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Origin of extremely large magnetoresistance in the candidate type-II Weyl semimetal MoTe_{2-x}

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The recent observation of extremely large magnetoresistance (MR) in the transition-metal dichalcogenide MoTe_2 has attracted considerable interest due to its potential technological applications as well as its relationship with novel electronic states predicted for a candidate type-II Weyl semimetal. In order to understand the origin of the MR, the electronic structure of MoTe_{2-x} ($x = 0.08$) is systematically tuned by application of pressure and probed via its Hall and longitudinal conductivities. With increasing pressure, a monoclinic-to-orthorhombic ($1T'$ to T_d) structural phase transition temperature (T^*) gradually decreases from 210 K at 1 bar to 58 K at 1.1 GPa, and there is no anomaly associated with the phase transition at 1.4 GPa, indicating that a $T = 0$ K quantum phase transition occurs at a critical pressure (P_c) between 1.1 and 1.4 GPa. The large MR observed at 1 bar is suppressed with increasing pressure and is almost saturated at 100% for $P > P_c$. The dependence on magnetic field of the Hall and longitudinal conductivities of MoTe_{2-x} shows that a pair of electron and hole bands are important in the low-pressure T_d phase, while another pair of electron and hole bands are additionally required in the high-pressure $1T'$ phase. The MR peaks at a characteristic hole-to-electron concentration ratio (n_c) and is sharply suppressed when the ratio deviates from n_c within the T_d phase. These results establish the comprehensive temperature-pressure phase diagram of MoTe_{2-x} and underscore that its MR originates from balanced electron-hole carrier concentrations.

Transition-metal dichalcogenides (TMDs) MX_2 have attracted interest because they display diverse ground states, such as charge density wave and superconductivity. Furthermore, they are considered as candidate type-II Weyl semimetals that could be controlled by tuning the dimensionality or the d -electron count of the transition metal M , providing a rich avenue to explore novel electronic states¹⁻⁵. Semiconducting behavior is reported with an energy gap of 1 eV for group-6 TMDs with d^2 configuration ($M = \text{Mo}, \text{W}; X = \text{S}, \text{Se}, \text{Te}$). Extremely large magnetoresistances (MR) have been reported in TMDs, including Dirac and Weyl semimetals, where topologically protected states and/or perfect compensation of electron and hole carriers are considered to be the origin of the anomalous MR⁶⁻¹¹.

MoTe_2 can exist in one of two polymorphs: a 2H- MoTe_2 and a distorted 1T form¹²⁻¹⁴. The 2H- MoTe_2 phase is semiconducting. In this structure Mo is surrounded by a trigonal prism of Te atoms and the Te-Mo-Te layers are coupled by weak van der Waals forces along the crystalline c -axis, making it easy to exfoliate. In contrast, the distorted 1T or $1T'$ phase is metallic and the Mo atoms are octahedrally surrounded by Te atoms and slightly translated from the center, resulting in zig-zag Mo chains along the b -axis. Here, the electrical conduction mainly originates from the bands formed from the Mo d -levels^{15,16}. The octahedral or trigonal antiprismatic structure of monoclinic $1T'$ - MoTe_2 , with space group $P2_1/m$ illustrated in Fig. S1 of Supplementary Information, possesses inversion symmetry with the center located between Mo atoms in the chain direction^{12,17-19}. Non-trivial Z_2 -band topology in $1T'$ - MoTe_2 and strong spin-orbit coupling present a unique opportunity for the realization of topological quantum devices^{1,2}. The low- T orthorhombic T_d phase, however, lacks inversion symmetry and the observation of Fermi arcs in the surface state is consistent with a type-II Weyl semimetal phase in

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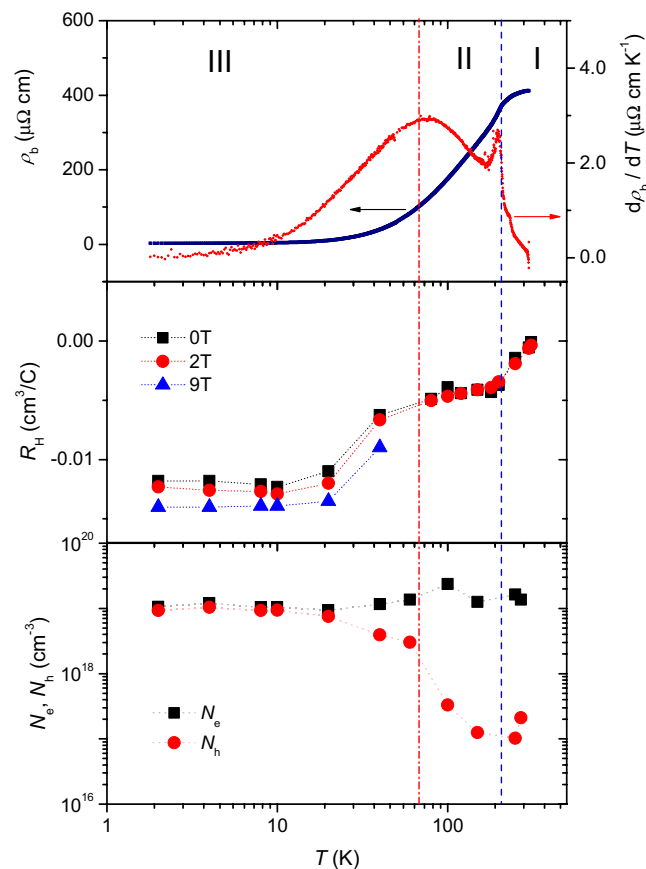


