





## PHOSPHITE ANTIOXIDANT KINETICS: MODEL STUDIES PART 1



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#### CONTENT





- Polymer degradation and stabilization
- Phosphite model study
- Polyethylene stabilization requirements (CTQ's)
- Technology innovation WESTON<sup>®</sup> 705 for polyethylene film
- Summary & Conclusions

#### **KEY FACTS**

#### World's largest provider of

- Powder-free solutions
- Liquid phosphites
- Specialty antioxidants

#### Regional technical centres

- Morgantown (USA)
- Trafford Park (UK)
- Al-Jubail, GSI (KSA)
- Waldkraiburg (Germany)
- Commitment for innovation, global manufacture and supply
- Significant investment in regulatory compliance and new production capacities

#### COMMITMENT FOR INNOVATION, GLOBAL MANUFACTURE and SUPPLY





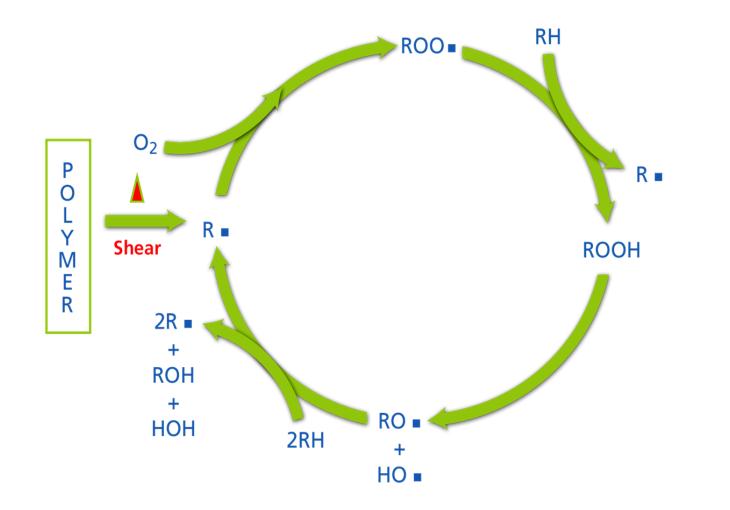


#### **POLYMER DEGRADATION & STABILIZATION**



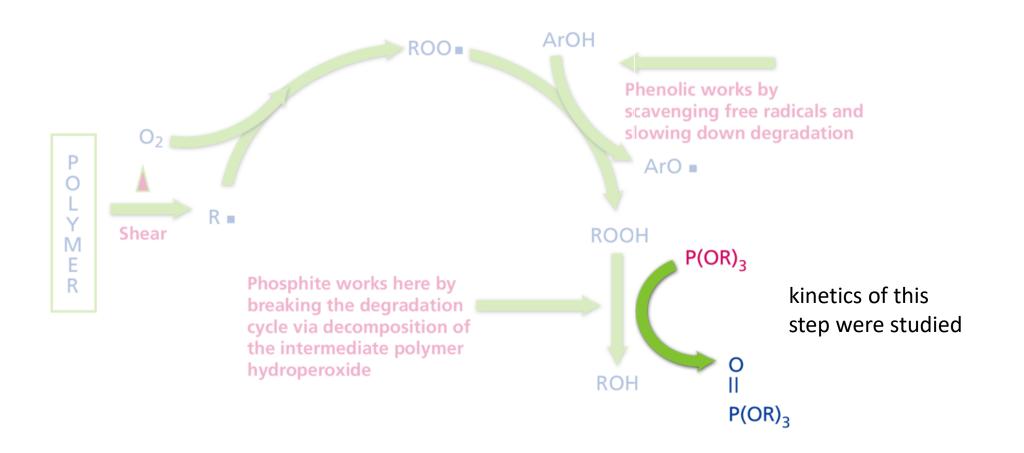
#### **POLYMER AUTO-OXIDATION CYCLE**





#### ANTIOXIDANTS REQUIRED FOR POLYMER STABILIZATION





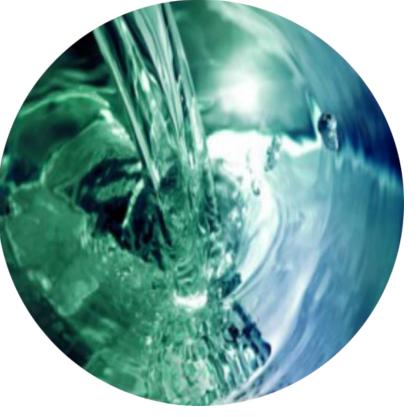
#### PHOSPHITES MOST EFFECTIVE SECONDARY ANTIOXIDANTS

#### FACTORS AFFECTING PHOSPHITE PERFORMANCE

ALL FACTORS NEED TO BE CONSIDERED

- % Phosphorus
- Chemical structure
  - Tris Hindered Aryl
  - Tris Alkyl
  - Mixed Alkyl Hindered Aryl
- Stabilizer hydrolytic stability
- Inherent thermal stability
- Melting point
- Formulation/loading level

