

## Experimental study on coalbed methane (CBM) displacement by mixed carbon dioxide and nitrogen

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In order to describe the displacement effect on coalbed methane (CBM) by CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>, the paper takes displacement and replacement efficiency as evaluation parameters. There are 5 gases being taken for indoor displacement experiment on coal samples adsorbed CH<sub>4</sub>, i.e. CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> and three mixed gases with different ratio (CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub>=1:1, CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub>=1:4 and CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub>=1:9) under 1.5 MPa, 2.5 MPa, 3.5 MPa, 4.5 MPa and 5.5 MPa controlled gas injection pressure. Following rules are obtained from the experiments: (1) In terms of displacement efficiency, as the injection pressure increases, displacement efficiency of different gases will increase first and then decrease. (2) In terms of replacement efficiency, replacement efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> shows slow decrease as injection pressure increases, while replacement efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> shows first increase and then decrease as injection pressure increases. (3) Taking coal samples saturated with CH<sub>4</sub> under 2.5 MPa pressure as an example, the best displacement pressure shall be 2.5-3.5 MPa. (4) When gas injection pressure is relatively low (lower than 2.0 MPa), the displacement and replacement efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> is higher than that of CO<sub>2</sub>, however, under relatively high pressure (higher than 2.0 MPa), the displacement and replacement efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> is lower than that of CO<sub>2</sub>. (5) For a mixed gas with a certain mix ratio, for example (CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub>=1:1), replacement of CO<sub>2</sub> and displacement of N<sub>2</sub> will produce synergistic effect in a certain pressure range (2.5-3.5MPa). Its average displacement efficiency is 86.14%, average replacement is 30.61%, which is higher than the average CO<sub>2</sub> displacement efficiency (83.06%) and average N<sub>2</sub> displacement efficiency (83.39%) but it is lower than the average CO<sub>2</sub> replacement efficiency (34.92%) and higher than the average N<sub>2</sub> replacement efficiency (20.78%).

**Key words:** Coalbed methane (CBM); Displacement experiment; Carbon dioxide; Nitrogen; Synergistic effect

### INTRODUCTION

Coalbed methane (CBM) yields high-quality clean energy. At the same time, under certain conditions, it is also a potential safety hazard for coal mines. The technology of stable and increased production of coalbed methane (CBM) has always been a difficult point restricting the development of coalbed methane (CBM). With successful application of improved coalbed methane (CBM) recovery by CO<sub>2</sub> displacement in the United States [1], this technology has provided new ideas for CO<sub>2</sub> gas storage and coalbed methane (CBM) development. Many scholars have conducted extensive researches on coalbed methane (CBM) production increased technologies by CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> displacement, with many successful field tests in Poland, Japan, Canada, Netherlands and China **Error! Reference source not found.** Based on a

large number of laboratory experiments and field test data, it is generally believed that the mechanism of coalbed methane (CBM) production increase by gas injection mainly includes two aspects, namely displacement and replacement. Since adsorption capacity of coal to CH<sub>4</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> is different, and CO<sub>2</sub> is with the strongest adsorption ability, CH<sub>4</sub> could be displaced by CO<sub>2</sub> due to competitive adsorption effect. At the same time, gas absorption increase in coal will produce expansion effect, resulting decrease of coal permeability and affecting production of coalbed methane (CBM) [8-13]. Therefore, how injected CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> mixed gas will affect the increased production of coalbed methane (CBM) has become the focus of researches. After the mixed gas is injected, the partial pressure of CH<sub>4</sub> is reduced and desorption begins. In order to avoid CH<sub>4</sub> absorbed back in coalbed after desorption, as well as coalbed permeability decrease caused by a large CO<sub>2</sub> injection, continuous injection of mixed gas is

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Wenxu She et al.: Experimental study on coalbed methane (CBM) displacement by mixed carbon dioxide and nitrogen needed to make the displacement mechanism work. In view of the above process, an indoor laboratory evaluation of the effect of coalbed methane (CBM) displacement by CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> gas mixture was carried out to determine the optimal gas-displacing coalbed methane (CBM) option.

