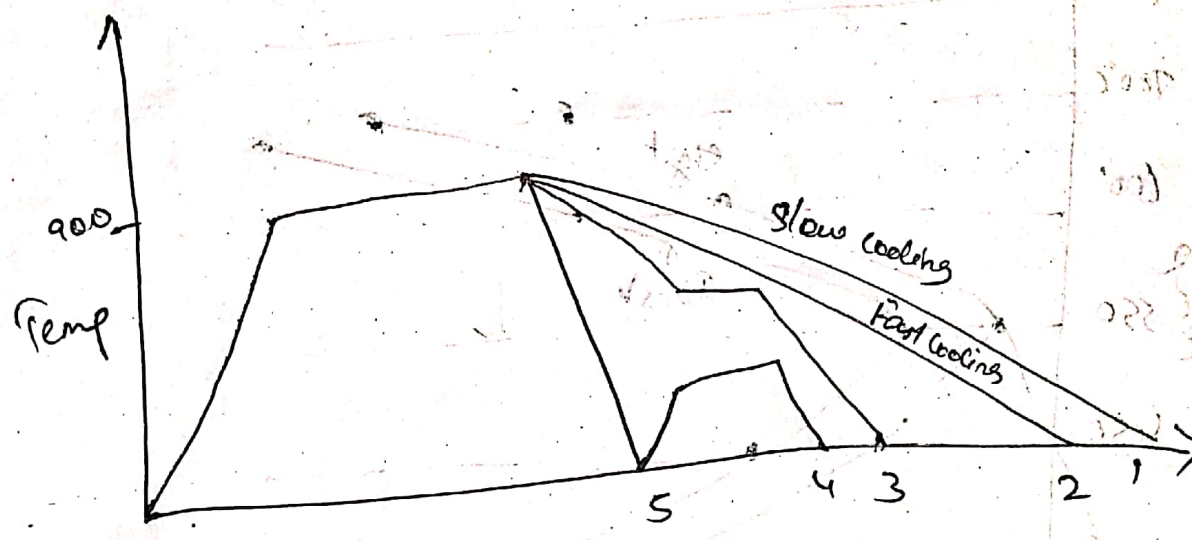


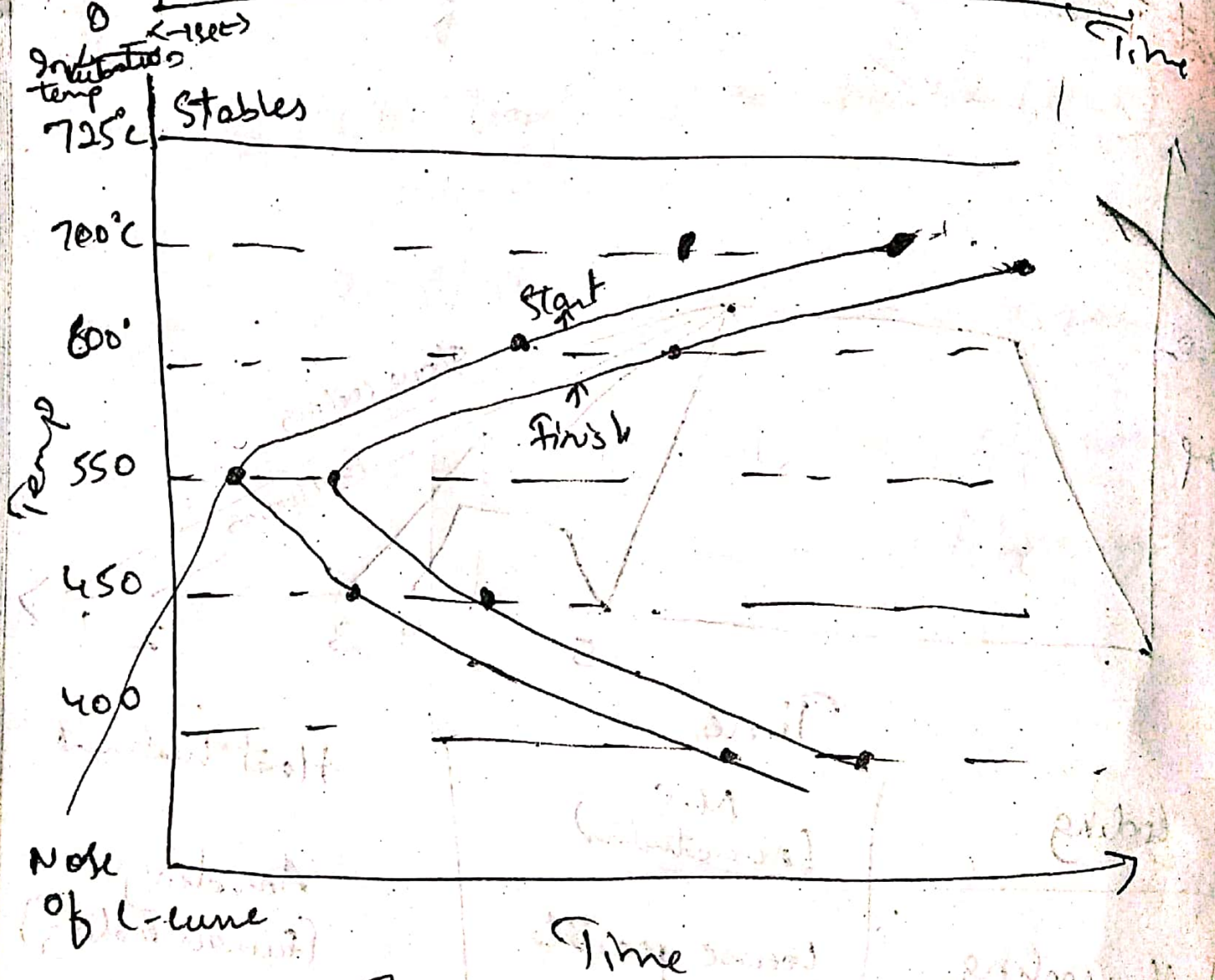
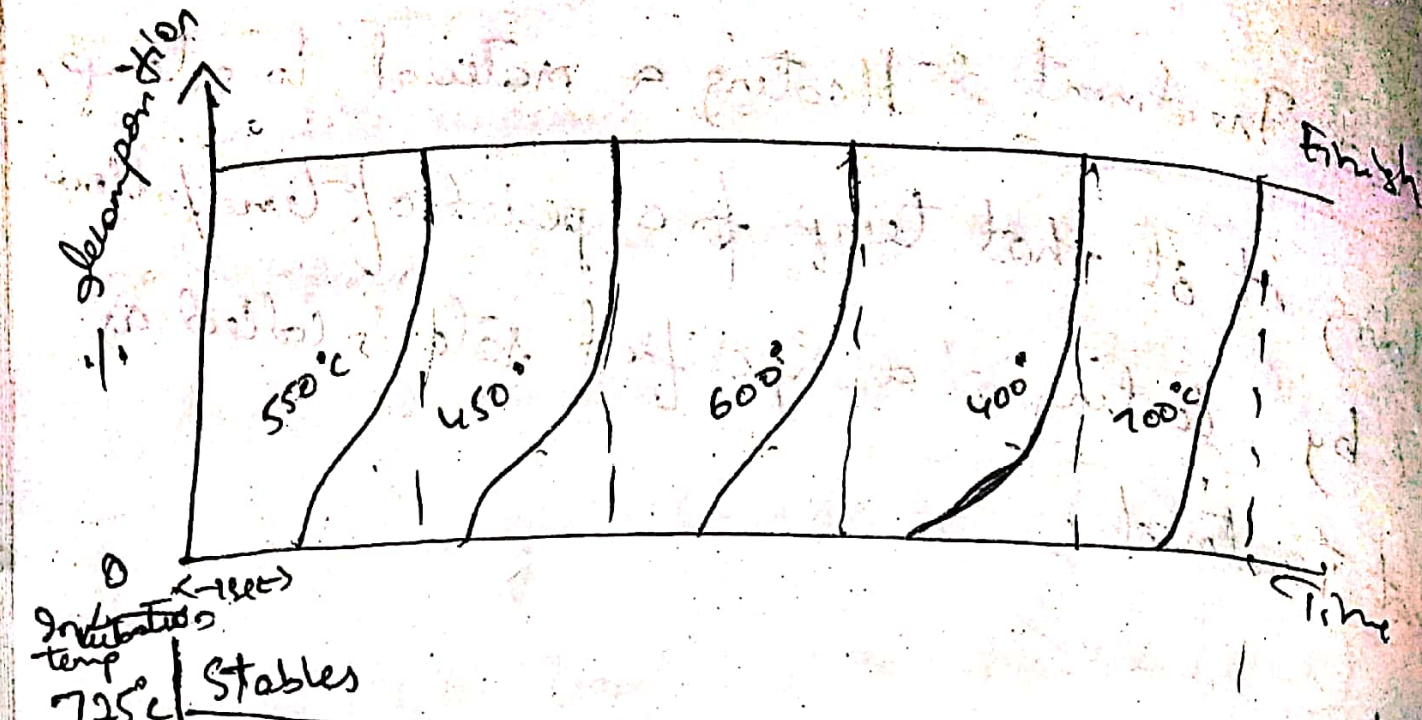
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Heat Treatment :- Heating a material to a temp, holding it at that temp for a period of time followed by cooling at a specified rate is called as heat treatment.



