

Metals III

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Outline

- Introduction
 - Summary of previous lectures
 - Case study in controlling material structure:
Fine grained casting
- Light alloys
- Carbon steels
- Alloy steels
- Production, forming and joining of metals

Introduction

Summary of previous lectures

Materials selection

- Aim: select the best material for a given application
- Many \neq criteria must be taken into account
 - Physical properties (density, conductivity...)
 - Mechanical properties (yield stress, fatigue...)
 - Corrosion resistance
 - Bio-compatibility
 - Processability, formability
 - Cost
 - ...



Materials selection

- Aim: select the best material for a given application
 - Many \neq criteria must be taken into account
- \Rightarrow Need for a methodology
- \Rightarrow Need for database of materials properties

Data for metals

Table 1.6 Properties of the generic metals

Metal	Cost (UK£ (US\$) tonne ⁻¹)	Density (Mg m ⁻³)	Young's modulus (GPa)	Yield strength (MPa)	Tensile strength (MPa)
Iron	100 (140)	7.9	211	50	200
Mild steel	200-230 (260-300)	7.9	210	220	430
High-carbon steel	150 (200)	7.8	210	350-1600	650-2000
Low-alloy steels	180-250 (230-330)	7.8	203	290-1600	420-2000
High-alloy steels	1100-1400 (1400-1800)	7.8	215	170-1600	460-1700
Cast irons	120 (160)	7.4	152	50-400	10-800
Copper	1020 (1330)	8.9	130	75	220
Brasses	750-1060 (980-1380)	8.4	105	200	350
Bronzes	1500 (2000)	8.4	120	200	350
Nickel	3200 (4200)	8.9	214	60	300
Monels	3000 (3900)	8.9	185	340	680
Superalloys	5000 (6500)	7.9	214	800	1300
Aluminium	910 (1180)	2.7	71	25-125	70-135
1000 Series	910 (1180)	2.7	71	28-165	70-180
2000 Series	1100 (1430)	2.8	71	200-500	300-600
5000 Series	1000 (1300)	2.7	71	40-300	120-430
7000 Series	1100 (1430)	2.8	71	350-600	500-670
Casting alloys	1100 (1430)	2.7	71	65-350	130-400

Structure-insensitive

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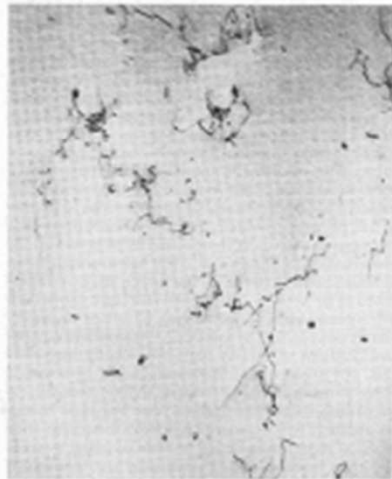
structure-dependent

Materials structure

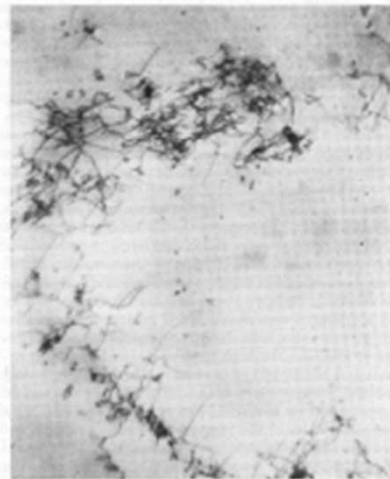
- Materials selection to fulfill desired properties
- Some properties of metals are **structure**-sensitive
 - Crystalline vs amorphous structure
 - Phases (solid solution, intermetallic compounds...)
 - Grain size and shape, grain and interphase boundaries
- How can we control the structure?
 - **Equilibrium** structure:
by playing with the **chemical composition**
 - **Out-of-equilibrium** structure:
by playing with phase transformations, plastic strain....

Materials structure

- How can we control the structure?
 - **Out-of-equilibrium** structure:
by playing with phase transformations, plastic strain....
 - Example 1: plastic deformation
Creation and propagation of crystalline defects



1% STRAIN

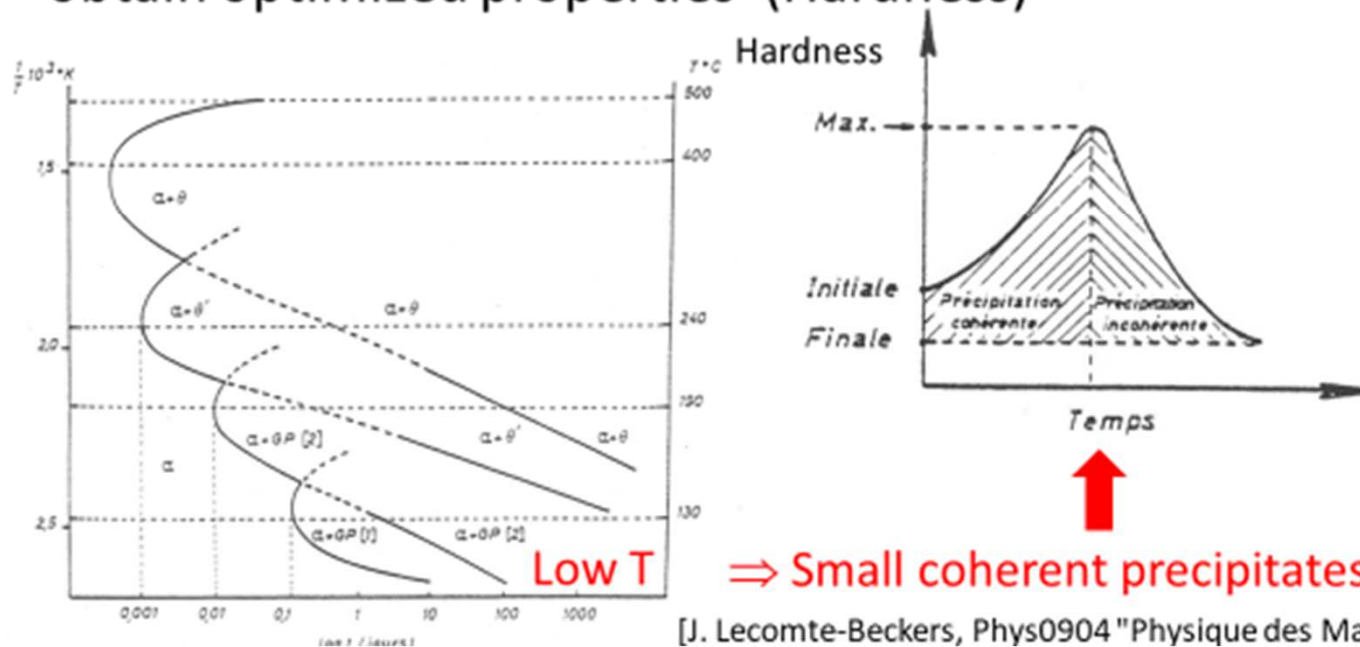


3.5% STRAIN

Dislocations density \uparrow
 \Rightarrow Entanglement
 \Rightarrow Dislocations glide
more difficult
 \Rightarrow Strength \uparrow
 \Rightarrow **Work hardening**

Materials structure

- How can we control the structure?
 - **Out-of-equilibrium** structure:
by playing with phase transformations, plastic strain....
 - Example 2: Intermetallic compounds
Heat treatment to control the formation of Al_2Cu and obtain optimized properties (Hardness)



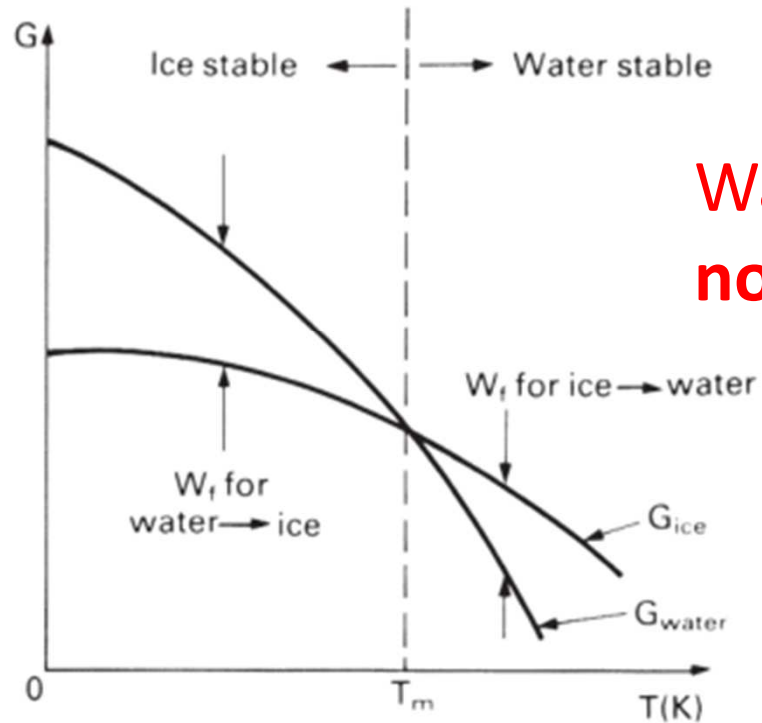
[J. Lecomte-Beckers, Phys0904 "Physique des Matériaux"]

Background on structural change

- Is change **possible**? \Rightarrow Driving force

Driving force for solidification

Water might
perhaps solidify
into ice
 \Rightarrow **Kinetics**

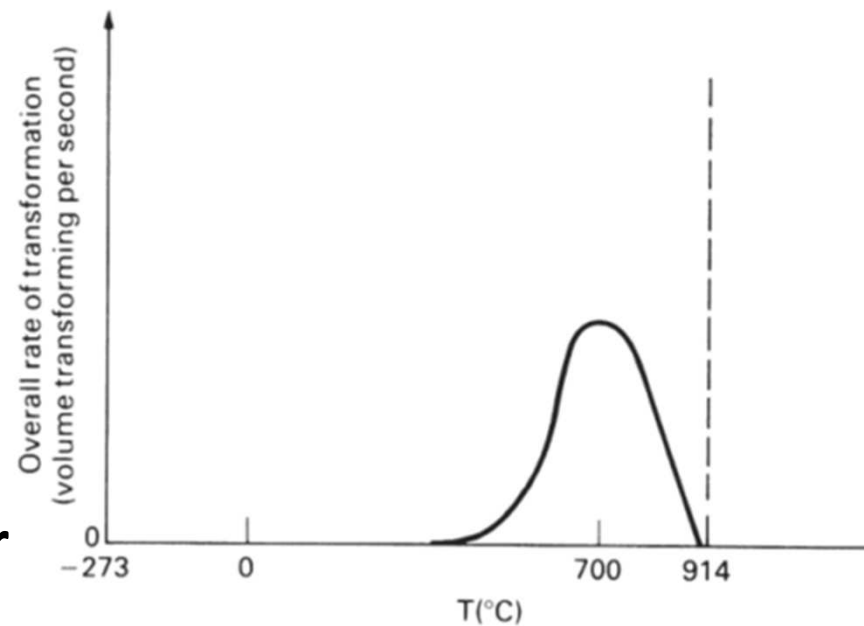


Water will
not solidify

Background on structural change

- Kinetics: What is the **speed** of change?
 - Kinetics depend on the mechanisms
 - Diffusion
 - Displacement
 - Nucleation
 - Homogeneous
 - Heterogeneous
- Assume the pre-existence then growth of nuclei of the new phase

Overall rate of transformation depends on individual rates for nucleation and growth



Introduction

Case study: Fine grained casting

Casting

- Suitable for relatively complex shape
- Solidification structure? Grains?



[P. Nyssen, CRM]

[<http://www.bluemaize.net/arts-crafts-sewing/metal-casting>]

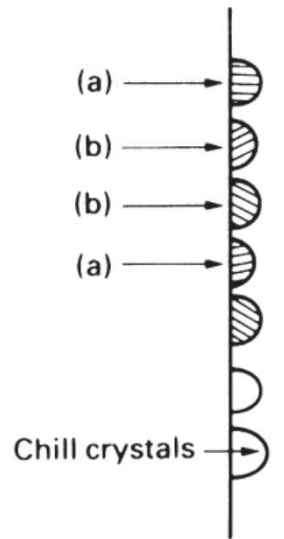


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Casting

- Solidification structure? Grains?

Stage 1:



Stage 1

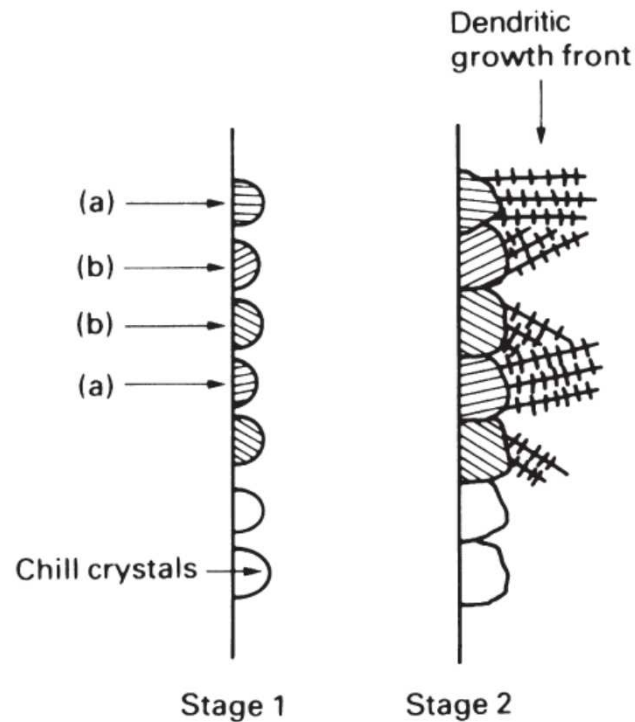
Small solid crystals nucleate on the cold walls of the mould = "chill" crystals

⇒ Heterogeneous nucleation

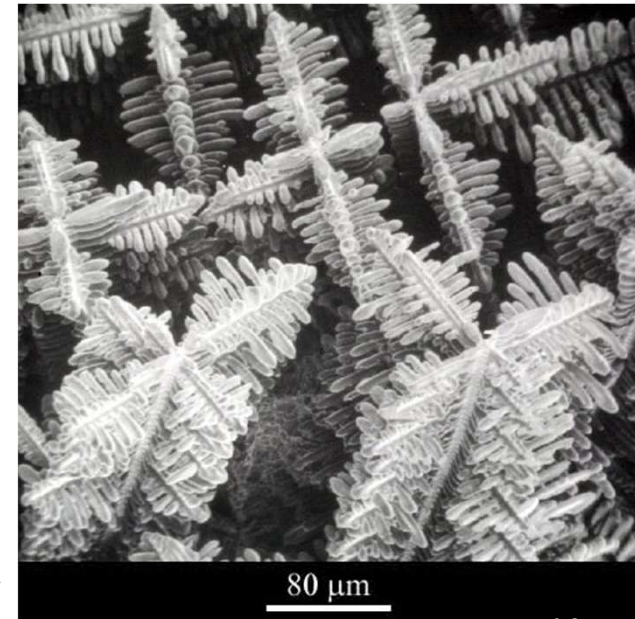
Casting

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Stage 2:



"Chill" crystals grow into the liquid
Common morphology in metals:
Dendrites

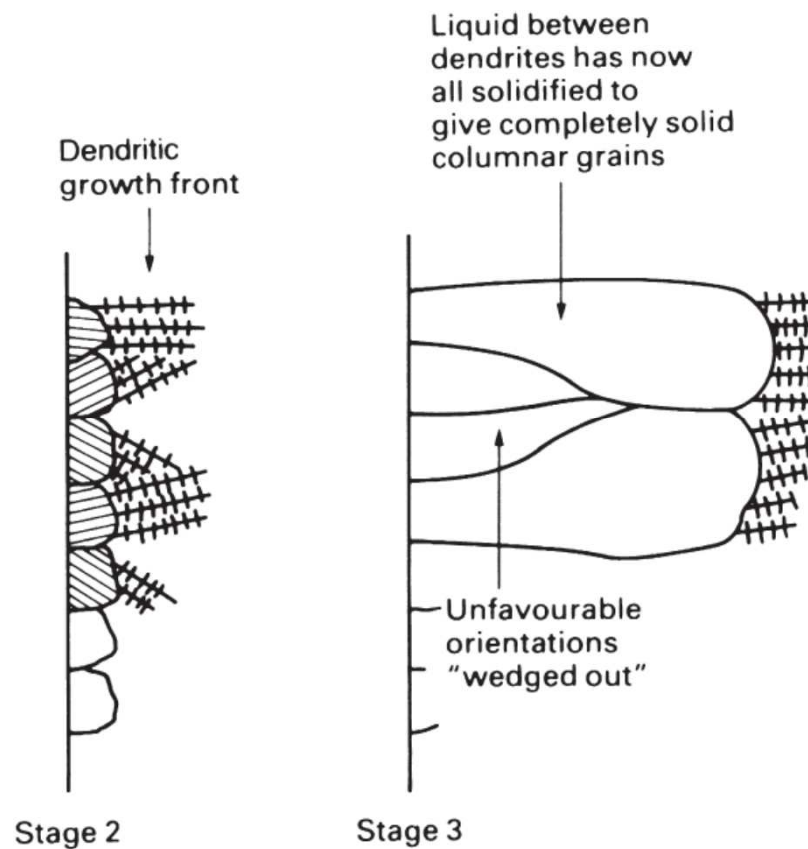


[M.F. Ashby and D.R.H. Jones,
Engineering Materials, vol. 2]

[https://www.doitpoms.ac.uk/tlplib/solidification_alloys/dendritic.php]

Casting

- Solidification structure? Grains?



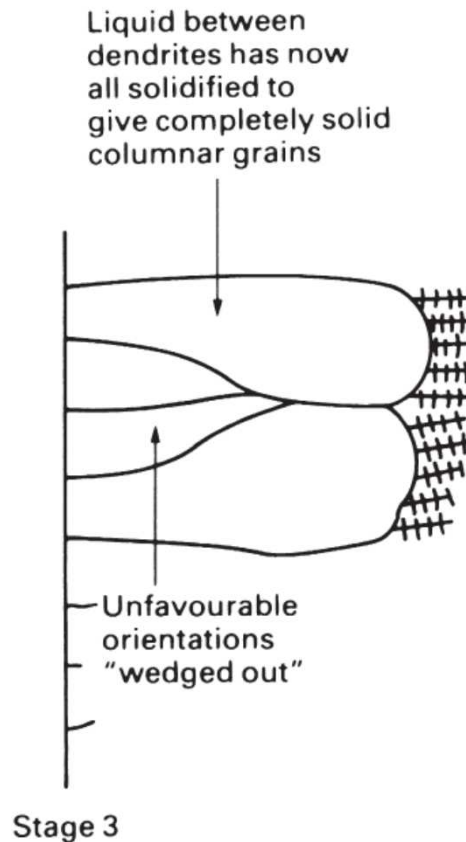
Stage 3:

Dendrites keep growing
Their arms impinge against
each other

⇒ **Columnar grains**

Casting

- Solidification structure? Grains?



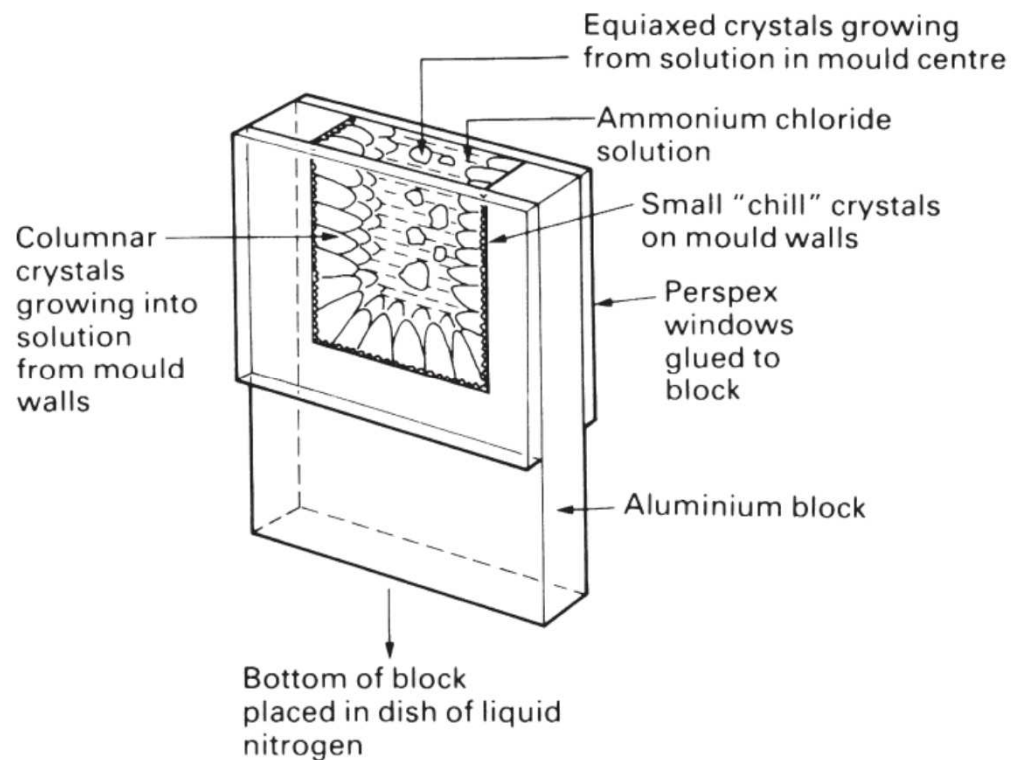
Columnar grains

- Coarse structure: not favourable for mechanical properties
- Impurities or alloying elements get "pushed" ahead of the solidification front

⇒ **Segregation**

Casting

- Solidification structure? Grains?



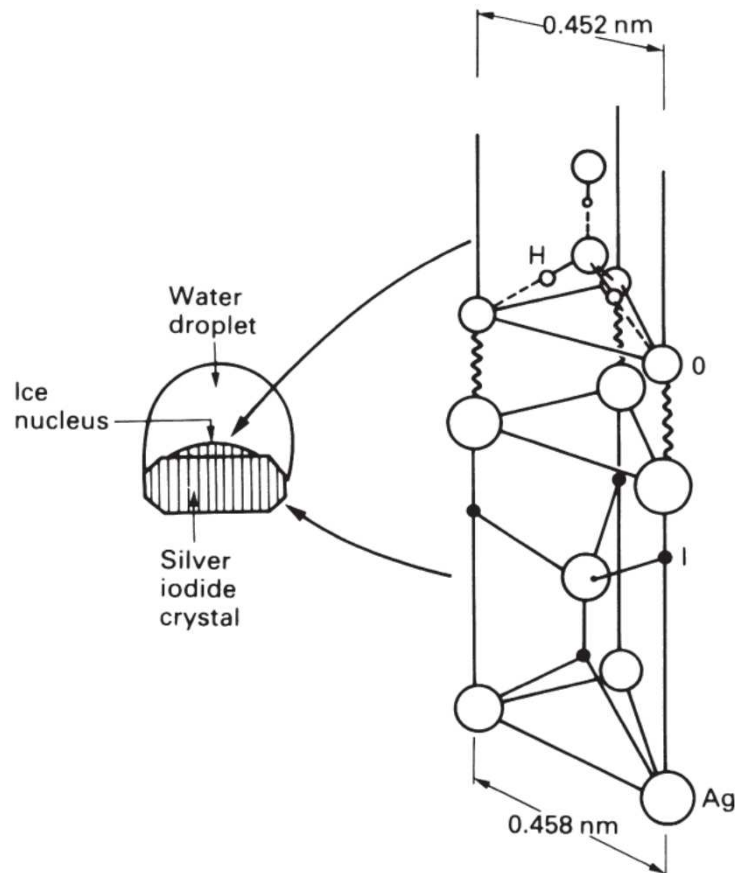
Stage 4:

Crystals nucleate on "dirt" and grow in the melt centre

⇒ **Equiaxed grains**

Casting

- How can we improve the solidification structure?



Use of **inoculants**
to favour equiaxed grain
structure throughout
the part

E.g.: AgI for ice

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 - Magnesium, Aluminium, Titanium
- Carbon steels
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Light alloys

Alloys with density $\leq 4,5 \text{ kg/dm}^3$

Light alloys

- 14 metallic elements with density $\leq 4,5 \text{ kg/dm}^3$
- 3 are useful for structural applications

Table 10.1 The light metals

<i>Metal</i>	<i>Density (Mg m⁻³)</i>	<i>T_m(°C)</i>	<i>Comments</i>
Titanium	4.50	1667	High T_m – excellent creep resistance.
Yttrium	4.47	1510	Good strength and ductility; scarce.
Barium	3.50	729	
Scandium	2.99	1538	Scarce.
Aluminium	2.70	660	
Strontium	2.60	770	Reactive in air/water.
Caesium	1.87	28.5	Creeps/melts; very reactive in air/water.
Beryllium	1.85	1287	Difficult to process; very toxic.
Magnesium	1.74	649	
Calcium	1.54	839	Reactive in air/water.
Rubidium	1.53	39	Creep/melt; very reactive in air/water.
Sodium	0.97	98	
Potassium	0.86	63	
Lithium	0.53	181	

Light alloys

- Mg, Al and Ti alloys were 1st developed for aerospace and transportation
- Mg and Ti alloys are also widely used in biomedical applications
- Al is also used in packaging (beverage can...)



