

## **Supplementary information**

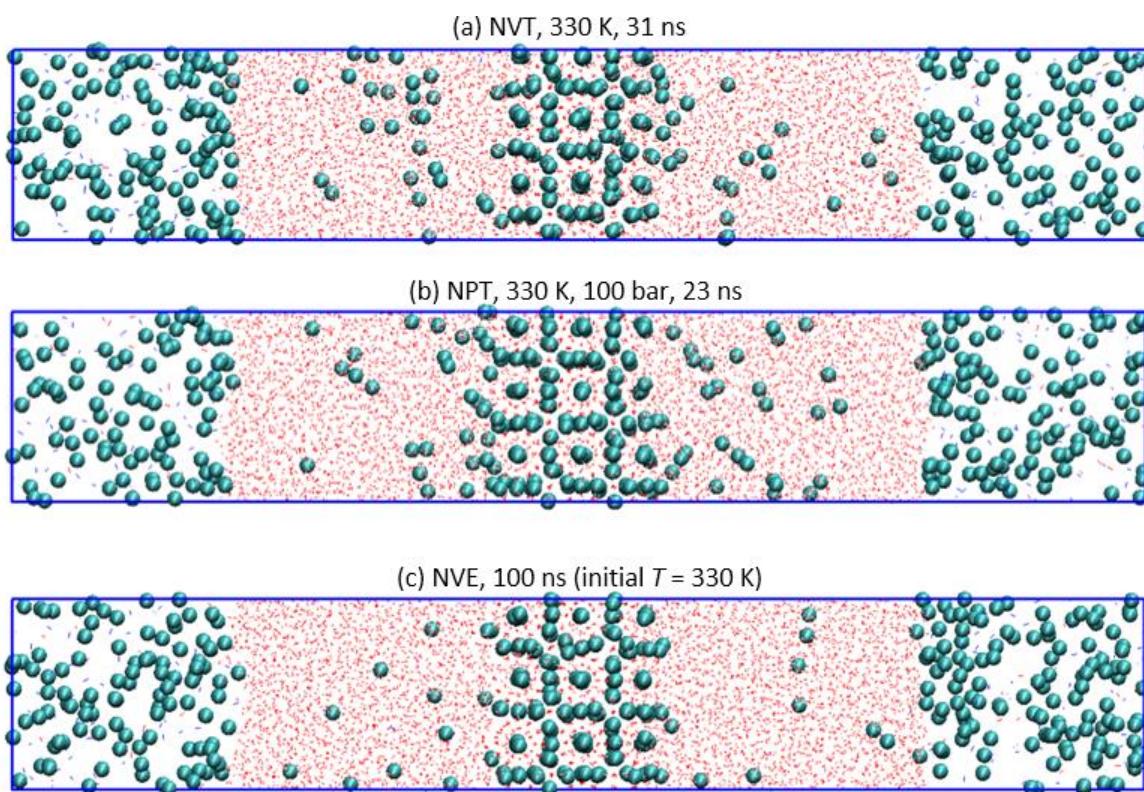
### **Decomposition of CH<sub>4</sub> hydrate: effects of temperature and salt from molecular simulations**

