



# Variant selection in samples of austenitic stainless steel cold rolled and deformed by tension

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# Objectives of this work



- To apply the phenomenological theory of martensite crystallography (PMTTC) and Patel-Cohen's theory for variant selection to predict crystallographic texture of samples deformed by cold rolling.
  - Comparing texture measured by EBSD in cold rolled samples with predicted texture assuming the phenomenological theory of martensite crystallography (PMTTC) and Patel-Cohen's theory for variant selection.
  - Applying both theories in predicting orientation distribution function (ODF) in martensite and compare with ODF's obtained from pole figures measured by X-ray diffraction.

# Introduction



- Patel and Cohen theory and the phenomenological theory of martensite crystallography (PTMC) have been applied to samples deformed in a tension test to predict martensite texture;
- In a recent study Kundu applied with success both (Patel and Cohen theory and PMTC) to samples deformed under complex conditions of rolling to predict the final texture of martensite in Fe-Ni alloys.
- Metastable austenitic stainless steels such as AISI-304L and 301L partially transform to martensite when deformed.

# Introduction



- The amount of martensite induced by deformation depends on the processing parameters such as the state of stress, temperature, way and rate of deformation.
- When an appropriate stress is applied at temperatures above  $M_s$ , it is possible to activate displacive transformations because the applied stress provides mechanical driving force.
- The work done by external stresses contributes to a free energy change, either raising or lowering the  $M_s$  temperature.

# Patel and Cohen Theory



- The interaction energy that provides the mechanical driving force for transformation is given by:

$$U = \sigma_N \delta + \tau s \quad (1)$$

$\sigma_N$  is the stress component normal to the habit plane;

$\tau$  is the shear stress resolved on the habit plane in the direction of shear

$\delta, s$  are the respective normal and shear strains associated with transformation

- $\Delta G = \Delta G_{\text{CHEM}} + \Delta G_{\text{MECH}} \quad (2)$

$$\Delta G_{\text{MECH}} \equiv U.$$

- It would be reasonable to assume that there is strong variant selection when the ratio of  $\Delta G_{\text{MECH}} / \Delta G$  is large

# Experimental



- The steels used were commercial stainless steel;
- Microtexture studies were performed by EBSD in an Oxford Crystal 300 EBSD system attached to a SEM Philips XL-30 and for acquisition Channel-5 software from HKL was used for analysis.
- A Philips X'Pert Pro X-ray diffractometer with Mo  $K_{\alpha}$  radiation was used for macrotexture studies.

# Experimental



- Three incomplete pole figures for  $\alpha'$ -martensite - (200), (211) and (222) - and for austenite - (200), (220) and (211) - with maximum tilt of  $75^\circ$  were measured .
- ODF's were calculated with the software Labotex.
- The predicted texture resulting from  $\gamma \rightarrow \alpha$  transformation was performed with software *crystal\_habit\_poly.f* developed by Saurabh Kundu and available at [www.msm.cam.ac.uk](http://www.msm.cam.ac.uk).



# Results



- Measured lattice parameter of austenite in these steel was 0.36106 nm and for martensite 0.28764 nm.
- Prediction of martensite texture calculated as in *Geometry of Crystals* (Harry Bhadeshia)
- Standard set used for texture simulation is:
- $a_\gamma/a_\alpha=1.2552$
- Habit plane  $\vec{p}=(-0.169784275 \quad -0.762072862 \quad -0.62483458)$
- Deformation direction  $\vec{d}=(-0.191285635 \quad -0.683992424 \quad 0.703963188)$
- $\delta=0.0112061159 \quad s=0.228823027 \quad m=0.22909726$
- Coordinate transformation matrix:

$$(\gamma J \alpha)=\begin{pmatrix} 0.575516581 & 0.542120251 & 0.0976951561 \\ -0.550778282 & 0.568639138 & 0.0891675977 \\ -0.00905503033 & -0.131959122 & 0.785597138 \end{pmatrix}$$

