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Modelling the thermodynamic properties of TiCl3 medium

The reduction of titanium tetrachloride (TiCl3) with magnesium (Mg) results in the production of intermediates such as titanium trichloride (TiCl3) and titanium dichloride (TiCl2). Experimental work has been done to develop a continuous reduction process using TiCl3 and TiCl2. However, more investigations still need to be done to understand these mediums and their interactions. In this study, we will be looking at two TiCl3 polymorphs as a potential medium for titanium production. We employ the DL_POLY code to understand the effect of temperature on the TiCl3 mediums with R-3 and P3112 space groups. It was noted from the Gibbs free energy that reactions in the R-3 medium are not favourable at 50 K - 2000 K. The results of this study give us more insight into the TiCl3 medium as a potential medium for evaluating titanium.

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