# **Topological nodal chains and transverse transport in the centrosymmetric ferromagnetic semimetal FeIn2S4**

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Nodal chain semimetals protected by nonsymmorphic symmetries are distinct from Dirac and Weyl semimetals, featuring unconventional topological surface states and resulting in anomalous magnetotransport properties. Here, we reveal that ferromagnetic  $F\epsilon In_2S_4$  is a suitable nodal chain candidate in theory. Centrosymmetric  $Feln_2S_4$  with nonsymmorphic symmetries shows half metallicity and clean band crossings with hourglass-type dispersion tracing out nodal lines. Owing to glide mirror symmetries, the nontrivial nodal loops form a nodal chain, which is associated with the perpendicular glide mirror planes. These nodal chains are robust against spin-orbital interaction, giving rise to the coexistence of drumhead-type surface states and closed surface Fermi arcs. Moreover, the nodal loops protected by nonsymmorphic symmetry contribute to large anomalous Hall conductivity and the anomalous Nernst conductivity. Our results provide a platform to explore the intriguing topological state and transverse transport properties in a magnetic system.

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### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Recently discovered topological nodal-line metals [\[1–4\]](#page-6-0) and topological semimetals including Dirac and Weyl semimetals [\[5](#page-6-0)[–9\]](#page-7-0) have interested more and more researchers because they host robust low-energy fermionic excitations. The low-energy excitations described by Dirac or Weyl Hamiltonians are different from the electrons in conventional materials, such as high mobility [\[10\]](#page-7-0), opposite chirality [\[11\]](#page-7-0), and topological robustness [\[12\]](#page-7-0), and give rise to many fascinating properties in topological metals and semimetals [\[3](#page-6-0)[,13\]](#page-7-0). For example, the Weyl fermions in nonmagnetic materials present topological surface Fermi arcs [\[14,15\]](#page-7-0), and the magnetic Weyl semimetals lead to the realization of the chiral anomaly [\[9\]](#page-7-0) and Fermi arcs [\[16,17\]](#page-7-0). The special "drumhead" surface states [\[7,18–20\]](#page-7-0) and the anomalous Landau level spectrum [\[21\]](#page-7-0) have been proposed in nodal-line metals whose nodes extend along one-dimensional (1D) lines instead of discrete points in the three-dimensional (3D) Brillouin zone (BZ). However, such 1D nodal loops (closed nodal line) protected by certain symmorphic symmetry operations, such as mirror or inversion  $[22-25]$ , are usually vulnerable against spin-orbit coupling (SOC), and can be removed without altering the symmetry  $[26]$ . There is a series of works on the absence of extended degeneracies with SOC in different

space groups. For example, the fourfold double Weyl points of orthorhombic crystal  $Ag<sub>2</sub>Se$  in SG 19 become twofold degenerate under SOC [\[27\]](#page-7-0).

Compared with the symmorphic symmetry operations, the nonsymmorphic glide-plane symmetry  $g = \{\sigma/t\}$ , formed by a reflection  $\sigma$ , followed by a translation by a fraction of a primitive lattice vector *t* , plays a critical role in stabilizing the band-crossing points  $[1,4,28-31]$  $[1,4,28-31]$ . This band-crossing points are robust against SOC and may entangle multiple bands together, resulting in inevitable crossing points. The entangled multiple nodal loops can form nodal chain configurations including the outer nodal chain (two nodal lines are on opposite sides of the touching point)  $[2,4,28]$  $[2,4,28]$ , inner nodal chain (two nodal lines are on same sides of the touching point) [\[32\]](#page-7-0), as shown in Fig. [1,](#page-1-0) and hourglass Dirac chain (the fourfold degenerate neck crossing point) [\[4](#page-6-0)[,33–35\]](#page-7-0). A variety of outer nodal chain metals proposed in a noncentrosymmetric system always enclose a time-reversal invariant momenta (TRIM), which was predicted in paramagnetic Ir $F_4$  material [\[1\]](#page-6-0). Furthermore,  $IrF<sub>4</sub>$  also exhibits an antiferromagnetic semimetal with the nodal line  $[36]$ . The hourglass Dirac chain metal is enabled by two orthogonal glide mirror planes combined with  $\mathcal T$  and  $\mathcal P$  symmetries, which was predicted in the rhenium dioxide [\[4\]](#page-6-0). Moreover, the outer and inner nodal chains can coexist in ferromagnetic Heusler  $Co<sub>2</sub>MnGa$  material [\[2\]](#page-6-0). Recently, the outer nodal chain in a metallic-mesh photonic crystal and Dirac nodal chain in a layered structure centrosymmetric  $TiB<sub>2</sub>$  have been observed by the angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy (ARPES) measurements [\[19\]](#page-7-0). So far, the proposed inner nodal chain semimetals are still

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<span id="page-1-0"></span>limited, and it is urgent to discover more suitable candidates to explore their intriguing properties.