Figure 1. Transport property of MoTe_{2-x} as a function of temperature. Upper panel: Electrical resistivity for current along the b -axis ($=\rho_b$) is shown on a semilogarithmic scale on the left ordinate. The first derivative of ρ_b with respect to temperature, $d\rho_b/dT$, is displayed on the right ordinate. There are two features in $d\rho_b/dT$: a sharp peak at 210 K, marked by the dashed line, and a broad peak at around 60 K, marked by the dash-dotted line. Regimes I, II, and III are demarcated by the peaks in $d\rho_b/dT$. Middle panel: The Hall coefficient R_H (the ratio of transverse resistivity divided by applied field) is shown as a function of temperature, where squares, circles, and triangles correspond to R_H for fields of 0, 2, and 9 T, respectively. Lower panel: Electron (N_e) and hole (N_h) carrier densities are plotted as a function of temperature. Hall and longitudinal resistivity measurements were used to estimate the carrier density, as detailed in Fig. S2 of the Supplementary Information.

MoTe_2 . Recent quantum oscillation measurements, however, revealed disagreement with the bulk Fermi surfaces predicted by band calculations, raising questions about the existence of Weyl points in the low- T T_d phase of MoTe_{2-x} ^{20,21}. Understanding the origin of the extremely large magnetoresistance (XMR) reported in MoTe_{2-x} , therefore, is important for clarifying the realization of type-II Weyl semimetals as well as its possible technological applications^{22,23}.

Here we report the effects of pressure on large magnetoresistance and the Hall and longitudinal conductivities in a single crystal of the transition-metal dichalcogenide MoTe_{2-x} . Applied pressure suppresses the $1T'$ -to- T_d phase transition temperature (T^*) from 210 K at 1 bar to 58 K at 1.1 GPa and there is no signature of T^* at 1.4 GPa, indicating that a $T=0$ K structural quantum phase transition occurs at a critical pressure P_c between 1.1 and 1.4 GPa. Concomitant with the suppression of T^* , the superconducting transition temperature (T_c) sharply increases with pressure, from 0.4 K at 0.4 GPa to 2.8 K at 1.4 GPa near P_c . On the other hand, T_c gradually increases in the high-pressure $1T'$ phase ($P > P_c$) and the Meissner fraction becomes significant, indicating that superconductivity is of bulk nature in the T_d phase of MoTe_2 . Large MR observed at 1 bar is strongly suppressed with increasing pressure and is almost saturated at 100% for $P > P_c$. The dependence on magnetic field of the Hall and longitudinal conductivities show that a pair of electron and hole bands are dominant in the T_d phase, but another pair of electron and hole bands are additionally required in the $1T'$ phase, indicating a subtle change in the Fermi surface topology at P_c . The MR peaks sharply at a characteristic hole-to-electron concentration ratio ($n_c \approx 0.82$) and is suppressed as the ratio moves away from n_c in the T_d phase. These results establish the comprehensive temperature-pressure phase diagram of MoTe_2 and underscore that the origin of its MR is the balanced electron-hole carrier concentration.

