Gate-tuned two-channel Kondo screening in Graphene: Universal scaling of the nonlinear conductance

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For given gate voltage, we study the universal crossover from a 2-channel Kondo (2CK) phase to a un-screened local moment (LM) phase. We extract universal scaling functions governing charge transport through the adatom and discuss our results in the context of a recent scanning tunneling spectroscopy (STM) experiment on Co-doped Graphene.

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