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Editors' Comments on "The Superconducting Phase Diagram of ThFe_{1-x}Ni_xAsN"

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The article entitled "The Superconducting Phase Diagram of $ThFe_{1-x}Ni_xAsN$ " by F. Jiao et.al. (JOSC 20-00657) from China has been selected as an outstanding article which deserves an editor highlighting.

The article is written in a short, clear, and concise manner and deals with the phase diagram of the iron-based ThFe₁₋ $_x$ Ni_xAsN (1111) system. XRD measurements confirm the purity of all materials studied. Both pure ThFeAsN and ThNiAsN are unconventional and conventional superconducting materials, with T_c of 30 and 4.8 K respectively. Their superconducting properties were investigated by clear resistivity and dc magnetization studies.

The intermediate compounds were expected to be superconducting at a temperature range between the two pure compounds. Surprisingly, the authors prove by various experimental methods, that 1% of Fe doped in ThNiAsN and around 10% of Ni doped in ThFeAsN materials are sufficient to suppress superconductivity. Thus, superconductivity of ThFeAsN is much more sensitive to in-plane disorder than that of all other 1111 doped materials. The superconducting phase diagram of ThFe_{1-x}Ni_xAsN is drawn to summarize the doping results. All materials which are not superconducting show semiconductor-like behavior. In that sense, this system is a unique unit that deserves special enlightenment.

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