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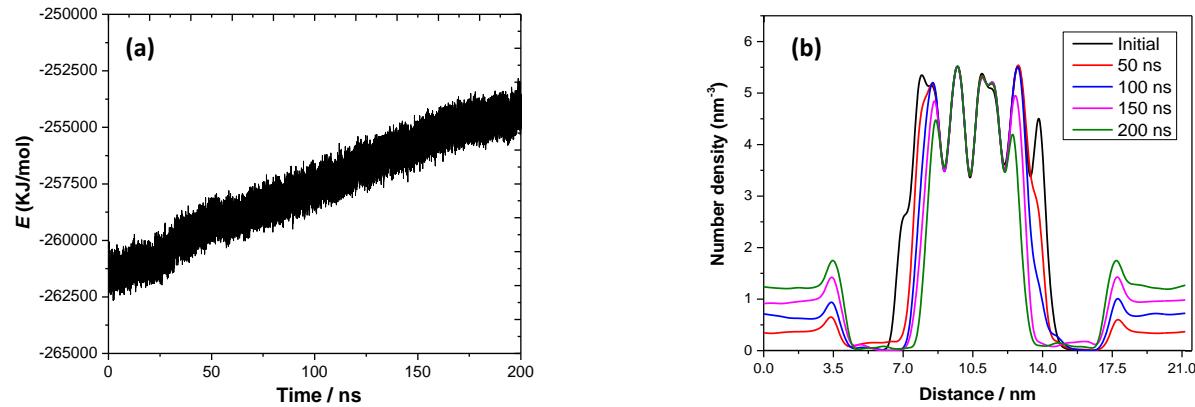
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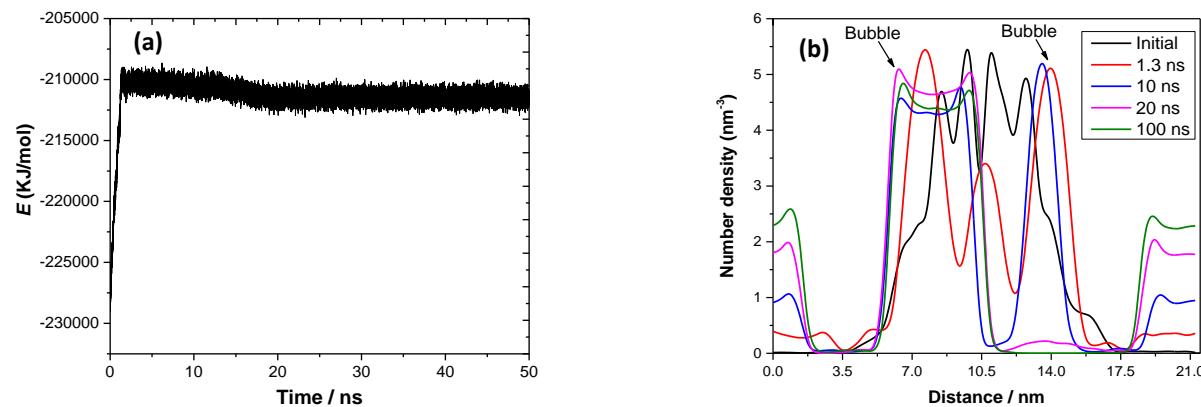
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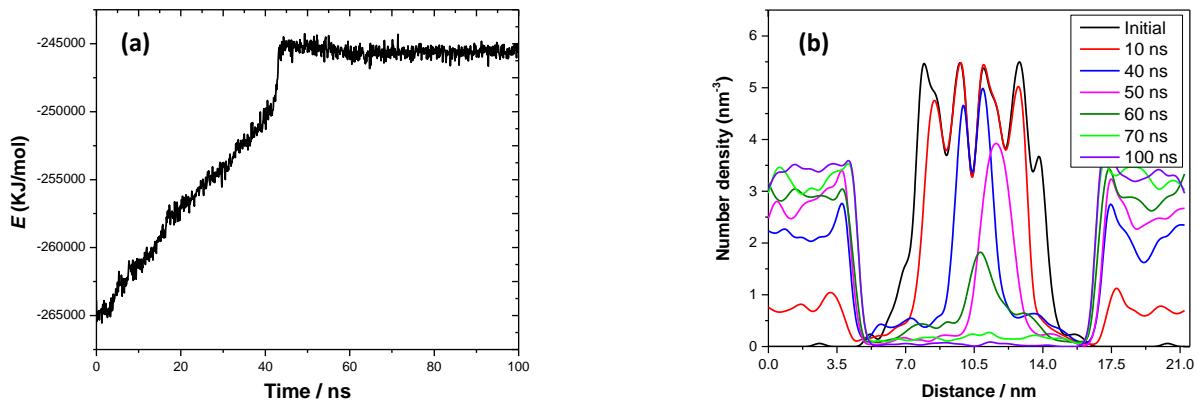
**Figure S1.** Simulation snapshots in three ensembles (NVT, NPT and NVE).



