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Exploring quantum phase transitions in low-dimensional materials

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Abstract

This study has a look at investigates quantum phase transitions (QPTs) in low-dimensional substances, focusing at the outcomes of disorder, electron interactions, and outside fields. Theoretical frameworks, which includes the Hubbard and Ising models, have been employed to analyze essential behaviors, at the same time as renormalization organization strategies furnished insights into scaling near quantum critical points. Experimental observations of conductivity below varying magnetic fields and ultra-low temperatures showed segment transitions between steel, insulating, and superconducting states. These findings were in addition verified via computational simulations using Density Functional Theory (DFT) and Quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) methods, which correctly mapped phase diagrams and important temperatures. The effects underscore the transformative potential of QPTs in quantum technologies, in particular in the development of solid qubits and green nanoelectronics gadgets. Future research will awareness on refining theoretical fashions, enhancing experimental setups, and exploring new quantum levels to increase quantum and nano technology.

Keywords: Quantum phase transitions, low-dimensional materials, disorder effects, Hubbard model, ising model

1. Introduction

Low-dimensional materials, along with graphene and transition steel dichalcogenides (TMDs), have turn out to be a focus inside the take a look at of quantum phenomena because of their precise physical houses [1]. These substances, characterized by using their two-dimensional structures, showcase stated quantum effects that are absent in traditional three-dimensional structures. Advances in nanotechnology have enabled the fabrication of excellent low-dimensional substances, offering extraordinary possibilities to discover quantum phenomena along with quantum segment transitions (QPTs) [2, 3].

Quantum phase transitions essentially vary from classical segment transitions. While the latter are driven by means of thermal fluctuations at specific temperatures, QPTs arise from quantum fluctuations at absolute 0, where thermal strength is negligible [2]. These transitions are managed by means of tuning external parameters together with magnetic fields, stress, or chemical doping [4]. In low-dimensional systems, QPTs are specifically fascinating due to the enhanced role of quantum mechanics, main to the emergence of unique phases and important phenomena [3].

In addition to their intrinsic residences, structural imperfections in materials play a essential function in influencing those transitions. Such imperfections can provide rise to phenomena like Anderson localization, wherein electron wavefunctions become spatially restrained, or uncommon phenomena including quantum Griffiths singularities, characterized by means of the have an impact on of uncommon regions close to important factors. This paper pursuits to provide a complete analysis of quantum phase transitions in low-dimensional materials by means of integrating theoretical, experimental, and computational tactics, with a focal point at the demanding situations posed via disorder and capability applications in fields consisting of quantum computing and nanoelectronics [5, 6].

Equation (1): The Hamiltonian of graphene in the presence of a magnetic field is described as follows:

$$H = v_F \sigma \cdot P + eA \cdot P$$

Where:

- v_F : is the Fermi velocity.
- σ : are the Pauli matrices.
- eA : represents the vector potential associated with the magnetic field.

This paper aims to delve into the quantum segment transitions of low-dimensional substances through integrating theoretical, experimental, and computational views. By doing so, it seeks to deal with the challenges posed by using sickness and find new quantum stages with potential programs in next-technology technology.

2. Literary Review

The study of quantum section transitions (QPTs) in low-dimensional substances, along with graphene, TMDs, and topological insulators, has made good sized development, though demanding situations continue to be in modeling disorder, reconciling theory with experiments, and appropriately simulating important phenomena. Theoretical fashions like the Hubbard model [2], the Ising model [12], and renormalization institution (RG) theory [7] had been pivotal in knowledge QPTs, even as the tight-binding version [5] has elucidated electronic structures beneath outside fields. However, those models frequently warfare with ailment-triggered phenomena like Anderson localization and Griffiths singularities [10].

Experimentally, techniques inclusive of the quantum Hall effect [6], ARPES [4], and coffee-temperature transport measurements [7] have advanced our expertise of QPTs. Notably, studies on Ising superconductivity in NbSe₂ highlighted the position of spin-orbit coupling [9]. Despite these advances, demanding situations persist in achieving extreme experimental situations and accounting for disorder outcomes [8].

Computational approaches including density functional theory (DFT) [3] and quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) simulations [13] have provided important insights into QPTs Importance [1]. Although these methods are powerful, they face limitations due to high computational resources requirements.

