

Static Equipment

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Part 3

Materials Selection

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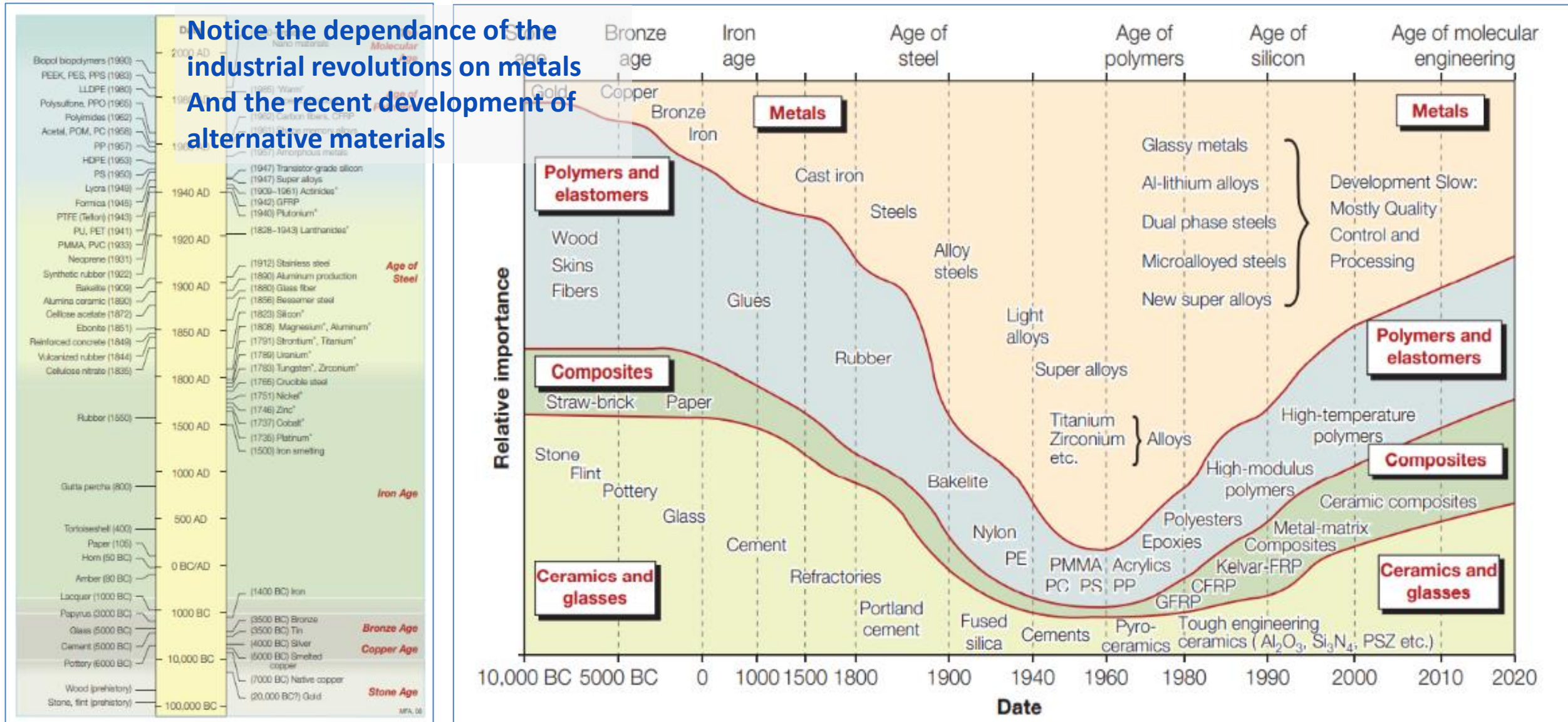
Materials Selection – Alternative Choices

- There is always different alternative materials can be used for same application each has its own characteristics , pros and cons
- A familiar item that is fabricated from three different material types is the drinks container.
- Drinks are marketed in aluminum (metal) cans , glass (ceramic) bottles , and plastic (polymer) bottles



The Evolution of Engineering Materials

Notice the dependance of the industrial revolutions on metals
And the recent development of alternative materials



Note: Scale is nonlinear

Source: Material Selection in Mechanical Design – 4th Edition, Michael F. Ashby

Evolution of Materials in Products



Cast Iron Kettle



Bronze Kettle



Polypropylene Kettle



plate camera from 1900



Leica from 1960



Plastic camera, 2006



Wright biplane, 1903



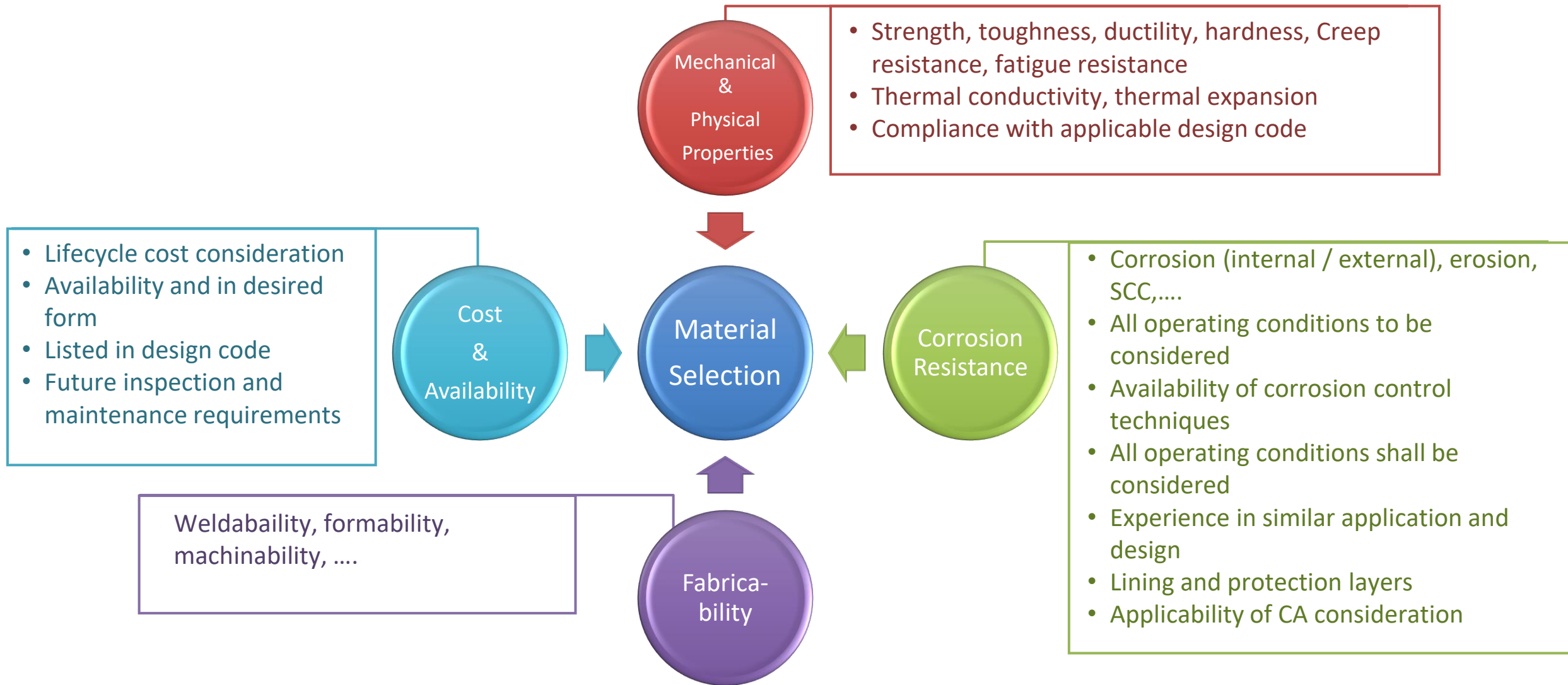
Douglas DC3, 1935



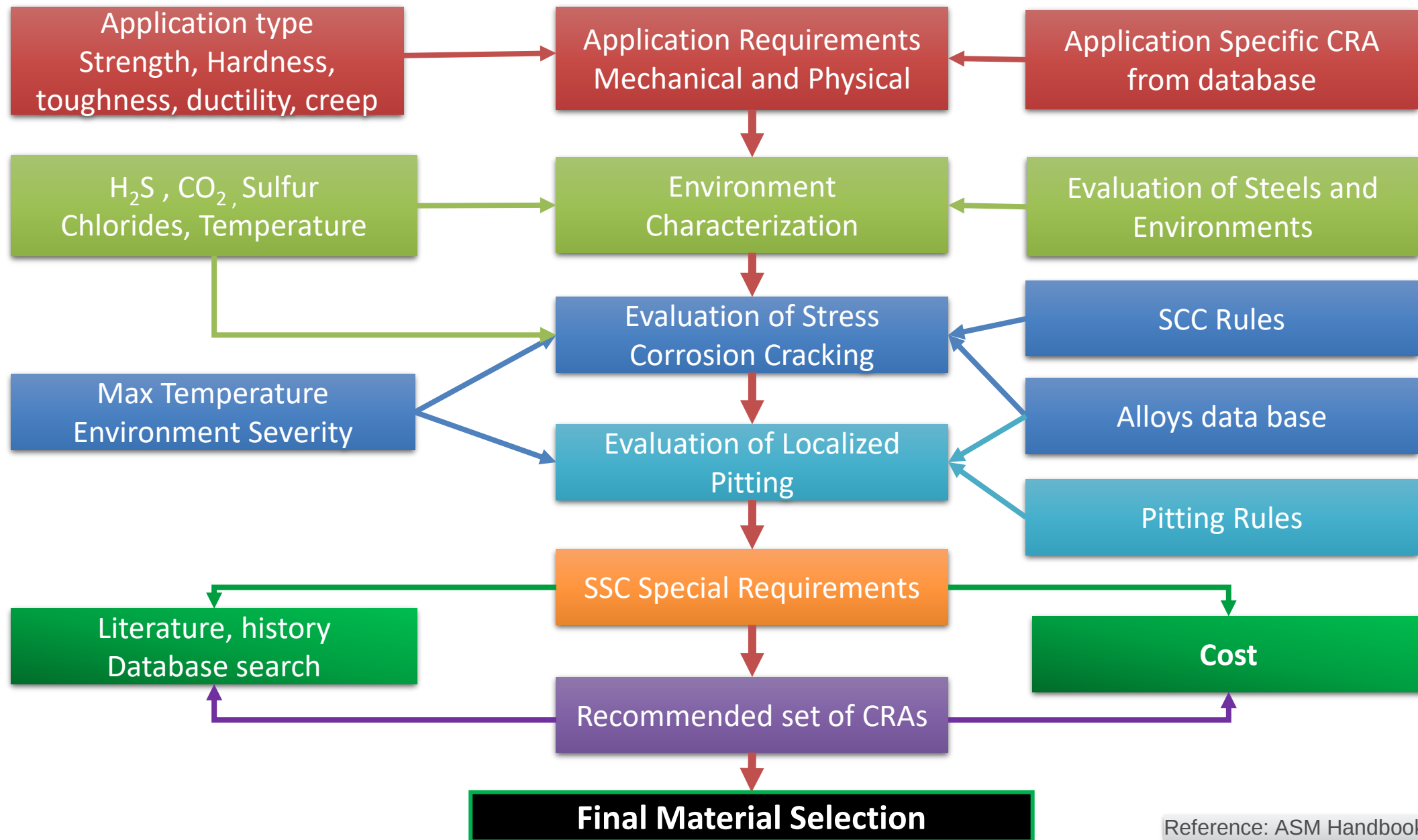
Boeing 787, 2010

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Selection of CRA of Through Environmental Specification

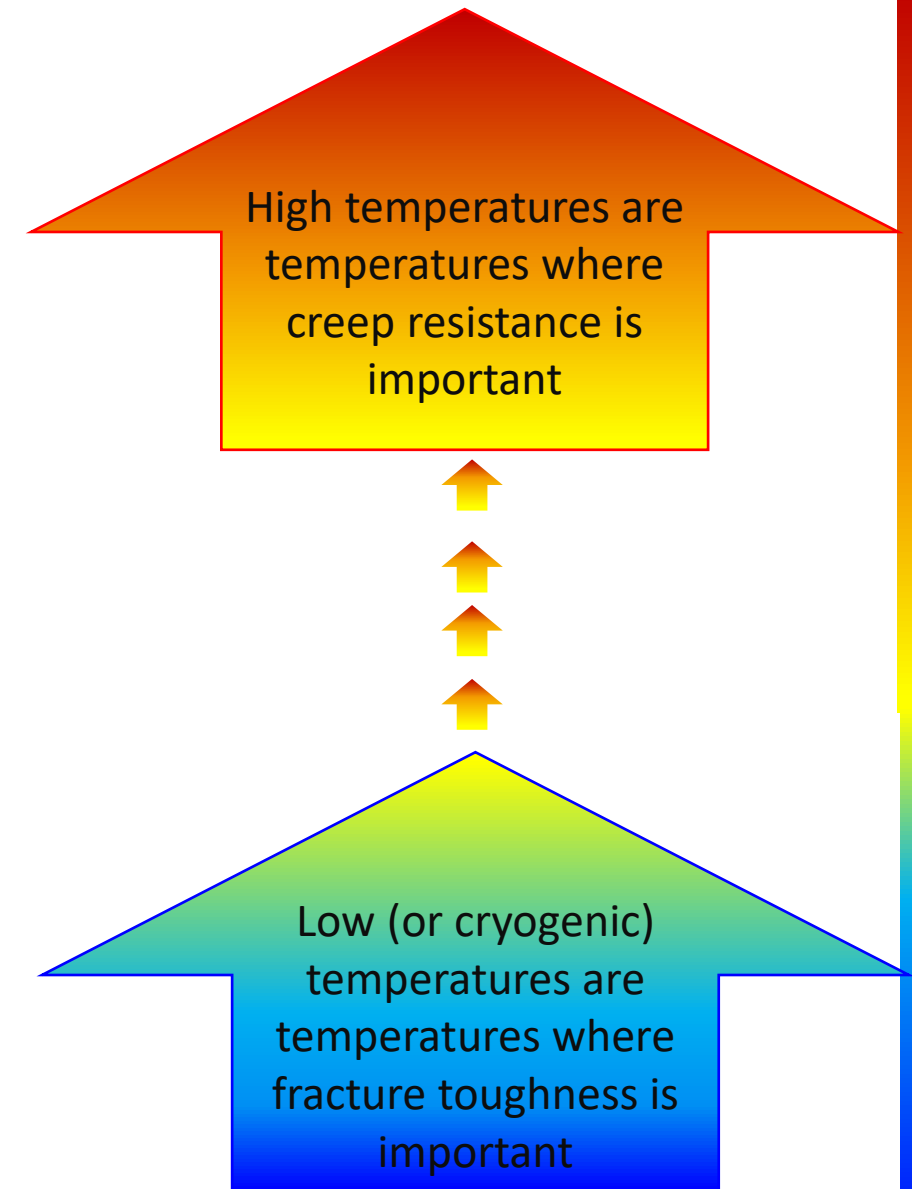


Reference: ASM Handbook Volume 13C

Materials Selection Based on Temperature – No Hydrogen, No Corrosion



1000	Refractory Lined materials
700	304H, 347H, 310H SS, Incoloy 800 H, Inconel
650	304 SS (care for sigma phase formation)
500	1.25 Cr-Mo Steel up to 9 Cr Steel
345	Carbon steel
-29	Impact tested killed carbon steel
-45	Impact tested low alloy Ni steel
-100	5% Ni Steel, 9% Ni 301, 302, 304L Aluminum
-200	Quenched tempered 9% Ni 301, 302, 304L Aluminum
-273	304L, Low carbon stainless steel casting alloys Monel, Hastelloy, Inconel 718 Aluminum



Reference Materials Selection for Refineries and Associated Facilities ; R.A White, E.F Ehmke

Common Corrosion Forms and Material Selection

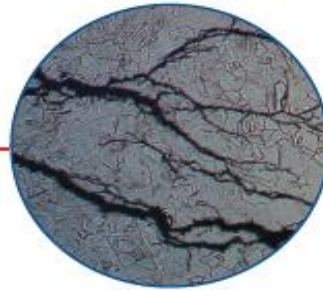
Carbon Steel



General (or Uniform) Corrosion

316/316L
6-Moly Alloys
Alloy 2507
Alloy 825
Alloy 625
Alloy C-276
Alloy 400

316/316L



Stress Corrosion Cracking in Chloride-Containing Media

6-Moly Alloys
Alloy 2507
Alloy 825
Alloy 625
Alloy C-276
Alloy 400

Material in contact with a much more noble material (e.g., carbon steel and copper)



Materials with the same or similar potentials (potential difference less than 0.2 Volts)

Galvanic Corrosion in the Presence of an Electrolyte

316/316L



Localized Pitting Corrosion in Chloride-Containing Media

6-Moly Alloys
Alloy 2507
Alloy 825
Alloy 625
Alloy C-276
Alloy 400

Carbon Steel
Ferritic Steel
Martensitic Steel
Precipitation-Hardened Alloys



Hydrogen Embrittlement

316/316L

316/316L
Alloy 2507
6-Moly Alloys



Sour Gas Cracking or Sulfide Stress Cracking at High Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S) Partial Pressure

Alloy 825
Alloy 625
Alloy C-276
Alloy 400

Reference: Simplified Materials Selection Guide - Swagelok

Highlights for Materials Selection

Materials Selection Should be based on design conditions, not operated conditions

Process flow diagram, contaminants level, upset, all internal and external media should be considered for the entire design life. Stages of transportation, storage, installation, testing and preservation.

Should be listed / identified under design codes and standards (ASTM, ASME,)

When welding is involved, the low carbon grades of Stainless steels (304 L, 316 L) are preferred to avoid sensitization, unless for high design temperature conditions ($>425\text{ C}$)

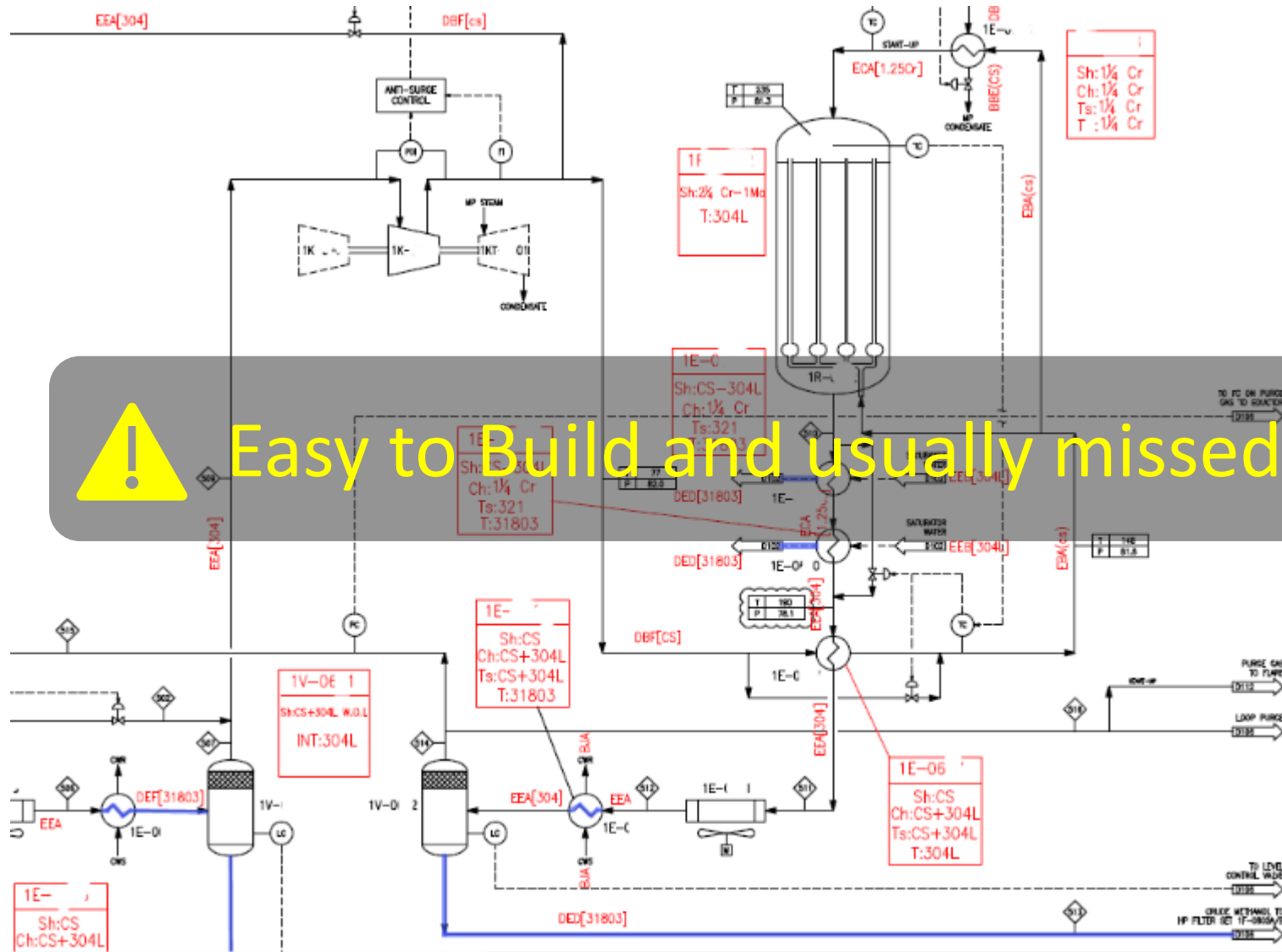
Design life to be considered in the application of proper corrosion allowance