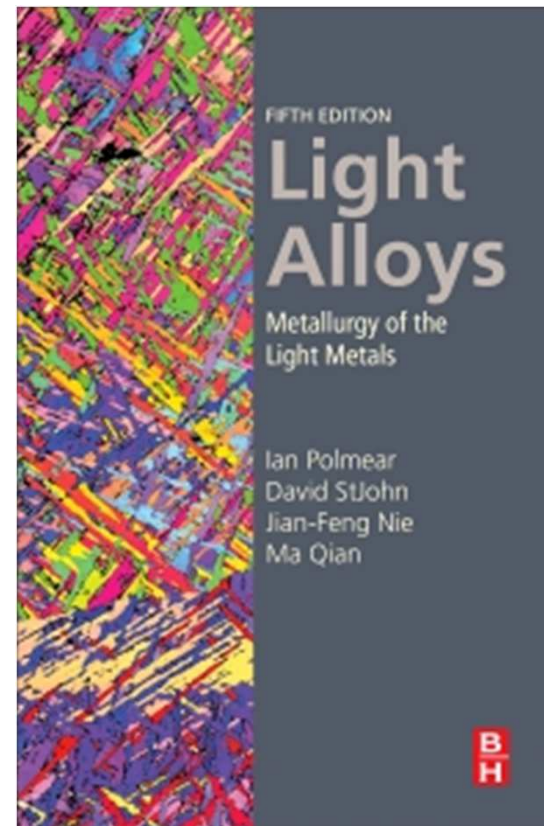
Mg bioabsorbable stent

[<http://archiv.ethlife.ethz.ch/images/magnesiumstent-l.jpg>]



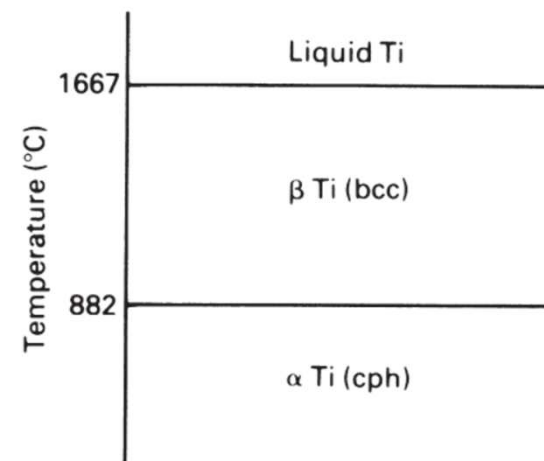
Light alloys

- A good reference:
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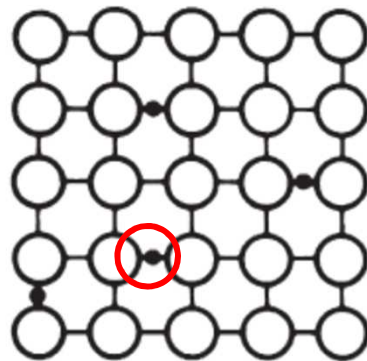
Light alloys

- 3 main strengthening mechanisms
 1. Solid solution hardening
 2. Age (or precipitation) hardening
 3. Work hardening
- + another mechanism in (some) Ti alloys:
 - Martensitic transformation



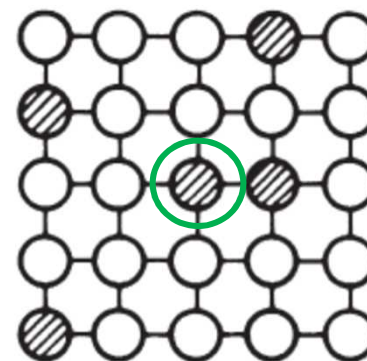
Solid solution strengthening (1)

- Alloying elements may be dissolved in the crystallographic lattice of the main element



Interstitial solution

e.g.: C in Fe



Substitutional solution

Solid solution strengthening (2)

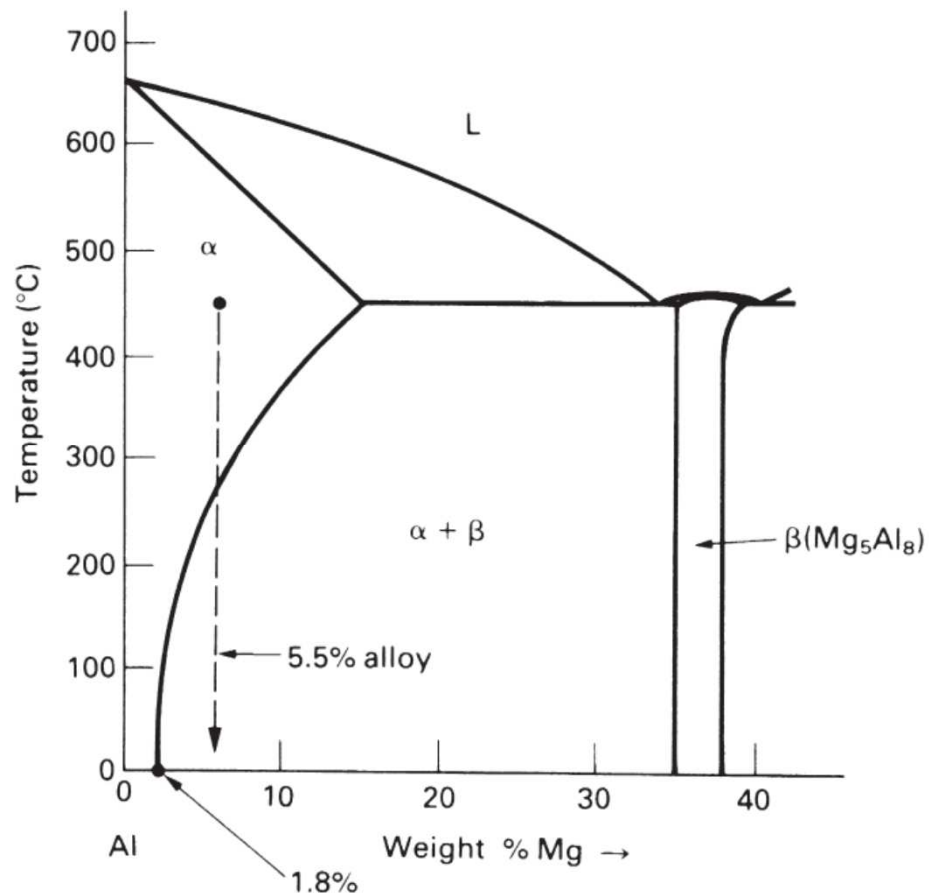
- Alloying elements may be dissolved in the crystallographic lattice of the main element
- Solute atoms \neq solvent atoms
 - \neq size, stiffness, charge...
 - Solute atoms cause lattice distortion and interact with dislocations, making dislocations glide more difficult:

$$\sigma_y \propto \varepsilon_s^{3/2} C^{1/2}$$

with C : solute concentration,
and ε_s : mismatch between solute and solvent atoms

Solid solution strengthening (3)

- 5xxx Al alloys (= Al-Mg alloys)

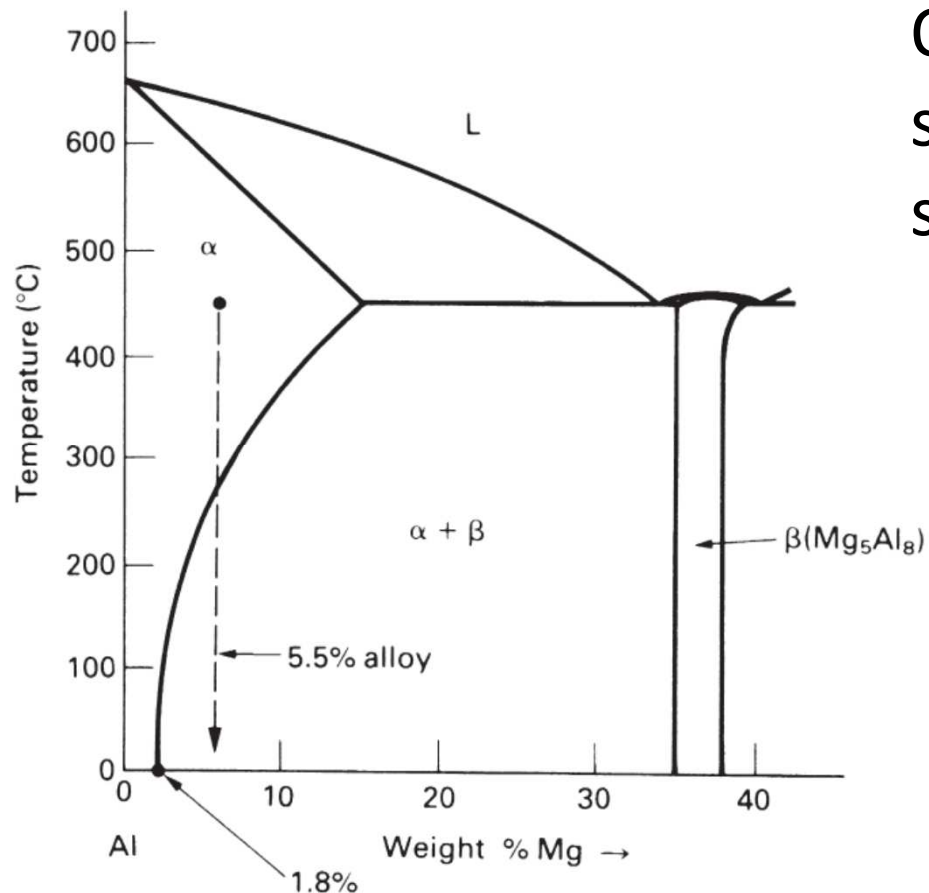


Obtention of a supersaturated solid solution up to 5,5 wt% Mg

1. Solution treatment at 450°C

Solid solution strengthening (4)

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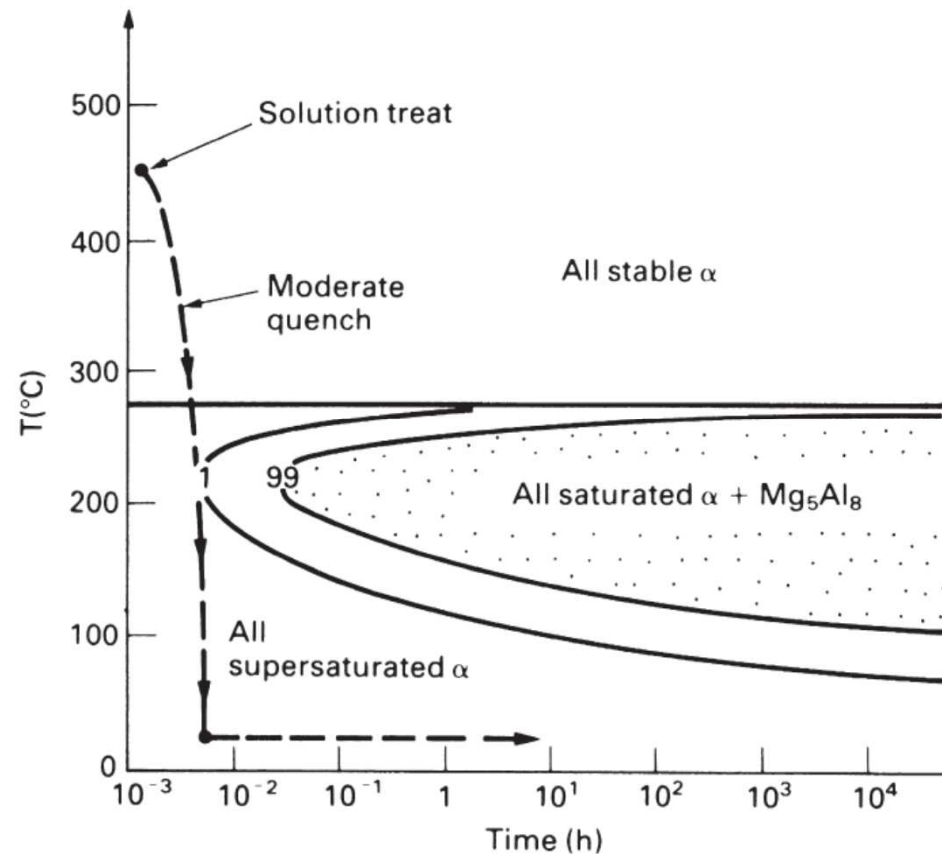
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2. Rapid cooling down to R.T. (below 275°C)

Solid solution strengthening (5)

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2. Rapid cooling below 275°C



Solid solution strengthening (6)

- 5xxx Al alloys (= Al-Mg alloys)

Table 10.3 Yield strengths of 5000 series (Al-Mg) alloys

<i>Alloy</i>	<i>wt% Mg</i>	σ_y (MPa) <i>(annealed condition)</i>
5005	0.8	40
5050	1.5	55
5052	2.5	90
5454	2.7	120
5083	4.5	145
5456	5.1	160

} supersaturated

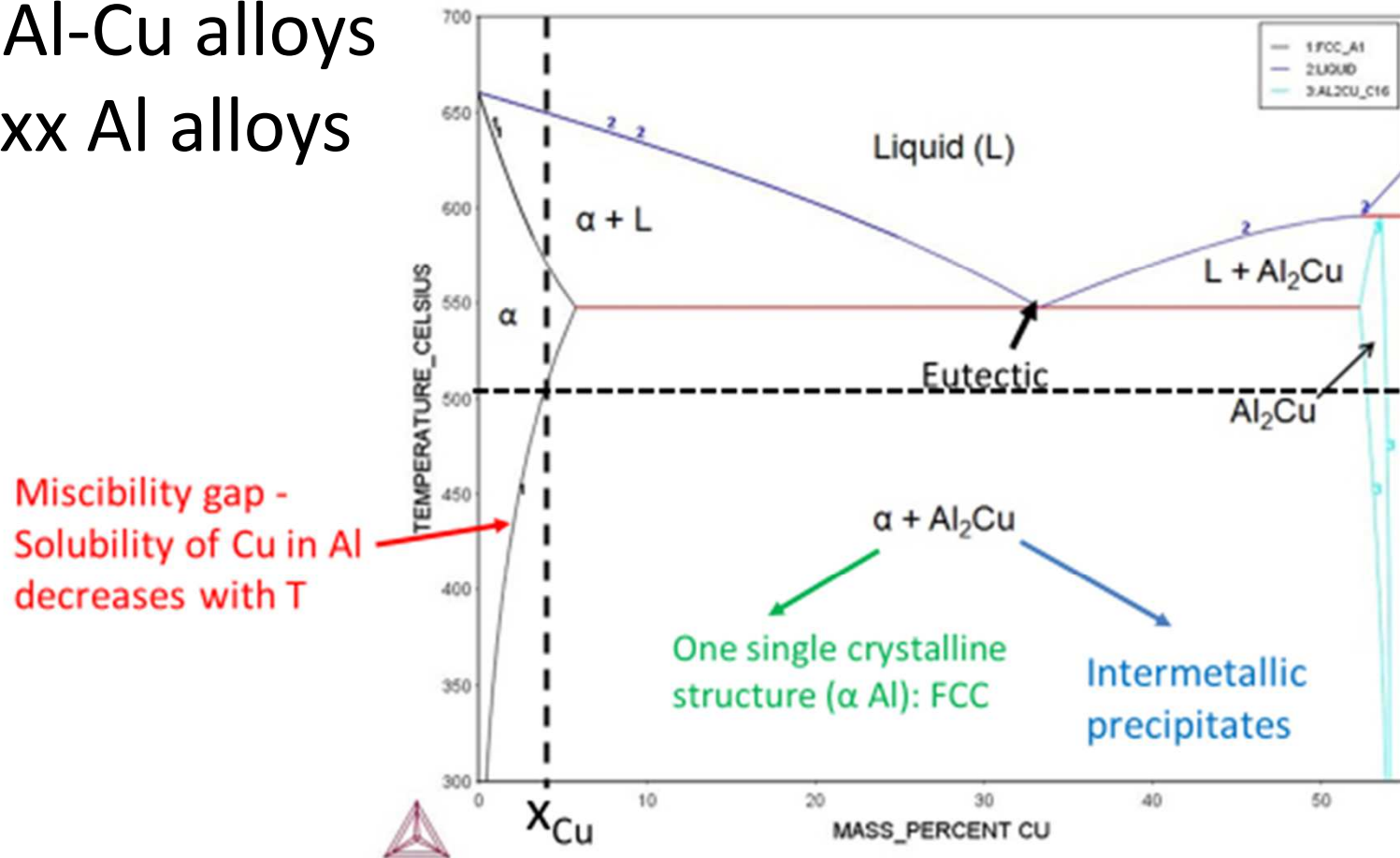
$\sigma_y \uparrow\uparrow$

Solid solution strengthening (7)

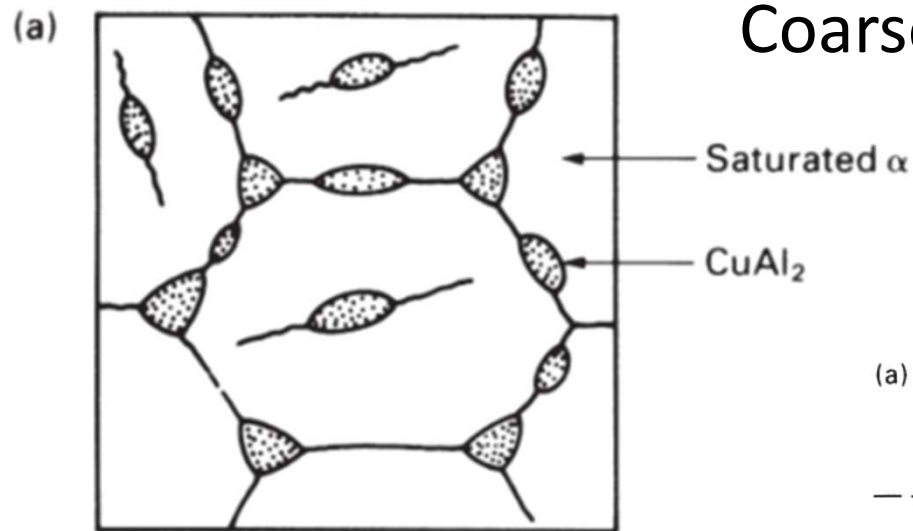
- Solid solution strengthening may occur in other Al alloys (simultaneously with other strengthening mechanisms)
- In other light alloys
 - Ti-6Al-4V: strengthened by solid solution of Al and V
 - Mg alloys may be solution strengthened by Li, Al, Ag and Zn

Age (precipitation) hardening (1)

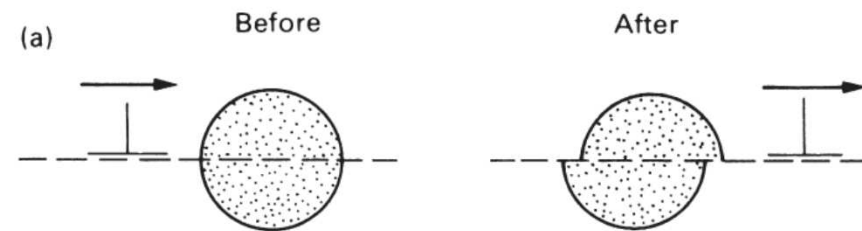
- In alloys with a miscibility gap!
E.g. Al-Cu alloys
= 2xxx Al alloys



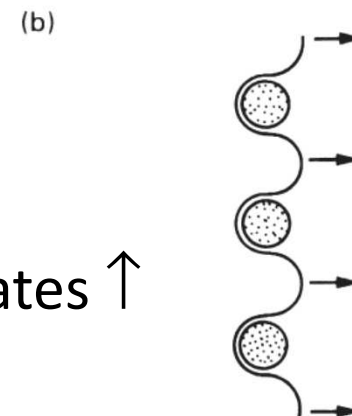
Age (precipitation) hardening (2)



Coarse widely spaced precipitates
Easily avoided by dislocations



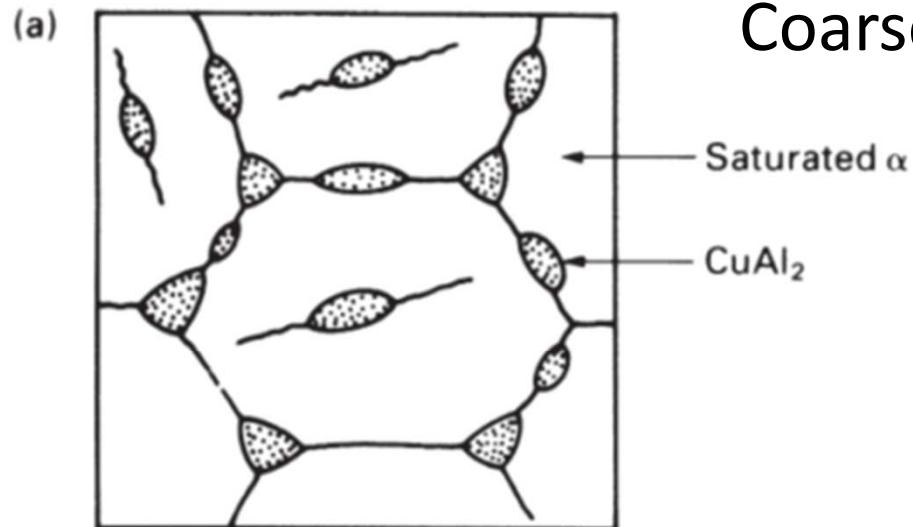
Cutting



Bowing

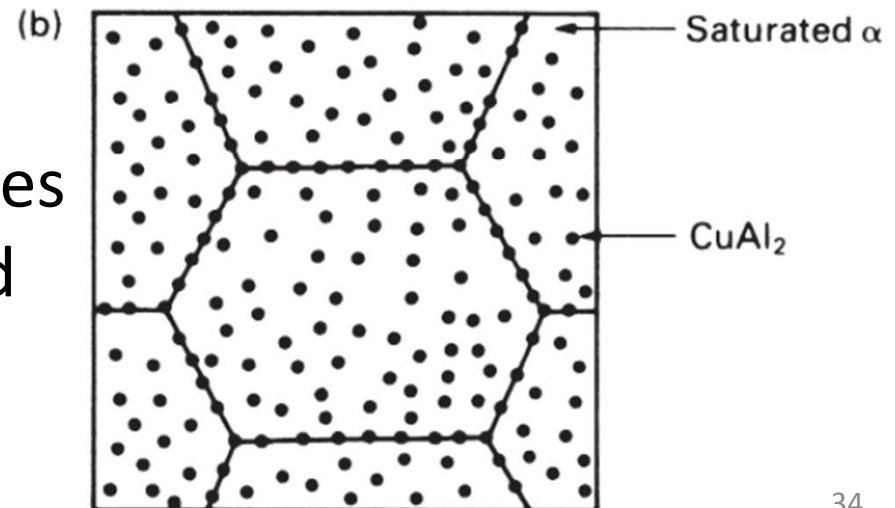
Bowing is easier when
distance between precipitates \uparrow

Age (precipitation) hardening (3)



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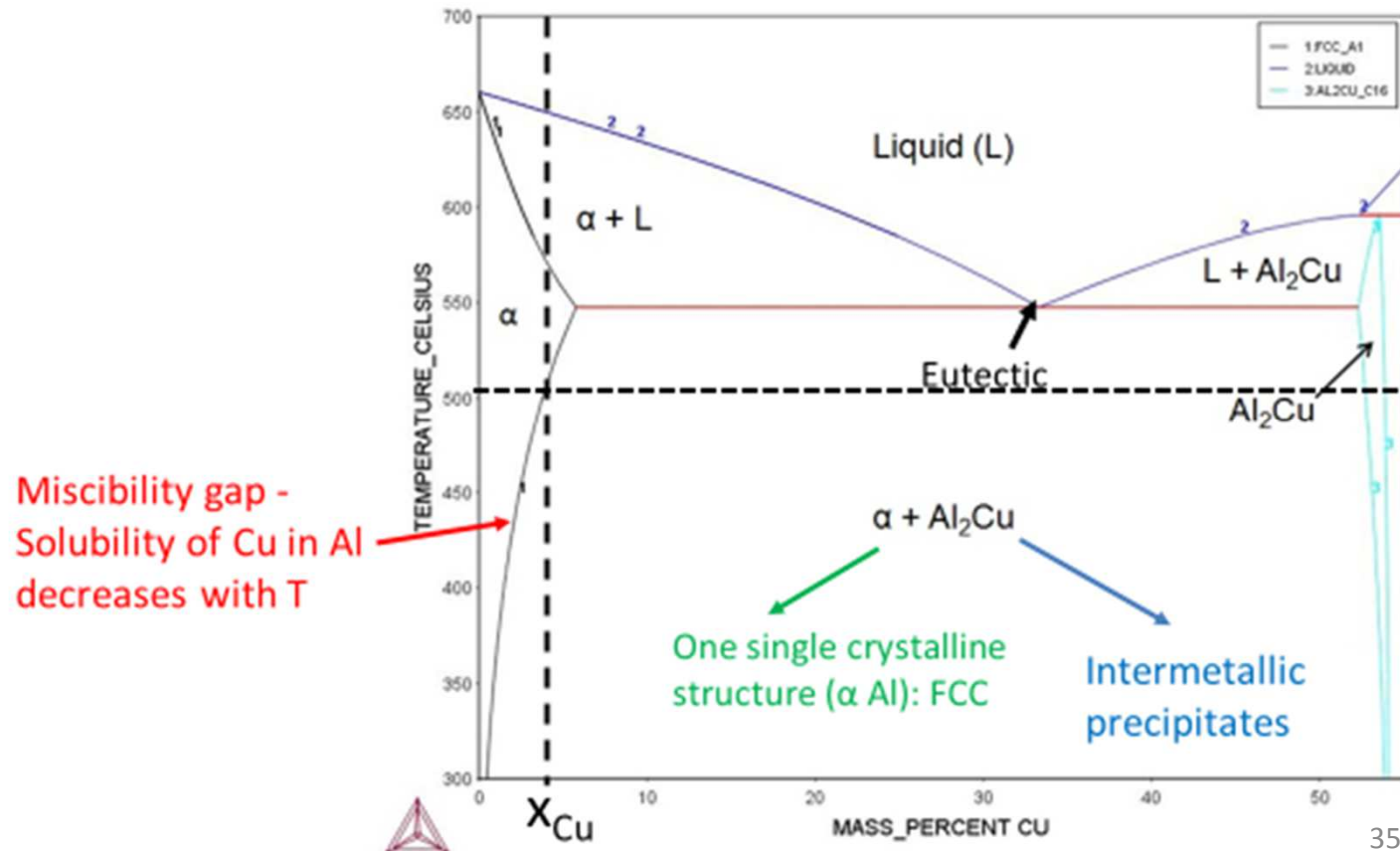
Small closely spaced precipitates
Dislocations cannot get around
them!



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Age (precipitation) hardening (4)

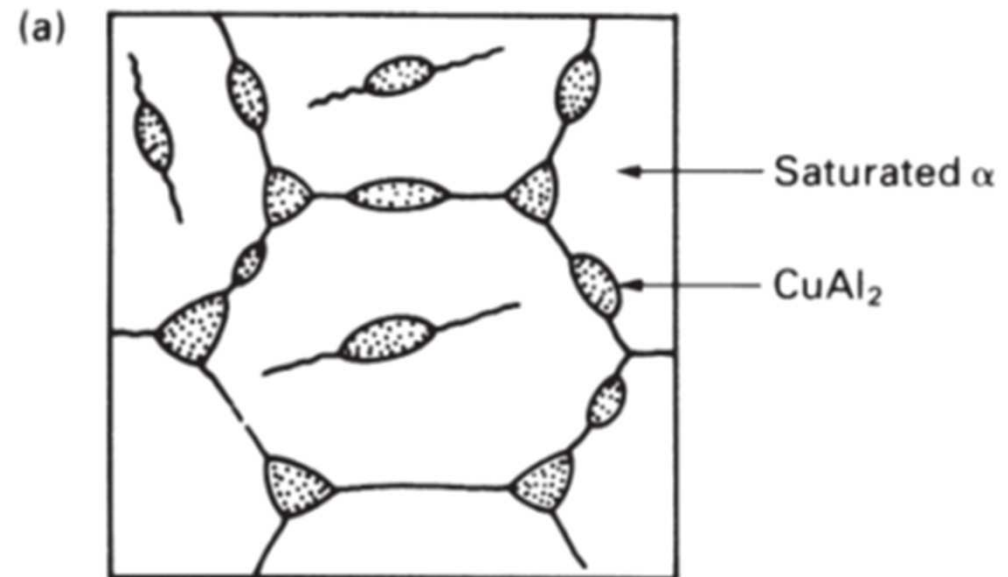
- In alloys with a miscibility gap!
Al - 4 wt% Cu at 550°C



Age (precipitation) hardening (5)

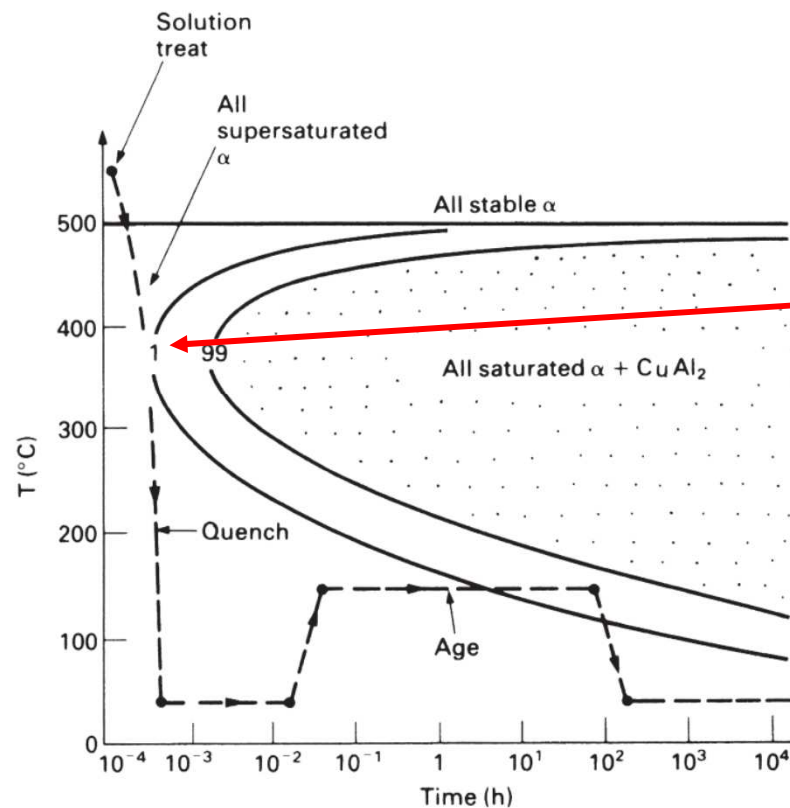
- Driving force for precipitate coarsening:
 $\Delta A = -4\pi\gamma(-0,17r_2^2)$
- Slow cooling from 550°C
⇒ Diffusion is fast
⇒ Growth rate ↑
- Nucleation rate ↓

Coarse Al_2Cu



Age (precipitation) hardening (6)

- Rapid cooling from 550°C = **Quench**
⇒ Supersaturated solid solution of Cu in Al



