

# GIBBS Phase Rule

$$P + F = C + N$$

$P$  is the number of phases present

$F$  is the externally controlled variables (e.g., temperature, pressure, composition)

$C$  is the number of components in the system.

$N$  is number of noncompositional variables (e.g., temperature and pressure).

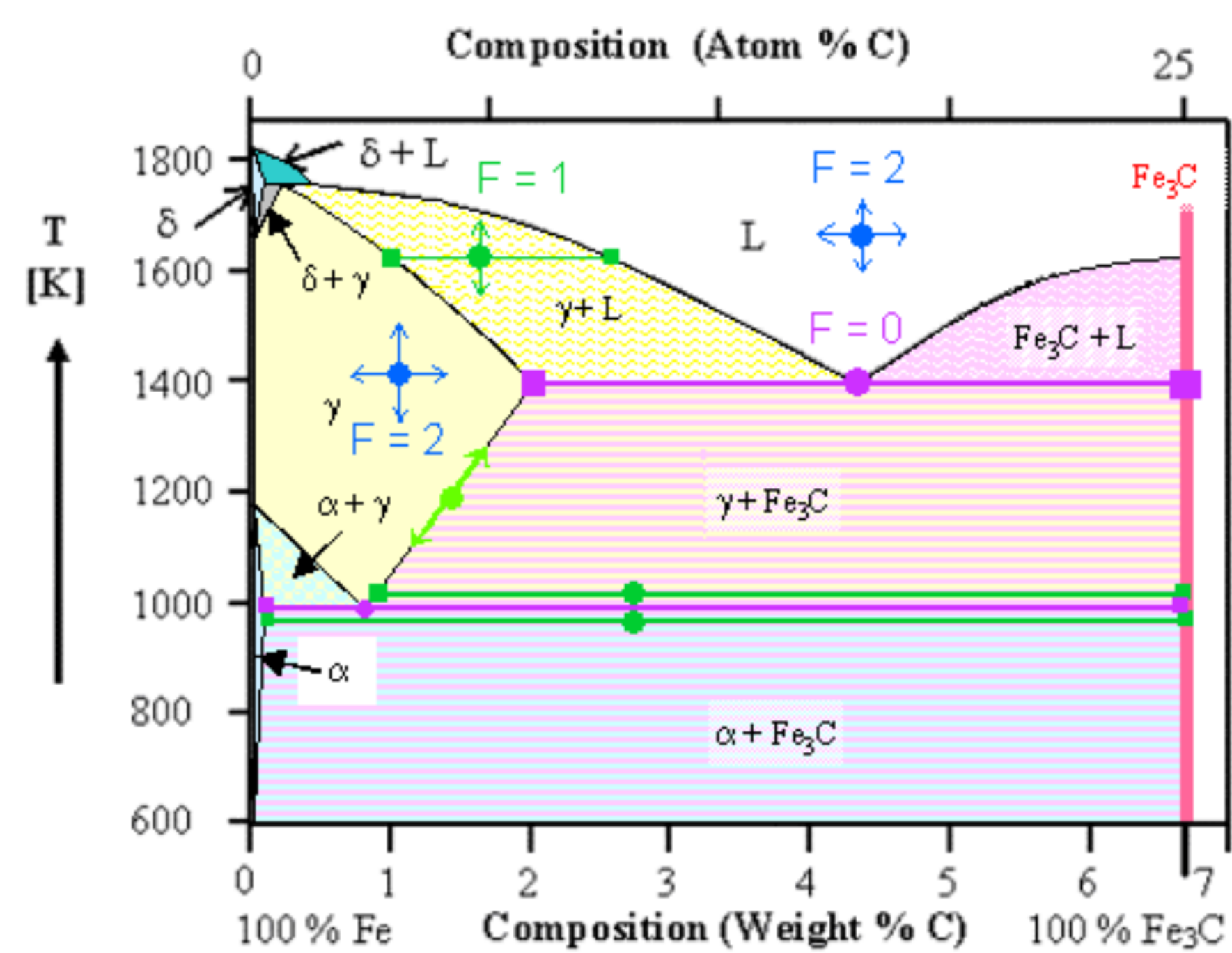
Because pressure is constant (1 atm)

$N = 1$  (Temperature is the only noncompositional variable)

Number of components  $C$  is 2

$$P + F = 2 + 1 = 3$$

$$F = 3 - P$$



For binary systems, when three phases are present, there are no degrees of freedom because

$$\begin{aligned} F &= 3 - P \\ &= 3 - 3 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

**Concept Question 1** For a ternary system, three components are present; temperature is also a variable. What is the maximum number of phases that may be present for a ternary system, assuming that pressure is held constant?

