## **Supplementary Information**



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**Supplementary Fig. 1.** Sequence similarity network (SSN) of MotB homologues. Visualisation of the SSN for the 757 sequences that composed the phylogeny shown in Fig. 1. Edges indicate sequence identity higher than 85%, clustering visualized using the gamma-organic layout on Cytoscape 3.1. Class is indicated by shape (gammaproteobacterial: triangle; alphaproteobacterial: diamond; betaproteobacteria: circle; hydrogenophilalia: square) with residue identity at site 30 indicated in colour as per Fig. 1 (Y30: blue; F30: green; L30: red).



**Supplementary Fig. 2.** Sequence alignment and conservation of ASRs. (A) Sequence alignment of 13 resurrected MotB-ASRs and selection of MotB/PomB from 19 species as a representative selection of sodium/proton motile stators, for comparison. B) Sequence logo for MotB-ASRs. The height of each letter is proportional to its frequency, and the height of the entire stack signifies the information content of the sequences at that position (in bits).



**Supplementary Fig. 3**. Swimming in semi-solid agar of MotB-ASRs. Bars represent mean ± SD of swimming diameter for 13 MotB-ASRs and three controls (empty vector: pBAD33, Na<sup>+</sup>: PomAPotB, H<sup>+</sup>: MotAMotB). The diameters were measured from the respective 0.25% LB agar + 85 mM NaCl swim plates, incubated at 30°C for 14 hours (representative shown in Fig. 3). Experiments performed in triplicate for the controls in duplicate for MotB-ASRs.



**Supplementary Fig. 4.** Swimming capabilities of different MotB-ASRs. Chimeric B-subunit, PotB was functional with Na<sup>+</sup> powered A-subunit, PomA but was non-functional with H<sup>+</sup> powered Aa-sub-unit MotA. However, MotB-ASRs were functional with with H<sup>+</sup> powered Aa-sub-unit MotA.



**Supplementary Fig. 5.** Swimming diameter vs external Na<sup>+</sup> concentration. Bars represent swimming diameter of MotB-ASRs and swimming controls (Na<sup>+</sup> swimmer/H<sup>+</sup> swimmer) with the change of NaCl concentration (0 mM NaCl: brown; 21.25 mM NaCl: blue; 85 mM NaCl: grey). Experiments performed in triplicate for the controls in duplicate for MotB-ASRs (additional plates and measurements for 85 mM NaCl data, not replicates of Supplementary Fig. 3).



**Supplementary Fig. 6.** Growth curves for MotB-ASRs and controls vs external NaCl concentration. Growth curves of all MotB-ASRs and controls were measured in the presence of three different NaCl concentration (0 mM, 21.25 mM and 85mM).



**Supplementary Fig. 7.** Rotation of MotB-ASRs is sodium-independent. Rotational speeds of MotB-ASRs were measured using the tethered cell assay at varying concentrations of NaCl (0 mM, 5 mM, 21.25 mM, 42.50 mM, 85 mM). Coloured lines represent the mean  $\pm$  SD rotation speed of each MotB-ASR (N = 20 cells). MotB-ASR908 rotated at the lowest mean speed (sky blue) and MotB-ASR981 rotated at the greatest mean speed (green line).



**Supplementary Fig. 8.** Compatibility of different stator units from *Aquifex aeolicus* and MotB-ASRs. (A) MotA<sup>aaWT</sup> MotB<sup>E</sup> does not swim on sodium plate. (B) MotA<sup>aaWT</sup> MotB<sup>AE</sup> does not swim while and MotA<sup>aa225D</sup>MotB<sup>AE</sup> does swim on sodium plate. (C) MotA<sup>aa225D</sup>MotB-ASRs all do not swim on sodium plate. All plates are LB agar with 85 mM NaCl, 0.02% arabinose, A/B with kanamycin/ ampicillin, (C) with chloramphenicol, as per methods.

