
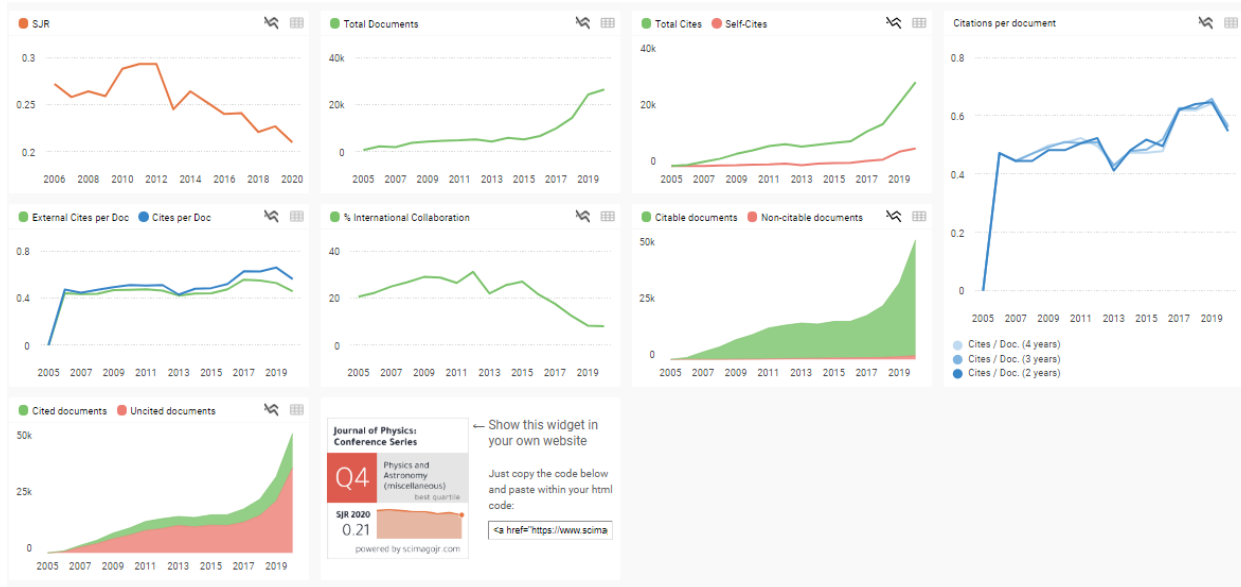


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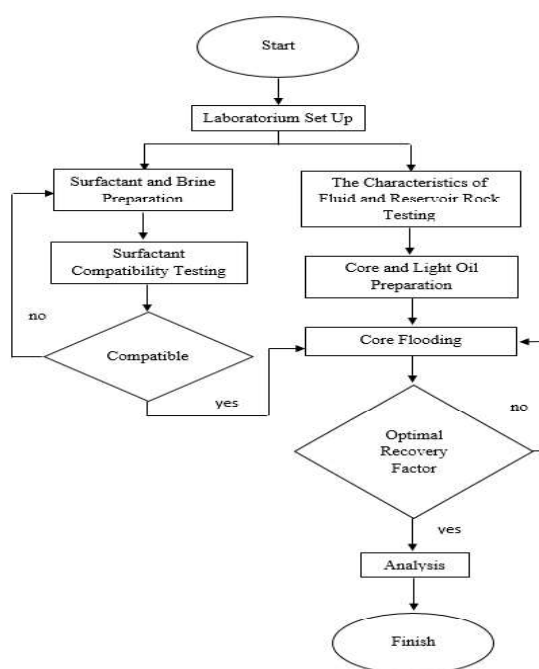


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				Emulsion type	Emulsion Stability, hour	emulsion (%)		
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CF 5	1	15000	transparent	middle phase	336	8.75	stable	2.93
CF 7	1.5	15000	transparent	middle phase	48	3.75	stable	2.11

