Doping-tunable Fermi surface with persistent topological Hall effect in the axion candidate EuIn₂As₂

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The rare-earth Zintl compound $EuIn_2As_2$ has been theoretically recognized as a candidate for realizing an intrinsic antiferromagnetic (AFM) bulk axion insulator and a higher-order topological state, which provides a fertile platform to explore novel topological transport phenomena. However, the axion state has yet to be realized because $EuIn_2As_2$ is highly hole doped. Here, we synthesized a series of high-quality Ca-doped $EuIn_2As_2$ ($Ca_xEu_{1-x}In_2As_2$, x = 0-0.25) single crystals to tune the Fermi energy above the hole pocket. Our Hall measurements reveal that the Ca substitution decreases the hole carrier density. This decrease is brought by the lattice contraction and the effective electron doping by a slight increase of the valence charge of Ca_xEu_{1-x} as *x* increases, confirmed by our first-principles calculations. We further find that both the temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility with a local maximum at the Néel temperature and the topological Hall effect originating from the finite real-space spin chirality persist in the Ca-doped samples as observed in pristine $EuIn_2As_2$, despite that the Ca substitution tunes the Fermi energy while keeping the AFM magnetic ground state, suggesting that the axion insulating state may be realized by further Ca substitution.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Magnetic topological materials, which represent a class of compounds with properties that are strongly influenced by the topology of their electronic wave functions coupled with the magnetic spin configuration, have attracted much attention due to their usefulness in future applications [1-5]. Such materials provide a unique playground for exploring exotic quantum phenomena in condensed matter physics, such as the axion insulator state and the quantum anomalous Hall effect (QAHE). Currently, intrinsically antiferromagnetic (AFM) topological insulators (TIs) are intensively studied to explore such exotic quantum phenomena [5]. In recent years, materials from the homologous series of the MnBi_{2n}Te_{3n+1} family have been intensively studied as intrinsically magnetic and stoichiometric TIs [4,6,7]. An intrinsic van der Waals AFM with a nontrivial surface state was identified in MnBi₂Te₄ by first-principles density functional theory (DFT) calculations and experiments [6]. Recently, Deng et al. have reported

QAHE in five-setup-layers (SLs) thin film with uncompensated AFM moments at 1.4 K [7] and axion insulator state in six-SLs thin film with fully compensated antiferromagnetism [4]. However, the study of AFM TIs is still in the early stage; studies in other candidate materials are desired.

Beyond the MnBi₂Te₄ family, rare-earth Zintl compound EuIn₂As₂, another unique natural heterostructure consisting of both topological InAs layers and magnetic Eu interlayer, has been suggested as another promising intrinsic magnetic TI by first-principles DFT calculations [8]. It has been predicted that the in-plane A-type AFM order in EuIn₂As₂ hosts a bulk axion insulator phase. Further, by orienting the magnetic moment of the A-type AFM order to the c axis, a higher-order topological state can be realized [8]. Such an easy-tunable topological state by the magnetism in EuIn₂As₂ offers a unique opportunity to explore novel topological states. However, previous transport and angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy measurements have shown that EuIn₂As₂ is highly hole doped [9-11], which is needed to be compensated to realize the axion insulator nature. Chemical doping has been attempted to compensate the hole carrier, which is however often accompanied by unintended changes in the magnetic property. For example, P-doping in EuIn₂As₂ changes the AFM order into a spin glass state, as well as the

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disappearance of the Néel peak in the temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility [12]. Also, Ba substitution in the magnetic Weyl semimetal $EuCd_2As_2$ tilts the in-plane magnetic moments of the AFM order [13].

