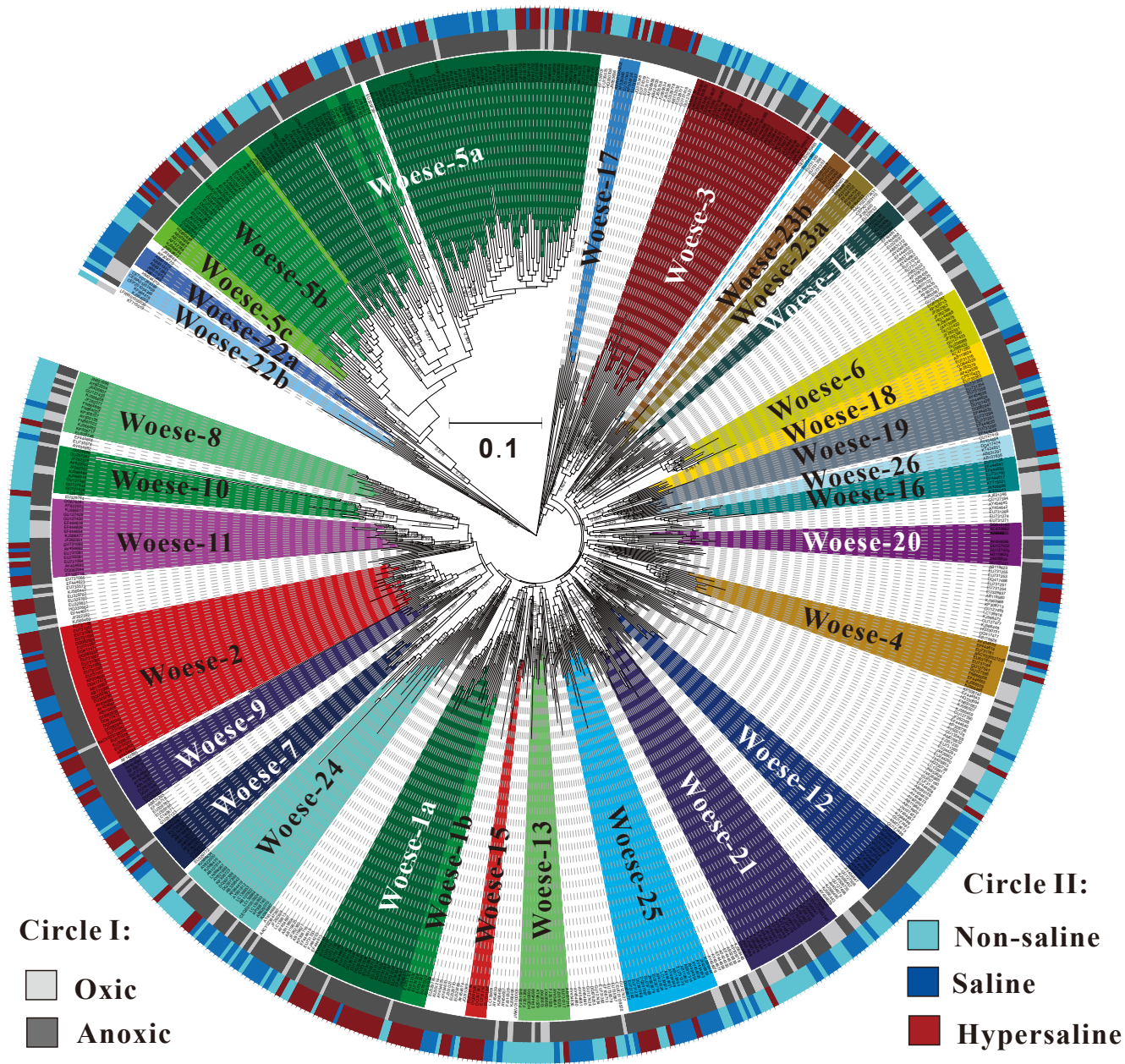
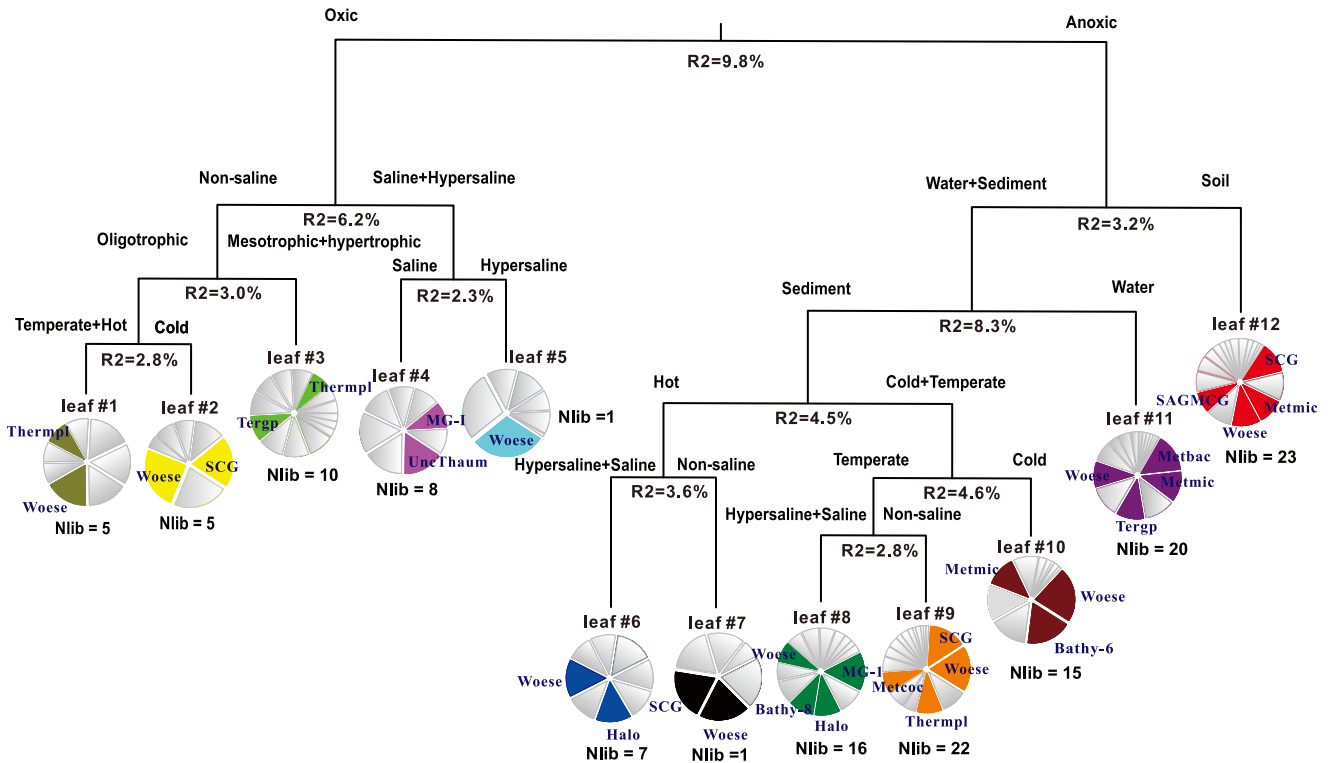


