Positive Ion APCI LC/MS Analysis of Enlite Herbicides

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Agricultural Spraying of Herbicides



Enlite Background



DuPont[™] Enlite[®]

herbicide

Dispersible Granules

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Active Ingredients	By Weight
Chlorimuron ethyl	
Ethyl 2-[[[(4-chloro-6-methoxypyrimidin-2-yl)amino]carbonyl]amino]sulfonyl]benzoate	2.85%
Flumioxazin	
2-[7-fluor-3,4-dihydro-3oxo-4-(2-propynyl)-	
2H-1,4-benzoxazin-6-yl]-4,5,6,7-tetrahydro-	
1H-isoindole-1,3(2H)-dione	36.21%
Thifensulfuron methyl	
Methyl 3-[[[(4-methoxy-6-methyl-1,3,5-	
triazin-2-yl)amino]carbonyl]amino]	
sulfonyl]-2-thiophenecarboxylate	8.80%
Other Ingredients	52.14%
TOTAL	100.00%

DUPONT™ ENLITE® Highlights

- ENLITE® provides selective burndown, and preemergence weed control in soybeans. Use rate is 2.8 ounces per acre.
- When ENLITE® is applied according to instructions on this label, it will control many broadleaf weeds and provide partial control of annual grasses.
- ENLITE® has two modes of action and rapidly inhibits the growth of susceptible weed species.

Chemical Structures of Enlite Pre Emergent Herbicides

Thifensulfuron-methyl MW=387.39; $(M+H)^+ = m/z$ 388.3

Flumioxazin MW=354.34; $(M+H)^+ = m/z 355.34$

Chlorimuron-ethyl MW=414.35; $(M+H)^+ = m/z$ 415.3

Experimental

Mass Spectrometry

- expression compact mass spectrometer
- ESI and <u>APCI ion source</u>
- Positive and Negative ions
- Full-scan or Selected Ion Monitoring (SIM)

HPLC Conditions

- Column: Phenomenex Luna 2.0 x 50 mm C-18(2), 5 microns
- Mobile phase: water/MeOH with 0.1% formic acid
- Flow: 200 uL/min
- Gradient: 95/5 isocratic for 1 min then to 5/95 over 5 min, isocratic for 1 min with 1 min recycle

Soil extraction

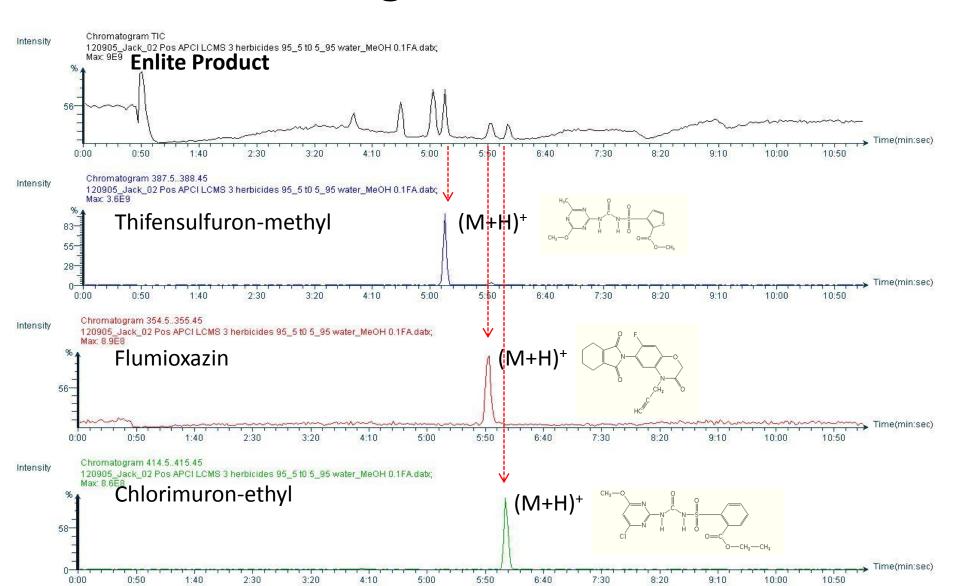
- Slurry extract with MeOH, filter and concentrate
- Directly inject for full-scan or SIM LC/MS analysis

