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# Research on borehole repair model and working parameters optimization of self-propelled rotary excavator

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The collapse or plugging of gas extraction borehole can result in partial or complete failure of the extraction function, affecting the efficiency of gas extraction and increasing project costs. The integrated friction coefficient kindicates the resistance of the borehole repair system per unit length. The current repairing methods are mainly self-propelled and rotary drilling technology, which ignores the influence of drilling angle and return water flow on integrated friction coefficient k. In this paper, wellbore repair model based on Newton's variable mass law is established. The relationship between repair length and hydraulic parameters, wellbore parameters and pipeline parameters is derived. The system resistance test experiment is carried out to clarify the influence of well length, angle, backwater and movement speed on the integrated friction coefficient k. Main conclusions are as follows: the integral friction coefficient kis the key parameter of the repair model, the system resistance increases linearly with the increase of drilling repair distance. Backwater exerts backward thrust on the front end of the drill bit and the high-pressure hose, resulting in an increase in the integrated friction coefficient  $k_{i}$ , the increase of drilling angle and jet pressure can lead to the increase of backwater flow and the increase of integral friction coefficient k. The improved repair model can more accurately predict the maximum repair distance of self-propelled and rotary drill bits. At the repair distance of 104.7 m, the error between the repair value and the experimental value is 5.7 m, which verifies the feasibility of the application of drilling repair in self-propelled and rotary drilling technology.

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### **1** Introduction

Coal is the main source of energy in China, accounting for more than 50% of the primary energy consumption, and the status of coal as the main source of energy will not change for a long time in the future (Teng et al., 2016; Fan et al., 2019; Long et al., 2019; Wu et al., 2019; Fan et al., 2020a; Liu et al., 2020a). China's shallow coal resources are gradually decreasing or even depleted, future coal resources mining is concentrated in the shallow extension to the deep stage (Liu et al., 2019; Fan et al., 2020b; Liu et al., 2020b; Zhang et al., 2022). With the increasing depth of mining, coal seam gas pressure and content are increasing, gas extraction is effective way to prevent gas disasters and promote gas utilization (Yuan, 2016; He et al.,



2019; Kang et al., 2021). Underground gas extraction in coal mines is mainly by construction borehole, and the gas extraction effect of borehole directly affects the effect of gas disaster management in mines (Force, 2011; Shu et al., 2018; Guo et al., 2019; Fan et al., 2020c; Li et al., 2022). As an effective means of gas management, long boreholes can effectively improve gas extraction rate compared with traditional boreholes (Li and Dong, 2022; Ma et al., 2022; Wang et al., 2022; Xu et al., 2022; Li et al., 2023). Under the influence of ground stress, gas pressure, geological structure and other factors, with the increase of extraction time, the phenomenon of collapse and plugging of long boreholes increases significantly, leading to partial or complete failure of the extraction function of boreholes (Liu et al., 2018; Qi et al., 2018; Liu R. et al., 2020; Su et al., 2020). Long borehole failure not only seriously affects gas extraction efficiency and generates gas extraction blank zones, but also increases engineering costs. Therefore, to carry out the borehole restoration technology of unblocking the blocked parts of the borehole can extend the effective service life of the borehole, reduce the cost of gas management and improve the efficiency of gas extraction.

