

## Supplementary information

**Table S1: Elemental concentrations of precipitate 1 and 4 in mol% as estimated by SEM-EDS. The locations of the spot analysis (1-3 for precipitate 1 and 1-5 for precipitate 4) are indicated in Fig. 10.**

	Precipitate 1				Precipitate 4					
	1	2	3	MEAN	1	2	3	4	5	MEAN
Na	1.35	2.29	4.64	2.76	14.33	2.73	3.37	0.66	0.00	4.22
Mg	4.52	5.05	4.80	4.79	8.82	39.29	9.77	12.00	7.04	15.38
P	46.00	42.67	38.39	42.35	38.57	47.56	39.30	42.84	25.57	38.77
S	1.68	1.97	4.18	2.61	9.64	2.44	2.67	1.13	18.97	6.97
Cl	0.32	0.95	0.46	0.58	1.10	0.38	0.47	0.13	0.00	0.42
Mn	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	13.50	2.63	18.26	13.20	23.85	14.29
Fe	46.13	47.08	47.52	46.91	14.05	4.98	26.16	30.04	24.57	19.96
Fe/P	1.00	1.10	1.24	1.11	0.36	0.10	0.67	0.70	0.96	0.51
Mn/P	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.35	0.06	0.46	0.31	0.93	0.37
Mg/P	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.23	0.83	0.25	0.28	0.28	0.40

**Table S2. Additional governing equations**

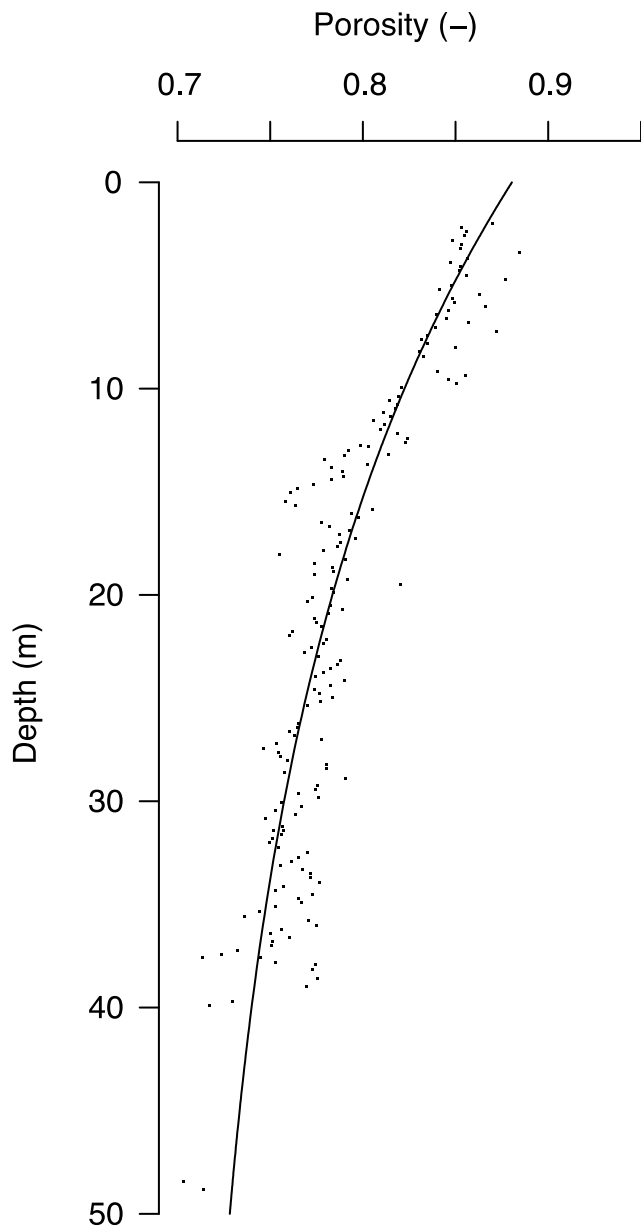
<b>Property</b>	<b>Governing equation</b>
Tortuosity	$\theta^2 = 1 - 2\ln(\phi)$
Molecular diffusion coefficient corrected for tortuosity	$D' = \frac{D_m}{\theta^2}$
Advective velocity at depth	$v_\infty = \frac{F_{sed}}{\rho(1 - \phi_\infty)}$

**Table S3. Environmental parameters used by the diagenetic model.**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Units</b>
Porosity at surface	$\phi_0$	0.880	-
Porosity at depth	$\phi_\infty$	0.704	-
Porosity e-folding distance	$\gamma$	2506	cm
Sediment density	$\rho$	2.65	$\text{g cm}^{-3}$
Temperature	T	9	$^{\circ}\text{C}$
Sediment accumulation rate	$F_{\text{sed}}$	0.1809	$\text{g cm}^{-2} \text{yr}^{-1}$
C:N ratio of OM	C/N	106/16	-
C:P ratio of OM <sup><math>\alpha,\beta</math></sup>	C/P	106/1	-
C:P ratio of OM <sup><math>\gamma</math></sup>	C/P	250/1	-
P:Fe ratio of Fe(OH) <sub>3</sub> <sup><math>\alpha,\beta,\gamma</math></sup>	$\chi^{\alpha,\beta,\gamma}$	0.02	-

Table S4. Boundary conditions at the sediment-water interface.

Time-independent boundary conditions		
Parameter	Value	Unit
$J_{FeCO_3}$	0	mol m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
$J_{S_0}$	0	mol m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
$J_{CaP}$	0.003926	mol m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
$J_{Fe_3(PO_4)_2}$	0	mol m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
$J_{FeS}$	0	mol m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
[ $Fe^{2+}$ ]	0	μmol L <sup>-1</sup>
[ $CH_4$ ]	0.1	μmol L <sup>-1</sup>
[ $\Sigma NH_4^+$ ]	100	μmol L <sup>-1</sup>
[ $NO_3^-$ ]	4.53	μmol L <sup>-1</sup>
[ $DIC$ ]	3500	μmol L <sup>-1</sup>
[ $\Sigma PO_4^{3-}$ ]	0	μmol L <sup>-1</sup>
Initial values of transient boundary conditions		
Parameter	Value	Unit
$J_{FeS_2}$	0	mol m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
$J_{Fe(OH)_3^\alpha}$	0.0004254	mol m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
$J_{Fe(OH)_3^\beta}$	0	mol m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
$J_{Fe(OH)_3^\gamma}$	0.1155	mol m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
$J_{C_{org}^\alpha}$	0.00000796	mol m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
$J_{C_{org}^\beta}$	0.00000375	mol m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
$J_{C_{org}^\gamma}$	0.1406	mol m <sup>-2</sup> yr <sup>-1</sup>
[ $\Sigma H_2S$ ]	0	μmol L <sup>-1</sup>
[ $O_2$ ]	100	μmol L <sup>-1</sup>
[ $Ca^{2+}$ ]	0.00294	μmol L <sup>-1</sup>
[ $Cl^-$ ]	0.1561	μmol L <sup>-1</sup>
[ $SO_4^{2-}$ ]	0.00806	μmol L <sup>-1</sup>



**Figure S1: Measured porosity data (dots) and fitted model profile (solid line) at site M0065. Corresponding fitting parameters are given in Table S3.**

