

超临界 CO₂ 压裂诱导裂缝机理研究综述

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摘要 超临界二氧化碳(SC-CO₂)压裂改造非常规储层具有提高油气产量、储层无污染、节约水资源、封存CO₂等优点, 受到了工业界和学术界的广泛关注。本文综述了目前室内SC-CO₂压裂实验方法、裂缝起裂扩展特征与机理, 以及存在的问题并给出建议。SC-CO₂与岩石的“热(T)—流(H)—力(M)—化(C)”多场耦合作用机理为诱导应力和弱化断裂性质两方面。诱导应力方面包括: SC-CO₂低黏度和高扩散性导致的孔隙压力场和热应力场, 共同降低有效应力并诱发天然裂缝的剪切破坏(TH-M); SC-CO₂相变释放的能量以冲击载荷和热应力的形式促进裂缝动态扩展(TH-M)。弱化断裂性质方面包括: 零表面张力的SC-CO₂可进入微裂纹尖端, 降低裂缝扩展所需的缝内净压力(H-M); SC-CO₂吸附在微裂纹表面, 降低裂缝失稳扩展所需的临界应力(C-M)。因此, SC-CO₂压裂易于形成以I-II混合型破坏为主的多裂缝, 适合改造裂缝性致密储层。未来应积极开展SC-CO₂三维裂缝扩展实验模拟, 进行裂缝特征重构和定量评价, 利用理论模型和数值模拟研究方法, 实现研究尺度的升级, 加快SC-CO₂压裂工业应用进程。

关键词 SC-CO₂压裂; 裂缝形成机理; 实验研究; THMC耦合; 非常规油气

A review of mechanisms of induced fractures in SC-CO₂ fracturing

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Abstract In unconventional reservoir stimulation, Supercritical (SC) CO₂ fracturing can not only increase oil/gas production, minimize formation damage and conserve water resources, but also promote CO₂ geological storage, which draws broad attention in both industry and academia. This work reviewed the current studies with respect to experimental techniques, characteristics and mechanisms of fracture initiation and propagation, and related existing problems and suggestions in SC-CO₂ fracturing. The mechanisms of coupled thermo-hydro-mechanical-chemical (THMC) processes between SC-CO₂ and rock are induced stress and weakened fracture toughness. The induced stress includes the thermal stress and pore pressure field induced by the low viscosity and high diffusion of SC-CO₂, which can lower the effective stress and even create shear failure (TH-M effects). The dynamic load and thermal stress created by the SC-CO₂ phase change can enhance micro-fracture initiation and propagation (TH-M effects). The weakened fracture toughness includes SC-CO₂ of zero surface tension, tending to penetrate into the micro-cracks to lower fracture net pressure for crack growth (H-M effects). CO₂ adsorption can lower the surface energy of rock and this in turn reduces the critical stress for crack growth (C-M effects). Therefore, SC-CO₂ fracturing tends to create multiple fractures characterized by

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I-II type failure, which can be applied for stimulation of fractured tight reservoirs. So, in the future, it will be necessary to conduct SC-CO₂ fracturing experiments, to be used to reconstruct and evaluate the induced 3D fractures. The research scale is upgraded with the theoretical and numerical models to accelerate the process of SC-CO₂ fracturing in the field.

Keywords SC-CO₂ fracturing; fracture mechanism; experimental study; THMC coupling; unconventional reservoirs

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0 前言

随着世界范围内温室效应日趋严重,预计在2050至2055年之间全球CO₂总排放量会超过临界值3.67亿吨,使全球平均温度上升约2℃,严重威胁全球气候^[1]。目前,人类除了开发新能源(太阳能、核能、生物能等)和清洁能源(天然气、地热等)降低CO₂排放量外,还采用CO₂埋存(CCS)、CO₂驱油(CO₂-EOR)、CO₂压裂和CO₂增强型地热开采(CO₂-EGS)等措施降低大气中CO₂含量。考虑到水力压裂技术存在产量递减快和环境污染等问题,CO₂压裂以其无水项、无残留等特点,成为目前主要的商业化无水压裂技术。CO₂压裂具有保护环境、节约水资源、提高油气产量、埋存CO₂的优点,在非常规油气储层(页岩气^[2]、页岩油^[3]、煤层气^[4]等)增产开发中具有广阔的应用前景。

CO₂压裂技术是以CO₂作为压裂液添加剂或携砂液的压裂增产工艺,可分为CO₂增能压裂、CO₂泡沫压裂和液态(L-)或超临界态CO₂(SC-CO₂)压裂^[2]。CO₂干法压裂技术是采用100%的低温L-CO₂($P=1.406\text{ MPa}$, $T=-34.4\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$)混合支撑剂进行压裂的工艺方法,CO₂以液态形式进入储层^[5]。1981年L-CO₂加砂压裂概念首先被提出,并成功应用于加拿大Glaucinite砂岩油藏压裂增产,储层无伤害且明显提高油气产量^[6]。从2005年开始,国内长庆油田、中原油田、吉林油田和延长油田针对储层的压力低、水敏严重、用水量大、压裂液返排慢等问题,相继开展液态CO₂压裂,取得良好增产效果^[2,7-13]。相对于L-CO₂,SC-CO₂的密度接近液体、黏度接近气体、扩散系数比液体大、具有很强的溶剂化能力和良好的传质等物理特性。SC-CO₂破岩最早应用于钻井提速,发现SC-CO₂射流破岩的门限压力比水射流低50%以上^[14]。随着研究的深入,研究者发现SC-CO₂造缝能力要远大于L-CO₂,具有很好的压裂应用前景^[15]。L-CO₂压裂由于只有部分阶段CO₂转化为超临界态驱动裂缝扩展,没有充分发挥SC-CO₂的造缝能力。SC-CO₂压裂技术采用的CO₂初始温度较高,确保CO₂在井筒内完全转化为超临界状态(例如:排量

为2 m³/min,井口加热CO₂到-10℃,达到2000 m的井底时其温度约为35℃^[5]),最终CO₂以超临界状态进入储层。因此,SC-CO₂压裂的缝内CO₂始终以超临界态形式驱动裂缝扩展。

2010年以后,随着水平井体积压裂技术的发展,非常规油气(页岩油气、超低渗致密砂岩等)资源得到商业化开发,学者开始论证SC-CO₂压裂技术改造非常规油气资源的可行性。2012年以后,大量学者通过开展不同的岩性(页岩、致密砂岩、人工试件)、储层条件(应力状态、温度)、施工条件(排量)下室内SC-CO₂压裂实验,对比水基、油基及其它气体(He, N₂等)的压裂效果,发现SC-CO₂压裂具有破裂压力低、易于形成多裂缝且裂缝迂曲等特点^[16-18]。基于室内压裂实验研究,学者分别采用有限元(FEM)^[19-20]和离散元(UDEC)^[21]等数值方法对比研究CO₂与其它流体压裂的异同。同时,学者建立相应的计算模型研究表面张力^[22]、流体压缩性^[23]、热应力^[24]等对CO₂诱导裂缝扩展的影响。目前,已有综述类文章^[2,5,8,15,25-32]分析CO₂压裂的优缺点,论证其改造非常规储层的可行性,并指出CO₂压裂适合改造渗透率低和地应力差大的裂缝性非常规储层。