   Stabilizer solubility
- Resin type







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#### NEXT GENERATION LIQUID PHOSPHITE FOR POLYETHYLENE STABILIZATION

#### **MODEL STUDIES**

#### **KINETICS STUDY OVERVIEW**

- Phosphites investigated:
  - ALKANOX®240
  - WESTON®705
- Reacted with tBuOOH in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at a range of temperatures between 25 and 40 °C
- tBuOOH is a model peroxide that was selected as it reacts with phosphites at optimal rates for measurement.
  - Not too fast and not too slow.
- Reaction monitored by <sup>31</sup>P NMR, with care taken to provide quantitative results ("qNMR")

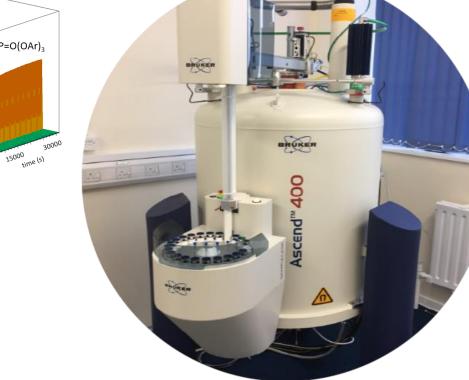
PHOSPHITE OXIDATION REACTIONS MONITORED IN SOLUTION BY NMR





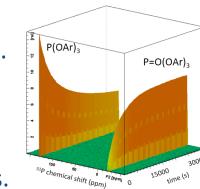
#### **REACTION MONITORING BY <sup>31</sup>P NMR**

- Bruker AVANCE III 400 MHz spectrometer.
- 1D <sup>31</sup>P spectrum acquired every 300 s (5 mins).
   Total experiment time between 2 8 hours.
- Concentrations of phosphite(s) and tBuOOH were chosen to provide suitable reaction rates.
- Care was taken to achieve quantitative measurements: *Cr(III) relaxation agent used to ensure full relaxation of all P nuclei*.
- Peak areas were converted to concentrations using measured masses and volumes added to reaction mixture.





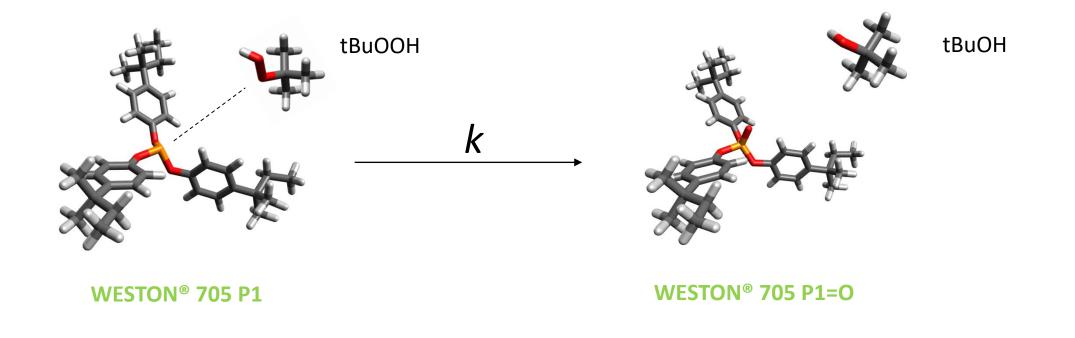
#### NMR USED TO MONITOR CONCENTRATIONS OVER TIME



ALKANOX<sup>®</sup>240 at 313 K



- Second order elementary bimolecular reaction
- rate = k[P][tBuOOH]



#### PHOSPHITES REACT WITH PEROXIDES: BIMOLECULAR REACTION MECHANISM



Calculate *k* using:

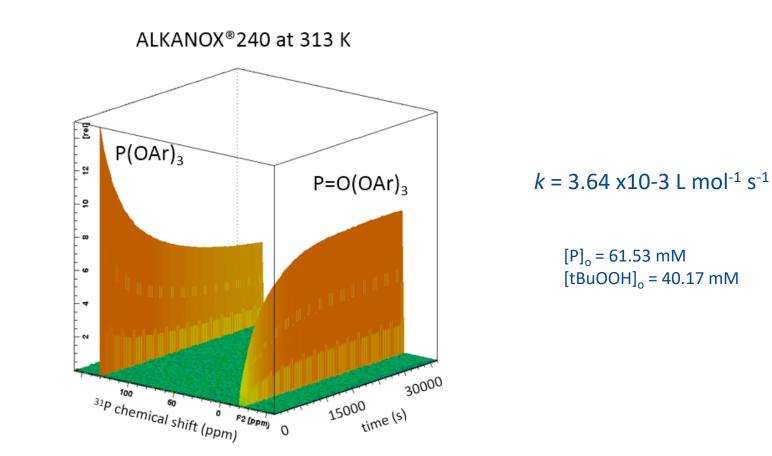
$$\ln\left(\frac{[tBuOOH] [P]_o}{[P][tBuOOH]_o}\right) = ([tBuOOH]_o - [P]_o)kt$$

rearranged to give:

$$k = \ln\left(\frac{[\text{tBuOOH}][P]_o}{[P][\text{tBuOOH}]_o}\right) * \frac{1}{([\text{tBuOOH}]_o - [P]_o)t}$$

#### MEASURE K BY FITTING EXPERIMENTAL DATA TO SECOND ORDER INTEGRATED RATE LAW





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#### TYPICAL DATA



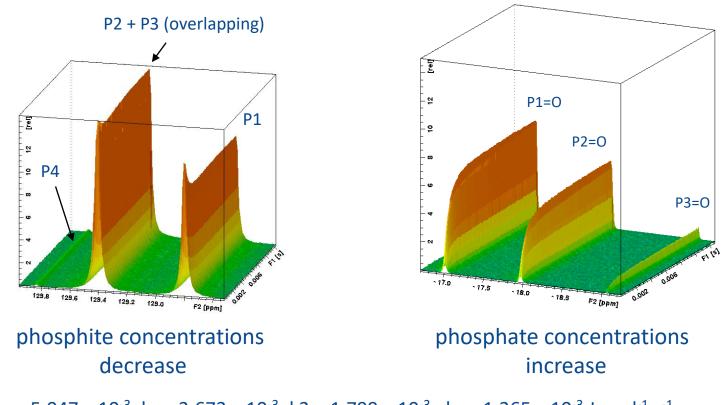
- Measure  $k_1$  and  $k_4$  values for pure P1 and P4 using the method described for ALKANOX<sup>®</sup>240.
- React WESTON<sup>®</sup>705 with tBuOOH, measuring P1 –P3 phosphite concentrations over time.
- Obtain  $k_2$  and  $k_3$  from  $k_1$  via:

 $\ln \frac{[P2]}{[P2]_o} = \frac{k_2}{k_1} * \ln \frac{[P1]}{[P1]_o} \qquad ; \qquad \ln \frac{[P3]}{[P3]_o} = \frac{k_3}{k_1} * \ln \frac{[P1]}{[P1]_o}$ 

#### CALCULATE RATE CONSTANTS OF WESTON® 705 P2/P3 INDIRECTLY



#### **EXAMPLE RESULTS : WESTON® 705 AT 298 K**



 $k_1 = 5.047 \times 10^{-3}, k_2 = 3.673 \times 10^{-3}, k_3 = 1.799 \times 10^{-3}, k_4 = 1.365 \times 10^{-3} \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$ 

#### WESTON<sup>®</sup> 705 PHOSPHITES: SECOND ORDER REACTIONS

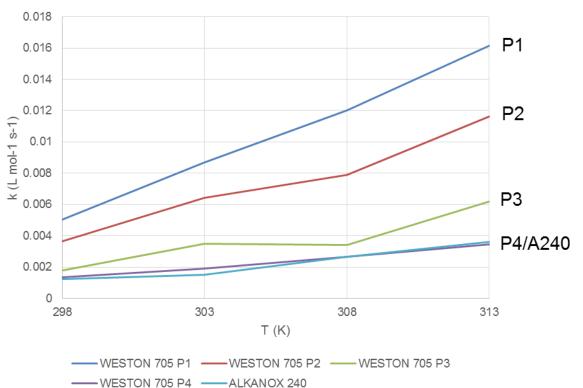
#### **RESULTS: MEASURED RATE CONSTANTS**

- Reactivity order is: P1 > P2 > P3 > P4 ≈ A240
- ALKANOX<sup>®</sup> 240 has similar reactivity to P4, the least reactive component of WESTON<sup>®</sup>705
- Rate constants at 313 K:

	P1	P2	Р3	Р4	A240
k	16.2	11.6	6.2	3.5	3.6

units of k are 10<sup>-3</sup> L mol<sup>-1</sup> s<sup>-1</sup>

#### WESTON<sup>®</sup> 705 P1 REACTS >4X FASTER THAN ALKANOX<sup>®</sup> 240 AT 313 K

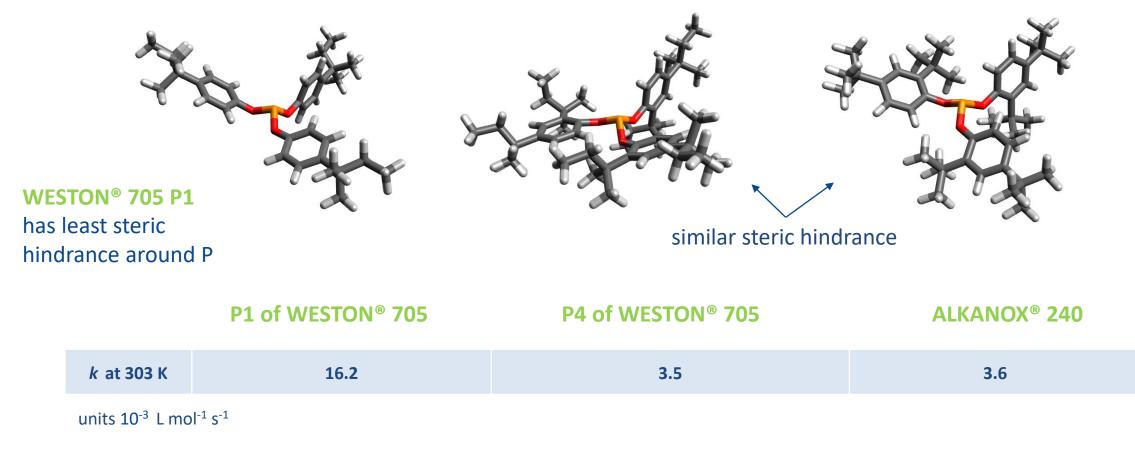




k vs T for the ALKANOX<sup>®</sup>240 and WESTON<sup>®</sup>705

# DISCUSSION: STERIC HINDRANCE AND REACTIVITY





#### PHOSPHITE REACTIVITY IS DETERMINED BY AVAILABILITY OF CENTRAL P ATOM



#### TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION: WESTON® 705 NEXT GENERATION LIQUID PHOSPHITE FOR POLYETHYLENE FILM



#### **POLYETHYLENE STABILIZATION CTQ'S**

- Processing stability
- Low gel formation
- No black specks
- Resistance to gas fading (NOx pollutants)
- Excellent optical properties
- No discoloration
- No plate-out or blooming of additives
- Good surface properties, sealability, printability
- Good organoleptics
- Global food contact approvals



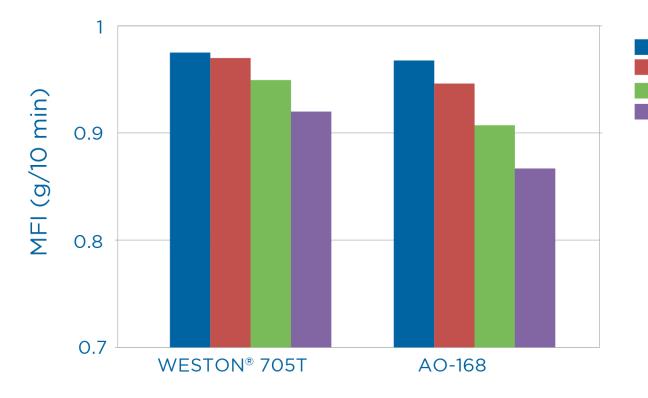
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#### **MFI COMPARISON AT EQUAL PHOSPHORUS**



LLDPE Multipass Extrusion @ 240C



#### WESTON® 705 EXHIBITS EXCELLENT MFI RETENTION

Compound

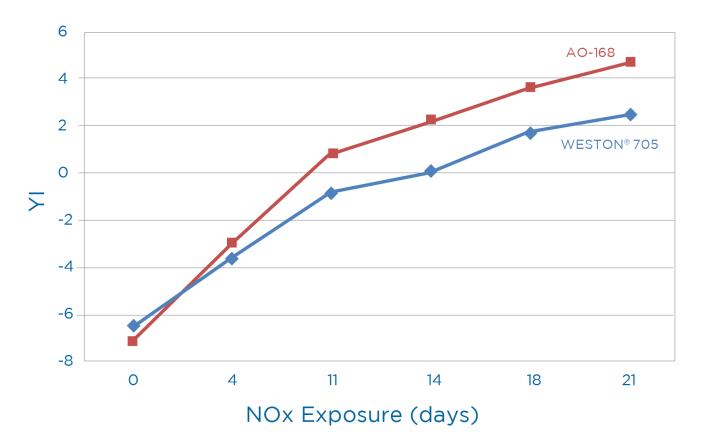
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### **IMPROVED COLOR RETENTION DURING STORAGE**



