

How is environmental behaviour of flowback chemicals affected by downhole conditions?

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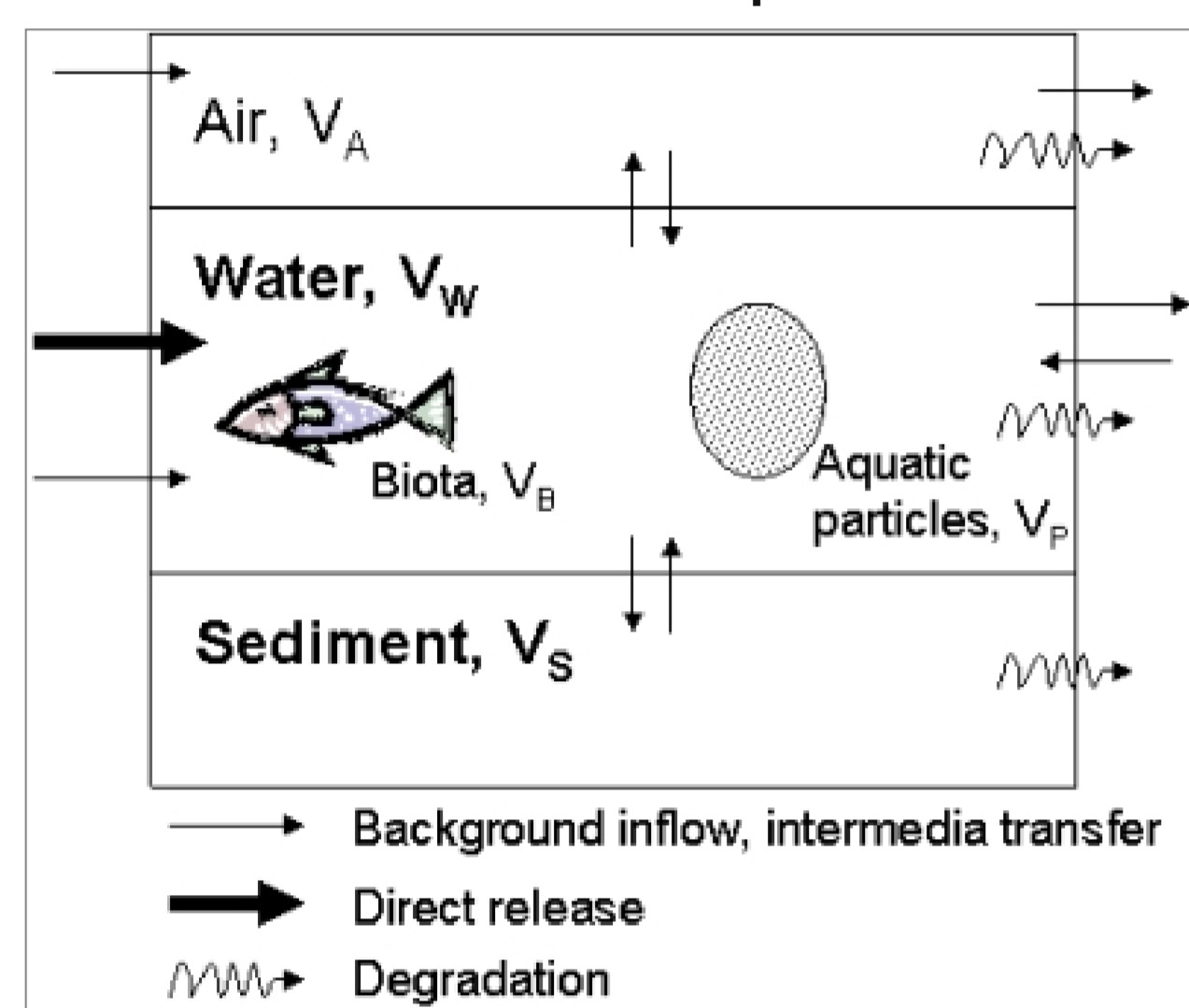
❖ Can current conceptual box models adequately predict environmental fate of chemicals related to oil and gas extraction?

❖ How do high pressure and temperature conditions affect behaviour?

Introduction^{1,2}

Current conceptual box models are based on ...

