Fe_{1+y} Se_xTe_{1-x} superconductors: phase diagram, crystal growth, structural and magnetic properties

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I will present a comparative study of the crystal structure and the magnetic properties of Fe_{1+y} Se_xTe_{1-x}. In the first part of my talk I will present our investigation of a chemical binary Fe-Se phase diagram. Polycrystalline FeSe_{1-x} (x = 0.0 - 0.15) superconducting samples were synthesized by two different routs and studied by neutron powder diffraction and magnetization measurements. The effect of a starting (nominal) stoichiometry on the phase purity of the obtained samples, the superconducting transition temperature T_c, as well as the chemical stability of FeSe_{1-x} at ambient conditions was investigated. We have found that in the Fe-Se system a stable phase exhibiting superconductivity at T_c~8K exists in a narrow range of selenium concentration (FeSe _{0.974±0.005}). In the second part of my talk I will speak about ternary Fe-Se-Te system. I will present our recent results on Fe_{1+y} Se_xTe_{1-x} single crystal growth and study of their structural and magnetic properties as a function of Fe content and Se/Te ratio.