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Magnetism-induced topological transition in EuAs₃

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The nature of the interaction between magnetism and topology in magnetic topological semimetals remains mysterious, but may be expected to lead to a variety of novel physics. We present ab initio band calculations, electrical transport and angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) measurements on the magnetic semimetal EuAs₃, demonstrating a magnetism-induced topological transition from a topological nodal-line semimetal in the paramagnetic or the spin-polarized state to a topological massive Dirac metal in the antiferromagnetic (AFM) ground state at low temperature, featuring a pair of massive Dirac points, inverted bands and topological surface states on the (010) surface. Shubnikov-de Haas (SdH) oscillations in the AFM state identify nonzero Berry phase and a negative longitudinal magnetoresistance (*n*-LMR) induced by the chiral anomaly, confirming the topological nature predicted by band calculations. When magnetic moments are fully polarized by an external magnetic field, an unsaturated and extremely large magnetoresistance (XMR) of $\sim 2\times10^5$ % at 1.8 K and 28.3 T is observed, likely arising from topological protection. Consistent with band calculations for the spin-polarized state, four new bands in quantum oscillations different from those in the AFM state are discerned, of which two are topologically protected. Nodal-line structures at the Y point in the Brillouin zone (BZ) are proposed in both the spin-polarized and paramagnetic states, and the latter is proven by ARPES. Moreover, a temperature-induced Lifshitz transition accompanied by the emergence of a new band below 3 K is revealed. These results indicate that magnetic EuAs₃ provides a rich platform to explore exotic physics arising from the interaction of magnetism with topology.

Topological semimetals (TSMs) including Dirac, Weyl, nodal-line, and triple-point semimetals, can be divided into two categories—non-magnetic and magnetic TSMs depending on whether magnetism is involved¹⁻³. Compared with better-known non-magnetic TSMs, magnetic TSMs have unique properties due to their broken time-reversal symmetry (TRS): for example, nonzero net Berry curvatures which can induce anomalous Hall or Nernst effects, only one pair of Weyl nodes for some magnetic Weyl semimetals, and a

good ability to manipulate the spin for spintronics applications³. Moreover, when magnetism is involved, interactions of the external magnetic field with the magnetic moments can result in exotic properties, such as Weyl states induced by magnetic exchange^{4,5}. However, in contrast to non-magnetic TSMs, theoretical predictions and experimental studies on magnetic TSMs are rarer and more difficult due to the complexity of the magnetic configuration for calculations and the difficulty in synthesis of single crystals³. In fact, the very nature of the interaction between magnetism and topology in magnetic TSMs remains mysterious. Given how few such compounds are known, seeking and fully characterizing new magnetic TSMs is a priority for the new light they may shed on these issues.

Recently, the non-magnetic CaP₃ family of materials was proposed as potential host of topological nodal-line (TNL) semimetals⁶, among which SrAs₃ possesses a TNL feature at ambient pressure⁷⁻⁹ and exotic properties under high pressure¹⁰. Isostructural with SrAs₃, EuAs₃ orders in an incommensurate AFM state at $T_N = 11$ K, and then undergoes an incommensurate-commensurate lock-in phase transition at $T_L = 10.3$ K, producing a collinear AFM ground state¹¹⁻¹⁶. Previous electrical transport studies found an extremely anisotropic MR, which is strongly related to the magnetic configuration of EuAs₃ ¹⁷. However, experiments sensitive to the topology have not been reported on EuAs₃.

In this paper, we demonstrate a magnetism-induced topological transition from a TNL semimetal in the paramagnetic or the spin-polarized state to a topological massive Dirac metal in the AFM ground state. First, we explore the band structure in the AFM ground state through band calculations and transport measurements, demonstrating that $EuAs_3$ is a magnetic topological massive Dirac metal. Second, SdH oscillations and band calculations in the spin-polarized state are displayed, yielding a proposal that $EuAs_3$ is a TNL semimetal with an XMR of $\sim 2 \times 10^5$ % at 1.8 K and 28.3 T. Third, our ARPES results in the paramagnetic state verify the nodal-line structure as predicted by band calculations. Ultimately, the origin of the XMR and a temperature-induced Lifshitz transition are revealed.

