

Quantum Hall Effect of Weyl Fermions in Semiconducting *n*-type Tellurene

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Dirac and Weyl nodal materials can host low-energy relativistic quasiparticles. Under strong magnetic fields, the topological properties of Dirac/Weyl materials can directly manifest through quantum Hall states. However, most Dirac/Weyl nodes generically exist in semimetals without exploitable bandgaps due to their accidental band-crossing origin. Here we report the first experimental observation of Weyl fermions in a semiconductor. Tellurene, the 2D form of tellurium, possesses chiral crystal structure which induces unconventional Weyl nodes with a hedgehog-like radial spin texture near the conduction band edge. We synthesize high-quality n-type tellurene by a hydrothermal method with subsequent dielectric doping and detect a topologically non-trivial π Berry phase in quantum Hall sequences. Our work expands the spectrum of Weyl matter into semiconductors and offers a new platform to design novel quantum devices by marrying the advantages of topological materials to versatile semiconductors.

The emergence of graphene¹ has triggered vast interest in studying the properties of relativistic particles in low energy spectra of topological materials. For example, under high magnetic fields, the unconventional sequence of graphene quantum Hall states at filling factor $\nu = 4(n + \frac{1}{2})$ (here $n = 0, 1, 2 \dots$) suggests the presence of Dirac fermions with π Berry phase^{2,3}, which manifests the topological nature of Dirac points. Since then, many other classes of topological materials with Dirac/Weyl nodal features in their band structures have been predicted and identified^{4,5} with great potential for spintronics, optoelectronics, and quantum computing applications. However, these Dirac/Weyl points generated by the crossing of either two bands or two branches of spin polarized bands are generically limited to semimetals without exploitable bandgaps. In this work we introduce a new semiconductor system: tellurene (two-dimensional form of tellurium) with Weyl nodal features in the vicinity of conduction band minima. The combination of topological materials and semiconductors in 2D limit allows us to explore the Weyl physics in a more controllable manner and to design topological devices.

Trigonal tellurium (Te) is a narrow bandgap semiconductor with a unique one-dimensional helical atomic structure. The crystal consists of three-fold screw-symmetric atomic chains interconnected by van der Waals forces, as shown in Fig. 1a. The screw symmetry distinguishes two irreducible enantiomers with opposite chirality in real space, which falls into either $P3_221$ or $P3_121$ space group, depending on the handedness. One prominent feature of the band structure occurs at the bottom of the conduction band at H point (Fig. 1b and 1c), where the spin degeneracy is lifted to form band crossing due to strong spin-orbit coupling (SOC) and broken inversion symmetry. Despite the similarity to the energy dispersion of a conventional Rashba band, Te exhibits a hedgehog-like radial spin texture

with positive (negative) monopole charge in momentum space arising from the topologically non-trivial Weyl node⁶⁻¹⁰, which is fundamentally distinct from tangential spin texture Rashba bands⁶ (as we shall further discuss later). The existence of Weyl points has been predicted recently^{6-8,10}, with topological properties in accordance with the framework of newly proposed Kramers-Weyl nodes in chiral crystals with strong SOC¹¹. In chiral crystal systems like CoSi and Ag₂Se, angle-resolved photoemission spectroscopy^{12,13} and magneto-transport¹⁴ provide evidence for Kramers-Weyl fermions. Note that in Te since the H point is not a time reversal invariant momenta point, the degeneracy is not protected by Kramers theorem (which is the prerequisite of Kramers-Weyl nodes), but is instead guaranteed by its three-fold rotational symmetry. Nonetheless, despite the different mechanism leading to Weyl nodes, they both share similarity in band topology, spin textures and other topological properties.

To date, most magneto-transport measurements were performed on bulk Te samples¹⁵⁻¹⁷, where the resolution of Shubnikov-de Haas (SdH) oscillation features was limited by the sample quality as well as weak two-dimensional (2D) Landau quantization. A recently developed hydrothermal growth method yields atomically flat 2D Te films with dangling-bond-free surfaces¹⁸⁻²⁰ (Fig. 1e inset), whose thickness ranges from a couple of atomic layers to tens of nanometers. These 2D Te films are coined as tellurene in analogy to other 2D elemental materials such as graphene, stanene and phosphorene. Much better developed SdH oscillations as well as quantum Hall states were observed in these p-type tellurene films²¹, adding a new member into the scarce family of high-mobility 2D materials hosting the quantum Hall effect which includes graphene^{2,3,22}, black phosphorous²³⁻²⁵, InSe²⁶, and some transition metal dichalcogenides²⁷⁻³⁰. However, due to the unintentional p-type

doping in Te, the chemical potential is usually pinned near the valence band edge. Therefore so far most of the experiments have been limited to holes and little about the properties of the conduction band is revealed via transport measurements^{19,21,31}. Here we successfully converted tellurene films into n-type using an atomic layer deposited (ALD) dielectric doping technique without degrading electron mobility^{32,33}, which grants us the access to the conduction band to explore more exotic physics of Weyl fermions through quantum Hall states. A schematic of a n-type doped device is illustrated in Fig. 1d. The as-synthesized tellurene films were dispersed onto a degenerately doped silicon substrate with a 90 nm SiO₂ insulating layer on top, followed by patterning and deposition of titanium/gold (Ti/Au) metal contacts. We chose low work function metal contacts (Ti) to lower the electron Schottky barrier height and accommodate n-type transport. A layer of alumina was subsequently deposited onto tellurene film by ALD grown at 200 °C, converting the tellurene film from p-type to n-type, as confirmed by I_d - V_g transfer curves of a tellurene field-effect transistor at both room temperature and cryogenic temperature (see Fig. 1e). Similar ALD doping method has also been reported on other material systems like black phosphorus³⁴⁻³⁶ and silicon³⁷. The doping mechanism is commonly attributed to the threshold voltage shift caused by positive fixed charges in low-temperature ALD-grown films³⁴ or the interface electric dipole field³⁷.

For magneto-transport measurements, six-terminal Hall bar devices were fabricated as shown in Fig. 2a (see Methods for more fabrication and measurement details). We investigated over 20 devices with typical film thickness ranging from 10 to 20 nm, and all of them exhibit similar and reproducible behaviors. Here all the data presented is from one 12-nm-thick high-quality device, unless otherwise specified (additional data set from other

devices are available in Supplementary Note 1). The global back gate allows us to tune the 2D electron density from 2×10^{12} to 1×10^{13} cm^{-2} . Representative longitudinal (R_{xx}) and transverse (R_{xy}) magnetoresistance curves measured at $V_g=10$ V are plotted in Fig. 2b, with Hall density of 2.5×10^{12} cm^{-2} and Hall mobility of $6,000$ cm^2/Vs . The onset of SdH oscillations is around 2 T, leading to an estimated quantum mobility of $5,000$ cm^2/Vs , which is close to Hall mobility within a reasonable margin. At a B field of around 24 T and 32 T, R_{xy} is fully quantized into an integer fraction of h/e^2 (corresponding to filling factor $\nu=3$ and 4), and R_{xx} also drops to 0 -- a hallmark of the quantum Hall effect³⁸. As shown in Fig. 2c, by fixing the B field at 42 T and sweeping the back gate voltage, all filling factors from 2-8 are resolved (although not all fully quantized due to Landau level broadening), suggesting all the degeneracies, including spin and valley, have been lifted. By mapping out R_{xx} through the V_g -B parameter space, we can construct the Landau fan diagram in a colour map as in Fig. 2d. Since the conduction band edge is located at two inequivalent H (H') points in the first Brillouin zone accounting for two-fold valley degeneracy, it is conceivable that each Landau level consists of four degenerate energy states (2 for valley degeneracy g_v and 2 for spin degeneracy g_s) like graphene, with cyclotron energy gap

$$E_C = \hbar\omega_c = \frac{\hbar eB}{m^*} \quad (1)$$

at filling factors of 4, 8, 12, etc. Here \hbar is the reduced Planck constant, e is the electron charge, and m^* is the effective mass. Following this argument, we should expect the energy gap to increase monotonically in the sequence of $4n$ as we approach lower filling factors, since the cyclotron energy $\frac{\hbar eB}{m^*}$ increases linearly with the magnetic field. Yet we notice

from Fig. 2b that the gap at $\nu = 12$ is significantly larger than that at $\nu = 8$, suggesting the simple four-level single particle picture cannot explain these unconventional sequences.

