

1 **Dissolved Organic Carbon Influences Microbial Community**  
2 **Composition and Diversity in Managed Aquifer Recharge**  
3 **Systems**

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29 Supplementary Information

30 **Archaeal community structures in field- and laboratory-scale MAR systems**

31 As shown in Table S2, few *Crenarchaeota* were detected in the intermediate  
32 infiltration zone samples, averaging 0.004% of total sequences. Compared to  
33 *Crenarchaeota*, significantly higher ratios of total sequences with an average of  
34 0.14% were affiliated with *Euryarchaeota* for intermediate infiltration zone samples  
35 (Wilcoxon matched-pair test,  $P < 0.001$ ). Similar findings were also observed for  
36 samples from the shallow infiltration zone and the unsaturated riverbed. The relative  
37 abundances of *Crenarchaeota* were less than 0.02% for both rivers in shallow  
38 infiltration zones. The ratios of *Euryarchaeota* among the total sequences of each  
39 sample were much higher, with average values of 0.13% for South Platte and Taif  
40 shallow samples, and as high as 2% in the unsaturated riverbed samples.

41 *Methanobacteria* and *Methanomicrobia* were the most abundant archaeal classes in  
42 the *Euryarchaeota* phylum for intermediate infiltration zone samples, with the relative  
43 ratios of 0.07% and 0.04% of the total sequences, respectively. These two ratios  
44 decreased to 0.01% and 0.006%, while the average ratio of *Halobacteria* belonging to  
45 *Euryarchaeota* increased to 0.01% for shallow infiltration zone samples. *Halobacteria*  
46 became the most abundant archaea affiliated with *Euryarchaeota* in all unsaturated  
47 riverbed samples, with the average ratio of 1.58% of the total sequences. Meanwhile,  
48 both *Methanobacteria* and *Methanomicrobia* consisted of less than 0.01% of the total  
49 sequences in all unsaturated riverbed samples. No significant difference was observed  
50 for archaeal distribution on phylum level among sediment samples taken from the  
51 same sampling location at different depths (Kendall's W matched-pair test, all  
52  $P > 0.05$ ).

53 For saturated sediment columns, *Archaea* were also detected in both the moderate  
54 and low DOC columns. Less than 0.03% of the total sequences were assigned to  
55 *Crenarchaeota* in each sediment sample, with the ratio of *Euryarchaeota* ranging  
56 from 0.02% to 0.06% and *Halobacteria* as the most abundant class in *Euryarchaeota*  
57 with the average ratio of 0.02%.

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59 TABLE S1. Oligonucleotide primers used in this study

Primer	Specificity	Sequence (5'–3')	Target genes	Application	Reference
515F	Universal	GTGYCAGCMGCCGCGGTAA	16S rRNA	Pyrosequencing	Caporaso <i>et al.</i> , 2011
806R	Universal	GGACTACHVGGGTWTCTAAT	16S rRNA	Pyrosequencing	Caporaso <i>et al.</i> , 2011
341F	<i>Bacteria</i>	CCTACGGGAGGCAGCAG	16S rRNA	qPCR	Muyzer <i>et al.</i> , 1993
518R	<i>Bacteria</i>	ATTACCGCGGCTGCTGG	16S rRNA	qPCR	Muyzer <i>et al.</i> , 1993
516F	<i>Archaea</i>	TGYCAGCCGCCGCGGTAAHACCVGC	16S rRNA	qPCR	Takai and Horikoshi, 2000
806R	<i>Archaea</i>	GGACTACVSGGGTATCTAAT	16S rRNA	qPCR	Takai and Horikoshi, 2000
ITS1F	<i>Fungi</i>	TCCGTAGGTGAACCTGCGG	-	qPCR	Chow <i>et al.</i> , 2009
5.8S	<i>Fungi</i>	CGCTGCGTTCTTCATCG	-	qPCR	Chow <i>et al.</i> , 2009
27F	<i>Bacteria</i>	AGAGTTTGATCCTGGCTCAG	16S rRNA	Cloning	Chivian <i>et al.</i> , 2008
1492R	Universal	GGTTACCTTGTTACGACTT	16S rRNA	Cloning	Chivian <i>et al.</i> , 2008
A20F	<i>Archaea</i>	TCCGGTTGATCCTGCCRG	16S rRNA	Cloning	Chivian <i>et al.</i> , 2008

