Phase Equilibrium of Ternary CH₄-N₂-CO₂ Mixed Hydrates

Natural gas hydrates have attracted the attention of many researchers in energy and environmental fields as well as petroleum industry because of recovering a huge amount of CH_4 stored in the deep gas hydrate deposits. In particular, the swapping mechanism, the replacement of CH_4 hydrate with the sequestration of flue gas $N_2 + CO_2$, has investigated into the actual application in recent years. However, the phase equilibrium data of ternary CH_4 - N_2 - CO_2 mixed hydrate is essential to the swapping mechanism, but not yet available. In the present study, the feed gas molar ratio of N_2 to CO_2 of 8:2 will be fixed according to conventional flue gas type of power plant. This hydrate system cannot form structure II at all composition, because the binary mixed N_2 - CO_2 hydrate was known to form structure I at compositions above 0.2 mole fraction of CO_2 . Gas chromatography would be introduced to hydrate phase compositions.