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# Spontaneous inhibition phenomena of corrosion in CCUS system and their mechanisms

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# 1. Research Group Laboratory



- **Laboratory for Low Carbon Energy Equipment and Materials Protection** dedicated to equipment material failure and protection **in the field of low carbon energy production and utilization.**
- Our researches aim at improving the safety and economics of low-carbon energy equipment and process.
- Our lab is mainly involved in the areas of **Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage (CCUS), Enhanced Oil Recovery, Gas Turbines, and Hydrogen Utilization.**



CO<sub>2</sub> capture device in CCUS



Hydrogen enriched natural gas transportation



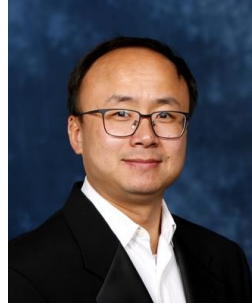
Downhole tubing corrosion failure

# 1. Research Group

## Team Members



We have three professors,  
three associate professors  
and one lecturer.



**Yong Xiang**

Professor/Doctoral Supervisor  
CCUS, Material Protection



**Wei Yan**

Researcher/Doctoral  
Supervisor  
Wellbore Integrity



**Jiangyun Wang**

Researcher/Doctoral Supervisor  
Multiphase flow and erosive  
corrosion



**Erdong Yao**

Associate Researcher  
Oilfield Chemistry and  
Applications



**Zitao Jiang**

Associate Professor  
Cathodic Protection  
NACE CP4



**Yanfang Fan**

Associate Professor/Master  
Supervisor  
CO<sub>2</sub> capture technologies



**Zehui Zhao**

Lecturer/Doctor  
Biomimetic Nano-coating  
Materials



# 1. Research Group Curriculum Vitae of Director



## Yong Xiang China University of Petroleum, Beijing

- **Ocean Engineering Research Institute**, Vice President
- College of Mechanical and Transportation Engineering, Professor/Doctoral Supervisor
- **Ohio University**, Institute of Corrosion and Multiphase Flow Technology, Postdoctoral Fellow, Co-Supervisor: Srdjan Nestic.
- **Tsinghua University**, Power Engineering and Engineering Thermophysics, Ph.D.
- **Tsinghua University**, Thermal and Power Engineering, B.S.



Yong Xiang is mainly engaged in the research of carbon capture and sequestration technology, corrosion and protection of oil and gas equipment, and high temperature failure of power plant equipment materials. He is in charge of the surface/youth projects of National Natural Science Foundation of China, the surface project of Beijing Natural Science Foundation, the project of Open Fund for State Key Laboratory, and a number of enterprise projects, and participates in the sub-projects of the National Key Research and Development Program of China. He has published more than 50 academic papers, including more than 30 SCI papers and more than 500 citations.

# 1. Research Group Experimental Equipment



High-temperature and high-pressure autoclave



Gas distribution system



Potentiostat



Glass Reactor



High Temperature Thermal Cycling Test Furnace



High temperature tube furnace



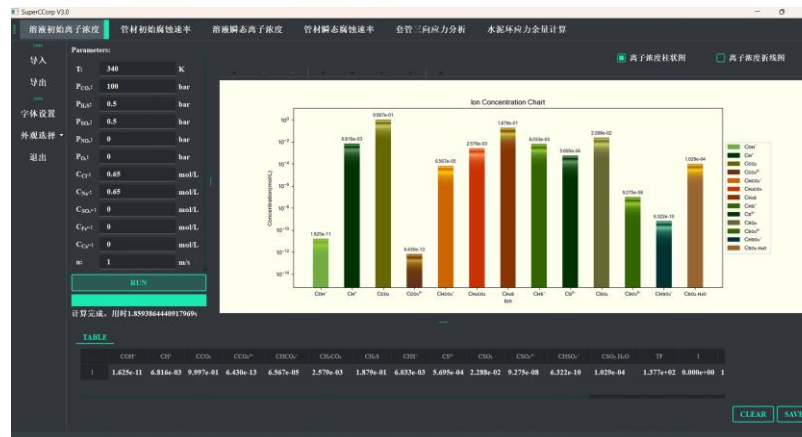
Sterilizer



Constant temperature mold incubator

# 1. Research Group Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Corrosion Prediction Software

- Currently, **SuperCCorp** software has been applied to **thirteen units** in Changqing, Daqing, Jilin, Zhongyuan and Yanchang oilfields.
- The appraisal opinion of the Chinese Society of Corrosion and Protection (Prof. Xiaogang Li, Chairman of the Board of Directors, and Prof. Yu Zuo, an expert in materials protection, were members of the appraisal committee)
- ✓ The team established a mechanistic supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> corrosion rate prediction model, **which has reached the international leading level.**
- ✓ The team's scientific achievements have created an overall economic benefit of **32.357 million RMB.**
- In this field, we successfully applied for one national and one Beijing Municipal surface funding and successfully published several academic papers



## Evaluation Opinions

**综合评价意见**

2020年10月17日,中国腐蚀与防护学会在北京主持召开由低渗透油气田勘探开发国家工程实验室、长庆油田分公司油气工艺研究院、中国石油天然气集团公司材料研究所、北京科技大学、中国石油大学(北京)、华中科技大学等单位研发的“姬塬油田CO<sub>2</sub>驱注采井管材料腐蚀防控技术研究与应用”成果评价会。专家委员会听取了研究成果汇报,结合查新报告、应用证明等相关材料,通过质询答辩,形成以下评价意见:

1. 提供的材料齐全、规范,数据翔实可靠,符合评价要求。
2. 首次系统揭示了含酸性气体杂质超临界CO<sub>2</sub>环境“管材-环境-应力”等多因素耦合腐蚀机理和失效机制,并提出了管材的腐蚀速率机理预测模型,明确了引起油管断裂的环境因素及其特征,建立了超临界CO<sub>2</sub>油管腐蚀断裂的研究方法和评价技术;研发了CO<sub>2</sub>注入超临界环境腐蚀评价和综合防护技术,为解决CO<sub>2</sub>驱采的腐蚀难题提供了坚实的基础。
3. 首次将内、外W-Ni键层油管成功应用于CO<sub>2</sub>驱采超临界井筒环境,在超临界CO<sub>2</sub>、高矿化度、复杂载荷苛刻环境下发挥良好的耐腐蚀性能,大幅度降低现场作业次数。
4. 首次提出了超临界相蚀阻剂的概念,研发了针对CO<sub>2</sub>驱采高矿化度酸性腐蚀环境的新型蚀阻剂及一体化防腐阻垢剂,形成了“涂覆防腐阻垢管-一体化防腐阻垢剂”并筒防腐阻垢技术,有效控制了结垢、堵塞及垢下腐蚀导致的管材腐蚀损伤及失效难题。
5. 该成果支撑了冀3区CO<sub>2</sub>驱“9注37采”国家级先导试验示范基地的建设,现场试验73井次,采出并筒管柱服役765天后未发生腐蚀、结垢现象,工程实施效果良好,经济和社会效益显著。

该成果为姬塬油田先导试验区CO<sub>2</sub>驱注采井筒防腐防护的主体技术,具有明显创新性和广阔的应用前景。

评价委员会一致同意通过“姬塬油田CO<sub>2</sub>驱注采井管材料腐蚀防控技术研究与应用”成果评价,认为该成果整体达到国际先进水平,其中超临界CO<sub>2</sub>环境腐蚀速率机理预测模型和一体化防腐阻垢技术达到国际领先。

专家委员会主任委员(签字): 陆皓

专家委员会副主任委员(签字): 王瑞平

2020年10月17日

科技成果评价意见不具有行政效能,依据评价意见做出的决策行为,其结果由行为决策者承担。

## Application Proof

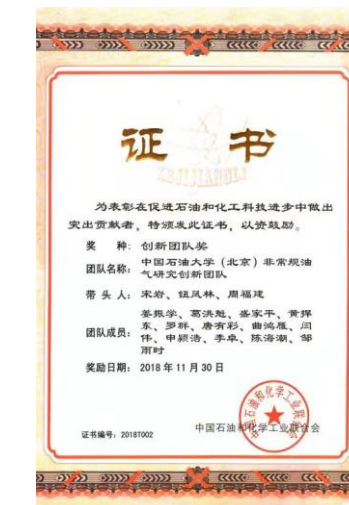
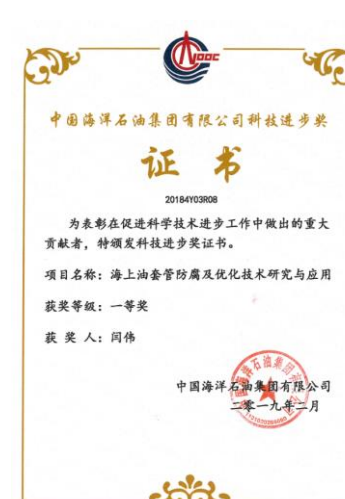
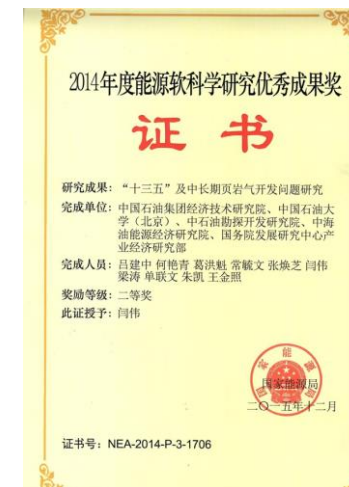
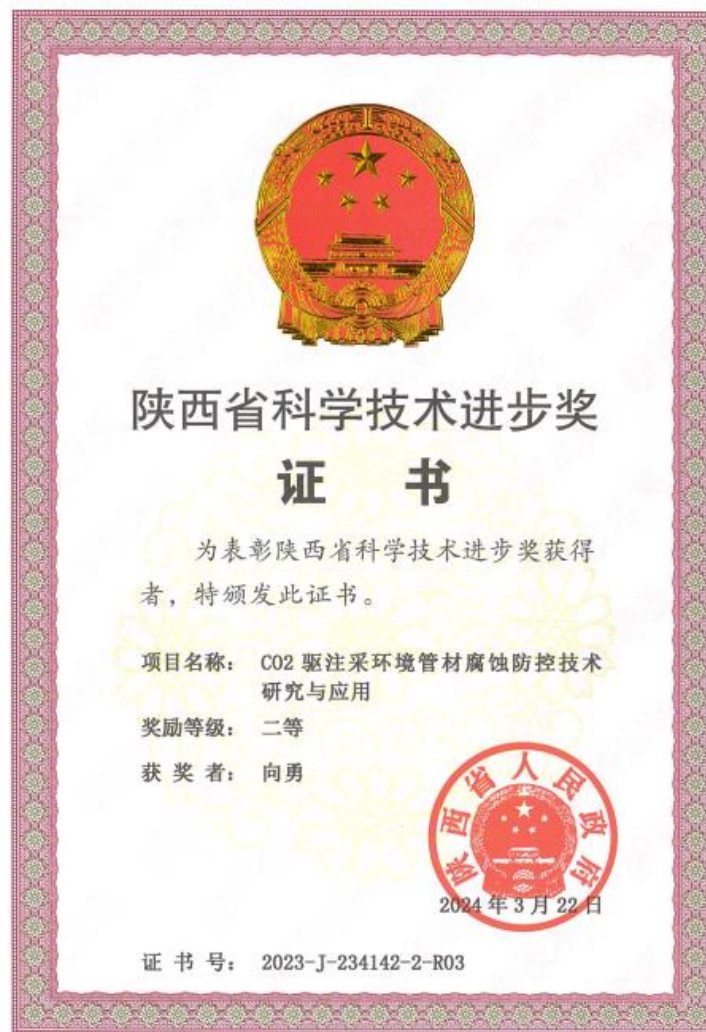
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应用单位	中国石化中原石油分公司石油工程技术研究院
应用成果起止时间	2024年1月—2024年4月
单位地址及邮编	河南省濮阳市中原路408号, 457001
联系人及电话	薛永新 13839328128
<p>整体技术的应用范围、数量、生产、应用、推广等效果情况以及产生的社会效益:</p> <p>针对CO<sub>2</sub>封存井筒区域出现的含杂超临界CO<sub>2</sub>腐蚀问题以及井筒区域的稳定性问题,中国石化中原石油分公司石油工程技术研究院团队自主研发了超临界CO<sub>2</sub>封存井筒完整性预测软件,在现场获得应用,并显示出较高的预测精度。</p> <p>CO<sub>2</sub>封存系统是一个多介质耦合的富水相体系,在这个体系中套管、水泥环和近井岩层所处的腐蚀环境十分恶劣,套管与水泥环的失效会对CO<sub>2</sub>封存井筒完整性造成严重影响,进一步影响CO<sub>2</sub>封存的安全性。因此,对套管以及水泥环的寿命进行预测并及时预防可能的失效就变得至关重要。该团队在自己开发的被中国腐蚀与防护学会鉴定为达到国际先进水平的富CO<sub>2</sub>相腐蚀预测模型基础上,结合自身在这一领域多年的研究积累,建立了符合现场工况的多介质耦合富水相腐蚀预测模型。该模型引入了超临界状态下CO<sub>2</sub>溶解度模型、电化学腐蚀模型、腐蚀产物生长模型、套管力学失效判断模型、水泥环寿命衰减及应力余量模型等。该模型除了考虑温度、CO<sub>2</sub>分压的影响,还同时考虑了SO<sub>2</sub>、O<sub>2</sub>、H<sub>2</sub>S、NO<sub>x</sub>等多种杂质气体的耦合影响。该模型可以计算套管在不同服役期下的瞬时腐蚀速率以及水泥环和套管的寿命,计算结果与现场实际情况基本吻合。该团队使用Python语言对该模型进行了代码实现,并开发出了直观易用的软件界面,该软件具有国际首创性,被命名为SuperCCorp。</p> <p>该成果于2024年1月至今在现场进行了应用。该成果对于CO<sub>2</sub>封存井筒设计、保障近井筒区域完整性以防止CO<sub>2</sub>泄漏具有重要意义,社会和经济效益显著。该成果将为国内外CO<sub>2</sub>封存的安全性提供有力保障,应用前景广阔。</p>	
应用单位(公章)	



# 1. Research Group

## Science and Technology Awards

- Won the second prize of Shaanxi Provincial Scientific and Technological Progress in 2023.
- Accumulated 6 provincial and ministerial level awards.







