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We investigate topological features of electronic structures which produce large anomalous Hall effect in the noncollinear antiferromagnetic metallic states of antiperovskite manganese nitrides by first-principles calculations. We first predict the stable magnetic structures of these compounds to be noncollinear antiferromagnetic structures characterized by either T_{1g} or T_{2g} irreducible representation by evaluating the total energy for all of the magnetic structures classified according to the symmetry and multipole moments. The topology analysis is next performed for the Wannier tight-binding models obtained from the first-principles band structures. Our results reveal the small Berry curvature induced through the coupling between occupied and unoccupied states with the spin-orbit coupling, which is widely spread around the Fermi surface in the Brillouin zone, dominantly contributes after the k -space integration to the anomalous Hall conductivity, while the local divergent Berry curvature around Weyl points has a rather small contribution to the anomalous Hall conductivity.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Anomalous Hall (AH) effect has been focused on exploring the relation between the topological feature of electronic band structures and its emergence as a macroscopic phenomenon [1]. Recently, the large AH effect was predicted by the first-principles calculations for noncollinear antiferromagnets with no net magnetization [2–5] and was observed experimentally for the antiferromagnetic (AFM) phases in Mn_3Sn and Mn_3Ge [6–8]. The large AH effect in AFM states has attracted an increasing amount of attention because of the insensitivity against an applied magnetic field and no stray fields interfering with the neighboring cells as well as faster spin dynamics than ferromagnets [5–10]. Those findings of the AH effect in the noncollinear AFM states urge us to get a comprehensive understanding of possible AH effect in various magnetic states.

One of the authors has shown that some antiferromagnetic structures can induce the AH effect by breaking the magnetic symmetry the same as that for the ordinary ferromagnetic order, and introduced cluster multipoles to identify the order parameters which induce the AH effect as a natural extension of magnetization in ferromagnets [11,12]. In this context, antiperovskite manganese nitrides can be regarded as a new playground to explore the AH effect, since Mn_3AN ($A = Ni, Sn$) have been found to show noncollinear AFM in the triangular Mn lattice corresponding to irreducible representations $T_{1g}(\Gamma_4^+)$ and $T_{2g}(\Gamma_5^+)$, respectively [13–15] and there are many analogs with the replaced nonmagnetic elements.

A recent study on the spin-order dependent AH effect in the noncollinear AFM Mn_3AN ($A = Ga, Zn, Ag, or Ni$) also suggested that these compounds are an excellent AFM platform for realizing interesting spintronics applications [16].

The AH effect was suggested mainly arising from the large Berry curvature around the Weyl points in Weyl semimetals [17,18]. For metallic ferromagnetic bcc-Fe, Martínez *et al.* investigated the topological feature related to the AH effect and found the dominant contribution from the Berry curvature distribution across the Fermi sheets with the possible enhanced contribution from the Fermi sheets having the Weyl points very nearby [19]. In this paper, we provide the results of systematic analysis for the AH effect in antiperovskite manganese nitrides Mn_3AN ($A = Ni, Cu, Zn, Ga, Ge, Pd, In, Sn, Ir, Pt$) and discuss the stability, symmetry, and topology aspects of the magnetic structures leading to the AH effect. In particular, we identify important factors for the large AH effect with the detailed analysis of Weyl points, Berry curvature, and Fermi surfaces, which characterize the topological features of the magnetic systems, by means of first-principles calculations. We find that the AH effect is dominantly contributed from the Berry curvatures widely spread around the Fermi surfaces induced with the band splitting due to the spin-orbit coupling (SOC) and the contribution from the divergent Berry curvature, for instance, around Weyl points is rather small.

This paper is organized as follows: Section II shows symmetry analysis related to the AH effect in Mn_3AN . The method to perform the first-principles calculation is presented in Sec. III. Then results for electronic and topological aspects of the AH conductivity in these compounds are shown in Sec. IV. We investigate the stable magnetic structures in

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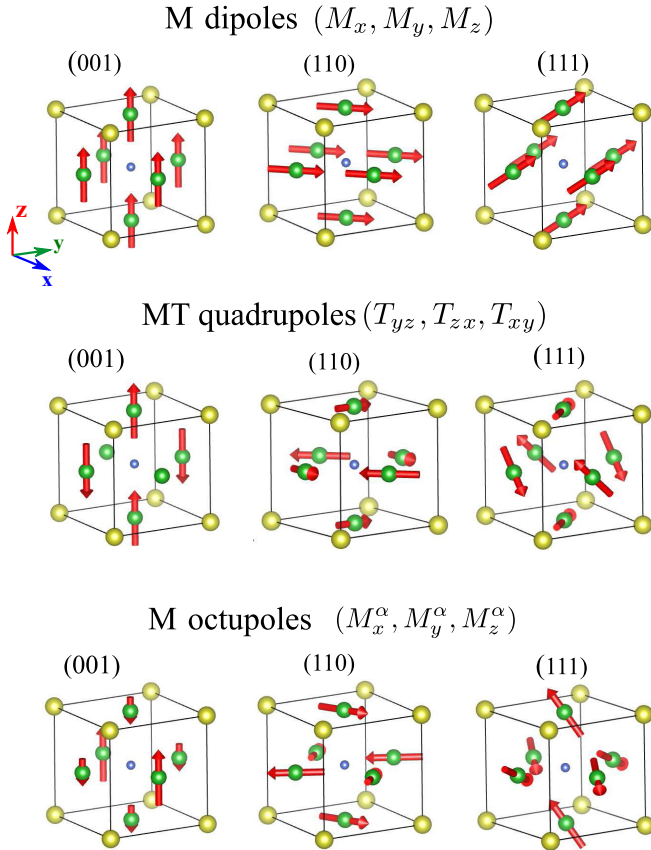


FIG. 1. Energetically inequivalent magnetic structures of Mn_3AN classified according to the multipole moments following Ref. [20]. The green, yellow, and blue balls indicate Mn, A, and N atoms, respectively. Arrows on Mn atoms indicate the magnetic moments.

