

# Unveiling the interplay of magnetic order and electronic band structure in the evolution of the anomalous Hall effect in single crystalline MnPtGa

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The recent studies on the anomalous Hall effect (AHE) have revealed an intrinsic relationship between the topological band structure and the experimentally observed transverse conductivity. Consequently, this has led to a heightened focus on examining the topological aspects of AHE. Here, an in-depth study of temperature driven sign reversal of anomalous Hall conductivity in the single crystalline MnPtGa (space group:  $P6_3/mmc$ ) has been presented. From the interdependence of the linear and anomalous Hall resistivity, the origin of AHE is confirmed to be of intrinsic type. By systematically studying the electronic band structure and Berry curvature of MnPtGa using first principle calculations supported by temperature and magnetic field dependent magnetization measurements, it is concluded that the temperature dependent complex magnetic structure plays a significant role and leads to the sign reversal of anomalous Hall conductivity. Supported by the *ab initio* calculations, a continuous evolution of the magnetic structure is proposed, which is consistent with the experimental data. This study has established that the critical temperature ( $\approx 110$  K), where the sign reversal appears is strongly associated with the magnetic structure and the magnitude of Mn moments.

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## I. INTRODUCTION

Although identified long ago, the complete understanding of the anomalous Hall effect (AHE), involving time-reversal symmetry breaking, is yet to be resolved. Primarily, it was argued to originate from intrinsic or extrinsic contributions [1]. Intrinsic AHE originates from the magnetism, band topology, Berry curvature, etc. [2–4]. Extrinsic AHE, on the other hand, originates from scattering mechanisms like skew scattering and side jump due to spin-orbit interaction [5–7]. Despite its complex origins, the anomalous Hall resistivity ( $\rho_{xy}^A$ ) exhibits a striking association with the linear resistivity ( $\rho_{xx}$ ) through a power-law relationship,  $\rho_{xy}^A \propto \rho_{xx}^\beta$ . This interconnection holds crucial implications for understanding the underlying mechanisms of the AHE [1,8]. Depending on the values of the exponent  $\beta$ , it was argued to originate from the intrinsic or extrinsic mechanism. Nevertheless, a subsequent theoretical model was proposed to support the experimental observation of the AHE. Moreover, the specific topological band involved in the electronic structure plays a crucial role in determining both the magnitude and sign of the anomalous Hall

conductance (AHC) in the intrinsic AHE. Depending on the position of the band, or the modification of the band by the external parameters, the values of the AHC may change by a significant amount. Such phenomena were observed in a series of metallic compounds, viz.,  $\text{Co}_3\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_2$  [9,10],  $\text{Co}_2\text{MnGa}$  [11], and  $\text{Fe}_3\text{GeTe}_2$  [12]. An alteration in the sign was noted in a Weyl semimetal, HoPtBi, and it was suggested that this was caused by the splitting of Weyl nodes, which is modulated by exchange splitting [13].

The sign change in AHC has also been observed in epitaxial thin films of La-doped  $\text{EuTiO}_3$ , irrespective of the synthesis conditions [14]. In that case, the change of sign was attributed to the chemical potential shift (as a function of the magnetic field). Probably, the most interesting observation of the AHE was reported in the itinerant ferromagnet  $\text{SrRuO}_3$ , where the variation of the AHC was observed as a function of temperature. A correlation between structure and magnetism was discussed to draw a link with the magnetic monopole [15]. A similar discussion on the monopole and the Berry curvature was discussed for the compound  $\text{Co}_3\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_2$  [10]. Reports also suggest that it is possible to tune the AHE in compounds by doping, so that the Fermi level lies between the overlap of two narrow bands which leads to a change in sign of effective spin-orbit parameter resulting in a sign reversal of AHC as observed in semiconducting family  $\text{BaFe}_{2\pm x}\text{Ru}_{4\mp x}\text{O}_{11}$  [16] and metallic spinel  $\text{CuCr}_2\text{Se}_{4-x}\text{Br}_x$

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[17]. However, such mechanism does not result a nonmonotonicity in AHC.

The AHE in thin films of MnPtGa was recently reported to exhibit a strict nonmonotonic behavior and it was claimed that the sign reversal ( $\approx 110$  K) of AHC is very robust with temperature, and the variation in thickness does not affect this phenomenon [18]. Although, the authors of Ref. [18] performed a temperature-dependent neutron diffraction (ND) study of the compound [19], the justification for the robustness of the temperature at which the sign of AHC reverses still remains unsolved. For the same compound, in polycrystalline form, a serious ND study was performed, notwithstanding the focus was different [20]. It is worth mentioning here, that the compound was earlier reported to show polymorphism with different crystal structures, viz., cubic (space group  $F\bar{4}3m$ ) [21,22], trigonal (space group  $P3m1$ ) [23] and hexagonal (space group  $P6_3/mmc$ ) [19,20]. Among these, the non-centrosymmetric trigonal structure hosts a stable Néel-type skyrmion over a wide temperature range [23]. Studies on the hexagonal polymorphs at low temperatures uncover the realization of the long-range magnetic order which can lead to less symmetric structure, like  $Amm2$  or  $C2/m$  [20]. In the present study, we revisited the AHE on a high-quality single crystal of MnPtGa that crystallized in the hexagonal structure. We have used the *ab initio* calculations to correlate the sign reversal of the AHC with the electronic band structure modification due to the temperature dependence of the magnetic order.