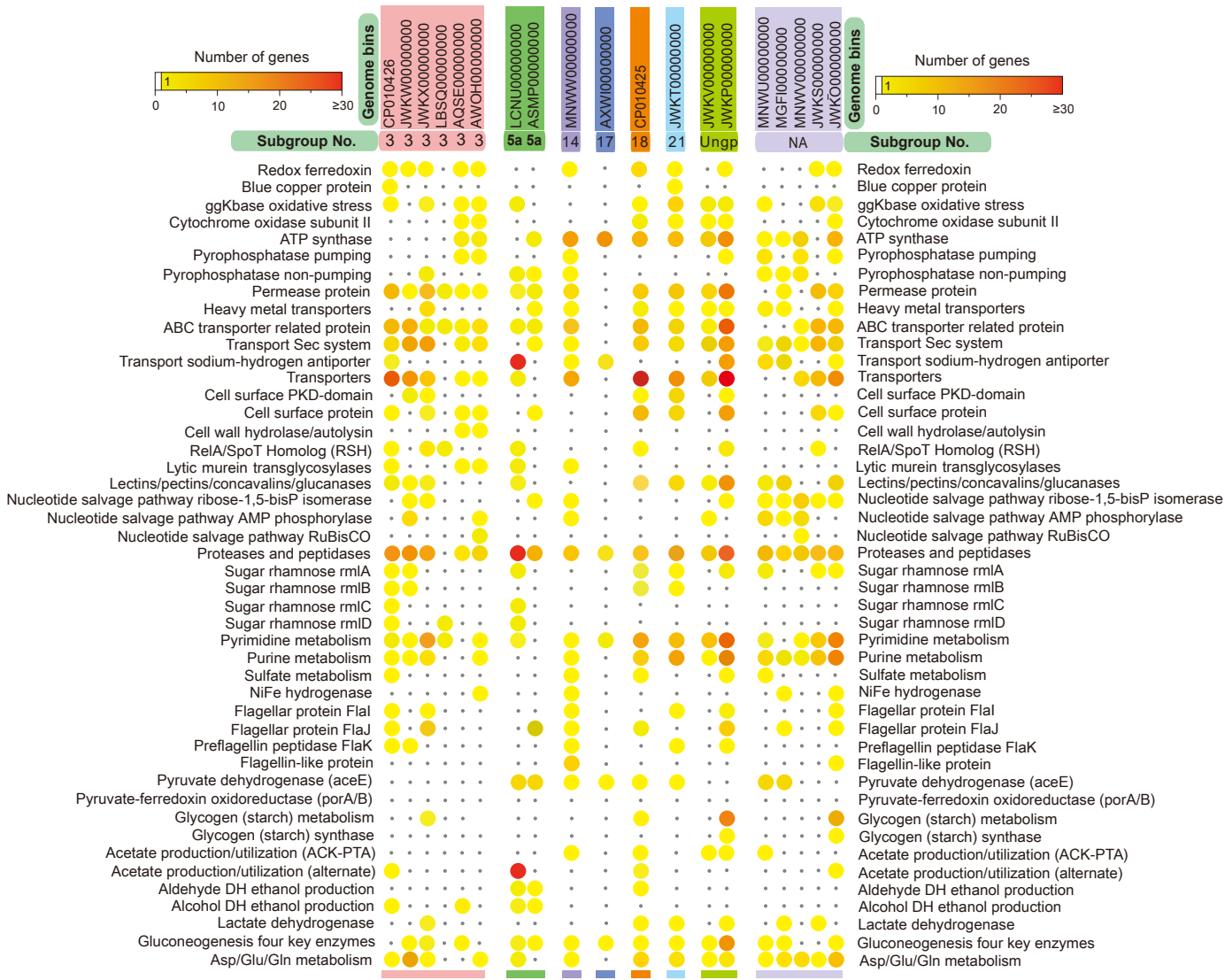
Supplementary Figure 1 | Profiles of Woesearchaeota in seven types of habitats from 133 libraries or studies. **a**, Relative abundance of 16S rRNA gene sequences among seven types of habitats. This abundance is based on Woesearchaeotal sequences relative to total archaea sequences within each habitat ([Supplementary Table 1](#)). **b**, Principal coordinate analysis (PCoA) plot obtained using an unweighted UniFrac distance matrix calculated on 133 clone libraries/studies associated with oxidation status (anoxic: red, oxic: green). **c**, Rarefaction curves for Woesearchaeotal diversity in the seven habitats. OTUs were calculated at a 97% cutoff.