Sec. IV A and the AH conductivity in Sec. IV B. In Sec. IV C, we show that Weyl points can produce divergent peaks of the Berry curvature when they are located just around the Fermi level, but the contribution to the AH effect is nevertheless small. We then discuss the dominant factor that contributes to the AH conductivity in Sec. IV D. Finally, Sec. V contains a summary of this work.

II. SYMMETRY AND ANOMALOUS HALL EFFECT IN Mn_3AN

Manganese nitrides Mn_3AN have the antiperovskite crystal structure which belongs to the space group $Pm\bar{3}m$ (O_h^1 , No. 221). We classify the energetically inequivalent magnetic structures with the ordering vector $\mathbf{q} = 0$, shown in Fig. 1, using the symmetry-adapted multipole magnetic structure bases generated following Ref. [20]. In Fig. 1, the magnetic (M)-dipole structures $(M_x, M_y, M_z) = (001)$, (110) , and (111) represent ferromagnetic structures oriented along $[001]$, $[110]$, and $[111]$ directions, respectively. The pure antiferromagnetic structures are obtained as the magnetic structures orthogonalized to the M-dipole structures [20] and are, in this compound, obtained as the rank-2 magnetic toroidal multipoles (MT quadrupoles) and rank-3 M multipoles (M octupoles).

TABLE I. Classification of the magnetic structures with the ordering vector $\mathbf{q} = 0$ in Mn_3AN according to the symmetry-adapted multipole [20] as well as the irreducible representation (IR), magnetic point group (Mag. PG) with its principal axis (P. axis). The AH conductivity tensors (AHC) that can be finite under the magnetic point groups are also listed, where $\sigma_{110} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\sigma_{yz} + \sigma_{zx})$ and $\sigma_{111} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\sigma_{yz} + \sigma_{zx} + \sigma_{xy})$.

O_h -IR	Multipole	Mag. PG	P. axis	AHC
T_{1g}	$(M_x, M_y, M_z) = (001)$	$4/m\bar{m}'m'$	$[100]$	σ_{yz}
	$= (010)$	$4/m\bar{m}'m'$	$[010]$	σ_{zx}
	$= (001)$	$4/m\bar{m}'m'$	$[001]$	σ_{xy}
	$= (110)$	$m'm'm$	$[110]$	σ_{110}
	$= (111)$	$\bar{3}m'$	$[111]$	σ_{111}
	$= (111)$	$\bar{3}m'$	$[111]$	σ_{111}
T_{2g}	$(T_{yz}, T_{zx}, T_{xy}) = (100)$	$4'/m\bar{m}'m$	$[100]$	none
	$= (010)$	$4'/m\bar{m}'m$	$[010]$	none
	$= (001)$	$4'/m\bar{m}'m$	$[001]$	none
	$= (110)$	$mm'm$	$[110]$	none
	$= (111)$	$\bar{3}m$	$[111]$	none
	$= (111)$	$\bar{3}m$	$[111]$	none
T_{1g}	$(M_x^\alpha, M_y^\alpha, M_z^\alpha) = (100)$	$4/m\bar{m}'m'$	$[100]$	σ_{yz}
	$= (010)$	$4/m\bar{m}'m'$	$[010]$	σ_{zx}
	$= (001)$	$4/m\bar{m}'m'$	$[001]$	σ_{xy}
	$= (110)$	$m'm'm$	$[110]$	σ_{110}
	$= (111)$	$\bar{3}m'$	$[111]$	σ_{111}
	$= (111)$	$\bar{3}m'$	$[111]$	σ_{111}

Orthogonalized multipoles which belong to T_{1g} and T_{2g} IRs are listed in Table I together with the nonzero AH conductivity tensors. As shown in Table I, the M octupoles can induce the AH effect since these ordered states break the magnetic symmetry the same as those of the M dipoles [11]. On the other hand, MT quadrupoles, which belong to T_{2g} IR, do not induce the AH effect with the magnetic structures shown in Fig. 1 due to the presence of the magnetic symmetry which forbids the finite AH conductivity as we demonstrate in Sec. IV.

As discussed in Ref. [11], coplanar magnetic structures induce no AH effect in the absence of SOC in general by the presence of the effective time-reversal symmetry, which is the symmetry of conjunct operation of the time-reversal and global spin rotation. The M dipoles and M octupoles in Fig. 1 need SOC to induce the AH effect. In the following section, we proceed to the quantitative evaluation of the AH conductivity for the M-octupole structure based on the results of first-principles calculations considering the SOC.

III. METHOD

The QUANTUM ESPRESSO package [21] is used to perform first-principles calculations and to evaluate the electronic and magnetic properties of antiperovskite manganese nitrides. Generalized gradient approximation in the parametrization of Perdew, Burke, and Ernzerhof [22] is used for the exchange-correlation functional. The pseudopotentials in the projector augmented-wave method [23] are generated by PSLIBRARY [24]. We choose kinetic cutoff energies 100 and 800 Ry for the plane-wave basis set and charge density, respectively.

