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2 **the tetraether lipid biosynthetic pathway in**
3 **marine Thaumarchaeota**
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16 **Running title:** Distribution of a thaumarchaeotal lipid enzyme

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18 (GGGP) synthase, glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraether (GDGT), membrane lipids,
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24 **Summary**

25 The distribution of isoprenoid glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraethers (GDGT) lipids
26 synthesized by Thaumarchaeota have been shown to be temperature dependent in world
27 oceans. Depth-related differences in the ammonia monooxygenase (*amoA*) of
28 Thaumarchaeota have led to the classification of ‘shallow ’ and ‘deep water’ clusters,
29 potentially affecting GDGT distributions. Here, we investigate if this classification is
30 also reflected in a key gene of the thaumarchaeotal lipid biosynthetic pathway coding
31 for geranylgeranylglyceryl phosphate (GGGP) synthase. We investigated metagenomic
32 databases, suspended particulate matter and surface sediment of the Arabian Sea
33 oxygen minimum zone (OMZ). These revealed significant differences in *amoA* and
34 GGGP synthase between ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ Thaumarchaeota. Intriguingly,
35 *amoA* and GGGP synthase sequences of benthic Thaumarchaeota clustered with the
36 ‘shallow water’ rather than with ‘deep water’ Thaumarchaeota. This suggests that
37 pressure and temperature are unlikely factors that drive the differentiation and suggest
38 an important role of ammonia concentration which is higher in benthic and ‘shallow
39 water’ niches. Analysis of the relative abundance of GDGTs in the Arabian Sea and in
40 globally distributed surface sediments showed differences in GDGT distributions from
41 subsurface to deep waters that may be explained by differences in the GGGP synthase,
42 suggesting a genetic control on GDGT distributions.

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44 **Introduction**

45 Thaumarchaeota were initially known as marine group I Archaea and considered as
46 members of the crenarchaeotal phylum based on 16S ribosomal RNA gene phylogeny
47 (DeLong, 1992; Fuhrman *et al.*, 1992). However, subsequent studies using comparative
48 genomics revealed that they form a separate and deep-branching phylum within the
49 Archaea (Brochier-Armanet *et al.*, 2008; Spang *et al.*, 2010). Ecophysiological studies
50 suggest that the thaumarchaeotal phylum is highly diversified and present in a wide
51 variety of ecosystems (marine, freshwater, soil and hot environments; e.g. Erguder *et*
52 *al.*, 2009; Hatzenpichler, 2012). This novel phylum comprises ammonia-oxidizing
53 archaea (AOA) but also environmental sequences representing microorganisms of
54 unknown metabolism (Pester *et al.*, 2011). Thaumarchaeota are often abundant (i.e. they
55 are estimated to represent up to 20% of all picoplanktonic cells in the world ocean;
56 Karner *et al.*, 2001) and are important players of the global nitrogen and carbon cycles
57 (Francis *et al.* 2005; Wuchter *et al.*, 2006).

58 In most marine environments, pelagic thaumarchaeotal gene abundance increases
59 rapidly with depth with maximum copy numbers of *amoA* and 16S rRNA genes near the
60 base of the photic zone or in the transitional waters separating the epipelagic zone from
61 the mesopelagic zone (200–500 m depth) (Church *et al.* 2010, Beman *et al.*, 2012; Lam
62 *et al.*, 2007; Santoro *et al.*, 2010; Pitcher *et al.*, 2011a). Thaumarchaeotal genes have
63 also been detected in much deeper meso- and bathypelagic waters (DeLong, 1992;
64 Fuhrman *et al.*, 1992; Karner *et al.*, 2001; Wuchter *et al.*, 2005; Lam *et al.*, 2007;
65 Mincer *et al.*, 2007; Beman *et al.*, 2008; Church *et al.*, 2010; Santoro *et al.*, 2010;
66 Pitcher *et al.*, 2011a; Schouten *et al.*, 2012). It has been shown that AOA in marine
67 waters can be subdivided into ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ clusters (also known as cluster
68 A and B, respectively) based on differences in their *amoA* gene sequence (Francis *et al.*,

69 2005; Hallam *et al.*, 2006; Mincer *et al.*, 2007; Beman *et al.*, 2008; Santoro *et al.*, 2010;
70 Hu *et al.*, 2011, among others). This differentiation into ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’
71 clusters has also been observed for other thaumarchaeotal metabolic genes such as *accA*
72 and *ureC* (e.g. Yakimov *et al.*, 2011; Hu *et al.*, 2011). Recently, Luo *et al.* (2014)
73 detected genes coding for photolyase and catalase exclusively in members of the
74 epipelagic ‘shallow’ clade, suggesting an adaptation of this population to reduce light-
75 induced damage. Several studies have considered selective factors, such as competition
76 with other microbial groups, oxygen concentration, depth, temperature, or latitude, to
77 explain the distribution of different clades of Thaumarchaeota in the ocean (Hallam *et*
78 *al.*, 206; Mincer *et al.*, 2007; Erguder *et al.*, 2009; Pester *et al.*, 2012; Cao *et al.*, 2013).
79 Sintès *et al.* (2012) recently hypothesized that the biogeographic and depth-related
80 distribution of AOA clusters may be related to differences in ammonia availability.

81 Thaumarchaeota synthesize isoprenoid glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraethers
82 (GDGTs) with 0–4 cyclopentane moieties (Fig. S1), and the GDGT crenarchaeol, which
83 contains a cyclohexane moiety in addition to four cyclopentane moieties (Schouten *et*
84 *al.*, 2000; Sinninghe Damsté *et al.*, 2002), as their membrane lipids. In addition, they
85 also synthesize a crenarchaeol regioisomer, which has been found in low relative
86 abundance with respect to crenarchaeol in the thaumarchaeotal group 1.1a, but at higher
87 relative abundances in the thaumarchaeotal group 1.1b (Sinninghe Damsté *et al.*, 2012).
88 Several studies have suggested that crenarchaeol is exclusively synthesized by
89 Thaumarchaeota (Sinninghe Damsté *et al.*, 2002; 2012; de la Torre *et al.*, 2008;
90 Schouten *et al.*, 2008a; Pitcher *et al.*, 2009 and 2011b), and can be used as a suitable
91 marker to trace this group. The distribution of thaumarchaeotal GDGTs in the marine
92 environment has been shown to be affected by temperature, i.e. with increasing
93 temperature there is an increase in the relative abundance of cyclopentane-containing

94 GDGTs (Schouten *et al.*, 2002; Wuchter *et al.*, 2004, 2005). Based on this relationship,
95 the TEX₈₆ paleotemperature proxy was developed and calibrated using sea surface
96 temperature (e.g. Schouten *et al.*, 2002; Kim *et al.*, 2010), since it is thought that
97 GDGTs in marine sediments derive mostly from surface-derived thaumarchaeotal
98 biomass (e.g. Wakeham *et al.*, 2003). However, radiocarbon measurements of GDGTs
99 in Bermuda Rise and Santa Monica Basin sediments suggested that a substantial part of
100 the GDGTs in marine sediments are not derived from subsurface waters (< 200 m), and
101 that archaeal production in the deeper water column may contribute to the pool of
102 GDGTs in sediments (Pearson *et al.*, 2001; Shah *et al.*, 2008). A recent study by Taylor
103 *et al.* (2013) noted an increase of the GDGT-2/GDGT-3 ratio in marine suspended
104 particulate matter (SPM) and surface sediments with increasing water depth, suggesting
105 a possible contribution of deep-water Archaea to the sedimentary GDGT distribution.
106 Considering these studies, it is important to improve our knowledge on the
107 ecophysiology and niche preference of ‘deep water’ Thaumarchaeota to assess their
108 contribution to the sedimentary GDGT pool and potential impact on TEX₈₆
109 paleothermometry.

110 In order to investigate if the segregation of AOA in ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’
111 clusters explains the observed differences in GDGT distribution in shallow and deep
112 marine waters, we targeted a key gene involved in the archaeal ether biosynthetic
113 pathway, i.e. geranylgeranylglyceryl phosphate (GGGP) synthase. This key enzyme
114 catalyzes the formation of an ether bond between isoprenyl diphosphate and glycerol-1-
115 phosphate to form GGGP and is the first committed step towards ether membrane lipid
116 synthesis (Koga and Morii, 2007; Matsumi *et al.*, 2011). We examined the diversity of
117 archaeal GGGP synthase and *amoA* in SPM samples throughout the Arabian Sea OMZ,
118 as well as in a surface sediment located underneath the SPM sampling station at 3003 m

119 depth. For these samples, GDGT distributions have been previously reported (Pitcher *et*
120 *al.*, 2011a; Schouten *et al.*, 2012; Lengger *et al.*, 2012). We also assessed the diversity
121 and distribution of the genes encoding archaeal GGGP synthase and *amoA* in a wide
122 variety of metagenomes obtained from the marine water column globally. Our specific
123 aims were to (i) survey the occurrence of GGGP synthase homologs at ‘shallow’ and
124 ‘deep water’ depths, and (ii) to compare the distribution of GGGP synthase homologs
125 with reported GDGT lipid distributions.

126 **Results**

127 *Diversity of thaumarchaeotal ammonia monooxygenase in the marine water column*

128 We amplified, cloned and sequenced the archaeal *amoA* gene from Arabian Sea
129 SPM (Pitcher *et al.*, 2011a) from two depths: 170 and 1050 m, representing the
130 ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ niches, respectively. These depths represent two peaks of
131 thaumarchaeotal 16S rRNA gene abundance, which are characterized by similar oxygen
132 concentrations (4.8 and 4.6 μM , respectively; Pitcher *et al.*, 2011a; Table S1). *AmoA*
133 gene sequences recovered from 170 m depth were closely related to each other and with
134 *amoA* gene sequences previously reported in ‘shallow water’ environments (0–200 m
135 depth; ‘Water column A’ clade of Francis *et al.*, 2005), as well as in sediments (Figure
136 1). *AmoA* gene sequences amplified from 1050 m depth are also closely related with
137 each other and with *amoA* gene sequences previously assigned to the ‘Water column B,
138 deep water’ *amoA* clade (Francis *et al.*, 2005), but are clearly divergent from the *amoA*
139 gene ‘shallow water’ clade (Figure 1).

140 To determine the differences in amino acid composition of the *amoA* protein of
141 ‘shallow’ versus ‘deep water’ clusters, we aligned and compared two representative
142 partial *amoA* gene coding sequences, which were recovered from the Arabian Sea at

143 depths 170 and 1050 m (Figure 2A), thaumarchaeotal *amoA* proteins from cultivated
144 species, and environmental sequences from metagenomic databases defined here as
145 representative of the ‘shallow’ (< 200 m depth; e.g. sequence with accession number
146 ACG69579 detected at 100 m depth in the South China Sea), and ‘deep water’ clusters
147 (> 1000 m; e.g. accession number ACF75441, detected at 2267 m in the Juan de Fuca
148 Ridge). Several amino acid differences are observed between sequences from the *amoA*
149 ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ clusters, of which 15 were unequivocally different (Figure
150 2A). In general, most of the divergent amino acid positions imply a change for an amino
151 acid of the same nature between *amoA* sequences of the ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’
152 cluster, e.g. replacement of alanine (A) by glycine (G) or serine (S) (all ‘small’ amino
153 acid residues), or replacement of glutamine (Q) by asparagine (N) (both acidic amino
154 acids, labeled in orange in Figure 2A). However, two amino acid positions showed a
155 more substantial change in the amino acid type (positions 94 and 125, labeled in green
156 in Figure 2A), i.e. from an aromatic ‘bulky’ amino acid (i.e. tyrosine, Y; phenylalanine,
157 F) to a ‘small’ amino acid residue (i.e. valine, V; alanine, A; leucine, L) or vice versa.

158 In order to determine the distribution of the ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ clusters in
159 different depth intervals of the ocean, archaeal *amoA* protein sequences from oceanic
160 water column were extracted from metagenomic databases by using two representative
161 sequences of the *amoA* ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ clusters as query sequences (i.e.
162 putative *amoA* sequence accession number ACG69579, South China Sea, 100 m deep;
163 Hu *et al.*, 2011, and *amoA* sequence ACF75441, Juan de Fuca Ridge, 2267 m deep;
164 Wang *et al.*, 2009). In addition, *amoA* sequences detected in the South China Sea, Black
165 Sea, central Mediterranean Sea, Central Pacific, Monterey Bay, Antarctic waters, North
166 Pacific subtropical Gyre, North Atlantic, eastern south Pacific, and central California
167 current were included in the analysis (Francis *et al.*, 2005; Hallam *et al.*, 2006; Lam *et*

168 *al.*, 2007; Mincer *et al.*, 2007; Agogue *et al.*, 2008; Molina *et al.*, 2010; Santoro *et al.*,
169 2010; Hu *et al.*, 2011; Yakimov *et al.*, 2011). This resulted in 1067 annotated archaeal
170 *amoA* sequences, which could all be assigned to either the 'shallow' or the 'deep water'
171 clusters according to their amino acid composition as described in Figure 2A.

