Supplementary material

Genomic and metabolic adaptations of biofilms to ecological windows of opportunity in glacier-fed streams

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Supplementary Methods

A) DNA extraction protocol from alpine stream biofilms (rDNA)

Remark: Every time you open the tubes make sure that there is no liquid on the lids by applying a short spin

- In a 1.5-ml tube add 10-20% (~300 ul) 0.1 mm Zirconium beads (Cole-Parmer 36270-62) per volume and 750 ml of Lysis buffer mixed with 0.5ul of RNase (100 mg/ml, Qiagen 19101)
- Add 0.05 to 0.1 g and bead-beat at 6000 r/min, 2x 15sec-break 15sec (Precellys 24 homogenizer)
- 3. Incubate at 37 °C for 1 h with gentle agitation

- Spin samples, add 5 ul Proteinase K (20 mg/ml, Fisher Scientific Cat.No. 25530049) and mix a few times
- 5. Incubate statically at 70 °C for 10 min
- 6. Centrifuge at 12.000 x g for 1 min and transfer all supernatant to a new 1.5 ml microtube
- 7. Spin samples and add 1 vol of Phenol:CHCl3:IAA (Fisher Scientific, 15593049)
- 8. Mix thoroughly and centrifuge at 13.000 x g for 10 min
- 9. Transfer aqueous phase into a new 1.5-ml tube and add 1 vol ml Chloroform isoamyl alcohol mixture (Sigma, 25666)
- 10. Mix thoroughly and centrifuge at 13.000 x g for 5 min
- Transfer supernatant to a new 2ml tube and then add 1/10th volume of 3M sodium acetate (pH 5.2) (Sigma S7899)
- 12. Add 0.7 volumes of ice-cold Isopropanol (Sigma I9516) and mix thoroughly
- 13. Precipitate DNA at -20 °C overnight
- 14. Centrifuge at 12.000 x g at 4 °C for 15 min
- 15. Remove supernatant and discard without disturbing the pellet
- 16. Wash 2 times with 0.4 ml of 70% EtOH and centrifuge at 13.000 g at 4 °C for 10 min
- 17. Air-dry the pellet, and elute with 100 ul RNase-free, DNase-free water (Qiagen 129112)
- 18. Let DNA pellet to dissolve o/n at 4 °C
- 19. Use 2 ul sample to quantify DNA using Qubit HS dsDNA (Invitrogen Q32854)

B) NCBI Accessions for *Polaromonas* genomes

| Name | AccessionID |
|------|-------------|
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| OUT1 | GCF_001955735.1_ASM195573v1 |
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| DB1 | GCF_000013865.1_ASM1386v1 |
| DB2 | GCF_000015505.1_ASM1550v1 |
| DB3 | GCF_000282655.1_Polaromonas.strCF318_v1.0 |
| DB4 | GCF_000688115.1_ASM68811v1 |
| DB5 | GCF_000709345.1_Polaromonas_sp. |
| DB6 | GCF_001598235.1_ASM159823v1 |
| DB7 | GCF_002001015.1_ASM200101v1 |
| DB8 | GCF_002002705.1_ASM200270v1 |
| DB9 | GCF_002379085.1_ASM237908v1 |
| DB10 | GCF_002379095.1_ASM237909v1 |
| DB11 | GCF_003711205.1_ASM371120v1 |
| DB12 | GCF_009664225.1_ASM966422v1 |
| DB13 | GCF_012584515.1_ASM1258451v1 |
| DB14 | GCF_014641715.1_ASM1464171v1 |
| DB15 | GCF_015751795.1_ASM1575179v1 |
| DB16 | GCF_015752205.1_ASM1575220v1 |
| DB17 | GCF_015752225.1_ASM1575222v1 |
| DB18 | GCF_900103405.1_IMG-taxon_2636416056_annotated_assembly |
| DB19 | GCF_900112285.1_IMG-taxon_2609459740_annotated_assembly |
| DB20 | GCF_900116715.1_IMG-taxon_2615840640_annotated_assembly |

