

1 Supplemental material for:
2 FtsA regulates Z-ring morphology and cell wall metabolism in an FtsZ C-terminal linker
3 dependent manner in *C. crescentus*
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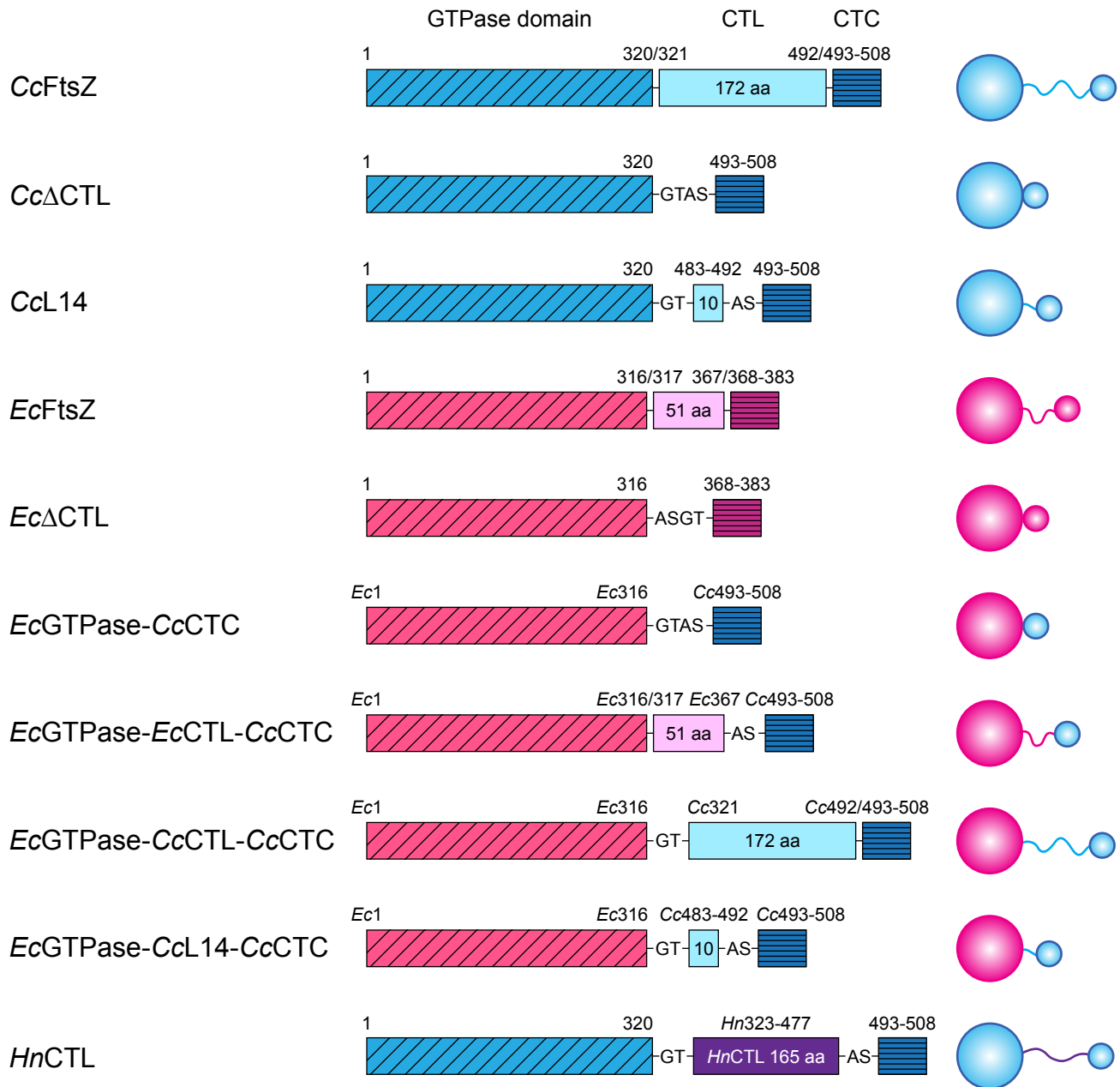


Figure S1

46 **Figure S1: Domain architecture of FtsZ CTL variants**

47 Domain structures of *Cc*FtsZ, *Cc*ΔCTL, *Cc*L14, *Ec*FtsZ, *Ec*ΔCTL, *Cc/Ec* chimeras, and *Hn*CTL

48 FtsZ variants used in this study. Residue numbers are indicated.

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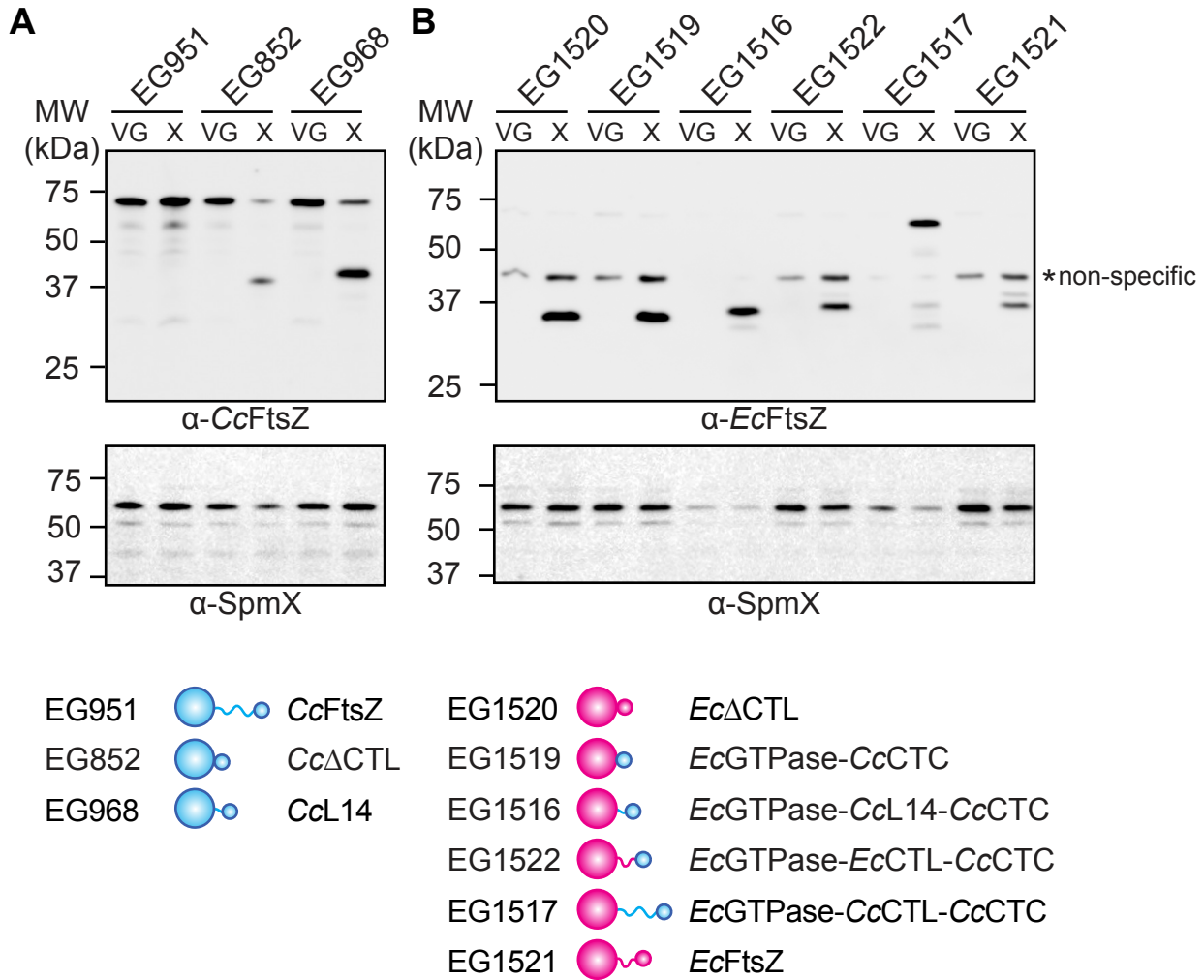


Figure S2

50 **Figure S2: FtsZ chimeras are produced to similar steady state levels.**

51 **A.-B.** Immunoblots using anti-*CcFtsZ* (**A**) and anti-*EcFtsZ* (**B**) antibodies showing levels of
52 chimeric FtsZ variants shown in Figure 1A. SpmX was used as a loading control. VG –
53 vanillate+glucose control with only WT *CcFtsZ* expression. X – xylose driven expression of
54 FtsZ chimeras for 5 hours. Anti-SpmX antibody was used as concentration control for loading.
55 Strain key: *CcFtsZ* (EG951), *Cc*ΔCTL (EG852), *CcL14* (EG968), *EcFtsZ* (EG1521), *Ec*ΔCTL
56 (EG1520), *EcGTPase-CcCTC* (EG1519), *EcGTPase-EcCTL-CcCTC* (EG1522), *EcGTPase-*
57 *CcCTL-CcCTC* (EG1517), *EcGTPase-CcL14-CcCTC* (EG1516)

