



Advances in Carbides of Steels: Experiment and Modeling

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Special steels are frequently designed with the addition of a small number of chemical elements that improve mechanical properties, such as strength, toughness, creep resistance, abrasion resistance, among others. These unique properties are given by carbides precipitation after the tempering process, called secondary hardness. Carbides are chemical compounds where carbon is combined with a metallic or semimetallic element with lower electronegativity. To improve mechanical properties by carbide precipitation, the size, the separation between them, thermodynamic stability, and kinetics of growing and coarsening must be adequate. Nowadays, thermodynamic and kinetic modeling are very reliable tools to predict the carbides behaviour related to the evolution of these phases on the exceptional properties of these kinds of steels. In Special Issue, authors are welcome to provide the latest experimental and modeling results on this fascinating topic of the physical metallurgy applied to the design and characterization of special steels. This includes fundamental questions regarding carbide growth, coarsening and stability, and secondary hardening improvement in mechanical properties.





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