172 Comparison with the water depth from which they were recovered showed that at 0–200
173 m depth almost all the sequences belonged to the 'shallow water' cluster (Figure 2B).

174 The 'deep water' *amoA* cluster becomes abundant from 500 m depth onwards,
175 representing approximately 80% of the *amoA* sequences in waters deeper than 1000 m.

176 *Diversity of thaumarchaeotal GGGP synthases in the marine water column*

177 To investigate the diversity and distribution of the thaumarchaeotal GGGP synthase-
178 coding gene, a fragment of the thaumarchaeotal GGGP synthase-coding gene was
179 amplified from SPM recovered from different depths (20, 170, 300, 450, 600, 1200,
180 2000 m depth) across the Arabian Sea OMZ (Pitcher *et al.*, 2011a). Putative GGGP
181 synthase protein sequences obtained from the Arabian Sea SPM were included in a
182 phylogenetic analysis with GGGP synthases of thaumarchaeotal cultures. From the
183 putative GGGP synthase sequences recovered from shallow water depths of the Arabian
184 Sea SPM (0–170 m), 82% were closely related to the GGGP synthases of
185 thaumarchaeotal species isolated from shallow water environments (Figure 3).

186 Sequences recovered from intermediate depths (300–450 m deep) were distributed
187 throughout the phylogenetic tree (Figure 3), but the majority (78%) clustered with the
188 sequences recovered from deeper waters. Finally, 98% of the total reads of putative
189 GGGP synthase sequences recovered from 600 to 2000 m deep were concentrated in the
190 same cluster and were clearly divergent from the GGGP synthase sequences from
191 shallow waters (Figure 3).

192 To determine differences in amino acid compositions of the GGGP synthases from
193 ‘shallow’ and ‘deep waters’, putative GGGP synthases recovered from the Arabian Sea
194 SPM, GGGP synthases annotated in the genomes of (enrichment) cultures of various
195 thaumarchaeotal species (Könneke *et al.*, 2005; Mosier *et al.*, 2012; Kim *et al.*, 2011),
196 and two fosmid sequences recovered from 4000 m depth in the Hawaii Ocean time
197 series station ALOHA (Konstantinidis and DeLong, 2008) were aligned as shown in
198 Figure 4A. The alignment is restricted to 76 amino acid residues between the 101–177
199 position of the GGGP synthase sequence of ‘*Ca. Nitrosoarchaeum koreensis*’ (accession
200 number ZP_08668912), representing 31% of the entire protein.

201 Remarkable changes were observed in the nature of the amino acid residues in this
202 part of the putative GGGP synthase sequences from ‘shallow’ (< 200m) and ‘deep’ (>
203 1000 m) waters. For example, in the amino acid residue of position 121 of the ‘shallow’
204 sequences (indicated in green in Figure 4A), leucine (L) or alanine (A), ‘small’
205 hydrophobic amino acids, are substituted by arginine (R), an amino acid with a larger
206 and basic (polar) residue, in the sequences recovered from the ‘deep’ water. Also, at
207 amino acid position 144 (indicated in orange in Figure 4A), valine (V)/ isoleucine (I),
208 ‘small’ hydrophobic amino acids, are detected in the sequences from shallow water,
209 while the ‘bulky’ hydrophobic amino acid residue phenylalanine (F) is found in the
210 sequences recovered from deep water.

211 We defined the ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ GGGP synthase clusters according to the
212 amino acid changes listed in Figure 4A and performed an extensive metagenomic search
213 of GGGP synthase homologues of both clusters. The representative sequence of the
214 ‘shallow water’ GGGP synthase of ‘*Ca. Nitrosoarchaeum limnia*’ (ZP_08257740), and
215 the ‘deep water’ cluster of the uncultured Group I marine crenarchaeota
216 HF4000APKG8I13 fosmid sequence (4000 m deep; ABZ09772.1) were used as query

217 sequences in the metagenome search. A total of 1236 sequences were recovered as
218 homologues to the query sequences and they could all be assigned to either the
219 'shallow' or the 'deep water' GGGP synthase cluster according to their distinct amino
220 acid composition (Figure 4A). Comparison with the water depth from which they were
221 recovered showed that the GGGP synthase 'shallow water' cluster is dominating the
222 shallow water depths, especially between 0–200 m depth (> 95%; Figure 4B). Water
223 depths between 200–500 m seem to represent transitional niches in which the
224 percentage of GGGP synthase 'deep water' cluster sequences starts to increase (9% on
225 average). The 'deep water' cluster sequences are subsequently increasingly prominent
226 with increasing depth, representing more than 60% of the total sequences in waters
227 deeper than 2000 m.

228 *AmoA and GGGP synthase of benthic Thaumarchaeota*

229 *AmoA* and GGGP synthase gene sequences were amplified and sequenced from the
230 surface sediment (upper 0.25 cm) of the station P3000 located at 3003 meters below sea
231 level (mbss), which was located underneath the SPM sampling location. All *amoA*
232 sequences recovered from the surface sediment at 3003 mbss were closely related to
233 *amoA* protein sequences previously reported in 'shallow water' and marine sediments
234 (Figure 1). All surface sediment *amoA* protein sequences had the same key amino acids
235 found in the 'shallow water' *amoA* cluster sequences as indicated in Figure 2A, with the
236 exception of the amino acid residue in position 73 (labeled in blue in Figure 2A) in
237 which 27% of the surface sediment *amoA* sequences had a glycine (G) residue,
238 characteristic for the 'deep water' cluster sequences, rather than the alanine (A) residue
239 of the 'shallow water' sequences.

240 All putative GGGP synthases detected in the surface sediment of station P3000
241 clustered with the 'shallow water' GGGP synthases detected in the SPM but were more

242 closely related to the GGGP synthases of isolates of Thaumarchaeota (Figure 3). The
243 alignment of GGGP synthase protein sequences in Figure 4A indicates that all GGGP
244 synthases recovered from the surface sediment at 3003 mbss had the characteristic
245 amino acid residue of ‘shallow water’ sequences in the four amino acid positions
246 considered in our analysis.

247 The benthic Thaumarchaeota detected in the surface sediment at 3003 meter depth
248 have been previously suggested to be active based on the high relative abundances of
249 the labile membrane lipid hexose-phosphohexose crenarchaeol (which is expected to
250 degrade fast in surface sediments with high oxygen concentrations; Lengger *et al.*,
251 2012). The activity of this benthic population was confirmed here by the detection of
252 *amoA* gene expression in the surface sediment of station P3000 (approx. 2×10^4 *amoA*
253 mRNA copies g dry weight⁻¹; Table S1).

254 **Discussion**

255 *Niche separation of ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ Thaumarchaeota*

256 Our analysis of the ammonia monooxygenase (*amoA*) diversity in the Arabian Sea
257 dataset, as well as the metagenomic analysis, confirms the existence of *amoA* ‘shallow’
258 and ‘deep water’ clusters in marine waters, as reported previously (Francis *et al.*, 2005;
259 Hallam *et al.*, 2006; Mincer *et al.*, 2007; Beman *et al.*, 2008; Santoro *et al.*, 2010; Hu *et*
260 *al.*, 2011). Our study now reveals that another important archaeal gene, i.e. the gene
261 coding for a key enzyme in the archaeal ether lipid biosynthetic pathway, GGGP
262 synthase, can also define thaumarchaeotal ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ clusters both in
263 the Arabian Sea OMZ (Figure 3), as well as for oceans in general (Figure 4).
264 Interestingly, the speciation in ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ clusters is not obvious from
265 the phylogeny of the 16S rRNA gene. For example, the composition of the partial 16S

266 rRNA gene sequences in the Arabian Sea SPM reported by Schouten *et al.* (2012) did
267 not reveal a difference in thaumarchaeotal 16S rRNA gene-based phylogeny with depth.
268 This suggests that thaumarchaeotal populations of the ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’
269 clusters cannot be differentiated based on their 16S rRNA gene diversity but can be
270 differentiated on basis of functional genes like *amoA* (e.g Francis *et al.*, 2005), *accA*
271 and *ureC* (e.g. Yakimov *et al.*, 2011) and, as shown here, the gene encoding GGGP
272 synthase.

273 Hu *et al.* (2011) suggested oxygen availability as a factor determining the
274 diversification of the thaumarchaeotal *amoA* and *accA* genes. In the case of *amoA* gene,
275 sequences of the ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ clusters have been retrieved from water
276 with different oxygen concentrations: *amoA* ‘shallow water’ cluster A sequence have
277 been detected in oxygenated surface waters and in the suboxic zone (Francis *et al.*,
278 2005; Lam *et al.*, 2007; Mincer *et al.*, 2007; Agogue *et al.*, 2008; Beman *et al.*, 2008),
279 and ‘deep water’ cluster *amoA* gene sequences have been reported in suboxic and well-
280 oxygenated deep water (Francis *et al.*, 2005; Mincer *et al.*, 2007; Agogue *et al.*, 2008).
281 In our study, *amoA* sequences of the ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ clusters were found in
282 SPM recovered at different depths with essentially the same oxygen concentration (4.8
283 and 4.6 μM at 170 and 1050 m depth, respectively). In much the same way, putative
284 GGGP synthases of the ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ clusters were also detected in
285 Arabian Sea SPM with similar oxygen concentration (i.e. 170 m, 4.8 μM oxygen; 600
286 m, 3.3 μM oxygen), but also GGGP synthases of the ‘deep’ water cluster were present
287 at depths where the water has a higher oxygen concentration (i.e. 2000 m, 63 μM) than
288 those dominated by sequences of the ‘shallow water’ cluster (i.e. 170 m, 4.8 μM
289 oxygen). This suggests that the segregation of thaumarchaeotal GGGP synthase and

290 *amoA*-based clusters in shallow and deep waters is not related to the oxygen
291 concentration.

292 Other factors which may explain the Thaumarchaeota ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’
293 cluster segregation are environmental variables directly related to depth itself, such as
294 hydrostatic pressure and temperature. Global surveys of archaeal *amoA* gene sequences
295 suggest that depth but also latitude/location and temperature can explain most of the
296 *amoA* gene sequence variation (Biller *et al.*, 2012; Peng *et al.*, 2013). However, both
297 the GGGP synthase and ammonia monooxygenase sequences derived from
298 metagenomes analyzed in this study were obtained from diverse ocean sites from
299 different latitudes and a wide range of temperature regimes (Tables S2 and S3).
300 Importantly, both *amoA* and GGGP synthase sequences of the active population of
301 benthic Thaumarchaeota present in the surface sediment at 3003 m water depth were
302 closely related to sequences of the ‘shallow water’ cluster and different from those of
303 the ‘deep water’ cluster despite experiencing similar temperatures (1.4°C vs 3.2°C) and
304 hydrostatic pressures as the Thaumarchaeota of the ‘deep water’ clade. This suggests
305 that neither temperature nor pressure are key factors driving the diversification of the
306 two different populations of Thaumarchaeota in marine settings.

307 Another important factor which may influence the niches of the different clades of
308 Thaumarchaeota are nutrient concentrations. However, nitrate, nitrite and phosphate
309 concentrations were relatively stable over depth (Table S1), and thus seem not explain
310 the niche separation between ‘shallow’ and ‘deep’ water Thaumarchaeota. Ammonia
311 availability has recently been suggested to drive the *amoA* diversification of AOA in the
312 water column (Sintes *et al.*, 2013). In our dataset, ammonia concentrations were similar
313 in ‘shallow’ and ‘deep waters’ (0.196 and 0.209 μM , at 170 and 1050 m, respectively)
314 but it should be noticed that these values may not reflect the actual turn-over rates of

315 ammonia. Indeed, gene expression of the *amoA* gene was higher in the shallow waters
316 compared to deeper water in the Arabian Sea (Pitcher *et al.*, 2011a), which suggests a
317 lower ammonia oxidation activity of the deep water population of Thaumarchaeota.
318 Ammonia as the discriminating factor could also explain the clustering of the *amoA*
319 gene sequences in deep water surface sediment with the ‘shallow water’ homologues as
320 there is a high availability of ammonia in both shallow waters as well as sediment pore
321 waters due to the breakdown of organic matter (Table S1).

