

Supplementary Tables

Table S1. Horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-labelled oligonucleotide probes used for CARD-FISH. Helper and competitor oligonucleotides were not labelled.

Probe	Specificity	Sequence (5'-3')	FA (%)		Reference
			(%)	Reference	
EUB I-III	most Bacteria	GCWGCCCCGTAGGWGT	35	Amann <i>et al.</i> (1990)	
				Daims <i>et al.</i> (1999)	
NON338	Negative control	ACTCCTACGGGAGGCAGC		Wallner <i>et al.</i> (1993)	
GAM42a*	most <i>Gammaproteobacteria</i>	GCCTTCCCACATCGTTT	35	Manz <i>et al.</i> (1992)	
ROS537	<i>Roseobacter</i> -clade bacteria (RCB)	CAACGCTAACCCCTCC	35	Eilers <i>et al.</i> (2000)	
DSS658	many marine <i>Desulfobacteraceae</i> including the <i>Desulfosarcina</i> / <i>Desulfococcus</i> -group	TCCACTTCCCTCTCCCAT	50	Manz <i>et al.</i> (1998)	
DSB706	many marine <i>Desulfovulbaceae</i>	ACCGGTATTCCCTCCGAT	40	Loy <i>et al.</i> (2002)	
Delta495 a-c*	most <i>Deltaproteobacteria</i>	AGTTAGCCGGTGCTTCCT AGTTAGCCGGCGCTTCCT AATTAGCCGGTGCTTCCT	35	Lücker <i>et al.</i> (2007)	
DSS1431*	subgroup of Sva0081-MBG	GGTTGCCCAACGACTTC	30	This study	
cDSS1431a†	Competitor to probe DSS1431	GGTTTGCCCAACAACTTC	30	This study	
cDSS1431b†	Competitor to probe DSS1431	GGTTAGCCCAACAACTTC	30	This study	
cDSS1431c†	Competitor to probe DSS1431	GGTCGCCCCACCAACTTC	30	This study	
cDSS1431d†	Competitor to probe DSS1431	AGTTTGCCCAACAACTTC	30	This study	
cDSS1431e†	Competitor to probe DSS1431	GGTTGGCCCAACAACTTC	30	This study	
DSS1431us‡	Helper to probe DSS1431	TGGTACAACCAACTCTCATGG	30	This study	
DSS1431us‡	Helper to probe DSS1431	TTAGGCGCCTGCATCCCCGAA	30	This study	
DSS1431us‡	Helper to probe DSS1431	TTAGGCGCCTGCATCCTGTAAA	30	This study	

FA, formamide; * probes were used with published competitors; † competitor oligonucleotide; ‡ helper oligonucleotide

Table S2. Relative abundances of ^{14}C -acetate-assimilating cells as determined by microautoradiography and DAPI staining or hybridization with specific CARD-FISH probes in duplicate whole sediment cores incubated with ^{14}C -acetate.

Sorted population	% of all MAR-positive cells (core A/B)	% MAR-positive of hybridized cells (core A/B)
<i>Gammaproteobacteria</i>	59/61	19/19
<i>Roseobacter-clade bacteria (RCB)</i>	6/8	48/32
<i>Deltaproteobacteria</i>	8/4	9/7

Table S3. Average cell-specific ^{14}C -acetate assimilation rates of flow-sorted populations from duplicate whole core and slurry incubations. Cells were either labelled by CARD-FISH (16S rRNA) or by Nile Red-staining (polyhydroxyalkanoate, PHA).

Sample type	Cell-specific assimilation rates ($\text{fg C cell}^{-1} \text{d}^{-1}$)						
	Bacteria	Gamma-proteob.	RCB	Desulfobacteraceae Sva0081	Desulfovibraceae	PHA*	(min-max)
core incubations A/B:							
0-1 cm	3.8/1.3	5.5/3.9	9.7/7.8	3.3/2.5	n.d.	4.9/7.1	
2-3 cm	0.2/0.3	0.6/0.8	0.1/1.3	0.9/0.6	n.d.	1.3/3.0	
6-7 cm	0.2/0.2	0.3/0.2	0.4/0.5	0.3/0.2	n.d.	0.8/1.6	
slurry incubations A/B:							
oxic	3.5/5.8	11.9/17.6	3.8/5.3	1.1/1.2	2.7/2.8	2.5/3.0	1-26
anoxic	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	1-20

n.d. not determined; * polyhydroxyalkanoates stained with Nile red

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