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Theory of electrically-tunable coupling between magnetic nanoparticles on graphene HUA CHEN, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, University of Texas at Austin, QIAN NIU, University of Texas at Austin, ZHENYU ZHANG, University of Science and Technology of China, Harvard University, University of Texas at Austin, ALLAN H. MACDONALD, University of Texas at Austin — We will present a study of the dependence on graphene carrier density of the coupling between magnetic nanoparticles adsorbed on a graphene sheet. Small system ab initio coupling strength results will be compared with semi-analytic results based on a phenomenological Dirac-band model for graphene's π -bands. The model calculation uses kinetic exchange coupling parameters for the interaction between a magnetic nanoparticle and the graphene π -bands that are extracted from ab initio results for graphene/ferromagnetic metal interfaces.

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