

## Intrinsic Berry curvature driven anomalous Nernst thermopower in the semimetallic Heusler alloy CoFeVSb

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Understanding of spin-heat coupling mechanisms and magnetothermoelectric phenomena, including the anomalous Nernst effect (ANE), in emergent quaternary Heusler alloys is of practical importance for applications in thermal management and energy harvesting. Here, we demonstrate an intrinsic Berry curvature mediated anomalous Nernst thermopower in CoFeVSb, which orders magnetically at high temperature ( $T_C \approx 850$  K) with a large saturation magnetization of  $\approx 2.2 \mu_B/\text{f.u.}$  at room temperature. We show that the electron-electron elastic and electron-magnon inelastic scattering dominate longitudinal electrical transport at low temperatures ( $T \leq 50$  K), whereas the electron-phonon and electron-magnon scatterings govern it at higher  $T$ . The longitudinal thermopower is resulted mainly from the diffusive contribution with a very large longitudinal Seebeck coefficient ( $42 \mu\text{V K}^{-1}$  at 395 K). The value of the anomalous Nernst coefficient ( $S_{\text{ANE}}$ ) for CoFeVSb at room temperature is  $0.039 \mu\text{V K}^{-1}$  which is higher than the compressively strained SrRuO<sub>3</sub> film ( $0.03 \mu\text{V K}^{-1}$ ) as well as the spin gapless semiconductor CoFeCrGa ( $0.018 \mu\text{V K}^{-1}$ ). On lowering  $T$ , both the ordinary Nernst coefficient and carrier mobility increase but an opposite trend is found for  $S_{\text{ANE}}$ . Our *ab initio* simulations reveal the topological semimetallic nature of CoFeVSb with a pair of Weyl points. These Weyl crossings result in a significant contribution to the Berry curvature, leading to an intrinsic anomalous Hall conductivity ( $\sigma_{xy}^{\text{AHE}}$ ) of  $\approx 85$  S/cm, which matches well with experiment ( $77$  S/cm at 2 K). Our experimental findings and *ab initio* calculations support the dominance of the intrinsic Berry curvature in the observed ANE. The ratio of  $\sigma_{xy}^{\text{AHE}}$  to the transverse anomalous thermoelectric conductivity ( $\alpha_{xy}^{\text{ANE}}$ ) shows an increasing trend with  $T$  attaining a sizable fraction of  $\frac{k_B}{e}$  ( $\approx 0.35 \frac{k_B}{e}$ ) at room temperature.

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**Introduction.** Current advancement in the field of spin-heat coupling [1–4] and transport of thermally generated charge carriers have revived the interest in transverse magnetothermoelectric phenomena, e.g., the anomalous Nernst effect (ANE) [5], the anomalous Ettingshausen effect, [6], etc. The ANE is the thermal analog of the anomalous Hall effect (AHE), and described as a magnetothermoelectric phenomenon wherein an electric field is generated by applying a thermal gradient and a transverse magnetic field to a magnetic conductor/semiconductor [5,7]. Because of the large Berry curvature near the Fermi level, topological ferromagnets Co<sub>2</sub>MnGa [8,9], Co<sub>3</sub>Sn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [10,11], Fe<sub>3</sub>Ga [12], Fe<sub>3</sub>Sn [13], etc., exhibit very large anomalous Nernst conductivity within the range of  $0.5\text{--}5 \text{ A m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ . Very recently, the non-centrosymmetric kagome ferromagnet UCo<sub>0.8</sub>Ru<sub>0.2</sub>Al [14] and the noncollinear topological antiferromagnet YbMnBi<sub>2</sub> [15] have been reported to show colossal anomalous Nernst conductivities of  $15 \text{ A m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$  and  $10 \text{ A m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}$ , respectively, at low temperatures. Although the intrinsic Berry curvature-driven large ANEs have been reported in some Heusler alloy-based topological ferromagnets [8,9,16], other

Heusler ferromagnets exhibit an extrinsic skew scattering dominated ANE [17–19].

Among the Heusler systems of current interest, CoFeVSb possesses a very high-ordering temperature ( $T_C \approx 850$  K) and a large saturation magnetization of  $\approx 2.2\mu_B/\text{f.u.}$  at room temperature [20]. This quaternary Heusler alloy shows asymmetric magnetoresistance (MR) at room temperature, indicative of the spin-valve-like nature of the material in its bulk form [20]. *Ab initio* calculations have shown that this system is composed of energetically competing ferromagnetic (FM)/antiferromagnetic interface structures embedded in a FM matrix, which gives rise to the spin-valve-like MR feature [20]. The AHE has also been observed in this system over a broad temperature range ( $4 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 395 \text{ K}$ ) and attributed to the dominating intrinsic Berry phase contribution. Furthermore, this sample possesses a very high value of thermoelectric power factor  $\approx 0.62 \text{ mW m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-2}$  at room temperature, making it a promising thermoelectric material. The coexistence of these striking physical properties in a single phase of CoFeVSb prompted us to investigate its spin-caloritronic properties. Here, we report on a comprehensive investigation of electrical, thermal, and magnetothermoelectric properties with an emphasis on the ANE in CoFeVSb.