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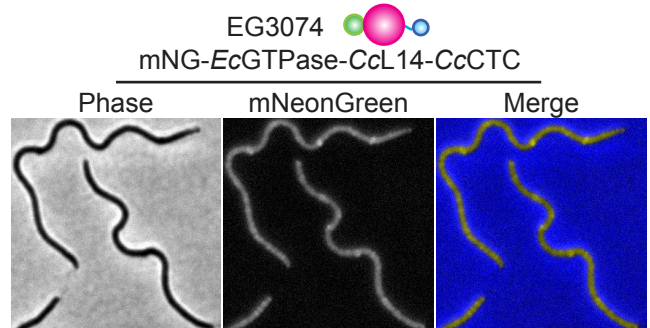
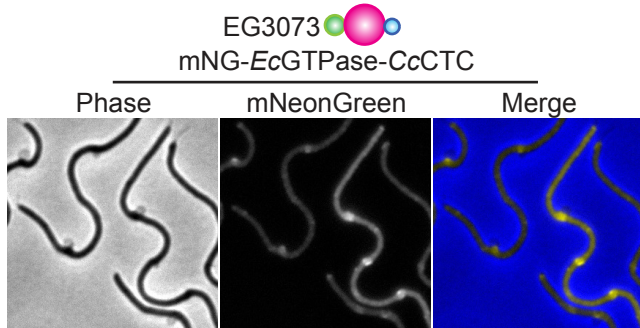
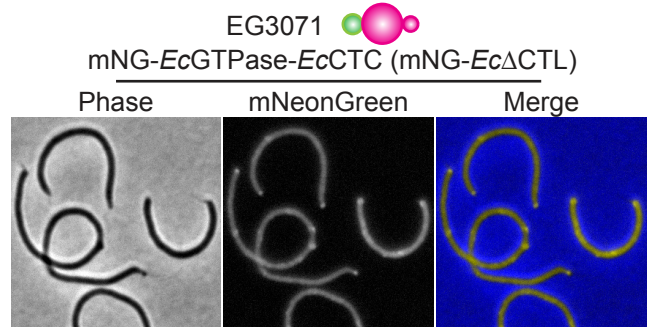
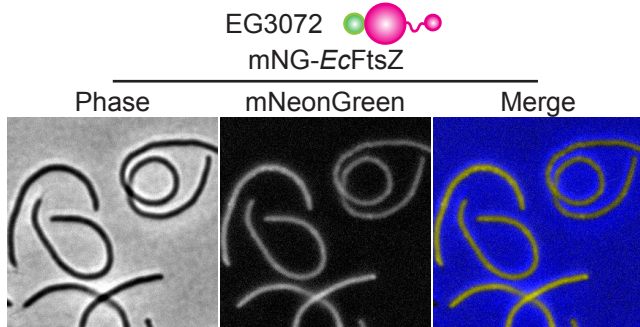
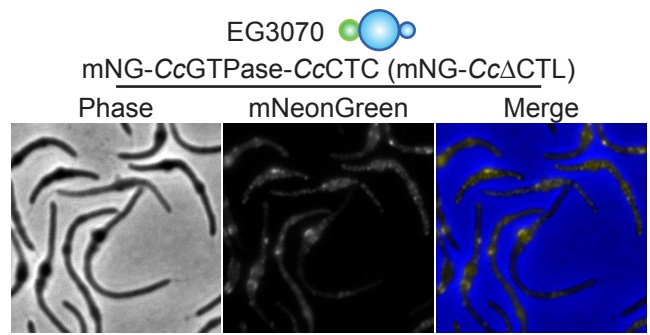
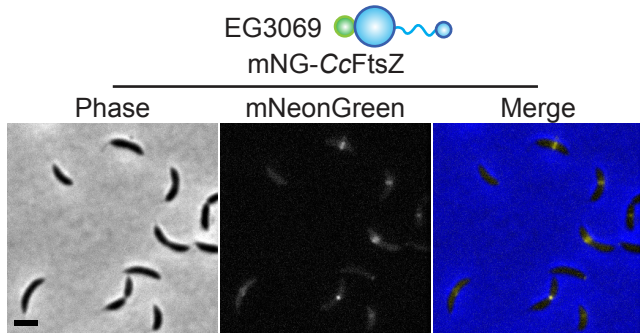


Figure S3

59 **Figure S3: The *E. coli* GTPase domain is unable to localize properly when produced in *C.***
60 ***crenscentus*.**

61 Phase contrast, epifluorescence, and merged images of cells induced with xylose to drive
62 production of indicated mNeonGreen (green) fusions to *C. crescentus* FtsZ (cyan), *E. coli* FtsZ
63 (magenta), CTL truncations, or their chimeric variants from P_{xyLX} for 5 hours prior to imaging.
64 Scale bar – 2 μm. Strain key: mNG-*Cc*FtsZ (EG3069), mNG-*Cc*ΔCTL (EG3070), mNG-*Ec*FtsZ
65 (EG3072), mNG-*Ec*ΔCTL (EG3071), mNG-*Ec*GTPase-*Cc*CTC (EG3073), mNG-*Ec*GTPase-
66 *Cc*L14-*Cc*CTC (EG3074)

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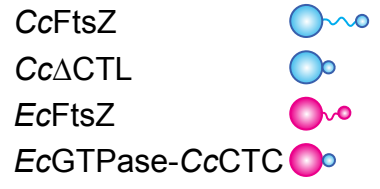
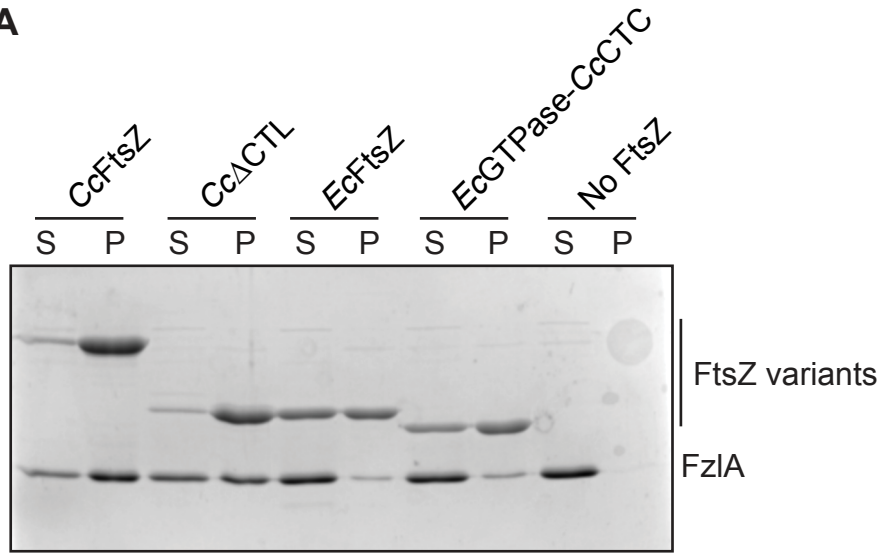
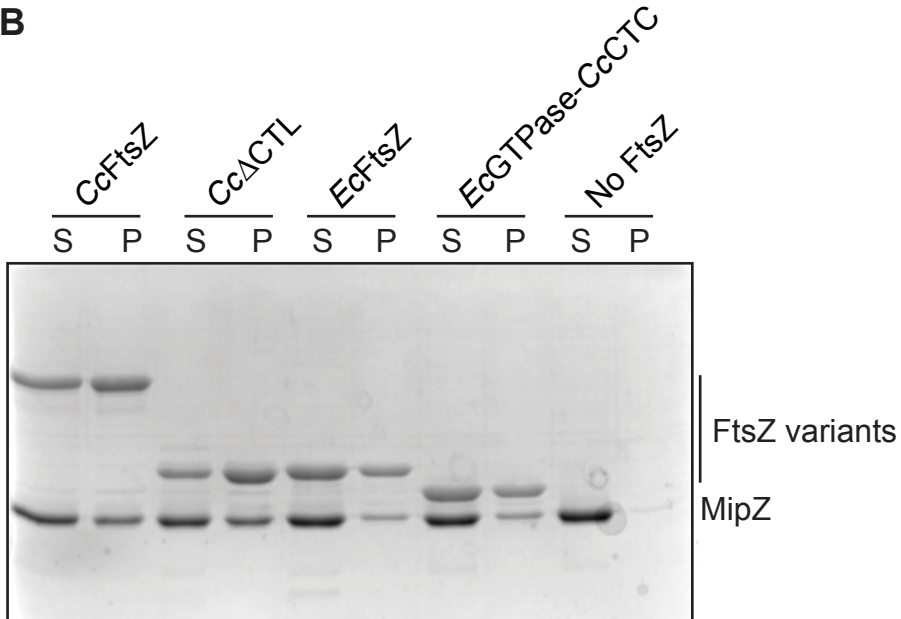
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Figure S4

68 **Figure S4: FzlA and MipZ do not bind efficiently to the GTPase domain of *E. coli* FtsZ.**

69 **A.-B.** Coomassie-stained SDS-PAGE of supernatant (S) and pellet (P) after high-speed

70 centrifugation of 5 μ M FzlA (**A**) or MipZ (**B**) with 5 μ M *Cc*FtsZ, *Cc* Δ CTL, *Ec*FtsZ, *Ec*GTPase-

71 *Cc*CTC, or no FtsZ variant incubated in HEK50 buffer with 10 mM MgCl₂, 2 mM GTP, 0.05%

72 Triton X-100, and, for B., 2 mM ATP.

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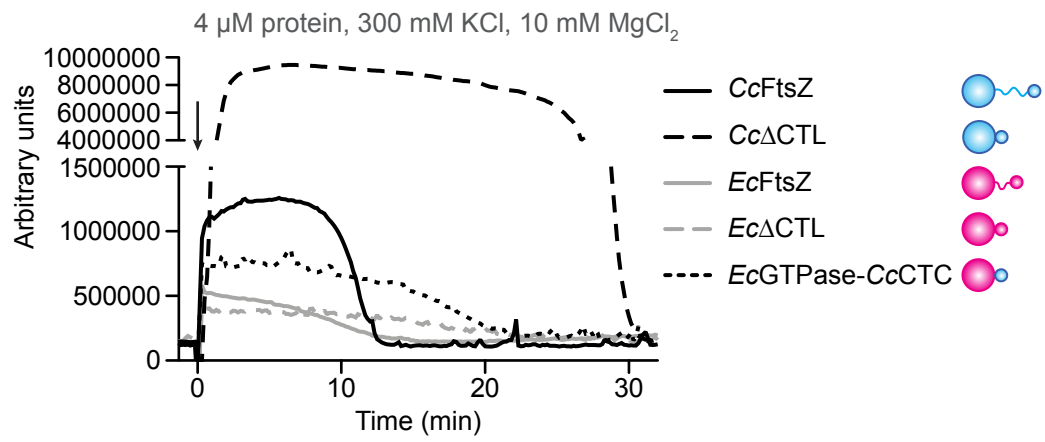


Figure S5

74 **Figure S5: *C. crescentus* and *E. coli* Δ CTL variants exhibit increased stability compared to**
75 **their respective FtsZs**

76 Right angle light scatter at 350 nm over time for 4 μ M FtsZ variants incubated in HEK300 buffer
77 with 10 mM MgCl₂ and 0.5 mM GTP (added at time $t = 0$ min; black arrow). Representative
78 curves of three independent replicates are shown for each variant.

