## Majorana surface modes of nodal topological pairings in spin- $\frac{3}{2}$ semimetals

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When solid state systems possess active orbital-band structures subject to spin-orbit coupling, their multicomponent electronic structures are often described in terms of effective large-spin fermion models. Their topological structures of superconductivity are beyond the framework of spin singlet and triplet Cooper pairings for spin- $\frac{1}{2}$  systems. Examples include the half-Heusler compound series of RPtBi, where R stands for a rare-earth element. Their spin-orbit coupled electronic structures are described by the Luttinger-Kohn model with effective spin- $\frac{3}{2}$  fermions and are characterized by band inversion. Recent experiments provide evidence to unconventional superconductivity in the YPtBi material with nodal spin-septet pairing. We systematically study topological pairing structures in spin- $\frac{3}{2}$  systems with the cubic group symmetries and calculate the surface Majorana spectra, which exhibit zero energy flat bands, or, cubic dispersion depending on the specific symmetry of the superconducting gap functions. The signatures of these surface states in the quasiparticle interference patterns of tunneling spectroscopy are studied, which can be tested in future experiments.

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

Topological superconductivity and paired superfluidity have been attracting intense research interests in recent years [1–3]. The nontrivial topology manifests itself in the Andreev-Majorana zero modes on boundaries and topological defects like vortices [4–7]. Such Andreev-Majorana modes are of particular interests since they are potentially useful for topological quantum computations [8–10]. Early topological classifications mostly focus on the fully gapped superconducting systems [11–13], including the two-dimensional  $p_x + ip_y$ superconductor [5] and the three-dimensional <sup>3</sup>He-B phase with the isotropic *p*-wave triplet pairing [3,14,15]. Recently, gapped topological superconductivity has also been proposed for high  $T_c$  cuprates in the very underdoped regime [16].

Gapless, or nodal, superconductors/pairing superfluids often exhibit unconventional pairing symmetries, such as the *d*-wave superconductors of high  $T_c$  cuprates [17], the three-dimensional <sup>3</sup>He-A phase with the  $p_x + ip_y$  triplet pairing [5,18], the  $p_z$ -triplet pairing phase of electric dipolar fermions [19], and spin-orbit coupled *p*-wave pairing with total angular momentum J = 1 induced by magnetic dipolar interactions [20]. For these examples, their gap functions exhibit spherical or spin-orbit coupled harmonic symmetries. In contrast, the doped magnetic Weyl semimetals can support monopole harmonic pairing [21], which is a class of topological superconducting states characterized by nontrivial monopole structures. Their pairing phases cannot be globally well defined on Fermi surfaces.

The gapless superconducting systems also exhibit interesting topological structures [22,23], which are typically weaker than those in the gapped cases in the sense that only suitably oriented surfaces can support the zero energy Andreev-Majorana states. These surfaces are with particular orientations such that a relative sign change occurs between the gap functions along the incident and reflected wave vectors. There do not exist well-defined global topological numbers for a gapless system. However, a topological number can be defined for each momentum within the surface Brillouin zone, as the winding number of the effective one-dimensional system perpendicular to the surface with the fixed in-surface momentum. This topological number is related to the existence of zero energy Andreev-Majorana modes through the bulkedge correspondence principle [24,25].

The noncentrosymmetric superconductors add to the diversity of gapless superconductivity [24–28]. In their normal state band structures, the spin degeneracy is lifted by spin-orbit coupling, and pairing gap functions typically show mixed parity due to the breaking of inversion symmetry. Depending on the pairing symmetry and the nodal structure, there appear Majorana flat bands and zero energy arcs on the surfaces with suitable orientations [25–27,29]. The experimental signatures include zero-energy peaks in the tunneling spectra [30,31] and certain patterns in the quasiparticle interference (QPI) [32]. The instability of the Majorana flat bands has been studied with respect to the spontaneous time-reversal (TR) symmetry breaking effects arising from the Majorana fermion-superfluid phase interaction [33], or, the magnetic interactions [34], and also by the self-consistent mean field theory [35].

The superconducting pairing symmetries can be greatly enriched in multicomponent fermion/electron systems. In ultracold fermion systems, many fermions carry large-hyperfinespin S larger than  $\frac{1}{2}$ . In solid state systems, electrons can be effectively multicomponent due to orbital degeneracy and spin-orbit splitting, such as the effective spin- $\frac{3}{2}$  Luttinger-Kohn model for the hole band of semiconductors. The spin of their Cooper pairing can take values from 0 to 2S beyond the conventional singlet and triplet scenarios [36–40]. For example, the spin quintet pairing (the spin of Cooper pair S = 2) has been found to support the non-Abelian Cheshire charge in the presence of half-quantum vortex loop [39]. Recently, the <sup>3</sup>He-B-type isotropic topological pairing has been generalized to multicomponent fermion systems [40]. For the simplest case of spin-3/2 systems, both the *p*-wave triplet and the *f*-wave septet pairings are nontrivial, possessing topological index 4 and 2, respectively. They support surface spectra with multiple linear and cubic Dirac-Majorana cones [40,41]. The interactioninduced TR symmetry breaking effects are investigated in Ref. [42]. The topological nature of this class of pairings is most clearly seen in the helicity basis, and thus it also applies to spin-orbit coupled multiorbital solid state band systems.

Recently, the half-Heusler compound YPtBi has attracted considerable attention [43,44]. The band structure can be described by the effective spin-orbit coupled spin- $\frac{3}{2}$  Kohn-Luttinger Hamiltonian with parity symmetry breaking terms. The chemical potential lies close to the  $\Gamma$  point of the *p*-like  $\Gamma_8$  band [43] as shown in the angular-resolved-photoemissionspectroscopy. Experiment evidence to unconventional superconductivity has been found in the half-Heusler compound YPtBi [44]. A mixed parity pairing immune to pair breaking effect has been proposed for YPtBi [45], with a small fraction of an *s*-wave singlet component superposed on the *p*-wave septet pairing.

