Eutectoid transformation rate

• Growth of pearlite from austenite:



Coarse pearlite \rightarrow formed at higher *T* - softer Fine pearlite \rightarrow formed at low *T* - harder

Transformations and undercooling



Isothermal transformation diagrams

- Fe-C system, *C*_o = 0.76 wt% C
- Transformation at $T = 675^{\circ}$ C.



Effect of cooling history

- Eutectoid composition, $C_o = 0.76$ wt% C
- Begin at *T* > 727°C
- Rapidly cool to 625°C and hold isothermally.



Transformations with proeutectoid materials

*C*₀ = 1.13 wt% C



Hypereutectoid composition – proeutectoid cementite

Nonequilibrium transformation products

- Bainite:
 - $--\alpha$ lathes (strips) with long rods of Fe₃C
 - --diffusion controlled.
- Isothermal Transf. Diagram



Fe₃C (ceme emic

<u>5</u> μm

(Adapted from Fig. 10.17, Callister, 7e. (Fig. 10.17 from Metals Handbook, 8th ed., Vol. 8, Metallography, Structures, and Phase Diagrams, American Society for Metals, Materials Park, OH, 1973.)

(Fig. 10.18 adapted from H. Boyer (Ed.) Atlas of Isothermal Transformation and Cooling Transformation Diagrams, American Society for Metals, 1997, p. 28.)

Spheroidite

- Spheroidite:
 - -- α grains with spherical Fe_3C
 - --diffusion dependent.
 - --heat bainite or pearlite for long times
 - --reduces interfacial area (driving force)



60 μm (Adapted from Fig. 10.19, *Callister, 7e*. (Fig. 10.19 copyright United States Steel Corporation, 1971.)

Martensite





Martensite needles Austenite

(Adapted from Fig. 10.21, *Callister, 7e*. (Fig. 10.21 courtesy United States Steel Corporation.)

- γ to M transformation..
 - -- is rapid
 - -- % transf. depends on T only.

Cooling curve



Mechanical properties 1



• More wt% C: TS and YS increase, %EL decreases.

Mechanical properties 2

• Fine vs coarse pearlite vs spheroidite



- Hardness: fine > coarse > spheroidite
- %RA: fine < coarse < spheroidite

Adapted from Fig. 10.30, *Callister 7e*. (Fig. 10.30 based on data from *Metals Handbook: Heat Treating*, Vol. 4, 9th ed., V. Masseria (Managing Ed.), American Society for Metals, 1981, pp. 9 and 17.)

Mechanical properties 3

• Fine Pearlite vs Martensite:



Adapted from Fig. 10.32, *Callister* 7e. (Fig. 10.32 adapted from Edgar C. Bain, *Functions of the Alloying Elements in Steel*, American Society for Metals, 1939, p. 36; and R.A. Grange, C.R. Hribal, and L.F. Porter, *Metall. Trans. A*, Vol. 8A, p. 1776.)

• Hardness: fine pearlite << martensite.

Tempered martensite

- reduces brittleness of martensite,
- reduces internal stress caused by quenching.



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- produces extremely small Fe_3C particles surrounded by α .
- decreases TS, YS but increases %RA

Summary