To understand this anomaly, we first focus on SdH oscillation features in the relatively low B field regime. The blue curve of Fig. 3a shows the normalized longitudinal resistance R_{xx} versus magnetic field (0 to 12 T) in another high mobility sample. Besides the predominant set of oscillations (marked by black arrows), a secondary set of weaker oscillations is also resolved. Due to the low oscillation frequency and limited observation window, it is difficult to disentangle two sets of oscillations by simply performing fast Fourier transform. Hence, we use the complete Lifshitz-Kosevich (L-K) formula to fit the SdH experimental data and distinguish two sets of oscillation features. The superposition of two sets of SdH oscillations in single electron picture can be described by:

$$\frac{\Delta R_{xx}}{R_{xx}} = \sum_{D=1,2} \sum_{r=1}^{N_r} \frac{r\lambda}{\sinh(r\lambda)} \exp\left(\frac{-r\pi m^*}{\tau_D e B}\right) \cos\left(r\left(2\pi \frac{B_{f,D}}{B} - \pi + \varphi_D\right)\right) \quad (2)$$

Here the first sum over D refers to two sets of oscillations, and higher order harmonics up to $N_r = 20$ were taken into account in our fitting. $\lambda = 2\pi^2 m^* k_B T / \hbar e B$ is the thermal damping term. We also parameterized the carrier lifetime τ_D , oscillation frequency $B_{f,D}$ and phase offset φ_D for both sets. The resistance minima are evenly spaced in $1/B$ plot, hence the period in $1/B$ can be translated into SdH oscillation frequency $B_f = \frac{1}{\Delta(1/B)}$. The best fitting results (red curve in Fig. 3a) yield a dominant set of oscillations with frequency $B_{f,1} = 38.9 T$, carrier lifetime $\tau_1 = 0.28 ps$ and phase offset $\varphi_1 = 0.97 \pi$. The secondary set of oscillations were also well captured with frequency $B_{f,2} = 35.8 T$, carrier lifetime $\tau_1 = 0.20 ps$ and phase offset $\varphi_1 = 1.15 \pi$. We conjecture that two sets of independent oscillations arise from the unique ALD doping scheme of the n-type Te films. The fixed

positive charges in the ALD dielectrics will attract a layer of electrons on the top surface with relatively lower carrier mobility (and shorter lifetime) due to low interface quality and the back gate will induce another layer of charge on the bottom surface, as indicated in Fig. 3b. Following the same L-K formula, we can extend our simulation of SdH oscillations to the entire V_g - B parameter space, by assuming that the oscillation frequency for each set has a linear dependence on the back-gate bias, and meanwhile we set both phase shifts to π , which we shall further validate later. We intentionally exaggerated the carrier mobility in order to highlight the Landau levels. Our calculation (Fig. 3e) successfully reproduced the major features in the experiment (Fig. 3d). The oscillation frequency of the predominant (bottom layer) set increases from 17.9 T to 57.8 T as the back-gate sweeps from 10 V to 40 V; whereas the weaker set (top layer) increases from 21.7 T to 46.5 T. This is consistent with our dual-layer assumption as the frequency of the predominant set associated with the bottom layer is more sensitive to the back-gate modulation as illustrated in Fig. 3c, whereas the top layer with lower mobility is less sensitive since the gate-induced electric field is partially screened out by the bottom layer of electrons.

The most significant feature from the mapping in Fig. 3d and 3e is that the V_g - B parameter space can only be accurately reproduced when we fix the phase offset φ_D at π , not 0. Furthermore, the purple and magenta dashed lines in Fig. 3d plotted from $B_n = B_f(V_g)/n$ (where $B_f(V_g)$ is the oscillation frequency under gate bias V_g and n is a positive integer) coincide with the bright strips which represent maxima in the oscillations. This instantly distinguishes Te from other trivial semiconductor systems. The Onsager-Lifshitz quantization rule dictates the oscillation amplitude to take the form:

$$\Delta R_{xx} \propto \cos(2\pi(B_F/B + 1/2) + \varphi) \quad (3)$$

, and thus in a trivial semiconductor system where $\varphi = 0$, the N -th Landau level should be observed at field $B_n = B_f(V_g)/(n + \frac{1}{2})$. This suggests that the SdH oscillations in the Te system possess a phase offset $\varphi = \pi$, originating from the contribution of π Berry phase near the Weyl node as we shall discuss next.

Evidence of Weyl fermions existing in bulk Te has been reported such as observations of negative magnetoresistance³⁹ and the kinetic magnetoelectric¹⁰ effect. Here we present much more convincing evidence -- π Berry phase in quantum oscillations. As a common practice, the phase offset is read off from the intercept of the Landau fan diagram. To construct the Landau fan diagram correctly, the resistivity ρ_{xx} and ρ_{xy} was first properly converted into conductivity σ_{xx} and σ_{xy} with an anisotropic Hall tensor (see Supplementary Note 2) to avoid phase shift⁴⁰ since the fundamental quantization occurs in conductivity and not resistivity^{41,42}. The minima in conductivity σ_{xx} are assigned with integer index n and the maxima are identified with half integers, and then plotted against $1/B$. As shown in Fig. 4a and 4b, the extrapolated the linear fitting curves intercept the y -axis at $1/2$ throughout the entire gate range, which was also observed in many other Dirac or Weyl topological materials with non-trivial π Berry phase^{2,3,43-45}. We shall point out that it can be risky to directly associate a phenomenological phase offset in oscillations with Berry phase of Dirac/Weyl fermions in some scenarios^{46,47} due to orbital moments and/or Zeeman effects. However, in a spin-orbit coupled system with time reversal symmetry but not spatial inversion symmetry like Te, the phase contributions from orbital moment and Zeeman effect cancel out due to symmetry. Therefore, it is safe to take the π phase offset as a smoking gun for Weyl fermions in this case⁴⁸. We can rule out another trivial cause of π phase offset due to large Zeeman splitting (like in the case of WSe₂⁴⁹) by absence of

coincident effect when rotating the sample (see Supplementary Note 3). Furthermore, to assertively eliminate any potential offset from imperfection of the device, we measured another 8 devices and all of them unanimously show near $1/2$ intercept (see Supplementary Note 4).