Motivated by the advancements in noncentrosymmetric superconductors, we systematically study the Majorana surface states of topological superconductors based on the spin- $\frac{3}{2}$ Luttinger-Kohn model subject to the cubic symmetries. For the  $T_d$  point group symmetry, we show that the double degeneracy along the [001] direction and its equivalent ones are protected by the little group  $SD_{16}$ , i.e., the semidihedral group of order 16. The pairing patterns in noncentrosymmetric systems are in general of mixed-parity nature as discussed under concrete cubic symmetry groups. For the YPtBi, the proposed mixed s-wave singlet and p-wave septet pairing exhibits line nodes on one of the spin split Fermi surfaces as shown in Ref. [45], and the six nodal loops centering around [001] and its equivalent directions are topological. We show that for the [111] surface, the Majorana zero modes appear in regions enclosed by the projections of the nodal loops to the surface Brillouin zone but disappear in the overlapping regions. The QPI patterns are calculated on the [111] surface due to the scattering with a single impurity in the Born approximation. For a nonmagnetic impurity, the chiral symmetry forbids the scatterings between Majorana islands with the same chiral index, while for a magnetic impurity, the scatterings between Majorana islands with opposite chiral indices are forbidden. The structures of the QPI patterns of a magnetic impurity are richer than those of a nonmagnetic impurity under the  $C_{3v}$  group, which is the symmetry group of the [111] surface. Experiments on the QPI patterns will provide tests to the proposed pairing symmetries of YPtBi.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, the Luttinger-Kohn Hamiltonian and the band inversion are reviewed. The inversion breaking terms with the cubic symmetries are classified, and the protected double degeneracy of the  $T_d$  group along the [001] direction is proved. In Sec. III, the noncentrosymmetric Copper pairings with the cubic symmetries are discussed. The Majorana surface modes are solved in Sec. IV. The QPI patterns are calculated in Sec. V.

## II. NONCENTROSYMMETRIC SPIN- $\frac{3}{2}$ SYSTEMS WITH THE CUBIC SYMMETRIES

In this section, we first discuss the Luttinger-Kohn Hamiltonian in spin-orbit coupled systems and classify the inversion breaking terms according to the cubic point groups. We then show that for the  $T_d$  group, there exits a protected double degeneracy along [0 0 1] and its equivalent directions. Finally the band structure properties of the YPtBi material are reviewed.

#### A. The Luttinger-Kohn Hamiltonian and band inversion

Although electrons carry spin- $\frac{1}{2}$ , the effective spin- $\frac{3}{2}$ systems are not rare in solid state materials due to spin-orbit coupling. Examples include the half-Heusler compounds, where spin-orbit coupling recombines the outer-shell s and p orbitals into  $s_{\frac{1}{2}}$  ( $\Gamma_6$ ),  $p_{\frac{1}{2}}$  ( $\Gamma_7$ ), and  $p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  ( $\Gamma_8$ ) orbitals, with the subscripts denoting the spin-orbit coupled total angular momentum. The  $p_{\frac{1}{2}}$  band is denoted the "spin-split" band, which is far from the Fermi energy, and will be neglected below. The  $s_{\frac{1}{2}}$  and  $p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  bands are active, and typically the  $s_{\frac{1}{2}}$  band energy is higher. The gap between them is tunable by varying the spin-orbit coupling strength, which can be realized in experiments by substituting the heavy atom with other atomic elements. The gap vanishes at a critical spinorbit coupling strength, and then becomes negative, i.e., the energy of the  $s_{\frac{1}{2}}$  band becomes lower, which is termed as "band inversion." The  $p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  band further splits due to spin-orbit coupling according to the helicity quantum number, i.e., the spin projection on the momentum direction. The heavy hole band is of the helicity quantum numbers  $\pm \frac{3}{2}$ , and the light hole one is of the helicity numbers  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ . The heavy and light hole bands touch at the  $\Gamma$  point, as protected by the cubic group symmetry. All bands are doubly degenerate when TR and inversion symmetries are present.

At the critical spin-orbit coupling strength, where the  $s_{\frac{1}{2}}$ and  $p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  bands touch at the  $\Gamma$  point, the dispersions of  $s_{\frac{1}{2}}$  and light hole bands become linear, while the heavy hole band remains parabolic. After the band inversion, the curvature of the dispersion of  $s_{\frac{1}{2}}$  band becomes negative, while that of the light hole actually is positive. A schematic plot of the band structure after band inversion is shown in Fig. 1.

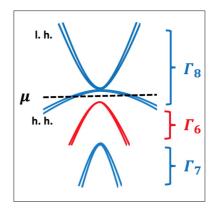


FIG. 1. Schematic plots of the  $p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  bands ( $\Gamma_8$ ),  $p_{\frac{1}{2}}$  bands ( $\Gamma_7$ ), and  $s_{\frac{1}{2}}$  bands ( $\Gamma_6$ ). The abbreviations of "h. h." and "l. h." within the  $p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  bands represent the heavy and light hole bands, respectively. The Fermi level crosses the heavy hole bands. Each pair of bands exhibit spin splitting due to the presence of the inversion symmetry breaking term  $\frac{\delta}{k_c} A(\vec{k})$  in Eq. (6).

