

# Solid solution strengthening



Solid solution strengthening effects in ferrite-pearlite high-strength lowalloy steels.



# Particle strengthening

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Coherency hardening

Surface hardening

Order hardening

Stacking fault hardening

Modulus hardening



$$\tau = \frac{2T}{bL} \approx \frac{\mu b}{L}$$

# Grain boundary strengthening



Number of dislocations in pile up: 
$$npprox rac{ au_0 L}{\mu b}$$

Normal stress acting across 
$$OP$$
:  $\sigma = \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{L}{r}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tau_0 \cos \frac{1}{2} \theta \sin \theta$ 

Shear stress acting on 
$$OP$$
:  $au = -\left(rac{L}{4r}
ight)^{rac{1}{2}} au_0(2\cosrac{1}{2} heta - \sin heta\sinrac{3}{2} heta)$ 

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## Hall-Petch equation

I apply an additional shear stress,  $\tau$ , to the pile-up and the resistance due to the GB is  $(\tau - \tau_i)$ .  $\tau_i$  is the friction stress. Maximum stress in the next grain (Stroh) is

$$\tau_{\max} = (\tau - \tau_i)\sqrt{L/4r} \tag{1}$$

When  $\tau$  reaches the shear stess in yielding,  $\tau_y$ , sources are activated in the next grain. So (1) becomes

$$\tau_y = \tau_i + (\tau_{\max} \times 2\sqrt{r}) L^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

I can identify L with the grain size, d; and after converting to tensile stress I get the Hall-Petch equation,

$$\sigma_y = \sigma_i + k_y d^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$



$$\sigma_y = \sigma_i + k_y d^{-\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \text{(Hall-Petch equation)}$$
$$(\tau_s - \tau_i)nb \approx 2\gamma_s \longrightarrow \sigma_f \approx \frac{4\mu\gamma_s}{k_y} d^{-\frac{1}{2}} \qquad \text{(Cottrell-Petch equation)}$$

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Low carbon steel at  $-196^{\circ}$ C

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2.3. Effect of grain size of ferrite on yield stress and impact transition temperature. (0.10%C; 0.50%Mn; 0.2%Si; 0.006%N).

# The Fe–C phase diagram



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Fe-Fe<sub>3</sub>C Phase Diagram, Materials Science and Metallurgy, 4th ed., Pollack, Prentice-Hall, Slide 14











Cooling / heating at  $0.125^{\circ}C$  per minute

A <sub>1</sub>	Change on heating Pearlite to austenite	Change on cooling Austenite to pearlite		
A <sub>2</sub>	Loss of ferromagnetism	Gain of ferromagnetism		
A <sub>3</sub>	Last ferrite absorbed in austenite	First ferrite nucleates from austenite		
$A_{cm}$	Last cementite absorbed in austenite	First cementite nucleates from austenite		
A <sub>4</sub>	First $\delta$ -iron forms from austenite	Last $\delta$ -iron dissolves in austenite		

Diffusivity

Solvent	Solute	Activation energy, Q (kJ mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Frequency factor, <i>D</i> o (cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Diffusion coefficient, D <sub>910°C</sub> (cm <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Temperature range (°C)
γ-iron	С	135	0.15	$1.5 \times 10^{-7}$	900-1050
	Fe	269	0.18	$2.2 \times 10^{-13}$	1060-1390
	Со	364	$3.0 \times 10^2$	24.0 ×10 <sup>-12</sup> (at 1050°C)	1050-1250
	Cr	405	$1.8 \times 10^{4}$	58.0 ×10 <sup>-12</sup> (at 1050°C)	1050-1250
	Cu	253	3.0	$15.0 \times 10^{-11}$	800-1200
	Ni	280	0.77	$7.7 \times 10^{-13}$	930-1050
	P	293	28.3	$3.6 \times 10^{-12}$	1280-1350
	S	202	1.35	$1.5 \times 10^{-9}$	1200-1350
	W	376	1.0 ×10 <sup>3</sup>	12.0 ×10 <sup>-12</sup> (at 1050°C)	1050–1250
α-iron	С	80	$6.2 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.8 \times 10^{-6}$	
	N	76	$3.0 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.3 \times 10^{-6}$	
	Fe	240	0.5		700-750
	Co Cr	226 343	0.2 3.0 ×10 <sup>4</sup>	$2.1 \times 10^{-11}$	700-790
	Ni	258	9.7	$3.7 \times 10^{-11}$	700-900
	P W	230 293	2.9 3.8 ×10 <sup>2</sup>	$2.0 \times 10^{-10}$	860-900