## II. METHODS

### A. Experimental details

MnPtGa single crystals were grown by the modified Bridgman method. High purity Mn, Pt, and Ga were taken in the stoichiometric ratio and placed in a point-bottom alumina crucible that was baked overnight under vacuum at 1200 °C. The crucible was then sealed under a vacuum of ( $\approx 10^{-5}$  mBar) inside a quartz ampoule. The sealed ampoule was placed in a box type resistive heating furnace and heated to 1100 °C and held at this temperature for 24 h to achieve proper homogenization. Then the furnace was slowly cooled down to 800 °C over a period of about two weeks. After cooling down to room temperature, the crystals were extracted by breaking the sealed quartz ampoule. Powder x-ray diffraction (XRD) measurement has been performed using the PANalytical x-ray diffractometer, equipped with a monochromatic Cu- $K_\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 1.5406$  Å) x-ray source at room temperature. Single crystal x-ray diffraction (SXRD) data were collected using a four-circle Bruker diffractometer employing Mo- $K_\alpha$  radiation at around 300 K. Diffracted x rays were detected by a Bruker CCD detector where the crystal-to-detector distance was 50 mm resulting in a resolution of the SXRD data of approximately  $(\sin \theta/\lambda)_{\max} = 0.802$  Å $^{-1}$ . The diffracted intensity was collected on the detector during rotation of the crystal by 0.5°. Obtained cell parameters are  $a = b = 4.334(8)$  Å and  $c = 5.583(9)$  Å. The crystals were oriented, along the principal crystallographic directions, using the Laue diffraction technique and cut using a spark erosion electric discharge machine (EDM). Magnetic measurements were performed in a SQUID-VSM magnetometer (Quantum Design,

USA) and electrical measurements were done in physical property measurement system (PPMS, Quantum Design).

### B. SXRD analysis

To establish the correct structural model, single-crystal x-ray diffraction (SXRD) has been performed at room temperature, where we have three refinements categorized into three models corresponding to centrosymmetric and acentric space groups. In the Model A, the structure was refined employing the centrosymmetric space group  $P6_3/mmc$  and in the Models B and C, the acentric space groups  $P6_3mc$  and  $P3m1$  were used as shown in Tables ST1 and ST2 in the Supplemental Material (SM) [24]. One can see that upon choosing the acentric space groups  $P6_3mc$  and  $P3m1$  (Models B and C), we have more degrees of freedom for the refinement, thereby increasing the number of parameters. However, even with the extra parameters the fit did not improve making it hard to justify the model with the acentric hexagonal or trigonal space groups as opposed to the centrosymmetric hexagonal space group  $P6_3/mmc$ . Moreover, for Models B and C with the acentric space groups, the  $z$  coordinate (see tables in the SM [24]) is no longer constrained by symmetry as it was in the centrosymmetric hexagonal setting. Upon refining  $z$ , the standard uncertainty was quite large, thereby making it unreliable. Hence, Model A has been identified as the best to describe the structure in the present case.

### C. Computational details

The first-principles density functional theory (DFT) calculations were performed using the projector augmented-wave (PAW) potentials [25] implemented in the Vienna *ab initio* simulation package (VASP) code [26–28]. For the exchange-correlation energy, the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) in the Perdew, Burke, and Ernzerhof (PBE) parametrization was used [29]. The energy cutoff for the plane-wave expansion was set to 400 eV. Optimizations of the lattice constant and atom positions (in the presence of the spin-orbit coupling) were performed using  $10 \times 10 \times 8$  k-point grid, using the Monkhorst-Pack scheme [30].

Direct DFT calculations were used in the calculation of tight binding model in the maximally localized Wannier orbitals [31–33], constructed by WANNIER90 [34] software. We also performed calculations with the fixed values and directions of Mn magnetic moment (I\_CONSTRAINED tag). Similar technique was earlier used to study of the doping effect on the AHE in thin ferromagnetic film  $Sr_{1-x}Ca_xRuO_3$  [15].

As a convergence condition of the optimization loop, we took the energy change below  $10^{-6}$  and  $10^{-8}$  eV for ionic and electronic degrees of freedom. The obtained optimized structure were examined in context of the dynamical stability, via phonon spectrum calculation (calculations include the spin-orbit coupling). We used the direct *Parlinski-Li-Kawazoe* method [35], implemented in the PHONOPY software [36,37]. The crystal symmetry was analysed using FINDSYM [38] and SPGLIB [39], while the momentum space analysis was done using SEEK-PATH tools [40].