Answer: For a ternary system ( $C = 3$ ) at constant pressure ( $N = 1$ ), Gibbs phase rule,

$$P + F = C + N = 3 + 1 = 4$$

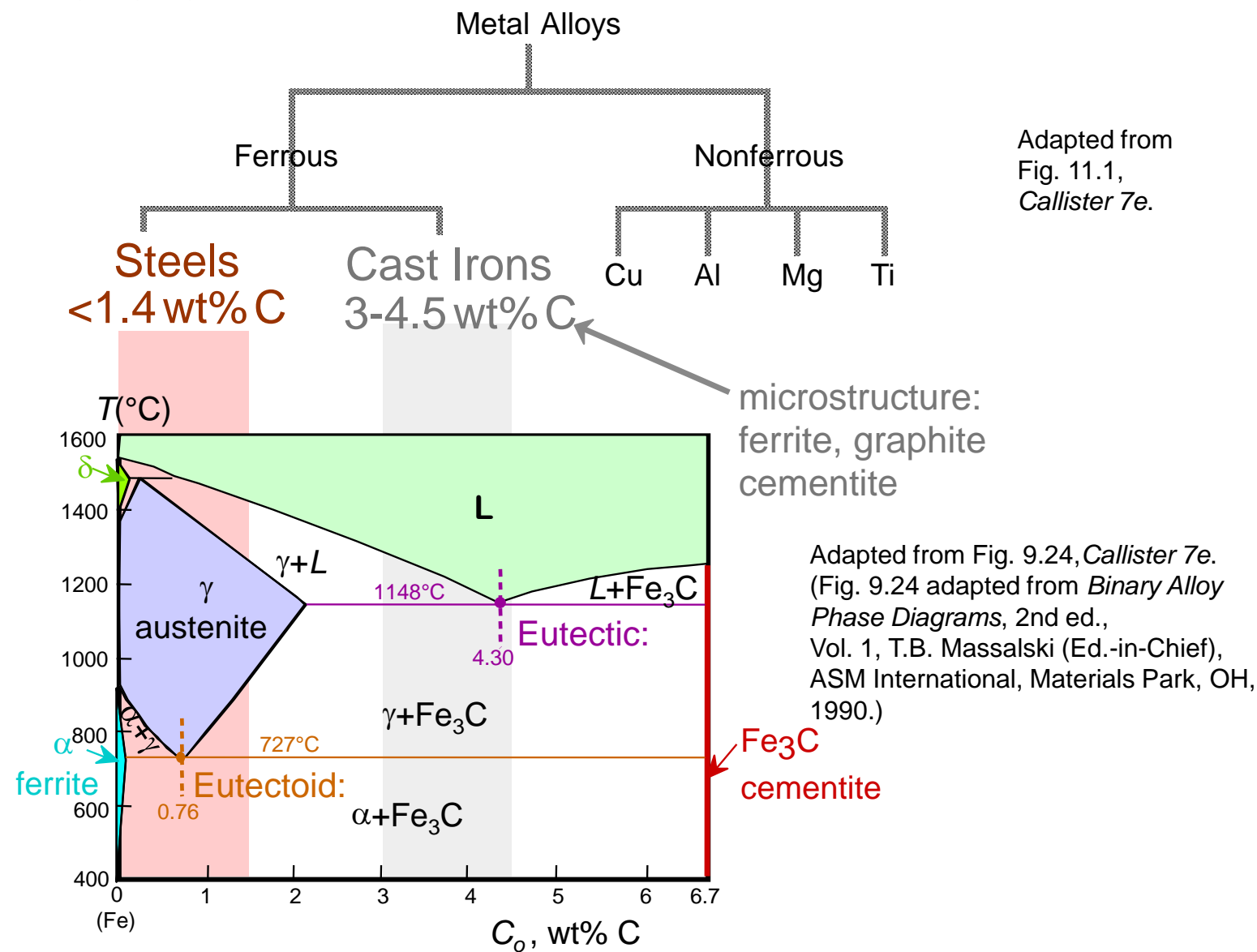
Or,

$$P = 4 - F$$

