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## Overview on Basic Types of Hot Rolling Textures of Steels

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The present study gives a review on basic types of crystallographic textures developing during hot rolling of polycrystalline steels. The results are grouped into three fundamental classes of textures. The first group comprises pure Fe, some weakly bonded B2 and D0<sub>3</sub> structured intermetallics, as well as closely related alloys such as ferritic low carbon and microalloyed interstitial free steels. The second group includes highly alloyed corrosion-resistant ferritic stainless and Fe-Si transformer steels. Typical examples are steels with about 10 wt.%-17 wt.% Cr, with about 3 wt.% Si, as well as body centered cubic transition metals such as Ta, Mo, and Nb which do not undergo any phase transformation during hot rolling. The third group comprises stable and instable austenitic stainless steels for instance on the basis of larger amounts of Cr and Ni or on Mn as well as duplex steels. Most L<sub>12</sub> structured intermetallic alloys can also be assigned to this group. The suggested classification scheme is discussed in terms of different processing parameters, thermodynamics, microstructure, and crystallographic aspects.

**Überblick über die wesentlichen Typen von Warmwalztexturen von Stählen.** Diese Studie gibt einen Überblick über die wesentlichen Typen kristallographischer Texturen von warmgewalzten polykristallinen Stählen. Die Ergebnisse lassen sich in drei fundamentale Texturklassen einteilen. Die erste Gruppe umfasst reines Fe, einige schwach gebundene B2 und D0<sub>3</sub> strukturierte intermetallische Phasen und eng verwandte Legierungen sowie ferritische niedriggekohlte und mikrolegierte IF-Stähle. Die zweite Gruppe umfasst hochlegierte korrosionsbeständige ferritische Edelstähle und Fe-Si-Transformatorstähle. Typische Beispiele sind Stähle mit etwa 10 bis 17 Gew.% Cr, mit etwa 3 Gew.% Si sowie kubisch-raumzentrierte Übergangsmetalle wie Ta, Mo und Nb, die keine Phasenumwandlung während der Warmumformung durchlaufen. Die dritte Gruppe umfasst stabile und instabile austenitische Edelstähle zum Beispiel auf der Basis von größeren Legierungsanteilen an Cr und Ni oder Mn sowie Duplex-Edelstähle. Zahlreiche L<sub>12</sub> strukturierte intermetallische Legierungen können dieser Gruppe ebenfalls zugeordnet werden. Das vorgeschlagene Klassifizierungsschema wird im Hinblick auf unterschiedliche Herstellbedingungen, Thermodynamik, Mikrostrukturen und kristallographische Aspekte diskutiert.

## Introduction

The application of quantitative texture analysis in terms of the orientation distribution function (ODF) [1,2] to a large variety of steel hot bands has during the last two decades provided a rather complete picture on the evolution of hot rolling textures of body centered cubic (BCC) and face centered cubic (FCC) steels and related alloys. The use of the ODF provides texture data for hot rolled steels which are sufficiently detailed to reveal characteristic differences between the various groups of steels. The main parameters leading to different classes of hot band steel textures can be arranged in four groups, **table 1**.

The first group includes the processing parameters, such as casting (e.g. continuous casting, thin strip casting), slab treatment (e.g. slab annealing temperature, soaking time), pre-rolling, and hot rolling schedule (e.g. ferritic rolling, austenitic rolling, reduction scheme, macroscopic through-thickness strain rate profiles). The second group includes thermodynamic quantities such as the amount and kind of alloying elements, impurities, transformation behaviour, stored deformation energy, and the stacking fault energy of the austenitic phase. The third group comprises microstructural parameters such as the grain size and shape, recrystallization temperature and time, shear bands, and precipitations. The fourth group contains crystallographic aspects such as the active slip systems in the different phases, in-

herited textures, and orientation relationships during transformation (e.g. Bain or Nishiyama-Wassermann).

The texture results presented in this overview for a number of different types of hot rolled steels suggests to establish three basic classes of hot band steel textures. The first group (in the following termed group (A) comprises pure Fe, some weakly bonded B2 and D0<sub>3</sub> structured intermetallics, as well as the closely related ferritic low carbon and interstitial free (IF) steels. The second group (in the following termed group (B) includes highly alloyed ferritic stainless and Si-steels, particularly steels with about 10 wt.%-17 wt.% Cr or with about 3 wt.% Si as well as BCC transition metals such as Ta, Mo, Cr, and Nb which do not undergo a phase transformation during hot rolling. The third group (in the following termed group (C) comprises stable and instable austenitic stainless steels for instance on the basis of larger amounts of Cr and Ni or on Mn as well as duplex steels. Most L<sub>12</sub> structured intermetallic alloys can also be assigned to this group.

Earlier reviews on the main elements of the crystallographic textures of hot rolled steels were published by Wassermann and Grewen [3], Hölscher et al. [4,5], Ray and Jonas [6], and Raabe et al. [7-13].

## Experimental

As examples for the different groups of hot rolled steels the current article reviews data for IF deep drawing steels,

**Table 1.** Main parameters which lead to different classes of hot band steel textures [3-12].

Main groups of influence parameters on hot band steel textures	Main factors in each parameter group
group 1 (processing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• casting conditions (e.g. continuous casting, thin strip casting)</li> <li>• slab treatment (e.g. slab annealing temperature, soaking time)</li> <li>• pre-rolling</li> <li>• hot rolling schedule (e.g. ferritic rolling, austenitic rolling, reduction scheme, macroscopic through-thickness strain rate profiles)</li> </ul>
group 2 (thermodynamics)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• amount and kind of alloying elements</li> <li>• impurities</li> <li>• stored deformation energy</li> <li>• transformation behavior</li> <li>• stacking fault energy (austenite)</li> </ul>
group 3 (microstructure)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• grain size and shape</li> <li>• recrystallization temperature and time</li> <li>• shear banding</li> <li>• precipitations</li> </ul>
group 4 (crystallography)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• active slip systems</li> <li>• inherited textures</li> <li>• orientation relationships during transformation (e.g. Bain or Nishiyama-Wassermann)</li> </ul>

expansion degree of  $I_{\max}=22$ . The orientation  $g$  is given in terms of three Euler angles using Bunge's notation  $\varphi_1, \phi, \varphi_2$ .

### Presentation of hot rolling textures of steels

According to the cubic crystal symmetry of both FCC and BCC crystal lattice and the orthotropic symmetry of the hot rolled specimens with RD = rolling direction, ND = normal direction, and TD = transverse direction of the sheets, the textures are typically presented in the reduced Euler space ( $0^\circ \leq \varphi_1, \phi, \varphi_2 \leq 90^\circ$ ). Since both, FCC and BCC steels tend to develop pronounced texture fibers during cold rolling, it is convenient to apply  $\varphi_1$ -sections in case of BCC steels and  $\varphi_2$ -sections in case of FCC steels through Euler space or to present the orientation density along various characteristic orientation fibers.

various highly alloyed microalloyed and non-microalloyed corrosion-resistant ferritic stainless high grade steels with a Cr content between 10 wt.% and 17 wt.% as well as different Cr-Ni-base austenitic stainless steels. All inspected samples were industrially hot rolled to a thickness between 3-4 mm.

