

Supporting Information

Complementary methods for structural assignment of isomeric candidate structures in non-target liquid chromatography ion mobility high resolution mass spectrometric analysis

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Chromatographic separation of isomeric chemicals

The chromatographic separation of the candidate structures was studied on a Kinetex PS C18 100 Å column, 150mm×3 mm id, 2.6 µm particle size (Phenomenex) with gradient elution 15% acetonitrile ramped to 95% linearly over 15 min then held for an additional 5 min at a flow rate of 0.35 mL/min. The aqueous phase consisted of 0.1% formic acid. For detection a Waters Select Series Cyclic IMS with Time of Flight mass analyzer in full scan mode was used. Analytical standards of the isomeric candidate structures were injected individually as well as in a mixture to evaluate the retention time and chromatographic resolution.

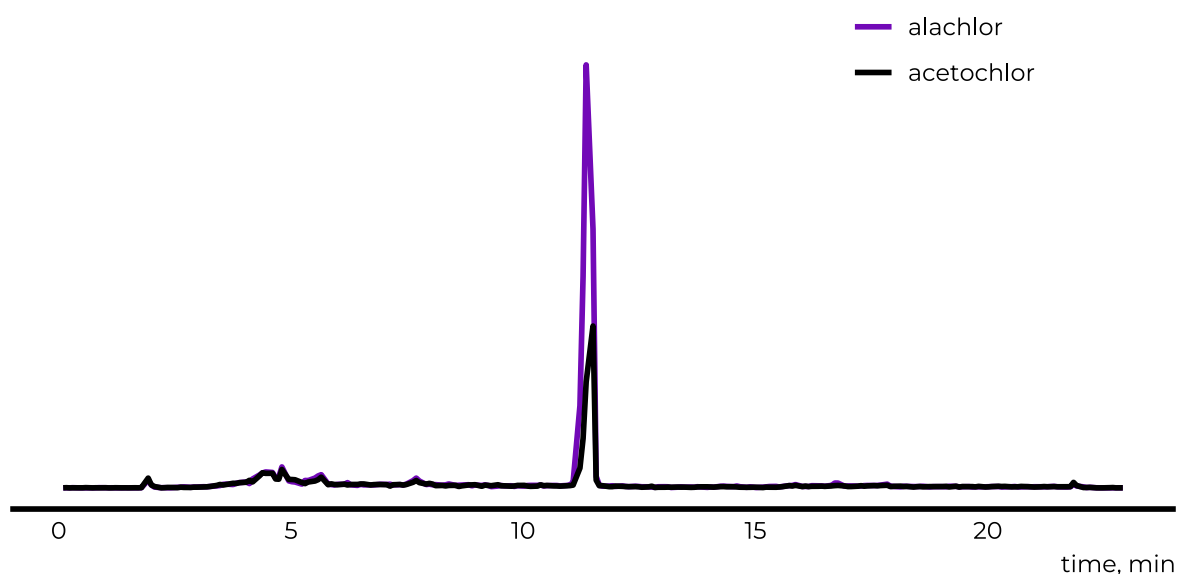


Figure S1 Chromatogram of alachlor and acetochlor.

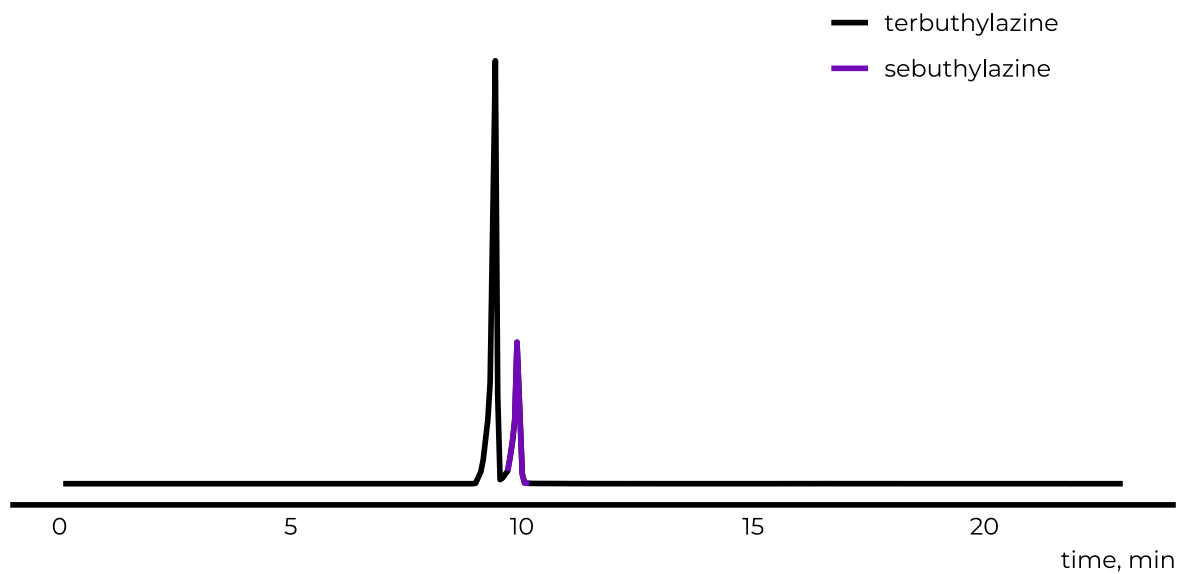


Figure S2 Chromatogram of sebuthylazine and terbutylazine.

