

Figure S1 Rarefaction curve of 16S rRNA gene sequencing in four sites (site Ha, Hb, Hc and Ly)

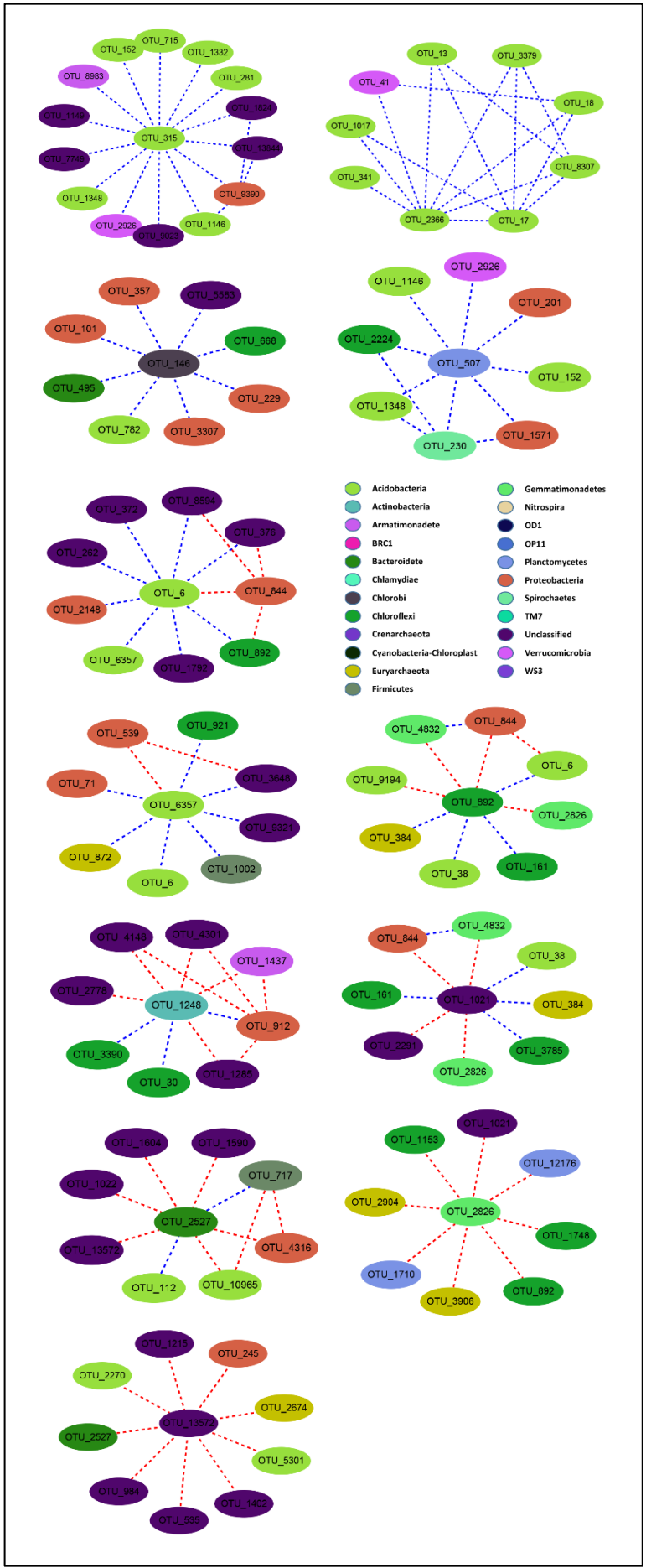


Figure S2 Network constructed by the the highest level (highly degree) of bacterial communities in site Ha. Each node signifies an OTU which could correspond to a microbial population. Colours of the nodes indicate different major phylum. Blue and red lines are respectively on behalf of positive and negative path coefficient.