322 At this stage, we can only speculate that perhaps the difference in the amino acid
323 sequence of the *amoA* protein (Figure 2) of the ‘deep water’ clade compared to the one
324 of the ‘shallow water’ clade may result in a competitive advantage at relatively low
325 ammonium concentrations. Alternatively, these amino acid differences could be
326 functionally neutral, if ammonia availability is not a strong selective pressure driving
327 divergence between the two clades. In this respect it is noteworthy that Santoro *et al.*
328 (2010) did find ‘deep water’ *amoA* in shallow waters but no expression of the ‘deep
329 water’ *amoA* gene was detected, suggesting they are inhibited once transported to the
330 surface. Taken together this may suggest that, possibly driven by ammonia availability,
331 two thaumarchaeotal populations evolved divergently from a common ancestor and
332 adapted to specific conditions, leading to differences not only in the *amoA* gene but also
333 other genes like the one coding for GGGP synthases.

334 *Potential impact of different GGGP synthases on GDGT lipid distribution*

335 To examine whether the differences in the GGGP synthase gene in the ‘shallow’ vs
336 the ‘deep water’ populations of Thaumarchaeota (Figure 4) may have an impact on
337 GDGT composition, we compared the thaumarchaeotal GGGP synthase distribution
338 with the distribution of GDGTs in the Arabian Sea SPM as reported by Schouten *et al.*
339 (2012). The fractional abundances of GDGTs change with depth for both intact polar

340 lipids (IPLs; Figure S2A), representing living biomass, as well as for core lipids (CLs;
341 Figure S2B), representing dead material. The most striking difference is an increased
342 fractional abundance of IPL-GDGT-2 with depth with a concomitant drop in the
343 fractional abundance of IPL-GDGT-3 with depth (Figure S2A, B). Examination of the
344 relative abundances of the CL-GDGTs in the Equatorial Pacific (EqPac) station 6
345 during two campaigns (February–March 1992; August–September 1992; Wuchter *et al.*,
346 2005) revealed a similar pattern, i.e. a steady increase in CL-GDGT-2 and a decrease of
347 CL-GDGT-3 relative abundances with depth (Figure S2C, D), as previously indicated
348 by Taylor *et al.*, (2013) and more recently by Hernandez-Sanchez *et al.* (2014) in SPM
349 and underlying sediments collected in the Southeast Atlantic Ocean. Generally, GDGT-
350 2 and -3 in marine waters are assumed to be both derived from Thaumarchaeota
351 (Schouten *et al.*, 2013) but the possibility that the uncultured marine euryarchaeota
352 group II synthesize them has been previously raised and debated (Turich *et al.*, 2007;
353 Schouten *et al.*, 2008b). However in our data set, as shown in Figure S3, compiling data
354 by Pitcher *et al.*, (2011a) and Schouten *et al.*, (2012), the general archaeal 16S rRNA
355 gene quantification in the Arabian Sea SPM almost matched the thaumarchaeotal 16S
356 rRNA gene quantification, supporting that most Archaea present in the water column
357 were members of the Thaumarchaeota and thus likely to be the dominant GDGT
358 producers in the system.

359 In the water column of the Arabian Sea OMZ, the GDGT-2/GDGT-3 ratio increased
360 with depth reaching a maximum at 1200 m depth (Figure 5A, Figure S4). Interestingly,
361 this change in the relative abundance of GDGT with depth coincides with the depth
362 niches occupied by ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ Thaumarchaeota (Figure 5B), tentatively
363 indicating a potential link between these clusters and the differences in GDGT
364 distributions. The same trend is observed globally with an increased GDGT-2/GDGT-3

365 ratio in surface sediments with depth (Figure 5C; based on data reported by Kim *et al.*,
366 2010), and the increasing percentage of GGGP synthases of the ‘deep water’ cluster in
367 the marine metagenomes (Figure 5D; Figure 4B). Villanueva *et al.* (in press) suggested,
368 based on previously reported experimental evidence and phylogenetic analyses of the
369 enzymes involved in the GDGT pathway, that the ring moieties present in GDGTs may
370 already be present in the isoprenyl substrates processed by the GGGP synthase, thus
371 suggesting that the GGGP synthase is already involved in determining the relative
372 abundance of the different GDGTs synthesized in this pathway. Considering this
373 hypothesis, differences in the amino acid sequences of GGGP synthases between
374 different archaeal groups could result in differences in the relative proportion of the
375 GDGTs. In the present study, we have unraveled important changes in the amino acid
376 composition of the catalytic site of the GGGP synthase (labeled in purple and green in
377 Figure 4A) present in the thaumarchaeotal populations inhabiting ‘shallow’ and ‘deep
378 waters’. We hypothesize that those differences may lead to differences in the relative
379 proportion of synthesized GDGTs, e.g. a strongly different ratio of GDGT-2 over
380 GDGT-3. Similarly, it has been found that Thaumarchaeota of the group I.1b have a
381 different GDGT composition than those of I.1a, i.e. a higher abundance of the
382 crenarchaeol regio-isomer (Sinninghe Damste *et al.*, 2012). Thus, with increasing depth
383 the increasing dominance of the ‘deep water’ clade of Thaumarchaeota may cause the
384 observed increase in GDGT-2 over GDGT-3 (Figure 5). This would also explain why
385 the GDGT distributions apparently do not change with lower temperatures in the deep
386 sea (Wuchter *et al.*, 2005; Schouten *et al.*, 2012), i.e. the GDGT-3 would be expected to
387 decrease compared to GDGT-2 in Thaumarchaeota with lower temperatures (Wuchter *et*
388 *al.*, 2004; Schouten *et al.*, 2007) . It is also possible that other genes in the pathway, not
389 just GGGP synthase, are responsible for the observed variation in the GDGT ratios with

390 depth, or that regulatory genes play a role. Biochemical experiments with GGGP
391 synthase variants, as well as cultivation of AOA isolated from different depths will be
392 required to corroborate this hypothesis
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394 **Experimental procedures**

395 *DNA/RNA extraction and quantitative PCR*

396 DNA/RNA was extracted from surface sediment (upper 0.25 cm) with the
397 RNA PowerSoil® Total Isolation kit plus the DNA elution accessory (Mo Bio
398 Laboratories, Inc., Carlsbad, CA). RNA extracts were treated with DNase and reverse
399 transcribed as described by Pitcher *et al.* (2011a). Quantitative PCR of the *amoA* gene
400 in surface sediments was performed as described by Pitcher *et al.* (2011a).

401 *Cloning, sequencing and phylogeny of the archaeal amoA gene*

402 Amplification of the archaeal *amoA* gene was performed as described by Yakimov *et al.*
403 (2011). PCR reaction mixture was the following (final concentration): Q-solution 1×
404 (PCR additive, Qiagen); PCR buffer 1×; BSA (200 µg ml⁻¹); dNTPs (20 µM); primers
405 (0.2 pmol µl⁻¹); MgCl₂ (1.5 mM); 1.25 U Taq polymerase (Qiagen, Valencia, CA,
406 USA). PCR conditions for these amplifications were the following: 95°C, 5 min; 35 ×
407 [95°C, 1 min; 55°C, 1 min; 72°C, 1 min]; final extension 72°C, 5 min. PCR products
408 were gel purified (QIAquick gel purification kit, Qiagen) and cloned in the TOPO-TA
409 cloning® kit from Invitrogen (Carlsbad, CA, USA) and transformed in *E. coli* TOP10
410 cells following the manufacturer's recommendations. Recombinant clones plasmid
411 DNAs were purified by Qiagen Miniprep kit and screening by sequencing ($n \geq 30$)
412 using M13R primer by MacroGen Europe Inc. (Amsterdam, The Netherlands). Obtained
413 archaeal *amoA* protein sequences were aligned with already annotated *amoA* sequences
414 by using the Muscle application (Edgar, 2004). Phylogenetic trees were constructed
415 with the Neighbor-Joining method (Saitou and Nei, 1987) and evolutionary distances
416 computed using the Poisson correction method with a bootstrap test of 1,000 replicates.

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418 *Metagenomic search*

419 GGGP synthase protein sequences of Thaumarchaeota were obtained by protein blast
420 (pBLAST) using the annotated geranylgeranylglyceryl phosphate synthase protein
421 sequence of *Nitrosopumilus maritimus* (YP_001583129) as a query sequence (e-value \leq
422 $1e^{-109}$ and identity $\geq 73\%$): ‘*Ca. Nitrosoarchaeum koreensis* (YP_006774700),
423 *Cenarchaeum symbiosum* (YP_876742), ‘*Ca. Nitrosopumilus salaria*’ (ZP_10117002),
424 ‘*Ca. Nitrosoarchaeum limnia*’ (ZP_08257740), and ‘*Ca. Nitrososphaera gargensis*’
425 (YP_006864169). In addition, two environmental sequences (e-value $\leq 1e^{-101}$ and
426 identity $\geq 64\%$) annotated as PcrB family proteins (ABZ09772.1 and ABZ07221.1) in
427 the uncultured Group I marine crenarchaea HF4000APKG8I13 (EU016657.1) and
428 HF4000ANIW133C7 (EU016595.1) fosmid sequences were annotated as putative
429 GGGP synthases. GGGP synthase sequences of ‘*Ca. Nitrosoarchaeum limnia*’
430 (ZP_08257740), putative GGGP synthase (ABZ09772.1), putative ammonia
431 monooxygenase subunit A (*amoA*) ACF75441.1 (Juan de Fuca Ridge, 2267 m deep;
432 Wang *et al.*, 2009), and ACG69579.1 (South China Sea, 100 m deep; Hu *et al.*, 2011)
433 were used as query sequences in pBLAST with an e-value of $1e^{-20}$ in the Integrated
434 Microbial Genomes (IMG) system with microbiome samples (IMG/M) of the Joint
435 Genome Institute U.S Department of Energy (DOE) (<http://img.jgi.doe.gov>). The
436 pBLAST was restricted to search homologues in marine environmental microbiome
437 metagenomes listed in Table S2. Protein blast searches were also performed in NCBI
438 metagenomic environmental proteins database, and in the Community
439 Cyberinfrastructure for Advanced Microbial Ecology Research and Analysis portal
440 (<https://portal.camera.calit2.net>) against the GOS (Global Ocean Sampling
441 Expedition) and HOT (Hawaii Ocean Time-series) all ORF peptides databases with
442 restricted e-value $1e^{-20}$. Tblastn (search translated nucleotide databases using a protein

443 query) searches were also performed in the Camera 2.0 portal against all metagenomic
444 454 reads and a custom dataset comprising deep-water samples (500 to 4857 m depth)
445 as listed in Table S3. GGGP synthase and ammonia monooxygenase protein sequence
446 homologues obtained by the metagenomic search were aligned with the Muscle
447 alignment application (Edgar, 2004) included in the Mega5 software (Tamura *et al.*,
448 2011).

449 *GGGP synthase gene primer design, sequences and phylogeny*

450 Primer pairs for the amplification of a part of GGGP synthase coding gene in
451 environmental samples were designed manually based on the alignment of GGGP
452 synthase genes of thaumarchaeotal cultures (as indicated in Figure 4A), as well as
453 metagenomic sequences. Sequences were aligned by Muscle (Edgar, 2004) and edited
454 manually. Primers were checked for secondary structures and % G+C in the Primer3
455 webpage (<http://primer3.wi.mit.edu/>) (see Table S4). PCR reactions and conditions were
456 performed as specified above. A gradient PCR cycle from 45 to 60°C melting
457 temperature was performed for each set of forward and reverse primers (Table S4) with
458 genomic DNA samples obtained from SPM recovered at different depths (20, 170, 300,
459 450, 600, 1200, 2000 m depth) across the Arabian Sea oxygen minimum zone during a
460 campaign in January 2009 (see Pitcher *et al.*, 2011a for details on sampling conditions
461 and DNA extraction procedure) and genomic DNA from *Nitrosopumilus maritimus*
462 SCM1 as a positive control). The only primer pair that gave a positive PCR
463 amplification was GGGP_Thaum_301F_short/530R_short, as listed in Table S4.
464 Positive amplification bands were excised from agarose gel and gel or PCR purified
465 (QIAquick gel/PCR purification kit, Qiagen) and cloned in the TOPO-TA cloning® kit
466 from Invitrogen (Carlsbad, CA, USA) and transformed in *E. coli* TOP10 cells following

467 the manufacturer's recommendations. Recombinant plasmidic DNA was sequenced as
468 described above.

