

# Characterization and Modeling of Rheological Behavior of a Mud System for Reverse Emulsion

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## Abstract

The present work is a contribution aiming to improve the characterization and the modeling of rheological behavior of oil based mud. It also aims to enhance operational forecasts of oil fields through a better approach of fluid injected into an oil field. Since several the drilling mud focused attention due to its fundamental role in viscous drillers and for its unwanted recognized function to ensure the evacuation of broken rock cuttings in the well. Actually it is recognized from the study of the drilling mud several useful functions to perform a drilled well. Then numerous studies and researches are carried out regularly in order to better understand and improve these fluids. This study aims to in investigate one of the many problems encountered in the use of invert emulsion drilling mud, namely the apparent viscosity when increasing temperature. It is known that the apparent viscosity varies with shear rate and temperature. This viscosity appears as a decreasing function due to the temperature increasing; it tends to approach Newtonian behavior at high shear rates.

## Keywords

Oil drilling, rheology, temperature, modeling, characterization.

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