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Tomasz Neiner (MPI / RG Molecular Biology of Archaea) Deciphering the subunit interactions in the archaellum

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Srivatsa Dwarakanath (MPI / RG Prokaryotic Small RNA Biology)

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Stephan Poppe (MPI / MPRG Fungal Biodiversity)

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Judith Zöphel (MPI / RG Prokaryotic Small RNA Biology)
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Carsten Dietrich (MPI / Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

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Klaas Schotanus (MPI / MPRG Fungal Biodiversity)

Characterization of centromeres and the chromatin organization of core and dispensable chromosomes in the plant pathogenic fungus Zymoseptoria tritici (syn Mycosphaerella graminicola)

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Vikram Naik (MPI / Dept. of Organismic Interactions)

The Ustilago maydis MAP Kinase signaling pathway: Identification of direct MAP kinase targets by phospho-peptide enrichment.

Huan Li (Universität / FB Biologie - Mikrobiologie)

Mechanism of the reduction of tryptophan to indolepropionate in Clostridium sporogenes

Yi Ding (MPI / Dept. of Organismic Interactions)

Characterization of ammonium tranporter PiAMT1 in Piriformospora indica

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Hagen Richter (MPI / RG Prokaryotic Small RNA Biology)

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Carina Holkenbrink (MPI / Dept. of Ecophysiology)
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Assembly and regulation of type IV pili in Myxococcus xanthus

Urs Lahrmann (MPI / Dept. of Organismic Interactions)
Genomics and transcriptomics of Piriformospora indica and Sebacina vermifera

Beata Jakobczak (MPI / Dept. of Ecophysiology)
Identification of a novel cell-envelope subcomplex involved in gliding motility in Myxococcus xanthus

Adrienne Zaprasis (Universität / FB Biologie - Mikrobiologie)
Suppressors that bypass the ProA-bottleneck in proline biosynthesis of Bacillus subtilis

Binbin He (MPI / RG Prokaryotic Cell Biology)
Mapping the MipZ interaction regions in Caulobacter crescentus

André Müller (MPI / Dept. of Organismic Interactions)
The Ustilago maydis effector Pit2 inhibits maize cysteine proteases to suppress host defense

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Edina Hot (MPI / Dept. of Ecophysiology)

The small G protein MgIA connects the gliding machinery to the MreB cytoskeleton

Alexander Hof (MPI / Dept. of Organismic Interactions)
Cell death suppression during the interaction of Ustilago and barley

Haiyan Huang (MPI / EG Biochemistry of Methanogens)

Electron bifurcation involved in the energy metabolism of the acetogenic bacterium Moorella thermoacetica

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Marleen van Wolferen (MPI / RG Molecular Biology of Archaea) UV-induced pili from Sulfolobus acidocaldarius.

Magdalena Hilbert (MPI / Dept. of Organismic Interactions)
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Vidhi Grover (MPI / Dept. of Ecophysiology)

Characterisation of regulation of MrpC – a developmental regulator in Myxococcus xanthus

Daniel Moog (Universität / FB Biologie - Zellbiologie)

In silico and in vivo investigations of proteins of a minimized eukaryotic cytoplasm

Julia Reimann (MPI / RG Molecular Biology of Archaea)

First insights into protein phosphorylation and its role in flagella expression in *Sulfolobus* acidocaldarius

Pinki Rani (MPI / Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

Phylogeny of Endomicrobia and origin of flagellate symbionts

Dheeraj Kanaparthi (MPI / Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

Autotrophic Fe(II)-oxidizing bacteria in the acidic bog Lake Große Fuchskuhle

James Nonoh (MPI / Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

Diversity and distribution of methanogens in higher termites

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Daniela Keilberg (MPI / Dept. of Ecophysiology)

Unravelling the function of the response regulator RomR in motility

Nina Neidig (MPI / Dept. of Organismic Interactions)

