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Possible Earthquake Prediction Strategies

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Professor Manchao He is currently an Academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), a foreign Academician of the Argentine National Academy of Engineering (ANI) and Russian Academy of Mining Sciences (AGN), the Director of the State Key Laboratory for Geomechanics and Deep Underground Engineering (SKLGDUE) in Beijing, and Professor of China University of Mining and Technology-Beijing (CUMTB). He is the President of the Chinese Society for Rock Mechanics and Engineering (CSRME). He is also the Vice President and honorary fellow of the International Consortium on Geo-disaster Reduction (ICGdR). Dr. Manchao mainly engaged in the research of Rock Mechanics and Engineering, including landslide, active fault stability analysis, monitoring and control, soft rock large deformation mechanism and control, mining technologies, rock burst mechanism, etc. He successfully invented the novel energy-absorbing NPR (Negative Poisson's Ratio) bolt/anchor. The bolt called "HE-bolt" in the world can exhibit extraordinarily large elongation at very high working resistance to the external load and also have an ideal elastic-plastic behavior. It has been applied successfully in many practical projects, which makes a significant contribution to disaster control.



The essential elements for implementing underground storage of compressed air and hydrogen energies in excavated and lined hard rock caverns

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Dr. Hyung-Mok Kim is a professor at the Department of Energy Resources and Geosystems Engineering, at Sejong University, Seoul Korea since 2012. He earned his Ph.D from the University of Tokyo, Japan in 2002 and prior to this, he completed his M.S.c and B.Sc degrees at Seoul National University, Korea. His primary research interest is the modelling of coupled Thermal-Mechanical-Hydraulic (THM) processes in geological media. His major research achievements include the modelling of internal stability of granular geomaterials with fluid flow, cement grout injection and coupled HM behavior of rock joints, underground fluid injection-induced geomechanical instability, hydrate-bearing sediments mechanics during gas production, and geomechanics associated with compressed air energy storage (CAES) in underground excavated rock caverns. Before academia, he held a position at the Korea Institute of Geoscience and Mineral Resources (2006-2012) and at Obayashi Corporation in Japan (2003-2006), and as a visiting scholar at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (2018-2019) in the United States. Presently, he serves as an associate editor of the Geosystem Engineering journal.



Understanding Triggered Seismicity and Permeability Evolution in the Subsurface – Key Needs in Pursuit of the Energy Transition

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Perspectives of Oil and Natural Gas Development and Geomechanics-Related Issues in Geological CO₂ Storage

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Dr. Kenji Furui is professor in the department of resources and environmental engineering at Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan. Furui is a subject matter expert in geomechanics, well stimulation, and well performance analysis. Prior to joining Waseda University, he worked as a completion engineer in Global Completion Engineering team in ConocoPhillips based in Houston, Texas. Also, Dr. Furui worked as applications engineer for Baker Oil Tools' Cased-Hole Completion Systems in Houston. He holds a BS degree in mineral resources and environmental engineering from Waseda University in Japan (1999) and MS and PhD degrees in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas at Austin in 2001 and 2004, respectively. He was the recipient of the SPE Young Engineer of the Year Awards in Gulf Coast Section in 2012 and also received Cedric K. Ferguson Medal in 2013. Furui has authored and co-authored more than fifty technical papers on geomechanics, drilling and completion related topics.

Invited Talks (Sort by talk order)



Frictional properties of faults for engineering in the extreme environment

Prof. Fengshou Zhang is a Changjiang Distinguished professor in the Department of Geotechnical Engineering, Tongji University. He got his PhD from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2012, and MS, BS from Tongji University in 2007, 2004, respectively. His research areas focus on multi-field coupling of rock mechanics and its application in unconventional resource exploitation. He published more than 180 papers in PRL, GRL, JGR etc., and won the ARMA Early Career Award in 2018, the first Qian Qihu Award in 2020, the China Youth Science and Technology Award in 2022, and the ARMA Rock Mechanics Research Award in 2023. He also served as the first Executive Editor-in-Chief of Rock Mechanics Bulletin, an official flagship journal of CSRME.



