Odd-frequency superconductivity at the edge of a two-dimensional topological insulator without ferromagnetic insulators

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