We study the kinetic magnetoelectric effect (current-induced magnetization including both the orbital and spin contributions) in three-dimensional conductors, specializing to the case of p-doped trigonal tellurium. We include both intrinsic and extrinsic contributions to the effect, which stem from the band structure of the crystal, and from disorder scattering, respectively. Specifically, we determine the dependence of the kinetic magnetoelectric response on the hole doping in tellurium, and show that the intrinsic and extrinsic effects dominate for low and high levels of doping, respectively. The results of this work imply that three-dimensional helical metals are promising for spintronics applications, in particular, they can provide robust control over current-induced magnetic torques.

I. INTRODUCTION

Control of magnetic degrees of freedom with electric current is one of the central subjects of spin electronics. In particular, the phenomenon of the current-induced magnetization, or the so-called kinetic magnetoelectric effect (KME), has received a lot of attention over the past several decades. For instance, in systems that lack inversion symmetry, magnetic torques due to the KME have been shown to efficiently control magnetization in various setups and materials. In this paper we describe the KME in three-dimensional noncentrosymmetric disordered conductors.

Experimentally, the typical setup for the observation of the KME has been based on a two-dimensional electron gas with strong spin-orbit coupling, whereby spin magnetization would be induced by transport current. Such spin contribution to the current-induced magnetization was observed in Refs. 2–7. Three-dimensional materials offer new possibilities for the KME observation. Unlike the two-dimensional case, in three dimensions the orbital motion around the current flow is not quenched, hence there is a possibility of an orbital contribution to the intrinsic mechanism that determines the KME response at densities of holes up to a few of $10^{17}$ cm$^{-3}$; for larger densities, the dominant mechanism is the skew scattering off impurities.

In this work we consider the KME in a typical gyrotropic material - trigonal tellurium single crystals - focusing on both intrinsic and extrinsic contributions to the effect. For p-doped tellurium, we show that it is the intrinsic mechanism that determines the KME response at densities of holes up to a few of $10^{17}$ cm$^{-3}$; for larger densities, the dominant mechanism is the skew scattering off impurities.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section II we summarize the present state of the theoretical description of the KME. Section III is devoted to the description of an effective model for the tellurium band structure near the chemical potential. The results of Section III are used in Section IV to calculate effective orbital magnetic moments, and finally the current-induced magnetization in tellurium. Some of the derivations pertaining to Section IV are performed in Appendices A, B, and C. Finally, Section V contains a brief discussion of our results and conclusions.

II. KINETIC MAGNETOELECTRIC EFFECT AND PANCHARATNAM-BERRY PHASE

In this Section we summarize the current state of the KME theory in semimetals and doped semiconductors.
A. Kinetic magnetoelectric effect

We describe the magnetization response in the typical experimental situation of a transport current flowing through a sample. In the absence of the transport current, the sample is assumed to be time-reversal invariant. Under these conditions, the magnetization induced by the current can be written as

$$ M = -\frac{\tau}{h} \int (dk) (m_k^\text{int} + m_k^\text{sk} + m_k^\text{sj}) \epsilon E \cdot \partial_k f_k^0, \tag{1} $$

where $\tau$ is the momentum relaxation time describing the impurity scattering in the relaxation time approximation, and $-\tau eE \cdot \partial_k f_k^0 / h$ is the correction to the electrons’ distribution function $f_k$ due to acceleration by the electric field $E$. $m_k^\text{int}$ is the intrinsic contribution to the magnetic moment of electrons in a particular band, which contains both orbital and spin contributions, while $m_k^\text{sk}$ and $m_k^\text{sj}$ are the two parts of the orbital magnetic moment induced by impurity scattering, which stem from the skew scattering and side-jump mechanisms, respectively.

For compactness of mathematical expressions, we omitted the band index on all quantities. In the case where several bands cross the Fermi level, the integral over quasi-wavevectors $k$ should be understood as

$$ \int (dk) \rightarrow \sum_n \int (dk), $$

where $n$ is the band index.

The expression for $m_k^\text{int}$ is given by

$$ m_k^\text{int} = \frac{i c}{2\hbar} (\partial_k u_k) \times (h_k - \epsilon_k) |\partial_k u_k| + \frac{ge}{2\eta_0} (u_k^\dagger u_k), \tag{2} $$

where $s = \hbar \sigma / 2$ is the operator of electron’s spin expressed through the vector of Pauli matrices, and $\langle u_k | s | u_k \rangle$ is its expectation value in a particular band. The orbital part of such intrinsic magnetic moment can be interpreted as self-rotation of a wave packet built from the wave functions of a given single band.

The kinetic contributions to the orbital magnetic moment, $m_k^\text{sk}$ and $m_k^\text{sj}$, come from the displacement of a wave packet center upon impurity scattering, which, in turn, is due to the skew scattering and side jump mechanisms. The theory of this contribution was developed in Ref. 18. Here we present a collection of the main results to facilitate further discussion in the context of tellurium.

Upon impurity scattering, an electron changes its quasimomentum from $k'$ to $k$, the scattering rate being $W_{kk'} = w_{kk'} \delta (\epsilon_k - \epsilon_{k'})$. The skew scattering contribution to the quasiparticle magnetic moment is related to the existence of an antisymmetric part of the scattering rate, $W_{kk'} \neq W_{k'k}$. In other words, the skew scattering is determined by $W_{kk'} = (W_{kk'} - W_{k'k})/2$. To the leading order in a weak disorder potential $V^{\text{imp}}$, $W^A$ is given by

$$ W_{kk'}^A = -\frac{(2\pi)^2}{h} n_i V^3 \int (dk'') \text{Im} (V_{kk'}^{\text{imp}} V_{k'k''}^{\text{imp}} V_{kk''}^{\text{imp}}) \times \delta (\epsilon_k - \epsilon_{k''}) \delta (\epsilon_{k'} - \epsilon_{k''}). \tag{3} $$

In this expression $n_i$ is the impurity density, $V$ is the volume of the crystal, and $V_{kk'}^{\text{imp}}$ is the matrix element of the single-impurity potential between the full Bloch functions:

$$ V_{kk'}^{\text{imp}} = \frac{1}{N} \int d\mathbf{r} u_k^* (\mathbf{r}) e^{-i k \mathbf{r}} V^{\text{imp}}(\mathbf{r}) u_{k'}(\mathbf{r}) e^{i k' \mathbf{r}}. \tag{4} $$

$N$ is the number of unit cells in the crystal.

