

Spin-Group Symmetry in Magnetic Materials with Negligible Spin-Orbit Coupling

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Symmetry formulated by group theory plays an essential role with respect to the laws of nature, from fundamental particles to condensed-matter systems. Here, by combining symmetry analysis and model calculations, we elucidate that the crystallographic symmetry groups of a vast number of magnetic materials with light elements, in which the neglect of relativistic spin-orbit coupling (SOC) is an appropriate approximation, are considerably larger than the conventional magnetic groups. Thus, a symmetry description that involves partially decoupled spin and spatial rotations, dubbed spin group, is required. We derive the classifications of spin point groups describing coplanar and collinear magnetic structures, and the irreducible corepresentations of spin space groups illustrating more energy degeneracies that are disallowed by magnetic groups. One consequence of the spin group is the new antiunitary symmetries that protect SOC-free Z_2 topological phases with unprecedented surface-node structures. Our work not only manifests the physical reality of materials with weak SOC, but also sheds light on the understanding of all solids with and without SOC by a unified group theory.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The study of symmetry has always been the kernel of condensed-matter physics and materials chemistry, as it dictates the way in which wave functions of elementary excitations behave, including geometric phases, selection rules, and degeneracies. The corresponding wave-function properties thus reflect the physical observables such as polarization, response susceptibility, and band dispersions. The symmetries of three-dimensional (3D) solids are believed to be described by a complete crystallographic group theory, including 32 point groups (PGs), 230 space groups (SGs), 122 magnetic PGs (MPGs), 1651 magnetic

SGs (MSGs), and their double groups with spinor representations [1,2]. They apply to the nonmagnetic materials without and with spin-orbit coupling (SG and double SG) as well as the magnetic materials with spin-orbit coupling (double MSG). The recent prosperity of the symmetry-protected topological phase in condensed-matter systems is based on electronic structures, providing a fertile playground for a survey of various quasiparticles including Weyl, Dirac fermions, and others beyond them [3–15]. Moreover, the theories of the symmetry-based indicator and (magnetic) topological chemistry based on band representations allow a comprehensive classification of topological crystalline insulators and semimetals, leading to a dictionary of thousands of predicted topological materials [16–31]. Notably, topological phases without spin-orbit coupling (SOC) are also widely investigated in nonmagnetic materials as a starting point of the Hamiltonian with relativistic SOC [13,32–34]. However, the symmetry description of the remaining quadrant, i.e., the magnetic materials with negligible SOC, which represents a vast number of compounds with light elements, is much less

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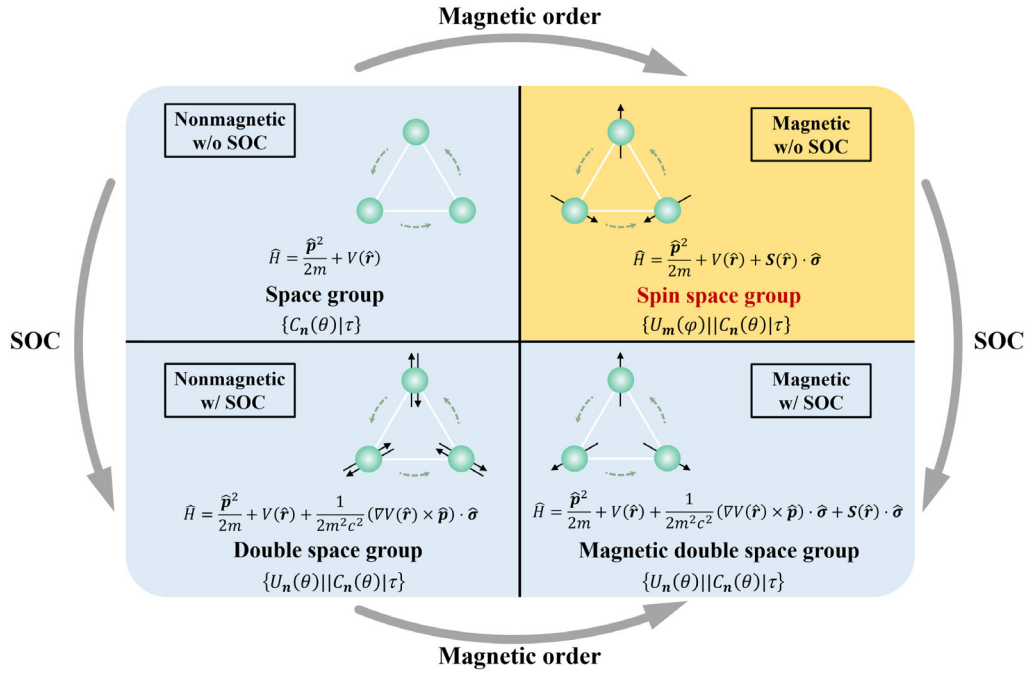


FIG. 1. Four-quadrant diagram describing the symmetry of solids. The general single-electron Hamiltonians, space groups, and their representative group elements are shown for each quadrant. Compared with the conventional crystallographic groups, the key characteristic of spin group is the partial decoupling between spatial rotation $C_n(\theta)$ and spin rotation $U_m(\varphi)$, where m and n denote the rotation axes, and the real scalars φ and θ are the rotation angles. For the materials with SOC, i.e., the quadrants III and IV, the spatial and spin rotations are completely locked. For example, a spatial rotation by $2\pi/3$ requires a simultaneous spin rotation by $2\pi/3$ along the same axis. For the materials without SOC, the spin and spatial rotations are completely or partially decoupled, which implies that one symmetry operation could be composed of a spin and a spatial rotation with different rotation axes and angles. For the nonmagnetic case (quadrant II), we can either consider spatial rotation only or add a totally unconstrained spin rotation, which constitutes a $SO(3)$ group for spin. For magnetic cases (quadrant I), spin rotation is constrained by the magnetic orders of the system, which allows more operations that are disallowed by SOC but less than the full $SO(3)$ group. The schematic plot in quadrant I shows that, for a specific magnetic order, we can have a symmetry operation that is composed of a spatial rotation of $2\pi/3$ and a spin rotation of $4\pi/3$ along the same axis. Such operations are written as $\{U_m(\varphi)||C_n(\theta)|\tau\}$ where the spatial and spin rotation axes and angles could be different.

explored (see Fig. 1). The most striking characteristic of the materials in this quadrant is the nontrivial spin degrees of freedom yet decoupled with the orbital part. Thus, the corresponding symmetry is not fully described by any of the abovementioned SGs. Specifically, the symmetry operations of spin, e.g., spin rotations and the symmetry operations of lattice, can combine in the way disallowed by SOC, which form a composite symmetry group applied on both position space and spin space but not necessarily simultaneously. Such groups, dubbed spin group including spin point group (SPG) and spin space group (SSG), were first considered in the 1960–1970s to account for the extra symmetries of the Heisenberg Hamiltonian with application on spin waves [35,36]. Later, spin group was defined in a mathematically rigorous way, where all 598 nontrivial spin point groups (in which pure spin operations are excluded) were classified using an analogous method of classifying 90 type-I and type-III crystallographic MPGs [37,38]. Apart from the original works, there are scattered works discussing the applications of spin-group symmetry in the Landau theory of phase transition [39,40],

neutron scattering [41], electronic states with spiral magnetic order [42], etc.

As a complete characterization of symmetry in magnetic materials when SOC is negligible, the theory of spin group is expected to be powerful also in the application of electronic ground-state properties such as spin or orbit polarization, Berry curvature, and linear responses such as anomalous or spin Hall conductance, (inverse) spin galvanic effect, (inverse) Faraday effect, etc. Surprisingly, such topics were seldomly explored until the recent growing interest of antiferromagnetic (AFM) spintronics [43,44]. It is found that certain effects in AFM materials could appear without the assistance of SOC, including transverse spin current in collinear [45–47] and noncollinear AFM systems [48–50], AFM-induced spin splitting [51–56], giant piezomagnetism [47], etc. In Refs. [48,49], spin-group symmetry is used for determining the conductivity tensor of Mn_3X ($X = Sn, Ir, Ga, \text{ and } Ge$) without SOC, showing more symmetry restrictions for allowed spin conductivity compared to the case with SOC. In Refs. [55,56], broken of a combined operation of translation and pure spin rotation

that flip spin direction gives rise to a type of antiferromagnet with spin-split bands. In the other works concerning nontrivial effects of AFM order, spin-group symmetry may not be taken into account but actually can act as an effective tool in explaining the predicted results.

Indeed, it is known that symmetries concerning spin and orbital degrees of freedom are decoupled in magnetic materials with negligible SOC, but such symmetries can hardly be fully comprehended without spin-group theory. Most previous studies relating to spin-group symmetries consider symmetry operations leaving a specific Hamiltonian invariant, posing limitations in applying a uniform theory to magnetic materials with all kinds of spin arrangements, including collinear, coplanar, and noncoplanar spin configurations. In Ref. [57], for example, the Hamiltonians considering collinear magnetic order are block diagonal, which greatly simplifies the symmetry analysis of the system. However, such an approach is not applicable to noncollinear magnetic configurations without SOC. On the other hand, the recent progress of condensed-matter physics, in which the geometric phase, topological matter, and emergent quasiparticles play an essential role, paves a way for the application of spin groups in describing complicated magnetic phases. Hence, there is an urgent need to establish the connection between the powerful spin-group theory and the frontier of modern condensed-matter studies.

Here, we systematically study the description of spin-1/2 electrons in magnetic lattices by spin groups and their applications on the topological electronic structures. Starting from general single-electron Hamiltonians, we first demonstrate that the description of the full symmetry group of a spin-orbit-decoupled system with on-site local magnetic moments naturally points to spin groups (Sec. II). Exemplified by a spinful hexagonal molecule model, we pedagogically elucidate that compared with magnetic groups where the spin and spatial rotations are completely locked to each other, in spin groups, more discrete or continuous spin rotations under a spatial rotation are permitted. We further derive comprehensive classifications of SPGs that are direct products of the nontrivial and spin-only part, including 252 and 90 SPGs to describe the coplanar and collinear magnetic structures, respectively (Sec. III). Exemplified by a kagome lattice model, we derive the irreducible corepresentations of the little spin group at high-symmetry momenta and illustrate the resulting energy degeneracies that cannot be understood by the conventional magnetic (double) groups (Sec. IV). Within the regime of spin group, we find more symmetry operations that would lead to new topological phases such as a SOC-free Z_2 topological insulator (TI) with unprecedented surface-node structures, further enriching the existing zoo of topological materials (Sec. V). For materials realization, we show that square-net compounds $AMnBi_2$ ($A = Sr, Ca$) could realize such Z_2 topological phases with surface-nodal

lines as well as bulk Dirac points at generic momenta protected by spin-group symmetries (Sec. VI). Our work appeals to the general interest in utilizing spin group in various fields with an expanded material pool for potential spintronics applications, which contains candidates with both light elements and nontrivial electronic properties.

