

Recent Advances in the Applications of Nanotechnology and Nanomaterials in the Petroleum Industry: A Descriptive Review

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Nanotechnology applications are rapidly expanding in various fields because of its unique qualities, such as a large surface area. Also, the synthetic changes can be utilized to alter nanomaterial to fit into specialized necessities. From the last decade there is a tremendous increase in the utilization of nanotechnology and nanomaterials in the petroleum industry. The current review's main objective is to summarize numerous nanoparticle applications in the field of petroleum, bio-fuel formation, and clean-up treatments of oil spill-related issues with their existing challenges that may help improve further research.

1. Introduction

Recently, nanoscience/nanotechnology-related research has gained vast attention from many researchers. Worldwide, several governments have invested a tremendous amount of money in developing research and development activities in the nanotechnology field. The National Nanotechnology Initiative received \$27 billion in the 2019 budget.^[1] The concept of nanoscience was developed by Richard Feynman talk in 1959. After that, Professor Norio introduced the term “nanotechnology” in 1974. The prefix “nano” means dwarf or finesse around one thousand millionths of a meter

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