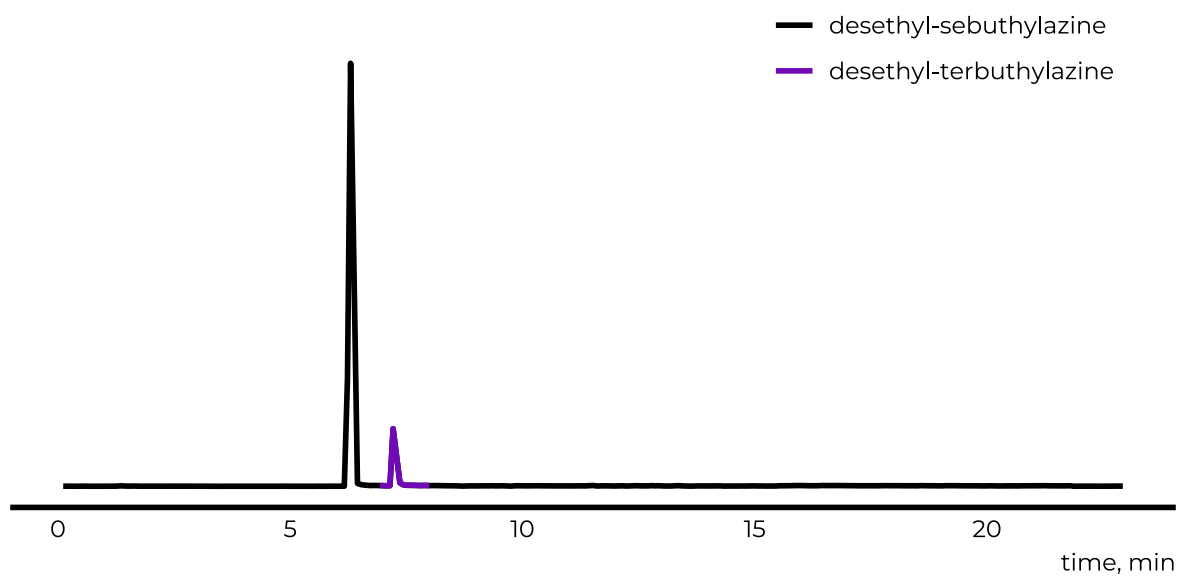


Figure S3 Chromatogram of desethyl-sebuthylazine and desethyl-terbutylazine.

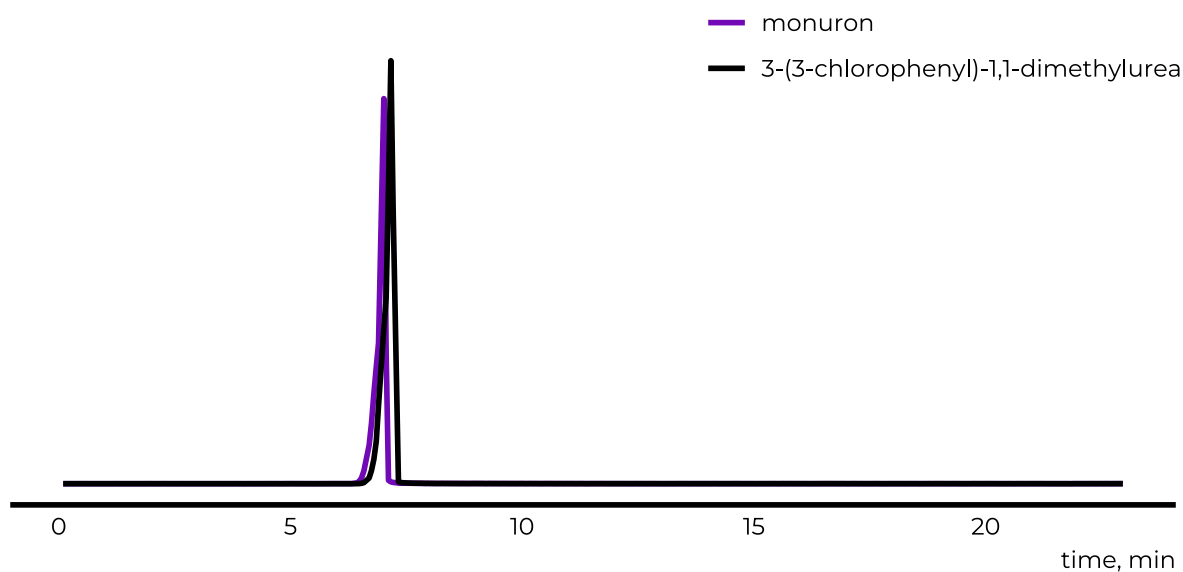


Figure S4 Chromatogram of monuron and 3-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea.