Supplementary Figure 2 | Phylogeny of 26 proposed subgroups of Woesearchaeota inferred by Neighbor-Joining method. The phylogenetic tree is based on 663 available 16S rRNA gene sequences from SILVA SSU 128 database dereplicated at a 97% cutoff. Subgroups from Woese-1 to Woese-26 are colored within the corresponding leaves in the tree. Uncolored leaves identify sequences not assigned to any subgroup (that is, ungrouped). Outer colored circles indicate sequence origin, as follows: circle I: anoxic (dark gray), oxidic (light gray); and circle II: Non-saline (ice blue), saline (sky blue), hypersaline (red). Tree was drawn using the web-based interactive tree of life. The full SSU rRNA gene tree is available in newick format as [Supplementary Dataset 2](#).



Supplementary Figure 3 | Multivariate regression tree (MRT) analysis of the interaction between archaeal lineage abundance (in term of sequence number) and environmental parameters. The model explained 51.1% of the variance in the whole data set (that is, 133 clone libraries/studies). Pies under each leaf represent the mean of normalized archaeal lineage abundance for each lineage significantly correlated with environmental parameters. Colored sections identify significant indicator lineages according to the IndVal index calculated on each leaf ($P < 0.01$). “nlib” indicates number of clone libraries.



Supplementary Figure 4 | Comparative metabolic analyses of the 19 Woesearchaeotal genome bins generated by blasting against the GenBank NCBI-nr database (Relevant to Figure 5). Genes identified belong to proteins or enzymes putatively involved in electron transfer, oxidative stress, stringent response (RelA/SpoT, described in the main text), proteins involved in cell wall and cell surface biosynthesis, transporters and flagella components as well as purine and pyrimidine metabolisms. Numbers of genes per genome matching the annotation are represented by colors in circles. The lists are not mutually exclusive as a given protein can have more than one function or domain and was counted in each appropriate category. This annotation is mainly supported by [Supplementary Dataset 4](#).

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table 1 Summary of the 133 archaeal 16S rRNA gene libraries included in the analysis and the environmental matrix associated

