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Table 1. The values of relative electronegativity (ENE) of some chemical elements [30] and the proportion of the ionic component of the chemical bond in binary compounds of the AB composition formed by these elements

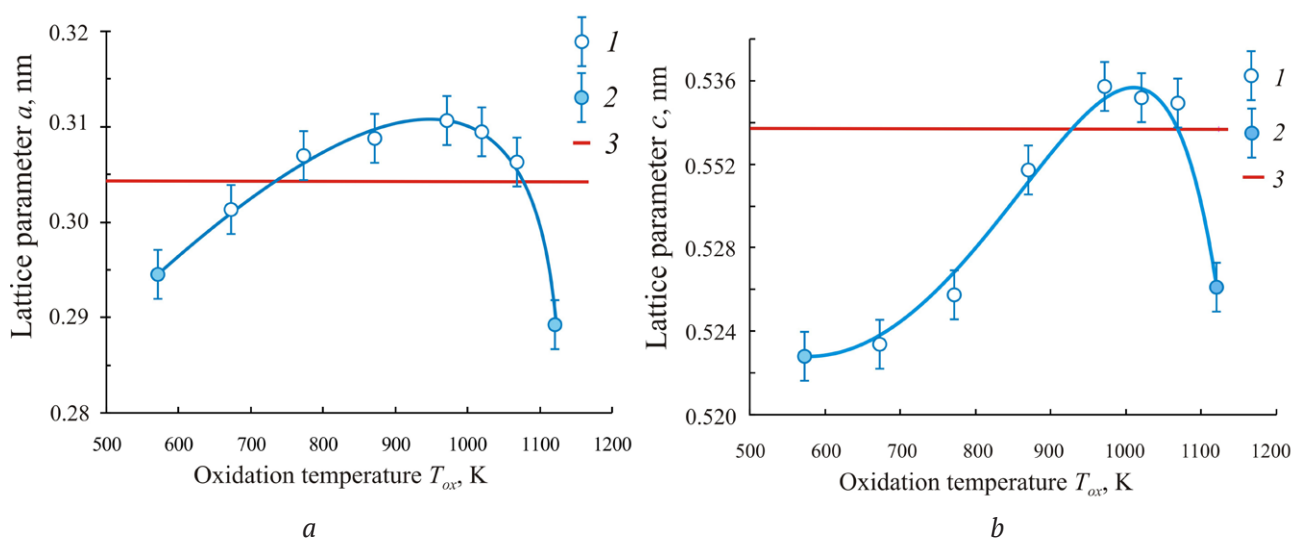


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| Ion | Coordination number CN | Coordination polyhedron | Values of ionic radii R_{ion} , nm |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Pd^{2+} | 4 | Square (rectangular) | 0.078 [30]; 0.086 [31]; 0.078 [32] |
| O^{2-} | 4 | Tetragonal tetrahedron | 0.132 [30]; 0.140 [31]; 0.124* [31]; 0.132 [32] |

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