469 Putative partial GGGP synthase gene sequences obtained from the Arabian Sea SPM
470 samples were translated to protein by submitting them as query sequences in translated
471 blast (xblast: Find similar proteins to translated query in a protein database) and
472 reviewed by manual annotation. Putative and annotated partial GGGP synthases
473 sequences were translated to protein and aligned by Muscle (Edgar, 2004) in Mega5
474 software (Tamura *et al.*, 2011) and edited manually. Phylogenetic reconstruction of
475 putative partial GGGP synthase proteins was performed by maximum likelihood in
476 PhyML v3.0 (Guindon *et al.*, 2010) using the LG model plus gamma distribution
477 (LG+G) indicated by ProtTest 2.4 (Abascal *et al.*, 2005). Branch support was calculated
478 with the approximate likelihood ratio test (aLRT).

479 *Nucleotide accession numbers*

480 Partial GGGP synthase and *amoA* gene sequences sequence data have been submitted
481 to the GenBank database under accession No: KF512026–KF512324 and
482 KJ509833–KJ509868 (GGGP synthase), KF512325–KF512379 and KJ509763–
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684 **Figure legends**

685 **Figure 1.** Neighbor-joining tree of *amoA* protein sequences recovered from SPM at 170
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687 cm) of station P3000 (3003 m water depth; in green; 32 clones) constructed with the
688 Neighbor-Joining method (Saitou and Nei, 1987). Scale bar indicates 2% sequence
689 dissimilarity. Clusters of Water column A/Sediments ('shallow water' marine clade)
690 and B ('deep water' marine clade) of the *amoA* gene were defined by Francis *et al.*
691 (2005). The evolutionary distances were computed using the Poisson correction method
692 with a bootstrap test of 1,000 replicates (values higher than 50% are shown on the
693 branches). The analysis involved 200 amino acid sequences and a total of 212 positions.

694 **Figure 2.** (A) Alignment of ammonia monooxygenase protein sequences, and (B)
695 distribution of ammonia monooxygenase 'shallow' (blue) and 'deep (red) water'
696 clusters in the ocean as determined from the analysis of metagenomic databases. In (A)
697 160 out of 216 amino acids (74% of total *amoA* protein) are shown. Amino acid
698 residues defining the 'shallow' and 'deep water' *amoA* clusters are indicated with a star.
699 Key: N, asparagine; S, serine; L, leucine; I, isoleucine; A, alanine; G, glycine; V, valine;
700 R, arginine; K, lysine; F, phenylalanine; Q, glutamine; T, threonine; Y, tyrosine; H,
701 histidine; C, cysteine; M, methionine. Amino acid residues shaded in the same color in
702 the alignment are either identical or of the same nature. Pie charts in (B) indicate the
703 distribution of the *amoA* 'shallow' (blue) and 'deep (red) water' clusters in
704 metagenomic databases (*n* indicates number of sequences analyzed).

705 **Figure 3.** Phylogenetic tree of putative partial GGGP synthases recovered from the
706 Arabian Sea OMZ SPM at seven different depths (varying from 20 to 2000 m), and
707 surface sediment (upper 0.25 cm) of station P3000 (3003 water depth) revealing
708 ‘shallow’ and ‘deep water’ clades. The analysis involved 334 amino acid sequences
709 with 76 amino acid residues. The phylogenetic tree was inferred by maximum
710 likelihood with the LG+G model of protein evolution. Branch support was calculated
711 with the approximate likelihood ratio test (aLRT) and indicated on the branches. The
712 scale bar indicates evolutionary distance of 0.1 substitutions per site.

713 **Figure 4.** (A) Alignment of partial GGGP synthases in different species of
714 Thaumarchaeota, protein sequences from the Arabian Sea, and fosmids from the deep
715 sea, and (B) distribution of GGGP synthase clusters in metagenomic databases with
716 depth. In (A) the alignment of 76 amino acid residues between the 101–177 position of
717 the GGGP synthase sequence of ‘*Ca. Nitrosoarchaeum koreensis*’(ZP_08668912) is
718 shown. See legend Figure 2 for details.

719 **Figure 5.** Depth profiles of (A) GDGT-2/GDGT-3 ratio of intact polar lipids in the
720 Arabian Sea SPM ; (B) Percentage (%) of GGGP synthase sequences of the ‘deep
721 water’ cluster detected in the Arabian Sea SPM; (C) GDGT-2/GDGT-3 ratio in marine
722 surface sediments based on data reported by Kim *et al.*, (2010); (D) Percentage (%) of
723 GGGP synthase of the ‘deep water’ cluster in the marine metagenomes analyzed in this
724 study (Table S2 and S3; Figure 4B).

Supporting information

Figure S1. Isoprenoid glycerol dialkyl glycerol tetraether (GDGT) structures.

Figure S2. Fractional abundance of GDGT-1, 2, 3, and crenarchaeol regioisomer in depth intervals in (A) Arabian Sea SPM, IPL-GDGT; (B) Arabian Sea SPM, CL-GDGT data; (C) Equatorial Pacific station 6, S1 (winter 1992); (D) Equatorial Pacific station 6, S2 (summer 1992) (Wuchter *et al.*, 2005).

Figure S3. Abundance of archaeal and thaumarchaeotal 16S rRNA gene copies per liter in the Arabian Sea SPM as reported by Pitcher *et al.*, 2011a and Schouten *et al.*, 2012.

Figure S4. GDGT-2/GDGT-3 ratio in the Arabian Sea and Equatorial Pacific SPM. CL indicates GDGT core lipids derived from dead material and IPL indicates intact polar lipid-GDGTs derived from living biomass.

Table S1. Summary of physicochemical conditions and *amoA* gene quantification and gene expression in the Arabian Sea SPM and surface sediment reported in this study. Data from Pitcher *et al.*, 2011a, Kraal *et al.*, 2012, and this study.

Table S2. Metagenome projects from marine microbiomes in IMG/M database used in this study.

Table S3. Metagenome projects from Camera database included in the ‘deep water’ database.

Table S4. GGGP synthase gene primers designed and applied in this study.

Table S1. Summary of the physicochemical conditions, *amoA* gene quantification, and gene expression in the Arabian Sea SPM and surface sediment reported in this study.

Depth (m) SPM	T (°C)	NH ₄ ⁺ (μM)	NO ₂ ⁻ (μM)	NO ₃ ⁻ (μM)	HPO ₄ ²⁻ (μM)	Oxygen (μM)	<i>amoA</i> gene copies L ⁻¹	<i>amoA</i> mRNA L ⁻¹
20	24.8	0.089	0.04	3.3	0.60	187.9	2.8E+07	3.1E+03
170	19.0	0.140	0.62	21.7	2.24	4.8	3.1E+08	5.5E+03
300	15.6	0.014	0.03	24.2	2.41	6.0	1.3E+08	1.2E+03
450	13.6	0.026	0.02	24.4	2.56	3.6	1.1E+08	2.2E+03
600	12.0	0.058	0.50	26.7	2.77	3.4	4.5E+07	1.3E+01
750	11.0	0.047	0.02	32	2.88	3.4	6.3E+07	0.0E+00
900	9.9	0.097	0.02	35.4	2.55	4.2	1.1E+08	9.4E+02
1050	8.5	0.098	0.02	37.9	3.08	4.6	2.1E+08	1.3E+03
1200	7.5	0.076	0.02	39.6	3.17	9.8	1.3E+08	1.1E+03
1350	6.5	0.066	0.02	39.3	3.19	18.8	6.6E+07	7.1E+02
1500	5.5	0.004	0.01	39.7	3.19	28.5	8.4E+07	1.0E+03
2000	3.2	0.043	0.03	38.1	2.98	62.7	6.0E+07	2.1E+02
Surface sediment	T (°C) **	NH ₄ ⁺ (μM)	NO ₂ ⁻ (μM)	NO ₃ ⁻ (μM)	HPO ₄ ²⁻ (μM)	Oxygen (μM)	<i>amoA</i> gene* copies g dw ⁻¹	<i>amoA</i> * mRNA g dw ⁻¹
3003 m (P3000)	1.4	55.6	8.3	46.2	3.8	70	3.9E+8 (2.5E+7)	1.8E+4 (3E+3)

Data by Pitcher *et al.*, 2011a and Kraal *et al.*, 2012; Biogeosciences 9:2603 (pore water nutrients in the upper 0.5 cm). *Data obtained in this study. Dw = dry weight. †nd = not detected. Numbers between parentheses are standard deviations of three QPCR measurements. Limit of detection of *amoA* gene copies in the surface sediment = 200 gene copies g⁻¹ dry weight. **values in bottom water due to lack of measurement. Quantitative PCR of the *amoA* gene in surface sediments was performed as described by Pitcher *et al.* (2011a).

Table S2. Metagenome projects from Marine microbiomes in IMG/M used in this study.

Taxon_id	Proposal Name	Genome Name / Sample Name
2040502005	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from Antarctic	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from Antarctic, Sample 10335 (Summer fosmids)
3300000149	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P August 2009 P16 10m (Line P August 2009 P16 10m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000171	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 47 07/07/10 200m (Saanich Inlet 47 07/07/10 200m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000146	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 54 02/08/11 120m (Saanich Inlet 54 02/08/11 120m, March 2012 Assem)
2014613002	Marine planktonic communities from Hawaii Ocean Times Series Station (HOT/ALOHA)	1_Upper_euphotic
3300000186	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P February 2010 P16 2000m (Line P February 2010 P16 2000m, April 2012 Assem)
3300000218	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2009 P20 2000m (Line P June 2009 P20 2000m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000198	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_F_10_SI03_200 (Line P sample_F_10_SI03_200, March 2012 Assem)
3300000216	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 53 01/11/11 150m (Saanich Inlet 53 01/11/11 150m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000174	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 60 08/10/11 200m (Saanich Inlet 60 08/10/11 200m, April 2012 Assem)

2189573014	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_J_09_P20_1000 (sample_J_09_P20_1000 June 2011 assem)
3300000147	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 54 02/08/11 150m (Saanich Inlet 54 02/08/11 150m, April 2012 Assem)
3300000141	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2008 P4 1300m (Line P June 2008 P4 1300m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000256	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_F_10_SI03_120 (Line P sample_F_10_SI03_120, March 2012 Assem)
3300000222	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2009 P12 500m (Line P June 2009 P12 500m, March 2012 Assem)
2061766003	Guaymas Basin hydrothermal plume	Hydrothermal vent microbial communities from Guaymas and Carmen Basins, Gulf of California, Sample 457
3300000167	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 39 11/10/09 120m (Saanich Inlet 39 11/10/09 120m, March 2012 Assem)
2077657013	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from the Antarctic	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from the Antarctic, sample from Summer (Summer fosmids Sept 2010 assemblies)
3300000158	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 54 02/08/11 100m (Saanich Inlet 54 02/08/11 100m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000266	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_J_09_P20_500 (Line P sample_J_09_P20_500, March 2012 Assem)
2149837028	Deepwater Horizon Subsurface Plume Metatranscriptome	52-4 In plume (52-4 In Plume)
3300000250	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P February 2009 P26 1000m (Line P February 2009 P26 1000m, March 2012 Assem)

3300000134	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Baltic Sea site KBA sample SWE 07_21m (Baltic Sea site KBA sample SWE 07_21m, Oct 2011 Assem)
3300000214	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 54 02/08/11 200m (Saanich Inlet 54 02/08/11 200m, March 2012 Assem)
2189573017	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_F_10_SI03_120 (sample_F_10_SI03_120 June 2011 assem)
3300000118	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Tierra del Fuego site OR sample ARG 06_12.3m (Tierra del Fuego site OR sample ARG 06_12.3m, Oct 2011 Assem)
3300000265	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P04_10 (Line P sample_A_09_P04_10, April 2012 Assem)
3300000195	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 39 11/10/09 150m (Saanich Inlet 39 11/10/09 150m, March 2012 Assem)
2014642000	Marine planktonic communities from Hawaii Ocean Times Series Station (HOT/ALOHA)	6_Upper_euphotic
3300000131	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Tierra del Fuego site MC sample ARG 02_11.3m (Tierra del Fuego site MC sample ARG 02_11.3m, Jan 2012 Assem)
2189573010	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P20_1000 (sample_A_09_P20_1000 June 2011 assem)
2014613003	Marine planktonic communities from Hawaii Ocean Times Series Station (HOT/ALOHA)	2_Base_of_chlorophyll_max
3300000168	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2009 P12 10m (Line P June 2009 P12 10m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000133	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Svalbard Archipelago station 1 sample NOR 02_45m (Svalbard Archipelago station 1 sample NOR 02_45m, Jan 2012 Assem)
3300000116	Marine microbial communities from Delaware Coast	Marine microbial communities from Delaware Coast, sample from Delaware MO Spring March