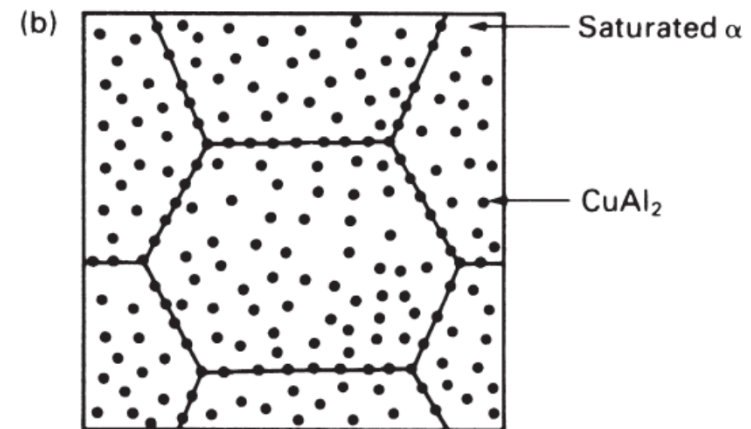
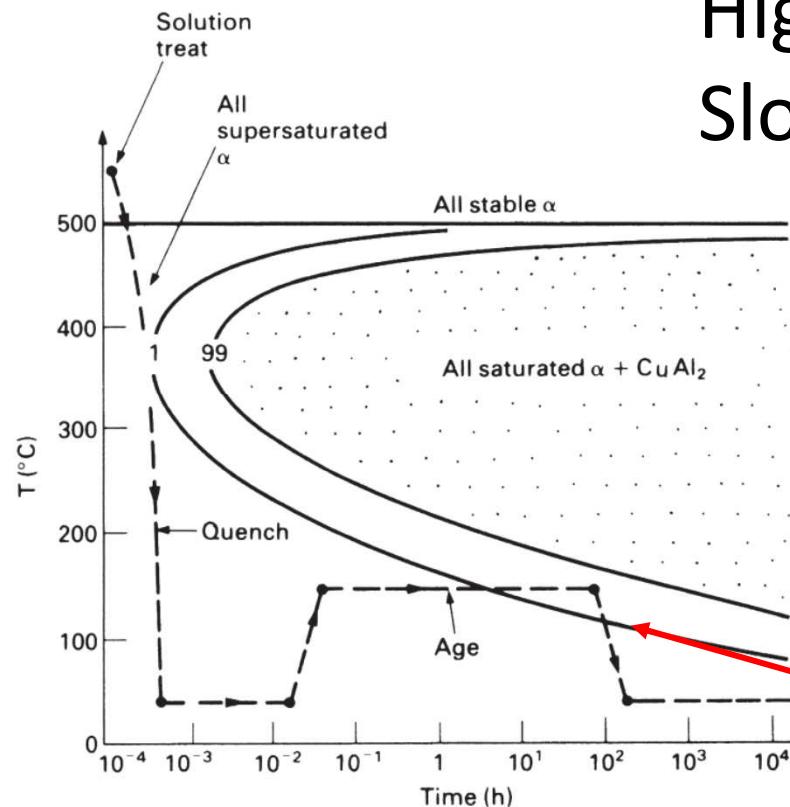
Avoid diffusive phase transformations

Age (precipitation) hardening (7)

- Rapid cooling from 550°C = Quench
- Isothermal hold at low $T \approx 150^\circ\text{C}$ = **Ageing**

High nucleation rate

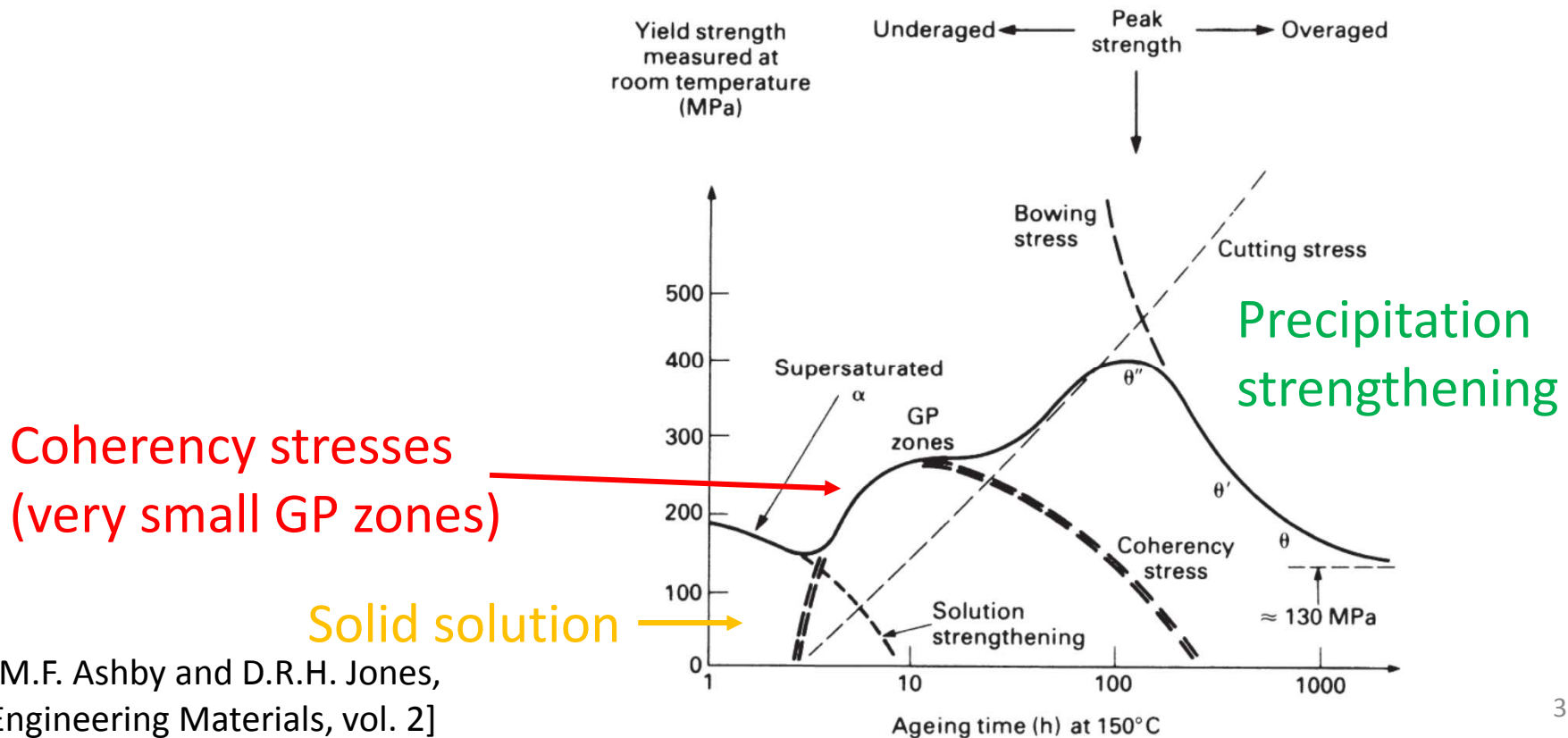
Slow diffusion = slow growth



Finely dispersed precipitates

Age (precipitation) hardening (8)

- Precipitation sequence is slow due to low atomic mobility. It is also more complex...
- At each stage: \neq strengthening mechanisms



[M.F. Ashby and D.R.H. Jones, Engineering Materials, vol. 2]

Age (precipitation) hardening (9)

- Other age-hardenable alloys
 - 6xxx and 7xxx Al alloys

Table 10.4 Yield strengths of heat-treatable alloys

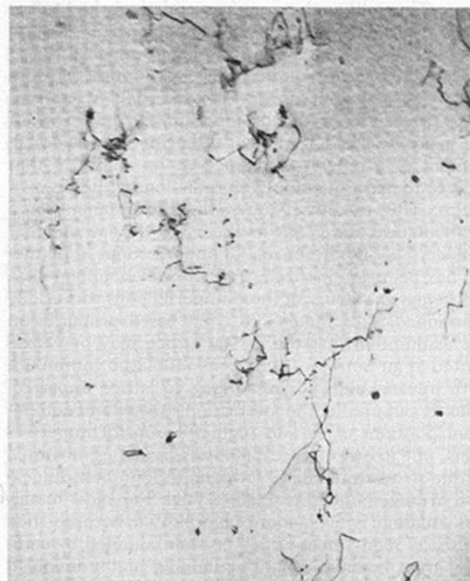
<i>Alloy series</i>	<i>Typical composition (wt%)</i>	σ_y (MPa)	
		<i>Slowly cooled</i>	<i>Quenched and aged</i>
2000	Al + 4 Cu + Mg, Si, Mn	130	465
6000	Al + 0.5 Mg 0.5 Si	85	210
7000	Al + 6 Zn + Mg, Cu, Mn	300	570

[M.F. Ashby and D.R.H. Jones, Engineering Materials, vol. 2]

- Mg alloys e.g.: AZ91 (9 wt% Al, 1 wt% Zn)

Work hardening (1)

- Hardening due to previous plastic strain
- $\sigma_y = A\varepsilon^n$ with A and n constants



1% STRAIN



3.5% STRAIN

Dislocations density \uparrow
 \Rightarrow Entanglement
 \Rightarrow Dislocations glide more difficult
 \Rightarrow Strength \uparrow
 \Rightarrow **Work hardening**

Work hardening (2)

- 1xxx (CP Al), 3xxx (Al-Mn) and 5xxx (Al-Mg)
Al alloys combine solid solution strengthening and work hardening

Table 10.5 Yield strengths of work-hardened aluminium alloys

<i>Alloy number</i>	σ_y (MPa)		
	<i>Annealed</i>	<i>"Half hard"</i>	<i>"Hard"</i>
1100	35	115	145
3005	65	140	185
5456	140	300	370

Light alloys

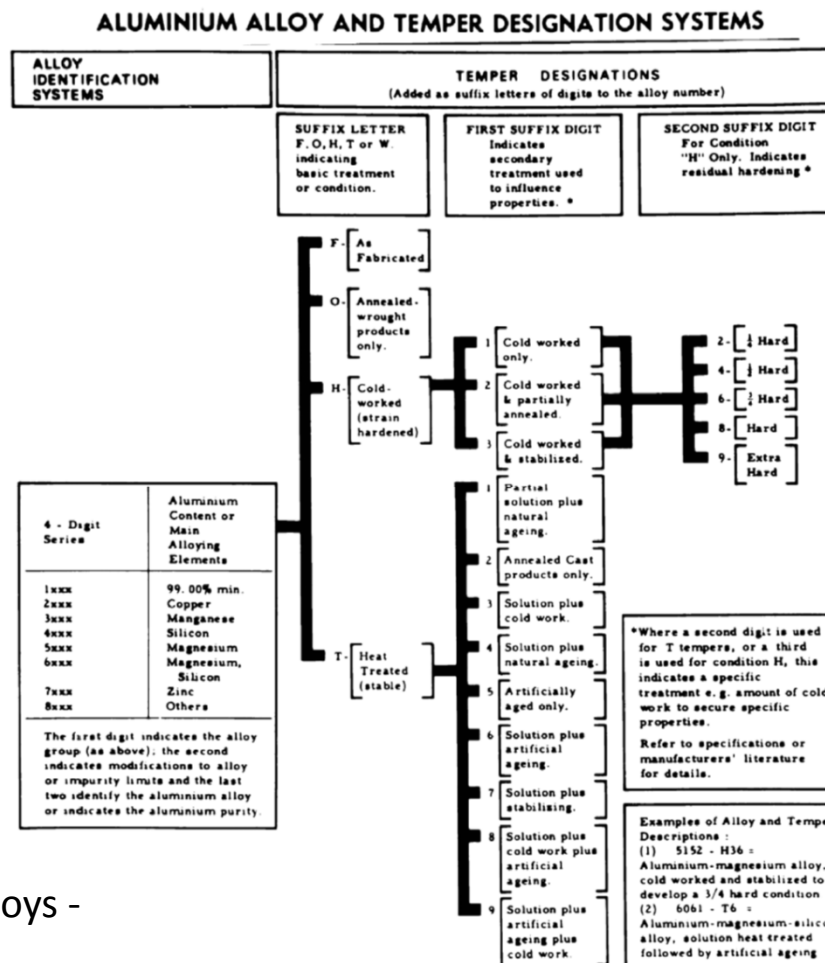
- Standard designations for **wrought Al alloys**: International Alloy Designation System for wrought products (IADS)
- Four digits number
 - 1st digit: major alloying element
 - 1xxx commercial purity Al
 - 2xxx Al-Cu alloys
 - 6xxx Al-Mg-Si alloys
 - 3rd and 4th digits identify the specific alloy composition (or purity level in 1xxx series)
 - 2d digit indicates purity level or alloy modification
- AA5xxx are Al-Mg alloys
 - AA5082 and AA5083 are two different alloys
 - AA5182 and 5282 are two variants of the same alloys (with very little differences in composition)

Light alloys

- Standard designations for **wrought** Al alloys: International Alloy Designation System for wrought products (IADS)
- Designation of **temper** (thermal or other treatments)
 - F : as-fabricated
 - O : annealed condition
 - H : strain hardened
 - T + digits : thermal treatment
 - T4 : solution treatment
 - T5 : rapid cooling after high T processing
 - T6 : solution treatment + quenching + artificial ageing**

Light alloys

- Standard designations for **wrought** Al alloys: International Alloy Designation System for wrought products (IADS)



[I.J. Polmear et al., Light alloys - Metallurgy of light metals]

Light alloys

- Standard designations for cast Al alloys
US Aluminium Association System

Table 5.1 Four-digit system for aluminium and its alloys

	Current designation	Former designation
Aluminium, 99.00% or greater	1xx.x	
Aluminium alloys grouped by major alloying elements:		
Copper	2xx.x	1xx
Silicon with added copper and/or magnesium	3xx.x	3xx
Silicon	4xx.x	1-99
Magnesium	5xx.x	2xx
Zinc	7xx.x	6xx
Tin	8xx.x	7xx
Other element	9xx.x	7xx
Unused series	6xx.x	

[I.J. Polmear et al., Light alloys - Metallurgy of light metals]

Other system: British: LM + number + suffix for casting condition

Light alloys

- Standard designations for Mg alloys : ASTM

Letters for main alloying elements

A : aluminium

E : rare earths (Sc, Y, Ce...)

M : manganese

S : silicium

Z : zinc

Examples:

AZ91 : Mg + 9% Al + 1% Zn

AM50 : Mg + 5% Al + 0,3 % Mn

AS41 : Mg + 4% Al + 1% Si

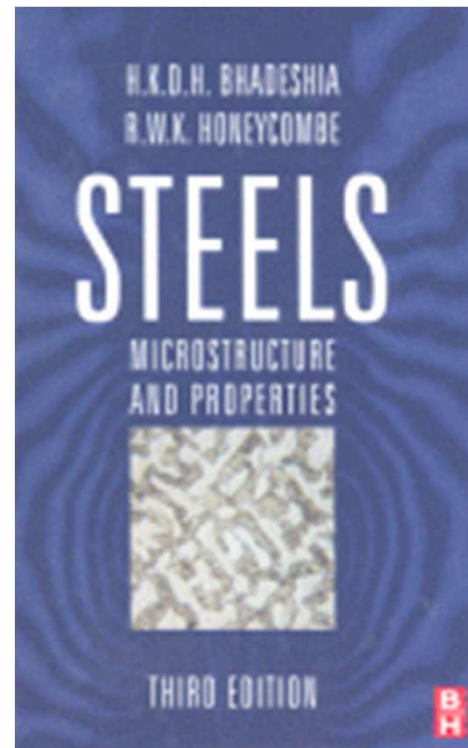
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 - Carbon as main alloying element
- Alloy steels
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Steels

- A good reference:
"Steels - microstructure and properties" by
H.K.D.H. Bhadeshia and R.W.K. Honeycombe, (2006)
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Carbon steels

Carbon as main alloying element

Carbon steels

- Large range of properties and usage depending on Carbon content and heat treatment

Table 1.1 Generic iron-based metals

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Medium-carbon steel bolts,	Fe + 0.3 to 0.7 C (+ \approx 0.8 Mn)	Medium-stress uses: machinery parts – nuts and shafts, gears.
High-carbon steel	Fe + 0.7 to 1.7 C (+ \approx 0.8 Mn)	High-stress uses: springs, cutting tools, dies.
Low-alloy steel	Fe + 0.2 C 0.8 Mn 1 Cr 2 Ni	High-stress uses: pressure vessels, aircraft parts.
High-alloy ("stainless") steel	Fe + 0.1 C 0.5 Mn 18 Cr 8 Ni	High-temperature or anti-corrosion uses: chemical or steam plants.
Cast iron	Fe + 1.8 to 4 C (+ \approx 0.8 Mn 2 Si)	Low-stress uses: cylinder blocks, drain pipes.

Use of carbon steels (1)



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Wheels, frame

- low loads ($\sigma_y \sim 220$ MPa)
- easy to cut, bend...
- cheap

Use of carbon steels (2)



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Low-alloy steel	Fe + 0.2 C 0.8 Mn 1 Cr 2 Ni	High-stress uses: pressure vessels, aircraft parts.
High-alloy ("stainless") steel	Fe + 0.1 C 0.5 Mn 18 Cr 8 Ni	High-temperature or anti-corrosion uses: chemical or steam plants.
Cast iron	Fe + 1.8 to 4 C (+ \approx 0.8 Mn 2 Si)	Low-stress uses: cylinder blocks, drain pipes.

Drive shafts,
gear-wheel
teeth

- higher stresses ($\sigma_y \sim 400$ MPa)

Use of carbon steels (3)

+ Heat treatment

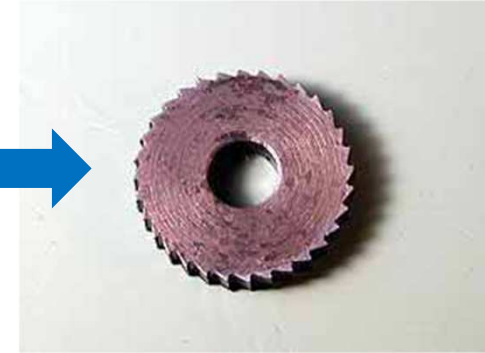
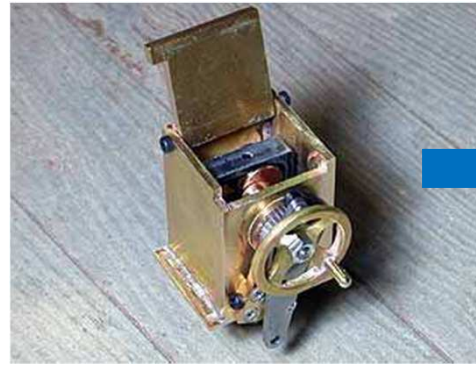


Table 1.1 Generic iron-based metals [http://ww3.tiki.ne.jp/~hwata/eW-lubricator.htm]

<i>Metal</i>	<i>Typical composition (wt%)</i>	<i>Typical uses</i>
Low-carbon ("mild") steel	Fe + 0.04 to 0.3 C (+ \approx 0.8 Mn)	Low-stress uses. General constructional steel, suitable for welding.
Medium-carbon steel bolts,	Fe + 0.3 to 0.7 C (+ \approx 0.8 Mn)	Medium-stress uses: machinery parts – nuts and shafts, gears.
High-carbon steel	Fe + 0.7 to 1.7 C (+ \approx 0.8 Mn)	High-stress uses: springs, cutting tools, dies.
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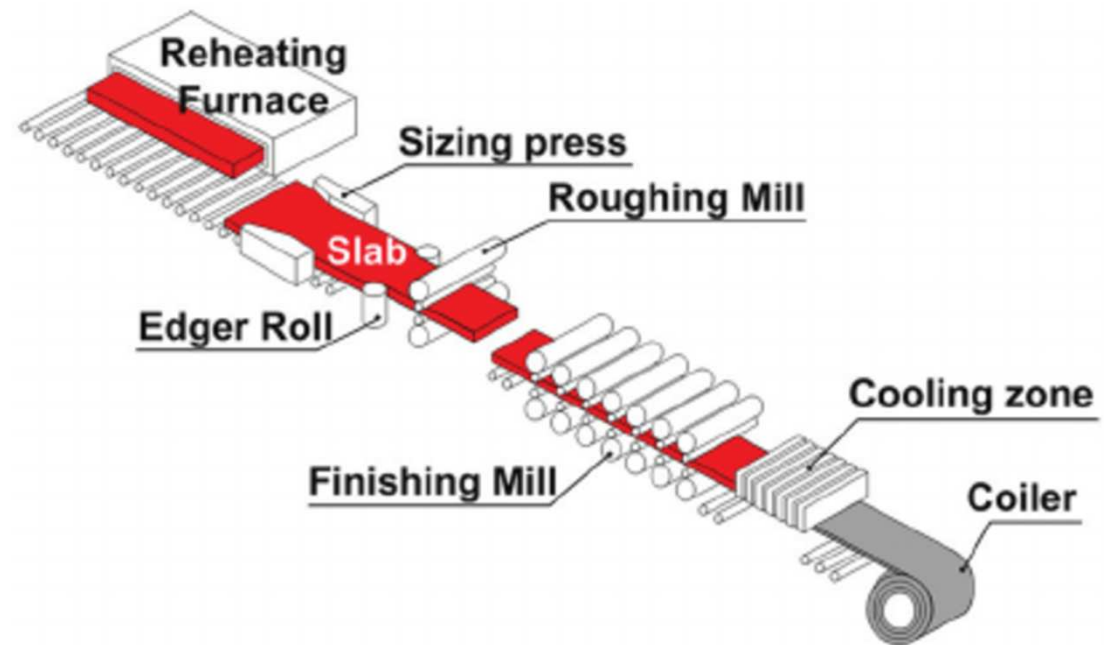
Mechanical lubricator

- High friction and wear
- Quenched and tempered high carbon steels ($\sigma_y \sim 1000\text{MPa}$)

Normalised carbon steels

- "Off the shelf" steels
 - Microstructures produced by hot rolling + slow cooling
 - Close to equilibrium microstructures

⇒ **Phase diagram**

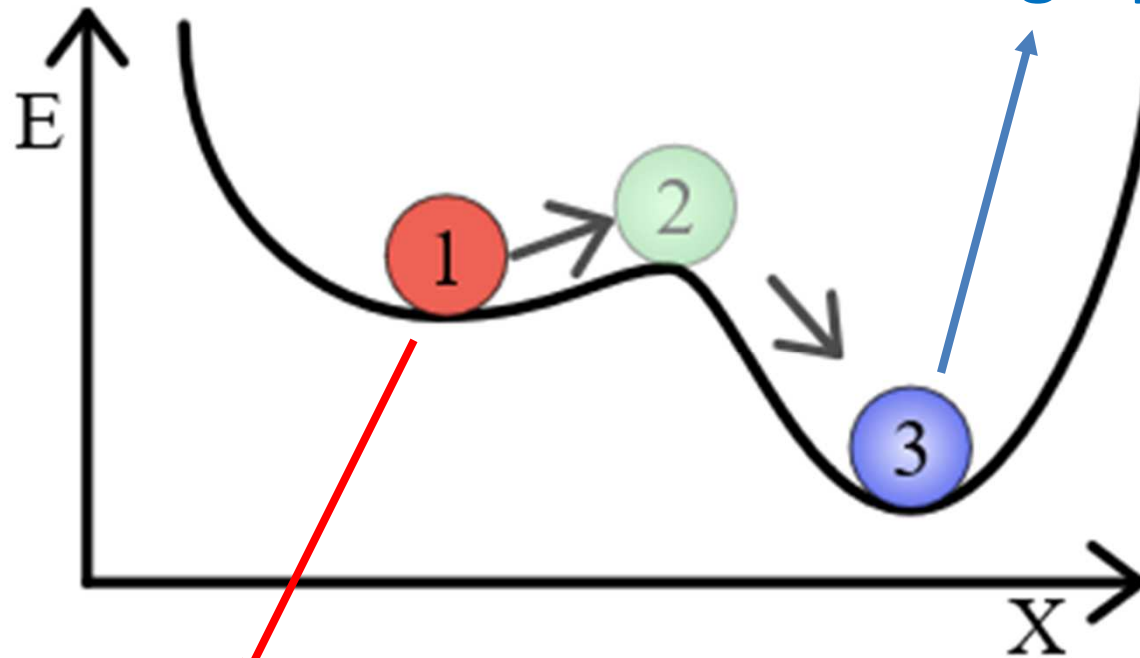


Fe + C

Equilibrium = G minimum !

Absolute minimum

Fe - C graphite: stable

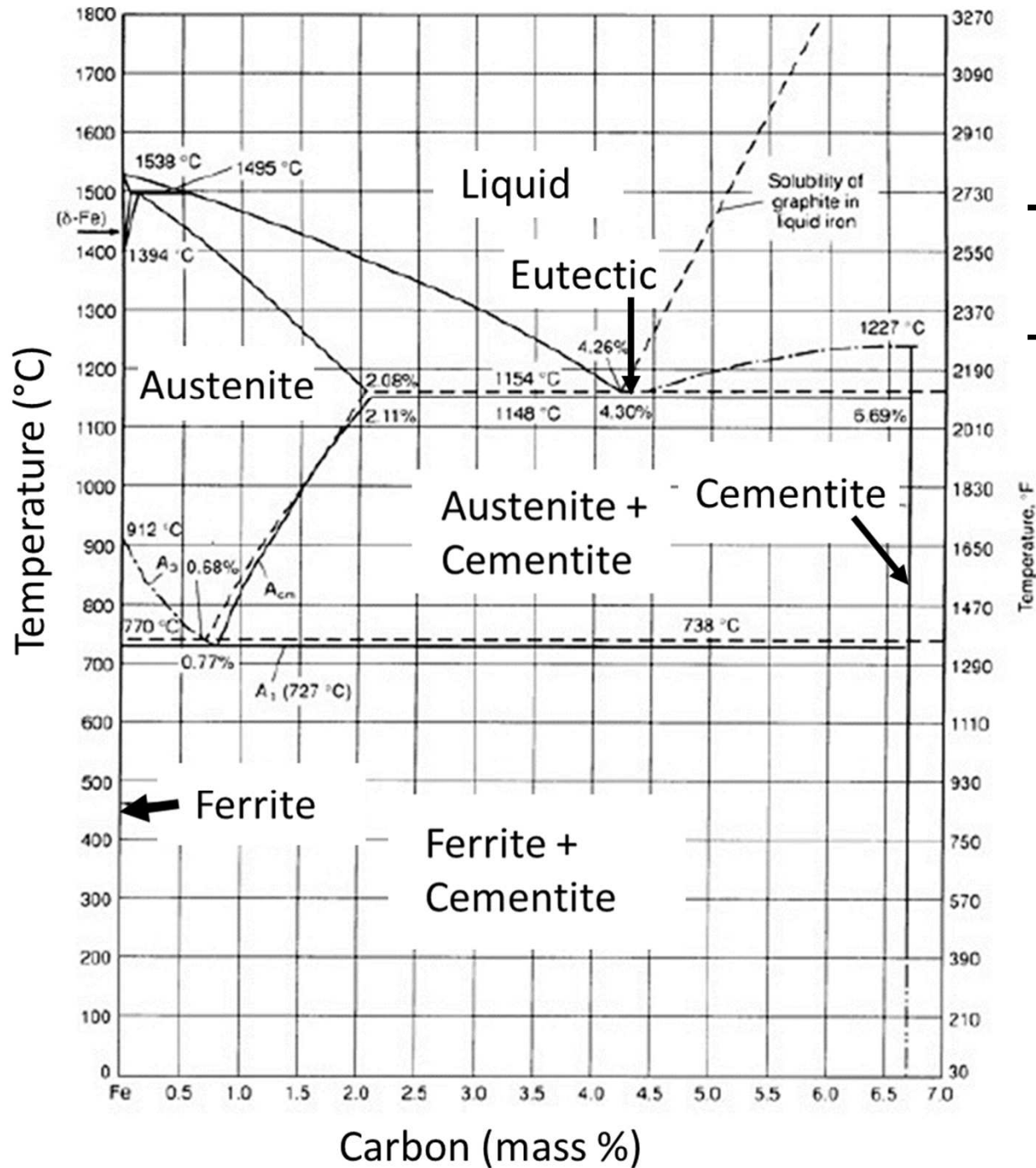


Relative minimum

Fe - Fe₃C (cementite): metastable

[Wikimedia]