Environment	Library no.	Site location	Woese Seq.	Seq. ⁶	OTU 97%	Study ⁷	Temp ¹	Ls ²	Sal ³	Ox ⁴	Ts ⁵
Freshwater	1	Gold mine, South Africa	10	19	14	unpublished	1	1	1	2	1
	2	Wastewater bioreactor, China	3	32	32	unpublished	2	1	1	1	3
	3	Showerheads, USA	6	14	12	(Feazel <i>et al.</i> , 2009)	3	1	1	1	1
	4	Phreatic sinkhole (cenote), Mexico	7	78	26	(Sahl <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	1	1	1	2	1
	5	Cold freshwater spring, Italy	31	95	19	unpublished	1	1	1	1	1
	6	Lake Elementaita, Kenya	18	40	26	unpublished	2	1	1	1	2
	7	Groundwater, Japan	2	70	66	(Katsuyama <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	1	1	1	2	1
	8	Rybinsk reservoir, Russia	25	48	48	(Fedotova <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	2	1	1	1	2
	9	Ilha Grande, South Atlantic	33	460	318	(Silveira <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	1	1	1	1	1
	10	Springwater in the foot of Mt. Fuji, Japan	27	48	17	(Segawa <i>et al.</i> , 2014)	1	1	1	2	1
	11	Romashkinskoe petroleum reservoir, Russia	4	12	2	(Nazina <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	2	1	1	2	3
	12	Alpine lakes of Spanish Pyrenees, Spain	14	218	188	(Auguet and Casamayor, 2013)	2	1	1	1	1
	13	Lake Taihu, China	15	101	79	(Li <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	2	1	1	1	3
	14	Lakes Dubrovskoye and Motykino, Russia	33	62	59	(Fedotova <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	2	1	1	1	1
	15	Cold spring, China	34	47	12	unpublished	1	1	1	2	1
	16	Well 3-18-34 of Shengli Oilfield, China	4	12	7	(Mbadinga <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	3	1	1	2	3
	17	Shengli Oilfield, China	4	37	26	(Zhou <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	3	1	1	2	3
	18	Mackenzie River, Canada	22	38	20	(Galand <i>et al.</i> , 2008b)	2	1	1	1	2
	19	Mackenzie River, Canada	23	36	25	(Galand <i>et al.</i> , 2008a)	2	1	1	1	2
	20	Mackenzie River, Canada	66	89	43	(Galand <i>et al.</i> , 2006)	1	1	1	1	2

	21	Eryuan Niujie hot spring, China	3	17	2	(Sun <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	3	1	1	1	1
	22	Rio Tinto, Spain	79	620	585	(Amaral-Zettler <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	2	1	1	1	2
	23	Deep horizons of the Severnyi site, Japan	5	12	4	(Nazina <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	1	1	1	2	1
	24	Minami-Kanto Gas Field, Japan	6	29	13	(Mochimaru <i>et al.</i> , 2007)	2	1	1	2	2
	25	Tucuruí hydroelectric power station reservoir, Brazil	39	182	150	(Gracas <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	2	1	1	2	2
	26	Lake Pontchartrain basin, USA	10	10	9	unpublished	2	1	1	1	2
	27	Geothermal springs, Greece	33	74	6	(Kormas <i>et al.</i> , 2009)	3	1	1	1	1
	28	Cold sulfidic springs, Germany	10	21	7	(Rudolph <i>et al.</i> , 2004)	1	1	1	1	1
	29	Alpine Lake Joeri XIII, Switzerland	4	14	13	unpublished	1	1	1	1	1
	30	Underground Crude Oil Storage Cavity, Japan	7	18	7	(Watanabe <i>et al.</i> , 2002)	1	1	1	2	3
	31	Pavilion Lake, Canada	22	53	53	(Chan <i>et al.</i> , 2014)	1	2	1	1	2
	32	Freshwater suboxic pond, France	14	36	30	(Bri�e <i>et al.</i> , 2007)	2	2	1	2	3
	33	Zveplenica karst spring, Slovenia	57	183	175	unpublished	1	2	1	2	1
	34	Poyang Lake, China	37	190	85	(Kou <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	2	2	1	2	2
	35	Zoige wetland in Tibetan plateau, China	90	288	269	(Fu <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	1	2	1	2	2
	36	Full-scale anaerobic digester plant, Japan	72	388	356	(Niu <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	2	2	1	2	3
	37	Red and moonmilk deposit on granite wall, Portugal	10	23	13	unpublished	1	2	1	1	1
Freshwater sediment	38	Shanghai Oil Refinery, China	4	11	7	(Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	2	2	1	2	2
	39	Fen soil, Slovenia	63	82	76	unpublished	2	2	1	2	2
	40	Lakes on the Tibetan Plateau, China	21	71	40	(Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	1	2	1	2	2
	41	Obukhovskoe bog, Russia	17	43	41	(Belova <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	2	2	1	2	2
	42	Char Lake on Cornwallis Island, Canada	69	227	214	(Stoeva <i>et al.</i> , 2014)	1	2	1	2	1
	43	Small Lake Wetland on Cornwallis Island, Canada	57	190	180	(Stoeva <i>et al.</i> , 2014)	1	2	1	2	1
	44	Lake Kinneret, Israel	54	161	97	(Bar-Or <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	2	2	1	2	2