## Supplementary Table 1: List of strains and plasmids used

Strains	Description	Reference
RP6894	<i>E. coli</i> ( $\Delta$ MotA, $\Delta$ MotB)	J. S. Parkinson (Block et al., 1989)
RP3087	$E. coli (\Delta MotB)$	J. S Parkinson (Blair et al., 1991)
Plasmids	Description	Reference
pSHU1234	PomA and PotB, Ara, CAM <sup>R</sup>	(Kojima et al., 2008)
pBAD33	Empty vector, CAM <sup>R</sup>	(Guzman et al., 1995)
pDB108	MotA and MotB, CAM <sup>R</sup>	David F Blair
pMotB	pDB108 ΔMotA CAM <sup>R</sup>	This study
pPotB	pSHU1234 ΔPotB CAM <sup>R</sup>	This study
pPomA	pSHU1234 ΔPomA CAM <sup>R</sup>	This study
pNT7	Wild type A. aeolicus MotA, AMP <sup>R</sup>	(Takekawa et al., 2015)
pMotA <sup>aa225D</sup>	A225D Point mutant A. aeolicus	This study and (Takekawa et al.,
	MotA, AMP <sup>R</sup>	2015)
pNT11	pSBETa- $motB_2^{AE}$ , KAN <sup>R</sup>	(Takekawa et al., 2015)
p758	PomA and MotB-ASR758,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	
p759	PomA and MotB-ASR759,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	
p760	PomA and MotB-ASR60,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	
p765	PomA and MotB-ASR765,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	
p908	PomA and MotB-ASR908,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	
p981	PomA and MotB-ASR981,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	
p1024	PomA and MotB-ASR1024,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	
p1170	PomA and MotB-ASR1170,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	
p1239	PomA and MotB-ASR1239,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	
p1246	PomA and MotB-ASR1246,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	
p1457	PomA and MotB-ASR1457,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	
p1459	PomA and MotB-ASR1459,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	
p1501	PomA and MotB-ASR1501,	This study
	pSHU1234 backbone, CAM <sup>R</sup>	

ARA, Arabinose; CAM, Chloramphenicol, AMP, Ampicillin; KAN, Kanamycin

## Supplementary Table 2: List of primers

Primer	Name	Primer	
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	Primer		Primer Sequence (5' to 3')
Primers for ASR cloning	ASR 758	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGCGGGGCC TGGAAAGTCGCGTTTGCCGATTTTACGTTAGCAATGATGGCGT TCTTCCTGGTCCTTTGGATCATGTCAGCCACGACCCCGGAAGA GAAGAAGTCGATTGCTGAGTATTTCCAAAACCCACTGGCGACC GCGGTGACC
	ASR 759	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGCGGAGCT TGGAAGATCGCTTTCGCGGATTTCGTACTGGCGATGATGGCCT TCTTTCTGGTATTGTGGATTATGTCAAGTACGACACCAGAGGA GAAAAAATCAATCAGTGAGTATTTCCAGAATCCTCTGGCGACC GCGGTGACC
	ASR 760	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGAGGCGCG TGGAAAATTGCGTATGCTGATTTCGTTACGGCGATGATGGCTTT CTTCTTGGTGATGTGGCTGATGTCGTCAACAACCCCGGAGCAG AAAAAAGCTATCTCCGAATACTTCCAGAACCCGCTGGCGACCG CGGTGACC
	ASR 765	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGAGGTGCG TGGAAGATTGCATACGCGGATTTTATGACAGCTATGATGGCCT TCTTTTTGGTAATGTGGCTTTTATCAAGTACCAGCCCGAAGGAA TTGGAAGGTATTGCCGAGTATTTCCGCACTCCCCTGGCGACCG CGGTGACC
	ASR 908	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGAGGTGCA TGGAAAATCGCCTTAGCAGACTTTATGACTGCGCTTATGGCGT TGTTTCTGGTAATGTGGATTTTGAGCGTATCCTCTGAAGAGACA CGTCGCGGCGTCGCTGAGTATTTCAGTACACCACTGGCGACCG CGGTGACC
	ASR 981	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGTGGGAGC TGGAAAATTGCTTACGCCGATTTTATGACTGCGATGATGGCAT TCTTCTTGGTCATGTGGCTGTTAAGCAGTGCTTCGCCCAAAGAG TTAGAGGGCATTGCGGAGTATTTTCGTATGCCTCTGGCGACCG CGGTGACC
	ASR 1024	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGGGGGG
	ASR 1170	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGTGGCGCA TGGAAAGTAGCTTATGCTGATTTTGTAACCGCTATGATGGCGTT TTTCCTGGTAATGTGGTTGATGGCAGCTACTACCAAGGAGCAG CGTGCGGCTATCAGCGAGTATTTCCGCAATCCCCTGGCGACCG CGGTGACC