In this work, using first-principles calculations, we predict the ferromagnetic centrosymmetric semimetal  $\text{FeIn}_2\text{S}_4$ as a candidate of inner nodal chain material. Ferromagnetic  $Feln<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>$  intrinsically shows the half-metallic feature and clean band crossing with high Fermi velocity near the Fermi level. The effective model and symmetry analysis combining with calculations reveal that  $\text{FeIn}_2\text{S}_4$  is characterized by inner nodal chains, which are protected by orthogonal glide mirror planes. The band crossing points trace out nodal loops and the connected nodal loops form inner nodal chains in the momentum space, being robust against SOC. The coexistence of drumhead-type surface states and closed surface Fermi arcs are observed by the surface Green's function method. Moreover, these nontrivial nodal loops contribute to the intrinsic anomalous Hall conductivity and the anomalous Nernst conductivity. The result suggests that ferromagnetic  $\text{FeIn}_2\text{S}_4$  is a potential candidate for exploring the intriguing topological state and transverse transport properties in a magnetic system.

#### **II. METHOD**

First-principles calculations based on the densityfunctional theory (DFT) were performed using the projector-augmented wave (PAW) method [\[37\]](#page-7-0) as implemented in the Vienna *Ab Initio* Simulation (VASP) Package [\[38\]](#page-7-0). The generalized gradient approximation (GGA) of Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof (PBE) [\[39\]](#page-7-0) for the exchange-correlation functional was used. The cutoff energy of plane wave basis was set 600 eV and the first Brillouin zone of the reciprocal space was sampled with Monkhorst-Pack *k*-point meshes [\[40\]](#page-8-0) of  $11 \times 11 \times 11$  for structural relaxation and  $15 \times 15 \times 15$  for static self-consistent calculation. The structure was fully relaxed until the force and energy was smaller than 0.001 eV/Å and  $10^{-6}$  eV; the optimized lattice constant is 10.694 Å for FeIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>. The band representation analysis was performed using the SPACEGROUP package [\[41\]](#page-8-0). The Fe *d*, In *s*, and S *p* orbitals were used to construct the tight-binding model with the maximally localized Wannier functions (MLWF) by WANNIER90 code [\[42\]](#page-8-0). Energy dependence of the anomalous Hall conductivity (AHC)  $\sigma_{xy}^z$  in terms of the *z* components of Berry curvature was obtained by the WANNIERBERRI code [\[43\]](#page-8-0). The anomalous transverse thermoelectric conductivity  $\alpha_{xy}^A$  was obtained from the integral formula of the Mott relation  $[44]$ . The calculation of topological surface spectrum and surface states are based on the surface Green's function method as implemented in the WANNIERTOOLS package [\[45\]](#page-8-0).

# **III. CRYSTAL STRUCTURE, SYMMETRY, AND MAGNETIC CONFIGURATION**

The crystal structure of  $\text{FeIn}_2\text{S}_4$ , synthesized by the method of directional crystallization of an almost stoichiometric melt and obtained bulk single crystal in experiment [\[46\]](#page-8-0), belongs to face-centered-cubic lattice and is composed of Fe-S tetrahedrons and In-S octahedrons, with each Fe atom surrounded by four sulfur atoms and each In atom surrounded by six sulfur atoms, as shown in Fig.  $2(a)$ . Without spin-orbit



FIG. 1. Schematic figure of the (a) outer and (b) inner nodal chains.