In this paper, we conducted detailed transport measurements on a series of Ca-doped EuIn₂As₂. First, the *a*- and *c*-axis lengths decrease with increasing doping ratios, indicating a lattice contraction. Our Hall measurements indicate that the hole carrier is decreased by the Ca doping. Unexpectedly, our first-principles calculations reveal that the substitution of Eu^{2+} to Ca^{2+} , which is supposed to be isovalent to each other, results in a slight increase of the valence charge of $Ca_x Eu_{1-x}$, giving rise to an effective electron doping into this compound. These results suggest that the decrease of the hole carrier by the Ca doping is brought by the increase of the Fermi level by the lattice contraction and the effective electron doping. We further find that, although the magnetic transition temperature decreases with increasing x, both the temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility and the topological Hall effect are observed in all the Ca-doped samples as observed in the pristine EuIn₂As₂ [11], suggesting that the AFM magnetic structure remains almost the same. Our results indicate that nonmagnetic Ca element doping can modify the band structure without largely changing the magnetic ground state of EuIn₂As₂, providing an opportunity to realize the axion insulating state by only tuning the carrier density.

II. EXPERIMENTAL METHODS

Ca-doped EuIn₂As₂ single crystals were grown by the self-flux method similar to previous reports [11,12]. A molar ratio of Ca:Eu:In:As = x : 1 - x : 12 : 3 was used, where the large excess In serves as the flux. All reagents were ground into alumina crucible and sealed in a quartz ampoule under high vacuum and all were done in an Ar-filled glove box. The sealed quartz ampoule was heated to 1050 °C and maintained for 12 h, then cooled down to 700–600 °C over 100 h for different doping ratios. At this temperature, the quartz ampoule was quickly taken out from the furnace and decanted with a centrifuge to separate Ca-doped EuIn₂As₂ single crystals.

The elemental doping composition was measured by energy dispersive x-ray spectroscopy (EDS; Oxford X-Max 50). Powder x-ray diffraction (XRD) at 293(2) K was performed using a Rigaku XtaLab MicroMax007 HFMR x-ray source [Mo K- α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å)] with a HyPix-6000 detector. Using OLEX2 [14], the structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXT2018/2) [15] and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods on F^2 values (SHELXL 2018/3) [15]. Magnetization and electrical transport measurements were carried out by using a Quantum Design magnetic property measurement system (MPMS-XL5) and a physical properties measurement system for (PPMS-9 T) 2 K < T < 400 K and $\mu_0 H < 9$ T. Standard four-probe and five-probe methods were used for the longitudinal resistivity and the Hall measurements with a current in the *ab* plane, respectively. All the Hall resistivity were obtained by $\rho_{xy}(\mu_0 H) = [\rho_{xy}(+\mu_0 H) - \rho_{xy}(-\mu_0 H)]/2$ to remove the influence of misalignment of the contacts.

III. CALCULATION DETAILS

The band structure calculations were performed by the Vienna Ab-initio Simulation Package (VASP), which is based on DFT [16,17], where the spin-orbit coupling effect was considered. According to the generalized gradient approximation, the projector-augmented wave pseudopotential was used to treat the interaction between the valance electrons and ionic cores [18], which is parametrized by Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof functions [19]. The on-site Coulombic interaction was introduced by the DFT + U method. According to the previous reports [8,10,20], the effective Hubbard U was set as 5 eV for the strongly localized Eu 4f orbitals. The cutoff energy for the wave function was set as 300 eV. To evaluate the effect of Ca doping, a 2×2 supercell was created. The Brillouin zone was sampled by using a G-centered mesh with a sampling density of $9 \times 9 \times 3$. All atoms were fully relaxed until all the residual forces were less than 0.001 eV/Å. The data postprocessing and band unfolding were obtained by VASPKIT code [21]. To evaluate the charge transfer before and after Ca doping, the Bader charge analysis was performed [22].

