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Fundamentals and economic analysis of hydrate-based carbon dioxide sequestration

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Abstract

Fundamental research and economic analysis of hydrate-based carbon dioxide (CO₂) sequestration play a key role in developing the industrialization of oceanic CO₂ sequestration. Therefore, this review deals with recent progress in hydrate-based CO₂ sequestration from the thermodynamics and kinetics as well as their energy consumption and cost. The first section provides an overview of the thermodynamics of CO₂ hydrate formation in both pure water and sea water, establishing a relationship between the enthalpy change of the hydrate formation reaction and the hydrate structure. Subsequently, a comparison of the kinetics of CO₂ hydrate formation in pure water and sea water is presented, with further insight into the formation kinetics obtained through hydrate nucleation and growth models. The process of liquid CO₂ forming hydrates is summarized, serving as a critical part of the fundamental research for oceanic CO₂ sequestration. Finally, energy consumption and cost of CO₂ capture methods are compared, and the whole sequestration process cost of CO₂ capture-storage-transport-injection is comprehensively analyzed. The new understanding of this review is conducive to further commercial and industrial development of hydrate-based CO₂ sequestration.

Keywords Hydrate-based CO₂ sequestration, CO₂ hydrates, Thermodynamics, Kinetics, Model, Economic analysis

1 Introduction

With the advancement of human society and industry, fossil fuel use has led to significant carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, reaching approximately 143 million metric tons of carbon emissions [1]. CO₂ concentration in the atmosphere has been increasing constantly, rising to 413.8 ppm with 2.4 ppm/year increase by 2021 [2, 3]. As a major greenhouse gas, the substantial release of CO₂ has triggered a range of climate and environmental challenges, such as global warming [4] and sea level rise [5]. Since pre-industrial times, the global temperature has already increased by 1.0 °C, which has prompted the Paris Agreement's goal to limit global warming to 1.5 °C above

pre-industrial levels [6]. Thus, CO₂ capture and sequestration to mitigate emissions is increasingly urgent. Compared to conventional CO₂ sequestration approaches, hydrate technology offers a novel approach, which can stabilize it as solid CO₂ hydrate in the ocean. In regions deeper than 300 m, CO₂ can be stably isolated through seabed disposal using hydrate technology [7–11]. Theoretical assessments indicated that hydrate-based oceanic CO₂ sequestration could reach 100 trillion tons, vastly exceeding terrestrial storage potential. A comprehensive understanding of the thermodynamics and kinetics of CO₂ hydrate formation, coupled with an economic analysis, is essential for advancing the industrialization of hydrate-based CO₂ sequestration.

The phase equilibrium temperature and pressure for CO₂ hydrate formation are influenced by the presence of salt ions in seawater, as well as the state of CO₂ and water. The presence of salt ions shifted the phase equilibrium line to the left, necessitating higher pressure for hydrate formation at the same temperature [12]. Once CO₂ was

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liquefied, the phase equilibrium pressure for hydrate formation increased linearly [13]. Furthermore, the presence of salt ions reduced the enthalpy change of the CO₂ hydrate formation reaction by affecting the solubility of CO₂ [12]. The Clausius–Clapeyron equation provided a means to calculate the enthalpy change associated with hydrate formation [14]. In the presence of additives, the hydrate might transition to the sII-type structure, significantly increasing the enthalpy change of the hydrate formation reaction [15]. The enthalpy change is closely related to the type of hydrate [14, 15], so it is necessary to understand the thermodynamics of CO₂ hydrate formation.

Furthermore, the understanding of CO₂ hydrate formation is critical in developing hydrate-based CO₂ sequestration, as the rate and stability of hydrate formation directly impact the feasibility of sustained injection, as well as the sealing capacity and long-term stability of hydrate reservoirs. Yamasaki et al. [16–19] applied a seabed burial method to manage CO₂ emissions from Jiang's power plants, and their experimental and simulation results demonstrated that CO₂ could be fully converted to hydrate on the seabed, with hydrate particles capable of long-distance transport in the ocean [16]. A large-scale field test of CO₂ hydrate sequestration was also conducted in Monterey Bay [20, 21] and off the central coast of California [22]. In these tests, 40.0% of CO₂ gas was converted to hydrates at depths of 1000–1300 m under temperatures of 3.3–3.9 °C. The salt ions present in seawater significantly decreased both the gas storage capacity and the growth rate of CO₂ hydrates [23, 24]. Consequently, several techniques to enhance hydrate formation have been developed. Additionally, economic analysis is the critical in developing the industrial development of oceanic CO₂ sequestration. Through economic comparisons, more cost-effective sequestration methods can be identified, encompassing optimal strategies for CO₂ capture, storage, transportation, and injection into the seafloor.

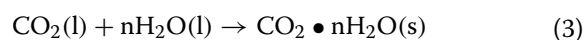
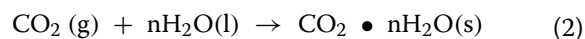
Currently, most research has focused on the potential of hydrate-based oceanic CO₂ sequestration and the fundamental studies of CO₂ hydrate formation [25–34]. These fundamental studies are primarily oriented toward applications such as CO₂ capture and separation, as well as CH₄-CO₂ replacement, and are predominantly focused on gaseous-phase CO₂ [27–34]. However, during the process of hydrate-based oceanic CO₂ sequestration, salt ions in seawater significantly affect hydrate formation, and in marine environments, when water depth exceeds 450 m, CO₂ undergoes a phase transition from gas to liquid. Therefore, it is critical to investigate the process of hydrate formation from liquid CO₂. There is a lack of comparative analysis between the thermodynamics and

kinetics in seawater and pure water, as well as an absence of economic analysis regarding the industrialization of this technology. To further develop hydrate-based CO₂ sequestration and avoid the problem caused by the process of CO₂ injection, fundamentals and economic analysis in CO₂ capture and sequestration have become a hot research field and have attracted more attention. This review will focus on three topics: (1) Thermodynamics of CO₂ hydrate formation in seawater and pure water; (2) Kinetics of CO₂ hydrate formation involving liquid CO₂; (3) Energy consumption and cost of hydrate-based CO₂ sequestration.

2 Thermodynamics of CO₂ hydrate formation

2.1 Thermodynamics of CO₂ hydrate formation in pure water and sea water

CO₂ hydrates are non-stoichiometric, ice-like crystals formed by CO₂ and water molecules under high-pressure, low-temperature conditions, with CO₂ molecules encapsulated in cage-like cavities formed by hydrogen bonds between water molecules. CO₂ hydrates form cubic sI crystal structures, and their structural unit consists of six tetrakaidecahedrons (5¹²6²: 12 pentagonal and 2 hexagonal faces) and two dodecahedrons (5¹²: 12 pentagonal faces) [35]. CO₂ preferentially occupies the large cages in hydrate cages [36, 37]. The hydrate formation process is significantly influenced by the phase states of CO₂ and water, which can lead to variations in the enthalpy change associated with hydrate formation. The process of CO₂ hydrate formation can be regarded as a pseudo-chemical reaction as follows:



where CO₂(g) represents gas CO₂, nH₂O(s) represents solid ice, CO₂ • nH₂O(s) represents solid hydrate, CO₂(l) represents liquid CO₂, nH₂O(l) represents liquid water.

When the temperature falls below the freezing point, gaseous CO₂ and solid ice can combine to form solid hydrates, with the enthalpy changes of the hydration reaction ranging from 23.0 to 24.0 kJ/mol, as illustrated in the Fig. 1. At the freezing point, a unique point of four-phase equilibrium, Q1(V-H-I-Lw), emerges. The region to the left of the blue phase equilibrium curve represents the stability zone of CO₂ hydrates, while the region to the right indicates their instability. As indicated by Eqs. 1 and 2, the presence of liquid water necessitates the transition to ice, significantly increasing the enthalpy change of hydrate formation. The enthalpy change associated with

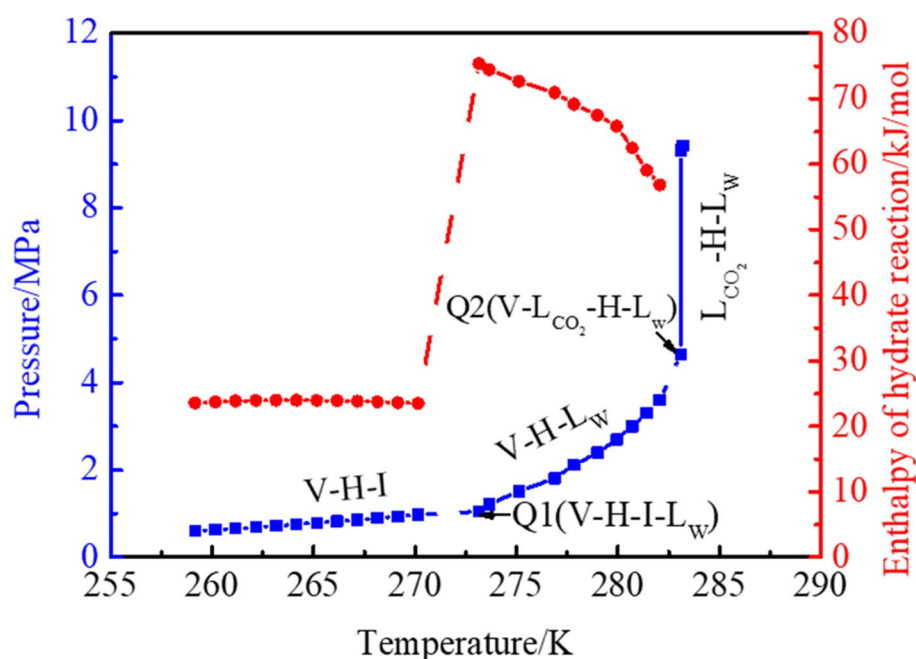


Fig. 1 Phase equilibrium pressure and temperature of CO_2 hydrates and corresponding enthalpy changes of hydrate reaction (V: Gas CO_2 ; H: Hydrate; I: Ice; Lw: Liquid water; L_{CO_2} : Liquid CO_2) [13, 38, 40]

