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**<sup>4</sup>He adsorption on  $\alpha$ -graphyne**<sup>1</sup> YONGKYUNG KWON, HOONKYUNG LEE, Konkuk University, Seoul, KOREA, DAVID M. CEPERLEY, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, IL61801, U.S.A. — Path-integral Monte Carlo calculations have been performed to study <sup>4</sup>He adsorption on a single  $\alpha$ -graphyne sheet that is a hexagonal network of *sp*- and *sp*<sup>2</sup>-bonded carbon atoms. Using the <sup>4</sup>He-substrate interaction described by a pairwise sum of the helium-carbon inter-atomic potentials, we have found that each hexagon of a graphyne can accommodate one <sup>4</sup>He atom at its in-plane center. The first layer of <sup>4</sup>He atoms adsorbed on this <sup>4</sup>He-attached graphyne sheet with a coverage of C<sub>8</sub>He<sub>1</sub>, exhibits various quantum phases depending on the helium coverage. It is found to be in a Mott insulating state at a coverage of 0.0706 Å<sup>-2</sup> with three <sup>4</sup>He atoms occupying each unit cell while the helium atoms form a commensurate triangular solid at 0.0941 Å<sup>-2</sup>. With the introduction of Ising pseudospins for two degenerate configurations of three <sup>4</sup>He atoms in a hexagonal cell, the transition from the Mott insulator to the triangular solid can be interpreted as a ferromagnetic transition. In addition we find stable formation of zero-point vacancies in the commensurate triangular solid and their roles in possible realization of supersolidity are under investigation

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