Layer-penetration fracturing technology in deep coal-bearing strata

Prof. Bing Hou is a professor and Ph.D. advisor at the School of Petroleum Engineering, China University of Petroleum (Beijing). Prof. Hou mainly engaged in the research of deep rock mechanics and hydraulic fracturing mechanics in petroleum engineering. He has led a Sino-US international cooperation project of the National Key Research and Development Program in the past five years. He has been awarded the Future Leader of Rock Mechanics by the American Rock Mechanics Association and has been selected in the 2022 Elsevier global top 2% of highly cited scientists.



Multiphase Flow in Cohesive Granular Material

Dr Fiona Kwok is an Assistant Professor at the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Hong Kong. She obtained her BEng degree (first class) from University of Sheffield, MEng degree from MIT and a PhD degree from University of Cambridge. She registered as a Geotechnical Engineer in Hong Kong and Professional Engineer (PE) in California, USA. She previously worked in the industry as a Geotechnical Engineer at Itasca Consulting Group in Minneapolis and CDM in Los Angeles in the USA. She was selected as the Future Leader by American Rock Mechanics Association (ARMA) in 2015. She is a grant assessor for the Research Projects Vetting Subcommittee of Environmental Conservation Fund (ECF). She is a committee member of the Hong Kong Institution of Engineers (HKIE) Civil Division and a nominated member of technical committee TC307 Sustainability in Geotechnical Engineering of International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering (ISSMGE). She has published more than 100 journal and conference papers.



The digital twins of grain-based rocks with micro-RME and AGBM

Prof. Xuhai Tang is a professor at Wuhan University and an editorial board member of the *International Journal of Rock Mechanics and Mining Sciences*. He holds a Ph.D. degree from Imperial College London and was a postdoc at Princeton University. His group developed the Accurate Grain-Based Model (AGBM) with Microscale Rock Mechanics Experiment (Micro-RME) and Aifrac-TOUGH software.

The AGBM and Micro-RME have been successfully used to generate the accurate digital twin of geomaterials at grain-scale, to investigate the mechanical behavior of Earth and planetary geomaterials. The Aifrac-TOUGH software is developed to generate the digital twin of discontinuous reservoirs with multi-source information fusion. His achievement contributes to smarter energy exploitation and space exploration.



How energy dissipation controls the evolution of multiple hydraulic fractures

Dr. Bisheng Wu is currently an Associate Professor at the Department of Hydraulic Engineering, Tsinghua University, China. Prior to joining Tsinghua in 2018, he was one research scientist (indefinite) from 2012 to 2018 at CSIRO Australia (Melbourne) where he worked as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow from 2009 to 2012. His research focuses

on geomechanics related to efficient exploration of unconventional energy resources, such as shale gas, natural gas hydrate and CCUS. He has published more than 100 papers including journal articles, book chapters and papers in conference proceedings. He was one member of ARMA (American Rock Mechanics Association) Future Leadership Program in 2018 and was awarded "ARMA Distinguished Service Award" in 2022. He has been one member of editorial board in international journals such as *International Journal of Rock Mechanics and Mining Sciences*, *Geofluids*, *International Journal of Coal Science & Technology* and *Energies*, and has been lead/guest editors seven times in international journals such as *Lithosphere*, *Geomechanics and Geophysics for Geo-Energy and Geo-Resources* and *Geofluids*.



Physics-constrained distributed neural network model for 3D in-situ stress prediction

Dr. Tianshou Ma is currently a professor in the Petroleum Engineering School at Southwest Petroleum University (SWPU). He received his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in oil and gas well engineering from SWPU in 2012 and 2015, respectively. His research interests include petroleum-related rock mechanics, measurement while drilling, and advanced drilling

technology for safe and efficient drilling of complex hydrocarbon reservoirs. He has published 70+ peer-reviewed journal articles. He has been elected as an ARMA Future Leader in 2019. He is currently an associate editor of the *Journal of Petroleum Exploration and Production Technology* and *Frontiers in Earth Science* on Geohazards and Georisks section.