## EXPERIMENTAL COAL SAMPLES, METHOD AND DEVICE

### Coal samples preparation

Dafosi coalbed of Jurassic Yan'an formation in western Binxian county, Xianyang city, Shaanxi province was taken as source of experimental coalbed samples. The following are detailed data of the coal samples: average formation pressure is 2.5MPa, average formation temperature is 33°C, gas content of the sampling coalbed is relatively high, between 6.89~16.69 m<sup>3</sup>/t, average 11.55 m<sup>3</sup>/t. Gas composition in the coalbed is mainly CH<sub>4</sub>, gas density is 55.31 ~ 89.8%, average 75.76%; N<sub>2</sub> density is 9.79~41.39%, average 22.41%; CO<sub>2</sub> density is 0.32~4.65%, average 1.83%.

Porosity of the coal samples measured by the vacuum pressurized saturated formation water method is generally distributed in the range of 6.05%~10.24%, average porosity is 8.18%. Permeability of the coal samples is between 0.23~0.65 mD, average permeability is 0.45 mD. Porosity and permeability of the coal is relatively low, indicating that the samples belong to compacted coal.

Pulverize the coal samples by a pulverizer, and sieve them with different meshes. Screen 10~120 mesh coal particles and mix them in a certain proportion (Table 1). Put the well-mixed samples into a sand-filling pipe of 100.0 cm length, 4.0 cm diameter, load with 30 MPa overburden pressure until the samples are compacted. Then inject low-pressure non-adsorption helium gas and test. According to the test result, permeability of the sand-filling pipe is 0.55 mD, which is close to the permeability of the original coal sample and meets the experimental requirements.

**Table 1.** Proportion of coal particles

Mesh	10~20	20~40	40~60	60~80	80~100	100~120	120~160
Proportion	10%	10%	25%	25%	20%	5%	5%

### Scheme of experiment

Take 5 gases separately for displacement experiment on coal sample adsorbed CH<sub>4</sub>, i.e. CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> and three mixed gases with different mix ratio (CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub>=1:1, CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub>=1:4 and CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub>=1:9) under 1.5 MPa, 2.5 MPa, 3.5 MPa, 4.5 MPa and 5.5 Mpa controlled gas injection pressure. Two indices - displacement efficiency and replacement efficiency - are taken as evaluation parameters. Displacement and replacement efficiency are defined as follows:

Displacement efficiency:

$$\eta = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{add}} \times 100\% \quad (1)$$

where:  $\eta$ : displacement efficiency;  $V_{add}$ : CH<sub>4</sub> volume adsorbed in coal samples, mL;  $V_{out}$ : volume of CH<sub>4</sub> displaced from coal samples, mL.

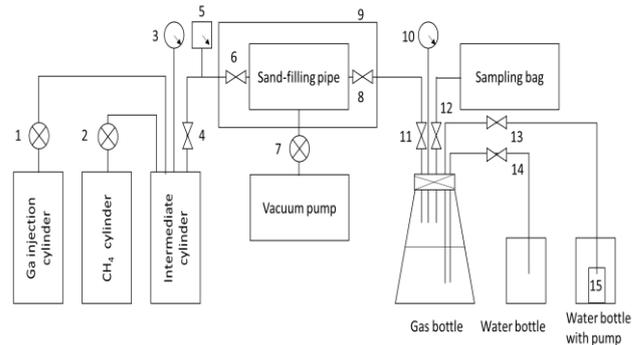
Replacement efficiency:

$$\theta = \frac{V_{out}}{V_{in}} \times 100\% \quad (2)$$

where:  $\theta$ : replacement efficiency;  $V_{in}$ : volume of gas injected into coal samples, mL;  $V_{out}$ : volume of CH<sub>4</sub> displaced from coal samples, mL.

### Device of experiment

Displacement experiment device consists of a gas injection system, a sand-filling pipe sample chamber system, an intermediate container gas distribution system, a vacuum pumping system, a temperature control system, a drainage gas collection system, and a gas concentration system with gas chromatography analysis.