# 1. Research Group

## More Than 30 SCI Articles and 500 Citations

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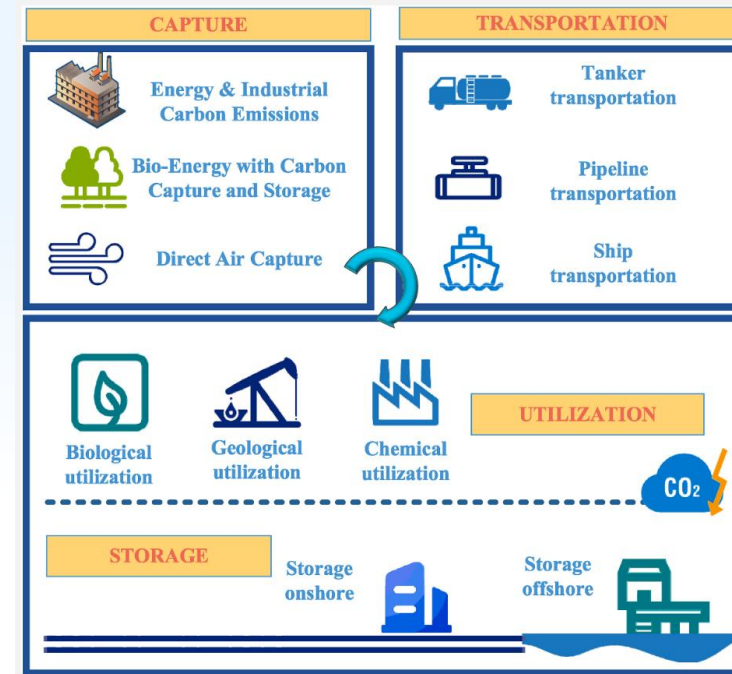
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## 2. Research Background

### CCUS Background



China CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline facility



CCUS Process (Zhou, et al. Energy 310 (2024) 133225)

- By 2050, more than 85% of China's fossil energy power generations will use CCUS owing to the carbon peaking and carbon neutrality goals (Dual Carbon Goals). There will be thousands of million-ton CCUS projects.
- CCUS technology currently faces two major challenges: **high energy consumption for capture** and **uncertainty of storage safety**.



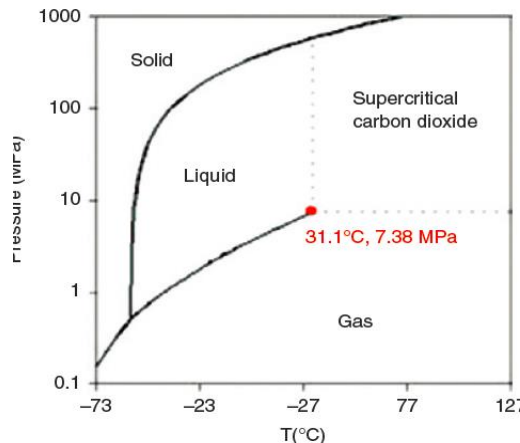
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## CCUS Corrosion Characteristics



### CCUS corrosion characteristics:

- Wide range of equipment and materials
- Highly corrosive media
- Multiple phase environments
- **Variety of carbon source impurities**
- Complex cathode and anode reaction mechanisms
- Complex and variable composition of product films
- **Lack of corrosion protection experience**



CO<sub>2</sub> phase diagram

(Wei et al. Corrosion Review 2015 33(3-4): 151-174)

Impurity gas content of CO<sub>2</sub> captured by technologies (Oosterkamp and Ramse n, POLYTEC, 2008)

Component	Oxyfuel combustion capture	pre-combustion capture	post-combustion capture
CO <sub>2</sub>	>90 v%	>95.6 v%	>99 v%
C2+	--	<0.01 v%	<100 ppmv
N <sub>2</sub>	<7 v%	<0.6 v%	<0.17 v%
CH <sub>4</sub>	--	<350 ppmv	<100 ppmv
CO	Trace	<0.4 v%	<10 ppmv
H <sub>2</sub> S	Trace	<3.4 v%	Trace
NO <sub>x</sub>	<0.25 v%	--	<50 ppmv
SO <sub>x</sub>	<2.5 v%	--	<10 ppmv
O <sub>2</sub>	<3 v%	Trace	<0.01 v%
H <sub>2</sub>	Trace	<3 v%	Trace
Ar	<5 v%	0.05 v%	Trace

Supercritical conditions for several substances

Solvent	Critical T (K)	Critical P (MPa)	Critical density (g/cm <sup>-3</sup> )
CO <sub>2</sub>	304.3	7.4	0.486
NH <sub>3</sub>	405.5	11.2	3.0~ 8.0
H <sub>2</sub> O	667	22.1	0.322
SO <sub>2</sub>	157.5	7.9	0.525
HCF <sub>3</sub>	299.3	4.8	0.525
CH <sub>3</sub> CN	547.7	4.8	0.237

# 2. Research Background

## Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Technologies



### Comparison of Advantages Disadvantages and Cost of Different CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Technologies

(Xiang et.al. Petroleum Geology and Recovery Efficiency, 2022, 29(4): 1-17. In Chinese)

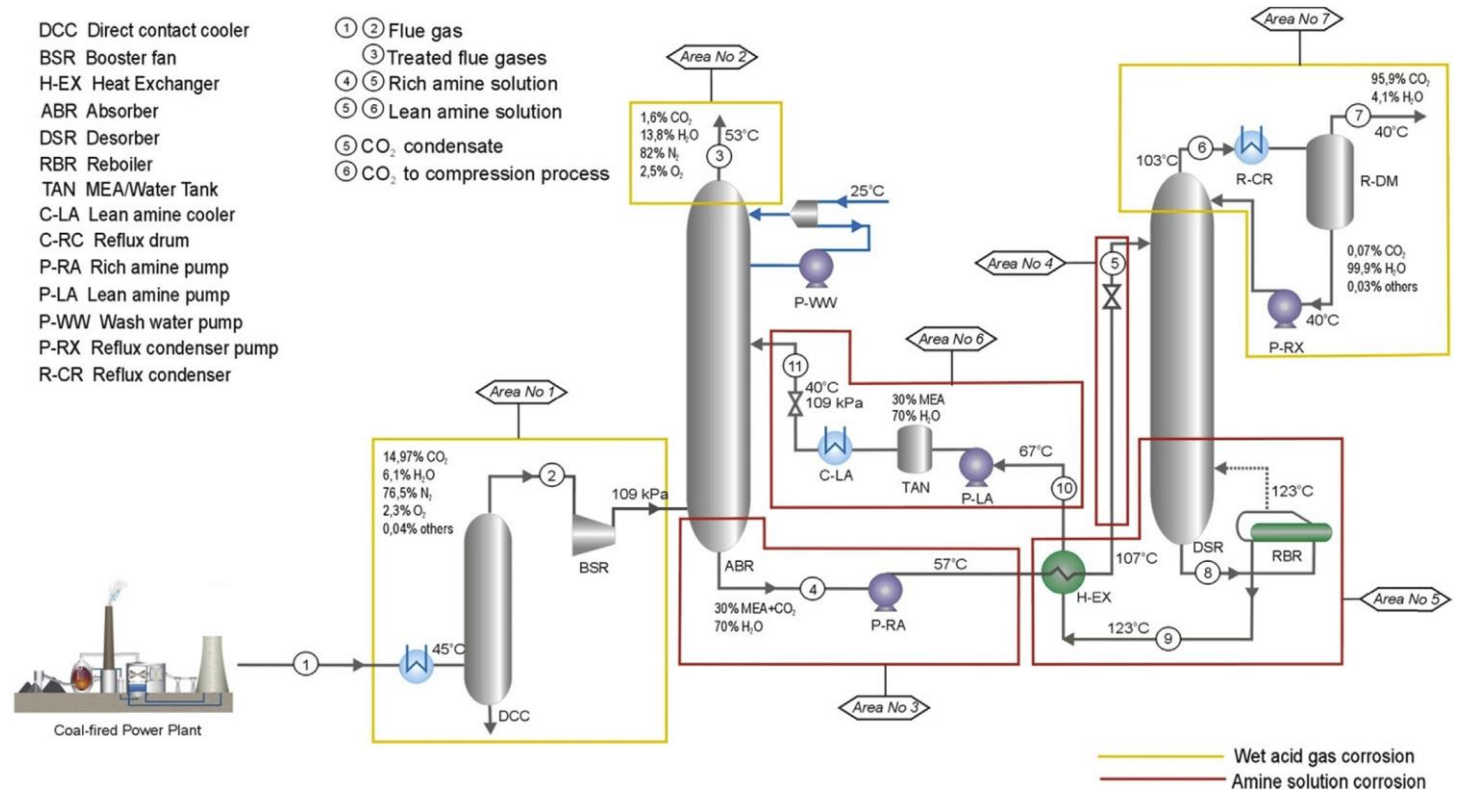
Capture Technology	Advantages	Disadvantages	Application Areas	Capture Cost
<b>Chemical Absorption</b>	Mature technology, simple process modifications	High energy consumption, severe corrosion, loss of absorbent, high operational cost	CO <sub>2</sub> compression, such as in flue gas from power plants	<b>Amine absorption: 150-400 RMB/ton</b>
<b>Physical Absorption</b>	High absorption capacity, low energy consumption, non-corrosive equipment	CO <sub>2</sub> removal efficiency not high	CO <sub>2</sub> compression, such as in coal chemical industry, ammonia production	<b>Low-temperature methanol wash: 100 RMB/ton</b>
<b>Adsorption Separation</b>	Simple process, low energy consumption, high product purity	Frequent adsorbent regeneration, automation challenges, requires large adsorbent quantities	Suitable for industrial gases with CO <sub>2</sub> concentrations of 20-80%, such as in ammonia synthesis gas	<b>200-400 RMB/ton</b>
<b>Membrane Separation</b>	Low energy consumption, small equipment size, easy operation and maintenance	Membrane material prone to contamination, difficult to clean, high requirements for temperature and corrosion resistance	Mainly used in natural gas treatment	<b>500 RMB/ton (Guangdong Huayin Fenghai)</b>
<b>Low-temperature Distillation</b>	Produces high purity, liquid CO <sub>2</sub>	Equipment is bulky, high energy consumption, separation efficiency varies	Suitable for high-concentration CO <sub>2</sub> recovery, such as in oil fields	<b>284 RMB/ton</b>
<b>Pre-combustion Capture</b>	High pollutant removal efficiency, low oxygen content	High operational cost, long construction period, low system reliability	IGCC (Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle)	<b>239 RMB/ton</b>
<b>Oxy-fuel Combustion Capture</b>	Low flue gas loss, high boiler efficiency, can retrofit existing boiler units	Energy loss due to oxygen and CO <sub>2</sub> compression, affects power plant efficiency	Currently in pilot testing	<b>780-900 RMB/ton</b>
<b>Chemical Looping Combustion</b>	High fuel conversion efficiency, low by-product generation of nitrogen compounds	Technology still in research, lacks experience in large-scale operation	Currently in chemical looping combustion reactor testing phase	/
<b>Hydrate Separation</b>	Simple equipment, easy operation, low capital investment	Technology still in research, lacks experience in large-scale operation	Applied in low-concentration CO <sub>2</sub> separation, potential for natural gas dehydration	/

## 2. Research Background

## Amine Capture System



- Organic amine capture technology is **the most mature CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology**;
- Widely used in the field of natural gas purification. Also used in post-combustion capture of coal-fired power plants;
- Organic amines will suffer thermal, chemical & **oxidative degradation**. **They will volatilize into the CO<sub>2</sub> stream.**



**Organic amine CO<sub>2</sub> capture system**

(Krzemien, et al. Journal of Loss Prevention in the Process Industries 43 (2016) 189-197)



## 2. Research Background

### Energy Consumption of CO<sub>2</sub> Capture



Costs of composite organic amines for capturing flue gas from a coal-fired boiler with a CO<sub>2</sub> concentration of 10% (Shasha Wang, Cost analysis of existing CO<sub>2</sub> capture technologies, 2023, (02): 62-64. In Chinese)

No.	Name	Unit	Utility Unit Price (RMB)	Consumption Amount (per ton of CO <sub>2</sub> product)			Operating Cost (RMB per ton of product)
				Pre-treatment	Absorption/Desorption	Compression and Liquefaction	
1	Electricity	kW·h	0.5	50	36	130	108
2	Circulating Cooling Water	m <sup>3</sup>	0.3	30	120	20	51
3	3-bar Steam	t	130	0	1.3	0	169
	Total						328

- Among the carbon sources of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, they can be categorized into high concentration carbon sources (above 80%); medium concentration carbon sources (20% and 80%); and **low concentration carbon sources (below 20%)**.
- High- and medium-concentration carbon sources, such as ammonia decarbonization gas and coal hydrogen tail gas, account for only a small portion; the vast majority are low-concentration carbon sources, **mainly flue gas**.

## 2. Research Background Corrosion of Capture System

- The CO<sub>2</sub> capture process causes severe corrosion from **acid gases** and **chloride ions**. Protection measures includes the use of **corrosion-resistant alloys, inhibitors and coatings**.
- NACE statistics show that 98% of **amine stress corrosion cracking** (ASCCs) are related to **improper post-weld heat treatment**.