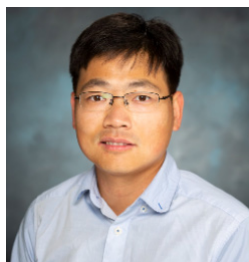
Four-dimensional geo stress prediction and its application in shale gas fracturing

Prof. Haiyan Zhu is currently a full professor and the vice director of the National Key Laboratory of Oil and Gas Reservoir Geology and Exploitation, Chengdu University of Technology, Chengdu, China. He is also the director of the Sichuan Provincial Key Engineering Laboratory of Shale Gas Exploration and Exploitation. His research interests are petroleum-related geomechanics, including hydraulic fracturing, drilling geomechanics, and geology-engineering integration. He has been the PI for over 40 projects from the government and Chinese major oil companies. Most of his research results have been applied in the hydraulic fracturing of shale gas reservoirs in the Sichuan Basin, tight sand oil and shale oil reservoirs in the Bohai Bay Basin, tight sandstone gas reservoirs in the Eastern Ordos Basin, etc.



GeoCloud - a multiscale and multiphysics data-driven modeling platform for subsurface energy system

Dr. Bo Zhang is an assistant professor in the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Alberta, where he obtained his MSc degree in petroleum engineering and a Ph.D. degree in geotechnical engineering. He is a registered professional engineer and has been involved in a variety of projects in subsurface energy geomechanics. Dr. Zhang is the founder and PI of the GeoCloud Research Group at the University of Alberta, focusing on building a cloud-based modeling, simulation, and data-driven decision-making platform for the energy sector. The research area of his group encompasses oil sands, shale gas/oil, carbon storage and utilization, geothermal, and natural gas hydrates. Dr. Zhang is also the PI of the Future Energy Systems project "Uncertainty quantification and optimization for the scale-up of geological carbon storage" and NSERC Discovery project "Multi-physical and data-driven modeling for subsurface energy geotechnics".



Investigation of the effect of matrix on tracer transport processes in subsurface fractured reservoirs

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Balanced hydraulic fracturing technology for controlling fault activation of shale formations: Concept and strategy

Dr. Peng Tan, Ph.D., Senior engineer, works at CNPC Research Institute of Engineering Technology Co., Ltd. He is mainly engaged in hydraulic fracturing and casing deformation prevention and control technology of unconventional shale oil and gas reservoirs. He participated in more than 10 national science and technology major projects, including CNPC science and technology major projects. He has published more than 20 papers as the first/corresponding author, 3 papers with high ESI citations, and more than 1200 times cited in total. He has been granted 12 patents and won 4 provincial and ministerial science and technology awards. In 2021, he won the Excellent Doctoral Dissertation Award of the Chinese Society of Rock Mechanics and Engineering. In 2022, he was selected into the "Young Elite Scientists Sponsorship Program" of the China Association for Science and Technology.



THM coupled behaviors of hydro-shear stimulation and heat extraction in hot fractured reservoirs: experiment and modeling.

Dr. Yuedu Chen is presently working as an associate Professor at Taiyuan University of Technology, China. He obtained his MSc degree and Ph.D. degree from Taiyuan University of Technology, China under the supervision of Prof. Weiguo Liang. He has vast research interests in multi-physics coupling processes in fractured geological media in Geo-Energy and Environmental engineering. He has practical experience in advancing fundamental research and developing predictive modeling capability. He won the excellent paper award at the China-Rock Conference in 2020 and also is the youth editor of the Journal of Rock Mechanics Bulletin and the International Journal of Mining Science and Technology. Additionally, he won the 2022 Distinguished Reviewer of the International Journal of Mining Science and Technology.



Failure mechanism of cement sheath integrity considering the coupled thermo-hydro-mechanical-chemical effects

Dr. Xiaorong Li, Associate Professor at China University of Petroleum (Beijing). She received her Ph.D. degree from the University of Texas at Austin. Her research topics include wellbore stability, wellbore integrity, sand production, and sand control. She has published more than 30 technical papers and holds 10 patents. Additionally, she received the 2019 Petroleum Science Most Influential Paper Award. In 2021, she was selected into the "ARMA Future Leader" program, and was also honored to be part of the 7th China Association for Science and Technology Young Talent Support Project.