1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14 - Control valves; 3, 10 - Pressure sensors; 5 - Pressure sensor and flowmeter; 8 - Backpressure valve; 9 - Thermostat box; 15 - Submersible pump

**Fig. 1.** Schematic diagram of the displacement experimental device



**Fig. 2.** Physical map of the displacement experimental device

### Procedure of experiment and calculation method

#### (1) Procedure of experiment

- Open the three interfaces of the sand-filling pipe, connect vacuum pump, set temperature of thermostat box to 80°C, and evacuate for 24 h;

- Switch thermostat box temperature control system off, open the thermostat box to let sand-filling tube cool off to room temperature for 3 h; Then set temperature of thermostat box to 33°C, close it and stand still at constant temperature for 2 h, turn vacuum pump off;

- Inject CH<sub>4</sub> into intermediate container from the CH<sub>4</sub> cylinder. Open the valve between intermediate container and sand-filling pipe after pressure is constant to make CH<sub>4</sub> enter sand-filling pipe with coal samples. Make it saturated for 12 h. During this operation, the control pressure shall be stabilized around 2.5MPa basically (which is average reservoir pressure);

- Discharge free gas in sand-filling pipe by the drainage gas recovery method. Collect gas by a bottle filled with water and measure volume of water discharged;

- Displace CH<sub>4</sub> gas in coal samples by gas in the gas injection cylinder. Check flow meter No. 5 for volume of injected gas. Collect gas by drainage gas recovery method. Press gas into gas sampling bag by submersible pump and fill water into the gas bottle.

- Measure volumetric concentration of CH<sub>4</sub> gas in sampling bag by a portable gas chromatograph. When displacement starts, measure every 10 min. When concentration of CH<sub>4</sub> is found below 100%, measure every 1 min. In case that three successive numerical changes show less than 5%, it is known that equilibrium state is reached, and the displacement of CH<sub>4</sub> volume could be calculated.

- Change type of gas and way of displacement,

repeat the experiment.

#### (2) Calculation method

According to experimental data, displacement and replacement efficiency could be calculated as follows:

- Intermediate container CH<sub>4</sub> gas balance formula:

$$P_1V_1 = z_1nRT \quad (3)$$

Intermediate container gas balance formula after coal samples in sand-filling pipe are saturated with CH<sub>4</sub>:

$$P_2(V_1+V_2) = z_2nRT \quad (4)$$

The following equation can be obtained from formula 3 and formula 4:

$$V_2 = \frac{(z_2P_1 - z_1P_2)V_1}{z_1P_2} \quad (5)$$

where:  $P_1$ : initial CH<sub>4</sub> pressure in the intermediate container, MPa;  $V_1$ : volume of intermediate container;  $z_1$ : initial CH<sub>4</sub> compression factor in the intermediate container;  $n$ : amount of CH<sub>4</sub> in the initial intermediate container, mol;  $R$ : thermodynamic parameter, 8.31441J/(mol·K);  $T$ : absolute temperature, K;  $P_2$ : pressure in intermediate container and sand-filling pipe when coal samples are saturated with CH<sub>4</sub>, MPa;  $V_2$ : pore volume in sand-filling pipe, mL;  $z_2$ : CH<sub>4</sub> compression factor when coal samples are saturated with CH<sub>4</sub> in the intermediate container and sand-filling pipe.

- Convert volume of CH<sub>4</sub> in the sand-filling pipe into volume under standard conditions:

$$P_2V_2 = z_2n_1RT \quad (6)$$

$$P_3V_3 = z_3n_1RT \quad (7)$$

$$V_3 = \frac{z_3P_2V_2}{z_2P_3} \quad (8)$$

where:  $n_1$ : amount of CH<sub>4</sub> in sand-filling pipe, mol;  $P_3$ : gas pressure under standard conditions, 0.1 MPa;  $V_3$ : CH<sub>4</sub> gas volume under standard conditions, mL;  $z_3$ : CH<sub>4</sub> gas compression factor under standard conditions, 1.

