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**Quantum Phases of  $^4\text{He}$  in Reduced Dimensions**<sup>1</sup> THOMAS  
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to absolute zero, the large quantum motion of helium causes it to display exotic prop-  
erties. Depending on the environment that the atoms are in, phases and transitions  
between them emerge in interesting ways. In this presentation, we present results  
from computer simulations of helium in reduced dimensions; in particular, when  
adsorbed to graphene and graphite. We use the numerically-exact diffusion Monte  
Carlo method, though address several contemporary issues regarding approxima-  
tions and convergence. Interesting results include commensurate solid phases with  
stabilities that do not agree with previous work, the possibility of supersolidity, and  
anisotropic superfluidity that may be stabilized by straining the substrate.

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