Cooling	Time M.S (microstructure)	Heat treatment
1.) slow cooling	coarse pearlite	Annealing (Furnace cooling)
2.) Fast cooling	Fine Pearlite	Normalizing (Air cooling)
3.) <del>Fast</del> Interrupted quench	Bainite	Austempering
4.) Heating after quenching	Tempered Martensite	Tempering
5.) Fast cooling	Martensite	Quenching

# TTT diagram (Time Temperature Transformation)

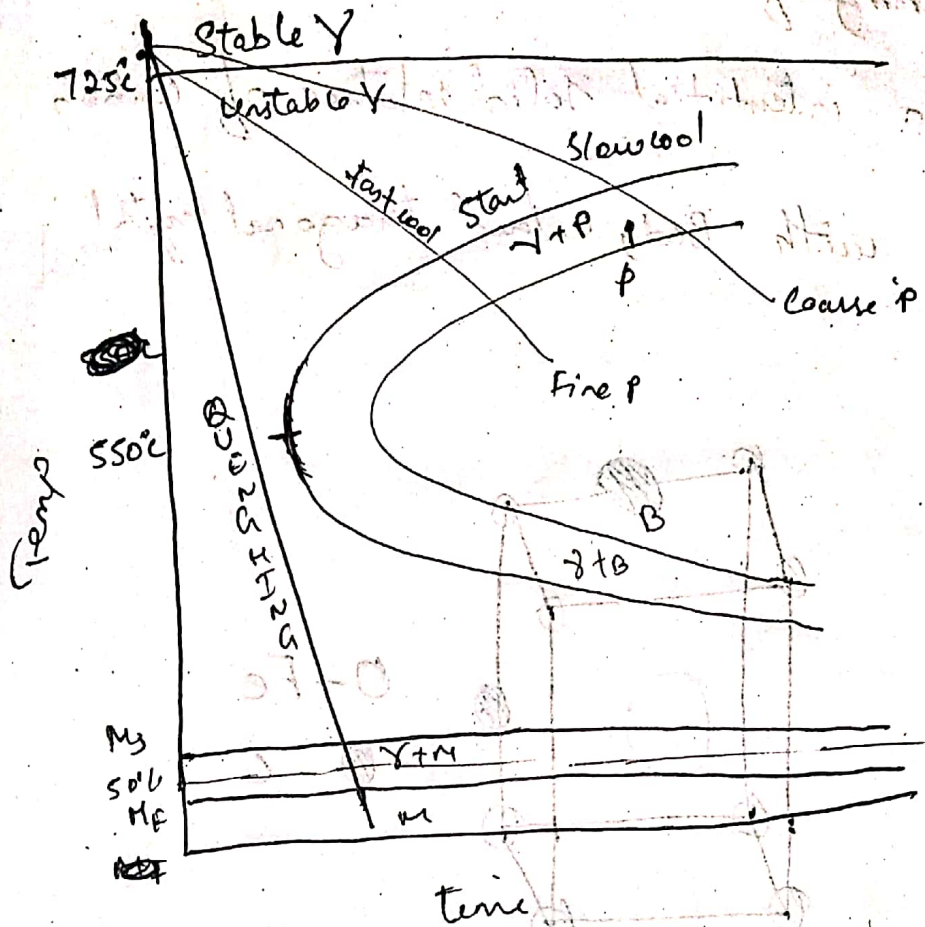


C-curve ↗  
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# Quenching & Martensite

$C_0 = 0.8 \text{ wt } \% C$   
Eutectoid steel.



