

# Development & Applications of $^{31}\text{P}$ - NMR Spin Trapping; Toward a Detailed Understanding of Radical Mechanism of Action of Oxidative Enzymes



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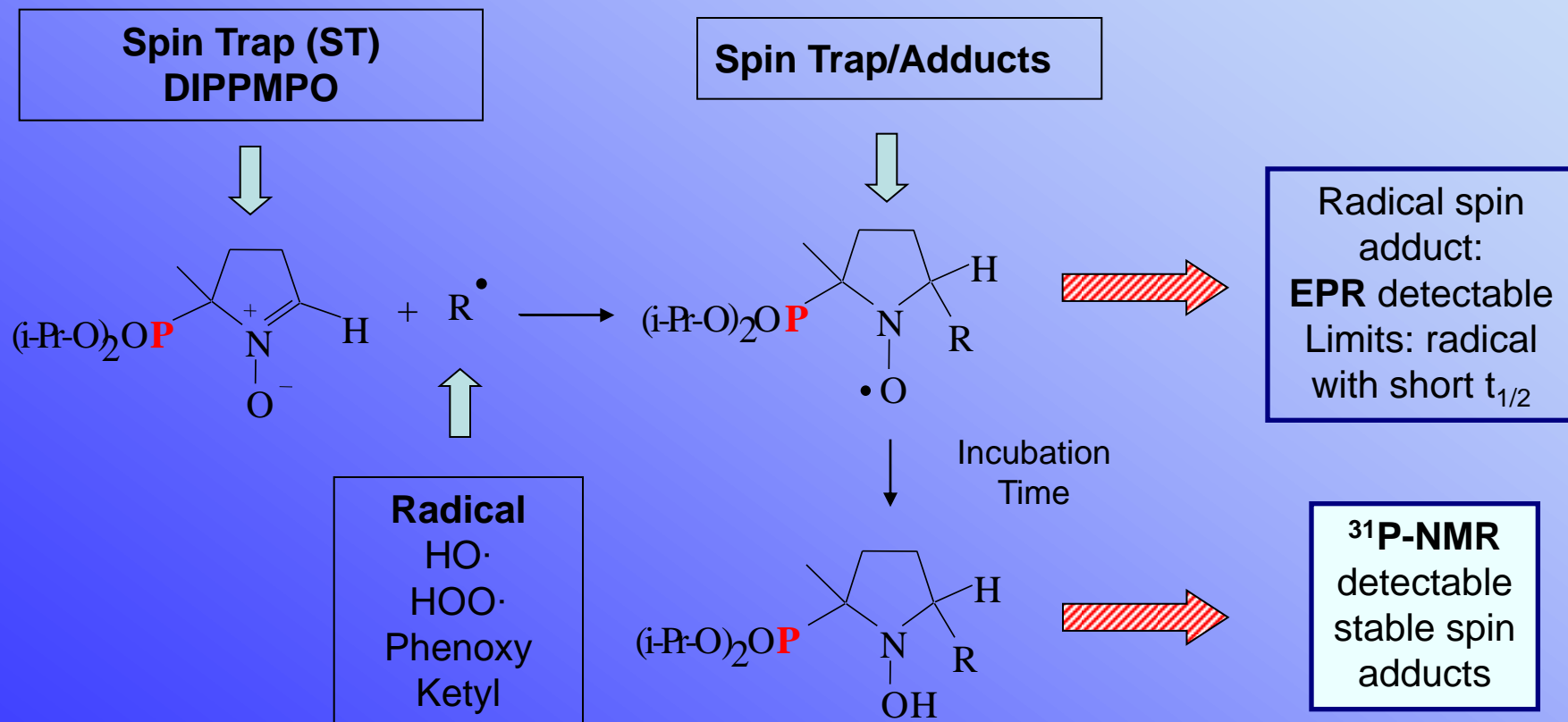
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# Spin Traps and Spin Adducts

- ✓ ST are molecules that form stable radical adducts;
- ✓ Radical adducts are suitably detected using EPR;
- ✓ Using ST such as 5-diisopropoxy-phosphoryl-5-methyl-1-pyrroline-N-oxide (DIPPMPO), adducts can be detected and quantified accurately by  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR;



# Objectives

- ✓ Correlate the  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR chemical shifts to the nature of the radicals being trapped.
- ✓ Study the mechanism of oxidative enzymes

HRP (Horse Radish Peroxydase)



- H - Atom Abstraction from benzylic alcohols → Ketyl radical
- Single Electron Oxidation of phenols → Phenoxy radical

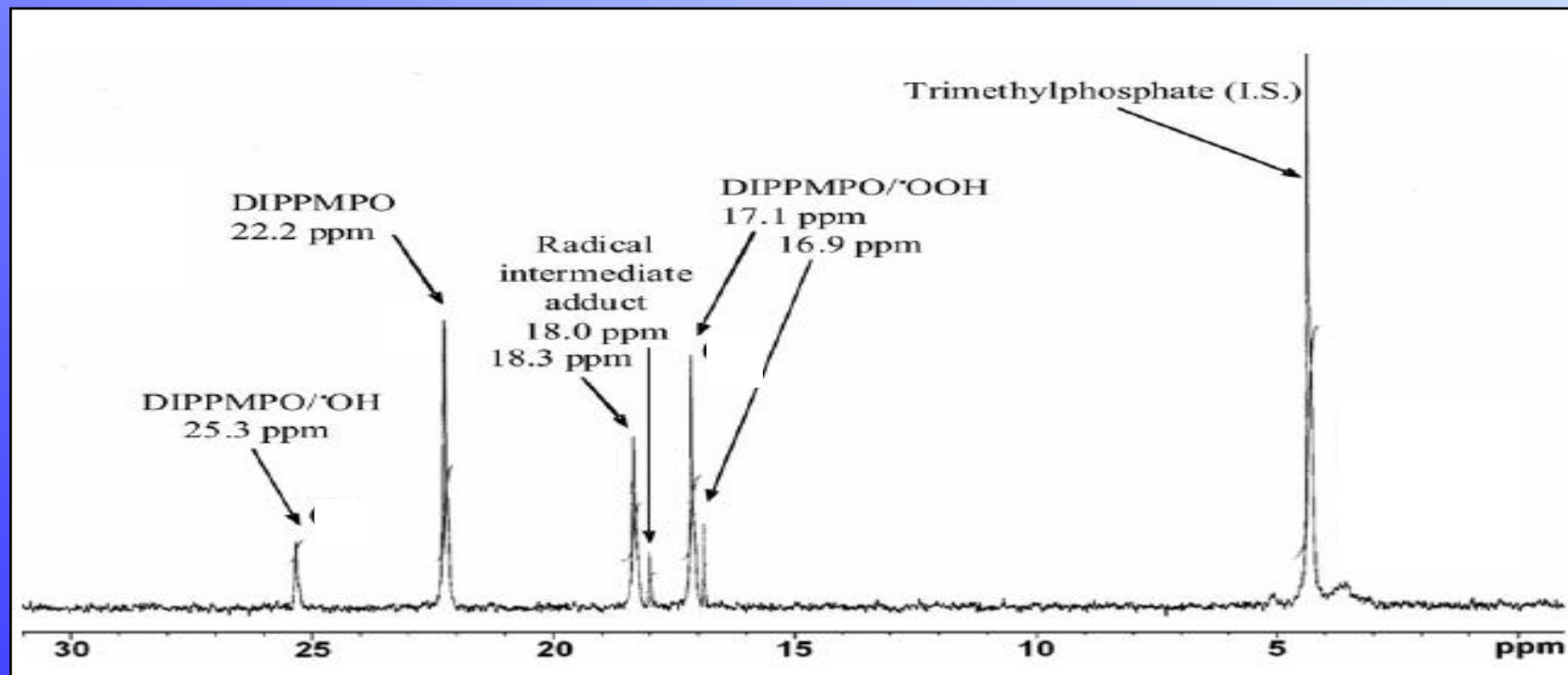


Develop quantitative  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR techniques aimed at unraveling complex radical pathways in organic, chemo-enzymatic & eventually reactions within living cells

# ***Spin Trapping of Oxygen-Centered Radicals by DIPPMPO***

# Oxygen-Centered Radicals

Species	Chemical shift (ppm)
DIPPMPO	22.2
DIPPMPO/·OH	25.3
DIPPMPO/·OOH	16.9, 17.1
Intermediate radical species	18.0, 18.3



***Spin Trapping of  
Carbon-Centered Radicals  
by DIPPMPO***

# Carbon-Centered Radicals

Species	Chemical shift (ppm)
DIPPMPO	22.2
DIPPMPO/ $\cdot$ CH <sub>3</sub>	23.1
DIPPMPO/ $\cdot$ CH <sub>2</sub> OH	22.6
DIPPMPO/ $\cdot$ CH(OH)CH <sub>3</sub>	27.3
DIPPMPO/ $\cdot$ C(O)CH <sub>3</sub>	30.2
DIPPMPO/ $\cdot$ C(OH)(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	29.0
DIPPMPO/ $\cdot$ C(OH)(CH <sub>3</sub> )Ph	28.0