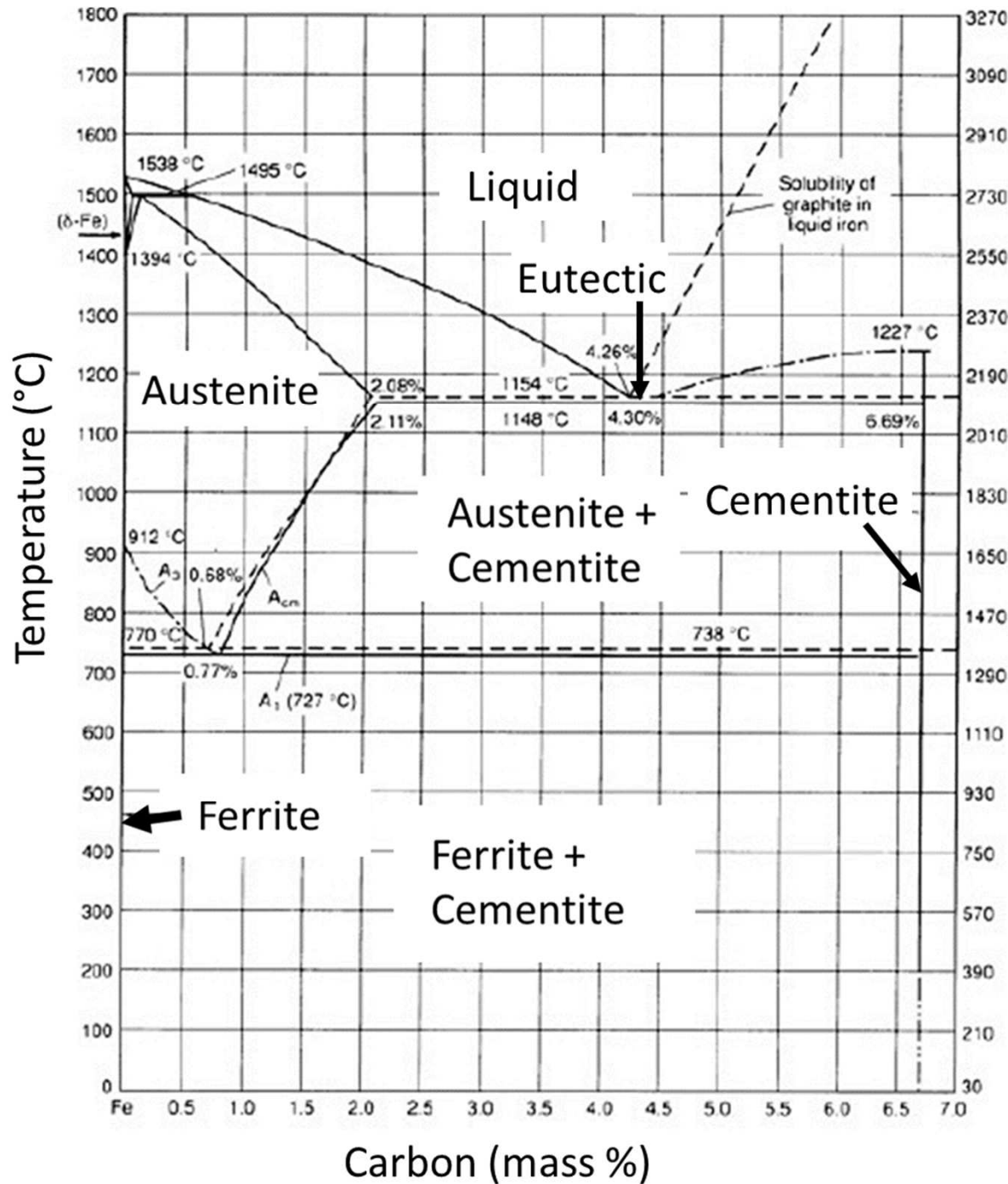
Fe + C



— Metastable, Fe-Fe₃C

- - - Stable, Fe-C graphite

Fe + C



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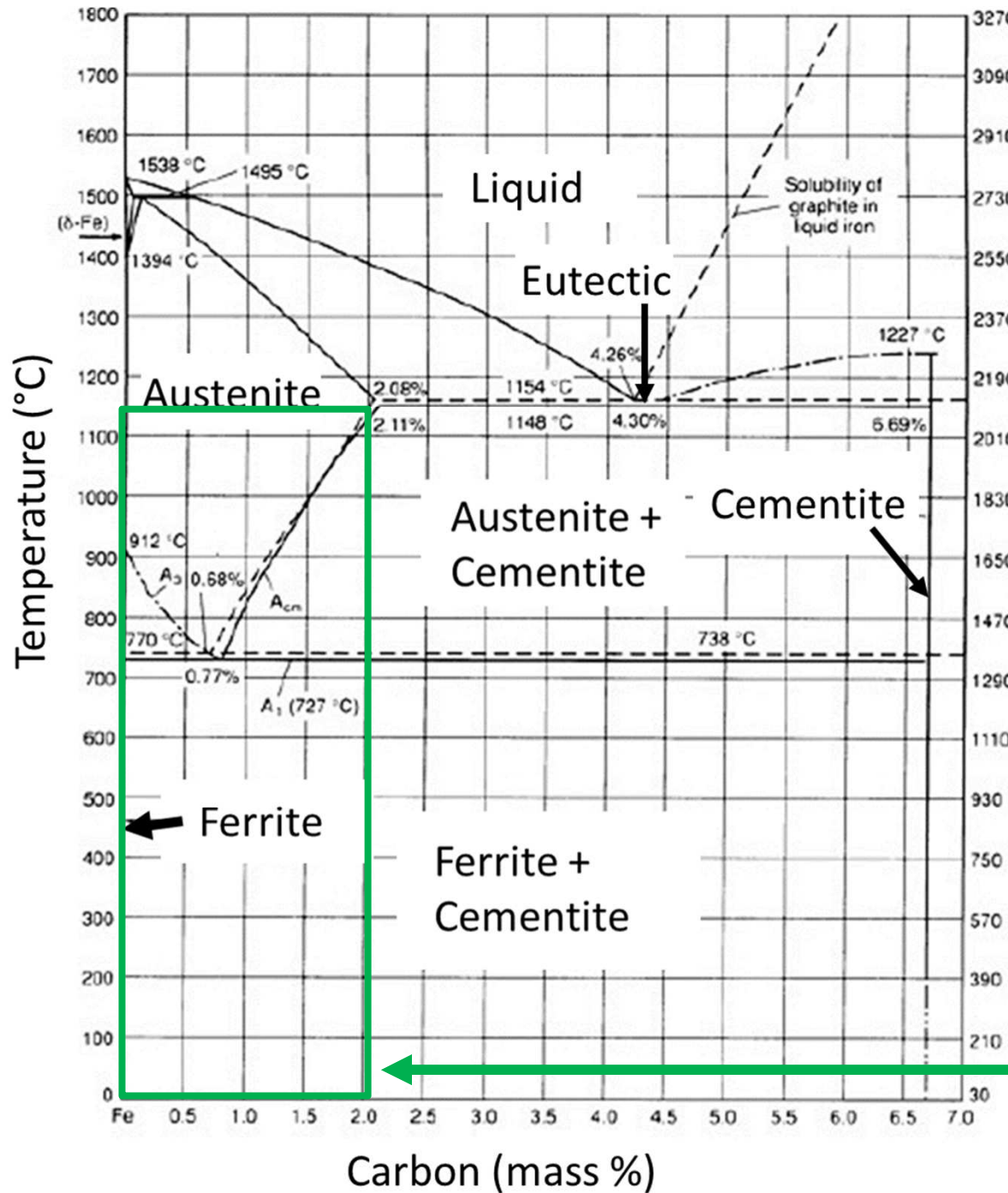
C content

- < 2 mass % C: **steel**

Fe-Fe₃C diagram

- > 2 mass % C: **cast iron**

Fe + C



— Metastable, Fe-Fe₃C

- - - Stable, Fe-C graphite

C content

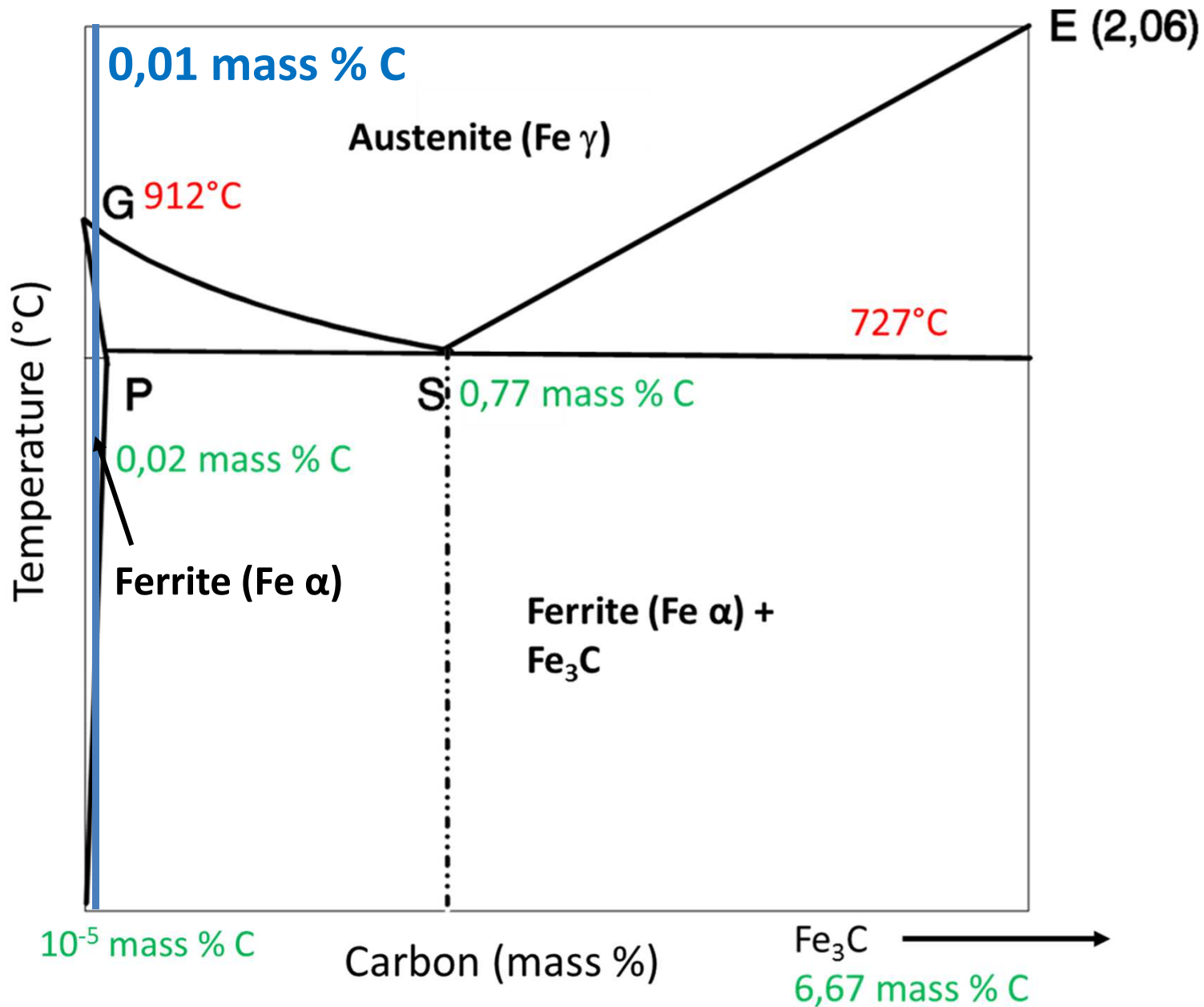
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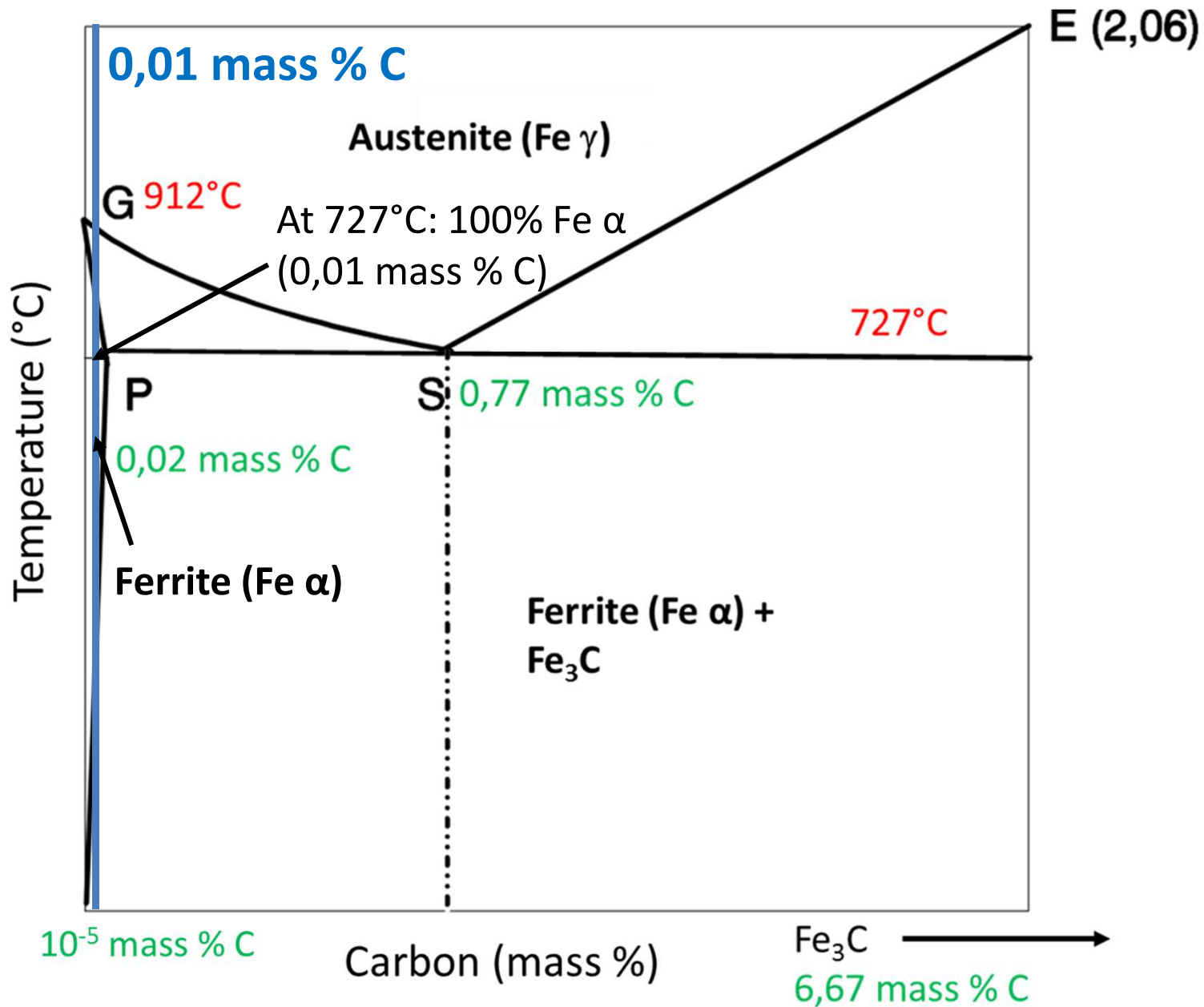
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Zone of interest for steel

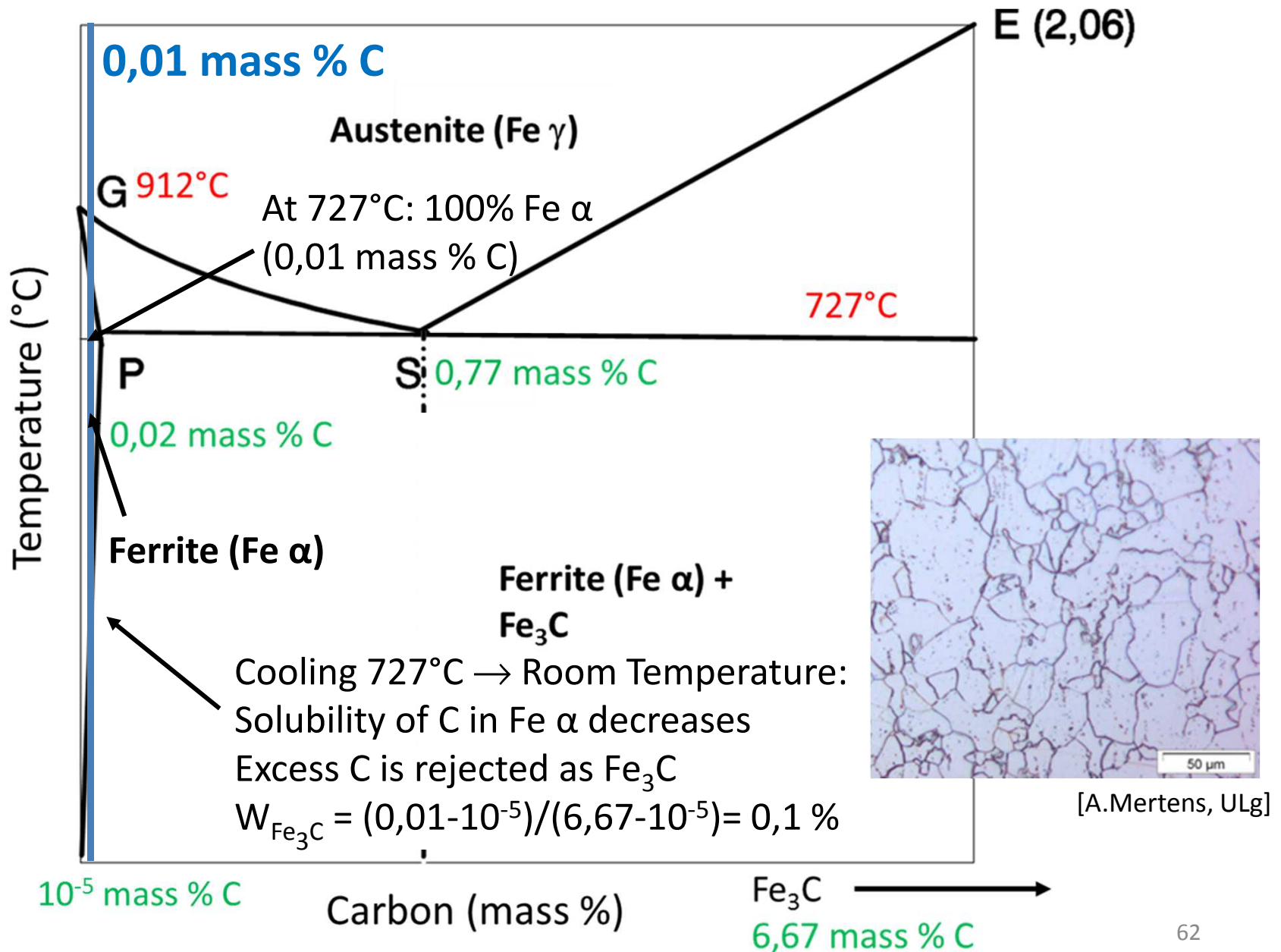
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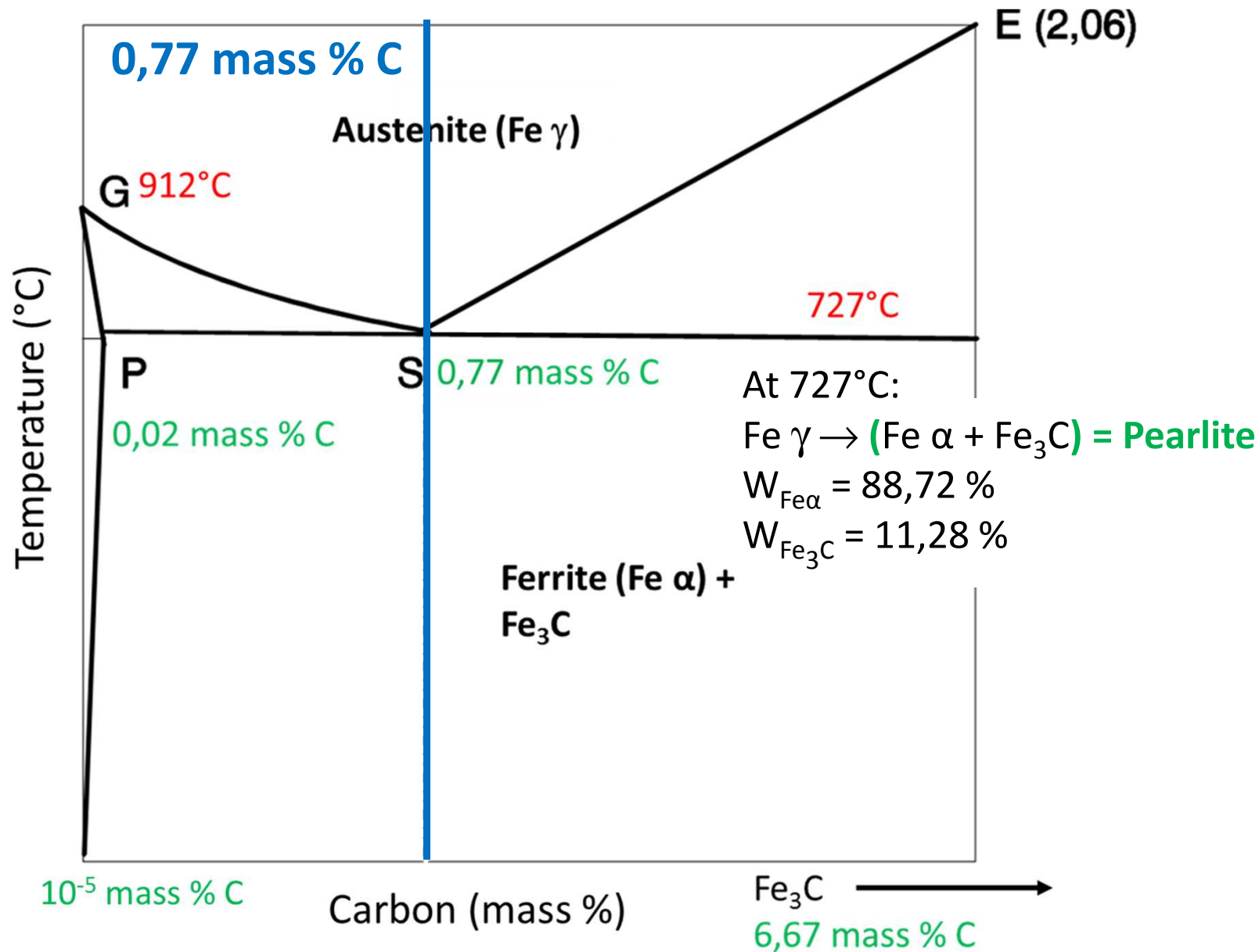
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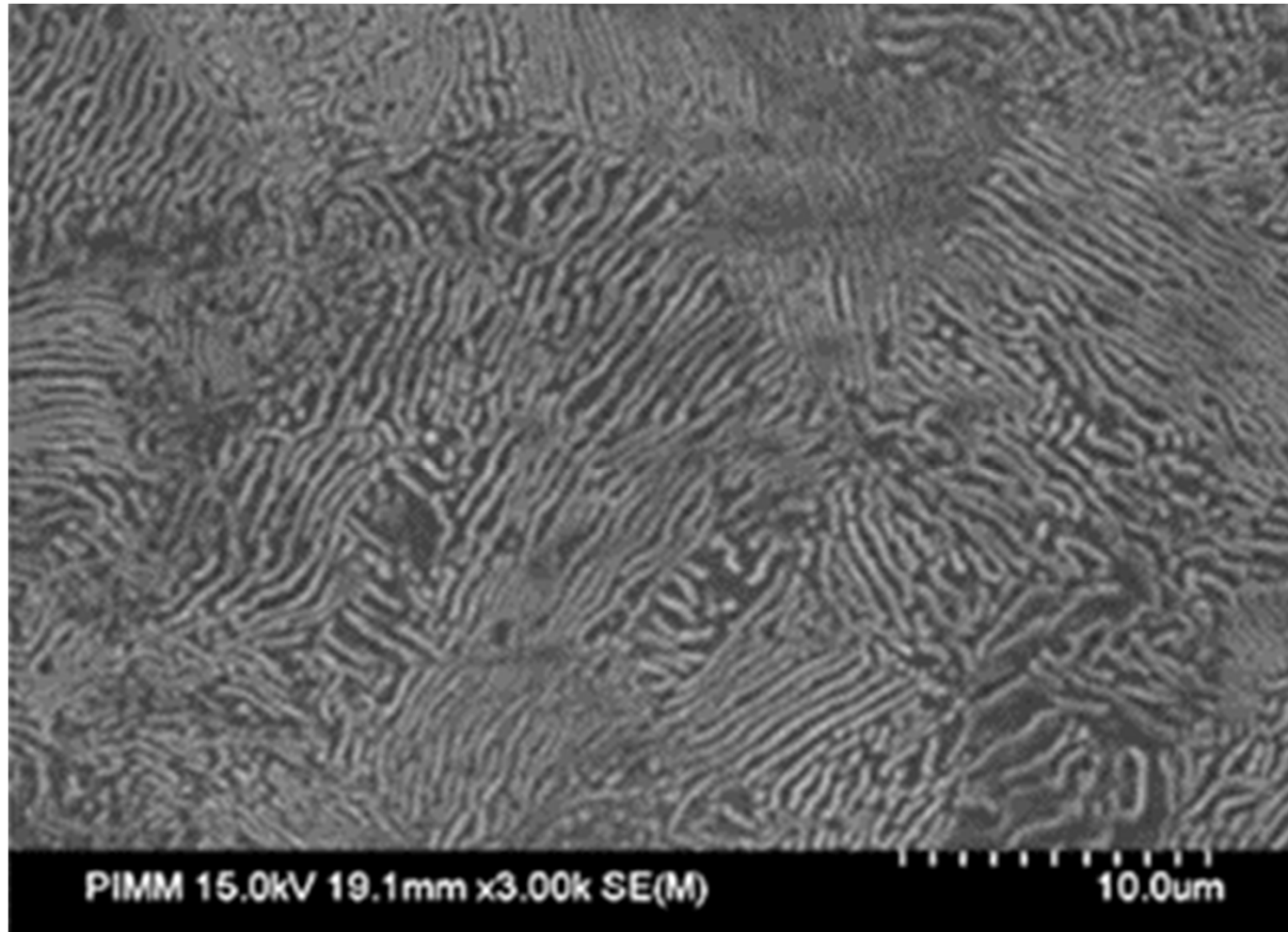
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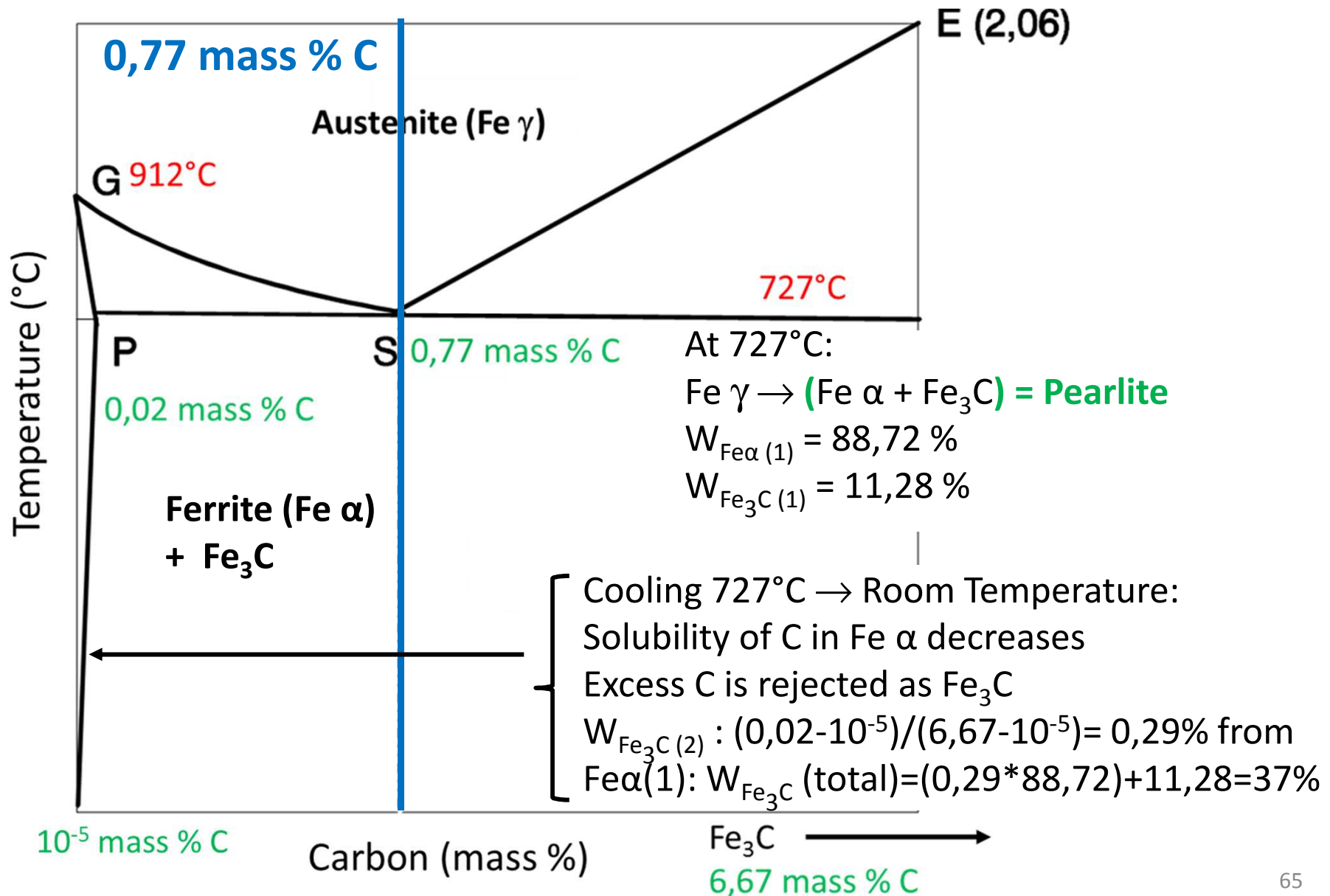
Eutectoid steel (0,77 mass % C)