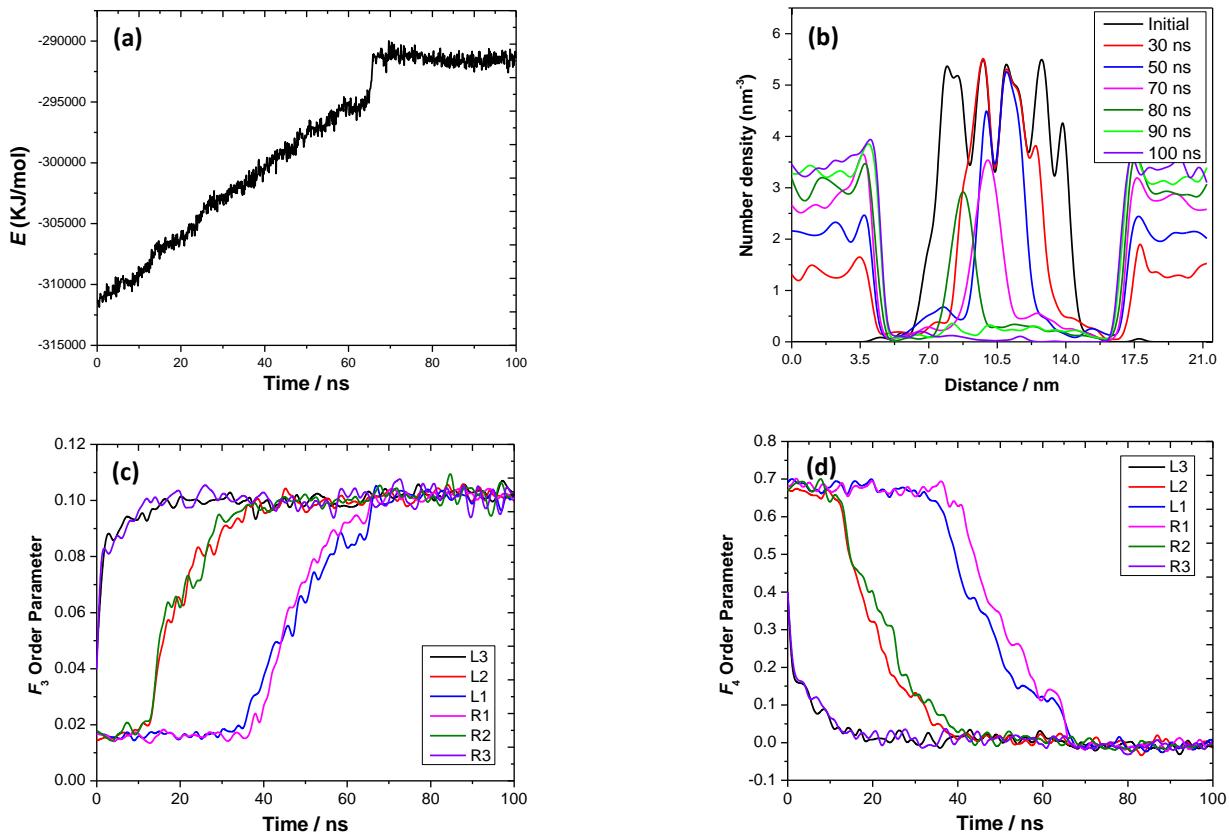
**Figure S2.** Decomposition at 300 K (a) potential energy (b) density profiles of  $\text{CH}_4$  along the  $x$ -axis.



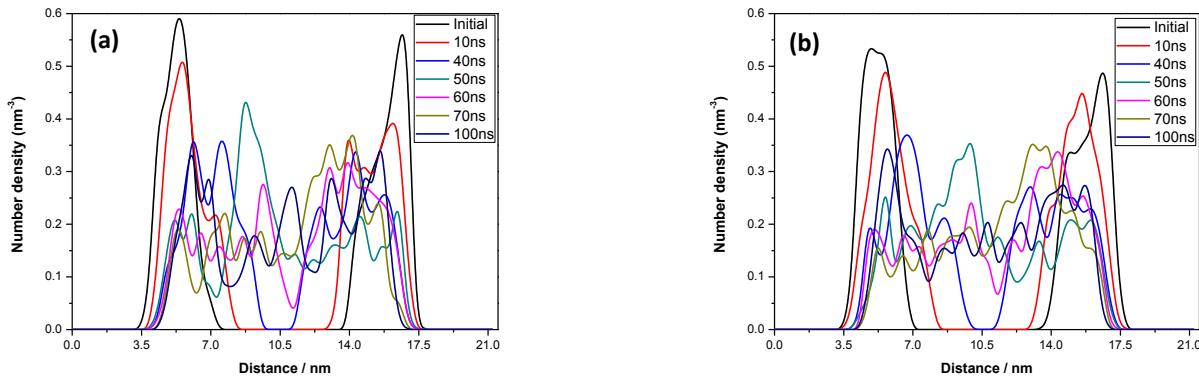
**Figure S3.** Decomposition at 360 K (a) potential energy (b) density profiles of  $\text{CH}_4$  along the  $x$ -axis.



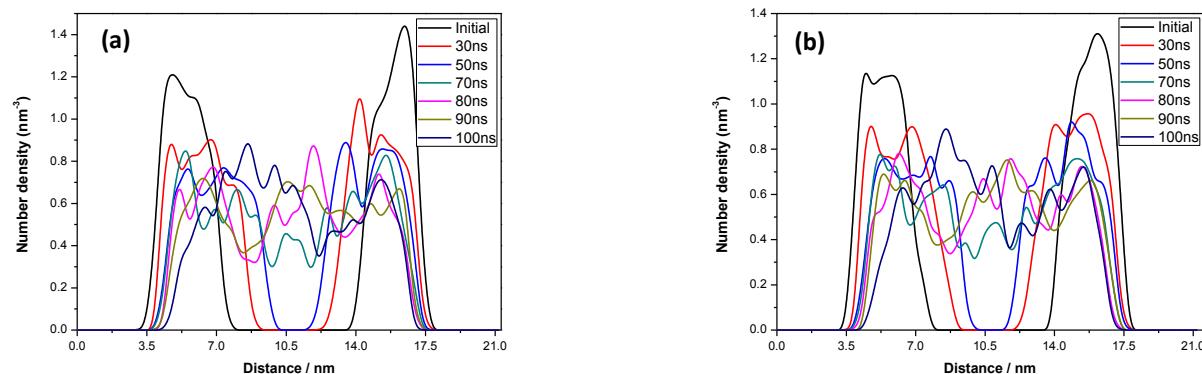
**Figure S4.** Decomposition at 330 K with 0.6 M NaCl (a) potential energy (b) density profiles of  $\text{CH}_4$  along the  $x$ -axis.