Results

Topological properties in the AFM state. EuAs₃ crystallizes in a monoclinic structure (space group C2/m, No. 12), and the magnetic moments of Eu^{2+} are oriented parallel and antiparallel to the monoclinic b axis $^{11-16}$, as plotted in Fig. 1(a). Methods for single-crystal growth, experiments, and band calculations can be found in the Supplemental Information¹⁸. Figure 4(c) shows the bulk BZ of EuAs₃ and Fig. 1(b) shows the bulk and (110) surface BZs in the doubled unit cell corresponding to its antiferromagnetic ground state. The calculated band structure including spin-orbit coupling (SOC) in this magnetic ground state as determined by neutron diffraction experiments¹² for EuAs₃ is displayed in Fig. 1(c). In addition to topological bands around the Γ point, several trivial bands cross the Fermi level, indicating that EuAs₃ is a metal rather than a semimetal. In magnetic systems, TRS is broken. To preserve the Dirac node, extra symmetries, for example the combination of inversion (I) and time-reversal (T) symmetries, i.e., IT, are necessary³. The Dirac band crossing is not topologically protected, and it can be gapped out by SOC to turn into a gapped dispersion of massive Dirac fermions³. Following this clue, two massive Dirac points around Γ point are identified, as shown in the inset to Fig. 1(c). The complicated Fermi surface is composed of two hole sheets and one electron sheet in the AFM state (Fig. 1(d)), all of three-dimensional (3D) character. The electron sheet consists of two individual pockets, i.e., electron 1 and electron 2, which can both be detected by quantum oscillations.

Projected band structure analysis shows that the low energy states near the Fermi level are dominated by As-4p states (Fig. 1(e)). There are clear signatures of band inversion between As- $p_{x,y}$ and As- p_z orbitals at the Γ point. To identify the topological character, we calculated the Z_2 invariant by employing the Willson loop method¹⁹. Figures 1(f) and 1(g) show the evolution of the Wannier charge center (WCC) on two representative planes of the bulk BZ. From the calculations, the Z_2 invariant for the Z_2 invariant for the Z_2 invariant for the Z_2 invariant topology. Moreover, topologically-protected surface states are expected, and we can unambiguously identify nontrivial surface states in the surface spectrum for the semi-infinite (010) surface, as displayed in Fig. 1(h), confirming

further the nontrivial topology in the AFM state.

	F (T)	E_F	$A_F(10^{-3})$	k _F (10 ⁻²	v _F (10 ⁵	m* (m₀)	<i>T_D</i> (K)
		(meV)	Å-2)	Å ⁻¹)	m/s)		
α	156	0.6	14.9	6.9	1.3	0.580(1)	15.2(4)
β	185	0.8	17.7	7.5	1.8	0.45(1)	5.0(6)
γ^1	217	1.0	20.8	8.1	2.3	0.38(3)	8(1)
γ ²	7	2.1	0.3	1.0	0.6	0.178(6)	8.0(5)
ξ	93	4.0	8.9	5.3	1.7	0.37(1)	12(2)
α'	158	3.1	15.2	6.9	1.6	0.51(1)	5.9(1)
${\cal E}$	346	4.5	33.3	10.3	3.6	0.329(4)	13.1(6)
η	597	4.0	57.4	13.5	4.2	0.370(3)	9.8(7)

Table I. Parameters derived from quantum oscillations for EuAs₃.

To verify the predictions from band calculations, we conducted electrical transport measurements. Resistivity in zero magnetic field is plotted in Fig. 2(a), which displays typical metallic behaviour with a low-temperature peak corresponding to the magnetic transitions. The magnetic transitions were also found by thermodynamic measurements (Fig. S1) to be consistent with previous reports^{11-16,18}. The inset to Fig. 2(a) shows the fit to the resistivity data below 2.5 K using a power law: $\rho = \rho_0 + AT^2$, where ρ_0 is the residual resistivity, and A the electronic scattering coefficient. The fit gives a residual resistivity ρ_0 of 2.6 $\mu\Omega$ cm, and the residual resistivity ratio (RRR) ρ_{300K}/ρ_0 is \sim 72. Figure 2(b) shows the low-field MR data with evident SdH oscillations. B_M in Fig. 2(b) denotes the critical field, above which the spins are fully polarized by the external magnetic field. The SdH oscillation amplitude can be described by the Lifshitz-Kosevich (LK) formula^{1,2}: $\Delta\rho_{xx} \propto \frac{2\pi^2 k_B T/ho_c}{\sinh(2\pi^2 k_B T/ho_c)} e^{2\pi^2 k_B T_D/ho_c} \cos 2\pi \left(\frac{F}{B} - \gamma + \delta\right)$, where $\omega_c = eB/m^*$ is the cyclotron

