专论与综述

石油污染生态系统中细菌群落结构及其代谢机制 研究进展

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摘 要:石油化工产品的不合理处置与泄漏导致石油及其衍生物大量释放到环境中,由此造成的 环境污染问题日益严重,石油污染已成为全球性公害之一。微生物修复技术凭借其成本低、环境 友好等优势,广泛应用于石油污染的治理。大量研究表明功能微生物群落在石油污染生态系统的 修复体系中发挥了重要的作用。其中,细菌是最主要、最活跃的石油降解微生物。然而,在原位/ 异位生物修复过程中,存在功能菌群在污染体系中难维持、易失调及石油烃降解途径不明晰等问 题。因此,本文总结了石油污染自然生态系统和微宇宙实验体系中的细菌群落结构、石油烃代谢 机制及相关功能基因,并对微生物法处理石油污染的未来研究方向提出展望,为石油污染场地生 物修复方案的制定提供理论参考。

关键词:石油污染;细菌群落;降解机制;功能基因;微宇宙

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Bacterial community structure and metabolic mechanism in petroleum-contaminated ecosystem: a review

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Abstract: Unreasonable treatment and leakage of petrochemical products lead to massive release of petroleum hydrocarbons into the environment. Petroleum pollution has been a global concern. Being cost-efficient and environmentally friendly, bioremediation has been widely used for the removal and degradation of products in petroleum industry. Accumulation evidence has shown that functional microbial communities play an important role in the bioremediation of petroleum-contaminated environment, particularly bacteria. However, the ex-situ and in-situ bioremediation faces the following challenges: ease of functional microflora imbalance and unclear degradation pathway of petroleum hydrocarbons. Thus, this review summarizes the structures, metabolic pathways of petroleum hydrocarbons, and functional genes of bacterial communities in different types of petroleum-contaminated environments and microcosmic bioremediation experimental systems. Moreover, the trends of research on microbial treatment of petroleum pollution are summarized. Thereby, this study is expected to serve as a reference the formulation and implementation of microbial remediation for schemes for petroleum-contaminated sites.

Keywords: petroleum pollution; bacterial community; degradation mechanism; functional genes; microcosm

石油是多组分复杂混合物,包含脂肪烃、 单环芳烃、多环芳烃、胶质和沥青质等物质。 地下储罐、轮船、油井及废弃炼油厂产生的泄 漏导致石油及其衍生物大量排放到环境中,造 成表层土壤、地下水及海洋污染。石油烃具有 毒性且难以降解,对生物和人类健康存在潜在 危害,所以石油污染已成为当前亟须解决的环 境问题^[1]。淋洗、热力修复、化学氧化和生物 修复技术已广泛应用于石油污染的处理。其中, 微生物修复技术凭借其成本低及无二次污染的 优势,成为众多石油污染场地修复治理的关键技 术^[2]。然而,石油烃生物降解途径尚不清晰,且 单一微生物无法有效降解复杂的石油组分。同 时,在原位/异位生物修复过程中,微生物种群 间互作关系尚不明确,功能菌群难以在复杂的 石油污染体系中维持。

基于自然石油污染体系和微宇宙修复体系 生态结构解析,将石油降解微生物资源有效整 合,对于功能菌群在污染体系中适应度的提升 及不同条件下石油烃生物处理效果的提升至关 重要。研究表明,细菌是最主要、最活跃的石 油污染物降解微生物^[3]。在好氧条件下,细菌 利用单加氧酶或双加氧酶对石油烃进行选择性 催化转化^[4]。与好氧降解相比,石油烃厌氧降 解途径研究不足,主要集中于代谢的第一步途 径^[5]。此外,细菌也可利用趋化作用、寄生于 菌丝、生物乳化剂和表面活性剂等降解石油 烃^[6-7]。深入挖掘石油烃降解途径和功能基因, 有助于微生物定向修复石油污染潜力的开发。 因此,本文总结自然/微宇宙模拟石油污染生态 系统中的细菌群落结构,阐述石油烃的多种细 菌代谢机制,以期为石油污染场地微生物修复 方案的制定和实施提供理论参考。

石油污染生态系统中的细菌 群落结构

为了解污染环境中细菌群落特征和它们对 污染物的代谢情况,研究者们采用分子生物学 和组学技术对炼油厂和化工厂周边土壤、红树 林、海洋沉积物、海水等不同受石油污染环境 的细菌群落结构进行了考察,并对参与石油原 位和异位生物降解的细菌群落及其代谢特征展 开了探究。

1.1 石油污染自然生态系统中的细菌群落 结构

由于土壤中的绝大多数微生物无法进行分 离培养,传统的纯培养技术难以反映不可培养 微生物在污染物生物降解中发挥的作用,所以 研究者们提出使用分子生物学技术更加全面地 分析污染环境中微生物群落的结构和代谢功 能。随着高通量测序技术的快速发展和普及, 宏基因组、宏转录组和扩增子测序等技术被广 泛应用于监测石油污染环境中微生物群落结构 的动态变化研究。基于各种组学技术解析的各 类石油污染环境的细菌群落特征如表1所示。