II. GENERAL SINGLE-ELECTRON HAMILTONIANS

To begin with, we apply spatial and spin rotational operations on the general single-electron Hamiltonians to illustrate the requirements of symmetry operations in various cases. For a nonmagnetic system without SOC [$H = [\hat{p}^2/(2m)] + V(\hat{r})$], the wave functions are labeled by the single-valued representations of the $V(\hat{r})$ -determined SG, of which the rotational elements contain the spatial rotations $C_n(\theta)$ solely. When the general SOC term $H_{\text{SOC}} = [1/(2m^2c^2)][\nabla V(\hat{r}) \times \hat{p}] \cdot \hat{\sigma}$ is added, neither spatial rotation $C_n(\theta)$ nor spin rotation $U_m(\varphi)$ alone, but only a locked combination $U_n(\theta)C_n(\theta)$ can keep H_{SOC} invariant. The resulting spinor wave functions furnish the double-valued representations of the $V(\hat{r})$ -determined double SG. To describe the magnetic systems, we apply $H_{\text{mag}} = \mathcal{S}(\hat{r}) \cdot \hat{\sigma}$ under the framework of single-particle mean-field approximation [58–60], where $\mathcal{S}(\hat{r})$ stands for the \mathbf{r} -dependent exchange field due to the distribution of local magnetic moments, and $\hat{\sigma}$ is the spin operator. Note that H_{mag} resembles the form of the double-exchange model widely used to describe the magnetic phase transitions of manganites [61–63]. If $H + H_{\text{soc}} + H_{\text{mag}}$ is considered, the locking between spin and spatial rotations still holds, while the full symmetry description requires double MSG with the inclusion of time-reversal operation T .

If we consider the symmetry operations of $H + H_{\text{mag}}$, i.e., a magnetic system without SOC, it is straightforward to prove that the complete locking of spatial and spin rotations is no longer required. Instead, partially locked rotations, i.e., $U_m(\varphi)C_n(\theta)$, with $C_n(\theta)$ keeping $V(\hat{r})$ invariant, could keep H_{mag} invariant and thus the total Hamiltonian. Note that $\mathcal{S}(\hat{r})$ presents the effects of spatially distributed magnetic moments residing at the atomic sites with a given magnetization direction, coupling with the spin through exchange-correlation interactions. Unlike SOC, such a spin-spatial coupling is nonrelativistic and constrains $U_m(\varphi)$ with $C_n(\theta)$ in various ways according to the specific spin arrangement, forming spin groups, as discussed below (see Appendixes A–C). The Hamiltonians and symmetry groups describing different systems are summarized in Fig. 1, with the derivation of the constraints provided in the Supplemental Material, Sec. II [64].

III. SPIN POINT GROUP: PARTIALLY DECOUPLED SPIN AND SPATIAL ROTATION

Spin group includes the SPG and SSG. We first discuss SPG, whose elements are denoted by $\{U_m(\varphi), TU_m(\varphi) \| C_n(\theta), IC_n(\theta)\}$. While spatial inversion I can combine $C_n(\theta)$ forming improper rotations and mirror reflections, time-reversal symmetry T reverses spin and is thus written in the spin space ($T^2 = -1$ in spin-1/2 electron system) [72]. For simplicity, we first consider proper rotations only, i.e., $\{U_m(\varphi) \| C_n(\theta)\}$. The partial coupling between spin and spatial operations implies pure spin rotation $\{U_m(\varphi) \| E\}$ and coupled spin-spatial rotation, the latter of which forms nontrivial SPGs containing elements of the form $\{U_m(\varphi) \| C_n(\theta)\}$ with $C_n(\theta) \neq E$ (E is the identity rotation) except identity element $\{E \| E\}$. Reference [38] constructed all nontrivial SPGs in 3D crystals by combining the factor groups of PGs and their exhaustive isomorphic groups as the spin part. Here, different from mathematical construction, we focus on an exemplified structure with spin arrangements to illustrate how the regime of spin group differentiates the conventional magnetic group in permitting much more symmetry operations and the resulting physical consequence in a magnetic material with negligible SOC in terms of band degeneracy and topological electronic structure.

To illustrate that for certain configurations, SPG generally possesses more symmetry operations than the conventional MPG, we consider a spinful hexagonal molecular structure with the spatial rotational group D_6 with

generators $C_{6z}[C_z(\pi/3)]$ and $C_{2x}[C_x(\pi)]$, as shown in Fig. 2(a). Placing magnetic moments on each site, in general, reduces the D_6 symmetry. Considering MPG symmetry (with SOC), the only spin configuration that maintains D_6 symmetry is the in-plane spin arrangement shown in Fig. 2(c), while there are more possibilities for SPG symmetry. Without loss of generality, we build a single-orbital (e.g., d_{z^2}) tight-binding (TB) model with in-plane local magnetic moments having the same magnitude but different coplanar directions, $\mathbf{S}_i = S[\cos(\phi_i), \sin(\phi_i), 0]$ [see Fig. 2(a)]. The matrix elements of the Hamiltonian are written as

$$\begin{aligned} \langle i, \mathbf{z}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \alpha | \hat{H} | j, \mathbf{z}_j \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma} = \beta \rangle \\ = t[\delta_{i,j+1} + \delta_{i,j-1}] X(\phi_i - \phi_j)_{\alpha\beta} + \delta_{i,j} (JS\sigma_z)_{\alpha\beta}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where we choose the basis functions with local spin quantization axis directing along local magnetic moments, i.e., $\mathbf{z}_i = [\cos(\phi_i), \sin(\phi_i), 0]$, and $X(\theta)$ is defined as $X(\theta) \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta/2) & i \sin(\theta/2) \\ i \sin(\theta/2) & \cos(\theta/2) \end{bmatrix}$. We then check all possible $\{U_m(\varphi) \| C_z(\pi/3)\}$ and $\{U_m(\varphi) \| C_x(\pi)\}$ operations that leave the Hamiltonian invariant and find that a spatial rotation $C_n(2\pi/d)$ could couple a spin rotation $U_m[(2p\pi)/d]$ with d being the order of rotation and $p = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$ (see Supplemental Material, Sec. III [64]). Consequently, there are seven inequivalent types of spin configurations containing $C_z(\pi/3)$ and $C_x(\pi)$ spatial rotations, including one collinear ferromagnetic (FM), one

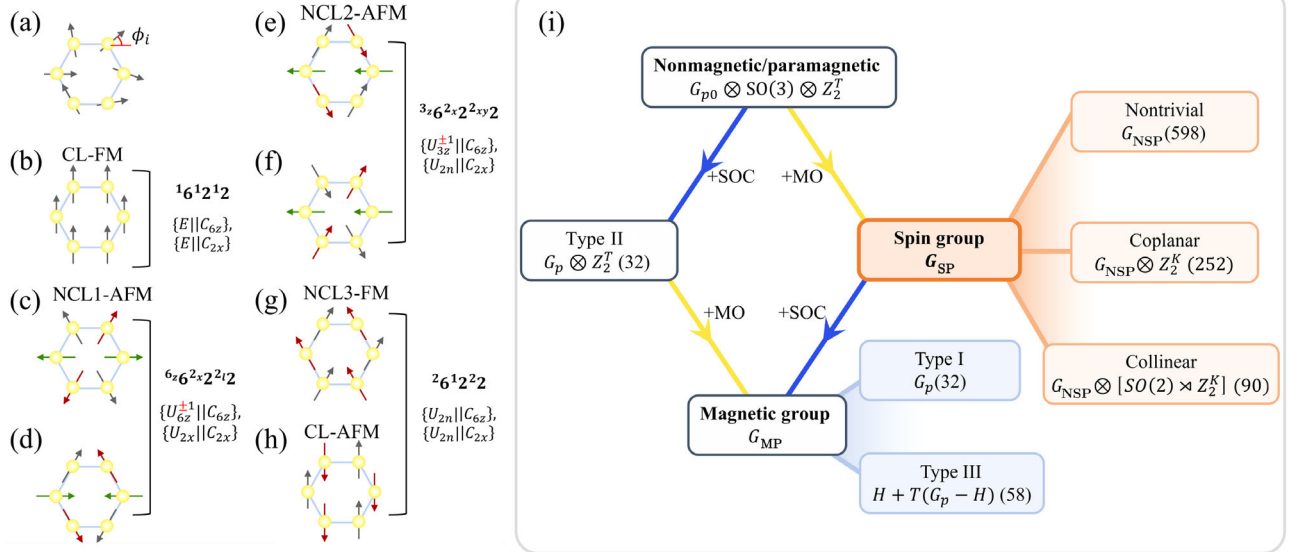


FIG. 2. Symmetries of various spin configurations within the regime of spin point group. (a) A spinful hexagonal molecule with D_6 spatial symmetry. (b)–(h) Seven inequivalent spin configurations of the hexagonal molecule containing C_{6z} and C_{2x} spatial rotations. The corresponding nontrivial SPG symbols and generators are shown. We follow the notations of SPG in Ref. [38], with the detailed explanation provided in Appendix C. (i) Symmetry hierarchy from SPG to MPG for various spin arrangements. SOC, spin-orbit coupling; MO, magnetic order; G_{p0} , PG for spinless system (containing spatial operations only); G_p , PG with complete locking between spin and spatial degrees of freedom; G_{MP} , MPG; G_{SP} , full SPG; G_{NSP} , nontrivial SPG.

collinear AFM, one noncollinear FM, and four coplanar AFM configurations. Their nontrivial SPG symbols and generators are shown in Fig. 2. Furthermore, the matrix elements of the spin-group Hamiltonian are functions of the angles between the local moments of the neighboring sites; hence, rotating all the moments by the same angle leaves the eigenvalues of the Hamiltonian invariant. The abovementioned properties explicitly elucidate how the spin and spatial rotation “partially” couple to each other in magnetic materials without SOC.

By considering spatial and spin rotation separately, the SOC effect could be considered as a constraint to limit the relationship of $C_n(\theta)$ and $U_m(\varphi)$ that reduce symmetry. Consequently, spin group itself could serve as a unified theory of both nonmagnetic and magnetic groups, with and without SOC. We summarize the symmetry hierarchy in the context of SPG operations in Fig. 2(i). The specific hierarchy diagram for the spinful hexagonal molecule with various spin arrangements is shown in the Supplemental Material, Sec. III [64]. The nonmagnetic or paramagnetic phase without SOC, where spin rotation is fully independent of the spatial operations, has the highest symmetry, i.e., the direct product of the spatial part G_{p0} and spin part $SO(3) \times Z_2^T$ ($Z_2^T = \{E, T\}$, “ \times ” denotes the internal direct product, while “ \otimes ” denotes the (external) direct product of two groups; see the Supplemental Material, Sec. I [64]). With SOC, the symmetry degrades to subgroups $G_p \times Z_2^T$ by adding the constraint of the complete spin-space coupling (type-II MPG, 32 gray groups). The further addition of magnetic orders leads to conventional magnetic group G_{MP} , including type I (32 colorless MPGs) and type III (58 black-white MPGs).

