



# Advanced Oxidation Process

## (Properties and Analysis of OH Radical)

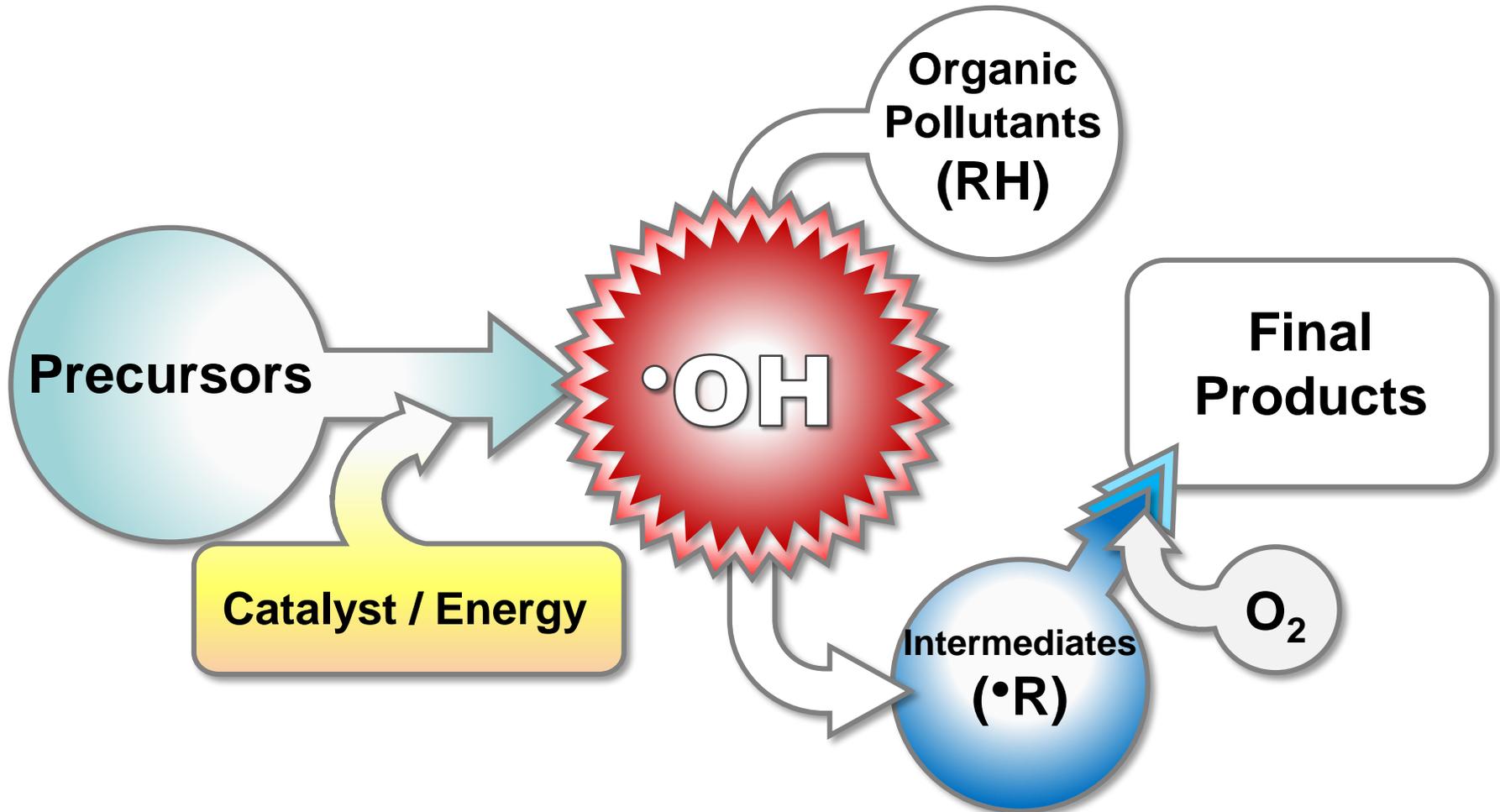
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# What is “Advanced Oxidation Process” ?

AOP (or AOT): Water treatment process (or technology) utilizing hydroxyl radical ( $\cdot\text{OH}$ ), a nonselective oxidizing radical species



# Oxidants for Water Treatment

**Standard Redox Potential ( $V_{\text{NHE}}$ )**

$\bullet\text{OH}$  ( $E^0(\bullet\text{OH}/\text{OH}^-) = +2.8 V_{\text{NHE}}$ ; 1e red.)

$\text{O}_3$  ( $E^0(\text{O}_3/\text{O}_2) = +2.08 V_{\text{NHE}}$ ; 2e red.)

$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  ( $E^0(\text{H}_2\text{O}_2/2\text{H}_2\text{O}) = +1.776 V_{\text{NHE}}$ ; 2e red.)

$\text{Fe(VI)}$  ( $E^0(\text{Fe(VI)}/\text{Fe(III)}) = +2.20 - 0.7 V_{\text{NHE}}$ ; 3e red.)

$\text{Cl}_2$  ( $E^0(\text{Cl}_2/2\text{Cl}^-) = +1.48 - 0.84 V_{\text{NHE}}$ ; 2e red.)

$\text{ClO}_2$  ( $E^0(\text{ClO}_2/\text{ClO}_2^-) = +1.04 V_{\text{NHE}}$ ; 1e red.)

$\text{O}_2$  ( $E^0(\text{O}_2/2\text{H}_2\text{O}) = +0.695 V_{\text{NHE}}$ ; 2e red.)



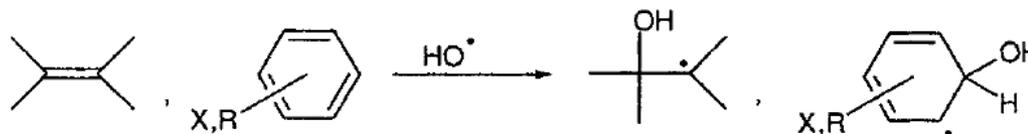
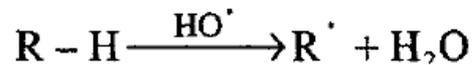
# Reactions of OH Radical