在炼油厂周边的农田和工业场地的污染土 壤中存在多种优势细菌属,包括 Megamonas、 Paenibacillus、Bacillus、Aquicella、Alicyclobacillus、 Anaeromyxobacter、Bdellovibrio、Nitrospiria、 Oscillospiria、Mycobacterium、Pseudomonas、 Burkholderia、Chromobacterium、Xanthomonas 和 Acinetobacter^[8-9]。中国北部不同油田土壤中的优势细菌属包括 Microvirga、Mycobacterium、 Defluviicoccus 、 Halomonas 、 Alcanivora 和 Marinobacter^[11]。在被多环芳烃(polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, PAHs)污染的农田中, Zhou 等^[9] 发现 Mycobacterium 和 Pseudomonas 是石油污 染土壤中的优势细菌属。此外, Roy 等^[22]考察了 来自 3 个炼油厂的污泥样本,发现存在可能降解 石油的优势菌属 Mycobacterium、Pseudomonas、 Longilinea 和 Geobacter。结合表 1 中已报道的 数据, Mycobacterium 和 Pseudomonas 最可能成 为石油污染环境中细菌群落的优势菌属。

沿海地区常受到石油污染的影响,许多研 究考察了海洋沉积物中的细菌群落结构特征。 在沉积物中检测到的芳香烃浓度范围为 0.157-99.400 mg/kg, 远高于海水中的浓度^[25-33]。 对世界各地沿海污染区域沉积物中细菌群落的 调查发现, Desulfbacteraceae、Desulobbaceae、 Desulfromonadaceae Gebacteraceae 和 Syntrobacteraceae 等细菌科,以及 Alcanivorax、 Alteromonas Marinbacter Winogradsky Zeaxanthinibacter、Thalassospira 和 Acinetbacter 等细菌属的相对丰度较高^[31]。Cabral 等^[21]在巴 西沿海红树林的高浓度石油污染沉积物中观 察到了 Desulfococcus 和 Desulfatibacillum。此 外,在受污染的红树林土壤中还发现了一些与 解毒途径相关的菌属,包括 Aromatoleum、 Desulfitobacterium, Vibrio, Rhodopseudomonas, Bradyrhizobium , Ruegeria , Mycobacterium , Burkholderia , Maritimibacter , Frankia , Pseudomonas、Novosphingobium 和 Roseobacter^[21]。 海洋沉积物中细菌群落的结构分析表明, Proteobacteria和 Firmicutes 门的相对丰度较高^[30-31]。 *Proteobacteria*、*Cyanobacteria*和 *Actinobacteria* 是污染海水中的优势细菌门[25]。

参考文献 样品类型 污染物种类 优势细菌 Sample type Pollutant type Dominant bacterial species References 土壤 Aliphatic hydrocarbons Megamonas, Paenibacillus, Bacillus, Alicyclobacillus, Oscillospiria, [8] Soil Aquicella, Anaeromyxobacter Aromatic Mycobacterium, Pseudomonas [9] Aromatic Achromobacter, Acinetobacter, Halomonas, Marinobacter, [10] Roseovarius Petroleum hydrocarbon Microvirga, Mycobacterium, Defluviicoccus, Halomonas, Alcanivora, [11] Marinobacter Petroleum hydrocarbon Rhodanobacter, Sphingomonas [12] Petroleum hydrocarbon Bacillus, Virgibacillus, Pseudomonas [13] Petroleum hydrocarbon Algiphilus, Pseudomonas [14] Petroleum hydrocarbon Halorhodospiraceae, Lactobacilliceae [15] Petroleum hydrocarbon Proteobacteria, Bacteroidetes, Actinobacteria, Acidobacteria, [16] Gemmatimonadetes, Nitrospirae, Firmicutes, Verrucomicrobia, Elusimicrobia Petroleum hydrocarbon Proteobacteria, Alphaprotobacteria, Chloroflexi, Chlorobi, [17] Acidobacteria Petroleum hydrocarbon Actinobacteria, Proteobacteria, Saccaribacteria [18] Petroleum hydrocarbon Alcanivorax, Rhodanobacter ginsengisoli, Acidobacterium capsulatum, [19] Acidocella Petroleum hydrocarbon Streptococcus, Bacillus, Sphingomonas, Arthrobacter, [20] Rhodobacteraceae, Porticoccus 红树林 Aromatic Aromatoleum, Desulfococcus, Desulfatibacillum, Desulfitobacterium, [21] Mangrove Vibrio 炼油残渣 Aliphatic hydrocarbons Mycobacterium, Pseudomonas, Geobacter, Longilinea [22] Refinery Petroleum hydrocarbon Bacillus, Geobacillus [23] residue Petroleum hydrocarbon Methylobacillus, Methylococcus, Comamonas, Hydrogenophaga, [24] Rhodobacter, Flavobacterium 海水 Aromatic Proteobacteria, Cyanobacteria, Actinobacteria [25] Sea water Oceanospirillaceae, Pseudomonas, Colwellia, Cycloclasticus, Aromatic [26] Pseudoalteromonas Aromatic Proteobacteria [27] Aliphatic hydrocarbons Oceanobacter, Oleispira [28] Petroleum hydrocarbon Alcanivorax, Cycloclasticus, Oleispira, Oleiphilus, Thalassolituus [29] 海洋沉积物 Proteobacteria, Chloroflexi, Verrucomicrobia, Planctomycetes, Aromatic [30] Marine Nitrospirae, Ignavibacteriae, Gemmatimonadetes, Latescibacteria, sediment Firmicutes, Parcubacteria Aromatic Proteobacteria, Bacteroidetes, Firmicutes, Acidobacteria [31] Aromatic Acinetobacter [32] Aromatic Alcanivorax, Alteromonas, Marinobacter, Winogradskyella, [33] Zeaxanthinibacter