each mole of liquid water converting into ice was 6.0 kJ/mol [38]. Therefore, the enthalpy change associated with the transformation of ice into hydrates was lower than that associated with the transformation of liquid water into hydrates. When temperature decreased below 225 K, the activation energy for permeation of CO_2 molecules fell to 19.0 kJ/mol, which showed that ice was conducive to CO_2 hydrate formation [39]. Once ice fully was transitioned into liquid water, the equilibrium pressure progressively increased with temperature, while the enthalpy changes of the hydration reaction exhibit a declining trend. Within the temperature range of 273.2–282.1 K, the enthalpy change varied between 75.4 and 56.9 kJ/mol [40]. Another four-phase equilibrium point, Q2(V- L_{CO_2} -H-Lw), involves gas CO_2 , liquid CO_2 , solid hydrate, and liquid water, which is attributed to CO_2 being in a gas–liquid equilibrium state. Once CO_2 is fully liquefied, the equilibrium pressure of the hydrate shows a linear increase. Notably, as the temperature increased from 283.1 K to 283.2 K, the pressure experienced a sharp rise from 4.65 MPa to 9.43 MPa, which was attributed to CO_2 liquefaction causing a rapid increase in phase equilibrium pressure [13]. For gaseous CO_2 , an increase in pressure raises the phase equilibrium temperature, thereby enhancing the temperature driving force for hydrate formation. However, once CO_2 has liquefied, further pressure increases do not affect the phase equilibrium temperature, and thus do not enhance the temperature driving force. In contrast to gaseous CO_2 , liquid CO_2

cannot promote hydrate formation by increasing pressure. Furthermore, compared to liquid water, the direct transformation of ice into a hydrate releases significantly less heat, thereby reducing the energy consumption of hydrate technology [41].

In addition to the phase states of liquid CO_2 and water, the presence of salt ions in seawater also influences the phase equilibrium of CO_2 hydrates and alters the enthalpy change associated with hydrate formation. The presence of salt ions not only shifts the phase equilibrium of CO_2 hydrate to the left but also reduces the enthalpy change of the hydrate formation reaction by lowering the enthalpy of CO_2 dissolution, as shown in Fig. 2. At the same phase equilibrium temperature, the phase equilibrium pressure of CO_2 hydrates in seawater was 0.4–0.5 MPa higher than that in pure water [12]. At 277.5 K, the hydrate phase equilibrium pressure of pure water was 2.13 MPa, whereas that of seawater was 2.53 MPa. As the temperature increased, the difference in the enthalpy changes of the hydrate formation reaction between pure water and seawater became more pronounced. At 277.5 K, the enthalpy change of hydrate formation in pure water was 56.9 kJ/mol, which was higher than 53.2 kJ/mol in seawater. At 278.7 K, the enthalpy change in pure water was 56.1 kJ/mol, compared to 49.7 kJ/mol in seawater. Therefore, it can be observed that in seawater, the heat released during the hydrate formation process is lower, which leads to a reduction in the energy consumption required for heat removal. However, salt ions hinder

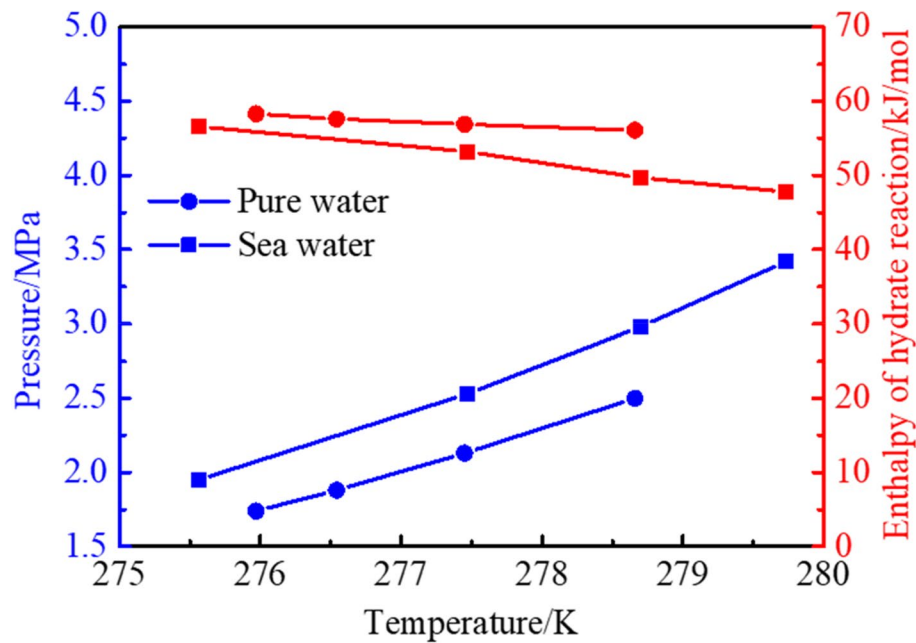


Fig. 2 Phase equilibrium pressure and temperature of CO₂ hydrates and corresponding enthalpy changes of hydrate reaction in pure water or seawater [12]

the formation of CO₂ hydrates, meaning that, at the same experimental temperature, higher pressures are required in seawater compared to pure water to form hydrates.

The enthalpy changes of the CO₂ hydrate formation reaction can be derived from the hydrate dissociation enthalpy, which can be measured using calorimetry [42–45] or the Clausius–Clapeyron equation [38, 46, 47]. Calorimetry is a direct measurement technique, typically performed with a calorimeter or differential scanning calorimeter (DSC). In contrast, the Clausius–Clapeyron equation provides an indirect method for calculating the enthalpy change. This equation describes the differential pressure change (dP) that accompanies a differential temperature change (dT) in a phase equilibrium system, and is calculated using Eq. 4 [38].

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{\Delta H}{T\Delta V} = \frac{\Delta H_{dis}}{T\Delta V} \quad (4)$$

where P represents the phase equilibrium pressure, T represents the corresponding temperature, ΔH_{dis} represents the hydrate dissociation enthalpy, ΔV represents the volume change for reaction. When 1 mol of hydrate decomposes, n moles of water are produced, and $nx(\text{CO}_2)$ dissolves in the water. The volume change for reaction ΔV is calculated by Eq. 5 [38].

where n represents the moles of water, $x(\text{CO}_2)$ represents the molar fraction of CO₂ dissolves in the water, $V(\text{CO}_2)$ represents the volume of CO₂.

A comparison using the Clausius–Clapeyron equation also revealed that the presence of salt ions in seawater decreased the solubility of CO₂ in water, thereby influencing the phase volume change and leading to a lower enthalpy of hydrate formation reaction in seawater compared to pure water.

2.2 Thermodynamics of CO₂ hydrate formation with additives

To enable the formation of CO₂ hydrates under milder temperature and pressure conditions, thermodynamic additives present a viable solution. The various structures of CO₂ hydrates in the presence of different additives are depicted in Fig. 3. CO₂ can also form face-centered cubic sII hydrate with compounds including cyclopentane (CP) [35], cyclopentanone (CP-one) [48], cyclopentanol (CP-ol) [48], 1,4-dioxane (DXN) [49], tetrahydrofuran (THF) [49], and methylcyclopentane (MCP) [50]. The sII hydrate structural unit consists of eight hexakaidecahedrons ($5^{12}6^4$: 12 pentagonal and 4 hexagonal faces) and sixteen dodecahedrons (5^{12} : 12 pentagonal faces). The cages ($5^{12}6^4$) are occupied by additives, and the cages

$$\Delta V / (\text{m}^3/\text{mol}) = 1 - nx(\text{CO}_2)l - x(\text{CO}_2)V(\text{CO}_2) + n \left(1.8 \times 10^{-5} + 2.04 \times 10^{-5}x(\text{CO}_2) \right) - 1.389 \times 10^{-4} \quad (5)$$

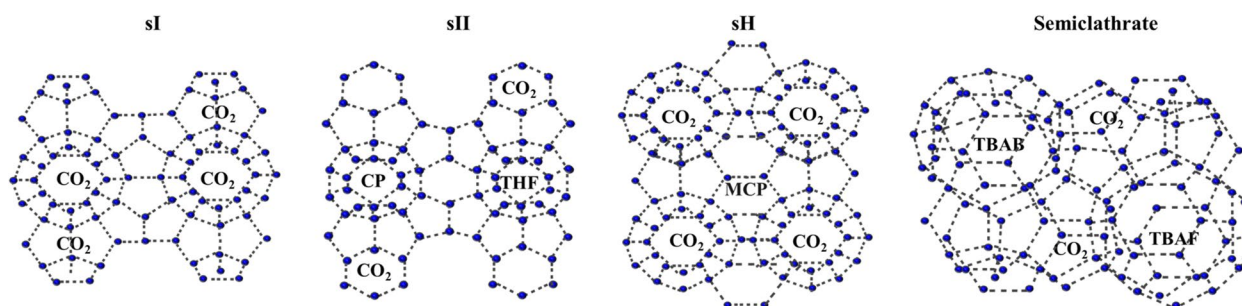


Fig. 3 Structures of CO₂ hydrates: sI hydrate, sII hydrate, sH hydrate and semi-clathrate hydrate

(5¹²) are occupied by CO₂ molecules. CO₂ can also form hexagonal sH hydrate with 3,3-dimethyl-1-butanol (DMB) [51, 52] or neopentane (NH) [53]. The structural unit of sH hydrate includes one icosahedron (5¹²6⁸: 12 pentagonal and 8 hexagonal faces), three dodecahedrons (5¹²: 12 pentagonal faces), and two irregular dodecahedrons (4³5¹²6³: 3 quadrilateral, 12 pentagonal, and 3 hexagonal faces). The cages (5¹²6⁸) are occupied by additives, and the cages (5¹² and 4³5¹²6³) are occupied by CO₂ molecules. CO₂ also forms tetragonal and orthorhombic semi-clathrate hydrates with additives such as tetrabutylammonium bromide (TBAB), tetrabutylammonium chloride (TBAC), and tetrabutylammonium fluoride (TBAF) [54–58]. The orthorhombic semi-cage hydrate unit consists of six dodecahedrons (5¹²), four tetrakaidecahedrons (5¹²6²), and four pentakaidecahedrons (5¹²6³). The cages (5¹²6² and 5¹²6³) are occupied by tetrabutylammonium ions (TBA⁺), and the cages (5¹²) are occupied by CO₂ molecules. The presence of salts exhibits negligible impact on the overall crystal structures of structure I (sI), structure II (sII), and semi-clathrate hydrates [59, 60]. In aqueous NaCl solutions ranging from 3.6 to 10.0 wt%, the Raman spectral peaks of CO₂ hydrates closely resembled those observed in pure water systems, suggesting that the sI hydrate structure was preserved despite the presence of salt ions [59]. When tetrahydrofuran (THF) was added, THF molecules occupied the large cages while CO₂ occupied the small cages, leading to the formation of sII hydrates. In addition, the incorporation of LiCl did not alter the melting temperature of CO₂ hydrates, provided that sufficient free water was available to fully hydrate the LiCl [60].