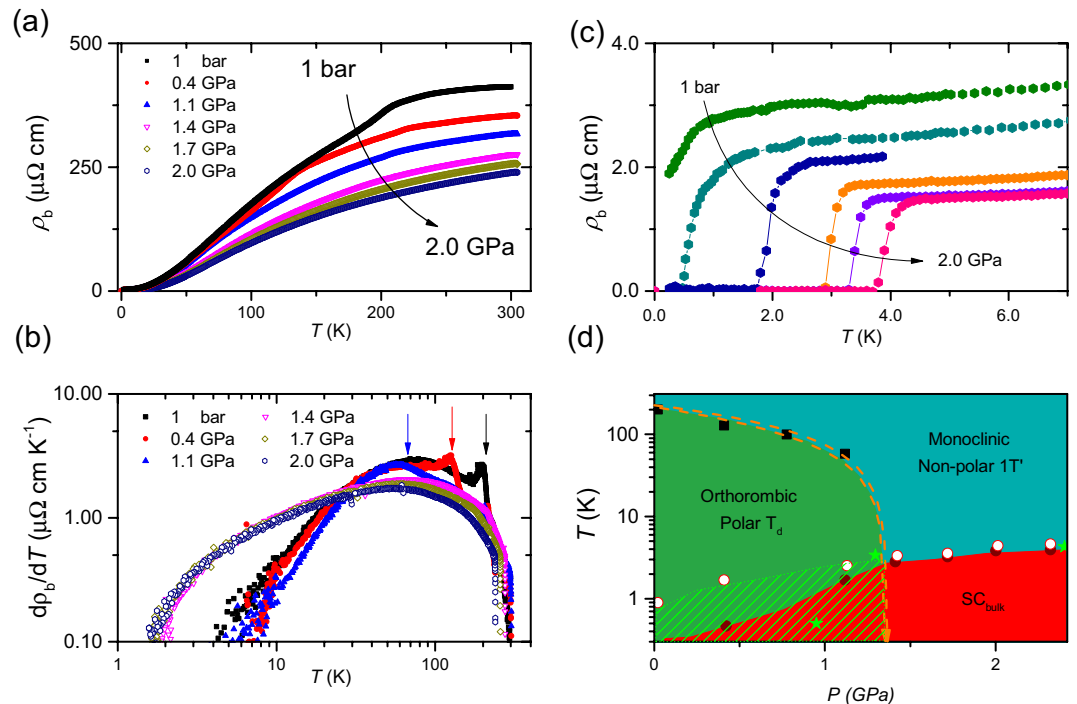


Figure 2. Pressure evolution of electrical resistivity and temperature-pressure phase diagram (a) Pressure evolution of the electrical resistivity of MoTe_{2-x} for current along the b -axis, ρ_b , plotted as a function of temperature. (b) First temperature derivative of the resistivity, $d\rho_b/dT$, plotted versus temperature for several representative pressures. Arrows mark the peak in the slope where the monoclinic-to-orthorhombic structural phase transition occurs. (c) Electrical resistivity of MoTe_{2-x} near the superconducting phase transition temperature T_c . (d) Temperature-pressure phase diagram of MoTe_{2-x} , where T_d and $1T'$ represent the orthorhombic and monoclinic structure, respectively. Squares and circles represent the structural transition temperature T^* and SC transition temperature T_c , respectively. Open and closed circles were determined from the onset and zero-resistance temperature, respectively, of the SC phase transition.

Results

The upper panel of Fig. 1 representatively displays the electrical resistivity (ρ_b) of MoTe_{2-x} on a semi-logarithmic scale for current applied along the Mo-chain direction (b -axis) at ambient pressure. ρ_b decreases with decreasing temperature, characteristic of metallic behavior. The residual resistivity ratio (RRR) is 147, which is higher than 35 reported in ref.¹⁶, but is lower than 2000, which was obtained by the authors of ref.²⁰. The amount of Te vacancies x has been shown to be pertinent to the RRR of MoTe_{2-x} as well as T_c , e.g., RRR is 13 and T_c is 2.1 K for $x = 0.13$ (ref.²⁴). Energy-dispersive spectroscopy (EDS) results show that the Te deficiency is $x = 0.08$ for the crystals that we study in this communication. A kink-like feature in ρ_b that appears near 210 K ($= T^*$) is consistent with a structural phase transition from the monoclinic ($1T'$) to orthorhombic phase (T_d), where the monoclinic angle β changes from 93.55° to 90° ^{25,26}. A sharp peak in $d\rho_b/dT$ (red line), as shown in the right ordinate, clearly demarcates the structural phase transition near 210 K.

The Hall coefficient of MoTe_{2-x} at ambient pressure (R_H) is plotted as a function of temperature for fields of 0, 2, and 9 T in the middle panel of Fig. 1, where the magnetic field is applied along the c -axis and the Hall voltage is measured across the a -axis. R_H at room temperature is $-3.65 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^3/\text{C}$, indicating that electron carriers predominantly contribute to the transport. Analyses of the field dependence of the longitudinal (ρ_{xx}) and transverse resistivity (ρ_{xy}) show that the electron and hole carrier densities at room temperature are $1.36 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ and $2.1 \times 10^{17} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, respectively (see Fig. S2, Supplementary Information). The absolute value of R_H gradually increases with decreasing temperature and plateaus below 210 K, the critical temperature T^* where MoTe_{2-x} goes through a structural phase transition from $1T'$ to T_d phases. With further decrease of temperature, R_H starts to decrease again below 60 K, the temperature at which a broad peak in $d\rho_b/dT$ appears, and the electron and hole carrier densities, N_e and N_h , respectively, become similar. We note that the strong change of the carrier density, the nearly compensated electron-hole carriers ($N_e/N_h \approx 1$) at low temperatures, and a broad peak in the specific heat divided by temperature (C/T) are consistent with a Lifshitz-like transition in the candidate Weyl semimetal T_d -phase of MoTe_{2-x} ^{24,27–30}.

