

A microscopic view of a metal surface, likely stainless steel, showing a grid-like pattern of grain boundaries. The image is in shades of blue and white, with some darker lines and spots. The text is overlaid on this image.

**ADVANCES IN SPECIAL  
STEEL PRODUCTS  
INCLUDING  
STAINLESS STEELS**

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**CONSERVATION OF  
DEPLETING ENERGY &  
RAW MATERIAL  
RESOURCES**

**LOWER  
LIFE  
CYCLE  
COST**

**MAJOR  
DRIVING  
FORCES**

**INCREASING  
PROPERTY  
REQUIREMENTS**

**GREATER FOCUS ON  
AESTHETIC APPEAL**



# ADVANCED HIGH STRENGTH STEELS

## HIGH STRENGTH

WEIGHT  
REDUCTION

LOWER  
COST

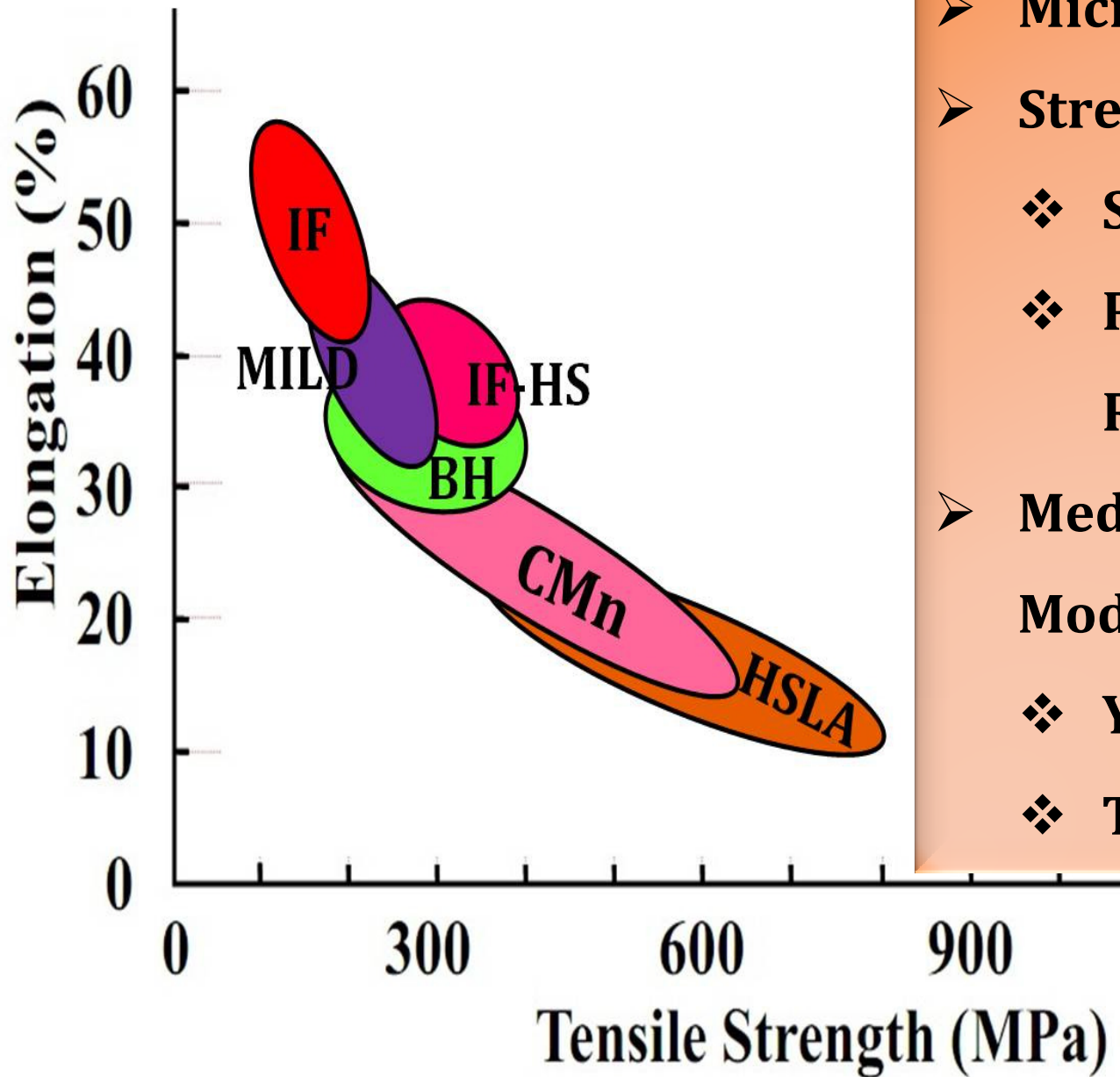
## ENHANCED FORMABILITY

GREATER  
COMPONENT  
FLEXIBILITY

FEWER  
COMPONENTS



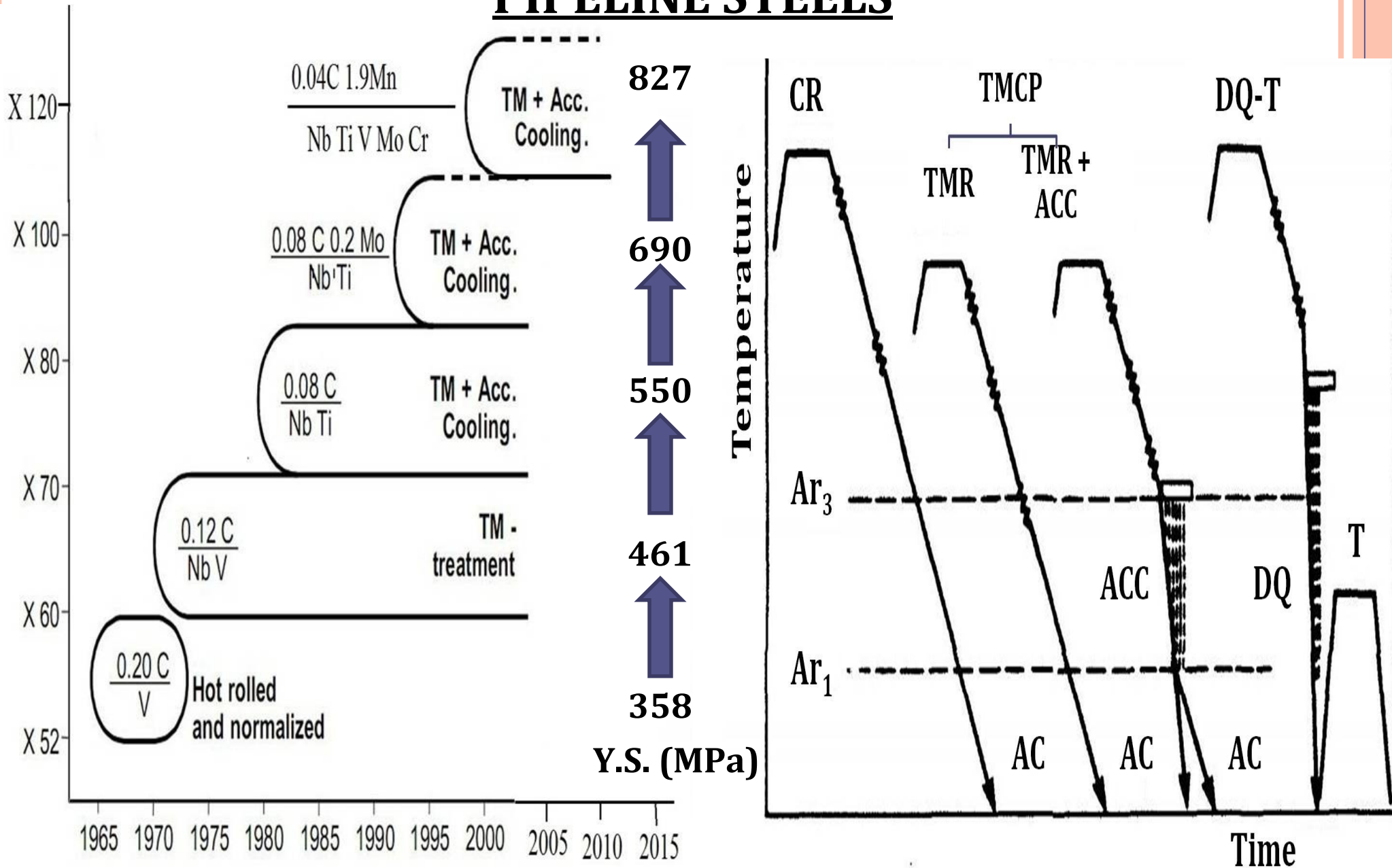
# MICRO-ALLOYED STEEL (HSLA)



- Micro-alloying of V, Nb, Ti
- Strengthening
  - ❖ Solid Solution (P, Mn, Si)
  - ❖ Precipitation & Grain Refinement (Nb, V)
- Medium & High Strength, Moderate Formability
  - ❖ YS: 250-700 MPa
  - ❖ T-El: 20-35 %.



# DEVELOPMENT OF HIGH STRENGTH MICRO-ALLOYED PIPELINE STEELS



# MICRO-ALLOYED STEEL APPLICATIONS

<b>LINEPIPES (GAS/OIL)</b>	<b>BUILDING STRUCTURES</b>
<b>HEAVY DUTY VEHICLES</b>	<b>MINING &amp; AGRI INDUSTRY</b>
<b>TRANSMISSION TOWERS</b>	<b>SHIP BUILDING</b>