The Eutectoid steel is cooled so fast that it just missed the nose of c-curve & so we don't get pearlite.

\* A new transformation has begun i.e. Martensitic transformation at  $M_s$  & ended at  $M_f$ .

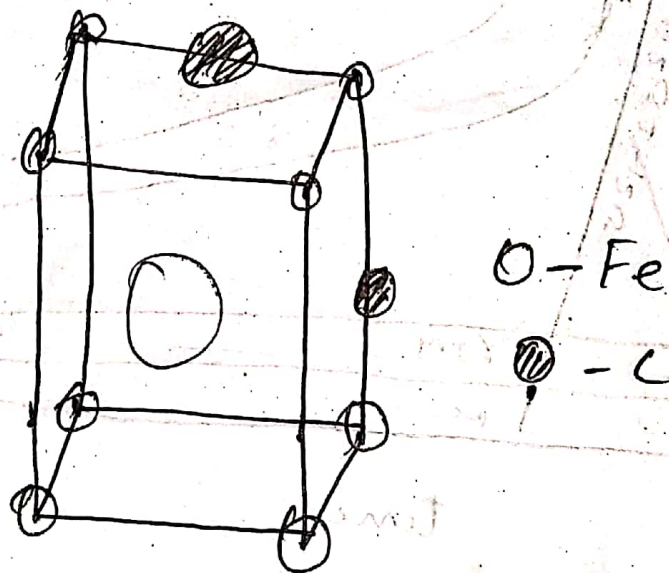
\* Role of time disappears in martensitic transformation since it is very fast.

\* Amount of Martensitic transformation depends on temp.

# Martensite

It's a non-equilibrium phase. It forms on Quenching of Austenite.

It's an interstitial solid solution of Carbon in Iron with Body centered tetragonal crystal structure.

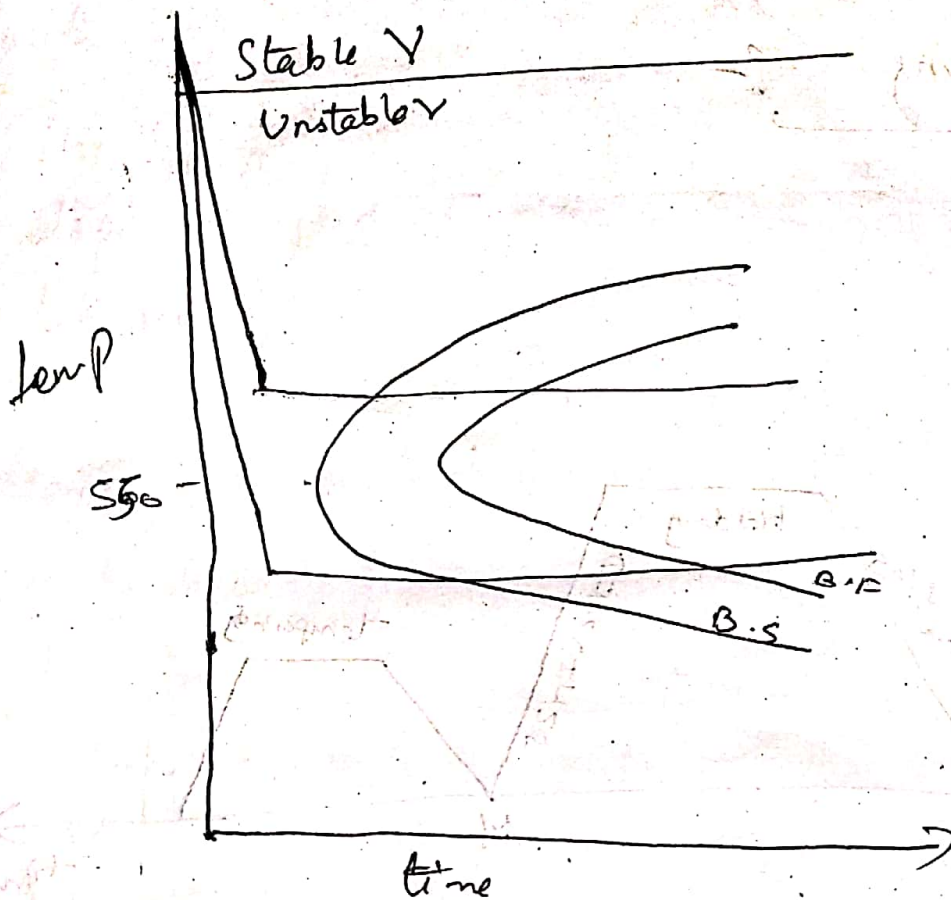


Martensite is very badly distorted that the slip propagation within this structure is very difficult. And so it becomes hard, strong & brittle.



