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# ADVANCED MATERIALS FOR BIONICS

## LECTURE 5: METALS

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# METALS TOPICS

In a complete, standard Materials Science & Engineering course the topics regarding METALS are many

They include **several Chapters** in typical textbooks, such as:

- Defects, dislocations, mechanisms of plastic deformations
- Grain structure (polycrystalline), alteration of microstructure
- Fracture
- Phase diagrams: binary isomorphous or eutectic systems
- Phase Transformations
- Iron/Iron carbide - Fe/FeC<sub>3</sub> phase diagrams → Steels!
- Ferrous/Non Ferrous alloys
- Microstructure
- Metals forming/strengthening
- Metals applications
- ...

# SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS/TOPICS ON METALS

- general classification of metals
- Fe/Fe<sub>3</sub>C phase diagrams
- ferrous alloys
- non-ferrous alloys
- shape memory alloys
- metal in implants
- «Strange» Alloys?
- short notes on fabrication



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# INTRO AND CLASSIFICATION OF METALS



# RECAP: BONDING IN METALS

see LECTURE 2



**Jove Core: Bonding in metals**

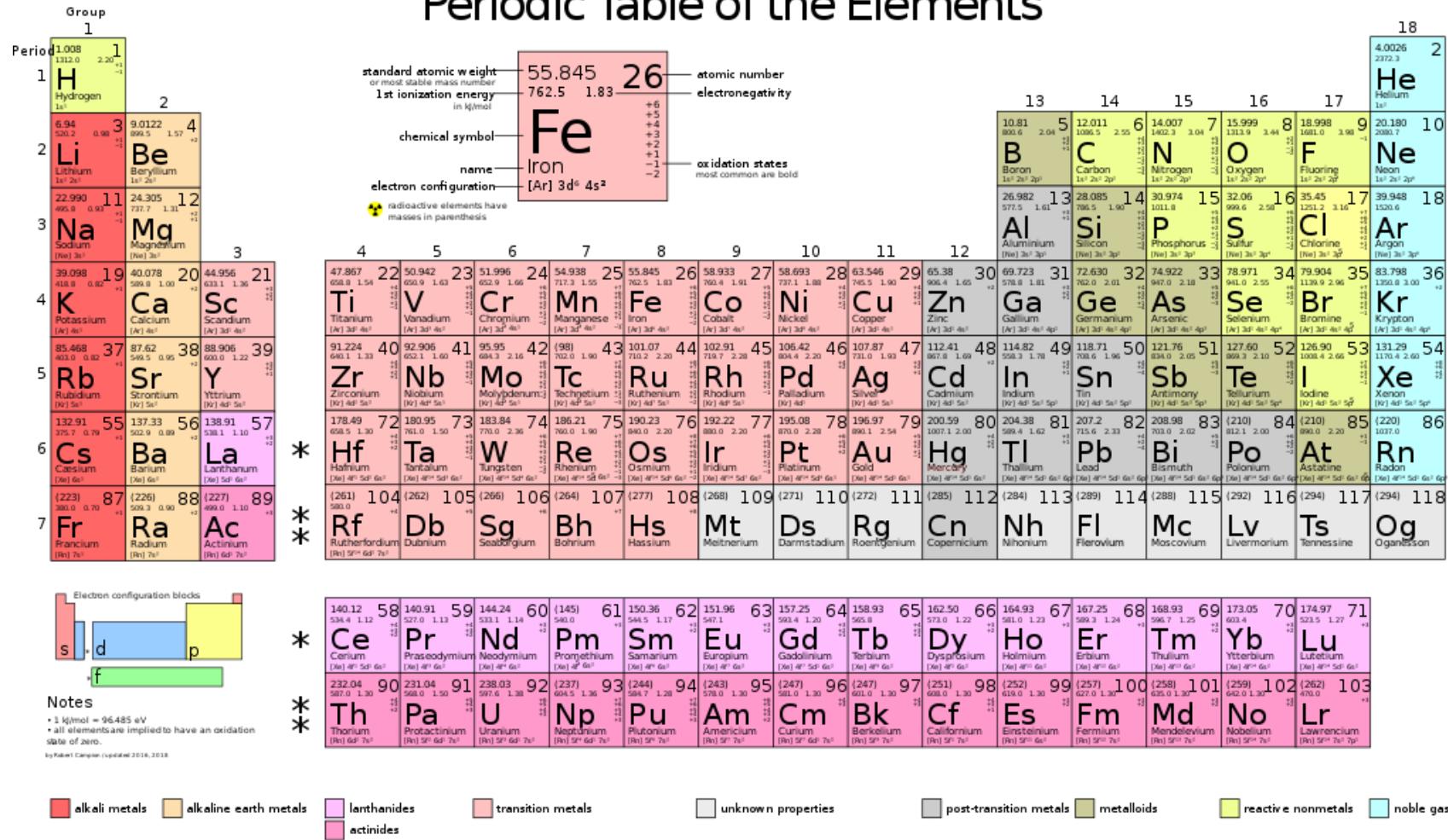
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# METALS IN PERIODIC TABLE

## Periodic Table of the Elements



# METALS IN PERIODIC TABLE

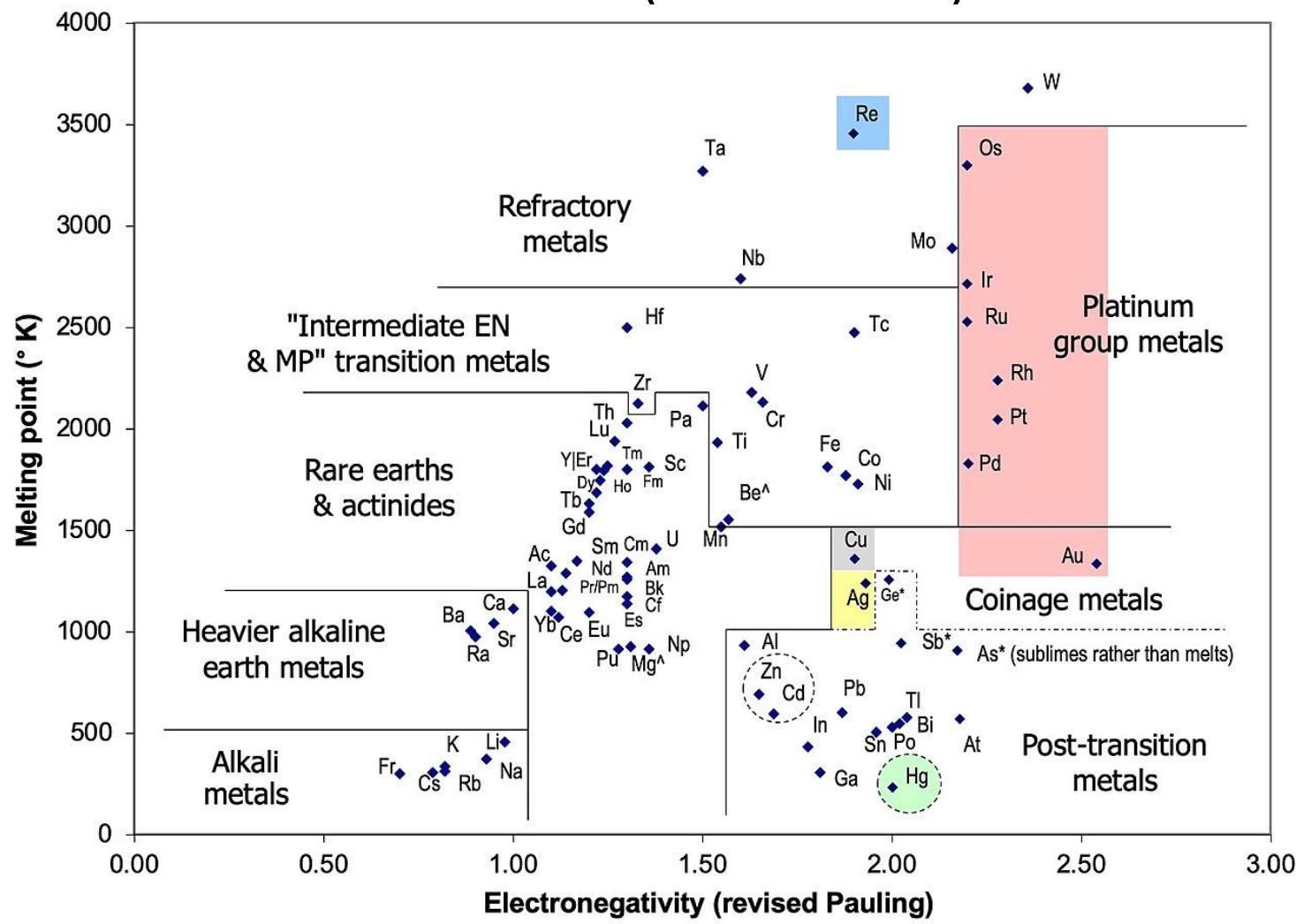
## ***Metals on Periodic Table***

## *Metals*

	Metals																																								
1	H	Hydrogen	2	Be	Beryllium	13	B	Boron	14	C	Carbon	15	N	Nitrogen	16	O	Oxygen	17	F	Fluorine	18	He	Helium																		
3	Li	Lithium	4	Be	Beryllium	5	Na	Sodium	6	Mg	Magnesium	7	Al	Aluminum	8	C	Carbon	9	O	Oxygen	10	Ne	Neon																		
11	Li	6.94	12	Be	9.012	13	B	12.011	14	C	14.007	15	N	15.999	16	F	18.998	17	Ne	20.180																					
19	K	Potassium	20	Ca	Calcium	21	Sc	Scandium	22	Ti	Titanium	23	V	Vanadium	24	Cr	Chromium	25	Mn	Manganese	26	Fe	Iron																		
37	Rb	Rubidium	38	Sr	Strontium	39	Y	Yttrium	40	Nb	Zirconium	41	Mo	Molybdenum	42	Tc	Technetium	43	Ru	Ruthenium	44	Rh	Rhodium																		
55	Cs	Caesium	56	Ba	Barium	57	La	Lanthanum	58	Hf	Hafnium	59	Ta	Tantalum	60	W	Tungsten	61	Re	Rhenium	62	Os	Osmium																		
87	Fr	Francium	88	Ra	Radium	89	Ac	Actinium	90	Rf	Rutherford.	91	Dubnium	Seaborgium	92	Sg	Bohrium	93	Bh	Hassium	94	Hs	Melchiorium																		
7	Lanthanides																		71																						
Actinides																			Lu																						
58	Ce	Cerium	59	Pr	Praseody...	60	Nd	Neodymi...	61	Pm	Promethi...	62	Sm	Samarium	63	Eu	Europium	64	Gd	Gadolinium	65	Tb	Terbium	66	Dy	Dysprosium	67	Ho	Holmium	68	Er	Erbium	69	Tm	Thulium	70	Yb	Ytterbium	71	Lu	Lutetium
90	Th	Thorium	91	Pa	Protactini...	92	U	Uranium	93	Np	Neptunium	94	Pu	Plutonium	95	Am	Americium	96	Cm	Curium	97	Bk	Berkelium	98	Cf	Californium	99	Es	Einsteinium	100	Fm	Fermium	101	Md	Mendelev...	102	No	Nobelium	103	Lr	Lawrenc...

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# METALS (SCIENCE)



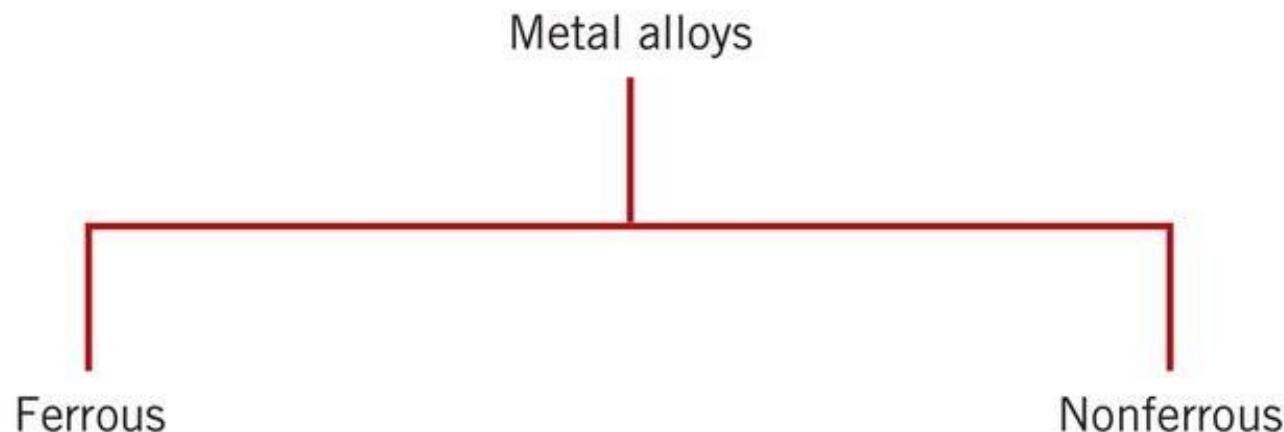
<sup>A</sup>Light alkaline earth metals (Be, Mg)

○ Group 12 metals

\*commonly recognised as metalloids (Ge, As, Sb)

# CLASSIFICATION OF METAL ALLOYS (ENGINEERING)

- in ENG mostly considered for **STRUCTURAL** properties!
- some nonferrous important for **FUNCTIONAL** properties





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# SHORT RECAP ON PHASE DIAGRAMS

# PHASE DIAGRAMS

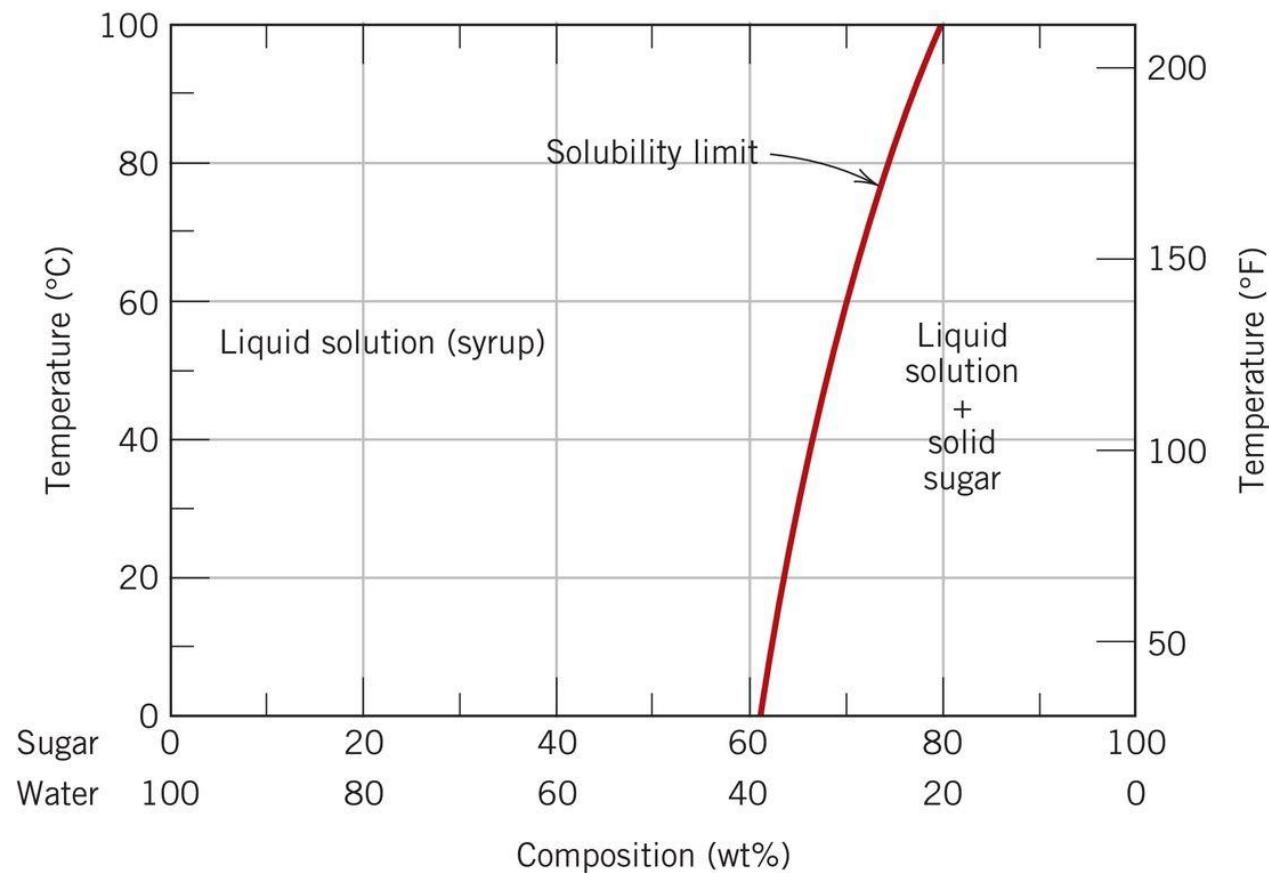
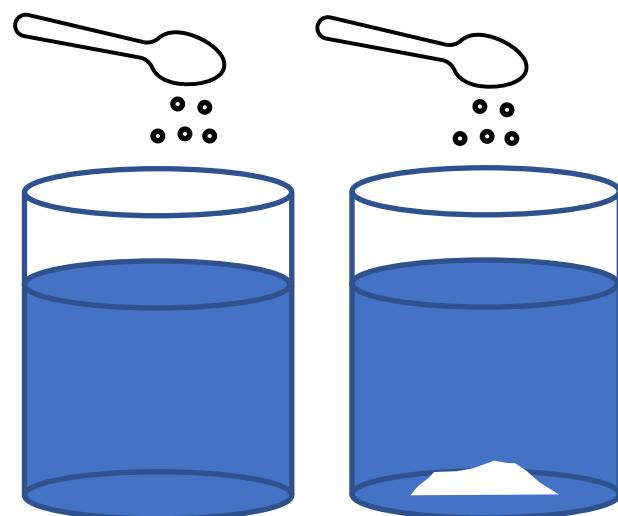
- **phase**: a homogeneous portion of a system that has uniform physical and chemical characteristics
- a single-phase system is termed **homogeneous**
- systems composed of two or more phases: **mixtures** or **heterogeneous systems**
- most **metallic alloys** (but also ceramic, polymeric, and composites) are **heterogeneous**
- understanding of **phase diagrams** for alloy systems is extremely important
- phase diagrams provide valuable information about melting, casting, crystallization...

# PHASE EQUILIBRIUM

- from thermodynamics: Equilibrium → minimum of free energy G  
*@specified combination of T, P, composition*
- characteristics of the system do not change with time, the system is stable
- Change in T, P and/or composition → increase in G: possible spontaneous change to another state by which G is lowered
- For many alloy systems and at some specific temperature, there is a maximum concentration of solute atoms that may dissolve in the solvent to form a solid solution: solubility limit

# SOLUBILITY LIMIT

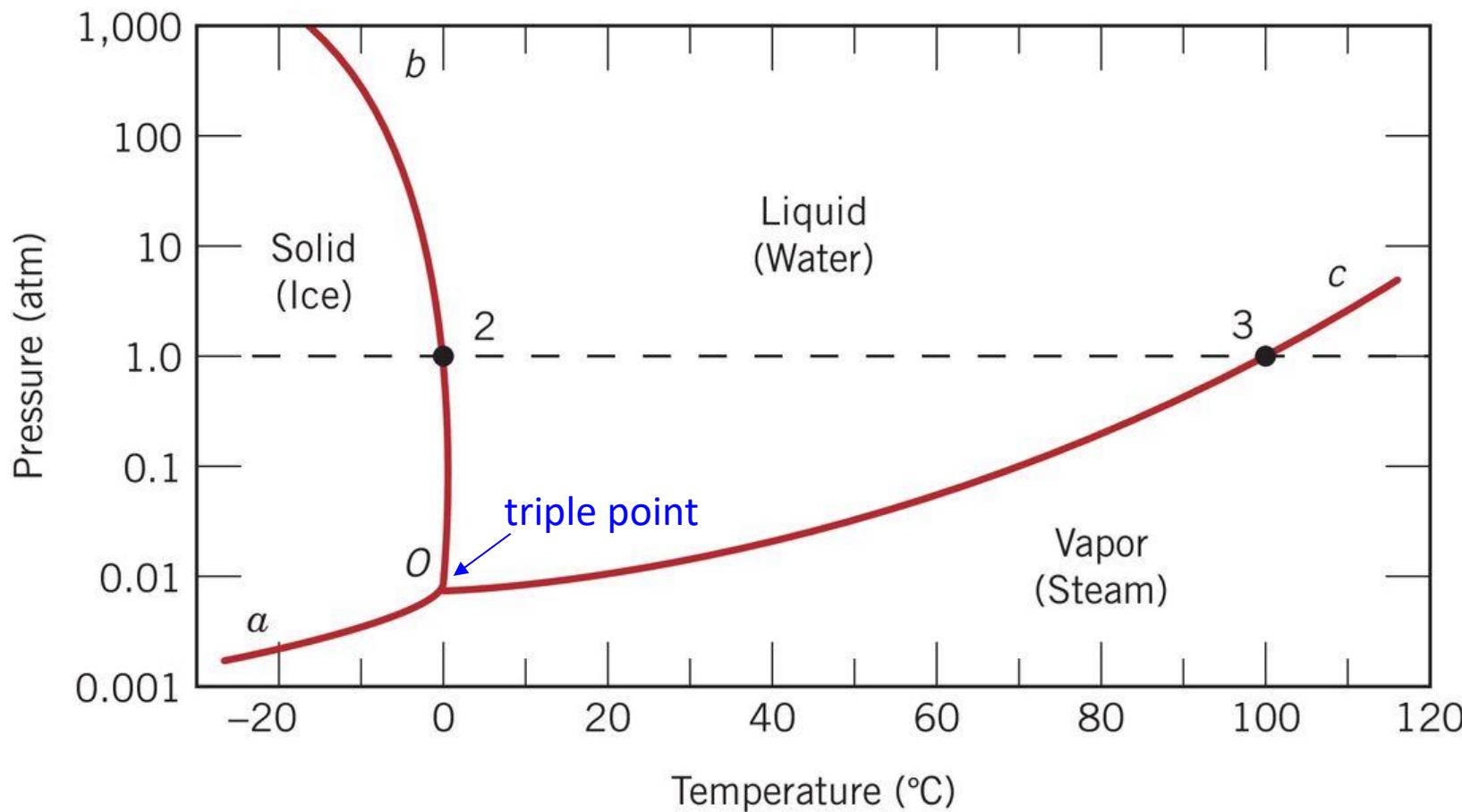
- ex.: sugar–water ( $C_{12}H_{22}O_{11}$ – $H_2O$ ) system



[Animated Graph chap 9](#)

# 1 COMPONENT PHASE DIAGRAM

- phase diagram with 1 component (composition costant = phase diagram of a pure substance)
- ex.: T – P phase diagram of water



# BINARY PHASE DIAGRAMS

- phase diagram with 2 components
- T and composition: variable parameters, P constant (normally 1 atm)
- **binary alloys:** various behaviours

binary isomorphous

eutectic

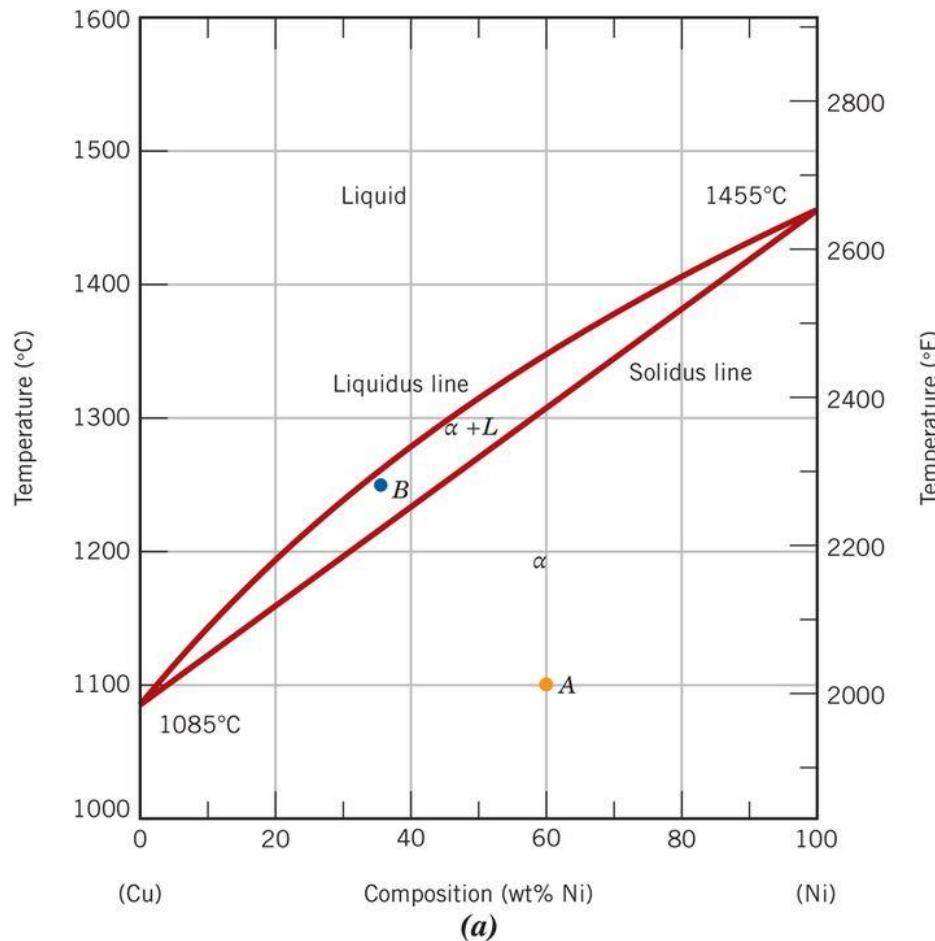
eutectoid

intermediate solid solutions (intermediate phases)

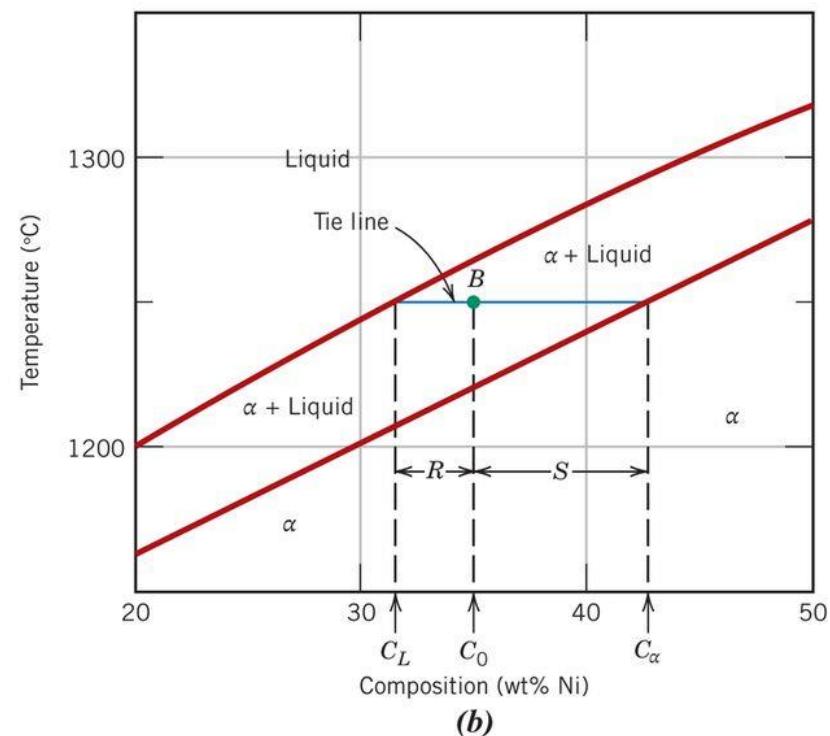
- > 2 components: phase diagrams extremely complicated and difficult to represent

# BINARY ISOMORPHOUS SYSTEMS

- complete solubility of two components in both liquid and solid

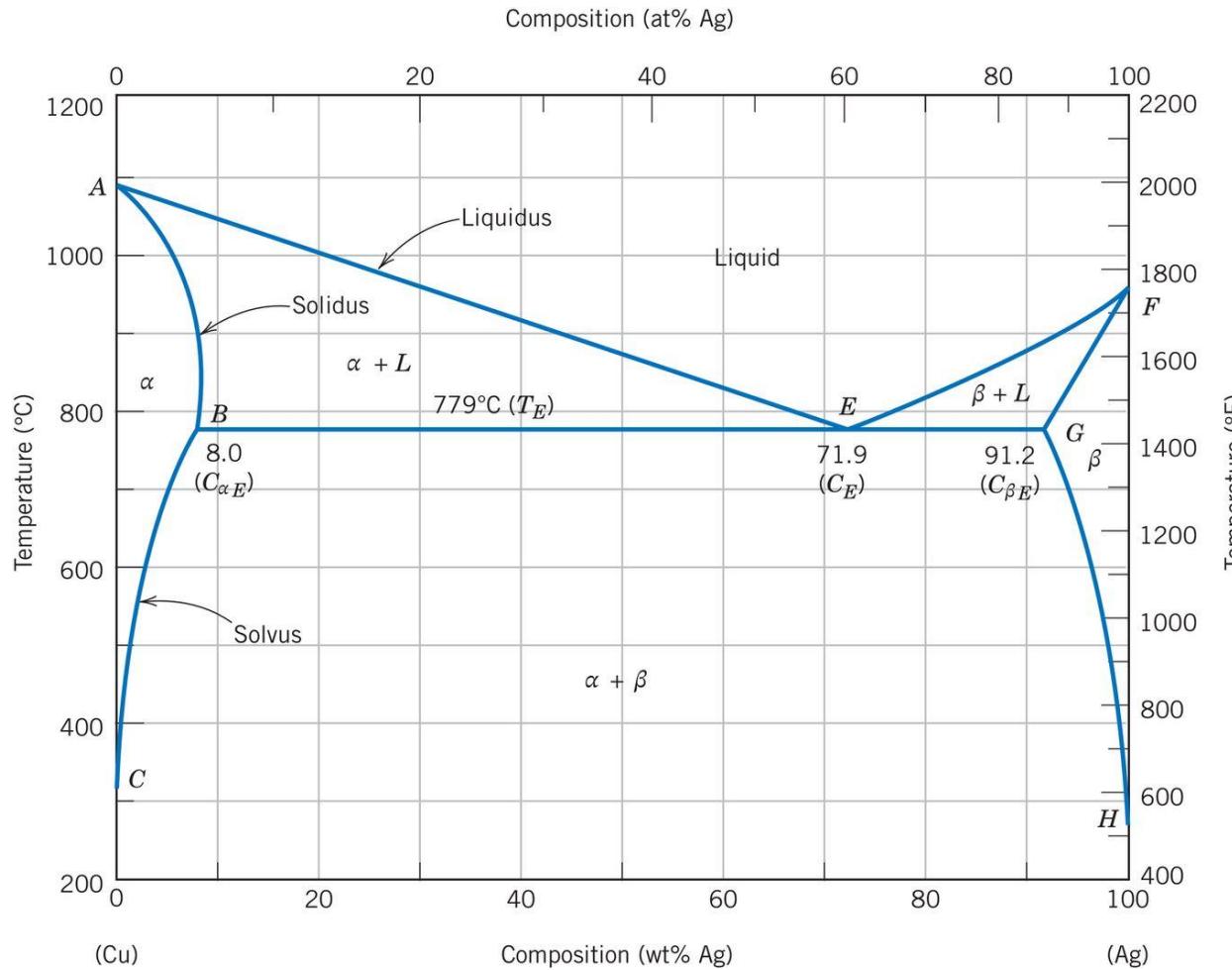


Example: Cu-Ni



# BINARY EUTECTIC SYSTEMS

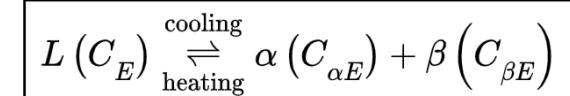
- incomplete solubility of two components