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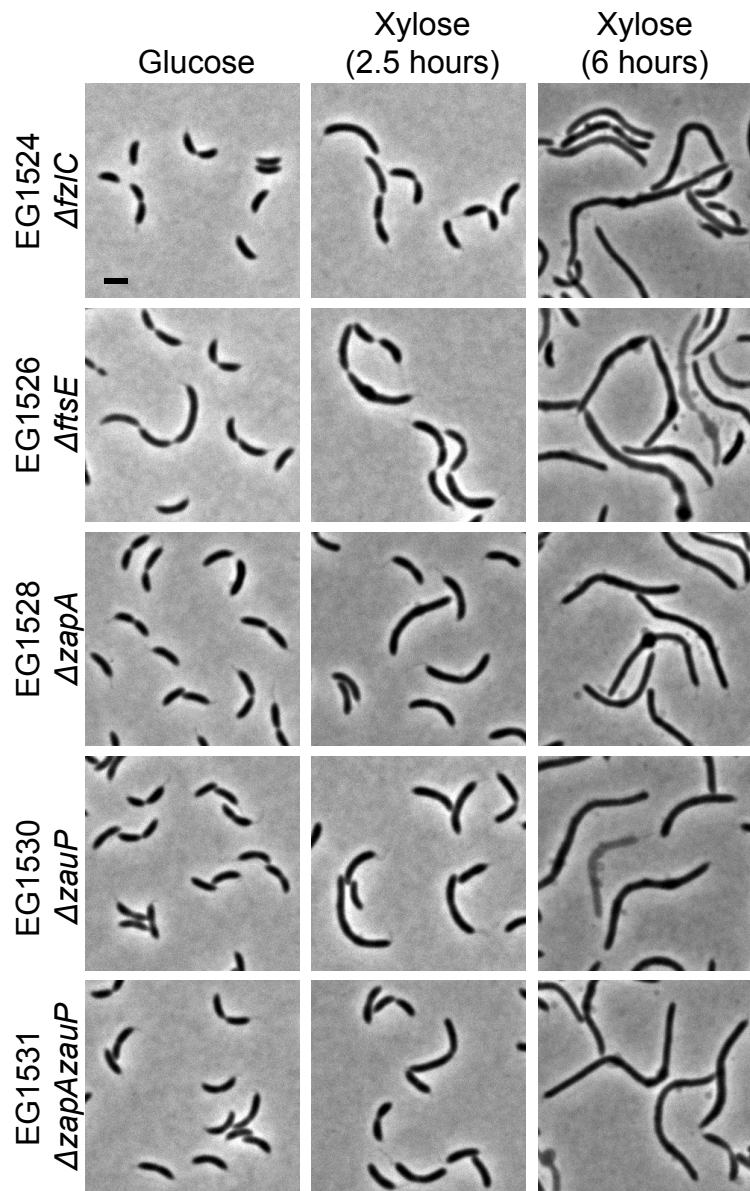


Figure S6

80 **Figure S6: Non-essential FtsZ-binding partners are not required for ΔCTL -induced bulges.**

81 Phase contrast images showing the morphologies of cells in the absence and presence of inducer

82 (xylose) for expression of ΔCTL in strains deleted for the non-essential binding partners of FtsZ.

83 Scale bar – 2 μm . Strain key (all have xylose-inducible ΔCTL): $\Delta fzIC$ (EG1524), $\Delta ftsE$

84 (EG1526), $\Delta zapA$ (EG1528), $\Delta zauP$ (EG1530), $\Delta zapA\ zauP$ (EG1531)

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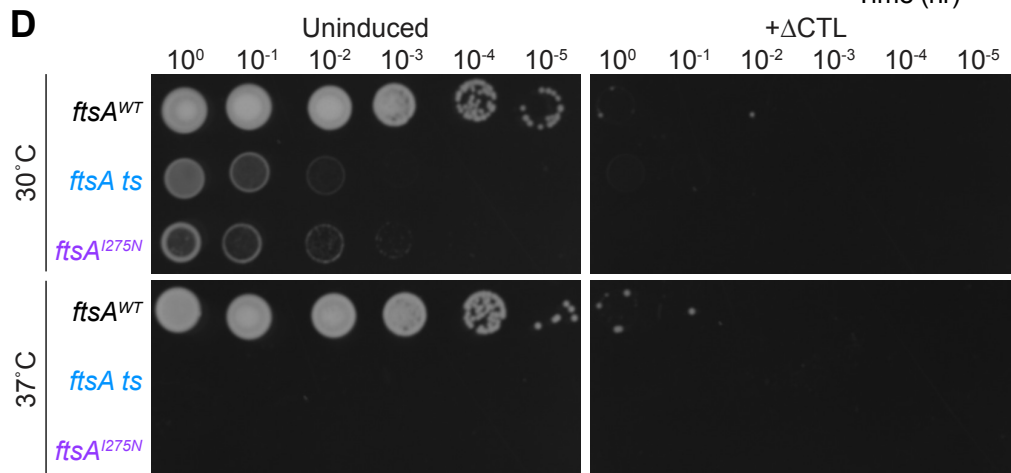
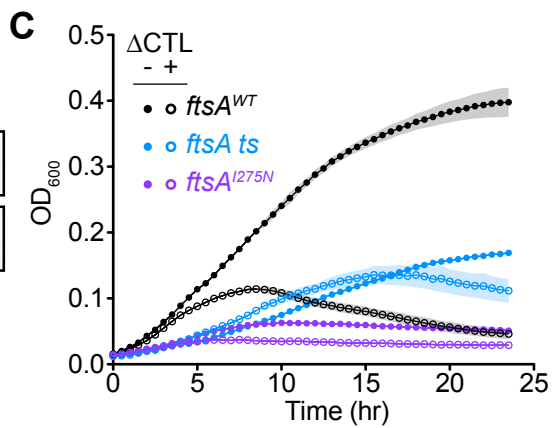
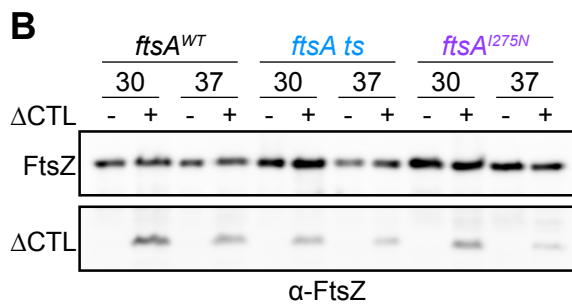
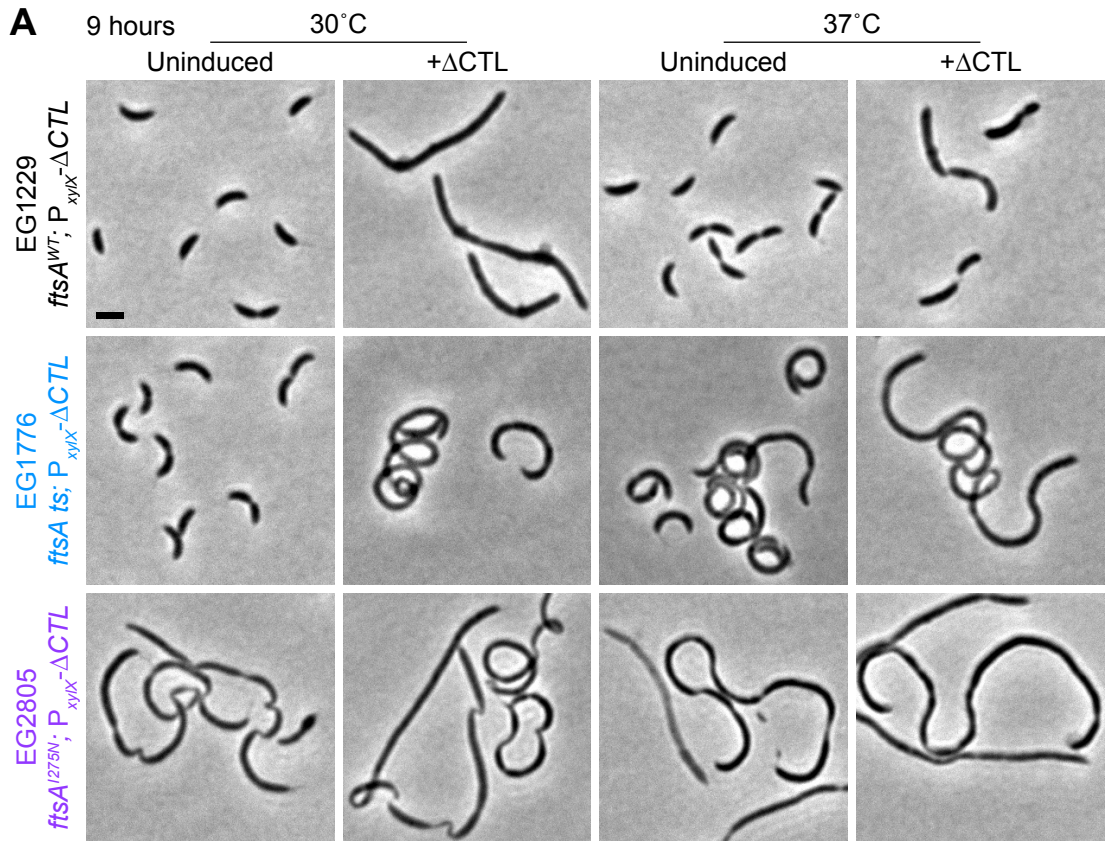
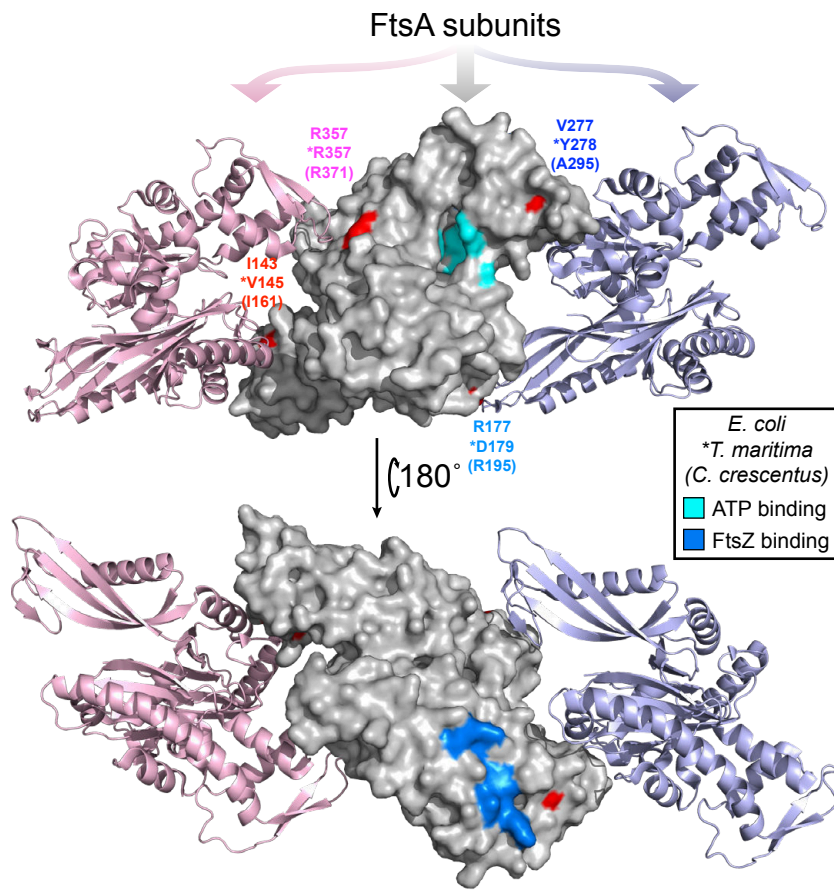


