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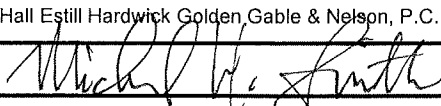
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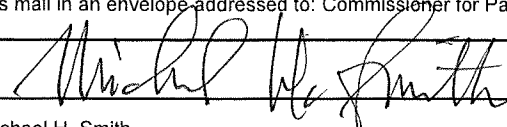
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RESIDUAL POLYMERS BY USING A CHELATING AGENT

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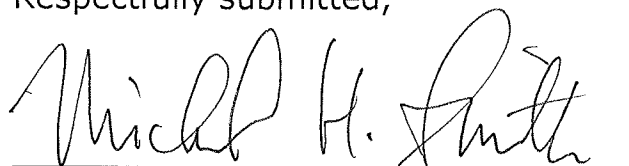
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Title

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**REMEDICATION METHOD FOR SUBTERRANEAN FORMATIONS,
WELLBORES AND SURFACE EQUIPMENT DAMAGED
OR OBSTRUCTED BY METAL COMPLEXES WITH
RESIDUAL POLYMERS BY USING A CHELATING AGENT**

[0001] Various embodiments disclosed herein are generally directed to a method of remediation of providing a chelating agent into a subterranean formation wellbore, and/or surface equipment damaged or obstructed by metal complexes with residual polymers.

[0002] The present disclosure relates to a process to sequester and remediate insoluble metal and polymer complexes formed in a subterranean formation, well bore and/or surface equipment following the introduction of a hydraulic fracturing fluid containing a polymer, for example, polyacrylamide friction reduction polymers. An insoluble metal complex, such as, for example, ferric hydroxide, is solubilized using one or a combination of the following chelation chemicals: Acetic Acid, Acrylates, Dihydroxymaleic Acid, Salts of Dihydroxymaleic Acid, EDTA (ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid), Salts of EDTA, Formic Acid, Gluconodeltalactone, GLDA (glutamic acid N,N-diacetic acid), Salts of GLDA, HEDTA (hydroxyethylenediamine triacetic acid), Salts of HEDTA, HEIDA (disodium ethanoldiglycine), Salts of HEIDA, MGDA (methylglycine N,N-diacetic acid), Salts of MGDA, NTA (nitriolotriacetic acid), Organic Metal Complexers, Phosphonic Acid, Polyacrylic Acid and notably Citric Acid in an amount sufficient to sequester

at least a portion of any metal compounds that may coagulate or complex the polymer, such as removing Fe^{+2} or Fe^{+3} iron from an iron coagulated polyacrylamide mass. In one embodiment, the chelating agent is provided between about 0.05% weight volume to about 60% weight volume. However, it should be understood that the amount of chelating agent provided will vary depending upon various parameters and conditions. In one embodiment, the chelater is simply pumped into the wellbore as a concentrated solution, allowed to extract the metal and chelate it so that it no longer binds the polymer, and the dispersed polymer is then flowed from the well bore. Other methods of contacting the chelating agent with coagulated polymer may include pumping the chelater solution through coiled tubing, a "work string" or capillary line. The chelating agent may also be pumped through surface equipment, such as production units, heater treaters, separators, flow lines and the like. Contact time and method will be adjusted based on concentration of the chelater solution and metal content of the material to be removed.

[0003] In order to further illustrate various embodiments of the present invention, the following examples are given. However, it is to be understood that the examples are for illustrative purposes only and are not to be construed as limiting the scope of the subject invention.

Examples

Example 1

Purpose

The purpose of this project was to determine the physical/chemical changes/interactions of the submitted unknown gel sample with the following remediation chemicals:

- 10% OX-204
- 10% tetrasodium EDTA
- P-SOLV

The Objective

The objective is to optimize the removal of downhole gel residue deposits by achieving the following goals:

- Gel/polymer identification
- Gel/polymer treatment

Procedure

The initial qualitative tests performed on the unknown gel was accomplished by running three initial solubility tests. In this experiment, it is assumed that the submitted unknown gel/polymer sample is a ferric hydroxide/polyacrylamide derivative. If this assumption is true:

- 10% tetrasodium EDTA is known to solubilize ferric hydroxide into solution.
- 10% citric acid is known to solubilize ferric hydroxide into solution.