石油污染自然生态系统的细菌群落特征 表 1

Table 1 Characteristics of bacterial community in petroleum-contaminated ecosystem

2010年发生的墨西哥湾原油泄漏事件被称为历史上最大的环境灾难之一,研究者们对受污染的海洋区域展开了长期的调查评估。结果显示,石油泄漏后海洋污油中微生物群落的优势菌属为 Cycloclasticus、 Methylobacter、 Methylococcus、Oceanospirillales、Pseudomonas和 Colwellia^[26];随着污油被不断降解,群落的优势菌属转变为 Colwellia、Cycloclasticus、 Pseudoalteromonas和 Thalassomona^[26];在事故发生一年后,残余污油中的优势菌属包括 Stappia、 Erythrobacter、 Rhodovulum和 Thalassospira, 它们可能参与了石油的降解^[34]。

细菌的群落组成在不同的污染环境(土 壤、海洋沉积物、海水和红树林等)间存在差 异。然而,在上述污染环境中同时发现了一些 细菌类群,它们是石油污染环境的优势菌 群,并且具有降解石油的功能。例如,在石 油污染的土壤、炼油污泥和红树林沉积物中 发现了大量的Mycobacterium、Pseudomonas和 Bacillus;石油污染海水中的优势菌属主要为 Pseudomonas、Oleispira和 Alcanivorax。此 外,Colwelllia和Cycloclasticus 仅在墨西哥湾 漏油事故中被发现。这些在污染环境中与石油 降解功能密切相关的优势菌,是未来生物修复 研究中筛选分离的目标功能菌株。

1.2 微宇宙生物修复系统中的细菌群落结构

微宇宙系统是一种包含自然生态系统中主 要组分和生态学过程的模拟生态系统,能够提 供自然生态系统的群落结构和功能。在已报道 的自然衰减、生物强化和生物刺激等石油污染 的微宇宙生物修复研究中,通常以脂肪烃或多 环芳烃作为污染物进行试验。表 2 总结了部分 已完成的微宇宙生物修复试验所使用的样品类 型、污染物种类、修复方式及优势细菌。

大多数微宇宙生物强化实验中所添加的

细菌属于 Proteobacteria 和 Firmicutes。 Proteobacteria 和 Firmicutes 的代表性细菌(如 Pseudomonas sp.和 Bacillus sp.)已被应用于研 究多环芳烃的胞外降解^[51-52]。在多环芳烃降解 的微宇宙实验中,多种细菌作为外源生物被投 加入试验系统中,具体菌属包括 Bacillus、 Pseudomnas, Stenotrophomonas, Sphingomonas, Methylobacterium, Rhodococcus, Bradyrhizobium, *Aquamicrobium*和*Chryseobacterium*^[39-41]。Muthukumar 等^[36]研究了 Pseudomonas aeruginosa PP3 和 Pseudomonas aeruginosa PP4 的石油污染土壤 修复效果,结果发现与未接种相比降解率均提 高了 50%。Liu 等^[35]在含有多种脂肪烃的微宇宙 土壤中接种 Pseudomonas aeruginosa 和 Bacillus licheniformis 进行 60 d 的生物强化修复,并探 究了它们与本土微生物群落的竞争关系,结果 发现,微宇宙系统运行结束后,二者在菌群中 相对丰度分别为 0.78%和 4.10%, 即 Bacillus licheniformis 在降解方面发挥的作用更大,而 Pseudomonas aeruginosa 在与本土微生物群落竞 争中处于劣势。利用红树林土壤进行的微宇宙研 究发现,在石油污染侵入后,菌群中的优势菌属 为 Marinobacterium、Vibrio、Marinobacter、 *Cycloclasticus*、*Roseobacter*和*Ferrimonas*^[42-43]。 Liu 等^[44]在地中海深海污染的微宇宙试验中发 现,在石油污染后形成了以 Oceanospirillaceae、 Alteromonodaceae 和 Alcanivoraceae 为优势菌 群的微生物群落,并推测它们可能是具有石油 降解功能的细菌。Proteobacteria 细菌已被广泛 应用于石油污染修复的水体微宇宙试验中,属 于该菌门的物种可能在生物修复中具有较高 的应用潜力^[44-45]。Chuah 等^[46]在石油污染的海水 微宇宙中投加 Pseudomonas 的石油降解菌,该 微宇宙系统运行后的石油烃降解率达到 84.1%。 在受污染的海岸带样品中, dos Santos 等^[42]和