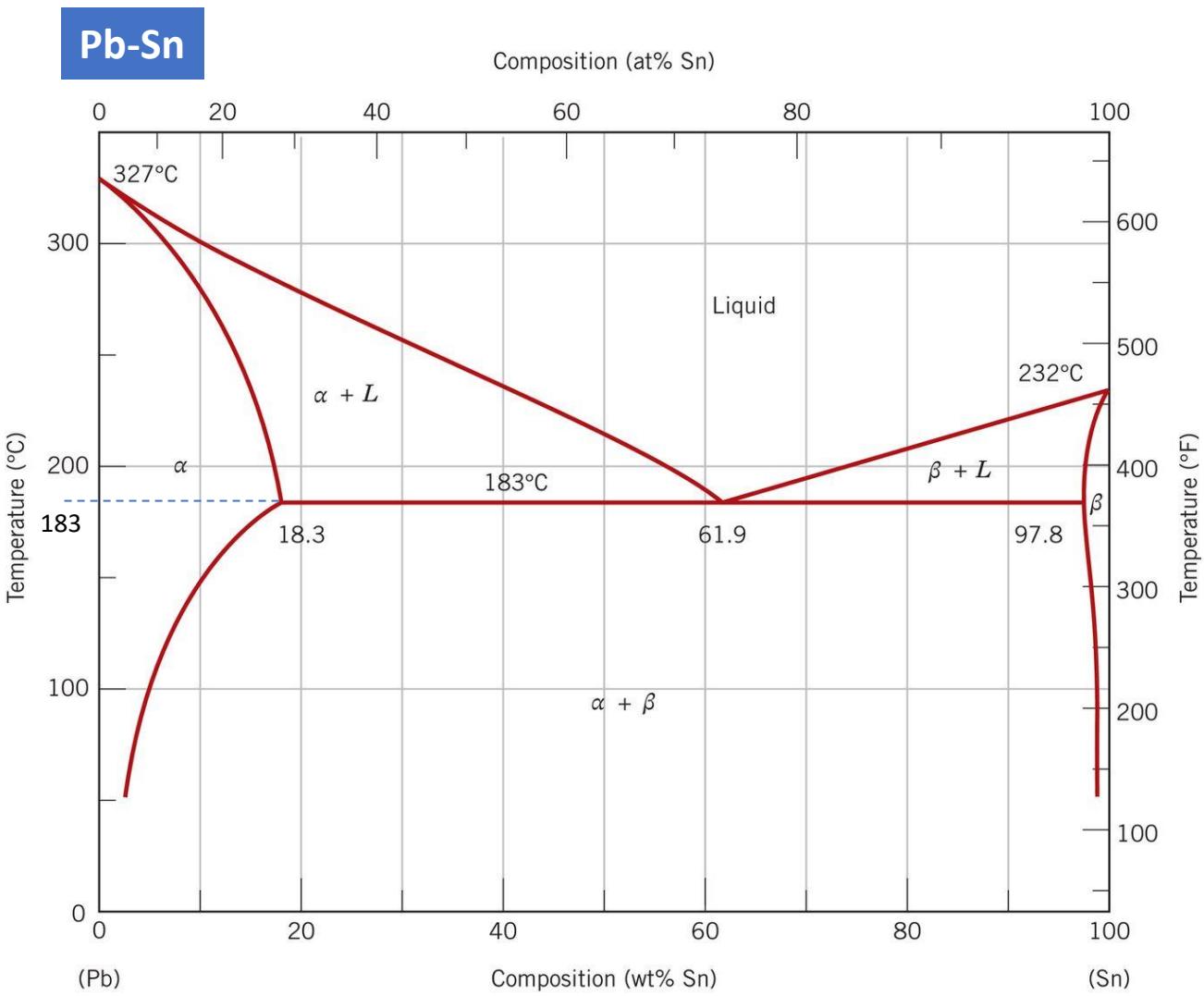
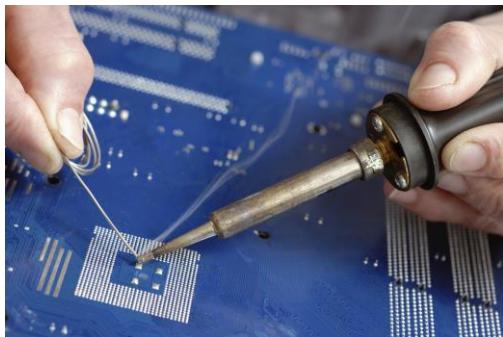
## Example: Cu-Ag

- 3 monophase regions:  
 $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , Liquid

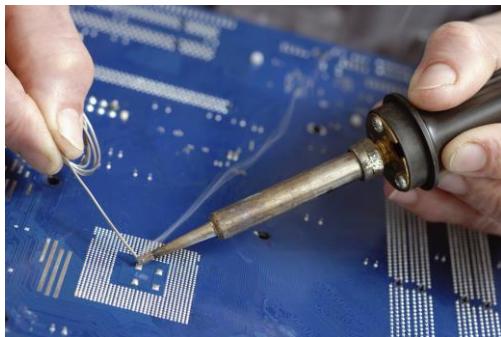
eutectic reaction



# «60-40 SOLDER»



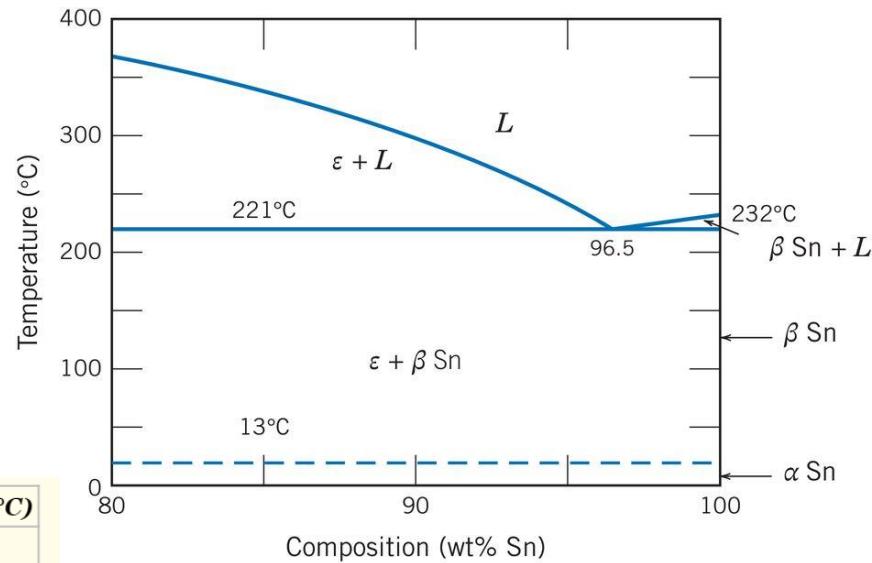
# LEAD-FREE SOLDER



- Pb toxic!
- environmental concerns (e-waste)
- lead-free solders

Composition (wt%)	Solidus Temperature (°C)	Liquidus Temperature (°C)
<b>Solders Containing Lead</b>		
63 Sn-37 Pb <sup>a</sup>	183	183
50 Sn-50 Pb	183	214
<b>Lead-Free Solders</b>		
99.3 Sn-0.7 Cu <sup>a</sup>	227	227
96.5 Sn-3.5 Ag <sup>a</sup>	221	221
95.5 Sn-3.8 Ag-0.7 Cu	217	220
91.8 Sn-3.4 Ag-4.8 Bi	211	213
97.0 Sn-2.0 Cu-0.85 Sb-0.2 Ag	219	235

## Example: Ag-Sn



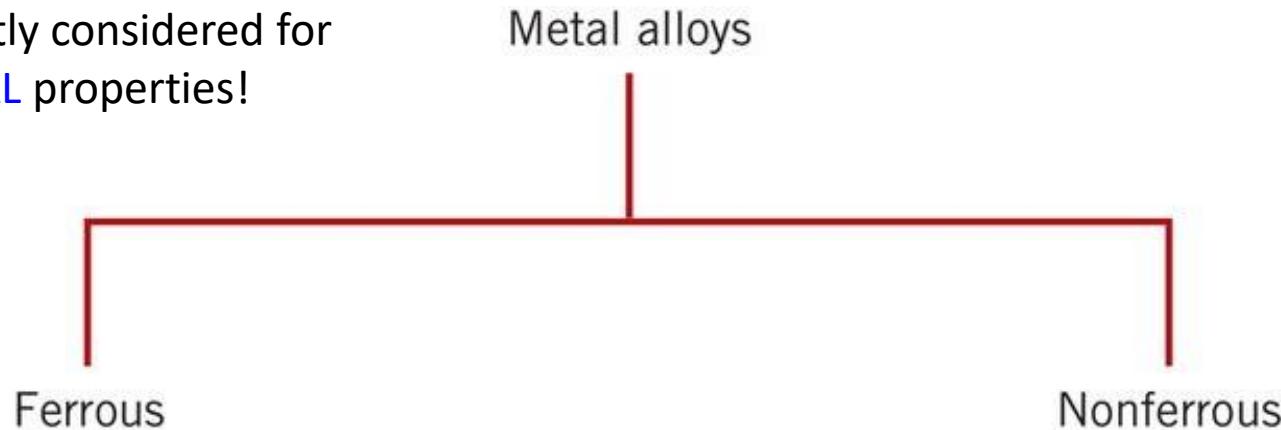


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# FERROUS ALLOYS

# CLASSIFICATION OF METAL ALLOYS (ENGINEERING)

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**Fe-containing:** especially important as engineering construction materials

## 3 main aspects/advantages

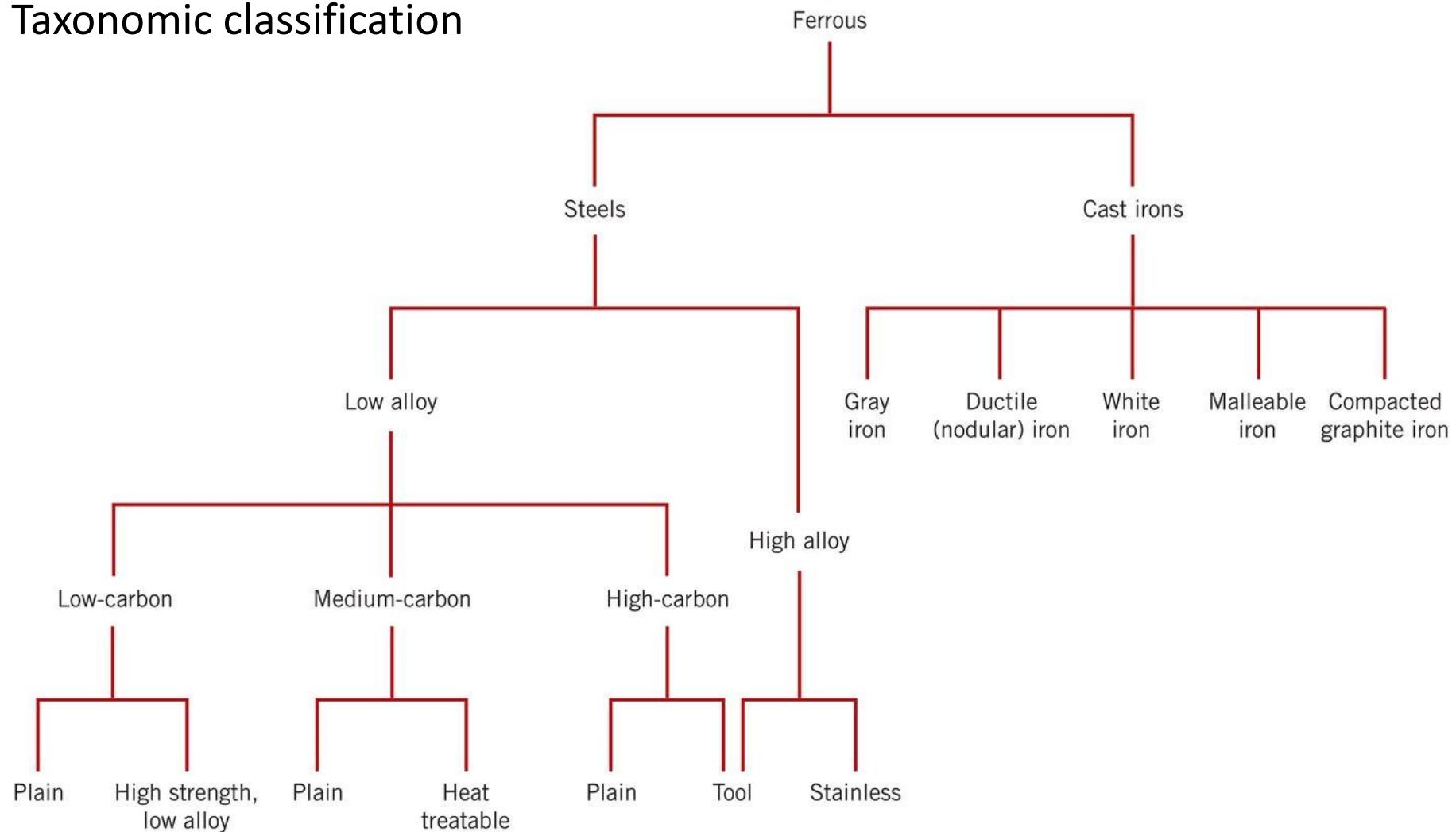
1. Fe-containing compounds abundant
2. relativ. economical extraction, refining, alloying, and fabrication techniques
3. extremely versatile: a wide range of mechanical properties.

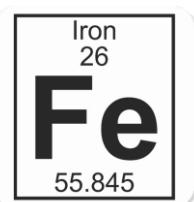
## 3 disadvantages

1. relatively high density,
2. low electrical conductivity,
3. susceptibility to corrosion in some common environments

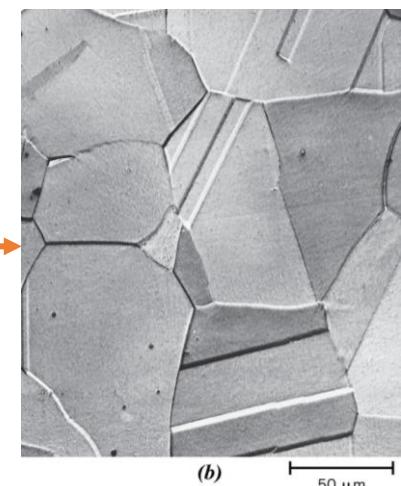
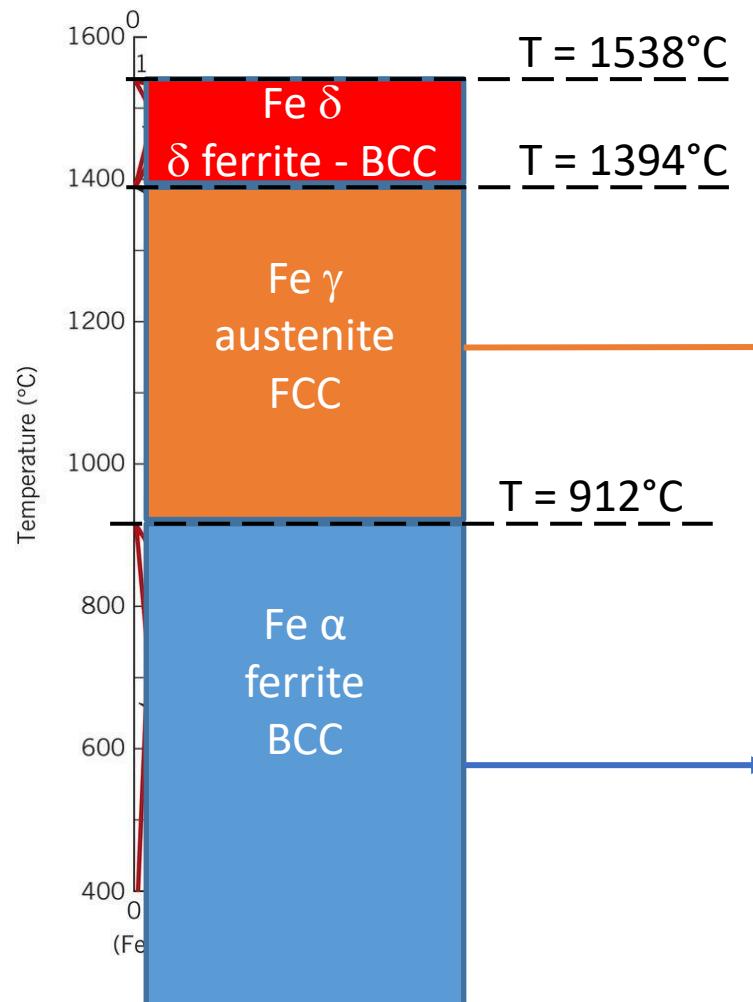
# FERROUS ALLOYS

## Taxonomic classification





## IRON - Fe



# BINARY SYSTEM Fe-C

- of all binary alloy systems, the most important is Fe-C

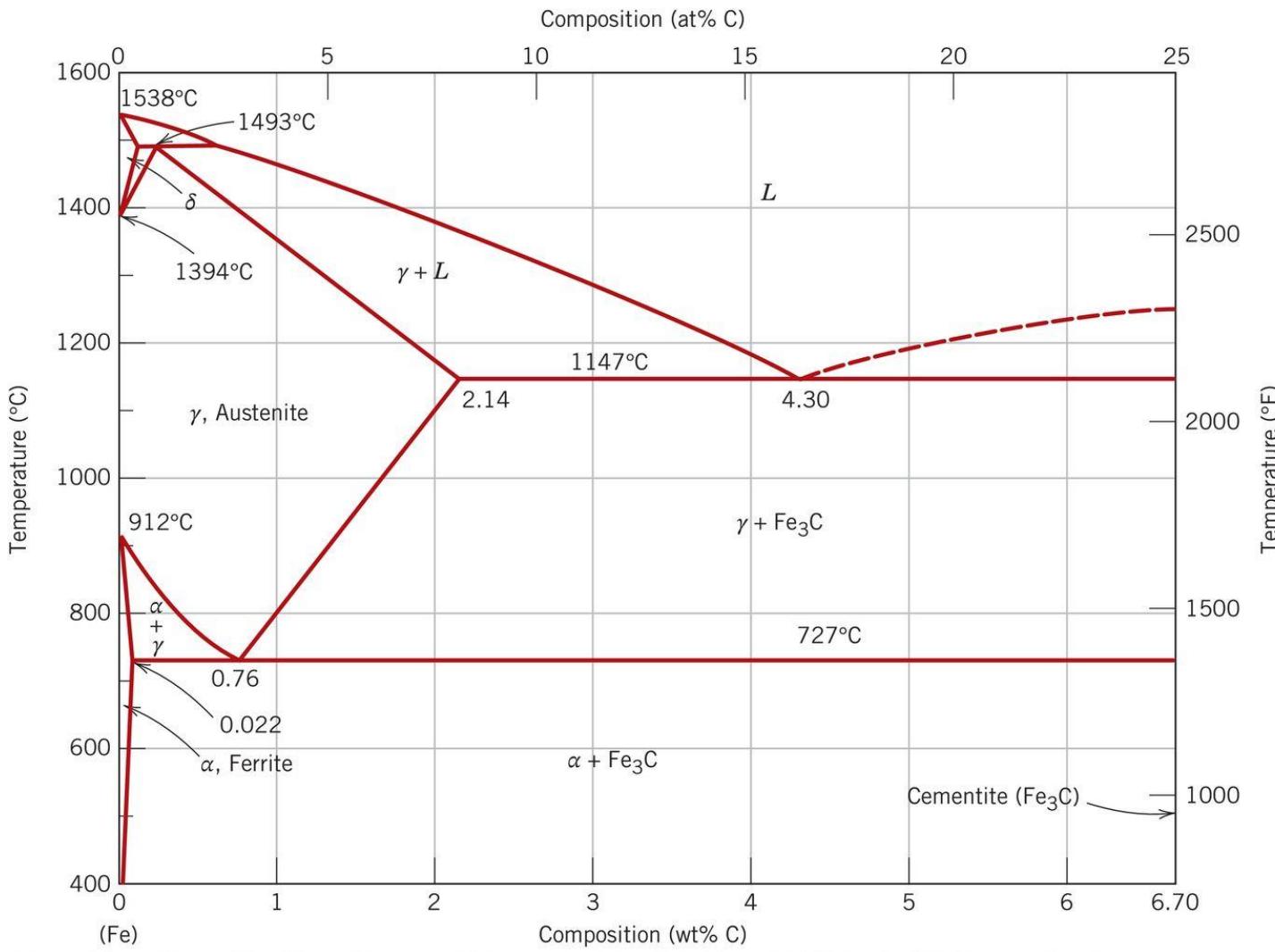
The Fe-C phase diagram can be divided  
in 2 parts

$0 < C < 6.7 \text{ wt.\%}$

$C > 6.7 \text{ wt.\%}$

- **steels and cast irons:**  
primary structural materials

# Fe – Fe<sub>3</sub>C phase diagram



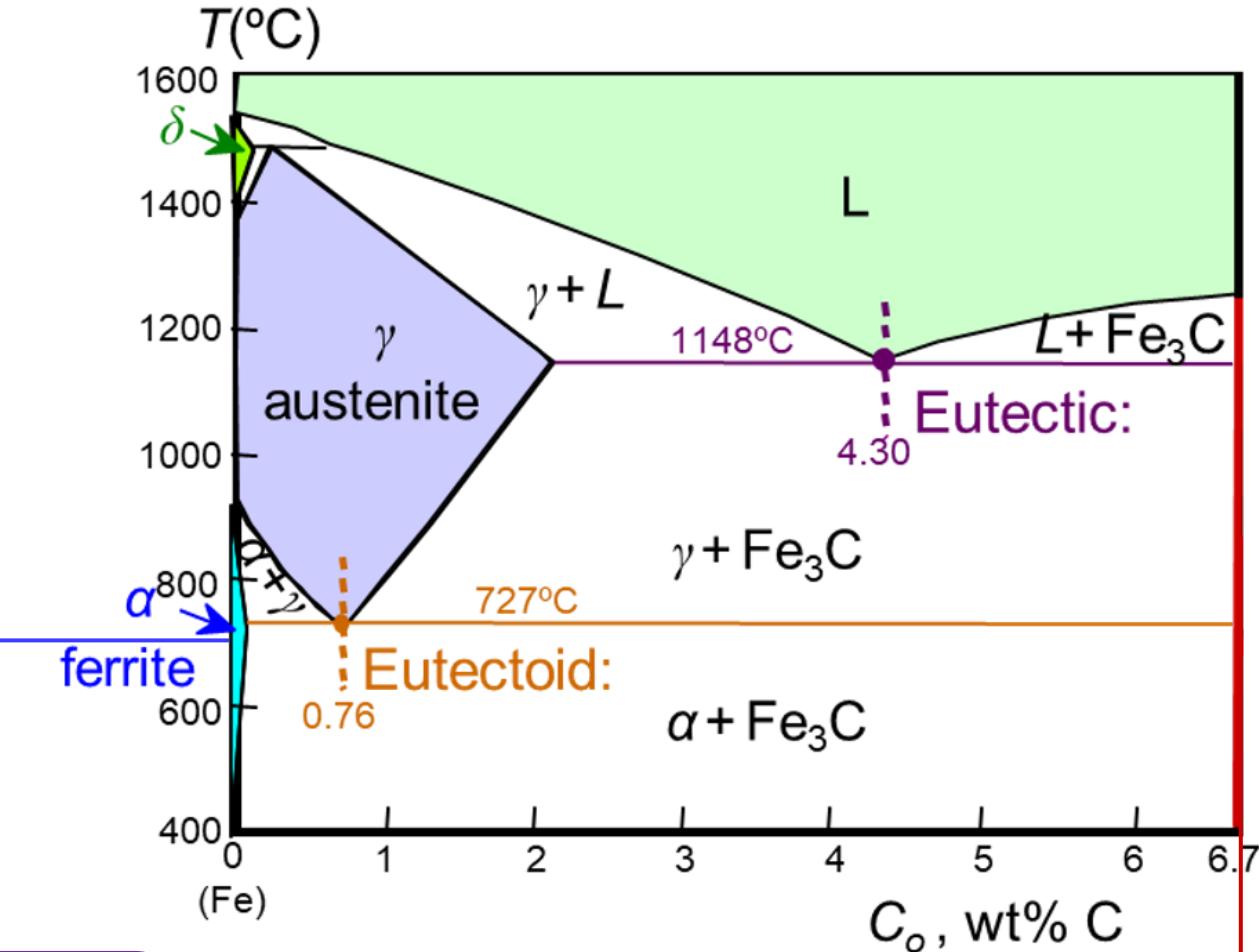
C (wt.%)> 6.7  
cementite Fe<sub>3</sub>C

# Fe – Fe<sub>3</sub>C phase diagram

colored:  
**monophasic regions**

C: impurity in Fe  
it forms solid solutions

**α ferrite:** low solubility of C  
(max 0.0022% @727°C)  
small interstitial sites in BCC  
relatively soft, may be made  
magnetic at T<768°C



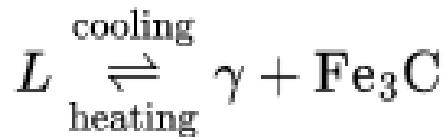
**γ austenite:** improved C solubility  
(max 2.14% @1148°C)  
because of larger octahedral interstitial  
sites in FCC; non magnetic  
unstable at T<727°C

**Fe<sub>3</sub>C cementite:** very hard and brittle  
actually metastable! transforms into Fe α + C  
graphite after several years at 650< T<700°C  
all C in steels is in Fe<sub>3</sub>C form

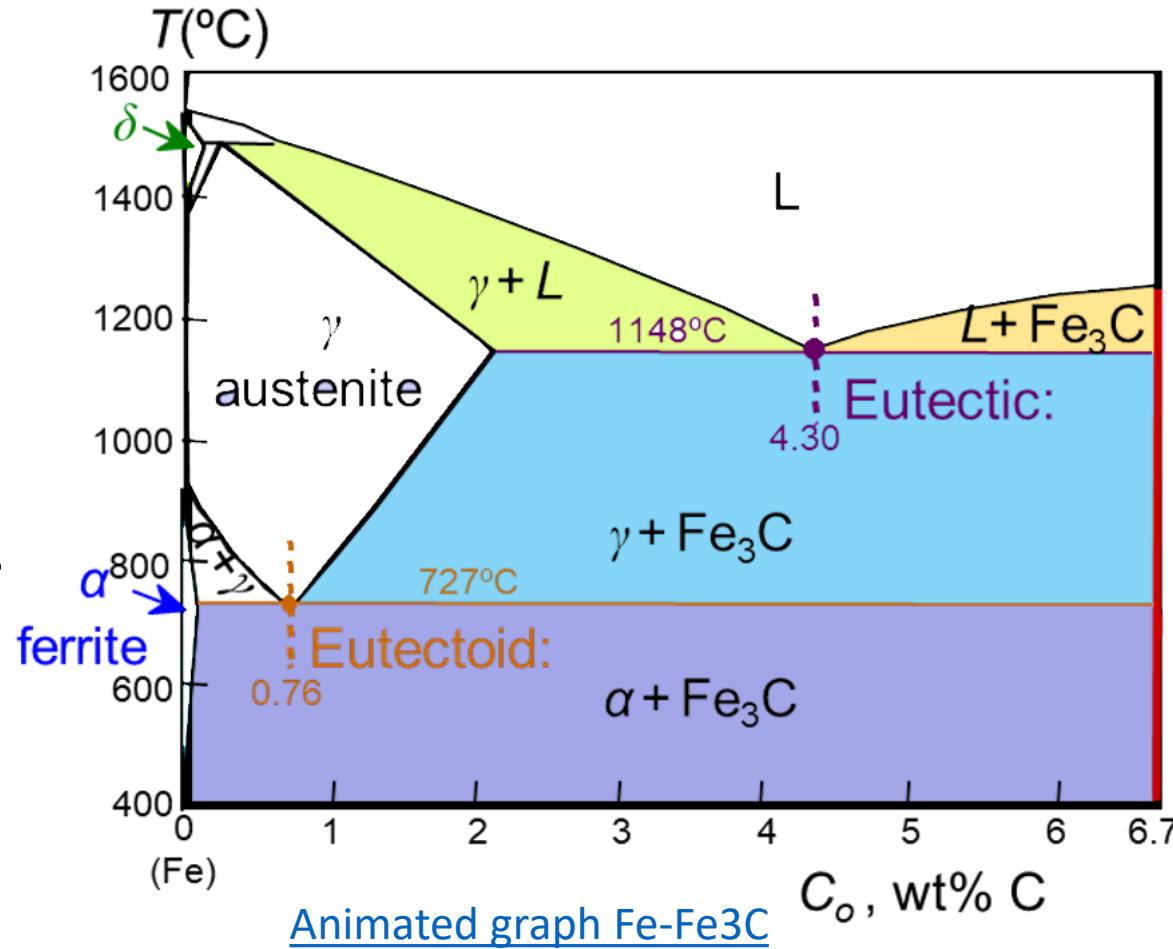
# Fe – Fe<sub>3</sub>C phase diagram

colored:  
**biphasic regions**

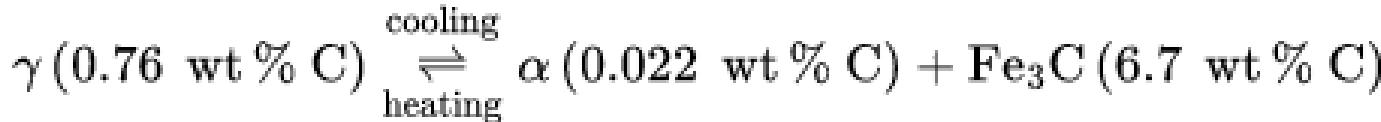
## Eutectic reaction



upon cooling, liquid solidifies  
forming:  
austenite and cementite



## Eutectoid reaction

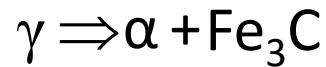
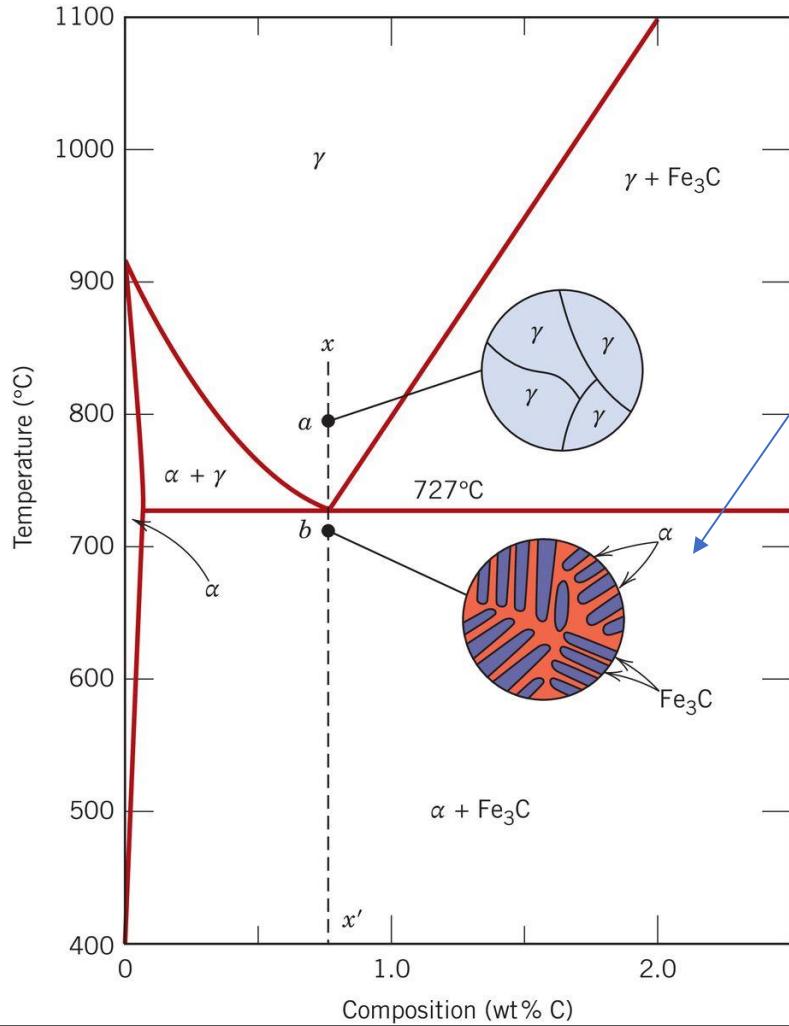


upon cooling, the solid γ phase is transformed into: α-iron and cementite.