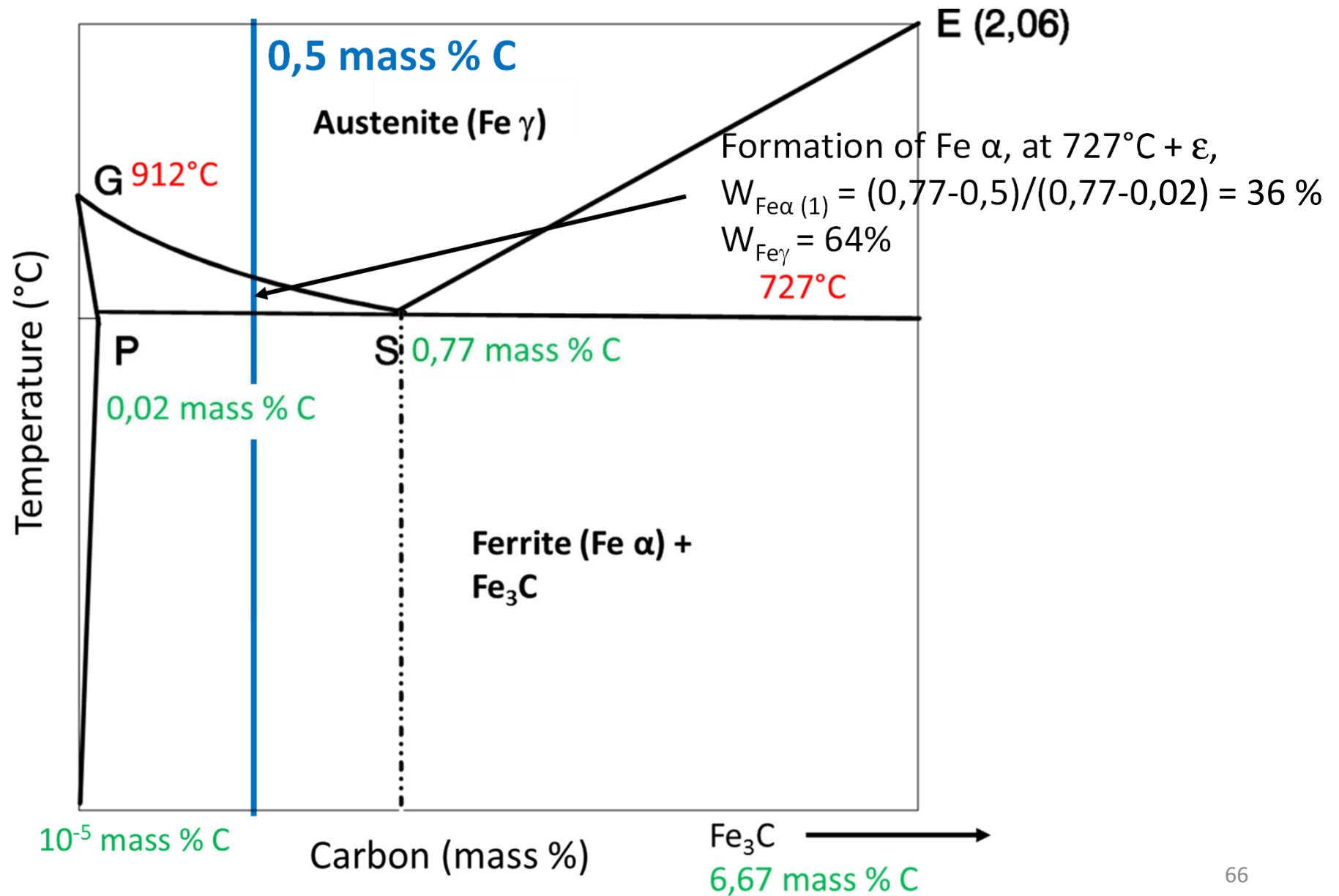
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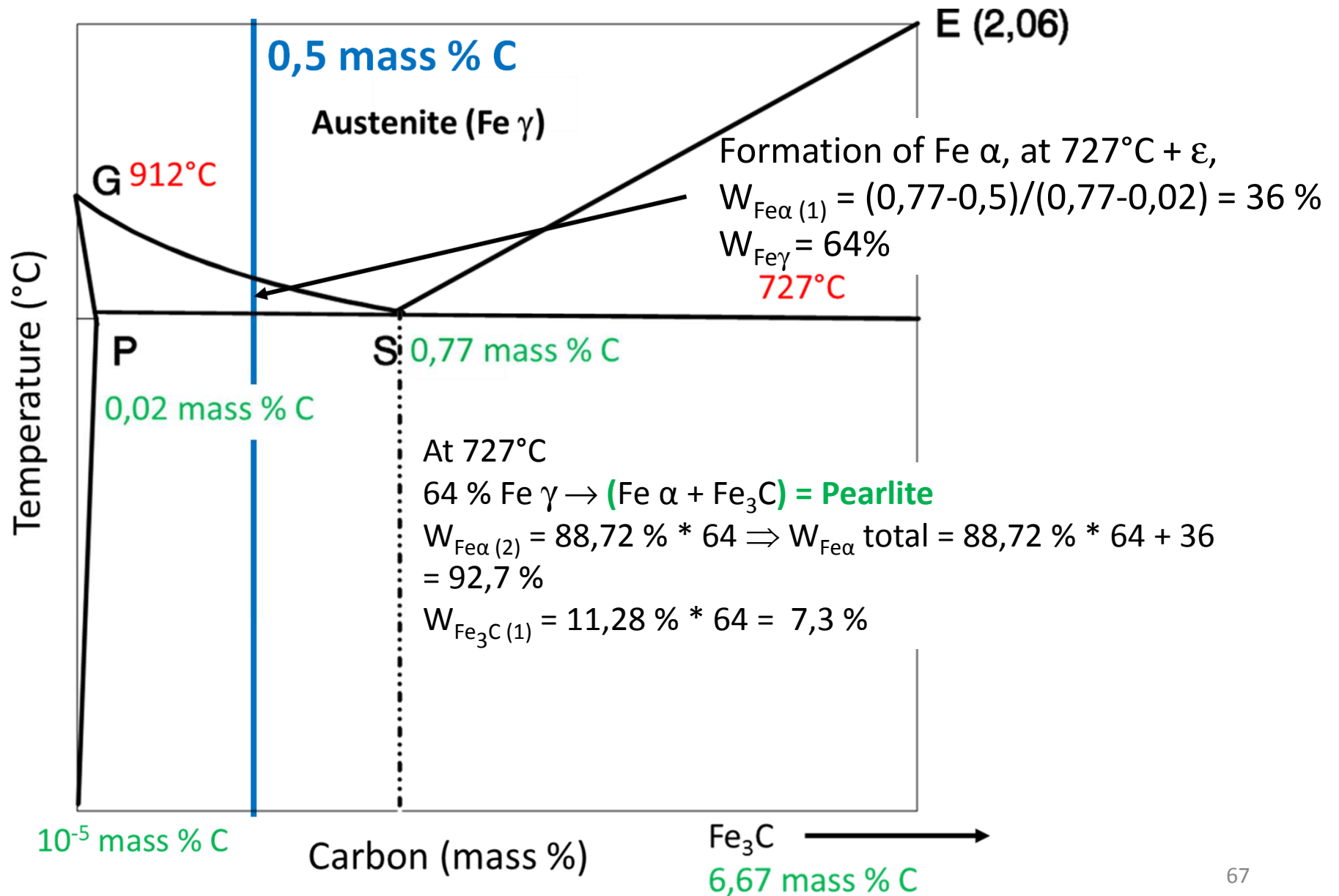
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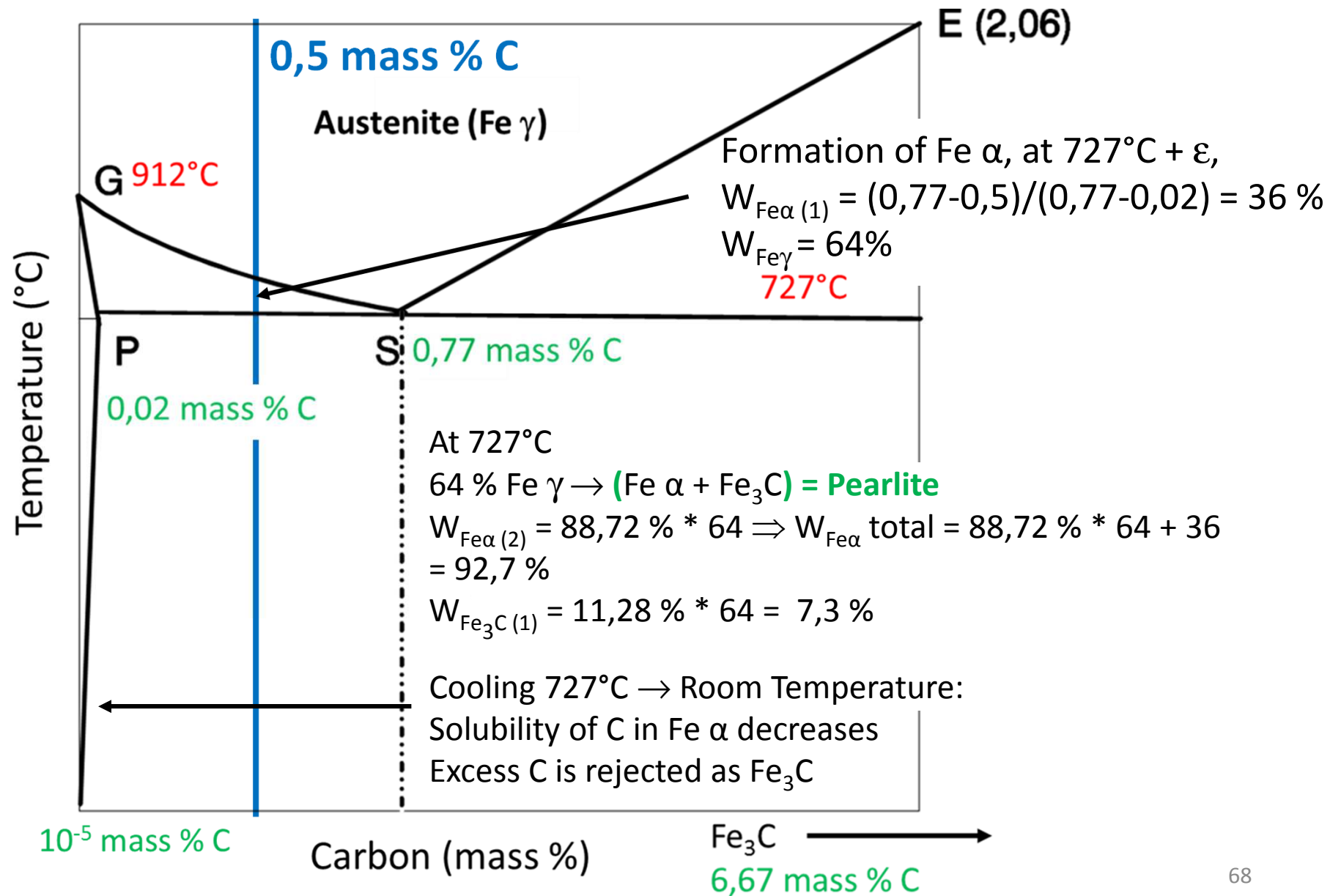
Hypo-eutectoid steels



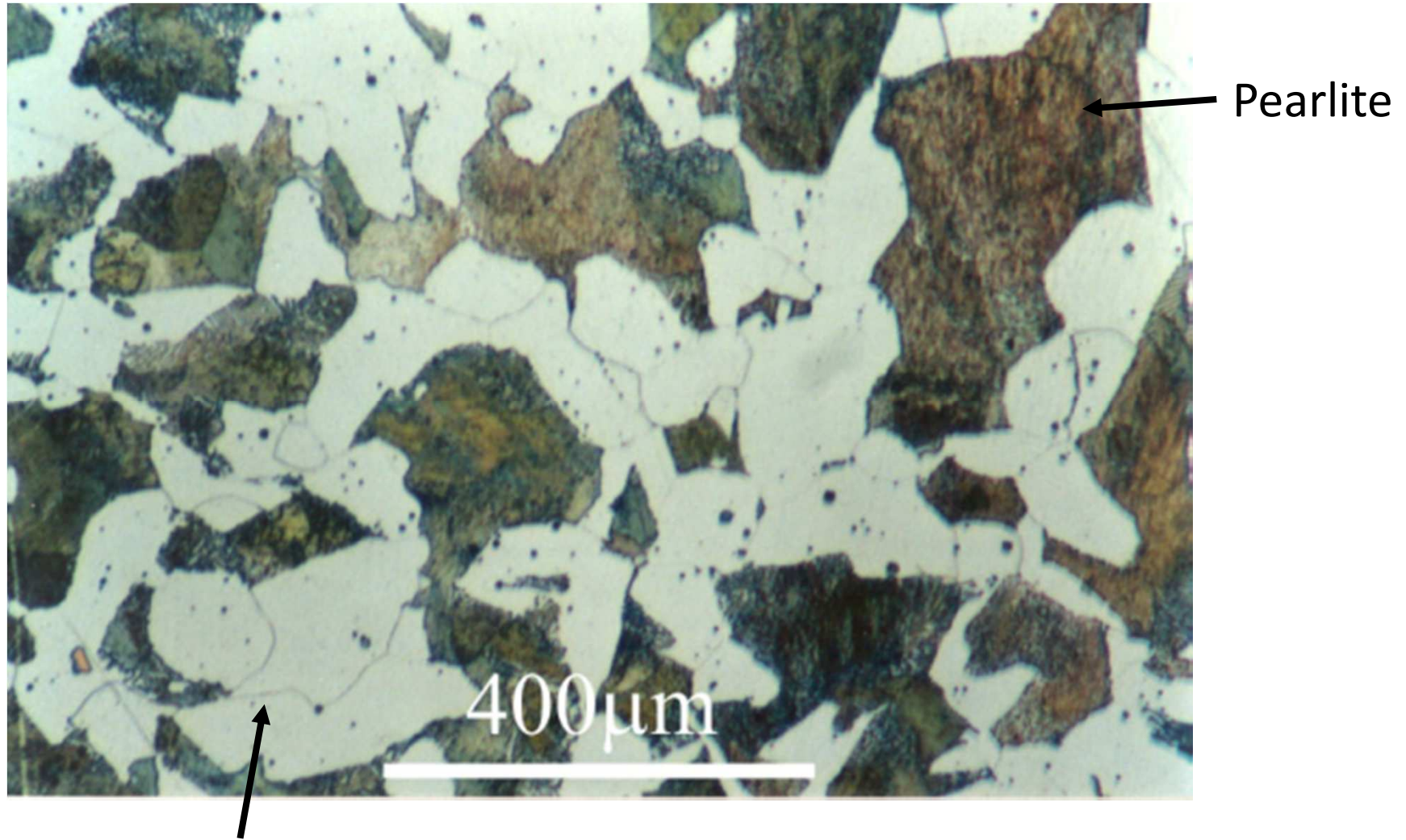
Hypo-eutectoid steels



Hypo-eutectoid steels

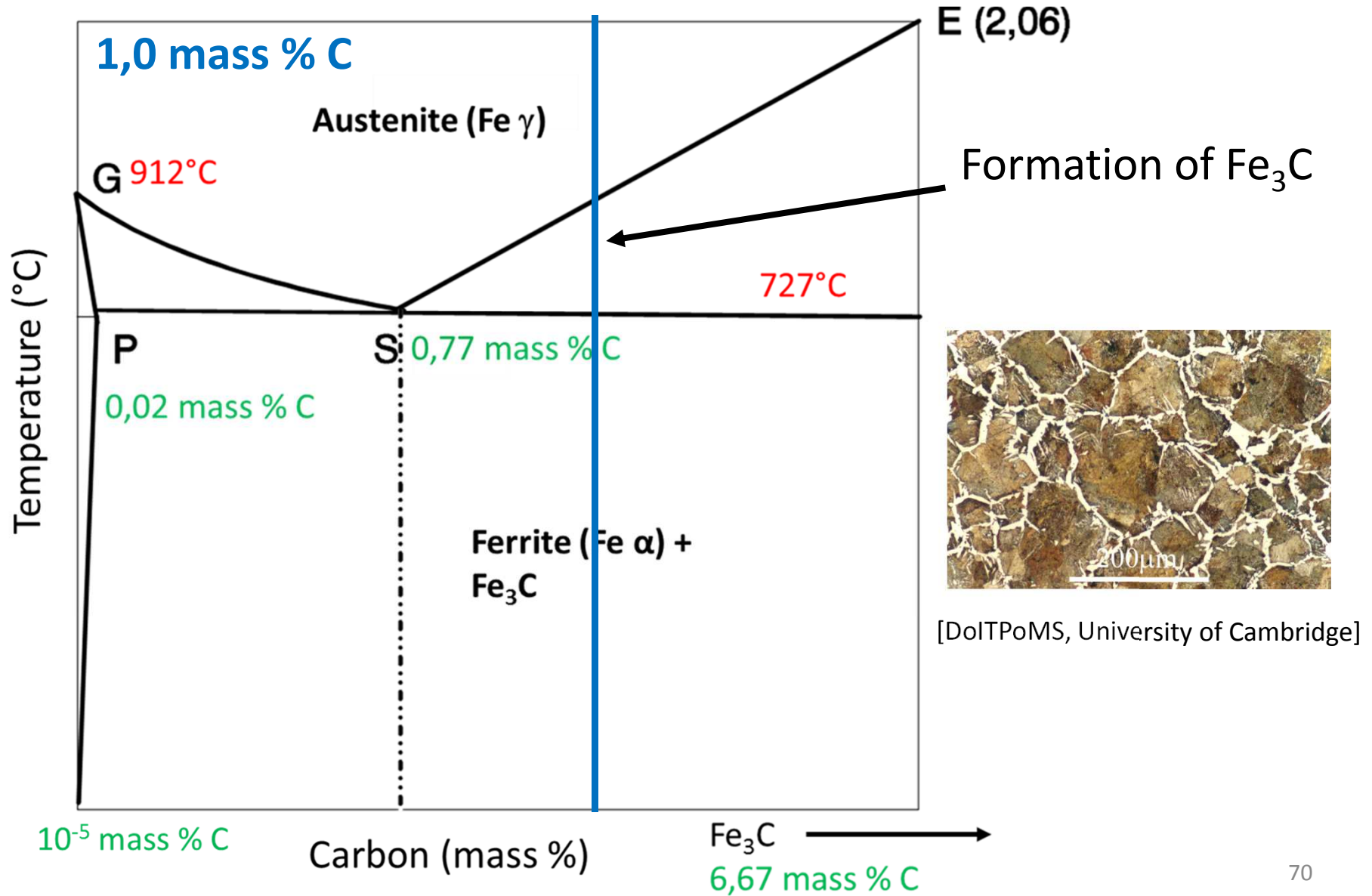


Hypo-eutectoid steels



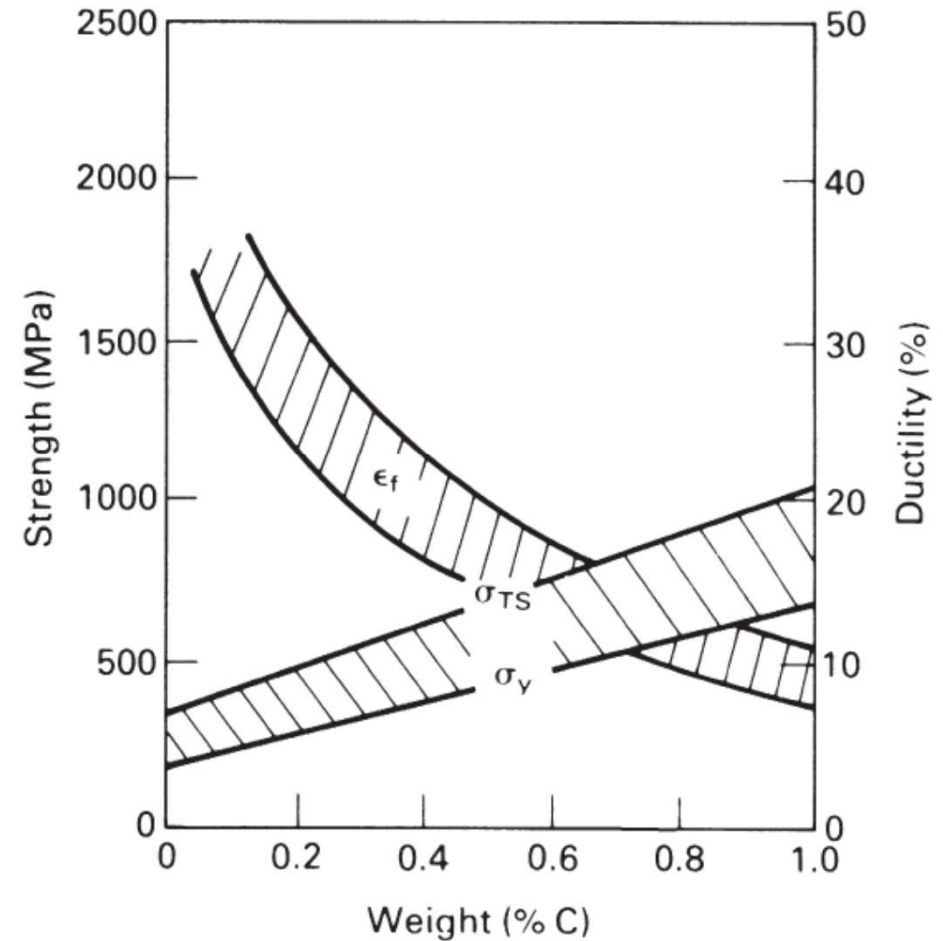
Pro-eutectoid $\text{Fe } \alpha$

Hyper-eutectoid steels



Normalised carbon steels

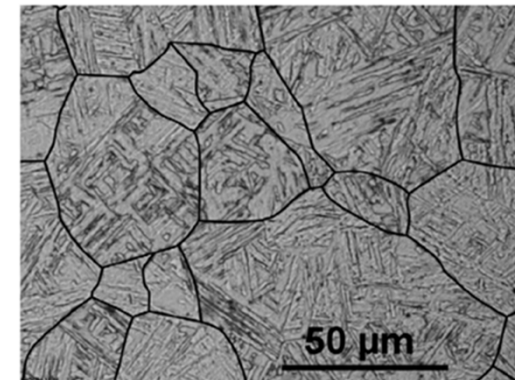
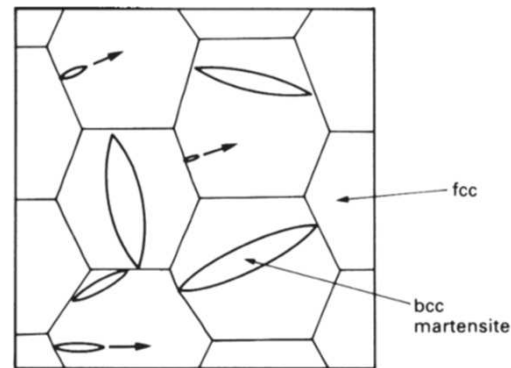
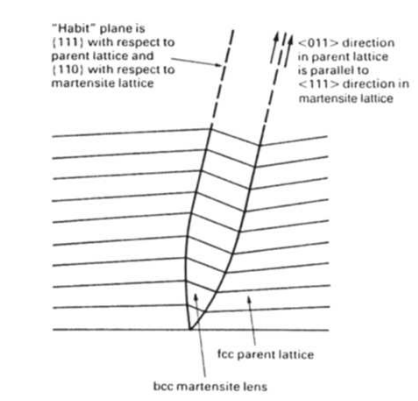
- Mechanical properties
 - **Strength \uparrow with C \uparrow :**
Fe₃C acts as strengthening phase
 - **Ductility \downarrow with C \uparrow :**
 α - Fe₃C interfaces act as nucleation sites for cracks



[M.F. Ashby and D.R.H. Jones, Engineering Materials, vol. 2]

And after fast cooling from austenite?

- **Martensite** = metastable phase that forms after **fast cooling** (quench) of C steel
- It forms by a **displacive** mechanism.
- It is very **hard** and **brittle**.
- It has a typical acicular morphology

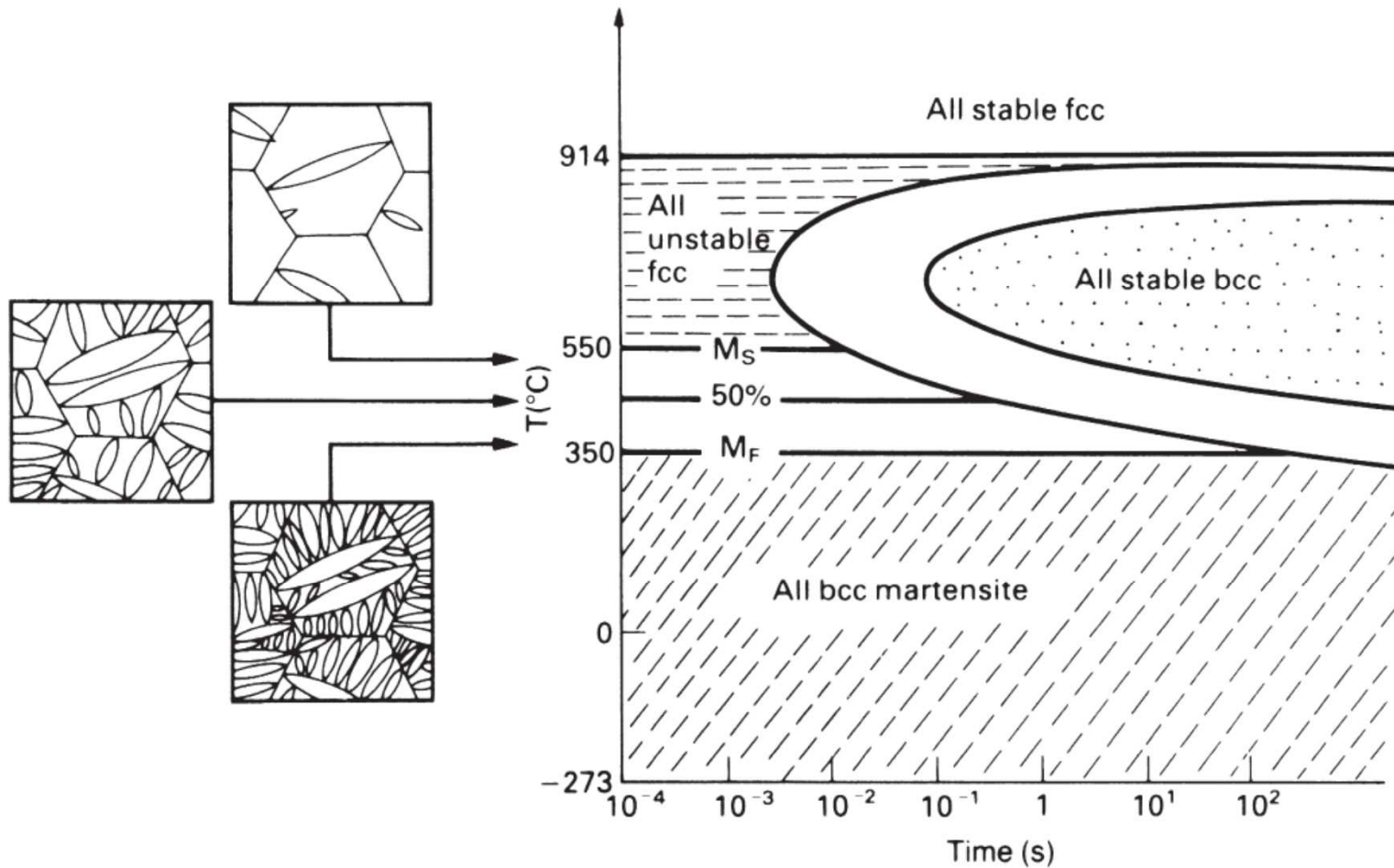


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[Christien et al., Mater. Char., 2013]

Quenched and tempered carbon steels (1)

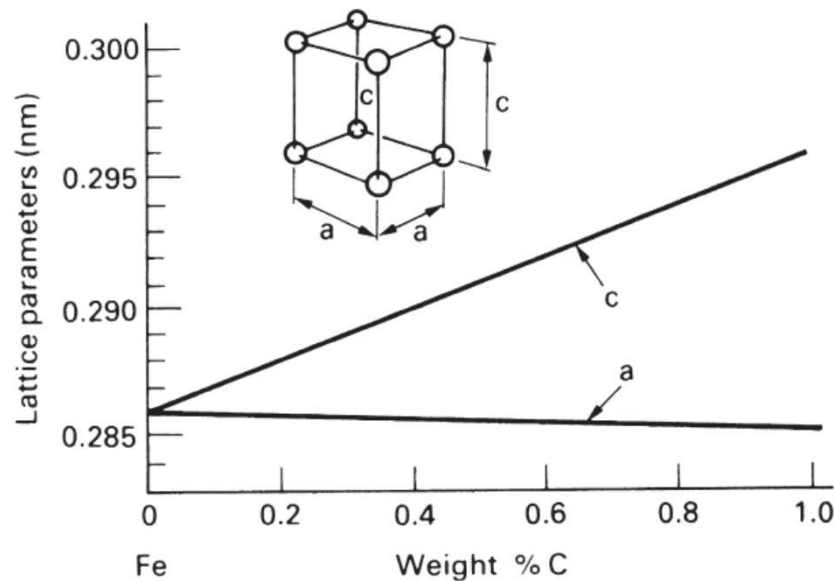
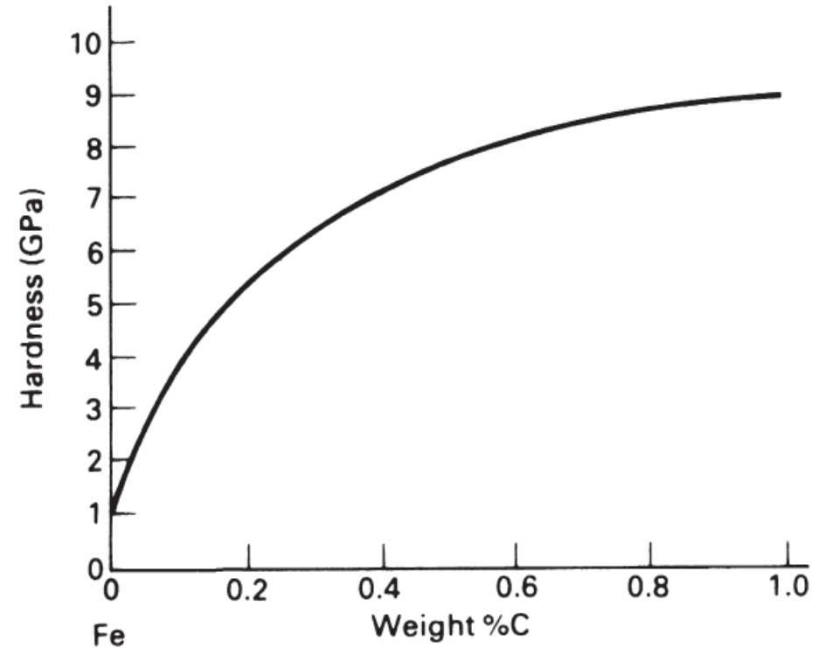
- Fast cooling \Rightarrow martensitic transformation



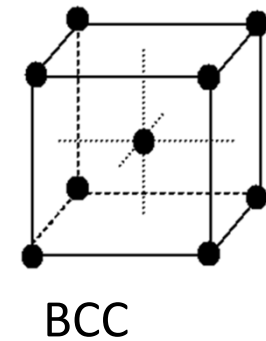
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Quenched and tempered carbon steels (2)

- Martensite is very hard, due to Carbon supersaturation...
- ... but also **brittle**.

