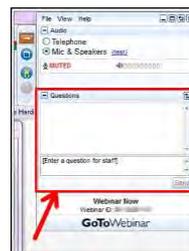


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### Grand Challenges and Opportunities for Greener Alternatives within the Oil and Gas Industry



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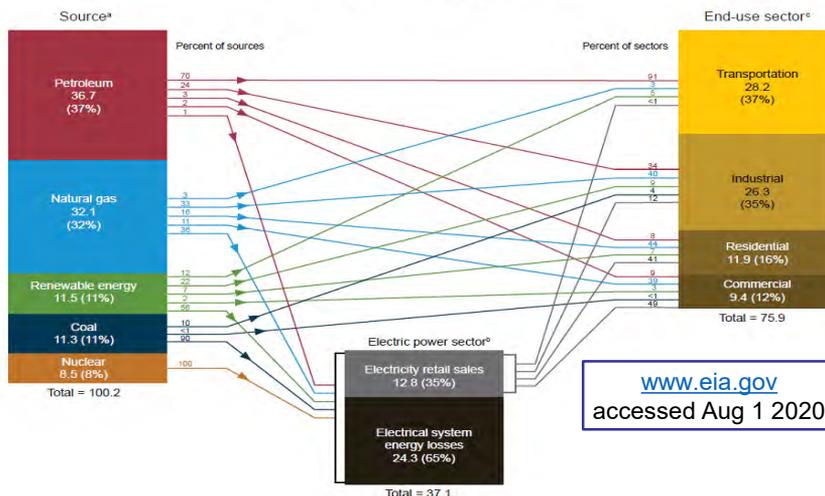
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## U.S. energy consumption by source and sector, 2019

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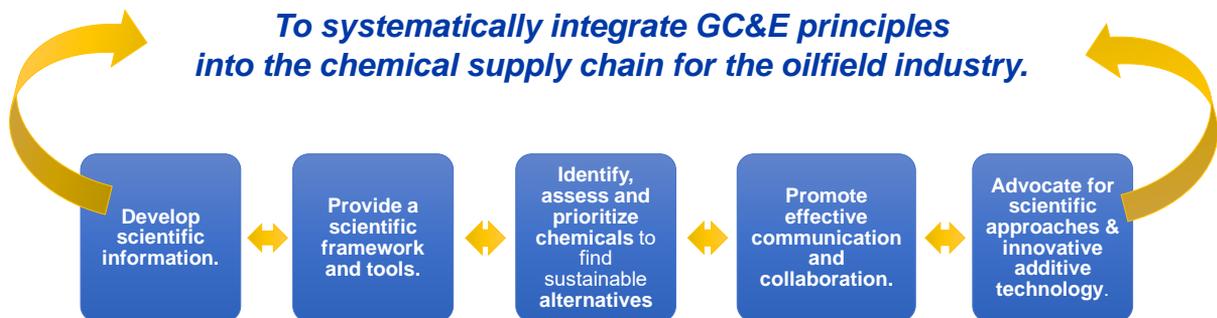
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### Grand Challenges and Opportunities for Greener Chemical Alternatives in Hydraulic Fracturing: A Perspective from the ACS Green Chemistry Institute Oilfield Chemistry Roundtable

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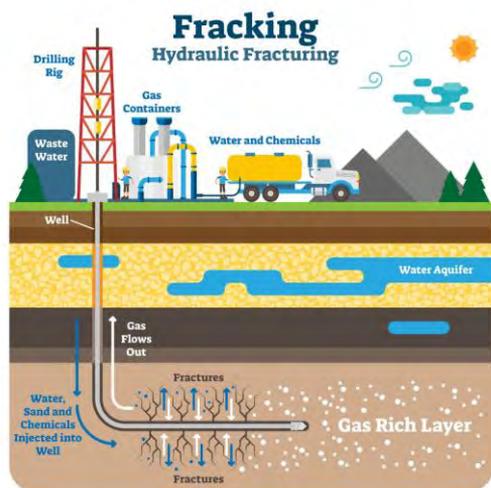


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# Fracturing Process Overview



