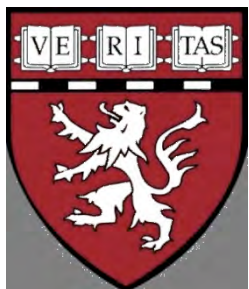


# Aggressive Aging of Cyclically Loaded Lipid-Doped UHMWPE

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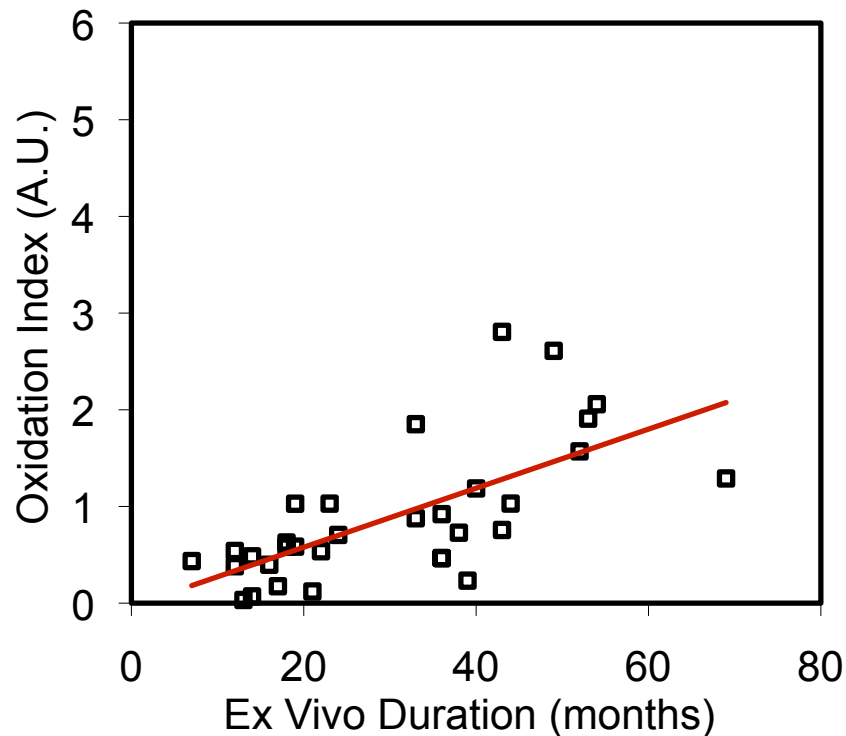


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# Background

## Explant Study



Irradiated and melted explants oxidized *ex vivo*



Oxidative stability reduced *in vivo*

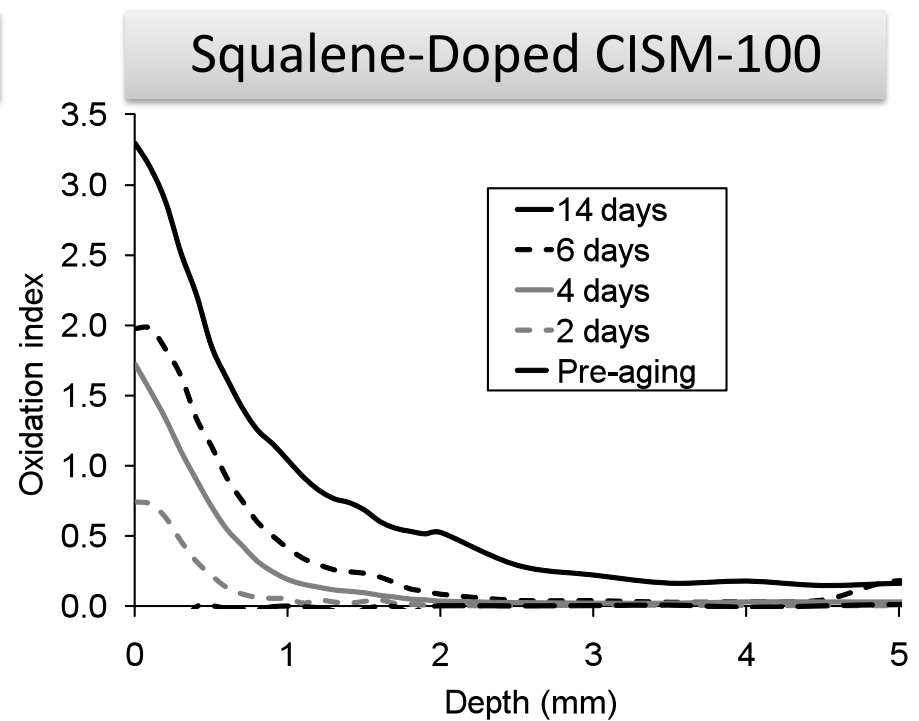
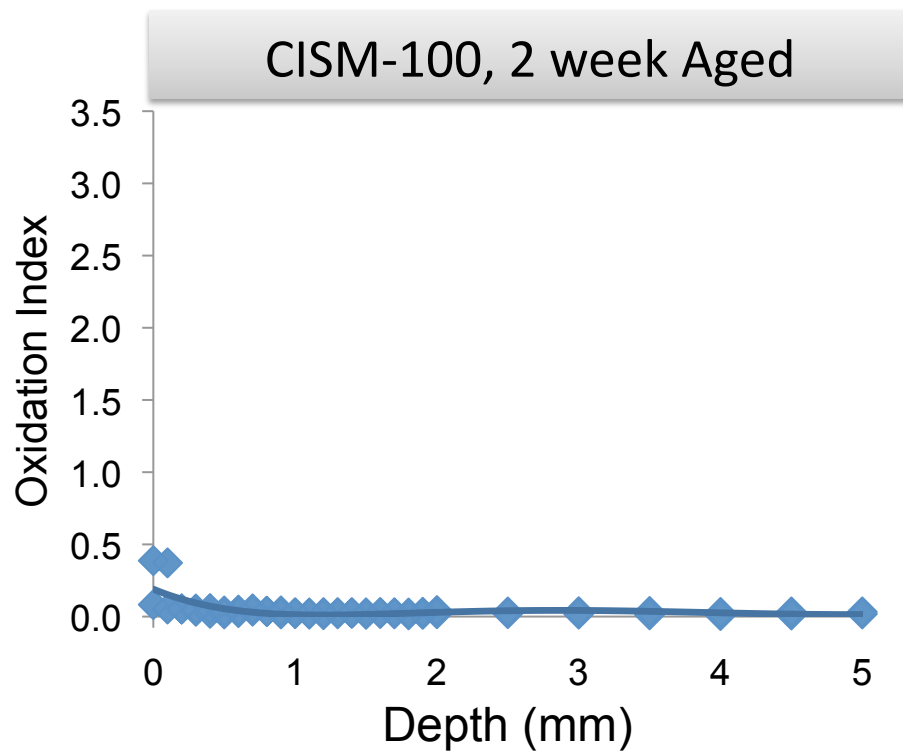