The symmetry hierarchy also has another branch by adding magnetic order first and then SOC, leading to SPGs and MPGs, respectively. There are 598 nontrivial SPGs G_{NSP} [38], which could describe noncoplanar spin arrangements. In addition, for coplanar moments, there exists a bosonlike time-reversal group that forms the spin-only PG $Z_2^K = \{E, TU_m(\pi) = K\}$, where K denotes complex conjugation, rendering the full SPG $G_{SP} = G_{NSP} \times Z_2^K$. For collinear moments, the full SPGs is $G_{SP} = G_{NSP} \times [SO(2) \rtimes Z_2^K]$ with an additional $SO(2)$ rotational symmetry group along the common direction of the spins (see Appendix B). After a comprehensive classification, we obtain 252 and 90 SPGs to describe the symmetries of coplanar and collinear magnetic structures without SOC, respectively (see Appendix C).

IV. SPIN SPACE GROUP AND BAND DEGENERACY

By considering the translational symmetry of the lattice, one can easily generalize the operations of SPG to SSG, $\{U_m(\varphi) \| C_n(\theta) | \tau\}$, where τ denotes the spatial translation within a primitive cell. Similarly, the analogous symmetry hierarchy for SPG in Fig. 2(i) could be generalized to SSG

by involving color Bravais lattices, which certainly include the current 1651 MSGs (also known as Shubnikov groups). Because of the complexity of color Bravais lattices, the exhaustive construction of SSGs is complicated, with an infinite number of possible types.

We next perform a case study to illustrate the additional band degeneracies induced by SSG symmetry. We consider a transition-metal layer with kagome lattice and noncollinear AFM spin configuration shown in Fig. 2(e), which is similar to the spin arrangement of the noncollinear antiferromagnets Mn_3Ge and Mn_3Sn [73–76], as shown in Fig. 3(a). By constructing a simple single-orbital TB lattice model, we show that the electronic structure of such a magnetic lattice system should be described by SSG rather than MSG. The lattice Hamiltonian is written as follows:

$$H = \sum_{\alpha, \beta} \left(\sum_{(R,i;R',j)} t a_{R,i,\alpha}^\dagger \delta_{\alpha,\beta} a_{R',j,\beta} + J \sum_{R,i} a_{R,i,\alpha}^\dagger (\mathbf{S}_i \cdot \boldsymbol{\sigma})_{\alpha,\beta} a_{R,i,\beta} \right). \quad (2)$$

The first term is the nearest-neighbor hopping, and the second term counts the effect of the local magnetic moment \mathbf{S}_i . Figures 3(b) and 3(c) show the SOC-free band structures of such a six-band model (including spin) without and with magnetic order, respectively. The nonmagnetic kagome structure with $P6/mmm$ symmetry exhibits its prototypical band structure, including a flat band and a Dirac cone at K . By adding the noncollinear AFM order, the spin-degenerate bands in Fig. 3(b) split into two sets of Dirac cones without opening a gap. Apparently, such a twofold degeneracy certainly cannot be interpreted with a MSG $Cmm'm'$ that supports only 1D irreducible corepresentations at the K point. Such degeneracies were also obtained in band structures of noncollinear AFM kagome models [49,77]. While for collinear AFM order, the Hamiltonian is block diagonal for spin-up and spin-down components [57,78], the noncollinear Hamiltonian such as Eq. (2) cannot be decomposed straightforwardly; hence, we apply the group representation theory that fully describes the system to analyze the band degeneracies at the high-symmetry momenta.

First of all, we construct all irreducible corepresentations of the little spin group at a high-symmetry momentum via the similar procedure of deriving irreducible corepresentations for magnetic groups [2]. Thus, the compatibility relations, i.e., the correspondence among the representations of a nonmagnetic group, spin group, and magnetic group, can be obtained (see Appendix D for the methods of obtaining the irreducible corepresentations of little co-groups). Then, starting from the representations of the nonmagnetic site groups furnished by atomic orbitals sitting on a certain Wyckoff position, we obtain the nonmagnetic band representations of the little group at high-symmetry

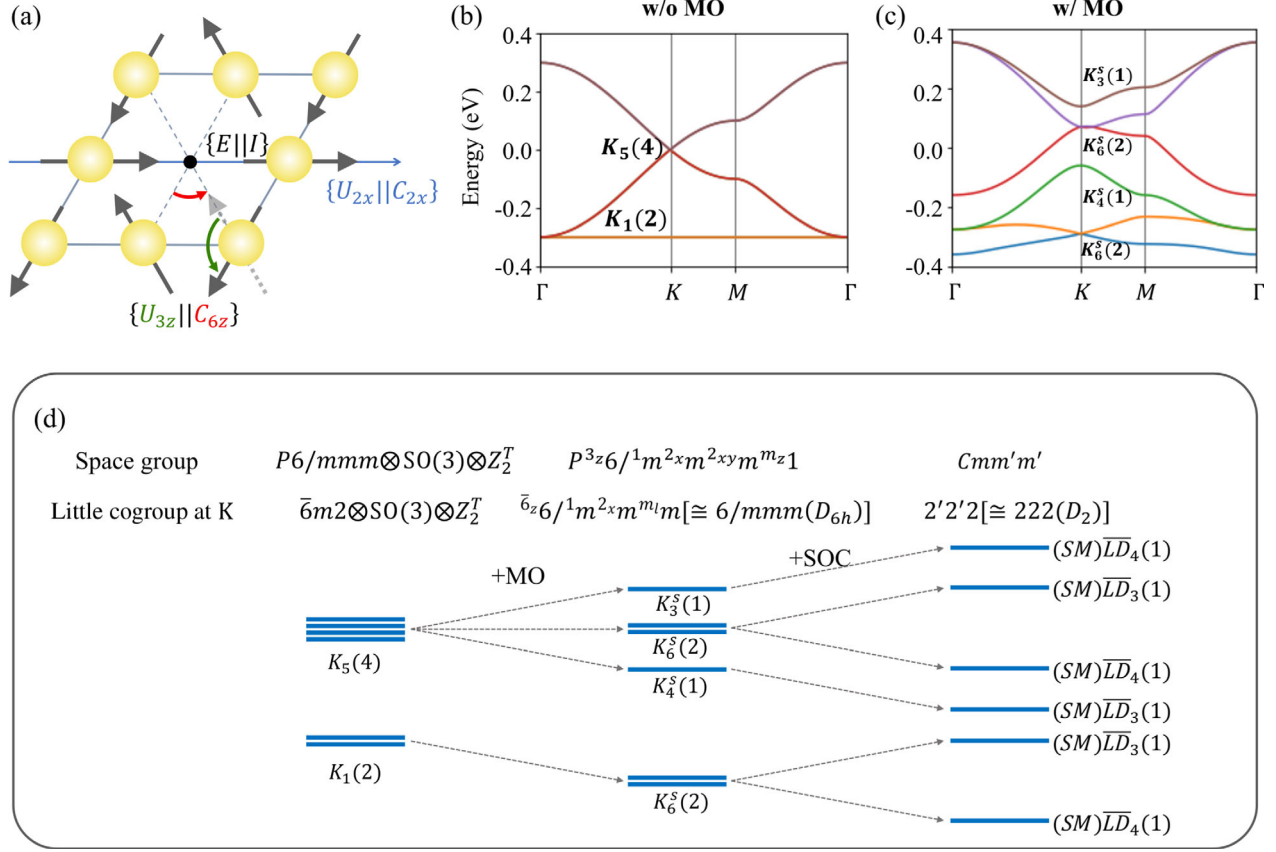


FIG. 3. (a) A spinful kagome lattice with noncollinear AFM spin configuration shown in Fig. 2(e). (b),(c) SOC-free band structure of the kagome lattice without (b) and with (c) magnetic order. The band eigenvalues at K include a 4D irreducible representation K_4 and a 2D irreducible representation K_1 if considering spin. The numbers in the parentheses represent the dimension of representations. The band eigenvalues of (c) at K include two twofold degenerate points belonging to 2D irreducible corepresentation K_6^s and two nondegenerate points belonging to K_3^s and K_4^s , respectively. (d) Level splitting at K with consecutive addition of magnetic order and spin-orbit coupling. MO and SOC denote magnetic order and spin-orbit coupling, respectively. The irreducible (co)representations of bands are shown in the diagram, with the numbers in the parentheses denoting the dimensionality (considering spin). Note: There are two K points with different little co-groups in the framework of magnetic group, and the one with higher symmetry is chosen for demonstration.

momentum [16]. Finally, the correspondence between single-valued nonmagnetic representations and spin-group corepresentations gives rise to the resulting band representations of a spin group (see the Supplemental Material, Sec. V for the details of the TB model as well as the irreducible corepresentations of little co-groups [64]).

The band degeneracy and compatibility relations at the K valley shown in Fig. 3(c) can be successfully explained by spin-group symmetry. As shown in Fig. 3(b), the d_{z^2} orbitals on the three kagome sites (Wyckoff position $3g$) give rise to two kinds of representations $K_1(2)$ and $K_5(4)$ including spin (the number in parentheses denotes the degree of degeneracy). By choosing the eigenstates of spatial rotoinversion $C_{6z}I$ as the basis functions and adding spin degrees of freedom, we operate the spin-group generators $\{U_z[(2\pi)/3]||C_z(\pi/3)I|0\}$, $\{U_x(\pi)||C_x(\pi)|0\}$, and $\{TU_z(\pi)||I|0\}$ on the Hamiltonian and find that $K_5(4)$ splits into three levels with two 1D irreducible

corepresentation $K_3^s(1)$, $K_4^s(1)$, and a 2D irreducible corepresentation $K_6^s(2)$, consistent with Fig. 3(c) calculated by the TB model. The compatibility of the band splitting is summarized in Fig. 3(d).

V. QUASI-KRAMERS DEGENERACY AND Z_2 MAGNETIC TOPOLOGICAL INSULATOR

Spin-group operations, including an enormous number of combinations of pure spatial operations, time reversal, and pure spin rotations, significantly enhance the symmetries of magnetic materials. As a result, there could be various topological phases unexpected before, protected by spin-group symmetries. Analogous to Z_2 TIs protected by T , we next consider antiunitary operations squared into -1 in spin groups, which could allow Z_2 topological classification in 2D subspaces of the 3D Brillouin zone [79]. We list all such symmetry operations in the regime of

TABLE I. SSG symmetries supporting quasi-Kramers degeneracy. The SSG symmetries, the momenta with protected twofold degeneracy, the surfaces that maintain the corresponding symmetry, and the possible surface states with various nodal structures are listed. Square of some operators: $T^2 = -1$, $U_n(\pi)^2 = -1$, $m_{[001]}^2 = 1$, $\tau_{z/2}^2 = 1(-1)$ for $k_z = 0(\pi)$.

