Fermi Surface with Dirac Fermions in CaFeAsF Determined via Quantum Oscillation Measurements

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Despite the fact that 1111-type iron arsenides hold the record transition temperature of iron-based superconductors, their electronic structures have not been studied much because of the lack of high-quality single crystals. In this study, we comprehensively determine the Fermi surface in the antiferromagnetic state of CaFeAsF, a 1111 iron-arsenide parent compound, by performing quantum oscillation measurements and band-structure calculations. The determined Fermi surface consists of a symmetry-related pair of Dirac electron cylinders and a normal hole cylinder. From analyses of quantum-oscillation phases, we demonstrate that the electron cylinders carry a nontrivial Berry phase π . The carrier density is of the order of 10^{-3} per Fe. This unusual metallic state with the extremely small carrier density is a consequence of the previously discussed topological feature of the band structure which prevents the antiferromagnetic gap from being a full gap. We also report a nearly linear-in-*B* magnetoresistance and an anomalous resistivity increase above about 30 T for $B \parallel c$, the latter of which is likely related to the quantum limit of the electron orbit. Intriguingly, the electrical resistivity exhibits a nonmetallic temperature dependence in the paramagnetic tetragonal phase (T > 118 K), which may suggest an incoherent state. Our study provides a detailed knowledge of the Fermi surface in the antiferromagnetic state of 1111 parent compounds and moreover opens up a new possibility to explore Dirac-fermion physics in those compounds.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Since the discovery of superconductivity at $T_c = 26$ K in LaFeAs($O_{1-x}F_x$) by Kamihara *et al.* [1], iron-based superconductors have been studied extensively. By replacing La with smaller rare-earth elements, T_c of up to 56 K was achieved in the same 1111-type structure immediately after the discovery [2–5]. There are now various structure types: the 122-type (e.g., BaFe₂As₂ [6,7]); 111-type (e.g., LiFeAs [8–10]); 11-type (e.g., FeSe [11]) structures and so on. Nonetheless, the above T_c record has not yet been surpassed by other structure types as far as bulk materials

are concerned. It is therefore crucial to unravel the normalstate electronic structure of the 1111 iron arsenides from which the highest T_c among the iron-based superconductors emerges. Unfortunately, however, such studies suffer from difficulty in obtaining high-quality single crystals of the 1111-type iron arsenides.

There is a variant of the 1111 iron arsenides, i.e., CaFeAsF (or SrFeAsF) [12–14] that has the same ZrCuSiAs-type structure as LaFeAsO, but the LaO layers in LaFeAsO are replaced by the CaF layers (Fig. 1). The electronic band structure near the Fermi level E_F is predicted to be similar to that of LaFeAsO [15]. CaFeAsF exhibits a structural and an antiferromagnetic transition as LaFeAsO does [13,16]. The antiferromagnetic structure is the same stripe-type one as LaFeAsO [16]. By partial substitution of Fe by Co, Ca(Fe, Co)AsF exhibits superconductivity with a maximum T_c of 22 K [12]. Further, T_c of 56 K has been observed for rare-earth doped compounds [17,18]. Following initial

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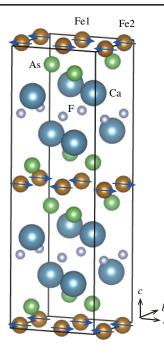


FIG. 1. Crystal and magnetic structure of CaFeAsF. The a, b, and c directions of the orthorhombic Cmma cell are indicated. The black frame indicates the magnetic cell with the doubled c dimension, and the arrows indicate the Fe moment direction. Fe1 and Fe2 label magnetic sublattices used to calculate partial density of states in Fig. 7.

reports of single-crystal growth of (Ca, Na)FeAsF [19] and CaFeAsF_{1-x} [20], Ma *et al.* have succeeded in growing large high-quality single crystals of undoped CaFeAsF by the self-flux method [21].

In this article, we report resistivity and magnetic-torque measurements down to 0.03 K (0.4 K) up to 18 T (45 T) performed on high-quality single crystals of CaFeAsF. The temperature dependence of the resistivity is nonmetallic down to $T_s = 118$ K and exhibits two clearly separated anomalies at T_s and $T_N = 107$ K, which are attributed to a structural and an antiferromagnetic transition, respectively. We observe clear quantum oscillations both in the resistivity and magnetic torque in the antiferromagnetic ground state. Two frequencies α and β are resolved, and their field-angle dependences indicate that they are from highly two-dimensional Fermi-surface cylinders. From detailed analyses of the oscillation phases, we find a nontrivial Berry phase π associated with the α oscillation, demonstrating that the α cylinder is a Dirac-fermion cylinder. Our band-structure calculations indicate that the Fermi surface consists of a hole cylinder at the Γ point of the Brillouin zone and a symmetry-related pair of electron cylinders originating from Dirac lines located away from Γ . Thus, the α and β cylinders are attributed to the electron and hole cylinders, respectively. The carrier density is extremely small, of the order of 10^{-3} per Fe. Additionally, we report a nearly linear-in-B magnetoresistivity and an anomalous resistivity increase above about 30 T for $B \parallel c$. Among other things, our work opens up a new possibility to explore Dirac-fermion physics in a branch of the family of the ironbased superconductors with a simple band structure.

