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Detecting Topological Phases in Ultracold Atomic Gases with Strong Interactions DONG-LING DENG, Condensed Matter Theory Center and Joint Quantum Institute, Department of Physics, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742-4111, USA, SHENG-TAO WANG, KAI SUN, L.-M. DUAN, Department of Physics, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109, USA—We propose a generic scheme to unambiguously probe topological invariants in ultracold-atomic systems using momentum-resolved Raman or radio-frequency spectroscopy. The method is based on Green's function formulations and is applicable to a wide range of topological states in arbitrary spatial dimensions with or without strong interactions. Using an interacting one-dimensional topological insulator as an example, we further demonstrate that the scheme is robust against realistic experimental imperfections, such as the inhomogeneous trapping potential and limited experimental resolution.

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