

Moiré is Different: Metal-Insulator Transitions, Kondo Lattice Physics and Chiral Spin Liquids in TMD Bilayers

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The greatest open questions in quantum matter physics revolve around strongly correlated electronic phases, traditionally observed in heavy fermions, cuprates and organics. In recent years, a new class of materials emerged where the strength of correlations can be engineered: "moiré materials". I will briefly introduce moiré materials such as twisted bilayer graphene and transition-metal dichalcogenide (TMD) bilayers. I will then focus on three recent results: a universal theory for continuous metal-insulator transitions [1], valley-charge-transfer and Kondo lattice physics under pressure in TMD homobilayers [2] and our prediction of a chiral spin liquid phase in TMD [3,4]. These results show that the wealth of phenomena observed in moiré materials allow for new insights in old correlated problems.

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