LC/MS Adjacent or in the Hood

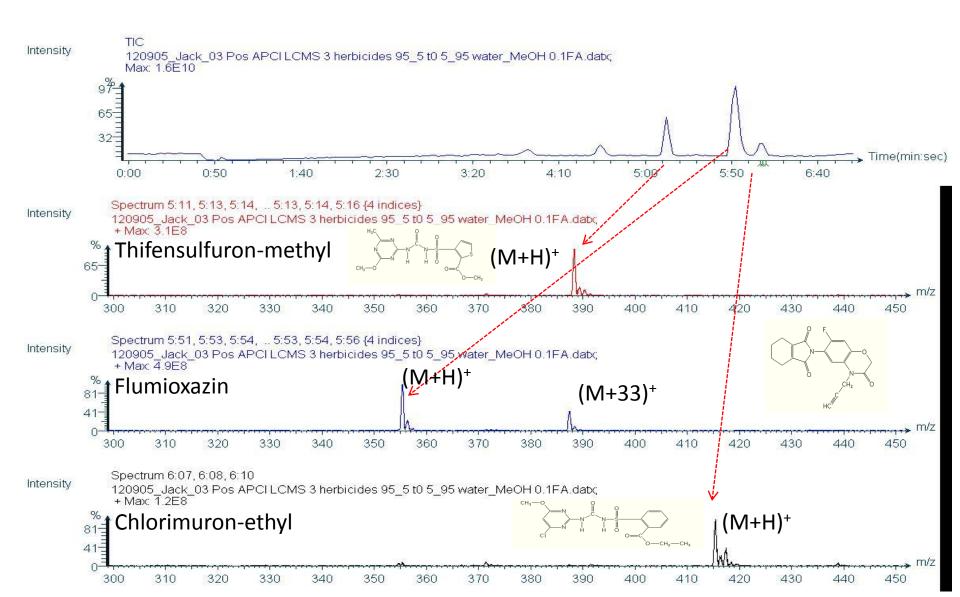




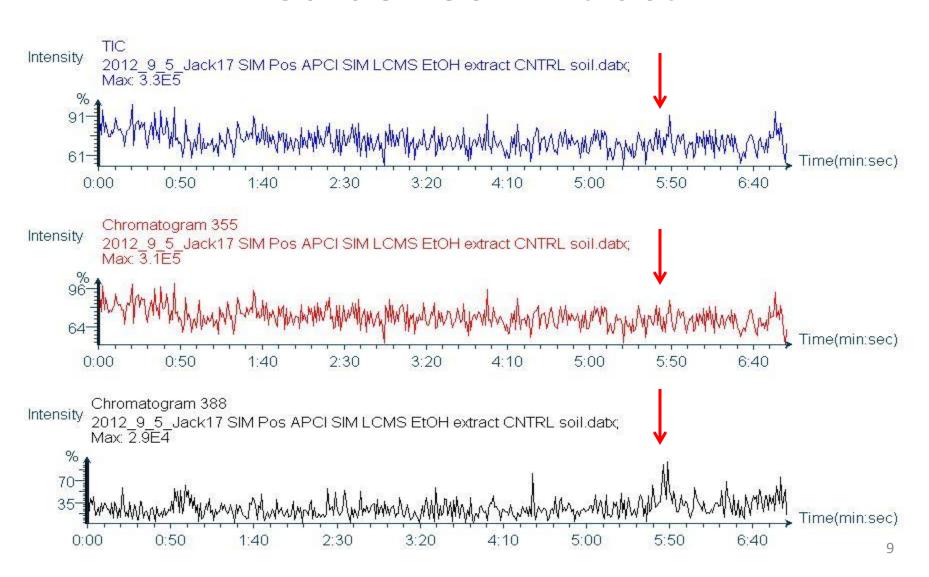
Pos APCI Full-Scan LC/MS of Enlite Pre Emergent Herbicide



