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Research on Surrounding Rock Control Technology of Dongbaowei Deep Mining Roadway

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In order to explore the stability control of surrounding rock in the process of deep mining, comparative analysis of stress, deformation, and fracture characteristics of surrounding rock of deep and shallow mining roadway in dongbaotou coal mine, laboratory experiments, field measurement, numerical simulation, and field industrial experiments were adopted to put forward the control plan of the surrounding rock in deep roadway, which were verified by field industrial experiments. The results of laboratory experiments and field experiments show that the mechanical properties of deep roadway surrounding rock of Dongbaowei Coal Mine are significantly lower than those of the shadow roadway, mainly due to the development of joints and fractures of the overlying strata in the deep stope, serious impact on the disturbance of the roadway which has been made by the strong pressure of the stope, and reduced crushing strength of surrounding rock. Through comparative analysis of deep roadway support plan carried out by numerical simulation, the support scheme suitable for Dongbaowei Coal Mine is put forward, which is applied in the field. Field industrial experiments show that after the optimization of support parameters, the deformation of surrounding rock of roadway is well controlled. The displacement of surrounding rock of roadway is basically stable after 10~15 days. The support of surrounding rock of roadway has good effect, which achieves the goal of stability control of deep roadway surrounding rock.

1. Introduction

With the development of coal mining technology, coal mining intensity and depth continue to increase, and shallow coal resources are depleted. Coal mine underground mining is developing at an average speed of 8.0~12.0 m per year, and deep coal mining in deep wells becomes the new normal of coal resource development. The complex geological conditions of deep coal resources, the increasing ground stress, the rising ground temperature, and the intensified rock mass result in a series of problems such as increased difficulty in resource exploitation, deterioration of working environment, and sharp increase in production costs, which makes safe and efficient mining in deep coal resources face challenges [1–3]. Compared with the shallow roadway, the deep well of the kilometer deep mine has high ground stress and strong mining influence, which leads to large deformation, long duration, and serious failure of the surrounding rock of the roadway [4, 5]. Due to the strong mining behavior of the working face, the coal wall spalling, roof collapse and support failure are caused [6]. The traditional technology under shallow low stress and weak mining conditions cannot solve the problem of deep surrounding rock control [7].

The surrounding rock is a fracture driven by stress. Deep mining is in a state of high stress, so it is easier for the surrounding rock to reach the limit state, which leads to deformation and failure. In the aspect of surrounding rock control, scholars have put forward a variety of theories and technologies, from the new Austrian Tunneling Method [8–13] to the collapse arch theory [14–16]. Scholars put forward the ideas of
surrounding rock control from the perspective of improving the bearing capacity of surrounding rock and integrating with the support. With the development of energy theory [17, 18], the interaction between surrounding rock and support is studied from the perspective of energy regulation. The former Soviet scholars [19] studied the stress state of the surrounding rock of the roadway and proposed the stress control theory. Dong et al. [20] proposed the support theory of the surrounding rock flexible range. The surrounding rock of the roadway has a certain range of loose failure under the action of stress. The main purpose of the support is to control the broken surrounding rock in the “flexible range.” Zheng et al. [21–25] proposed the joint support theory according to engineering practice and believed that the surrounding rock support of roadway should adopt the principle of “flexible (support) first, rigid (support) later, yielding (support) first, compressive (support) later; moderate flexible (support) and yielding (support); stable supporting.” Kang et al. [26] proposed a resin full-length prestressed anchorage combined support technology for the characteristics of low strength, loose fracture, water swelling, and easy disintegration of soft rock roadway surrounding rock mass. He et al. [27] developed a constant resistance and large deformation bolt for ordinary bolts that could not adapt to the large deformation of surrounding rock.

Wang et al. [28] combined the advantages of bolts, anchor cables, and grouting, proposing the integrated support technology of bolt and grouting. Jia et al. [29] considered that high ground stress is an important factor leading to deformation of deep surrounding rock, analyzed the failure mechanism of soft rock, and proposed a support method suitable for soft rock. Liu et al. [30] analyzed the mechanical properties of columnar jointed basalt with complex stress path, which provided theoretical support for the control of surrounding rock of columnar jointed basalt.

However, most of the existing researches on surrounding rock support are directed at shallow roadways. Affected by traditional concepts, the deep roadway support has always adopted the engineering analogy method and the empirical method, which leads to the indefinite rationality of the surrounding rock control methods and technical parameters and the excessive or insufficient support strength. The disadvantage of the former is that it wastes support materials increases the cost of support, while the latter brings great hidden dangers to safe production. Based on the above, aiming at the mining characteristics of the Dongbaowei Coal Mine, the law of strata behaviors, the deformation and failure characteristics of the deep roadway, and the surrounding rock support characteristics of the roadway, this paper proposes the deep roadway surrounding rock control scheme and support parameter optimization by using laboratory experiments, field measurement, theoretical analysis, numerical simulation, and field industrial tests.

