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The adapters were trimmed from the raw sequences with Cutadapt (Martin, 2011). Sequences lacking adapters were removed, as were sequences that did not have a length between 200 and 300 bp or between 250 and 500 bp for primer pairs 515'F/805R and 516F/915R, respectively. Those containing unspecified (i.e. N) bases were removed as well. The number of sequences after this step are presented as *Input* values in Tables S2 and S3.

Further data processing was performed in R with the DADA2 package (Callahan, 2017), where sequence read quality profiles were first inspected, and the sequences filtered with the filterAndTrim function. Based on their quality scores, 515'F/805R sequences were truncated to 220 and 170 bp for forward and reverse sequence reads, respectively, while sequences amplified by 516F/915R were truncated to 245 and 155 bp for forward and reverse sequence reads. The first 35 bases from reverse reads in amplicons from primers 515'F/805R were also trimmed due to low quality scores. In both cases, the maximum expected errors, were set to 2, and all sequences were truncated when their quality score dropped to 11 or lower. The number of remaining sequences is presented as *Filtered* in Tables S2 and S3.

The model of error rates was learned from the data, followed by dereplication of the sequences. Sample inference was performed, resulting in the number of sequences, listed as *Denoised* in Tables S2 and S3, followed by merging of the paired ends. A sequence table was then constructed and the chimeras removed by selecting the "consensus" method. This resulted with the number of sequences presented as *Nochim.* in Tables S2 and S3. At this point, the data was ready to be further analysed for taxonomy assignments with the Phyloseq package (McMurdie and Holmes, 2013).

Table S1. Chemically defined substrate composition. Compounds written in blue correspond to the buffer medium, green to carbon sources, yellow to vitamins, and red to trace elements. The stock solution was prepared by dissolving all the compounds in ultrapure water. It was then diluted to the final concentration by tap water in order to achieve the desired hydraulic retention time. The concentration of elements in the substrate originating from tap water are written in purple.

