Analysis of Anchoring Mechanism of Fully Grouted Prestressed Anchor

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Abstract

Some researchers have been carried out on analysis of the influence of the full grouted prestressed anchor shape of borehole wall on its carrying capacity. Based on the self-affine fractal feature of anchor borehole wall structural plane, the relation equation among structural plane shear strength, liquid injection pressure, tensile load and structural plane fractal dimension D was built, the instability judgment criterion of anchoring bearing strata and rock structural plane was determined, the solving equations of disintegrated rock support density were derived. Based on the experimental results, the theoretical basis of support design under the disintegrated rock condition was offered.

Keywords: fractal dimensions, wholly grouted, structural mode, anchoring mechanism

1. Introduction

With the increasing of mining depth, the mining conditions become complicated and the in-situ stress become bigger, which change the mechanical properties of rock mass (e.g., structure, strength) [1], [2], [3]. Under this condition, the surrounding rock of the roadway is characteristic of obvious soft rock properties, more broken structures, and larger deformations. So it has to be faced with some engineering problems including hard supporting, big repair work, high maintenance cost and some safety problems, which threaten the safety and high-efficiency of deep resource[4],[5],[6].

Roadway support and maintenance technology is a key technique in coal mining and roadway supporting technology. Safe and effective roadway supporting technology is the necessary condition to guarantee the coal mine high yield and efficient [7], [8], [9], [10]. The roadway support technology in coal mine mining process plays a very important role, so the scholars at home and abroad in the research and exploration of roadway support technology has done a lot of research work. The supporting technology of roadway could become more and more perfect[11],[12],[13].

The resistance of rockbolt and anchoring effect concern success or failure of engineering effect. Now, the common use of anchoring structure in geotechnical engineering is prestressed anchor and non-prestressed anchor [14], [15], [16]. It commonly use full grouted anchor, often used fully-grouted bolt, but without supporting anchor stress in time is the disadvantage of fully-grouted[17],[18],[19]. The components of prestressed anchor are anchoring section, free section and anchor head, but the stress loss is hard. But it is hard to support broken rock of conventional anchoring support system [20], [21], [22].

In order to find a solution to the current anchoring structure, a new fully grouted anchor was studied which was composed of anchoring body, end anchorage component, filter opening, fixed tube and loading component.

A new type of roadway supporting technology that injection molding and three-dimensional stress bolt supporting technology was raised [23], [24], [25]. It can be applied to the roadway that composed of a variety of surrounding rock, especially the weak rock roadway. The injection molding and three-dimensional stress bolt advantage is that the surrounding rock can be anchored initatively in the length of the direction. In addition when flexible outer lose efficacy, it can be used as rigid anchor to support tunnel influenced various environmental factors. The subsequent deformation happened with the deformation of surrounding rock, but the anchoring force was not affected. It is not need to maintain roadway secondarily, so it can save a lot of money according to coal enterprises.

According to the new situation, new problems of coal mines in China, flexible materials can be widely applied to support roadway [26], [27], [28]. The main principle is to impose radial pressure on surrounding rock, which can improve the mechanical property of surrounding rock, so the stability of surrounding rock will be improved significantly. Meanwhile, the bolt can raise the bearing capacity for the tensile property of bolt. Therefore, with the tensile property and offering radial pressure characteristics, the bolt can
improve the resistance to plastic deformation capacity, it can keep surrounding rock remaining triaxial compression state, while this feature that makes them different to other like products.

The injection molding and three dimensional stress bolt which is a new structure and anchoring mechanism bolt is the research foundation of flexible supporting equipment [29], [30]. It was proposed by professor Song zhenqi who is a Chinese Academy of Sciences. When using the bolt, the support system ideas changed significantly, the stability of surrounding rock was raised significantly.

2. Influence factors for the stability of surrounding rock

According to the analysis of the failure model and mechanism of surrounding rock mentioned above, because of the incredible complexity of geotechnical engineering, it is impossible that all the influence factors related to the stability of surrounding rock and surrounding rock pressure are considered. From the perspective of engineering projects, the predominant and controlling factors are given below [31].

(1) Rock mass strength of surrounding rock.

After excavation, the surround rock is not only a transfer media of applied load, but also a bearing structure to carry the applied load and protect the roadway space. So, the value of rock mass strength of surrounding rock directly affects the bearing capacity of the surrounding rock structure. That is, the stability of surrounding rock is not only related to the roof strength, but also to the floor strength and the rock mass strength of two sides’ roadway.