**Potential causes**

- Lipid induced
- Cyclic loading

# Background

## Aging Induced by Squalene



Source: Neils A, et al. ORS 2011 Poster #1180.

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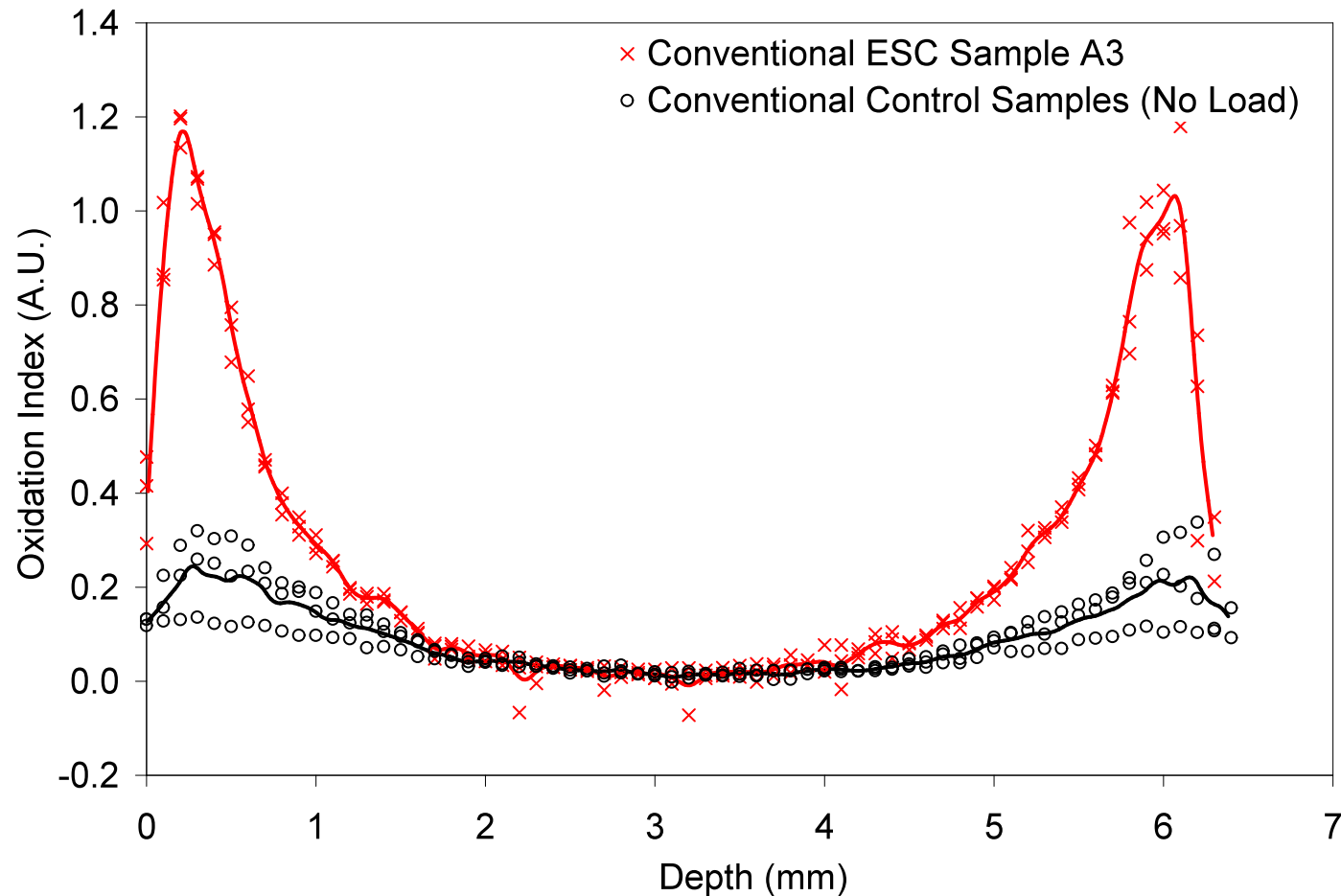
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## Aging Induced by Cyclic Loading – Conventional PE