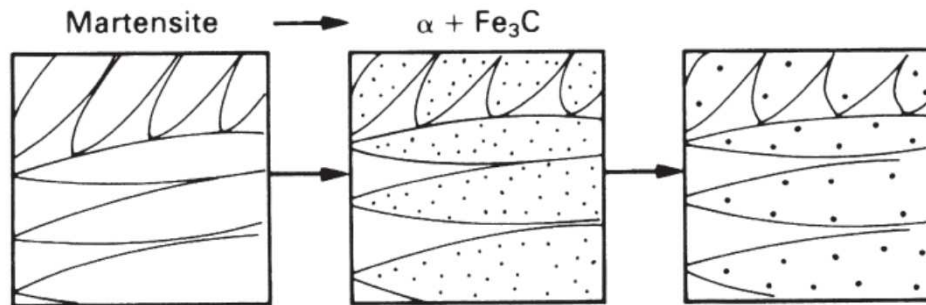


Lattice distortion \uparrow
when carbon \uparrow



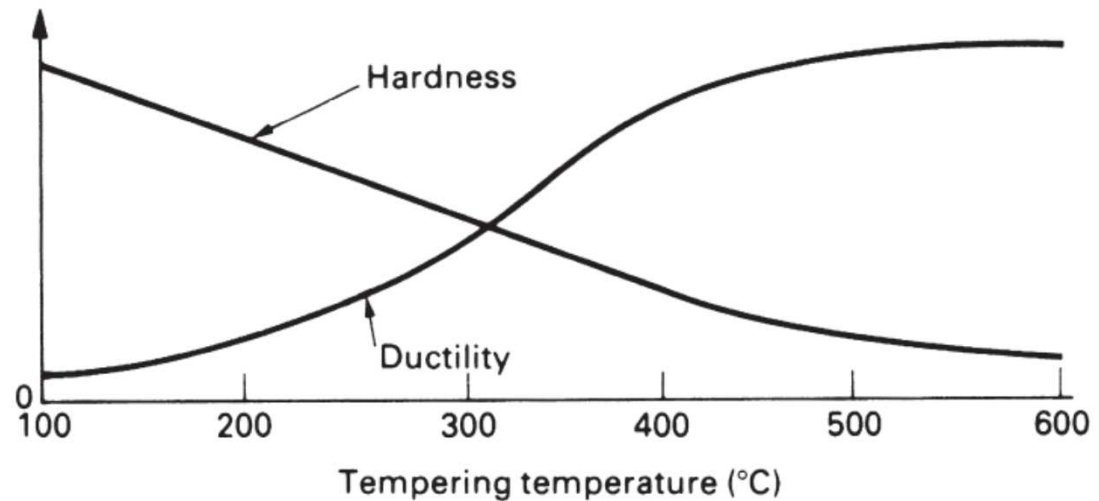
Quenched and tempered carbon steels (3)

- Tempering restores some ductility



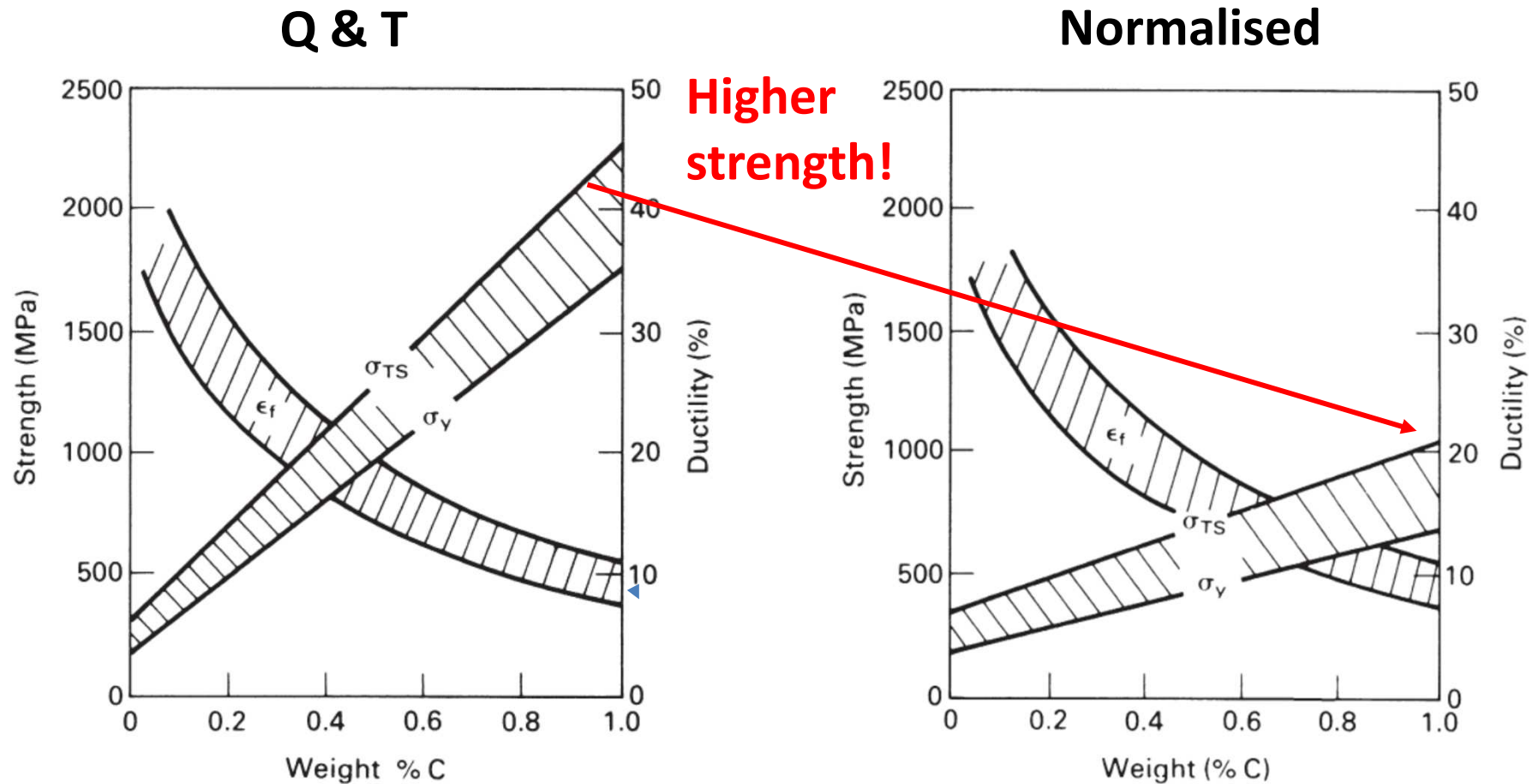
Reheating in "medium" temperature range

Supersaturated C precipitates out as Fe_3C (small particles)

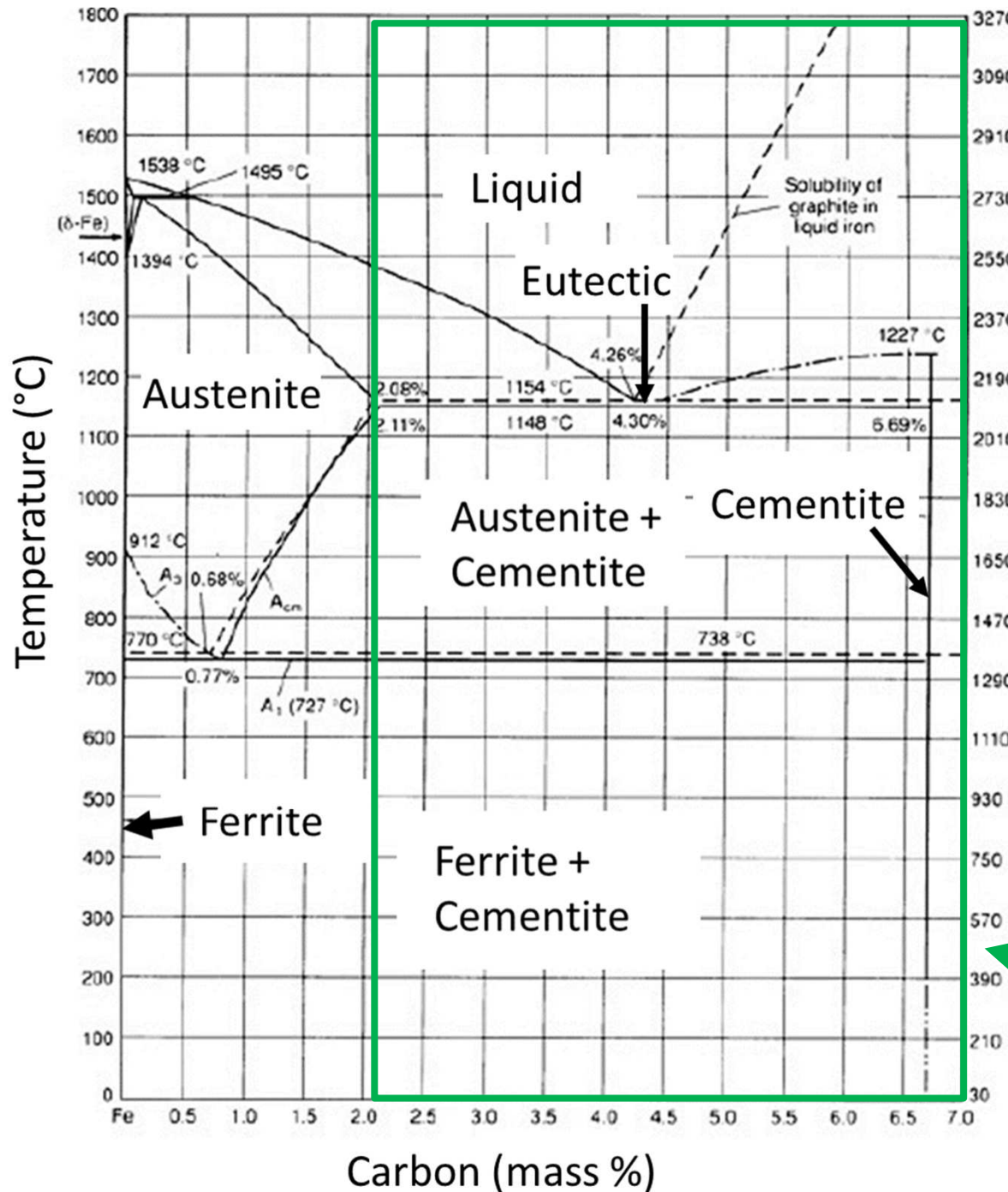


Quenched and tempered carbon steels (4)

- Mechanical properties



Cast Irons (1)



- Metastable, Fe-Fe₃C
- - - Stable, Fe-C graphite

C content > 2 mass % C:
cast iron

Transition between the
stable and metastable
Fe-C diagrams

**Zone of interest
for cast iron**

Cast Irons (2)

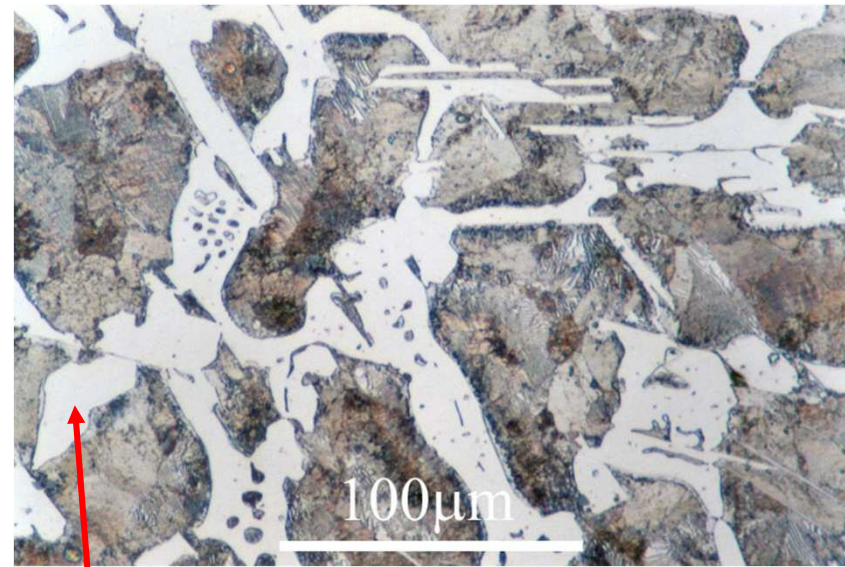
Grey



Graphite

Stable Fe-C
diagram

White



Fe_3C

Metastable
Fe-C diagram

[<http://core.materials.ac.uk/search/detail.php?id=1416>]

[<http://core.materials.ac.uk/search/detail.php?id=1408>]

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- Introduction
- Light alloys
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- Alloy steels
 - Low alloy, stainless or tool steels
- Production, forming and joining of metals

Alloy steels

Low alloy, stainless or tool steels

Role of alloying elements (1)

Alloying elements may modify

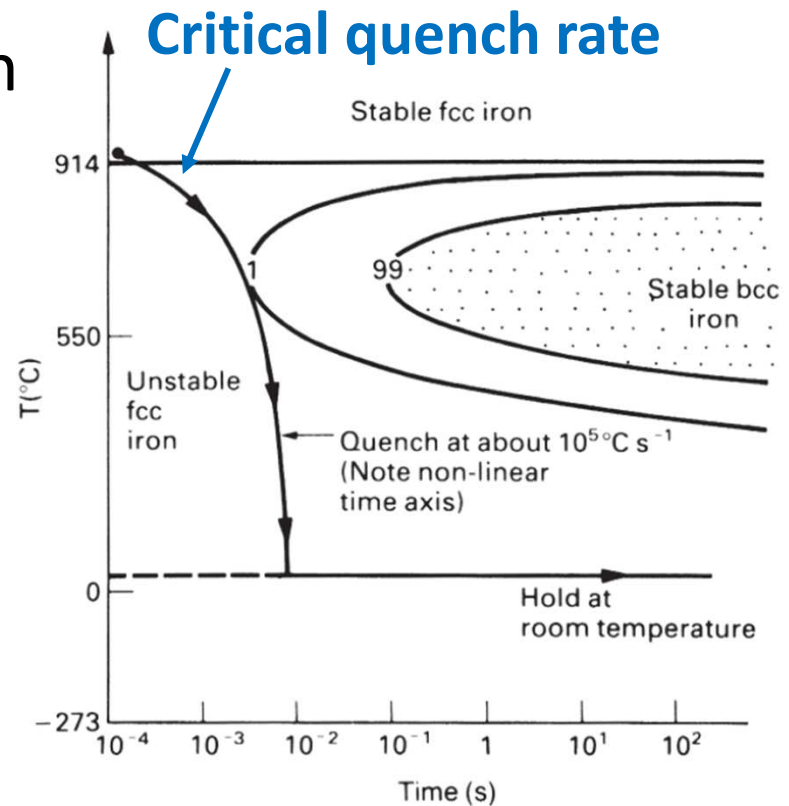
- Hardenability
- Strength, hardness
- Corrosion resistance
- Equilibrium structure (phases)

Hardenability

= Ease to form a fully martensitic structure

For a displacive transformation to occur, diffusive transformation should not take place!

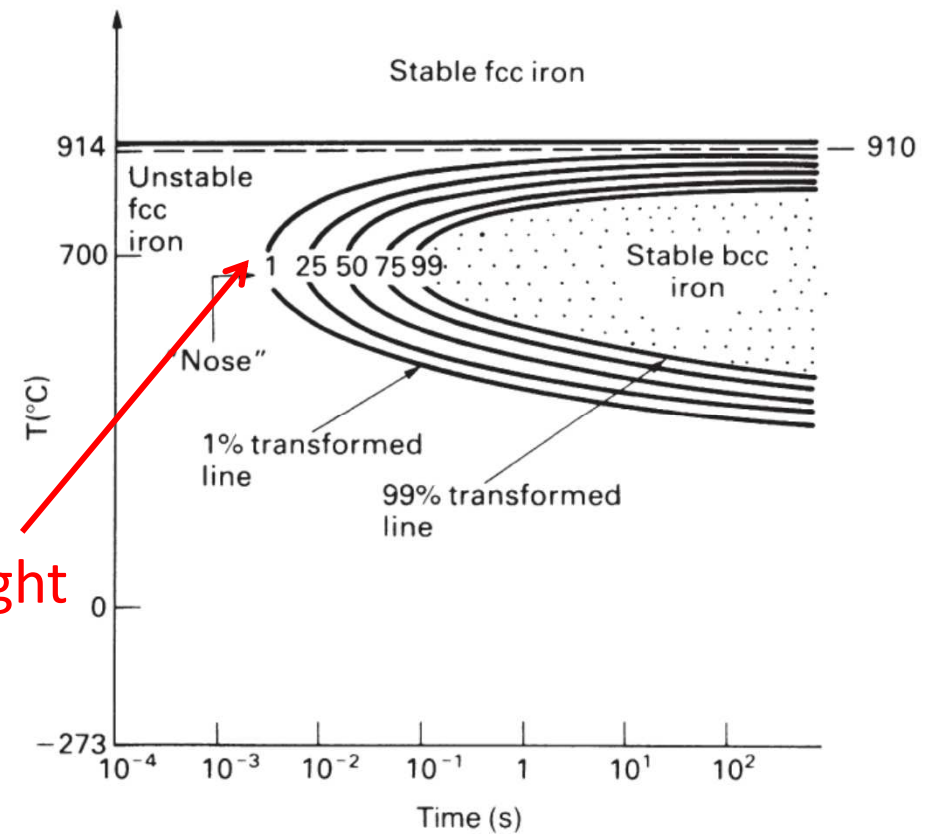
TTT Diagram



Hardenability

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TTT Diagram



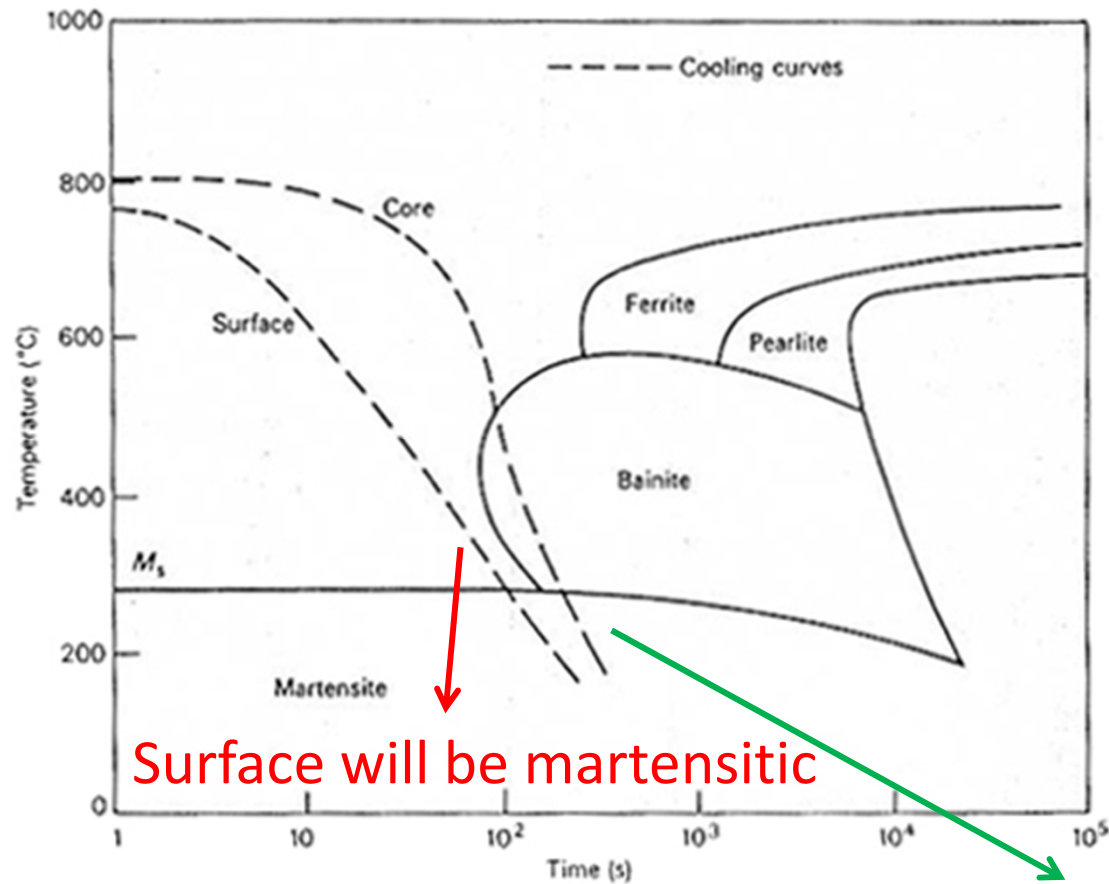
High hardenability

→ shifting the "C" curves to the right

→ Critical quenching rate ↓

Hardenability of large components ?

Oil quench on a bar with diameter = 95 mm



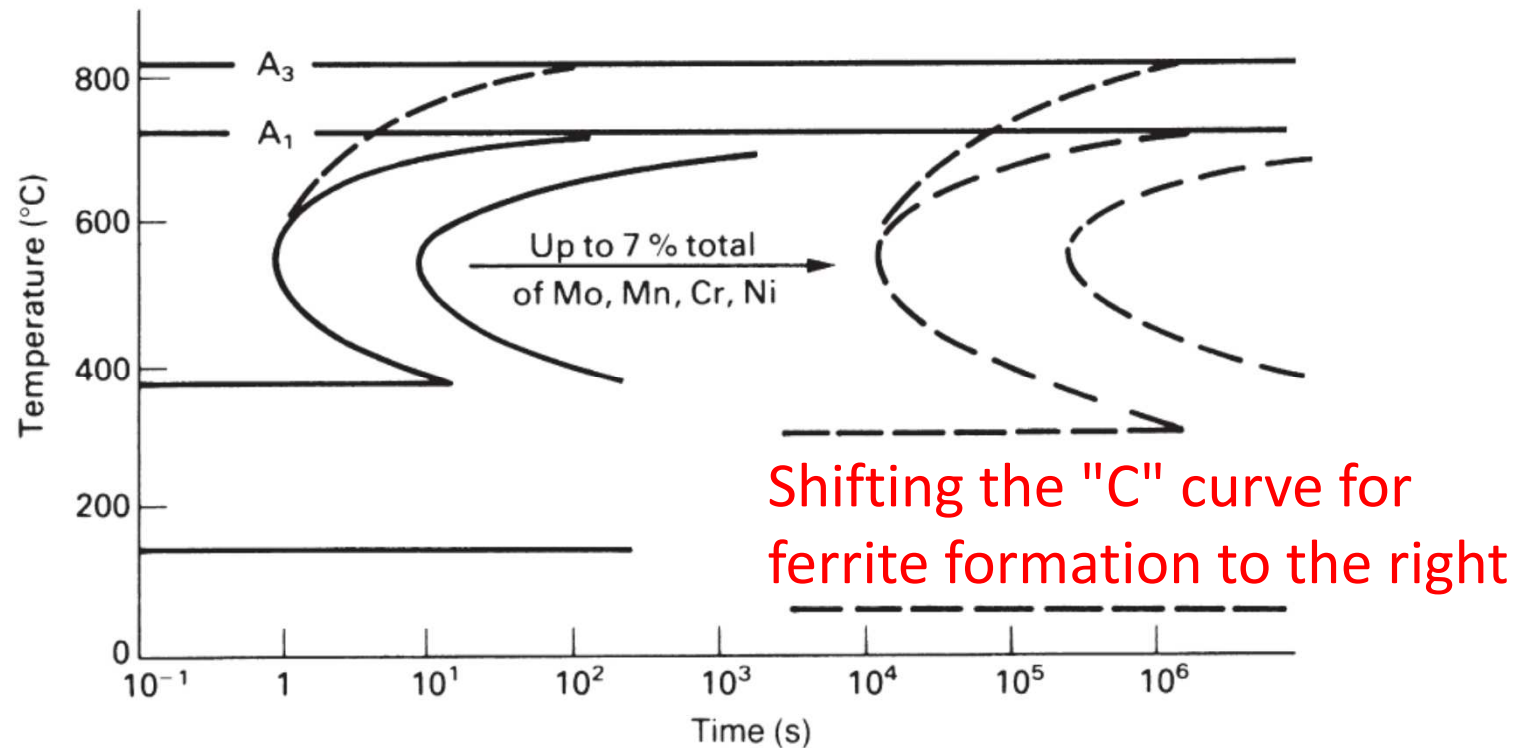
Risk of heterogeneous structures for large components

Surface will be martensitic

Core will be (partially) bainitic

Role of alloying elements (2)

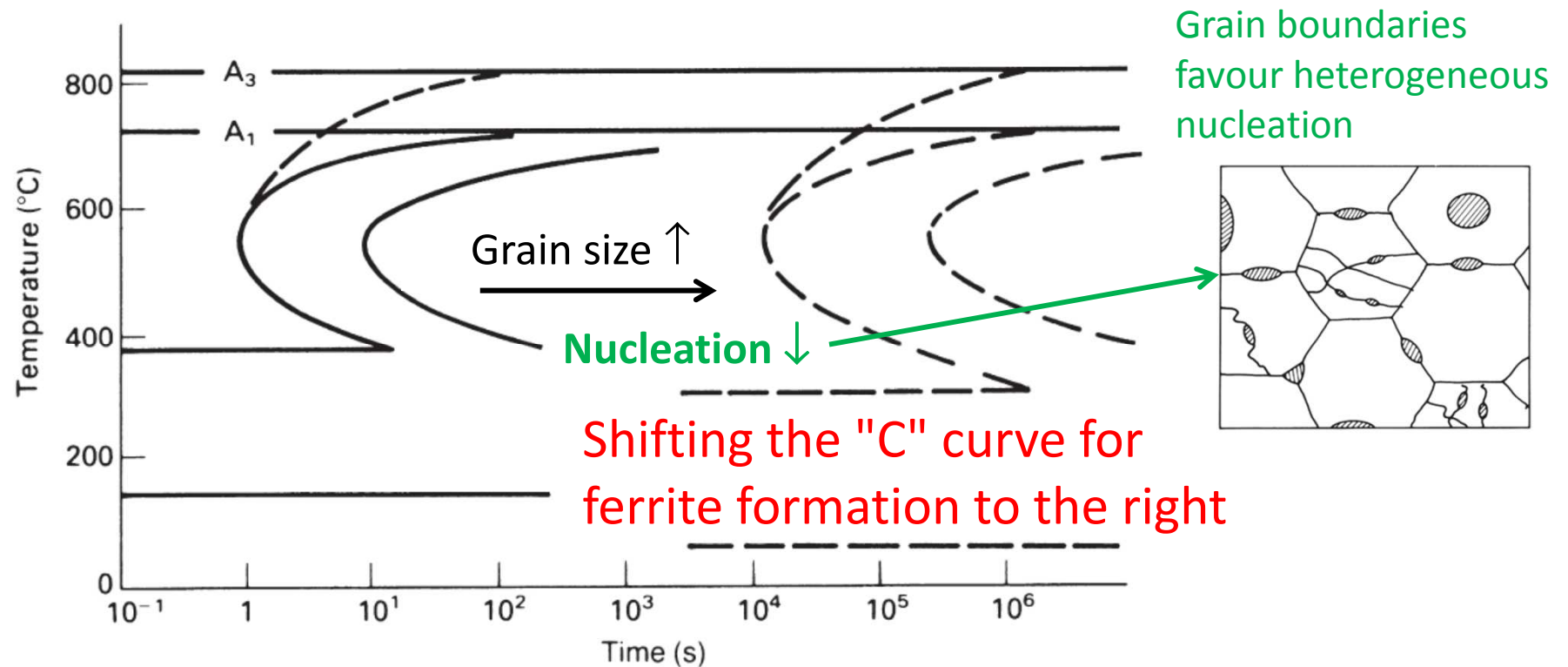
- Improve hardenability (Mo, Mn, Cr, Ni...)