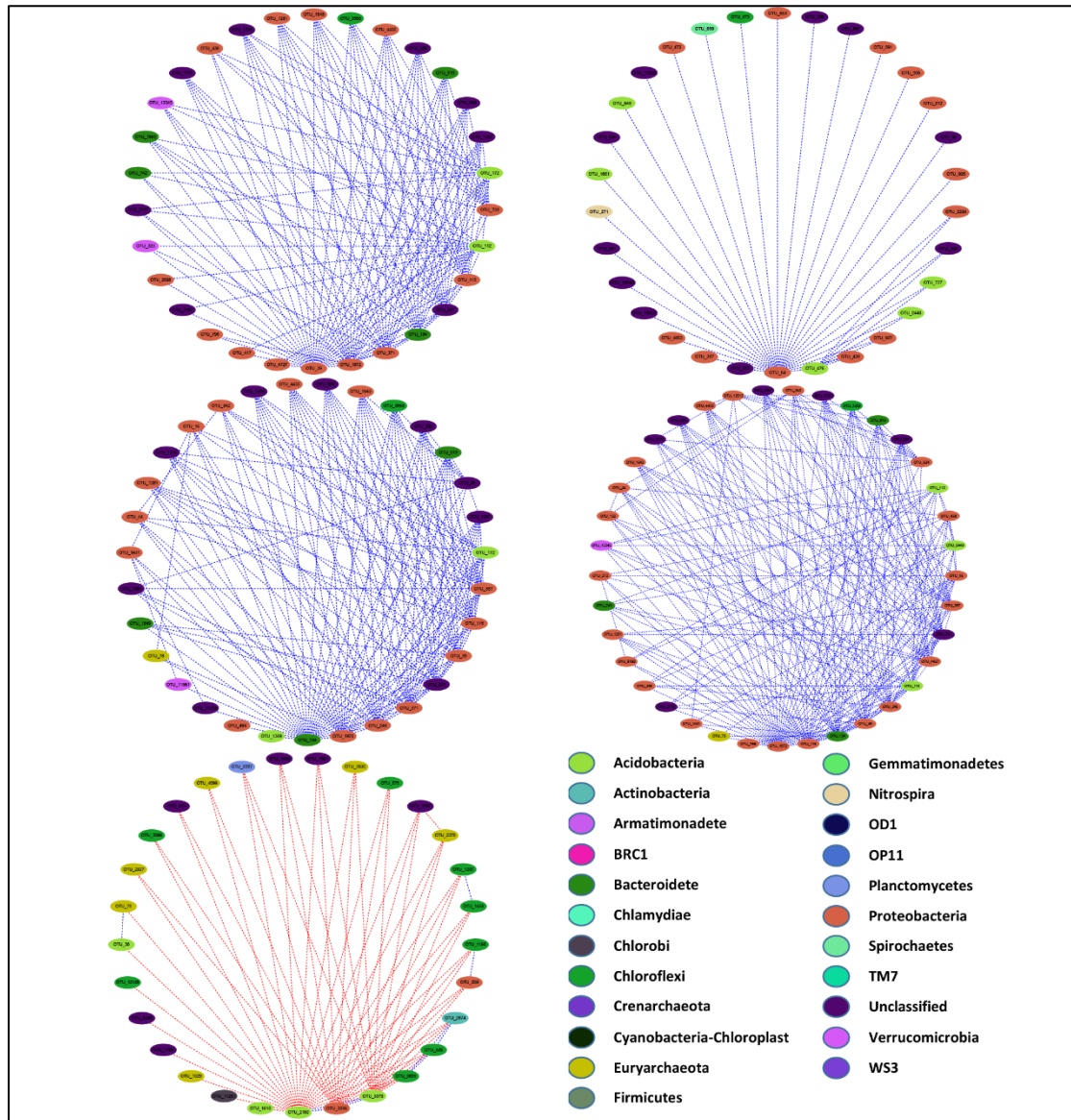


Figure S3 Network constructed by the the highest level (highly degree) of bacterial communities in site Hb. Each node signifies an OTU which could correspond to a microbial population. Colours of the nodes indicate different major phylum. Blue and red lines are respectively on behalf of positive and negative path coefficient.

