Anatomy of spin and current generation from magnetization gradients in topological insulators and Rashba metals

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We explore the spin density and charge currents arising on the surface of a topological insulator and in a twodimensional Rashba metal due to magnetization gradients. For topological insulators a single interconversion coefficient controls the generation of both quantities. This coefficient is quantized to a value proportional to the vorticity of the Dirac point which constitutes a hallmark of parity anomaly at finite density. As such, it also unveils a robust route to disentangle and detect the protected states of a topological insulator on a given surface. In stark contrast, Rashba metals do not exhibit such anomalies since they contain an even number of helical branches. Nonetheless, also these are governed by quantized responses which, however, are not protected against weak disorder. Furthermore, we find that for Rashba metals the interconversion coefficients demonstrate discontinuities and a nontrivial interplay upon varying the chemical potential, the strength of the spin-orbit coupling, and a pairing gap. Our results have implications for the binding between magnetic skyrmions and superconducting vortices, the emergence of Majorana zero modes, and pave the way for superconducting diode effects mediated by out-of-plane magnetization gradients.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The breaking of parity (\mathcal{P}) and time-reversal (\mathcal{T}) symmetries unlocks a plethora of unconventional phenomena [1,2]. The inherent violation of parity is associated with the generation of a nonzero electric polarization P [3,4]. Upon its presence, a spin density $S \propto P \times J$ can be induced by injecting an electric charge current J into the system. This relation is also key for the so-called Edelstein effect [5], which constitutes one of the most well-established charge-to-spin interconversion mechanisms. Reciprocity also allows for an inverse magnetoelectric effect where, due to a nonzero P, the exchange (Zeeman) coupling of the electrons to a homogeneous magnetization M (magnetic field B) leads to a charge current J. Aside from spintronics [6], \mathcal{P} - \mathcal{T} violation is also responsible for various anomalies and fractionalization effects in topological insulators (TIs) [4,7–11]. An equally rich phenomenology emerges in superconductors (SCs) experiencing \mathcal{P} - \mathcal{T} violation [2,12]. For example, charge transport in noncentrosymmetric SCs [13–17] in the presence of a magnetic field B is nonreciprocal [18–20]. This is due to additional current contributions, with the simplest being proportional to $P \times B$ [21–23]. The B dependence of the critical current forms the basis for the so-called superconducting diode effect, which was recently experimentally detected in various SCs [24-26].

In the majority of the above situations B or M are homogeneous, while the violation of \mathcal{P} symmetry typically manifests itself in the presence of an odd-under-inversion spin-orbit cou-

pling (SOC). Notably, however, inhomogeneous magnetism is capable of simultaneously violating both \mathcal{P} and \mathcal{T} symmetries [27,28], without requiring any kind of SOC. This two-in-one effect appears particularly useful for engineering topological SCs in one (1D) [29-38] and two dimensions (2D) [34,39-46]. Coupling (un)conventional SCs to periodically repeating magnetic textures forming crystals is known to lead to a rich variety of topological phases [44] and nonstandard transport effects [47-49]. On the other hand, when isolated magnetic textures such as magnetic skyrmions are superimposed on conventional SCs, they can trap superconducting vortices [50-55] and Majorana zero modes [56-62]. Even more, such textured magnetic defects are also predicted to induce Yu-Shiba-Rusinov states [63,64], circulating currents [65–68], and Friedel oscillations [69,70] in SCs. The above effects stem from an inhomogeneous M and thus can be viewed as Edelstein effects induced by magnetization gradients.

In this paper, motivated by the wide range of applications of inhomogeneous magnetism, we investigate interconversion effects mediated by magnetization gradients on (non)superconducting TI surfaces and in 2D Rashba metals. We are primarily interested in these two classes of experimentally accessible Rashba-type systems because they constitute two of the most prominent candidates for a vast range of applications in nanoelectronics.

We first study the induced electric current and spin densities due to magnetization gradients in the absence of superconductivity. We reveal that in the case of a TI surface with a pristine Dirac cone, the respective zero-temperature interconversion coefficient is quantized since it constitutes a topological invariant. In particular, it is proportional to the vorticity of the topologically protected touching point of the

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helical surface energy dispersion. Hence, inferring this coefficient in experiments can be harnessed to detect the protected states on a given TI surface, which is otherwise challenging to achieve with Hall transport [4,10,11]. On the other hand, adding a pairing gap always spoils the quantization of the interconversion coefficient due to nonuniversal Cooper pair contributions, which tend to suppress the effect. Quite remarkably, we find that the coefficient "jumps" by a quantized value even by switching on an infinitesimally weak pairing gap, as a result of quantum anomalies [1,2].

The topological nature of the TI interconversion coefficient allows us to make direct predictions for a 2D Rashba metal. This is because, in certain limits, the latter can be effectively described as a collection of two decoupled TI helical Dirac surface states. Since systems with an even number of helical Dirac electrons are anomaly free [1,2], this distinction underlines the importance of comparing the TI results to those obtained for Rashba metals. In fact, our analysis immediately reveals an important difference compared to TIs, that is, in Rashba metals the coefficients for spin and current generation are generally distinct. Moreover, by restricting to the quasiclassical regime, we find that they are both zero in the absence of superconductivity. However, they both get switched on even when an infinitesimally weak pairing gap is introduced. Notably, the coefficient associated with current generation shows a discontinuous jump equal to a universal value across this transition. The latter coefficient is also here sensitive to disorder [6], which is a situation reminiscent of the intrinsic spin Hall effect (SHE) [71].

The remainder of our paper is organized in the following fashion. Section II provides a symmetry-based phenomenological description of the magnetoelectric effects which become accessible in a system with Rashba-type SOC when magnetization gradients are present. In Sec. III we present the formalism for deriving the coefficients which control the various interconversion phenomena from a microscopic electronic Hamiltonian. Section IV discusses the arising effects on the surface of a three-dimensional (3D) TI. There, we show that spin and current generation are both controlled by the same interconversion coefficient, which becomes quantized. In the same section, we demonstrate the topological origin behind this macroscopic quantization and investigate its stability against deviations away from the pristine Dirac cone picture, Zeeman corrections, and the influence of a pairing gap. In Sec. V we proceed by examining the case of a 2D Rashba metal, which is not expected to exhibit the anomalous effects encountered in the TI case. Nevertheless, quantization phenomena of a different origin appear also here. Moreover, the interconversion coefficients are substantially affected by the presence of a pairing gap and the Zeeman effect. Potential applications are discussed in Sec. VI, while we summarize our findings in Sec. VII. Finally, details on our calculations are given in Appendixes A–D.

II. INSIGHTS FROM SYMMETRY

To expose the key aspects of our work, we first rely on the predictive power of a symmetry analysis, in order to highlight the key mechanisms which underly the spin and current generation. Our symmetry analysis is carried out in terms of the in-plane components $A_{x,y}(\mathbf{r})$ of the vector potential and all the components $M_{x,y,z}(\mathbf{r})$ of the magnetization. These are defined in the 2D coordinate space $\mathbf{r} = (x, y)$. In the remainder, we restrict our study to layered systems with $C_{4v} \times \mathcal{T}$ symmetry, where C_{4v} is the tetragonal point group. We remark that this choice does not restrict the generality of our approach, which can be also extended to other point groups.

A. Symmetry classification

The backbone of our symmetry classification program relies on the identification of the transformation properties of the various fields under the operations of the ensuing point group. For the C_{4v} point group of interest here, we find that $(A_x(\mathbf{r}), A_y(\mathbf{r}))$ and $(M_y(\mathbf{r}), -M_x(\mathbf{r}))$ transform according to the same 2D irreducible representation of C_{4v} . Therefore, the term $A_x(\mathbf{r})M_y(\mathbf{r}) - A_y(\mathbf{r})M_x(\mathbf{r})$ belongs to the trivial irreducible representation of the group $C_{4v} \times \mathcal{T}$. In fact, the above symmetry-invariant term is responsible for the standard Edelstein effect [5].

One observes similarities in the structure of the symmetryinvariant term $A_x(\mathbf{r})M_y(\mathbf{r}) - A_y(\mathbf{r})M_x(\mathbf{r})$ and the Rashba SOC term $\hat{p}_x\sigma_y - \hat{p}_y\sigma_x$. Indeed, the construction of the two terms relies on the symmetry equivalences $(A_x, A_y) \sim (\hat{p}_x, \hat{p}_y)$ and $(M_x, M_y) \sim (\sigma_x, \sigma_y)$. Notably, also the two-component vector $(\partial_y M_z(\mathbf{r}), -\partial_x M_z(\mathbf{r}))$ belongs to the same representation as $(A_x(\mathbf{r}), A_y(\mathbf{r}))$ does, thus enabling a number of new interconversion phenomena that we bring forward in this work.

B. Phenomenological energy density and equations of motion

Throughout this work, the effects of interest mainly concern the generation of spin density $\mathcal{S}(r)$ and electrical current J(r), which are here viewed as conjugate fields of M(r) and A(r). The quantities $\mathcal{S}(r) = \langle \hat{S}(r) \rangle$ and $J(r) = \langle \hat{J}(r) \rangle$ are defined as the expectation values of the respective microscopic operators $\hat{\mathcal{O}}(r) = \Psi^{\dagger}(r)\hat{\mathcal{O}}\Psi(r)$ where $\Psi(r)$ denotes the electronic spinor.

The source fields enter in the Hamiltonian through the term $-\frac{1}{2}\int d\mathbf{r} \ \Psi^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r})[A(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \hat{\mathbf{J}}(\mathbf{r}) + \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}]\Psi(\mathbf{r})$, where $\boldsymbol{\sigma}$ are the spin Pauli matrices and $\hat{\mathbf{J}}(\mathbf{r})$ is the respective current operator represented in coordinate space. More details on the microscopic approach and evaluation of the various coefficients are provided in Sec. III and Appendixes A–D.

At zero temperature the equilibrium spin and current densities are obtained from the functional derivatives

$$S(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{\delta E(\mathbf{r})}{\delta M(\mathbf{r})}$$
 and $J(\mathbf{r}) = -\frac{\delta E(\mathbf{r})}{\delta A(\mathbf{r})}$ (1)

of the energy density $E(\mathbf{r})$. According to our symmetry analysis, the latter obtains the form

$$E(\mathbf{r}) = \left[M_z(\mathbf{r}) - \frac{g\mu_B B_z(\mathbf{r})}{2} \right] [\chi B_z(\mathbf{r}) + g_{\text{soc}} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r})] - \chi_{\perp}^{\text{spin}} \frac{[M_z(\mathbf{r}) - g\mu_B B_z(\mathbf{r})/2]^2}{2} - \chi_{\parallel}^{\text{spin}} \sum_{a=x,y} \frac{M_a^2(\mathbf{r})}{2},$$
(2)

where we also included the Zeeman coupling to the electrons, which enters by shifting the out-of-plane magnetization according to $M_z(\mathbf{r}) \mapsto M_z(\mathbf{r}) - g\mu_B B_z(\mathbf{r})/2$. Here, g denotes the gyromagnetic Landé factor, μ_B the Bohr magneton, and $\chi_{\perp,\parallel}^{\text{spin}}$ define the out-of- and in-plane spin susceptibilities of the Rashba system, respectively.

A few comments are in place regarding the energy density above. First of all, we remark that it is not crucial to shift the in-plane magnetization components in a similar fashion to M_z since the orbital coupling to the in-plane magnetic field components $B_{x,y}$ is considered to be identically zero due to the planar nature of the system. Hence, Zeeman effects due to $B_{x,y}$ can be fully absorbed in $M_{x,y}$. Further, it is also important to emphasize that the energy density of Eq. (2) discards the standard Edelstein term $A_x(\mathbf{r})M_y(\mathbf{r}) - A_y(\mathbf{r})M_x(\mathbf{r})$ which is also generally permitted. This is only because here we restrict to responses solely emerging from magnetization gradients.

Variation of the energy density with respect to the source fields reveals two categories of reciprocal interconversion relations:

$$S_z(\mathbf{r}) = -\mathcal{X}B_z(\mathbf{r}) \iff \mathbf{J}(\mathbf{r}) = -\mathcal{X}\nabla \times \hat{\mathbf{z}}M_z(\mathbf{r}),$$
 (3)

$$\boldsymbol{\mathcal{S}}(\boldsymbol{r}) = g_{\text{soc}} \nabla M_{z}(\boldsymbol{r}) \iff \boldsymbol{\mathcal{S}}_{z}(\boldsymbol{r}) = -g_{\text{soc}} \nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{r}).$$
(4)

In the above, \hat{z} stands for the unit vector in the out-of-plane z direction, while the quantities r, A, J, and ∇ are understood as 2D vectors defined in the xy plane. We need to remark that when the system is superconducting, the current of Eq. (3) is observable only as long as the London penetration depth of the SC is sufficiently long to render the Meissner screening ineffective in the region where the magnetization varies spatially.

We observe that the current interconversion phenomena are controlled by the coefficients

$$\mathcal{X} = \chi + \chi_Z$$
 and $\chi_Z = \frac{g\mu_B \chi_\perp^{\text{spin}}}{2}$. (5)

Notably, the coefficient \mathcal{X} arises from both the Rashba and Zeeman effects with contributions χ and χ_Z , respectively, and relates magnetization and magnetic field. While more quantitative details regarding the magnitude of the Zeeman contribution to the coefficient \mathcal{X} are discussed in Secs. IV E and V, here, we wish to remark that for a material with a sufficiently strong Rashba SOC the electron spin is expected to be predominantly confined in the plane. Under this condition, $\chi_{\perp}^{\text{spin}}$ is suppressed and, in turn, also renders χ_Z negligible compared to χ , which is the primary case of interest. Finally, note that Eq. (4) stems from the symmetry equivalences $(M_x, M_y, M_z) \sim (A_y, -A_x, B_z)$, and dictates the nonstandard interconversion between an in-plane magnetization (spin density) and an out-of-plane spin density (magnetization) which are governed by the coefficient g_{soc} .

