

1 Pressure response and phase transitions during a release of high pressure CO₂ from an
2 industrial-scale pipeline

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9 **Abstract:** As part of the Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) process, pipeline transportation of
10 dense phase CO₂ is the safest and most economic option for delivering captured CO₂ to a storage
11 site. However, in the event of pipeline rupture an enormous mass of CO₂ may be released very
12 rapidly, presenting several risks to the pipeline and surrounding population including the
13 significantly increased risk of brittle fracture in the pipe wall. The study of pressure variation and
14 phase change in CO₂ during pipeline blowdown can contribute to the understanding of brittle
15 fracture initiation and propagation, as well as downstream CO₂ diffusion behaviour. As part of the
16 CO₂QUEST project, a reusable, industrial scale pipeline experimental apparatus with a total
17 length of 258 m and the inner diameter of 233 mm was fabricated to study CO₂ pipeline
18 blowdown. A dual-disc blasting device was used to remotely control the opening of the pipeline,
19 three different orifice diameters were used in experiments (15 mm, 50 mm and Full Bore
20 Rupture). Different initial conditions in the inventory were achieved by heating the charged

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21 pipeline and by varying the mass of CO₂ used. The instantaneous pressure response following
22 release was measured with high frequency pressure transducers the overall depressurization
23 process was recorded with low frequency transducers. Variation in fluid temperature was also
24 recorded. Six groups of CO₂ pipeline release experiments were conducted with initially gaseous and
25 dense inventories, the variation in fluid pressure and temperature was recorded and phase
26 transitions observed and analysed for each release.

27 Keywords: CO₂ release, Pressure response, Phase transition, large scale pipeline blowdown.

28 1. Introduction

29 Following the Copenhagen Climate Change Conference (2009) there is a broad political consensus
30 to limit the rise in global temperatures to 2 °C above pre-industrial levels. This requires a 50-80 %
31 reduction in CO₂ emissions by 2050 [1]. Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) is a process by which
32 waste CO₂ is captured from large emitters and stored underground, thus reducing direct
33 emissions to the atmosphere [2] and mitigating the environmental impact of fossil fuels.

34 As a part of the CCS chain, pipeline transportation of CO₂ from emitter to storage site is
35 considered the safest and most efficient transportation option [3]. The large scale
36 implementation of CCS will require large transportation networks, potentially between 95,000
37 and 550,000 km of CO₂ pipelines by 2050 [4]. Safety issues surrounding the operation of CO₂
38 pipelines are expected to be complex compared to current practice [5,6]. Additionally, CO₂
39 transmission pipelines may be expected to suffer from accidental releases caused by defects such
40 as mechanical damage, corrosion, construction or material defects, soil movement or even
41 operational mistakes in a similar fashion to hydrocarbon pipelines, for example[6].

42 Understanding the processes occurring inside a CO₂ pipeline during outflow is essential to

43 investigating fracture propagation and atmospheric dispersion of the inventory [12-16]. For an
44 initially high pressure inventory, whether gaseous, dense phase or supercritical, there is likely to
45 be a complex phase-transition as CO₂ decompresses during pipeline blowdown [10]. The rupture
46 of a CO₂ pipeline will result in a series of expansion waves that propagate into the undisturbed
47 fluid in the pipe. Significant Joule-Thomson cooling associated with the rapid expansion of the
48 inventory can result in very low and potentially harmful temperatures in the fluid and pipe wall
49 [11]. The precise tracking of these expansion waves and temperature variations, and their
50 propagation as a function of time and distance along the pipeline, is necessary to predict a
51 pipeline's propensity to fracture [9]. A pipeline failure (most commonly a puncture) may escalate
52 to a fracture if the force acting on the defect overcomes the fracture toughness of the wall
53 material. The fracture may be either in the ductile or brittle regime depending on the nature of
54 the rupture [8].

55 In order to develop accurate models for predicting the depressurization and phase transition
56 behavior during CO₂ pipeline blowdown, several experimental research programs have been
57 performed. A large scale underground pipeline rupture test was carried out in the COSHER joint
58 industry project to study pipeline depressurization and dispersion of initially dense phase CO₂,
59 with a 219.1 mm diameter pipeline loop was fed from both ends by a 148 m³ reservoir of CO₂. A
60 fast pressure drop during CO₂ release was observed after the inventory reached saturation
61 conditions [17]. On behalf of National Grid at the Spadeadam Test Site, three West Jefferson
62 Tests were conducted to investigate ductile fracture propagation in pipelines transporting liquid
63 or dense phase CO₂. The two factors that affect the appearance of a rupture are the length of the
64 initial defect and the ratio of the toughness of the line pipe to the toughness required to arrest a

running ductile fracture. [18]. Koeijera et al [19] built a horizontal pipeline with a length of 139 m and an inner diameter of 10 mm in order to study the depressurization behavior of liquid CO₂. Along the pipe, pressure and temperature transducers were installed at 0, 50, 100, 139 m from the closed end. The results show that the pressure drops rapidly at first and then levels off. The rarefaction wave travels across the length of the tube, and which is reflected at the closed end. The wave amplitude diminishes mainly due to wall friction. A depressurization model was developed and its results were compared with experimental data. It is concluded that the model is experimentally verified but more work is needed for further improvement and extending the validity range. [19,20]. Cosham et al [21] performed a program of shock tube tests with CO₂ and CO₂-rich mixtures in order to study decompression behaviour in the gaseous and dense phases. The researchers found that the decompression behaviour of dense CO₂ and CO₂-rich mixtures was very different to that of natural gas, gaseous CO₂ and gaseous CO₂-rich mixtures. The plateau in the decompression curve of dense CO₂ is long [21]. Xie et al developed a circulation pipeline system to study the leakage behavior of high pressure CO₂ flow, which was about 23 m long with an inner diameter of 30 mm. The experimental results indicated that the depressurization process of supercritical-phase is different from that of the gas-phase. The pressure decrease or mass loss of CO₂ in the pipeline was much larger for supercritical leakage due to the higher density. [24]. Huh et al [25] studied the severe pressure and temperature drops during the depressurization of dense CO₂ in a 51.96 m long test tube with an inner diameter of 3.86 mm. The results of numerical simulations generated with OLGA were compared against experimental data. It was found that the initial pressure drop was well estimated by OLGA for both pure CO₂ and mixtures, but the numerical simulation did not provide reliable temperature drop predictions [25]. Clausen

87 et al [26] described the results of depressurizing during CO₂ venting with an onshore 50 km long,
88 24 inch diameter buried pipeline from initially supercritical conditions. Pressure and temperature
89 were measured at the two ends of the pipeline. The depressurization of this pipeline was also
90 simulated with OLGA. According to both experimental data and simulations, the depressurization
91 stayed well above the triple point of CO₂, and there was no indication of dry ice formation
92 upstream the two release points. Simulation results deviated from the experimental data after
93 the inventory reached saturation conditions [26]. DNV-GL carried out CO₂ depressurization
94 experiments using a 30 m long, 2 inch diameter stainless steel tube, to study fast
95 depressurization of high pressure liquid CO₂ inventories. This work investigated the minimum
96 temperatures reached during blowdown [27].

