# Experimental signatures

- Ohmic vs. non-ohmic conductors
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#### **Ohmic conductors**

conductance/resistance

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



#### Landauer formalism



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## 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

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#### 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** 

• <u>Fermi energy lies in the gap:</u>

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**





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Quantum Hall Effect in graphene



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#### **Quantum Anomalous Hall Effect in 3D TI**



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#### Quantum Spin Hall Effect in HgTe/HgCdTe





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





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#### Quasiparticle Interference @ QSH edge of $Bi_2$





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