➢ Surface/shallow exposure routes



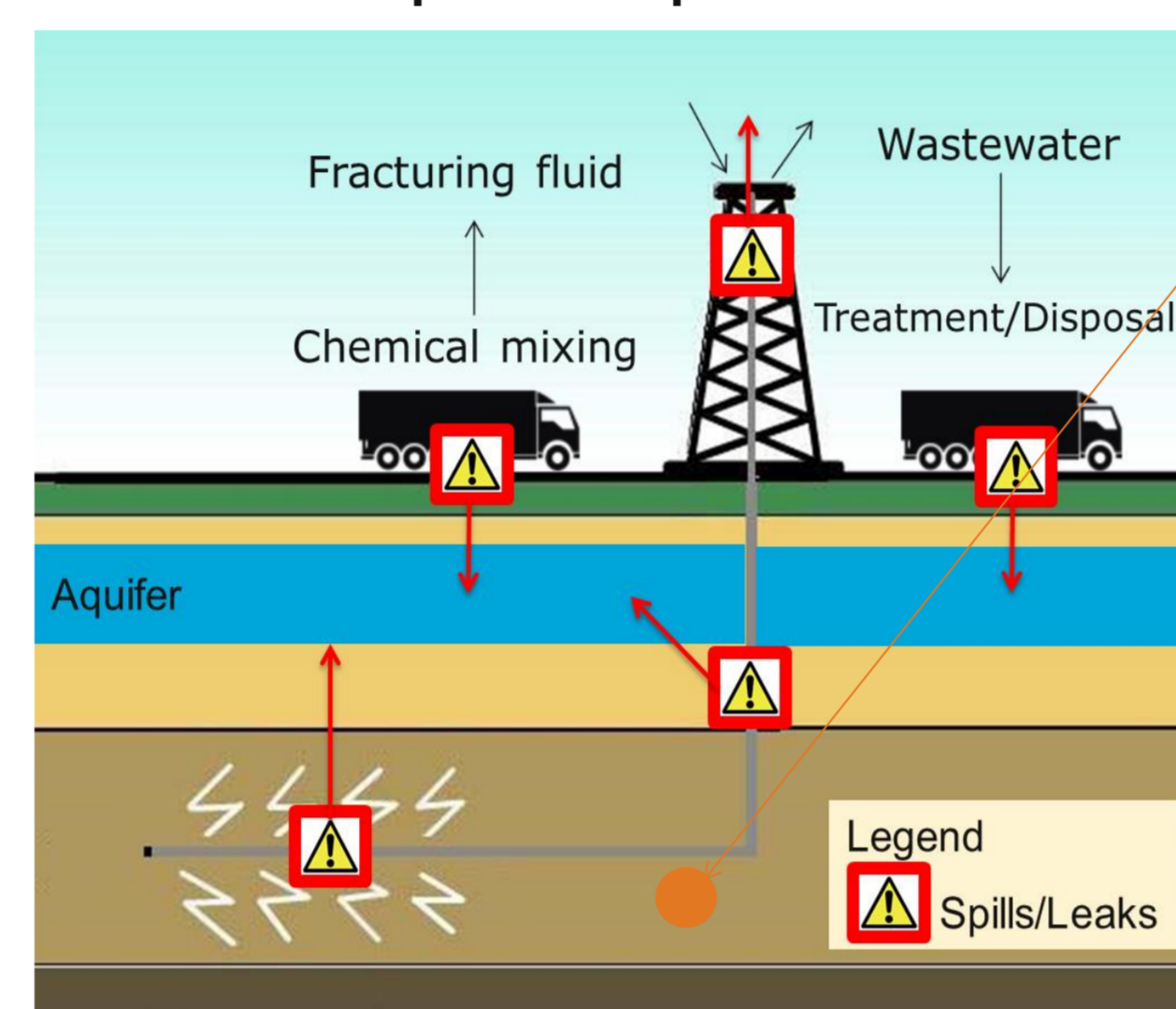
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➢ Surface conditions

Pressure	Temperature
1 bar	25 °C

Models for oil and gas activities need to consider ...

➢ More complex exposure routes



➢ Downhole conditions (≈4 km)

Pressure	Temperature
450 bar	100 °C

Scientific approach (focus on deep subsoil)



- ⇒ Dissolution
- ⇒ Adsorbance
- ⇒ Degradation /Transformation

**High P and T
VS
Atmospheric
Conditions**

1. Chemical analysis of liquid and solid phase
2. Bioassay assessment of liquid phase

Materials & Methods

Experimental conditions

	Test Samples				Controls (per Test)		
	Test 1 (T)	Test 2 (P)	Test 3 (P+T)	Test 4 (atm)	Ctrl 1	Ctrl 2	Ctrl 3
T (°C)	100	25	100	25	/	/	/
P(bar)	1	450	450	1	/	/	/
Flowback (mL)	7	7	7	7	H ₂ O	8	H ₂ O
Shale (g/mL)	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	0	0