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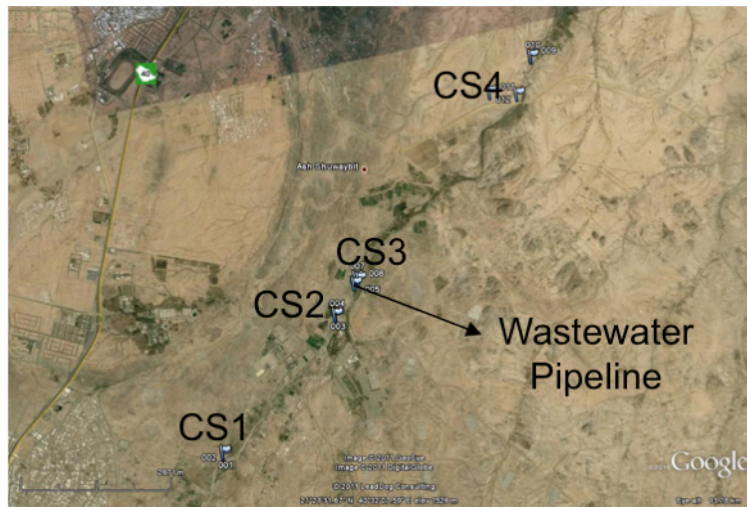
61 TABLE S2. Relative abundance (%) of major Archaeal phyla and classes in river and  
 62 sediment column samples

Sample Site	Taif and South Platte Rivers			Moderate DOC Columns	Low DOC Columns
	Infiltration zone 1-2 cm	Infiltration zone 10-50 cm	Unsaturated		
<i>Crenarchaeota</i>	0.004	0.02	0.10	0.02	0
<i>Euryarchaeota</i>	0.14	0.13	2.0	0.06	0.02
<i>Halobacteria</i>	0	0.01	1.58	0.03	0
<i>Methanobacteria</i>	0.07	0.01	0.006	0.006	0
<i>Methanomicrobia</i>	0.04	0.006	0.002	0.004	0.006

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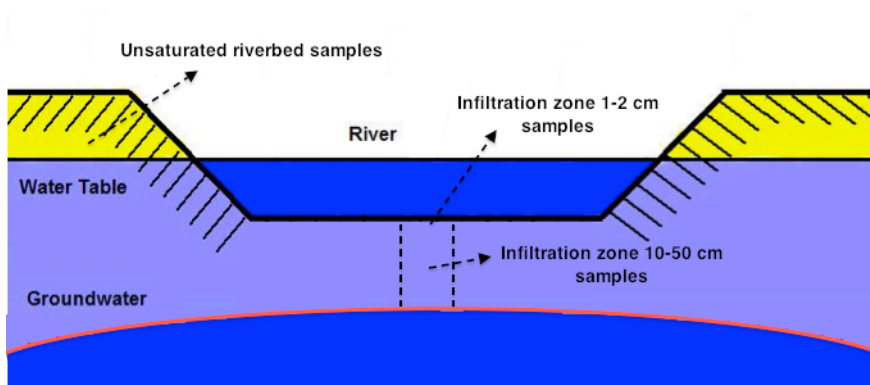
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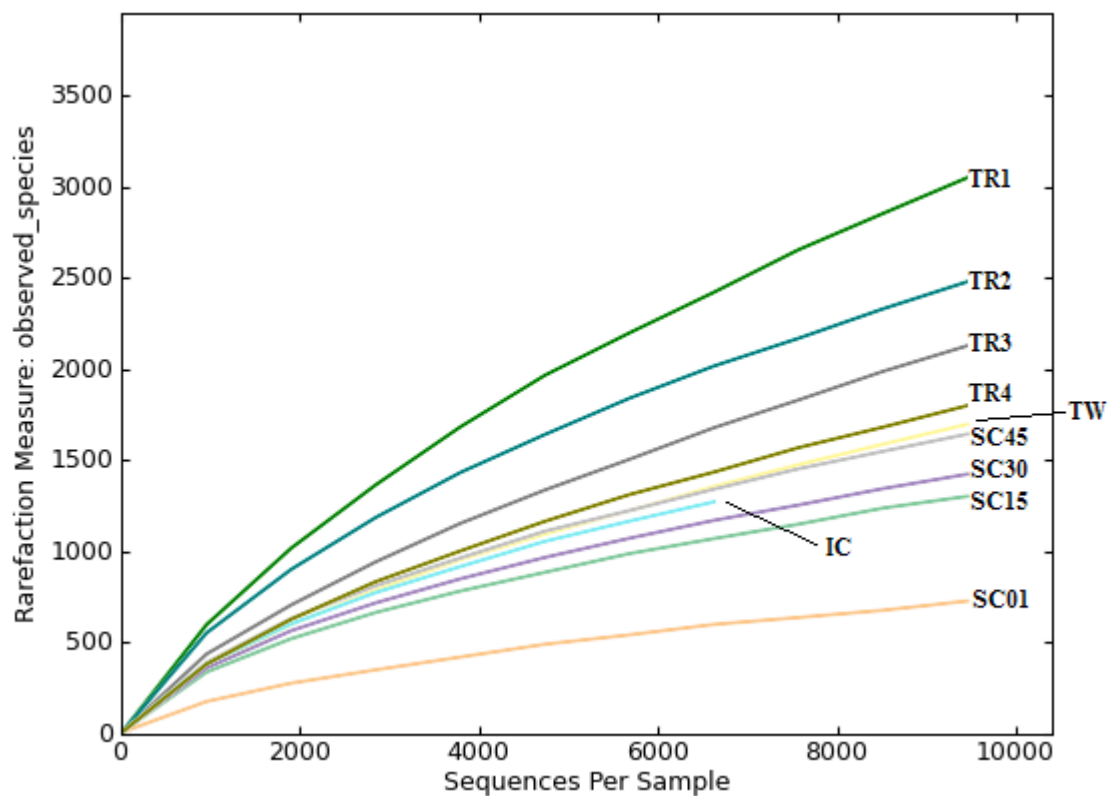
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82 FIG. S1. (a) Sampling map of the Taif River in Saudi Arabia; (b) Sketch map of  
83 sampling locations of shallow infiltration zone (1-2 cm), intermediate infiltration zone  
84 (10-50 cm), and unsaturated riverbed samples.