- Residual CH<sub>4</sub> volume in sand-filling pipe after free gas is discharged:

$$V_4 = V_3 - V_5 = V_3 - \frac{m_1}{\rho_1} \quad (9)$$

where:  $V_4$ : residual CH<sub>4</sub> volume in sand-filling pipe after free gas is discharged, mL;  $V_5$ : volume of free CH<sub>4</sub> gas, mL;  $m_1$ : weight of water discharged by free CH<sub>4</sub> gas, g;  $\rho_1$ : density of water, g/cm<sup>3</sup>.

- Volume of displaced CH<sub>4</sub>:

$$V_6 = V_7 \cdot \alpha \quad (10)$$

where:  $V_6$ : volume of displaced  $CH_4$ , mL;  $V_7$ : total gas volume in gas sampling bag, mL;  $\alpha$ : volume concentration of  $CH_4$  in the gas sampling bag, %.

- Calculation of displacement efficiency  $\eta$ :

$$\eta = \frac{V_6}{V_4} \times 100\% \quad (11)$$

- Calculation of replacement efficiency  $\theta$ :

$$\theta = \frac{V_4}{V_8} \times 100\% \quad (12)$$

where:  $V_8$ : volume of injected gas under standard conditions, mL.

### EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

Carry out displacement experiments on 5 coal samples saturated with  $CH_4$ , by 5 different gases. Set a different injection pressure during the experiments, i.e. 1.5 MPa, 2.5 MPa, 3.5 MPa, 4.5 MPa and 5.5 MPa. Experimental parameters are shown in Table 2 and experimental results are shown in Figure 3.

It can be seen from Figure 3(a) that:

(1) Changing trend of displacement efficiency on  $CH_4$  adsorbed in coal samples by different gases is the same, i.e. displacement efficiency will

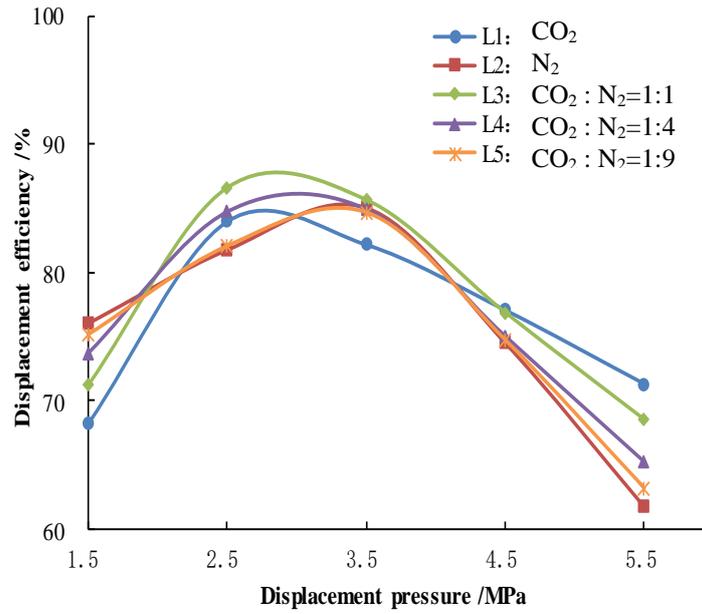
increase and then decrease along with increasing displacement pressure. The highest displacement efficiency appears when displacement pressure is in the range of 2.5-3.5 MPa.

When displacement pressure increases, it will improve the flow of displacement gas, resulting in an increase of displacement efficiency at the beginning. However, the continuous increase of pressure also makes  $CH_4$  desorption more difficult from the pores of coal samples. The higher the pressure, the less desorption of  $CH_4$  will be, so the displacement efficiency gradually decreases with increasing pressure.