frequency and T_D is the Dingle temperature. $\gamma=\frac{1}{2}-\left(\frac{1}{2\pi}\right)\phi_B$ ($0\leq\gamma\leq1$) is the Onsager phase factor, and ϕ_B is a geometrical phase known as the Berry phase. For a topological system with peculiar electron state degeneracy and intra-band coupling, a π Berry phase will be observed. $2\pi\delta$ is an additional phase shift resulting from the curvature of the Fermi surface in the third direction, where δ varies from 0 to $\pm1/8$ for a quasi-2D cylindrical Fermi surface and a corrugated 3D Fermi surface, respectively^{7,8}. The cyclotron effective mass m^* can be obtained from the thermal damping factor $R_T=\frac{2\pi^2k_BT/\hbar\omega_c}{\sinh(2\pi^2k_BT/\hbar\omega_c)}$.

By analyzing the oscillatory component (inset to Fig. 2(c)) below B_M via fast Fourier transform (FFT), four bands are uncovered, i.e., 156, 185, 217 and 7 T, referred to as α , θ , γ^1 , and γ^2 , respectively, in line with the band calculations. To check their topological nature, a Landau index fan diagram is plotted in Fig. 2(d), yielding intercepts of 0.6(2), 0.5(1), -0.03(9), and 0.07(8) for α , θ , γ^1 , and γ^2 , respectively. Throughout this paper, we assign integer indices to the $\Delta\rho_{xx}$ peak positions in 1/B and half integer indices to the $\Delta\rho_{xx}$ valleys. According to the Lifshitz-Onsager quantization rule for a corrugated 3D Fermi surface, intercepts falling between -1/8 and 1/8 suggest nonzero Berry phase, while intercepts in the range $3/8^{\sim}5/8$ indicate trivial band topology. Therefore, the γ^1 and γ^2 bands are topologically protected, while the other two are trivial. Other parameters for these four bands, such as the Fermi energy E_F , extremal cross-sectional areas A_F , Fermi momentum k_F , Fermi velocity ν_F , cyclotron effective mass m^* and Dingle temperature T_D , are calculated and summarized in Table I.

In TSMs, in addition to nonzero Berry phase, the *n*-LMR induced by the chiral anomaly can also serve as a smoking gun for nontrivial topology²⁰⁻²². Figure 2(e) displays the *n*-LMR of EuAs₃ with magnetic field parallel to the electric current *I*. The kinks in the *n*-LMR curves below the ordering temperature arise from the field-induced transitions¹⁵⁻¹⁷, i.e., from a collinear antiferromagnetic phase to incommensurate and commensurate spiral phases¹⁵⁻¹⁷. Negative MR in magnetic systems is not uncommon²⁰⁻²², when the applied magnetic field suppresses the inelastic magnetic scattering from local moments or magnetic impurities, leading to a negative MR for charge transport along all directions²⁰⁻²². However, in EuAs₃ we

only observed a n-LMR when the magnetic field is applied parallel to the electric current (Fig. S2)¹⁸. Furthermore, if the applied external magnetic field has a strong effect on the magnetic scattering and induces a n-LMR, the changes in the n-LMR will occur predominantly below and above the ordering temperature. This is not observed. Instead, we find several minor kinks arising from the magnetic transitions, on top of a much larger signal. Therefore, the suppression of magnetic scattering can be excluded as the origin of the n-LMR in EuAs₃. The n-LMR also displays a wide variety of temperature dependences, ruling out current jetting effects and the weak localization effect²⁰⁻²². Since nontrivial band topology has been confirmed in EuAs₃, the chiral anomaly arising from Weyl fermions is the most likely mechanism behind the n-LMR.

The n-LMR induced by the chiral anomaly in TSMs can be analyzed through the Adler-Bell-Jackiw (ABJ) chiral anomaly equation $^{20-22}$: $\sigma(B) = (1 + C_w B^2)(\sigma_0 + a\sqrt{B}) + \sigma_N$, where σ_0 , C_w and $\sigma_N^{-1} = \rho_0 + AB^2$ denote the conductivity at zero field, a temperature-dependent positive parameter originating from chiral anomaly, and the conventional nonlinear band contribution around Fermi energy, respectively. Figure 2(f) shows the conductivity and the fit to the data below 3 T at various temperatures. The data above the ordering temperature are well described by the ABJ equation, while the data at lower temperatures don't fit as well, which may be ascribed to the effect that magnetic transitions have on the chiral current. The inset to Fig. 2(f) shows the temperature dependence of C_w . At 2 K, C_w is 0.253(7) T⁻². With increasing temperature, a clear anomaly in C_w around the ordering temperature can be observed, verifying the proposal above. When T > T_N , C_w decreases monotonically, as observed in SrAs₃ ⁷. Taken together, these results demonstrate that EuAs₃ is a magnetic topological massive Dirac metal in its AFM ground state.