The origin of the Berry phase is rooted in the hedgehog-like spin texture^{6,9} near the chirality-induced Weyl nodes. Weak anti-localization effect is observed in the near-zero magnetic field regime (see Supplementary Note 5), indicating strong SOC in Te⁵⁰. The strong SOC gives rise to a spin-polarized band crossing at the H and H' points (as shown in Fig. 4c), which is protected by the three-fold rotational symmetry. This point at H (and H') is classified as a Weyl node⁶⁻⁹ that can be viewed as a Berry curvature monopole in the momentum space⁸. The spin textures are either pointing at or away from the Weyl nodes as illustrated by red arrows in Fig. 4c, which is in sharp contrast to a conventional Rashba SOC band whose energy dispersion may be similar, but whose spin texture is tangential (Fig. 4d). Under magnetic fields, when an electron completes a cyclotron motion in the real space its momentum changes by 2π , corresponding to a closed orbit around the Fermi surface in momentum space. Along this path, the spin of the electron also rotates by 2π , which picks up a π Berry phase, since electrons are spin-1/2 particles. The hedgehog-like spin texture near Te Weyl nodes resembles that near the Dirac points of graphene which also give rise to a topologically non-trivial π Berry phase, except that in graphene the Berry phase is induced by a radial pseudospin (valley isospin) texture^{51,52} rather than the real spin as in Te.

We shall note that unlike normal band-inversion-induced Weyl semimetals which usually lead to linear band dispersion in a broader energy window, chirality-induced Weyl nodes

can potentially exist near the band edge of a semiconductor system. These semiconductor systems with chirality-induced Weyl nodes grant us extended tunability to probe the topological properties of Weyl fermions by taking advantage of the versatility of semiconductors.

A sharp contrast between Te and other Weyl semimetals manifests in the effective mass measurement. In a nutshell, the Weyl nodes only guarantee the topological properties, but the band dispersion can still be arbitrary, depending the energy scale of interest. For example, Band-inversion-induced Dirac nodes in graphene are accompanied by linear band dispersion for the entire gate-accessible range near the Dirac points, since the first order of Hamiltonian can be accurately described by Dirac equation in the energy window near 1 eV. This gives rise to strongly gate-dependent cyclotron mass of relativistic Dirac fermions: $m_c = \frac{E_F}{v_F^2} = \sqrt{\pi \hbar^2 n_s / v_F^2}$, as confirmed by temperature-dependent SdH oscillation amplitudes^{2,3}. Here we also extract cyclotron mass by fitting the temperature-dependent SdH amplitude with the thermal damping term in L-K formula (Fig. 5a):

$$\Delta R_{xx} \propto \frac{2\pi^2 m^* k_B T / \hbar e B}{\sinh(2\pi^2 m^* k_B T / \hbar e B)} \quad (4)$$

The cyclotron mass is extracted to be $0.097 \pm 0.008 m_0$ (where m_0 is the free electron mass) regardless of the gate bias (Fig. 5b), which is consistent with previously reported value of bulk Te^{53,54}. This is because chirality-induced Weyl nodes reside only several meV above the conduction band minima and the semiconductor properties (band mass) is preserved. Meanwhile the topological properties (Berry phase) carry over to a much broader energy window of at least 50 meV that the gate can access.

In conclusion, using ALD dielectric doping on high-quality tellurene films, for the first time we observed well-developed quantum Hall effect of 2D electron gas in tellurene and accessed the electronic structure of its conduction band. A wide quantum well model with two layers of electrons is proposed to explain the anomaly in SdH oscillations and quantum Hall sequences. Spin and valley isospin degeneracies are fully lifted under 45 T external magnetic field, leading to fully polarized quantum Hall ferromagnetic states. Topologically non-trivial π Berry phase is unambiguously detected and served as direct evidence of Weyl fermions in the vicinity of chirality-induced Weyl nodes with predicted hedgehog-like spin textures. N-type Te is an ideal material to explore the topological properties of relativistic quasiparticles in a chiral semiconductor system with tunable Fermi surface and exploitable band gap.

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Figure 1| Crystal structure of Te and n-type ALD doped tellurene devices. **a**, Crystal structure of Te with helical atomic chains. **b**, First Brillouin zone of Te. The conduction band minima are located at the corner points H and H'. **c**, Zoomed-in energy dispersion of lowest spin-split bands along K-H-A line. A Weyl node is formed at H point, as highlighted by the red dashed circle. **d**, schematic view of an n-type Te device with a global back gate and ALD doping layer on top. **e**, I_d - V_g transfer curves of a typical ALD doped n-type device measured at room temperature (red) and cryostat temperature (blue). Inset: An optical image of an as-synthesized tellurene film obtained from hydrothermal growth method. The helical chains (z-axis) are aligned along the longer edge of the film, as indicated by the red arrow. All the Hall bar devices are also fabricated along z-axis.

Figure 2| Quantum Hall effect in tellurene two-dimensional electron gas. **a**, An optical image of a six-terminal Hall bar device. **b**, Longitudinal (R_{xx} , in blue) and transverse (R_{xy} , in red) resistance as a function of magnetic field. **c**, σ_{xx} and σ_{xy} a function of back gate voltage. The gate oxide is 90 nm SiO_2 . **d**, Colour mapping of R_{xx} by sweeping both back gate voltage and magnetic field. The data from 0-12T and 12-45T are measured from the same device in a superconducting magnetic system at 30 mK and a hybrid magnetic system at 300 mK, respectively.

Figure 3| Shubnikov-de Haas oscillation analysis of two layers of electrons in Te wide quantum well. **a**, Representative SdH oscillation features measured at 30 mK and $V_{bg}=26$ V (top) and fitting results from complete L-K formula with the superposition of two sets of independent oscillations. The black arrows mark the predominant set (bottom layer) and

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Figure 4| Weyl nodes and Berry phase near Te conduction band edge. **a**, Landau fan diagram under different gate bias. The scattered symbols are read off from the value $1/B$ of minima in σ_{xx} and plotted against the Landau level index. Straight lines are linear fitting under each gate bias. Inset: Magnified view of gray dashed box in **a** with linear fittings extrapolated to the y-axis. **b**, Intercept of linear fittings versus gate voltage. Error bars represent s.d. from linear fitting. The reference line at $y=0.5$ corresponds to π Berry phase. The energy dispersion and spin texture (red arrows) in **c**, Chirality-induced Weyl node at H point and **d**, a conventional Rashba spin-orbit coupling band.

Figure 5| Temperature-dependent SdH oscillations and effective mass of Weyl fermions. **a**, SdH oscillation amplitudes (subtracting a smooth background) under various temperature from 0.5 K to 18 K. Inset: ΔR_{xx} versus temperature fitted by thermal damping term of L-K formula. **b**, The effective mass is extracted to be about $0.097 \pm 0.008 m_0$, and is independent of gate biases and magnetic fields. Error bars represents standard error from L-K formula fitting.

Methods

Synthesis of 2D tellurium crystals

In a typical procedure¹⁸, analytical grade Na_2TeO_3 (0.00045 mol) and a certain amount of poly(-vinyl pyrrolidone) is resolved into deionized water (33 ml) at room temperature under magnetic stirring to form a homogeneous solution. The resulting solution is transferred into a Teflon-lined stainless-steel autoclave, which is then filled with an aqueous ammonia solution (25%, w/w%) and hydrazine hydrate (80 %, w/w%). The autoclave is sealed and maintained at the reaction temperature for a designed time. The autoclave is then allowed to cool to room temperature naturally. Silver-gray, solid tellurium products are precipitated by centrifugation at 5000 rpm for 5 minutes and rinsed 3 times with distilled water (to remove any ions remaining in the final product).

Langmuir-Blodgett (LB) transfer of 2D Te films

The hydrophilic 2D Te nanoflake monolayers can be transferred to silicon substrates by the Langmuir-Blodgett (LB) technique⁵⁵. The washed nanoflakes are suspended in a mixing solvent of N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) and CHCl_3 (e.g., in a ratio of 1.3:1). Then, the mixture is dispersed into deionized water. After the evaporation of the solvent, 2D Te flakes will be left floating on the surface of water. Then we can scoop the 2D Te films onto substrates.