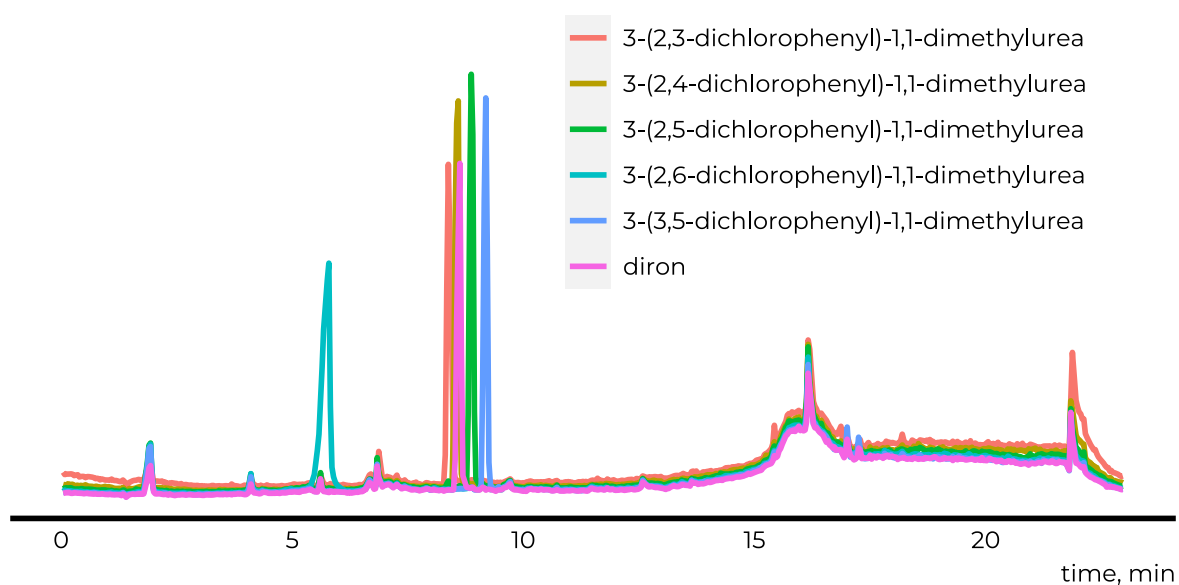


Figure S5 Chromatogram of diuron, 3-(2,3-dichlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea, 3-(2,4-dichlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea, 3-(2,5-dichlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea, 3-(2,6-dichlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea, and 3-(3,5-dichlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea.

Ion mobility separation of the isomeric chemicals

To study the efficiency of high resolution ion mobility to separate the isomeric structure candidates, the ion mobility separation was carried out on a Waters Select Series Cyclic IMS platform with Time of Flight mass analyzer operated in V-mode. Analyses were carried out in direct infusion mode. In electrospray ionization (ESI), the capillary voltage, cone voltage and source offset were adjusted to 1.80 kV, 40 V, and 10 V, respectively. The source temperature was 100 °C, desolvation temperature was 400 °C, and desolvation gas flow was 600 L/h. Nebuliser gas and reference capillary voltage were held at 6 bar and 1.50 kV each. The Trap CE and Transfer CE were kept at 6 V and 4 V and Post Trap gradient and Post Trap bias were 7 V and 35 V for all measurements. The Driftcell Twave velocity was 375 V and the Twave height was set to 10 V for all ion mobility measurements except multiple cycle experiments where 12 V were used. The cyclic sequence was as follows: 10 ms 'Inject', 2 ms 'Separate' and 39.6 ms 'Eject and Acquire' (allowing for 3 pushes per bin). The separation time was adjusted to achieve the desired number of cycles for each analyte group.

