

# **SPE EOR Conference at Oil and Gas West Asia 2012 (OGWA)**

## **EOR: Building Towards Sustainable Growth**

**Muscat, Sultanate of Oman  
16-18 April 2012**

**Volume 1 of 2**

**ISBN: 978-1-62276-047-3**

**Printed from e-media with permission by:**

Curran Associates, Inc.  
57 Morehouse Lane  
Red Hook, NY 12571



**Some format issues inherent in the e-media version may also appear in this print version.**

Copyright© (2012) by the Society of Petroleum Engineers  
All rights reserved.

Printed by Curran Associates, Inc. (2012)

For permission requests, please contact the Society of Petroleum Engineers  
at the address below.

Society of Petroleum Engineers  
P. O. Box 833836  
Richardson, Texas 75083-3836

Phone: (800) 456-6863  
Fax: (972) 952-9435

[books@spe.org](mailto:books@spe.org)

**Additional copies of this publication are available from:**

Curran Associates, Inc.  
57 Morehouse Lane  
Red Hook, NY 12571 USA  
Phone: 845-758-0400  
Fax: 845-758-2634  
Email: [curran@proceedings.com](mailto:curran@proceedings.com)  
Web: [www.proceedings.com](http://www.proceedings.com)

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

## VOLUME 1

<b>SPE 150634 - Experimental Study for Optimizing Injected Surfactant Volume in a Miscible Carbon Dioxide Flood .....</b>	1
<i>Gholahan Afonja, Richard G. Hughes, Shrinidhi Shetty</i>	
<b>SPE 150938 - Miscible Gas Injection and Asphaltene Flow Assurance Fluid Characterization: A Laboratory Case Study for a Black Oil Reservoir .....</b>	10
<i>Afzal Memon, Bashar Qassim, Moudi Al-Ajmi, Asok Kumar Tharanivasan, Jinglin Gao, John Ratulowski, Basel Al-Otaibi</i>	
<b>SPE 151126 - Best Practices for Conducting CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR Lab Study .....</b>	26
<i>Fawaz M. Al-Otaibi, Saad M. Al-Mutairi, Sunil L. Kokal, James J. Funk, Jassi F. Al-Qahtani</i>	
<b>SPE 151777 - Supercritical CO<sub>2</sub> Interaction with Montmorillonite Clay .....</b>	38
<i>Fawaz M. Al Otaibi, Mohammed H. Al Khaldi, Jim J. Funk, Shouwen X. Shen, Jassi F. Al Qahtani</i>	
<b>SPE 151976 - A Cyclic-Steam Injection in Fuyu Reservoir, Daqing .....</b>	47
<i>Xiulu Li, Yongbin Wu, Xin Zhao, Panqing Gao, Qingsong Qin, Ming Yu</i>	
<b>SPE 152010 - Studies On Nitrogen Foam Flooding For Conglomerate Reservoir .....</b>	58
<i>Hou Qingfeng, Zhu Youyi, Luo Yousong, Weng Rui, Jian Guoqing</i>	
<b>SPE 152025 - Colloidal-suspension Flow in Rocks: A New Mathematical Model, Laboratory Study, IOR .....</b>	63
<i>K. Aji, C. McLindin, A. Saha, K. Le, Z. You, A. Badalyan, P. Bedrikovetsky</i>	
<b>SPE 152978 - Feasibility of High Pressure Air Injection in Heterogeneous Light Oil Reservoir by Thermal Simulation .....</b>	81
<i>Aarshavi Shah, Kaushal Modi</i>	
<b>SPE 152988 - Novel Method for Characterizing Single-phase Polymer Flooding .....</b>	105
<i>Wenjie Sun, Fen Li, Yantao Qu, Yaohong Yang, Kewen Li</i>	
<b>SPE 153216 - Micro-tomographic Characterization of Dissolution-induced Local Porosity Changes including Fines Migration in Carbonate Rock .....</b>	117
<i>Jafar Qajar, Nicolas Francois, Christoph H. Arns</i>	
<b>SPE 153323 - Simulation Study of Displacement Mechanisms in Microbial Improved Oil Recovery Experiments .....</b>	135
<i>Mehdi Shabani-Afrapoli, Christian Crescente, Shidong Li, Samaneh Alipour, Ole Torsaeter</i>	
<b>SPE 153343 - Achieving Low Interfacial Tension with Industrial Available Surfactants .....</b>	146
<i>Guy Biesmans, Luis Salazar, Angie Miller</i>	
<b>SPE 153493 - Non-Petrochemical Surfactant for Enhanced Oil Recovery .....</b>	161
<i>S. Majidaie, M. Mushtaq, I. M Tan, B. Demiral, S. Y. Lee</i>	
<b>SPE 153869 - Low Salinity EOR in Carbonates .....</b>	169
<i>J. Romanuka, J. P. Hofman, D. J. Ligthelm, B. M. J. M. Suijkerbuijk, A. H. M. Marcelis, S. Oedai, N. J. Brussee, H. A. Van Der Linde, H. Aksulu, T. Austad</i>	
<b>SPE 153967 - A Reservoir Management System for the World's First Thermal Gas Oil Gravity Drainage Project .....</b>	185
<i>Keith Rawnsley, Augustine Ikwumonu, Solenn Bettembourg, Pristwanto Putra, Ibrahim Al-Ismaili</i>	
<b>SPE 153997 - Can Injection of Low Temperature Air-Solvent (LTASI) Be a Solution for Heavy Oil Recovery in Deep Naturally Fractured Reservoirs? .....</b>	201
<i>Jose Ramon Mayorquin-Ruiz, Tayfun Babadagli</i>	
<b>SPE 154044 - Stable Emulsion and Demulsification in Chemical EOR Flooding: Challenges and Best Practices .....</b>	219
<i>Duy Nguyen, Nicholas Sadeghi</i>	
<b>SPE 154077 - The Impact of the Injection Water Chemistry on Oil Recovery from Carbonate Reservoirs .....</b>	228
<i>Ali A. Yousef, Salah Al-Saleh, Mohammed Al-Jawfi</i>	
<b>SPE 154152 - A Simulation Study of Chemically Enhanced Water Alternating Gas (CWAG) Injection .....</b>	242
<i>S. Majidaie, A. Khanifar, M. Onur, Isa M. Tan</i>	
<b>SPE 154197 - Foam-Oil Interaction in Porous Media: Implications for Foam Assisted Enhanced Oil Recovery .....</b>	251
<i>R. Farajzadeh, A. Andrianov, R. Krastev, G. J. Hirasaki, W. R. Rossen</i>	