Supplementary Note

Sloan model summary: The dispersal rate coefficient (m) and the goodness of fit of the beta distribution model (R²) based on the Sloan neutral model analyses are indicated for New Zealand and Caucasus with respect to the metabarcoding information per amplicon sequence variant (ASV).

| | 16S rRNA gene amplicons | | 18S rRNA gene amplicons | |
|-------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| | R ² | т | <i>R</i> ² | т |
| New Zealand | -0.726 | 3.7E-04±4E-04 | -0.204 | 4.3E-04±3E-04 |
| Caucasus | -1.11 | 6.4E-04±5E-04 | -0.527 | 0.57±0.31 |

Supplementary Figure Legends

Supplementary Figure 1. Glacier-fed streams from where epilithic and epipsammic biofilms were sampled.

Regions indicating the collection sites for the epilithic and epipsammic biofilms from (a) Caucasus and (b) Southern Alps. Relative abundance of prokaryotes (c) and eukaryotes (d) at the phylum and subdomain levels based on the sequencing of the 16S and 18S rRNA genes, respectively.

Supplementary Figure 2. Epilithic biofilm metagenomic profiles.

(a) Relative abundance profiles across the three domains of life: archaea, bacteria and eukaryotes in the epilithic biofilms, obtained from the sample metagenomes. Samples from the Southern Alps are indicated in red, while those from Caucasus are shown in blue. (b) Virome profile indicating the top 50 viruses. Scaled abundance from low (-2) to high (2) is indicated in the heatmap.

Supplementary Figure 3. Cross-domain interactions and adaptations of epilithic biofilms.

(a) Corrplot based on Spearman's correlation between pro- and eukaryotic MAGs aggregated at the phylum level. (b) Co-occurrence network of all MAGs across the Southern Alps in New Zealand and Caucasus in Russia. Each node represents a MAG, while the size represents the degree centrality. The edges represent the positive coefficient of co-occurrence along with the corresponding betweenness centrality between the MAGs. Unconnected nodes represent MAGs with lower betweenness (< 0.5) compared to other MAGs. The color of the nodes represents the individual taxa, while the lines represent the edges connecting the nodes. The thickness of the lines indicates those edges with a betweenness greater than 0.5. Co-occurrence network constructed from pro- and eukaryotic MAGs found in (c) the Southern Alps (New Zealand) and (d) the Caucasus. The largest connected component of the co-occurrence network from (e) the Southern Alps (New Zealand) and (f) Caucasus GFSs are depicted.

Supplementary Figure 4. Extracellular enzyme genes based on lifestyle.

The classification at phylum and genus levels of MAGs identified as (a) heterotrophs, (b) phototrophs, or (c) those with 'unknown' trophic metabolisms are depicted, showing the abundance of genes encoding for extracellular enzymes. NA: unclassified genus; AG: α -1,4-glucosidase; BG: β -1,4-glucosidase; LAP: leucine aminopeptidase; NAG: β -1,4-N-acetylglucosaminidase; AP: acid (alkaline) phosphatase. (d) (c) Spearman's correlation analyses of overall eukaryote relative abundances with the CAZyme abundances. CAZymes include AA: auxilliary activities, CBM: carbohydrate-binding module , CE: carbohydrate esterases , GH: glycoside hydrolases, GT: glycosyltransferases, PL: polysaccharide lyases. FDR-adjusted *p*-values were estimated using the 'cor.mtest' function from the *corrplot* R package and are indicated by *, *i.e.*, * < 0.05, ** < 0.01, *** < 0.001.

Supplementary Figure 5. Comparison to public metagenomes reveals differential gene abundances.