The AH conductivity is calculated by the Brillouin-zone integration of the Berry curvature with summation of the

one-electron bands below the Fermi level [25,26]:

$$\sigma_{\alpha\beta} = -\frac{e^2}{\hbar} \int \frac{d\mathbf{k}}{(2\pi)^3} \sum_n f_n(\mathbf{k}) \Omega_{n,\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k}), \quad (1)$$

where n is band index, $\alpha, \beta = x, y, z$ ($\alpha \neq \beta$), and $f_n(\mathbf{k}) = \theta(\epsilon_n(\mathbf{k}) - \mu)$ is the occupation factor determined from the eigenvalue of the Bloch states $\epsilon_n(\mathbf{k})$ and the Fermi energy μ . The Berry curvature is evaluated following the Kubo formula [25,27]:

$$\Omega_{n,\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k}) = -2\text{Im} \sum_{m \neq n} \frac{v_{nm,\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) v_{mn,\beta}(\mathbf{k})}{[\epsilon_m(\mathbf{k}) - \epsilon_n(\mathbf{k})]^2}, \quad (2)$$

where the velocity operator is defined in terms of the periodic part $u_n(\mathbf{k})$ of the Bloch states:

$$v_{nm,\alpha}(\mathbf{k}) = \frac{1}{\hbar} \left\langle u_n(\mathbf{k}) \left| \frac{\partial \hat{H}(\mathbf{k})}{\partial k_\alpha} \right| u_m(\mathbf{k}) \right\rangle \quad (3)$$

with $\hat{H}(\mathbf{k}) = e^{-i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}} \hat{H} e^{i\mathbf{k}\cdot\mathbf{r}}$. The AH conductivity is evaluated by using the realistic tight-binding models obtained from the first-principles band structures [25] by Wannier interpolation scheme using WANNIER90 [28]. Including s, p, d orbitals for Mn and A atoms and s, p orbitals for N atoms, we have obtained the tight-binding models showing almost complete reproducibility of the energy bands for those obtained from the first-principles calculations within the energy interval from the lowest energy of the valence bands to about 4 eV above the Fermi energy for the Mn_3AN series, as shown in Fig. 2 for Mn_3GeN , Mn_3PdN , and Mn_3IrN . A \mathbf{k} mesh $18 \times 18 \times 18$ is utilized to sample the first Brillouin zone (BZ) with Methfessel-Paxton smearing width of 0.005 Ry to get the Fermi level. The AH conductivity was evaluated with the uniform \mathbf{k} -point mesh of $200 \times 200 \times 200$ with the adaptive \mathbf{k} -mesh refinement [29,30] of $5 \times 5 \times 5$ for the absolute values of Berry curvature larger than 100 \AA^2 .

IV. RESULTS

A. Stability of magnetic structure in Mn_3AN

We first consider the stability of magnetic structures in Mn_3AN by comparing total energies calculated by the first-principles approach. The optimization of lattice constants for each magnetic structure in Mn_3AN is performed by calculating lattice constant dependence of the total energy as shown for Mn_3GaN in Fig. 4. The optimized lattice constants agree with previous experimental values [32,33]. It is shown that either $(T_{yz}, T_{zx}, T_{xy}) = (111)$ or $(M_x^\alpha, M_y^\alpha, M_z^\alpha) = (111)$ is obtained as the stable magnetic structure in Mn_3AN . We hereafter focus on these (111) noncollinear AFM structures, MTQ and MO, and refer to the magnetic structures of $(T_{yz}, T_{zx}, T_{xy}) = (111)$ and of $(M_x^\alpha, M_y^\alpha, M_z^\alpha) = (111)$ as MT quadrupole (MTQ) and M octupole (MO), respectively, following the multipole characterization of the magnetic structure proposed in Ref. [20]. The total energies for ferromagnetic, MTQ, and MO magnetic structures are listed in Table II with the relative energy from the MO magnetic structure, i.e., $\Delta E = E - E_{\text{MO}}$, for the series of Mn_3AN .

Table II shows that Mn_3AN with $A = \text{Ni, In, Sn}$ prefer the MO configuration, and those with the other A atoms

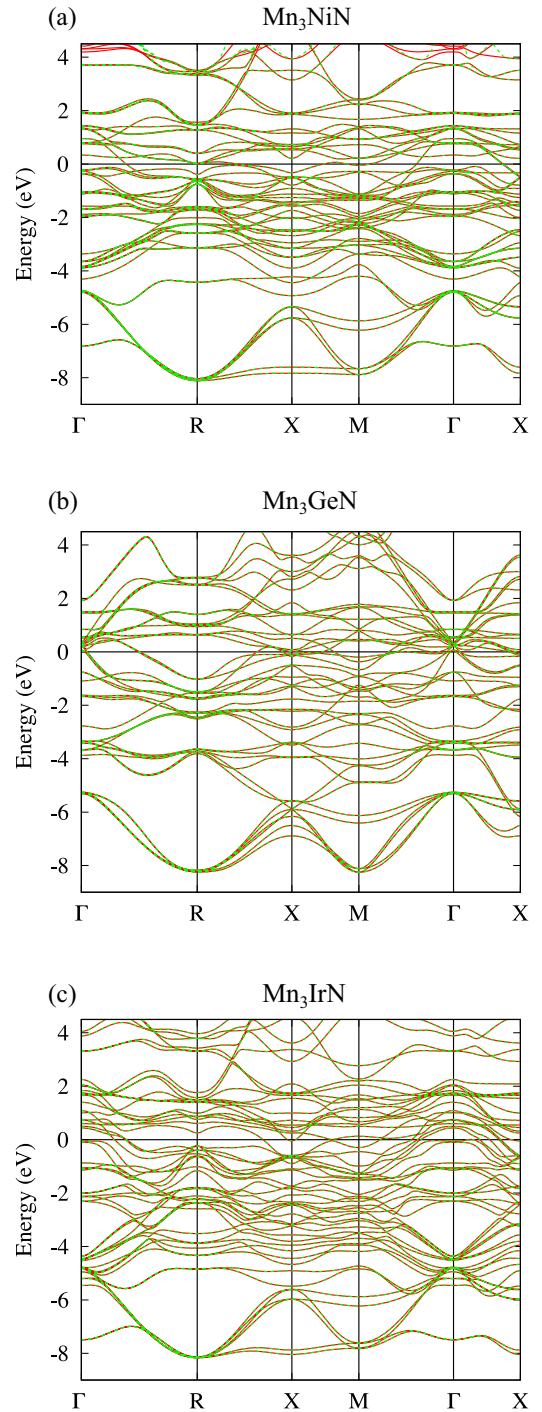


FIG. 2. Energy bands from the first-principles calculations (red) and from Wannier interpolation (green) of (a) Mn_3NiN , (b) Mn_3GeN , and (c) Mn_3IrN along high-symmetry points in the first Brillouin zone of a simple cubic shown in Fig. 3.