截止目前,水基压裂液仍作为非常规储层改造的主要压裂液介质,存在伤害储层、污染地下水、返排液处理难度大、用水量巨大等缺点^[33-35]。CO₂压裂由于施工工艺和成本原因,并未大规模应用于现场,尤其是SC-CO₂压裂对设备要求更为苛刻,其现场应用难度更大。SC-CO₂压裂研究主要集中于室内实验和理论研究两方面,探究SC-CO₂压裂裂缝扩展机理。本文从SC-CO₂压裂机理研究角度出发开展4方面的论述:(1)SC-CO₂压裂实验模拟方法;(2)SC-CO₂压裂裂缝起裂与扩展特征;(3)SC-CO₂诱导裂缝扩展机理;(4)SC-CO₂压裂机理研究存在的问题及建议。

1 SC-CO₂压裂实验模拟方法

如图1所示,非常规油气储层埋深一般为2000~7000 m^[36],其温度、压力均已超过CO₂的临界

条件($P=7.38\text{ MPa}$, $T=31.1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$), 因此CO₂压裂实验模拟需达到超临界状态条件。

目前, 室内SC-CO₂压裂模拟一般采用常规水力压裂加载装置^[38], 将水基压裂液注入系统改为CO₂注入系统, 并在注入端位置增添加热装置(图2)。CO₂首先进入冷却装置完全转化为液态, 从而降低其压

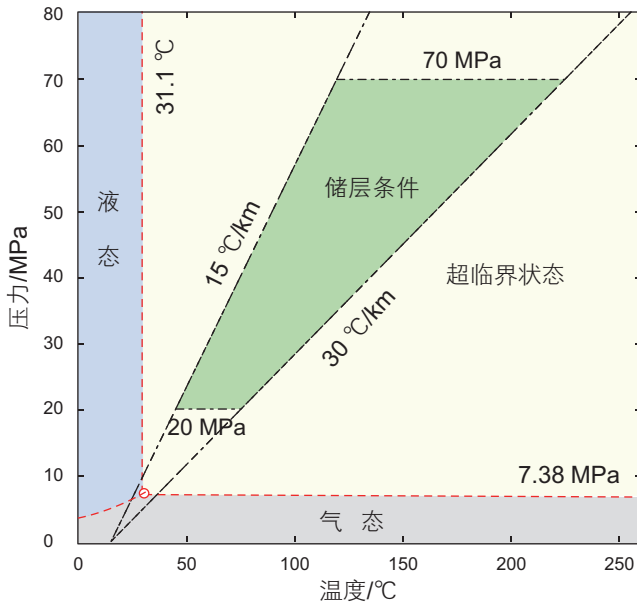


图1 储层条件下SC-CO₂相态分布图(绿色部分)(取储层深度为2~7 km^[36], 地表平均温度为15 °C, 地温梯度为15~30 °C/km, 地层压力梯度为1 MPa/km^[37])

Fig. 1 The distribution of CO₂ phase diagram under the reservoir conditions characterized with green part (the depth of reservoir is 2~7 km, the surface temperature is 15 °C, the geothermal gradient is 15~30 °C/km, and the formation pressure gradient is 1 MPa/km^[37])

缩系数, 提高CO₂泵增压效率, 增压至临界压力($P=7.38\text{ MPa}$)以上。然后L-CO₂流经加热装置, 加热到临界温度($T=31.1\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$)以上, 最终CO₂以超临界状态进入试件^[39-40]。为了模拟储层应力和温度条件, 围压腔可提供孔压和温度, 扁千斤可施加三向地应力。

2 SC-CO₂ 诱导裂缝起裂与扩展特征

为了增大储层的改造体积(SRV), 人们不断尝试新的压裂方法。常规水力压裂往往形成单一裂缝(图3(a)), 其改造效果有限; 爆炸压裂产生的高应力、高加载速率导致近井地带形成塑性压实区, 裂缝扩展距离有限, 降低了岩石的渗透率(图3(b))^[41]; 高能气体压裂利用推进剂或火药燃烧产生高温高压气体作用在井壁岩石上, 进而产生多裂缝, 但是由于其现场可操作性和安全性问题, 并未得到推广(图3(c))^[9,42]; 气体压裂(CO₂, N₂等)容易沟通天然裂缝^[31], 增大储层的SRV^[43](图3(d)), 其中CO₂压裂现场操作可行性高且增产效果明显, 因此得到了广泛关注。

目前, 室内SC-CO₂压裂模拟试件类型包括两类: 圆柱和立方体。圆柱试件可施加两向偏应力($\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 = \sigma_3$), 往往以裸眼方式起裂; 立方体试件可施加三向应力($\sigma_1 > \sigma_2 > \sigma_3$), 以裸眼和射孔(割缝)方式起裂。压裂模拟试件主要有天然露头(花岗岩、页岩、致密砂岩、煤岩等)和类岩石材料(人工水泥试件、有机玻璃(PMMA))。目前SC-CO₂压裂实验最高温度达300 °C^[44], 最大施加应力达52.5 MPa^[45]。如表1所示, 本文总结了已有不同相态CO₂压裂实验的试件类型及尺寸、实验条件、研究方法和结论, 通过分

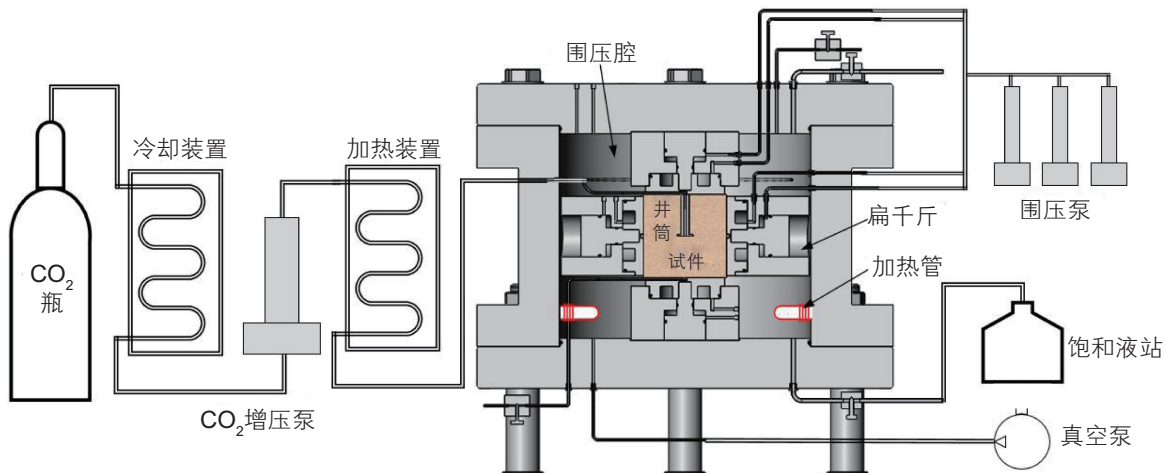


图2 SC-CO₂压裂系统示意图

Fig. 2 The sketch of SC-CO₂ fracturing system

析注入压力、宏观/微观裂缝形态、井底或缝内温度、声发射及声波特征等数据,研究CO₂诱导裂缝起裂及扩展特征,并分析其形成机理。

压裂改造效果受到地质(地应力状态、储层岩石性

质等)和工程(完井及射孔方式、压裂液类型及排量)因素影响^[59],其中破裂压力和裂缝形态可表征各因素的影响规律。随着压裂液黏度的降低($v_{H_2O} > v_{L-CO_2} > v_{SC-CO_2}$),破裂压力急剧降低(图4(a)),易形成裂缝网