The process of band inversion can be understood by a  $k \cdot p$ analysis as follows. Consider systems with the full spin-orbit coupled *SO*(3) symmetry for simplicity. The  $k \cdot p$  basis for  $s_{\frac{1}{2}}$ and  $p_{\frac{3}{5}}$  bands are chosen as

 $|s;\uparrow\rangle, |s;\downarrow\rangle,$ 

and

(1)

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|p_{x}+ip_{y};\downarrow\rangle + \sqrt{2}|p_{z};\uparrow\rangle),$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|-p_{x}+ip_{y};\downarrow\rangle + \sqrt{2}|p_{z};\downarrow\rangle),$$

$$|-p_{x}+ip_{y};\downarrow\rangle,$$
(2)

which are the eigenbasis of  $S_z = L_z + \frac{1}{2}\sigma_z$  with eigenvalues in a descending order. The three basis at the  $\Gamma$  point with positive eigenvalues of  $S_z$  are  $s_{\frac{1}{2}}$ ,  $|p_x + ip_y \uparrow\rangle$ ,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(|p_x + ip_y \downarrow\rangle + \sqrt{2}|p_z \uparrow\rangle)$ , and the other ones with negative  $S_z$  can be obtained from them by the TR operation. Apart from an overall constant the Hamiltonian at the  $\Gamma$  point in the positive  $S_z$  sector is given by

$$H^{+}(\Gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} m & & \\ & -m & \\ & & -m \end{pmatrix}, \tag{3}$$

in which *m* is half of the band gap. To obtain the Hamiltonian away from the  $\Gamma$  point, it is sufficient to consider the *z* direction due to the rotation invariance. The little group along this direction is the U(1) group  $e^{-iS_z\phi}$ , hence, hybridizations only occur between states with the same  $S_z$ . The  $k \cdot p$  Hamiltonian in the positive  $S_z$  sector up to the linear order in  $k_z$  is

$$H^{+}(k_{z}) = \begin{pmatrix} m & \lambda k_{z} \\ -m & \\ \lambda^{*}k_{z} & -m \end{pmatrix},$$
(4)

in which m > 0 and < 0 correspond to before and after band inversion, respectively. The Hamiltonian  $H^-$  in the negative  $S_z$ sector can be obtained by applying the TR operation to Eq. (4). The  $k \cdot p$  Hamiltonian in the basis of Eqs. (1) and (2) along a general direction of  $\vec{k}$  can be constructed by performing the rotation operation  $U = e^{-iS_z\phi_k}e^{-iS_y\phi_k}$  on  $H^+(k_z) + H^-(k_z)$ , where  $\theta_k$  and  $\phi_k$  are the polar and azimuthal angles of  $\vec{k}$ , respectively. At the critical point m = 0, the  $s_{\frac{1}{2}}$  and light hole band dispersions become linear with the velocity  $\pm \frac{|\lambda|}{h}$ .

Consider the case with band inversion as illustrated in Fig. 1, where the Fermi energy lies close to the  $\Gamma$  point of the  $p_{\frac{3}{2}}$ bands. Only the  $p_{\frac{3}{2}}$  bands are taken into account with the  $k \cdot p$ basis chosen as the four states in Eq. (2), and the band structure is captured by the Luttinger-Kohn Hamiltonian

$$H_L(\vec{k}) = \left(\lambda_1 + \frac{5}{2}\lambda_2\right)k^2 - 2\lambda_2(\vec{k} \cdot \vec{S})^2 + \lambda_3 \sum_{i \neq j} k_i k_j S_i S_j,$$
(5)

in which  $\vec{S} = (S_x \ S_y \ S_z)$  are the spin- $\frac{3}{2}$  operators. The  $\lambda_3$  term breaks the full spin-orbit coupled SO(3) rotational symmetry

but is allowed for the cubic symmetry group. When  $\lambda_3 = 0$ , the mass of helicity  $\pm \frac{3}{2}$  bands is  $\frac{\hbar^2}{2(\lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2)}$ , and that of the helicity  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  bands is  $\frac{\hbar^2}{2(\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2)}$ . For the band inverted case, we need  $-2\lambda_2 < \lambda_1 < 2\lambda_2$  to ensure the opposite signs of the light and heavy hole masses.

# B. Noncentrosymmetric spin-orbit couplings with the cubic symmetries

We classify all the TR and cubic symmetry allowed  $k \cdot p$  terms up to the quadratic order in k. The Hamiltonian Eq. (5) includes all the inversion invariant terms up to the  $k^2$  apart from an overall constant. Inversion breaking terms are allowed for the three cubic groups  $O, T_d, T$ . The corresponding band Hamiltonian becomes

$$H_0(\vec{k}) = H_L(\vec{k}) + \frac{\delta}{k_f} A(\vec{k}), \tag{6}$$

in which  $A(\vec{k}) = -A(-\vec{k})$  breaks inversion symmetry,  $k_f$  is the Fermi wave vector, and  $\delta$  parameterizes the inversion breaking strength. To the lowest order in momentum, the TR invariant  $A(\vec{k})$  takes the form

$$T_{d} : k_{i} \cdot (S_{i+1}S_{i}S_{i+1} - S_{i+2}S_{i}S_{i+2}),$$
  

$$O : k_{i} \cdot S_{i} + a_{1}k_{i} \cdot S_{i}^{3},$$
  

$$T : k_{i} \cdot S_{i} + b_{1}k_{i} \cdot S_{i}^{3} + b_{2}k_{i} \cdot (S_{i+1}S_{i}S_{i+1} - S_{i+2}S_{i}S_{i+2}),$$
  
(7)

in which  $a_1$ ,  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$  are numerical factors, and the indices i, i + 1 are defined cyclicly for x, y, z and the summation over i is assumed. Detailed discussions are included in Appendix A.

## C. Protected degeneracy along the [001] direction with the $T_d$ symmetry

The band structure of Eq. (6) does not exhibit double degeneracy in general due to the breaking of inversion symmetry. Interestingly, for the  $T_d$  group, there is a protected non-Kramers degeneracy along [001] and its equivalent directions explained as follows.