**Table 5.2** Diffusion data for microalloy and interstitial solutes in austenite and in ferrite. The diffusion coefficients of these elements at 1200°C in austenite, and at 700°C in ferrite, are also shown

Element/Phase	D <sub>0</sub> (m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Q (kJ mol-1)	D <sub>α</sub> 700°C (m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> )	Dy 1200 °C (m <sup>2</sup> s <sup>-1</sup>
C/a	0.62 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	80.4	3.00 x 10 <sup>-11</sup>	arti
C/Y	0.10 × 10-4	135.7	-	1.59 × 10 <sup>-10</sup>
N/a	0.50 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	77.0	3.66 × 10-11	
N/y	0.91 × 10-4	168.6	-	9.60 × 10 <sup>-11</sup>
Ti/a	3.15 × 10-4	248.0	1.56 × 10 <sup>-17</sup>	
Ti/y	0.15 × 10-4	251.2	-	1.86 × 10-14
V/α	0.61 × 10-4	267.1	$2.80 \times 10^{-19}$	-
V/y	0.25 × 10-4	264.2	-	1.07 × 10 <sup>-14</sup>
Nb/a	-	-	-	-
Nb/y	5.30 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	344.6	-	1.56 × 10 <sup>-13</sup>
Al/a	0.30 × 10 <sup>-2</sup>	234.5	7.80 × 10 <sup>-16</sup>	-
Al/y			-	-
Fe/a	1.67 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	256.7	2.79 × 10-19	-
Fe/y	0.49 × 10-4	284.1	-	4.13 × 10 <sup>-15</sup>



## Phase transformations in steel



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#### N $\alpha$ ΩLB. $\alpha_{\text{LIR}}$ $\alpha$ $\alpha_{W}$ $\alpha$ V Y Nucleation and growth reaction Y V V V v v Plate morphology Υ Y Y Y Ν Y N N v v v v v Ν IPS shape change with shear component N N Diffusionless nucleation Y Ν Ν Ν Ν Ν Ν Ν Only carbon diffuses during nucleation N Y Y Y Y Ν N N Reconstructive diffusion during nucleation Ν N Ν Y Y Y N N Ν N v Often nucleates intragranularly on defects V Ν v Ν v Y Diffusionless growth Y Y Y N N N Ν Reconstructive diffusion during growth Ν Ν N Y Y Y Ν All atomic correspondence during growth Y Y Y Y N N N N Y Y Y Y Y Ν Substitutional atomic correspondence during growth N N S S S Bulk redistribution of substitutional atoms during growth N N Ν Ν Ν S Local equilibrium at interface during growth N Ν N Ν S S N S S N Local para-equilibrium at interface during growth N N Ν Y Ν Ŷ N Y Y Y Diffusion of carbon during transformation N N N S S S Carbon diffusion-controlled growth Ν Y N N Ν Y Cooperative growth of ferrite and cementite N Ν Ν N Ν N S Ν High dislocation density v v v v Ν N N Y Y Y Ν N N Ν Incomplete reaction phenomenon Necessarily has a glissile interface v Y Y Y Y N N Ν Y v Always has an orientation within the Bain region Y Y Y N N Ν Grows across austenite grain boundaries Ν N Ν Y Y Y N N Y v v v v N N Ν High interface mobility at low temperatures Displacive transformation mechanism v Y v Y Υ N N Ν Reconstructive transformation mechanism Ν Ν Ν v N N v Y

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Y: yes; N: no; S: sometimes

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# TTT diagrams



1000 900 800 700 v S 600 TEMPERATURE, **TEMPERATURE**, 500 400 0.10% C ŏ 20%0 300 32 õ 41% 0.61% C 200 -0-83% 1 100 4 5 9 2 8 000 000 000 0000 00000 00000 TIME HELD IN CONSTANT TEMPERATURE BATH FROM START OF QUENCH, \$









## Decomposition of austenite



Fig. 5. Cinephotomicrographic sequence showing the formation of ferrite allotromorphs (arrows) on austenite grain boundaries in pure iron at 825°C (cooling rate 12°C/s) (x 125).