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

EuIn₂As₂ has a three-dimensional structure and crystallizes in the hexagonal P63/mmc (no. 194) space group, with alternating stacking of Eu^{2+} and $[In_2As_2]^{2-}$ layers along the c axis [9]. Figure 1(a) shows the crystal structure of Cadoped EuIn₂As₂, with Ca substituting Eu sites. The elemental compositions of all single crystals were measured by EDS and the results are consistent with the formation of Eu-122 phase. We find that the absorption peak of Ca in the EDS spectrum significantly overlaps with the In peak, causing a large ambiguity in the estimation of the Ca concentration from the EDS results. Therefore, all values of x quoted in this paper refer to the nominal Ca ratio determined by the ratio Ca to Eu of the starting materials. It should be noted that the EDS results also reveal a nearly homogeneous distribution of x for these crystals and no possible phase separations could be identified, as shown in Fig. S1 and Table SI in the Supplemental Material [23]. Single crystals with five typical doping concentrations (x = 0, 0.06, 0.12, 0.2, and 0.25) were selected for further measurements. No high-quality single crystal was obtained for a higher Ca ratio (x > 0.25) in our syntheses. Figure 1(b) shows the powder XRD patterns of these single crystals. The powder XRD data were collected on crushed $Ca_x Eu_{1-x} In_2 As_2$ single crystals at room temperature. We also present the structural Rietveld refinement profiles of the XRD data (Fig. S2). The XRD refinement result shows no structure changes in Ca doping, and no obvious impurity phase is observed, assuring the intrinsic nature of doping dependent physical properties in our experiments. The refined lattice parameters a and c are plotted against Ca ratio x in Fig. 1(c). The blue line in Fig. 1(c) indicates the extrapolation of both lattice parameters from EuIn₂As₂ to CaIn₂As₂. With the increase of x, both a and c decrease along the extrapolation line, showing that the substitution of Eu^{2+} by Ca^{2+} leads to a lattice contraction as expected by the EDS results. The decrease of a and c are further evidenced by the systematic shift of (107) peak to a higher angle with increasing x, as shown in Fig. 1(d).



FIG. 1. (a) Schematic crystal structure of Ca-doped EuIn₂As₂. (b) X-ray diffraction (XRD) patterns of $Ca_x Eu_{1-x}In_2As_2$ with 0 < x < 0.25. The cyan tick marks denote Bragg peak positions of EuIn₂As₂ with space group *P63/mmc* (no. 196) (see Fig. S2 in Supplemental Material for more details). (c) Evolution of the lattice parameters *a* and *c* with varying Ca ratio *x* with vertical (smaller than the symbol size) and horizontal (determined by the deviation in the EDS data) error bars. The blue line indicates the extrapolation of lattice parameter from EuIn₂As₂ to CaIn₂As₂. (d) Zoom-in view of the most intense diffraction peak (107) for different *x*. The dashed line indicates the peak shift to the high-angle direction with increasing *x* from the peak position at x = 0 (the vertical dotted line).

Next, we present the evolution of the electronic transport properties with Ca doping in $Ca_x Eu_{1-x} In_2 As_2$. Figure 2(a) shows the temperature dependence of the longitudinal inplane resistivity $\rho_{xx}(T)$ of Ca_xEu_{1-x}In₂As₂ single crystals, which are normalized by the resistivity at 200 K for clarity (the raw data are shown in Fig. S3 in the Supplemental Material [23]). In the pristine sample [11], $\rho_{xx}(T)$ shows a metallic temperature dependence down to \sim 50 K, which is followed by a sharp peak at the Néel temperature T_N caused by the decrease of the magnetic scattering. All the Ca-doped samples also show the metallic temperature dependence with suppressed $T_{\rm N}$ which is determined by the zero-crossing point of the derivative of the resistivity with respect to temperature $(d\rho/dT)$ as marked by the arrows in the inset of Fig. 2(a). As listed in Table SII, we find that T_N is monotonically lowered as increasing the Ca doping. We also find that the Ca doping enhances the magnetic scattering on the conduction electrons as shown by the increase of the residual resistivity at 2 K (Table SII) except for the samples of x = 0.06 and 0.2. In these samples, the decrease of ρ_{xx} from the room temperature to T_N is larger and the peak of ρ_{xx} at T_N is smaller than those in other doped samples, implying smaller magnetic scattering effects in the two samples. This different temperature dependence might be caused by a partial ordering of the Ca dopants by the different growth temperatures during the sample synthesis. More advanced experiments, such as other synthesis techniques or synthesizing small size of thin films, are necessary for controlling the homogeneity by tuning the doping sites precisely.