表 2 生物修复石油污染的微宇宙实验

 Table 2
 Microcosm experiment on bioremediation of petroleum pollution

样品种类	修复方法	污染物种类	优势细菌	参考文献
Sample type	Treatment	Pollutant type	Dominant bacteria species	References
土壤微宇宙	Bioaugmentation	Petroleum hydrocarbon	Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Bacillus licheniformis	[35]
Microcosm	Bioaugmentation,	Petroleum hydrocarbon	Acinetobacter	[36]
soil	biostimulation			
	Bioaugmentation	Petroleum hydrocarbon	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	[37]
	Bioaugmentation,	Petroleum hydrocarbon	Alcanivorax	[38]
	biostimulation			
	Bioaugmentation	Aromatic	Bacillus firmus	[39]
	Bioaugmentation,	Aromatic	Pseudomnas aeruginosa, Stenotrophomonas	[40]
	biostimulation		maltophilia	
	Bioaugmentation, biostimulation	Aromatic	Sphingomonas melonis, Methylobacterium radiotolerans, Rhodococcus sovatensis,	[41]
			Bradyrhizobium elkanii, Aquamicrobium	
行和物	Natural	Alinhatia hydrogarhang	Insultense, Chryseobacterium culicis	[40]
微宇宙	attenuation	Anphane hydrocarbons	marindacterium, marinddacter, Cyclociasticus	[42]
Microcosm sediment	Biostimulation	Aromatic	Vibrio, Roseobacter, Ferrimonas	[43]
水体微宇宙	Biostimulation	Aliphatic hydrocarbons	Proteobacteria	[44]
Microcosm	Biostimulation	Aliphatic hydrocarbons	Proteobacteria	[45]
water	Biostimulation	Petroleum hydrocarbon	Pseudomonas, Erythrobacter	[46]
	Bioaugmentation, biostimulation	Petroleum hydrocarbon	Acinetobacter, Bacillus	[47]
摇瓶培养	Bioaugmentation	Petroleum hydrocarbon	Enterobacter	[48]
Shake-flask	Bioaugmentation	Petroleum hydrocarbon	Pseudomonas aeruginosa	[49]
culture	Bioaugmentation	Petroleum hydrocarbon	Pseudomonas, Acinetobacter, Enterobacter	[50]
	Bioaugmentation,	Aromatic	Pseudomonas lini, Pseudarthrobacter	[51]
	biostimulation		polychromogenes	-
	Bioaugmentation, biostimulation	Aromatic	Bacillus subtilis	[52]

Zhou 等^[43]使用第二代测序技术检测出了 *Marinobacter*、*Cycloclasticus*、*Vibrio*和*Roseobacter* 的优势细菌。

上述这些细菌可能稳定存在于石油污染环 境中,因此可以把它们认定为生物修复试验中 需要优先考虑的功能细菌。现有的生物强化微 宇宙试验中, *Pseudomonas* 是最常见的外源投 加菌属,未来应加强在石油污染环境中具有高 丰度的其他菌属细菌的分离和降解特性研究, 并将这些细菌作为生物强化投加的外源菌群, 或将其作为生物刺激进行调控的本土菌群,从 而增强对石油污染物的降解效果。

2 石油及其衍生物的代谢降解 机理

细菌可以通过多种酶催化的复杂代谢反应 完成对石油及其衍生物的降解,这些酶包括脱 氢酶、细胞色素 P450 酶、过氧化物酶、漆酶 和加氧酶等^[53]。微生物可以在好氧/厌氧条件 下通过不同途径降解石油组分,其涉及的酶和 功能基因不尽相同。表 3 总结了利用分子生物 学和组学技术解析的石油组分降解功能基因。 此外,细菌在好氧/厌氧条件下降解石油烃的 途径汇总结果如图 1 所示。

2.1 好氧降解涉及的酶和功能基因

在烷烃的好氧降解过程中,细菌首先产生 烷烃羟化酶或单加氧酶。单加氧酶根据其电子 传递系统和分子结构分为依赖性红素氧还蛋白 还原酶和细胞色素 P450 单加氧酶。依赖性红素 氧还蛋白还原酶是由烷烃羟化酶、红素氧化蛋 白酶和红素氧化蛋白还原酶组成的多酶复合 体。此外,还有2种单加氧酶也被报道参与了 长链烷烃的降解,分别是长链烷烃降解单加氧 酶和黄素单加氧酶^[54,70]。烷烃的好氧降解途径 可以分为2条:途径I为末端氧化途径,其又分 为单末端氧化和双末端氧化途径,在单末端氧 化途径中,首先通过氧化末端甲基从而生成伯 醇, 生成的伯醇然后被氧化成醛和脂肪酸, 之 后再发生β-氧化,最终进入三羧酸循环^[83]。然 而在某些情况下,产生的脂肪酸可能在末端甲 基的 ω 位发生 ω-羟基化, 生成 ω-羟基脂肪酸, 再转化为二羧酸,最后进入 β-氧化途径,这就 是双末端氧化途径。途径II为次末端氧化途径, 烷烃在该途径的降解中首先产生仲醇,然后再 氧化成相应的酮和酯,最后被酯酶水解,产生 乙酸和伯醇^[83]。

烷烃降解基因主要包括 alkB 和 almA。alkB 基因已经作为生物标志物被用于分析环境样本 中微生物的石油降解能力^[27]。Nie 等^[84]在 Mycobacterium、Gordonia、Rhodococcus、 Burkholderia、Rhodobacter、Acinetobacter和 Marinobacter的基因组序列中均发现了 alkB 基因 的存在,同时,上述菌属都已被报道为不同石 油污染环境中的优势菌属或在生物修复试验中 所投加的强化菌属。almA 是一种编码黄素结合单 加氧酶的基因,能够参与长链烷烃的代谢,并且 存在于 Acinetobacter、Alcanivorax 和 Pseudomonas 等石油污染环境中常见的细菌^[54-55,70]。