**Experimental details.** Polycrystalline samples of CoFeVSb were synthesized by the arc melting technique. The

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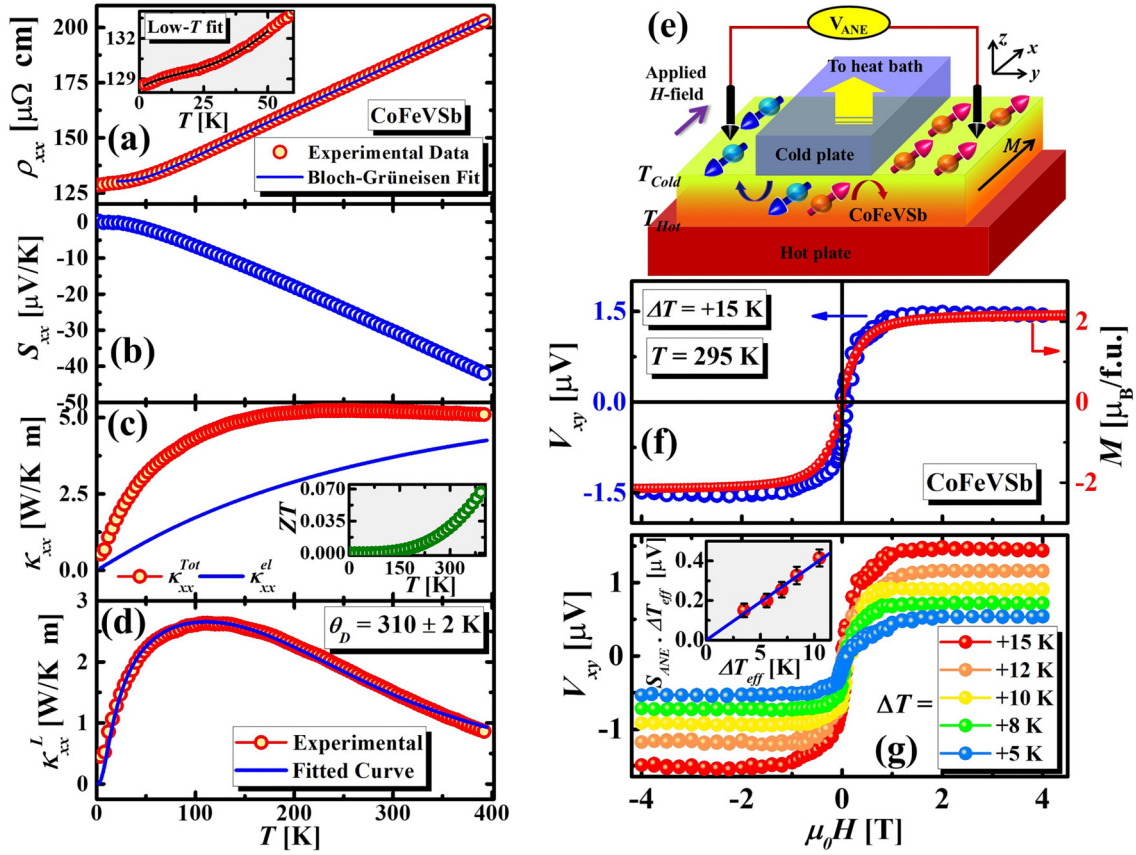


FIG. 1. (a) Main panel:  $T$  dependence of  $\rho_{xx}$  of CoFeVSb, fitted with  $\rho_{xx}(T) = \rho_0 + A \cdot (\frac{T}{\theta_D})^5 \int_0^{\theta_D/T} \frac{e^{-x} x^5 dx}{(e^x - 1)^2} + C \cdot T^2 e^{-(\Delta/T)}$  in the high- $T$  region, and the inset: fitting with  $\rho_{xx}(T) = \rho_0 + \rho_{\text{elastic}} T^{1/2} + C \cdot T^2 e^{-(\Delta/T)}$  in the low- $T$  region. (b)  $T$  dependence of  $S_{xx}$ . (c) Main panel:  $T$  dependence of  $\kappa_{xx}^{\text{Tot}}$  and  $\kappa_{xx}^{\text{el}}$ , the inset:  $T$  dependence of thermoelectric figure of merit  $ZT$ . (d)  $T$  dependence of  $\kappa_{xx}^L$  fitted with Callaway's model. (e) Schematic of Nernst measurement. (f) Left y scale:  $H$  dependence of the Nernst voltage  $V_{xy}(H)$  for  $\Delta T = +15$  K and right y scale:  $M(H)$  at 295 K. (g) Main panel:  $V_{xy}(H)$  for different values of  $\Delta T$  at 295 K, the inset: background corrected anomalous Nernst voltage  $S_{\text{ANE}} \times \Delta T_{\text{eff}}$  as a function of  $\Delta T_{\text{eff}}$ .

synthesis method and the crystal-phase characterization of the sample have been reported elsewhere [20]. The static magnetic properties of the sample were characterized using a vibrating sample magnetometer attachment with a physical property measurement system (PPMS), Quantum Design. The longitudinal electrical resistivity ( $\rho_{xx}$ ), longitudinal thermopower ( $S_{xx}$ ), and thermal conductivity ( $\kappa_{xx}$ ) were simultaneously measured with the thermal transport option of the PPMS. A sample with dimensions of  $5 \times 4 \times 1$  mm<sup>3</sup> was used for Hall/Nernst measurements. A standard four-probe technique was employed for the Hall measurements. A DC current,  $I_{\text{DC}} = 8$  mA was sourced through the current leads using a Keithley 2400 source meter and the average Hall voltage was recorded as  $V_H = \frac{[V(+I) - V(-I)]}{2}$  using a Keithley 2182A nanovoltmeter. The background-corrected Hall voltage was estimated as  $V_{xy}^{\text{Hall}} = \frac{[V_H(+H_{\text{max}}) - V_H(-H_{\text{max}})]}{2}$ , where  $H_{\text{max}}$  is the maximum value of the applied magnetic field. The Hall resistivity was estimated as  $\rho_{xy} = \frac{V_{xy}^{\text{Hall}} L_Z}{I_{\text{DC}}}$ , where  $L_Z$  = sample thickness. The Nernst measurements on the CoFeVSb sample were performed by employing a home-built spin-caloritronic measurement setup integrated with the PPMS. A detailed description of our experimental setup is reported elsewhere [17] and in the Supplemental Material (SM) [21].

