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# Marine Gas Hydrates: Formation, Storage, Exploration and Exploitation

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# **Message from the Guest Editors**

Natural gas hydrates, as a significant reserve of clean energy, have been extensively investigated by energy institutions and researchers all over the world. The results show that the exploitation of gas hydrate resources is technically feasible. However, the production of natural gas has not yet reached the threshold of commercial exploitation, and the safety of long-term production has not been verified; hence, efficient extraction technology and methods are urgently needed for the development of natural gas hydrates. In terms of drilling, the weak bonding characteristics of the hydrate layer remains a significant challenge. In addition, hydrate flow assurance in the process of gas hydrate transport and storage has hindered the development of oil and gas fields. Therefore, research and development of new hydrate management methods and technologies are now a priority in the field of energy.

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