97 This paper presents the results of pipeline blowdown experiments using a 258 m long, 233 mm
98 inner diameter pipeline containing CO₂ at various initial conditions. Fluid pressures and
99 temperatures in the pipeline were recorded. The experiments' main objective was to improve the
100 understanding of decompression behavior and phase transition during the release of CO₂.

101 2. Experiments

102 2.1 Experimental system

103 The main components of the experimental setup are shown in Fig 1. The apparatus consists of a
104 single pipeline with a length of 257 m and inner and outer diameters of 233 and 273 mm
105 respectively, a dual-disc blasting pipe with a length of 1 m, a CO₂ injection line, a heating system
106 and two data measurement systems. The main pipe was made of 16MnR steel, which has a
107 minimum allowable temperature of -40 °C, whereas the dual-disc blasting pipe was made of
108 grade 304 stainless steel and its minimum allowable temperature was -196 °C. The pipeline

109 apparatus was designed to operate at a maximum pressure of 16 MPa. 24 concrete column
110 foundations were built to support the pipeline at a height of 1.3 m above ground.

111 The inventory temperature could be maintained or increased during charging or before
112 experiments using a heating system made up of heating tape and a 50 mm thick thermal
113 insulation layer mounted on the outer pipe surface, the tape was controlled via six temperature
114 controllers. The heating tape power was 50 kW. The heating system was designed to vary the
115 initial temperature of the inventory from 0 to 40 °C.

116 To open the pipeline and initiate experiments a dual disc blasting device is used. This device is
117 1 m long and consists of two rupture discs and two disc holders, a solenoid valve and two pipe
118 sections (Section 1 with a length of 0.6 m; Section 2 with a length of 0.3 m) connected by a flange
119 and bolts. A schematic of the dual-disc blasting device is shown in [Fig. 2](#). The pipeline was
120 charged with the appropriate mass of inventory for each experiment and the heating coils used
121 to achieve the desired initial conditions. The pressure P2 in section I was maintained
122 proportionally to the pressure P1 inside the main pipeline. To initiate the experiment, the
123 pressure P2 in section I was rapidly raised, forcing the disc B to break, resulting in the near
124 simultaneous rupture of disc A. Because the length of the dual-disc device (1 m) is much shorter
125 than the main pipeline (257 m), its influence on pressure and temperature measurements in the
126 main pipe can be ignored.

127 The recoil-shock created when initiating full bore rupture (FBR) experiments was significant. A
128 reinforced anchor device was designed and installed to hold the release end of the pipeline firmly
129 in place, as shown in [Fig. 3](#). The device consisted of steel frames, steel plate, and anchor bolts
130 anchored firmly to the concrete foundation. The reacting force and frictional force of the

131 reinforcement device could resist an acting force of more than 400 kN.

132 2.2 Pipeline Instrumentation

133 Various instruments were installed along the pipeline, including 4 low frequency pressure sensors,

134 8 high frequency pressure sensors, 18 thermocouples on the upper half of pipeline, 6

135 thermocouples on the bottom half of pipeline and 12 thermocouples on the outer wall of

136 pipeline. Pressure change in the overall process was measured using PPM-S322G pressure

137 transducers with a frequency response of 1 kHz and an accuracy of 0.25 %FS of full scale.

138 Pressure change at the beginning of release was measured using PPM-S116B-OEM pressure

139 transducers with a frequency response of 100 kHz and an accuracy of 0.25 %FS of full scale.

140 Temperature was measured using K-type thermocouples which had a response time of 100 ms

141 and a range of -200 °C to 1300 °C, and uncertainty of ± 1 °C. The installing angle of

142 measurement points are shown in [Fig. 4](#).

143 Data was recorded using two independent measuring systems, an NI cRIO-9025 system which

144 was used to simultaneously sample 4 low frequency pressure sensors and all the thermocouples

145 and an NI cDAQ-9188 system which was used to sample 8 high frequency pressure sensors. The

146 NI cRIO-9025 system consisted of one 9025, four 9144 chasses and twelve 9219 modules for

147 temperature and pressure signal acquisition. The 5 chasses were connected using ordinary

148 internet access cable. The communication protocol used EtherCAT at 110 ms/sample to ensure

149 synchronised data gathering. All of the data acquired would be cached in the host 9025. The NI

150 cDAQ-9188 system consisted of two 9188 of 4 channels with a high-speed of 500 kS/s. LabVIEW

151 software was used to transfer the data from the 9025 or 9188 to a local computer by Ethernet.

152 2.3 Experiments Conducted

153 In this paper, three groups of CO₂ release experiments were performed to investigate
154 decompression behaviour and phase transition during the release of CO₂ from a pipeline. Each
155 group used initially vapour and dense phase CO₂. Three different orifice diameters were also
156 used for each group of tests; 15 mm, 50 mm and Full Bore Rupture (FBR). Thus six experiments in
157 total were conducted. The initial experimental conditions of the six tests are presented in [Table 1](#).
158 [Table 2](#) reports the instruments from which data is available for the listed experiments, including
159 instrument type, number and location.

160 3. Experimental results and discussions

161 In this section the results of six release experiments with three different orifice sizes (15 mm,
162 50 mm and FBR) are described and the recorded pressure response and phase transition data
163 analysed. In all the following figures a rightward pointing arrow ("→") indicates decompression
164 wave propagation from the discharge end to the closed end of the pipe, while a leftward pointing
165 arrow ("←") indicates decompression wave propagation from the closed end to the discharge
166 end. The numbers above the arrows represent the times for the decompression wave to travel
167 the length of the pipe and their propagation velocities in the 1st and 2nd periods. Three kinds of
168 pressure response parameters are defined as follows: (1) The pressure drop amplitude (ΔP_d) is
169 the difference between the maximum pressure front the depressurization wave and the
170 minimum pressure behind the depressurization wave. (2) The pressure rebound amplitude (ΔP_r)
171 is the difference between the minimum pressure behind the depressurization wave and the
172 recovery pressure following depressurization. (3) The quasi-static pressure (P_{qs}) is the recovery
173 pressure following depressurization.

174 3.1 Gas phase tests

175 3.1.1 Pressure response

176 Fig. 5 shows the evolution of fluid pressure after rupture for tests 1, 2 and 3. The total
177 depressurisation times for each experiment are 1946 s, 159 s and 15 s respectively. It may be
178 observed for tests 1 and 2 that the pressure gradient along the length of the pipe is small during
179 decompression, this is not the case for test 3.