**Results and discussion.** The main panel of Fig. 1(a) demonstrates the temperature ( $T$ ) dependence of  $\rho_{xx}$  for CoFeVSb in the range of  $4 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 395 \text{ K}$ . Evidently,  $\rho_{xx}(T)$  exhibits metalliclike resistivity ( $\frac{\partial \rho_{xx}}{\partial T} > 0$ ) throughout the  $T$  range along with a slope change below 50 K [see the inset of Fig. 1(a)]. The  $\rho_{xx}(T)$  data for CoFeVSb were found to fit well with the expression:  $\rho_{xx}(T) = \rho_0 + A \cdot (\frac{T}{\theta_D})^5 \int_0^{\theta_D/T} \frac{e^{-x} x^5 dx}{(e^x - 1)^2} + C \cdot T^2 e^{-(\Delta/T)}$  in the high- $T$  region (above 50 K), where  $\rho_0$  represents the  $T$ -independent residual resistivity, the second-term represents the Bloch-Grüneisen contribution according to the Bloch-Grüneisen model ( $A$  = constant prefactor and  $\theta_D$  = Debye temperature) [22–24], and the third term signifies the contribution from electron-magnon scattering ( $C$  = constant prefactor,  $k_B \Delta$  is the spin-wave energy gap, which represents the difference between the Fermi level and the nearest band edge of unoccupied minority spins [24], and  $k_B$  is the Boltzmann constant). In the case of half-metals, the  $T^2$ -dependent electron-magnon scattering contribution is exponentially suppressed due to the gapped spin-flip scattering [24–26]. We fitted the  $\rho_{xx}(T)$  curve with the expression  $\rho_{xx}(T) = \rho_0 + \rho_{\text{elastic}} T^{1/2} + C \cdot T^2 e^{-(\Delta/T)}$  in the low- $T$  region (below 50-K) region [26] where the second

term accounts for the electron-electron elastic-scattering contribution with a  $T^{1/2}$  dependence at low  $T$  [27]. From the high- $T$  fit, we obtained  $\rho_0 = (1.3 \pm 0.01) \times 10^{-4} \Omega \text{ cm}$ ,  $A = (2.04 \pm 0.06) \times 10^{-4} \Omega \text{ cm K}^{-5}$ ,  $C = (5.07 \pm 0.2) \times 10^{-11} \Omega \text{ cm K}^{-2}$ ,  $\theta_D = (313 \pm 2) \text{ K}$  and  $\Delta = (40 \pm 5) \text{ K}$ . The fitting parameters extracted from the low- $T$  fit are  $\rho_0 = (1.2 \pm 0.02) \times 10^{-4} \Omega \text{ cm}$ ,  $\rho_{\text{elastic}} = (-3.34 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-7} \Omega \text{ cm K}^{-1/2}$ ,  $C = (2.7 \pm 0.1) \times 10^{-9} \Omega \text{ cm K}^{-2}$  and  $\Delta = (40 \pm 3) \text{ K}$ .

The values of  $\Delta$  obtained from the fits for CoFeVSb are close to that reported for the well-known half-metallic  $\text{CrO}_2$  ( $\Delta \approx 80 \text{ K}$ ), [25]  $\text{Fe}_2\text{Si}$  ( $\Delta \approx 85 \text{ K}$ ) [26], and  $\text{Co}_2\text{FeSi}$  ( $\Delta \approx 100 \text{ K}$ ) [24], which strongly indicates the half-metallic nature of this sample. Figure 1(b) represents the  $T$  dependence of  $S_{xx}$  for CoFeVSb. The sign of  $S_{xx}(T)$  is negative throughout the measured  $T$  range, indicating electrons as the dominant carrier for the thermally driven charge transport. Moreover,  $|S_{xx}|$  decreases linearly from  $\approx 42 \mu\text{V K}^{-1}$  at 395 K and approaches zero at low  $T$  indicating the dominant contribution of the diffusive component of thermopower [28].

As shown in the main panel of Fig. 1(c), the total longitudinal thermal conductivity,  $\kappa_{xx}^{\text{Tot}}(T)$  remains almost unchanged in the  $T$  range:  $200 \text{ K} \leq T \leq 395 \text{ K}$  but decreases slowly below 200 K and rapidly below 100 K. The  $T$  dependence of the electronic thermal conductivity  $\kappa_{xx}^{\text{el}}(T)$  is usually estimated from the Wiedemann-Franz law:  $\kappa_{xx}^{\text{el}} = \frac{L_0 T}{\rho_{xx}}$ , where  $L_0 = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2}{3e^2} = 2.44 \times 10^{-8} \text{ W } \Omega \text{ K}^{-1}$  is the Lorenz number for free electrons (degenerate limit) [29]. However,  $L_0$  was shown to deviate from the degenerate limit for semiconductors with a large value of  $S_{xx}$  [30]. To account for this discrepancy,  $L_0$  for such semiconductors was proposed to be accurately estimated using the expression,  $L_0 = 1.5 + \exp(-\frac{|S_{xx}|}{116})$  [30]. Since  $|S_{xx}|$  for our sample is very high at high  $T$ , we estimated  $\kappa_{xx}^{\text{el}}(T)$  using the expression [30],  $\kappa_{xx}^{\text{el}}(T) = \frac{[1.5 + \exp(-\frac{|S_{xx}|}{116})]T}{\rho_{xx}}$  as shown in the main panel of Fig. 1(c). The main panel of Fig. 1(d) shows the  $T$  dependence of the lattice thermal conductivity,  $\kappa_{xx}^L(T)$  obtained from the expression:  $\kappa_{xx}^L(T) = [\kappa_{xx}^{\text{Tot}}(T) - \kappa_{xx}^{\text{el}}(T)]$ . Evidently,  $\kappa_{xx}^L(T)$  increases considerably with decreasing temperature down to 100 K at which it shows a broad maximum and then decreases rapidly with further lowering of the temperature. As shown in the main panel of Fig. 1(d), we fitted  $\kappa_{xx}^L(T)$  for CoFeVSb with the Debye-Callaway model [31,32],

