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Magnetic Structure of Ce $(\mathbf{Mn}_{1-x}\mathbf{Cu}_x)_2\mathbf{Si}_2$ GAN LIANG, Sam Houston State University, F. YEN, University of Houston, S. KEITH, Sam Houston State University, Y.Y. XUE, University of Houston — The magnetic structure of the Ce $(\mathbf{Mn}_{1-x}\mathbf{Cu}_x)_2\mathbf{Si}_2$ ($0 \le x \le 1$) series, which evolves from a non-magnetic Kondoheavy-fermion system at x=1 to a 3d-antiferromagnetically ordered mixed valence system at x=0, has been studied by both temperature and field dependent magnetization (M) measurements using a SQUID magnetometer. Data were taken in both zero-field-cooled (ZFC) and field cooled (FC) processes. It is found that for $0 \le x < 0.4$, Neel temperature decreases rapidly with the increase of the Cu concentration x. In the range of x from $0.4 \le x < 0.8$, ferromagnetic phase is observed below 150 K, and both the ordering temperature T_c and Qurie-Weiss θ decrease with the increase of x. For $x \ge 0.8$, the M (T) curves are reversible and display paramagnetic behavior. Thus, the system is non-magnetic as it approaches heavy-fermion compound CeCu₂Si₂. A magnetic phase diagram is proposed for this compound series.

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