| Substance | Chemical formula | Concentration in stock solution (mM) | Concentration in substrate (mM) |
|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Monopotassium Phosphate | $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4/\text{H}_2\text{KO}_4\text{P}$ | 20 | 13 |
| Sodium Bicarbonate | NaHCO_3 | 61 | 39 |
| ^a Sodium Sulphate | Na_2SO_4 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| Ammonium Chloride | NH_4Cl | 9.4 | 6.0 |
| Sodium Chloride | NaCl | 17 | 11 |
| Magnesium Chloride Hexahydrate | $\text{MgCl}_2 \times 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 2.0 | 1.3 |
| Iron Chloride Tetrahydrate | $\text{FeCl}_2 \times 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| Disodium Phosphate | Na_2HPO_4 | 21 | 14 |
| Glucose | $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{12}\text{O}_6$ | 194 | 124 |
| Sucrose | $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{22}\text{O}_{11}$ | 41 | 26 |
| ^a Casein | $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{57}\text{N}_9\text{O}_9$ | 25 | 16 |
| Methanol | CH_3OH | 31 | 20 |
| Ethanol | $\text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O}$ | 20 | 13 |
| Acetic Acid | CH_3COOH | 17 | 11 |
| Propionic Acid | $\text{C}_3\text{H}_6\text{O}_2$ | 2.7 | 1.7 |
| Butyric Acid | $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}_2$ | 1.1 | 0.7 |
| Formic Acid | CH_2O_2 | 2.2 | 1.4 |
| Biotin (Vit. B8) | $\text{C}_{10}\text{H}_{16}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$ | 8.2E-05 | 1.1E-07 |
| Vitamin B12 | $\text{C}_{63}\text{H}_{88}\text{CoN}_{14}\text{O}_{14}\text{P}$ | 3.7E-05 | 4.7E-08 |
| P-aminobenzoic acid | $\text{C}_7\text{H}_7\text{NO}_2$ | 3.7E-04 | 4.7E-07 |
| Calcium D(+) Pantothenate (Vit. B5) | $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{32}\text{CaN}_2\text{O}_{10}$ | 1.1E-04 | 1.3E-07 |
| Thiamine Hydrochloride (Vit. B1) | $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{18}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_4\text{OS}$ | 2.2E-04 | 2.8E-07 |
| Pyridoxine-HCl (Vit. B6) | $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{ClNO}_3$ | 4.9E-04 | 6.2E-07 |
| Pyridoxamine-2HCl (Vit. B6) | $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{O}_2$ | 1.0E-03 | 1.3E-06 |
| Nicotinamide | $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6\text{N}_2\text{O}$ | 8.2E-04 | 1.1E-06 |
| Nicotinic Acid (Niacin. Vit. B3) | $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{NO}_2$ | 8.1E-04 | 1.0E-06 |
| Riboflavin (Vit. B2) | $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{O}_6$ | 1.3E-04 | 1.7E-07 |
| Folic Acid (Vit. B9) | $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{19}\text{N}_7\text{O}_6$ | 4.5E-05 | 5.8E-08 |
| Lipoic Acid | $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{14}\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$ | 2.4E-04 | 3.1E-07 |
| L-Ascorbic Acid (Vit. C) | $\text{C}_6\text{H}_8\text{O}_6$ | 5.7E-04 | 7.3E-07 |
| Boric Acid | H_3BO_3 | 6.5E-04 | 8.3E-07 |
| Manganese Sulphate Monohydrate | $\text{MnSO}_4 \times 1\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 1.5E-04 | 2.0E-07 |
| Cobalt (II) Chloride Hexahydrate | $\text{CoCl}_2 \times 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 2.1E-04 | 2.7E-07 |
| Nickel (II) Chloride Hexahydrate | $\text{NiCl}_2 \times 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 1.1E-04 | 1.3E-07 |
| Cupric Chloride Dihydrate | $\text{CuCl}_2 \times 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 1.8E-04 | 2.3E-07 |
| Zinc Chloride | ZnCl_2 | 2.9E-04 | 3.8E-07 |
| Ammonium Molybdate | $(\text{NH}_4)_6\text{Mo}_7\text{O}_{24} \times 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 4.1E-05 | 5.2E-08 |
| Aluminium Chloride Hydrate | $\text{AlCl}_3 \times \text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 3.8E-04 | 4.8E-07 |
| Sodium Selenite Pentahydrate | $\text{Na}_2\text{SeO}_3 \times 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 5.7E-05 | 7.3E-08 |
| Sodium Tungstate Dihydrate | $\text{Na}_2\text{WO}_4 \times 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ | 6.1E-05 | 7.8E-08 |
| Chloride | Cl^- | 0 | 1.2E-01 ± 8.7E-03 |
| Sulphate | SO_4^{2-} | 0 | 7.5E-02 ± 1.5E-02 |
| Ammonium | NH_4^+ | 0 | < 1.3E-03 ± < 2.6E-04 |
| Nitrite | NO_2^- | 0 | < 2.6E-04 ± < 1.8E-04 |
| Nitrate | NO_3^- | 0 | 1.7E-02 ± 1.7E-03 |
| Aluminium | Al | 0 | < 4.0 E-04 ± < 8.0E-05 |
| Calcium | Ca | 0 | 1.7E-01 ± 1.7E-02 |
| Copper | Cu | 0 | < 2.8E-04 ± < 5.7E-05 |
| Iron | Fe | 0 | < 1.3E-04 ± < 2.6E-05 |
| Potassium | K | 0 | 1.7E-02 ± 1.7E-03 |
| Magnesium | Mg | 0 | 3.7E-02 ± 3.7E-03 |
| Manganese | Mn | 0 | < 3.3E-05 ± < 3.3E-06 |
| Sodium | Na | 0 | 1.3E-01 ± 1.3E-02 |

^a Sodium sulphate and hydrolysed casein served as precursors for sulphide and sulphur sources (Muyzer and Stams, 2008).

Table S2. Number of bacterial sequence reads remaining for each sample at each step of the DADA2 pipeline. *Input* – number of raw sequences; *Filtered* – number of sequences after filtering; *Denoised* – number of sequences after sample inference; *Merged* – number of sequences after merging the forward- and reverse reads; *Tabled* – reads after constructing the sequence table; *Nochim.* – number of reads remaining after removal of chimeras.

