

# Experimental signatures

- **Ohmic vs. non-ohmic conductors**
- **Landauer formalism**
- **Signatures of edgestates**
- **State of the art**

# Ohmic conductors

conductance/resistance

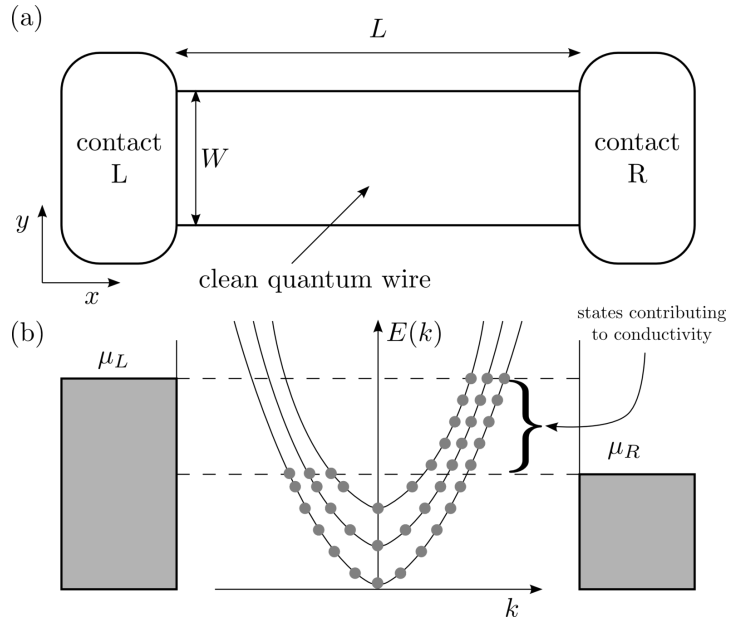
$$I/V = G \equiv R^{-1}$$

$$G_i L_i / A_i = \sigma$$

Sample specific

material-specific  
conductivity

# Landauer formalism

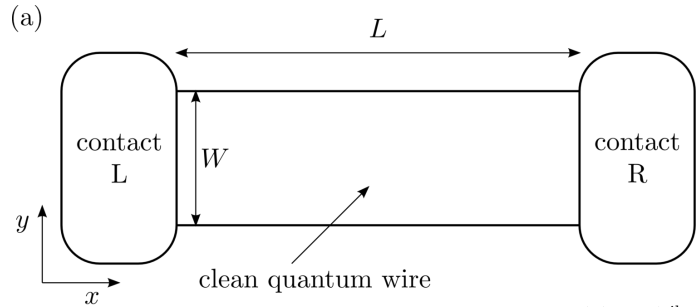


$$I = -|e| \sum_n \int_{-\pi/a}^{\pi/a} \frac{dk}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{dE_{lk}}{dk} [f(E_{lk} - \mu_L) - f(E_{lk} - \mu_R)]$$

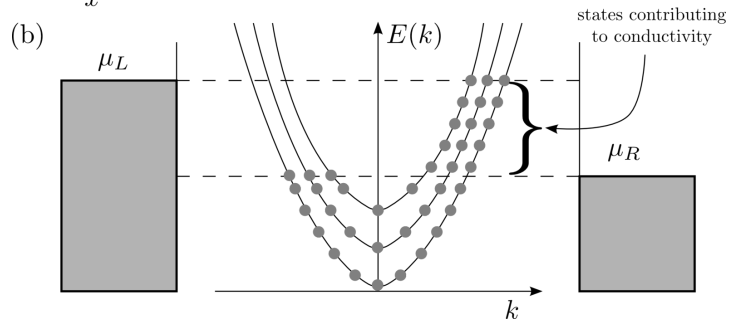
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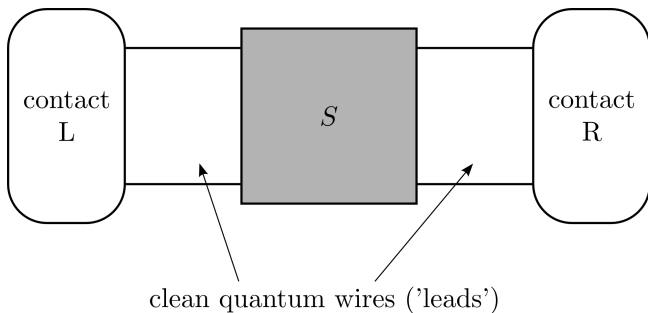


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$$I = -\frac{|e|}{h} T \int_{\mu_R}^{\mu_L} dE [f_L(E) - f_R(E)] = \frac{e^2}{h} TV$$

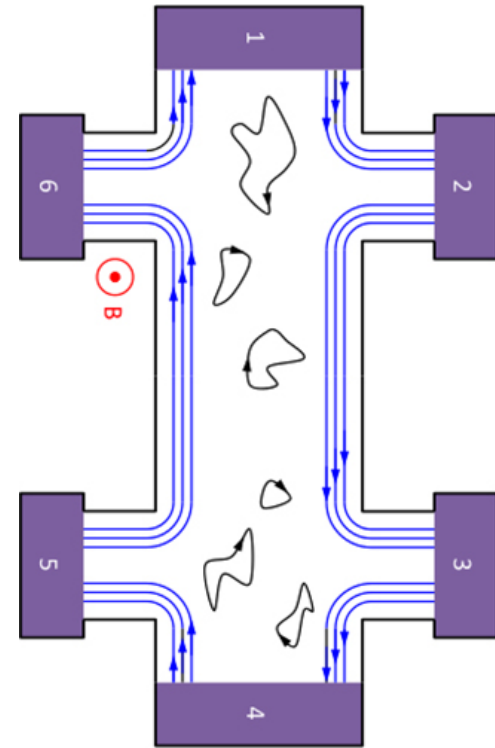
# Signatures of Topological edge states in transport I: Chern Insulators

## Disorder-free sample with a strip geometry

- Fermi energy lies in a band:  
the conductance is quantized and **insensitive to the length** of the sample, **grows with the width**
- Fermi energy lies in the gap:  
conductance is quantized, a **behaviour insensitive to both the length and the width** of the sample

## Disordered sample with an irregular shape

- Fermi energy lies in a band:  
Might be Ohmic. There are no protected edge states at the Fermi energy.
- Fermi energy lies in the gap:  
conductance is quantized, a **behaviour insensitive to both the length and the width** of the sample, a **hallmark of Chern Insulators**.