coupling (SOC), spin rotations and the symmetry operations of lattice can be a combination of a spatial operation and an arbitrary spin rotation that is compatible with the group structure, classifying the spin group as a spin space group (SSG) [\[47\]](#page-8-0) and a spin point group (SPG) [\[48\]](#page-8-0). Here, the symmetries of space and spin degrees of freedom are considered separately. The space group *F d*-3*m* (no. 227) symmetry of the FeIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> structure includes the following nonsymmorphic symmetry operations: two glide mirror planes with fraction translations  $\mathcal{\tilde{M}}_z$  :  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (x + \frac{1}{4}, y + \frac{3}{4}, -z + \frac{1}{2}),$  $\tilde{M}_{xy}$  : (*x*, *y*, *z*) → (−*y* +  $\frac{1}{4}$ , −*x* +  $\frac{3}{4}$ , *z* +  $\frac{1}{2}$ ). The corresponding first Brillouin zone (BZ) and 2D BZ for (001) surface are shown in Fig.  $2(b)$ . To obtain the magnetic ground state of  $\text{FeIn}_2\text{S}_4$ , the total energies for nonmagnetic (NM), ferromagnetic (FM) [only give (001) direction due to isotropy], and antiferromagnetic (AFM; possible AFM configurations in Fig. S1, see the Supplemental Material [\[49\]](#page-8-0)) are calculated and the result reveals that the FM state is the most stable energetically, as shown in Table I. Notably,  $Feln<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>$ shows an antiferromagnetic state in experiment [\[50\]](#page-8-0), in which the magnetic moments are arranged in spin antiparallel collinearly [\[51\]](#page-8-0). The difference between experiment and calculation may due to small strain during experimental preparation, such as stress, defect [\[52\]](#page-8-0), or disorder, which make  $\text{FeIn}_2\text{S}_4$  fail to adopt the FM state. From our calculations, the total energy of FM state is very close to that of AFM state and the spin-flip transition from FM state to AFM state can be achieved by only 1% tensile strain in Fig.  $2(c)$ . If ferromagnetic FeIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> can been obtained by experiment, it will show an interesting topological state, as discussed in Sec. [V.](#page-3-0) Therefore, it deserves a deep theoretical exploration on the potential FM state and the striking nontrivial topological states in the  $Feln<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>$  compound. For FM state, each Fe atom has a nominal magnetic moment of  $4\mu_{\rm B}$ . According to the Pauling electronegativity, the value of electronegativity of the S atom (2.58) is greater than that of the In atom (1.78) and the Fe atom (1.83), resulting in two In atoms donating six electrons from 5*p* and 5*s* orbitals and the Fe atom donating two electrons from the 4*s* orbital to the S-3*p* orbital in Fig. [2\(d\).](#page-2-0) As a consequence, the S-3*p* orbital is occupied by two spin-antiparallel electrons, exhibiting

TABLE I. Total energy per unit cell of  $\text{FeIn}_2\text{S}_4$  with NM, AFM, and FM configurations (unit in eV).

	FM	AFM	NΜ
Total energy	$-66.084$	$-66.035$	$-63.967$

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FIG. 2. (a) Structure of FeIn2S4 with space group *F d*-3*m* (no. 227). The In-S octahedron and Fe-S tetrahedron structure units are displayed in the top right and bottom right, respectively. (b) Three-dimensional (3D) Brillouin zone (BZ) and 2D BZ for (001) surface. (c) Strain dependence of the difference of the total energy between FM and AFM configurations. (d) Schematic diagram for the origin of the nominal magnetic moment of Fe atoms,  $4\mu_B$  per Fe atom in the FM configuration.

nearly zero magnetic moment. According to the eight-electron rule, the Fe atoms would completely hold six valence electrons, leaving four unpaired electrons with a magnetic moment of  $4\mu_{\rm B}$ .

#### **IV. ELECTRONIC STRUCTURE**

The spin-resolved band structure of FM FeIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> exhibits a half-metallic nature because the spin-up channel shows a semiconductor behavior, while the spin-down channel displays a metallic property, where the conducting electrons have a 100% spin polarization, as shown in Figs.  $3(a)$  and [3\(b\).](#page-3-0) The spin-down channel mainly attributes to Fe-*d* orbitals, being similar to that of  $Co<sub>3</sub>Sn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>$  [\[9\]](#page-7-0). Significantly, for the spin-down channel, the highest valence bands cross the lowest conduction bands linearly along  $\Gamma$ -*X*,  $\Gamma$ -*K*, *L*-*U*, and *L-K* high symmetry lines, of which the band crossing along the  $\Gamma$ -*X* direction is far away from the Fermi level. The band along the *W-L* direction opens a tiny band gap though it shows a linear band crossing visually. Figure  $3(c)$ presents the enlarged plot of linear dispersion between energy