Figure S7

86 **Figure S7: A temperature sensitive *ftsA* mutant suppresses formation of ΔCTL -induced**
87 **bulges.**

88 **A.** Phase contrast images of cells with WT *ftsA* or a temperature sensitive allele of *ftsA* in its
89 original mutagenized background (*ftsA ts*) or in an otherwise wild type background (*ftsA^{I275N}*)
90 uninduced with glucose or induced with xylose (+ ΔCTL) for ΔCTL expression at 30°C or 37°C
91 for 9 hours prior to imaging. Scale bar – 2 μm . **B.** Immunoblot using anti-FtsZ antibody on
92 lysates from strains from A. uninduced with glucose (- ΔCTL) or induced with xylose (+ ΔCTL)
93 for ΔCTL expression at 30°C or 37°C for 9 hours. **C.** Growth characteristics of the strains from
94 A. uninduced (closed circles) or induced (open circles) for ΔCTL expression and grown for 24
95 hours at 30°C. Shaded regions represent SD of three technical replicates at each point. **D.** Spot
96 dilutions of strains from A. Cells in log phase were diluted to an OD₆₀₀ of 0.05, serially diluted,
97 and spotted onto PYE agar plates with either glucose (uninduced) or xylose (+ ΔCTL). Plates
98 were incubated at 30°C for 48 hours before imaging. Strain key (all have xylose-inducible
99 ΔCTL): *ftsA^{WT}* (EG1229), *ftsA ts* (EG1776), *ftsA^{I275N}* (EG2805)



Adapted from PDB: 4A2B

Figure S8

101 **Figure S8: Locations of *ftsA* point mutations proposed to disrupt self-interaction.**

102 Each of the four analogous residues proposed to disrupt FtsA self-interaction (red) mapped onto
103 a surface rendering (grey) of *T. maritima* FtsA in complex with two other FtsA monomers
104 (cartoon, pink and lilac). Analogous residues in *E. coli*, *T. maritima*, and *C. crescentus* are
105 indicated next to each location. The ATP- and FtsZ-binding sites are indicated in cyan and blue,
106 respectively. Model was constructed using PDB: 4A2B in the PyMOL (12) program.

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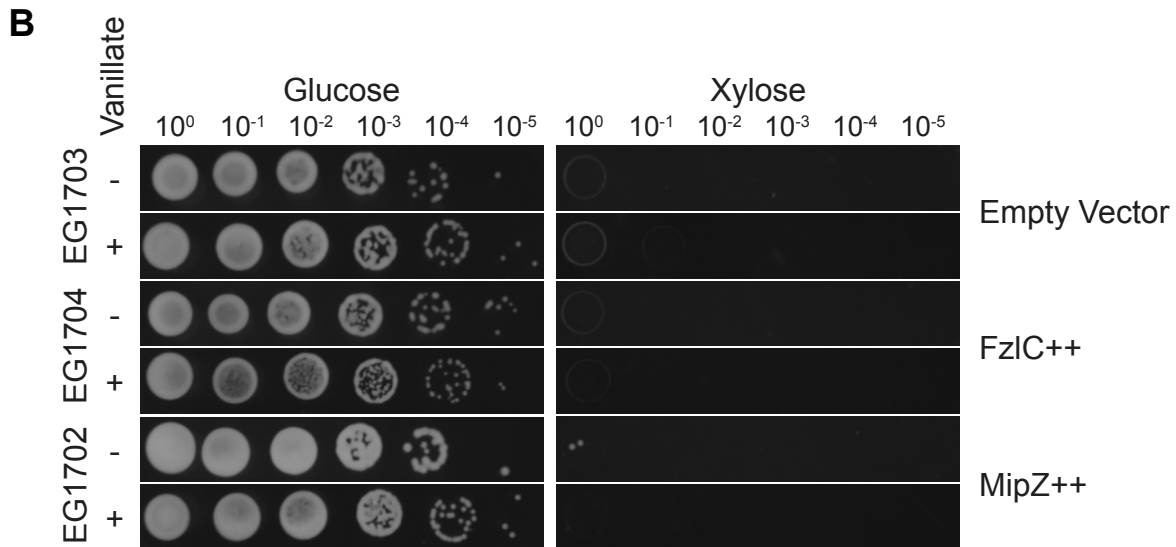
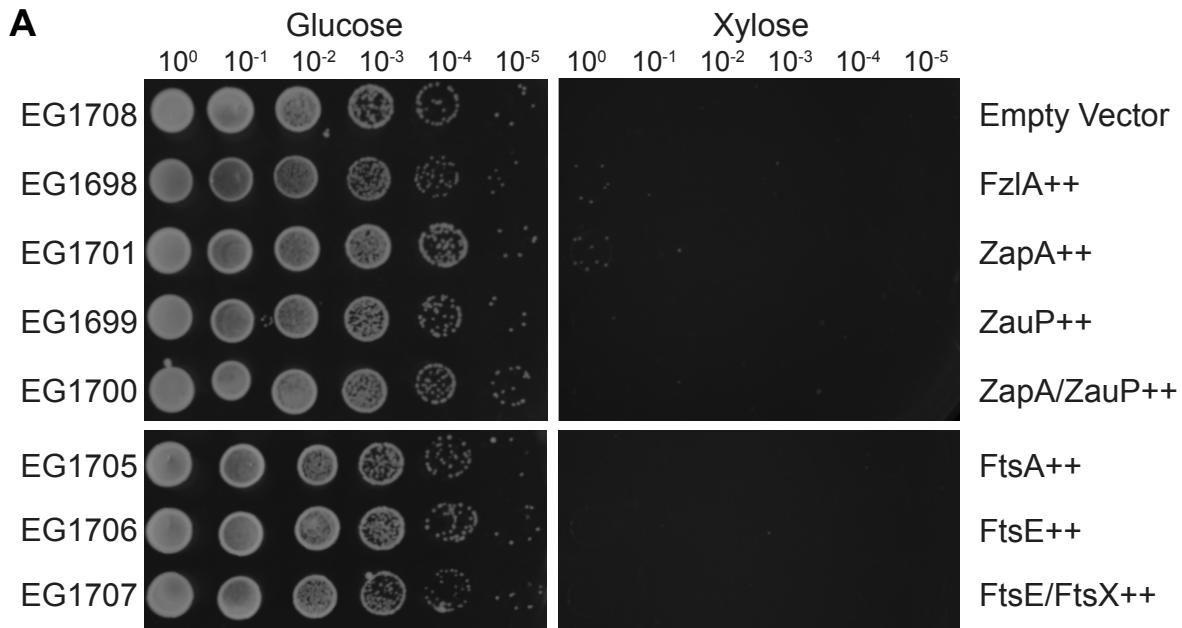


Figure S9

108 **Figure S9: Overexpression of FtsZ binding partners does not suppress ΔCTL -induced**
109 **growth defects.**

110 **A.-B.** Spot dilutions of strains in Figure 3 showing growth of cells uninduced (glucose) or
111 induced (xylose) for ΔCTL expression. Cells in log phase were diluted to an OD_{600} of 0.05,
112 serially diluted, and spotted onto PYE agar plates with indicated inducer (glucose, xylose, and/or
113 vanillate). Plates were incubated at 30°C for 48 hours before imaging. Strain key (all have
114 xylose-inducible ΔCTL): Empty Vector (EG1708), FzlA⁺⁺ (EG1698), ZapA⁺⁺ (EG1701),
115 ZauP⁺⁺ (EG1699), ZapA/ZauP⁺⁺ (EG1700), FtsA⁺⁺ (EG1705), FtsE⁺⁺ (EG1706),
116 FtsE/FtsX⁺⁺ (EG1707), Empty Vector (EG1703), FzlC⁺⁺ (EG1704), MipZ⁺⁺ (EG1702)

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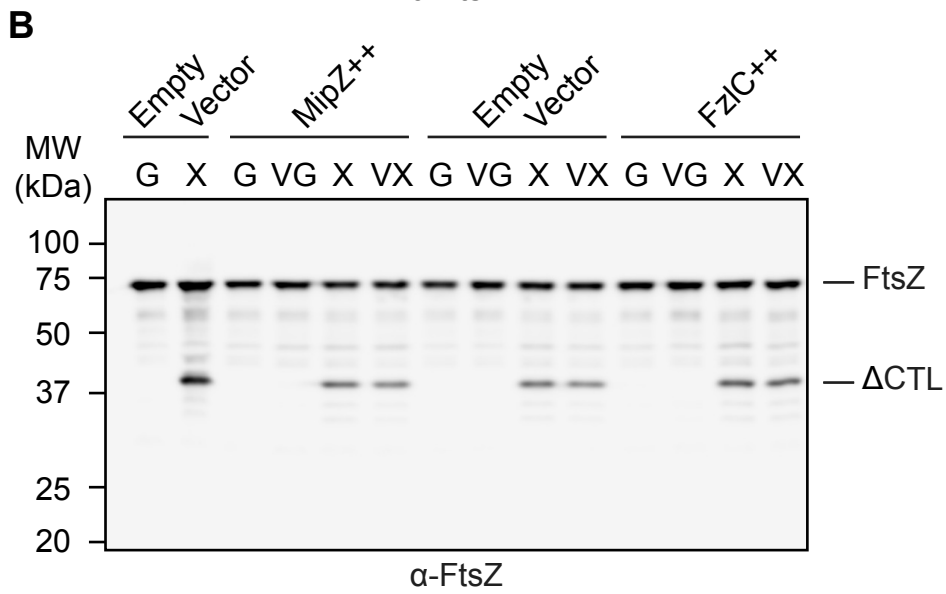
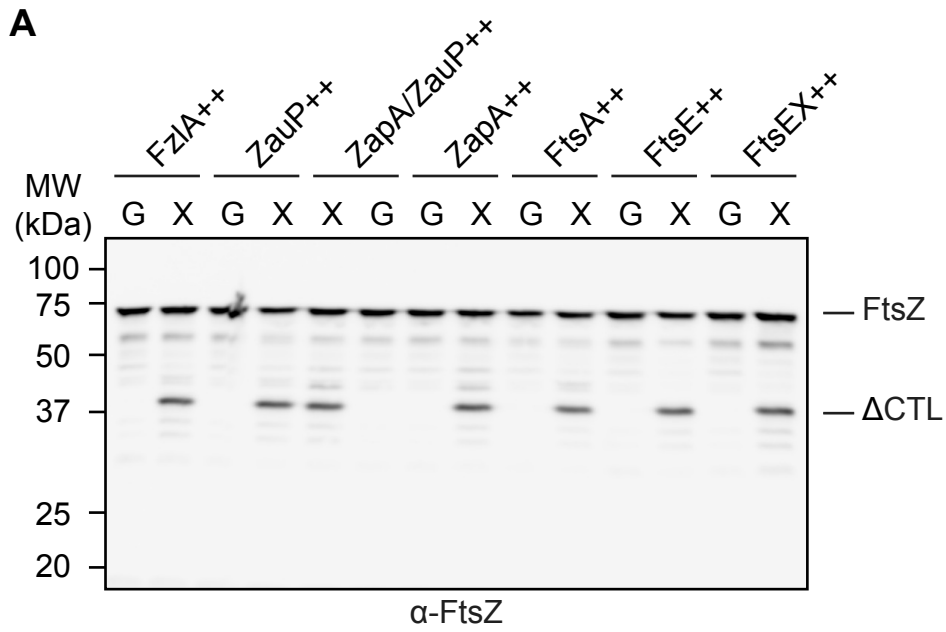