180 In the magnified regions of Fig. 5(a) and (b), the pressure response processes recorded by P2, P5,
181 P7 and P9 at the beginning of tests 1 and 2 are presented. In the 1st period of tests 1 and 2 the
182 decompression wave propagates from the orifice to the closed end at the local speed of sound in
183 the inventory. Behind the decompression wave the inventory pressure drops rapidly. Following
184 the pressure undershoot droplet formation and gasification causes the pressure to recover
185 almost to the initial P_{qs} in both tests. ΔP_f and ΔP_r reduce greatly with the increase in distance
186 from the measured point to the orifice. In the 2nd period of tests 1 and 2 the reflected
187 decompression wave travels from the closed end of the pipe towards the rupture end, causing a
188 further decrease in pressure from P9 to P2 in turn. The inventory achieves a second P_{qs} . ΔP_f and
189 ΔP_r are fractionally greater with increasing distance from the orifice and the value of P_{qs} nearer
190 the orifice was affected by the decompression wave and was below the overall P_{qs} . On the whole,
191 with the decompression wave reflecting repeatedly, ΔP_f , ΔP_r and P_{qs} reduced gradually until the
192 pressure drop and rebound inside the pipeline were no longer obvious. Comparing the pressure
193 response parameters of tests 1 and 2, ΔP_f of the two were very close, but ΔP_r of test 2 (50 mm
194 orifice) was smaller than that of test 1 (15 mm orifice). P_{qs} of tests 1 and 2 reduced about
195 0.01 MPa and 0.11 MPa respectively following each passage of the decompression wave.
196 Fig. 5 (c) shows the variation of fluid pressure with time for test 3. After rupture, the

197 decompression wave propagates with an initial speed of 242.43 m/s. The intersection of curve 1
198 with the pressure histories indicates the times at which droplets form at each location in the
199 gaseous inventory. ΔP_f from P2 to P9 decreased from 1.79 MPa to 0.62 MPa successively. After
200 droplets formed the rate of pressure loss in the pipe decreased to about 2.47 MPa/s. The passage
201 of the reflected decompression wave past each transducer, indicated by the intersection of the
202 pressure histories with curve 2, caused an increase in the rate of recorded pressure drop.

203 Fig. 6 shows the pressure change rate curve in 1st period of tests 1, 2 and 3. For tests 1 and 2,
204 after undershoot the pressure change rates at P2, P5, P7 and P9 sharp increased to the maximum
205 value and soon back to zero. This phenomenon is caused by droplet gasification. The minimum
206 and maximum value of the pressure change rate decreased successively with increasing distance
207 from the orifice. For P2, P5, P7 and P9, the amplitude of the pressure rise rate was much larger
208 than that of the pressure drop rate, and the duration time of the pressure rise was more shorter
209 than that of the pressure drop. Comparing the pressure change rates of tests 1 and 2, the
210 minimum value of test1 was smaller than that of test2, but the maximum value of test1 was
211 much greater than that of test2. For test3, due to no pressure rebound, the pressure change rate
212 at P2, P5, P7 and P9 only had a drop. For P2, P5, P7 and P9, the amplitude of the pressure drop
213 rate decreased successively and the duration time of the pressure drop became shorter with
214 increasing distance from the orifice.

215 3.1.2 Phase transition

216 Fig. 7 plots the evolution of fluid properties on the pressure-temperature phase diagram for tests
217 1, 2 and 3. Upon rupture, the instantaneous pressure drop was accompanied by the formation of
218 droplets, which caused the sharp temperature fall. The high environment temperature made the

219 droplets vaporise rapidly and caused the pressure rebound or stagnation. Due to the rapidity of
220 this process it was not captured by the temperature thermocouples as their response time was
221 too great. In test1, the overall temperature drop amplitude was not obvious due to the small
222 orifice diameter. In test2, the lowest temperatures recorded by Tf18 and Tf18d were -16 °C and
223 -26 °C respectively. The lowest temperatures at the top and bottom of the pipe at locations 7.4 m,
224 54.2 m and 62.1 m from the orifice were similar and fell to 23 °C, 22 °C and 21 °C respectively. as
225 indicated by the recorded thermodynamic trajectories of tests 1 and 2, no phase change was
226 observed. In test 3, the lowest values of Tf2, Tf2d, Tf4 and Tf4d dropped to 3 °C, 0 °C, 5 °C and
227 2 °C when the pipeline pressure dropped to 1.56 MPa, and the lowest values of Tf16, Tf16d, Tf18
228 and Tf18d fell to - 56 °C, -42 °C, -64 °C and -69 °C when the pipeline pressure dropped to
229 0.23 MPa, which suggested that the gaseous CO₂ at the pipeline end transformed to the
230 gas-liquid phase in the last period of test 3.

231 3.2 Dense phase test

232 3.2.1 Pressure response

233 Fig. 8 shows the pressure evolutions for tests 4, 5 and 6. The total depressurisation times of each
234 experiment were 7300 s, 482 s and 40 s respectively. As shown in Fig. 10(a) and (b), the
235 decompression process for tests 4 and 5 are very similar. For test 4 and test 5, during phase I of
236 decompression a sharp decline in pressure is observed for both tests, lasting about 34 s and 4.7 s
237 respectively. During phase II of decompression, the inventories achieve saturation pressure (P_s),
238 initially at pressures of 5.08 MPa for test 4 and 5.02 MPa for test 5. Fluid pressures and
239 temperatures then decline along the saturation line for duration times of circa 5838 s and 363 s
240 respectively. When inventory properties reach the triple point the 3rd phase of decompression

241 begins, this 3rd phase lasts about 1428 s and 119 s respectively for tests 4 and 5.

242 As shown in the magnified regions of Fig. 8(a) and (b), the pressure drop processes of
243 decompression in phase I consisted of about 40 and 4 passes of the decompression wave for
244 tests 4 and 5 respectively. With the propagation of decompression wave, the pressure fluctuation
245 gradually weakened until it disappeared at the end of phase I. During the pressure response
246 process of the 1st period of the dense tests there was an obvious slowdown between sharp
247 decline and rapid rise compared to that seen in tests 1 to 3. Comparing the pressure response
248 parameters of the 1st period of tests 4 and 5, ΔP_f of the two were similar, but ΔP_r of the former
249 was higher than that of the later, and the P_{qs} of 9.04 MPa for test 4 was higher than the P_{qs} of
250 7.67 MPa for test 5.

251 As shown in Fig. 8(c), during phase I of decompression, the pressure inside the pipeline sharply
252 dropped to the saturation pressure, the rate of pressure loss then slowed down. During phase II
253 of decompression a significant pressure gradient was recorded along the length of the pipe. In
254 phase III of decompression, the rate of pressure drop increased due to the formation of dry ice,
255 especially was instinct near the pipe closed end.