Sample treatment



1. Filtration (0.2 µm)
2. Analysis



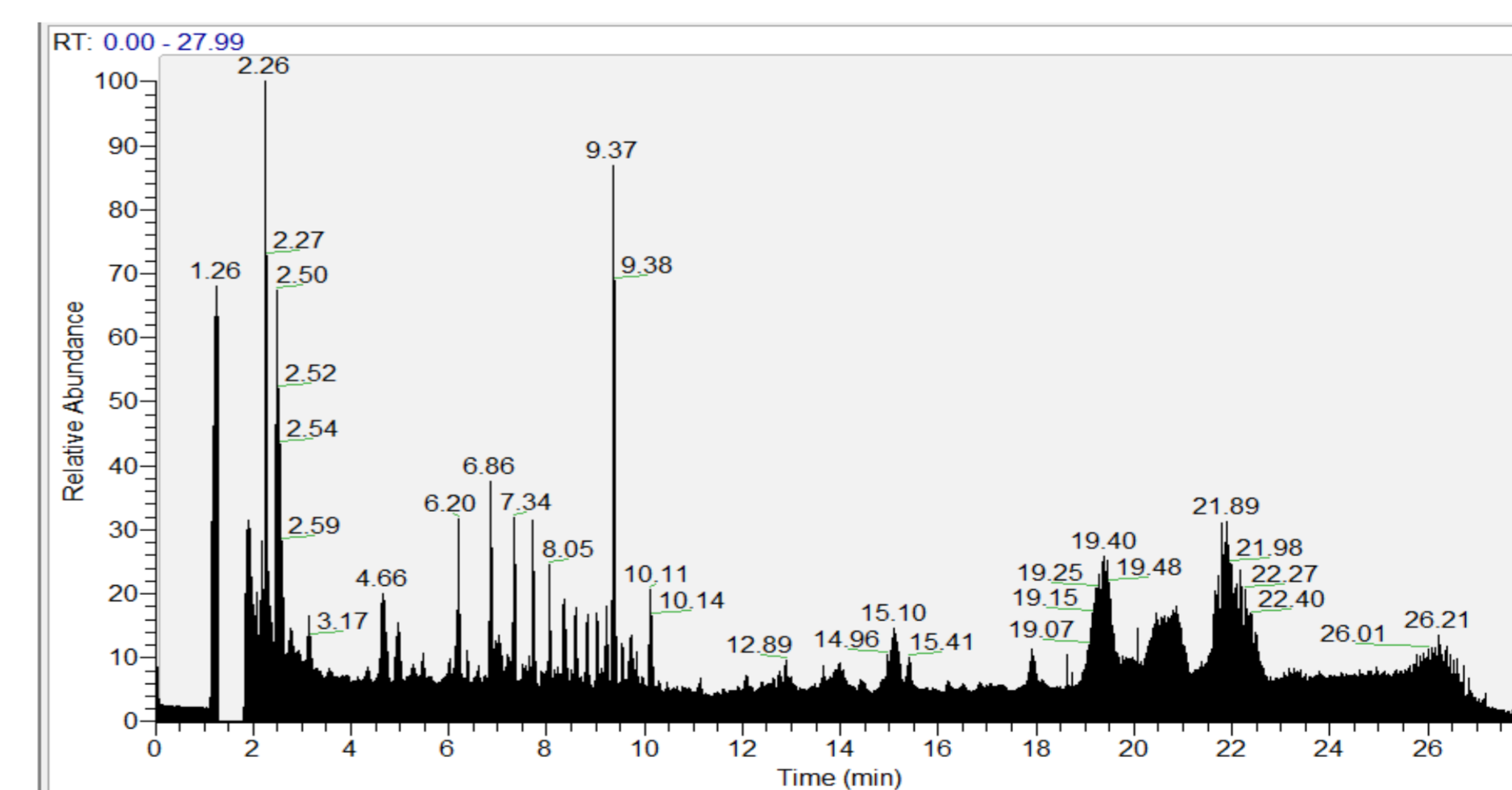
1. Vacuum filtration
2. Accelerated Solvent Extraction
3. Evaporation/redilution in H₂O
4. Filtration (0.2 µm)
5. Analysis

Analysis

1. LC-HRMS LC/linear ion trap (LTQ) Orbitrap High Resolution Mass Spectrometry

Non -target screening using a suspect list⁴ including...

- Fracturing additives⁵ and
- Subsurface contaminants^{3,6,7,8,9},...



(Preliminary) Non-target result for original flowback sample (m/z 80-1300)

2. AMES Fluctuation Test - Genotoxicity

- TA98 +/- S9*: frame shift mutations
- TA100 +/- S9*: base-pair substitutions
- * with/out metabolic activation (liver enzymes)

Results are expected first quarter of 2019

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