Fig. 6. Cinephotomicrographic sequence showing the growth of Widmanstatten ferrite (arrow) from Fe-0.8C austenite at  $617^{\circ}C$  (cooling rate of  $10^{\circ}C/s$ ) (x 250).


Fig. 8. Cinephotomicrographic sequence of growth of a pearlite nodule (arrow) at the junction of three austenite grains; cooling rate  $4800^{\circ}$ F (9) and transformation temperature  $1090^{\circ}$ F. Magnification about 250 times.



Fig. 10. Cinephotomicrographic sequence showing the formation of lath martensite in a low-alloy steel at 330°C (cooling rate of 17°C/s) (x227).(8)



Fig. 11. Cinephotomicrographic sequence showing the formation of bainite in a low-alloy steel at  $550^{\circ}C$  (cooling rate  $6.2^{\circ}C/s$ )(x227).<sup>(8)</sup>



# Growth of proeutectoid ferrite







### Widmanstätten ferrite



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### Acicular ferrite







Fig. 7 The microstructure generated by heat-treatment H1. The allotriomorphic ferrite layer is inert, giving acicular ferrite in the interiors of the austenite grains.



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Fig. 10 The microstructure generated by heat-treatment H5, consisting of allotriomorphic ferrite and martensite, since isothermal holding at a temperature above  $B_s$  did not cause any transformation.

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# TTT diagrams













### Decomposition of austenite by reconstructive transformation



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Growth of pearlite





D is carbon diffusivity in austenite;  $\lambda^{\alpha}, \lambda^{\mathsf{C}}$  are widths of ferrite and cementite lamella.

# Growth of proeutectoid ferrite




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## Widmanstätten ferrite







	$\alpha'$	$\alpha_{LB}$	$\alpha_{\text{UB}}$	$\alpha_{a}$	$\alpha_{W}$	α	$\alpha_{i}$	Р
Nucleation and growth reaction	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Plate morphology	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ν	N	Ν
IPS shape change with shear component	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Diffusionless nucleation	Y	N	N	N	N	N	N	Ν
Only carbon diffuses during nucleation	Ν	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ν	Ν	Ν
Reconstructive diffusion during nucleation	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Often nucleates intragranularly on defects	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Diffusionless growth	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Reconstructive diffusion during growth	N	N	N	N	N	Υ	Y	Y
All atomic correspondence during growth	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Substitutional atomic correspondence during growth	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Bulk redistribution of substitutional atoms during growth	N	N	N	N	N	S	S	S
Local equilibrium at interface during growth	N	N	N	N	N	S	S	S
Local para-equilibrium at interface during growth	N	N	N	N	Y	S	S	N
Diffusion of carbon during transformation	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Carbon diffusion-controlled growth	N	N	N	N	Y	S	S	S
Cooperative growth of ferrite and cementite	N	N	N	N	N	Ν	N	Y
High dislocation density	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	N	N	N
Incomplete reaction phenomenon	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Necessarily has a glissile interface	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Always has an orientation within the Bain region $^{\dagger}$	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N
Grows across austenite grain boundaries	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y
High interface mobility at low temperatures	Υ	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Ν	N
Displacive transformation mechanism	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ν	Ν	Ν
Reconstructive transformation mechanism	N	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y

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# The rate of growth of ferrite in austenite















Combining diffusion controlled interface velocity equation

$$\left(c^{\gamma\alpha}-c^{\alpha\gamma}\right)\frac{\partial z^{*}}{\partial t}\approx -D\,\frac{\bar{c}-c^{\gamma\alpha}}{\Delta z}$$

with conservation of mass condition

$$(\bar{c} - c^{\alpha\gamma}) z^* = \frac{1}{2} (c^{\gamma\alpha} - \bar{c}) \Delta z$$

leads to

$$\frac{\partial z^*}{\partial t} = \frac{D\left(c^{\gamma\alpha} - \bar{c}\right)^2}{2z^*\left(c^{\gamma\alpha} - c^{\alpha\gamma}\right)\left(\bar{c} - c^{\alpha\gamma}\right)}$$

that is, 
$$z^* \propto \sqrt{Dt}$$

### In the single component case,

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Rate of solute} \\ \text{partitioning} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Diffusive flux} \\ \text{away from interface} \end{array} \\ (c^{\gamma\alpha} - c^{\alpha\gamma}) \, \frac{\partial z^*}{\partial t} = (c^{\gamma\alpha} - c^{\alpha\gamma}) \, v = -D \frac{\partial c}{\partial z} \end{array}$$

