EOR-PNP Workshop

Globally the overall oil recovery factors for primary and secondary recovery range from 35% to 45% and a tertiary recovery method that can enhance the recovery factor by 10-30% could contribute to energy supply. The use of nanoparticles in enhanced oil recovery (EOR) processes comprise an emerging and well-promising approach. While surfactants injection into geological sites has been a commonly practiced EOR method, the injection of aqueous nanoparticle suspensions is still at its early stages. In the most active period between mid-1970 and mid-1980, there was a significant gap between what was planned in the EOR laboratory and what was achieved in field application, since the reservoir characterization was elementary with no digital geological modeling capabilities, and there were no concepts such as monitoring systems or intelligent completions. Over the years, irrespective of the inclement times in upstream oil industry, fundamental sciences, EOR physics, numerical modeling, monitoring and controlling capabilities, and EOR chemicals all demonstrated advancements. EOR potential for conventional and unconventional reservoirs is still a challenge, and particularly the development of nanotechnology-based new chemicals for the application of more efficient and cost-effective EOR projects. The methodologies and scientific results of EOR-PNP could contribute not only to the development of cost-effective and high-performance EOR methods, but also on the generation of innovative knowledge that might be helpful in other applications, such as the remediation of soils and aguifers contaminated by hydrocarbons.

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Workshop Program

Monday, 12 December 2022

14:30-15:00: Registration

Workshop I.

15:00-15:20. Christos Tsakiroglou, Research Director, FORTH/ICE-HT, *«EOR-PNP – Introduction - Perspectives»*

15:20-15:50. Georgios Bokias, Professor, Department of Chemistry, University of Patras, **«Synthesis and characterization of polymer-coated nanoparticles»**

15:50-16:10. Christina Ntente, Graduate Student, FORTH/ICE-HT & University of Patras, *«Nano-colloid interfacial properties, and emulsion stabilization»*

16:10-16:30. Anastasia Strekla, Graduate Student, FORTH/ICE-HT & University of Patras, *«Visualization EOR studies on glass-etched pore networks»*

16:30-17:00. Coffee break

17:00-18:30. <u>Invited Speaker</u>: Marios Ioannidis, Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Waterloo, Canada, *«Nanoparticle interactions with interfaces in porous media: a multiscale perspective»*

Tuesday, 13 December 2022

Workshop II.

10:00-10:30. Nadia Bali, Post-Doctoral Fellow, FORTH/ICE-HT, *«Computational Fluid Dynamic models inside 3D digitally represented rocks and soils»*

10:30-11:30. <u>Invited Speaker</u>: Jeff Gostick, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Waterloo, Canada, *«Network Modeling and Quantitative Analysis of Volumetric Images: Introduction to OpenPNM and PoreSpy - Part I»*

11:30-12:00. Coffee break

12:00-13:00. <u>Invited Speaker</u>: Jeff Gostick, Associate Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Waterloo, Canada, «Network Modeling and Quantitative Analysis of Volumetric Images: Introduction to OpenPNM and PoreSpy - Part II»