Configuration of the equipment to be considered (crevices, high localized heat flux, tendency to sedimentation and stagnation, long idle time)

Maintainability and inspection requirements (PWHT, step cooling, impact testing)

Reference Materials Selection for Refineries and Associated Facilities ; R.A White, E.F Ehmke

Material Selection Diagram [MSD]



Reference: NACE SP0407-2018 "Guidelines for Developing Material Selection Diagram"

Materials Selection Report

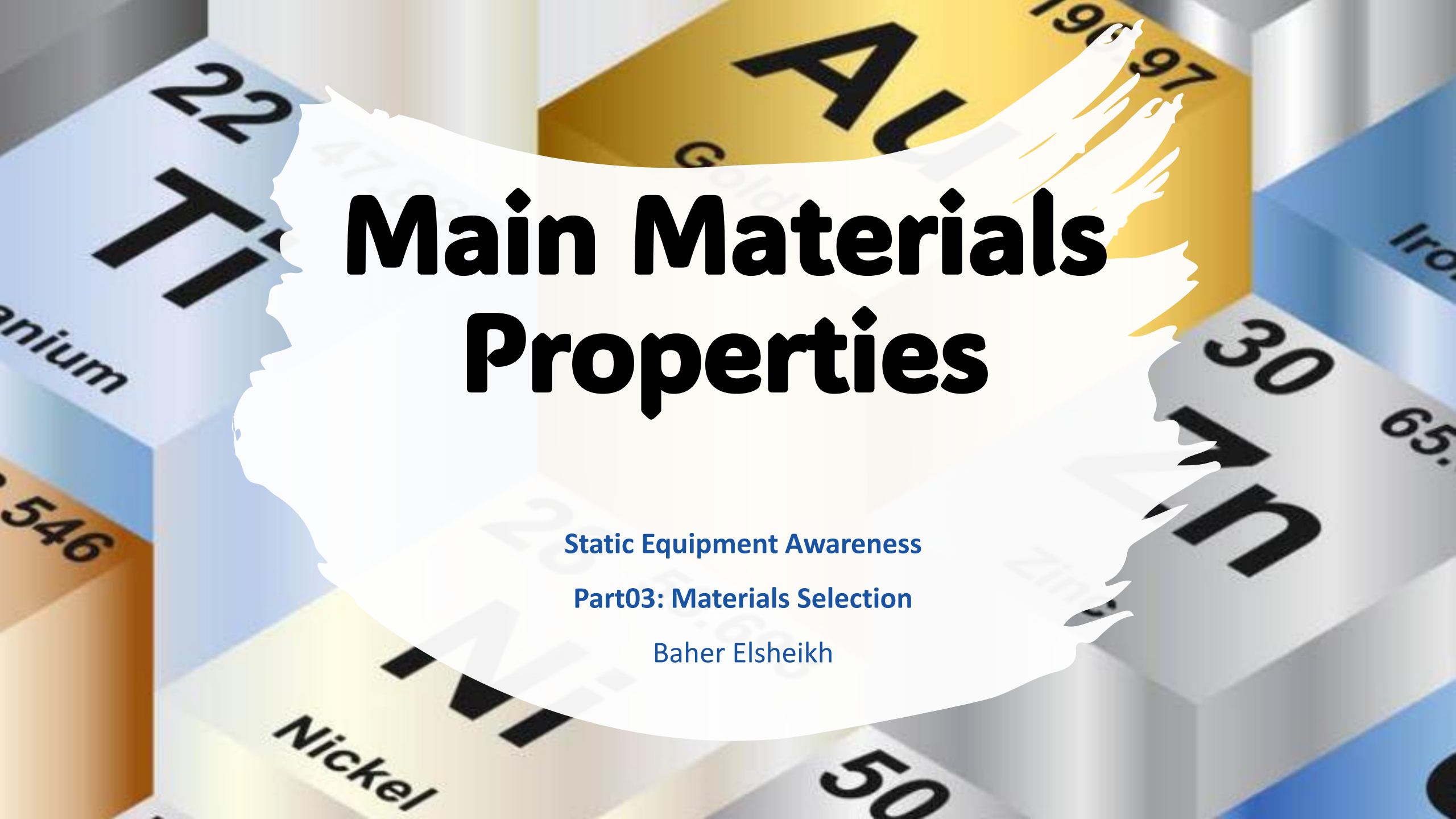


Corrosion evaluations and materials selection should be documented in a report for further use by the project and operations

- **The following elements should be included:**

- Short description of the project and expected facilities, e.g. field layout, remoteness of location, manned versus unmanned facilities, etc.;
- Materials-related design input data for the operating conditions during the design life of the facility, e.g. temperatures, pressures, fluid composition, sand production, etc.
- Corrosion evaluations and materials selection;
- Requirements for corrosion inhibitor efficiency and availability;
- Requirements for corrosion control, e.g. CP and coatings;
- Requirements for corrosion monitoring;
- Identification of uncertainties from a materials perspective, new application for materials, use of new grades;
- Need for material qualification testing.

Reference ISO-21457 : Materials selection and corrosion control for oil and gas production systems



Main Materials Properties

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Main Factors Affecting Materials Properties

Matrix structure
&
grain size

Forming (Hot /
Cold)

Composition
&
Alloying Elements

Heat Treatment

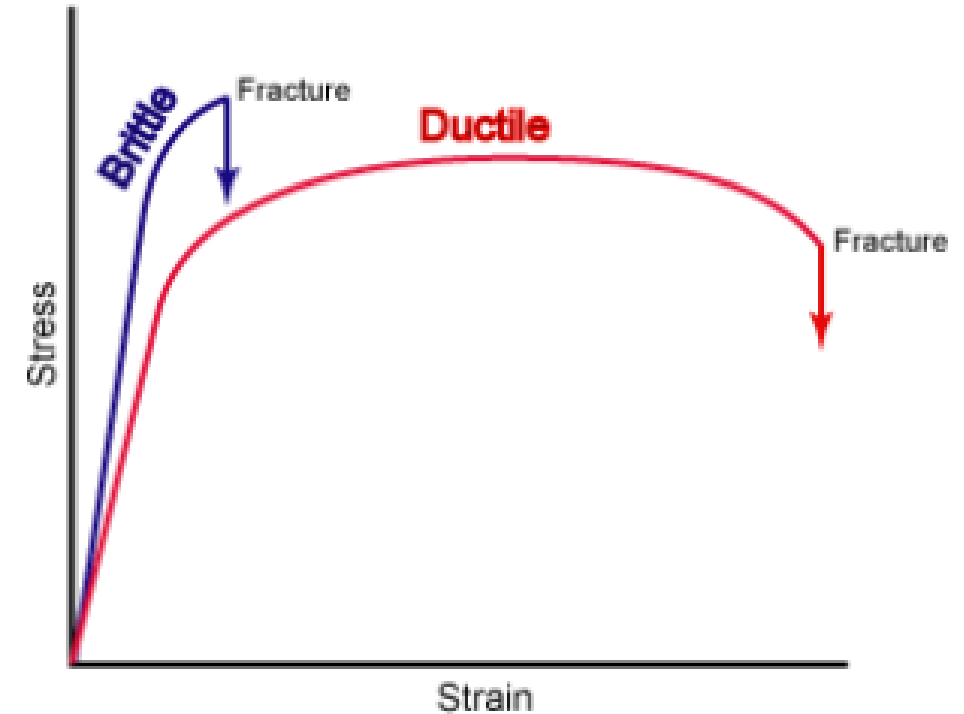
Welding

Ductility

The ductility of a material is a measure of the extent to which a material will deform before fracture

The amount of ductility is an important factor when considering forming operations such as rolling and extrusion

Many damage mechanisms are causing material embrittlement (loss of ductility)



Brittle

Ductile

Hardness

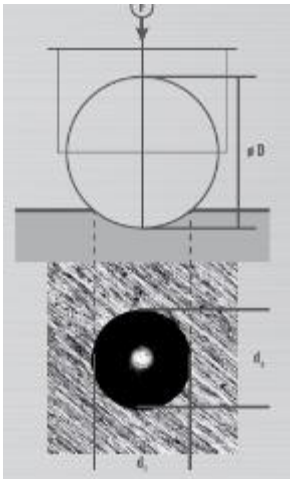
Hardness is the resistance of a material to localized deformation usually measured by indentation. The term can apply to deformation from indentation, scratching, cutting or bending

The hardness of parent materials, welds and HAZ play important roles in determining the SSC resistance of carbon and low alloy steels. Hardness control can be an acceptable means of obtaining SSC resistance.

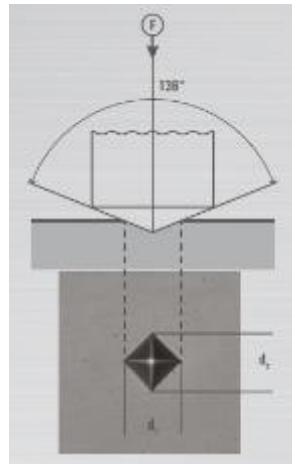
High Hardness is desirable in applications require abrasion resistance.

Hardness testing used to indicate change in material strength without destructive mechanical testing

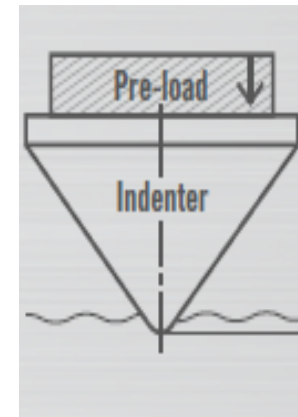
In situ Hardness testing is widely used to indicate embrittlement damage mechanisms



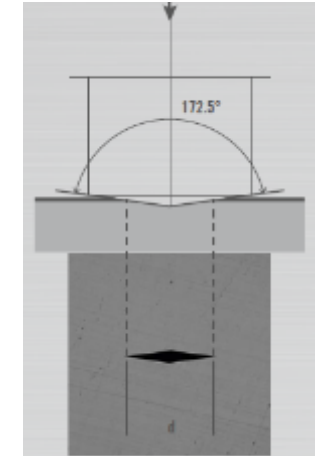
Brinell Hardness Test



Vickers Hardness Test

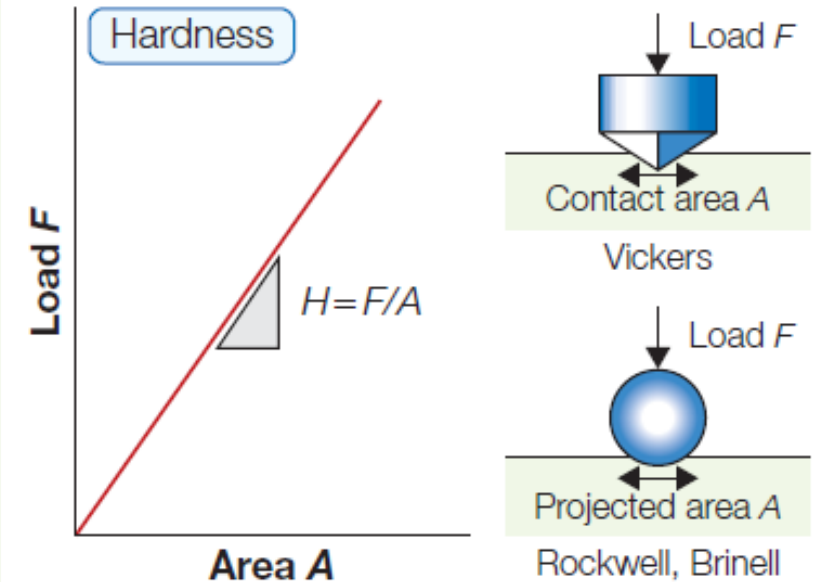
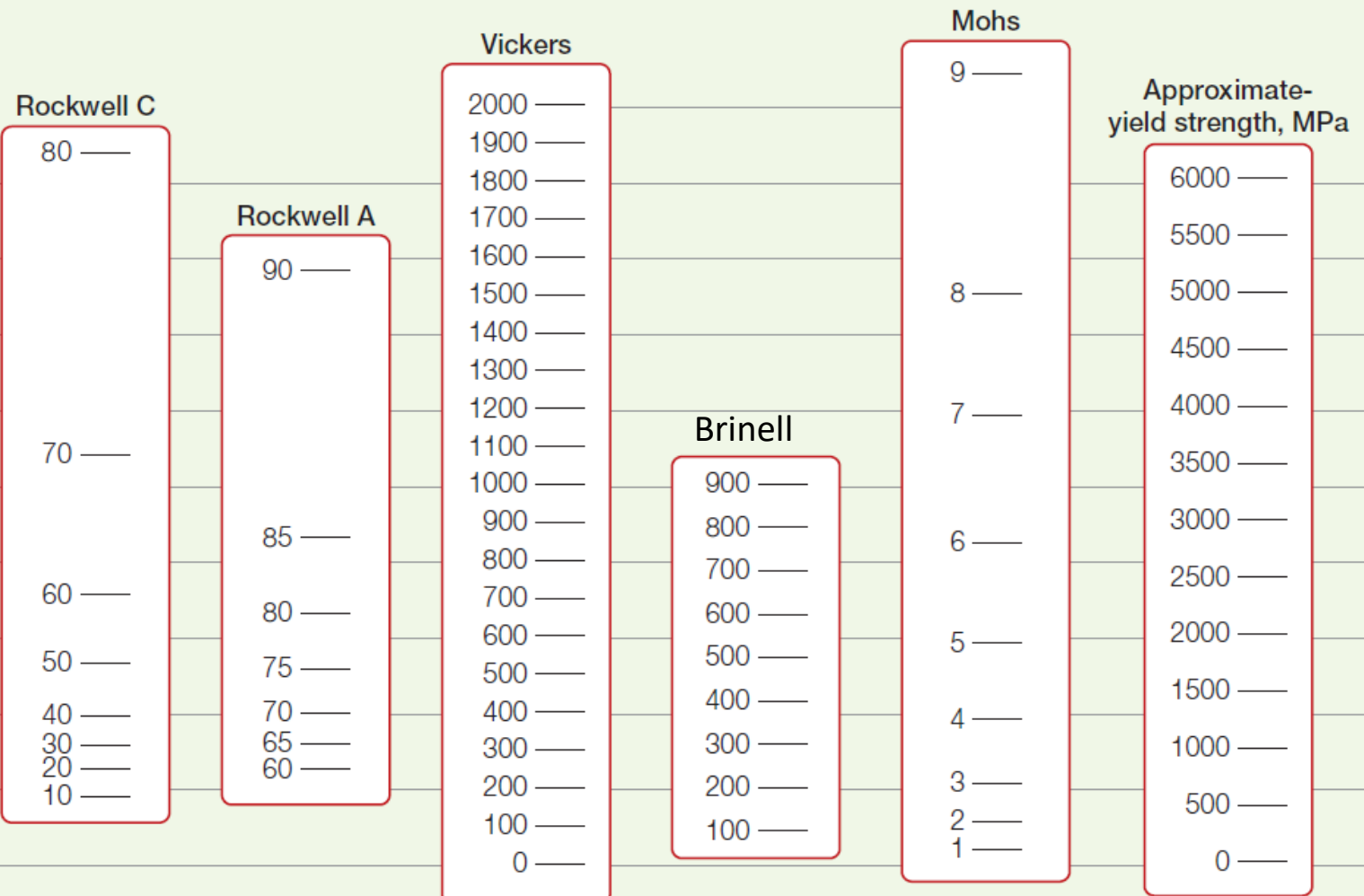


Rockwell Hardness Test



Knoop Hardness Test

Hardness



Hardness is measured as the load, F , divided by the projected area of contact, A , when a diamond-shaped indenter is forced into the surface

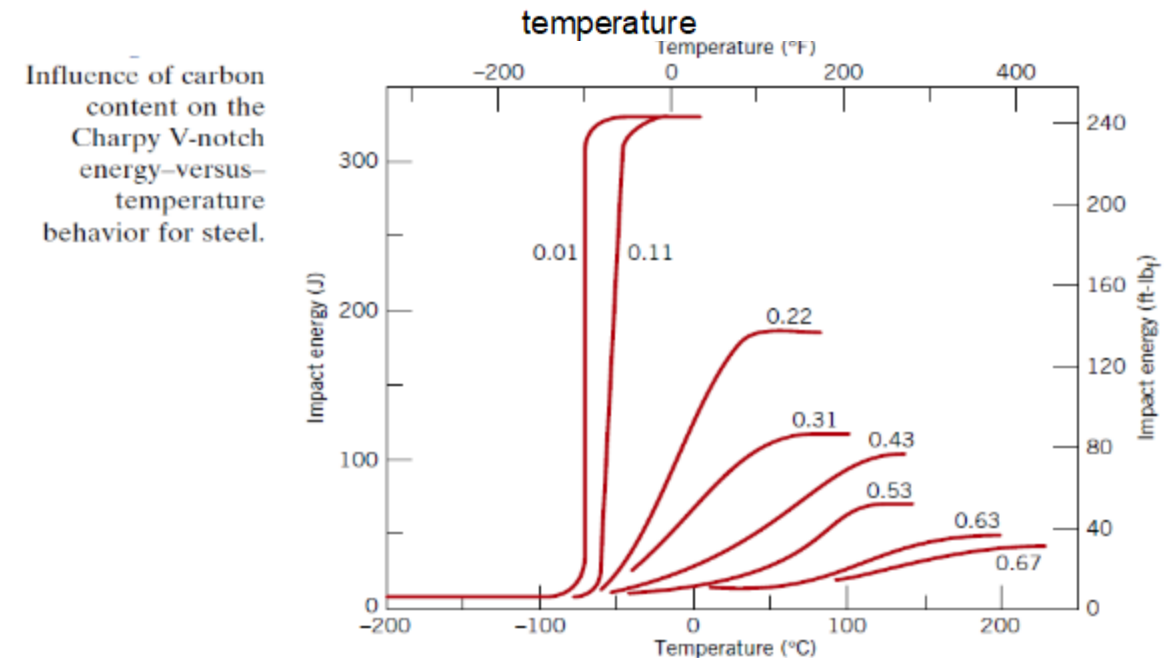
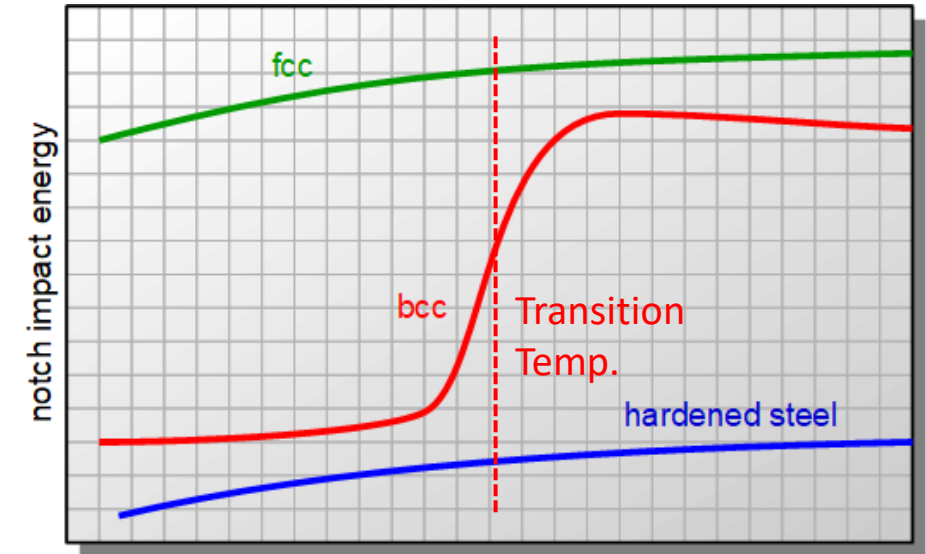
Approximate Relationships between common hardness scales and Material Yield Strength

Toughness – Material Composition, Thickness and Temperature Effect

The fracture toughness of a material is a measure of material ability to resist failure by the onset of crack extension to fracture. Toughness is an important factor when the material will be subjected to low temperature service

Effect of material compositions and Microstructure

- In comparison to materials with BCC lattice structures, the temperature has hardly any influence on the toughness for materials with FCC lattice structures.
- Some materials behave relatively tough over the entire temperature range, such as aluminium, or show relatively brittle behaviour, such as hardened steels (not tempered).



