

# Advances in the study of gas hydrates by dielectric spectroscopy

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## Abstract

The influence of kinetic hydrate inhibitors on the process of natural gas hydrate nucleation was studied using the method of dielectric spectroscopy. The processes of gas hydrate formation and decomposition were monitored using the temperature dependence of the real component of the dielectric constant  $\epsilon'(T)$ . Analysis of the relaxation times  $\tau$  and activation energy  $\Delta E$  of the dielectric relaxation process revealed the inhibitor was involved in hydrogen bonding and the disruption of the local structures of water molecules.

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