Volcano plot indicating the total number of KOs (n = 9,335; total = 17,406) enriched in epilithic biofilms compared to 105 publicly available metagenomes. KO enrichment was assessed using DEseq2, where the adjusted *p*-value < 0.05 was considered to be significant.

Supplementary Data Legends

Supplementary Data 1. CAZyme abundances

Normalised abundances of the carbohydrate-active enzymes (CAZymes) across all samples. AA: auxilliary activities, CBM: non-catalytic carbohydrate-binding modules, CE: carbohydrate esterases, GH: glycoside hydrolases, GT: glycosyltransferases, PL: polysaccharide lyases, and SLH: S-layer homology domain enzymes.

Supplementary Data 2. Public metagenomes

Metadata including ecosystems and location of the publicly-available metagenomes used for comparing Kyoto Encyclopedia of Genes and Genomes (KEGG) orthologs.

Supplementary Data 3. Enriched KEGG orthologs in epilithic biofilms.

KEGG orthology (KO) genes enriched in epilithic biofilms compared to other metagenomic datasets. Gene enrichment was assessed using DEseq2, where the adjusted *p*-value < 0.05 was considered to be significant.

Supplementary Data 4. COG functions enriched in GFS Polaromonas spp..

Clustered-orthologous genes (COG20) functions enriched in *Polaromonas* spp. compared to genomes available via RefSeq. Gene enrichment was assessed using DEseq2, where the adjusted *p*-value < 0.05 was considered to be significant.

Supplementary Data 5. Sample metadata.

Sample metadata including physico-chemical parameters such as pH, turbidity, conductivity, dissolved organic carbon, temperature, and CO₂ saturation.

Supplementary Data 6. Accession information.

NCBI sequence read archive (SRA) accession IDs for all samples used in the study including hyperlinks for each sample.

Supplementary Data 7. Osmotic stress genes

Gene counts for osmotic stress found in respective Phyla.



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Ochrophyta Cercozoa Ciliophora Fungi Metazoa (Animalia) Chlorophyta Euamoebida Other

Supplementary figure 2. Epilithic biofilm metagenomic profiles



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- Prokaryotes AB1-6_NA Acidobacteriota_NA Actinobacteriota_UBA10887
 Actinobacteriota_Yonghaparkia Bacteroidota_ELB16-189
 Bacteroidota_Emticicia Bacteroidota_Haliscomenobacter Bacteroidota_Humenobacter
 Bacteroidota_JJ008 Bacteroidota_Pedobacter Bacteroidota_Spirosoma Bacteroidota_UBA1930
- Bdellovibrionota_Bacteriovorax Bdellovibrionota_Ga0074139
 Crenarchaeota_NA
 Dependentiae_NA
- Gemmatimonadota_Gemmatimonas Proteobacteria_Brachymonas

- Myxococcota_NA
 Nanoarchaeota_NA

- Patescibacteria_Aalborg-AAW-1
 Patescibacteria_OLB19
- Patescibacteria_UBA11704 Patescibacteria_UBA1547
- Planctomycetota_BOG-1363
- Proteobacteria_Brevundimonas
 - Proteobacteria_Flavimaricola
 Proteobacteria_Ga0077545

Planctomycetota_Fimbriiglobus

Planctomycetota_Planctomyces_A
Proteobacteria_AAP99
Proteobacteria_Aquincola

- Proteobacteria_GCA-2402195
- Proteobacteria_Limnohabitans
- Proteobacteria_Limitonabitans
 Proteobacteria_Lysobacter_A
 Proteobacteria_Methylotenera_A
- Proteobacteria_UKL13-2
 Proteobacteria_Undibacterium Spirochaetota_NA Verrucomicrobiota_NA

Proteobacteria_Novosphingobium

Proteobacteria_Phenylobacterium
Proteobacteria_Polaromonas
Proteobacteria_Rhodoferax

Proteobacteria_Sphingomonas_A

Eukaryotes Chytridiomycetes Ochromonas Ochromonas Ochromonas

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