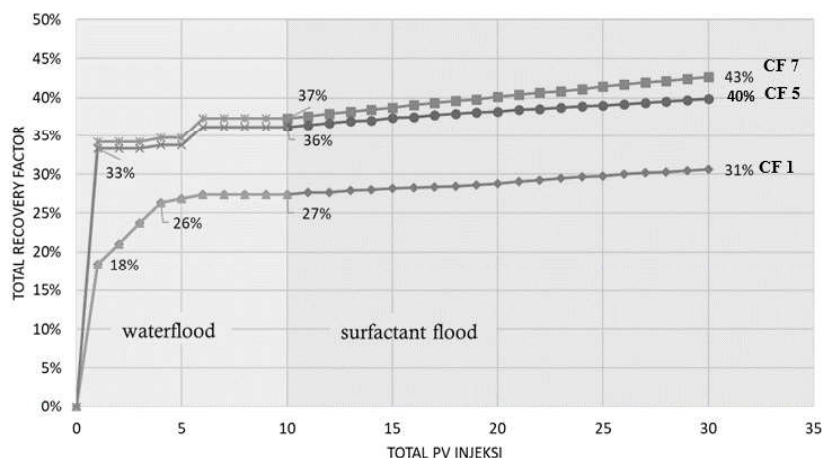
Table 2 and Figure 2 are summaries of the results of core flooding, where the objective is to obtain the value of the recovery factor from surfactant injection. In the CF 1 code, the recovery factor (RF) is 3.24% with a total recovery of 30.61%. While for CF 5, the RF price is 3.62% with a total RF of 39.87%; and also for CF 7, the RF is 5.34% with a total RF of 42.7%.

The highest RF price is in the composition of 15000 ppm NaCl 1.5% NaLS with code CF 7. It's influenced by the IFT value which is the lowest value of another composition which proves true that the smallest IFT value can increase the recovery factor [20] and it can see that the stability of the CF 7 emulsion has begun to stabilize at 48 hours, faster than the other two compositions. It shows that faster stable emulsions produce greater performance so that the recovery factor is greater. Better emulsification with a lower index of instability [18]. The instability index is a qualitative relationship with interface tension and recovery factors.

The biggest emulsion formed in the composition of 4000 ppm NaCl 1.5% NaLS with code CF 1, but the value of the recovery factor is the smallest when compared to the other two compositions. It shows that the emulsion that is too large can inhibit the pushing process due to the occurrence of plugging [16]. The optimization of the recovery factor shown by increasing salinity and surfactant concentration, so the recovery factor also increases.

**Table 2.** Core flooding results.

Code	Primary			Secondary		Tertiary		Recovery Factor	
	OOIP (ml)	so (%)	Swir (%)	RF (%)	Sowf (%)	RF (%)	Sosf (%)	Total Rf (%)	RR (%)
CF 1	1.9	50.39	49.61	27.37	36.60	3.24	34.96	30.61	69.39
CF 5	2.4	64.80	35.20	36.25	41.31	3.62	38.96	39.87	60.13
CF 7	1.9	52.04	47.96	37.37	32.59	5.34	29.82	42.71	57.29



**Figure 2.** Recovery factor.

Figure 2 shows an increase in the total injection factor of the three compositions where it can be seen that the comparison of the recovery factors for CF 1, CF 5 and CF 7 which produced the highest injection factor for surfactant was CF 7 with a composition of 1.5% NaLS 15000 ppm NaCl.

#### 4. Conclusions

Bagasse can be used as an injection liquid to increase oil production at low salinity by optimizing the composition of 1.5% NaLS 15000 ppm NaCl. The efficiency of the recovery factor is not the result of a single factor but is a representation of multi-factor surfactants, such as lower IFT and better emulsification so that it can cause a greater recovery factor.

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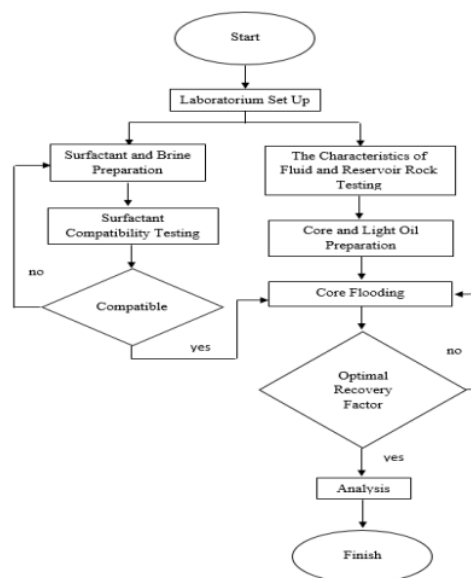
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**Table 1.** Screening results or surfactant compatibility.