		2010 (Delaware MO Spring March 2010, Nov 2011 assem)
2189573015	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample F_10_SI03_10 (sample_F_10_SI03_10 June 2011 assem)
2014642003	Marine planktonic communities from Hawaii Ocean Times Series Station (HOT/ALOHA)	7_Oxygen_minimum_layer
2156126013	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P20_1000 (A_09_P20_1000)
3300000159	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P August 2008 P26 10m (Line P August 2008 P26 10m, March 2012 Assem)
2149837027	Deepwater Horizon Subsurface Plume Metatranscriptome	52-1 Below Plume (52-1 Below Plume)
3300000144	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2008 P4 1000m (Line P June 2008 P4 1000m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000172	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 34 06/16/09 200m (Saanich Inlet 34 06/16/09 200m, May 2012 Assem)
3300000153	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 39 11/10/09 135m (Saanich Inlet 39 11/10/09 135m, April 2012 Assem)
3300000192	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 60 08/10/11 100m (Saanich Inlet 60 08/10/11 100m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000136	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	King George Island site S1 sample ANT 02_9.5m (King George Island site S1 sample ANT 02_9.5m, Dec 2011 Assem)
3300000237	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 34 06/16/09 150m (Saanich Inlet 34 06/16/09 150m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000127	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Svalbard Archipelago station 1 sample NOR 05_45m (Svalbard Archipelago station 1 sample NOR 05_45m, Nov 2011 Assem)

3300000322	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P August 2008 P12 1000m (Line P August 2008 P12 1000m, June 2012 Assem)
3300000224	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 34 06/16/09 10m (Saanich Inlet 34 06/16/09 10m, March 2012 Assem)
2189573012	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_J_08_P26_500 (sample_J_08_P26_500 June 2011 assem)
2189573007	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P04_1000 (A_09_P04_1000 June 2011 assem)
3300000161	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P August 2008 P12 2000m (Line P August 2008 P12 2000m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000261	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P20_1000 (Line P sample_A_09_P20_1000, April 2012 Assem)
2008193000	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from Antarctic	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from Antarctic, sample from Summer (Summer fosmid end sequences)
3300000239	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 36 08/11/09 120m (Saanich Inlet 36 08/11/09 120m, March 2012 Assem)
2162886005	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_F_10_SI03_135 (F_10_SI03_135)
2189573009	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P04_10 (sample_A_09_P04_10 June 2011 assem)
3300000163	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2009 P16 2000m (Line P June 2009 P16 2000m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000254	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 34 06/16/09 100m (Saanich Inlet 34 06/16/09 100m, March 2012 Assem)

3300000226	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 34 06/16/09 135m (Saanich Inlet 34 06/16/09 135m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000123	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	King George Island site S2 sample ANT 06 23.45m (King George Island site S2 sample ANT 06 23.45m, Oct 2011 Assem)
3300000199	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 39 11/10/09 10m (Saanich Inlet 39 11/10/09 10m, March 2012 Assem)
2156126011	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P04_500 (A_09_P04_500)
2156126009	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample F_10_S103_10 (F_10_S103_10)
3300000242	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Tierra del Fuego site OR sample ARG 05_12.3m (Tierra del Fuego site OR sample ARG 05_12.3m, Oct 2011 Assem)
3300000121	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Tierra del Fuego site MC sample ARG 03_11.3m (Tierra del Fuego site MC sample ARG 03_11.3m, Oct 2011 Assem)
3300000324	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 48 08/11/10 100m (Saanich Inlet 48 08/11/10 100m, June 2012 Assem)
3300000248	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P February 2009 P12 500m (Line P February 2009 P12 500m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000170	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 36 08/11/09 135m (Saanich Inlet 36 08/11/09 135m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000183	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P August 2008 P20 500m (Line P August 2008 P20 500m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000155	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 36 08/11/09 200m (Saanich Inlet 36 08/11/09 200m, March 2012 Assem)

2162886004	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_F_10_SI03_100 (F_10_SI03_100)
3300000263	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P04_1000 (Line P sample_A_09_P04_1000, March 2012 Assem)
3300000164	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 39 11/10/09 200m (Saanich Inlet 39 11/10/09 200m, May 2012 Assem)
3300000151	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 53 01/11/11 200m (Saanich Inlet 53 01/11/11 200m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000249	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P February 2009 P12 1000m (Line P February 2009 P12 1000m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000125	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Tierra del Fuego site MC sample ARG 01_11.3m (Tierra del Fuego site MC sample ARG 01_11.3m, Nov 2011 Assem)
3300000143	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 53 01/11/11 10m (Saanich Inlet 53 01/11/11 10m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000128	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Svalbard Archipelago station 1 sample NOR 08_45m (Svalbard Archipelago station 1 sample NOR 08_45m, Dec 2011 Assem)
3300000129	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	King George Island site S2 sample ANT 04_23.45m (King George Island site S2 sample ANT 04_23.45m, Dec 2011 Assem)
2156126010	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P04_1300 (A_09_P04_1300)
3300000140	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P February 2009 P26 500m (Line P February 2009 P26 500m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000188	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 60 08/10/11 150m (Saanich Inlet 60 08/10/11 150m, March 2012 Assem)

2040502004	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from Antarctic	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from Antarctic, Sample 10334 (Winter fosmid)
2008193001	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from Antarctic	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from Antarctic, sample from Winter (Winter fosmid end sequences)
2156126012	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P04_10 (A_09_P04_10)
2140918005	Coastal water and sediment microbial communities from Arctic	Sediment microbial communities from Arctic Ocean, off the coast from Alaska, sample from high methane PC12-225-485cm (High methane PC12-225-485cm Jan 2011 assembly)
2189573013	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_J_09_P20_500 (sample_J_09_P20_500 June 2011 assem)
3300000264	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P04_500 (Line P sample_A_09_P04_500, March 2012 Assem)
3300000247	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P August 2009 P26 500m (Line P August 2009 P26 500m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000166	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 48 08/11/10 200m (Saanich Inlet 48 08/11/10 200m, April 2012 Assem)
3300000213	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_F_10_SI03_150 (Line P sample_F_10_SI03_150, April 2012 Assem)
3300000157	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P August 2008 P26 1000m (Line P August 2008 P26 1000m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000323	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P August 2009 P20 2000m (Line P August 2009 P20 2000m, June 2012 Assem)
2199352009	Marine seafloor sediment microbial communities from Peru Margin, Ocean Drilling Program Site 1229	Marine seafloor sediment microbial communities, sample from White Oak River

		Estuary, NC, USA 14E (White Oak River Estuary June 2011 assem)
3300000130	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Svalbard Archipelago station 2 sample NOR 15_50m (Svalbard Archipelago station 2 sample NOR 15_50m, Dec 2011 Assem)
3300000219	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P February 2010 P16 1000m (Line P February 2010 P16 1000m, May 2012 Assem)
3300000252	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2008 P16 1000m (Line P June 2008 P16 1000m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000135	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	King George Island site S1 sample ANT 03_9.5m (King George Island site S1 sample ANT 03_9.5m, Dec 2011 Assem)
2189573018	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_F_10_SI03_135 (sample_F_10_SI03_135 June 2011 assem)
3300000119	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	King George Island site S1 sample ANT 01_9.5m (King George Island site S1 sample ANT 01_9.5m, Oct 2011 Assem)
3300000207	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 48 08/11/10 10m (Saanich Inlet 48 08/11/10 10m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000255	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_F_10_SI03_135 (Line P sample_F_10_SI03_135, March 2012 Assem)
3300000187	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 53 01/11/11 100m (Saanich Inlet 53 01/11/11 100m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000115	Marine microbial communities from Delaware Coast	Marine microbial communities from Delaware Coast, sample from Delaware MO Summer July 2011 (Delaware MO Summer July 2011, Nov 2011 assem)
3300000152	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2008 P12 500m (Line P June 2008 P12 500m, May 2012 Assem)

3300000211	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 53 01/11/11 135m (Saanich Inlet 53 01/11/11 135m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000262	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P04_1300 (Line P sample_A_09_P04_1300, March 2012 Assem)
3300000259	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_J_08_P26_500 (Line P sample_J_08_P26_500, March 2012 Assem)
3300000148	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 47 07/07/10 100m (Saanich Inlet 47 07/07/10 100m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000215	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 53 01/11/11 120m (Saanich Inlet 53 01/11/11 120m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000204	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 36 08/11/09 150m (Saanich Inlet 36 08/11/09 150m, March 2012 Assem)
2189573019	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_F_10_SI03_150 (sample_F_10_SI03_150 June 2011 assem)
3300000132	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	King George Island site S2 sample ANT 05_23.45m (King George Island site S2 sample ANT 05_23.45m, Jan 2012 Assem)
3300000258	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_J_09_P20_1000 (Line P sample_J_09_P20_1000, April 2012 Assem)
3300000200	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 48 08/11/10 150m (Saanich Inlet 48 08/11/10 150m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000209	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P August 2008 P20 2000m (Line P August 2008 P20 2000m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000225	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 34 06/16/09 120m (Saanich Inlet 34 06/16/09 120m, March 2012 Assem)

3300000251	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2008 P16 500m (Line P June 2008 P16 500m, March 2012 Assem)
2189573006	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P04_500 (sample_A_09_P04_500 June 2011 assem)
3300000173	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P February 2010 P16 500m (Line P February 2010 P16 500m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000193	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 47 07/07/10 135m (Saanich Inlet 47 07/07/10 135m, March 2012 Assem)
2189573016	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_F_10_SI03_100 (sample_F_10_SI03_100 June 2011 assem)
3300000196	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P August 2009 P16 2000m (Line P August 2009 P16 2000m, March 2012 Assem)
2014642002	Marine planktonic communities from Hawaii Ocean Times Series Station (HOT/ALOHA)	5_Below_upper_mesopelagic
3300000260	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P20_500 (Line P sample_A_09_P20_500, March 2012 Assem)
3300000241	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Baltic Sea site KBB sample SWE 21_20.5m (Baltic Sea site KBB sample SWE 21_20.5m, Oct 2011 Assem)
2014642004	Marine planktonic communities from Hawaii Ocean Times Series Station (HOT/ALOHA)	4_Deep_abyss
2149837026	Deepwater Horizon Subsurface Plume Metatranscriptome	16-5 In Plume (16-5 In Plume)
2264265093	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from the Antarctic	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from the Antarctic, sample from Summer
3300000212	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 47 07/07/10 120m (Saanich Inlet 47 07/07/10 120m, March 2012 Assem)

3300000181	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2008 P4 500m (Line P June 2008 P4 500m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000126	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Baltic Sea site KBB sample SWE 26_20.5m (Baltic Sea site KBB sample SWE 26_20.5m, Nov 2011 Assem)
2189573011	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_A_09_P20_500 (sample_A_09_P20_500 June 2011 assem)
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3300000190	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2009 P16 1000m (Line P June 2009 P16 1000m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000179	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2009 P16 500m (Line P June 2009 P16 500m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000221	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2008 P12 2000m (Line P June 2008 P12 2000m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000243	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Svalbard Archipelago station 2 sample NOR 18_50m (Svalbard Archipelago station 2 sample NOR 18_50m, Dec 2011 Assem)
3300000325	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 39 11/10/09 100m (Saanich Inlet 39 11/10/09 100m, June 2012 Assem)
3300000120	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Svalbard Archipelago station 2 sample NOR 13_50m (Svalbard Archipelago station 2 sample NOR 13_50m, Oct 2011 Assem)
2162886003	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_J_08_P26_500 (J_08_P26_500)
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3300000238	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 36 08/11/09 100m (Saanich Inlet 36 08/11/09 100m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000137	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample F_10_SI03_10 (Line P sample_F_10_SI03_10, March 2012 Assem)
3300000160	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Saanich Inlet 48 08/11/10 135m (Saanich Inlet 48 08/11/10 135m, March 2012 Assem)
3300000117	Marine microbial communities from Delaware Coast	Marine microbial communities from Delaware Coast, sample from Delaware MO Winter December 2010 (Delaware MO Winter December 2010, Nov 2011 assem)
3300000124	Marine microbial communities from chronically polluted sediments in four geographic locations	Baltic Sea site KBA sample SWE 12_21m (Baltic Sea site KBA sample SWE 12_21m, Oct 2011 Assem)
3300000253	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2008 P12 1000m (Line P June 2008 P12 1000m, April 2012 Assem)
3300000101	Marine microbial communities from Delaware Coast	Marine microbial communities from Delaware Coast, sample from Delaware MO Early Summer May 2010 (Delaware MO Early Summer May 2010, Feb 2012 assem)
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2189573008	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P sample_F_10_SI03_200 (sample_F_10_SI03_200 June 2011 assem)
3300000142	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P August 2009 P16 500m (Line P August 2009 P16 500m, March 2012 Assem)

2077657020	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from the Antarctic	Marine Bacterioplankton communities from the Antarctic, sample from Winter (Winter fosmids Sept 2010 assemblies)
3300000223	Marine microbial communities from the Eastern Subtropical North Pacific Ocean, Expanding Oxygen minimum zones	Line P June 2009 P4 10m (Line P June 2009 P4 10m, March 2012 Assem)

Table S3. Metagenome projects from Camera included in the ‘deep water’ custom database.