C. Implications for magnetic impurities

The above analysis applies to inhomogeneous magnetism stemming from a variety of sources which are effectively described by a classical magnetization field $M(\mathbf{r})$. For a magnetization polarized along the z spin axis with a rotationally symmetric spatial profile $M_z(\mathbf{r}) = M_z(|\mathbf{r}|)$, Eqs. (3) and (4) lead to the following type of circulating currents and in-plane



FIG. 1. Cartoon of an extended magnetic impurity embedded in a quasi-2D system dictated by a Rashba-type SOC. The magnetic moment of the impurity "island" depicted with blue arrows is here assumed to be polarized out of the plane of the Rashba SOC host. Near its boundary, the magnetic impurity induces circulating electric currents accompanied by a radially oriented in-plane magnetization which is shown with magenta arrows.

spin density:

$$\boldsymbol{J}(\rho) = \mathcal{X} \frac{dM_z(\rho)}{d\rho} \hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} \quad \text{and} \quad \boldsymbol{\mathcal{S}}(\boldsymbol{r}) = -g_{\text{soc}} \frac{dM_z(\rho)}{d\rho} \hat{\boldsymbol{\rho}}, \quad (6)$$

where (ρ, θ) are the polar coordinates $\rho = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$ and $\tan \theta = y/x$. $\hat{\rho}$ and $\hat{\theta}$ define the respective unit vectors.

The currents circulate about the impurity and generate a nonzero vorticity. Instead, the in-plane magnetic moments point along the radial direction and extend uniformly along the circumference, thus giving rise to a profile which is topologically equivalent to a magnetic vortex. See Fig. 1 for a sketch. Our symmetry approach recovers the profiles of the current [65,66,68] and spin densities [69,70] obtained previously. However, in contrast to those works, which primarily relied on numerical methods, here we pursue exact analytical expressions for the interconversion coefficients, relevant for systems and parameter regimes that have remained so far unexplored.

III. MICROSCOPIC FORMULATION OF LINEAR RESPONSE

We now proceed by focusing on the responses of concrete Rashba SOC material systems. Specifically, we consider homogeneous 2D Rashba SCs under the influence of the in-plane components $A_{x,y}(\mathbf{r})$ of the vector potential and all the components $M_{x,y,z}(\mathbf{r})$ of the magnetization. Such systems are here modeled using the Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{1}{2} \int d\boldsymbol{r} \{ \boldsymbol{\Psi}^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{r}) [\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0}(\hat{\boldsymbol{\pi}}) - \boldsymbol{M}(\boldsymbol{r}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}] \boldsymbol{\Psi}(\boldsymbol{r}) \}, \qquad (7)$$

with the spinor $\Psi^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}) = (\psi_{\uparrow}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}), \psi_{\downarrow}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r}), \psi_{\downarrow}(\mathbf{r}), -\psi_{\uparrow}(\mathbf{r}))$. $\psi_{\sigma}(\mathbf{r}) [\psi_{\sigma}^{\dagger}(\mathbf{r})]$ annihilates (creates) an electron at position \mathbf{r} with spin projection $\sigma = \uparrow, \downarrow$. We also introduced the gauge-invariant momentum $\hat{\pi} = \hat{\mathbf{p}} + e\tau_z A(\mathbf{r})$, where e > 0 denotes the electric charge unit, $\hat{\mathbf{p}} = -i\hbar\nabla$ the momentum operator, and \hbar the reduced Planck constant. Equation (7) is expressed in terms of the bare Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}}) = \tau_z \left[\frac{\hat{\boldsymbol{p}}^2}{2m} - \mu + \upsilon(\hat{p}_x \sigma_y - \hat{p}_y \sigma_x) \right] + \Delta \tau_x. \quad (8)$$

Any Hamiltonian matrix, such as the above, is expressed with Kronecker products which are constructed using the Pauli matrices τ and σ , along with their respective unit matrices $\mathbb{1}_{\tau,\sigma}$. These are defined in Nambu and spin spaces, respectively. Note that we omit writing the Kronecker product symbol \otimes and unit matrices throughout.

In Eq. (8), v > 0 is the strength of the Rashba SOC, m > 0 the effective mass, and μ the chemical potential. The pairing gap $\Delta \ge 0$ is treated non-self-consistently, i.e., we neglect the possible feedback effects from the magnetization on Δ . This also justifies why we have not included in $\hat{\pi}$ the contribution of the superconducting phase $\phi(\mathbf{r})$, which would enter by means of the minimal coupling substitution $A(\mathbf{r}) \mapsto A(\mathbf{r}) + \hbar \nabla \phi(\mathbf{r})/2e.$

Our model allows us to discuss in a unified manner a Rashba metal and the surface of a TI. To obtain the response coefficients χ and g_{soc} in either case, we carry out a perturbative analysis in terms of A(r) and M(r), which is described in detail in Appendixes A–D. Expanding the energy density of the system $E(\mathbf{r})$ yields that the coefficients are obtained by evaluating the expressions

$$g_{\text{soc}} = \frac{1}{2i} \int \frac{d^3 K}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(K) \sigma_z \frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(K)}{\partial k_a} \sigma_a \right], \tag{9}$$

$$g_{\text{orb}} = \frac{1}{2i} \int \frac{d^3 K}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} \left[\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(K) \sigma_z \varepsilon_{zab} \frac{k_a}{k_F} \frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(K)}{\partial k_b} \right], \quad (10)$$

$$\chi = \chi_{\rm orb} + \chi_{\rm soc}, \qquad (11)$$

where we introduced

$$\chi_{\rm orb} = e \upsilon_F g_{\rm orb}$$
 and $\chi_{\rm soc} = e \upsilon g_{\rm soc}$. (12)

The above are further expressed in terms of the Fermi velocity $v_F = \hbar k_F / m$ and the Fermi wave number $k_F =$ $\sqrt{2m|\mu|}/\hbar$. In addition, repeated index summation (a, b)(x, y) is implied and we made use of the Levi-Civita symbol ε_{zab} . In the definition of the coefficients g_{soc} and g_{orb} , we also employed the compact notation $K = (\mathbf{k}, \epsilon)$ and $\int d^3 K \equiv$ $\int d\mathbf{k} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\epsilon$. The bare Green function $\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(K)$ is defined in terms of the translationally invariant bare Hamiltonian $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0(\hat{\boldsymbol{p}})$ through the relation

$$\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0^{-1}(K) = i\epsilon - \hat{\mathcal{H}}_0(k), \qquad (13)$$

where we used the Fourier transform $\hat{p} \mapsto \hbar k$, with k denoting the wave vector.

IV. TOPOLOGICAL INSULATOR

We first investigate the above-mentioned interconversion effects for a single helical Dirac cone on the surface of a 3D TI. To describe this situation, we take the limit $m \to \infty$ in Eq. (8) and then find that $\chi = e \upsilon g_{\text{soc}}$. Interestingly, in this case, χ^{TI} can be rewritten as

$$\chi^{\mathrm{TI}} = \frac{e\varepsilon_{zab}}{4\pi\hbar} \int \frac{d^3K}{(2\pi)^2} \mathrm{Tr} \bigg[\frac{\tau_z \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(K) \sigma_z}{2i} \frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(K)}{\partial k_a} \frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0^{-1}(K)}{\partial k_b} \bigg].$$
(14)

We proceed by parametrizing the Green function as

$$\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(K) = \hat{\mathcal{U}}(k)\hat{G}_0(k,\epsilon)\hat{\mathcal{U}}^{\dagger}(k)$$
(15)

with $\hat{\mathcal{U}}(\mathbf{k}) = \exp[i\vartheta(\mathbf{k})\sigma_z/2]$, where we defined the angle $\tan \vartheta(\mathbf{k}) = -k_x/k_y$, the modulus $k = |\mathbf{k}|$, and the rotated frame Green function

$$\hat{G}_0^{-1}(k,\epsilon) = i\epsilon - \tau_z(\upsilon\hbar k\sigma_x - \mu) - \Delta\tau_x.$$
(16)

Using the above formulation, we find that χ^{TI} consists of two contributions, i.e., $\chi^{TI} = \chi^{TI,I} + \chi^{TI,II}$, where

$$\chi^{\mathrm{TI},\mathrm{s}} = -\frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \int_0^{k_c} dk \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{Tr} \left[\hat{F}^{\mathrm{s}}(k,\epsilon) \frac{\partial \hat{G}_0(k,\epsilon)}{\partial k} \right].$$
(17)

The two matrix functions appearing for s = I, II read as

$$\hat{F}^{\mathrm{I}}(k,\epsilon) = \tau_{z}$$
 and $\hat{F}^{\mathrm{II}}(k,\epsilon) = \mathcal{D}(k,\epsilon) + \sigma_{z}\mathcal{D}(k,\epsilon)\sigma_{z}$

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where we introduced the quantity:

$$\mathcal{D}(k,\epsilon) = \hat{G}_0^{-1}(k,\epsilon)[\tau_z, \hat{G}_0(k,\epsilon)]/2.$$

We observe that, in contrast to $\chi^{TI,I},$ the contribution $\chi^{TI,II}$ is nonzero only in the superconductive phase. In the following subsections we precisely obtain the quantity χ^{TI} by means of analytical methods, and explore its behavior under various conditions.

A. Quantization effects for a pristine Dirac cone in the nonsuperconductive regime

At zero temperature and pairing gap value, i.e., $\Delta = 0$, the outcome for χ^{TI} takes the transparent form

$$\chi^{\rm TI}(\Delta=0) = \operatorname{sgn}(\mu) \frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \oint_{\mathcal{C}} \frac{d\vartheta}{2\pi}, \qquad (18)$$

where the closed loop C encloses the Dirac point. From the above we conclude that χ is proportional to the vorticity of the Dirac point and, as a result, it becomes quantized. For the present model $\oint_{\mathcal{O}} d\vartheta / 2\pi = 1$ and we find

$$\chi^{\mathrm{TI}}(\Delta=0) = \chi^{\mathrm{TI},\mathrm{I}}(\Delta=0) = \mathrm{sgn}(\mu)\frac{e}{4\pi\hbar}.$$
 (19)

Notably, the above result is generalizable to the wider class of \mathcal{T} -invariant semimetals (SMs) with an odd-parity SOC of the form $d_x(\mathbf{k})\sigma_y - d_y(\mathbf{k})\sigma_x$. In this case, $\vartheta(\mathbf{k})$ has to be redefined as $\tan[\vartheta(\mathbf{k})] = -d_{v}(\mathbf{k})/d_{x}(\mathbf{k})$. Hence, for a SM band structure with touching points, we have

$$\chi^{\rm SM}(\Delta=0) = \frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \sum_{s} \omega_s \text{sgn}(\mu_s), \qquad (20)$$

where ω_s is the vorticity of the *s*th touching point and μ_s the respective chemical potential value which controls its occupation.

At this point, we also note that for a zero pairing gap Δ , Eq. (14) can be rewritten in an alternative and more transparent form, which further highlights the topological origin and robustness of $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$. By making use of the relation $\partial \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0 = -\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\partial \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0^{-1})\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0$ and the property $[\tau_z, \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(K)] = 0$, which is a consequence of the electric charge conservation which holds for $\Delta = 0$, we find that

$$\chi^{\mathrm{TI}} = \frac{e\varepsilon_{zab}}{4\pi\hbar} \int \frac{d^{3}K}{(2\pi)^{2}} \mathrm{Tr} \bigg[\frac{\tau_{z}\sigma_{z}}{2} \frac{\partial\hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}^{-1}}{\partial\epsilon} \hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0} \frac{\partial\hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}^{-1}}{\partial k_{a}} \hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0} \frac{\partial\hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}^{-1}}{\partial k_{b}} \hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0} \bigg],$$
(21)

where we omitted the argument *K* from the matrix Green function $\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(K)$ for compactness.

Noteworthy, the expression of the interconversion coefficient in Eq. (21) has a similar structure to the coefficients controlling topological spin transport in ³He [72]. Despite the fact that also in the latter case the spin current is driven by magnetization gradients, the phenomena discussed in Ref. [72] are not mediated by Rashba SOC as in the cases that we study here. Nonetheless, the similarities regarding the structure of the transport coefficients further corroborate the topological nature of the effect also in the present context. At this stage, it is also important to stress that for $\Delta = 0$ and $\mu = 0$, the matrix $\tau_z \sigma_z$ leads to a chiral symmetry since in this case $\tau_z \sigma_z \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(K) \tau_z \sigma_z = -\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0^*(K)$. This property also implies the relation $\chi^{TI}(\Delta = 0, \mu) = -\chi^{TI}(\Delta = 0, -\mu)$ which ensures that $\chi^{TI}(\Delta = \mu = 0) = 0$ as found in Eq. (19).

B. Orbital magnetization picture and realization of parity anomaly at finite density

In this section, we show that the result of Eq. (19) is also derivable using the modern theory of orbital magnetization [73,74], which is here denoted $\mathcal{M}_z(\mathbf{r})$. The latter is read out by expressing the energy density as

$$E(\mathbf{r}) = -\mathcal{M}_z(\mathbf{r})B_z(\mathbf{r}) \tag{22}$$

which further implies the following alternative defining relation for the interconversion coefficient:

$$\chi = -\frac{\delta \mathcal{M}_z(\mathbf{r})}{\delta M_z(\mathbf{r})}\Big|_{M_z(\mathbf{r})=0}.$$
(23)

It is more convenient to calculate χ by means of considering a uniform M_z which, in turn, also yields a uniform orbital magnetization. In this case, the functional derivative in the above definition simplifies to a standard partial derivative, i.e., $\delta M_z(\mathbf{r})/\delta M_z(\mathbf{r}) \mapsto \partial M_z/\partial M_z$.

