Supplementary Material

Potential microbial sulfate reduction up to 2.5 km below the seafloor in the deep coalbed biosphere off Shimokita (Japan)

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# Supplementary Figures and Tables

## Supplementary Tables

**Supplementary Table 1.** Hydrogen oxidation rate measured by the tritium based hydrogenase enzyme essay (Adhikari et al., 2016), including core and section numbers, sample depth, sample lithology, lithological unit and maximum and minimum hydrogen oxidation rates of the sample replicates. Grey rows indicate samples from whole round core that were excluded from sulfate reduction rates due to possible contaminations.

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| **Core-Section** | **Depth** | **Sample Lithology** | **Unit** | **Max. H2 oxidation rate** | **Min. H2 oxidation rate** |
|  | [mbsf] |  |  | [nmol H2 g-1 d-1] | [nmol H2 g-1 d-1] |
| 1R-1 | 1276.75 | Fine Sand | II | 1395 | 600 |
| 2R-2 | 1287.87 | Sandstone | II | 508 | 0 |
| 3R-2 | 1371.94 | Siltstone | II | 377 | 321 |
| 6R-1 | 1495.05 | Sandstone | II | 1809 | 0 |
| 8L-5 | 1607.26 | Shale | II | 160 | 0 |
| 9R-1 | 1625.56 | Sandstone | II | 382 | 129 |
| 10R-1 | 1630.16 | Siltstone | II | 1391 | 524 |
| 11R-1 | 1738.80 | Sandstone | II | 13 | 13 |
| 13R-4 | 1760.49 | Siltstone | II | 1070 | 357 |
| 14R-2 | 1822.41 | Siltstone | II | 1809 | 1743 |
| 15R-3 | 1921.98 | Lignite | III | 164 | 124 |
| 15R-6 | 1924.13 | Shale | III | 3579 | 2251 |
| 16R-3 | 1930.42 | Fine Sand | III | 0 | 0 |
| 18R-1 | 1945.71 | Lignite | III | 2520 | 721 |
| 19R-1 | 1950.04 | Sandstone | III | 4538 | 853 |
| 20R-5 | 1965.11 | Shale | III | 1226 | 1225 |
| 23R-3 | 1984.25 | Siltstone | III | 561 | 561 |
| 25R-2 | 1997.54 | Lignite | III | 563 | 563 |
| 25R-3 | 1998.75 | Silty Clay | III | 0 | 0 |
| 26R-4 | 2113.51 | Shale | IV | 1806 | 1771 |
| 27R-1 | 2200.91 | Shale | IV | 2796 | 1433 |
| 28R-4 | 2304.83 | Siltstone | IV | 233 | 0 |
| 28R-5 | 2305.34 | Siltstone | IV | 0 | 0 |
| 29R-5 | 2405.52 | Siltstone | IV | 715 | 473 |
| 30R-2 | 2447.61 | Lignite | IV | 761 | 0 |
| 30R-3 | 2449.43 | Shale | IV | 5201 | 2738 |
| 32R-1 | 2456.72 | Shale | IV | 1340 | 880 |

**Supplementary Table 2.** Sediment sulfur fractions (AVS: acid-volatile sulfide, CRS: chromium-reducible sulfur) and isotopic composition (34S in ‰ of Vienna Canyon Diabolo Troilite (VCDT) standard) of the CRS fraction containing the pyrites, core numbers, section numbers and lithological

unit.