In the case of two components, say C and Mn,

$$(c_{\rm C}^{\gamma\alpha} - c_{\rm C}^{\alpha\gamma}) v = -D_{\rm C}^{\gamma} \frac{\partial c_{\rm C}}{\partial z}$$
$$(c_{\rm Mn}^{\gamma\alpha} - c_{\rm Mn}^{\alpha\gamma}) v = -D_{\rm Mn}^{\gamma} \frac{\partial c_{\rm Mn}}{\partial z}$$

But

$$D_{\rm C}^{\gamma} \gg D_{\rm Mn}^{\gamma}$$



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$$(c_{\rm Mn}^{\gamma\alpha} - c_{\rm Mn}^{\alpha\gamma}) v = -D_{\rm Mn}^{\gamma} \frac{\partial c_{\rm Mn}}{\partial z}$$





There is *local equilibrium* at the  $\alpha/\gamma$  interface: compositions in both  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are those at the ends of equilibrium tie lines.

Austenite and ferrite cannot *both* have concentrations of C or Mn *greater* than the average  $\bar{c}$ . Therefore there is a unique solution to the coupled equations on slide 8.

At low undercooling and supersaturation growth is by Partitioning-Local Equilibrium mode

At high undercooling and supersaturation growth is by Negligible Partitioning-Local Equilibrium mode



$$(c_{\rm C}^{\gamma\alpha} - c_{\rm C}^{\alpha\gamma}) v = -D_{\rm C}^{\gamma} \frac{\partial c_{\rm C}}{\partial z}$$
$$(c_{\rm Mn}^{\gamma\alpha} - c_{\rm Mn}^{\alpha\gamma}) v = -D_{\rm Mn}^{\gamma} \frac{\partial c_{\rm Mn}}{\partial z}$$



Carbon  $\rightarrow$ 



Carbon  $\rightarrow$ 









# Decomposition of austenite by displacive transformation



## Bainite



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Above  $T_0$ : Widmanstätten ferrite

Below  $T_0$ : bainite

Upper bainite — carbon rejected into austenite Lower bainite — carbide retained in bainite ( $\approx 60^{\circ}$  to midrib) Acicular ferrite — bainite nucleated inside austenite grains











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## Homework for next week watch these videos

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FffY381eMhU

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S-5ZMhE7lak

Alloy steels













Figure VI-1. Effect of niobium on the recrystallization of a 0.05%C-1.8%Mn steel. (a) Dynamic recrystallization. (b) Static recrystallization. (L. Meyer, F. Heisterkamp, and W. Mueschenborn, in *Microalloying* 75, Union Carbide Corp., New York, 1976, p. 153, by permission.)



Zener's pinning force :  $p=\pi r\gamma$ 



Figure VI-2, Effect of microalloy content (niobium, vanadium, or titanium) on the ferrite grain size of as-hot-rolled low-carbon steel strip. (L. Meyer, F. Heisterkamp, and W. Mueschenborn, in *Microalloying 75*, Union Carbide Corp., New York, 1976, p. 153, by permission.)

Order of solubility of carbide in austenite: V $\rightarrow$ Ti $\rightarrow$ Nb





## Austenite







 $\label{eq:VT} \begin{array}{l} V_T: \text{wt\% V in alloy} \\ N_T: \text{wt\% N in alloy} \\ [V]: \text{wt\% V dissolved in austenite} \\ [N]: \text{wt\% N dissolved in austenite} \\ V_{VN}: \text{wt\% V present as VN} \\ N_{VN}: \text{wt\% N present as VN} \\ A_V: \text{ relative atomic mass of V} \\ A_N: \text{ relative atomic mass of N} \end{array}$ 

$$V_T = [V] + V_{VN}$$
$$N_T = [N] + N_{VN}$$
$$N_{VN} = V_{VN} \frac{A_N}{A_V}$$
$$k_s = [V][N]$$