Topological nodal-line structure in the spin-polarized state. We now turn to the exploration of topology in the spin-polarized state, where in Fig. 1(b) we have already observed a clear change in the quantum oscillations. Figure 3(a) plots the MR of EuAs₃ in higher magnetic field, and an unsaturated XMR $\sim 2 \times 10^5$ % at 1.8 K and 28.3 T is observed. By analyzing the oscillatory components above B_M (inset in Fig. 3(b)),

frequency components are identified at F = 93, 158, 346, and 597 T, which are referred to here as the ξ , α' , ε , and η bands, respectively (Fig. 3(b)). These four bands are different from those in lower field (Fig. 2(c)), indicating that they are likely rooted in different band structure. This is unsurprising since the unit cell is no longer doubled by antiferromagnetism, but the field-induced spin polarization can also play a significant role. We thus conducted band calculations for the field-polarized state (Fig. S3) and the paramagnetic state (Fig. S4), and these are indeed quite different, as we discuss in more detail in the Supplemental Information¹⁸. In the field-polarized state we find four Fermi surface sheets—two electron and two hole sheets and double nodal loops at the Y point, one each for the spin-up and spin-down channels (Fig. S3(d))¹⁸. To identify the topological nature of the four bands seen in quantum oscillations, a Landau index fan diagram is plotted in Fig. 3(c), and the intercepts are -0.0(1), 0.67(3), 0.34(4), and 0.61(4) for the ξ , α' , ε , and η bands, respectively. The intercepts indicate that the ξ band is topologically protected, while the α' and η bands are topologically trivial. The intermediate value for ε is suggestive of a nontrivial Berry phase, but does not allow a strong conclusion, and will require further verification. The cyclotron effective masses m* for these four pockets can be obtained by fitting the temperature dependence of the normalized FFT amplitude, as shown in the right inset to Fig. 3(c). Other parameters can be also extracted, and all values are summarized in Table I.

To better reveal the Fermi surface anisotropy and topology of EuAs₃, angle-dependent MR measurements

have been performed at 1.8 K, in the experimental geometry shown in the inset to Fig. 3(d). Upon rotating sample from 0° to 90° , the magnitude of the MR is reduced monotonically, as also seen in a polar plot of the

MR (Fig. S2(b))¹⁸. We extract the frequency components for the ξ , α' , ε , and η bands by analyzing the oscillatory component (Fig. 3(e)) and summarize the results in Fig. 3(f). The angle dependence of the ξ , α' , and η bands is of 3D character, while the ε band is well described below 50° by the formula F =

 $F_{3D}+F_{2D}/\cos(\theta)$, where F_{2D} and F_{3D} denote 2D and 3D components. The ratio between the 2D and 3D components derived from the fit (F2D/F3D) is \sim 1.76, suggesting that the ε pocket exhibits mainly 2D character although a 3D component also exists.

Now, we turn to the angle dependence of the Berry phase. As shown in Fig. 3(g), the intercept for the topological ξ band shows strong angle dependence, similar to results in other systems such as Cd₃As₂ ²³, ZrSiM (M = Se, Te)²⁴, or ZrTe₅ ²⁵. For ϑ < 30° and ϑ ≥ 60°, the intercept falls between -1/8 and 1/8, while it falls between 3/8 and 5/8 for 30° ≤ ϑ < 60°. For the ε band, the intercept from 0° to 70° fluctuates between 1/8 and 5/8, averaging to 0.34(5), which is suggestive of trivial topology. However, when ϑ reaches 80° and 90°, this intercept falls between -1/8 and 1/8, implying nonzero Berry phase. For η and α' bands, the intercepts at all angles remain between 1/8 and 5/8, averaging 0.4(2) and 0.5(2), respectively, indicating trivial topology.