Corrosion monitoring at the Technology Center Mongstad (TCM) .Results of corrosion of various materials during CO<sub>2</sub> absorption in aqueous MEA (Flø, et al , International Journal of Greenhouse Gas Control 84 (2019) 91–110.)

materials	level	Type of test
Stainless steel (with weld)	316 L SS	Uniform and pitting corrosion
Stainless steels	316 L SS	stress corrosion cracking
Duplex steel	22Cr Duplex Stainless Steel	stress corrosion cracking
Super duplex steel	25Cr Duplex Stainless Steel	Uniform and pitting corrosion
Carbon steel	235 CS	Uniform corrosion
HNBR	—	degradation
EPDM-AL	—	degradation
EPDM-XH	—	degradation



**Pitting corrosion of 30408 stainless steel in a domestic organic amine capture system**

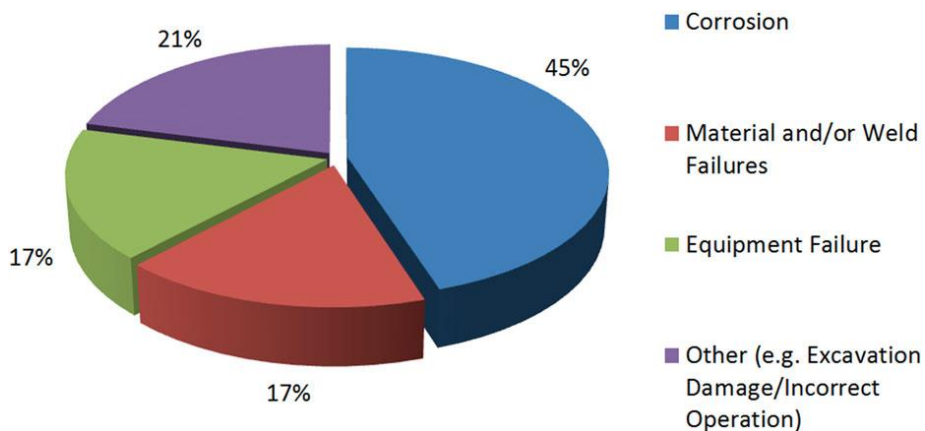
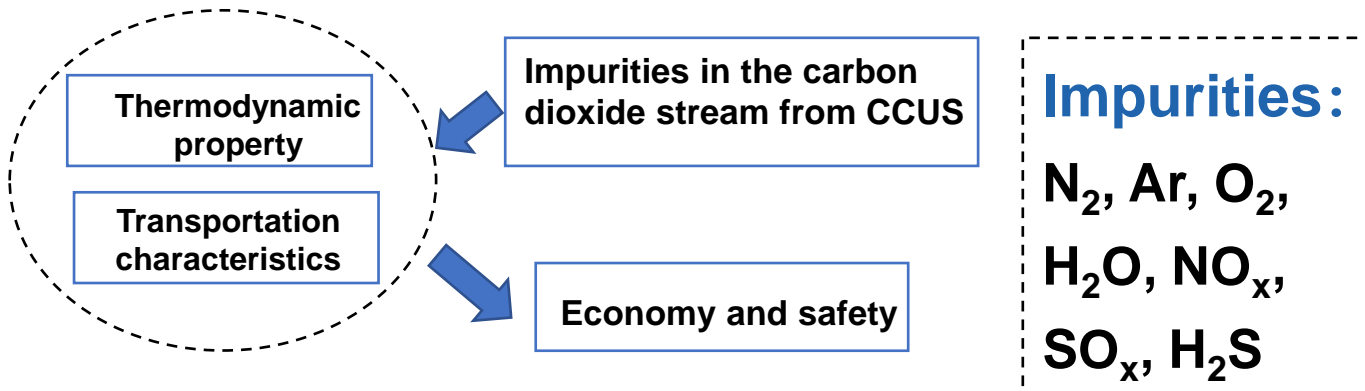


**Corrosion cracking of impeller of poor amine solution transfer pump in CO<sub>2</sub> capture system**

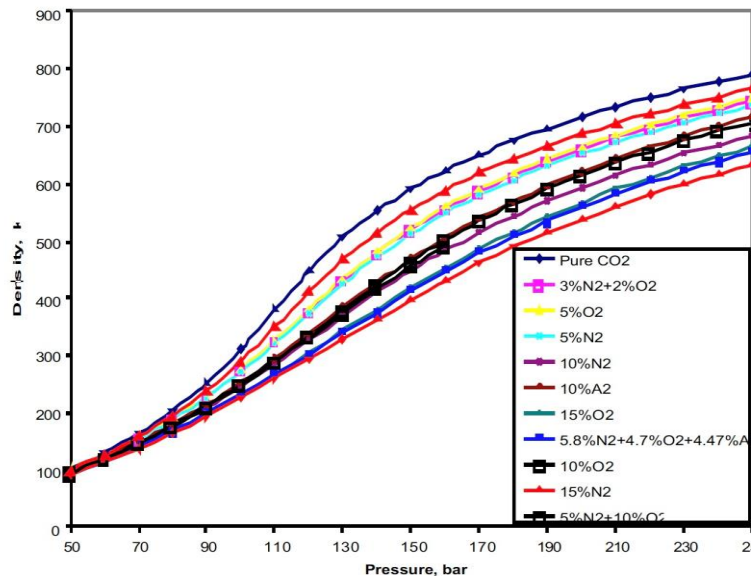
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## Transportation System

- Based on the failure causes of 29 reported accidents that occurred in U.S CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline from 1986 to 2008, it can be seen that corrosion is the main causative factor for CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline accidents (45%).



**Failure modes of CO<sub>2</sub> piping systems in the United States** (Johnson, et al. 'Mapping of potential HSE issues related to large-scale capture, transport and storage of CO<sub>2</sub> (Det Norsk Veritas, Horvik. Norway)', 2008.)



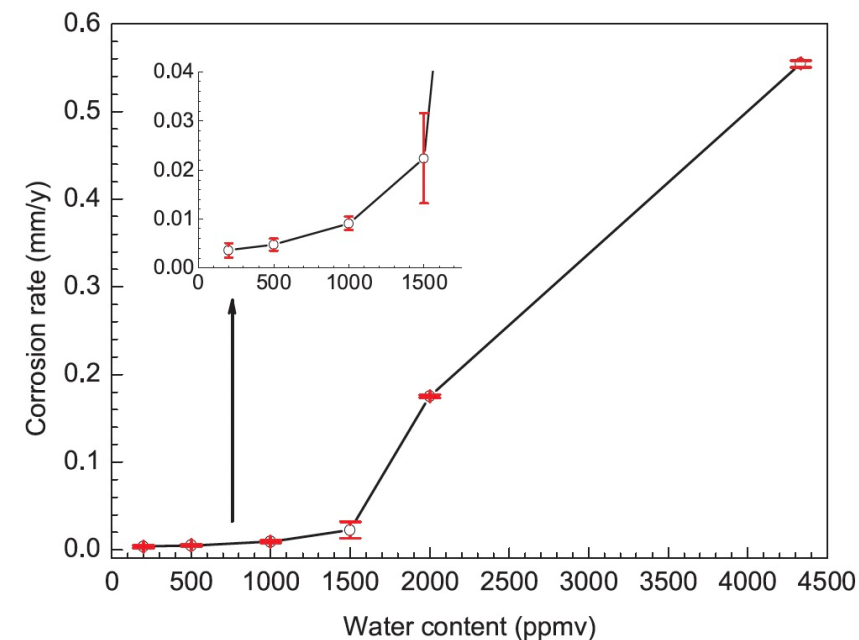
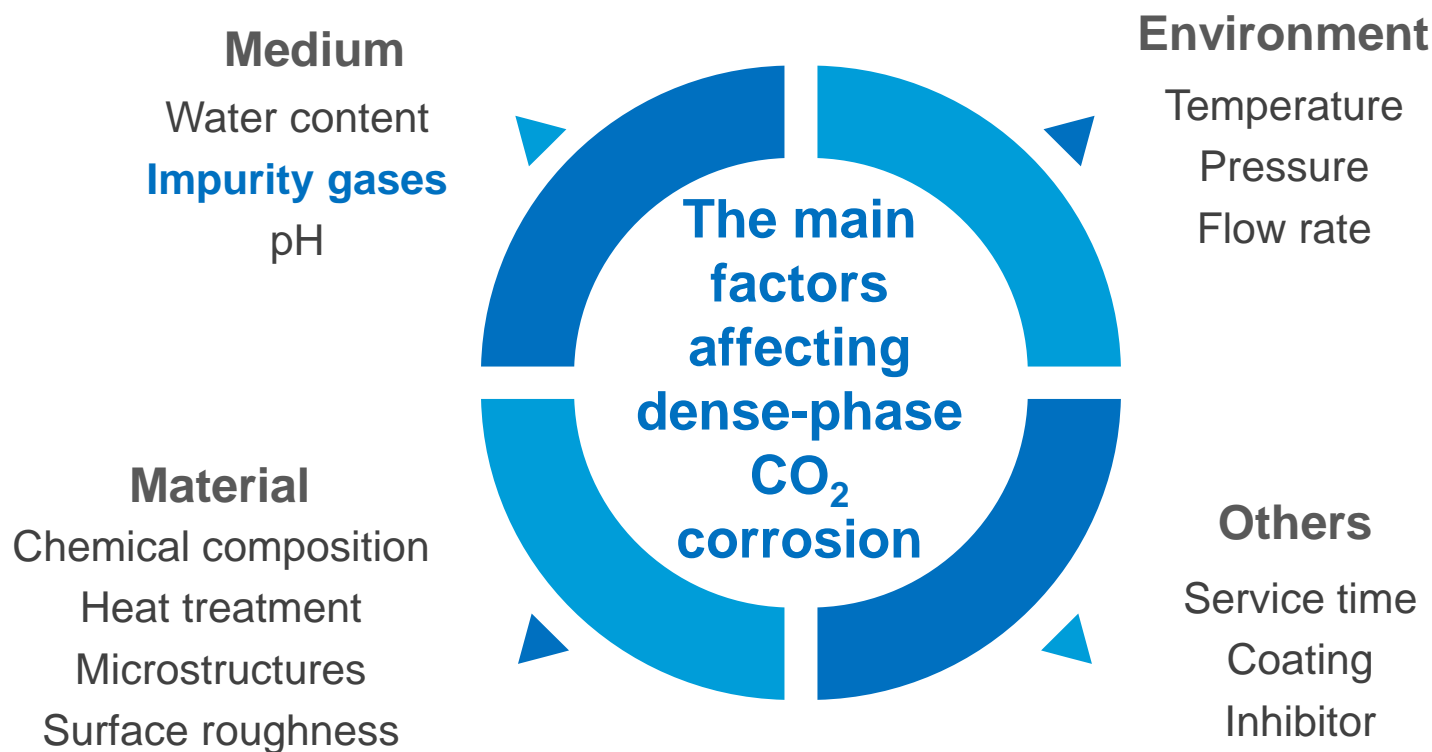
Impurities can affect the physical properties of CO<sub>2</sub> mixtures, which may have a significant effect on the **corrosion and hydrate formation.**

**Effect of impurities on the density of CO<sub>2</sub> mixtures** (Wang, et al. Energy Procedia 4 (2011) 3071-3078)



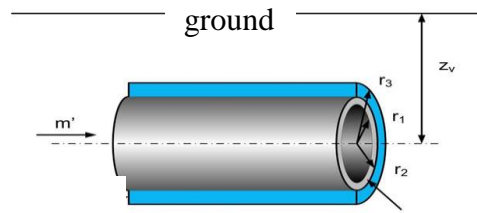
## 2. Research Background Transportation System

- Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> may be converted to liquid CO<sub>2</sub> during pipeline transportation, collectively referred to as **dense-phase CO<sub>2</sub>**. Corrosion of dense-phase CO<sub>2</sub> during transportation is affected by a variety of factors.



**Critical Relative Humidity in SC-CO<sub>2</sub> system**  
 (Sun C, et al. Corrosion Science 137 (2018) 151–162)

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Pressure drop calculation

Relative humidity along the pipeline

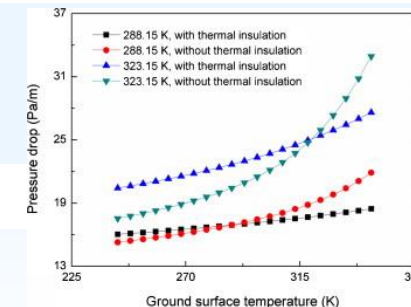
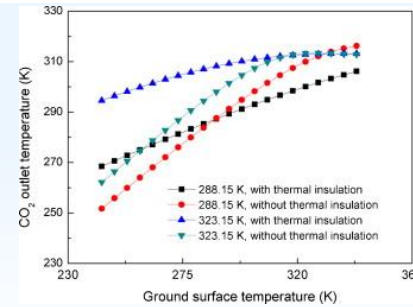
Schematic diagram of CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline heat transfer model



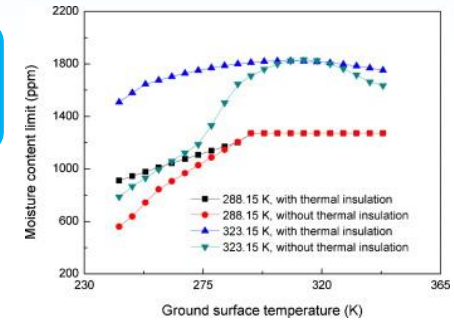
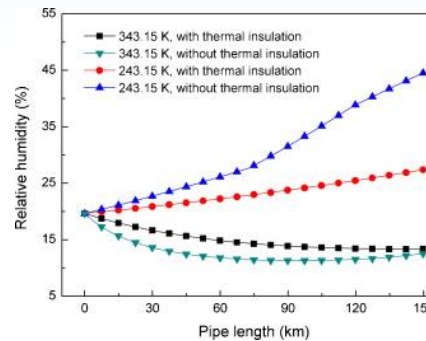
Mathematical model

$$U_c = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{h_c} + \frac{r_1}{k_p} \ln\left(\frac{r_2}{r_1}\right) + \frac{r_1}{k_{in}} \ln\left(\frac{r_3}{r_2}\right) + \frac{r_1}{k_{soil}} \ln\left(\frac{2z_v}{r_3}\right)}$$

Mathematical expression of total heat transfer coefficient



Moisture content limit



- A thermodynamic model of the upper limit of the moisture content of pipeline CO<sub>2</sub> under extreme conditions was developed, and the prediction results were **in good agreement with the results of European DYNAMIS project**.

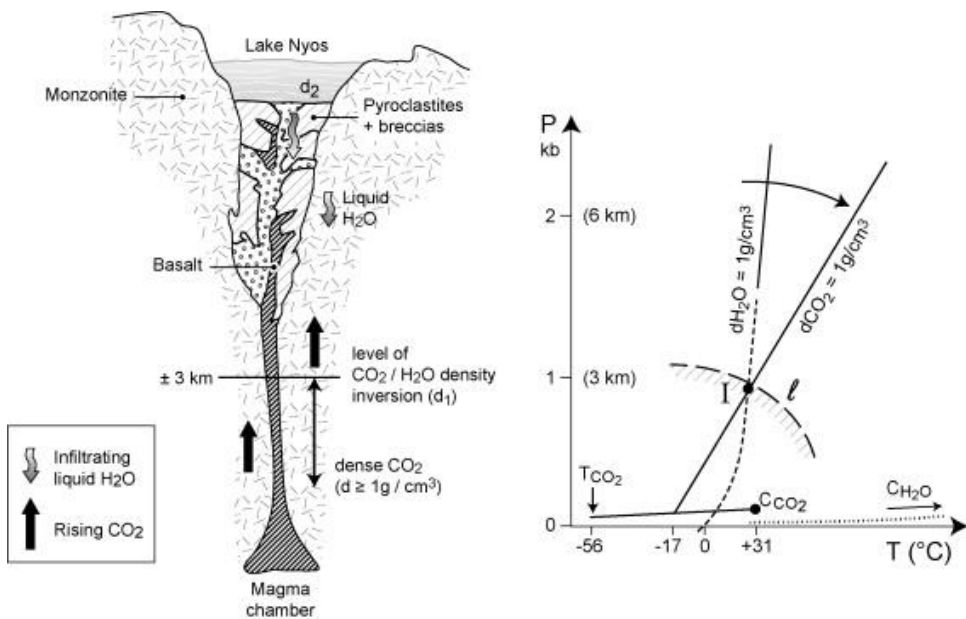
### Corrosion Protection Measures in CO<sub>2</sub> Transportation Pipelines

- Moisture content has a huge impact on the corrosion process, and **dehydration** can effectively reduce the corrosion rate.
- **Use of stainless steel** for piping reduces the corrosion rate of the pipeline.

