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Phase diagram and isotopic effect in high-Tc pnictide superconductors

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We will talk about the discovery of superconductivity with Tc higher than 40 K in Fe-based superconductors $SmFeAsO_{1-x}F$. Tc higher than McMillan limit of 39 K definitely proves pnictide superconductors high-Tc superconductivity^{1,2}. In this talk, we present the transport properties: resistivity, Hall coefficient and transport properties under high magnetic field. These results suggest a quantum phase transition around x=0.14 in $SmFeAsO_{1-x}F_x$ system. A electronic phase diagram is proposed, and coexistence of superconductivity and spin-density-wave is observed in Sm-1111 and Ba-122 system. We discuss the effect of isotopic effect on T_C and T_{SDW} in $SmFeAsO_{1-x}F_x$ and $Ba_{1-x}K_xFe_2As_2systems$. Our results show that oxygen isotope effect on T_{C} and T_{SDW} is very little, while the iron isotope exchange shows the same effect on SDW transition as on superconductivity. Our results indicate that electron-phonon interaction plays some role in the superconducting mechanism, but simple electron-phonon coupling mechanism seems to be rather unlikely because a strong magnon-phonon coupling is included³. 1. Chen, X. H. et al. *Nature* 453, 761-762 (2008). 2. Liu, R. H. et al. *Phys. Rev. Lett.* 101, 087001 (2008). 3. R. H. Liu et al., Nature 459, 64-67(2009).