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Methylotroph [meth'íl-o-trof'']

From the Greek, *methy*, “wine,” plus *trophē*, “food,” methylotrophs are a diverse group of bacteria that can synthesize all their cell constituents from reduced single-carbon compounds, such as methanol or methane, or multicarbon compounds with no carbon–carbon bonds. The first methylotroph, *Methylomonas methanica*, was described (as *Bacillus methanicus*) grown aerobically on methane by Söhngen in 1906.



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