⇒ Make it easier to obtain martensite even for **large components**

Effect of grain size

- Hardenability also changes with grain size



⇒ Make it easier to obtain martensite even for **large** components

Role of alloying elements (3)

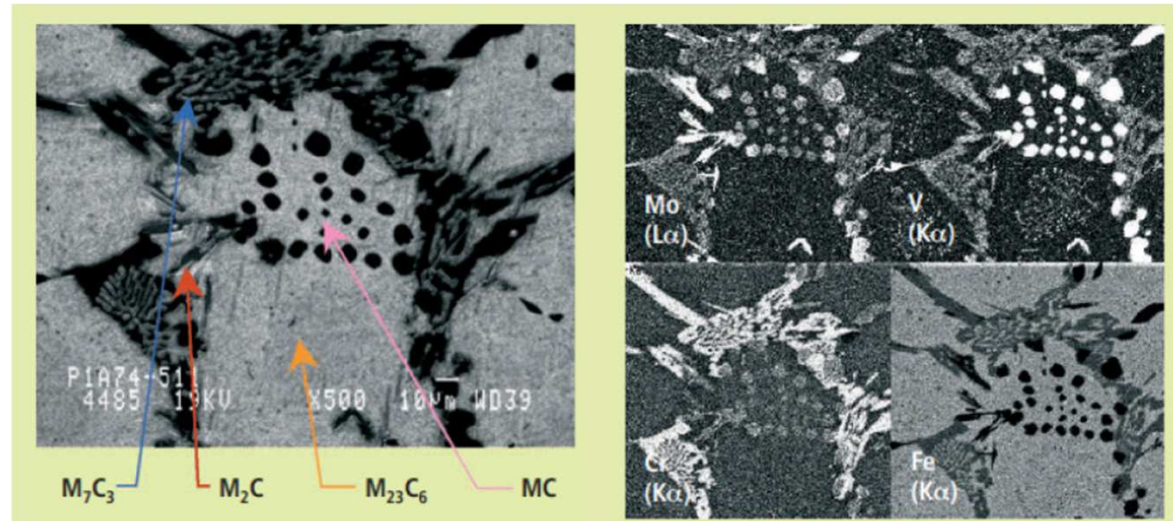
- Strengthening:
 - Solid solution
 - Precipitation

- Tool steels:

- Dissolved W, Co

- High Speed Steels (V, W, Mo, Cr)

- Alloyed carbides: VC, Mo₂C, WC, Cr₂₃C₆

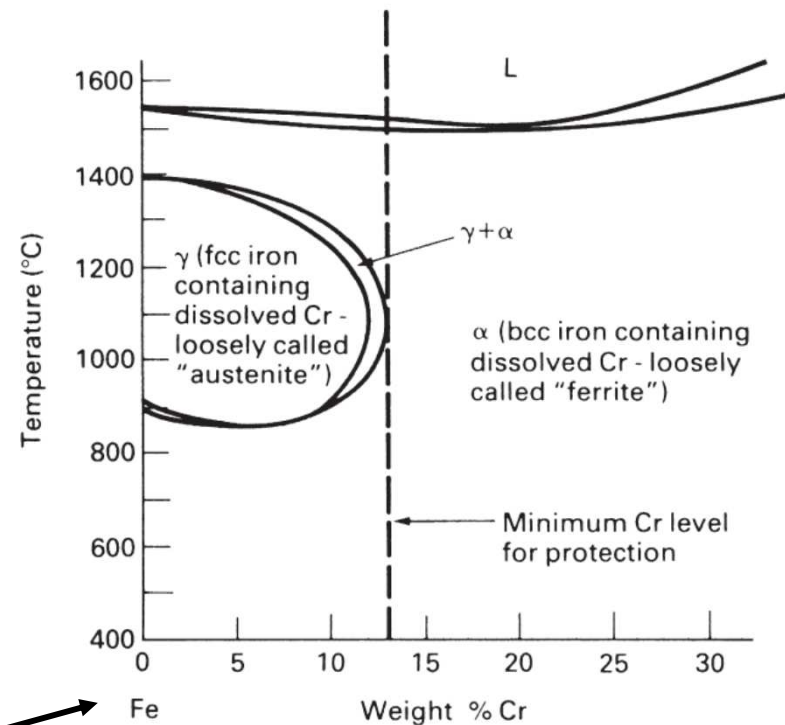
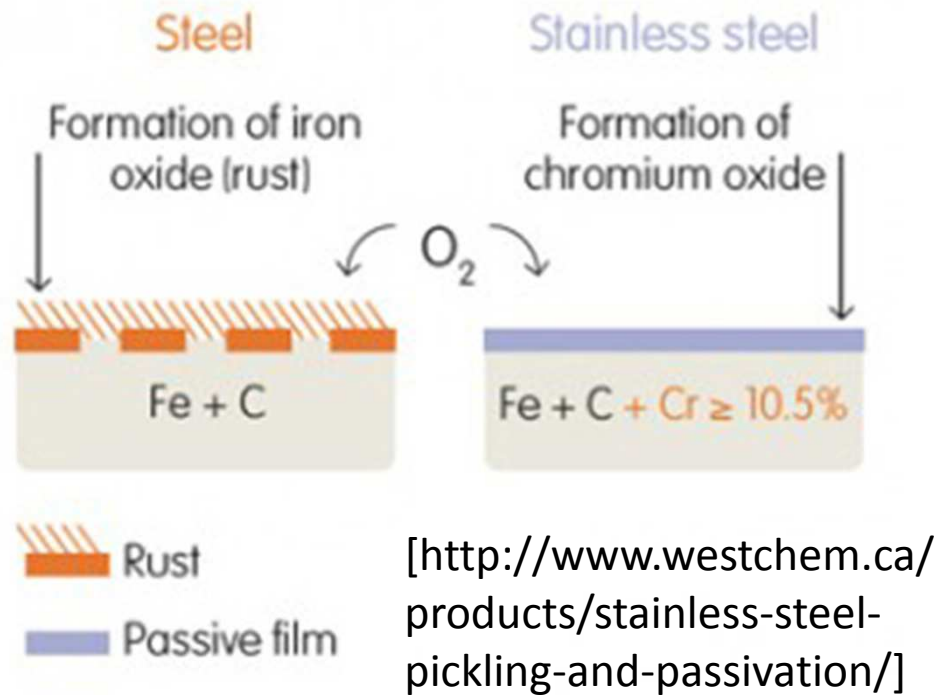


[J.T.Tchuindjang, ULg, 2005]

Role of alloying elements (4)

- Corrosion resistance, Cr in stainless steels
 \Rightarrow passivating layer of Cr_2O_3

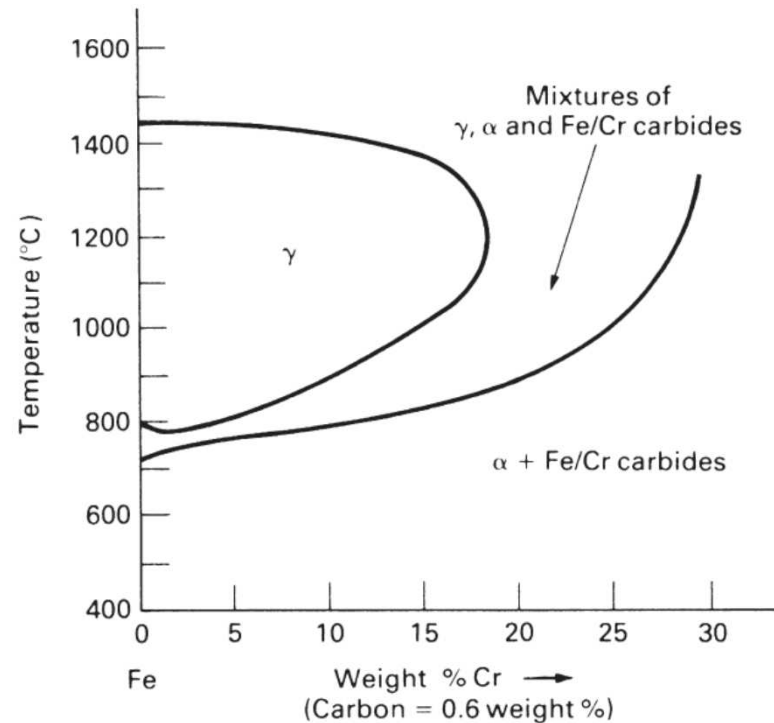
The Stainless Steel Process



- Cr stabilizes ferrite

[M.F. Ashby and D.R.H. Jones, Engineering Materials, vol. 2]

Role of alloying elements (5)



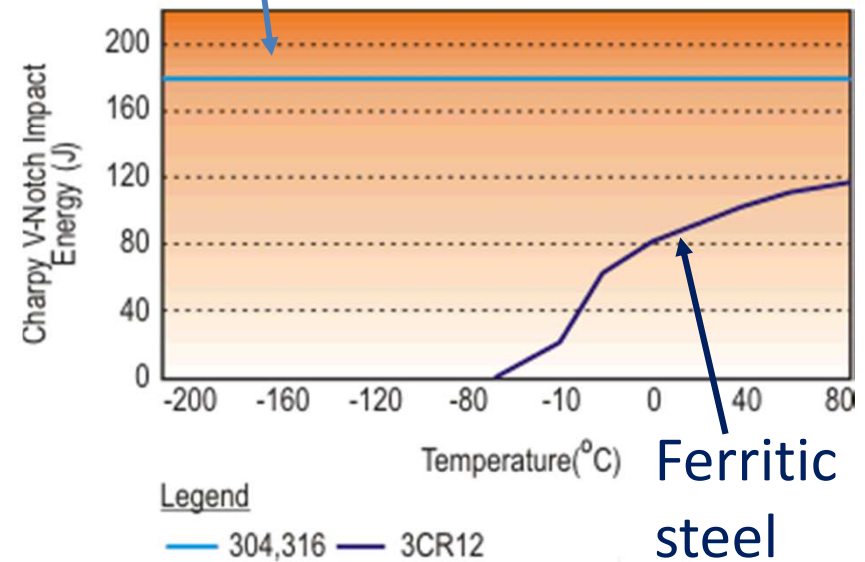
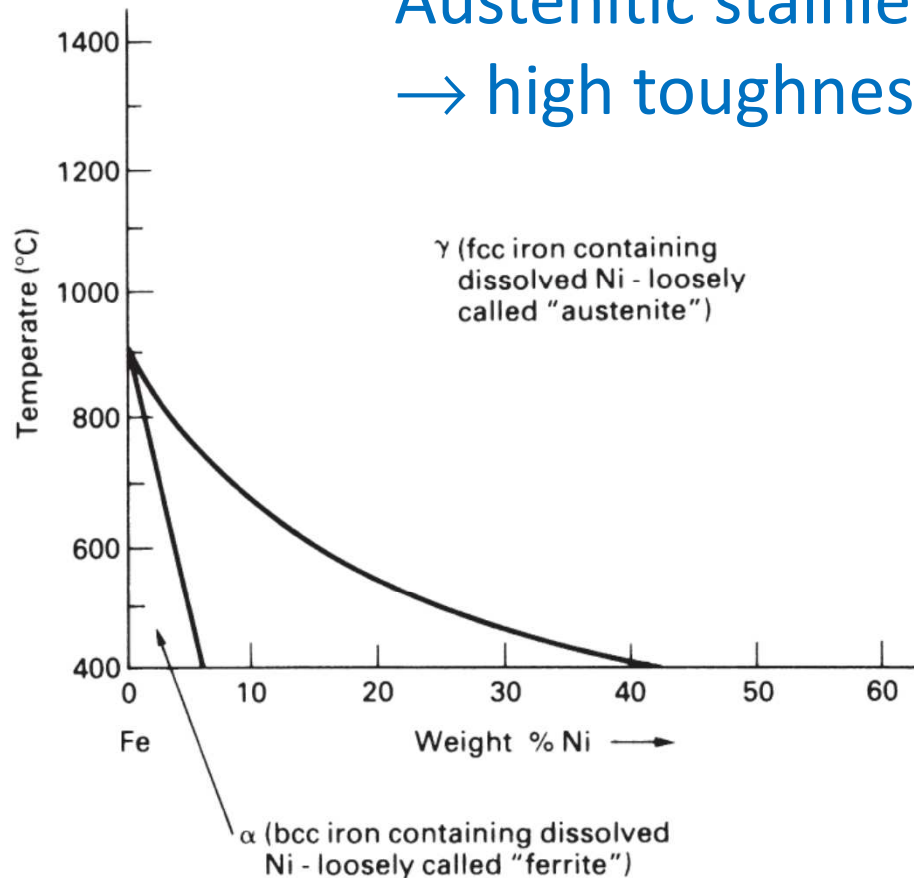
Increasing C content to make
hardenable stainless steels

- Corrosion resistance, Cr in stainless steels \Rightarrow passivating layer of Cr_2O_3
- Cr stabilizes ferrite \Rightarrow Other alloying elements are added to modify the structure of stainless steels

Role of alloying elements (6)

- Ni is added in stainless steels to stabilize austenite

Austenitic stainless steels
→ high toughness at low T



[<https://www.azom.com/article.aspx?ArticleID=1176>]

Standard designations of steels (1)

- Most used: American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) and Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE)
- Four digits
 - First two digits: Type of steel
 - Last two digits: amount of carbon
- Examples:
 - AISI 1020: plain carbon steel (10) with 0,2 wt% C (20)
 - AISI 4340: Ni-Cr-Mo steel (43) with 0,4 wt% C (40)
- See https://www.engineeringtoolbox.com/aisi-sae-steel-numbering-system-d_1449.html

Standard designations of steels (2)

- Other classifications: German (DIN), French (AFNOR)...
- Table of correspondance:

Aciers pour décolletage

NF	UNI	DIN	W.Nr	EURONORM	AISI-SAE
A37Pb	-	-	-	-	-
A60Pb	-	-	-	-	-
S250	CF95Mn28	95Mn28	-	115Mn28	-
S250Pb	CF95MnPb28	95MnPb28	-	115MnPb28	-
S300	-	95Mn36	-	-	-
S300Pb	CF95MnPb36	95MnPb36	0737	95MnPb35	12L14
18MF5	-	-	-	17S20	1117
45MF4	CF445MnPb28	45S20	-	45S20	1146

Aciers de cémentation

NF	UNI	DIN	W.Nr	EURONORM	AISI-SAE
XC10	C10	CK10	1121	2C10	1010
XC18	C15	CK15	1171	2C15	1017
-	-	15Cr3	7015	15Cr2	-
16MC5	16MnCr5	16MnCr5	7131	16MnCr5	-
20MC5	20MnCr5	20MnCr5	7141	-	-
18CD4	18CrMo4	16CrMo1	(7242)	18CrMo4	-
-	12NiCr3	-	-	-	-
14NC11	16NiCr11	(14NiCr10)	(5732)	13NiCr12	-
-	16CrNi4	-	-	-	-
-	20CrNi4	-	-	-	-
20NCD2	20NiCrMo2	21NiCrMo2	6523	20NiCrMo2	8620
-	18NiCrMo5	-	-	17NiCrMo5	-
-	18NiCrMo7	-	-	-	4320
-	16NiCrMo12	-	-	-	-

Aciers pour traitement thermique

NF	UNI	DIN	W.Nr	EURONORM	AISI-SAE
XC25	C25	CK22	-	2C25	1025
XC32	C30	-	-	-	1030
(XC38)	C35	CK35	1181	2C35	1038
(XC42)	C40	-	1186	-	1042
(XC48)	C45	CK45	1191	2C45	1045
(XC48)	C50	CK50	1206	-	1050
XC55	C55	CK55	1203	2C55	1055
XC65	C60	CK60	1221	2C60	1065
42C4	41Cr4	41Cr4	7035	41Cr4	5147
-	36CrMn5	-	-	-	-
25CD4	25CrMo4	25CrMo4	7218	25CrMo4	-
30CD4	30CrMo4	-	-	-	4130
35CD4	35CrMo4	34CrMo4	7220	34CrMo4	4135
42CD4	42CrMo4	42CrMo4	7225	42CrMo4	4142
40NCD2	40NiCrMo2	(42NiCrMo2-2)	(6546)	40NiCrMo2	8640
40NCD3	39NiCrMo3	-	-	39NiCrMo3	-
-	40NiCrMo7	(40NiCrMo7-3)	(6562)	-	4340
-	30NiCrMo12	-	-	-	-
-	30NiCrMoV12	-	-	-	-
35NCD16	34NiCrMo16	(30NiCrMo16-6)	(6747)	34NiCrMo16	-

Aciers pour trempe superficielle

NF	UNI	DIN	W.Nr	EURONORM	AISI-SAE
XC42TS	C43	-	-	-	-
XC48	C48	CK45	-	C46	1045
-	38Cr4	38Cr4	7043	38Cr4	-
-	36CrMn4	-	-	-	-
42CD4TS	41CrMo4	41CrMo4	7223	41CrMo4	(4140)
40NCD3TS	40NiCrMo3	-	-	40NiCrMo3	-

Aciers pour roulement

NF	UNI	DIN	W.Nr	EURONORM	AISI-SAE
100C6	100Cr6	100Cr6	3505	100Cr6	52100
-	100CrMn4	(100CrMn6)	(3520)	(100CrMn6)	-
100CD7	100CrMo7	W5	(3536)	(100CrMnMo7)	-

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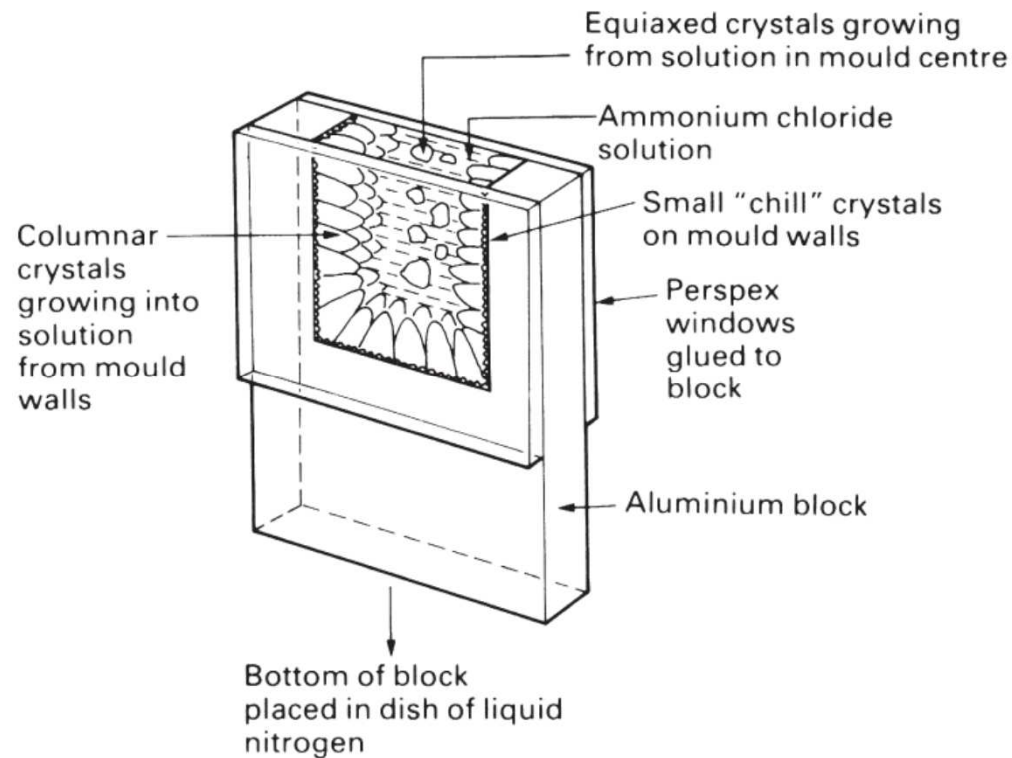
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Production, forming and joining of metals

Ingot casting, rolling, welding, 3D printing...

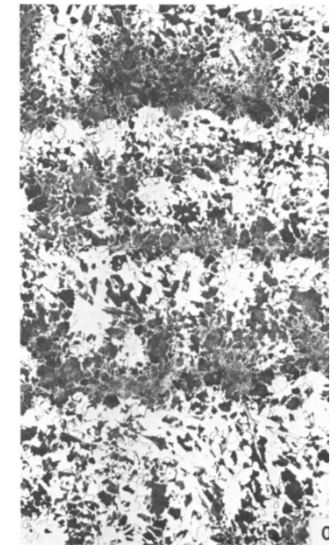
Ingots casting

- Solidification structure?



Impurities or alloying elements get "pushed" ahead of the solidification front

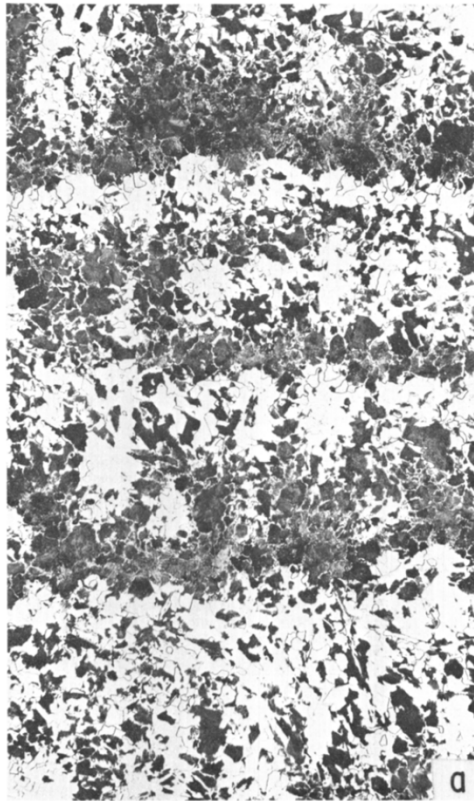
⇒ **Segregation**



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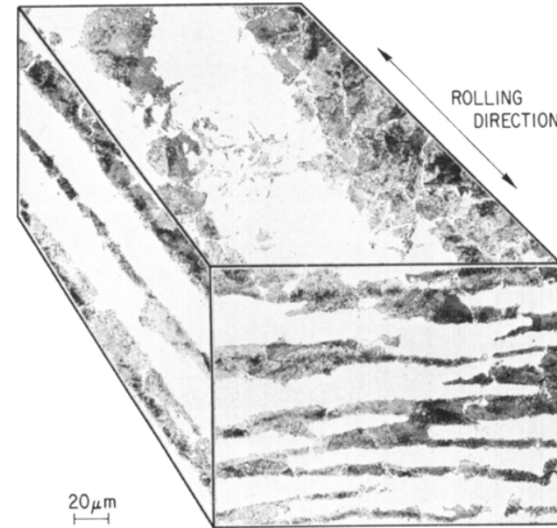
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Ingot casting and banding

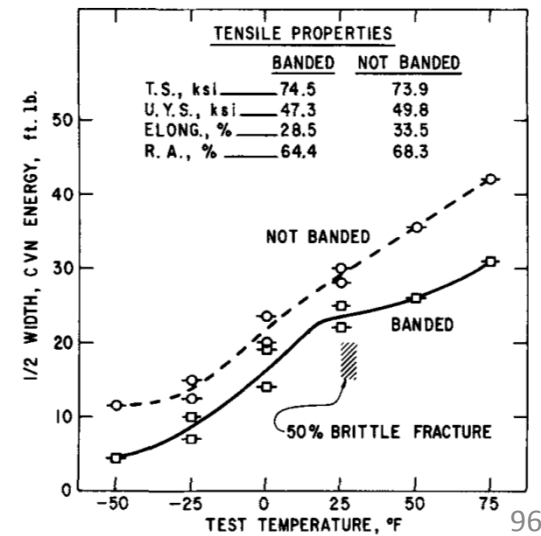


Ingot structure

After rolling



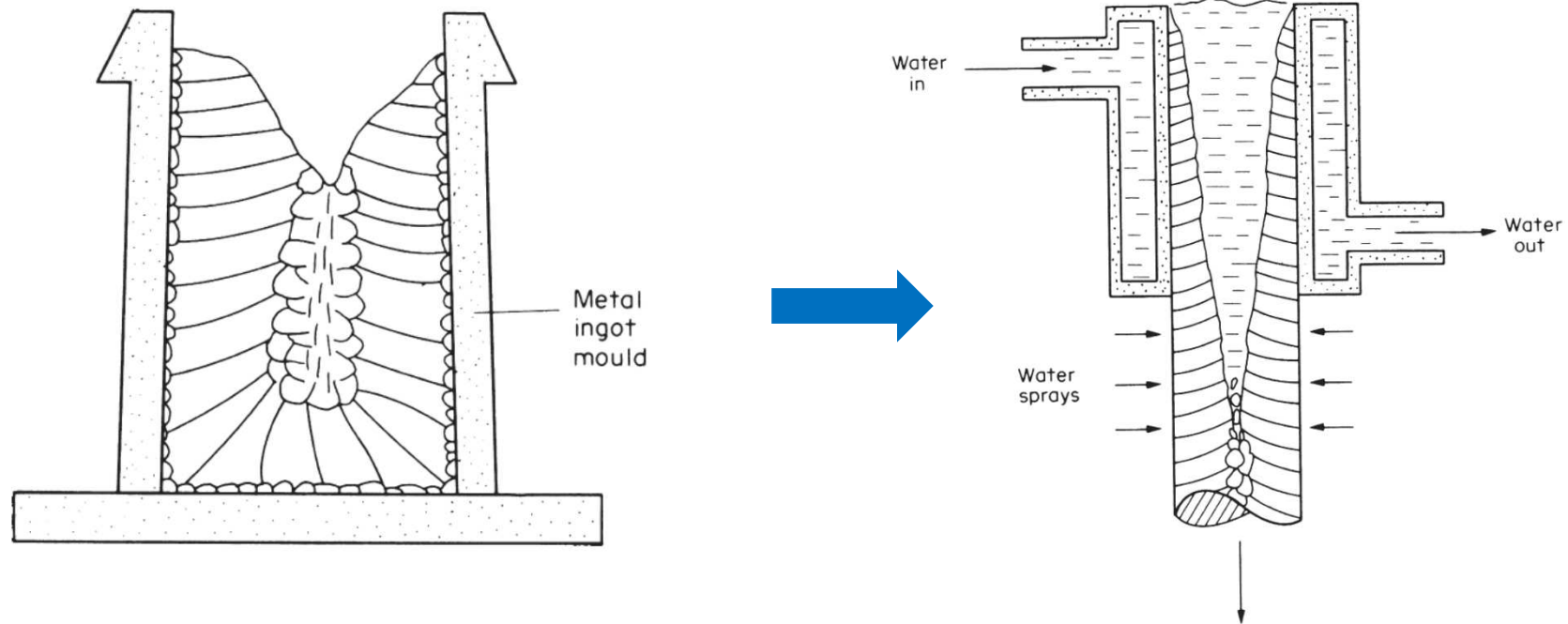
Toughness



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Ingots vs continuous casting