$$\kappa_{xx}^L(T) = \frac{k_B}{2\pi^2 v_S} \left( \frac{2\pi k_B T}{h} \right)^3 \int_0^{(\theta_D/T)} \frac{\tau_L z^4 e^z}{(e^z - 1)^2} dz. \quad (1)$$

Here,  $v_S$  is the average phonon velocity (approximately equals the sound velocity),  $z = \frac{\hbar\omega}{k_B T}$ ,  $\omega$  = phonon frequency, and  $\tau_L$  = total phonon relaxation time. The values of the fitting parameters  $A$ – $C$ , and  $\theta_D$  are  $(9.95 \pm 2) \times 10^{-42} \text{ s}^3$ ,  $(7.45 \pm 3) \times 10^{-23} \text{ s K}^{-1}$ ,  $(4.5 \pm 1) \times 10^{-18} \text{ s}$ , and  $(310 \pm 5) \text{ K}$ , respectively. The thermoelectric figure of merit  $ZT = \frac{S_{xx}^2}{\kappa_{xx}^{\text{Tot}} \rho_{xx}} T$  [33] for CoFeVSb [inset of Fig. 1(c)] is  $\approx 0.07$  at 395 K, which decreases gradually with decreasing temperature.

The schematic of our transverse thermoelectric transport measurement is shown in Fig. 1(e). The DC magnetic-field ( $H$ ) is applied along the  $x$  axis, and the  $T$  gradient is along the sample thickness ( $z$  axis). The Nernst voltage generated

along the  $y$  axis was measured using a Keithley 2182A nanovoltmeter whereas, sweeping  $H$ . The left  $y$  scale of Fig. 1(f) exhibits the  $H$  dependence of the Nernst voltage  $V_{xy}(H)$  for a fixed value of the  $T$  difference between the top plate ( $T_{\text{hot}}$ ) and the bottom plate ( $T_{\text{cold}}$ ;  $T_{\text{hot}} > T_{\text{cold}}$ ),  $\Delta T = (T_{\text{hot}} - T_{\text{cold}}) = +15 \text{ K}$  for the CoFeVSb sample at  $T = \frac{T_{\text{hot}} + T_{\text{cold}}}{2} = 295 \text{ K}$ . The right  $y$  scale of Fig. 1(f) shows the isothermal magnetization  $M(H)$  at 295 K. Clearly, the  $V_{xy}(H)$  loop shows negligible hysteresis and replicates the corresponding  $M(H)$  behavior. Since the thermally generated electric field induced by ANE is proportional to the magnetization, i.e.,  $\vec{E}_{\text{ANE}} \propto (\mu_0 \vec{M} \times \nabla T)$  [8,34], the observed feature of the  $V_{xy}(H)$  loop originates from the ANE.

Note that the bulk thermal resistances of the sample and the  $N$ -grease layers as well as the interfacial thermal resistances cause a drop in the actual  $T$  gradient across the sample [35]. Ignoring the interfacial thermal resistances between the  $N$  grease and the hot/cold plates as well as between the sample and  $N$ -grease layers [17], the total  $T$  difference between the hot and cold plates ( $\Delta T$ ) = effective  $T$  difference across the sample ( $\Delta T_{\text{eff}}$ ) + drop in  $\Delta T$  in the  $N$ -grease layers on both sides of the sample. Therefore, considering the three-slab model,  $\Delta T_{\text{eff}}$  can be expressed as [17,36],  $\Delta T_{\text{eff}} = \frac{\Delta T}{[1 + (\frac{2d_N \kappa_{\text{grease}}}{\kappa_{\text{CoFeVSb}}}) (\frac{\kappa_{\text{CoFeVSb}}}{d_{\text{CoFeVSb}}})]}$ , where  $d_{N\text{-Grease}}$  ( $d_{\text{CoFeVSb}}$ ) is the thickness of the grease-layer (CoFeVSb),  $\kappa_{N\text{-Grease}}$  ( $\kappa_{\text{CoFeVSb}}$ ) is the thermal conductivity of the grease-layer (CoFeVSb), and  $A$  = cross-sectional area. Using the reported values of  $\kappa_{N\text{-grease}}(T)$  of the  $N$  grease [37],  $d_{N\text{-grease}} \approx 10 \mu\text{m}$ ,  $d_{\text{CoFeVSb}} \approx 1 \text{ mm}$ , we estimated the  $T$  dependence of  $\Delta T_{\text{eff}}$  (see the SM [21]).

