

Emergence of strongly correlated electronic states driven by the Andreev bound state in d -wave superconductors

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As the surface Andreev bound state (ABS) forms at the open (1,1) edge of a $d_{x^2-y^2}$ -wave superconductor, the local density of states increases. Therefore, a strong electron correlation and drastic phenomena may occur. However, a theoretical study on the effects of the ABS on the electron correlation has not been performed yet. To understand these effects, we study the large-cluster Hubbard model with an open (1,1) edge in the presence of a bulk d -wave gap. We calculate the site-dependent spin susceptibility by performing the random-phase approximation and modified fluctuation-exchange approximation in real space. We find that near the (1,1) edge, drastic ferromagnetic (FM) fluctuations occur owing to the ABS. In addition, as the temperature decreases, the system rapidly approaches a magnetic-order phase slightly below the transition temperature of the bulk d -wave superconductivity (SC). In this case, the FM fluctuations are expected to induce interesting phenomena such as edge-induced triplet SC and quantum critical phenomena.

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I. INTRODUCTION

In bulk cuprate superconductors, strong antiferromagnetic (AFM) fluctuations cause interesting phenomena—for example, d -wave superconductivity (SC) [1–6] and non-Fermi-liquid phenomena in the normal state [7–10]. Moreover, both the Hall coefficient and magnetoresistance are strongly enlarged due to the spin-fluctuation-driven quasiparticle scattering [11–13]. In recent years, the axial and uniform charge density wave (CDW) has been observed in various optimally doped and underdoped cuprate superconductors [14–17]. The discovery of the CDW has activated the study of the present field. To explain the CDW mechanism, spin-fluctuation-driven CDW formation mechanisms have been proposed [18–23].

In many previous studies, electronic states in bulk systems with translational symmetry have been analyzed. On the other hand, real-space structures such as surfaces, interfaces, and impurities break the translational symmetry of a system, and they can induce interesting phenomena that cannot be realized in the bulk systems. In the normal states of cuprate superconductors, $\text{YBa}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{O}_{7-x}$ (YBCO) and $\text{La}_{2-\delta}\text{Sr}_\delta\text{CuO}_4$ (LSCO), nonmagnetic impurities induce a local magnetic moment around them, and the uniform spin susceptibility exhibits the Curie-Weiss behavior [24–29]. In theoretical studies, various analyses are performed using the Heisenberg and Hubbard models containing a nonlocal impurity, and the enhancement in the spin fluctuations is obtained [30–33]. In the case of a local impurity, the enhancement in the local spin susceptibility is reproduced by the improved fluctuation-exchange (FLEX) approximation performed in real space [34]. Because these analyses are performed in real space, the site dependence of the spin susceptibility is satisfactorily explained.

Recently, the present authors predicted theoretically that ferromagnetic (FM) fluctuations develop at the open (1,1) edge of the two-dimensional cluster Hubbard model. In

addition, as the temperature decreases, the local mass-enhancement factor and quasiparticle damping increase strongly at the (1,1) edge, and the system approaches the magnetic critical point. The above are edge-induced quantum critical phenomena [35]. These impurity- or edge-induced magnetic criticalities originate from the high local density of states (LDOS) sites caused by the Friedel oscillation. Moreover, the enhanced spin fluctuations may cause interesting phenomena such as edge-induced spin triplet SC.

On the other hand, surfaces or interfaces also cause various interesting phenomena in the superconducting state. At the (1,1) edge or interface of $d_{x^2-y^2}$ -wave superconductors, the Andreev bound state (ABS) is formed, and the LDOS increases at the Fermi level [36–41]. This originates from the sign change in the bulk d -wave SC gap. The ABS is observed by scanning tunneling spectroscopy (STS) experiments as the zero-bias conductance peak [42–45]. The surface ABS is also regarded as the odd-frequency pairing amplitude induced at the surface of an even-frequency superconductor [46,47]. Owing to the increase in the LDOS caused by the ABS, a strong electron correlation is expected to emerge near the edge. However, theoretical studies on the effects of an ABS on this electron correlation have been limited. Furthermore, a surface or an interface can induce a time-reversal symmetry breaking (TRSB) SC state. For example, it is proposed that the (1,1) edge of a d -wave superconductor exhibits $d \pm is$ -wave SC [48–50]. In this case, the relative phase between the s - and d -wave gaps is $\pi/2$. The emergence of the TRSB SC state has been discussed in polycrystalline YBCO [51] or twinned iron-based superconductor FeSe in the nematic phase [52]. To understand such interesting SC at a surface or an interface, we have to clarify the effect of the ABS on the spin fluctuations, which can mediate surface-induced SC.

In this study, we investigate the prominent effects of the ABS on the surface electron correlation. For this purpose,

we construct the two-dimensional cluster Hubbard model with the (1,1) edge in the bulk d -wave SC state, and calculate the site-dependent spin susceptibility by performing the random-phase approximation (RPA) and modified FLEX approximation (GV^I -FLEX) in real space [34]. We find that the strong FM fluctuations at the (1,1) edge are enhanced much more drastically in the bulk d -wave SC state than in the normal state. The strong FM fluctuations induced by the surface ABS may drive interesting emerging phenomena, such as edge-induced SC.

II. MODEL

In this study, we analyze the square-lattice cluster Hubbard model with a d -wave SC gap:

$$H = \sum_{i,j,\sigma} t_{i,j} c_{i\sigma}^\dagger c_{j\sigma} + U \sum_i n_{i\uparrow} n_{i\downarrow} + \sum_{i,j} \Delta_{i,j}^d (c_{i\uparrow}^\dagger c_{j\downarrow}^\dagger + c_{j\downarrow} c_{i\uparrow}), \quad (1)$$

where $t_{i,j}$ is the hopping integral between sites i and j . We set the nearest, next-nearest, and third-nearest hopping integrals as $(t, t', t'') = (-1, 1/6, -1/5)$, which correspond to the YBCO tight-binding (TB) model. $c_{i\sigma}^\dagger$ and $c_{i\sigma}$ are the creation and annihilation operators of an electron with spin σ , respectively. U is the on-site Coulomb interaction, and $\Delta_{i,j}^d \equiv \Delta_{i,j}^{d,\uparrow\downarrow}$ is the d -wave SC gap between sites i and j . Figure 1(a) shows the Fermi surface of the periodic Hubbard model at filling $n = 0.95$. Then, AFM fluctuations develop owing to the $Q = (\pi, \pi)$ nesting.