# Applied tensor during deformation



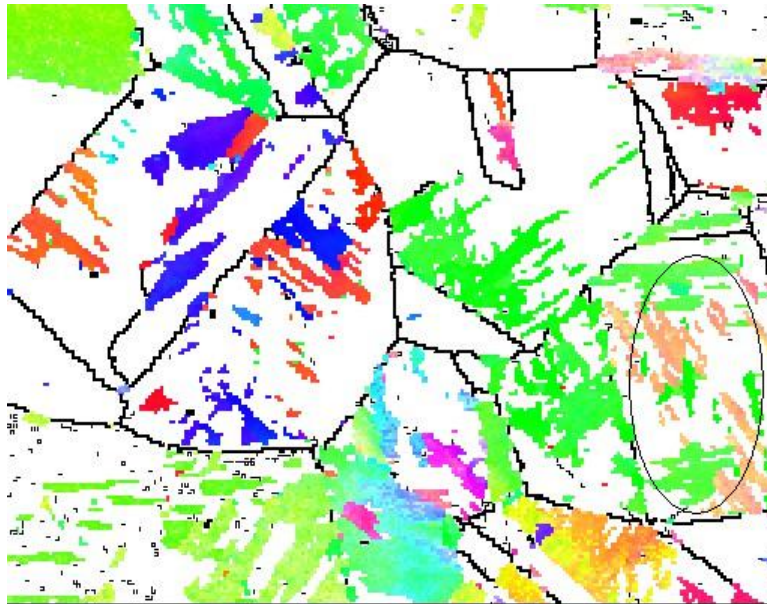
Tensor for deformation in a tension test  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

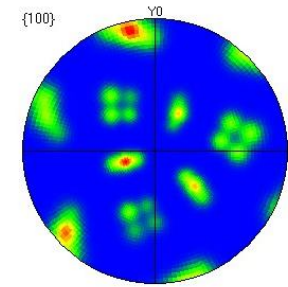
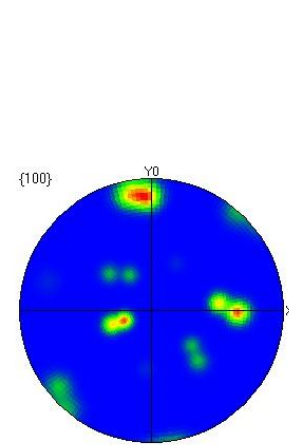
Tensor for deformation by cold rolling  $\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\sigma \end{pmatrix}$$

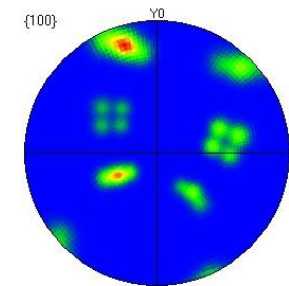
# Austenitic stainless steel deformed by tension



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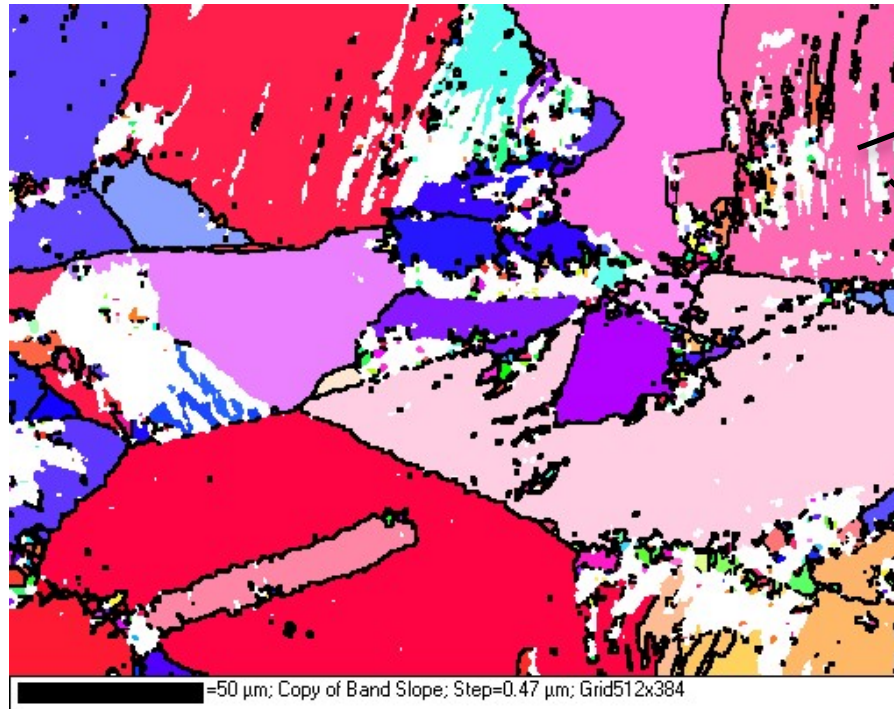