Topological nodal-line structure in the paramagnetic state. Since our band structure calculations identify nodal loops at *Y* and our quantum oscillation data indicate nontrivial band topology, we also directly investigated the band structure with ARPES. Momentum analysis in this technique is incompatible with magnetic field, so we investigated the paramagnetic rather than the field-polarized state; however, as shown in more detail in supplementary Figs. S3 and S4, a closed nodal loop persists at the *Y* point in the paramagnetic state¹⁸. In order to visualize the nodal loop in EuAs₃, the photon energy dependence of the electronic structure along the k_y direction was investigated at 18 K within the vertical plane of the (010) cleaved surface, as sketched in Fig. 4(c). From the intensity plot of the Fermi surface in the k_y - k_z plane (Fig. 4(a)), the pocket centered at the *Y* point (17 eV) can be easily identified, and two nodes arising from the crossing of the electronlike and holelike bands can be also observed in Fig. 4(b), which agrees with the band calculations (red lines). We estimate the Fermi momenta k_F and Fermi velocities v_F to be k_F = 0.12 and 0.14 Å⁻¹ and v_F = 3.7×10⁵ and 1.17×10⁵ m/s, respectively, for the hole and electron bands, the same order of magnitude as for the ε and η bands (see Table I). For ARPES cuts away from the *Y* point (Fig. 4(b)), the

band-crossing area shrinks gradually and finally disappears. This is highlighted by an orange ellipse, and represents the nodal loop predicted by our band structure calculations. These data are extremely similar to what was found in SrAs₃ ⁹.

The verification of the nodal-line structure in the paramagnetic state serves as strong evidence for the existence of nodal-line structure in the spin-polarized state, which has closely similar but spin-split band structure, but the similarities may not end there. Very recently, lifted degeneracy of the Bloch bands was observed in the paramagnetic phase of $EuCd_2As_2$, producing a spin-fluctuation-induced Weyl semimetal state²⁶. The magnetic susceptibility in $EuAs_3$ reveals a positive Curie-Weiss temperature T_{CW} of 4.4 K for magnetic fields applied within the ab plane (Supplementary Fig. S6), suggestive of ferromagnetic fluctuations deep in the paramagnetic phase¹⁸. The ferromagnetic correlations in $EuAs_3$ may induce band splitting within the paramagnetic phase, which may be resolvable with higher-resolution ARPES, such as laser ARPES.

Discussion

It is clear from our transport measurements that the electronic structure in the antiferromagnetically ordered state is very different from that found in the field-polarized or paramagnetic states. This is a consequence of the doubling of the unit cell due to antiferromagnetic order and the coupling of this magnetic order to the electronic structure, and is well described by our band calculations. However, we also find evidence for an additional Lifshitz transition within the antiferromagnetic phase.

Figure 3(h) shows the Hall resistivity (ρ_{xy}) from 0.3 to 30 K. The ρ_{xy} curves are clearly nonlinear, implying the coexistence of two types of carriers, as predicted by band structure calculations. On cooling, the slope of the curve changes from positive to negative, indicating an increased contribution from electron carriers. The carrier concentration and mobility are extracted by fitting the Hall conductivity with a two-carrier model, and results are summarized in Fig. 3(i). For $3 \le T \le 30$ K, the concentration of hole carriers is larger than that of electron carriers. Upon decreasing the temperature below 3 K, the concentration of electron

carriers is suddenly enhanced, accompanied by a sharp increase in the mobility of hole carriers. These indicate a possible Lifshitz transition. To check this, we analyze the oscillatory component (Δp_{xy}), and identify a new oscillation frequency of 374 T (denoted as the φ band) with trivial topology (see Fig. S5(b)), demonstrating that a Lifshitz transition does indeed occur¹⁸. Temperature-induced Lifshitz transitions are also observed in other TSMs, for example, MTe₅ (M = Zr, Hf)^{27,28}, which have been used to explain the origin of the resistivity anomaly. However, no such anomaly can be observed in EuAs₃, indicative of its unusual origin. Generally speaking, Lifshitz transitions are related to electronic transitions at zero temperature, and involve abrupt changes of the Fermi surface topology. However, in topological materials, Lifshitz transitions can also involve other types of zero-energy modes, such as Weyl or Dirac nodes, nodal lines, flat bands, Majorana modes, etc.²⁹. It has been proposed that multiple types of novel Lifshitz transitions involving Weyl points are possible depending on how they connect Fermi surfaces and pockets. For instance, the Lifshitz transition can correspond to the transfer of Berry flux between Fermi pockets connected by type-II Weyl points³⁰. To understand the physics behind the apparent low-temperature Lifshitz transition in EuAs₃, more work is needed.