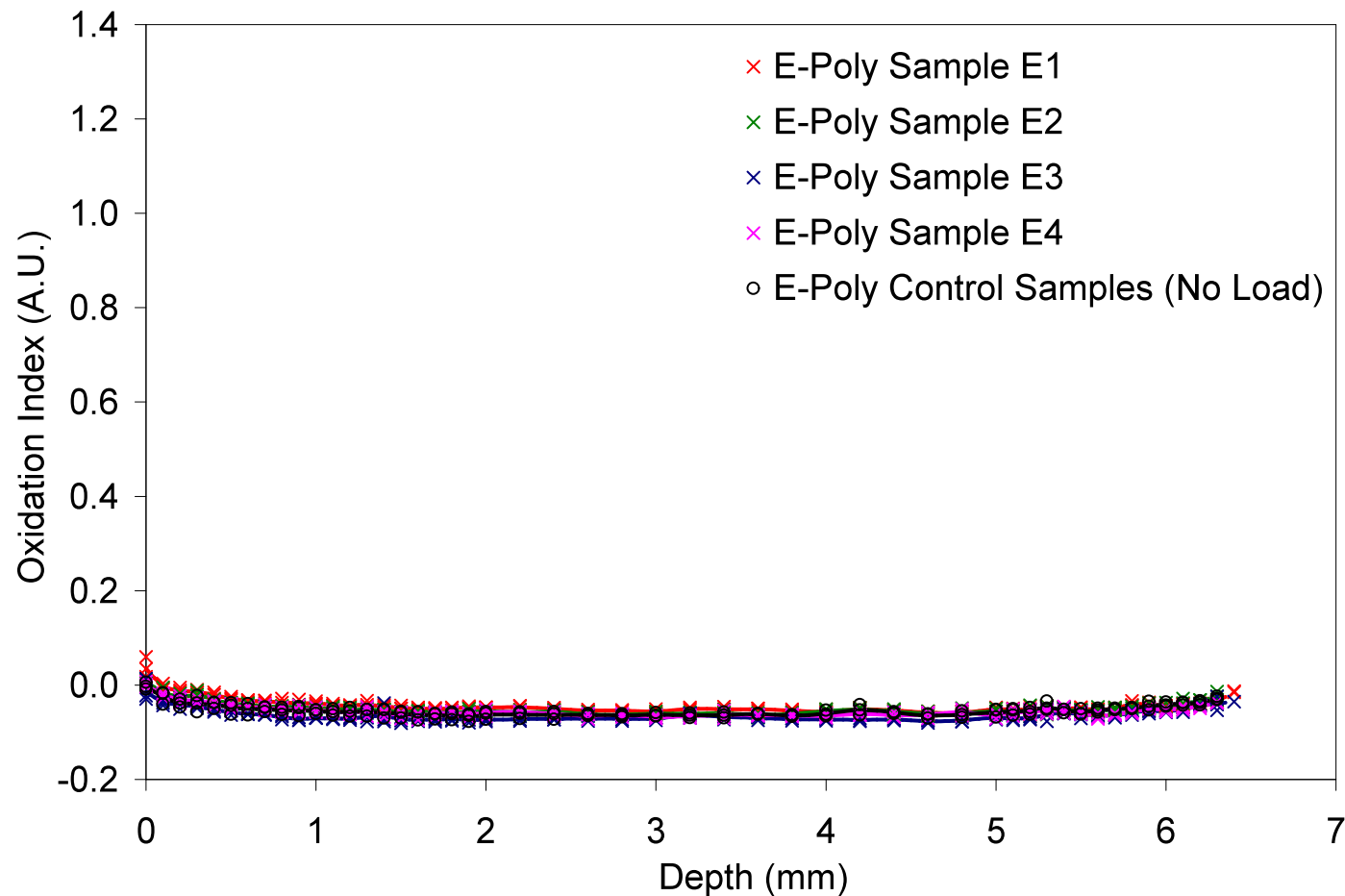


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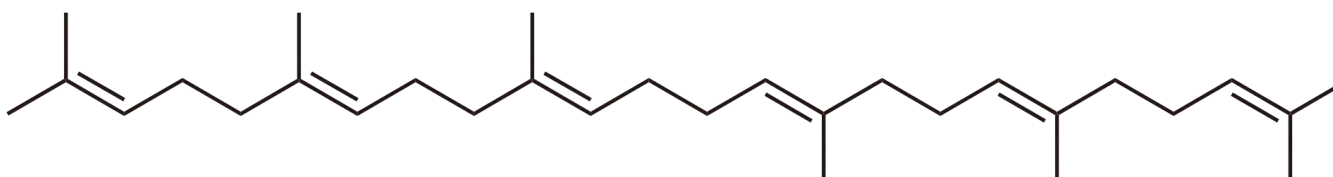
Aging Induced by Cyclic Loading – Vit E Diffused, Irradiated PE



# Purpose

Investigate the oxidative stability of squalene-doped UHMWPE subjected to cyclic loading

- Vitamin E Diffused, Irradiated
- Irradiated and Melted



Squalene



# Materials and Methods

**E-PE**: 100 kGy irradiated GUR1050, vitamin E diffused and homogenized, terminally gamma sterilized

**CISM-100**: 100 kGy irradiated GUR1050, subsequently melted

## **Groups:**

- 1) Lipid-Doped E-PE
- 2) Lipid-Doped CISM-100
- 3) Non-Doped CISM-100

ASTM D671 – Type A





# Materials and Methods

## Squalene Doping

**Goal:** match the squalene absorption of E-PE to that of CISM-100 doped for 4 hrs

- Doping Temperature: 55°C
- Initial experiments determined E-PE doping time
- Gravimetric Doping Results

CISM-100:       $16 \pm 0.5$  mg (4.0 hrs)

E-PE:             $19 \pm 1$  mg    (7.1 hrs)



# Materials and Methods

## Parameters

- Environment: **80°C in Air**
- Cyclic Load:
  - Alternating Stress: **10 Mpa**
  - Frequency: **0.5 Hz**
  - **5 weeks** ( $1.5 \times 10^6$  cycles)

Testing Chamber



# Materials and Methods

## Alternating Stress

Assuming a case of pure bending, the load required to produce the tensile/compressive stresses are given by:

$$P = \frac{Sbd^2}{6L}$$

Where:

$P$  = load to be applied to the specimen

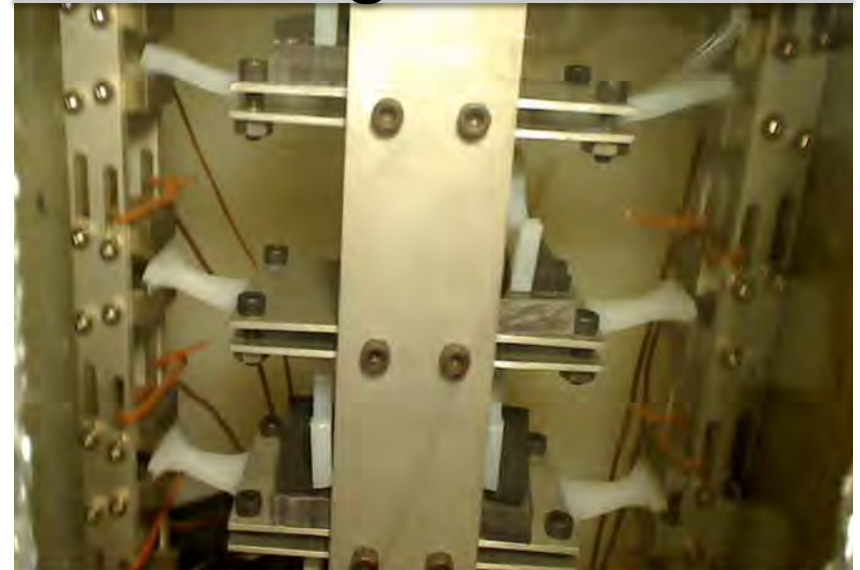
$S$  = desired alternating stress

$b$  = specimen test width (20.6 mm)

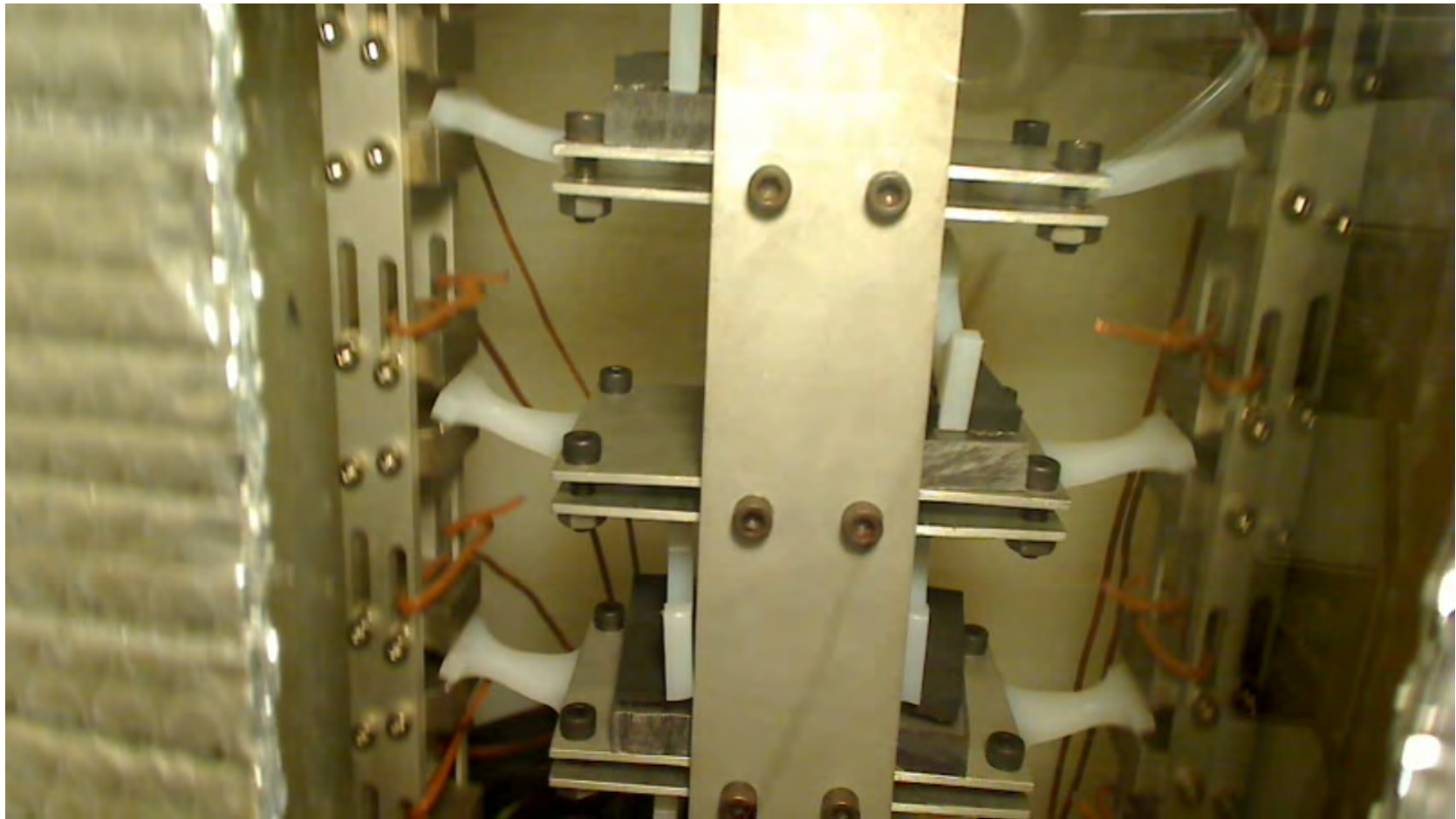
$d$  = specimen thickness (6.5 mm)

$L$  = test span (31.8 mm).