Despite the long distance involved,  
nature of carbon affects <sup>31</sup>P-NMR chemical shift



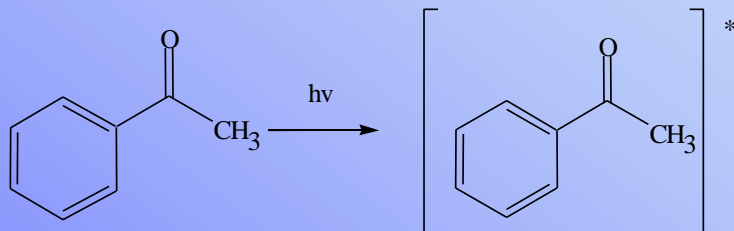


# ***Spin Trapping of Ketyl Radical by DIPPMPO***

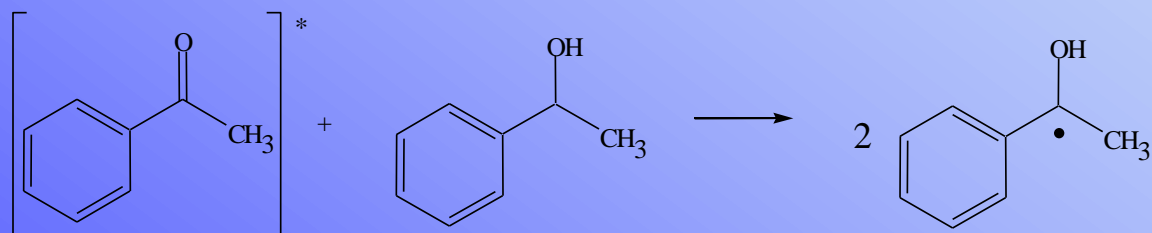
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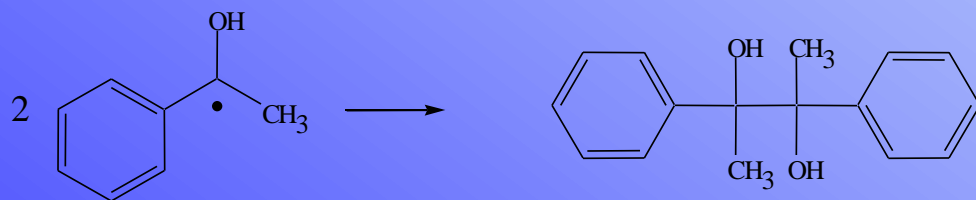
# 1-Phenylethanol-1-yl (Ketyl) Radical



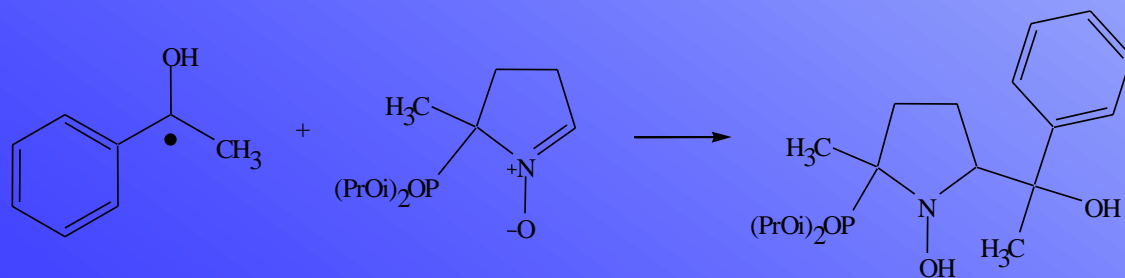
Generation of triplet state (n- $\pi$ )<sup>\*</sup> of acetophenone with UV irradiation



H-abstraction from H-donor



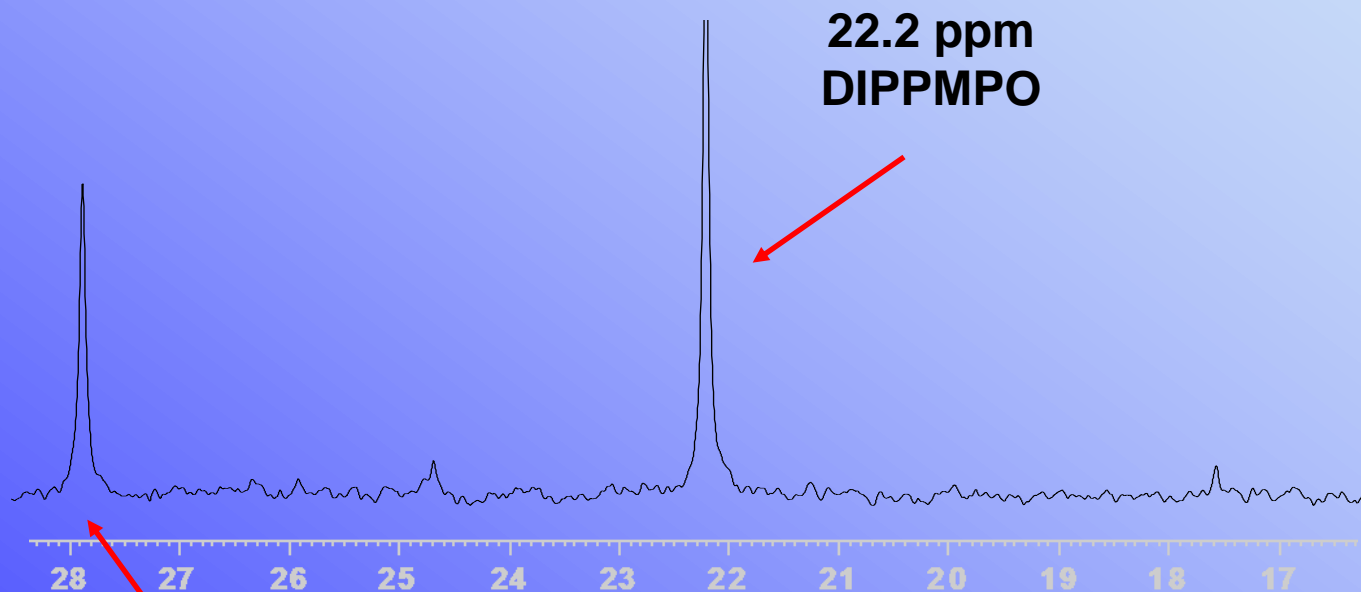
Pinacol coupling self termination reaction (*meso*, *d* and *l* products)



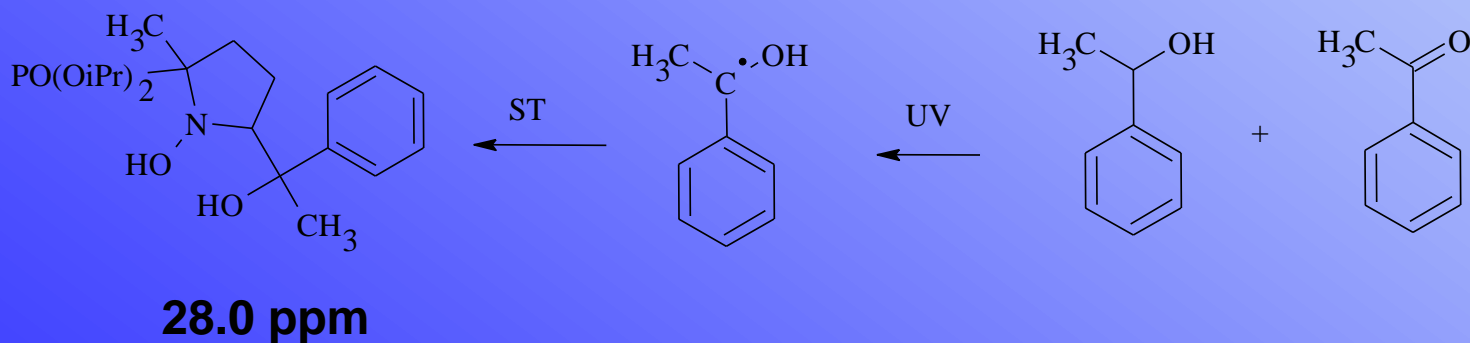
Trapping of Ketyl radicals with DIPPMPPO (28.0 ppm)

