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Revealing the topological nature of transport at mesoscopic scales with quantum interferences

We show that basic fundamental properties of mesoscopic quantum interferences can be used to reveal the existence and the physical location of 1d protected states in topological insulators. This method is illustrated in the case of crystalline bismuth nanowires which were found to belong to a class of newly discovered higher order topological insulators with helical ballistic hinge states coexisting with trivial bulk and surface diffusive states. In particular we discuss SQUID like periodic magnetic oscillations observed in Bi based Josephson junctions.

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