256 Fig. 9 shows the pressure change rate curve in 1st period of tests 4, 5 and 6. For tests 4 and 5, the
257 minimum value of the pressure change rate decreased successively with increasing distance from
258 the orifice. The maximum value of the pressure change rate at P2 was much smaller than that at
259 P5, P7 and P9. For P5, P7 and P9, the amplitude of the pressure rise rate was much larger than
260 that of the pressure drop rate, but it's opposite at P2. The wide fluctuations of the pressure
261 change rate was caused by bubble nucleation. For test6, it's pressure change rate curve in 1st
262 phase was similar to that for test3. However, the amplitude of the pressure drop rate along the

263 pipe of test6 was much greater than that of test3, while the duration time of the pressure drop of
264 test6 was shorter than that of test3. This suggested that the bubble nucleation rate was much
265 greater than the droplet gasification.

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267 3.2.2 Phase transition

268 Fig. 10 shows the evolution of fluid pressure and temperature plotted on the CO₂ phase diagram
269 for tests 4 to 6. Point A indicates the initial phase of each experiment, and the points B and C are
270 the locations of phase changes. After the start of release, due to the low compressibility of dense
271 CO₂ the pressure inside the pipeline fell rapidly to the saturation pressure i.e. from point A to B,
272 corresponded to phase I of decompression. The fluid temperature drop was not large as the
273 dense (liquid) CO₂ couldn't release its heat fast enough. During phase II of decompression the
274 saturation properties evolve from points B to C. Due to the large release rate the measured
275 temperature inside the pipeline tended to shift away from the saturation temperature, indicating
276 the fluid was superheated. . At point C, the inventory reached the CO₂ triple point pressure
277 (0.52 MPa), the subsequent generation of the dry ice at the bottom of the pipeline made the flow
278 phase change to gas-solid flow. For test 4, Tf2, Tf4, Tf16 and Tf18 started to deviate from the
279 saturation line at the point B and Tf2d, Tf4d, Tf16d and Tf18d started to deviate from the
280 saturation line at the point C .This result showed that the transition from gas-liquid phase CO₂ to
281 gas CO₂ during phase II at the top of the pipe appeared in advance of that at the bottom of the
282 pipe. The phase transition along the length direction of the pipeline wasn't much different during
283 the small bore release. For test 5, Tf2, Tf4, Tf9, Tf18, Tf2d, Tf4d, Tf9d and Tf18d started to deviate
284 from the saturation line when the pressure reached 4.96 MPa, 4.93 MPa, 4.90 MPa, 0.52 MPa,

285 1.42 MPa, 1.36 MPa, 1.01 MPa, 0.52 MPa. This result showed that The gas-liquid phase CO₂ near
286 the orifice deviated from the saturation line and turn into gas at first, subsequently happened far
287 from the orifice with the pressure decline continuously. Meanwhile, this transition appeared at
288 the top of the pipe before that at the bottom of the pipe. For test 6, Tf2, Tf2d, Tf4 and Tf4d
289 started to deviate from the saturation line when the pressure reached 0.69 MPa and Tf16, Tf16d,
290 Tf18 and Tf18d started to deviate from the saturation line when the pressure reached 0.10 MPa.
291 This result showed that the phase transition at the top and bottom of the pipe was similar during
292 the full bore release due to the large release rate. . The lowest temperatures of test4, test5 and
293 test6 were -53 °C, -66 °C and -72 °C respectively. This result indicate that the lower the minimum
294 temperature reached in the overall release process with the bigger orifice diameter.

295 4. Conclusions

296 This article has presented the results of an experimental study of pressure response and phase
297 transition during CO₂ pipeline blowdown. Experiments were conducted using CO₂ in initially
298 gaseous, dense and supercritical phases with three different orifice sizes (15 mm, 50 mm and FBR)
299 for a total of six experiments. From this experimental study, selected conclusions are presented
300 as follows:

301 (1) In all experiments the rapid expansion of the high pressure CO₂ at the orifice resulted in a
302 decompression wave which propagated from the orifice to the closed pipeline end, where it
303 subsequently reflected. Passage of the decompression wave through the inventory caused the
304 pressure undershoot, rebound or slowdown successively, and reached the quasi static pressure
305 level. Moreover, the nearer to the orifice, the longer the quasi static pressure level was
306 maintained.

307 (2) In the gaseous CO₂ releases, the pressure fall, rebound or slowdown was accompanied by
308 droplet formation and rapid gasification. During the depressurization process, the CO₂ phase was
309 generally gaseous near the orifice. When the release diameter was increased, the P-T curve
310 would be close to the saturation line and the gas-liquid CO₂ would appear near the pipe end and
311 the lowest temperature of the CO₂ at the bottom of the pipe was lower than that at the top.

312 (3) In the dense CO₂ releases, the pressure undershoot, rebound or slowdown occurred as the
313 dense phase CO₂ transformed into a gas-liquid CO₂ mixture. With larger orifice diameters, a
314 greater proportion of inventory in the pipeline remained in the saturation state and the lowest
315 temperature achieved in the overall release process was lower. When the pressure fell to the CO₂
316 triple point, the CO₂ phase was mainly gas-solid with dry ice forming at the bottom of the
317 pipeline.

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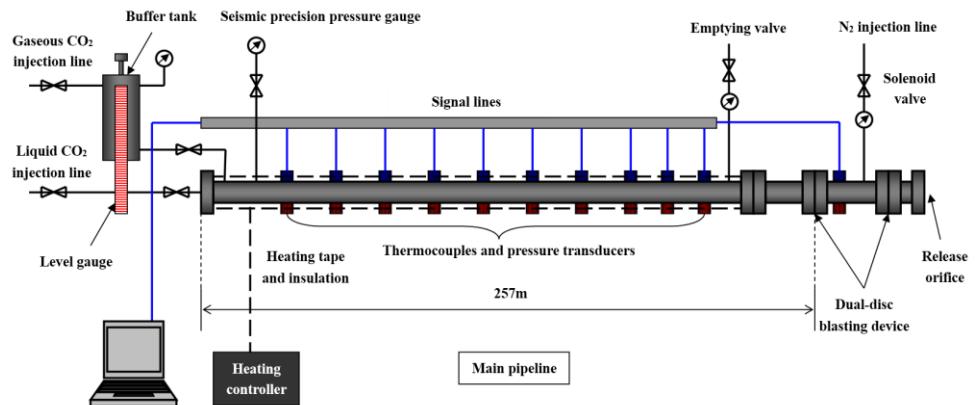
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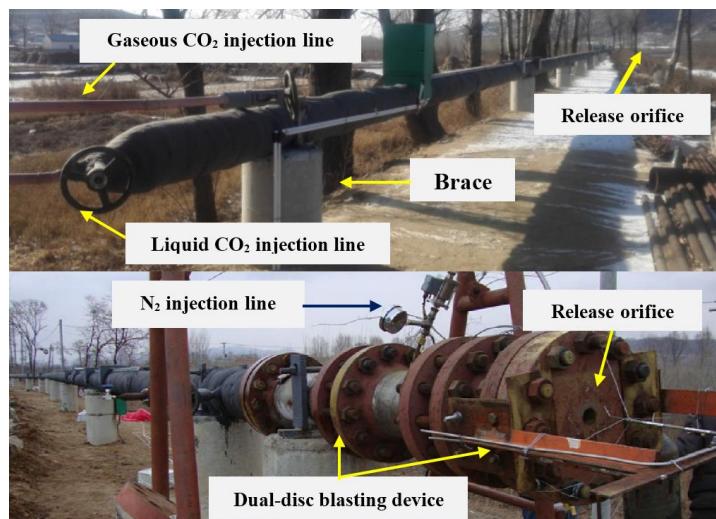
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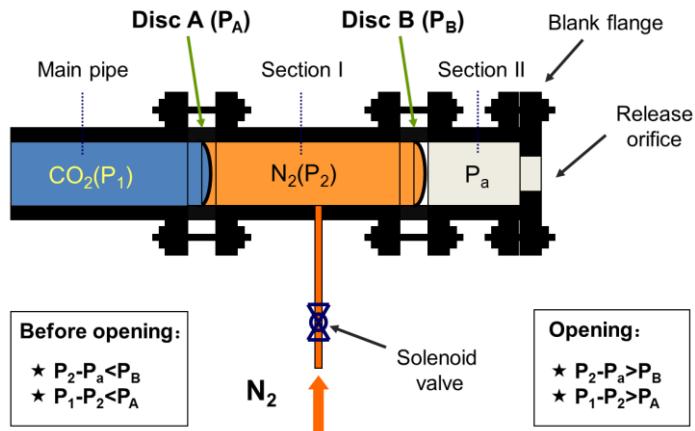
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Fig. 1 Schematic and scene graph of experimental apparatus

