## Negatively enhanced thermopower near a Van Hove singularity in electron-doped Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>

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The layered perovskite  $Sr_2RuO_4$  serves as a model material of the two-dimensional (2D) Fermi liquid but also exhibits various emergent phenomena including the non-Fermi-liquid (NFL) behavior under external perturbations such as uniaxial pressure and chemical substitutions. Here we present the thermoelectric transport of electron-doped system  $Sr_{2-y}La_yRuO_4$ , in which a filling-induced Lifshitz transition occurs at the Van Hove singularity (VHS) point of  $y\approx 0.2$ . We find that the sign of the low-temperature thermopower becomes negative only near the VHS point, where the NFL behavior has been observed in the earlier study. This observation is incompatible with either a numerical calculation within a constant relaxation-time approximation or a toy-model calculation for the 2D Lifshitz transition adopting an elastic carrier scattering. As a promising origin of the observed negatively enhanced thermopower, we propose a skewed NFL state, in which an inelastic scattering with a considerable odd-frequency term plays a crucial role to negatively enhance the thermopower.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Beyond the well-established Fermi-liquid (FL) picture, non-Fermi-liquid (NFL) state has been intensively investigated as an essential concept for various quantum phenomena [1–7]. Besides the well-known Tomonaga-Luttinger liquid in one dimension, the prototypical NFL state appears in a vicinity of the quantum critical point (QCP), in which a thermodynamic phase transition into an ordered state is suppressed by tuning external parameters. In the NFL state near QCP, the finite-temperature properties such as the electronic specific heat and the electrical resistivity drastically deviate from the FL behavior, as widely seen in correlated metals including transition-metal oxides and heavy fermions.

A yet unsolved, fundamental issue is how the FL picture is modified in a vicinity of the Lifshitz transition [8], an electronic topological transition associated with the change in the topology of the Fermi surfaces. The Lifshitz transition itself is ubiquitous; it is driven by various parameters such as pressure [9–11], magnetic field [12–15], band filling [16–18], and

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even temperature through the temperature-dependent chemical potential [19–22]. In spite of many observed examples, the kinetic properties near the Lifshitz transition are complex and still controversial owing to a peculiar energy-dependent relaxation time [23,24], which should become more complicated in correlated metals.

To tackle this problem, here we focus on the quasi-twodimensional (q-2D) FL material Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub> [25–28]. Indeed, its q-2D Fermi surfaces consisting of hole-like  $\alpha$  and electronlike  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  sheets have been accurately verified by the dHvA and the ARPES experiments [29–32]. The calculated Fermi surfaces of Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub> are shown in Fig. 1(a). The normal-state nature in such a q-2D multiband system is well understood within the FL picture [26,33,34], whereas the pairing mechanism of the superconducting state is still an unsolved issue [35–39]. Significantly, its superconducting transition temperature  $T_c$  is enhanced to  $T_c \approx 3.5$  K under compressional stress [40–43], and near the critical compression point in which  $T_c$ has a maximum value. Such variation of  $T_c$  corresponds to the sharp peak in the density of states (DOS) associated with a Van Hove singularity (VHS) point; such a topology change in the  $\gamma$  band is indeed observed by the ARPES [44]. Most importantly, the resistivity clearly deviates from the FL behavior near the VHS point [45,46], and also nontrivial electronic states such as entropic anomaly [47] have been observed near the Lifshitz transition [48–50]. Thus, this layered material offers a suitable platform to investigate the NFL nature near the Lifshitz transition.

In this paper, we report a thermopower study of the electron-doped system  $Sr_{2-y}La_yRuO_4$  [51–53], in which a filling-induced Lifshitz transition occurs near the critical concentration  $y_c \approx 0.2$  [31]. The calculated Fermi surfaces for

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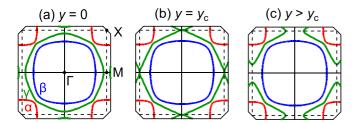


FIG. 1. The cross-sectional view of the calculated Fermi surfaces of  $Sr_{2-y}La_yRuO_4$  at  $k_z = 0$  plane for (a) y = 0, (b)  $y = y_c$ , and (c)  $y > y_c$ , drawn by using FermiSurfer program [63].