2.1 Research Problem

Quantum phase transitions (QPTs) in low-dimensional materials fluctuate basically from classical transitions, being driven by way of quantum in preference to thermal fluctuations. Despite progress in principle, experiments, and

simulations, key challenges persist due to the complexity of disease and its effect on quantum properties.

Effects of perturbations: Perturbations such as impurities and lattice defects drastically change quantum behavior, resulting in phenomena such as Anderson localization and Griffiths singularities [10, 11]. Traditional models, including Hubbard and Ising models, often fail to capture these effects well, while renormalization group (RG) theory struggles with spatial disturbances [7].

Theoretical limitations: Simplified models have few real-world applications. For example, Hubbard's model assumes homogeneous interactions [2], and the Ising model does not adequately represent electron rotation in disordered systems [12] while Ginzburg-Landau-Wilson the system faces challenges in an unstructured environment [1] and wrote.

Experimental limitations: The identification of QPTs requires extreme conditions, such as very low temperatures and high magnetic fields, which are difficult to achieve Furthermore, chaos in experimental setup complicates data interpretation [6, 4].

2.2 Computational Bottlenecks

Computational methods such as density functional theory (DFT) and quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) have been important in the study of low-dimensional systems but face significant limitations DFT struggles with highly parallel systems and not about equality due to scaling constraints [3]. QMC, although effective, is hampered by the "sign problem" of fermionic systems [13].

2.3 Research Gaps and Future Directions

Despite improvements, key gaps stay within the have a look at of QPTs:

1. Disorder Effects: The effect of disease, especially with strong spin-orbit coupling, requires further research.
2. Unified Models: Theoretical frameworks have to combine electron correlations, spin-orbit coupling, and disease.
3. Experimental Challenges: Improved setups are wanted for dependable QPT research under severe situations.
4. High-Performance Simulations: Developing greater efficient computational strategies is vital to stability accuracy and resource needs.

Future research should focus on integrating theoretical, experimental, and computational approaches to address these challenges comprehensively.

Table 1: Challenges in Theoretical Models for Low-Dimensional Materials

Challenge	Description	References
Disorder Effects	Inability to fully account for impurities and structural defects.	[10, 11]
Simplified Interactions in Models	Assumptions in Hubbard and Ising models overlook complex interactions.	[2, 12]
Renormalization Group Limitations	Difficulties in scaling analysis with spatial randomness.	[7]
Experimental Constraints	Maintaining ultra-low temperatures and high magnetic fields is technically challenging.	[6]
Computational Scaling Issues	High computational cost and scaling problems in DFT and QMC methods.	[3, 13]

3. Significance of the Research

Quantum section transitions (QPTs) in low-dimensional materials keep giant clinical and technological significance. They provide insights into quantum phenomena which include symmetry breaking, quantum entanglement, and unusual stages like Ising superconductivity [7, 9]. QPTs also display precise disorder-prompted results, such as quantum Griffiths singularity [10, 8].

3.1 Technical Applications

Quantum computing: Materials exhibiting strong quantum phases such as topological insulators and superconductors are promising for qubits in fault tolerant quantum computing QPTs enable dynamic control over quantum states and Majorana fermions detection for topological qubits [16, 14].

Nanoelectronics: Graphene and TMDs, with their high mobility and moveable properties, are ideal for energy-

efficient transistors and advanced sensors that take advantage of quantum effects such as the quantum Hall effect [5, 6].

Spintronics: Strong spin-orbit coupling between TMDs and topological insulators facilitates high performance spintronic devices, where QPT enables precise tuning of spin and

magnetic properties [15].

3.2 Future Prospects: Advances in experimental and computational methods will enhance control over material properties, enabling the discovery of new quantum phases and bridging theory with experiment.

