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Theory of correlated topological insulators with broken axial spin symmetry STEPHAN RACHEL, Dresden University of Technology, JOHANNES REUTHER, Caltech, RONNY THOMALE, EPFL Lausanne — The two-dimensional Hubbard model defined for topological band structures exhibiting a quantum spin Hall effect poses fundamental challenges in terms of phenomenological characterization and microscopic classification. We consider weak, moderate, and strong interactions and argue that the resulting phase diagrams depend on the microscopic details of the spin orbit interactions which give rise to the non-trivial topology. In particular, it turns out that there is a crucial difference between models with broken and with conserved axial spin symmetry. These results suggest that there is a general framework for correlated 2D topological insulators with broken axial spin symmetry.

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