

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### **Fingerloop activates cargo delivery and unloading during co-translational protein targeting**

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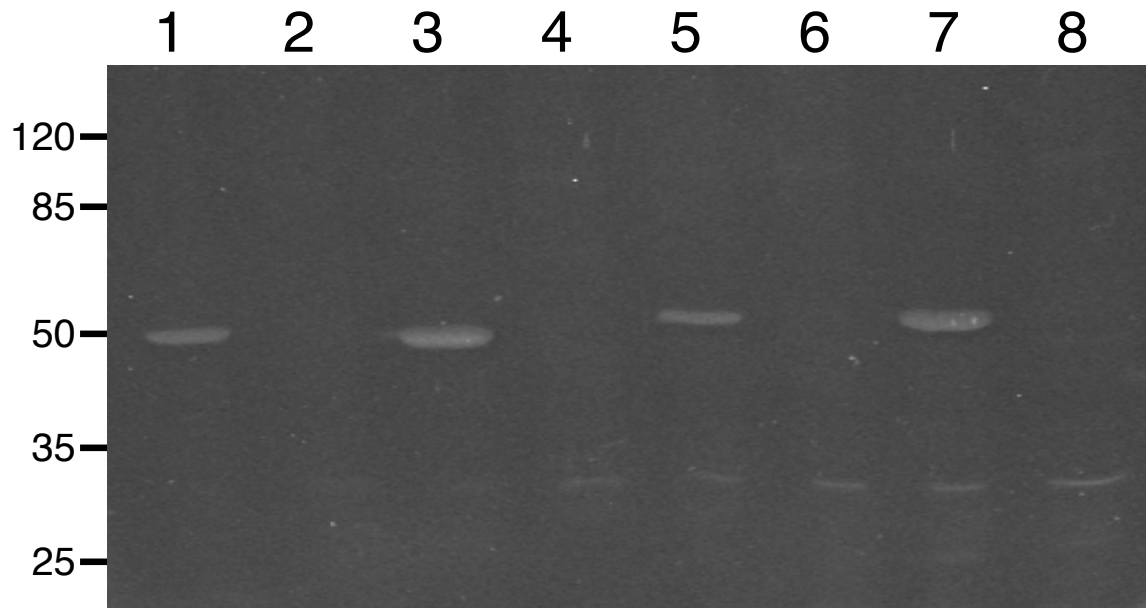
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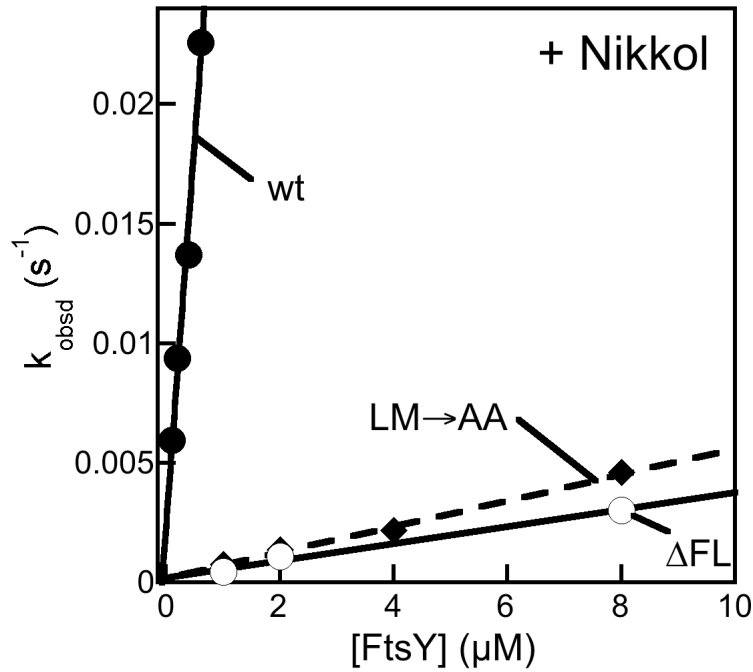
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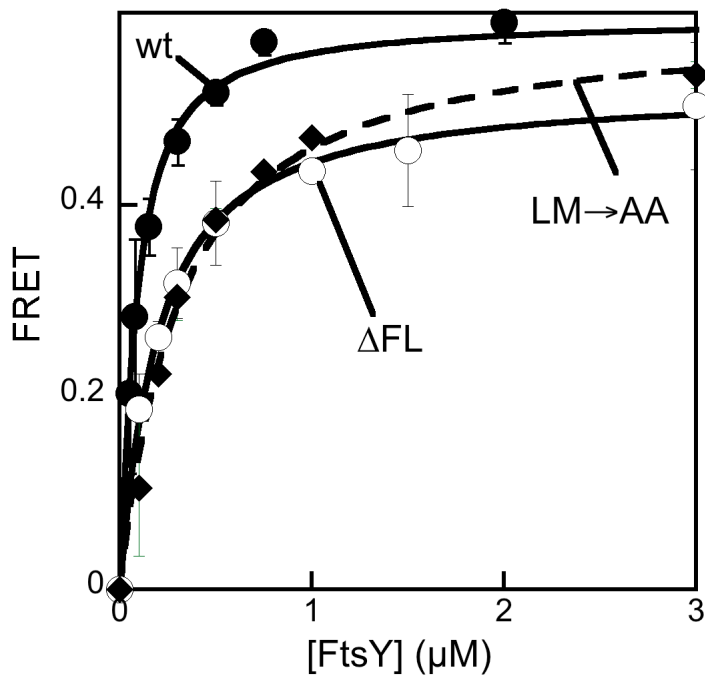
**Figure S1.** Expression of *ffh* alleles analyzed by SDS-PAGE. Proteins were resolved and detected as described in Materials and Methods. Lanes 1-2: *ffh*PG→AA; 3-4: *ffh*ΔFL; 5-6: *ffh*<sup>+</sup>, 7-8: *ffh*LM→AA. Lanes 1, 3 5, 7: + L-arabinose; 2, 4, 6, 8: - L-arabinose. Molecular weight standards are shown on the left, the relative positions of which were identified using a corresponding SDS-PAGE gel stained with Coomassie Brilliant Blue.