SSG symmetry	Momenta with protected twofold degeneracy	Surfaces with the symmetry	Possible surface states
$\{T E \tau_{z/2}\}$	TRIM within $k_z = 0$ plane	(xy0)	Dirac point at $(0, 0)$ or $(\pi, 0)$
$\{TU_z(\pi) m_{[001]} \tau_{x/2}\}$	$(\pi, 0, k_z)$ and (π, π, k_z) lines	(010)	Dirac nodal line at $k_x = \pi$
$\{T C_z(\pi) 0\}$	$k_z = 0$ and $k_z = \pi$ planes	(001)	Possible double Dirac point
$\{T m_{[001]} 0\}$	$(0, 0, k_z)$, $(0, \pi, k_z)$, $(\pi, 0, k_z)$, and (π, π, k_z) lines	(xy0)	Dirac nodal line at $k_x = 0$ or $k_x = \pi$
$\{T m_{[001]} \tau_{x/2}\}$	$(0, 0, k_z)$ and $(0, \pi, k_z)$ lines	(010)	Dirac nodal line at $k_x = 0$
$\{TU_n(\pi) m_{[001]} \tau_{x/2}\}$	$(\pi, 0, k_z)$ and (π, π, k_z) lines	(010)	Dirac nodal line at $k_x = \pi$
$\{TU_n(\pi) E \tau_{z/2}\}$	TRIM within $k_z = \pi$ plane	(xy0)	Dirac point at $(0, \pi)$ or (π, π)

SSG in Table I and define the resulting degeneracy at certain high-symmetry k points as “quasi-Kramers degeneracy.” Furthermore, we consider only the symmetries that still persist in certain cleaved surfaces, i.e., possibly having symmetry-protected topological surface states [e.g., $\{T||I|0\}$ and $\{TU_n(\pi)||C_z(\pi)|\tau_{z/2}\}$ are excluded]. Note that there are other Z_2 topological classifications protected by crystalline symmetries that are unitary or squared to 1 [80–82], which can also be extended to spin-group symmetries.

It is found that only two symmetry operations in Table I also exist in MSG, corresponding to AFM Z_2 TI (e.g., MnBi_2Te_4) [83–87] and topological semimetals with symmetry-protected double-helicoid surface states predicted in nonmagnetic systems [88,89], respectively. We confirm that such topological phases could still exist without SOC. On the other hand, the other five symmetries supporting quasi-Kramers degeneracy exist solely in SSGs, without any analogs in nonmagnetic materials or magnetic materials with large SOC. Among them, $\{T||C_z(\pi)|0\}$, $\{T||m_{[001]}|0\}$, $\{T||m_{[001]}|\tau_{x/2}\}$ contain both pure spatial rotations and the spin-1/2 time-reversal T . The (001) surface bands with $\{T||C_z(\pi)|0\}$ symmetry are all doubly degenerate, and thus do not protect gapless surface states in general. However, if the z axis is the axis of high rotational symmetry or there are additional spin rotational symmetries, the surface states may manifest a double Dirac point, which has been predicted only in bulk bands [10,90]. The three spin-group symmetries containing spatial mirror reflection $m_{[001]}$ support the surface Dirac nodal line, which has not been reported in magnetic systems. Among them, $\{T||m_{[001]}|0\}$ could lead to Z_2 classification for a system and the corresponding 3D quantum spin Hall phases. The last symmetry $\{TU_n(\pi)||E|\tau_{z/2}\}$ also supports Z_2 magnetic TI, similar to $\{T||E|\tau_{z/2}\}$, except that the surface Dirac point is located at $(0, \pi)$ or (π, π) momenta in momentum space. We note that similar emergent Z_2 topological phases protected by order-two nonsymmorphic antiunitary symmetries were discussed mathematically [91], while

$\{TU_n(\pi)||E|\tau_{z/2}\}$ in SSG provides a physical scenario to realize such exotic topological phases.

We next take $\{T||m_{[001]}|0\}$ and $\{TU_n(\pi)||E|\tau_{z/2}\}$ as examples to illustrate the new Z_2 magnetic TIs and various unexpected surface-node structures. We start from a 3D Dirac semimetal model without SOC [70], which is analogous to a 3D version of graphene. Such a phase can easily transform to a Weyl semimetal under local magnetic moments S_z along the z direction. We can thus tune the hopping parameters to realize a Chern insulator phase at the $k_z = \pi/2$ plane of the Brillion zone. Then, by building an AFM structure through cell doubling [Fig. 4(a)], we can annihilate the Weyl points with opposite chirality and create a gapped insulator. By constructing an eight-band model (see the Supplemental Material, Sec. VI for details [64]), we realize a Z_2 magnetic TI protected by both $\{T||m_{[001]}|0\}$ and $\{TU_n(\pi)||E|\tau_{z/2}\}$ symmetries, with gapless Dirac surface states at the boundaries of all 2D planes perpendicular to the k_z direction. Consequently, it manifests surface Dirac nodal lines at the $k_x = 0$ or $k_x = \pi$ line for any surfaces perpendicular to $m_{[001]}$ [Figs. 4(c) and 4(e)], which is impossible in conventional TIs protected by T or $\{T||E|\tau_{z/2}\}$. To examine the impact of each symmetry, we apply an in-plane FM canting to break $\{T||m_{[001]}|0\}$ [Fig. 4(b)]; then, the surface-node structure becomes a Dirac point at $(0, \pi)$ [Figs. 4(d) and 4(f)], which is consistent with the symmetry analysis shown in Table I. If $\{TU_n(\pi)||E|\tau_{z/2}\}$ is broken by the dimerization of the two layers, the Dirac point at $(0, \pi)$ is finally gapped [Figs. 4(g) and 4(h)]. Therefore, we demonstrate that unlike nonmagnetic materials and magnetic materials with SOC, magnetic materials with negligible SOC possess new Z_2 topological classification with unprecedented surface-node structures protected by SSG symmetries. We note that the previous studies of SOC-free TIs focused on spinless systems protected by pure crystalline symmetry without considering spin rotation or time-reversal symmetry, which differs from the situation discussed here [32].

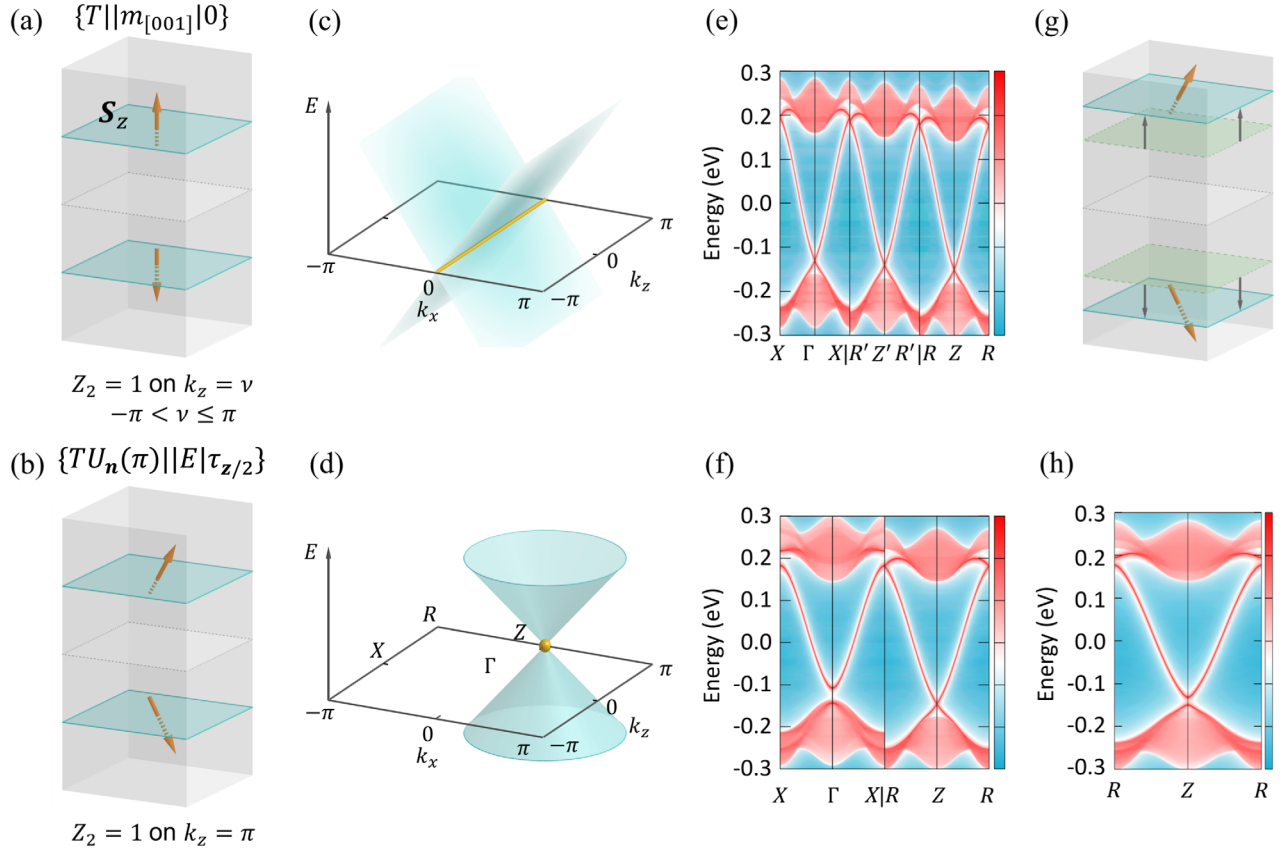


FIG. 4. Z_2 magnetic topological insulators protected by SSG symmetries. (a),(b) A magnetic system with (a) A-type AFM structure invariant under $\{T|m_{[001]}|0\}$ and $\{TU_n(\pi)|E|\tau_{z/2}\}$ SSG symmetry and (b) $\{TU_n(\pi)|E|\tau_{z/2}\}$ SSG symmetry. (c),(d) The corresponding (100) surface nodal structures in the Brillouin zone, including (c) surface nodal line and (d) surface Dirac cone. (e),(f) The corresponding surface band dispersion. (g) The configuration with broken $\{TU_n(\pi)|E|\tau_{z/2}\}$ by the dimerization of the two layers. (h) The corresponding (100) surface band dispersion with a gapped Dirac cone.

VI. MATERIALS REALIZATION OF NODAL-LINE SEMIMETALS

A remarkable consequence of symmetry and topology in the electronic structure of materials is the existence of protected degeneracies, leading to various topological semimetals such as Dirac, Weyl, nodal-line, and nodal-surface semimetals. Thus, the corresponding symmetry design principles could be established to conduct a comprehensive material search. Here we take two widely studied magnetic topological semimetals, e.g., SrMnBi_2 and CaMnBi_2 , to illustrate their unrevealed bulk and surface nodes that exist only under the regime of spin-group symmetries, including Dirac points at arbitrary k points and surface nodal lines. Note that we turn off SOC in the calculation of these well-studied large-SOC materials to illustrate the distinct topological phases in a semi-realistic setup. The identification of more suitable material candidates described by spin-group symmetries is left for future work.