## 2. Research Background Storage System

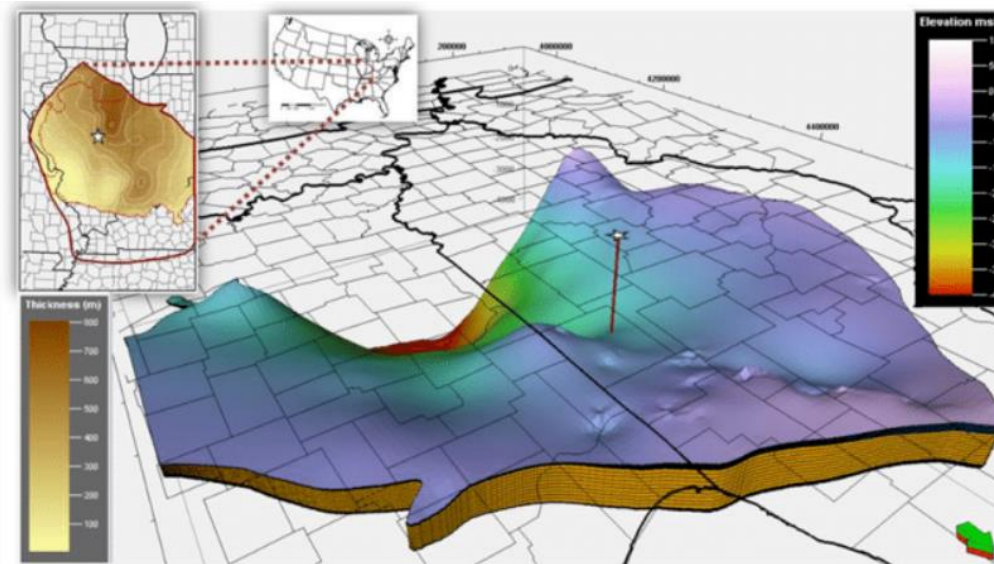
- In 1986, massive natural CO<sub>2</sub> erupted from the bottom of Lake Nyos in Cameroon, which spread to the surrounding low-lying areas in a short period of time, resulting in a serious accident in which around **1,700 people died**.

ADM's first major underground carbon sequestration facility in Illinois in the United States has experienced two leaks from a **corroded monitoring well** in March and July 2024. To date approximately **8,000 tons of liquid CO<sub>2</sub>** and other fluids have flowed into uncontrolled areas. It is the **world's first CO<sub>2</sub> leakage** of CCS or CCUS projects!



**Lake Nyos Volcanic System**

(Jacques, et al. Was the lethal eruption of Lake Nyos related to a double CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O density inversion. 342(2010) 19–26)



**Illinois basin**



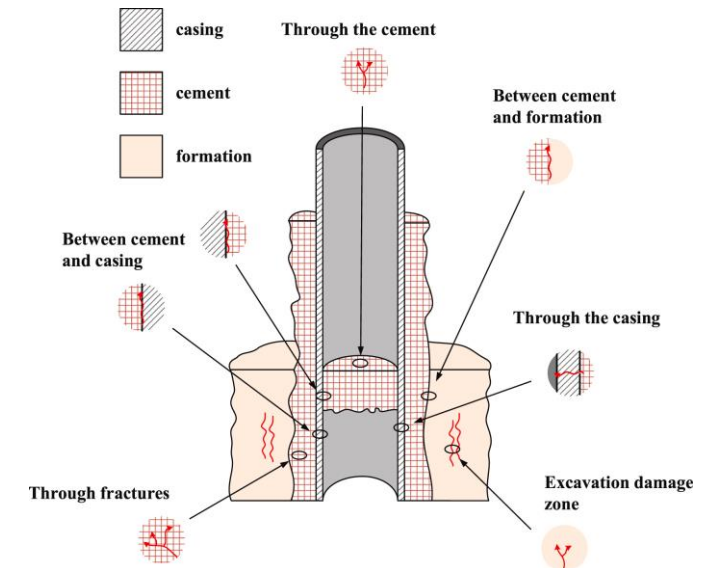
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CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR well corrosion



Scaling on the inner wall of production wells



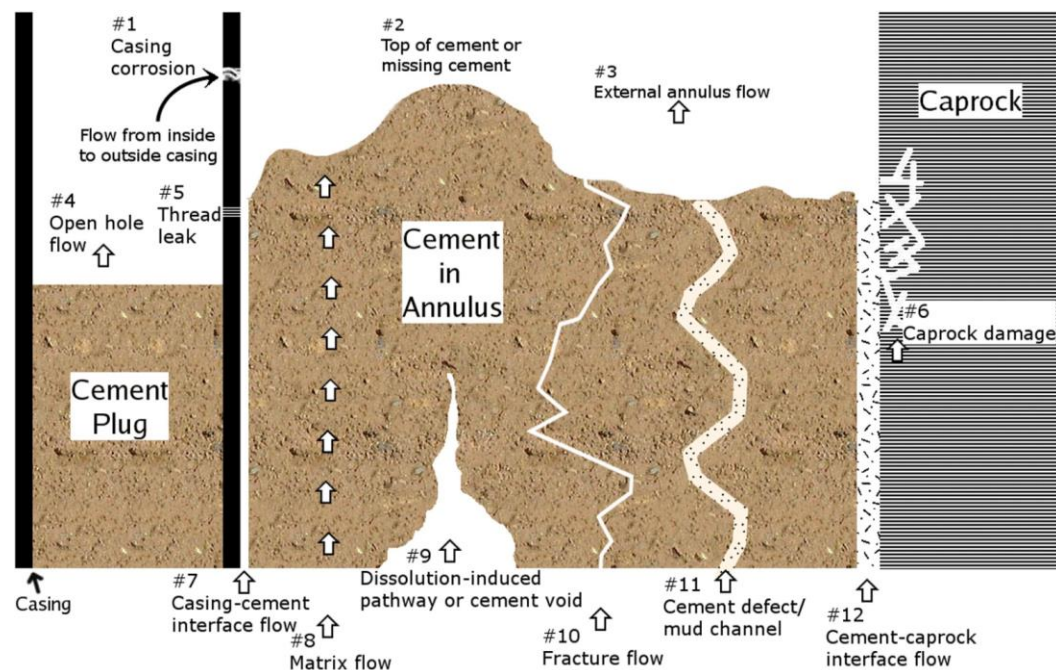
Potential leakage pathways in wellbore system

(Reinicke, et al. In: Sino-German Conference on Underground Storage of CO<sub>2</sub> and Energy, Beijing, China (2010) 6-13)

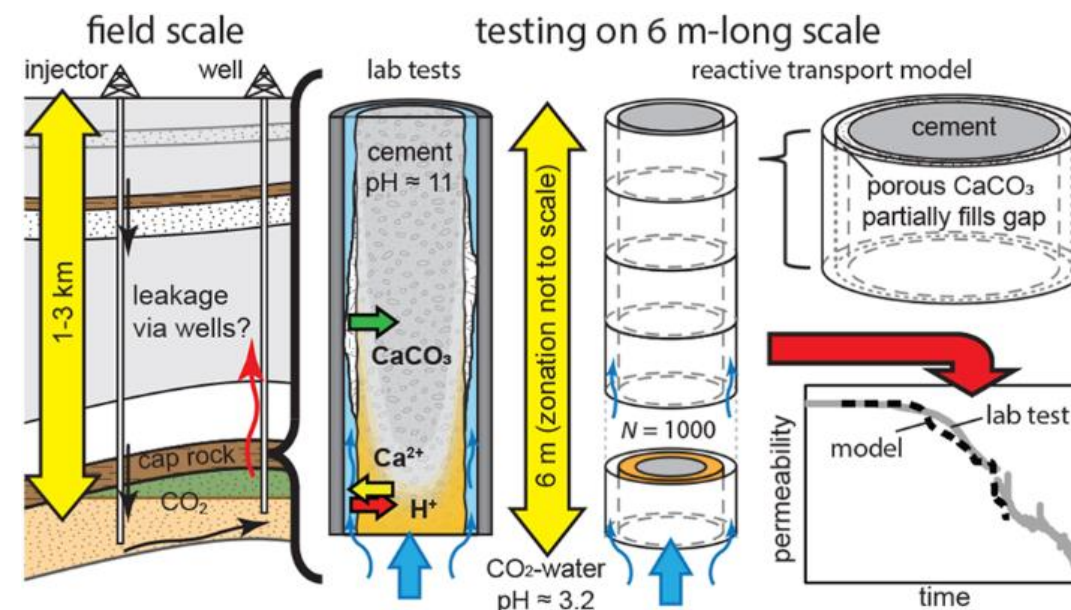
- The CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR process and storage system may contain corrosive gases such as O<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>S, which can cause **more serious damage** to the pipe column such as perforation and fracture.
- The main types of corrosion: **pitting, stress corrosion, microbial corrosion, galvanic corrosion and crevice corrosion, etc.**
- Producing wells under high mineralization conditions have serious **scaling problems** inducing under-deposit corrosion.

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- Long-term, safe CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration is the goal of CCUS, so maintaining well integrity throughout the **entire life of the project (1000 year?)** is a key issue in ensuring the safety of CCUS.
- Failure of wellbore area integrity due to corrosion and degradation of materials under long-cycle containment and **CO<sub>2</sub> leakage from the wellbore area are issues of concern.**



**Schematic diagram of CO<sub>2</sub> leakage path in the well region**  
(Carroll, et al. Int. J. Greenh. Gas Con. 49 (2016) 149–160)



**Casing-cement interface defects undergo self-closing/opening behavior in the presence of CO<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>O**  
(Timotheus, et al. Environ. Sci. Technol. 52(2018) 3786–3795)

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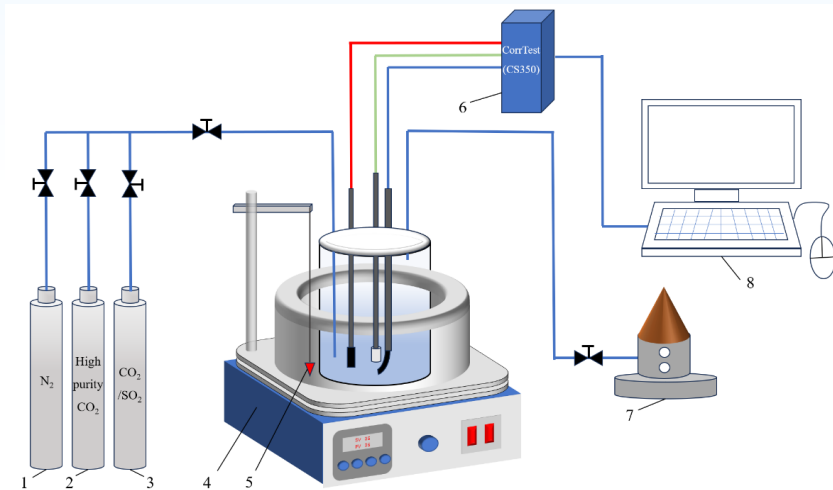


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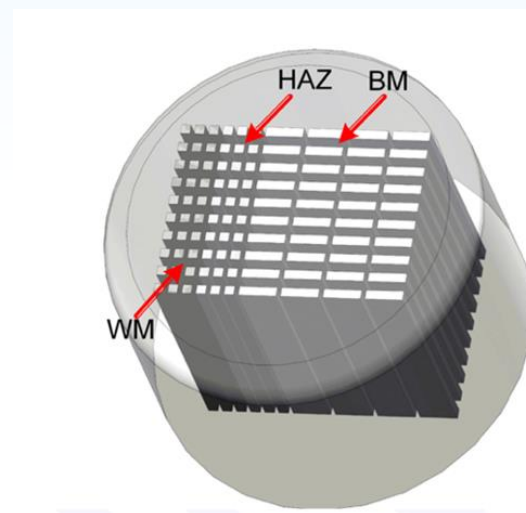
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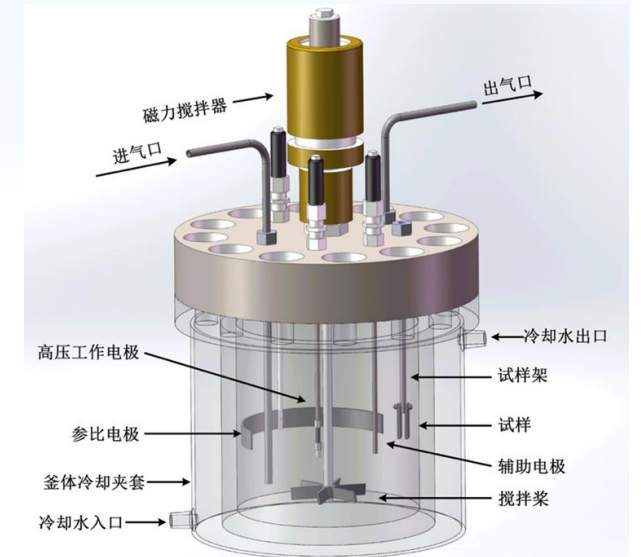
- The atmospheric pressure test is carried out in a glass cell; the high pressure test is carried out in an autoclave.
- The corrosion rate, morphology, and product film of the samples were analyzed **using weight-loss method, SEM, XPS, XRD, and 3D morphology**. High-pressure tests were conducted for high-pressure electrochemical measurements.