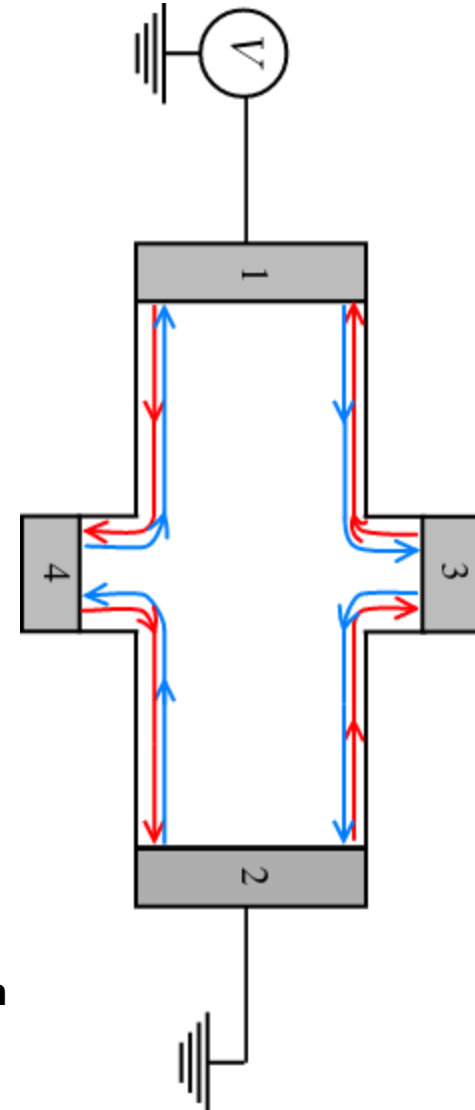
# Signatures of Topological edge states in transport II: TRS Insulators

## Disorder-free sample with a strip geometry

- Fermi energy lies in a band:  
the conductance is quantized and **insensitive to the length** of the sample, **grows with the width**
- Fermi energy lies in the gap:  
conductance is quantized to multiples of  $\frac{2e^2}{h}$ , since edge states come in pairs a **behaviour insensitive to both the length and the width** of the sample

## Disordered sample with an irregular shape

- Fermi energy lies in a band:  
Might be Ohmic.
- Fermi energy lies in the gap and TRS is preserved:  
conductance is quantized to  $\frac{2e^2}{h}$ , a **behaviour insensitive to both the length and the width** of the sample, a **hallmark of TRS Insulators**.



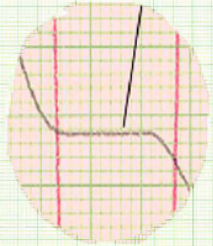
# Quantum Hall Effect

**5.2.1980 BIRTHDAY OF QHE**  
(at 2 a.m.)

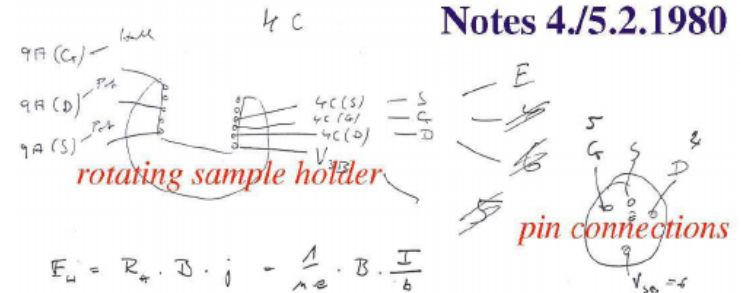
Resistance at B=0

Resistance at B=19.8 T

Hall resistance



Notes 4/5.2.1980



$$E_H = R_H \cdot j = \frac{1}{ne} \cdot B \cdot \frac{I}{b}$$

$$U_H = \frac{B}{n \cdot e} \cdot I \quad N = \frac{eB}{2\pi k} \quad (g_s \cdot g_v = 1)$$

$$U_H = \frac{2\pi k B}{e \cdot e \cdot B} \cdot I = \frac{h}{e^2} \cdot I$$

25,76 kΩ  
25813

Josephson

$$\frac{d\phi}{dt} \frac{h}{2e} = \quad R_{xy} = \frac{1}{2} \alpha \cdot \sqrt{\frac{h}{E_0}} \Rightarrow 25813 \Omega$$

notes of the phone call to PTB

PTB 531/5721 (5.2.1980)  
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Prof. V. Kose  
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$$\sqrt{\frac{E_0}{h}} = 2,65 \cdot 10^{-3} \Omega^{-1} \quad 6 \cdot 10^5 \quad 1,5 = 12907$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{h}{E_0}} = 376,7 \Omega$$