In this study, we investigate a cluster Hubbard model with an open (1,1) edge. Figure 1(b) shows the square lattice with the (1,1) edge. $Y = 1$ corresponds to the edge layer. For convenience, in this study, we analyze the one-site unit cell structure shown in Fig. 1(c). This model is periodic along the x direction, whereas the translational symmetry is violated along the y direction. By performing a Fourier transformation on the x direction, the first term of Eq. (1) is expressed as

$$H^0 = \sum_{k_x, y, y', \sigma} H_{y, y'}^0(k_x) c_{k_x, y, \sigma}^\dagger c_{k_x, y', \sigma}. \quad (2)$$

We also perform a Fourier transformation on the x direction of the d -wave gap $\Delta_{i,j}^d = \Delta^d/2(\delta_{x,x'+1}\delta_{y,y'+1} + \delta_{x,x'-1}\delta_{y,y'-1} - \delta_{x,x'}\delta_{y,y'+1} - \delta_{x,x'}\delta_{y,y'-1})$. Here, we assume that Δ^d is real

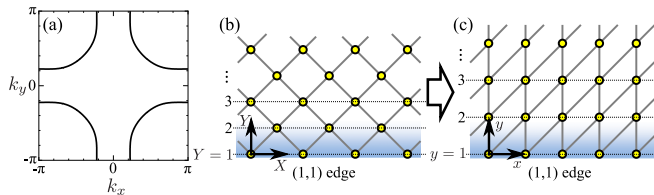


FIG. 1. (a) Fermi surface in the bulk YBCO TB model at filling $n = 0.95$. (b) Square lattice with a (1,1) edge. (c) One-site unit cell square lattice with a (1,1) edge. To simplify the calculation, we use the square lattice shown in (c) instead of that in (b). Solid lines represent the nearest-neighbor bond. Layer Y in (b) corresponds to layer y in (c).

and nonzero only between the nearest sites. Its (k_x, y, y') representation is given as

$$\Delta_{y, y'}^d(k_x, T) = \Delta^d(T) \left\{ \frac{e^{-ik_x} - 1}{2} \delta_{y, y'+1} + \frac{e^{ik_x} - 1}{2} \delta_{y, y'-1} \right\}, \quad (3)$$

where $\Delta^d(T)$ is the temperature dependence of the d -wave gap function. We suppose that $\Delta^d(T)$ obeys the BCS-like T dependence:

$$\Delta^d(T) = \Delta_0^d \tanh \left(1.74 \sqrt{\frac{T_{cd}}{T}} - 1 \right), \quad (4)$$

where $\Delta_0^d \equiv \Delta^d(T = 0)$. Now, we denote the number of sites along the y direction as N_y . The $N_y \times N_y$ Green's functions in the d -wave SC state, \hat{G} , \hat{F} , and \hat{F}^\dagger , are given as

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{G}(k_x, \varepsilon_n) & \hat{F}(k_x, \varepsilon_n) \\ \hat{F}^\dagger(k_x, \varepsilon_n) & -\hat{G}(k_x, -\varepsilon_n) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_n \hat{1} - \hat{H}^0(k_x) & -\hat{\Delta}^d(k_x) \\ -\hat{\Delta}^d(k_x) & \varepsilon_n \hat{1} + \hat{H}^0(k_x) \end{pmatrix}^{-1}, \quad (5)$$

where $\varepsilon_n = (2n + 1)\pi iT$ is the fermion Matsubara frequency. Here, $(\hat{H}^0)_{y, y'} = H_{y, y'}^0$.

To demonstrate the emergence of the ABS at the (1,1) edge of the TB model in the bulk d -wave SC state, we calculate the LDOS given by

$$D_y(\varepsilon) = \frac{1}{2\pi^2} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} dk_x \text{Im} G_{y, y}(k_x, \varepsilon - i\delta). \quad (6)$$

Figure 2 displays the obtained LDOS for $\Delta^d(T) = 0.08$ by setting $\delta = 0.01$. At the edge ($y = 1$), $D_y(\varepsilon)$ has a large peak at the Fermi level, $\varepsilon = 0$, owing to the ABS. The LDOS at $y = 300 = N_y/2$ exhibits a V-shaped ε dependence, which corresponds to the bulk LDOS in the d -wave SC state. Note

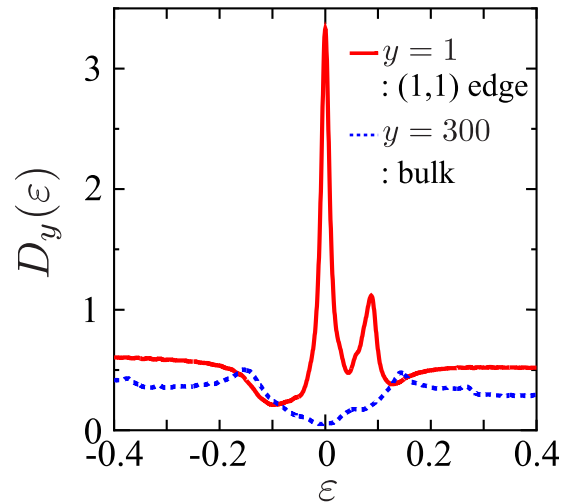


FIG. 2. LDOS in the (1,1) edge cluster Hubbard model in the d -wave SC state for $\Delta^d = 0.08$. The unit of energy is $|t| = 1$. $y = 1$ and $y = 300$ correspond to the (1,1) edge and bulk, respectively. For convenience, we set $\delta = 0.01$.