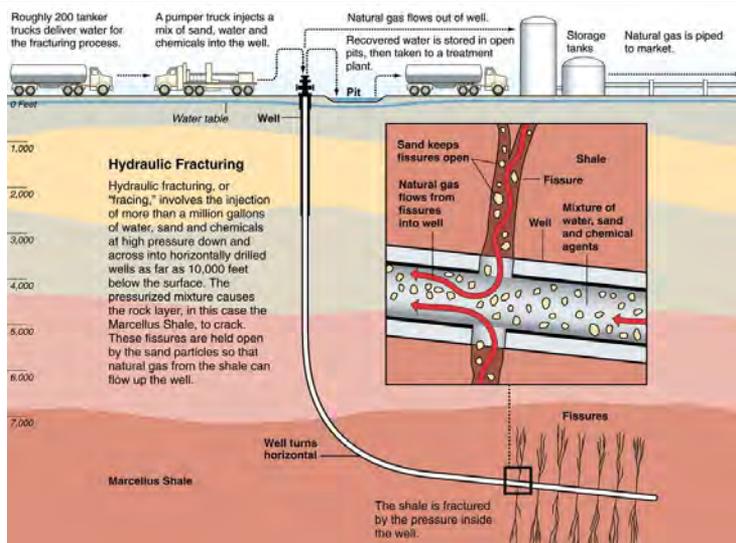
- “Frac,” term used for hydraulic fracturing.
- After an oil and gas well is drilled in a shale reservoir, this stimulation method is used to create fracture networks in the shale that allow for the flow of oil and gas from the reservoir.
  - Fracs allow for release of oil and gas and improve harvest from the shale.
  - Frac fluid is pumped at high rates and high pressure to fracture the shale.
- Frac Fluid is a combination of water, proppant and additives specifically formulated for application in a specific shale.
- Shale reservoirs, isolated from the surface.
- Frac fluids are contained within the reservoir and associated well infrastructure.



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# Fracturing Process Overview



- Frac methods and frac fluid recipes vary depending on the shale basin.
- Each region can have different characteristics that require unique pumping and fluid designs.

This depiction is from the Marcellus Shale in the U.S.



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# Global Shale Basins

Figure 1. Map of basins with assessed shale oil and shale gas formations, as of May 2013



➤ Shale basins across the globe account for a significant portion of harvestable oil and gas reserves.

Source: United States basins from U.S. Energy Information Administration and United States Geological Survey; other basins from ARI based on data from various published studies



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## Audience Survey Question

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**Approximately what portion of the world's technically recoverable oil and gas lies in oil shale?**

- Less than 10 percent
- Less than 30 percent, but greater than 10 percent
- Between 40 to 70 percent
- Other (tell us more in the chat)



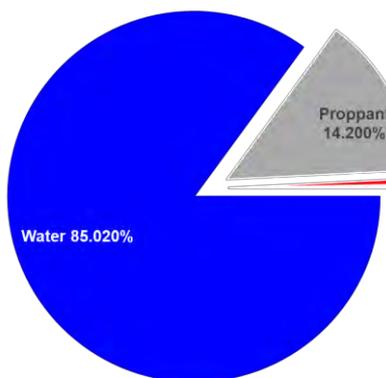
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# Average U.S. Shale Frac Fluid Composition



**Composition:**  
 - Water: 85.02%  
 - Proppant: 14.2%  
 - Additives: 0.78%



- Gellant 0.500%
- Acid 0.070%
- Corrosion Inhibitor 0.050%
- Friction Reducer 0.050%
- Clay Control 0.034%
- Crosslinker 0.032%
- Scale Inhibitor 0.023%
- Iron Control 0.004%
- Breaker 0.020%
- Biocide 0.001%

Additives

<https://fracfocus.org> (accessed Sep 3, 2020).



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# Water- Challenges and Opportunities

- Finding a suitable source of water
- Suitability of the water for use in a frac fluid
- Reuse and recycling of water



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## Creating a Frac Fluid

Composition, determined from detailed analysis and application of engineering principles:

- Shale composition
- Source water composition
- Proppant loading requirement
- Stimulation design
- Productivity Results



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## Examples of Frac Fluid Additives Components in Society

Compound	Purpose	Common Application
<b>Acids</b>	Helps dissolve minerals and initiate fissure in rock (pre-fracture)	Swimming pool cleaner
<b>Ammonium bisulfite</b>	Removes oxygen from the water to protect the pipe from corrosion	Cosmetics, food and beverage processing, water treatment
<b>Polyacrylamide</b>	Minimizes the friction between fluid and pipe	Water treatment, soil conditioner
<b>Borate Salts</b>	Maintains fluid viscosity as temperature increases	Laundry detergent, hand soap, cosmetics
<b>Sodium/Potassium Carbonate</b>	Maintains effectiveness of other components, such as crosslinkers	Washing soda, detergent, soap, water softener, glass, ceramics
<b>Glutaraldehyde</b>	Eliminates bacteria in the water	Disinfectant, sterilization of medical and dental equipment
<b>Guar Gum</b>	Thickens the water to suspend the sand	Thickener in cosmetics, baked goods, ice cream, toothpaste, sauces
<b>Citric Acid</b>	Prevents precipitation of metal oxides	Additive in food and beverages

Source: DOE, GWPC: Modern Gas Shale Development in the United States: A Primer (2009).