# *<sup>31</sup>P-NMR Spectra Interpretation*

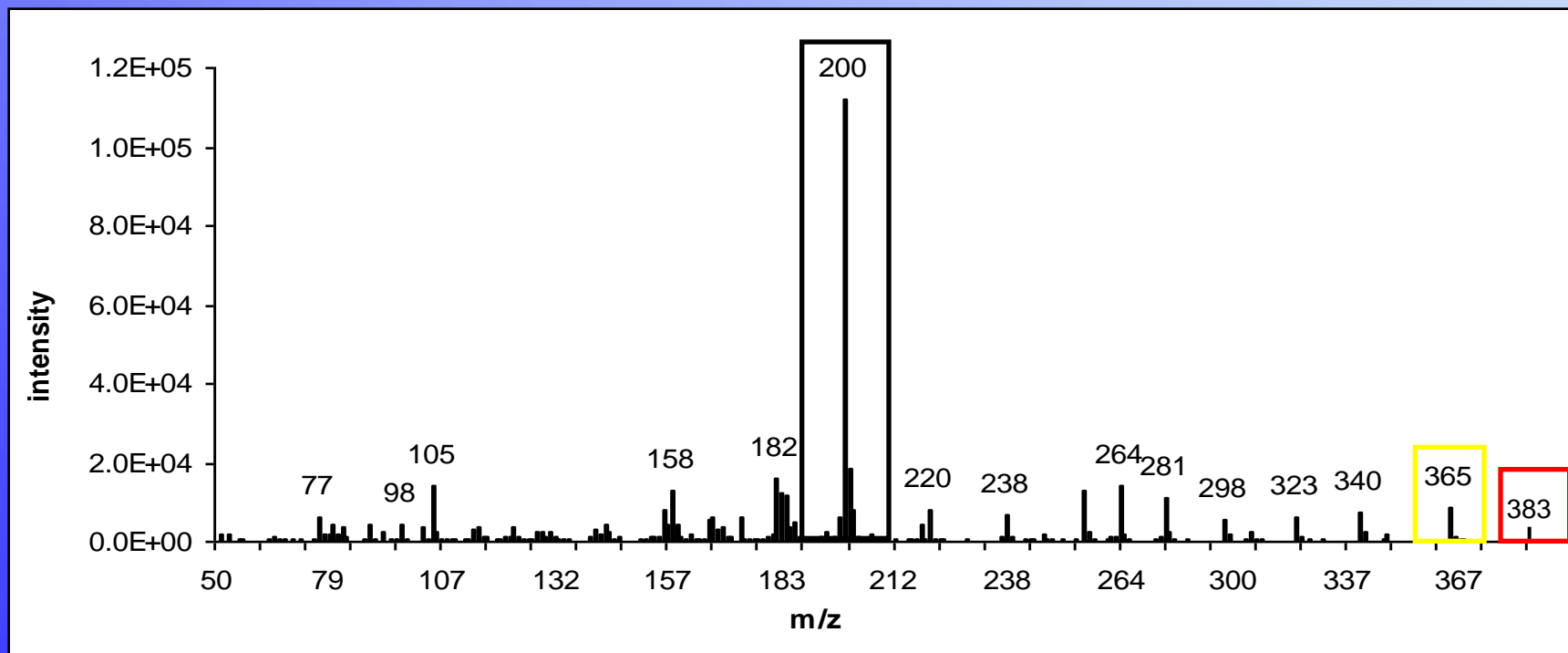
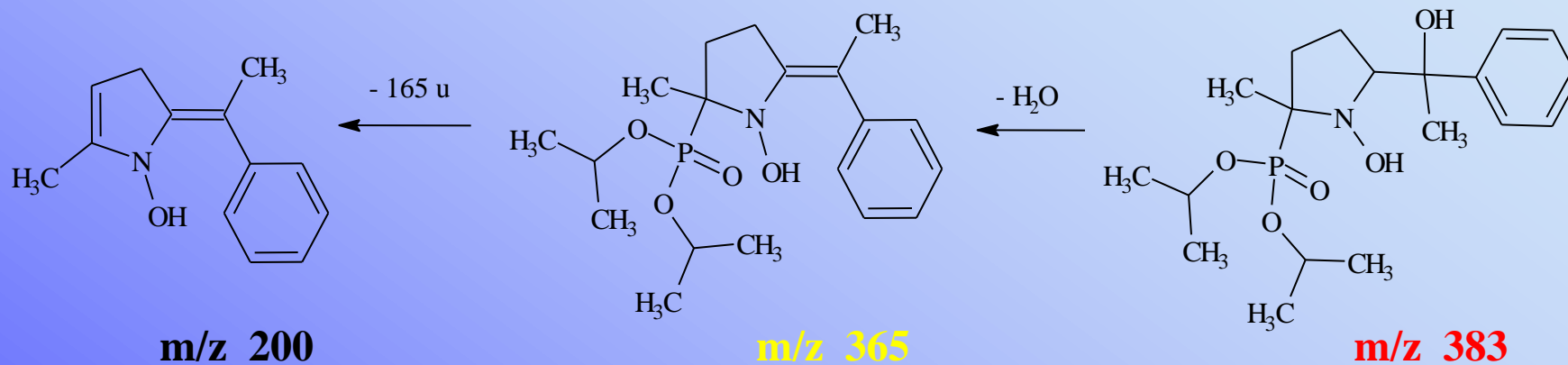
Photochemical generation of ketyl radical