In addition to the ANE contribution, the ordinary Nernst effect (ONE) also contributes to the total Nernst signal. The ONE contribution can be estimated from the slope of the slowly varying segment ( $H_{\text{sat}} \leq H \leq H_{\text{max}}$ ) of the  $H$ -dependent transverse Seebeck coefficient,  $S_{xy}(H)$  defined as  $S_{xy}(H) = \frac{V_{xy}(H)}{\Delta T_{\text{eff}}} (\frac{L_z}{L_y})$  [34,38]. Here,  $L_y$  (= 3 mm) is the distance between the voltage leads, and  $L_z$  (= 1 mm) is the sample thickness. The ordinary Nernst coefficient ( $S_{\text{ONE}}$ ) at 295 K for CoFeVSb was estimated as  $S_{\text{ONE}} = (-0.176 \pm 0.05) \text{ nV K}^{-1} \text{ T}^{-1}$ , which is smaller compared to other materials e.g.,  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  single crystal ( $S_{\text{ONE}} = 10 \text{ nV K}^{-1} \text{ T}^{-1}$  at room temperature) [34]. The main panel of Fig. 1(g) demonstrates  $V_{xy}(H)$  for different values of  $\Delta T$  at 295 K. Evidently,  $V_{xy}(H)$  increases with  $\Delta T$ . The inset of Fig. 1(g) shows the normalized anomalous Nernst voltage,  $S_{\text{ANE}} \Delta T_{\text{eff}} = V_{\text{ANE}} (\mu_0 H_{\text{max}}) (\frac{L_z}{L_y})$  as a function of  $\Delta T_{\text{eff}}$  at 295 K, where,  $S_{\text{ANE}}$  is the background-corrected anomalous Nernst coefficient,  $V_{\text{ANE}} (\mu_0 H_{\text{max}})$  represents the background-corrected anomalous Nernst voltage defined as  $V_{\text{ANE}} (\mu_0 H_{\text{max}}) = \frac{[V_{xy}(+ \mu_0 H_{\text{max}}) - V_{xy}(- \mu_0 H_{\text{max}})]}{2}$ , and  $\mu_0 H_{\text{max}} =$  maximum applied magnetic field ( $\mu_0 H_{\text{max}} \gg \mu_0 H_{\text{sat}}$ ). Clearly,  $(S_{\text{ANE}} \Delta T_{\text{eff}})$  varies linearly with  $\Delta T_{\text{eff}}$ .

Figure 2(a) demonstrates the  $V_{xy}(H)$  hysteresis loops for CoFeVSb at selected temperatures for  $\Delta T = +15 \text{ K}$ . Notably,  $|V_{xy}(H)|$  decreases with lowering temperature. Most importantly,  $V_{xy}(H)$  shows a prominent negative slope in the high-field region at low  $T$ , and the absolute value of the slope increases drastically below 200 K, indicating the enhanced ONE contribution at low  $T$ . Figure 2(b)