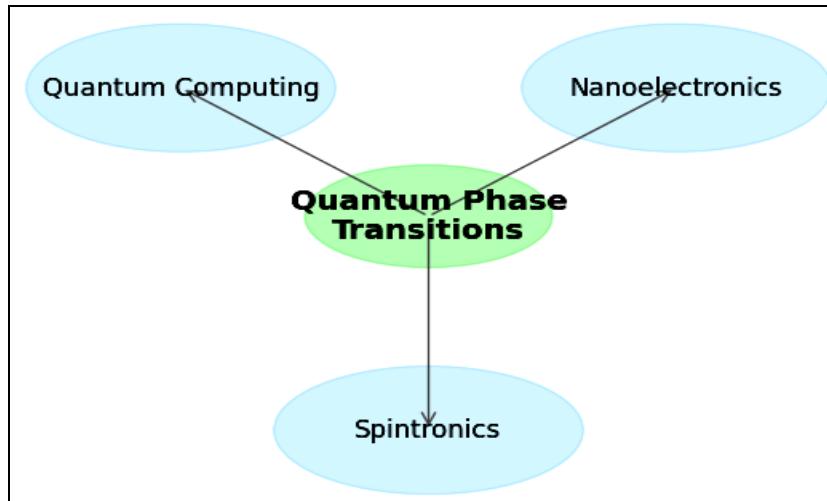


Fig 1: Diagram of Potential QPT Applications in Quantum Technology

A proposed diagram illustrating how QPTs in low-dimensional materials contribute to various technological domains, including quantum computing, nanoelectronics, and spintronics.

4. Hypotheses and Objectives

The observe of quantum segment transitions (QPTs) in low-dimensional materials explores novel quantum levels below outside influences like ailment, magnetic fields, and strain. This segment outlines the important thing hypotheses and objectives guiding the studies.

4.1 Research Hypotheses

Role of Disorder: Disorder substantially alters important conduct near QPTs, leading to phenomena which include quantum Griffiths singularity and Anderson localization, with

$$H = -t \sum_{\langle i,j \rangle} (c_i^\dagger c_j + h.c) + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} + \sum_i \epsilon_i n_i$$

Where:

- t: is the hopping term.
- U: represents the on-site Coulomb interaction.
- ϵ_i : is the random potential at site i. This equation forms the basis for understanding the interplay between disorder ϵ_i and electron correlations U.

4.2 Research Objectives

Scientific Objectives

1. **Develop Theoretical Models:** Incorporate ailment and electron interactions to expect QPTs.
2. **Investigate Quantum Griffiths Singularity:** Examine its outcomes on important behavior.
3. **Analyze Ising Superconductivity:** Explore deviations

measurable outcomes on digital shipping and segment diagrams [10].

Spin-Orbit Coupling and Magnetic Fields: In substances like TMDs, sturdy spin-orbit coupling and outside magnetic fields power Ising-like superconductivity, with critical fields surpassing the Pauli limit [10].

Advanced Computational Models: Models integrating sickness and electron interactions can appropriately expect crucial phenomena and section diagrams in low-dimensional structures [1].

Equation (2): The Hamiltonian for a disordered low-dimensional machine can be expressed as:

from traditional BCS idea below excessive magnetic fields [4].

4. **Construct Phase Diagrams:** Use DFT and QMC to map important points and identify emergent stages.

Technological Objectives

Design Quantum Devices: Leverage QPT-triggered stages for strong qubits.

1. **Optimize Nanoelectronics:** Develop efficient transistors the usage of managed metallic-insulator transitions.
2. **Enhance Spintronics:** Utilize quantum states for green spin-primarily based devices [15].

These objectives aim to deepen understanding of QPTs and drive innovations in quantum and nano-scale technologies.

Table 2: Scientific and Technological Objectives

Category	Objective	Expected Outcome
Scientific	Develop theoretical models for disordered systems.	Accurate prediction of QPTs in low-dimensional materials.
	Investigate quantum Griffiths singularity.	Improved understanding of rare region effects.
	Analyze Ising superconductivity in TMDs.	Insights into high-field superconductivity beyond the Pauli limit.
Technological	Construct phase diagrams using computational methods.	Detailed mapping of quantum phases under various conditions.
	Design quantum devices leveraging QPT-induced phases.	Enhanced qubit stability and performance.
	Optimize nanoelectronic components through metal-insulator transitions.	Development of high-efficiency, low-power transistors.
	Explore applications in spintronics.	Creation of efficient spin-based computing systems.

5. Future Directions

Achieving the goals mentioned on this study will contribute considerably to the improvement of quantum technologies. The findings will now not simply beautify our fundamental information of QPTs however additionally provide practical tips for designing subsequent-generation digital and quantum computing gadgets. Future studies will recognition on refining the theoretical models and expanding experimental setups to discover unexplored quantum stages.

6. Materials and Methods

This segment information the methodologies integrating theoretical modeling, experimental strategies, and computational simulations to study quantum segment transitions (QPTs) in low-dimensional substances.

6.1 Theoretical Models

Ising Model: Describes magnetic phase transitions with the Hamiltonian:

$$H = -J \sum_{(i,j)} S_i S_j - h \sum_i S_i$$

where J is the exchange interaction, S_i represents the spin at site i , and h is the external magnetic field.

