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## **A numerical study of CO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>4</sub> displacement in shale using Lattice Boltzmann method**

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A large portion of shale gas is stored in the kerogen matrix as an adsorbed phase, responsible for the slow production after primary recovery. During CO<sub>2</sub> injection, the preferential adsorption of CO<sub>2</sub> over CH<sub>4</sub> in the shale organic matrix facilitates the desorption of CH<sub>4</sub>; therefore, gas recovery can be potentially enhanced. In this study, the Navier-Stokes equation and the advection-diffusion equation are coupled in the Lattice Boltzmann method to simulate the CO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>4</sub> displacement in two-dimensional dual-porosity porous media. The Langmuir adsorption kinetics is implemented at solid surfaces for mass exchange between the free space and solid matrix. The adsorbed gas is assumed to diffuse within the solid matrix homogeneously. The coupling scheme is validated by comparing the simulation results with the analytical solutions for mass transfer. A convergence study is performed for the lattice resolution and the number of extended layers at the inlet/outlet. The lattice Boltzmann model is robust and efficient in porous media of irregular complex geometries. Preliminary results show that the CO<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>4</sub> displacement is controlled by the inter-solid and intra-solid mass transfer as well as the mass exchange rate between them. The gas diffusion coefficient, adsorption/desorption rate constants, and pore geometry can affect the concentration and adsorption evolutions of CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>.

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