24 V

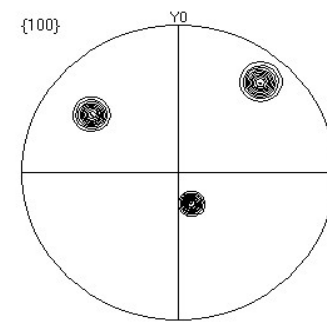


12 V

# Orientation of selected grain of austenite



$\varphi_1=21.6^\circ$ ,  $\phi=25.6^\circ$  and  $\varphi_2=30.3^\circ$



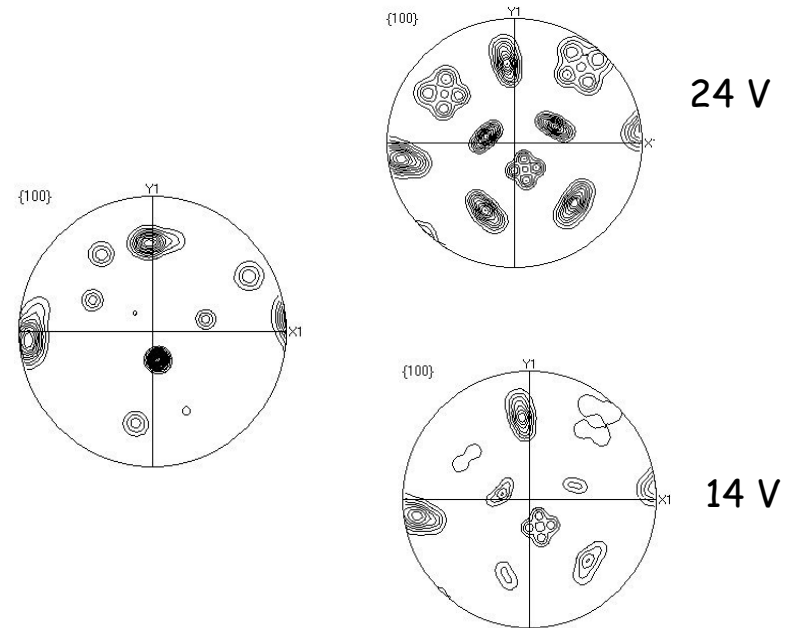
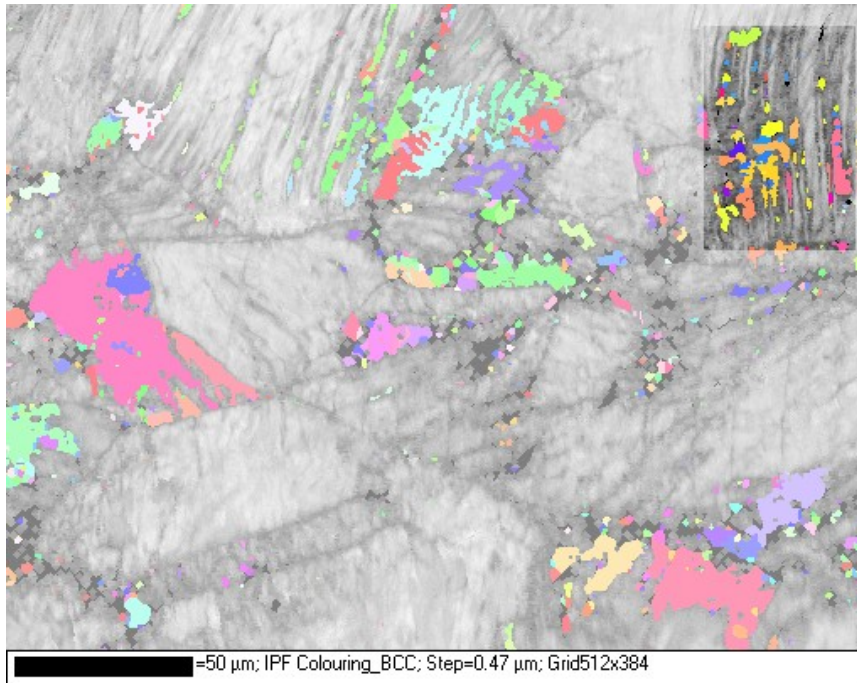
Pole Figure	
[304_lam300x-GR 2B.cpr Iron_gamma (m3m) Complete data set 9861 data points Stereographic projection Upper hemisphere	
Half width:10°	
Cluster size:5°	
Exp. densities (mud): Min= 0.00, Max=51.39	
5	_____
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40	_____
45	_____
50	_____