The corresponding contribution to the orbital magnetic moment in the $\omega \tau \ll 1$ limit is given by

$$ m_k^{sk} = e \tau^2 \int (dk') W_{kk'}^A \mathbf{v}_k \times \mathbf{v}_{k'}, \tag{5} $$

where $\mathbf{v}_k = \frac{i}{\hbar} \partial_k \epsilon_k$ is the usual group velocity of electrons with band energy $\epsilon_k$.

In turn, the side jump contribution comes from the displacement, $\delta \mathbf{r}_{kk'}$, of a wave packet in the crystal’s unit cell upon impurity scattering from $k'$ to $k$. For a weak impurity potential, $V^{\text{imp}}$, the side jump displacement is given by

$$ \delta \mathbf{r}_{kk'} = i \langle u_k | \partial_k u_{k'} \rangle - i \langle u_{k'} | \partial_k u_k \rangle - (\partial_k - \partial_{k'}) \text{arg}(V_{kk'}^{\text{imp}}). \tag{6} $$

The side jump contribution to the quasiparticle magnetic moment is given by

$$ m_k^{sj} = e \tau \int (dk') W_{kk'}^S \delta \mathbf{r}_{kk'} \times \mathbf{v}_k. \tag{7} $$

Equations (1), (2), (3), (5), (6), and (7) form the basis for our discussion of the KME in tellurium crystals.

B. Relation to the Pancharatnam-Berry phase

Equations (3) and (6) for the skew scattering rate and the side jump displacement simplify in the case of a weak centrosymmetric impurity potential that varies slowly on the scale of the lattice constant. The resulting expressions also illustrate the geometric nature of these quantities, and serve as the basis for our subsequent considerations. We therefore briefly review them here.

In principle, Eqs. (3) and (4) allow to calculate the antisymmetric part of the scattering rate for any impurity potential in any band structure. Practically, however, one has to make further assumptions in order to perform such a calculation without resorting to first-principle methods. As stated above, we assume that the impurity potential $V^{\text{imp}}(\mathbf{r})$ is centrosymmetric, and varies slowly on the scale of the lattice constant, and that the Fermi pockets in tellurium are small, such that for
relevant $k'$s one has $ka \ll 1$, where $a$ is the typical size of the unit cell. Under these assumptions, the skew scattering rate (3) and the side jump (6) can be expressed via the Pancharatnam-Berry phase $\Phi_{k,k';k''}$ in the electronic band structure:

$$\Phi_{k,k';k''} = \arg \left[ \langle u_k | u_{k'} | u_{k'''} \rangle \langle u_{k'''} | u_k \rangle \right].$$  \hspace{1cm} (8)

To show this, we note that the matrix element (4) of a smooth impurity potential can be written as

$$V_{kk'}^{imp} = \frac{1}{V} V^{imp}(k-k') \langle u_k | u_{k'} \rangle.$$  \hspace{1cm} (9)

$$W_{kk'}^A \approx -\frac{(2\pi)^2}{\hbar} n_i V^{imp}(k-k') V^{imp}(k'-k'') V^{imp}(k''-k) \int (d\mathbf{k}'') \delta(\epsilon_k - \epsilon_{k''}) \delta(\epsilon_{k''} - \epsilon_{k'''}) \text{Im} \left[ \langle u_k | u_{k'} | u_{k'''} \rangle \langle u_{k'''} | u_k \rangle \right].$$  \hspace{1cm} (10)

It is obvious that the quantity

$$\Upsilon_{k,k';k''} = \text{Im} \left[ \langle u_k | u_{k'} | u_{k'''} \rangle \langle u_{k'''} | u_k \rangle \right],$$  \hspace{1cm} (11)

which determines the skew scattering rate for a centrosymmetric impurity is non-zero only if the Pancharatnam-Berry phase (8) is nonzero.

The side jump displacement (6) can also be expressed through the Pancharatnam-Berry phase for weak centrosymmetric impurities. In this case

$$\delta r_{kk'} = i \langle u_k | \partial_k u_k \rangle - i \langle u_k | \partial_k' u_{k'} \rangle - (\partial_k + \partial_k') \arg \langle u_k | u_{k'} \rangle.$$  \hspace{1cm} (13)

By noting that $\arg (z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \log z / z^*$ for a complex number $z$, and that $\langle u_k | u_{k'} \rangle = \langle u_{k'} | u_k \rangle$, one can obtain

$$\delta r_{kk'} = \lim_{k'' \to k} \partial_{k'''} \Phi_{k,k';k''} + \lim_{k'' \to k} \partial_{k'''} \Phi_{k,k',k''}.$$  \hspace{1cm} (14)

Expressions (2), (11), and (14) establish the geometric nature of the KME.

### III. LOW-ENERGY MODEL FOR TELLURIUM

#### A. The Effective Hamiltonian

In this section we explain the derivation of an effective Hamiltonian for trigonal tellurium which is an enantiomorph crystal with a chiral point group $D_3$. Tellurium has motivated early works on the natural optical activity of semiconductors\textsuperscript{24,27}. Recently, the interest in Te has been revived in various studies on the subject of topological insulators and metals, since it has been proposed to become a topological insulator or Weyl metal under pressure.\textsuperscript{28–30}

The Brillouin zone of tellurium is a hexagonal prism, and the fundamental gap appears at H and H' points at corners of the prism, located at $(\pm \frac{4\pi}{3a}, 0, \frac{\pi}{c})$ and their equivalents, see Fig. 2. These points are related to each other by time-reversal symmetry, much like the K and K' points in graphene. In the effective Hamiltonian we include the two lowest degenerate conduction bands and the four highest valence bands with a band gap of $E_g = 0.335eV$. The topmost valence band is separated from the second one as a result of the spin-orbit interaction by an energy of $2\Delta_2$, and the second valence band is separated from the lower two degenerate bands by $2\Delta_1$, where $\Delta_1 = 0.053$ eV and $\Delta_2 = 0.060$ eV, see Fig. 2. Thus, the effective Hamiltonian acts in the basis in the reduced space of these six bands: $\psi_{c1}, \psi_{c2}, \psi_{v1}, \psi_{v2}, \psi_{v3}$, and $\psi_{v4}$ ordered in descending energy. We obtain the effective Hamiltonian perturbatively:

$$H_{eff} = H^{(0)} + H^{(1)} = H(k_0) + \frac{dH}{dk}(k-k_0).$$  \hspace{1cm} (15)

We define $\kappa = k - k_0$ for simplicity and in this picture the final form of the matrix elements of the effective
The vertical and horizontal lines in the Hamiltonian matrix separate $2 \times 2$ blocks introduced in Eq. (18). The form of this Hamiltonian depends on a particular choice of basis vectors for (degenerate) bands at the H-point. We followed the form chosen in Ref. 27.