and momentum near the Fermi level for the spin-down channel. The band-crossing points locating at *X*- $\Gamma$ -*K-L-U* lines are referred to as BC1, BC2, BC3, and BC4, respectively. BC3 and BC4 are symmetrically distributed in *K-L-U* lines. The linear dispersion indicates high carrier mobility and the excellent performance of a half metal. From the two linear bands highlighted in Fig. [3\(c\),](#page-3-0) the Fermi velocity  $v_F$  of the carriers can be evaluated using linear fitting [\[53\]](#page-8-0):  $v_F \approx \frac{1}{\hbar} \frac{\partial E}{\partial k}$ . The Fermi velocity in Fig.  $3(d)$  reveals that (i) the half metal  $Feln<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>$  possesses high carrier mobility with Fermi velocity of about  $2 \times 10^5$  m/s, and (ii) double degenerate points along the  $\Gamma$ -*K*, *K*-*L*, and *L*-*U* directions are inclined Weyl cones. Moreover, according to the band representation analysis of the symmetric operations, the band crossing points locating at  $\Gamma$ -*X* and  $\Gamma$ -*K* lines are P-WNLs, i.e., the Weyl nodal-line net (WNL net) contains multiple twofold NLs, which share (at least) one nodal point in momentum space, and then the joint nodal points are termed as P-WNLs. The quadratic contact triple points (QCTPs, i.e., threefold band degeneracy) at the  $\Gamma$  point are ignored due to the topological charge  $C = 0$  [\[54\]](#page-8-0).

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FIG. 3. (a),(b) Orbital-projected spin-polarized bands structure of FeIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>, Fe-*d* orbitals mainly contribute to the band near Fermi level for spin-down channel, band representation and topological state at  $\Gamma$  and *X* points from symmetry analysis. (c) The enlarged band structure around the twofold-degenerate band-crossing points near Fermi level for spin-down channel. (d) Fermi velocity of the band crossings along -*K*, *K-L*, and *L-U* directions.

### **V. NODAL CHAINS WITHOUT AND WITH SOC**

To further analyze the topological character of  $\text{FeIn}_2\text{S}_4$ suggested by Fig.  $3(c)$ , the linear band crossings are traced out in more detail. Without SOC, the spin-up and spin-down channels are decoupled, and thus the time-reversal symmetry can translate between the two spin channels. For the spindown channel, all crystalline symmetries are preserved, such as nonsymmorphic glide mirror symmetries, inversion symmetry  $P$ , and time-reversal symmetry  $T$ . Figure  $4(a)$  displays two kinds of nodal lines, in which the red nodal loops at the  $k_x = 0$  ( $k_y = 0$  and  $k_z = 0$ ) plane are protected by the glide mirror plane  $\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_z(\tilde{\mathcal{M}}_x, \tilde{\mathcal{M}}_y)$ , and the black-green nodal loop at the  $k_{x-z}$  plane is protected by the mirror plane  $M_z$ . Remarkably, these nodal loops are interconnected and the red nodal loops are connected to red and black-green ones to form inner nodal chains. At the  $k_{x-y}$  plane, the nodal lines throughout the Brillouin zone from top to bottom are protected by  $\widetilde{M}_{xy}$ in Fig.  $4(b)$ . These nodal loops can be argued from effective model and symmetry analysis. The presence of red nodal loops centered at the *X* point are protected by the glide mirror plane  $\tilde{M}_z$  :  $(k_x, k_y, k_z) \rightarrow (k_x + \frac{1}{4}, k_y + \frac{3}{4}, -k_z + \frac{1}{2})$  and are caused by band inversion. To protect this nodal loop, the two crossing bands should have opposite eigenvalues of  $\mathcal{M}_z$ , which has a matrix representation as  $\mathcal{M}_z = \sigma_z$ . The two-band  $\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{p}$ Hamiltonian is given by

$$
\mathcal{H} = \sum_{i=x,y,z} d_i(\mathbf{k}) \sigma_i, \tag{1}
$$

where  $\sigma_i$  is the Pauli matrix denoting the space of the two crossing bands, one with positive parity and the other with