According to the conventional charge-carrier compensation picture for XMR, the ratio n_h/n_e should be unity^{1,2}. At 0.3 K, n_h/n_e for EuAs₃ is \sim 1.0, consistent with this picture. However, for $3 \le T \le 30$ K, n_h/n_e varies between 1.5 and 2.5 while the MR remains large and unsaturated, evidently excluding the charge-compensation picture for EuAs₃. XMR is also frequently encountered in the cases of topologically-protected electronic band structure, and when open orbits contribute^{1,2,31,32}. According to the open-orbit effect, the unsaturated XMR is only observed for current along the open orbits³². However, the observation of the unsaturated XMR with different current direction in EuAs₃ excludes the open-orbit effect (see Fig. S7)¹⁸. Beside, for both the charge-carrier compensation picture and open-orbit effect, a B^2 dependence of MR is suggested^{31,32}, which is different from the situation of EuAs₃ reported here (Fig. S7(c))¹⁸. Since we have verified nontrivial band topology in EuAs₃, we consider this the more likely

explanation.

In summary, combining band calculations, electrical transport and ARPES measurements on the magnetic

compound EuAs₃, we report a magnetism-induced topological transition from a TNL semimetal in the paramagnetic or the spin-polarized state to a topological massive Dirac metal in the AFM ground state. The paramagnetic and spin-polarized states differ by the splitting of a topological nodal line associated with the spin-splitting of the band structure. An XMR of $\sim 2 \times 10^5$ % and an asyet-unexplained temperature-induced Lifshitz transition below 3 K have also been revealed. These results indicate that magnetic EuAs₃ could serve as a unique platform to explore exotic physics at the interface of magnetism and topology.

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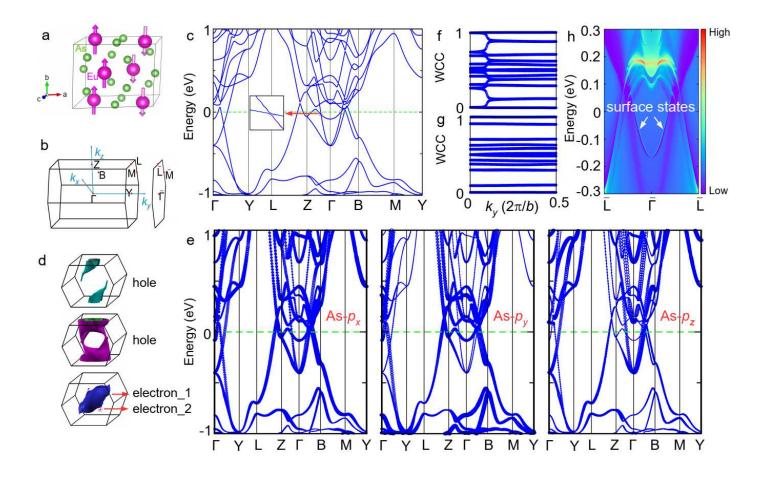
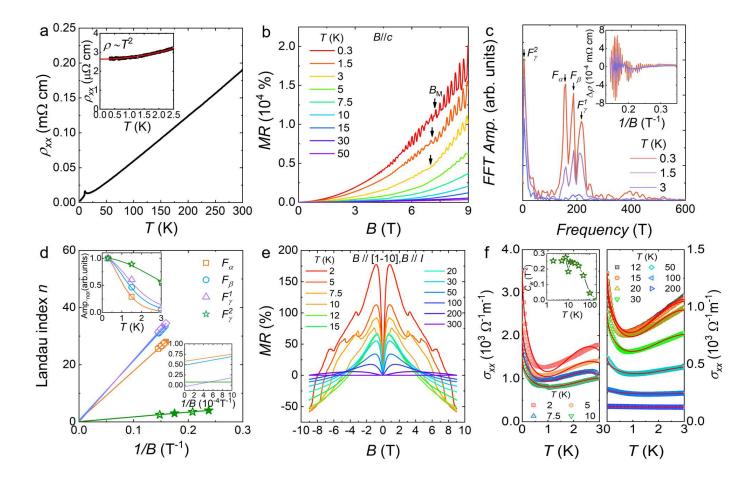


