

## Internship offered in M2 2018-2019

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### Internship topic: Investigating the Fermi surface of a strongly correlated transition metal sulphide

The non-conventional superconductivity in high- $T_C$  cuprates, for example  $\text{La}_{2-x}\text{Sr}_x\text{CuO}_4$ , is derived from the chemical doping of a parent Mott insulating phase. In the iron-based pnictides, a superconducting state occurs close to a long-range-ordered antiferromagnetic phase [1] and a non-negligible renormalization of the effective mass of quasiparticles has been evidenced [2]. This suggests an important role of electronic correlations in these two-dimensional systems for the mechanism controlling the superconductivity. It is therefore interesting to study other doped two-dimensional electronic systems near the Mott instability.

We propose to investigate the Fermi surface of  $(\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{V}_x)(\text{VS}_2)_2$  single-crystals [3] by Angle Resolved PhotoEmission Spectroscopy. In this system, the charge of the  $\text{VS}_2$  layers, which have a quasi-hexagonal symmetry, can be controlled through the cationic substitution in the intermediate  $(\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{V}_x)$  chains. As a first objective, we will analyse the consequences of the doping that could control the electronic correlations within the  $\text{VS}_2$  layers. As a second objective, we want to understand the relation between the strong distortion of the hexagonal lattice induced by the  $(\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{V}_x)$  chains and the electronic properties.

[1] C. de la Cruz *et al.*, *Nature* **453**, 899 (2008).

[2] A. I. Coldea *et al.*, *Phys. Rev. Lett.* **101**, 216402 (2008) ; M. M. Qazilbash *et al.*, *Nature Physics* **5**, 647 (2008) ; H. Ding *et al.*, *J. Phys. Cond. Matter* **23**, 135701 (2011).

[3] Y. Klein *et al.*, *J. Solid State Chem.* **184**, 2333 (2011).

**Techniques involved: Angle Resolved PhotoEmission Spectroscopy (ARPES) at synchrotron**

Paid internship: Yes

Can this internship be continued for a PhD? Yes

If yes, type of PhD funding envisaged is: Bourse du Ministère