## 1 Supplementary Material

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Supplementary movie S1: Exponentially growing *B. subtilis* cells expressing SftA YFP from the original gene locus, 30 ms stream acquisition of YFP fluorescence,
 shown are 33 frames/s

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8 Supplementary movie S2: Exponentially growing *B. subtilis* cells expressing SftA-9 YFP from the original gene locus, mobile single signals are shown within the cell 10 borders (determined through an overlay of fluorescence with bright field 11 acquisition), 30 ms stream acquisition of YFP fluorescence, shown are 10 12 frames/s

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Supplementary movie S3: Exponentially growing *B. subtilis* cells expressing SftA-YFP from the original gene locus, static single signal is shown within the cell borders, 30 ms stream acquisition of YFP fluorescence, shown are 10 frames/s

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18 Supplementary movie S4: Exponentially growing *B. subtilis* cells expressing 19 SpoIIIE-YFP from the original gene locus, 30 ms stream acquisition of YFP 20 fluorescence, shown are 33 frames/s

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Supplementary movie S5: Exponentially growing *B. subtilis* cells expressing SpoIIIE-YFP from the original gene locus, mobile single signals are shown at the cell borders, 30 ms stream acquisition of YFP fluorescence, shown are 10 frames/s

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Supplementary movie S6: Exponentially growing *B. subtilis* cells expressing
PfkA-YFP from an ectopic gene locus, 30 ms stream acquisition of YFP
fluorescence, shown are 33 frames/s

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Supplementary movie S7: Exponentially growing *B. subtilis* cells expressing PfkA-YFP from the original gene locus, mobile single signals are shown within the cell borders, 30 ms stream acquisition of YFP fluorescence, shown are 10 frames/s

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Fig. S1 Movement of a single SftA-YFP molecule within a *B. subtilis* cell. A) Trajectory
of a single molecule, shown in panel C. The timing of movement is from blue to red. B)
Fluorescence intensity of the single molecules. C) 15 ms stream showing the movement
of a dynamic SftA-YFP molecule, left to right, top to bottom. White bar 2 μm.



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Fig. S2 A) Determination of the subcellular localization of slow and of fast moving molecules of FtsA-YFP, tracked at 30 ms. Tracks were projected into a standardized cell of 3 x 1 µm size, and were sorted into slow moving (not leaving an area of 3 x 3 pixels) molecules indicated by red line, and fast molecules, indicated by blue lines. B) Superimposition of slow (red line) and fast moving (blue line) molecules sorted in x- and y-orientation (long and short axis of the cell). Shown are the mean and the standard deviation of a bootstrap analysis sampling 50 times tracks with replacement.

Figure S2: Superimposition of slow moving (red bars) and fast moving (blue bars) molecules sorted in x-orientation (along the length of cells), data are the same as in Fig. 6.





Figure S3 Determination of the subcellular localization of slow and of fast moving molecules. 1000 tracks of SftA-YFP, SpoIIIE-YFP or PfkA-YFP were projected into a standardized cells of 3 x 1  $\mu$ m size, and were sorted into slow moving (not leaving an area of 3 x 3 pixels) molecules, indicated by the red tracks, and fast molecules, indicated by blue tracks. FtsA<sup>-</sup> indicates depletion of FtsA for 1 hour, + MMC the addition of MMC for 1 hour.

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77 Figure S4 Superimposition of slow moving (red bars) and fast moving (blue bars)
78 molecules sorted in x-orientation (along the length of cells), data are the same as in Fig.
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## Table S1

Oligonucleotide	Sequence	Construct
2622 2624	5'-CAT <u>GGGCCC</u> AATCATCATGAAAA-3' 5'-CATATCGATCGGAAATACATAGCTGCC-3'	1164-sftAN-tap
4406	5'-CAT <u>GAATTC</u> ATGAACAACAATGAACT TTAC-3'	pPR-IBA 101-FtsA <sub>1-425</sub>
4407	5'-CAT <u>GGATCC</u> ATGTTCGGCTTGTGTTTTT-3'	
5509	5'-CAT <u>GGTACC</u> ATGTTGGAGTTCGAAAC AAAC-3'	pFD1-ftsZ
5510	5'-CAT <u>ACTAGT</u> GCCGCGTTTATTACGGTT-3'	
5517	5'- CAT <u>CTCGAG</u> GCCGCGTTTATTACGGTT-3'	pFD1-ftsZ-yfp
5456 5457	5'-CAT <u>GGTACC</u> ATGAACAACAATGAACT TTAC-3'	pFD1-ftsA
	5'-CAT <u>ACTAGT</u> TTCCCAAAACATGCTTAA TAG-3'	
4281	5'-CAT <u>GGGCCC</u> ATGAACAACAATGAACT TTAC-3'	pFD1-ftsA-yfp
4295	5'-CAT <u>CTCGAG</u> TTCCCAAAACATGCTTA ATAG-3'	
2342	5'-CAT <u>GGGCCC</u> GACGAACCGAAATCCGCG-3'	pFD1-sftA-yfp
4000	TGC-3'	
2523	5'-CAT <u>GGGCCC</u> CGGAAATACATAGCTGCC-3'	pFD1-sftAN-yfp
2624	5'-CATATCGATCGGAAATACATAGCTGCC-3'	

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