Since textures and microstructures of hot rolled steels are often very inhomogeneous through the thickness, all specimens were measured in various through-thickness layers. Some hot band textures with strong nonhomogeneity were even characterized in eleven through-thickness layers. The inspected layer is described by the parameter  $s=a/(d/2)$  with  $a$  being the distance of the actual layer from the center layer and  $d$  the sample thickness, i.e.  $s=0$  corresponds to the center and  $s=1$  to the surface layer. The mid-thickness layers at  $s=0$  as well as the layers at  $s=0.7$  and  $s=0.8$  are particularly relevant for hot band texture analysis since they typically show the strongest plane-strain textures ( $s=0$ ) and shear textures ( $s=0.7, s=0.8$ ) during industrial hot rolling, respectively.

In order to remove a surface layer of 20  $\mu\text{m}$ , that is to get rid of disturbing grinding effects before the texture measurements, the austenitic stainless steel samples were etched in a solution of 100 ml  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , 100 ml  $\text{HCl}$  and 30 ml  $\text{HNO}_3$  at ambient temperature. The ferritic stainless steel samples were etched in a solution of 100 ml  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , 10 ml  $\text{HF}$ , 5 ml  $\text{HNO}_3$  and 5 ml  $\text{HCl}$ . The IF steels were etched by using  $\text{HF}$  prior to the texture measurements.

All textures have been quantitatively examined by measuring four incomplete pole figures from an area of  $14 \times 24 \text{ mm}^2$  in the range of the pole distance angle from  $5^\circ$  to  $85^\circ$  with  $\text{MoK}\alpha_1$ -radiation in the back reflection mode [14] using automatic texture goniometers and by deriving from them the ODF,  $f(g)$ , by applying an iterative non-negative series expansion method [15-17] using a maximum series

For BCC steels these are the  $\alpha_{\text{bcc}}$ -fiber (fiber axis  $\langle 110 \rangle$  parallel to the rolling direction including major components  $\{001\}\langle 110 \rangle$ ,  $\{1\bar{1}2\}\langle 110 \rangle$ , and  $\{1\bar{1}1\}\langle 110 \rangle$ ),  $\gamma$ -fiber (fiber axis  $\langle 111 \rangle$  parallel to the normal direction including major components  $\{111\}\langle 110 \rangle$  and  $\{11\bar{1}\}\langle 112 \rangle$ ),  $\eta$ -fiber (fiber axis  $\langle 001 \rangle$  parallel to the rolling direction including major components  $\{001\}\langle 100 \rangle$  and  $\{011\}\langle 100 \rangle$ ),  $\zeta$ -fiber (fiber axis  $\langle 011 \rangle$  parallel to the normal direction including major components  $\{011\}\langle 100 \rangle$ ,  $\{0\bar{1}1\}\langle 211 \rangle$ ,  $\{0\bar{1}1\}\langle 111 \rangle$ , and  $\{0\bar{1}1\}\langle 011 \rangle$ ),  $\epsilon$ -fiber (fiber axis  $\langle 011 \rangle$  parallel to the transverse direction including major components  $\{001\}\langle 110 \rangle$ ,  $\{112\}\langle 111 \rangle$ ,  $\{111\}\langle 112 \rangle$ , and  $\{011\}\langle 100 \rangle$ ), and  $\theta$ -fiber (fiber axis  $\langle 001 \rangle$  parallel to the normal direction including major components  $\{001\}\langle 100 \rangle$  and  $\{001\}\langle 110 \rangle$ ). For FCC steels these are the  $\alpha_{\text{fcc}}$ -fiber (fiber axis  $\langle 011 \rangle$  parallel to the normal direction including major components  $\{011\}\langle 100 \rangle$ ,  $\{0\bar{1}1\}\langle 211 \rangle$ ,  $\{0\bar{1}1\}\langle 111 \rangle$ , and  $\{0\bar{1}1\}\langle 011 \rangle$ ) and the  $\beta$ -skeleton line (less symmetric fiber including major components  $\{211\}\langle 111 \rangle$  (Cu-component),  $\sim\{123\}\langle 634 \rangle$  (S-component) and  $\{011\}\langle 211 \rangle$  (Brass-component)).

The most important orientations and fibers are also given in figures 1 and 2 and table 2. While some texture fibers depict the intensities of the orientations at fixed Euler angles, the  $\beta$ -skeleton line is not a static fiber, but collects the local maxima with varying coordinates in Euler space.

### Basic texture classes for hot rolled and strip cast steels

#### Group (A) steels

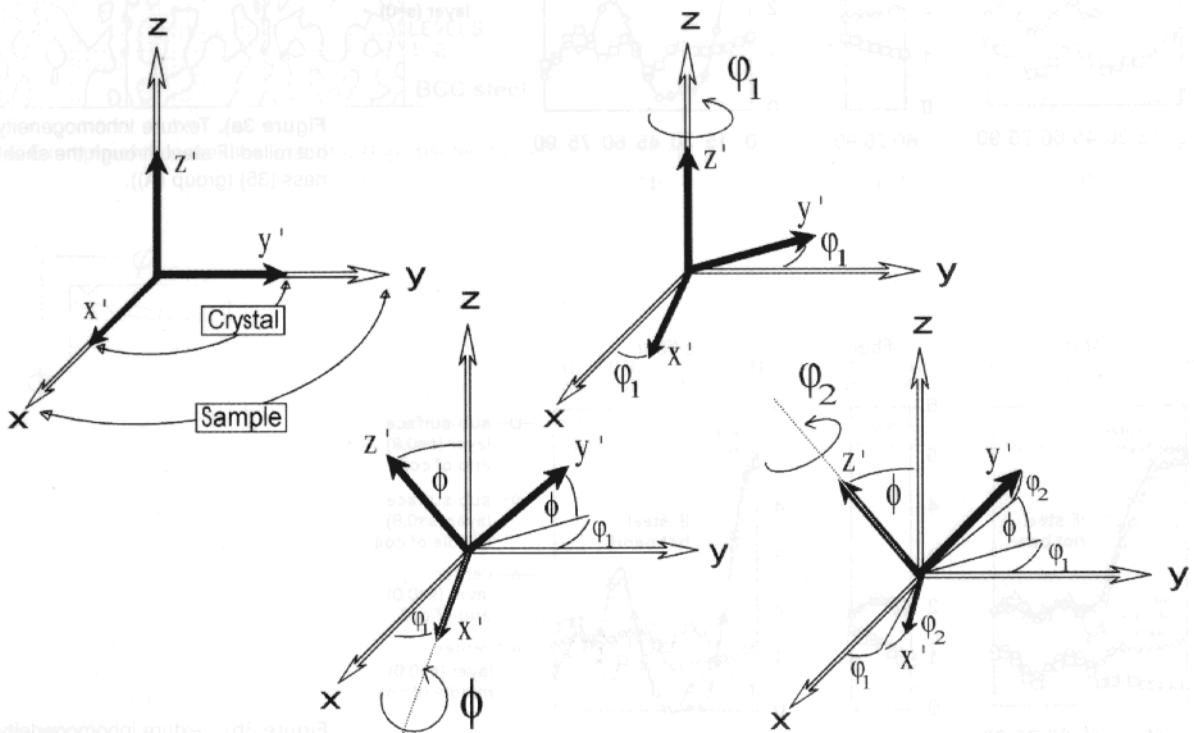
The dominant common characteristic feature for hot rolled group (A) steels is that they usually do not build up strong starting textures or substantial texture gradients dur-