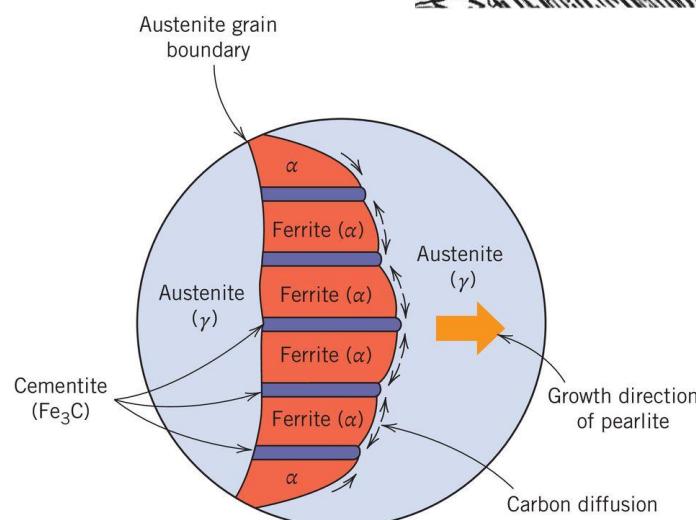
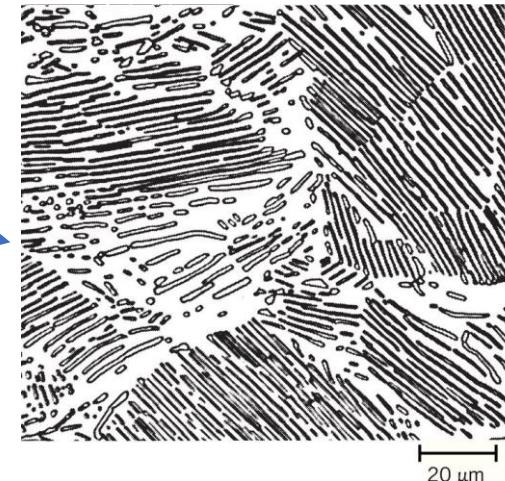
# MICROSTRUCTURE EVOLUTION Fe-C

eutectoid  
 $@C = 0.76\%$

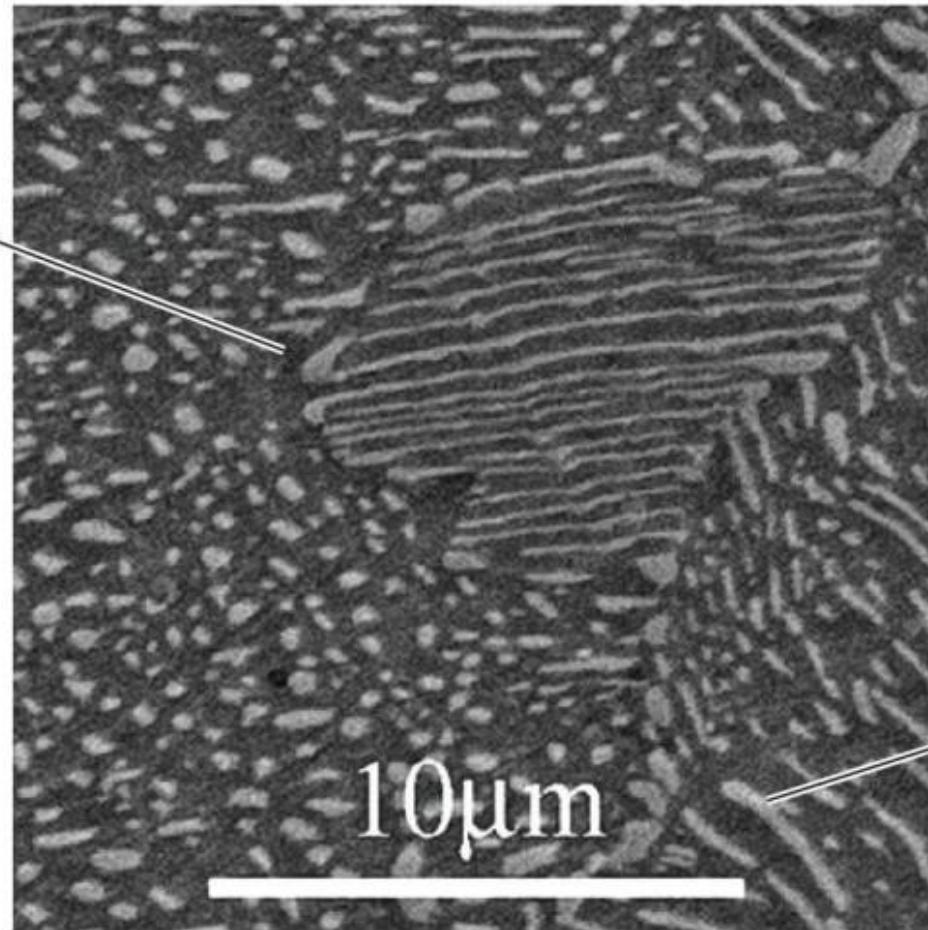
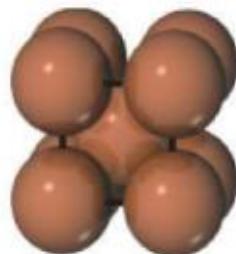
- **Eutectoid transformation:** from 1 solid phase to 2 solid phases



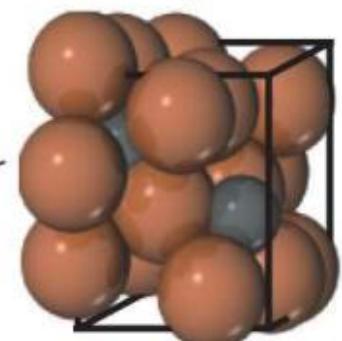
**Pearlite**  
alternating layers  
of  $\alpha$  and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}$



# Fe metal

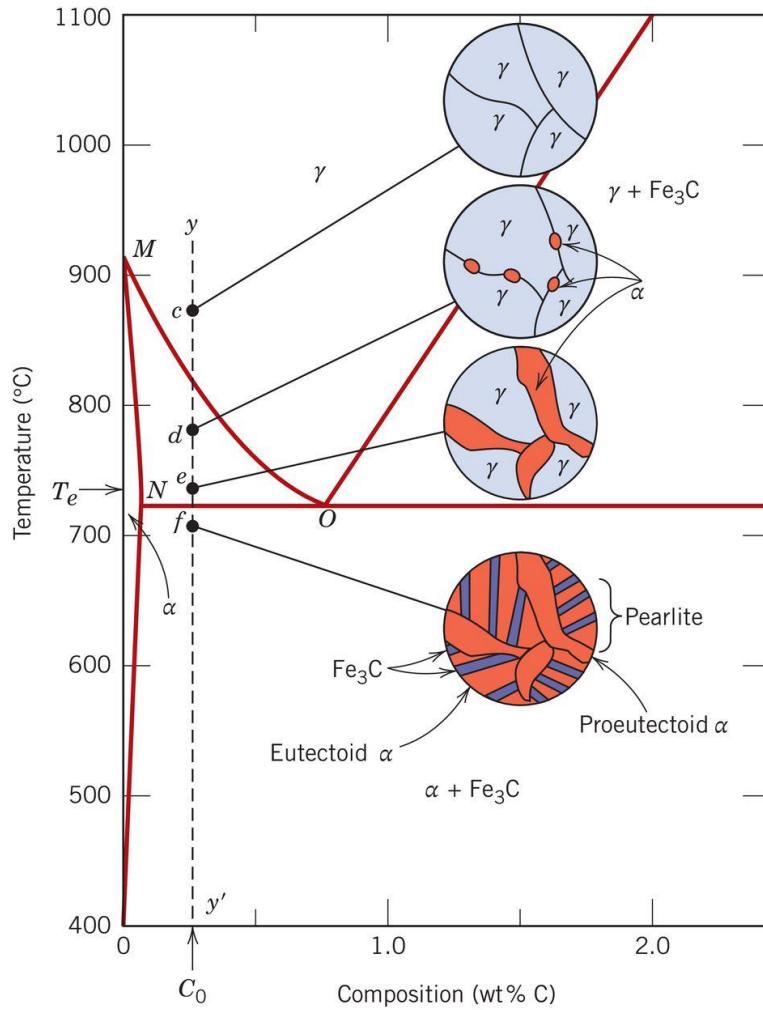


$\text{Fe}_3\text{C}$

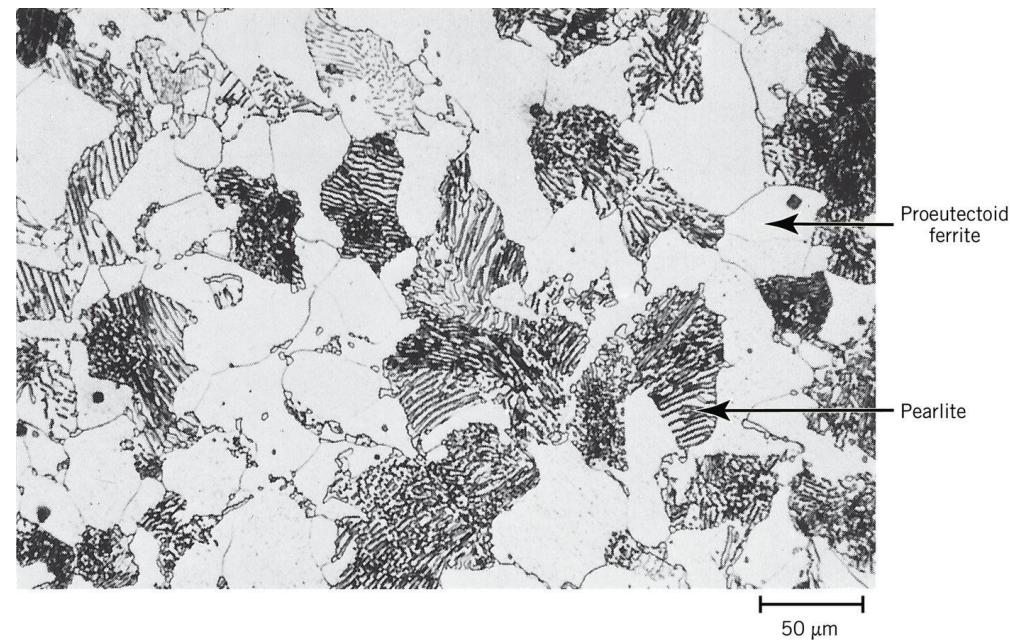


# MICROSTRUCTURE EVOLUTION Fe-C

- Hypoeutectoid alloys

 $0.022 < C_0 < 0.76 \text{ wt.\% C}$ 

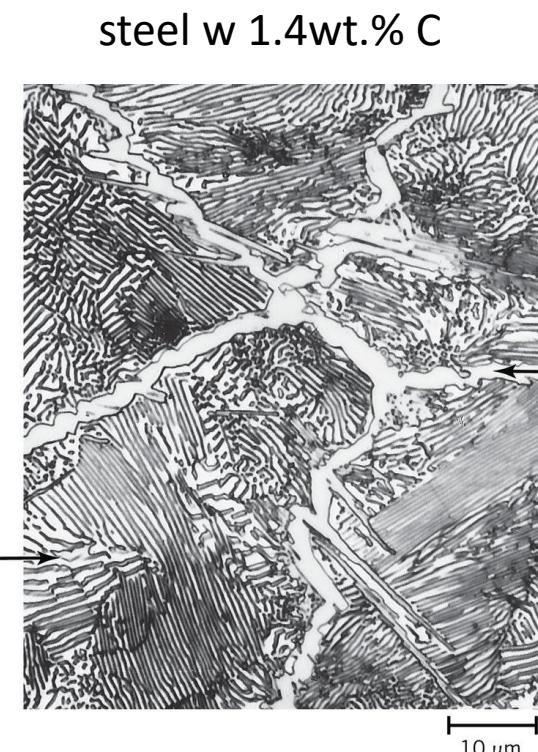
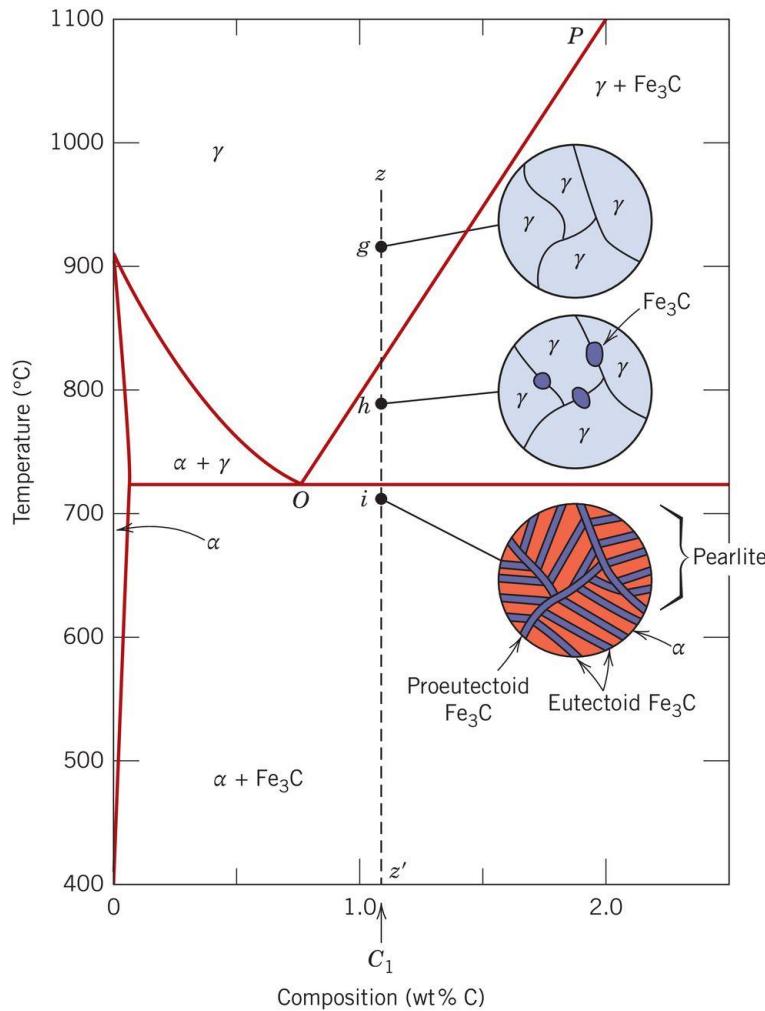
steel w 0.38wt.% C



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# MICROSTRUCTURE EVOLUTION Fe-C

- Hypereutectoid alloys  $0.76 < C_0 < 2.14$  wt.% C

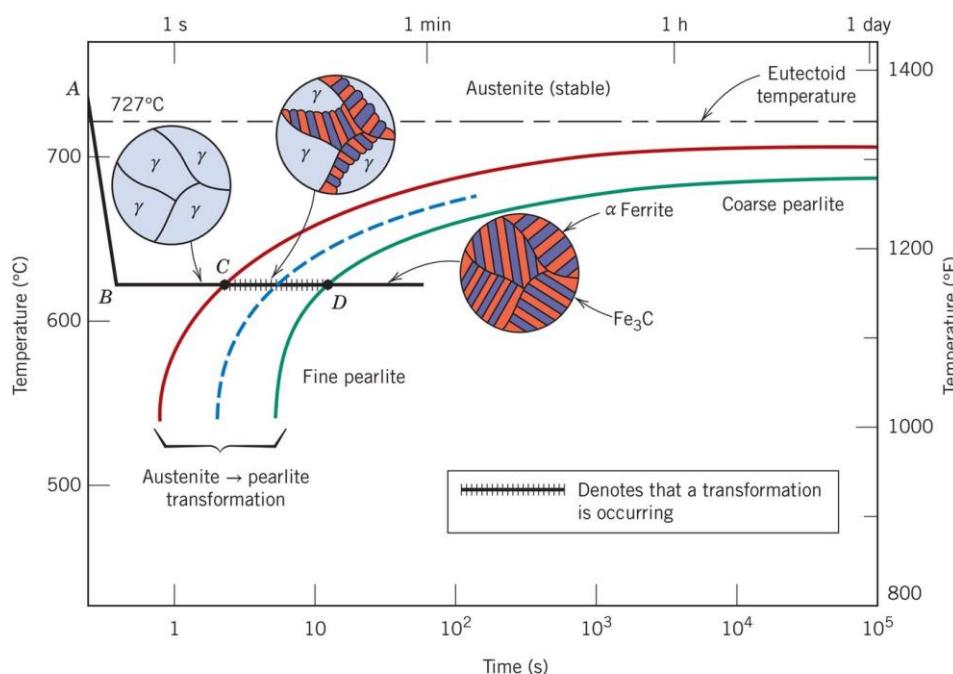


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# PHASE TRANSFORMATIONS

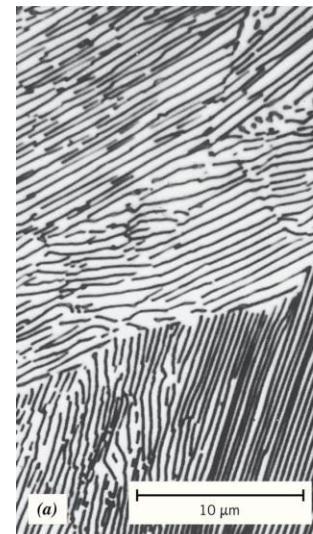
upon various heat treatments microstructure can evolve with phase transformations

## Examples



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coarse pearlite



fine pearlite



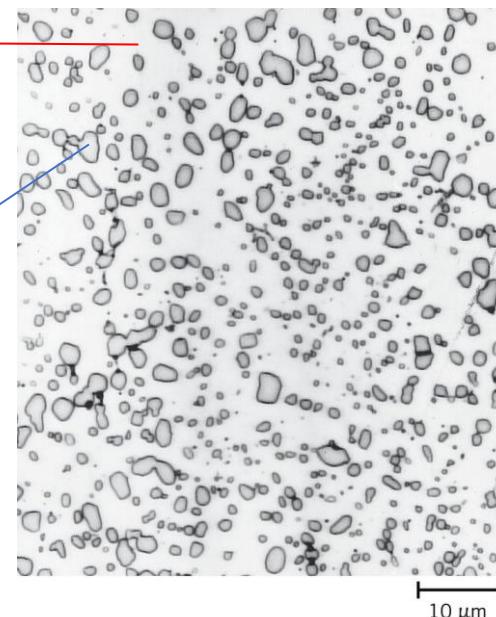
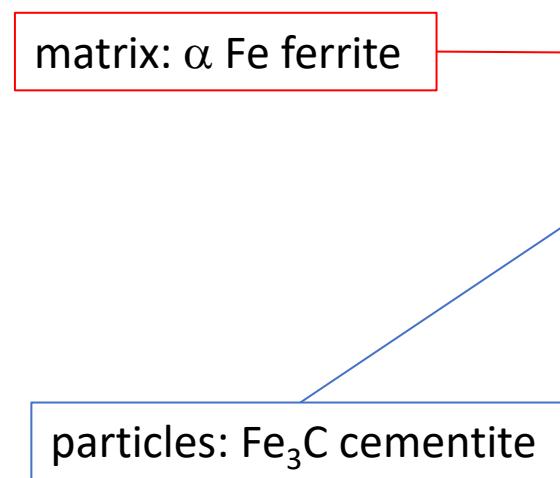
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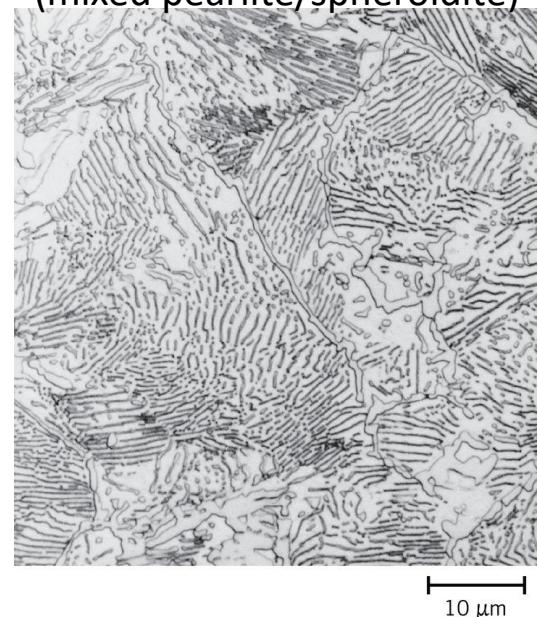
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Example

steel with pearlite structure maintained at  $T = 700^\circ\text{C}$  for 18-24 h  
pearlite  $\rightarrow$  spheroidite



partial conversion  
(mixed pearlite/spheroidite)



# INFLUENCE OF OTHER ELEMENTS

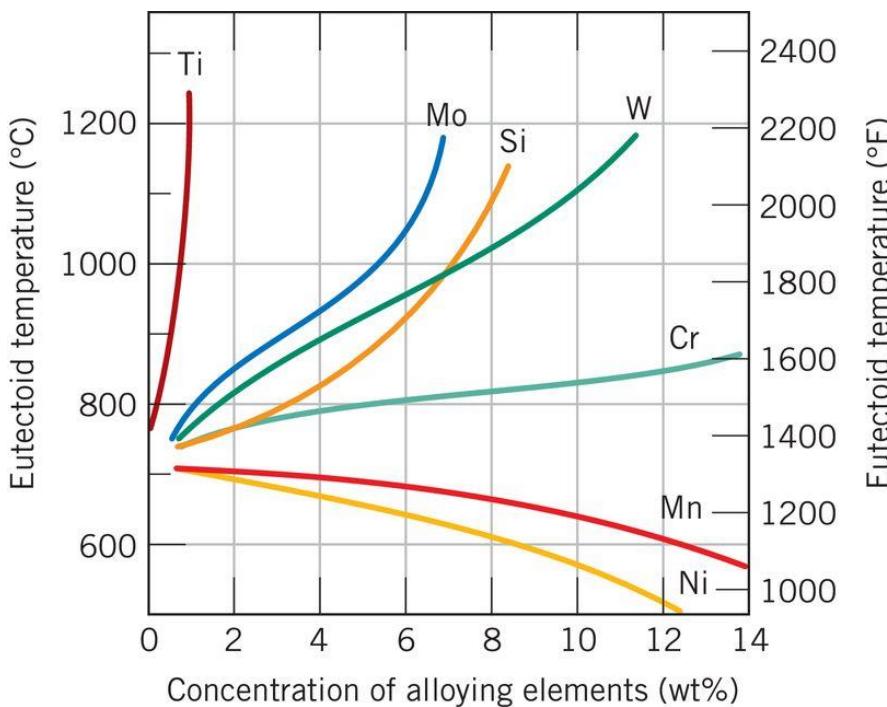
Additions of other alloying elements  
(Cr, Ni, Ti, etc.)



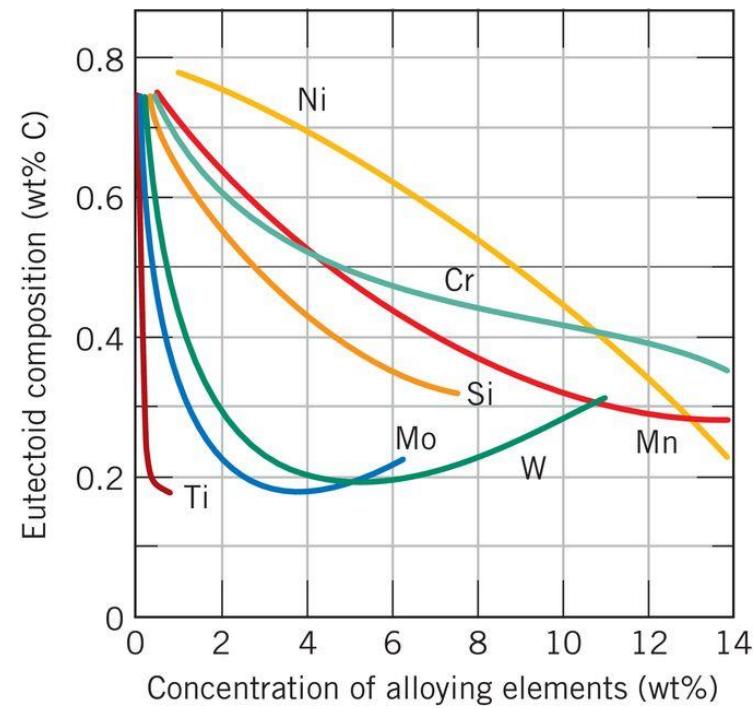
dramatic changes in the binary  
Fe– $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}$  phase diagram

Example: shift of eutectoid

Eutectoid temperature

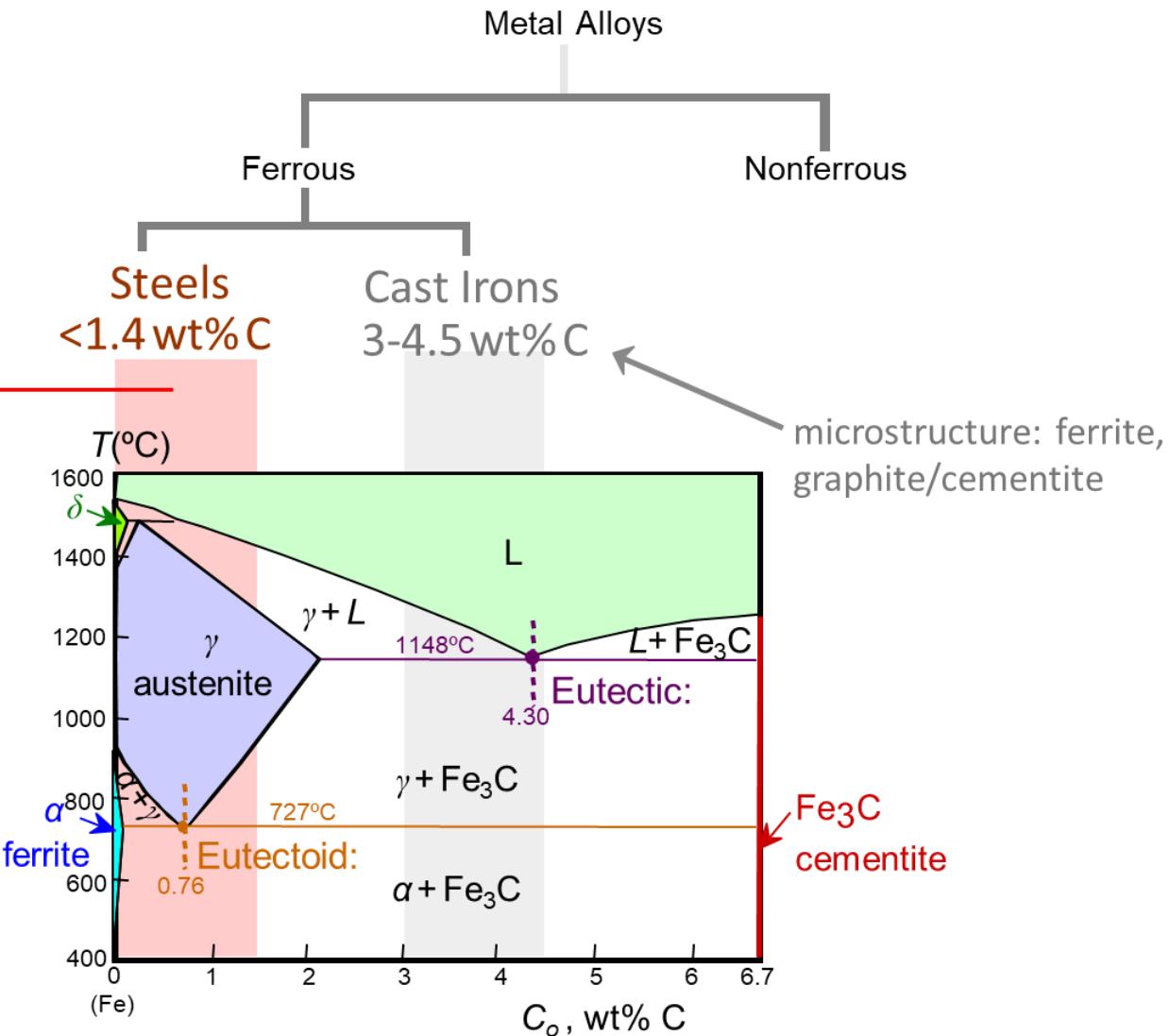


Eutectoid composition (wt. % of C)



# CLASSIFICATION OF IRON ALLOYS

Pure Fe:  
<0.008% C impurity



# FERROUS ALLOYS

## Iron-based alloys

- Steels
- Cast Irons

### Nomenclature for steels (AISI/SAE)

- 10xx Plain Carbon Steels
- 11xx Plain Carbon Steels (resulfurized for machinability)
- 15xx Mn (1.00 - 1.65%)
- 40xx Mo (0.20 ~ 0.30%)
- 43xx Ni (1.65 - 2.00%), Cr (0.40 - 0.90%), Mo (0.20 - 0.30%)
- 44xx Mo (0.5%)

**XX:** wt% C x 100

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

**Stainless Steel** >11% Cr

# STEELS

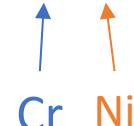
HSLA: High strength low alloy

	Low Alloy			High Alloy			
	low carbon <0.25 wt% C	Med carbon 0.25-0.6 wt% C	high carbon 0.6-1.4 wt% C				
Name	plain	HSLA	plain	heat treatable	plain	tool	stainless
Additions	none	Cr, V Ni, Mo	none	Cr, Ni Mo	none	Cr, V, Mo, W	Cr, Ni, Mo
Example	1010	4310	1040	43 40	1095	4190	304, 409
Hardenability	0	+	+	++	++	+++	varies
TS	-	0	+	++	+	++	varies
EL	+	+	0	-	-	--	++
Uses	auto struc. sheet	bridges towers press. vessels	crank shafts bolts hammers blades	pistons gears wear applic.	wear applic.	drills saws dies	high T applic. turbines furnaces  Very corros. resistant

increasing strength, cost, decreasing ductility

# STAINLESS STEEL (FOR IMPLANTS?)

- early step: 1920s development of **304 stainless steel** - also known as **18/8**
  - improving corrosion resistance*
  - mechanical strength*
  - extend useful lifetime of metallic implants*
  - reduce post-operative complications, metallosis*



**Cr 18 wt.%** - sufficient for alloy **passivation**

formation of a self-healing, chemically inert, protective **Cr oxide layer**  
prevents the diffusion of O<sub>2</sub> to the underlying material



corrosion resistance in reducing acids and against pitting attack in solutions containing Cl<sup>-</sup> ions, e.g. biofluids

