

Viralization and Microbialization dominate global ecology

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Abstract

Bacteria and bacteriophage are the most abundant biological agents on Earth. They are also ubiquitous. Their interactions with the biosphere and with each other have major impacts on a global scale. Here, we hypothesize

Introduction

Hypothesis and background

- Every ecosystem can be divided into microbialized and viralized. In viralized ecosystems, phages are virulent and lyse bacteria. This occurs because bacteria are producing ATP (catabolic environment) . In microbialized systems, phages are dormant, and bacteria grow fast and dominate. Anaerobic metabolism dominates. Our hypothesis is based on the Daisyworld model.

Knowledge gap

The impact of bacterial and bacteriophage activity on the biosphere has not been studied before

How to fill the knowledge gap

We propose a scale-free classification of biological systems: any ecological system can be classified as viralized or microbialized

Methods

Results

Discussion