Accession number	Project	Depth (m)	Name	Description
CAM_SMPL_000813	Moore Marine Phage/Virus Metagenomes	1000	1000 meters DNA	
CAM_SMPL_000829	Moore Marine Phage/Virus Metagenomes	1000	1000 meters RNA	
CAM_SMPL_000807	Moore Marine Phage/Virus Metagenomes	805	12C Fraction ANME Virome	Santa Monica Basin, offshore Los Angeles, CA
ALVINELLA_SMPL_20041130	Alvinella pompejana Epibiont Metagenome	2500	ALVINELLA	ALVINELLA - Alvinella Pompejana Epibionts
BATS_SMPL_174-1	Metagenomic Analysis of the North Atlantic Spring Bloom	4857	BATS_SMPL_174-1	BATS-174-1
BATS_SMPL_174-2	Metagenomic Analysis of the North Atlantic Spring Bloom	4857	BATS_SMPL_174-2	BATS-174-2
BATS_SMPL_179-1	Metagenomic Analysis of the North Atlantic Spring Bloom	2687	BATS_SMPL_179-1	BATS-179-1
BATS_SMPL_179-2	Metagenomic Analysis of the North Atlantic Spring Bloom	2687	BATS_SMPL_179-2	BATS-179-2
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CAM_SMPL_001119	Microbial Oceanography Course	800	BDAmpliconsMO2009.MO-09-1_C7-N19	

CAM_SMPL_001128	Microbial Oceanography Course	1000	BDAmpliconsMO2009.MO-09-3 C2-N24	
CAM_SMPL_001138	Microbial Oceanography Course	500	BDAmpliconsMO2009.MO10-1C1N24	
CAM_SMPL_000799	Moore Marine Phage/Virus Metagenomes	1970	Black Sea Sediment Metagenome	
DEEPMED_SMPL_KM3_20041117	Mediterranean Bathypelagic Habitat Metagenome	3010	DEEPMED	DEEPMED - Mediterranean Bathypelagic Habitat
DEEPMED_SMPL_KM3_20041117	Mediterranean Bathypelagic Habitat Metagenome	3010	DEEPMED	DEEPMED - Mediterranean Bathypelagic Habitat
CAM_S_466	Guaymas Basin deep-sea Metagenome	2040	GD1	
CAM_S_465	Guaymas Basin deep-sea Metagenome	2771	GD10	
CAM_S_469	Guaymas Basin deep-sea Metagenome	2040	GD2	
CAM_S_468	Guaymas Basin deep-sea Metagenome	2771	GD5	
CAM_S_463	Guaymas Basin deep-sea Metagenome	2050	GD6	
CAM_S_464	Guaymas Basin deep-sea Metagenome	2060	GD7	
CAM_S_467	Guaymas Basin deep-sea Metagenome	2771	GD8	
CAM_S_462	Guaymas Basin deep-sea Metagenome	2060	GD9	
JGI_SMPL_HF4000_12-21-03	Microbial Community Genomics at the HOT/ALOHA	4000	HF4000_12-21-03	HF4000_12-21-03 - HOT station ALOHA, 4000 m
JGI_SMPL_HF500_10-06-02	Microbial Community Genomics at the HOT/ALOHA	500	HF500_10-06-02	HF500_10-06-02 - HOT station ALOHA, 500 m

JGI_SMPL_HF770_12-21-03	Microbial Community Genomics at the HOT/ALOHA	770	HF770_12-21-03	HF770_12-21-03 - HOT station ALOHA, 770 m
HF_SMPL_HOT179_500M_CDNA	Microbial Community Genomics at the HOT/ALOHA	500	HF_SMPL_HOT179_500M_CDNA	
HF_SMPL_HOT179_500M_GDNA	Microbial Community Genomics at the HOT/ALOHA	500	HF_SMPL_HOT179_500M_GDNA	
HF_SMPL_HOT179_500M_SG	Microbial Community Genomics at the HOT/ALOHA	500	HF_SMPL_HOT179_500M_SG	HOT179_500m_Shotgun
HF_SMPL_HOT186_500M_GDNA	Microbial Community Genomics at the HOT/ALOHA	500	HF_SMPL_HOT186_500M_GDNA	HOT186_500m_gDNA
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MF_SMPL_BOGUAY	Moore Marine Microbial Sequencing	2000	MF_BOGUAY	MF_BOGUAY - Beggiatoa sp. 'Orange Guaymas'
MF_SMPL_CAT7	Moore Marine Microbial Sequencing	2500	MF_CAT7	MF_CAT7 - Carnobacterium sp. AT7
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MF_SMPL_CMTB2	Moore Marine Microbial Sequencing	2300	MF_CMTB2	MF_CMTB2 - Caminibacter mediatlanticus TB-2
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MF_SMPL_MPKA3	Moore Marine Microbial Sequencing		MF_MPKA3	MF_MPKA3 - Marinitoga piezophila KA3

MF_SMPL_OBOE	Moore Marine Microbial Sequencing	2895	_OBOE	MF_OBOE - Oceanospirillales bacterium 'Osedax endosymbiont'
MF_SMPL_PE36	Moore Marine Microbial Sequencing	3600	MF_PE36	MF_PE36 - Moritella sp. PE36
MF_SMPL_SPV1	Moore Marine Microbial Sequencing	1200	MF_SPV1	MF_SPV1 - Mariprofundus ferrooxydans PV-1
MF_SMPL_TAM4	Moore Marine Microbial Sequencing	2600	MF_TAM4	MF_TAM4 - Thermococcus sp. AM4
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CAM_SMPL_SRA022093	Antarctica Aquatic Microbial Metagenome	1320	Station_354 -- 3 um	3.0um sequencing
CAM_SMPL_SRA022161	Antarctica Aquatic Microbial Metagenome	890	Station_356 -- 0.1 um	0.1um sequencing
CAM_SMPL_SRA022162	Antarctica Aquatic Microbial Metagenome	890	Station_356 -- 0.8 um	0.8um sequencing
CAM_SMPL_SRA022096	Antarctica Aquatic Microbial Metagenome	890	Station_356 -- 3 um	3.0um sequencing
CAM_SMPL_SRA022170	Antarctica Aquatic Microbial Metagenome	1170	Station_361 -- 0.1 um	0.1um sequencing
CAM_SMPL_SRA022103	Antarctica Aquatic Microbial Metagenome	1170	Station_361 -- 0.8 um	MID barcoded 0.8um and 3.0um filters from the same station
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CAM_SMPL_000719	Moore Marine Phage/Virus Metagenomes	2505	Virome EPR hydrothermal vent: Extracellular ssDNA virome	
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CAM_SMPL_000721	Moore Marine Phage/Virus Metagenomes	2511	Virome EPR hydrothermal vent: Induced ssDNA virome	
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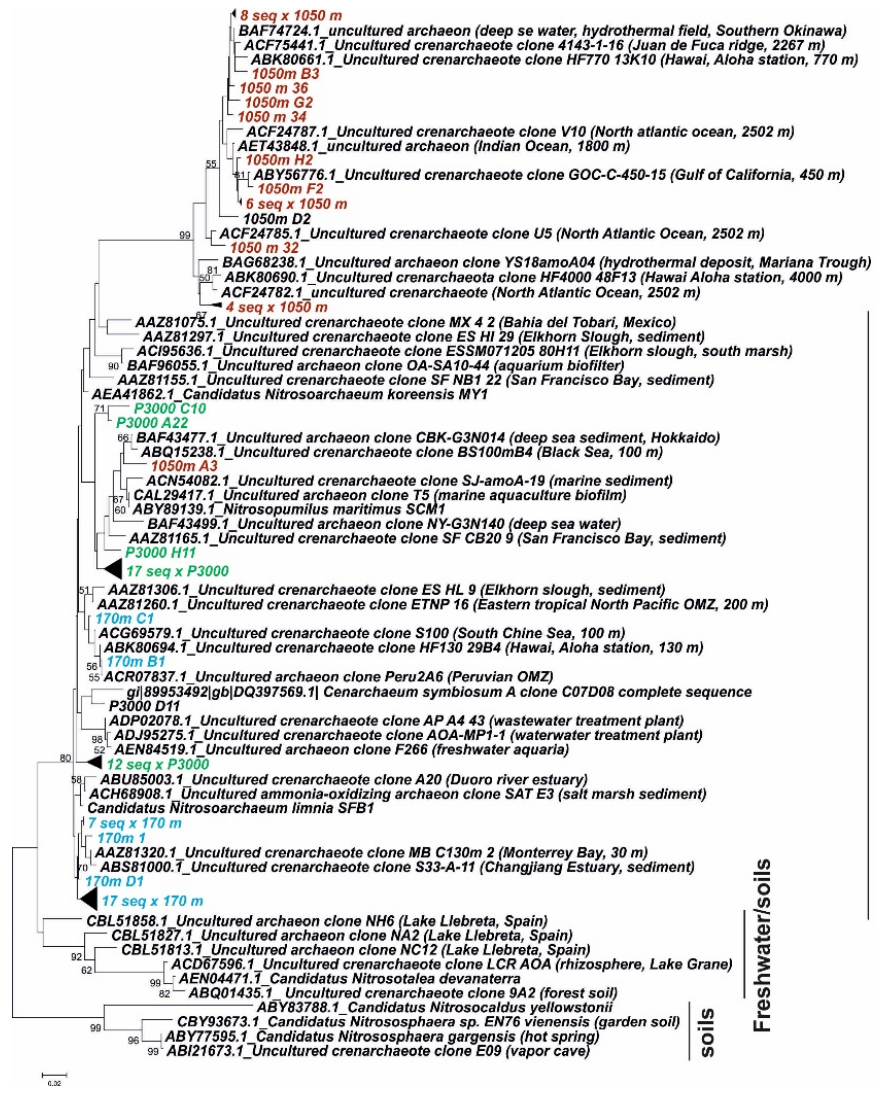
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CAM_SMPL_WHALEFALLMAT	Whale Fall Metagenome	1674	WHALEFALLMAT	WHALEFALLMAT - Whale fall Santa Cruz Basin, USA

Table S4. GGGP synthase gene primers designed and applied in this study.

Primer name	Sequence 5'-3'
GGGP_Thaum_301F_short	ATGAAYTCDGARAAAYCCNTA
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GGGP_Thaum_301F_long	ATGAAYTCRGARAAAYCCNTAYT
GGGP_Thaum_530R_long	GCYTCHARATANACRAAYCTCAT
GGGP_Thaum_530R_deg	GCYTCHARRTANACRAAYCKCAT
GGGP_Thaum_530R_short	GCYTCHARATANACRAAYCTCA
GGGP_Thaum_530R_ldeg	GCYTCHARATANACRAAYCTCAT

*Degenerated bases: Y (C/T); R (A/G); D (A/G/T); N (A/T/C/G); H (A/C/T). The only primer pair that gave a positive PCR amplification was GGGP_Thaum_301F_short/530R_short, and the optimum melting temperature was 48°C.

