

**Supplementary Table 5: Cell volumes and cell division times used in Figure 4 in the main text.** Cell division times are based on observations of maximum growth rates and are standardized to 20°C.

Group	Species	$V$ ( $\mu\text{m}^3$ )	$t$ (hours)	References
Bacteria	<i>Acholeplasma laidlawii</i>	0.143	2.01	[216–218]
Bacteria	<i>Bacillus cereus</i>	3.839	0.76	[219–221]
Bacteria	<i>Bacillus megaterium</i>	1.96	3.31	[222, 223]
Bacteria	<i>Bacillus subtilis</i>	1.543	1.16	[116, 117, 119, 222, 224]
Bacteria	<i>Bdellovibrio bacteriovorus</i>	0.089	3.23	[120, 225, 226]
Bacteria	<i>Clostridium cellulolyticum</i>	0.159	12.19	[122, 227]
Bacteria	<i>Clostridium thermocellum</i>	0.47	31.66	[124, 125, 228]
Bacteria	<i>Delftia acidovorans</i>	0.933	4.95	[229, 230]
Bacteria	<i>Enterobacter aerogenes</i>	1.2	0.99	[111, 113, 231, 232]
Bacteria	<i>Enterobacter cloacae dissolvens</i>	0.23	4.3	[232]
Bacteria	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	0.983	0.5	[129, 130, 222, 231–234]
Bacteria	<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	0.061	1.89	[235, 236]
Bacteria	<i>Lactobacillus casei</i>	1.4	3.75	[131, 231, 237]
Bacteria	<i>Lactobacillus plantarum</i>	2.5	2.27	[238, 239]
Bacteria	<i>Lactococcus lactis cremoris</i>	0.9	1.24	[127, 128, 240, 241]
Bacteria	<i>Legionella pneumophila</i>	0.58	15.4	[242, 243]
Bacteria	<i>Myxococcus xanthus</i>	1.08	8.6	[244, 245]
Bacteria	<i>Paracoccus denitrificans</i>	0.403	5.92	[246, 247]
Bacteria	<i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i>	0.589	4.7	[231, 248–250]
Bacteria	<i>Pseudomonas fluorescens</i>	1.13	1.33	[231, 251]
Bacteria	<i>Pseudomonas putida</i>	0.783	1.73	[141, 252, 253]
Bacteria	<i>Rhizobium leguminosarum</i>	0.491	4.87	[254, 255]
Bacteria	<i>Salmonella typhimurium</i>	0.797	1	[222, 250, 256]
Bacteria	<i>Sphingopyxis alaskensis</i>	0.07	3.39	[242, 257]
Bacteria	<i>Staphylococcus aureus</i>	0.292	1.46	[250]
Bacteria	<i>Staphylococcus epidermidis</i>	0.194	4.74	[258, 259]
Bacteria	<i>Streptococcus pyogenes</i>	0.746	2.62	[127, 128, 145]
Bacteria	<i>Streptomyces coelicolor</i>	1.31	3.96	[142, 143, 260]
Bacteria	<i>Thermoanaerobacterium thermosaccharolyticum</i>	1.1	34.63	[261]
Bacteria	<i>Vibrio fischeri</i>	0.11	0.71	[262]
Bacteria	<i>Zymomonas mobilis</i>	4.9	2.61	[146–148, 263, 264]
Amoebozoa	<i>Acanthamoeba castellanii</i>	2465	11.07	[265–267]
Apusozoa	<i>Thecamonas trahens</i>	100.51	28.681	[268]
Chlorophyta	<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	151	9.15	[154–156, 158, 269]
Chlorophyta	<i>Micromonas pusilla</i>	5.46	18.48	[270, 271]
Chlorophyta	<i>Ostreococcus sp.</i>	22.4	35.29	[271–273]
Ciliates	<i>Paramecium tetraurelia</i>	354116.75	12.5	
Ciliates	<i>Tetrahymena thermophila</i>	7856	4.41	[177, 178, 274–277]
Diatom	<i>Phaeodactylum tricorutum</i>	92.6	8.41	[269, 271, 278–286]
Diatom	<i>Thalassiosira pseudonana</i>	167.81	5.42	[279, 283, 287–295]
Eustigmatophyta	<i>Nannochloropsis gaditana</i>	8.85	25.88	[271, 296, 297]
Haptophyta	<i>Emiliana huxleyi</i>	34.42	10.93	[291, 296, 298–301]
Fungi	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i>	69.07	2.5	[250]
Fungi	<i>Schizosaccharomyces pombe</i>	120	4.31	[173, 174, 302]