The illustration of the  $T_d$  symmetry in terms of a decorated cube is shown in Fig. 2. Its little group along the [001] direction contains two mirror reflections along the diagonal directions  $y = \pm x$  denoted as x' and y', respectively. The

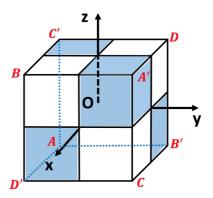


FIG. 2. The decorated cube with the  $T_d$  symmetry.

corresponding operations are denoted as  $M_{x'}$  and  $M_{y'}$ , respectively. Since  $M_{x'}M_{y'} = R(\hat{z},\pi)$ , where  $R(\hat{n},\phi)$  denotes the rotation around the  $\hat{n}$  axis at the angle of  $\phi$ , the little group  $L_0$  of  $T_d$  along the [001] direction is

$$L_0 = \{1, M_{x'}, M_{y'}, R(\hat{z}, \pi)\},\tag{8}$$

which is isomorphic to the dihedral group  $D_2$ . In half-odd integer spin representations, the  $2\pi$  rotation equals -1, and hence  $L_0$  is doubled as

$$L_{1} = \{\mathbb{1}, M_{x'}, M_{y'}, R(\hat{z}, \pi), \\ \bar{\mathbb{1}}, \bar{\mathbb{1}}M_{x'}, \bar{\mathbb{1}}M_{y'}, \bar{\mathbb{1}}R(\hat{z}, \pi)\},$$
(9)

in which  $\overline{\mathbb{I}}$  denotes the  $2\pi$  rotation. As discussed in Appendix B,  $L_1$  is in fact isomorphic to the quaternion group  $Q_8$ . Different from  $D_2$ ,  $Q_8$  is non-Abelian and has four 1D irreducible representations and one 2D irreducible representation. The half-odd integer spin representations do not contain the 1D representation of  $Q_8$  shown as follows:

$$M_{x'}M_{y'} = -M_{y'}M_{x'} \tag{10}$$

for half-odd integer spins, since  $(M_{x'}M_{y'})^2 = R^2(\hat{z},\pi) = \bar{1}$ . This anticommutativity protects the double degeneracy along the [0 0 1] direction.

There is another mechanism of the degeneracy protection based on an antiunitary symmetry S. It is constructed based on the  $T_d$  group and the TR operation T as

$$S = R\left(\hat{z}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \mathcal{I} \cdot \mathcal{T}, \tag{11}$$

where  $\mathcal{I}$  is the inversion operator which flips the momentum direction and acts as the identity operator in spin space, and T is the Kramers TR operation satisfying  $\mathcal{T}^2 = -1$ . S leaves the [001] direction invariant. It is easy to verify that S's quartic power is -1, i.e.,

$$S^4 = -1. \tag{12}$$

Nevertheless, unlike the Kramers operation,  $S^2 = -R(z,\pi)$ which remains an operator instead of a constant. Still *S* ensures the double degeneracy of electron states with  $\vec{k} \parallel \hat{z}$ [46], which can be proved by contradiction. If there was no degeneracy, each Bloch wave state  $|\psi_k\rangle$  must be a simultaneous eigenstate of both the Hamiltonian and the operator *S*, then  $S|\psi\rangle = \lambda|\psi\rangle$ , where  $\lambda$  is a complex number of unit norm. This implies that  $S^2|\psi\rangle = |\lambda|^2|\psi\rangle$  due to the antiunitarity of *S*, and then  $S^4|\psi\rangle = |\psi\rangle$  which is in contradiction with the property  $S^4 = -1$ .

Including the antiunitary operation *S*, the little group along the [0 0 1] direction is extended from the double group  $L_1$  to  $SD_{16}$ , the semidihedral group of order 16. Detailed discussions about  $SD_{16}$  are included in Appendix B.

Both degeneracy protection mechanisms are general beyond the  $k \cdot p$  approximation. The degeneracy is held for any band Hamiltonian with the  $T_d$  and TR symmetries realized by half-integer fermions. It even applies to the Bogoliubov excitation spectra in the superconducting states which maintain these symmetries.

## D. The YPtBi material

We briefly review the YPtBi material and its band structure. It is a half-Heusler compound with band inversion. The active atomic orbitals are the 6*s* and 6*p* orbitals from the Bi atom. The Pt and Bi atoms form a zinc-blende sublattice, and the Y atoms fill in the lattice such that the Pt and Y atoms form another zinc-blende sublattice [47–49]. The system has the TR and  $T_d$  point group symmetries but is not inversion symmetric.

The charge carrier density of YPtBi is very low around  $2 \times 10^{18}$  cm<sup>-3</sup> as revealed by the Shubnikov-de Hass (SdH) oscillation experiments [44]. The corresponding Fermi energy is on the order of  $10^2$  K with the Fermi wave vector one order smaller than the Brillouin zone boundary, such that the  $k \cdot p$  description around the  $\Gamma$  point is applicable. The  $k \cdot p$  Hamiltonian  $H_0(k)$  of effective spin- $\frac{3}{2}$  particles has been proposed for YPtBi [45] as a combination of the Luttinger-Kohn Hamiltonian in Eq. (5) and an inversion breaking term given corresponding to the  $T_d$  group in Eq. (7). The inversion breaking term breaks the double degeneracy except along [001] directions and leads to the spin-split Fermi surfaces with the energy splitting on the order of 10 K. The distortion of the Fermi surfaces away from the perfect sphere induced by the  $\lambda_3$  term in Eq. (5) is shown to be a small effect as revealed by the SdH oscillation experiments [44], which will be neglected in later calculations.