 $y = y_c$  and  $y > y_c$  are depicted in Figs. 1(b) and 1(c), respectively; the topology of the  $\gamma$  sheet changes at  $y = y_c$ . In Sr<sub>2-v</sub>La<sub>v</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>, similar electronic features including NFL transport [51] and the effective mass enhancement [31] have been clearly observed near y = 0.2, offering a complementary approach toward such an intriguing issue on the Lifshitz transition. We find that the low-temperature thermopower depends on the La content y and that the sign of the thermopower becomes negative only near the VHS point. This is in contrast to the results of the Hall effect measurements in which the Hall coefficient exhibits no significant anomaly near  $y_c$  [52]. We also show that the present experimental results cannot be explained either by numerical calculation results within a constant relaxation-time approximation or by a simple model for the 2D neck-disruption-type Lifshitz transition with an elastic carrier scattering. Instead, we propose a skewed NFL state [54] as a promising explanation for our results, in which an odd-frequency inelastic scattering is considered. The skewed NFL state is indeed a unique state of matter, as it has been studied as a nature of strange metal in cuprate superconductors and may also have a relevance to the transport properties in twisted bilayer graphene [54]. This skewed NFL state strengthens the electron-hole asymmetry owing to the dominant odd-frequency term in the scattering rate, providing a crucial role for negatively enhanced thermopower near the Lifshitz transition.

### II. EXPERIMENTAL

Single crystals of  $Sr_{2-y}La_yRuO_4$  were grown by a floating-zone method [51–53]. Typical dimension of the single crystals is  $3\times1\times0.1$  mm³. The in-plane thermopower was measured by a steady-state technique using a manganin-constantan differential thermocouple in a closed-cycle refrigerator [55,56]. A typical temperature gradient of 0.5 K/mm, which is adjusted along with the bath temperature, was applied along the in-plane direction using a resistive heater and the distance between the thermocouple contacts is about 1 mm. The thermoelectric voltage from the wire leads was subtracted.

### III. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Figure 2(a) shows the temperature dependence of the inplane thermopower S of  $Sr_{2-y}La_yRuO_4$ . It is known that  $T_c$  decreases with La substitution and is completely suppressed for y greater than 0.04 [51]. For the parent compound, the

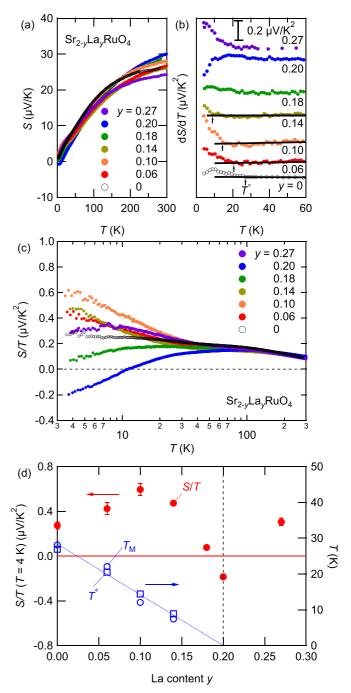


FIG. 2. (a) Temperature dependence of the thermopower S of  $Sr_{2-y}La_yRuO_4$  ( $0 \le y \le 0.27$ ) measured along the ab plane direction. (b) Temperature dependence of dS/dT. The arrows show the characteristic temperature  $T^*$  below which the dS/dT deviates from the linear temperature dependence of dS/dT at higher temperatures. The data are shifted vertically for clarity. (c) Temperature dependence of S/T. (d) The La content y dependence of S/T measured at 4 K (solid circles, left axis),  $T^*$  (open squares, right axis), and  $T_M$  (open circles, right axis).  $T_M$  is defined at the peak temperature in the magnetic susceptibility [53]. The blue-dotted line is a guide to the eye to represent the y dependence of these characteristic temperatures. The vertical-dashed line show the critical La content  $y_c$ .

present results well agree with those of the thermopower in previous reports [56–60]. The thermopower of  $Sr_2RuO_4$  has also been studied by the dynamical mean-field theory [61]. In

the La-substituted compounds, overall behavior of the thermopower is similar to that of the parent crystal.

