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EXPERIMENTAL Investigation Effect of Hydrophobic Nano-Silica on Interfacial Tension for EOR Implication

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Investigation of applicability of nanotechnology in enhanced oil recovery processes has received a great deal of attention in recent years. An emerging application of nanotechnology in oil reservoir engineering is developing new types of nano-fluids for improved/enhanced oil recovery, drilling, etc. Nano-fluids are colloidal suspensions of nano particles in a base fluid, which is commonly water or organic liquids. These fluids are prepared by introducing small volumetric fractions of nano particles into the liquid phase in order to enhance or improve some of the fluid properties. Recent research has demonstrated that nano-fluids have attractive properties for interfacial tension (IT) reduction. AEOROSIL R816 implemented as hydrophobic nanoparticle to exhibit surfactant like behavior of partially hydrophobic nanosilica due to hydrophobic (alkyl chain) and hydrophilic (silanol) parts in its structure. For despite this fact, interfacial measurements were performed at different concentration of R816 nanosilica which dispersed in distilled water. Pendant drop measurements show that AEOROSIL R816 were able to reduce the interfacial tension between oil and water from 32.456 mN/m to 23.619 mN/m. Results from this study are beneficial for appropriate selection of surfactants in design of EOR processes and reservoir stimulation for carbonate or sandstone reservoirs.

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