<b>SPE 154204 - Fundamental Investigations into Wettability and Low Salinity Flooding by Parameter Isolation .....</b>	271
<i>B. M. J. M. Suijkerbuijk, J. P. Hofman, D. J. Ligthelm, J. Romanuka, N. Brussee, H. A. Van Der Linde, A. H. M. Marcelis</i>	
<b>SPE 154293 - World's First Combination Of Acid &amp; Steam Provides A New Dimension To Heavy Oil Enhanced Recovery Process .....</b>	294
<i>Tarek Shaheen, Wael Hassan, Irfan Siddiqi, Salah Kamal</i>	
<b>SPE 154331 - Potential For Inhibitor Squeeze Application For Silicate Scale Control In ASP Flood .....</b>	309
<i>Jennifer Sonne, Kirk Miner, Scot Kerr</i>	
<b>SPE 154457 - Water Injection Subsurface Challenges and Reactive Transport Modelling .....</b>	316
<i>Najma Al Mayahi, Jeroen Snippe, Facundo Rucci</i>	
<b>SPE 154465 - Developing a Layered Heterogeneous Precambrian Reservoir by Polymer Flooding .....</b>	336
<i>Issa Abu-Shiekah, Robbert A Nieuwenhuijs, Ryan Ross, Gary Lanier, Abdulaziz Belushi, Faisal Saadi, Sami Nofli, Said Harthi, John Van Wunnik</i>	
<b>SPE 154570 - Water-Based Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) by "Smart Water" in Carbonate Reservoirs .....</b>	349
<i>S. Jafar Fathi, Tor Austad, Skule Strand</i>	
<b>SPE 154598 - Biosurfactant Producing Microorganisms and Its Application to Enhance Oil Recovery at Lab Scale .....</b>	363
<i>E. J. Gudiña, L. R. Rodrigues, J. A. Teixeira, J. F. Pereira, J. A. Coutinho, L. P. Soares</i>	
<b>SPE 154603 - Heavy Oil Secondary Production Optimization - Successful Application of New Horizontal Well Drilling Pattern Strategy and Fit for Purpose Technology in Nearly Obsolete Mature Heavy Oil Reservoir in North East China .....</b>	371
<i>Ren Fang Xiang, Sun Yan, Yu Tian Zhong, Fan Hong Zhao, Lv Jian Yun, Parlindungan Monris Halomoan, Yang Bin, Xu Chong Hui, Roc Xiaopeng Xie, Wang Ruo</i>	
<b>SPE 154606 - Thermal Development of Thick Heavy Oil Fields: Phase II Development Options, Challenges and Solutions .....</b>	382
<i>S. M. S. Al-Hinai, J. N. Van Wunnik, M. Thum, S. J. Brissenden, M. Mukmin, S. Nofli, A. Rabaani, J. P. Strauss, M. Al-Breiki</i>	
<b>SPE 154608 - Polymer Trial Using Horizontal Wells: Conceptual Well Completion Design and Surveillance Planning Aspects .....</b>	401
<i>Mukmin, N. Al-Azri, R. Al-Mjeni, A. Morshidi, S. Douma</i>	
<b>SPE 154616 - Time-Lapse Diffusion Logs to Discriminate Reservoir Oil from Miscible Gas .....</b>	407
<i>John Edwards, Albina Mutina, Yuesheng Cheng, Jinglin Gao, Edmund Fordham, Denise Freed, Nate Bachman, Sean Dolan, Yaqoob Al Rashdi, Ove Bjorn Wilson, Byron Haynes, Wim Looyestijn</i>	
<b>SPE 154620 - EOR Field Management Through Well-Planned Surveillance .....</b>	420
<i>Marcel Zwaan, Rob Hartmans, Stan Schoofs, Bert Rik De Zwart, Guillermo Rocco, Rashid Adawi, Faisal Saadi, Khalfan Shuaili, Jorge Lopez, Joel Ita, Tanguy L'Homme, Tibi Sorop, Yuan Qiu, Paul Van Den Hoek, Fahad Al Kindy, Said Busaidi, John Fraser</i>	
<b>SPE 154625 - Study on High-Concentration Polymer Flooding in Lamadian Oilfield, Daqing .....</b>	427
<i>Lei Wang, Yingwei Wang, Chengli Zhang, Daiyin Yin, Liping Wang</i>	
<b>SPE 154627 - Enhanced Computer-Assisted Model Calibration of Mukhaizna Heavy Oil Field .....</b>	434
<i>Taruna Pillai, Agusandi Isdiawan, Dalilah Al Kindy</i>	
<b>SPE 154631 - Challenges and Risk Management Strategy for Enhanced Oil Recovery Projects in Carbonate Reservoirs of a Giant Field in Middle East .....</b>	457
<i>Muhammad A. Choudhary, Mohamad R. Wani, Ali Al-Mahmeed, Hussain Al-Rashidi</i>	
<b>SPE 154640 - Flow Characteristics of Viscoelastic Polymer Solution in Micro-Pores .....</b>	470
<i>H. J. Yin, D. M. Wang, H. Y. Zhong, S. Y. Meng, H. M. Jiang, E. G. Tang</i>	
<b>SPE 154659 - Numerical Simulation of Surfactant-Polymer Coreflooding Experiments for Carbonates .....</b>	479
<i>Abdulkareem M Alsofi, Jim S Liu, Ming Han</i>	
<b>SPE 154665 - Polymer Flooding in a Large Field in South Oman - Initial Results and Future Plans .....</b>	493
<i>Faisal Salim Al-Saadi, Badr Ali Amri, Sami Nofli, John Van Wunnik, Henri F Jaspers, Said Harthi, Khalfan Shuaili, Pradeep Kumar Cherukupalli, Ravula Chakravarthi</i>	