The thermopower in Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub> was analyzed in the differential form dS/dT [Fig. 2(b)] to examine a characteristic temperature, and an anomaly was found near  $T^* \approx 25$  K, below which dS/dT increases with decreasing temperature [57]. Subsequently, through the Seebeck and the Nernst measurements, Xu et al. have suggested that the coherence is developed below  $T^*$  [58]. As displayed in the right axis of Fig. 2(d),  $T^*$  systematically decreases with the La content y. It should be noted that the magnetic susceptibility of Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub> is Pauli paramagnetic, but the temperature dependence exhibits a small peak structure at  $T_{\rm M} \approx 30$  K [26], below which the FL picture is well defined. The La content y dependence of  $T_{\rm M}$  taken from Ref. [53] is also plotted in the right axis of Fig. 2(d). Notably, both  $T_{\rm M}$  and  $T^*$  show similar y dependence, indicating that the characteristic temperature below which the coherence is formed in the correlated carriers decreases with increasing y. This trend is consistent with the NFL behavior near y = 0.2 [51] and also signifies the inherent role of the carrier scattering at the Lifshitz transition, as will be discussed later.

In Fig. 2(c), we also plot S/T of  $Sr_{2-\nu}La_{\nu}RuO_4$  as a function of T. The low-temperature S/T behavior notably depends on both temperature and the La content y, suggesting the considerable change in the Fermi surfaces in the present La content range as reported in earlier reports [31,51–53]. It should be noted that negative thermopower is found at low temperatures only for the y = 0.2 crystal, which is near the critical La content  $y_c$  [31,51–53]. Figure 2(d) displays the La content y dependence of S/T obtained at 4 K for the left axis. With increasing y, S/T slightly increases and a singularity is clearly observed near  $y \approx 0.2$ . Note that a positive value of S/T is recovered at the higher content y = 0.27. To explain the observed La content dependence of S/T, we have examined the chemical potential dependence of S/T calculated within a constant relaxation-time approximation [62] (see Appendix), but the calculated data [Fig. 6(b)] is positively enhanced near the VHS points. Obviously, this discrepancy originates from the energy dependence of the relaxation time, which is ignored in the constant relaxation-time approximation method.

Here we discuss the energy dependence of the relaxation time  $\tau(\varepsilon)$  near the Lifshitz transition. Similar to the case of Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>, the 2D neck-disruption-type Lifshitz transition for the cylindrical Fermi surfaces [Fig. 3(a)] has been investigated [64-67]. In this case, the energy dependence of the DOS  $D(\varepsilon)$  shows logarithmic divergence near the critical energy  $E_c$  at which the Lifshitz transition occurs [Fig. 3(b)]. Such logarithmic DOS behavior is also confirmed by the numerical calculation for Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub> [Fig. 6(a) in Appendix]. Then, through an elastic impurity scattering, the scattering probability acquires a correction of the energy dependence of  $1/\tau(\varepsilon) \propto D(\varepsilon)$  [23,24], which significantly affects the energy dependence of the conductivity function  $\sigma(\varepsilon) \simeq D_0 v_0^2 \tau$ . Note that the DOS  $D_0$  and the velocity  $v_0$  in this conductivity function exhibit weak-energy dependence because these mainly come from the electrons in the regular parts of the Fermi surfaces, which are far from the VHS points [68]. Figure 3(c) shows the calculated electrical conductivity for this simple model (see Appendix). The horizontal axis is the chemical