# Austempering & Bainite :-

$C_0 = 0.8$  wt % C  
Eutectoid steel

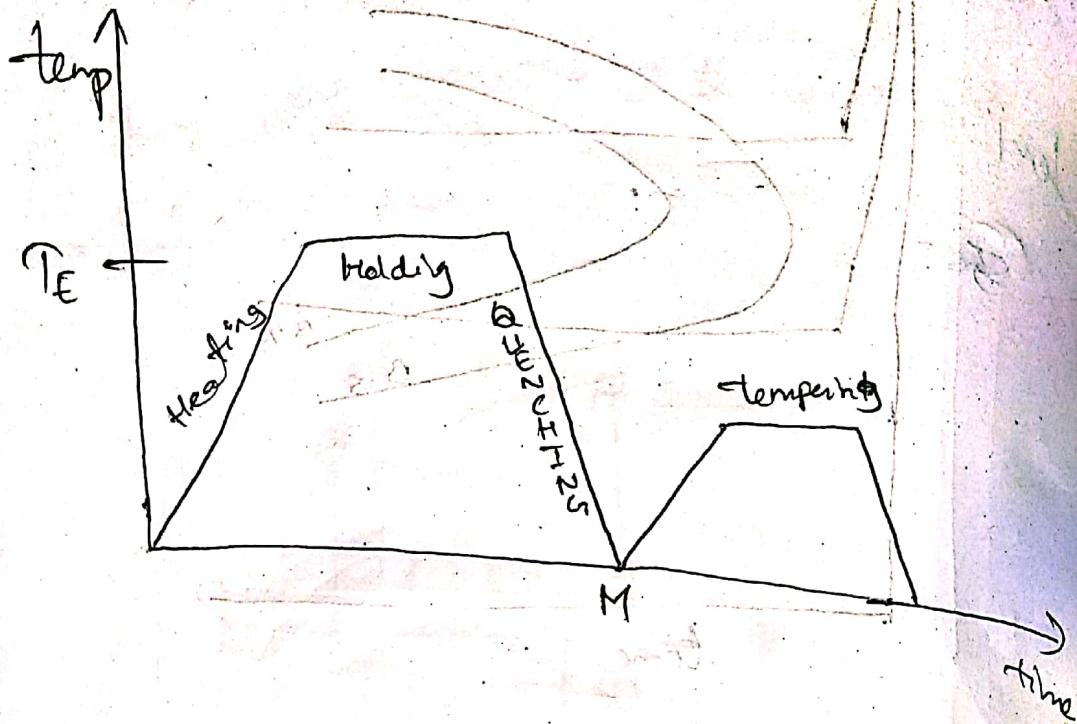


Eutectoid steel was quenched to a point below the nose of C-curve & it was held there the transformed product did not resemble pearlite. The microstructure consisted of needles of  $Fe_3C$  in  $\alpha$ -Matrix this was named as Bainite & this heat treatment is called as Austempering.

Pearlite & Bainite are mixture of  $\alpha$ ,  $Fe_3C$  but are different due to different shapes & distribution.

of these phases

Tempering



Tempering is heating a Quenched steel <sup>below</sup> the eutectoid temp to transform ~~Martensite~~ Martensite to  $\alpha + Fe_3C$

Quenching  $\rightarrow$  M Tempering  $\rightarrow$   $\alpha + Fe_3C$

$\alpha + Fe_3C$ : here is not pearlite it is tempered Martensite. It consist of fine particles of  $Fe_3C$  in  $\alpha$ -matrix



Tempering produces tempered Martensite with lower hardness than Martensite but with better toughness & ductility.

The size & distribution of  $Fe_3C$  particles depends upon temperature and time for tempering.

Tempering temperature & time control the reduction in hardness & improvement in ductility. Higher the tempering temp & higher the time lower is the hardness & better is the ductility.

