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We predict the emergence of the valley Edelstein Effect (VEE), which is an electric-field-induced spin polarization effect, in gated monolayer transition metal dichalcogenides (MTMDs). We found an unconventional valley-dependent response in which the spin-polarization is parallel to the applied electric field with opposite spin-polarization generated by opposite valleys. This is in sharp contrast to the conventional Edelstein effect in which the induced spin-polarization is perpendicular to the applied electric field. We identify the origin of VEE as combined effects of conventional Edelstein effect and valley-dependent Berry curvatures induced by coexisting Rashba and Ising SOCs in gated MTMDs. Experimental schemes to detect the VEE are also considered.

I. INTRODUCTION

Monolayer transition metal dichalcogenides (MTMDs) have attracted much attention recently because of their peculiar electronic and optical properties.\textsuperscript{1} Semiconducting MTMDs, MX\textsubscript{2}, are composed of transition metal atoms (M=Mo, W) and group-VI dichalcogenide atoms (X=S, Se, Te, etc.). They are arranged in two-dimensional (2D) honeycomb lattice structures, and exhibit a direct band gap between the valence and conduction band edges near the ±K points.\textsuperscript{6–10} Both the top valence and the bottom conduction band edges of MTMDs are spin-split (\sim 0.1 eV and \sim 10 meV, respectively) due to strong atomic spin-orbit coupling (SOC) of the d-orbitals from transition metal atoms and in-plane mirror symmetry breaking in the lattice structure.\textsuperscript{30–33} In particular, the SOC here acts as a valley-dependent Zeeman field, called Ising SOC, which pins electron spins at opposite valleys to opposite out-of-plane directions. Such a valley-dependent band structure makes MTMDs potential candidates for valleytronics devices.\textsuperscript{18–20} Several valley-dependent phenomena, such as valley-selective circularly dichroism\textsuperscript{31,32} and intrinsic valley Hall effect\textsuperscript{23–25}, have been theoretically studied and experimentally reported. Besides, in gated MTMDs, superconductivity with nonzero Rashba SOCs and Ising SOCs have also been experimentally studied.\textsuperscript{16,23}

The relatively small Ising SOC in the conduction bands was ignored in previous studies.\textsuperscript{8–10,20} In this Letter, we show that the valley-dependent Ising SOC together with the Rashba SOC generate strong Berry curvatures in the conduction bands. This Berry curvature combining with the conventional Edelstein effect in gated MTMDs leads to a new type of valley-dependent phenomenon, which we call the valley Edelstein effect (VEE). In conventional Edelstein effect, the spin polarizations are generated by Rashba SOCs under an applied electric field \(E\), and the induced spin polarizations are perpendicular to \(E\). In the VEE, however, the induced spin polarization has an extra parallel component with respect to \(E\), with the polarizations generated by electrons from opposite valleys pointing to opposite directions.

Remarkably, the unconventional parallel spin density calculated from Keldysh-Green’s function method is proportional to the Berry curvature induced by the coexisting Rashba and Ising SOCs in gated MTMDs.\textsuperscript{16,24} Physically, the Berry curvature drives electrons to drift in transverse directions under the applied electric field \(E\), and by combining with the conventional Edelstein effect spin components parallel to \(E\) can emerge [Fig. 1(a)]. Importantly, the Berry curvature in VEEs results from a massive-Dirac-like Hamiltonian in spin basis [Eq. 2]. The Ising SOC plays the role of a Dirac mass term and has opposite signs at opposite valleys. This is very different from the intrinsic Berry curvature in pristine MTMDs studied previously,\textsuperscript{22} in which valley-dependent Berry curvatures arise from orbital degrees of freedom.

To be specific, the spin density induced in response to \(E\) is given by

\[
\langle s_\nu^{\text{VEE}} \rangle = e\nu_e \left[ C_\perp (\hat{z} \times E) + \nu C_\parallel E \right],
\]

where \(\nu = \pm\) is the valley index, \(e < 0\) is the electron charge, \(\nu_e = m/(2\pi\hbar^2)\) is the 2D density of states, \(m\) is the effective electron mass, \(\hat{z}\) is the unit vector normal to the 2D plane, and \(C_\perp\) and \(C_\parallel\) are the response coefficients for perpendicular and parallel spin components, respectively. The key finding of VEEs in this work is manifested in the non-zero value of \(C_\parallel\) in the second term of Eq. (1), which arises when both Rashba and Ising SOCs are present.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II we present the model Hamiltonian for gated MTMDs [shown schematically in Fig. 1(b)], which incorporates both impurity scattering effects and coupling to external electric fields. Next, in Sec. III we use Keldysh Green’s function method to calculate the induced spin density within a linear response theory and show explicitly the emergence of the unconventional \(C_\parallel\). Remarkably, we demonstrate that \(C_\parallel\) is directly related to Berry curvatures induced by Rashba and Ising SOCs. In sec. IV we discuss experimental realization of VEE in gated MTMDs and explain how it can be detected by longitudinal magneto-optic Kerr effect. Section V is devoted to conclusion.
II. MODEL

We consider a MTMD, such as MoS$_2$ and WS$_2$, and assume that the Fermi level crosses the spin-split conduction bands around the $\pm K$ points, as shown in Fig. 2. Such situation can be achieved by electro-gating\textsuperscript{36,37}. The effective Hamiltonian $\mathcal{H}_{0,v}$ for electrons in the $vK$ valley is given by\textsuperscript{4,16,18}:

$$\mathcal{H}_{0,v} = \sum_k \psi_v^\dagger(k) \left[ \varepsilon_{k} \sigma^0 + v \beta \sigma^x + \alpha_R (k_y \sigma^x - k_x \sigma^y) \right] \psi_v,$$