**Experimental setup diagram:**  
(1. N<sub>2</sub>; 2. high purity CO<sub>2</sub>; 3. CO<sub>2</sub>/SO<sub>2</sub>; 4. reaction device; 5. thermocouple; 6. electrochemical workstation; 7. tail gas device; 8. computer)



**Welded joint electrode**



**High-temperature and high-pressure autoclave**

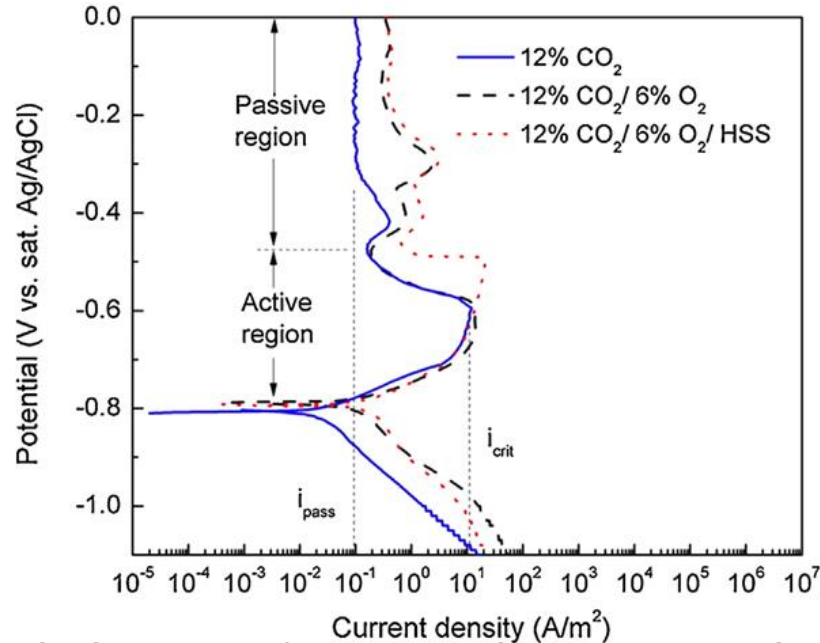


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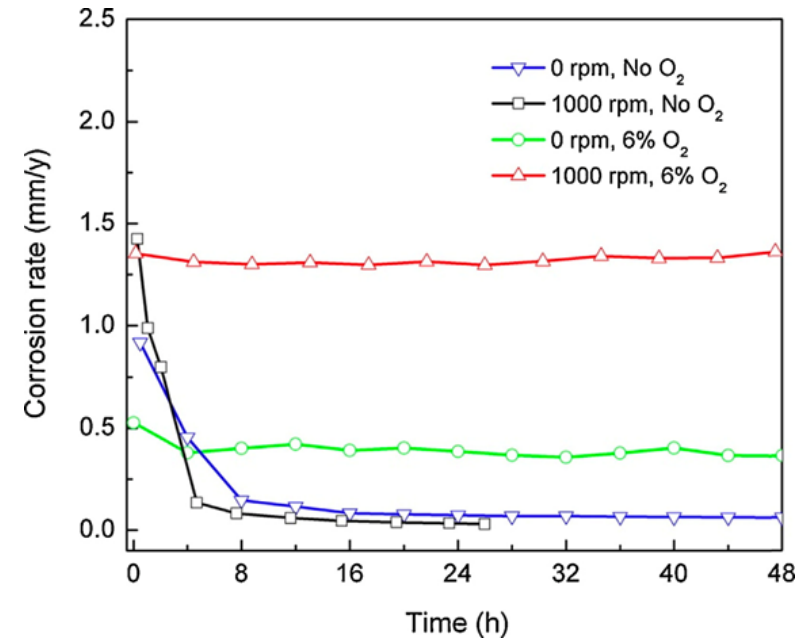
## Spontaneous Inhibition Phenomena



### ➤ Organic amine degradation and corrosion mechanism



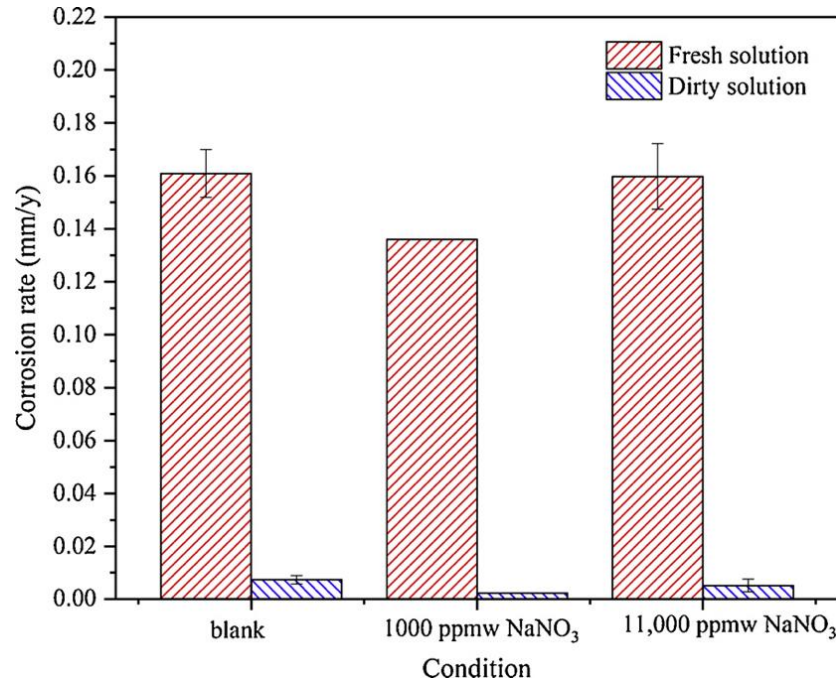
Polarization curves of carbon steel in MEA systems with O<sub>2</sub> and HSS (after 7-day exposure, 50 °C).



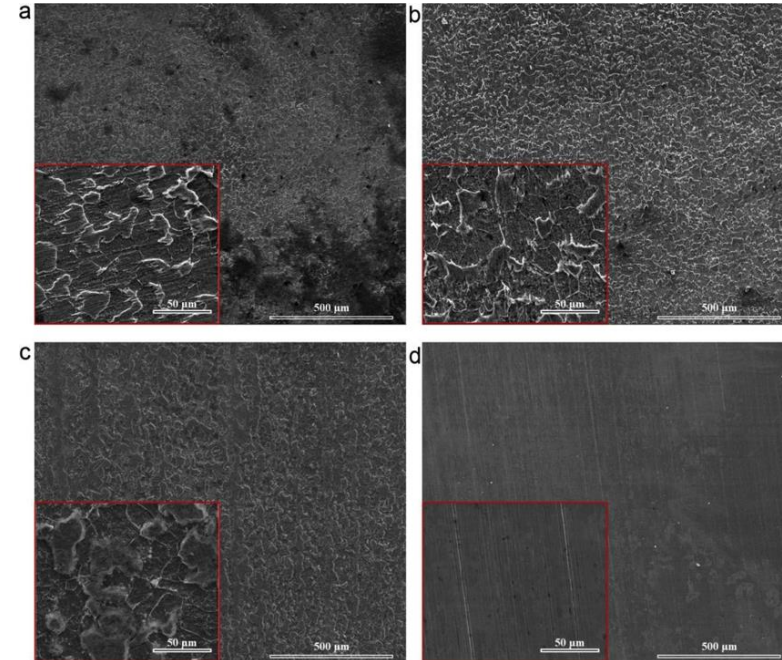
Effect of flow on the corrosion rate of carbon steel with time under different conditions.

- The addition of O<sub>2</sub> and heat stabilized salt (HSS) to the monoethanolamine (MEA) -containing solution revealed that the anodic reaction process had the activation and passivation regions, while the **cathode reaction was enhanced**.
- When oxygen and flow were both present, the corrosion rate did not decrease over time, **the flow increased the mass transfer process and accelerated corrosion**.

### ➤ Organic amine degradation and corrosion mechanism



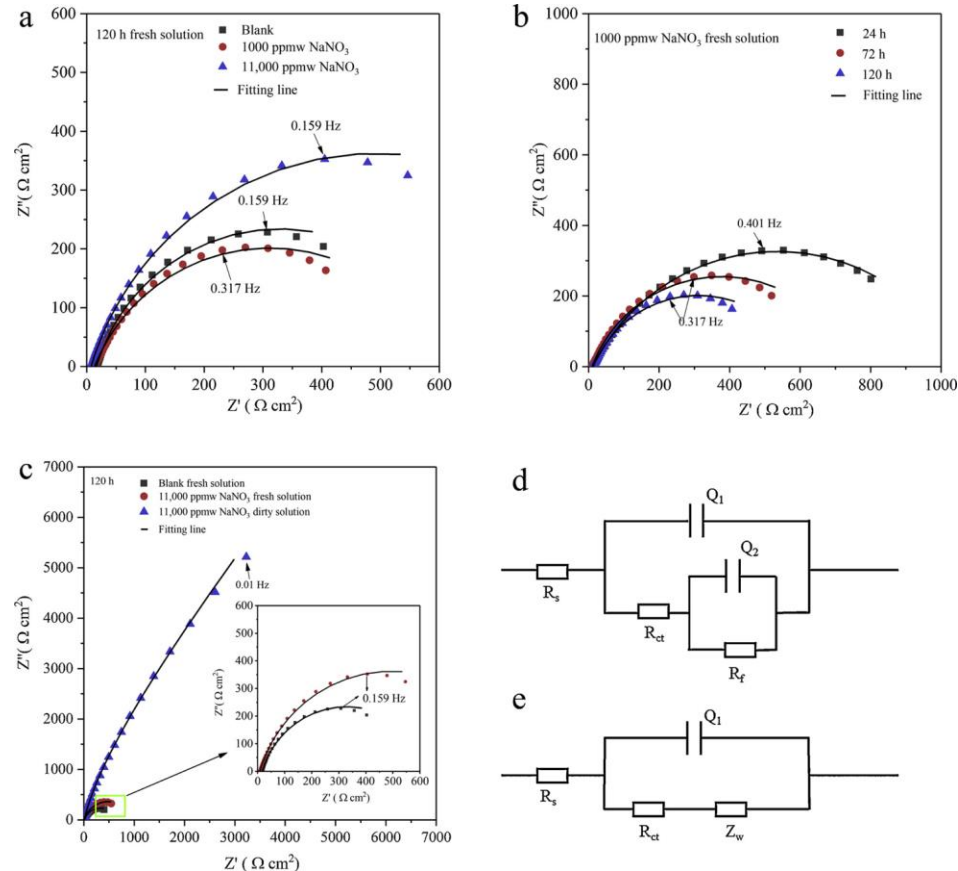
Corrosion rate of A106 steel in MEA solution before and after degradation (50°C, atmospheric environment)



Low corrosion rate of A106 steel after 120 h of MEA degradation(a) fresh solution, 24 h, (b) fresh solution, 72 h, (c) fresh solution, 120 h, (d) dirty solution, 120 h (exposed from 120 to 240 h)

- The corrosion rate of specimens in dirty solution was found to be **significantly lower than that in the fresh solution** by weight-loss method.
- Obvious corrosion happened on the surface of the specimen in the fresh solution, while grinding marks were observed on the smooth surface of the specimen in the dirty solution.

### ➤ Organic amine degradation and corrosion mechanism



Nyquist plots of A106 steel in CO<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub>-MEA solution at 50 °C:

(a) with different concentrations of NaNO<sub>3</sub> in fresh solution after 120 h; (b) in fresh solution with 1000 ppmw NaNO<sub>3</sub> and different time durations; (c) in fresh and dirty solutions after 120 h with 11,000 ppmw NaNO<sub>3</sub>; (d) equivalent circuit of fresh solution; (e) equivalent circuit of dirty solution.

- The EIS results are in agreement with the weight loss method, and it was found that the diameter of the capacitive arc of the specimen in the dirty solution was significantly larger than that of the fresh solution, **the resistance was greater and the corrosion rate was lower.**
- The corrosion rate of A106 steel in 11000 ppmw NaNO<sub>3</sub>-CO<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub>-MEA solution was lower than that of the blank group and 1000 ppmw NaNO<sub>3</sub> group.

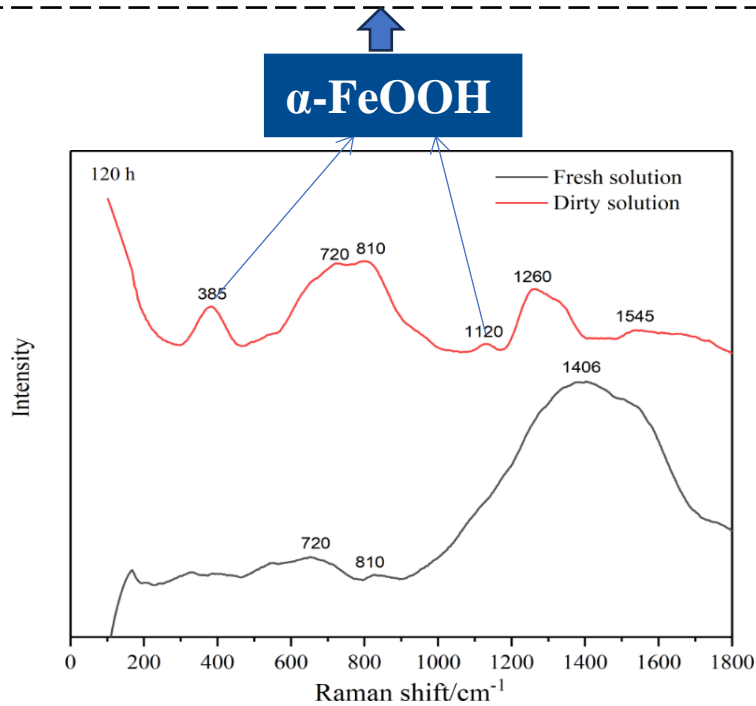
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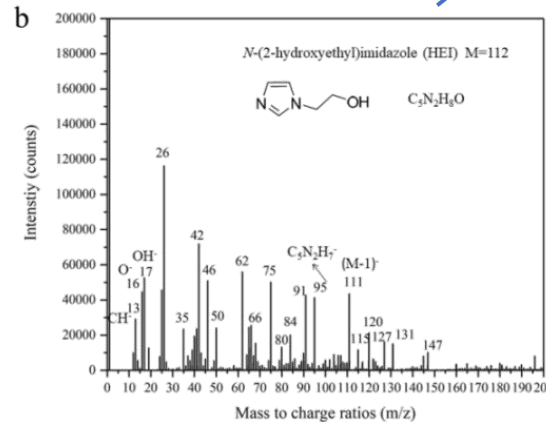
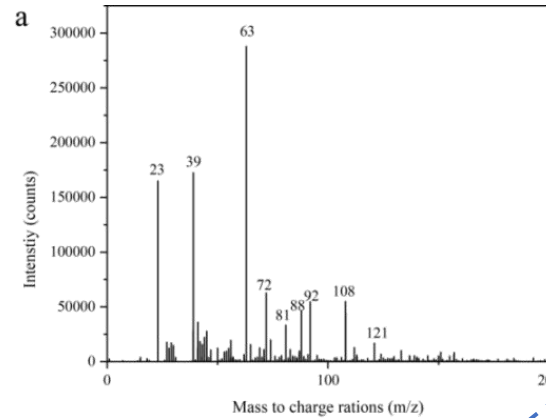


### ➤ Organic amine degradation and corrosion mechanism

The 1120 and 385  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  peaks in the dirty solution are  $\alpha\text{-FeOOH}$  (ferric oxyhydroxide). 810  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  peak may be related to the adsorption of organic molecules produced during the degradation of corrosion product films or MEA.