## Calculated values of U for austenite texture

Ranking	Variant no.	U (J mol <sup>-1</sup> )
1	7	29.49
2	1	29.23
3	16	26.98
4	9	25.54
5	12	23.19
6	15	22.65
7	6	18.45
8	14	17.80
9	17	9.55
10	5	9.37
11	13	5.97
12	19	3.79
13	4	2.59
14	11	1.76
15	22	-0.84
16	24	-6.06
16	18	-19.44
18	3	-19.52
19	23	-21.65
20	8	-24.26
21	2	-32.22
22	21	-32.81
23	20	-33.16
24	10	-36.43

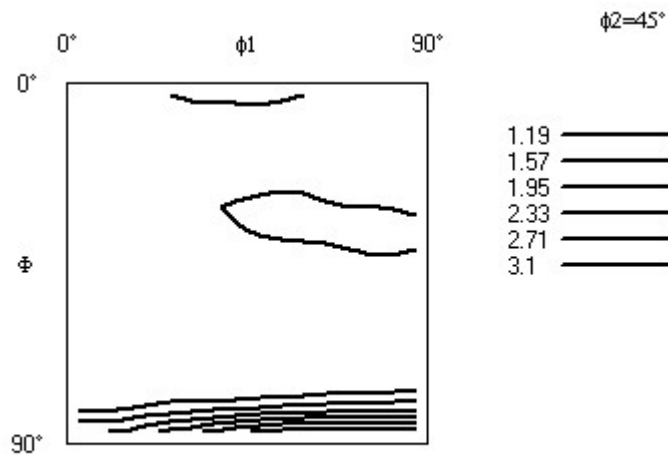


# Predicted and measured pole figures for martensite



# ODF- Calculations

## Initial texture of austenite



Main components: Goss (110)[001]; Brass (110) ; Cube (001[100]; and, Copper (112)[11 ].

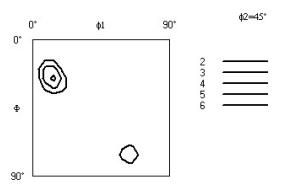
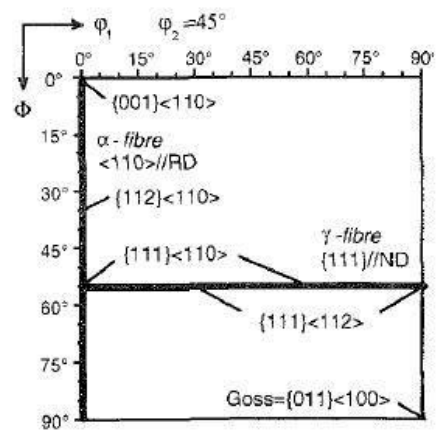
Calculated volume fraction for each orientation:  
0.42 for Goss; 0.42 for Brass; 0.08 for Cube; and,  
0.08 for Copper.

