

Effects of Temperature and Constraint Conditions for the Behavior of the Coal Injected CO₂

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In order to demonstrate for CO₂-ECBM in Japan, CO₂ injection test was conducted in Yubari Shuparo mine targeted for the coal bed of underground 1000m, and it was confirmed that the CO₂ injection rate was lower 1 order than the expected rate and that only a short time indicates the effect of N₂ injection relatively to improve CO₂ injection rate. It's considered coal absorbs CO₂, swelling and closes the cleats which becomes flow pass of CO₂ as the cause which has low CO₂ injection rate, and that the permeability falls. By the way CO₂ absorbed amount of coal indicates negative correlation in the temperature, so when becoming hot, absorbed CO₂ attaches or removes it, and there is a possibility that swelling is reduced.

Coal, water, CO₂ and N₂ were ruled by the temperature, pore pressure and constraint conditions and indicated complicated behavior in Yubari. In this study, the temperature changed by 25, 40 and 50 degree C of 3 stages at pore fluid of the coal of CO₂ and N₂ and warped in a stress constraint condition and strain constraint condition, and a change in confining pressure and V_p was measured.

It was made stress constraint condition by the pore pressure 10MPa and confining pressure 12 MPa by N₂ saturation and the temperature was changed by the pattern of 40 > 50 > 40 > 25 > 40 degree C. After supercritical CO₂ injection, the temperature was changed by the same pattern. For example the swelling strain of an average of about 480 x 10⁻⁶ was measured by N₂ saturation and the swelling strain of an average of about 140 x 10⁻⁶ was measured by CO₂ saturation to 15 degree C of differential temperature in the temperature rise test. Positive correlation can admit pore fluid in the temperature and the strain in N₂, pore fluid, the correlation is low in CO₂. 31.6 x 10⁻⁶ /degree C and pore fluid are estimated by rate of thermal expansion in super-critical CO₂ at 6.7 x 10⁻⁶ /degree C for the rate of thermal expansion which can put pore fluid in N₂. There is a possibility that a shrinkage by thermal expansion with differential temperature in the temperature rise test and absorbed amount decline of CO₂ is offset by the latter.

It was made strain constraint condition by the pore pressure 10MPa and confining pressure 12 MPa by N₂ saturation and the temperature was changed by the pattern of 40 > 50 > 40 > 25 > 40 degree C. After supercritical CO₂ injection, the temperature was changed by the same pattern. For example about 1.7 MPa of confining pressure increase was measured by N₂ saturation and about 8.3 MPa of confining pressure increase was measured by CO₂ saturation to 15 degree C of differential temperature in the temperature rise test. Thermal expansion tries to make the pore the coal by which was saturated with CO₂ and N₂ with differential temperature in the temperature rise test, but it increases in confining pressure to restrain swell by strain constraint condition. That bulk modulus and coefficient of thermal expansion are high can consider to the former as the reason higher than correlation that pore fluid can put correlation between the temperature in CO₂ and confining pressure in N₂. As a change in V_p indicates the liquid look by about 10 MPa and indicates one the super-critical look by 25, 40 and 50 degree C in CO₂ about the small cause in CO₂, and there is a possibility that the several physical properties change big, and V_p of a CO₂ element changes the temperature, though increases in confining pressure in the coal test piece

which makes CO₂ pore fluid, pore fluid can think that whole V_p doesn't change to assume to fluctuate big. There is more CO₂ absorbed amount of coal in the temperature and negative correlation, so when I rise, attaches or removes CO₂ from a coal matrix, and the temperature indicates the shrinkage tendency, and an offset possibility is regarded as thermal expansion.

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