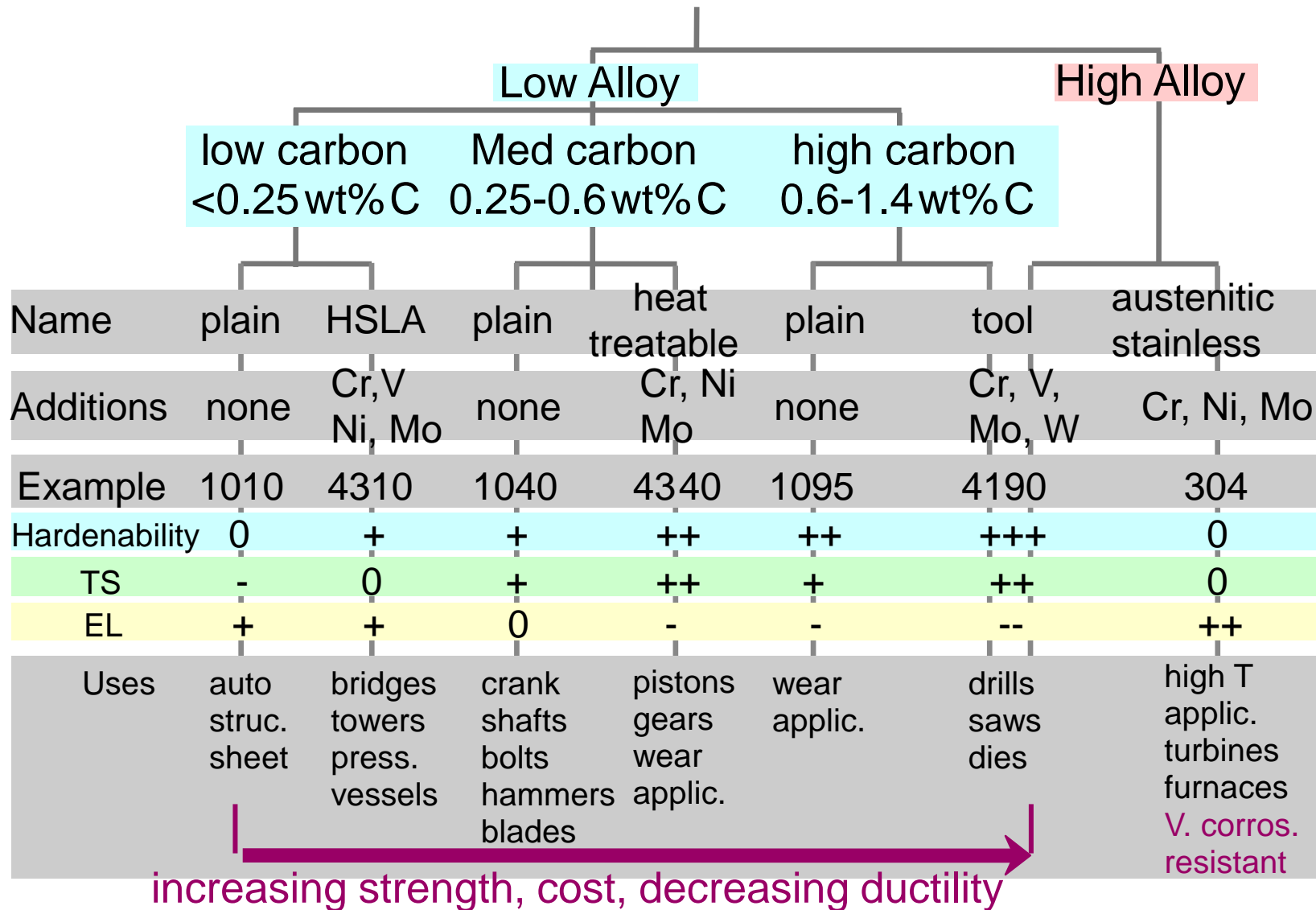
Thus, when  $F = 0$ ,  $P$  will have its maximum value of 4, which means that the maximum number of phases present for this situation is 4.