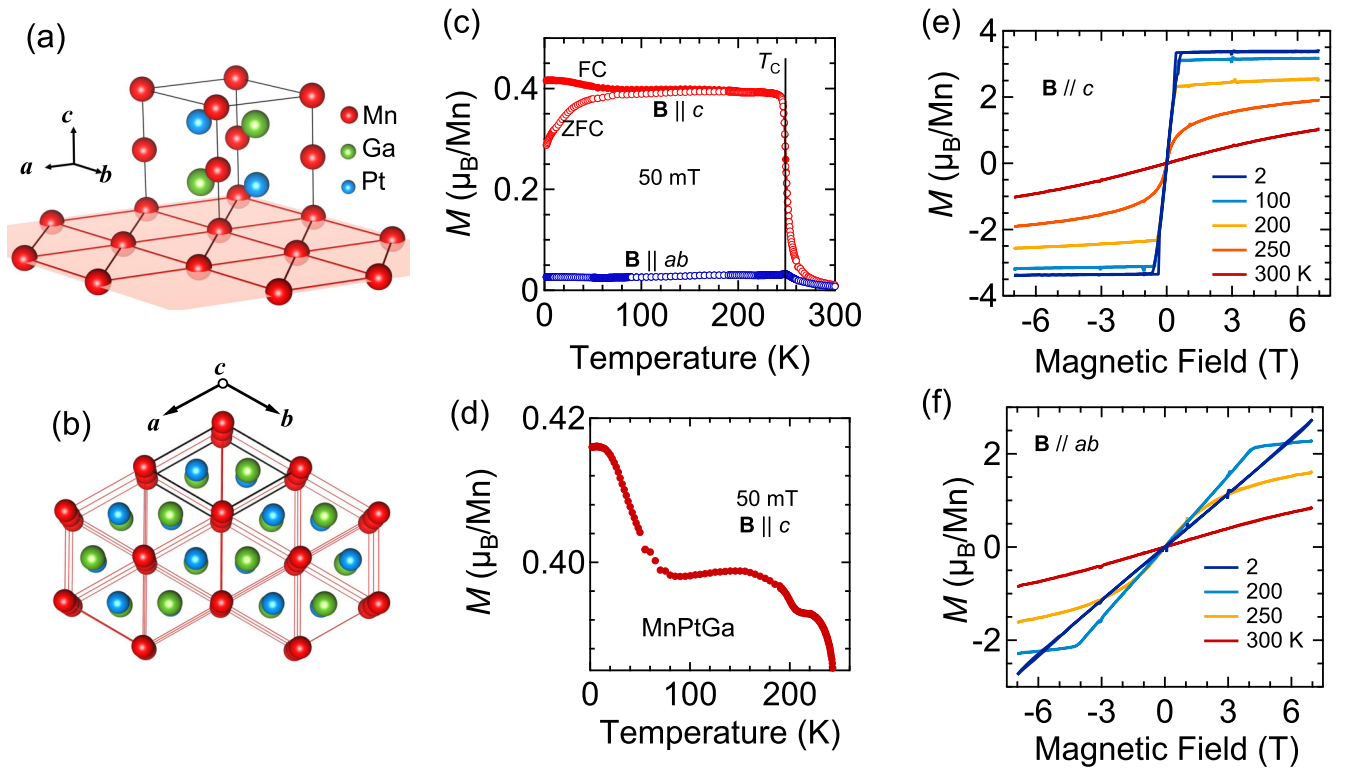


FIG. 1. Structure and magnetization of MnPtGa. [(a) and (b)] Centrosymmetric crystal structure of MnPtGa where red, green, and blue balls represent the Mn, Ga, and Pt atoms, respectively. (c) Temperature dependence of magnetization  $M$  with FC and ZFC protocols for 50 mT magnetic field applied along  $c$  direction and in  $ab$  plane. (d) Enlarged  $M$  vs  $T$  for field in  $c$  direction with FC protocol, depicting multiple magnetic transitions. Isothermal magnetization  $M$  at selected temperatures  $B||c$  and  $B||ab$  plane are depicted in (e) and (f), respectively.

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

#### A. Structural analysis

As MnPtGa shows polymorphism with three different crystal structures, it is crucial to determine that in which polymorphic form our Bridgman-grown MnPtGa has crystallized into [19–23]. We have used powder x-ray diffraction and the Laue technique (see Figs. SF1(a) and SF1(b) in the SM [24]) as a preliminary tool of identification that clearly rules out the cubic structure. It is to be noted that polycrystalline material synthesized by arc melting is reported to adopt the  $\text{Ni}_2\text{In}$  structure type described by the space group  $P6_3/mmc$  as shown in Figs. 1(a) and 1(b), where its characteristic feature is a honeycomb lattice involving a stacking of Mn with Pt-Ga atoms along the  $c$  direction (ABAB fashion) [20]. However, in one of the recent reports, the single crystals grown by Bridgman method was reported to crystallize in  $P3m1$  trigonal space group breaking the sixfold symmetry [23]. This results in an acentric structure defined by the polar space group  $P3m1$ , which is essentially a sub-group of  $P6_3/mmc$  following the Bärnighausen formalism. With the acentric structure, there are three additional atoms: Mn, Pt, and Ga split into two, where the site symmetry is also  $3m$  for the new atoms (see Table ST2 in the SM [24]). However, single crystal x-ray diffraction (SXRD) analysis (see *Methods*) on our sample suggests that the center of inversion is still present in the crystal structure. This is reinforced by no improvement to the model by refinement of additional parameters for the acentric  $P3m1$ ,

where the Flack parameter was also refined by treating it as an inversion twin that resulted in an unphysical value of  $-0.1(2)$ , which is also similar to the Model B refinement employing  $P6_3mc$ . Moreover, absence of the  $l = 2n + 1$  reflections in the reciprocal layers of  $h0l$  and  $hhl$  unequivocally shows that the crystal structure is centrosymmetric  $P6_3/mmc$  (see Tables ST1 and ST2 in the SM [24] for details).

#### B. Magnetic properties

Measurement of magnetization as a function of temperature [ $M(T)$ ] in 0.05 T magnetic field [Fig. 1(c)] applied both in-plane and out-of-plane directions, demonstrates that MnPtGa undergoes a ferromagnetic transition at  $T_C = 250$  K. However, when the temperature is further lowered MnPtGa enters into a spin-canted state at around  $\approx 165$  K ( $T_0$ ) indicated by the broad hump for field along both the principal crystallographic directions (see Figs. 1(d) and SF3(d) in the SM [24]). From powder neutron diffraction experiments, the spin-canted state can be understood as the resultant of two components: a ferromagnetic component along the  $c$  direction together with an antiferromagnetic moment pointed in the  $a$  direction [20]. Additional kinks in  $M(T)$  when lowering the temperature suggest a rich magnetic structure that evolves with temperature. Moreover, magnetostriction studies [20] have shown that these transitions are coupled with the lattice and lead to negative volume magnetostriction in MnPtGa. Our field-dependent magnetization [ $M(B)$ ] measurements suggest