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## Green Frac Fluid Initiatives

- Increased activity and volumes have placed **focus on chemistries** used
  - Oil & Gas companies are incentivized to **reduce chemical usage** and **meet ESG objectives**
  - Suppliers of frac additives have been challenged to **provide green alternatives**
- **Frac fluids optimization** has been a primary driver in reducing chemical usage in frac fluids.
- **New chemistries** from a broader supply chain have found their way into oil and gas.



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## Type of Chemicals Used in Hydraulic Fracturing

Friction Reducers (FRs)

Surfactants

Scale Inhibitors

High Viscosity FRs (HVFRs)

Solvents

pH Adjusting Agents

Biocides

Acid Additives

Breakers

Chelating Agents

Guar Slurries

Clay Control Additives & Formation Stabilizers

- Each chemical has a specific purpose.
- We will review current chemistry being used in these areas and opportunities for improvement.



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## Audience Survey Question

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### Fluids used in Fracturing Fluids typically display?

(Select all that apply)

- Shear thickening behavior
- Shear thinning behavior
- Newtonian behavior
- Other (tell us more in the chat)



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## Friction Reducers & High Viscosity Friction Reducers (FR and HVFR)



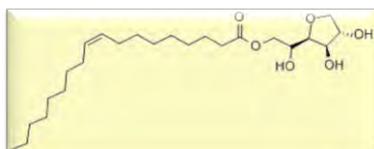
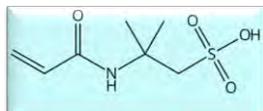
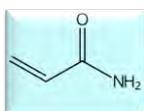
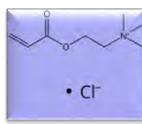
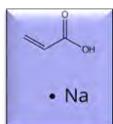
- Added to water to make “slickwater”
- Current technology: acrylamide co-polymers
  - Supplied in three polymeric forms
    - dry, emulsion, slurried
  - Anionic, cationic and zwitterionic polymers
- Compatibility with the water source is paramount in selection of the chemistry.



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## FR & HVFR: Chemistries



“slick the water” to minimize friction and reduce surface treating pressure at the wellhead.



CAS 64742-47-8 Distillates (petroleum), hydrotreated light

- Complex combination of hydrocarbons
- Obtained by treating a petroleum fraction with hydrogen in the presence of a catalyst.
- Consists of hydrocarbons in the range of C9 through C16 and boiling in the range of approximately 150°C to 290°C (302°F to 554°F).



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## FR and HVFR: Challenges & Opportunities

- Monomers from non-renewable feedstocks
  - renewable feedstocks / high molecular weight biopolymers?
- HVFR's are sensitive to ionic strength.
  - Higher usage required in high TDS brines.
    - Can chemistry solve this?
- Dry polymers require hydration units prior to application.
  - Dry HVFR can be challenging to hydrate on the fly.
    - Improvements to the powdered polymer to enhance dispersibility.



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# Guar Gum

- Until early 2010's most common viscosifier
  - displaced by FR and HVFR
  - Guar gum, hydroxypropyl guar (HPG) and carboxymethyl hydroxypropyl guar (CMHPG) are materials of commerce in fracturing



- Provide little friction reduction, mainly used due to sand transport / suspension characteristics.
- Cross-linked with a variety of inorganic compounds
- Viscosities in range of  $10^2$  cP (@ 100/sec shear rate)
- Two forms: powder form or slurried in mineral oil for ease of application

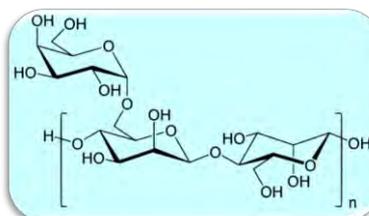
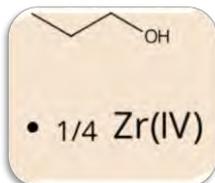
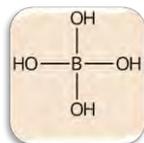
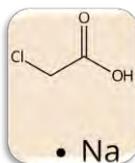


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# Guar Gum: Chemistries



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➤ Increases viscosity making high-pressure pumping and fracturing process more efficient



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## Guar Gum: Challenges & Opportunities