| Sample | Sampling day | Input | Filtered | Denoised | Merged | Nochim. |
|--------|--------------|---------|----------|----------|--------|---------|
| S001 | 2 | 157488 | 9679 | 9679 | 9290 | 6855 |
| S002 | 2 | 133544 | 6853 | 6853 | 6507 | 4937 |
| S003 | 2 | 97806 | 7865 | 7865 | 7638 | 5802 |
| S004 | 10 | 160003 | 10765 | 10765 | 10494 | 8029 |
| S005 | 10 | 184813 | 11504 | 11504 | 11195 | 8604 |
| S006 | 10 | 95056 | 7902 | 7902 | 7633 | 5934 |
| S007 | 101 | 155128 | 11921 | 11921 | 11374 | 8560 |
| S008 | 101 | 64595 | 5051 | 5051 | 4807 | 3736 |
| S009 | 101 | 146621 | 11231 | 11231 | 10643 | 8020 |
| S010 | 129 | 147860 | 10050 | 10050 | 9725 | 7740 |
| S011 | 129 | 1018960 | 79711 | 79711 | 78405 | 59981 |
| S012 | 129 | 102963 | 8816 | 8816 | 8608 | 6940 |
| S013 | 178 | 226856 | 15396 | 15396 | 14993 | 12073 |
| S014 | 178 | 123807 | 9647 | 9647 | 9545 | 8122 |
| S015 | 178 | 290916 | 23000 | 23000 | 22600 | 17952 |
| S016 | 214 | 188635 | 13183 | 13183 | 12970 | 10447 |
| S017 | 214 | 130434 | 8379 | 8379 | 8253 | 6746 |
| S018 | 214 | 114730 | 8519 | 8519 | 8382 | 6785 |
| S019 | 228 | 162349 | 13403 | 13403 | 13213 | 10636 |
| S020 | 228 | 203808 | 13230 | 13230 | 13031 | 10381 |
| S021 | 228 | 95800 | 7227 | 7227 | 7105 | 5661 |
| S022 | 260 | 168666 | 13036 | 13036 | 12809 | 10332 |
| S023 | 260 | 106268 | 7287 | 7287 | 7137 | 5828 |
| S024 | 260 | 143560 | 9136 | 9136 | 8994 | 7283 |
| S025 | 304 | 157509 | 9486 | 9486 | 9334 | 7734 |
| S026 | 304 | 186188 | 11171 | 11171 | 11013 | 9119 |
| S027 | 304 | 125895 | 8737 | 8737 | 8568 | 7087 |
| S028 | 332 | 87057 | 6670 | 6670 | 6551 | 5429 |
| S029 | 332 | 134589 | 4605 | 4605 | 4499 | 3727 |
| S030 | 332 | 281734 | 20401 | 20401 | 20186 | 16659 |
| S034 | 381 | 120858 | 7447 | 7447 | 7234 | 6027 |
| S035 | 381 | 141994 | 8800 | 8800 | 8593 | 7127 |
| S036 | 381 | 157280 | 10875 | 10875 | 10687 | 8738 |
| S037 | 472 | 168389 | 12675 | 12675 | 12386 | 10162 |
| S038 | 472 | 175748 | 6139 | 6139 | 6055 | 4998 |
| S039 | 472 | 195416 | 13881 | 13881 | 13623 | 11161 |

Table S3. Number of archaeal sequence reads remaining for each sample at each step of the DADA2 pipeline. *Input* – number of raw sequences; *Filtered* – number of sequences after filtering; *Denoised* – number of sequences after sample inference; *Merged* – number of sequences after merging the forward- and reverse reads; *Tabled* – reads after constructing the sequence table; *Nochim.* – number of reads remaining after removal of chimeras.

