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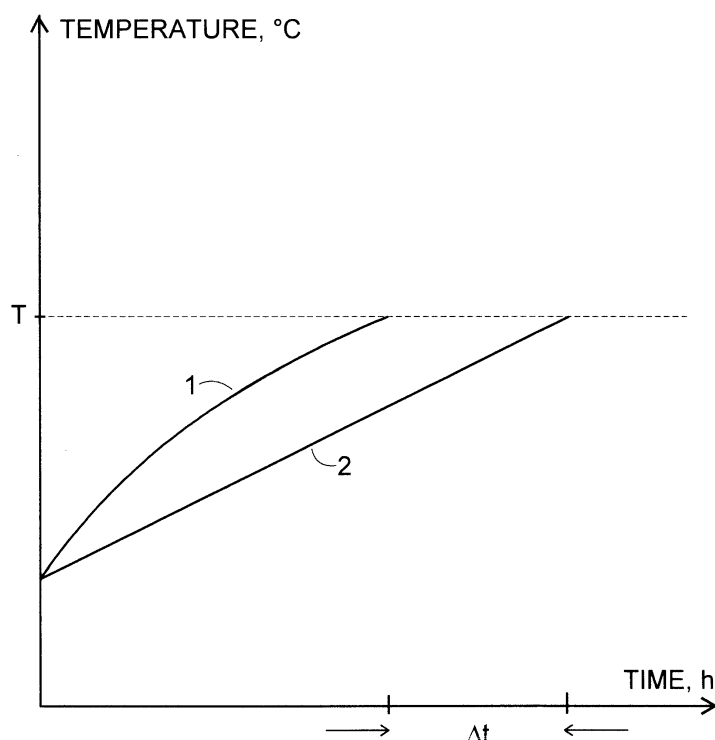
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(54) **A method for heating wood**

(57) The present invention relates to a method of heating timber to a predetermined temperature in a pre-heating phase of a timber drying process. The timber is placed in an at least substantially closed chamber in which there is sustained an atmosphere that contains

aqueous steam and has a wet temperature and a dry temperature. The method includes raising the wet and the dry temperature of the atmosphere. The method is characterised by raising the dry temperature in keeping with a rise in the wet temperature.



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