- Renewable solvent sources
- Mechanical Improvements



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## Breakers

- To **reduce viscosity** and clean viscosifier off formation face
- Examples:
  - **Oxidizers** (e.g. ammonium persulfate, peroxide etc.)
    - randomly attack backbone of polysaccharides – degradation products may have lower viscosity but may not be water soluble.
  - **Enzymes**, to break guar systems (e.g. hemi cellulase and mannanase)
    - Fragments from hydrolysis are water soluble.
    - Sensitive/specific to temperature and pH
    - Higher temperature and/or higher pH range enzymes present the greatest need / opportunity

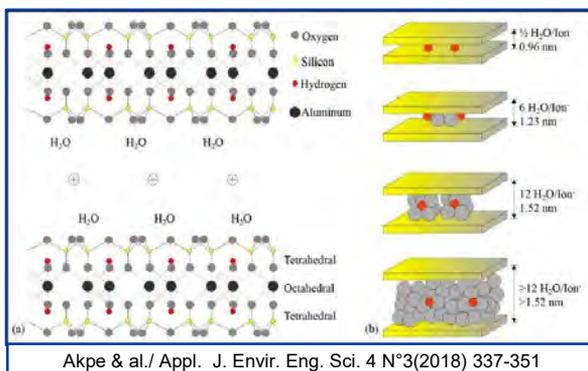


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# Clay Stabilizers

- Swelling / dispersion will impair rock permeability
- Osmotic swelling occurs due to potential differences of the water in the clay interstitial spaces
- Hydrocarbon bearing formations frequently contain **inclusion of swellable / migratable clays** – e.g. illites and smectites



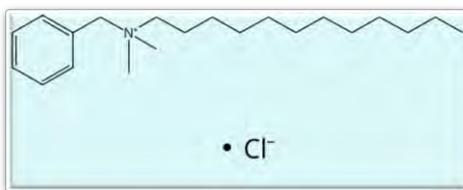
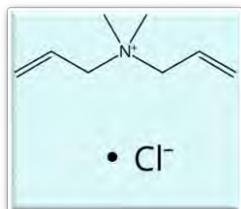
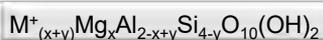
- Imperfections in the crystal lattice where Mg substitutes for Al, and Al substitutes for Si.
- In clay interstitial spaces, labile ions are coulombically bound to the surface of the platelet.
- If these labile ions are sodium, then swelling can occur due to ion hydration



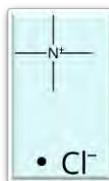
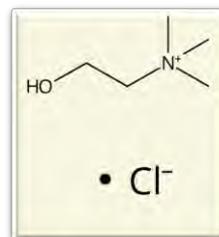
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# Clay Stabilizers Chemistries – Ion Exchange



➤ Prevent migration or swelling



Choline Chloride  
Vitamin B4

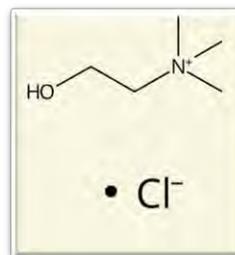


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## Stabilizers: Challenges & Opportunities

- Currents chemistries relies in Vitamin B4
  - Manufacturing methods from petrochemicals feedstocks
  - Potential Biosource (e.g. biochemical reaction pathway)



Choline Chloride  
Vitamin B4



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## Biocides

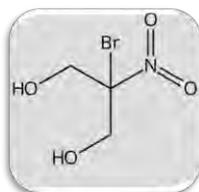
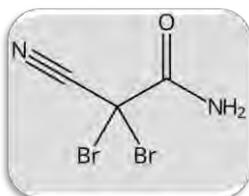
- Designed to:
  - Control populations of bacteria and other microorganisms.
  - To eliminate
    - sulfate reducing bacteria – formation souring / corrosion
    - acid producing bacteria – corrosion
    - slime forming bacteria – microbially induced corrosion
- For these chemistries to work they need to be inherently toxic
  - amount vs. toxicity considerations



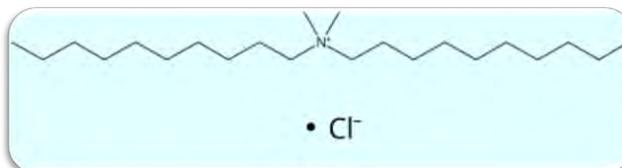
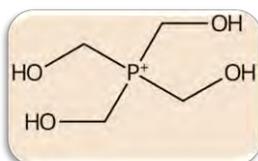
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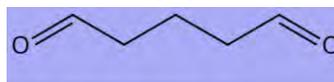
## Biocides Chemistries



To control populations of bacteria and other microorganisms



Bleach, peroxide – other oxidizers



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## Biocides: Challenges & Opportunities

- Potential for synergy with enzymes that disrupt biofilms
  - ACS GCIOCR engaged a collaboration with MSU to use enzymes to reduce the biofilm formation
- Potency – does reduced toxicity require increased dosage?
- Regulatory – will require EPA registration.