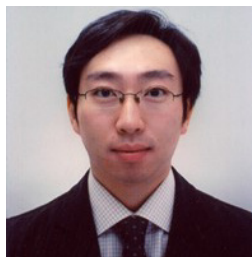
Integrated Technology of Natural Gas Hydrate Reservoir Stimulation and Carbon Storage by Radial Well Cavitation Jet

Dr. Yiqun Zhang, professor, and deputy dean of the Department of offshore oil and gas engineering at China University of Petroleum-Beijing (CUP). His research interest focuses on drilling and completion engineering, applied fluid mechanics, and well testing, including the development of natural gas hydrate and geothermal resources. He was awarded the ARMA Future Leader in 2023 and the Outstanding Scholar of CUP in 2021. Prof. Zhang has undertaken one National Key Research and Development Program and two NSFC projects, won 6 science and technology awards, published 38 first/corresponding-authored papers, co-authored 3 monographs, and authorized 10 patents. He serves on the editorial board for three petroleum-related journals, as a reviewer for over 10 renowned journals



Findings and lessons learned from geomechanical studies at Enhanced Geothermal Systems Project in Pohang, Korea

Dr. Ki-Bok Min is currently a Professor at the department of energy resources engineering at Seoul National University (SNU). He obtained his BSc in Mineral & Petroleum Engineering and MSc in Rock Mechanics at SNU and his PhD in Engineering Geology at the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden. His primary area of research is anisotropic rock mechanics and coupled processes in fractured rock with main applications in geological repository of nuclear waste and enhanced geothermal systems (EGS). His research focus on coupled processes includes stress-dependent permeability in fractured rock, thermally induced fracture shearing (thermoshearing) both at near- and far-field repository, and understanding the key mechanism of hydraulic stimulation in EGS in terms of role of hydraulic shearing and hydraulic jacking. He is a recipient of American Rock Mechanics Association (ARMA) applied rock mechanics research award (2009) and case history award (2010). He was a guest scientist at German Research Center for Geosciences (GFZ) and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory in 2015 and 2022, respectively. He is also serving as an associate editor of the International Journal of Rock Mechanics and Mining Sciences.



Experimental and numerical analysis of coupled HMC processes in single rock fractures

Dr. Bo Li is presently working as a professor at Tongji University, Shanghai, China. He obtained his MSc degree and Ph.D. degree from Nagasaki University, Japan under the supervision of Prof. Yujing Jiang. He has broad interests and experiences in rock testing and associated numerical modeling. He designed and developed a series of testing apparatuses related to coupled Thermal-Hydraulic-Mechanical-Chemical (THMC) processes in fractured rocks. He is the principal investigator of five national-level grants and is involved in multiple industrial research projects regarding deep-seated rock behavior assessment, stability analysis of rock slopes, etc. He is a member of the International Society for Rock Mechanics and Rock Engineering (ISRM) and the Chinese Society for Rock Mechanics and Engineering (CSRME).



A practical application of elastic full-waveform inversion: Gulf of Mexico ocean-bottom node case study

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Earthquakes during shale gas development in the Sichuan basin

Dr. Hongfeng Yang is an associate professor in the Earth and Environmental Sciences Programme at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK). His research interests include earthquake source physics, subduction zone dynamics, fault zone structure and evolution, and induced earthquakes. He was awarded the 2018 Chinese Geophysical Society Fuchengyi Young Scientist Award, the 2016 Geophysical Research Letters Editors Citation for Excellence in Refereeing, and the 2021 Faculty Exemplary Teaching Award, CUHK. He is now an associate editor for Earthquake Sciences, Earthquake Research Advances, and Seismological Research Letters.



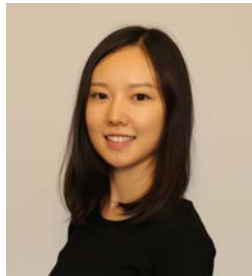
Investigating geothermal energy potential in Singapore using adjoint-state seismic imaging techniques

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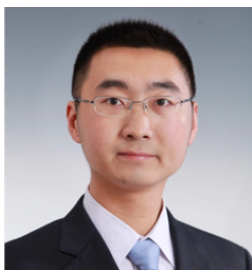
Water Effects on Elastic Wave Propagation and Attenuation across Single Clay-rich Rock Fractures

Dr. Hui Yang is a postdoctoral researcher in the Grasselli Geomechanics Group at the University of Toronto. Before that, she served as a postdoctoral fellow in the group of Dr. Qi ZHAO at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. She obtained her Ph.D. degree from the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 2021 and her BSc. Degree from Central South University in 2015. Her research interests mainly include (1) fluid effects on rock mechanics and physics, (2) mechanical and seismic characteristics of rock fractures, (3) high-strain-rate rock behaviors and fragmentation, and (4) rock physics with acoustic emission and computerized tomography.