The parameters in the Hamiltonian (19) are as follows: $A = \alpha_{\parallel} + i\delta_{2p_{z}}k_{z}$, $B = (\alpha_{\parallel} + i\delta_{2p_{z}}k_{z})$, $k_{\pm} = k_{x} \pm ik_{y}$, and $\lambda_{i} = \frac{k_{i}^{2}}{2m_{i}}k_{z}^{2} + \frac{\kappa_{i}^{2}}{2m_{i}}k_{\perp}^{2}$ while $k_{\perp}^{2} = k_{x}^{2} + k_{y}^{2}$ and index $i = c, v, h$ represents the conduction, valence, and
hole bands. Note that $m_i^{0,\parallel}$ are mass parameters without contributions from the band interaction effects (hence superscript ‘0’). In the Table I we give the observed values of masses, which directly determine the band dispersions near the H-point.

It should be noted that the threefold rotation symmetry of tellurium allows additional diagonal matrix elements in band-interaction blocks $h_{cc}$, $h_{vv}$, $h_{hv}$, and $h_{hh}$. However, explicit calculation shows that these terms are at least an order of magnitude smaller than the ones given, and hence are not included.

The parameters that enter into the Hamiltonian (19) can be easily calculated from the effective Hamiltonian, $H$, derived from the tight-binding model, such as:

$$\beta_{v,c,h} = \langle \psi_{v,1,c,1}(k_0) | \partial_{k_x} H | \psi_{v,1,c,1}(k_0) \rangle$$

$$\alpha_{c,h} = \langle \psi_{c,1,h}(k_0) | \partial_{k_x} H - i \partial_{k_y} H | \psi_{c,2,h}(k_0) \rangle$$

$$P_1 = \langle \psi_{c,1}(k_0) | \partial_{k_x} H + i \partial_{k_y} H | \psi_{c,2}(k_0) \rangle$$

$$P_2 = \langle \psi_{c,1}(k_0) | \partial_{k_x} H - i \partial_{k_y} H | \psi_{h,2}(k_0) \rangle$$

$$P_3 = i \langle \psi_{c,1}(k_0) | \partial_{k_x} H | \psi_{h,2}(k_0) \rangle$$

$$P_4 = i \langle \psi_{c,1}(k_0) | \partial_{k_x} H - i \partial_{k_y} H | \psi_{h,2}(k_0) \rangle$$

$$P_5 = i \langle \psi_{c,1}(k_0) | \partial_{k_x} H | \psi_{h,2}(k_0) \rangle$$

TABLE I. Band parameters for the low-energy Hamiltonian 19

| $\beta_c$ | 2.4 eV Å | $\beta_\parallel$ | -0.76 eV Å | $\beta_h$ | 0.27 eV Å | $\alpha_c$ | 0.067 eV Å | $\alpha_\parallel$ | 0.047 eV Å |
| $P_1$ | 3.351 eV Å | $P_2$ | 3.543 eV Å | $P_3$ | 2.003 eV Å | $P_4$ | 1.933 eV Å | $P_5$ | 1.603 eV Å |
| $\delta_{c,c}$ | 0.368 eV Å | $\delta_{c,h}$ | 2.268 eV Å | $\delta_{h,c}$ | 0.138 eV Å | $\delta_{h,h}$ | 0.800 eV Å |
| $\kappa^2$ | -36.4 eV Å$^2$ | $\kappa^2$ | -32.6 eV Å$^2$ | $\kappa^2$ | 57.5 eV Å$^2$ | $\kappa^2$ | -46.0 eV Å$^2$ |

IV. KME IN TELLURIUM

In this Section we calculate the orbital magnetic moments of quasiparticles in tellurium, as well as the corresponding contributions to the KME. For realistic hole doping levels and at low temperatures, the Fermi level is located in the upper valence band$^{37}$. Thus we restrict our attention to the quantities pertaining to that band only. The key observation in this regard is that the Pancharatnam-Berry phase and the orbital magnetic moment for this band come from its interaction with the conduction and hole bands (see below). This is unlike the conduction and hole bands themselves, for which these geometric quantities are nonzero even without band interaction. Therefore, the intrinsic magnetic moments for these bands, as well as the related physical observables, can be calculated as for isolated Rashba-type two-band band structures, similar to the treatment in Ref. 39, but this task is not further pursued in this paper.

A. Effective orbital moments

The main goal of this paper is a calculation of the magnetization response to a transport current flowing along the optical axis of a tellurium crystal. Such magnetization is determined by $z$-components of effective orbital magnetic moments. Therefore, below we restrict ourselves to the calculation of these components only. The other two can be found analogously, if need be.
1. Intrinsic magnetic moment in the upper valence band

We start with the intrinsic orbital magnetic moment of quasiparticles for band \( n \):

\[
\mathbf{m}^\text{orb}_{n}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{ie}{2\hbar} \langle \partial_k u_n(\mathbf{k}) \rangle \times (\hbar \mathbf{k} - e \mathbf{k}) \langle \partial_k u_n(\mathbf{k}) \rangle, \tag{27}
\]

where \( |u_n\rangle \) is the periodic part of the Bloch wave function of band \( n \), and \( e < 0 \) is the charge of the electron.

Inserting a resolution of identity into Eq. (27), and using a well-known relation

\[
\langle u_m | \partial_k h | u_n \rangle = (\epsilon_n - \epsilon_m) \langle u_m | \partial_k h | u_n \rangle, \quad m \neq n,
\]

we arrive at an expression for the intrinsic orbital magnetic moment that does not require differentiating band eigenstates, and is more convenient for calculations:

\[
m^\text{orb}_{n,a} = \frac{ie}{2\hbar} \epsilon_{abc} \sum_{m \neq n} \langle u_m | \partial_k h | u_n \rangle \langle u_m | \partial_k h | u_n \rangle, \tag{28}
\]

Here \( \partial_k \) is shorthand notation for \( \frac{\partial}{\partial k_m} \).

