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Algae-Bacteria Interactions in Environment

Message from the Guest Editor

Algal-bacterial interaction is a ubiquitous interaction in aquatic and soil ecosystems, in which algae perform photosynthesis to release oxygen and produce organic carbon (e.g., extracellular polysaccharides), thereby supplying bacteria with both a carbon source and habitat. In turn, bacteria mineralize nutrients—such as nitrogen, phosphorus, and essential growth factors—making them available to algae, thus completing a closed-loop energy and matter cycle. This partnership not only drives primary productivity in ecosystems but also plays a key role in regulating carbon and nitrogen cycling and in the degradation of pollutants.

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