Since in the normal phase of the Rashba systems of interest the band structure consists of two bands, the expression for the corresponding uniform orbital magnetization at T = 0 is well known [74], and reads as

$$\mathcal{M}_{z} = \frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \sum_{\nu=\pm 1} 2\mu\nu \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} \,\Omega(\mathbf{k})\Theta[\mu + \nu E(\mathbf{k})], \quad (24)$$

where Θ denotes the Heaviside unit step function. The above is obtained by focusing on the electron part of the respective bare Hamiltonian:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=0,M_z}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \upsilon \hbar(k_x \sigma_y - k_y \sigma_x) - M_z \sigma_z - \mu, \qquad (25)$$

which we parametrize according to the following compact manner: $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=0,M_z}(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \mathbf{d}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \mu$, where

$$\boldsymbol{d}(\boldsymbol{k}) = (-\upsilon\hbar k_{v}, \upsilon\hbar k_{x}, -M_{z}). \tag{26}$$

The above vector possesses the modulus $E(\mathbf{k}) \equiv |\mathbf{d}(\mathbf{k})|$. In addition, $\Omega(\mathbf{k})$ corresponds to the Berry curvature of the valence band, and is given as

$$\Omega(\boldsymbol{k}) = \frac{1}{2}\hat{\boldsymbol{d}}(\boldsymbol{k}) \cdot \left[\frac{\partial\hat{\boldsymbol{d}}(\boldsymbol{k})}{\partial k_x} \times \frac{\partial\hat{\boldsymbol{d}}(\boldsymbol{k})}{\partial k_y}\right] = -\frac{(\upsilon\hbar)^2 M_z}{2E^3(\boldsymbol{k})}, \quad (27)$$

where $\hat{d}(k) = d(k)/E(k)$.

The desired coefficient is thus obtained via the expression $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0) = -\partial \mathcal{M}_z / \partial M_z |_{M_z=0}$. In agreement with the results obtained in Refs. [75,76], and more recently in Ref. [46], we find the orbital magnetization

$$\mathcal{M}_z = -\frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \left[\frac{\Theta(|M_z| - |\mu|)}{|M_z|} + \frac{\Theta(|\mu| - |M_z|)}{|\mu|} \right] \mu M_z.$$

From the above result, we conclude that for $|\mu| < |M_z|$ we obtain $\mathcal{M}_z = -\text{sgn}(M_z)e\mu/4\pi\hbar$, which reflects the realization of the phenomenon of parity anomaly which is characteristic of a Dirac electron defined in two spatial dimensions with a mass M_z (cf. Ref. [77]). In this regime, the system lies in its insulating phase and parity anomaly can be understood in terms of the fractional quantization of the anomalous Hall conductance which is defined through the expression [74]

$$\sigma_H = -e \frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_z}{\partial \mu} = \operatorname{sgn}(M_z) \frac{e^2}{4\pi\hbar} = \operatorname{sgn}(M_z) \frac{G_0}{2}, \qquad (28)$$

where $G_0 = e^2/h$ is the unit of conductance and *h* is the Planck constant. The effect is termed anomalous because σ_H depends only on the sign of the Dirac mass M_z and not its magnitude.

In this work, we are instead interested in the limit $|\mu| > |M_z|$ since M_z is considered to be a weak perturbation. In this regime, the theory of orbital magnetization reproduces as expected the expression in Eq. (19). Remarkably, we demonstrate that even in the metallic phase one can define a quantized quantity which plays an analogous role to σ_H in the insulating phase. Indeed, the quantized quantity here is given by

$$\chi = -\frac{\partial \mathcal{M}_z}{\partial M_z}\Big|_{M_z=0},\tag{29}$$

i.e., the derivative of the orbital magnetization with respect to the Dirac mass. Hence, our central result is that massive and massless Dirac electrons exhibit a quantized response even in the metallic phase, which is now anomalous in the sense that the quantized quantity (interconversion coefficient in our context) satisfies $\chi \propto \text{sgn}(\mu)$.

C. Landau-level picture for uniform magnetization gradients

In the special case of uniform magnetization gradients, the arising spin and current responses can be understood through the emergence of gapful and gapless Landau level bands.

1. In-plane magnetization gradients

We first consider a spatial gradient for the in-plane magnetization of the form $M_y(y) = By$. Without loss of generality, we consider that the slope of the above-mentioned spatial profile is positive, i.e., $B = \partial_y M_y > 0$. In addition, we introduce



FIG. 2. In (a) [(b)] we depict the energy dispersions obtained when the nonsuperconducting surface states of the 3D TI are under the influence of a uniform magnetization gradient in the M_y (M_z) component, which becomes inhomogeneous along the y axis. The chemical potential is set to zero for convenience. The system is additionally coupled to a uniform magnetization component M_z (M_y) which is employed to evaluate the induced uniform spin density S_z (S_y). For a uniform gradient of the in-plane magnetization, the induced spin density S_z solely results from the n = 0 Landau level when $M_z \rightarrow 0$. Similarly, in the limit $M_y \rightarrow 0$ and a uniform gradient in the out-of-plane magnetization, the induced spin density S_y stems only from the n = 0 energy band which is now dispersive. For the plots we used $M_y = M_z = 0.5\hbar\omega_B$, $\hbar\omega_B = 1$, $\mu = 0$, and $v\hbar k_x \in [-1, 1]$.

an auxiliary uniform out-of-plane magnetization component M_z . The latter will allow us to calculate the induced outof-plane spin density S_z and, in turn, the coefficient $g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{TI}} = \chi^{\text{TI}}/ev$. The respective Hamiltonian takes the following form:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=0,M_z}(\hat{p}_y, y, k_x) = (\upsilon\hbar k_x - \mathcal{B}y)\sigma_y - \upsilon\hat{p}_y\sigma_x - M_z\sigma_z - \mu.$$
(30)

Following standard methods which are detailed in Appendix B 2, we find the energy dispersions of the system:

$$E_0(k_x, M_z) = M_z - \mu \quad \text{and} \tag{31}$$

$$E_{n,\pm}(k_x, M_z) = \pm E_n(M_z) - \mu$$
 (32)

with $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$. In the above, we introduced the energy levels for $n \ge 1$:

$$E_n(M_z) = \sqrt{(\hbar\omega_{\mathcal{B}})^2 n + M_z^2}$$
(33)

with the frequency $\omega_{\mathcal{B}} = \sqrt{2}\upsilon/\ell_{\mathcal{B}}$ and the length scale $\ell_{\mathcal{B}} = \sqrt{\upsilon\hbar/\mathcal{B}}$. The arising Landau-level band structure is depicted in Fig. 2(a). As we explain in Appendix B 2, the generation of the out-of-plane spin density S_z , according to Eq. (4), solely results from the presence of the zeroth Landau level corresponding to the quantum number with value n = 0.

2. Out-of-plane magnetization gradients

We now proceed with examining the other possible scenario, that is, to have a spatially varying out-of-plane magnetization. In the following, we consider the concrete profile $M_z(y) = By$, where now $B = \partial_y M_z$. Without any loss of generality, B is considered positive in the analysis below. Since for such a magnetization profile we expect the generation of a uniform spin density S_y , we also consider the presence of a uniform in-plane magnetization M_y . Thus, the Hamiltonian describing this situation now becomes

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=0,M_y}(\hat{p}_y, y, k_x) = (\upsilon\hbar k_x - M_y)\sigma_y - \upsilon\hat{p}_y\sigma_x - \mathcal{B}y\sigma_z - \mu.$$
(34)

Similar to the previous case, also here, the Hamiltonian is described by a spectrum of the form $E_0(k_x, M_y)$ and $E_{n,\pm}(k_x, M_y)$ with $n \in \mathbb{N}^+$. However, as we discuss in more detail in Appendix B 2, the dispersions here have a different structure as one observes from the expressions shown below:

$$E_0(k_x, M_y) = \upsilon \hbar k_x - M_y - \mu \quad \text{and} \tag{35}$$

$$E_{n,\pm}(k_x, M_y) = \pm E_n(k_x, M_y) - \mu,$$
(36)

in which we introduced the energies for $n \ge 1$:

$$E_n(k_x, M_y) = \sqrt{(\hbar\omega_{\mathcal{B}})^2 n + (\upsilon\hbar k_x - M_y)^2}.$$
 (37)

Indeed, we observe that significant differences arise between the spectra of the two different types of magnetization gradients. See for a comparison Figs. 2(a) and 2(b). The most notable difference is that for the in-plane case we obtained a collection of flat bands, while in the out-of-plane situation the resulting bands are dispersive. Since the eigenenergies are even under $k_x \leftrightarrow -k_x$ for $M_y = \mu = 0$, one finds that similar to the previous paragraph, also here, it is the mode associated with the n = 0 level which contributes to the response of the system. In the present case, the n = 0 corresponds to a chiral mode that appears at the boundary of a quantum anomalous Hall insulator described by the Hamiltonian $\alpha \upsilon \hbar (k_x \sigma_y - k_y \sigma_x) - M_z \sigma_z - \mu$. This boundary is defined as the line across which M_z changes sign.

Concluding this paragraph, we remark that for uniform gradients of the out-of-plane magnetization alternative adiabatic approaches also apply. These are discussed in Appendix B 3.

D. Deviations away from a pristine Dirac cone

We now consider deviations from the ideal Dirac cone structure of the TI surface states in the nonsuperconducting case since it is crucial to assert the degree of robustness of the quantization of the interconversion coefficient. Specifically, we now allow for the effective mass m to be finite, but yet set it to be sufficiently large so not to lead to an additional helical branch. Even more, we add possible warping terms (cf. Ref. [40] and references therein), which enter in the TI surface states Hamiltonian through the term $\gamma k_x (k_x^2 - 3k_y^2)\sigma_z$. The latter is expressed in the basis which does not include pairing. In the presence of these two terms, χ^{TI} and g_{soc}^{TI} are no longer expected to be proportional, i.e., $\chi^{TI} \neq evg_{soc}^{TI}$.

It is thus interesting to explore whether the quantization effects at $\Delta = 0$ persist when 1/m and γ are small and their effects can be examined perturbatively. We perform related calculations in Appendixes B4 and B5, using the methods of linear response and the orbital magnetization approach, respectively.

We indeed show that including a quadratic kinetic energy $(\hbar k)^2/2m$ and a warping term $\gamma k_x (k_x^2 - 3k_y^2)\sigma_z$ leads to $\chi^{TI} \neq e \upsilon g_{soc}^{TI}$. In more detail, a perturbative expansion in γ and 1/m yields that $g_{soc}^{TI}(\Delta = 0)$ is affected by these only at second order or higher. Specifically, up to second order we obtain the following expression:

$$g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0) = \frac{\text{sgn}(\mu)}{4\pi \upsilon \hbar} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu}{m\upsilon^2}\right)^2 - \frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{\gamma \mu^2}{(\upsilon \hbar)^3}\right]^2 \right\}.$$
(38)

In stark contrast, $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$ becomes already modified at first order in 1/m by an amount of $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)\mu/m\upsilon^2$. In particular, by retaining up to second-order terms in γ and 1/m, we find

$$\chi^{\rm TI}(\Delta = 0) = e \upsilon g_{\rm soc}^{\rm TI}(\Delta = 0) + \frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \frac{|\mu|}{m\upsilon^2} \left(1 - \frac{\mu}{m\upsilon^2}\right).$$
(39)

Notably, aside from the part of $\chi^{TI}(\Delta = 0)$ which is proportional to the modified $g_{soc}^{TI}(\Delta = 0)$, the additional term affects $\chi^{TI}(\Delta = 0)$ at first order with respect to 1/m, due to the vertex correction $\propto k/m$. See Appendix B 4 for additional related details.

In conclusion, the dichotomy emerging from the above results reveals that the interconversion coefficient $g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$ is better protected than the coefficient $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$. Hence, measuring the arising spin density appears as a more robust route in order to experimentally identify these phenomena.

E. Accounting for the Zeeman effect

Up to now, we have fully neglected the consequences of the Zeeman effect. As we showed in Sec. II, the interconversion coefficient χ becomes already modified for an arbitrarily weak value of the Landé factor g, therefore implying that it is important to examine the robustness of the quantized phenomena found here. Notably, however, g_{soc} is not affected by the Zeeman coupling.

In order to infer the degree of the quantization of $\chi^{TI}(\Delta = 0)$ for a pristine Dirac cone against the deviations introduced by the Zeeman coupling to the external field, it is required to calculate the out-of-plane static spin susceptibility χ_{\perp}^{spin} , which is given by the expression

$$\chi_{\perp}^{\text{spin}} = -\int \frac{d^3K}{(2\pi)^3} \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[\sigma_z \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(K)]^2 = \frac{\Lambda - |\mu|}{2\pi (\upsilon \hbar)^2}$$

Notably, the term $\propto \Lambda$ is spurious and needs to be dropped since it contains unphysical contributions from regions far away from the Fermi level. A similar argument was previously invoked in Ref. [78] for the calculation of the superfluid stiffness of superconducting Dirac electrons. Hence, the properly regularized out-of-plane spin susceptibility is of diamagnetic nature and reads as

$$\chi_{\perp}^{\rm spin} = -\frac{|\mu|}{2\pi (\upsilon\hbar)^2}.$$
(40)

As consequence, taking into account the Zeeman effect leads to the contribution $\chi_Z = -g\mu_B |\mu| / [4\pi (\upsilon \hbar)^2]$. Considering for simplicity g = 2, and by replacing the magneton Bohr μ_B by its defining expression, we find that

$$\chi_Z = -\frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \frac{|\mu|}{m_e \upsilon^2},\tag{41}$$

where m_e denotes the electron's mass. From the above, we immediately observe that the correction due to the Zeeman coupling is of the same form as the one induced by the quadratic kinetic energy at lowest order in 1/m, but for a mass given by m_e . See Eq. (39) for a comparison. We thus conclude that as long as the system is tuned near the Dirac point and the strength of the SOC is sufficiently strong, the correction due to the Zeeman effects is negligible. Even more, for $m = m_e$ the Zeeman contribution to \mathcal{X} becomes canceled out by the linear order term in μ appearing in χ^{TI} , thus rendering the spin and current responses equally protected against these types of perturbations.

