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Chlorine-doping effects on crystal structure and superconductivity in $\text{FeSe}_{1-x}\text{Cl}_y$ ¹ H.H. SUNG, R.R. HU, S.C. CHEN, W.H. LEE, National Chung Cheng University, W.H. LEE TEAM — According to the assessed Fe-Se phase diagram,² the FeSe compound could crystallize either in tetragonal Pb-O type structure with space group P4/nmm (called β FeSe) or hexagonal Ni-As type structure with space group P6₃/mmc (called δ FeSe) depending on the materials preparation process. In general, different starting composition of FeSe_x results in a mixture of superconducting phase with almost identical T_c and different amounts of magnetic impurity, therefore, it was proposed that the tetragonal β -FeSe superconducting phase ($T_c \sim 8$ K) only exists in a very narrow Se-deficiency range.³ Our experimental data indicated that the single hexagonal δ phase sample could be obtained by carrying out the low-temperature (400 °C) annealing for FeSe_xCl_y after reaction at 680 °C. This result is contrary to what is observed in the FeSe system in which the tetragonal β phase is the predominant stable one at the low annealing temperature 400 °C. As compared with the β -FeSe superconductor reported in the literature, higher T_c values (> 8 K) and larger superconducting volume fraction could be achieved by suitable tuning and heat treatments in the FeSe_xCl_y system.

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