At present, there are two main types of borehole repair technology: mechanical restoration techniques and water jet restoration techniques. The mechanical restoration technique is the more traditional borehole restoration technique, after the borehole is blocked, the borehole rig and borehole rod or other mechanical devices are used to open the cinder/block blocking the borehole, so as to achieve the purpose of unblocking the borehole. However, mechanical restoration techniques are difficult to ensure that the drill pipe follows the original borehole trajectory when reopening the borehole and cannot effectively clear the blockage, and are inefficient due to the handling and drill pipe connection involved (Xiong et al., 2020). Therefore, it is difficult to apply mechanical restoration technology to long boreholes. The principle of water jet restoration technology is to send the water jet drill to the collapsed borehole location in the borehole, and use the high-pressure water jet to impact and crush the cinder/block, while discharging the crushed cinder to achieve the restoration of the failed borehole (Liu et al., 2016a; Liu W. et al., 2020). Su et al. (2014) developed gas extraction borehole hydraulic operation machine, which is equipped with hydraulic control of continuous steel pipe and nozzle advance and retreat, and the nozzle reaches the clogged part of the borehole and passes into high pressure water to form a jet to unclog the borehole. Liu et al. (Xiao et al., 2014) applied the gas extraction borehole hydro-operating machine in the field for extraction borehole restoration, and the effective life of gas extraction borehole was extended by 0.5-1 times, and the pure volume of extraction from a single borehole was increased by more than 60%. The gas extraction borehole hydrooperator can effectively restoration the borehole and extend the service life of the borehole, but it uses hydraulic pressure to send the continuous steel pipe and nozzle to the blockage site for unblocking, and the equipment is large and the restoration depth is limited. Liu et al. (2016b) analyzed the hydraulic parameters of borehole restoration based on the critical flow rate of cinder hydraulic transport, proposed the calculation model of the maximum restoration depth of the self-propelling and rotating drill, and obtained the optimal nozzle arrangement by comparison. The gas extraction concentration was increased by 2.09 times and the gas extraction flow rate was increased by 2.74 times through the field borehole restoration test, which greatly improved the gas extraction efficiency. The self-propelled and rotary drill borehole restoration technology has the advantages of high restoration efficiency, simple equipment and low restoration cost compared with other borehole restoration methods. Therefore, the self-propelled and rotary drill restoration borehole can effectively solve the long borehole plugging problem and improve the gas extraction efficiency. The current theory ignores the influence of the angle of the borehole and the flow rate of the backwater on the integrated friction coefficient k (k is a constant value), and lacks the relevant research on the change law of the

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resistance during the movement of the drill and the maximum restoration distance, which makes the existing restoration theory have large errors in calculating the restoration parameters of long boreholes, resulting in unreasonable selection of parameters and cannot effectively guide the self-propelled and rotary drill borehole restoration technology in deep and long boreholes. The practical application of the self-propelled and rotary drill restoration technology in deep and long boreholes.

This research clarifies the relationship between parameters such as angle of the borehole, jet pressure, jet flow rate, integrated friction coefficient and restoration distance from the theoretical point of view by establishing the equation of motion under variable mass condition of the self-propelled and rotary drill, experimentally investigates the influence law of borehole length, angle, backwater and motion speed on integrated friction coefficient, corrects the equation of motion based on the experimental results, verifies the of motion through borehole restoration equation experiments, and provides theoretical support for the practical application of the self-propelled and rotary drill borehole restoration technology in penetration borehole and cis-layer borehole.

### 2 The self-propelling and rotating drill borehole restoration model

### 2.1 Self-propelling and rotating drill borehole restoration device

The self-propelled and rotary drill borehole and restoration device mainly consists of plunger pump, hose reel and selfpropelled and rotary drill bit, as shown in Figure 1. The selfpropelled and rotary drill bit is the key device for system movement and coal breaking power output. The highpressure water jet is ejected from the rear nozzle of the drill bit to provide the forward power of the system, and from the front nozzle to provide the coal-breaking power; the broken coal slag is discharged out of the borehole with the backwater (Ma et al., 2014; Li et al., 2015; Chi et al., 2016). The rear nozzle is at certain eccentric angle along the circumference of the drill bit, which provides driving force to the drill while applying torque to achieve rotary jet propulsion. The resistance of the system is mainly composed of frictional force, gravity parting force and counter-thrust of the front nozzle.

### 2.2 Drill self-propelled force

The self-propelled force is the combined axial force between the drill bit and the high-pressure hose during the travel in the borehole, expressed as:

$$F = F_1 - F_2 - f$$
 (1)

Where  $F_1$  is the thrust provided by the rear nozzle;  $F_2$  is the axial recoil of the front nozzle; f is the total frictional resistance on the axis of the borehole restoration system.

When the jet formed by the front nozzle impacts the broken coal, it exerts reaction force on the drill bit, and according to Liu et al. (2006), the recoil force  $F_2$  is:

$$F_2 = 1.57 d^2 P \cos \alpha \cos \beta \tag{2}$$

Where *d* for the nozzle outlet diameter (mm);  $\alpha$  for the nozzle inclination (°);  $\beta$  for the nozzle deflection angle (°); *P* for the system pressure (MPa).