negative parity, and  $d_i(\mathbf{k})$  are real functions and the vector  $\mathbf{k}$ is relative to the  $\Gamma$  point. To satisfy the commutation relation between  $\mathcal{M}_z$  and  $\mathcal{H}$ ,

$$
\widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_z \mathcal{H} \widetilde{\mathcal{M}}_z^{-1} = \mathcal{H}_{\Gamma}(k_x, k_y, -k_z), \tag{2}
$$

which leads to  $d_{x,y}$  (*k*) being even functions of *k* and  $d_z$  (*k*) are odd functions of *k*,

$$
d_{x,y}(k_x, k_y, k_z) = -d_{x,y}(k_x, k_y, -k_z),
$$
\n(3)

$$
d_z(k_x, k_y, k_z) = d_z(k_x, k_y, -k_z).
$$
 (4)

When the nodal loops lie on the  $k_z = 0$  plane,  $d_{x,y}(k_x, k_y, k_z) = -d_{x,y}(k_x, k_y, -k_z)$  vanishes, and thus the nodal loops are determined by  $d_z(\mathbf{k})$ . Considering the cubic symmetry and the second order of  $k$ ,  $d_z(k)$  can be generally expressed in the following form:

$$
d_z(\mathbf{k}) = m - b(k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2). \tag{5}
$$

 $d_z(\mathbf{k}) = 0$  can be satisfied only when  $mb > 0$ , indicating the nodal loops at the  $k_z = 0$  plane due to the band inversion. Interestingly, the nodal loops at the  $k_x = 0$  and  $k_y = 0$  plane are orthogonal to each other, and they touch and constitute the inner chain in the momentum space [Fig.  $4(a)$ ]. Interestingly, the nodal chains on perpendicular glide mirror planes are in contrast to the Hopf link, which represents 3D band crossings characterized by the simplest topologically nontrivial link and consists of two rings that pass through the center of each other [\[2\]](#page-6-0), involving only two bands, and both glide mirror eigenvalues flip from one region to the other, as shown in Fig.  $4(c)$ . The analysis of nodal lines [Fig.  $4(b)$ ] throughout the

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FIG. 4. (a) Schematic figure of two types of nodal loops forming inner nodal chains. (b) Energy gap  $\Delta E$  between the lowest conduction band and the top valence band without SOC at  $k_{x-y} = 0$ plane, i.e., the nodal line throughout the Brillouin zone from top to bottom. (c) Schematic figure of two independent nodal loops on two perpendicular glide mirror planes. The below panel shows the nodal loops with glide mirror eigenvalues along *ky* axis. (d) A nonsymmorphic symmetry {*g*|*t*} leads to band crossings on a mirror-invariant line  $\Gamma$ -*X*. The Kramers pairs ( $\Gamma$  and *X* points) exchange the glide eigenvalues along any path connecting  $\Gamma$  and  $X$  points, leading to an essential crossing point.

Brillouin zone from top to bottom at the  $k_{x-y}$  plane protected by the glide mirror plane  $\mathcal{M}_{xy}$  are similar.

At the  $k_{x-y}$  plane, the presence of black-green nodal loops are protected by the mirror plane  $\mathcal{M}_{x-y}$  :  $(x, y, z) \rightarrow (y, x, z)$ . Since  $\mathcal{M}_{1-10}$  :  $(k_x, k_y, k_z)$  →  $(k_y, k_x, k_z)$  satisfies  $(\mathcal{M}_{x-y})^2$  = 1, then  $\mathcal{M}_{x-y}$  has eigenvalues  $\pm 1$ .