45	Lake Taihu, China	35	150	111	(Fan and Wu, 2014)	2	2	1	2	3
46	Lake Kivu, East Central Africa	63	161	94	(Bhattarai <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	2	2	1	2	2
47	Wetland soil, Japan	10	36	15	(Narihiro <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	2	2	1	2	2
48	Lake Taihu, China	25	146	101	(Fan and Wu, 2014)	1	2	1	2	3
49	Lake Taihu, China	10	90	60	(Fan and Wu, 2014)	2	2	1	2	3
50	Lake Taihu, China	10	121	93	(Fan and Wu, 2014)	3	2	1	2	3
51	Beijing Cuihu Wetland Park, China	12	38	32	(Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	2	2	1	2	2
52	Lake Geneva, Switzerland	11	33	27	(Haller <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	2	2	1	2	2
53	Lake Llebre, Spain	94	97	35	(Barberán <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	2	2	1	2	2
54	Psychrophilic anaerobic reactor, China	7	49	37	(Xing <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	1	2	1	2	2
55	Slurry of biogas-reactor, China	79	946	900	unpublished	2	2	1	2	2
56	Lake Stechlin, Germany	13	25	9	(Conrad <i>et al.</i> , 2007)	2	2	1	2	1
57	Lake Dagow, Germany	12	30	19	(Chan <i>et al.</i> , 2005)	2	2	1	2	3
58	Lake Wivenhoe, Australia	9	78	41	(Green <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	2	2	1	2	3
59	Sediment microbial fuel cells, Germany	23	47	43	(De Schampelaire <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	2	2	1	2	2
60	Drinking water reservoir, Germany	68	323	230	unpublished	2	2	1	2	2
61	Lake Batata and Lake Mussura, Germany	5	86	67	(Conrad <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	2	2	1	2	2
62	Tucuruí hydroelectric power station reservoir, Brazil	8	125	11	(Gracas <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	2	2	1	2	2
63	Agricultural fields, China	48	171	93	(Ge <i>et al.</i> , 2016)	2	3	1	2	2
64	Paddy soil, China	108	456	407	(Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2016a)	2	3	1	2	2
65	Rice soil, Germany	10	115	102	(Pump <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	2	3	1	2	2
66	Qixing farmland in Sanjiang Plain, China	5	57	55	(Lu <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	2	3	1	2	2
67	Paddy soil, China	84	257	222	unpublished	2	3	1	2	2
68	Paddy soil, China	25	243	212	(Lin and Lu, 2015)	2	3	1	2	2

Soil	69	Appalachian peatland soil, USA	23	82	41	(Hawkins, 2013)	2	3	1	2	2
	70	Paddy soil, China	26	282	272	(Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2016b)	2	3	1	2	2
	71	Three Gorges Reservoir Region, China	3	13	10	unpublished	2	3	1	2	2
	72	Rice paddy field, Japan	3	21	13	(Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	2	3	1	2	2
	73	Damma glacier forefield, Switzerland	17	120	93	(Zumsteg <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	1	3	1	2	2
	74	Upper Tennessee River Basin, USA	22	26	13	(Carmichael <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	1	3	1	2	1
	75	High-Arctic active permafrost soil, Canada	28	121	118	(Wilhelm <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	1	3	1	2	2
	76	Rice field soil, China	4	41	37	(Ma and Lu, 2011)	2	3	1	2	2
	77	Jidong Oilfield, China	11	26	7	(Liu <i>et al.</i> , 2009)	2	3	1	2	3
	78	Paddy soil, China	15	47	35	(Wu <i>et al.</i> , 2009)	2	3	1	2	2
	79	Upland Rice Field Soil, Japan	7	87	80	(Nishizawa <i>et al.</i> , 2008)	2	3	1	2	2
	80	Rice field soil, Italy	48	164	150	(Conrad <i>et al.</i> , 2008)	2	3	1	2	2
	81	High arctic permafrost peat, Norway	26	64	56	(Høj <i>et al.</i> , 2008)	1	3	1	2	2
	82	Rice field soil, Italy	8	23	23	(Penning and Conrad, 2006)	2	3	1	2	2
	83	Paddy soil, Japan	55	98	94	unpublished	2	3	1	2	2
	84	Paddy soil, Japan	6	18	17	unpublished	2	3	1	2	2
	85	Northeastern Gulf of Mexico, USA	105	310	90	(Moss <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	1	2	2	2	2
	86	South China Sea, China	6	41	10	unpublished	1	2	2	2	2
	87	Western Pacific, Japan	12	233	214	unpublished	1	2	2	2	2
	88	Maizuru Bay, Japan	7	26	6	unpublished	2	2	2	1	2
	89	The Pacific Ocean	14	185	179	(Wu <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	1	2	2	2	2
	90	The Pacific Ocean	38	222	206	(Wu <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	1	2	2	2	2
	91	Nankai Trough, Japan	9	74	21	(Aoki <i>et al.</i> , 2014)	1	2	2	2	2
	92	Shimizu port, Japan	3	40	9	unpublished	2	2	2	2	2