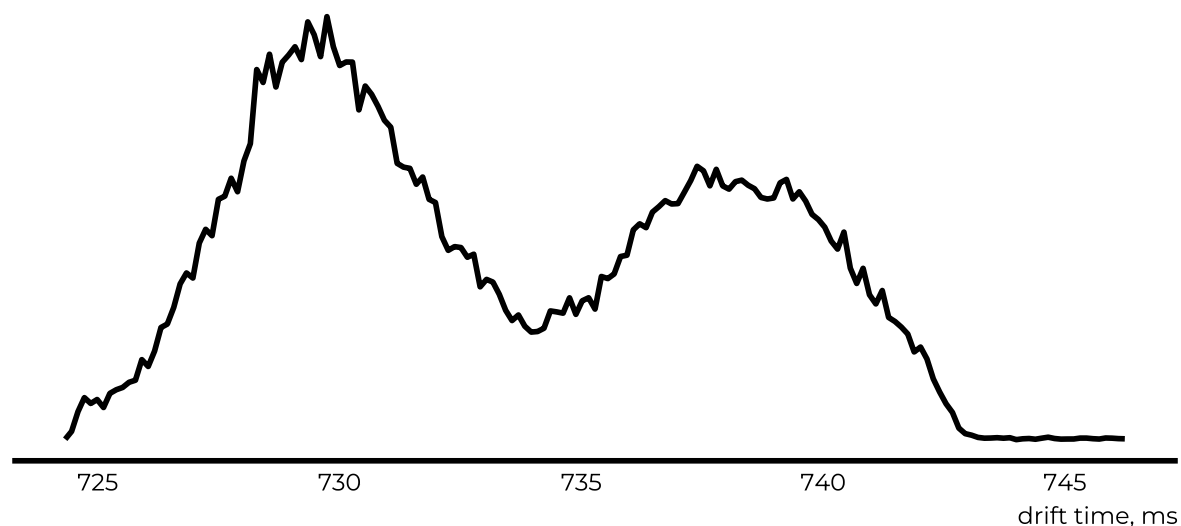


Figure S6 High resolution ion mobility separation (33 cycles) of alachlor and acetochlor.



Figure S7 High resolution ion mobility separation (14 cycles) of sebuthylazine and terbuthylazine.

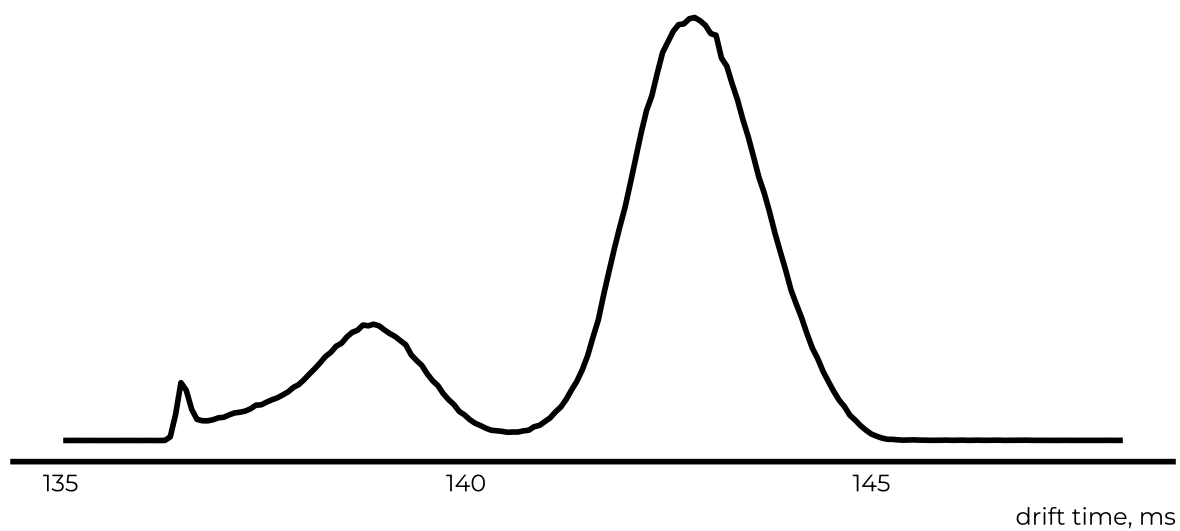
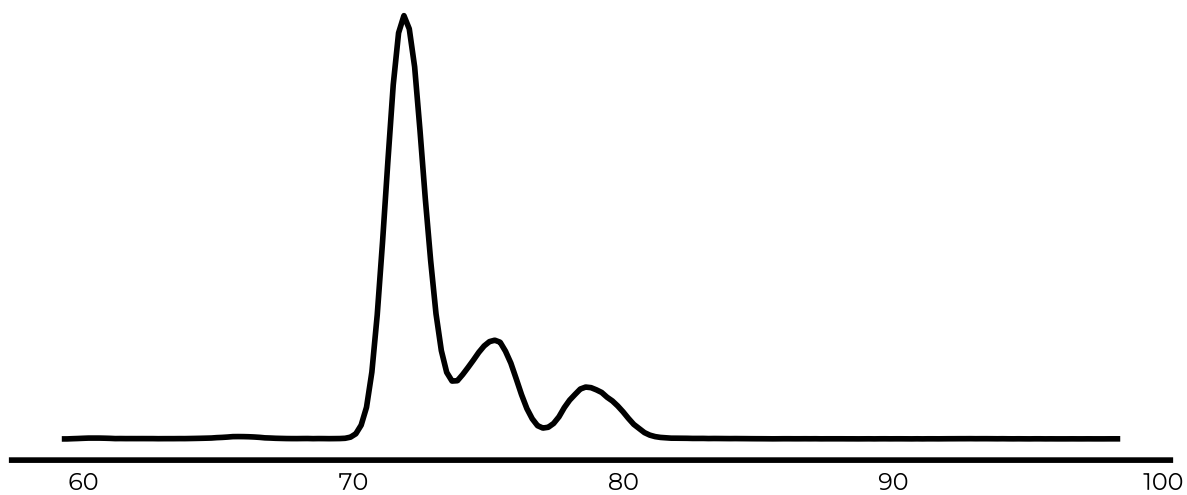