Toughness – Effect of Thickness

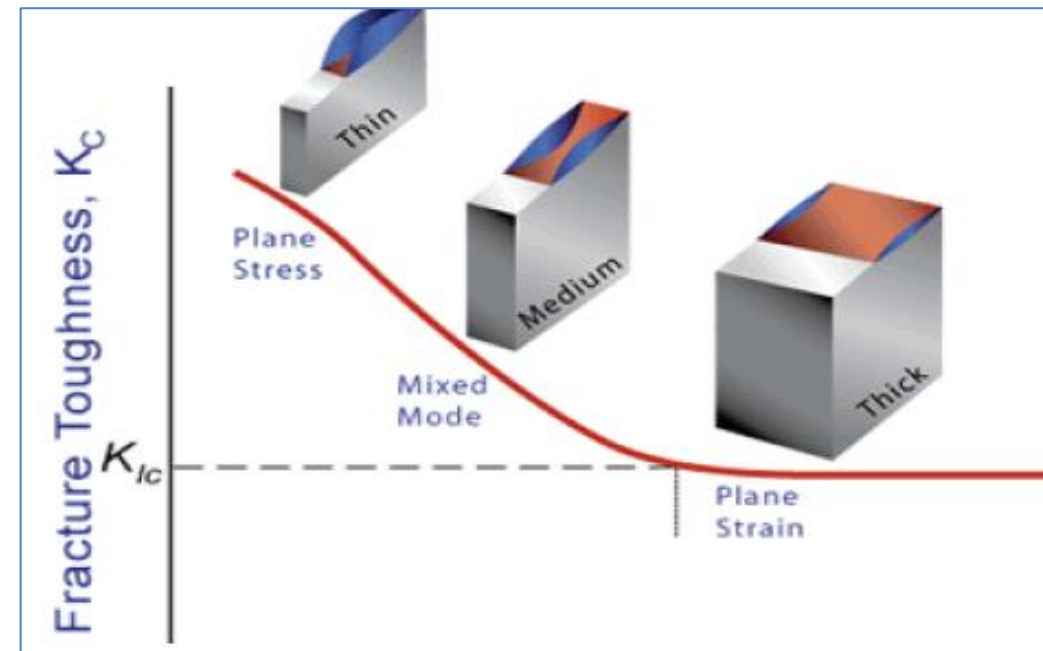
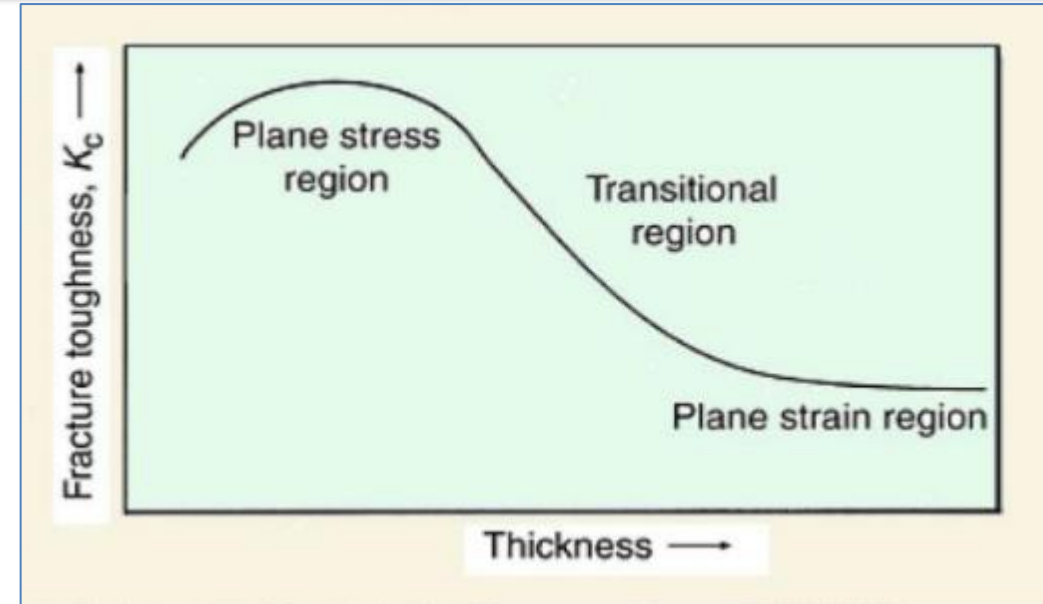
Effect of Thickness

Impact test exemption figure also indicates that by increasing the thickness, the exemption temperature increases as well. Which points out reduction in toughness (increase in DBTT).

Figure demonstrates the effect of plate thickness, which is governed by the stress state in the plate. For thin plates, the prevailing stress state is plane stress and fracture toughness is represented by K_c .

As the plate thickness increases, stress state transitions to plane strain conditions, where fracture toughness is represented by K_{Ic} which is lower than K_c .

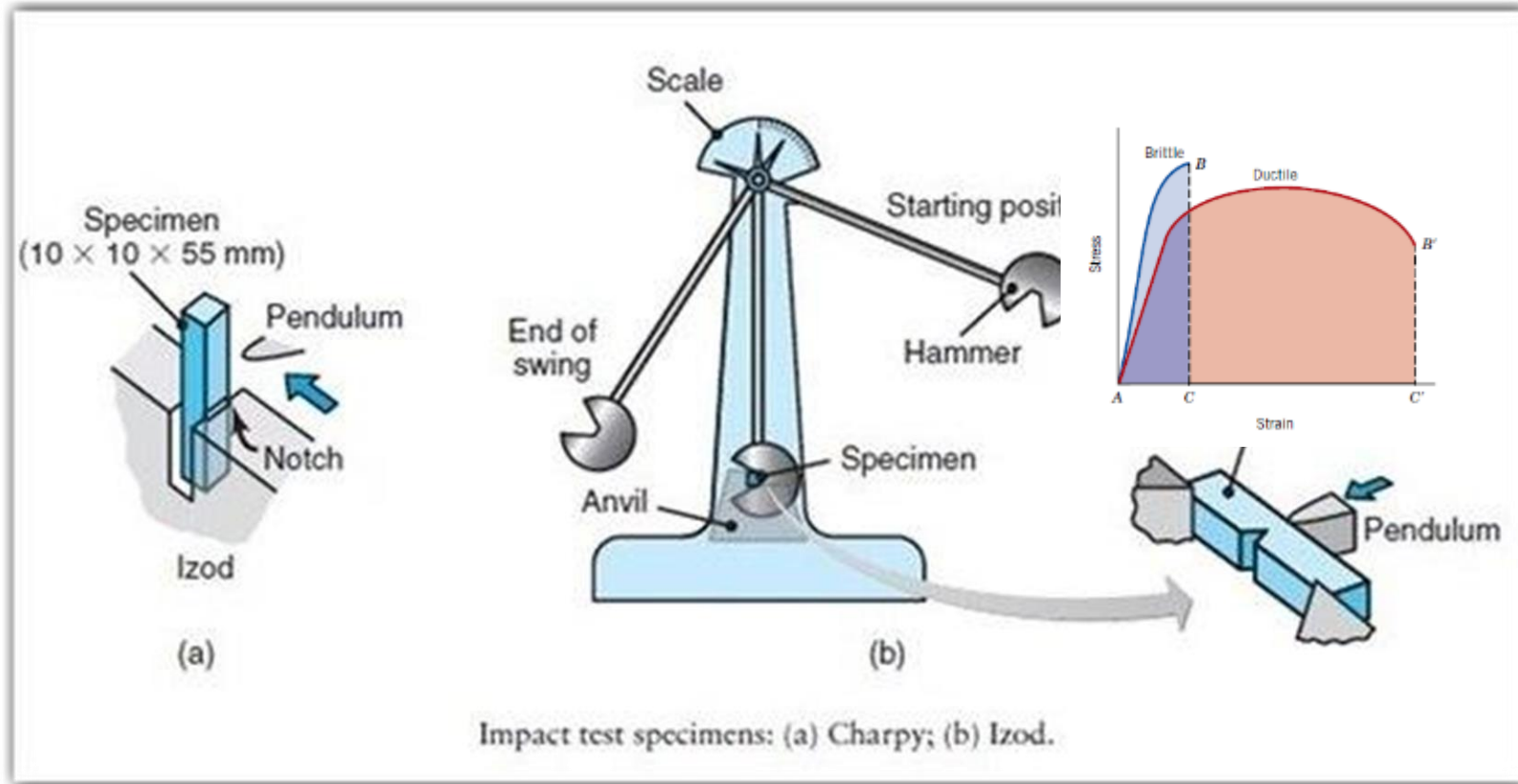
K_{Ic} can be used to obtain fracture toughness of brittle materials or thick sections



Source: - API 579-1 Part 9
- ASM Handbook volume 11 - Failure analysis and prevention

Toughness – Charpy Impact Test

DBTT and toughness is traditionally measured by impact test as per the below figure



Hydrotest of pressure vessels can be safely applied in winter using water temperature of 5° C or less as material will be of high strength and with no risk of failure

a. YES

b. NO

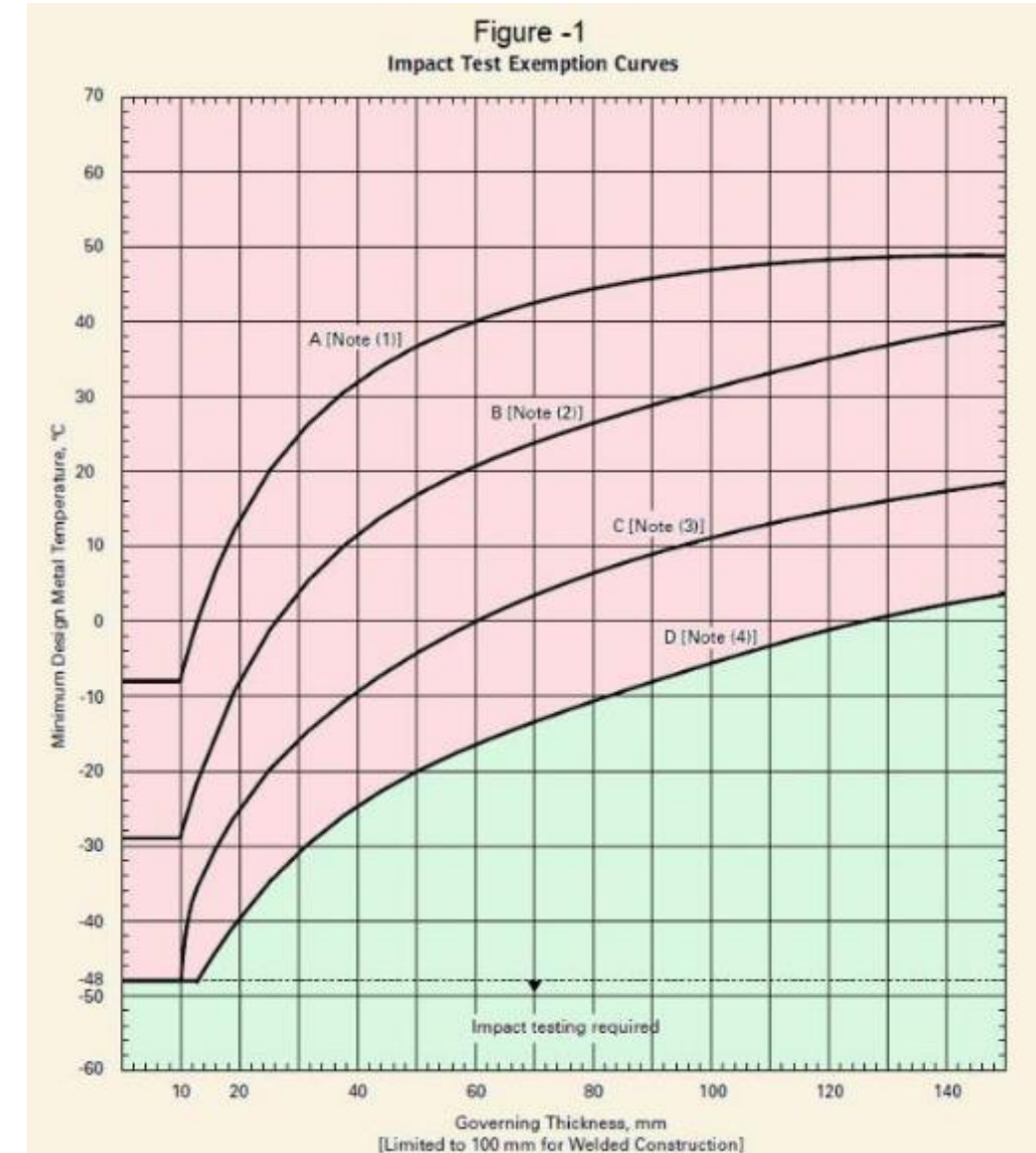
Photo: www.labtesting.com

Toughness – ASME BPVC Sec. VIII div.1 Requirements

Codes are the Industry Guide

The figure is the impact test exemption curve from [ASME BPVC Sec. VIII Div.1](#) which used for the determination of the Minimum Design Metal Temperature (MDMT).

The figure indicates how the toughness fracture reduced with temperature decrease. The figure is colored so that for group D, green portion indicates impact test is required and in red part exempted



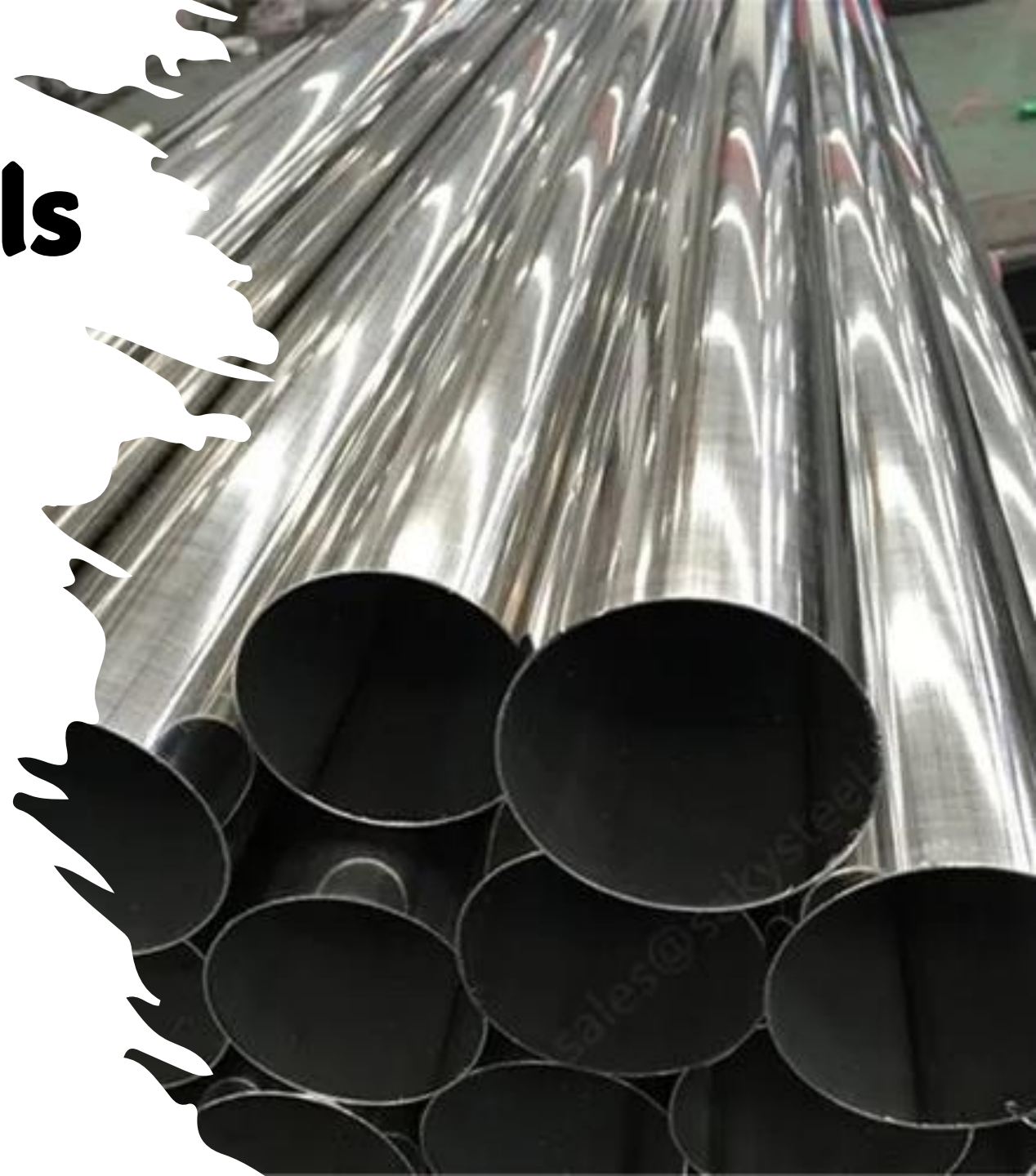
Source: ASME BPVC SEC. VIII Div.1 – UCS 66

Common Materials

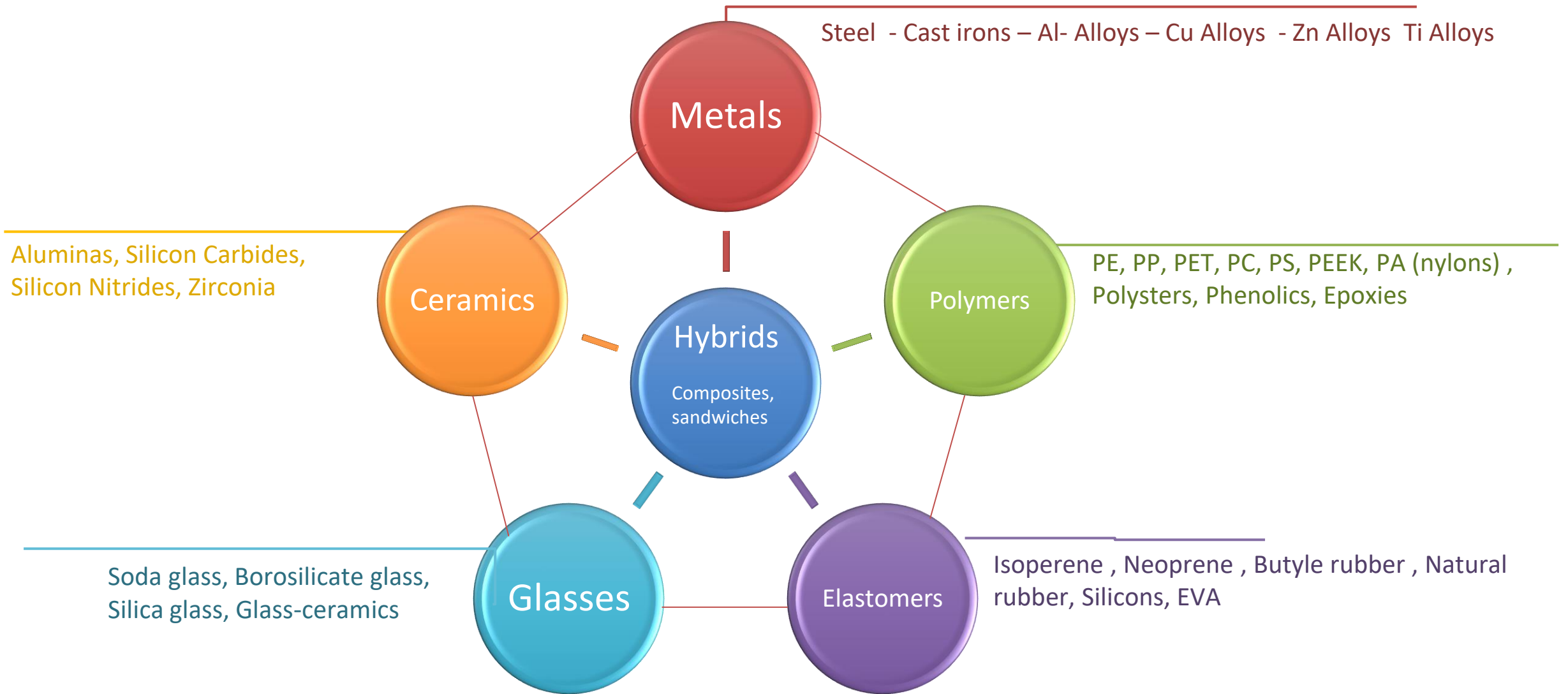
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Common Engineering Materials



Major Materials – Ferrous Alloys

Ferrous Alloys

High Carbon Iron Alloy
C > 2%

Cast Iron

- **Gray CI** (2-4%C, 1-3% Si) - Graphite Flakes - Better water corrosion compared to steel)
- **White CI** (iron carbide) , Less Si – Hard and Brittle
- **Malleable CI** (produced by heat treatment of white irons)- good workability
- **Ductile Iron** (Nodular CI) – good ductility
- **High Si CI** (Gray CI with Si >14%) – Good corrosion resistance and inherent hardness (0.95% c and 14.5% Si)

