

Carbon Dioxide Capture and Storage Using Gas Hydrate Formation

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This study is focused on carbon dioxide capture and storage technologies using gas hydrate formation. The emission of carbon dioxide from the fossil-fueled power plants has been regarded as the major contributor to the global warming. One of the most promising options to capture CO₂ from the flue gas (CO₂ + N₂) and fuel gas (CO₂ + H₂) mixtures is the hydrate-based method because CO₂, whose hydrate equilibrium condition is remarkably milder than N₂ or H₂, is expected to be enriched in the hydrate phase, resulting in high selectivity of CO₂ in the hydrate phase. On the other hand, industrially produced CO₂ can be sequestered as crystalline gas hydrates in the deep ocean to prevent further release into the atmosphere. In addition, the swapping phenomenon occurring in the natural CH₄ hydrate deposits and its potential application to CO₂ sequestration is experimentally demonstrated through spectroscopic analysis and heat of dissociation measurement.