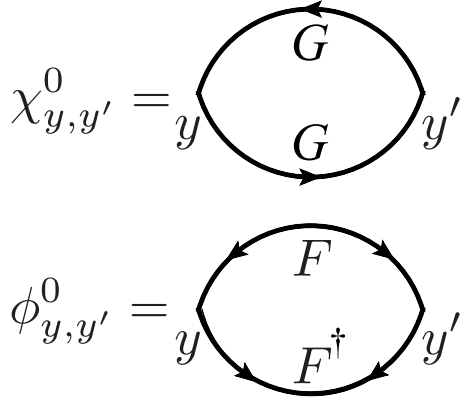


FIG. 3. Diagram of the irreducible susceptibility, χ^0 or ϕ^0 , in the (k_x, y, y') representation. The line with an arrow is G . The line with two arrows is F or F^\dagger .

that the height of the peak is proportional to the size of the bulk d -wave gap [49]. A secondary minor peak at $\varepsilon = 0.1$ originates from a superconducting surface state that is different from the surface ABS. We explain the origin of this secondary peak in Appendix A.

III. RPA ANALYSIS

A. Formalism

In this section, we calculate the spin susceptibility of the (1,1) edge cluster Hubbard model using the RPA in the (k_x, y, y') representation. Figure 3 shows the diagrams of the irreducible susceptibilities, $\hat{\chi}^0$ and $\hat{\phi}^0$. They are given by \hat{G} , \hat{F} , and \hat{F}^\dagger as

$$\chi_{y,y'}^0(q_x, \omega_l) = -T \sum_{k_x, n} G_{y,y'}(q_x + k_x, \omega_l + \varepsilon_n) \times G_{y',y}(k_x, \varepsilon_n), \quad (7)$$

$$\phi_{y,y'}^0(q_x, \omega_l) = -T \sum_{k_x, n} F_{y,y'}(q_x + k_x, \omega_l + \varepsilon_n) \times F_{y',y}^\dagger(k_x, \varepsilon_n), \quad (8)$$

where $\omega_l = 2l\pi iT$ is the boson Matsubara frequency. ϕ^0 is finite only in the SC state. The $N_y \times N_y$ matrix of the spin susceptibility $\hat{\chi}$ is calculated using $\hat{\chi}^0$ and $\hat{\phi}^0$ as

$$\hat{\Phi}(q_x, \omega_l) = \hat{\chi}^0(q_x, \omega_l) + \hat{\phi}^0(q_x, \omega_l), \quad (9)$$

$$\hat{\chi}(q_x, \omega_l) = \hat{\Phi}(q_x, \omega_l) \{ \hat{1} - U \hat{\Phi}(q_x, \omega_l) \}^{-1}. \quad (10)$$

The spin Stoner factor, α_S , is obtained as the largest eigenvalue of $U \hat{\Phi}(q_x, \omega_l)$ at $\omega_l = 0$. The magnetic order is realized when $\alpha_S \geq 1$. Also, the charge susceptibility is

$$\hat{\chi}^c(q_x, \omega_l) = \hat{\Phi}^c(q_x, \omega_l) \{ \hat{1} + U \hat{\Phi}^c(q_x, \omega_l) \}^{-1}, \quad (11)$$

where $\hat{\Phi}^c(q_x, \omega_l) = \hat{\chi}^0(q_x, \omega_l) - \hat{\phi}^0(q_x, \omega_l)$.

B. Numerical result of $\hat{\chi}$ and α_S in real space

Next, we perform the RPA analyses for the cluster Hubbard model with the bulk d -wave SC gap, with the translational

symmetry along the x direction. We set the number of k_x meshes as $N_x = 64$, that of sites along the y direction as $N_y = 64$, and that of Matsubara frequencies as $N_\omega = 1024$. We set the electron filling, $n = 0.95$; the Coulomb interaction is $U = 2.25$ in the RPA. Here, the unit of energy is $|t| = 1$, which corresponds to ~ 0.4 eV in cuprate superconductors. We set the transition temperature for the d -wave SC as $T_{cd} = 0.04$. In addition, we define Δ_{\max} as the maximum value of the d -wave gap on the Fermi surface. In the present model, $\Delta_{\max} = 1.76\Delta_0^d$ for $n = 0.95$. Experimentally, $4 < 2\Delta_{\max}/T_{cd} < 10$ in YBCO [53,54]. Therefore, we set $\Delta_0^d = 0.06$ or 0.09 , which corresponds to $2\Delta_{\max}/T_{cd} = 5.28$ or 7.92 for $T_{cd} = 0.04$. By performing this analysis, we show that the ABS drastically enhances the FM fluctuations at the (1,1) edge, and the system rapidly approaches a magnetic-order phase.

First, we study the site-dependent static spin susceptibility, $\hat{\chi}(q_x, \omega_l = 0)$, in the d -wave SC state using the RPA. Hereafter, we refer to the spin susceptibility in the normal state as $\hat{\chi}^{(n)}$. We also introduce the following susceptibilities in the SC state to clarify the origin of the enhancement in the FM fluctuations:

$$\hat{\chi}' = \hat{\Phi}'(1 - U \hat{\Phi}')^{-1} \quad (\hat{\Phi}' = \hat{\chi}^0), \quad (12)$$

$$\hat{\chi}'' = \hat{\Phi}''(1 - U \hat{\Phi}'')^{-1} \quad (\hat{\Phi}'' = \hat{\chi}^{0(n)} + \hat{\phi}^0). \quad (13)$$

Here, $\hat{\chi}^0$ and $\hat{\chi}^{0(n)}$ are the irreducible susceptibilities in the bulk d -wave SC and normal states, respectively. In susceptibilities $\hat{\chi}'$ and $\hat{\chi}''$, the effects of the d -wave gap in $\hat{\phi}^0$ and $\hat{\chi}^0$ are dropped, respectively.