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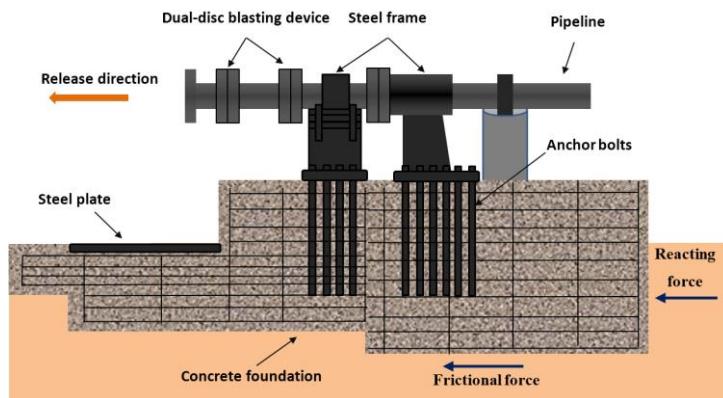
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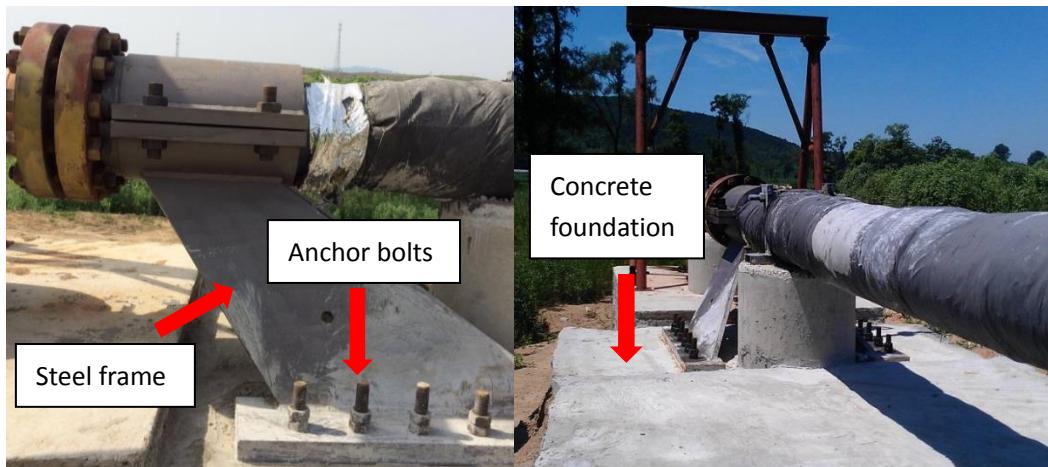
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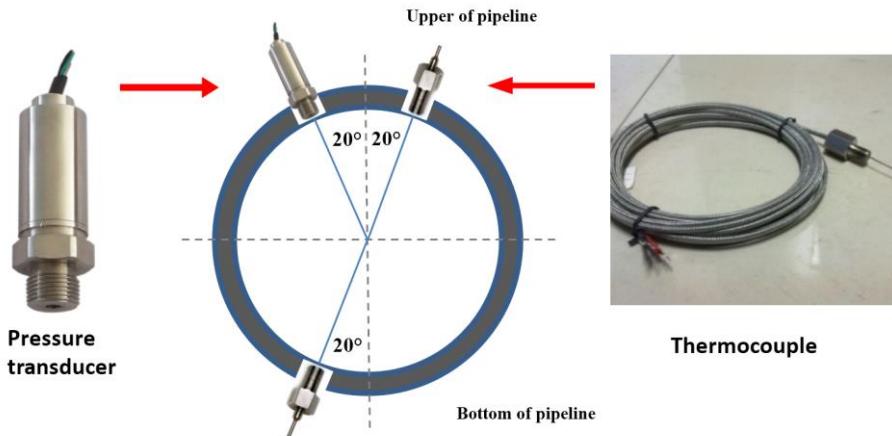
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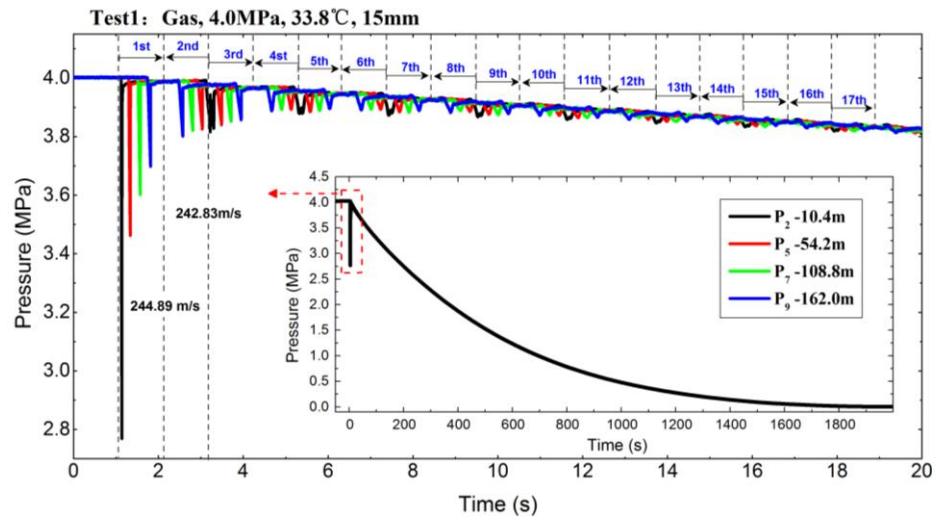


