

**BIOTRANSFORMATION OF  
TRIADIMEFON TO TRIADIMENOL:  
ENANTIOMER ANALYSIS AND  
ENANTIOSELECTIVITY IN SOIL SLURRIES**

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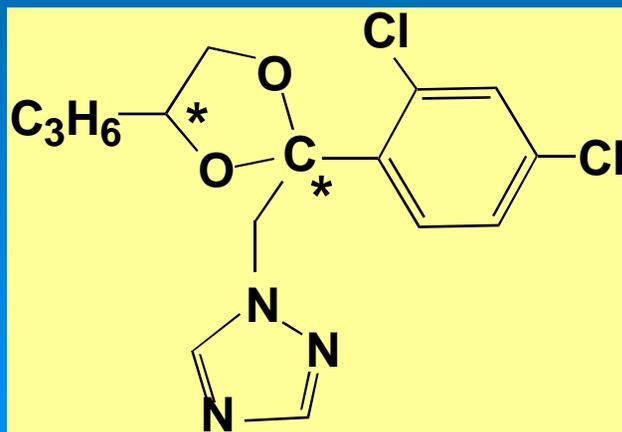
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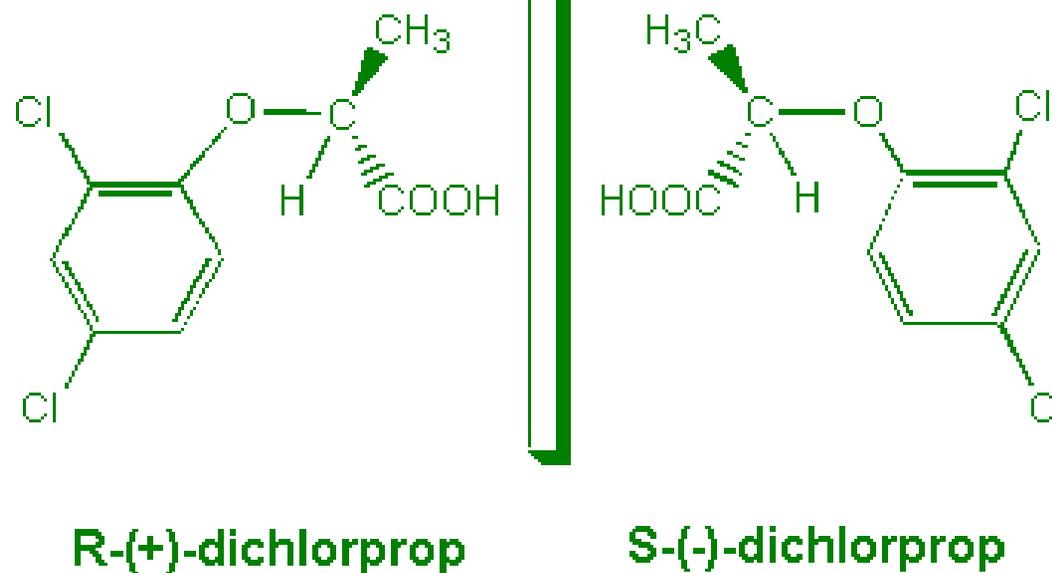
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## INTRODUCTION

- CONAZOLES ARE IMPORTANT FUNGICIDES – ABOUT 60 IN USE
- USED AS BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND MEDICINAL FUNGICIDES
- INHIBIT STEROL C-14 DEMETHYLATION THROUGH INTERFERENCE WITH A CYTOCHROME P-450 MONOOXYGENASE ENZYME
- MOSTLY 1,2,4-TRIAZOLES, e.g.: PROPICONAZOLE – ALL ARE CHIRAL

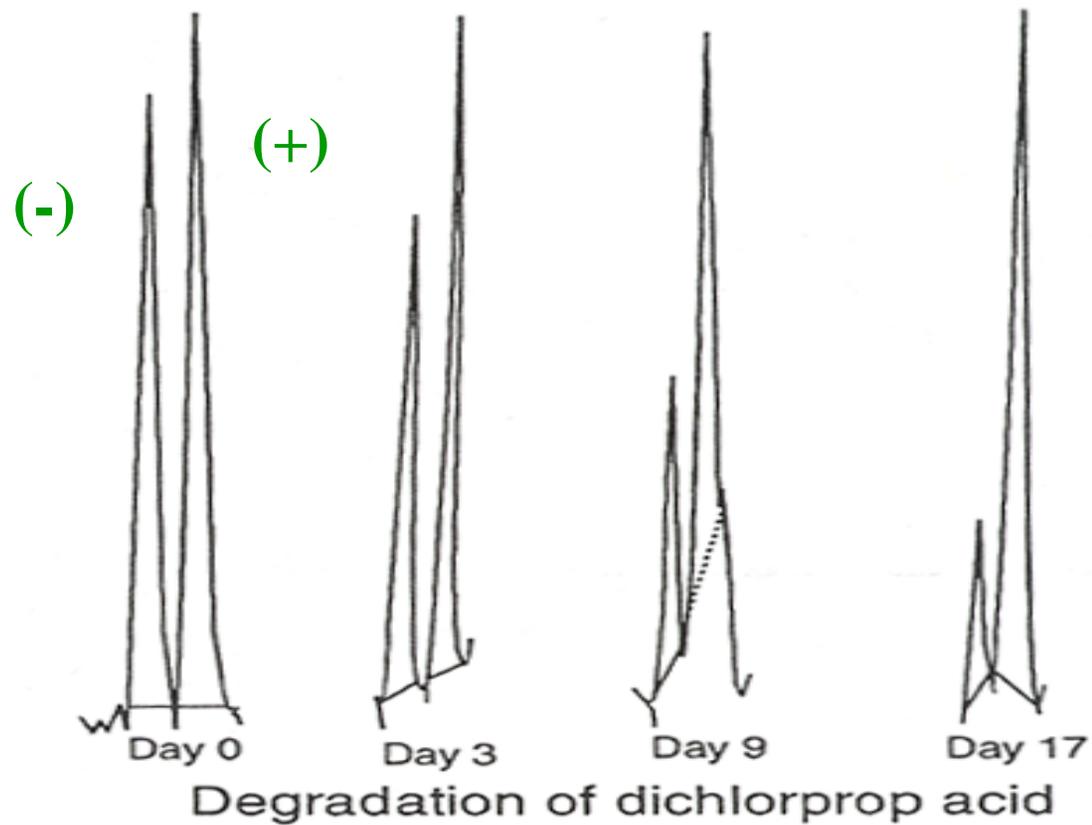


- CONAZOLES OCCUR AS ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINANTS:  
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Enantiomers of the Chiral Herbicide Dichlorprop