Figure S8 High resolution ion mobility separation (16 cycles) of desethyl-sebuthylazine and desethyl-terbuthylazine.



Figure S9 High resolution ion mobility separation (29 cycles) of monuron and 3-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea.

3 cycles



7 cycles

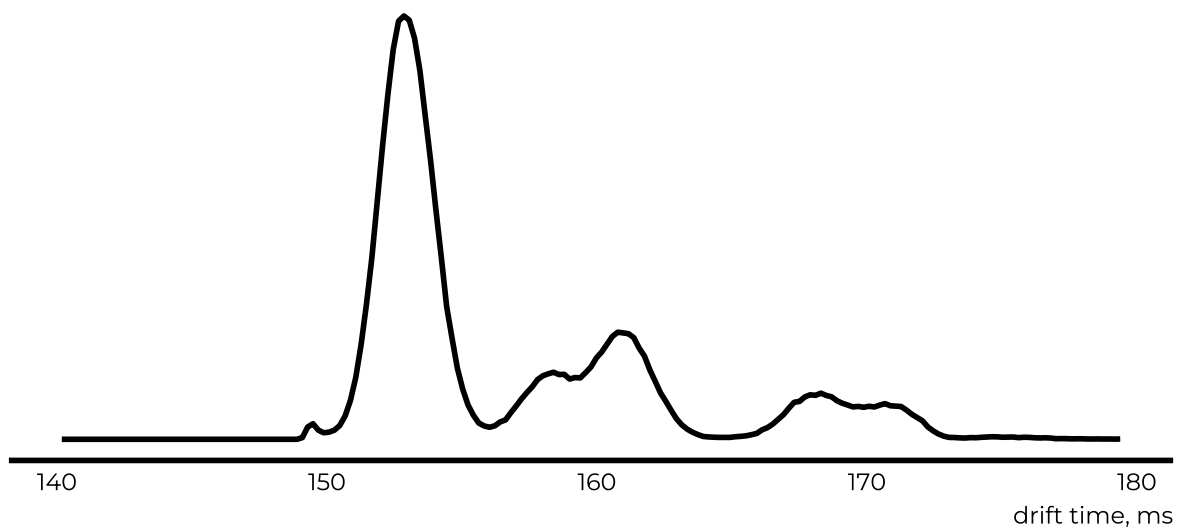
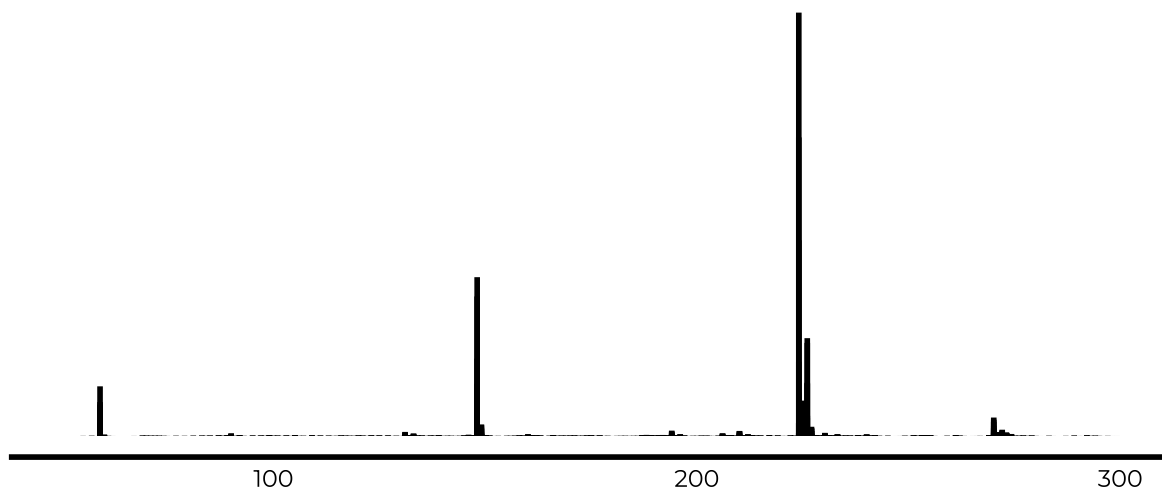


Figure S10 High resolution ion mobility separation (3 and 7 cycles) of diuron and its five isomers.