25813 Ω : N } 25813 → 25763,46  
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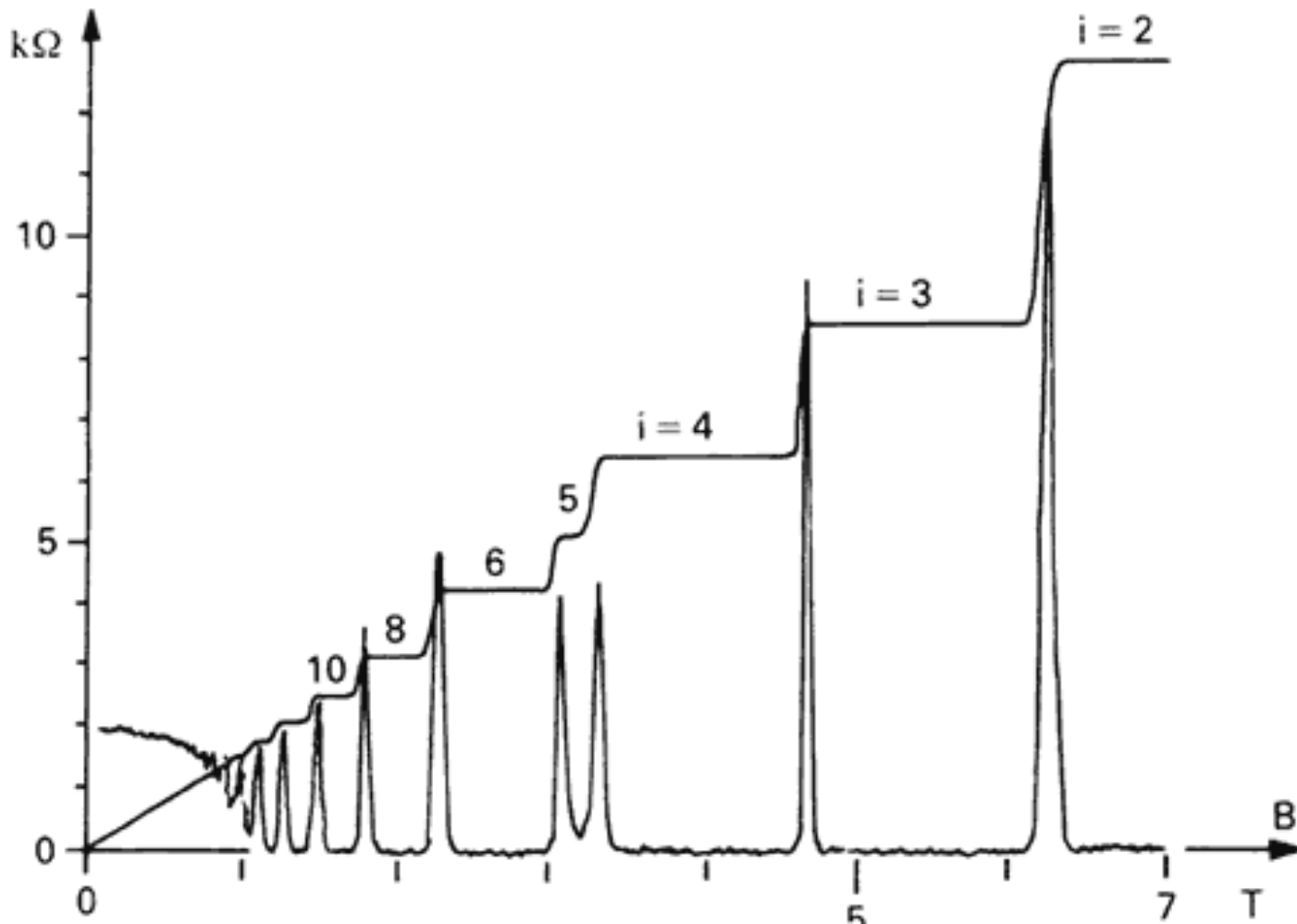
quantized resistances  
with and without the  
input resistance of the x-y recorder

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