Marine sediment	93	The Pacific Ocean	64	132	59	(Fagervold <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	1	2	2	1	2
	94	Xiangshan Bay, China	8	47	16	(Qiu <i>et al.</i> , 2013)	2	2	2	2	2
	95	Marmara Sea, Turkey	41	141	29	(Kolukirik <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	2	2	2	2	2
	96	Seawater-processing wastewater treatment plant, Spain	63	117	106	(Sánchez <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	2	2	2	2	3
	97	Chesapeake Bay, USA	6	78	77	(Breuker <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	1	2	2	2	1
	98	Shark Bay, Western Australia	13	47	33	(Papineau <i>et al.</i> , 2005)	2	2	2	1	2
	99	Santos-Sao Vicente estuary, Brazil	31	118	87	unpublished	2	2	2	2	2
	100	Santos-Sao Vicente estuary, Brazil	35	107	66	unpublished	2	2	2	2	2
	101	The Mouth of Orikasa River, Japan	35	52	12	(Kaku <i>et al.</i> , 2005)	2	2	2	2	2
	102	West Pacific warm pool	7	14	4	(Wang <i>et al.</i> , 2005)	3	2	2	2	2
103	Tokyo Bay, Japan	4	20	10	unpublished	2	2	2	2	2	
Marine water column	104	Coastal Lake A of Ellesmere Island, Canada	76	89	55	(Pouliot <i>et al.</i> , 2009)	1	1	2	1	2
	105	Guanabara Bay, Brazil	14	188	130	(Turque <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	2	1	2	1	2
	106	Northeastern Gulf of Mexico, USA	15	107	41	(Moss <i>et al.</i> , 2015)	1	1	2	2	2
	107	Blanes Bay Microbial Observatory, Spain	24	234	223	(Galand <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	2	1	2	1	2
	108	Lake Mackenzie, Canada	16	40	32	(Galand <i>et al.</i> , 2008a)	1	1	2	1	2
	109	Lake Mackenzie, Canada	29	56	37	(Galand <i>et al.</i> , 2008b)	1	1	2	1	2
	110	Coastal Arctic Ocean	13	35	23	(Galand <i>et al.</i> , 2006)	1	1	2	1	2
	111	Guerrero Negro (GN), Mexico	227	917	807	(Robertson <i>et al.</i> , 2009)	2	2	3	2	2
112	Cariboo Plateau, Canada	11	18	8	unpublished	1	2	3	2	2	
113	Sea port of Zeebrugge, Belgium	24	87	58	(Siegert <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	2	2	3	2	2	
Hypersaline environment	114	Araruama Lagoon, Brazil	43	63	30	(Clementino <i>et al.</i> , 2008)	3	1	3	2	2
	115	Barn Island, USA	4	190	170	(Nelson <i>et al.</i> , 2009)	2	2	3	2	2

	116	Saline soil, China	11	48	32	unpublished	2	3	3	2	2
	117	Salton Sea, USA	34	77	9	(Swan <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	2	2	3	2	2
	118	Guerrero Negro, Mexico	17	99	63	(Sahl <i>et al.</i> , 2008)	2	2	3	2	2
	119	Hypersaline lake of Salt Pan, Bahamas	16	49	23	(Baumgartner <i>et al.</i> , 2009)	2	2	3	2	2
	120	Guerrero Negro, Mexico	14	61	55	(Ley <i>et al.</i> , 2006)	2	2	3	2	2
	121	Discovery Basin, Mediterranean Seafloor	2	25	25	(Hallsworth <i>et al.</i> , 2007)	2	2	3	2	2
	122	Kagoshima Bay, Western Pacific Ocean	6	14	5	(Kimura <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	3	1	2	2	2
	123	Suiyo Seamount and Myojin Knoll, Japan	33	91	26	(Takai and Horikoshi, 1999)	3	2	2	2	2
	124	Suiyo Seamount, Japan	54	160	117	(Kato <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	3	1	2	2	2
	125	Hatoma Knoll, Japan	40	97	57	(Yoshida-Takashima <i>et al.</i> , 2012)	3	2	2	2	2
	126	Inflated Plain and West Thumb regions of Yellowstone Lake, USA	52	200	192	(Kan <i>et al.</i> , 2011)	3	1	1	2	2
Hydrothermal vent	127	East Pacific Rise	20	51	36	(Moussard <i>et al.</i> , 2006)	3	2	2	2	2
	128	Southern Mariana Trough	10	61	36	(Kato <i>et al.</i> , 2010)	3	2	2	2	2
	129	Lau Basin	17	175	158	(Pagé <i>et al.</i> , 2008)	3	1	2	2	2
	130	Ridge Flank Abyssal Hills sea floor	8	28	15	(Ehrhardt <i>et al.</i> , 2007)	3	2	2	2	2
	131	Southern Mariana Trough	8	80	45	(Kato <i>et al.</i> , 2009)	3	2	2	2	2
	132	North and Central Big Chimney	3	40	23	(Nakagawa <i>et al.</i> , 2005a)	3	1	2	2	2
	133	North Big Chimney, Mid-Okinawa Trough	2	16	12	(Nakagawa <i>et al.</i> , 2005b)	3	1	2	2	2

Note: Environmental parameters were defined mainly by referring to the corresponding literatures if any. For oxic status, oxic habitats mainly refer to surface water or sediments whereas anoxic environments mainly refer to groundwater, deep sediments or water, soil, hydrothermal vents if the corresponding literature was unpublished.