## Various types of Annealing

- 1) Full Annealing
- 2) ~~Isothermal Annealing~~

The purpose of full annealing is to relieve internal stresses induced due to cold working, to reduce hardness, to increase ductility, to refine grain size & to make material homogeneous in chemical composition.

Process :-

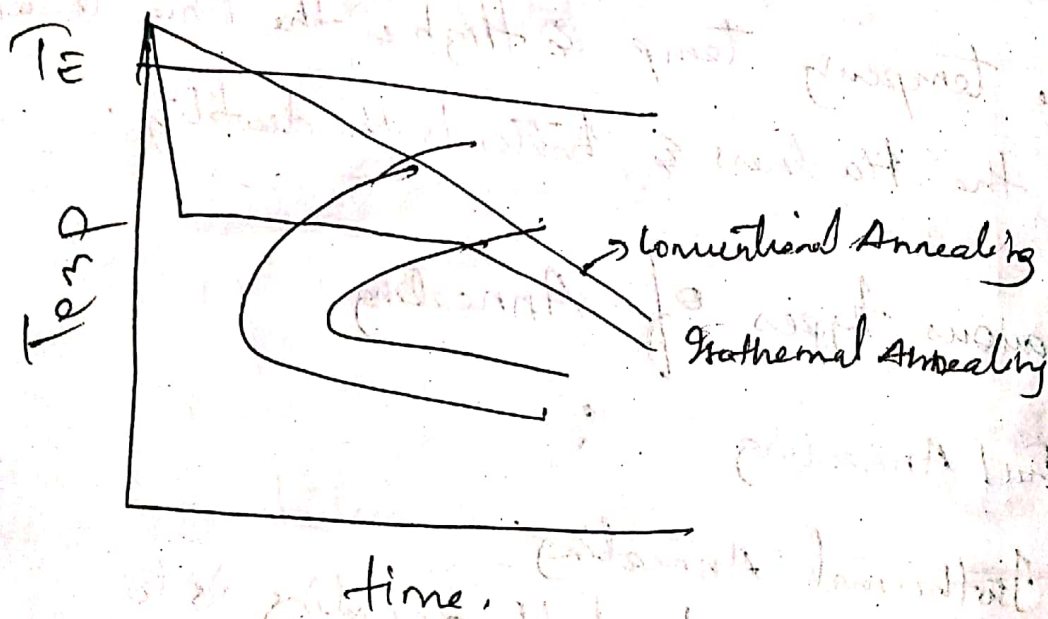
This process consist of heating hypoeutectoid



steels above  $A_3$  temp by 30 to 50°C

& above  $A_1$  temp for hypereutectoid steels, holding at this temp for a definite period & cooling to room temp in the furnace.

## 2) Isothermal Annealing :-



In this process components are slightly fast cooled from austenitizing temp of conventional annealing to a constant temp just below  $A_1$  ( $725^\circ$ ), held at that temp for sufficient period for the completion of transformation



Purpose :-

- 1) To reduce annealing time
- 2) Because of equalization temp transformation occurs at same time through out the workpiece leading to homogeneity in structure

②

### 3.) Spheroidize Annealing :-

This heat treatment is given to high carbon steel to soften them and to increase machinability. The microstructure consists of globules of cementite in ferrite matrix.