细胞色素 P450 酶是一种常见的芳香烃降解 功能单加氧酶。P450 酶主导的反应类型包括羟 基化、脱烷基化、环氧化、脱氨、脱硫、脱卤 和过氧化等。Maier 等^[85]发现在石油污染环境 中大量存在的 Acinetobacter 可以利用细胞色素 P450 酶降解 C5-C10 的石油烃化合物。此外, 在能够降解石油及其衍生物的 Mycobacterium、 Rhodococcus 、Novosphingobium 、Dietzia 和 Alcanivorax 等细菌属中也检测到了该酶^[84,86]。

双加氧酶在芳香烃的好氧代谢中起着至关 重要的作用。芳环裂解双加氧酶能够催化芳香 环裂解^[87],根据裂解方式的不同,其又可分为 外二醇双加氧酶(通过邻位裂解催化)和雌二醇 双加氧酶(通过间位裂解催化)^[88]。芳环双加氧 酶则可以在芳香族底物上引入 32 个羟基,形 成顺式二醇^[63]。环羟基化双加氧酶是一种可 以催化芳香环反应的关键酶,其包括黄素蛋 白单加氧酶、Rieske 型非血红素铁加氧酶和 可溶性双铁多组分加氧酶。多环芳烃环羟基 化双加氧酶(PAH-ring hydroxylating dioxygenase, PAH-RHDα)基因在芳香族化合物(如苯酚、萘、 菲、芘和苯并芘等)的生物降解中起着关键作用, 是稠环芳烃代谢的重要功能基因^[89]。Liang 等^[90] 利用宏基因组学探究了红树林沉积物和油田土 壤中细菌 PAH-RHDα 基因的分布规律,结果发现 Burkholderia , Pseudomonas , Mycobacterium , Ralstonia 、 Sciscionella 、 Polymorphum 和 Rhodococcus 等油田区的优势菌中均含有 PAH-RHDa。研究表明,在多种分子生物学技术 的检测下, 多环芳烃污染环境中的多种细菌均

样品类型	降解条件			功能基因	参考文献
Sample type	Degradation	Contaminant	Techniques	Functional genes	References
	condition			C	
土壤	Aerobic	Crude oil	RT-qPCR	alkB1, alkB2,	[54-55]
Soil				almA1, almA2	
	Aerobic	Phenanthrene,	qPCR, extender sequencing	PAH-RHDa	[56]
		benzo[a]pyrene			
	Aerobic	Crude oil	Macrogenome, phylogenetic analyses	EDO	[57]
	Aerobic	Crude oil	Genomic fingerprints, phylogenetic analyses	catA	[58]
	Anaerobic	Toluene	qPCR	bssA, bamA	[59]
	Anaerobic	Benzene	Metatranscriptomic	bam	[60]
沉积物	Aerobic	Crude oil	Macrogenome, metatranscriptomic	catA	[61]
Sediment	Anaerobic	Petroleum hydrocarbon	Cloning, phylogenetic analyses	assA	[62]
	Anaerobic	Naphthalene, 2-methylnaphthalene	Phylogenetic analyses	bnsABCDEFGH	[63]
	Anaerobic	Petroleum hydrocarbon	Cloning, extender sequencing	masD, assA	[64]
	Anaerobic	Alkanes	Cloning, extender sequencing	masD, assA	[65]
	Anaerobic	Aliphatic hydrocarbon	Metatranscriptomic, phylogenetic	mcrA	[66]
			analyses		
炼油残渣 Refinery residue	Anaerobic	Petroleum hydrocarbon	Macrogenome, RT-qPCR	mcrA, dsrB	[22]
海水 Sea water	Aerobic	Crude oil	GeoChip	alkB, nagG, pchCF	[67]
	Aerobic	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	Metatranscriptomic, extender sequencing	catA	[68]
	Aerobic	Fluorene, phenanthrene, pyrene	DGGE, extender sequencing, cloning	PAH-RHDa	[69]
摇瓶培养	Aerobic	Long chain alkanes	Extender sequencing, RT-qPCR	almA, almR	[70]
Shake-flask	Aerobic	n-hexadecane, phenanthrene	cloning, RT-qPCR	CYP52, CYP53	[71]
culture	Aerobic	Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons	qPCR, metagenomic	pahE, pahAc	[72]
	Aerobic	Phenol, benzoic acid	Cloning, RT-PCR	catRBCA	[73]
	Aerobic	Catechol, phenol, benzoic acid	Metagenomic	catA	[74]
	Anaerobic	Crude oil	T-RFLP, extender sequencing	bssA, nmsA	[75]
	Anaerobic	Alkanes	Extender sequencing	assA	[76]
	Anaerobic	Toluene	Cloning	bss, bbs	[77]
	Anaerobic	Aromatic hydrocarbons	Alignment of the protein sequences	badDEFGAB	[78]
	Anaerobic	Aromatic hydrocarbons	Extender sequencing	bamBCDEFGHI	[79]
	Anaerobic	Aromatic hydrocarbons	Heterologous gene expression	bcrABCD	[80]
	Anaerobic	Crude oil	Cloning, qPCR	assA	[81]
油藏	Anaerobic	Crude oil	qPCR, macrogenome	dsrAB	[82]
Oil reservoirs					