It is worth noting that the presence of glide mirror symmetries results in a band switching between two time reversal invariant momenta (TRIM)  $\Gamma$  (0,0,0) and *X* (0,  $\pi$ , 0) points, forming the double-fold degeneracy hourglass type dispersion along the  $\Gamma$ -*X* path [Fig. 4(a)]. For the mirror-invariant line  $\Gamma$ -*X* on the  $k_z = 0$  plane, since  $\tilde{M}_z^4 = T_{310} = e^{-3ik_x - ik_y}$ , thus the eigenvalues of  $\tilde{M}_z$  are  $g_z = \pm 1$  at the  $\Gamma$  point and  $g_z = \pm i$ 

at the *X* point. Without SOC, each spin channel can be regarded as a spinless case and the band dispersion is Kramer degeneracy at the  $\Gamma$  and *X* points. At the  $\Gamma$  point, every Bloch state on the plane  $k_z = 0$  can be chosen as the eigenstate  $|u\rangle$  of  $\tilde{M}_z$ ; it shows a double degeneracy,  $\{|u\rangle, \mathcal{T}|u\rangle\}$ . For example, |*u*} have the same eigenvalue  $g_z = +1$  (or  $g_z = -1$ ) as its Kramer partner  $\mathcal{T}|u\rangle$ . Notably, at *X* = (0,  $\pi$ , 0) each Kramer pair  $|u\rangle$  and  $\mathcal{T}|u\rangle$  shares different eigenvalues  $g_z$  (one is  $g_z = i$ and the other one is  $g_z = -i$ ). Therefore, there must be a partner switching when going from  $\Gamma$  to *X*, leading to an hourglass band crossing, as shown in Fig. 4(d).

When considering the SOC effect that couples the two spins and allows them to hybridize, the above-mentioned band crossings are not fully gapped, such as the crossing-points along the  $\Gamma$ -*X* and  $\Gamma$ -*K* directions, as shown in Fig. [6\(a\)](#page-5-0) and Fig. S2 of the Supplemental Material [\[49\]](#page-8-0). Since all the glide mirrors and mirror symmetries except  $\mathcal{M}_z$ ,  $\mathcal{M}_{xy}$  and  $\mathbf{M}_{x-y}$  are broken under the magnetic moments of Fe atoms aligned in the (001) direction, the red nodal loops at  $k_z = 0$ , the green nodal loops at  $k_{x-y}$  plane and the nodal lines throughout the Brillouin zone from top to bottom at  $k_{-x-y}$  plane are retained. This illuminates that the band-crossing points along  $\Gamma$ -X and  $\Gamma$ -K directions enabled by nonsymmorphic symmetries are robust against SOC and referred to as essential. The red nodal loops at  $k_x = 0$  and  $k_y = 0$  are gapped and the SOC-induced gap opened at the nodal loops is extremely small of 1.3 meV. Therefore, the SOC effect is quite weak. Considering the negligible SOC gap, it is very likely that the inner nodal chains structure will be obtained in  $\text{FeIn}_2\text{S}_4$ . In addition, the crossing points along the *L-U* and *L-K* directions protected by mirror symmetry  $M_{x-y}$  are fully gapped and the SOC-induced gaps are 19.8 and 27.7 meV, as shown in Fig.  $6(a)$ .

#### **VI. DRUMHEAD SURFACE STATES**

For a topological nodal line material, there should exist surface states despite not having an exact bulk boundary correspondence; typically boundary modes are observed in IrF4 [\[1\]](#page-6-0),  $\text{ReO}_2$  [\[4\]](#page-6-0), and  $\text{Mg}_2\text{VO}_4$  [\[34\]](#page-7-0). Its topological surface spectrum along high symmetry paths in the surface BZ have been established as the so-called drumhead surface states. A nodal line projected into a plane should fill the entire area inside the nodal line. The topological surface states fill the area shared by the two nodal lines for the nodal lines connecting with



FIG. 5. (a) Topological surface states for  $(001)$  surface in FeIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> with Fe termination. The sharp features are surface states and the shaded region are projections of bulk bands. (b) The projection of nodal features onto the (001) surface at 50 meV below the Fermi level. (c) Schematic illustration of projected topological nodal features observed in (b).

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FIG. 6. (a) Energy dispersion of electronic bands structure of FeIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> along high-symmetry paths in the Brillouin zone with SOC, Berry curvature projected band structure along high-symmetry paths except *L-K* direction to highlight the SOC effect on the band crossing, the size of the blue and red dots corresponds to the magnitude of negative and positive Berry curvature on a logarithmic scale. (b) Energy dependence of the anomalous Hall conductivity in terms of the components of  $\Omega_{yx}^z(\mathbf{k})$ . (c) Energy and temperature dependence of the anomalous Nernst conductivity  $\alpha_{yx}^z$  in terms of  $\sigma_{yx}^z(\epsilon)$ , right panel (d) is the enlarged view of ANC below the Fermi level; the illustration shows the curve of ANC at the Fermi level with temperature.