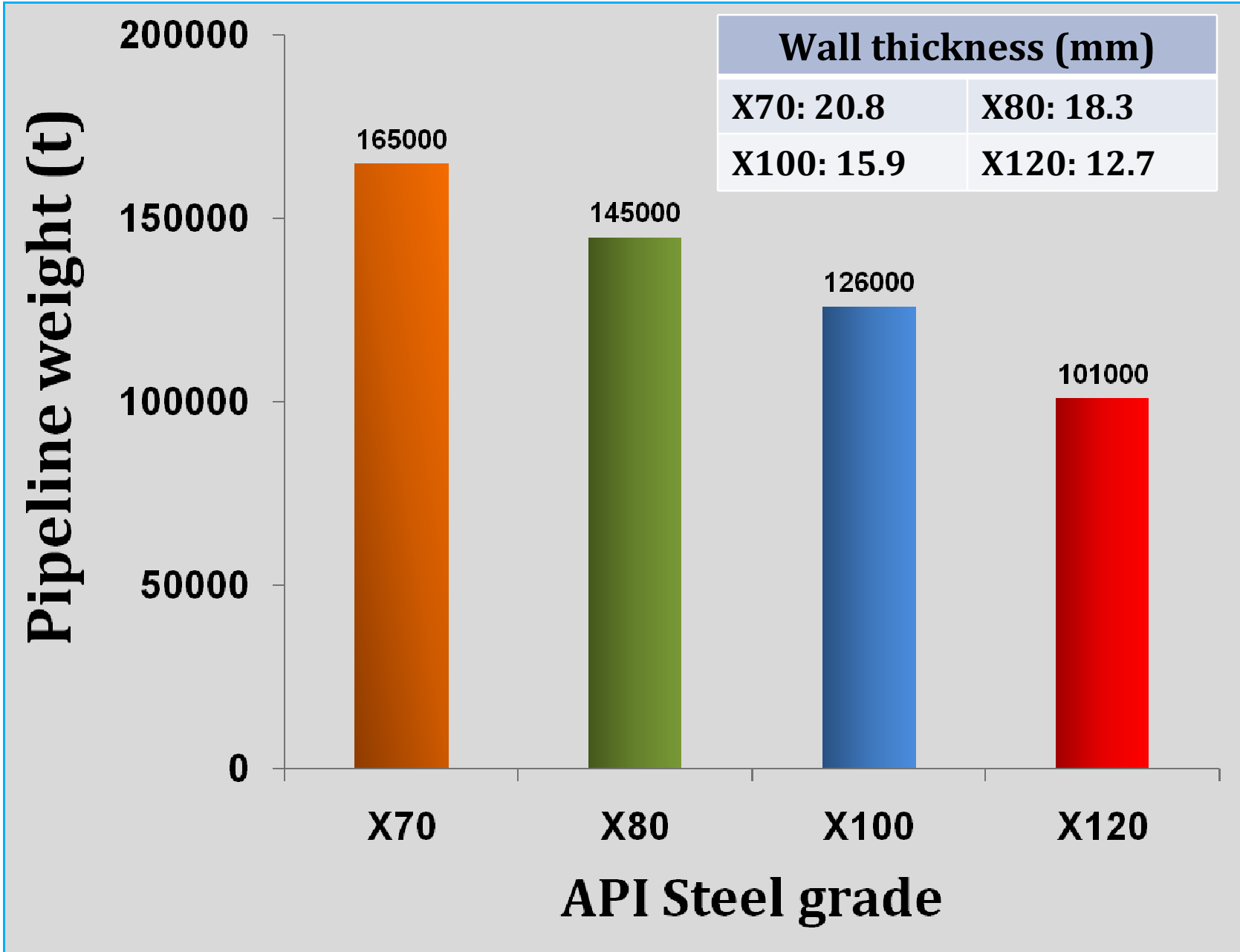


**HIGH RISE  
BUILDING  
STRUCTURES**

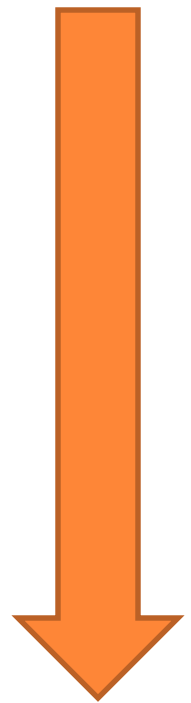
**PIPELINES**



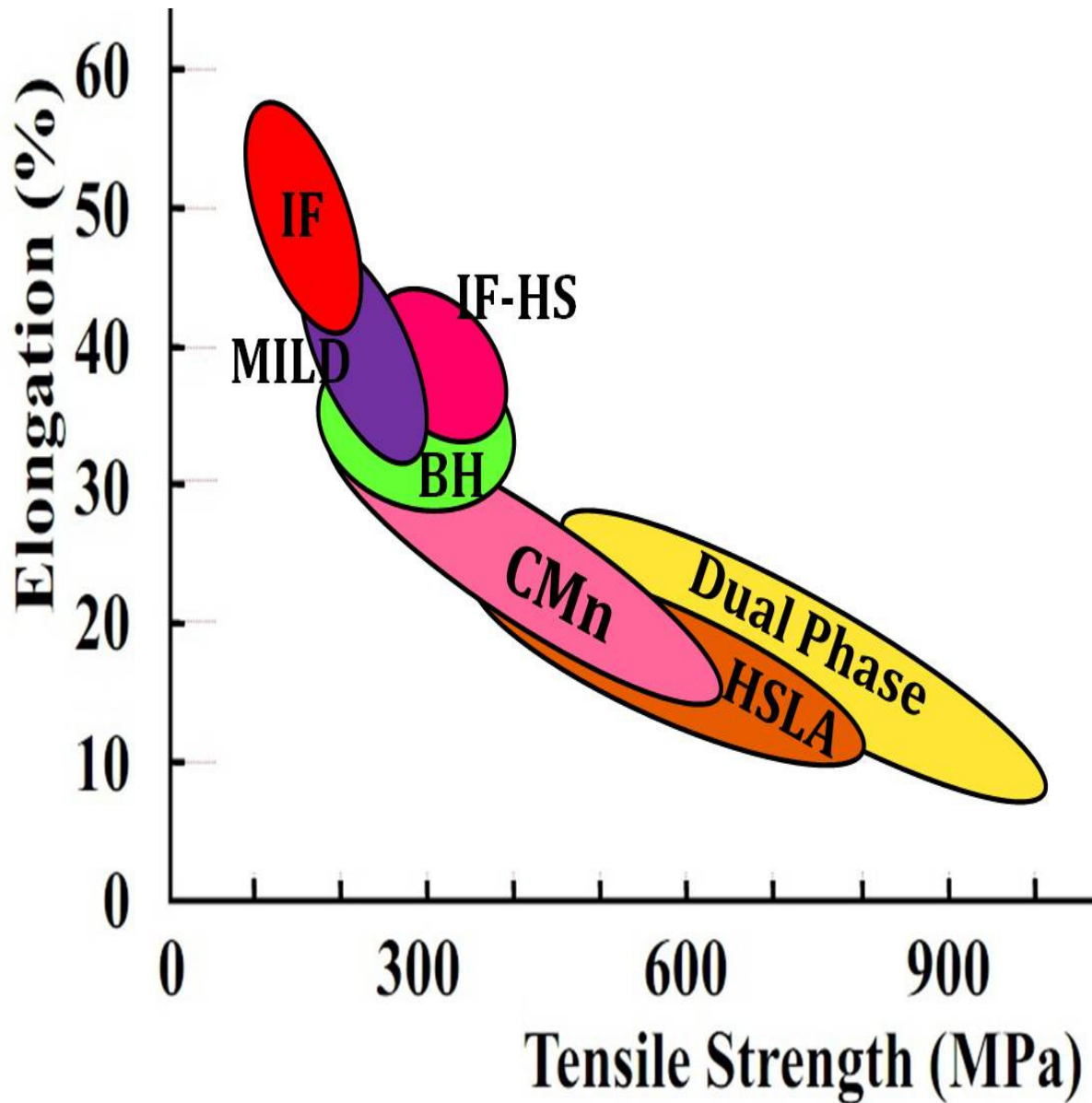
# MATERIAL SAVING



**Overall Project Cost**



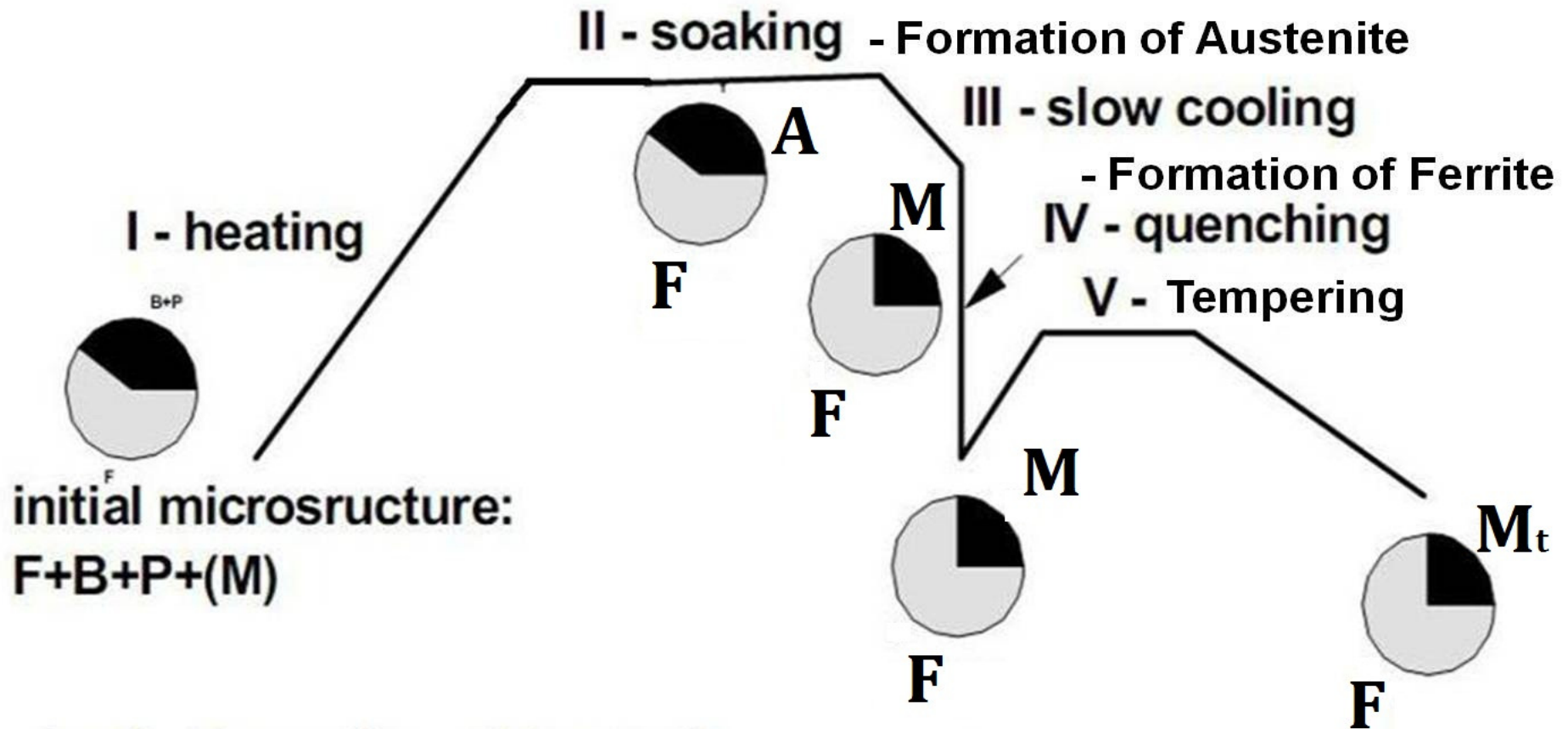
# DUAL PHASE STEEL



- Alloying with Mn, Si, Cr, Mo etc.
- Coiling at Low Temperature
- Islands of Martensite in Ferrite.
- Grain Refinement and Precipitation Strengthening (Nb, Ti, V etc.)
- Solid solution strengthening (Mn, P, Si etc.)