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# Scale Inhibitors

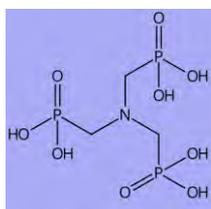
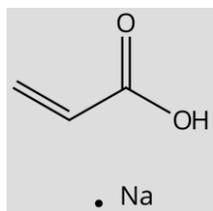
- **Prevent scaling** from incompatible waters (e.g. sulfate / barium)
  - Chemistries are crystal modifiers, not chelants
  - Work at sub stoichiometric concentrations
  - Must be compatible with other additives, typically the friction reducer



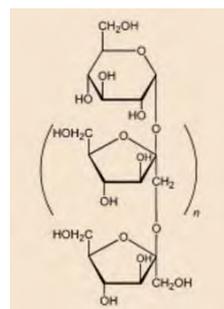
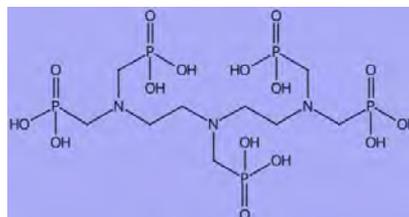
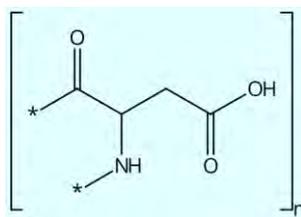
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# Scale Inhibitors Chemistries



Prevents scaling from incompatible waters



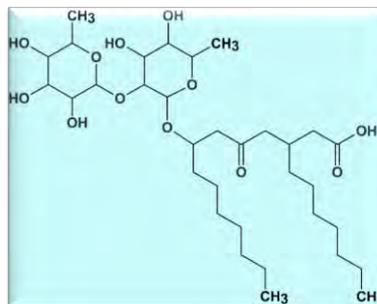
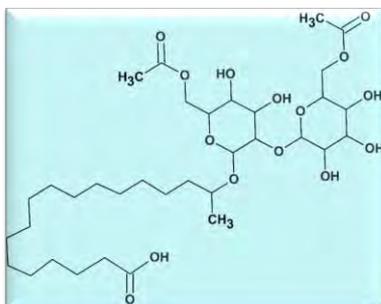
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## Surfactants: Challenges & Opportunities

- Non-renewable resource
- Biodegradable – e.g. branched alkylbenzene sulphonates
- Biosource



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## Other Areas of Interests

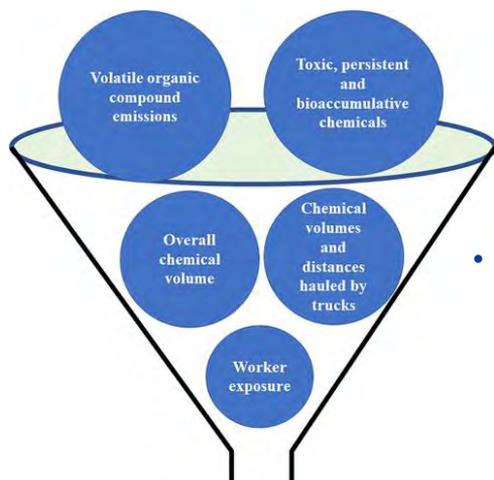
- **Solvents**
  - Replacements:
    - Useful solvent interactive tool (free to use):  
<https://www.acsgcipr.org/tools-for-innovation-in-chemistry/solvent-tool>
  - Biobased, Cost-effective
- **Acid Additives** – corrosion inhibitors
- **Chelating Agents** – Citric / acetic, THP
- **pH Adjusting Agents** – sodium / potassium hydroxides, sodium / potassium carbonates, organic acids



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- To adopt strategies to enable a reduction in each area.
  - To reduce environmental, safety, and health impact.

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## Summary

- Efforts to provide greener alternatives in hydraulic fracturing are ongoing.
  - Chemistries' environmental footprint have been improved; more could be done.
  - Finding new alternatives/replacements
    - collaboration among academia, chemical manufacturers, end users, and nonindustrial members **is imperative**.
- **Innovation is essential** for green chemistry, a driver for **sustainability!**
- **ACS GCI OCR, pre-competitive scientific** collaboration has been established to accelerate greener alternatives.



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