

SIMULATION OF NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION FROM SUBMARINE GAS HYDRATE DEPOSITS COMBINED WITH CO₂ STORAGE

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INTRODUCTION

In recent years, the interest in submarine gas hydrates as an energy source has increased around the globe. To develop a sustainable hydrate-based energy supply system CO₂ storage has to be coupled with methane production from hydrate deposits.



Figure 1: Natural methane hydrate deposits







Figure 3: Chart of the SUGAR project (www.sugar-projekt.de)

SIMULATION



Figure 4: Natural hydrate deposits offshore South Korea (Ulleung Basin)



Figure 5: Single well depressurization to 30 bars a) initial, b) after 4 days, c) after 1 month and d) after 15 months



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Figure 6: Simultaneous depressurization ($P_{well} = 90$ bars) and CO_2 injection (10,000 STD m³/day @ 35°C) after 1 month; homogenous hydrate layer