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Application of N-containing corrosion inhibitor for oil well acidizing operations

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For oil well stimulation, large quantities of acid (the most commonly used is hydrochloric acid (HCl)) are often pumped into a reservoir through the oil well production tubing. To protect the carbon-steel tubular in the wells and drilling equipment from acid damage, corrosion inhibitors are extensively used. Motivated by this technological importance, the goal of this research was to investigate the performance and functionality of dodecyltrimethylammonium chloride (DDTMAC) as corrosion inhibitor of carbon-steel in hydrochloric acid (1 M HCl). For this work electrochemical techniques in combination with interface and solution analysis were applied. Linear polarization resistance (LPR) and potentiodynamic polarization (PDP) results demonstrate that DDTMAC is an effective mixed type corrosion inhibitor in the environment of interest at room temperature. Furthermore, it was found that the inhibition efficiency increases asymptotically as the concentration of DDTMAC increases, with the optimal performance being achieved significantly below its critical micelle concentration (CMC) in this media. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) data indicate that this performance correlates with increasing coverage of DDTMAC.

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