**Table 2.** Some important fibers and texture components for BCC and FCC steels.

Material	Fiber name	Fiber axis	Important components
BCC phase	$\alpha_{\text{bcc}}$ -fiber	$\langle 110 \rangle$ parallel to RD	$\{001\}\langle 110 \rangle$ , $\{112\}\langle 110 \rangle$ , $\{111\}\langle 110 \rangle$
	$\gamma$ -fiber	$\langle 111 \rangle$ parallel to ND	$\{111\}\langle 110 \rangle$ , $\{111\}\langle 112 \rangle$
	$\eta$ -fiber	$\langle 001 \rangle$ parallel to RD	$\{001\}\langle 100 \rangle$ , $\{011\}\langle 100 \rangle$
	$\zeta$ -fiber	$\langle 011 \rangle$ parallel to ND	$\{011\}\langle 100 \rangle$ , $\{011\}\langle 211 \rangle$ , $\{011\}\langle 111 \rangle$ , $\{011\}\langle 011 \rangle$
	$\varepsilon$ -fiber	$\langle 011 \rangle$ parallel to TD	$\{001\}\langle 110 \rangle$ , $\{112\}\langle 111 \rangle$ , $\{4411\}\langle 11118 \rangle$ , $\{111\}\langle 112 \rangle$ , $\{11118\}\langle 4411 \rangle$ , $\{011\}\langle 100 \rangle$
	$\theta$ -fiber	$\langle 001 \rangle$ parallel to ND	$\{001\}\langle 100 \rangle$ , $\{001\}\langle 110 \rangle$
	$\beta_{\text{bcc}}$ -skeleton line	$\approx \langle 111 \rangle$ close to ND	$\{111\}\langle 110 \rangle$ , $\{557\}\langle 583 \rangle$ , $\{111\}\langle 112 \rangle$
FCC phase	$\alpha_{\text{fcc}}$ -fiber	$\langle 011 \rangle$ parallel to ND	$\{011\}\langle 100 \rangle$ , $\{011\}\langle 211 \rangle$ , $\{011\}\langle 111 \rangle$ , $\{011\}\langle 011 \rangle$
	$\beta_{\text{fcc}}$ -skeleton line	less symmetric fiber following local texture maxima rather than fixed coordinates	$\{211\}\langle 111 \rangle$ , $\{123\}\langle 634 \rangle$ , $\{011\}\langle 211 \rangle$

ing hot rolling [4,7,9,10,13,18-27]. During hot rolling many ferritic steels with small alloy content undergo pronounced  $\gamma$ - $\alpha$ -transformation after forming during cooling. This process randomizes the hot band texture. The  $\gamma$ - $\alpha$ -transformation follows fundamental crystallographic rotation relationships as originally formulated by Nishiyama-Wassermann [28,29]. According to their work a  $\{111\}$  lattice plane and a  $\langle 211 \rangle$  lattice vector in the austenite correspond to a  $\{110\}$  plane and a  $\langle 110 \rangle$  vector in the martensite. Following Davies et al. [30] these transformation rules can be expressed in terms of a  $95.3^\circ$  rotation about a common  $\langle hkl \rangle$  axis with  $h=-1+\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}$ ,  $k=1+\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}$  and  $l=\sqrt{2}$ . Ray and Jonas [6], Raabe [31,32], and Brückner et al. [33,34] observed these transformation relationships also in their experimental work. The multiplicity of possible transforma-

starting textures to cold rolling, depend significantly on the details of the respective hot rolling strategy. Low carbon and IF steel sheets which are finished in the ferritic regime typically reveal some weak texture components which are characteristic of *cold* band textures at the end of hot rolling [35-39]. Using a *ferritic* hot rolling strategy means that at least the last or the last two hot rolling steps are carried out in the  $\alpha$ -phase region. This implies that the transformation takes place before the end of hot rolling. Steels which are finished in the ferritic regime show not only residual rolling textures but also weak through-thickness and in-plane texture gradients after cooling, **figures 3 a) and b)**. Low carbon steels which are finished using an austenitic hot rolling strategy mostly reveal nearly random textures at the end of hot rolling.

**Figure 1.** Definition of the three Euler angles  $\varphi_1$ ,  $\varphi$ ,  $\varphi_2$  in Bunge's notation [1,2].

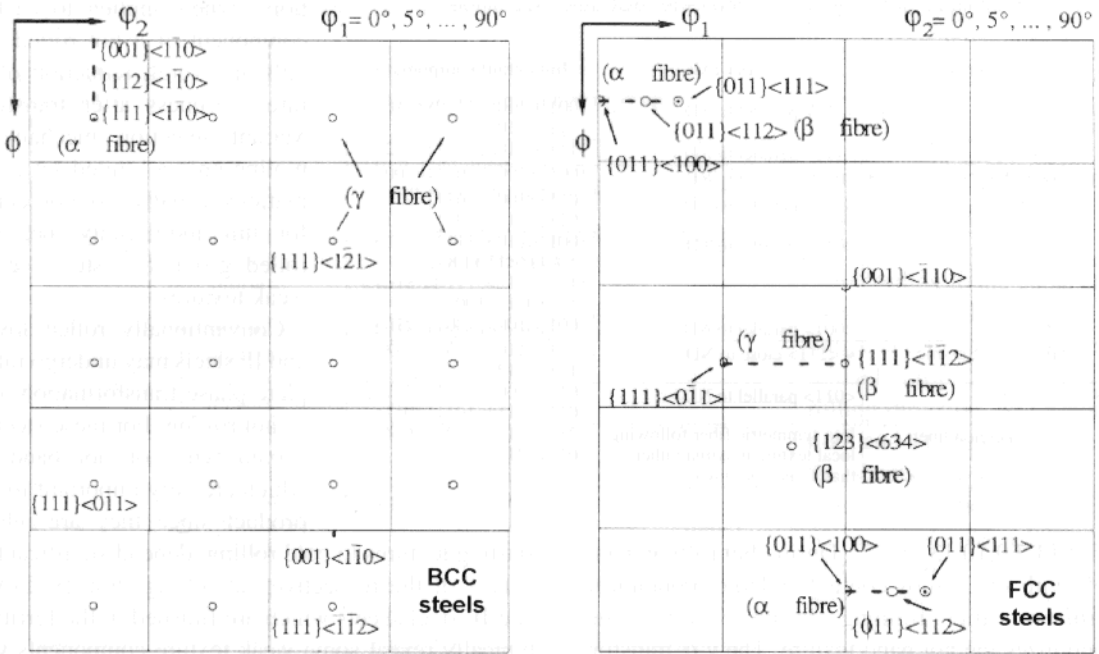


Figure 2. Some important fibers and texture components for BCC and FCC steels in sections through the reduced Euler space.