**Ni 8 wt%** - modifies **microstructure**

allows the alloy to take on an austenitic fcc crystal microstructure



increasing the density, hardness, and abrasive resistance



improving its resistance to oxidation, corrosion and heat

**NB** 304 steel is still susceptible to pitting corrosion:  
fluids rich in Cl<sup>-</sup> ions + O<sub>2</sub> (i.e. conditions commonly encountered by an implant)



**Table 11.4 Designations, Compositions, Mechanical Properties, and Typical Applications for Austenitic, Ferritic, Martensitic, and Precipitation-Hardenable Stainless Steels**

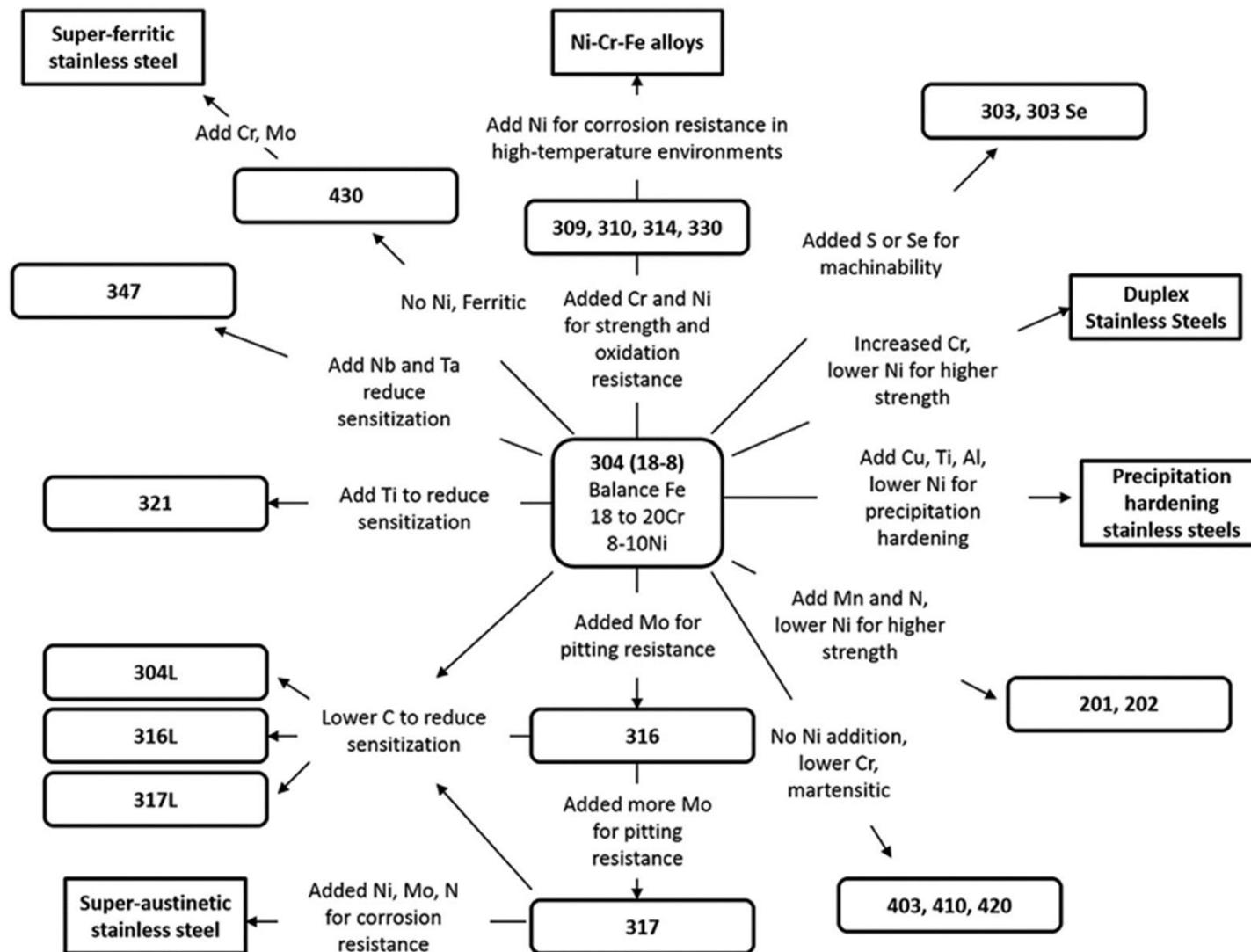
AISI Number	UNS Number	Composition (wt%) <sup>a</sup>	Condition <sup>b</sup>	Mechanical Properties			Typical Applications
				Tensile Strength [MPa (ksi)]	Yield Strength [MPa (ksi)]	Ductility [%EL in 50 mm (2 in.)]	
<b>Ferritic</b>							
409	S40900	0.08 C, 11.0 Cr, 1.0 Mn, 0.50 Ni, 0.75 Ti	Annealed	380 (55)	205 (30)	20	Automotive exhaust components, tanks for agricultural sprays
446	S44600	0.20 C, 25 Cr, 1.5 Mn	Annealed	515 (75)	275 (40)	20	Valves (high temperature), glass molds, combustion chambers
<b>Austenitic</b>							
304	S30400	0.08 C, 19 Cr, 9 Ni, 2.0 Mn	Annealed	515 (75)	205 (30)	40	Chemical and food processing equipment, cryogenic vessels
316L	S31603	0.03 C, 17 Cr, 12 Ni, 2.5 Mo, 2.0 Mn	Annealed	485 (70)	170 (25)	40	Welding construction, temporary biomedical orthopedic devices
<b>Martensitic</b>							
410	S41000	0.15 C, 12.5 Cr, 1.0 Mn	Annealed Q & T	485 (70) 825 (120)	275 (40) 620 (90)	20 12	Rifle barrels, cutlery, jet engine parts
440A	S44002	0.70 C, 17 Cr, 0.75 Mo, 1.0 Mn	Annealed Q & T	725 (105) 1790 (260)	415 (60) 1650 (240)	20 5	Cutlery, bearings, surgical tools
<b>Precipitation Hardenable</b>							
17-4PH	S17400	0.07 C, 16.25 Cr, 4 Ni, 4 Cu, 0.3 (Nb + Ta), 1.0 Mn, 1.0 Si	Precipitation hardened	1310 (190)	1172 (170)	10	Chemical, petrochemical, and foodprocessing equipment, aerospace parts

<sup>a</sup> The balance of the composition is iron.

<sup>b</sup> Q & T denotes quenched and tempered.

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# Relationships between the composition and properties in stainless steel alloys

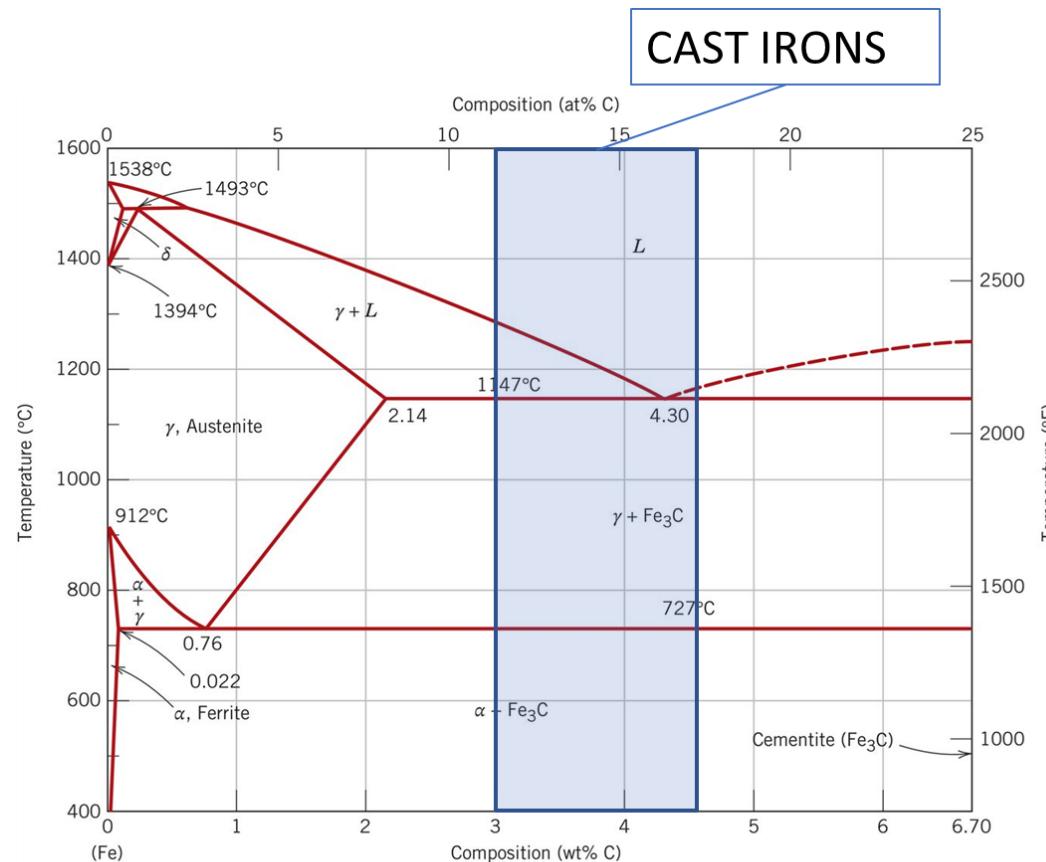


# CAST IRONS

Ferrous alloys with  $> 2.1$  wt% C

- more commonly 3 - 4.5 wt% C

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SEE DETAILS OF  
TYPES OF CAST IRON  
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# LIMITATIONS OF FERROUS ALLOYS

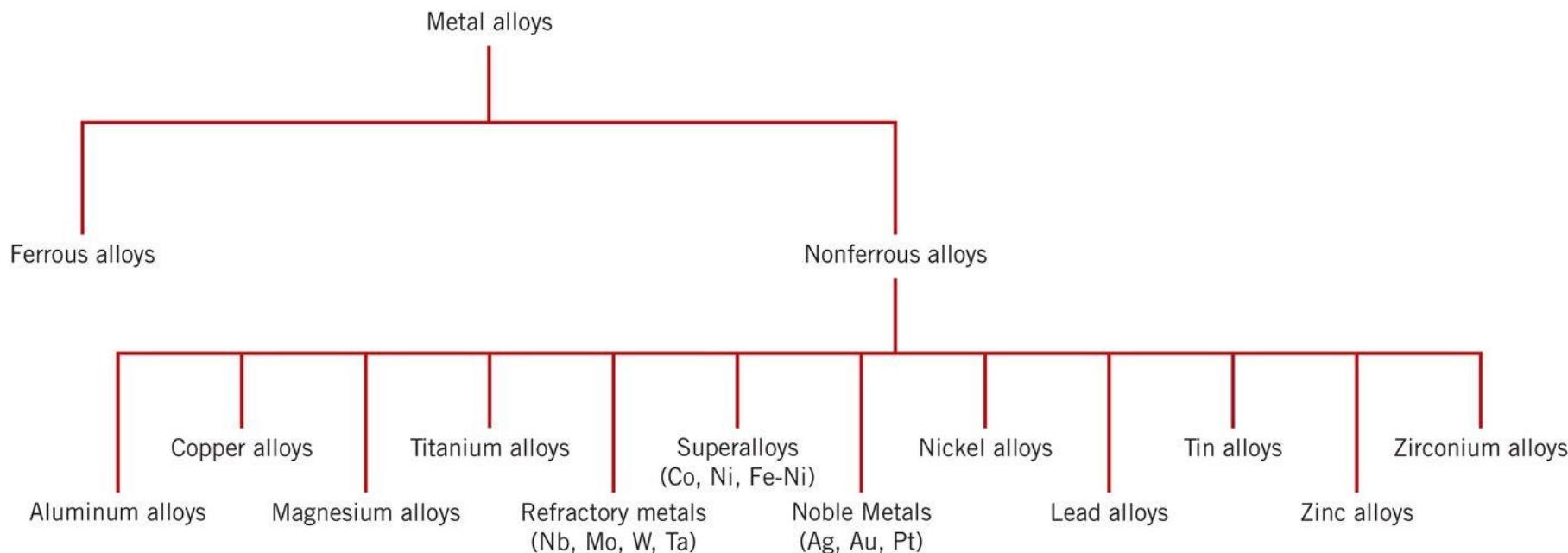
- Relatively high densities
- Relatively low electrical conductivities
- Generally poor corrosion resistance



L5.4

# NON FERROUS ALLOYS

# NON-FERROUS ALLOYS





# MANUFACTURING MATTERS!

## *CAST AND WROUGHT ALLOYS*

**CAST ALLOYS**

it. «leghe da fonderia»  
melted in a furnace and poured into a mold

**WROUGHT ALLOYS**

it. «leghe da lavorazione plastica»  
alloy is worked in the solid form with the  
help of specific tools + heat  
(stamping, bending, rolling, extrusion, etc.)

The two manufacturing processes will yield two materials with very different properties.

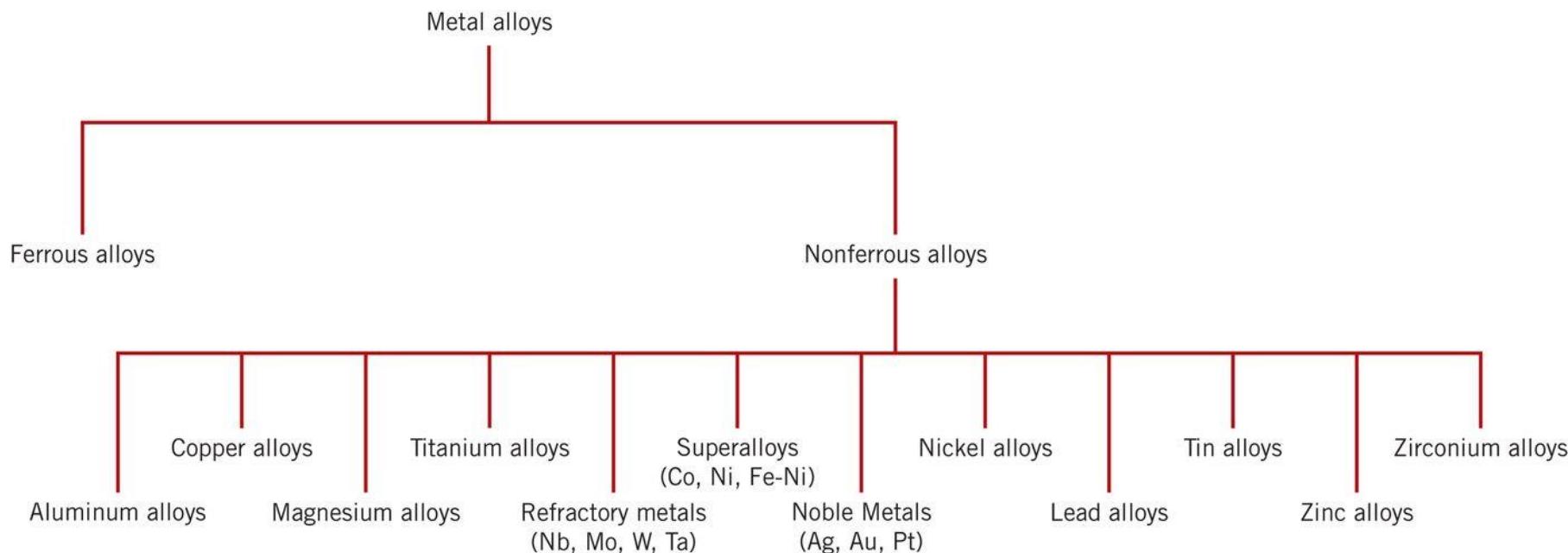
## CAST Al parts



## WROUGHT Al parts



# NON-FERROUS ALLOYS



# CU ALLOYS



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## BRASSES



## Cu-Zn

 $T_m = 915\text{-}960^\circ\text{C}$  $\sigma = 16 \cdot 10^6 \text{ S/m}$  $k_T = 150 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ « $\alpha$ » phase  $\text{Zn} < 36\%$ 

fcc

« $\alpha\text{-}\beta'$ »  $36 < \text{Zn} < 45\%$  $\beta'$  phase bcc

## native copper

Cu

fcc

 $T_m = 1084,4^\circ\text{C}$  $\sigma = 59.6 \cdot 10^6 \text{ S/m}$  $k_T = 390 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$ 

## BRONZES

### Cu – Sn, Al, Si, Ni

 $T_m = 880\text{-}1020^\circ\text{C}$  $\sigma = 16 \cdot 10^6 \text{ S/m}$  $k_T = 62 \text{ W}\cdot\text{m}^{-1}\cdot\text{K}^{-1}$

BRASS

« $\alpha$ » phase

Zn &lt; 36%

fcc

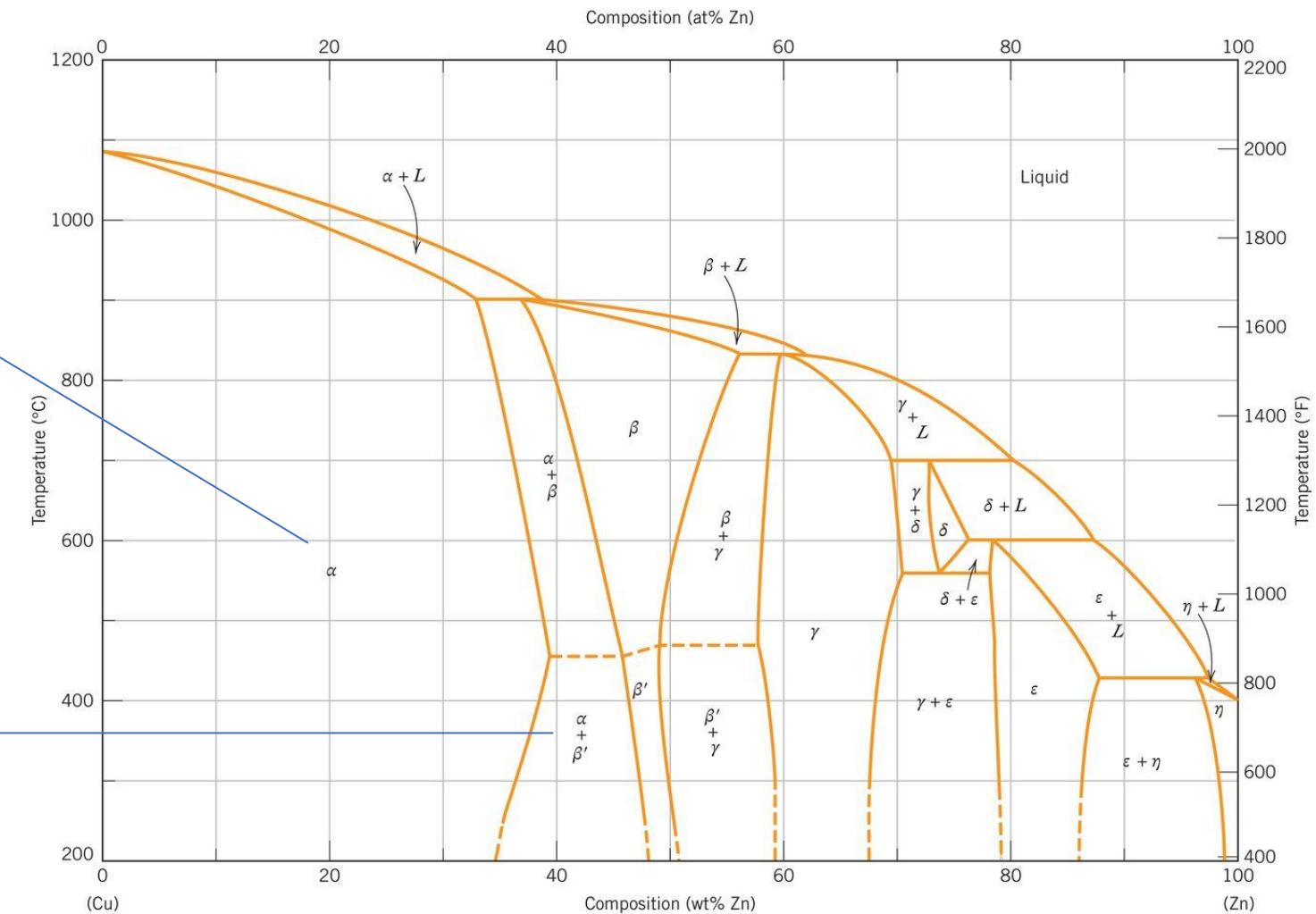
soft, ductile

« $\alpha$ - $\beta'$ »

36 &lt; Zn &lt; 45%

 $\beta'$  phase bccmore strong  
resistant

# Cu-Zn PHASE DIAGRAM

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# CU ALLOYS

Table 11.6 Compositions, Mechanical Properties, and Typical Applications for Eight Copper Alloys

Alloy Name	UNS Number	Composition (wt%) <sup>a</sup>	Condition	Mechanical Properties			Typical Applications
				Tensile Strength [MPa (ksi)]	Yield Strength [MPa (ksi)]	Ductility [%EL in 50 mm (2 in.)]	
<b>Wrought Alloys</b>							
Electrolytic tough pitch	C11000	0.04 O	Annealed	220 (32)	69 (10)	45	Electrical wire, rivets, screening, gaskets, pans, nails, roofing
Beryllium copper	C17200	1.9 Be, 0.20 Co	Precipitation hardened	1140–1310 (165–190)	965–1205 (140–175)	4–10	Springs, bellows, firing pins, bushings, valves, diaphragms
Cartridge brass	C26000	30 Zn	Annealed Cold-worked (H04 hard)	300 (44) 525 (76)	75 (11) 435 (63)	68.8	Automotive radiator cores, ammunition components, lamp fixtures, flashlight shells, kickplates
Phosphor bronze, 5% A	C51000	5 Sn, 0.2 P	Annealed Cold-worked (H04 hard)	325 (47) 560 (81)	130 (19) 515 (75)	64.10	Bellows, clutch disks, diaphragms, fuse clips, springs, welding rods
Copper–nickel, 30%	C71500	30 Ni	Annealed Cold-worked (H02 hard)	380 (55) 515 (75)	125 (18) 485 (70)	36.15	Condenser and heat-exchanger components, saltwater piping
<b>Cast Alloys</b>							
Leaded yellow brass	C85400	29 Zn, 3 Pb, 1 Sn	As cast	234 (34)	83 (12)	35	Furniture hardware, radiator fittings, light fixtures, battery clamps
Tin bronze	C90500	10 Sn, 2 Zn	As cast	310 (45)	152 (22)	25	Bearings, bushings, piston rings, steam fittings, gears
Aluminum bronze	C95400	4 Fe, 11 Al	As cast	586 (85)	241 (35)	18	Bearings, gears, worms, bushings, valve seats and guards, pickling hooks

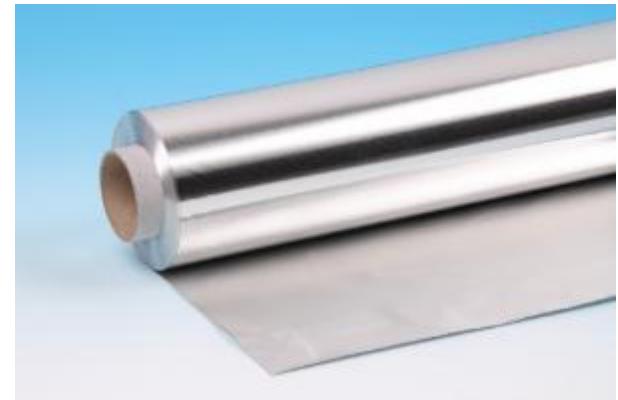
<sup>a</sup> The balance of the composition is copper.

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# Al ALLOYS

- Al: fcc cryst struct
- low density,  $d = 2.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$  (Steel:  $7.9 \text{ g/cm}^3$ )
- high ductility
- low melting temperature  $T_m = 660^\circ\text{C}$
- main alloying elements: Cu, Mg, Si, Mn, Zn
- good resistance to corrosion in ambient atmosphere:



$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  passivation layer  $\approx 4 \text{ nm}$

- Novel alloys
  - low density alloys Al-Mg, Al-Ti -> reductions in fuel consumption
  - Al-Li aircraft and aerospace industries. low  $d$  ( $2.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ), high moduli, excellent fatigue properties. BUT more costly to manufacture: special processing techniques because of Li chemical reactivity.

# Cleaning the metal surface

Natural oxide layer →



Removal of natural oxide layer →



Deposition of the TiZr passivation layer →



[Source: The importance of metal passivation | LinkedIn](#)



Table 11.8 Compositions, Mechanical Properties, and Typical Applications for Several Common Aluminum Alloys

Aluminum Association Number	UNS Number	Composition (wt%) <sup>a</sup>	Condition (Temper Designation)	Mechanical Properties			Typical Applications/Characteristics
				Tensile Strength [MPa (ksi)]	Yield Strength [MPa (ksi)]	Ductility [%EL in 50 mm (2 in.)]	
<b>Wrought, Non-Heat-Treatable Alloys</b>							
1100	A91100	0.12 Cu	Annealed (O)	90 (13)	35 (5)	35–45	Food/chemical handling and storage equipment, heat exchangers, light reflectors
3003	A93003	0.12 Cu, 1.2 Mn, 0.1 Zn	Annealed (O)	110 (16)	40 (6)	30–40	Cooking utensils, pressure vessels and piping
5052	A95052	2.5 Mg, 0.25 Cr	Strain hardened (H32)	230 (33)	195 (28)	12–18	Aircraft fuel and oil lines, fuel tanks, appliances, rivets, and wire
<b>Wrought, Heat-Treatable Alloys</b>							
2024	A92024	4.4 Cu, 1.5 Mg, 0.6 Mn	Heat-treated (T4)	470 (68)	325 (47)	20	Aircraft structures, rivets, truck wheels, screw machine products
6061	A96061	1.0 Mg, 0.6 Si, 0.30 Cu, 0.20 Cr	Heat-treated (T4)	240 (35)	145 (21)	22–25	Trucks, canoes, railroad cars, furniture, pipelines
7075	A97075	5.6 Zn, 2.5 Mg, 1.6 Cu, 0.23 Cr	Heat-treated (T6)	570 (83)	505 (73)	11	Aircraft structural parts and other highly stressed applications
<b>Cast, Heat-Treatable Alloys</b>							
295.0	A02950	4.5 Cu, 1.1 Si	Heat-treated (T4)	221 (32)	110 (16)	8.5	Flywheel and rear-axle housings, bus and aircraft wheels, crankcases
356.0	A03560	7.0 Si, 0.3 Mg	Heat-treated (T6)	228 (33)	164 (24)	3.5	Aircraft pump parts, automotive transmission cases, water-cooled cylinder blocks
<b>Aluminum-Lithium Alloys</b>							
2090	—	2.7 Cu, 0.25 Mg, 2.25 Li, 0.12 Zr	Heat-treated, cold-worked (T83)	455 (66)	455 (66)	5	Aircraft structures and cryogenic tankage structures
8090	—	1.3 Cu, 0.95 Mg, 2.0 Li, 0.1 Zr	Heat-treated, cold-worked (T651)	465 (67)	360 (52)	—	Aircraft structures that must be highly damage tolerant

<sup>a</sup> The balance of the composition is aluminum.

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# Mg ALLOYS

- Mg,  $d = 1.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , lowest of all the structural metals
- hcp structure
- low melting  $T_m = 651^\circ\text{C}$
- relatively soft, ductile; low modulus  $E = 45 \text{ GPa}$
- Mg alloys **relatively unstable**, susceptible to corrosion in marine environments
- lightweight applications: aircraft, missiles, luggage,...  
automobiles  
(e.g., steering wheels and columns, seat frames, transmission cases),  
audio, video, computer, and communications equipment  
(e.g., laptops, mobile phones, etc.)
- **transient and bioresorbable electronics?**



**Table 11.9** Compositions, Mechanical Properties, and Typical Applications for Six Common Magnesium Alloys

ASTM Number	UNS Number	Composition (wt%) <sup>a</sup>	Condition	Mechanical Properties			Typical Applications
				Tensile Strength [MPa (ksi)]	Yield Strength [MPa (ksi)]	Ductility [%EL in 50 mm (2 in.)]	
<b>Wrought Alloys</b>							
AZ31B	M11311	3.0 Al, 1.0 Zn, 0.2 Mn	As extruded	262 (38)	200 (29)	15	Structures and tubing, cathodic protection
HK31A	M13310	3.0 Th, 0.6 Zr	Strain hardened, partially annealed	255 (37)	200 (29)	9	High strength to 315°C (600°F)
ZK60A	M16600	5.5 Zn, 0.45 Zr	Artificially aged	350 (51)	285 (41)	11	Forgings of maximum strength for aircraft
<b>Cast Alloys</b>							
AZ91D	M11916	9.0 Al, 0.15 Mn, 0.7 Zn	As cast	230 (33)	150 (22)	3	Die-cast parts for automobiles, luggage, and electronic devices
AM60A	M10600	6.0 Al, 0.13 Mn	As cast	220 (32)	130 (19)	6	Automotive wheels
AS41A	M10410	4.3 Al, 1.0 Si, 0.35 Mn	As cast	210 (31)	140 (20)	6	Die castings requiring good creep resistance

<sup>a</sup> The balance of the composition is magnesium.