Figure 1



Water column B
 'Deep water' marine clade

Water column A/Sediments
 'Shallow water' marine clade

Freshwater/soils

soils

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Figure 2

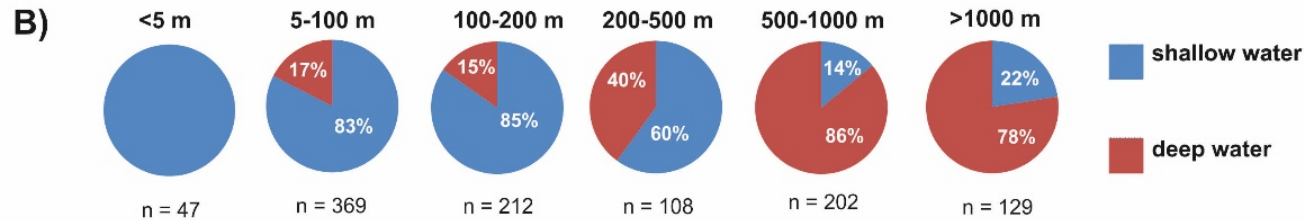
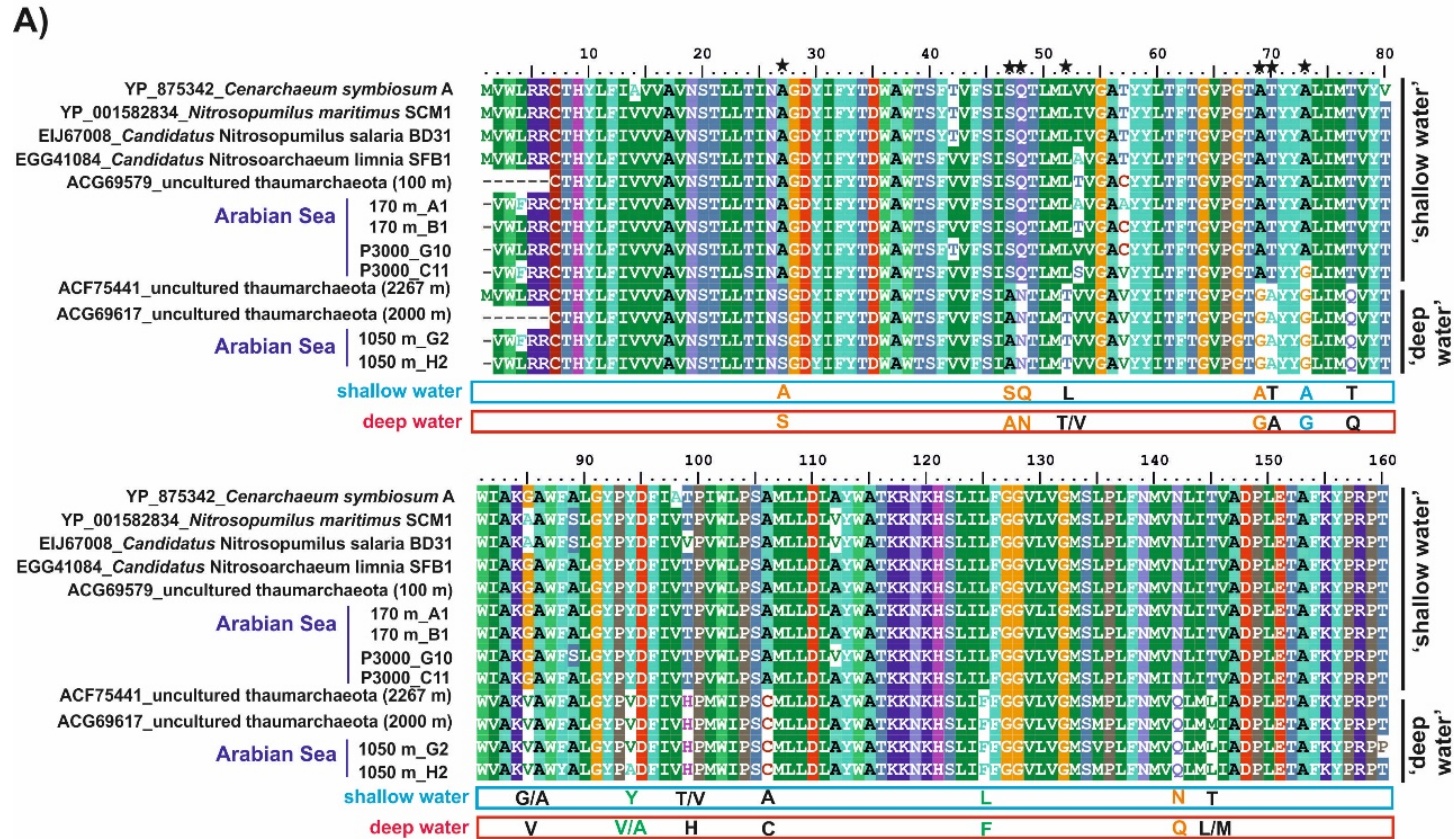


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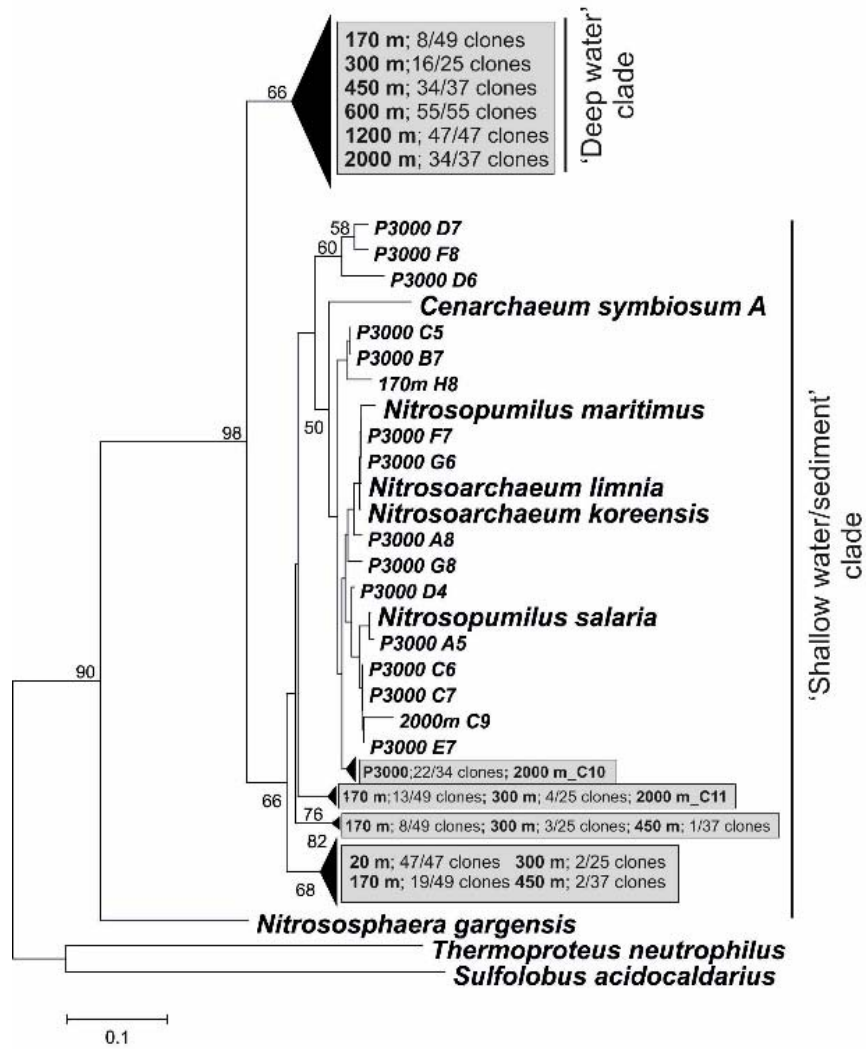
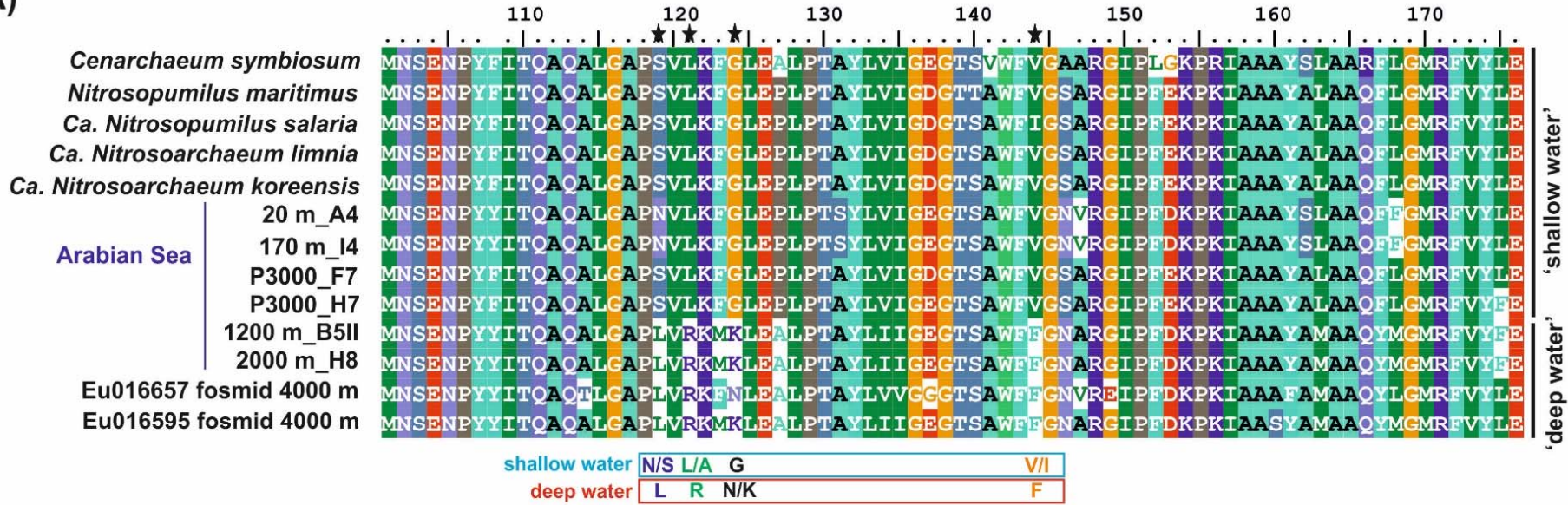


Figure 4

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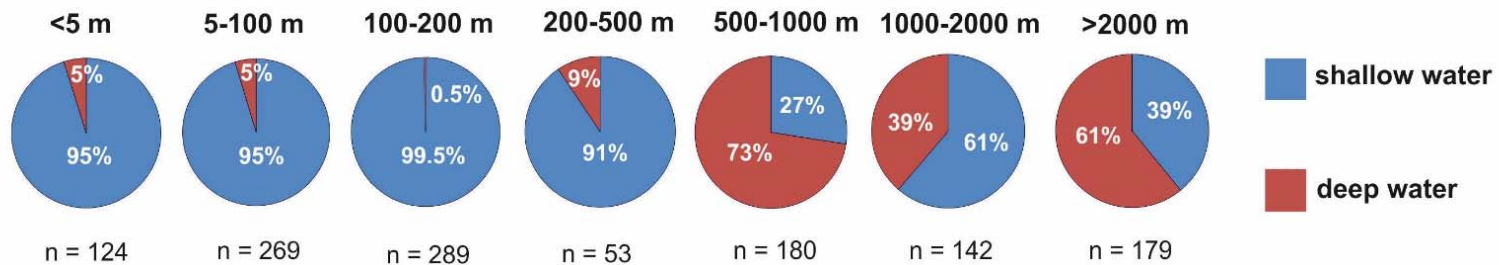