prefer the MTQ configuration, having the MO magnetic structure as the secondary stable solution. The energy differences between the MO and MTQ magnetic structures are small for most of the Mn_3AN compounds. Mn_3NiN shows only a tiny energy difference of 0.04 meV/f.u., which explains the experimentally reported possible coexistence of the MO and MTO phases [15]. On the other hand, we may expect that

TABLE II. Equilibrium lattice constants a_0 (Å), local magnetic moments $|\mathbf{m}_{\text{local}}|$ (μ_B), total magnetic moments $|\mathbf{m}_{\text{total}}|$ (μ_B), and the difference of total energy ΔE (meV/f.u.) between (111) magnetic orderings and the M-octupole ($M_x^\alpha, M_y^\alpha, M_z^\alpha$) = (111) (MO) configurations. The bold values indicate the lowest ΔE . The M dipole (M_x, M_y, M_z) = (111) and MT quadrupole (T_{yz}, T_{zx}, T_{xy}) = (111) are referred to as the FM [111] and the MTQ configuration, respectively.

A	Config.	This work				Experiments
		a_0 (Å)	$ \mathbf{m}_{\text{local}} $ (μ_B)	$ \mathbf{m}_{\text{total}} $ (μ_B)	ΔE (meV/f.u.)	Magnetic configurations (temperature)
Ni	FM [111]	3.827	3.12	9.35	345.5	• MO + MTQ (10 K < T < 250 K) [15]
	MTQ	3.832	2.99	0.0	0.04	• MO + MTQ (160 K < T < 266 K) [13]
	MO	3.832	2.99	0.0	0	
Cu	FM [111]	3.851	2.74	8.23	257.8	
	MTQ	3.853	2.87	0.0	-7.5	• Ferromagnetic in tetragonal (T < 150 K) [34]
	MO	3.853	2.97	0.10	0	
Zn	FM [111]	3.781	1.510	4.53	190.8	• AFM but not MTQ (T < 80 K) [35]
	MTQ	3.866	2.74	0.0	-0.4	• MTQ (80 K < T < 170 K) [13,35]
	MO	3.866	2.74	8.23	0	
Ga	FM [111]	3.757	1.07	3.23	124.8	
	MTQ	3.865	2.61	0.00	-0.4	• MTQ (T < 298 K) [13]
	MO	3.865	2.61	0.08	0	
Ge	FM [111]	3.756	0.91	2.73	146.3	
	MTQ	3.858	2.49	0.0	-8.6	
	MO	3.858	2.49	0.0	0	
Pd	FM [111]	3.949	3.21	9.66	474.6	
	MTQ	3.927	3.36	0.0	-9.5	
	MO	3.927	3.34	-0.01	0	
In	FM [111]	3.910	1.56	4.68	329.3	• Weak FM+ AFM (T < 175 K) [35]
	MTQ	3.989	2.61	0.0	74.6	• AFM (175 K < T < 300 K) [35]
	MO	3.989	2.91	0.05	0	
Sn	FM [111]	3.882	1.193	3.58	236.7	• Complex magnetic ordering (T < 237 K) [36]
	MTQ	3.851	2.01	0.0	215.6	• MO and MTQ (237 K < T < 357 K) [13,36]
	MO	3.982	2.75	0.0	0	
Ir	FM [111]	3.870	2.94	8.81	807.8	
	MTQ	3.863	2.77	0.00	-3.0	
	MO	3.863	2.77	0.06	0.0	
Pt	FM [111]	3.949	3.25	9.66	483.0	
	MTQ	3.927	3.23	0.0	-6.7	
	MO	3.927	3.23	-0.05	0	

Mn_3InN and Mn_3SnN are stabilized to the MO phase with $\Delta E(\text{MTQ} - \text{MO}) \sim 74.6$ and 215.6 meV/f.u. and active for the AH effect. The presence of weak ferromagnetism in AFM

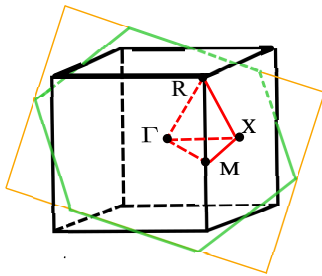


FIG. 3. The first Brillouin zone (black) corresponding to the crystal primitive unit cell with the high-symmetry points. The hexagonal plane (green line) shows minimum periodicity in the (111) plane for the simple cubic Brillouin zone with the center point at Γ . The orange rectangle is the region used to plot the Berry curvature in Fig. 5.

states observed for Mn_3InN [35] implies that the observed AFM structure is the MO structure since the MO and ferromagnetic structures belong to the same magnetic symmetry and can coexist in the magnetic phase. In the following, we will focus on the AH effect in the MO magnetic structure, which is the first or secondary stable solution for all of Mn_3AN and can induce the AH effect.