AMnBi_2 ($A = \text{Sr, Ca}$) are layered materials with anisotropic Dirac fermions [see Fig. 5(a)], inspiring the study of square-net materials as topological semimetals such as

ZrSiS [92–94]. Despite a checkerboard-type AFM configuration, the nodal properties in such compounds are typically treated via nonmagnetic models [71]. Without SOC, the diagnosis for nonmagnetic topological semimetals with inversion symmetry indicates that AMnBi_2 are bulk nodal-line semimetals [34] (see the Supplemental Material, Sec. VII [64]). The AFM magnetic order further turns the nodal lines to discrete Dirac points with fourfold degeneracy. Compared with the case with SOC where the Dirac points occur only at high-order rotational axes or Brillouin zone boundary, the Dirac points protected by spin-group symmetry could occur even at arbitrary k points, like chiral Weyl points. Such a peculiar property could be understood by the $k \cdot p$ low-energy Hamiltonian. By applying $\{T|I|0\}$ ($i\sigma_y\tau_xK$) and $\text{SO}(2)$ spin rotation along the spin direction ($e^{-i\theta\sigma_z}$), the symmetry-allowed Hamiltonian takes the form $H(\mathbf{k}) = f_0(\mathbf{k})\sigma_0\tau_0 + f_1(\mathbf{k})\sigma_0\tau_x + f_2(\mathbf{k})\sigma_0\tau_y + f_3(\mathbf{k})\sigma_z\tau_z$ with the basis $\{|\psi_A \uparrow\rangle, |\psi_B \uparrow\rangle, |\psi_A \downarrow\rangle, |\psi_B \downarrow\rangle\}$, where A and B represent two sublattices connected by $\{T|I|0\}$. The last three terms of $H(\mathbf{k})$ mutually anticommute, leading to stable Dirac nodes that could appear at generic momenta and cannot be gapped by any perturbation that maintains

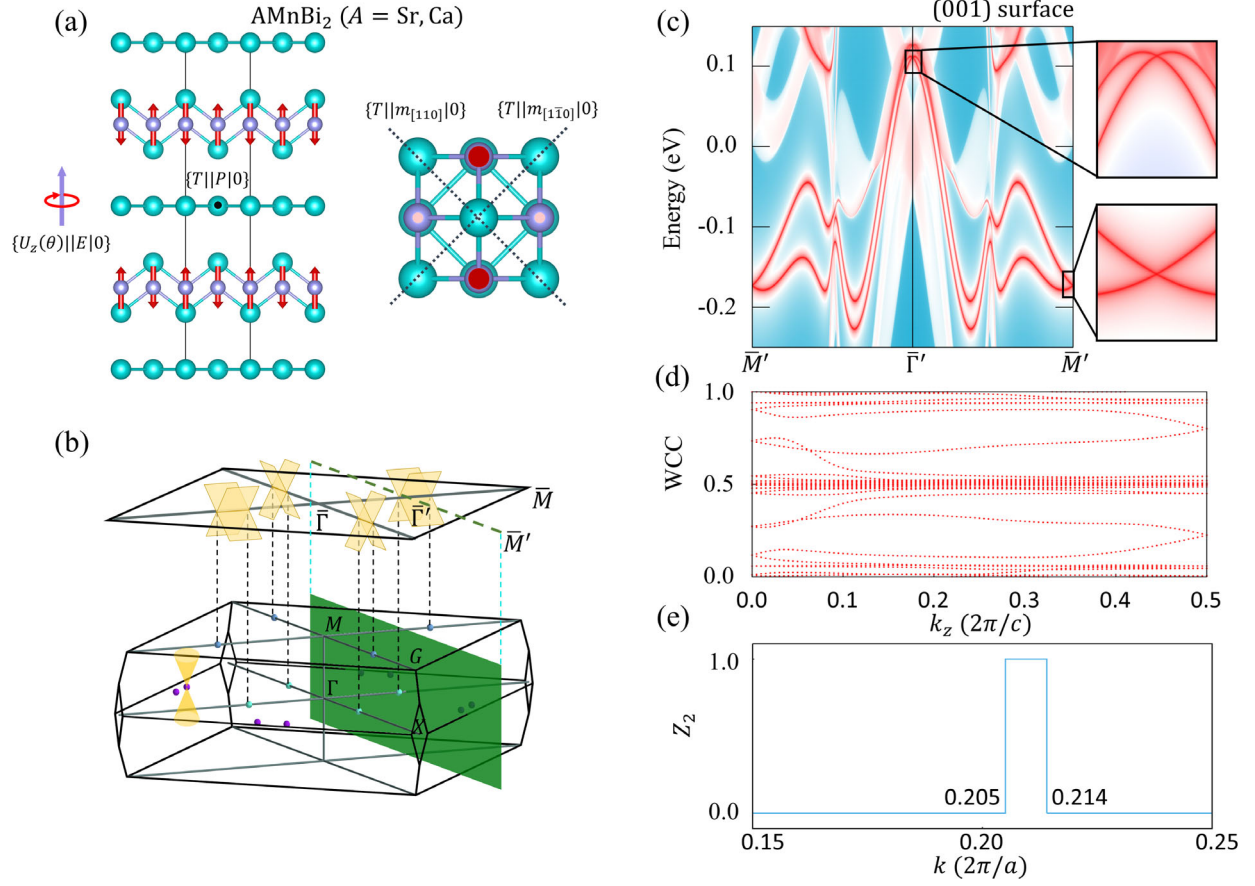


FIG. 5. Z_2 topological phase protected by $\{T||m_{[110]}|0\}$ symmetry in square-net materials. (a) Crystal structure of $AMnBi_2$ ($A = \text{Sr}, \text{Ca}$). The A atoms are not plotted for clarification. (b) Locations of 16 Dirac points and the corresponding surface nodal lines of pressured SrMnBi_2 (with lattice parameter c reduced by 10%). The equivalent Dirac points that are connected by symmetry are denoted by the same color. There are three types of nonequivalent Dirac points, with eight Dirac points located at generic momenta (denoted by purple) represented by $(0.690, 0.066, 0)$ (\AA^{-1}); four Dirac points located along the Γ - X line (denoted by cyan) represented by $(0.280, 0.280, 0)$, and four Dirac points located along the M - G line (denoted by blue) represented by $(0.293, 0.293, 0.272)$. The four surface nodal lines terminate at the surface projections of the Dirac points (denoted by the dashed lines). (c) Topological nodal-line surface states of pressured SrMnBi_2 . The k path is from $\bar{\Gamma}'(0.287, 0.287)$ to $\bar{M}'(0.973, -0.399)$. (d) Wilson loop calculation on a plane [colored by green in panel (b)] parallel to $m_{[110]}$. The integration along $\bar{\Gamma}' - \bar{M}'$ is calculated along k_z from $k_z = 0$ to the Brillouin zone boundary $k_z = \pi/c$. (e) The transition of 2D Z_2 value defined at the vertical planes in the Brillouin zone parallel to $m_{[110]}$, as a function of the momentum along the $[110]$ direction.

$\{T||I|0\}$, $\text{SO}(2)$ spin rotation and translation symmetries. The Dirac points of SrMnBi_2 calculated by density-functional theory (DFT) are shown in Fig. 5(b) (see methods of DFT calculations in Appendix E).

According to the above discussion, $\{T||m_{[110]}|0\}$ spin-group symmetry in $AMnBi_2$ protects Z_2 topological classification with unprecedented surface nodal lines. To verify this, we next apply DFT calculations on SrMnBi_2 under uniaxial pressure [the lattice parameter c (along the z direction) is reduced by 10%]. Figure 5(c) plots the surface states on the (001) surface, showing a gapless Dirac cone at both the $\bar{\Gamma}'$ and \bar{M}' points. The existence of the two Dirac points at $(0.280, 0.280, 0)$ and $(0.293, 0.293, 0.272)$, protects a region in which any vertical planes in the Brillouin zone parallel to $m_{[110]}$ yield a nontrivial 2D $Z_2 = 1$ phase, as

indicated by the Wilson loop of a representative plane [shown in green in Fig. 5(b)] and the transition of Z_2 as a function of the momentum along the $[110]$ direction [see Figs. 5(d) and 5(e)]. Furthermore, the surface nodes form a line between the surface projections of the two Dirac points. The fourfold rotation symmetry in this system transforms the nodal line into four nodal lines, with two protected by $\{T||m_{[110]}|0\}$ and the other two protected by $\{T||m_{[\bar{1}\bar{1}0]}|0\}$.

VII. DISCUSSION

Although established decades ago, the concept of spin group is not widely explored or applied due to the lack of suitable condensed-matter scenarios, especially in spin-1/2

electronic systems. The main purpose of our work is to build the bridge between the powerful but largely overlooked symmetry group and the frontier of quantum-material studies. The abovementioned symmetry-protected degeneracy and Z_2 topological classification are merely the tip of the iceberg for the application of spin group, leaving fruitful diversity of topological phases and emergent fermions induced by such an enhanced symmetry group to be further explored. For example, a recent work realizes a condensed-matter counterpart of the $SU(2)$ flavor symmetry in particle physics, leading to a new type of AFM Weyl semimetal protected by spin-group symmetries [95]. Such nodal structures in both bulk and surface states could also shed light on the non-Abelian band topology in magnetic metals [13]. Furthermore, symmetry indicators based on spin group would also give rise to more possibilities of topological crystalline insulators and semimetals.

We next discuss two physical effects of the spin mirror symmetry $\{TU_z(\pi)||E|0\rangle\}$ existing in coplanar and collinear spin groups (the comprehensive list of 252 and 90 SPGs, respectively, is provided in the Supplemental Material, Sec. IV [64]). The first one is spin-momentum locking. For coplanar spin groups, if spin splitting exists owing to broken $\{T||I|0\rangle\}$ symmetry, the spin texture, i.e., the expectation of spin operator with respect to the momentum $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{k})$, has to be $[S_x(\mathbf{k}), S_y(\mathbf{k}), S_z(\mathbf{k})] = [S_x(-\mathbf{k}), S_y(-\mathbf{k}), -S_z(-\mathbf{k})]$. In addition, for collinear spin groups with moments along the x axis, the existence of the $SO(2)$ group forces nondegenerate energy eigenstates to be the eigenstates of σ_x ; hence, only inversion-symmetric S_x components survive, i.e., $[S_x(\mathbf{k}), 0, 0] = [S_x(-\mathbf{k}), 0, 0]$. The second one is charge and spin transports. Because the expression of Berry curvature is independent of spin, for coplanar magnets, $\{TU_z(\pi)||E|0\rangle\}$ forces the integral of Berry curvature throughout the Brillouin zone to be zero, in analogy to the role of T for nonmagnetic systems. As a result, the anomalous Hall effect cannot be induced by coplanar magnetic orders without the assistance of perturbations such as SOC and magnetic tilting. However, $\{TU_z(\pi)||E|0\rangle\}$, in general, does not forbid transverse spin current and the spin Hall effect in both coplanar [48–50] and collinear AFM systems [45–47]. Particularly, in coplanar AFM systems, both T -odd (transverse spin current) and T -even (spin Hall effect) contributions could be nonzero [48,49], while only T -odd contributions exist in collinear AFM systems.