## III. NONCENTROSYMMETRIC SPIN-<sup>3</sup>/<sub>2</sub> COOPER PAIRINGS

In this section, we first discuss the noncentrosymmetric Cooper pairings under cubic group symmetries. Then the possible pairing symmetries of YPtBi are briefly reviewed.

#### A. Noncentrosymmetric Cooper pairings with cubic symmetries

We discuss the Cooper pairings in noncentrosymmetric systems with the TR and cubic group symmetries, which can be viewed as analogues of the <sup>3</sup>He-*B* pairing in the lattice. The generalization of the <sup>3</sup>He-*B* pairing to the large spin and high partial-wave channels in continuum has been studied in Ref. [40].

The Bogoliubov-de Gennes (B-deG) Hamiltonian of a spin- $\frac{3}{2}$  superconductor is

$$H_{\text{B-deG}} = \sum_{\vec{k}} (c^{\dagger}(\vec{k}), c(-\vec{k})^T) H(\vec{k}) \binom{c(\vec{k})}{c^{\dagger}(-\vec{k})}, \quad (13)$$

in which  $\sum_{\vec{k}} denotes summing over half of momentum space, and <math>c(\vec{k}) = (c_{3/2}(\vec{k}), c_{1/2}(\vec{k}), c_{-1/2}(\vec{k}), c_{-3/2}(\vec{k}))^T$ . The matrix kernel  $H(\vec{k})$  is represented as

$$H(\vec{k}) = \begin{pmatrix} H_0(\vec{k}) - \mu & \Delta(\vec{k}) \\ \Delta^{\dagger}(\vec{k}) & -(H_0(-\vec{k}) - \mu)^T \end{pmatrix}, \quad (14)$$

in which  $H_0(\vec{k})$  is the band structure given by Eq. (6), and  $\mu$  is the chemical potential measured from the  $\Gamma$  point of the  $p_{3/2}$  bands. The pairing term  $\Delta(\vec{k})$  is given as

$$\Delta(\vec{k}) = K(\vec{k})R,\tag{15}$$

in which  $K(\vec{k})$  denotes the pairing kernel, and R is the charge conjugation matrix defined as  $R_{\alpha\beta} = (-)^{\alpha+\frac{1}{2}}\delta_{\alpha,-\beta}$  with  $\alpha$  spin indices [38]. For noncentrosymmetric systems, the breaking of the inversion symmetry mixes pairings with different parities. The pairing kernel  $K(\vec{k})$  has been proposed to take the form [50]

$$K(\vec{k}) = \Delta_s + \frac{\Delta_p}{k_f} A(\vec{k}), \qquad (16)$$

in which  $A(\vec{k})$  is given by Eq. (7) for the cubic groups  $O, T_d, T$ ;  $\Delta_s$  and  $\Delta_p$  parameterize the strength of the *s* and *p*-wave components, respectively. Such pairing avoids the pair breaking effect induced by the inversion breaking term  $\frac{\delta}{k_f}A(\vec{k})$  in the band structure [50] and thus is conceivably energetically favorable. The pairing only takes place between electrons from the same spin-split Fermi surface. Nevertheless, we would like to emphasize that the actual superconducting gap symmetry of the YPtBi material is still undetermined, and this is only one possibility that needs to be tested in future experiments.

#### B. The superconducting properties of the YPtBi material

In this part we give a brief review of the superconducting properties of the YPtBi material, particularly its topological nodal line structure in the gap function. Its transition temperature is  $T_c = 0.78$  K. Its London penetration depth exhibits a linear temperature dependence [44], which is a strong evidence for a gap function with nodal lines.

Let us first consider the band eigenstates of  $H_0$  defined in Eq. (6) with A defined as

$$A(\vec{k}) = \sum_{i=x,y,z} k_i (S_{i+1} S_i S_{i+1} - S_{i+2} S_i S_{i+2}), \qquad (17)$$

which maintains the TR and  $T_d$  symmetries. At  $|\delta| \ll |\mu|$ , the main effect of the inversion symmetry breaking term is within the heavy hole band and the light hole one to split the double degeneracy. The mixing between heavy and light hole bands is small and will be neglected. Since the Fermi surface cuts the heavy hole band, we project the  $4 \times 4$  matrix kernel  $A(\vec{k})$  into the heavy hole bands. Then  $A(\vec{k})$  becomes a  $2 \times 2$  matrix  $\vec{\Lambda}(\vec{k}) \cdot \vec{\tau}$  where  $\vec{\tau}$  is the Pauli matrices under the basis with helicities  $\pm \frac{3}{2}$ , and

$$\Lambda_x(\vec{k}) = -\frac{9k}{8} \sin 2\theta_k \cos 2\phi_k,$$
  

$$\Lambda_y(\vec{k}) = \frac{9k}{16} (3 + \cos 2\theta_k) \sin \theta_k \sin 2\phi_k,$$
  

$$\Lambda_z(\vec{k}) = 0,$$
(18)

with  $\theta_k$  and  $\phi_k$  the polar and azimuthal angles of  $\vec{k}$ , respectively. Then the heavy hole energies exhibit the splitting of  $\delta/k_f |\Lambda(\vec{k})|$  which becomes zero along the [001] and its equivalent directions.