After the addition of additives, the change in CO₂ hydrate structures can influence the hydrate formation temperature and pressure, and corresponding enthalpy change, as shown in Fig. 4. Three ammonium-based ionic liquids (tetramethylammonium chloride (TMACl), tetraethylammonium hydroxide (TEAOH), and tetrapropylammonium hydroxide (TPrAOH)) all inhibited CO₂ hydrate formation, shifting the phase equilibrium line

to the left [61]. The inhibitory effect increased with the concentration of the ionic liquids. Specifically, TEAOH, TMACl and TPrAOH decreased the hydrate formation temperature by 1.7 K, 1.6 K, and 1.2 K. However, the average enthalpy changes for hydrate formation reaction with these ionic liquids ranged from 63.0 to 64.0 kJ/mol, which were very close to that of the pure water in the absence of ionic liquids, indicating that these ionic liquids did not participate in the formation of the CO₂ hydrate structures. Therefore, based on the enthalpy changes, it could be inferred that only the sI CO₂ hydrate structure was formed. In contrast, sII-type hydrates in the presence of THF and CP were formed, and these not only shifted the phase equilibrium line significantly to the right but also increased the average enthalpy change of hydrate formation to between 120.0 and 160.0 kJ/mol [14]. For 6.0 mol% CP, the phase equilibrium temperatures were 287.39–292.10 K at pressures ranging from 1.08 to 2.92 MPa. In the aqueous solution with 2.6 mol% THF, the phase equilibrium temperatures ranged from 285.18 to 290.30 K at pressures between 1.01 and 3.06 MPa. When the hydrate structure transitioned from sI hydrate to sII hydrate, the enthalpy changes of hydrate formation approximately doubled. After the addition of TBAC and TBAB, the phase equilibrium pressure of CO₂ hydrate formation decreased significantly, and the average enthalpy change of hydrate formation exceeded 200.0 kJ/mol, nearly three times higher than in the system without additives [14, 15, 62]. In the aqueous solution of 3.3 mol% TBAC, the phase equilibrium temperatures ranged from 292.2 to 293.0 K at pressures between 2.05 and 3.53 MPa, with an average enthalpy change of 336.3 kJ/mol [62]. In the aqueous solution with 1.7 mol% TBAB, the phase equilibrium temperatures ranged from 286.84 to 290.33 K at pressures between 0.90 and 3.01 MPa, with a corresponding enthalpy change of 205.8 kJ/mol [14]. After the addition of thermodynamic promoters, hydrate formation releases more heat, necessitating continuous heat removal to ensure the ongoing growth of the hydrates. Compared to the semi-clathrate and sII

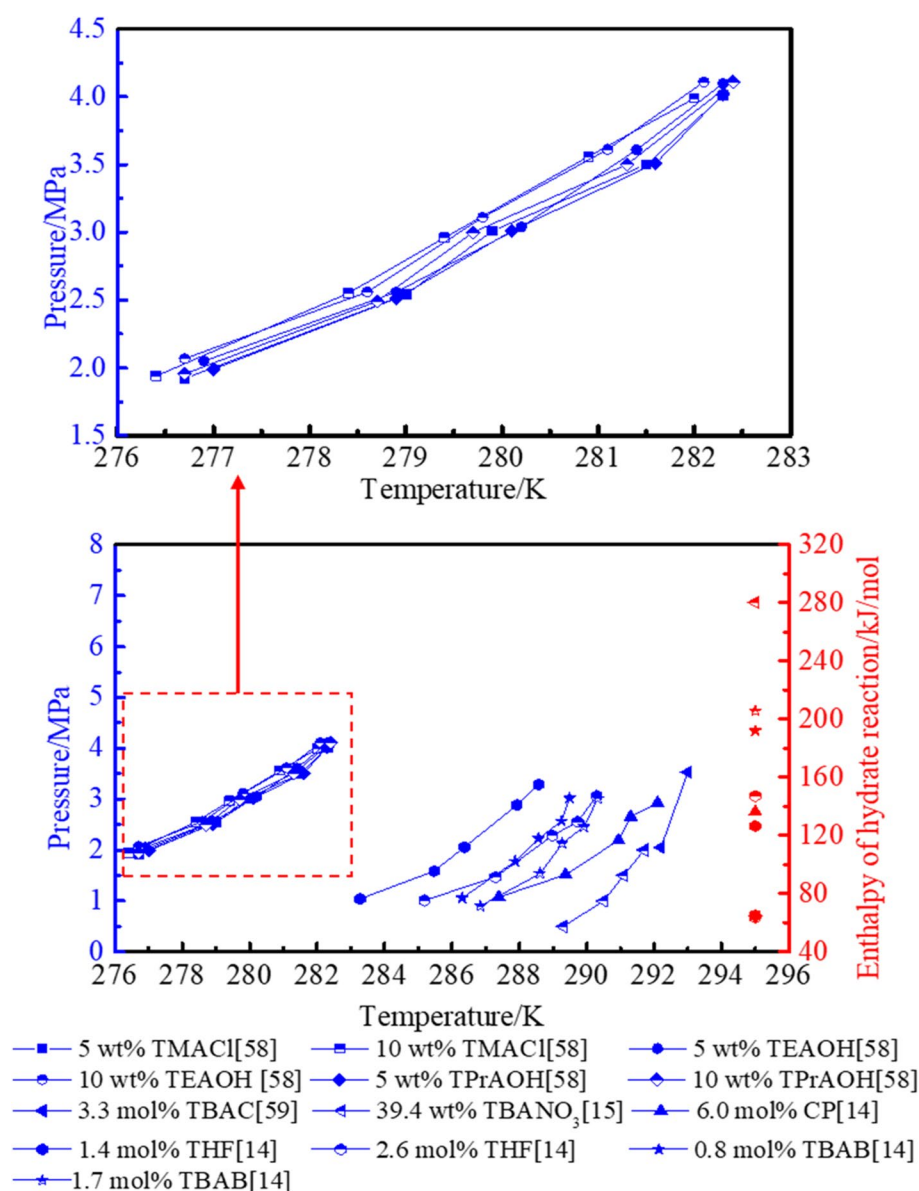


Fig. 4 Phase equilibrium pressure and temperature of CO₂ hydrates and corresponding enthalpy changes of hydrate reaction in the aqueous solution with different additives

hydrates, sl hydrates release less heat during their formation process. To prevent the generation of excess heat, kinetic promoters can be used as an alternative to thermodynamic promoters to form sl hydrates.

3 Kinetics of CO₂ hydrate formation

3.1 Kinetics of CO₂ hydrate formation in pure water and sea water

CO₂ hydrate formation is a dynamic process: initially, CO₂ dissolves into water, where it and water construct the hydrate nucleus of critical size, which subsequently

develops into hydrate cages that continue to grow. For sl hydrates, CO₂ hydrate formation requires the temperature or pressure driving force. The gas storage capacity of CO₂ hydrates and the hydrate growth rate are commonly used kinetic parameters to assess the kinetics of hydrate formation, as presented in Table 1. All experiments were performed in a high-pressure stainless-steel reactor. The CO₂ hydrate formation is influenced by pressure, temperature, and salt ions in seawater. As the temperature decreases or the pressure increased, the gas storage capacity of CO₂ hydrates gradually increases, which

Table 1 A summary of hydrate formation conditions and kinetic parameters including gas storage capacity of CO₂ hydrates and hydrate growth rate in pure water and aqueous solution of NaCl

System	Equipment	NaCl concentration	T/K	P/MPa	Driving force/K	Gas storage capacity of CO ₂ hydrate/(V/V)	Hydrate growth rate/(mmol CO ₂ /(mol H ₂ O·min))	Ref
Water	90 cm ³ stainless steel reactor	0 wt%	273.2	3.55	8.3	11.2	0.130	[63]
			275.2	3.55	6.3	9.9	0.120	
			277.2	3.55	4.3	8.2	0.110	
			273.2	3.05	7.2	9.0	0.110	
			275.2	3.05	5.2	8.0	0.096	
			277.2	3.05	3.2	6.4	0.077	
			273.2	3.55	7.8	9.2	0.110	
		1 wt%	275.2	3.55	5.8	6.0	0.120	
			273.2	3.55	6.9	7.8	0.100	
		3 wt%	275.2	3.55	4.9	4.4	0.089	
			273.2	3.55	6.0	5.7	0.099	
		5 wt%	275.2	3.55	4.0	2.0	0.072	
			273.2	3.55	4.0	2.0	0.072	
0–0.6 mm particle-size sand	700 cm ³ stainless steel reactor	3.3 wt%	274.0	4.00	6.9	41.4	0.974	[24]
			277.0	4.00	3.9	18.8	1.798	
			274.0	4.00	6.9	66.7	29.778	
			277.0	4.00	3.9	29.9	1.176	
			274.0	4.00	6.9	51.1	9.790	
			277.0	4.00	3.9	40.3	10.452	
Water	450 cm ³ stainless steel reactor	0 mmol/L	274.7	3.45	7.8	42.0	0.140	[23]
		50 mmol/L	274.7	3.45	7.8	57.9	0.097	
		100 mmol/L	274.7	3.45	7.7	37.3	0.100	
		250 mmol/L	274.7	3.45	7.6	33.8	0.110	
		350 mmol/L	274.7	3.45	7.5	24.8	0.120	
		500 mmol/L	274.7	3.45	7.3	21.8	0.110	
Water	140 cm ³ stainless steel reactor	0 wt%	273.2	3.40	7.7	97.3	0.782	[64]
		3 wt%	273.2	3.40	6.4	86.8	0.456	
		5 wt%	273.2	3.40	5.5	77.8	0.417	
Clay		0 wt%	274.2	3.00	7.5	96.8	0.778	
		3 wt%	274.2	3.00	6.2	94.1	0.756	

