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Spontaneous edge current in a small chiral superconductor with a rough surface

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We study theoretically the spontaneous edge current in a small chiral superconductor with surface roughness. We obtained self-consistent solutions of the pair potential and the vector potential by solving the quasiclassical Eilenberger equation and the Maxwell equation simultaneously. We then employed them to calculate numerically the spatial distribution of the chiral edge current in a small superconductor. The characteristic behavior of the spontaneous edge current depends strongly on the symmetries of the order parameters such as chiral p-, chiral d-, and chiral f-wave pairing. The edge current is robust under the surface roughness in the chiral p- and chiral d-wave superconductors. In the chiral d-wave case, the surface roughness tends to flip the direction of the chiral current. On the other hand, the edge current in a chiral f-wave superconductor is fragile when there is surface roughness. We also discuss the temperature dependence of a spontaneous magnetization, which is a measurable value in standard experiments.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The experimental detection of a spontaneous edge current could be direct evidence of chiral superconductivity. A number of Cooper pairs sharing a specific angular momentum carry the spontaneous edge current in chiral superconductors [1,2], which can be experimentally measured as spontaneous magnetization. Strontium ruthenate Sr_2RuO_4 is a leading candidate for a chiral p-wave superconductor [3–5] whose pair potential is described by $\Delta(k_x \pm ik_y) = \Delta e^{i\chi\theta}$ in momentum space. Here $k_x = \cos\theta$ ($k_y = \sin\theta$) is the normalized wave number in the x (y) direction, and Δ is the amplitude of the pair potential. The topological Chern number $\chi = 1$ or -1 corresponds to the angular momentum of a Cooper pair. In addition to chiral p-wave superconductivity, the possibilities of chiral d-wave ($\chi = \pm 2$) and chiral f-wave ($\chi = \pm 3$) superconductivity have been discussed in recent experiments [6–16]. Several theories have suggested that the amount of edge current becomes smaller in a chiral superconductor with a larger $|\chi|$ [17,18]. However, unfortunately, no spontaneous chiral current has yet been experimentally observed [19,20].

The absence of spontaneous magnetization in experiments has mainly been attributed to three effects: (i) the Meissner screening of the edge current by the bulk superconducting condensate, (ii) the reduction of the chiral current by the potential disorder near the surface of a superconductor, and (iii) the complicated electronic structures of superconductors. The first effect was partially studied by Matsumoto and Sigrist [1]. They theoretically confirmed a reduction in the edge current caused by the Meissner effect in a chiral p-wave superconductor. However, the resulting spontaneous magnetization is large enough to be measured in experiments. The second effect is linked to the issue of the intrinsic angular momentum in the ^{3}He-A phase [21,22]. Experimentally it is difficult to make a superconducting sample with a specular surface. For instance, a small ruthenate superconductor cluster can be fabricated by using the focused ion beam technique [23,24], which would seriously damage the sample quality near the surface. Several theoretical papers have already suggested the presence of edge states in a chiral p-wave superconductor when there is surface roughness [25,26]. On the other hand, when a chiral p-wave superconductor is covered by a clean normal metal, the chiral current is dramatically reduced [27]. The third effect has been discussed specifically in Sr_2RuO_4. It has been known that the gap anisotropy [28,29] and the multiband structures [30] suppress the chiral edge current. Even today, we do not know how the Meissner screening and the surface roughness reduce the edge current in chiral d- and f-wave superconductors. In previous papers [31,32], we studied the Andreev bound states [33–38] (ABSs) in time-reversal nonchiral superconductors characterized by $d_{x^2-y^2}$-wave or p_x-wave pair potentials. We found that the ABSs in a p_x-wave superconductor are robust even in the presence of surface roughness, whereas those in a d-wave superconductor are fragile against surface roughness. This conclusion is well explained by the symmetry of the Cooper pairs induced near the surface. However, it is unclear if it is possible to generalize our conclusions straightforwardly to chiral superconductors. We will address these issues in the present paper.

In this paper, we theoretically study the spontaneous edge currents and the spontaneous magnetization in a small chiral superconducting disk based on the quasiclassical Eilenberger formalism. To discuss the relation between the pairing symmetry and the sensitivity of the chiral edge current to the surface roughness, we consider the simple chiral order parameters on a circular shaped Fermi surface. By solving the Eilenberger and Maxwell equations self-consistently and simultaneously, we obtain the spatial profiles of the chiral edge currents and the temperature dependence of a spontaneous magnetization. The surface roughness is considered in terms of the impurity self-energy of a quasiparticle. To define the magnetization of a sample, we need to consider a finite-size superconductor such as disks. Moreover, setting the radius of a disk to be comparable to the coherence length allows us to justify the assumption that there is no chiral-domain wall in a disk. We conclude that the robustness of the spontaneous edge current depends strongly on the paring symmetry. In a chiral p-wave superconductor, the amplitude of the chiral current in a disk with a rough surface is comparable to that in a disk with a specular surface. In a

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chiral d-wave superconductor, there are two edge channels in a disk with a specular surface. They carry the chiral currents in opposite directions. In the presence of surface roughness, one channel near the surface disappears and the other channel far from the surface carries the robust chiral current. We show that the surface roughness changes the net-current direction in a chiral d-wave disk. The edge current in a chiral f-wave superconductor is fragile in the presence of surface roughness. The effects of Meissner screening on the chiral edge current depend on the spatial current distribution near the surface. When the current decreases monotonically with increases in the distance from the surface, the Meissner effect always reduces the chiral current. On the other hand, when the chiral current changes its direction as a function of distance from the surface, the Meissner screening effect becomes weaker. Such a complicated current distribution causes the self-screening effect among edge currents flowing in opposite directions.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we explain the quasiclassical Eilenberger formalism and define the spontaneous magnetization of a small superconducting disk. In Sec. III, we present results obtained using non-self-consistent simulations (i.e., with a homogeneous pair potential and without a vector potential). In Sec. IV, we discuss the spontaneous edge current in a superconducting disk with a *specular* surface. In Sec. V, we study the effects of surface roughness on the spontaneous edge current. In Sec. VI, we demonstrate the temperature dependence of a spontaneous magnetization, which is a measurable value in experiments. In Sec. VII, we summarize this paper.

II. QUASICLASSICAL EILENBERGER THEORY

Let us consider a small chiral superconducting disk as shown in Fig. 1. We assume that there are no chiral domains by choosing the radius of the disk R to be comparable to the coherence length $\xi_0 = \hbar v_F/2\pi T_c$, where v_F is the Fermi velocity and T_c is the superconducting transition temperature. We apply the quasiclassical Green's function theory of superconductivity [39] to calculate the edge current of a chiral superconductor. In an equilibrium superconductor, the Eilenberger equation takes the form

$$iv_F\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\nabla_{\boldsymbol{r}}\check{g} + [\check{H}+\check{\Sigma},\check{g}]_- = 0, \tag{1}$$

where v_F is the Fermi velocity, $\boldsymbol{k}$ is the unit wave vector on the Fermi surface, and $[\alpha,\beta]_- = \alpha\beta - \beta\alpha$. We employ the isotropic cylindrical Fermi surface (i.e., no k_z dependence) as studied in Ref. [1] because most chiral superconductors are layered materials. Throughout this paper, we use the set of

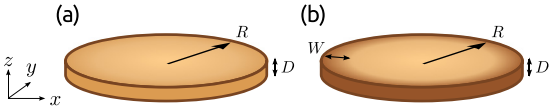


FIG. 1. Schematics of superconducting disks. The disk with a specular surface and that with a rough surface are shown in panels (a) and (b), respectively. The radius and thickness of a disk are denoted by R and D, respectively. The width of the disordered region is denoted by W in panel (b). The radius is small enough to allow us to assume that there is no chiral domain in the disk.