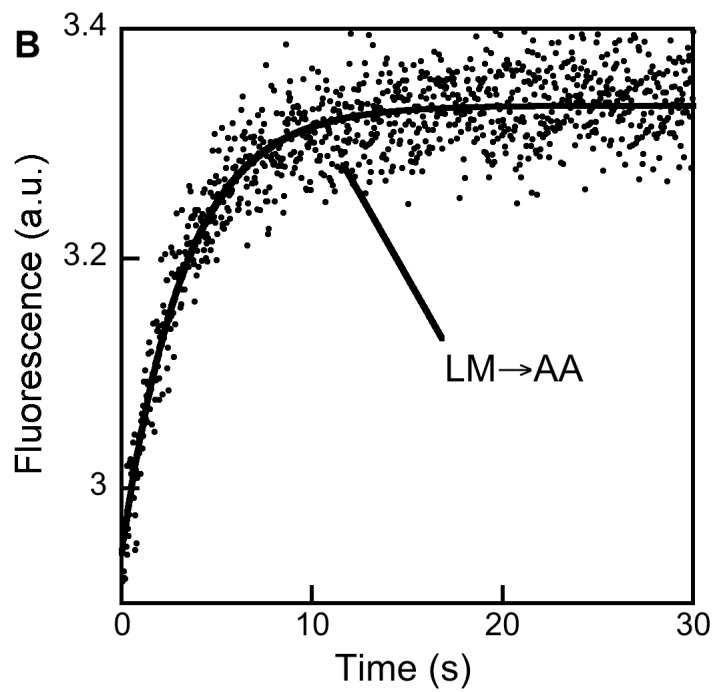
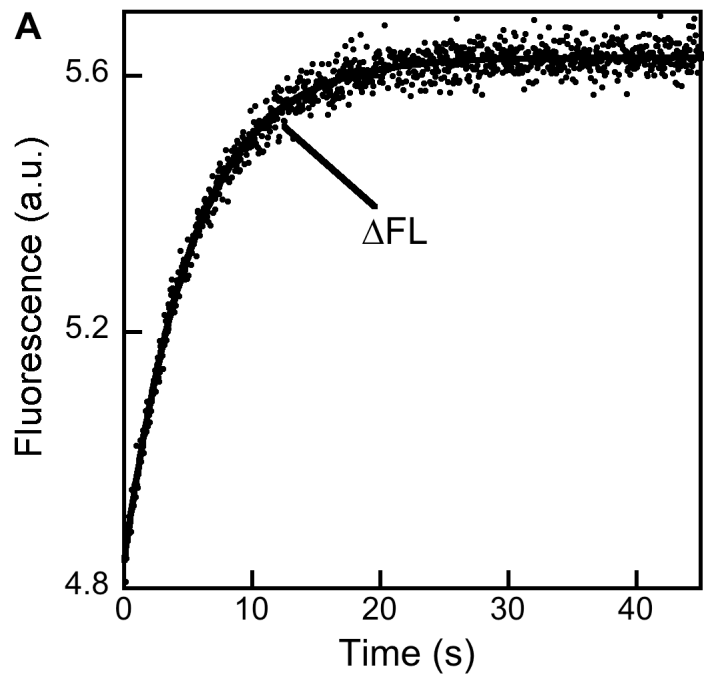
**Figure S2.** The effects of fingerloop mutants on SRP-FtsY complex assembly. Measurements of SRP-FtsY complex assembly kinetics of wild-type SRP (●), mutant SRP( $\Delta$ FL) (○) and mutant SRP(LM $\rightarrow$ AA) (◇) in the presence of Nikkol.