# Classification of Ferrous and Non ferrous Alloys

# Taxonomy of Metals



# Steels



Based on data provided in Tables 11.1(b), 11.2(b), 11.3, and 11.4, Callister 7e.

# Ferrous Alloys

## Iron containing – Steels - cast irons

Nomenclature    AISI & SAE

10xx    Plain Carbon Steels

11xx    Plain Carbon Steels (resulfurized for machinability)

15xx    Mn (10 ~ 20%)

40xx    Mo (0.20 ~ 0.30%)

43xx    Ni (1.65 - 2.00%), Cr (0.4 - 0.90%), Mo (0.2 - 0.3%)

44xx    Mo (0.5%)

where xx is wt% C x 100

example: 1060 steel – plain carbon steel with 0.60 wt% C

Stainless Steel -- >11% Cr



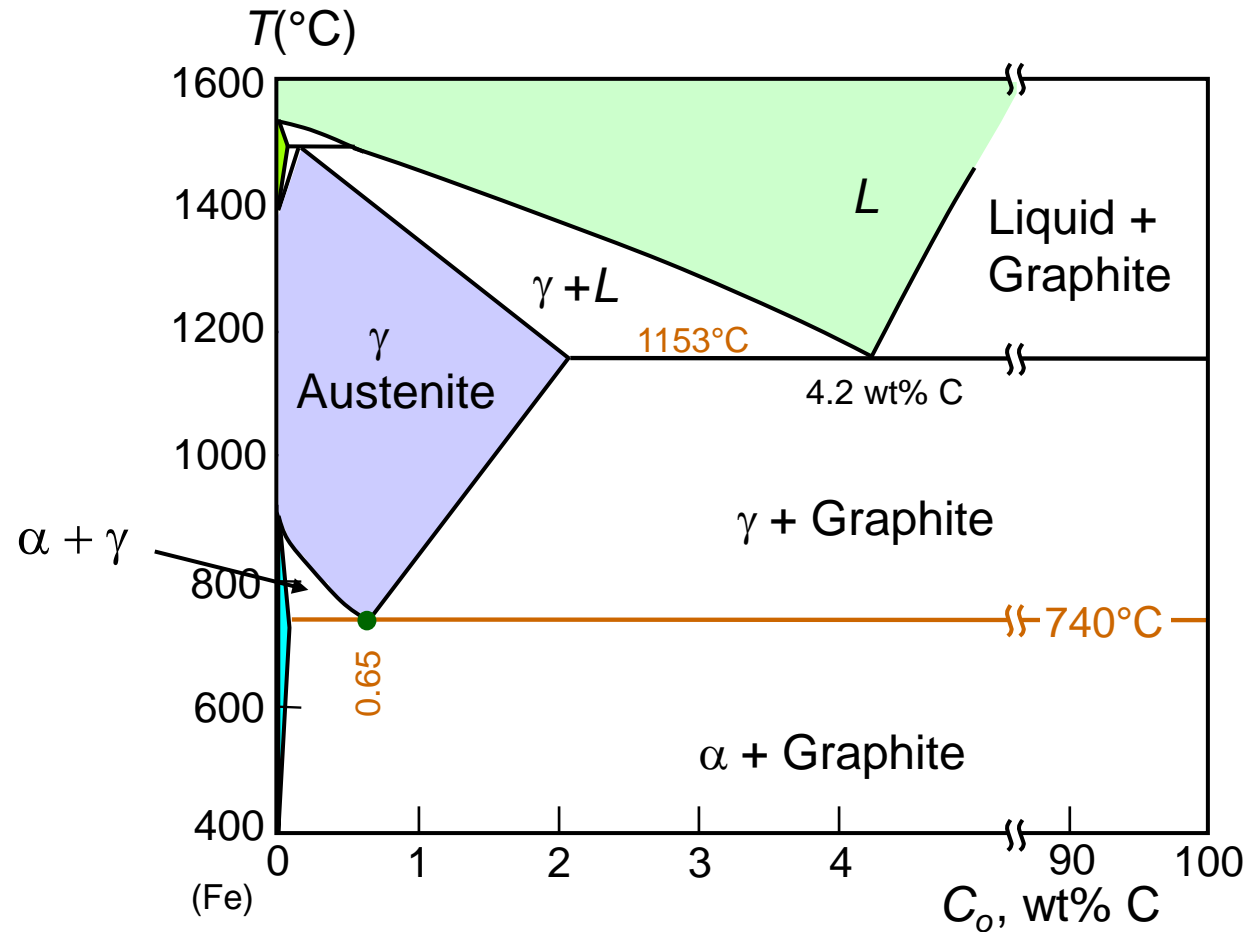
# Cast Iron

- Ferrous alloys with  $> 2.1 \text{ wt\% C}$ 
  - more commonly 3 - 4.5 wt%C
- low melting (also brittle) so easiest to cast
- Cementite decomposes to ferrite + graphite
$$\text{Fe}_3\text{C} \rightarrow 3 \text{ Fe } (\alpha) + \text{C (graphite)}$$
  - generally a slow process