F. Effect of a superconducting gap

The remarkable quantization encountered above for $\chi^{TI}(\Delta = 0)$ is always spoiled upon introducing the pairing term. Aside from the fact that $\chi^{TI,II}$ is rendered nonzero, corrections are also introduced to $\chi^{TI,I}$ of Eq. (19), which now becomes

$$\frac{\chi^{\mathrm{TI},1}(\Delta)}{\chi^{\mathrm{TI}}(\Delta=0)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\lambda^2}} \equiv \frac{1}{f_{\lambda}},\tag{42}$$

where $f_z = \sqrt{1 + z^2}$ and $\lambda = \Delta/|\mu|$. On top of the above, one now finds the following additional contribution stemming solely from the presence of a pairing gap:

$$\frac{\chi^{\mathrm{TI},\mathrm{II}}(\Delta)}{\chi^{\mathrm{TI}}(\Delta=0)} = -\frac{1}{2}\frac{1}{f_{\lambda}} + \frac{\lambda^2}{2} \left[\frac{1}{f_{\lambda}} + \ln\left(\frac{\lambda}{1+f_{\lambda}}\right)\right].$$
 (43)

Notably, we find that the above term does not vanish in the limit $\Delta \to 0^+$, but instead it becomes quantized according to $\chi^{\text{TI,II}}(\Delta \to 0^+) = -\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)/2$. The arising discontinuous behavior of χ^{TI} across $\Delta = 0$ implies that superconductivity leads to nonperturbative effects, and hints towards the involvement of a quantum anomaly [1,2,77]. The latter can be attributed to the emergence of additional Dirac cones upon adding superconductivity, as sketched in the inset of Fig. 3. There, we further show the precise dependence of χ^{TI} on λ , and find that χ^{TI} is suppressed upon increasing its strength.



FIG. 3. Dependence of the interconversion coefficients for a 2D TI surface harboring a single pristine Dirac cone. The coefficient $\chi^{TI} = e \upsilon g_{soc}^{TI}$ consists of the parts $\chi^{TI,I/II}$ which exhibit quantum anomalies. First, $\chi^{TI,I}$ is independent of υ and persists in the limit $\upsilon \to 0$. Second, $\chi^{TI,II}$ remains nonzero in the limit $\Delta \to 0^+$. The latter leads to the jumps observed and can be attributed to the additional Dirac cones formed away from $\mathbf{k} = \mathbf{0}$ shown in the inset.

V. RASHBA METAL

We now proceed with the case of a Rashba metal (M) which is one of the most widely and routinely used systems in nanoelectronics and spintronics. The consideration of a Rashba metal is here important for one more reason. Since the nonsuperconducting band structure of a Rashba metal consists of two helical branches, it can be viewed under certain conditions as a system which effectively hosts two pristine Dirac cones. This, in fact, becomes especially important when examining its topological properties and responses. As a result of this property, we anticipate that anomalies such as the ones arising for the TI are not relevant for a Rashba metal, due to the even number of Dirac fermions, and it is therefore crucial to explore what type of new physics appears in the present context for such metallic systems.

Based on the above discussion, our main expectation is to find $g_{soc}^{M} = 0$ when the temperature and pairing gap are zero. Notably, this holds only as long as the mismatch in the occupation of the two helical branches is negligible. This condition is automatically satisfied in the so-called quasiclassical limit, where the chemical potential is positive and much larger than the SOC energy scale $E_{soc} = \upsilon \hbar k_F$ and the pairing gap Δ .

Since for a Rashba metal we do not expect quantization effects analogous to the ones encountered in Sec. IV for TI surface states, we mainly examine the impact of a pairing gap and the Zeeman effect on the interconversion coefficient. Straightforward calculations using linear response in the quasiclassical limit, which we detail in Appendixes C and D, lead to a set of results that we append and discuss below.

A. Zero pairing gap

In the nonsuperconducting phase we find that

$$g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{M}}(\Delta=0) = 0. \tag{44}$$

The above indeed confirms that possible anomalous contributions from the two occupied helical branches cancel each other out. On the other hand, we find the following two contributions:

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$$g_{\text{orb}}^{\text{M,intra}}(\Delta=0) = -g_{\text{orb}}^{\text{M,inter}}(\Delta=0) = \frac{1}{4\pi\hbar\nu_F}.$$
 (45)

Hence, the above cancel each other out, further implying that $\chi^{M}(\Delta = 0) = 0$. Therefore, within the quasiclassical limit adopted here, and by not considering the Zeeman effect, both spin and current densities are negligible. Notably, the above result holds even in the presence of weak disorder, i.e., with a strength which leads to a level broadening much smaller than the spin splitting induced by the Rashba SOC. See Appendix C for additional details.

B. Nonzero pairing gap

We now we carry out linear response in the presence of a nonzero pairing gap. Related details are once again discussed in Appendix C. First, we find the following analytical result:

$$g_{\rm soc}^{\rm M}(\delta) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\hbar\upsilon} \left(\frac{\delta}{f_{\delta}}\right)^2 \left[1 + \left(f_{\delta} + f_{\delta}^{-1}\right)\ln\left(\frac{\delta}{1+f_{\delta}}\right)\right],\tag{46}$$

where $\delta = \Delta/E_{\text{soc}}$. The above is well behaved in the limit $\delta \to 0$, where we find $g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{M}}(\delta \to 0) = 0$. Therefore, $g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{M}}(\delta)$ is continuous upon varying δ .

The evaluation of χ^{M} requires obtaining the contribution associated with g_{orb} . Here, this coefficient retains both intraband and interband contributions, which read as

$$g_{\text{orb}}^{\text{M,intra}}(\delta) = +\frac{1}{4\pi\hbar\upsilon_F}\sum_{s=\pm}\frac{1}{2}\frac{\Gamma_s}{\sqrt{\Gamma_s^2+\delta^2}},\qquad(47)$$

$$g_{\text{orb}}^{\text{M,inter}}(\delta) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\hbar\nu_F} \bigg[1 + \frac{\delta^2}{f_\delta} \ln\left(\frac{\delta}{1+f_\delta}\right) \bigg], \quad (48)$$

where we phenomenologically included the broadenings Γ_{\pm} as we describe in Appendix C. Note that we consider broadening effects only for the intraband term, in order to emphasize that this contribution is sensitive even to the slightest presence of disorder and deviations away from zero temperature. Interestingly, an analogous behavior dictates the intrinsic SHE [6,71].

From Eq. (47), we infer that $g_{\text{orb}}^{\text{M,intra}}$ is discontinuous across $\Delta = 0$ for a clean system. Indeed, for $\delta \neq 0$ the limit $\Gamma_s \rightarrow 0$ yields

$$g_{\text{orb, clean}}^{\text{M,intra}}(\delta \to 0^+) = 0 \text{ and } g_{\text{orb}}^{\text{M, clean}}(\delta) = -\frac{1}{4\pi\hbar\upsilon_F}.$$
(49)

The above implies that now $g_{orb}^{M}(\delta \rightarrow 0) = g_{orb}^{M,inter}$ and, thus, it becomes nonzero already in the presence of an infinitesimally weak pairing gap.

We remind the reader that in the nonsuperconducting regime ($\delta = 0$) we obtained that $g_{orb}^{M,intra}$ is nonzero and, in fact, it attained a value which fully canceled $g_{orb}^{M,inter}$ out. Therefore, we conclude that in the quasiclassical clean case, a nonzero pairing gap unlocks both interconversion channels, with coefficients whose dependence on δ is shown in Fig. 4.



FIG. 4. Dependence of the interconversion coefficients for a Rashba metal. The coefficients here do not exhibit anomalies since the Rashba metal contains two helical branches. See inset. χ^{M} is continuous in the presence of disorder, while it becomes discontinuous across $\Delta = 0$ in the clean case. We used $\Gamma_{\pm} = \Gamma$.

C. Impact of the Zeeman effect

In order to fully infer the dependence of \mathcal{X} , our results need to be supplemented with the Zeeman contribution. For this purpose, we first obtain the out-of-plane spin susceptibility for a Rashba metal:

$$\chi_{\perp}^{\text{spin}}(\mathbf{v}) = 2\nu_F \left[1 - \frac{\ln(\mathbf{v} + \sqrt{1 + \mathbf{v}^2})}{\mathbf{v}\sqrt{1 + \mathbf{v}^2}} \right],$$
 (50)

where $v_F = m/2\pi\hbar^2$ defines the normal phase density of states per spin evaluated at the Fermi level. The susceptibility is more conveniently parametrized in terms of the ratio $v = 1/\delta = E_{\rm soc}/\Delta$.

One finds that for v = 0 the susceptibility vanishes since the spin degree of freedom becomes fully quenched for a conventional *s*-wave superconductor at zero temperature. Introducing instead a nonzero Rashba SOC lifts $\chi_{\perp}^{\text{spin}}$ from zero. When $v \rightarrow \infty$ the susceptibility becomes equal to $2v_F$, i.e., reaches the normal phase value under the condition $E_F \gg E_{\text{soc}}$. Given the above, we now obtain the Zeeman contribution χ_Z . For a system with g = 2 and $m = m_e$, where m_e defines the electron mass, we find the following expression $\chi_Z = \mu_B \chi_{\perp}^{\text{spin}}$. The most interesting limit is when $E_{\text{soc}} \gg \Delta$ since, there, also the coefficient χ is substantial. In this case, we find

$$\chi_Z(E_{\rm soc} \gg \Delta) = \frac{e\hbar}{2m_e} \frac{2m_e}{2\pi\hbar^2} = 2\frac{e}{4\pi\hbar}.$$
 (51)

Quite interestingly, we find that the contribution of the Zeeman effect is not only non-negligible for the present system, but it is even twice as that of χ . We provide a comparison of the relative strengths of χ and χ_Z in Fig. 5. Therefore, accounting for the Zeeman effect is crucial for a Rashba metal.

To this end, it is important to mention that the Zeeman effect may be negligible or strongly dominant for a Rashba 2D electron gas (2DEG), where the Fermi energy E_F is comparable or even smaller to E_{soc} and Δ . Based, on the results obtained for the helical surface states of a 3D TI in Sec. IV E, we expect the Zeeman effect to be negligible for a low-doped Rashba 2DEG with $g \sim 2$.



FIG. 5. Comparison of the interconversion coefficients χ and χ_Z for a Rashba metal, upon varying the ratio Δ/E_{soc} . Here, the inclusion of the Zeeman contribution χ_Z to the interconversion coefficient \mathcal{X} is crucial since the former is comparable to and even larger than χ . We observe that the Zeeman effect renders \mathcal{X} positive in the entire parameter regime. For the numerical evaluation we used $\Gamma_{\pm} = \Gamma$.

VI. EXPERIMENTAL RELEVANCE

The findings that we put forward in the preceding sections find application in a broad range of phenomena and systems. Among others, the spin and current generation stemming from magnetization gradients discussed here appear particularly prominent for topological spintronics, tailoring and utilizing magnetic textures, providing alternative routes to nonreciprocal transport and superconducting diodes, and for engineering Majorana zero modes.

A. Single-surface detection of topological helical surface states

First, the measurement of g_{soc}^{TI} enables the detection of the helical Dirac states appearing on a given TI surface since this interconversion coefficient is ultimately linked to the fractionally quantized anomalous Hall conductance, which is considered to be their hallmark signature. Notably, the fractional Hall conductance cannot be isolated in quantum Hall measurements since these probe pairs of surfaces [79,80]. However, theoretical works [81,82] and recent experiments [83] have shown that other experimental signatures, such as, the Faraday and Kerr effects, may be equally capable of capturing the presence of these modes on a single surface.

Our analysis provides a prominent route for unequivocally detecting helical surface states on a given surface. In particular, this becomes possible by detecting a quantized $g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{TI}}$ coefficient, which is expected to be an experimentally observable phenomenon when the Fermi level is tuned near the Dirac touching point of the surface band structure. Our analysis also predicts the emergence of a quantized $g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{TI}}$ in semimagnetic TIs [83] and thus opens an alternative detection path for parity anomaly.

B. Skyrmion-vortex composite pairs

Our results also underline the need to revisit the conditions for stabilizing Bloch skyrmion-superconducting vortex excitations since the emergence of such composite objects is governed by the value of χ [50]. A previous work [65] has



FIG. 6. Cartoon of an experimental setup for observing the superconducting diode effect in the *x* axis, i.e., a nonreciprocal current J_x due to a gradient of the out-of-plane magnetization along the *y* axis. The magnetization profile can be induced by the fringing field of an array of nanomagnets.

shown that $\chi^{\rm M} \propto (E_{\rm soc}/E_F)^2$, under the assumptions $\Delta \rightarrow 0$ and a non-negligible ratio $E_{\rm soc}/E_F$.

In contrast, here we take $E_F \rightarrow \infty$, which we believe is a limit that better captures the situation realized in typical metals. In this regime, we show that $\chi^{\rm M}$ exhibits a nonmonotonic trend with $\Delta/E_{\rm soc}$. Hence, the value of $\Delta/E_{\rm soc}$ is crucial and needs to be optimized for achieving a substantial Bloch skyrmion-vortex coupling. Furthermore, we reveal that in a TI this coupling always gets suppressed upon increasing the pairing gap. This undesired property can be detrimental for engineering Majorana zero modes.

Skyrmion-vortex excitations have been recently experimentally achieved [84] without, however, using a magnetoelectric mechanism [50]. Instead, the stray field of the skyrmions was harnessed to induce (anti)vortices [52]. Thus, our results reveal the previously unexplored influence of superconductivity on the coupling, and promise to guide the search for new platforms which can enable Bloch skyrmionvortex excitations [50].

C. Superconducting diode effects

Our analysis also opens up nonstandard pathways to induce nonreciprocal currents in Rashba SCs. According to previous theoretical works [85–87], the diode effects in Refs. [24–26] can be possibly reconciled in terms of a Rashba SOC and a parallel Zeeman field, which induce a finite-momentum helical Cooper pairing [88–92].

Here, we predict that the diode effect can be also generated in the materials of Refs. [24–26] by alternatively imposing a constant gradient on an out-of-plane exchange field $M_z(\mathbf{r})$ [93]. The latter magnetization can be engineered using, for instance, the fringing fields of a nearby array of nanomagnets [30,38]. See Fig. 6 for a cartoon depiction of the proposed setup.