(2)

where $\psi_v^\dagger \equiv \psi_{v \uparrow}^\dagger(k) = (\psi_{v \uparrow}^\dagger, \psi_{v \downarrow}^\dagger)$ is the creation operator of an electron in the valley $vK$ with $\uparrow$ and $\downarrow$ denoting the spin, $k \equiv (k_x, k_y)$ is the electron momentum measured from the $vK$ point, and $\sigma^i$ ($i = x, y, z$) are the Pauli matrices. The first term of Eq. (2) is the kinetic term with $\varepsilon_k = \hbar^2 k^2/(2m) - \mu$, where the chemical potential $\mu$ is measured from the averaged energy of the spin-split conduction bands at the $vK$ point. The second term is the Ising SOC. The coupling strength $\beta$ is assumed to be a constant,\textsuperscript{36,38} since the spin splitting is independent of $k$ up to the second order near the $\pm K$ points.\textsuperscript{11,15,20} The third term of Eq. (2) is the Rashba SOC whose strength $\alpha_R$ can be controlled by the gate voltage. Without loss of generality, we choose both $\beta$ and $\alpha_R$ to be positive. Importantly, we note that in the presence of both Rashba and Ising SOCs, the effective Hamiltonian in Eq. (2) has the form of a massive Dirac Hamiltonian (by ignoring the $\varepsilon_{k}$-term which does not affect the Berry curvature). As we show in later sections, this massive-Dirac-like Hamiltonian leads to non-trivial valley-dependent Berry curvatures, which plays an essential role in the VEEs.

It is noted that the strength of the Rashba SOC is controlled by the out-of-plane gating electric field across the MTMD sample, while the Fermi level is controlled by the carrier density which does not necessarily have a strong dependence on the gating electric field. For example, almost independent control of carrier density and gating field using dual-gate set-up (as depicted in Fig.1) has already been achieved in graphene systems.\textsuperscript{39,40} Alternatively, with a single top/bottom gate, the carrier density can also be tuned by intercalation of dopants such as alkali atoms.\textsuperscript{36} Therefore, by coordinating doping concentrations and gating strengths, one can also effectively control gating field and Fermi level independently.

We further take into account an in-plane dc electric field $E$ as well as nonmagnetic impurities on the MTMD. Here, we assume that hybridization between the $\pm K$ valleys can be ignored, namely, the magnitude of the momentum-shift due to $E$ is much smaller than $2|K|$. Then the Hamiltonian for electrons in the $\pm K$ valleys are decoupled, each of which is given by:

$$\mathcal{H}_v = \mathcal{H}_{0,v} + \mathcal{H}_{em,v} + \mathcal{V}_{imp,v},$$

(3)

$$\mathcal{H}_{em,v} = -e \sum_k \psi_v^\dagger(k) A \psi_v,$$

(4)

$$\mathcal{V}_{imp,v} = \int dx u_i(x) \psi_v^\dagger(x) \psi_v(x),$$

(5)

where $v = -(\partial \mathcal{H}_v/\partial k)/\hbar$ is the velocity operator, $A$ is the vector potential defined by $E = -\partial_t A$, and $u_i(x) = \sum_{j=1}^N u_0 \delta(x - R_j)$ is the short-range impurity potential independent of the valley index. Here, $N$, $u_0$, and $R_j$ are the number of impurities, a constant impurity potential, and the position of the $j$th impurity on the monolayer, respectively.

III. VALLEY EDELSTEIN EFFECT

We calculate the induced spin density using the Keldysh Green’s functions within the linear response to $E$. The contributions from the $\pm K$ valleys, $(S_v)^{VEE}$, are independently calculated from $\mathcal{H}_\pm$. The calculated perpendicular ($C_\perp$) and parallel ($C_\parallel$) spin coefficients are shown in Fig. 8. Clearly, the unconventional $C_\parallel$-term arises when both Rashba and Ising SOCs are present. According to Eq. (1), the parallel spin polarization for electrons from opposite valleys points to opposite directions. This is referred to as the valley Edelstein effect (VEE).

In our calculations, we assume that the self-energy $\Sigma_v$ due to impurity scatterings satisfies $\Sigma_v \ll |\mu \pm \beta_1|$, which allows us to take into account disorder effects perturbatively.\textsuperscript{42} For the parameters we choose below,
this assumption is satisfied. Using the Keldysh techniques, the spin density in response to $E$ is found to be

$$\langle s^i_{\text{VEE}} \rangle = -\frac{e}{4\pi} \sum_{k,\omega,j=x,y} \frac{d f_\omega}{d \omega} \text{tr}[\sigma^i \mathcal{G}^r_{k,\omega,v} S^j_{k,\omega,v} \mathcal{G}^a_{k,\omega,v}] E_j,$$

(6)

where $\mathcal{G}^r_{k,\omega,v} = [\hbar \omega - \mathcal{H}_{0,v} + i \Sigma_v]^{-1}$ and $\mathcal{G}^a_{k,\omega,v} = [\mathcal{G}^r_{k,\omega,v}]^\dagger$ are the retarded and advanced Green’s functions, respectively, $f_\omega$ is the Fermi distribution function, and $S^j_{k,\omega,v}$ is the velocity operator with the ladder vertex corrections. The self-energy $\Sigma_v$ is calculated within the self-consistent Born approximation, resulting in

$$\Sigma_v = \Sigma_{0,\omega} + v \Sigma_{z,\omega} \sigma^z,$$

(7)

where $\Sigma_{0,\omega} = \Sigma_0 \equiv \pi n_c u_0^2 \nu_c$, and $\Sigma_{z,\omega} = 0$ for $\mu > \beta_1$ and $\Sigma_{0,\omega} = \Sigma_0 (1 + u_R / \sqrt{\lambda_\omega}) / 2$ and $\Sigma_{z,\omega} = \Sigma_0 \beta_1 / (2 \sqrt{\lambda_\omega})$ for $-\beta_1 < \mu < \beta_1$. Here, we define $\Sigma_0 = \pi n_c u_0^2 \nu_c$ and $\lambda_\omega = \beta_1^2 - (\mu + \hbar \omega)^2 + [u_R - (\mu + \hbar \omega)]^2$, where $n_c$ is the concentration of impurities and $u_R \equiv \alpha \omega_R / \hbar^2$ is the Rashba energy.