# METALLURGICAL ASPECT TO OBTAIN DP STEEL

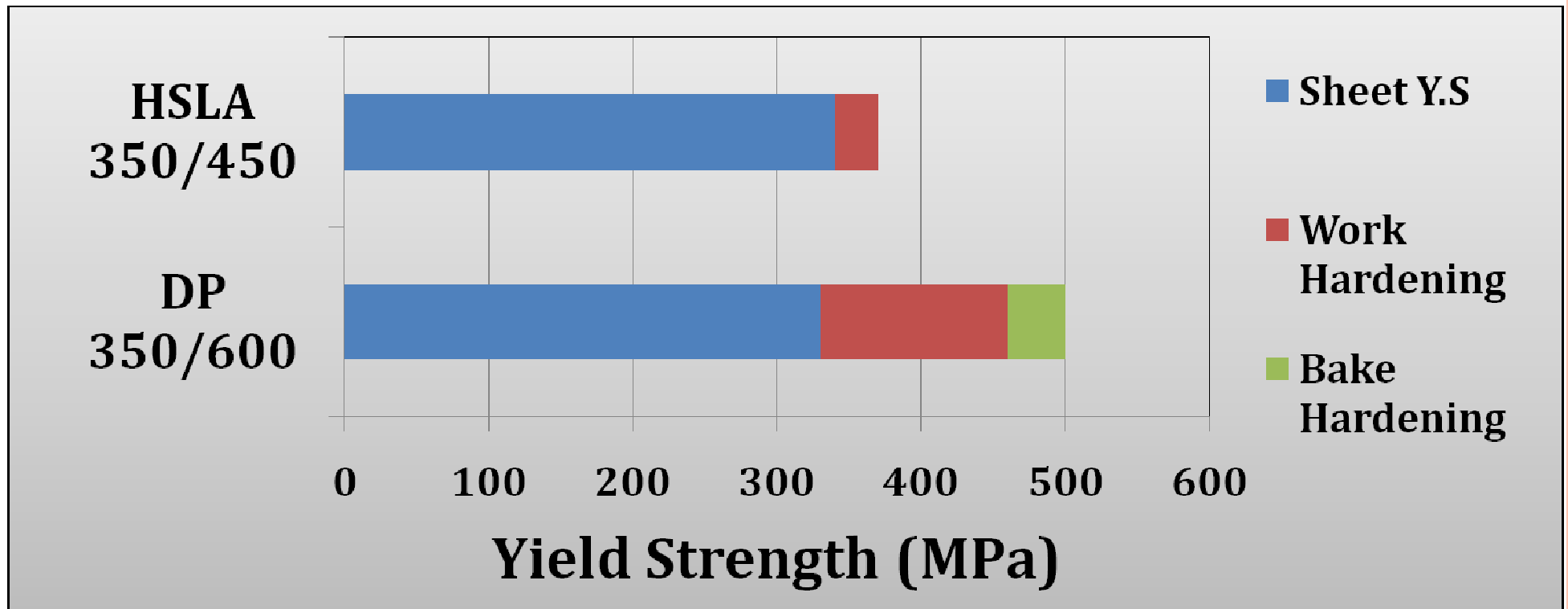


**I + II - Formation of Austenite**

**III - Formation of Ferrite**

**IV - Formation of Martensite/Bainite**

**V - Tempering of Martensite/Bainite**



- DP STEELS ARE BAKE-HARDENABLE.
- INCREASE IN YIELD STRENGTH IN DP STEELS OF ABOUT **140 MPa** AFTER FORMING & BAKING.
- LIMITED INCREASE IN YS BY WORK HARDENING IN HSLA DUE TO HIGH YS/TS RATIO.

# DUAL PHASE STEEL APPLICATIONS

**REINFORCEMENTS.**

**STRUCTURAL PARTS**



**AUTOMOBILE  
WHEEL**

Steel type	C	Si	Mn	P	Nb (Cb)	Cr
Dual	0.08	0.30	0.50	0.07	-	0.5
Phase	0.07	0.49	1.59	-	0.038	1.59

**B-PILLAR  
REINFORCEMENT**

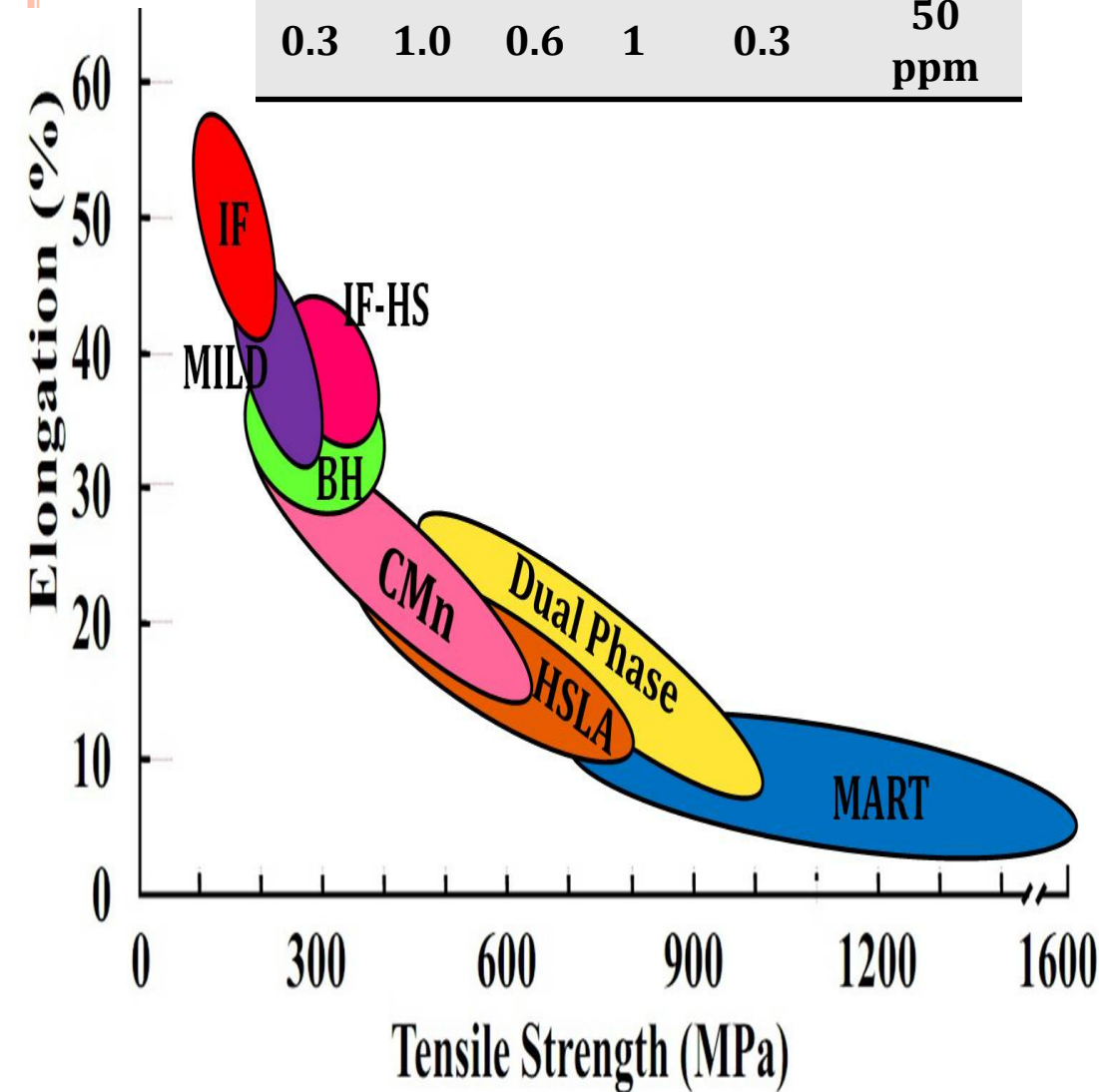


# MARTENSITIC STEEL

## ARMOUR STEEL

C	Mn	Si	Cr	Mo	B
0.3	1.0	0.6	1	0.3	50 ppm

- Y.S. – ~1450 MPa
- T.S. – ~1650 MPa
- % Elongation (min) – 8



## APPLICATIONS



TANKS



# TRENDS IN MARTENSITIC STEEL



INITIALLY HIGH CARBON  
CONTENT (QUENCHED &  
TEMPERED)



ALLOYING WITH Ni, Mo FOR  
STRENGTH & TOUGHNESS  
(QUENCHED & TEMPERED)



PART SUBSTITUTION BY Mn,  
Cr, B (QUENCHED &  
TEMPERED)

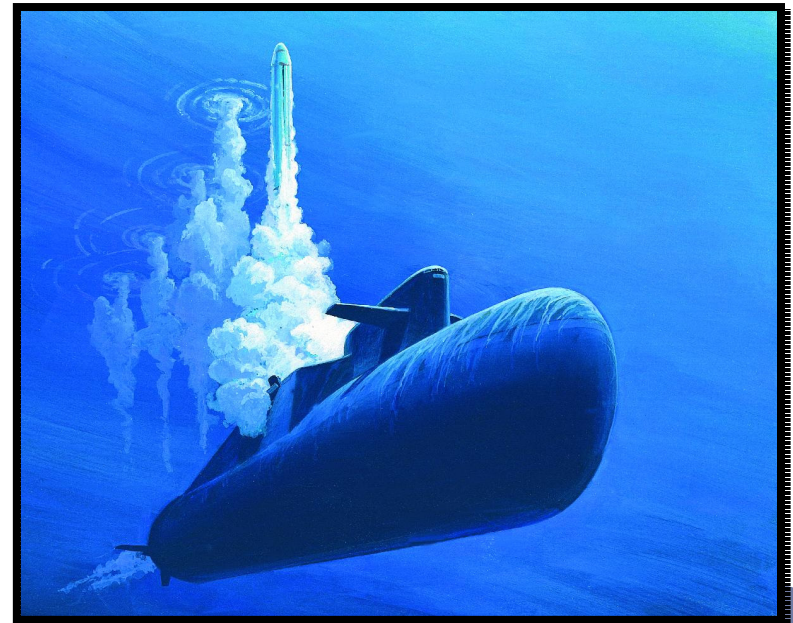


MICRO-ALLOYING (V,Nb,Ti) -  
THERMO-MECHANICALLY  
CONTROLLED PROCESSING

Based on TMCP & Tempered Martensite

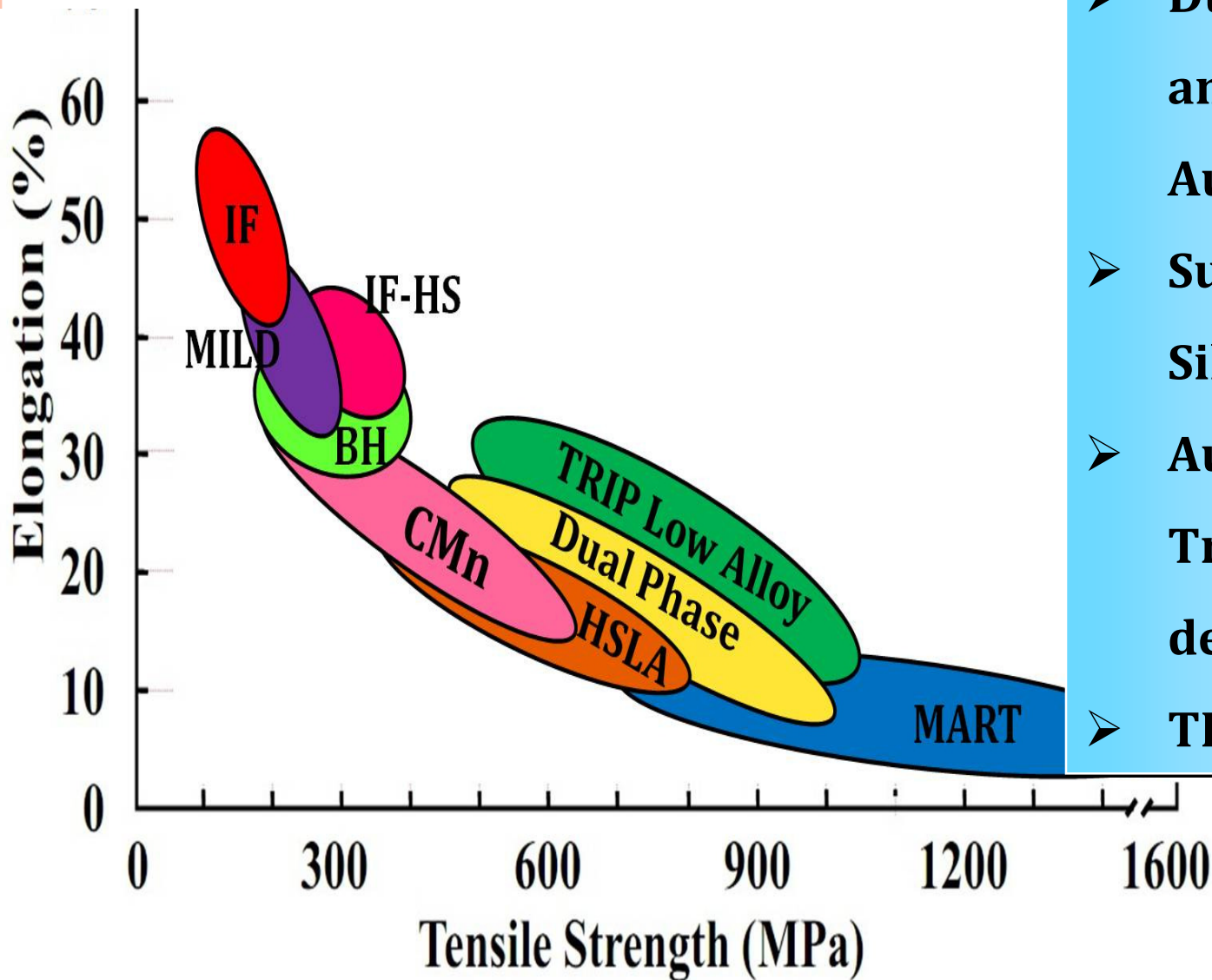
	C	Ni	Cr	Mo	V	Ti	P	S
HY 80	0.15	3	1.5	0.5	0.03	0.02	<0.015	<0.008