| Sample | Sampling day | Input | Filtered | Denoised | Merged | Nochim. |
|--------|--------------|-------|----------|----------|--------|---------|
| S001 | 2 | 49002 | 18232 | 18232 | 1251 | 852 |
| S002 | 2 | 39221 | 11579 | 11579 | 621 | 477 |
| S003 | 2 | 69662 | 27097 | 27097 | 1669 | 1200 |
| S005 | 10 | 45009 | 16152 | 16152 | 803 | 502 |
| S006 | 10 | 93133 | 35043 | 35043 | 1950 | 1288 |
| S007 | 101 | 82621 | 26438 | 26438 | 1339 | 1219 |
| S008 | 101 | 30482 | 9797 | 9797 | 560 | 508 |
| S009 | 101 | 35337 | 9665 | 9665 | 354 | 346 |
| S010 | 129 | 27608 | 9151 | 9151 | 891 | 791 |
| S011 | 129 | 44512 | 15131 | 15131 | 1895 | 1659 |
| S012 | 129 | 71457 | 19600 | 19600 | 2113 | 1857 |
| S013 | 178 | 38711 | 11849 | 11849 | 1373 | 1291 |
| S014 | 178 | 51788 | 17246 | 17246 | 1864 | 1661 |
| S015 | 178 | 40266 | 12881 | 12881 | 1783 | 1616 |
| S016 | 214 | 62837 | 19329 | 19329 | 4551 | 3978 |
| S018 | 214 | 36210 | 10378 | 10378 | 2676 | 2257 |
| S019 | 228 | 59819 | 18291 | 18291 | 3057 | 2818 |
| S020 | 228 | 67304 | 19354 | 19354 | 2848 | 2424 |
| S021 | 228 | 55190 | 17916 | 17916 | 2741 | 2448 |
| S022 | 260 | 57748 | 19226 | 19226 | 4357 | 3627 |
| S023 | 260 | 48037 | 12650 | 12650 | 2796 | 2272 |
| S024 | 260 | 62155 | 18105 | 18105 | 4315 | 3487 |
| S025 | 304 | 57543 | 18742 | 18742 | 4389 | 4263 |
| S026 | 304 | 53777 | 16828 | 16828 | 3123 | 2811 |
| S027 | 304 | 85121 | 25704 | 25704 | 5223 | 4576 |
| S029 | 332 | 53330 | 16670 | 16670 | 2172 | 1935 |
| S030 | 332 | 54290 | 17313 | 17313 | 2413 | 2187 |
| S034 | 381 | 41943 | 11459 | 11459 | 745 | 654 |
| S035 | 381 | 41259 | 13417 | 13417 | 982 | 882 |
| S036 | 381 | 69205 | 22908 | 22908 | 1602 | 1399 |
| S037 | 472 | 67879 | 21849 | 21849 | 2732 | 2407 |
| S038 | 472 | 82710 | 19524 | 19524 | 1804 | 1568 |
| S039 | 472 | 46833 | 15378 | 15378 | 2247 | 1886 |

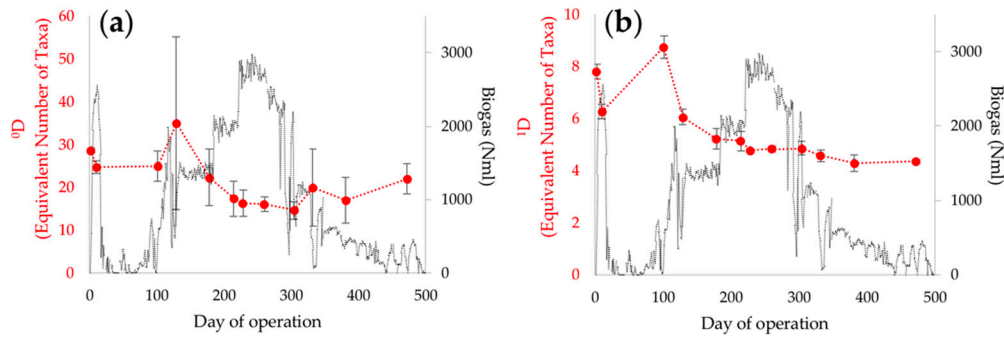


Figure S1. Hill diversity indices 0D (a), and 1D (b) for bacterial 16S rRNA profiles together with biogas production of the reactor.

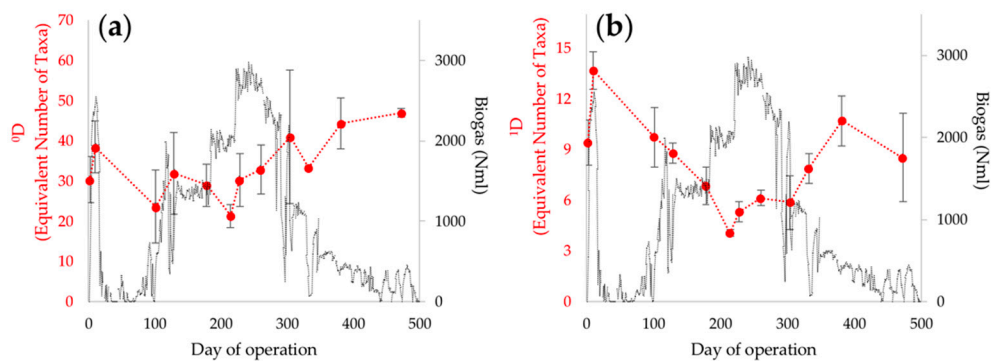


Figure S2. Hill diversity indices 0D (a), and 1D (b) for archaeal 16S rRNA profiles together with biogas production of the reactor.

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