Using the obtained self-energy, the Green’s function can be decomposed as

$$\mathcal{G}^r_{k,\omega,v} = \frac{\Omega^r_{\pm}}{\hbar \omega - E_\pm + i \Sigma_{0,\omega} + \Sigma_{z,\omega} \sigma^z},$$

(8)

where $E_\pm = \varepsilon_k \pm \sqrt{\alpha_k^2 k^2 + \beta_1^2}$ is the energy dispersion of each band, and $\Omega^r_{\pm} = 1 / 2 \pm (u^r \cdot \sigma) / 2 \sqrt{\alpha_k^2 k^2 + \beta_1^2 - \beta_1 \sqrt{\alpha_k^2 k^2 + \beta_1^2} \gamma}$. It is noticed that the first (second) term of Eq. (8) is the Green’s function corresponding to the spin-split upper (lower) conduction band.

After some calculations (Appendix B and C), we find that the magnitude of $C_\perp$ is comparable to that of $C_\parallel$ in Eq. (1) with $\mu > \beta_1$. Below, we discuss in detail in this parameter regime. The results for $\mu < \beta_1$ will be given in Appendix [11]. For $\mu > \beta_1$, we obtain

$$C_\perp = \frac{\alpha_R \Gamma^{(s)}_{\perp}}{4\pi \left[1 - \Gamma^{(s)}_{\perp} \right]^2 + [\Gamma^{(s)}_{\perp} \Gamma^{(s)}_{\parallel}]^2},$$

(9)

$$C_\parallel = \frac{\alpha_R \Gamma^{(s)}_{\parallel}}{4\pi \left[1 - \Gamma^{(s)}_{\parallel} \right]^2 + [\Gamma^{(s)}_{\perp} \Gamma^{(s)}_{\parallel}]^2},$$

(10)

where $\Gamma^{(s)}_{\perp}$ ($\Gamma^{(s)}_{\parallel}$) is the diagonal (off-diagonal) component of the spin-vertex function, and $\Gamma^{(s)}_{\perp}$ is the velocity-vertex function, which are defined from the following equations: $n_c u_2^2 \sum_k \Gamma^{(s)}_{k,0,v} \sigma^x G^a_{k,0,v} = v \Gamma^{(s)}_{k,0,v} \sigma^x + \Gamma^{(s)}_{k,0,v} \sigma^y$ and $\sum_k \Gamma^{(s)}_{k,0,v} G^a_{k,0,v} = \Gamma^{(s)}_{k,0,v} \sigma^x \alpha \nu / (2 \hbar)$. We numerically calculate the vertex functions ($\Gamma^{(s)}_{\perp}$, $\Gamma^{(s)}_{\parallel}$) and $\Gamma^{(s)}_{\parallel}$ and obtain the Rashba SOC ($\alpha_R$) and Ising SOC ($\beta_1$) dependence of $C_\perp$ and $C_\parallel$ as shown in Fig. 3(a) and 3(b), respectively. Here, we choose $\mu = 100$ meV and $\Sigma_0 = 3$ meV (which corresponds to the relaxation time $\tau = 0.1$ ps).

The results presented in Fig. 3 exhibit two important features. First, at $\beta_1 = 0$, we find that $C_\perp \approx C^{(0)}_{\perp} / (2 \Sigma_0)$, and $C_\parallel = 0$. Namely, the conventional Edelstein effect generated by Rashba SOCs is reproduced. Second, in $\beta_1 \neq 0$, the $C_\perp$-term is suppressed, while the $C_\parallel$-term becomes non-zero. For fixed $\beta_1$, $C_\parallel$ increases as a function of $\alpha_R$ and reaches a maximum value where $C_\parallel \sim C_\perp$. With further increase in $\alpha_R$, $C_\perp$ decreases and $C_\parallel$ dominates the Edelstein effect.

To understand this unusual behavior of $C_\parallel$, we note that it can be approximated as $C_\parallel \approx \alpha_R \Gamma^{(s)}_{\perp} \Gamma^{(s)}_{\parallel}$, where

![FIG. 2: (Color online) Spin-split conduction bands of the MTMD with the Ising SOC and Rashba SOCs around $K$-point and -$K$-point for $\mu > \beta_1$.](image)

![FIG. 3: (Color online) (a) Conventional and (b) valley-dependent part of the VEE as a function of the Rashba SOC ($\alpha_R$) for various values of the Ising SOC ($\beta_1$) at bare self-energy $\Sigma_0 = 3$ meV and chemical potential $\mu = 100$ meV.](image)
direction cosine of electron spin at the Fermi energy. \( \Gamma \) Berry curvature effects could be ignored. The total valley Hall effect can be dominated by the spin degrees of freedom. The situation of including both orbital and spin degrees of freedom is investigated, and it is shown that under realistic situations, the total valley Hall effect can be dominated by the Berry curvature due to SOC effects. Therefore, the orbital Berry curvature effects could be ignored.

\[
\Gamma_{\alpha\beta}(k_F) \approx \frac{2\hbar\Sigma_0}{\alpha_R k_F^2 + \beta_1} \quad \text{and} \quad \Gamma_{\alpha\beta}(\nu) \approx \frac{2\hbar^2}{\alpha_R k_F^2 + \beta_1} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{2} \frac{\alpha_R^2 k_F^2}{\alpha_R^2 k_F^2 + \beta_1^2} \right) .
\]

Here, \( k_F \) refers to the Fermi momentum measured from the \( K \)-points. Remarkably, the expression of \( C_\parallel \) can be recast in the following form:

\[
C_\parallel \approx \cos(\theta_\parallel) \Omega_{\text{spin}}^{\pm}(k_F) k_F \left( 1 + 2 \frac{\hbar^2}{\alpha_R k_F^2} \right).
\]