From this theory it follows that Equation 2 can also be used to calculate the thrust  $F_1$  formed by the rear nozzle.

For the frictional resistance *f*, the mass of the system gradually increases with the increasing distance of the system advance, so that the system frictional resistance f gradually increases. In order to ensure that the system travels stably in the borehole, the calculation of the self-propelled force should consider the change of the system mass due to the increase of the length of the restoration hole. In addition, the frictional resistance is also related to the borehole parameters, backwater speed and flow rate, especially the effect of backwater on frictional resistance, which is difficult to calculate with the theoretical model with high engineering applicability.

### 2.3 Frictional resistance

The system resistance consists of the frictional resistance of the drill bit and the high-pressure hose and the resistance of the backwater. Established theories only consider the effect of the length of the high-pressure hose in the system on the resistance (Liu et al., 2016b), ignoring the effect of the angle of the hole and the backwater on the resistance. In both elevated and pitched boreholes, the resistance is the vector sum of the frictional resistance and the component forces of the system gravity. Besides, the return water resistance is also an important component of the system resistance. Under the same flow condition, the larger the borehole angle, the higher the velocity of backwater and the higher the resistance. Therefore, considering the angle of the borehole and the backwater resistance, the total frictional resistance on the axis of the borehole restoration system is expressed as:

$$f = f_1 + f_2 + f_3 \tag{3}$$

 $f_1 = \mu \lambda x g \cos \theta$  $f_2 = \lambda x a \sin \theta$ (4)

$$f_2 = \lambda x g \sin \theta \tag{5}$$

$$f_3 = \eta x \tag{6}$$

Where  $f_1$  is the frictional resistance (N);  $f_2$  is the system gravity force (N);  $f_3$  is the water return resistance (N);  $\mu$  is the frictional resistance coefficient of high-pressure hose and borehole wall;  $\lambda$  is full of water per unit length of high-pressure hose mass (kg/m);  $\theta$  is the borehole angle (°);  $\eta$  is the water return resistance per unit length (N/m); x is the restoration hole distance (m); g is the acceleration of gravity  $(m/s^2)$ .

The effect of backwater on system resistance is manifested in two aspects. First: backwater exerts buoyancy on the high-pressure hose and drill bit during the movement, which reduces the pressure of the pipe and drill on the borehole and decreases the frictional force. The gravity of the system with the buoyancy of the backwater considered is expressed as:

$$\lambda' g = \lambda g - \frac{\pi \rho g \left( d_o^2 - d_i^2 \right)}{4} \tag{7}$$

Where  $\lambda g$ ,  $\lambda' g$ , respectively, for the unit length of high-pressure hose gravity and buoyancy (N/m);  $\lambda'$  for the consideration of return buoyancy unit length of water-filled high-pressure water pipeline equivalent mass (kg);  $d_o$  for high-pressure hose outside diameter (m);  $d_i$  for high-pressure hose inside diameter (m);  $\rho$  is the density of water (kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

Second: the backwater to the high-pressure hose produces friction, Li et al. (Ma et al., 2012; Li et al., 2017) based on the theory of the attached layer derived the friction of the high-pressure hose when the fluid returns from the annulus between the high-pressure hose and the well wall to the high-pressure hose as:

$$f_3 = \tau \pi d_o x \tag{8}$$

So

$$\eta = \tau \pi d_o \tag{9}$$

Where  $\tau$  is the return of water to the wall of the high-pressure hose viscous shear stress (Pa).

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$$k = \mu \lambda' g \cos \theta + \lambda' g \sin \theta + \tau \pi d_o \tag{10}$$

Then

$$f = kx \tag{11}$$

Where k is the integrated friction coefficient.

The integrated friction coefficient is related to the friction resistance coefficient  $\mu$ , angle of the borehole  $\theta$  and backwater resistance per unit length  $\eta$ , and there is no theory or mature parameter selection range in the self-propelled and rotary drill borehole restoration technology.

### 2.4 Equations of motion

During the borehole restoration process, the gravitational force and frictional resistance of the system changes as the length of the restoration continues to increase. The existing theoretical model of borehole restoration ignores the change of mass during the motion of the system, and cannot accurately calculate the thrust force required to drive the system. Considering the change of mass during the borehole restoration process, the equation of motion of the restoration system by Newton's law of variable mass is:

$$(M + \lambda' x)\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = F_1 - F_2 - f$$
(12)

Where M is the mass of the drill (kg); t is the system movement time (s).

