Possibilities of the observation of chemical reactions during the preparation of intermetallics by reactive sintering

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During reactive sintering production of intermetallic compounds, the thermally-activated reactions usually proceed very rapidly. Therefore the description of the reaction mechanisms is a challenge for current scientists. This work presents four approaches, how to succeed in this task. Thermal analysis, reaction front quenching method, in situ diffraction analysis and process modelling are described.

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