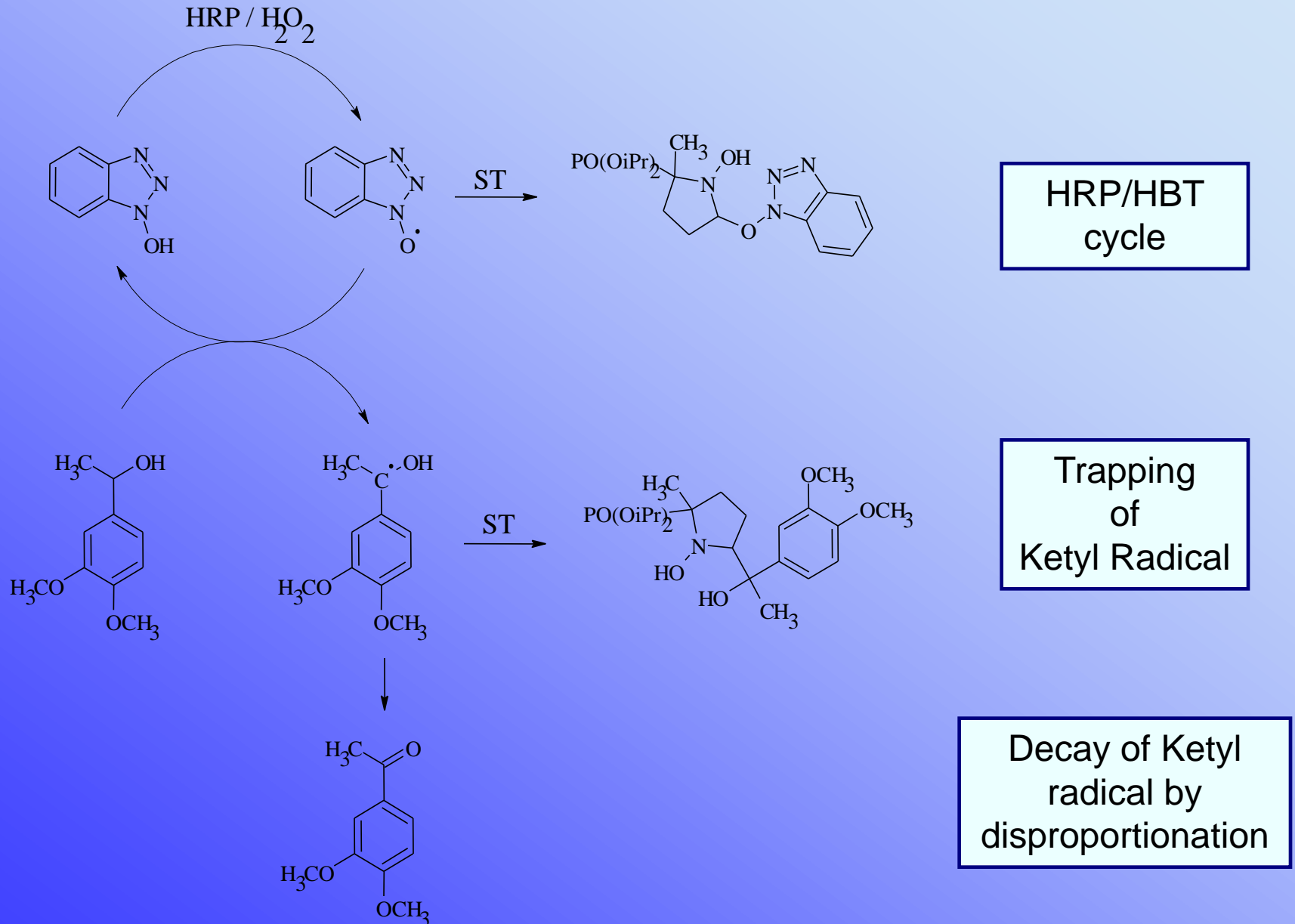
- Acetophenone
- Phenethylalcohol
- ST



# MS of DIPPMPO/Ketyl

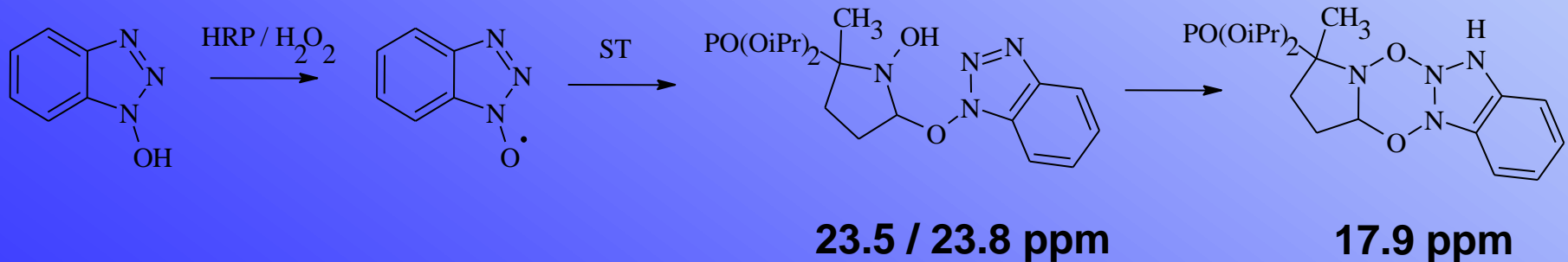
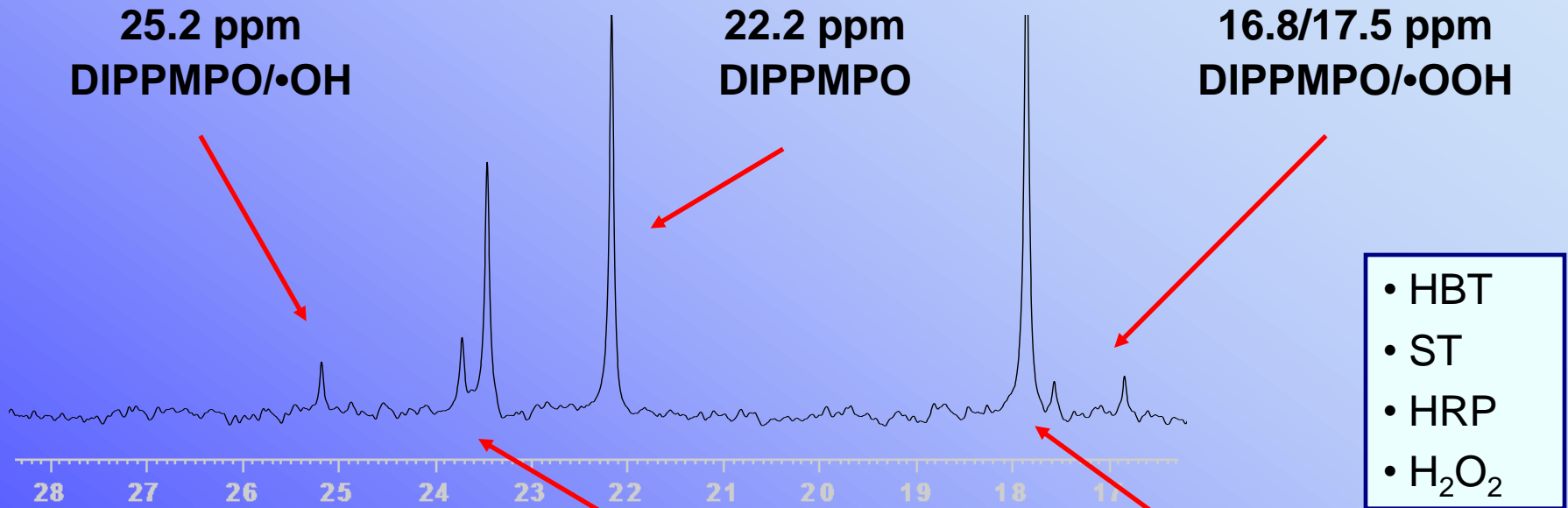


# HRP-HBT System with DIPPMPO



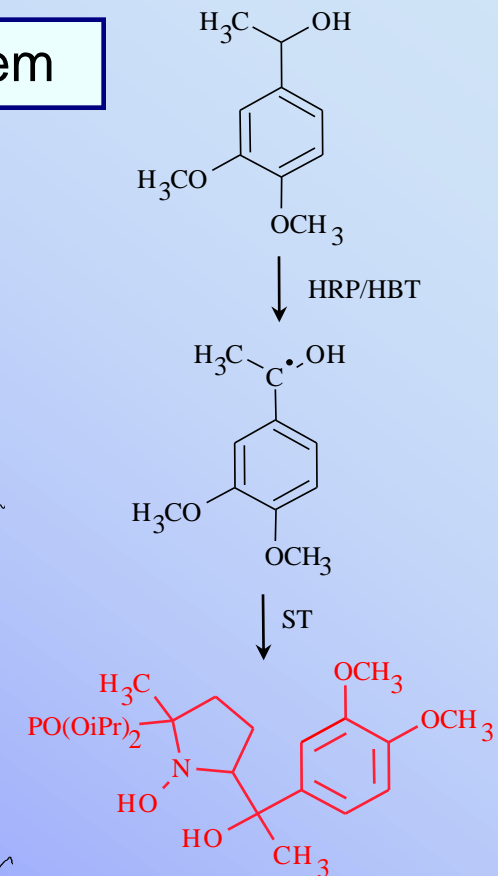
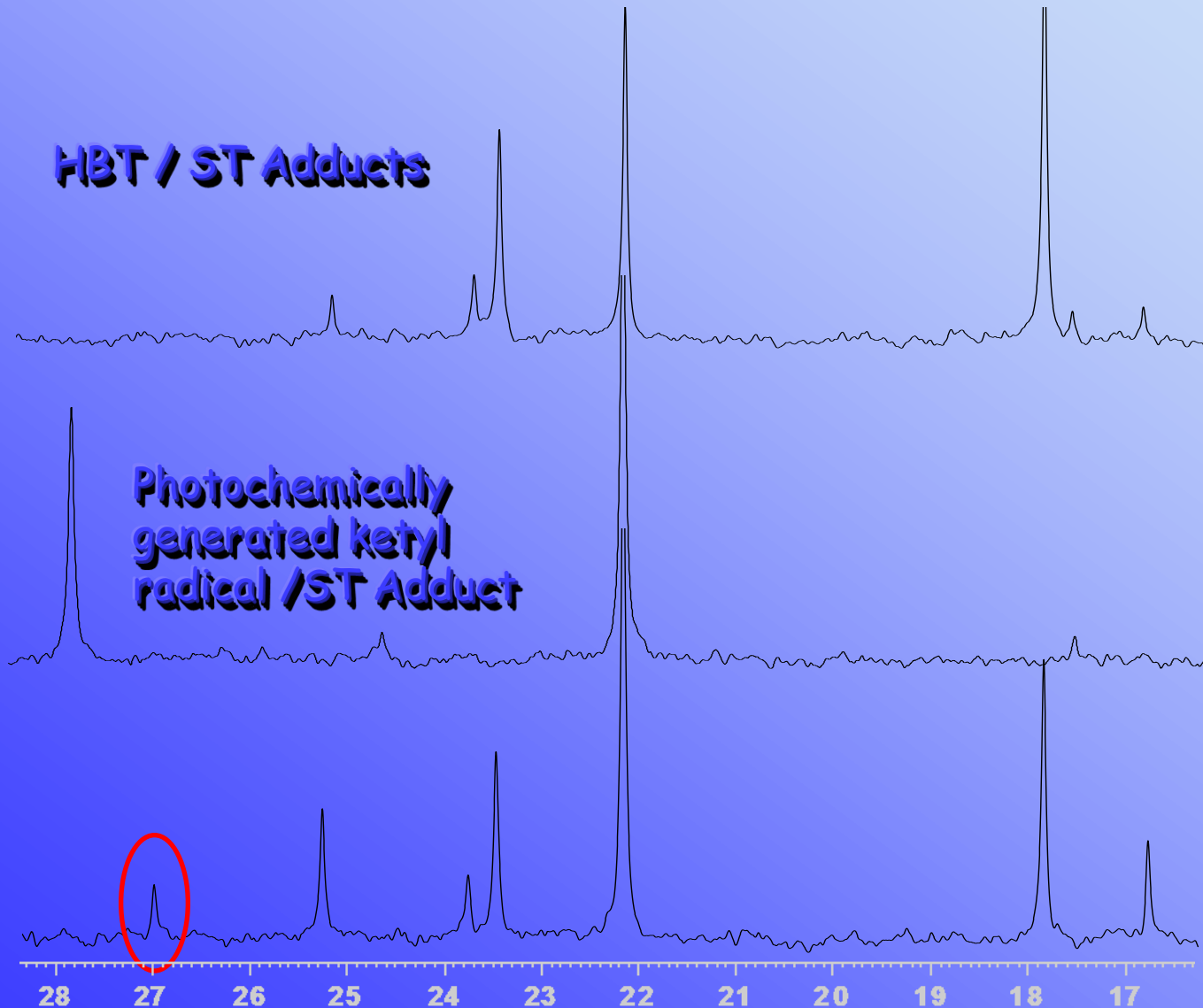
# *<sup>31</sup>P-NMR Spectra Interpretation*