B. Anomalous Hall conductivity

We have calculated the AH conductivity, $\sigma_{111} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\sigma_{yz} + \sigma_{zx} + \sigma_{xy})$, for the magnetic structures shown in Fig. 1 and listed the values in Table III. Note that the conductivity ($\sigma_{yz}, \sigma_{zx}, \sigma_{xy}$) has the transformation property for the magnetic point group the same as that for the magnetization (M_x, M_y, M_z) [11], and the time-reversal counterparts of the magnetic structures hold the opposite sign to the AH conductivity. Some of Mn_3AN materials show the large AH conductivities in the noncollinear AFM magnetic structure as the same order of the AH conductivity calculated for

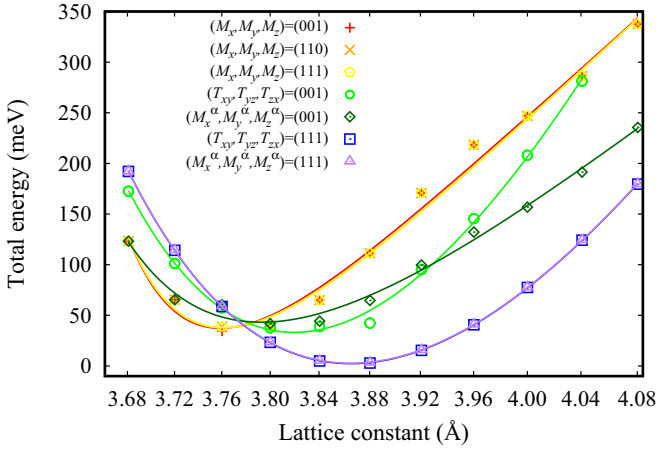


FIG. 4. Total energy as the function of lattice constants for different magnetic configurations in Mn_3GaN . The equilibrium total energy of the $(M_x^\alpha, M_y^\alpha, M_z^\alpha) = (111)$ magnetic structure is chosen as the origin of total energy. The values are fitted to Birch-Murnaghan's equation of state [31] by the least-square method.

the ferromagnetic states such as Fe (750 S/cm) [25,29] and Co (480 S/cm) [37]. The AH conductivity values for the noncollinear antiferromagnet Mn_3Ir , which shows the same magnetic alignment on Mn atoms in Mn_3AN , is also evaluated in this work as 233.8 S/cm and in good agreement with the previous work (218 S/cm) [2]. Some of the AH conductivities theoretically predicted in these compounds are the same order in this work as listed in Table III. The difference in its value may come from the details of first-principles calculations such as adopting lattice constants from experiments or from optimization procedures. The AH conductivity was recently reported for thin films of Mn_3NiN as $|\sigma_{xy}| = 15$ S/cm at 150 K under no external magnetic field [38], which is one order smaller than the theoretical prediction. The large difference with the experiment and theoretical prediction can be addressed to the possible mixing of the MO and the MTQ magnetic structures as discussed in Ref. [38].

TABLE III. Calculated AH conductivity, σ_{111} , for the MO magnetic configuration in Mn_3AN compounds.

	Mn_3AN	This work	References
σ_{111} (S/cm)	Mn_3NiN	375.7	-301 [16] ^a -294.5 ($\sigma_{xy} = -170$) [38] ^a 225.2 ($\sigma_{xy} = 130$) [39] ^b
	Mn_3CuN	-287.7	
	Mn_3ZnN	350.5	-232 [16] ^a
	Mn_3GaN	96.3	-99 [16] ^a 69.3 ($\sigma_{xy} = 40$) [39] ^b
	Mn_3GeN	-624.5	
	Mn_3PdN	252.6	
	Mn_3InN	34.6	
	Mn_3SnN	-128.0	230.4 ($\sigma_{xy} = 133$) [39] ^b
	Mn_3IrN	-575.3	
	Mn_3PtN	799.9	

^aMagnetic moments assumed to calculate the AH conductivity are opposite to those of this work.

^bThe sign of the AH conductivity listed in Ref. [39] is uncertain.

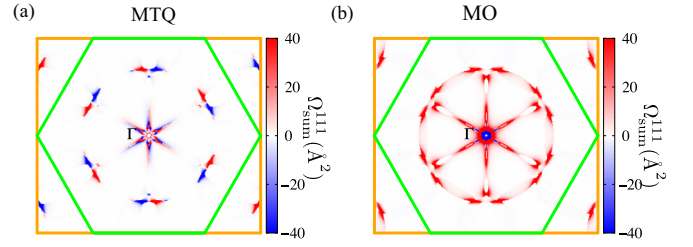


FIG. 5. The [111] Berry curvature component after taking band summation, $\Omega_{\text{sum}}^{111} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(\Omega_{yz,\text{sum}} + \Omega_{zx,\text{sum}} + \Omega_{xy,\text{sum}})$, on (111) plane centered at Γ , shown in Fig. 3, for Mn_3GeN with (a) the MTQ and (b) the MO configuration, respectively.

Figure 5 shows the distribution of the Berry curvature component after taking band summation, $\Omega_{\text{sum}}^{111}(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[\Omega_{yz,\text{sum}}(\mathbf{k}) + \Omega_{zx,\text{sum}}(\mathbf{k}) + \Omega_{xy,\text{sum}}(\mathbf{k})]$ with $\Omega_{\alpha\beta,\text{sum}}(\mathbf{k}) = \sum_n f_n(\mathbf{k})\Omega_{n,\alpha\beta}(\mathbf{k})$, on the (111) plane shown in Fig. 3 for the MO and MTQ magnetic structures. The MO and MTQ magnetic structures belong to the magnetic point groups $\bar{3}m'$ and $\bar{3}m$, respectively, and the Berry curvature distribution keeps the threefold rotation symmetry on the (111) plane. In contrast to the MO magnetic structure, the MTQ magnetic structure cancels out the Berry curvature on the (111) plane with BZ integration due to the mirror symmetry with the vertical mirror planes and leads to no AH conductivity for the magnetic structure.

C. Topology analysis

In Weyl semimetal, it has been often suggested that the Berry curvature around the Weyl points dominantly contributes to the AH effect in the local \mathbf{k} -space regions [17,18]. For metallic magnets, Martínez *et al.* suggested that the Fermi sheets with Weyl points very nearby tend to contribute more to the AH conductivity than other Fermi sheets farther from Weyl points by investigating ferromagnetic bcc Fe [19]. In this section, we investigate the Berry curvature, Weyl points which characterize the topological aspects of the magnetic structures, and their roles in the resultant AH effect for the AFM states in Mn_3AN .