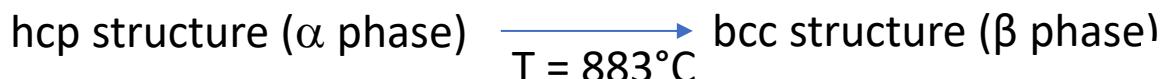
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# Ti ALLOYS

- Ti: low density ( $4.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$ ), high  $T_m = 1668^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $E = 107 \text{ GPa}$ .
- Ti alloys, **extremely strong**:  $\text{TS} = 1400 \text{ MPa} (@\text{RT})$
- highly ductile easily forged and machined.
- pure Ti: hcp structure ( $\alpha$  phase)



Ti dental implant  
[www.matmatch.com](http://www.matmatch.com)



influence of elements:

V, Nb, Mo     $\beta$ -phase stabilizers  
Al, Sn         $\alpha$ -phase stabilizers



different properties  
(s. Table)



Ti hip joint implant  
[www.matmatch.com](http://www.matmatch.com)

- major limitation of Ti: chemical reactivity at high T  $\rightarrow$  quite expensive manufacturing
- **BUT, @ normal T excellent corrosion resistance:**  
virtually immune to air, marine, and a variety of industrial environments
- **Implants into the human body: highly biocompatible, do not release toxic substances**
- Used extensively for dental and orthopedic (hip and knee) implants



[Table 11.10](#) Compositions, Mechanical Properties, and Typical Applications for Several Common Titanium Alloys

Alloy Type	Common Name (UNS Number)	Composition (wt%)	Condition	Average Mechanical Properties			Typical Applications
				Tensile Strength [MPa (ksi)]	Yield Strength [MPa (ksi)]	Ductility [%EL in 50 mm (2 in.)]	
Commercially pure	Unalloyed (R50250)	99.5 Ti	Annealed	240 (35)	170 (25)	24	Jet engine shrouds, cases and airframe skins, corrosion-resistant equipment for marine and chemical processing industries
$\alpha$	Ti-5Al-2.5Sn (R54520)	5 Al, 2.5 Sn, balance Ti	Annealed	826 (120)	784 (114)	16	Gas turbine engine casings and rings; chemical processing equipment requiring strength to temperatures of 480°C (900°F)
Near $\alpha$	Ti-8Al-1Mo-1V (R54810)	8 Al, 1 Mo, 1 V, balance Ti	Annealed (duplex)	950 (138)	890 (129)	15	Forgings for jet engine components (compressor disks, plates, and hubs)
$\alpha + \beta$	Ti-6Al-4V (R56400)	6 Al, 4 V, balance Ti	Annealed	947 (137)	877 (127)	14	High-strength prosthetic implants, chemical-processing equipment, airframe structural components
$\alpha + \beta$	Ti-6Al-6V-2Sn (R56620)	6 Al, 2 Sn, 6 V, 0.75 Cu, balance Ti	Annealed	1050 (153)	985 (143)	14	Rocket engine case airframe applications and high-strength airframe structures
$\beta$	Ti-10V-2Fe-3Al	10 V, 2 Fe, 3 Al, balance Ti	Solution + aging	1223 (178)	1150 (167)	10	Best combination of high strength and toughness of any commercial titanium alloy; used for applications requiring uniformity of tensile properties at surface and center locations; high-strength airframe components

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## METALS (ENGINEERING)



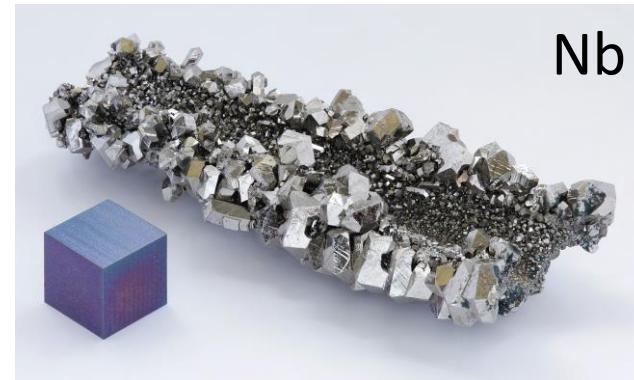
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“Understanding metals”

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# REFRACTORY MATERIALS

- Nb, Mo, W, Ta
- Interatomic bonding extremely strong:
  - **extremely high melting temperatures:**  
 $2468^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Nb) < Tm <  **$3410^{\circ}\text{C}$**  (W)
  - large E, high strength, hardness
- Ta, Mo: improve corrosion resistance of stainless steel
- Mo alloys: extrusion dies, structural parts in space vehicles
- W: incandescent light filaments, x-ray tubes, and welding electrodes
- Ta: immune to chemical attack by virtually all environments @  $T < 150^{\circ}\text{C}$



Nb



Mo



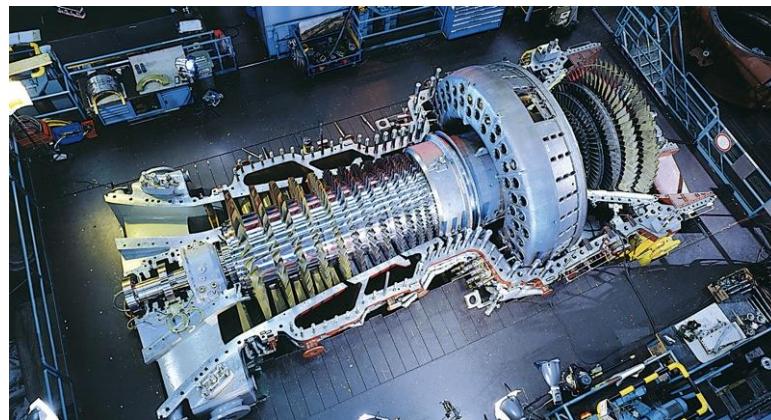
W



Ta

# SUPERALLOYS

- “superalloys” superlative combinations of properties
- Most are used in aircraft turbine components:
  - withstand exposure to oxidizing environments + high T + long time
  - relatively low density
- classified according to the predominant metal(s) in the alloy: Fe–Ni, Ni, Co
- Alloying elements: Nb, Mo, W, Ta, Cr, Ti



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Table 11.11 Compositions for Several Superalloys

Alloy Name	Composition (wt%)									
	Ni	Fe	Co	Cr	Mo	W	Ti	Al	C	Other
<i>Iron–Nickel (Wrought)</i>										
A-286	26	55.2	—	15	1.25	—	2.0	0.2	0.04	0.005 B, 0.3 V
Incoloy 925	44	29	—	20.5	2.8	—	2.1	0.2	0.01	1.8 Cu
<i>Nickel (Wrought)</i>										
Inconel-718	52.5	18.5	—	19	3.0	—	0.9	0.5	0.08	5.1 Nb, 0.15 max Cu
Waspaloy	57.0	2.0 max	13.5	19.5	4.3	—	3.0	1.4	0.07	0.006 B, 0.09 Zr
<i>Nickel (Cast)</i>										
Rene 80	60	—	9.5	14	4	4	5	3	0.17	0.015 B, 0.03 Zr
Mar-M-247	59	0.5	10	8.25	0.7	10	1	5.5	0.15	0.015 B, 3 Ta, 0.05 Zr, 1.5 Hf
<i>Cobalt (Wrought)</i>										
Haynes (L-605) 25	10	1	54	20	—	15	—	—	0.1	
<i>Cobalt (Cast)</i>										
X-40	10	1.5	57.5	22	—	7.5	—	—	0.50	0.5 Mn, 0.5 Si

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## SUPERALLOYS

# Material Stories

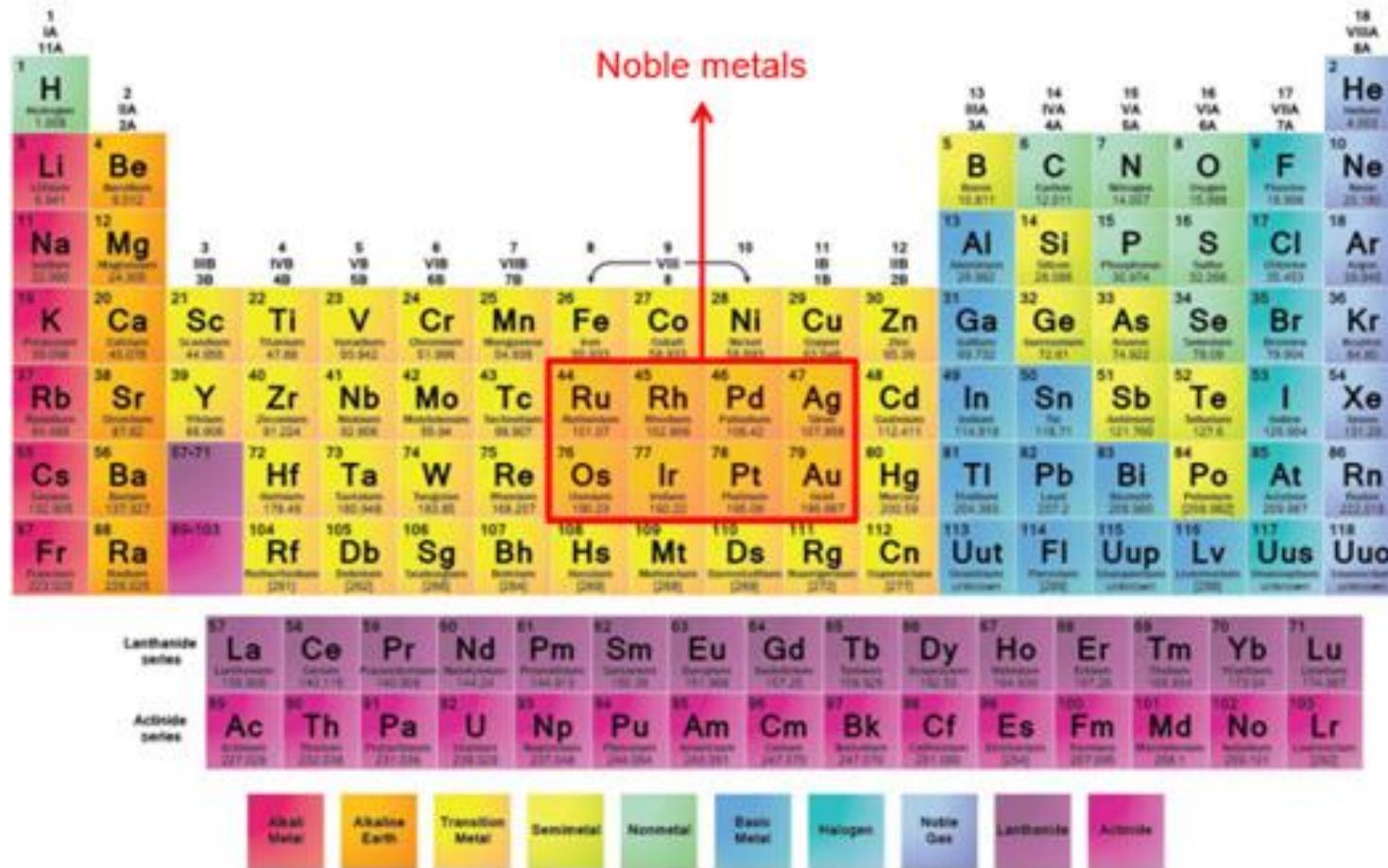
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# NOBLE METALS



# NOBLE METALS

- outstanding resistance to chemical attack even at high T
- soft, ductile. extremely expensive
- **record thermal and electrical conductivity**
- extreme importance in catalysis (enabling and speeding up chem reations)
  
- Ru: only dissolved in aqua regia, high conc HCl/HNO<sub>3</sub>, + O<sub>2</sub>,
- Rh: same but only if fine powder
- Pd, Ag: soluble in HNO<sub>3</sub>, Ag limited by AgCl precipitate
- Os, Ir: are chemically inert in ambient conditions
- Pt, Au: can be dissolved in aqua regia
  
- extreme importance in electronics, biomedicine, bionics:

integrated circuits contacts  
neural interfaces  
biosensors

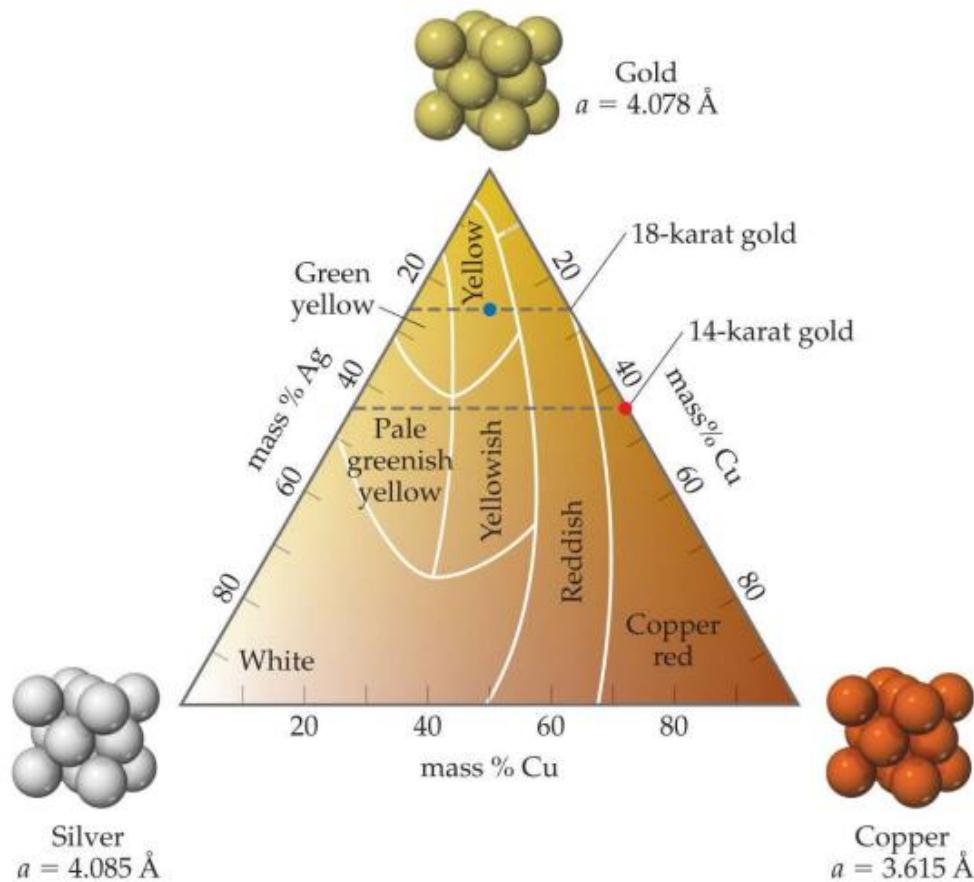


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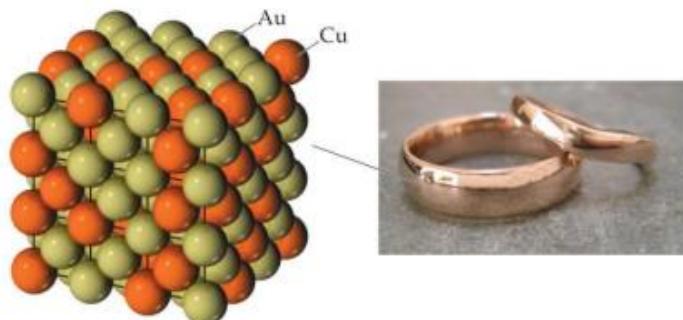
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# GOLD

Pure gold is denoted 24 karat

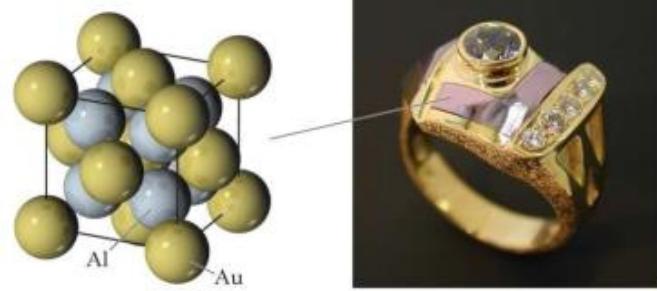


## SUBSTITUTIONAL ALLOY



14-karat red gold, a substitutional alloy marked with a red dot in Figure 12.18

## INTERMETALLIC COMPOUND



Purple gold, the intermetallic compound  $\text{AuAl}_2$

taken from : Michael Lufaso, UNF ([General Chemistry II \(unf.edu\)](http://unf.edu))

# NONFERROUS ALLOYS

- Cu Alloys

**Brass**: Zn is subst. impurity

**Bronze** : Sn, Al, Si, Ni are subst. impurities

**Cu-Be** :  
precip. hardened  
for strength

- Ti Alloys

-relatively low  $\rho$ :  $4.5 \text{ g/cm}^3$

vs 7.9 for steel

-reactive at high  $T$ 's

-space applic.

- Al Alloys

-low  $\rho$ :  $2.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$

-Cu, Mg, Si, Mn, Zn additions  
-solid sol. or precip.

strengthened

- Mg Alloys

-very low  $\rho$ :  $1.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$

-ignites easily  
-aircraft, missiles

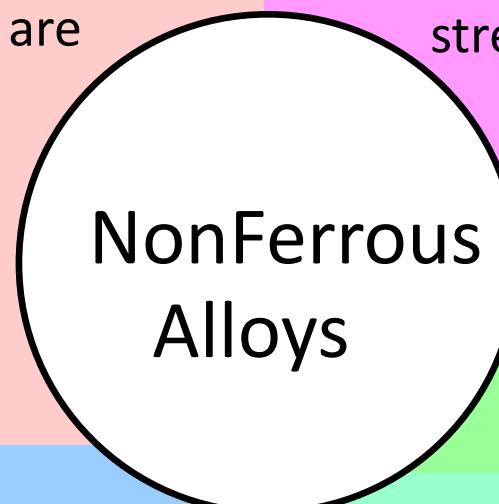
- Refractory metals

-high melting  $T$ 's

-Nb, Mo, W, Ta

- Noble metals

-Ag, Au, Pt  
-oxid./corr. resistant



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# TABLES of Materials Properties

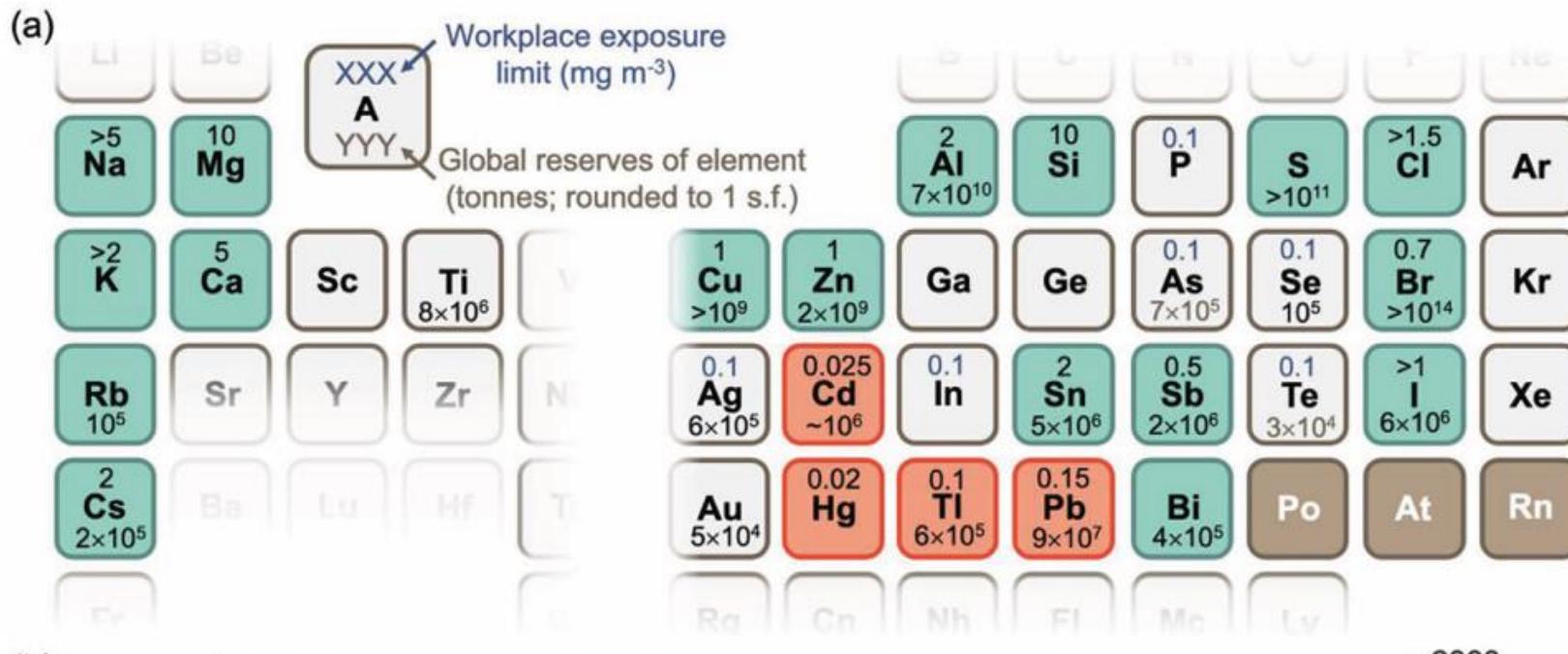
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## APPENDIX B Callister Retwisch

# THE POISONERS CORRIDOR

Cd, Hg, Tl, Pb: extremely toxic

Po, At, Rn: Radioactive

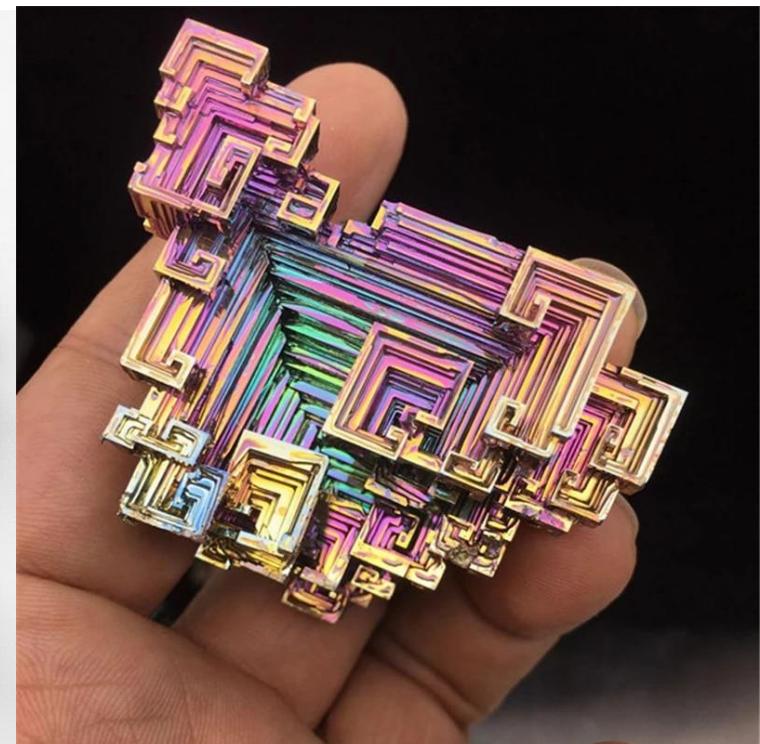
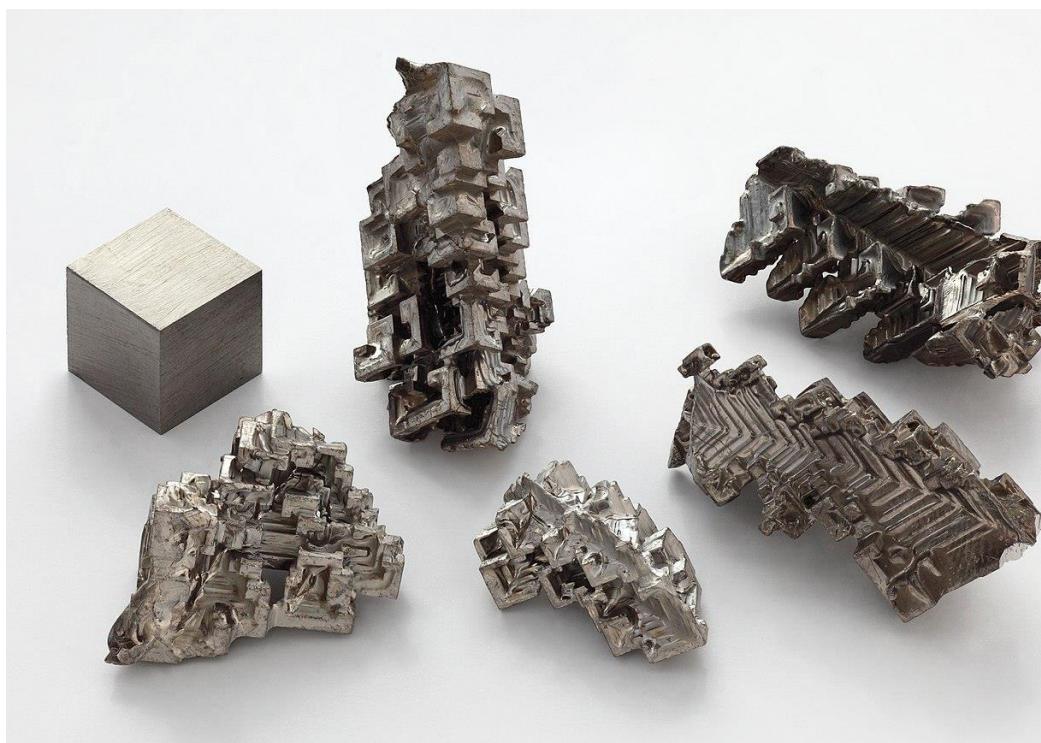


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# THE ANOMALY: BISMUTH

Bismuth Bi



Bismuth: A Gentleman Among Scoundrels

# «GREEN BISMUTH»

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### Green bismuth

Ram Mohan looks at how bismuth — a remarkably harmless element among the toxic heavy metals in the periodic table — has sparked interest in areas varying from medicinal to industrial chemistry.

Bismuth, the 83rd element in the periodic table, has been known since ancient times, but was often confused with lead and tin. In 1753, Claude François Geoffroy from France demonstrated that bismuth is distinct from these elements. The word bismuth itself is derived from the German word 'wismuth' (white mass). Studies showed that it was used as early as the sixteenth century by the Incas, who mixed it with tin to prepare bismuth bronze for knives<sup>1</sup>. Bismuth was also the instrument of alchemy fraud in the London Stock Exchange — in the 1860s, a Hungarian refugee named Nicholas Papaffy convinced a large number of investors to support



many bismuth compounds are even less toxic than table salt (sodium chloride)<sup>2</sup>! This makes bismuth unique among the heavy metals, and has earned it the status of a 'green element'. For this reason, the world of cosmetic and medicinal chemistry has paid it particular attention. Bismuth oxychloride, for example, is used to impart a silvery sheen to cosmetics and personal care products. It is also marketed as BIRON powder, which has found applications in catheters for diagnostic and surgical procedures owing to its radio-opaque nature, and bismuth nitrate oxide is used as an antiseptic during surgery.

Perhaps the most well-

is also, along with graphite, one of the most diamagnetic materials known — it is repelled by a magnetic field — and has found applications in magnetic levitation (Maglev) trains, which can achieve speeds of over 250 mph.

More recently, bismuth and its compounds in the +3 oxidation state have found significant applications as green Lewis acid catalysts in organic synthesis. The low toxicity of bismuth salts, their ease of handling and relatively low cost make bismuth compounds more attractive than other corrosive Lewis



## HOME READING ASSIGNMENT

# BISMUTH

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YOUTUBE VIDEO – Verge Science channel

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# METALS: MEDICAL IMPLANTS, TRANSIENT ELECTRONICS



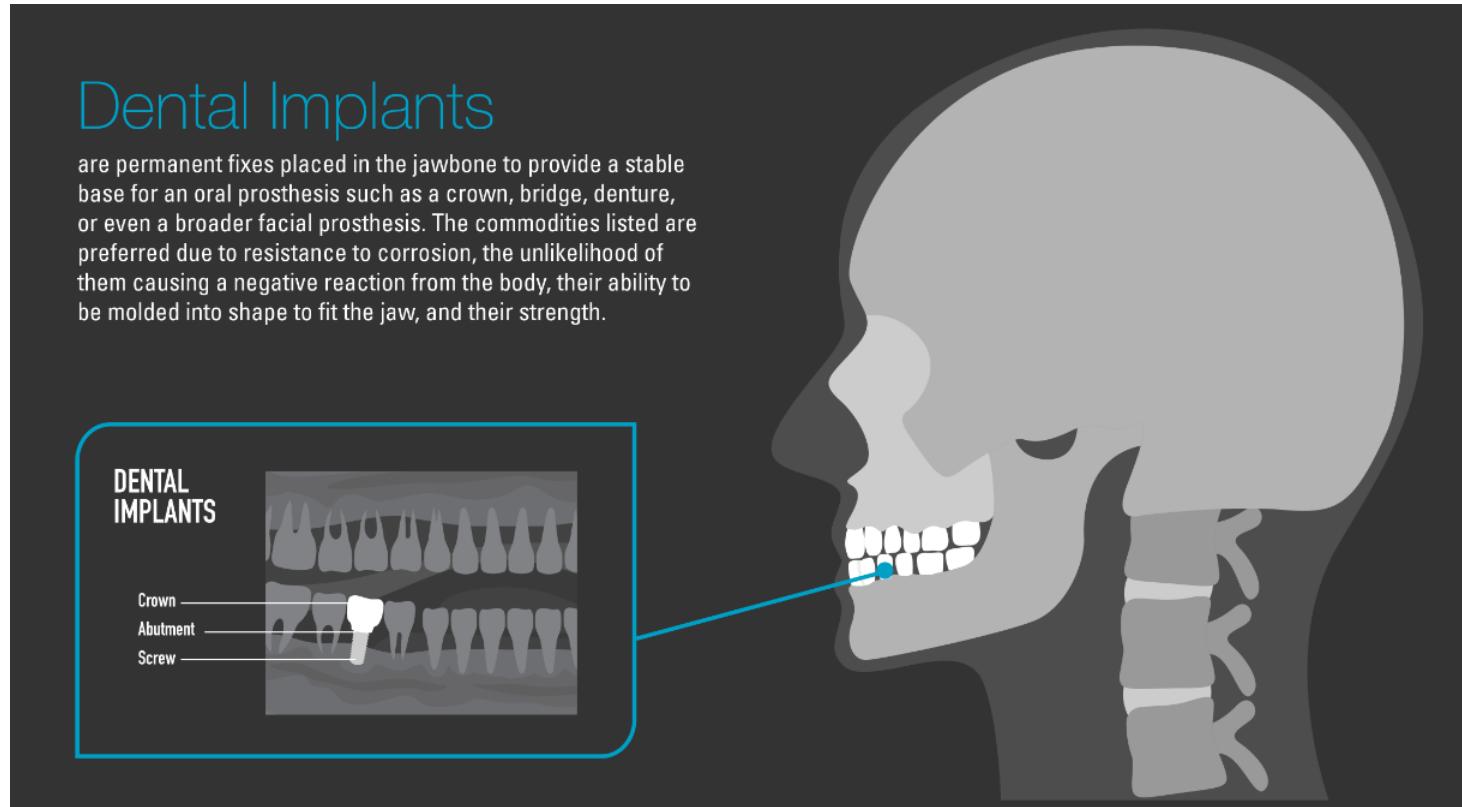
# METALS IN MEDICAL IMPLANTS

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# METALS IN MEDICAL IMPLANTS: DENTAL

## Dental Implants

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**Co** (alloys w Cr, Mo):  
denture frameworks

**Au** (alloys w Cu, Pt, Zn, Ag):  
dental prostheses, crowns, bridges

**Fe** (stainless steel):  
dental crowns, surgical tools

**Ni** (alloys w Ti):  
dental braces, drills

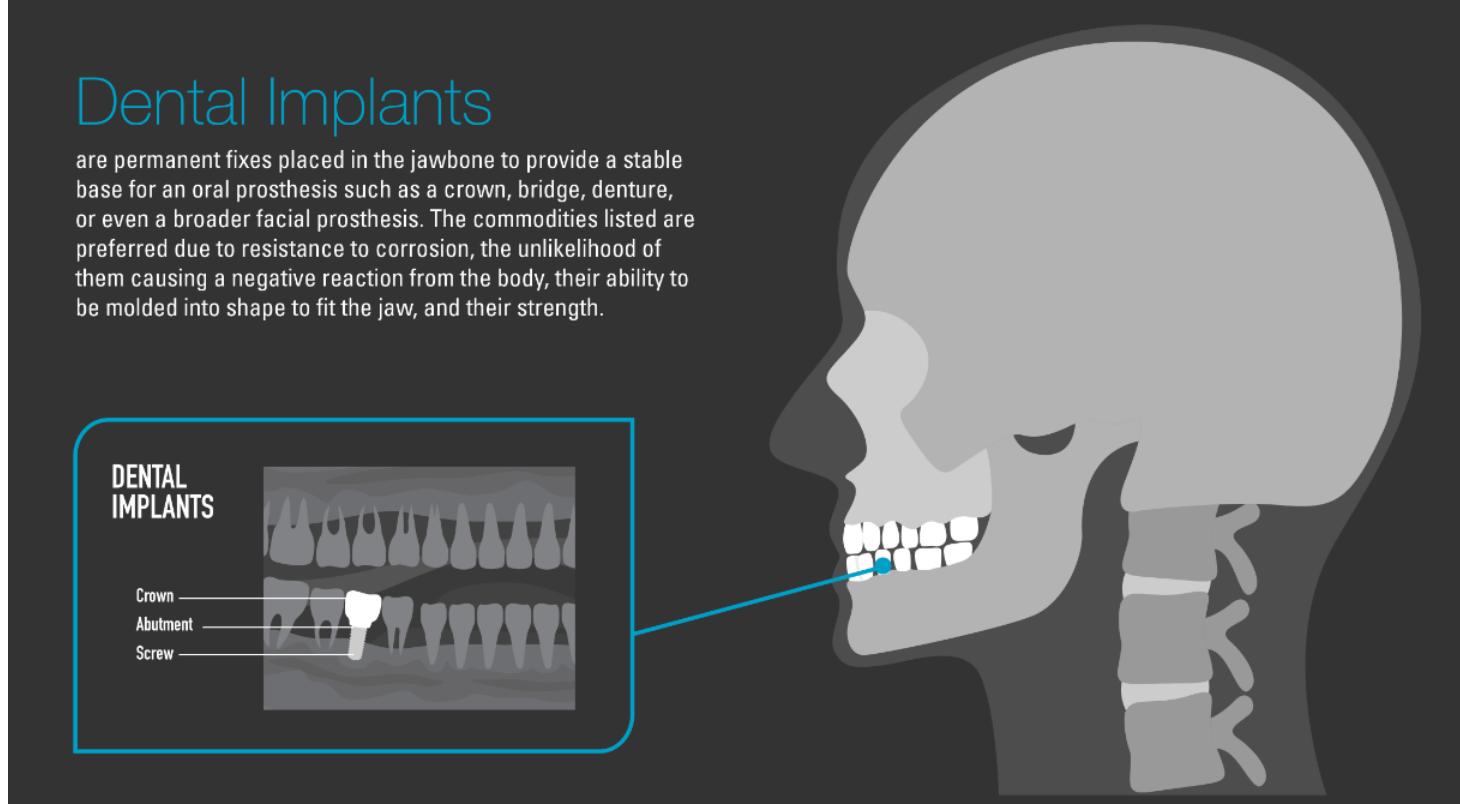
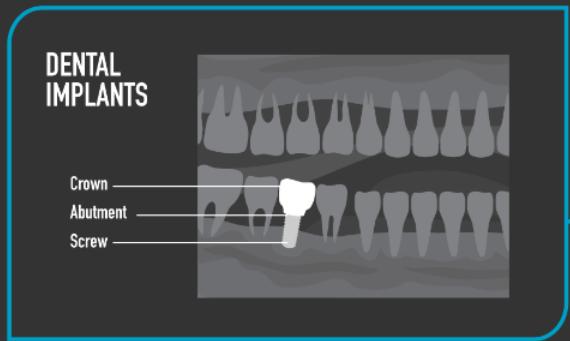
**Ta**: coat of carbon foam scaffold in  
biocompatible bone implants