II. METHODS

High-quality single crystals of CaFeAsF were prepared by a CaAs self-flux method in Shanghai [21]. The crystals were platelike with an *ab*-plane area of up to approximately 1 mm² and a thickness of approximately 50 μ m or less.

A 20-T superconducting magnet with a dilution refrigerator at the National Institute for Materials Science and the 45-T hybrid magnet with a ³He refrigerator at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory were used. In either magnet, samples can be rotated in situ, and the field angle θ is measured from the c axis. Electrical resistivity ρ measurements were performed with a four-contact method both for current I || ab and I || c (see Fig. 2 for the contact configuration for I || c). The contacts were spotwelded or made with conducting silver paste. A total of six samples were prepared: two ab-plane samples and one *c*-axis sample were used for SdH measurements, while the remaining one *ab*-plane sample and two *c*-axis samples were used only for zero-field temperature-dependence measurements. Microcantilever torque τ measurements were performed on another two crystals. Consistent quantum-oscillation results were obtained for the three SdH and two torque crystals.

Fully relativistic electronic band-structure calculations with spin-orbit coupling were performed by using the WIEN2k code with the PBE-GGA potential [22,23]. We used the experimental lattice parameters of the orthorhombic crystal structure (space group Cmma) at T = 2 K: a = 5.514594 Å, b = 5.476802 Å, c = 8.576845 Å, $z_{As} =$

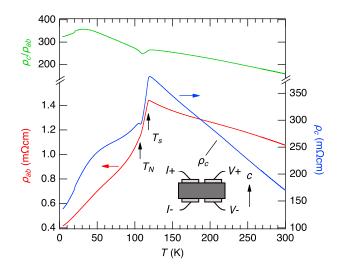


FIG. 2. Temperature dependence of resistivity in CaFeAsF. The *c*-axis and *ab*-plane resistivities were measured using two different samples. The inset explains the contact configuration for the *c*-axis measurements. The upper panel shows the anisotropy ρ_c/ρ_{ab} .

0.66329 [16,24]. The antiferromagnetic ordering with $\mathbf{Q} = (1, 0, 1/2)$ (with respect to Cmma) [16] was incorporated by using space group Ibam (#72) with a doubled *c* dimension (Fig. 1). In the self-consistent calculations, the muffin-tin radii $R_{\rm MT}$ of Ca, Fe, As, and F atoms were set to 2.15, 2.31, 2.19, and 2.26 in units of the Bohr radius, respectively. The maximum modulus of reciprocal vectors was chosen such that $R_{\rm MT}K_{\rm max} = 7.0$. The corresponding Brillouin zone was sampled using a $10 \times 10 \times 10$ *k*-mesh for the self-consistent calculations, and $40 \times 40 \times 40$ *k*-mesh for calculations in the density of states.

III. TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF RESISTIVITY

Figure 2 shows the in-plane and c-axis resistivities as a function of temperature T. The resistivities increase initially as T is lowered from room temperature as reported in [21]. These measurements were made on the very same high-quality single crystals that exhibit quantum oscillations at low temperatures. This indicates that the observed nonmetallic behavior is the intrinsic nature of CaFeAsF.

The resistivities decrease sharply below $T_s = 118$ K and exhibit a kink at $T_N = 107$ K as reported in [21]. These anomalies at T_s and T_N most likely correspond to a structural and an antiferromagnetic phase transition, respectively, as observed in a neutron powder-diffraction experiment by Xiao *et al.* [16]. The *c*-axis resistivity of this sample exhibits a sudden faint drop at T = 20 K, which is not observed in the other samples, and hence, is probably due to a crack. The resistivity anisotropy is large and basically increases with decreasing temperature.

The room-temperature in-plane and *c*-axis resistivities, averaged out over the three in-plane and three *c*-axis samples, are 1.9(8) m Ω cm and 2.3(6) × 10² m Ω cm, respectively. The large errors can be ascribed to errors in the sample dimensions, irregular sample shapes, and inhomogeneous current distribution. The large anisotropy ρ_c/ρ_{ab} of the order of 10² is broadly consistent with the large upper-critical-field anisotropy of 9 observed for CaFe_{0.882}Co_{0.118}AsF [25] as the two anisotropies are approximated by m_c^2/m_{ab}^a and $\sqrt{m_c^2/m_{ab}^a}$, respectively.