2. Investigation and Analysis of Surrounding Rock Control in Roadway

2.1. Mine Overview. Dongbaowei Coal Mine is located in 35 km east of Shuangyashan City and belongs to Shuangyashan Coalfield. The surface elevation is +200 m—+260 m, and the mining depth is +160 m—+700 m. The structure of mine area is a syncline structure with an arc distribution. The formation of north wing is gentle, with the inclination angle 10°–20°. The formation of south wing is steep, with the inclination angle 30°–45°. When the fault zone is reached, the residual tectonic stress on both sides of the fault itself superimposed with the front abutment pressure of the working face and the abutment pressure near the fault is increased to form a new high stress zone [31–37]. The No. 41 coal seam of Dongbaowei Coal Mine is affected by faults, which easily forms high stress areas and has high requirements for support. This paper takes No. 41 coal seam-350 haulage roadway in the No. 1 district of Dongbaowei Coal Mine and No. 41 coal seam-660 haulage roadway in the No. 3 district as research roadways; the difference between the buried depths of the two research roadways is 330 m, in order to compare the effects of the surrounding rock control schemes of different buried depth entries.

2.2. Support Parameters of Roadway. The No. 41 coal seam of Dongbaowei Coal Mine has a thickness of 0.20–2.32 m, an average thickness of 1.70 m, and an average inclination of 30°. The mining depth of the No. 41 coal seam-350 m haulage roadway in the No. 1 district is 490 m, and the buried depth of the No. 41 coal seam-660 haulage roadway in the No. 3 district is 920 m. The sections of the two entries and the original supporting parameters are the same. The section of the roadway is inverted trapezoid. The height of the left side is 1867 mm, the height of the right side is 3732 mm, and the inclination of the coal seam is 30°. The roadway support method is bolt and anchor cable support. The bolt support parameters are φ18 mm rebar anchors, and the spacing between bolts is 1200 × 1200 mm. Each bolt is anchored with 2 bolt-anchor agents. The length of anchor agent is 35 cm. The anchor cable support parameters are as follows: φ17.6 mm; length 5.3 m. Two sets of anchor cables are installed per meter in the middle line roof of the roadway, and each anchor cable is anchored with 3 volumes of anchor agents. The supporting section parameters are shown in Figure 1.

2.3. Support Effect Analysis. The existing roadway support effect was investigated on-site, and the roadway support effect is shown in Figure 2. From the field support survey, it can be concluded that, with the same support parameters, the No. 41 coal seam-350 haulage roadway in No. 1 district has good stability and can meet the safety production needs. And, the No. 41 coal seam-660 haulage roadway roof and two sides in No. 3 district have the situation that the coal body is falling with the excavation, and the surface of the roadway is irregular and uneven partly. In the existing support, the roof anchor cable arrangement is difficult to cooperate with bolt. It is known from the existing data that the existing roadway support is combined with the empirical data of the roadways that are completed, and the engineering analogy method is used to carry out the support design of the roadway.
The support parameters of the No. 41 coal seam-660 haulage roadway in the No. 3 district are designed by the engineering analogy method, which does not fully consider its geological conditions and mining technology factors. The deformation and failure characteristics of the roadway of No. 41 coal seam-660 haulage roadway in the No. 3 district are analyzed as follows:

1. The mining depth increases the failure of the surrounding rock of the two sides and the roof: the root cause of deformation and failure of surrounding rock is stress. The deeper the mining depth is, the greater the stress of surrounding rock is, which leads to the failure of surrounding rock when it reaches the limit stress condition. Under the action of tangential stress, the surrounding rock at the top and two sides of the roadway is in a post peak state, which leads to the fragmentation of surrounding rock on the roadway surface. The No. 41 coal seam-660 haulage roadway in No. 3 district is difficult to support, because of the high support cost and the low efficiency. The roadway has obvious convergence and the deformation of the surrounding rock is large.