We determined Weyl points by examining chirality for possible energy crossing points. The converged number of Weyl points in the BZ is obtained by increasing the \mathbf{k} -point mesh in the first BZ to search the crossing points, and the chirality is calculated from the Berry flux coming out of a small sphere S surrounding each Weyl point, i.e., $\frac{1}{2\pi} \oint_S d\mathbf{S} \cdot \hat{\Omega}_n(\mathbf{k})$ [19]. Figure 6 shows the number of Weyl points around the Fermi level, which are presented in the BZ with the calculated AH conductivity for the series of Mn_3AN . It is shown that there are several Weyl points within the energy range $-1.0 \text{ eV} < E < 1.0 \text{ eV}$ in all of the investigated compounds, but only Mn_3SnN and Mn_3PdN have the Weyl points within $\pm 30 \text{ meV}$ around the Fermi level. Figure 7 shows the band structures of Mn_3GeN , which shows the maximum number of Weyl points in the energy range $-1.0 \text{ eV} < E < 1.0 \text{ eV}$ among the compounds calculated in Fig. 6, and Mn_3PtN , which shows the minimum number of Weyl points, along high-symmetry lines. The difference in the number of Weyl points appears qualitatively as the difference in the complexity

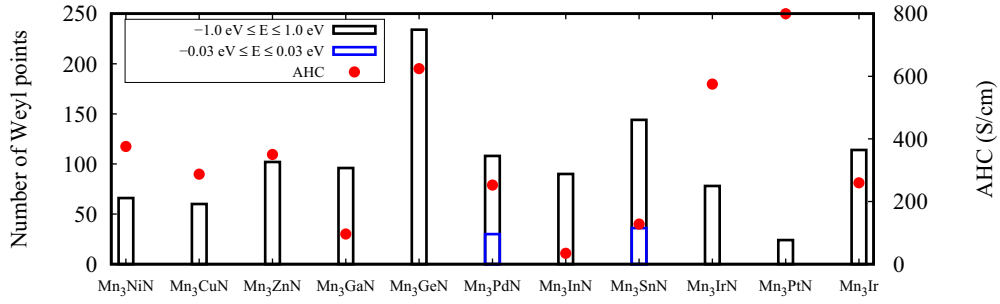


FIG. 6. Number of Weyl points around the Fermi level (black boxes and blue boxes) with the calculated AH conductivity (red dots) for the series of Mn_3AN .

of the energy bands around the Fermi level. Figure 6 displays no strong correlation between the number of Weyl points and the size of the AH conductivity. For instance, Mn_3PtN shows the largest AH conductivity for the smallest number of Weyl points around the Fermi level among these compounds.

To investigate the contribution of the Berry curvature around Weyl points to the AH conductivity, we pick up some Weyl points around the Fermi level in Mn_3SnN , which has the maximum number of Weyl points in the energy range $-0.03 \text{ eV} < E < 0.03 \text{ eV}$, and show the band structures around the Weyl points [Fig. 8(a)] with the resulting Berry curvature after taking the band summation [Fig. 8(b)]. Figure 8 shows that the Berry curvature around Weyl points contributes to producing the sharp peaks of the band summation of the Berry curvature when the Weyl points are located near the Fermi level within the energy range of 1 meV while the Weyl points located at the energy more than 1 meV below the Fermi energy do not produce finite contribution of the Berry curvature after taking band summation since the crossing bands are both occupied. The $\Omega_{\text{sum}}(\mathbf{k})$ enhanced around the Weyl points close to the Fermi level is consistent with the large contributions to the AH conductivity of the Fermi sheets with the Weyl points very nearby as discussed in Ref. [19]. The detailed analysis for the contribution of Fermi surfaces to the AH conductivity in Mn_3AN is left for future work.

Figure 9 shows the contribution of the Berry curvature, classified according to its value of $|\Omega_n^{111}(\mathbf{k})|$ in the first BZ,

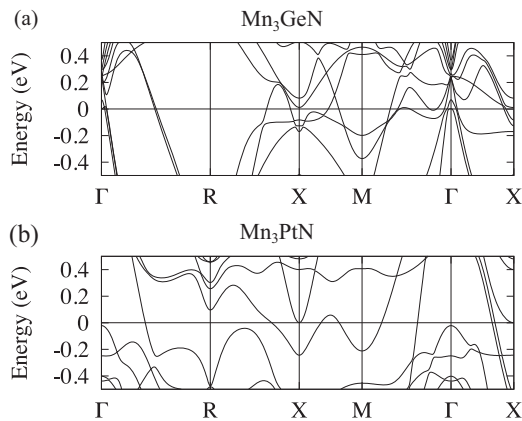


FIG. 7. Band structure in (a) Mn_3GeN and (b) Mn_3PtN along high-symmetry lines in the first Brillouin zone of a simple cubic shown in Fig. 3.

where $\Omega_n^{111}(\mathbf{k}) \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}[\Omega_{yz,n}(\mathbf{k}) + \Omega_{zx,n}(\mathbf{k}) + \Omega_{xy,n}(\mathbf{k})]$ is the [111] Berry curvature component of band n at each \mathbf{k} point, to the resultant AH conductivity, σ_{111} . Figure 9 shows the Berry curvature with small value dominantly contribute to the AH conductivity and the contribution rapidly decreases as the value becomes larger. The plot clearly shows that the contribution of the divergent Berry curvature to the AH conductivity is quite small in these AFM states even for the compounds with several Weyl points around the Fermi level leading to the divergent Berry curvature summation at the local \mathbf{k} region.

