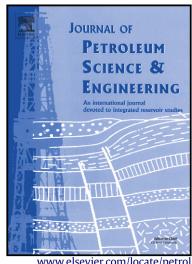
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Abstract

A kind of starch graft copolymer (SGC) water shut off agent, a novel, efficient and economic

crude macromolecular plugging agent, has been applied to some oilfields. In this paper, a three

dimensional physical model of horizontal well was designed for the water shutoff with an edge water

simulating the edge water driving reservoir and with a higher permeability band imitating

the preferential paths. Using the model and X-ray computed tomography (CT), the effect of blocking

the water channeling paths on the model taken by starch strong gels blocking agent was tested. The

result showed that the agent was selective and got a good effect. Besides, a simple Computer Modelling

Group (CMG) model was used to deduce the development process of the water breakthrough,

channeling, and flooding, so as to explain previously what had happened in the physical model. Finally,

compared to field experiment, the advance of the model lies in that it can be used in performance

appreciation of water shut off agent well.

Key words: higher permeability paths; edge water; horizontal wells; starch graft copolymer

1 Introduction

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