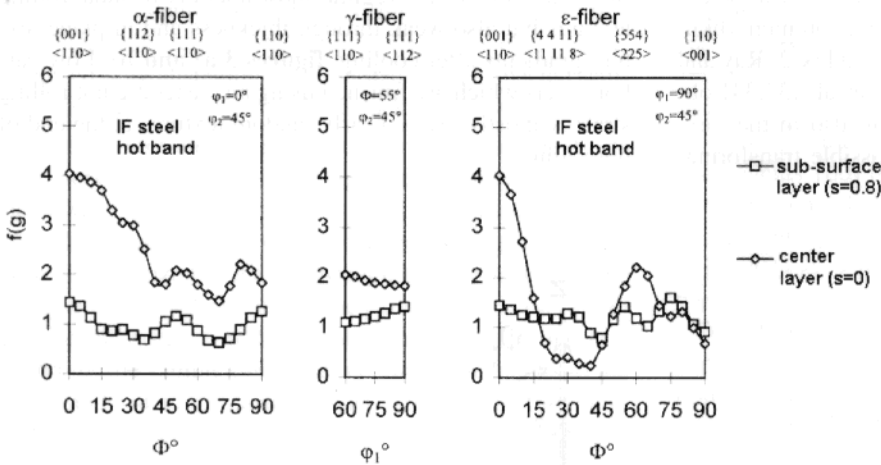


Figure 3a). Texture inhomogeneity of a hot rolled IF steel through the sheet thickness [35] (group (A)).

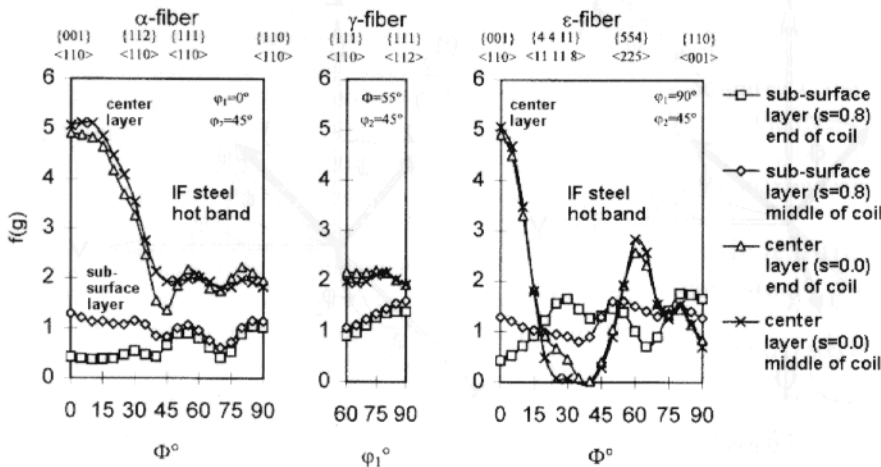
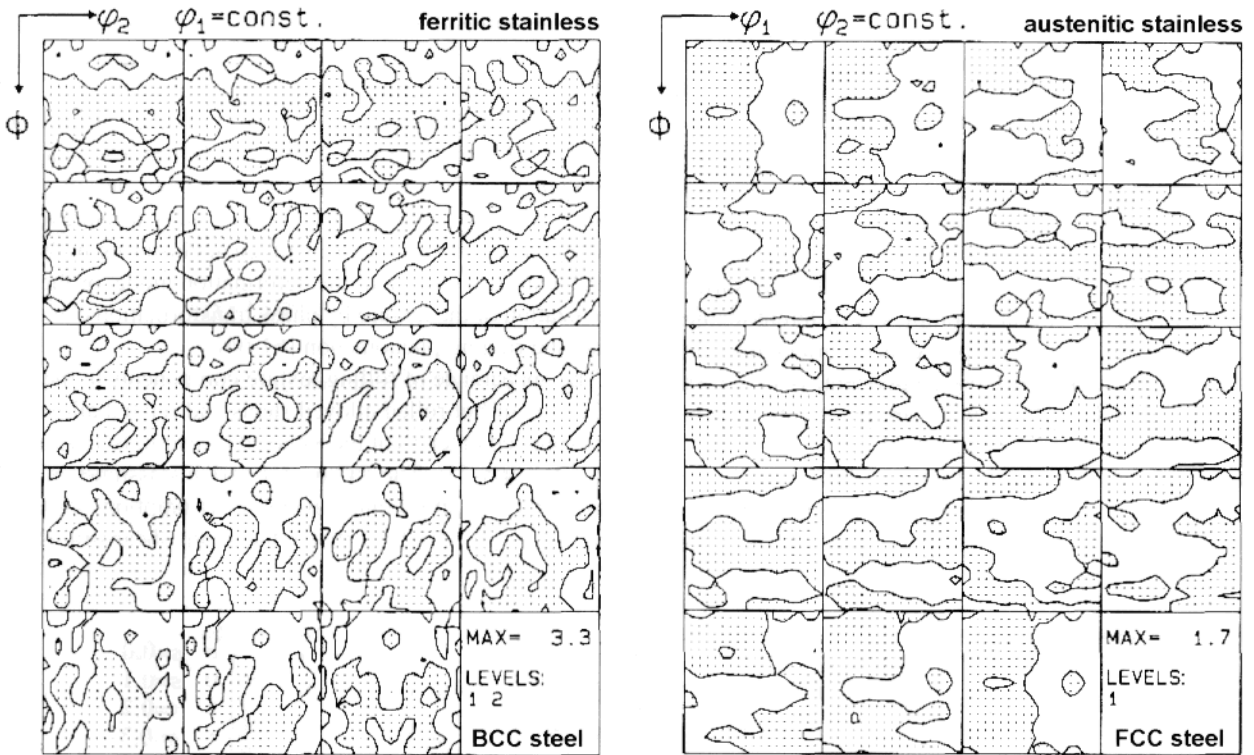


Figure 3b). Texture inhomogeneity of an IF steel in the sheet plane of a hot rolled coil [35] (group (A)).

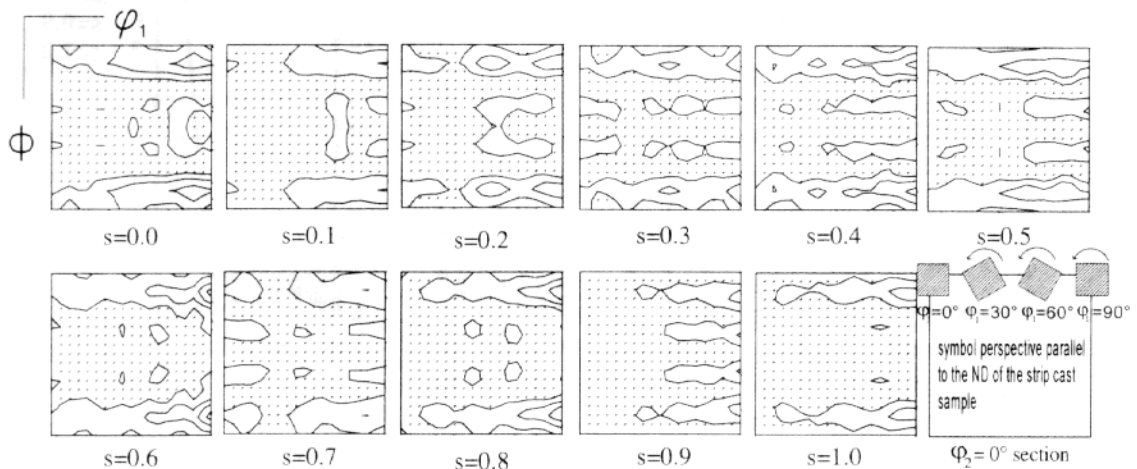
Similar textures with random or weak cube-type fiber orientation distributions are observed in highly alloyed corrosion-resistant ferritic and austenitic stainless steels, low-carbon steels, and Si-steels when they are produced via thin strip casting [12,31,40-47], **figures 4 and 5**. In this case corrosion-resistant stainless steels can be classified as group (A) materials. However, strip cast stainless steels typically reveal an inhomogeneous microstructure through the sheet thickness. The surface and near-center layers are often characterized by large, uniform blocks of dendrites. The layers close to the center show a more blocky and nearly equiaxed morphology. The mid-thickness layer of strip cast material often shows a globulitic grain structure. Nonstable

austenitic grades can contain up to 20vol.% martensite in the center layers [31,47].