Interestingly, the valley-index in \( \Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm \) results from the Ising SOC, which plays the role of a valley-dependent Dirac mass in Eq. (2). Based on Eq. (12), the magnitude of \( \Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm \) is a non-monotonic function of \( \alpha_R \) and \( \beta_1 \), which can be visualized from the solid angle of the spin structures at the Fermi surface (Fig. 3): When either \( \beta_1 \) or \( \alpha_R \) is zero, the spin structure is either coplanar (left panel) or uniformly out-of-plane (right panel). In either case, \( \Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm \) is zero. In contrast, for \( \alpha_R k_F \sim \beta_1 \) (middle panel), \( \Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm \) is nonzero, which results in a finite \( C_\parallel \). Notably, this special behavior of \( \Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm \) is qualitatively consistent with the non-monotonic behavior of \( C_\parallel \) as a function of \( \alpha_R \) in Fig. 3 when either \( \alpha_R k_F \gg \beta_1 \) or \( \alpha_R k_F \ll \beta_1 \), \( \Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm \approx 0 \) and \( C_\parallel \) is small. In the intermediate regime, \( \Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm \) can be strong enough to induce a large \( C_\parallel \), with \( C_\parallel \sim C_\perp \). Based on the parameters in Fig. 3, the Berry curvature in Eq. (12) is estimated to be \( \Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm \approx 1 \text{ Å}^2 \) at the Fermi energy with \( \mu = 100 \text{ meV}, \alpha_R = 20 \text{ meV Å}, \) which is ten times of the intrinsic Berry curvature \( \Omega_{\text{orbital}} \approx 0.1 \text{ Å}^2 \) with the same Fermi momentum \( k_F \) (Appendix A).

The close relation between \( C_\parallel \) and the Berry curvature in Eq. (12) reveals the physical origin of VEEs as a combined effect of the valley-dependent \( \Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm \) and conventional Edelstein effect: Under applied electric fields, \( \Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm \) drives electrons from opposite valleys to drift in opposite transverse \( y \)-directions [Fig. 4(a)]. The resultant transverse flow of electrons from opposite valleys combine with conventional Edelstein effects to induce valley-contrast spin polarizations that are parallel to the applied electric field.

Actually, the VEE can be affected from the Berry curvature due to both spin and orbital effect. However, as discussed in the Appendix A, the Berry curvature caused by the orbital effect is indeed small (due to the large bulk gap and relative small chemical potential compared to the size of the bulk gap) compared to the Berry phase caused by the spin degrees of freedom. The situation of including both orbital and spin degrees of freedom are investigated, and it is shown that under realistic situations, the total valley Hall effect can be dominated by the Berry curvature due to SOC effects. Therefore, the orbital Berry curvature effects could be ignored.

\[
\Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm(k_F) = \frac{\alpha_R^2 \beta_1}{2(\alpha_R^2 k_F^2 + \beta_1^2)^{3/2}}.
\]

**IV. DISCUSSION**

In this section, we discuss how to experimentally realize and detect VEEs in gated MTMDs. Particularly, we propose that the parallel spin induced by VEEs can be detected by longitudinal Kerr effect measurements.

Consider the MTMD system in Fig. 1(b), by applying an electric field in the \( x \)-direction, electrons from opposite valleys are driven by \( \Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm \) to drift in opposite \( y \)-directions. In the steady state, this establishes a valley imbalance near the boundaries, where finite spin density due to VEEs will also emerge (Fig. 5). Here, we note that VEE has two unique signatures. First, the induced magnetization \( M_\parallel \) is parallel to \( E \), which contrasts with the in-plane perpendicular magnetization from conventional Edelstein effect. Second, the non-zero \( M_\parallel \) induced by VEEs are valley-dependent (Eq. (11)). Due to the valley Hall effect resulting from

\[
\Omega_{\text{spin}}^\pm(k_F) = \frac{\alpha_R^2 \beta_1}{2(\alpha_R^2 k_F^2 + \beta_1^2)^{3/2}}.
\]
\( \Omega_{\text{spin}} \), valley polarizations accumulated near opposite edges have opposite signs\(^{22}\). As a result, \( M_\parallel \) due to VEEs also point to opposite directions at opposite edges. Therefore, observation of non-zero edge-contrasting \( M_\parallel \) provides strong evidence for VEEs.

Now, we discuss how to detect \( M_\parallel \) using longitudinal Kerr effect measurements. In magneto-optic Kerr effect, an incident light of s(p)-polarizations are generally reflected as superposition of s- and p-polarized lights due to a magnetized surface. This effect is quantified by the Kerr angles \( \theta_K \) \((i = s,p) \) for \( i \)-polarized lights\(^{22}\). It can be shown that with proper oblique incidence setting, \( M_\parallel \) can be related to the Kerr angle for s-polarized light\(^{15}\).

\[
\hat{x} \cdot M_\parallel / M_{\text{tot}} \propto \theta_K^s, \quad (13)
\]

Here, \( M_{\text{tot}} \) is the magnitude of the total magnetization. Moreover, the edge-contrasting \( M_\parallel \) from VEEs can be mapped out by the spatial profile of \( \theta_K \), where the valley-dependent spin density can be signified by opposite signs of \( \theta_K \) at opposite edges. Details of Kerr effect setting can be found in the Appendix D.

It is noted for the optical detection, the spatial resolution of the light beam should be smaller than the valley diffusion length \( l_v \), which for TMD samples can be on the order of micron-scale\(^{44}\). For example, the valley diffusion length is found to be \( l_v \sim 1 \mu m \), and the light beam of size \( \sim 0.7 \mu m \) was used to probe the valley imbalance accumulated at sample boundaries due to valley Hall effect\(^{45}\). Since the valley diffusion length is an intrinsic physical property, we expect that its diffusion length is hardly affected by the spin Berry curvature. In addition, the order of the spin diffusion length is typically on the order of 1 \( \mu m \)\(^{45}\). Its length scale is the same order of \( l_v \). Hence, the spin polarization induced by VEEs could also be established on the same length scale \( \sim 1 \mu m \). Therefore, the VEEs could be detected using similar spatial resolution in the Kerr effect measurement.