Substituting equation (11) into (12) yields:

$$(M + \lambda' x) \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = F_1 - F_2 - kx$$
 (13)

Let  $v^2 = (\frac{dx}{dt})^2$ , be the velocity of the system motion, then Equation 13 is:

$$\frac{d(v^2)}{dx} = \frac{2(F_1 - F_2) - 2kx}{M + \lambda' x}$$
(14)

According to the initial conditions: when = 0, v = 0, x = 0 and integrating Equation 14, the equation of motion of the restoration system is obtained as:

$$v^{2} = \left\{\frac{2(F_{1} - F_{2})}{\lambda'} + \frac{2kM}{{\lambda'}^{2}}\right\} \ln\left(1 + \frac{\lambda'x}{M}\right) - \frac{2kx}{\lambda'}$$
(15)

When the system thrust is constant value, the system movement speed decreases gradually as the restoration length continues to increase, and the restoration length reaches its maximum value when the drill speed is 0. The relationship between thrust force and restoration length is as follows:

$$F_1 - F_2 = \frac{kx}{\ln\left(1 + \frac{\lambda'x}{M}\right)} - \frac{kM}{\lambda'}$$
(16)

Substitute Equation 2 into (16) to obtain the relationship between restoration length and nozzle parameters, system pressure, borehole parameters and pipe parameters as:

$$n \times 1.57 d_1^2 P \cos \alpha_1 \cos \beta - m \times 1.57 d_2^2 P \cos \alpha_2 = \frac{kx}{\ln\left(1 + \frac{\lambda'x}{M}\right)} - \frac{kM}{\lambda'}$$
(17)

Where *n* for the number of rear nozzles;  $d_1$  for the rear nozzle diameter (mm);  $\alpha_1$  for the rear nozzle inclination (°);  $\beta$  for the rear nozzle deflection angle (°); *m* for the number of front nozzles;  $d_2$  for the front nozzle diameter (mm);  $\alpha_2$  for the front nozzle inclination angle (°).

From Equation 17, all parameters are known or measurable parameters except for the integrated friction coefficient k. Whether the integrated friction coefficient k is accurate determines the accuracy of this restoration model. Since there is no accurate value of the integrated friction coefficient k that can be drawn from the self-propelled and rotary drill borehole restoration technology, this paper uses experimental means to test and analyze it.

# 3 Integrated friction coefficient experimental study

### 3.1 Experimental conditions

The experimental setup mainly consists of piston pump, hose reel, simulated borehole, self-propelled and rotary drill bit, digital display push-pull meter, intelligent pressure and flow meter and an electric motor, as shown in Figure 2. The rated pressure of the plunger pump is 35 MPa, and the rated displacement is 100 L/min. The experimental self-propelled and rotary drill bit is shown in Figure 3, with nozzle flow coefficient of 0.8, three 1 mm nozzles in the front nozzle, and 35°, 30° and 10° angles between the front nozzle and the center axis of the drill, and two 1.5 mm nozzles in the rear nozzle, with a 45° angle between the center axis of the drill bit and the eccentricity angle of 10°.





Schematic diagram of the self-propelling and rotating drill.

## 3.2 Experimental methods

The screen tube used for the experiments was consistent with the parameters of the screen tube commonly used in coal mine screen tube protection techniques. To carry out the resistance test experiments, the screen tube used for gas extraction is fixed to the ground and a selfpropelled rotary drill bit connected to a hose reel is placed inside the screen tube. The drill is connected to a tensiometer by means of a wire and the other end of the tensiometer is connected to an electric motor. When testing the system resistance the wire is kept horizontal, the drill and high pressure hose are made to move at a constant speed through the screen tube by the pull of the motor.

The system pressure, drilling angle, length of the screen tube and movement speed are changed in turn, other conditions remain

unchanged, the system resistance test experiment is carried out, the experimental scheme is shown in Table 1. According to the experimental results, the influence of the length of the repair, the water return and the angle of the borehole on the resistance of the system is analysed.