units $\hbar = k_B = c = 1$, where $2\pi\hbar$ is the Planck constant, k_B is the Boltzmann constant, and c is the speed of light. The matrices $\check{g}$ and $\check{H}$ are defined as follows:

$$\check{g}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{k},i\omega_n) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{g}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{k},i\omega_n) & \hat{f}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{k},i\omega_n) \\ -\underset{\sim}{\hat{f}}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{k},i\omega_n) & -\underset{\sim}{\hat{g}}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{k},i\omega_n) \end{bmatrix}, \tag{2}$$

$$\check{H}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{k},i\omega_n) = \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\xi}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{k},i\omega_n) & \hat{\Delta}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{k}) \\ \underset{\sim}{\hat{\Delta}}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{k}) & \underset{\sim}{\hat{\xi}}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{k},i\omega_n) \end{bmatrix}, \tag{3}$$

with $\hat{\xi}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{k},i\omega_n) = [i\omega_n + ev_F\boldsymbol{k}\cdot\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r})]\hat{\sigma}_0$, where $\omega_n = (2n+1)\pi T$ is the Matsubara frequencies with n being an integer, T is the temperature, $\hat{\Delta}$ represents the pair potential, $\hat{\sigma}_0$ is the 2×2 identity matrix in spin space, and $\boldsymbol{A}$ is the vector potential induced by the chiral edge current. We introduce the definition $\underset{\sim}{K}(\boldsymbol{r},\boldsymbol{k},i\omega_n) = K^*(\boldsymbol{r},-\boldsymbol{k},i\omega_n)$. The symbol $\check{\ }$ represents a 4×4 matrix structure in particle-hole space and the symbol $\hat{\ }$ represents a 2×2 matrix structure in spin space.

We consider three chiral superconductors with different pairing symmetries: spin-triplet chiral p-wave, spin-singlet chiral d-wave, and spin-triplet chiral f-wave pairings. In the spin-triplet superconductor, we assume that the pairing interactions work between two electrons with opposite spins. This assumption does not loose any generality of the argument below. The pair potential are described by

$$\hat{\Delta}(\boldsymbol{r},\theta) = \begin{cases} \Delta(\boldsymbol{r},\theta)\hat{\sigma}_1 & \text{for a spin triplet,} \\ \Delta(\boldsymbol{r},\theta)i\hat{\sigma}_2 & \text{for a spin singlet,} \end{cases} \tag{4}$$

where $\hat{\sigma}_j$ for $j = 1$–3 are the Pauli matrices in spin space. The matrix's Green functions in Eq. (2) can be represented by the scaler Green's functions as

$$\hat{g}(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,i\omega_n) = g(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,i\omega_n)\hat{\sigma}_0, \tag{5}$$

$$\hat{f}(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,i\omega_n) = \begin{cases} f(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,i\omega_n)(-i\hat{\sigma}_1) & \text{for a triplet} \\ f(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,i\omega_n)\hat{\sigma}_2 & \text{for a singlet.} \end{cases} \tag{6}$$

The pair potential in a chiral superconductor is described by

$$\Delta(\boldsymbol{r},\theta) = \Delta_1(\boldsymbol{r})\cos(\chi\theta) + i\Delta_2(\boldsymbol{r})\sin(\chi\theta), \tag{7}$$

where θ is the azimuthal angle in the momentum space (i.e., $k_x = \cos\theta$ and $k_y = \sin\theta$), and Δ_1 and Δ_2 are the local amplitudes of two independent components. The topological numbers $\chi = \pm 1, \pm 2$, and ± 3 characterize the chiral p-, chiral d-, and chiral f-wave superconductivities, respectively. The doubly degenerate chiral superconducting states are indicated by $\pm\chi$. In this study, we consider superconducting states with a positive χ. Deep inside a superconductor (i.e., bulk region), the relation $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$ is satisfied. Therefore the pair potentials in the bulk are represented as

$$\Delta(\theta) = \bar{\Delta}(T)e^{i\chi\theta}, \tag{8}$$

where $\bar{\Delta}(T)$ is the amplitude of the uniform pair potential at a temperature T. The amplitude of the superconducting gap is isotropic in momentum space. In the simulations, Δ_1 and Δ_2 are self-consistently determined by the gap equation,

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta_1(\boldsymbol{r}) \\ \Delta_2(\boldsymbol{r}) \end{bmatrix} = N_0 g_0 \pi T \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d\theta'}{2\pi} f(\boldsymbol{r},\theta',i\omega_n) \begin{bmatrix} V_1(\theta') \\ V_2(\theta') \end{bmatrix}, \tag{9}$$

where N_0 is the density of states per spin at the Fermi level in three dimensions. The coupling constant g_0 is determined by

$$(N_0 g_0)^{-1} = \ln\left(\frac{T}{T_c}\right) + \sum_{n=0}^{n_c} \frac{1}{n+1/2}, \tag{10}$$

where $n_c = (\omega_c/2\pi T)$ with ω_c being the cutoff energy. The functions V_1 and V_2 represent the attractive interactions as

$$V_1(\theta) = 2\cos(\chi\theta), \quad V_2(\theta) = 2\sin(\chi\theta). \tag{11}$$

In our model, the Andreev bound states never appear at the surface in the z direction (i.e., the top and bottom surfaces in Fig. 1) because the pair potential does not depend on k_z [38]. As a result, the pair potential is less dependent on z. Thus, by setting the disk thin enough, $D \lesssim \xi_0 < \lambda_L$, we ignore the z dependence of the quasiclassical Green's functions. However, the thickness of the disk needs to be larger than the Fermi wavelength $1/k_F$, so that the quasiclassical theory can be applied [40,41].

The effects of the rough surface are taken into account through the impurity self-energy, which is defined by

$$\check{\Sigma}(\boldsymbol{r}, i\omega_n) = \begin{cases} \frac{i}{2\tau_0}\int \frac{d\theta}{2\pi}\, \check{g}(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,i\omega_n) & \text{for } r > R - W, \\ 0 & \text{for } r < R - W, \end{cases} \tag{12}$$

where $r = (x^2 + y^2)^{1/2}$ and τ_0 is the mean free time due to the impurity scatterings. The self-energy has finite values only near the surface, as shown in Fig. 1(b), where W is the width of the disordered region.

The electric current $\boldsymbol{j}(\boldsymbol{r})$ is calculated from the Green's function

$$\boldsymbol{j}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \frac{\pi e v_F N_0}{2i} T \sum_{\omega_n} \int \frac{d\theta}{2\pi} \mathrm{Tr}[\check{T}_3 \boldsymbol{k}\, \check{g}(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,i\omega_n)], \tag{13}$$

where $\check{T}_3 = \mathrm{diag}[\hat{\sigma}_0, -\hat{\sigma}_0]$. The vector potential is determined by solving the Maxwell equation,

$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r}), \tag{14}$$

$$\nabla \times \boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 4\pi \boldsymbol{j}(\boldsymbol{r}). \tag{15}$$

In a finite-size superconductor, we define the amplitude of a spontaneous magnetization M in terms of the spontaneous magnetic field $\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r})$ as

$$\boldsymbol{M} = \frac{1}{\nu}\int d\boldsymbol{r}\, \boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r}), \tag{16}$$

where $\nu = \pi R^2 D$ is the volume of a small superconducting disk. In this paper, we did not calculate the magnetic field in three dimensions. We obtain $\boldsymbol{H}$ by solving the Maxwell equation in the x-y plane with the boundary condition $H(x,y) = 0$ outside of the disk, and assume that the magnetic field is homogeneous in the z direction [i.e., $\boldsymbol{H}(\boldsymbol{r}) = H(x,y)\hat{\boldsymbol{z}}$ with $\hat{\boldsymbol{z}}$ being the unit vector]. We iterate the Eilenberger equation for the Green's function and the Maxwell equation for the vector potential to obtain the self-consistent solutions of $\Delta_1(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\Delta_2(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r})$, and $\check{\Sigma}(\boldsymbol{r}, i\omega_n)$.