- Y.S. - 551 MPa (min.)
- % Elongation (min) - 20
- Charpy Impact - 47.5 Joules @ -49 °C



SUBMARINES

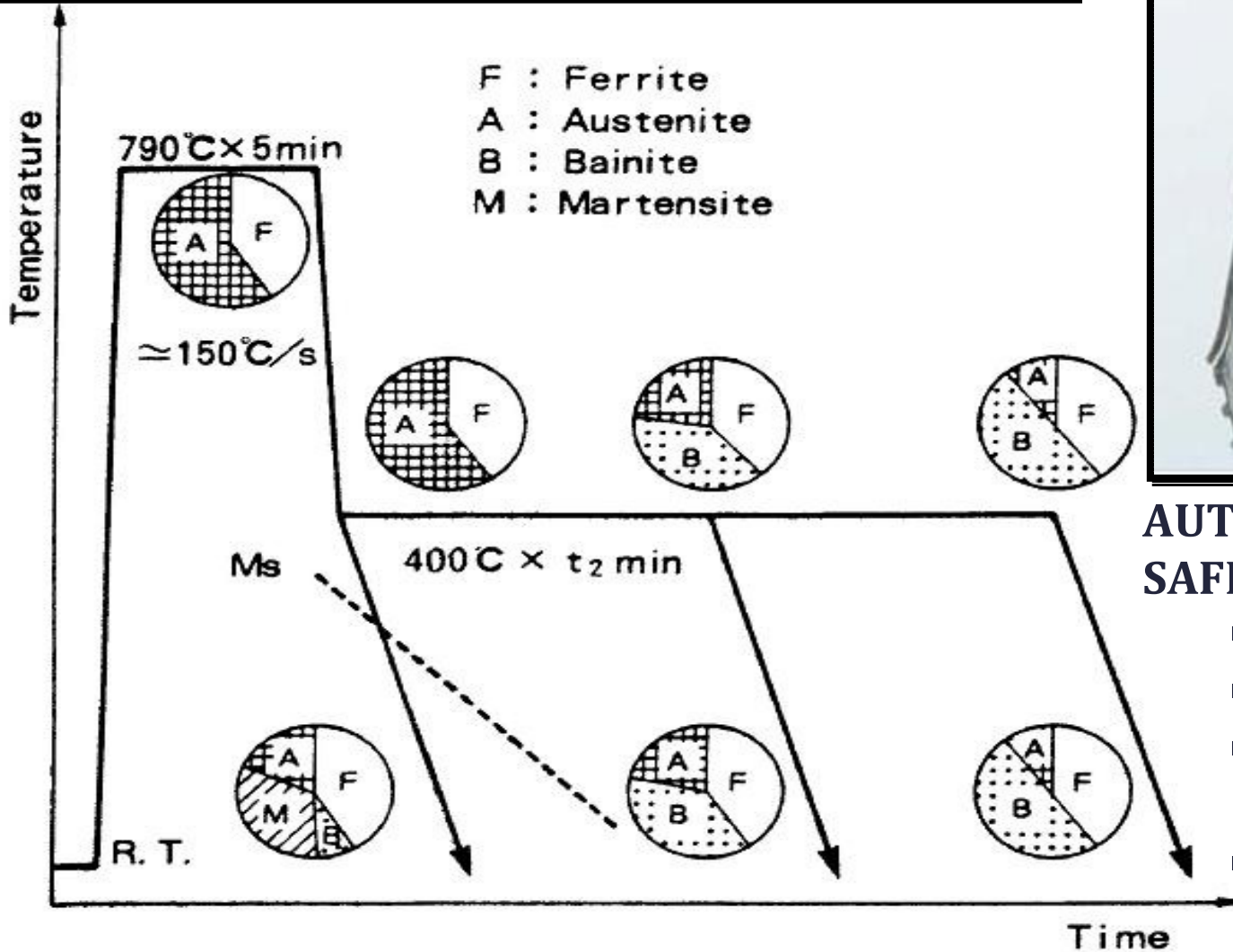
# TRIP STEEL



- Suppress Pearlite by rapid cooling.
- During inter-critical anneal, Carbon in Austenite increases.
- Suppress Cementite by Silicon addition.
- Austenite retained - Transforms during deformation
- TRIP 590/690/780

# METALLURGICAL ASPECT TO OBTAIN TRIP STEEL

Steel type	C	Si	Mn
TRIP Steel	0.2	1.2	1.2
	0.14	1.95	1.65

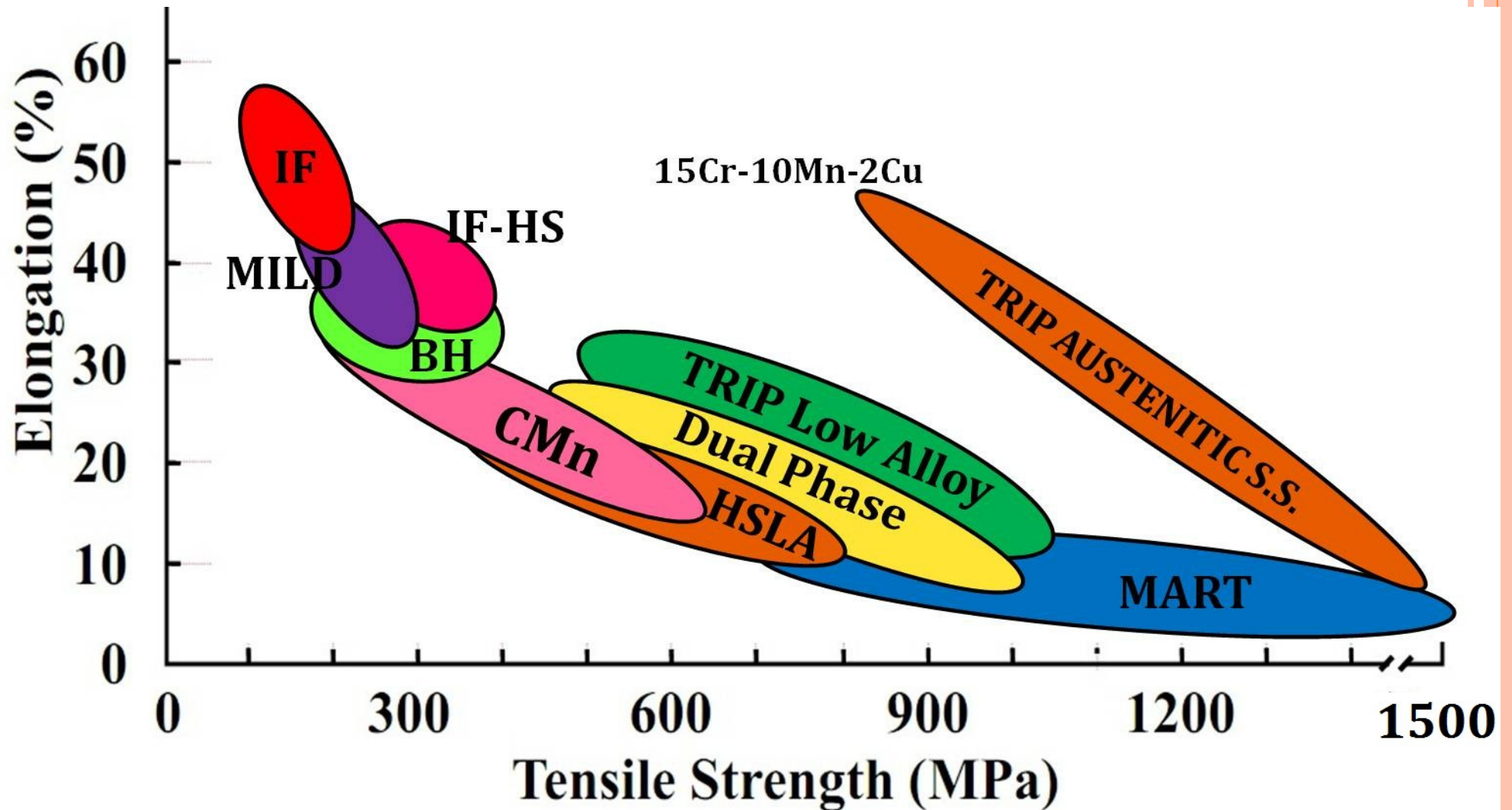


## AUTOMOBILE STRUCTURAL & SAFETY PARTS:

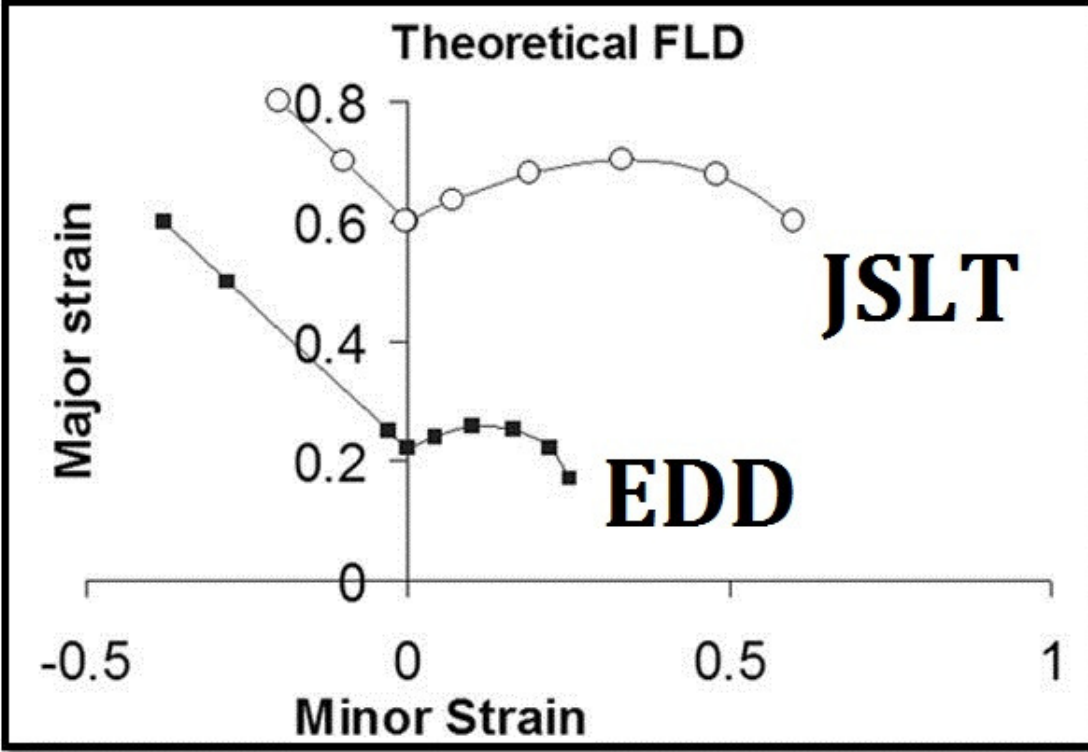
- Cross members.
- Longitudinal beams.
- B-pillar reinforcements.
- Sills and bumper reinforcements