1. Temperature: 1 = cold (<15 °C), 2 = temperate (15~30 °C), 3 = hot (>30 °C);
2. Life style: 1 = water, 2 = sediment, 3 = soil;
3. Salinity: 1 = non-saline, 2 = saline, 3 = hypersaline;
4. Oxic status: 1 = oxic, 2 = anoxic;

5. Trophic state: 1 = oligotrophic, 2 = mesotrophic, 3 = hypertrophic.
6. Libraries or studies with less than 10 archaeal 16S rRNA gene sequences were discarded from this summary.
7. Unpublished indicates direct submissions to GenBank without any published paper related.

Supplementary Table 2 Summary of the 19 genomes of Woesearchaeota

Genome ID¹	16S rRNA gene ID²	Subgroup	Source	Completeness (%)	Sequencing Depth (x)	Relative GC Content (%)	Number of Protein Coding Genes	Reference
CP010426	CP010426	Woese-3	Groundwater	100	20	32	1015	(Castelle <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
JWKW00000000	JWKW01000011	Woese-3	Groundwater	78	70	34	796	(Castelle <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
JWKX00000000	JWKX01000012	Woese-3	Groundwater	87	20	30	1047	(Castelle <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
LBSQ00000000	LBSQ01000033	Woese-3	Aquifer sediment	50	9.83	37	833	(Brown <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
AQSE00000000	AQSE01000048	Woese-3	Freshwater	42	NA ³	35	984	(Rinke <i>et al.</i> , 2013)
AWOH00000000	AWOH01000005	Woese-3	Freshwater	42	30	32	656	(Rinke <i>et al.</i> , 2013)
LCNU00000000	LCNU01000021	Woese-5a	Aquifer sediment	50	15.58	47	1033	(Brown <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
ASMP00000000	ASMP01000002	Woese-5a	Freshwater	57	NA	37	1124	(Rinke <i>et al.</i> , 2013)
MNWW00000000	KP308710	Woese-14	Groundwater	50	10	57	1475	(Probst <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
AXWI00000000	AXWI01000002	Woese-17	Freshwater	16	NA	27	462	Unpublished
CP010425	CP010425	Woese-18	Groundwater	100	15	43	1309	(Castelle <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
JWKT00000000	JWKT01000043	Woese-21	Groundwater	76	112	56	1008	(Castelle <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
JWKV00000000	JWKV01000003	UngpWoese	Groundwater	61	14	43	425	(Castelle <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
JWKP00000000	KP308716	UngpWoese	Groundwater	76	18	44.8	1243	(Castelle <i>et al.</i> , 2015)

MGFI00000000	NA	NA	Sediment	50	10	34	528	(Anantharaman <i>et al.</i> , 2016)
MN WV00000000	NA	NA	Groundwater	50	10	47	916	(Probst <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
MN WU00000000	NA	NA	Groundwater	50	10	33	1041	(Probst <i>et al.</i> , 2017)
JWKS00000000	NA	NA	Groundwater	76	12	42	577	(Castelle <i>et al.</i> , 2015)
JWKO00000000	NA	NA	Groundwater	63	11	44.6	996	(Castelle <i>et al.</i> , 2015)

- Note: 1. Genome IDs referred to the accession numbers of GenBank in NCBI;
2. 16S rRNA gene IDs referred to the accession numbers in SILVA SSU_128 Dataset;
3. NA indicates the relevant information is not available.

Supplementary Table 3 Values of network indices and taxonomy for the first 10 nodes of each index

Lineage	Closeness centrality	Lineage	Betweenness centrality	Lineage	Degree
Woese	0.36	Woese	0.36	Woese	24
Woese	0.35	Woese	0.35	Woese	24
Woese	0.35	Metmic	0.33	Woese	22
Metmic	0.33	Bathy-6	0.28	Metmic	22
Woese	0.32	Metbac	0.25	Metbac	18
Metbac	0.32	Thermpl	0.25	Bathy-6	18
Metmic	0.3	Metmic	0.18	Thermpl	16
Woese	0.29	SCG	0.12	Woese	14
Bathy-6	0.28	Woese	0.08	pCIRA 13	12
Thermpl	0.27	Woese	0.08	SAGMCG	12

Abbreviations: Woese, Woese archaeota; Metmic, Methanomicrobia; Metbac, Methanobacteria; Bathy-6, Bathyarchaeota subgroup-6; Thermpl, Thermoplasmata; SCG, Soil Crenarchaeotic Group; SAGMCG, South African Gold Mine Group 1.