We start all of the simulations with the initial conditions $\Delta_1(\boldsymbol{r}) = \Delta_2(\boldsymbol{r}) = |\bar{\Delta}(T)|$ and $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 0$, where $|\bar{\Delta}(T)|$ is the amplitude of the pair potential in a homogeneous superconductor at a temperature T. Throughout this paper, we fix several parameters: the radius of a disk $R = 10\xi_0$ and the cutoff energy $\omega_c = 6\pi T_c$. The magnetic field and the spontaneous magnetization are measured in units of the second critical magnetic field $H_{c_2} = \hbar c/|e|\xi_0^2$. The current density is normalized to $j_0 = 2|e|v_F N_0 T_c = \hbar c^2/4\pi^2|e|\lambda_L^2\xi_0$. In the quasiclassical theory, the London length $\lambda_L = (mc^2/4\pi n_e e^2)^{1/2}$ with n_e being the electron density is a parameter characterizing the spatial variation of magnetic fields and is fixed at $\lambda_L = 5\xi_0$. In this paragraph, we explicitly denoted $\hbar$ and c to avoid misunderstandings.

To solve the Eilenberger equation in a disk geometry, we apply the Riccati parametrization to the Green's function [42–44] and the technique discussed in Ref. [45]. By using the Riccati parametrization, we can separate the Eilenberger equation into the two Riccati-type differential equations. Solving the Riccati equations along a sufficiently long quasiclassical trajectory (typically 30 times of the coherence length), we can obtain the solutions of the Eilenberger equation.

As we will demonstrate in the following sections, the edge currents show complicated spatial profiles depending on the pairing symmetry. To analyze such behaviors, we decompose the electric current into a series of current components in terms of the symmetry of Cooper pairs. By using the normalization relation $g^2 - s_v f\tilde{f} = 1$ under the assumption $f\tilde{f} \ll 1$, we represent the normal Green's function as $g \approx 1 + s_v f\tilde{f}/2$, where we have used the Eq. (6) and $s_v = 1$ ($s_v = -1$) for the spin-triplet (spin-singlet) pair potential. By substituting the expression into the current formula in Eq. (13), the electric current can be expressed as [46]

$$\boldsymbol{j}(\boldsymbol{r}) = \sum_{\omega_n > 0} \boldsymbol{j}_{\omega_n}(\boldsymbol{r}), \tag{17}$$

$$\boldsymbol{j}_{\omega_n} = 4\pi e v_F N_0 T \int \frac{d\theta}{2\pi}\, \frac{1}{2} s_v \boldsymbol{k}\, \mathrm{Im}[f\tilde{f}], \tag{18}$$

where we have used the relation $g(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,i\omega_n) = -g^*(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,-i\omega_n)$. Generally speaking, the pairing function $f(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,i\omega_n)$ can be decomposed into the Fourier series

$$f(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,i\omega_n) = \sum_{a=0} f_a^{\mathrm{c}}(\boldsymbol{r},i\omega_n)\cos(a\theta) + \sum_{b=1} i f_b^{\mathrm{s}}(\boldsymbol{r},i\omega_n)\sin(b\theta). \tag{19}$$

The surface breaks locally the inversion symmetry and induces subdominant pairing components whose symmetries are different from that of the pair potential. In the absence of the vector potential, f_a^{c} and f_b^{s} are real functions. When we consider the current profile at $y = 0$, the electric current in the y direction becomes

$$j_y(x) = \sum_{\omega_n}\sum_{ab} j_{ab}(i\omega_n), \tag{20}$$

$$j_{ab}(i\omega_n) = 4\pi|e|v_F N_0\, T\, f_a^{\mathrm{c}}\, f_b^{\mathrm{s}}\, I_{ab}, \tag{21}$$

$$I_{ab} = s_v(-1)^b(\delta_{b,1-a} + \delta_{b,a+1} - \delta_{b,a-1})/4, \tag{22}$$

where we use the relations $f(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,i\omega_n) = f^*(\boldsymbol{r},\theta+\pi,i\omega_n)$ and $\int d\theta \sin\theta\cos(a\theta)\sin(b\theta) = (\delta_{b,1-a} + \delta_{b,a+1} - \delta_{b,a-1})\pi/2$ for $a \geqslant 0$ and $b \geqslant 1$. The Kronecker's δ functions appearing

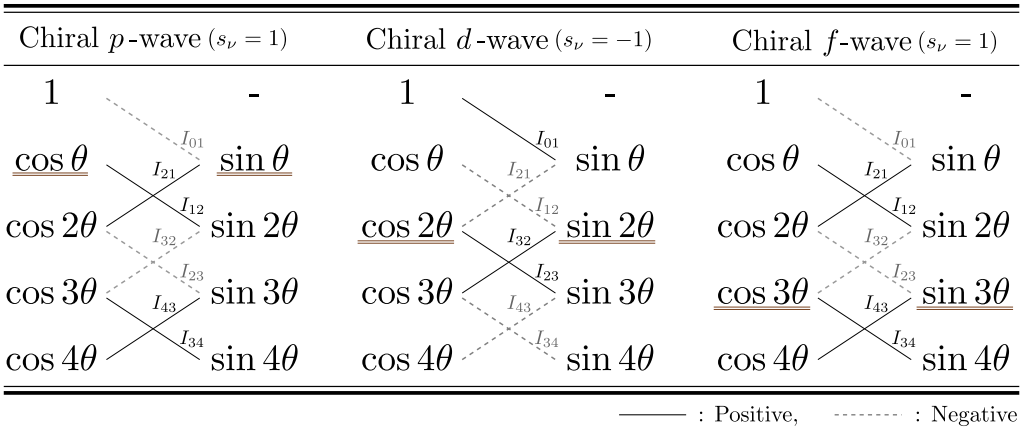


FIG. 2. Chart of I_{ab} in Eq. (22). The diagonal lines connecting $\cos(a\theta)$ and $\sin(b\theta)$ indicate possible combinations of $f_a^{\rm c}$ and $f_b^{\rm s}$ for the chiral currents. The solid (broken) lines mean I_{ab} is positive (negative). The sign of I_{ab} in a spin-singlet superconductor is opposite to that in a spin-triplet superconductor due to an extra sign factor s_ν. The double underlines indicate the principal pairing component linking to the pair potential [i.e., $\cos(\chi\theta)$ and $\sin(\chi\theta)$]. At the first line, "1" represents the s-wave component.

in Eq. (22) suggest that only the limited combinations of $f_a^{\rm c}$ and $f_b^{\rm s}$ contribute to the supercurrents, (e.g., $a = b \pm 1$). Moreover, the direction of the decomposed current j_{ab} in Eq. (21) depends on the signs of $f_a^{\rm c} f_b^{\rm s}$ and I_{ab}. The signs of I_{ab} mainly determine the current directions because $f_a^{\rm c} f_b^{\rm s}$ appearing at a certain surface have the same signs in most cases. We show a chart of $\mathrm{sgn}[I_{ab}]$ in Fig. 2. The diagonal lines connecting $\cos(a\theta)$ and $\sin(b\theta)$ mean the possible combinations for carrying the currents. The solid (broken) lines indicate that I_{ab} is positive (negative). In a chiral p-wave superconductor, for example, I_{01} and I_{21} have the opposite signs of each other. As a result, the decomposed currents j_{01} and j_{21} flow in opposite directions.

III. NON-SELF-CONSISTENT SIMULATION

Before turning into the effects of surface roughness and those of the Meissner screening, the chiral currents in the uniform pair potential at $\boldsymbol{A} = 0$ should be summarized. The results presented in this section are qualitatively the same as those obtained by the Bogoliubov–de Gennes (BdG) formalism in Refs. [17] and [18].