Figure 2(a) shows the pressure evolution of the electrical resistivity of MoTe_{2-x} as a function of temperature. ρ_b at room temperature progressively decreases with increasing pressure at a rate of $-7.9 \pm 0.6 \mu\Omega \text{ cm}/\text{GPa}$ because of the increased overlap between adjacent Mo orbitals. The structural transition temperature T^* , which was assigned to the peak in $d\rho_b/dT$ as a function of T , decreases to 58 K at 1.1 GPa and is completely suppressed to 0 K below 1.4 GPa, indicating that a $T = 0 \text{ K}$ structural quantum phase transition ($= P_c$) is located between 1.1 and 1.4 GPa. The temperature dependence of $d\rho_b/dT$ also shows a clear demarcation across P_c : the resistivity slope is

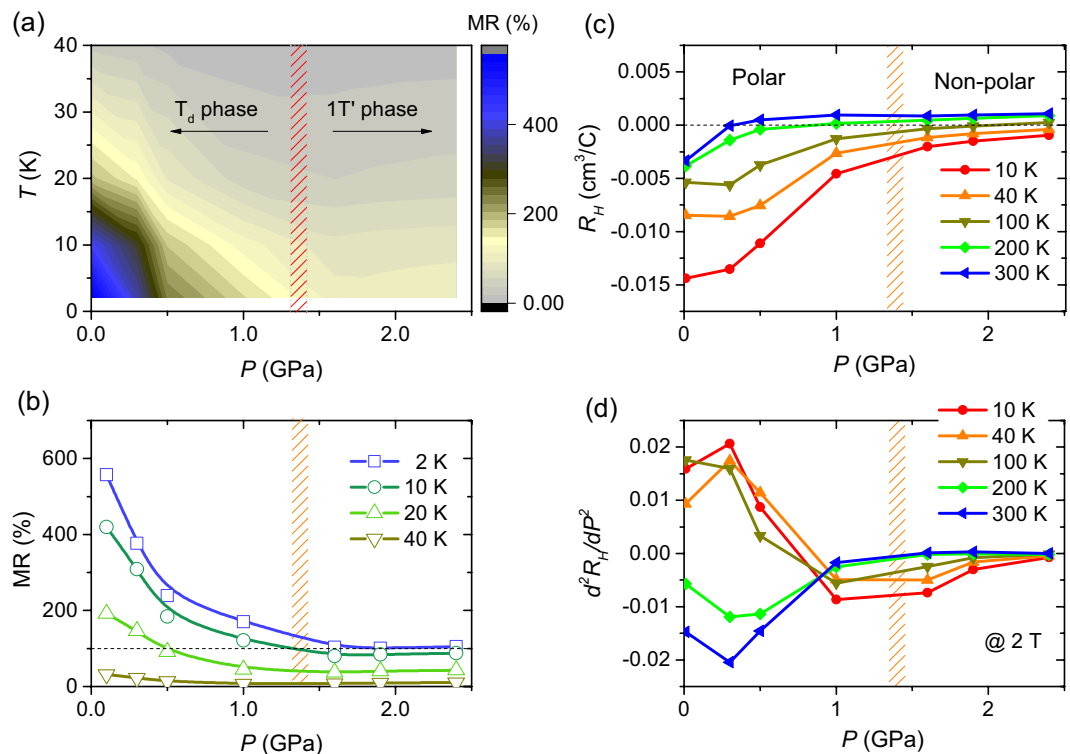


Figure 3. Pressure dependences of MR and Hall coefficients. **(a)** Three-dimensional contour of magnetoresistance (MR) of MoTe₂ at 9 T plotted in the temperature-pressure plane. Blue color indicates the highest MR. The hashed area marks the critical pressure P_c , where the T_d -to- $1T'$ structural transition occurs. **(b)** Isothermal magnetoresistance at 9 T plotted as a function of pressure for several representative temperatures. The MR saturates at pressures above P_c . **(c)** Hall coefficients at 2 T plotted as a function of pressure for several representative temperatures. **(d)** The second pressure derivatives of the Hall coefficients from **(c)** plotted as a function of pressure at 10, 40, 100, 200, and 300 K. There are disparate behaviors across P_c .

strongly suppressed in the low-pressure regime ($P < P_c$), but it is gradually suppressed in the high-pressure regime ($P > P_c$). The low- T resistivity slopes collapse on top of each other in the two separate regimes, reflecting two different crystalline structures of T_d and $1T'$ in the low and high-pressure regime, respectively. The critical pressure P_c observed in this work is similar to that in ref.³¹ but is much lower than that in refs^{16,32}, which may be ascribed to the degree of Te vacancies that is relevant to T_c value at ambient pressure²⁴. More systematic study, however, is necessary to understand the precise relationship between T_c and P_c .