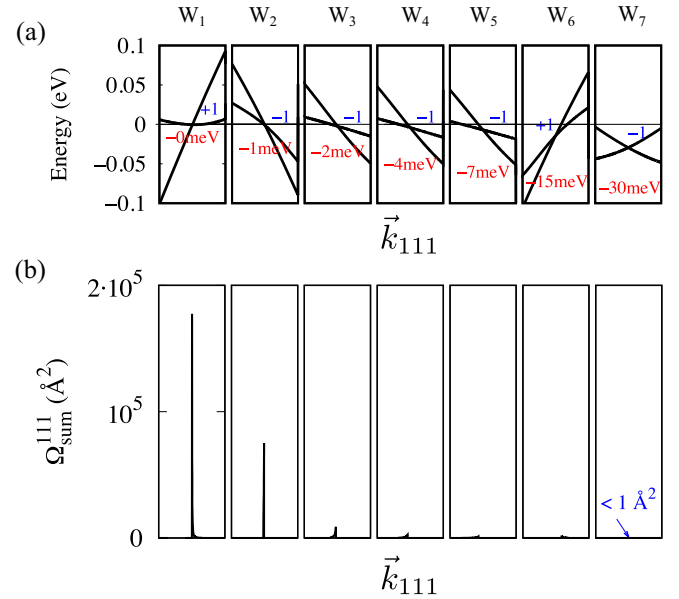


FIG. 8. (a) Band structure and (b) Berry curvature along the [111] direction, \vec{k}_{111} , having Weyl points near Fermi energy that produce the positive Berry curvature after taking band summation in Mn_3SnN . Each panel shows an interval $0.109(\text{\AA}^{-1})$ along \vec{k}_{111} with Weyl point at the middle of the line. The relative energies with respect to the Weyl points are written in red, the blue number +1 and -1 indicate the chiralities of the Weyl points. The value “-0 meV” indicates the Weyl point within the energy range of $-1 \text{ meV} < E < 0 \text{ meV}$. The coordinates of these Weyl points in the reciprocal space from left to right are $W_1 = (-0.06, -0.34, -0.34)$, $W_2 = (-0.04, 0.34, 0.34)$, $W_3 = (-0.05, 0.44, -0.16)$, $W_4 = (-0.05, -0.16, 0.44)$, $W_5 = (-0.16, -0.05, 0.44)$, $W_6 = (-0.34, -0.34, 0.03)$, and $W_7 = (-0.15, 0.47, 0.05)$, respectively.

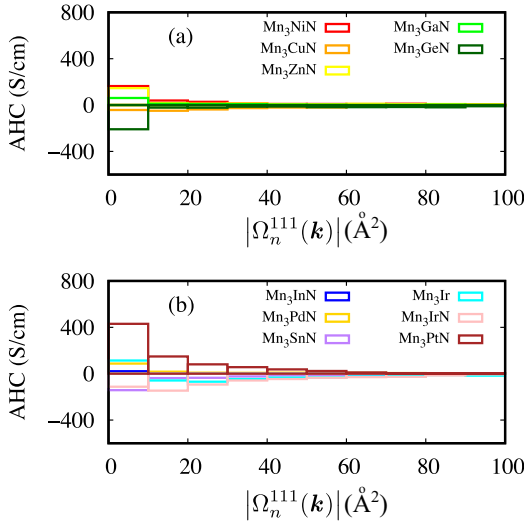


FIG. 9. The bar chart showing contribution of the Berry curvature to the resultant AH conductivity of Mn_3AN with the A elements having (a) small and (b) large SOC. The horizontal axis is the absolute intensity of the Berry curvature. The contribution is also shown for Mn_3Ir , which shows the same magnetic alignment on Mn atoms in Mn_3AN .

We further evaluate the contribution of the divergent Berry curvature around the Weyl points to the AH conductivity for Mn_3SnN , which has many Weyl points close to the Fermi level as shown in Fig. 6, by calculating the k integral in Eq. (1) within the cubes set around each Weyl point in the BZ. Decreasing the size of the cubes, we obtain the converged values of the contribution to the AH conductivity in Mn_3SnN around 7%. The small contribution of the local divergent Berry curvature to the resultant AH conductivity can be understood from the divergent $\Omega_{sum}^{111}(k)$ region too small to produce a large contribution to the AH conductivity or, otherwise, from canceling it out with the other contribution that has the opposite sign of the Berry curvature at different k points in the BZ.

D. Berry curvature and spin-orbit coupling effect

We here investigate the electronic structure, Berry curvature, and AH conductivity in the Mn_3AN with $A = Ni, Pd,$ and Pt which belong to the same group in the periodic table and are expected to have similar electronic valence states except for the effect of SOC coupling for the purpose to discuss the topological feature which enhances the AH conductivity. Figure 10 shows the Berry curvature integrated on the hexagonal plane with the minimum periodicity in the (111) plane, as shown in Fig. 3, moving the center point of the hexagonal plane from Γ to R for the three compounds. As shown in Fig. 11, the integrated Berry curvature shows a similar dependency for the (111) plane, starting from the almost zero value for the plane including Γ to the negative finite values for the one including R , for these compounds. The Berry curvature after taking the band sum for the (111) plane including the R point in the upper panel of Fig. 11, exhibiting the region with a sizable Berry curvature spread around the Fermi surfaces, which we hereinafter call the active area of the Berry curvature.

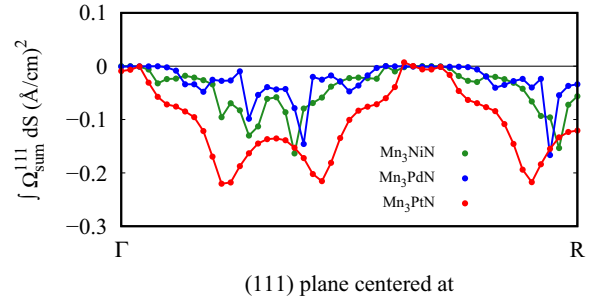


FIG. 10. The Berry curvature integrated on the (111) hexagonal area as shown in Fig. 3 with its center changing from Γ to R for Mn_3AN ($A = Ni, Pd, Pt$).