Figure 4 shows the obtained RPA susceptibilities for $\Delta_0^d = 0.09$ at $T = 0.0365$. $\chi_{y,y}(q_x)$ represents the correlation of the spins in the same layer y at $\omega_l = 0$. In the edge layer ($y = 1$), $\chi_{y,y}(q_x)$ has a large peak at $q_x = 0$. This result means that strong FM fluctuations develop in the (1,1) edge layer. The FM correlation along the edge layer is consistent with the AFM correlation in the periodic Hubbard model. This strong enhancement occurs only for $y = 1$ and $y = 2$. In fact, the

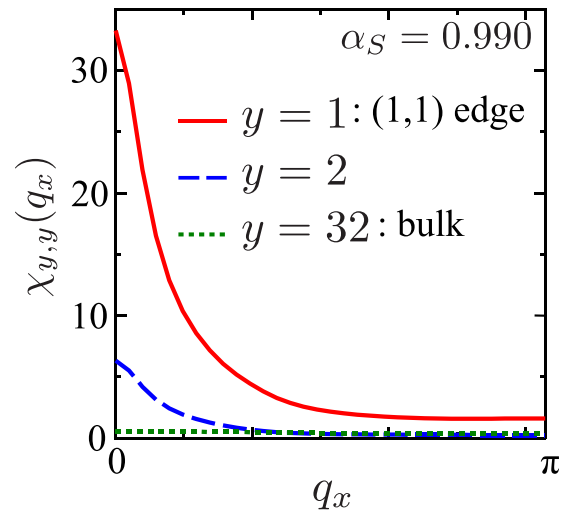


FIG. 4. q_x dependence of $\chi_{y,y}(q_x)$ obtained by the RPA for $\Delta_0^d = 0.09$ at $T = 0.0365$. The value of y corresponds to the depth from the (1,1) edge. $y = 1$ is the (1,1) edge and $y = 32$ corresponds to the bulk.

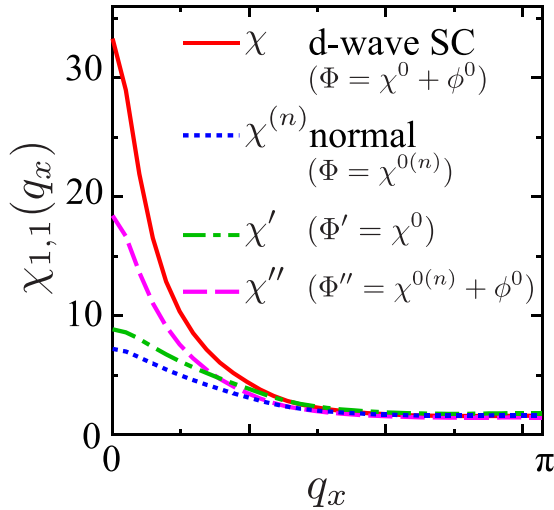


FIG. 5. Comparison between $\chi_{1,1}(q_x)$, $\chi_{1,1}^{(n)}(q_x)$, $\chi'_{1,1}(q_x)$, and $\chi''_{1,1}(q_x)$ for $\Delta_0^d = 0.09$ at $T = 0.0365$.

Stoner factor is $\alpha_S = 0.990$ with the edge, whereas $\alpha_S = 0.673$ in the periodic model. Therefore, the present model with the bulk d -wave SC gap approaches the magnetic quantum critical point with introduction of the edge.

Next, we compare the d -wave SC and normal state. Figure 5 shows $\chi_{1,1}$ and $\chi_{1,1}^{(n)}$ in the model with edge. The enhancement in the FM fluctuations is much more drastic in the d -wave SC state compared to that in the normal state discussed in Ref. [35]. Therefore, this strong enhancement cannot be explained only by the existence of the edge.

Furthermore, we examine the contribution from $\hat{\phi}^0$ and $\hat{\chi}^0$ to the enhancement of total spin susceptibility. In Fig. 5, we present $\chi'_{1,1}(q_x)$ and $\chi''_{1,1}(q_x)$. The height of the peak of χ' is much smaller than that of $\hat{\chi}$. On the other hand, the height of the peak of $\hat{\chi}''$ is enlarged whereas it is slightly lower than that of $\hat{\chi}$. Therefore, $\hat{\phi}^0$ due to anomalous Green's functions gives the dominant contribution for the increment of $\hat{\chi}$. Also $\hat{\chi}^0 - \hat{\chi}^{0(n)}$ gives a minor contribution since $\hat{\chi}' > \hat{\chi}^{(n)}$.

Figure 6(a) shows the q_x dependence of $\hat{\phi}^0$. In the bulk, $\phi_{32,32}^0$ is zero because the x axis is the direction of the d -wave

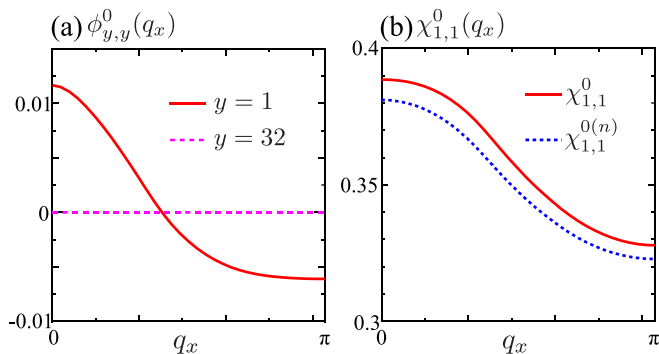


FIG. 6. q_x dependence of irreducible susceptibilities for $\Delta_0^d = 0.09$ at $T = 0.0365$. (a) Comparison between $\phi_{y,y}^0(q_x)$ at the edge ($y = 1$) and in the bulk ($y = 32$). (b) Comparison between $\chi_{1,1}^0(q_x)$ and $\chi_{1,1}^{0(n)}(q_x)$.