Hubbard Model: Examines electron correlations with the Hamiltonian:

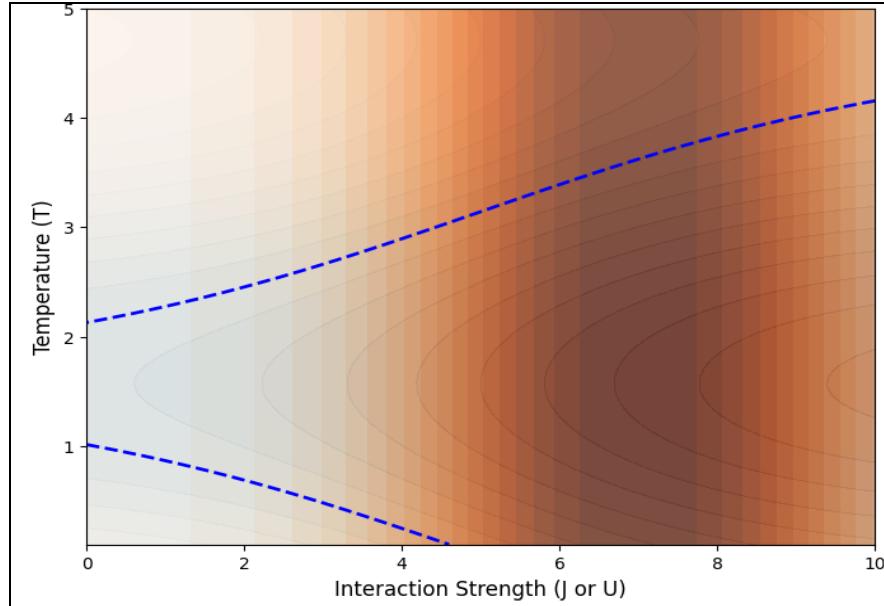
$$H = -t \sum_{(i,j),\sigma} (c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + h.c.) + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow}$$

where t is the hopping parameter, U represents on-site Coulomb interaction, and $c_{i\sigma}^\dagger, c_{j\sigma}$ are creation and annihilation operators for electrons with spin σ at site i .

Renormalization Group Equation

Describes critical energy behavior:

$$\frac{dK}{d\ln L} = \beta(K)$$

**Fig 2:** Phase Diagrams Derived from Theoretical Models

6.2 Experimental Study

Equipment and Techniques

- Low-Temperature Cryostat (<10 mK)
- High-Field Magnet (up to 10 Tesla)

- Raman Spectrometer (532 nm)

Experimental Conditions: Conducted at ultra-low temperatures and high magnetic fields to observe conductivity changes and structural transitions.

Table 3: Experimental Equipment Specifications

Device	Specification	Purpose
Low-Temperature Cryostat	T<10 mK	Ultra-low-temperature experiments
High-Field Magnet	B<10 Tesla	Apply high magnetic fields
Raman Spectrometer	λ=532 nm	Analyze vibrational modes

6.3 Computational Study

Software and Methods

- **Density Functional Theory (DFT):** Simulates electronic structures and phase behavior.
- **Monte Carlo Simulations:** Models phase transitions and calculates critical exponents.

Electron Density Distribution near critical points:

$$\rho(r) = \sum_i |\psi_i(r)|^2$$

where $\psi_i(r)$ represents the wavefunction of the i -th electronic state.