# CHIRALITY AND ENANTIOSELECTIVITY



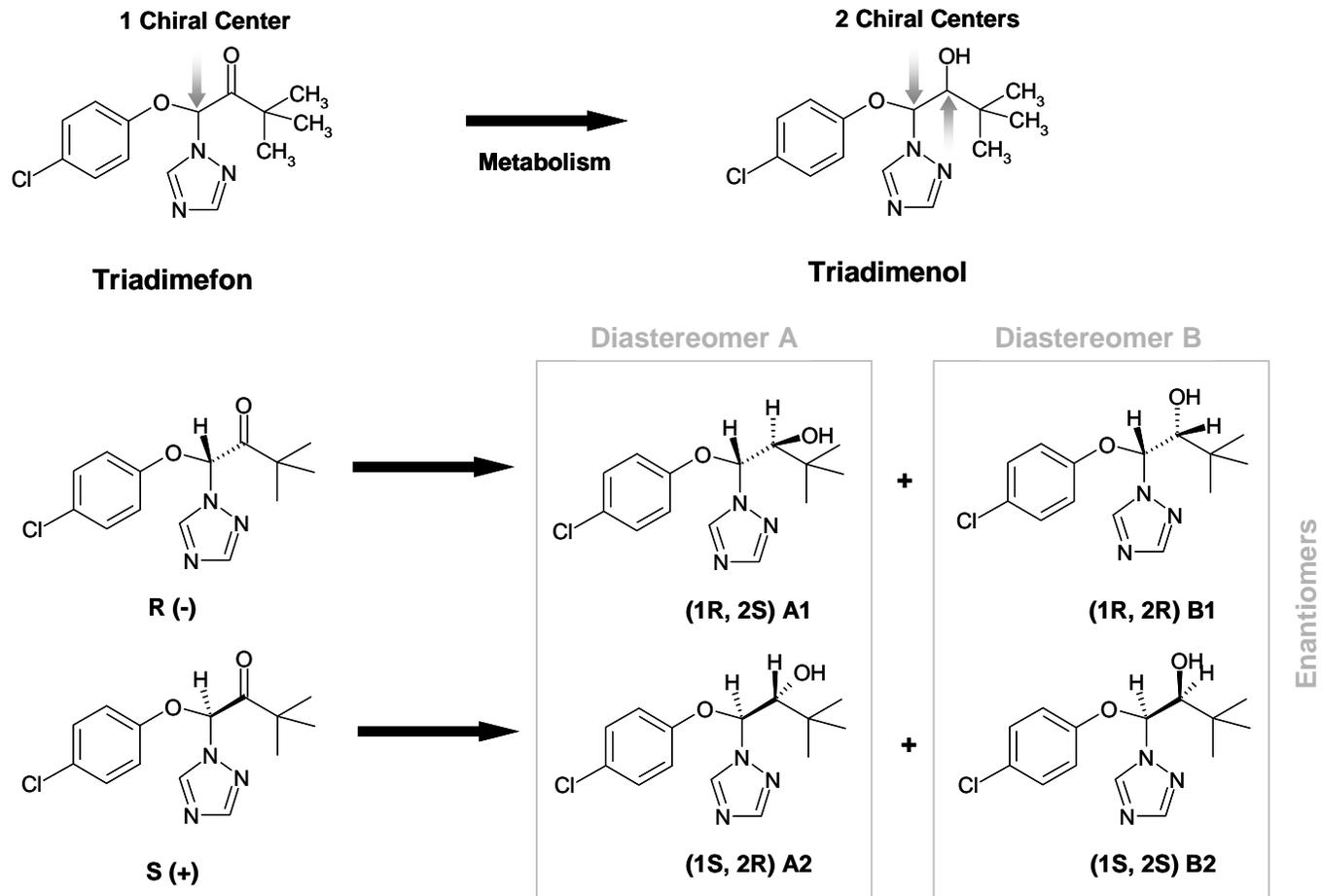
**The (-)-enantiomer degrades twice as fast as the (+)**

## RESEARCH IN ENVIRONMENTAL CHIRAL CHEMISTRY

- **Analysis of enantiomers**
  - GC, HPLC, CE
- **Occurrences of chiral chemicals and their enantiomers**
  - soil, sediment, water, biota, food
- **Bioaccumulation**
  - fish, plants, other organisms
- **Biotransformation of chiral chemicals**
  - enantioselectivity, kinetics, metabolism
- **Effects**
  - separation of enantiomers for testing with various end points

# **HYPOTHESIS**

**TRIADIMEFON AND PROPICONAZOLE,  
IMPORTANT REPRESENTATIVE  
CONAZOLES, WILL BE TRANSFORMED  
ENANTIOSELECTIVELY BY SOIL  
MICROBES**



**METABOLOMIC TRANSFORMATION OF TRIADIMEFON TO TRIADIMENOL. THE REDUCTION OF A CARBONYL GROUP TO AN ALCOHOL YIELDS A SECOND CHIRAL CENTER AND 4 STEREOISOMERS.**

(slide courtesy of John Kenneke)

## APPROACH / METHODS

- **SELECT 3 SOILS WITH DIFFERENT PROPERTIES  
PREPARE 20mL OF SLURRY, 1 PART SOIL  
5 PARTS STERILE WATER, IN TRIPLICATE**
- **SPIKE SOIL SLURRY MICROCOSMS WITH  
TRIADIMEFON OR PROPICONAZOLE, 50 mg/L**
- **AUTOCLAVE CORRESPONDING SPIKED  
SLURRIES AS CONTROLS, IN TRIPLICATE**
- **SHAKE CONTINUOUSLY IN THE DARK**

## APPROACH / METHODS, CONTINUED

- AT SELECTED TIMES, REMOVE 1mL ALIQUOTS OF EACH SLURRY
- ANALYZE BOTH WATER AND SOIL PHASES BY GC-MS, SOME BY CE, USING CHIRAL ANALYSIS TECHNIQUES
- CALCULATE KINETIC VALUES AND MEASURE ENANTIOSELECTIVITY