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=  $(V_{T} - V_{VN}) (N_{T} - N_{VN})$   
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$$V_{\rm VN} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{A_{\rm V}}{A_{\rm N}} \left[ \left( N_T + V_T \frac{A_{\rm N}}{A_{\rm V}} \right) - \sqrt{\left( N_T + V_T \frac{A_{\rm N}}{A_{\rm V}} \right)^2 - 4 \frac{A_{\rm N}}{A_{\rm V}} \left( V_T N_T - k_s \right)} \right]$$



















Fig. 9.7 Effect of stoichiometry on the precipitation of TiC in a microalloyed steel (Gladman *et al.*, In: *Micro-alloying 75*, Union Carbide Corporation, 1975)



Fig. 9.6 Effect of austenitizing temperature on the yield strength of a 0.1C-0.6Mn-0.09Nb steel (Gladman *et al.*, In: *Micro-alloying 75*, Union Carbide Corporation, 1975)

## Precipitation of carbides, nitrides and carbonitrides

Precipitation in austenite

Precipitation during the  $\gamma \longrightarrow \alpha$  transformation

Continuous growth of carbide fibres or laths

Interphase precipitation

Precipitation in ferrite








# Continuous growth of carbide fibres or laths



Fig. 4.13 Fe-4Mo-0.2C transformed 20 min at 650°C. Fibrous  $Mo_2C$  growth from y boundary (Berry). Thin-foil EM

Interphase precipitation



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Figure VI-7. The mechanism of nucleation and growth of carbides on the  $\gamma$ - $\alpha$  interface. (R.W.K. Honeycombe, *Met. Trans. A*, 7A:915 (1976), by permission.)

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Fig. 4.16Fe-12Cr-0.2C transformed 30 min at  $650^{\circ}$ C.Precipitation of  $M_{23}C_6$  at stepped  $\gamma/\alpha$  interface: a, bright field; b,<br/>precipitate spot dark field (Campbell). Thin-foil EMSlide 10



Fig. 5.5 Vanadium carbo-nitride particles having the interphase precipitate morphology and distribution in the interlamellar ferrite of the pearlite eutectoid structure (dark field transmission electron micrograph).



**Fig. 4.14** Fe-0.75V-0.15C transformed 5 min at 725°C. Interphase precipitation of VC in ferrite

### Model carbide precipitation hardened steel: 630VMoNb

0.096C-1.6Mn-0.51Mo-0.26Si-0.25V-0.05Al-0.056Nb

 $\sigma_y$ =902 MPa; U.T.S.=964 MPa; elongation 18.2%







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Double Diffraction



 $\begin{array}{c} [100]_{(V, \, Mo)C} / / [100]_{\alpha} \\ (200)_{(V, \, Mo)C} / / (110)_{\alpha} \end{array} \end{array}$ 



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FIG. 5. Gibbs free energy -at a Temperature of 800 °C– for each of the studied compounds as a function of the content of C and V.

FIG. 6. Alternative top view of Figure 5 showing only the structures with the lowest Gibbs energies. The black dot indicates the composition of the steel from reference [6].



# Precipitation in ferrite-age hardening



Fig. 4.5. Effect of rate of cooling on the strengthening due to precipitated carbides in niobium and vanadium steels.





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## Principal features of martensite in steel

Mechanical properties

Transformation at constant composition

Athermal

Shape change: hence strain energy

Irrational habit planes

Crystallographic orientation relation



Fig. 5.3 Fe-30.5Ni-0.3C, illustrating the displacement of surface scratches by the martensitic shear (Bhadeshia). Nomanski interference contrast,  $\times 650$ 

Kurdjumov–Sachs (**K**–**S**)

 $\begin{array}{c} (111)_{\gamma} \parallel (101)_{\alpha} \\ [1\overline{1}0]_{\gamma} \parallel [11\overline{1}]_{\alpha} \end{array}$ 

Nishiyama–Wasserman (N–W)

 $\begin{array}{c} (111)_{\gamma} \parallel (110)_{\alpha} \\ [\bar{1}10]_{\gamma} \parallel [001]_{\alpha} \\ [11\bar{2}]_{\gamma} \parallel [\bar{1}10]_{\alpha} \end{array}$ 

Greninger–Troiano (**G**–**T**)

 $\begin{array}{c} (111)_{\gamma} \parallel (110)_{\alpha} \\ [\overline{12} \ 17 \ \overline{5}]_{\gamma} \parallel [\overline{17} \ 17 \ 7]_{\alpha} \quad \textit{or} \quad [\overline{12}\overline{1}]_{\gamma} \ 1^{\circ} \text{ away from } [1\overline{10}]_{\alpha} \end{array}$ 





Fio. 5.1 The formation of twinned martensile (schematic). OA and O'A' are corresponding lattice vectors in the parent and one product orientation; PQ and P'Q' are corresponding vectors in the parent and the other product orientation. Macroscopic habit plane vectors OZ become identical vectors OZ'.