is attributed to the increase of the driving force to promote CO₂ hydrate growth [63]. When the temperature driving force increased from 3.2 to 8.3 K, the gas storage capacity of CO₂ hydrates increased from 6.4 V/V to 11.2 V/V. Similarly, growth rate of CO₂ hydrates increased due to the increase of temperature or pressure driving force. When the temperature driving force increased from 3.2 to 8.3 K, the hydrate growth rate increased from 0.077 mmol CO₂/(mol H₂O·min) to 0.130 mmol CO₂/(mol H₂O·min) [63]. In the presence of sodium chloride (NaCl), salt ions inhibited hydrate nucleation and decreased the gas storage capacity of the hydrates [23, 63, 64]. As the concentration of salt ions increased from 1.0 wt% to 5.0 wt% at 273.2 K and 3.55 MPa, the gas storage capacity in the aqueous solution decreased from 9.2 V/V to 5.7 V/V [63], and the hydrate growth rate decreased from 0.110 mmol CO₂/(mol H₂O·min) to 0.099 mmol

CO₂/(mol H₂O·min), which showed the inhibition ability of hydrate growth became more significant with higher salt concentration. When the concentration of NaCl was below 500 mmol/L, the hydrate growth rate followed an opposite trend to the change in gas storage capacity, and it did not decrease progressively with the increase of NaCl concentration [23]. Upon the addition of 5 wt% NaCl, the gas storage capacity of the hydrates decreased from 97.3 V/V to 77.8 V/V, and the hydrate growth rate declined from 0.782 mmol CO₂/(mol H₂O·min) to 0.417 mmol CO₂/(mol H₂O·min) [64]. This pronounced inhibition at higher salt concentrations is likely due to a reduction in the temperature driving force as well as structural disruption of hydrate cages caused by ionic interactions. The presence of clay was found to mitigate the inhibitory effect of NaCl, possibly due to ion adsorption on the clay surface, which reduced the effective salt concentration

in the bulk phase [64]. Likewise, quartz sand can interact with salt ions at its surface, influencing the nucleation and growth dynamics of CO₂ hydrates. Under experimental conditions of 274.0 K and 4.00 MPa, the optimal particle size for promoting hydrate formation was identified to be in the range of 0.6–0.8 mm [24]. At this particle size, the gas storage capacity increased to 66.7 V/V, and the hydrate growth rate was significantly enhanced to 29.778 mmol CO₂/(mol H₂O•min). In conclusion, although the presence of salt ions reduces the driving force for CO₂ hydrate formation, the addition of quartz sand and clay can partially alleviate the inhibitory effect of salinity on CO₂ hydrate formation.

Various kinetic models have been developed to further analyze CO₂ hydrate nucleation and growth. Based on crystal theory, the nucleation model proposed by Natarajan et al. [65] described the transition from disordered water molecules to critical crystal nuclei. According to phase field theory, the nucleation rate of CO₂ hydrate was related to the nucleation barrier of all orientations and the hydrate formation temperature, which is calculated using Eq. (6) [66].

$$J_{SS} = J_0 e^{-W^*/kT} \quad (6)$$

where J_{SS} represents the rate of steady state nucleation; J_0 represents the nucleation factor, which represents also used as the prefactor in kinetic model of classical nucleation; W^* represents the work of the nucleus formation. The degree of supercooling, as a driving force, further simplified the nucleation model, which is calculated using Eq. (7) [67].

$$J = A e^{\Delta s_e \Delta T / kT} e^{-Bt / T \Delta T^2} \quad (7)$$

where J represents the nucleation rate, Δs_e represents the dissociation entropy of a hydrate building unit at the equilibrium temperature, k represents the Boltzmann constant, ΔT represents the supercooling temperature, T represents the temperature, A represents the kinetic parameter, and B represents the thermodynamic parameter. Considering the fractal surface with a fractal dimension to characterize the roughness of CO₂ hydrate, the nucleation behavior of CO₂ gas hydrates was elucidated. The nucleation barrier $\Delta\Psi$ for the nucleation of CO₂ hydrate is calculated using Eq. (8) [68].

$$\Delta\Psi = V_e \Delta g + V_e (P_l - P_i) + \Psi_{surf} \quad (8)$$

where V_e represents the volume of the nucleus, P represents the pressure inside the nucleus, P_l represents the liquid pressure, Ψ_{surf} represents the nucleation barrier due to the creation and destruction of interface.

The hydrate growth is influenced by hydrate reaction, heat transfer, and mass transfer processes. The agitation was used to eliminate effect of mass and heat transfer and the intrinsic kinetic reaction model was proposed as Eq. (9) [69].

$$R_y(t) = \pi k_r \mu_2 (f - f_{eq}) \quad (9)$$

where $R_y(t)$ represents the macroscopic reaction rate, k_r represents the intrinsic rate constant, μ_2 represents the second moment of the particle size distribution, f represents the fugacity of the dissolved gas, f_{eq} represents the fugacity of the three-phase equilibrium.

For the growth of the hydrate film, temperature was the primary factor influencing the growth rate of the film. Therefore, heat transfer was proposed as the rate-determining step. By coupling conductive or convective heat transfer, the overall growth rate is calculated using Eq. (10) [70].

$$\nu \lambda^{-1} = (L \rho_h r_c)^{-1} \Delta T \quad (10)$$

where ν represents the propagation rate of CO₂ hydrate film, L represents the latent heat of the hydrate formation, λ represents the thermal conductivity of the surrounding phases, ρ_h represents the mole density of the hydrate, r_c represents the curvature of the hydrate film, ΔT represents the temperature difference.

When the growth process of CO₂ hydrates was dominated by mass transfer in a tubular reactor, the CO₂ concentration served as the driving force to calculate the hydrate growth rate, as expressed in Eq. (11) [71].

$$G = k_l \rho_{sol} A_h (x_b^{CO_2} - x_{int}^{CO_2}) \quad (11)$$

where G represents the mass growth rate of CO₂ hydrates, k_l represents the mass transfer coefficient of CO₂ gas from bulk liquid to the crystal interface, ρ_{sol} represents the density of the solution, A_h represents the internal hydrate layer area where crystals grow on, $x_b^{CO_2}$ represents the mole fraction of CO₂ in the bulk liquid phase, $x_{int}^{CO_2}$ represents the mole fraction of CO₂ in the liquid–crystal layer in equilibrium. Lee et al. [64] measured the kinetic parameters of CO₂ hydrate growth in the presence of 1–5 wt% NaCl, and CO₂ and H₂O saturation were affected by the pressure distribution, which is calculated in Eq. (12).

$$\frac{n_{CO_2}}{n_{H_2O,0}} = \frac{\alpha}{5.75} [1 - \exp(-5.75K(f_{exp} - f_{eq})t)] \quad (12)$$

where n_{CO_2} is the mole of the carbon dioxide, $n_{H_2O,0}$ is the mole of the water, α is an adjustable parameter, K is the overall reaction rate constant, f_{exp} is the fugacity of the carbon dioxide in the vapor phase at the experimental

temperature and pressure conditions, f_{eq} is the fugacity of the carbon dioxide in the hydrate-liquid water-vapor three-phase equilibrium at the temperature condition, t is the lime minute.

In the presence of salt ions, the activity of water is affected by the salt ions, which in turn influences the growth of the hydrate, as shown in Eq. (13) [72].

$$\frac{dn_{gg,H}}{dt} = KA_e \Delta \mu n_{H_2O,L} \quad (13)$$

where $n_{gg,H}$ represents the number of moles of guest gas in the hydrate phase, A_e represents the effective reaction surface area, $\Delta \mu$ represents the driving force, and K represents the temperature-dependent rate constant. The driving force for the gas hydrate kinetics is considered as a function of the chemical potentials of water in the filled hydrate and the liquid phase. The chemical potentials of water in the liquid phase ($\Delta \mu_w^L(T, P)$) is estimated by Eq. 14 [73].

$$\frac{\Delta \mu_w^L(T, P)}{RT} = \frac{\Delta \mu_w^0(T, 0)}{RT_0} - \int_{T_0}^T \frac{\Delta h_w^L(T)}{RT^2} dT + \int_0^P \frac{\Delta V_w^L}{RT^2} dP - \ln(\alpha_w) \quad (14)$$

where T_0 represents the temperature of a reference point, $\Delta \mu_w^0(T, 0)$ represents the difference in standard chemical potential of water for gas hydrate at reference temperature and absolute zero pressure, Δh_w^L represents the enthalpy difference between empty hydrate cavities and liquid water, P represents the operating pressure, ΔV_w^L represents the difference between molar volume of the water in hydrate and liquid phase, and α_w represents the absolute activity of water in aqueous phase. The activity of water in aqueous phase includes the activity of water associated with the guest gas, the activity of water associated with porous media the activity of water that accounts for the influence of the salt ions.

Table 2 presents a summary of CO₂ hydrate nucleation and growth models. Experimental and modeling results indicated that the presence of salt ions disrupted the hydrogen bond network in aqueous solutions, leading to a decrease in water activity, which impeded hydrate formation. Therefore, the addition of kinetic promoters is essential to accelerate the formation of hydrates.