# HIGH STRENGTH AUSTENITIC STAINLESS STEELS - METASTABLE

Grade	C	Cr	Mn	Cu	S	N
JSLT	≤ 0.1	15.0-16.0	9.0-10.0	1.5-2.0	≤ 0.01	0.1-0.2





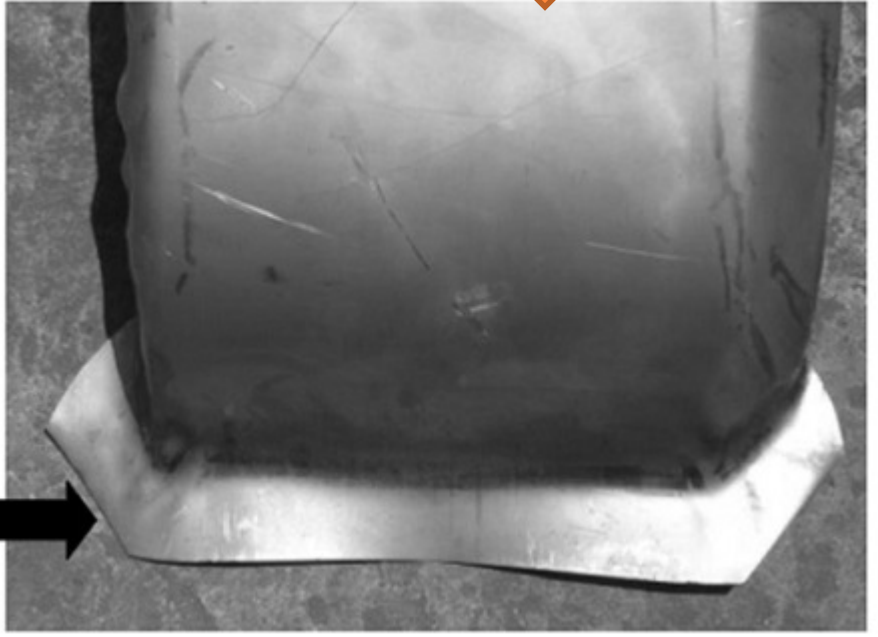
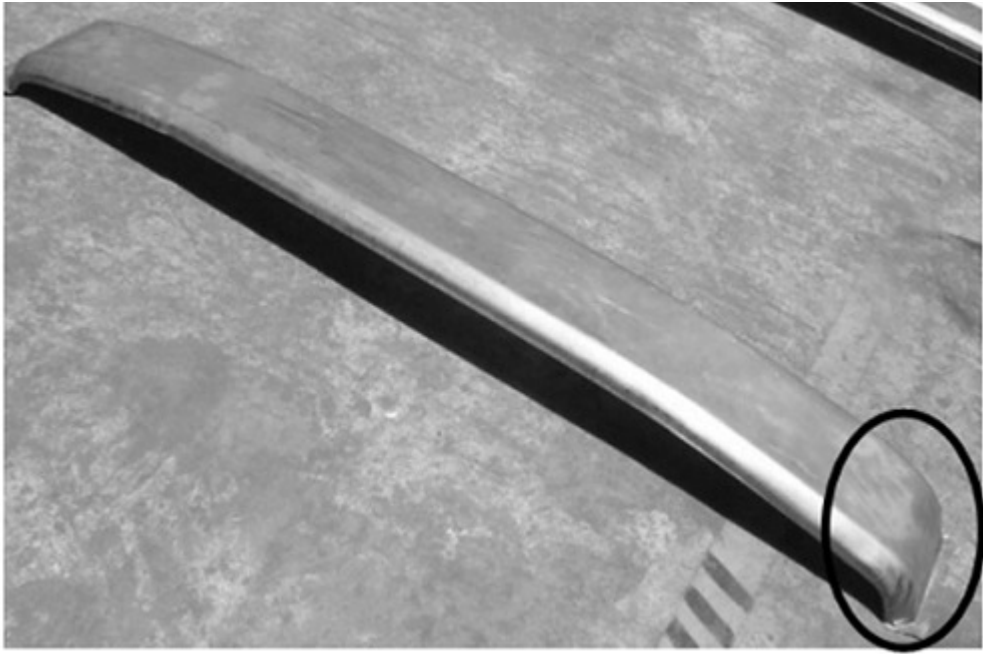
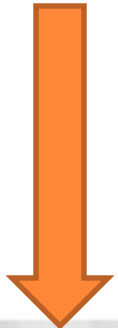


**3mm  
EDD  
BUMPER**

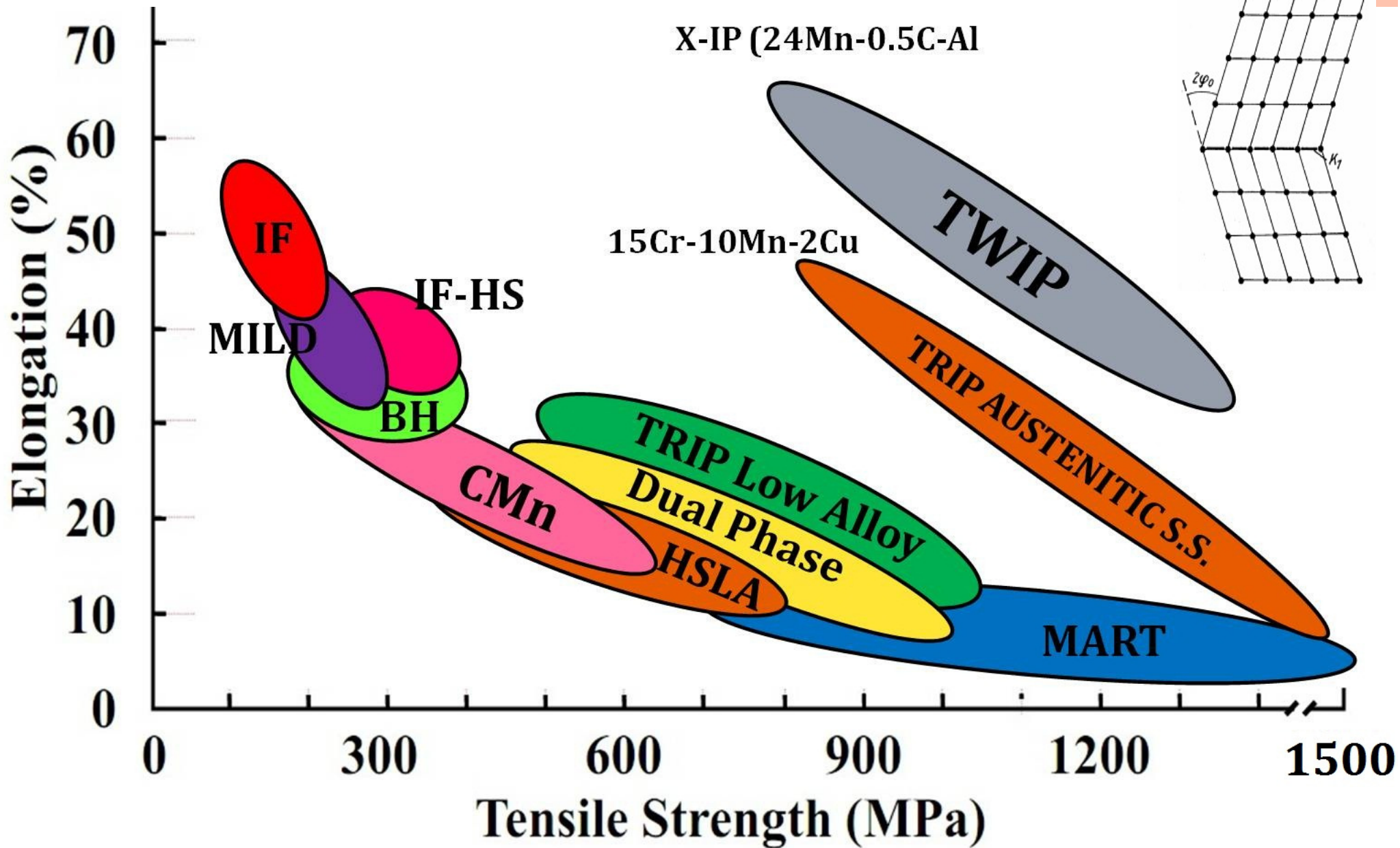


**1.2mm  
JSLT  
BUMPER**

**Thickness of  
Bumper Reduced  
@ASHOK LEYLAND**



# TWIP STEEL





**Undeformed sample**



**Deformed sample (uniform elongation of 70%)**

## **TWIP STEEL X5 MN AL SI 25 3 3**



**Undeformed sample**



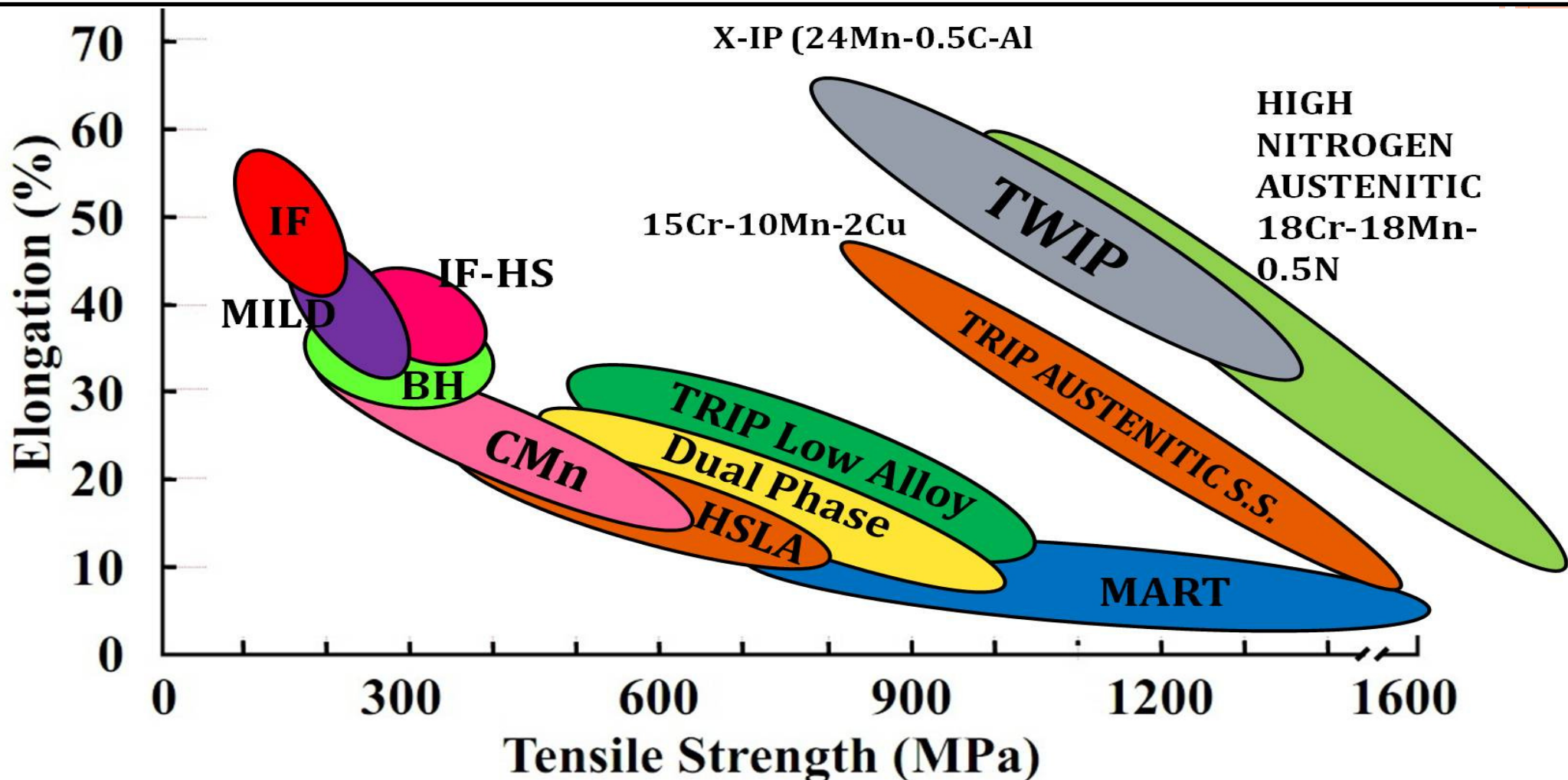
**Sample after twisting by 1080° (T = 20 °C)**