- 10% OX-204 is known to break fluids viscosified with synthetic polymers consisting of polyacrylamides, copolymers of polyacrylamide or derivatives of polyacrylamide.

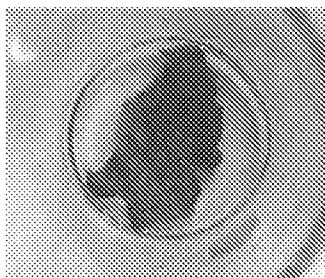
Test 1 – P-SOLV/10% OX-204/10% Tetrasodium EDTA

Procedure

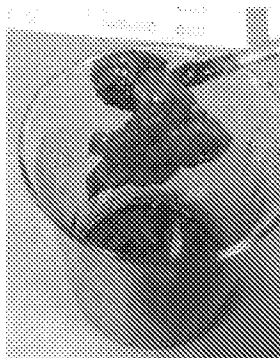
1. 14.2 grams of Unknown Gel Sample was weighed out (Pic. 1).
2. Sample was put into 500 ml Griffin Beaker (Pic. 2) with 8 ml P-SOLV and 40 ml of 10% OX-204.
3. Sample was then placed in 150°F water bath for 16 hours.
4. Sample was observed for viscosity reduction (Pic. 3).
5. After 16 hour observation, 5 ml of 10% tetrasodium EDTA was added and allowed to soak in the water bath @150°F for an additional 6 hours and examined for physical changes (Pic. 4).



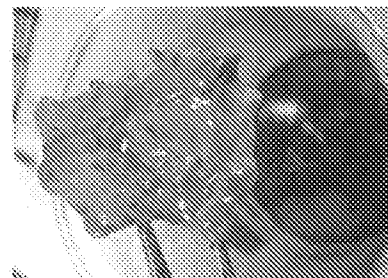
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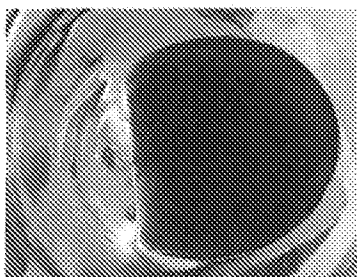


Pic. 4

Test 2 – 10% Tetrasodium EDTA

Procedure

1. 18.7 grams of Unknown Gel Sample was weighed out.
2. Sample was put into 300 ml Griffin Beaker with 40 ml 10% tetrasodium EDTA.
3. Sample was then placed in 150°F water bath for 16 hours.
4. After 16 hours, sample was observed for physical changes (Pic. 5).

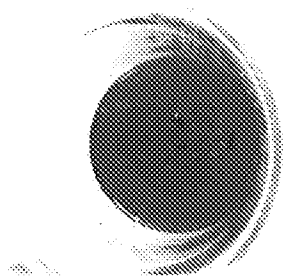


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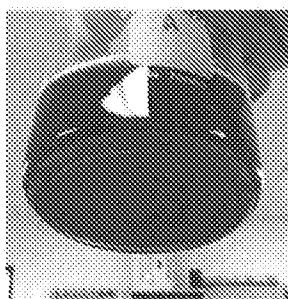
Test 3 – 10% Citric Acid

Procedure

1. 14.4 grams of Unknown Gel Sample was weighed out.
2. Sample was put into 300 ml Griffin Beaker with 80 ml 10% citric acid.
3. Sample was then placed in 150°F water bath for 16 hours.
4. After 16 hours, sample was observed for physical changes (Pic. 6&7).



Pic. 6



Pic. 7

Results and Discussion

Test 1 – P-SOLV/10% OX-204/10% Tetrasodium EDTA

P-SOLV is a biodegradable terpene based solvent used to remove paraffin deposits. The initial P-SOLV treatment appeared to release a trace amount of hydrocarbon caught up in the gel residue sample. There did appear to be a trace overall change, however, to the gel sample in its entirety after the sample was allowed to soak for 16 hours in 10% OX-204 at 150°F (Pic. 3). After the addition of the 5 ml of 10% tetrasodium EDTA there was a more noticeable,

more moderate change in the physical gel structure. The gel sample appeared to decrease in size by 30-40% (Pic. 4).