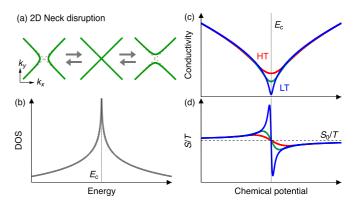


FIG. 3. 2D neck-disruption-type Lifshitz transitions and the physical properties. (a) The Fermi surface shape and (b) the DOS are symmetric around the critical energy  $E_{\rm c}$  at which the Lifshitz transition occurs. (c) The conductivity and (d) the thermopower as a function of the chemical potential, which corresponds to the amount of electron doping by La substitution, for several temperatures. HT and LT represent high and low temperatures, respectively. The vertical-dotted lines show  $E_{\rm c}$  and the horizontal-dashed line in (d) represents the contributions from the regular part of the Fermi surfaces, which is far from the VHS points.

potential and corresponds to the amount of electron doping by La substitution. As a consequence, the electrical conductivity  $\sigma$  decreases near  $E_{\rm c}$  and such a modification leads to a NFL-like resistivity of  $\rho(T) = \rho_0 + AT^n$  with n < 2 for Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub> [46], as observed near the VHS point for both La-substituted [51] and uniaxially compressed [45] cases.

In this model, however, as shown in Fig. 3(d), the thermopower should exhibit positive and negative peaks with the same magnitudes below and above  $E_c$ , respectively [64–66], as indicated from the Mott formula [69]

$$\frac{S}{T} \propto -\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \varepsilon} \sim -\frac{1}{\tau} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial \varepsilon},\tag{1}$$

where the energy dependence of  $\tau$  is crucial as similar to the case of the conductivity as mentioned before. It should be noted that such thermopower behavior with positive and negative peaks is also obtained in the numerical calculations for  $Sr_2RuO_4$  in the elastic impurity scattering regime [46]. In contrast, for  $Sr_{2-y}La_yRuO_4$ , the low-temperature thermopower seems to be enhanced only negatively near the critical content  $y_c \approx 0.2$  [Fig. 2(d)], which is difficult to explain with such a conventional neck disruption case. Also, as indicated in Fig. 2(d), an inelastic electron-electron scattering, not included in the model of Fig. 3, should be crucial near  $y_c$ .

To discuss the origin of the negatively enhanced thermopower near the VHS point, we next consider a phenomenological model adopting a skewed NFL state [54], in which an asymmetric inelastic scattering rate  $1/\tau_{\rm in} \propto (\pi T)^{\nu} g(\omega/T)$  characterized by a noneven scaling function  $g(x) = |\Gamma(z)|^2 \cosh(x/2)/[\cosh(\alpha/2)\Gamma\{(1+\nu)/2\}^2]$  becomes essential, where  $\Gamma(z)$  is the  $\Gamma$  function,  $z = (1+\nu)/2+i(x+\alpha)/2\pi$ ,  $\omega=\varepsilon-\mu$  is a relative energy from the chemical potential  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$  ( $\leq$  1) is an exponent, and  $\alpha$  is an parameter to induce the asymmetry in the scattering rate. Figure 4 shows the examples of a scaling function  $g(\omega/T)$  with  $\nu=1$  for a symmetric (with an asymmetry parameter

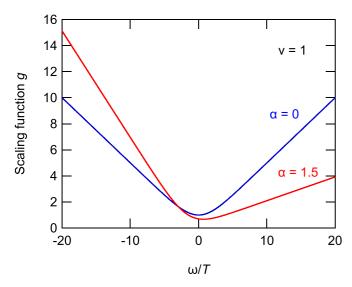


FIG. 4. Scaling function  $g(\omega/T)$  for an exponent  $\nu=1$  and an asymmetry parameter  $\alpha=0$  and 1.5 [54]. The inelastic scattering rate  $1/\tau_{\rm in}$  is given as  $1/\tau_{\rm in} \propto (\pi T)^{\nu} g(\omega/T)$ .