Raman spectra of A106 steel in 1000 ppmw  $\text{NaNO}_3\text{-CO}_2\text{-MEA}$  fresh and dirty solutions at 50 °C and 120 h



ToF-SIMS spectra of A106 steel in dirty MEA solution: (a) cations and (b) anions

- Time-of-flight secondary mass spectrometry (ToF-SIMS) shows that **N-(2-hydroxyethyl)imidazole (HEI)** is present on the surface of A106 steel in dirty solutions.
- The lone electron pairs of nitrogen atoms can have adsorption interactions with metal surfaces. As one of the imidazoles, HEI may adsorb on the steel surface and inhibit its corrosion.

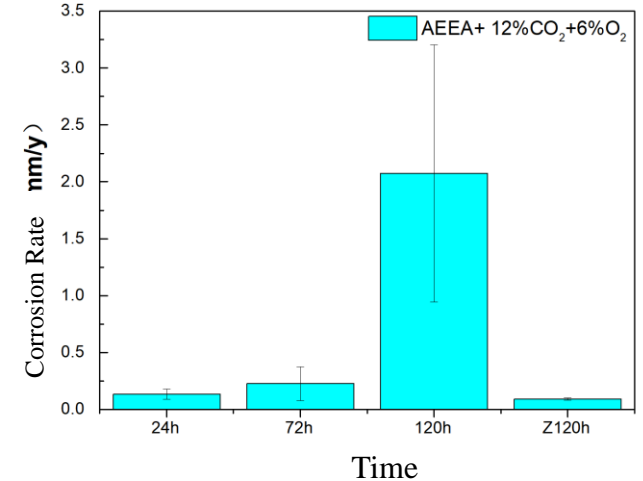
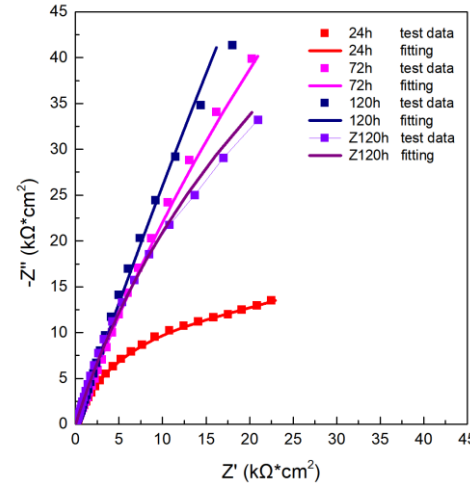
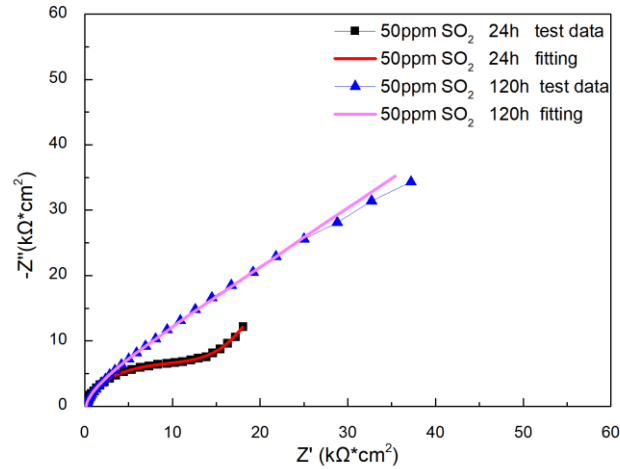


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Nyquist plots of 30408 stainless steel in a 30 wt% AEEA solution passed through 50 ppm SO<sub>2</sub> at different times in fresh solution

Nyquist plots of 30408 stainless steel in a 30 wt% AEEA solution with 12% CO<sub>2</sub> + 6% O<sub>2</sub> + 50 ppm SO<sub>2</sub> passed through it for different times in fresh solution.

Stainless steel corrosion rate in organic amine AEEA degradation product solution less than fresh solution

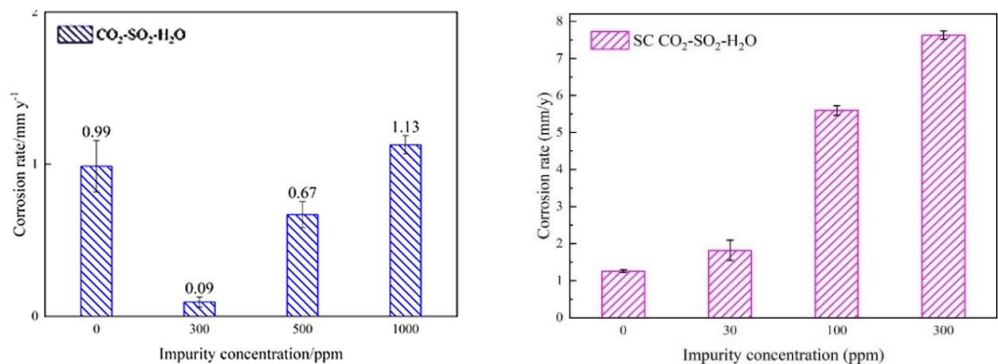
Equivalent circuit of EIS spectrum in 12% CO<sub>2</sub>+6% O<sub>2</sub>+50 ppm SO<sub>2</sub> environment and fitting parameter table

Time	$R_s$ ( $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$ )	$R_{ct}$ ( $\Omega \cdot \text{cm}^2$ )	$Y$ ( $\Omega^{-1} \cdot \text{s}^n$ )	$n$	equivalent circuit
24 h	184.98	30824	1.2016E-4	0.80755	
72 h	87.375	351170	1.7709E-4	0.77199	
120 h	63.295	1728300	1.9268E-4	0.77734	
Z120 h	26.318	170980	2.0848E-4	0.79976	

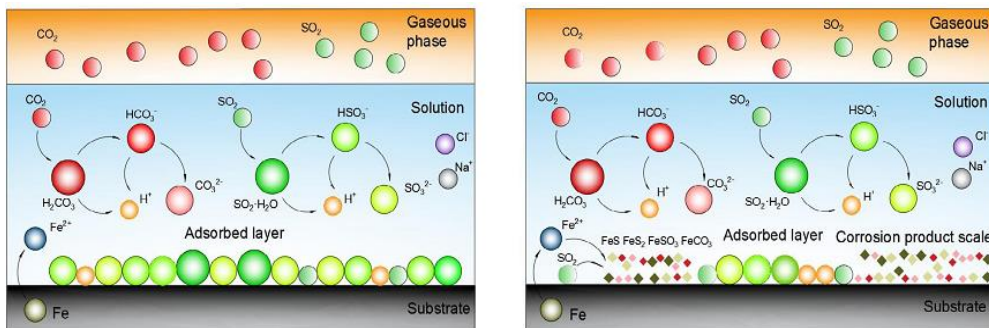
Degradation products of the organic amine AEEA (hydroxyethyl ethylenediamine) **also have an inhibitory effect on corrosion.**

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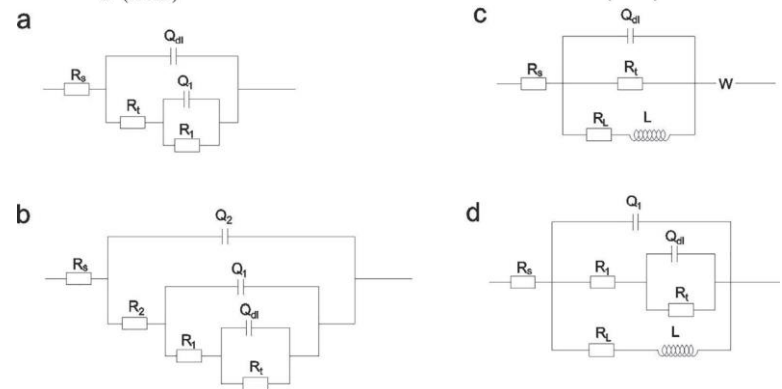
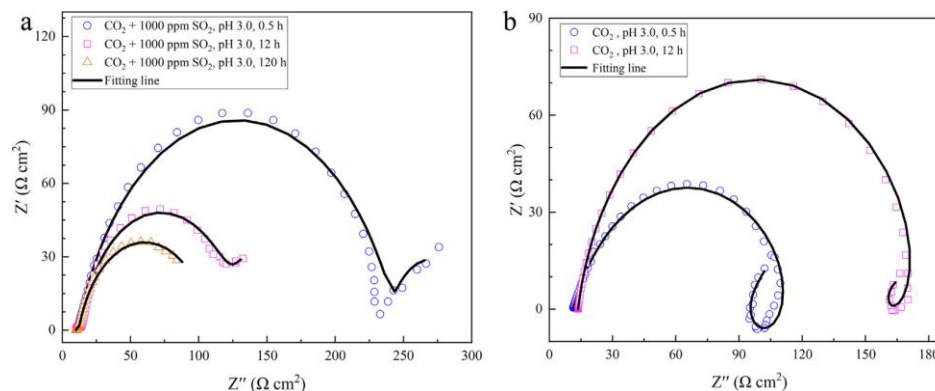
## ➤ CO<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub> coupling system corrosion mechanism



Differences in corrosion rates in atmospheric/supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> systems containing different concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub>



Schematic diagram of corrosion mechanism of X80 steel in CO<sub>2</sub>/SO<sub>2</sub> system



Impedance spectra and fitting circuits for X80 steel at the initial stage of corrosion in the CO<sub>2</sub>/SO<sub>2</sub> system

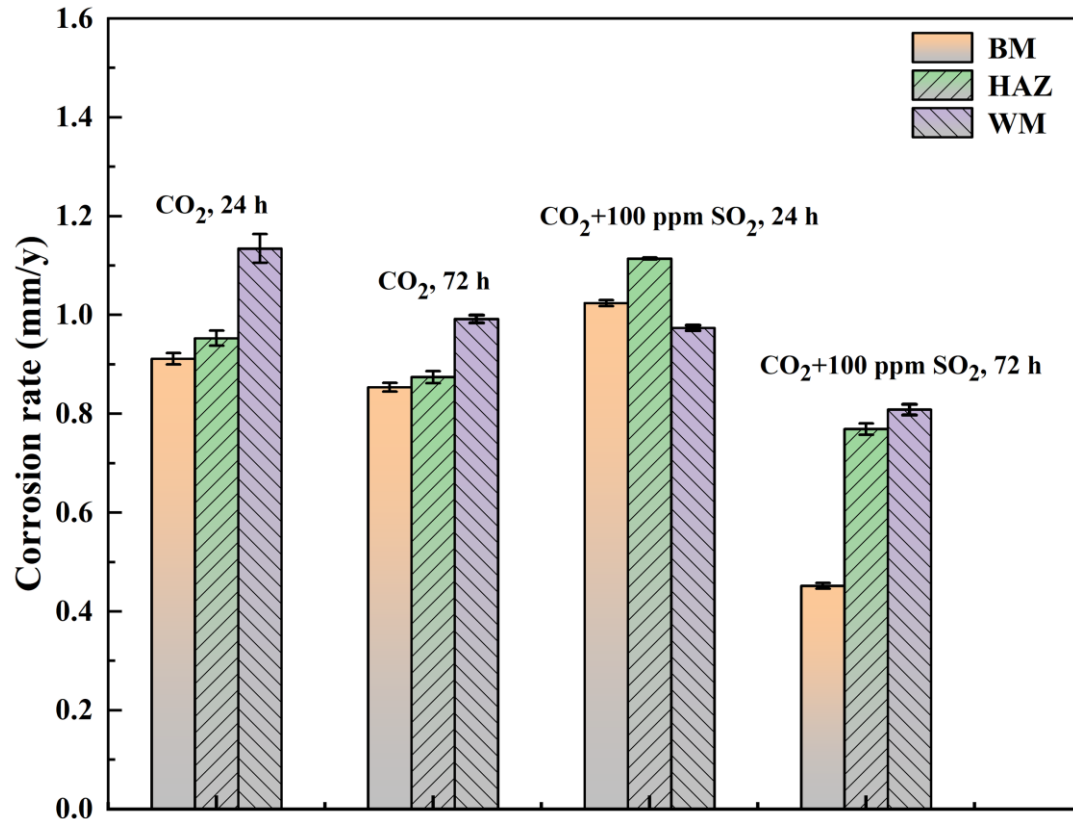
- There is a significant difference in the effect of SO<sub>2</sub> impurities on corrosion in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> and supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> environments. **SO<sub>2</sub> inhibits corrosion during the initial stages** of corrosion in atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> system.