HBT-HRP system w/o substrate



# <sup>31</sup>P-NMR Spectra Interpretation

Oxidation of Apocinol by HRP-HBT system



- ST
- HRP
- HBT
- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>
- APOCINOL

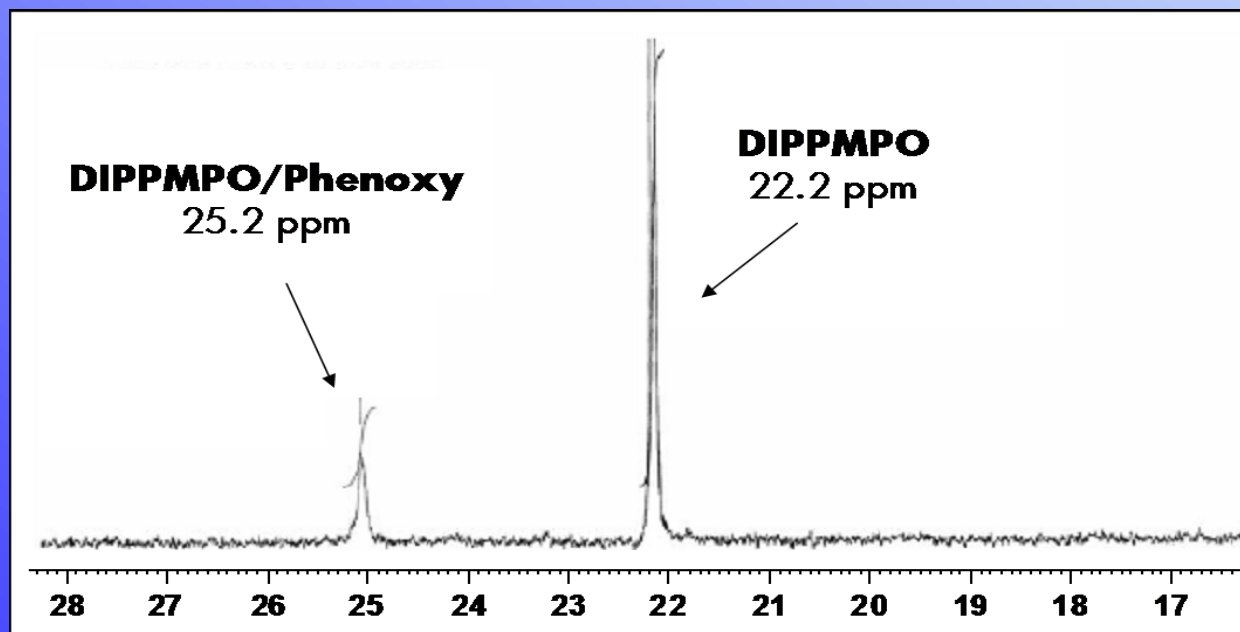
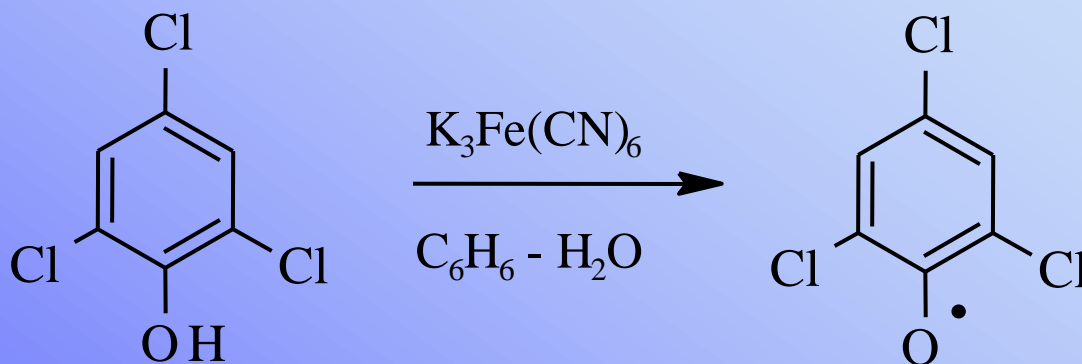
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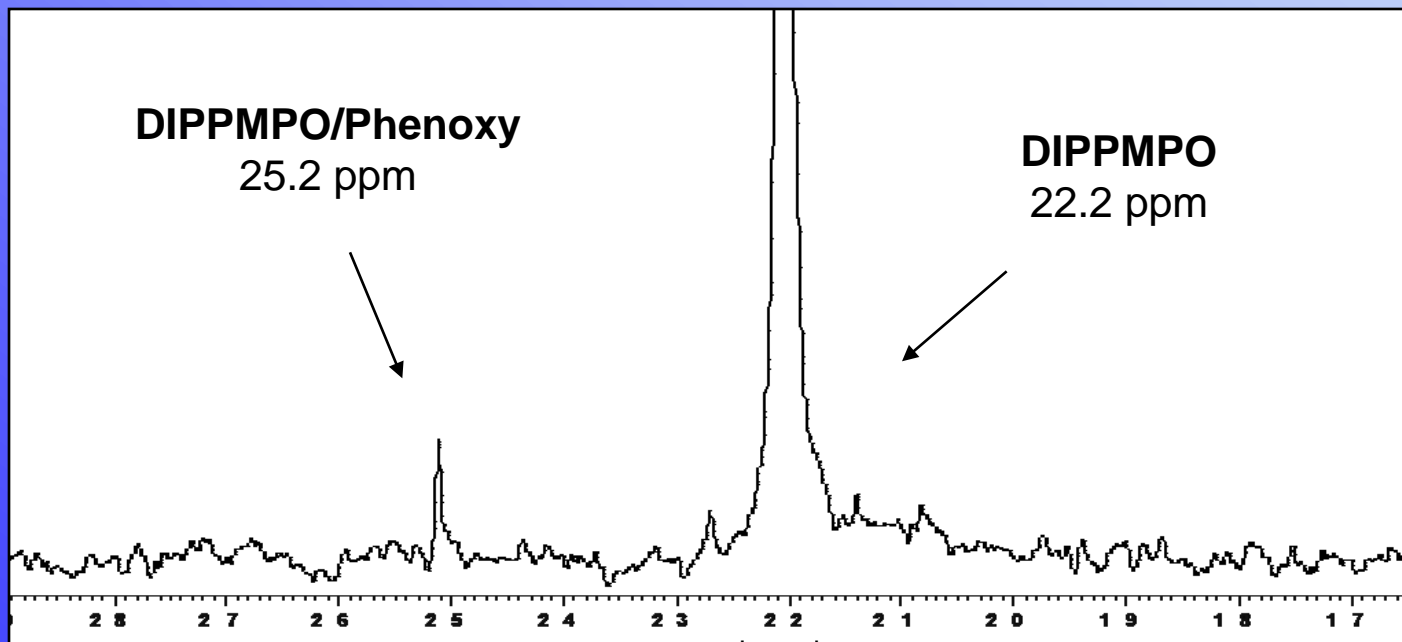
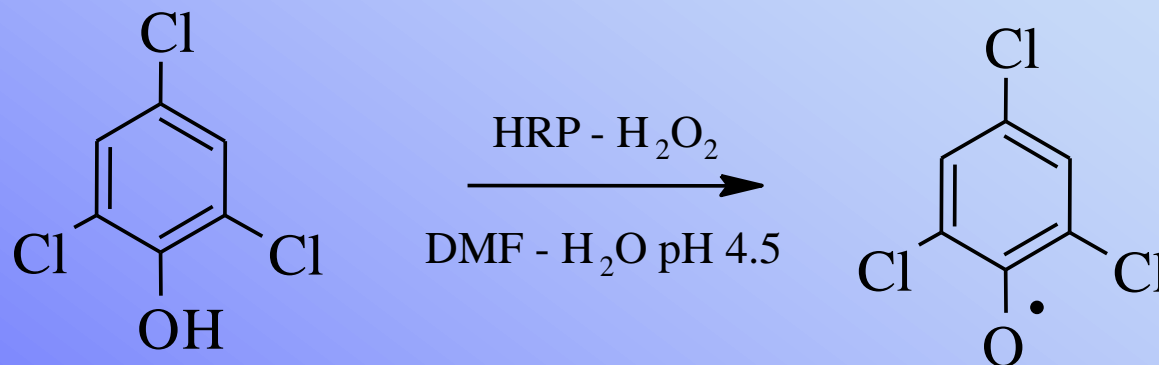
# Generation of phenoxy radical