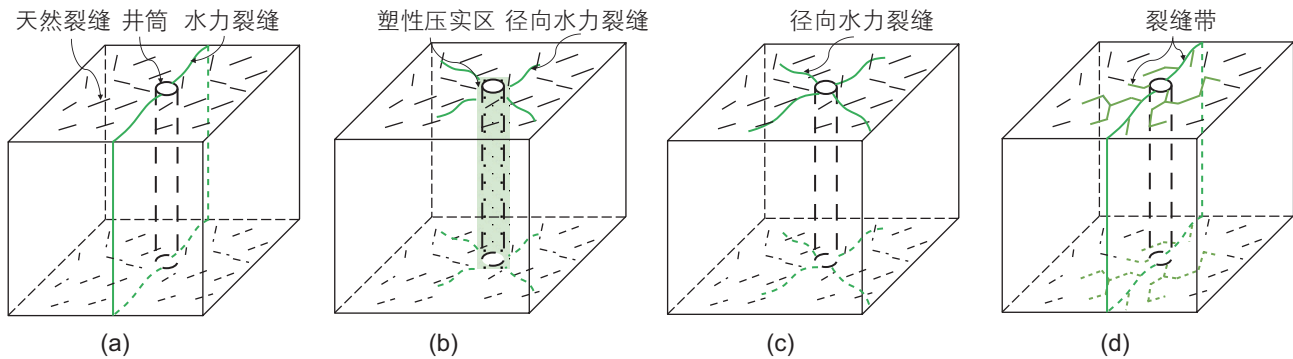


图3 (a)水力压裂;(b)爆炸压裂;(c)高能气体压裂和(d)气体压裂形成的裂缝形态对比((a),(b),(c)修改自Safari et al.^[41])

Fig. 3 Comparison of fracture patterns form a variety of techniques (a) hydraulic (b) explosive (c) high energy and (d) gas fracturing ((a),(b),(c) modified from Safari et al.^[41])

表1 目前CO₂压裂实验结果分析总结

Table 1 A review of CO₂ fracturing

试件类型	尺寸/cm	实验条件	主要分析方法	主要研究结论	参考文献
花岗岩和凝灰岩	15 × 15 × 15	$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3=5, 3, 1; T=40;$ $Q_{CO_2}=10,50,100; F_f: SC-CO_2, 水$	3D裂缝形态; 注入压力-温度曲线	低黏度和弱结构有利于SC-CO ₂ 诱导分支裂缝	Kizaki et al.(2012) ^[15]
花岗岩	17 × 17 × 17	$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3=6, 4, 3; T=45;$ $Q_{CO_2}=10; F_f: SC-CO_2, 水, 油$	AE信号; 微观裂缝形态	SC-CO ₂ 诱导裂缝迂曲度大; 主裂缝周围有大量分支裂缝; 易于发生剪切破坏	Ishida et al. (2012) ^[14] , Chen et al. (2015) ^[46]
页岩	$D=2.5$ $L=5$	$\sigma_a, \sigma_c=0\sim35, 10\sim25;$ 室温条件; $Q_{CO_2}=5;$ $F_f: 水, L-CO_2, N_2$	P_b 分析; 裂缝面粗糙度和分形维数	L-CO ₂ 的 P_b 最高; L-CO ₂ 诱导裂缝面粗糙度、分形维数大	Li et al.(2016) ^[16]
页岩	20 × 20 × 20	$\sigma_1=12, \sigma_2=9, 10, \sigma_3=6, 8, 10;$ $Q_{CO_2}=30; T=18,60;$ $F_f: 水, L/SC-CO_2$	裂缝CT扫描; AE信号	SC-CO ₂ 的 P_b 比水的低50%以上; 孔压可降低 P_b ; SC-CO ₂ 易于沟通天然裂缝和层理	Zhang et al.(2017) ^[17]
页岩	20 × 20 × 20	$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3=14.5\sim20.7, 11\sim14.5,$ $7.6\sim14.5; Q_{CO_2}=40,80;$ $T=50\sim55; F_f: 滑溜水, 气态CO_2, SC-CO_2$	注入压力-温度曲线; 主动声波P和S波; 压降曲线	SC-CO ₂ 膨胀性和热应力促使裂缝扩展; SC-CO ₂ 的低黏度和天然裂缝是降低 P_b 的关键	Wang et al. (2017) ^[47]
花岗岩	/	距地面约50m的隧道内的含水花岗岩, 井深为7.24~7.4m; $Q_{CO_2}=50; T=35;$ $F_f: SC-CO_2$	AE信号; 井底温度-压力变化	SC-CO ₂ 容易沿着天然节理扩展	Ishida et al. (2017) ^[48]
煤岩	$D=3.8, L=7.6$	$\sigma_a, \sigma_c=6,8; T=25; Q_{CO_2}=90;$ $F_f: L-CO_2, 水$	AE信号; P_b 和裂缝形态	L-CO ₂ 的 P_b 比水的小19.6%; L-CO ₂ 的低黏度和膨胀性促使产生多裂缝	Sampath et al.(2018) ^[49]

续表

试件类型	尺寸/cm	实验条件	主要分析方法	主要研究结论	参考文献
煤岩	10 × 10 × 10	$\sigma_1=14, 16, \sigma_2=12, 14, \sigma_3=10, 12$; $Q_{CO_2}=20; T=50$; F_f : SC-CO ₂ , 水	裂缝形态; P_b 分析	SC-CO ₂ 产生复杂的交叉裂缝, 裂缝宽小	王磊等 (2019) ^[50]
页岩	$D=10, L=20$	$\sigma_a, \sigma_c=25\sim 52.5, 7.47\sim 15.68$; 梯级恒压注入; $T=40$; F_f : SC-CO ₂ , 水	AE 信号; 裂缝 CT 扫描	SC-CO ₂ 易于沿着天然裂缝或弱结构面延伸裂缝, 并发生部分剪切破坏	Jiang et al. (2018) ^[45]
页岩	$D=10, L=16$	$\sigma_a, \sigma_c=15, 0\sim 15$; $Q_{CO_2}=50; T=45$; F_f : SC-CO ₂	注入压力曲线; 裂缝面 3D 扫描 分析粗糙度和迂曲度	SC-CO ₂ 压裂易形成弯曲裂缝和多分支缝	Zhao et al. (2018) ^[51]
致密砂岩	30 × 30 × 30	$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3=25, 20(15), 10$; $Q_{CO_2}=20, 50; T=80$; F_f : SC-CO ₂ , 滑溜水, 瓜尔胶压裂液	AE 震源机制; 裂缝 CT 扫描	SC-CO ₂ 降低 P_b ; 诱发层理或天然裂缝的剪切破坏	Zou et al. (2018) ^[52]
致密砂岩	8 × 8 × 10	$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3=15, 15$ 或 $10, 7$; $Q_{CO_2}=5, 20, 50; T=60, 20$; F_f : L/SC-CO ₂ , 滑溜水	裂缝形态; P_b 分析	SC-CO ₂ 降低 P_b ; 诱导复杂裂缝	叶亮等 (2018) ^[53]
页岩和煤岩	10 × 10 × 10	$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3=25\sim 28, 5\sim 18, 5\sim 8$; $Q_{CO_2}=60, 120$; 室温; F_f : L-CO ₂ , 水	裂缝 CT 扫描; P_b 分析	L-CO ₂ 诱导已有裂缝发生剪切破坏, 产生分支裂缝	Deng et al. (2018) ^[54]
花岗岩	$D=2.25, L=4.5$	$\sigma_c=\sigma_a=5\sim 40; T=50\sim 300$; $Q_{CO_2}=30$; F_f : SC-CO ₂ , 水	裂缝 CT 密度; CO ₂ 进出口压力变化	高温作用可降低 P_b ; 易产生分支生裂缝; 论证了 SC-CO ₂ 进行地热开采的可行性	Isaka et al. (2019) ^[44]
页岩	$D=5, L=10$	$\sigma_a, \sigma_c=10, 0; Q_{CO_2}=30$; F_f : SC-CO ₂ , 水	裂缝 SEM 扫描; 裂缝迂曲度和裂缝密度	层理影响 P_b 与裂缝形态; SC-CO ₂ 沟通有机质孔与微裂缝, 增大渗透率	He et al. (2019) ^[55]
PMMA	10.1 × 10.1 × 10.1 和 12.1 × 12.1 × 12.1	$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3=5, 5, 0$; $T=60; Q_{CO_2}=25$; F_f : CO ₂ , He, N ₂ , Ar, SF ₆ , H ₂ O	裂缝 3D 形态	L-CO ₂ 同 SF ₆ , H ₂ O, He 一样产生简单裂缝	Alpern et al. (2012) ^[56]
PMMA	20 × 20 × 10	$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3=1.8, 1.8, 0$; $T=60; Q_{CO_2}=2$; F_f : SC-CO ₂ 和水	裂缝扩展可视化	SC-CO ₂ 相变导致裂缝动态扩展形成复杂裂缝	Zhou et al. (2018) ^[40]
水泥试件	30 × 30 × 30	$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3=30, 28, 24$; $T=25\sim 100; Q_{CO_2}=26.7, 40$; F_f : L-CO ₂	井底及缝内压力-温度曲线; 裂缝形态	建立了考虑热应力的 CO ₂ 压裂起裂及扩展理论模型; 低温 CO ₂ 热应力促使产生分支裂缝	Zhou et al. (2019) ^[18]
水泥试件	30 × 30 × 30	$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3=23, 21, 13\sim 19$; $Q_{CO_2}=26; T=45$; F_f : SC-CO ₂ , 瓜尔胶压裂液	AE 信号; 裂缝断裂角分析	SC-CO ₂ 压裂裂缝为非连续动态扩展, 诱导剪切破坏, 形成分支裂缝	Zhou et al. (2018) ^[39] ; Zhou et al. (2019) ^[57]
水泥试件	30 × 30 × 30	$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3=10.5, 9.8, 8.5$; $T=60; F_f$: SC-CO ₂ , 水	AE 信号; 裂缝形态	射孔角度越大, SC-CO ₂ 诱导裂缝越复杂; 在高射孔角度下, 应力状态对 SC-CO ₂ 压裂影响较小	Chen et al. (2019) ^[58]

