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The electronic structure of giant magnetoresistive spinels: $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{Cr}_2\text{S}_4$ ($0 \leq x \leq 1$) 한 상욱, 위 세창¹, 이 상선¹, 김 그라시아¹, 강 정수¹, 김 삼진², 김 철성², 송 하진³, 신 현준³, 박 병규³, 김 재영³, 박 재훈³, 김 건호⁴, 정 재인⁵(서울대학교 복합다체계물성연구소 ¹가톨릭대학교 물리학과. ²국민대학교 물리학과. ³포항가속기연구소, 포항공과대학교 ⁴경상대학교 기초과학연구소, 물리학과. ⁵포항산업과학연구원, 센스시스템.) Very large negative magnetoresistance (MR) and the met-

al-insulator(M-I) transition have been observed in $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{Cr}_2\text{S}_4$ ($x=0, 0.5$) spinel compounds. It has been considered that the mechanism for the giant MR and the M-I transition might be different from those in the perovskite manganites for which the existence of mixed-valent manganese ions is crucial. However, the Fe and Cu valences in $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{Cr}_2\text{S}_4$ have been controversial. In this study, we have investigated the electronic structures of $\text{Fe}_{1-x}\text{Cu}_x\text{Cr}_2\text{S}_4$ ($x=0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.5$) by employing photoemission spectroscopy (PES), soft x-ray absorption spectroscopy (XAS), and magnetic circular dichroism (MCD). It is found that Cr and Fe ions are mainly in the trivalent (3+) and divalent (2+) states, respectively, and that the magnetic moments of Fe ions are aligned antiparallel to those of Cr ions.