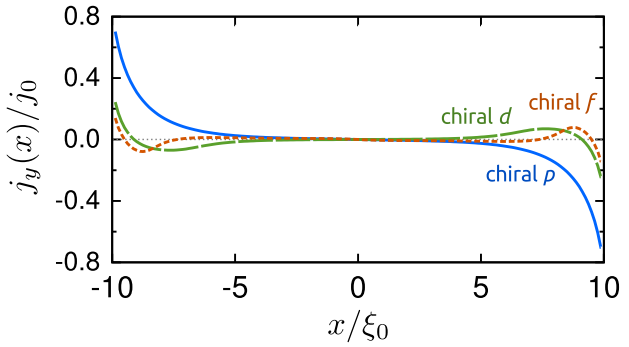


FIG. 3. Current densities in a disk of a chiral superconductor with a constant pair potential $\Delta_{1(2)}(\boldsymbol{r}) = |\bar{\Delta}(T)|$ at $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 0$, where $|\bar{\Delta}(T)|$ is the amplitude of the pair potential at a temperature T in a homogeneous superconductor. Here, we show the current distribution at $y = 0$. The radius of a superconducting disk, the temperature, and the cutoff energy are set to $R = 10\xi_0$, $T = 0.2T_c$, and $\omega_c = 6\pi T_c$.

The spatial dependences of the edge current are shown in Fig. 3, where we show the spatial distribution of the current in the y direction $j_y(x)$ at $y = 0$, where the temperature is set to $T = 0.2T_c$. The results are circular symmetric on a superconducting disk. In a chiral p-wave superconductor ($\chi = 1$), the amplitude of the edge current takes its maximum at $r = R$ and monotonically decreases with increasing the distance from the surface. When we observe the current from the $+z$ axis, the chiral current flows in the clockwise direction. The current distributions in chiral d-wave ($\chi = 2$) and chiral f-wave ($\chi = 3$) superconductors are rather more complicated than that in a chiral p-wave case. The current density is negative (clockwise) around $x/\xi_0 = 10$ and is positive (counterclockwise) for $x/\xi_0 < 9$ in a chiral d-wave superconductor. In a chiral f-wave case, the current density is negative for $9.5 < x/\xi_0 < 10$, positive for $7.8 < x/\xi_0 < 9.5$, and negative again for $x/\xi_0 < 7.8$. The net current density $J = \int_0^R dx\, j_y(x)|_{y=0}$ decreases with increasing the chiral index χ because there are two (three) current channels in a chiral d-wave (f-wave) superconductor and they carry the currents in opposite directions.

IV. DISK WITH A SPECULAR SURFACE

In this section, we discuss the current distribution of a chiral-superconducting disk with a specular surface under the self-consistent pair potentials and the vector potential. The results are obtained by solving the Eilenberger and Maxwell equations simultaneously and self-consistently. In Sec. IV A, we consider only the self-consistent pair potential at $\boldsymbol{A} = 0$ in Eq. (3) to analyze the complicated spatial distribution of the chiral current. The results tell us the symmetry of Cooper pairs that carry the chiral current. The effects of self-induced magnetic fields are briefly discussed in Sec. IV B. The parameters are set to the same values used in Fig. 3.

A. Results under self-consistent pair potential at $A = 0$

In Fig. 4, we show the spatial dependence of the pair potentials Δ_1 and Δ_2. In a chiral p-wave superconductor,

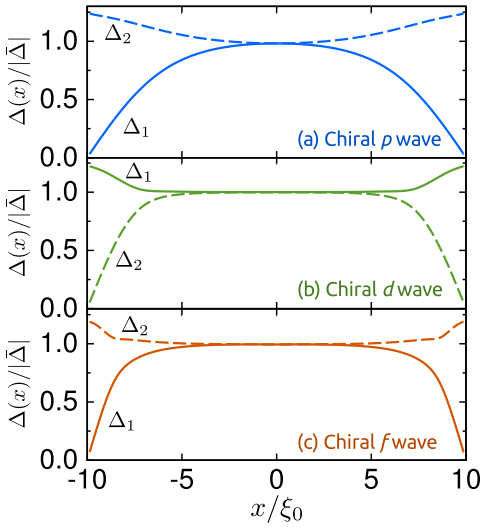


FIG. 4. Pair potentials in a disk of a chiral superconductor. The results are obtained by solving self-consistently the Eilenberger equation under the condition $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 0$. The superconducting disk is in the clean limit. The pair potentials are normalized to $|\bar{\Delta}(T)|$, the amplitude of the pair potential in a homogeneous superconductor at a temperature T. The parameters are set to the same values used in Fig. 3.

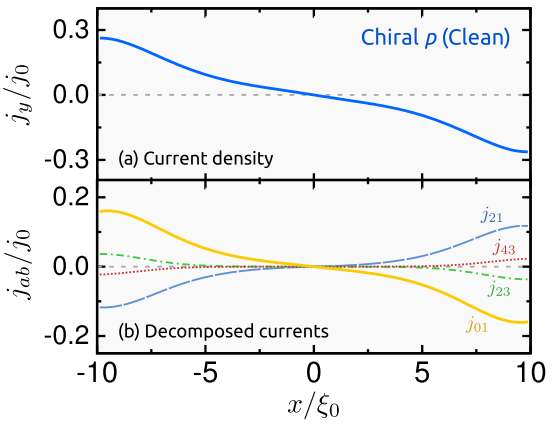


FIG. 5. Results for a chiral p-wave disk with a *specular* surface obtained by the self-consistent simulation under $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 0$. The chiral current $j_y(x)$ in Eq. (20) at $y = 0$ is shown in panel (a). The decomposed current j_{ab} at the lowest Matsubara frequency in Eq. (21) is shown in panel (b). All of the currents in panels (a) and (b) are normalized to $j_0 = 2|e|v_F N_0 T_c$. The parameters are set to the same values used in Fig. 3.

the pair potential Δ_1 is strongly suppressed, whereas Δ_2 is slightly enhanced near the surface as shown in Fig. 4(a). The suppression and enhancement are closely related to the formation of the surface ABSs. Namely, Δ_1 changes its sign while the quasiparticle is reflected by a specular surface. These spatial variations of the pair potentials affect the edge current. The current density $j_y(x)$ at $y = 0$ in Eq. (20) is shown in Fig. 5(a). In a chiral p-wave disk, the edge current monotonically decreases with increasing the distance from the edge. The edge current under the self-consistent pair potential in Fig. 5(a) flows in much wider area than that obtained by the uniform pair potential in Fig. 3. The range of the edge is determined by the spatial variation of the pair potential in Fig. 4.

The surface breaks locally the inversion symmetry and the spatial variation of the pair potential breaks the translational symmetry. As a result, the subdominant pairing correlations are induced near the surface [47]. In Fig. 2, we enumerate the orbital symmetry of such subdominant components. The double underlines indicate the principal pairing component linked to the pair potential. At the first row, 1 represents s-wave symmetry. In a chiral p-wave case, the spatial variation of the principal component $\cos(\theta)$ induces the subdominant component such as s-wave, d-wave $\cos(2\theta)$, f-wave $\cos(3\theta)$, ... In the same way, the principal component $\sin(\theta)$ induces the subdominant component of d-wave $\sin(2\theta)$, f-wave $\sin(3\theta)$, ... The current is decomposed into the series of j_{ab} in Eq. (21). The results for a chiral p-wave disk are shown in Fig. 5(b), where j_{01}, j_{21}, j_{23}, and j_{43} contribute mainly to the current. Here j_{ab} shown in Fig. 5(b) are calculated at the lowest Matsubara frequency ω_0. We have confirmed that $\sum_{ab} j_{ab}(\omega_0)$ is almost identical to the current density obtained from the normal Green's function $j(\omega_0)$ and that the components at higher Matsubara frequencies have almost the similar spatial distribution as j_{ab} at ω_0. Reflecting the signs of I_{ab} in Fig. 2, j_{01} and j_{23} flow in the clockwise direction, whereas j_{21} and j_{43} go in the counterclockwise direction. The magnitudes of j_{01} and j_{23} are slightly larger than j_{21} and j_{43}, respectively. As a consequence, the net edge current flows in the clockwise direction. We have confirmed that other possible j_{ab} are negligible. The decomposed currents in Fig. 5(b) tell us the symmetry of Cooper pairs that carry the edge current. The partial current j_{01} represents the current carried by the combination of s-wave and p_y-wave Cooper pairs. The current j_{21} are also understood as the current carried by $d_{x^2-y^2}$-wave $\times$ p_y-wave Cooper pairs.

