Atomic Collapse in Graphene: Lost of Unitarity

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Abstract

We review the problem of atomic collapse in graphene due to electric impurities within the context of supersymmetric quantum mechanics. Experimentally, formation of resonances around artifical nuclei formed by clusters of calcium dimmers have been observed [1]. We model impurities by strong Coulomb potential in the corresponding Dirac equation. Upon factorizing the radial Hamiltonian and identifying the supercharges, there is a critical charge, in agreement with experiments, that makes the ground state fall into the center, translating into loss of Hermicity for the corresponding Hamiltonian -which in the language of supersymmetric quantum mechanics means that the superpotential is a purely imaginary function- and hence loss of unitarity of the theory followed by the non-preservation of probabilities [2].

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