Environmental Geomechanics for Sustainable Energy Resources Engineering

Dr. M.M. Hu is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Hong Kong (HKU). She holds a Ph.D degree from Duke University (USA) and a B.Eng degree from Zhejiang University (China). Prior to joining HKU, Dr. Hu worked as Vice Chancellor's Research Fellow at the University of New South Wales, Sydney (Australia). Dr. Hu's research work has been focusing on the interdisciplinary field of environmental geomechanics driven by modern-day geo-engineering activities and fundamental understandings of geomaterial behavior in response to environmental perturbations of all sorts. Her current research group focuses on tackling the fundamental Multi-scale Multiphysics problems in geomaterials and geo-processes that play an essential role in a wide context of geoenvironmental circumstances concerning carbon neutrality, clean energy and adaptation to Climate Change, including enhanced geothermal systems (EGS), Carbon Capture Utilisation and Storage (CCUS), unconventional resources recovery, sediment aging, geochemical inception of land motion, effect of ocean acidification, emerging geomaterials for sustainability and resilience, etc.



Mechanical Characteristics of Shale bedding and impacts on hydraulic fracture propagation

Dr. Mao Sheng, Professor at China University of Petroleum-Beijing (CUPB). He was selected as the National Distinguished Young Scholar of China and the Future Leader of the America Rock Mechanics Association in 2021 and 2020. He obtained his Ph.D. degree from CUPB in 2014 and was a visiting scholar at the University of Oklahoma from 2011 to 2012. His research interests involve Unconventional Oil and Gas Wells Completion and AI application on Hydraulic Fracturing. He has published 36 first/corresponding-authored papers, authorized 6 registered patents, and received 2 R&D awards in this field.



An ABAQUS VUEL subroutine of pore-pressure cohesive elements for simulation of 3D dynamic meso-scale fracking in quasi-brittle materials

Dr. Feng-Chen An is an associate professor in the Department of Offshore Petroleum Engineering at the China University of Petroleum in Beijing. He obtained his Ph.D. degree at the University of Edinburgh in UK. His research interests mainly focus on the development and application of FE model in the simulation of the mechanical behavior of the reservoir under hydraulic fracturing, casing failure in the multi-stage hydraulic fracturing and the subsea pipeline under complex environments.



Investigating the propagation of multiple hydraulic fractures in shale oil rocks using acoustic emission

Dr. Shan Wu is a Lecturer at Hefei University of Technology in the School of Resources and Environmental Engineering. She obtained her Ph.D. degree at the China University of Petroleum, Beijing, focusing on Petroleum Engineering. Additionally, she spent a year in a joint Ph.D. program at the University of Toronto's Department of Physics from 2017 to 2018. Before her current role, she was a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Southern University of Science and Technology and a Research Assistant at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Her research concentrates on hydraulic fracturing technology, dynamic fracture propagation, fracture type classification, and initiation and termination mechanisms of tensile-type fractures. She employs diverse methodologies, including the finite-discrete element method (FDEM), acoustic emission monitoring systems, spectral element method (SEM), and unsupervised machine learning.



Numerical simulation of injection-induced seismicity in the fractured rock mass

Dr. Qi Zhao is an assistant professor at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) at the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. He obtained his Ph.D. degree at the University of Toronto and his Ph.D. dissertation was awarded the Leopold Müller Award by the Austrian Society for Geomechanics and the Dr. N.G.W. Cook Ph.D. Dissertation Award by the American Rock Mechanics Association (ARMA). He is an ARMA Future leader (class 2021). His research interests cover several aspects of geomechanics and geophysics, including in situ 4D rock physics experiments under X-ray micro-CT, the application of machine learning to rock mechanics and geophysics problems, and the shear behavior of rock discontinuities.

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