To further study the Ca-doping effect, we investigate the temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility $[\chi(T)]$ at a magnetic field of 0.01 T applied along the c axis. As shown in Fig. 2(b), the temperature dependence of $\chi(T)$ of all the Ca-doped samples has a local maximum at around $T_{\rm N}$ determined by $d\rho/dT$. Although the temperature resolution of our data near $T_{\rm N}$ is limited, $d\chi/dT$ of our data shows a similar temperature dependence with the data showing two successive AFM transitions at around 17.6 and 16.2 K [20], where two AFM transitions from the paramagnetic state to a pure helix and a broken helix state are suggested [20,24-26]. We note that $T_{\rm N}$ of this paper should be considered as the merged average of these two transitions and that we focus on the Ca doping effect on the magnetic state at the lowest temperature. We find that the gradual decrease of $T_{\rm N}$ determined by the peak in $\chi(T)$ agrees well with that determined by $d\rho/dT$. In addition, no difference in $\chi(T)$ measured in the zero-field cool (ZFC) and field cool (FC) is observed in all the Ca-doped samples, showing the absence of a spin-glass state. These results suggest the persistence of the AFM ground state with the suppressed T_N in the Ca-doped samples, contrary to the change of the AFM ground state to the spin glass state observed in the P-doped samples [12]. We note that the nonmonotonic dependence of the absolute value of χ on the Ca-doping ratio x might be caused by effects of magnetic



FIG. 2. (a) Normalized electrical resistivity ρ_{xx} . (b) Temperature dependence of magnetic susceptibility χ for Ca_xEu_{1-x}In₂As₂ under ZFC and FC modes with applied magnetic field $\mu_0 H = 0.01$ T. The arrows indicate the AFM transition temperatures for Ca_xEu_{1-x}In₂As₂. The inset of (a) shows the temperature dependence of the derivative of the electrical resistivity $d\rho/dT$.

impurities that affect the magnitude of χ at low temperatures and low magnetic fields.

The temperature dependence of $\chi(T)$ above T_N follows the Cuire-Weiss law, $\chi(T) = \frac{C}{T-T_{\theta}}$, where T_{θ} is the Curie-Weiss temperature and *C* is the Curie constant given by the effective moments μ_{eff} (Fig. S4) [27]. In the Eu-122 system, the magnitude of the magnetic susceptibility consists only of the Eu moments with the effective moment $g\sqrt{S(S+1)} = 7.94\mu_{\rm B}$ with S = 7/2, which agrees well with μ_{eff} of the pristine sample (8.02 μ_B). As listed in Table SII of the Supplemental Material [23], both T_{θ} and μ_{eff} determined by the Curie-Weiss fit are suppressed by the Ca doping, showing the dilution effect on the Eu moments as expected. The positive T_{θ} of all the samples indicates the presence of a dominant ferromagnetic (FM) interaction mixed with an AFM interaction forming the AFM order. It should be noted that the previous study under the physical pressure shows that the lattice contraction in EuIn₂As₂ results in the increase of T_N [28], in contrast to the suppression of T_N in the Ca-doped samples. This enhancement of $T_{\rm N}$ under the pressure is pointed out to be caused by the enhancement of the FM coupling by the lattice contraction. Therefore the suppression of $T_{\rm N}$ by the Ca doping indicates that the dilution effect of the Eu moments by the Ca substitution exceeds the enhancement effect by the lattice contraction. It should be noted that the monotonic suppression of T_N by the Ca doping is in contrast to the nonmonotonic change of the electric transport [Fig. 2(a)]. This different dependence might imply that the local electronic state, which is important to realize an axion insulator, remains unchanged except the dilution effect of the Eu moments, whereas the scattering effects on the conduction electrons are sensitively affected by an inhomogeneity of Ca doping.