Finally, we estimate the obtained spin density. The obtained spin is caused by the applied electric field, and the density of each valley can be estimated as \( s_{i1} = ev_\nu C_{i1}|E \times \hat{z}| \) and \( s_{i2} = ev_\nu C_{i2}|E| \), respectively. These are estimated as \( s_{11} \approx 13 \mu m^{-2} \) and \( s_{12} \approx 8 \mu m^{-2} \), respectively, when we apply a dc electric field \( E_x = 100 \) nV/\( \mu m \) for the system with \( \beta_1 = 10 \) meV, \( \sigma_R = 10 \) meV\( \AA \), \( \mu = 0.1 \) eV, \( \Sigma_0 = 3 \) meV, and \( m/m_e = 0.5 \) with \( m_e \) being the electron rest mass. The magnitude of the induced spin density could be measurable. The reason is that its magnitude is comparable to the magnitude of the conventional spin density, which is detected at the interface of the InGaAs/GaAs\(^{45}\), where its magnitude is about \( \rho_{\text{dir}}d \approx 8 \mu m^{-2} \) under the thickness of the film \( d \approx 1 \mu m \)\(^{45}\).

V. CONCLUSION

In this work, we predict that Berry curvatures due to coexisting Rashba and Ising SOCs combined with conventional Edelstein effects lead to VEEs in gated MTMDs, in which valley-contrasting spin polarization parallel to the applied electric field can be generated. The parallel spin polarization due to VEEs can be comparable to the perpendicular spin polarization via conventional Edelstein effect. Experimental realization of VEE can be detected by longitudinal Kerr effects.

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Appendix A: Berry curvature in gated MTMDs

We evaluate Berry curvature in pristine MTMDs and that in gated MTMDs. The former is given by the effective massive Dirac-Hamiltonian. The effective Hamiltonian is given by \( H_{\text{orbital}} = hV_F (k_x \sigma_z + k_y \sigma_y) + \Delta \sigma_z \), where \( v = \pm \) is the valley index, \( V_F \) is the Fermi velocity, \( \tau \) is Pauli matrix acting on orbital degrees of freedom, and \( \Delta \) corresponds to the band gap between conduction band and valence band\(^{30}\). Then, the intrinsic Berry curvature \( \Omega_{\text{orbital}} \) is given by

\[
\Omega_{\text{orbital}}(k) = \frac{\hbar^2 V_F^2 \Delta}{2(\hbar^2 V_F^2 k^2 + \Delta^2)^{3/2}}, \quad (A1)
\]

On the other hand, the Berry curvature in gated MTMDs results from the effective massive-Dirac-like Hamiltonian given by \( H_{\text{spin}} = \left( \frac{\hbar^2 k^2}{2m} - \mu \right) \sigma_0 + \sigma_R (k_x \sigma_z - k_y \sigma_y) + v\beta \sigma_z \), which is also a Dirac-type Hamiltonian, but with an extra \( \sigma_0 \)-term which does not affect the Berry curvature. Here, \( \sigma \) is the Pauli matrix in spin space. The Berry curvature induced by Rashba and Ising SOCs is given by

\[
\Omega^{\text{spin}}_{\text{in}}(k) \equiv \hat{z} \cdot \nabla \times \{ \langle k, \nu \rangle | \nabla \langle k, \nu \rangle = \nu \frac{\alpha_R^2 \beta_1}{2(\alpha_R^2 k_F^2 + \beta_1^2)^{3/2}}, \quad (A2)
\]

where \( \langle k, \nu \rangle \) is the wave function of the effective massive Dirac-Hamiltonian in the gated MTMD. We find that the Berry curvature in gated MTMD is estimated by \( |\Omega^{\text{spin}}_{\text{in}}(k = k_F)| \approx 1.26 \AA^{-2} \), when we use realistic parameter, \( \beta_1 = 10 \) meV, \( \sigma_R = 20 \) meV\( \AA \), \( \mu = 100 \) meV, and \( m/m_e = 0.5 \) with \( m_e \) being the electron rest mass. On
FIG. 6: Schematic illustration of spin-split conduction bands of the MTMD around \( K \)-point for (a) \( \mu > \beta_1 \) and (b) \( -\beta_1 \leq \mu \leq \beta_1 \).

the other hand, the intrinsic Berry curvature is given by \(|\Omega_{\text{orbital}}^{\pm}(k = k_F)| \approx 0.096 \, \text{Å}^2\), when we chose the realistic parameter, \( \Delta = 1.79 \, \text{eV}, V_F = 4.38 \, \text{eV} \, \text{Å}, \mu = 100 \, \text{meV}, \) and \( m/m_e = 0.5 \). Therefore, we find that in the regime considered in this work, \(|\Omega_{\text{spin}}^{\pm}(k_F)| \gg |\Omega_{\text{orbital}}(k_F)|\).

Appendix B: Derivation of \( C_{||} \) and \( C_{\perp} \) in \(|\mu - \Sigma_0| < \beta_1\)

Since preexisting works of the conventional Edelstein effect used Green’s function techniques, we also use Green’s functions in the following calculation. The calculation is assumed when the magnitude of the self-energy of nonmagnetic impurity scattering is smaller than that of the chemical potential \( (\mu \gg \Sigma_0) \) as shown in Fig. 6.

First, we introduce the impurity-averaged Green’s functions in \(|\mu - \Sigma_0| < \beta_1\):

\[
G^{\gamma}_{k,\omega,v} = \frac{\Omega_{+}}{\hbar \omega - E_+ + i(\Sigma_0^{\gamma} + \gamma \Sigma_z)} + \frac{\Omega_{-}}{\hbar \omega - E_- + i(\Sigma_0^{\gamma} - \gamma \Sigma_z)},
\]

with

\[
\Omega_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2}[1 \pm (\mathbf{u} \cdot \sigma)/u_0],
\]

\[
\mathbf{u} = \alpha_R(\mathbf{k} \times \hat{z}) + v(\beta_1 - i \Sigma_z)\hat{x},
\]

\[
u_0 = \sqrt{\alpha_R^2 k^2 + \beta_1^2 - i \gamma \Sigma_z},
\]

\[
\Sigma_0^{\gamma} = \left[ 1 + \frac{u_R}{2 \sqrt{\beta_1^2 - \mu^2 + (u_R - \mu)^2}} \right] \Sigma_0,
\]

\[
\Sigma_0 = \pi \nu_c n_c u_1^2,
\]

\[
\Sigma_z = \frac{\beta_1}{2 \sqrt{\beta_1^2 - \mu^2 + (u_R - \mu)^2}} \Sigma_0,
\]

\[
\gamma(\xi) = \frac{\beta_1}{\sqrt{2 u_R \xi + \beta_1^2}}.
\]

\[
u_R = m \alpha_R^2 / \hbar^2.
\]