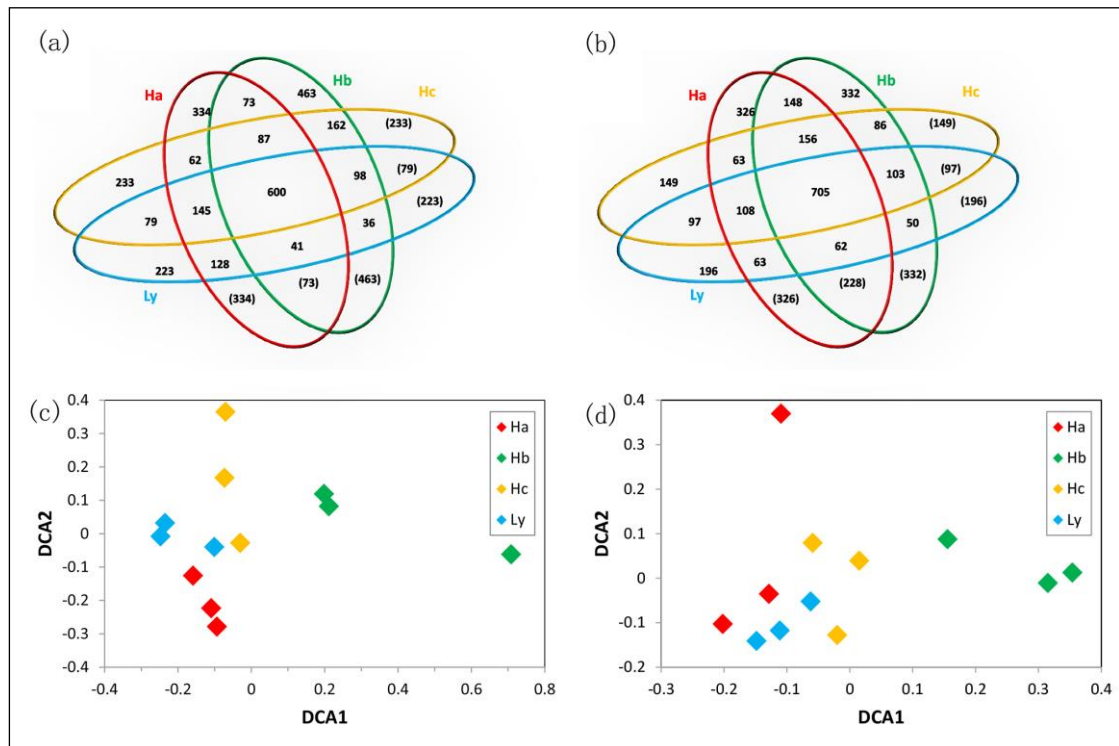


Figure S4 Analysis of compositions and structures of bacterial communities from four groups. (a) Venn diagrams were calculated by R with packages gplots, based on OTUs' level in pre-transplanting stage; (b) Venn diagrams were calculated by R with packages gplots, based on OTUs' level in tillering stage. Figures in pictures represent the taxa number of OTUs of common ownership in different sites; (c) Detrended correspondence analysis (DCA) of 16S rRNA gene sequencing data at genus level in pre-transplanting stage; (b) Detrended correspondence analysis (DCA) of 16S rRNA gene sequencing data at genus in ripening stage;

Table S1 Average yield of super hybrid rice “Y Liang You 900” in four sampling sites.

Sites	XuPu	LonghuiZhaojiachong	LonghuiNiuxingzui	NingXiang
Production	(Ha)	(Hb)	(Hc)	(Ly)
Crop Yield (kg/m²)	1.543 ± 0.018a	1.517 ± 0.017a	1.589 ± 0.045a	1.074 ± 0.058b

Table S2 Name and batch of tested samples. The number of 1, 2 and 3 are on behalf of the same region to collect three duplicate samples, respectively.