Generation of phenoxy radical with Iron Cyanide



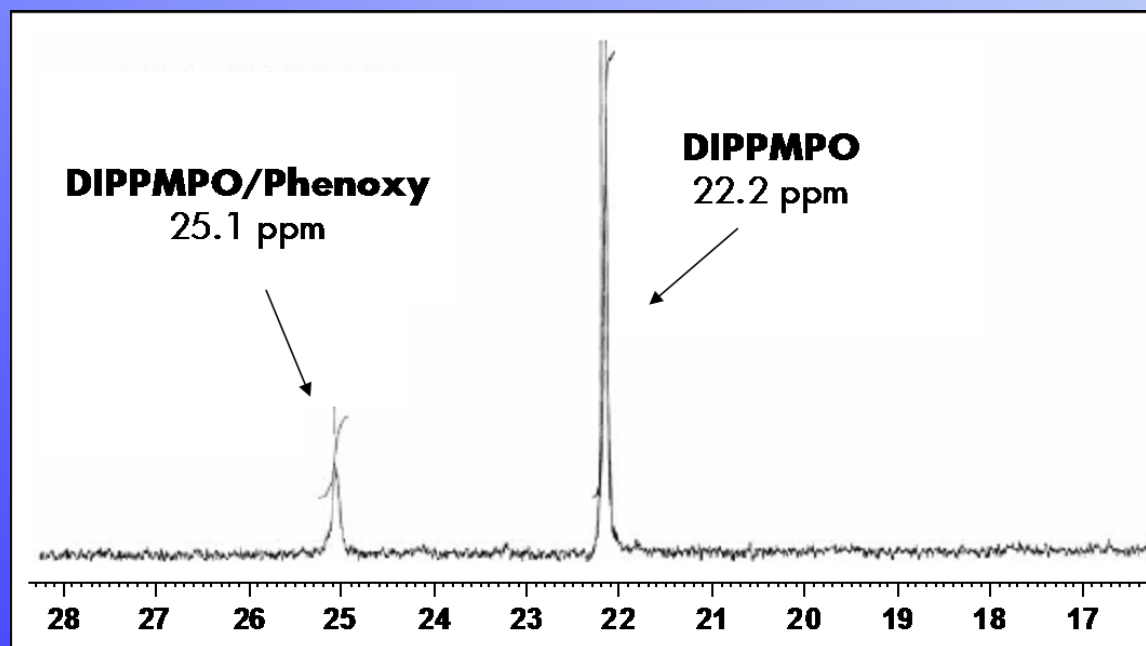
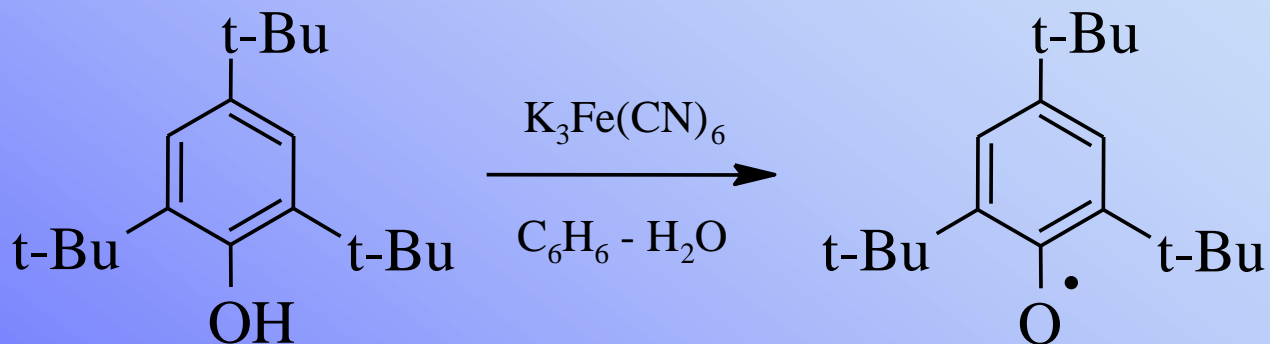
# Generation of phenoxy radical

Generation of phenoxy radical with HRP

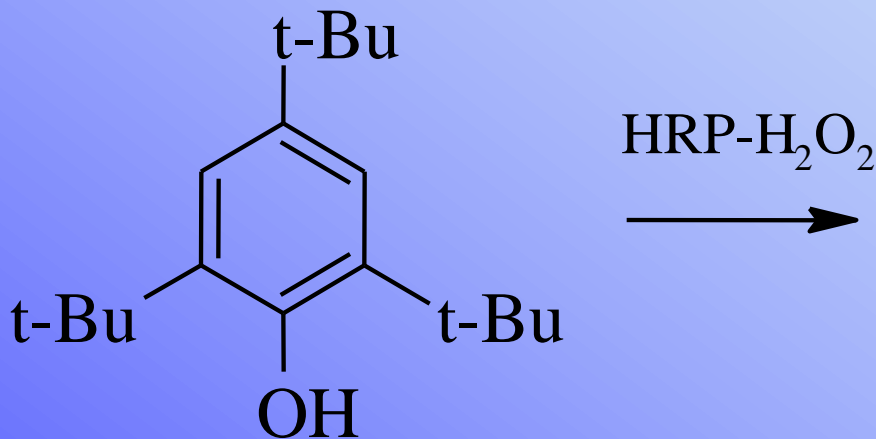


# Generation of phenoxy radical

Generation of phenoxy radical with Iron Ferrocyanide



# 2,4,6 Tri-*tert*-Butylphenol



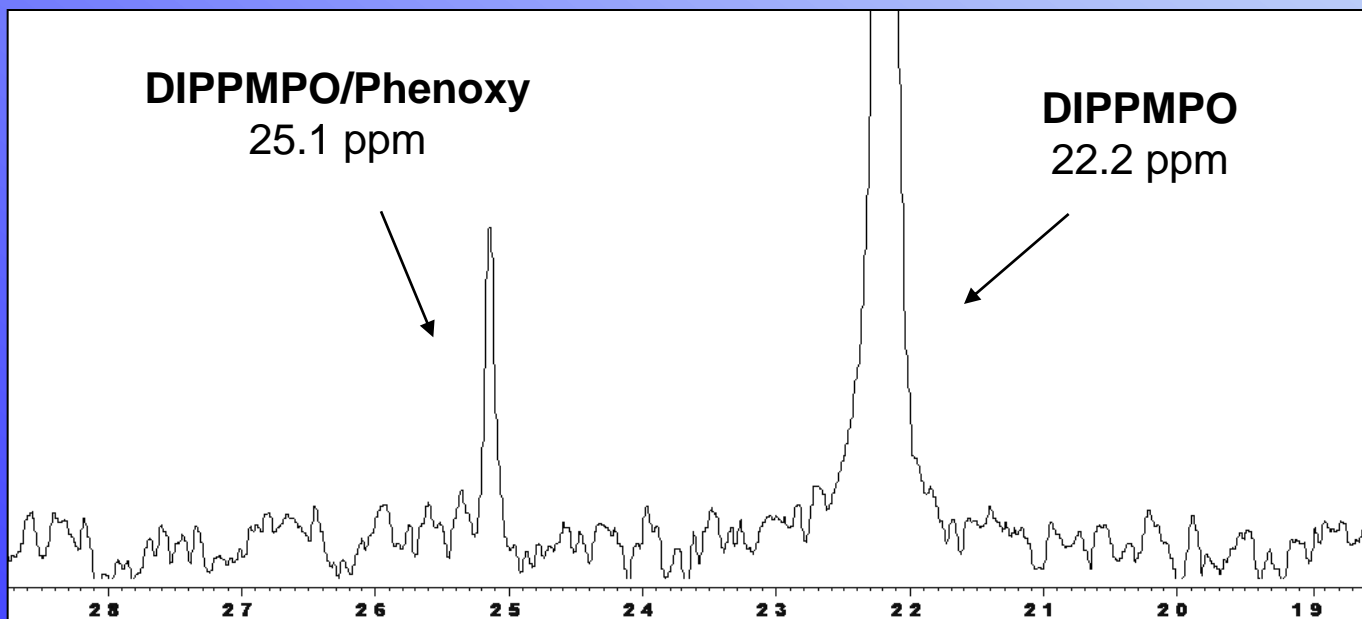
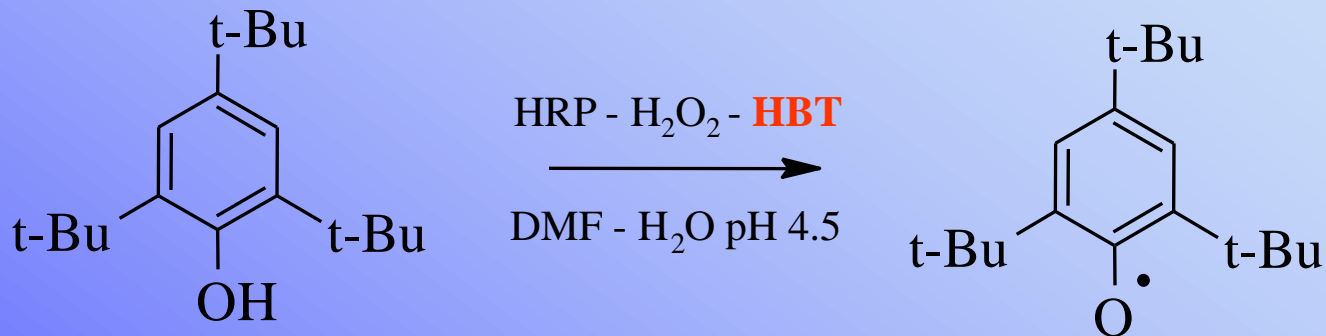
**NO REACTION**

GC-MS data and  
<sup>31</sup>P-NMR indicates  
that no reaction  
occurs.