Functional analysis of Ustilago maydis effector Tin3 of Cluster 19A

Thomas Pohlmann (MPI / Dept. of Organismic Interactions)

Cellular components of the transport machinery mediating microtubule-dependent mRNA transport in *Ustilago maydis*

Nancy Stolle (MPI / Dept. of Organismic Interactions)

The role of secreted LysM domain proteins during the biotrophic development of *Ustilago maydis*

Kerstin Lassak (MPI / RG Molecular Biology of Archaea)

Full speed ahead: Analysis of the crenarchaeal flagellum and of two flagellar transcriptional regulators in *S. acidocaldarius*

Andreas Reim (MPI / Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

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Benjamin Meyer (MPI / RG Molecular Biology of Archaea) Elucidating the N-glycosylation pathway in *Sulfolobus acidocaldarius*

Daniel Knack (Universität / FB Biologie - Mikrobiologie)

Biochemistry of ethylbenzene dehydrogenase, the key enzyme of the anaerobic metabolism of ethylbenzene in the denitrifyer *Aromatoleum aromaticum* strain EbN1

Carlotta Debnar-Daumler (Universität / FB Biologie - Mikrobiologie)
Anaerobic metabolism of phenylalanine in *Aromatoleum aromaticum* - Oxidation of phenylacetaldehyde to phenylacetate

Kathleen Fischer (Universität / FB Biologie - Mikrobiologie)

A new facet in the adaptation of Bacillus subtilis to high salinity: The cell wall hydrolase Yqil

Andreas Schramm (MPI / Dept. of Ecophysiology)

The Esp signalosome, a complex signaling module regulating developmental progression in *Myxococcus xanthus*

Stella Vitt (MPI / EG Biochemistry of Methanogens)

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Eva-Maria Heller (MPI / Dept. of Ecophysiology)

Characterization of the relaxase Tral and the DNA processing protein Yaf of the type IV secretion system of *Neisseria gonorrhoeae*

Judith Pump (MPI / Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

Rhizospheric methane emission in standardized rice microcosms

Jörn Penger (MPI / Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

Temperature dependence of carbon isotope fractionation in methanogenic cultures

Fredrick Lyatuu (Universität / FB Biologie - Mikrobiologie)

Is cob(II)alamin a spectator or conductor in coenzyme B12-dependent carbon skeleton rearrangements?

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Yongkyu Kim (MPI / Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

The metatranscriptome of a grassland soil microbial community

Liang Liang (MPI / Dept. of Organismic Interactions)

The function of Stp1, a secreted effector, in the biotrophic interaction of *Ustilago maydis* and its host plant maize

Britta Tillmann (Universität / FB Biologie - Genetik)

Specificity determinants of GTPase recognition by RhoGEFs in Ustilago maydis

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Xiaowei Mei (MPI / Dept. of Ecophysiology)

Identification of an interaction partner for a single domain response regulator controlling the *Myxococcus xanthus* developmental program

Carsten Mettel (MPI / Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

Soil metatranscriptomics

Maria Zweig (MPI / Dept. of Ecophysiology)

Single-stranded DNA-binding proteins (SSBs) – biochemical characterization of NgSsbB and applications in biofilms

Tim Köhler (MPI / Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

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Michael Schick (MPI / Biochemistry)

Biosynthesis of the [Fe]-hydrogenase cofactor

Mattia Bosello (Universität / FB Chemie - Biochemie)

Biosynthesis of the siderophore Rhodochelin requires coordinated gene clusters expression in Rhodococcus jostii RHA1

Tobias Petters (MPI / Dept. of Ecophysiology)
Wiring of two-component signal transduction systems in *Myxococcus xanthus*

Sarah Schladebeck (Universität / FB Biologie - Genetik)

The RNA-binding protein Whi3, a putative key regulator of posttranscriptional control for yeast adhesion and development