each other and forming nodal networks and the two drumhead surface states are coupled together. Interestingly, nodal chain semimetals feature unconventional topological surface states. Figure [5\(a\)](#page-4-0) displays the surface spectrum near the Fermi level for the (001) plane [Fig.  $2(b)$ ] in FeIn<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub> with Fe termination. The sharp surface bands along  $\bar{\Gamma}$ - $\bar{X}$ - $\bar{K}$  paths are observed and they actually are the drumhead surface states stemming from the projected bulk band-crossing point. Both the hourglass dispersion and the surface states are close to the Fermi level, indicating that they could be directly imaged by ARPES experiment in ferromagnetic  $\text{FeIn}_2\text{S}_4$ , and could dominate the electronic and thermal transport behaviors of the compound.

In Fig.  $5(b)$ , the projected loops in the surface BZ for the constant energy slice at 50 meV below the Fermi level [Fig.  $5(a)$ ] are obtained by the tight-binding model. In order to clearly present the surface states of the nodal loops, the nodal loops outline the profiles projected onto the (001) surface in Fig.  $5(c)$ . The opened circle surface states marked by the shaded region for the red nodal loop on the (001) surface are indeed observed, with the projected loops centering around the *X* point. Other projected loops fill the cross-shaped area in the shaded region. An interesting coexistence of a drumheadtype surface state and closed surface Fermi arcs are observed.

#### **VII. TRANSVERSE TRANSPORTS**

The inner chain is essential, robust against SOC, indicating that the interplay of magnetism and topology may open up the possibility for exotic linear response effects, such as the anomalous Hall effect and the anomalous Nernst effect. The energy-dependent anomalous Hall conductivity (AHC) and the anomalous Nernst conductivity (ANC) obtained from the Berry curvature [\[55\]](#page-8-0) and the generalized Mott relation  $\left[ \frac{44}{\alpha} \right] \alpha_{xy}^{A}(T,\mu) = -\frac{1}{e} \int d\epsilon \frac{\partial f(\epsilon-\mu,T)}{\partial \epsilon}$ ∂ Figs.  $6(b)$  and  $6(c)$ . The gapped band crossing points along  $\frac{\epsilon - \mu}{T} \sigma_{xy}^{A}(\epsilon)$  are shown in the  $U-L-K$  directions [Fig.  $6(a)$ ] correspond to a peak of 192 ( $\Omega$  cm)<sup>-1</sup> in  $\sigma_{yx}$  at the energy of 15 meV below  $E_F$ [Fig. 6(b)]. The SOC-induced gapped nodal loops indeed create the anomalous Hall effect. Considering the energy shift

away from the charge neutral point in a range of 250 meV, the maximum of  $\sigma_{yx}$  –648( $\Omega$  cm)<sup>-1</sup> may appear at the energy of −83 meV owing to the possible vacancies, defects, or off-stoichiometric composition in real materials. The energydependent anomalous Nernst conductivity in Fig. 6(c) shows that the maximum of  $\alpha_{yx}$  can reach 2.0 (A m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>) and  $-2.3$  (A m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>) at a low temperature of 50 K, corresponding to the largest energy derivative of the AHC. Moreover, the maximum of  $\alpha_{yx}$  is separated on either side of  $\sigma_{yx}$ , indicating that a small shift in the energy can also greatly enhance or decrease the ANC value and its sign change. The maximum of  $\alpha_{vx}$  at an energy of 15 meV below the Fermi level can trace back to the SOC-induced gapped nodal loops. As the temperature increases, the ANC changes from negative to positive value at the Fermi level [Fig.  $6(c)$ ], the low-temperature Mott relation is valid, and the  $\alpha_{yx}$  can still maintain a high value of 2.30 (A m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>) at 200 K. The maximum ANC of 2.0 (A m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>) at  $T = 50$  K is much larger than that in traditional ferromagnets [\[56\]](#page-8-0) [typically  $\alpha_{yx} = 0.01 - 1(A \text{ m}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1})$ ] once  $T \ge 50 \text{ K}.$ 