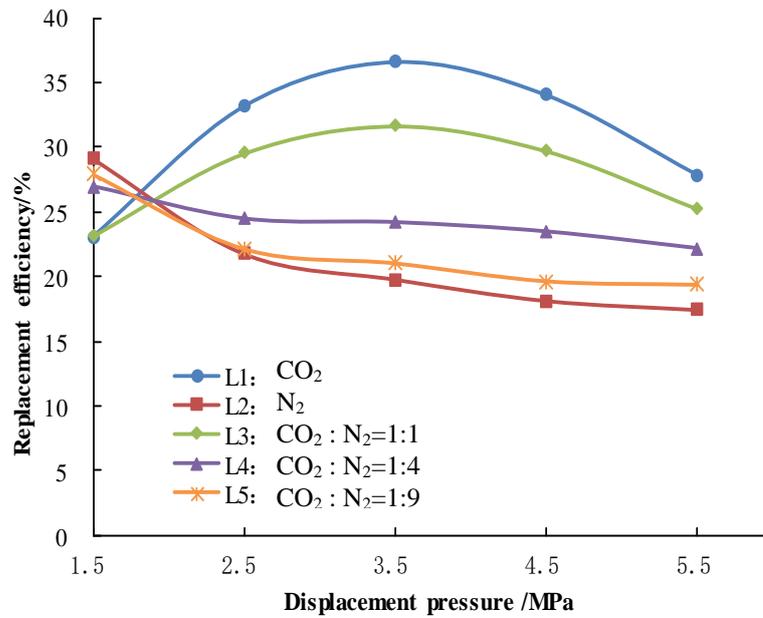
(2) When pressure is relatively low (lower than 2.0 MPa),  $N_2$  has the highest displacement efficiency and  $CO_2$  - the lowest displacement efficiency under the same pressure. When displacement pressure is 1.5 MPa, displacement efficiency of  $N_2$  is 76.01%, and displacement efficiency of  $CO_2$  is only 68.19%. When pressure is gradually increased, displacement efficiency of  $CO_2$  is with the fastest growth, reaching a peak of 83.96% at 2.5 Mpa, while displacement efficiency of  $N_2$  is relatively slow, reaching a peak of 85.03% at 3.5 Mpa.

**Table 2.** Experimental parameters of gas injection

Gas number	G1 CO <sub>2</sub>	G2 N <sub>2</sub>	G3 (CO <sub>2</sub> : N <sub>2</sub> =1: 1)	G4 (CO <sub>2</sub> : N <sub>2</sub> =1: 4)	G5 (CO <sub>2</sub> : N <sub>2</sub> =1: 9)
Injection pressure 1.5MPa					
Coal sample number	M1-1.5	M2-1.5	M3-1.5	M4-1.5	M5-1.5
Injection pressure 2.5MPa					
Coal sample number	M1-2.5	M2-2.5	M3-2.5	M4-2.5	M5-2.5
Injection pressure 3.5 MPa					
Coal sample number	M1-3.5	M2-3.5	M3-3.5	M4-3.5	M5-3.5
Injection pressure 4.5MPa					
Coal sample number	M1-4.5	M2-4.5	M3-4.5	M4-4.5	M5-4.5
Injection pressure 5.5MPa					
Coal sample number	M1-5.5	M2-5.5	M3-5.5	M4-5.5	M5-5.5



(a) Curve of displacement efficiency



(b) Curve of replacement efficiency

Fig. 3. Parameter curves of gas injection displacement experiment

As the pressure further increases, displacement efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> rapidly decreases, but the decrease rate of CO<sub>2</sub> displacement efficiency is relatively slow. At 5.5 MPa, the displacement efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> is reduced to 71.31%, while displacement efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> is only 61.71%.