# High Nitrogen Austenitic Stainless Steel

## DIN 1.3816 -X8CrMnN18-18

C	Cr	Mn	N	Si	P	S	Fe
-	17.5	17.5	0.5	-	-	-	-
0.1	20	20	0.7	0.8	0.06	0.015	Bal





# INTERSTITIAL FREE FERRITIC STAINLESS STEELS

Grade	%C	%Cr	%Ti/(Ti + Nb)	%Mo	%N
409L	0.01	11	~ 0.2	-	0.01
436L	0.01	16	~ 0.3	1	0.01
439	0.01	17	~ 0.3	-	0.01
441	0.01	18	~ 0.5	-	0.01
444	0.01	18	~ 0.4	~ 2	0.01
446	0.1	23	-	-	-

**Ti, Nb or Ti+Nb  
stabilized grades**

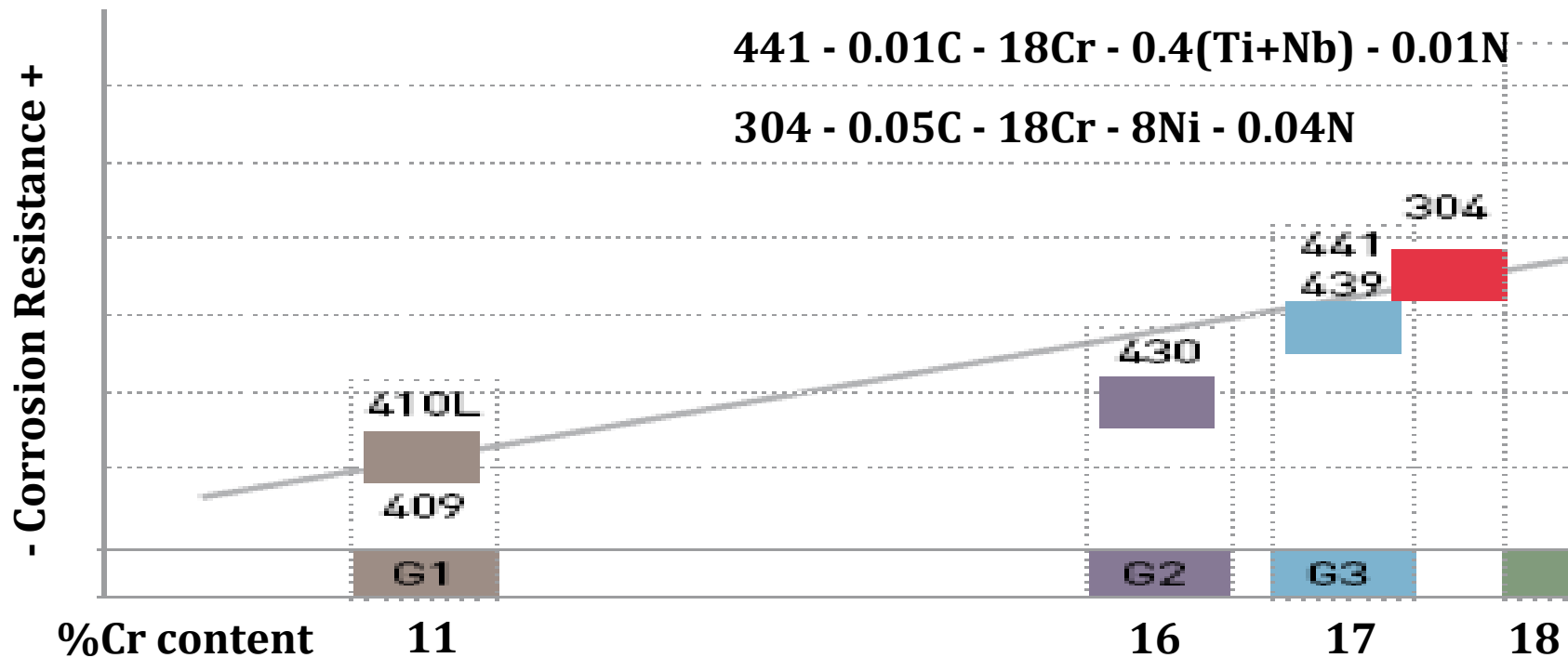
## *Advantage*

- Improved Corrosion resistance
- Superior Formability
- Improved Weldability
- Superior Toughness
- Lower DBT Temp.

# Low C, Low N Ferritic Stabilized with Ti/Nb

*Finding increasing application due to*

- **Comparable Corrosion Resistance 441 vs. 304 grade**
- **Superior Drawability : High r-bar value**
- **Good Ridging Resistance**
- **Superior Weldability in comparison to classical Ferritics**



## Applications of 439

- Automotive exhaust manifolds and mufflers
- Direct fired hot water tanks
- Food equipments
- Lift panels
- Electrical appliances: Washing machine drum microwave ovens
- Sugar industry: Sugar-cane juice ducts, heaters, evaporators, crystallization units



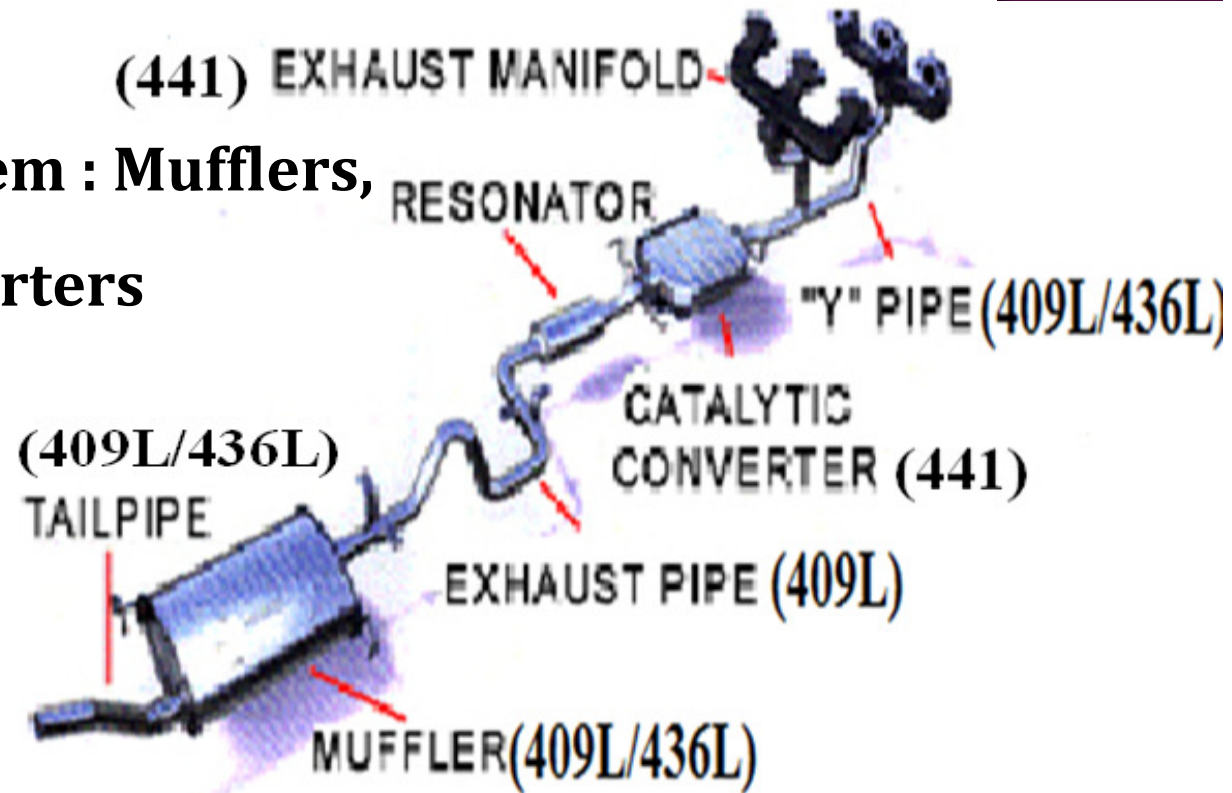
## Applications of 441

- Solar panel
- Solar hot water tank, Solar Collector
- Exchanger tubes: Sugar & energy industry
- Exhaust system: manifold, catalytic converter



## Applications of 409L

- Automobile exhaust system : Mufflers, manifold, Catalytic Converters
- Fuel filters
- Refrigerated container
- LCD monitor frames



## Applications of 436L

- Solar water heater
- Visible parts of exhaust systems
- Automotive trim and outdoor panels
- Communication-system shelter



# SUPER FERRITIC STAINLESS STEELS WITH HIGH CORROSION RESISTANCE

	Grade	Cr	Mo	Ti
Super Ferritic Corrosion Resistant	44626	25-27	0.75-1.5	0.2
Super Ferritic Heat Resistant	44600	23-27	-	-

## Applications

- Boiler tubes
- Cement kilns
- Waste heat boilers
- Salt baths
- Heat treating
- Incinerators