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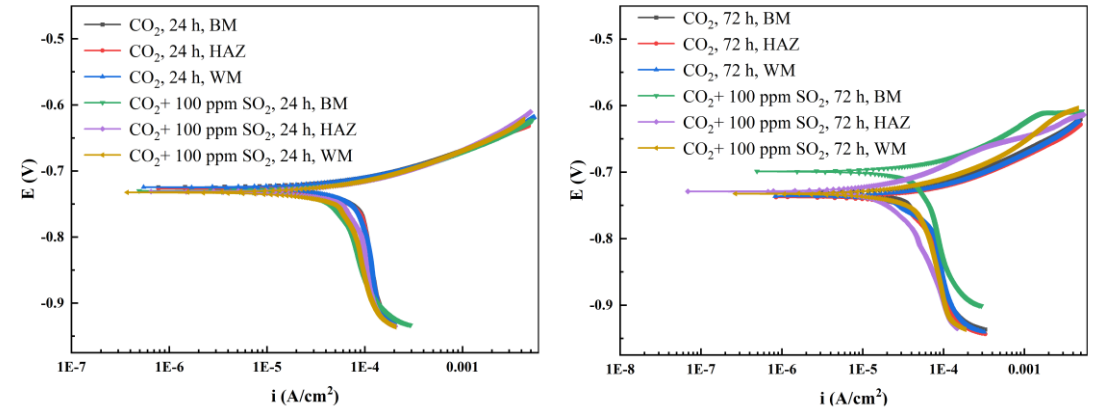
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### ➤ CO<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub> coupling system corrosion mechanism (welded joint steel)



Tafel slope extrapolation corrosion rate calculation results (35 °C, atmospheric pressure environment)



Polarization curve (35°C, atmospheric environment)

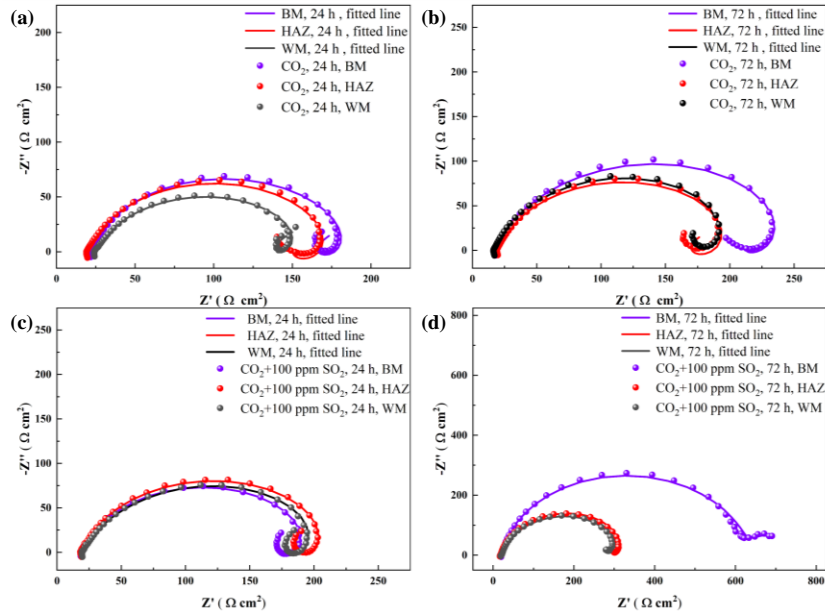
- It was found that in an aqueous solution saturated with CO<sub>2</sub>, WM had the highest corrosion rate and BM had the lowest corrosion rate; after the addition of SO<sub>2</sub>, a significant decrease in the corrosion rate of BM was observed at 72 h.

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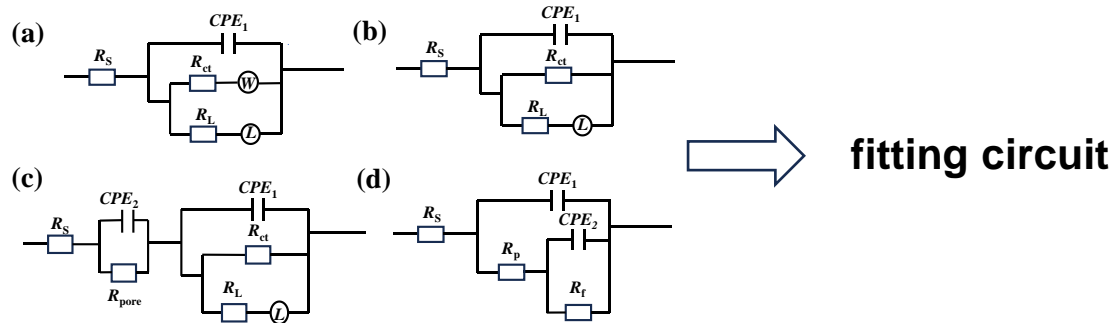
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### ➤ CO<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub> coupling system corrosion mechanism (welded joint steel)



Nyquist curve for X65 welded joints in CO<sub>2</sub>/SO<sub>2</sub> saturated aqueous solution: (a) CO<sub>2</sub> 24 h; (b) CO<sub>2</sub> 72 h; (c) CO<sub>2</sub>+100 ppm SO<sub>2</sub> 24 h; (d) CO<sub>2</sub>+100 ppm SO<sub>2</sub> 72 h at 35°C, atmospheric pressure.



- In CO<sub>2</sub> solution, the impedance spectrum showed capacitive characteristics related to the charge transfer process, while the low-frequency range exhibited **inductive characteristics associated with the adsorption of the Fe(OH)<sup>+</sup> [1]**.
- In CO<sub>2</sub> aqueous system containing SO<sub>2</sub> for 72 h, it was observed that in BM, HAZ, and WM showed different corrosion conditions, with the BM specimen showing the **largest diameter of the capacitive resistance arc**.

[1] Moradighadi, et al. Electrochim. Acta 400 (2021) 139460

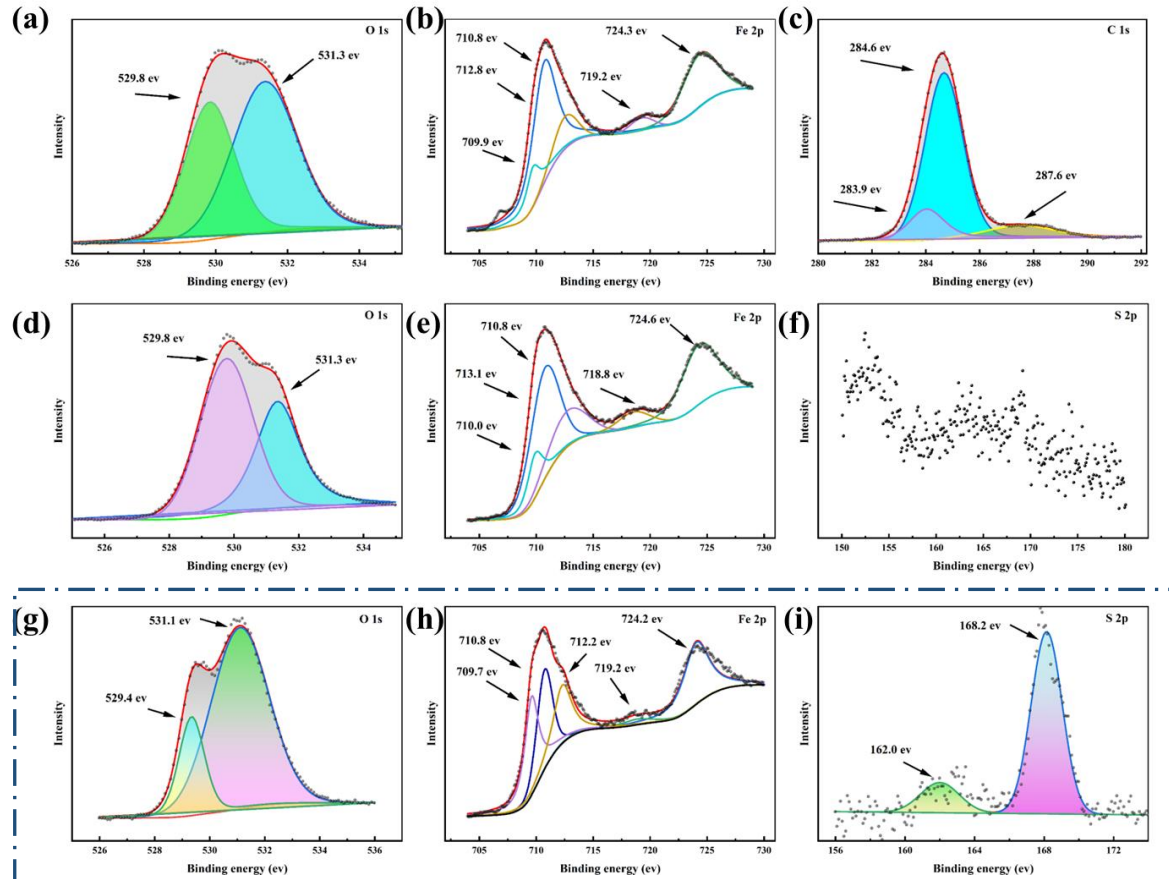


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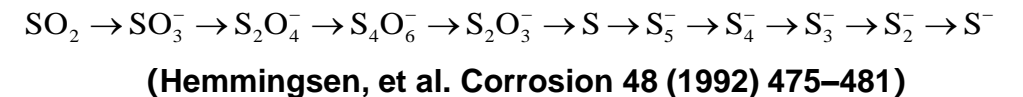


### ➤ CO<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub> coupling system corrosion mechanism (welded joint steel)



- WM analysis through XPS revealed that no sulfur-containing compounds were formed, regardless of the presence or absence of SO<sub>2</sub>. The main reaction products detected were FeCO<sub>3</sub> and Fe<sub>3</sub>C (cementite).
- In the presence of SO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> and **FeS** were detected. Therefore, we infer that the hydrolysis products of SO<sub>2</sub> are adsorbed on the substrate surface during the reaction, **forming FeS and inhibiting the corrosion of the BM.**

**Transformation** ↓



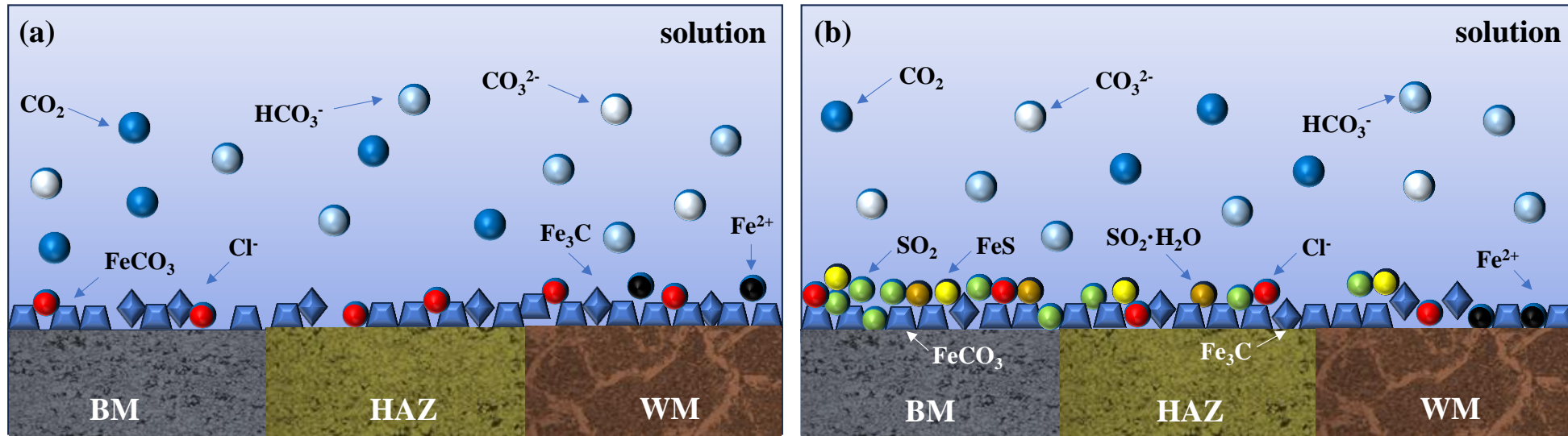
XPS of X65 welded joints in CO<sub>2</sub>/SO<sub>2</sub> saturated aqueous solution for 72 h: WM (CO<sub>2</sub>): (a, b, c); WM (CO<sub>2</sub> + 100 ppm SO<sub>2</sub>): (d, e, f); BM (CO<sub>2</sub> + 100 ppm SO<sub>2</sub>): (g, h, i) (35°C, atmospheric pressure)

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#### ➤ CO<sub>2</sub>-SO<sub>2</sub> coupling system corrosion mechanism (welded joint steel)



Corrosion mechanism of X65 welded joints in CO<sub>2</sub>/SO<sub>2</sub> saturated aqueous phase solution: (a): CO<sub>2</sub>; (b): CO<sub>2</sub>+SO<sub>2</sub>

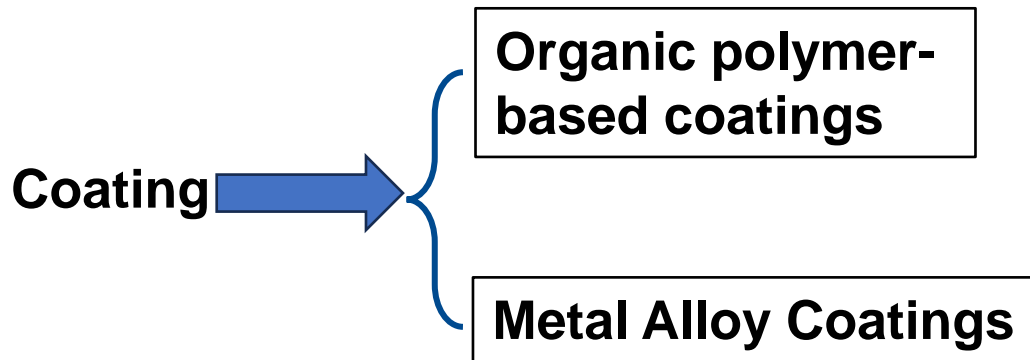
- In CO<sub>2</sub> solution, the metal substrate always maintains a high corrosion rate owing to Cl<sup>-</sup> and Fe<sub>3</sub>C will destroy the integrity of the FeCO<sub>3</sub> product film, **and the WM corrosion rate is always the highest.**
- In the presence of SO<sub>2</sub>, the hydrolysis products of SO<sub>2</sub> will be preferentially and selectively **adsorbed on the surface of BM and form the FeS product film (why?)**, which prevents the further corrosion.