IV. QUANTUM OSCILLATIONS

A. Theoretical background

Quantum oscillation of the resistivity $\Delta \rho$ can be described by [26,27]

$$\frac{\Delta\rho}{\rho_0} = -C\sqrt{B}R_T R_D R_s \cos\left[2\pi \left(\frac{F}{B} - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \phi_D + \phi_B\right], \quad (1)$$

where ρ_0 is the background resistivity, *C* is a positive coefficient, and we have neglected harmonics. We have tacitly assumed that $\sigma = \rho/(\rho^2 + \rho_H^2) \approx \rho^{-1}$, since the Hall resistivity ρ_H is much smaller than ρ [18].

The frequency F is related to a Fermi-surface crosssectional area A as $F = (\hbar/2\pi e)A$. The temperature and Dingle reduction factors are given by $R_T = X / \sinh X$ and $R_D = \exp(-X_D)$, where $X_{(D)} = K\mu^*T_{(D)}/B$, $\mu^* = m^*/m_e$, and the coefficient K is 14.69 T/K. The Dingle temperature T_D is inversely proportional to the carrier scattering time τ : $T_D = \hbar/2\pi k_B \tau$. The spin reduction factor R_s describes the interference of oscillations from up- and down-spin electrons and is given by $R_s = \cos(\pi g \mu^*/2)$, where g is the spin g factor. ϕ_D is 0 for a two-dimensional (2D) Fermi-surface (FS) cylinder while it is + or $-\pi/4$ when the oscillation is from a minimum or maximum cross section of a three-dimensional (3D) FS pocket. ϕ_B is the Berry phase, which is 0 for normal electrons but π for Dirac fermions [28,29]. The sign of R_s is essential to determine the Berry phase in systems where electronic bands are doubly degenerate at each k due to spin degrees of freedom as is the case with the present one [30]. If $R_s > 0$ and ϕ_D is neglected, resistivity maxima occur for normal fermions when F/B takes integer values, while minima occur for Dirac fermions. If $R_s < 0$, the opposite is true.

B. Frequency and effective mass

Figure 3(a) shows the in-plane resistivity ρ and field derivative $d\rho/dB$ as a function of *B* up to 17.8 T applied along the *c* axis. The field derivative shows an initial rise up to $B \sim 0.6$ T, above which it stays approximately constant except oscillations. Namely, the magnetoresistance is nearly linear in *B*.

Quantum oscillations are discernible above $B \sim 5$ T. Figure 3(b) shows Fourier transforms of oscillations as a function of $F\cos\theta$ for various field directions θ . Two frequencies α and β are resolved: $F_{\alpha} = 19.6$ T and $F_{\beta} =$ 46.7 T for $B \parallel c$, which correspond to 0.14 and 0.34% of the cross section of the antiferromagnetic Brillouin zone. For both frequencies, $F \cos \theta$ stays constant for the investigated θ range, indicating that they are from highly 2D FS cylinders. The effective masses associated with the α and β orbits for $B \parallel c$ are estimated from the temperature dependences of the oscillation amplitudes to be 0.383(4)and 0.92(1), respectively, in units of the free electron mass m_{e} [Fig. 3(c)]. Figure 3(d) shows the field dependence of the β oscillation amplitude in the form of a Dingle plot. The amplitudes were estimated from the extremums of the pure β oscillation obtained below in Sec. IV C. From the linear fit to the data, $T_D = 2.7$ K, corresponding to a carrier mean free path of 21 nm ($l = \tau v_F$, see Table I for v_F).

In order to search for higher frequencies, i.e., larger FS pockets, we extended measurements up to B = 45 T by using the hybrid magnet. The inset of Fig. 4(a) shows semilogarithmic plots of in-plane resistivity vs field. For B||c, the resistivity at T = 0.4 K shows a remarkable increase above $B \sim 30$ T. The increase is suppressed as the temperature is raised, and almost disappears at T = 20 K. For nearly B||ab ($\theta = 91^{\circ}$), no such increase