	ASR 1239	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGGGGGG
	ASR 1246	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGAGGTGCG TGGAAAATCGCCTTTGCGGACTTCGCTACGGCGATGATGGCCT TCTTCCTTGTGCTTTGGTTGATGTCAACGGCCACACCAGAGCAG AAGATTGCTATTGCGGGTTACTTCAAAGATCCGCTGGCGACCG CGGTGACC
	ASR 1457	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGGGGTTCT TGGAAGGTAGCATTCGCGGACTTTGCAACCGCGATGATGGCGT TTTTCTTGGTACTTTGGCTTACTGCCACGGCTACCCCCGAGCAA AAGTTAGCCGTCGAAGGTTACTTCAAAGACCCCCTGGCGACCG CGGTGACC
	ASR 1459	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGGGGGCGCG TGGAAGATTGCCTACGCGGATTTCGTTACAGCCATGATGGCAT TTTTTCTTCTTATGTGGTTAATCAATACGACAACACCAGAACAA AAGCAAGGAATCTCAGATTACTTCGCACCGGCTCTGGCGACCG CGGTGACC
	ASR 1501	F	TACATGGCATATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTC AAACGACGCAAAGCCAAAAGCCACGGGGCAGCAGGCGGCG
	ASR Reverse Primer	R	CATCCGCCAAAACAGCCAAGCT
Primer for colony PCR screening of ASRs	ASR MotB NT Specific	F	ATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCG
Primer for sanger	pSHU HindIII	F	ATTGCGGATAAGCTTTCTCTTCGC
sequencing confirmation of ASRs		F	GATCTCGACCAGTTGATAGAGTCC
	MotB End primer		

Primers for cloning out of PomA from pSHU1234	PomA InDel Pshu	F	GATGAAGATAACAAATGCGATTGTCCGCCA
	PomA InDel Pshu OH	F	CTTGGAGAATTCATATGGATGATGAAGATAACAAATGCGATTG TCCGCCA
	PomA InDel Pshu	R	AAAGCACTCCTCACGCTGTCGA
	PomA InDel OH Pshu	R	ATCCATATGAATTCTCCAAGAAAGCACTCCTCACGCTGTCGA
Primers for cloning out of PotB from pSHU1234	PotB InDel Pshu F	F	CTGTTTTGGCGGATGAGAGAGATTTT
	PotB InDel Pshu OH F	F	CTGCAGGCATGCAAGCTTGGCTGTTTTGGCGGATGAGAGAAGA TTTT
	PotB InDel Pshu R	R	ATGAATTCTCCAAGTTACTCGTCAATCTCAAGGGC
	PotB InDel OH Pshu R	R	CCAAGCTTGCATGCCTGCAGATGAATTCTCCAAGTTACTCGTC AATCTCAAGGGC
Primers for cloning out of MotA from pDB108	MotA inv-del- p108	F	CATATGGTACTCCTTATGGCATTATTGATGA
	MotA inv-del- OH- p108	F	ATGCGCTTGATTCTTCATCATATGGTACTCCTTATGGCATTATT GATGA
	MotA inv-del- p108	R	CCGATTATTGTCGTCAAACG
	MotA inv-del- OH- p108	R	ATGAAGAATCAAGCGCATCCGATTATTGTCGTCAAACG
Primers for A225D point mutation of <i>A. aeolicus</i> MotA	Aquifex MotA A225D	F	CTCCCTTCTGTATCTTTTCAATATCCTCTATGTAAATGGTCTTTA CG
	Aquifex MotA A225D	R	CGTAAAGACCATTTACATAGAGGATATTGAAAAGATACAGAA GGGAG