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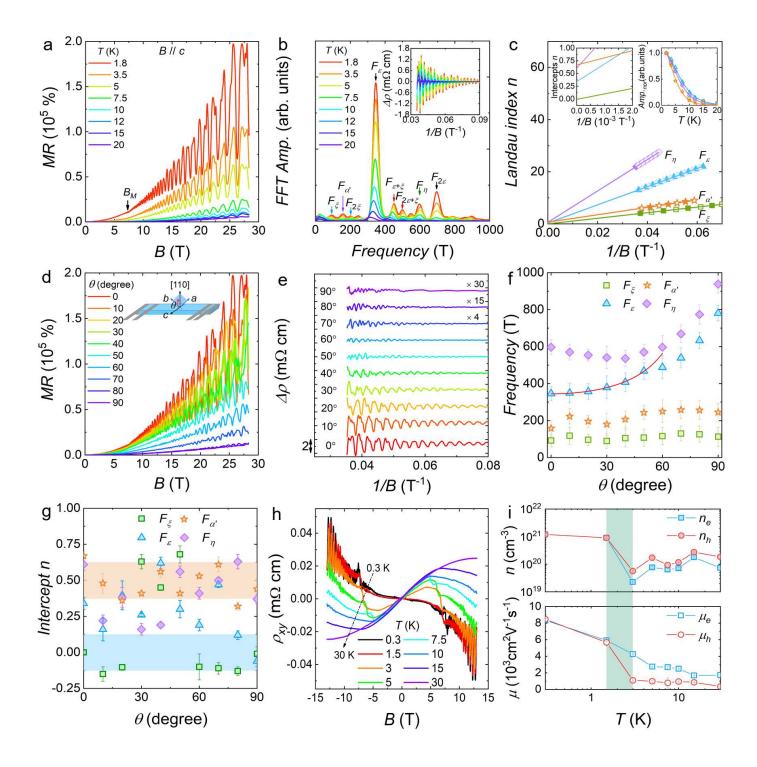


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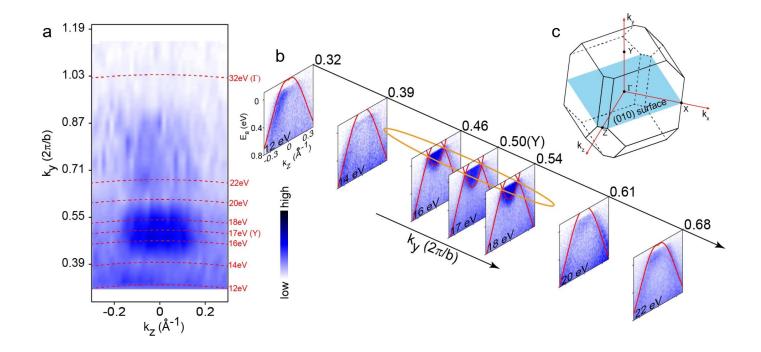


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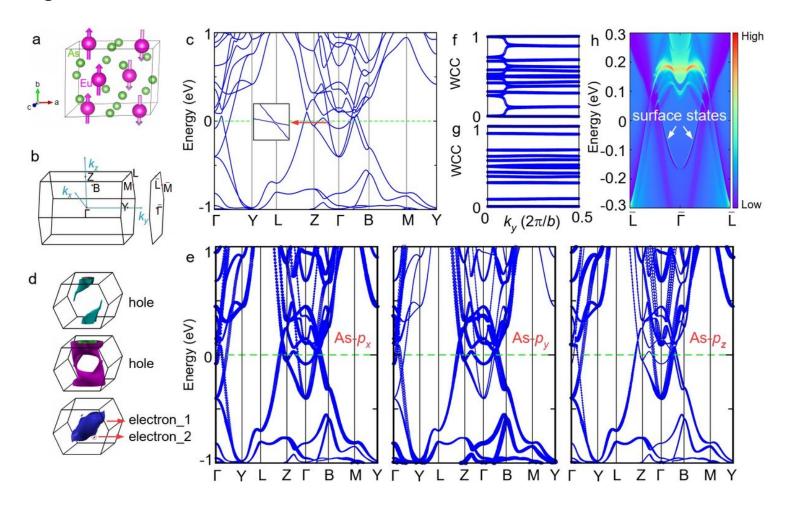


