Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)

- The global average recovery factor for a typical oilfield is approximately 35 40%.
- EOR includes all methods that use external sources of energy and/or materials to recover oil that cannot be produced <u>economically</u> by conventional recovery mechanisms
- Goal: Mobilize the remaining oil
 - Improve displacement efficiency (reduce oil viscosity, reduce capillary forces or interfacial tension)
 - Improve sweep efficiency (reduce water-oil mobility ratio)
 - Swelling
- Research challenges:
 - Modeling: Multi-scale
 - Monitoring: Multi-physics
 - Analysis & Interpretation: Uncertainty & Big Data

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Oil

Water

Grain