Both types of corrosion-resistant stainless steels (ferritic, austenitic) reveal a nearly random orientation distribution in all through thickness layers of the strip cast material. The observed texture gradients are in both types of alloys negligible when compared to the corresponding hot bands. The highest orientation density usually does not exceed a value of  $f(g)=4$  times random. Strip casting textures are usually unequal on both sides of the sheet, i.e. the through-thickness texture is not symmetric with respect to the center layer, figures 4 and 5.



**Figure 4.** Example of the weak textures of a strip cast ferritic (left) and austenitic (right) stainless steel [12,47] (group (A), center layers).



**Figure 5.** Example of the very weak through-thickness texture gradient of a strip cast austenitic stainless steel which is characterized by a weak fiber texture typical of solidification processes [12,47]. The iso-intensity lines are  $f(g)=0.5, 1,$  and  $1.5$  times random (group (A)).

## Group (B) steels

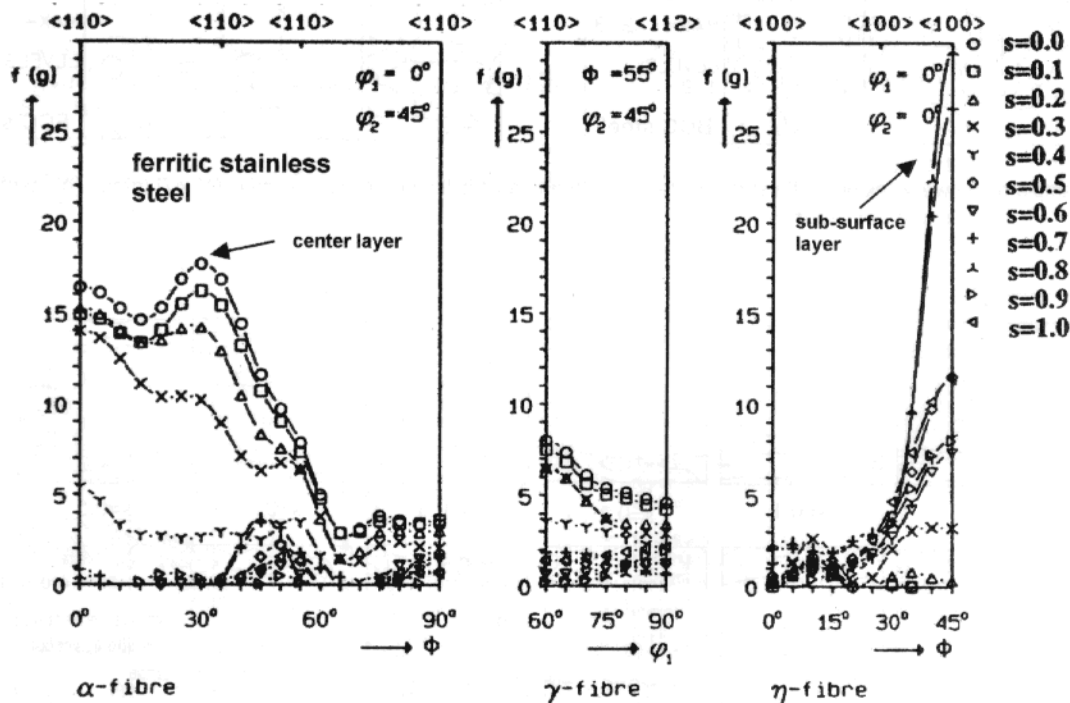
Highly alloyed corrosion-resistant ferritic stainless steels (e.g. Fe-11wt.%Cr, Fe-17wt.%Cr) and most Si-steels reveal a smaller volume fraction of austenite during hot rolling [7,9-13,48,49]. Similar criteria apply for pure and weakly alloyed BCC refractory metals such as Ta, Mo, or Nb [13,50-55] which do not undergo any solid-state phase transformation during hot rolling. These materials have in common that they reveal strong *cold* rolling-type textures at the end of hot rolling due to their ferritic stability during hot rolling.

In contrast to the usually random or at least weak starting textures of the group (A) steels or of strip cast steels, group (B) materials are characterized by strong gradients in texture and microstructure through the sample thickness, **figures 6 and 7**. Thoroughly investigated examples are Fe with 3wt.% Si and Fe with 10wt.%-16wt.% Cr [7,9-13,48,49]. In the center layer these materials show – after hot rolling – a flat and elongated grain morphology with a low fraction of recrystallized grains. At the surface they show a larger amount of recrystallized equiaxed grains. Concerning the textures they exhibit in the center layer a strong  $\alpha$ -fiber and a weak  $\gamma$ -fiber. Close to the surface ( $s=0.8$ ) they typically reveal a completely different texture, namely, a strong  $\zeta$ -fiber with pronounced orientations between  $\{011\}\langle 112\rangle$  and the Goss component,  $\{011\}\langle 100\rangle$ , accompanied by the  $\varepsilon$ -fiber with strong orientations between  $\{112\}\langle 111\rangle$  and  $\{4411\}\langle 11118\rangle$ .

These through-thickness texture profiles typically observed in hot rolled ferritic corrosion-resistant stainless steels can be explained in terms of the macroscopic gradi-

ents in shear and the temperature profiles occurring in these materials during hot rolling [56,57]. The center layers are essentially deformed by a plane strain deformation state. The grains in these layers typically assume an elongated pancake-type morphology. Cooling in the center layers is much slower when compared to the surface regimes. Both effects promote strong recovery instead of recrystallization in the center layers. Recovery is particularly important for the preservation of a strong  $\alpha$ -fiber texture often with a maximum at the  $\{001\}\langle 110\rangle$  texture component [58]. This orientation is particularly prone to undergo recovery instead of recrystallization due to absence of in-grain orientation gradients [59,60]. The  $\alpha$ -fiber texture in the center layers of the hot rolled sheet which is inherited and stabilized by cold rolling is also considered to be the main reason for the above mentioned ridging phenomenon especially in Fe-17%Cr alloys. It is assumed in this context that the clustered lateral distribution of certain texture components such as the main  $\alpha$ -fiber components  $\{001\}\langle 110\rangle$ ,  $\{112\}\langle 110\rangle$ , and  $\{111\}\langle 110\rangle$  in case of ferritic steels, can lead to an unfavorable topological arrangement of the out-of-plane shears which is referred to as ridging. Only a reduction of these components and their topological clustering in the hot band texture, a change of the deformation mode, or the randomization of the texture by phase transformation can eliminate the ridging phenomenon [61-64].

The appearance of rolling texture components in the center layers of hot rolled alloyed steels and related alloys can be explained in terms of the Relaxed Constraints Taylor theory (RC) [65-74]. The RC-model variants assume, in contrast to the full strain rate constraints assumption suggested originally by Taylor [75], that in the grains shear strains par-



**Figure 6.** Example of the strong through-thickness texture gradient of an as hot rolled ferritic stainless steel [11] (group (B)). It is worth noting that the texture gradient in group (B) steels is much stronger than in group (A) low carbon or IF steels which were finished in the ferritic regime.

