Electrochemical Synthesis of Binary and Ternary Refractory Compounds in the System Ti-Si-B from Chloride-Fluoride Melts

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Electrochemical synthesis of binary and ternary compounds in the system Ti-Si-B from chloride-fluoride melts has been investigated by voltammetry and electrolysis. Electrochemical syntheses of titanium diboride, four titanium silicides (TiSi2, TiSi, Ti5Si4, Ti5Si3), silicon tetraboride and a new ternary compound, Ti5Si3B3, have been found to be one-step processes. The stoichiometry of the deposited compounds has been found to correlate with the bulk concentration of Ti, Si and B ions in the melt.

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