3.2 Kinetics of CO₂ hydrate formation with additives

The surfactants, ionic liquids and amino acids have been used as additives to enhance kinetics of CO₂ hydrate formation. CO₂ hydrate nucleation and growth in the presence of the additives are promoted by changing the local hydrogen-bonding network or the movement of CO₂ molecules and water molecules. Some additives mainly exist in the form of ions, and others exist as molecules. These anions, cations and molecules will compete for water molecules with CO₂ guest molecules. Moreover, they also interfere with the interaction between water

molecules, and the interaction between CO₂ molecules and water molecules. CO₂ hydrate nucleation mechanisms include classical nucleation theory [74, 75], unstable cluster nucleation [76, 77], interface nucleation [78, 79], local-structure nucleation [80], blob nucleation [81], and two-step nucleation [82, 83], as illustrated in Fig. 5. These nucleation mechanisms reveal that hydrate nucleation requires the formation of critical nuclei, which is stabilized through interactions between guest molecules and water molecules. In the two-step hydrate nucleation mechanism, amorphous clusters transform into critical-sized nuclei through interactions between gas and water molecules in the first step. In the second step, the

Table 2 A summary of CO₂ hydrate nucleation and growth models

Formation process	Theory	Model equation	Applicable system	Reference
Hydrate nucleation	Phase field theory	$J_{SS} = J_0 e^{-W^*/kT}$	Water	[66]
	Mass transfer effect	$J = A e^{\Delta s_e \Delta T / kT} e^{-Bt / T \Delta T^2}$		[67]
	Interface effect	$\Delta \Psi = V_e \Delta g + V_e (P_l - P_i) + \Psi_{surf}$		[68]
Hydrate growth	Intrinsic kinetic reaction	$R_y(t) = \pi k_r \mu_2 (f - f_{eq})$	Water	[69]
	Heat transfer	$\nu \lambda^{-1} = (L \rho_h r_c)^{-1} \Delta T$		[70]
	Mass transfer	$G = k_l \rho_{sol} A_h (x_b^{CO_2} - x_{int}^{CO_2})$	Seawater	[71]
	Mass transfer	$\frac{n_{CO_2}}{n_{H_2O,0}} = \frac{\alpha}{5.75} [1 - \exp(-5.75K(f_{exp} - f_{eq})t)]$		[64]
		$\frac{dn_{gg,H}}{dt} = KA_e \Delta \mu n_{H_2O,L}$		[72]
		$\frac{\Delta \mu_w^L(T, P)}{RT} = \frac{\Delta \mu_w^0(T, 0)}{RT_0} - \int_{T_0}^T \frac{\Delta h_w^L(T)}{RT^2} dT + \int_0^P \frac{\Delta V_w^L}{RT^2} dP - \ln(\alpha_w)$		[73]

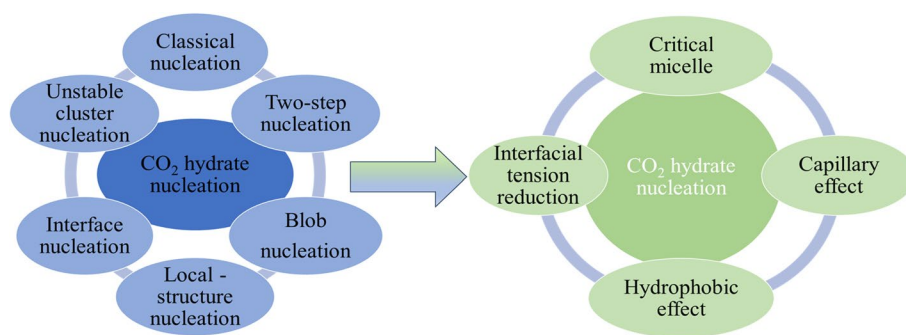


Fig. 5 CO₂ hydrate nucleation and growth theory

interconnected cavities within these nuclei absorb gas molecules to form a stable hydrate nucleus.

The hydrate growth theories include interfacial tension reduction [84–88], critical micelle formation, hydrophobic effect, and capillary effect, as illustrated in Fig. 6. Surfactants not only reduce interfacial tension between gas and liquid phases and increase gas solubility but also enhance the hydrate interface, facilitating the continuous transformation of gas and water molecules into hydrate

cages [84–86]. The ice-like interfacial structure might only aid nucleation, as the hydrate shell's barrier effect prevented additional CO₂ and water molecules from accessing the hydrate surface [87]. As SDS concentration increased, more SDS anions associated with adsorbed sulfate ions through lateral interactions between hydrocarbon chains and head groups oriented toward the water phase, counteracting electrostatic repulsion among sulfate ions without significantly altering the micro-polarity

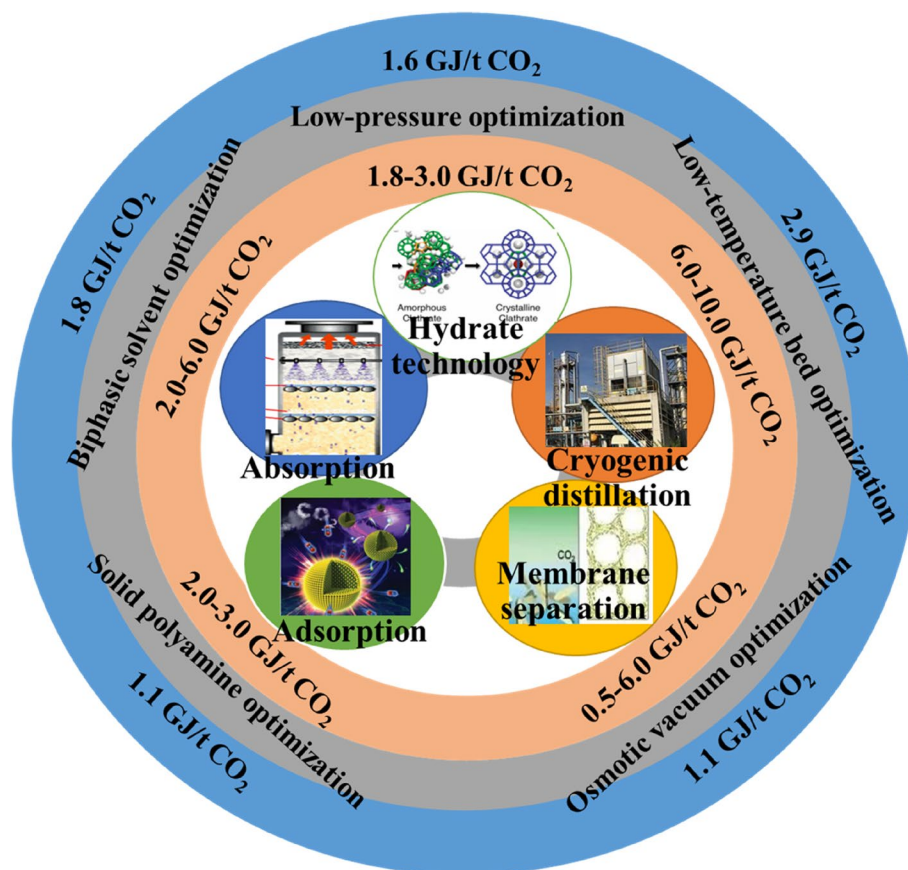


Fig. 6 Energy consumption of CO₂ capture methods from gas mixture

of the hydrate-liquid interface [89]. However, certain polymers could strengthen hydrogen bonds among surface water molecules, further restricting their transformation into clathrate hydrates and thus inhibiting hydrate growth [90–96]. The critical micelle theory has been applied to explain the role of surfactants in promoting hydrate formation. Upon reaching the critical micelle concentration (CMC) in aqueous solution, hydrate growth presented a pronounced increase [97–101]. The surfactants formed micelles with hydrophobic groups aggregating inward and hydrophilic groups arranging to create cavity structures at the CMC, which encapsulate gas molecules and increase gas solubility. Consequently, in the presence of micelles, hydrates readily formed throughout the solution. However, some researchers argued that the surfactant concentration could not reach the CMC at temperatures below the Krafft temperature, necessary for hydrate formation [102–104]. The theories of interfacial tension reduction and critical micelle concentration are based on assumptions rather than experimental evidence, complicating the explanation of hydrate formation mechanisms in the presence of additives. In fact, the hydrogen bonds among water molecules in hydrates were affected by additives, and thus the water structure played a crucial role in hydrate formation [105–116]. The water structure was enhanced near hydrophobic surfaces, exhibiting more ice-like ordering in the bulk phase or near partially hydrophobic surfaces, while it became disrupted near hydrophilic surface [109, 110]. Simulations indicated that water molecules tended to be locally structured near hydrophobic surfaces but became concave near hydrophilic surface, which could explain the preferential formation of hydrates on hydrophobic surfaces observed experimentally [111]. Dry water was used as a kinetic hydrate promoter by increasing the local contact area between water and the guest gas [117, 118]. The phenomenon of hydrate wall-climbing has been observed in aqueous solution containing surfactants and hydrophobic amino acids, so the capillary effect was applied to further elucidate the mechanism of hydrate growth and quantify the growth process [119–128]. In the absence of SDS, the lateral growth of CO₂ hydrates at the gas-liquid interface was limited, but the presence of SDS induced hydrate climbing along the reactor wall [116]. Continuous CO₂ infiltration into porous hydrate structures promoted the encapsulation efficiency of THF + CO₂ hydrate in SDS solution [123]. Nadezhda et al. [128] calculated the hydrate growth rate driven by capillary force in SDS solution, and found that the upward growth rate of CO₂ hydrate film along the reactor wall at the gas-liquid interface with low mass transfer driving force of 8×10^{-3} mm/s. In L-methionine solution, a hydrate growth model was developed based on capillary-driven mass transfer

through porous hydrate structure, revealing the lateral growth rate of the CO₂ hydrate film [129]. However, the presence of NaCl inhibits the capillary effect, attributed to competition between NaCl and L-methionine for water molecules.