### Testing Chamber



# Demonstration Video



# Materials and Methods

## Analysis

FAILURE



OR

5 Weeks  
( $1.5 \times 10^6$  Cycles)



## FTIR for Oxidation (ASTM F2102)



# Results

## Survivorship

**Survival: completion of  $1.5 \times 10^6$  cycles of testing**

	Samples	Failed	Survivorship	Nf ( $10^6$ cycles)
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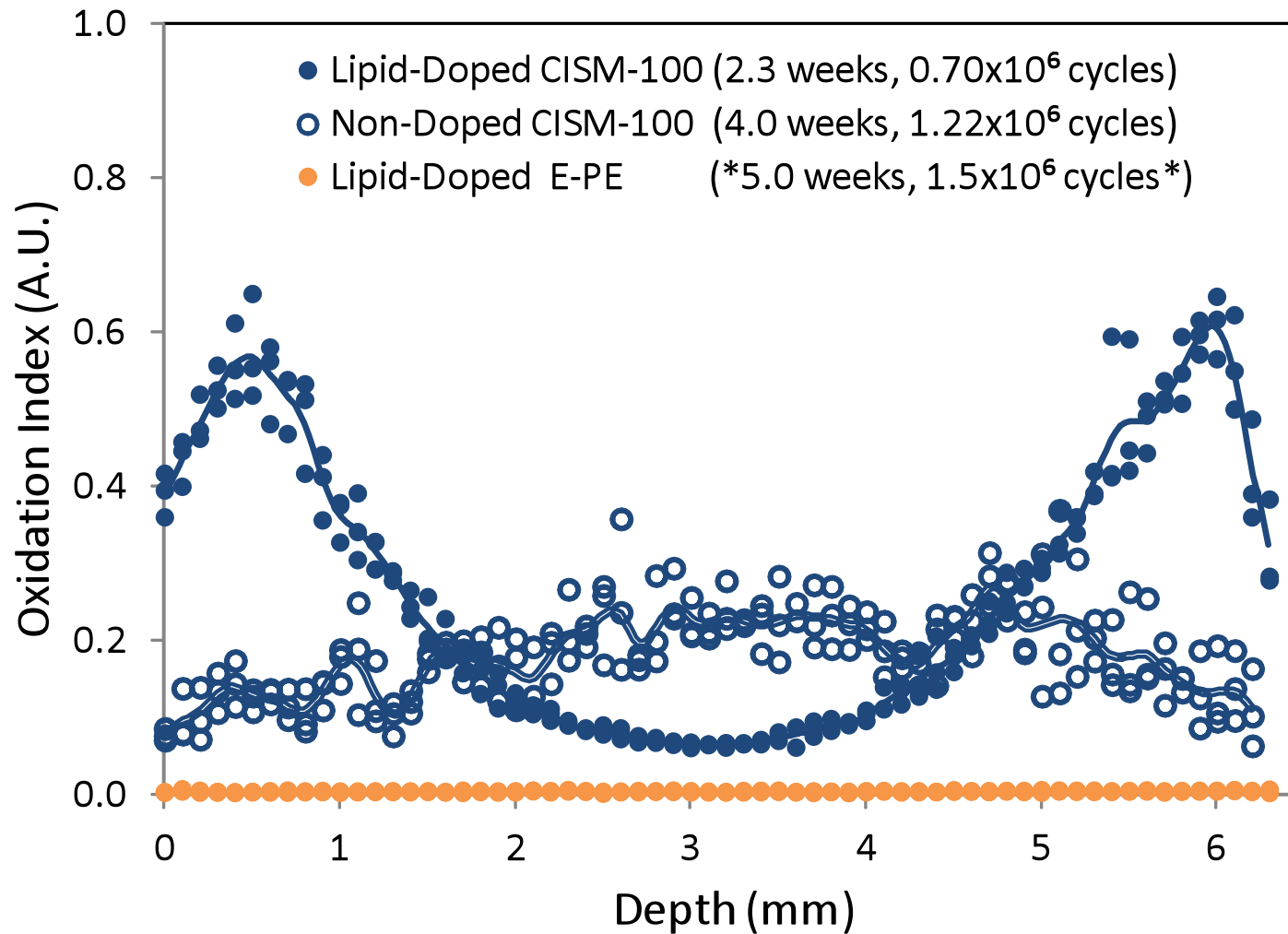
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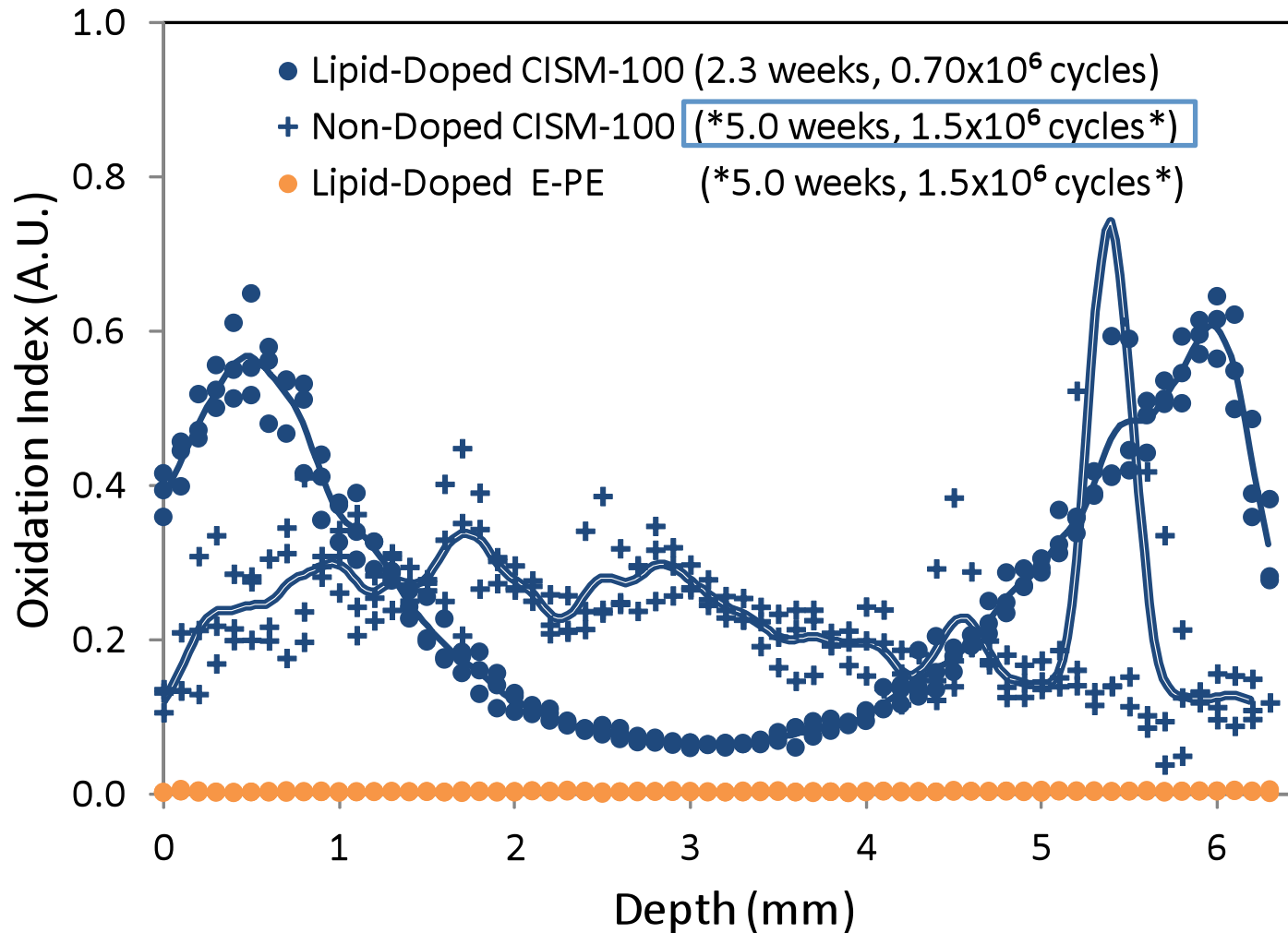
## Oxidation Profiles – Loaded Samples