注: D 、 L 为圆柱试件的直径和长度 (cm), σ_c 、 σ_a 为圆柱试件所受径向和轴向应力 (MPa), T 为实验温度 (°C), $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$ 为三向主应力 (MPa), Q 为注入速率 (mL/min), P_b 为破裂压力, F_f 代表压裂液类型。

络(图4(b))。

目前,学者主要从SC-CO₂的黏度等物性特征研究裂缝扩展特征与力学机理,主要认识有:(1)SC-CO₂的破裂压力均比水、L-CO₂、油以及其它气体(N₂、He等)的低,最大降幅达50%以上;(2)SC-CO₂容易形成分支裂缝、多裂缝以及迂曲裂缝,且裂缝面粗糙、缝宽小;(3)有效应力、热应力、表面张力等是控制裂缝扩展的主要力学因素。

3 SC-CO₂ 诱导裂缝扩展机理

SC-CO₂的特殊物理化学性质,使其与储层岩石-流体之间THMC耦合作用强烈,如图5所示。以下将分别叙述SC-CO₂流体诱导裂缝扩展的4个机理:(1)热应力和孔压降低有效应力及诱发剪切破坏(TH-M);(2)零表面张力降低裂缝扩展所需缝内净压力(H-

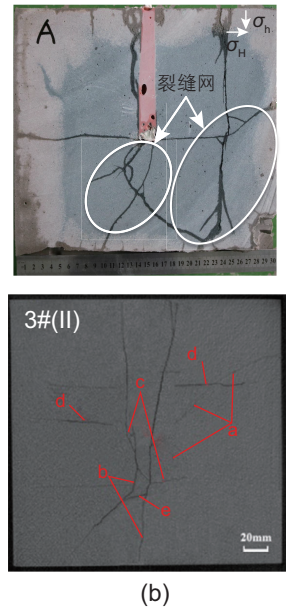
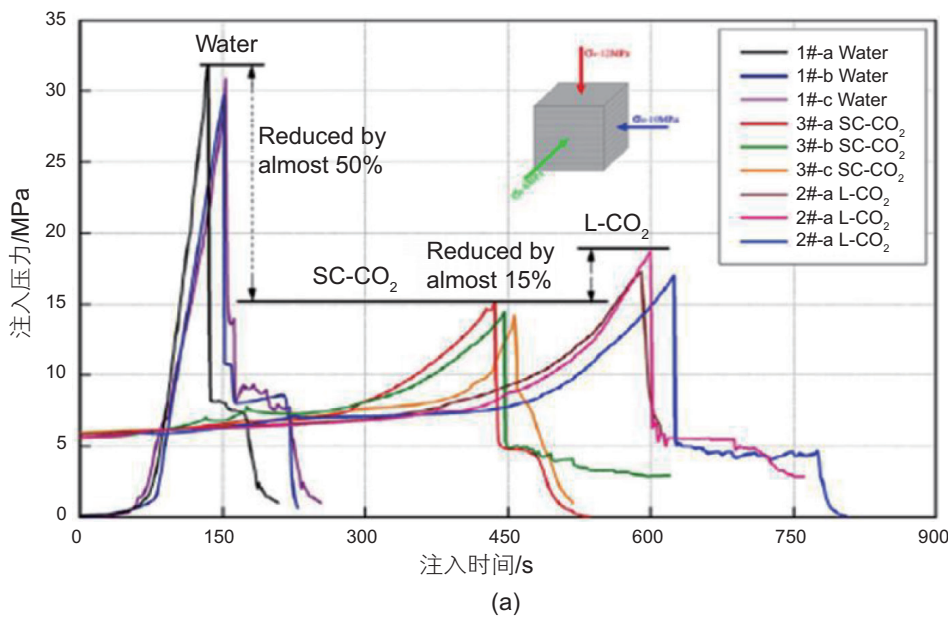


图4 (a)页岩SC-CO₂, L-CO₂和水基压裂液的破裂压力比较^[17]和(b)人工水泥试件^[39]、页岩^[17]裂缝形态

Fig. 4 (a) The comparison of breakdown pressure using SC-CO₂, L-CO₂ and water of shale^[17] and (b) SC-CO₂ induced fractures of cement specimen^[39] and shale^[17]

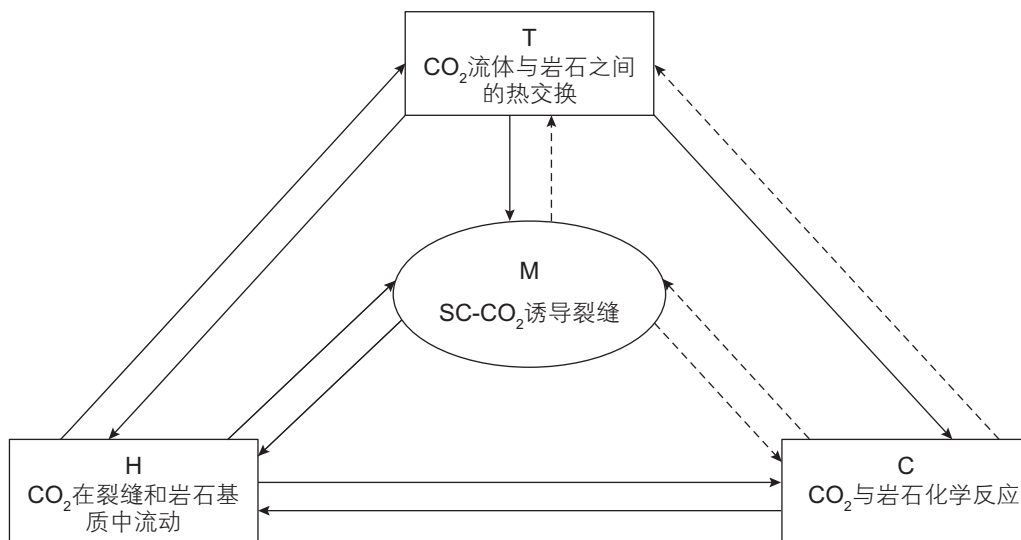


图5 SC-CO₂压裂中热(T)-流(H)-力(M)-化(C)耦合过程(实线表示强耦合,虚线为弱耦合)