# Fe-C True Equilibrium Diagram

Graphite formation promoted by

- Si > 1 wt%
- slow cooling



Adapted from Fig. 11.2, Callister 7e. (Fig. 11.2 adapted from *Binary Alloy Phase Diagrams*, 2nd ed., Vol. 1, T.B. Massalski (Ed.-in-Chief), ASM International, Materials Park, OH, 1990.)

# Types of Cast Iron

## Gray iron

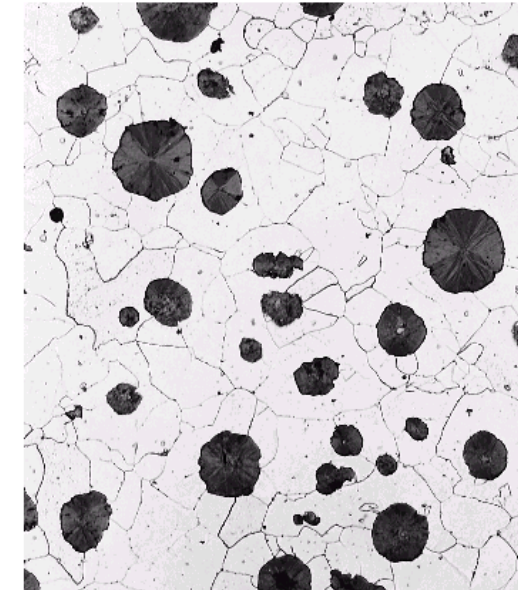
- 2-4% C, 1-3% Si
- graphite flakes
- weak & brittle under tension
- stronger under compression
- excellent vibrational dampening
- wear resistant
- Least expensive



Adapted from Fig. 11.3(a) & (b), *Callister 7e*.

## Ductile iron

- add Mg or Ce
- graphite in nodules not flakes
- matrix often pearlite - better ductility
- Stronger and more ductile than gray iron



# Types of Cast Iron

## White iron

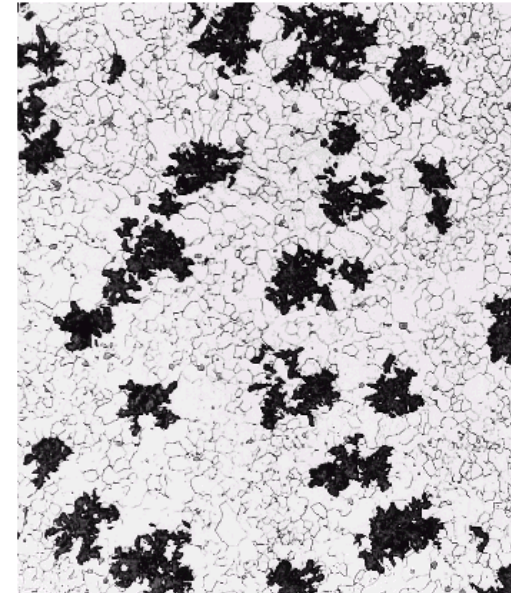
- <1wt% Si and faster cooling rate
- so harder but brittle
- unmachinable
- more cementite
- Rollers in mills