Test 2 – 10% Tetrasodium EDTA

Tetrasodium EDTA is a polyamino carboxylic acid widely used as a chelating agent for its ability to sequester Ca^{2+} and Fe^{3+} . After being bound by tetrasodium EDTA, metal ions remain in solution but exhibit diminished reactivity. The addition of tetrasodium EDTA to the gel sample completely put the unknown gel sample into solution after 4 hours at 150°F (Pic. 5). It is a hypothesis the gel sample could be an iron-crosslinked polyacrylamide derivative. With the addition of tetrasodium EDTA, it is possible the unknown gel sample is undergoing ion exchange with the tetrasodium EDTA causing it to dissociate and dissolve.

Test 3 – 10% Citric Acid

Citric acid is a weak organic acid that is also used as a chelating agent. The addition of 10% citric acid to the unknown gel sample moderately put the unknown gel sample into solution after 16 hours at 150°F (Pic. 6&7).

Example 2

Purpose

The purpose of this project was to determine the physical/chemical changes/interactions of the submitted unknown gel sample with the following remediation chemicals:

- 10% Citric Acid
- 10% Tetrasodium EDTA
- 5% Citric Acid/5% Tetrasodium EDTA Solution

The Objective

Our objective is to optimize the removal of downhole lateral gel residue deposits by achieving the following goals:

- Gel/polymer derivative identification
- Gel/polymer derivative treatment

Procedure

The initial qualitative tests performed on the unknown gel was accomplished by running two initial solubility tests. In this experiment, it is assumed that the submitted unknown gel/polymer sample is a ferric hydroxide/polyacrylamide derivative. If this assumption is true:

- 10% tetrasodium EDTA is known to solubilize ferric hydroxide into solution.
- 10% citric acid is known to solubilize ferric hydroxide into solution.

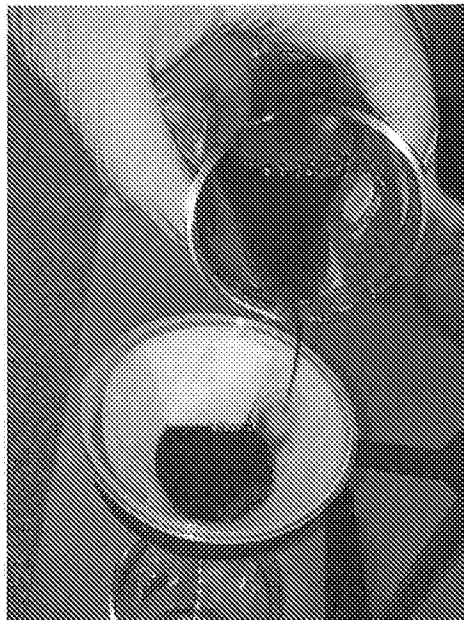
Test 1 – 10% Citric Acid

Procedure

1. 21.6 grams of Unknown Gel Sample was weighed out (Pic. 1).
2. Sample was put into 250 ml Griffin Beaker with 40 ml of 10% Citric Acid.
3. Sample was then placed in 178°F water bath for 18 hours.
4. Sample was filtered and observed for viscosity reduction (Pic. 2).



Pic. 1



Pic. 2

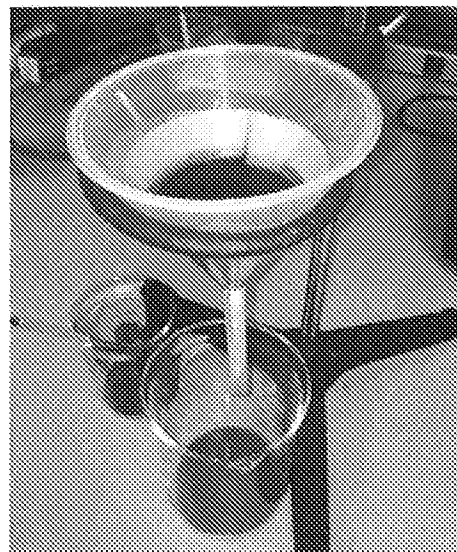
Test 2 – 10% Tetrasodium EDTA

Procedure

1. 21.6 grams of Unknown Gel Sample was weighed out (Pic. 3).
2. Sample was put into 250 ml Griffin Beaker with 40 ml of 10% Tetrasodium EDTA.
3. Sample was then placed in 178°F water bath for 18 hours.
4. Sample was filtered and observed for viscosity reduction (Pic. 4).