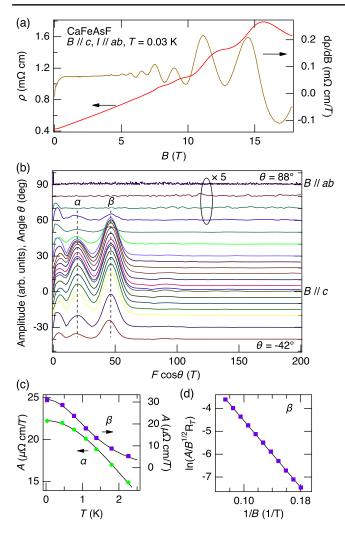


FIG. 3. (a) In-plane resistivity in CaFeAsF and its magnetic-field derivative as a function of *B* applied parallel to the *c* axis. (b) Fourier transforms of $d\rho/dB$ vs 1/B over the field range 5–17.8 T for various field directions θ . Note that the horizontal axis is $F \cos \theta$. The spectra are vertically shifted so that the baseline of a spectrum for an angle θ is placed at θ of the vertical axis. (c) Temperature dependence of the α and β oscillation amplitudes for B||c. The curves are fits to the temperature reduction factor R_T . (d) Dingle plot for the β frequency for B||c. The vertical axis is a logarithm of a reduced amplitude. The line is a linear fit.

is observed. A similar behavior is observed for the *c*-axis resistivity (data not shown). Although the origin of the anomalous resistivity increase is not clear at present, it may be related to the quantum limit (i.e., the limit where only the lowest Landau level is occupied) of the α orbit ($F_{\alpha} = 19.6$ T). Apart from the anomalous increase, the undulation of the T = 0.4 K curve for $B \parallel c$ is dominated by the β oscillation: the maxima at $B \sim 12$, 16, and 23 T are ascribable to it, and no faster oscillation is seen.

The main panel of Fig. 4(a) shows the Fourier transform analysis of resistivity data measured in the hybrid magnet. We have analyzed the logarithmic derivative $d \ln \rho/dB$ instead of $d\rho/dB$ to suppress the huge background due

TABLE I. Carrier type, quantum-oscillation frequency F, effective mass m^* , carrier density n, Fermi momentum k_F , Fermi velocity v_F , and effective Fermi energy E_F determined from the quantum-oscillation measurements. B||c for F and m^* . n for the α cylinder refers to the sum of the carriers of the two cylinders occurring in the Brillouin zone. To derive E_F , a linear dispersion $(E_F = \hbar v_F k_F)$ was used for the α cylinder, while a quadratic one $[E_F = \hbar^2 k_F^2/(2m^*)]$ was used for β .

FS cylinder	α	β
Carrier type	Dirac electron	Normal hole
<i>F</i> (T)	19.6	46.7
m^*/m_e	0.383(4)	0.92(1)
$n (10^{-3} \text{ per Fe})$	1.4	1.7
$n (10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3})$	2.2	2.6
k_F (Å ⁻¹)	0.024	0.038
$v_F (10^4 \text{ m/s})$	7.4	4.7
E_F (meV)	12	5.9

to the anomalous resistivity increase near $B \| c$. The spectra show peaks corresponding to α , β , and their harmonics: peaks around 100 T are ascribable to 2β and/or 6α . No higher fundamental frequency than β exists.

We also measured magnetic torque [Fig. 4(b)]. The undulation of the torque curves is again basically explicable with the β oscillation, and no faster oscillation is seen. The Fourier spectra confirm that there is no frequency higher than β . To summarize, our experimental results indicate that the Fermi surface is composed of only two types of extremely small cylinders α and β .

C. Oscillation phase

We now consider the spin reduction factors R_s and oscillation phases by analyzing the waveform of the observed oscillations. To avoid ambiguity due to background subtraction, we subtract the same linear background $a + bB \cos \theta$ with $a = 260 \ \mu\Omega$ cm and $b = 89.9 \ \mu\Omega$ cm/T from the raw $\rho(B)$ data. The parameters were determined by fitting a line to the $\rho(B)$ curve of Fig. 3(a) in the field range 5–17.8 T.

For a 2D FS cylinder, the effective mass varies as $1/\cos\theta$ as the field direction θ is varied. R_s varies accordingly and may cross zero to change sign. For such a "spin-zero" ($R_s = 0$), $g\mu^* = 1 + 2n$, where *n* is an integer.