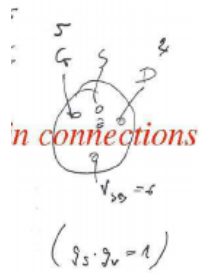
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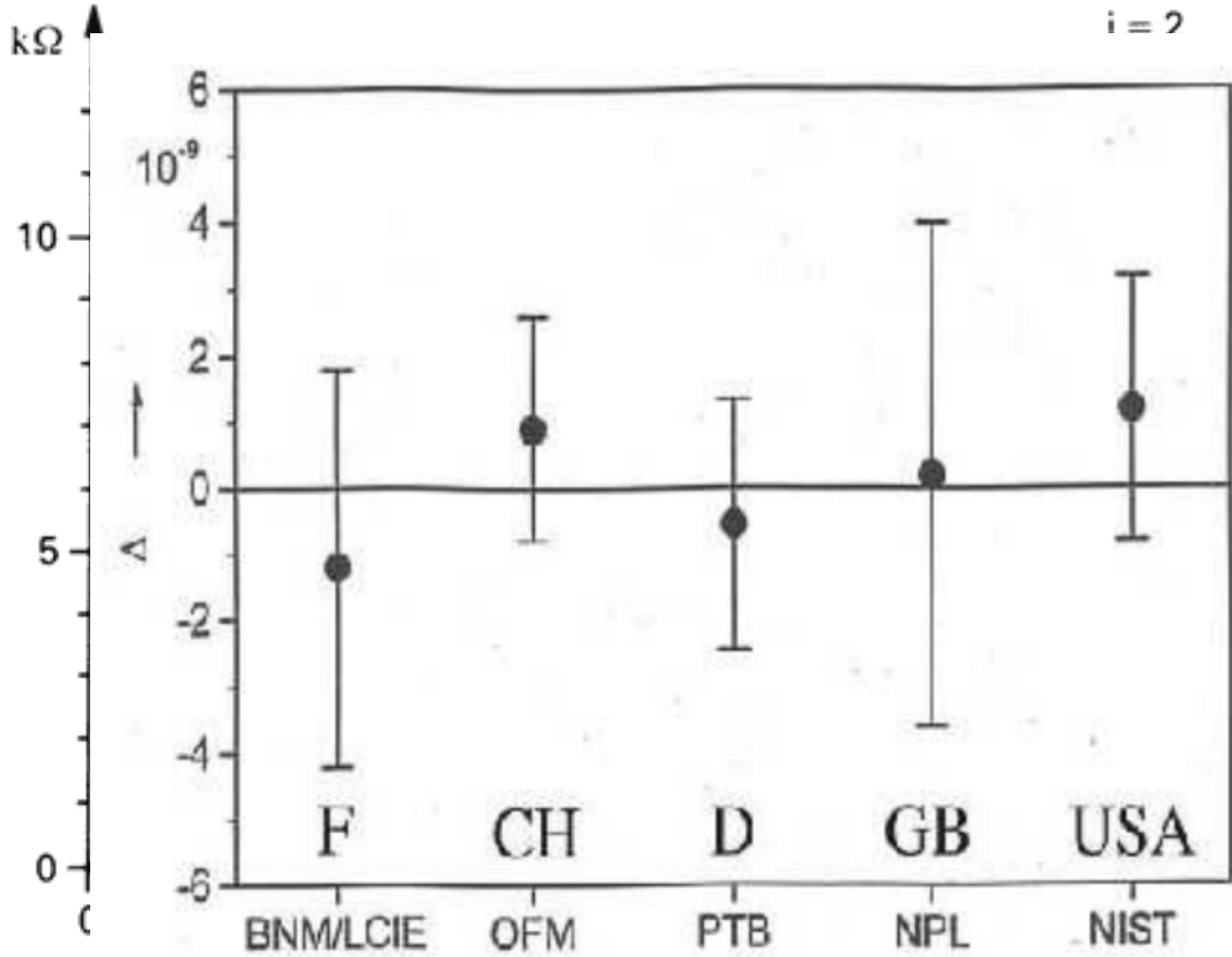
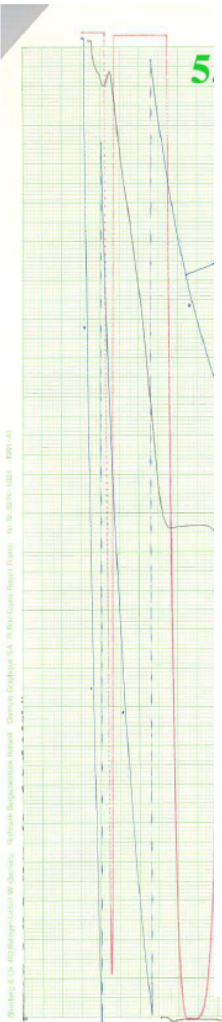
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input resistance of the x-y recorder