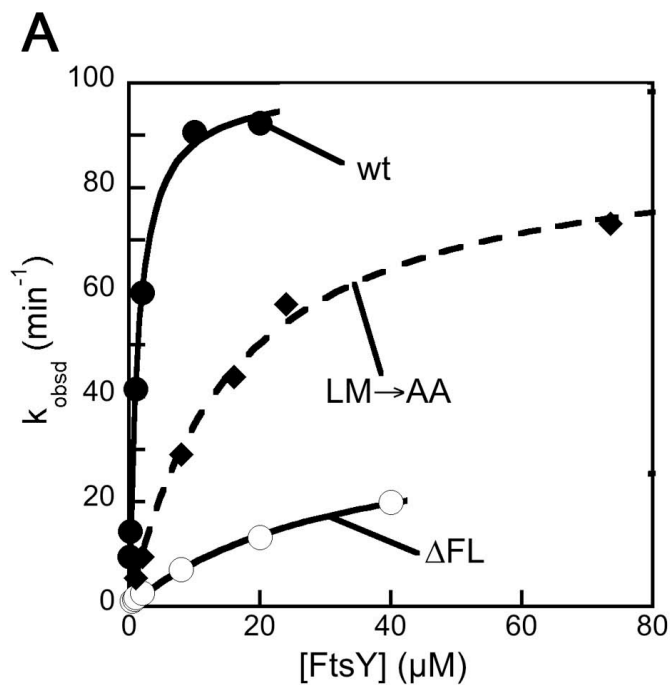
**Figure S3.** Effects of the fingerloop on the equilibrium stability of the early complex in the presence of  $\text{RNC}_{\text{FtsQ}}$ .



**Figure S4.** Rate constants for formation of the stable complex starting from a preformed RNC•SRP•FtsY early complex using either (A) SRP( $\Delta$ FL) or (B) SRP(LM $\rightarrow$ AA).



**Figure S5.** Deletion of the fingerloop results in inefficient GTPase activation. (A) The reciprocally stimulated GTPase reaction between SRP and FtsY were determined for wild-type SRP (●) and mutants SRP(LM→AA) (◇) and SRP(ΔFL) (○). The data were fit to Eq. 3 in the *Methods*. (B) Summary of the  $k_{\text{cat}}$  and  $K_{\text{m}}$  values from the data in part A.



**B**

	SRP	ΔFL	LM→AA
$k_{\text{cat}}$ ( $\text{min}^{-1}$ )	100 (1)	36 (0.36)	90 (0.90)
$K_{\text{M}}$ ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	1.3 (1)	32 (25)	6 (4.6)
$k_{\text{cat}}/K_{\text{M}}$ ( $\mu\text{M}^{-1}\text{min}^{-1}$ )	77 (1)	1.1 (0.01)	15 (0.19)