

AUSTENITE PROCESSING IN NIOBIUM MICROALLOY STEELS

The Royal Society, London
Wednesday 13th July 2011



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Dr Bob Keown OBE

- A seminar recognising Chinese contributions to Steel Processing
- A presentation of the 2011 Charles Hatchett Award - winning Paper



CHARLES HATCHETT AWARD

- An Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining Award sponsored by CBMM
- Awarded annually for the best publication on the Science and Technology of niobium
- In recognition of Charles Hatchett FRS who discovered niobium in 1801

CBMM

Companhia Brasileira de Metalurgia e Mineração

- World's largest producer of niobium
- Private Brazilian company
- Sponsor of Charles Hatchett Award since 1979
- Worldwide collaborations with Steel Companies, Universities, Research Institutes and Professional Bodies

NIOBIUM IN STEEL

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Nb
Niobium
92.9

- 80% of niobium is used in High Strength Low Alloy Steels (also called Microalloy Steels)
- 0.04% niobium has a very large effect on steel properties (40gm niobium in 1 ton of steel)
- Microalloy steels introduced 50 years ago with pioneering research in Sheffield

EFFECTS OF NIOBIUM IN MICROALLOY STEELS

Mechanical Properties

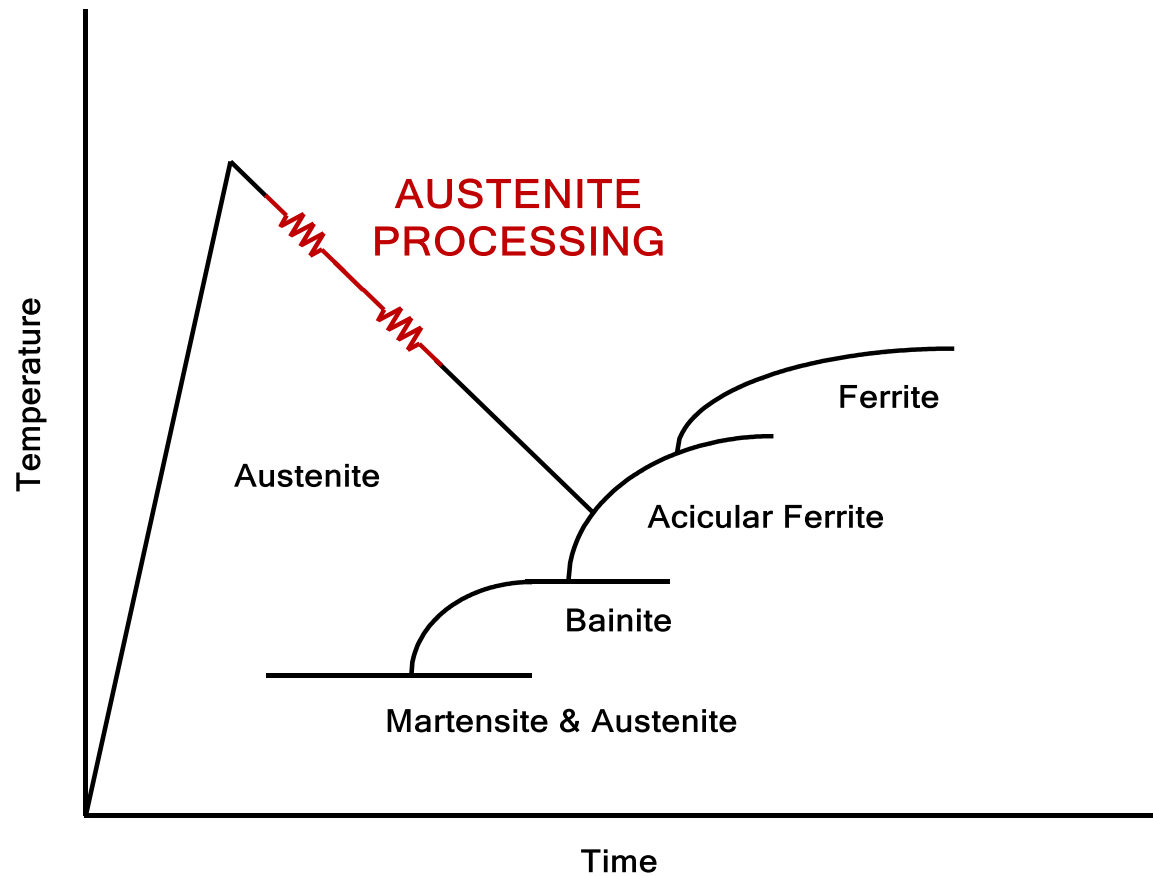
Increased Strength
Increased Toughness
Good Ductility
Good Weldability

Physical Metallurgy

Grain Refinement
Precipitation Hardening
Increased Hardenability
Lower Transformation
Temperatures
Facilitates High Temperature
Processing
(AUSTENITE PROCESSING)

PRECIPITATE PARTICLES OF NIOBIUM CARBIDE
NIOBIUM IN SOLID SOLUTION

AUSTENITE PROCESSING



CHARLES HATCHETT AWARD 2011 EVENTS

Tuesday 12th July

- Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony
- Presentation of Charles Hatchett Award Medals

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- Seminar on Austenite Processing
- Recognising Chinese contributions to Steel Processing

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- Round Table Discussion on Austenite Processing
- 14 International Experts from 9 Countries

AGENDA

10.25	Welcome and Introduction	Dr Bob Keown OBE Beta Technology, UK
10.35	The Royal Society	Professor Geoffrey Greenwood FRS University of Sheffield, UK
10.45	Keynote Lecture A Chinese and Brazilian Historical Perspective	Dr Malcolm Gray Microalloyed Steel Institute, USA
11.05	2011 Charles Hatchett Award Lecture Processing of High Niobium Line Pipe Steel and Chinese Developments	Professor Mani Subramanian McMaster University, Canada Professor C J Shang University of Beijing, China
11.35	China - Britain Business	Sir David Brewer Chair of China - Britain Business Council, UK
11.45	Coffee	
12.05	New Microalloyed Steels for Forgings	Professor Wolfgang Bleck RWTH Aachen University, Germany
12.25	The Emergence of Niobium in Asia	Dr Tadeu Carneiro CBMM, Brazil
12.45	Professional and Educational Partnerships between CBMM and IOM3	Dr Bernie Rickinson Institute of Materials, Minerals and Mining (IOM3)
12.55	Concluding Remarks	Dr Marcos Stuart CBMM, Brazil
13.00	Lunch	