 $\alpha = 0$ ) case and an asymmetric ( $\alpha = 1.5$ ) case [54]. In the asymmetric case, owing to the odd-frequency term of the scattering rate, the contribution of either electrons or holes becomes stronger, and most importantly, the thermopower, a sensitive probe to the electron-hole asymmetry, is enhanced either negatively or positively. We infer that, along with the observation of the NFL resistivity near the VHS point [51], the observed negative sign of the thermopower may be a hallmark of such a skewed NFL state. Moreover, such unexpected sign change in the thermopower has also been discussed in the NFL regime of cuprate superconductors [70]. Note that the thermopower is also known as a sensitive probe for the entropic properties such as magnetic fluctuations but the present nonmagnetic system may not be adapted to such situation. At this stage, it is not easy to make a more quantitative calculation in this model, and further theoretical study is necessary to quantitatively account for the sign change. Also, the frequency-dependent experiments such as the optical conductivity measurement will be crucial to examine the skewed NFL

Lifshitz transitions in correlated matter thus bring an intriguing issue on the NFL state. In this context, Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>, in which a variety of electronic and magnetic states emerge under external perturbations [71–75], is of peculiar interest because it also exhibits the NFL behavior in Ti-substituted system [76]. Moreover, recent experimental and theoretical studies have revealed the appearance of enigmatic NFL states such as a Planckian metal characterized by a linear temperature dependence of the resistivity [77,78] and the quantum critical phase in frustrated materials [79,80], deepening underlying physics of the NFL state of matter.

#### IV. SUMMARY

In summary, we have measured the thermopower of the electron-doped system  $Sr_{2-y}La_yRuO_4$  and observed an unusual sign change in the thermopower near the Lifshitz tran-

sition at the VHS point  $y_c \approx 0.2$ . We discuss the thermopower in a skewed NFL state, in which an asymmetric frequency dependence of the inelastic scattering rate is crucial, possibly leading to qualitative explanation for the negative sign of the thermopower near  $y_c$ . The present results thus offer a fascinating playground to investigate a variety of quantum phenomena of the correlated electrons near the Lifshitz transition.

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#### APPENDIX

#### 1. First-principles calculations

In order to investigate the thermopower theoretically, we performed first-principles calculations based on density functional theory (DFT) using Quantum Espresso [81–83]. We used the projector-augmented-wave pseudopotentials with the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof generalizedgradient-approximation (PBE-GGA) exchange-correlation functional. The cut-off energies for plane waves and charge densities were set to 70 and 560 Ry, respectively, and the k-point mesh was set to  $20 \times 20 \times 20$  uniform grid to ensure the convergence. Using the obtained eigenvalues of the nth band at k point  $E_{n,k}$ , the DOS  $D(\varepsilon) = \sum_{n,k} \delta(\varepsilon - E_{n,k})$  was obtained using the optimized tetrahedron method [84], where  $\delta$  is the delta function. We used on-site Coulomb energy  $U = 3.5 \,\mathrm{eV}$  and exchange parameter  $J = 0.6 \,\mathrm{eV}$  for Ru ions [85], and performed full relativistic calculations with spinorbit coupling (DFT + U + SOC).

Figure 5(a) shows the calculated electronic band structure near the Fermi energy  $E_F$  of the parent material, which well coincides with the results in earlier studies [86–89]. The depicted k path is shown in Fig. 5(b). The  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  bands at the high-symmetry points  $\Gamma$  and Z split owing to the inclusion of SOC [88], and the  $e_g$  bands are shifted upward due to the on-site U. The calculated DOS is depicted in Fig. 6(a), and the Van Hove singularity (VHS) point of the  $\gamma$  band to show the cusp anomaly is shifted slightly from  $E \approx 50$  meV to  $E \approx 30$  meV by including U + SOC. Such a trend is consistent with the results of ARPES experiment [31,32].

# 2. Calculated transport properties within a constant relaxation-time approximation

To examine the experimentally observed singular behavior in S/T, we have calculated the thermopower from the electronic band structure within the constant relaxation-time approximation. Note that the correlation effect of 4d electrons is considerable in  $Sr_2RuO_4$  and the calculation results with local-density approximation are quantitatively different from the experimental observations [61]. On the other hand, the thermopower behavior in correlated metals is well described within a Fermi-liquid picture, where the correlation effect is included in the carrier effective mass [69]. Also, in