2. Distribution and mechanical properties of surrounding rock of roadway the structural planes such as joints and fissures in the surrounding rock of No. 41 coal seam-660 haulage roadway in No. 3 district are affected by geological structures such as faults and folds. When the surrounding rock is subjected to the dynamic pressure of working face, severe discontinuous deformations and failures occur. The roof and the two sides are soft and broken coal bodies, and the convergence is severe. The bolts and anchor cables in the existing support of the roadway are broken, and some bolts, anchor rods, and trays are detached and leaked from mesh.
3. Test and Analysis of Physical and Mechanical Properties of Coal and Rock

3.1. Test Piece Processing and Test Methods. Considering the surrounding rock occurrence conditions of the roadway, the coal seam and the roof of the No. 41 coal seam-350 m elevation and -660 m elevation were sampled, respectively, and the mechanical parameters were tested and analyzed. According to the requirements of international rock mechanics test, 80 cylindrical coal and rock sample specimens with a diameter of 50 mm and a height of 100 mm were processed in the laboratory. The coal and rock samples are shown in Figure 3.

The Sonic Viewer-SX ultrasonic speed test system was used to test and screen the acoustic wave of the test piece, and the test piece with a wave speed of about 2000 m/s was selected for testing to reduce the discreteness of the test piece. The mechanical parameters such as uniaxial compressive strength of coal rock samples were tested by TAW-2000 electrohydraulic servo test machine. The experimental devices are shown in Figure 4.

3.2. Experimental Results. The test results of the mechanical parameters of the coal seams and floors of different depths of No. 41 coal seams in Dongbaowei Coal Mine are shown in Table 1.

The average uniaxial compressive strengths of coal seam and roof rock in No. 41 coal seam -350 haulage roadway of No. 1 district are 12.60 MPa and 82.3 MPa, respectively. The average uniaxial compressive strengths of coal seam and roof rock in No. 41 coal seam -660 haulage roadway of No. 3 district are 9.66 MPa and 63.55 MPa, respectively. It can be seen from the test results of the surrounding rock mechanical parameters of the roadway that the mechanical properties of the surrounding rock of the No. 41 coal seam-660 m elevation coal seam and the roof and floor of the No. 3 district are significantly lower than those of the ~350 m elevation, because the overburden structural planes such as joints and fissures on the working face of the ~660 haulage roadway are developed. The strong weighting from the working face has a serious impact on the disturbance of the mining roadway, and the crushing strength of surrounding rock is reduced.

4. Optimization Study on Surrounding Rock Control Parameters of Roadway

4.1. Numerical Simulation Analysis of Supporting Scheme. From the perspective of analyzing and comparing the influence of support and mining on the stability of roadway surrounding rock, the unsupported, bolt support and bolt-anchor cable support model were established, as shown in Figure 5. According to the above model, the stress distribution and the displacement distribution of the surrounding rock under unsupported conditions, bolt support conditions, and bolt-anchor cable support conditions are obtained, as shown in Figures 6 and 7.

It can be seen from the simulation results that, in the unsupported state, the stress concentration of the surrounding rock of the roadway is obvious, and the displacement of the roof of the roadway is large. The stress concentration of the surrounding rock of the bolt support roadway is weakened and the displacement is reduced. The bolt support has a good control effect on the surrounding rock deformation of the roadway. After the bolt and anchor cable combined support, the stress distribution of the roadway has obvious changes and the stress distribution of the roadway side is evenly distributed. The displacement of the bolt and anchor cable support roadway is obviously reduced, and the displacement is mainly concentrated in the roof of the roadway, which should be more careful when supporting. It can be seen from the numerical simulation that stress distribution of the bolt-anchor cable support is more uniform and the displacement is smaller.

4.2. Numerical Simulation Analysis of Support Parameters. According to the field measurement, the maximum roof loosening range of the No. 41 coal seam-660 haulage roadway in No. 3 District of Dongbaowei 3 m (the loose range of the top) and 2 m (the loose range of the two sides). Considering the broken roof of the roadway and the relatively large displacement, the roof bolt support is strengthened. The roof bolt with φ18 mm and length 2.9 m was selected. The roof anchor cable with φ17.6 mm and length 9.6 m was selected. The three-row spacing parameters between bolts were designed for comparative analysis.
row spacing parameters were as follows: scheme 1 \(1.0 \times 0.8\) m, scheme 2 \(1.0 \times 1.0\) m, and scheme 3 \(1.0 \times 1.2\) m. Numerical simulation analysis of the three schemes is shown in Figures 8 and 9.