### **Glissile interface**

TEM lattice image of Fe–20.2%Ni–5.4%Mn  $\gamma$ – $\alpha'$  interface. Terraces are  $(111)_{\gamma}$  and habit plane is approximately  $(121)_{\gamma}$ .

## Phenomenological Theory of Martensite

Lattice correspondence (Bain)

Lattice rotation

Lattice invariant strain (slip and / or twinning)



$$\mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} \epsilon_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \epsilon_0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \epsilon'_0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{\sqrt{2}a_{\alpha'} - a_{\gamma}}{a_{\gamma}} \qquad ; \qquad \qquad \epsilon_0' = \frac{a_{\alpha'} - a_{\gamma}}{a_{\gamma}}$$

$$\mathbf{B} = \mathsf{Bain} \mathsf{strain}$$

 $\mathbf{R}=\mathsf{rotation}$ 

$$\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{P}_1 = \mathbf{R}\mathbf{B}$$

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Correct macroscopic shape, correct structure






Steel martensite is tetragonal !



 $M_s(^{\circ}C) = 539 - 423 \times \%C - 30.4 \times \%Mn - 17.7 \times \%Ni - 7.5 \times \%Mo$ 



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**Low carbon martensite** up to 0.6wt% C, and Fe–Ni–Mn alloys Habit planes :  $\{557\}_{\gamma}$  (three variants to each  $\{111\}_{\gamma}$  plane) Orientation relation: **K–S** 

Lath martensite



(a)

(b)

**Fig. 5.10** Fe-0.16C alloy. Martensite formed by quenching from 1050°C: a, optical micrograph, ×95; b, thin-foil EM showing heavily dislocated laths (Ohmori)





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## Medium carbon martensite 0.5-1wt% C

Habit plane :  $\{225\}_{\gamma}$ 

Orientation relation: K–S

"acicular" martensite





**Fig. 5.11** Fe-0.8C alloy quenched from 1100°C: a, optical micrograph x 200; b, thin-foil EM showing twinning in martensite laths (Ohmori)

## High carbon martensite more than 1wt% C, and high Ni steels

Habit plane :  $\{259\}_{\gamma}$ 

Orientation relation:  $\mathbf{N}-\mathbf{W}$ 

Plate martensite

Bursts



Burst martensite in Fe-30%Ni-0.31%C

![](_page_193_Picture_1.jpeg)

**Fig. 5.7** Fe-1.8C-3Mn-2Si. Lenticular martensite illustrating the burst phenomenon (Bhadeshia). Optical micrograph. ×300

Hardenability

![](_page_195_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_196_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig. 7.3 1.1 Ni-0.75Cr-0.4C steel. Hardness data from transverse sections through water-quenched bars of increasing diameter (Grossman *et al.*, In:

#### Cooling stages

1. Vapour blanket

Cooling by radiation, depending on emissivity of the steel

2. Nucleate boiling

Quench medium boils

3. Convective cooling

Specimen fully covered by quenchant

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![](_page_198_Figure_1.jpeg)

In one dimension, Fourier's law is

$$q = -k rac{\partial T}{\partial x}$$
 [J s<sup>-1</sup>m<sup>-2</sup>]

The heat conduction equation is

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \kappa \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2}$$

Newton's law of cooling is

 $q = h(T_1 - T_2) = h(\text{temperature of body-temperature of surroundings})$ 

$$\begin{split} k(T) &= \text{thermal conductivity } [\mathsf{J} \mathsf{s}^{-1} \mathsf{m}^{-1} \mathsf{K}^{-1}] \\ \kappa(T) &= \frac{\text{thermal conductivity}}{\text{volume heat capacity}} = \text{thermal diffusivity } [\mathsf{m}^2 \mathsf{s}^{-1}] \\ h(T) &= \text{heat transfer coefficient } [\mathsf{J} \mathsf{s}^{-1} \mathsf{m}^{-2} \mathsf{K}^{-1}] \\ H(T) &= quench \text{ severity } [\mathsf{m}^{-1}] = \frac{h}{2k} \propto \text{Biot number} \times \frac{\text{area}}{\text{volume}} \end{split}$$