D. Majorana zero modes pinned by ferromagnetic impurities

Finally, our proposed effects bring forward an alternative route to pin superconducting vortices from an out-of-plane magnetization $M_z(\mathbf{r})$. In the presence of Rashba SOC, $M_z(\mathbf{r})$ is converted into an in-plane magnetization $\propto \nabla M_z(\mathbf{r})$. This, in turn, induces an out-of-plane magnetic flux $\propto \nabla^2 M_z(\mathbf{r})$,

which promotes vortices [94]. Based on results of previous works [59,61,62], we infer that the arising magnetization $(g_{soc}\partial_x M_z(\mathbf{r}), g_{soc}\partial_y M_z(\mathbf{r}), M_z(\mathbf{r}))$ is of the meron type and traps a Majorana zero mode [94].

VII. SUMMARY

In this work, we investigate the spin and current generation of systems with Rashba type of spin-orbit coupling due to magnetization gradients. The latter can arise due to arrays of nanomagnets, magnetic impurities, magnetic textures, and others. Our fully analytical approach covers all the above-mentioned scenarios. Specifically, we infer the interconversion coefficients which control the emergence of spin and current densities in the case of 2D Rashba metals and surfaces of 3D topological insulators.

Our study reveals that for helical surface states on a topological insulator which are dictated by a pristine Dirac cone energy spectrum, the generation of spin and current are both governed by the same interconversion coefficient. Remarkably, the latter is a topological invariant quantity, and this is reflected in the fact that it is proportional to the vorticity of the Dirac point. As we discuss, such a phenomenon is a manifestation of parity anomaly at finite density and, therefore, unveils a different class of topological effects for Dirac systems which take place in their metallic, instead of their insulating, regime.

The topological nature of the interconversion coefficient further guarantees that this is robust against the addition of various types of weak perturbations. In particular, we first demonstrate that the inclusion of a superconducting gap always suppresses the above interconversion phenomena, which can be an obstacle for applications in the direction of topological superconductivity. Further, we additionally consider the effects of the presence of a quadratic kinetic energy term and a hexagonal warping term. We find that in this case the spin and current generation are controlled by different coefficients, with the generation of spin being a more robust phenomenon that the induction of electrical currents. Therefore, measuring the spin density induced by a ferromagnetic insulator placed in proximity to a single surface, promises to provide an alternative route to detect parity anomaly at finite density [76], which appears feasible to observe in the so-called semimagnetic topological insulators [83]. Notably, pathways to detect the protected helical states on a given surface of a topological insulator are long sought after since observing the fractionally quantized anomalous Hall effect is practically not possible.

Aside from topological insulator surfaces, our work discusses a closely related system, i.e., the 2D Rashba metal. Within a continuum description, the latter contains two Kramers degenerate points in its band structure, which in certain limits can be viewed as two Dirac touching points of opposite vorticity. Hence, the single-branch Dirac fermion anomalies encountered for a single topological insulator surface do not appear for a Rashba metal. Nonetheless, a rich variety of quantization phenomena and discontinuous interconversion coefficients emerge also in the present case but exhibit different behaviors. One of the key results is that spin and current responses to magnetization gradients are in general controlled by different coefficients, which exhibit discontinuous when superconductivity is introduced to the system. Moreover, the coefficient χ controlling current generation exhibits a nonmonotonic behavior with the pairing gap, which is a property that can guide the design of hybrid systems targeted for engineering Majorana zero modes using magnetic texture defects [56–62].

The last part of our work focuses on the experimental relevance of our results. Aside from the potential applications in detecting parity anomaly in alternative systems using different routes, our work is strongly relevant for situations in which magnetic textures are employed as an ingredient for engineering Majorana zero modes. As a matter of fact, our work provides analytical expressions for coefficients which control the coupling between magnetic textures and superconductivity, thus enabling the improved experimental control on such systems. Even more, our study unearths possibilities for superconducting diode effects, which reside on magnetization gradients introduced in the out-of-plane magnetization of 2D Rashba superconductors. This possibility stems from the Rashba spin-orbit coupling instead of the usual Zeeman effect. Interestingly, such a magnetization-gradient-diode effect is in principle detectable in a number of superconductors where the diode effect has been already experimentally but in the presence of an in-plane magnetic field [24–26]. Further investigations of the engineering of Majorana zero modes and the type of diode effects proposed here will appear soon in Refs. [93,94].

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APPENDIX A: MICROSCOPIC FORMALISM FOR DERIVING THE INTERCONVERSION COEFFICIENTS

We start from Eq. (7) of the main text and carry out a perturbative expansion of the energy per area of the system in terms of $M_{x,y,z}(\mathbf{r})$ and $A_{x,y}(\mathbf{r})$. In most cases, we consider the zero-temperature matrix Green function framework [1,2], which can be obtained from the Matsubara formalism [95] after taking the limit $T \to 0$. *T* is the temperature in energy units. The bare Matsubara Green function is given by $\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0^{-1}(\mathbf{k}, ik_n) = ik_n - \hat{\mathcal{H}}_0(\mathbf{k})$, where k_n correspond to fermionic Matsubara frequencies [95]. In the limit $T \to 0$, the Matsubara summation $T \sum_{ik_n}$ is replaced by the integral $\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\epsilon/2\pi$, where $\epsilon \in (-\infty, +\infty)$.

Starting from the Matsubara formalism, we first obtain the free energy per area \mathcal{F} up to second order in the single-particle Hamiltonian operator \hat{V} which contains the perturbation. Textbook result yields that at second order the free energy acquires the contribution $\mathcal{F}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0 \hat{V})^2$, where $\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0$ corresponds to the operator form of the bare Matsubara Green function, and tr denotes trace over all possible degree of freedom [1].

At this point, we obtain the form of the perturbation term \hat{V} . For this purpose, we introduce the plane-wave basis for the spinor in Eq. (7) of the main text, i.e., $\Psi(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int d\mathbf{k} \ e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \Psi(\mathbf{k})$. We also define the Fourier transform of the

vector potential and magnetization according to the general definition $a(\mathbf{r}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^2} \int d\mathbf{q} \ e^{i\mathbf{q}\cdot\mathbf{r}} a(\mathbf{q})$. The above procedure allows us to rewrite Eq. (7) of the main text in momentum space:

$$H = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{q}}{(2\pi)^2} \Psi^{\dagger}(\boldsymbol{k} + \boldsymbol{q}) [\hat{\mathcal{H}}_0(\boldsymbol{k})(2\pi)^2 \delta(\boldsymbol{q}) + \langle \boldsymbol{k} + \boldsymbol{q} | \hat{V} | \boldsymbol{k} \rangle] \\ \times \Psi(\boldsymbol{k}),$$

where we introduced the matrix elements $\langle \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q} | \hat{V} | \mathbf{k} \rangle$ of the perturbation term. After dropping the diamagnetic coupling to the vector potential, and neglecting at this stage possible Landau-level quantization effects, we have

$$\langle \mathbf{k} + \mathbf{q} | \hat{V} | \mathbf{k}
angle = \left[\frac{e\hbar}{m} \left(\mathbf{k} + \frac{\mathbf{q}}{2} \right) + e \upsilon(\sigma_y, -\sigma_x) \right] \cdot \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{q}) - \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{q}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma}.$$

With the help of the above, we now obtain the quadratic contribution of the above perturbation to the free energy per area, which reads as

$$\mathcal{F}^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{q}}{(2\pi)^2} \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{k}}{(2\pi)^2} T \sum_{ik_n} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr}[\langle \boldsymbol{k} | \hat{V} | \boldsymbol{k} + \boldsymbol{q} \rangle$$
$$\times \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\boldsymbol{k} + \boldsymbol{q}, ik_n) \langle \boldsymbol{k} + \boldsymbol{q} | \hat{V} | \boldsymbol{k} \rangle \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\boldsymbol{k}, ik_n)].$$
(A1)

Note that the factor of $\frac{1}{2}$ appearing in front of the trace operation Tr is introduced to avoid double counting the electronic degrees of freedom.

The desired coefficients χ and $g_{orb,soc}$ are read out from the above expression. Specifically, χ is obtained from the following contribution to the free energy:

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{F}_{M_z;\mathbf{A}}^{(2)} &= -\int \frac{d\boldsymbol{q}}{(2\pi)^2} M_z(-\boldsymbol{q}) \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{k}}{(2\pi)^2} T \\ &\times \sum_{ik_n} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \sigma_z \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\boldsymbol{k} + \boldsymbol{q}, ik_n) \left[\frac{e\hbar}{m} \left(\boldsymbol{k} + \frac{\boldsymbol{q}}{2} \right) \right. \right. \\ &+ e \upsilon(\sigma_y, -\sigma_x) \left] \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\boldsymbol{k}, ik_n) \right\} \cdot \boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{q}) \\ &\equiv -\int \frac{d\boldsymbol{q}}{(2\pi)^2} M_z(-\boldsymbol{q}) \Pi_{M_z A_a}(\boldsymbol{q}) A_a(\boldsymbol{q}), \end{aligned}$$

where repeated index summation is above implied with a = x, y and we introduced the polarization tensor

$$\Pi_{M_{z}A_{a}}(\boldsymbol{q}) = \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{k}}{(2\pi)^{2}} T \sum_{ik_{n}} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr} \left\{ \sigma_{z} \hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}(\boldsymbol{k} + \boldsymbol{q}, ik_{n}) \right.$$
$$\times \left[\frac{e\hbar}{m} \left(k_{a} + \frac{q_{a}}{2} \right) + e \upsilon \varepsilon_{zab} \sigma_{b} \right] \hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}(\boldsymbol{k}, ik_{n}) \right\}.$$

Next, we express $\mathcal{F}_{M_{\tau}:A}^{(2)}$ according to

$$\mathcal{F}_{M_z;A}^{(2)} = \chi \int d\mathbf{r} \, M_z(\mathbf{r}) B_z(\mathbf{r})$$
$$= \chi \int d\mathbf{r} \, M_z(\mathbf{r}) [\partial_x A_y(\mathbf{r}) - \partial_y A_x(\mathbf{r})]$$
$$\equiv \chi \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} \, M_z(-\mathbf{q}) [iq_x A_y(\mathbf{q}) - iq_y A_x(\mathbf{q})]$$

and we find that

$$\chi = \frac{1}{2i} \left[\frac{\partial \Pi_{M_z A_x}(\boldsymbol{q})}{\partial q_y} - \frac{\partial \Pi_{M_z A_y}(\boldsymbol{q})}{\partial q_x} \right]_{\boldsymbol{q} = \boldsymbol{0}}.$$
 (A2)

The above expression directly leads to Eqs. (9)–(11) of the main text. A couple of related comments are in place. We first note that the component $\propto q/2$ of the vertex $e\hbar(k + q/2)/m$ does not contribute to χ . Second, to obtain the expressions in the main text, we take the zero-temperature limit and replace the Matsubara frequencies ik_n by $i\epsilon$, and the respective summations by suitable integrations.

Following a similar procedure one obtains the coefficient g_{soc} . To transparently demonstrate this, we focus on the following contribution appearing in $\mathcal{F}^{(2)}$:

$$\mathcal{F}_{M_z;M_{x,y}}^{(2)} = \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{q}}{(2\pi)^2} M_z(-\boldsymbol{q}) \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{k}}{(2\pi)^2} T$$

$$\times \sum_{ik_n} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr} \{\sigma_z \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\boldsymbol{k} + \boldsymbol{q}, ik_n)$$

$$\times [M_x(\boldsymbol{q})\sigma_x + M_y(\boldsymbol{q})\sigma_y] \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\boldsymbol{k}, ik_n)\}$$

$$\equiv -\int \frac{d\boldsymbol{q}}{(2\pi)^2} M_z(-\boldsymbol{q}) \chi_{M_z M_a}^{\operatorname{spin}}(\boldsymbol{q}) M_a(\boldsymbol{q}),$$

where we introduced the spin susceptibility:

$$\chi_{M_z M_a}^{\text{spin}}(\boldsymbol{q}) = -\int \frac{d\boldsymbol{k}}{(2\pi)^2} T \sum_{ik_n} \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}[\sigma_z \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\boldsymbol{k} + \boldsymbol{q}, ik_n) \\ \times \sigma_a \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\boldsymbol{k}, ik_n)].$$

Next, we express $\mathcal{F}_{M_z;M_{x,y}}^{(2)}$ according to

$$\mathcal{F}_{M_z;M_{x,y}}^{(2)} = g_{\text{soc}} \int d\mathbf{r} \, M_z(\mathbf{r}) \nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r})$$

$$\equiv g_{\text{soc}} \int \frac{d\mathbf{q}}{(2\pi)^2} \, M_z(-\mathbf{q}) [iq_x M_x(\mathbf{q}) + iq_y M_y(\mathbf{q})]$$

and obtain the expression for g_{soc} :

$$g_{\text{soc}} = -\frac{1}{2i} \left[\frac{\partial \chi_{M_z M_x}^{\text{spin}}(\boldsymbol{q})}{\partial q_x} + \frac{\partial \chi_{M_z M_y}^{\text{spin}}(\boldsymbol{q})}{\partial q_y} \right]_{\boldsymbol{q}=\boldsymbol{0}}.$$
 (A3)

Following the same steps as for χ , the above expression provides Eq. (9) of the main text.

APPENDIX B: EVALUATION OF THE INTERCONVERSION COEFFICIENTS: TOPOLOGICAL INSULATOR

The results presented in the main text are tedious but yet straightforward. Hence, below we provide only a few necessary remarks and clarifications concerning the derivations of the main text, while we examine further aspects regarding the stability of the quantization of the interconversion coefficients in the nonsuperconducting phase.

1. Case of a pristine Dirac cone: Linear response

Regarding the TI surface states, we first assume that these are dictated by a pristine conical Dirac spectrum and neglect any possible warping effects (see, for instance, Ref. [40]). To describe such a situation, we consider that $m \to \infty$. Hence, in the present case the perturbation term becomes

$$egin{aligned} &\langle m{k}+m{q}|\hat{V}^{\mathrm{TI}}|m{k}
angle &= e\upsilon(\sigma_{\mathrm{y}},-\sigma_{\mathrm{x}})\cdotm{A}(m{q})-m{M}(m{q})\cdotm{\sigma}\ &= -(M_{x}(m{q})+e\upsilon A_{\mathrm{y}}(m{q}),M_{\mathrm{y}}(m{q})\ &-e\upsilon A_{x}(m{q}),M_{z}(m{q}))\cdotm{\sigma}. \end{aligned}$$

The above illustrates that the in-plane magnetization components play a role analogous to the vector potential, and results in the expression $\chi = e \upsilon g_{\text{soc}}$. In the main text, we find that $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0) = \frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \text{sgn}(\mu)$, i.e., it is quantized. In contrast, as shown in the paper, the addition of a nonzero pairing gap spoils this quantization.

