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Strain enhancement of Kondo effect in Graphene

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Abstract: The study of magnetic impurities on pristine graphene and its corresponding Kondo physics, results in predictions of unusual features due to the linear vanishing density of states at the Dirac points. However, despite several attempts to uniquely identify Kondo state characteristics, conclusive experimental observation of the phenomenon remains elusive, due in part to very small Kondo temperature scales for chemical potentials near these points. Interestingly, local deformations in graphene have been shown to produce inhomogeneous charge distributions determined by the strain field's magnitude and spatial dependence. In this talk, I will review results from our recent studies on Kondo physics on strained membranes and will discuss potential experimental observations for various impurity settings.

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