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Anja Paulick (MPI/Dept. of Ecophysiology)
Flagellar motor tuning – a novel "hybrid motor" in *Shewanella oneidensis* MR-1

Christian Herrberger (MPI/Dept. of Organismic Interactions)
Functional characterization of Pep1, a secreted pathogenicity factor of *Ustilago maydis*

Marie Kim (Universität/FB Biologie - Mikrobiologie) Biosynthesis of glutamate in and benzoate in *Syntrophus aciditrophicus*

Sebastian Baumann (MPI/Dept. of Organismic Interactions) Microtubule-dependent mRNA transport in *Ustilago maydis*

Maik Veelders (Universität/FB Biologie - Parasitologie) Structure and function of yeast adhesins

Andrea Kordt (MPI/Molecular Biology of Archaea) Biofilm formation of Sulfolobales

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Susan Schlimpert (MPI/Prokaryotic Cell Biology)
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Karina van der Linde (MPI/Dept. of Organismic Interactions)

VIGS in maize and its application to characterize maize genes involved in the *Ustilago maydis/ Zea mays* interaction

Christine Schauer (MPI/Dept. of Biogeochemistry)
Gut bacterial diversity in the omnivorous cockroach Shelfordella lateralis

Andrea Moell (MPI/Prokaryotic Cell Biology)
The late stage of cell division in *Caulobacter crescentus*

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Daniel Lanver (MPI/Dept. of Organismic Interactions)

A Sho1 and a Msb2-related protein function in signalling and surface sensing in the smut fungus *Ustilago* maydis

Daniela Kiekebusch (MPI/Prokaryotic Cell Biology)

How to generate a protein gradient within a bacterial cell: dynamic localization cycle of the cell division regulator MipZ

Anna Konovalova (MPI/Dept. of Ecophysiology) Regulation of secretion of the PopC protease

Jürgen Lassak (MPI/Dept. of Ecophysiology)

ArcS is a cognate sensor kinase in an atypical Arc system of Shewanella oneidensis MR-1

Angela Cabezas (MPI/Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

Microbial diversity and function in sediment microbial fuel cells fuelled by rice root exudation

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Lei Wang (MPI/Dept. of Organismic Interactions)

Rak1, a seven-WD40 repeat protein involved in mating and pathogenicity of Ustilago maydis

Roey Angel (MPI/Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

Methane turnover in upland soils - the rare biosphere in action

Anne-Kristin Kaster (MPI/Biochemistry)

Cytoplasmic hydrogenase/heterodisulfide reductase complex (MvhADG/HdrABC) in methanogenic archaea without cytochromes: a site of energy conservation

Jenny Pratscher (MPI/Dept. of Biogeochemistry)

Activity of ammonia-oxidizing archaea and bacteria in an agricultural soil

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Juliane Kühn (MPI Marburg)

Bactofilins, a ubiquitous class of cytoskeletal proteins mediating polar localization of a cell wall synthase in *Caulobacter*

Julia Gödeke (MPI Marburg)

Investigations on the transition from planktonic to attached life style in Shewanella oneidensis MR-1

Adrian Ho (MPI Marburg)

Living in a changing environment: A story of methanotrophs

Hassan Ghareeb (MPI Marburg)

Molecular Dissection of Sporisorium reilianum-maize interactions

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Sascha Krause (MPI/Department of Biogeochemistry)

Microbial ecology of methanotrophs -insights into this environmentally important group

Meike Ammon (MPI/Department of Ecophysiology)

Identification of the PopC cleavage site in the C-signal precursor p25 in Myxococcus xanthus

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Ivana Djurdjevic (Universität/FB Biologie - Mikrobiologie)

Production of glutaric acid in a recombinant Escherichia coli strain

Janine Koepke (MPI/Department of Organismic Interactions)

The role of the RNA-binding protein Rrm4 during pathogenic development in Ustilago maydis

Claudia Lüke (MPI/Department of Biogeochemistry)