2. Case of a pristine Dirac cone: Alternative derivation using a Landau-level approach

In this section, we provide an alternative understanding of the quantized interconversion phenomena by residing to a Landau-level picture. For this purpose, we restrict to the case of a pristine Dirac cone in the absence of superconductivity. The cone is under the influence of a magnetization which features a constant gradient in space.

a. Uniform gradient for the in-plane magnetization

We first consider a spatial gradient of the in-plane magnetization $M_y(y) = \mathcal{B}y$. Without loss of generality we consider that the slope of the above-mentioned spatial profile is positive, i.e., $\mathcal{B} = \partial_y M_y > 0$. In addition, we introduce an auxiliary uniform out-of-plane magnetization component M_z . The latter will allow us to calculate the induced out-of-plane spin density S_z . The respective electron part of the Hamiltonian for zero chemical potential becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_{z}=1}^{\Delta=\mu=0,M_{z}}(\hat{p}_{y},y,k_{x}) &= (\upsilon\hbar k_{x}-\mathcal{B}y)\sigma_{y}-\upsilon\hat{p}_{y}\sigma_{x}-M_{z}\sigma_{z}\\ &= -[\upsilon\hat{p}_{y}\sigma_{x}+\mathcal{B}(y-\upsilon\hbar k_{x}/\mathcal{B})\sigma_{y}\\ &+M_{z}\sigma_{z}]. \end{aligned}$$

At this stage it is convenient to define the length scale $\ell_{\mathcal{B}} = \sqrt{\upsilon \hbar / \mathcal{B}}$ and the frequency $\omega_{\mathcal{B}} = \sqrt{2}\upsilon / \ell_{\mathcal{B}}$, given the choice $\upsilon > 0$. With the new variables, the Hamiltonian becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_{z}=1}^{\Delta=\mu=0,M_{z}}(\hat{p}_{y}, y, k_{x}) \\ &= -\hbar\omega_{\mathcal{B}}\bigg[\frac{\ell_{\mathcal{B}}}{\sqrt{2}}\frac{\hat{p}_{y}}{\hbar}\sigma_{x} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}\ell_{\mathcal{B}}}(y-k_{x}\ell_{\mathcal{B}}^{2})\sigma_{y}\bigg] - M_{z}\sigma_{z}. \end{aligned}$$

Following closely Ref. [96], we now introduce the ladder operators for a given k_x ,

$$\hat{a}(k_x) = \frac{\ell_B}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\hat{p}_y}{\hbar} - i \frac{y - k_x \ell_B^2}{\sqrt{2} \ell_B} \quad \text{and} \\ \hat{a}^{\dagger}(k_x) = \frac{\ell_B}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{\hat{p}_y}{\hbar} + i \frac{y - k_x \ell_B^2}{\sqrt{2} \ell_B}, \tag{B1}$$

which satisfy $[\hat{a}(k_x), \hat{a}^{\dagger}(k_x)] = 1$, and allow us to reexpress the Hamiltonian according to the following form: $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=\mu=0,M_z}(\hat{p}_y, y, k_x) = -\hbar\omega_{\mathcal{B}}[\hat{a}^{\dagger}(k_x)\sigma_- + \hat{a}(k_x)\sigma_+] - M_z\sigma_z,$ where $\sigma_{\pm} = (\sigma_x \pm i\sigma_y)/2$. This Hamiltonian is more conveniently diagonalized by identifying the eigenstates and eigenvectors of the Hamiltonian for $M_z = 0$, that reads as $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=\mu=M_z=0}(\hat{p}_y, y, k_x) = -\hbar\omega_{\mathcal{B}}[\hat{a}^{\dagger}(k_x)\sigma_- + \hat{a}(k_x)\sigma_+]$. This Hamiltonian satisfies $[\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=\mu=M_z=0}(\hat{p}_y, y, k_x)/\hbar\omega_{\mathcal{B}}]^2 = \hat{a}^{\dagger}(k_x)\hat{a}(k_x)(1-\sigma_z)/2 + \hat{a}(k_x)\hat{a}^{\dagger}(k_x)(1+\sigma_z)/2 = \hat{a}^{\dagger}(k_x)\hat{a}(k_x) + (1+\sigma_z)/2$. The latter gives rise to a zero-energy Landau level for $\sigma_z = -1$ and eigenvector:

$$|u_{0,-1}(k_x)\rangle = |\phi_0(k_x)\rangle \begin{pmatrix} 0\\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 with $\varepsilon_{0,-1} = 0$,

where we introduced the eigenstates of the displaced quantum harmonic oscillator $|\phi_n(k_x)\rangle$ (with displacement $k_x \ell_B^2$) which satisfy the defining relation $\hat{a}^{\dagger}(k_x)\hat{a}(k_x)|\phi_n(k_x)\rangle = n|\phi_n(k_x)\rangle$. Having obtained the expression for the zero-energy Landau level allows us to determine the remaining spectrum of $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=\mu=M_z=0}(\hat{p}_y, y, k_x)$, which is given in terms of the following two families of non-zero-energy Landau levels:

$$|u_{n,\sigma}(k_x)\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} |\phi_{n-1}(k_x)\rangle \\ \sigma |\phi_n(k_x)\rangle \end{pmatrix} \text{ with }$$
$$\varepsilon_{n,\sigma}(k_x) = \sigma \varepsilon_n(k_x) = \sigma \hbar \omega_B \sqrt{n} \text{ for } n \ge 1$$

Each Landau level sees a degeneracy per area which is given by $1/2\pi \ell_B^2$. Note that due to the presence of chiral symmetry, i.e., where $\{\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=\mu=M_z=0}(\hat{p}_y, y, k_x), \sigma_z\} = \hat{0}$, the eigenstates of each pair of nonzero energy Landau levels are related according to $|u_{n\geq 1,\pm}(k_x)\rangle = \sigma_z |u_{n\geq 1,\mp}(k_x)\rangle$. These observations allow us to immediately infer the energy spectrum when $M_z \neq$ 0. Specifically, we have the eigenenergies

$$E_0(k_x, M_z) = M_z - \mu$$

and $E_{n,\pm}(k_x, M_z) = \pm E_n(M_z) - \mu$
with $E_n(M_z) = \sqrt{(\hbar\omega_B)^2 n + M_z^2}.$ (B2)

To obtain S_z , we need to infer the energy per area in the additional presence of a chemical potential. We have

$$E = \frac{1}{2\pi \ell_{\mathcal{B}}^2} \left\{ (M_z - \mu)\Theta(\mu - M_z) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\sigma=\pm} [\sigma E_n(M_z) - \mu] \right.$$

$$\times \Theta[\mu - \sigma E_n(M_z)] \left. \right\}.$$
(B3)

It is now straightforward to obtain the spin density $S_z = -\partial E/\partial M_z$. We are particularly interested in the out-of-plane spin density for $M_z = 0$ which allows us to infer g_{soc} . In this limit, it is only the zero-energy Landau level that contributes to S_z since the energy contribution from the nonzero Landau levels is even under $M_z \leftrightarrow -M_z$. After replacing ℓ_B by its defining relation and setting $\partial_y M_y \equiv \nabla \cdot M$, we find that g_{soc}^{TI} takes the form $g_{soc}^{TI}(\Delta = 0) = 2\Theta(\mu)/4\pi \upsilon \hbar$. At first sight, this result appears to contradict our previous conclusions since, instead of $2\Theta(\mu)$, one would instead expect the function $\operatorname{sgn}(\mu)$. However, there is no reason for such a distinction between $\mu > 0$ and $\mu < 0$ to be physical. Indeed, as it has been also pointed out in Ref. [97] in the frame of a different but related calculation, such a discrepancy is because a different regularization takes place in the present procedure compared to the Green function approach. Therefore, in order to properly regularize the above process, we simply antisymmetrize our result with respect to $\mu \leftrightarrow -\mu$, and find that $2\Theta(\mu) \mapsto \Theta(\mu) - \Theta(-\mu) \equiv \operatorname{sgn}(\mu)$. After this regularization, we recover our previously obtained results, which can now be attributed to the contribution of the zero-energy Landau level.

b. Uniform gradient for the out-of-plane magnetization

We now proceed with examining the other possible scenario, that is, to have a spatially varying out-of-plane magnetization. In the following, we consider the concrete profile $M_z(y) = By$, where now $B = \partial_y M_z$. Without any loss of generality, B is considered positive in the analysis below. Since for such a magnetization profile we expect the generation of a uniform spin density S_y , we also consider the presence of a uniform in-plane magnetization M_y . Thus, the Hamiltonian describing this situation now becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=\mu=0,M_y}(\hat{p}_y, y, k_x) &= (\upsilon\hbar k_x - M_y)\sigma_y - \upsilon\hat{p}_y\sigma_x - \mathcal{B}y\sigma_z\\ &\equiv \frac{\sigma_y - \sigma_z}{\sqrt{2}}[\upsilon\hat{p}_y\sigma_x + \mathcal{B}y\sigma_y\\ &+ (M_y - \upsilon\hbar k_x)\sigma_z]\frac{\sigma_y - \sigma_z}{\sqrt{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

By bringing the Hamiltonian in the above form, we can immediately obtain the eigenenergies of this Hamiltonian using the results of the previous paragraphs. In principle, one can obtain the resulting S_y by evaluating the energy per area as we did in the previous section. However, the emergence of \mathcal{B} in the final result is not as transparent as it was in the previous case, where it entered through the Landau-level degeneracy. For this reason, we offer another route to transparently calculate S_y in the presence of the constant magnetization gradient $\mathcal{B} = \partial_x M_z$ (see Appendix B 3).

3. Adiabatic framework for uniform out-of-plane magnetization gradients

In this paragraph we discuss the quantization of the spin and current densities arising from a uniform out-of-plane magnetization gradient in terms of an alternative approach which relies on treating the inhomogeneous magnetization in a spatially adiabatic fashion. As we explained in Appendix B 2 and further show here, the present method allows studying the phenomena in question more transparently, while it also allows us to describe the inhomogeneous problem in a different frame, in which the Hamiltonian is translationally invariant.

For the purpose of exposing the here-proposed adiabatic method, we reexpress the Hamiltonian in the following manner:

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_{z}=1}^{\Delta=0,M_{y}}(\hat{p}_{y},y,k_{x}) = \sqrt{(\upsilon\hbar k_{x}-M_{y})^{2} + (\mathcal{B}y)^{2}}\sigma_{y}e^{-i\Phi(y)\sigma_{x}} - \upsilon\hat{p}_{y}\sigma_{x} - \mu$$

$$\equiv e^{i\Phi(y)\sigma_{x}/2}\{\sqrt{(\upsilon\hbar k_{x}-M_{y})^{2} + (\mathcal{B}y)^{2}}\sigma_{y} - \upsilon[\hat{p}_{y}+\hbar\partial_{y}\Phi(y)\sigma_{x}/2]\sigma_{x} - \mu\}e^{-i\Phi(y)\sigma_{x}/2},$$
(B4)

where we introduced the angle $\Phi(y)$ through the defining relation $\tan[\Phi(y)] = \mathcal{B}y/(\upsilon\hbar k_x - M_y)$. Since M_y is kept intact, we can evaluate S_y using the Hamiltonian in the rotated frame appearing inside the brackets of Eq. (B4):

$$\underline{\hat{\mathcal{H}}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=0,M_y}(\hat{p}_y, y, k_x) = \sqrt{(\upsilon\hbar k_x - M_y)^2 + (\mathcal{B}y)^2}\sigma_y - \upsilon\hat{p}_y\sigma_x - \frac{\upsilon\hbar\partial_y\Phi(y)}{2} - \mu.$$
(B5)

For weak strengths of \mathcal{B} , i.e., which satisfy $|\mu| \gg \mathcal{B}L_y$, where L_y denotes the sample's length in the y direction, we can consider the approximation $|\upsilon\hbar k_x - M_y| \gg |y|\mathcal{B}$, which renders the above frame Hamiltonian translationally invariant. Therefore, within this adiabatic type of approach, we obtain the Hamiltonian

$$\underline{\hat{\mathcal{H}}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=0,M_y}(\boldsymbol{k}) = |\upsilon\hbar k_x - M_y|\sigma_y - \upsilon\hbar k_y\sigma_x - \mu - \upsilon\hbar\mathcal{B}/[2(\upsilon\hbar k_x - M_y)]$$
(B6)

which reveals that the effect of the out-of-plane magnetization gradient is to effectively act as an additional k_x -dependent chemical potential which breaks inversion symmetry.

At this stage, it is important to remark that the term $\upsilon \hbar k_x - M_y$ is nonzero only as long as μ is nonzero. For $\mathcal{B} = 0$, only one of the two helicity branches with energies $\pm \sqrt{(\upsilon \hbar k_x - M_y)^2 + (\upsilon \hbar k_y)^2}$ crosses the chemical potential. As we show below, S_y originates from the Fermi level response of that single helicity branch.