Here, \( E_{\pm} = \epsilon_k \pm \sqrt{\alpha_R^2 k^2 + \beta_1^2} \) denotes the energy dispersion of the spin-splitting bands. It is noticed that the first (second) term of Eqs. (B11) is the Green’s function corresponding to the upper (lower) spin split conduction band. Since the top conduction band is far from the Fermi level, contributions from the first term of Eqs. (B11) is negligibly small compared with that from the second term of Eqs. (B11). Hence the first term of Eqs. (B11) is ignored in the following calculation.

The electric-field induced spin density of each valley is given from Eq. (B1) in the main text as

\[
\langle s_{\gamma}^{\text{VEE},i} \rangle = -\frac{e \hbar}{4 \pi} \sum_{j=x,y} \text{tr} [\sigma^i G^{\gamma}_{k,v} S^{\gamma}_{k,0,v} G^a_{k,w}^\dagger] E_j,
\]

(B10)

where \( v_j \equiv \partial \mathcal{H}_{\omega}/\partial \mathbf{h} k_j \) is the velocity operator and \( G^a_{k,v} \equiv G^a_{k,\omega = 0,v} \left[ = (G^a_{k,\omega = 0,v})^\dagger \right] \) is the advanced Green’s function. \( S^{\gamma}_{k,\omega,v} \) is defined by

\[
S^{\gamma}_{k,\omega,v} = v_j + n_c u_1^2 \sum_k G^{\gamma}_{k,\omega,v} v_j G^{a}_{k,\omega,v} + \langle n_c u_1^2 \rangle \sum_k G^{\gamma}_{k,\omega,v} v_j G^{a}_{k,\omega,v} G^{a}_{k,\omega,v} + \cdots,
\]

(B11)

Then, \( \sum_k G^{\gamma}_{k,v} S^{\gamma}_{k,0,v} G^a_{k,v} \) of Eq. (B10) is described by using \( \Gamma^{(e)}_{j,v} \) and \( \Gamma^{(a)}_{j,v} \) as
\[
\sum_{k} G_{k,v}^* S_{k,0,v} G_{k,v}^n = \sum_{n=x,y} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{jn} \left[ \sigma^n + n_c u_i^2 \sum_{k} G_{k,v}^n G_{k,v}^n + (n_c u_i^2)^2 \sum_{k,k_1} G_{k_1,v}^n G_{k,v}^n \sigma^n G_{k,v}^n G_{k_1,v} + \cdots \right] \\
= \sum_{n=x,y} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{jn} \left[ \delta_{n\ell} + \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{n\ell} + \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{n\ell} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{n\ell} + \cdots \right] \sigma^\ell,
\]

where \( \tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{jn} \) and \( \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{jn} \) denote the vertex function of the velocity operator and of the spin operator, respectively:

\[
\tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{jn} \equiv n_c u_i^2 \sum_{k} G_{k,v}^n \sigma^n G_{k,v} = \sum_{\ell=x,y} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{n\ell} \sigma^\ell.
\]

\[
\tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{jn} \equiv \sum_{k} G_{k,v}^n v_j G_{k,v}^n = \sum_{\ell=x,y} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{n\ell} \sigma^n,
\]

\[
\tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{xy} \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{E^2_{\xi} + (\Sigma_0^\prime - \gamma \Sigma_z)^2} \xi \sqrt{2 u_R \xi + \beta_1^2 + \gamma^2 \Sigma^2_z} d\xi - \frac{2\pi}{\Sigma_0} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{n\ell},
\]

\[
\tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{xx} \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{\Sigma_z}{E^2_{\xi} + (\Sigma_0^\prime - \gamma \Sigma_z)^2} \xi - \sqrt{2 u_R \xi + \beta_1^2 + \gamma^2 \Sigma^2_z} d\xi,
\]

\[
\tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{s} \equiv \frac{\Sigma_0}{4\pi} \int_{0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{E^2_{\xi} + (\Sigma_0^\prime - \gamma \Sigma_z)^2} \left[ 1 - \frac{\beta_1^2 + \Sigma^2_z}{2 u_R \xi + \beta_1^2 + \gamma^2 \Sigma^2_z} \right] d\xi,
\]

where \( \tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{jn} \) and \( \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{jn} \) are coefficients of the matrix component of \( \tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{jn} \) and \( \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{jn} \), respectively. We use \( E_{\xi} = \xi - \mu + \sqrt{2 u_R \xi + \beta_1^2} \). As a result, the electric field-induced spin density \( \langle s^\text{VEE}_{\ell} \rangle \) is given from Eqs. \( \{B10\} \)-\( \{B17\} \) as

\[
\langle s^\text{VEE}_{\ell} \rangle = -\frac{\hbar}{2\pi} \sum_{n,j=x,y} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{jn} \left[ \delta_{ni} + \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{ni} + \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{n\ell} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{n\ell} + \cdots \right] E_{\ell},
\]

where \( C_\parallel \) and \( C_\perp \) are given by

\[
C_\parallel = \frac{\alpha_R}{4\pi} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{xy} [1 - \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}]^{-1} \approx \frac{\alpha_R}{4\pi} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{xy},
\]

\[
C_\parallel = \frac{\alpha_R}{4\pi} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{xx} [1 - \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}]^{-1} \approx \frac{\alpha_R}{4\pi} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{xx},
\]

where we have used the spin-vertex function \( \left| \tilde{\Gamma}^{(s)}_{xy} \right| < 1 \). In particular, in the limit of \( \Sigma_z \ll \beta_1 \), we have

