

mounted in thin silica capillaries, and examined *in vacuo* in a Unicam S.150 high-temperature powder camera. Since this camera has a maximum working temperature

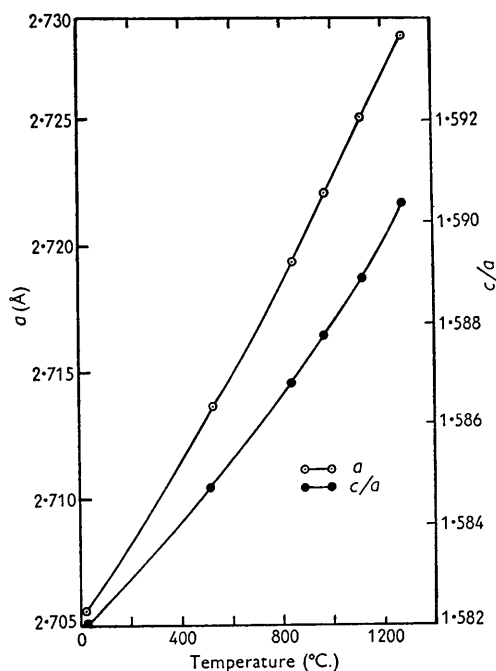


Fig. 1. Lattice parameters of ruthenium.

of 1400° C. it was not possible to examine the existence of the alleged allotropic transformation at 1500° C., but temperatures could be chosen to span the two other temperatures of interest. Trial experiments showed that there was no reaction between the silica and ruthenium up to 1300° C.

The parameters derived from the film measurements were corrected for eccentricity and absorption by a slight modification to the method of Taylor & Floyd (1950), while the temperature of the specimen was checked using the lattice parameter of platinum as a standard. The results are summarized in Fig. 1. The parameters at room temperature ($a = 2.7056 \text{ \AA}$, $c/a = 1.5820$) agree well with those of Hellawell & Hume-Rothery (1954) ($a = 2.7057 \text{ \AA}$, $c/a = 1.5823$) and increase in a regular manner with rising temperature, showing no significant anomaly at either 1035° C. or 1190° C. It is therefore concluded that the β and γ phases postulated by Jaeger & Rosenbohm have no structural significance. The possible existence of δ ruthenium is still in doubt.

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The Commission on *Structure Reports* also intends to publish a Supplementary Volume and Cumulative Index for the years 1940-50, covering Vols. 8-13. This will be numbered Vol. 14, though it is expected that Vol. 15 (1951) will in fact be published earlier. Reports on papers inadvertently omitted will be included in Vol. 14, as well as full cumulative indexes to the six volumes.

The Commission appeals to all crystallographers who have noticed errors or omissions in Vols. 8-13 to communicate promptly with the General Editor, Prof. A. J. C. Wilson, at University College, Cardiff, Great Britain.

A simplified calculation for the elastic constants of arbitrarily oriented single crystals: correction

Errors occur in the above paper by D. S. Lieberman & S. Zirinsky (*Acta Cryst.* (1956), **9**, 431). The element γ_{55} of the matrix γ , equation (2), should be $(\beta_{13}\beta_{31} + \beta_{11}\beta_{33})$ and the final expression for S'_{11} , equation (6), should be

$$S'_{11} = S_{11} - \{2(S_{11} - S_{12}) - S_{44}\}(\beta_{11}^2\beta_{12}^2 + \beta_{11}^2\beta_{13}^2 + \beta_{12}^2\beta_{13}^2).$$