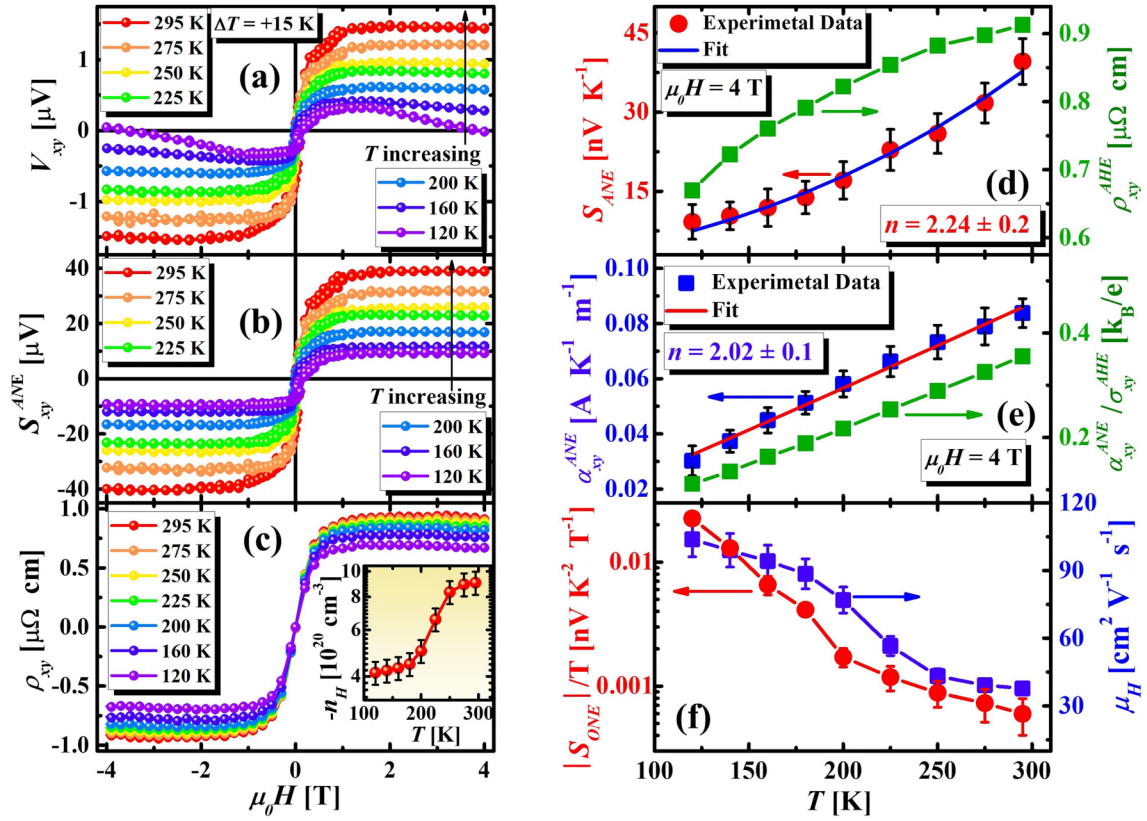


FIG. 2. (a)  $V_{xy}(H)$  for CoFeVSb at selected temperatures for  $\Delta T = +15$  K. (b)  $S_{xy}^{ANE}(H)$  and (c)  $\rho_{xy}(H)$  for CoFeVSb at selected temperatures. (d) Left y scale:  $T$  dependence of  $S_{ANE}$  fitted with Eq. (2), and right y scale:  $T$  dependence of  $\rho_{xy}^{AHE}$ . (e) Left y scale:  $T$  dependence of  $\alpha_{xy}^{ANE}$  fitted with Eq. (3), and right y scale:  $T$  dependence of  $(\alpha_{xy}^{ANE}/\sigma_{xy}^{AHE})$ . (f) Left y scale:  $T$  dependence of  $(|S_{ONE}|/T)$  and right y scale:  $T$  dependence of  $\mu_H$ .

shows the magnetic-field dependence of the anomalous Nernst coefficient (ANC),  $S_{xy}^{ANE}(H)$  at different temperatures, which was obtained by subtracting the ONE contribution from the total transverse Seebeck coefficient,  $S_{xy}(H)$  as  $S_{xy}^{ANE}(H) = [S_{xy}(H) - S_{xy}^{ONE}(H)] = [S_{xy}(H) - |S_{ONE}|H]$ . Clearly,  $|S_{xy}^{ANE}(H)|$  gradually decreases with decreasing  $T$ . The left y axis of Fig. 2(d) demonstrates the  $T$  dependence of the background-corrected ANC,  $S_{ANE}(\mu_0 H_{max}, T)$ . At 295 K,  $|S_{ANE}| = 0.039 \mu\text{V K}^{-1}$  for CoFeVSb, which is higher than the compressively strained SrRuO<sub>3</sub> film ( $0.03 \mu\text{V K}^{-1}$ ) [39] as well as the spin-gapless semiconductor CoFeCrGa ( $0.018 \mu\text{V K}^{-1}$ ) [17].

Now, let us understand the origin of the nonlinear  $T$  dependence of  $S_{ANE}(T)$  in CoFeVSb. The transverse thermoelectric coefficient ( $S_{xy}$ ) is defined as  $S_{xy} = [\frac{\alpha_{xy} - S_{xx}\sigma_{xy}}{\sigma_{xx}}]$ , where  $\sigma_{xy}$  and  $\sigma_{xx}$  are the transverse and longitudinal electrical conductivities, which are expressed as [5,9,40],  $\sigma_{xy} = [\frac{-\rho_{xy}}{(\rho_{xx})^2 + (\rho_{yy})^2}]$  and  $\sigma_{xx} = [\frac{\rho_{xx}}{(\rho_{xx})^2 + (\rho_{yy})^2}]$ , respectively, and  $\alpha_{xy}$  is the transverse thermoelectric conductivity [5,34]. According to the Mott's relations,  $S_{xx} = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 T}{3e} (\frac{\partial \sigma_{xx}}{\partial E})_{E=E_F}$ , and  $\alpha_{xy} = \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 T}{3e} (\frac{\partial \sigma_{xy}}{\partial E})_{E=E_F}$ , where  $e$  is the electronic charge, and  $E_F$  is the Fermi energy [5,41]. It is known that the ANE and AHE share the common physical origin [5]. Therefore, considering the power law for the AHE,  $\rho_{xy}^{AHE} = \lambda M \rho_{xx}^n$  [5], where  $\rho_{xy}^{AHE}$  is the anomalous Hall resistivity,  $\rho_{xx}$  is the longitudinal resistiv-

ity,  $\lambda$  is the spin-orbit coupling constant, and  $n$  is an exponent, the ANC can be expressed as [5,34]

$$S_{xy}^{ANE} = \rho_{xx}^{n-1} \left[ \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 T}{3e} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial E} \right)_{E=E_F} - (n-1)\lambda S_{xx} \right]. \quad (2)$$

For  $n = 1$ , the extrinsic skew scattering is the leading mechanism for the anomalous Nernst/Hall transport, whereas, for  $n = 2$ , the intrinsic Berry curvature becomes the dominating mechanism [42]. We fitted the  $S_{ANE}(T)$  for CoFeVSb using Eq. (2) and the best fit was obtained for  $n = 2.24 \pm 0.2$ , which indicates that the origin of ANE in CoFeVSb is dominated by the intrinsic Berry curvature or, the side jump mechanism [42]. To confirm the origin of the observed ANE, we need to understand the temperature dependence of the anomalous off-diagonal thermoelectric conductivity  $\alpha_{xy}^{ANE}(T)$ , which can be expressed as [10,11,43]  $\alpha_{xy}^{ANE} = S_{xy}^{ANE} \sigma_{xx} + S_{xx} \sigma_{xy}^{AHE} = [\frac{S_{xy}^{ANE} \rho_{xx} - S_{xx} \rho_{xy}^{AHE}}{(\rho_{xx})^2 + (\rho_{yy}^{AHE})^2}]$ . Using Mott's relations,  $\alpha_{xy}^{ANE}$  can be written as [5,34]

$$\alpha_{xy}^{ANE} = \rho_{xx}^{n-2} \left[ \frac{\pi^2 k_B^2 T}{3e} \left( \frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial E} \right)_{E=E_F} - (n-2)\lambda S_{xx} \right]. \quad (3)$$