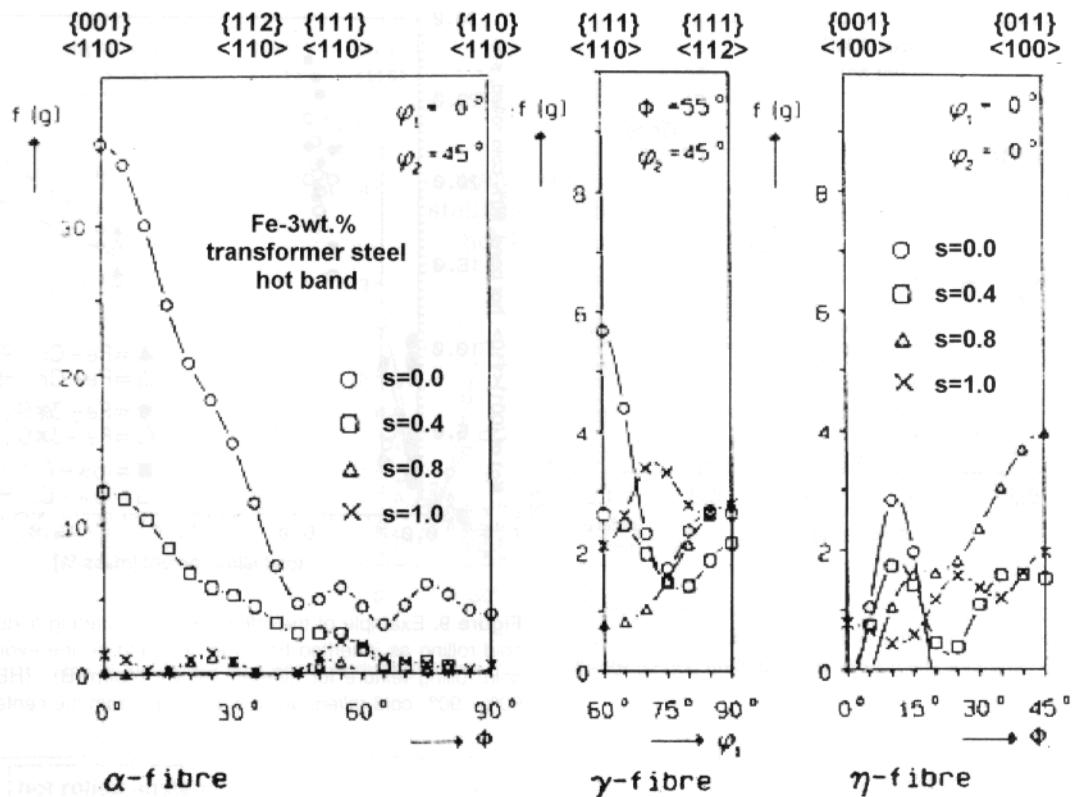


Figure 7. Example of the strong through-thickness texture gradient of an as hot rolled Fe-Si transformer steel [9] (group (B)).

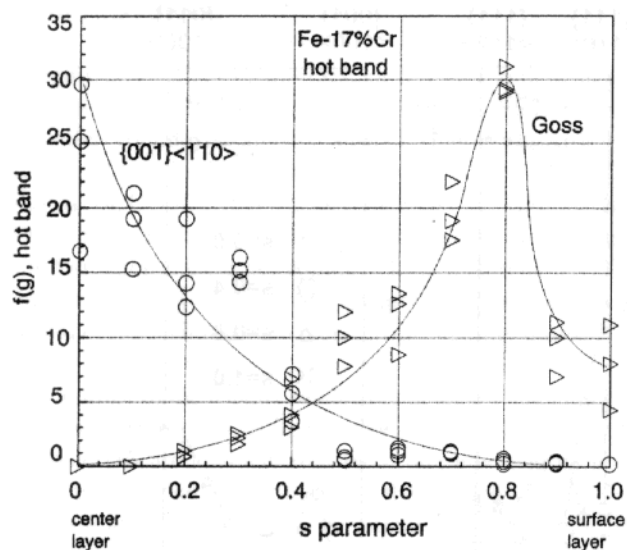
allel to the rolling plane may occur, at low strains only in RD (lath- or C-model), at high strains additionally in TD (pancake- or SC-model). In addition to these geometrical aspects the influence of the various types of BCC slip systems, namely, 12  $\{110\}\langle 111\rangle$ , 24  $\{110\}\langle 111\rangle$  plus  $\{112\}\langle 111\rangle$ , or even 48  $\{110\}\langle 111\rangle$ ,  $\{112\}\langle 111\rangle$  plus  $\{123\}\langle 111\rangle$  slip systems, deserves attention when predicting BCC textures. Texture simulations on the basis of the 12  $\{110\}\langle 111\rangle$  glide systems lead to results which are characterized by two isolated orientations  $\{112\}\langle 110\rangle$  and  $\{111\}\langle 110\rangle$  on the  $\alpha$ -fibre and the evolution of the  $\gamma$ -fibre. Whereas for weak plane-strain rolling strains the maximum on the  $\alpha$ -fibre is located close to  $\{001\}\langle 110\rangle$ , after 70% rolling this component is shifted towards  $\{112\}\langle 110\rangle$ . Considering additionally the 12  $\{112\}\langle 111\rangle$  glide systems with identical critical resolved shear stress (CRSS) as on the  $\{110\}\langle 111\rangle$  slip systems promotes the two main orientations  $\{001\}\langle 110\rangle$  and  $\{111\}\langle 110\rangle$  on the  $\alpha$ -fibre and the development of a weak  $\{111\}\langle 112\rangle$  component on the  $\gamma$ -fibre. When taking into account additionally the 24  $\{123\}\langle 111\rangle$  glide systems with identical CRSS the simulations yield a somewhat more uniformly shaped  $\alpha$ -fibre. Recent variants of the Taylor model which take into account the interaction of the grains yield improved texture predictions [76,77].

The near-surface layers of hot formed sheets are characterized by a strong shear deformation and a large von Mises equivalent strain. The values of the orientation densities of the shear components  $\{011\}\langle 100\rangle$ ,  $\{110\}\langle 112\rangle$ , and  $\{4411\}\langle 11118\rangle$  at the various depths correspond to the profile of the shear strain which results from the influence

of the temperature on the flow stress and the through-thickness profile of the Zener Holomon parameter, as calculated by Beynon et al. [56] and McLaren and Sellars [57]. Particularly the Goss orientation,  $\{011\}\langle 100\rangle$ , is well known to be stabilized by shear strain. The strong near-surface maximum of the Goss component in group (B) materials occurring at  $s=0.8$  corresponds exactly to the ideal shear texture which is found in torsion experiments. The strong maximum of the von Mises equivalent strain in conjunction with strong shear components in the sub-surface layers of the hot band promotes local shear banding and recrystallization instead of recovery.

High melting BCC refractory metals also reveal inhomogeneous through-thickness hot rolling textures. This observation is usually attributed to the complicated hot rolling schemes usually employed for these materials. They are often processed by a set of hot rolling steps and several intermediate off-line annealing treatments which are required to soften the sheets prior to further rolling. During these intermediate heat treatments BCC refractory metals often undergo recovery instead of primary recrystallization. However, recrystallization and recovery are strongly orientation dependent in all BCC materials entailing sometimes highly inhomogeneous microstructures and textures even in the same through-thickness layer.