To demonstrate this, we assume with no loss of generality that $\mu = |\mu| > 0$. Due to the anisotropic manner in which \mathcal{B} influences the band structure, we proceed by viewing the Hamiltonian as a collection of multiple 1D systems in the *x* direction, for which k_y plays the role of a mere parameter. In this sense, the Fermi points of the upper helicity branch which crosses the Fermi level are given by $\upsilon \hbar k_x - M_y = \pm \sqrt{\mu^2 - (\upsilon \hbar k_y)^2}$, under the condition $|\upsilon \hbar k_y| \leq |\mu|$. In the following, the two Fermi points are labeled by $\rho = \pm 1$. For weak strengths of \mathcal{B} , the right $\rho = 1$ (left $\rho = -1$) mover is described by the effective Hamiltonian

$$\underline{\hat{\mathcal{H}}}_{0;\tau_{z}=1;\rho=\pm1}^{\Delta=0,M_{y}}(\boldsymbol{k}) \approx \rho \sqrt{1 - (\upsilon \hbar k_{y}/|\mu|)^{2}} (\upsilon \hbar k_{x} - M_{y} - \rho|\mu| \sqrt{1 - (\upsilon \hbar k_{y}/|\mu|)^{2}}) - \frac{\rho \upsilon \hbar \mathcal{B}}{2|\mu| \sqrt{1 - (\upsilon \hbar k_{y}/|\mu|)^{2}}}.$$
(B7)

From the above we can immediately obtain the induced spin density S_y when $M_y \rightarrow 0$. We have the expression

$$S_{y} = \sum_{\rho=\pm 1} \int_{-|\mu|/\upsilon\hbar}^{+|\mu|/\upsilon\hbar} \frac{dk_{y}}{2\pi} \int_{-k_{c}}^{+k_{c}} \frac{du}{2\pi\upsilon\hbar} \rho \Theta \left\{ -\rho u + |\mu| \left[1 - \left(\frac{\upsilon\hbar k_{y}}{|\mu|}\right)^{2} \right] + \frac{\rho\upsilon\hbar\mathcal{B}}{2|\mu|\sqrt{1 - (\upsilon\hbar k_{y}/|\mu|)^{2}}} \right\},\tag{B8}$$

where $u = \sqrt{1 - (v\hbar k_y/|\mu|)^2}v\hbar k_x$ and k_c denotes a cutoff wave number which controls the validity of the linearization of the energy spectrum about the Fermi points. S_y is zero for $\mathcal{B} = 0$ and at first order in \mathcal{B} , we find

$$S_{y} = \frac{\mathcal{B}}{4\pi\upsilon\hbar} \int_{-|\mu|/\upsilon\hbar}^{+|\mu|/\upsilon\hbar} \frac{dk_{y}}{\pi} \frac{\upsilon\hbar/|\mu|}{\sqrt{1 - (\upsilon\hbar k_{y}/|\mu|)^{2}}} \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\rho=\pm 1} \int_{-k_{c}}^{+k_{c}} du \,\delta\{-\rho u + |\mu|[1 - (\upsilon\hbar k_{y}/|\mu|)^{2}]\}. \tag{B9}$$

The last integral in the above expression yields unity for each mover, hence leading to the simple expression

$$S_y = \frac{\mathcal{B}}{4\pi\upsilon\hbar} \int_{-1}^{+1} \frac{d\xi}{\pi} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\xi^2}} = \frac{\partial_y M_z}{4\pi\upsilon\hbar}.$$
 (B10)

The above yields the correct expression for $g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$ given that $\mu > 0$. Repeating the above process for $\mu < 0$ allows us to recover the previous result for both signs of the chemical potential μ .

4. Influence of a quadratic dispersion and warping in the nonsuperconducting phase

We obtain g_{soc} in the presence of the additional perturbations using Eq. (A3) for the electron part of the Hamiltonian $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0:\tau=1}^{\Delta=0}(\mathbf{k}) = (\hbar \mathbf{k})^2/2m + \upsilon\hbar(k_x\sigma_y - k_y\sigma_x) + \gamma k_x(k_x^2 - 3k_y^2)\sigma_z - \mu$. After evaluating the various traces we obtain

$$g_{\rm soc}^{\rm TI}(\Delta=0) = \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{\pi i} \upsilon \hbar k \left\{ \frac{\epsilon - i\mu}{[(\epsilon - i\mu)^2 + (\upsilon \hbar k)^2]^2} - (\gamma k^3)^2 \frac{\epsilon - i\mu}{[(\epsilon - i\mu)^2 + (\upsilon \hbar k)^2]^3} \right\}$$
$$- \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{\pi} \frac{(\upsilon \hbar k)^3}{m\upsilon^2} \frac{(\epsilon - i\mu)^2}{[(\epsilon - i\mu)^2 + (\upsilon \hbar k)^2]^3}$$
$$+ \int_0^\infty \frac{dk}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \frac{(\upsilon \hbar k)^5}{(m\upsilon^2)^2} \frac{i(\epsilon - i\mu)[5(\epsilon - i\mu)^2 - (\upsilon \hbar k)^2]}{[(\epsilon - i\mu)^2 + (\upsilon \hbar k)^2]^4},$$

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where we have already expanded up to second order in 1/m and γ . One confirms that the contribution of the first term yields $sgn(\mu)/4\pi \upsilon\hbar$ and thus leads to the quantization of g_{soc}^{TI} for $\gamma = 0$ and $m \to \infty$. We focus on the contribution of the remaining terms, which we reexpress as follows (we replace ∞ by an energy cutoff $\Lambda > 0$ for convenience):

$$\begin{split} g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0) &= \frac{\text{sgn}(\mu)}{4\pi\upsilon\hbar} + \frac{1}{4\pi\upsilon\hbar} \frac{\gamma^2/2}{(\upsilon\hbar)^6} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \int_{\Lambda}^{0} du \, u^6 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(\epsilon - i\mu)^2 + u^2} \\ &- \frac{1}{\pi\upsilon\hbar} \frac{1}{m\upsilon^2} \int_{\Lambda}^{0} du \, u^2 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(\epsilon - i\mu)^2 + u^2} + \frac{1}{2\pi\upsilon\hbar} \frac{1}{m\upsilon^2} \int_{\Lambda}^{0} du \, u^4 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(\epsilon - i\mu)^2 + u^2} \\ &+ \frac{1}{16\pi\upsilon\hbar} \frac{5}{(m\upsilon^2)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \int_{\Lambda}^{0} du \, u^4 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(\epsilon - i\mu)^2 + u^2} \\ &- \frac{1}{8\pi\upsilon\hbar} \frac{1}{(m\upsilon^2)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \int_{\Lambda}^{0} du \, u^6 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(\epsilon - i\mu)^2 + u^2} \\ &= \frac{\text{sgn}(\mu)}{4\pi\upsilon\hbar} + \frac{1}{4\pi\upsilon\hbar} \frac{\gamma^2/2}{(\upsilon\hbar)^6} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \int_{\Lambda}^{0} du \, u^6 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \frac{\Theta(u - |\mu|)}{2u} - \frac{1}{\pi\upsilon\hbar} \frac{1}{m\upsilon^2} \int_{\Lambda}^{0} du \, u^4 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \frac{\Theta(u - |\mu|)}{2u} \\ &- \frac{1}{8\pi\upsilon\hbar} \frac{1}{m\upsilon^2} \int_{\Lambda}^{0} du \, u^4 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left\{ \frac{1}{u^2} \left[\delta(u - |\mu|) - \frac{\Theta(u - |\mu|)}{u} \right] \right\} + \frac{1}{16\pi\upsilon\hbar} \frac{5}{(m\upsilon^2)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \int_{\Lambda}^{0} du \, u^4 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \frac{\Theta(u - |\mu|)}{2u} \\ &+ \frac{1}{32\pi\upsilon\hbar} \frac{1}{(m\upsilon^2)^2} \frac{\partial}{\partial \mu} \int_{\Lambda}^{0} du \, u^6 \frac{\partial}{\partial u} \left\{ \frac{1}{u^2} \left[\delta(u - |\mu|) - \frac{\Theta(u - |\mu|)}{u} \right] \right\}. \end{split}$$

Carrying out the integrations leads to the following result:

$$g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{TI}}(\Delta=0) = \frac{\text{sgn}(\mu)}{4\pi\upsilon\hbar} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu}{m\upsilon^2}\right)^2 - \frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{\gamma\mu^2}{\left(\upsilon\hbar\right)^3}\right]^2 \right\} - \frac{1}{8\pi\upsilon\hbar} \frac{\Lambda}{m\upsilon^2}.$$
 (B11)

The above is obtained after omitting terms $\propto \delta(\Lambda - |\mu|)$ and $\partial_{\mu}\Theta(\Lambda - |\mu|)$ since we assume that $\Lambda \gg |\mu|$. Following the same spirit as in Sec. IV E, we drop the contribution $\propto \Lambda$ since we are interested in the response which originates from energies near the Fermi energy $|\mu| \ll \Lambda$. Here, one can also invoke that $mv^2 \gg \Lambda$, which allows dropping the last term. Therefore, the above analysis implies that the quantization found for $g_{soc}^{TI}(\Delta = 0)$ for the pristine Dirac cone surface states is protected against adding warping and a quadratic dispersion of a weak strength. This is because the modification is of quadratic order in 1/m and γ . Hence, the magnitude of such corrections relative to the quantized value of $g_{soc}^{TI}(\Delta = 0)$ introduced by the two kinds of perturbations depends on the value of the chemical potential, and how close this is to the Dirac point. As it is typical for similar topological semimetals, the various anomalous properties prevail as long as the chemical potential is tuned near the band-touching point.

We now proceed with examining the fate of $\chi^{TI}(\Delta = 0)$ when these two kinds of deviations from the pristine Dirac cone structure are present. In the same spirit with the previous paragraphs, we proceed by obtaining the modified coefficient from Eq. (A2). However, the respective polarization tensor elements need to be modified according to

$$\begin{aligned} \Pi_{M_{z}A_{x}}(\boldsymbol{q}) &= \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{k}}{(2\pi)^{2}} T \sum_{ik_{n}} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr}\{\sigma_{z}\hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}^{\prime}(\boldsymbol{k}+\boldsymbol{q},ik_{n})(+e\upsilon\sigma_{y})\hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}^{\prime}(\boldsymbol{k},ik_{n})\} \\ &+ \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{k}}{(2\pi)^{2}} T \sum_{ik_{n}} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr}\left(\sigma_{z}\hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}^{\prime}(\boldsymbol{k}+\boldsymbol{q},ik_{n})\frac{e}{\hbar} \left\{\frac{\hbar^{2}}{m}\left(k_{x}+\frac{q_{x}}{2}\right)+3\gamma\left[k_{x}^{2}-k_{y}^{2}+q_{x}\left(k_{x}+\frac{q_{x}}{3}\right)\right]\sigma_{z}\right\}\hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}^{\prime}(\boldsymbol{k},ik_{n})\right\},\\ \Pi_{M_{z}A_{y}}(\boldsymbol{q}) &= \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{k}}{(2\pi)^{2}} T \sum_{ik_{n}} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr}\{\sigma_{z}\hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}^{\prime}(\boldsymbol{k}+\boldsymbol{q},ik_{n})(-e\upsilon\sigma_{x})\hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}^{\prime}(\boldsymbol{k},ik_{n})\} \\ &+ \int \frac{d\boldsymbol{k}}{(2\pi)^{2}} T \sum_{ik_{n}} \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Tr}\left(\sigma_{z}\hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}^{\prime}(\boldsymbol{k}+\boldsymbol{q},ik_{n})\frac{e}{\hbar}\left\{\frac{\hbar^{2}}{m}\left(k_{y}+\frac{q_{y}}{2}\right)-3\gamma(k_{x}+q_{x})(2k_{y}+q_{y})\sigma_{z}\right\}\hat{\mathcal{G}}_{0}^{\prime}(\boldsymbol{k},ik_{n})\right\},\end{aligned}$$

where the above Green functions $\hat{\mathcal{G}}'_0$ include the perturbation terms $\propto \gamma$, 1/m. The above are separated into two parts, one per row. The parts contained in the first rows give rise to a contribution which satisfies $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0) = evg_{\text{soc}}^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$ even when γ and 1/m are generally nonzero. Hence, the corrections due to the two perturbations introduced to $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$ arising from the first rows are immediately obtained using Eq. (B11). However, $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$ takes an additional contribution originating from the second rows. These result from the conservation of electric charge which leads to the modified vertices. Concomitantly, this generally implies the inequivalence $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0) \neq evg_{\text{soc}}^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$ for the final expressions. Direct evaluation of Eq. (A2) yields

the expression

$$\chi^{\mathrm{TI}}(\Delta=0) = e \upsilon g_{\mathrm{soc}}^{\mathrm{TI}}(\Delta=0) + \frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \int_0^{\Lambda} du \left(\frac{u^2}{m\upsilon^2}\right) \left[1 - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{u^2}{m\upsilon^2}\right) \frac{\partial}{\partial\mu}\right] \frac{\partial}{\partial\mu} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \frac{1}{(\epsilon - i\mu)^2 + u^2} \\ = \frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \mathrm{sgn}(\mu) \left\{1 + \frac{\mu}{m\upsilon^2} - \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\mu}{m\upsilon^2}\right)^2 - \frac{3}{2} \left[\frac{\gamma\mu^2}{(\upsilon\hbar)^3}\right]^2\right\} - \frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \frac{\Lambda}{m\upsilon^2}. \tag{B12}$$

Once again, the term $\propto \Lambda$ needs to be dropped. Notably, aside from the part of $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$ which is proportional to the modified $g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$, the additional term affects $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$ at first order with in 1/m, due to the vertex correction $\propto k/m$. This implies that $\chi^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$ is less protected than $g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{TI}}(\Delta = 0)$.

