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METHOD FOR PRODUCING SILICON

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VERFAHREN ZUR HERSTELLUNG VON SILICIUM

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PROCEDE DE PRODUCTION DE SILICIUM

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Abstract (en)  
[origin: WO03059814A1] The invention relates to a method for producing silicon, according to which SiO<sub>2</sub> or silicates are reacted thermally with hydrogen fluoride or a fluoride of a metal of group I or II of the periodic table, or with hexafluorosilicates to obtain SiF<sub>4</sub>. The SiF<sub>4</sub> that is obtained is reduced to Si and a metal fluoride by means of a metal of group I or II of the periodic table. The method is characterised in that it represents a closed production process, in which very few or no by-products are generated and that the co-reactants required for the reaction are obtained to a great extent from the educts of the method.

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