## ✓ Reactivity of •OH

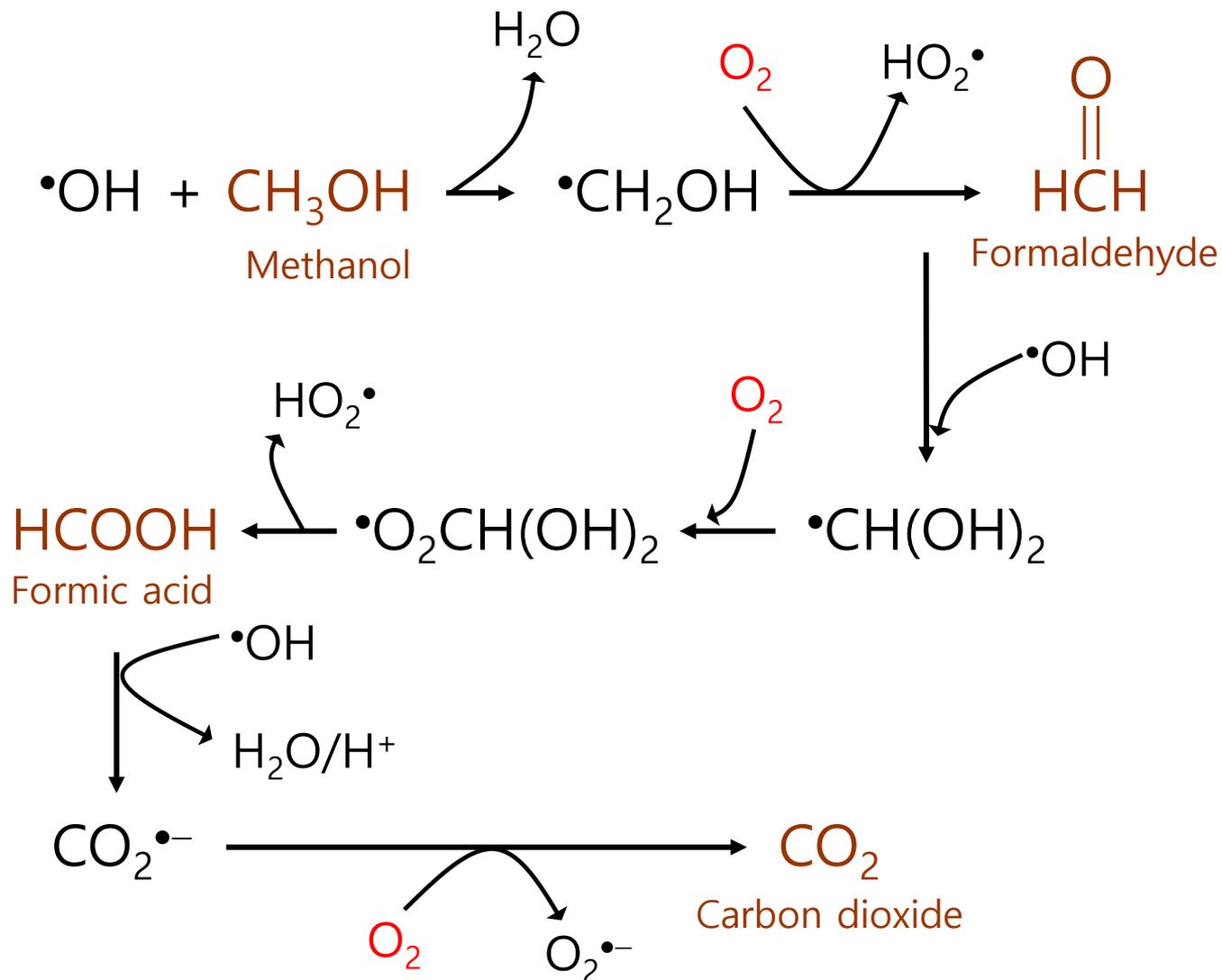
- Very reactive oxidant,  $E^\circ(\bullet\text{OH}/\text{H}_2\text{O}) = 2.8 \text{ V}_{\text{NHE}}$
- Very fast reactions with almost all of organic compounds  
 $k = 10^8 \sim 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$
- Very low steady-state concentration in natural water  
 $[\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}} = 10^{-16} \sim 10^{-12} \text{ M}$

## ✓ Reaction mechanism of •OH

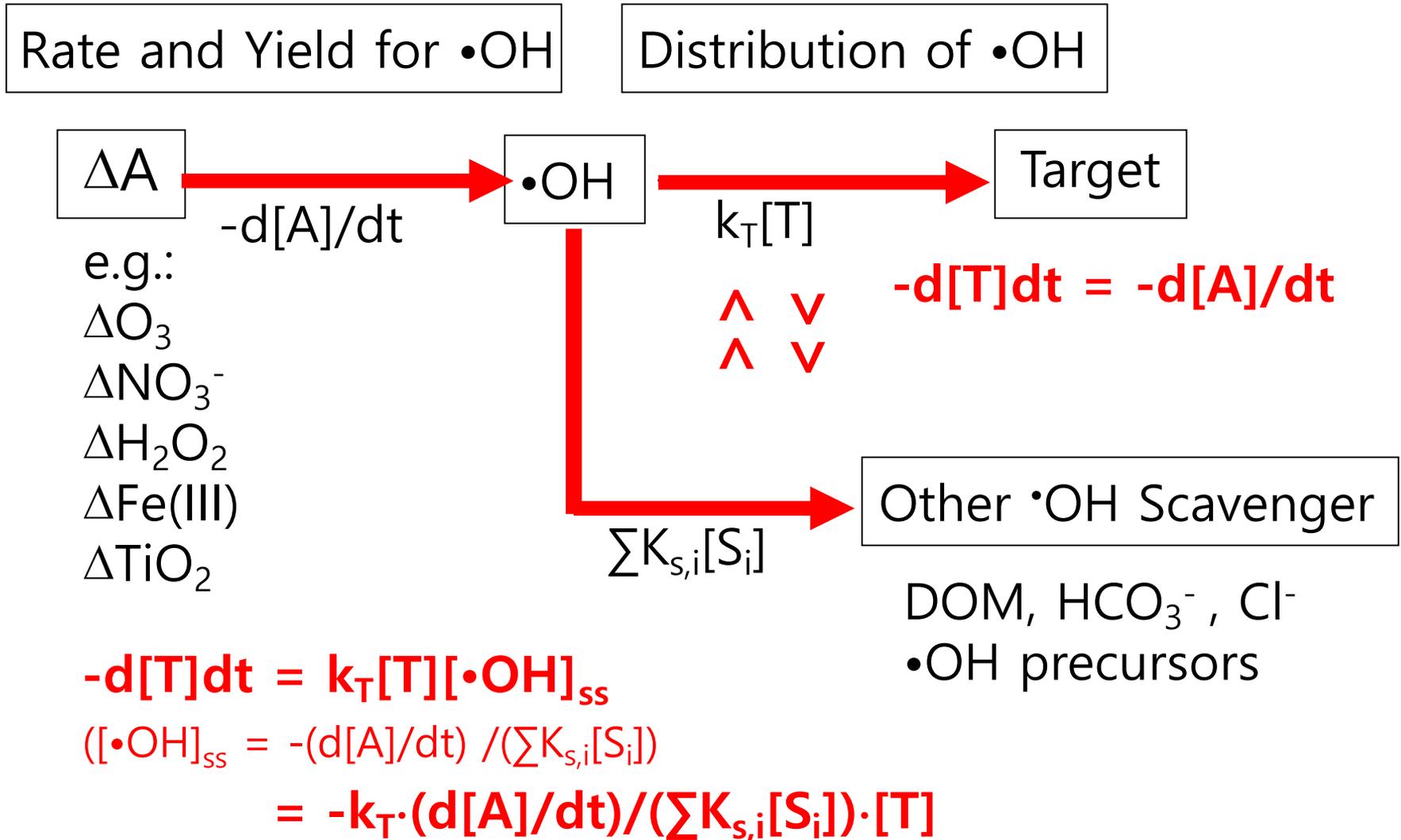
- H-Abstraction
- $e^-$ -Abstraction
- Addition



# Oxidation of Methanol Initiated by $\cdot\text{OH}$



# Key Parameters in AOP



# Classifications of AOPs

## Thermal processes:

Ozonation

Conventional Fenton process

## Photochemical process:

VUV

UV/TiO<sub>2</sub>

UV/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

Photo-Fenton

## Electrochemical processes:

Direct electrolysis

Electro-Fenton

## Direct H<sub>2</sub>O dissociation:

VUV

γ-radiolysis

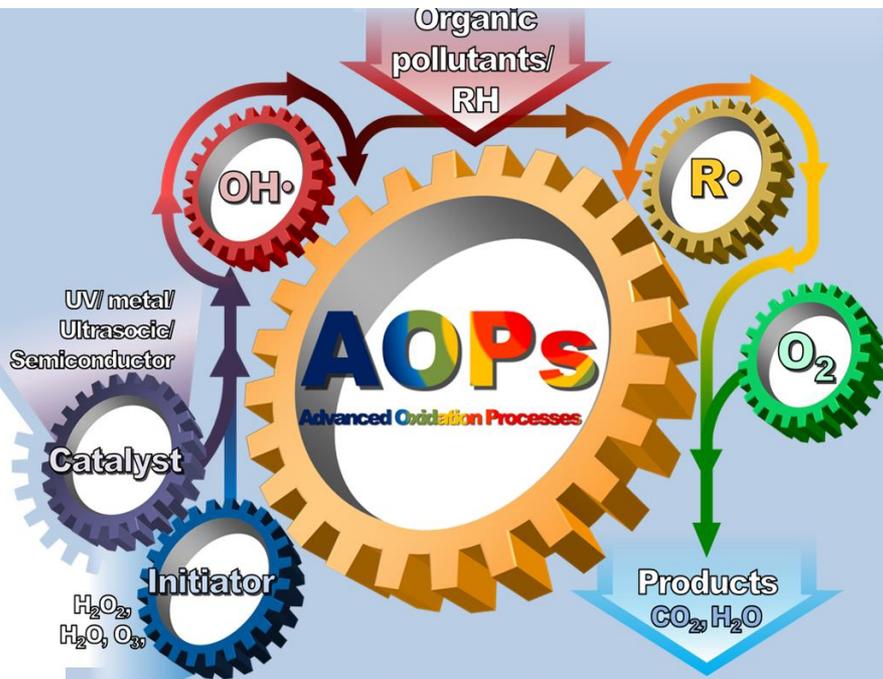
Electron beam

Ultrasound

High-voltage discharge



# Applications of AOPs



1. Drinking water treatment  
(e.g., ozonation, UV/H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>)
2. Wastewater treatment  
(e.g., Fenton processes, ozonation)
3. Groundwater remediation  
(e.g., Fenton process, ozonation, inorganic oxidants w/ or w/o catalysts)
4. Disinfection and biofilm control  
(e.g., ozonation, photocatalysts)
5. Production of ultrapure water  
(e.g., VUV)
6. Sludge pretreatment