With the magnetic effects of Ca substitution mapped, we next look for the Ca-doping effect on the topological physics via the magnetotransport properties. Figure 3 shows the field dependence of the magnetization M, the longitudinal magnetoresistance MR, defined as MR = $[\rho_{xx}(\mu_0 H) - \rho_{xx}(0)]/\rho_{xx}(0)$, and the Hall resistivity ρ_{xy} in Ca_xEu_{1-x}In₂As₂ with different x at different temperatures under the magnetic field applied along the c axis. As shown in the top panels in Fig. 3, the field dependence of M shows a saturation above $\mu_0 H_{sat} \sim 2$ T with the saturation moment M_{sat} that monotonically decreases with increasing the Ca ratio x, showing the dilution effect on the Eu moments by the Ca doping.

In contrast to the positive MR observed in the pristine sample below the saturation field region [11,12,20], the magnetic field dependence of the resistance of all the Ca-doped samples is dominated by the negative MR. This positive-to-negative MR observed in the pristine sample is discussed in terms of a crossover from weak localization to weak antilocalization due to the competition between the AFM and the FM interactions [29,30], which might be affected by the Ca doping.

The evolution of ρ_{xy} by the Ca doping shows a shrinking of the hole pocket of the Fermi surface of EuIn₂As₂. As shown in Figs. 3(c), 3(f), 3(i), and 3(l), ρ_{xy} of all the Ca-doped samples exhibit the positive slope, showing that the dominant carrier is still hole for all the samples. The nonlinear field dependence of ρ_{xy} in the low-field region (Fig. 4) indicates an anomalous contribution in ρ_{xy} , which will be discussed later. From a linear fitting of the high-field data (see Fig. 4 for the data of x = 0.06 and T = 2 K), the hole carrier density (*n*) is estimated by the ordinary Hall component, $\rho_{xy}^0 = R_0 \mu_0 H$, where the ordinary Hall coefficient $R_0 = (ne)^{-1}$. As shown in



FIG. 3. The magnetization (*M*), the magnetoresistance (MR), and the Hall resistivity ρ_{xy} as a function of magnetic field applied along the *c* axis for (a)–(c) x = 0.06, (d)–(f) x = 0.12, (g)–(i) x = 0.2, (j)–(l) x = 0.25 in Ca_xEu_{1-x}In₂As₂. The different colors of lines indicate the measured temperatures of data.



FIG. 4. The magnetic field dependence of the Hall resistivity ρ_{xy} at 2 K for x = 0.06. The red solid line shows a linear fit to the data above the saturation field, which is used to estimate the ordinary Hall coefficient R_0 and the anomalous Hall coefficient R_s from the slope and the intercept of the fit, respectively.

Fig. 5, *n* decreases with increasing Ca doping, indicating that the substitution of Eu to Ca, which is supposed to be isovalent to each other, reduces the hole concentration of $EuIn_2As_2$.



FIG. 5. The carrier density n as a function of Ca doping ratio. The black dotted line is the guide for the eye.



FIG. 6. (a) Schematic illustrations of the crystal and the magnetic structure of Ca-doped EuIn₂As₂. The blue and red arrows at the Eu sites show the magnetic structure used in the calculations. (b)–(d) Electronic band structures along the high-symmetry path in Brillouin zone (BZ) of the pristine x = 0 (b), x = 0.25 (c), and x = 0.5 doped (d) EuIn₂As₂ with the *A*-type antiferromagnetism and spin-orbit coupling. The inset in (b) shows the bulk BZ exhibiting the highly symmetric paths used to calculate the energy bands. The symbol size of the band structures indicates the unfolded band weight.