While SOC is an intrinsic relativistic property for all materials depending on the atomic mass of the constituting elements, the theory of spin group, which describes the symmetry of a magnetic ground state, acts as the very starting point to understand the behavior of magnetic materials with SOC. For most materials, even with strong SOC, e.g., 10–100 meV, its influence on the electronic structure is still small compared with those caused by

hopping, exchange splitting, crystal field, etc. (typically in the order of eV). Consequently, one can construct the zero-order Hamiltonian of a magnetic ground state based on spin group and add SOC as high-order perturbation terms. Such an approach also provides an alternative paradigm to accurately understand the role of SOC by differentiating the contribution of SOC and the contribution of magnetic moments and crystal lattice. In addition, each element of the response tensors $\chi^{(n)}$ in Kubo formalism for observables like spin-orbit torque correlates the symmetry of crystals [96], determining its zero or nonzero value but not the magnitude. Therefore, the conventional MSG cannot tell if a symmetry-permitted element is tiny or large, even if neglecting SOC is an appropriate approximation. Such an element could turn out to be zero under the regime of spin group, providing rational guiding principles for experiments.

Last but not least, since the symmetries of spin and space degrees of freedom are considered separately, spin group could provide a unified group theory for describing materials in all four quadrants of Fig. 1. Recall that the diagnosis of degeneracy and topological phases with and without SOC has been very different because of the applications of single-valued and double-valued representations for the same symmetry operations, leading to distinct commutation relations and eigenvalues in different contexts. In the regime of spin group, the little co-group representations in the momentum space of different quadrants are naturally connected with each other by decomposing the subduced (co)representation of the parent group, as shown in the hierarchy relationship of Fig. 2(i). To conclude, spin group serves as a bridge to connect the seemingly independent descriptions based on nonmagnetic and magnetic groups and paves a new way for understanding the emergent properties of magnetic quantum materials.

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Note added.—Recently, we became aware of some other works on spin-group symmetry [97–100]. In Ref. [97], the

magnon band structures with nodal point, line, and volume protected by spin-group symmetry are illustrated via Kitaev-Heisenberg models. Reference [98] predicts a new type of collinear antiferromagnet with spin splitting via spin-group symmetry analysis. Reference [99] derives symmetry invariants of SPGs with the form $P \times Z_2^T$, indicating new excitations in the framework of spin group. Reference [100] predicts a kind of eightfold-degenerate fermion in two-dimensional antiferromagnet protected by spin-group symmetry.

APPENDIX A: DEFINITION OF SPIN GROUP AND ITS CLASSIFICATIONS

Thirty-two crystallographic PGs and 230 SGs are groups that aim to describe 3D nonmagnetic crystals. For magnetic crystals, the ordered spin arrangements in periodic lattices are generally described by 122 MPGs and 1651 MSGs. Such magnetic groups introduce the antisymmetric time-reversal operation T that flips double-valued properties like spin, thus enlarging the number of crystallographic group types. However, spin, as a vector in 3D Euclidian vector space, could have more than two values in realistic spin arrangements, the symmetry operations of which include spin rotations and spin inversion forming an orthogonal group $O(3)$ that keeps the dot product of any two vectors in 3D vector space invariant. The inversion of spin is realized through T , for which we write the orthogonal group acting on the spin space as

$$O^s(3) = SO(3) \times Z_2^T, \quad (A1)$$

$$Z_2^T = \{E, T\}, \quad (A2)$$

$$\begin{aligned} SO(3) &= \{U_n(\omega)|\mathbf{n}\} \\ &= \sin(\theta) \cos(\varphi)\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin(\theta) \sin(\varphi)\hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ &\quad + \cos(\theta)\hat{\mathbf{z}}, \theta \in (0, \pi], \varphi \in (0, 2\pi]; \omega \in (0, 2\pi], \end{aligned} \quad (A3)$$

where $U_n(\omega)$ stands for spin rotation with rotation axis \mathbf{n} and rotation angle ω . Such group $O^s(3)$ is termed the orthogonal group of spin symmetries.

When considering a spin arrangement in real space, we must include spin operations and spatial operations at the same time. One spin arrangement could be represented by a three-component vector-valued function:

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) = [S_x(\mathbf{r}), S_y(\mathbf{r}), S_z(\mathbf{r})]^T. \quad (A4)$$

Then, spin group G_s is defined as any subgroup of the external direct product of a group with elements exerting on three-dimensional spatial coordinates (either PG or SG) denoted as G_0 , and the orthogonal groups of spin symmetries, i.e., $O^s(3)$:

$$G_0 \otimes O^s(3) = G_0 \otimes [SO(3) \times Z_2^T]. \quad (A5)$$

For G_0 being PG G_{p0} , which is written as

$$\begin{aligned} G_{p0} &= \{C_n(\omega)I^m|\mathbf{n}\} \\ &= \sin(\theta) \cos(\varphi)\hat{\mathbf{x}} + \sin(\theta) \sin(\varphi)\hat{\mathbf{y}} \\ &\quad + \cos(\theta)\hat{\mathbf{z}}, \theta \in (0, \pi], \varphi \in (0, 2\pi]; \omega \in (0, 2\pi], m = 0, 1, \end{aligned} \quad (A6)$$

where $C_n(\omega)$ stands for a spatial rotation operation with rotation axis \mathbf{n} and rotation angle ω , while I stands for spatial inversion symmetry operation, every subgroup of $G_{p0} \otimes O^s(3)$ is called SPG G_{SP} , operations of which are denoted as

$$\{g_s||g\}, \quad (A7)$$

with $g_s \in O^s(3)$ and $g \in G_{p0}$, and

$$\{g_s||g\}\{g'_s||g'\} = \{g_s g'_s||gg'\}, \quad (A8)$$

$$\{g_s||g\}^{-1} = \{g_s^{-1}||g^{-1}\}. \quad (A9)$$

We define g_s and g acting on the spin space and coordinate space, respectively,

$$g_s: \mathbf{S} \rightarrow R(g_s)\mathbf{S}, \quad (A10)$$

$$g: \mathbf{r} \rightarrow R(g)\mathbf{r}, \quad (A11)$$

where $R(g_s)$ and $R(g)$ are the representation matrix of g_s and g in 3D Euclidian space, respectively. Then, for the \mathbf{r} -dependent spin arrangement $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$, we have

$$g_s: \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow R(g_s)\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}), \quad (A12)$$

$$g: \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow \mathbf{S}(R(g^{-1})\mathbf{r}). \quad (A13)$$

Thus, it is natural to define the action of SPG operations on the spin arrangement as

$$\{g_s||g\}: \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow R(g_s)\mathbf{S}(R(g^{-1})\mathbf{r}). \quad (A14)$$

If we are interested in the symmetry groups of realistic molecule or crystal, we must consider another scalar-valued function $f(\mathbf{r})$, which stands for the electric potential function contributed by atomic nuclei. Since spin rotation has no influence on electric potential, the action of SPG operations is defined as

$$\{g_s||g\}: f(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow f(R(g^{-1})\mathbf{r}) \quad (A15)$$

Note that for $g_s = U_n(\omega)/g = C_n(\omega)$, we denote $R(U_n(\omega)) = R_n(\omega)/R(C_n(\omega)) = R_n(\omega)$ with $R_n(\omega)$

being the rotation matrix in 3D Euclidian space with rotation axis and rotation direction represented by \mathbf{n} and rotation angle represented by ω . For $g_s = T/g = I$, we denote $R(T) = -\mathbb{I}/R(I) = -\mathbb{I}$, with \mathbb{I} being the identity matrix.

For G being space group G_{s0} , then every subgroup of $G_{s0} \otimes O^s(3)$ is called a SSG G_{SS} . We can further write SSG operations as

$$\{g_s \| g | \mathbf{t}\}, \quad (\text{A16})$$

where $\{g | \mathbf{t}\} \in G$ with g denoting the PG operation, and \mathbf{t} is a three-component real vector denoting the translation operation. We have

$$\{g_s \| g | \mathbf{t}\} \{g'_s \| g' | \mathbf{t}'\} = \{g_s g'_s \| g g' | R(g)\mathbf{t}' + \mathbf{t}\}, \quad (\text{A17})$$

$$\{g_s \| g | \mathbf{t}\}^{-1} = \{g_s^{-1} \| g^{-1} | -R(g^{-1})\mathbf{t}\}. \quad (\text{A18})$$

The actions of $\{g_s \| g | \mathbf{t}\}$ on spin arrangement and scalar potential satisfy

$$\{g_s \| g | \mathbf{t}\} : \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow R(g_s) \mathbf{S}(R(g^{-1})(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{t})), \quad (\text{A19})$$

$$\{g_s \| g | \mathbf{t}\} : f(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow f(R(g^{-1})(\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{t})). \quad (\text{A20})$$

MSGs and MPGs include an antisymmetry (or time-reversal) operation in addition to spatial symmetry operations while neglecting spin rotation operations. Thus, they are incomplete, in a sense, for describing the full symmetry of a general spin arrangement. When spin-orbit coupling is included, MSGs and MPGs are accurate for describing the symmetry of the Hamiltonian in physics because the spin and lattice degrees of freedom must rotate synchronously. Hence, including only spatial rotation is enough for describing full symmetry. However, when relativistic spin-orbit coupling is negligible, spin rotations and spatial rotations have to be considered separately, for which spin groups should be applied.

Reference [101] shows that every spin group G_s (either SPG G_{SP} or SSG G_{SS}) can be written as a direct product of a so-called spin-only group G_{SO} and a nontrivial spin group G_{NS} . Spin-only group stands for the group formed by pure spin operations $\{g_s \| E | 0\}$ (or $\{g_s \| E\}$), while the nontrivial spin group stands for the group that contains no pure spin operations, i.e., all group elements contain spatial operations except the identity.

In Appendix B, we analyze all possible spin-only groups for different types of spin arrangements. In Appendix C, we comprehensively develop all possible combinations between nontrivial SPGs G_{NSP} and spin-only PGs G_{SOP} to provide a full description of the possible SPGs.

APPENDIX B: GROUPS CONSISTING OF PURE SPIN OPERATIONS

A spin-only group consists of elements of the form $\{g_s \| E | 0\}$ (or $\{g_s \| E\}$), which act on the spin configuration $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$ as

$$\{g_s \| E | 0\} : \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) \rightarrow R(g_s) \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}). \quad (\text{B1})$$

To analyze the spin-only groups for different spin arrangements, we divide all of the pure spin operations into four types, i.e., $g_s = U_n(\omega)$ ($\omega \neq 0$), $g_s = T$, $g_s = U_n(\pi)T$, and $g_s = U_n(\omega)T$ ($\omega \neq 0$ and $\omega \neq \pi$) and analyze the conditions for $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$ to be invariants under them separately. (We choose specific axes of spin rotations to simplify our analysis.)