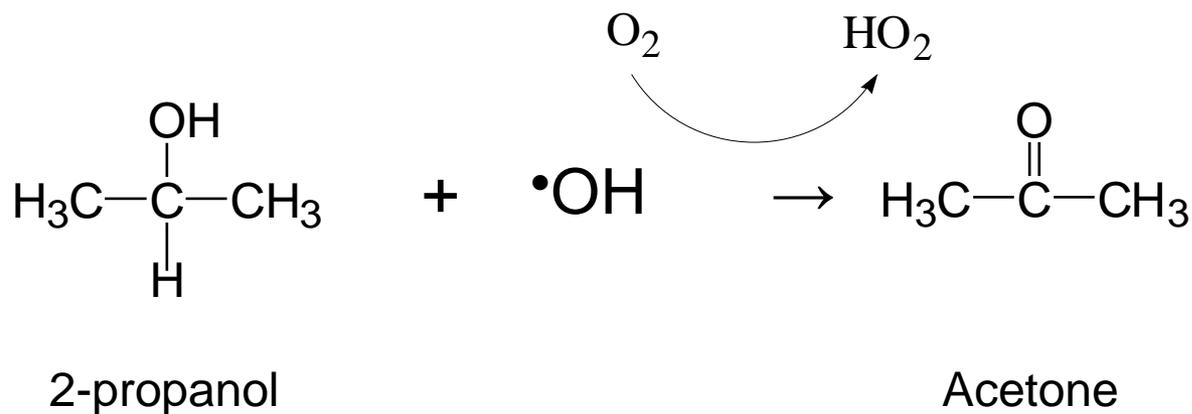
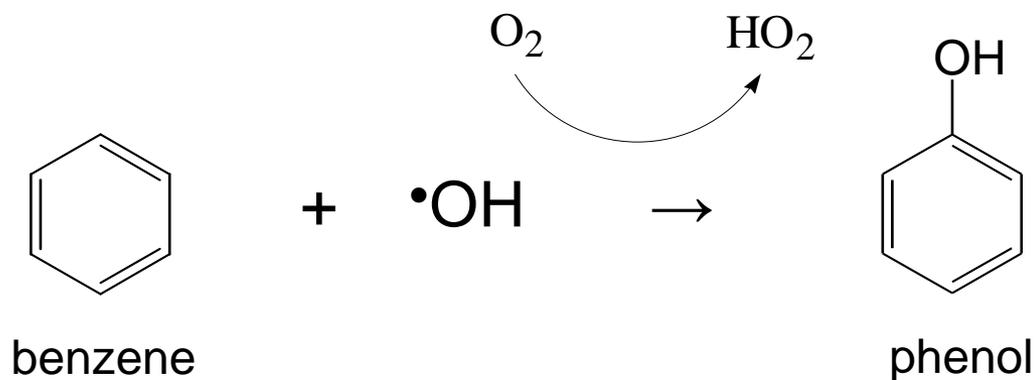
# Qualitative Analysis of OH Radical

1. Analysis of oxidized product
2. Electron spin resonance (ESR) spectroscopy

# Analysis of Oxidized Products

Use of probe compounds, of which oxidized products by  $\bullet\text{OH}$  are well-known

**e.g.**



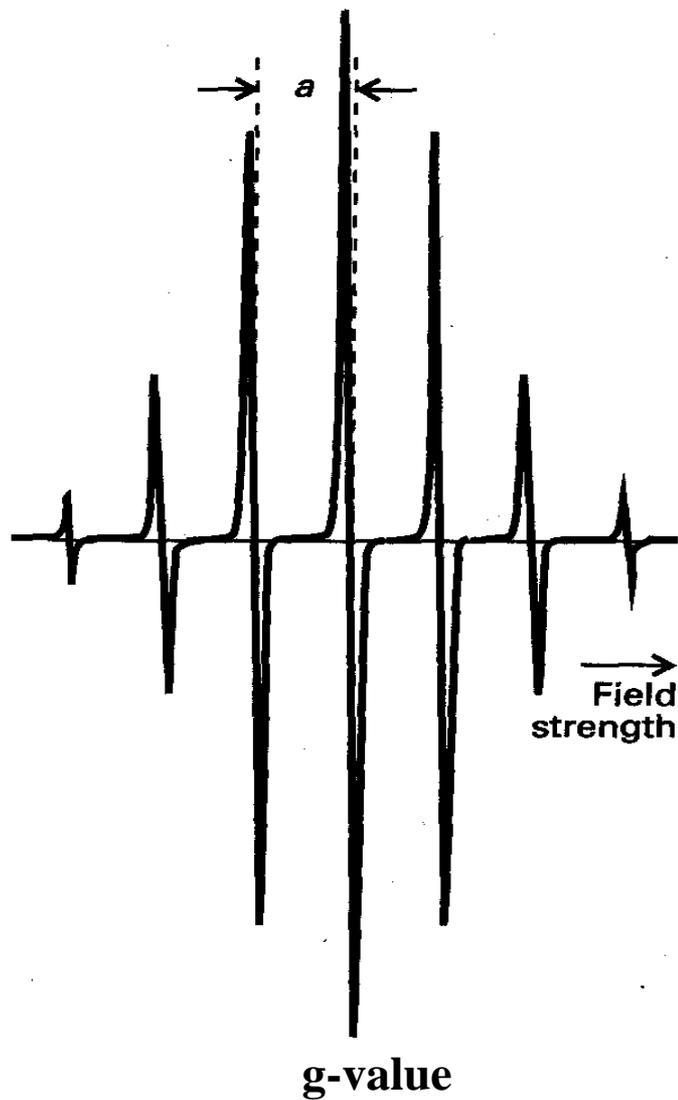
# Electron spin resonance (ESR) spectroscopy

## What is ESR (Electron Spin Resonance spectroscopy) Or EPR (Electron Paramagnetic Resonance spectroscopy)

### (전자스핀 공명 분광법)

- Spectroscopy based on the magnetic properties of electron spin movement of free radicals
- Free radical: any atoms or chemical species that possesses one or more unpaired electrons.
- The energy levels of free radicals split under the magnetic field.
- Certain wavelengths of microwave corresponding to these energy gaps can be absorbed to present signals.
- **Electron Paramagnetic Resonance spectroscopy (EPR)**
- Similar mechanism to NMR
- Information obtained from ESR data : g-value, hyperfine constant (hfc), signal intensity
- Identification of unknown radicals by the comparison with the signal database of standard radical species

# Signal Output



The ESR spectrum of the benzene radical anion ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_6^{\bullet-}$ )

**a:** the hyperfine splitting of the spectrum

**g-value :** the center of the spectrum

# Theory

## ■ Energy separation in a magnetic field

- Energy levels of an electron spin in a magnetic field B

$$E_{m_s} = g_e \mu_b m_s B, \quad m_s = \pm 1/2$$

$g_e$  : g-value of electron (= 2.002)