It has been proposed for YPtBi that its pairing symmetry is likely of the mixed *s*-wave singlet and *p*-wave septet [45]. The B-deG Hamiltonian is given by Eq. (14), which maintains the TR and  $T_d$  symmetries. The Bogoliubov quasiparticle spectrum exhibits line nodes centering around [001] directions when  $\Delta_s/\Delta_p \neq 0$  [45]. Based on a similar basis as

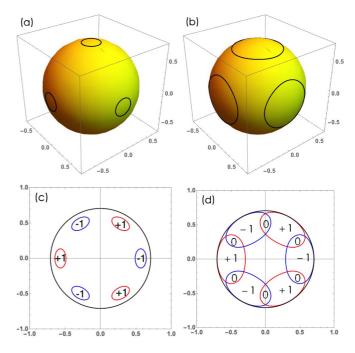


FIG. 3. Nodal loops of the superconducting gap function on the larger spin-split Fermi surface for (a)  $\Delta_s/\Delta_p = 0.3$  and (b)  $\Delta_s/\Delta_p = 0.7$  and projections of the nodal loops to the (1 1 1) surface for (c)  $\Delta_s/\Delta_p = 0.3$  and (d)  $\Delta_s/\Delta_p = 0.7$ . In (c) the topological numbers are +1 and -1 in the regions enclosed by the red loops and the blue loops, respectively, and are zero outside the loops. In (d) the situation is similar except that the topological numbers are zero in the overlapping regions of the loops. The three axes in (a) and (b) and the two axes in (c) and (d) are momenta in the bulk Brillouin zone and surface Brillouin zone, respectively, in which the momenta are measured in the units of  $\sqrt{2}k_f$ . The Luttinger parameters are taken as  $\lambda_1 = 0$  and  $\lambda_2 = |\mu|/(2k_f^2)$ .

above, when projected into the two spin-split Fermi surfaces belonging to the heavy holes, the diagonalized gap functions becomes  $\Delta_s \pm \Delta_p |\vec{\Lambda}(\vec{k})|$ . Hence, the gap function becomes nodal on one of the spin-split Fermi surfaces at  $|\vec{\Lambda}(\vec{k})| = \Delta_s / \Delta_p$ , and the node lines form closed loops centering around [0 0 1] and its equivalent directions. The plots of the nodal loops on the corresponding Fermi surface are shown in Figs. 3(a) and 3(b) for two representative ratios between  $\Delta_s$ and  $\Delta_p$ , for which the nodal loops do not cross, or, cross, respectively.

The nodal loops centering around [001] and its equivalent directions are topologically nontrivial [24,44]. An integervalued index can be assigned to each nodal loop as the topological number of a closed loop in momentum space linked with the nodal one on the Fermi surface [24]. For a nontrivial nodal loop, the gap functions located inside and outside the nodal loop on the Fermi surface are with opposite signs. Now consider a 2D surface and the associated surface Brillouin zone; the projection of the nodal loop in the 2D Brillouin zone becomes a 2D planar loop. For each momentum in the surface Brillouin zone, it represents an effective 1D system perpendicular to the surface. Hence, a topological number can be defined for each 2D surface momentum except that on the nodes [24]. The gap functions of the incident wave and the reflection wave perpendicular to the surface change sign if their common 2D momentum is inside the planar projection loop. Hence, for the surface states, their topological numbers are nontrivial for those inside the 2D projection loop but trivial for those outside. But for those in the overlapping regions between two projection loops, they become trivial again. The schematic plot for the case of the [1 1 1] surface is taken as an example for illustration, as shown in Figs. 3(c) and 3(d) for two representative ratios between  $\Delta_s$  and  $\Delta_p$ . Detailed discussions of the topological properties of the nodal loops are included in Appendix D.

## **IV. MAJORANA SURFACE STATES**

In this section, we first derive the equation solving the Majorana surface states for the spin- $\frac{3}{2}$  systems. The corresponding calculations were performed for the fully gapped isotropic *p*-wave triplet and *f*-wave septet for the continuum model before [40]. Here we consider the gapless mixed parity pairing state explained in the last section. For simplicity, we set  $\lambda_3 = 0$  in the band Hamiltonian and consider the limit of  $\Delta_s, \Delta_p \ll \delta \ll |\mu|$ . This limit is justified in YPtBi, since  $\Delta_s, \Delta_p \sim 1 \text{ K}, \delta \sim 10 \text{ K}, \text{ and } \mu \sim 10^2 \text{ K}$ . The equation is then applied to obtain the Majorana surface modes for systems with TR and  $T_d$  symmetries and also for those with the *T*, or, *O* symmetry.

#### A. The methodology

Consider a surface with the normal direction along  $\hat{n} = (\sin \theta_n \cos \phi_n, \sin \theta_n \sin \phi_n, \cos \theta_n)$ . To simplify calculations, we rotate  $\hat{n}$  into the *z* axis. The bulk of the system lies at z < 0, and the side of z > 0 is vacuum. The boundary condition is that the wave function vanishes at z = 0 and exponentially decays to zero when  $z \rightarrow -\infty$ . Within the rotated coordinates, the Luttinger Hamiltonian, the inversion breaking term in band structure, and the pairing Hamiltonian are expressed as follows,

$$H_L(-i\vec{\nabla}) = -\left(\lambda_1 + \frac{5}{2}\lambda_2\right)\nabla^2 - 2\lambda_2(R_n(-i\vec{\nabla})\cdot\vec{S})^2 - \mu,$$
  
$$H_A(-i\vec{\nabla}) = \frac{\delta}{k_f}A(R_n(-i\vec{\nabla})),$$
  
$$\Delta(-i\vec{\nabla}) = K(R_n(-i\vec{\nabla}))R,$$
 (19)

where  $R_n = R(\hat{z}, \phi_n) R(\hat{y}, \theta_n)$  is the rotation operation transforming  $\hat{z}$  to  $\hat{n}$ ,  $R_n(-i\nabla)$  represents the rotation of the vector operator  $-\vec{i}\nabla$ , i.e.,

$$R_{n,a}(-i\vec{\nabla}) = -iR_{n,ab}\nabla_b, \qquad (20)$$

where a = x, y, z, and  $R_{n,ab}$  is the 3×3 rotation matrix. The momenta  $k_x$  and  $k_y$  parallel to the surface plane remain conserved.