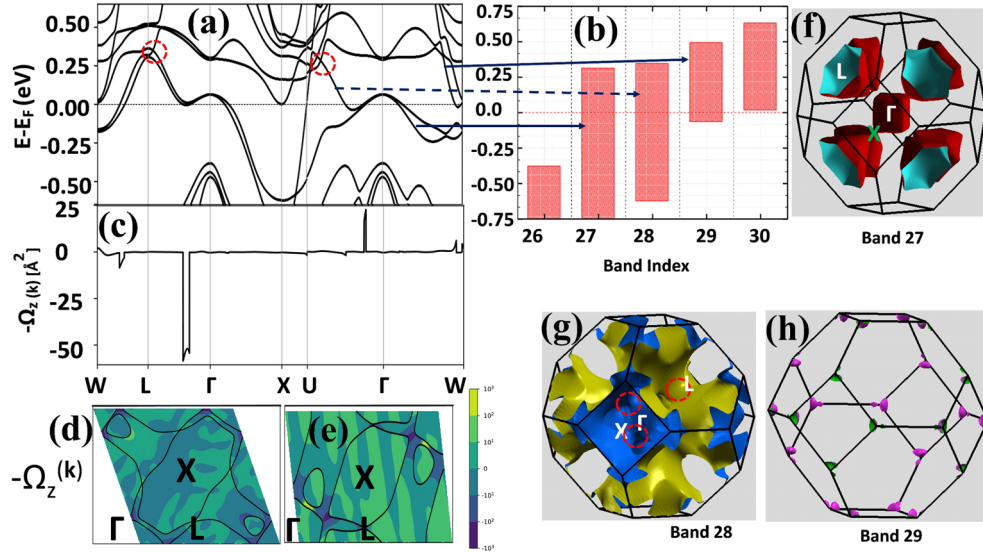


FIG. 3. For CoFeVSb, (a) Electronic band structure showing the topological nontrivial feature involving a pair of Weyl points at  $\approx 0.3\text{eV}$  above  $E_F$ . (b) Widths of various semimetallic bands (27–29). (c) Calculated Berry curvature along the high-symmetry path. (d) and (e) Two-dimensional (2D) projection of Berry curvature on the  $k_z = 0$  and  $k_z = 0.5$  planes (f)–(h) Fermi surfaces originating from the semimetallic bands (27–29) indicating the location of electron/hole pockets and Weyl points.

The main panel of Fig. 2(c) illustrates the magnetic-field dependence of Hall resistivity  $\rho_{xy}(H)$  for CoFeVSb at few selected temperatures in the  $T$  range:  $120\text{ K} \leq T \leq 295\text{ K}$ . Similar to the Nernst voltage,  $\rho_{xy}(H)$  also shows the contributions from both ordinary Hall effect (OHE) and AHE along with the negative slope in the high-field region throughout the temperature range, indicating electrons as the majority carriers. However, unlike the Nernst voltage, the absolute value of the slope in  $\rho_{xy}(H)$  increases slowly with decreasing temperature. Especially, at low  $T$  (e.g., 120 K), the negative slope in the Nernst voltage is more robust compared to that in the Hall resistivity. Such a striking difference in the Nernst and Hall signals has also been observed in the half-metallic semimetal  $\text{Co}_3\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_2$  [11]. From the slope of the slowly varying segment of  $\rho_{xy}(H)$ , we obtained the OHE contribution and estimated the  $T$  dependence of the carrier-concentration  $n_H(T)$  as shown in the inset of Fig. 2(c). Clearly,  $|n_H|$  decreases with decreasing temperature. By subtracting the OHE contribution from  $\rho_{xy}(H)$ , we evaluated the temperature dependence of anomalous Hall resistivity ( $\rho_{xy}^{\text{AHE}}$ ) as shown on the right-y scale of Fig. 2(d). [42] Similar to the ANC,  $\rho_{xy}^{\text{AHE}}$  also decreases with decreasing temperature. Incorporating the  $T$  dependences of  $S_{xx}$ ,  $S_{\text{ANE}}$ ,  $\rho_{xx}$ , and  $\rho_{xy}^{\text{AHE}}$ , we evaluated the  $T$  variation of  $\alpha_{xy}^{\text{ANE}}$  as shown on the left-y scale of Fig. 2(e). We fitted  $\alpha_{xy}^{\text{ANE}}(T)$  for CoFeVSb using Eq. (3), and the best fit was obtained for  $n = 2.02 \pm 0.1$ , which is close to that obtained from the  $S_{\text{ANE}}(T)$  fit. This further confirms that both the ANE and the AHE in CoFeVSb is governed by the intrinsic Berry curvature or the side jump mechanism [42]. Notably, the ratio  $[(\frac{\partial \lambda}{\partial E})_{E=E_F} / \lambda]$  obtained from  $S_{\text{ANE}}(T)$  and  $\alpha_{xy}^{\text{ANE}}(T)$  fits are  $1.33 \times 10^{19}$  and  $2.04 \times 10^{19}$ , respectively.