To clarify the origin of the reduction of the hole concentration by the Ca doping, we investigated the Ca-doping dependence of the band structure by first-principles calculations of the Ca-doped samples by creating a 2×2 supercell with a band folding [Fig. 6(a)]. Here, the magnetic moments of the AFM phase are assumed to be oriented along the a axis [Fig. 6(a)]. We confirmed that the band structure obtained by our calculations does not sensitively depend on the arrangements of the Ca/Eu distribution except small energy differences (10-30 meV) by performing these calculations in the different arrangements of the Ca/Eu distribution (see Figs. S5 and S6 in the Supplemental Material). As shown in Fig. 6(b), the band structure we calculated for the pristine sample is in good agreement with the previous reports with the axion insulator phase [8,10,20]. We find that the bottom of the conduction bands around the M point is lowered to the Fermi level by introducing Ca atoms [Figs. 6(c) and 6(d)], indicating an increase of the Fermi level by Ca doping. At the same time, we find that the calculated total density of states (DOS) at the Fermi level increases by increasing x (Fig. 7), showing an electron doping by the lowering of the bands around the M point. Quite unexpectedly, we find that this increase of the Ferm level is brought by not only the contraction of the crystal structure, but also by the difference of the valence charge between Eu and Ca. By performing the Bader charge analysis [22], we investigate the Ca-doing dependence of the valence charge of each ion in this compound. As listed in Table I, we find that the valence charge of Ca ions is slightly higher than that of Eu, indicating that more electrons are doped into

the conductive InAs layers. Given the presence of the hole band in the actual $EuIn_2As_2$ owing to a lower Fermi level than that in the calculations, the increase of the Fermi level and the effective electron doping shown by our first-principles calculations is consistent with decrease of the hole carrier observed in our Hall measurements. We note that the shift of



FIG. 7. The total DOS of the different chosen Ca ratios in our calculation. Note that the tiny DOS at the Fermi level of x = 0 is due to an energy broadening effect and should be ignored as a calculation error.

TABLE I. Ca doping dependence of the valence charge of each ion by Bader charge analysis [22]. Note that the valence charge is different from the formal charge (+2 for Eu^{2+} for example) due to a covalent bonding property.

x	Eu	Ca	$Ca_x Eu_{1-x}$	In ₂	As ₂
0	+1.262		+1.262	+0.997	-2.259
0.25	+1.260	+1.389	+1.292	+1.005	-2.298
0.5	+1.258	+1.388	+1.323	+1.013	-2.336

the peak in DOS to a higher energy is opposite to what would be expected from the increase of the Fermi level, which might be caused by a change of the band dispersion by Ca doping.

After analysis of the evolution of the Fermi level by estimating the change of carrier density, we turn to the anomalous part of the Hall resistivity. As $\rho_{xy} \ll \rho_{xx}$ in all the field and the temperature ranges of our samples and the carriers are coming from the single hole band [9,10], the Hall resistivity can be expressed by a sum of different contributions as

$$\rho_{xy} = \rho_{xy}^{o} + \Delta \rho_{xy} = R_0 \mu_0 H + \rho_{xy}^A + \rho_{xy}^T.$$

By subtracting the ordinary Hall resistivity ρ_{xy}^{o} , the additional Hall resistivity $\Delta \rho_{xy}$ can be obtained as shown in Fig. 8 in different *x* at different temperatures. For an AHE in FM metals, the anomalous Hall resistivity ρ_{xy}^{A} linearly scales with *M* as $\rho_{xy}^{A} = R_{s}\mu_{0}M$, where R_{s} is the anomalous Hall coefficient. We determine R_{s} ($R_{s} < 0$) by the field dependence of ρ_{xy}^{A} above $\mu_{0}H_{sat}$ and plot the field dependence of $R_{s}\mu_{0}M$ as solid lines in Fig. 8. First, ρ_{xy} exhibits an anomalous Hall behavior even above T_{N} , which is same with pristine EuIn₂As₂ [11]. The same behaviors are observed in similar compounds EuZn₂As₂ [31] and both AFM- and FM-EuCd₂As₂ [32,33], which can be attributed to Berry curvature anomalies in the momentum space. Furthermore, we fitted ρ_{xy}^{A} data to the ρ_{xx} value of Ca_xEu_{1-x}In₂As₂ to understand the origin of the anomalous Hall effect (intrinsic or extrinsic) in the present system. As shown in Fig. S7, we find a linear relation



