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A New Superhard Nitride Superconductor

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We report the discovery of superconductivity in a new family of orthorhombic Tantalum nitride synthesised under high pressure and stable after pressure releasing, with a superconducting transition temperature T_c of 3K at ambient pressure, that reaches 9~K at 18~GPa. This compound exhibits a unique combination of structural and electronic properties, with a very high hardness combined with a significant ductility and high fracture toughness together with a superconducting phase. Interestingly, low oxygen content has been detected with a large effect on the T_c . This potential doping effect together with potential superconducting coupling via light element nitrogen ions phonons and strong covalent bonds makes this new family promising for the search of high- T_c light-element-based superconductors.

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