When measuring the flow rate of return water in the screen tube, the angle of the screen tube was changed  $(0^{\circ}, 1^{\circ}, 2^{\circ}, 5^{\circ})$  and the flow rate in the screen tube was measured every 0.5 m by an intelligent pressure flow meter to derive the law of change of water velocity in the screen tube.

## 4 Results and discussion

### 4.1 Experimental results and analysis

# 4.1.1 Effect of borehole restoration length on resistance

The resistance during the system movement is related to the length of the high-pressure hose, and the resistance increases gradually with the increase of the restoration length, as shown in Figure 4. The experimental pressure is 15 MPa and 20 MPa, the simulated borehole length is 100 m, and the diameter is 75 mm when the pressure increases from 15 MPa to 20 MPa, the front nozzle recoil force increases and the system resistance increases. With the pressure of 20 MPa, for example, the resistance is 60.77N at distance of 1 m, 158.45N at distance of 30 m, 260N at distance of 60 m, and 400.6N at distance of 100 m. With the increase of the restoration distance, the recoil force generated by the front nozzle of the drill remains unchanged, and the increase of the system resistance is obtained by the increase of the length of the high-pressure hose, so friction also increases. It can be seen from Figure 4 that the system resistance increases approximately linearly with the increase of the borehole restoration distance under the same pressure condition. Therefore, the system resistance can be expressed as kx, k is the integrated friction coefficient and x is the restoration length.

Experiment number	Pressure (MPa)	Angle (°)	Length of screen tube (m)	Motion speed (m/s)
1	15	0°	100	0.15
2	20	0°	100	0.15
3	10	0°	8	0.15
4	10	1°	8	0.15
5	10	2°	8	0.15
6	10	5°	8	0.15
7	15	0°	8	0.15
8	15	1°	8	0.15
9	15	2°	8	0.15
10	15	5°	8	0.15
11	10	0°	7	0.15
12	10	0°	7	0.2
13	10	0°	7	0.25
14	10	0°	7	0.3

TABLE 1 Experimental scheme for system resistance testing.



### 4.1.2 The effect of return water on resistance

The jet will be rapidly converted into return flow after impacting the wall of the borehole. Under the condition that the diameter of the borehole remains unchanged, when the pressure at the drill increases, the flow rate increases and the flow velocity of the backwater increases. Figure 5 shows the velocity distribution of backwater in the borehole, from the figure, we can see that the angle is 0°, the pressure is 10 MPa, the flow rate is 1.0 m/s at 0.5 m from the drill, when the distance continues to increase, the flow rate gradually decreases, and the flow rate at the exit of the simulated borehole is 0.2 m/s. Nearer to the drill is affected by the jet, the flow rate of backwater is faster, while at certain distance from the drill, the influence of the jet decreases. At certain distance from the drill, the

influence of the jet decreases, and the flow rate of the backwater decreases and gradually stabilizes. When the angle of the borehole is 0°, the system pressure increases from 10 MPa to 15 MPa, and the flow rate of backwater at the exit of the simulated borehole increases from 0.2 m/s to 0.23 m/s, which makes the resistance of backwater to the front end of the drill bit and the high-pressure hose become larger, which is not conducive to the advance of the drill in the borehole. At the same pressure (e.g., 10 MPa), the angle of the borehole increases from 0° to 5°, and the backwater flow rate at the exit increases from 0.2 m/s to 0.54 m/s. The increase in angle increases the return water flow rate and leads to an increase in the integrated friction coefficient *k*.

With the backwater, the buoyancy of the water and the backwater resistance to the total frictional resistance is particularly important. The high-pressure hose is subjected to upward buoyancy as it moves through the water, and the reduction in positive pressure leads to reduction in friction. Backwater creates resistance to the drill bit and the high-pressure hose. Therefore, through experimental measurement, it is found that the integrated friction coefficient *k* is greater than  $\mu\lambda'g$  under the condition of backwater. Integrated friction coefficient *k* is 3.39 when the pressure is 10 MPa without backwater and 2.47 when there is backwater; integrated friction coefficient *k* is 3.7 when the pressure is 15 MPa without backwater and 2.72 when there is backwater. Taking the pressure of 10 MPa as an example, the integrated friction coefficient *k* is 3.7 when there is backwater.

