>R</sup> , pET28a derivative harboring <i>rtcB</i> gene	this study
pTwin1	<i>amp</i> <sup>R</sup> , vector for protein purification <i>via</i> an intein tag	NEB
pTwin <i>rtcB</i>	<i>amp</i> <sup>R</sup> , pTwin1 derivative harboring <i>rtcB</i> gene	this study
706-Flp	<i>tet</i> <sup>R</sup> , encoding Flp recombinase	Gene Bridges
pACA-RNA43 <sup>SD</sup>	<i>cam</i> <sup>R</sup> , pBAD33 derivative harboring the 3'-terminal 54 nts of <i>rrnB</i> followed by <i>glyT</i> and the <i>ara</i> terminator	this study
pGCA-RNA43 <sup>SD</sup>	pACA-RNA43 <sup>SD</sup> , ACA at position 1500 of the <i>rrnB</i> fragment was changed to GCA	this study
pUH-C_ΔACA-EmGFP	<i>amp</i> <sup>R</sup> , pUH21-2 derivative harboring the emerald- <i>gfp</i> gene devoid of ACA sites under control of the PA1-04/03 promoter	Oron-Gottesman et al., under revision
<i>pgfp</i> <sup>aSD</sup>	pUH-C_ΔACA-EmGFP derivative displaying an aSD sequence upstream of the <i>gfp</i> start codon	this study

**Supplementary Table S2.** Bacterial strains and plasmids used in this study

## Supplementary Table 3

Name	Binding region	Sequence*
<b>PCR amplification of DNA templates for cloning</b>		
D10 <sub>fwd</sub>	<i>rtcB</i> from nt 1 - 17	ATATCCATGGGTATGAATTACGAATTACT
<i>rtcB</i> <sub>rev</sub>	<i>rtcB</i> from nt 1227 - 1209	AAGGATCCTCATCATTATCCTTTTACGCACACC
IM_P9 <sub>fwd</sub>	<i>rtcB</i> from nt 1 - 18	TACCATGGTATACCCATACGATGTTCCAGATTACGCTAT GAATTACGAATTACTG
IM_R9 <sub>rev</sub>	<i>rtcB</i> from nt 1227 - 1209	AACTCGAGTCATCATTATCCTTTTACGCACACC
IM_I19 <sub>rev</sub>	pUH-C_ΔACA-EmGFP (changing the SD to aSD)	[phos] GGA GGATAG GATCCA AAATAC GCCATG
IM_J19 <sub>fwd</sub>	pUH-C_ΔACA-EmGFP (changing the SD to aSD)	[phos] CGCAAAAAATGGTGAGCAAGG
<b>PCR amplification of DNA templates for <i>in vitro</i> transcription</b>		
W11 <sub>fwd</sub>	<i>rrsB</i> from nt 1491 - 1506	<u>AAATCTAGAGTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGAAGTCGTAACAAGGT</u>
O18 <sub>rev</sub>	<i>rrsB</i> from nt 1542 - 1524	TAAGGAGGTGATCCAACCG
<b>Probes for northern blot analyses</b>		
A20	<i>rrsB</i> from nt 1541 - 1511	AAGGAGGTGATCCAACCGCAGGTTCCCCTACGGTTACC
R25	<i>rrfB</i> from nt 120 - 101	ATGCCTGGCAGTTCCCTACT
CD	<i>rrsB</i> from nt 955 - 939	CCACATGCTCCACCGC
<b>Primer extension analysis</b>		
IM_Y25 <sub>rev</sub>	<i>rtcB</i> from nt 124 -139	GCATTACCGCAATATG
<b>RT-PCR primer</b>		
S7 <sub>fwd</sub>	<i>rrsB</i> from nt 1360 - 1379	AGAATGCCACGGTGAATACG
X15 <sub>rev</sub>	<i>rrsB</i> from nt 1499 - 1483	TACGACTTCACCCCAGT
Y12 <sub>rev</sub>	<i>rrsB</i> from nt 1542 - 1522	TAAGGAGGTGATCCAACCGC
H17 <sub>rev</sub>	<i>rrsB</i> <sup>AgeI</sup> from nt 1538 - 1523	GAGGTGATCCAACCGAT
S19 <sub>rev</sub>	<i>rrsB</i> <sup>SD</sup> from nt 1542 - 1522	TATCCTCCTGATCCAACCGC
<b>Overlap-PCR primer</b>		
IM_U12 <sub>fwd</sub>	<i>rrsB</i> from nt 1488-1511 (introducing mutation A1500G)	GGTGAAGTCGTAGCAAGGTAACCG
IM_V12 <sub>rev</sub>	<i>rrsB</i> from nt 1488-1511 (introducing mutations A1500G)	CGGTTACCTTGCTACGACTTCACC
IM_I15 <sub>fwd</sub>	<i>rrsB</i> from nt 702 - 720	AGAGATCTGGAGGAATACC
IM_J15 <sub>fwd</sub>	<i>rrsB</i> from nt 1511 - 1530 (introducing mutations T1512G; A1513T; T1522A; G1523T)	GGTGGGAACCATCGGTTGG
IM_H15 <sub>rev</sub>	pKK3535 from nt 3537 - 3552	CCTCTAGACGAAGGGG
IM_K15 <sub>rev</sub>	<i>rrsB</i> from nt 1525 - 1504 (introducing mutations T1512G; A1513T; T1522A; G1523T)	CGATGGTTCCCCACCGTTACC

\* The T7 promoter sequence is underlined. Restriction sites are in italics.

## Supplementary Table S3. Oligonucleotides used in this study



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