$$EF = \frac{[\text{first eluting enantiomer}]}{[\text{both enantiomers}]}$$

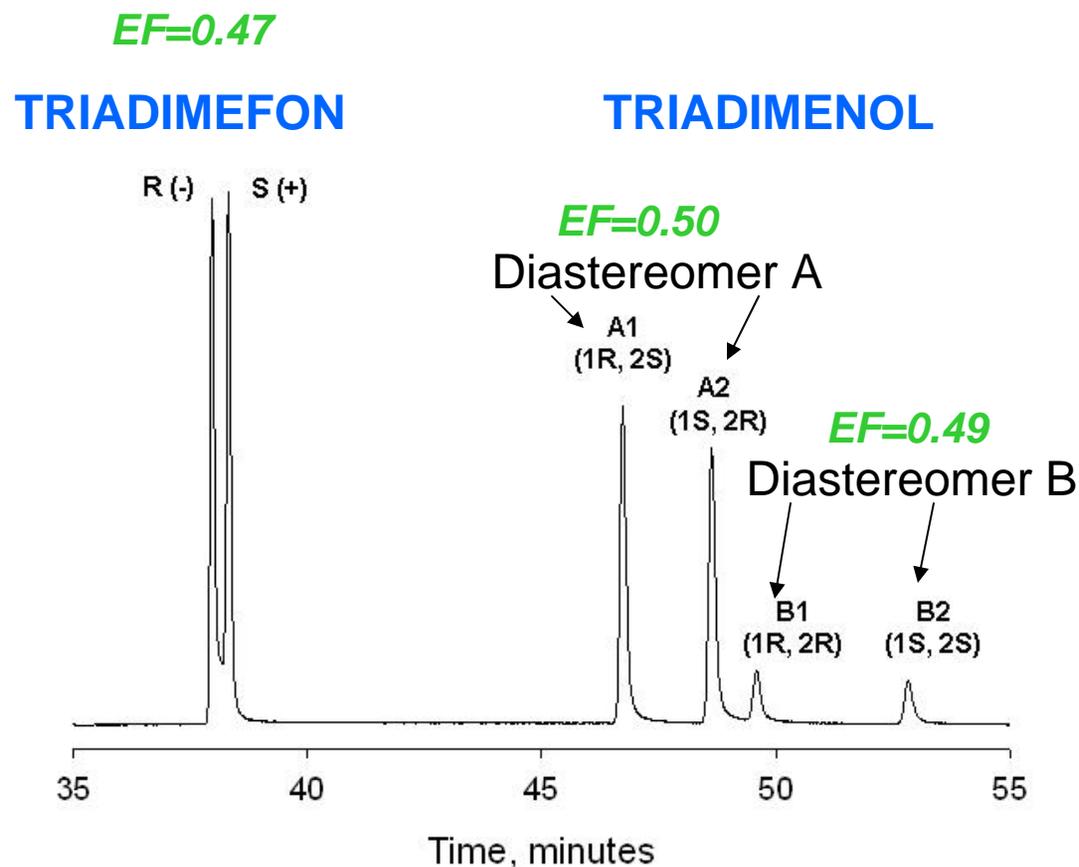
# GC-MS

H-P 5973 MSD interfaced with a 6980 GC

BGB 172 chiral column with 20% chiral phase  
(*tert*-butyldimethylsilylated- $\beta$ -cyclodextrin)  
(BGB Analytik AG, Switzerland)

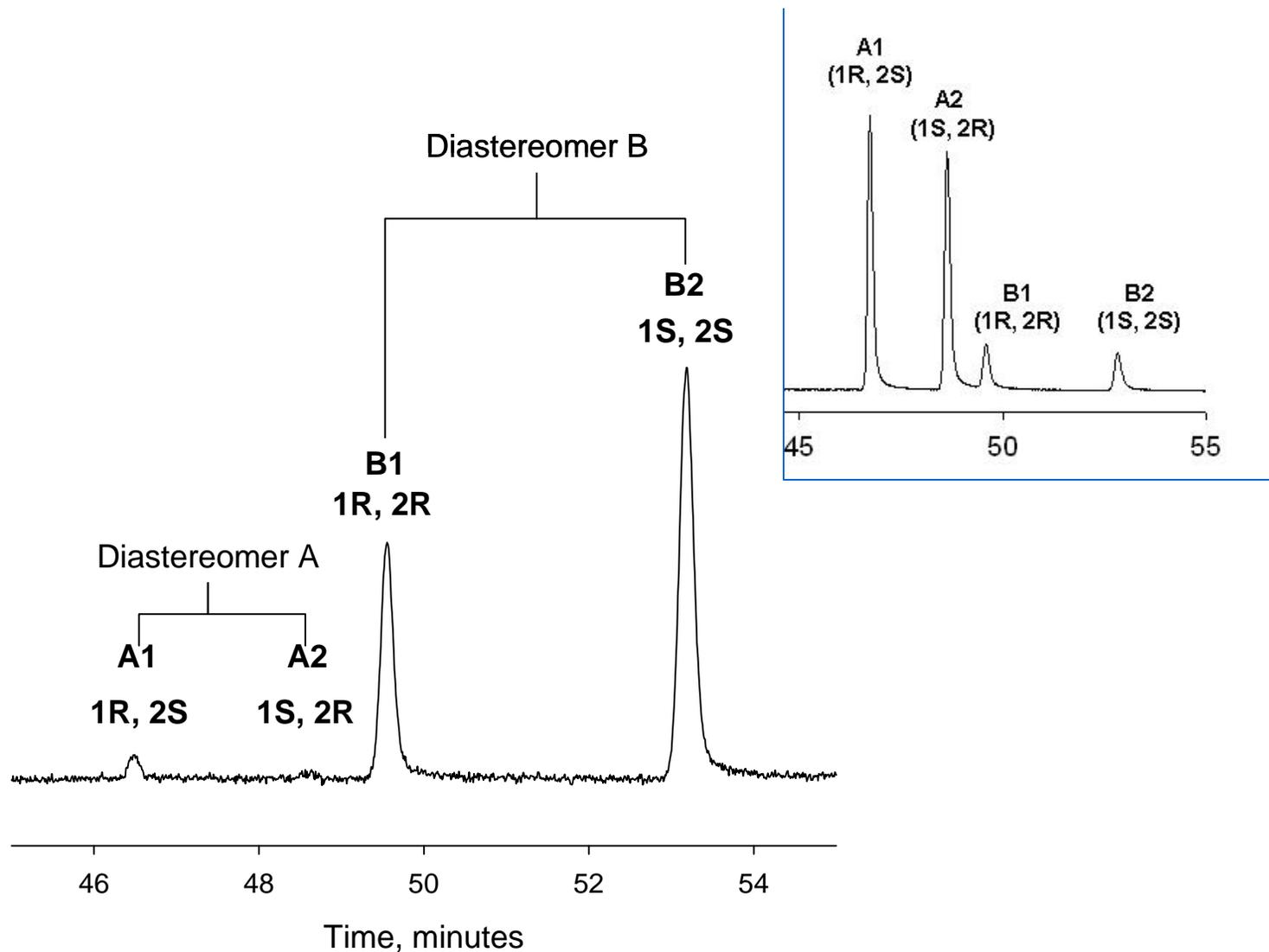
Inj. Temp: 275°; Temp. program: 150-220° @  
2°/min, hold for 60 min; helium flow: 1.5mL/min.

Detection by selected ion monitoring.