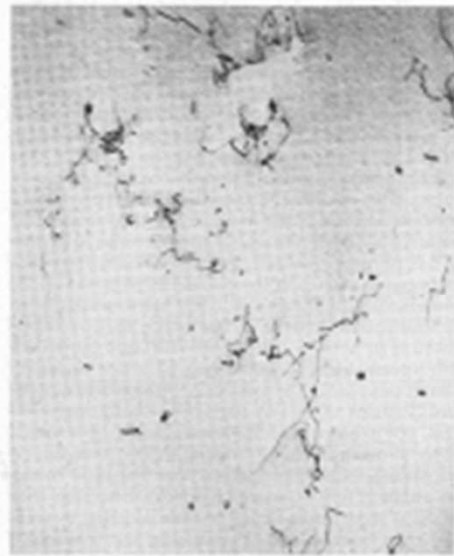
- Contraction during solidification
⇒ Cavity



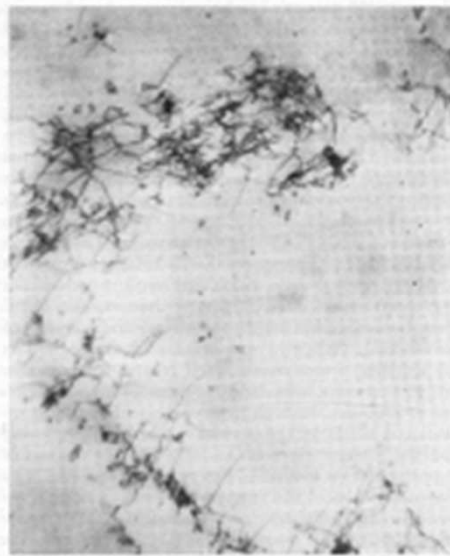
In continuous casting, liquid metal is fed continuously (no cavity) and columnar grains grow over smaller distance (segregation ↓)

Rolling, recovery and recrystallisation (1)

- Rolling relies on plastic deformation
⇒ Work hardening may become a problem



1% STRAIN



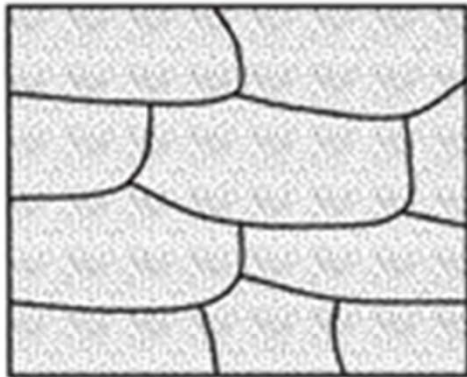
3.5% STRAIN

Dislocations density \uparrow
⇒ Entanglement
⇒ Dislocations glide
more difficult
⇒ Strength \uparrow
⇒ **Work hardening**

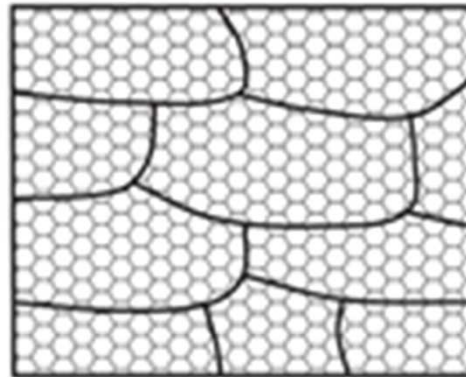
[J. Lecomte-Beckers, Phys0904 "Physique des Matériaux"]

Rolling, recovery and recrystallization (2)

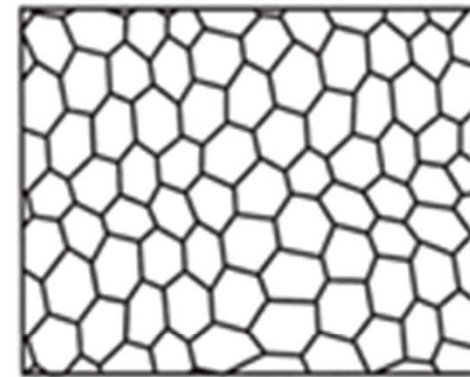
- Rolling relies on plastic deformation
 - ⇒ Work hardening may become a problem
 - ⇒ Annealing to favour recovery/recrystallization



Deformed structure



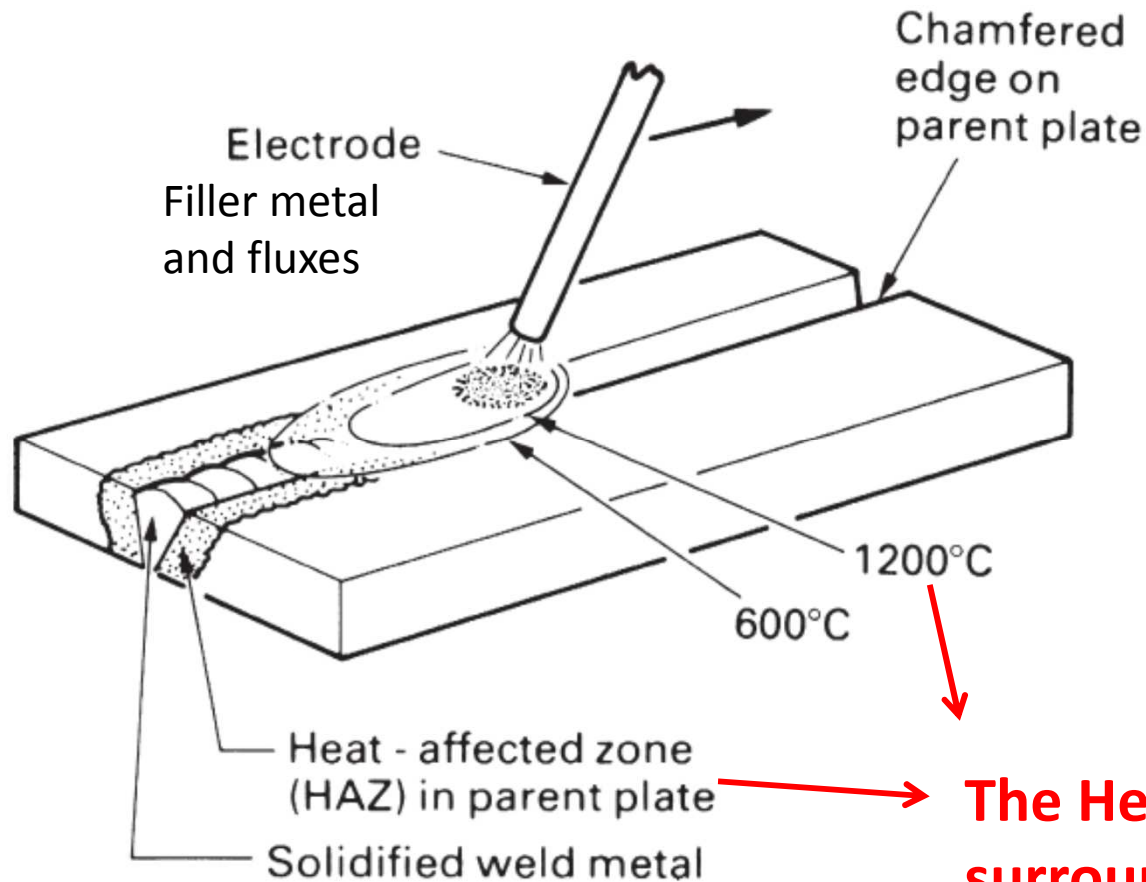
Recovery = organisation
of crystalline defects



Recrystallization =
formation of new
grains

≠ structures ⇒ ≠ properties

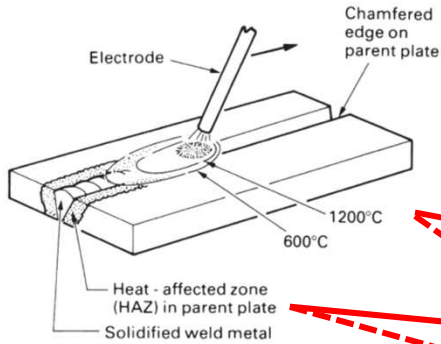
Welding steels (1)



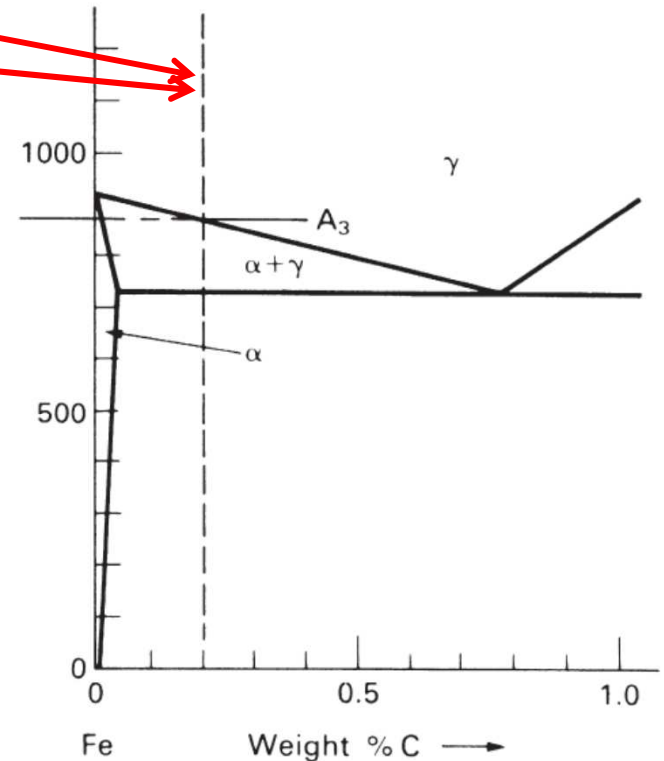
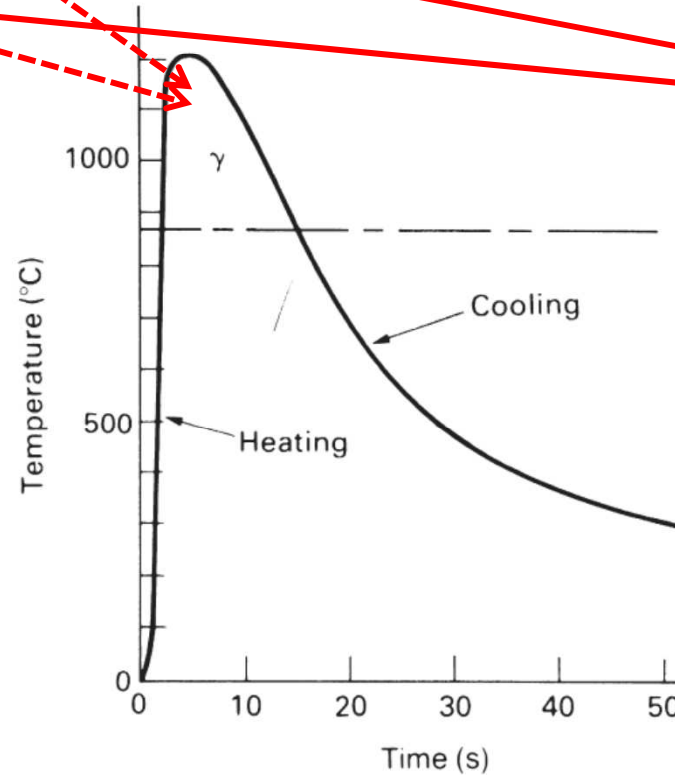
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Welding steels (2)

The Heat Affected Zone surrounding the weld is reheated in the austenitic phase field

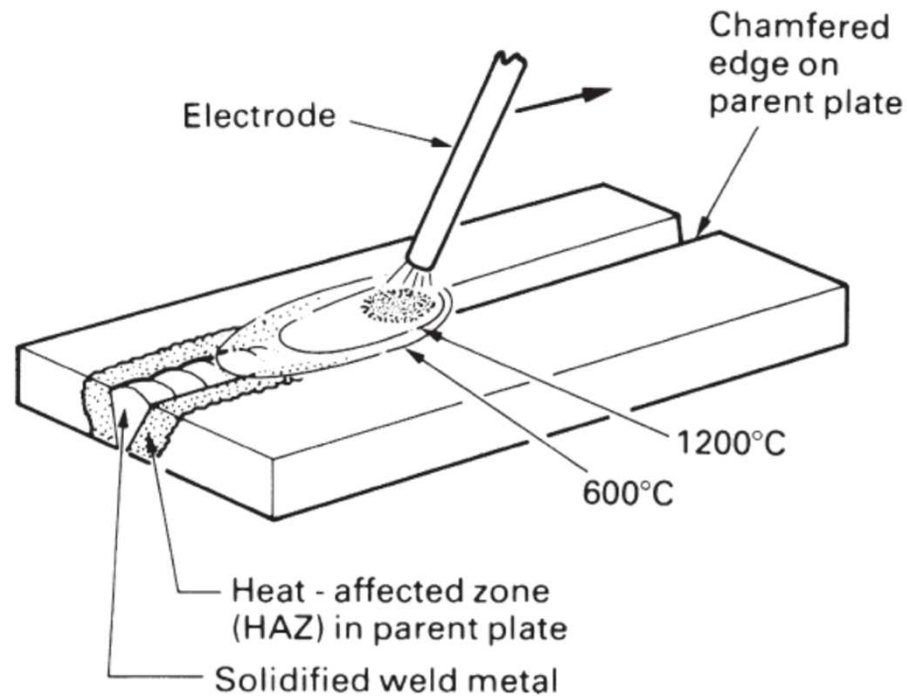


Rapid heating is followed by rapid cooling through conduction in the parent metal



⇒ Risk of forming martensite in the HAZ for C content > 0,5 wt%

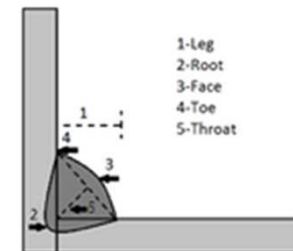
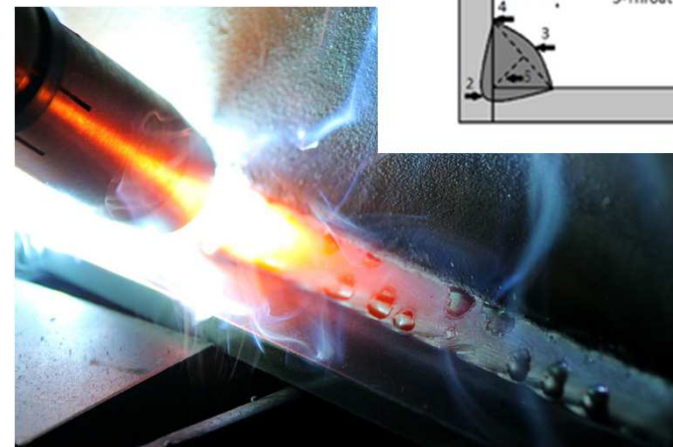
Welding steels (3)



**Martensite is brittle
in itself
+ it is prone to H₂
embrittlement**

Fillet weld

Bigger heat sink
⇒ faster cooling
⇒ Risk of forming martensite ↑



[By Dako99 - Own work, CC BY-SA 3.0]¹⁰²

Welding steels (4)

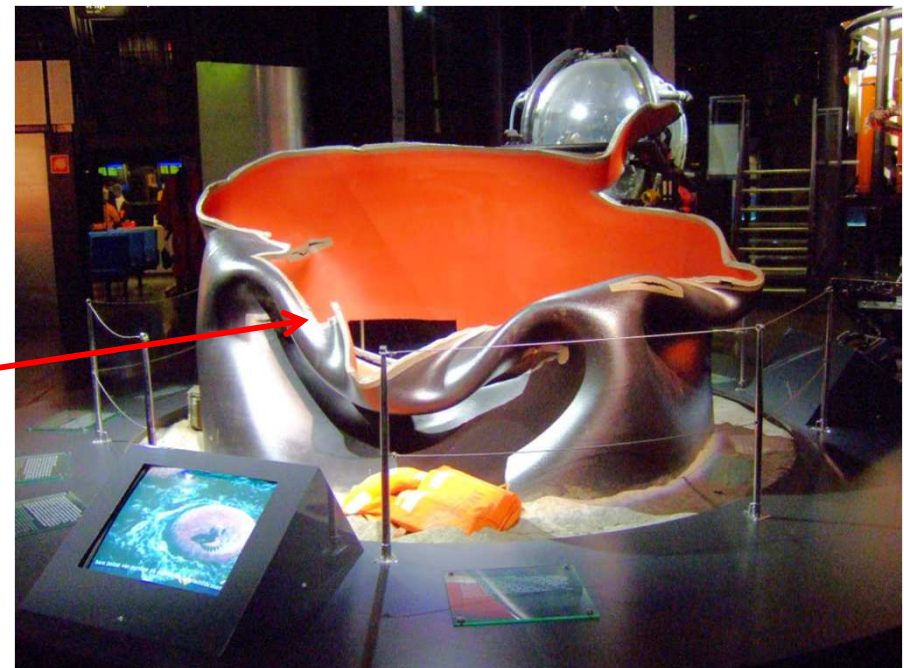
Collapse of the Alexander Kielland oil platform (March 1980)



[Norsk Oljemuseum -
Norwegian Petroleum
Museum]

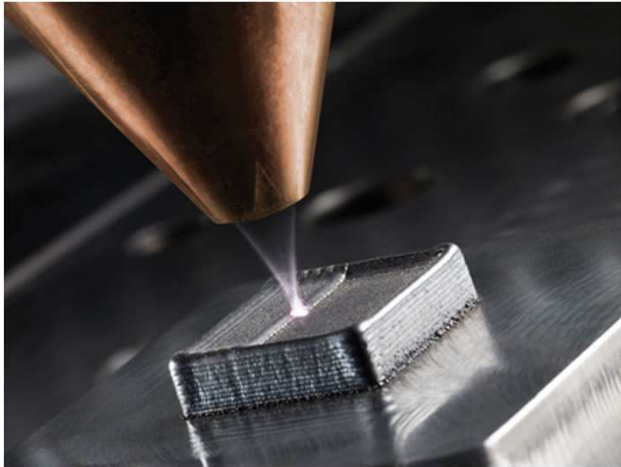
**And this all started from a
crack at a small fillet weld!**

<https://www.twi-global.com/news-events/case-studies/alexander-i-kielland-accommodation-platform-145/>



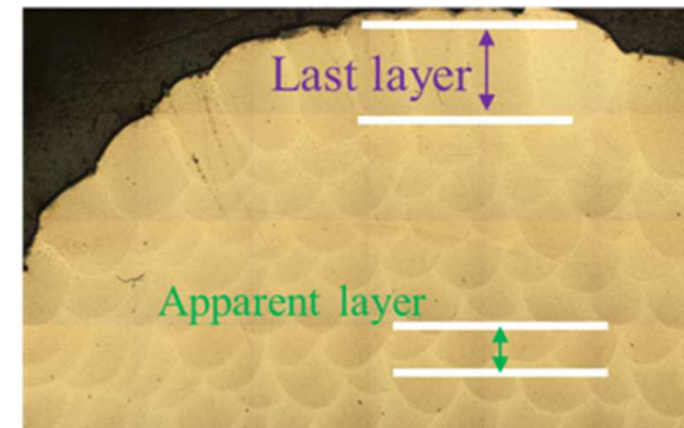
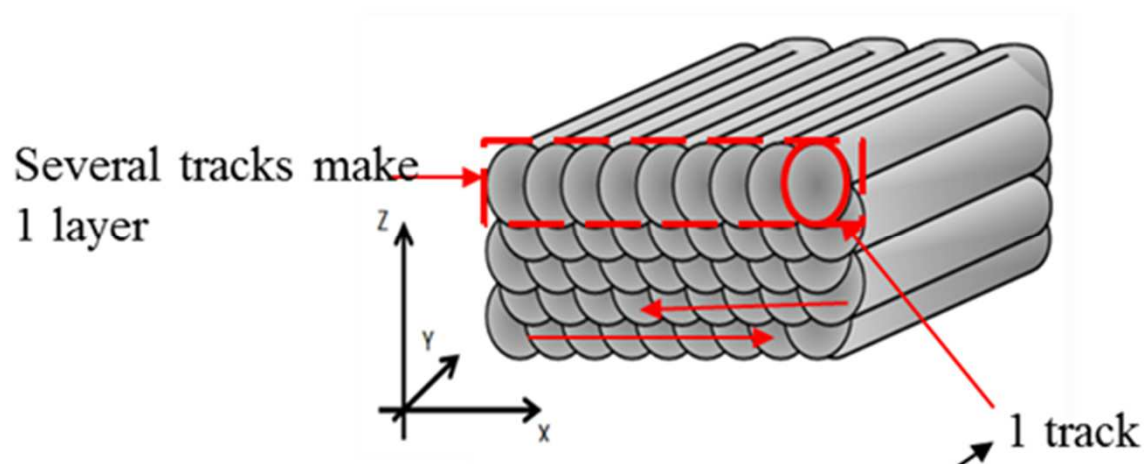
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3D printing of metals (1)



A metallic powder is simultaneously deposited and melted using a laser beam

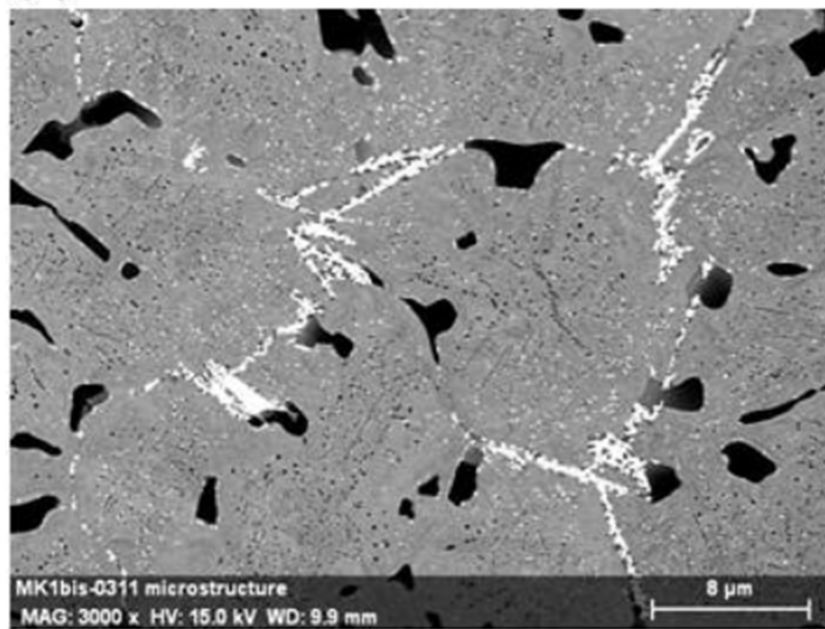
One track // one weld bead



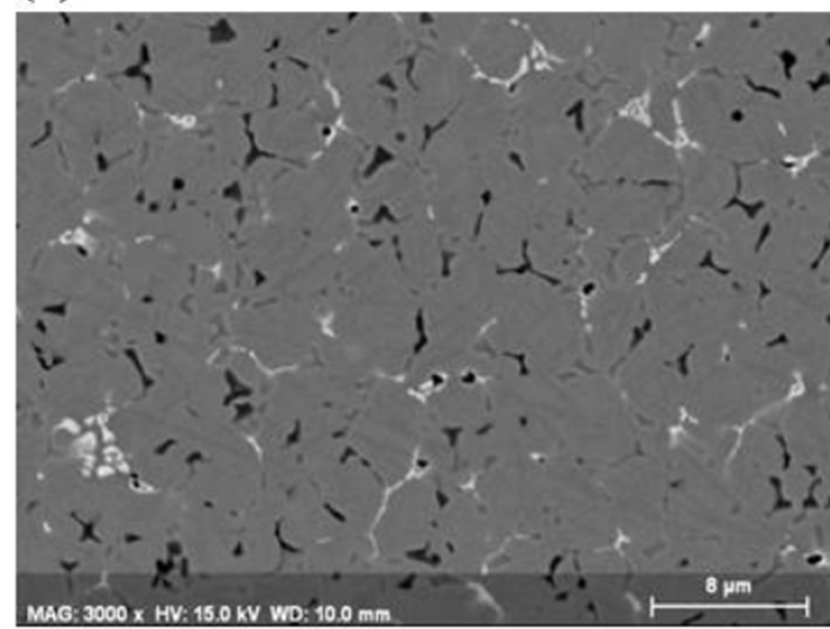
3D printing of metals (2)

High Speed Steels

- Cr, Mo, V, W to form hard carbides
- Fast cooling \Rightarrow Finer structure



Conventional casting

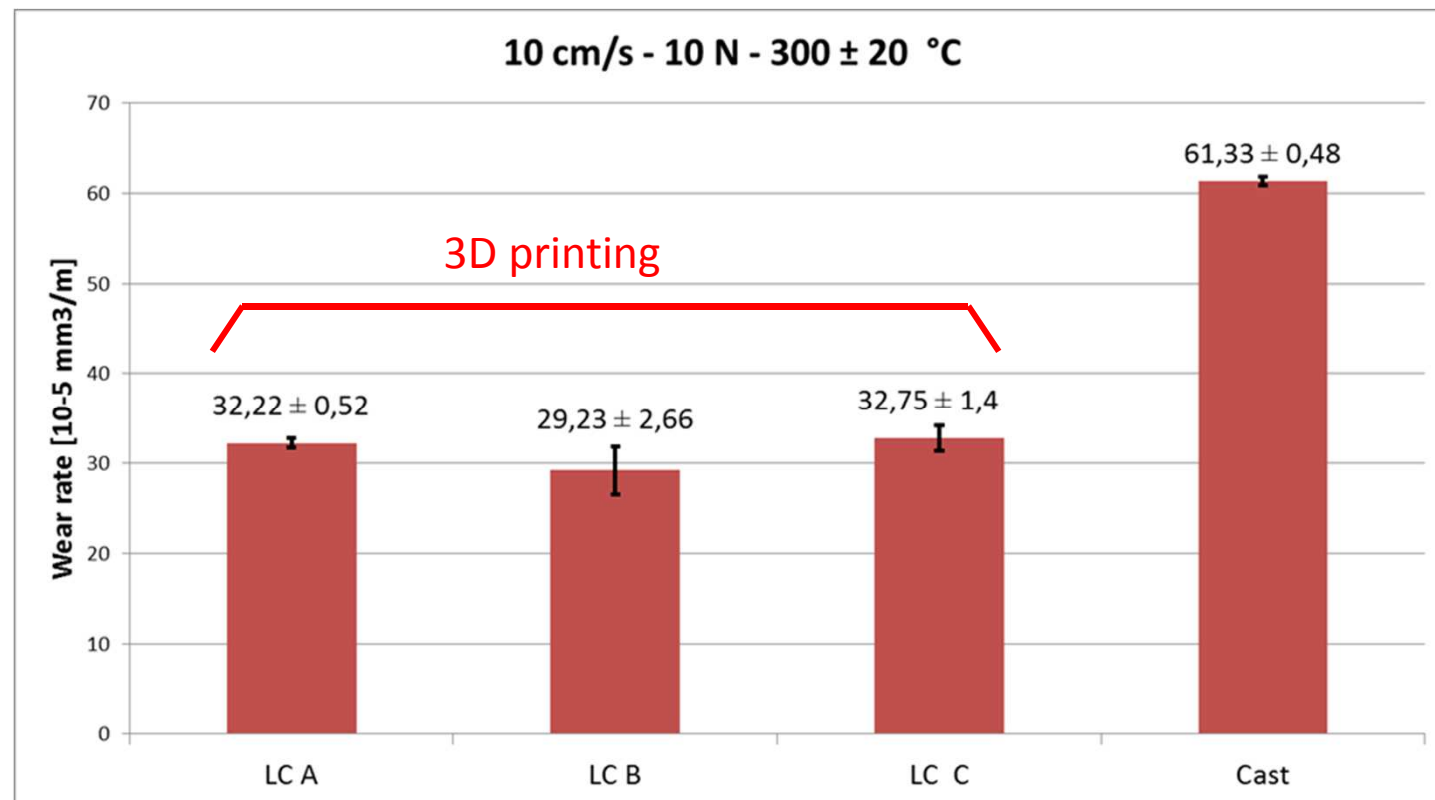


3D printing

3D printing of metals (3)

High Speed Steels

- Cr, Mo, V, W to form hard carbides
- Fast cooling \Rightarrow Finer structure
 \Rightarrow Improved wear resistance



[N. Hashemi,
ULg, 2017]

Summary

Materials selection: desired properties

⇒ Materials properties may be

- structure independent ($E, c_p \dots$)
- structure dependent (σ_y , fatigue resistance...)

⇒ Structure may be controlled by

- Chemical composition (equilibrium)
- All structural changes = **History** of the material



**Production, forming
and joining**