## VOLUME 2

<b>SPE 154675 - Viscosifying Surfactant Technology for Chemical EOR: A Reservoir Case .....</b>	500
<i>G. Degré, M. Morvan, J. Beaumont, A. Colin, G. Dupuis, A. Zaitoun, R. S. Al-Maamari, A. R. Al-Hashmi, H. H. Al-Sharji</i>	
<b>SPE 154679 - Improving Sweep Efficiency in Fractured Carbonate Reservoirs by Microbial Biomass .....</b>	515
<i>R. Al-Hattali, H. Al-Sulaimani, Y. Al-Wahaibi, S. Al-Bahry, A. Elshafie, A. Al-Bemani, S. Joshi</i>	

<b>SPE 154690 - New Frontiers In EOR Methodologies By Application Of Enzymes.....</b>	527
<i>Tarang Jain, Akash Sharma</i>	
<b>SPE 154702 - Modeling the Geological Controls on Steam Flood Performance; An Example from a Field in South Oman.....</b>	533
<i>M. R. F. Shaikh, R Al Adawi, H Reiser, G Rocco, F Rodriguez, K Shuaile</i>	
<b>SPE 154704 - Quantitative Remaining Oil Interpretation Using Magnetic Resonance: From the Laboratory to the Pilot.....</b>	548
<i>Jonathan Mitchell, John Edwards, Edmund Fordham, John Staniland, Romain Chassagne, Pradeep Cherukupalli, Ove Wilson, Rien Faber, Ron Bouwmeester</i>	
<b>SPE 154760 - Using a New Intelligent Well Technology Completions Strategy to Increase Thermal EOR Recoveries—SAGD Field Trial .....</b>	559
<i>Mark Bedry, Joel Shaw</i>	
<b>SPE 154763 - Improve Oil Recovery for Heavy Oil by Chemical Treatment Implementation as an Alternative, Cast Study Bentayan Field.....</b>	570
<i>Leksono Mucharam, Wisnu Nugroho, Kunto Wibisono</i>	
<b>SPE 154838 - Improved Oil Recovery by Chemical Flood from High Salinity Reservoirs—Single-Well Surfactant Injection Test.....</b>	577
<i>Tzu-Ping Hsu, Prapas Lohateeraparp, Bruce L. Roberts, Wei Wan, Zhixun Lin, Xiaoguang Wang, Mahesh Budhathoki, B. J. Ben Shiao, Jeffrey H. Harwell</i>	
<b>SPE 154839 - Macroscopic Recovery Mechanisms of In-Situ Combustion Process in Heavy Oil Fractured Systems: Effect of Fractures Geometrical Properties and Operational Parameters.....</b>	593
<i>S. Mobeen Fatemi, Riyaz Kharrat, Shapour Vossoughi, Cyrus Ghotbi</i>	
<b>SPE 154992 - The Integration of Miscible Gas Injection in Oil Reservoirs with the Development of a Sour Gas Condensate Field.....</b>	618
<i>J. M. Vissers, Abdullah Alkindi, A Hassan</i>	
<b>SPE 155059 - Wormlike Micelles for Mobility Control in EOR .....</b>	627
<i>Mariyamni Awang, Azurainen Japper, Iskandar Dzulkarnain</i>	
<b>SPE 155106 - Design of a Surfactant/Polymer Process in a Hard Brine Context: A Case Study Applied to Bramberge Reservoir.....</b>	635