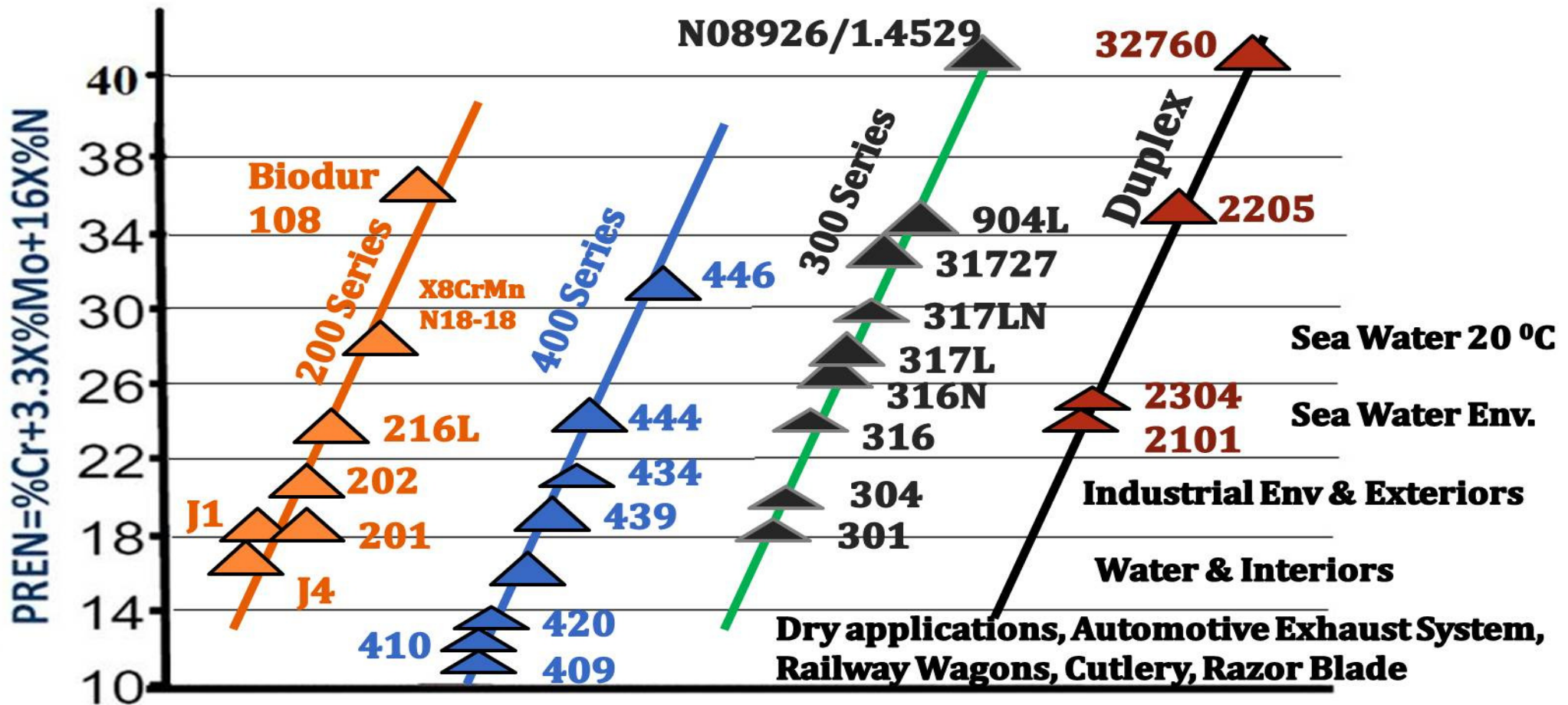




# STAINLESS STEELS WITH HIGH CORROSION RESISTANCE

Benefits of Interstitial Nitrogen

- Improved Pitting Corrosion Resistance
- Improved Weldability
- Improved Formability-TRIP Optimization
- Reduced Material Cost
- Reduced Processing Cost



# High Performance Austenitic Stainless Steels

Grade	C	Cr	Ni	Mo	Cu	N
31727/NAS 155N	0.02	18	15	4	3	0.2
Super Austenitic EN 1.4529/NAS 255NM	0.01	20	25	6	1	0.2



**CHIMNEYS**

## APPLICATIONS

<b>31727</b>	<b>Chimneys and dampers of high sulfur fuel</b>
	Dilute sulfuric acid tanks
<b>EN 1.4529</b>	<b>Pollution control: Flue gas de-sulphurisation (absorber, ducts)</b>
	Natural and treated seawater system, <b>desalination plants</b>
	<b>Bleaching equipment for pulp and paper industries</b>
	<b>Chemical industries: Phosphoric acid &amp; Sulphuric acid plants</b>

**BLEACHING EQUIPMENT**



# Duplex & Super Duplex Stainless Steels



**Low carbon and intentionally added nitrogen for:**

- Superior Inter-grannular corrosion resistance
- Higher pitting resistance
- Improved Weldability

	Grade	C	Cr	Ni	Mo	N	W
<b>Lean Duplex</b>	<b>2101</b>	0.03	21	1.5	-	0.22	-
<b>Duplex</b>	<b>2205</b>	0.02	22	5	3	0.16	-
<b>Super Duplex</b>	<b>UNS 32760 (ZERON 100)</b>	0.02	25	7	3	0.25	0.5

*Nitrogen Alloying has made Duplex Stainless Steel Readily Weldable*



# APPLICATIONS

# TANKS

**Lean  
Duplex  
2101**

**Tanks:** Palm oil, Wine, Marble slurry, Potable and Sewage water, Ethanol, Fruit juice, Biodiesel

**Infrastructure:** Bridges, Sluice gates

**Chemical industry:** Sour gas piping, Heat exchanger, tanks and vessels for chloride-containing media

**Oil and Gas industry:** Piping and process equipment, offshore structures

**Duplex  
2205**

**Cargo tanks** in ships for transport of chemicals

**Flue gas desulphurization** systems, Electrostatic precipitators

**Pulp and Paper industry:** Digester

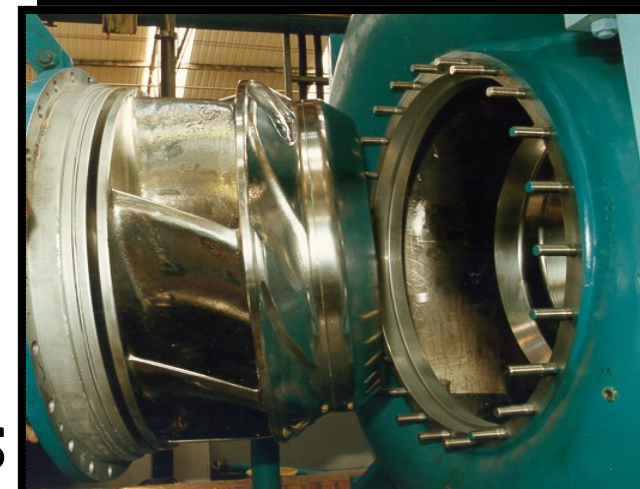
**Super  
Duplex  
32760**

**Sea water Desalination Plants**

**Sea water Pumps**



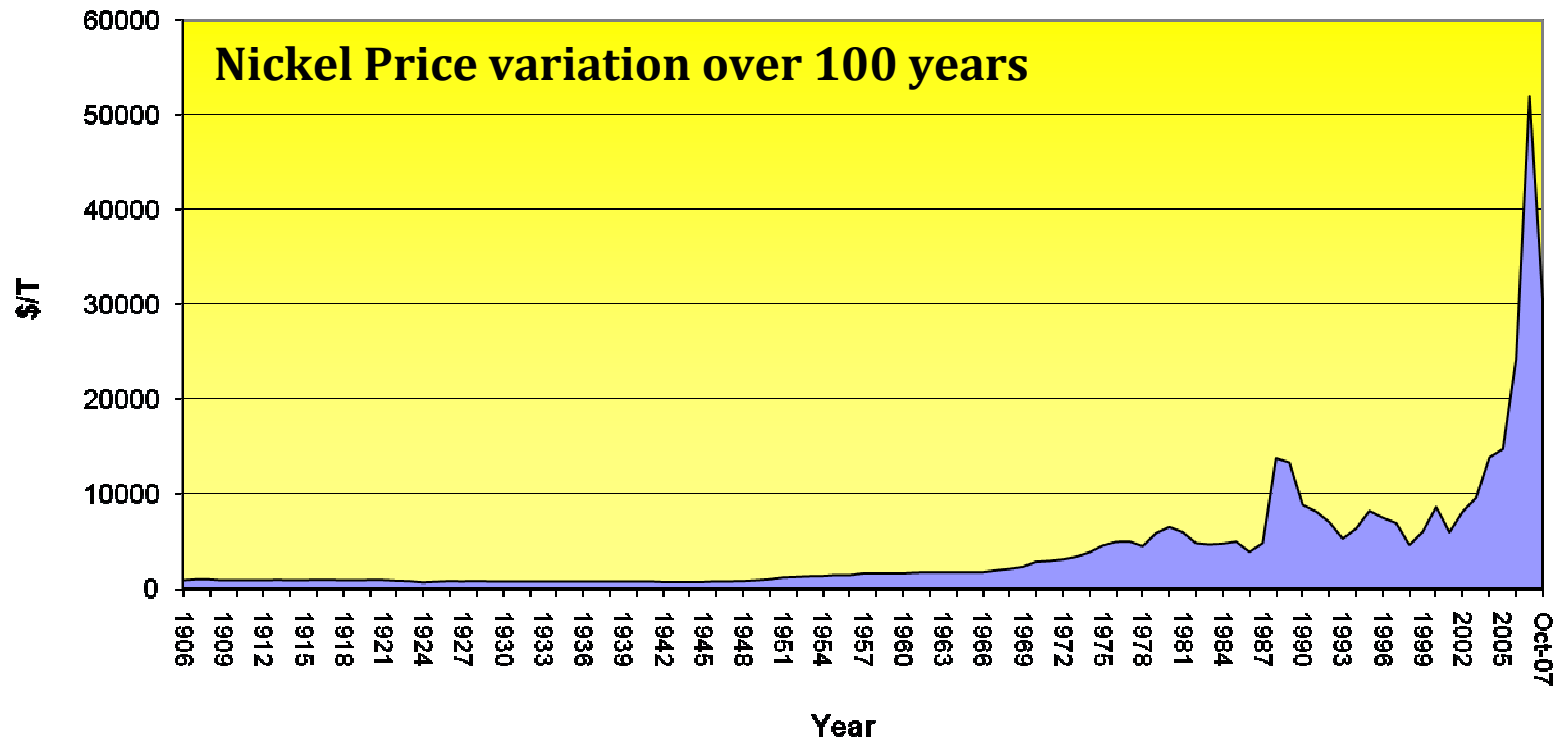
FLUE-GAS DESULFURISATION UNITS



# ROTARY PUMPS



# IT IS AMAZING THAT STILL GRADE 304 (18Cr-8Ni) ACCOUNTS FOR 50% OF TOTAL S.S PRODUCTION WORLDWIDE



N added  
Stainless Steels

**0.05N nearly replaces 1%Ni**

## Cost per Kg of Input Materials

Steel Scrap	Rs 20
Cr (From HC Fe-Cr)	Rs 110
Mn (From HC Fe-	Rs 80
Nickel	Rs 1250



# LOW COST ALTERNATIVES TO 304L

**8Ni**

**REQUIREMENT**

**APPLICATIONS**

**SWITCH TO**

**UNWELDED APPLICATION**

KITCHENWARE, WHITE GOODS,  
DECORATIVE WARES, WALL  
PANELS

**Cr 16<sup>+</sup>**

Grade	%C	%Cr
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430	0.1	16
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**WELDED APPLICATION WITH  
CORROSION RESISTANCE  
SIMILAR TO 304**