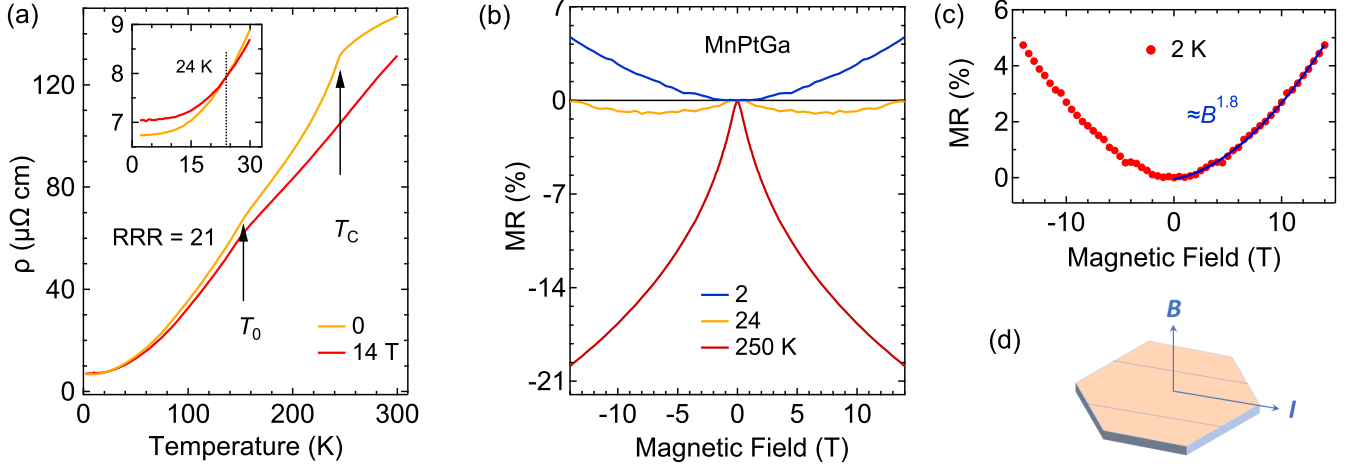


FIG. 2. Linear resistivity and magnetoresistance of MnPtGa. (a)  $\rho$  vs temperature at 0 and 14 T magnetic field applied along  $c$  axis (left axis) and temperature derivative of  $\rho$  at 0 T (right axis) indicating the ferromagnetic Curie temperature  $T_C$  and  $T_0$  at which the canting of the spins occur. Inset shows a crossover point around 24 K below which the magnetoresistance becomes negative to positive at 14 T. (b) Magnetic field dependence of magnetoresistance, MR, at three selected temperatures of 2, 24, and 250 K. (c) Positive MR of MnPtGa at 2 K fitted with a power law with exponent 1.8. (d) Schematic of the current and applied magnetic field used to measure linear resistivity.

that MnPtGa is a soft ferromagnet with strong magnetocrystalline anisotropy. The saturation field ( $\approx 0.5$  T) is fairly low along the  $c$  axis [Fig. 1(e)] and extremely large ( $\approx 8.5$  T) in the  $ab$  plane [Fig. 1(f)], at 2 K, confirming dominant out-of-plane magnetization. However, unlike the thin film and polycrystalline MnPtGa [18,20], we found negligible coercivity in the single crystalline form indicating a rather soft ferromagnetic nature. Experimentally observed saturation magnetization is almost constant in a wide temperature range ( $\approx 2$ –50 K) with a value of  $3.3 \mu_B/\text{Mn}$  which is very close to the theoretical moment of  $3.6 \mu_B/\text{Mn}$ , implying a complete field polarized state is achieved by applying  $\approx 0.5$  T magnetic field in the out-of-plane direction.

Additionally, we performed the theoretical calculations for different Mn-magnetic moment orientations (i.e. magnetic moments along  $c$ , and tilted from  $c$  axis) [18,19]. These findings support previous studies of the magnetic order in MnPtGa [18,19]. The calculated magnetic anisotropy energy (MAE) is around 0.9 meV/f.u., while the estimated magnetic moment amounts to  $3.6 \mu_B$ . A similar value of the magnetic moment was observed in a previous theoretical investigation by Cooley *et al.*, [20]. However, this theoretically estimated value of the ordered moment is slightly higher than the experimentally observed one. This difference can be related to realization long-range magnetic order at low temperatures, due to the combination of canted-spin order and spin density wave [20]. Moreover, from optimization of the crystal structure with different magnetic moment, we found that the emergence of noncollinear magnetic order (with tilted magnetic state) can lead to the local symmetry breaking, and lowering of the crystal structure. Nevertheless, such “local” symmetry breaking does not affect the system stability (see Sec. SS3 in the SM [24]), while it can affect the global electronic properties of the system with long-range magnetic order [20].

### C. Linear and Hall resistivity

As evident from the longitudinal electrical resistivity ( $\rho_{xx}$ ) of MnPtGa, shown in Fig. 2(a), we have grown a high-quality

single crystal with a residual resistivity ratio (RRR) of  $\approx 22$  reflecting a coherent growth and good quality of the single crystal. MnPtGa exhibits a metal-like behavior where the resistivity decreases with decreasing temperature with a sharp drop below  $T_C$  due to a reduction in the spin-disordered scattering. Additionally, a broad hump around  $T_0$  indicates the onset of the canted magnetic state. As the field is ramped up to 14 T, a negative magnetoresistance with large value at  $T_C$ , is observed over a large temperature range that is typical for ferromagnetic metals. However, the hump around  $T_0$  persists even at 14 T. This confirms that the transition at  $T_0$  has structural origin as well indicated by the magnetostriction analysis in the previous study [20].