It can be seen from the numerical simulation results that the stress concentration of the surrounding rock of the roadway and the deformation of the surrounding rock were controlled by strengthening the roof bolt and anchor cable support. Compared with different row spacing of bolts, the stress distribution in the \(z\) direction of the roadway is more uniform when the spacing is \(1.0 \times 0.8\) m. When the spacing is \(1.0 \times 1.0\) m, the stress concentration appears in the roof of the roadway. When the spacing is \(1.0 \times 1.2\) m, the stress concentration appears in the floor of the roadway. When the bolt spacing increases, the stress concentration range increases and the stress concentration degree also
Figure 5: Support model. (a) Unsupported. (b) Bolt support. (c) Bolt-anchor cable support.

Figure 6: Stress distribution. (a) Unsupported. (b) Bolt support. (c) Bolt-anchor cable support.
Figure 7: Displacement distribution. (a) Unsupported. (b) Bolt support. (c) Bolt-anchor cable support.

Figure 8: Stress distribution. (a) Scheme 1: interval 1.0 m × 0.8 m. (b) Scheme 2: interval 1.0 m × 1.0 m. (c) Scheme 3: interval 1.0 m × 1.2 m.
increases. Compared with scheme 2 and scheme 3, the deformation of the surrounding rock of scheme 1 is obviously reduced. The roof of scheme 3 has obvious subsidence, and the maximum subsidence is 0.09 m. From the simulation results, both scheme 1 and scheme 2 can meet the requirements of safe production. Comprehensively
considering the engineering quality and geological conditions during roadway construction and leaving a certain surplus support space, scheme 1 is more suitable. Through the above numerical simulation analysis, it can be seen that the supporting parameters of the No. 41 coal seam-660 m deep roadway in the original No. 3 district of Dongbaowei Coal Mine need to be further strengthened. It is suggested that the row spacing between the bolts in the deep mining roadway of No. 41 coal seam in the No. 3 district should be adjusted from 1.2 m × 1.2 m to 1.0 m × 0.8 m. The length of the roof anchor cable is adjusted from 5.3 m to 9.6 m.

5. Field Industrial Experiment

In order to test the rationality of the optimized support parameters, a 50 m roadway was selected in the No. 41 coal seam deep roadway for the industrial test. The test roadway is No. 41 coal seam-640 right haulage roadway, with a trapezoidal roadway section, the left side height is 2144 mm, and the right side height is 3473 mm. The support scheme is as follows.

The roof support was made of 2.9 m long and φ18 mm rebar anchors. The two sides were supported by φ16 mm and 2.9 m long bolts. The spacing between bolts is 0.8 m × 1.0 m. φ17.6 mm and 9.6 m long anchor cable was selected to support, and the spacing between the cables is 1.0 m × 1.0 m.

Two measuring points were arranged, the measuring point spacing is 20 m, and the cross-track method was used to monitor the displacement of the roadway every two days. According to the actual width of the roadway, the steel tape, the tape measure, the bolt, and the engineering line with the length of 5 m were selected to monitor the displacement of roadway surface. The results of the field observation are shown in Figure 10.

Through field industrial test and observation, it can be concluded that the deformation of the surrounding rock of the roadway is well controlled by the optimization of support parameters. The displacement of the surrounding rock of the roadway is basically stable after 10–15 days, and the surrounding rock support effect of the roadway is better. It improves the safety of roadways and provides safety for subsequent mining.

6. Conclusion

In this paper, aiming at the stability problem of deep roadway support in Dongbao coal mine, based on the field investigation, the existing problems of deep mining roadway support in Dongbao coal mine were analyzed. Through laboratory experiments and numerical simulation analysis, the support scheme and parameters of deep roadway in Dongbao coal mine were optimized and verified by field industrial tests. The main conclusions are as follows:

(1) The mechanical properties of the surrounding rock of No. 41 coal seam-660 m elevation are significantly lower than those of the 350 m elevation, which is mainly due to the development of structural planes such as overlying joints and fissures in the working face. The disturbance of the mining roadway is affected by the strong weighting of the working face, and the crushing strength of the surrounding rock is reduced.

(2) Through numerical simulation, the optimal supporting scheme of No. 41 coal seam deep mining roadway was determined as follows: bolt parameters: φ18 mm, length 2.9 m, and row spacing between bolts 0.8 m × 1.0 m; anchor cable parameters φ17.6 mm, length 9.6 m, and distance between anchor cables 1.0 m × 1.0 m.

(3) Through the field industrial experiment, after the optimization of support parameters, the deformation of the surrounding rock of the roadway is well controlled. The displacement of the surrounding rock of the roadway is basically stable after 10–15 days, and the surrounding rock support effect of the roadway is better. It improves the safety of roadways and provides safety for subsequent mining.

Data Availability

The data used to support the findings of this study are available from the corresponding author upon request (e-mail: 19140270@qq.com).

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare no conflicts of interest.

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