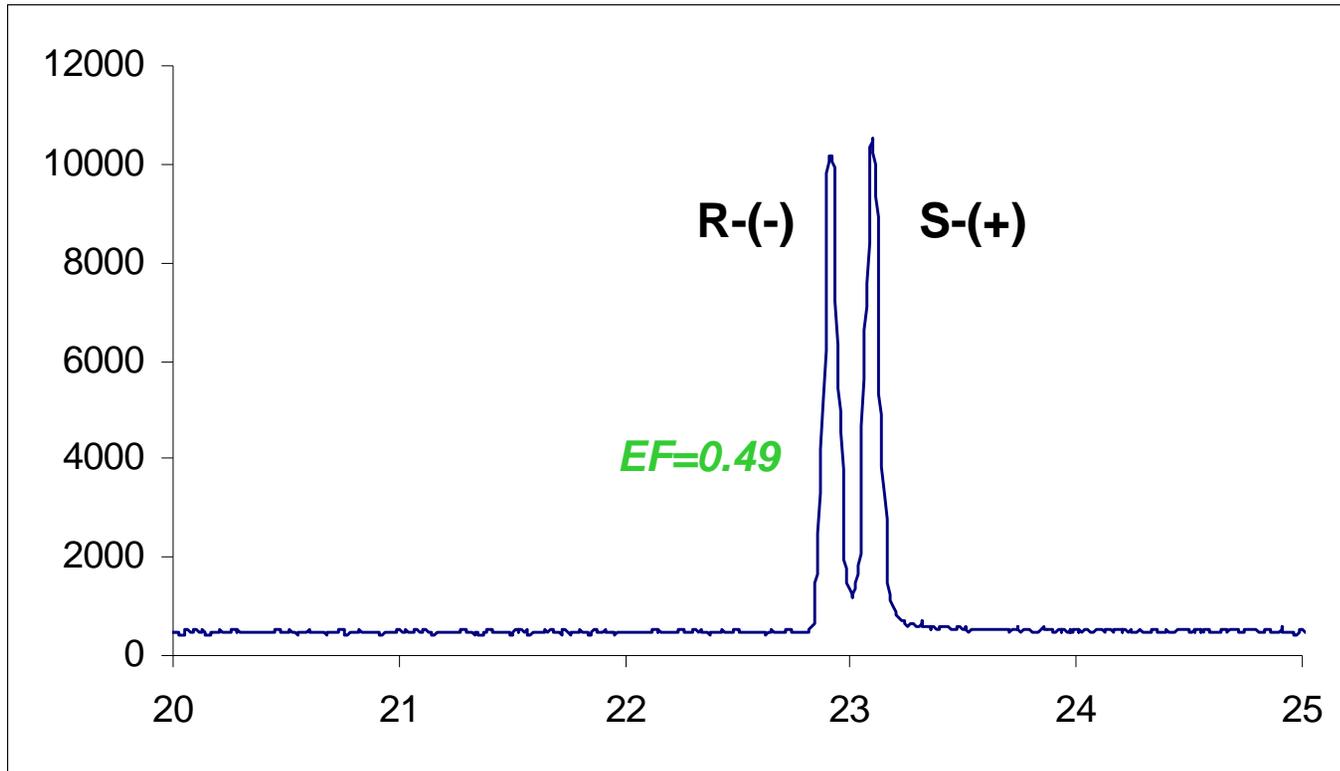
**GC-MS (SIM) OF TRIADIMEFON AND TRIADIMENOL MIXED COMMERCIAL STANDARDS. ALL ENANTIOMERS SEPARATE ON THE BGB-172 CHIRAL GC PHASE.**

$$EF = \frac{[1^{\text{st}} \text{ enantiomer}]}{[1^{\text{st}} + 2^{\text{nd}} \text{ enantiomers}]}$$

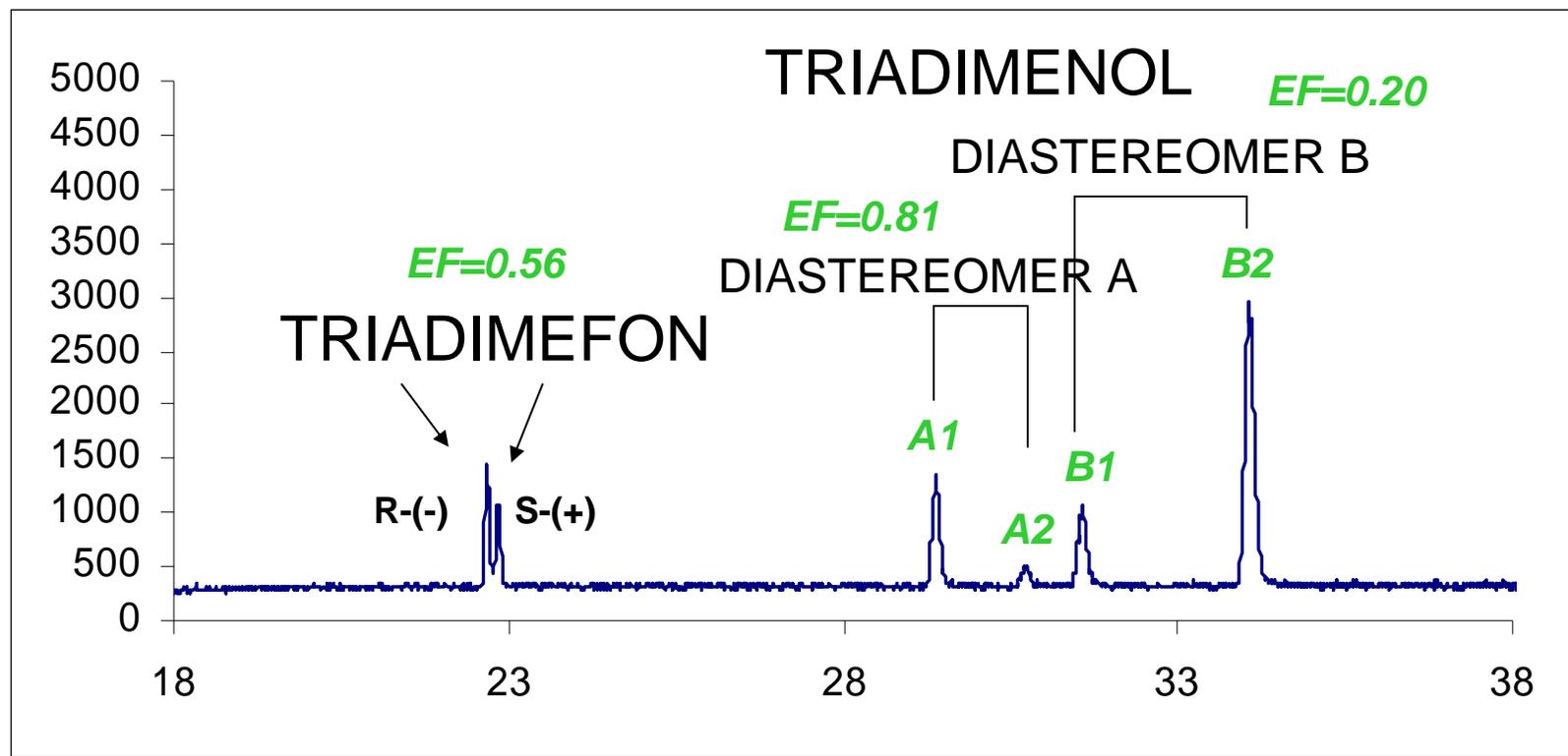


**GC-MS (SIM) OF TRIADIMENOL STEREOISOMERS PRODUCED BY REDUCTION OF TRIADIMEFON AFTER EXPOSURE TO RAINBOW TROUT MICROSOMES FOR 480 MIN. (Courtesy of John Kenneke)**