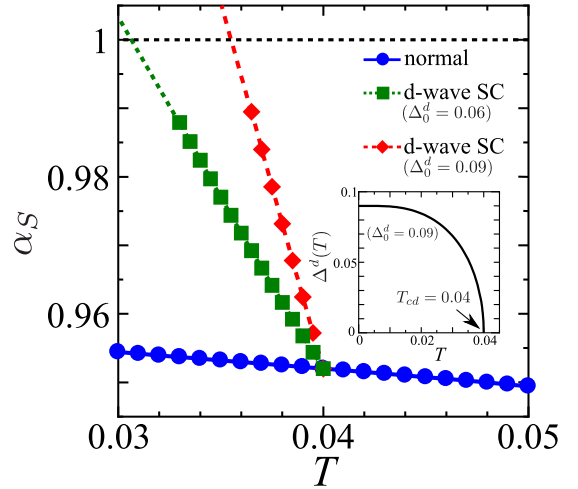


FIG. 7. T dependence of α_S in the RPA. The inset shows the T dependence of the size of the d -wave gap. We assume that the BCS-like T dependence is given by (4). We set the transition temperature of the d -wave SC as $T_{cd} = 0.04$.

gap node. Interestingly, $\phi_{1,1}^0$ is finite and has a peak at $q_x = 0$. This is explained as an effect of the ABS, which corresponds to the odd-frequency SC induced at the (1,1) edge as discussed in Refs. [46,47]. We give a brief discussion on this issue in Appendix B. In Fig. 6(b), we show the q_x dependence of $\hat{\chi}^0$ and $\hat{\chi}^{0(n)}$. At the edge, $\chi_{1,1}^0$ is slightly larger than $\chi_{1,1}^{0(n)}$ owing to the peak of the LDOS due to the ABS.

Figure 7 shows the T dependence of α_S in the RPA. The inset shows the T dependence of the size of the d -wave gap, which is given in Eq. (4). α_S in the SC state increases sharply as T decreases compared to that in the normal state, due to the development of the ABS. The increase for $\Delta_0^d = 0.09$ is sharper than that for $\Delta_0^d = 0.06$ because the height of the ABS is proportional to Δ_0^d . α_S reaches unity at $T \approx 0.036$ for $\Delta_0^d = 0.09$, and the edge FM order is realized. To summarize, we predict the emergence of FM order at the (1,1) edge of $d_{x^2-y^2}$ -wave superconductors.

IV. FLEX ANALYSIS

A. GV^I -FLEX

In this section, we study the spin susceptibility using the modified FLEX (GV^I -FLEX) approximation developed in Ref. [34], since the negative feedback effect on $\hat{\chi}$ near the impurity is prominently overestimated in conventional FLEX. In fact, the negative feedback is suppressed by vertex corrections near the impurity as pointed out in Ref. [34]. In the modified FLEX, the cancellation between negative feedback and vertex corrections is assumed, and then reliable results are obtained for the single-impurity problem [34].

To apply the modified FLEX to the present model, we first calculate the self-energy in the periodic system without the edge, $\Sigma^0(k_x, k_y, i\varepsilon_n)$, using the conventional FLEX approximation. Then, by performing the Fourier transformation for the y direction, we obtain $\Sigma^0(k_x, y, y', i\varepsilon_n) = \Sigma^0(k_x, y - y', i\varepsilon_n)$. Next, we calculate the Green's functions in the (1,1)

edge model with $\Sigma^0(k_x, y, y', i\varepsilon_n)$:

$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{G}^l(k_x, \varepsilon_n) & \hat{F}^l(k_x, \varepsilon_n) \\ \hat{F}^{l\dagger}(k_x, \varepsilon_n) & -\hat{G}^l(k_x, -\varepsilon_n) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \varepsilon_n \hat{1} - \hat{H}^0(k_x) - \hat{\Sigma}^0(k_x, i\varepsilon_n) & -\hat{\Delta}^d(k_x) \\ -\hat{\Delta}^d(k_x) & \varepsilon_n \hat{1} + \hat{H}^0(k_x) + \hat{\Sigma}^0(k_x, -i\varepsilon_n) \end{pmatrix}^{-1}, \quad (14)$$

where $\hat{H}^0(k_x)$ is the tight-binding model with the (1,1) edge. In the GV^l -FLEX, the spin susceptibility is calculated by \hat{G}^l , \hat{F}^l , and $\hat{F}^{l\dagger}$ instead of \hat{G} , \hat{F} , and \hat{F}^\dagger in Eqs. (7)–(10).

In this approximation, the d -wave gap is renormalized by the self-energy. The renormalized d -wave gap in bulk is evaluated by $\Delta_0^{d*} = \Delta_0^d/Z_{\text{bulk}}$, where Z_{bulk} is the on-site mass-enhancement factor in the bulk.

B. Numerical result of $\hat{\chi}$ and α_S in real space

In the numerical study of GV^l -FLEX, we set the number of k_x meshes as $N_x = 64$, that of sites along the y direction as $N_y = 64$, and that of Matsubara frequencies as $N_\omega = 1024$. We set the electron filling, $n = 0.95$; the transition temperature for the d wave is $T_{cd} = 0.04$. The Coulomb interaction is $U = 2.65$.

Figure 8 shows the q_x dependence of $\chi_{y,y}(q_x)$ in the GV^l -FLEX for $\Delta_0^d = 0.12$ at $T = 0.036$. With this parameter, we obtain $Z_{\text{bulk}} = 1.37$, $\Delta_0^{d*} \approx 0.087$, and $2\Delta_{\text{max}}^*/T_{cd} \approx 7.69$. At the (1,1) edge ($y = 1$), $\chi_{1,1}(q_x)$ has a large peak at $q_x = 0$. In the periodic model without an edge, $\alpha_S = 0.699$ in the FLEX approximation. The Stoner factor increases to $\alpha_S = 0.989$ by introducing the (1,1) edge. Therefore, the enhancement in the FM fluctuations at the edge is obtained by both the RPA and GV^l -FLEX.