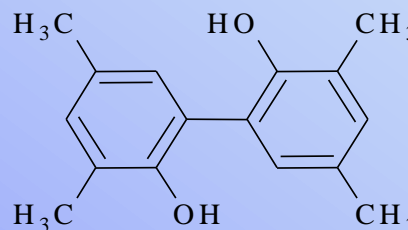
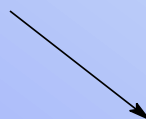
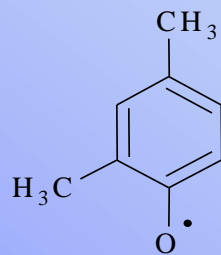
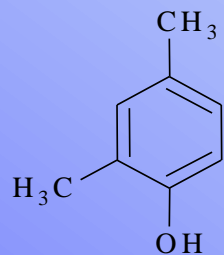
The phenolic group is hindered by *tert*-butyl groups  
The enzyme cannot approach to the phenolic group

# Generation of phenoxy radical

Generation of phenoxy radical with HRP/HBT

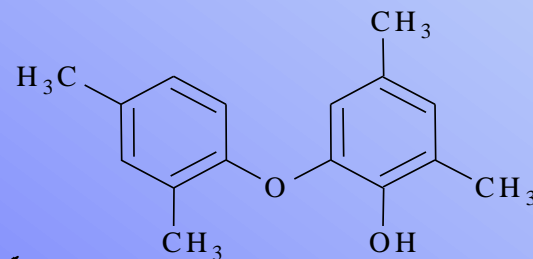


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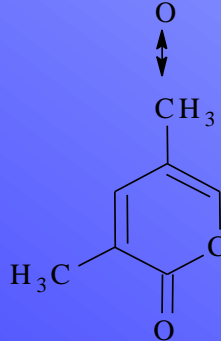
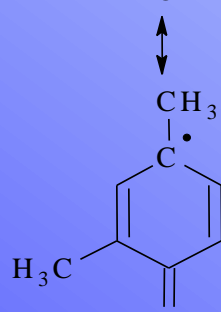
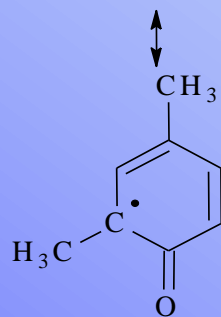


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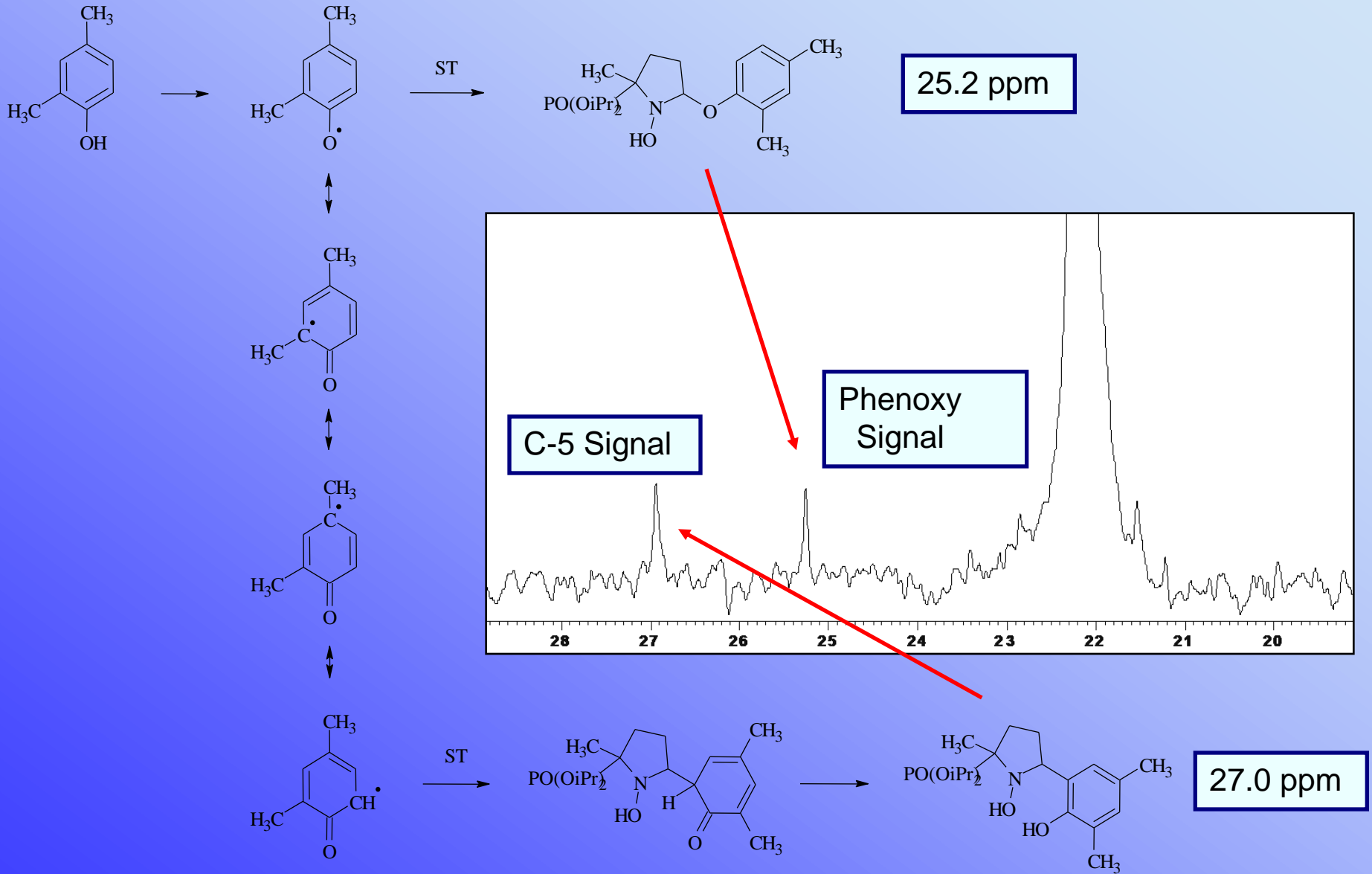