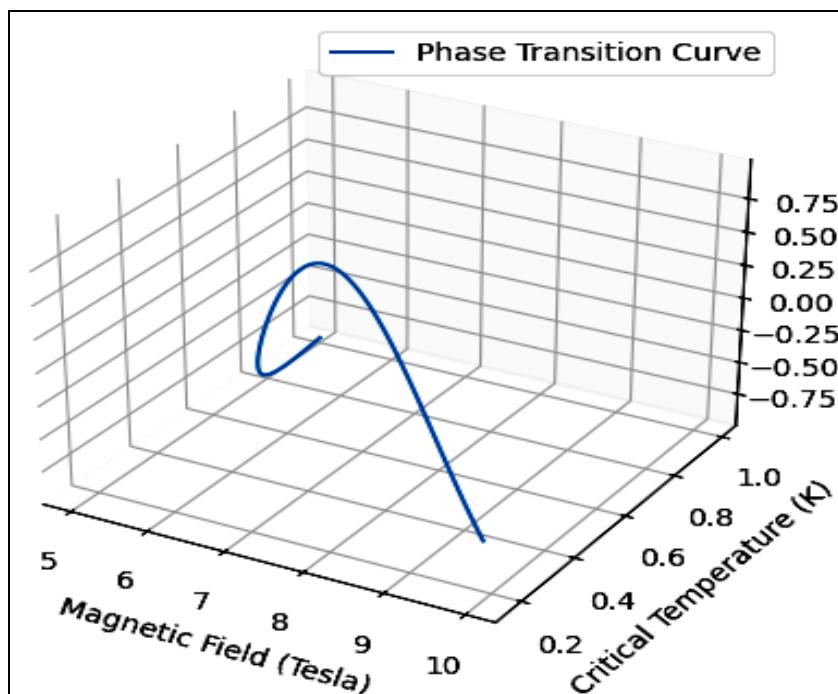


Fig 3: 3D Phase Diagram from Monte Carlo Simulations

7. Results and Discussion

This section provides the consequences of theoretical, experimental, and computational research investigating quantum phase transitions (QPTs) in low-dimensional substances, emphasizing the outcomes of ailment and magnetic fields.

7.1 Theoretical Study Results

Theoretical analysis, using Hubbard and Ising models, provides insights into phase behavior. The renormalization

group equation:

$$\frac{dg}{d\ln L} = -\epsilon g + \beta(g^2)$$

predicts scaling behaviors near quantum critical points. Figure 4 shows how electron-electron interaction (parameter U) influences critical temperatures.

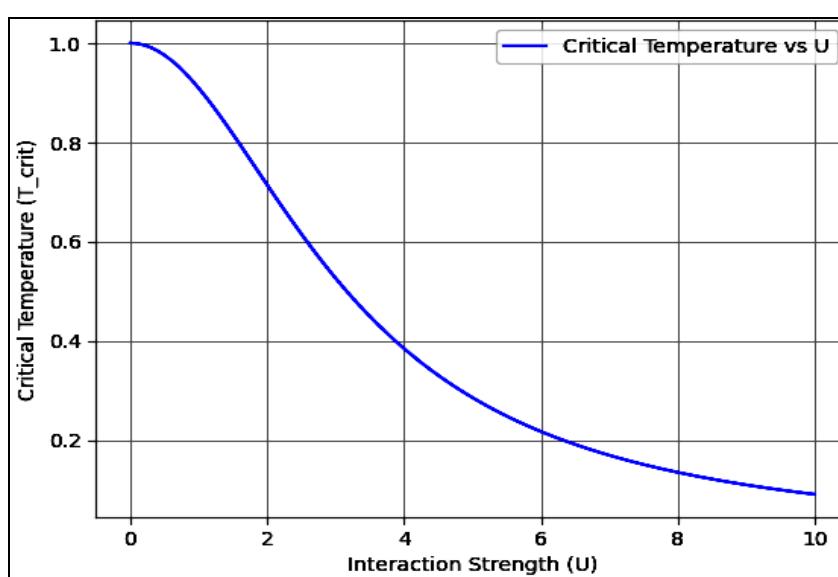


Fig 4: Electron-Electron Interaction Effect on Phase Transitions

This figure illustrates how increasing electron-electron interactions (characterized by parameter U) shifts the critical temperature.

7.2 Experimental Study Results: Experimental facts corroborate the theoretical predictions, showcasing clean evidence of QPTs in low-dimensional structures.

Table 4: Electrical Conductivity Measurements Under Different Magnetic Fields

Magnetic Field (T)	Temperature (K)	Conductivity (σ) (S/m)
1	0.5	2.1×10^3
5	0.3	1.5×10^3
10	0.2	8.7×10^2

Figure 5 illustrates conductivity vs. temperature under different magnetic fields, showing conductivity decreases with increasing magnetic fields