# 4.1.3 Effect of the angle of the borehole on resistance

It can be seen from Figure 6 that the distance is long when the return flow is stable, so the flow rate at the outlet is used to calculate the resistance, the system movement speed is 0.15m/s, the relative speed of the return water is 0.35m/s, the viscous shear stress of the return water on the high-pressure hose wall is 5.37Pa, and according to formula (9), the





Return flow rate variation pattern (A) Flow rate variation pattern at different angles at 10 MPa (B) Flow rate variation pattern at different angles at 15 MPa.



return resistance per unit length is 0.39N. As shown in Figure 7, the simulated borehole diameter of 75 mm shows an increasing trend of system resistance with increasing angle of the borehole during the borehole restoration process. For example, when the pressure is 10 MPa, the simulated angle of the borehole is  $0^{\circ}$ ,  $1^{\circ}$ ,  $2^{\circ}$  and  $5^{\circ}$ , and the fitted integrated friction coefficient *k* is 2.47, 2.68, 2.93 and 3.65 respectively. The increase of angle of the borehole leads to the increase of system resistance mainly for two reasons: ① The high-pressure hose on the inner wall of the support force perpendicular to the inner wall of the borehole downward and the force perpendicular to the inner wall of the borehole downward and the force along the inner wall downward; where the two opposite forces

perpendicular to the inner wall of the borehole is the balance force, the high-pressure hose by the force of gravity along the slope downward force becomes the resistance. When the angle of the borehole increases, the force of gravity increases. ②The water jet will produce backwater after impacting the borehole wall, and the backwater will produce resistance to the drill bit and the high-pressure hose. When the angle of the borehole increases, the return flow rate increases, and then the system resistance increases.

#### 4.1.4 The effect of motion speed on resistance

The screen tube was fixed horizontally on the ground, and the system resistance was measured at different motion speeds by changing the lifting speed of the motor, and the experimental



FIGURE 7

Law of change of resistance at different angles (A) 10 MPa Change of resistance at different angles (B) 15 MPa Change of resistance at different angles.



results are shown in Figure 8. Under different speed conditions, the integrated friction coefficient k increases approximately linearly with the increase of speed, and the integrated friction coefficient k is 2.47, 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7 when the motion speed is 0.15 m/s, 0.2 m/s, 0.25 m/s and 0.3 m/s, respectively. In the process of borehole restoration, water is ejected from the nozzle and returned to the orifice along between the high-pressure hose and the borehole. Due to the viscosity of water, during the return process, the fluid mass immediately adjacent to the wall of the high-pressure hose adheres to the high-pressure hose, and there is no relative movement with the high-pressure hose. As the distance away from the high-pressure hose increases, the fluid velocity from the wall at zero rapidly increases to the speed of backwater. In the high-pressure hose near the wall area there is a large velocity gradient of flow,



resulting in fluid to the boundary of the tangential stress, will produce resistance to the movement of high-pressure hose. The larger the velocity gradient, the greater the resistance. When the high-pressure hose movement speed increases, the relative speed of the backwater increases, the viscous shear stress increases, resulting in an increase in the integrated friction coefficient k.

### 4.2 Integrated friction coefficient correction

The integrated friction coefficient k is related to the friction coefficient, high pressure hose mass, angle of the borehole and backwater, which is key parameter of the restoration model. The





system resistance test experiments were carried out by changing the system pressure, movement speed and angle of the borehole respectively, and the experimental results are shown in Figure 9, Figure 10 and Figure 11. The theoretical value of integrated friction coefficient k is larger than the experimental value. When the system pressure is 10 MPa, 15 MPa, 20 MPa and 25 MPa, the theoretical values of integrated friction coefficient are 3.04, 3.35, 3.6 and 3.81 respectively, and the experimental values are 2.47, 2.72, 2.85 and 3.1 respectively; when the motion speed is 0.15 m/s, 0.2 m/s, 0.25 m/s and 0.3 m/s, the integrated friction coefficient The theoretical values are 3.04, 3.14, 3.26, 3.39, and the experimental values are 2.47, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, respectively; the theoretical values are 3.04, 3.3, 3.6, 4.5, and the experimental values are 2.47, 2.68, 2.93, 3.65, respectively, when the angle of the borehole is 0°, 1°, 2°, 5°, and the theoretical values are 3.04, 3.3, 3.6, 4.5, respectively. The friction coefficient between the hose and the orifice wall is assumed to be constant, and the orifice flow rate is



used instead of the backwater flow rate, and the theoretical integrated friction coefficient k values will produce errors. Therefore, after the integrated friction coefficient k is calculated by Equation 9 and (10), it needs to be corrected. According to the experimental results of system resistance tests under different conditions, the correction factor of the integrated friction coefficient k is 0.8.