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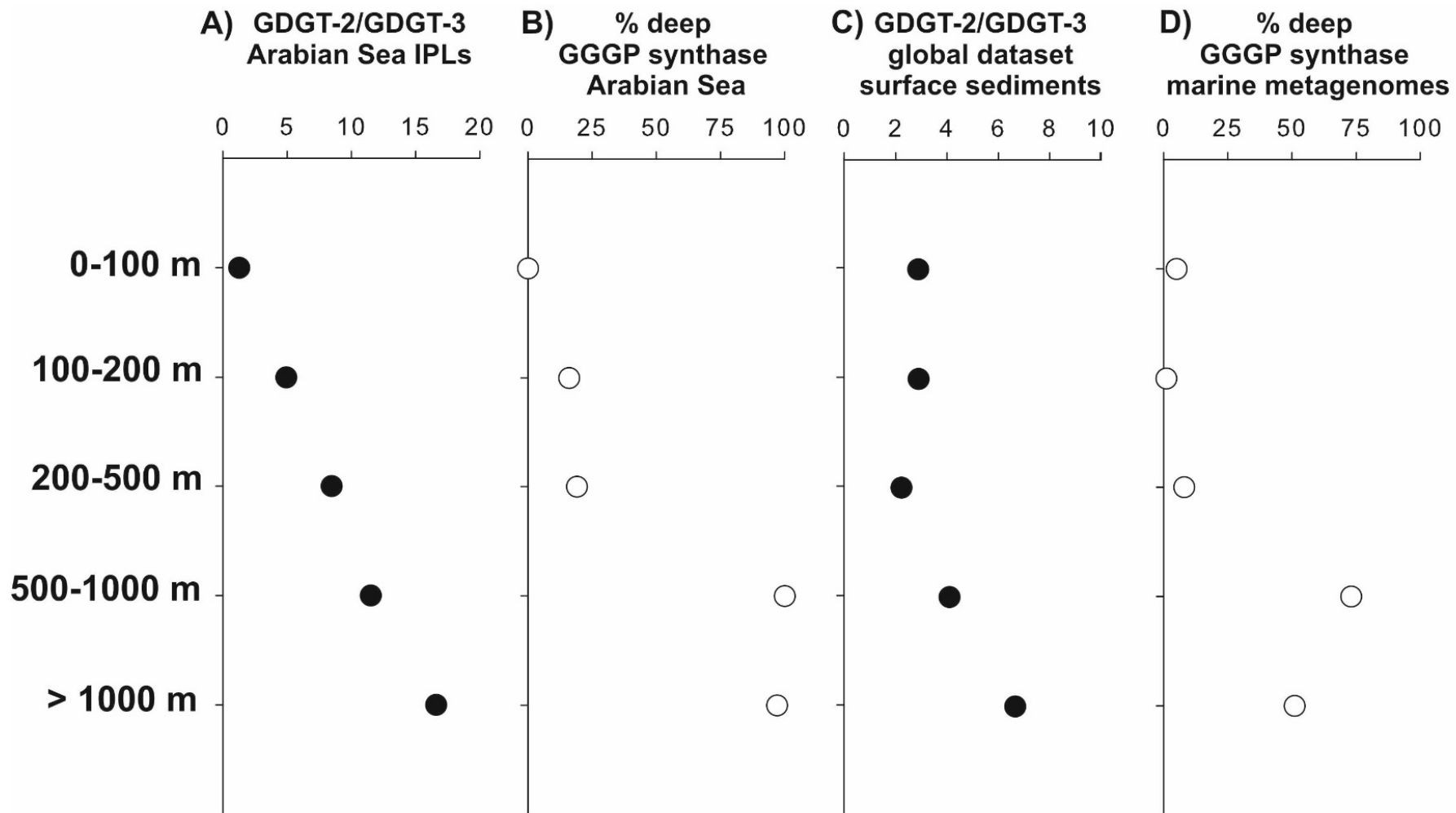


Figure S1

Isoprenoid GDGTs

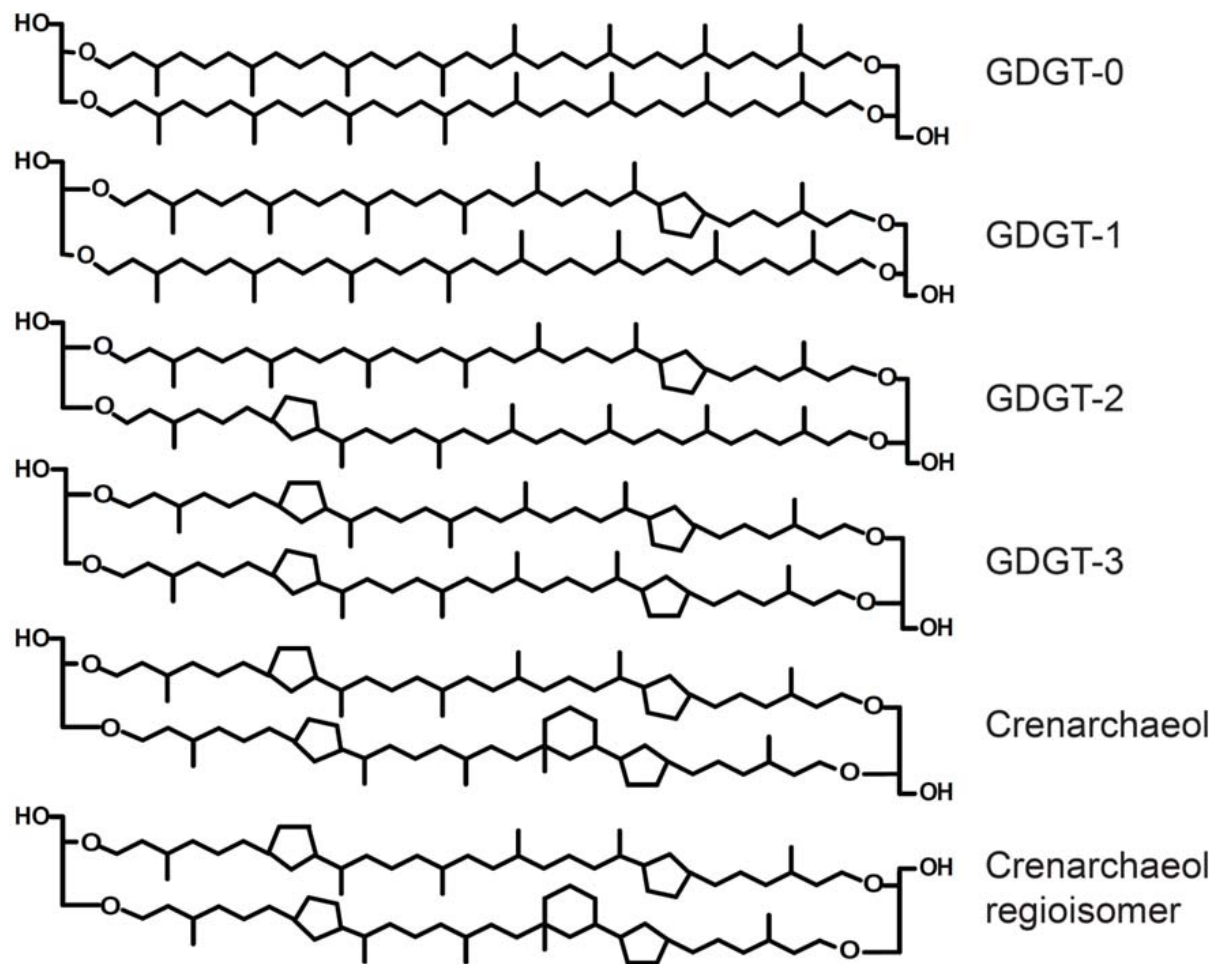


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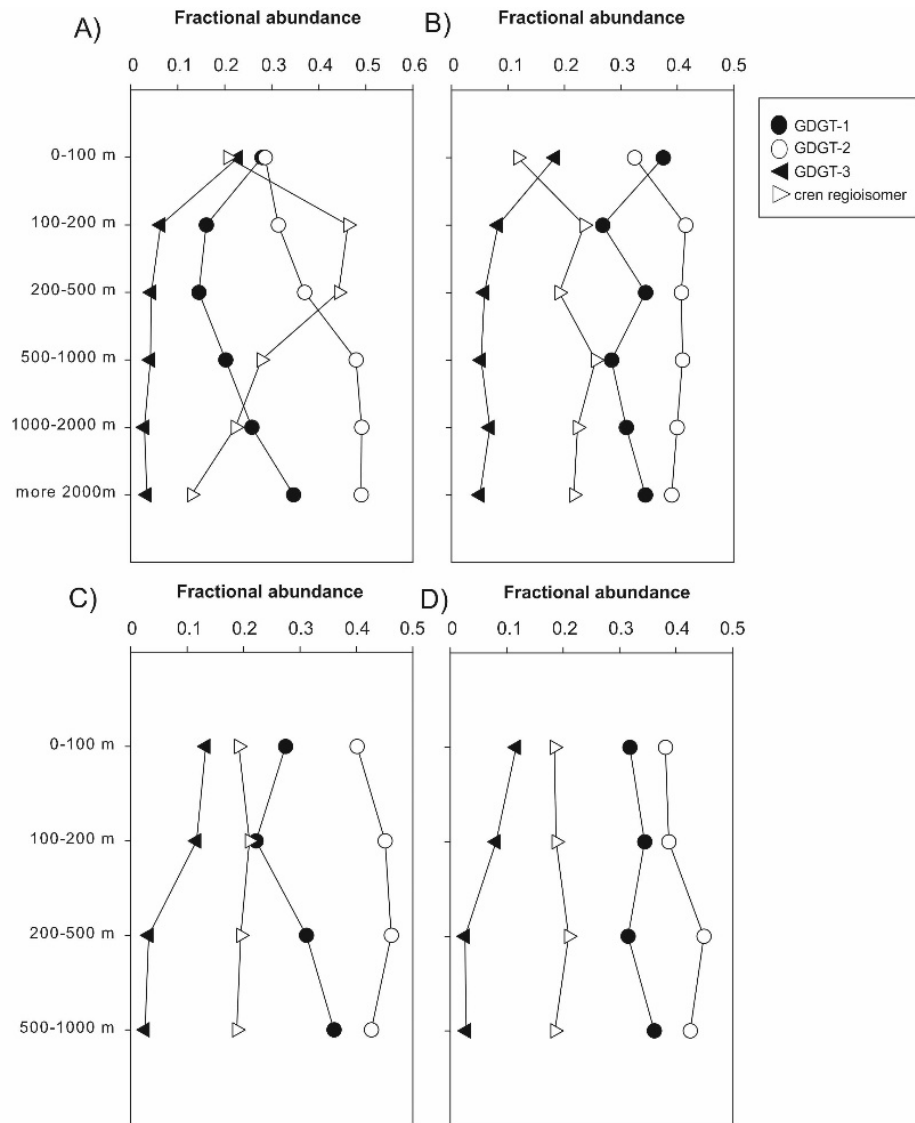


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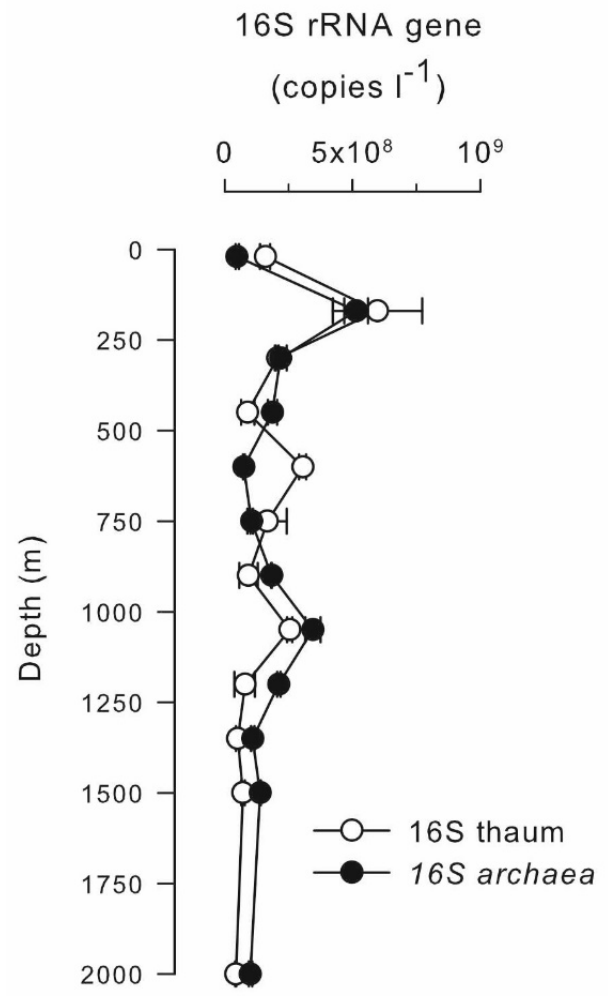


Figure S4