<i>René Tabary, Frédéric Douarche, Brigitte Bazin, Pierre Maxime Lemouzy, Patrick Moreau, Mikel Morvan</i>	
<b>SPE 155355 - Evaluation of the Efficient Displacement Pressure in a CO<sub>2</sub> Pilot Feasibility Study in a Giant Carbonate Oil Reservoir.....</b>	648
<i>Cédric Clara, Ahmed Elsayed Ali, İlhan Sener</i>	
<b>SPE 155390 - Laboratory Investigation of the Injectivity of Sulfonated Polymer Solutions into Carbonate Reservoir Rocks .....</b>	660
<i>Ming Han, Xianmin Zhou, Fuseni B. Alhasan, Badr Zahrani, Abdulkareem M. Alsofi</i>	
<b>SPE 155403 - Alkali-Surfactant-Polymer Flooding Pilot Test in Southern Oman .....</b>	674
<i>Jose Finol, Said Al-Harthi, Henri Jaspers, Ahlam Batrani, Hatim Al-Hadhrami, John Van Wunnik, Martin Stoll, Rien Faber, Alexander De Kruijff</i>	
<b>SPE 155447 - 1D Asphaltene Deposition Simulator for Reservoir Fluids Undergoing Gas Injection .....</b>	686
<i>Karen Schou Pedersen, Jawad Azeem Shaikh, Claus P. Rasmussen</i>	
<b>SPE 155449 - Modelling and Monitoring Experience on a 3-Year CO<sub>2</sub> and Water Injection Pilot in a Mature Carbonate Field.....</b>	695
<i>Marcel J. Bourgeois, Pascal Gauer, Jerome Long, Catherine Prinet</i>	
<b>SPE 155454 - Minimum Miscibility Pressure Determination: Modified Multiple Mixing Cell Method .....</b>	707
<i>Tadesse Weldu Teklu, Shawket G. Ghedan, Ramona M. Graves, Xiaolong Yin</i>	
<b>SPE 155468 - Stretching the EOR Boundaries: Thermal Trial in One of Petroleum Development Oman's Deep Reservoirs Containing Heavy Oil .....</b>	720
<i>Musallam S. Mandhari, Sulaiman Hinai, R. Hinai, R. Abdkadir, M. Salhi</i>	
<b>SPE 155515 - Design of SWTT at High Salinity and High Temperature: Where are the Limits?.....</b>	735
<i>Aymen Mechergui, Carolina Romero, Alejandro Ganzo</i>	
<b>SPE 155527 - Process Design Aspects for Taking CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Oil Recovery Offshore.....</b>	752
<i>Mohammed Salim, John Harley, Zairin Faizal</i>	
<b>SPE 155541 - Alkaline Surfactant Polymer Flooding To Revitalize Oil Production from a Mature Water Flooded Field.....</b>	767
<i>M. M. Ansarizadeh, P. M. Weatherstone, J. B. Strong</i>	
<b>SPE 155546 - PDOs EOR Screening Methodology for Heavy-Oil Fractured Carbonate Fields – A Case Study .....</b>	777
<i>Georg Warrlich, Ibrahim Al-Waili, Dhiya Said, Mohamed Diri, Nabil Al-Bulushi, Jonathan Strauss, Mohammed Al-Kindi, Fahad Al-Hadhrami, Ton Van Heel, John Van Wunnik, Bert-Rik De Zwart, Carl Blom, Rifaat Al-Mjeni, Paul Boerrigter</i>	