Being commensurate with the suppression of T^* , a superconducting (SC) state is induced and enhanced with increasing pressure, as shown in Fig. 2(c). The onset temperature of the SC phase transition, $T_{c,on}$, is 0.9 K at ambient pressure and gradually increases with pressure, developing a smooth dome shape over the whole pressure range. In contrast, a zero-resistance SC state is not observed down to 0.25 K at ambient pressure but appears at 0.47 K and 0.4 GPa. As pressure increases further, the transition temperature T_c sharply increases and becomes similar to $T_{c,on}$ above P_c . As summarized in the temperature-pressure phase diagram in Fig. 2(d), the large difference between $T_{c,on}$ and T_c in the T_d phase disappears in the $1T'$ monoclinic phase, indicating that the pressure-induced SC state of MoTe_{2-x} in the T_d phase is not a bulk property. Substantial differences between $T_{c,on}$ and T_c have been often observed when another competing phase coexists with superconductivity, for example in the quantum critical compound CeRhIn₅³³ or in BiS₂-based superconductors³⁴. Supporting this conclusion, the Meissner effect in the magnetic susceptibility is negligible at low pressures, but it is significant for pressures higher than P_c (see Fig. S3, Supplementary Information). We note that recent neutron scattering experiments reported coexistence of T_d and $1T'$ phases at moderate pressures below P_c (ref.³⁵).

Figure 3(a) shows a MR contour plot of MoTe_{2-x} at 9 T in the temperature-pressure plane. The large MR centered on the low-pressure and low-temperature regime is gradually suppressed with increasing temperature and pressure. Figure 3(b) shows the pressure dependence of the isothermal MR at 9 T for representative temperatures of 2, 10, 20, and 40 K. The large MR at 2 K is rapidly suppressed with increasing pressure and is almost saturated at 100% near P_c . The pressure dependence of MR at higher temperatures is similar to that at 2 K, showing a disparate behavior across P_c : rapid suppression with pressure in the T_d phase, but saturation or slight upturn in the $1T'$ phase. As shown in Fig. 3(c), the pressure dependence of the Hall coefficient (R_H) also shows different behaviors across P_c . At low pressures, R_H is negative and becomes more prominent as temperature falls, indicating that the contribution from electron carriers is more prominent than that from hole carriers. Initially, the absolute value of R_H decreases rapidly with pressure but is almost flat or changes gradually at higher pressures ($P > P_c$) – see Fig. S4, Supplementary Information. The pressure dependence of R_H is more distinctive in the second pressure derivative

