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Microbial Communities Involved in the Methane Cycle

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In recent years, our knowledge of the diversity of methanogens has expanded considerably. This leads to the next task for researchers: assessment of the ecological significance of these newly discovered groups of methanogens. Methanotrophic microorganisms oxidize methane to gain energy under oxic and anoxic conditions using a range of electron acceptors. Recent years have also been characterized by the convincing progress of our understanding of the diversity and physiology of these microorganisms. The evaluation of their global role as a methane sink may be the main focus of their future study. The diversity, ecological role, and physiology of numerous syntrophic partners of methanogenic and methanotrophic prokaryotes also deserve special attention since their activity can be the limiting link in the methane cycle stages. All these tasks can be successfully completed thanks to integrated approaches, including NGS-based molecular methods, bioinformatics, cultivation of new prokaryotes, isotope-based process rate estimation, and statistical approaches.



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