Liquid CO₂ exhibits higher solubility under high pressure, which plays a positive role in hydrate nucleation and growth [130, 131]. However, similar to gaseous CO₂ liquid CO₂ formed a hydrate film at the interface with liquid water, which inhibited further hydrate growth. A CO₂ hydrate film, approximately 0.4 μm thick, rapidly formed at the interface and isolated the liquid CO₂ from seawater to limit further dissolution of liquid CO₂ [132, 133]. Uchida et al. investigated the formation process of CO₂ hydrate film on the surfaces of H₂O droplets and liquid CO₂ droplets, and their results showed that this film restricted mass transfer of liquid CO₂ [134, 135]. Zhu et al. examined the effect of temperature on the initial morphology and lateral growth rate of hydrate film during the formation of liquid CO₂ hydrates, found that the rate of hydrate formation slowed with the increase of temperature [136]. At low temperatures, hydrate film growth occurred in three stages: rapid lateral growth, rapid thickening, and slow development. At higher temperatures, the growth process involved only two stages: rapid lateral growth and slow development. Moreover, the presence of salt ions significantly reduced the hydrate growth rate during the formation of CO₂ hydrates from liquid CO₂. Addressing how to enhance CO₂ hydrate storage capacity and accelerate hydrate formation rate remains a significant scientific challenge.

Table 3 provides a summary of the conditions and kinetic parameters of hydrate formation, including induction time, conversion efficiency of water to hydrate and average conversion rate of water to hydrate in the process of liquid CO₂ forming solid hydrates. Li et al. [137] found that water saturation and particle size of glass bead affected hydrate formation from liquid CO₂ by improving the contact between liquid CO₂ and liquid H₂O in the solution with 3.5 wt% NaCl at 6.0 MPa. When water saturation decreased from 60 to 40%, the conversion efficiency of water to hydrate increased from 10.0% to 20.1%, and the conversion rate of water to hydrate increased from 0.0025 mol H₂O/(mol H₂O·min) to 0.0101 mol H₂O/(mol H₂O·min). For glass beads with particle sizes below 500 μm, an increase in particle size was found to be more favorable for hydrate formation. At a constant water saturation, glass bead in the 350–500 μm size range enhanced the conversion rate of water to hydrate to 0.0116 mol H₂O/(mol H₂O·min). In contrast, when the particle size of glass bead was 1500–2500 μm and water saturation was 33%, the conversion efficiency of water to hydrate and average conversion rate of water to hydrate

Table 3 A summary of hydrate formation conditions and kinetic parameters including induction time, conversion efficiency of water to hydrate and average conversion rate of water to hydrate in the process of liquid CO₂ to form solid hydrates

System	Water saturation/%	T /K	P /MPa	Induction time/min	Conversion efficiency of water to hydrate %	Average Conversion rate of water to hydrate/(mol H ₂ O/(mol H ₂ O·min))	Ref.
Water+3.5 wt% NaCl + 105-125 um glass bead	60	277.2	6.0	--	10.0	0.0025	[137]
Water+3.5 wt% NaCl + 105-125 um glass bead	40	277.2	6.0	--	20.1	0.0101	
Water+3.5 wt% NaCl + 177-250 um glass bead		277.2	6.0	--	20.9	0.0105	
Water+3.5 wt% NaCl + 350-500 um glass bead		277.2	6.0	--	23.2	0.0116	
Water + 288ppm SDS + 1500-2500 um glass bead	33	274.0	6.0	6.4	1.4	0.00055	[138]
Seawater + 150-250 μm glass bead	100	274.2	4.0	10.0	59.3	0.0033	[140]
Seawater + 0.15 wt% SiO ₂ + 150-250 μm glass bead		274.2	4.0	5.0	80.3	0.0067	
Seawater + 0.05 wt% SDS+ 150-250 μm glass bead		274.2	4.0	34.0	70.6	0.0059	
Seawater + 0.05 wt% SDS0.15 wt% SiO ₂ + 150-250 μm glass bead		274.2	4.0	18.0	64.9	0.0054	
Water	100	274.2	6.4	120.0	58.0	0.00081	[141]
Water + stirring		274.2	6.4	30.0	82.6	0.0013	
Water+300 ppm L-tryptophan		274.2	6.4	15.0	93.4	0.0023	
Water+500 ppm L-tryptophan		274.2	6.4	15.0	98.8	0.0035	
Water+1000 ppm L-tryptophan		274.2	6.4	15.0	98.6	0.0043	
Water	100	288.7	6.0	35.4	17.9	0.00022	[100]
Water+0.5 wt% SL		288.0	6.0	23.1	24.3	0.00030	
Water+1.0 wt% SL		288.0	6.0	21.1	31.8	0.00039	
Water+3.0 wt% SL		288.0	6.0	25.2	28.5	0.00035	
Brine	100	274.6	10.0	19.8	25.0	0.00017	[142]
Brine + 500 ppm L-tryptophan		274.6	10.0	33.0	19.2	0.00016	
Silica sand + water	100	274.2	4.0	10.0	91.8	0.0077	[143]
Silica sand + 300 ppm L-tryptophan		274.2	4.0	5.0	93.8	0.0078	

decreased to 1.4% and 0.00055 mol H₂O/(mol H₂O·min) respectively [138]. Almenningen et al. [139] developed a direct imaging method for pores in a micromodel chip, and revealed that CO₂ hydrate growth could occur at the phase interface or within dissolved water following the injection of liquid CO₂ into unsaturated water sandstone. The conversion rate of water to hydrate increased to 0.0059 mol H₂O/(mol H₂O·min) in the system of seawater and 150–250 μm glass bead by combining SiO₂ nanoparticles with SDS due to the heterogeneous interfaces of nanoparticles to decrease the energy barrier for hydrate nucleation and accelerate mass transfer [140].

To avoid polluting marine environment, environmental-friendly additives were developed to shorten induction time of hydrate nucleation and promote hydrate growth. The induction time of hydrate nucleation was shortened within 30.0 min in the presence of sodium lignosulfonate (SL) and L-tryptophan [100, 141]. SL was

used to increase the conversion efficiency of water to hydrate from 17.9% to 31.8%, and increase the average conversion rate of water to hydrate from 0.00022 mol H₂O/(mol H₂O·min) to 0.00039 mol H₂O/(mol H₂O·min) due to the presence of micelle with SL [100]. L-tryptophan with hydrophilic carboxyl groups was introduced to achieve the conversion efficiency of water to hydrate of 98.6% and the average conversion rate of water to hydrate of 0.0043 mol H₂O/(mol H₂O·min) at the pressure of 6.4 MPa and the temperature of 274.2 K [141]. However, the presence of salt ions in the aqueous solution significantly disabled L-tryptophan and decreased average conversion rate of water to hydrate to 0.00016 mol H₂O/(mol H₂O·min) at 10.0 MPa [142]. Under optimal conditions with porous media, the induction time was shortened to 5.0 min and average conversion rate of water to hydrate was increased to 0.0078 mol H₂O/(mol H₂O·min) [143]. The formation of a hydrate cap layer has

also been investigated to assess marine sealing capacity. In unsealed marine sediment, the maximum CO₂ storage density in mud systems reached 66.8 kg/m³, which was 60% and 67% higher than in sandy and clay systems, respectively [144]. The construction of a CO₂ hydrate cap layer further enhanced CO₂ sequestration capacity by trapping liquid CO₂ beneath the cap layer [145–148]. When the initial water saturation exceeded 26.2%, CO₂ hydrates formed within minutes, effectively halting leakage [145]. The saturation of granular hydrates formed in seawater-saturated zones was 25% lower than that of sheet-like hydrates formed in seawater residual zones [149]. Moreover, the presence of marine organic matter favored the liquid CO₂ to form hydrate [150]. Numerical simulation models indicated that increasing reservoir pore volume and reducing hydrate-induced blockage significantly increased storage capacity [151, 152]. Simulations suggested that higher flow rate and pressure accelerated hydrate formation, thereby reducing the risk of injection well blockage and enhancing the stability of the hydrate cap [153]. Whether CO₂ hydrates can effectively prevent liquid CO₂ leakage largely depends on the absolute permeability of the selected marine region [154].

4 Energy consumption and cost of CO₂ capture and sequestration

4.1 Energy consumption of CO₂ capture and sequestration

Beyond the foundational research on CO₂ capture and storage (CCS), energy consumption and cost analysis are essential for evaluating its industrial feasibility. For binary gas mixtures, the theoretical minimum work for separation can be calculated as shown in Eq. 17 [155]. The gas mixture and its components were assumed to behave as ideal gases, and the separation process was conducted under isothermal conditions. At 298 K, the minimum work required to separate 1 ton of CO₂ from a CO₂ and N₂ mixture with CO₂ mole fraction of 12% to 25% ranges from 0.12 and 0.16 GJ. The minimum work required to separate 1 ton of CO₂ from a CO₂ and methane (CH₄) mixture with a CO₂ mole fraction of 25% to 60% ranges from 0.06 to 0.12 GJ. The minimum work required to separate 1 kg of CO₂ from a CO₂ and hydrogen (H₂) mixture with a CO₂ mole fraction of 30% to 50% is 0.07 to 0.11 GJ. CO₂ and CH₄ gas mixture and CO₂ and H₂ gas mixture with higher CO₂ concentrations require less work for separation compared to CO₂ and nitrogen (N₂) gas mixture, indicating that they are easier to separate. However, in practical processes, energy consumption for CO₂ capture is also affected by gas properties and process conditions.

$$W_{\min, T} = -RT \left[\frac{x \ln x + (1-x) \ln (1-x)}{x} - \frac{y \ln y + (1-y) \ln (1-y)}{y} \right] \quad (15)$$

In the Eq. 15, R is the thermodynamic constant, valued at 8.314 J/(mol·K); T represents the thermodynamic temperature in the separation process, K; x and y are the mole fractions of a component in a binary gas mixture before and after separation, respectively.