**Ag** (alloys w Cu, Sn, Zn):  
dental fillings

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**Ti:**

mech properties similar to bone,  
promotes osseointegration

**Zr:**

major constituent in ceramics for dental  
applications, wear resistant, inert, mech  
prop suited for dental crowns

# METALS IN MEDICAL IMPLANTS: SENSORY & NEURO

## Sensory and Neurological Implants

are implantable devices that communicate with the nervous system to either record electrical nerve activity or to electrically stimulate nerve cells that would improve senses that are not functioning properly. Examples include:

### Cochlear Implants

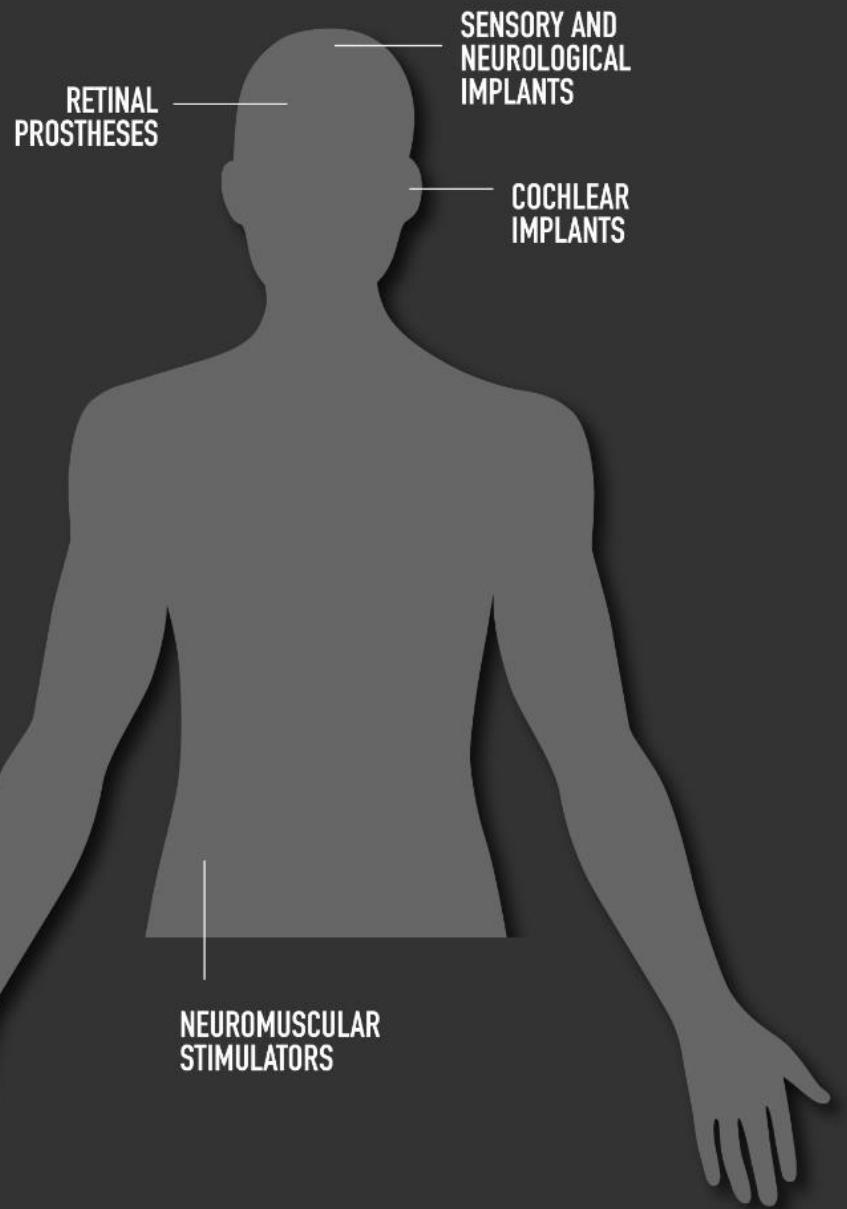
are designed to transmit sounds of speech into the brain, allowing the person to hear.

### Retinal Prostheses

are fitted with sensors that trigger an electronic pulse. This pulse then stimulates nerves in the retina, which pass signals down the optic nerve to the brain to create an image.

### Electrical Stimulators or Functional Neuromuscular Stimulation

are devices that deliver electrical impulses to nerves in the brain, treating disorders as deafness, incontinence, chronic pain, depression, and Parkinson's disease, among others.

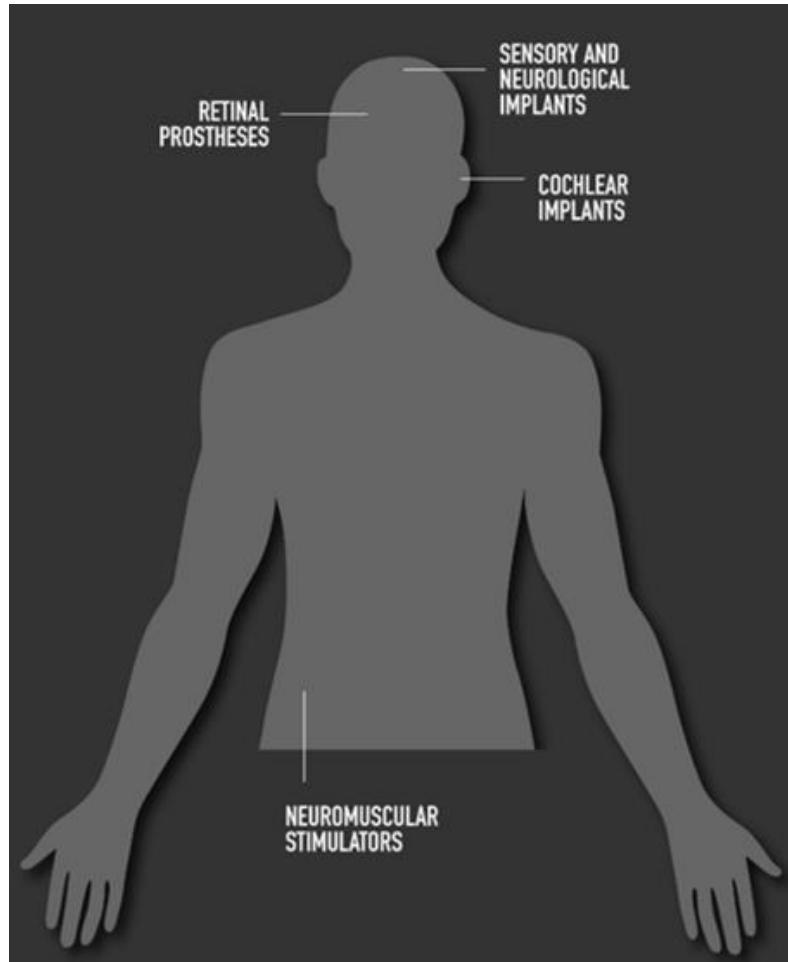


# METALS IN MEDICAL IMPLANTS: SENSORY & NEURO

**Au** electrodes:  
**bioelectronics**, brain-machine interfaces, cochlear implants, glucose biosensors

**Ir** (oxide): coating for Au, Cu, Ti wires for functional stimulation electrodes

**Pt**:  
one of best electrode materials, neuromodulation devices, guidewires, stents, coils, catheters



**Ti**: electrodes, non-toxic exterior of medical implants

**Ag**:  
coating agent, anti-inflammatory, infection suppressant properties

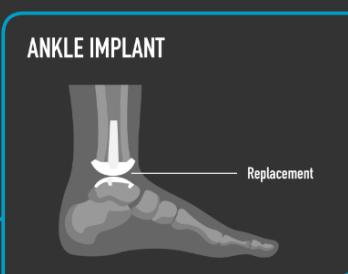
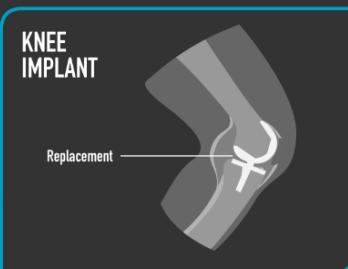
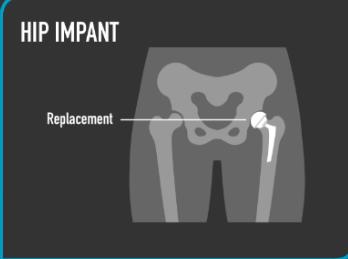
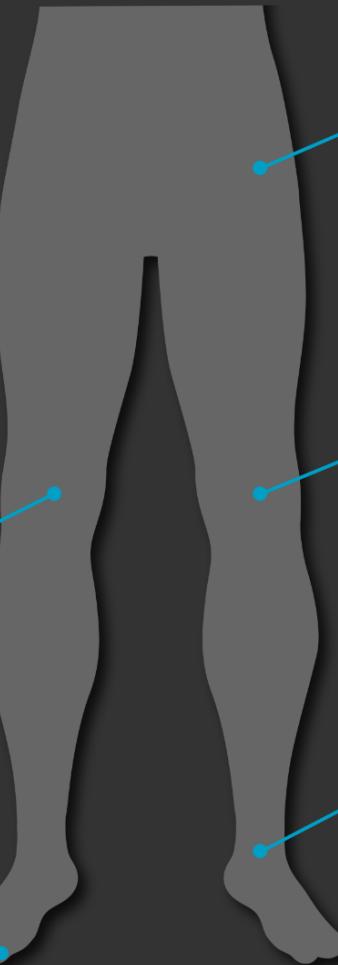
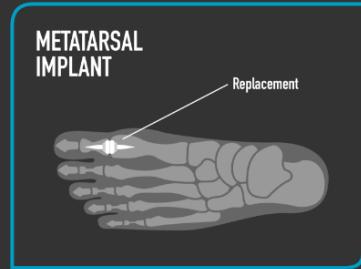
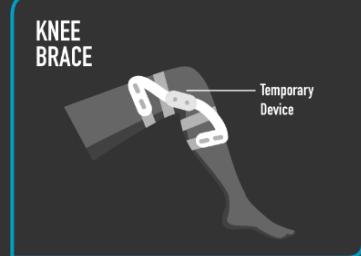
**Li (Li-I)**:  
lithium iodide batteries suitable for implantable devices (long lifespan, stable voltage, reliable performance), also small and lightweight batteries

# METALS IN MEDICAL IMPLANTS: ORTHOPEDIC

## Orthopedic Implants

are used to relieve issues with the bones and joints in the body. They can be either permanent joint replacements or temporary implant devices.

Permanent orthopedic implants are expected to stay in the body for a long time. They can be implanted into joints like hips, knees, ankles, shoulders, elbows, and wrists. Temporary orthopedic implants, meanwhile, are small devices needed to fix fractured bones and are expected to serve for a short period of time until the bones heal. These include plates, screws, pins, wires, and nails.



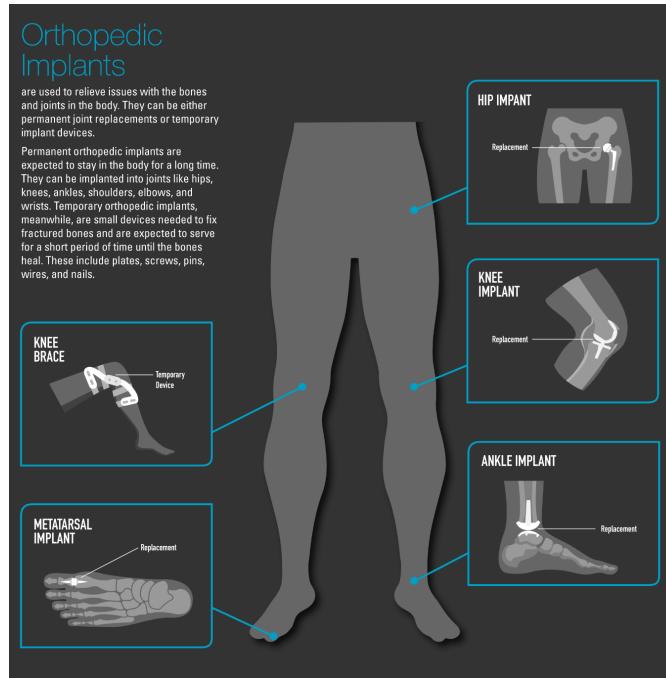
# METALS IN MEDICAL IMPLANTS: ORTHOPEDIC

**Al** (alloys): major element for alloying w Ti for orthopedic appl; ceramics (Al oxides)

**Fe** (stainless steel): major component stainless steel, fracture fixing plates, bone screws

**Cr** (Co-Cr-**Mo** alloys): corrosion resistant alloys; Mo impart hardness

**Co**: orthopedic prostheses for knee, shoulder, hip, fracture-fixing devices



**Mg** (and alloys): degradable metal implants: bone screws, plates; alloyed w Zn, Al to control degradation rate

**Zr** (and oxides): hard, resistant to wear, biocompatible; ceramics in joint replacement

**Ni** (in Ni-Ti alloys): spinal fixation, compression screws, plates, limb-lengthening devices

**Ni** (in stainless steels): improve pitting corrosion resistance in orthopedic implants

**Ti** (alloys): improve mech prop, e.g. w Al, V; ability to physically bond w bone

# METALS IN MEDICAL IMPLANTS: CARDIOVASCULAR

## Cardiovascular Implants

are used in cases where the heart, its valves, and the rest of the circulatory systems are in disorder. These include artificial hearts, artificial heart valves, cardiac pacemakers, implantable cardioverter-defibrillators, and coronary stents.

**Cr (and alloys):**  
used in heart valves<sup>29</sup>

**Co (and alloys):**  
defibrillators; Co-Cr stainless steels used in catheters and stents<sup>30,31</sup>

**Ni (Ni-Ti alloys):** cardiac implantable devices<sup>36,37,38</sup>

**Ti (and alloys):**  
pacemaker encapsulation<sup>45,46</sup>

**Au:** good electrical cond, used on electronic circuits, interfaces, implantable pacemakers, defibrillators<sup>32</sup>

**Fe (steels):**  
guidewires, catheters, endovascular grafts<sup>33</sup>

**Ta:** **radio-opacity**, used as radiomarker on stents and endovascular grafts<sup>42, 43, 44</sup>

### **Mg:**

degradable metallic stents, alloyed with Al etc to control rate of degradation<sup>35</sup>

### **Pt:**

corrosion resistance, used as lead tips for pacemakers. radiomarkers on stents, catheters, guidewires: improve visibility during cardiovascular procedures (balloon angioplasty or stenting).<sup>39,40,41</sup>

### **Li (Li-I):**

lithium-iodide batteries suitable for implantable pacemakers<sup>34</sup>

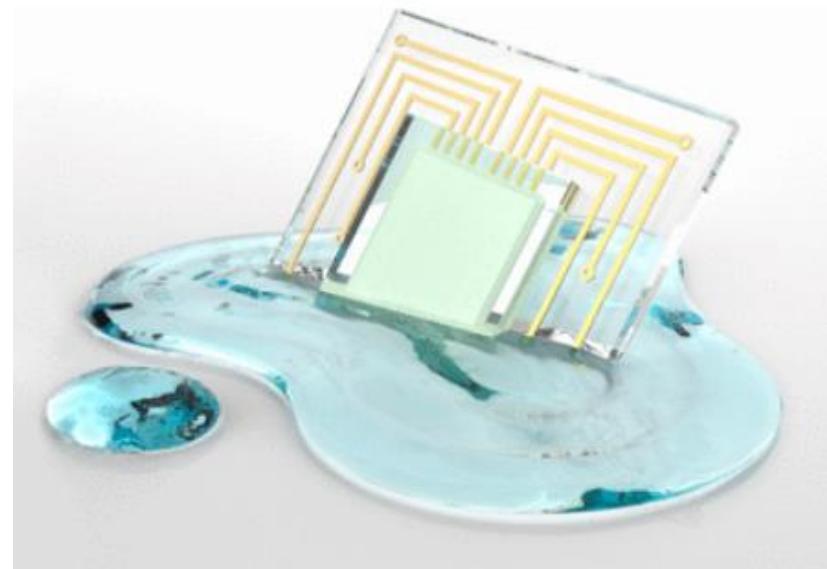
**Table 1.1** Biomedical metals and alloys and their primary use in the medical field.<sup>4</sup>

Type	Primary use	FDA Class
<i>Routinely applied materials</i>		
Stainless steels	Temporary fracture plates, screws, hip nails, etc.	II
	Total hip replacements	II
Co-based alloys	Total joint replacement	II
	Dentistry castings	II
Ti-based alloys	Stem and cup of total hip replacements with CoCrMo or ceramic femoral heads	II
	Other permanent devices (nails, pacemakers)	III
<i>Emerging FDA approved materials</i>		
NiTi	Orthodontic dental archwires	I
	Vascular stents	III
	Vena cava filter	II
	Intracranial aneurysm clips	II
	Catheter guide wires	II
	Orthopaedic staples	I
Ta	Wire sutures for plastic surgery and neurosurgery	III
	Radiographic markers for diagnostic applications	II
<i>Materials in clinical trials and research</i>		
NiTi	Contractile artificial muscles for an artificial heart	III
Mg	Biodegradable orthopaedic implants	III

O. Bazaka, K. Bazaka, P. Kingshott, R. J. Crawford and E. P. Ivanova, Chapter 1: Metallic Implants for Biomedical Applications , in *The Chemistry of Inorganic Biomaterials*, 2021, pp. 1-98 DOI: [10.1039/9781788019828-00001](https://doi.org/10.1039/9781788019828-00001)

# TRANSIENT ELECTRONICS

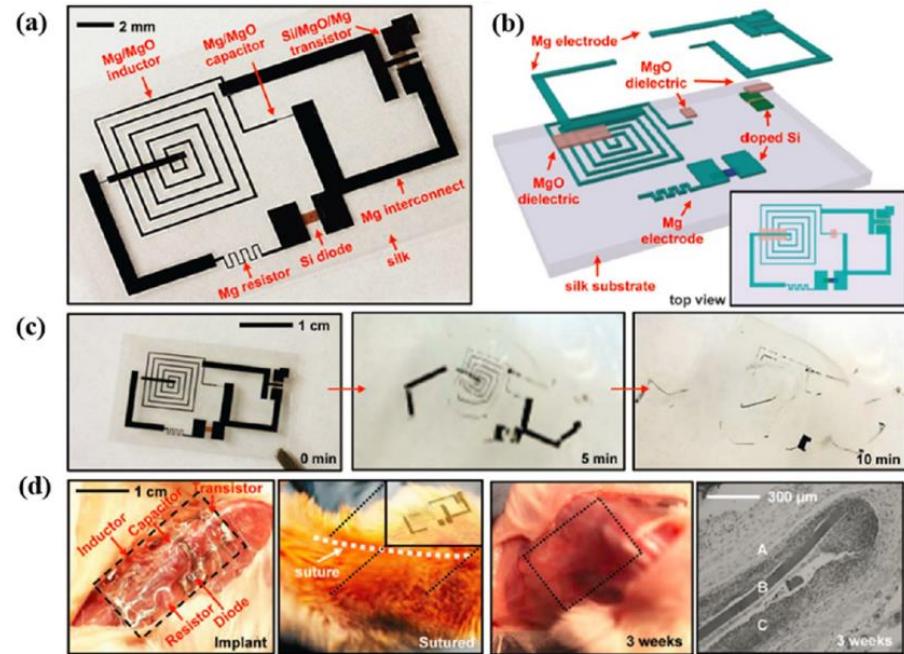
- electronics with the capability of **disintegrating or vanishing** after stable operation
- materials, devices, and systems to be capable of disappearing with **minimal or non-traceable remains** over a period of stable operation
- **applications:** intelligence, bioelectronics and environmental monitoring systems, energy harvesters and storage



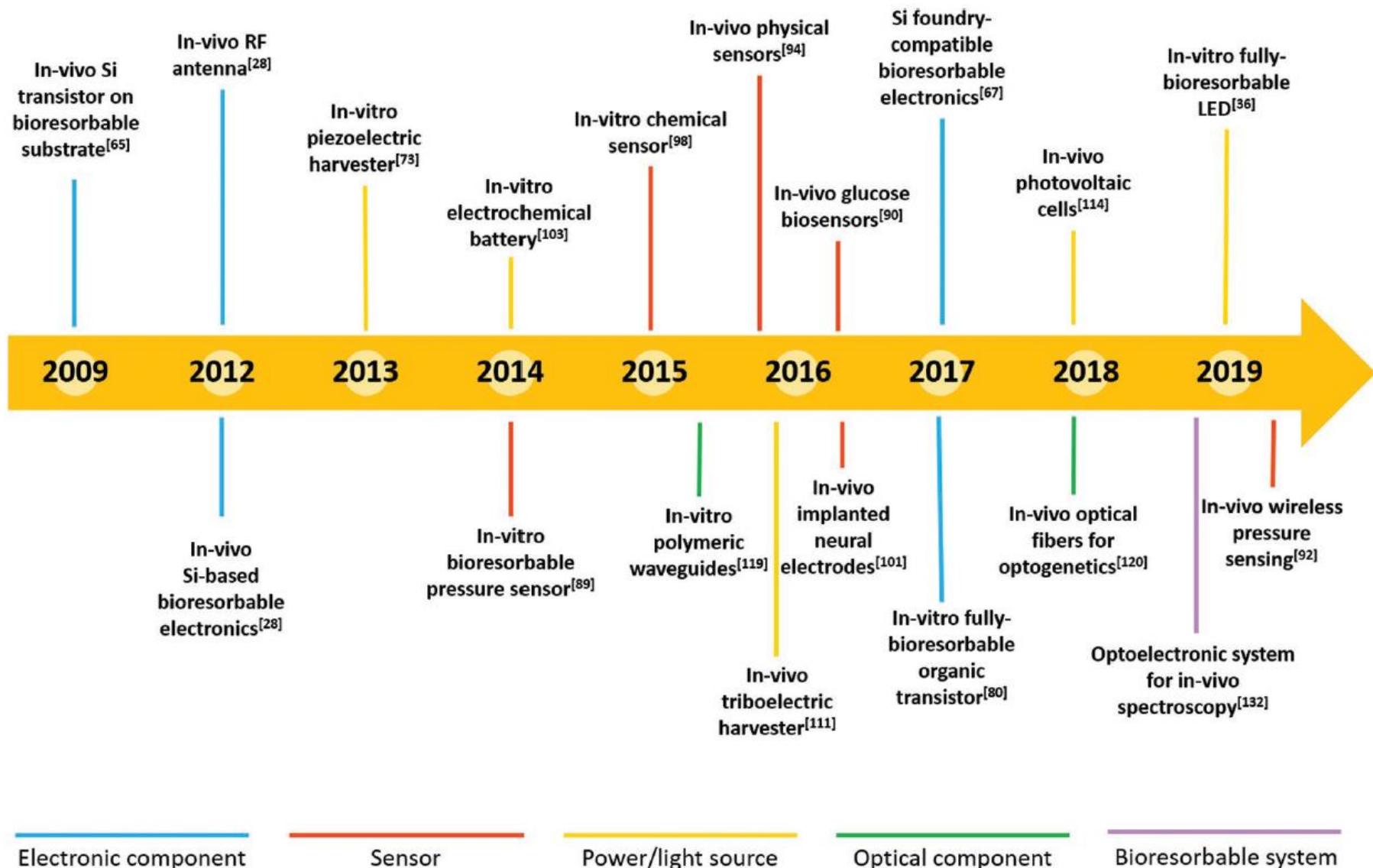
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# BIORESORBABLE ELECTRONICS

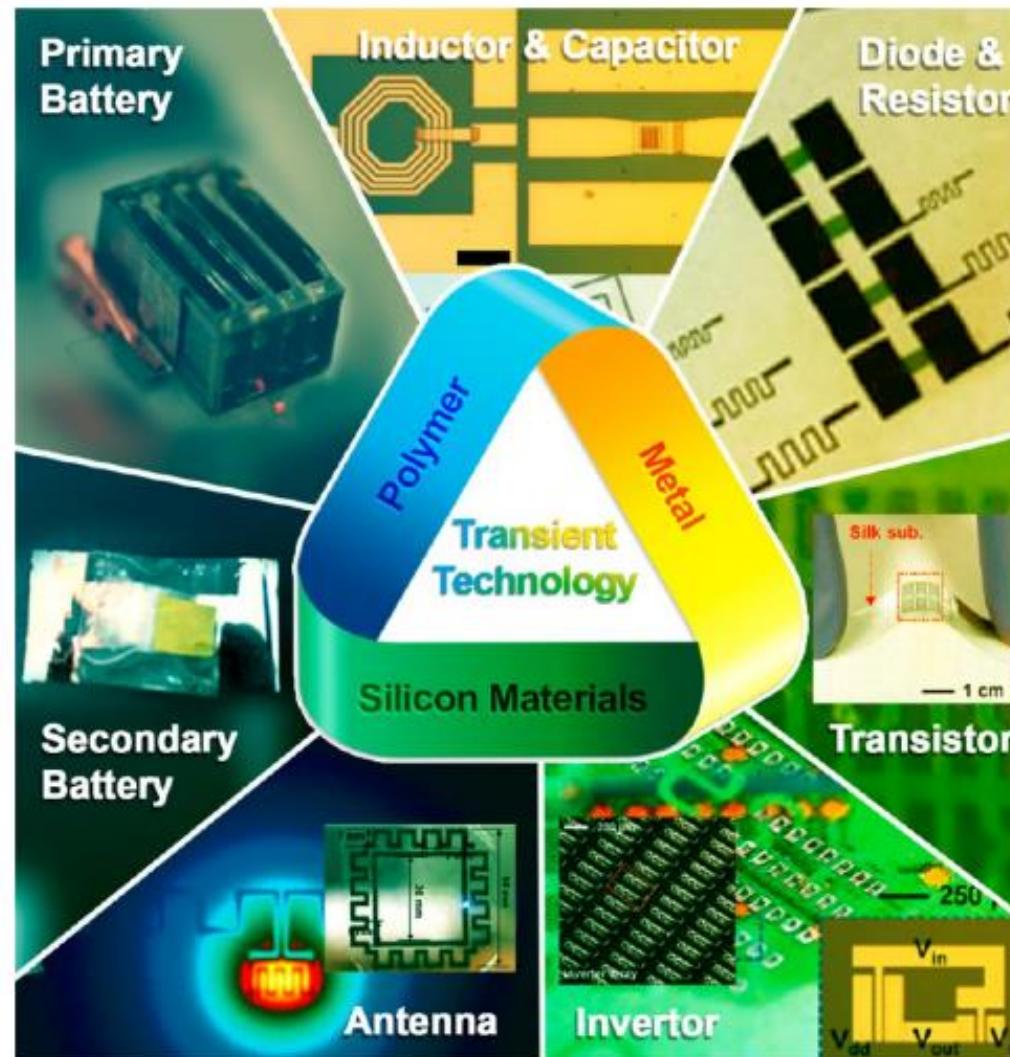
- electrical, optical, and sensing components **able to operate in physiological conditions** for a **prescribed time** and then **disappear**
- made of materials that fully dissolve in vivo with biologically benign byproducts upon external stimulation
- **GOAL:** transient implantable systems interacting with organs, tissues, and biofluids in real-time, retrieve clinical parameters, and provide therapeutic actions tailored to the disease and patient clinical evolution
- **biodegrade** without the need for device-retrieving surgery that may cause tissue lesion or infection