When the temperature is further lowered, the negative magnetoresistance becomes progressively smaller, and a crossover is observed where the magnetoresistance changes sign and becomes positive below 24 K, shown in the inset of Fig. 2(a). This is also evident from Fig. 2(b) where field-dependent magnetoresistance is plotted. At 24 K, the MR has distinct features: near zero field, MR decreases with increasing magnetic field but beyond 7 T, it increases boundlessly, indicating the crossover temperature is not constant but varies with the applied magnetic field. At 2 K MR is completely positive and increases without any saturation up to a magnetic field of 14 T. An attempt to fit the MR data at 2 K with  $MR \sim B^n$  yielded an exponent value of 1.8. To further investigate this behavior, we have used the semiclassical two-band model to fit  $\rho_{xx}(B)$  and  $\rho_{xy}(B)$  simultaneously for fields above 3 T where the anomalous term (c) in  $\rho_{xy}(B)$  can be considered as constant:

$$\rho_{xy} = c + \frac{1}{e} \left[ \frac{(n_h \mu_h^2 - n_e \mu_e^2) B + (n_h - n_e) \mu_h^2 \mu_e^2 B^3}{(n_h \mu_h + n_e \mu_e)^2 + (n_h - n_e)^2 \mu_h^2 \mu_e^2 B^2} \right], \quad (1)$$

Extracted mobilities are  $\mu_e = 1.61(8) \times 10^2 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  and  $\mu_h = 1.48(7) \times 10^2 \text{ cm}^2 \text{ V}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1}$  for electrons and holes, with carrier densities  $n_e = 2.61(9) \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$  and  $n_h = 3.40(6) \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ , respectively, which is one order of magnitude smaller than the reported carrier density in MnPtGa



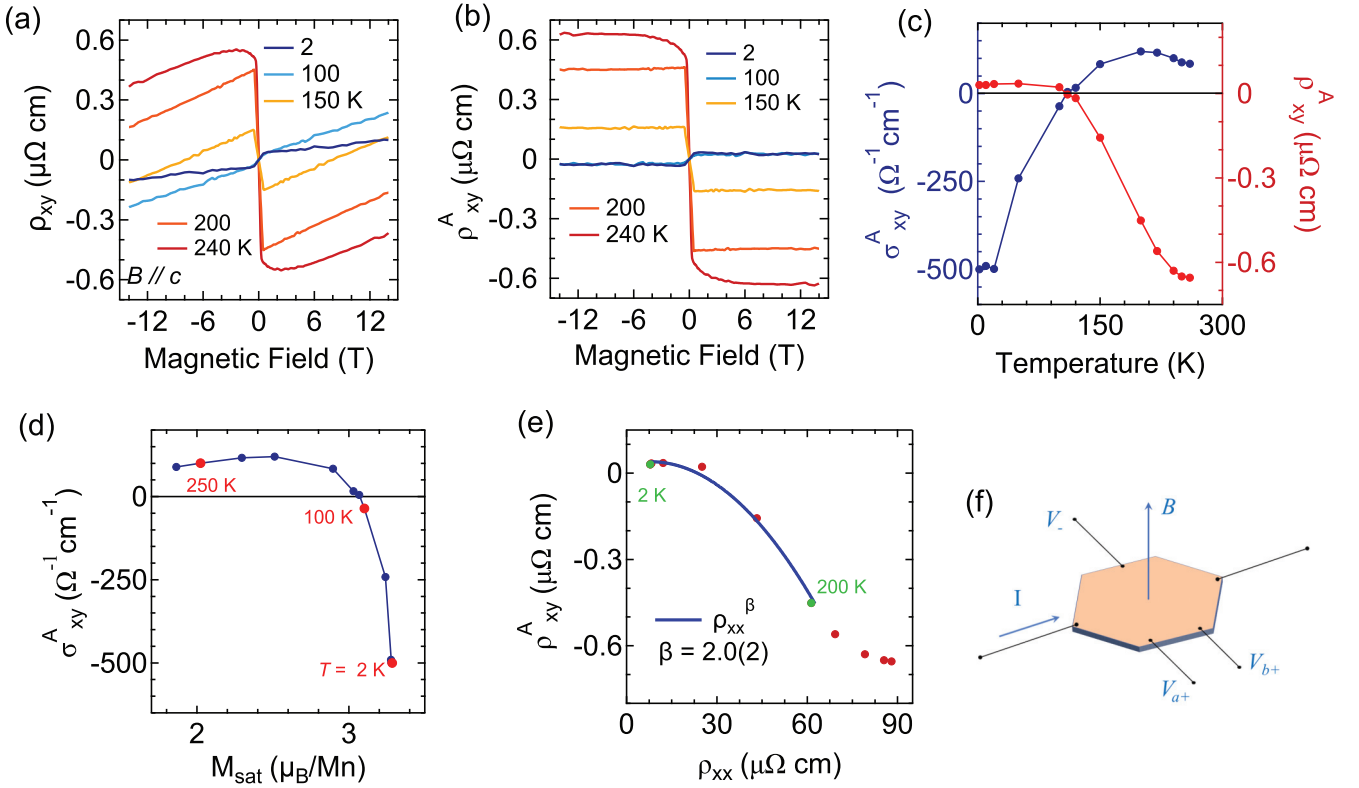


FIG. 3. Hall effect in MnPtGa. (a) Antisymmetrized  $\rho_{xy}$  vs  $B$  and (b)  $\rho_{xy}^A$  vs  $B$  at different temperatures. (c)  $T$  dependence of  $\sigma_{xy}^A$  (left axis) and  $\rho_{xy}^A$  (right axis) at zero magnetic fields, depicting the sign reversal of AHE. (d) Plot of  $\sigma_{xy}^A$  vs saturated magnetization  $M_{\text{sat}}$ . (e) Plot of  $\rho_{xy}^A$  vs  $\rho_{xx}$  with temperature as a parameter. The solid line represents the fitting with  $\rho_{xy}^A \propto (\rho_{xx})^\beta$  relation. (f) Schematic diagram of sample geometry along with current and applied magnetic field directions.

thin film. Small values of mobilities also justify the negligible magnetoresistance at 2 K.