C < 2%

Steel

Plain Carbon Steel

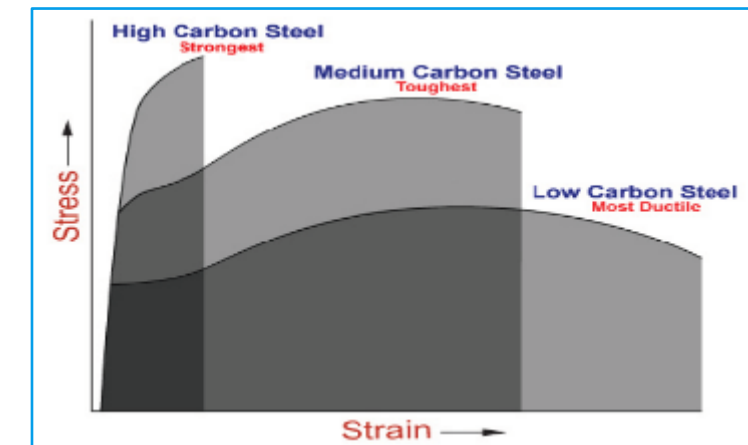
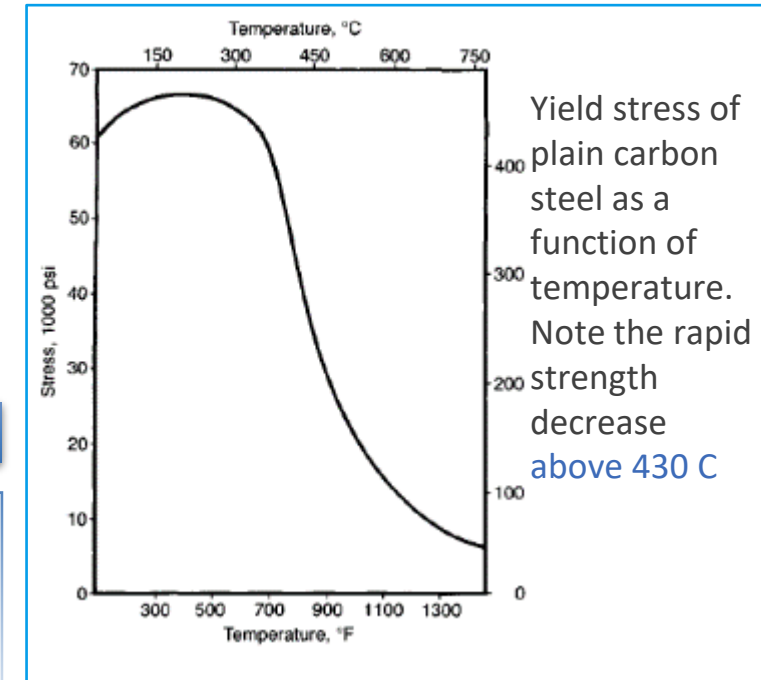
- Low CS (C<0.2%)
- Medium CS (C: 0.2-0.5%)
- High CS (C > 0.5%)

Low Alloy Steel

- Alloying elements < 8%
- Examples:
• Cr-Mo Steels
- Used for high temperature applications

High Alloy Steel

- Alloying elements < 9%
- Examples:
• Stainless Steels (Cr > 9%)
- Used for high temperature applications, corrosion resistance, wear resistance

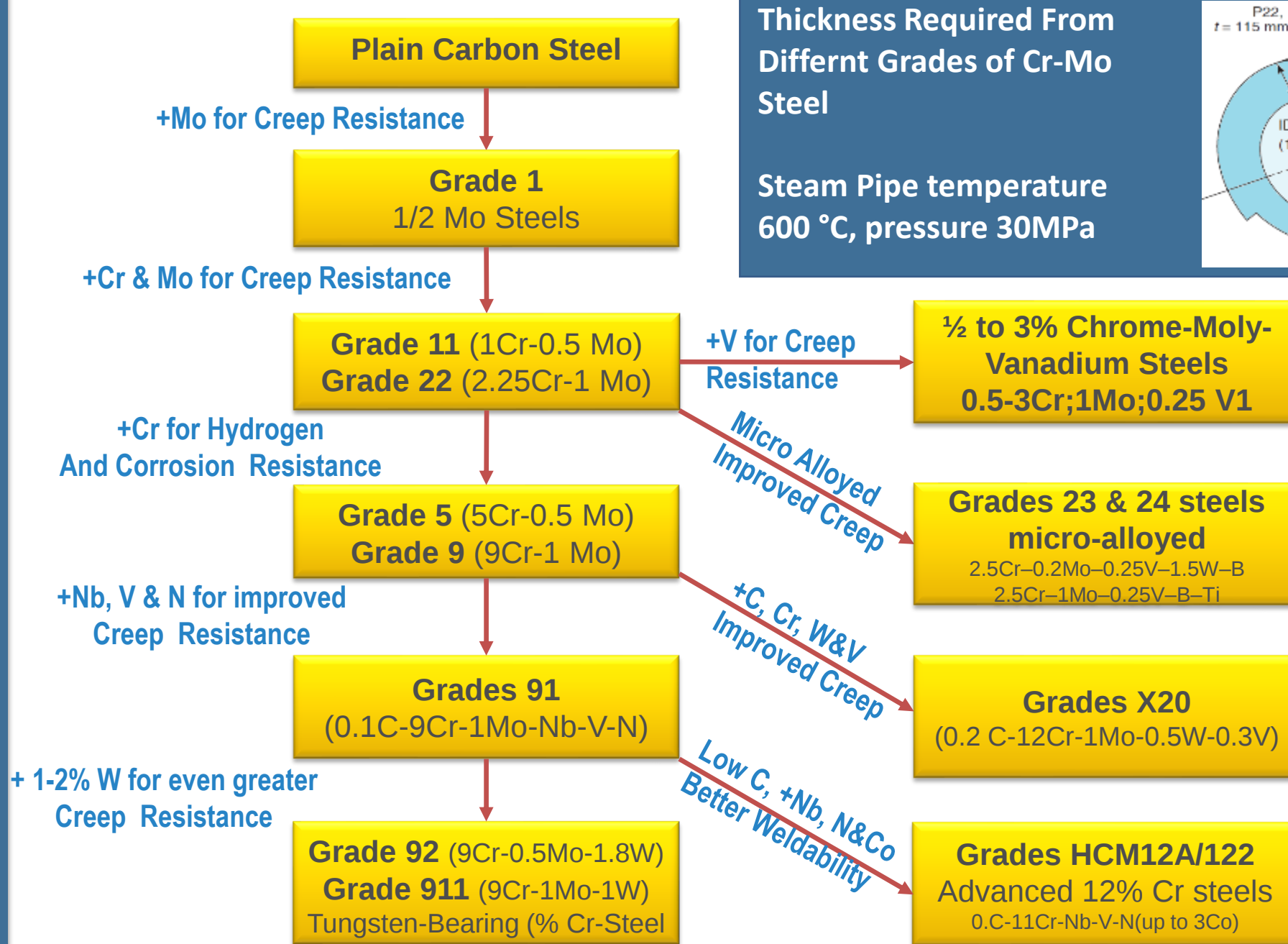


Classification of Steels

Composition	Manufacturing Method	Finishing Method	Deoxidation Practice	Microstructure	Required Strength	Heat Treatment
Such as Carbon Steel Low Alloy Steels Stainless Steels	Such as Open hearth Basic Oxygen Process, Electric Furnace methods	such as Hot Rolling Cold Rolling	such as killed Semikilled Capped Rimmed steel	such as Ferritic Pearlitic Martensitic	As specified in ASTM High strength Intermediate strength Low strength	Such as Annealing Tempering Quenching

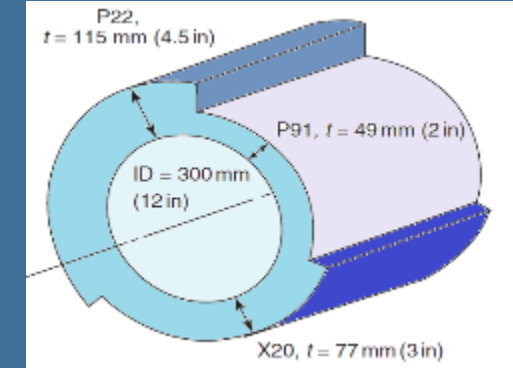
Reference : ASM Handbook, Volume 1, Properties and Selection: Irons, Steels, and High Performance Alloys

Creep Resistance Cr-Mo Low Alloy Steels



Thickness Required From Different Grades of Cr-Mo Steel

Steam Pipe temperature 600 °C, pressure 30MPa

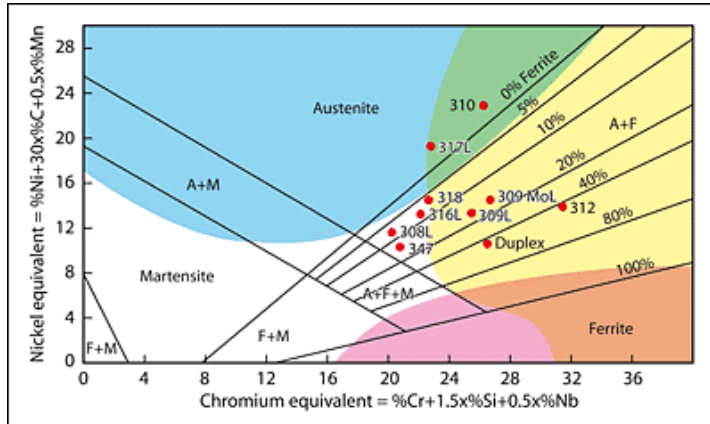


Elevated temperatures are temperatures in the range where creep and stress rupture properties are important for the steels in this specification

Reference: The alloy tree, J. C. M. Farrar

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Stainless Steel Families



Shaeffler Diagram (A-austenite; M – Martensite; F – ferrite)

Stainless steel families

Austenitic Stainless Steels

This group contains at least 16% chromium and 6% nickel (the basic grade 304 is referred to as 18/8)

Ferritic Stainless Steels

Plain chromium (10.5 to 18%) grades such as Grade 430 and 409

Duplex Stainless Steels

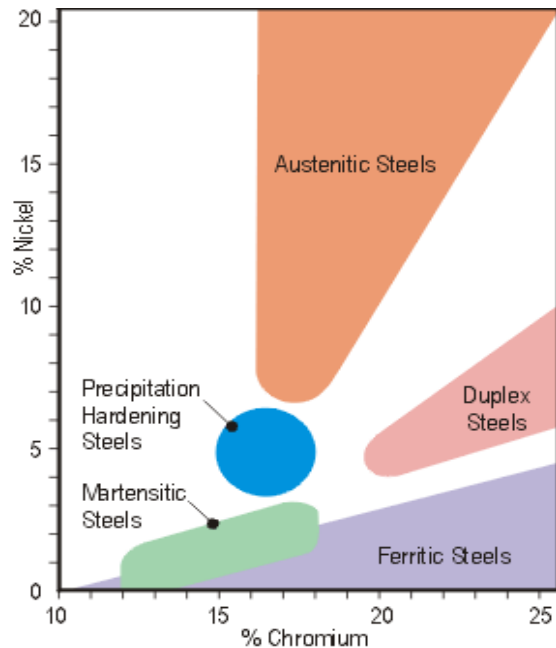
Have microstructures comprising a mixture of austenite and ferrite. Duplex ferritic. Examples : 2205 and 2304

Martensitic Stainless Steels

Chromium as the major alloying element but with a higher carbon and generally lower chromium content (e.g. 12% in Grade 410 and 416) than the ferritic types

PH Stainless Steels

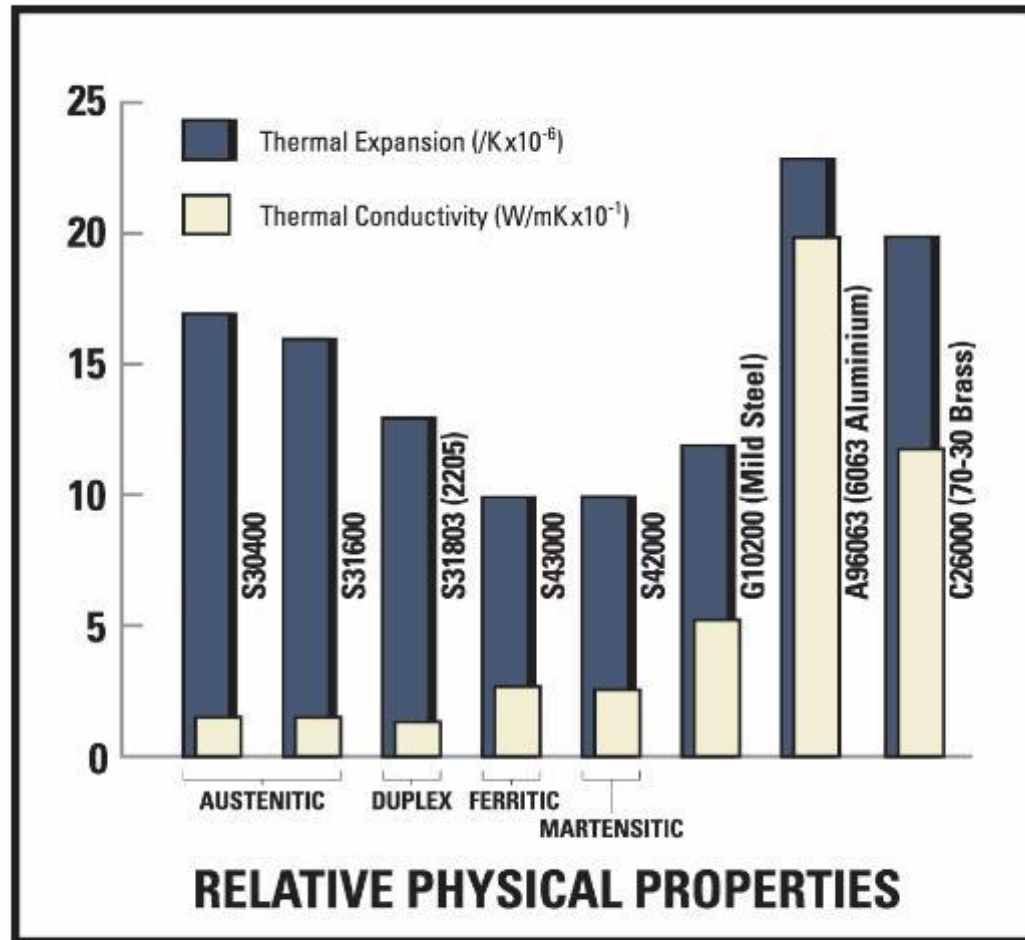
Chromium and nickel containing steels that can develop very high tensile strengths. The most common grade in this group is "17-4 PH"



Reference: Azo Materials [www.azom.com]

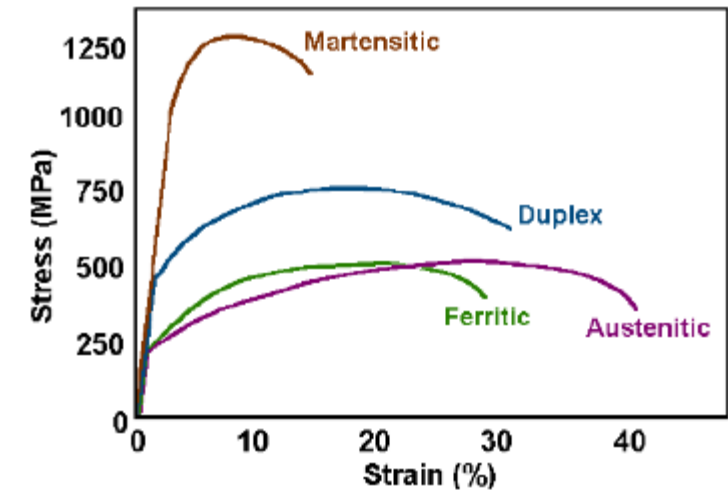
Relative Mechanical and Physical Properties of Stainless Steel

Thermal Expansion and Thermal Conductivity

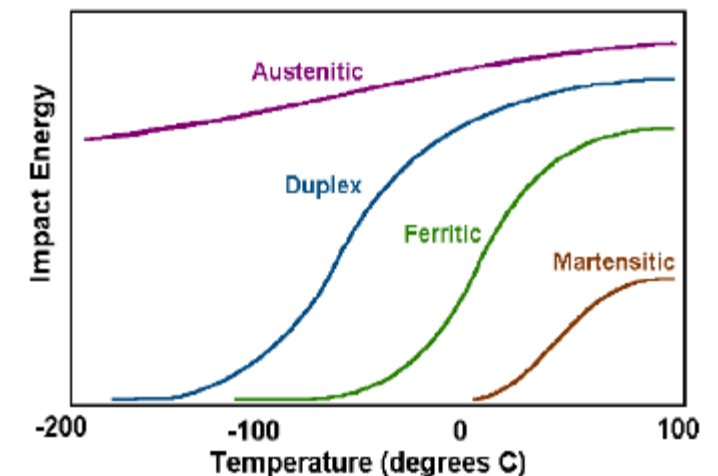


Note: These figures are approximate as there can be a wide variability in quoted results that relate to variations in the actual temperature range and the specific composition.

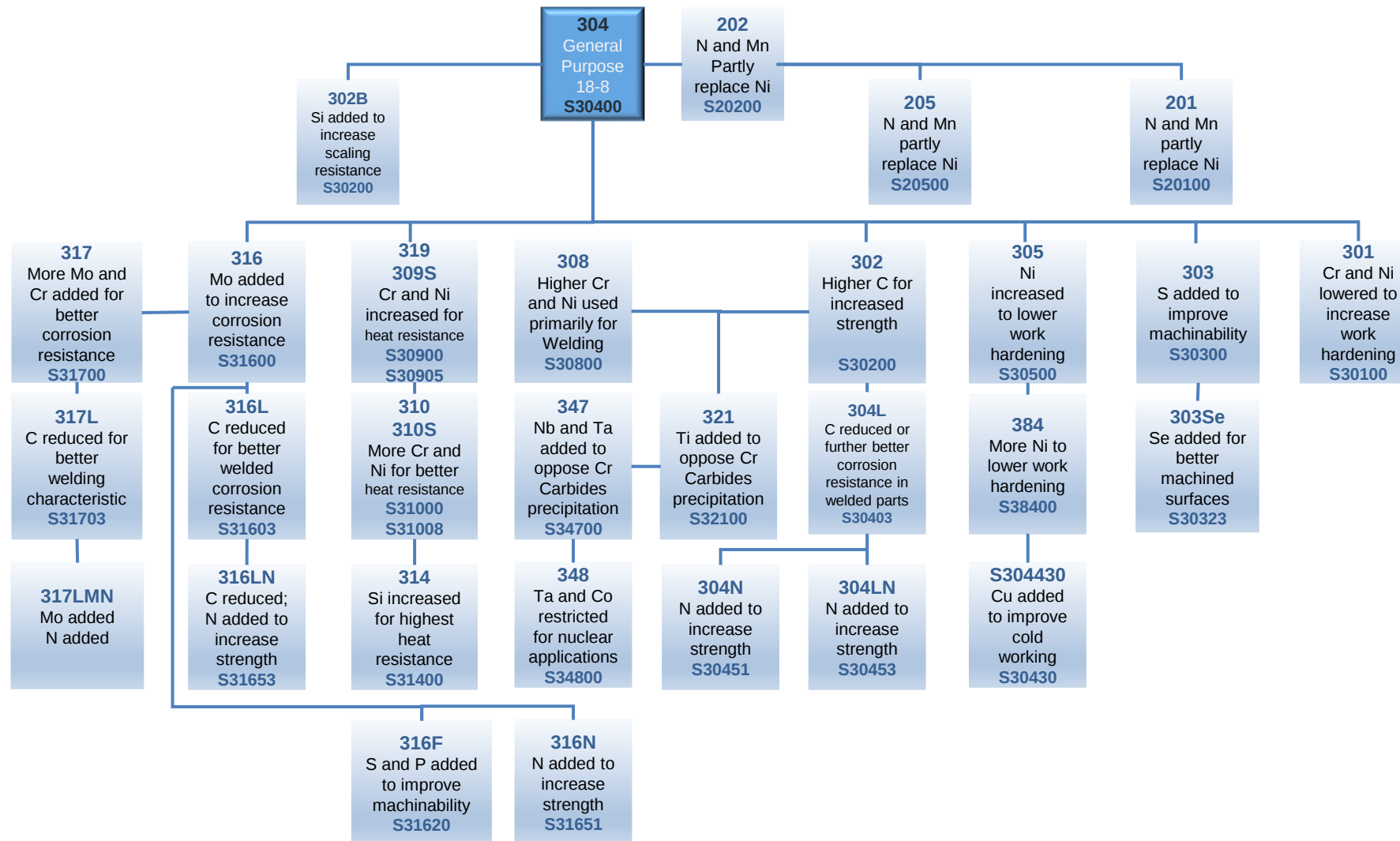
Typical Tensile Properties



Typical Impact Properties



Austenitic Stainless-Steel Families



Magnetic **X**
Ni ✓
Cr ✓

- Corrosion Resistance
- good mechanical properties
- Suitable for High Temp. Application
- Good toughness at low temperature

- Susceptible to Cl SCC and pitting
- Lower oxidation resistance – prone to oxide spalling

Al: Aluminum	P: Phosphorous
C: Carbon	S: Sulfur
Cr: Chromium	Se: Selenium
Cb: Columbium	Si: Silicon
Co: Cobalt	Ta: Tantalum
Cu: Copper	Ti: Titanium
Mn: Manganese	V: Vanadium
Mo: Molybdenum	W: Tungsten
N: Nitrogen	
Ni: Nickel	