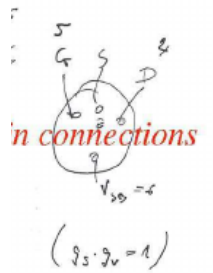
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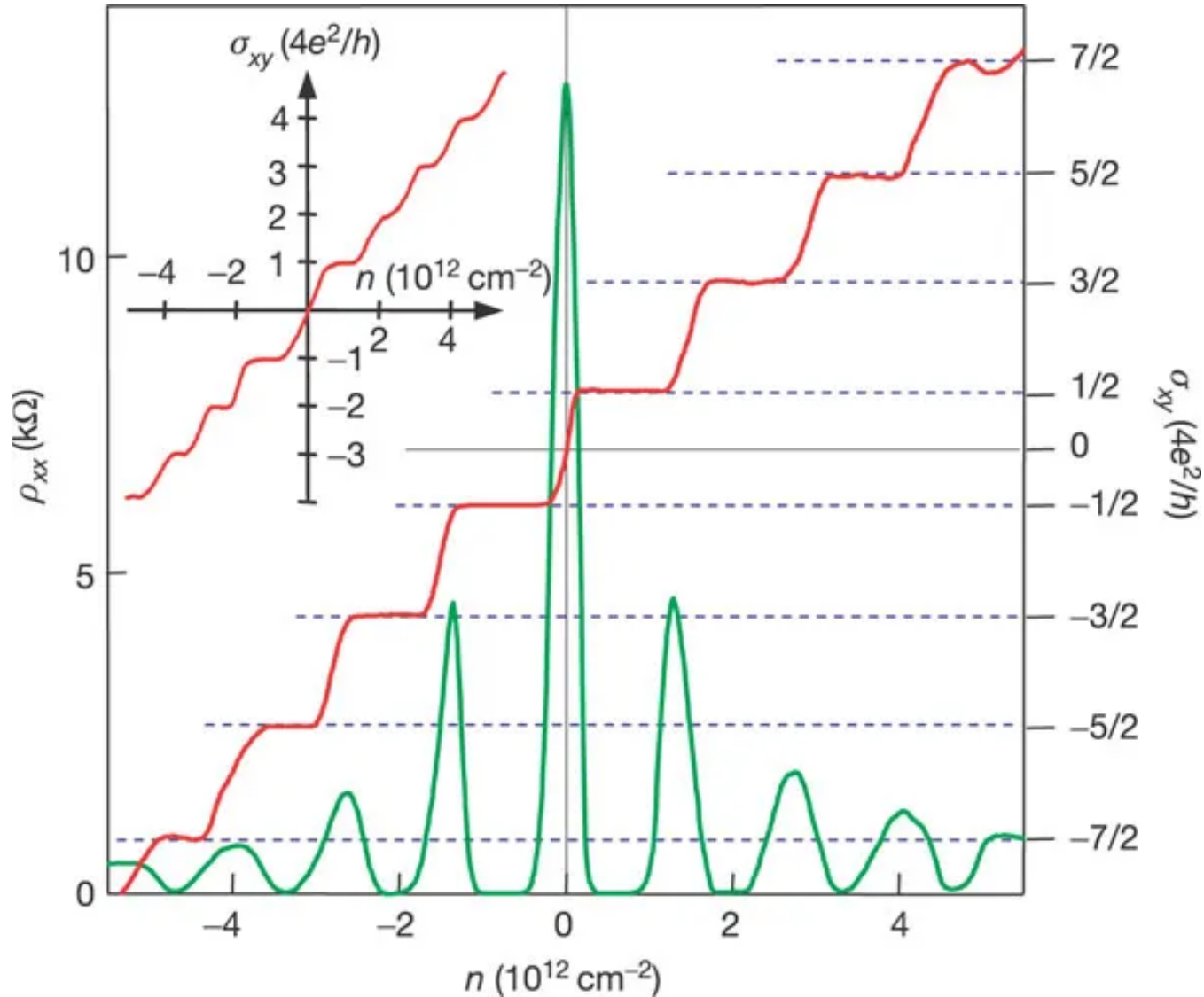
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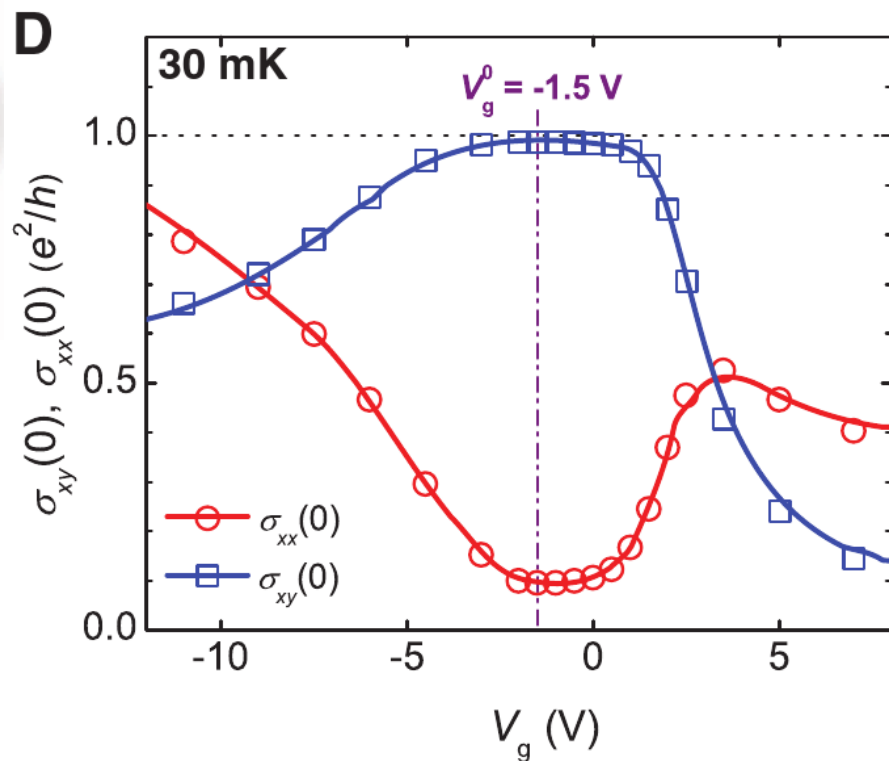
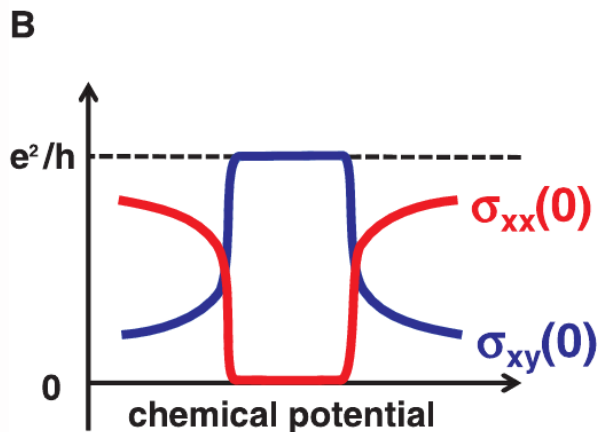
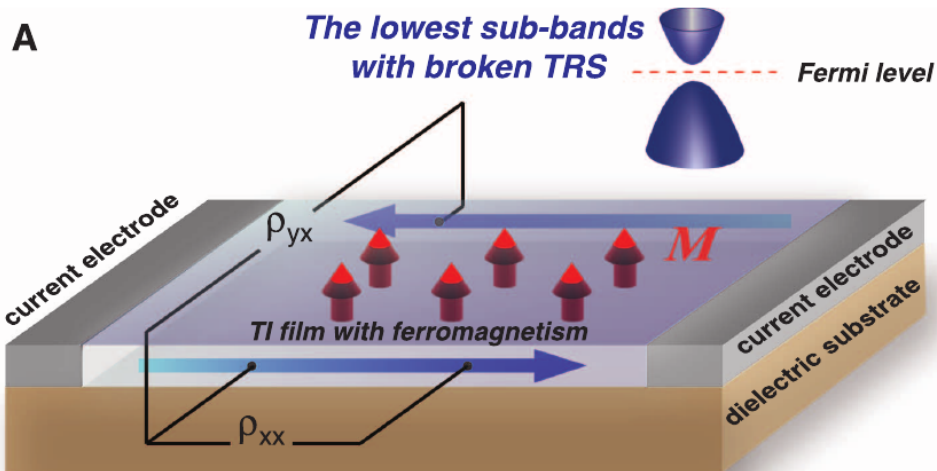
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# Quantum Hall Effect in graphene