We begin with R_s for the β oscillation. The Fourier transforms in Fig. 4(a) show that the β amplitude almost vanishes at $\theta = 52.6^{\circ}$ but revives at 57.4°, suggesting a spin-zero near 52.6°. Figure 5(a) shows the oscillatory part of the resistivity for field directions around $\theta = 52.6^{\circ}$. The curves at $\theta = 38.1, 42.9, \text{ and } 47.7^{\circ}$ show a minimum near $F_{\beta}/B = 2.5$, while those at 52.6, 57.4, and 62.2° show a maximum; that is, the spin-zero exists between $\theta = 47.7$ and 52.6°. Since the fundamental β oscillation is weak at these angles ($\theta = 47.7$ and 52.6°) because of $R_s \approx 0$, the waveform is strongly influenced by the harmonics and the

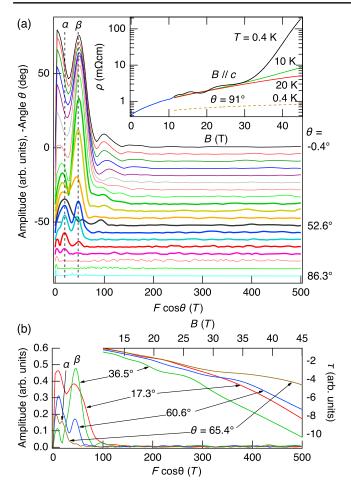


FIG. 4. (a, inset) In-plane resistivity in CaFeAsF as a function of *B* up to 45 T for $B \parallel c$ and nearly $B \parallel ab$ ($\theta = 91^{\circ}$). (a, main) Fourier transforms of $d \ln \rho / dB$ vs 1/B over the field range 11.4– 44.7 T for various field directions θ . Note that the horizontal axis is $F \cos \theta$. The spectra are vertically shifted as in Fig. 3(b). (b) Magnetic torque τ in CaFeAsF (upper right) and corresponding Fourier transforms of $d\tau/dB$ vs 1/B plotted against $F \cos \theta$.

 α oscillation, which explains the fact that the peak positions at these angles slightly differ from the other angles. Similarly, looking at $F_{\beta}/B = 3.5$, we notice the second spin-zero between $\theta = 62.2$ and 67.0° and the third between 67.0 and 71.8° .

Let us assume that the first spin-zero is at $\theta = 50^{\circ}$, where $\mu^* = 1.43$ and hence g = 0.699(1 + 2n). If n = 2 (g = 3.49), the second and third spin-zeros occur at $\theta = 62.6$ and 69.1°, which are consistent with the experimental observations. No other choice of n is consistent with the experiment: n < 2 cannot explain the second spin-zero while n > 2 produces extra spin-zeros. Since $\mu^* = 0.92$ at $\theta = 0$, $\pi g \mu^*/2 = 1.61\pi$ and hence $R_s > 0$. The conclusion $R_s > 0$ at $\theta = 0$ is confirmed by a more general analysis, which shows that the experimental observations can be explained with a g value between 3.30 and 3.55, corresponding to the first spin-zero between 49.2 and 52.6°. Since $\Delta \rho$ shows a maximum at $F_{\beta}/B = 3$ at low angles

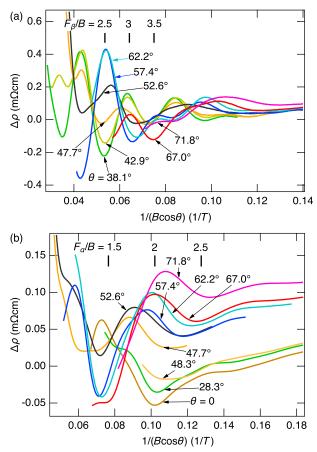


FIG. 5. (a) Oscillatory part of the resistivity as a function of $1/(B \cos \theta)$ for field directions near $\theta = 52.6^{\circ}$. All the curves are from the hybrid measurements. (b) Oscillatory part of the resistivity as a function of $1/(B \cos \theta)$ after box smoothing. The box (window) size is the same as one oscillation period of the β frequency, and hence the β oscillation is effectively removed. The curves for $\theta = 0$, 28.3, and 48.3° are from the 20-T measurements, while the others from the hybrid measurements.

where $R_s > 0$ [Figs. 5(a) and 6(a)], the β carriers are normal fermions ($\phi_B = 0$).

We now consider ϕ_D for the β orbit. Figure 6 shows the oscillatory part of the resistivity for $B \parallel c$ as a function of 1/B. We decompose these data into the β oscillation and the rest, the latter of which contains the α oscillation, as follows: We determine the positions of the zeros of the β oscillation (crosses in the figure) by interpolating the maximum and minimum positions of $d^2\rho/dB^2$, which are dominated by the β oscillation. We apply cubic-spline interpolation to them, subtract the interpolated curve (dashed curve) from the data, and obtain the pure β oscillation (lower curve). The Fourier transforms in Fig. 6(b) confirm the success of the decomposition. Figure 6(c) shows a Landau-index plot based on the resistivity maxima and minima of the thus-obtained β oscillation. Integer and half-integer indices are assigned to resistivity maxima and minima, respectively. A linear fit