All of the Cooper pairs in a chiral p-wave superconductor belong to the spin-triplet symmetry class in the absence of spin-dependent potentials. Therefore, even-parity pairs induced at a surface have the odd-frequency symmetry because of the antisymmetry relation derived from the Fermi-Dirac statistics of electrons

$$\hat{f}(\boldsymbol{r},\theta,i\omega_n) = -\hat{f}^{\mathrm{T}}(\boldsymbol{r},\theta+\pi,-i\omega_n), \tag{23}$$

where $\cdot^{\mathrm{T}}$ represents the transposition of a matrix and means the commutation of the two spins of a Cooper pair. The odd-parity symmetry accounts for the negative sign on the right-hand side of Eq. (23) in a spin-triplet superconductor. On the other hand, the induced spin-triplet even-parity components satisfy Eq. (23) by their frequency dependence. They are so-called odd-frequency Cooper pairs [48,49]. As shown in Fig. 5(b) and Eq. (21), the spontaneous edge current in a chiral superconductor is carried by the combination of the even- and odd-frequency Cooper pairs staying at a surface.

In a chiral d-wave superconductor, Δ_2 is responsible for the formation of the surface ABSs. Correspondingly, the pair potential Δ_1 is slightly enhanced near the surface as shown in Fig. 4(b). The spatial profile of the current is shown in Fig. 6(a). As is the case in the non-self-consistent simulation, there are two edge channels in a chiral d-wave disk. The current in the

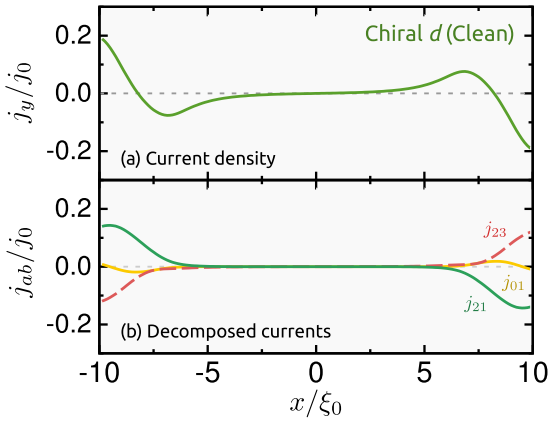


FIG. 6. Results for a chiral d-wave disk with a specular surface obtained by the self-consistent simulation under $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 0$: current density j_y (a) and dominant components j_{ab} (b). The results are plotted in the same manner as in Fig. 5.

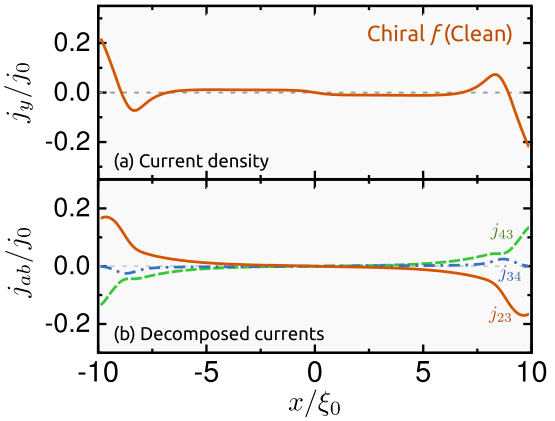


FIG. 7. Results for a chiral f-wave disk with a specular surface obtained by the self-consistent simulation under $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 0$: current density j_y (a) and dominant components j_{ab} (b). The results are plotted in the same manner as Fig. 5.

clockwise direction flows along the surface and the current in the counterclockwise flows around $x = \pm 7\xi_0$. In Fig. 6(b), we decompose the current into the series of j_{ab}, where we show only dominant components of j_{21}, j_{23}, and j_{01}. We note that j_{12} and j_{32} (not shown) have almost the same profile as j_{01} and that other components are negligible. The principal pairing components in a chiral d-wave superconductor are $f_2^c \cos(2\theta)$ and $f_2^s \sin(2\theta)$ as shown in Fig. 2. The spatial variation of the pair potential generates the odd-frequency components $f_1^s \sin(\theta)$ and $f_3^s \sin(3\theta)$. These induced components carry the spontaneous current indicated by j_{21}, j_{23}, j_{12}, and j_{32}. As shown in Fig. 6(b), j_{21} and j_{23} flow in opposite directions because I_{21} and I_{23} have opposite signs. As a result, the net edge current becomes smaller than that in a chiral p-wave disk.

In a chiral f-wave disk, Δ_1 is suppressed and Δ_2 is slightly enhanced near the surface due to the emergence of the surface ABSs as shown in Fig. 4(c). The current profile and the decomposed currents j_{ab} are shown in Figs. 7(a) and 7(b), respectively. Although the spatial profile of the current is greatly modified by the self-consistent pair potentials, Fig. 7(a) suggests that there are three current channels. The current density is negative for $8 < x/\xi_0$, is positive for $6 < x/\xi_0 < 8$, and is negative again for $0 < x/\xi_0 < 6$. Figure 7(b) shows that the spatial dependence of the current components j_{23}, j_{43}, and j_{34} are responsible for such a complicated current profile. We note that j_{21} and j_{32} (not shown) have almost the same profile as j_{34}.

B. Results under self-consistent pair potential and vector potential

We take into account the vector potential $\boldsymbol{A}$ induced by the edge current to investigate the Meissner screening effect. The pair potential and the vector potential are determined in a self-consistent way by solving the Eilenberger and Maxwell equations simultaneously. The spatial profiles of the pair potentials are qualitatively the same as those in Fig. 4. The spatial profiles of the chiral edge currents are shown in Fig. 8(a). In Figs. 8(b)–8(d), we compare the local magnetic fields obtained under the self-consistent field (SCF) with that under the non-self-consistent field of the vector potential (non-SCF). The latter is calculated from the current distribution in Figs. 5(a), 6(a), and 7(a) by using the relation in Eq. (15).

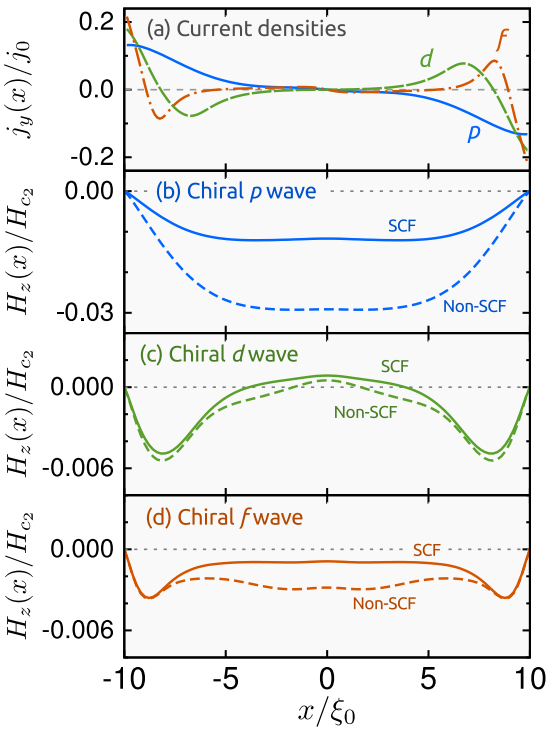


FIG. 8. (a) Current densities in a disk of a chiral superconductor with a *specular* surface (a). The results are obtained by solving the Eilenberger and Maxwell equations self-consistently and simultaneously. The penetration depth is fixed at $\lambda_L = 5\xi_0$. The other parameters are set to the same values used in Fig. 3. The current densities are normalized to $j_0 = 2|e|v_F N_0 T_c$. In panels (b)–(d), we compare the spatial distributions of the self-consistent fields (SCF) with those of the non-self-consistent fields (non-SCF). The former is obtained by the current densities in panel (a) by using the relation in Eq. (15). The latter is calculated from the current distributions in Figs. 5(a), 6(a), and 7(a). The magnetic fields are scaled in units of $H_{c_2} = \hbar c/|e|\xi_0^2$.