<b>SPE 155560 - Investigating Low Salinity Waterflooding Recovery Mechanisms in Carbonate Reservoirs.....</b>	797
<i>Ahmad Aladasani, Baojun Bai, Yu-Shu Wu</i>	
<b>SPE 155600 - Integrated Surveillance and Modelling to Monitor Risk of Fault Re-activation During Steam Injection .....</b>	818
<i>Mohamed Hassan Ali Al-Lawati, Fahad Kindy, Said Busaidi, Stan Schoofs, Joel Jacob Ita, Frank Van Der Heyden</i>	
<b>SPE 155608 - Single Well Chemical Tracer Tests - Fast and Accurate Simulations.....</b>	823
<i>Olaf Huseby, Jan Sagen, Øyvind Dugstad</i>	
<b>SPE 155625 - Experimental Studies of Low Salinity Water Flooding in Carbonate Reservoirs: A New Promising Approach.....</b>	835
<i>Adeel Zahid, Alexander Shapiro, Arne Skauge</i>	
<b>SPE 155626 - Acceleration of Oil Production in Mixed-wet Reservoirs by Alteration of Relative Permeability Curves using Surfactants.....</b>	849
<i>Kumuduni Prasangika Abeysinghe, Ingebret Fjelde, Arild Lohne</i>	
<b>SPE 155633 - A CT Scan Study of Immiscible Foam Flow in Porous Media for EOR .....</b>	859
<i>M. Simjoo, Y. Dong, A. Andrianov, M. Talanana, P. L. J. Zitha</i>	
<b>SPE 155643 - Novelty in Smart-Water Screening and Designing.....</b>	878
<i>Billal Sultani, Geza Horvath-Szabo, Huang Zeng, Wael Abdallah</i>	
<b>SPE 155651 - Wettability and Oil Recovery by Low Salinity Injection .....</b>	887
<i>Behruz Shaker Shiran, Arne Skauge</i>	
<b>SPE 155653 - Development of New Polymers with Better Performance under Conditions of High Temperature and High Salinity .....</b>	902
<i>Yongfu Wu, Amir Mahmoudkhani, Philip Watson, Thomas Fenderson, Mohan Nair</i>	
<b>SPE 155658 - Crude Oil, Brine Salinity and Sandstone Interaction - Nanoscale Resolution .....</b>	913
<i>Talal Al-Aulaqi, Quentin Fisher</i>	
<b>SPE 155665 - Challenges in Implementing an EOR Project in the Pre-Salt Province in Deep Offshore Brasil.....</b>	954
<i>Jorge Oscar De Sant'anna Pizarro, Celso Cesar Moreira Branco</i>	
<b>SPE 155676 - Low-Tension Polymer Flooding Using Amphoteric Surfactant in High Salinity/High Hardness and High Temperature Conditions in Sandstone Cores .....</b>	967
<i>M. A. Bataweel, A. K. Yadhalli Shivaprasad, H. A. Nasr-El-Din</i>	
<b>SPE 155679 - ASP vs. SP Flooding in High Salinity/Hardness and Temperature in Sandstone Cores .....</b>	990
<i>M. A. Bataweel, H. A. Nasr-El-Din</i>	
<b>Author Index</b>	