Our transport measurements reveal a robust signature of the anomalous Hall effect for out-of-plane configuration of  $I \parallel [1\bar{2}10]$  and  $B \parallel [0001]$  but vanish for in-plane field directions. Total Hall resistivity ( $\rho_{xy}$ ) of MnPtGa can be decomposed into two parts:

$$\rho_{xy} = R_0 B + \rho_{xy}^A \quad (2)$$

where the first term denotes the ordinary Hall contribution ( $\rho_{xy}^O$ ) due to Lorentz force and  $\rho_{xy}^A$  is the anomalous Hall resistivity. As anomalous Hall resistivity is proportional to the magnetization  $M$  of the sample,  $\rho_{xy}^A$  becomes also constant beyond the saturation of  $M$ , thus a linear fitting will produce the intercept as anomalous Hall term with the slope as  $R_0$ . The linear behavior of normal Hall can be justified from Eq. (1), where for  $n_e \cong n_n$ , the  $B^3$  and  $B^2$  terms from numerator and denominator become negligible and  $\rho_{xy}$  reduces to linear in  $B$ , that is observed in MnPtGa above the field where  $M$  is saturated. From the plot of the magnetic field variation of  $\rho_{xy}^A$ , in Fig. 3(b), we observe that  $\rho_{xy}^A$  is negative around  $T_C$  but becomes positive when lowering the temperature. We have also estimated temperature dependence of  $\sigma_{xy}^A$  at zero field from the  $\rho_{xy}^A$  and  $\rho_{xx}$  data ( $\sigma_{xy}^A = -\rho_{xy}^A / (\rho_{xx}^2 + \rho_{xy}^A{}^2)$ ) which depicts a sign change at around 109 K ( $T^*$ ). A similar behavior has also been observed in the thin film of MnPtGa [18].

The observed anomalous Hall effect can be dominated either by extrinsic impurity scattering or by intrinsic mechanisms. To investigate the underlying mechanism, we have plotted  $\rho_{xy}^A$  versus  $\rho_{xx}$  and fitted the data to a power law behavior as shown in Fig. 3(e) which yields the exponent  $\beta = 2.0$ . This rules out the presence of the skew-scattering mechanism, which is well known to vary linearly with  $\rho_{xx}$ . The observed quadratic behavior suggest that the extrinsic side-jump or intrinsic Berry curvature mechanism may be responsible for the observed AHE in MnPtGa [19].

AHC for the side-jump contribution in multiband ferromagnets with dilute impurity can be estimated from the expression,  $(e^2 / (ha)) \cdot (\epsilon_{SO} / E_F)$ , where  $\epsilon_{SO}$  is the spin-orbit interaction energy, and  $a$  is the lattice constant [41]. Using the lattice constant,  $a \sim V^{1/3} = 4.495 \text{ \AA}$  and estimated  $\epsilon_{SO} / E_F \sim 0.01$ , the derived side-jump contribution is  $8.6 \Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which is very small compared to the observed AHC. A similar value has been obtained in ferromagnetic half metal  $\text{Co}_3\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_2$  for side-jump contribution [9]. Moreover, the longitudinal conductivity ( $\sigma_{xx}$ ) of MnPtGa lies in the intermediate regime ( $2 \times 10^3 < \sigma_{xx} < 6 \times 10^5 \Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) which indicates AHC of MnPtGa is neither dominated by skew scattering (high conductivity regime,  $\sigma_{xx} > 6 \times 10^5 \Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) nor by impurity scattering (bad metal hopping region,  $\sigma_{xx} < 2 \times 10^3 \Omega^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). However, our observation from the temperature dependence of the  $\sigma_{xy}^A$  plot suggests that below 20 K (below the crossover temperature),  $\sigma_{xy}^A$  becomes nearly