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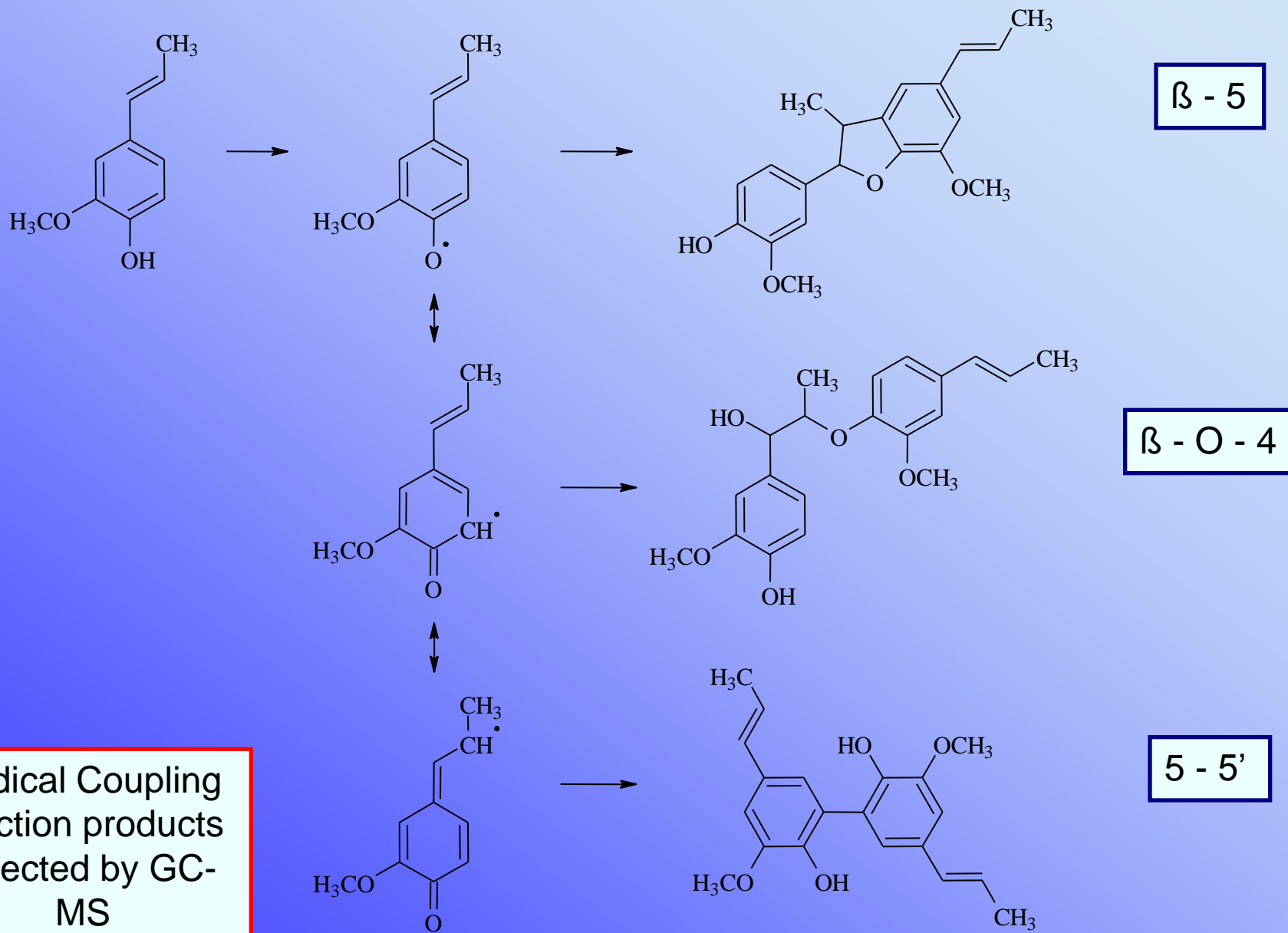
Radical Coupling  
reaction products  
detected by GC-  
MS

# 2,4 Dimethyl phenol/ST Zutropf



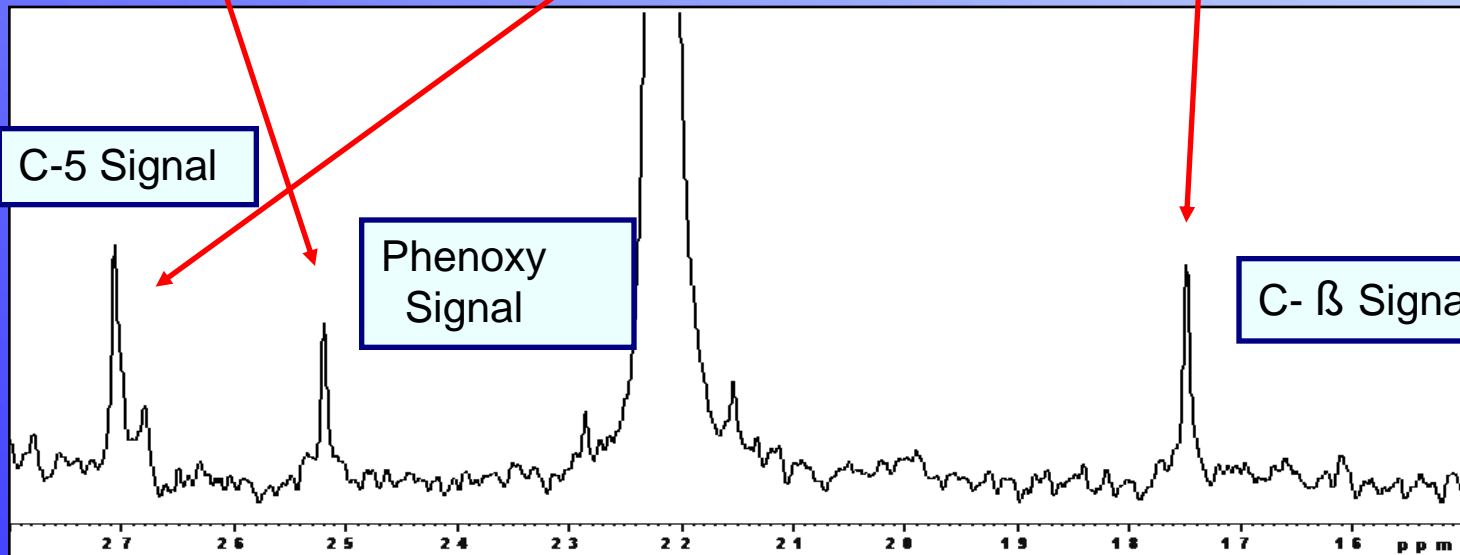
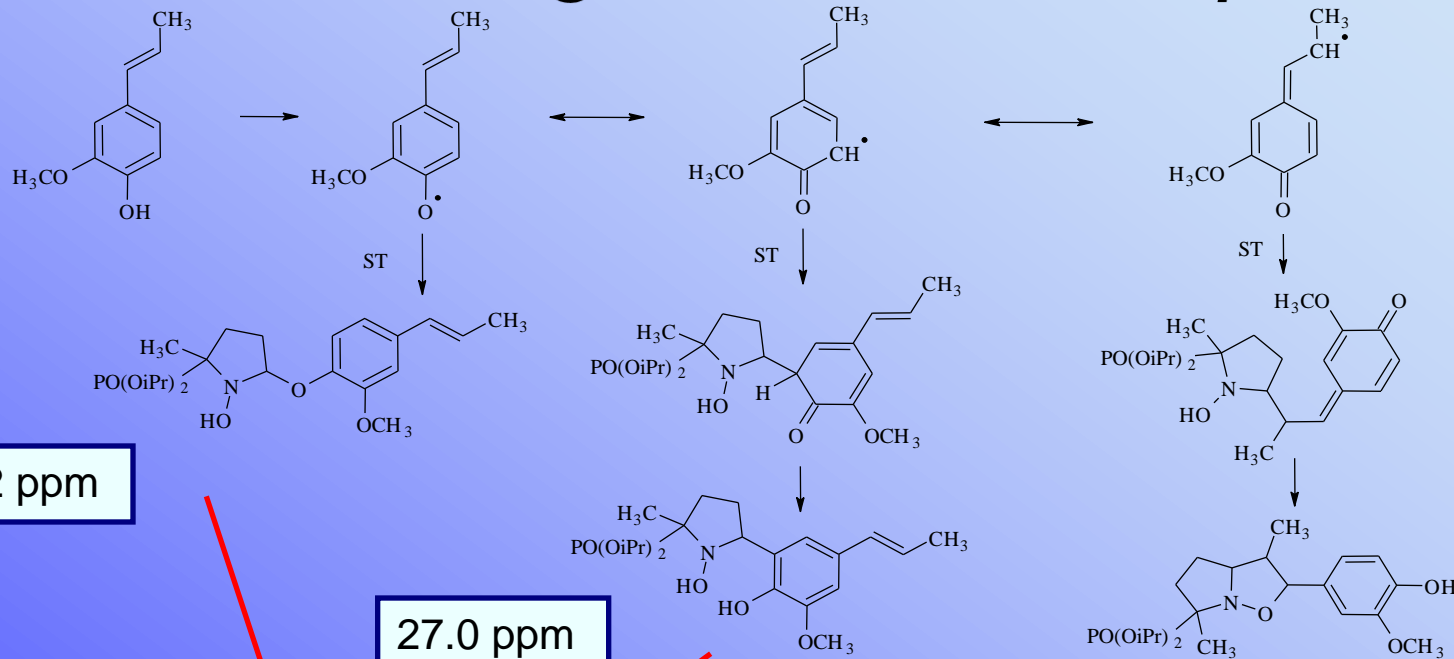


# Isoeugenol



Radical Coupling  
reaction products  
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# Isoeugenol/ST Zutropf



# Conclusions

- ✓ DIPPMPO spin trapping detected by  $^{31}\text{P}$ -NMR is an effective tool for the identification and quantification of oxygen- and carbon-centered free radical species, such as:
  - Hydroxyl radicals
  - Superoxide radicals
  - Phenoxy radicals
  - Ketyl radicals
- ✓ These techniques could be used to understand mechanisms of radical activity in a variety of biomolecular processes.