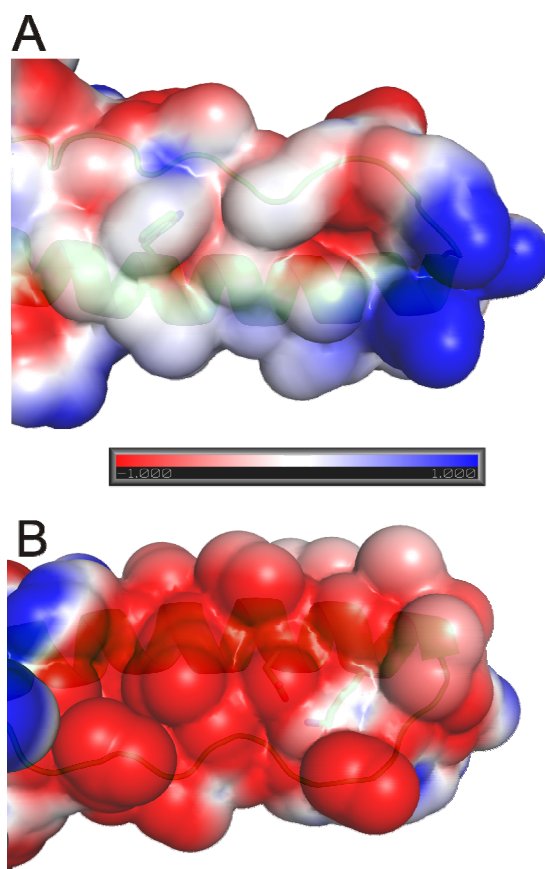


FIGURE S2. Structure-based sequence alignment of the creosote C-domain fragment with the C-domain of FtsH (PDB ID 3KDS) using the Dali server (2).

C-domain : : : : | : : : :
 FtsH (3KDS) TREDRIGVCKGIFRTDNVADDDIVKLVDTFPGQSIDDFGALRARVYDDEVKRWVSEVGVDTIGKKLVNSKEGPPSFEQPKMTIDKLLGYGMLVQEQ
 DMLGRKKILEIHRNKPL---NLEIIAKRTPGFVGDLENLVNEALAREG-----DKITMKDFEEAIDRVIAG-

FIGURE S3. Electrostatic surface potential calculation using the program APBS (3). Shown is the surface of the paddle-like extension in two different orientations, rotated around the long axis by 180 degrees. **A**, surface bearing Trp302 (“inner surface”); **B**, surface bearing Lys313 (“outer surface”). The calculations were carried out with a protein dielectric constant of 5.0, a solvent dielectric of 78.0, a solvent access radius of 1.4 Å, and 150 mM salt concentration in bulk solvent. Red: acidic regions; blue: basic regions; grey: neutral regions.



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