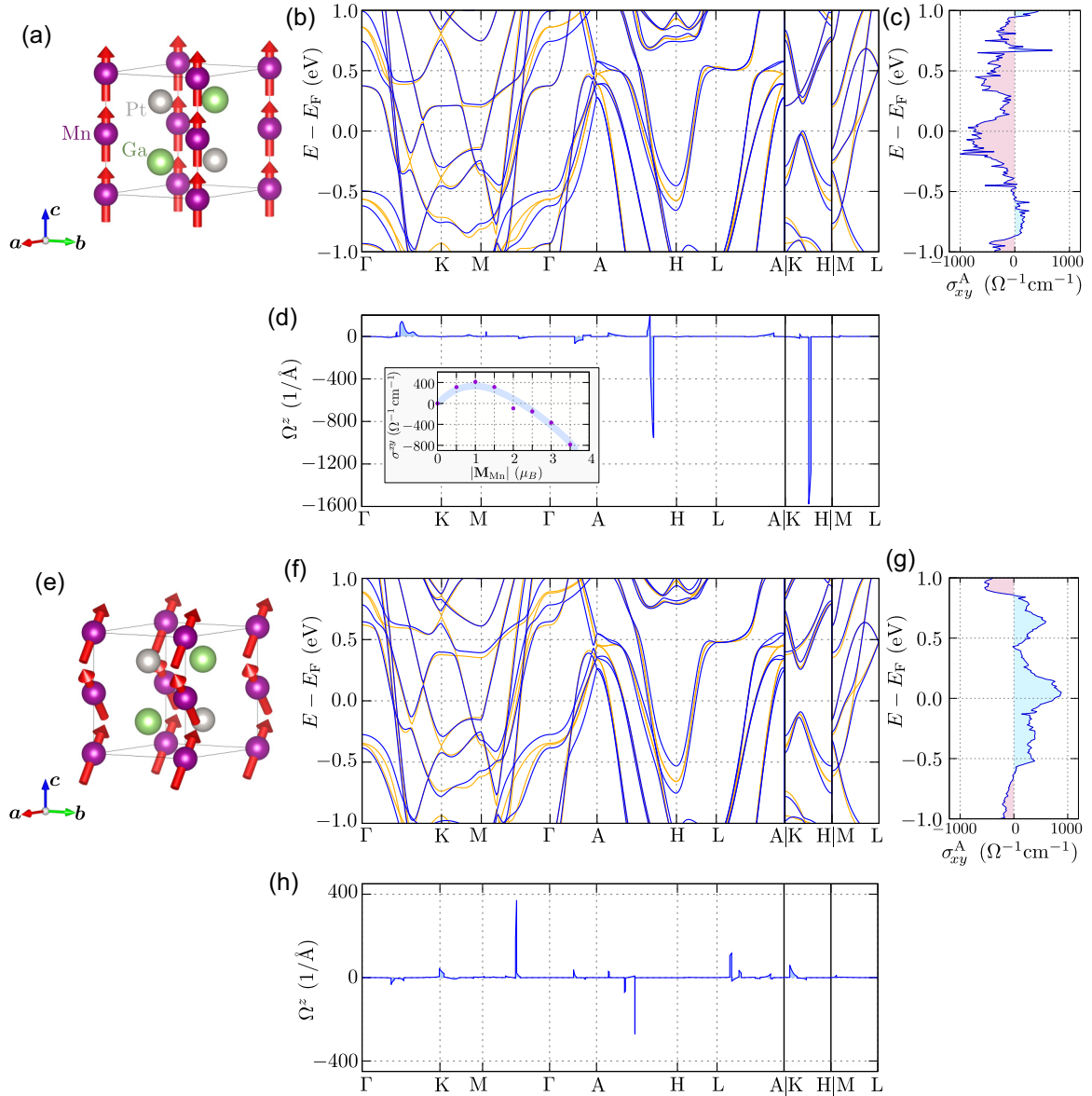


FIG. 4. The influence of the magnetic order on the electronic transport properties of MnPtGa. Top panels (a)–(d) and bottom panels (f)–(h) present results for the Mn magnetic moment along  $c$  direction (a) and tilted from  $c$  direction (e), respectively. The electronic band structure [(b) and (f)], the Berry curvature  $\Omega_z(k)$  on the Fermi level along high symmetry directions [(c) and (g)] and the Fermi level dependence of AHE  $\sigma_{xy}^A$  [(d) and (h)]. Inset on (d), present magnetic moment dependence of AHE  $\sigma_{xy}^A$ .

constant. This behavior of  $\sigma_{xy}^A$  is also observed in the anomalous Hall compound  $\text{Co}_3\text{Sn}_2\text{S}_2$  (for example) in a wider range of temperature below 100 K which agrees with the prediction of the unified model for AHE physics for the intrinsic anomalous Hall effect [10]. Collectively, these indicate that the observed anomalous Hall effect in MnPtGa is originating from the intrinsic mechanism dominated by the Berry curvature.

#### D. Electronic band structure

We have performed a detailed electronic structure study to investigate the proposed mechanism of AHE based on experimental results. Theoretical calculations, assuming full optimization of the system, uncover the ground state with the magnetic moment tilted from the  $c$ -direction. However, tilting

of the magnetic moment leads to the breaking of the symmetry resulting in a lower symmetry  $P2_1/m$  (see Sec. SS3 in the SM [24]). Contrary to this, the Mn magnetic moments along  $c$  direction preserved the  $P6_3/mmc$  symmetry. Both structures are stable in a dynamic sense and can be used to mimic “true” structures at different temperatures. As mentioned earlier, the experimental investigation related to the low-temperature long-range magnetic order [20], suggests the realization of a magnetic unit cell with symmetry  $C2/m$  (around 10 K) or  $Amm2$  (around 50 K). Indeed, the low-temperature magnetic unit cell can be understood as a combination of both magnetic orders (with magnetic moment along  $c$ -direction and tilted from  $c$  direction). Accordingly, results for systems with Mn magnetic moments along the  $c$  direction and tilted from the  $c$  direction can be used to explain the reported results (Fig. 4).

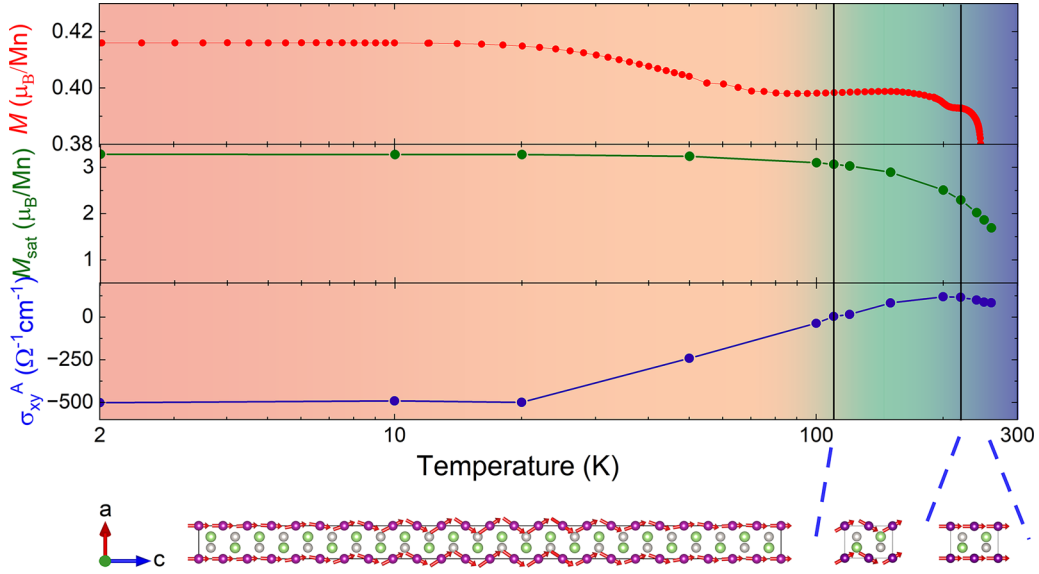


FIG. 5. The evolution of magnetization (measured in a field 50 mT), saturation magnetization, and anomalous Hall conductivity of MnPtGa with temperature, for  $B \parallel c$ . Cartoons of different magnetic structures at corresponding temperature ranges are also shown at the bottom panel.