WELDED TUBES, TANKS,  
EXTERIORS

**439,441,  
444**

Grade	%C	%Cr	%Ti/(Ti + Nb)	%Mo	%N
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439	0.01	17	~ 0.3	-	0.01
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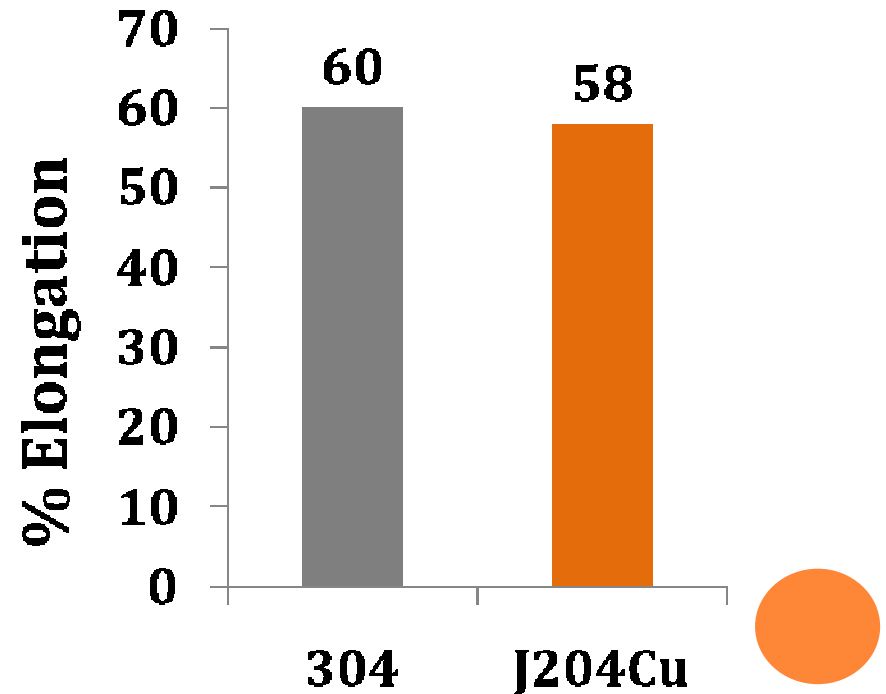
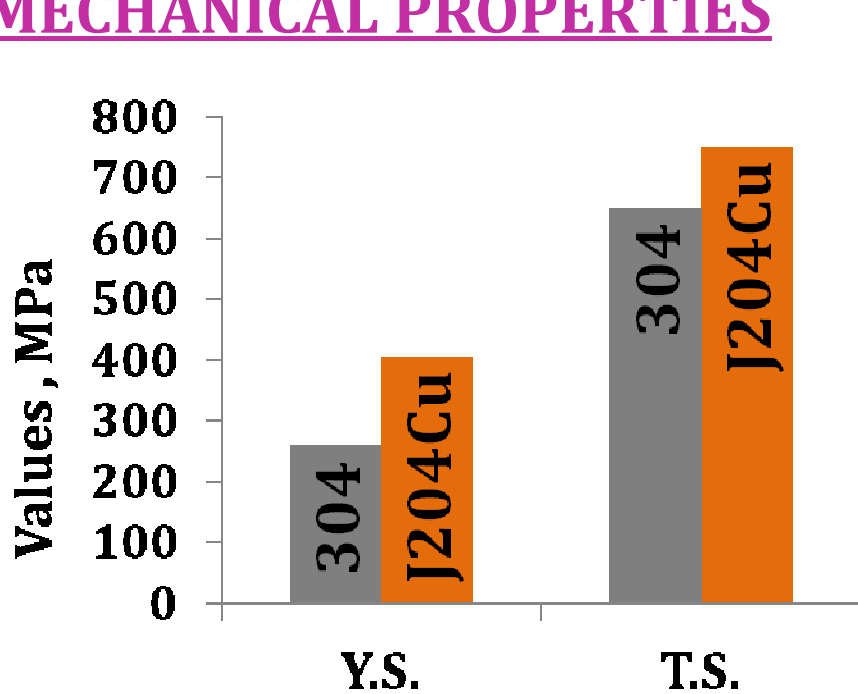
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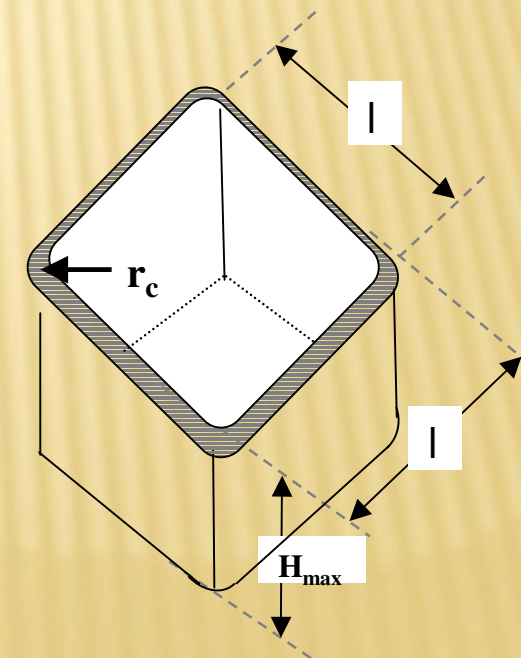
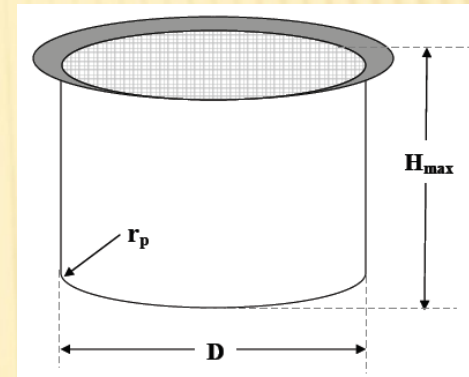
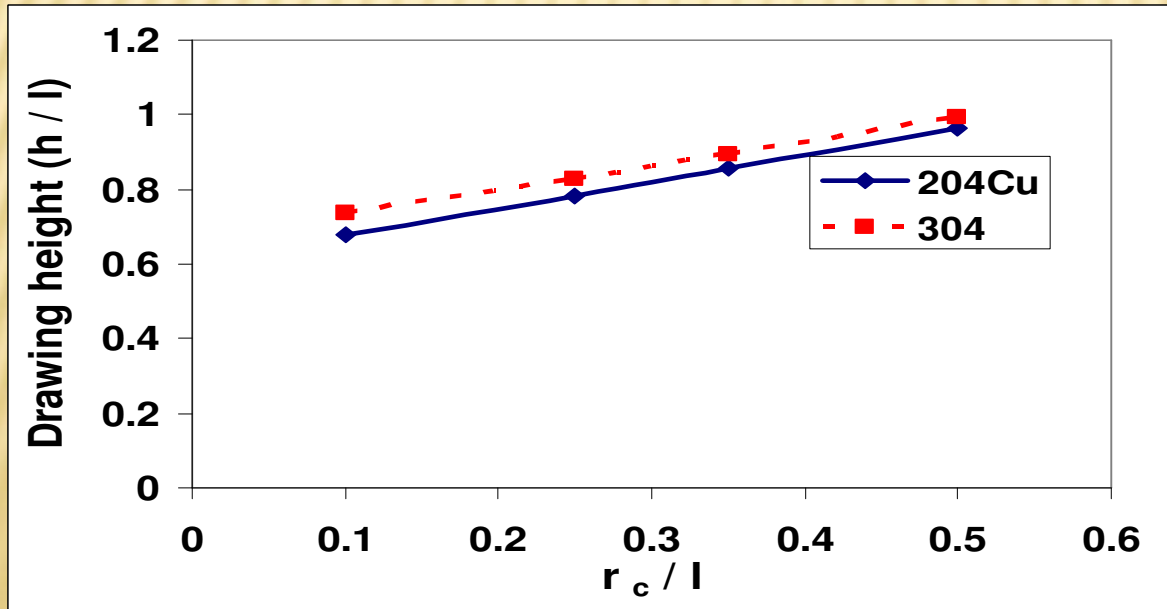
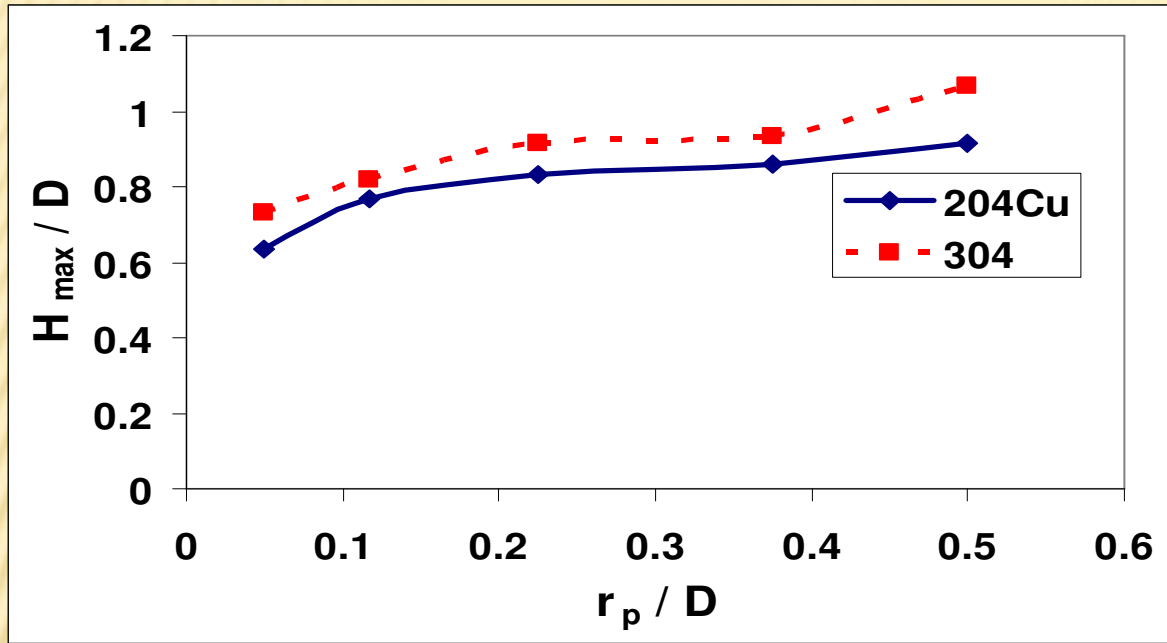
REQUIREMENT	APPLICATIONS	SWITCH TO
<b>HIGH STRENGTH &amp; HIGH FORMABILITY</b>	DEEP DRAWN KITCHENWARE, SINKS, ELEVATORS, AUTOMOTIVE HOSE CLAMPS etc.	<b>204Cu</b>

Grade	C	Cr	Mn	Ni	Cu	N
J204Cu (UNS S20430)	≤ 0.1	16.0-17.5	6.5-9.0	1.5-3.5	2.0-4.0	0.1-0.2

### MECHANICAL PROPERTIES



# DRAWABILITY OF 204Cu:



# APPLICATIONS OF 204Cu

**Catering and food processing:** Deep drawn kitchenware, cookware, milk cans

**Architecture, building and construction:** Handrails for staircase elevators, sinks

**Consumer durables:** Toasters, microwave ovens & washing machines outer body parts, mobile case/parts

**Transport (Automotive):** Hose clamps, safety belt anchors

**SINKS**

**ELEVATORS**





**REQUIREMENT****SWITCH TO****HIGH STRENGTH & SUPERIOR CORROSION RESISTANCE****LEAN DUPLEX STAINLESS STEEL**

	<b>Grade</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Cr</b>	<b>Ni</b>	<b>Cu</b>	<b>Mn</b>	<b>N</b>
<b>Low Ni Duplex</b>	2101	0.03	21	1.5	-	5	0.22
<b>Ni Free Duplex</b>		<b>0.03</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.22</b>

<b>Test Media (Boiling)</b>	<b>Duplex Ni Free</b>	<b>Duplex Low Ni</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>316L</b>	
1% Oxalic Acid	A	A	B	B	A < 0.1 mmpy
5% Acetic + 5% Formic	A	A	B	B	B - 0.1-1.0 mmpy
50% Nitric	A	A	B	B	C - 1-3 mmpy
1% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	B	B	E	C	D - 3-10 mmpy
5% H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> + 20% (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub>	B	B	E	D	E > 10 mmpy

**IT IS PERFECTLY FEASIBLE TO SWITCH TO MORE COST EFFECTIVE GRADES WITH HIGH FUNCTIONALITY**

## **Conclusion:**

- ***Continuous evolution of new attractive grades based on metallurgical concepts from interstitial free to high interstitial grades.***
- ***Trend towards leaner alloys with higher strength & enhanced formability for material conservation.***
- ***Thrust on controlled rolling & accelerated cooling to avoid expensive heat treatment.***