# 4.3 Experimental validation and analysis of the restoration model

The maximum restoration distance, as an important parameter of the self-propelled and rotary borehole restoration technology, can be calculated theoretically and directly affects the field application of the self-propelled and rotary borehole restoration technology. Therefore, it is necessary to verify the accuracy of the equations of motion of the selfpropelled and rotary drill for borehole restoration. The parameters of the self-propelled and rotary drill bit used for the borehole restoration experiments were set as follows: 2 rear nozzles, 1.5 mm diameter, 45° angle to the center axis of the drill, and 10° eccentricity angle. According to the theoretical analysis and experimental results, the integrated friction coefficient k was selected, and the theoretical calculation model of the maximum restoration distance was experimentally verified under different pressure conditions respectively, and the comparison graph between the theoretical calculation and experimental values of the maximum restoration distance was obtained, as shown in Figure 12. From Figure 12, it can be seen that: the theoretical calculated value of the maximum restoration distance of the self-propelled and rotary drill and the experimental value vary with the system pressure in a more consistent manner. However, the theoretical value is slightly larger than the experimental value, and the error value increases gradually with the increase of the restoration distance, and the error is 5.7 m at the restoration distance of 104.7 m.

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As can be seen from Figure 12, the error of the theoretical calculated value increases with the increase of the restoration borehole length. The increase in error mainly includes three reasons: ① The backwater has typical turbulence characteristics during the borehole restoration process. In the theoretical model, the time-averaged velocity is used to characterize the backwater velocity for the convenience of calculation. The turbulence of backwater becomes more and more significant with the increase of jet pressure, and the error value generated by using the hourly average velocity becomes larger and larger. Therefore, as the length of the restoration borehole increases, the required jet pressure increases, resulting in an increase in the error of the theoretical calculation. OIn calculating the integrated friction coefficient k, the friction coefficient between the high-pressure hose and the borehole wall was assumed to be constant. However, in the experimental process, the simulated borehole conditions are not the same everywhere, and with the increase of the restoration distance, the contact between the high-pressure hose and the borehole wall is not exactly the same, resulting in changes in the friction coefficient between the high-pressure hose and the borehole wall. 3 The system movement speed increases, the relative speed of backwater increases, and the viscous shear stress increases accordingly. As a result, the integrated friction coefficient k changes during the borehole restoration process. However, for the convenience of calculation in the theoretical model, the integrated friction coefficient k is selected according to the experimental results of resistance test and the theoretical value, which will produce a certain error, resulting in the experimental value of the restoration length being smaller than the theoretical value.

The maximum restoration distance of the self-propelled borehole restoration simulation experiment is in good agreement with the theoretical value, and the restoration model can meet the engineering requirements of long-distance borehole restoration.

## **5** Conclusion

- Based on Newton's law of variable mass, the equation of motion for self-propelled borehole restoration is established, which takes into account the effects of parameters such as borehole length, angle of the borehole, backwater and restoration speed on the integrated friction coefficient *k*. The relationship between restoration length and hydraulic parameters, borehole parameters and pipe parameters are derived, and it is clear that the integrated friction coefficient *k* is the key parameter of the equation of motion.
- 2) The system resistance test experiment was carried out, and the influence law of factors such as borehole length, angle of the borehole, backwater and restoration speed on the integrated friction coefficient k was obtained: the system resistance increased linearly with the increase of borehole restoration

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3) The maximum borehole restoration length under different hydraulic parameters and borehole parameters is analyzed and the equation of motion is verified through the simulation experiment of self-driven borehole restoration. The results show that the equation of motion can calculate the borehole restoration length more accurately and can provide theoretical support for the engineering application of through-hole and down-hole restoration.

## Data availability statement

The raw data supporting the conclusions of this article will be made available by the authors, without undue reservation.

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