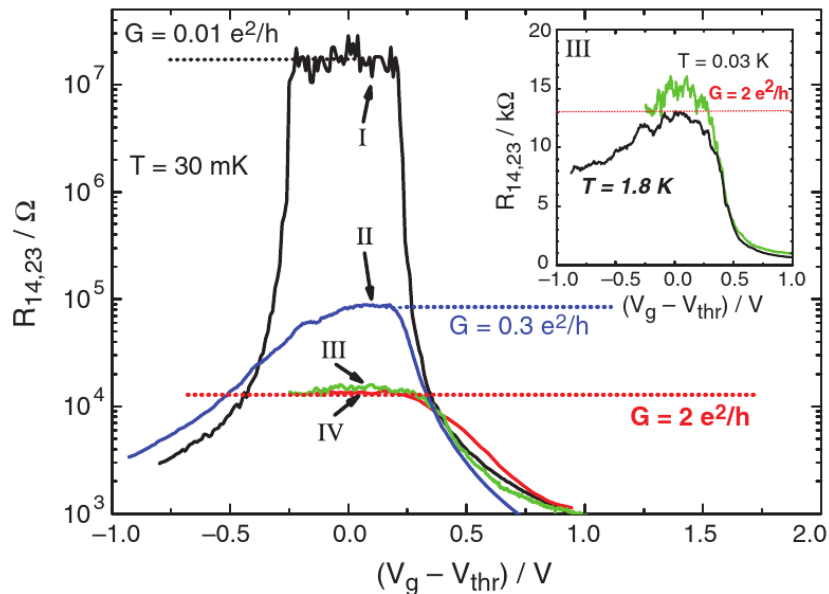
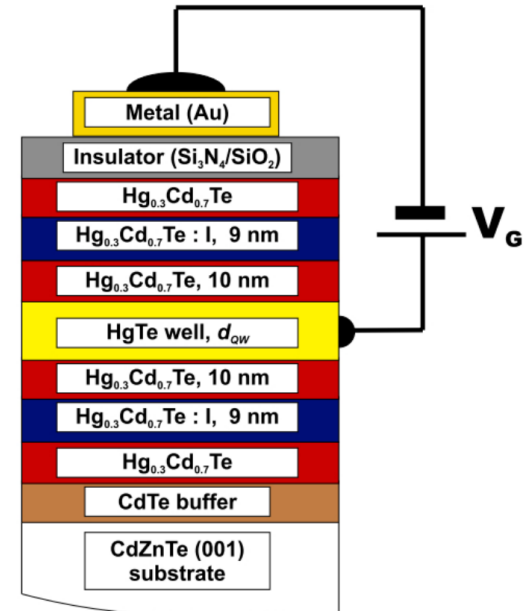
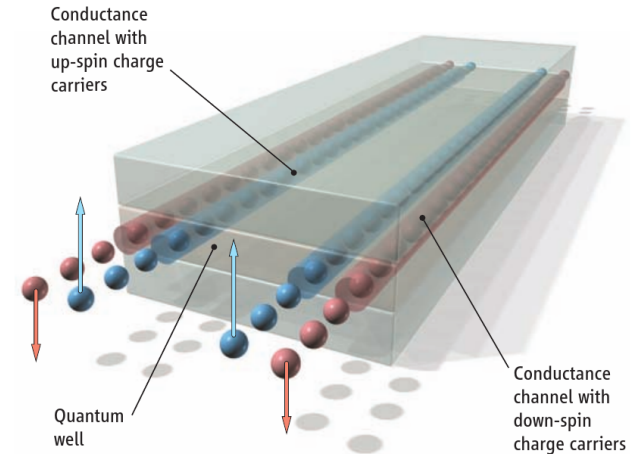
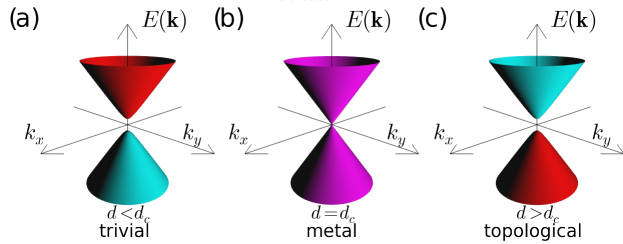
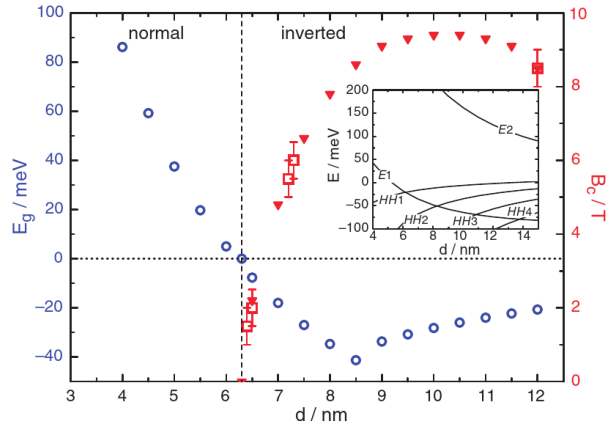