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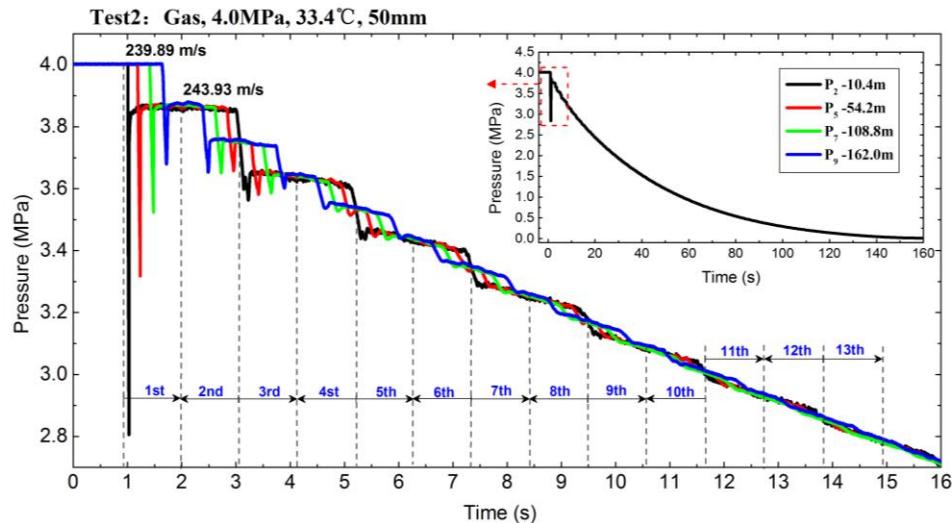
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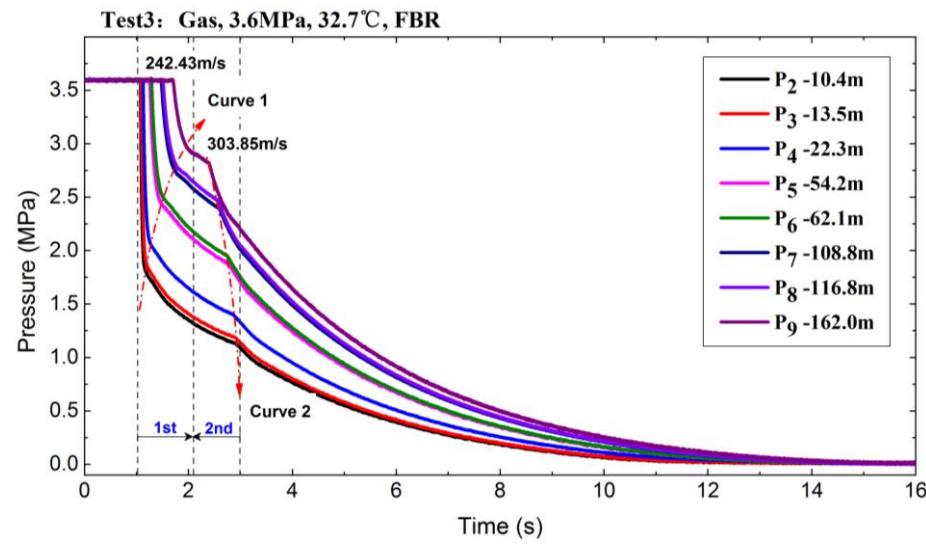
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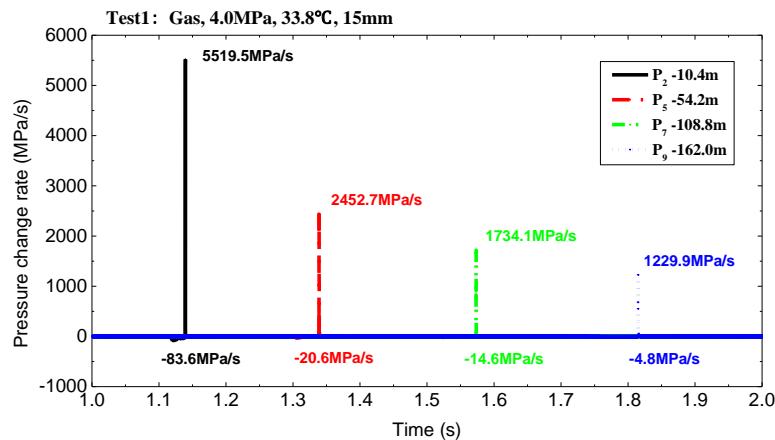
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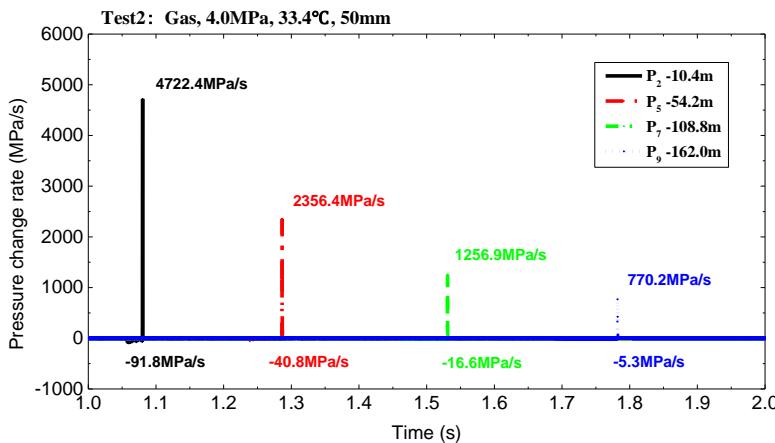