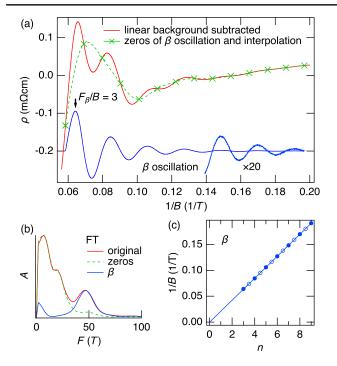


FIG. 6. (a) Oscillatory part of the resistivity for $B \parallel c$ as a function of 1/B (solid curve). The original data are the same as those of Fig. 3(a). The crosses are zeros of the β oscillation determined from $d^2\rho/dB^2$, and the connecting curve (dashed curve) is obtained by cubic spline interpolation. The β oscillation (lower curve, vertically shifted) is obtained by subtracting the interpolated curve from the original. (b) Fourier transforms of the original, interpolation, and β -oscillation curves. (c) Landau-index plot for the β frequency. Integer and half integer indices are assigned to resistivity maxima (solid circles) and minima (open circles), respectively.

(solid line) gives a slope of 0.0213 T⁻¹, which corresponds to $F_{\beta} = 47.0$ T, in excellent agreement with the Fourier analysis. The extrapolation of the line intercepts the 1/B = 0 line at n = 0.02(2). The obtained intercept is much closer to the 2D value (0) than the 3D values ($\pm 1/8$) and supports the two-dimensionality of the β cylinder. Note that the intercept also confirms that $\phi_B = 0$.

We next examine the α oscillation. Figure 5(b) shows the oscillatory resistivities after box smoothing. The box (window) size has been matched to the period of the β oscillation so that the β oscillation has been suppressed effectively. Looking at $F_{\alpha}/B = 2$, we notice that the curves show a minimum for $\theta \leq 48.3^{\circ}$, but a maximum for $\theta \geq$ 57.4° up to 71.8° (it is difficult to classify the curve for $\theta = 52.6^{\circ}$). This indicates that the first spin-zero for the α oscillation occurs between 48.3 and 57.4°. Let us assume that it is at $\theta = 50^{\circ}$, where $\mu^* = 0.596$ and hence g = 1.68(1+2n). For $n \ge 1$, R_s changes sign at least once between $\theta = 57.4$ and 71.8° , which is inconsistent with the experimental observation. Hence, n = 0, and $R_s > 0$ at $\theta = 0$ $(\pi q \mu^*/2 = 0.321\pi)$. A more general analysis indicates that a q value between 1.41 and 1.73 can explain the experimental observation and confirms $R_s > 0$ at $\theta = 0$. Since the curve for $\theta = 0$ shows a minimum near $F_{\alpha}/B = 2$ and maxima near $F_{\alpha}/B = 1.5$ and 2.5, $\phi_B = \pi$ for the α oscillation. That is, the α cylinder is a Fermi surface of Dirac fermions. (It is difficult to determine whether $\phi_D = 0$ or $\pm \pi/4$ for the α oscillation: the number of the observed oscillation periods is too small and the resistivity maxima and minima cannot be determined accurately because the oscillation is weak.)

V. COMPARISON WITH BAND-STRUCTURE CALCULATIONS

We now consider results of our band-structure calculations. Figure 7 shows the calculated density of states, band structure, and Fermi surface. Those results are reminiscent of similar results for the antiferromagnetic state of LaFeAsO [31]. The density of states shows that the Fermi level is located at the bottom of a deep pseudogap. The density of states at E_F is of the order of 0.1 states/eV per spin per cell. The difference in the occupied states below E_F between up and down spin at the Fe1 or Fe2 site gives an antiferromagnetic moment of 2.0 μ_B , which is much larger than the experimental value of 0.49(5) μ_B [16]. We realize that the significant difference in the Fe1 (or Fe2) partial density of states between up and down spin is not restricted to near E_F but exists even at 4 eV below E_F . This is very different from a textbook picture of a spin-density wave where the spin polarization is expected to occur only near E_F and indicates that the antiferromagnetic order involves states far below E_F as was pointed out early on in, e.g., [32].

The calculated band structure [Fig. 7(b)] shows that two bands cross E_F , giving rise to a hole cylinder at the center of the Brillouin zone Γ and two symmetry-related electron cylinders off Γ toward the antiferromagnetic *a* direction [Fig. 7(c)]. We note that the electron cylinder encloses a Dirac line: See the band structure along the line between Γ and " π/a ." An e_q and a t_{2q} band cross immediately below E_F without spin-orbit coupling. Spin-orbit coupling induces a gap of about 5 meV, which is too small to be visible in Fig. 7(b). We also note that the two E_F -crossing bands are very flat along the line ΓZ , which indicates a highly twodimensional electronic state and is consistent with the large anisotropy of the resistivity. This contrasts with the case of the antiferromagnetic state of BaFe₂As₂, where the band structure is three dimensional, producing closed Fermi pockets [33,34].