MS² spectra of the isomeric chemicals

The MS² spectra were recorded with direct infusion experiments on Waters Select Series Cyclic IMS platform with Time of Flight mass analyzer.

aceto chlor



alachlor

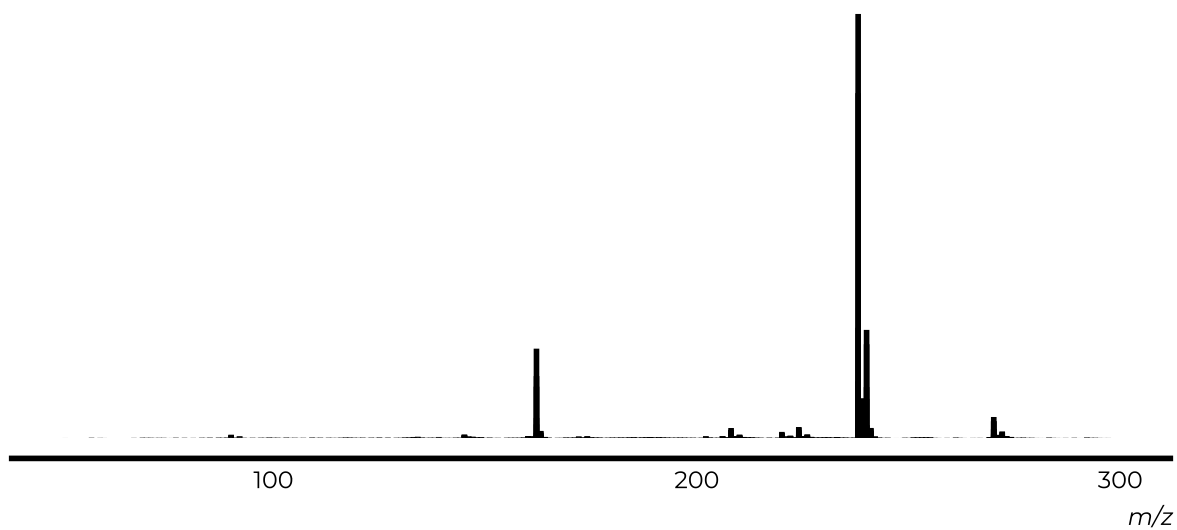


Figure S11 MS² spectra of alachlor and aceto chlor at 15 V.