Type 1: $g_s = U_n(\omega)$ for $\omega \neq 0$. In this case, we have $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) = R(U_n(\omega)) \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$. Then, there are two types of spin arrangements that have $U_n(\omega)$ symmetry: (1) $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$ is zero for any \mathbf{r} corresponding to nonmagnetic spin arrangements. (2) If $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$ does not belong to a nonmagnetic spin arrangement, $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$ should be parallel to \mathbf{n} corresponding to collinear spin arrangements.

Type 2: $g_s = T$. If $g_s = T$, then the spin arrangements invariant under $\{T \| E | 0\}$ should satisfy $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) = -\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$, indicating nonmagnetic spin arrangements.

Type 3: $g_s = U_n(\pi)T$. If $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{z}$, then the spin arrangements invariant under $\{U_z(\pi)T \| E | 0\}$ should satisfy

$$\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}).$$

Then, the spin arrangements $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$ that have no z component have such symmetry. We define all spin arrangements satisfying this condition that are not nonmagnetic or collinear spin arrangements as coplanar spin arrangements. Apparently, each spin arrangement that is nonmagnetic, collinear, or coplanar is invariant under $\{U_n(\pi)T \| E | 0\}$ for certain \mathbf{n} . Consequently, the spin arrangements that are not coplanar, collinear, or nonmagnetic are known as noncoplanar spin arrangements.

Type 4: $g_s = U_n(\omega)T$ ($\omega \neq 0$ and $\omega \neq \pi$). If $\mathbf{n} = \mathbf{z}$, then the spin arrangement that is invariant under $\{U_z(\omega)T \| E | 0\}$ satisfies $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) = \begin{bmatrix} -\cos(\omega) & \sin(\omega) & 0 \\ -\sin(\omega) & -\cos(\omega) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$. It is easy to check that such an equation has no solution for $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r})$ unless $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{r}) = 0$.

In conclusion, there are four types of spin arrangements that have different spin-only groups. Since the spatial part is always identified in spin-only groups, we write down only the spin part of G_{SO} for simplicity in the following.

1. Nonmagnetic spin arrangements

The spin-only group is invariant under all the pure spin operations:

$$G_{\text{SO}} = \text{O}^s(3). \quad (\text{B2})$$

2. Collinear spin arrangements

Any spin rotation along the direction of spin arrangement (e.g., z direction) could leave this type of spin arrangement invariant, indicating $\text{SO}(2) \equiv \{U_z(\omega) | \omega \in (0, 2\pi]\}$ spin rotation group. Furthermore, such a spin arrangement is also invariant under $U_n(\pi)T$, where \mathbf{n} could be any direction perpendicular to z . We then have a binary spin-only group defined as $Z_2^K \equiv \{E, U_n(\pi)T\}$. Then, the full spin-only group is the internal semidirect product of $\text{SO}(2)$ and Z_2^K , i.e.,

$$G_{\text{SO}} = \text{SO}(2) \rtimes Z_2^K. \quad (\text{B3})$$

Note that the internal semidirect product is because $\text{SO}(2)$ is a normal subgroup of G_{SO} while Z_2^K is not.

3. Coplanar spin arrangements

From the discussion above, the spin-only group of such a spin arrangement is

$$G_{\text{SO}} = Z_2^K \equiv \{E, U_n(\pi)T\}, \quad (\text{B4})$$

where \mathbf{n} denotes the direction perpendicular to the plane of the spin arrangements.

4. Noncoplanar spin arrangements

The spin-only group of this type has only the identity element

$$G_{\text{SO}} = \{E\}. \quad (\text{B5})$$

APPENDIX C: FULL CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC SPIN POINT GROUPS FOR COLLINEAR AND COPLANAR SPIN ARRANGEMENTS

Crystallographic SPGs are SPGs being subgroups of $G_{p0} \otimes \text{O}^s(3)$ where G_{p0} is one of the 32 crystallographic PGs. Construction of nontrivial SPGs from 32 PGs is similar to obtaining the MPGs. However, the orthogonal group of spin symmetries $\text{SO}(3) \times Z_2^T$ has an infinite number of operations, the introduction of which into crystallographic PGs requires us to find all normal subgroups of the 32 PGs and find all of the groups that are subgroups of $\text{SO}(3) \times Z_2^T$ and isomorphic to the corresponding quotient groups. Reference [37] shows that all nontrivial SPGs can be obtained in the above approach if we find all normal subgroups of the 32 PGs, construct all quotient groups from these normal subgroups, and find

all subgroups of $\text{SO}(3) \times Z_2^T$ that are isomorphic to the quotient groups through all possible isomorphic relations. By applying such a procedure, Ref. [38] obtains 598 types of nontrivial SPGs, with two groups defined to belong to the same type if they are conjugate subgroups of the direct product of general linear group in spin space and affine group in physical space, i.e., $\text{GL}(3) \otimes \text{GIL}(3)$, which are sufficient to describe noncoplanar spin arrangements according to the discussion in Appendix B. However, for collinear and coplanar spin arrangements, there are pure spin operations; i.e., we have to consider SPGs that are products of nontrivial SPGs and spin-only PGs, i.e., $G_{\text{SP}} = G_{\text{NSP}}G_{\text{SOP}}$. Such products could always be written as semidirect products $G_{\text{NSP}} \ltimes G_{\text{SOP}}$ because G_{SOP} is always a normal subgroup of $G_{\text{NSP}}G_{\text{SOP}}$. This could also be written as a direct product $G_{\text{NSP}} \times G_{\text{SOP}}$ by proper selection of G_{NSP} such that G_{NSP} is also a normal subgroup of $G_{\text{NSP}}G_{\text{SOP}}$. Thus, to classify the point groups of the form $G_{\text{NSP}} \times G_{\text{SOP}}$, we have to find all types of nontrivial SPGs (G_{NSP}) that could perform an internal direct product with spin-only PGs G_{SOP} . Since 598 types of nontrivial SPGs are complete, and any SPG can be written as the direct product of nontrivial SPGs and spin-only PGs, such a classification should lead to a complete set of SPGs to describe coplanar and collinear spin arrangements. [We neglect nonmagnetic spin arrangements because they obviously have symmetry groups of the form $G_0 \otimes \text{O}^s(3)$ with G_0 being one of the PGs or SGs]. We conduct such a classification in the following two-step procedure:

Step 1: We find all types of nontrivial SPGs that allow both G_{NSP} and G_{SOP} to be invariant under each other, i.e., satisfy $g^{-1}G_{\text{NSP}}g = G_{\text{NSP}}$ for all $g \in G_{\text{SOP}}$ and $h^{-1}G_{\text{SOP}}h = G_{\text{SOP}}$ for all $h \in G_{\text{NSP}}$, and then determine the corresponding $G_{\text{NSP}}G_{\text{SOP}}$'s (one nontrivial SPG might correspond to several full SPGs). Since both G_{NSP} and G_{SOP} are subgroups of $G_{p0} \otimes \text{O}^s(3)$, and $G_{\text{NSP}} \cap G_{\text{SOP}} = \{\{E\}\}$, the condition $g^{-1}G_{\text{NSP}}g = G_{\text{NSP}}$ for all $g \in G_{\text{SOP}}$ and $h^{-1}G_{\text{SOP}}h = G_{\text{SOP}}$ for all $h \in G_{\text{NSP}}$, implies that $G_{\text{NSP}}G_{\text{SOP}}$ is a group and $G_{\text{NSP}}G_{\text{SOP}} = G_{\text{NSP}} \times G_{\text{SOP}}$. Then, we get all types of full SPGs represented by $G_{\text{NSP}} \times G_{\text{SOP}}$.

Step 2: We consider full SPGs obtained from step 1 represented as groups $G_{\text{NSP}}^1 \times G_{\text{SOP}}, G_{\text{NSP}}^2 \times G_{\text{SOP}}, \dots, G_{\text{NSP}}^n \times G_{\text{SOP}}$, with $G_{\text{NSP}}^1, G_{\text{NSP}}^2, \dots, G_{\text{NSP}}^n$ belonging to different types of nontrivial SPGs, but with $G_{\text{NSP}}^1 \times G_{\text{SOP}}, G_{\text{NSP}}^2 \times G_{\text{SOP}}, \dots, G_{\text{NSP}}^n \times G_{\text{SOP}}$ actually belonging to the same types of full SPGs. Then, we choose one of the $G_{\text{NSP}}^i \times G_{\text{SOP}}$ to represent this full SPG. In other words, we eliminate multiple counting of the equivalent types of full SPGs.

As discussed in Appendix B, the full SPGs for coplanar spin arrangements can be written as $G_{\text{NSP}} \times Z_2^K$, while the full SPGs for collinear spin arrangements can be described

by $G_{\text{NSP}} \times [Z_2^K \times \text{SO}(2)]$. Next, we separately classify full SPGs for coplanar spin arrangements and for collinear spin arrangements.

1. Classification of full SPGs for coplanar spin arrangements

For coplanar spin arrangements, we have $G_{\text{SOP}} = Z_2^K$. Note that we do not consider the relative directions of the spin rotation axis and space rotation axis in the following discussion because the variation of the relative direction of the spin rotation axis and space rotation axis will not give rise to the different types of spin group.

a. Step 1

Step 1 outlined above implies that if we write $Z_2^K \equiv \{\{E|E\}, \{TU_n(\pi)|E\}\}$, the rotation axis \mathbf{n} should be either parallel or perpendicular to every spin rotation axis of the spin rotation part of G_{NSP} , i.e., G_{NSP}^s . Otherwise, the condition that $G_{\text{SOP}} = Z_2^K$ should be invariant under G_{NSP} will not be satisfied. Thus, this step excludes the nontrivial SPGs whose spin part G_{NSP}^s is polyhedral group, including T , T_h , T_d , O , and O_h , because we cannot find a direction that is either parallel or perpendicular to all the rotation axis. Thus, the options left for the spin part G_{NSP}^s are 27 axial groups: $C_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$, $D_n (n = 2, 3, 4, 6)$, $S_n (n = 2, 4, 6) (S_2 = C_i, S_6 = C_{3i})$, $C_{nh} (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6) (C_{1h} = C_s = C_{1v})$, $D_{nh} (n = 2, 3, 4, 6)$, $C_{nv} (n = 2, 3, 4, 6)$, and $D_{nd} (n = 2, 3)$. For G_{NSP}^s being different groups, the direction \mathbf{n} is constrained differently in order for the condition that $g^{-1}Z_2^Kg = Z_2^K$ for all $g \in G_{\text{NSP}}$ to be satisfied. We classify the ways \mathbf{n} is constrained into the following five cases.

Case 1: For G_{NSP}^s being C_1 or $S_2(C_i)$, \mathbf{n} is not constrained.

Case 2: For G_{NSP}^s being $C_{1h} = \{\{E|E\}, \{TU_z(\pi)|E\}\}$, $C_2 = \{\{E|E\}, \{U_z(\pi)|E\}\}$, or $C_{2h} = \{\{E|E\}, \{U_z(\pi)|E\}, \{TU_z(\pi)|E\}, \{T|E\}\}$, there is only one twofold spin rotation $U_z(\pi)$ in G_{NSP}^s , thus, \mathbf{n} which could be either parallel or perpendicular to \mathbf{z} . (When \mathbf{n} is perpendicular to \mathbf{z} , then groups corresponding to different \mathbf{n} belong to the same types up to conjugate transformations.)