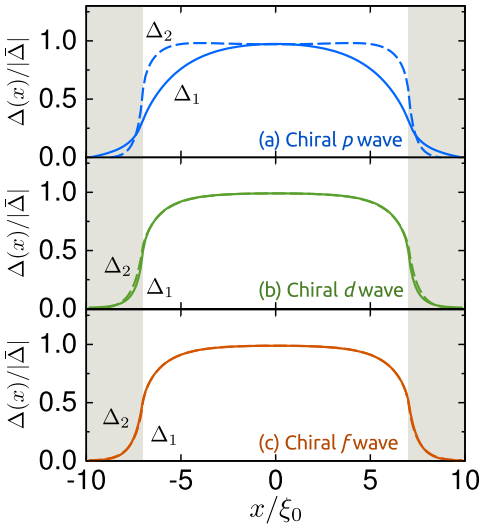


FIG. 9. Pair potentials in a disk of a chiral superconductor with a rough surface as indicated by the shadowed area. The results are obtained by solving the Eilenberger equation self-consistently at $\boldsymbol{A} = 0$. The parameters are set to the same values used in Fig. 3. The magnetic penetration depth is $\lambda_L = 5\xi_0$.

In a chiral p-wave disk, the Meissner screening by the superconducting condensate suppresses dramatically the spontaneous magnetization as shown in Fig. 8(b). As a result, the amplitude of the current at $x = R$ is less than $0.13\,j_0$ under the SCF in Fig. 8(a), whereas it is about $0.27\,j_0$ under the non-SCF in Fig. 5(a). The magnetic field near the center of a disk remains at a finite value in both the SCF and non-SCF simulations. This magnetic-field penetration is a results of the finite-size effects. At the surface of a semi-infinite sample, we have confirmed the current inversion because of the Meissner screening current as seen in Fig. 2 in Ref. [1]. Namely, the bulk condensate generates the screening current, which flows in the opposite direction to the chiral current at the surface. As a result, the magnetic field in the bulk region vanishes in a semi-infinite superconductor.

In a chiral d-wave superconductor, the magnetic field is mainly localized around $x = \pm 8\xi_0$ as shown in Fig. 8(c). The results with the SCF are slightly smaller than those with the non-SCF. Thus the Meissner effect in a chiral d-wave disk is much weaker than that in a chiral p-wave one. The current profile under the non-SCF in Fig. 6(a) shows that there are two channels for the edge current. One is the outer channel for the clockwise current and the other is the inner channel for the counterclockwise current. The induced magnetic field by the inner current well screens that by the outer current intrinsically. Such a self-screening effect makes the Meissner screening effect weak in a chiral d-wave disk. Actually such characteristic current profiles with the non-SCF in Fig. 6(a) are well preserved in the results with the SCF in Fig. 8(a). The current amplitude at the surface $x = R$ reaches about $0.18\,j_0$ in Fig. 8(a) and about $0.19\,j_0$ in Fig. 6(a). Thus, in a chiral d-wave disk, the Meissner effect modifies the edge current only slightly, as shown in Fig. 8(c).

The result of the edge current for a chiral f-wave superconductor in Fig. 8(d) can be explained in the same way. There are three channels for the edge current in a chiral f-wave case as discussed in Fig. 7(a). The self-screening effect works in this case as well. The characteristic behavior of the edge current with the non-SCF in Fig. 7(a) remains almost unchanged even with the SCF, as shown in Fig. 8(a). However, because the self-screening effect does not sufficiently exclude the local field, the magnetic field around the center of a disk is suppressed by the Meissner effect, as shown in Fig. 8(d).

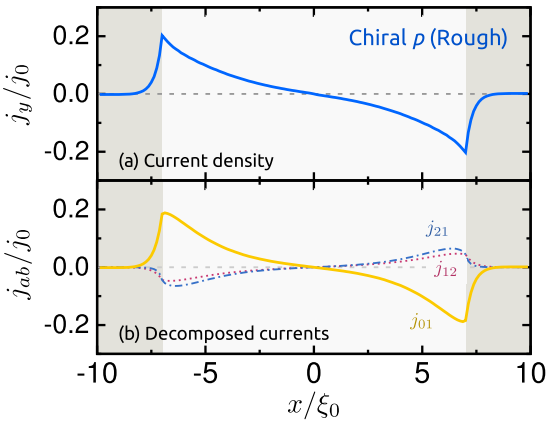


FIG. 10. Results for a chiral p-wave disk with a rough surface obtained by the self-consistent simulation at $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 0$. The current density $j_y(x)$ at $y = 0$ in Eq. (20) is shown in panel (a). The dominant components j_{ab} at the lowest Matsubara frequency are shown in panel (b).

V. DISK WITH A ROUGH SURFACE

In this section, we discuss the effects of a rough surface on the chiral edge currents. The width of the disordered region [shadowed in Fig. 1(b)] is set to be $W = 3\xi_0$ because the chiral edge current in the clean limit mainly flows in such area as shown in Fig. 8(a). The strength of roughness is set to $\xi_0/\ell = 1.0$, where $\ell = v_F\tau_0$ is the elastic mean free path of a quasiparticle. The other parameters are set to the same values used in Fig. 5. The rough surface drastically changes the spatial profile of the pair potential and that of induced subdominant pairing components. Thus we first summarize symmetry of Cooper pairs appearing near the rough surface in Sec. V A. Then we discuss briefly the Meissner screening effect by the bulk condensate in Sec. V B.

A. Results under self-consistent pair potential at $A = 0$

Here we discuss the results obtained by solving *only* the Eilenberger equation under the condition $\boldsymbol{A} = 0$ in Eq. (3). We obtain the self-consistent solutions of $\Delta_1(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\Delta_2(\boldsymbol{r})$, and $\hat{\Sigma}(\boldsymbol{r}, i\omega_n)$. The pair potentials are presented in Fig. 9. The surface roughness strongly suppresses the pair potentials Δ_1 and Δ_2 in the disordered region of a chiral p-wave disk. At the interface between the disordered and clean regions (we refer to it as the d-c interface in what follows), Δ_1 is suppressed more significantly than Δ_2, which suggests the formation of the ABSs there [26]. We show the current density j_y at $y = 0$ and the dominant current components j_{ab} in Fig. 10. Comparing Fig. 5(a) with 10(a), one can find that the peak of the edge current moves from the surface to the d-c interface, and that its maximum value $0.20\,j_0$ is comparable to the maximum value

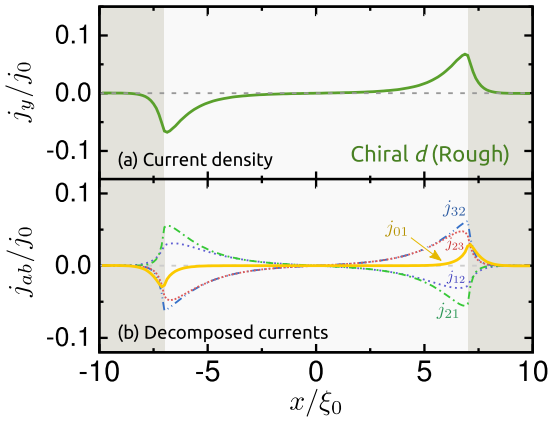


FIG. 11. Results for a chiral d-wave disk with a rough surface obtained by the self-consistent simulation at $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 0$: current density j_y (a) and dominant components j_{ab} (b). The results are plotted in the same manner as Fig. 10.