\[
\tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{xy} \approx -\frac{\pi}{2(\Sigma_0^\prime - \gamma \Sigma_z)} \left[ 1 - \beta_1^2 + \Sigma^2_z \mu - \sqrt{2 u_R \mu + \beta_1^2} \right]
\]

\[
\tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{xx} \approx \frac{\pi \Sigma_z}{2(\Sigma_0^\prime - \gamma \Sigma_z)} \left[ \mu - \sqrt{2 u_R \mu + \beta_1^2 + \gamma^2 \Sigma^2_z} \right],
\]

and

\[
C_\parallel \approx \frac{\alpha_R \Sigma_z}{8(\Sigma_0^\prime - \gamma \Sigma_z)} \left[ \mu - \sqrt{\alpha^2 R_k k^2_F + \beta_1^2 + \gamma^2 \Sigma^2_z} \right],
\]

with Fermi wavenumber \( k_F = \sqrt{\frac{2m_\ell}{\hbar^2}} \). Figure 7 shows that the Ising SOC dependence of \( C_\parallel/C_\perp \) in \( \beta_1 < \mu \) for several \( \alpha_R \). We find \( C_\parallel/C_\perp < 1 \) in the whole of \( \beta_1 \).

**FIG. 7:** The Ising SOC \( \beta_1 \) dependence of \( C_\parallel/C_\perp \) in the conduction band in \( \beta_1 > \mu \) for several Rashba SOC (\( \alpha_R \)) at \( \Sigma_0 = 0.3 \) meV.

**Appendix C: Derivation of \( C_\parallel \) and \( C_\perp \) in \( |\mu - \Sigma_0| > \beta_1 \)**

1. **Detail of the calculation of \( C_\parallel \) and \( C_\perp \)**

In this section, we use \( \Gamma^{(v)}_{jn} \) and \( \Gamma^{(s)}_{jn} \) to denote the spin vertex function and the velocity vertex function in \( |\mu - \Sigma_0| > \beta_1 \), respectively. From the same way, we obtain the spin density as

\[
\langle s^\text{VEE}_{\ell} \rangle = -\frac{\hbar}{2\pi} \tilde{\Gamma}^{(v)}_{jn} \left[ \delta_{ni} + \Gamma^{(s)}_{ni} + \Gamma^{(s)}_{n\ell} \Gamma^{(s)}_{n\ell} + \cdots \right] E_{\ell}
\]

\[
= e\nu_c \left[ C_\perp (\hat{z} \times E)_i + vC_\parallel E_i \right]
\]

\[
C_\parallel/C_\perp < 1 \text{ in the whole of } \beta_1.
\]
with

\[ C_{\perp} = \frac{\alpha_R}{4\pi} \Gamma^{(v)} \frac{1 - \Gamma_{ss}^{(x)} (E_x^2 + \Sigma_0^2)}{[1 - \Gamma_{ss}^{(x)} (E_x^2 + \Sigma_0^2)]^2} \]  \hspace{1cm} (C2)

\[ C_{\parallel} = \frac{\alpha_R}{4\pi} \Gamma^{(v)} \frac{\Gamma_{xy}^{(x)}}{[1 - \Gamma_{xy}^{(x)} (E_x^2 + \Sigma_0^2)]^2} \]  \hspace{1cm} (C3)

\[ \Gamma_{ss}^{(x)} = \frac{\Sigma_0}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\xi \frac{4\alpha_z \Sigma_0}{(E_x^2 + \Sigma_0^2)(E_x^2 + \Sigma_0^2)} \]  \hspace{1cm} (C4)

\[ \Gamma_{xy}^{(x)} = -\frac{\Sigma_0}{\pi} \int_0^\infty d\xi \frac{4\alpha_z \Sigma_0}{(E_x^2 + \Sigma_0^2)(E_x^2 + \Sigma_0^2)} \]  \hspace{1cm} (C5)

\[ \Gamma^{(v)} = 4 \int_0^\infty d\xi \frac{\xi - \mu - \frac{m^2}{2m}}{(E_x^2 + \Sigma_0)(E_x^2 + \Sigma_0)} \]  \hspace{1cm} (C6)

where we have used \( \Sigma_0 = \pi v_c n_c u_x^2, \alpha_R^2 k^2 = 2u_R \xi, \) \( u_R = \alpha_R^2 h^2, \) \( E_x = \xi - \mu \pm u, \) and \( u = \sqrt{2u_R \xi + \beta_1^2}. \) Within the limit of \( u_R \ll \Sigma_0 \) and \( \mu \gg \Sigma_0, \) we have

\[ \Gamma_{ss}^{(x)} \approx \frac{2\beta_1 \Sigma_0}{\beta_1^2 + \alpha_R^2 k^2} \approx \frac{2\beta_1 \Sigma_0}{\beta_1^2 + \alpha_R^2 k_F^2} \] \hspace{1cm} (C7)

\[ \Gamma^{(v)} \approx \frac{2\pi}{\Sigma_0} \left[ -1 + \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{\beta_1^2}{\beta_1^2 + \alpha_R^2 k_F^2} \right) \right] \] \hspace{1cm} (C8)

As a result, we obtain within \( |\Gamma_{ss}^{(x)}| < 1 \) and \( |\Gamma_{xy}^{(x)}| < 1 \) as

\[ C_{\perp} \approx \frac{\alpha_R}{4\pi} \frac{1}{2\Sigma_0} \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha_R^2 k^2}{2\beta_1^2 + \alpha_R^2 k^2} \right] \] \hspace{1cm} (C9)

\[ C_{\parallel} \approx \frac{\alpha_R}{4\pi} \frac{1}{2\Sigma_0} \left[ 1 - \frac{\alpha_R^2 k_F^2}{2\beta_1^2 + \alpha_R^2 k_F^2} \right] \] \hspace{1cm} (C10)

where we have used

\[ \int_0^\infty d\xi \frac{\xi}{(E_x^2 + \Sigma_0^2)(E_x^2 + \Sigma_0^2)} \approx \frac{\pi}{2\Sigma_0(\beta_1^2 + \alpha_R^2 k_F^2)}. \] \hspace{1cm} (C11)

Figure 8 (a) (b)](b) shows the \( \alpha_R [\beta_1] \) dependence of \( C_{\parallel}/C_{\perp} \) for several \( \beta_1 \) \( \alpha_R \) in \( \mu > \beta_1 \). We find that \( C_{\parallel} \) can be comparable to \( C_{\perp} \) in a realistic parameter regime.