表 3 与石油组分生物降解相关的功能基因

Table 3 Functional genes related to biodegradation of petroleum components

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表现出了较高的 PAH-RHDa 基因丰度^[56,69]。劳 香环羟化双加氧酶的基因根据降解底物的不同 对应不同的基因名称,如 aph (苯酚)、bph (联 苯或多氯联苯)、bnzA(苯)、nah(萘)、cbaA(氯 苯甲酸)、xylX (甲苯/苯甲酸)、todC1 (甲苯)、 cumA1(己烯)、ipbA1(异丙苯)、edoA(乙苯)和 ebdA(烷基苯)等。编码 PAH-RHDs (α 亚基)的基 因 pahAc 由于其保守序列和对底物的特异性, 而广泛应用于细菌的标记^[72]。研究者们设计不 同环境微生物中 pahAc 的特异或简并引物,并 将其用于评估多环芳烃降解功能基因的丰度和 多样性。Cebron等^[91]以 pahAc 基因靶向控制污 染土壤和沉积物中多环芳烃的生物降解。Shahi 等^[92]发现,在受污染土壤中,随着多环芳烃被 不断降解, nah 和 phnAc 基因的丰度显著上调。

在好氧条件下,多环芳烃分子首先氧化成 二氢二醇,随后被代谢成儿茶酚和原儿茶酸等 中间产物,这些中间产物在邻位或间位裂解,最 后进入三羧酸循环。EDO 基因是一种编码外二醇 双加氧酶的基因,其作用是引起儿茶酚类化合物 芳香环的裂解,目前已经在 Pseudomonas、 *Cupriavidus*、*Rhodococcus*、*Sphingomonas* 和 Burkholderia 等菌属中检测到^[57]。catA 和 catB 基因在中间产物儿茶酚的好氧降解途径中发挥 着重要的作用。catA将儿茶酚降解为顺式-已二 烯二酸,之后 catB 再将其进一步降解为粘康酸 内酯,这2种基因可以作为标记基因应用于监 测好氧条件下的石油污染物生物降解情况^[60]。 Cabral 等^[61]考察了石油污染红树林沉积物的宏 转录组,发现在 Desulfatibacillum alkenivorans AK-01 的基因组中存在 catA。此外, 与降解儿 茶酚相关的基因簇 catRBCA 已经在 Halomonas organivorans Pseudomonas Colwellia Corvnebacterium glutamicum 和 Pseudomonas chlororaphis 等细菌中检测到^[58,68,73-74]。上述的

Desulfatibacillum、Pseudomonas 和 Colwellia 均 是在石油污染环境中常见的优势细菌属。

2.2 厌氧降解涉及的酶和功能基因

与好氧生物降解相比,目前针对厌氧生物 降解途径涉及酶和基因的研究相对较少。石油 烃的厌氧降解方式与好氧降解不同,还原反应 中的主要电子受体包括 Mn⁴⁺、NO₃⁻、SO₄²⁻、 Fe³⁺和 CO₂ 等。石油烃的厌氧降解途径包括延 胡索酸加成、羧化、羟基化、甲基化和逆向产 甲烷,生成的代谢物最终被生物体吸收或完全 氧化。

延胡索酸加成是多种脂肪烃和芳香族化合 物厌氧生物降解的主要途径。assA/masD 和 bssA 作为编码延胡索酸加成酶系的关键基因,已作为 生物标志物被用来检测厌氧条件下细菌对石油 烃的降解能力^[64,75,93]。Bian 等^[93]研究发现烷烃的 厌氧降解从烷基琥珀酸合成酶(assA/masD 基因) 介导的延胡索酸加成反应开始。masD/assA 基因 已经在 Desulfothermus naphthae、Desulfatibacillum alkenivorans AK-01、Desulfosarcina sp. BuS5 和 Smithella sp.等多种石油烃厌氧降解菌中检测到^[76,81], 其中 Desulfatibacillum 属是石油污染红树林沉 积物中的优势菌属。bssA 基因与甲苯、乙苯、 间二甲苯和对甲酚等芳烃化合物的厌氧降解密 切相关^[77]。Toth 等^[94]在原油的生物降解研究中发 现, Desulfotomaculum 属和 Peptococcaceae 科的 部分细菌中存在 bssA 基因。Blázquez 等^[77]也在 Azoarcus sp. CIB 对甲苯和间二甲苯的厌氧生物 降解中检测到了该基因的表达。

一些厌氧途径通过将石油烃化合物羧化进 行降解,包括硫酸盐还原、反硝化、铁还原、 产甲烷和光合作用反应等。在厌氧条件下,甲 苯可以通过羧化被降解,其中涉及的基因也在 *Aromatelum aromaticum* EbN1 (*bssABCDEFGH*)、 *Thauera aromatica* K172 (*bssABCDEFG*)、*Thauera* aromatica T1 (bssABCDE)和 Desulfotignum sp. YB01 (bssABCDEF)等细菌中被检测到^[59,63,77]。