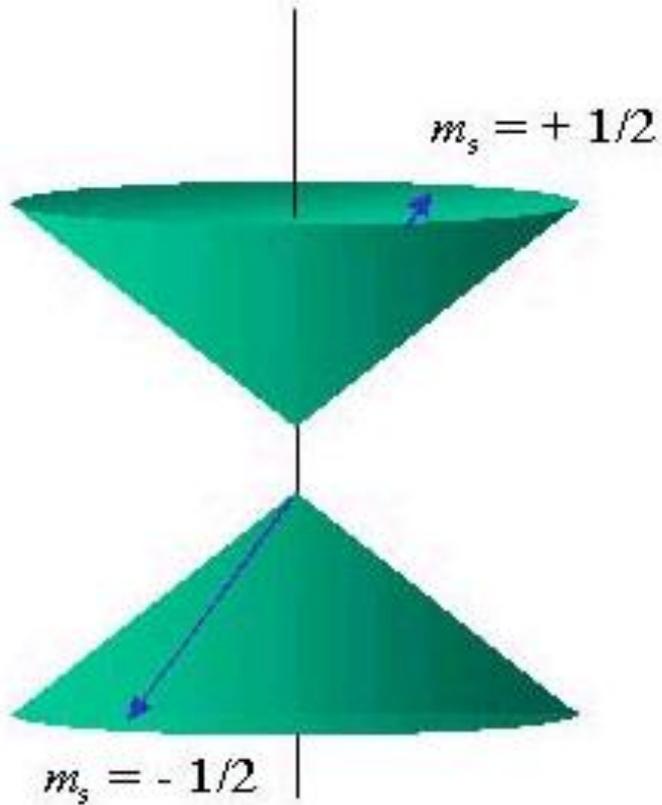
$\mu_B$  : Bohr magneton ( $9.274 \times 10^{-24}$  J/T)

$m_s$  : spin magnetic quantum number

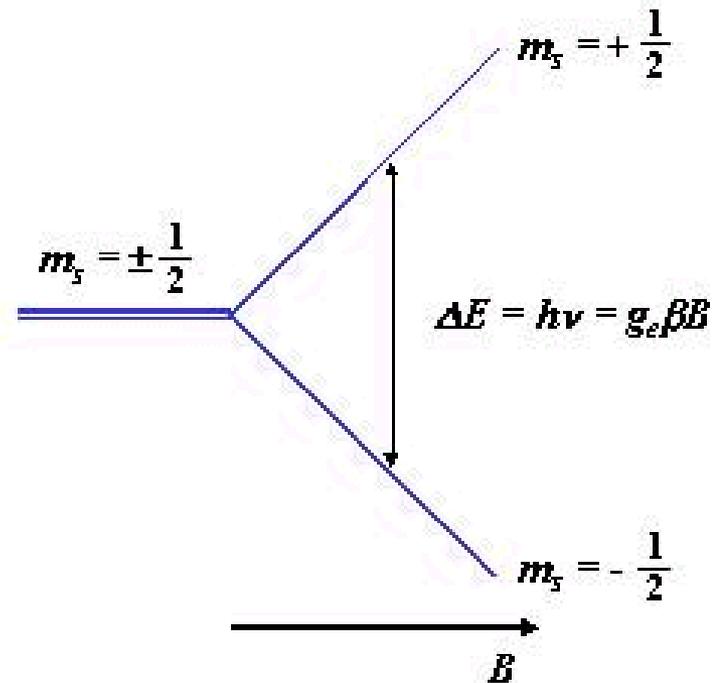
- Separation of the levels

$$\Delta E = g_e \mu_b B$$

# Theory



Electron's Electromagnetic angular momentum



Zeeman splitting in the magnetic field

# Theory

## ■ The g-value

- Energy levels of an electron spin in a **local** magnetic field

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta E &= h\nu = g_e \mu_B B_{\text{log}} = g_e \mu_B (1-\sigma)B \\ &= g \mu_B B \quad (\text{where } g = (1-\sigma)g_e)\end{aligned}$$

g : g-value of the specific radical or complex

- g-values : Many organic radicals  $\approx 2.002$  ( $g_e$ )  
Inorganic radicals 1.9 ~ 2.1  
d-metal complexes 0 ~ 4

# Theory

## ■ Hyperfine structure

- **Most important feature** of ESR spectra
- Splitting of individual resonance lines into component
- The source of the hyperfine structure in ESR is the magnetic interaction between the electron spin and the magnetic dipole moments of the nuclei present in the radical

# Theory

## ■ The effect of nuclear spin

- Effect of **a single H nucleus ( $I=1/2$ )** located somewhere in a radical

$$B_{\text{loc}} = B + a m_l, \quad m_l = \pm 1/2$$

$m_l$  : spin magnetic quantum number of nucleus

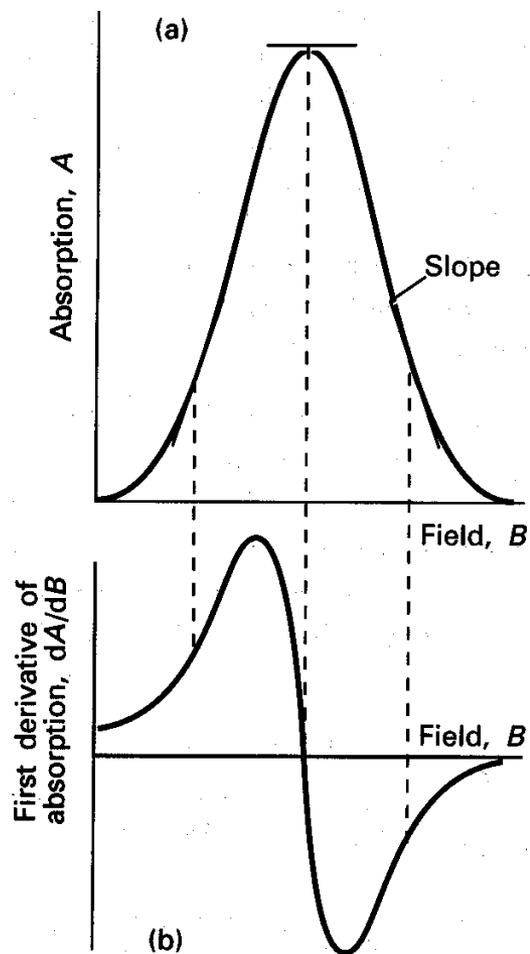
$a$  : hyperfine coupling constant

$$h\nu = g_e \mu_B B_{\text{loc}} = g_e \mu_B (B \pm 1/2 a) \quad \text{two peaks}$$

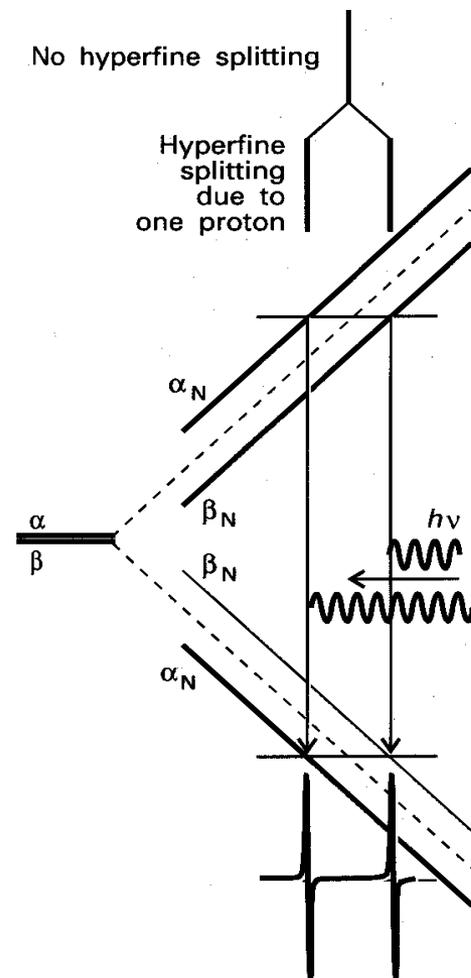
- In the case of **a single N nucleus ( $I=1$ )**

$$m_l = 0, \pm 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \text{three peaks splitting}$$