Figure 9 shows the T dependence of α_S in the (1,1) edge cluster model given by the GV^l -FLEX. In the normal state, α_S increases gently as T decreases. However, in the presence of the bulk d -wave SC gap, α_S increases sharply

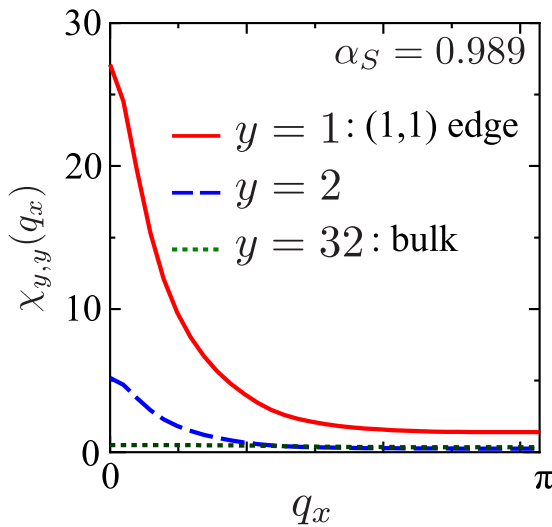


FIG. 8. q_x dependence of $\chi_{y,y}(q_x)$ obtained by the GV^l -FLEX for $\Delta_0^d = 0.12$ at $T = 0.036$. $y = 32$ corresponds to the bulk. With this parameter, we obtain $Z_{\text{bulk}} = 1.37$. The renormalized gap is $\Delta_0^{d*} \approx 0.087$ and $2\Delta_{\text{max}}^*/T_{cd} \approx 7.69$.

as T decreases. For $\Delta_0^d = 0.08$, the mass-enhancement factor is $Z_{\text{bulk}} = 1.38$ at $T = 0.032$. Thus, we obtain $\Delta_0^{d*} \approx 0.058$ and $2\Delta_{\text{max}}^*/T_{cd} \approx 5.11$. For $\Delta_0^d = 0.12$, α_S reaches 0.99 at $T = 0.036$. For a fixed ratio $2\Delta_{\text{max}}^*/T_{cd}$, the obtained T dependence of α_S is comparable in both the RPA and GV^l -FLEX.

V. EFFECT OF THE FINITE D -WAVE COHERENCE LENGTH ON THE EDGE-INDUCED SPIN FLUCTUATIONS

In this section, we study the enhancement in the FM fluctuations when the d -wave gap is suppressed near the edge for a finite range, $1 \leq y \leq \xi_d$, where ξ_d is the coherence length of the d -wave SC. We set the y dependence of the d -wave gap as

$$\Delta_{y,y'}^d(k_x, T) \left\{ 1 - \exp\left(\frac{y + y' - 2}{2\xi_d}\right) \right\}. \quad (15)$$

We note that the anomalous self-energy for the d -wave SC gap is calculated self-consistently in the SC FLEX approximation below T_{cd} [4]. If the SC FLEX is applied to the edge cluster model, the d -wave gap for $y \lesssim \xi_d$ should be naturally suppressed. Instead, we set ξ_d as a parameter to simplify the analysis. From the experimental results [55–58], we can estimate ξ_d to be 3 sites for $T \ll T_{cd}$. For $T \lesssim T_{cd}$, $\xi_d \gg 3$ because of the relation $\xi_d \propto (1 - T/T_{cd})^{-1/2}$ in Ginzburg-Landau theory. Thus, we set $\xi_d = 3$ and 10 in this analysis. The y dependence of the given $|\Delta_{x=0,y+1;x=0,y}^d|$ is shown in Fig. 10(a). The inset shows the corresponding nearest-neighbor bonds in real space. Figure 10(b) shows the LDOS at the edge. Although the height of the peak of the ABS is reduced, the peak structure remains for finite ξ_d ($\lesssim 10$).

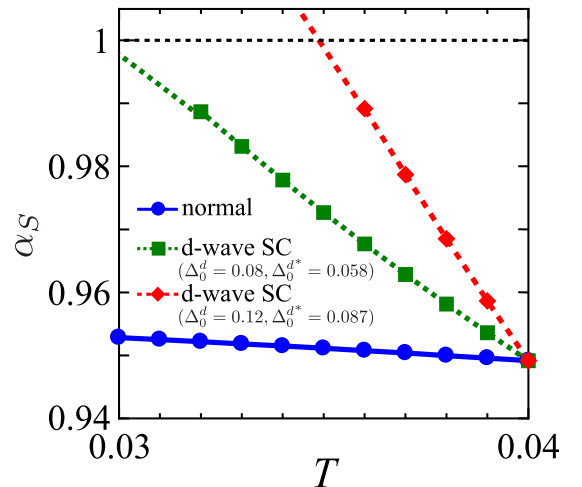


FIG. 9. T dependence of α_S in the GV^l -FLEX. We set the transition temperature of the d -wave SC as $T_{cd} = 0.04$. We obtain $\Delta_0^{d*} \approx 0.058$ and $2\Delta_{\text{max}}^*/T_{cd} \approx 5.11$ for $\Delta_0^d = 0.08$.

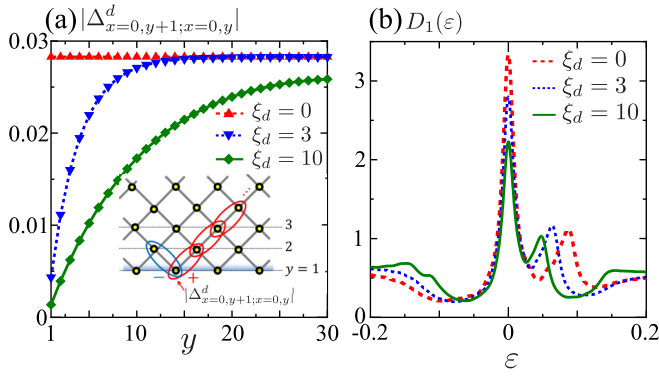


FIG. 10. (a) Site dependence of the d -wave gap suppressed near the edge over ξ_d . We set $\Delta_0^d = 0.08$, and plot it at $T = 0.032$. $\xi_d = 0$ corresponds to the site-independent d -wave gap. The inset shows the nearest-neighbor bonds corresponding to $|\Delta_{x=0,y+1;x=0,y}^d|$. (b) LDOS at the (1,1) edge for the finite ξ_d .

Next, we calculate the T dependence of α_S using the RPA, and Fig. 11 shows the result for (a) $\Delta_0^d = 0.06$ and (b) 0.09 for $\xi_d = 0$ –10. The increase in α_S for $\xi_d = 10$ is moderate compared to that for $\xi_d = 0$ and 3, owing to the suppression of the ABS. For $\Delta_0^d = 0.09$, α_S reaches 0.986 at $T = 0.03$ even for $\xi_d = 10$. However, for $\Delta_0^d = 0.06$ and $\xi_d = 10$, the increase in α_S becomes milder and $\alpha_S \approx 0.97$ even at $T = 0.03$. Therefore, we conclude that the drastic enhancement in the FM fluctuations is realized under the conditions $2\Delta_{\max}/T_{cd} \gtrsim 6$ and $\xi_d \ll 10$, both of which are satisfied in real cuprate superconductors.