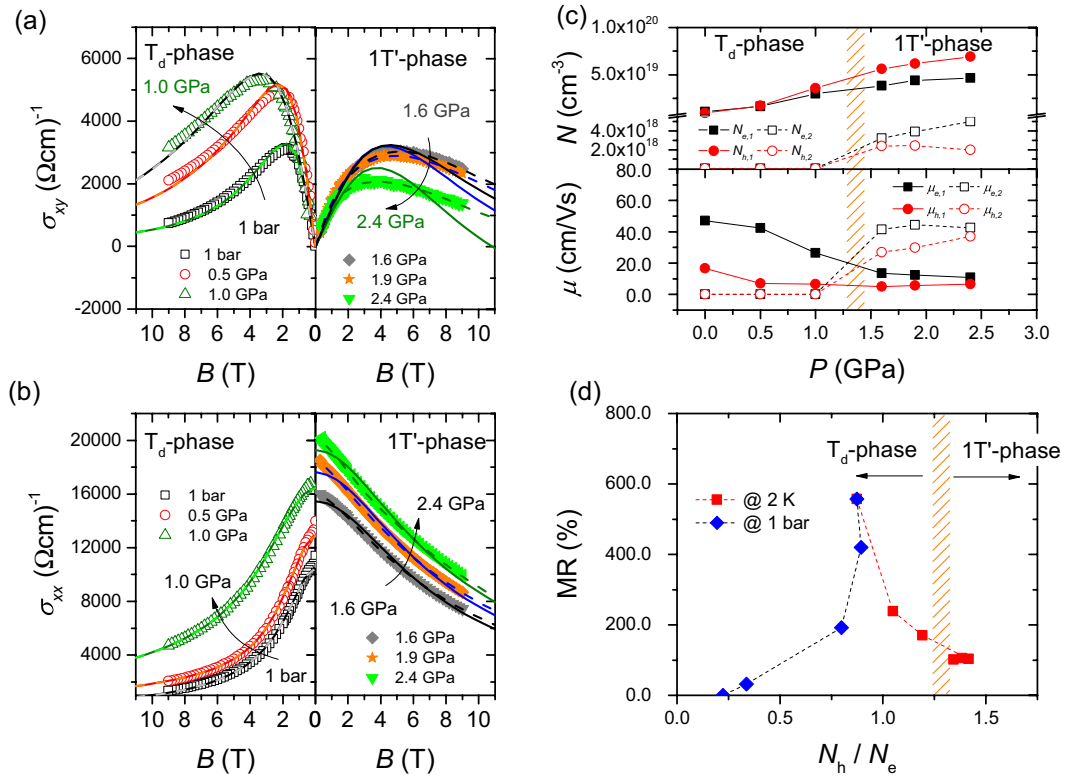


Figure 4. Pressure dependences of Hall and longitudinal conductivities of MoTe₂ at 2 K are plotted as a function of magnetic field in (a,b), respectively. Conductivities for selected pressures in the T_d and $1T'$ phases are representatively shown in the left and right panels, respectively. Effective two- and four-band models are simulated to understand the field dependence of the conductivities and plotted as solid and dotted lines, respectively. (c) Top (bottom) panel: Electron and hole carrier densities (mobilities) obtained from the four-band simulations are plotted as a function of pressure. $N_{e,i}$ ($\mu_{e,i}$) and $N_{h,i}$ ($\mu_{h,i}$) represent, respectively, electron and hole carrier densities (mobilities), and the subscript i is the band index. The hashed area represents the critical pressure at low temperatures where the T_d -to- $1T'$ transition occurs. (d) MR plotted as a function of the hole-electron concentration ratio, N_h/N_e . Red squares represent the pressure-tuned data at 2 K, while blue diamonds represent the temperature-tuned data at ambient pressure.

(d^2R_H/dP^2), as shown in Fig. 3(d). In the low-pressure regime ($P < P_c$), curvature of the Hall coefficient is negative at high temperatures in the $1T'$ phase and is positive at low temperatures in the T_d phase; whereas, in the high-pressure regime ($P > P_c$), the curvature is almost negligible for both temperature regimes of the $1T'$ phase.

Discussion

The pressure-induced suppression of the large MR and the disparate curvature of the Hall coefficient R_H across P_c indicate that electronic structure is important to the anomalous MR behavior in the T_d phase of MoTe₂. In order to probe the pressure-driven change in electronic structure, the dependence on magnetic field of the transverse (σ_{xy}) and longitudinal (σ_{xx}) conductivities was measured and analyzed using various multi-band models, as shown in Fig. 4(a,b), respectively. For clarity, low-pressure data in the T_d phase are plotted in the left panel and high-pressure data in the $1T'$ phase are in the right panel. A two-band isotropic model, as described by the solid lines, reasonably explains the Hall and transverse conductivities in the T_d phase ($P < P_c$). At higher pressures ($P > P_c$), however, the field dependence of σ_{xy} deviates significantly from the two-band model, indicating a change in the electronic structure in the $1T'$ phase. As shown in Fig. S5 in the Supplementary Information, simulations of three-band models do not fit σ_{xy} in the high-pressure $1T'$ phase either. Dashed lines in Fig. 4(a,b) are simulations of a four-band model, which reasonably explains both σ_{xy} and σ_{xx} , indicating that the effective two bands in the T_d phase evolve into four bands in the $1T'$ phase.

Figure 4(c) plots the pressure evolution of the carrier concentrations of MoTe₂ at 2 K, which are obtained from simulations of the effective four-band model³⁶:

$$\sigma_{xy} = \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{n_{e,i} \mu_{e,i}^2}{1 + (\mu_{e,i} \mu_0 H)^2} - \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{n_{h,j} \mu_{h,j}^2}{1 + (\mu_{h,j} \mu_0 H)^2} \right] e \mu_0 H \quad (1)$$