Next, we examine the correlation between the anomalous transverse thermoelectric conductivity ( $\alpha_{xy}^{\text{ANE}}$ ) and the anomalous Hall conductivity ( $\sigma_{xy}^{\text{AHE}}$ ). Although  $\alpha_{xy}^{\text{ANE}}$

represents the transport of entropy,  $\sigma_{xy}^{\text{AHE}}$  determines the transport of charge carriers, and  $(\alpha_{xy}^{\text{ANE}} / \sigma_{xy}^{\text{AHE}})$  should approach  $\frac{k_B}{e}$  at high  $T$  [14,44]. As shown on the left-y scale of Fig. 2(e),  $|\alpha_{xy}^{\text{ANE}} / \sigma_{xy}^{\text{AHE}}|$  increases with increasing temperature and attains  $\approx 0.35 \frac{k_B}{e}$  at 295 K, which is much lower than  $\text{UCo}_{0.8}\text{Ru}_{0.2}\text{Al}$  ( $|\alpha_{xy}^{\text{ANE}} / \sigma_{xy}^{\text{AHE}}| \approx 2 \frac{k_B}{e}$  at 47 K) [14] but closer to that for  $\text{Co}_2\text{MnGa}$ ,  $\text{Mn}_3\text{Sn}$ ,  $\text{Co}_3\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_2$ , and  $\text{La}_{0.7}\text{Sr}_{0.3}\text{CoO}_3$  [44]. Since the ordering temperature of CoFeVSb is very high ( $T_C \approx 850\text{ K}$ ) and, both  $S_{\text{ANE}}(T)$  and  $|\alpha_{xy}^{\text{ANE}}(T) / \sigma_{xy}^{\text{AHE}}(T)|$  for CoFeVSb are increasing with increasing temperature even at room temperature, it would be worth investigating high-temperature ANE/AHE in this system to realize at what temperature(s)  $S_{\text{ANE}}$  shows a peak and  $|\alpha_{xy}^{\text{ANE}}(T) / \sigma_{xy}^{\text{AHE}}(T)|$  approaches  $\frac{k_B}{e}$ . To confirm the origin of ANE in CoFeVSb, it is imperative to quantify the carrier mobility ( $\mu_H$ ). In the semiclassical picture,  $|S_{\text{ONE}}|$  scales linearly with  $\mu_H$  through the expression, [11,45,46]  $|S_{\text{ONE}}| = \frac{\pi^2}{3} (\frac{k_B}{e}) (\frac{k_B T}{E_F}) \mu_H$ . However,  $|S_{\text{ANE}}|$  is known to scale with  $(\frac{1}{\mu_H})$  if the origin of the ANE is dominated by the intrinsic Berry curvature [11]. As shown in Fig. 2(f), both  $(|S_{\text{ONE}}|/T)$  and  $\mu_H$  increase with decreasing temperature. Furthermore,  $S_{\text{ANE}}$  decreases with decreasing temperature, whereas,  $\mu_H$  shows the opposite  $T$  dependence, which is in agreement with the intrinsic Berry-curvature picture of ANE [11].

We have further performed *ab initio* band structure calculations to complement our experimental results. Computational details of these calculations are presented in Ref. [20] and the SM [21]. Figure 3(a) shows the band structure revealing a pair of Weyl points above  $E_F$  ( $\approx 0.3\text{ eV}$ ) arising from the intersections of semimetallic bands 28 and 29 (highlighted by red circles). The contribution to the density of states at/near  $E_F$  primarily arises from band numbers 27–29 [see Fig. 3(b)]. Figure 3(c) displays the  $z$  component of simulated Berry

curvature  $[-\Omega_z(k)]$  along with its 2D projection in the  $k_z = 0$  and  $k_z = 0.5$  planes shown in Figs. 3(d) and 3(e). The spike in the Berry curvature along the  $L-\Gamma$  direction [see Fig. 3(c)] is due to two spin-semi-metallic bands 27 and 28 [see Fig. 3(a)]. This spike arises from the small energy denominator in the Berry-curvature's definition along this  $k$  path [42].

A reasonably high intrinsic anomalous Hall-conductivity (AHC) value is obtained, which is solely attributed to the large spike in  $\Omega_z(k)$ . The following equation was used to calculate AHC:

$$\sigma_{xy} = -\frac{e^2}{\hbar} \sum_n \int_{BZ} \frac{d^3k}{(2\pi)^3} f_n(k) \Omega_{n,z}(k), \quad (4)$$

where  $f_n(k)$  represents the Fermi-Dirac distribution function,  $\Omega_{n,z}(k)$  is the  $z$  component of the Berry curvature for the  $n$ th band, and the integration is over the entire Brillouin zone. The simulated value of intrinsic AHC is  $\sigma_{\text{int}}^A = 85$  S/cm, which matches well with the experimental value (77 S/cm at 2 K). This implies that both intrinsic AHC and ANE mainly stem from the Berry curvature. We also simulated the Fermi surfaces related to the three semimetallic bands (27–29) as shown in Figs. 3(f)–3(h). Two hole pockets emerged along the  $L-\Gamma$  points due to bands 27 and 28, whereas, an electron pocket appears from band 29. A pair of Weyl points is clearly visible

in the Fermi surface, originating from band 28 [see Fig. 3(g)] as observed in the band structure along  $L-\Gamma$  and  $U-\Gamma$  [see Fig. 3(a)], corroborating the topological nontrivial features of this alloy.

*Conclusions.* To summarize, we present a comprehensive study of the longitudinal and transverse thermoelectric properties with a special focus on the ANE in CoFeVSb. We have found that the anomalous Nernst coefficient ( $S_{\text{ANE}}$ ) of CoFeVSb is  $\approx 0.039 \mu\text{V K}^{-1}$  at room temperature. Both the ordinary Nernst coefficient ( $S_{\text{ONE}}$ ) and the carrier mobility ( $\mu_H$ ) increase upon lowering temperature, but an opposite trend is found for  $S_{\text{ANE}}$ . Our in-depth analysis confirmed that the observed ANE in this material is dominated by intrinsic Berry curvature, which is also supported by our *ab initio* calculations. Our band-structure calculations confirm the topological nontrivial feature of CoFeVSb with a pair of Weyl points located slightly above  $E_F$ .

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