When pressure is relatively low, CH<sub>4</sub> desorption is mainly controlled by pressure, and competitive adsorption of CO<sub>2</sub> to CH<sub>4</sub> does not affect displacement much. Since displacement pressure is not sufficient to allow gas entering smaller pores, the strong adsorption capacity of CO<sub>2</sub> makes pores

in the matrix of coal samples plugged and permeability decreases, the resulting displacement efficiency being smaller than that of N<sub>2</sub>. As pressure increases, desorption of CH<sub>4</sub> is suppressed to a certain extent, and the displacement effect caused by competitive adsorption of CO<sub>2</sub> is gradually seen. The higher the CO<sub>2</sub> content, the more obvious the displacement efficiency is driven by replacement effect. Therefore, as pressure increases, CO<sub>2</sub> displacement efficiency is with fastest growth. Under higher pressure, CO<sub>2</sub> displacement efficiency is higher than that of N<sub>2</sub>.

(3) In the range from 2.0 to 4.5 MPa, the mixed gas displacement efficiency curve is higher than those of single CO<sub>2</sub> or N<sub>2</sub> indicating that displacement efficiency of the mixed gas is higher than that of single gases in the same pressure range. Among all curves, the curve of L3 and L4 with CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub> mixing ratio of 1:1 and 1:4 are the most obvious. Displacement efficiency of L3 reaches 86.61% at 2.5 MPa, which obviously exceeds the displacement efficiency of single CO<sub>2</sub> or N<sub>2</sub> under the same conditions.

Gas injected into the coal sample displaced and replaced CH<sub>4</sub> adsorbed on the pore walls of the coal sample, which is the main mechanism of increasing coalbed methane (CBM) production by gas injection. As the adsorption capacity of CO<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>4</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> gradually decreased in coal samples, replacement of CO<sub>2</sub> is more obvious under the same pressure and temperature, while displacement is the main effect of N<sub>2</sub>. Under medium pressure conditions (2.0-4.5 MPa), on the one hand, comparing to the amount of free CH<sub>4</sub> desorption under low-pressure conditions, the amount of free CH<sub>4</sub> desorption is suppressed to a certain extent. In order to displace CH<sub>4</sub>, competitive adsorption of CO<sub>2</sub> is required. The higher the CO<sub>2</sub> content, the greater the contribution of displacement will be. On the other hand, in order to avoid desorbed CH<sub>4</sub> adsorbed back to coal samples, it is necessary to displace CH<sub>4</sub> by N<sub>2</sub> since N<sub>2</sub> has weaker adsorption capacity than CH<sub>4</sub>. The higher the N<sub>2</sub> content, the more contribution of displacement will be. Mixed gas displacement efficiency by synergistic effect from displacement and replacement is better than displacement effect of single gas.

It can be seen from Figure 3(b) that:

(1) There are different characteristics of CH<sub>4</sub> replacement efficiency changing trends in coal samples according to different gases. As pressure increases, CO<sub>2</sub> replacement efficiency increases at first and then decreases. Curve L3 with higher CO<sub>2</sub> content also shows the same trend. Replacement efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> continually decreases as the pressure increases and gradually its trend becomes slow. Replacement efficiency curves L4 and L5 with higher N<sub>2</sub> content also show the same changing trend. Replacement efficiency of mixed gases is generally between displacement efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>. According to different proportions of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> content, replacement gas efficiency curve of mixed gases is quite different with CO<sub>2</sub> or N<sub>2</sub> displacement efficiency curves.

(2) When pressure is relatively low (lower than 2.0 MPa), replacement efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> is significantly higher than that of CO<sub>2</sub>. When displacement pressure is 1.5 MPa, replacement

efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> is 29.17% while replacement efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> is only 23.04%. As pressure increases, replacement efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> smoothly decreases, and replacement efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> rapidly increases. Replacement efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> reaches a peak of 36.64% when displacement pressure increased to 3.5 MPa. When displacement pressure reaches 5.5 MPa, displacement efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> decreases to 27.82% while replacement efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> is 17.43%.