Figure S10

118 **Figure S10: Levels of FtsZ and Δ CTL are not impacted by overexpression of binding**
119 **partners.**

120 **A.-B.** Immunoblots using anti-FtsZ antibody showing protein levels of Δ CTL and WT FtsZ
121 corresponding to the experiments in Figure 3 at 6.5 hours of incubation with inducers (glucose or
122 G, vanillate or V, xylose or X). Strain key (all have xylose-inducible *Δ CTL*): Empty Vector
123 (EG1708), FzlA⁺⁺ (EG1698), ZapA⁺⁺ (EG1701), ZauP⁺⁺ (EG1699), ZapA/ZauP⁺⁺ (EG1700),
124 FtsA⁺⁺ (EG1705), FtsE⁺⁺ (EG1706), FtsE/FtsX⁺⁺ (EG1707), Empty Vector (EG1703), FzlC⁺⁺
125 (EG1704), MipZ⁺⁺ (EG1702)

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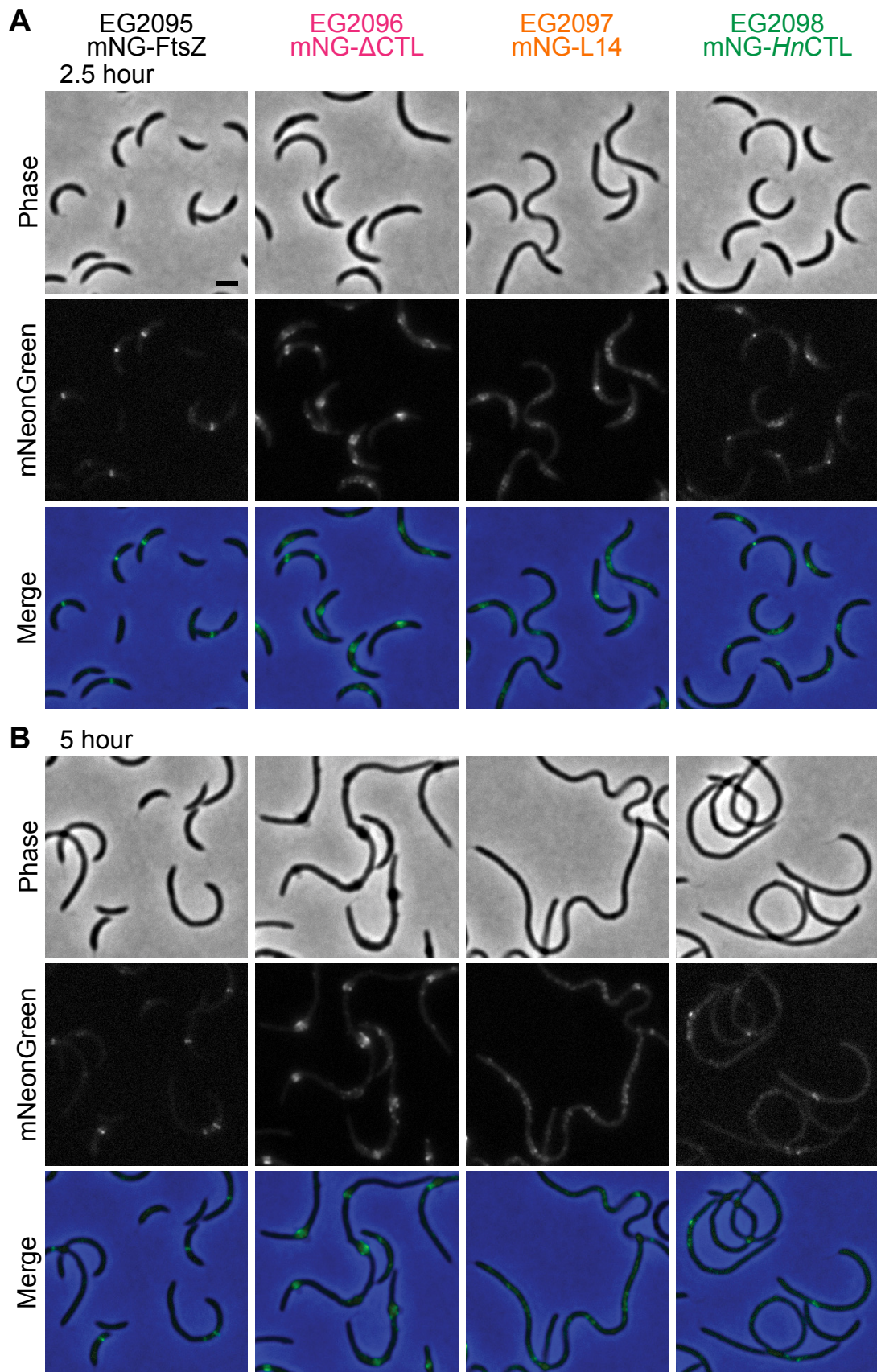


Figure S11

127 **Figure S11: Δ CTL assembles into large asymmetric superstructures at sites of cell wall**
128 **bulging in cells depleted of WT FtsZ.**

129 **A.-B.** Phase contrast, epifluorescence, and merged images of cells induced with xylose to drive
130 expression of *mNG-FtsZ*, *mNG- Δ CTL*, *mNG-L14*, or *mNG-HnCTL* from P_{xyIX} promoter for 2.5
131 hours (**A**) or 5 hours (**B**) while simultaneously depleting WT FtsZ. Scale bar – 2 μ m. Strain key:
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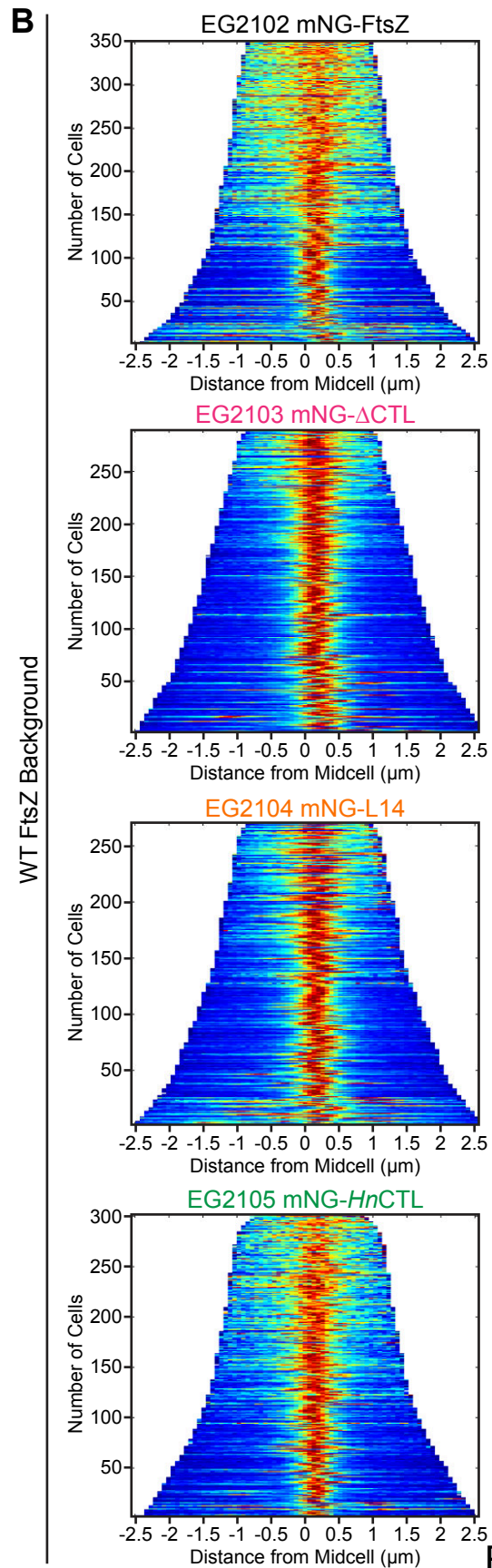
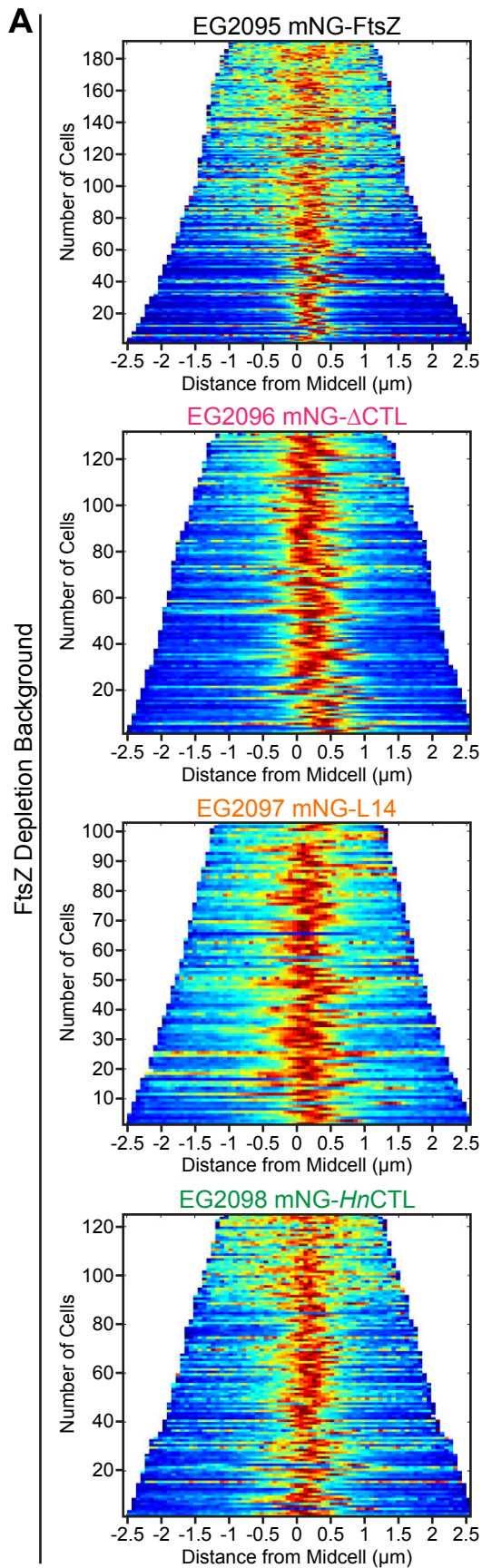