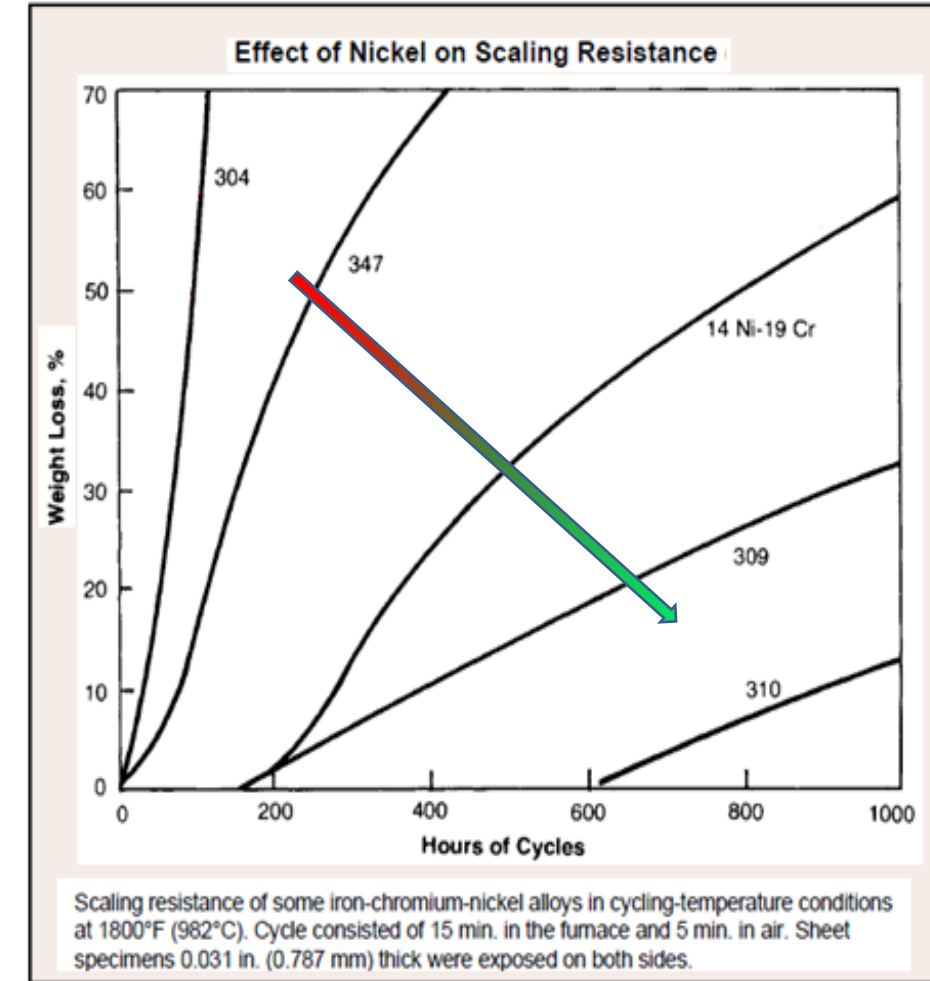
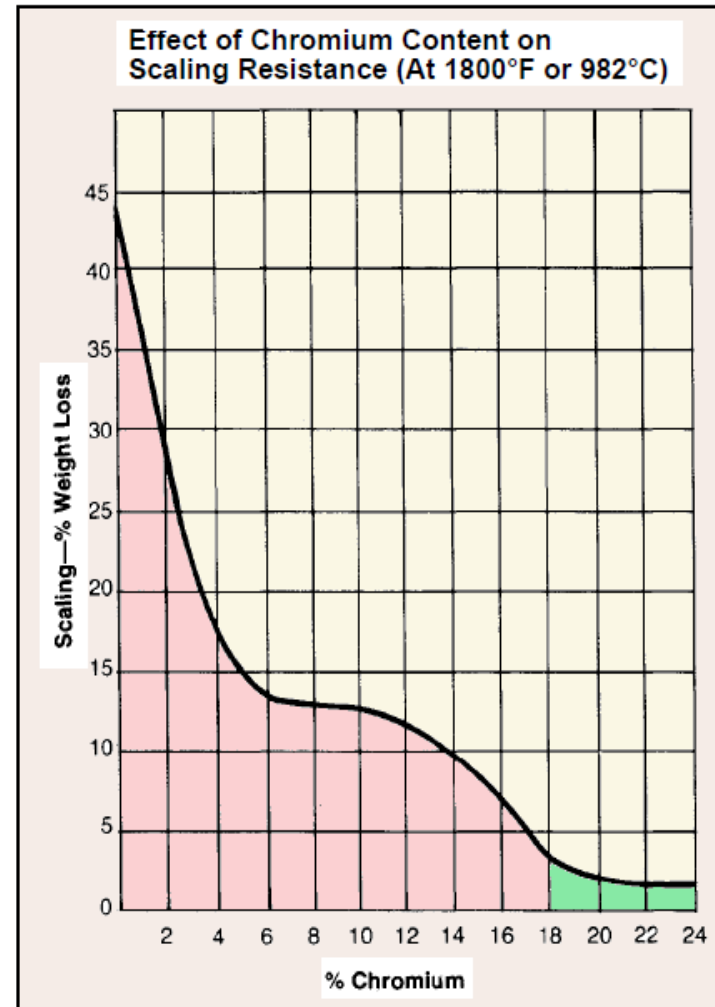
Source: ASM- Stainless Steel for Design Engineers

Suggested Maximum Service Temperatures in Air (1)

AISI Type	Intermittent Service		Continuous Service	
	°C	°F	°C	°F
201	815	1500	845	1550
202	815	1500	845	1550
301	840	1550	900	1650
302	870	1600	925	1700
304	870	1600	925	1700
308	925	1700	980	1800
309	980	1800	1095	2000
310	1035	1900	1150	2100
316	870	1600	925	1700
317	870	1600	925	1700
321	870	1600	925	1700
330	1035	1900	1150	2100
347	870	1600	925	1700
410	815	1500	705	1300
416	760	1400	675	1250
420	735	1350	620	1150
440	815	1500	760	1400
405	815	1500	705	1300
430	870	1600	815	1500
442	1035	1900	980	1800
446	1175	2150	1095	2000

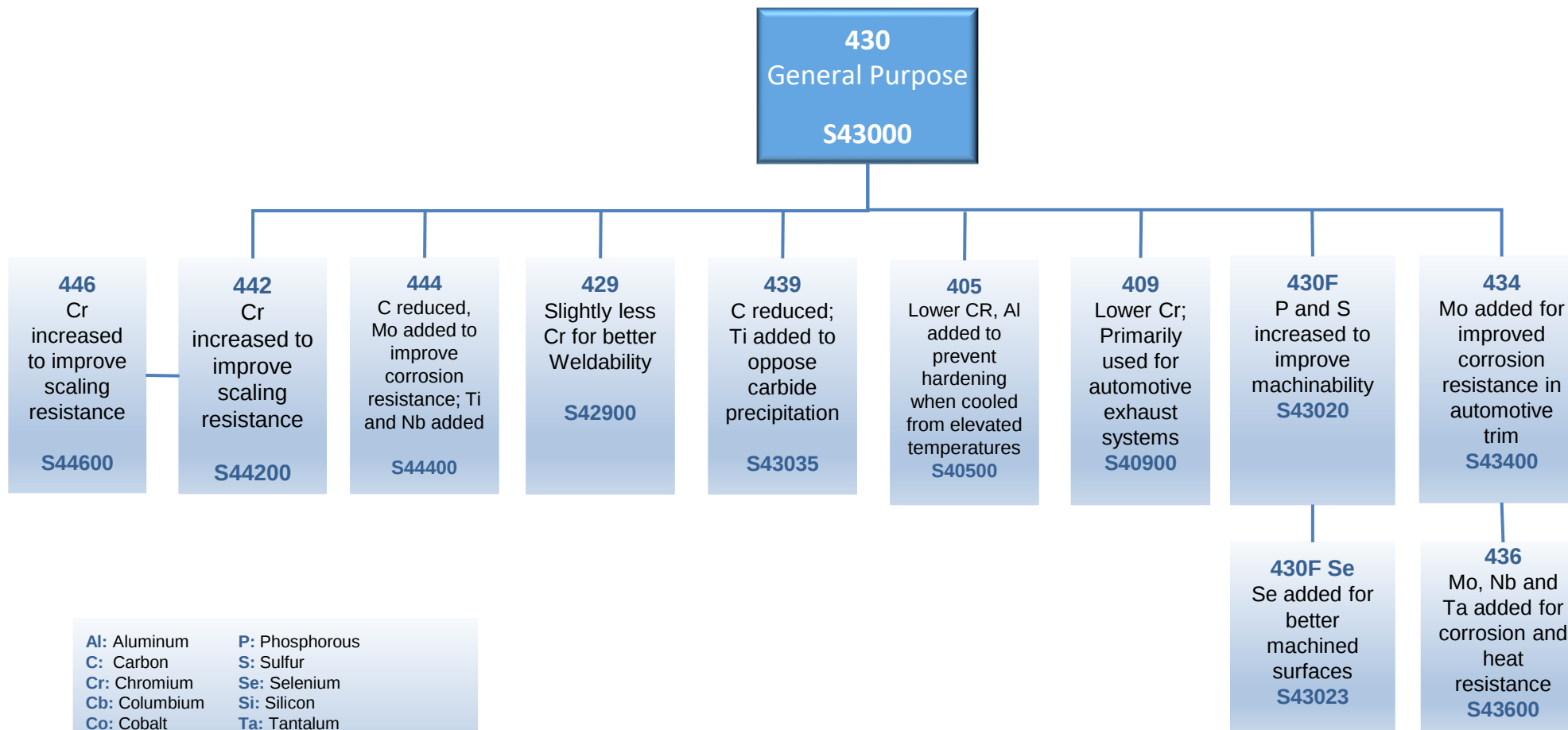
Austenitic Stainless-Steel Families

Scaling Resistance



Source: NiDi- High Temperature Characteristics of Stainless Steels

Ferritic Stainless Steel Families



Magnetic ✓

Ni ✗

Cr ✓

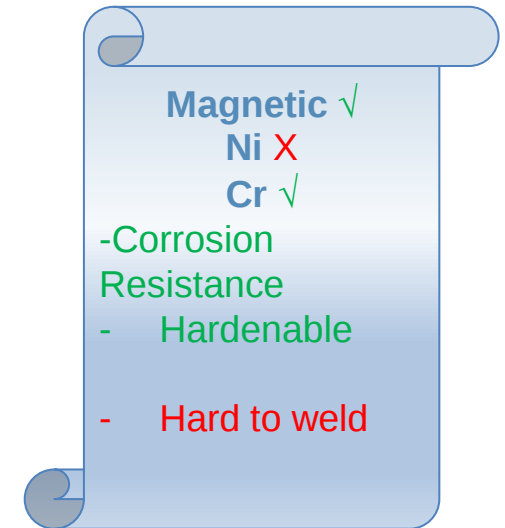
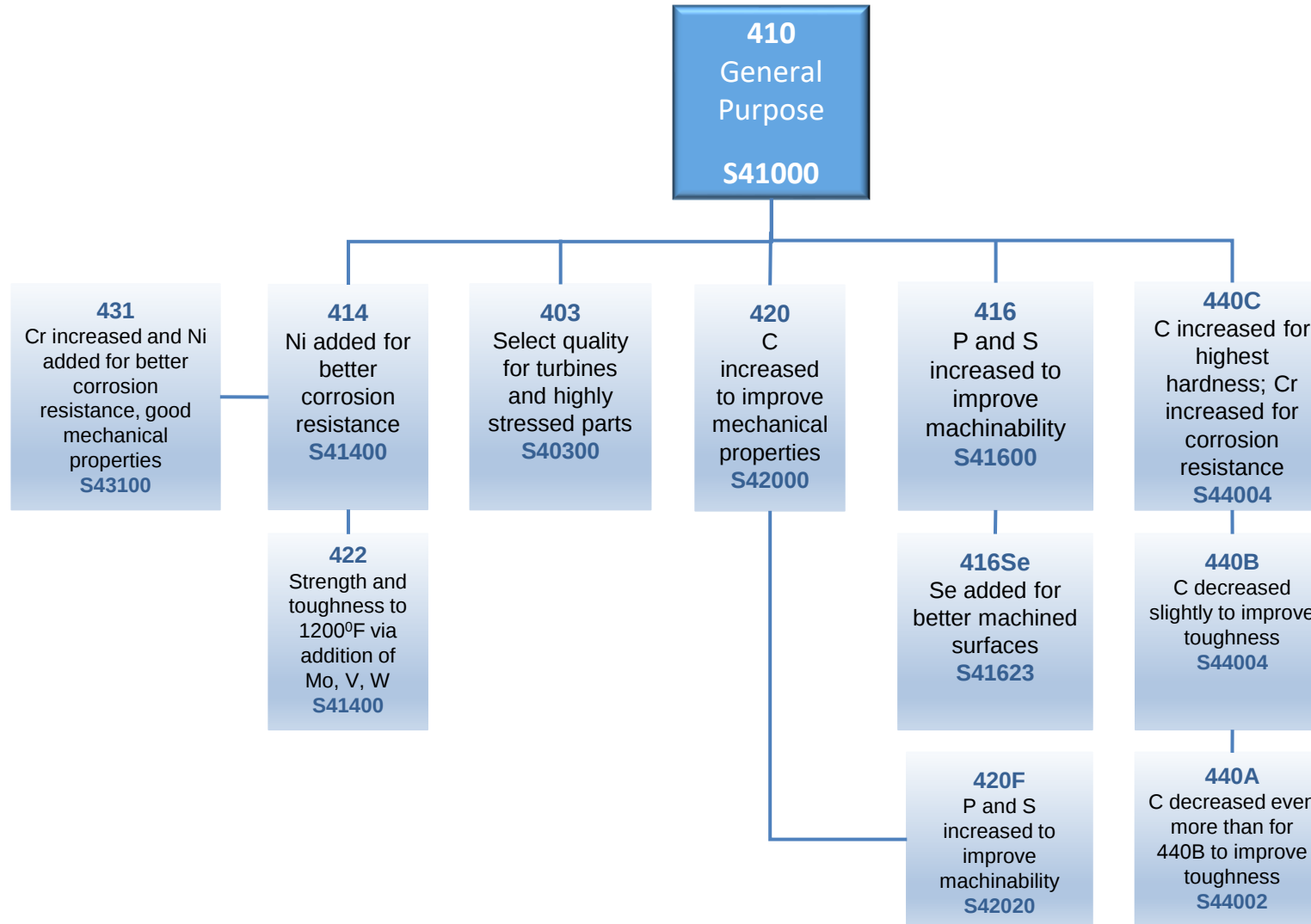
-Corrosion Resistance

- Not Suitable for High Temp. Application (subject to 475 embrittlement)

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Cr: Chromium
Cb: Columbium
Co: Cobalt
Cu: Copper
Mn: Manganese
Mo: Molybdenum
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Source: ASM- Alloying, Understanding the Basics

Martensitic Stainless Steel Families

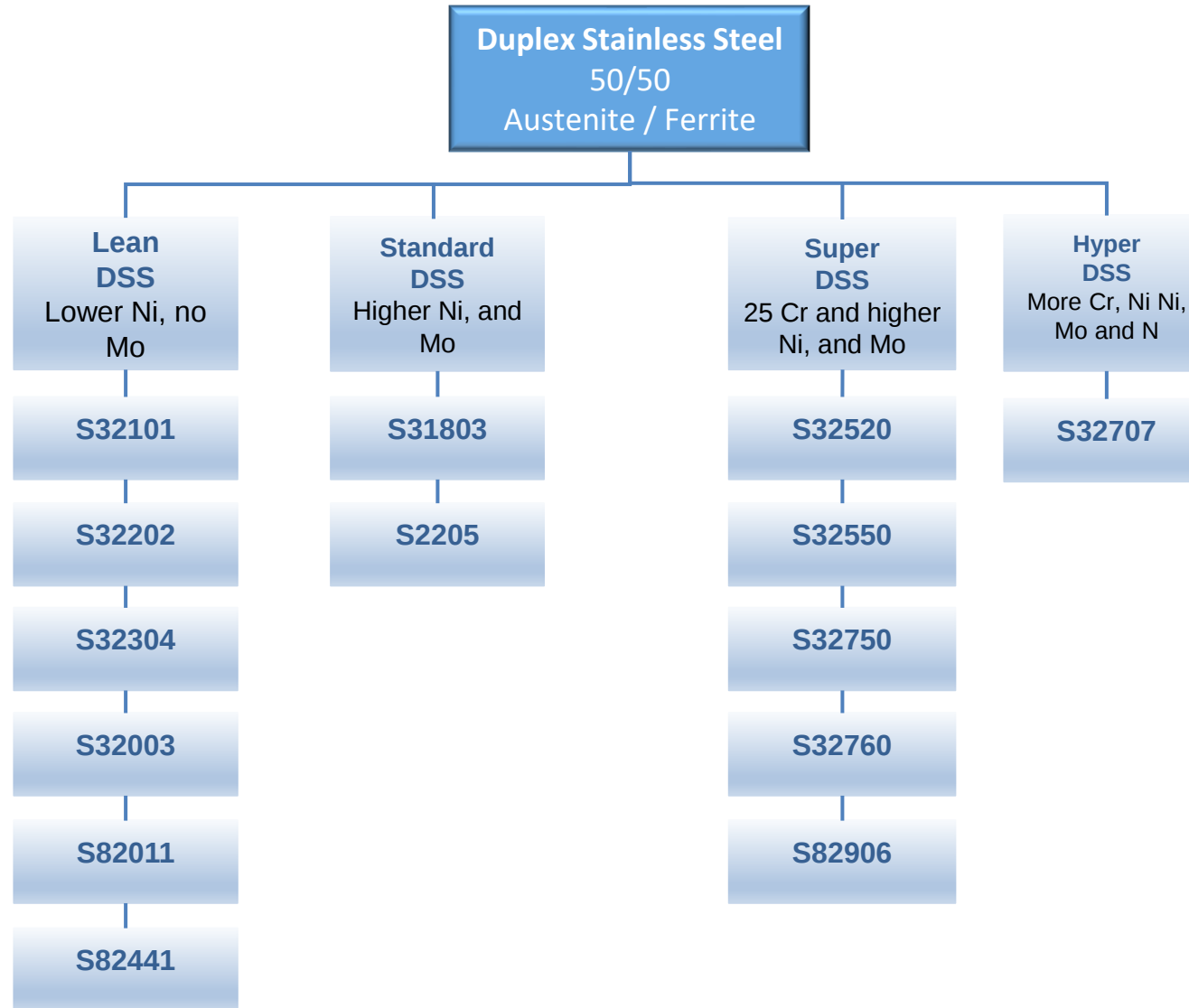


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Duplex Stainless Steel Families



Magnetic ✓
Ni ✓
Cr ✓

-Corrosion Resistance
- Pitting resistance in Cl service (High PREN)
- High strength

- Not suitable for High T applications (subject to 475 embrittlement)

Al: Aluminum
C: Carbon
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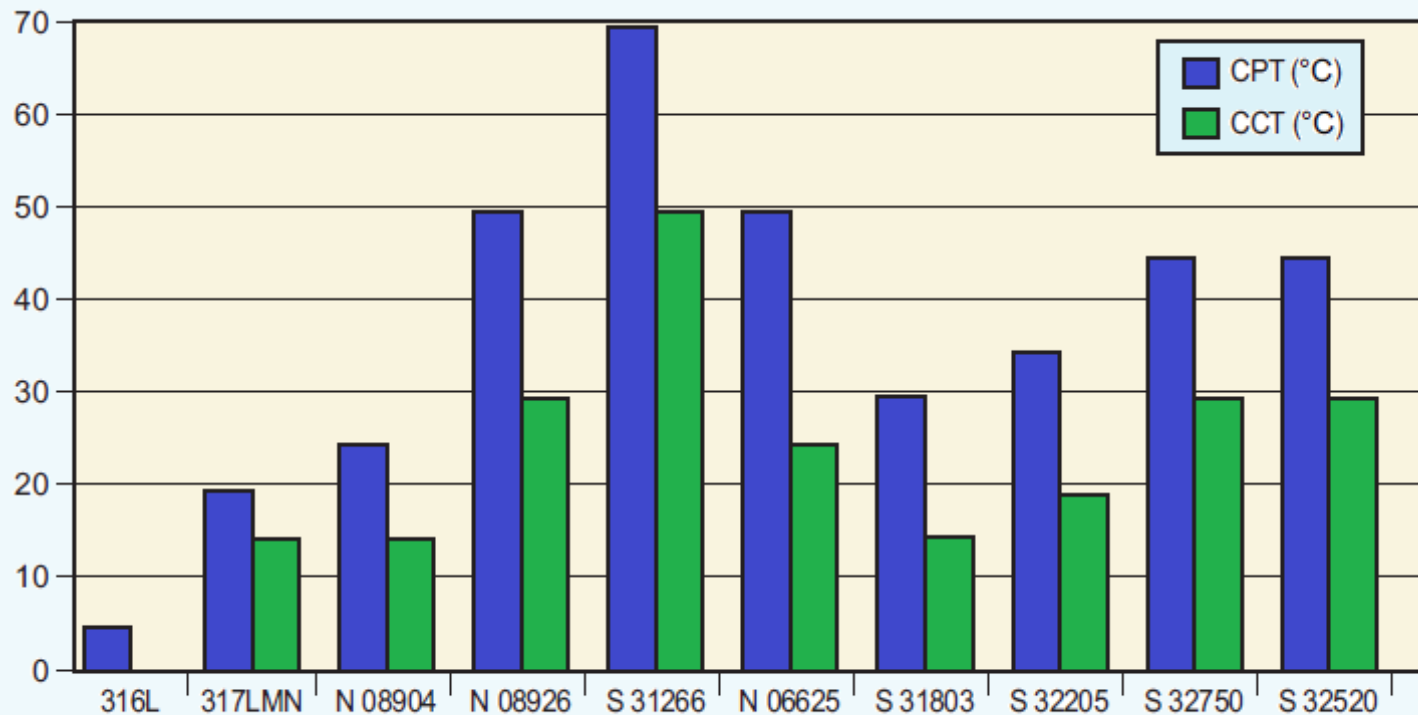
Source: API 938C, Use of DSS in Oil Refinery Industry