To evaluate the magnetic moment (28), we make several simplifications. We neglect the spin splittings of the conduction and hole bands. This is justified by the small value of \( \beta_l \), as well as a large fundamental gap \( E_g \equiv E_0 - \Delta_2 \), see Section III A and Table I. In this case the energies of bands entering the energy denominators in Eq. (28) are given by

\[
\epsilon_c = E_0 + \frac{\hbar^2 k_1^2}{2m^c_1} + \frac{\hbar^2 k_2^2}{2m^c_2},
\]

\[
\epsilon^s_v = \frac{\hbar^2 k_1^2}{2m^v_1} + \frac{\hbar^2 k_2^2}{2m^v_2} \pm \sqrt{\Delta_2^2 + \beta_v k^2_z},
\]

\[
\epsilon_h = -2\Delta_1 + \frac{\hbar^2 k_1^2}{2m^h_1} + \frac{\hbar^2 k_2^2}{2m^h_2}. \tag{29}
\]

We reiterate that all mass parameters already include corrections due to the band interaction.

Further, the matrix elements of the transverse velocity operator, \( \partial_z \mathbf{v}_h \), which are off-diagonal in \( c, v, h \)-space, are linear in the interband couplings, \( P_i \). Therefore, to lowest \( \mathcal{O}(P_i^2, P_i^4) \) order one can use the unperturbed band wave functions to calculate the \( z \)-component of the orbital magnetic moment from Eq. (28). Given our neglect of the conduction and hole band spin splittings, the simplest choice of the unperturbed basis is

\[
|u^+_c(--)\rangle = (1(0), 0(1), 0, 0, 0, 0)^T,
\]

\[
|u^+_v(+)\rangle = (0, 0, \pm \sqrt{1 \pm \gamma_{k_z}}, \sqrt{1 + \gamma_{k_z}}, 0, 0, 0)^T,
\]

\[
\gamma_{k_z} = \frac{\beta_v k_z}{\sqrt{\Delta_2^2 + \beta_v^2 k_z^2}},
\]

\[
|u^+_h(+)\rangle = (0, 0, 0, 1(0), 0, 1(0))^T, \tag{30}
\]

Note that the velocity operator \( \partial_k h \) does not have matrix elements between the upper and lower valence bands, hence \( \epsilon_{c} \) and \( |u^+_c\rangle \) are given for completeness.

The final expression for the \( z \)-component of the orbital magnetic moment in the valence band, \( m^\text{orb}_z \equiv m^\text{orb}_v \cdot z \), becomes

\[
m^\text{orb}_z(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{e}{\hbar} \left[ \frac{P^2}{2} \frac{1}{\epsilon^s_v - \epsilon_c} + \frac{P^2}{4} \frac{1}{\epsilon^s_v - \epsilon_h} \right] \frac{\beta_v k_z}{\sqrt{\Delta_2^2 + \beta_v^2 k_z^2}}. \tag{31}
\]

The spin contribution to the magnetic moment of the upper valence band can be evaluated by directly calculating the expectation of the spin operator in that band, see Eq. (2). Direct calculation yields the spin magnetic moment \( m^\text{spin}_z = m^\text{spin}_v \cdot z \), with

\[
m^\text{spin}_z(\mathbf{k}) = \chi \frac{e\hbar}{m_0} \frac{\beta_v k_z}{\sqrt{\Delta_2^2 + \beta_v^2 k_z^2}}. \tag{32}
\]

where \( \chi \approx 1/2 \).

Finally, the expression for the \( z \)-component of the intrinsic orbital magnetic moment in the upper valence band, \( m^\text{int}_z \), is given by

\[
m^\text{int}_z(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{e}{\hbar} \left[ \frac{P^2}{2} \frac{1}{\epsilon^s_v - \epsilon_c} + \frac{P^2}{4} \frac{1}{\epsilon^s_v - \epsilon_h} + \frac{\hbar^2}{m_0} \right] \frac{\beta_v k_z}{\sqrt{\Delta_2^2 + \beta_v^2 k_z^2}}. \tag{33}
\]

This expression allows to estimate the relative size of orbital and spin contributions to the intrinsic magnetic moment near the H-point:

\[
\frac{|m^\text{orb}|}{|m^\text{spin}|} = \frac{P^2}{E_0 - \Delta_2 - 2\Delta_1 + \Delta_2} \approx 3.3. \tag{34}
\]

We note that an expression similar to Eq. (33) for the intrinsic angular momentum of quasiparticles near the H-point was obtained in Ref. 11.

2. Extrinsic magnetic moment: skew scattering contribution

The skew-scattering magnetic moment to the effective magnetic moment, Eq. (5), involves the antisymmetric part of the scattering rate, given by Eq. (11). The skew scattering rate involves Fourier transforms of the impurity potential, as well as the overlaps of the periodic parts of the Bloch functions. First, we address the Fourier transform of the scattering potential by noting that the weak dependence of the mobility and scattering time on the dopant density (antimony) in tellurium suggests that the electron scattering at low temperatures mostly happens on background neutral defects. Assuming these are characterized by a potential that can be considered short range for the typical values of the Fermi wave lengths of holes in tellurium (10-100 nm), from now on we will set

\[
V^{\text{imp}}(q) \approx V^{\text{imp}}(0) \equiv V_0. \tag{35}
\]
For continuity of presentation, we defer further numerical estimates for \( V_0 \) until Section IV B. The simplifications described above lead to the following expression for the antisymmetric part of the scattering rate:

\[
W_{kk'}^{kA} \approx -\frac{(2\pi)^2}{h} n_i V_0^2 \int (dk') \delta(\epsilon_k - \epsilon_{k'}) \delta(\epsilon_{k'} - \epsilon_{k''}) \times \text{Im} \left[ \langle u_k | u_{k'} \rangle \langle u_{k''} | u_k \rangle \right].
\]  

(36)

In Appendix B we evaluate the scattering rate (36) for the valence band, and obtain

\[
W_{kk'}^{kA} = F_{kk'} z \cdot k \times k' \delta(\epsilon_{k''} - \epsilon_{k'})\]  

(37)

where the symmetric prefactor \( F_{kk'} = F_{k'k} \) is given in Eq. (B3). Expression (37) is dictated by the symmetry group of Te \((D_3)\). Its physical meaning can be understood by considering the generalization of the usual Mott scattering rate, \( W_{\text{Mott}}^{kA} \propto s \cdot k \times k' \delta(\epsilon_k - \epsilon_{k'}) \), on a spin-orbit coupled atom in free space to the case of the spin-split valence band of tellurium. In this case, the spin, \( s \), of the scattered particle is substituted with the properly symmetrized effective orbital moment acquired by a charge carrier due to its motion along the helices of Te atoms in \( z \)-direction, \( s \rightarrow (k_z + k'_z) z \), see Ref. 18 for more details.