Figure S12

134 **Figure S12: Demographs show differences in FtsZ distribution among CTL variants in**
135 **FtsZ depletion and FtsZ WT backgrounds.**

136 **A.-B.** Demographs showing mNG intensity as a function of cell length (blue = least intense pixel
137 in each cell, red = most intense pixel in each cell) of a population of cells (length $\leq 5 \mu\text{m}$)
138 represented in Figure 5A (**A**) and Figure S14A (**B**). Strain key: mNG-FtsZ (EG2095), mNG-
139 Δ CTL (EG2096), mNG-L14 (EG2097), mNG-*Hn*CTL (EG2098), mNG-FtsZ/FtsZ (EG2102),
140 mNG- Δ CTL/FtsZ (EG2103), mNG-L14/FtsZ (EG2104), mNG-*Hn*CTL/FtsZ (EG2105)

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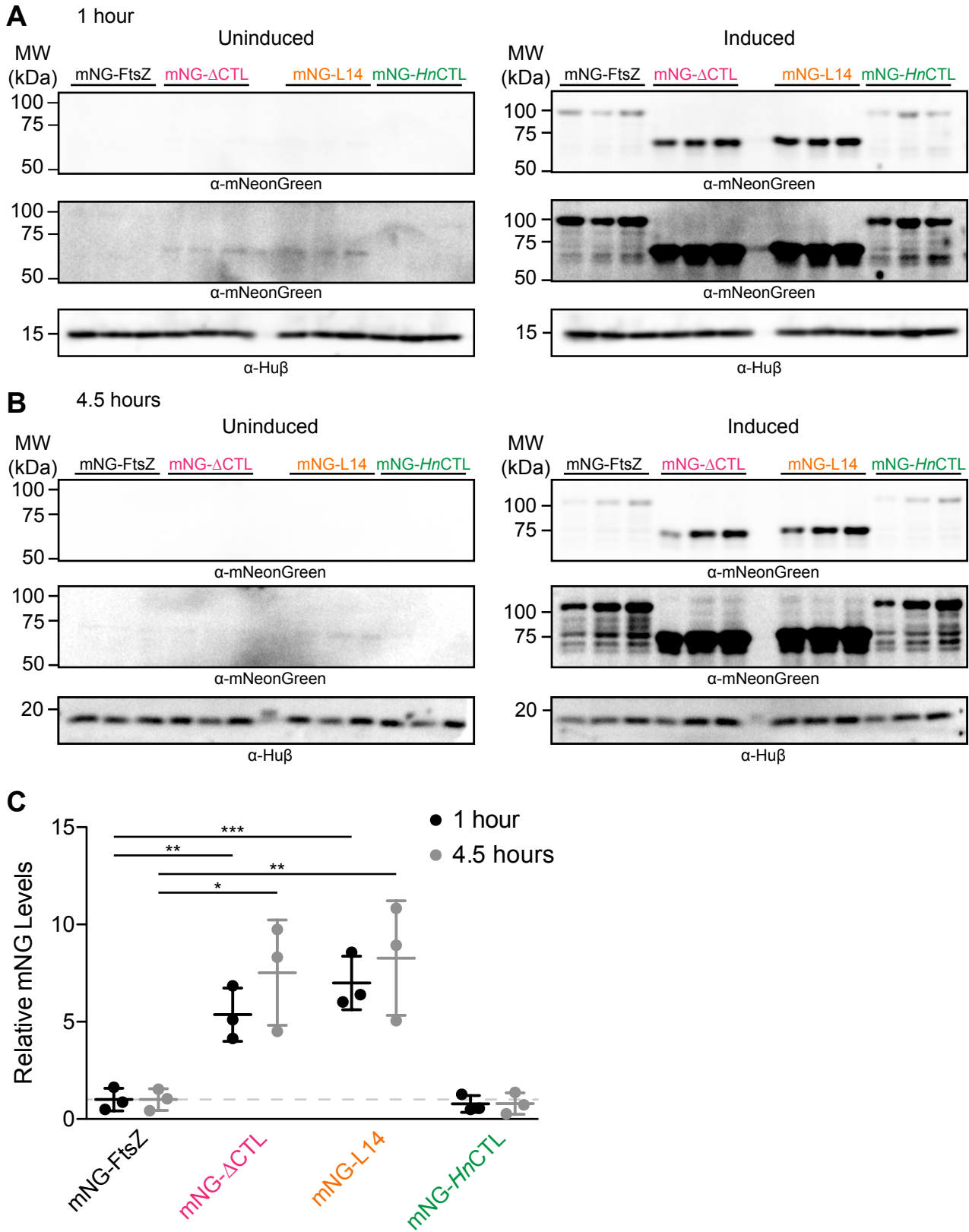


Figure S13

142 **Figure S13: mNG- Δ CTL and mNG-L14 FtsZ variants are present at elevated levels in cells**
143 **depleted for WT FtsZ.**

144 **A.-B.** Immunoblots using anti-mNeonGreen antibody against lysates from cells depleted for FtsZ
145 and uninduced (glucose and vanillate) or induced (xylose) for *mNG-FtsZ*, *mNG- Δ CTL*, *mNG-*
146 *L14*, or *mNG-HnCTL* for 1 hour (**A**) or 4.5 hours (**B**). Overexposed blots are also shown below
147 each blot to validate lack of signal in uninduced controls. Anti-Hu β antibody was used as
148 concentration control for loading and quantification. **C.** Quantification of immunoblots from A.
149 and B. showing relative abundance of mNG-FtsZ variants after 1 hour (black) or 4.5 hours
150 (grey). Bars represent standard deviation. * - $P \leq 0.05$; ** - $P \leq 0.01$; *** - $P \leq 0.001$. Strain key:
151 mNG-FtsZ (EG2095), mNG- Δ CTL (EG2096), mNG-L14 (EG2097), mNG-*HnCTL* (EG2098)

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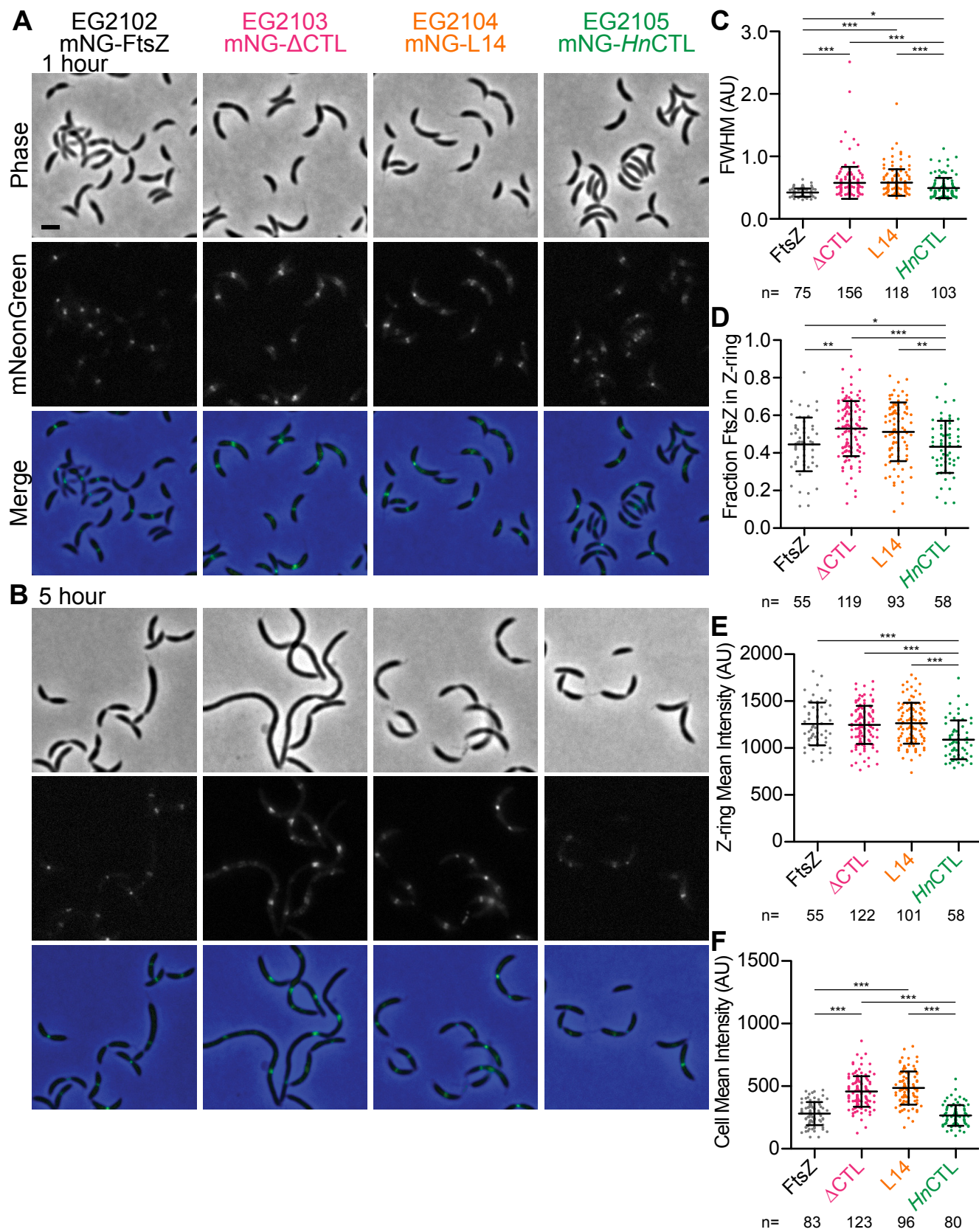


Figure S14

153 **Figure S14: The CTL impacts Z-ring organization in the presence of WT FtsZ.**