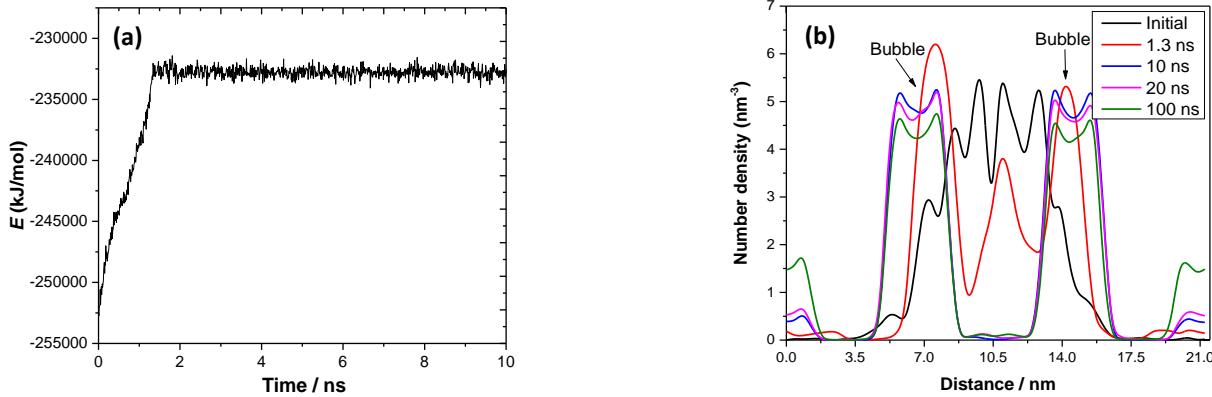
**Figure S5.** Decomposition at 330 K with 1.8 M NaCl (a) potential energy (b) density profiles of  $\text{CH}_4$  along the  $x$ -axis (c)  $F_3$  and (d)  $F_4$  parameters in different layers.



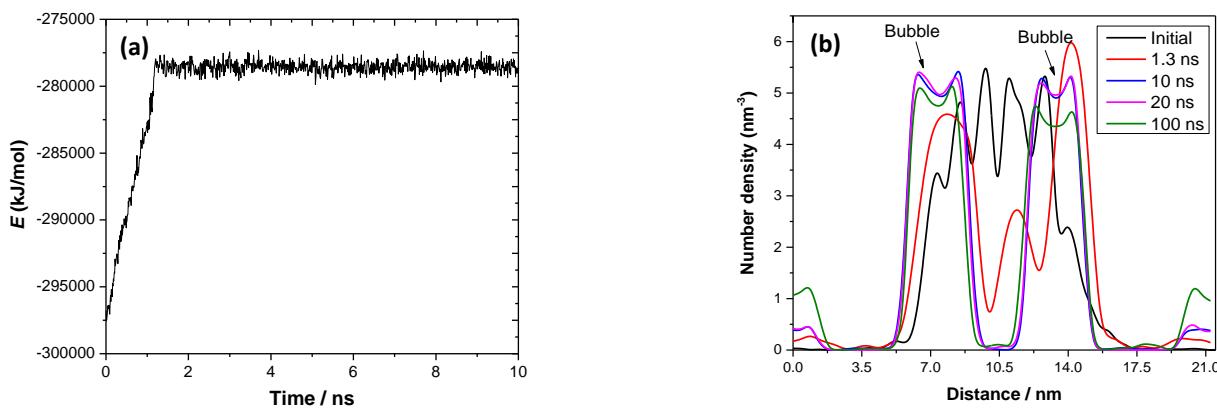
**Figure S6.** Density profiles of (a)  $\text{Na}^+$  and (b)  $\text{Cl}^-$  along the  $x$ -axis at 330 K with 0.6 M NaCl.



**Figure S7.** Density profiles of (a)  $\text{Na}^+$  and (b)  $\text{Cl}^-$  along the  $x$ -axis at 330 K with 1.8 M NaCl.



**Figure S8.** Decomposition at 360 K with 0.6 M NaCl (a) potential energy (b) density profiles of  $\text{CH}_4$  along the  $x$ -axis.



**Figure S9.** Decomposition at 360 K with 1.8 M NaCl (a) potential energy (b) density profiles of  $\text{CH}_4$  along the  $x$ -axis.