Duplex Stainless Steel Families

$$\text{PREN} = \% \text{Cr} + 3.3\text{Mo} + 16\text{N}$$

$$\text{PREN: } \% \text{Cr} + 3.3 \times (\% \text{Mo} + 0.5 \times \% \text{W}) + 16 \% \text{N}$$

Grade	PREN
304L	19
316L	24
2205 S3205	35
2507 S32750	43



PREN: Pitting Resistance Equivalent Number

CPT : Critical Pitting Resistance Temperature

CCT : Critical Crevice Corrosion Resistance

Is standard DSS more resistance to pitting than 316L ?

a. YES

b. NO

Source: API 938C, Use of DSS in Oil Refinery Industry

Duplex Stainless Steel Families

Table 5—ASME Code Maximum Allowable Temperatures

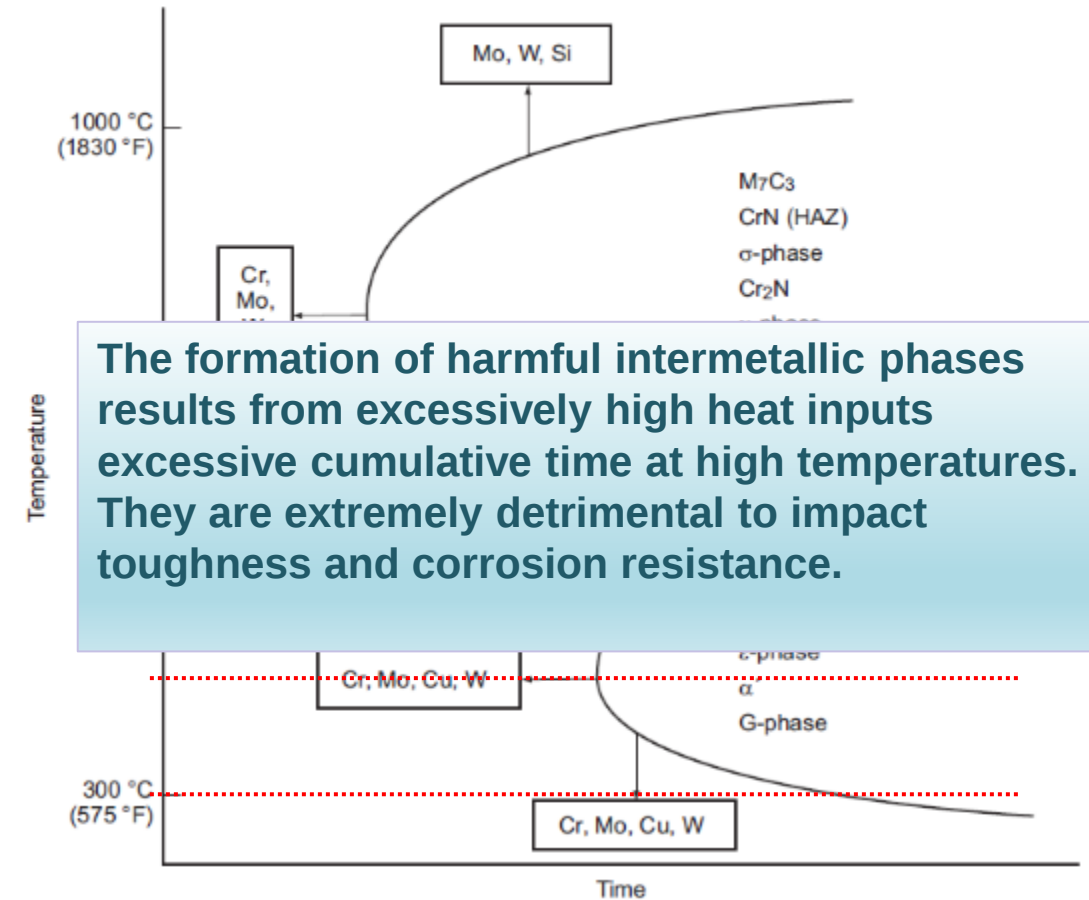
Grade	ASME Section VIII (Div. 1) °C (°F)	ASME B31.3 °C (°F)
S32304	316 (600)	316 (600)
S32101	316 (600) Code Case 2418	NL
S32202	316 (600)	NL
S32003	343 (650) Code Case 2503	343 (650)
S32906	316 (600)	NL
S32707	260 (500) Code Case 2586	NL

Maximum operating temperatures are limited by the susceptibility of the ferritic phase to **475 °C (885 °F) embrittlement**.

Most Codes applicable to refinery equipment and piping limit the various DSS grades to between **260 °C to 340 °C (500 °F to 650 °F)**

NOTE 1 NL = not listed.

NOTE 2 S32205 can use the design allowables for S31803 if the material is dual-certified.



The formation of harmful intermetallic phases results from excessively high heat inputs excessive cumulative time at high temperatures. They are extremely detrimental to impact toughness and corrosion resistance.

A vessel in a service suffers from pitting corrosion at 350 °C, can be fabricated from super duplex SS as it has high pitting resistance ?

a. YES

b. NO

Source: API 938C, Use of DSS in Oil Refinery Industry

Precipitation hardening stainless steel (PHSS) family

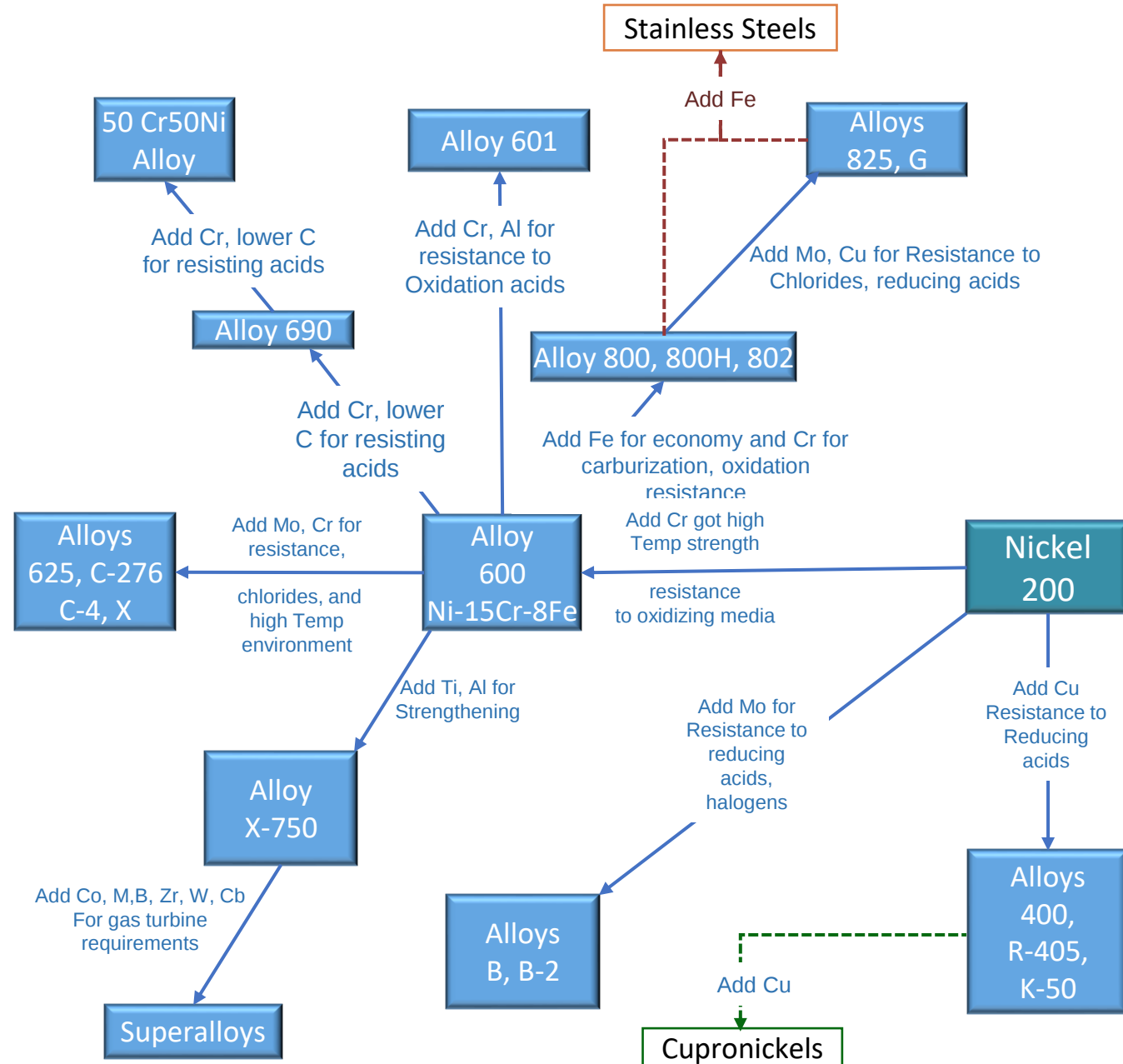
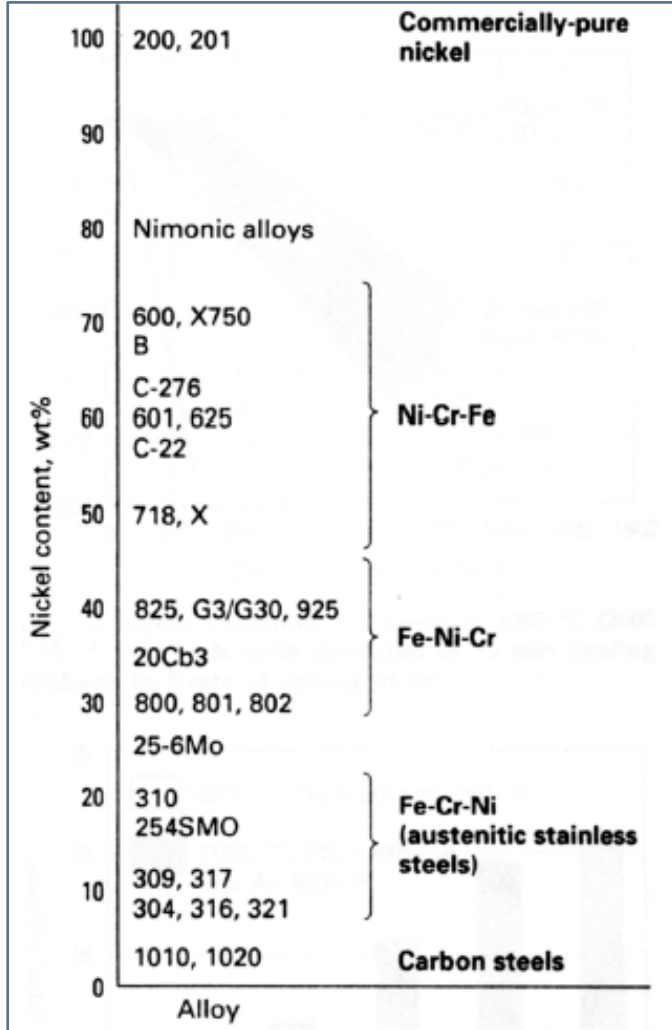
PHSS are typically based on iron, chromium and nickel with one or more of the following elements copper, aluminum, titanium, niobium and molybdenum.

The precipitation strengthening is then performed by a final tempering treatment

Alloy	UNS No.	Composition, %								
		C	Mn	Si	Cr	Ni	Mo	Cu	Ti	Other
Martensitic										
PH 13-8 Mo	S13800	0.05	0.10	0.10	12.8	8.0	2.3			Al=1.1
15-5PH	S15500	0.07	1.0	1.0	14.8	4.5	-	3.5		Nb=0.3
17-4PH	S17400	0.09	1.0	1.0	16.3	4.0	-	4.0		Nb=0.3
Semi-austenitic										
PH15-7Mo	S15700	0.09	1.0	1.0	15.0	7.1	2.5	-	-	Al=1.1
17-7PH	S17700	0.08	0.9	0.5	16.5	7.5	-			Al=1.0
Austenitic										
A-286	S66286	0.08	2.0	1.0	15.0	25.5	1.25	-	-	Ti: 2.1 Al: ≤0.35 V: 0.3

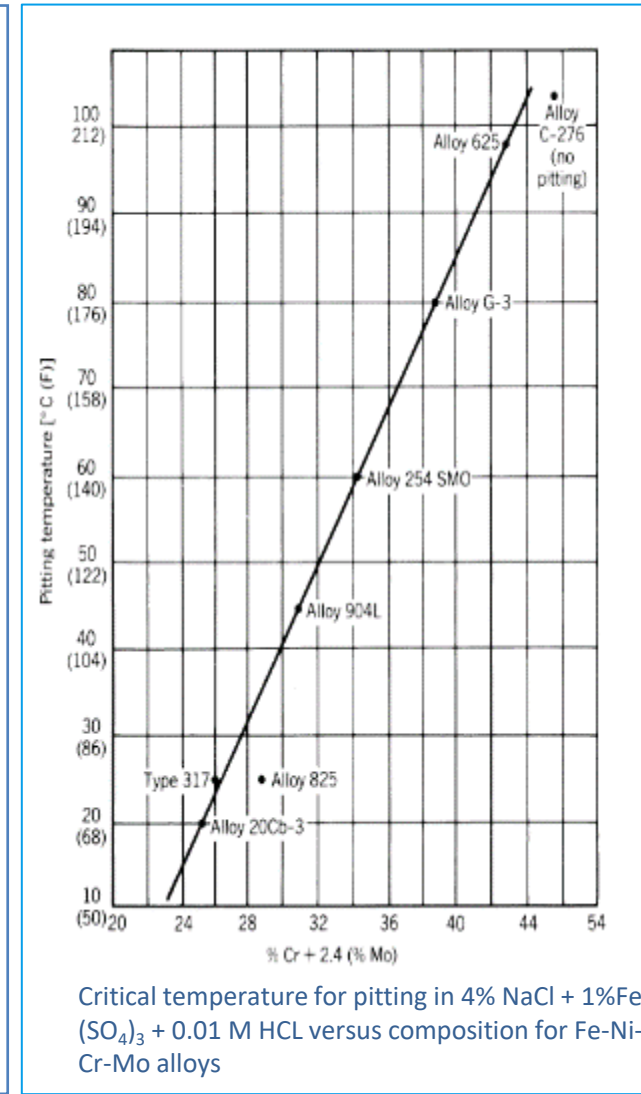
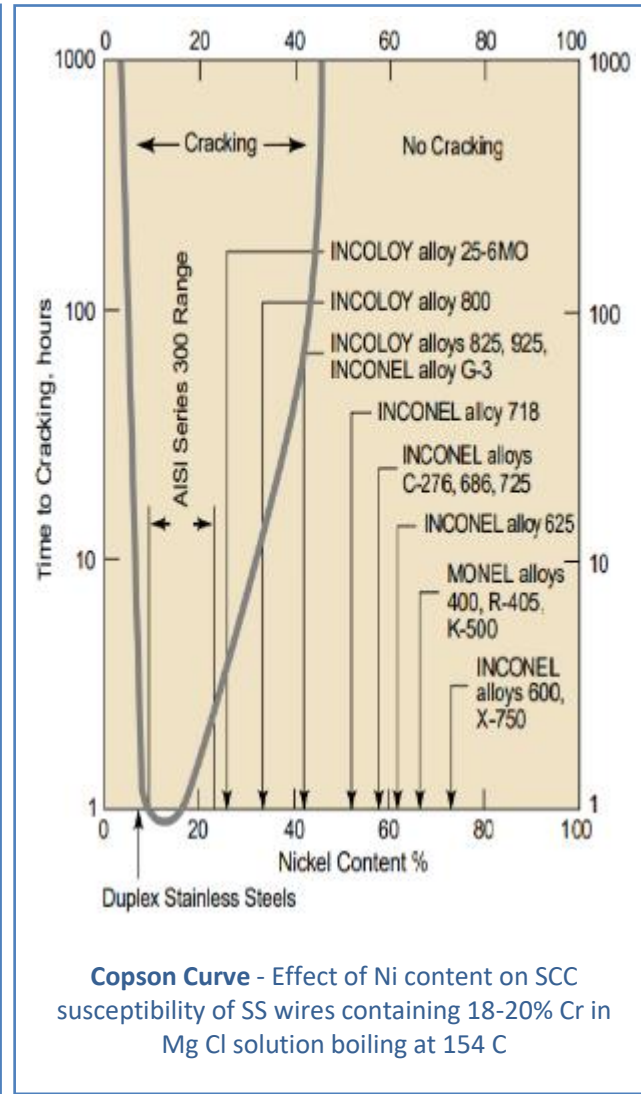
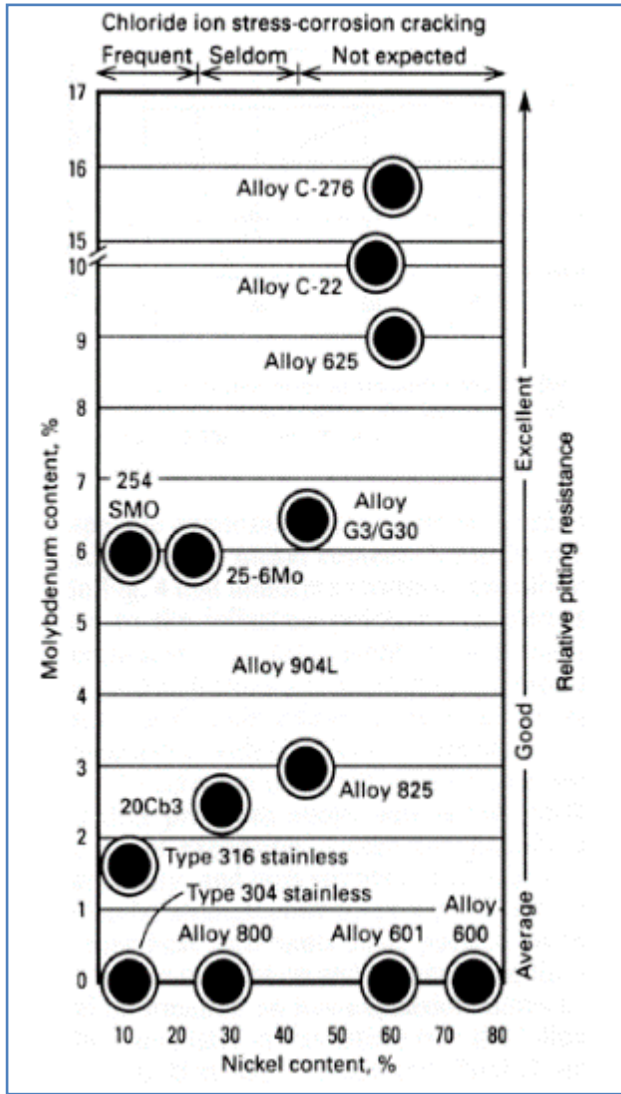
Reference: Sandvic – Precipitation hardening stainless steel

Nickel Alloys



Source: ASM Corrosion of Weldments

Nickel Alloys



High Ni contents (about 50%) would be required for resistance to chloride SCC.