The expression for the skew-scattering contribution to the effective orbital magnetic moment is obtained using Eq. (5). For its \( z \)-component, which determines the KME for current flowing along the optical axis, we obtain

\[
m_z^{sk} = \frac{\hbar^2 \tau^2}{m_z^{sk}} \int (dk') W_{kk'}^{kA} z \cdot k \times k'.
\]  

(38)

The full expression is given in Appendix B, see Eq. (39). One can make a general remark regarding the dependence of \( m_z^{sk} \) on the impurity density: as \( \tau \propto 1/n_i \) and \( W_{\text{Mott}}^{kA} \propto n_i \), \( m_z^{sk} \) is inversely proportional to the impurity density, or, equivalently, proportional to the mean free path of charge carriers. That is, we expect the skew-scattering contribution to dominate in sufficiently clean samples.

3. **Extrinsic magnetic moment: side jump contribution**

The central quantity determining the side-jump contribution to the magnetic moment, Eq. (7), is the side jump displacement \( \delta r_{kk'} \), Eq. (14). The calculation of this quantity can be found in Appendix C, while here we present the general form of the result:

\[
\delta r_{kk'} = -A_k \gamma_k z \times k + A_k \gamma_k z \times k' - B_{kk'} z \times (k - k'),
\]  

(39)

The coefficients \( A_k \) and \( B_{kk'} \) can be found in Eq. (C2); \( \gamma_k \) was introduced in Eq. (30).

The side-jump contribution to the effective magnetic moment is given by Eq. (7). Due to the \( k' \) integration in Eq. (7), only the terms that are proportional to \( z \times k \) in Eq. (39) contribute to the magnetic moment, the \( z \)-component of which can be written as

\[
m_z^{sj} = e \tau \int (dk') W_{kk'}^{kA} (A_k \gamma_k z + B_{kk'})(z \times k) \cdot (z \times v_k).
\]  

(40)

The full expression is given in Appendix C, see Eq. (C3). As is common for phenomena related to the side jump, the dependence of \( m_z^{sj} \) on the impurity density mimics that of the intrinsic contribution. Indeed, since \( \tau \propto 1/n_i \) and \( W_{\text{Mott}}^{kA} \propto n_i \), \( m_z^{sj} \) is independent of the impurity density.

**B. Kinetic magnetoelectric effect**

In this Section, we use Eqs. (33), (38), and (40) to calculate the KME in tellurium. We consider the magnetization response to a transport current along the optical \((z)\) axis of a tellurium crystal. In practice, it is useful to specify the response of magnetization directly to the transport current,

\[
M_z = \alpha_{zz} J_z,
\]  

(41)

rather than to the electric field driving it. In the rest of this Section, we calculate the KME response coefficient \( \alpha_{zz} \).

Assuming the current flow is caused by electric field \( E = (0,0,E_z) \), and restricting ourselves to the case of low temperature, we can write the correction to the distribution of electrons in the upper valence band in the relaxation time approximation as

\[
\delta f_z(k) = \tau(\mu) e E_z v_z(k) \delta(\epsilon_z^+(k) - \mu).
\]  

(42)

Here \( \mu \) is the chemical potential, and \( \tau(\mu) \) is the transport relaxation time; the standard \( \delta \)-function factor comes from the energy derivative of the equilibrium distribution function at low temperatures.

The expression for the conductivity of the crystal is then given by

\[
\sigma_{zz}(\mu) = e^2 \tau(\mu) \int (dk) v_z^2(k) \delta(\epsilon_z^+(k) - \mu).
\]  

(43)

Using the conductivity and expression for the current-induced magnetization (1), the coefficient \( \alpha_{zz} \) can be written as

\[
\alpha_{zz}(\mu) = \frac{\int (dk) m_z(k) v_z(k) \delta(\epsilon_z^+(k) - \mu)}{e \int (dk) v_z^2(k) \delta(\epsilon_z^+(k) - \mu)}.
\]  

(44)

It is apparent from either Eq. (44), or Eq. (41), that \( \alpha_{zz} \) is measured in units of length. Further, it is also clear from Eq. (44) that in contrast to the skew-scattering contribution, the intrinsic and side-jump contributions to the KME response coefficient are relatively insensitive to
Combining Eqs. (33), (38), and (40) with the expression for the KME response coefficient, Eq. (44), we obtain the intrinsic (\(\alpha_{zz}^{\text{int}}\)), skew-scattering (\(\alpha_{zz}^{sk}\)), and side-jump (\(\alpha_{zz}^{sj}\)) contributions the KME, which originate from the corresponding magnetic moments. The result must be multiplied by a factor of 2 to account for the identical contribution from the \(H'\) point. The result of numerical evaluation of the three contributions for different hole densities is presented in Fig. 3, and is one of the main results of this paper.

The notable features of Fig. 3 are i) the non-monotonic behavior of the intrinsic contribution, and ii) the competition between different mechanisms: the intrinsic contribution is the leading one at low densities, while the skew scattering one wins at a large enough level of hole doping. These observations can be explained using the defining expressions, Eqs. (33), (38), (40) and (44), see below.

The discussion of features seen in Fig. 3 is greatly facilitated by introducing a dimensionless parameter \(\eta\) given by

\[
\eta = \frac{\hbar^2 \Delta_2}{m^z v^2} \approx 0.76. \tag{48}
\]

Note that \(m^z v\) is the effective mass in the \(z\)-direction, not to be confused with the \(z\)-component of the magnetic moment.

First, we address the shape of the intrinsic contribution curve. We note that for sufficiently small doping, when the chemical potential \(\mu\) (counted from the center of mass of the upper valence bands) satisfies

\[
\frac{1}{2} \left( \eta + \frac{1}{\eta} \right) \Delta_2 > \mu > \Delta_2, \tag{49}
\]

there are two disjoint Fermi surfaces. For very low doping, the two Fermi surfaces are centered around the valence band “humps”, whose maxima are located on the H-K line at

\[
k_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{\eta^2} - 1} \frac{\Delta_2}{\beta v} \approx 0.02 \frac{1}{\AA}, \tag{50}
\]

as seen in Fig. 2. Obviously, \(v_z(k_z = k_0) = 0\), and near \(k_z = k_0\) both \(v_z\) and \(m_z\) admit the following Taylor expansions:

\[
v_z(k) \approx - (1 - \eta^2) \frac{\hbar (k_z - k_0)}{|m^z v|},
\]

\[
m_z^{\text{int}}(k) \approx m_z^{\text{int}}(k_0) + \frac{\partial m_z^{\text{int}}(k_0)}{\partial k_0} (k_z - k_0). \tag{51}
\]