Analysis of curves in Figure 3(b): Mechanism of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> injection in coal samples on CH<sub>4</sub> production is different. Under low-pressure conditions, a large number of CH<sub>4</sub> gas molecules start desorption, displacement effect of N<sub>2</sub> plays an important role on coalbed methane (CBM) production, but contribution of CO<sub>2</sub> replacement is not obvious. What's more, due to strong adsorption capacity, matrix micropores plugging of coal samples were decreased, which made CO<sub>2</sub> replacement efficiency less than that of N<sub>2</sub>. Although displacement pressure increase could help injecting gas into smaller pores, in order to increase the displacement pressure, it will inevitably increase injection volume. High pressure will also make the CH<sub>4</sub> molecule not easily desorbed; hence replacement efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> will gradually decrease as displacement pressure increases. However, as pressure increases, CO<sub>2</sub> molecules could enter more pores and spread wider. Although pressure increase could cause a decrease of the amount of free CH<sub>4</sub> desorption to some extent, the competitive adsorption of CO<sub>2</sub> could help to displace more CH<sub>4</sub>. Thus, CO<sub>2</sub> displacement efficiency gradually increases at the beginning of displacement pressure increase. As pressure further rises, the increase rate of gas injection is greater than the increase rate of CH<sub>4</sub> produced by replacement. Therefore, CO<sub>2</sub> replacement efficiency gradually decreases as the pressure increases.

## CONCLUSIONS

Five gases were taken separately for displacement experiment on coal samples with adsorbed CH<sub>4</sub>, i.e. CO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> and three mixed gases with different mix ratio (CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub>=1:1, CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub>=1:4 and CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub>=1:9) under 1.5 MPa, 2.5 MPa, 3.5 MPa, 4.5 MPa and 5.5 MPa controlled gas injection pressure. Displacement and replacement efficiency are the key parameters for evaluating the experiment results. The following rules are obtained by comparing the change of displacement and replacement efficiency in each experiment:

(1) Injection pressure of the various gases has different effects on displacement and replacement

Wenxu She et al.: Experimental study on coalbed methane (CBM) displacement by mixed carbon dioxide and nitrogen efficiency. In terms of displacement efficiency, as the injection pressure increases, displacement efficiency of different gases will first increase and then decrease. In terms of replacement efficiency, replacement efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> shows a slow decrease as injection pressure increases, while replacement efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> shows first an increase and then decrease as injection pressure increase. Therefore, it is not true that the higher the displacement pressure, the more coalbed methane (CBM) will be developed. Although pressure increase will help gases spread wider to some extent, it also suppresses desorption of CH<sub>4</sub>. Taking coal samples saturated with CH<sub>4</sub> under 2.5 MPa pressure as an example, considering the influence of pressure on displacement and replacement efficiency, the best displacement pressure shall be 2.5-3.5 Mpa. In this pressure range, the average displacement efficiency of the 5 injected gases is 84.16%, and the average replacement efficiency is 26.44%.

(2) Under the same injection pressure conditions, different injection gases show different displacement and replacement efficiency. When gas injection pressure is relatively low (lower than 2.0 MPa), replacement of CO<sub>2</sub> is not obvious, displacement and replacement efficiency of N<sub>2</sub> are higher than those of CO<sub>2</sub>. As pressure of gas injection increases, the amount of free desorbed CH<sub>4</sub> gradually decreases, and contribution of CO<sub>2</sub> replacement effect to CH<sub>4</sub> development is showing out gradually. Under relatively high pressure (higher than 2.0 MPa), displacement and replacement efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> is higher than that of N<sub>2</sub>. In a certain pressure range (2.5-3.5 MPa), replacement effect of CO<sub>2</sub> and displacement effect of N<sub>2</sub> will generate synergistic effect with a certain proportion of mixed gas (volume ratio of CO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub> is 1:1 or 1:4 respectively). Taking mixed gas (CO<sub>2</sub>:N<sub>2</sub>=1:1) as an example, the average displacement efficiency is 86.14%, average replacement efficiency is 30.61%, which is higher than the average CO<sub>2</sub> displacement efficiency of 83.06% and the average N<sub>2</sub> displacement efficiency of 83.39%. It is lower than the average CO<sub>2</sub>

replacement efficiency of 34.92%, but higher than the average N<sub>2</sub> replacement efficiency of 20.78%.

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