Pic. 3



Pic. 4

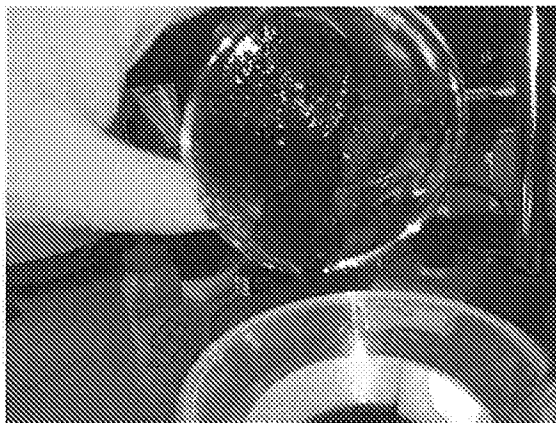
Test 3 – 5% Citric Acid/5% Tetrasodium EDTA Solution

Procedure

1. 21.6 grams of Unknown Gel Sample was weighed out (Pic. 5).
2. Sample was put into 250 ml Griffin Beaker with 40 ml of 5% Citric Acid/5% Tetrasodium EDTA Solution.
3. Sample was then placed in 178°F water bath for 18 hours.
4. Sample was filtered and observed for viscosity reduction (Pic. 4).



Pic. 5



Pic. 6

Results and Discussion

Test 1 – 10% Citric Acid

Citric acid is a weak organic acid that is also used as a chelating agent. The addition of 10% citric acid to the unknown gel sample moderately put the unknown gel sample into solution after 18 hours at 178°F (Pic. 2). Filtrate and frac sand appeared to have no binding polymer residue.

Test 2 – 10% Tetrasodium EDTA

Tetrasodium EDTA is a polyamino carboxylic acid widely used as a chelating agent for its ability to sequester Ca^{2+} and Fe^{3+} . After being bound by tetrasodium EDTA, metal ions remain in solution but exhibit diminished reactivity. The addition of tetrasodium EDTA to the gel sample moderately put the unknown gel sample into solution after 16 hours at 178°F (Pic. 4). It is a hypothesis the gel sample could be an iron-crosslinked polyacrylamide derivative. With the addition of tetrasodium EDTA, it is possible the unknown gel sample is undergoing ion exchange with the tetrasodium EDTA causing it to dissociate and dissolve. Filtrate and remaining frac sand in the sample broke out but had a polymer binding sludge-coated appearance.

Test 3 – 5% Citric Acid/5% Tetrasodium EDTA Solution

The addition of 5% citric acid/5% Tetrasodium EDTA Solution to the unknown gel sample moderately put the unknown gel sample into solution after 18 hours at 178°F (Pic. 6). Filtrate and remaining frac sand in the sample broke out but had a polymer binding sludge-coated appearance.

Conclusion

[0004] The 10% Citric Acid Solution appeared to have the best viscosity reduction of the submitted polymer solid sample. The EDTA did not perform as well as the 10% Citric Acid.

[0005] From the above description, it is clear that the present invention is well adapted to carry out the objects and to attain the advantages mentioned herein as well as those inherent in the invention. While presently preferred embodiments of the invention have been described for purposes of this disclosure, it will be understood that numerous changes may be made which will readily suggest themselves to those skilled in the art and which are accomplished within the spirit of the invention disclosed.

What is claimed is:

1. A method for remediating a subterranean formation, wellbore or surface equipment, comprising the step:
providing a chelating agent into a subterranean formation or wellbore.

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