Device fabrication

The as-grown 2D Te films were dispersed onto heavily doped Si substrates with a 90 nm SiO_2 insulating layer, followed by DI water rinse and standard solvent cleaning process (acetone, methanol and isopropanol). Hall-bar devices were patterned with electron beam

lithography (EBL) and 30/90 nm Ti/Au metal contacts were deposited by electron beam evaporation at a pressure below 2×10^{-6} Torr. To eliminate geometric non-idealities, the device was then trimmed into standard Hall bar shape with better symmetry using BCl_3/Ar dry etching. 20 nm of Al_2O_3 was deposited onto the Te films at 200 °C with atomic layer deposition to achieve n-type doping. For double-gated devices, another Ni/Au top metal gate was patterned and deposited with EBL and electron beam evaporation subsequently to cover the entire channel region.

Magneto-transport measurements

Low magnetic field transport measurements were performed using a Triton 300 (Oxford Instruments) dilution fridge system with 12 Tesla superconducting coils. The high magnetic field data was acquired in a 31 Tesla resistive magnet system (Cell 9) and a 45 Tesla hybrid magnet system (Cell 15) at the National High Magnetic Field Lab (NHMFL) in Tallahassee, FL. Electrical data was recorded using standard low-frequency AC measurement techniques using SR830 lock-in amplifiers. The transfer curves of two-terminal FETs were measured with a Cascade probe station and Keysight B1500A semiconductor analyzer at room temperature and current mode of a lock-in amplifier at 30 mK.

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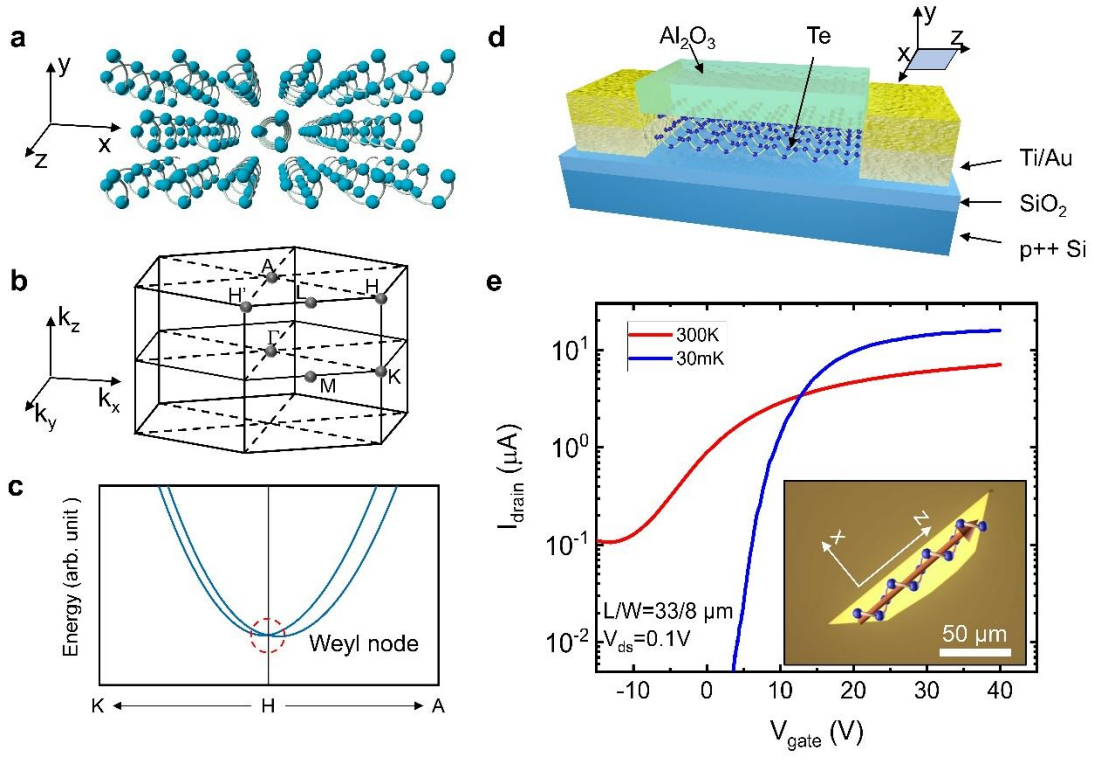


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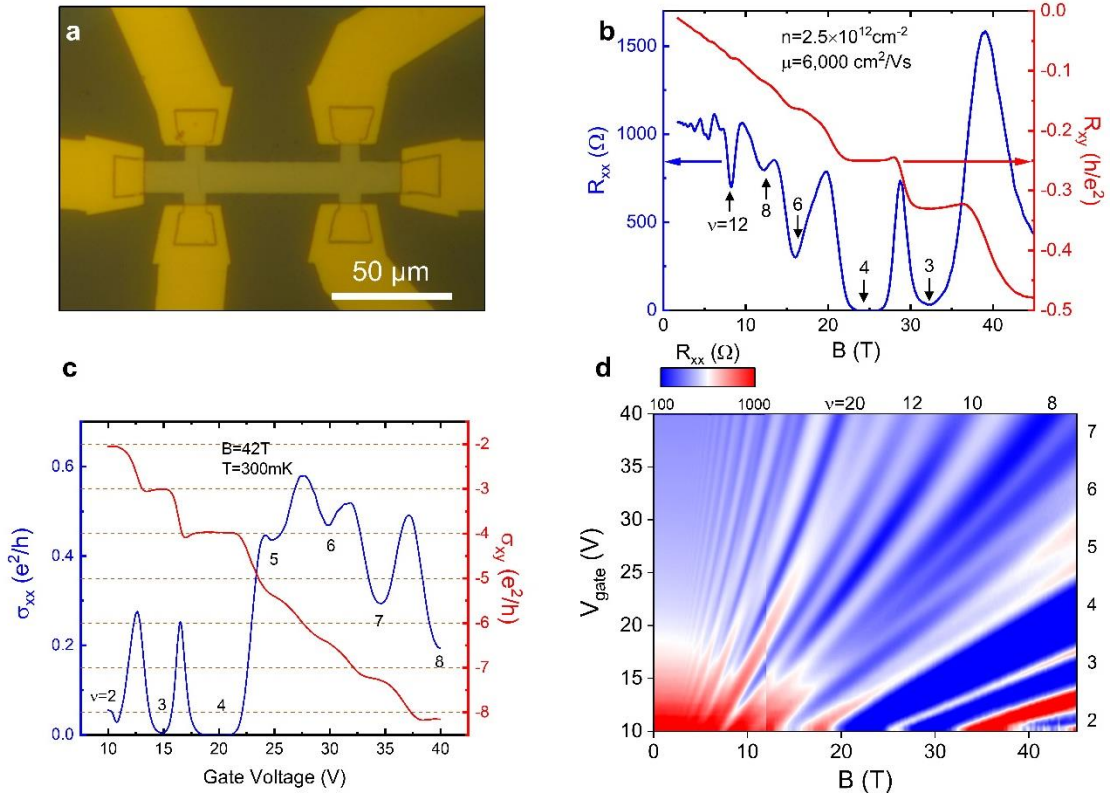