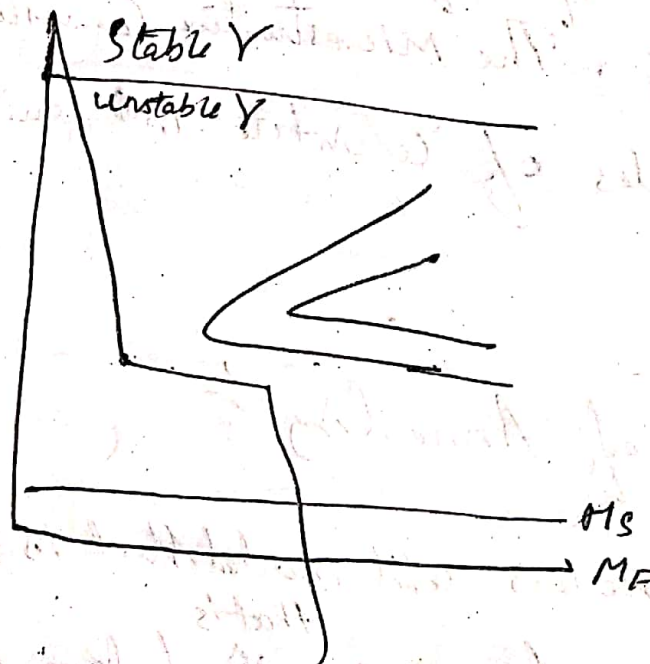
### 4.) Stress relief Annealing :-

In this process cold worked steel is heated to temp around  $560^{\circ}\text{C}$  <sup>that is</sup> ~~is~~ below its recrystallization temp kept at this temp for 1 to 2 hours & cooled to room temp in air due to this internal stresses are relieved without loss of strength, hardness.

## 5.) Process Annealing

In this method cold worked metal is heated above recrystallization temp leading to the formation of strain free grains. This is given to soften the metal so as to continue cool working process without cracking.

## ② Martempering



In this process ~~process~~ the Austenite steel is cooled rapidly avoiding the nose of C-curve to a temp b/w the nose & ~~start~~ Martensite start, soaked at this temp for sufficient

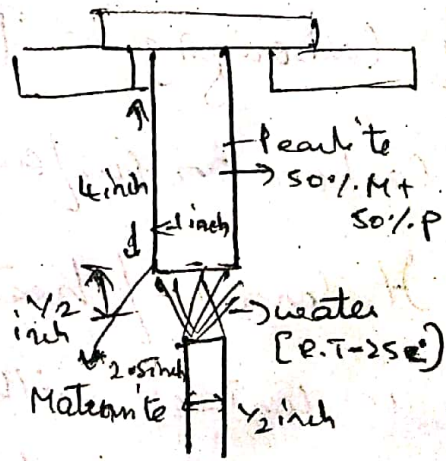
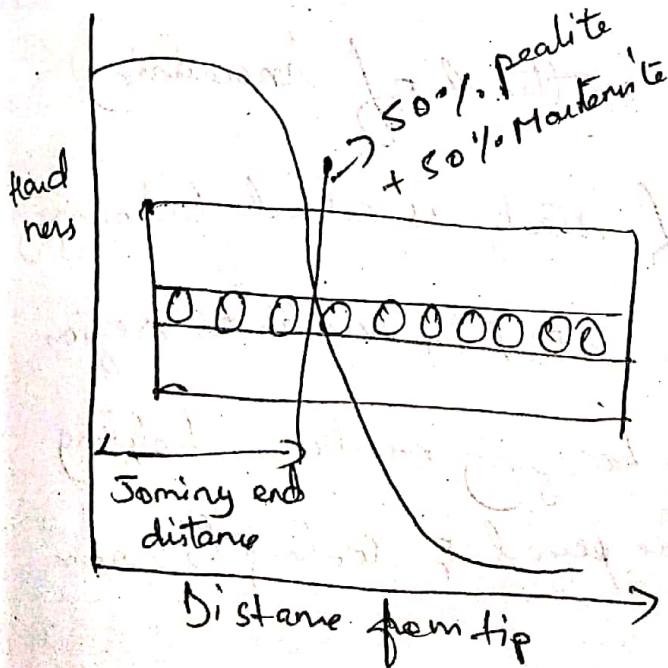


Time for equalization of temp but not long enough for the formation of bainite and then cooled to room temp in air.

Purpose :-

- 1) It produces less distortion, warping
- Since Martensite formation occurs at the same time throughout the cross section of component.
- 2) There is less possibility of quenched cracks.

Hardenability :-



It is the ease with which a steel piece can be hardened by martensitic formation.

## Case Hardening :-

In many applications hard & wear resistant surface is required with tough core to withstand impact loads. Such requirement is difficult to achieve by using a steel of uniform composition. These requirements can be achieved by case hardening techniques - like

- ① Carburizing
- ② Nitriding
- ③ Carbonitriding (or) Cyaniding
- ④ Induction Hardening
- ⑤ flame Hardening

① Carburizing - The method of increasing carbon on surface of steel is called carburizing. It consists of heating steel in austenitic region in contact with carburizing medium, holding at this temp for some period & cooling to room temp.