White iron:  
the light cementite regions  
are surrounded by pearlite,  
which has the ferrite–  
cementite layered structure.

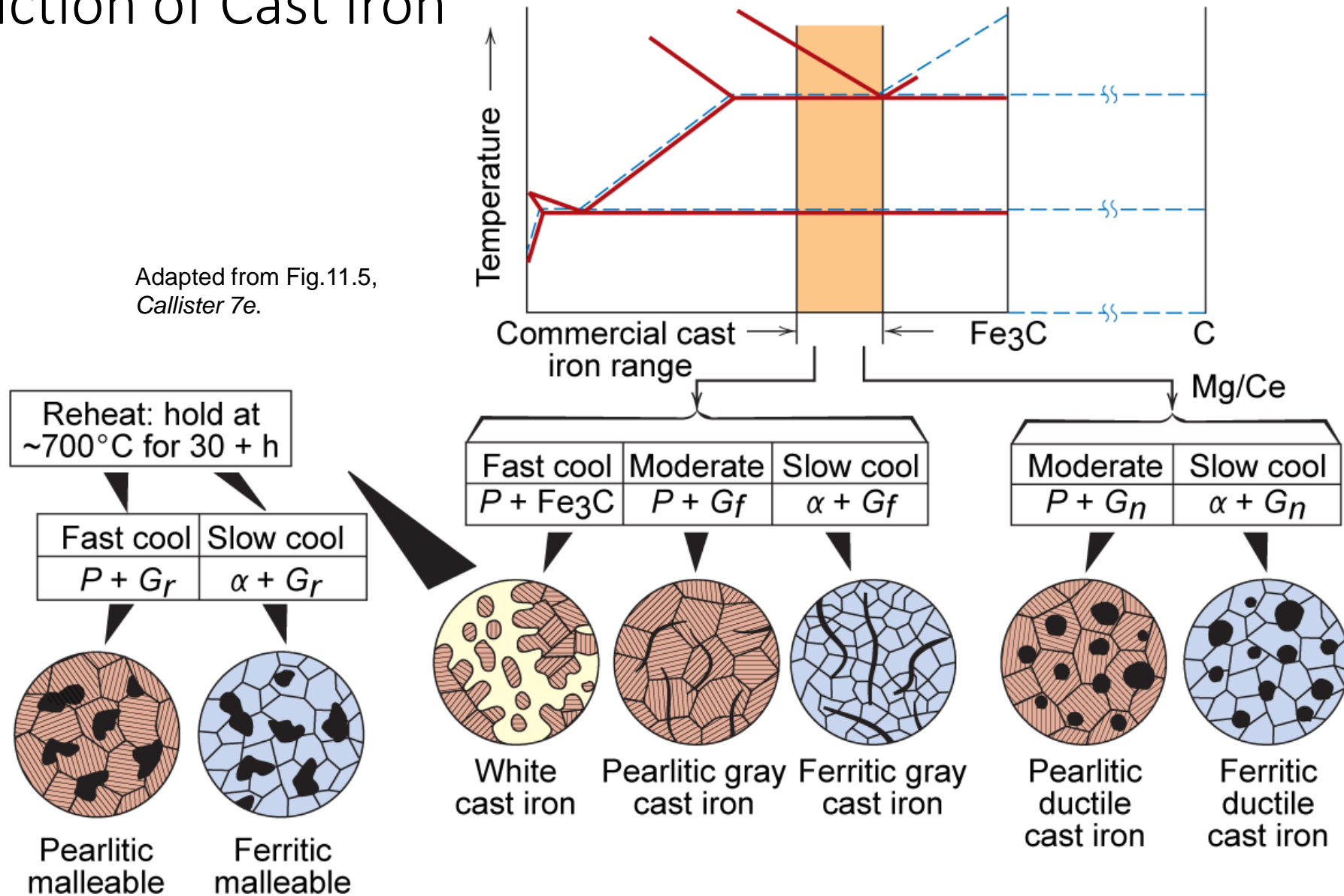
## Malleable iron

- heat treat white iron at 800-900°C
- graphite in rosettes
- Strong and ductile
- Automobile industry



