

Investigation of Occupation Behavior of SF₆ in SF₆ + NaCl Hydrates

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For practical application of gas hydration in distillation processes, investigation on occupation behavior of guest molecules in the presence of NaCl is essential. Herein, the hydrate phase equilibrium of SF₆+ NaCl solutions (water + 2, 4 and 10 weight % NaCl) were monitored in the temperature range 277 to 284 K and under pressures of up to 0.1 MPa. Based on equilibrium points, each dissociation heat of SF₆ + NaCl hydrates was calculated by Clausis–Clapeyron equations. In addition, structural identification of gas hydrates formed by varying the weight fraction of NaCl relative to water was performed by both Raman spectrometer and X-ray diffraction. Further evaluation of the temperature-induced release behavior of SF₆ in pure and SF₆ + 4 wt% NaCl hydrates in the temperature range 140 to 290 K indicated that SF₆ rapidly escaped from hydrate cages at near 270 K, which almost corresponds to the dissociation temperature of these hydrates.