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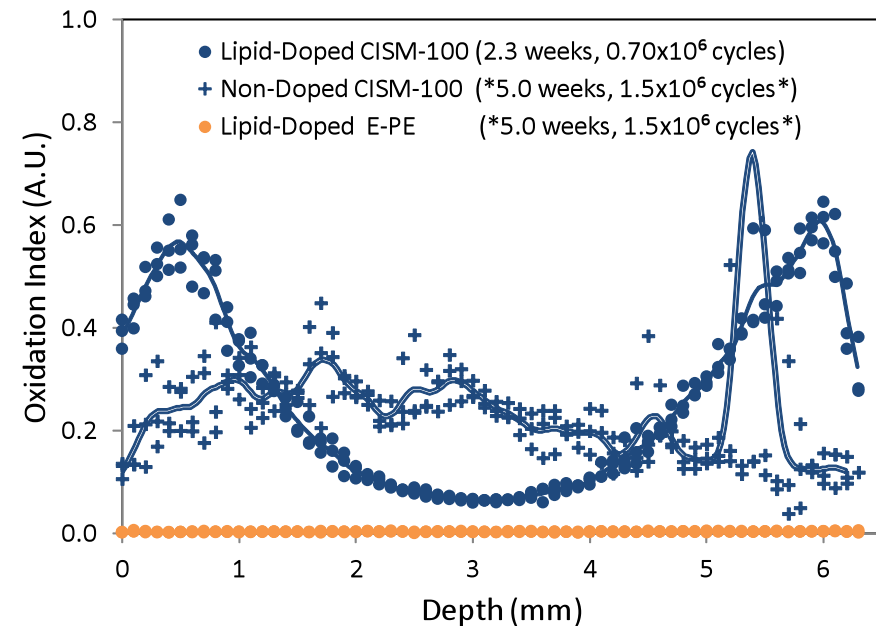
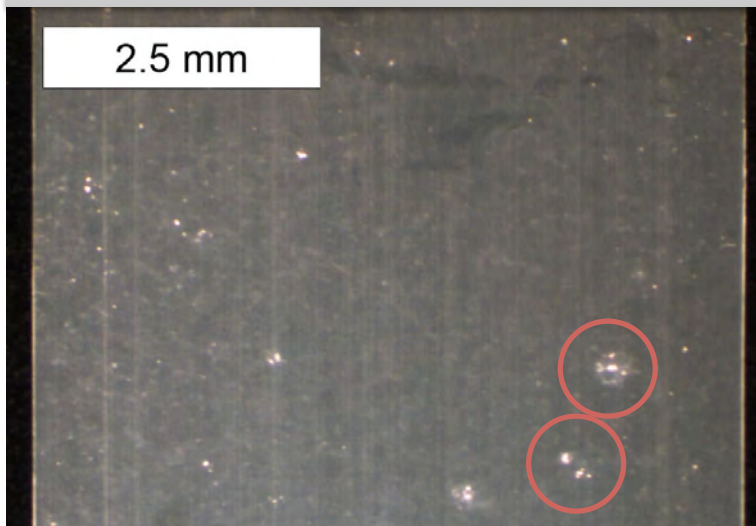
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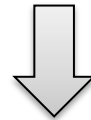
## Oxidation Pockets in Non-Doped CISM-100