Sampling site	0P (Pre-transplanting)	2P(Tillering stage)	3P (Heading stage)	4P (Ripening stage)
XuPu (Ha)	Ha1-0P	Ha1-2P	Ha1-3P	Ha1-4P
	Ha2-0P	Ha2-2P	Ha2-3P	Ha2-4P
	Ha3-0P	Ha3-2P	Ha3-3P	Ha3-4P
LonghuiZhaojiachong (Hb)	Hb1-0P	Hb1-2P	Hb1-3P	Hb1-4P
	Hb2-0P	Hb2-2P	Hb2-3P	Hb2-4P
	Hb3-0P	Hb3-2P	Hb3-3P	Hb3-4P
LonghuiNiuxingzui (Hc)	Hc1-0P	Hc1-2P	Hc1-3P	Hc1-4P
	Hc2-0P	Hc2-2P	Hc2-3P	Hc2-4P
	Hc3-0P	Hc3-2P	Hc3-3P	Hc3-4P
NingXiang (Ly)	Ly1-0P	Ly1-2P	Ly1-3P	Ly1-4P
	Ly2-0P	Ly2-2P	Ly2-3P	Ly2-4P
	Ly3-0P	Ly3-2P	Ly3-3P	Ly3-4P

Table S3 Mean value \pm standard deviation (n=3) for chemical properties of soils during the four periods (pre-transplanting, tillering stage and heading stage). Variables with significant ANOVA ($\alpha=0.05$, n=4) were analyzed by R and the differences among four sites are indicated by lowercase letters. PH: the value of pH when the soil was dissolve in water; AN: available nitrogen; AP: available phosphorus; AK: available potassium; TN: total nitrogen; TP: total nitrogen; TK: total potassium; and SOM: soil organic matter.

Samples		pH	AN(mg/kg)	AP(mg/kg)	AK(mg/kg)	TN(g/kg)	TP(g/kg)	TK(g/kg)	SOM(g/kg)
Pte-transplanting stage (0P)	<i>Ha-0P</i>	5.73 \pm 0.38b	196.33 \pm 26.08b	24.89 \pm 16.81a	204.33 \pm 122.09a	2.15 \pm 0.21bc	0.86 \pm 0.19a	22.40 \pm 2.62b	41.03 \pm 4.97ab
	<i>Hb-0P</i>	7.23 \pm 0.31a	234.33 \pm 18.50a	30.77 \pm 2.77a	262.33 \pm 12.58a	2.77 \pm 0.22a	0.61 \pm 0.05b	27.53 \pm 0.42a	47.53 \pm 5.49a
	<i>Hc-0P</i>	5.97 \pm 0.32b	195.33 \pm 2.31b	2.51 \pm 1.58b	253.00 \pm 10.15a	2.48 \pm 0.38ab	0.66 \pm 0.16ab	27.13 \pm 0.98a	42.43 \pm 7.94ab
	<i>Ly-0P</i>	5.50 \pm 0.17b	150.67 \pm 10.69c	5.03 \pm 4.74b	80.67 \pm 48.01b	1.96 \pm 0.16c	0.50 \pm 0.07b	25.63 \pm 2.95ab	36.07 \pm 2.65b
Tillering stage (2P)	<i>Ha-2P</i>	5.73 \pm 0.15b	185.00 \pm 11.53a	5.69 \pm 2.85a	107.33 \pm 43.43bc	2.43 \pm 0.31a	1.00 \pm 0.08a	21.97 \pm 1.63b	44.70 \pm 1.78a
	<i>Hb-2P</i>	6.70 \pm 0.46a	195.00 \pm 13.11a	19.27 \pm 11.71a	217.67 \pm 52.01a	2.52 \pm 0.27a	0.62 \pm 0.03b	29.17 \pm 1.10a	46.57 \pm 2.96a
	<i>Hc-2P</i>	5.70 \pm 0.10b	195.67 \pm 10.60a	8.77 \pm 12.49a	178.00 \pm 40.15ab	2.68 \pm 0.44a	0.73 \pm 0.29ab	29.70 \pm 2.08a	45.00 \pm 5.36a
	<i>Ly-2P</i>	5.13 \pm 0.21c	149.33 \pm 27.61b	5.35 \pm 4.77a	42.67 \pm 8.02c	1.78 \pm 0.11b	0.46 \pm 0.09b	23.90 \pm 1.25b	36.30 \pm 2.86b
Heading stage (3P)	<i>Ha-3P</i>	5.20 \pm 0.06b	163.67 \pm 17.24ab	17.37 \pm 7.35a	171.33 \pm 36.75a	2.25 \pm 0.07b	0.72 \pm 0.04a	18.83 \pm 1.48c	42.07 \pm 1.79a
	<i>Hb-3P</i>	5.99 \pm 0.29a	171.33 \pm 18.56a	17.23 \pm 9.72a	228.33 \pm 58.38a	2.26 \pm 0.02b	0.64 \pm 0.08a	25.93 \pm 1.36a	43.00 \pm 2.81a
	<i>Hc-3P</i>	4.97 \pm 0.14b	182.67 \pm 17.50a	13.66 \pm 16.58a	184.00 \pm 23.52a	2.65 \pm 0.20a	0.81 \pm 0.39a	22.40 \pm 1.14b	43.97 \pm 6.71a
	<i>Ly-3P</i>	5.04 \pm 0.10b	131.67 \pm 25.15b	5.61 \pm 9.43a	42.67 \pm 8.50b	1.73 \pm 0.34c	0.45 \pm 0.05a	24.20 \pm 1.15b	27.23 \pm 4.40b
Ripening stage (4P)	<i>Ha-4P</i>	6.83 \pm 0.10a	165.67 \pm 17.01ab	16.00 \pm 5.04a	162.67 \pm 26.50b	2.14 \pm 0.16ab	0.72 \pm 0.06a	23.80 \pm 2.76b	40.00 \pm 4.27a
	<i>Hb-4P</i>	5.85 \pm 0.09b	156.33 \pm 10.26ab	19.27 \pm 7.11a	223.67 \pm 31.88a	2.56 \pm 0.46a	0.69 \pm 0.13a	34.43 \pm 2.00a	43.53 \pm 2.46a
	<i>Hc-4P</i>	5.51 \pm 0.21b	175.00 \pm 7.94a	12.79 \pm 15.43a	167.67 \pm 15.04b	2.44 \pm 0.33a	0.77 \pm 0.31a	31.23 \pm 2.22a	38.77 \pm 5.49a
	<i>Ly-4P</i>	5.53 \pm 0.28b	140.00 \pm 20.66b	4.73 \pm 7.68a	36.33 \pm 6.66c	1.73 \pm 0.22b	0.45 \pm 0.06a	24.67 \pm 0.55b	29.77 \pm 4.53b

