

Hydrate-Containing Phase Equilibria for Mixtures of Carbon dioxide + Ionic Liquids + Water

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Ionic liquids (ILs), a promising alternative for organic solvent, were found to have the inhibition effect on the CO₂ hydrate formation. Among ILs, the hydroxyl groups in [HEMP][BF₄], Pyrrolidinium cation - based ionic liquids, were found to be very effective inhibitor on hydrate formation. In this study we measured the dissociation temperature of CO₂ hydrate containing Ionic liquids including [HEMP][BF₄] at constant high pressure and determined loading composition of all components. With 1 ~ 9 weight present of ILs to aqueous solution, three-phase equilibrium conditions in L_w-H-L_{CO2} were determined by varying the relative amount of CO₂ to ILs-H₂O mixture. The result shows that ILs inhibit the CO₂ hydrate formation even with small amount.