硫酸盐还原菌可以在厌氧条件下将 SO₄²⁻ 转化为 S²⁻,易于代谢反应的进一步进行,对于 石油烃化合物的降解有重要作用。此外,硫酸 盐还原菌还可以使用不同的化学物质作为电子 供体,如乙酸盐、乳酸盐、琥珀酸盐、甲酸盐、 丙酸盐、丙酮酸盐、乙醇、苯酚和苯甲酸盐等。 *dsrAB* 基因(编码异化亚硫酸盐还原酶)常被用 于确定不同环境中硫酸盐还原菌的多样性,利 用 *dsrAB* 基因可以追踪石油污染区产甲烷菌 群的亚硫酸盐/硫酸盐还原活动,该基因已被证 实存在于油藏中的细菌 *Desulfotomaculum*、 *Pelobacter*、*Desulfotignum*、*Desulfovibrio*和 *Thermodesulforhabdus* 中^[82]。

一些细菌可以在厌氧条件下通过脱氢反应 降解烷烃并生成醇^[95]。芳香烃也可以通过反硝 化细菌的脱氢反应被降解。以乙苯为例,乙苯 脱氢酶首先使侧链发生羟基化,之后发生氧化 和羧化反应并转化为苯甲酰乙酰辅酶 A, 最后 裂解产生苯甲酰辅酶 A 和乙酰辅酶 A^[89]。 bamBC属于编码苯甲酰辅酶 A 还原酶的 bam 基 因簇,在厌氧条件下能作用于苯甲酰辅酶 A 的 降解^[79]。Carmona 等^[79]研究发现, Geobacter metallireducens 的苯甲酰辅酶 A 降解功能与 bamBCDEFGHI 基因的存在有关。Crosby 等^[78] 探究了 Rhodopseudomonas palustris 对苯甲酸盐的 降解机理,结果表明其降解能力是由 badDEFGAB 基因簇的表达调控的。Tiedt等^[80]在反硝化细菌 Thauera chlorobenzoica 中检测到由 bcrABCD 基 因编码的苯甲酰辅酶 A 还原酶。研究表明,细 菌对萘的降解是从甲基化反应开始的,之后发 生延胡索酸加成或羧基化反应,并且2-甲基萘、 间二甲苯、间甲酚和对甲酚的厌氧降解也有类 似的途径[96]。

逆向产甲烷途径是一种在油藏、土壤、沉 积物等厌氧系统中常见的石油烃生物降解途径。 产甲烷的微生物群落可以产生和释放 CH₄ 及 CO₂,甲烷排放到大气的过程可以由甲烷氧化菌 实现,其有助于在沉积物和土壤等厌氧/好氧区 边界的氧化。在该途径的代谢中,互营细菌和产 甲烷菌的作用紧密相关,互营细菌可以将石油烃 转化为产甲烷菌的底物(如甲酸盐、乙酸盐和丙 酸盐等),后者再将这些化合物降解为 CH4^[97]。

尽管研究者们对石油烃厌氧代谢途径的研 究取得了很多进展,但对微生物群落在复杂环境 中对石油烃的厌氧生物降解研究依旧不足。为了 更好地了解微生物在复杂环境中的降解能力,现 有研究普遍使用功能基因标记法探究特定的代 谢过程。mcrA (编码甲基辅酶 M 还原酶 A)是评 估微生物多样性和功能的关键基因之一^[75-76,81]。 Roy 等^[22]使用分子生态学技术分析了石油烃污 染样品的细菌群落结构和功能基因,系统发育 分析结果表明,在 Methanobacterium beijingense 中存在 mcrA。Boyd 等^[98]研究发现,在深海海 底的自然条件下,mcrA 与短链烷烃(甲烷、丙 烷、丁烷)的氧化有关。

根据现有报道,研究者们对石油烃的好氧 降解机制研究较为深入,在自然污染环境和实 验室模拟微宇宙环境中发现了大量可能具有石 油降解功能的菌种及相关的功能基因,但由于 厌氧微生物的培养条件较为苛刻,石油烃厌氧 降解途径的信息揭示不足。此外,复杂多环芳 烃的微生物代谢途径鲜有报道,这也限制了石 油复杂组分的微生物降解研究和环境修复进 程。因此,未来应更多地使用分子生物学技术 和组学技术(如基因克隆、系统发育分析、宏基 因组和宏转录组)揭示环境样品中非培养微生 物的多样性,这些技术可以帮助分析微生物对 污染物的降解代谢能力,并为功能基因、酶和 代谢途径的预测提供相关信息。综合利用多种 组学技术,挖掘核心功能基因、解析代谢途径, 对于未来探究污染环境自然衰减潜力、组配高 效生物修复菌剂及构建基因工程菌等工作的开 展具有重要意义。