Number of variants with positive energy ( $U$ ) for each austenite orientation

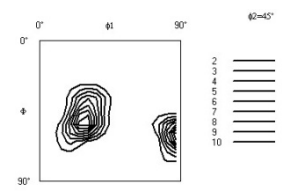


	Copper	Brass	Goss	Cube
Tension	12	14	8	8
Rolling	10	10	8	12

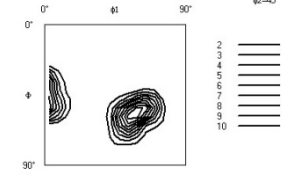




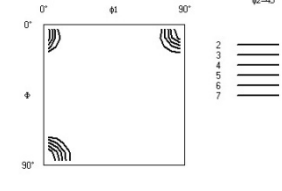
Copper



Brass

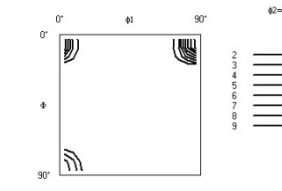
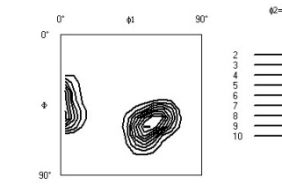
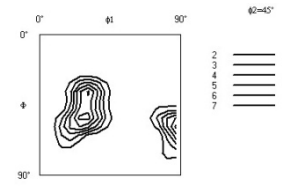
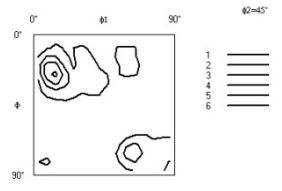


Goss



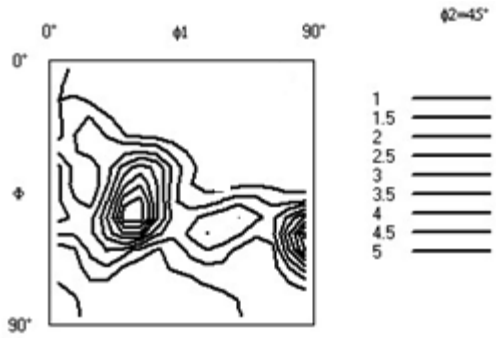
Cube

Tension test

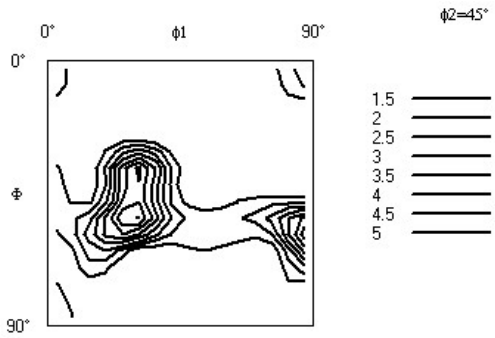


Cold rolled

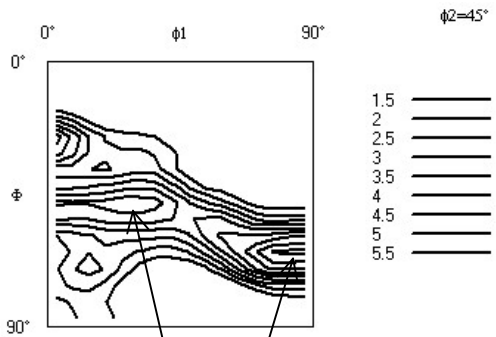
# Comparison between simulated and calculated from measured pole figures ODF's



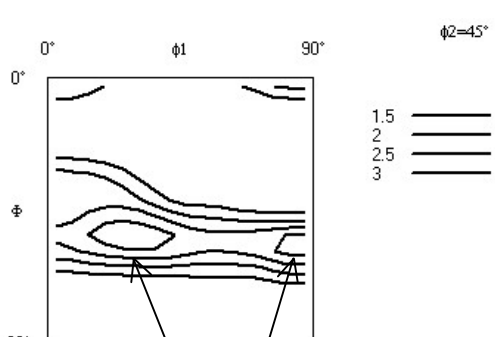
Tension test



Predicted



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Measured

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# Conclusion



- Transformation texture prediction following the phenomenological theory of martensite crystallography (PTMC) assuming cold rolled condition has been done. Variant selection was predicted following Paten and Cohen's theory. Results concur with results published by Kundu that this theory works not only in uniaxial load but also in more complex loading conditions.

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