# BIORESORBABLE ELECTRONICS

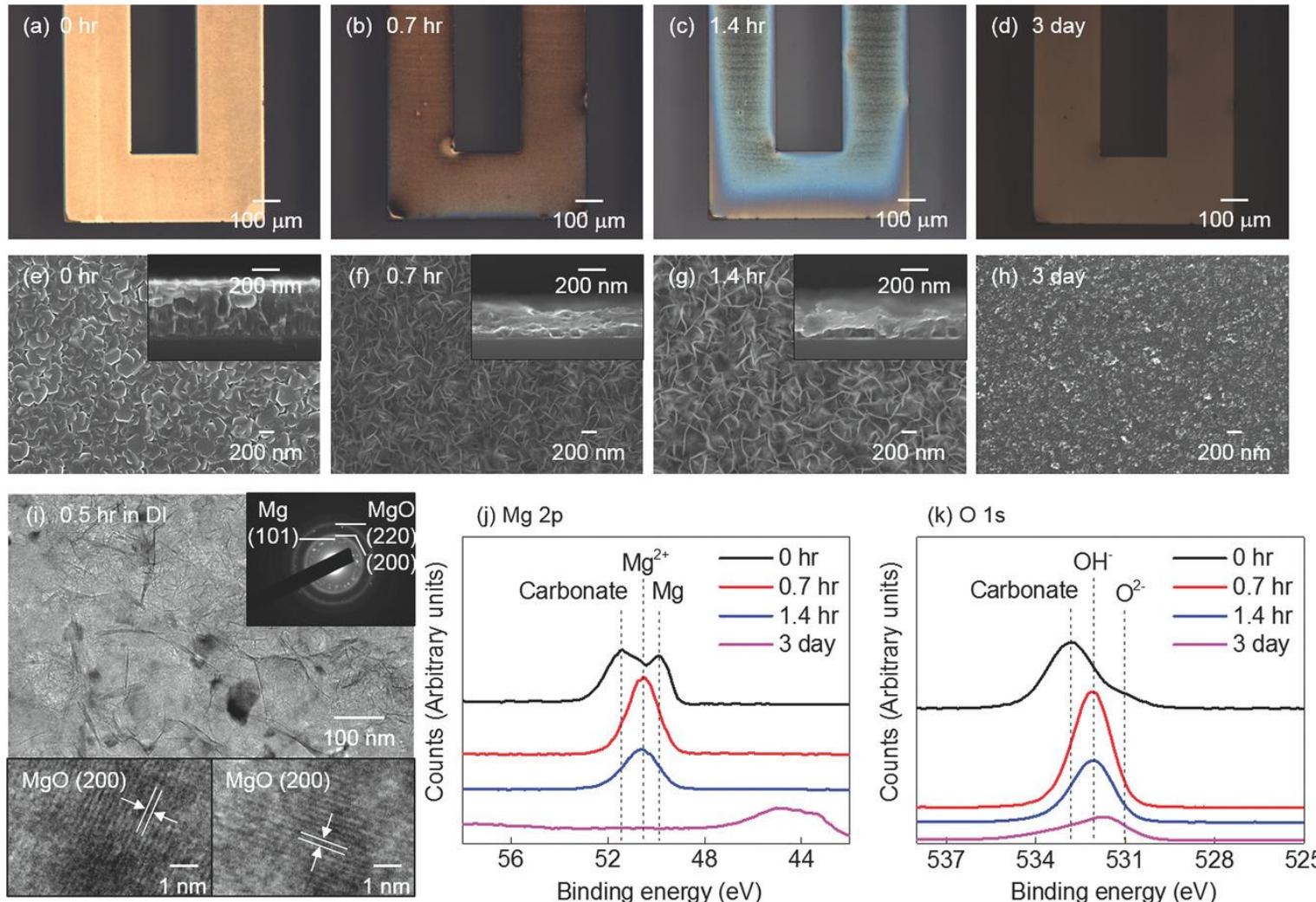


# MATERIALS FOR TRANSIENT AND BIORESORBABLE ELECTRONICS



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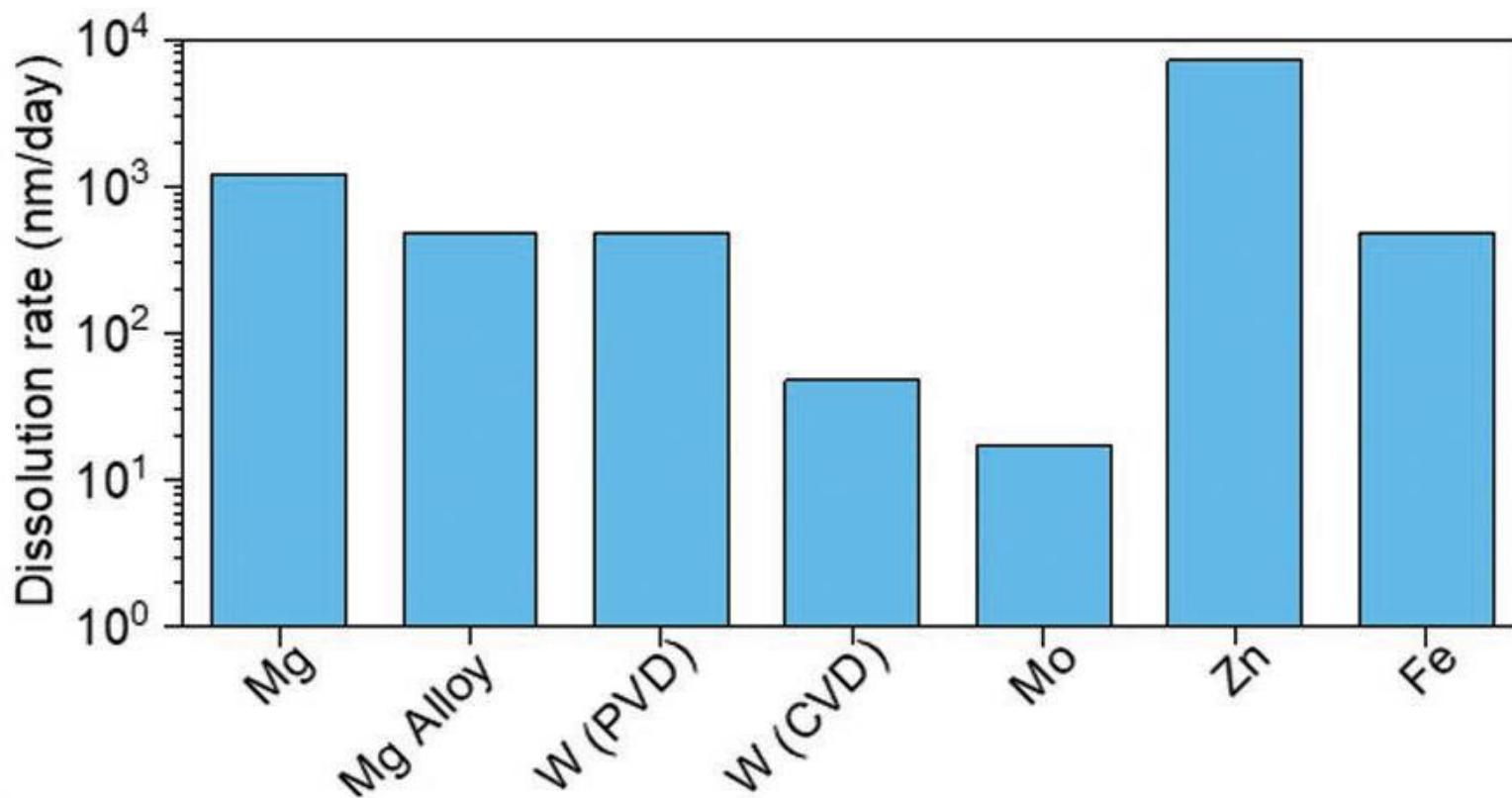
# METALS IN TRANSIENT AND BIORESORBABLE ELECTRONICS



Evolution of microstructure and surface chemistry associated with dissolution of Mg in DI water. a–d) optical images; e–h) SEM images with cross-sectional views in the insets; i) TEM bright field image with diffraction patterns and lattice fringes; j,k) XPS data.

# METALS IN TRANSIENT AND BIORESORBABLE ELECTRONICS

Dissolution rates of the principal bioresorbable metals in physiological conditions: pH 7.4, 37°C



# MG ALLOYS FOR BIORESORBABLE DEVICES



YOUTUBE VIDEO (channel «Real Engineering»)  
[Magnesium Alloys for Bioresorbable Metallic Devices - YouTube](#)

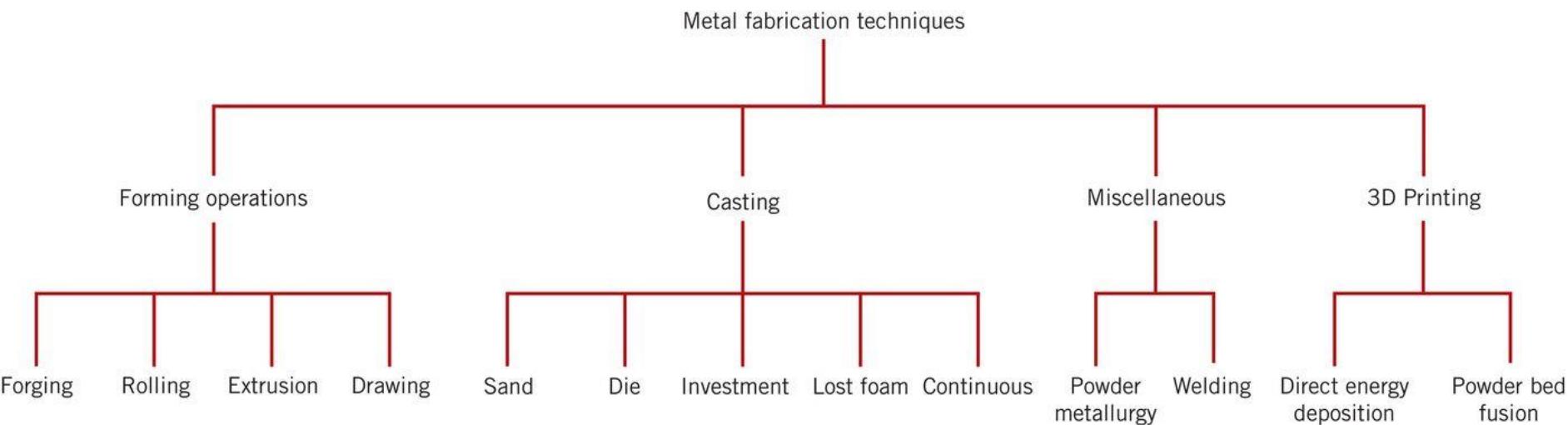
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# SHORT NOTES ON METALS FABRICATION

# METAL FABRICATION TECHNIQUES



# FORMING OPERATIONS

shape of a metal piece is changed by plastic deformation

**hot working**

$$T > T_{\text{recryst}}$$

- ✓ more ductile, larger deformation
- ✗ oxidation, worst surface finish

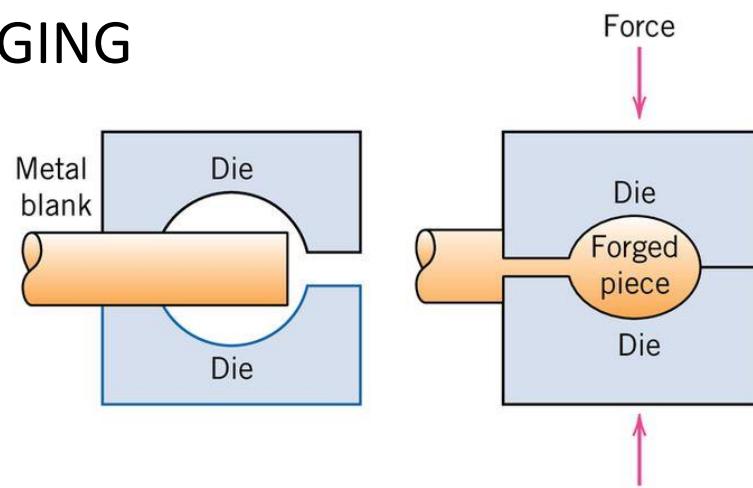
**cold working**

$$T < T_{\text{recryst}}$$

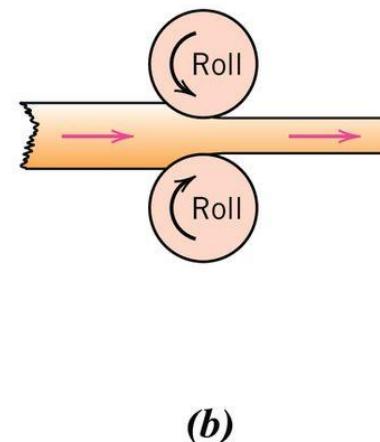
- ✓ better final resistance, dimension control
- ✗ less deformation (less ductility)

# FORMING EXAMPLES

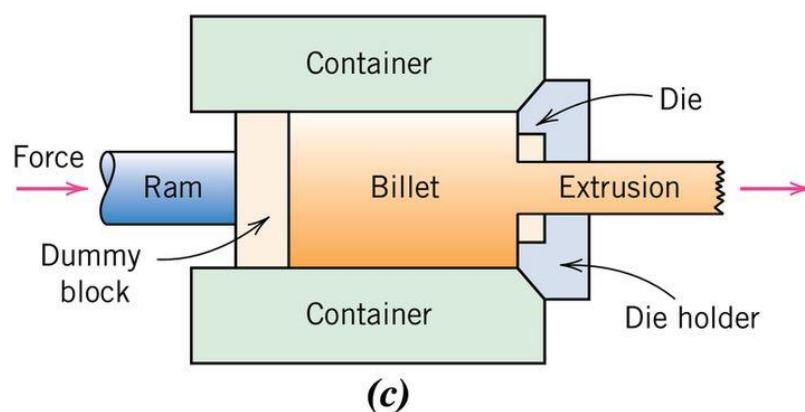
## FORGING



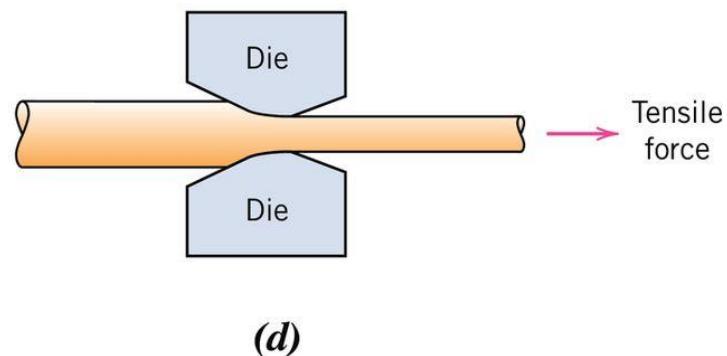
## LAMINATION



## EXTRUSION

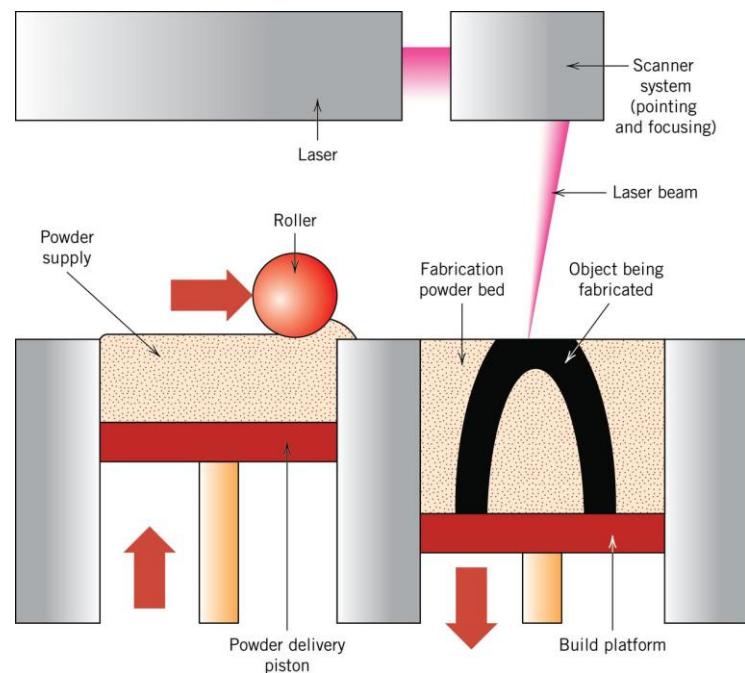
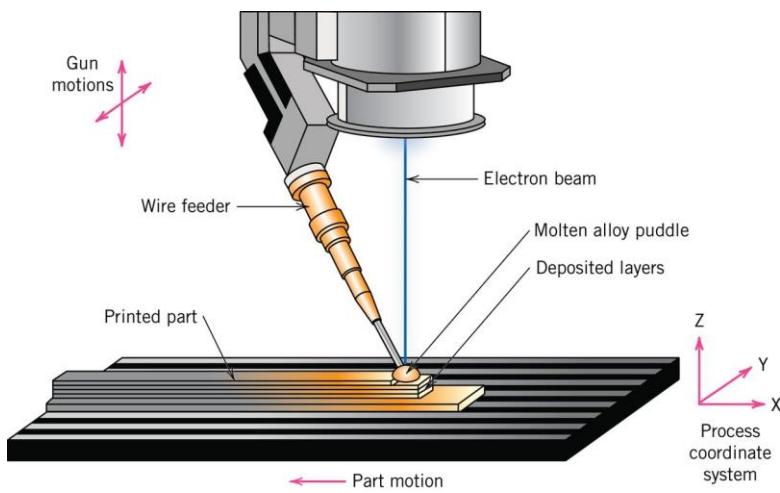


## DRAWING



# 3D PRINTING OF METALS

more about this (and other 3d printing/additive manufacturing tech) in LESSON 16)



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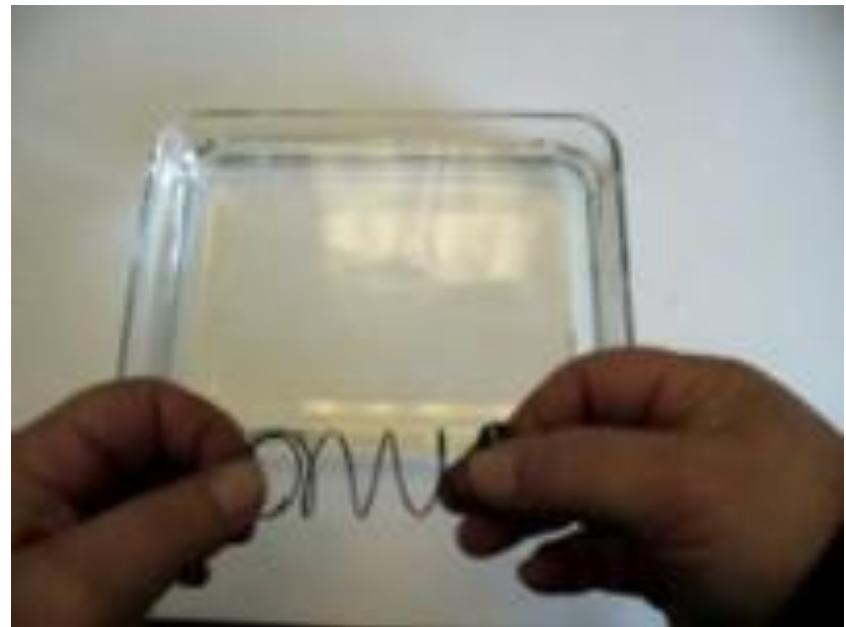
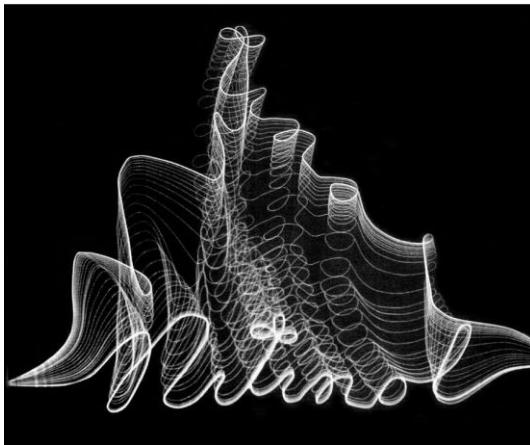
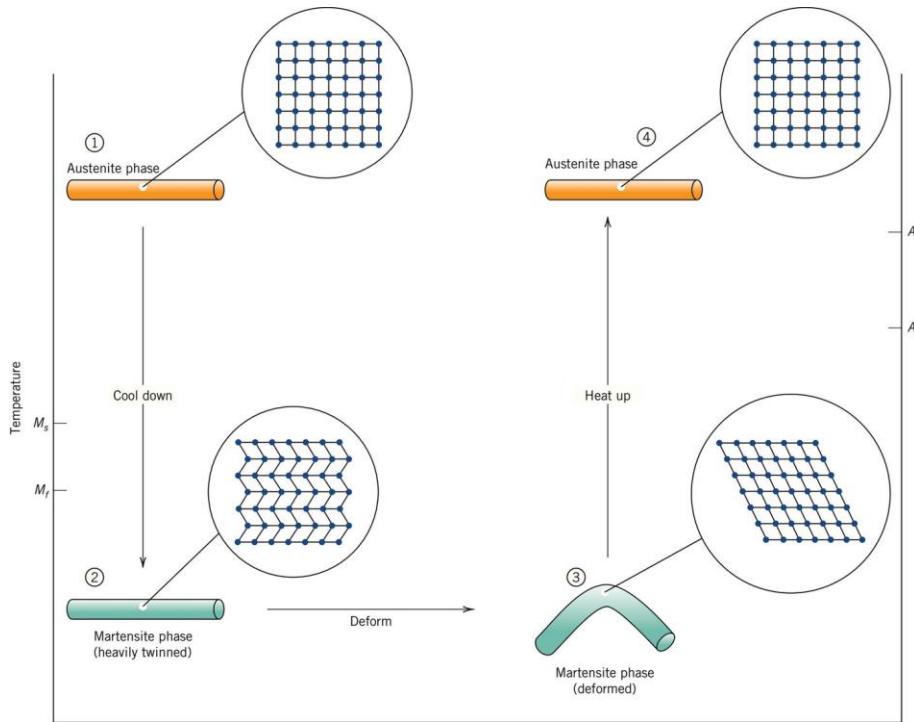
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# SHAPE MEMORY ALLOYS

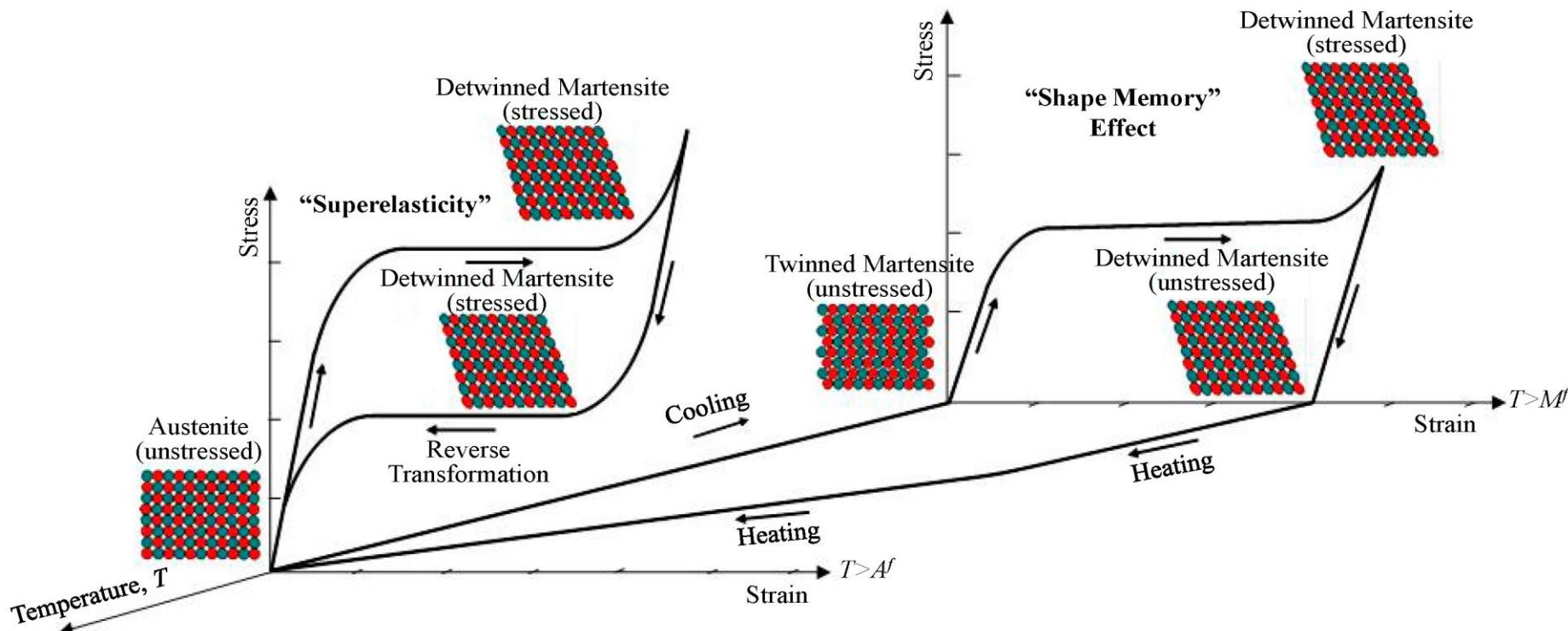
# SHAPE MEMORY ALLOYS



[Nitinol Memory Wire - YouTube](#)

# SHAPE MEMORY ALLOYS

- superelasticity
- shape memory effect



## SHAPE MEMORY ALLOYS



# Nitinol

The Shape Memory Effect  
& Superelasticity

YOUTUBE VIDEO (channel «Engineerguy», Prof. B. Hammack Univ Illinois)  
[Nitinol: The Shape Memory Effect and Superelasticity - YouTube](#)

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## SHAPE MEMORY ALLOYS



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[How NASA Reinvented The Wheel - Shape Memory Alloys - YouTube](#)

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# SHAPE MEMORY ALLOYS

## Matteo Cianchetti's course



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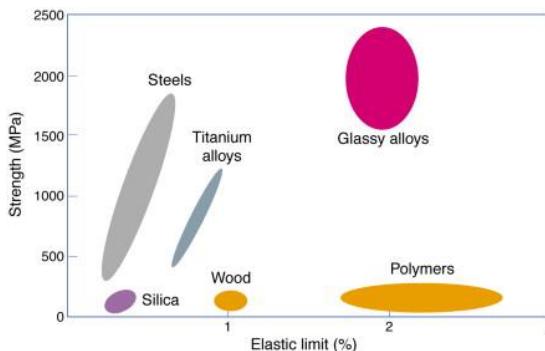


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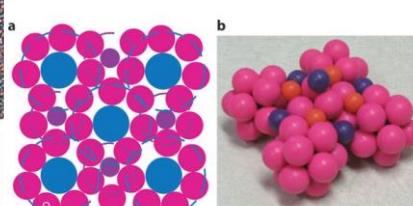
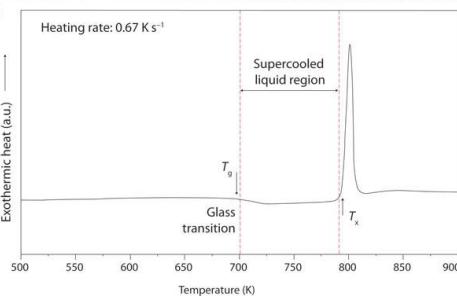
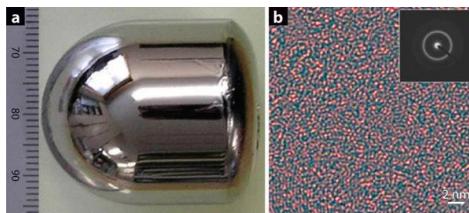
# «STRANGE» ALLOYS?

# METALLIC GLASSES

- more on glasses in Section 2 of the course

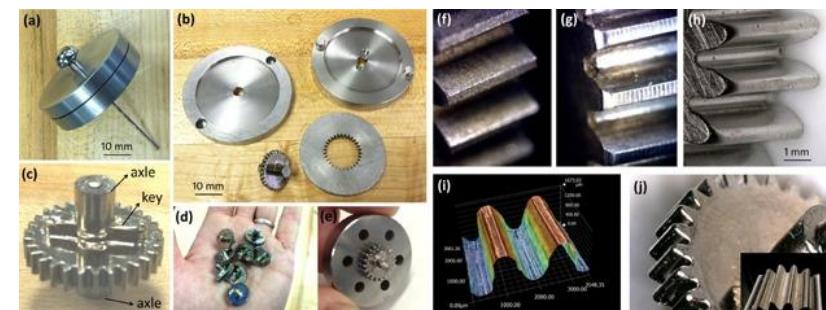


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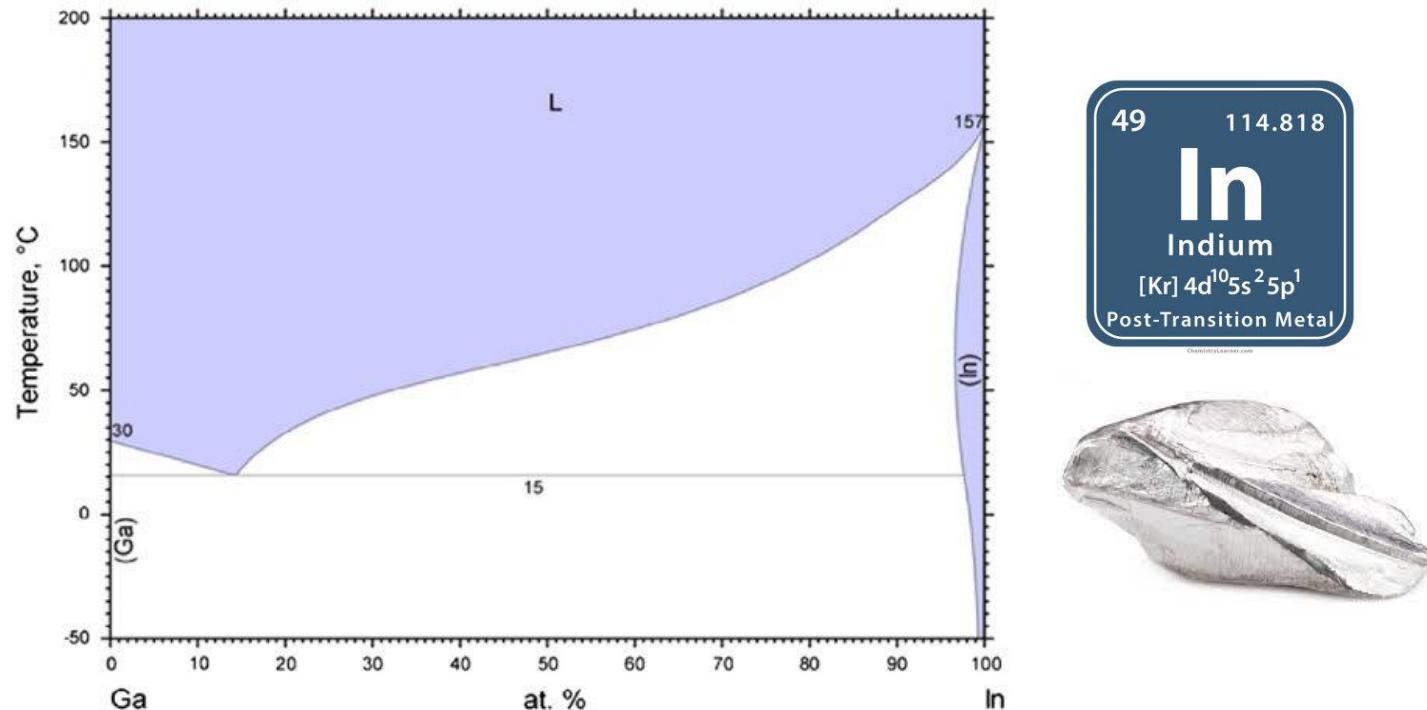
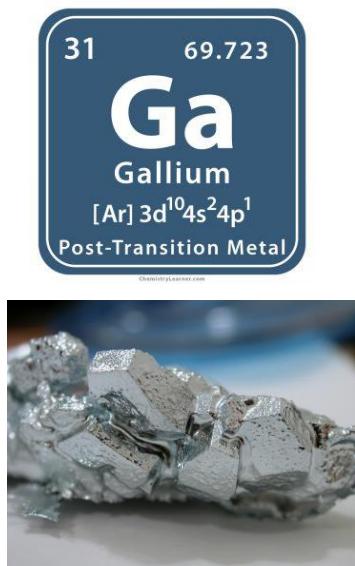
Metallic glasses: current and potential uses



Adv Eng Mater, Volume: 19, Issue: 1, First published: 04 October 2016, DOI: (10.1002/adem.201600541)