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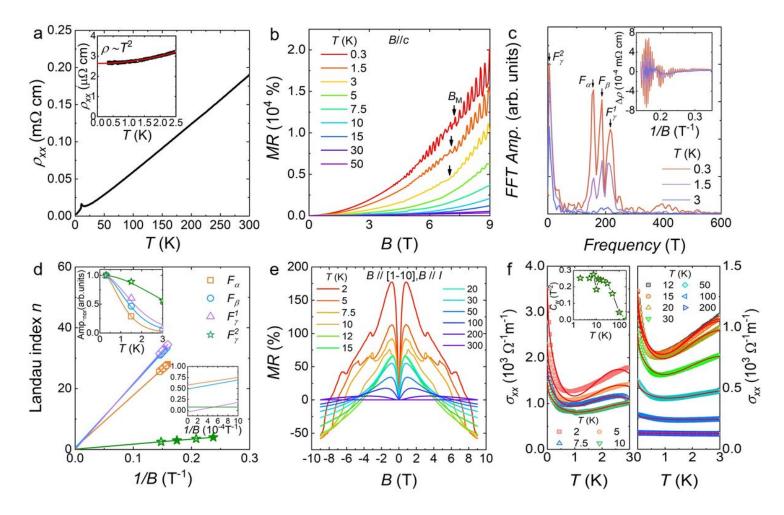


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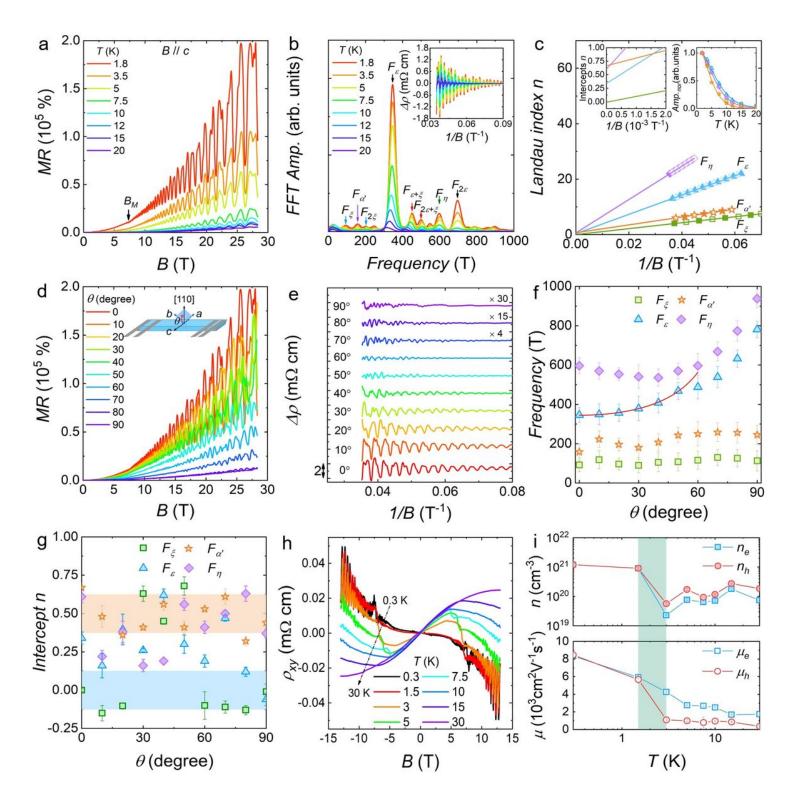


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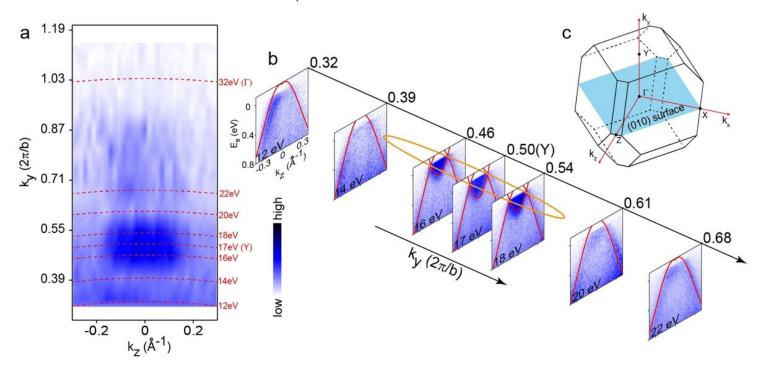


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