(2) In-situ stress.

The in-situ stress including gravity stress and tectonic stress is an essential force causing rock deformation and instability failure. For the tectonic stress, it is hard to estimate and ensure its value, so it is ignored in the analysis procedure of surrounding rock stability. For the gravity type in-situ stress, mining depth can be used to reflect the stability of surrounding rock. For the roadway with same surrounding rock and different mining depth, their stress status and their responding behaviors are different from each other. The vertical pressure is proportional to the height of overlying rock mass. So, the higher the mining depth is, the harder the support of roadway is.

(3) Integrity of rock mass.

Rock mass contains geological weak plane and structural plane, including stratifications, joints, fracture and weak intercalated layer, in different degree. And, the geotechnical engineering can either be good or bad largely depending on not only many kinds of the weak structural planes and their fillers induced by the various of geological factors and geological conditions, but also their space distribution state including group count of structural plane, space, and number of joints in unit volume of rock mass. Those flaws largely weaken the integrity of rock mass, decrease its strength, and low directly its stability. So, the integrity index of rock mass is an important characterization factor for the roadway projects.

(4) Underground water.

The effect of underground water on surrounding rock quality is to change the engineering properties by hydraulic action, physical process and chemical action. The effects are mainly reflected in: increasing the bearing pressure of the supporting structure; decreasing the rock strength and causing instability failure; accelerating dissolution in long-term effect; generating leakage and gush that affects the excavation and normal use of roadway; softening surrounding rock, especially for the soft rock. The effect is usually expressed by impact factor.

(5) Sectional shape and size of roadway.

The sectional shape of roadway mainly includes rectangle, inclined top echelon and echelon, so the effect of the shape on the roadway stability can be reflected by roadway span. The bigger the roadway span is, the less stability the roadway is. The sectional size of roadway is closely related to the deformation of surrounding rock. Adding the roadway width will increase roof-to-floor convergence.

3. Anchor structure

The new technology that Rubber material was applied to mine support areas has not been described at home and abroad. The Fully grouted prestressed anchor structure is shown in Figure 1.

(1) Filler mouth

Liquid medium will be injected into the rubber bolt via filler mouth by injection system. Injection quill pulled out when the pressure inside the rubber bolt met the requirements, the pressure inside the rubber bolt could compact the top edge of filler mouth to the center, then the filler mouth will be closed implicitly to keep anchor within the appropriate pressure. The closed effect is proportional to the pressure inside the rubber bolt.

(2) Anchor rod body

The major structure of bolt is Hollow rebar of which is used to bear the drawing force.

(3) Expansion body

The expansion body was composed of high elasticity and low modulus of elasticity rubber material. The expansion body will expand with the pressure inside the bolt increasing. After the anchor expansion, it will be good contact the surrounding rock, then the anchor effected.

(4) Protective jacket

The protective jacket was used to confine the expansion body’s expansion rate in reasonable range.

(5) Fixed sleeve

The fixed sleeve was used to seat the anchor body and expansion body, then confined space in which the grout injection was injected was formed.

(6) End anchorage parts

By injection molding or mechanical action, the end anchorage parts was bulked to solidify the bolt in the deep surrounding rock.
4. Mechanism of bolt force

In order to study the interactional mechanism of loading bolt and anchoring body interface, the rational mechanical model should be built firstly. For the anchoring force was transmitted through loading component to anchoring body, so the main emphasis should be focused on interface properties of loading component and anchoring body.

4.1 Geometric properties of anchoring body interface

The surface contour line of joints can be considered as a fractal curve, the pore wall has waveform structure, its test results are shown in table 1 and Fig. 2.

4.2 Mechanism of bolt force

(1) Defining injecting liquid pressure

Anchoring force depends on the binding extent of anchor and anchoring structure, the working structure is shown in Fig. 3 (a).

Taking a concave-convex unit as a free body (Fig. 3(b)), anchoring force direction assumed from left to right, the surface of concave-convex unit is nearly horizontal, the equilibrium equation of concave-convex unit is as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\tau_1 &= \sigma_3 \tan \phi_b + C_{bi} \\
\alpha_i &= \lambda \cdot \gamma \text{H}
\end{align*}
\]

(1)

In which \( \phi_{bi} \) is angle of internal friction, \( C_{bi} \) is cohesion, \( \lambda \) is coefficient of lateral pressure, \( \text{H} \) is buried depth and \( \gamma \) is unit weight.