Fig. 5 Coupled thermo-hydro-mechanical-chemical (THMC) processes in the SC-CO₂ fracturing. The solid line is the strong coupling and the dashed line is the weak coupling

M); (3) 吸附降低裂缝扩展的临界应力(C-M); (4) 局部相变促进裂缝动态扩展(HT-M)。其中(1)和(4)为 SC-CO₂ 诱导应力, (2)和(3)为 SC-CO₂ 弱化断裂性质。

3.1 热应力和孔压降低有效应力及诱发剪切破坏

裂缝内低温 CO₂ 和储层岩石之间温差产生的热应力, 降低了裂缝面上的有效正应力, 有助于裂缝起裂与扩展, 例如在 CO₂ 开采 Salah 页岩气时井底 CO₂ 与储层温差达 40 °C, 使破裂压力降低了 1.5~5 MPa^[60]。如图 6 所示, 孔弹性条件下, 孔隙压力作用效果类似于热应力, 裂缝周围压裂液滤失形成的孔隙压力场大于热应力场, 垂直和平行于裂缝方向的热应力 $\Delta\sigma_{HT}$, $\Delta\sigma_{HT}$ 分别为^[61]:

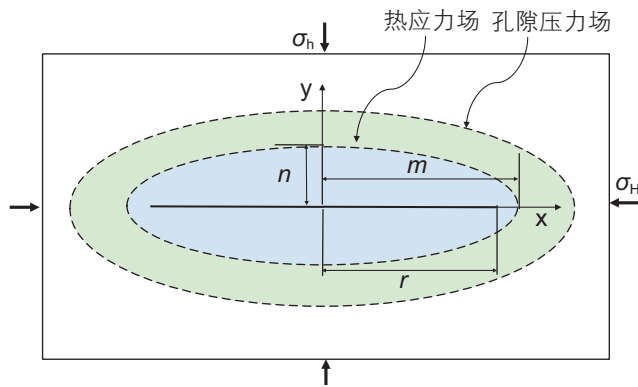


图 6 流体诱导裂缝周围热应力场和孔隙压力场分布, r 为裂缝半长, m, n 分别为冷却区长半轴和短半轴长度(修改自 Perkins 和 Gonzalez^[61])

Fig. 6 The distribution of thermal stress and pore pressure around the fluid-driven fracture, r is the half fracture length; m and n are major and minor semiaxis of the elliptical cool region (modified from Perkins and Gonzalez^[61])

$$\Delta\sigma_{HT} = \frac{\alpha_T E \Delta T (n/m)}{(1-\nu)(1+n/m)} \quad (1a)$$

$$\Delta\sigma_{HT} = \frac{\alpha_T E \Delta T}{(1-\nu)(1+n/m)} \quad (1b)$$

式中: α_T 为热膨胀系数, °C⁻¹; E 为弹性模量, MPa; ΔT 为温度变化量, °C; ν 为泊松比, 无量纲。

由公式(1a)和(1b)可知, 随着裂缝的扩展(即 n/m 减小)^[62], CO₂ 引起储层岩石的热应力 $\Delta\sigma_{HT}$ 递减速度大于 $\Delta\sigma_{HT}$, 导致水平有效应力 $\sigma'_h \geq \sigma'_H$, 即初始水平应力方向发生偏转, 进而形成垂直于初始裂缝的分支裂缝(图 7(a)), 该分支裂缝主要以拉伸破坏为主。

SC-CO₂ 的黏度远低于水(例如, 当 $P=30$ MPa, $T=60$ °C 时, $\nu_{SC-CO_2}=1/6\nu_{H_2O}$), 使其易于进入天然裂缝或岩石颗粒边界, 从而张开和错动不连续面^[29,47,54,63]。Chen^[46] 研究 SC-CO₂ 压裂花岗岩微观裂缝和 AE 震源机制, 发现颗粒边界处存在明显剪切破坏。2017 年日本学者^[48] 开展现场 SC-CO₂ 压裂花岗岩实验, AE 监测表明诱导裂缝易于沿着天然节理扩展。Deng^[54] 通过页岩和煤岩的 L-CO₂ 和水力压裂实验, 指出高应力差条件下 L-CO₂ 容易激活天然裂缝发生剪切破坏, 在天然裂缝尖端形成马尾状裂缝^[64], 进而贯通邻近裂缝(图 7(b))。SC-CO₂ 低黏度和初始应力差是影响裂缝性储层改造的关键因素, SC-CO₂ 通过滤失作用改变天然裂缝内部流体压力分布, 初始应力差决定了天然裂缝发生剪切破坏的动力大小, 两者共同作用激活天然裂缝。

剪切破坏不仅能增大非常规油气^[65] 和增强型地热系统(EGS)^[66] 的储层改造体积, 而且还能大幅度提高

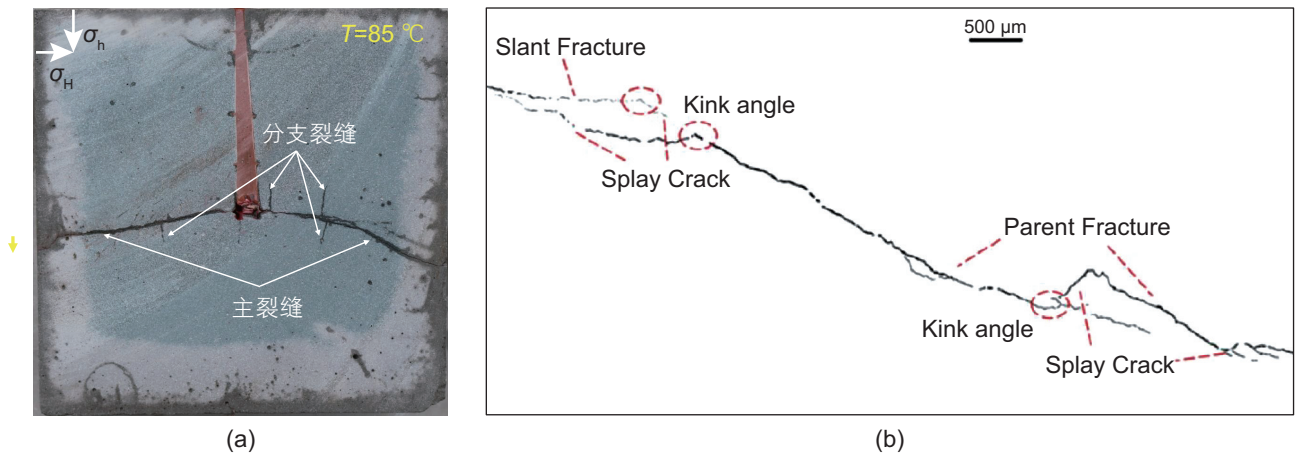


图 7 (a) SC-CO₂ 在主裂缝周围产生分支裂缝^[18]; (b) L-CO₂ 诱导剪切破坏沟通天然裂缝^[54]

