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Equations (4)–(7) are incorrect and need a factor of $-1/2$ on their right-hand sides to be consistent with the earlier definition of the magnetoelectric coupling. Then Eq. (4) reads

$$\theta = -\frac{1}{4\pi}\int_{\text{BZ}} d^3k \epsilon_{ijk}\text{Tr}\left[\mathcal{A}_i\partial_j\mathcal{A}_k - i\frac{2}{3}\mathcal{A}_i\mathcal{A}_j\mathcal{A}_k\right].$$

The numerical results presented were computed with the correct formula, and the conclusions of the Letter are unmodified.

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