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# Quantum Anomalous Hall Effect in 3D TI

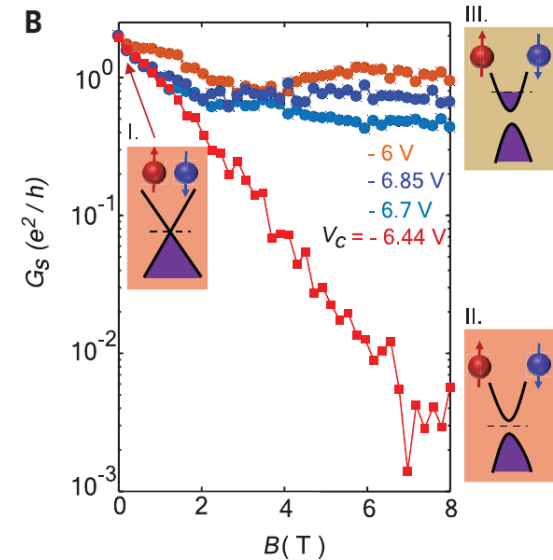
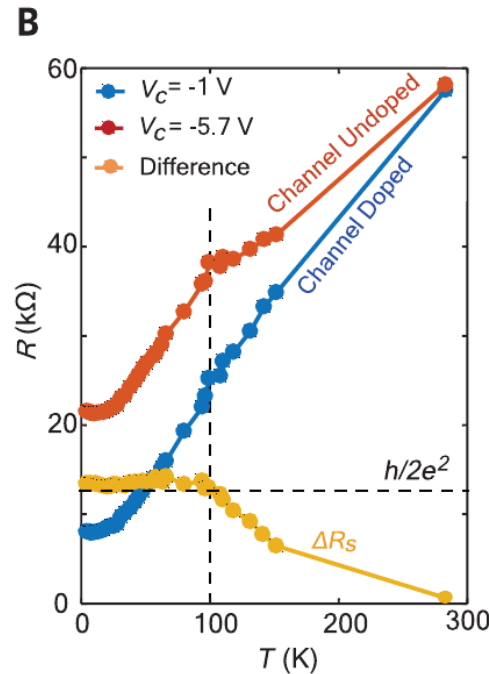
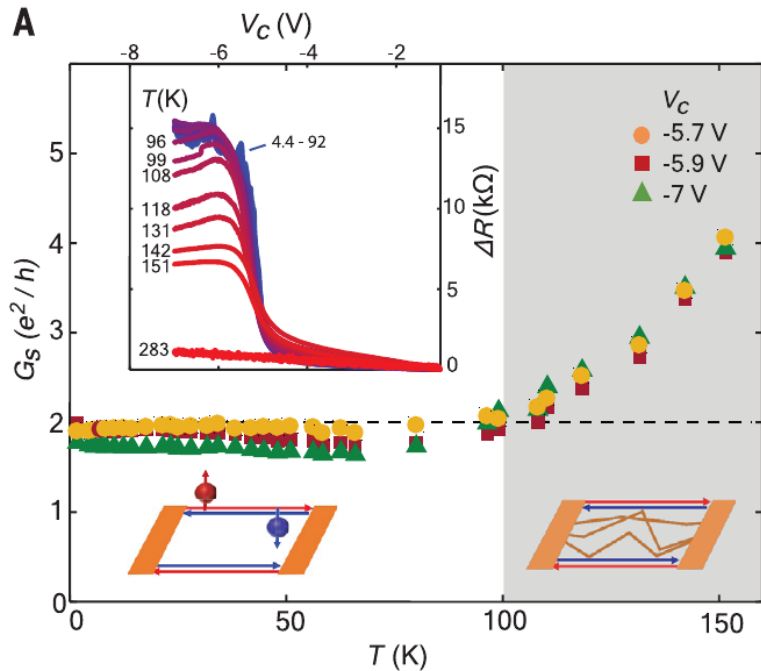
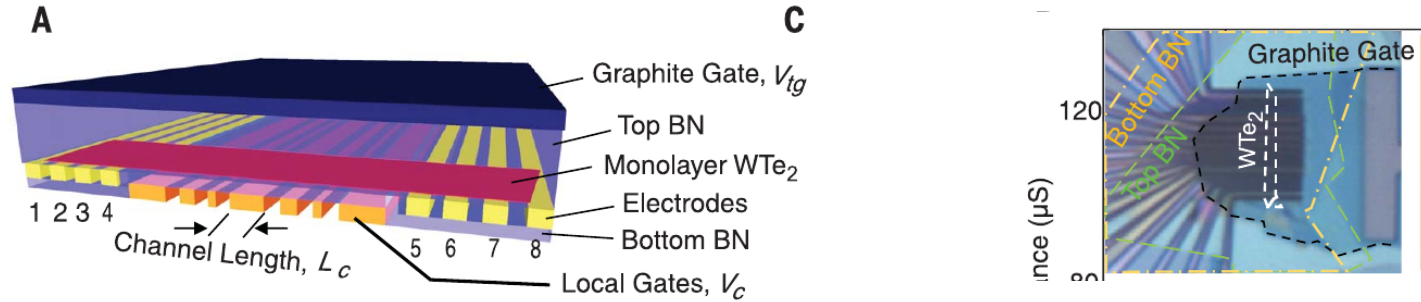


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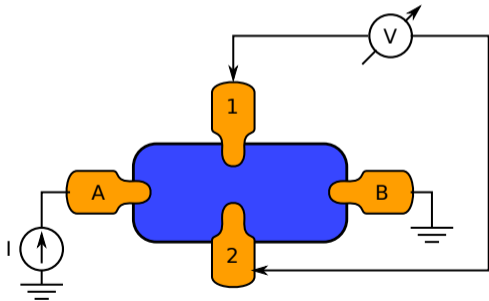
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# Quantum Spin Hall Effect in WTe<sub>2</sub>



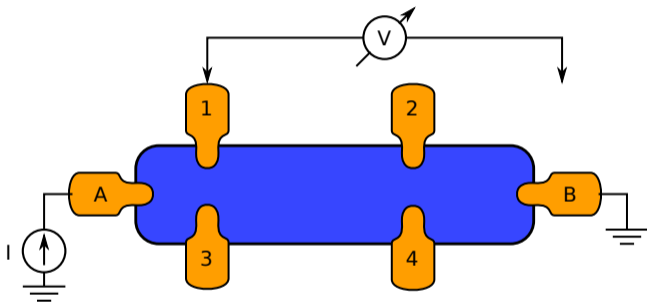
The blue sample is an insulator with Chern number  $Q$ .  
We drive a current  $I$  from contact A to B.  
The measured Hall voltage between contacts 1 and 2 is  $V$ .

What is the Hall conductance  $I/V$  ?



- a) 0, since the setup is symmetric
- b)  $e^2/h$
- c)  $Qe^2/h$
- d) none of the above

The blue sample is a Chern insulator.  
Which contact is on the same potential as contact 1?



a) 2

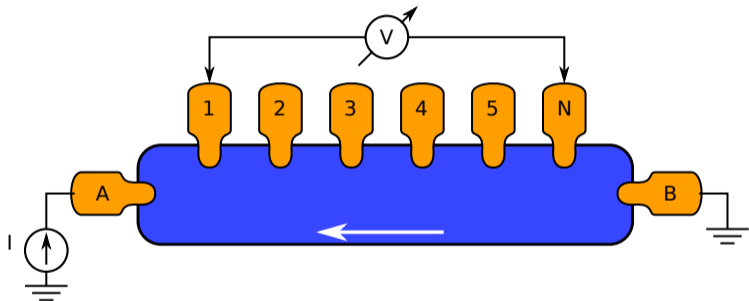
c) 4

b) 3

d) none of the above



An edge state on the Chern insulator is marked by an arrow.  
As the number  $N$  of floating contacts increases, the voltage  $V$ ...