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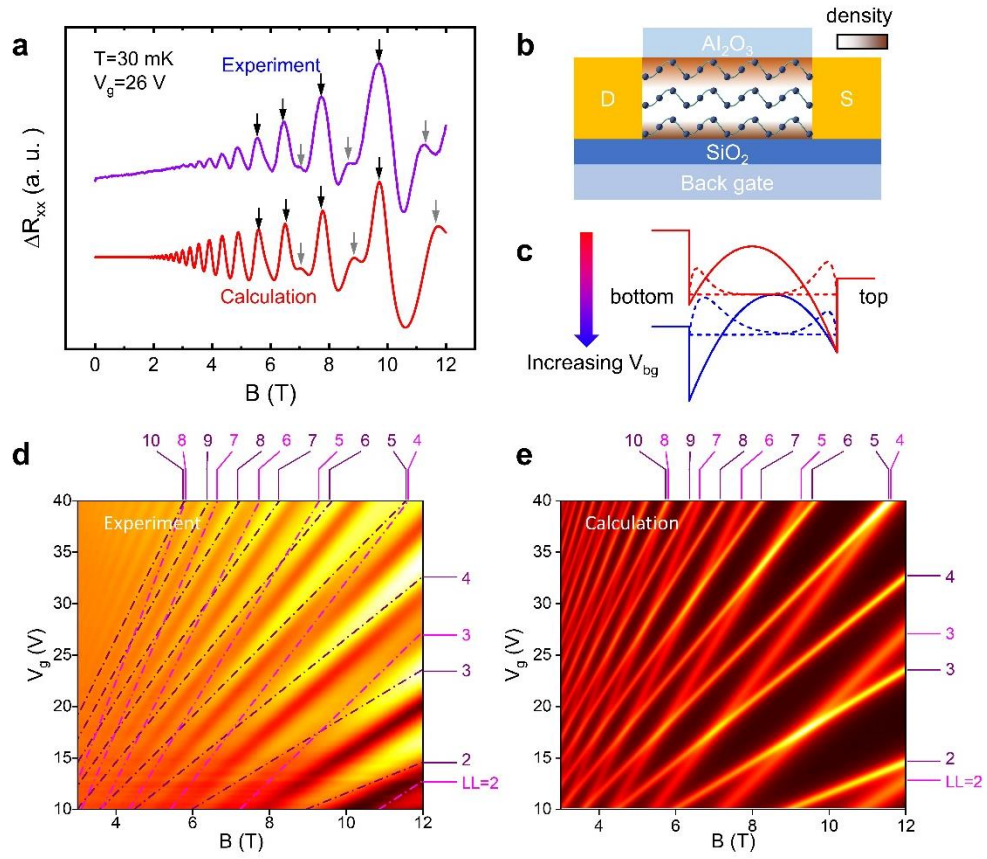


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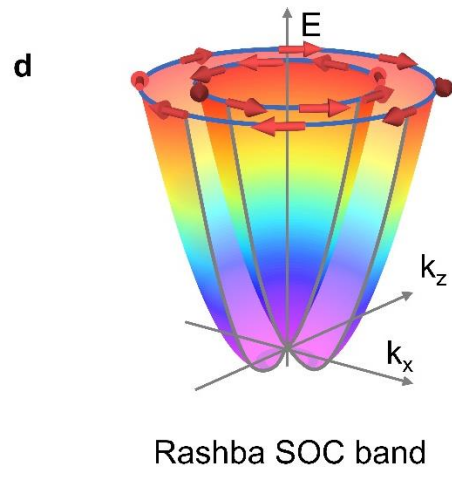
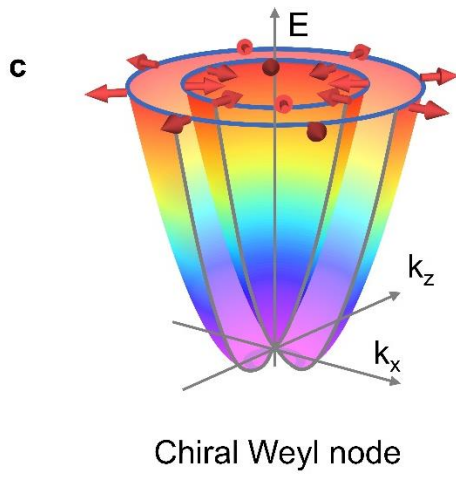
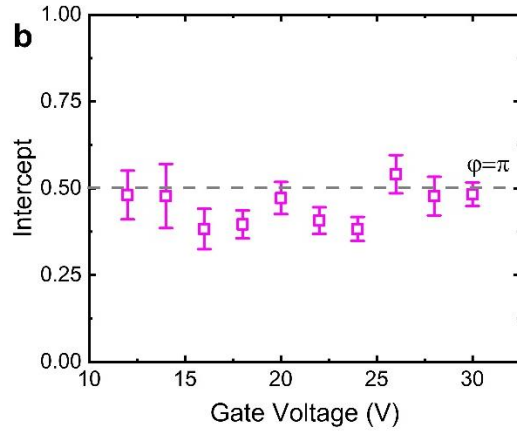
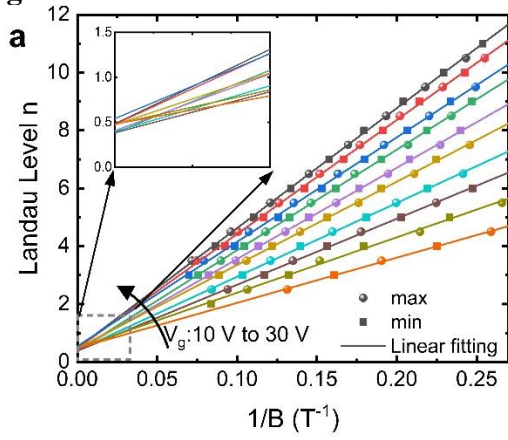
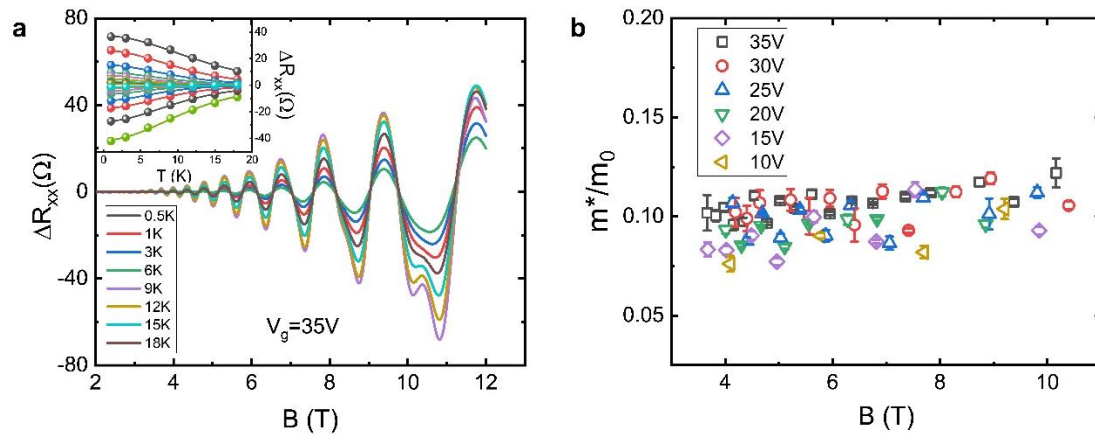


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Supplementary Information for:

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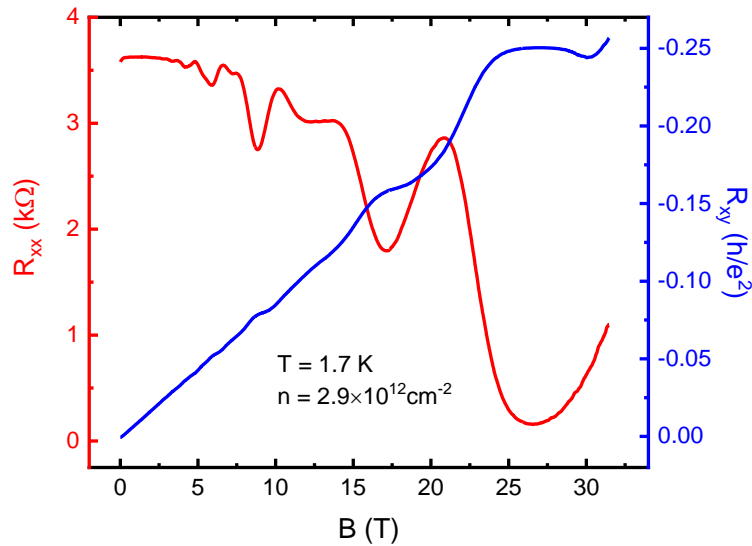
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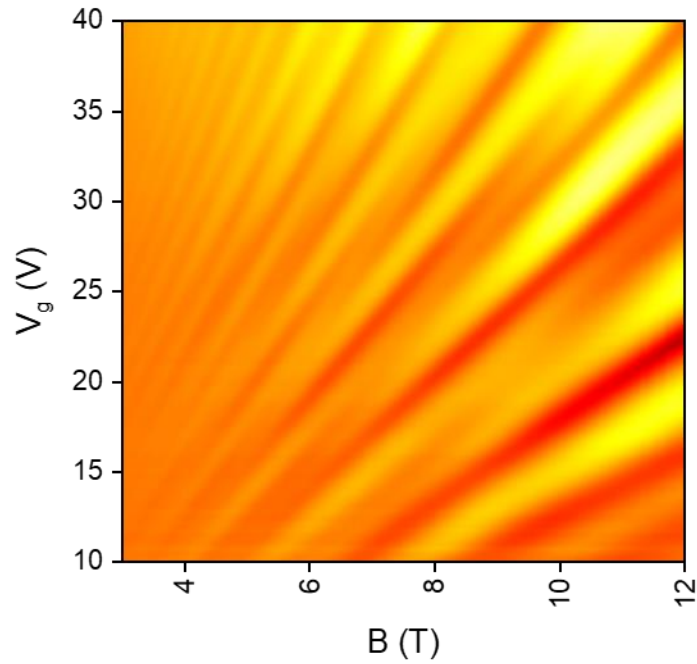
Supplementary Note 1: Additional data from other devices on quantum Hall effects and Shubnikov-de Haas oscillations

To demonstrate the reproducibility of our experimental results, here we present the complete set of data from another high-mobility device. Supplementary Fig. 1 shows the longitudinal (R_{xx}) and Hall (R_{xy}) resistance measured at 1.7 K up to 31 Tesla. This device also reaches the quantum Hall states at filling factor $\nu=4$. The SdH oscillation pattern mapping in Supplementary Fig. 2 shows similarity to the device presented in our main manuscript. Temperature-dependent SdH amplitudes were measured to extract the cyclotron mass (see Supplementary Fig. 3) which is in accordance with our previous results. Additionally, extraction of the oscillation phase offset from 8 more devices is presented in Supplementary Note 4.

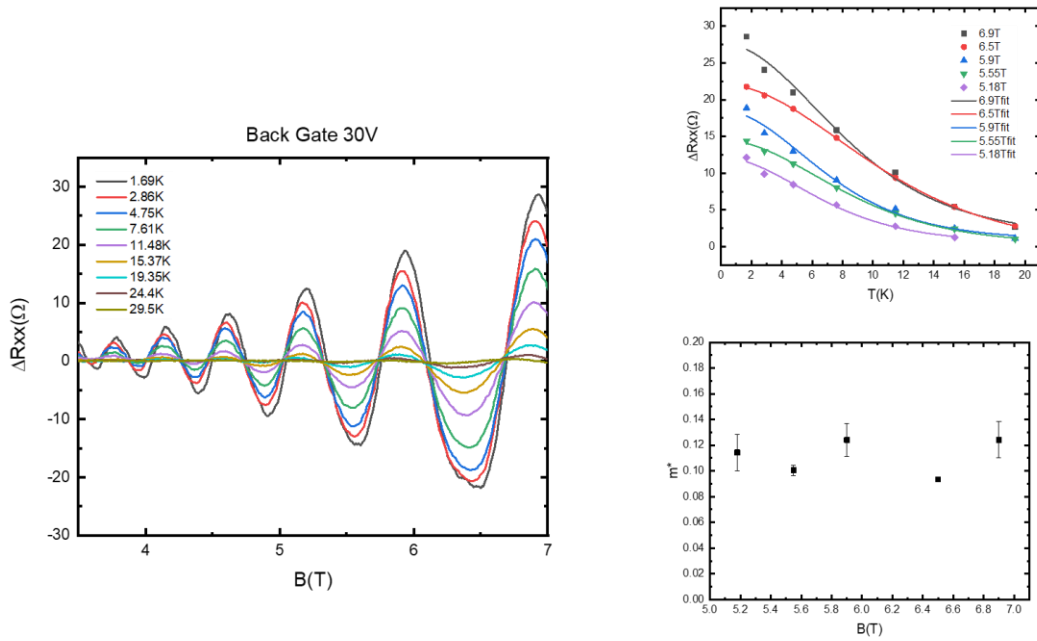


Supplementary Fig. 1| Quantum Hall effect of another high mobility sample.

Longitudinal (R_{xx} , red) and transverse (R_{xy} , blue) resistance measured under magnetic field up to 31.4 T at 1.7 K.



Supplementary Fig. 2| R_{xx} mapping of another high mobility sample in V_g - B parameter space.



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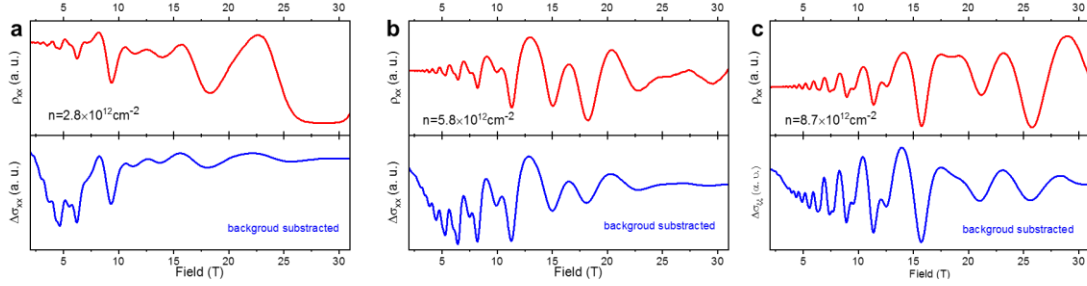
Supplementary Note 2: Converting Hall resistivity to Hall conductivity with anisotropic Hall tensor

Although historically it is a common practice to extract the oscillation phase offset from the longitudinal resistivity (ρ_{xx})^{1,2}, it is argued that the fundamental quantization occurs in the conductivity instead of resistivity^{3,4}. Hence using ρ_{xx} instead of σ_{xx} can be risky and will sometimes lead to a phase shift⁵. Here we first convert the Hall resistivity into conductivity using the anisotropic Hall tensor and then evaluate the phase offsets extracted using both methods.