2.3 其他代谢机制

细菌群落可以利用不同的机制来促进石油 烃降解,包括趋化作用、表面形成生物膜、寄 生于菌丝以及生成生物乳化剂或生物表面活性 剂等^[6]。趋化性是一种微生物特性,细菌能够 自发地跟随化学和环境刺激而移动。甲苯和萘 等石油烃组分已被证实对一些细菌有化学趋化 作用,其作用效果可以通过全细胞记录和拉曼 光谱法进行检测分析^[54-55]。细菌表面的鞭毛、 外膜脂质和蛋白质等物质可以促使石油烃和微 生物在接触后进行生物降解^[86]。细菌还可以通 过在油-水界面形成生物膜来增强对石油烃的 吸附,该途径是影响轻非水相液体中石油烃降 解的主要因素。生物乳化剂和生物表面活性剂 是由微生物产生的表面活性物质,其能够降低 不同相位(如水和油)之间的表面张力,有利于不 相溶相的混合。Qiao 等^[99]证明了细菌表面活性 剂对烷烃具有乳化作用。

温度、pH 和盐度等环境因子也会对功能微 生物和相关降解机制产生影响。研究表明,污染 土壤中石油烃污染物的生物降解程度主要取决 于激发生物降解活性的最佳环境条件、污染物 的组分类型和生物可利用性^[100-102]。Anthony^[100] 的研究表明,升高温度可以提高烃类污染物的 溶解度,降低其黏度,并将长链正构烷烃从固相 转移到液相。Thamer 等^[101]研究发现,盐度和温 度都会影响石油烃降解细菌的生长活性。Leahy 等^[102]认为,尽管石油烃可以为细菌生长提供丰 富的碳源,但它们并不能提供细菌生长所需的 其他营养物质(如氮和磷),可以通过添加尿素、 肥料、钾盐、铵盐和磷酸盐等来调节碳、氮、磷、 钾的比例,提高石油烃污染物的生物降解速率。 上述的环境因子也是在使用生物刺激法修复石 油污染环境时需要重点关注的因素。

细菌可以寄生在真菌菌丝上延伸入土壤深 处,增大与土壤中石油烃污染物的接触面积, 提高对它们的降解效率。Fernández-Luqueño 等^[103]发现,当细菌和真菌协作代谢多环芳烃 时,降解速率会提高一倍。因此,将细菌与真 菌组合构建混合菌群,是未来开发石油降解菌 剂的新研究方向。

通常而言,环境中的细菌不能独自完全代 谢石油的全部组分,甚至对于单一组分也不能 完全代谢为 CO₂和 H₂O,因此降解过程往往需 要多种细菌的协同作用^[104]。例如,Vega 等^[105] 研究发现,Arthrobacter sp.可将石油烃降解的常 见下游产物邻苯二甲酸二甲酯降解为邻苯二甲 酸单甲酯,但不能进一步继续降解,Sphingomonas paucimobilis 则可以降解邻苯二甲酸单甲酯,在 两种细菌的协同代谢作用下邻苯二甲酸单甲酯 被完全代谢。然而目前对于复杂石油组分的协 同代谢机制尚显不足,未来还需要持续深入探 究这种协同代谢模式,为高效石油降解复合菌 群的构建提供理论依据。

3 结论与展望

细菌群落在石油污染环境的生物修复过程 中起着至关重要的作用。在未受污染环境中, 石油烃降解细菌占细菌总量的比例低于 0.1%, 而在石油烃污染环境中,这一比例可能增加到 1%-10%。因此,污染场地特征(特别是原位细 菌群落的检测)的调查和评估极为重要。原位是 否存在能够进行石油烃降解行为的细菌,是修 复方案制定的重要参考依据之一。通过深入研 究污染物类型、细菌群落和环境因素的特征及 相互作用关系,有利于制定更全面的石油污染 场地微生物修复方案。分子生物学新技术的应 用极大地丰富了研究人员对微生物种类、多样 性及其在污染环境中功能的认识,该类技术已 成为研究者们分析石油污染环境微生物群落特 征的重要手段。

鉴于当前石油污染场地修复的需求,未来 应从多方面持续展开探究:(1)持续丰富和完善 功能基因数据库。尽管已发现一些与石油烃降 解相关的酶和功能基因,但由于石油组分的多 样性与复杂性,现有研究基础仍然不足以满足 科学研究与实际应用的需要。以石油组分中的 复杂高分子量多环芳烃为例,其生物代谢途径 及所涉及的功能基因尚不清楚,一定程度上限 制了此类污染物的环境修复研究进程。因此, 未来应注重此类关键酶和功能基因的鉴定与新 代谢途径的发掘。(2) 开发用于石油污染场地微 生物检测的功能基因芯片。基因芯片检测技术 是一种前沿生物微量分析技术,近年来已广泛 应用于生物学和环境生态学领域。其可以对环 境样品进行快速、敏感的高通量检测,提供污 染环境中微生物菌群和功能基因变化的重要信 息。开发及改进石油降解功能基因芯片,有助 于深入研究石油污染环境中的微生态细节过 程,预测微生物群落对石油污染压力的响应变 化。(3) 基于场地的污染特征及微生物群落分布 特征定向筛选功能菌株,并利用合成微生物学 技术开发高效复合菌剂。由于石油组分的复杂 性,石油污染场地中污染物非单独存在,且单 种微生物所具有的底物降解广谱性有限。因此, 需要针对石油污染场地中污染物的类型, 定向 筛选具有石油烃底物广谱性的降解功能菌,进 而配制相应的复合修复菌剂,以达到同步或分 步代谢各组分污染物的目的,从而实现对污染物 复杂组分的全面降解, 增强污染场地修复效果。

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