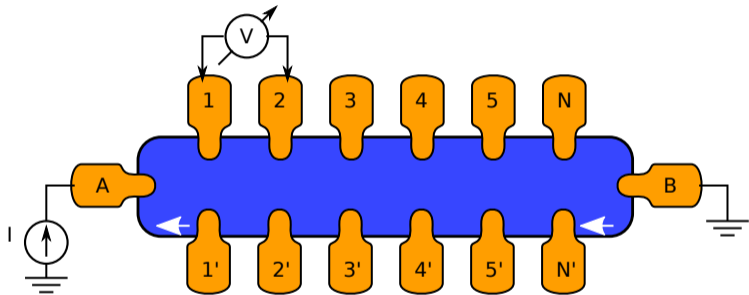
a) does not change

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b) decreases

d) The question is not well defined

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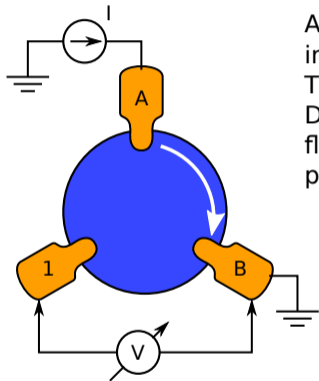


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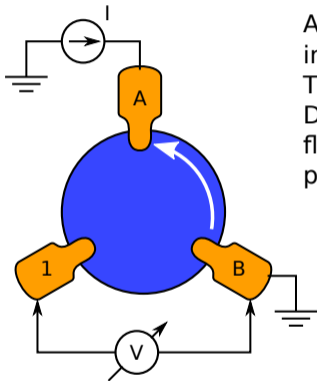
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A protected edgestate on a Chern insulator is denoted by the white arrow. The function  $V(I)$ , i.e., the DC voltage  $V$  measured on the floating contact as a function of the pumped DC current  $I$ , is ...

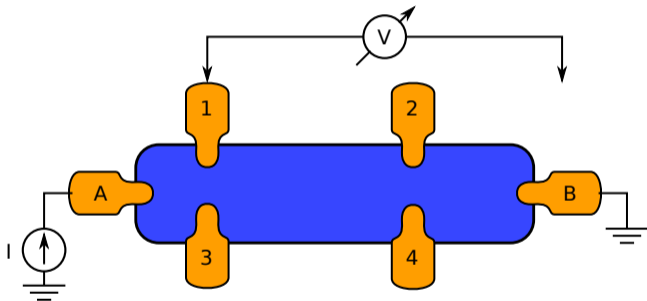
- a) even
- b) odd
- c) neither
- d) both



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The blue sample is a nontrivial  $Z_2$  insulator.  
Which contact is on the same potential as contact 1?

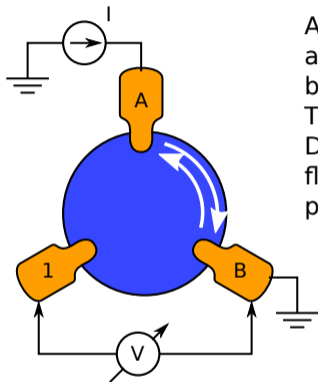


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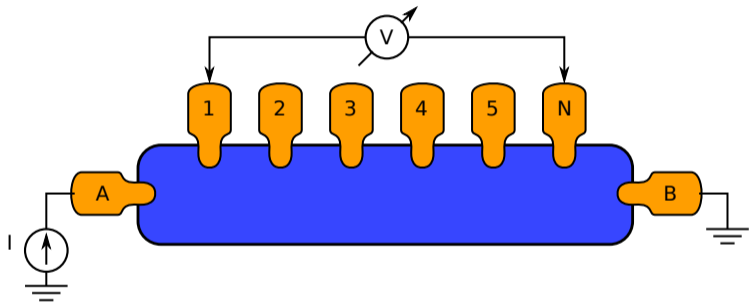


A pair of protected edge states on a  $Z_2$  topological insulator is denoted by the white arrows.

The function  $V(I)$ , i.e., the DC voltage  $V$  measured on the floating contact as a function of the pumped DC current  $I$ , is ...

- a) even
- b) odd
- c) neither
- d) both

Take a nontrivial  $Z_2$  topological insulator.  
As the number  $N$  of floating contacts increases, the voltage  $V$ ...



a) does not change

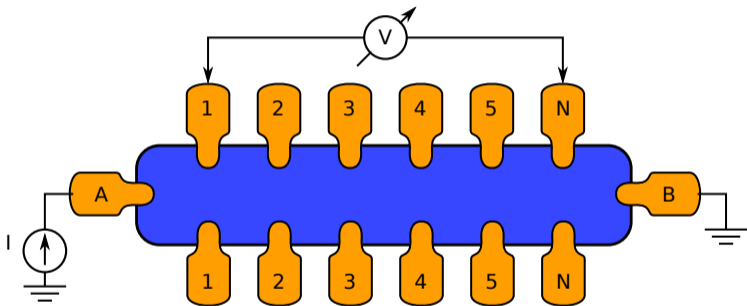
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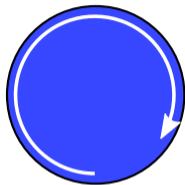
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The blue sample is a Chern insulator in thermal equilibrium.

Which statement is true ?

- a) The electric current density is zero everywhere in the sample since there cannot be any current in equilibrium.
- b) A nontrivial Chern insulator can be in equilibrium but then the current density is not zero.
- c) Nontrivial Chern insulators cannot be in equilibrium since edge state currents generate Joule heating.
- d) None of the above statements is true.