Table S4 Permutational Multivariate Analysis of Variance (Adonis) shows the effect of soil properties in the different stages of crop transplanting on yield of super rice with three methods. *P<0.05, **P<0.01.

Adonis	Bray		Euclid		Horn	
	R ²	Pr(>F)	R ²	Pr(>F)	R ²	Pr(>F)
Before transplanting	0.584*	0.011	0.556**	0.009	0.705**	0.009
Tillering stage	0.615**	0.002	0.505**	0.007	0.658**	0.004
Heading stage	0.754**	0.002	0.687**	0.005	0.840**	0.004
Ripening stage	0.756**	0.003	0.723**	0.005	0.839**	0.003

Table S5 Pearson positive correlations between crop yield and several soil physical and chemical properties during four stages. *P<0.05, **P<0.01. (AN: available nitrogen; AP: available phosphorus; AK: available potassium; TN: total nitrogen; TP: total phosphorus; TK: total potassium; SOM: soil organic matter.)

Pearson correlation	yield			
	Pre-transplanting stage	Tillering stage	Heading stage	Ripening stage
pH	0.421	0.583*	0.248	0.367
AN	0.715**	0.782**	0.728**	0.667*
AP	0.343	0.232	0.416	0.478
AK	0.758**	0.708**	0.845**	0.868**
TN	0.560	0.791**	0.824**	0.677*
TP	0.532	0.603*	0.586*	0.646*
TK	0.018	0.391	-0.314	0.451
SOM	0.502	0.784**	0.884**	0.732**

Table S6 Permutational Multivariate Analysis of Variance (Adonis) shows the effect of bacterial diversity on crop yield in four stages. *P<0.05, **P<0.01.