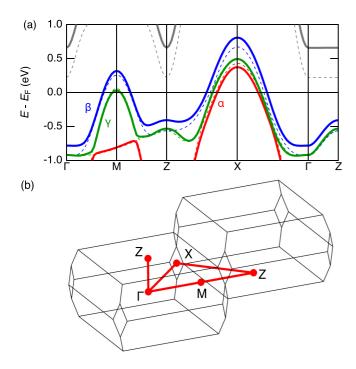


FIG. 5. (a) Calculated band structure of  $Sr_2RuO_4$  with DFT + U + SOC scheme (solid curves). The dashed curves represent the results of scalar relativistic calculations and U is not included. The Van Hove singularity is at the M point, at which the  $\gamma$  band is slightly above  $E_F$ . (b) High-symmetry points in the Brillouin zone.

Sr<sub>2-y</sub>La<sub>y</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub>, the electron-doping effect by La substitution is well explained within a rigid band picture [31,51]. We thus examine how the band structure affects the thermopower.

The transport coefficients were calculated based on the linearized Boltzmann equations under constant relaxation-time approximation [62]. The transport distribution function tensor  $L_{ij}(\varepsilon)$  is calculated as

$$L_{ij}(\varepsilon) = \sum_{n} L_{ij}^{n}(\varepsilon) = \sum_{n} \sum_{\mathbf{k}} v_{i} v_{j} \tau \delta(\varepsilon - E_{n,\mathbf{k}}), \quad (A1)$$

where  $L^n_{ij}(\varepsilon)$  is the partial transport distribution function tensor of the n-th band,  $v_i$  is the i-th component of the band velocity  $\mathbf{v} = \frac{1}{\hbar} \nabla_{\mathbf{k}} E_{n,\mathbf{k}}$ , and  $\tau$  is the relaxation time. We calculated the partial electrical conductivity tensor of the n-th band of  $\sigma^n_{ij}(\mu) = e^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\varepsilon (-\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \varepsilon}) L^n_{ij}$ , where e is the elementary charge and  $f_0$  is the Fermi-Dirac distribution function for the chemical potential  $\mu$  and temperature T. The total electrical conductivity tensor is  $\sigma_{ij}(\mu) = \sum_n \sigma^n_{ij}(\mu)$ . Similarly, the partial Peltier conductivity tensor of nth band  $P^n_{ij}(\mu) = [\sigma S]^n_{ij}(\mu)$  is

$$P_{ij}^{n}(\mu) = -\frac{e}{T} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\varepsilon \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \varepsilon} \right) (\varepsilon - \mu) L_{ij}^{n}, \tag{A2}$$

where  $S_{ij}$  is the thermopower tensor. The total Peltier conductivity is given as  $P_{ij}(\mu) = \sum_n P_{ij}^n(\mu)$ . Hereafter we consider the in-plane component (ij = aa) only and the subscript will be omitted. The thermopower of the n-th band is then obtained as  $S^n = P^n/\sigma^n$ , and the total in-plane thermopower is given as  $S = P/\sigma = \sum_n P^n/\sum_n \sigma^n$  as is generally seen in multiband systems.

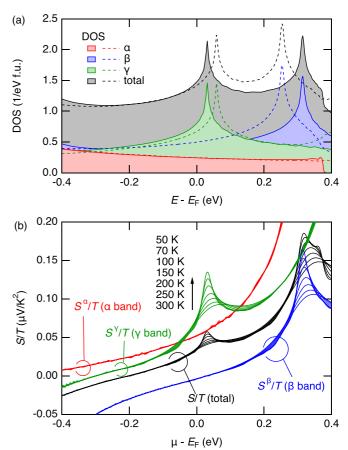


FIG. 6. (a) Calculated total and partial density of states with DFT + U + SOC scheme (solid-filled curves). The dashed curves represent the results of scalar relativistic calculations and U is not included. (b) Thermopower divided by temperature, S/T, calculated for several temperatures within the relaxation-time approximation. The horizontal axis shows the chemical potential measured from the Fermi energy of the parent compound. The black curves represent the total S/T and the red, blue, and green curves show the band-resolved data  $S^n/T$  for the  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\gamma$  bands, respectively. Varying  $\mu$  across the VHS results in the enhancement of the positive S/T.

