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EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE AND RESULTS TO MEASURE THE COMPOSITION OF GAS HYDRATE, DURING CRYSTALLIZATION AND AT EQUILIBRIUM, FROM N_2 -CO₂-C₂H₆-C₃H₈-C₄H₁₀ GAS MIXTURES



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Context

The offshore extraction of petroleum in deeper conditions increases day after day and favors the conditions of hydrate formation (low temperature and high pressure), representing a great concern in flow assurance. Actually, another parameter comes into play, because as the oil/gas fields matures, the fraction of water increases.



Objectives

- Study, from an experimental point of view, the gas hydrate formation of various hydrocarbon gas mixtures in an instrumented batch reactor.
- Determine the **equilibrium points** (**P**, **T**) and **Composition** of each phase (gas x^{G} , liquid x^{L} , hydrate x^{H}).

Experimental Apparatus and gas mixtures

Gas	CO ₂	N ₂	CH ₄	C_2H_6	C ₃ H ₈	n-C ₄ H ₁₀
mixtures						
Gas 1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Gas 2	1	-	-	-	-	-
Gas 3	0.24	-	0.76	-	-	-
Gas 4	0.225	-	0.775	-	-	-
Gas 5	0.821	0.179	-	-	-	-
Gas 6	0.057	-	0.915	0.028	-	-
Gas 7	0.053	-	0.919	0.028	-	-
Gas 8	0.052	-	0.919	0.029	-	-
Gas 9	-	-	0.953	0.028	0.019	-
Gas 10	-	-	0.864	0.057	0.053	0.026
Gas 11	-	-	0.848	0.05	0.076	0.026
Gas 12	0.055	-	0.917	0.028	-	-





6. Temperature sensor (Pt 100) 7. Liquid Sampling 8. Gas ROLSI Sampling 9. Online Gas Chromatography 10. Helium alimentation 11. Pressure/Temperature view 12. Data Aquisition 13. HPLC pump

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Table 1. Molar compositions of the studied gas mixtures (std. dev. $\approx 3\%$)

Figure 1. Experimental set-up



Figure 2. Calculation procedure (see also [1])

Figure 3. Experimental procedure

Experimental results



Conclusions

- Gas hydrates equilibrium experiments of hydrocarbon gas mixtures (N_2 -CO₂-CH₄-C₂H₆-C₃H₈-C₄H₁₀) were performed in an **instrumented batch reactor**.
- **Pressure** and **Temperature** of equilibrium for **quick crystallization** (high crystallization rate) are given and are in accordance with literature data.
- The molar composition at equilibrium for gas mixtures are given and present uncertainties inferior to 4% (for both gas phase and hydrate phase).
- The **modeling** part is presented in [6] and discuss the relevancy of thermodynamics in this case

		50.05	1.01	0.57	05.10	0.70	0.14	1.52
5	10	98.18	1.33	0.49	84.43	8.94	6.63	6.65
		97.52	1.87	0.61	84.31	8.85	6.84	8.05
Temperature	(°C)	97.16	2.08	0.77	83.90	8.74	7.36	<mark>8.90</mark>
		96.75	2.32	0.93	82.44	8.31	9.25	7.59
		96.39	2.48	1.13	81.96	8.12	9.93	<mark>8.38</mark>
		96.02	2.60	1.38	80.69	7.74	11.57	10.05

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