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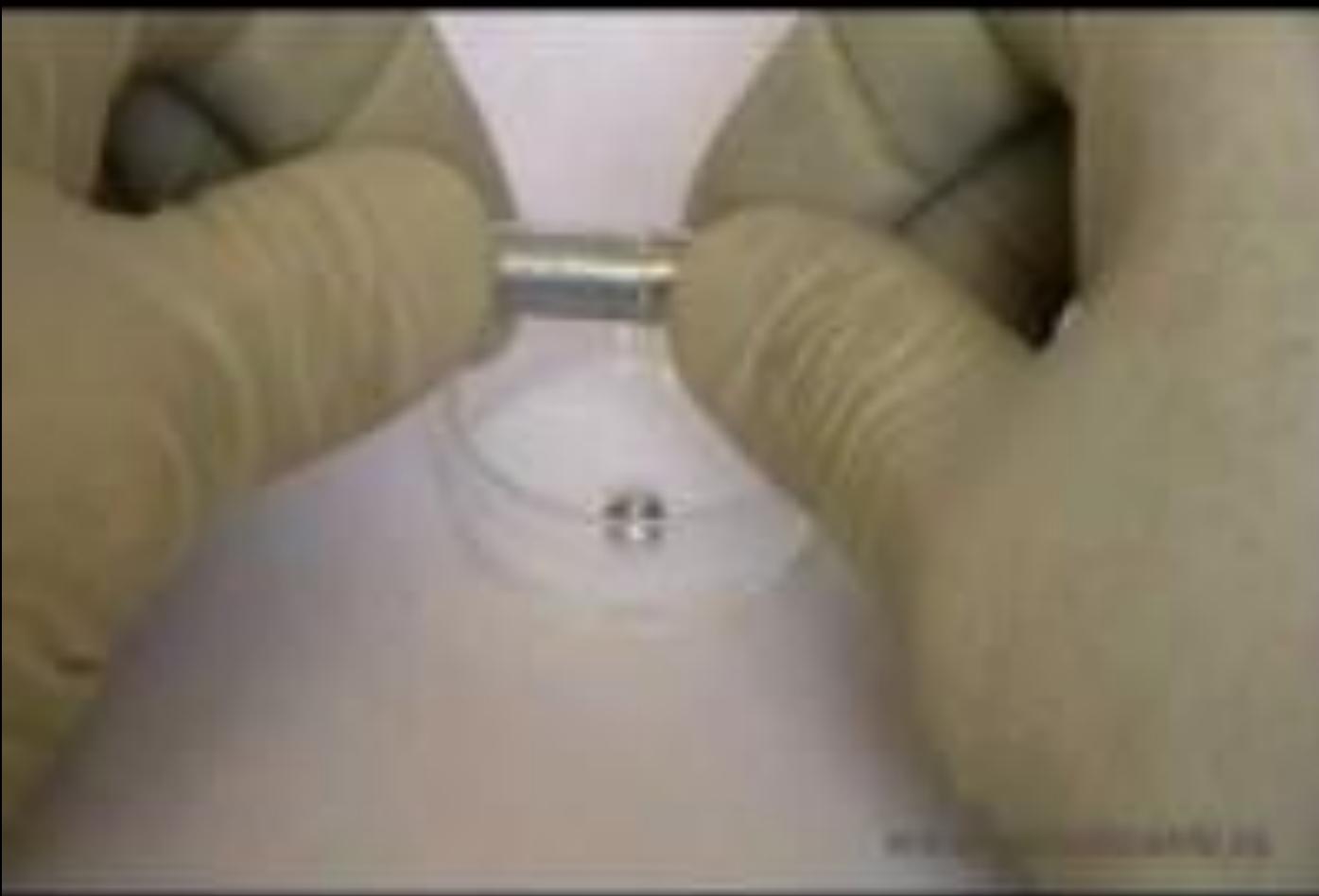
# GA-IN PHASE DIAGRAM



Phase Diagram from [Bo et al. Adv Phys X 2018](#)

Images: Wikipedia, Chemistry Learner

# STRANGE ALLOYS?



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«Ga-In eutectic alloy”

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# LIQUID METALS

## FOR STRETCHABLE ELECTRONICS AND BIONICS

EGaIn: eutectic Ga-In

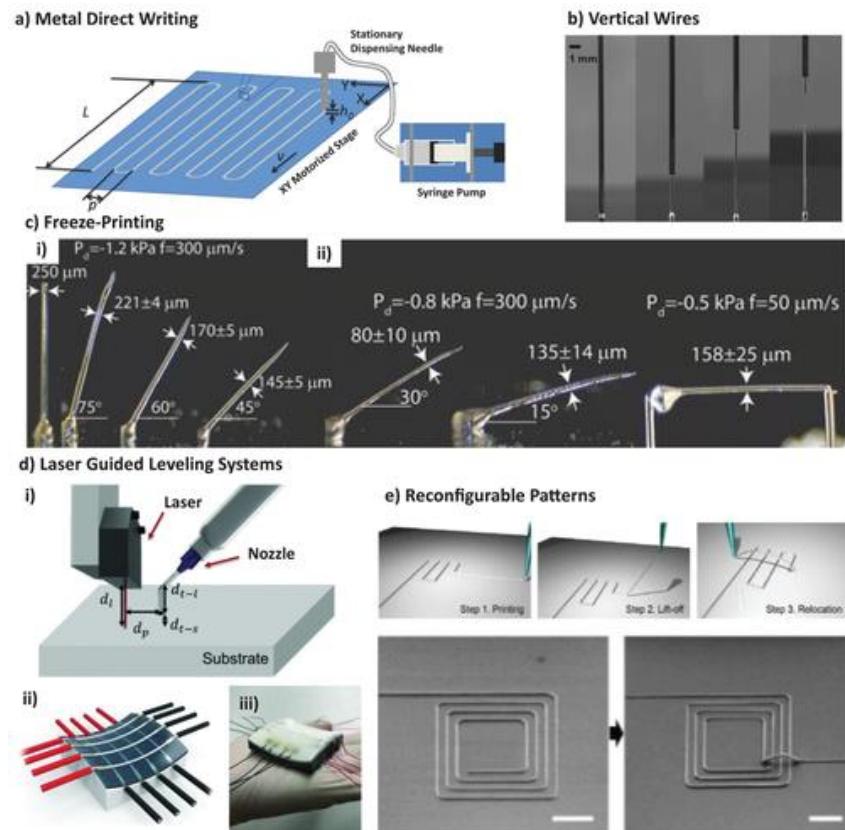
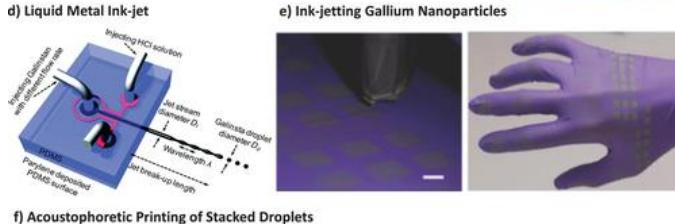
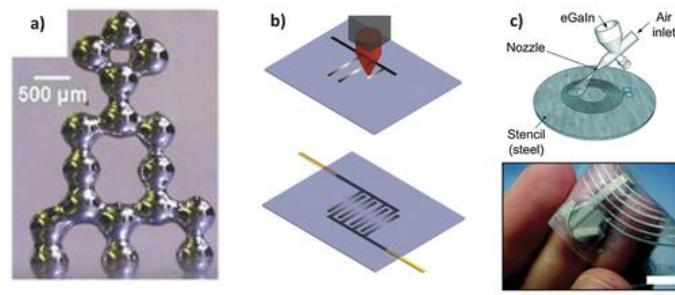
(75.5 wt. % Ga, 24.5wt. % In)

$$T_m = 15.7^\circ\text{C}$$

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(68.5 wt. % Ga, 21.5 wt. % In, 10.0 wt. % Sn)

$$T_m = -19.0^\circ\text{C}$$



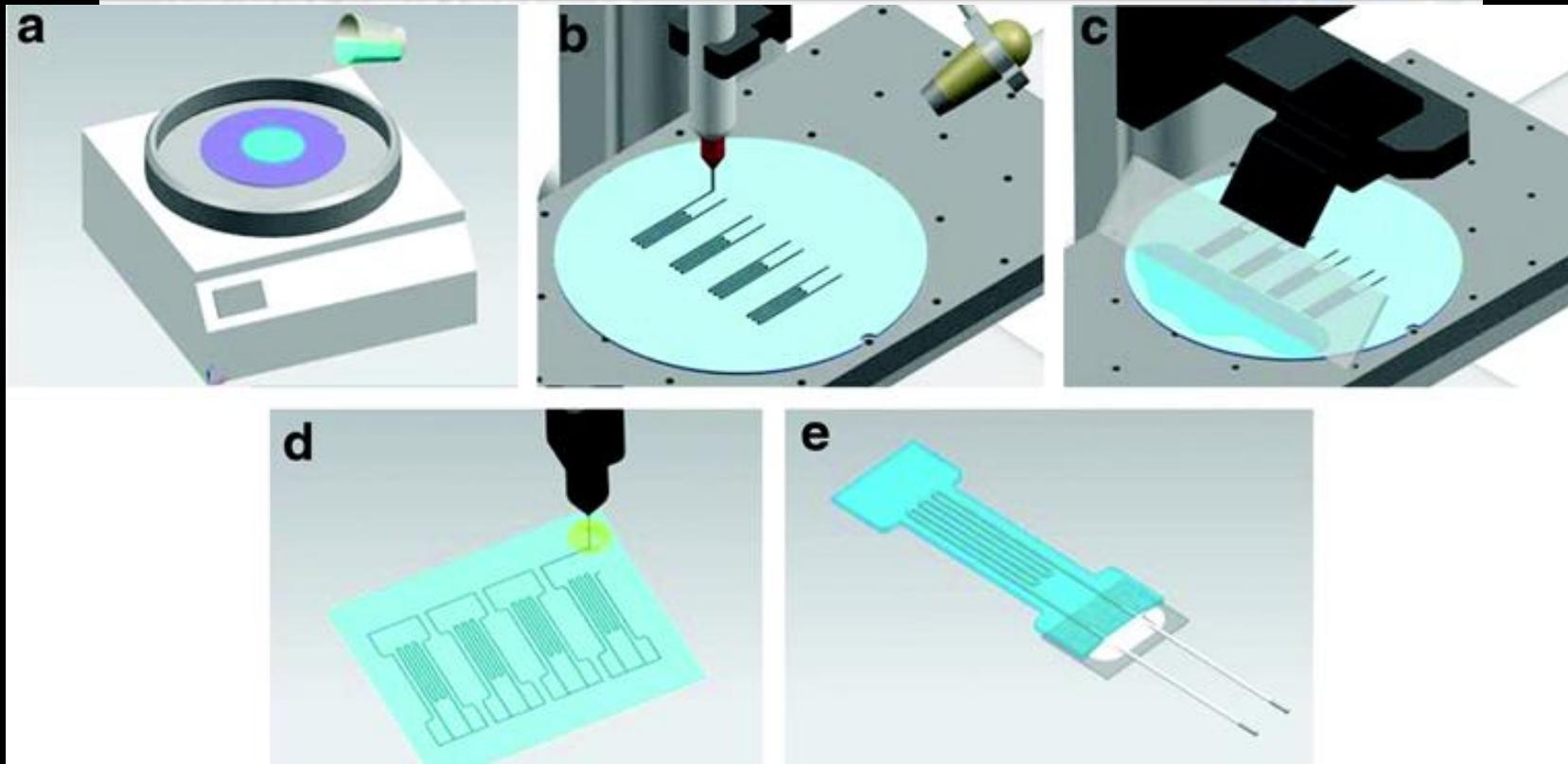
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# LIQUID METAL BASED SOFT SENSORS

## • Fabrication Procedures

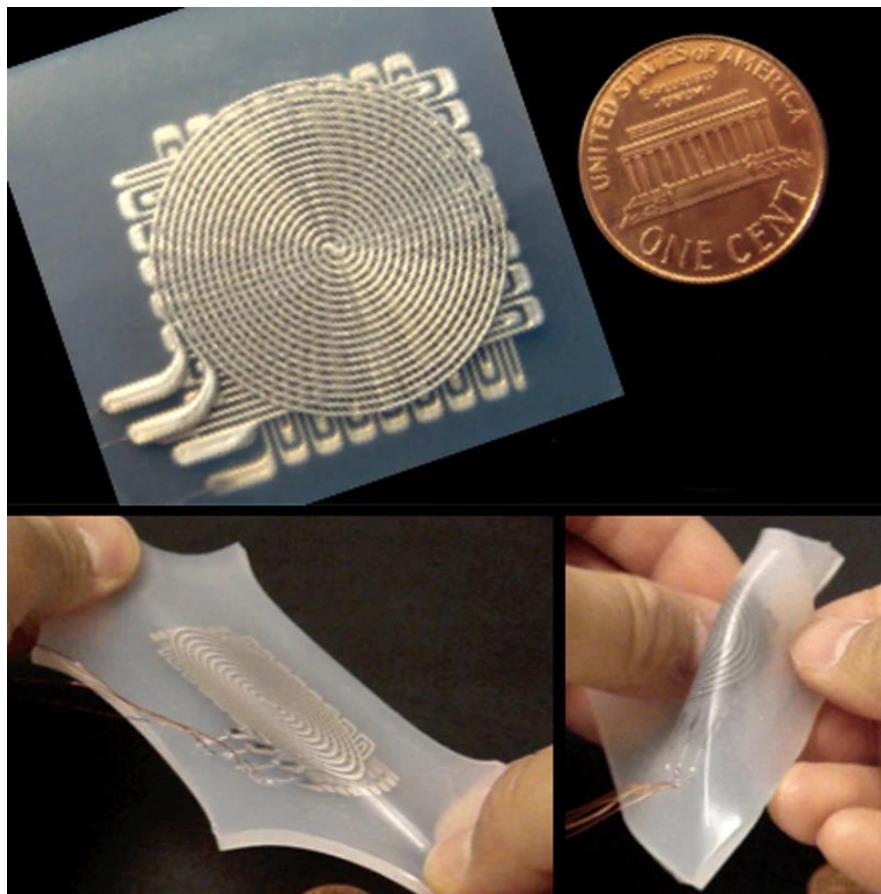


YOUTUBE VIDEO [Direct Ink Writing \(DIW\) of Eutectic Gallium–Indium \(eGaIn\) for Soft Sensors - YouTube](#)

from paper: S. Kim et al. Soft Robotics 2018 <https://doi.org/10.1089/soro.2017.0103>

# LIQUID METALS FOR STRETCHABLE ELECTRONICS AND BIONICS

- embedded in soft elastomers



source: R. Wood, Wyss Institute/Harvard (USA)

[Flexible Embedded Liquid Sensors \(harvard.edu\)](http://harvard.edu)

# LIQUID METAL – SOFT SENSOR SUIT- HARVARD



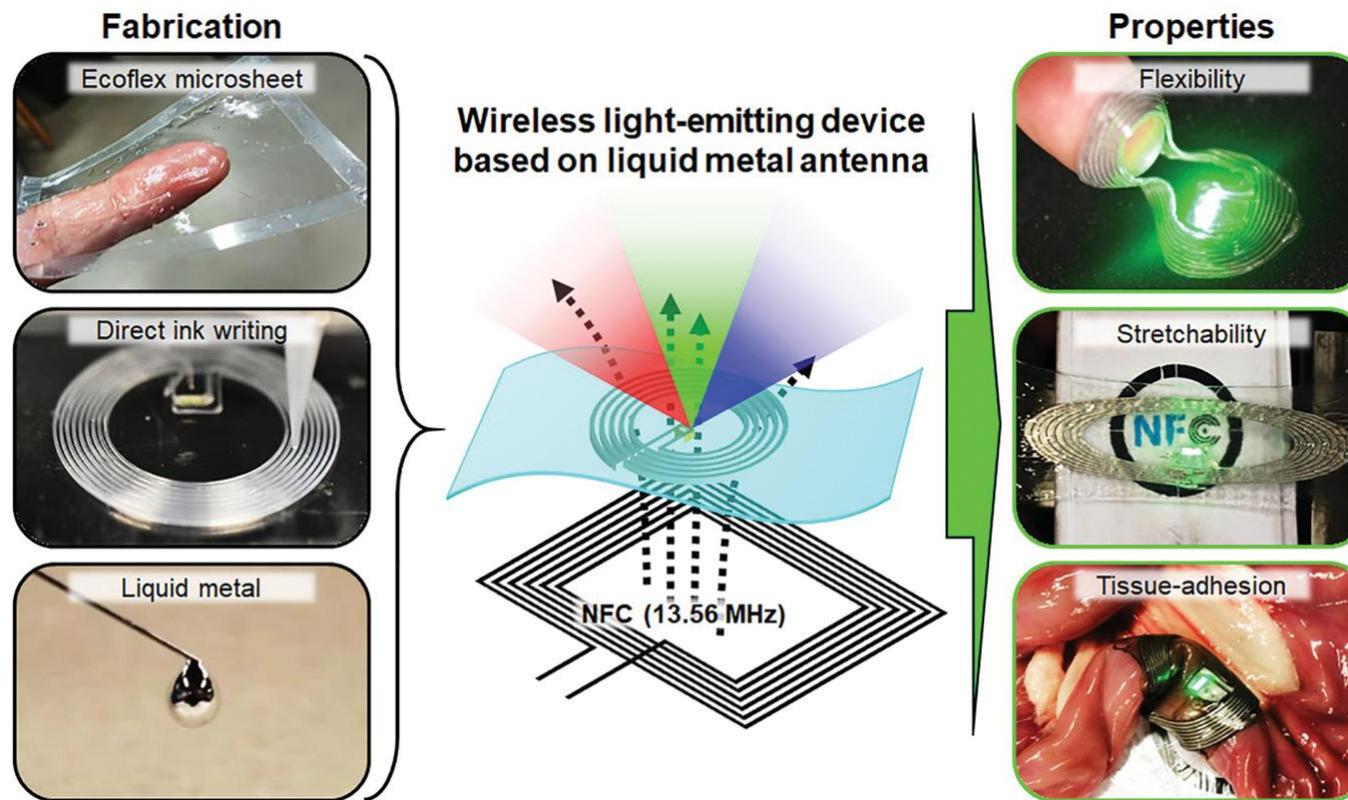
Soft Sensor Suit (1:37)

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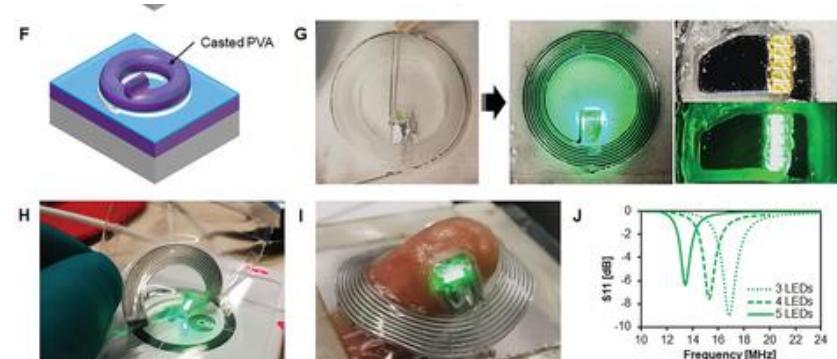
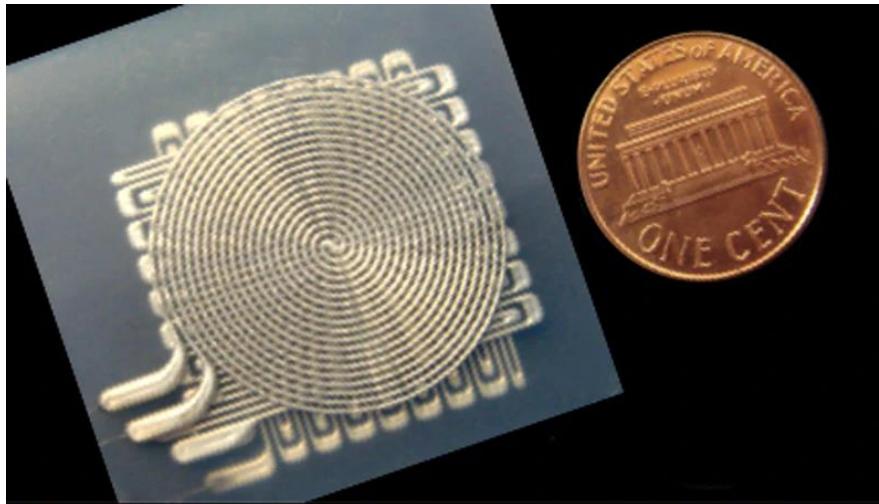
# LIQUID METALS FOR STRETCHABLE ELECTRONICS AND BIONICS

- Ultra-Deformable and Tissue-Adhesive Liquid Metal Antennas with High Wireless Powering Efficiency



Yamagishi, K. et al. *Adv Mater* 2021 [DOI: 10.1002/adma.202008062](https://doi.org/10.1002/adma.202008062)

# LIQUID METALS FOR STRETCHABLE ELECTRONICS AND BIONICS



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LIQUID METALS for Stretchable  
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# METALS-RELATED TOPICS

## Seminar?

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Metal-based  
NEURAL INTERFACES

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TOPIC 7

SMA or shape memory  
polymers in Bionics

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TOPIC 11

LIQUID METALS for Stretchable  
Electronics and Bionics

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Metallic glasses: current and  
potential uses

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Metals  
for Bionic Implants

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TOPIC 32

Metals for Transient and  
Bioresorbable Electronics

# SUMMARY QUESTIONS

- how can metals be classified?
- which crystalline structures are preferred in metals?
- what are the most engineering relevant metals?
- how Fe/Fe<sub>3</sub>C phase diagrams look like?
- what's the composition/microstructure of ferrous alloys?
- why stainless steel is not rusting?
- which properties make Al important in applications? and Ti?
- what are noble metals? why are they called «noble»?
- what are SMA? what is shape memory effect? what is superelasticity?
- why some alloys can be liquid metals at RT? why interesting for bionics?

# SUMMARY L5

- L5.1 • Intro and Classification of Metals
- L5.2 • Recap on phase diagrams
- L5.3 • Ferrous Alloys
- L5.4 • Non Ferrous Alloys
- L5.5 • Metals for Implants, Transient Electronics
- L5.6 • Short Notes on Metals Fabrication
- L5.7 • Shape Memory Alloys
- L5.8 • «Strange» Alloys?



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, READINGS

## YOUTUBE VIDEOS:

- The Efficient Engineer Channel – [«Understanding Metals»](#)
- B. Hammack - [Nitinol: The Shape Memory Effect and Superelasticity](#)
- Real Engineering channel – [How NASA reinvented the wheel - SMA](#)

## READINGS:

- Callister, Rethwisch – selected parts of Chapters 7,9,10, 11

## NOBLE METALS



YOUTUBE VIDEO – Periodic Videos channel

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[Super Expensive Metals - Periodic Table of Videos - YouTube](#)

NITINOL



YOUTUBE VIDEO - (6:12)

[How a metal with a memory will shape our future on Mars - YouTube](#)

# TI IN MEDICAL IMPLANTS



YOUTUBE VIDEO -  
"Titanium Implants- Nickel MCV"

[Titanium Implants- Nickel MCV - YouTube](#)

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# ADDITIONAL SLIDES

# CAST IRONS

Ferrous alloys with > 2.1 wt% C

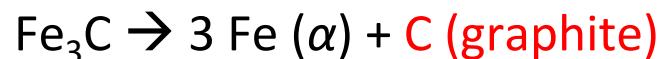
- more commonly 3 - 4.5 wt% C

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Low melting – relatively easy to cast       $T_m = 1150\text{-}1300^\circ\text{C}$

Generally brittle

Cementite decomposes to ferrite + graphite

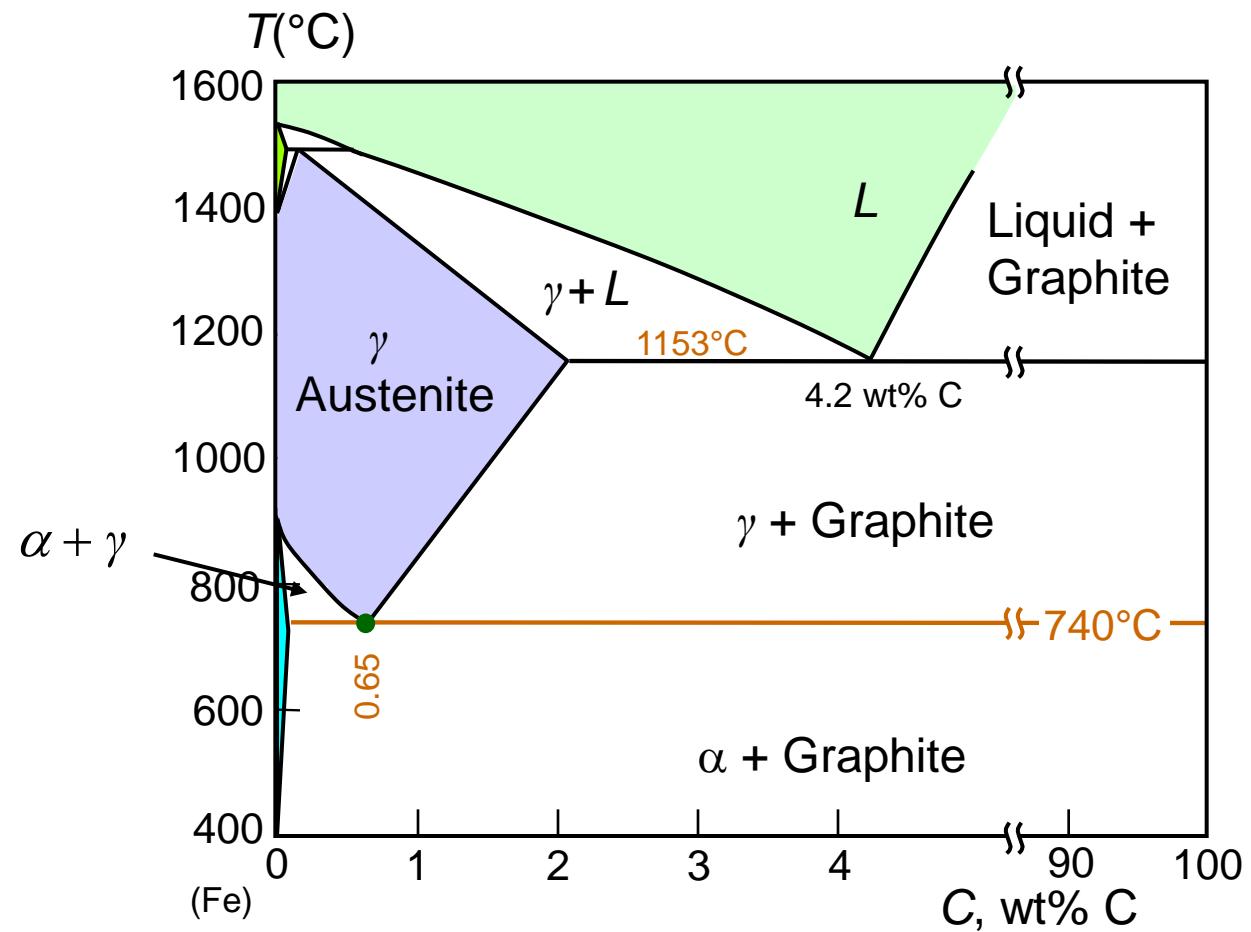


- generally a slow process

# Fe-C TRUE EQUILIBRIUM DIAGRAM

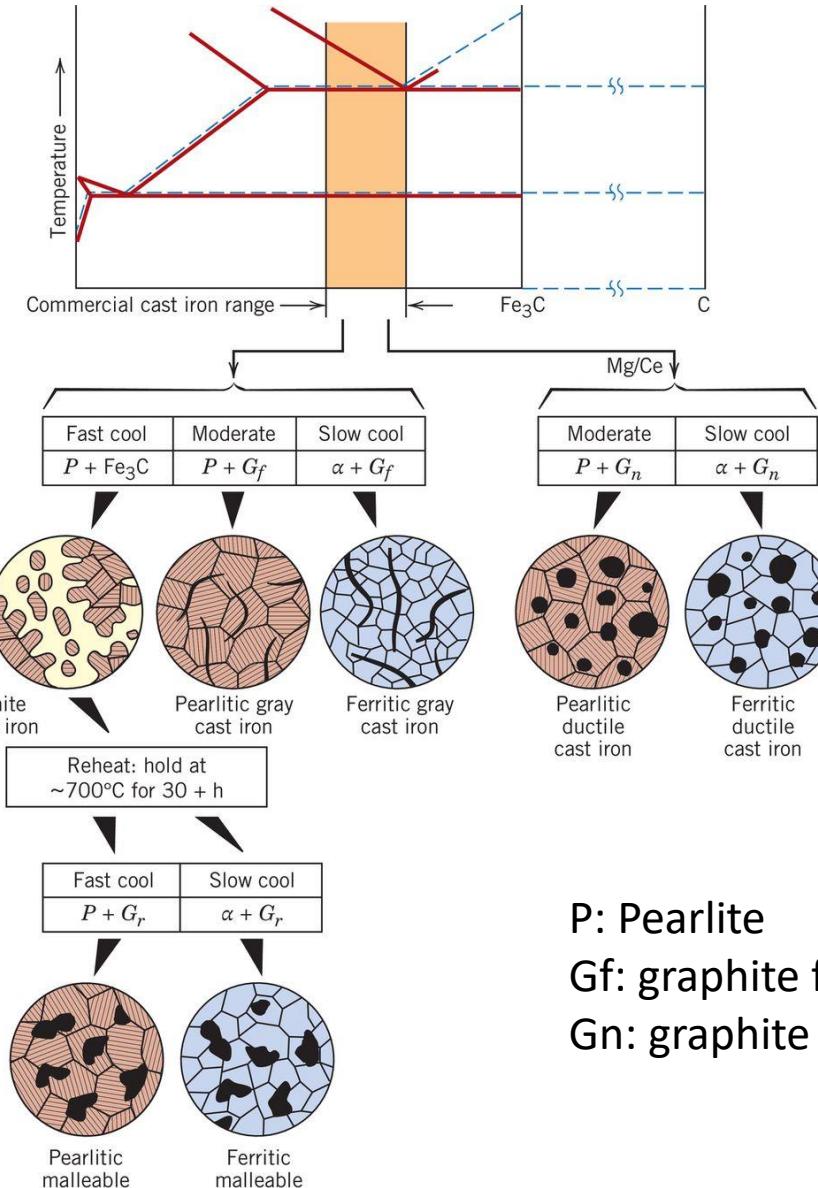
Graphite formation promoted by

- $\text{Si} > 1 \text{ wt\%}$
- slow cooling



# TYPES OF CAST IRONS

- Gray Iron
- Nodular Iron
- White Iron
- Malleable Iron
- Compacted Graphite Iron



P: Pearlite

Gf: graphite flake

Gn: graphite nodules

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# TYPES OF CAST IRON

## Gray iron

C: 2.5 – 4.0 wt.%

Si: 1.0 -3.0 wt.%

- **graphite flakes** surrounded by an  $\alpha$ -ferrite or pearlite matrix
- weak & brittle in tension, stronger in compression
- excellent vibrational dampening
- wear resistant
- high fluidity @casting temperature: casting w intricate shapes
- least expensive metallic materials

Figs. 11.3(a) Callister & Rethwisch 10e.



**USE:** Base structures for machines, equipment exposed to vibrations.

# TYPES OF CAST IRON

## Ductile (or Nodular) Iron

add Mg, Ce

- **graphite nodules** surrounded by an  $\alpha$ -ferrite or pearlite matrix
- more strong and ductile than gray
- TS 350-480 MPa
- Ductility: 10-20% elongation
- mechanical characteristics approaching those of steel

Figs. 11.3(b) Callister & Rethwisch 10e.



**USE:** valves, pump bodies, crankshafts, gears, and other automotive and machine components.

# TYPES OF CAST IRON

## White Iron

< 1 wt% Si, rapid cooling

- C as Fe<sub>3</sub>C cementite (and not graphite) in a pearlite matrix
- extremely hard
- very brittle
- unmachinable
- intermediate for malleable irons (see next)

Figs. 11.3(b) Callister &  
Rethwisch 10e.



**USE:** hard, wear-resistant surface components like rollers in rolling mills.

# TYPES OF CAST IRON

## Malleable Iron

heating white iron at 800 - 900° C  
in inert atmosphere (prevent oxidation)  
 $\text{Fe}_3\text{C}$  converted into graphite

- **graphite rosettes/clusters** in a pearlite or ferrite matrix
- high strength
- ductile

Figs. 11.3(d) Callister & Rethwisch 10e.



**USE:** rods, transmission gears, etc. for automotive industry, flanges, pipe fittings, valve parts for railroad, marine, heavy-duty services.

# TYPES OF CAST IRON

## Compacted Graphite Iron (CGI)

Si: 1.7 – 3.0 wt%, promotes graphite formation

- **C as graphite** in a pearlite matrix
- relatively high thermal conductivity
- good resistance to thermal shock
- lower oxidation at elevated temperatures

Figs. 11.3(e) Callister & Rethwisch 10e.



**USE:** hard, wear-resistant surface components like rollers in rolling mills.