Adonis	Bray		Euclid		Horn	
	R ²	Pr(>F)	R ²	Pr(>F)	R ²	Pr(>F)
Pre-transplanting stage	0.378*	0.031	0.336*	0.044	0.693*	0.028
Tillering stage	0.224	0.115	0.235	0.115	0.21	0.161
Heading stage	0.492**	0.007	0.518*	0.012	0.646*	0.014
Ripening stage	0.069	0.426	0.082	0.378	-0.091	0.843

Table S7 Permutational Multivariate Analysis of Variance (Adonis) shows the effect of bacterial communities' structure in OUTs level on crop yield in four stages. *P<0.05, **P<0.01.

Adonis	Bray		Euclid		Horn	
	R ²	Pr(>F)	R ²	Pr(>F)	R ²	Pr(>F)
Pre-transplanting stage	0.129	0.128	0.186	0.063	0.134	0.21
Tillering stage	0.172*	0.023	0.178	0.057	0.182	0.081
Heading stage	0.178*	0.018	0.300**	0.005	0.347*	0.019
Ripening stage	0.129	0.103	0.106	0.288	0.100	0.339

Table S8 Permutational Multivariate Analysis of Variance (Adonis) shows the effect of bacterial communities' structure in genus level on crop yield in four stages. *P<0.05, **P<0.01.

Adonis	Bray		Euclid		Horn	
	R ²	Pr(>F)	R ²	Pr(>F)	R ²	Pr(>F)
Pre-transplanting stage	0.121	0.203	0.156	0.189	0.152	0.251
Tillering stage	0.169	0.087	0.183	0.158	0.214	0.190
Heading stage	0.242*	0.013	0.363**	0.028	0.423	0.083
Ripening stage	0.100	0.347	0.085	0.386	0.067	0.445

Table S9 Relative abundances (%) of the dominant bacterial phyla (a) and class (b) in soil at heading stage; the numerical value is the relative abundance of the sequence number of the bacteria taxa in each of the 48000 sequences.

Classification	Heading stage			
	Ha-3P	Hb-3P	Hc-3P	Ly-3P
(a) Phylum				
Proteobacteria	21.31	33.14	23.45	25.61
Unclassified	18.64	16.86	18.75	20.10
Acidobacteria	18.74	16.08	18.33	14.28
Chloroflexi	18.25	10.10	16.97	16.30
Verrucomicrobia	3.98	4.88	4.71	5.29
Bacteroidetes	2.20	5.69	2.31	2.23
Firmicutes	2.99	2.67	3.38	2.75
Euryarchaeota	3.59	1.65	2.22	2.54
Crenarchaeota	2.30	0.23	1.86	5.18
Planctomycetes	3.00	3.51	3.04	0.98
Others	5.00	5.21	4.98	4.74
(b) Class				
Unclassified	28.88	27.30	29.30	31.79
Deltaproteobacteria	7.20	13.15	8.53	9.79
Anaerolineae	11.35	6.41	11.30	9.29
Betaproteobacteria	5.30	6.74	5.25	6.49
Alphaproteobacteria	4.61	5.89	4.43	4.33
Subdivision3	3.17	3.94	3.73	3.66
Acidobacteria_Gp1	2.85	3.23	2.55	2.37
Acidobacteria_Gp18	3.62	2.83	4.26	3.28
Gammaproteobacteria	2.13	4.39	2.71	2.44
Acidobacteria_Gp6	3.24	2.34	3.64	2.00
Acidobacteria_Gp3	2.82	2.69	2.04	2.56
Planctomycetacia	2.68	3.33	2.79	0.84
Acidobacteria_Gp7	1.32	1.19	1.65	1.37
Sphingobacteria	0.69	1.55	0.62	0.83
Acidobacteria_Gp2	0.84	0.69	0.56	0.29
Spartobacteria	0.61	0.46	0.68	1.36
Actinobacteria	0.79	1.74	0.98	0.40
Acidobacteria_Gp4	1.37	0.32	0.52	0.68
Methanomicrobia	1.60	0.16	0.64	0.98
Acidobacteria_Gp16	0.77	0.39	0.65	0.41
Others	8.48	9.61	9.26	6.86

Table S10 Significantly Pearson correlations between microbial community and soil environmental factors at heading stage were shown, based on phylum level. *P<0.05, **P<0.01. (AK: available potassium; TN: total nitrogen; TK: total potassium; SOM: soil organic matter.)

