Exploring Guest Inclusions and Interactions in a Binary Clathrate Hydrate of Cyclopentanemethanol and Methane

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In this study, cyclopentanemethanol (CPeM) was utilized as a new structure II(sI) hydrate former in the presence of methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) gas. Guest inclusions of interactions in a (CPeM + CH<sub>4</sub>) hydrate

sample was identified with  ${}^{13}$ C solid-state nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) and powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD). In NMR spectra, it was identified that CPeM and CH<sub>4</sub> molecules were enclathrated

in the large and small cages of sII hydrate, respectively. Especially, a possible conformation of CPeM molecule in large cages of sII hydrate was confirmed through conformational analysis of CPeM molecules. The crystal structure of the binary (CPeM +  $CH_4$ ) hydrate was refined with Rietveld method, indicating that the formation of sII hydrate with a lattice parameter of 17.28227 Å. In addition, the possible host-guest interactions in the binary (CPeM +  $CH_4$ ) hydrate were discussed.

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