# Interpretation of Output Signal



Signal is the first derivative of the absorption intensity



Hyperfine splitting

# Analysis of Free Radicals by ESR

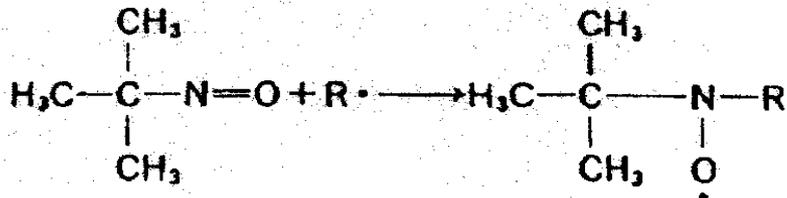
- The minimum concentration of radicals for the ESR analysis :  $10^{-6}$  M
- Methods for analyzing short-lived free radicals
  - (1) Rapid mixing
  - (2) Rapid Freezing
  - (3) **Spin-trap method:**  
Formation of more stable radicals by reactions between spin-trap agents and radicals

# Analysis of Free Radicals by ESR with Spin Trap Agents

- The reaction of the free radical and the spin-trap agent produces a specific spin adduct (a more stable radical species), of which signal can be readily measured by ESR.
- Developed by Janzen and Blackburn (1969)
- Buettner's review paper summarizes various parameters of spin adducts

Buettner, G. R., "Spin trapping ; ESR parameters of spin adducts", *Free Rad. Biol. Med.*, 1987, 3, 259-303.

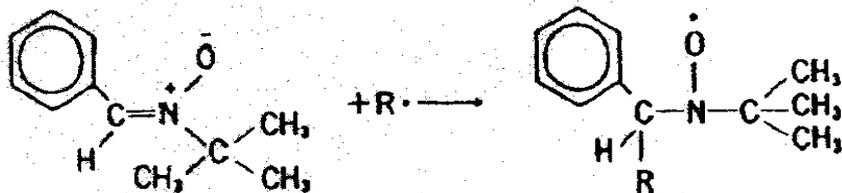
# Analysis of Free Radicals by ESR with Spin Trap Agents



2-methyl-2-nitroso-Propane (MNP)

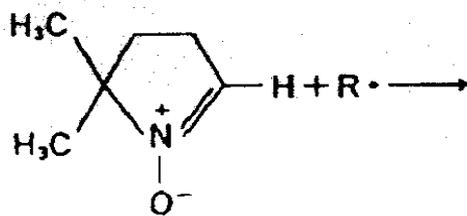
MNP-R

## Nitrene compound



$\alpha$ -phenyl-N-t-butyl nitrene (PBN)

PBN-R



5,5'-dimethyl-1-pyrroline-N-oxide (DMPO)

DMPO-R

## Spin-trapping agents

- Addition of a free radical to an unsaturated bond
- Leading to a longer lived new radical (nitroxyl free radical)

⇐ Spin-trap agents and their radical adducts

# DMPO Spin-Trapping

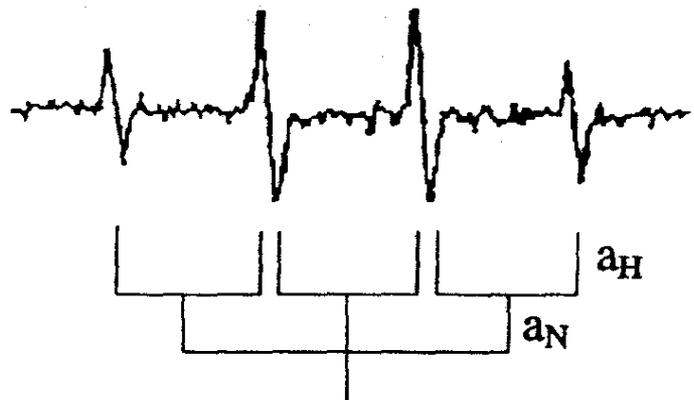
- DMPO : soluble in water, the only spin-trap agent separating  $\cdot\text{OH}$  and  $\text{HO}_2\cdot$
- Useful for analyzing oxygen-based radicals

Table: ESR parameters of DMPO spin adducts

adduct	solvent	lines	$a_{\text{N}}$	$a_{\text{H}}$	Others
$\cdot\text{H}$	Water	9	16.6	22.5(2)	
$\cdot\text{OH}$	Water	4	15.0	15.0	
$\cdot\text{OOH}$	Water	12	14.2	11.3	0.13(H)
$\cdot\text{CH}_3$	Water	6	16.3	23.2	
$\cdot\text{Cl}$	Benzene	12	14.3	11.7	

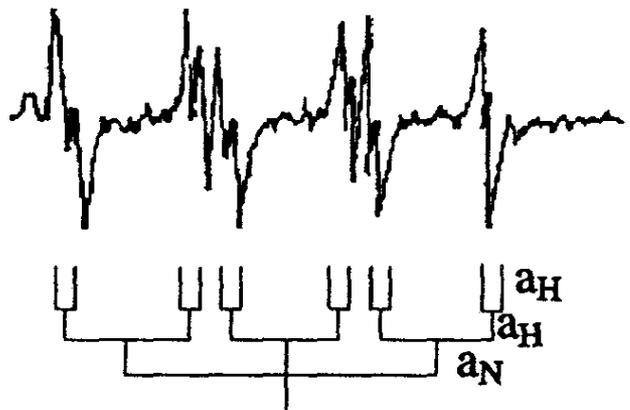
# DMPO Spin-Trapping

a) DMPO-OH



- DMPO-OH  
4 peaks of intensity rate = 1:2:2:1

b) DMPO-OOH



- DMPO-OOH  
12 peaks of same intensity

Typical spectra of DMPO-adducts

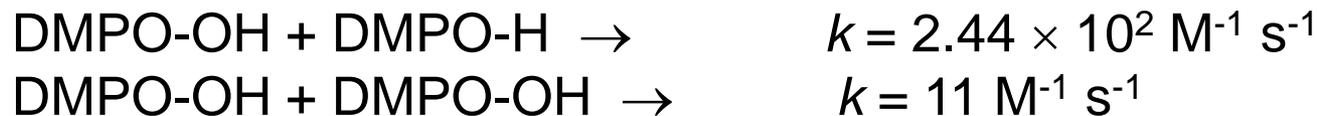
# DMPO Spin-Trapping

- An excess amount of DMPO should be employed to catch all the radicals generated in the system.
- A quick analysis is needed because the DMPO adduct is still unstable.
  - Spin adducts are also radicals, which means they are still unstable.  
(= Accurate quantification of radical species is always hard!)
  - The lifetime of spin adducts depends on the species and conditions  
e.g., The half-life of DMPO-H is 1 min at 25°C.  
The half-life of DMPO-OH is 10~20 min at 25°C.

# Kinetics of DMPO Spin Adduct

■ Kinetic information (rate constants of spin adduct formation and decay) is essential for quantitative studies