Non-Doped CISM-100 Thin-Film



**Average Testing Duration: 4.6 weeks**

Slight inhomogeneities

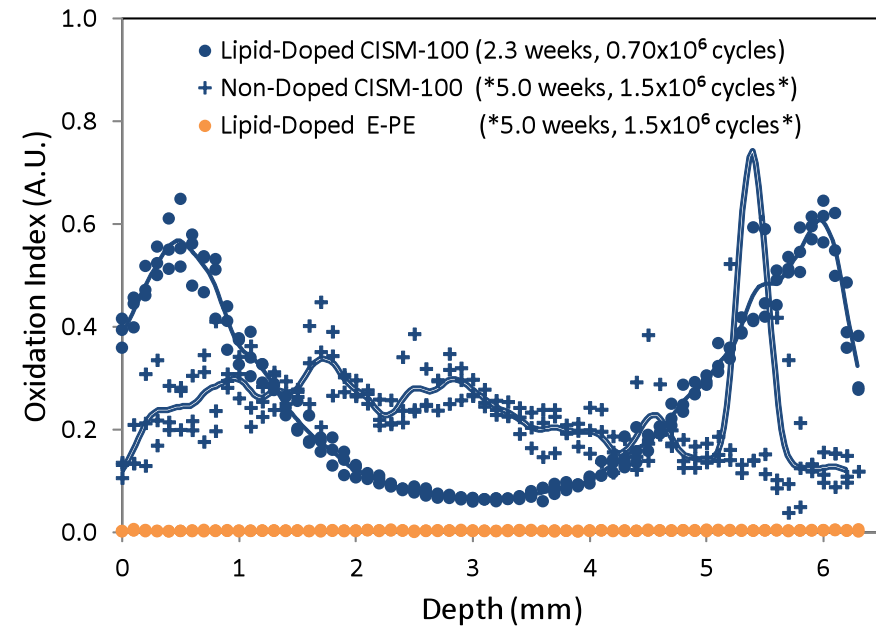
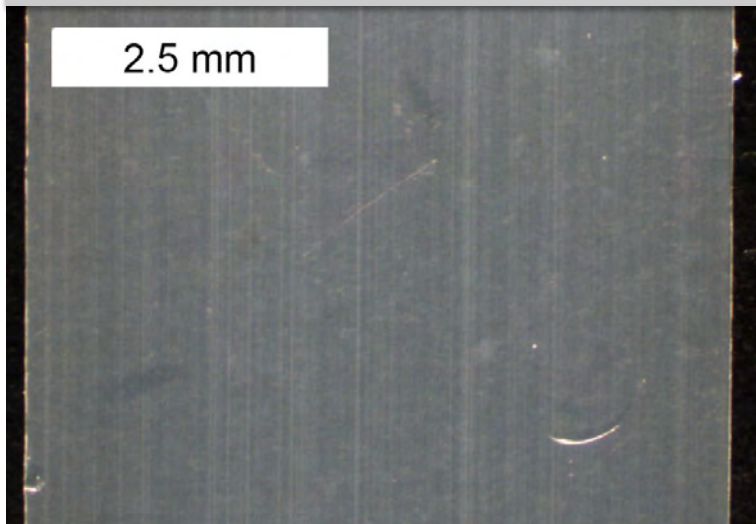


Concentrated oxidation pockets

# Results

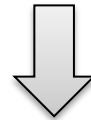
## Lipid-Doped CISM-100 Comparison

Lipid-Doped CISM-100 Thin Film



**Average Testing Duration: 2.5 weeks**

Pro-oxidant Squalene affected a more wide-spread sub-surface oxidation

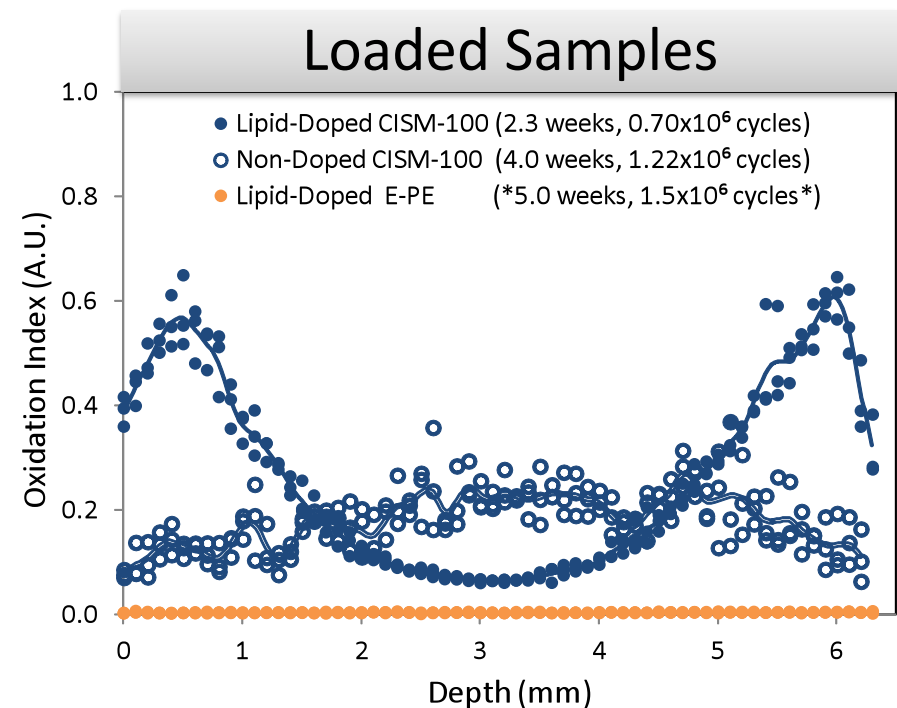
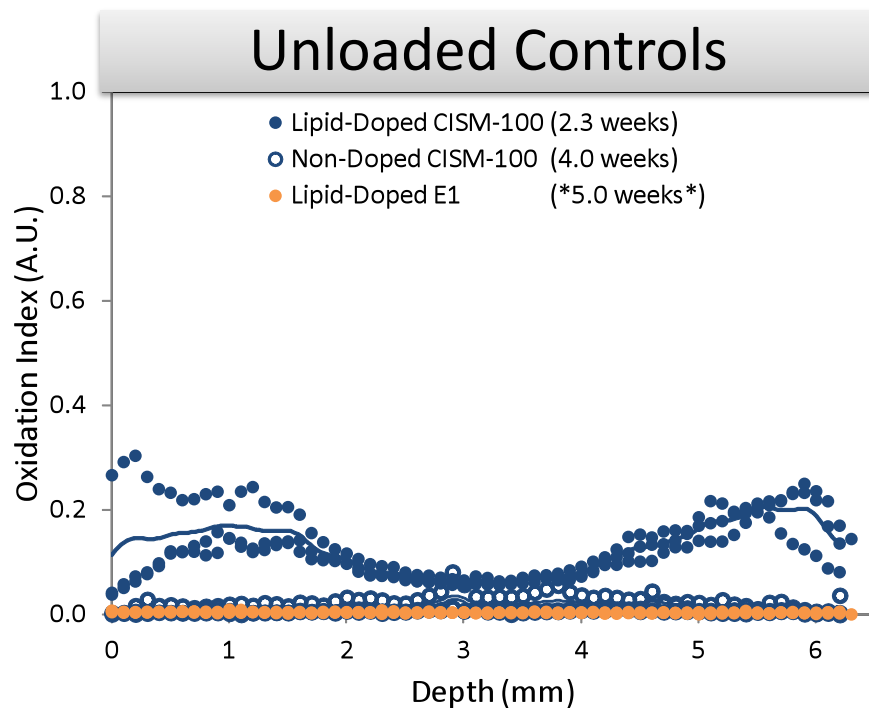


