## SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

## Crystal structure, coloring problem and magnetism of Gd<sub>5-x</sub>Zr<sub>x</sub>Si<sub>4</sub>

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**Table S1.** -ICOHP (eV/cell) at the Fermi level for the orthorhombic  $Gd_5Si_4$  and hypothetical  $Gd_4ZrSi_4$  phase (number of equivalent bonds is given in parentheses)

Bonds	Go	$Gd_5Si_4$ $Gd_4ZrSi_4$ (O3)		Si <sub>4</sub> ( <b>O3</b> )
	Distance (Å)	-ICOHP (E <sub>F</sub> )	Distance (Å)	-ICOHP (E <sub>F</sub> )
Si1-Si1 (× 4)	2.507(3)	2.344	2.518(2)	2.273
Si2-Si3 (× 4)	2.511(3)	2.367	2.510(2)	2.281
M1-Si1 (× 8)	3.067(2)	1.341	3.013(1)	1.323
-Si1 (× 8)	3.103(2)	1.052	3.065(1)	1.020
-Si1 (× 8)	3.157(2)	1.056	3.113(1)	1.067
-Si1 (× 8)	3.726(2)	0.514	3.602(1)	0.594
-Si2 (× 8)	3.180(2)	0.996	3.131(1)	0.973
-Si3 (× 8)	3.143(2)	1.122	3.077(1)	1.083
-Si3 (× 8)	3.163(2)	0.990	3.109(1)	0.968
M2-Si1 (× 8)	2.887(2)	1.682	2.822(1)	1.673
-Si1 (× 8)	2.905(2)	1.469	2.848(1)	1.473
-Si1 (× 8)	2.995(2)	1.201	2.929(1)	1.203
-Si2 (× 8)	2.972(2)	1.413	2.897(1)	1.384
-Si2 (× 8)	2.977(2)	1.275	2.913(1)	1.265
-Si3 (× 8)	3.058(2)	1.134	2.992(1)	1.099
M3-Si1 (× 8)	3.125(2)	1.059	3.057(1)	1.663
-Si2 (× 4)	2.957(2)	1.388	2.902(1)	2.072
-Si2 (× 4)	3.329(2)	0.774	3.217(1)	1.306
-Si3 (× 4)	2.958(2)	1.352	2.912(1)	2.069
-Si3 (× 4)	3.020(2)	1.272	2.956(1)	1.935
				0.001
M1-M1 (× 8)	3.8986(3)	0.322	3.8347(3)	0.301
-M1 (× 4)	4.0661(6)	0.466	3.9607(3)	0.450
-M2 (× 8)	3.7/51(5)	0.439	3.6816(3)	0.428
-M2 (× 8)	3.8454(5)	0.399	3.7512(3)	0.385
$-M2(\times 8)$	3.9012(5)	0.395	3.8565(3)	0.360
-M2 (× 8)	4.0587(5)	0.220	3.9851(3)	0.210
-M2 (× 8)	4.0961(5)	0.298	4.0133(3)	0.274
-M3 (× 8)	3.5300(4)	0.389	3.4773(3)	0.642
-M3 (× 8)	3.5856(5)	0.388	3.5171(3)	0.642
	2 7702/7	0.200	2 7042(4)	0.074
$M2-M2(\times 4)$	3.//93(/)	0.309	5.7045(4) 2.8420(2)	0.274
$-\mathbf{M}\mathbf{Z} (\times 8)$	3.9093(5)	0.333	3.8430(3)	0.298
$-\mathbf{M3} (\times 8)$	3.448/(5)	0.493	3.3/0/(3)	0.728
-M3 (× 8)	3.4499(4)	0.461	3.3777(3)	0.770

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Table S2ICOHP	(eV/cell) a	at the Ferr	ni level f	for various	models	of Zr <sub>5</sub> Si <sub>4</sub> -type	Gd <sub>4</sub> ZrSi <sub>4</sub>	(number o	of
equivalent bonds is	given in pa	arentheses	)						

Bonds	Distance (Å)	-ICOHP (E <sub>F</sub> )			
		$Gd_4ZrSi_4$ ( <b>T1</b> )	$Gd_4ZrSi_4$ ( <b>T2</b> )	$Gd_4ZrSi_4$ ( <b>T3</b> )	
Si1-Si2 (× 8)	2.535(9)	2.178	2.151	2.213	
M1-Si1 (× 8)	2.989(7)	1.722	1.379	1.407	
-Si1 (× 8)	3.107(7)	1.244	0.981	0.986	
-Si1 (× 8)	3.150(8)	1.254	0.955	1.021	
-Si1 (× 8)	3.559(6)	0.768	0.594	0.640	
-Si2 (× 8)	3.064(7)	1.351	1.076	1.053	
-Si2 (× 8)	3.078(6)	1.457	1.117	1.087	
-Si2 (× 8)	3.222(7)	1.112	0.842	0.845	
M2-Si1 (× 8)	2.820(8)	1.608	2.036	1.633	
-Si1 (× 8)	2.824(8)	1.429	1.861	1.514	
-Si1 (× 8)	2.954(6)	1.153	1.428	1.145	
-Si2 (× 8)	2.881(7)	1.422	1.778	1.354	
-Si2 (× 8)	2.898(6)	1.276	1.580	1.223	
-Si2 (× 8)	2.969(7)	1.143	1.459	1.109	
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M3-Si1 (× 8)	3.097(8)	0.987	0.977	1.582	
-Si2 (× 8)	2.927(6)	1.307	1.296	2.025	
-Si2 (× 8)	3.015(7)	1.153	1.132	1.795	
M1-M1 (× 8)	3,832(1)	0.498	0 330	0 325	
$-M1 (\times 4)$	3.032(1) 3.033(2)	0.708	0.330	0.325	
$-M1 (\times 4)$ $-M2 (\times 8)$	3.935(2)	0.540	0.550	0.431	
$-M2 (\times 8)$	3.000(2) 3.709(2)	0.515	0.530	0.391	
$-M2 (\times 8)$	3.709(2) 3.868(2)	0.313	0.332	0.338	
$-M2 (\times 8)$	3.000(2) 3.969(2)	0.368	0.42)	0.330	
$-M2 (\times 8)$	4.021(2)	0.300	0.244	0.200	
$-M2 (\times 8)$	4 106(2)	0.213	0.219	0.156	
$-M3 (\times 8)$	3544(1)	0.502	0.386	0.632	
$-M3 (\times 8)$	3.548(2)	0.302	0.366	0.597	
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M2-M2 (× 4)	3.754(2)	0.332	0.518	0.320	
-M2 (× 8)	3.879(2)	0.264	0.432	0.270	
-M3 (× 8)	3.330(2)	0.459	0.588	0.723	
-M3 (× 8)	3.348(2)	0.472	0.599	0.742	