It is then obvious that the finite value of \(\alpha_{zz}^{\text{int}}\) at vanishing hole density is given by

\[
\alpha_{zz}^{\text{int}} = - \frac{2}{\eta (1 - \eta^2) e^2} \frac{\hbar \Delta_2}{\partial k_0} \frac{\partial m_z^{\text{int}}(k_0)}{\partial k_0} \approx 1 \text{nm}, \tag{52}
\]

where the overall factor of 2 counts the contributions from H- and \(H'\)-points. In other words, the integrals
in the numerator and denominator of Eq. (44) are both small, but their ratio is finite. The upward trend at small doping is due to the fact that \( m_{\text{int}} \) is a sign-definite function at small \( k_z \), while \( v_z(k) \) changes its sign from positive to negative, which makes the numerator of Eq. (44) grow faster than its denominator. At large level of doping, for which the Fermi wave vector satisfies \( k_F \gg \Delta_2/\beta \), \( m_{\text{int}} \) almost saturates, but \( |v_z(k)| \) keeps growing with \( k_z \), hence the decrease in \( \alpha_{zz} \). We note that the existence of the maximum in the dependence of \( \alpha_{zz} \) on hole density is a consequence of the double-hump dispersion of tellurium, which in turn comes from \( \eta < 1 \). One can imagine a crystal with the same crystal structure as tellurium, but with parameters that correspond to \( \eta > 1 \), for which there will be no maximum in \( \alpha_{zz} \).

It is apparent from Fig. 3 that the skew-scattering and side-jump contributions are strongly suppressed at small densities. This is due to the fact that in order to have side jump and skew scattering processes, an electron must have a finite momentum component, \( k_\perp \), in the basal plane. At small densities, the Fermi surfaces are small pockets around \( k = (0,0,\pm k_0) \), for which \( k_\perp \ll k_z \), and the extrinsic contributions are strongly suppressed. The skew-scattering contribution contains \( k_\perp^4 \), see Eqs. (37) and (38), while the side-jump one is suppressed as \( k_\perp^2 \), see Eq. (40). This means that the skew-scattering contribution sees the strongest suppression at small density, and the most rapid growth as the Fermi surface expands.

Overall, this leads to the picture apparent from Fig. 3: the intrinsic contribution is the leading contribution at small densities, which skew scattering overpowers it at a certain finite density. The side jump contribution is always subleading.

V. DISCUSSION

We have considered the kinetic magnetoelectric effect in a typical helical crystal - p-doped trigonal tellurium. The KME is identical to the phenomenon of current-induced magnetization, with both orbital and spin contributions to magnetization taken into account. The KME has contributions from quasiparticle magnetic moments of intrinsic (band structure) and extrinsic (skew and side-jump scattering off impurities) origin. In tellurium, we showed that it is the intrinsic contribution to magnetization that dominates the KME response for hole densities of about \((1 - 3) \cdot 10^{17} \text{cm}^{-3}\). For larger densities, the extrinsic mechanism related to impurity skew scattering overpowers the intrinsic one, while the side-jump related contribution is never dominant, or even considerable. These findings are summarized in Fig. 3.

The magnitude of the KME in tellurium is quantified by the corresponding response coefficient \( \alpha_{zz} \), see Eq. (41). The typical value for tellurium is \( \alpha_{zz} \sim 5 \text{nm} \). For a transport current of \( j_z \sim 10^3 \text{A/cm}^2 \), this corresponds to a magnetization of \( \mu_0 M_z \sim 50 \text{nT} \). To appreciate this figure, one can calculate the equivalent spin polarization of free carriers with the same density, \( p \sim 5 \cdot 10^{-7} \text{cm}^{-3} \). Such spin polarization is about 1%, consistent with findings of Ref. 11, which is two orders of magnitude larger than the one attained in experiments on strained semiconductors\(^3,4\).

Alternatively, one can ask what external magnetic field is needed to induce a magnetization of 60 nT, given the magnetic susceptibility of tellurium, \( \mu_0 \chi_m = 3 \cdot 10^{-7} \) (see Ref. 41 and references therein). Such field is about 0.2 T. This exceeds the stray field of a current with current density \( j_z \sim 10^4 \text{A/cm}^2 \) in a sample whose transverse dimensions are up to 10 cm. Thus the KME is a good way to induce magnetic moments without the drawback of having large stray magnetic fields. This can have broad applications in spin electronics.

The possible spintronics applications offered by helical metals can be further evaluated by comparing the present case of the KME in tellurium to spin-orbit induced magnetic torques in magnetic semiconductors. The maximum induced magnetization in tellurium corresponds to the chemical potential located close to the top of the lower valence band, \( \mu = -\Delta_2 \); for higher hole dopings \( (\mu < -\Delta_2) \) the KME in the two valence bands start to partially cancel each other. At \( \mu = -\Delta_2 \), the hole density is \( 6 \cdot 10^{18} \text{cm}^{-3} \), and the KME coefficient reaches its maximum value \( \alpha_{zz} \sim 40 \text{nm} \), or \( \mu_0 \alpha_{zz} \sim 0.5 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{T cm}^2 \text{A}^{-1} \). This is on par with the figure reported\(^{42} \) for strained (Ga,Mn)As ferromagnetic semiconductor at hole density of \( 2 \cdot 10^{20} \text{cm}^{-3} \) - almost two orders of magnitude larger than in tellurium. The ability of tellurium to efficiently convert transport current into magnetization results from the strongest possible breaking of inversion symmetry, broken by the atomic-scale helices, and tellurium’s strong spin-orbit coupling.

Note added: When this work was nearing completion, we became aware of a complementary first-principle study of gyrotrropic effects in tellurium in Ref. 43, which focused on the intrinsic effects. The magnitude of the intrinsic KME reported in Ref. 43 can be brought in agreement with the one obtained in the present work upon some adjustment of overall numerical factors in the former.

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Appendix A: Bloch state overlaps and the Pancharatnam phase in the valence band of Te

As is seen from Eqs. (11) and (13) of the main text, the main two quantities determining the skew scattering and side jump contributions to the effective magnetic moment of quasiparticles are

\[ \Phi_{k,k',k''} = \arg \left( \langle u_{e,k} | u_{o,k'} \rangle \langle u_{o,k'} | u_{o,k''} \rangle \langle u_{o,k''} | u_{e,k} \rangle \right), \]
\[ \Upsilon_{k,k',k''} = \Im \left( \langle u_{e,k} | u_{o,k'} \rangle \langle u_{o,k'} | u_{o,k''} \rangle \langle u_{o,k''} | u_{e,k} \rangle \right). \]  
\[ (A1) \]

In these expressions we suppressed the superscript “+” on \( |u_{e,k}\rangle \), as it always refers to the topmost valence band. In this Appendix we illustrate the calculation of \( \Phi_{k,k',k''} \) and \( \Upsilon_{k,k',k''} \) to the leading order in the band interaction.