# Production of Cast Iron

Adapted from Fig.11.5,  
Callister 7e.



# Limitations of Ferrous Alloys

- 1) Relatively high density
- 2) Relatively low conductivity
- 3) Poor corrosion resistance

Metal alloys

Ferrous alloys

Nonferrous alloys

Copper alloys

Titanium alloys

Superalloys  
(Co, Ni, Fe-Ni)

Nickel alloys

Tin alloys

Zirconium alloys

Aluminum alloys

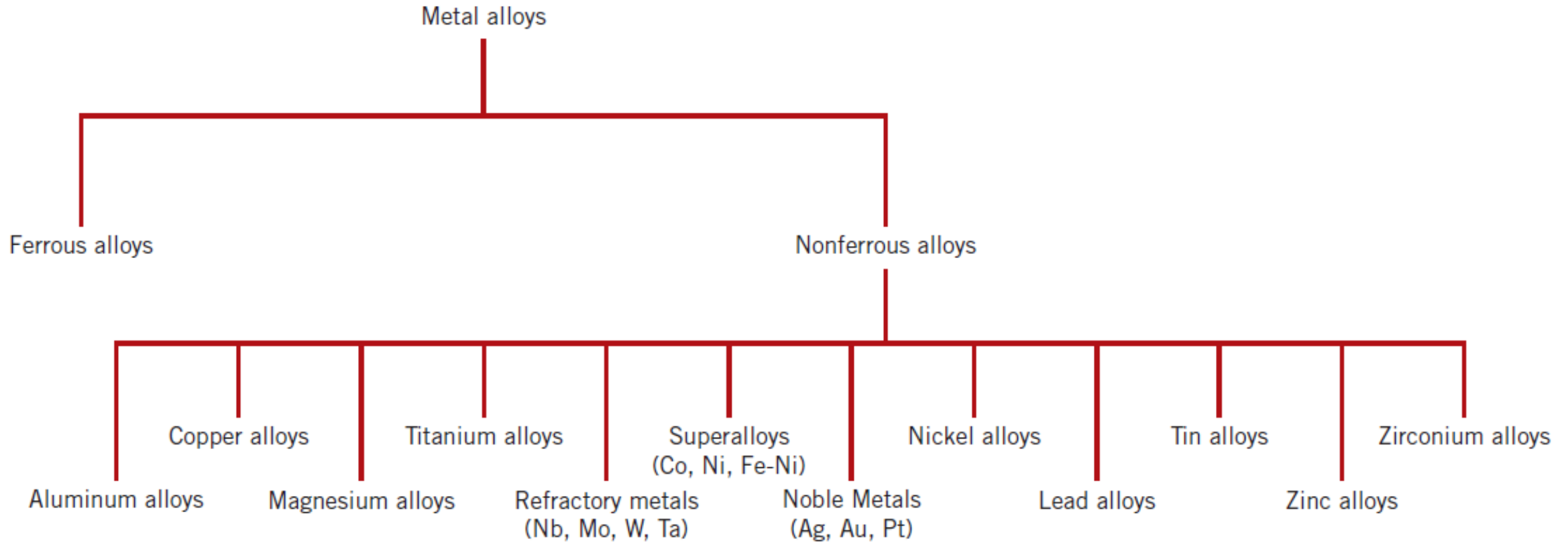
Magnesium alloys

Refractory metals  
(Nb, Mo, W, Ta)

Noble Metals  
(Ag, Au, Pt)

Lead alloys

Zinc alloys





# Nonferrous Alloys