### 2. Relation between \( C_{\parallel} \) and Berry curvature

Interestingly, \( C_{\parallel} \) can be also represented by using Berry curvature in the gated MTMDs. The Berry curvature in the presence of the Rashba and Ising SOCs at each valley are given by

\[ \Omega_{\text{spin}}^{\parallel}(k_F) = \hat{z} \cdot \nabla \langle k_F | \nu | k_F \rangle \] \hspace{1cm} (C12)

By using the spin Berry curvature of the gated MTMD \( \Omega_{\text{spin}}^{\parallel}, C_{\parallel} \) is represented from Eq. (C10) as

\[ C_{\parallel} \approx \frac{\alpha_R^2 \beta_1}{3\alpha_R k_F^2 + \alpha_R k_F^2 + \beta_1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{\alpha_R^2 k_F^2 + \beta_1}} \left[ 1 + \frac{2\beta_1^2}{\alpha_R k_F^2} \right] \] \hspace{1cm} (C13)

where we define \( \cos \theta_{\parallel} = \frac{\alpha_R k_F^2}{\sqrt{\alpha_R^2 k_F^2 + \beta_1}} \).

### Appendix D: Detection of VEE using Kerr effect measurements

We provide the detection scheme of the VEE using Kerr effect measurements. To detect the in-plane parallel magnetization due to the VEE, we consider the longitudinal Kerr effect, as described in Fig. 3 in the main text. After applying the in-plane electric field \( E_x \), spin density can be generated by VEEs in the steady state, which induces nonzero magnetization in gated MTDMs. By focusing a beam of laser with s(p)-polarizations onto the system, the non-zero magnetization couples differentially with left-handed and right-handed components, which leads to a superposition of both s- and p-polarized lights in the reflected beam. The reflection coefficients \( r_{ij} \) for \( i, j = s, p \)-polarized lights are given by

\[ r_{pp} = \frac{n_2 \cos \theta_0 - n_0 \cos \theta_2}{n_2 \cos \theta_0 + n_0 \cos \theta_2} \] \hspace{1cm} (D1)

\[ r_{sp} = \frac{4\pi n_0 q_1 \cos \theta_0 (M_{n_1} n_2 \cos \theta_2 + M_{n_2} n_2 \sin \theta_1)}{M_{tot}(n_0 \cos \theta_0 + n_2 \cos \theta_2)(n_0 \cos \theta_0 + n_2 \cos \theta_0)} \] \hspace{1cm} (D2)

\[ r_{ps} = \frac{4\pi n_0 q_1 \cos \theta_0 (M_{n_1} \cos \theta_2 - M_{n_2} n_2 \sin \theta_1)}{M_{tot}(n_0 \cos \theta_0 + n_2 \cos \theta_2)(n_0 \cos \theta_0 + n_2 \cos \theta_0)} \] \hspace{1cm} (D3)

where \( n_l \) and \( \theta_l \) \( l = 0, 1, 2 \) denotes the refractive index and the incident angle at the \( l \)-th medium (shown in Figure 3). \( Q \) is the Voigt vector depending on materials,
$d_1$ is the thickness of the magnetic medium, $\lambda$ is wavelength of the light, $M_i$ $(i = x, y, z)$ are the $i$-component of the magnetization, and $M_{tot} = \sqrt{M_x^2 + M_y^2 + M_z^2}$ is the magnitude of the magnetization. From Eqs. (D1)-(D3), the Kerr angle for $i = s, p$-polarized light, $\theta^p_K$, is given by,$^{35}$

$$\theta^p_K = \frac{\cos \theta_0}{\cos (\theta_0 + \theta_2)} \left( \frac{M_x \sin \theta^2_1}{M_{tot} \sin \theta_2} + \frac{M_z}{M_{tot} \cos \theta_2} \right) \Theta_n, \quad (D4)$$

$$\theta^p_K = \frac{\cos \theta_0}{\cos (\theta_0 - \theta_2)} \left( \frac{M_x \sin \theta^2_1}{M_{tot} \sin \theta_2} - \frac{M_z}{M_{tot} \cos \theta_2} \right) \Theta_n. \quad (D5)$$

Here, $\Theta_n$ is defined as the complex polar Kerr effect for normal incidence in the film given by

$$\Theta_n = \frac{4 \pi n_0 n_2^2 Q d}{\lambda (n_z^2 - n_0^2)} \quad (D6)$$

The Voigt vector $Q$ is determined by the the Kerr angle for the $p$-polarized wave under the normal incident light $(\theta^p_K)_{\text{normal}}$ as

$$(\theta^p_K)_{\text{normal}} = \frac{r_{sp}(\theta_0 = 0)}{r_{pp}(\theta_0 = 0)} = \frac{4 \pi n_0 n_2^2 Q d_1 \cos \theta_0 \cos \theta_2}{(n_0 \cos \theta_0 + n_1 \cos \theta_2)(n_1 \cos \theta_0 - n_0 \cos \theta_2)}. \quad (D7)$$

By considering medium 0 and medium 2 with similar refractive indices (i.e., $n_0 \approx n_2$ and $\theta_0 \approx \theta_2$), the relation between the in-plane magnetization $M_x$ and Kerr angle is given by

$$M_x = \frac{1}{2 \Theta_n} \sin \theta_0 \cos \theta_0 \left[ \theta^p_K + \theta^p_K \cos (2 \theta_0) \right] M_{tot} \quad (D8)$$

Based on the relation above, for oblique incidence with the incident angle $\theta_0 \approx \pi/4$, we have

$$M_x \propto \theta^p_K. \quad (D9)$$

as discussed in the main text. Therefore, the parallel spin density due to VEEs can be mapped out by $\theta^p_K$.

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