Figure 6(b) depicts the thermopower divided by temperature, S/T, calculated for several temperatures within the constant relaxation-time approximation. The black curves represent the total S/T and the red, blue, and green curves show the band-resolved  $S^n/T$  for  $n = \alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$ , respectively. The horizontal axis is the chemical potential measured from the Fermi energy of the parent compound and corresponds to the amount of electron doping by La substitution. Note that the calculated values of S/T are significantly smaller than the experimental data because the electron correlation effect is not accurately included in this scheme and should be modified by using more precise methods such as the dynamical mean field theory [61]. Nevertheless, characteristic features reflecting the Lifshitz transition in Sr<sub>2</sub>RuO<sub>4</sub> may be observed in the present calculations; the band-resolved  $S^n/T$ shows divergent behavior at low temperatures near 0.3 eV ( $\beta$ band) and 30 meV ( $\gamma$  band) corresponding to the VHS points of DOS for each band [Fig. 6(a)], while  $S^n/T$  exhibits almost no temperature dependence for the  $\alpha$  band like a simple metal.

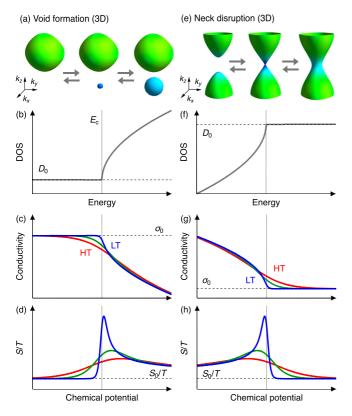


FIG. 7. Two types of the Lifshitz transitions for 3D case and the physical properties: (a)–(d) void formation and (e)–(h) neck disruption. For each panel, the dashed lines represent the contributions from the regular part of the Fermi surfaces. The vertical-dotted lines show the critical energy  $E_c$  at which the Lifshitz transition occurs. HT and LT represent high and low temperatures, respectively.

In general, the VHS points of DOS strongly affect the thermopower [90]. It is now important that the experimental data of S/T seems to negatively diverge near the critical concentration [Fig. 2(d) in the main text], while the calculated data is positively enhanced near the VHS points [Fig. 6(b)]. This discrepancy obviously originates from the energy dependence of the relaxation time ignored in the constant relaxation-time approximation.

## 3. Peculiar energy-dependent relaxation time and thermopower near the Lifshitz transition

Here we briefly review the three-dimensional (3D) case to see the significance of the scattering process. In the 3D case, the Lifshitz transition is categorized into two types of topological change in the Fermi surface called void formation and neck disruption, which are schematically shown in Figs. 7(a) and 7(e), respectively [8]. In the void formation case, for example, the DOS behaves as  $D(\varepsilon) - D_0 \sim |\varepsilon - E_c|^{1/2}$ , where  $D_0$  is the DOS from the regular part of the Fermi surface (large void) and  $E_c$  is the critical energy above which a new void appears [Fig. 7(b)]. At first glance, such a small void with almost zero carrier velocity seems to give no contribution to the transport properties. Through the scattering process, however, electrons in the regular part exchange the momenta with those in the singular part (small void) and get virtually into the

singular part [23,24,68]. As a result, according to the golden rule, the scattering probability acquires a correction of the energy dependence of  $1/\tau(\varepsilon) \propto D(\varepsilon)$ , and then the electrical conductivity  $\sigma \propto \tau$  decreases above  $E_c$  [Fig. 7(c)]. Note that the energy dependence of  $\tau$  is essential here as an approximate form  $\sigma(\mu) \simeq e^2 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\varepsilon (-\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \varepsilon}) Dv^2 \tau \simeq e^2 D_0 v_0^2 \tau(\mu)$ , because the DOS  $D_0$  and the velocity  $v_0$  in the conductivity mainly come from the electrons in the large void [68].