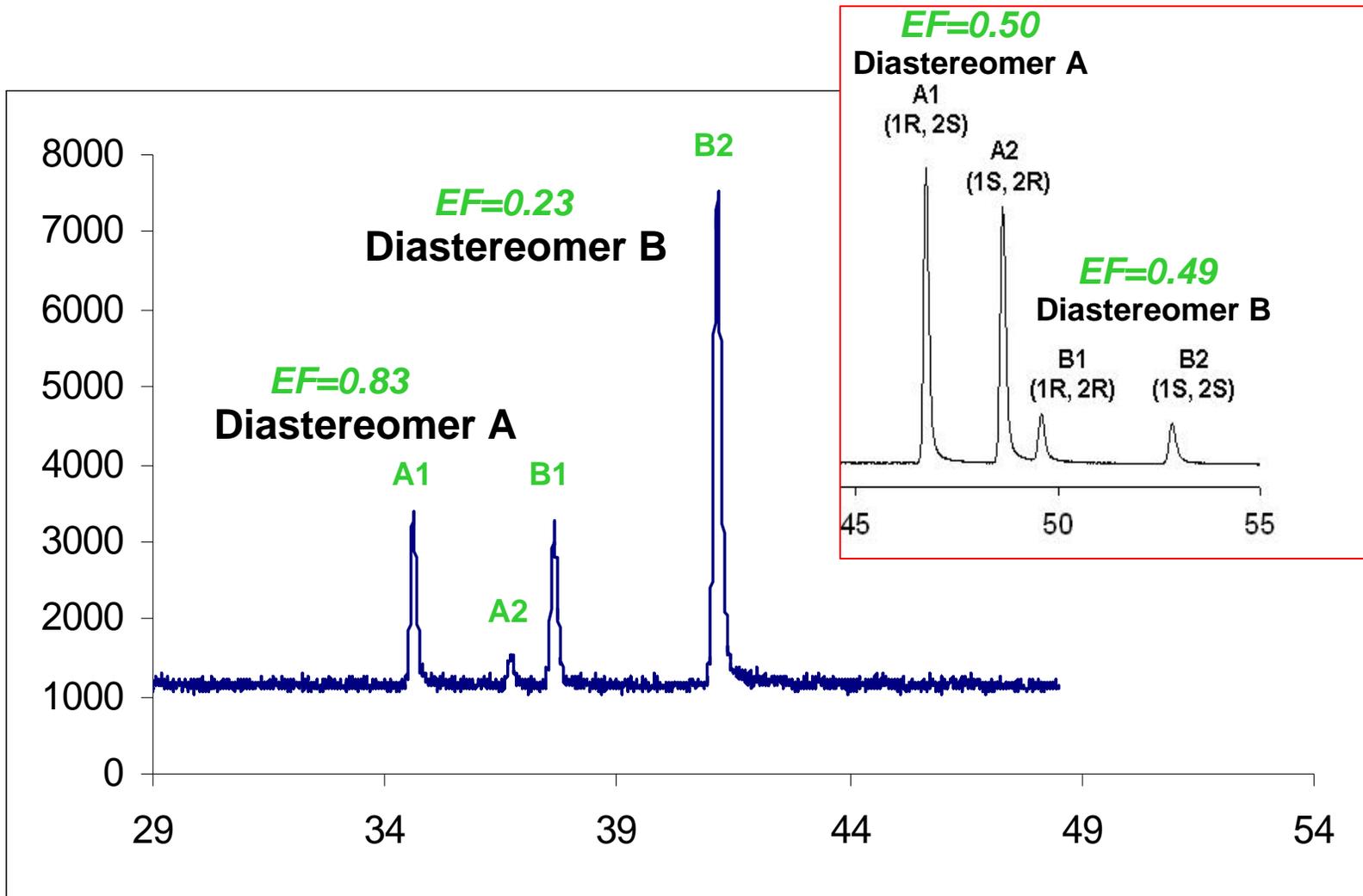
**INSET: GC-MS OF COMMERCIAL TRIADIMENOL STANDARD.**



**Triadimefon, after 2 hours ( $t_0$ ), in water phase of UGA soil-water slurry spiked at 50 mg/L. GC-MS**

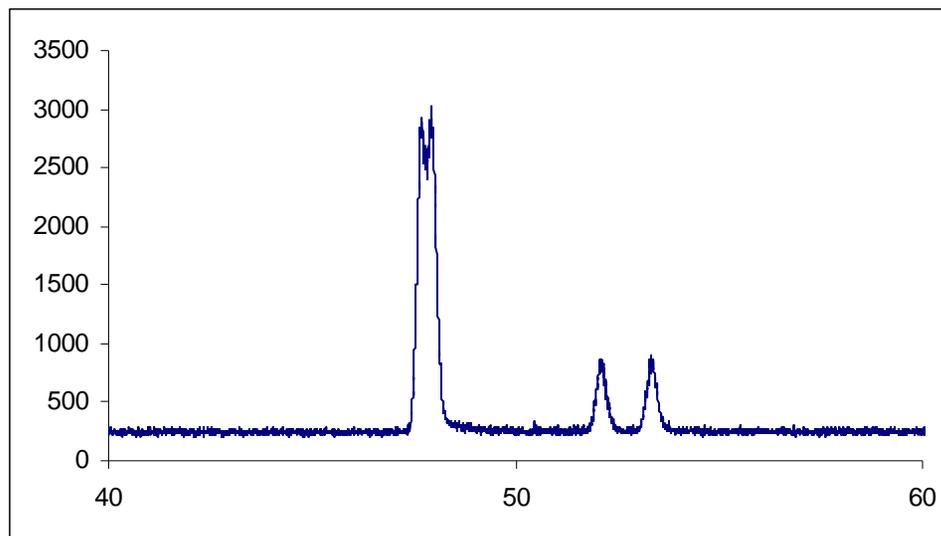


**Triadimefon being biotransformed to triadimenol, after 19 days, in water phase of UGA soil-water slurry. GC-MS**

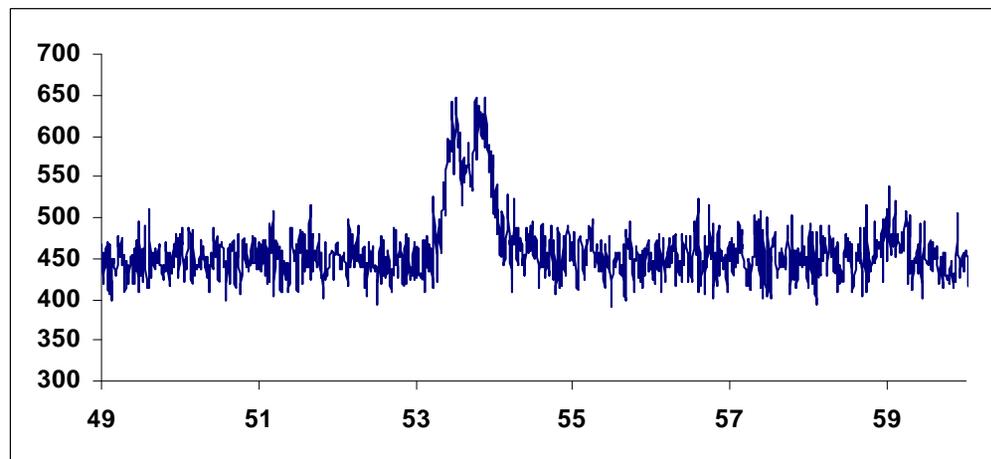


**Triadimefon completely biotransformed to triadimenol after 96 days, water phase of UGA soil-water slurry; GC-MS. Inset: GC-MS of commercial triadimenol standard.**