■ Decay constants of DMPO-OH

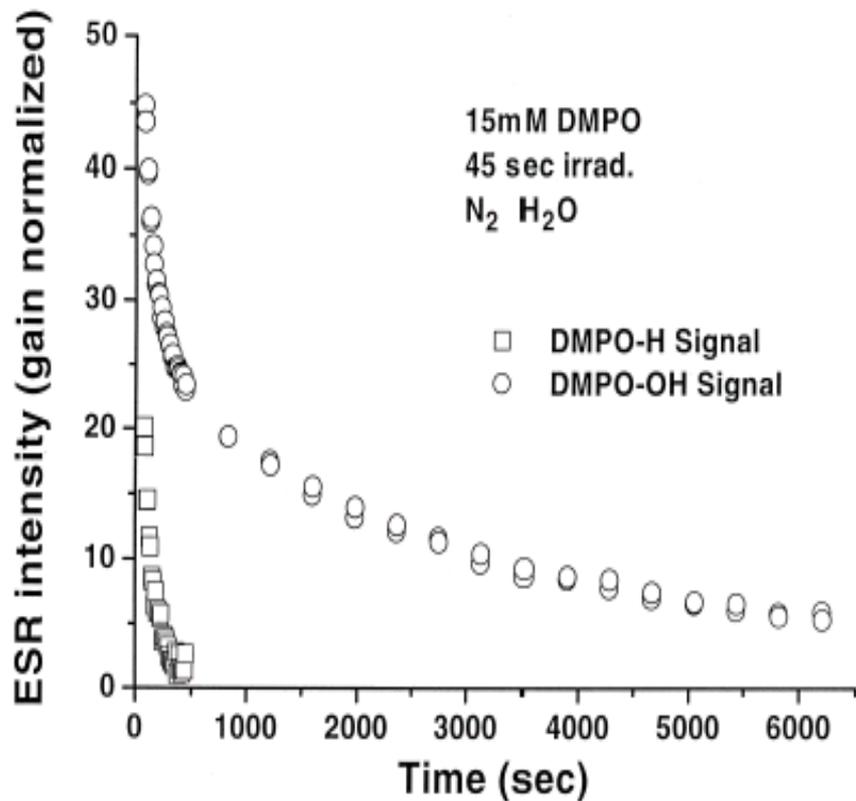


Hydroxyl radical scavenging efficiency

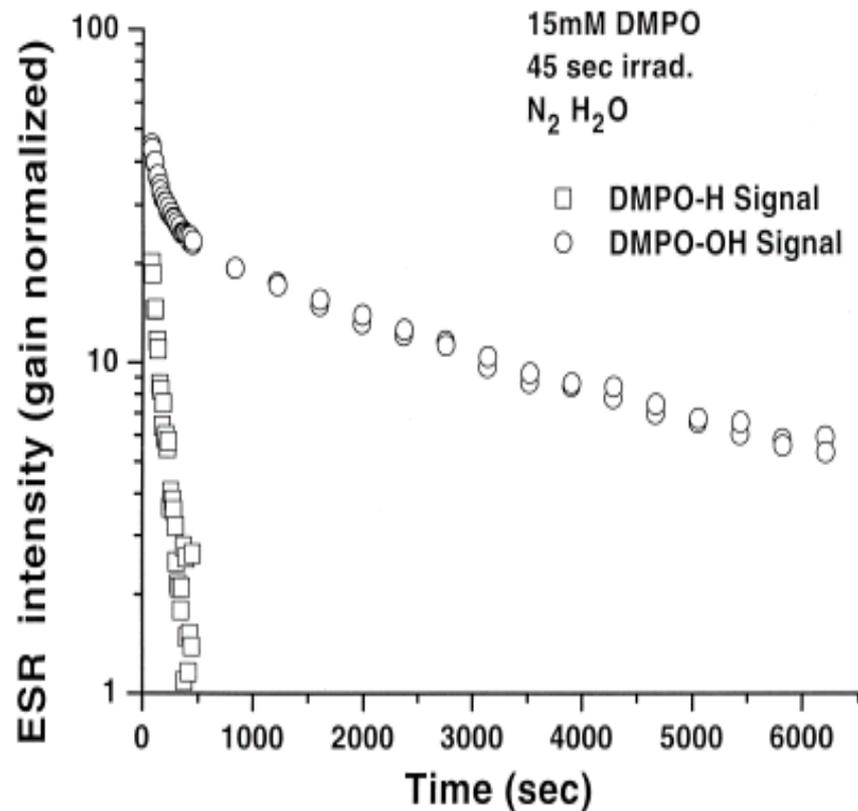
- 35 % using cobalt-60  $\gamma$  ray (Carmichael *et al.*, 1984)
- 33 % using H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> photolysis (Sun *et al.*, 1996)
- 94 % at 100  $\mu\text{s}$  after the electron pulse using cobalt-60  $\gamma$  ray
- 44 % at 15 s after the electron pulse using cobalt-60  $\gamma$  ray  
(Madden and Taniguchi, 2001)

# Kinetics of DMPO Spin Adduct

(a)



(b)



Linear (a) and semilogarithmic (b) kinetic plot of the spectral intensity of the DMPO-H and the DMPO-OH

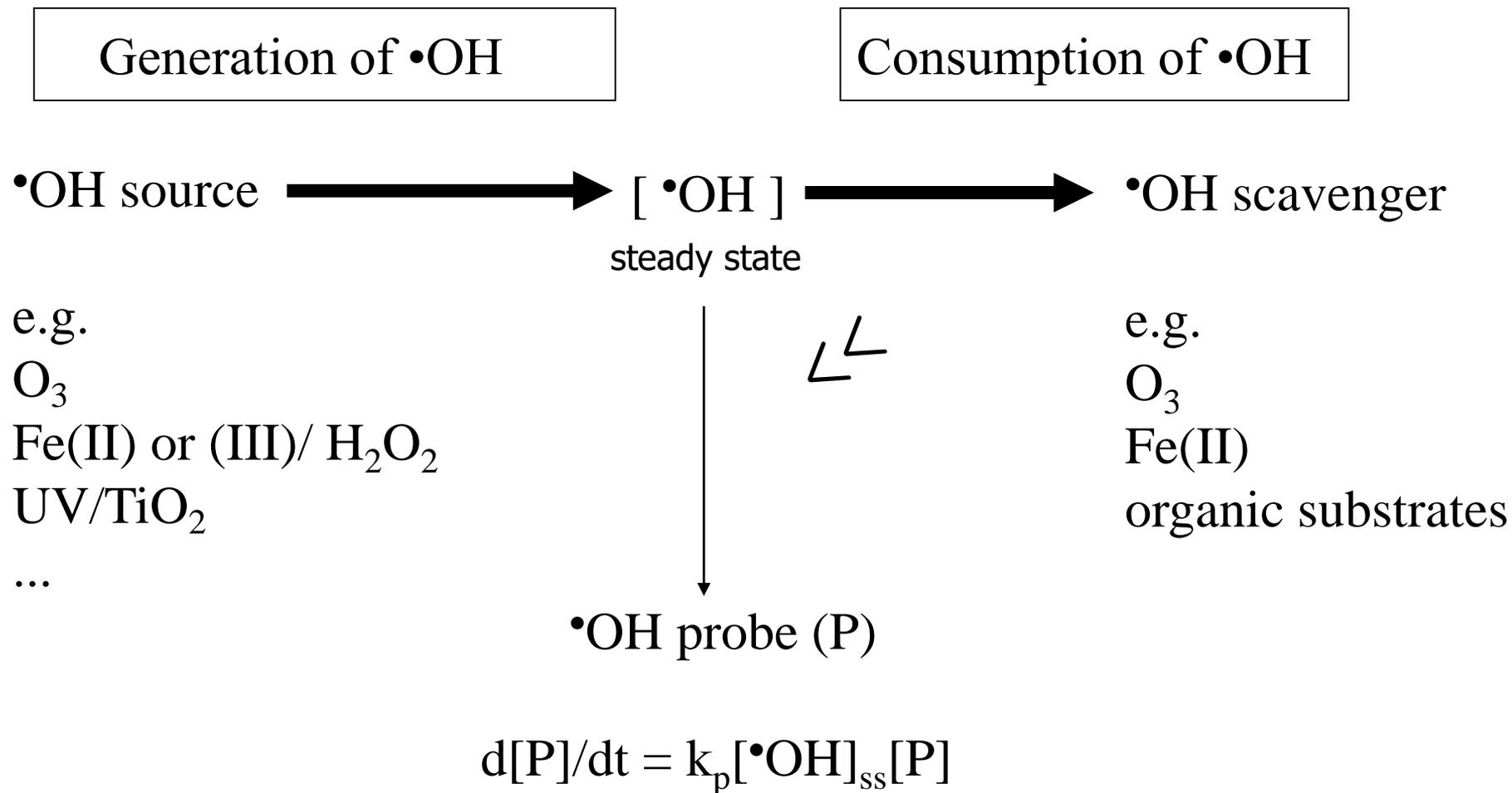
# Quantitative Analysis of OH Radical

Kinetic methods for quantitative analysis of  $\bullet\text{OH}$  in water

1. Analysis of steady-state  $\bullet\text{OH}$  concentration
2. Analysis of  $\bullet\text{OH}$  formation rate

# Analysis of Steady-State $\bullet\text{OH}$ Concentration

## ■ Use of a low concentration $\bullet\text{OH}$ probe compound



# Analysis of Steady-State $\bullet\text{OH}$ Concentration

## ■ Use of a low concentration $\bullet\text{OH}$ probe compound (procedure)

### 1. Selection of a $\bullet\text{OH}$ probe compound

- A compound of which rate constant with  $\bullet\text{OH}$  is known
- The rate constant with  $\bullet\text{OH}$  should be high.
- No significant reactions with other radical species in the system

### 2. Addition of a low concentration of the probe compound into the system

$$k[\bullet\text{OH}][\text{P}] \ll \sum k[\bullet\text{OH}][\text{other compounds in the system}]$$

**note:**  $\bullet\text{OH}$  probe compound에 의한  $\bullet\text{OH}$ 의 소멸량이 시스템 내 다른 화합물들에 의한 소멸량 보다 무시할 만큼 작아야 한다. 그렇지 않을 경우 probe compound 자체가 측정하려고 했던 정상상태  $\bullet\text{OH}$ 농도에 영향을 미치게 된다.