VI. SUMMARY

In this study, we revealed that the ABS drastically enhances the FM fluctuations at the (1,1) edge of the d -wave superconductor. For this purpose, we construct the two-dimensional square lattice Hubbard model with the edge in the presence of the bulk d -wave SC gap. Then we performed the site-dependent RPA calculation in real space. By detailed analysis, we found that edge-induced FM fluctuations are mainly caused by the increment of $\hat{\phi}^0$ due to the ABS. Furthermore,

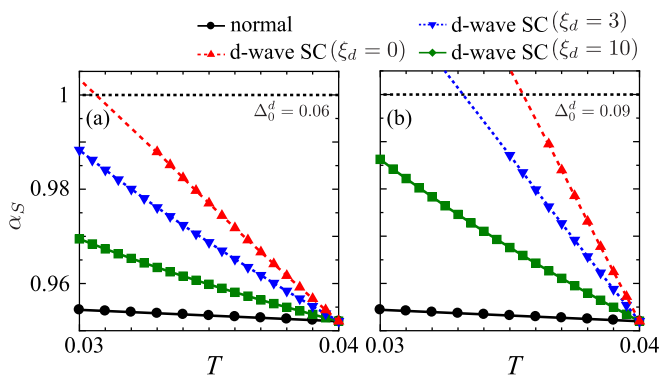


FIG. 11. T dependence of α_S by the RPA for (a) $\Delta_0^d = 0.06$ and (b) 0.09 with finite ξ_d . The red dashed line represents α_S for the site-independent d -wave gap. The black solid line represents α_S in the normal state.

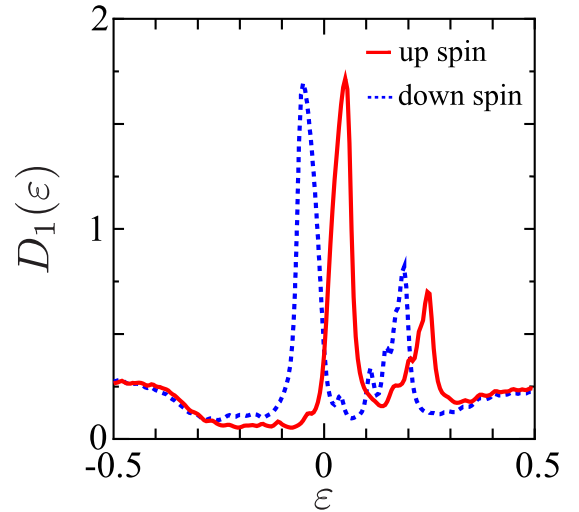


FIG. 12. LDOS at the edge of d -wave superconductor ($\Delta^d = 0.20$) when the magnetization ($M_0 = 0.10$) emerges. The red solid line and blue dotted line represent the LDOS for up and down spins, respectively. For convenience, we set $\delta = 0.01$.

the Stoner factor α_S exhibits a drastic increase just below the bulk d -wave T_c , and edge-induced FM order or fluctuations are expected to emerge. Such ABS-induced magnetic critical phenomena are also obtained by using the GV^I -FLEX. Finally, we verified that the enhancement in FM fluctuations is still prominent under the conditions $2\Delta_{\max}/T_{cd} \gtrsim 6$ and $\xi_d \ll 10$, which are satisfied in cuprate superconductors. Therefore, we conclude that the ABS-induced FM order or strong FM fluctuations appear in real cuprate superconductors.

The result of the present study indicates the emergence of interesting edge-induced phenomena. For example, the edge FM order will induce the splitting of the ABS peak, which may be observed by STM/STS study. Figure 12 shows the LDOS for up and down spins at the edge with the magnetization ($M_0 = 0.10$). The magnetization is given by the Zeeman term $H_M = M_0/2 \sum_{k_x, \sigma} \sigma c_{k_x, 1\sigma}^\dagger c_{k_x, 1\sigma}$. In addition, an edge-induced triplet SC is expected to be realized theoretically [59]. In this case, the bulk d -wave SC and edge-induced triplet SC may coexist at the (1,1) edge ($d \pm ip$ -wave), similarly to the $d \pm is$ -wave state discussed in Refs. [48–50]. This presents an important problem for the future, to understand the edge-induced SC state in strongly correlated electron systems.

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APPENDIX A: THE ORIGIN OF THE MINOR PEAK OF THE LDOS

In this Appendix, we explain the origin of the secondary minor peak of the edge LDOS at $\epsilon = 0.1$ shown in Fig. 2. For this purpose, we calculate the energy spectra of the d -wave

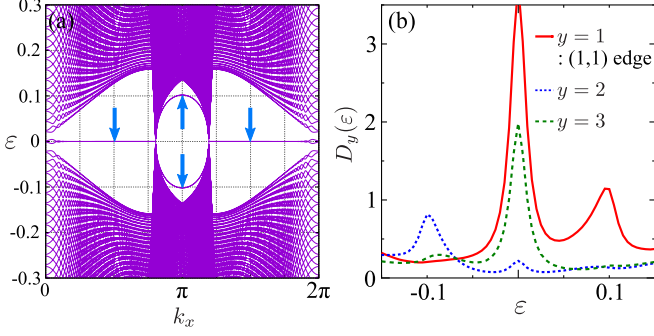


FIG. 13. (a) Energy spectra of the d -wave SC cluster model with the (1,1) edge. The flat dispersion at $\varepsilon = 0$ is the ABS. There are two surface states separated from the bulk states in the range of $3\pi/4 \lesssim k_x \lesssim 5\pi/4$. These surface states are pointed out by arrows. (b) LDOS near the (1,1) edge in the bulk d -wave SC state. The minor peaks at $\varepsilon = \pm 0.1$ correspond to the edge states in (a).