**Samples failed before concentrated oxidation pockets could form**



# Results

## Oxidation Profiles – Unloaded Controls

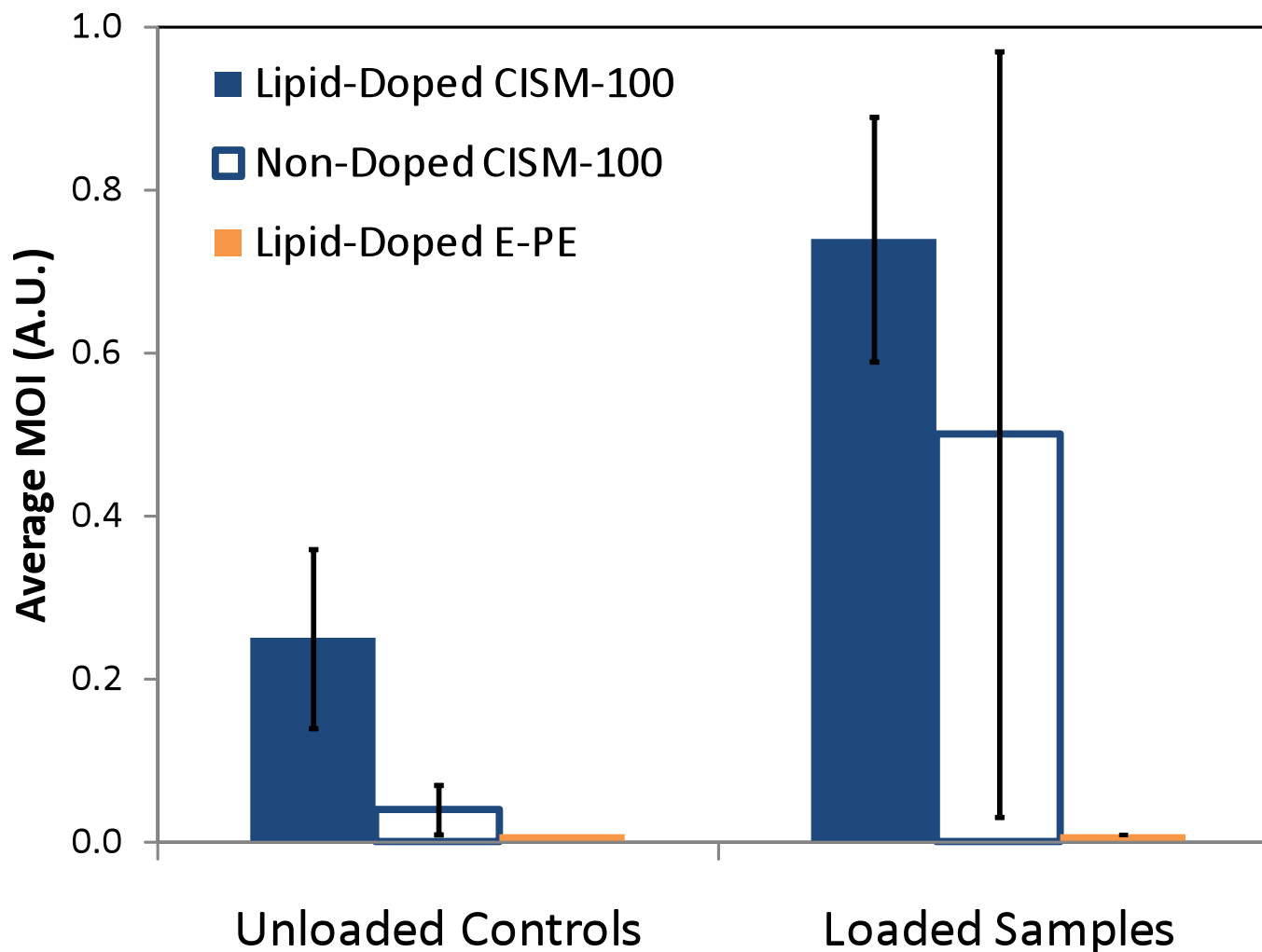


**\*Unloaded Controls exposed to 80°C as long as Loaded Samples**



# Results

## Average Maximum Oxidation Index



# Discussion

- Aggressive aging of Cyclically Loaded, Lipid-Doped UHMWPE lacks clinical relevance
- More comprehensive than standard accelerated aging tests
  - Lipids
  - Cyclic-Load
- Long term clinical studies needed for validation



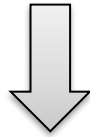
# Future Work

- Match the lipid profile to explants
- Dope components with a clinically relevant blend of lipids found *in vivo*
- Currently conducting a parametric study to determine the effect of:
  - Stress
  - Frequency
  - Temperature



# Conclusion

- CISM-100 oxidized and failed
  - Squalene → Oxidation
  - Cyclic Load → Oxidation
  - Squalene + Cyclic Load → Enhanced Oxidation
- E-PE survived and did not oxidize



**Vitamin E actively protects against oxidation induced by squalene and cyclic loading**







Thank you