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87 FIG. S2. Rarefaction curves of bacterial and archaeal 16S rRNA pyrosequencing  
 88 reads for representative samples fully spanning the range found this study. TR1-4:  
 89 Taif River cross section 1-4; TW: Taif wastewater effluent; SC01, 15, 30 and 45:  
 90 moderate DOC laboratory column 1 cm, 15 cm, 30 cm and 45 cm; IC: low DOC  
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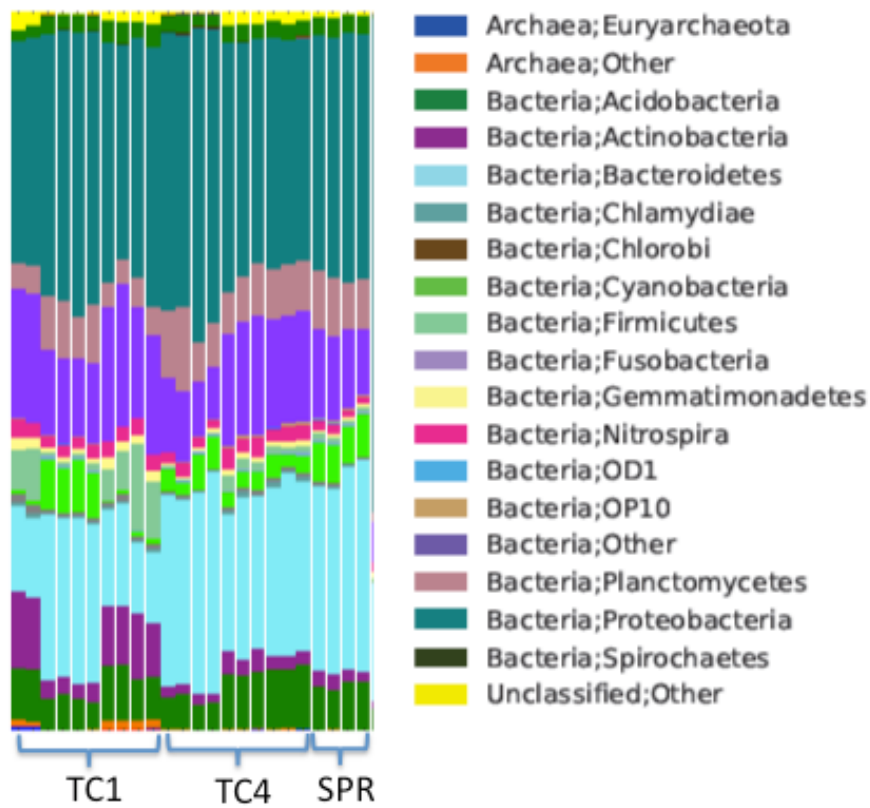


FIG. S3. The microbial phyla distribution of representative sediment samples derived from shallow and intermediate infiltration zones of Taif River cross sections 1 (TC1) and 4 (TC4), as well as South Platte River (SPR) collected in different seasons.

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