As outlined above the occurrence of a strong recovered  $\{001\}\langle 110\rangle$  texture component in the center layer of hot rolled sheets and of a strong shear texture containing for instance the Goss component close to the surface is characteristic of most hot rolled group (B) materials. The maximum of the shear texture components is in hot rolled ferrite-

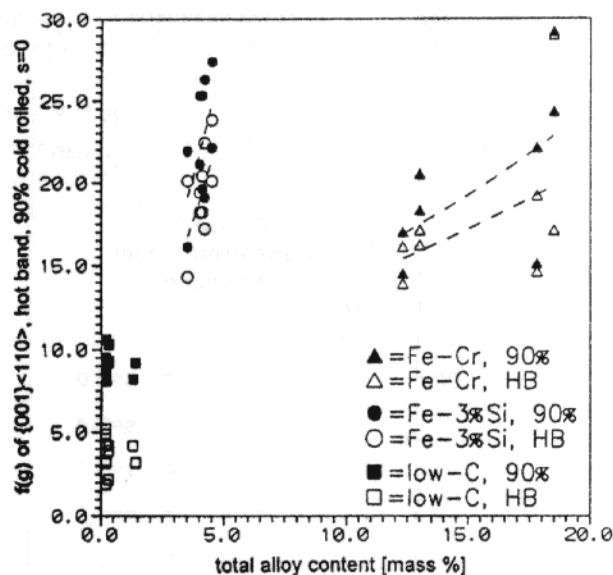


**Figure 8.** Example of the strong through-thickness texture gradient of a ferritic stainless steel in terms of a plane-strain texture component ( $\{001\}\langle 110\rangle$ ) and of a shear texture component (Goss) (group (B)).

ic stainless steels frequently located at  $s=0.7-0.8$ . When the texture profile is inspected with a local through-thickness resolution of  $\Delta s=0.1$  as for instance shown in figure 6, it can be seen that between the center and the surface layers a continuous decrease of the plane-strain type rolling texture and the steady increase of the typical shear texture components represent characteristic features of these steels. The resulting profile of the orientation density of the Goss component through various depths, here showing data from various steels with 17% Cr content, is depicted in **figure 8**. The occurrence of this type of texture profile within a hot rolled stainless steel band is well known from various ferritic alloys containing 11% Cr, 17% Cr or 3.4% Si, respectively [7,9-13,48,49]. **Figure 9** shows that with increasing alloy content especially of Cr and Si, i.e. with decreasing volume fraction of phase transformation during hot rolling, the intensity of the orientation density of the mid-thickness plane-strain component  $\{001\}\langle 110\rangle$  is enhanced.

### Group (C) steels

Austenitic stainless steels and duplex steels show in part deformation induced phase transformation during hot rolling. However, the volume fraction affected by such transformation is usually much below that in low carbon and IF steels. Therefore, most steels of group C usually have non-random textures after hot rolling. Most steels in this group typically deform as FCC materials without much transformation during cooling after hot rolling. The stacking fault energy of the FCC phase is usually similar to that of 70/30 brass, i.e. the materials pertaining to group (C) principally have a smaller tendency to recover and instead a larger tendency to recrystallize when compared to ferritic stainless steels. The hot band rolling textures of stable austenites and brass are, therefore, also similar.



**Figure 9.** Example of the influence of the starting textures prior to cold rolling as inherited from the hot band on the evolution of the cold rolling texture for different alloys (group (B)). (HB=hot band, 90%= 90% cold rolled, all data are taken from the center layer).

Austenitic hot band sheets typically reveal an inhomogeneous texture profile through the thickness, **figure 10**. Close to the center layer, i.e. at  $s=0.0$  and  $s=0.1$  the orientation distribution is characterized by a weak  $\beta$ -fiber with a maximum at  $\{011\}\langle 211\rangle$ , accompanied by the appearance of a weak cube component  $\{001\}\langle 100\rangle$ . In the layer  $s=0.2$  these orientations are often decreased and a nearly random orientation distribution is detected. Close to  $s=0.5$  and  $s=0.6$  a texture transition takes place. Three new orientations, namely, a weak  $\{001\}\langle 110\rangle$  component, a  $\gamma$ -fiber, and a strong  $\{112\}\langle 110\rangle$  orientation, which corresponds to the  $30^\circ$  about TD rotated rolling component  $\{110\}\langle 112\rangle$ , are usually developed. In the sub-surface layers at  $s=0.7$  and  $s=0.8$  the texture is often again close to random. At the surface ( $s=1.0$ ) a similar texture as in layer  $s=0.6$  is developed. In order to describe the through-thickness texture profile of the hot rolled austenitic stainless steel the three shear components which show a maximum orientation density close to  $s=0.6$  can be chosen as indicators for the shear profile as shown in **figure 11**. It is revealed that the orientation density of all three components shows a similar course in various depths. Close to the center layer both orientations are very weak and continuously increase up to the layer  $s=0.6$ . Between  $s=0.6$  and  $s=0.9$  a decrease and at the surface again an increase of the three shear components can be seen. This course represents the main contrast to ferritic hot band materials where the shear components reveal a maximum at  $s=0.8$  and not at  $s=0.6$  or  $s=1.0$ , respectively.

According to experimental results by Goodman and Hu [78], Donadille et al. [79], and Raabe [31] as well as Taylor-based simulations by Hirsch and Lücke [80] the observed  $\beta$ -fiber at  $s=0$  are typical rolling texture components which results from plane-strain deformation of FCC polycrystals. However, in the present austenitic hot band the maximum orientation density is lower than after cold

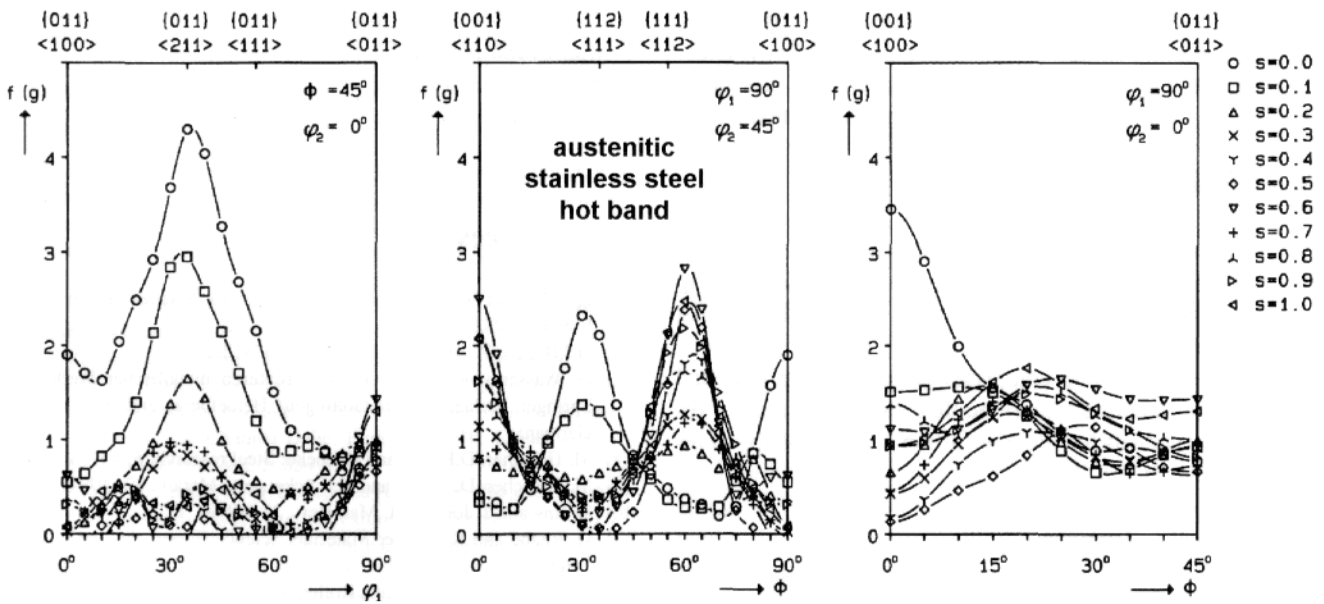


Figure 10. Example of the through-thickness texture gradient of an as hot rolled austenitic stainless steel [31] (group (C)).