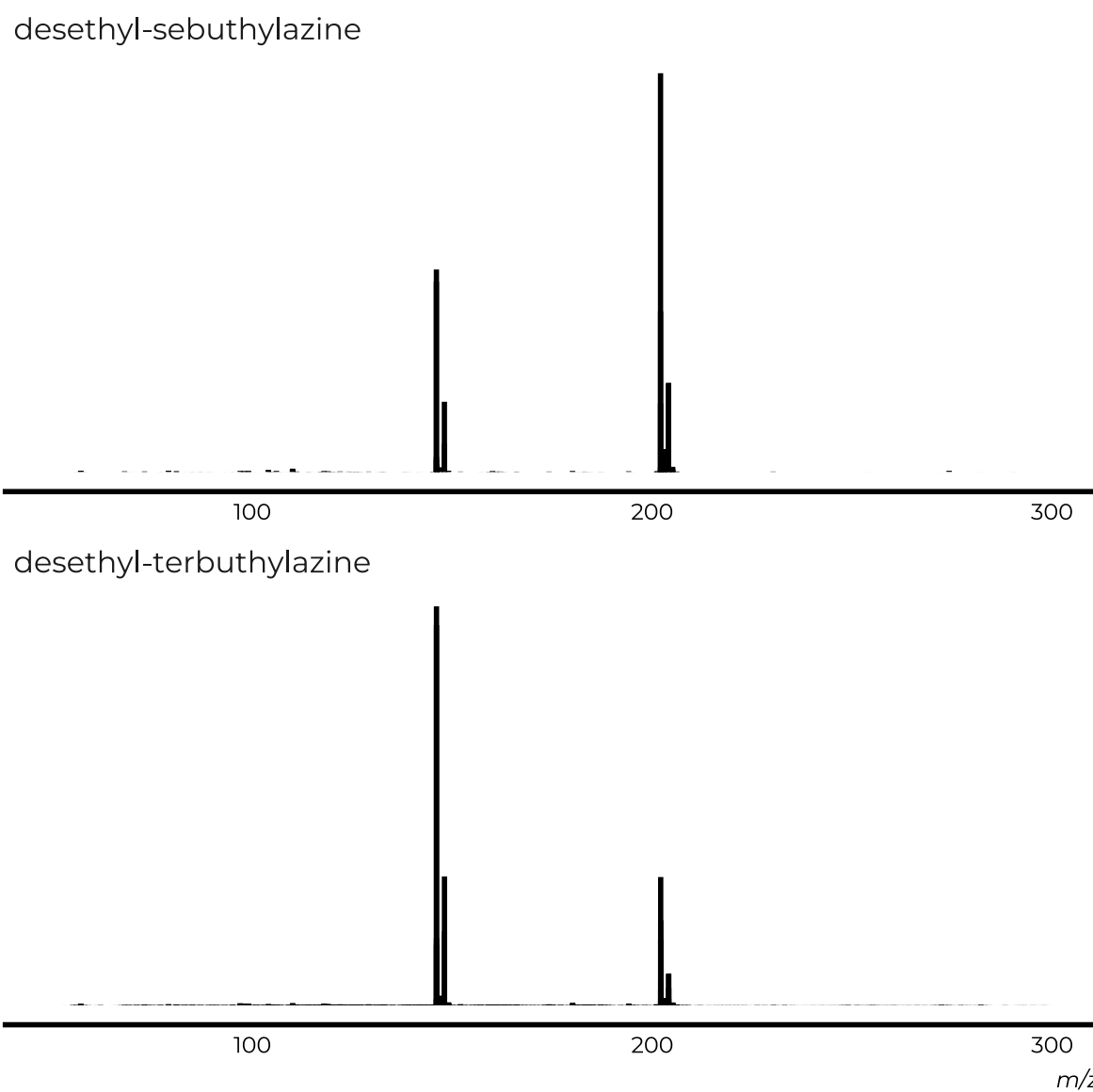


Figure S12 MS² spectra of desethyl-sebuthylazine and desethyl-terbuthylazine at 15 V.