According to the Mott formula, the thermopower S is given as

$$\frac{S}{T} \propto -\frac{1}{\sigma} \frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial \varepsilon} \sim -\frac{1}{\tau} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial \varepsilon},$$
 (A3)

where the energy dependence of  $\tau$  is crucial as similar to the case of the conductivity, and thus it shows a sharp peak structure at low temperatures [Fig. 7(d)]. The similar situation occurs in the case of the neck disruption [Figs. 7(e)–7(h)] and the thermopower is also enhanced positively near the critical point. Note that the singularities in  $\sigma$  and S are smeared with increasing temperature. These thermoelectric singularities in 3D case have been experimentally observed in the Li-Mg alloy [91].

## 4. Calculations of the transport properties for the Lifshitz transitions

Here we show the calculation details for the transport coefficients near the Lifshitz transition by using the energy-dependent scattering time. The electrical conductivity  $\sigma$  and the Peltier conductivity  $P = \sigma S$  are given as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e^2 \\ -\frac{e}{T} \end{bmatrix} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} d\varepsilon \left( -\frac{\partial f_0}{\partial \varepsilon} \right) \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \varepsilon - \mu \end{bmatrix} L \qquad (A4)$$

$$= \frac{e}{4k_B T^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\cosh^2(\beta\omega/2)} \begin{bmatrix} eT\\ -\omega \end{bmatrix} L, \quad (A5)$$

where  $\omega = \varepsilon - \mu$  is the relative energy measured from the chemical potential. Using the energy-dependent scattering time, the transport function near the Lifshitz transition is approximately given as

$$L = D_0 v_0^2 \tau(\varepsilon), \tag{A6}$$

and the transport coefficients are given as

$$\begin{bmatrix} \sigma \\ P \end{bmatrix} = \frac{eD_0 v_0^2}{4k_B T^2} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{d\omega}{\cosh^2(\beta \omega/2)} \begin{bmatrix} eT \\ -\omega \end{bmatrix} \tau(\omega), \quad (A7)$$

where the scattering time is model dependent as described below.

For the 3D void formation case in Figs. 7(a)-7(d), the density of states is expressed as

$$D(\varepsilon) \sim D_0 + a|\varepsilon - E_c|^{1/2}\theta(\varepsilon - E_c),$$
 (A8)

where a > 0 is a constant and  $\theta$  is the Heaviside step function, as is shown in Fig. 7(b). The scattering time is then given as

$$\tau(\varepsilon) \sim D(\varepsilon)^{-1}$$
 (A9)

$$\sim D_0 - a|\varepsilon - E_c|^{1/2}\theta(\varepsilon - E_c)$$
 (A10)

$$= D_0 - a|\omega + Z|^{1/2}\theta(\omega + Z),$$
 (A11)

where  $Z=\mu-E_c$  is the chemical potential measured from the critical energy. The transport coefficients are now calculated and the thermopower S is give as  $S=P/\sigma$ . Note that although the regular part  $D_0$  also depends on the energy [23,24], the energy dependence of the singular part is much significant. Indeed, the calculation results shown in Fig. 7 are similar to the earlier studies.

For the 3D neck disruption case [Figs. 7(e)–7(h)], the scattering time is given as

$$\tau(\varepsilon) \sim D_0 + a|E_c - \varepsilon|^{1/2}\theta(E_c - \varepsilon)$$
 (A12)

$$= D_0 + a|-\omega - Z|^{1/2}\theta(-\omega - Z), \tag{A13}$$

which is similar to the case of void formation.

For the symmetric 2D neck disruption case [Figs. 3(a)–3(d) in the main text], the density of states near the Lifshitz transition is given as a logarithmic form of

$$D(\varepsilon) \sim \ln \frac{t}{|\varepsilon - E_c|},$$
 (A14)

where t > 0 is a constant as is shown in Fig. 3(b) in the main text. The scattering time is given as

$$\tau(\varepsilon) \sim \left( \ln \frac{t}{|\varepsilon - E_c|} \right)^{-1} = \left( \ln \frac{t}{|\omega + Z|} \right)^{-1}.$$
(A15)

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