Molecular ecology of root-associated methanotrophic bacteria in rice paddies

Steffi Treitschke (MPI/Department of Organismic Interactions)

Functional characterisation of the myosin-motor domain of Mcs1, a myosin-chitin synthase fusion protein of *Ustilago maydis*

Alexander Zahiri (MPI/Department of Organismic Interactions)

The Forkhead transcription factor Fkh1 is essential for pathogenic development of Ustilago maydis

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Iryna Bulyha (MPI/Department of Ecophysiology)

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Yuliya Khrunyk (MPI/Department of Organismic Interactions)

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Bongsoo Lee (MPI/Department of Ecophysiology)

Comparative analysis of several histidine kinases that modulate development progression in *Myxococcus* xanthus

Sonja Frieser (Universität/FB Biologie - Genetik)
Rac1 GDP/GTP cycling induces degradation of the Rho-GEF Cdc24 during polarized growth of *Ustilago*maydis

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Patrick Berndt (MPI Marburg/Department of Organismic Interactions)
Physical-chemical plant-derived signals induce differentiation in *Ustilago maydis*

Daniel Herlemann (MPI Marburg/Department of Biogeochemistry)
Genome analysis of *Elusimicrobium minutum*, the first cultivated representative of the bacterial candidate phylum TG1

Katja Zuther (MPI Marburg/Department of Organismic Interactions)
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Kryssia Aguiluz (MPI Marburg/Department of Ecophysiology)
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Kai Heimel (MPI Marburg/Department of Organismic Interactions) The role of Clp1 in the regulation of pathogenic development

Evelyn Vollmeister (MPI Marburg/Department of Organismic Interactions)

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Ramon Wahl (MPI Marburg/Department of Organismic Interactions) Carbon acquisition in the *Ustilago*/maize pathosystem

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Mahesh Desai (MPI Marburg/Department of Biogeochemistry)
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Maurizio Di Stasio (MPI Marburg/Department of Organismic Interactions) Regulation of conjugation tube formation in *Ustilago maydis*

Sakthimala Jagadeesan (MPI Marburg/Department of Ecophysiology)
Signaling twists in *Myxococcus xanthus*: a Four Component signal transduction system regulates developmental progression

Alexandra Müller (MPI Marburg/Molecular Geobiology Group)
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Simone Leonardy (MPI Marburg/Department of Ecophysiology)

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Trang Chu (Universität Marburg/Department of Biology)
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Anutthaman Parthasarathy (Universität Marburg/Department of Biology)
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Kerstin Schipper (MPI Marburg/Department of Organismic Interactions)
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Kathrin Botsch (MPI Marburg/Department of Biogeochemistry)
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Jana Glöckner (MPI Marburg/Department of Biogeochemistry) Metagenomic analysis of environmental bacteria in rice paddy soil

Britta Winterberg (MPI Marburg/Department of Organismic Interactions) High-affinity iron uptake systems in *Ustilago maydis*

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Xingqi Shi (MPI Marburg/Department of Ecophysiology)
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Silke Falk (MPI Marburg/Department of Biogeochemistry)
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David Kamanda Ngugi (MPI Marburg/Department of Biogeochemistry)
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Frank-Dietrich Müller (MPI Marburg)
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Dennis Gövert (MPI Marburg/Department of Biogeochemistry)

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Julia Hinderberger (MPI Marburg/Department of Biochemistry) How is ferredoxin reduced in *Clostridia*?

Kay Schink (Universität Marburg/Department of Genetics)

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Minita Shrestha (MPI Marburg/Department of Biogeochemistry)

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Sonja Vogt (MPI Marburg/Department of Biochemistry)

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Sebastian Weis (MPI Marburg/Department of Organismic Interactions) novel Ser/Thr protein kinases essential for development in *Ustilago maydis*

Elamparithi Jayamani (Universität Marburg/Department of Microbiology)

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