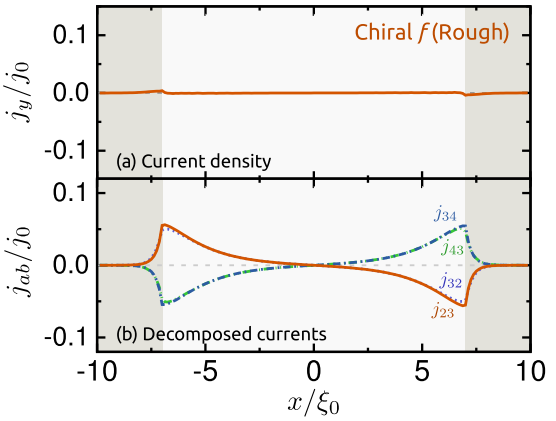


FIG. 12. Results for a chiral f-wave disk with a rough surface obtained by the self-consistent simulation at $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r}) = 0$: current density j_y (a) and dominant components j_{ab} (b). The results are plotted in the same manner as in Fig. 10.

in the clean limit. As shown in Fig. 10(b), the edge current in a chiral p-wave disk is mainly carried by three components; j_{01}, j_{21}, and j_{12}. Among them, the combination of s-wave $\times$ p_y-wave pairs (j_{01}) dominates obviously the chiral current in a disk with a rough surface. The spatial variation in Δ_1 generates the s-wave and $d_{x^2-y^2}$-wave odd-frequency pairs [32]. The induced s-wave pairs, in particular, are robust even under the random potential. Such property supports the robustness of the chiral edge current in a chiral p-wave superconductor.

The edge current in a chiral d-wave disk shows a qualitatively different behavior from that in a chiral p-wave case. As shown in Fig. 11(a), the chiral current in a disk with surface roughness flows only in the counterclockwise direction. This behavior can be understood by comparing the current profile in Fig. 6(a) with that in Fig. 11(a). In the clean disk, there are two edge currents: the outer current running flowing in the clockwise direction and the inner current running in the counterclockwise direction as shown in Fig. 6(a). The surface roughness eliminates the outer current channel. However, the inner current channel remains even in the presence of the surface roughness and is responsible for the chiral current in the counterclockwise direction. We have confirmed that the inner current can survive in the presence of much stronger roughness such as $\xi_0/\ell \sim 30$. The decomposed components of the current j_{ab} are shown in Fig. 11(b). The edge current is mainly carried by five combinations: j_{01}, j_{12}, j_{21}, j_{23}, and j_{32}. The four components j_{12}, j_{21}, j_{23}, and j_{32} almost cancel one another. As shown in Fig. 9(b), the surface roughness suppresses both Δ_1 and Δ_2 in the same manner near the shadowed area, which results in

$$f_2^{\rm c}(x) \simeq f_2^{\rm s}(x). \tag{24}$$

The spatial variation of Δ_1 generates mainly $f_1^{\rm c}\cos(\theta)$ and $f_3^{\rm c}\cos(2\theta)$ with $f_1^{\rm c}(x) \simeq f_3^{\rm c}(x)$. In the same way, the spatial variation of Δ_2 induces $f_1^{\rm s}\sin(\theta)$ and $f_3^{\rm s}\sin(3\theta)$ with $f_1^{\rm s}(x) \simeq f_3^{\rm s}(x)$. Therefore, the relation

$$f_1^{\rm c}(x) \simeq f_3^{\rm c}(x) \simeq f_1^{\rm s}(x) \simeq f_3^{\rm s}(x) \tag{25}$$

holds among the four coefficients. By applying the relation in Eqs. (24) and (25) into Eq. (21) with the I_{ab} in Fig. 2, we can conclude that j_{21} cancels j_{32} and j_{12} cancels j_{23}. The remaining component j_{01}, the contribution from the s-wave $\times$ p_y-wave pairs, dominates the edge current. Because s-wave Cooper pairs are robust against surface roughness, j_{01} can exist even under much stronger disordered potential.

As shown in Fig. 12(a), the edge current in a chiral f-wave disk with a rough surface becomes almost zero in this scale of the plot (i.e., $|j_y| \ll j_0$). Within the accuracy of our numerical simulation, the maximum value of the current density is less than $4 \times 10^{-3} j_0$. The dominant components j_{23}, j_{32}, j_{34}, and j_{43} are shown in Fig. 12(b). As shown in Fig. 9(c), the surface roughness suppresses both Δ_1 and Δ_2 in the same manner near the shadowed area. By applying the same logic used in a chiral d-wave case, it is possible to show the relations

$$f_3^{\rm c}(x) \simeq f_3^{\rm s}(x), \tag{26}$$

$$f_2^{\rm c}(x) \simeq f_4^{\rm c}(x) \simeq f_2^{\rm s}(x) \simeq f_4^{\rm s}(x). \tag{27}$$

These relations and I_{ab} in Fig. 2 explain the cancellation among the current components such as $j_{23} + j_{34} \simeq 0$ and $j_{32} + j_{43} \simeq 0$. As a result, the net edge current totally disappears, as shown in Fig. 12(a).

The symmetry of Cooper pairs is determined by the pair potential and the random impurity potential at a surface. Thus, even if a superconductor is semi-infinitely large and is realized with a single chiral domain, we can find the similar behavior of the edge currents against surface roughness as they show in a small superconductor.

B. Results under self-consistent pair potential and vector potential

We discuss the effects of the self-induced vector potential on the chiral current in a disk with surface roughness. By solving simultaneously the Eilenberger and Maxwell equations, we obtain the self-consistent solutions of $\Delta_1(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\Delta_2(\boldsymbol{r})$, $\boldsymbol{A}(\boldsymbol{r})$, and $\hat{\Sigma}(\boldsymbol{r}, i\omega_n)$. Here we do not show the pair potentials because they remain unchanged from those in Fig. 9 even quantitatively. The results of the edge currents are shown in Fig. 13(a). The spatial

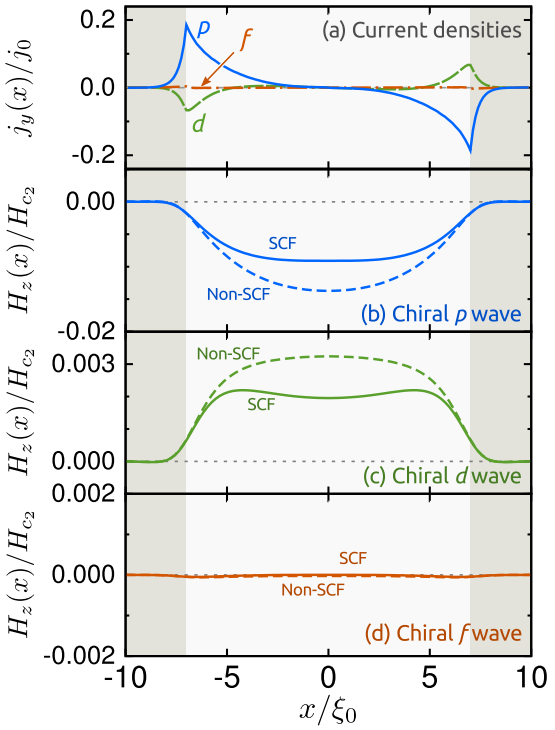


FIG. 13. (a) Current densities in a disk of a chiral superconductor with a *rough* surface. The results are obtained by solving the Eilenberger and Maxwell equations self-consistently and simultaneously. (b)–(d) Comparisons of the SCF with the non-SCF. The strength of the disorder and the width of the disordered region are set to $\xi_0/\ell = 1$ and $W = 3\xi_0$, respectively. The other parameters are set to the same values used in Fig. 8.

distributions of the magnetic field are presented in Figs. 13(b)–13(d). For comparison, we show the non-SCF calculated from the current profiles of Figs. 10(a), 11(a), and 12(a) by applying the relation in Eq. (15).

As shown in Fig. 13(b), the Meissner effect suppresses the magnetic field around the center of a chiral p-wave disk. When we compare the results for a chiral p-wave disk with the SCF in Fig. 13(a) and those with the non-SCF in Fig. 10(a), the current profile in Fig. 13(a) is spatially compressed into a narrower region by the Meissner effect.

Similar features are found also in the results of a chiral d-wave disk, as shown in Fig. 13(c). In the presence of the surface roughness, the current profile under the non-SCF has a monotonic spatial dependence between the center of the disk and the d-c interface as presented in Fig. 11(a). Therefore, the self-screening effect observed in a clean disk does not work at all. In a chiral d-wave disk with a rough surface, the Meissner effect becomes stronger than that in a disk with a specular surface. The Meissner effect suppress the magnetization near the center of the disk, as shown in Fig. 13(c).

In a chiral f-wave disk, the surface roughness strongly suppresses the chiral current. Thus the magnetic field is much smaller than H_{c_2} everywhere in the disk, as shown in Fig. 13(d). Within the numerical accuracy, the magnetic field is less than $7 \times 10^{-5} H_{c_2}$ in our simulation.

VI. TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF SPONTANEOUS MAGNETIZATIONS

Finally, we discuss the dependences of the spontaneous magnetization on temperature, which are measurable values in experiments. All of the simulations were started at $T \simeq T_c$ with a homogeneous pair potential $\Delta_1(\boldsymbol{r}) = \Delta_2(\boldsymbol{r}) = |\bar{\Delta}(T)|$ and without an external magnetic field. The magnitude of a spontaneous magnetization is defined in Eq. (16). In our simulations, the pair potential, the impurity self-energy, and the vector potential are calculated self-consistently. The results in a disk with a *specular* surface are shown in Fig. 14. At a low temperature $T = 0.1T_c$, the magnetization of a chiral p-wave disk reaches to about $0.009H_{c_2}$. In chiral d- and f-wave disks, the magnetizations are about $0.002H_{c_2}$. Although the magnetization decreases with increasing the radius of a disk by its definition, Eq. (16), $0.002H_{c_2}$ at $R = 10\xi_0$ would be detectable value in experiments. The results in a disk with a *rough* surface are shown in Fig. 15; we choose $\xi_0/\ell = 1.0$ and $W = 3\xi_0$. In a chiral p-wave superconductor, the amplitude of the magnetization is smaller than the results in the clean limit at every temperature. As we discussed in Sec. V, however, the amplitude of the current density in a disk with a rough surface is comparable to that in a disk with a specular surface. In Eq. (16), the magnetization is normalized by the area of a whole disk. As shown in Fig. 9, however, the effective radius of the superconducting region shrinks down to $R_{\rm eff} = R - W$ in the presence of the surface roughness. When we renormalize the magnetization by the effective superconducting area, the renormalized magnetization $\tilde{M} = MR^2/(R-W)^2 \approx 2M$ is comparable to the magnetization in the clean disk. This fact means the robustness of the chiral current in the presence of the surface roughness.

In a chiral d-wave disk, the sign of the magnetization in Fig. 15 changes from that in Fig. 14 because only the inner chiral edge channel survives in a disk with a rough surface and flows the current in the counterclockwise direction. We have confirmed that the magnetization of a chiral d-wave disk becomes small but remains finite even in the presence of the much stronger disorder (e.g., $\xi_0/\ell = 30$). As discussed in Sec. V A, the combination of s-wave and p_y-wave Cooper pairs carry the spontaneous current in both chiral p- and chiral d-wave disks. Therefore, the robust spontaneous edge current and the robust spontaneous magnetization are common features in these two superconductors. In the case of a chiral f-wave superconductor, the amplitude of the magnetization is almost zero in the scale of Fig. 15. Within the numerical accuracy, we estimate that the magnetization is smaller than $4 \times 10^{-5} H_{c_2}$.

VII. CONCLUSION

We have studied the effects of surface roughness on the spontaneous edge current in small chiral superconductors characterized by chiral p-, chiral d-, and chiral f-wave pairing symmetries. On the basis of the quasiclassical Eilenberger formalism, we calculated the chiral current and the spontaneous magnetization of the small superconducting disk numerically. By solving the Eilenberger and Maxwell equations simultaneously, we obtained self-consistent solutions of the

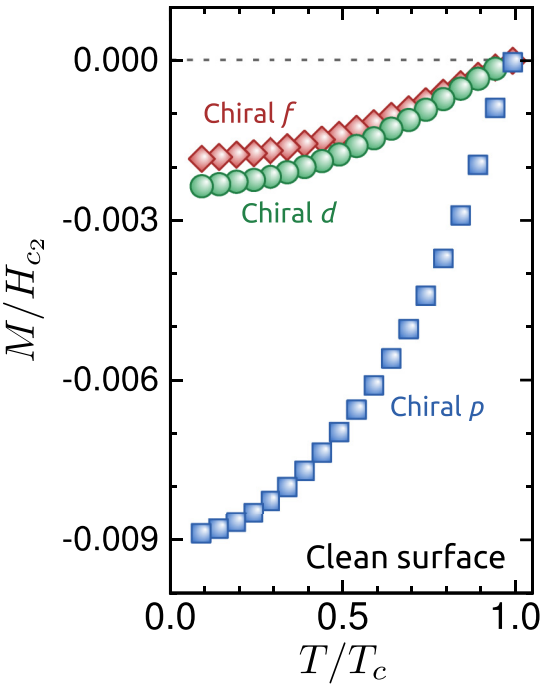


FIG. 14. Temperature dependences of the spontaneous magnetization of a small chiral superconductor with a *clean* surface. The magnetization is defined by Eq. (16) and is normalized to the second critical magnetic field H_{c_2}.

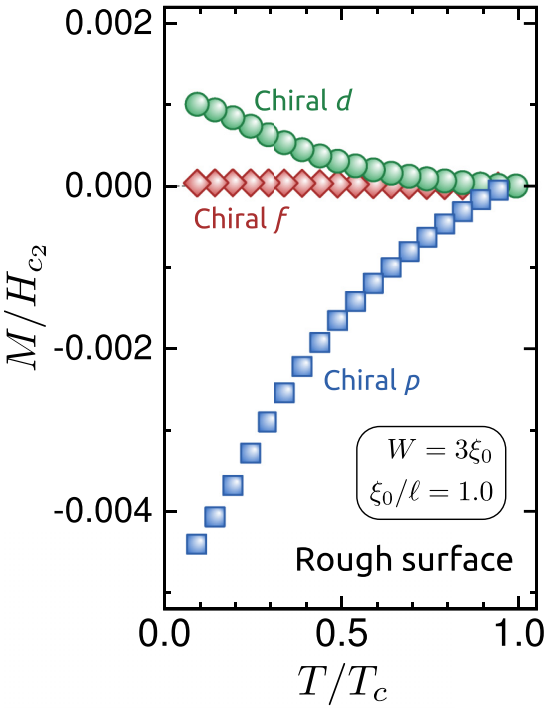


FIG. 15. Temperature dependences of the spontaneous magnetization of a small chiral superconductor with a *rough* surface. The parameters related to the surface roughness are set to $\xi_0/\ell = 1.0$ and $W = 3\xi_0$.

pair potential, the impurity self-energy, and the vector potential. To understand the physics behind the complicated current distribution in real space, we decomposed the current into a series of components in terms of the symmetry of a Cooper pair. The chiral edge current is carried by a combination of two pairing components: the even-parity component and the odd-parity component. In a spin-singlet (spin-triplet) superconductor, the odd-parity (even-parity) Cooper pairs have odd-frequency symmetry.

The effects of the surface roughness depend on the pairing symmetry of the superconductor. The chiral current is robust in the presence of surface roughness in a chiral p- and chiral d-wave symmetries. With chiral p-wave symmetry, the characteristic features of the chiral current are insensitive to the surface roughness. With chiral d-wave symmetry, the chiral current changes its direction as a result of the surface roughness. In both the chiral p-wave and chiral d-wave cases, the chiral current is carried by a combination consisting of two pairing correlations. One is the correlation with p-wave symmetry and the other is the correlation with s-wave symmetry. The Meissner screening effect by the bulk condensate reduces a spontaneous magnetization. However, the resulting amplitude of the magnetization is still large enough to be detected in experiments. In a chiral f-wave superconductor, the surface roughness significantly suppresses the spontaneous edge current.

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