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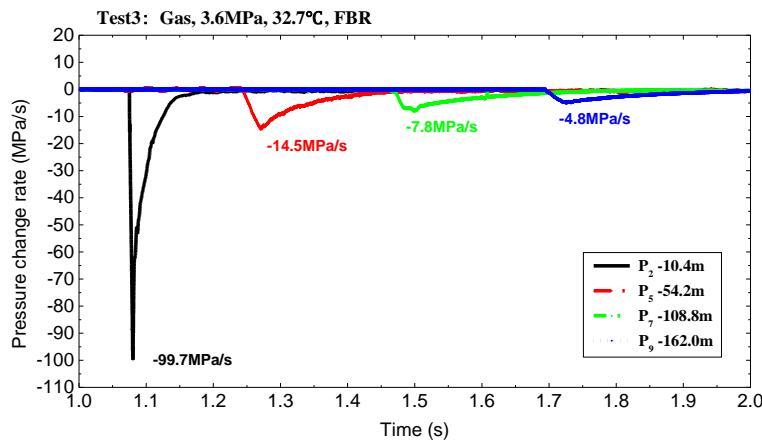
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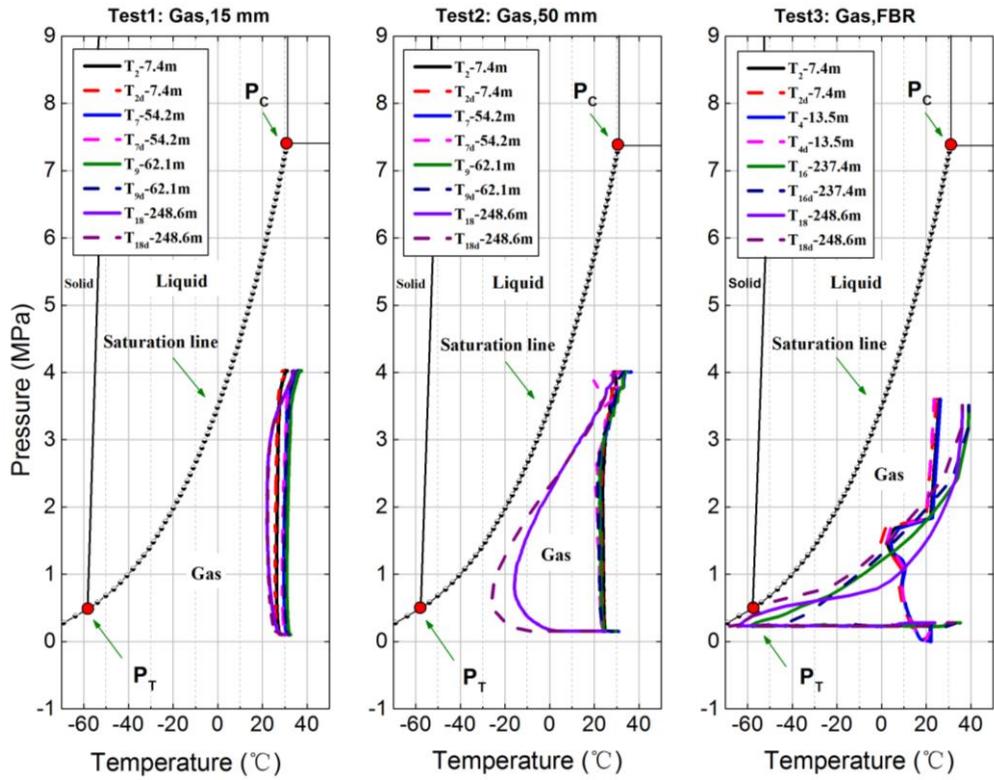
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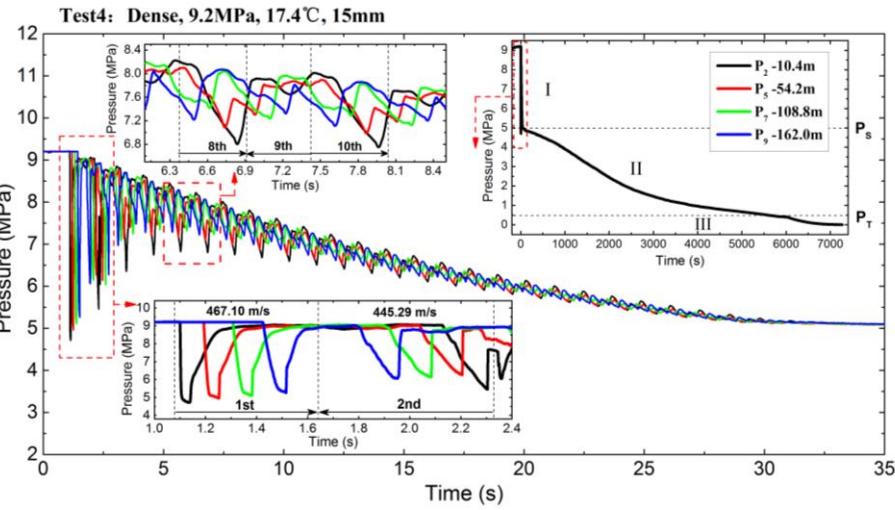