Fig. 7 (a) Branching fractures are induced by SC-CO₂ around main fracture^[18] and (b) the natural fracture connection is created by the shear failure in L-CO₂ fracturing^[54]

裂缝的导流能力^[67]。根据不同的地质和工程条件,水力压裂过程中存在拉伸(I型)、剪切(II型)以及拉伸—剪切(I-II型)混合破坏。对于均匀连续介质储层的水力压裂来说,人工裂缝以I型破坏为主,裂缝的张开位移 D_n 随着油气生产逐渐减小甚至完全闭合,导致裂缝的导流能力急剧降低(图8(a));对于裂缝性储层的水力压裂来说,当缝内压力不足以张开天然裂缝时,天然裂缝以II型破坏为主,形成剪切位移 D_s (图8(b)),当缝内压力增大时,天然裂缝以I-II混合型破坏为主,产生张开位移 D_n 和剪切位移 D_s (图8(c)),导致裂缝自支撑且具有高导流能力^[43,68]。

3.2 零表面张力降低裂缝扩展所需缝内净压力

压裂液类型及状态是影响裂缝扩展的重要因素,其中流体表面张力决定了压裂液能否进入微裂缝尖端,从而促进微裂纹的扩展。对于非常规致密储层来说,不可忽略毛细力对岩石基质和裂缝中流体流动的影响^[69-70]。临界侵入压力 P_c 为流体克服毛细力进入岩石孔隙所需的压力^[22,71],可由半经验Leveret方程J求解^[72]:

$$J = \frac{P_c}{\sigma_s} \sqrt{\frac{k}{\phi}} \quad (2)$$

式中: k 为渗透率, μm^2 ; ϕ 为孔隙度,无量纲; σ_s 为压裂液与储层流体之间的表面张力, MPa; 对于特定的岩石, J 、 k 、 ϕ 均为已知常数, P_c 与流体表面张力 σ_s 呈正比关系。

如图9所示,压裂液前缘与裂缝尖端之间存在干燥区域称为压裂液滞后(fluid lag)^[73-74]。当硬币状水力裂缝准静态扩展时,考虑压裂液滞后影响的裂缝起裂条件^[75]:

$$K_{IC} = \frac{2}{\pi} \left[P_f \sqrt{\pi r} - (\sigma_n + P_f) \sqrt{2\pi\lambda} \right] \quad (3)$$

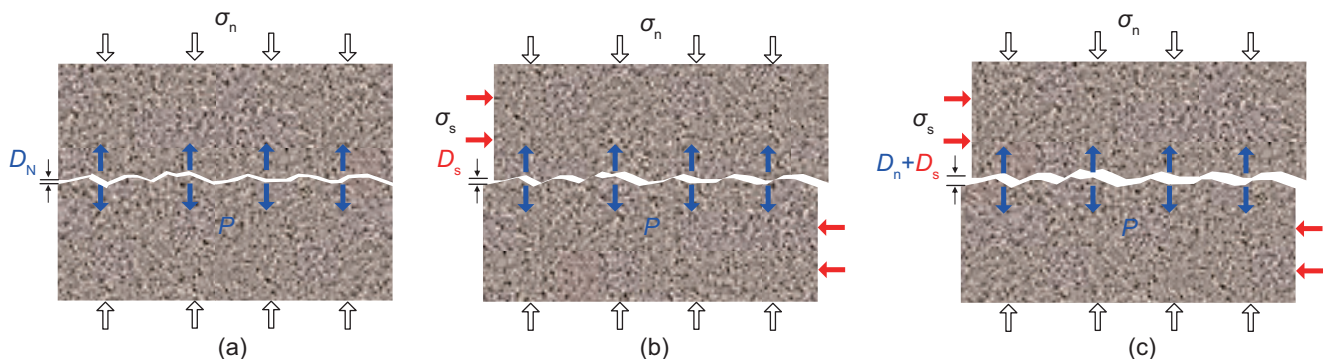


图8 水力压裂形成的(a)拉伸破坏(I型)、(b)剪切破坏(II型)以及(c)拉伸—剪切混合破坏(I-II型)示意图

Fig. 8 The induced fracture in the form of (a) tensile failure (mode I), (b) shear failure (mode II) and (c) tensile-shear failure (mixed mode I-II)

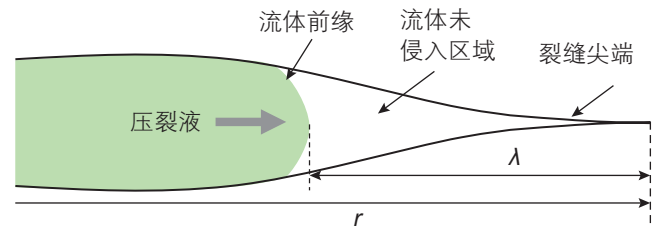


图9 线弹性断裂条件下水力裂缝尖端区域示意图

Fig.9 The diagram of fracture tip in hydraulic fracturing under LFM condition

式中: K_{IC} 为断裂韧性, $\text{MPa}\sqrt{\text{m}}$; P_f 为缝内压力, MPa; σ_n 为裂缝面上的正应力, MPa; r 为裂缝半径, m; λ 为滞后区域长度, m。

SC-CO₂的表面张力为零,远小于水和L-CO₂的表面张力($\sigma_{s,\text{H}_2\text{O}}=50\sim 70\text{ mN/m}$, $\sigma_{s,\text{L-CO}_2}=40\sim 72\text{ mN/m}$ ^[76])。由公式(2), SC-CO₂的临界侵入压力为0,因此SC-CO₂在泵压的作用下能进入任何大于CO₂分子直径的微裂缝尖端(图10)。此时, SC-CO₂缝内压力作用长度为 $r(\lambda \rightarrow 0)$,即 K_{IC} 后一项等于零(公式(3)),因此裂缝仅需较小的SC-CO₂缝内压力就能延伸。而水基压裂液只能进入大尺度裂缝(图10),其缝内压力作用长度为 $r-\lambda$,作用距离短,不利于激活微裂缝。另外,由于SC-CO₂可与储层中油水互溶,使得两相界面消失,从而削弱了毛细力的影响,在裂缝尖端形成连续压力降(DPD)^[70],同样也可降低SC-CO₂诱导裂缝扩展所需的缝内净压力,两者共同作用有利于微裂纹的起裂。

3.3 吸附降低裂缝扩展的临界应力

目前,学者研究主要集中于CO₂提高油气采收率(CO₂-EOR)^[3]、CO₂提高煤层气采收率(CO₂-ECBM)^[78]、CO₂增强型地热系统(CO₂-EGS)^[77,79]及CO₂

地质埋存^[80]过程中CO₂对岩石力学性质影响。CO₂吸附降低煤岩微裂纹表面能,引起煤岩基质膨胀,导致局部损伤^[81]。SC-CO₂作用下煤岩单轴强度和弹性模量要比气态CO₂作用下的小26%和38%,且其降低量与CO₂吸附量之间存在Langmuir关系,即随着CO₂压力的增大其降低速率逐渐减小^[78,82]。SC-CO₂作用可降低砂岩的摩擦系数、断裂能和黏聚力,导致其压缩强度和起裂应力分别降低18.82%和21.21%^[83]。因此,CO₂与岩石之间的化学—力学耦合作用可弱化力学性质。

水力裂缝扩展是岩石断裂力学问题,裂缝扩展的必要条件是缝内压力克服缝尖的断裂韧性。Griffith^[84]根据经典力学和热力学平衡理论提出表面能 γ 概念,即裂缝在拉应力作用下稳定扩展所需要的功 U :

$$U = 2A\gamma \quad (4)$$

式中: A 为新裂缝单侧面积, m^2 。

Gibbs吸附方程^[85]描述了物质表面由于吸附某一活性物质而导致表面能的变化 $d\gamma$:

$$d\gamma = -\sum_i \Gamma_i d\mu_i \quad (5)$$

式中: Γ_i 为吸附质 i 的吸附浓度, mg/g ; $d\mu_i$ 为吸附质 i 的化学势能变化量, J/mol 。

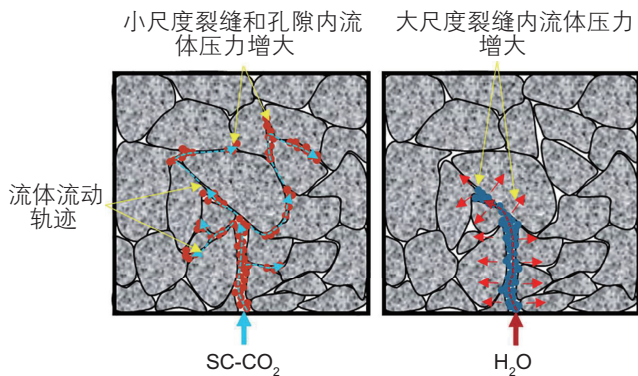


图 10 岩体中SC-CO₂和水流动示意图^[77]

Fig. 10 The sketch of SC-CO₂ and water flow in rock^[77]

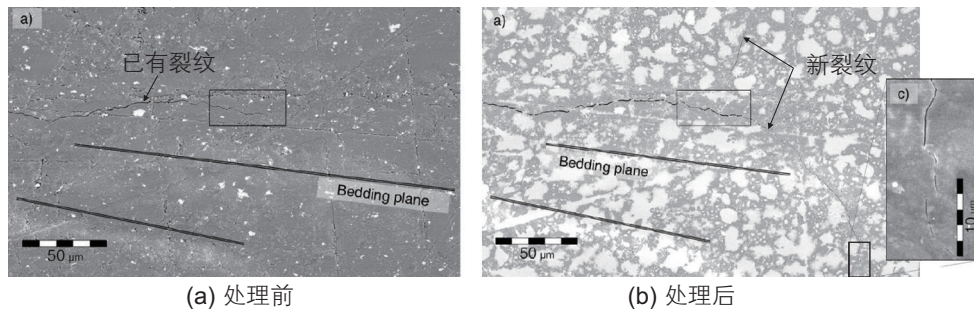


图 11 SC-CO₂饱和和处理煤岩前后微裂纹分布^[88]

Fig. 11 The micro-fracture distribution before and after SC-CO₂ saturation^[88]

Griffith^[84]给出了临界应力改变量 $\Delta\sigma_f$ 和表面能变化量 $d\gamma$ 之间的关系:

$$\Delta\sigma_f = \sqrt{\frac{2Ed\gamma}{\pi r}} \quad (6)$$

气体吸附性能与其分子量、分子直径、单层多层吸附形态等因素相关,且研究表明CO₂的吸附能力大于CH₄^[86]。气体吸附在岩石微裂隙表面,降低其表面能,此现象被称为“Rehbindereffect”^[87]。吸附导致岩石颗粒间作用力减小或位能降低(颗粒间距增大),随着颗粒间距增大(位能减小到一定程度)裂缝无法愈合。CO₂吸附在未完全断裂的裂隙上,降低固体表面能 $d\gamma$ (公式(5)),从而降低岩石失稳扩展的临界应力 $\Delta\sigma_f$ (公式(6)),进而降低外力功(公式(4))。低有效应力条件下,CO₂吸附引起煤岩延伸已有微裂纹或产生平行于层理的新裂缝(图11),导致煤岩基质不均匀膨胀^[88]。由此可见,对于有机质含量高和裂缝发育的油气储层,SC-CO₂压裂或闷井过程中储层有效应力减小,CO₂吸附虽然不会直接诱导新裂缝,但是会促使新裂缝形成。

3.4 局部相变促进裂缝动态扩展

目前非常规油气的CO₂压裂技术和煤层气CO₂相变致裂增透技术逐渐得到工业界的关注。Zhou^[40]通过PMMA的压裂实验观察到SC-CO₂具有明显的相变,且发生裂缝动态扩展。CO₂相态由温度场和压力场决定,井底破裂时温度急剧降低,井底CO₂发生超临界态、液态和气态之间的相态变化^[18](图12(a))。Yan^[89]将SC-CO₂压裂浅层煤岩分为SC-CO₂泵入造缝阶段和停泵后相变造缝阶段,停泵后井筒及裂缝内压力降低至临界压力以下,CO₂发生超临界到气态的相变,此时CO₂迅速膨胀形成冲击载荷进一步延伸裂缝(图12(b))。

不同于浅层煤层气的CO₂相变致裂技术,对于

油气储层来说,地层压力和温度均已超过 CO_2 的临界条件,宏观主裂缝内 SC-CO_2 很难产生大范围的相变。由于 SC-CO_2 压裂动态扩展明显,诱导裂缝的每次间歇式扩展,可看作为缝尖处的一次破裂^[90]。裂缝扩展同时缝尖处产生低压甚至真空裂隙,提供了局部 CO_2 气态条件。 SC-CO_2 流体迅速膨胀进入该裂隙,导致缝内温度急剧降低(例如初始状态为 $P=20.69\text{ MPa}$, $T=50\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ 的水和 CO_2 等焓膨胀到 $P=0.689\text{ MPa}$ 时,水温度未发生变化而 CO_2 降低了约 $200\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ^[25]),该裂隙处发生局部的超临界—液态—气态之间的相变。 SC-CO_2 压裂可诱导大量分支裂缝,即存在大量裂缝尖端,缝尖的形成往往伴随着 CO_2 相变。因此, SC-CO_2 压裂裂缝每扩展一步,缝尖端就会发生局部相变,所释放的能量以冲击载荷和热应力的形式促进裂缝动态扩展。

4 SC- CO_2 压裂机理研究存在的问题及建议

4.1 SC- CO_2 诱导裂缝动态起裂

部分 SC-CO_2 压裂模拟实验由于存在地应力小、排量高、井筒直径大和试件过小等问题,导致 SC-CO_2 存在明显的动态起裂现象,即试件破裂后注入压力迅速降低,裂缝瞬间扩展到边界。此时, CO_2 提供的能量远大于岩体所能吸收的能量,在近井地带产生多裂缝和迂曲裂缝等。因此,实验所得到复杂裂缝并不是裂缝扩展阶段产生,而是动态起裂导致近井地带裂缝迂曲^[59]。

为了模拟储层 SC-CO_2 压裂裂缝的准静态扩展过

程,建议 SC-CO_2 压裂实验采用高围压、低断裂韧性、小直径井筒和割缝(射孔)起裂的条件,从而降低 CO_2 的能量释放率^[91-92]。另外,在试件表面涂抹润滑剂(如凡士林)^[18,93]来减轻边界摩擦导致的应力不均匀现象,并尽量增大试件尺寸,从而确保裂缝有效扩展范围。以上措施可以增大裂缝扩展的时间和空间尺度,满足水力压裂相似理论,即物理参数对应和裂缝的准静态扩展。

4.2 SC- CO_2 相变促进裂缝扩展

传统水力压裂一般假设岩石线弹性和流体不可压缩,裂缝扩展呈现稳态扩展。 SC-CO_2 特殊的物性,如低黏度、高滤失、高膨胀性等,导致诱导裂缝特征与扩展机理与常规水力压裂差别较大,因此传统的水力裂缝稳态扩展理论已不再完全适用于 SC-CO_2 压裂,难以解释缝内 CO_2 相态变化。