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| **Core-**  **Section** | **Depth** | **Unit** | **AVS** | **CRS** | **34S-CRS** |
|  | [mbsf] |  | [ppm] | [ppm] | [‰] |
| 2R-3 | 1289.52 | II | 0.07 | 880 | -3.2 |
| 3R-3 | 1372.675 | II | 0.56 | 6180 | -33.1 |
| 4R-3 | 1378.15 | II | 0.02 | 985 | 28.8 |
| 5R-3 | 1492.165 | II | 0.03 | 7711 | -3.9 |
| 6R-3 | 1496.48 | II | 0.08 | 6427 | -15 |
| 7R-1 | 1599.59 | II | 0.07 | 10753 | 3.9 |
| 8L-5 | 1607.435 | II | 0.52 | 72 |  |
| 8L-9 | 1611.25 | II | 0.03 | 6342 | -30.7 |
| 9R-4 | 1628.446 | II | 2.25 | 5422 | -29.4 |
| 10R-2 | 1631.525 | II | 0.02 | 6680 | -17.6 |
| 11R-3 | 1739.72 | II | 0.00 | 4880 | -37.2 |
| 11R-5 | 1743.165 | II | 0.02 | 1365 | -35.8 |
| 12R-6 | 1753.845 | II | 0.00 | 1545 | 0.8 |
| 12R-7 | 1754.76 | II | 0.00 | 5806 | -3.1 |
| 13R-2 | 1758.3525 | II | 0.00 | 7721 | 13.7 |
| 13R-8 | 1765.204 | II | 0.40 | 8271 | -4.5 |
| 14R-2 | 1822.535 | II | 0.02 | 9638 | -32.4 |
| 15R-2 | 1920.48 | III | 0.06 | 84 |  |
| 15R-5 | 1923.74 | III | 0.00 | 723 | 45.6 |
| 15R-7 | 1925.835 | III | 0.01 | 2681 | 29.3 |
| 16R-2 | 1929.6 | III | 1.35 | 2132 | 30.8 |
| 17R-1 | 1936.525 | III | 1.34 | 759 | 35.3 |
| 17R-4 | 1939.6 | III | 0.01 | 1049 | 27 |
| 17R-9 | 1944.315 | III | 0.00 | 1213 | 26.7 |
| 18R-1 | 1946.6 | III | 0.04 | 1952 | -13.4 |
| 19R-1 | 1951.181 | III | 0.00 | 1250 | 26.4 |
| 19R-5 | 1954.2585 | III | 1.68 | 1397 | 18.7 |
| 19R-8 | 1958.476 | III | 0.01 | 1843 | 33.2 |
| 20R-3 | 1961.63 | III | 0.00 | 3348 | 20.1 |
| 20R-7 | 1966.38 | III | 0.04 | 2093 | 43.3 |
| 21R-4 | 1971.775 | III | 0.38 | 2287 | 40.5 |
| 23R-8 | 1989.344 | III | 0.00 | 39.7 |  |
| 24R-3 | 1993.815 | III | 0.02 | 3.7 |  |
| 25R-1 | 1995.83 | III | 0.00 | 21.5 |  |
| 25R-2 | 1997.185 | III | 0.00 | 8.2 |  |
| 25R-3 | 1999.125 | III | 0.00 | 235 | 2.6 |
| 25R-4 | 1999.305 | III | 0.00 | 198 | 4.2 |
| 26R-2 | 2111.4255 | IV | 0.03 | 3265 | -28.6 |
| 26R-6 | 2115.657 | IV | 0.09 | 1947 | -21 |
| 26R-7 | 2117.8785 | IV | 0.00 | 4854 | -21.7 |
| 27R-2 | 2201.7 | IV | 0.03 | 3656 | -27.1 |
| 28R-3 | 2302.937 | IV | 0.00 | 1111 | 11.7 |
| 28R-6 | 2306.773 | IV | 0.00 | 710 | 23.9 |
| 29R-2 | 2401.618 | IV | 0.02 | 377 | 5.4 |
| 29R-5 | 2405.6475 | IV | 0.01 | 809 | -4.6 |
| 30R-4 | 2449.845 | IV | 0.00 | 3471 | 2.6 |
| 32R-2 | 2458.3215 | IV | 0.00 | 420 | 6.7 |

# Supplementary Movie

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Description: Video clip of the computer tomography (CT) scan of core section 30R-2 containing the deep lignite layer showing the locations of fractures as well as the occurrence of pyrite (bright spots) in veins and granules.