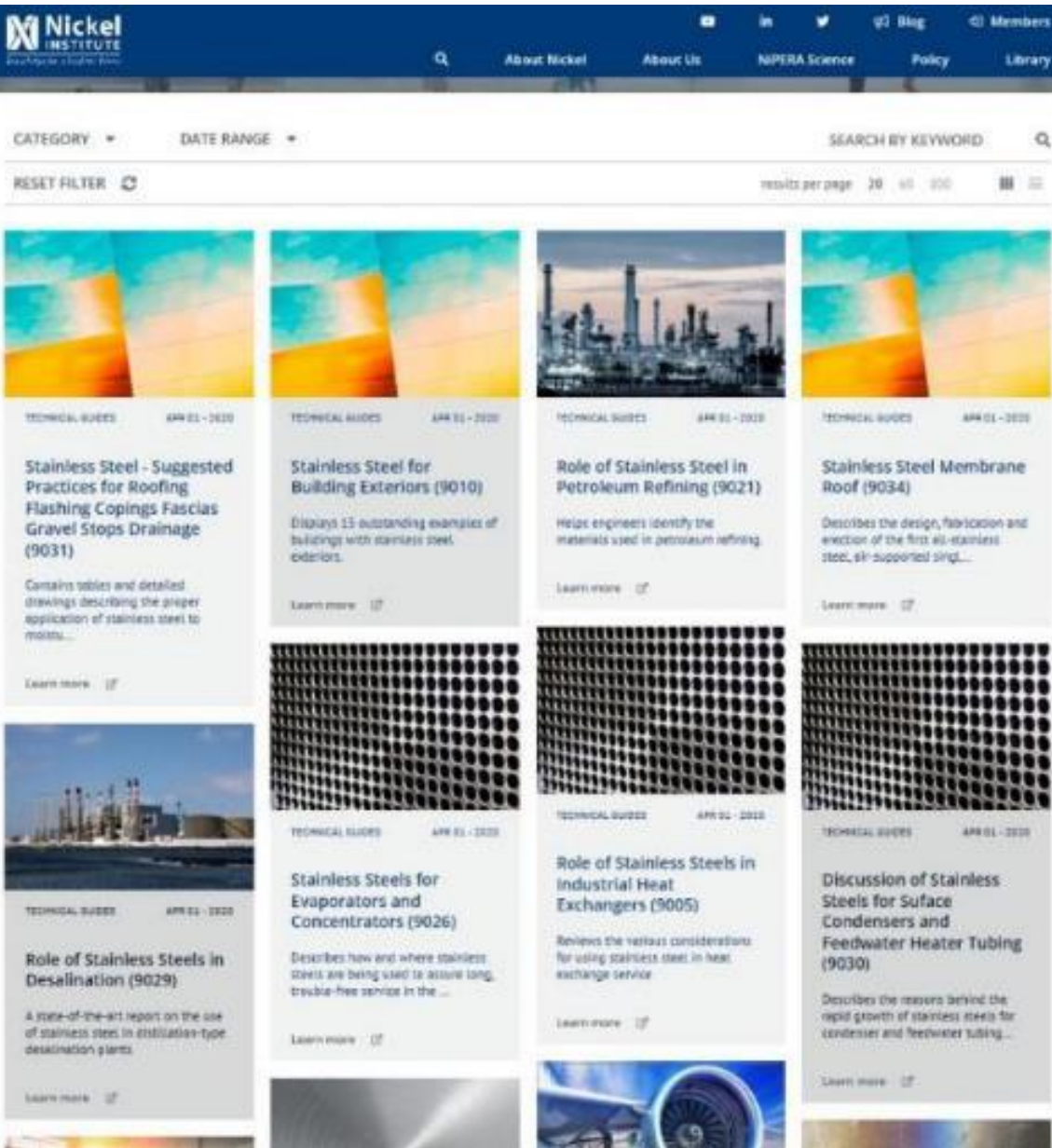
SCC is not usually observed at nickel contents at or above 42%.

Cr and Mo has a very good relationship to enhance critical pitting temperature in a salt solution.

$$\text{PREN} = \% \text{Cr} + 3.3 (\% \text{Mo} + 0.5 \times \% \text{W}) + 16 \% \text{N}$$

Reference: ASM – Material Selection handbook
ASM Stress Corrosion Cracking

Recommended Readings for SS and Nickel Alloys



Recommended
Readings for
SS and Ni Alloys



<https://www.nickelinstitute.org/library>

Materials Applications

Static Equipment Awareness

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Materials Application – Carbon Steel

Carbon Steel is widely used in oil and gas industry mainly due to its cost, availability and easy fabrication and welding.

Limitations:

Low corrosion resistance in many applications

Limitations in low temperature $< -29\text{ C}$. Carbon Steel loose toughness

High Temperature: $> 425\text{ C}$. CS low creep strength, high oxidation rate, and susceptibility to carburization

Susceptible to FAC in condensate service



Materials Application – Low Alloy Cr-Mo Steel

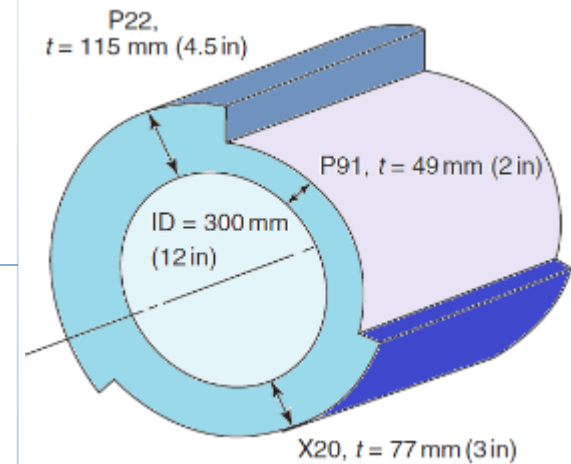
Low alloy Chromium Molybdenum (Cr-Mo) Steels are replacing the Carbon steels as a candidate material where:

- Temperature is higher than the maximum limits of carbon steels
- In application where Hydrogen is present at relative high temperature and partial pressure to resist High Temperature Hydrogen Attack (HTHA)

Common Grades:

- P11 (1.25 Cr- 0.5 Mo)
- P22 (2.5 Cr – 0.5 Mo)
- P5 (5 Cr- 0.5 Mo)
- P91 (9 Cr- 1 Mo)

Note: Cr-Mo steel is usually require application of Post Weld Heat Treatment (PWHT) during fabrication or repair, which sometimes are difficult to apply at site



Steam Pipe
temperature 600 °C,
pressure 30MPa

Materials Application – Stainless Steel

Stainless steels is a material of $\text{Cr} > 11\%$ where Cr formed the distinguishing surface oxide layer of the stainless steels.

Austenitic stainless steels is applied widely where:

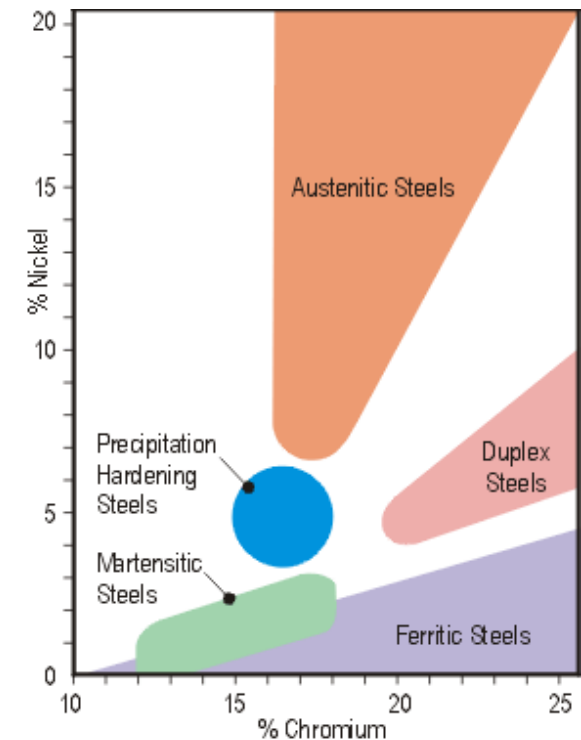
Higher Corrosion resistance is required

Temperature is higher than the maximum limits of Cr-Mo Steels

Temperature is lower than the lower limit of CS to avoid brittle fracture and toughness loss

A main concern of austenitic SS is the susceptibility to pitting and cracking in Cl services, Where DSS is preferred for this aspect

Duplex and ferretic stainless steels limited for Temp. $\leq 316^\circ\text{C}$ to avoid 475°C (885°F) embrittlement



Materials Application – Nickel Based Alloys

Ni Based alloys (Incoloy, Inconel, Monel,.....) are replacing Stainless steels when:

- Higher Corrosion resistance is required
- Temperature is higher than the maximum limits of stainless Steels (oxidation, metal dusting, Nitriding, carburization,..)

Ni Alloys are of much higher cost compared to stainless steels which limits its application.

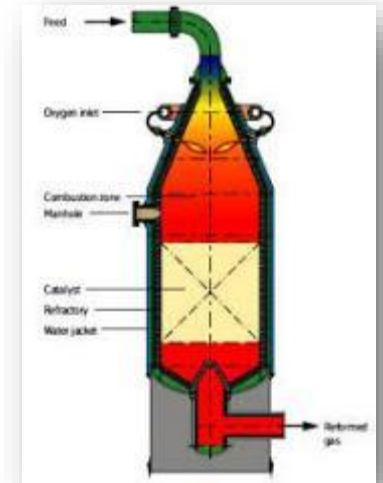
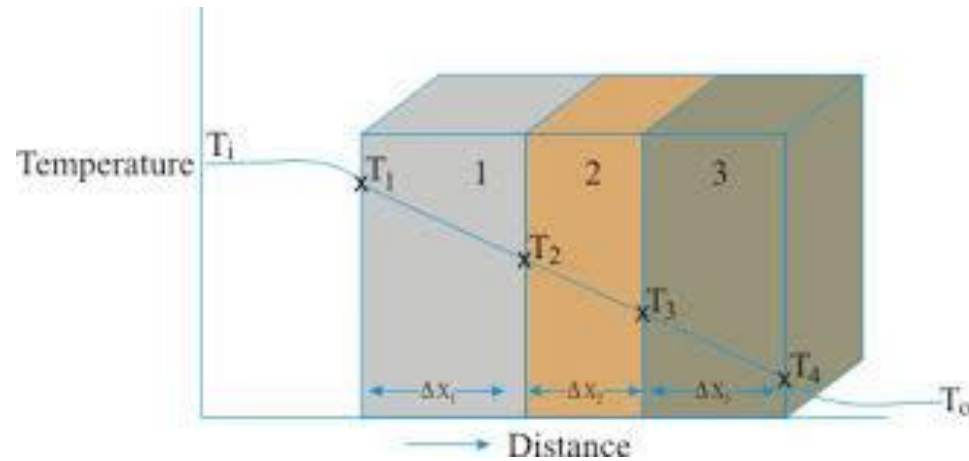
Alloys with Ni >42% is almost immune for chloride SCC.

Alloy 825 (42% Ni) is often specified for applications requiring resistance to chloride SCC.

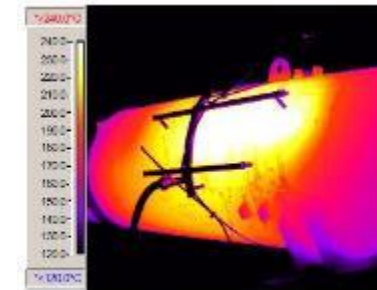


Materials Application – Refractory Lined

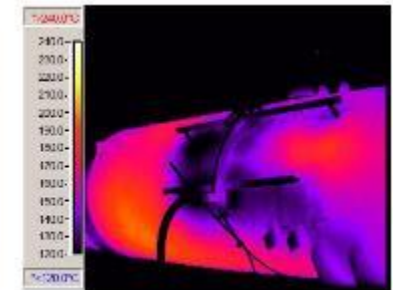
Refractory lining is applied where the metals cannot withstand the operating temperature and / or to reduce the cost of the equipment by using lower design temperature and hence lower material grade



Hot Spots due to degradation of refractory or quality issues once occurred, damage of the metallic enclosure can be very fast with potential catastrophe failure



Piping Hot Spot: Steam Cooling Off



Piping Hot Spot: Steam Cooling On

Materials Application – Non Metallic Piping and Vessels

Non metallic materials include wide range of different materials like: FRP, PVC, PE, Cement, lined equipment

Usually applied where corrosion resistance is required

Limited in temperature application

Special precautions (Protection from UV, vent holes for PTFE lined,)

Preferred application for underground piping to have good corrosion resistance without need of Cathodic Protection



Industrial Challenges

Static Equipment Awareness

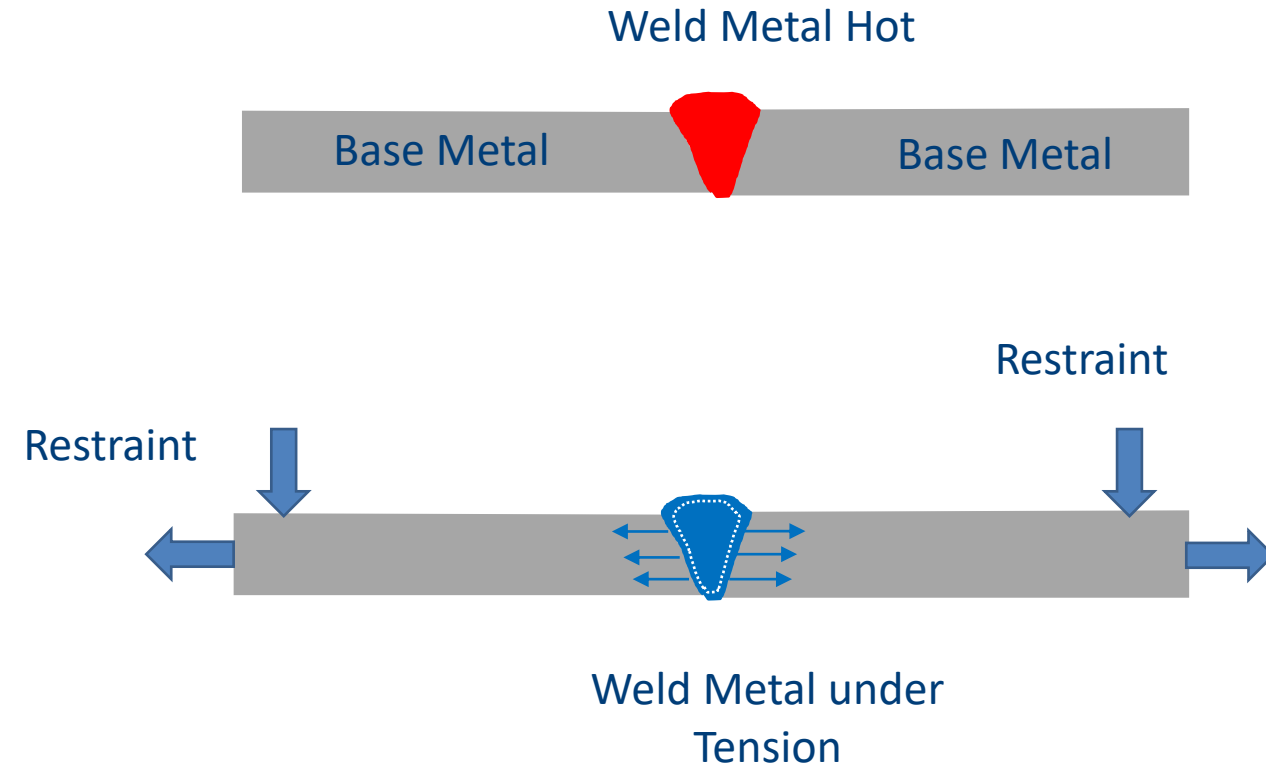
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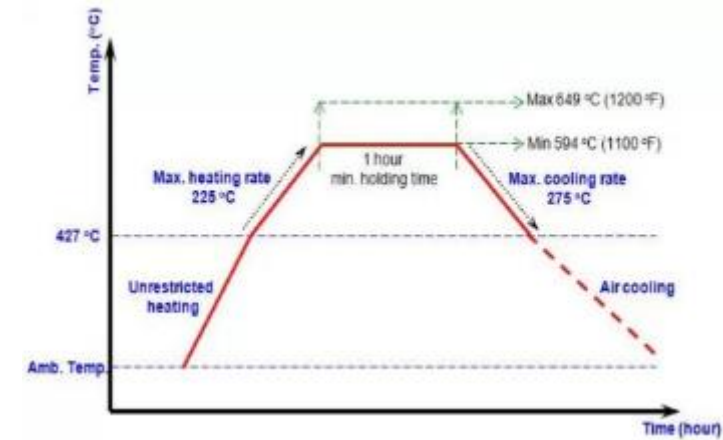
Post Weld Heat Treatment [PWHT]

- When weld is applied it is molten metal and thermally expanded when filling a groove.
- When weld metal cools, it will shrink a lot. Yield Strength is low for much of the cooling range.
- Surrounding metal that was not heated to molten temperatures will constrain or keep the weld from shrinking as it cools.
- Post Weld Heat Treatment is a procedure to reduce residual stress, temper the HAZ, and remove hydrogen from the weld region after a seam weld is made.



Post Weld Heat Treatment [PWHT]

- Weld and HAZ heated below the transition temperature for several hours and then gradually allowed to cool.
- Can Global (entire vessel)
- Can be Local (weld seam and surrounding metal)



Rule of thumb

- Hold at temperature for 1 hour per inch of plate thickness
- Minimum duration of 30 minutes



Post Weld Heat Treatment [PWHT]

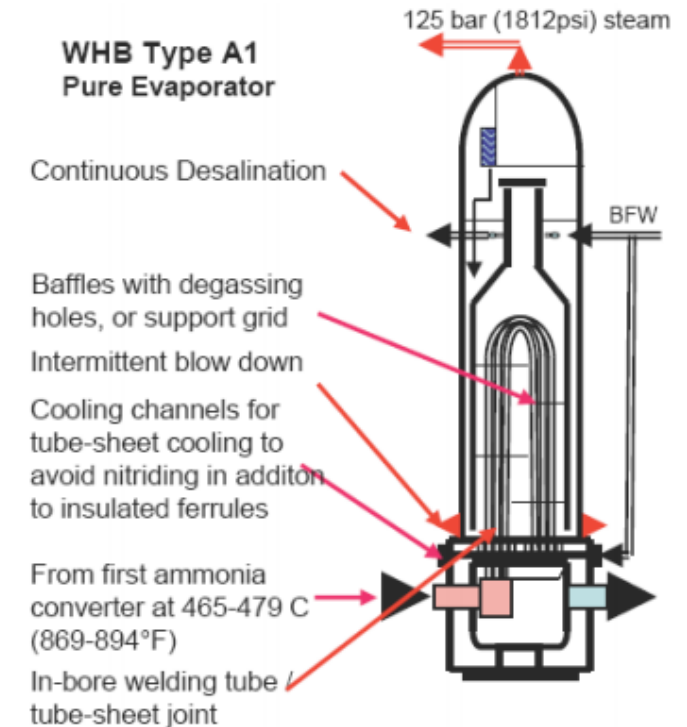
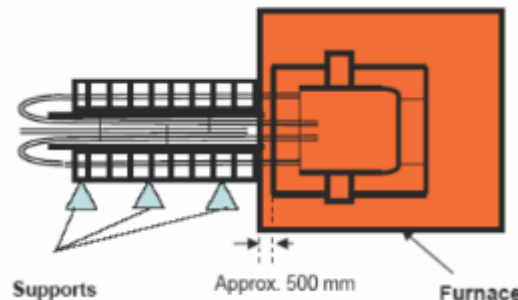
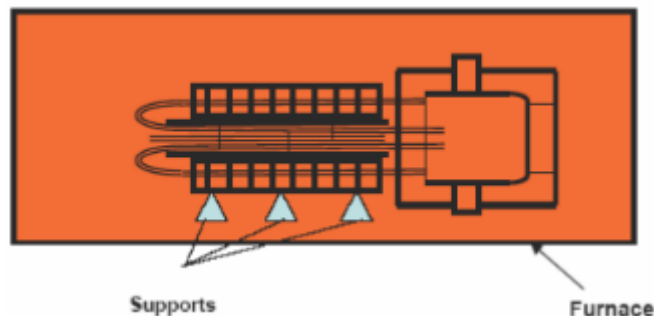
Oxidation scale generated during Post Weld Heat Treatment can cause in-service failure

Case Histories In WHBs in ammonia plant doing the PWHT for the full equipment in a furnace caused high scales on the tubes which thought to be a major contributing factor for experienced immature failure

The material of the tubes and the tube-sheet is 2 ¼ Cr steel due to hydrogen partial pressure requirements as per API 941, requiring a post weld heat treatment (PWHT).

suspicion that oxide layers formed during PWHT of the boilers would not be removed by the boil-out procedure and could cause damages in boiler.

