



MODELLING ANAEROBIC OXIDATION OF METHANE IN MARINE SEDIMENTS - PRELIMINARY RESULTS

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The widespread process of anaerobic oxidation of methane (AOM) in marine environments is currently being investigated as part of the multi-national METROL project (Methane Flux Control in Ocean Margin Sediments). Using data collected from the project cruises to European continental margins, we have devised a bioenergetic-based understanding of AOM and modelled the methane sink using a diagenetic reactive-transport model. The ultimate role of the modelling studies is to underpin the main controls of methane flux to the oceans and the consequent impact on the global carbon cycle.