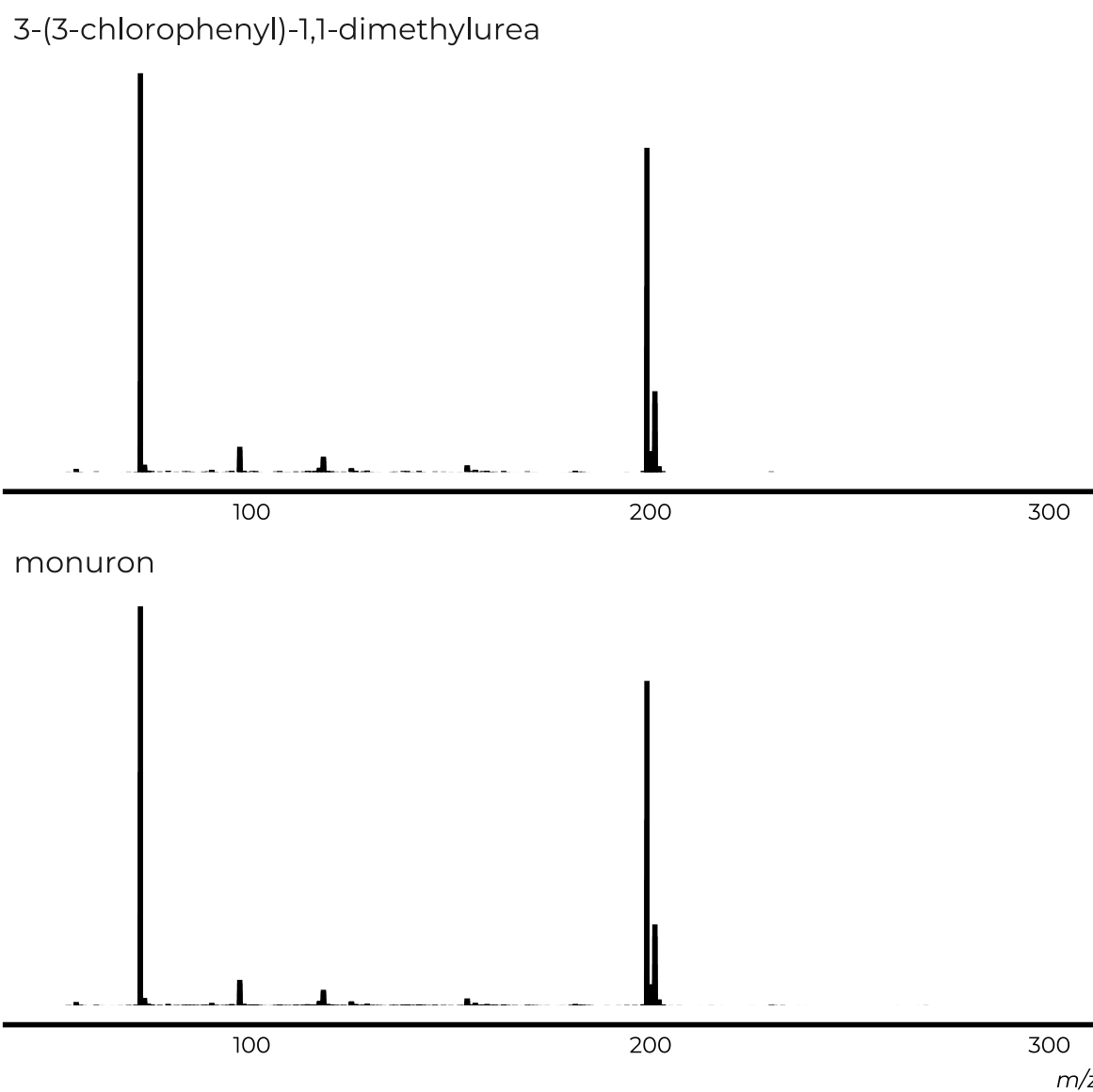


Figure S13 MS² spectra of monuron and 3-(3-chlorophenyl)-1,1-dimethylurea at 15 V.

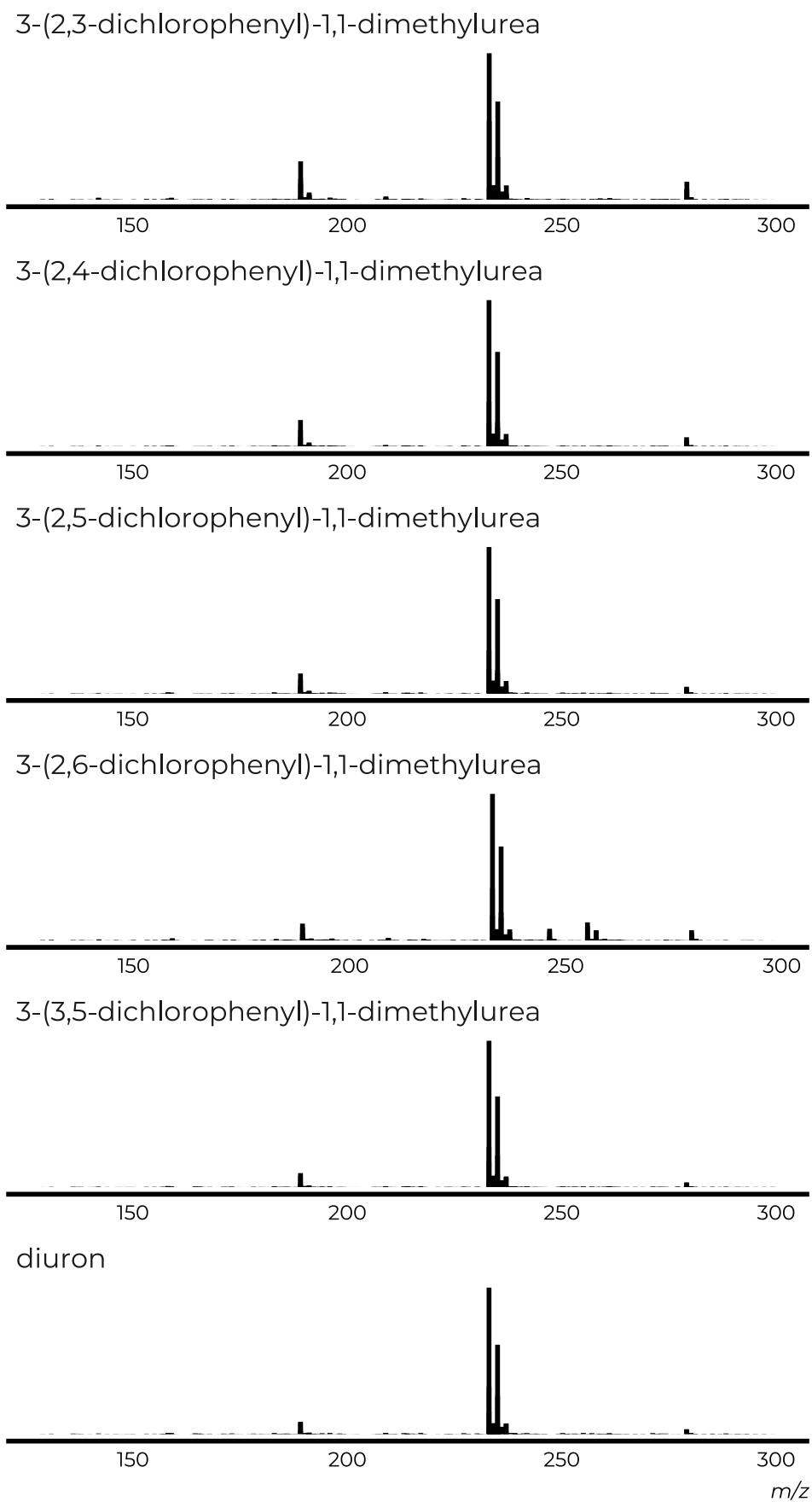


Figure S14 MS² spectra of diuron and its five isomers at 20 V.