# Analysis of Steady-State $\bullet\text{OH}$ Concentration

3.  $[\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}}$  can be obtained by the first-order decay constant of the  $\bullet\text{OH}$  probe compound ( $k_{\text{p,obs}}$ ,  $\text{s}^{-1}$ ) determined experimentally.

$$\begin{aligned}d[\text{P}]/dt &= -k_{\text{p,obs}}[\text{P}] \\ &= -k_{\text{p}}[\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}}[\text{P}]\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow k_{\text{obs,p}}/k_{\text{p}} = [\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}}$$

where  $k_{\text{p}}$  is the second order rate constant between the probe compound and  $\bullet\text{OH}$  ( $\text{M}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ )

# An Example of $[\cdot\text{OH}]_{ss}$ Analysis

## Example:

In order to measure the steady-state  $\cdot\text{OH}$  concentration in the Fenton process operated under the conditions of  $[\text{Fe(III)}]_0 = 0.1 \text{ mM}$ ,  $[\text{H}_2\text{O}_2]_0 = 10 \text{ mM}$ ,  $30^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $2 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$  of pCBA (*p*-chlorobenzoic acid) was added in the system and the variation of its concentration was observed with the reaction time.

Time (s)	[pCBA] ( $\mu\text{M}$ )
0	2
60	1.82
240	1.45
480	1.06
720	0.8
960	0.58

The time-concentration profile of pCBA is shown in the table.

Find the steady-state  $\cdot\text{OH}$  concentration.

(The second-order rate constant for the reaction of pCBA with  $\cdot\text{OH}$ ,  $k_{\text{pCBA}}$  is  $5 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )

# An Example of $[\cdot\text{OH}]_{ss}$ Analysis

**Solution:** First, we need to determine the first-order observed rate constant of the pCBA decomposition ( $k_{\text{pCBA,obs}}$ ,  $\text{s}^{-1}$ ).

$$d[\text{pCBA}]/dt = -k_{\text{pCBA,obs}}[\text{pCBA}]$$

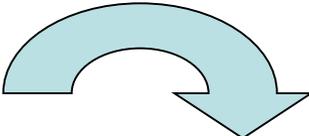
$$\Rightarrow d[\text{pCBA}]/[\text{pCBA}] = -k_{\text{pCBA,obs}} dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln([\text{pCBA}]_0/[\text{pCBA}]) = k_{\text{pCBA,obs}} t$$

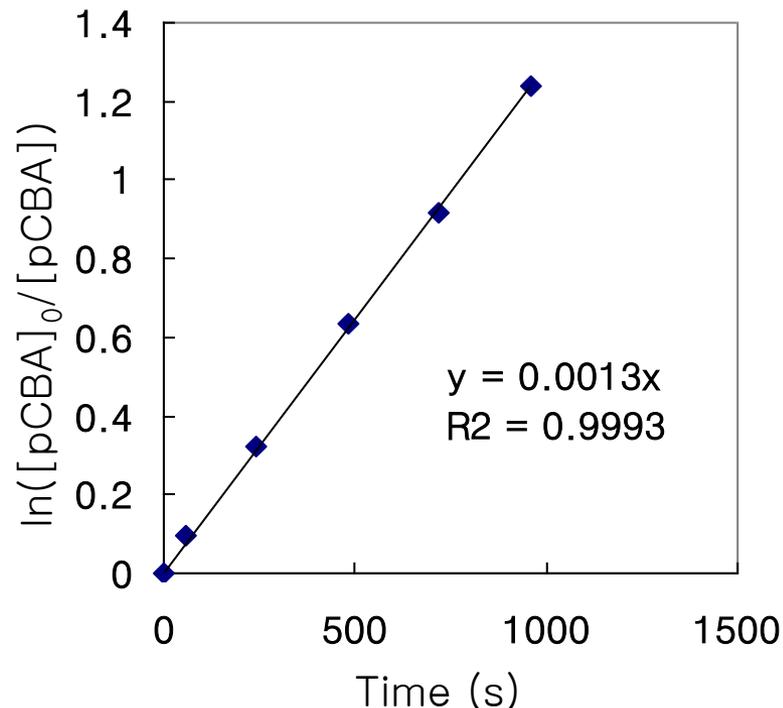
The  $k_{\text{pCBA,obs}}$  value is the slope of the linear plot between  $\ln([\text{pCBA}]_0/[\text{pCBA}])$  and  $t$ .

# An Example of $[\cdot\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}}$ Analysis

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$\ln([\text{pCBA}]_0/[\text{pCBA}])$
0
0.094
0.32
0.63
0.92
1.24



From the slope,  $k_{\text{pCBA,obs}} = 0.0013 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Because  $k_{\text{pCBA,obs}} = k_{\text{pCBA}} [\cdot\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}}$ ,  $[\cdot\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}} = k_{\text{pCBA,obs}} / k_{\text{pCBA}}$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.0013 \text{ s}^{-1} / (5 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}) \\ &= 2.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ M} \end{aligned}$$

# Analysis of $\cdot\text{OH}$ Formation Rate

## ■ Use of excess $\cdot\text{OH}$ probe compound

Generation of  $\cdot\text{OH}$

Consumption of  $\cdot\text{OH}$

$\cdot\text{OH}$  source  $\longrightarrow$   $\cdot\text{OH}$   $\longrightarrow$   $\cdot\text{OH}$  scavenger

e.g.

$\text{O}_3$

$\text{Fe(II)}$  or  $\text{Fe(III)}/\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

$\text{UV}/\text{TiO}_2$

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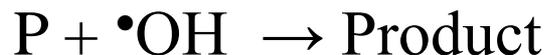
e.g.

organic substrates

$\text{O}_3$

$\text{Fe(II)}$

$\cdot\text{OH}$  probe (P)



# Analysis of $\bullet\text{OH}$ Formation Rate

## ■ Use of excess $\bullet\text{OH}$ probe compound (procedure)

### 1. Selection of a $\bullet\text{OH}$ probe compound

- A compound of which oxidized product by  $\bullet\text{OH}$  is known
- No significant reactions with other radical species in the system  
Or reactions that produce different products.