To investigate the origin of the anomalous Hall and Nernst effects, the integral Berry curvature  $\Omega_{xy}^z(\mathbf{k})$  (BC) along  $k_z$ in the Brillouin zone is obtained. First, the AHC of 192  $(\Omega \text{ cm})^{-1}$  can be traced to the SOC-induced gapped nodal loop protected by  $M_{x-y}$  in Fig. 6(b). Figure [7\(a\)](#page-6-0) shows that the distribution of the BC in the Brillouin zone that is focused only around the nodal loop, i.e., the integrated BC is primarily determined by the shape of the nodal lines, and the positive BC mainly contribute to the AHC. This is because the corresponding nodal lines along the nodal loop have less dispersive energy, while the dispersion nodal lines cause negative BC, which is the reason that maximum  $\sigma_{vx}$  does not coincide with the crossing along the *U-L-K* line. Consequently, the gapped band crossing points exhibit a peak in AHC and ANC around the Fermi level. To find out the contribution of the maximum  $\sigma_{yx}$ , one can look into the BC distribution in the Brillouin zone. Figure  $7(b)$  shows that the negative BC at  $k_z = 0$  and *kx*<sup>−</sup>*<sup>y</sup>* planes, forming a nodal line in the nodal loop case, are the dominating contribution to AHC of  $-648$  ( $\Omega$  cm)<sup>-1</sup>. Finally,

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FIG. 7. (a) Berry curvature distribution in the Brillouin zone along the 3D band structure  $[E(eV) - k_x (2\sqrt{2}\pi/a) - k_y (2\pi/b)]$  of a green nodal loop at  $k_{x-y}$  plane. (b) Berry curvature distribution projected to the  $k_z = 0$  plane and  $k_{x-y} = 0$  plane.

we also examine other ferromagnetic and antiferromagnetic systems possessing nodal lines and nodal planes protected by nonsymmorphic symmetries and having similar transverse transport mechanisms. For example, the AHC of ferromagnetic  $CuCr<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>4</sub>$  stems from a large Berry curvature due to the splitting of the nodal line via spin-orbit coupling [\[57\]](#page-8-0). The Berry-curvature "hot spots" lying along the gapped nodal lines via spin-orbit coupling enhance the anomalous Hall effect in collinear *C*-type antiferromagnetic CaCrO<sub>3</sub> [\[58\]](#page-8-0). The slightly gapped nodal plane enforced by a screw axis symmetry generates the spontaneous Hall and Nernst effects in compensated antiferromagnets  $CoNb<sub>3</sub>S<sub>6</sub>$  [\[59\]](#page-8-0).

## **VIII. SUMMARY**

In summary, the intriguing topological state and transverse transport properties of ferromagnetic  $\text{FeIn}_2\text{S}_4$  are revealed by first-principles calculations. The centrosymmetric  $\text{FeIn}_2\text{S}_4$ shows the fully spin polarized half-metal feature, mainly contributed from the Fe-*d* orbital. The clean and linear band crossing near Fermi level traces out nodal lines and possesses high carrier mobility with a Fermi velocity of  $2 \times 10^5$  m/s. The nodal lines protected by the glide mirror plane  $\tilde{M}_z$  and the mirror plane  $\mathcal{M}_{x-y}$  form inner nodal chains in momentum space and the glide mirror plane  $\mathcal{M}_{xy}$  enables the nodal lines throughout the Brillouin zone from top to bottom. The effective model and symmetry analysis further demonstrate this interesting topological state. Remarkably, the band crossing along the  $\Gamma$ -*X* high symmetry line tracing out the nodal loops

are robust against SOC due to the protection of nonsymmorphic glide mirror symmetry and the SOC effect on the inner nodal chains can be negligible. Moreover, the inner nodal chain leads to the coexistence of drumhead-type surface states and closed surface Fermi arcs on the (001) surface. These nontrivial nodal loops mainly contribute to the maximum AHC of  $-648$  ( $\Omega$  cm)<sup>-1</sup> and the flat energy dispersion of the 3D nodal lines are beneficial to the AHC of 192  $(\Omega \text{ cm})^{-1}$ at the energy of 15 meV below Fermi level. The maximum  $\alpha_{vx}$  can reach to 2.0 (A m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>) and -2.3 (A m<sup>-1</sup> K<sup>-1</sup>) at a low temperature of 50 K. These findings provide a magnetic semimetal candidate to investigate the transport properties dominated by nodal chain.

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