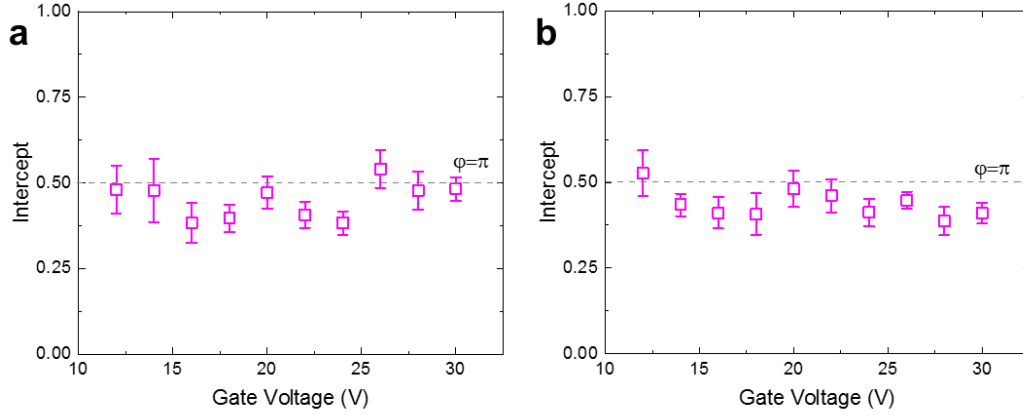
Due to its unique atomic structure, the conductivity of Te is highly anisotropic. Extra caution needs to be taken when we apply the Hall tensor to convert from the resistivity matrix to the conductivity matrix. The resistivity ratio $\eta = \rho_{xx}/\rho_{yy} = 1.4$ was previously determined through transport measurements^{6,7}. The inverse of the resistivity matrix gives

$$\begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{xx} & \sigma_{xy} \\ \sigma_{yx} & \sigma_{yy} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \rho_{xx} & \rho_{xy} \\ \rho_{yx} & \frac{1}{\eta}\rho_{xx} \end{pmatrix}^{-1}, \text{ and subsequently we have } \sigma_{xx} = \frac{\eta\rho_{xx}}{\rho_{xx}^2 + \eta\rho_{xy}^2}, \sigma_{xy} = \frac{\rho_{xy}}{\rho_{xx}^2 + \eta\rho_{xy}^2}.$$

Next, we shall evaluate whether using resistivity to construct the Landau fan diagram and extract phase offset is reliable in the case of Te. For some semimetals, because of their high carrier density, the extreme condition $\sigma_{xx} \gg \sigma_{xy}$ gives $\sigma_{xx} \propto \rho_{xx}^{-1}$, hence this will completely flip the phase. However, in our semiconductor system, this extreme condition does not hold. By plotting ρ_{xx} and $\Delta\sigma_{xx}$ (subtracting a smooth background) over a wide gate voltage range (Supplementary Fig. 4), we immediately notice that the minima in both curves coincide, suggesting that the phase shift using ρ_{xx} in this case is negligible and will not undermine our conclusion. As a matter of fact, we notice that using $\Delta\sigma_{xx}$ in the LL fan diagram gives us a slight edge in reliably extracting the phase factor (Supplementary Fig. 5). Hence in the main manuscript, the phase offset is extracted using σ_{xx} for correctness, and the rest of the phase offsets included in Supplementary Note 4 are extracted from ρ_{xx} for simplicity.



Supplementary Fig. 4 | ρ_{xx} and $\Delta\sigma_{xx}$ comparison at various carrier density. ρ_{xx} and $\Delta\sigma_{xx}$ (subtracting a smooth background) at carrier density (a) $2.8 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, (b) $5.8 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$, and (c) $8.7 \times 10^{12} \text{ cm}^{-2}$. The minima in ρ_{xx} and $\Delta\sigma_{xx}$ coincide in all three situations.



Supplementary Fig. 5 | Oscillation phase factor extracted from (a) $\Delta\sigma_{xx}$ and (b) ρ_{xx} .

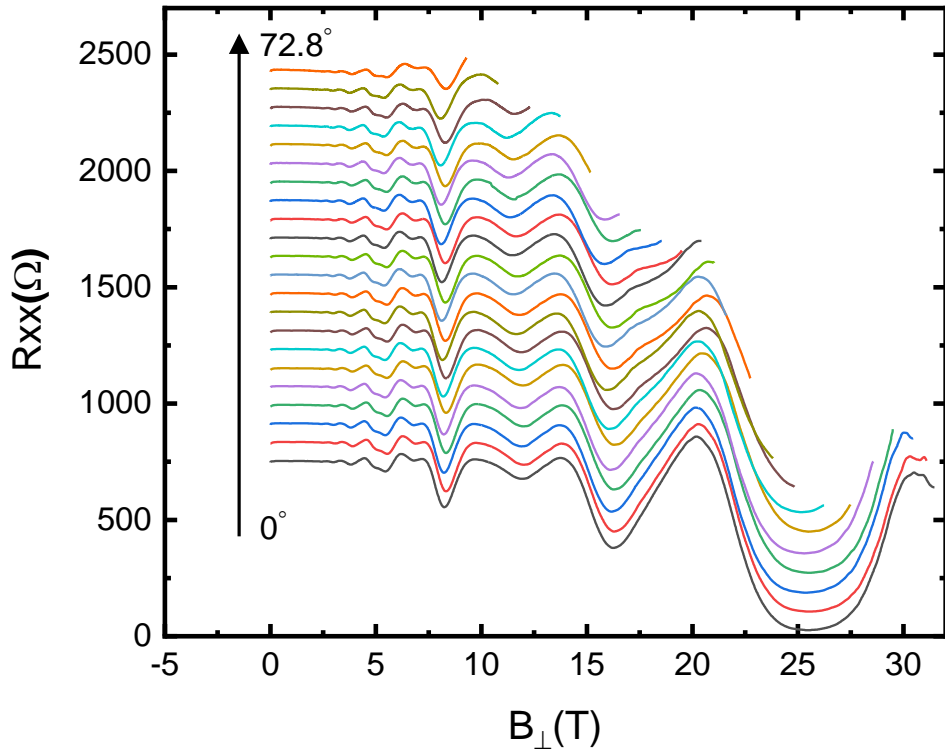
Supplementary Note 3: Shubnikov-de Haas oscillations in tilted magnetic field

To extract the effective g-factor, SdH oscillations are measured under tilted magnetic fields

to disentangle the cyclotron energy $E_C = \frac{\hbar e B_{\perp}}{m^*}$ and the Zeeman energy $E_Z = g^* \mu_B B_{total}$.