In Austenitic region solubility of carbon is more and hence carb. kn.



into steel, depending upon medium used

it is classified as

- (i) Pack carburizing
- (ii) Liquid carburizing
- (iii) Gas carburizing

## ② Nitriding :-

It is accomplished by heating steel in contact with the source of atomic nitrogen at a temp about  $550^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The atomic nitrogen diffuses into the steel & combines with ~~an~~ iron & certain alloying elements forming

Nitrides of which are hard & wear resistant -  
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## Effects of Alloy steels :-

- 1) solid solution strengthening
- 2) Formation of carbides
- 3) Formation of intermetallic compounds is not desirable
- 4) Shifting of transformation temp, eutectoid carbon
- 5) Better hardenability by lowering critical cooling rate
- 6) Changes in vol during  $\gamma \rightarrow \alpha$  to martensite transformation.

Ni → Invariant Hardenability

→ Solid soln in  $\alpha$ -ferrite

$\gamma$  - Stabilizers - Lowers the transform temp

→ Soft, ductile, malleable

→ improves impact resistance lower at temp

→ Reduces the co-efficient of thermal expansion

Cr

lowers resistance

↳ Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

→ Carbide formation - Hard & wear resistant

→ Resistance to tempering - Hardness at high temp

→ Hardenability,

→ added in tool steels

Mn

→ Solid soln strengthening

- Y.S, UTS, toughness

→ Least expensive element

→ Forms compound with sulphur MnS



which helps in soft machinability

10-12 - Hadfield steels

Mn  $\rightarrow$   $\gamma$ -stabilizer

## Silicon

$\rightarrow$  Ferrite solid solution strengthening

$\hookrightarrow$   $\gamma$ -S,  $\alpha$ -S, without loss of density

$\rightarrow$  Strong deoxidizer - added in molten state

$\rightarrow$  gun, ball bearings etc

- 5% <sup>of Si</sup> - Magnetically soft materials

## Tungsten

$\approx 4$

$\rightarrow$  Carbide formation - hard/wear resistant

$\rightarrow$  Resistant to tempering

$\rightarrow$  Resistant to grain coarsening

$\rightarrow$  Opposes decarbonization

$\rightarrow$  added in tool steel

## Titanium

$\rightarrow$  Strong carbide formation

$\rightarrow$

# Stainless steels

- don't corrode easily
- 'Cr' - corrosion resistance
- Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> - film - passive
- Chromium carbides  
after that solid solin strengthening
- Good Machinability
- creep resistance.

S.S

- └ Martensitic S.S
- └ Austenitic S.S
- └ Ferritic S.S

S.S

	Martensitic S.S	Ferritic S.S	Austenitic S.S
1) Chromium	12-18%	13-25%	at least 18%
2) %C	0.15-1.2%	0.2%	0.03-0.25%
3) phases	γ - austenite at higher temp → Hardened by martensitic transformation. Martensite at Room temp → Hard, wear resistant	→ γ disappears only ferrite at Room temp → Better CR Corrosion resistant <del>than</del> than MSS. Magnetic in nature → <del>hard</del> Soft Ductile & malleable	→ γ - at Room temp → Soft Malleable → Non magnetic in nature → Better CR as compare to MSS, FSS → 18-8SS
4) Properties			



5.) Designations	→ AISI 400 Series	AISI 1000	AISI 200 - 300 Series
6.) Applications	Springs, Ball Bearings	Chemicals, food industry - rollers	engines, utensils

## High Speed Steels (HSS)

- High hardness up to  $500^{\circ}\text{C}$
- High hardness, wear resistance, so that can be used at higher cutting speed.

### 2 Categories :-

1.) Tungsten HSS - Cr, V, Co

- T-series

2.) Molybdenum HSS - Mo, W, Cr, V, Co

Relatively cheaper

- M-series

- Carbide formers
- V - increases resistant to softening
- 'Co' - tool to maintain hardness even at higher temp - Red Hardness
- Drills, Tappers, puncher -



# Maraging Steel

→ Hardened by martensitic formation  
& further hardened by aging

→ So Maraging Steel:

→ Composition  $< 0.03\% C$  → to avoid graphite formation

18-25% Ni

3-5% Mo

3-8% Co

0.2% Ti

C% is very less - so soft

→ Further hardened by aging

↓

during aging

↓

part of ~~some~~ ~~phases~~ phases

→ hard T-S  
Increase  
toughness

↓  
 $Ni_3TiAl$

$Ni_3Mo$

→ Application

Rocket casings  
engine manifolds