**note:** probe compound는 시스템내 다른 화학종들과 반응하지 않거나 반응하더라도 그 생성물이 달라야 한다.

### 2. Input excess $\bullet\text{OH}$ probe compound into the system

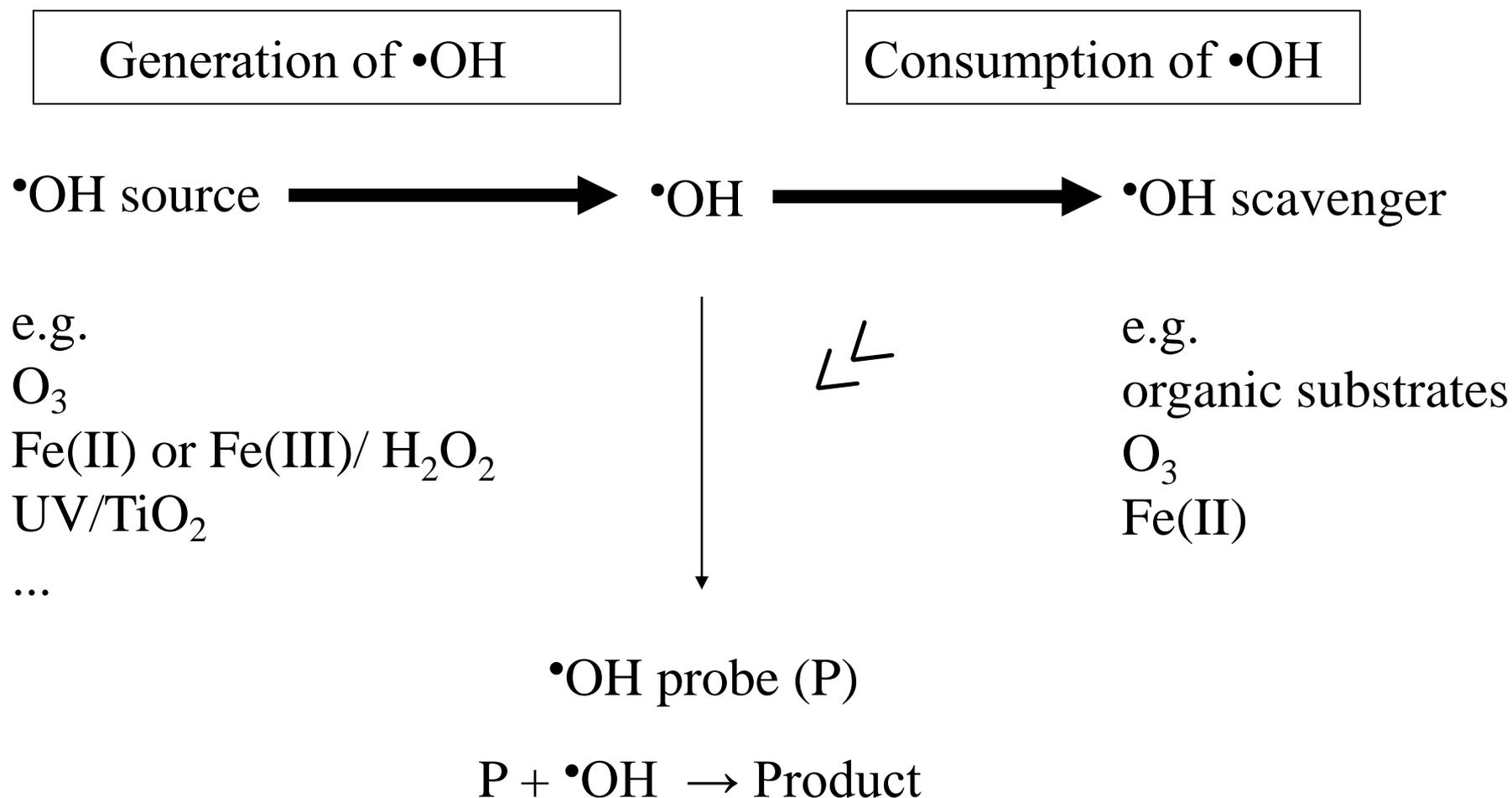
All the produced  $\bullet\text{OH}$ s should react with the probe compound.

**note:** 생성되는  $\bullet\text{OH}$ 들이 대부분 probe compound와 반응할 만큼의 농도를 가해야 한다.

$\bullet\text{OH}$  formation rate = the formation rate of the oxidized product

# Analysis of $\cdot\text{OH}$ Formation Rate

- Use of excess  $\cdot\text{OH}$  scavenger and a low concentration of  $\cdot\text{OH}$  probe compound



# Analysis of $\cdot\text{OH}$ Formation Rate

## ■ Use of excess $\cdot\text{OH}$ scavenger and a low concentration of $\cdot\text{OH}$ probe compound (procedure)

1. Selection of a  $\cdot\text{OH}$  probe compound and a  $\cdot\text{OH}$  scavenger
  - The oxidized products of the  $\cdot\text{OH}$  scavenger should not interfere with the  $\cdot\text{OH}$  probe compound.

**note:**  $\cdot\text{OH}$  scavenger의 경우 반응 생성물이 시스템에 영향을 주지 않는 화합물로 선정

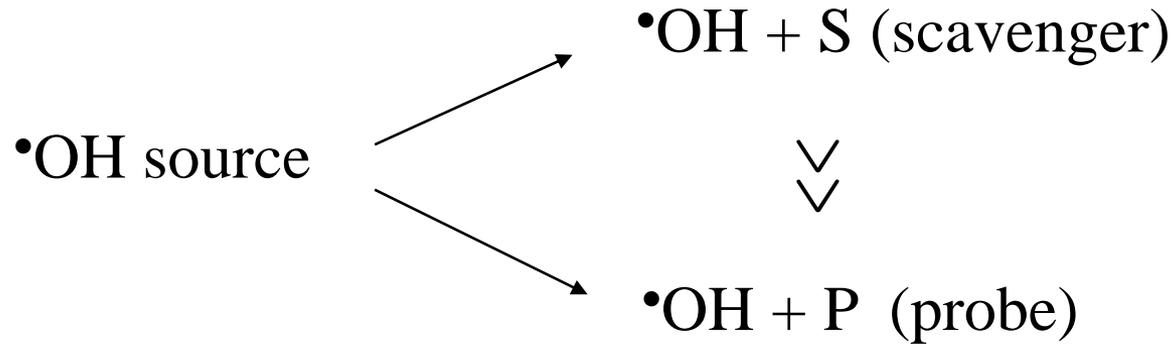
2. Input excess  $\cdot\text{OH}$  scavenger of a known concentration together with a low concentration of  $\cdot\text{OH}$  probe compound

**Note:**  $\cdot\text{OH}$  probe compound와 scavenger 농도조건:

생성된  $\cdot\text{OH}$ 은 대부분  $\cdot\text{OH}$  scavenger와 반응하고  $\cdot\text{OH}$  probe compound와  $\cdot\text{OH}$ 의 반응은 무시할 수 있는 농도를 가한다.

# Analysis of $\bullet\text{OH}$ Formation Rate

3. The  $\bullet\text{OH}$  formation rate can be obtained by the first-order decay constant of the  $\bullet\text{OH}$  probe compound ( $k_{p,\text{obs}}$ ,  $\text{s}^{-1}$ ).



$\bullet\text{OH}$  formation rate =  $r_{\text{OH}}$ ,

$$d[\bullet\text{OH}]/dt = r_{\text{OH}} - (-d[\text{S}]/dt) = r_{\text{OH}} - (k_s[\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}}[\text{S}]) \approx 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r_{\text{OH}} = k_s[\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}}[\text{S}]$$

On the other hand,  $d[\text{P}]/dt = -k_{p,\text{obs}}[\text{P}] = -k_p[\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}}[\text{P}]$

$$\Rightarrow k_{\text{obs,p}}/k_p = [\bullet\text{OH}]_{\text{ss}}$$

Therefore,  $r_{\text{OH}} = k_s k_{p,\text{obs}} [\text{S}] / k_p$

Probe compound의 분해시간 동안 scavenger의 농도는 변하지 않는다고 가정

# An Example of $R_{\text{OH}}$ Analysis

**Example:** In order to measure the formation rate of  $\bullet\text{OH}$  in UV/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  process, excess  $\bullet\text{OH}$  scavenger (t-BuOH 10 mM) and a small amount of  $\bullet\text{OH}$  probe compound (pCBA 2  $\mu\text{M}$ ) were added into the system, and the pCBA decomposition was observed.

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240	1.80
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980	1.30
1960	0.90

Find the formation rate of  $\bullet\text{OH}$ .

(The second-order rate constant for the reaction of pCBA with  $\bullet\text{OH}$ ,  $k_p$  is  $5 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ , and The second-order rate constant for the reaction of t-BuOH with  $\bullet\text{OH}$ ,  $k_s$  is  $6.6 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ )