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## Interface tunable magnetism in quasi-two-dimensional chromium telluride

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Novel quasi-2D magnets are attracting much attention recently. The MBE synthesis route is highly desirable for interface control when implementing strain engineering and/or hybridizing with other quantum systems. *In situ* prepared atomically sharp interfaces further enable fundamentally new phenomena, while providing opportunities in spintronics, leveraging interface-driven versatility [1]. Ferromagnetic  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Te}_3$  ultrathin films, optimally grown on  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3(0001)$  and  $\text{SrTiO}_3(111)$ , manifest an extraordinary sign reversal in the anomalous Hall conductivity as temperature and/or strain are modulated. It turns out that the nontrivial Berry curvature in the electronic-structure momentum space is responsible for this exotic behavior [2]. Moreover, when proximitized with  $(\text{Bi,Sb})_2\text{Te}_3$ -type topological insulator, via the Bloembergen-Rowland interaction, magnetic ordering in monolayer  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Te}_3$  is favorably enhanced, displaying an increased Curie temperature [3]. Combining advanced scanning tunneling microscopy, magnetic force microscopy, transmission electron microscopy, depth-sensitive polarized neutron reflectometry, magnetotransport and *ab initio* simulation,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{Te}_3$  has been established as a far-reaching platform for further investigating the marriage of magnetism and topology, in both real and reciprocal spaces. These findings provide new perspectives to the magnetic topological materials in general, that are topical for the future development of topological spintronics.

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