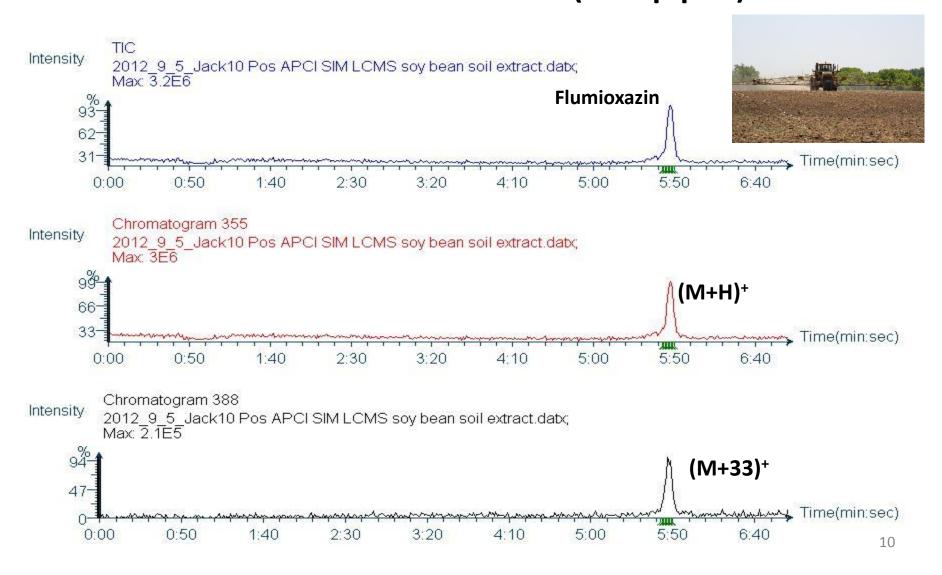
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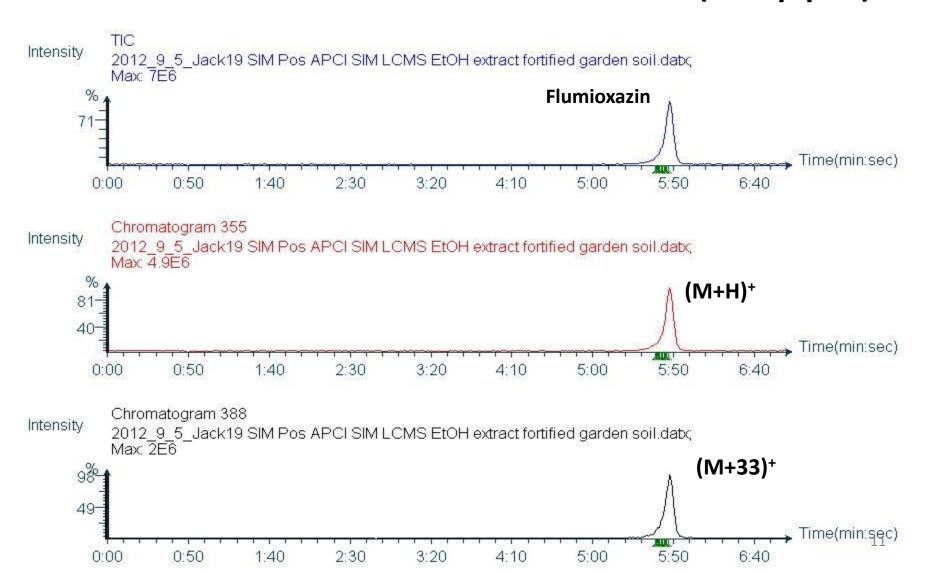
Pos APCI SIM LC/MS Negative Control Garden Soil Extract



Pos APCI SIM LC/MS Enlite Sprayed Soy Bean Soil Extract (10 ppb)



Pos APCI SIM LC/MS of Extract from Fortified Control Garden Soil (20 ppb)



Summary Enlite from Soil

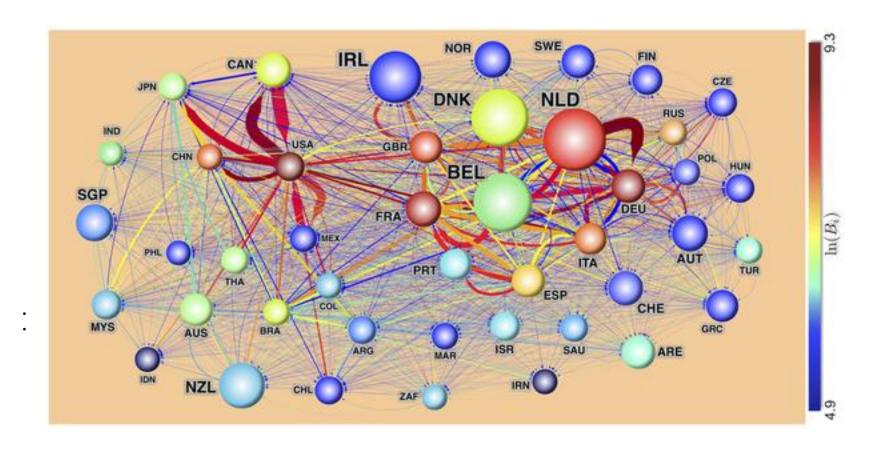
- Three pre emergence herbicides in Enlite soil readily detected by Pos APCI LC/MS
- Flumioxizin readily detected in soy bean soil sprayed with Enlite, but the other two lower level herbicides were not detected
 - Only Flumioxizin was detected from extracts of fortified control soil sprayed with Enlite.
- It appears thifensulfuran methyl and chlormuron ethyl are not readily extracted from soil using the simple methanol extraction employed.