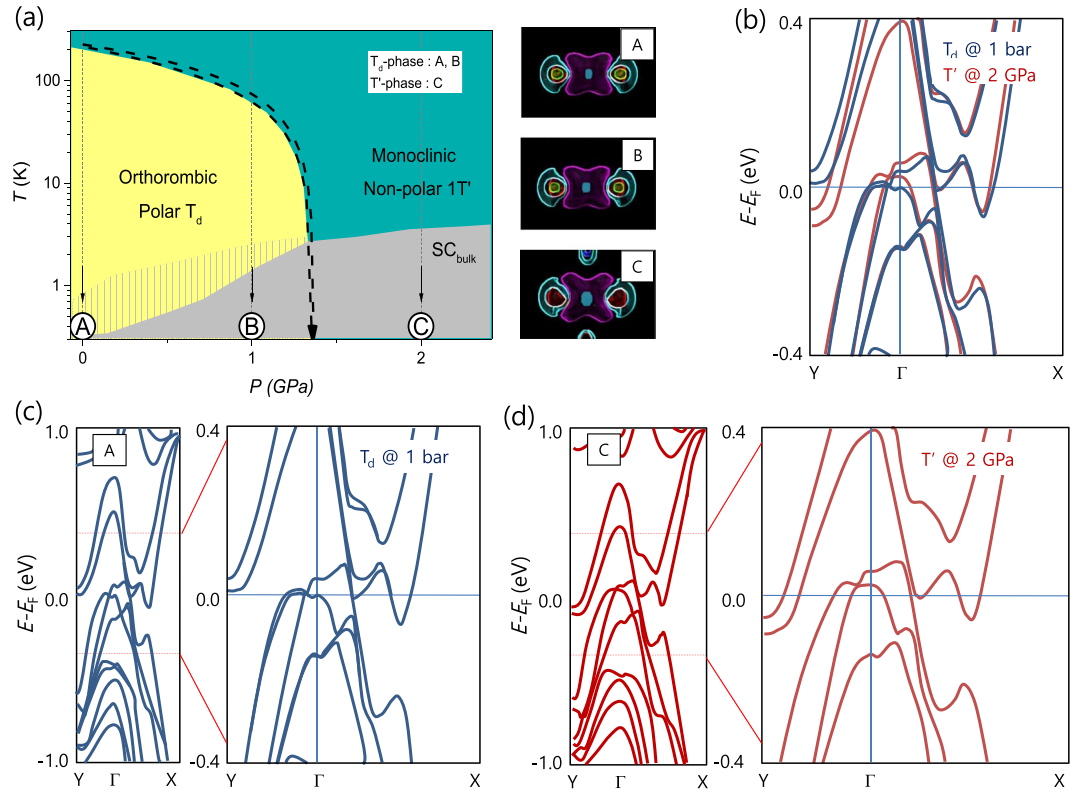


Figure 5. Electronic structure of the T_d and pressure-induced $1T'$ phases. (a) Schematic T - P phase diagram of MoTe_2 . Electronic structure calculations are performed for (A), (B), and (C), which are marked by the arrows, and their Fermi surfaces are plotted at the right of the panel. (b) Representative electronic structures are comparatively plotted along the Y - Γ - X direction at 1 bar (blue) and 2 GPa (red). Electronic structures at 1 bar and 2 GPa (d) are magnified near the Fermi level along the Y - Γ - X direction.

$$\sigma_{xx} = e \left[\sum_{i=1}^2 \frac{n_{e,i} \mu_{e,i}}{1 + (\mu_{e,i} \mu_0 H)^2} + \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{n_{h,j} \mu_{h,j}}{1 + (\mu_{h,j} \mu_0 H)^2} \right] \quad (2)$$

where $n_{e,i}(\mu_{e,i})$ and $n_{h,j}(\mu_{h,j})$ are i th electron and j th hole carrier densities (mobilities), respectively. In the T_d phase ($P < P_c$), it is effectively a two-band model because the carrier densities for the second electron (e_2) and hole (h_2) bands are negligible. At ambient pressure and 2 K, the carrier densities are 1.06×10^{19} and $0.93 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ for the first electron (e_1) and hole (h_1) bands, respectively, showing that they almost compensate each other. At 0.5 GPa, both e_1 and h_1 carrier densities are enhanced to 1.62×10^{19} and $1.70 \times 10^{19} \text{ cm}^{-3}$, respectively, but the carrier density ratio between e_1 and h_1 is reversed. With further increasing pressure, up to the highest measured pressure of 2.4 GPa, both carrier densities increase gradually. The additional two bands, in contrast, are not negligible anymore in the high-pressure $1T'$ phase ($P > P_c$). The carrier concentrations are 3.21×10^{18} and $2.38 \times 10^{18} \text{ cm}^{-3}$ at 1.6 GPa for the e_2 and h_2 bands, respectively, which accounts for 8.4% of N_{e1} and 4.2% of N_{h1} at this pressure. The evolution of the carrier densities is plotted in the pressure-temperature plane in Fig. S6, Supplementary Information. As shown in the bottom panel of Fig. 4(c), the mobilities of e_1 and h_1 bands gradually decrease with pressure, while those of the minority bands (e_2 and h_2) sharply increase above P_c and become larger than the mobilities of the major bands.