154 **A.-B.** Phase contrast, epifluorescence, and merged images of cells induced with xylose to drive
155 expression of *mNG-FtsZ*, *mNG-ΔCTL*, *mNG-L14*, or *mNG-HnCTL* from P_{xyIX} promoter for 1
156 hour (**A**) or 5 hours (**B**) in strains producing WT FtsZ. **C.-F.** Quantification of epifluorescence
157 images of cells 3 to 5 μm long indicating the full-width at half max (FWHM) values of Z-ring
158 intensity (**C**), fraction of mNG-FtsZ or variants in the Z-ring (**D**), and mean epifluorescence
159 intensity of the whole cells (**E**) or the Z-ring (**F**) in a WT FtsZ background. Bars represent
160 standard deviation. * - $P \leq 0.05$; ** - $P \leq 0.01$; *** - $P \leq 0.001$. Numbers of cells per strain are
161 indicated for each measurement. Strain key: mNG-FtsZ/FtsZ (EG2102), mNG-ΔCTL/FtsZ
162 (EG2103), mNG-L14/FtsZ (EG2104), mNG-HnCTL/FtsZ (EG2105)

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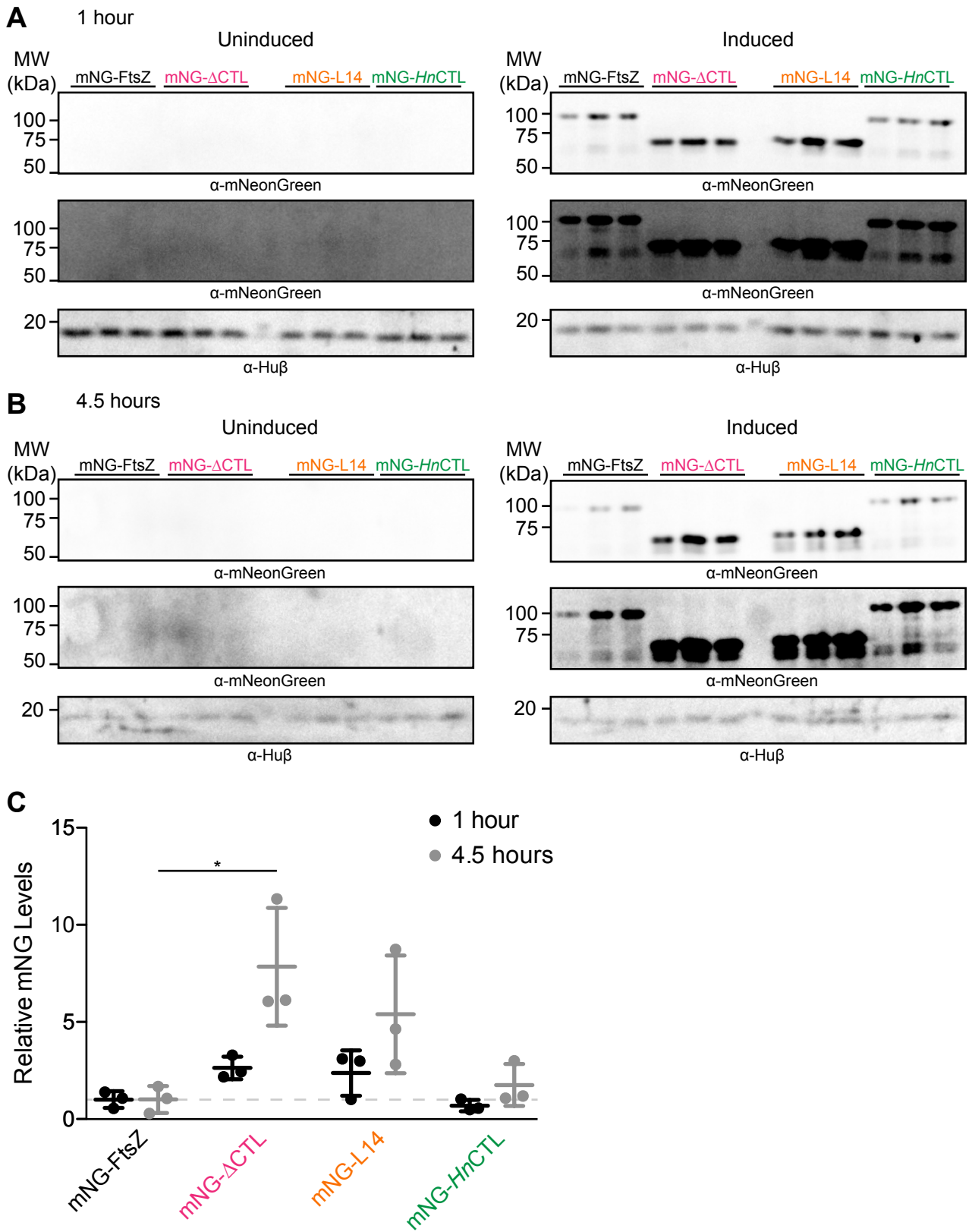


Figure S15

164 **Figure S15: mNG- Δ CTL FtsZ is present at elevated levels in the presence of WT FtsZ.**

165 **A.-B.** Immunoblots using anti-mNeonGreen antibody against lysates from cells uninduced

166 (glucose) or induced (xylose) for *mNG-FtsZ*, *mNG- Δ CTL*, *mNG-L14*, or *mNG-HnCTL* for 1 hour

167 (**A**) or 4.5 hours (**B**). Overexposed blots are also shown below each blot to validate lack of signal

168 in uninduced controls. Anti-Hu β antibody was used as concentration control for loading and

169 quantification. **C.** Quantification of immunoblots from A. and B. showing relative abundance of

170 mNG-FtsZ variants after 1 hour (black) or 4.5 hours (grey). Bars represent standard deviation. * -

171 $P \leq 0.05$. Strain key: mNG-FtsZ/FtsZ (EG2102), mNG- Δ CTL/FtsZ (EG2103), mNG-L14/FtsZ

172 (EG2104), mNG-*HnCTL*/FtsZ (EG2105)

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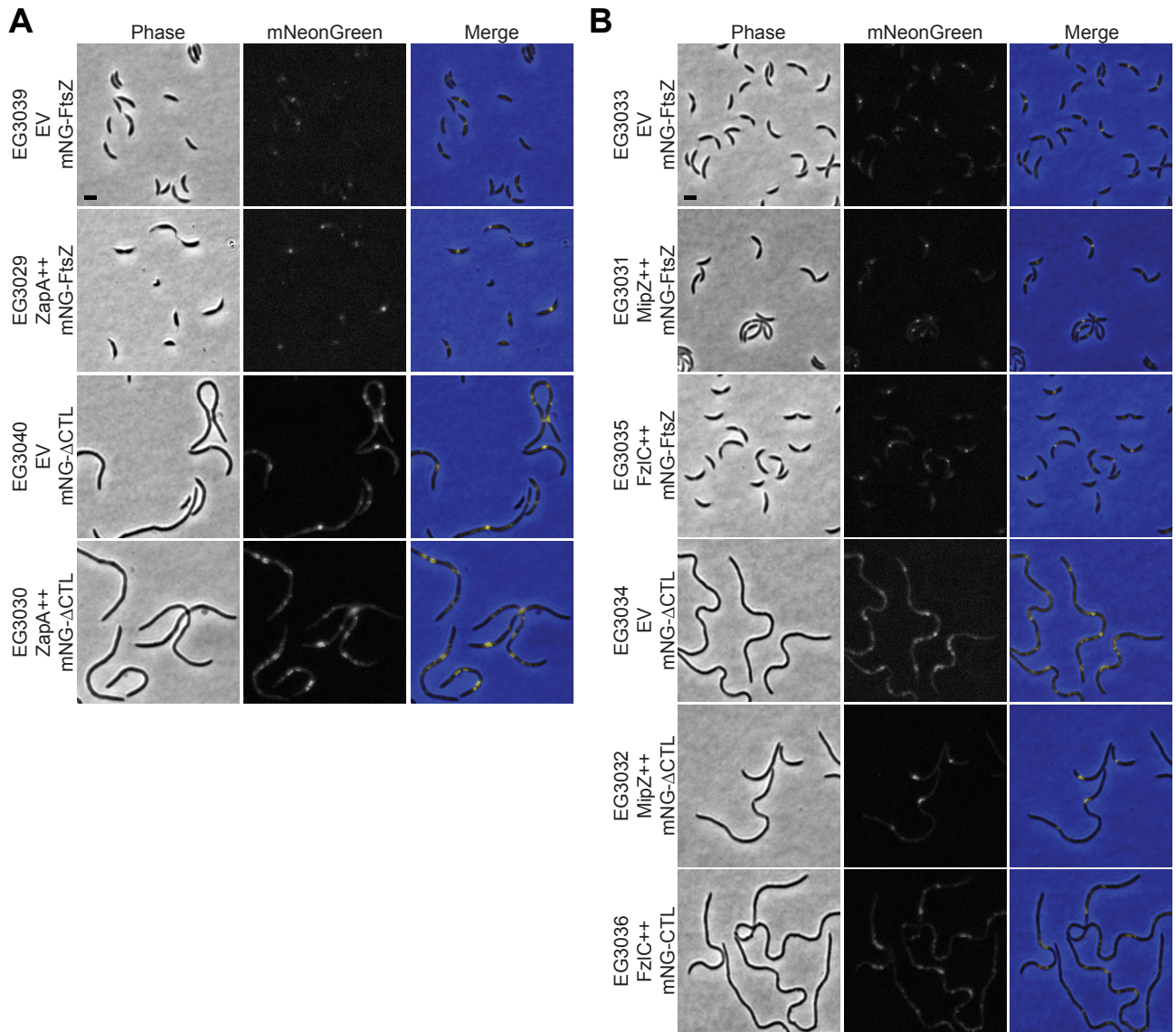


Figure S16

174 **Figure S16: mNG-FtsZ and mNG- Δ CTL localization are unaffected by overproduction of**
175 **ZapA, MipZ, or FzlC.**