Some researchers have systematically analyzed various CO₂ capture methods, including absorption, adsorption, cryogenic distillation, membrane separation, and hydrate technology, as shown in Fig. 6. During the chemical absorption of CO₂ using ammonia solution for gas treatment of 1000 tonnes/day, the regeneration process was energy-intensive, with an energy consumption of 2.0–6.0 GJ per ton of CO₂ absorbed [156]. Shen et al. [157] use a biphasic solvent, triethylenetetramine (TETA)-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-1,3-propanediamine (TMPDA), to enhance CO₂ absorption with a gas flow rate of 200 mL/min in 500 mL double-stirred cell reactor. The energy consumption associated with the absorption process was estimated by evaluating three components: reaction heat, sensible heat, and latent heat, while excluding the energy contributions from gas compression and solvent pumping. The energy consumption with the biphasic solvent was reduced to 1.8 GJ per ton of CO₂, which was 52% lower than that of the conventional monoethanolamine (MEA) absorbent. Similarly, in the adsorption process using solid materials, such as molecular sieves, porous carbon materials, metal–organic frameworks (MOFs), and covalent organic frameworks (COFs), substantial energy was required for adsorbent regeneration, consuming 2.0–3.0 GJ per ton of CO₂ separated [158]. The energy consumption was calculated based on thermal energy losses. The flue gas source was a 500 MW coal-fired power plant, with an annual CO₂ emission of approximately 3.636 Mt. A three-bed adsorption column system was employed to simulate the CO₂ capture process. Each adsorption bed was packed to a height of 1 m with an inner diameter of 7.7 cm. The pilot-scale experimental setup was designed to approximate realistic operating conditions and assess the performance of the adsorption system. In a three-column fixed bed and rotary bed system, the use of solid polyamines reduced the regeneration temperature to 348 K, decreasing the energy cost for adsorbent regeneration to 1.1 GJ per ton of CO₂ [159]. In membrane separation, energy was required for compressors and vacuum pump, with an energy demand of 0.5–6.0 GJ per ton of CO₂ separated [160]. Compared to compression configurations, a permeate vacuum configuration decreased operational energy consumption from 1.67 GJ per ton of CO₂ to 1.06 GJ per ton of CO₂ [161]. In the energy consumption analysis of this membrane separation, the efficiencies of the compressor, expander, and vacuum pump were assumed to be 85%.

In the process of CO₂ separation via cryogenic distillation, low-temperature condensation transformed gaseous CO₂ into a liquid phase, requiring continuous compression and cooling to drive phase change in the gas mixture, resulting in an energy consumption of 6.0–10.0 GJ per ton of CO₂ separated [162]. A dynamically operated low-temperature packed bed biogas treatment process with biogas flow of 0.312 kg/s further achieved energy demand of 2.9 GJ per ton of CO₂ [163]. The energy consumption was estimated based on the calculated energy requirements for compression, cooling, and air recovery, without accounting for additional energy losses. For hydrate-based CO₂ separation, compression and low-temperature cooling are also energy-intensive, consuming 1.8–3.0 GJ per ton of CO₂ separated [164–166]. The energy consumption for a fixed-bed column under static conditions was reported to be 1.4 GJ per ton of CO₂, which was lower than that of a stirred tank reactor (2.3 GJ per ton of CO₂) and a reciprocating impact reactor (5.3 GJ per ton of CO₂). A CO₂/N₂ gas mixture, derived from post-desulfurization and denitrification treatment, was used as simulated flue gas at a flow rate of 10 kmol/h. The temperature and pressure of the gas mixture were maintained at 323.0 K and 0.1 MPa, respectively. During the separation of a 10,000 Nm³/h gas mixture containing 64 mol% CH₄ and 36 mol% CO₂, by reducing the hydrate formation pressure from 4.0 MPa to 1.0 MPa, total energy consumption was decreased by 22.3%, with energy costs reduced to 1.6 GJ per ton of CO₂ [155]. Although the analysis excluded the potential and kinetic energy of the process streams, the second law of thermodynamics was

applied to evaluate energy transformation, transfer, utilization, and loss, thereby providing insights into strategies for improving both process efficiency and energy utilization.

To further calculate the costs of CO₂ capture, Baxter et al. [167] applied the concept of Levelized Cost of Electricity (LCOE) to comprehensively compare the costs of various capture methods including fuel costs, fixed and variable operation and maintenance costs, capital charge costs, and storage and monitoring costs. Figure 7 shows the cost of CO₂ capture methods from gas mixtures including cooling, steam, chemicals, electricity and capital charge costs. The flue gas was derived from a 600 MW coal-fired power plant, with a treatment capacity of 635 kg/s. For the chemical absorption process, the capital cost included major components such as blowers, compressors, heat exchangers, circulation pumps, reboilers, and dryers. The cost of packing materials was estimated based on a steel price of 1200\$ per ton. Installation costs were calculated by applying a manual labor factor to the total equipment cost. Operating costs encompassed electricity consumption by blowers, compressors, heat exchangers, circulation pumps, and reboilers, as well as the cost of chemical additives. Depreciation, interest, labor, and maintenance were collectively estimated as 20% of the total annual capital investment. For membrane separation, the capital cost consisted of membranes, compressors, and expanders. In the case of cryogenic distillation, the equipment cost included blowers, compressors, heat exchangers, and distillation columns. For hydrate-based separation, the capital cost was primarily composed of

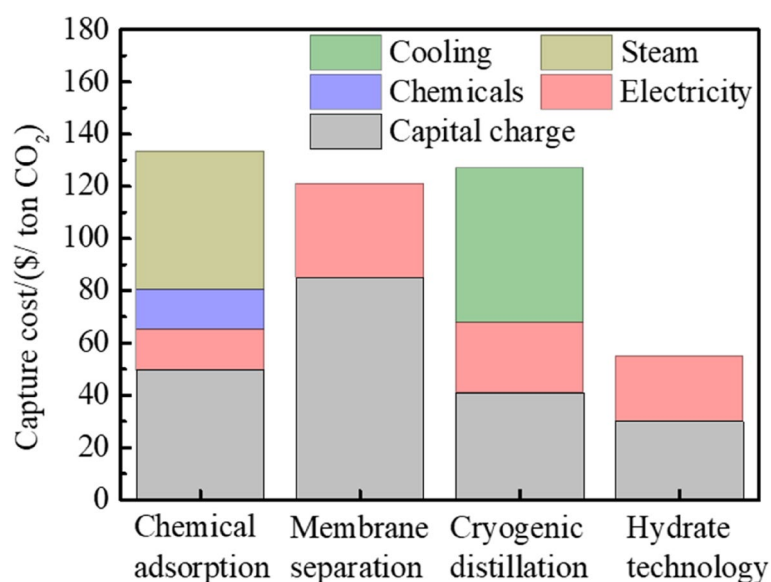


Fig. 7 Cost of CO₂ capture methods from gas mixtures including cooling, steam, chemicals, electricity and capital charge costs

compressors, heat exchangers, and hydrate reactors. In the case of amine absorption, the costs of capital charge and steam energy consumption represented significant cost components, resulting in an overall capture cost of 133.4 \$ per ton of CO₂, which was higher than that of membrane separation, cryogenic distillation, and hydrate technology [168], as shown in Fig. 7. Membrane separation incurred relatively high fixed capital charge costs due to the high price of membranes. In contrast, the capture cost of hydrate technology was reduced to 55.0 \$ per ton of CO₂ [169]. Capital costs were also influenced by operating conditions. At a flow rate of 100 m³/h, the capital costs for pressure swing adsorption, water washing, and chemical absorption were 11.9 k\$/ (m³/h), 11.5 k\$/ (m³/h), and 10.9 k\$/ (m³/h), respectively [170]. At a higher flow rate of 1400 m³/h, the capital cost for cryogenic distillation was 2.6 k\$/ (m³/h), slightly above that of standard membrane technology at 2.2 k\$/ (m³/h) [171]. In terms of energy consumption and capture cost, hydrate technology demonstrates a clear advantage over other capture methods.

4.2 Cost of CO₂ capture and sequestration

The overall energy consumption and costs of total oceanic CO₂ sequestration are composed of four main components: CO₂ capture, storage, transportation, and injection into seafloor. After the selection of a suitable CO₂ capture method, various storage options are available, including high-pressure liquid CO₂ storage (HPLCD), optimized liquid CO₂ storage (OLCD), and hydrate-based CO₂ storage (HCD). Table 4 presents a summary of the cost analysis for CO₂ storage, transportation, and injection after capture. For feed gas flow rate of 3751 kmol/h, the specific energy consumption for HPLCD, OLCD, and HCD was 95.8, 89.5, and 61.4 kWh per ton of CO₂, respectively, with the total annual cost estimated at 7.7, 7.2, 5.0 \$ per ton of CO₂, respectively [172]. In the optimization of the three CO₂ storage scenarios, the processes were assumed to operate under thermodynamic equilibrium and steady-state conditions. The gas phase was modeled as an ideal gas, and potential gas leakage was considered negligible. This suggested that hydrate-based storage was a promising approach for CO₂ sequestration. For CO₂ transportation of 3 Mt CO₂/year, the cost of transporting 1 million

tons of CO₂ per year was estimated at 33.0 \$ and 28.0 \$ per ton at an approximate distance of 530 km by pipeline and 724 km by ship, respectively [173]. The cost of pipeline transport was estimated based on the compression in the capture plant, onshore and offshore pipelines, and booster. The required pressure in the well head was assumed to be 100 bar, and the onshore pipelines were also assumed to be buried 1 m underground. The cost of ship transport included the liquefaction process in the capture plant, carrier, and pumping process for injection. The ship speed was assumed to be 15 knots, and the loading and unloading times were assumed to be 20 h each. The cost of terminal included the storage tank and pressurization process of ship-transported CO₂ for offshore pipeline transport. The total energy demand for CO₂ capture, transportation, and sequestration was 16.6 MW, with hydrate-based gas separation accounting for 70% of the total energy requirement in the hydrate CO₂ capture and sequestration process [174]. When the CO₂ handling capacity reached 1 Mt CO₂/year and the transport distance exceeded 1000 km, transport costs by pipeline ranged from 0.02 to 0.04 \$ per ton of CO₂ per km, by ship from 0.03 to 0.08 \$ per ton of CO₂ per km, and by tank at approximately 0.1 \$ per ton of CO₂ per km [175, 176].

