

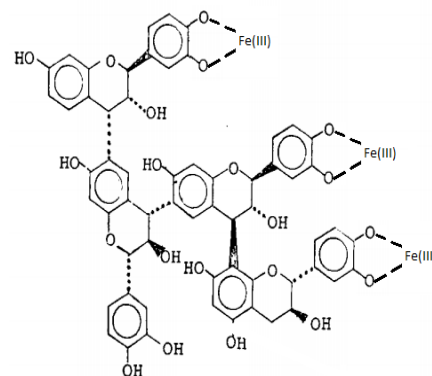
## HYDROXYL RADICAL PRODUCTION BY HETEROGENOUS FENTON REACTION SUPPORTED IN INSOLUBLE TANNIN BARK OF *PINUS* *RADIATA*

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### ABSTRACT

In this work we made a modification of the conventional Fenton reaction for increase the hydroxyl radical production with a heterogeneous system employing hydrogen peroxide and a solid iron container with dihydroxybenzenes, as the literature indicates that amplify Fenton reaction. The measure of hydroxyl radical was made by Electron Paramagnetic Resonance (EPR) in differents systems. The advantage of this approach is the use of a water insoluble solid, which drive Fenton reaction but prevents contamination of the effluent with phenolic compounds and also have an important environmental value to be obtained from forest bark waste, specifically *Pinus radiata*.



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### INTRODUCTION

Currently, Chile has an area of forest resources of about 15.6 million hectares. An important part of wood resources available in the country are discarded as waste (chips, bark, sawdust, etc.) generated during the forest production chain, from the production of wood in the forest to the processing plant. It is estimated to be approximately 3 million cubic meters of wood residues. The bark is part of these wood residues; about one tenth of the mass of lumber is bark. Currently, this bark is removed prior to mechanical processing and burned to obtain process energy. The bark of *Pinus radiata* contains about 60% phenolic compounds, which are soluble in 8-12% water and 15-20% soluble in methanol. Polyphenols from the bark of *Pinus radiata* correspond to condensed tannins, which consist of polymers of flavonoids with various degrees of condensation.

At present, the tannins are widely used in adhesives for wood panels, which is required for the tannin is totally soluble in water to obtain a strong cross-linking with formaldehyde, otherwise a brittle resin is obtained.



In this work is used the portion of insoluble tannins from bark. The advantage of this portion, is it free from sugars, furfural and other compounds that bark have in native form. They must be separated to improve the availability of phenolic groups. Recent analysis of micro pyrolysis of these tannins have shown that catechol is a major product of thermal decomposition and also molecules of methyl catechol in less proportion. From these results we can see that insoluble bark tannins are composed mainly of units condensed dihydroxybenzenes.

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## METHODOLOGY

The direct detection of some free radicals is very difficult or impossible in solution at room temperature. Spin trapping is a technique developed at late 1960s where a nitrene compound reacts with a target free radical to form a stable and distinguishable compound to be detectable by EPR. The hydroxyl radicals produced by the different systems were detected by spin-trapping method consisting in forming a paramagnetic radical adduct between this radical and 5,5-dimethyl-1-pyrroline N-oxide(DMPO). The DMPO/•OH adduct has a characteristic signal that is detectable by electron paramagnetic resonance, EPR.

### **Production of OH • radical was determined at pH 3.40 and 7.00.**

The reaction was initiated by adding the corresponding aliquot of iron. Once the reaction started, the samples were transferred to a capillary located inside Bruker ESP 300, in order to acquire the first spectrum corresponding to the signal of the adduct DMPO / •OH, in the shortest time possible. The magnetic field was set in the peak spectrum adduct had higher intensity in order to record the variation in the height of this peak over time.

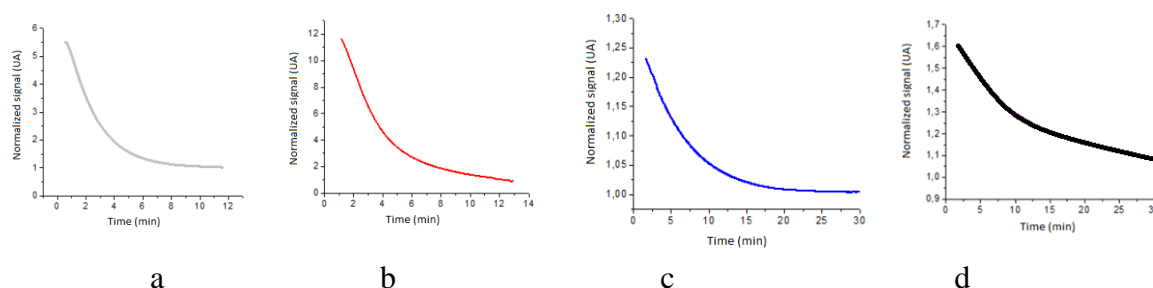
The profiles obtained by EPR, corresponding to changes in signal adduct DMPO / •OH in time, are the result of two processes: adduct formation by production of •OH radicals by Fenton reaction and decomposition of the same by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> present in the system, which oxidizes the paramagnetic nitroxide adduct group to non-radical products by pseudo first order kinetics. The profiles obtained by EPR systems studied exhibit a complex equation speed and not yet known, containing variables involved in both processes. In order to simplify the analysis, the data were fitted to equations to obtain valid comparative parameters. Where the standard signal is obtained dividing the raw signal by the limit value when the time tends to infinity. In this way, the function is obtained when the data fit an exponential decay curve.

After that, it's necessary graph natural logarithm against the time (min) to obtain the values of the slope. The variations observed in the decay of the adduct profiles, reflected in the values of b, were interpreted as a relative difference in the production of •OH radical.

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

When we comparing the results between systems Fenton without modifying and systems driven Fenton noted that systems catechol driven have a significant decrease of the slope b ( $p < 0.01$ ) indicating that the presence of these species promotes sustained production of OH • radical by Fenton systems. Notably, the profile corresponding to the Fenton

system driven by catechol also showed an increase in the value of the initial signal recorded with respect to unmodified Fenton system.



**Figure 1. Production of hydroxyl radical in the time at pH=3.4 in these systems: a) Non-modified Fenton reaction; b) Fenton driven by catechol; c) Fenton driven by catechine; d) Fenton driven by tannin.**

This implies that these system not only maintain  $\bullet$ OH radical production time, but also are able to increase the amount of  $\bullet$ OH radicals from the start of the reaction. As mentioned previously the most quantity of  $\bullet$ OH radical, in the Fenton system is produced at the start of the reaction because it is the only time when the iron is in entirety as Fe (II). The reduction of Fe (III) can happens slowly occur then by reaction with  $H_2O_2$ , or be accelerated by reaction with 1, 2-DHB. Catechol reduces Fe (III) faster than catechine and tannin but for a short period of time (2 min), explaining that this present compound the largest initial signal value and the highest value recorded in b. For catechine and tannin the low initial signal may be related to the low rate at which both compounds reduce Fe (III), and low slope values can be associated with both compounds reduce Fe (III) greater time than that observed for the catechol.

## CONCLUSIONS

Is important to say that the systems with catechine and tannin driven Fenton showed decreasing slope values 6 times than that determined for systems Fenton conducted by catechol, this reduction means that this compounds are able to extend the production of  $\bullet$ OH radical for longer than the catechol.

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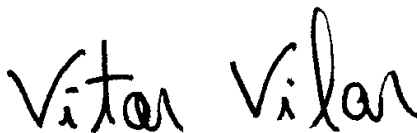
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