The invalid place of anchor may lies at interface ABC or shearing surface BC. The equilibrium equation with effective anchor is as follows:

\[
\sum X = 0
\]

\[
\begin{align*}
\tau_1 &= \tau_1 \cos \alpha + \tau_2 \cos \sigma = 2 \tau \cos \sigma \\
\tau_3 &= \sigma_3 \tan \phi_b + C \\
\tau &= \sigma_3 \tan (\phi_e + J_{cs} \cdot \arctan (J_{cs} / \sigma_e))
\end{align*}
\]

(2)

In favor of calculating, we consider angle of concave-convex unit \( \alpha = \alpha_c \).

\[
\sigma_3 \tan \phi_b + C = 2 \cos \alpha \cdot \tan (\phi_e + J_{cs} \cdot \arctan (J_{cs} / \sigma_e))
\]

(3)

To the known condition, \( f(D, C, \phi_b, \alpha) \) is a constant value, setting it as \( q \).

When \( \sigma \leq q \), the disequilibrium place located between lading component and rock mass surface;

When \( \sigma > q \), the disequilibrium place located at rock mass surface.

\[\text{Table 1 Statistic data about undulation of hole wall in test section}\]

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Rock mass</th>
<th>Length /mm</th>
<th>maximum difference fluctuations /mm</th>
<th>average difference fluctuations value /mm</th>
<th>average wavelength /mm</th>
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<tr>
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<td>150</td>
<td>0.8760</td>
<td>0.5767</td>
<td>74.9</td>
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<tr>
<td>limestone</td>
<td>220</td>
<td>1.2906</td>
<td>0.7526</td>
<td>61.3</td>
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(2) Defining loading capacity

The fully grouted anchor load transmitted between loading component and rock mass interface.
The anchor calculating formula of loading capacity is as follows

\[ P = R + Q + \int_0^L 2\pi r \cdot \tau d\epsilon = R + \int_0^L 2\pi r_2 \tau d\epsilon \]

\[ = R + (A + B \tan \phi_0 + J_{RC} \cdot 1g(J_{CS} / \sigma_n))e^{1-D} \]

(4)

In which d is bolt diameter, r is average diameter, \( \sigma_0 \) is normal stress of concave-convex unit, \( \tau_0 \) is shearing strength of concave-convex unit, \( \epsilon \) is measurement scale, 1 is a constant value, R is initial prestress, Q is shear strength.

1) \( J_{CS} < \sigma_n \)

\[ P = R + (A + B \tan \phi_0)e^{1-D} \]  

(5)

According to an actual condition, the loading capacity is shown in Fig.4, relation curve of loading capacity and concave-convex unit is shown in Fig.5

![Fig.4](image)

**Fig.4** Carrying capacity of anchor in length direction

![Fig.5](image)

**Fig.5** The relationship between bearing capacity and structural surface dimension

2) \( J_{CS} > \sigma_n \)

\[ P = R + (A + B \tan \phi_0 + J_{RC} \cdot 1g(J_{CS} / \sigma_n))e^{1-D} \]  

(6)

On the basis of the analysis of the data, the bolt loading capacity nonlinearly increased with surface roughness.

(3) Hoop stress and radial stress analytic solution

Setting bolt inside micrometer and normal stress as D_1 and p respectively. The stress boundary condition of bolt inner layer is listed as follows:

\[ \sigma_{\rho} / \rho = -p \]  

(7)

Setting bolt outside micrometer as D is listed as follows:

\[ u_{\rho} = \rho \frac{D_1 - D}{2} \]  

(8)

The general solution of Plain strain axisymmetric problem is listed as follows:

\[ \sigma_{\rho} = \frac{A}{\rho^2} + 2C \]  

(9)

\[ \sigma_\phi = \frac{A}{\rho^2} + 2C \]  

(10)

\[ u_{\rho} = \frac{1 + \mu}{E} \left[ -\frac{A}{\rho} + 2(1 - 2\mu)C \rho \right] \]  

(11)

Applying formula (9), formula (10), formula (11) into formula (7) , formula (8), The result we get shown as follows:

\[ A = \frac{d^2}{4} \left[ GD(D_1 - D) + 2(1 - 2\mu)D^2 p \right] \]  

\[ C = \frac{GD(D_1 - D) - d^2 p}{2d^2 + (1 - 2\mu)D^2} \]  

Applying the formula that we get into formula (9), formula (10), formula (11), The result we get shown as follows:

\[ \sigma_{\rho} = \frac{-d^2}{4p^2} \left[ GD(D_1 - D) + 2(1 - 2\mu)D^2 p \right] \]  

\[ \sigma_\phi = \frac{d^2}{4p^2} \left[ GD(D_1 - D) - d^2 p \right] \]  

\[ u_{\rho} = \frac{1 + \mu}{E} \left[ \frac{d^2}{4p^2} \left[ GD(D_1 - D) + 2(1 - 2\mu)D^2 p \right] \right] \]  

5. Bolt anchorage performance analysis

5.1 Radial anchoring effect of bolt in reinforcing surrounding rock

The full grouted prestressed anchor can apply pressure to the surrounding rock so as to generate the effect of squeeze reinforcement and radial anchorage force and transform the stress states from unidirectional or bidirectional states to bidirectional or three-direction states effectively. Through this way, the mechanic property parameter of the rock mass which was in the state of compression can be promoted. With time going on, this effect and the radial anchorage force can diffuse and fluctuate around continuously so as to improve the whole performance of the rock mass gradually.

![Fig.6](image)

**Fig.6** The radial anchorage operation of anchor
5.2 Tangential anchoring effect of bolt in reinforcing surrounding rock

The tangential anchor force can play a great role in the aspects of improving the weak structural surface’s shear strength and tension strength. The gap between the full grouted anchor and anchor pore will be missed through the expansion of the bolts body. Once the joint moves through the tangential direction, the anchor will be motivated. When the joint reaches its shearing strength, the anchor will be reached its maximum shear capability. The anchor’s shearing capability is equivalent to the shearing strength’s sum of the joint and anchor which makes the anchored rock mass’s self-bearing ability improved significantly. The reinforcement role via squeeze and expansion makes the grouting bolt has higher surrounding rock’s self-bearing ability than the full resin anchor and the better reinforcement effect.

6 Anchorage force and anchorage parameters matching

6.1 Supporting anchor force and bolt tensile force matching

The supporting anchor force is closely related with the bolt tensile force, they are both considered as radial anchorage force of roadway. And they should reasonably match each other. The bolt tensile force can be confirmed in accordance with the characteristics of surrounding rock and mine pressure. For the soft rock roadway, it has the characteristics of high mine pressure, large deformation and severe mine pressure behavior, so it should use full length anchoring bolt grouting, which can enhance the bolt tensile force and improve the force condition of bolt to fit the deformation of surrounding rock. The supporting anchor force can be ensured with the tensile capacity of bolt.

6.2 Bolt shear force and characteristics of surrounding rock matching

For the roadways with the development of joint, the development of stratification and severe mine pressure behavior, the deformation of the roadway are mainly induced by the dilatancy of the development of stratification. So, in order to control the large deformation failure along structural surface of surrounding rock, the flexible pressurized grouting bolt with high strength should be used to enhance the shear capacity and resist the deformation. For the roadways without the development of joint and stratification, the deformation failure of this roadways is radial deformation of roadway, so the bolt design is mainly to improve the bolt tensile force secondly to increase the bolt shear force.

6.3 The application and limitation of expansion anchor-hold

The unique characteristic of the flexible pressurized grouting bolt is the expansion anchor-hold. Its action for surrounding rock need to be studied. But in the practice, adjusting the expansion anchor-hold should be made in the roadway supporting, or it will induce the collapse of the drill hole.

6.4 The option of anchor hole, injection pressure and diameter of bolt

Researches show that, the matching of drill hole, bolt body and injection pressure can improve bolt tensile force and bolt shear force, which can reduce the load of bolt plate induced by the deformation of surrounding rock. Compared with bolts with smaller diameter, the bolts with larger diameter have better adaptivity. So, for the option of bolt size, the bolts with large diameter should be used in the soft rock roadway with large estimated deformation.

7. Conclusions

(1) The working surface between bolt and anchoring surrounding rock possesses self-affine fractality characteristic, the shear strength nonlinearly increased with liquid injection pressure.

(2) When $\sigma_\text{nn}$ is smaller than a constant value $q$, the working surface between loading layer and rock mass loses equilibrium and vice versa;

(3) When $J_\text{ns}$ is equal to $\sigma_\text{nn}$ and fractal dimension keeps constant, the bolt loading capacity keeps invariability as it is along the length direction; when $J_\text{ns} < \sigma_\text{nn}$, the loading capacity nonlinearly increased with fractal dimension.

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