We use the trial plane wave function as

$$\Psi(\vec{r}) = \sum_{l} C_l \Phi_l e^{i\vec{k}_l \cdot \vec{r}},$$
(21)

where  $\Phi_l$  is an eight-dimensional column vector with four spin components of both particle and hole degrees of freedom. Plug

Eq. (21) into the eigenequation, we obtain

$$\begin{pmatrix} H_0(R_a\vec{k}_l) - \mu & \Delta(R_a\vec{k}_l) \\ \Delta^{\dagger}(R_a\vec{k}_l) & -(H_0(-R_a\vec{k}_l) - \mu)^T \end{pmatrix} \Phi_l = E_s \Phi_l, \quad (22)$$

where  $k_l = (k_x k_y k_{zl})$ , and  $E_s$  is the surface state energy. The boundary condition requires that  $\text{Im}k_{zl} < 0$ , and there are eight solutions of  $k_{zl}$  satisfying this condition, i.e.,  $1 \le l \le 8$ : Four come from the sector of helicity eigenvalues  $\pm \frac{3}{2}$  and the other four from helicity eigenvalues  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$ . Furthermore, the boundary conditions require that

$$\sum_{l=1}^{8} C_l \Phi_l = 0.$$
 (23)

In order to have nontrivial solutions of  $C_l$ , the determinant composed of the eight column vectors needs to be zero, i.e.,

$$\det(\{\Phi_l\}_{1 \le l \le 8}) = 0, \tag{24}$$

which determines the surface state eigenenergies. The explicit forms of the eight column vectors  $\Phi_l$ 's in the limit of  $\Delta_s, \Delta_p \ll \delta \ll |\mu|$  are derived in Appendix E.

#### **B.** Majorana zero modes under the $T_d$ symmetry

In this part, we solve for the zero energy Majorana surface modes. Let us consider the (001) and (110) surfaces. From the gap nodal loop configurations shown in Fig. 3, the nodal loop projections fully overlap with each other, such that all the momentum-dependent topological numbers are trivial. Hence we will only consider the (111) surface. Throughout the calculations the Luttinger parameters are taken as  $\lambda_1 = 0$ ,  $\lambda_2 = |\mu|/(2k_f^2)$ , and  $\lambda_3 = 0$ .

The results of Majorana spectra on the (111) surface are presented in Fig. 4. Figure 4(a) shows the case that the projections of the gap nodal loops do not overlap, and the surface zero Majorana modes appear inside the projection

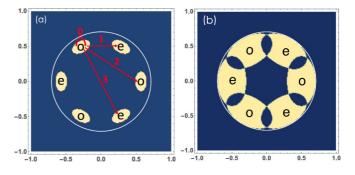


FIG. 4. Distribution of Majorana zero modes in the surface Brillouin zone in the (111) surface for (a)  $\Delta_s/\Delta_p = 0.3$  and (b)  $\Delta_s/\Delta_p = 0.7$ . The white circle denotes the boundary of the projection of the Fermi surface. Majorana zero modes exist in the bright regions. The chiral index is marked for each island of the Majorana flat band, where "e" and "o" represent "even" and "odd" with the chiral eigenvalue  $\pm 1$ , respectively. The horizontal and vertical axes are momenta in the surface Brillouin zone measured in the unit of  $\sqrt{2k_f}$ . The Luttinger parameters are taken as  $\lambda_1 = 0$ and  $\lambda_2 = |\mu|/(2k_f^2)$ . The numerical computations are carried out for a 200×200 lattice in momentum space.

loops. In Fig. 4(b), the projections overlap, and the zero Majorana modes in the overlap region disappear. The former corresponds to a smaller value of  $\Delta_s/\Delta_p = 0.3$ , and the latter is with a larger one  $\Delta_s/\Delta_p = 0.7$ . Since each nontrivial momentum dependent topological index equals either 1 or -1 as shown in Fig. 3, these surface zero Majorana modes are nondegenerate. The surface spectra solved from matching boundary conditions are consistent with the previous analysis based on bulk topological number. This can be seen as a verification of the bulk-edge correspondence principle in the spin-3/2 situation.

We then analyze the symmetry properties of the Majorana surface states. Based on the  $T_d$  and the TR symmetry, the symmetry subgroup for the (1 1 1) surface is  $C_{3v} \times \{1, T\}$ , where T is the TR operation defined as  $Tc^{\dagger}(\vec{k})T^{-1} = c^{\dagger}(\vec{k})R \cdot K$ , with K the complex conjugate operation. The surface spectra in Fig. 4 exhibit the  $C_{3v}$  symmetry. The TR operation reverses the momentum direction, and the spectra are also invariant under the TR operation. Consider the particle-hole operation  $P_H$  defined as  $P_H c_{\alpha}^{\dagger}(\vec{k})P_H^{-1} = c_{\alpha}(\vec{k})K \cdot P_H$  anticommutes with B-deG Hamiltonian Eq. (14) and transforms a state to another state with the opposite energy. Since Majorana surface modes are at zero energy, they are particle-hole symmetric.

We can also define a chiral operator as

$$C_{ch} = i\mathcal{T}P_H. \tag{25}$$

It is Hermitian in half-odd integer spin spaces:  $C_{ch}^{\dagger} = -i P_H^{\dagger} \mathcal{T}^{\dagger} = C_{ch}$ , since  $\mathcal{T}^{\dagger} = \mathcal{T}^{-1} = -\mathcal{T}$  (as  $\mathcal{T}^2 = -1$ ),  $P_H^{\dagger} = P_H$ , and  $[\mathcal{T}, P_H] = 0$ . Both TR and particle-hole operations reverse the sign of the momentum, hence,  $C_{ch}$  maintains momentum invariant. This implies that each Majorana zero mode solved above can be chosen as a chiral eigenstate with a chiral index of  $\pm 1$ . Since  $C_{ch}$  commutes with the  $C_{3v}$  group, the islands related by the  $C_{3v}$  group carry the same chiral index, while the two islands related by TR operation carry opposite chiral indices, because  $C_{ch}$  anticommutes with the TR operator.