5. Investigation of deviations from the pristine Dirac cone via the theory of orbital magnetization

For completeness we obtain once again the results of Appendix B 4 using the theory of orbital magnetization. We extend the approach of Sec. IV B to include hexagonal warping and a quadratic kinetic energy term. For the two-band model of interest, the uniform orbital magnetization T = 0 now becomes

$$\mathcal{M}_{z} = \frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} 2\mu(\mathbf{k})\Omega(\mathbf{k})\{\Theta[\mu(\mathbf{k}) + E(\mathbf{k})] - \Theta[\mu(\mathbf{k}) - E(\mathbf{k})]\},\tag{B13}$$

where we have introduced the *k*-dependent chemical potential $\mu(\mathbf{k}) = \mu - (\hbar \mathbf{k})^2/2m$. Furthermore, we parametrized the ensuing Hamiltonian $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=0,M_z\neq0}(\mathbf{k}) = (\hbar \mathbf{k})^2/2m + \upsilon\hbar(k_x\sigma_y - k_y\sigma_x) + [\gamma k_x(k_x^2 - 3k_y^2) - M_z]\sigma_z - \mu$ according to $\hat{\mathcal{H}}_{0;\tau_z=1}^{\Delta=0,M_z\neq0}(\mathbf{k}) \equiv d(\mathbf{k}) \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} - \mu(\mathbf{k})$, where $d(\mathbf{k}) = (-\upsilon\hbar k_y, \upsilon\hbar k_x, \gamma k_x(k_x^2 - 3k_y^2) - M_z)$. The latter vector possesses the modulus $E(\mathbf{k}) \equiv |d(\mathbf{k})|$. Here, $\Omega(\mathbf{k})$ corresponds to the Berry curvature of the valence band, and is given as $\Omega(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{2}\hat{d}(\mathbf{k}) \cdot [\partial_{k_x}\hat{d}(\mathbf{k}) \times \partial_{k_y}\hat{d}(\mathbf{k})]$, where $\hat{d}(\mathbf{k}) = d(\mathbf{k})/E(\mathbf{k})$. Using the above expression, it is straightforward to obtain the orbital magnetization up to second order in 1/m and γ . By means of a Taylor expansion, we have

$$\mathcal{M}_{z} = \frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \left\{ \sum_{s=0,1,2} \frac{(-1)^{s}}{s! [2m\upsilon^{2}]^{s}} \frac{\partial^{s}}{\partial\mu^{s}} \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} (\upsilon\hbar\mathbf{k})^{2s} m(k) - \frac{\gamma^{2}}{2} \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{2\pi} \left[k_{x} \left(k_{x}^{2} - 3k_{y}^{2} \right) \right]^{2} \frac{\partial}{\partial M_{z}} \left[6 \frac{m(k)}{M_{z}} - \frac{\partial m(k)}{\partial M_{z}} \right] \right\},$$

where we retained terms up to second order in 1/m and γ . For compactness, in the above we introduced the function $m(k) = 2\mu\Omega_{\gamma=0}(k)\Theta[E_{\gamma=0}(k) - |\mu|]$ with $\Omega_{\gamma=0}(k) = -(\upsilon\hbar)^2 M_z/[2E_{\gamma=0}^3(k)]$, and $E_{\gamma=0}(k) = \sqrt{(\upsilon\hbar k)^2 + M_z^2}$. The desired coefficient at zeroth order in M_z is obtained via the expression $\chi^{TI}(\Delta = 0) = -\partial M_z/\partial M_z|_{M_z=0}$. The result obtained by means of evaluating the above expression is in perfect agreement with the part of Eq. (B12) which is independent of Λ . We note that there is some discrepancy when it comes to the terms $\propto \Lambda$, which are nevertheless supposed to be neglected since they are spurious and unphysical.

APPENDIX C: EVALUATION OF THE INTERCONVERSION COEFFICIENTS: RASHBA METAL

We now discuss the evaluation of the interconversion coefficients in the case of a Rashba metal. We employ Eqs. (9)–(11) of the main text. To facilitate the calculations we introduce polar coordinates, i.e., $k_x = k \cos \varphi$ and $k_y = k \sin \varphi$, where $k = \sqrt{k_x^2 + k_y^2}$ and $\tan \varphi = k_y/k_y$. This allows us to reexpress the matrix Green function $\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\mathbf{k}, \epsilon)$ as follows:

$$\hat{\mathcal{G}}_0^{-1}(k,\varphi,\epsilon) = e^{-i\varphi\sigma_z/2}\hat{g}^{-1}(k,\epsilon)e^{i\varphi\sigma_z/2},\tag{C1}$$

where $\hat{g}^{-1}(k, \epsilon) = i\epsilon - \tau_z [\hbar^2 (k - k_F)^2 / 2m + \upsilon \hbar k \sigma_y] - \Delta \tau_x$. Using the above, we find that

$$k_x \frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\boldsymbol{k},\epsilon)}{\partial k_y} - k_y \frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\boldsymbol{k},\epsilon)}{\partial k_x} = \frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(k,\varphi,\epsilon)}{\partial \varphi} = e^{-i\varphi\sigma_z/2} \frac{[\sigma_z,\hat{g}(k,\epsilon)]}{2i} e^{i\varphi\sigma_z/2}$$

along with the relation

$$\frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\boldsymbol{k},\epsilon)}{\partial k_x}\sigma_x + \frac{\partial \hat{\mathcal{G}}_0(\boldsymbol{k},\epsilon)}{\partial k_y}\sigma_y = e^{-i\varphi\sigma_z/2} \left\{ \frac{\partial \hat{g}(\boldsymbol{k},\epsilon)}{\partial k}\sigma_x + \frac{1}{k} \frac{[\sigma_z, \hat{g}(\boldsymbol{k},\epsilon)]}{2i}\sigma_y \right\} e^{i\varphi\sigma_z/2}.$$
(C2)

By exploiting the above results, we find

$$\chi^{\mathrm{M}} = \frac{e\upsilon_{F}}{2i} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} \frac{k}{k_{F}} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{Tr} \left\{ \sigma_{z} \frac{[\sigma_{z}, \hat{g}(k, \epsilon)]}{2i} \hat{g}(k, \epsilon) \right\} + \frac{e\upsilon}{2i} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{k}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{Tr} \left[\sigma_{z} \frac{\partial \hat{g}(k, \epsilon)}{\partial k} \sigma_{x} \hat{g}(k, \epsilon) \right] + \frac{e\upsilon}{2i} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{dk}{2\pi} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{Tr} \left\{ \sigma_{z} \frac{[\sigma_{z}, \hat{g}(k, \epsilon)]}{2i} \sigma_{y} \hat{g}(k, \epsilon) \right\}.$$

At this point, we proceed by implementing the so-called quasiclassical approximation. Thus, by assuming that the Fermi energy $E_F = \hbar^2 k_F^2/2m$ is the largest energy scale (essentially infinite), we approximate $\xi = \hbar^2 (k - k_F)^2/2m$ as $\xi \approx \hbar v_F (k - k_F)$ and $\hbar v k \approx \hbar v k_F \equiv E_{\text{soc}}$. Employing the quasiclassical approximation and tracing over spins yields

$$\chi^{\mathrm{M}} = -\frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \int_{-E_{F}}^{+\infty} d\xi \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \sum_{\ell,s}^{\pm} \frac{\ell \cdot s}{4} \operatorname{Tr}_{\tau} [\hat{g}_{\ell}(\xi,\epsilon) \hat{g}_{s}(\xi,\epsilon)] - \frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} E_{\mathrm{soc}} \int_{-E_{F}}^{+\infty} d\xi \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \sum_{\ell,s}^{\pm} \frac{\ell - s}{4} \operatorname{Tr}_{\tau} \left[\frac{\partial \hat{g}_{\ell}(\xi,\epsilon)}{\partial \xi} \hat{g}_{s}(\xi,\epsilon) \right] - \frac{e}{4\pi\hbar} \frac{\upsilon}{\upsilon_{F}} \int_{-E_{F}}^{+\infty} d\xi \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \sum_{\ell,s}^{\pm} \frac{\ell}{4} \operatorname{Tr}_{\tau} [\hat{g}_{\ell}(\xi,\epsilon) \hat{g}_{s}(\xi,\epsilon)],$$

where we introduced the quasiclassical Green functions with $\hat{g}_{\pm}^{-1}(k, \epsilon) = i\epsilon - \tau_z [\hbar v_F(k-k_F) \pm E_{soc}] - \Delta \tau_x$. In the above expression the first term contributes to g_{orb} and the last two to g_{soc} . However, in the quasiclassical limit the third term drops out. To continue, we further take the limit $E_F \rightarrow \infty$ and we conclude with the following expressions:

$$g_{\text{orb}}^{\text{M,intra}} = -\frac{1}{4\pi\hbar\upsilon_F} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\xi \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \sum_{\ell=\pm} \frac{1}{4} \text{Tr}_{\tau} [\hat{g}_{\ell}^2(\xi,\epsilon)],$$

$$g_{\text{orb}}^{\text{M,inter}} = +\frac{1}{4\pi\hbar\upsilon_F} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\xi \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \sum_{\ell=\pm} \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr}_{\tau} [\hat{g}_{+}(\xi,\epsilon)\hat{g}_{-}(\xi,\epsilon)],$$

$$g_{\text{soc}}^{\text{M}} = -\frac{E_{\text{soc}}}{4\pi\hbar\upsilon_F} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\xi \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\epsilon}{2\pi} \sum_{\ell=\pm} \frac{\ell}{2} \text{Tr}_{\tau} \left[\frac{\partial \hat{g}_{\ell}(\xi,\epsilon)}{\partial \xi}\hat{g}_{-\ell}(\xi,\epsilon)\right].$$

The evaluation of the coefficients $g_{orb}^{M,inter}$ and g_{soc}^{M} is tedious but straightforward. Therefore, in the remainder, we focus on the derivation of the coefficient $g_{orb}^{M,intra}$. Since this coefficient admits only intraband contributions, it is preferable to momentarily switch back to the Matsubara formalism. Carrying out the Matsubara summation yields

$$g_{\rm orb}^{\rm M,intra} = -\frac{1}{4\pi\hbar\upsilon_F} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\xi \sum_{\ell=\pm} \frac{1}{2} n'_F [E_\ell(\xi)],$$

where we introduced the energy dispersions of the two helical bands $E_{\pm}(\xi) = \sqrt{(\xi \pm E_{\text{soc}})^2 + \Delta^2}$. $n_F(E)$ denotes the Fermi-Dirac distribution evaluated at energy *E*, while $n'_F(E) = dn_F(E)/dE$. At zero temperature $n'_F(E) = -\delta(E)$, with the latter function denoting the Dirac delta function. The intraband nature of this contribution implies that it is sensitive to the presence of disorder and nonzero temperature. We examine the effects of disorder in a phenomenological and qualitative fashion by "broadening" the Fermi-Dirac function according to [98]

$$-n'_{F}[E_{\ell}(\xi)] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\tau_{\ell}(\xi)} \frac{-n'_{F}(\omega)}{[\omega - E_{\ell}(\xi)]^{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2\tau_{\ell}(\xi)}\right)^{2}},$$
(C3)

where $\tau_{\ell}(\xi)$ define effective intraband relaxation times. In the remainder, we consider them to be energy independent, in order to facilitate the discussion, and express them as $\tau_{\ell} = 1/(2\Gamma_{\ell})$. By restricting to T = 0, we have the expression

$$-n'_{F}[E_{\ell}(\xi)] = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\omega}{2\pi} \frac{1}{\tau_{\ell}} \frac{\delta(\omega)}{[\omega - E_{\ell}(\xi)]^{2} + \left(\frac{1}{2\tau_{\ell}}\right)^{2}}$$
$$= \frac{1}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma_{\ell}}{E_{\ell}^{2}(\xi) + \Gamma_{\ell}^{2}}.$$
(C4)

Therefore, the interconversion coefficient now reads as

$$g_{\text{orb}}^{\text{M,intra}} = \frac{1}{4\pi\hbar\upsilon_F} \sum_{\ell=\pm} \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\xi}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma_{\ell}}{(\xi + \ell E_{\text{soc}})^2 + \Delta^2 + \Gamma_{\ell}^2}$$
$$\equiv \frac{1}{4\pi\hbar\upsilon_F} \sum_{\ell=\pm} \frac{1}{2} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{d\xi}{\pi} \frac{\Gamma_{\ell}}{\xi^2 + \Delta^2 + \Gamma_{\ell}^2}.$$
 (C5)

Carrying out the integration over ξ directly yields the result of Eq. (47) in the main text.

APPENDIX D: OUT-OF-PLANE SPIN SUSCEPTIBILITY FOR A RASHBA METAL

We now proceed with the evaluation of the out-of-plane spin susceptibility in the case of a Rashba metal in the quasiclassical limit. It is most convenient to obtain $\chi_{\perp}^{\text{spin}}$ by including a uniform out-of-plane magnetization M_z to the Hamiltonian of the Rashba superconductor, which results in the expression

$$\hat{\mathcal{H}}(\boldsymbol{k}) = \tau_{z}[\varepsilon(k) + \upsilon\hbar(k_{x}\sigma_{y} - k_{y}\sigma_{x})] + \Delta\tau_{x} - M_{z}\sigma_{z},$$

where $\varepsilon(k) = (\hbar k)^2 / 2m - \mu$ with $k = |\mathbf{k}|$. The above Hamiltonian is dictated by the eigenergies $\pm E_{\pm}(k)$ given by

$$E_{\pm}(k) = \sqrt{\varepsilon^2(k) + (\upsilon\hbar k)^2 + M_z^2 + \Delta^2 \pm 2\sqrt{\mathcal{R}(k)}},$$

where we introduced the quantity

$$\mathcal{R}(k) = (\upsilon\hbar k)^2 \varepsilon^2(k) + M_z^2 \varepsilon^2(k) + M_z^2 \Delta^2.$$
(D1)

The susceptibility is obtained from the definition

$$\chi_{\perp} = -\left. \frac{d^2 E_{\rm gs}}{dM_z^2} \right|_{M_z=0},\tag{D2}$$

where E_{gs} is the ground-state energy of the system per area. Since the spectrum depends only on *k*, we find that

$$E_{\rm gs} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{s=\pm} \int_0^\infty \frac{k \, dk}{2\pi} E_s(k). \tag{D3}$$

We adopt a quasiclassical approach and set $\varepsilon(k) \approx \hbar \upsilon_F(k - k_F)$, $E_{soc} = \upsilon \hbar k_F$. By further taking the limit $E_F \to \infty$, the

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ground-state energy becomes

$$E_{\rm gs} = -\frac{\nu_F}{2} \sum_{s=\pm} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} d\varepsilon \sqrt{\varepsilon^2 + E_{\rm soc}^2 + M_z^2 + \Delta^2 + 2s\sqrt{\mathcal{R}(\varepsilon)}},$$
(D4)

where $v_F = m/2\pi \hbar^2$ and we set $\mathcal{R}(\varepsilon) = (E_{\text{soc}}^2 + M_z^2)\varepsilon^2 + M_z^2\Delta^2$. By directly evaluating the above integral we obtain the susceptibility expression in Eq. (50).

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