SC cluster model with the (1,1) edge. Figure 13(a) shows the obtained energy spectra for $\Delta^d = 0.09$ ($\Delta_{\max} = 0.158$). The flat dispersion at $\varepsilon = 0$ corresponds to the surface ABS. In addition, there are two surface states separated from the bulk states in the range of $3\pi/4 \lesssim k_x \lesssim 5\pi/4$. These surface states can give minor peaks in the LDOS. As shown in Fig. 13(b), the LDOS at $y = 1$ ($y = 2$) possesses a minor peak at $\varepsilon = 0.1$ ($\varepsilon = -0.1$). Thus, it is verified that minor peaks at $\varepsilon = \pm 0.1$ in the LDOS originate from the finite-energy surface state in Fig. 13(a).

APPENDIX B: RELATION BETWEEN ENHANCED FM FLUCTUATIONS AND ODD-FREQUENCY SUPERCONDUCTIVITY

Here, we discuss the reason for the enhancement of $\hat{\phi}^0$ near the (1,1) edge in more detail. First, we examine the anomalous Green's function, by which $\hat{\phi}^0$ is composed. Figure 14(a) shows the ε_n dependence of $\text{Re}F_{y,y}(\pi/4, \varepsilon_n)$. In the bulk, $\text{Re}F_{y,y}(\pi/4, \varepsilon_n) = 0$ because the x direction is the node direction of the d -wave gap. However, at the edge, $\text{Re}F_{1,1}(\pi/4, \varepsilon_n)$ is finite, and it shows an odd-frequency dependence. This

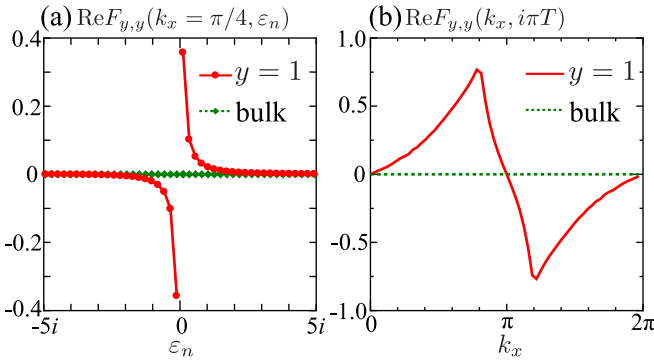


FIG. 14. Anomalous Green's function calculated for $\Delta_0^d = 0.09$ at $T = 0.0365$. (a) ε_n dependence of $\text{Re}F_{y,y}(k_x = \pi/4, \varepsilon_n)$. The red and green points represent the component in the edge ($y = 1$) and bulk (periodic system), respectively. (b) k_x dependence of $\text{Re}F_{y,y}(k_x, i\pi T)$. The red solid line and green dotted line represent the component in the edge and bulk, respectively.

odd-frequency pair amplitude can be understood as another physical picture of the ABS [46,47]. Figure 14(b) shows the k_x dependence of $\text{Re}F_{y,y}(k_x, i\pi T)$. At the edge, $\text{Re}F_{1,1}(k_x, i\pi T)$ is finite and has peaks at $k_x \approx 4\pi/5$ and $k_x \approx 6\pi/5$, whereas $\text{Re}F_{y,y}(k_x, i\pi T) = 0$ in the bulk. These peaks generate the enhancement of $\phi_{1,1}^0$ at $q_x = 0$. Therefore, the enhancement in the FM fluctuations by $\hat{\phi}^0$ can be explained as the direct effect of the odd-frequency pairing, which is an aspect of the ABS.

Next, we discuss why the large odd-frequency component appears at the edge based on the atomic picture, assuming that t is the small parameter. The zeroth-order Green's function at the same site i in the normal state is

$$G_{i,i}^0(\varepsilon_n) = \frac{1}{\varepsilon_n - E}, \quad (\text{B1})$$

where E is the atomic level. The Green's function between the nearest-neighbor sites i and j is represented by the first-order perturbation of hopping integral t as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} G_{i,j}^0(\varepsilon_n) &= \frac{1}{\varepsilon_n - E} t \frac{1}{\varepsilon_n - E} \\ &= \frac{t}{(\varepsilon_n - E)^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B2})$$

Figure 15 shows the lowest-order contributions to the anomalous Green's function at the edge, $F_{1,2}$. They are represented as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} F_{1,2}(\varepsilon_n) &= -G_{1,1}^0(\varepsilon_n)\Delta_{1,3}^d G_{2,3}^0(-\varepsilon_n) \\ &\quad - G_{1,3}^0(\varepsilon_n)\Delta_{3,2}^d G_{2,2}^0(-\varepsilon_n) \\ &= -\frac{2\Delta_{1,3}^d t \varepsilon_n}{(E^2 - \varepsilon_n^2)^2}. \end{aligned} \quad (\text{B3})$$

In the second equals sign, we use $\Delta_{1,3}^d = -\Delta_{3,2}^d$. Therefore, $F_{1,2}(\varepsilon_n)$ is odd for ε_n . In the bulk, $F_{1,2}$ vanishes because the contributions through site 4 cancel those through site 3.

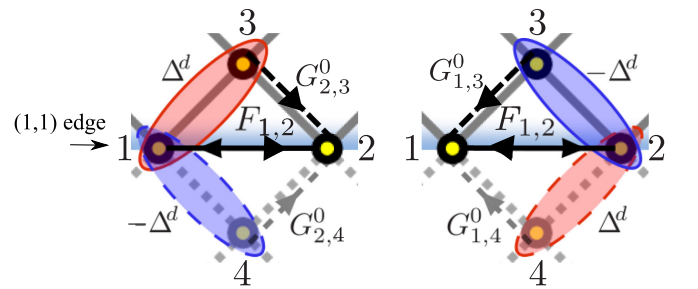


FIG. 15. Contributions to the anomalous Green's function at the (1,1) edge, $F_{1,2}$. The solid line with two arrows represents $F_{1,2}$. The red and blue ovals show the d -wave SC gap between the nearest-neighbor sites. The dotted line with an arrow is the Green's function in the normal state, G^0 . At the edge, $F_{1,2}$ is finite because the contributions through site 4 are dropped.

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