First, we note that overlaps of the periodic parts of the Bloch functions in the topmost valence band calculated using the unperturbed states, Eqs. (30), are real. Therefore, to calculate \( \Upsilon_{k,k',k''} \) one must take into account band interaction. To the leading order, \( \Im \langle u_{e,k} | u_{o,k'} \rangle \sim O(P^2_{c}, P^2_{d}) \), and if we restrict the calculation of \( \Upsilon_{k,k',k''} \) and \( \Phi_{k,k',k''} \) to the same order we obtain

\[ \Upsilon_{k,k',k''} = \Im \left[ \langle u_{e,k} | u_{o,k'} \rangle \right] \Gamma^+_{k',k''} \Gamma^+_{k,k'} + \Im \left[ \langle u_{o,k'} | u_{o,k''} \rangle \right] \Gamma^+_{k,k'} \Gamma^+_{k',k''} + \Im \left[ \langle u_{o,k''} | u_{e,k} \rangle \right] \Gamma^+_{k,k''} \Gamma^+_{k',k''}, \]
\[ (A2) \]
\[ \Gamma^\pm_{k',k''} = \frac{1}{2} \left( \sqrt{(1 + \gamma_k)(1 + \gamma_k') \pm \sqrt{(1 - \gamma_k)(1 - \gamma_k')}} \right). \]

The function \( \Gamma^\pm_{k',k''} \) is the overlap of the unperturbed wave functions of the upper valence band, Eq. (30), at wave vectors \( k \) and \( k' \); \( \Gamma^\pm_{k,k'} \) has been introduced for future convenience.

By the same token, we obtain for \( \Phi_{k,k',k''} \):

\[ \Phi_{k,k',k''} = \frac{\Im \left[ \langle u_{e,k} | u_{o,k'} \rangle \right]}{\Gamma^+_{k',k''}} + \frac{\Im \left[ \langle u_{o,k'} | u_{o,k''} \rangle \right]}{\Gamma^+_{k,k'}} + \frac{\Im \left[ \langle u_{o,k''} | u_{e,k} \rangle \right]}{\Gamma^+_{k,k''}}. \]
\[ (A3) \]

From Eqs. (A2) and (A3) it is apparent that the key quantity that determines the geometric phases in the electronic band structure is \( \Im \langle u_{e,k} | u_{o,k'} \rangle \). In what follows, we turn to the evaluation of such terms. In doing so, we restrict ourselves to the interaction between the valence and conduction bands. The additive contribution from the hole bands can be obtained in exactly the same manner \emph{mutatis mutandis}.

In the subspace spanned by the conduction and valence bands, the effective Hamiltonian (18) (or (19)) can be represented as

\[ h_k = h^0_k + \delta h_k, \]
\[ (A4) \]

with

\[ h^0_k = \begin{pmatrix} h_{cc} & 0 \\ 0 & h_{cv} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \delta h_k = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & h_{cv} \\ h_{vc} & 0 \end{pmatrix}. \]
\[ (A5) \]

Here \( \delta h_k \) describes the band interaction, and the corresponding perturbative correction to the topmost valence band wave function is

\[ \langle \delta u_v \rangle = \sum_{\zeta = \pm} \langle u^\zeta_v | \delta h_k | u^\zeta_v \rangle \frac{\epsilon^\zeta_v}{\epsilon^\zeta_v + \epsilon^\zeta_c}. \]
\[ (A6) \]

As we neglect the spin splitting in the conduction band, \( \epsilon^\pm_c = \epsilon_c \), the summation over \( \zeta \) can be performed to yield

\[ \langle \delta u_{ck} \rangle = \frac{P_c \delta h_k | u_{ck} \rangle}{\epsilon^+_c(k) - \epsilon_c(k)}. \]
\[ (A7) \]

where \( P_c = \text{diag}(1,1,0,0) \) is the projector onto the conduction band, and we reinstated the momentum index for future convenience.

It is easy to show that the first order perturbation theory for \( |u_{o,k}\rangle \) – Eq. (A7) – is sufficient to calculate \( \langle u_{e,k} | u_{o,k'} \rangle \) to second order in band interaction parameters. Using Eq. (A7) we obtain

\[ \langle u_{e,k} | u_{o,k'} \rangle = \Gamma^+_{k',k''} + \frac{\langle u_{o,k} | \delta h_k | u_{o,k'} \rangle}{\epsilon^+_c(k) - \epsilon_c(k)} \left[ \epsilon^+_c(k) - \epsilon^+_c(k') \right]. \]
\[ (A8) \]
The first term on the right hand side of this expression comes from the unperturbed wave functions, Eqs. (30). Using
\[
\delta h_{kk'} \delta h_{kk'} = \begin{pmatrix}
0 & 0 \\
h_{vc}(k)h_{cc}(k')
\end{pmatrix},
\]
(A9)
and the explicit form of matrices \(h_{cv}\) and \(h_{vc}\), Eq. (19), we obtain
\[
\text{Im}(u_{vk}|u_{vk'}) = \frac{P^2_1 \Gamma^-_{k_z,k_z'}}{|\epsilon_v^+ (k) - \epsilon_c (k)||\epsilon_v^+ (k') - \epsilon_c (k')|} z \cdot k \times k'.
\]
(A10)
The contribution from the hole band is an additive term with trivial replacements: \(P_1 \rightarrow P_4\), \(\epsilon_c \rightarrow \epsilon_h\). Equations (A2), (A3), and (A10) form the basis for the calculation of the skew scattering and side jump contributions to the effective magnetic moment, performed in Appendix B.