Case 3: For G_{NSP}^s being the groups that have rotations of order larger than two, \mathbf{n} should be parallel to the principal axis of G_{NSP}^s .

Case 4: For G_{NSP}^s being D_2 or D_{2h} , \mathbf{n} should be parallel to one of the twofold spin rotation axes.

Case 5: For G_{NSP}^s being C_{2v} , \mathbf{n} should either be perpendicular to one mirror or parallel to the twofold rotation axis.

It is easy to see that for the five cases, the condition that $g^{-1}G_{\text{NSP}}g = G_{\text{NSP}}$ for all $g \in Z_2^K$ is also satisfied.

Then, we get all of the types of SPGs that can be written as $G_{\text{NSP}} \times Z_2^K$ with some types possibly being identical.

b. Step 2

Some types obtained from step 1 are identical because the operations that implicitly contain T in G_{NSP} could always be changed to the product of $\{TU_n(\pi)|E\}$ with those operations, for the full group being $G_{\text{NSP}} \times Z_2^K$. That is to say, if we have a spin point group $G_{\text{NSP}}^1 \times Z_2^K$ with G_{NSP}^1 being a nontrivial SPG that could be written as the form $G_{\text{NSP}}^1 = H + \{T|E\}(G_{\text{NSP}}^1 - H)$ with H being the subgroup of G_{NSP}^1 of order two that does not contain T , then, we have

$$\begin{aligned} G_{\text{NSP}}^1 \times Z_2^K &= [H + \{T|E\}(G_{\text{NSP}}^1 - H)] \times \{\{E|E\}, \{TU_n(\pi)|E\}\} \\ &= [H + \{U_n(\pi)|E\}(G_{\text{NSP}}^1 - H)] \times \{\{E|E\}, \{TU_n(\pi)|E\}\} \\ &= G_{\text{NSP}}^2 \times Z_2^K, \end{aligned} \quad (\text{C1})$$

with G_{NSP}^2 containing no T . This implies that G_{NSP} in all SPGs of the form $G_{\text{NSP}} \times Z_2^K$ can be chosen such that the G_{NSP}^s corresponding to G_{NSP} is formed by pure spin rotations. Furthermore, it is obvious that two SPGs $G_{\text{NSP}}^A \times Z_2^K$ and $G_{\text{NSP}}^B \times Z_2^K$ with G_{NSP}^A and G_{NSP}^B being different types and containing no T should be different types of SPGs. Thus, we can use all nontrivial SPGs G_{NSP} that have spin part G_{NSP}^s being nine axial PGs of pure spin rotation $C_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$ and $D_n (n = 2, 3, 4, 6)$ to construct all types of SPGs of the form $G_{\text{NSP}} \times Z_2^K$ to avoid multiple counting of the same type of group. Then, there are four cases left:

Case 1: For $G_{\text{NSP}}^s = C_1$, \mathbf{n} could be random directions which result in the same types of SPGs.

Case 2: For $G_{\text{NSP}}^s = C_2 = \{\{E|E\}, \{U_z(\pi)|E\}\}$, \mathbf{n} could be either parallel or perpendicular to the \mathbf{z} axis.

Case 3: For $G_{\text{NSP}}^s = D_2 = \{\{E|E\}, \{U_x(\pi)|E\}, \{U_y(\pi)|E\}, \{U_z(\pi)|E\}\}$, \mathbf{n} could be parallel to one of the three twofold rotation axes. These three twofold rotation axes are equivalent for G_{NSP}^s , but they are not necessarily equivalent for the whole nontrivial SPG G_{NSP} . Thus, the groups which separately have \mathbf{n} parallel to the \mathbf{x} , \mathbf{y} , and \mathbf{z} axes could belong to the same types of SPGs or different types of SPGs.

Case 4: For G_{NSP}^s being one of the six groups left $C_n (n = 3, 4, 6)$ and $D_n (n = 3, 4, 6)$, \mathbf{n} has to be parallel to the principal axis \mathbf{z} . Thus, we can classify the types of full SPGs of the form $G_{\text{NSP}} \times Z_2^K$ into 11 categories shown in Table II. Finally, we get 252 types of crystallographic SPGs of the form $G_{\text{NSP}} \times Z_2^K$. These SPGs are listed in Tables S1–S11 of Supplemental Material [64].

TABLE II. Classifications of the SPGs of the form $G_{\text{NSP}} \times Z_2^K$, with $Z_2^K \equiv \{\{E|E\}, \{TU_n(\pi)|E\}\}$ and the corresponding G_{NSP}^s being one of the nine groups $C_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$, $D_n (n = 2, 3, 4, 6)$. The principal axes of G_{NSP}^s , if they exist, are assumed to be along the z direction.

	G_{NSP}^s	Direction of \mathbf{n}	Number of types
Category I	C_1	Random	32
Category II	C_2	Parallel to the z axis	58
Category III	C_2	Perpendicular to the x axis	58
Category IV	C_3	Parallel to the z axis	6
Category V	C_4	Parallel to the z axis	4
Category VI	C_6	Parallel to the z axis	7
Category VII	D_2	Parallel to x , y , or z axes (when the three directions lead to identical types)	2
Category VIII	D_2	Parallel to the x , y , or z axes (when the three directions lead to different types)	62
Category IX	D_3	Parallel to the z axis	10
Category X	D_4	Parallel to the z axis	5
Category XI	D_6	Parallel to the z axis	8
Total number of types: 252			

2. Classification of full SPGs for collinear spin arrangements

For collinear spin arrangements, we then consider the form $G_{\text{NSP}} \times [Z_2^K \times \text{SO}(2)]$.

a. Step 1

We first write $\text{SO}(2)$ as $\text{SO}(2) = \{\{U_m(\omega)T|E|0\rangle|\omega \in (0, 2\pi]\}$. Because of the presence of $\text{SO}(2) = \{\{U_m(\omega)T|E|0\rangle|\omega \in (0, 2\pi]\}$, all rotations contained in G_{NSP}^s should have rotation axis parallel to \mathbf{m} , so that the condition that $h^{-1}G_{\text{NSP}}h = G_{\text{NSP}}$ for all $h \in Z_2^K \times \text{SO}(2)$ is satisfied. Thus, G_{NSP}^s should have no more than one rotation axis. Then, the options left for G_{NSP}^s are 13 PGs: $C_n (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$, $C_{nh} (n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6)$, $S_n (n = 2, 4, 6)$. For G_{NSP}^s being these PGs, the condition that $g^{-1}[Z_2^K \times \text{SO}(2)]g = Z_2^K \times \text{SO}(2)$ for all $g \in G_{\text{NSP}}$ is also satisfied.

b. Step 2

Since \mathbf{m} is parallel to the axis of rotation of G_{NSP}^s , and $\text{SO}(2)$ contains spin rotations along \mathbf{m} with arbitrary rotation angle if there is a spin group of the form $G_{\text{NSP}} \times [Z_2^K \times \text{SO}(2)]$, then G_{NSP} could be chosen such that there is no spin rotation at all in G_{NSP} , similar to the choice of G_{NSP} in $G_{\text{NSP}} \times Z_2^K$ such that G_{NSP} contains no T , as discussed in Appendix C1. Therefore, the options left for G_{NSP}^s are C_1 and $S_2 (= C_i = Z_2^T)$ so that there is no multiple counting of the same types of full SPGs represented by $G_{\text{NSP}} \times [Z_2^K \times \text{SO}(2)]$. The remaining G_{NSP}^s 's to be considered are actually 90 types, including 32 type-I MPGs and 58 type-II MPGs. Overall, there are 90 crystallographic SPGs of the form $G_{\text{NSP}} \times [Z_2^K \times \text{SO}(2)]$ shown in Tables S12–S13 of the Supplemental Material [64].

APPENDIX D: IRREDUCIBLE COREPRESENTATIONS OF SPIN GROUPS

For a Mn_3Sn kagome lattice, we provide the specific band corepresentations of the little co-groups at different momenta (K and M). The procedure is as follows: (1) Find the maximal unitary subgroups (MUSGs) of particular little co-groups. (2) Get the full list of irreducible representations of MUSGs from single-valued representations of their corresponding spatial part. (3) Construct the irreducible corepresentations of little co-groups from those representations obtained in (2) based on the method derived by Wigner [102].

Tables S14 and S16 in the Supplemental Material [64] list the representation matrices of all irreducible corepresentations of K and M . The correspondences among the irreducible corepresentations of the spin group, the single-valued representations of the corresponding nonmagnetic group, and double-valued corepresentations of the corresponding magnetic group are separately listed in Tables S15 and S17 in the Supplemental Material [64]. Since the character tables are defined only for unitary groups, we list the character tables of MUSGs, all symmetry operations, and conjugate classes in Tables S18 and S21 in the Supplemental Material [64]. Since each nontrivial spin point group is isomorphic to a nonmagnetic or magnetic point group by neglecting the spin rotations, the conjugate classes of MUSGs can be directly obtained by resorting to the conjugate classes of the corresponding nonmagnetic point group.

APPENDIX E: METHODS OF FIRST-PRINCIPLES CALCULATIONS

First-principles calculations of SrMnBi_2 and CaMnBi_2 are conducted within the framework of density-functional theory [103,104] using the projector-augmented-wave

(PAW) method [105], implemented in the Vienna *ab initio* simulation package [106]. Pseudopotentials under the generalized gradient approximation (GGA) with the Perdew-Burke-Ernzerhof formalism [107,108] are used. The ground state is obtained from a self-consistent calculation with an energy cutoff of 500 eV and $5 \times 5 \times 5$ ($7 \times 5 \times 5$) Monkhorst-Pack grid for the symmetrized primitive cells of SrMnBi₂ (CaMnBi₂). Because of the local magnetic moments contributed from 3d electrons in Mn atoms, the GGA + *U* approach within the Dudarev scheme is applied with *U* = 3 eV on 3d orbitals of Mn. To obtain the topological properties of SrMnBi₂ and CaMnBi₂, e.g., Dirac points, surface states, Wilson loop, etc., we construct tight-binding Hamiltonians based on maximally localized Wannier functions [109,110] of Sr 4d, Mn 3d, Bi 6p for SrMnBi₂ and Ca 3d, Mn 3d, Bi 6p in CaMnBi₂. The iterative Green's function implemented in WannierTools package is used for surface states calculations [111].

In our calculations, the lattice parameters and atomic positions of SrMnBi₂ and CaMnBi₂ are chosen from the experimental values [71] except the *z*-direction lattice parameter. To simulate the uniaxial pressure effect, we set lattice parameter *c* of SrMnBi₂ to be 21.13 Å (rather than 23.13 Å) to realize the Z₂ topological phase in the subspaces of the Brillouin zone.

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