Code	Concentration (%)	Salinity (ppm)	Aqueous Stability Test	Phase Behavior Test			Thermal Stability Test	IFT (mN/m)
				Emulsion type	Emulsion Stability, hour	emulsion (%)		
CF 1	1.5	4000	transparent	middle phase	336	28.8	stable	2.44
CF 5	1	15000	transparent	middle phase	336	8.75	stable	2.93
CF 7	1.5	15000	transparent	middle phase	48	3.75	stable	2.11

Table 2 and Figure 2 are summaries of the results of core flooding, where the objective is to obtain the value of the recovery factor from surfactant injection. In the CF 1 code, the recovery factor (RF) is 3.24% with a total recovery of 30.61%. While for CF 5, the RF price is 3.62% with a total RF of 39.87%; and also for CF 7, the RF is 5.34% with a total RF of 42.7%.

The highest RF price is in the composition of 15000 ppm NaCl 1.5% NaLS with code CF 7. It's influenced by the IFT value which is the lowest value of another composition which proves true that the smallest IFT value can increase the recovery factor [20] and it can see that the stability of the CF 7 emulsion has begun to stabilize at 48 hours, faster than the other two compositions. It shows that faster stable emulsions produce greater performance so that the recovery factor is greater. Better emulsification with a lower index of instability [18]. The instability index is a qualitative relationship with interface tension and recovery factors.

The biggest emulsion formed in the composition of 4000 ppm NaCl 1.5% NaLS with code CF 1, but the value of the recovery factor is the smallest when compared to the other two compositions. It shows that the emulsion that is too large can inhibit the pushing process due to the occurrence of plugging [16]. The optimization of the recovery factor shown by increasing salinity and surfactant concentration, so the recovery factor also increases.

**Table 2.** Core flooding results.

Code	Primary			Secondary		Tertiary		Recovery Factor	
	OOIP (ml)	so (%)	Swir (%)	RF (%)	Sowf (%)	RF (%)	Sosf (%)	Total Rf (%)	RR (%)
CF 1	1.9	50.39	49.61	27.37	36.60	3.24	34.96	30.61	69.39
CF 5	2.4	64.80	35.20	36.25	41.31	3.62	38.96	39.87	60.13
CF 7	1.9	52.04	47.96	37.37	32.59	5.34	29.82	42.71	57.29

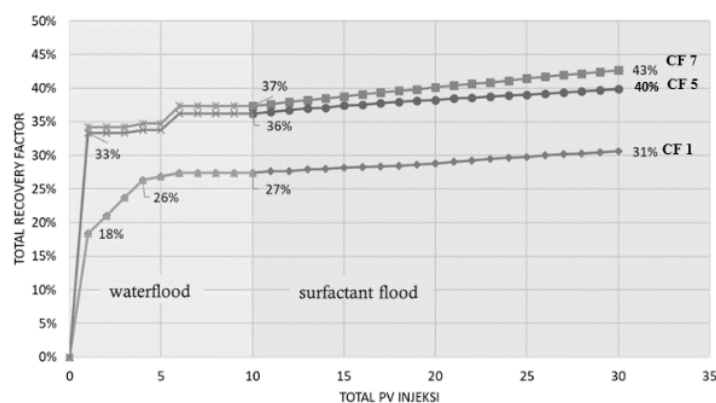


Figure 2. Recovery factor.

Figure 2 shows an increase in the total injection factor of the three compositions where it can be seen that the comparison of the recovery factors for CF 1, CF 5 and CF 7 which produced the highest injection factor for surfactant was CF 7 with a composition of 1.5% NaLS 15000 ppm NaCl.

#### 4. Conclusions

Bagasse can be used as an injection liquid to increase oil production at low salinity by optimizing the composition of 1.5% NaLS 15000 ppm NaCl. The efficiency of the recovery factor is not the result of a single factor but is a representation of multi-factor surfactants, such as lower IFT and better emulsification so that it can cause a greater recovery factor.

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