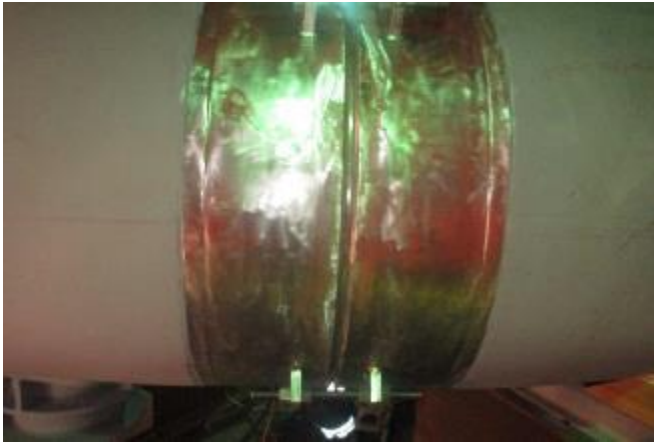
PWHT to be performed on Channel assembly only, or in a furnace with the bundle under Nitrogen atmosphere



Reference: Failures in Ammonia Plant Vertical Waste Heat Boilers Potential Causes & Remedies, Pan Orphanides and Reinhard Michel - 2008

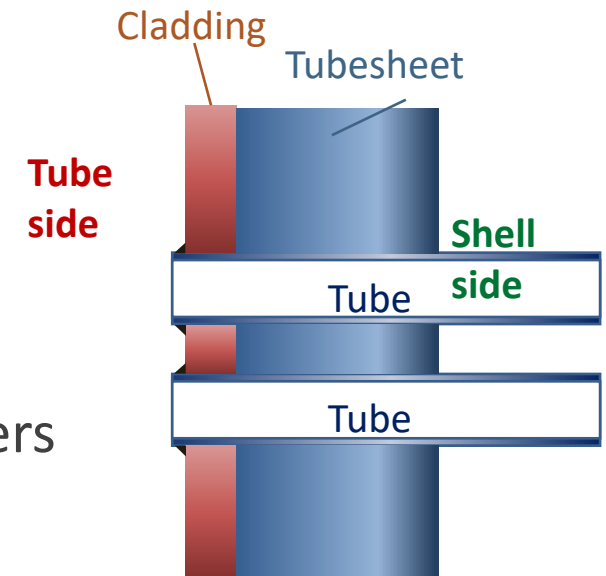
Post Weld Heat Treatment [PWHT]

Practical ideas to avoid forced PWHT and enhance maintainability and in service repair



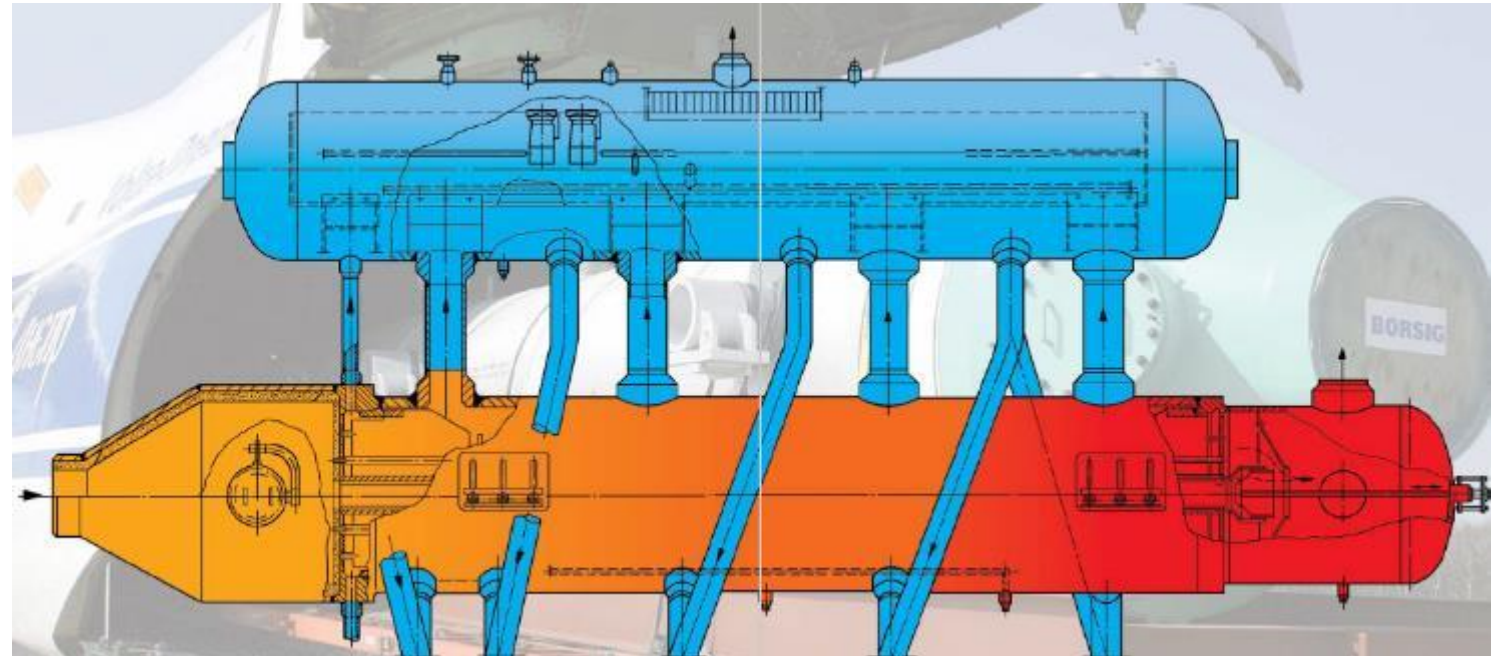
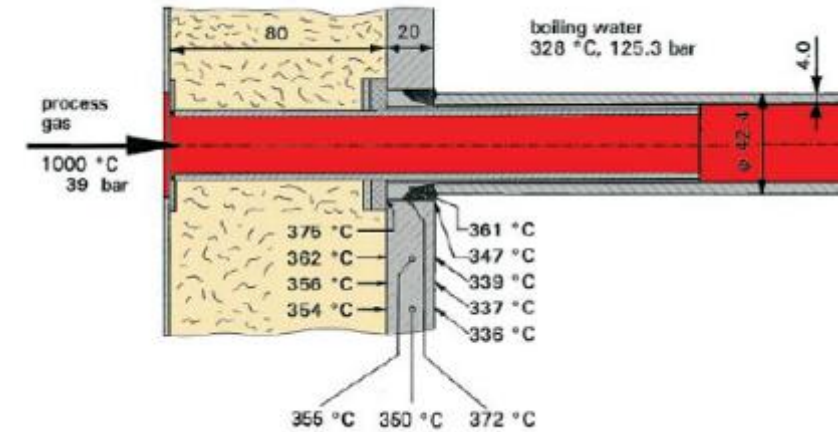
Weld transition piece of alloys doesn't require non PWHT alloys

Cladding / Weld overlay of tubesheet in shell and tube heat exchangers

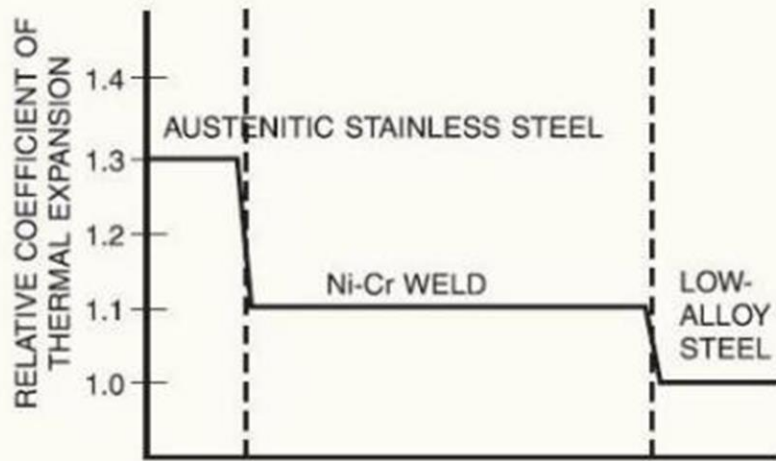


Smart Application of Materials Selection

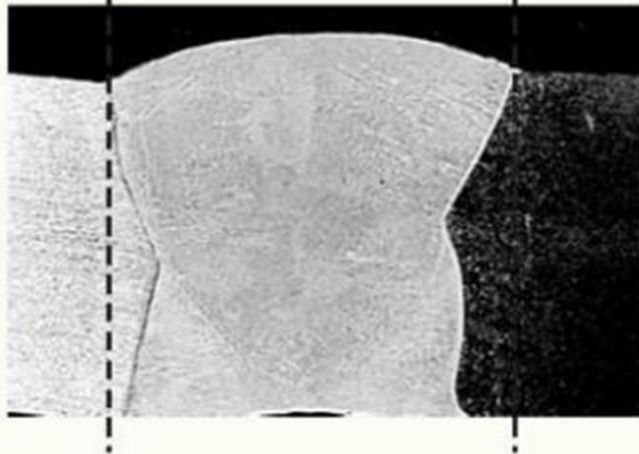
Inconel Ferrules used in WHBs (RGB) to withstand the inlet high gas temperature $\sim 1000^\circ\text{C}$ and the tube material to be of low alloy steel



Dissimilar Metal Weld [DMW]



(A) Relative Expressions



(B) Joint Between Type 304 Stainless Steel (Left) and 2-1/4Cr-1Mo (Right) Welded with ERNiCr-3 Filler Metal

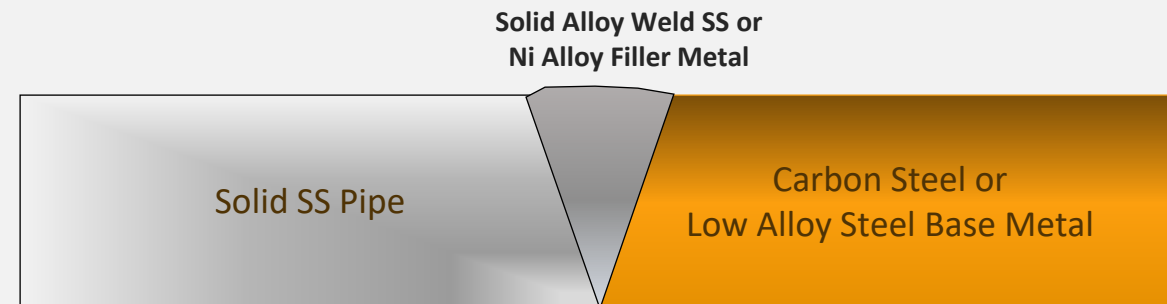
Note: Values shown in (A) represent ratio comparisons to carbon steel (as in Table 6.2), not actual values of properties.

Table 6.2
Relationship of Physical Properties of Various Base Metals to Those of Carbon Steel

Relative Property	Ratio of Properties ^a					
	Carbon Steel	Copper	Aluminum	Austenitic Stainless Steel	70Ni-30Cu	76Ni-16Cr-8Fe
Mean coefficient of thermal expansion ^b	1.0	1.4	1.9	1.3	1.2	1.1
Thermal conductivity	1.0	7.8	3.1	0.3	0.5	0.3
Heat capacity	1.0	0.8	1.9	1.0	1.1	0.9
Density	1.0	1.1	0.3	1.0	1.1	1.1
Melting temperature	1.0	0.7	0.4	0.9	0.9	0.9

a. Values shown represent ratio comparisons to carbon steel, not actual property values.

b. From room temperature to 260°C (500°F).



Solid Stainless Steel Pipe (Left) Welded to Ferritic Steel

References: AWS – Welding Handbook, Volume 4 Part 1
API 571

Unrecognized Contamination

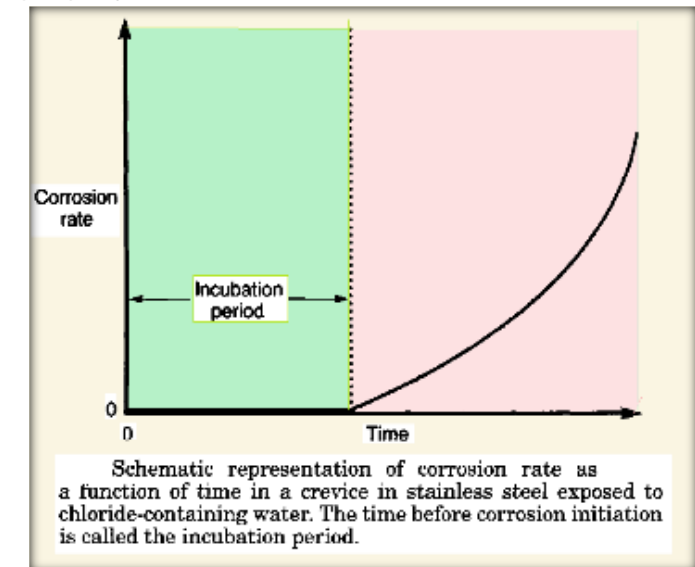
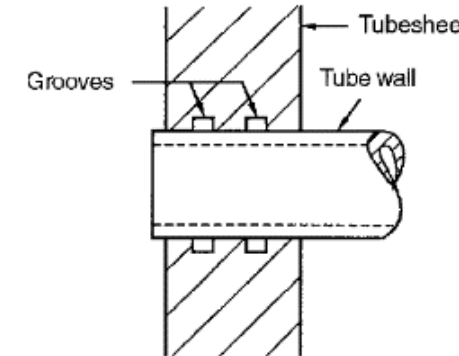
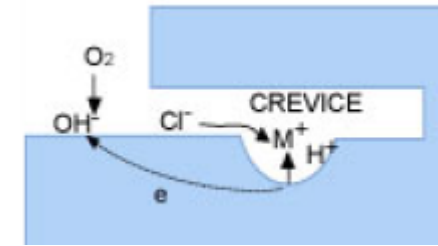
Austenitic Stainless Steel is highly sensitive to chloride especially at relative high temperature $>60\text{ C}$

Crevice Corrosion is an intense localized corrosion frequently occurs within crevices and other shielded areas on metal surfaces exposed to corrosives. This type of attack is usually associated with small volumes of stagnant solution caused by holes, gasket surfaces, lap joints, surface deposits, and crevices under bolt and rivet heads

Control

- Redesign of equipment to eliminate crevices.
- Close crevices with non-absorbent materials or incorporate a barrier to prevent of moisture penetration into crevice.
- Prevent or remove builds-up of scale or solids on surface.
- Use of one-piece or welded construction versus bolting or riveting.
- Select more corrosion resistant or inert alloy

Reference: NALCO Guide to Cooling Water System Failure Analysis



Industries Special Requirements

Corrosion from ammonium carbamate—an intermediate product formed during the conversion of NH_3 and CO_2 to urea—is a major problem. The intensity of corrosion is greatest in the reaction section and the first recycle, where pressures, temperatures and concentrations are higher than downstream.

HP equipment in Urea plants are lined by either 316L Urea grade or 310 Urea grade (25-22-2). Urea grade materials should have very low ferrite content and should subject to Intergranular Corrosion Testing.

Material	C (max)	Cr	Ni	Mo	Mn	P	Si
316L	0.03	16-18	10-14	2-3	2	0.045	1
316L UG	0.03	18	13.5	2.6	2	0.045	0.5

Material	C (max)	Cr	Ni	Mo	Mn	P	Si
310S	0.08	24-26	19-22	0.2	2	0.045	1
310L MoN	0.02	25-26	22-23	2-2.5	2	0.045	0.7

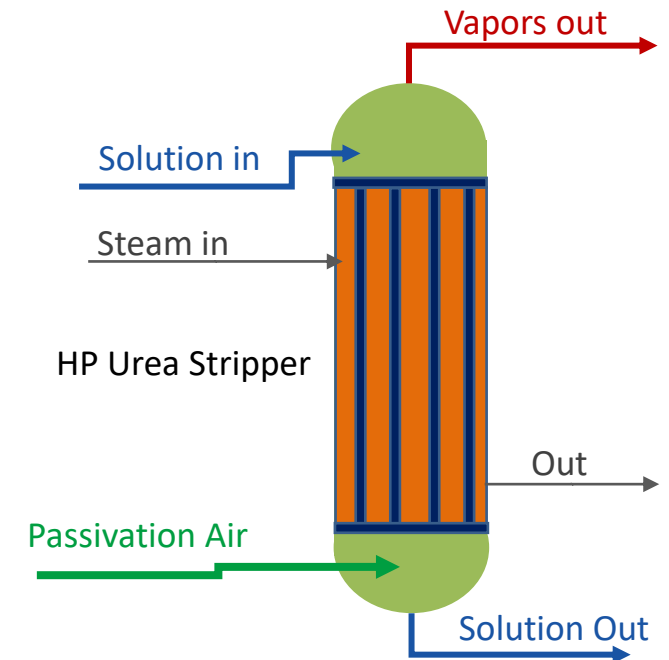
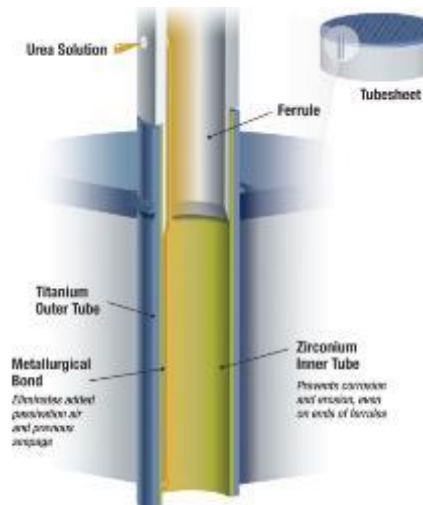
Industries Special Requirements

Leak of tube to tubesheet joints in carbamate service can in hours cause severe attack to the carbon steel base metal



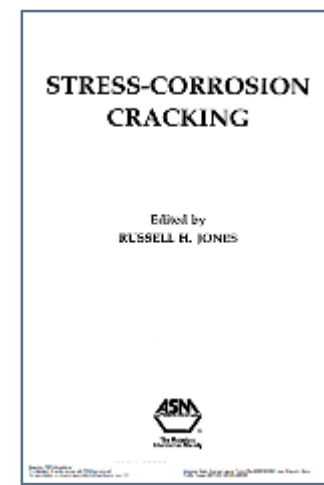
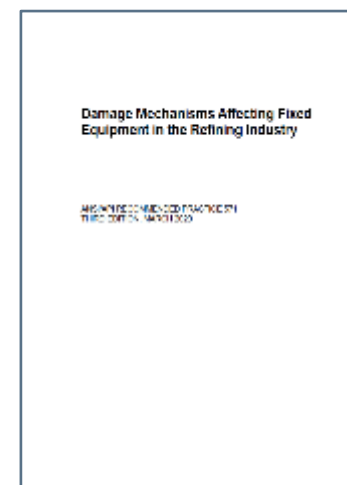
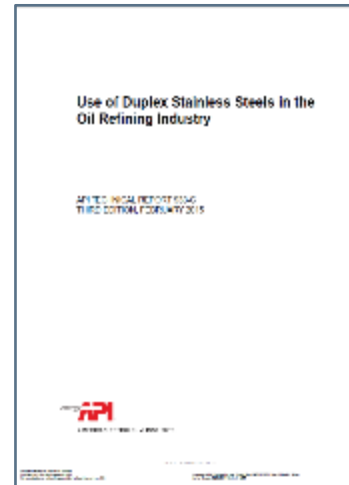
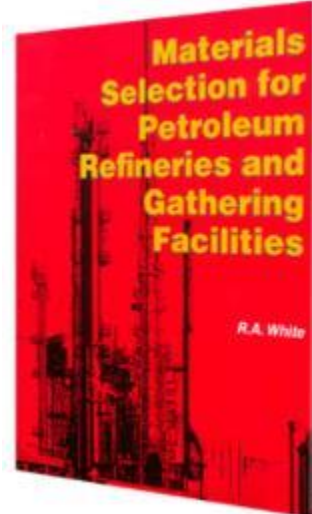
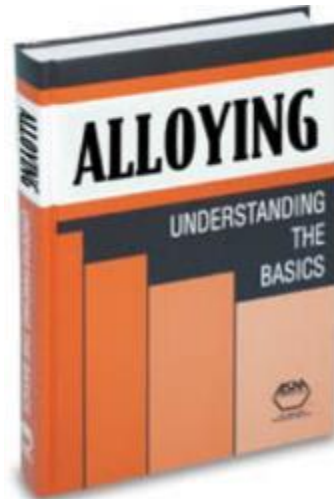
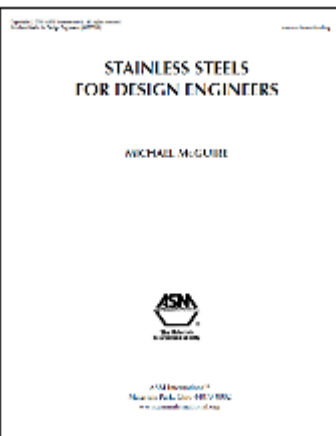
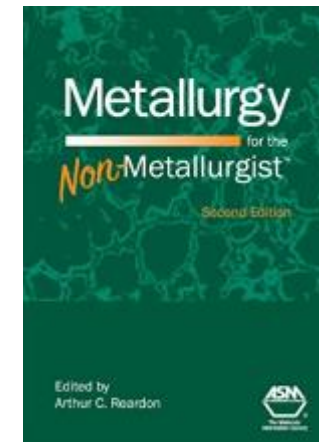
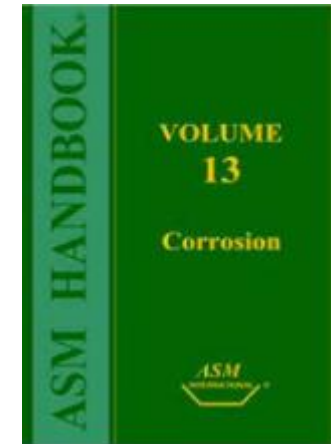
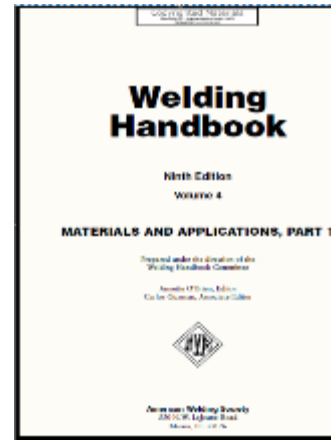
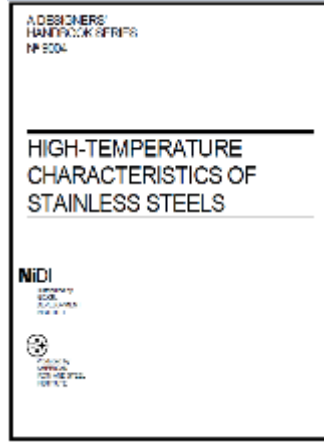
Even with special alloys, in Urea Reactor and HP Stripper, continuous passivation air must be injected otherwise corrosion rate will be high. Although on the risk of flammability of gas mixture.

Materials specialists and licensors are continually working on developing materials of higher corrosion resistance, less need of passivation air and longer lifetime



The urea stripper strips out vapors (In the form of Ammonia and Carbon dioxide) from Urea solution.

Recommended Readings



Recommended Readings



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