FIG. 8. The magnetic field dependence of the additional Hall resistivity $\Delta \rho_{xy}$ (circles) and $R_s \mu_0 M$ (solid lines) at different temperatures for different Ca ratio *x*: (a) *x* = 0.06; (b) *x* = 0.12; (c) *x* = 0.2; (d) *x* = 0.25. The data are vertically shifted for clarity. The topological Hall components are marked by the gray shaded regions.

between ρ_{xy}^A and ρ_{xx}^2 in the low-temperature region, supporting the intrinsic Berry curvature mechanism for the AHE in this system.

Apart from ρ_{xy}^A , a clear deviation from $\Delta \rho_{xy} \propto M$ is observed in $\Delta \rho_{xy}$ for $H < H_{sat}$ and $T < T_N$ as shown as the shaded area in Fig. 8. Given the linear scaling of $\rho_{rv}^A \propto M$ for either intrinsic or extrinsic anomalous Hall effects, this deviation demonstrates an additional component beside the anomalous Hall effect in $\Delta \rho_{xy}$, named as a topological (or geometrical) Hall effect (THE) ρ_{xy}^T as done in the previous work [11]. This THE is only observed below T_N for all Ca ratio, indicating that the THE is tightly related to the AFM ordering in $Ca_x Eu_{1-x} In_2 As_2$. It should be noted that all the Ca-doped samples show a similar field dependence of the THE despite the nonmonotonic change of ρ_{xx} in the different Ca doping [Fig. 2(a)]. This different dependence of the THE and ρ_{xx} on the Ca ratio shows that, whereas the scatterings of the conduction electrons might be sensitively affected by inhomogeneity of the Ca concentration, the magnetic state of Eu moments is stable against the inhomogeneity. In contrast to the THE observed even above T_N in the similar A-type AFM $EuZn_2As_2$ [31], the THE in the Ca-doped samples disappears above T_N , but AHE persists above T_N , indicating that the origin of THE is distinct in the two systems due to the different magnetic structures [20]. In the pristine $EuIn_2As_2$, the THE is pointed to originate from the field-induced spin chirality in the real space due to the helical magnetic ground state [11,20]. Therefore, the persistence of THE in our Ca-doped EuIn₂As₂ samples shows that the magnetic ground state of the pristine EuIn₂As₂ might have little change by the Ca doping. It should be noted that further detailed change in the magnetic structure should be examined by neutron diffraction or resonant x-ray scattering measurements in the future.

In summary, we systematically investigate the magnetic and the transport properties in a series of $Ca_xEu_{1-x}In_2As_2$ via both the experimental measurements and the first-principles calculations. We find the decrease of both the *a*- and *c*-axis lengths as the Ca doping ratios increase. Our Hall measurements reveal that the Ca doping effectively reduces the hole band by the lattice contraction and the larger valence charge of Ca ions than that of Eu ions, which is confirmed by firstprinciples calculations. Most importantly, we find that both the temperature dependence of the magnetic susceptibility with the local maximum at the Néel temperature and the field dependence of the topological Hall effect are not changed in the Ca-doped EuIn₂As₂, except the gradual decrease of the Néel temperature by the dilution effect of the Eu moments. These results indicate that we can tune the Fermi level of EuIn₂As while keeping the magnetic ground state by the Ca doping, demonstrating that the Ca-doped $EuIn_2As_2$ is an ideal system to realize the axion insulating state by controlling the carrier density without changing the magnetic structure.

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