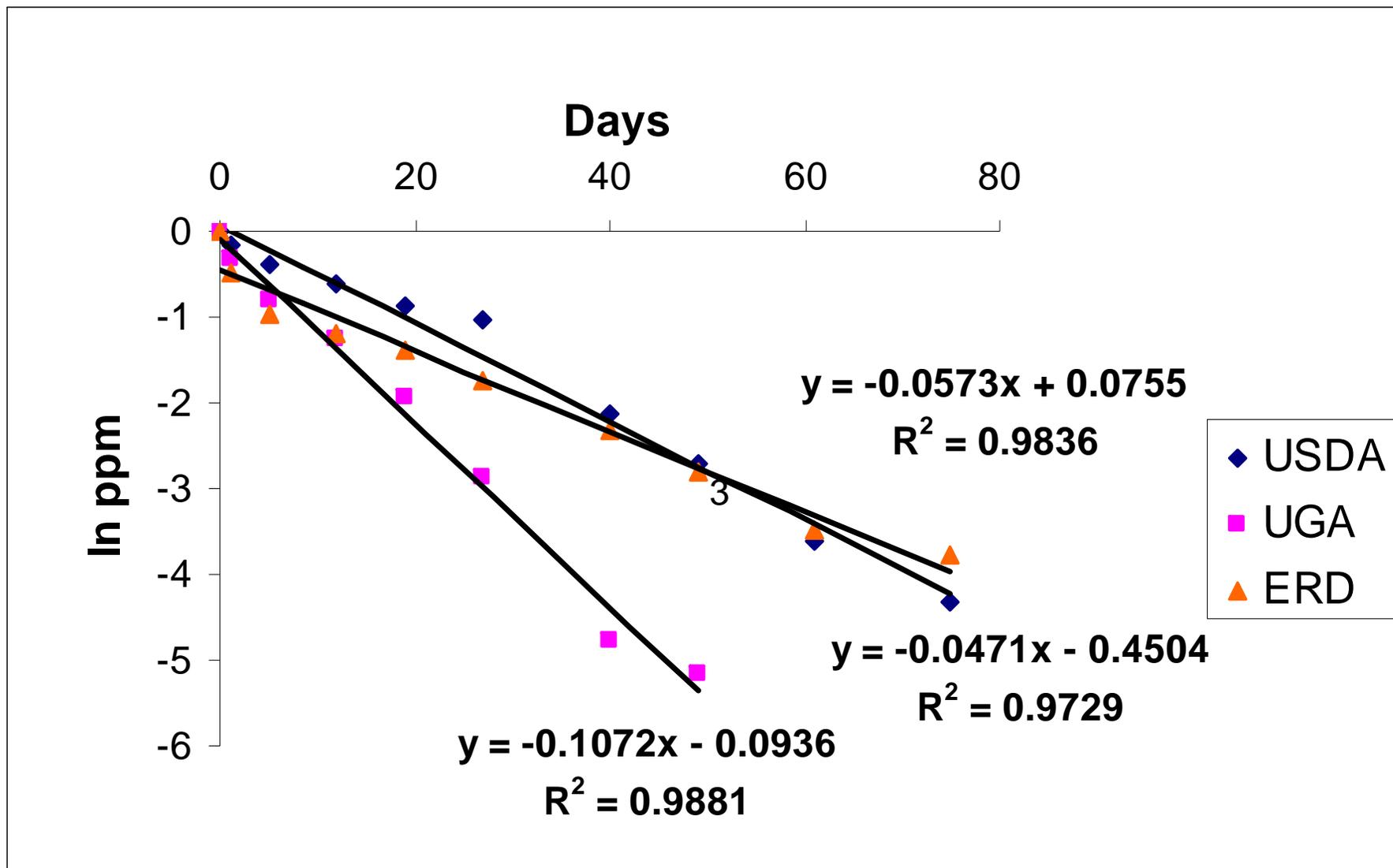
**$t_0$  (2 hr)  
9.0 mg/L**



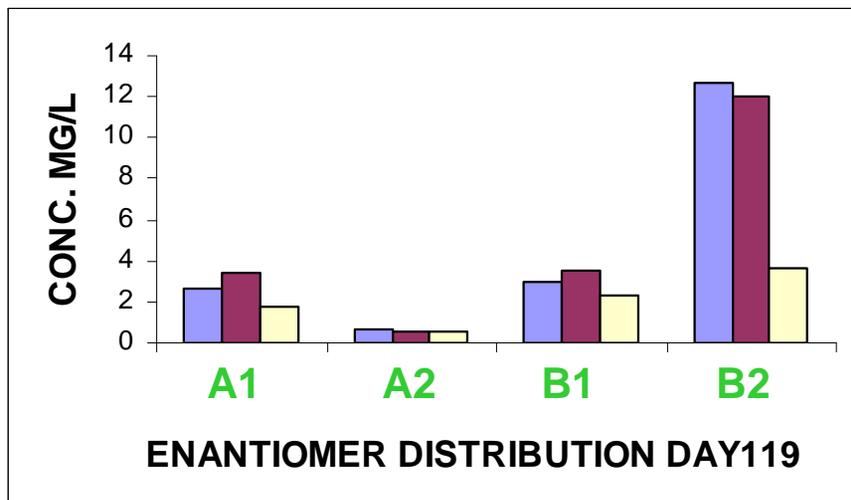
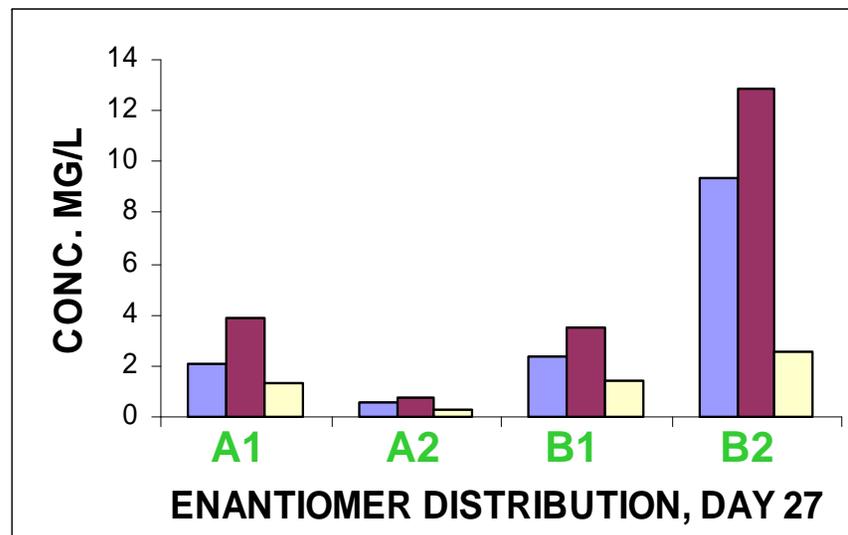
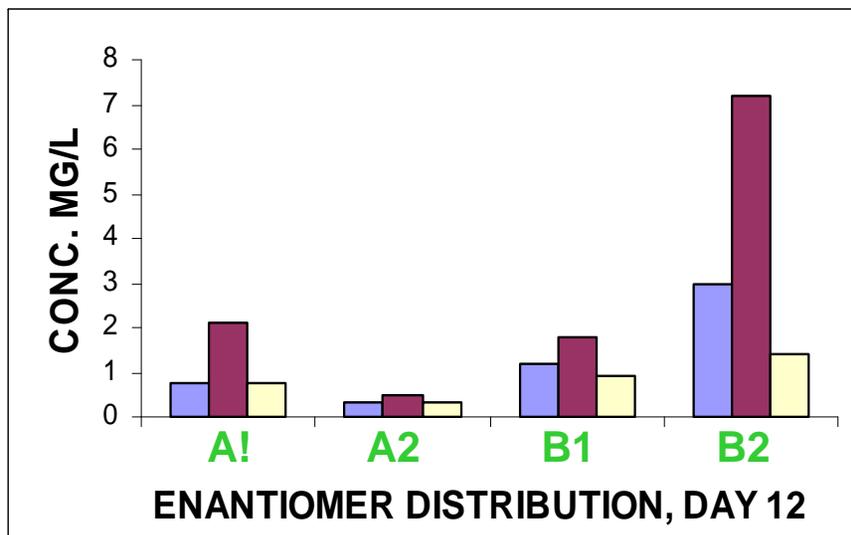
**151 days  
3.8 mg/L**



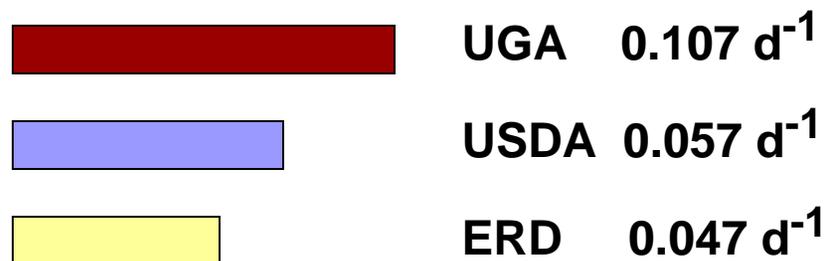
**Propiconazole in water phase of UGA soil-water slurry, spiked at 50 mg/L. GC-MS shows reduction in concentration with time, but no enantioselectivity.**