Mn_3NiN and Mn_3PdN show similar values of the AH conductivity through all of the different (111) planes in Fig. 10. This reflects the similarity of the band structures as shown in Figs. 11(d) and 11(e), which results in the similar Fermi surfaces and Berry curvature distribution shown in Figs. 11(a) and 11(b). On the other hand, the small difference of the electronic structure can modify the local structure of the Berry curvature distribution as shown in Figs. 11(g) and 11(h). As shown in Figs. 11(d) and 11(g), two sharp negative peaks of the Berry curvature in Mn_3NiN come from the two small gaps around the Fermi level. The SOC of Pd, relatively larger than that of Ni, increases those gaps and lower the top peaks for Mn_3PdN compared to those for Mn_3NiN through the denominator of Eq. (2), making the possible contribution to the AH conductivity smaller than that for Mn_3NiN . Meanwhile, Mn_3PtN exhibits a larger active area of the Berry curvature than those for Mn_3NiN and Mn_3PdN in its absolute value as shown in Fig. 11(c). The enhancement of the Berry curvature over the BZ for Mn_3PtN , which can be seen in Fig. 10, is thus associated with the enlarged active area of the Berry curvature through the large SOC of Pt in Mn_3PtN and leads to the largest AH conductivity in the calculations among the three compounds. The enhancements in the cross term of the velocity matrix in Eq. (2) through SOC for the states around the Fermi surface take place in a broad region of the BZ, possibly contributing to the obtained large AH conductivity in the AFM Mn_3AN compounds.

V. CONCLUSIONS

In summary, we have investigated the stable magnetic structures, the AH effect, and the topology related to the AH effect in the antiperovskite manganese nitrides Mn_3AN . Their MO noncollinear AFM states, which are the most or second stable magnetic structures whose magnetic symmetry allows for inducing the AH effect, exhibit the AH conductivities comparable to those in ferromagnetic states of Fe and Co in size. We have shown that the Berry curvature spread around the Fermi surfaces in the broad BZ region, coming from the band splitting due to the SOC, dominantly contributes to the AH conductivity, while the locally divergent Berry curvature produces only a small contribution to the AH conductivity after considering the band summation and BZ integral in Eq. (1). It opens a viewpoint for a relation between topology and macroscopic phenomena in noncollinear AFM. Our

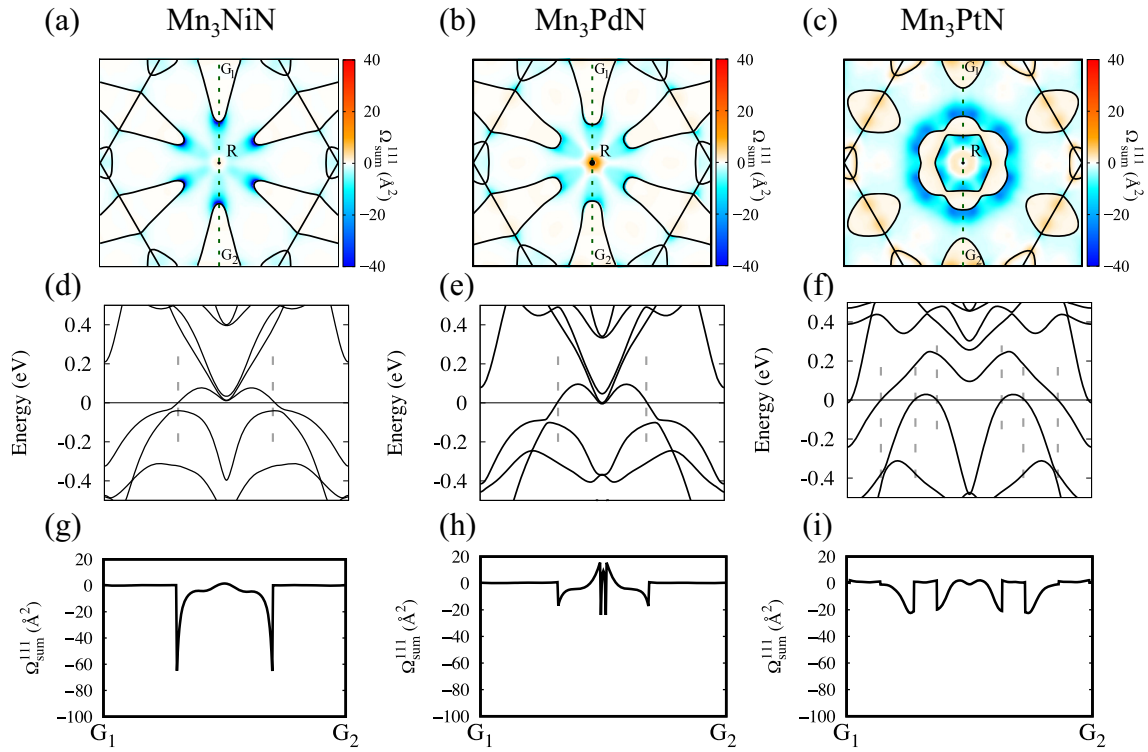


FIG. 11. (a)–(c) Distribution of the Berry curvature after taking band summation, $\Omega_{\text{sum}}^{111}$, and Fermi surfaces on the BZ plane as shown in Fig. 3 with its center point of R . (d)–(f) The band structure around Fermi energy and (g)–(i) Berry curvature $\Omega_{\text{sum}}^{111}$ on the G_1 - G_2 line shown in (a)–(c), respectively.

study might also motivate and guide further various exciting research in associating with topology and AFM spintronic applications.

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