Strain or ASR Node	Ion Source
node #908	$\mathrm{H}^+$
node #1024	$\mathrm{H}^+$
node #765	$\mathrm{H}^+$
node #981	$\mathrm{H}^+$
node #1459	$\mathrm{H}^+$
node #1501	$\mathrm{H}^+$
node #1457	$\mathrm{H}^+$
node #1246	$\mathrm{H}^+$
node #1170	$\mathrm{H}^+$
node #1239	$\mathrm{H}^+$
node #760	$\mathrm{H}^+$
node #759	$\mathrm{H}^+$
node #758	$\mathrm{H}^+$
MotB <i>Escherichia coli</i> strain K12 MOTB ECOLI	$\mathrm{H}^+$
MotB Salmonella typhimurium strain LT2 MOTB SALTY	$\mathrm{H}^+$
MotB Pseudomonas aeruginosa strain ATCC 15692 Q9HUL2 PSEAE	$\mathrm{H}^+$
MotB Bacillus subtilis strain 168 MOTB BACSU	$\mathrm{H}^+$
MotB Streptococcus pneumoniae A0A0T8PK69 STREE	$\mathrm{H}^+$
Bacillus licheniformis strain ATCC 14580 Q65KJ0 BACLD	$\mathrm{H}^+$
MotB Streptococcus pneumoniae A0A0E8TCW6 STREE	$\mathrm{H}^+$
MotB Helicobacter pylori strain ATCC 700392 MOTB HELPY	$\mathrm{H}^+$
MotS Oceanobacillus iheyensis A0A2P1WLE1 9BACI	Na <sup>+</sup>
MotS Bacillus alcalophilus G9I2I5 BACAO	Na <sup>+</sup>
MotS Bacillus subtilis subsp natto BEST195 BAI864791	Na <sup>+</sup>
MotS Bacillus licheniformis A0A1Q9FXY5 BACLI	Na <sup>+</sup>
MotD Pseudomonas aeruginosa strain ATCC 15692 G3XD90 PSEAE	$\mathrm{H}^+$
MotB Desulfovibrio magneticus strain ATCC 700980 C4XPD2 DESMR	$\mathrm{H}^+$
PomB Vibrio alginolyticus O06874 VIBAL	Na <sup>+</sup>
PomB Vibrio cholerae serotype O1 strain ATCC 39315 Q9KTK9 VIBCH	Na <sup>+</sup>
MotB Aliivibrio fischeri KLU777421	Na <sup>+</sup>
PomB Shewanella oneidensis MR 1 NP 7171461	Na <sup>+</sup>
MotB Aquifex aeolicus strain VF5 O67121 AQUAE	Na <sup>+</sup>

**Supplementary Table 3:** Ion source classification for survey strains and MotB-ASRs. Bacterial species and their ion sources used for the determination of the correlation of mutations at each respective site of MotB ancestral sequences

**Supplementary Table 4.** Pairwise correlation for specific residues with ion source. Significance of the pairwise correlation of residue with phenotype analysed by Fisher's Exact Test

<i>E. coli</i> MotB residue position	Original 19-species subset Pr(> z )	Original 19-species subset with our 13 ASR nodes Pr(> z )
30	0.0034	0.014
31	0.25	0.031
35	0.14	0.022
36	0.21	0.00082
37	N/A	0.013
38	1	0.12
40	0.033	0.15
43	0.00041	2.8E-05
44	0.21	0.012
48	N/A	1

## **Supplementary Datasets:**

Phylogeny, sequence alignment, and PAML output files for MotB sequence reconstruction are available for download from: https://github.com/phatmattbaker