APCI LC/MS Determination of Malathion in Skim Milk Sleuthing the Adulteration of our Foods

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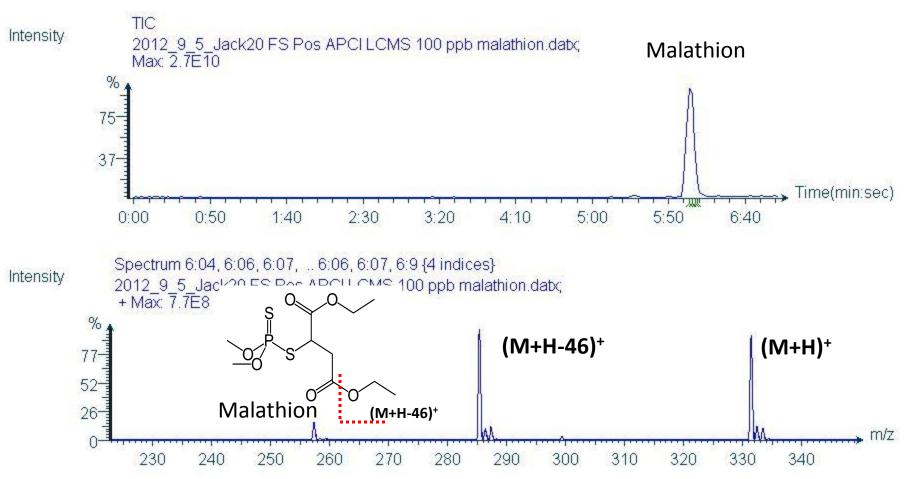
International agro-food trade network (IFTN), 2007



Malathion Chemical Structure

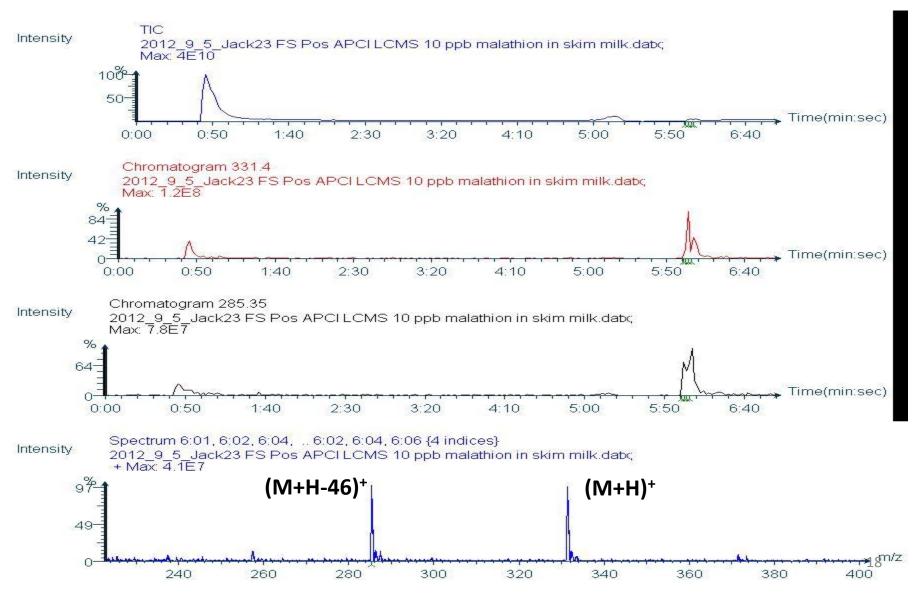
 $MW = 330.1; (M+H)^+ = 331.1$

Pos APCI LC/MS Malathion



Pos APCI Full Scan LC/MS

10 ppb Malathion in Skim Milk



Summary

 There must be better ways to do sample preparation for food matrices!

And with good sample prep better analyses occur.

 It is human nature to resist change. Let us embrace new ways of doing things if they can be shown to be better, faster and easier

Thank you!