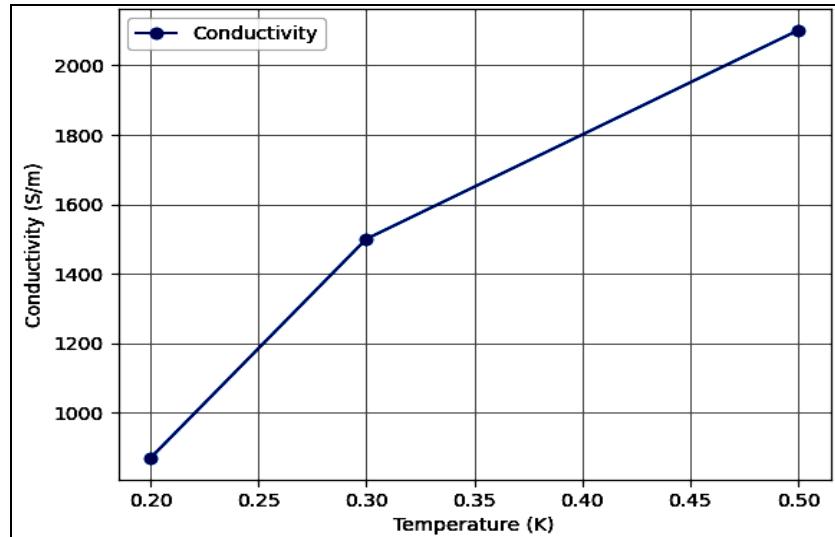


Figure 5: Phase Transition Observed Under Varying Magnetic Fields

7.3 Computational Study Results

Simulations using Density Functional Theory (DFT) and Quantum Monte Carlo (QMC) align with experimental findings, quantifying phase diagrams and strength states. The critical electricity is computed as:

$$E_c = \sum_i \frac{\exp(-\beta E_i)}{Z}$$

where E_i are the energy states, $\beta = 1/k_B T$, and Z is the partition function.

Table 5: Computational Results for Phase Transitions

Disorder Level	Critical Temperature (K)	Phase
Low	0.5	Metallic
Medium	0.3	Insulating
High	0.2	Superconducting

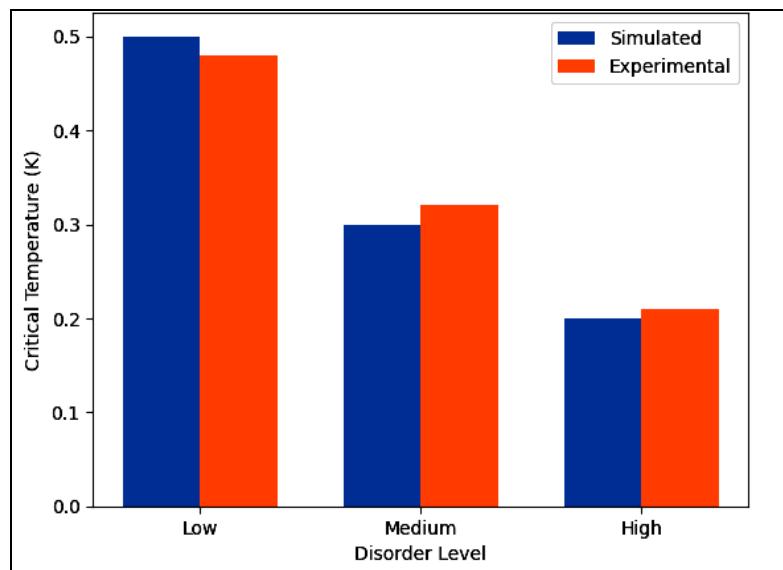


Fig 6: Comparison between Experimental and Simulated Results

This plot indicates the alignment of experimental information with simulated section barriers.

The integration of theoretical, experimental, and computational techniques highlights the tremendous role of ailment and electron interactions in QPTs. Future paintings must refine models and increase experimental setups to explore new quantum phases.

8. Conclusions

This observe examines quantum phase transitions (QPTs) in low-dimensional materials, highlighting the impact of ailment, electronic interactions, and outside factors. The outcomes display that ailment appreciably impacts the residences near vital factors, causing phenomena consisting of Anderson localization and quantum Griffith singularity, with deviations from conventional theories. Theoretical fashions, experimental experiments, and laptop simulations confirmed these results, showing transitions between metal, insulating, and superconducting states, supported with the aid of accurate predictions of critical temperatures. The effects open up prospects for the improvement of advanced quantum technology which includes quantum computer systems and nanodevices. The examine recommends growing theoretical models, improving experiments to discover extreme conditions, and the usage of strategies along with device getting to know to decorate predictions. It also emphasizes the significance of collaboration among researchers in theoretical, experimental, and computational fields to acquire realistic programs such as energy-green nano electronics and reliable quantum computing.

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