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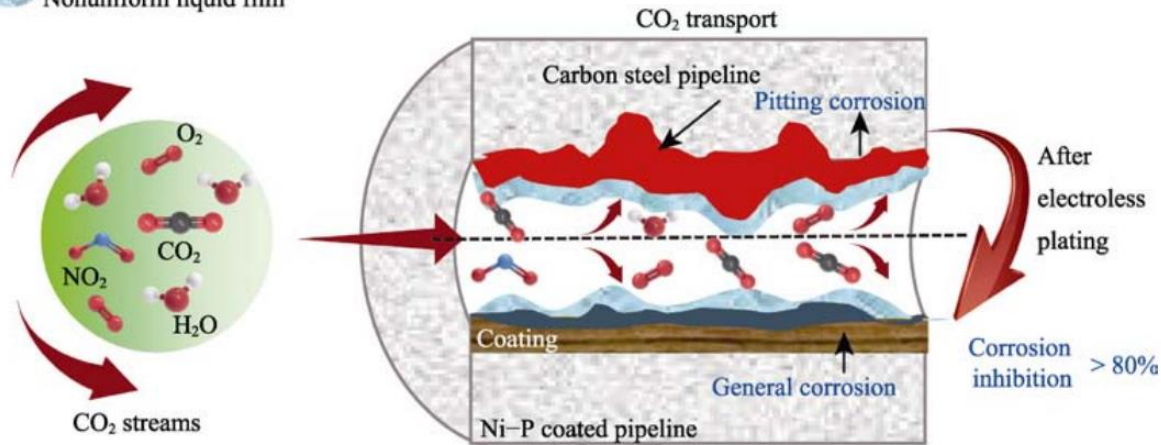
## Intentional Corrosion Inhibition



### ➤ Coating protection technology



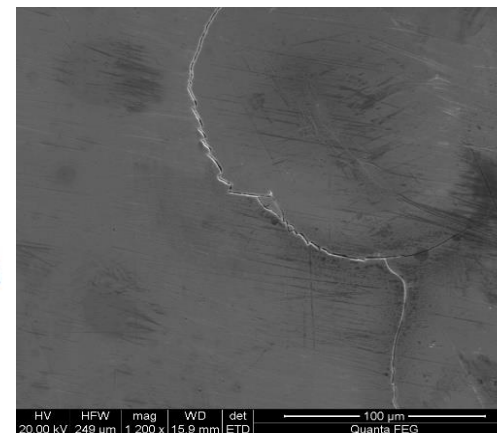
● Corrosion products  
● Nonuniform liquid film



Protection mechanism of Ni-P coatings in supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> environment

(SUN, et al. ACS Applied Materials & Interfaces, 2019, 11(17): 16243-16251)

● **Metal Alloy Coatings:** Alloy coatings can enhance protective performance in CO<sub>2</sub> environments. **Ni-P (Phosphorus) coatings** achieve a corrosion inhibition rate of **over 80% in supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> environments containing H<sub>2</sub>O–O<sub>2</sub>–NO<sub>2</sub> impurities.**

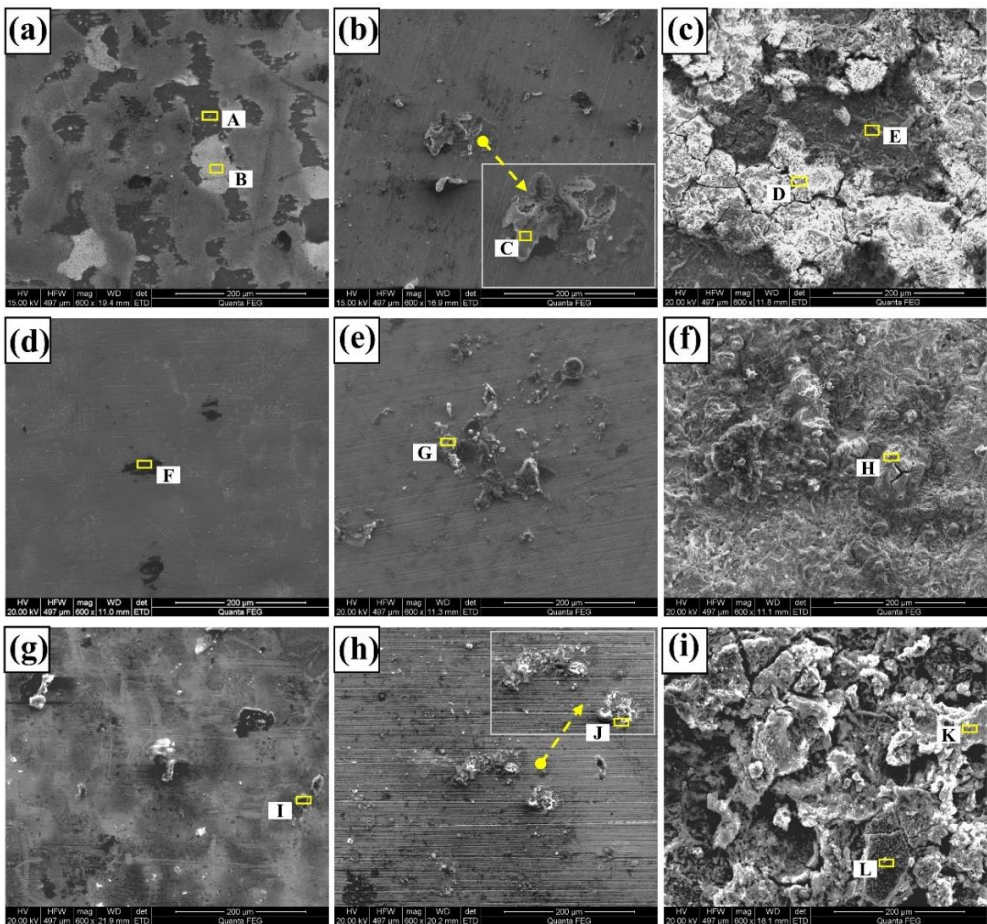


Ni-W (Tungsten) coating have exhibited **cracking** under CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR downhole conditions, with significant amount of corrosive media entering the annulus.

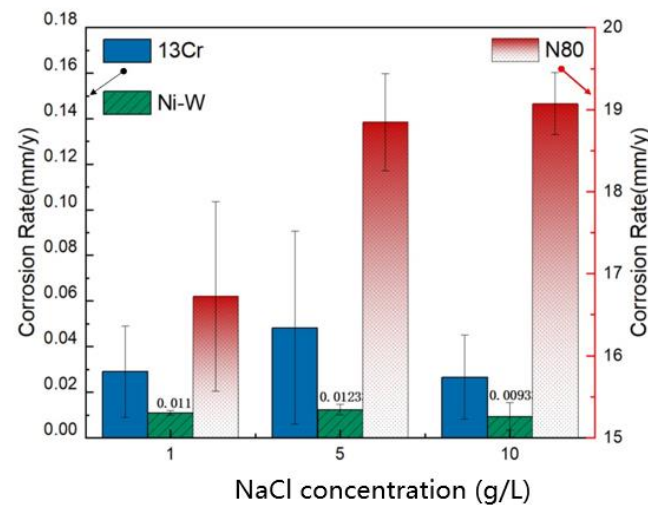


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SEM images of Ni-W coating, N80 and 13Cr steel after corrosion in rich aqueous phase for 72 h at 8 MPa, 35 °C and different Cl<sup>-</sup> concentrations (a) Ni-W coating-1 g/L (b) 13Cr-1g/L (c) N80-1g/L (d) Ni-W coating-5 g/L (e) 13Cr-5 g/L (f) N80-5 g/L (g) Ni-W plating-10 g/L (h) 13Cr-10 g/L (i) N80-10 g/L



Corrosion rate plots of Ni-W coating, N80 and 13Cr steel after 72 h of corrosion in rich aqueous phase at 8 MPa, 35°C and different Cl<sup>-</sup> concentrations

- The **Ni-W coating** consistently maintains a **low corrosion rate** at different sodium chloride concentrations.
- Ni-W coating surface almost had no obvious corrosion products. 13Cr steel surface had a small amount of products. Corrosion of N80 carbon steel was severe.



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#### ➤ Coating protection technology

- **Organic polymer-based coatings:** organic coatings offer numerous advantages, including a wide variety of types, ease of application, and high performance cost ratio.

- Traditional organic coatings exhibit **poor stability in SC-CO<sub>2</sub>** and even show **significant permeability under harsh conditions.**
- The failure of organic coatings in medium- to high-pressure CO<sub>2</sub> environments is mainly manifested through local **blistering**, overall blistering, and non-blistering failure phenomena.



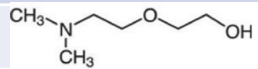
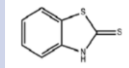
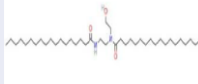
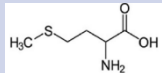
Blistering of the coating was observed under a high-pressure environment at 110 °C  
(Sun, et al. Surface Technology 51 (2022) 43–52)

- Organic coatings are characterized by low cost; however, this kind of CO<sub>2</sub> corrosion protection coatings are still in the exploratory state (with several applications in the U.S). **Further research and development are needed to create organic coating systems capable of withstanding harsh CO<sub>2</sub> environments.**

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## ➤ Carbon Capture System Corrosion Inhibitors

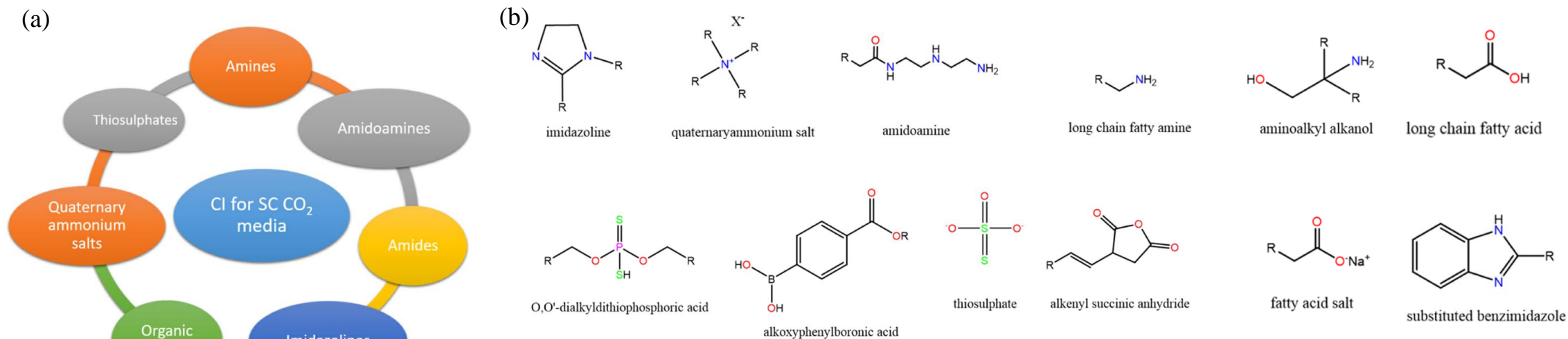
Organic Amine Trap System Corrosion Inhibitors Summary (Zhao et al., Separation and Purification Technology, 2023)

Name	Inhibitor Type	Material	Condition	Organic Molecule Structure Diagram	Main Conclusion
$\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_3$	cathodic	Carbon Steel	MDEA Acid Solution	—	Removes oxygen
Sodium Sulfite	cathodic	Carbon Steel 1020	0.565 mol $\text{CO}_2$ /mol MEA	—	Inhibition efficiency close to 80%
Long-chain Fatty Amine	cathodic	Carbon Steel 1020	0.565 mol $\text{CO}_2$ /mol MEA	—	Inhibition efficiency close to 80%
$\text{CuCO}_3$	Anodic	Carbon Steel 1018	MEA Acid Solution	—	Inhibition efficiency $\geq 80\%$
VND	Anodic	Carbon Steel 1020	MEA Acid Solution	—	High inhibition efficiency and stability
Tannic Acid	Anodic	Carbon Steel 1020	0.565 mol $\text{CO}_2$ /mol MEA	—	High inhibition performance (up to 92%)
$\text{Na}_2\text{S}$	Anodic	Carbon Steel A36	MEA Acid Solution	—	Inhibition rate: 96.7%
$\text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_3$	Anodic	Carbon Steel A36	MEA Acid Solution		Inhibition rate: 91.3%
2-[2-(Dimethylamino)ethyl] Ethanol	Mixed	API X120 Steel	$\text{CO}_2$ and 3.5 wt% NaCl Solution		87.75% inhibition rate at 25°C
2-Mercaptobenzothiazole (MBT)	Mixed	Carbon Steel 316	MEA Acid Solution	—	It works at low temperature with 100 ppm
1-Vinyl-3-methylimidazolium tris(fluoromethanesulfonyl)methide	Mixed	Soft Steel	Ionic Solution	$[\text{Cnmim}]\text{TCM}$ , $n = 2, 4, 6$ 和 $8$	Inhibition efficiency increases with alkyl chain length
N-[2-(2-aminoethyl)aminoethyl]-9-octadecylamine	Mixed	Carbon Steel 1018	$\text{CO}_2$ -saturated 5% NaCl Solution		Inhibition efficiency depends on temperature and concentration
Methyltetrahydrophthalic Acid (MTI)	Mixed	Carbon Steel 1018	MEA Acid Solution		MTI is a mixed inhibitor

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## ➤ Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> corrosion inhibitor

- Common supercritical phase corrosion inhibitors are: **imidazolines, quaternary ammonium salts, organic amines, organic acids, thiosulfates, volatile corrosion inhibitors.**



Classification and structural formulae of supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> environmental corrosion inhibitors (a) Classification; (b) Structural formulae (Chauhan, et al. Journal of Petroleum Science and Engineering 215 (2022) 110695 )

- At present, the supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> conditions of corrosion inhibitor research is lacking, engineering experience is relatively scarce, and **the impact of impurities on the corrosion inhibitor is unknown.** We have to develop a more efficient and green corrosion inhibitor.

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## 4. Conclusions and Prospects

### Conclusions:

- In the capture system, the corrosion rate of carbon steel in degraded organic amine solution for a period of time was **significantly lower than that in the fresh solution**, which was related to the **adsorption of degradation products**.
- Low concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub> during transportation and storage systems initially reduce the corrosion rate **which is related to the generation of FeS**. In the weld joint region FeS is more inclined to be generated on the BM.
- **Imidazolines and quaternary ammonium salts** as the main corrosion inhibitor is current commonly used high-pressure CO<sub>2</sub> corrosion inhibitors, while the metal coating is also an important means of corrosion protection.

### Prospects:

- In the capture process there will be a variety of impurities, the corrosion mechanism of these impurities on the pipeline system, injection tubing, production tubing and storage well is a future concern.
- In the future, developing an **environmentally friendly and highly efficient corrosion inhibitors and protective coating systems** will be crucial in addressing the corrosion issues of CCUS systems.



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