Heading stage	pH	TK	AN	AK	SOM	Yield
Proteobacteria	0.743**	0.680*	-0.318	0.275	0.031	-0.036
Unclassified	-0.594*	-0.122	0.007	-0.522	-0.300	-0.439
Chloroflexi	-0.621*	-0.655*	-0.072	-0.406	-0.071	-0.061
Verrucomicrobia	-0.055	0.567	-0.279	-0.285	-0.604*	-0.550
Bacteroidetes	0.752**	0.591*	0.044	0.572	0.256	0.210
Crenarchaeota	-0.547	0.000	-0.222	-0.666*	-0.455	-0.647*
Planctomycetes	0.315	-0.129	0.582*	0.573	0.451	0.668*

Table S11 Significantly Pearson correlations between bacterial communities and soil environmental factors in heading stage were shown, based on genus level. *P<0.05, **P<0.01. (AN: available nitrogen; AK: available potassium; TN: total nitrogen; TP: total phosphorus; TK: total potassium; SOM: soil organic matter.)

Genus	pH	AN	AK	TN	TP	TK	SOM	Yield
<i>Acidobacteria</i>								
Gp6	-0.357	0.577*	0.384	0.692*	0.425	-0.678*	0.570	0.699*
Gp17	0.090	0.508	0.592*	0.682*	0.589*	-0.294	0.550	0.823**
Gp24	0.137	0.494	0.510	0.756**	0.571	0.071	0.590*	0.679*
Gp25	-0.181	0.748**	0.357	0.611*	0.059	-0.099	0.397	0.577*
<i>Proteobacteria</i>								
Geobacter	0.085	-0.772**	-0.425	-0.874**	-0.617*	0.126	-0.619*	-0.667*
Syntrophorhabdus	0.403	-0.551	-0.360	-0.498	-0.341	0.777**	-0.485	-0.606*
Phaselocystis	-0.150	-0.647*	-0.621*	-0.650*	-0.468	0.206	-0.767**	-0.680*
Thiobacter	-0.267	-0.548	-0.511	-0.694*	-0.456	-0.072	-0.715**	-0.580*
Cystobacter	0.743**	0.535	0.735**	0.502	0.407	0.250	0.607*	0.707*
Chondromyces	0.293	-0.733**	-0.430	-0.619*	-0.150	0.397	-0.512	-0.577*
<i>Verrucomicrobia</i>								
Spartobacteria-sedis	-0.417	-0.530	-0.682*	-0.497	-0.284	0.112	-0.769**	-0.690*
<i>Chloroflexi</i>								
Longilinea	0.428	0.173	0.411	0.324	0.249	-0.305	0.561	0.578*
<i>OD1</i>								
OD1-sedis	-0.504	-0.563	-0.856**	-0.660*	-0.440	0.076	-0.754**	-0.872**
<i>Planctomycetes</i>								
Blastopirellula	-0.064	0.388	0.507	0.447	0.406	-0.623*	0.485	0.698*
<i>Armatimonadetes</i>								
Armatimonadetes-gp2	0.014	0.783**	0.425	0.517	0.112	-0.403	0.560	0.603*
Armatimonadetes-gp5	-0.194	-0.477	-0.574	-0.706*	-0.489	-0.099	-0.759**	-0.661*
<i>Firmicutes</i>								
Pasteuria	0.050	0.207	0.497	0.642*	0.766**	-0.016	0.477	0.590*
Yield	0.248	0.728**	0.845**	0.824**	0.586*	-0.314	0.884**	1.000