Gas-fading SIMULATION WAREHOUSE, Yellowness Index

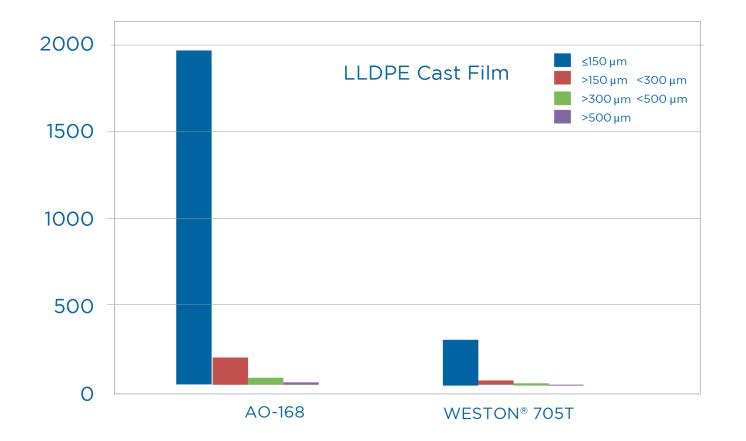




#### WESTON<sup>®</sup> 705 EXHIBITS SUPERIOR COLOR RETENTION

### **REDUCED GEL FORMATION IN LLDPE**



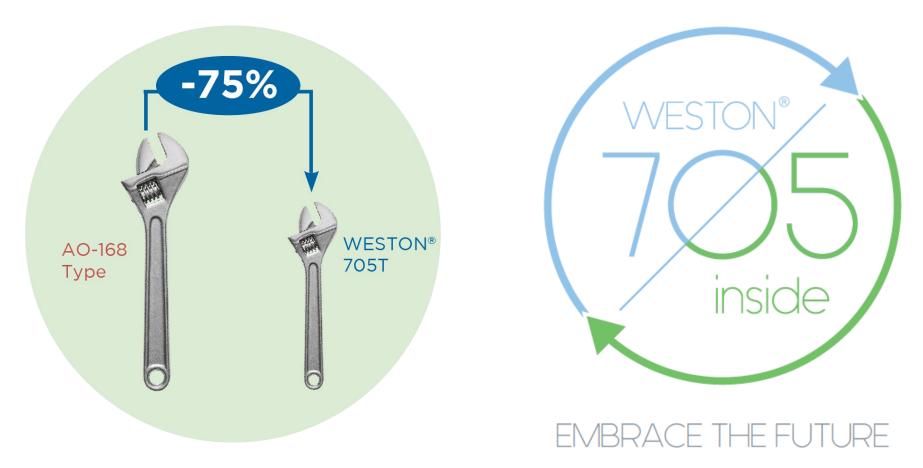




#### WESTON<sup>®</sup> 705: LESS GEL FORMATION

#### WESTON<sup>®</sup> 705: REDUCED PLATE OUT





#### WESTON<sup>®</sup> 705 PROVIDES HIGHER PRODUCTIVITY: LESS DOWN-TIME

## **SUPPLY SECURITY**



#### Liquid and powder-free blend solutions Antwerp Belgium 60 Catenoy Waldkraiburg Morgantown, France Germany WV USA APAC: China S. Korea Latina Italy Al-Jubail Saudi Arabia Rio-Claro Brazil

#### GLOBAL MANUFACTURING TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE GLOBAL POLYOLEFIN INDUSTRY

#### **SUMMARY & CONCLUSIONS**

- 1. Weston<sup>®</sup> 705: high active phosphorus content
- 2. Containing well balanced fast & slow active components
- 3. Completely nonylphenol free
- 4. Wide global registrations and food contact approvals
- 5. Able to blend with other additives to create single dose liquid system
- 6. Synergistic performance when blended with other antioxidants
- 7. Higher in-polymer solubility compared to solid AO168 type
- 8. Superior in-polymer performance compared with AO 168 type phosphite
- 9. QC methods to quantify WESTON<sup>®</sup> 705 in polymer
- 10. Global supply network



#### WESTON<sup>®</sup> 705: HIGH PERFORMANCE LIQUID PHOSPHITE





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