Feasibility study of CO₂ sequestration by high quality foam at the late development stage of high water-cut reservoirs

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ABSTRACT

In order to store CO₂ efficiently and safely, the innovative approach of storing CO₂ in the water cut reservoirs entering the later stage of heavy oil development through high quality foam was proposed. Due to the high apparent viscosity of foam, the heterogeneity of reservoir was regulated, the CO₂ mobility was controlled, and the CO₂ storage efficiency was increased. In this paper, the influence of foam quality and reservoir permeability on CO₂ storage efficiency and oil recovery was researched through sandpack model experiment. In addition, in order to truly simulate the water-cut reservoir, the three-dimensional model was designed. The variation laws of gas saturation, mobility reduction coefficient, and CO₂ storage water consumption with the foam quality were summarized. The experimental results indicated that when the foam quality was 85%, the gas saturation of the water-cut reservoir was the highest, reached 75.36%, reflecting the high CO₂ storage efficiency and the mobility control ability. Moreover, the water consumption for CO₂ storage also dropped to the lowest, reached 43.88 g·mol⁻¹, representing the high quality foam has good CO₂ storage ability.

Keywords: Carbon Utilization, Carbon Storage, High quality foam, water-cut reservoir, oil recovery

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Abbreviations

3D	Three-dimensional		
AOS	Sodium alpha-olefin Sulfonate		
PV	Pore volume		
MRC	Mobility reduction coefficient		
Symbols			
q_1	Liquid flow, mL·min ⁻¹		
$f_{ m g}$	Quality of foam, %		
$q_{ m g}$	Gas flow, mL·min ⁻¹		
qs	Foaming agent flow, mL·min ⁻¹		
$q_{ m f}$	Foam flow, mL·min ⁻¹		
Sg	Gas saturation, %		
Wi	Initial weight of the model after		
	saturation with oil, g		
W _f	Weight of the model after CO ₂ foam		
	flooding, g		
$ ho_{ m oil}$	Density of oil sample, g·cm⁻³		
$ ho_{ m CO2}$	Density of CO₂, g⋅cm ⁻³		
Vp	Pore volume of the model, cm ³		
ΔP	Pressure gradient of model, MPa·m⁻¹		
$\Delta p_{ m f}$	Pressure difference of model during		
	CO₂ foam flooding, MPa		
L	The length of the sandpack model, m		
М	Mobility of foam, 1×10 ⁻³ µm ² ·(mPa·s) ⁻¹		
k	Permeability of the model, 1×10 ⁻³ µm ²		
$\mu_{ ext{app}}$	Apparent viscosity of foam, mPa·s		
r	Radius of the sandpack model, m		
A	Cross sectional area, mm ²		

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1. INTRODUCTION

CO₂ geological sequestration is a very promising method. Comparing the capacity of different formation types, high water-cut reservoirs in the later stage of heavy oil development has obvious advantages. Although storing CO₂ in high water-cut reservoir is safe, directly injected CO₂ cannot effectively utilize underground space, resulting in very low CO₂ storage efficiency^[1-3]. Due to the low viscosity and high fluidity of CO_2 , the injected CO_2 migrated along the top of the formation under gravity, resulting in very low sweep efficiency. Since the middle of the 20th century, foam has been used in oil and gas development as a clean, environmentally friendly and efficient displacement fluid^[4-6]. Foam has a strong plugging effect on the high permeability channel, while it has a good sweep effect on the low permeability channel. Foam has high apparent viscosity, reducing the flow of gas in the formation. Therefore, foam has the potential to promote CO₂ storage^[7].

The CO₂ foam was generated when CO₂ mixed with surfactant, and the flow of CO₂ was control by CO₂ foam. CO₂ foam has many advantages, such as effectively reducing CO₂ mobility by more than 50%, promoting the CO₂ sweep in low-permeability reservoirs, delaying the time node of gas channeling, and achieving the effect of improving oil recovery and CO₂ storage capacity^[8]. Heller^[9] found that the CO₂ flow was controlled by foam through a series of experiments. Raza^[10] illustrated that surfactant solution were CO_2 and injected simultaneously to generate and stabilize foam, so as to reduce the fluidity of CO₂. Kovscek^[11] based on the characteristics that foam can turn fluid in heterogeneous formations, through a series of experiments, concluded that foam can effectively reduce the flow capacity of gas in high permeability formation, and make the gas in high permeability formations turn to areas that were not affected in low permeability formations.

There were many factors influencing foam seepage in the formation^[12-14]. In order to explore the influence of foam on gas flow and CO₂ storage. In this paper, sandpack model experiments and 3D simulation reservoir model experiments were designed. The variation laws of gas saturation, CO₂ mobility, CO₂ mobility reduction coefficient and CO₂ storage water consumption under different quality foam were researched. The innovative method of high quality foam for CO₂ storage in high water cut reservoirs at the later stage of heavy oil development was obtained.

2. EXPERIMENT MATERIAL AND APPARATUS

2.1 Material

The oil sample with a density of 0.937 g/cm³ and a viscosity of 646 mPa·s at 50°C was used in the experiments. The CO₂ with a purity >99.99% was used to generate foam. The AOS selected as the foaming agent with a purity > 99.8%. The concentration of foaming agent used in the experiments was 0.1 wt%, 0.3 wt% and 0.5 wt%, respectively, to form CO₂ foam with different quality. The experimental water was self-made deionized water with a resistivity of 18.25 MΩ·cm. The material used to make the high permeability sandpack model was 80-100 mesh quartz, and to make the low permeability sandpack model was 160-200 mesh quartz.

2.2 Apparatus

The experimental procedures were shown in Fig.1 and Fig.2. The experimental apparatus mainly included 100DX ISCO high-precision pump (with accuracy of 0.003 mL, and with pressure resistance of 2 MPa), pressure gauge (with pressure resistance of 10 MPa), SLA5850S gas flowmeter (with accuracy of 0.01 mL·min⁻¹, and with flow resistance of 50 mL·min⁻¹), container (with volume of 3 L, with temperature resistance of 50 MPa, and with temperature resistance of 120 °C), foam generator, balance, measuring cylinder, and beaker.

The size of the sandpack model was Φ 1.5 cm × 60



Fig. 1. Diagram of sandpack model experiment(1-ISCO pump; 2-Six port valve; 3-Oil; 4-Foaming agent; 5-CO₂; 6-Foam generator; 7-Sandpack model; 8-Incubator; 9-Back pressure valve; 10-Balance; 11-Wild mouth bottle; 12-Measuring cylinder)

cm. The left side of the model was the injection end, and the right side was the production end. The 3D simulation reservoir model was a stainless steel cube with a size of 400 mm \times 400 mm \times 150 mm. Injection well was distributed at the center of the model, with displacement fluid injected from the bottom of the model. Production

wells were distributed at the corner, and fluid were produced from the top of the model.



Fig. 2 Diagram of 3D simulation model
Fig. 2 Diagram of 3D simulation reservoir model experiment (1-ISCO pump; 2-Six port valve; 3-Water; 4-Oil; 5-CO₂; 6-Foaming agent; 7-Check valve; 8-Foam generator; 9-Injection well; 10-Production well; 11-Incubator; 12-3D model; 13-Gas liquid separator; 14-Gas flowmeter; 15-CO₂ metering; 16-Beaker; 17-Steel bolts; 18-The upper steel plate; 19-Gasket; 20-Simulation of the reservoir; 21-The lower steel plate)

2.3 Experimental procedure

2.3.1 Sandpack model experiment

(1) In the preparations of the sandpack model, firstly, 80 mesh quartz sand and 100 mesh quartz sand were mixed in a volume ratio of 3:1, and the mixed sand was filled into the model cavity to make the high permeability model. 160 mesh quartz sand and 200 mesh quartz sand were prepared to make the low permeability model according to the same steps. After the air tightness test, the sealed model was connected with the vacuum pump to maintain the vacuuming for 24 h. After that, the water was injected into the model at a rate of 0.5 mL·min⁻¹, and the porosity and permeability of sandpack model were measured. Then, oil saturation was carried out by injecting oil into the model at a rate of 0.2 mL·min⁻¹. When the model outlet produces oil stably for 10 min, the oil saturation was completed.

(2) The concentration of foaming agent was set as 0.3 wt%. CO_2 foam with quality of 50%, 65% and 80% was

prepared by injecting CO_2 and foaming agent with injection concentration ratio of 1:1, 2:1, 4:1 into the foam generator.

(3) The CO₂ foam flooding with different foam quality was conducted in the sandpack model. The experiment temperature was set at 65 °C, and the CO₂ foam injection rate was 2 mL·min⁻¹. The oil recovery and the volume of CO₂ storage was recorded in the process of displacement. When the water saturation of produced liquid reached 98%, the experiment was finished.

(4) The quality of foam and permeability of sandpack model were changed, respectively. The CO_2 foam flooding experiments were conducted according to repeat steps (1) to (3).

2.3.2 simulated reservoir model experiment

(1) The preparation process of the 3D simulation reservoir model was consistent with step (1) recorded in section 2.3.1. Injected oil into 3D simulation reservoir model at an injection rate of 20 mL·min⁻¹. The oil was injected from the injection well, and the saturation oil process was completed when the production well produced uniform oil flow.

(2) In order to simulate the high water-cut reservoir in the later stage of heavy oil displacement, after saturated oil, water flooding was first carried out. When the water saturation of produced fluid reached 89%, it was deemed that the model had entered the later stage of development with high water-cut, and the CO_2 foam flooding was conducted.

(3) In the process of CO_2 foam flooding, the CO_2 foam with different quality was injected into the 3D simulation reservoir model at an injection rate of 18 mL·min⁻¹. When the water saturation in the production fluid of the four production wells exceeded 98%, the experiment was stopped.

(3) The gas saturation of produced liquid, apparent viscosity of produced oil, water consumption for CO_2 storage, and mobility reduction coefficient in the process of CO_2 foam flooding were recorded, respectively. Then, the quality of CO_2 foam was changed and repeated steps (1) - (3).

3. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

3.1 Effect of different foam quality and sandpack model permeability on CO₂ storage efficiency

The oil displacement experiment parameters of sandpack model under different foam quality were reflected in Table 1.

The sandpack model experiments with different permeability were conducted. The permeability

(a. Parameters of sandpack model)						
NO.	Porosity	Porosity / (%)		ability / (1×10 ⁻³ µm²)		
1	25.81		418.33			
2	25.99		525.75			
3	26.12		648.61			
4	39.69		978.89			
5	40.0	40.05		1154.76		
6	39.5	54	865.74			
(b. Injection parameters of CO ₂ foam)						
	Foam	CO ₂ in	jection	Foaming agent		
NO.	Foam quality /	CO ₂ in ra	jection te /	Foaming agent injection rate /		
NO.	Foam quality / (%)	CO₂ in ra (mL∙	jection te / min ⁻¹)	Foaming agent injection rate / (mL·min ⁻¹)		
NO. 1	Foam quality / (%) 50	CO ₂ in ra (mL· 1.	jection te / min ⁻¹) .00	Foaming agent injection rate / (mL·min ⁻¹) 1.00		
NO. 1 2	Foam quality / (%) 50 65	CO2 in ra (mL· 1. 1.	jection te / min ⁻¹) 00 50	Foaming agent injection rate / (mL·min ⁻¹) 1.00 0.75		
NO. 1 2 3	Foam quality / (%) 50 65 80	CO ₂ in ra (mL· 1. 1.	jection te / min ⁻¹) 00 50 60	Foaming agent injection rate / (mL·min ⁻¹) 1.00 0.75 0.40		
NO. 1 2 3 4	Foam quality / (%) 50 65 80 50	CO2 in ra (mL· 1. 1. 1. 1.	jection te / min ⁻¹) 00 50 60 00	Foaming agent injection rate / (mL·min ⁻¹) 1.00 0.75 0.40 1.00		
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Table. 1 Parameters of sandpack model experiments (a. Parameters of sandpack model)

modified from 418.33 × 10⁻³ μ m² to 1154.76 × 10⁻³ μ m², which covering both high permeability and low permeability. The quality of foam was changed from 50% to 80%. Foam quality was defined as the ratio of gas flow rate to the foam flow rate under certain pressure and temperature, as shown in equation (1). The high quality foam was generally defined as foam quality \geq 80%^[15]. The foam quality was calculated according to the injection rate of CO₂ and foaming agent, as exhibited in Table 1.

$$f_{\rm g} = \frac{q_{\rm g}}{q_{\rm g} + q_{\rm s}} \times 100\% = \frac{q_{\rm g}}{q_{\rm f}} \times 100\%$$
(1)

3.1.1 Influence of foam quality on CO₂ storage

The CO_2 storage efficiency was measured by calculating the average gas saturation in the sandpack model during CO_2 foam flooding. The calculation formula for the average gas saturation was shown in equation (2).

$$S_{\rm g} = \frac{W_{\rm i} - W_{\rm f}}{(\rho_{oil} - \rho_{\rm co2})V_{\rm p}} \times 100\%$$
(2)

The curve of gas saturation of sandpack model under different foam quality was declared in Fig.3.

The variation of gas saturation in the sandpack model under different foam quality was generally the same. With the injection of CO_2 foam, the curve of gas saturation first rise sharply, then slowed down, and finally reached a stable level. As demonstrated in the Fig.3, with the increase of foam quality, the time node

for the sharp rise of gas saturation was advanced, and the efficiency of CO_2 storage increased. When the quality of foam reached 80%, the gas saturation of the sandpack model was the highest, reaching 81.86%. However, the time node for the sharp rise of gas saturation was no longer significantly advanced. This phenomenon indicated that with the increase of the foam quality, the CO_2 content in the foam was increased. The flow capacity of gas in the sandpack model was stronger than that of liquid, leading to the time node of the sharp rise of gas saturation advanced^[16].

In conclusion, when the foam quality was 80%, the



Fig. 3 Curve of gas saturation with PV injections in CO₂ foam flooding experiment under different foam quality

gas saturation in the sandpack model increased rapidly and reaches the maximum, the CO_2 storage efficiency was maximized, and the CO_2 was swept rapidly in the sandpack model. Therefore, the foam quality of 80% was regarded as the optimal foam quality for CO_2 storage.

In order to study the mechanism of gas saturation increased by CO_2 foam, the pressure gradient curve with foam quality in CO_2 foam flooding experiment under different PV injections was studied, as shown in Fig.4. The calculation method for pressure gradient was the pressure difference between the injection end and production end of the sandpack model divided by the length of the sandpack model, as reflected in equation (3):

$$\Delta P = \frac{\Delta p_{\rm f}}{L} \tag{3}$$

As clarified in Fig.4, with the foam quality increased from 50% to 80%, the pressure gradient was 2.63MPa·m⁻¹, 2.87 MPa·m⁻¹, and 3.26 MPa·m⁻¹, respectively. The flow resistance was influenced by foam quality. Specifically, with the increase of foam quality, the stability of foam increased, and the liquid discharge rate decreased, leading to the apparent viscosity of foam increased with

the increase of foam quality. When the injection volume of CO_2 foam increased from 0 PV to 3 PV, the pressure gradient of sandpack model increased slowly under different foam quality. When the injection volume of CO_2 foam increased from 3 PV to 11 PV, the pressure gradient of sandpack model increased rapidly, with a significant trend. When the injection volume of CO_2 foam increased from 11 PV to 15 PV, the pressure gradient of sandpack model remained stable. When the foam quality was 80%, the pressure gradient reached the maximum value, which was 3.26 MPa·m⁻¹.

In the process of CO_2 foam flowed in the sandpack





model, the flow state of foam was different due to the different quality of foam, resulting in different plugging effect in channel with high permeability and low permeability. The plugging ability of high quality foam was very conducive to the storage of CO₂ in deep water cut reservoirs.

<u>3.1.2 Influence of sandpack model permeability on CO₂</u> storage and oil recovery

The research in section 3.1.1 manifested that the CO₂ storage capacity in the water cur reservoir was effectively improved. In addition to the foam quality, permeability of sandpack model was also an extremely important factor affecting the CO₂ storage capacity. The pore structure of the formation reflected by permeability, which can not only have a significant impact on the generation and aggregation of foam, but also affect the number and size of foam. When the permeability was too low, the large capillary force was generated, reducing the stability of foam. When the permeability was too high, the pore throat of formation was too large, reducing the plugging effect of foam. Therefore, selecting appropriate formation an

permeability was important for improving CO₂ storage efficiency.

Oil recovery was an important indicator to reflect the improvement of oil displacement, and the gas saturation of sandpack model was the most intuitive indicator to measure CO_2 storage efficiency^[17]. The curve of gas saturation during CO_2 foam flooding under different sandpack model permeability was shown in Fig.5.



Fig. 5 Curve of pressure gradient with foam quality in CO₂ foam flooding experiment under different PV injections

As demonstrated in Fig.5, as the permeability increased, the gas saturation first increased and then decreased. In addition, with the increase of permeability, the improvement effect of high quality foam on gas saturation gradually increased, indicating that the high permeability channel was plugged by CO₂ foam. When the permeability was $865.74 \times 10^{-3} \mu m^2$ and the foam quality was 80%, the gas saturation increased to the maximum value, reaching 83.74%. When the permeability increased from 418.33×10⁻³ µm² to 865.74×10⁻³ μ m², the permeability was low and the capillary force was large, causing the CO₂ foam to be in an unstable state, and the plugging effect of CO₂ foam was greatly weakened. As the permeability of the sandpack model increased, the CO₂ foam gradually stabilized, the mobility control ability increased, and the gas saturation increased. When the sandpack permeability increased from 865.74×10⁻³ µm² to 1154.76×10⁻³ μ m², the capillary force decreased, the seepage resistance of CO₂ foam decreased, and the plugging effect of CO₂ foam decreased, leading to the decrease of gas saturation, which eventually reduced to 61.41%.

Comparing the gas saturation of sandpack model under different permeability, it was found that they all exceeded 60%, which fully proved that in high water cut reservoirs with medium and high permeability, the CO₂ was effectively stored by high quality foam, and the carbon neutrality was achieved.

The oil recovery under the influence of permeability was shown in Fig.6.



The Fig.6 demonstrated that when the permeability was 865.74×10⁻³ μ m², the oil recovery was the highest, reaching 83.94%. At the same time, the mobility control ability of CO₂ foam under this permeability was good, the swept volume of foam was high, and more residual oil was produced.

3.2 Study on real seepage process of CO₂ foam in 3D simulation reservoir model

In order to simulate real deep water cut reservoir, a 3D simulation reservoir model was developed. To explore the storage efficiency of CO₂ in oil reservoirs, in addition to quantifying changes in gas saturation, other parameter should also be researched. Among them, the mobility reduction coefficient reflected the mobility control ability of foam in the formation^[19]. The water consumption for CO₂ storage reflected the water cost in the process of CO₂ storage^[20]. Therefore, the study of gas saturation, mobility reduction coefficient, apparent viscosity and water consumption in the reservoir was of great significance for researching the CO₂ storage capacity improved by high quality foam.

3.2.1 Research on gas saturation change of high quality foam in 3D model

According to the result in Section 3.1, high quality CO₂ foam was more conducive to obtaining high gas saturation. Therefore, in the process of CO₂ foam flooding in 3D simulation reservoir model, foam with quality of 80% was selected for displacement. The gas saturation and oil recovery were shown in Fig.7.



simulated reservoir model experiment

In the experiment, the water flooding was first conducted. When the volume of injection fluid reached 4 PV, the CO₂ foam flooding was conducted. Fig.7 manifested that the plugging effect of CO₂ foam was good and the sweep range of foam was large. The oil recovery reached 79.68%, and the gas saturation was maintained at 76.76%, indicating a good CO₂ storage efficiency.

3.2.2 Research on mobility reduction coefficient during high quality foam flooding in 3D model

The mobility calculation was shown in equation (4):

$$M = \frac{k}{\mu_{\text{app}}} = \frac{(q_{\text{g}} + q_{\text{l}})L}{\Delta p_{\text{f}} \pi r^2}$$
(4)

The change of foam mobility with fluid injection amount under different foam quality was exhibited in Fig.8.



The mobility of foam presented a three-stage change of slow decline, rapid decline, and then slow decline. When the foam injection volume increased from 0 PV to

5 PV, the mobility of fluid decreased slightly, foam was constantly flowing into the model, and the plugging effect of foam was increased. When the foam injection volume increased from 5 PV to 10 PV, the mobility of fluid significantly decreased and gradually reached a stable state, and foam produced a good plugging effect in the model. When the foam injection volume increased from 10 PV to 16 PV, the mobility and the sweep range of fluid reached a stable state. The flow control effect was the best when the foam quality was 80%, and the fluid mobility decreased to $0.12 \times 10^{-3} \,\mu m^2 \cdot (mPa \cdot s)^{-1}$. The appropriate capillary force and apparent viscosity in the pores were formed, resulting in the plugging effect and stability of foam was optimal.

During the calculation of mobility reduction coefficient, this factor was defined as the ratio of pressure difference between injection end and production end of 3D model, as shown in equation (5).

$$MRC = \frac{\Delta p_{\rm f}}{\Delta p_{\rm w}} = \frac{\frac{q_{\rm f} \mu_{\rm app} L}{kA}}{\frac{q_{\rm l} \mu_{\rm w} L}{kA}} = \frac{\mu_{\rm app}}{\mu_{\rm w}}$$
(5)

The variation of mobility reduction coefficient with fluid injection volume under different foam quality was displayed in Fig.9.



The mobility reduction coefficient indicated the ability of foam flooding to generate resistance in the model. It was used to calculate the apparent viscosity of foam^[21]. The apparent viscosity of foam affected by many factors, such as surfactant concentration, salinity, foam quality, pressure, temperature, shear rate and shear stress.

The apparent viscosity of CO_2 foam increased with the increase of model permeability. Moreover, the

mobility difference under different model permeability decreased, basically in the same order of magnitude. This phenomenon was advantage to control the CO_2 mobility, improving CO_2 storage effect. With the foam quality increased from 50% to 80%, the mobility reduction coefficients were 35.95, 38.28 and 40.87 respectively. <u>3.2.3 Research on foam apparent viscosity during high</u> quality foam flooding in 3D model

The formula for calculating foam apparent viscosity was shown in equation (6).

$$\mu_{\rm app} = \mu_{\rm w} MRC = \frac{\Delta p_{\rm f} Ak}{q_{\rm f} L} \tag{6}$$

Fig.10 illustrated the change curve of apparent viscosity of CO_2 foam with foam quality under different injected volume, and its trend was the same as the curve trend of mobility reduction coefficient.



under different PV injection conditions

When the injection volume increased from 1 PV to 11 PV, the apparent viscosity of foam with different quality increased rapidly and changed significantly. The foam was gradually swept in the model, and the plugging effect was reflected. When the injection volume increased from 11 PV to 15 PV, the apparent viscosity of foam remained stable. The maximum foam apparent viscosity reached 42.66 mPa·s. The apparent viscosity of foam increased as the quality of foam increased from 50% to 80%, indicating that foam has good mobility control ability, and has the ability to generate flow resistance in reservoir, which was benefit to CO_2 storage. <u>3.2.4 Research on water consumption of CO_2 storage by high quality foam in 3D model</u>

The curve of gas saturation and water consumption for CO_2 storage during foam flooding with different quality was shown in Fig.11. The water consumption was defined as the amount of water required to store 1 mol of CO₂. The water consumption for CO₂ storage was calculated with the maximum gas saturation, and does not include the water in the surfactant solution during displacement, because the water in the surfactant can still generate foam with CO₂ in the later stage.



Fig. 11 Curve of water consumption for CO₂ storage and gas saturation of with foam quality

As the foam quality increased from 50% to 80%, the water consumption for CO_2 storage decreased to 229.41 g·mol⁻¹, 128.02 g·mol⁻¹ and 78.08 g·mol⁻¹, respectively. With the foam quality increased, the proportion of CO2 in foam increased while the content of surfactant in foam continuously decreased, effectively reducing the water consumption for CO_2 storage. When the quality of foam was 80%, the gas saturation reached the peak, and the water consumption for CO_2 storage was at a low level. Therefore, 80% was determined as the best foam quality range. Under the action of high quality foam, the CO_2 storage was significantly reduced, while achieving economic and environmental benefits.

4. CONCLUSIONS

(1) The result of sandpack model declared that the stability of high quality foam was strong, which was benefit to spreading in the formation. Under the action of high quality foam, the gas saturation increased to 81.86%, the pressure gradient reached to $3.26 \text{ MPa} \cdot \text{m}^{-1}$, Indicating the plugging ability of high quality foam was benefit to the storage of CO₂ in deep water cut reservoir. Additionally, the gas saturation under middle and high permeability sandpack model experiments were exceed 60%, which proved that the CO₂ was effectively stored in the water cut reservoir with middle and high permeability by the high quality foam.

(2) In the 3D simulation reservoir model experiment, as the fluid injection volume increased, the

curve of gas saturation, mobility reduction coefficient, and apparent viscosity were reflected a slow upward process. When the quality of foam was 80%, the oil recovery increased to 79.68%, the gas saturation was maintained at 76.76%, the mobility reduction coefficient of fluid increased to 40.87, the apparent viscosity increased to 42.66 mPa·s. The experiment result represented that compared with pure CO₂ flooding, CO₂ foam flooding with high foam quality has good mobility control ability, which was conducive to CO₂ storage.

(3) With the increase of foam quality, the proportion of CO_2 in foam gradually increased, while the proportion of surfactant decreased, effectively reducing the water consumption for CO_2 storage. When the quality of foam was 80%, the gas saturation reached the peak, and the water consumption for CO_2 storage was at a low level, reaching 78.08 g·mol⁻¹, achieving economic and environmental benefits.

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