**Degradation of triadimefon in 3 soil-water slurries - measurements made in water phase**

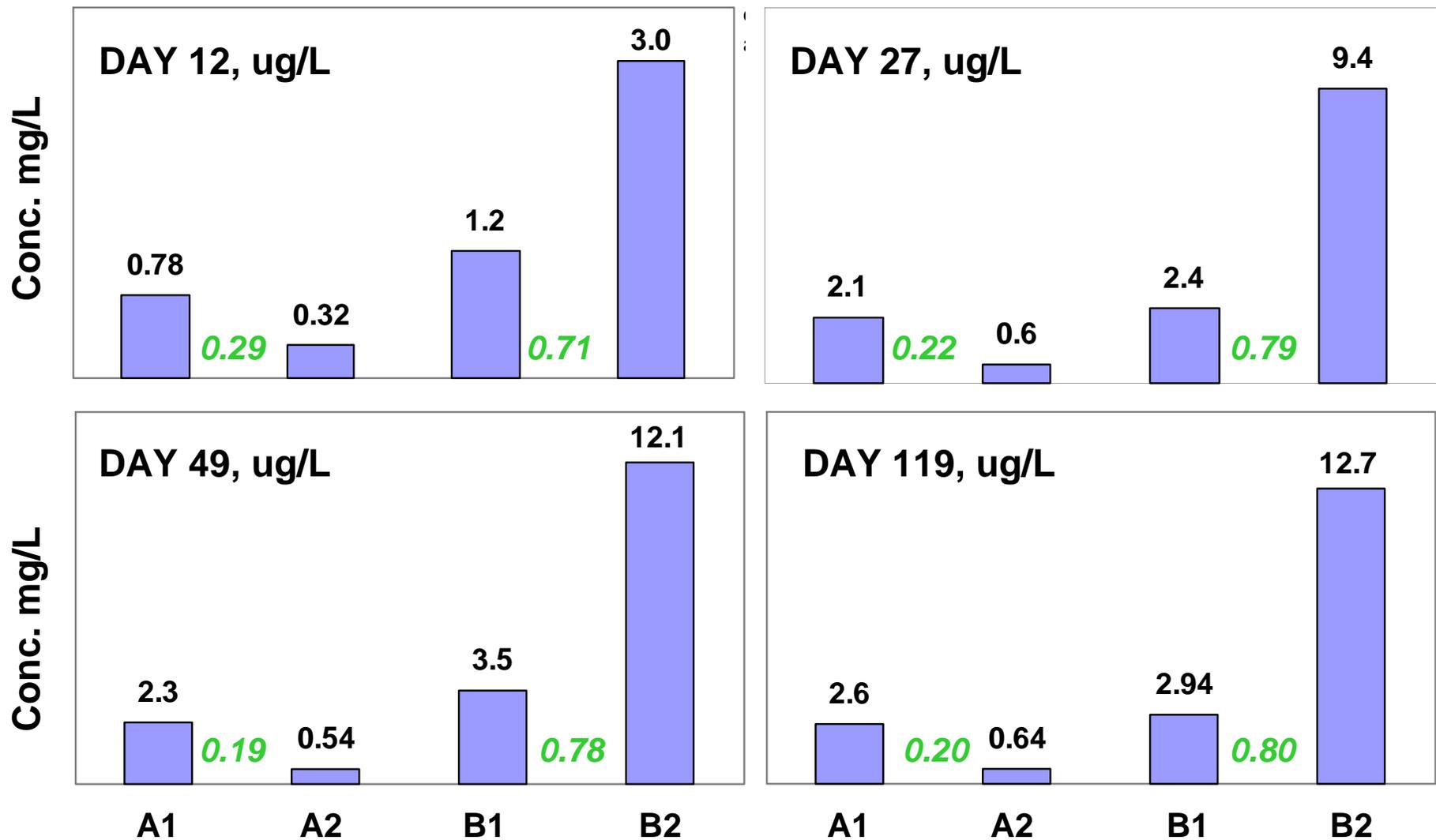


**DISTRIBUTION OF ENANTIOMERS DURING BIOTRANSFORMATION OF TRIADIMEFON TO TRIADIMENOL IN 3 SOIL-WATER SLURRIES**



*Enantiomer patterns are similar*

*at each time and for all soils*

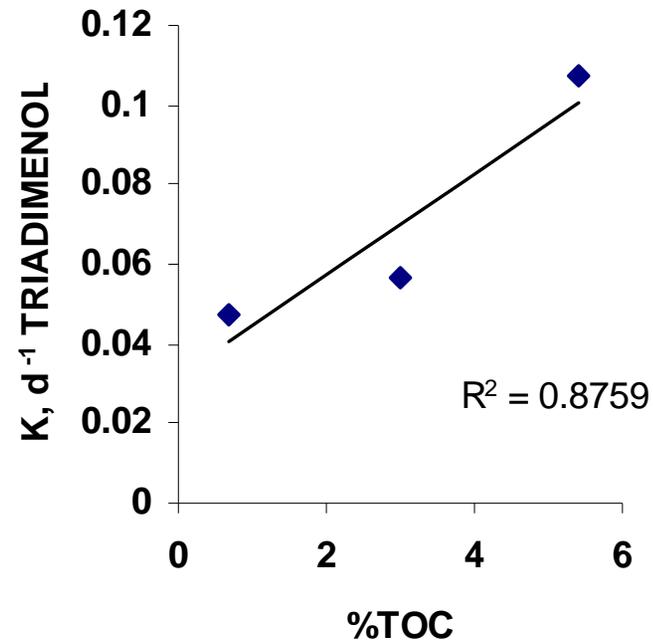


**DISTRIBUTION OF TRIADIMENOL ENANTIOMERS DURING BIOTRANSFORMATION OF TRIADIMEFON IN USDA SOIL**

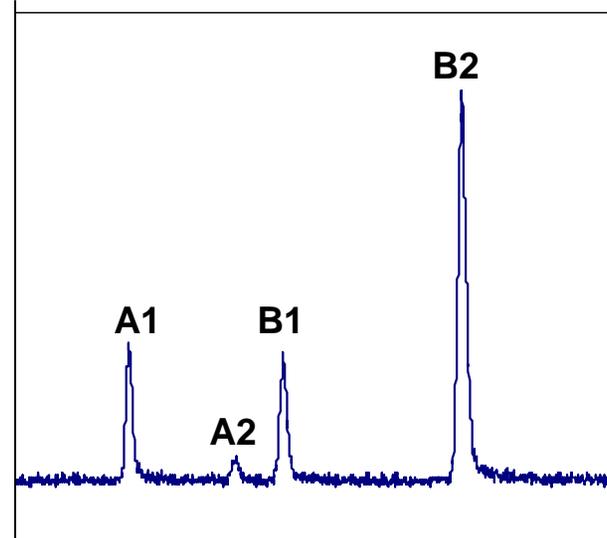
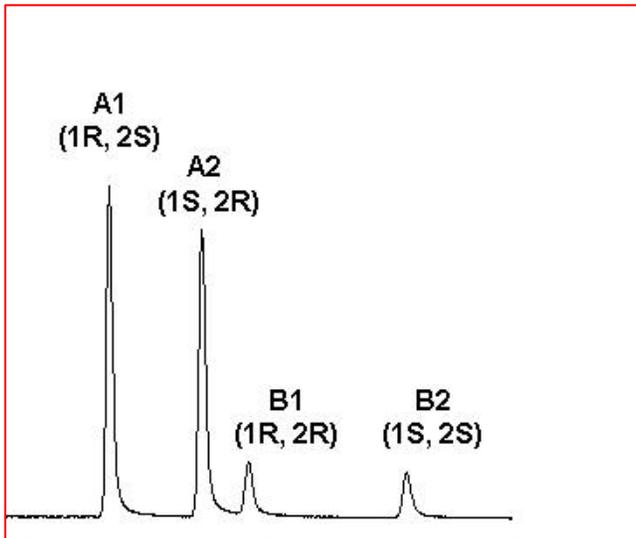
*Concentrations of all enantiomers increase with time, but enantiomer ratios are similar with time*

## SOIL CHARACTERIZATION

SOIL	pH	CEC meq/100g	SAND %	SILT %	CLAY %	TOC %	k d <sup>-1</sup>
USDA	6.2	8.9	70	19	11	3.0	0.057
UGA	6.3	13.9	72	18	10	5.4	0.107
ERD	4.8	11.3	58	20	22	0.7	0.047



***Correlation of Soil %TOC with  
Triadimefon Biotransformation Rates***



**Triadimenol Standard**

**Triadimenol in Soil (after 96 days)**

**Concluding Question: How would one assess the risk of Triadimenol in Soil?**

## CONCLUSIONS

- Concentrations of the individual enantiomers of Triadimenol *as a metabolite* do not match those of triadimenol in its *commercial standard*
- Enantiomers may have different toxicities
- Stereochemistry must be considered for accurate risk assessment of chiral xenobiotics *and their metabolites*