Table IV

Melting Point Properties

	Ru	Rh	Pd	Os	Ir	Pt
Melting point, K *	2606	2236	1828.0	3400	2719	2041.3
Heat of fusion ($\Delta H^{o}s$, l), kJ/mol	39.0	27.3	16.1	70.0	41.3	21.3
Entropy of fusion ($\Delta S^{o}s$, l), J/mol K	15.0	12.2	8.8	20.6	15.2	10.4
Vapour pressure, bar	1.05×10^{-5}	5.05×10^{-6}	4.23×10^{-5}	7.75×10^{-5}	9.84×10^{-6}	1.90×10^{-7}

* The melting points of all but Os are proposed secondary fixed points on ITS-90 (6)

Table V

Vapour Pressures

Pressure, bar	Temperature, K					
	Ru	Rh	Pd	Os	Ir	Pt
1×10^{-12}	1684	1468	1060	2048	1751	1489
1×10^{-11}	1772	1546	1122	2156	1844	1569
1×10^{-10}	1871	1634	1191	2277	1949	1659
1×10^{-9}	1982	1733	1269	2411	2065	1759
1×10^{-8}	2107	1845	1359	2563	2197	1872
1×10^{-7}	2249	1972	1462	2736	2347	2002
1×10^{-6}	2412	2119	1582	2934	2520	2156
1×10^{-5}	2602	2293	1725	3163	2721	2339
1×10^{-4}	2842	2508	1899	3435	2976	2556
1×10^{-3}	3134	2772	2120	3793	3288	2821
1×10^{-2}	3498	3102	2400	4239	3681	3149
1×10^{-1}	3965	3530	2765	4810	4193	3567
1	4588	4110	3259	5571	4894	4122
NBP	4592	4114	3263	5576	4898	4125

NBP: Normal boiling point at one atmosphere pressure (1.01325 bar)

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Random Paramagnetic Platinum-Iridium Compound

A new class of magnetic behaviour, random quantum spin chain paramagnetism, is reported in a one-dimensional compound, $Sr_3CuPt_{1-x}Ir_xO_6$. Scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, (T. N. Nguyen, P. A. Lee and H.-C. zur Loye, *Science*, 1996, **271**, (5248), 489–491) prepared a solid solution between antiferromagnetic Sr_3CuPtO_6 and ferromagnetic Sr_3CuIrO_6. They found that the platinum:iridium ratio determined the magnetic behaviour of the solid solution; at $x = 0.5$, the system contained randomly distributed platinum and iridium sites having random but equal ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic interactions.