![](_page_200_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_201_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_202_Figure_1.jpeg)

Agitation	Oil	Water	Brine
None	0.25-0.30	0.9-1.0	2
Mild	0.30-0.35	1.0-1.1	2.0-2.2
Moderate	0.35-0.40	1.2-1.3	
Good	0.40-0.50	1.4-1.5	
Strong	0.50-0.80	1.6-2.0	
Violent	0.80-1.1	4.0	5.0

# Table VII-5 Approximate values of H (severity of quench)<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> H.E. McGannon, ed., *Making, Shaping and Treating of Steel*, U.S. Steel Corp., Pittsburgh, 1971, p. 1099.

![](_page_204_Figure_1.jpeg)

Figure VII-26. Relationships among ideal diameter, critical diameter, and severity of quen (Making, Shaping and Treating of Steel, 9th ed., 1971, copyright United States Steel Corporati

![](_page_205_Figure_1.jpeg)

Fig. 7.9 Effect of carbon content and grain size on base hardenability (Moser and Legat, *Härterei Techn. Mitt.*, 1969, 24, 100)

![](_page_206_Figure_1.jpeg)

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The two principal variables that influence hardenability of steel are:

- 1. prior austenite grain size
- 2. composition

![](_page_208_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_208_Figure_2.jpeg)

Figure VII-50. Effect of carbon on boron multiplying factor in 0.8%Mn steels. (D.T. Llewellyn and W.T. Cook, *Met. Technol.*, 1:517 (1974), by permission.)

![](_page_209_Figure_1.jpeg)

Figure VII-51. Hardenable diameter (90% martensite at center of Fe-0.5%Mn alloys, as-waterquenched, with and without boron at an austenite grain size of ASTM 4). (R.A. Grange and C.R. Hribal, U.S. Steel Corporation Tech. Rept 40.061 (1), June 1972, by permission.)

![](_page_210_Figure_1.jpeg)

Figure VII-52. Schematic representation of effect of austenitizing temperature in a boron steel and a corresponding boron-free steel. (R.A. Grange and J.B. Mitchell, *Trans. Am. Soc. Met.*, 53:157 (1961).)

![](_page_211_Figure_1.jpeg)

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Fig. 7.7 The effect of % martensite and carbon content on as-quenched hardness (Hodge and Orohoski, In: Thelning, *Steel and its Heat Treatment*, Bofors Handbook, Butterworths. 1975)

![](_page_215_Figure_1.jpeg)

the bar centre is the same as that for the point in the Jominy specimen. Curves are plotted for a range of cooling rates (Grossman and Bain, *Principles of Heat Treatment*, ASM, 1964)
## Tempering



Fig. 8.7 Properties of water-quenched and tempered 1050 steel (C 0.48–0.55, Mn 0.6–1.07) (Metals Handbook, 8th edition, Volume 1, ASM)

- **Stage 1**: up to 250°C; precipitation of  $\epsilon$ -Fe<sub>3</sub>C, partial loss of tetragonality.
- **Stage 2**: 230–300°C; decomposition of retained austenite.
- **Stage 3**: 200–350°C;  $\epsilon$ –Fe<sub>3</sub>C transforms to  $\theta$ –Fe<sub>3</sub>C (cementite), loss of tetragonality.
- **Stage 4**:  $>350^{\circ}$ C;  $\theta$  coursens and spheroidises, ferrite recrystallises.



Fig. 8.2 Fe-0.8C quenched and tempered at 250°C. Precipitates of  $\varepsilon$  carbide and cementite (arrowed) (Ohmori). Thin-foil EM



**Fig. 8.3** Fe-0.8C quenched and tempered at 450°C. Fe<sub>3</sub>C growing along twin boundaries (Ohmori) Thin-foil EM



**Fig. 8.4** Fe-0.8C quenched and tempered at 250°C. Grain boundary precipitation of cementite (Obmori) Thin-foil EM



**Fig. 8.5** Fe-0.17C water quenched from 900°C and tempered 5h at 650°C. Spheroidized  $Fe_3C$  in equi-axed ferrite (lenel). Optical micrograph,  $\times 350$ 