针对油气储层条件下的 CO_2 相变问题研究,可从多场耦合和微尺度限域效应两方面寻找突破口。多场耦合是针对宏观层面研究,深层油气储层 CO_2 压裂由于人工裂缝复杂、 CO_2 物性随温压的变化、 CO_2 高滤失以及 CO_2 与储层岩石之间的化学作用,导致其与储层岩石的多场耦合作用强烈。只有掌握 SC-CO_2 诱导裂缝扩展的耦合规律,才能准确预测裂缝动态扩展过程中的 CO_2 流体温压的变化。微尺度限域效应是针对微观层面研究,除了温度和压力影响外,微尺度裂纹或孔隙也会影响流体相态变化规律,即流体临界温度和压力随空间尺度发生变化^[94]。微尺度限域效应会影响流体结构形态、热力学及动力学行为,传统的PVT

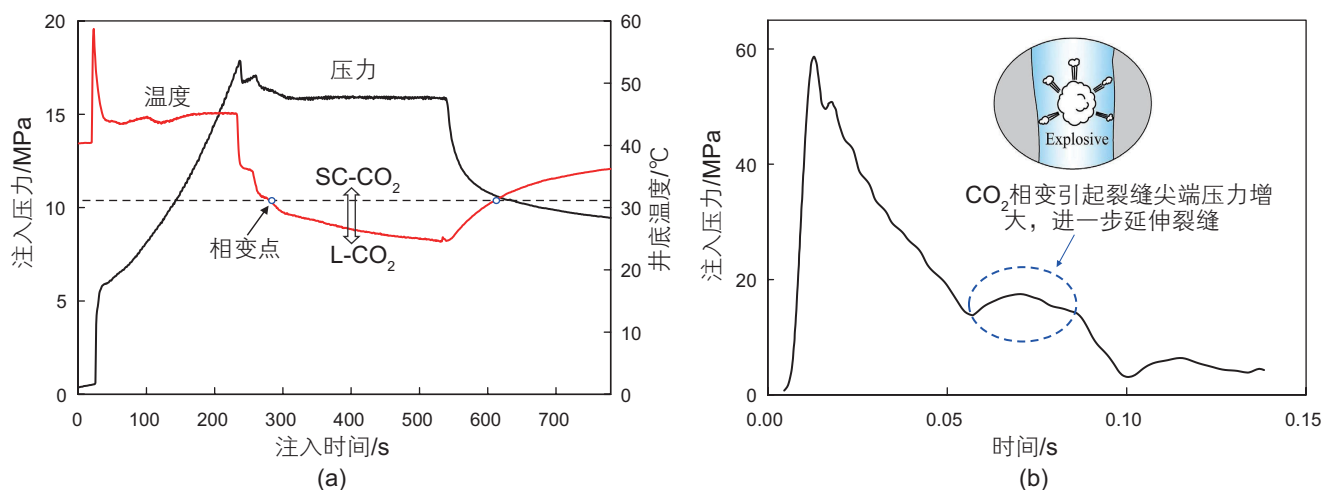


图 12 (a) SC-CO_2 压裂注入压力和井底温度变化^[18]; (b) CO_2 相变导致的压力—时间关系图^[89]

Fig. 12 (a) The injection pressure and bottomhole temperature during SC-CO_2 fracturing^[18] and (b) the injection pressure versus time during the CO_2 phase change^[89]

静态分析方法已经无法解释微纳米尺度孔隙岩石中的流体相态行为^[95]。相对于单一的水力裂缝, SC-CO₂ 压裂产生大量微尺度裂纹, 此时微尺度限域使裂纹内 CO₂ 相态变化更为复杂。因此, 今后应采用新实验方法、分子模拟等手段, 从宏微观方面研究 SC-CO₂ 压裂裂缝的多场耦合及相态变化规律。

4.3 SC-CO₂ 压裂空间裂缝特征定量评价研究

SRV 是评价水力压裂改造成功的重要指标, 三维(3D)裂缝形态是分析体积裂缝形成机理的重要依据。部分学者通过实验分析 3D 裂缝之间的多裂缝干扰机制, 指出诱导孔隙压力场分布是其主要影响因素^[96-97]。Aimene^[98]采用三维各向异性损伤力学模型(ADaM)研究裂缝性储层水力裂缝缝高和井间干扰问题。Daneshy^[99]通过解析模型研究三维水力裂缝与天然裂缝之间的相互干扰, 分析了天然裂缝空间倾角对剪切破坏的影响。Kizaki^[15]研究表明 SC-CO₂ 压裂易于形成复杂三维裂缝, 但没有对裂缝进行量化研究。美国能源局(DOE)于 2015—2018 年开展 Wolfcamp 页岩储层现场水力压裂试验(HFTS)^[100-101], 发现人工裂缝扩展高度有限、支撑剂分布极为不均匀且破碎严重和裂缝复杂且裂缝面形态多样化等现象, 认为目前研究完全低估了水力裂缝的复杂程度。相对于常规水力压裂, SC-CO₂ 压裂裂缝的复杂程度更高, 其中 3D 裂缝特征的定量评价是开展研究的基础。

SC-CO₂ 的高扩散性导致裂缝扩展以滤失耗散为主, 其诱导主裂缝扩展距离短, 裂缝宽度小。同时, SC-CO₂ 高扩散性导致孔压影响范围大, 容易激活主裂缝周围的天然裂缝发生剪切破坏, 可以弥补主裂缝扩展距离短的缺点。针对目前非常规储层的开发难点, 结合 SC-CO₂ 压裂裂缝扩展的已有认识, 今后应加强

含天然裂缝、分层储层及应力等非均质条件下的 SC-CO₂ 诱导 3D 裂缝扩展研究, 对裂缝特征进行重构和定量评价, 采用扩展有限元、离散元等数值模拟方法量化分析多场耦合影响规律, 实现研究尺度的升级。

5 结论

本文综述了目前室内 SC-CO₂ 压裂实验方法、裂缝起裂扩展特征与机理以及存在的问题, 并给出相关建议。本文着重从 SC-CO₂ 与储层岩石的“热(T)—流(H)—力(M)—化(C)”耦合作用分析 SC-CO₂ 诱导裂缝破坏机理, 主要体现在诱导应力和弱化断裂性质两方面。诱导应力方面包括: SC-CO₂ 诱导孔压和热应力(HTM 耦合)降低有效应力及诱发剪切破坏, 促进 I 型和 I-II 混合型裂缝扩展; SC-CO₂ 相变(HTM 耦合)以冲击载荷和热应力的形式促进裂缝的动态扩展。弱化断裂性质方面包括: 零表面张力作用(HM 耦合)降低微裂缝扩展的缝内净压力, 易于在主裂缝周围形成分支裂缝; SC-CO₂ 吸附(CM 耦合)降低裂缝扩展的临界应力, 减低裂缝形成所需的能量, 形成更多的裂缝面积。SC-CO₂ 低黏度和高扩散性, 导致其与储层岩石之间 HTC-M 耦合作用强烈, 这是 SC-CO₂ 压裂形成多裂缝的主要原因。

目前, 关于 SC-CO₂ 压裂机理研究, 首先要解决压裂模拟的动态起裂问题, 增大裂缝扩展时间和空间尺度, 确保裂缝扩展的有效性。然后, 开展 SC-CO₂ 三维裂缝扩展实验模拟, 对三维裂缝特征进行重构和定量评价。基于实验研究, 加强理论模型和数值模拟研究, 采用扩展有限元、离散元等数值模拟方法量化分析多场耦合影响, 刻画裂缝的温度场和压力场分布, 掌握 CO₂ 相态分布规律, 实现研究尺度的升级。

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