We attribute the α and β frequencies to the electron and hole cylinders, respectively. The Dirac nature of the α cylinder is thus confirmed theoretically as well. Based on this assignment and from the experimental frequencies and effective masses, we can estimate the carrier densities to be $n_h = 1.7 \times 10^{-3}$ holes/Fe and $n_e = 1.4 \times 10^{-3}$ electrons/Fe, and the Sommerfeld coefficient to be 1.3 mJ/(mol K²). The slight imperfection of the carrier compensation can be ascribed to possible small corrugation of the α cylinder,

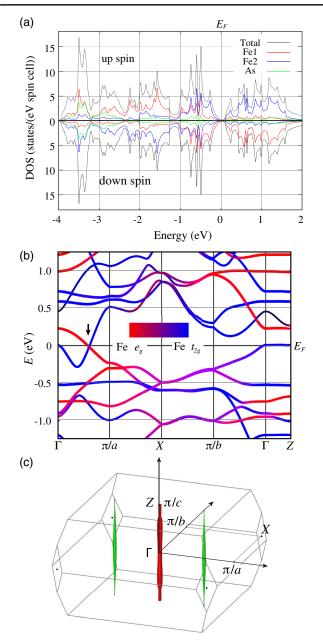


FIG. 7. Results of the band-structure calculations with spinorbit coupling. (a) The total and partial densities of states. Up spin is shown above the axis, and down spin below. Fe1 and Fe2 refer to iron sites belonging to different magnetic sublattices (see Fig. 1). (b) Band structure near the Fermi level. The vertical arrow indicates the Dirac point. The color coding is based on orbital weights as explained by the inset, where e_g refers to $d_{Z^2} + d_{X^2-Y^2}$, while $t_{2g} d_{XZ} + d_{YZ} + d_{XY}$. (c) Fermi surface in the antiferromagnetic Brillouin zone.

error in the α frequency, and/or off-stoichiometry. See Table I for other parameters such as Fermi velocity and energy.

VI. DISCUSSION

First of all, the standard band-structure calculations explain the Fermi surface in the antiferromagnetic state

of CaFeAsF reasonably well despite the fact that they significantly overestimate the antiferromagnetic moment. This is very similar to what we saw in the case of the antiferromagnetic state of BaFe₂As₂ [34]. Since the antiferromagnetic ordering involves deep states (at least) down to 4 eV below E_F , band-energy adjustments of order of 100 meV, which are often employed to improve the agreement between the experimental and calculated Fermi surfaces, cannot resolve the disagreement about the moment.

It is interesting to note here that the Fermi surface in the low-temperature nonmagnetic state of FeSe strikingly differs from that expected from band-structure calculations [35–42]: notably, the carrier density is more than one order of magnitude smaller than calculated [35]. In the case of FeSe, only the structural (nematic) transition occurs without antiferromagnetic ordering [43]. The stark contrast between the above antiferromagnetic compounds and FeSe seems to suggest that interactions that make the Fermi surface significantly deviate from band-structure calculations are largely suppressed by antiferromagnetic ordering.

The observed antiferromagnetic metallic state of CaFeAsF is unusual in the sense that the carrier density is as low as 10^{-3} per Fe and that one type of carrier is Dirac fermions. One may ask why CaFeAsF does not become an insulator after the antiferromagnetic ordering despite the strong antiferromagnetic interaction involving states far below E_F . The unusual metallic state is actually a decisive demonstration of an early theoretical idea by Ran *et al.* [44] (see also [45]). According to Ran *et al.*, CaFeAsF is not allowed to become an insulator. Because of the topological feature of the iron-pnictide band structures, the antiferromagnetic gap has to have two Dirac nodes (in a 2D approximation). The nodes are close to but offset from E_F , giving rise to FS pockets.

The theory by Ran *et al.* is also applicable to the antiferromagnetic state of *R*FeAsO (R = rare earth) and AFe_2As_2 (A = Ba, Sr, or Ca). The existence of Dirac fermions in those compounds has been suggested by magnetotransport [46–48], angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy [33,49,50], and optical measurements [51,52]. The Fermi velocity (~5 × 10⁴ m/s) of the Dirac cone in BaFe₂As₂ estimated from angle-resolved photoemission data [49] is close to that of the present α cylinder (Table I). However, quantum oscillation measurements so far have not confirmed a nontrivial Berry phase in those compounds [34,53–59]. Thus, this is the first observation of a nontrivial Berry phase in iron-based superconductor parent compounds.

