# Supplementary file

## Molecular insights into two-phase flow in clay nanopores during gas hydrate

### recovery: Wettability-induced multiple pathways of water lock formation

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$S_w$	Molecule type —	Molecule number		
		NPss	NPgg	NPsg
0	CH4	439	442	449
0.1	CH4	359	375	428
	H <sub>2</sub> O	484	484	484
0.2	CH4	347	354	364
	H2O	875	875	875
0.3	CH4	281	292	316
	H <sub>2</sub> O	1230	1230	1230
0.4	CH4	250	239	284
	H <sub>2</sub> O	1488	1488	1488
0.5	CH4	181	209	198
	H <sub>2</sub> O	1887	1887	1887
1.0	H <sub>2</sub> O	3280	3280	3280

Table S1. The number of molecules in each simulation system at different water saturation in pore

**Table S2.** Parameters for the flexible SPC water model (Amira et al., 2004), OPLS-UA methane (Martin and Siepmann, 1998), and the CLAYFF force field (Cygan et al., 2004).  $\sigma$  and  $\varepsilon$  are the Lennard-Jones parameters, in units of nm and kJ/mol, respectively; q is the partial charge of an atom in units of elementary charge (e); m is the atomic mass in units of g/mol

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atom	ε (kJ/mol)	$\sigma$ (Å)	<i>q</i> (e)	<i>m</i> (g/mol)
H <sub>2</sub> O				
0	0.65	3.16552	-0.82	16.0
Н	0	0	0.41	1.008
CH4	1.23	0.373	0	16.0
Kaolinite				
Al	$1.3298 \times 10^{-6}$	4.2713	1.575	26.98
Si	$1.8402 \times 10^{-6}$	3.3020	2.1	28.055
O <sup>b</sup>	0.1554	3.1655	-1.050	15.994
$\mathrm{O}^{\mathrm{h}}$	0.1554	3.1655	-0.950	15.994
Н	0	0	0.425	1.008



Fig. S1. The system energy profiles as a function of simulation time for different water saturation levels

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