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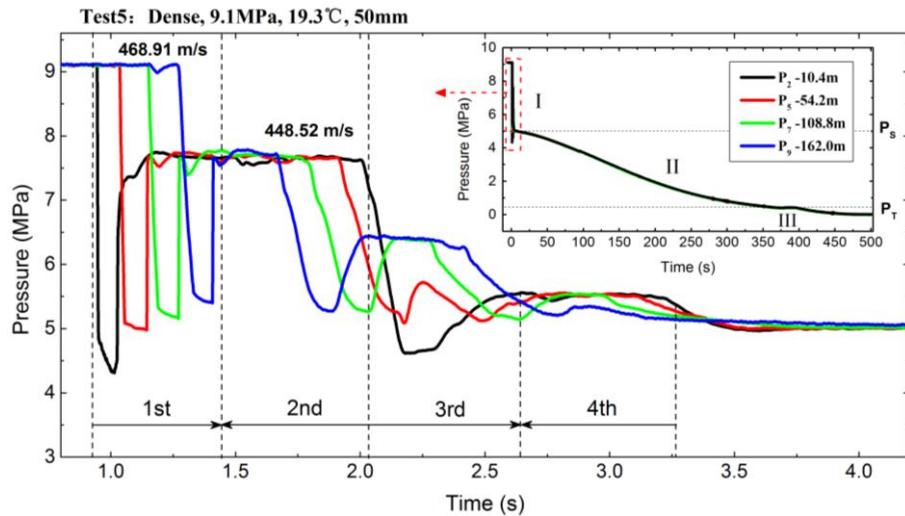
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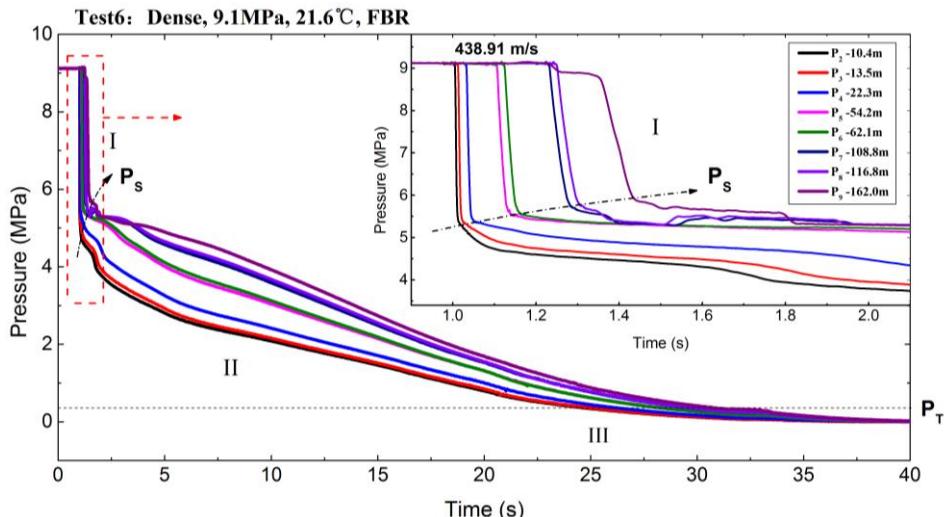
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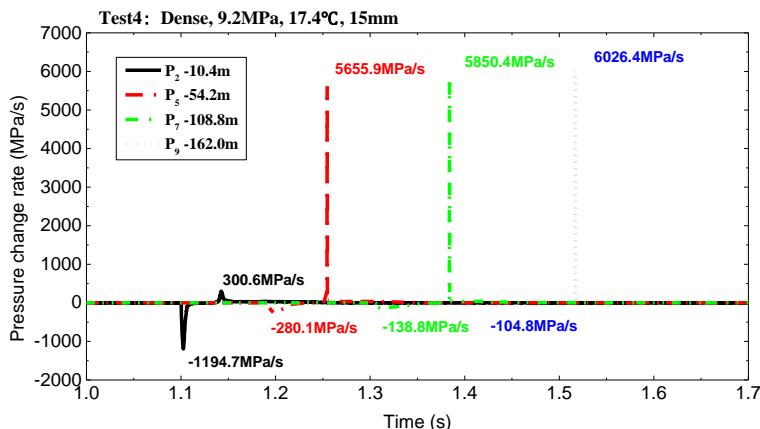
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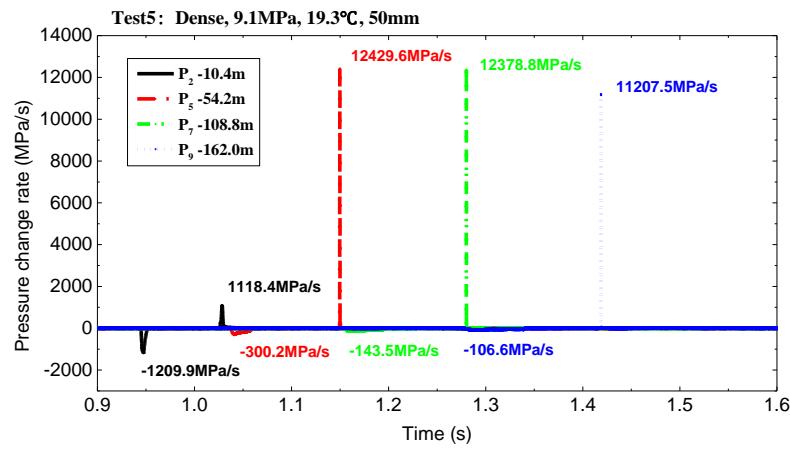
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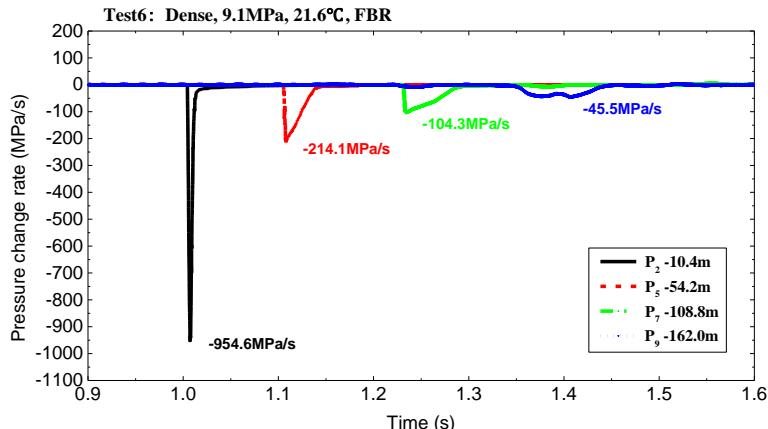
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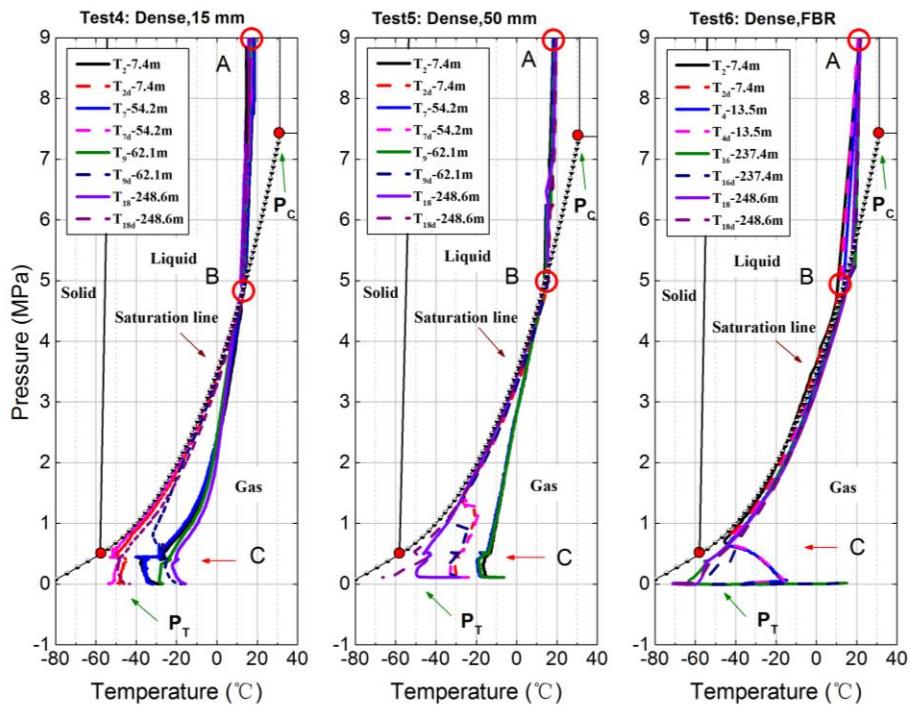
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Fig. 10 Pressure-temperature development with three dense CO₂ release experiments

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469 Table 1 Experimental conditions

Number	Phase	Pressure (MPa)	Temperature (°C)	Orifice (mm)	Inventory (tons)
Test1	Gas	4.05	33.8	15	0.97
Test2	Gas	4.0	33.4	50	0.96
Test3	Gas	3.6	32.7	FBR	0.84
Test4	Dense	9.2	17.4	15	9.48
Test5	Dense	9.1	19.3	50	9.31
Test6	Dense	9.1	21.6	FBR	9.11

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