For the injection of liquid CO₂, shallow environment for platform and jack-up rigs, medium-depth environment for semi-submersible rig and drillship, and deep-sea environment for casing while drilling (CWD), dual gradient drilling (DGD), managed pressure drilling (MPD), and managed pressure casing drilling (MPCD) are suitable [178]. Considering that drilling and initial capital investment represent the primary cost components of offshore CO₂ injection, the overall sequestration cost can be reasonably estimated based on drilling expenditures. At a depth of 3000 m and 500 m offshore, the costs of CO₂ injection using mobile ships and floating platforms were estimated at 15.2 and 12.8 \$ per ton of CO₂, respectively [177]. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, sequestration costs for reservoir injection projects ranged from 8 to 20.0 \$ per ton of CO₂ [179]. For a marine CO₂ sequestration project with an annual storage capacity of 1 million tons, the total cost was estimated at 36.0 \$ per ton CO₂, with an initial capital investment of 150.0 million \$ and a

Table 4 Cost analysis of CO₂ storage, transportation and injection after CO₂ capture

CO ₂ storage methods [167]	Cost (\$/ton)	CO ₂ transportation methods [175, 176]	Cost (\$/ton/km)	CO ₂ injection methods [177]	Cost (\$/ton)
HPLCD	7.7	Pipeline	0.02–0.04	Moving ship	15.2
OLCD	7.2	Ship	0.03–0.08	Floating platform	12.8
HCD	4.9	Tanker	0.1	–	–

daily energy requirement of 713 MWh [180]. The capital expenditure considered in this study included fixed capital investment, working capital, and startup costs.

The fixed capital investment and working capital covered the installation costs of key equipment such as gas compressors, bubble column reactors, refrigeration systems, and water pumps, as well as expenses related to land acquisition, water intake and discharge infrastructure, site development, auxiliary facilities, insurance, freight, taxes, engineering services, project development, and risk contingency fees. Working capital also accounted for one month's supply of raw materials, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and tax obligations. Startup costs included expenditures for commissioning labor and revenue losses incurred during process ramp-up and initial system debugging.

Globally, numerous CO₂ capture and sequestration pilot projects have been initiated, with estimated cost ranging between 50 \$ and 100 \$ per ton of CO₂ [181]. The cost of oceanic CO₂ sequestration ranged from 4.7 \$ to 12.0 \$ per ton of CO₂, roughly double that of terrestrial sequestration [182]. For self-sealing oceanic sequestration, the cost was approximately three times higher than for land-based sequestration, with cost increasing further when cumulative capacities exceeded 500 Mt/y [183]. In this sequestration scenario, the net-to-gross ratio of the target region was assumed to be approximately 2.0%, with a permeability of 22 mD. The average cost of self-sealing oceanic sequestration was 142 \$ per ton of CO₂, which was significantly higher than the 57.9 \$ per ton of CO₂ for non-self-sealing oceanic sequestration. With the increase of ocean depth, factors such as net sand thickness in marine sediments, construction of water injection wells, and pipeline infrastructure lead to substantial increase in oceanic sequestration cost. Marine drilling costs were influenced by drilling depth, distance from shore, and water depth [184]. While the cost of land-based sequestration was less than 100,000 \$ per day, the cost for oceanic sequestration increased to between 600,000 \$ and 800,000 \$ per day [185]. Reducing the depth of oceanic sequestration from around 1000 m to approximately 400 m can reduce sequestration cost by nearly half, decreasing the average cost to 28.9 \$ per ton of CO₂. Decreasing CO₂ capture cost, reducing transport distances, increasing storage capacity, and decreasing CO₂ injection costs can significantly reduce the cost of oceanic CO₂ sequestration [186].

5 Perspectives

Fundamental research and economic analysis reveal that hydrate-based CO₂ capture and sequestration are feasible and economical, but there are still a series of challenges:

(1) The lack of comprehensive discussion on the thermodynamics and kinetics of CO₂ hydrate formation; (2) The controversy surrounding CO₂ hydrate nucleation and growth theories; (3) The limitation of hydrate-based CO₂ capture and sequestration development due to cost.

The presence of salt ions significantly alters the thermodynamics of CO₂ hydrate formation, not only shifting the hydrate phase equilibrium line but also reducing the enthalpy change of the hydrate formation reaction. Upon the addition of additives, the transformation of the hydrate structure also has a significant impact on both the phase equilibrium and the enthalpy change of hydrate formation reaction. However, there is a lack of thermodynamic studies on hydrate formation in complex systems where both seawater and additives coexist, and no unified thermodynamic model has been developed for further evaluation.

The kinetics of CO₂ hydrate formation is influenced by salt ions due to the change in water activity, thereby impacting the hydrate nucleation and growth. CO₂ hydrate nucleation and growth theories differ based on the additives. A unified theory to comprehensively explain the formation process of CO₂ hydrates is still lacking, as studies primarily rely on isolated experimental observations and results. Furthermore, there is an ongoing debate between the interfacial tension reduction theory and the critical micelle theory. Therefore, more molecular simulations and characterization experiments are essential to elucidate the CO₂ hydrate formation mechanism.

The overall energy consumption and cost of oceanic CO₂ sequestration comprise four main components with CO₂ capture, storage, transportation, and injection into seafloor. However, most studies have focused on optimizing the cost of individual component without considering the cost optimization of the entire sequestration chain. The cost of marine CO₂ injection is notably higher than that of terrestrial sequestration. The formation of hydrate caps is conducive to cost-effective CO₂ sequestration in shallow seas, which can significantly reduce the energy consumption and capital charge cost requirements for sequestration. From an economic perspective, hydrate-based oceanic carbon sequestration presents considerable sequestration potential.

Nomenclature

CO ₂	Carbon dioxide
CO ₂ (g)	Gas CO ₂
nH ₂ O(s)	Solid ice
CO ₂ • nH ₂ O(s)	Solid hydrate
CO ₂ (l)	Liquid CO ₂
nH ₂ O(l)	Liquid water
P	Phase equilibrium pressure
T	Phase equilibrium temperature

ΔH_{dis}	Hydrate dissociation enthalpy
ΔV	Volume change for reaction
n	Moles of water
$x(CO_2)$	Molar fraction of CO_2 dissolves in the water
$V(CO_2)$	Volume of CO_2
CP	Cyclopentane
CP-one	Cyclopentanone
CP-ol	Cyclopentanol
DXN	1,4-dioxane
THF	Tetrahydrofuran
MCP	Methylcyclopentane
DMB	3,3-dimethyl-1-butanol
NH	Neopentane
TBAB	Tetrabutylammonium bromide
TBAC	Tetrabutylammonium chloride
TBAF	Tetrabutylammonium fluoride
TBA*	Tetrabutylammonium ions
TMACl	Tetramethylammonium chloride
TEAOH	Tetraethylammonium hydroxide
TPrAOH	Tetrapropylammonium hydroxide
NaCl	Sodium chloride
J_{SS}	Rate of steady state nucleation
J_0	Nucleation factor
W^*	Work of the nucleus formation
J	Nucleation rate
ΔS_e	Dissociation entropy of a hydrate building unit at the equilibrium temperature
k	Boltzmann constant
ΔT	Supercooling temperature
A	Kinetic parameter
B	Thermodynamic parameter
$\Delta \Psi$	Nucleation barrier
V_e	Volume of the nucleus
P_l	Liquid pressure
Ψ_{surf}	Nucleation barrier
$R_y(t)$	Macroscopic reaction rate
k_r	Intrinsic rate constant
μ_2	Second moment of the particle size distribution
f	Fugacity of the dissolved gas
f_{eq}	Fugacity of the three-phase equilibrium
v	Propagation rate of CO_2 hydrate film
L	Latent heat of the hydrate formation
λ	Thermal conductivity of the surrounding phases
ρ_h	Mole density of the hydrate
r_c	Curvature of the hydrate film
G	Mass growth rate of CO_2 hydrate
k_l	Mass transfer coefficient of CO_2 gas
ρ_{sol}	Density of the solution
A_h	Internal hydrate layer area
$x_b^{CO_2}$	Mole fraction of CO_2 in the bulk liquid phase
$x_{int}^{CO_2}$	Mole fraction of CO_2 in the liquid-crystal layer in equilibrium
n_{CO_2}	Mole of the carbon dioxide
$n_{H_2O,0}$	Mole of the water
α	Adjustable parameter
K	Overall reaction rate constant
f_{exp}	Fugacity of the carbon dioxide in the vapor phase
f_{eq}	Fugacity of the carbon dioxide in the hydrate-liquid water-vapor three-phase equilibrium
$n_{gg,H}$	Number of moles of guest gas in the hydrate phase
A_e	Effective reaction surface area
$\Delta \mu$	Driving force
$\Delta \mu_w^L(T, P)$	Chemical potentials of water in the liquid phase
$\Delta \mu_w^0(T, 0)$	Difference in standard chemical potential of water for gas hydrate
Δh_w^L	Enthalpy difference between empty hydrate cavities and liquid water
ΔV_w^L	Difference between molar volume of the water in hydrate and liquid phase

a_w	Absolute activity of water in aqueous phase
CMC	Critical micelle concentration
SL	Sodium lignosulfonate
$W_{min,T}$	Energy consumption
x	Mole fractions of a component in a binary gas mixture before separation
y	Mole fractions of a component in a binary gas mixture after separation
CH_4	Methane
H_2	Hydrogen
N_2	Nitrogen
TETA	Triethylenetetramine
TMPDA	N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-1,3-propanediamine
MEA	Monoethanolamine
COFs	Covalent organic frameworks
LCOE	Levelized Cost of Electricity
HPLCD	High-pressure liquid CO_2 storage
OLCD	Optimized liquid CO_2 storage
HCD	Hydrate-based CO_2 storage
CWD	Casing while drilling
DGD	Dual gradient drilling
MPD	Managed pressure drilling
MPCD	Managed pressure casing drilling

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