Supplementary Table 4 Coverage and similarity of 26 subgroups of Woese archaeota

Subgroup	Minimum Intra-group Similarity (%)¹	Coverage of Sequence²
Woese-1a	84	58
Woese-1b	83	9
Woese-2	86	117
Woese-3	80	150
Woese-4	84	67
Woese-5a	80	918
Woese-5b	80	415
Woese-5c	80	31
Woese-6	90	153
Woese-7	80	53
Woese-8	84	101
Woese-9	90	31
Woese-10	87	53
Woese-11	84	83
Woese-12	82	65
Woese-13	81	26
Woese-14	85	27
Woese-15	92	72
Woese-16	86	28
Woese-17	89	18
Woese-18	88	23
Woese-19	85	32
Woese-20	85	50
Woese-21	80	115
Woese-22a	87	8
Woese-22b	80	24
Woese-23a	84	14
Woese-23b	84	26
Woese-24	80	148
Woese-25	80	67
Woese-26	82	10
Woese-1 to Woese-26	75	2992
Ungrouped Woese	ND ³	592

Note: 1. Minimum intra-group similarity represents the minimum similarity between any sequences within the individual group;

2. Coverage of sequences indicates the number of 16S rRNA gene sequences (>600bp) assigned into the corresponding group with the similarity to the closest sequence in the tree above the minimum intra-group similarity;
3. ND is the abbreviation of “not determined”.

Supplementary Table 5 Occurrence of archaeal lineages across the 133 libraries/studies

Archaeal lineage (class level)	Abbreviation	Mean relative abundance	Occurrence
Aenigmarchaeota; Aenigmarchaeota Incertae Sedis	AIS	0.07	1
Bathyarchaeota; Bathy-17	Bathy-17	0.11	3
Euryarchaeota; Archaeoglobi	Archglo	0.11	3
Korarchaeota; Korarchaeota Incertae Sedis	KorIS	0.13	3
Marine Hydrothermal Vent Group(MHVG); uncultured archaeon	UncMHVG	0.13	3
Euryarchaeota; Thermococci	Thermcoc	0.17	3
Bathyarchaeota; Bathy-11	Bathy-11	0.05	4
Euryarchaeota; Methanococci	Metcoc	0.16	4
Bathyarchaeota; Bathy-8	Bathy-8	0.18	5
Euryarchaeota; Halobacteria	Halo	0.38	5
Thaumarchaeota; uncultured archaeon	UncThaum	0.13	6
Crenarchaeota; Thermoprotei	Thermpro	0.13	6
Bathyarchaeota; Bathy-5b	Bathy-5b	0.15	6
Bathyarchaeota; Bathy-15/C3	Bathy-15	0.10	7
Thaumarchaeota; South African Gold Mine Gp 1(SAGMCG-1)	SAGMCG	0.13	7
Thaumarchaeota; Marine Benthic Group B	MBG-B	0.14	8
Thaumarchaeota; Marine Benthic Group A	MBG-A	0.03	10
Parvarchaeota; Parvarchaeota Incertae Sedis	ParvIS	0.03	11
Bathyarchaeota; Bathy-14	Bathy-14	0.15	11
Bathyarchaeota; Bathy-1	Bathy-1	0.07	12
Bathyarchaeota; Bathy-12	Bathy-12	0.08	12
Thaumarchaeota; AK31	AK31	0.09	12
Aigarchaeota; Terrestrial Hot Spring Gp (THSCG)	THSG	0.09	12
Thaumarchaeota; AK56	AK56	0.03	14
Miscellaneous Euryarchaeotic Group(MEG); uncultured archaeon	UncMEG	0.17	14
Thaumarchaeota; AK59	AK59	0.06	15
SM1K20; groundwater metagenome	SM1K20	0.05	17
Bathyarchaeota; Bathy-16	Bathy-16	0.13	21
pCIRA-13; uncultured archaeon	pCIRA-13	0.13	21
Aenigmarchaeota; Deep Sea Euryarchaeotic Group(DSEG)	DSEG	0.07	22
Thaumarchaeota; AS48	AS48	0.13	22
Bathyarchaeota; Bathy-10	Bathy-10	0.13	31
Thaumarchaeota; Terrestrial group	Tergp	0.12	34
Thaumarchaeota; Marine Group I	MG-I	0.17	41
Bathyarchaeota; Bathy-6	Bathy-6	0.12	90
Euryarchaeota; Thermoplasmata	Thermpl	0.18	96
Thaumarchaeota; Soil Crenarchaeotic Group(SCG)	SCG	0.13	100

Euryarchaeota; Methanobacteria	Metbac	0.16	106
Euryarchaeota; Methanomicrobia	Metmic	0.20	112
Woese archaeota	Woese	0.25	133

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