176 **A.** Phase contrast, epifluorescence, and merged images of cells induced with xylose to drive
177 expression of either *mNG-FtsZ* or *mNG- Δ CTL* and empty vector or *zapA* from P_{xyIX} promoter for
178 6.5 hours. **B.** Phase contrast, epifluorescence, and merged images of cells induced with xylose
179 and vanillate to drive expression of either *mNG-FtsZ* or *mNG- Δ CTL* from P_{xyIX} and empty vector,
180 *mipZ*, or *fzlC* from P_{vanA} promoter for 6.5 hours. Scale bar – 2 μ m. Strain key: Empty
181 vector/mNG-FtsZ (EG3039), ZapA⁺⁺/mNG-FtsZ (EG3029), Empty vector/mNG- Δ CTL (EG
182 3040), ZapA⁺⁺/mNG- Δ CTL (EG3030), Empty vector/mNG-FtsZ (EG3033), MipZ⁺⁺/mNG-
183 FtsZ (EG3031); FzlC⁺⁺/mNG-FtsZ (EG3035); Empty vector/mNG- Δ CTL (EG3034),
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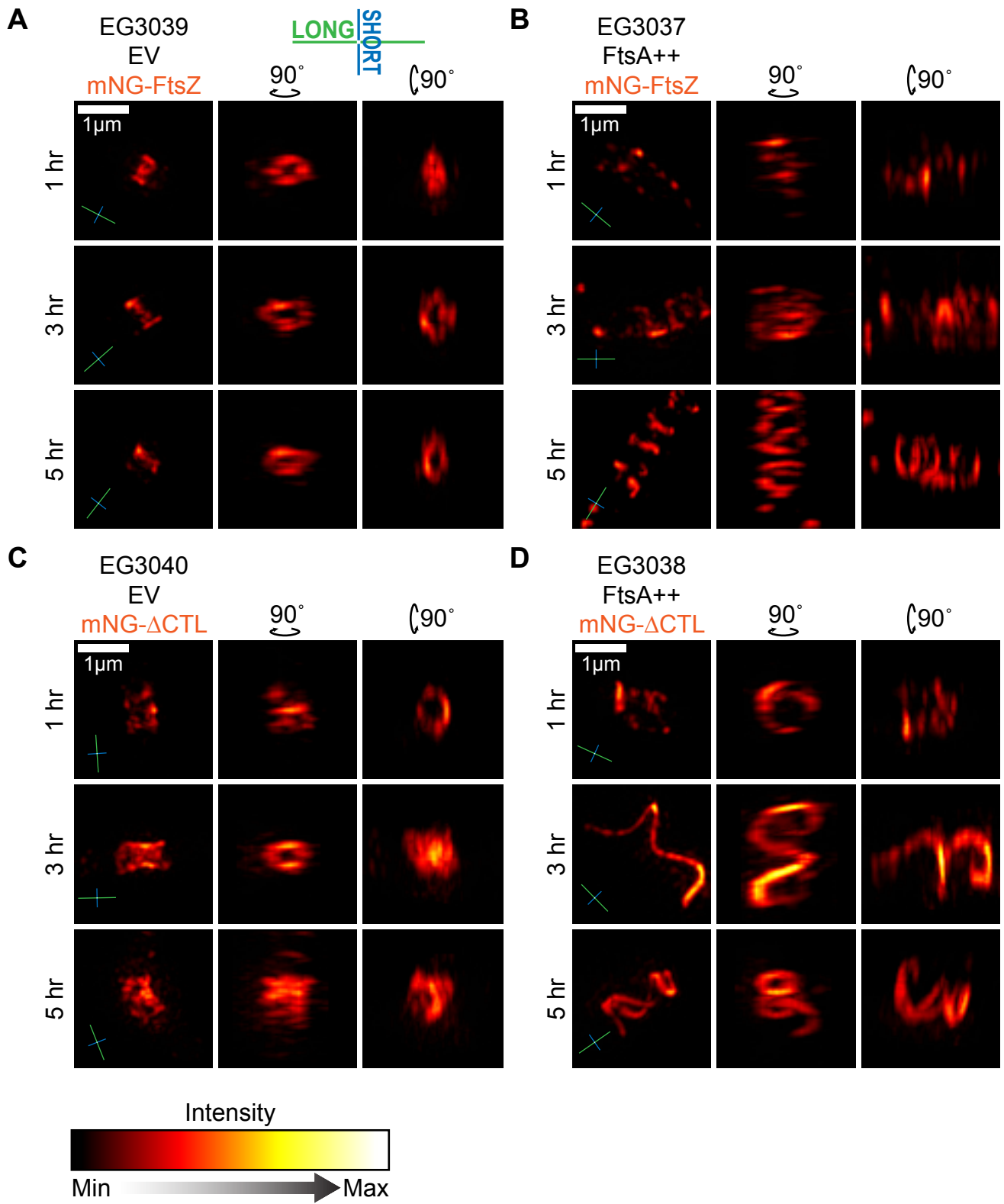


Figure S17

186 **Figure S17: FtsA overproduction interferes with Z-ring assembly and causes mNG- Δ CTL**
187 **to form long helical structures *in vivo***

188 **A.-D.** Orthogonal views of 3D-projections of image stacks acquired by 3D-SIM visualization of
189 Z-rings in cells induced with xylose to drive expression of empty vector and *mNG-FtsZ* (**A**), *ftsA*
190 and *mNG-FtsZ* (**B**), empty vector and *mNG- Δ CTL* (**C**), or *ftsA* and *mNG- Δ CTL* (**D**) from P_{xyI_X}
191 promotor for indicated amounts of time. Compasses in lower left of each image indicate the
192 orientation of long (green) and short (blue) axes of cells. Scale bars – 1 μ m. Strain key: Empty
193 vector/*mNG-FtsZ* (EG3039), FtsA⁺⁺/*mNG-FtsZ* (EG3037), Empty vector/*mNG- Δ CTL*
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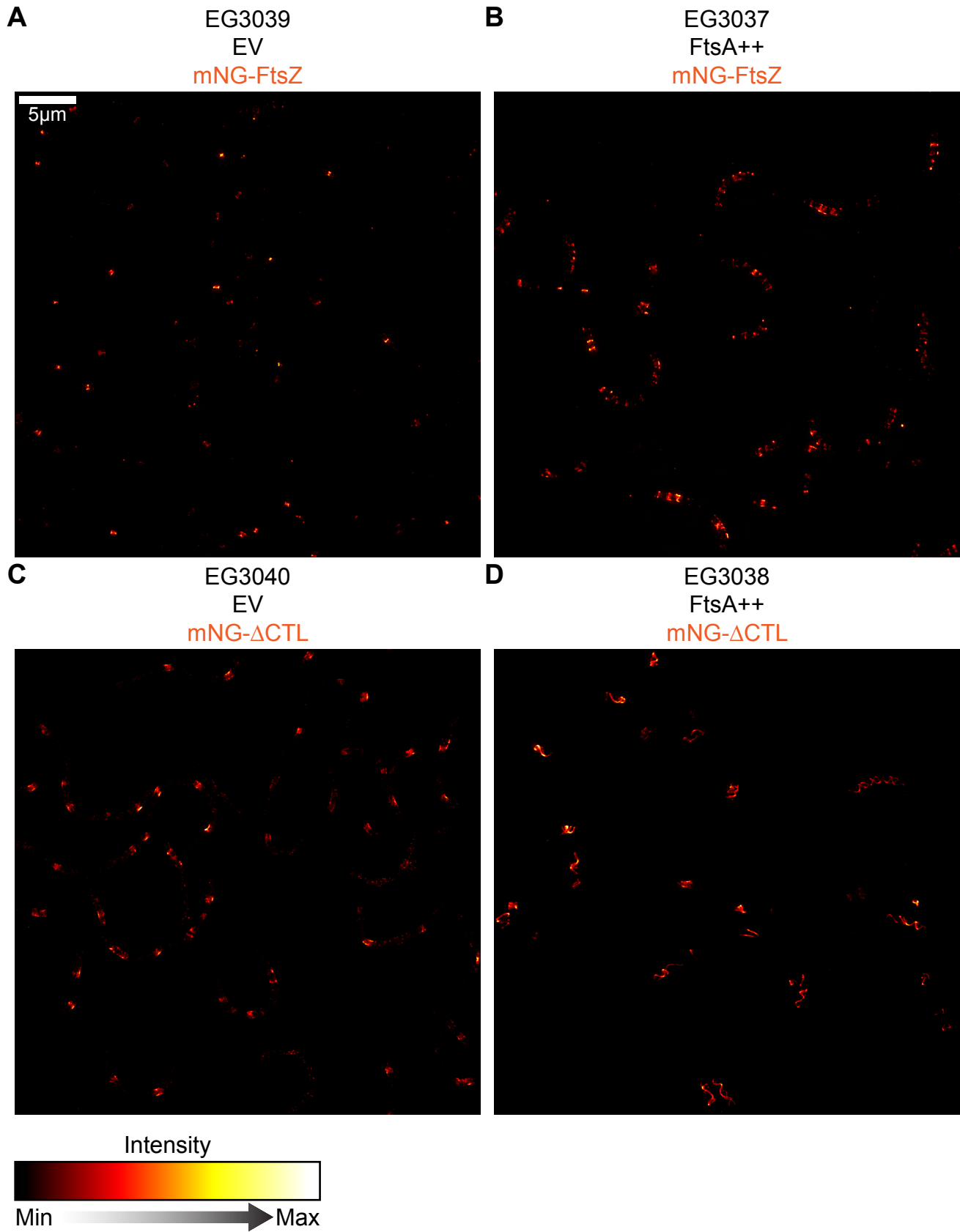


Figure S18

196 **Figure S18: Representative 3D-SIM z-projections showing mNG-FtsZ and mNG- Δ CTL Z-**
197 **ring morphologies.**

198 **A.-D.** Three dimensional z-projections generated from whole field of view image stacks
199 acquired by 3D-SIM visualization of Z-rings in cells induced with xylose to drive expression of
200 empty vector and *mNG-FtsZ* (**A**), *ftsA* and *mNG-FtsZ* (**B**), empty vector and *mNG- Δ CTL* (**C**), or
201 *ftsA* and *mNG- Δ CTL* (**D**) from P_{xyLX} promotor for 5 hours prior to imaging. Scale bar – 5 μ m.
202 Strain key: Empty vector/mNG-FtsZ (EG3039), FtsA⁺⁺/mNG-FtsZ (EG3037), Empty
203 vector/mNG- Δ CTL (EG3040), FtsA⁺⁺/mNG- Δ CTL (EG3038)

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205 **Supplemental Videos S1-4: Movies of 3D-SIM mNG-FtsZ or mNG- Δ CTL Z-ring**
206 **morphologies**

207 Movies showing wobble representations of three-dimensional z-projections generated from fields
208 of view from image stacks acquired by 3D-SIM visualization of cells induced with xylose to
209 drive expression of *mNG-FtsZ* and empty vector (**1**), *mNG-FtsZ* and *ftsA* (**2**), *mNG- Δ CTL* and
210 empty vector (**3**), or *mNG- Δ CTL* and *ftsA* (**4**) from P_{xytX} promoter for 5 hours prior to imaging.
211 Scale bar – 1 μ m. Strain key: Empty vector/mNG-FtsZ (EG3039), FtsA⁺⁺/mNG-FtsZ (EG3037),
212 Empty vector/mNG- Δ CTL (EG3040), FtsA⁺⁺/mNG- Δ CTL (EG3038)

213 **Supplemental Table S1: List of strains used in this study**

214 **Supplemental Table S2: List of plasmids used in this study**

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