Electronic band structure calculations in the T_d and pressure-induced $1T'$ phases were performed via the WIEN2k package with the full-potential linearized augmented plane-wave method and spin-orbit coupling. As shown in Fig. 5, two major pockets (one electron and one hole) and two minor pockets (one electron and one hole) exist along the X - Γ - Y direction in the Brillouin zone. The Fermi surfaces of the four pockets are enlarged when the structural change occurs from the T_d to the $1T'$ phase. In the T_d phase ($P < P_c$), two major pockets contribute to the anomalously large MR and other physical properties, while the two minor pockets become important in the $1T'$ phase ($P > P_c$). These results are consistent with the analysis of the pressure dependence of the Hall and longitudinal conductivities, underlining that the change in electronic structure plays a critical role in producing the anomalously large MR in MoTe_2 . Supporting this conclusion, the MR peaks sharply at a characteristic electron-hole concentration ratio, i.e., $N_h/N_e = 0.83$, as shown in Fig. 4(d). In the T_d phase, the MR is rapidly suppressed as the electron-hole concentration ratio moves away from this critical value. In the pressure-induced $1T'$ phase, the ratio slightly changes with pressure and the MR is almost constant ($\sim 100\%$). The Saturation of MR

above P_c seems related to the saturation of N_h/N_e (~ 1.4) in 1T' phase ($P > P_c$). Even though the difference between the major electron and hole carriers gradually increases with increasing pressure, the total carrier concentration ratio is almost saturated due to the contribution from the minor electron and hole carrier, leading to the saturation of MR in 1T' phase. We note that the critical ratio deviates from the equal electron-hole concentration point because of different hole and electron mobilities, showing that subtleties of the Fermi surface topology are important in understanding the large MR in MoTe₂.

The possibility of realizing topological superconductivity in the low- T T_d phase of MoTe₂ has been raised. Recent muon-spin relaxation/rotation measurements claimed a topologically non-trivial s^{+-} gap symmetry in the pressure-induced SC phase³². However, Takahashi *et al.* pointed out an anticorrelation between superconductivity and the topological T_d phase³¹. These contradicting claims stem from controversy about the phase diagrams, especially with respect to the pressure evolution of the T_d-to-1T' structural transition¹⁶. Our systematic transport study under pressure, as shown in Fig. 2(d), resolves this controversy and establishes the comprehensive phase diagram, showing that the structural phase transition is suppressed to 0 K between 1.1 and 1.4 GPa. Ac magnetic susceptibility measurements under pressure revealed that the SC Meissner fraction in the T_d phase is negligible but becomes significant in the 1T' phase (see Fig. S3, Supplementary Information). The large difference between $T_{c,on}$ and T_c in the T_d phase is consistent with the negligible SC volume fraction, underlining that bulk superconductivity in MoTe₂ exists in the non-polar 1T' phase, while there is a possibility of non-bulk superconductivity in the polar T_d phase. Surface sensitive studies under pressure will be important for probing the realization of topological superconductivity in the low-pressure T_d phase.

Conclusion

We have reported the dependence on pressure of the large magnetoresistance (MR) and superconductivity in the candidate type-II Weyl semimetal MoTe₂. With increasing pressure, the monoclinic-to-orthorhombic (T'-to-T_d) structural phase transition temperature gradually decreases and extrapolates to 0 K at P_c between 1.1 and 1.4 GPa. Supporting the existence of P_c , the first temperature derivative of electrical resistivity displays disparate scaling behaviors across P_c and the second pressure derivative of the Hall coefficient becomes saturated above P_c . The magnetic field dependence of the Hall and longitudinal conductivities are analyzed by an effective four-band model, where the carrier density ratio between the hole and electron types (N_h/N_e) grows with pressure and becomes saturated above P_c . The large non-saturating MR is peaked when N_h/N_e is 0.83 and is suppressed rapidly as the ratio deviates from the critical value in the T_d phase, showing that the origin of the anomalously large MR is a consequence of balancing electron-hole contributions. The small SC volume fraction in the T_d phase indicates that bulk superconductivity resides in 1T' phase, and thus surface sensitive measurements under pressure are required to properly understand the possible topological nature of its superconductivity.

Methods

MoTe_{2-x} single crystals were synthesized by a NaCl-flux method, for which the detailed methods are described elsewhere². A clamp-type hybrid cell with Daphne 7373 as a pressure transmitting medium was used up to a pressure of 2.5 GPa. A sharp resistivity drop at the superconducting transition temperature of Pb, which was used to determine the pressure inside the cell, is indicative of a quasi-hydrostatic pressure environment^{38,39}. A conventional six-probe technique was used to measure the electrical resistivity and Hall effect under an external magnetic field³⁷. A Quantum Design Physical Properties Measurement System (PPMS) and a ³He Heliox system (Oxford Inst. Nanotechnology) are used to regulate temperature down to 1.8 K and 0.25 K, respectively.

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