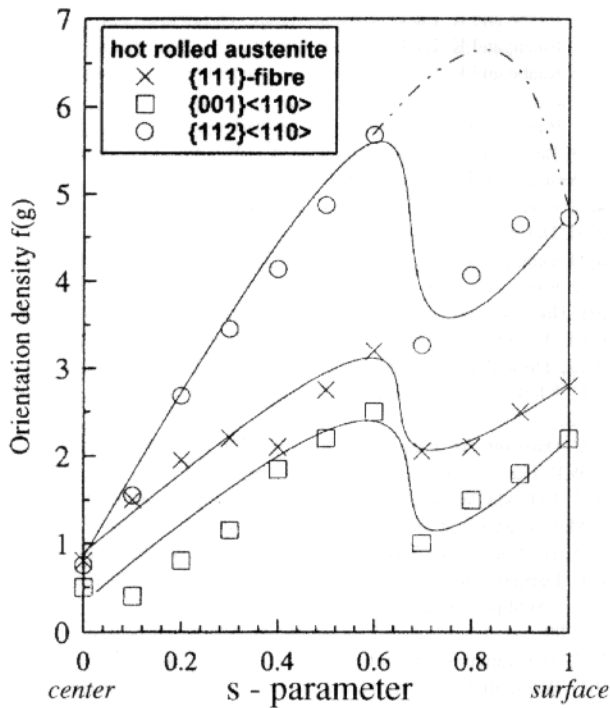


Figure 11. Example of the through-thickness texture gradient of a hot rolled austenitic stainless steel in terms of the gradient of some shear components [31] (group (C)).

rolling of comparable alloys, figure 10. Since complete recrystallization during or after hot rolling would have completely removed the detected rolling texture at  $s=0$ , this result suggests strong recovery during hot rolling. Such argumentation, however, is often in contradiction to the hot band microstructures of austenitic stainless steels, which typically consist of equiaxed instead of elongated grains. Also, the low stacking fault energy of austenitic stainless steels which

is of the order of  $20 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ J/m}^2$  suggests a strong tendency for recrystallization instead for recovery. It is, therefore, possible that recrystallization has occurred already at the beginning of hot rolling and that the weak  $\beta$ -fiber texture was developed during the last rolling passes, i.e. after considerable cooling of the sheet where the temperature of the band and the stored energy imposed by the last rolling pass were too low for an overall recrystallization. This conclusion is in good agreement with the observed low orientation density, because recovery of rolled material would have led to a much stronger texture maximum. Owing to the low stacking fault energy of austenitic stainless steels the occurrence of the cube orientation in the center layer of the austenitic hot band can be interpreted in terms of recrystallization.

The textures in the other layers considerably differ from that at  $s=0$ . Some layers reveal a nearly random texture, for instance  $s=0.6$  and  $s=1$ . Other layers show a  $\gamma$ -fiber texture which is accompanied by a  $\{001\}\langle 110 \rangle$  and a  $\{112\}\langle 110 \rangle$  orientation. The three texture components are well known from other inhomogeneously rolled FCC materials such as from Al and represent typical shear orientations [31]. The  $\{112\}\langle 110 \rangle$  component results from the  $\{011\}\langle 211 \rangle$  orientation, which represents the strongest ideal plane strain rolling component in FCC metals with a low stacking fault energy and which has been rotated  $30^\circ$  about the TD due to the rotation of the strain state.

The through-thickness profile of the austenitic shear components thus basically corresponds to the profile observed for the shear orientations of the ferritic hot bands. However, while in the ferritic steel the highest orientation densities of the shear components occur at  $s=0.7-0.8$ , the austenitic hot band has a split maximum of the shear texture with one peak at  $s=0.6$  and a second one at  $s=1$ . The layers  $s=0.7$  and  $0.8$  even show a local minimum, figure 11. In order to explain this deviation of the austenitic texture profile it is assumed that the maximum of the shear was truly positioned within the range  $s=0.7-s=0.8$  as suggested by macroscopic

considerations (schematically indicated by the dotted line in figure 11). But since this implies larger local von Mises strain, i.e. also a higher stored dislocation energy, it is assumed that in these layers recrystallization could take place more easily, leading to the randomization of the texture.

## Conclusions

The present work gave an overview of the evolution of hot rolling textures of steels. Textures arising from thin strip casting were also included in the review. The data show that the textures of steel hot bands can be divided into three groups. The first group comprises pure Fe, weakly bonded B2 and D0<sub>3</sub> structured intermetallics, as well as closely related alloys such as ferritic low carbon and microalloyed interstitial free steels. The second group includes highly alloyed corrosion-resistant ferritic stainless and Fe-Si transformer steels. Typical examples are steels with about 10 wt.%-17 wt.% Cr, with about 3 wt.% Si, as well as body centered cubic transition metals such as Ta, Mo, and Nb which do not undergo a phase transformation during hot rolling. The third group comprises stable and instable austenitic stainless steels for instance on the basis of larger amounts of Cr and Ni or on Mn as well as duplex steels. Most L1<sub>2</sub> structured intermetallic alloys can also be assigned to this group. The suggested classification scheme was discussed in terms of different processing parameters, thermodynamic boundary conditions, microstructural parameters, and crystallographic aspects. The main details of the overview are:

- The main difference between group (A) and group (B) steels (both BCC) essentially proceeds from their different thermodynamic behaviour during hot rolling. Group (B) materials are essentially rolled in the ferritic regime.
- Group (C) steels are essentially hot rolled in the austenitic regime leading to non-random textures and texture gradients.
- Group (C) steels have a larger tendency to undergo recrystallization during hot rolling when compared to group (A) and group (B) steels which reveal stronger recovery effects.
- Group (B) materials have a strong and group (A) materials have nearly no texture gradient through the thickness of the hot band. Group (A) steels can show weak textures and texture gradients when they are finished in the ferritic regime. Group (C) steels do also show texture gradients, but they are weaker than in group (B) hot bands.
- Hot bands of group (B) steels reveal a shear texture with Goss at the surface and a cold-rolling-type of texture with  $\alpha$ -fiber in the center layer. Group (A) metals show a nearly random initial texture when finished in the austenitic regime.
- The increase of the Cr or Si content leads to the increase of the initial  $\alpha$ -fiber in the center layer of group (B) alloys.
- Strip casting leads for all steels to a nearly random textures or to very weak fiber textures.

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