The electronic band structure in the absence and presence of the spin-orbit coupling for the magnetic moments along  $c$  direction and tilted from  $c$  direction are shown in Figs. 4(a) and 4(d), respectively. In the absence of spin-orbit coupling, several band crossings can be found in the vicinity of the Fermi level for both magnetic orders. Introducing this spin-orbit coupling leads to the opening of well-visible band gaps in the electronic band structure (cf. orange and blue lines on Figs. 4(d) and 4(h), see also Fig. SF5 in the SM [24]). Arising spin-mixing states around this gap contribute to the large Berry curvature [4,42]:

$$\Omega_n^z(\mathbf{k}) = -2\hbar^2 \text{Im} \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{\langle \Psi_{nk} | v_x | \Psi_{mk} \rangle \langle \Psi_{mk} | v_y | \Psi_{nk} \rangle}{(E_{mk} - E_{nk})^2}, \quad (3)$$

where  $v_{x(y)}$  is the velocity operator, while  $E_{nk}$  and  $\langle \Psi_{nk}$  eigenpair of  $n$ th band at momentum  $\mathbf{k}$ . When  $E_{mk}$  is close to  $E_{nk}$ , then large Berry curvature emerge. Indeed, this is clear in Figs. 4(b) and 4(e), where the  $z$  component of the Berry curvature  $\Omega^z$  at the Fermi level is presented. It is important to highlight that the alteration of the magnetic order, achieved by tilting the Mn magnetic moments away from the  $c$  direction, resulted in a substantial modification of the obtained results, as illustrated in Figs. 4(f)–4(h).

The nonvanishing total Berry curvature over the Brillouin zone gives rise to the AHE with  $\sigma_{xy}^A \sim \int_{\text{BZ}} d^3k \sum_n f_n(E_{nk}) \Omega_n^z(\mathbf{k})$ , where  $f_n(E)$  is the Fermi-Dirac distribution, and  $n$  is the index of the occupied bands [see Figs. 4(c) and 4(g)]. Here we would like to mention, that the electronic properties strongly depend on the Mn magnetic moment direction. In particular, tilting of the Mn magnetic moment from the  $c$ -direction leads to the change of the AHE sign, [cf. Figs. 4(c) and 4(g)]. The link between theoretically obtained structures and experimentally observed magnetic order uncovers a mechanism leading to the change of sign in MnPtGa with temperature [presented in Fig. 3(c)]. For example, at the high-temperature phase,

when the magnetic moment is tilted from the  $c$  direction [20], the AHC is positive. Conversely, decreasing the temperature results in the stabilization of long-range magnetic order, particularly affecting the phase with magnetic order along the  $c$ -direction [illustrated by negative AHE in Fig. 3(c)]. From this, decreasing temperature leads to the change in AHE sign to negative (Fig. 5). A similar effect was reported in  $\text{Sr}_{1-x}\text{Ca}_x\text{RuO}_3$  series ( $0 \leq x \leq 0.4$ ) [15], where the AHE changed sign with temperature during the modification of magnetic moment. In this context, the present situation becomes more intricate as lowering the temperature results in both modifications to the magnetic order and a change in the sign of AHE. Indeed, the AHE sign change is observed around the temperature, where low-temperature long-range magnetic order emerges.

#### IV. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

One of the less explored and most exciting phenomena in the field of AHE is probably the sign reversal of AHC, which we have studied in this article in the spin-canted magnet MnPtGa using magneto-transport measurements and theoretical investigations. The scaling behavior of  $\rho_{xy}^A$  with  $\rho_{xx}$  together with the unified model of AHE, we conclude that the observed AHE in MnPtGa originates from the momentum space Berry curvature. A complex magnetic structure has been substantiated by our magnetization measurements. We have estimated the temperature dependence of  $\sigma_{xy}^A$  from the first principle calculation by considering the temperature dependence of the Bloch state exchange splitting which is proportional to the temperature evolution of magnetization. To voice our experimentally observed sign reversal of  $\sigma_{xy}^A$ , we have used *ab initio* calculations,  $M(T)$  data, and magnetic structures determined from neutron diffraction (from Refs. [19,20]). For easy understanding, we have split the complete temperature range into three slices (Fig. 5): (i) for  $T > 220$  K, the system is in the ferromagnetic state with

relatively low magnitude of magnetic moments, aligned along  $c$  axis. In this temperature range, experimental  $\sigma_{xy}^A$  is positive. Our calculated  $\sigma_{xy}^A$  [see inset of Fig. 4(d)] also depicts a positive value when magnetization goes below  $\approx 2 \mu_B$  which corresponds to near  $T_C$ . (ii) In  $110 \text{ K} < T < 220 \text{ K}$  range, the canted magnetic state becomes more stable, which is evident from neutron diffraction and the downturn of  $M(T)$  data as the temperature is lowered. The calculated AHC also exhibits a positive value in the canted magnetic state, which follows our experimental results. (iii) As the temperature is further lowered, there is competition between ferromagnetic and canted magnetic interactions. However, our  $M(T)$  data exhibit a ferromagnetic type upturn indicating a dominant ferromagnetic interaction, which leads to a negative sign of  $\sigma_{xy}^A$ . In Refs. [19,20], it was established from the ND study, that the magnetic ground state at low temperatures is stabilized with a combined canted AFM and spin density wave structure, with a large magnitude of the magnetic moment among crystallographic  $c$ -direction. In the present study, we

calculated the AHE considering the FM state (i.e., with a large magnitude of the magnetic moment along  $c$  direction) and obtained a negative value of  $\sigma_{xy}^A$ , which justifies our results. Thus, according to our proposed model, the anomalous sign reversal of the anomalous Hall conductivity (AHC) in this compound is governed by both the magnitude of the magnetic moment and the underlying magnetic interaction.

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