It would be interesting if one could eliminate the hole cylinder by slightly electron-doping CaFeAsF. One could investigate transport properties of Dirac fermions. Further, one might be able to induce topological superconductivity of Dirac fermions. In the case of BaFe₂As₂, in addition to the Dirac electron pockets (the γ pockets in [34]), there are hole (α) and electron (δ) pockets, and it is difficult to

simultaneously remove both of the latter pockets by doping. Therefore, CaFeAsF is best suited to testing those possibilities of Dirac-fermion physics.

We have observed nearly *B*-linear magnetoresistance [Fig. 3(a)]. Similar B-linear magnetoresistance has been reported for other Dirac-fermion systems such as Bi [60,61], Cd₃As₂ [62–64], Na₃Bi [65], TlBiSSe [66], and ZrSiS [67], and further it has been reported for *R*FeAsO [48,68] and BaFe₂As₂ [46] as well. It is sometimes analyzed with a model of quantum linear magnetoresistance proposed by Abrikosov [69]. However, this model is applicable only in the quantum limit. The present linear magnetoresistance starts at about 0.6 T, which is far smaller than a field to reach the quantum limit. This observation is similar to those reported in [62-67]. Since the linear magnetoresistance appears fairly common among Diracfermion systems, it might be rooted in characteristic scattering mechanisms of Dirac fermions in magnetic fields as discussed in [62,64].

The nonmetallic conductivity above T_s is enigmatic. Band-structure calculations for the paramagnetic state predict a large Fermi surface similar to that in the paramagnetic state of other 1111 or 122 compounds [25]. On the other hand, it has theoretically been suggested that as the As height, the vertical distance of As from the Fe plane, increases, the Fe 3*d* band width decreases, leading to enhanced electronic fluctuations and stronger electronic correlations [70,71]. The As height in CaFeAsF is 1.41 Å [21], which is appreciably larger than 1.32 Å in LaFeAsO [72]. Therefore, because of enhanced fluctuations, CaFeAsF above T_s may be in an incoherent state where the Fermi surface is not well defined.

We also note that the conductivity becomes metallic below the structural (nematic) transition at T_s , not the antiferromagnetic one at T_N . Since no band folding occurs at T_s and the orthorhombic distortion is tiny (0.3%), almost no change is expected for the calculated Fermi surface at T_s . This may indicate that the metallic conductivity below T_s is owing to the suppression of nematic fluctuations, which in turn may indicate the importance of those fluctuations in driving CaFeAsF into an incoherent state.

It is interesting to note that the conductivity near room temperature becomes metallic with Co doping: the resistivity of Ca(Fe_{0.88}Co_{0.12})AsF decreases from room temperature down to about 100 K, where it exhibits a broad and shallow minimum [16,73]. This behavior is very similar to that observed in doped *R*FeAsO, e.g., LaFeAs(O_{1-x}F_x) with x = 0.03 or 0.05, and Sm(Fe_{0.92}Co_{0.08})AsO [74–76].

Finally, we mention a very recent report of quantum oscillation measurements on SmFeAsO [59]. Only one frequency was observed for B||c, and its angular dependence was not determined. The reported frequency F = 65(5) T is close to the β frequency, but the effective mass $0.5(1) m_e$ is about half of the β mass.

VII. SUMMARY

We have comprehensively determined the Fermi surface of antiferromagnetic CaFeAsF: it consists of the β hole cylinder at the Γ point and a pair of the α Dirac electron cylinders symmetrically located at positions off Γ toward the antiferromagnetic direction. We have proved that a nontrivial Berry phase π is associated with the α Dirac cylinders. The carrier density is extremely small, of the order of 10^{-3} per Fe. This unusual metallic state is a consequence of the previously studied topological nature of the band structure [44]. A nearly linear magnetoresistance is observed as in other Dirac-fermion systems. The anomalous resistivity increase observed above approximately 30 T for $B \parallel c$ is likely related to the quantum limit of the α orbit. The band-structure calculations describe the Fermi surface reasonably well. The same calculations, however, largely overestimate the antiferromagnetic moment. Electron interactions that preserve the Fermi surface have to be sought to resolve this problem. The nonmetallic conduction observed above T_s is intriguing given that the low-temperature antiferromagnetic state is metallic with a well-defined Fermi surface. It may suggest that CaFeAsF is in an incoherent state above T_s . Finally, slight electron-doping can make CaFeAsF a system composed solely of Dirac fermions. Investigations of transport and other properties there would be fruitful, and moreover Dirac-fermion superconductivity might be induced.

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