**Appendix B: Calculation of the skew scattering contributions to the effective magnetic moment**

To calculate the skew scattering contribution to the magnetic moment, we first address the skew scattering rate,
\[
W^A_{kk'} = - \frac{(2\pi)^2}{\hbar} n_i V^3 1 \int (dk'') \delta (\epsilon_{vk} - \epsilon_{vk'}) \delta (\epsilon_{vk'} - \epsilon_{vk''}) \Gamma_{kk',kk''}. \quad (B1)
\]
Because of the angular part of the \(kk''\) integral, only the first term in right hand side of Eq. (A2) contributes to \(W^A_{kk'}\). Taking into account both the conduction and the hole bands contributions, we obtain
\[
W_{kk'}^A = F_{kk'} z \cdot k \times k' \delta (\epsilon_{vk} - \epsilon_{vk'}), \quad (B2)
\]
where
\[
F_{kk'} = - \frac{(2\pi)^2}{\hbar} n_i V^3 \int (dk'') \delta (\epsilon_{vk} - \epsilon_{vk'}) \left[ \frac{P^2_1 \Gamma^-_{k_z,k_z'}}{|\epsilon_v^+ (k) - \epsilon_c (k)||\epsilon_v^+ (k') - \epsilon_c (k')|} \right] + \frac{P^2_2 \Gamma^-_{k_z,k_z'} \Gamma^+_{k_z',k_z} \Gamma^+_{k_z',k_z}}{|\epsilon_v^+ (k) - \epsilon_h (k)||\epsilon_v^+ (k') - \epsilon_h (k')|}. \quad (B3)
\]
Finally, using Eq. (5) of the main text, we obtain the \(z\)-component of the skew-scattering magnetic moment:
\[
m^{sk}_{zz} = - \lim_{k'' \rightarrow k} \frac{\hbar \tau}{(m^2_v)} \frac{\epsilon(\epsilon_{vk} - \epsilon_{vk'})^2}{\int (dk'') (dk'') (k_{z''} k_{z'''}^2 \delta (\epsilon_{vk} - \epsilon_{vk'}) \delta (\epsilon_{vk} - \epsilon_{vk'}) \Gamma^-_{k_z,k_z'} \Gamma^+_{k_z',k_z} \Gamma^+_{k_z',k_z} \Gamma^+_{k_z',k_z}} + \frac{P^2_2 \Gamma^-_{k_z,k_z'} \Gamma^+_{k_z',k_z} \Gamma^+_{k_z',k_z}}{|\epsilon_v^+ (k) - \epsilon_h (k)||\epsilon_v^+ (k') - \epsilon_h (k')|}. \quad (B4)
\]

**Appendix C: Calculation of the side jump contributions to the effective magnetic moment**

To calculate the side jump contribution to the magnetic moment, we first address the side jump displacement itself,
\[
\delta r_{kk'} = \lim_{k'' \rightarrow k} \partial_{k''} \Phi_{kk',k''} + \lim_{k'' \rightarrow k'} \partial_{k''} \Phi_{kk',k''}. \quad (C1)
\]
It is clear that only the last two terms on the right hand side of Eq. (A3) contribute to \(\delta r_{kk'}\), and using Eq. (A10) we obtain
\[
\delta r_{kk'} = - \left( \frac{P^2_2}{|\epsilon_v^+ (k) - \epsilon_c (k)|^2} + \frac{P^2_4}{|\epsilon_v^+ (k) - \epsilon_h (k)|^2} \right) \gamma_{k_z} z \times k + \left( \frac{P^2_1}{|\epsilon_v^+ (k') - \epsilon_c (k')|^2} + \frac{P^2_1}{|\epsilon_v^+ (k') - \epsilon_h (k')|^2} \right) \gamma_{k_z'} z \times k' - \left( \frac{P^2_2}{|\epsilon_v^+ (k') - \epsilon_c (k')||\epsilon_v^+ (k) - \epsilon_c (k)|} + \frac{P^2_4}{|\epsilon_v^+ (k') - \epsilon_h (k')||\epsilon_v^+ (k) - \epsilon_h (k)|} \right) \Gamma^-_{k_z,k_z'} \Gamma^+_{k_z',k_z} z \times (k - k'). \quad (C2)
\]
Inspection of Eq. (7) shows that due to the integral over $k'$ only the terms that contain $z \times k$ in $\delta n_{kk'}$ contribute to the magnetic moment. Using $W_{kk'}^S = \frac{2\pi}{\hbar} n_k V_0^2 (\Gamma_{k,k'}^+)^2 \delta(\epsilon^+_{ik} - \epsilon^+_{ik'})$ for the $z$-component of the side jump contribution we obtain

$$m_z = 2\pi er n_k V_0^2 \int \frac{k_z^2}{m_v} \left[ \frac{\gamma_+ k_z \Gamma_{k,k'}^+ P_1^2}{[\epsilon^+_0(k) - \epsilon_h(k)]^2} + \frac{\gamma_+ k_z \Gamma_{k,k'}^+ P_1^2}{[\epsilon^+_0(k) - \epsilon_h(k)]^2} + \frac{\Gamma_{k,k'}^- P_2^1}{[\epsilon^+_0(k') - \epsilon_h(k')] [\epsilon^+_0(k) - \epsilon_h(k)]} + \frac{\Gamma_{k,k'}^- P_2^4}{[\epsilon^+_0(k') - \epsilon_h(k')] [\epsilon^+_0(k) - \epsilon_h(k)]} \right].$$  

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$$\sigma^{\text{bndr}}_{ab} = -e^2 \int (dk)(\epsilon_{ac\delta}(\partial_\epsilon \epsilon_{n} + v_{bc\delta}(\partial_\epsilon \epsilon_{n}))\Omega_{n,d}(\partial_\epsilon f_{n}(r)).$$  

(C4)

The tensor is purely symmetric. At first, the current due to this boundary conductivity tensor appears to be able to produce bulk magnetization. However, the existence of such magnetization would lead to a logical contradiction. The contradiction stems from the fact that the KME is the Onsager-reciprocal effect of the natural optical activity. Indeed, let us imagine there is a bulk magnetization induced by a transport electric field due to the boundary conductivity tensor above. If the transport electric field is slightly non-uniform in the bulk of the crystal, such magnetization will give rise to a “curl of magnetization” bulk current. That current must be a part of the natural optical activity tensor in a time-reversal invariant metal due to Onsager relations. That is, one is forced to conclude there is an additional Berry-curvature-related contribution to the natural optical activity tensor. However, it is well known that natural optical activity necessarily implies the existence of an antisymmetric conductivity tensor at the boundary, which ensures the absence of the polar Kerr effect in a time reversal invariant sample. Finally, since the Berry-curvature related boundary conductivity tensor does not have an antisymmetric part, the above argument implies that the corresponding contribution to the natural optical activity simply does not exist, and Eq. (1) stands as describing the total KME. We leave it for future work to determine the exact mechanism of cancelation of magnetization due to the Berry-curvature related boundary current; such cancelation can possibly be related the surface states of the crystal.
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