By rotating the sample to certain angles, one should expect to see the coincidence effect – the exchange of SdH maxima and minima under the condition $E_C = E_Z$. Here we measured

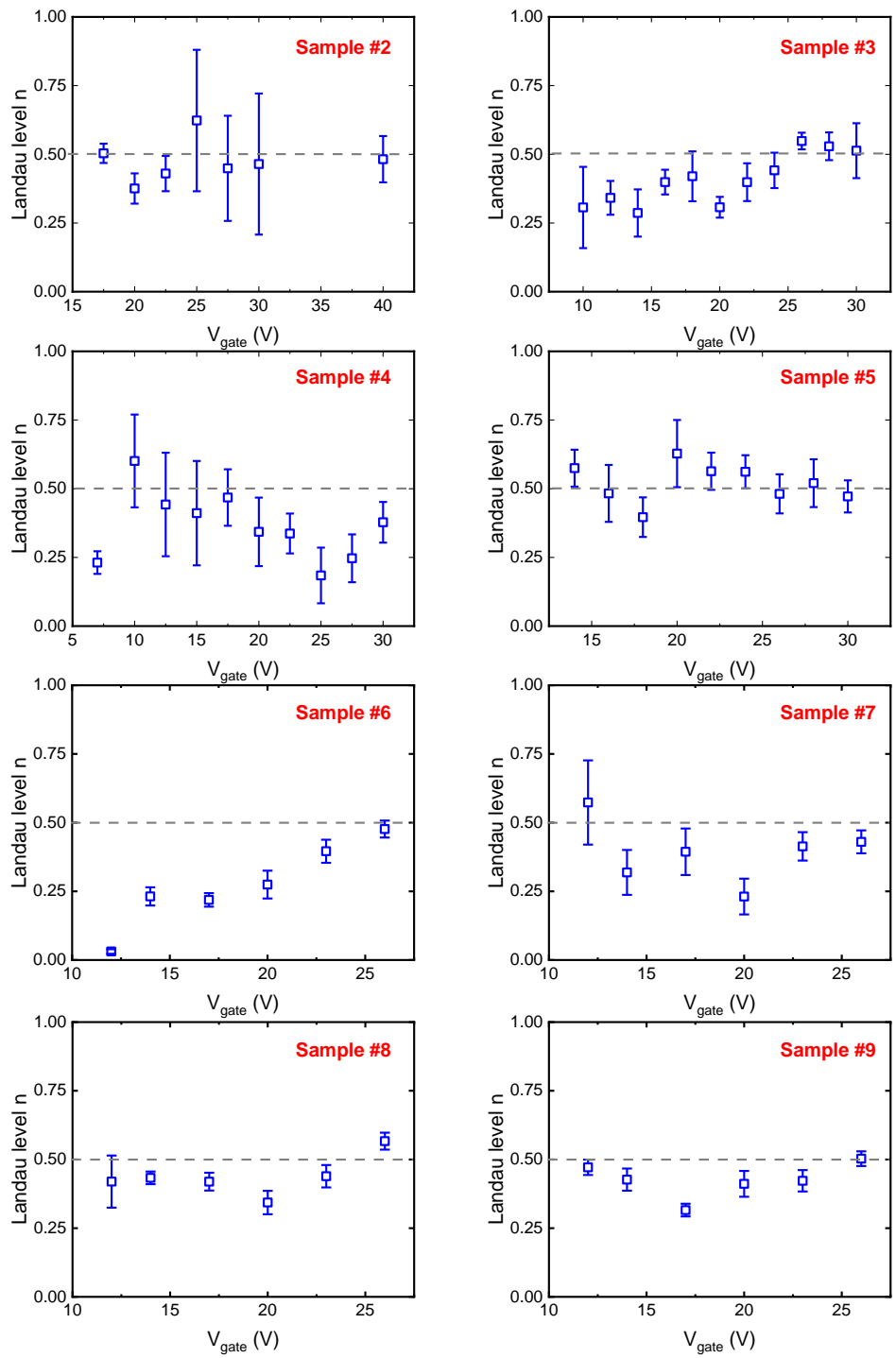
our sample in tilted magnetic field, however coincidence effect was not observed until 78.2° (see Fig. S6), from which we can estimate the upper bound of the effective g-factor to be 2.68. The real g^* may be even smaller given the fact that no clear trace of developing coincidence effect is observed until such a high angle. This suggests that the Zeeman energy in Te is much smaller than the cyclotron energy, ruling out a possible source of phase shift seen in the case of WSe_2 ⁸ or n-type black phosphorous⁹.



Supplementary Fig. 6 | SdH oscillations in a tilted magnetic field. The curves are separated by 80Ω offset for clarity. No evidence of coincidence effect is observed, suggesting a small effective g-factor.

Supplementary Note 4: More data on extracting Berry phase

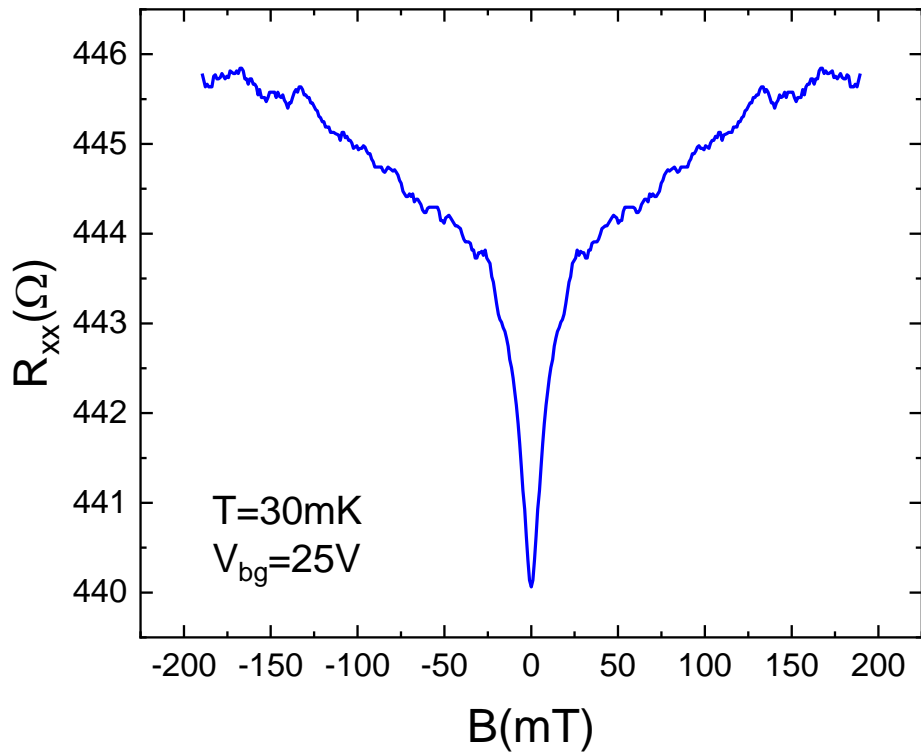
The way we extract Berry phase relies on accurately reading R_{xx} minima at each filling factor. Here we only use the SdH oscillation periods where the degeneracy is not lifted, and all the minima are extracted from the predominant set of oscillations. However, even the splitting is not resolvable at low magnetic fields, and there is a chance that the energy splitting within the Landau levels can deviate R_{xx} minima and cause misinterpretations when extracting the Berry phase. To eliminate this uncertainty, we extracted Landau fan diagram intercepts for another 8 devices as shown in Fig. S7, and all of them unanimously show a π phase shift. This is solid proof that the phenomenon reported in the main paper is reproducible, and our method of extracting Berry phase is reliable.



Supplementary Fig. 7 | Extracting Berry phase using SdH oscillation phase offset from 8 more devices.

Supplementary Note 5: Weak anti-localization in n-type Te films

Weak anti-localization (WAL) is a phenomenon in the low B field regime that causes the resistance of a material to show a dip centered at zero. In normal materials there should be a peak in resistance at zero field, since the magnetic field destroys the localization effect and reduces the resistivity of the material, which is referred to as the weak localization effect. However, in systems with strong spin-orbit coupling, the trajectory of the electrons travelling around the disorder clockwise and counterclockwise will contribute a negative sign to the wavefunction and the constructive interference will reduce the resistivity. WAL in p-type Te films has been reported in previous work^{10,11}. Here we show some preliminary WAL data in n-type Te films in Fig. S8 to verify strong SOC in the Te system. More comprehensive analysis of n-type Te WAL effects is beyond the scope of this work and will be reported independently¹².



Supplementary Fig. 8| The weak anti-localization effect in n-type Te films.

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