#### C. The T and O groups

In this part we briefly present the surface spectra calculation of the *p*-wave triplet pairing for point groups O and T. While the situation of the *p*-wave triplet pairing with band inversion and the Fermi energy tuned to cross the heavy hole bands has been sketched based on physical intuitions [41], here, we perform a detailed calculation. The band structure and the Cooper pairing are given by Eq. (6) and Eq. (15), respectively, in which  $A(\vec{k})$  takes the corresponding form for O and T groups in Eq. (7). Here we consider the p-wave triplet dominant pairing, i.e.,  $A(\vec{k}) = k_i \cdot S_i$ . Unlike the case of *p*-wave septet pairing under the  $T_d$  symmetry, the *p*-wave triplet pairing under the T and O point groups is SO(3)invariant under the combined orbital and spin rotations. Hence, the quasiparticle spectrum is fully gapped on the Fermi surface. For small enough parameters  $a_1$ ,  $b_1$ ,  $b_2$  in Eq. (7) and the ratio  $\Delta_s/\Delta_p$  in Eq. (16), they can be set to zero without affecting topological properties since the pairing is fully gapped. In this case, the B-deG Hamiltonians for the T and O point group symmetries are the same. The system belongs to the

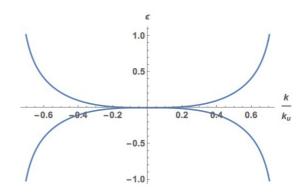


FIG. 5. Surface spectrum of *p*-wave triplet pairing along radial direction. The horizontal axis is the momentum measured in the unit of  $k_u = \sqrt{2}k_f$ , and the vertical axis is the surface energy measured in the unit of  $\Delta_p$ .

*D*III class due to the TR and particle-hole symmetries. The bulk topological number is 3 as a sum of those from the helicity  $\pm \frac{3}{2}$  bands [40]. Figure 5 shows the surface spectrum along the radial direction in the polar coordinate within the surface Brillouin zone. The full spectrum can be obtained by performing a rotation around the normal direction. The overall surface spectrum exhibit the cubic Dirac dispersions [40,41], which is consistent with the bulk topological number.

## V. QUASIPARTICLE INTERFERENCE PATTERNS

The scanning tunneling spectroscopy measures the local density of states (LDOS) on the sample surface. In the presence of an impurity, the LDOS exhibits an interference pattern due to the scattering of electrons by impurities. The quasiparticle interference (QPI) patterns provide information to the pairing symmetry of high- $T_c$  superconductors [51], orbital ordering in 2D materials [52], surface states of topological insulators [53], and semimetals [54]. The QPI patterns have also been discussed for various spin-1/2 noncentrosymmetric superconductors [32].

In this section, we use the wave functions of the surface states solved from Sec. IV B to compute the QPI patterns of a single impurity on the surface of the spin- $\frac{3}{2}$  topological superconductor with the TR and  $T_d$  symmetries. Experiments on QPI patterns provide a test to the proposed pairing form in Eq. (16).

#### A. Spin-resolved local density of states

The impurity can be either magnetic or nonmagnetic, and the tunneling spectroscopy can be either spin-resolved or non-spin-resolved. In consideration of these, the LDOS tensor  $\rho^{\mu\nu}$  is defined with  $\mu,\nu = 0,1,2,3,4$ , whose  $(\mu,\nu)$  element is the spin-resolved LDOS for spin in the  $\mu$  direction with impurity spin polarized in the  $\nu$  direction. The cases of  $\mu = 0$ and  $\nu = 0$  correspond to non-spin-resolved and nonmagnetic impurity, respectively. To facilitate the symmetry analysis, we rotate the coordinate frame to  $\hat{x}' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1,1,-2), \hat{y}' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(-1,1,0), \hat{z}' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1,1,1)$ , The little group of  $T_d$  along the  $(1 \ 1 \ 1)$  direction is  $C_{3\nu}$ . The threefold rotation axis in  $C_{3\nu}$  is the  $\hat{z}'$  axis, and the three vertical reflection planes are the x'z' plane and the  $\pm \frac{2\pi}{3}$  rotations of the x'z' plane around the z' axis. To simplify notation, below we still use x, y, z to represent x', y', and z', i.e., to suppress the ' symbol, and use the Greek index v = 1,2,3 to represent them, respectively.

Let us comment on the modeling of the impurity potential in calculations below. For simplicity, the nonmagnetic impurity potential  $V_{imp}$  is used as an example, which can be straightforwardly extended to the magnetic impurity potential. Typically, it is taken a short range  $\delta$  potential in real space. However, due to the open boundary condition, the surface state wave functions vanish on the surface. If the impurity is located exactly on the surface, then it will not cause any scattering. This artifact can be cured by using a more realistic model to take into account the finite range of the impurity potential. Hence, we assume the following form of  $V_{imp}$ ,

$$V_{\rm imp}(\vec{r}) = N_a V_0 e^{-z/a_0} \delta(x) \delta(y), \qquad (26)$$

in which  $V_0$  parameterizes the potential strength and  $N_a$  is a normalization factor. Although the detailed distribution of QPI patterns depends on the explicit form of  $V_{imp}$ , the overall characteristic features should not be sensitive on the choice of  $V_{imp}$ .

For an impurity whose spin is polarized in the  $\nu$  direction with potential  $V_{\rm imp}(\vec{r})$ , or, a nonmagnetic impurity for  $\nu = 0$ , the retarded Green's function  $\mathcal{G}_R^{\nu}(\omega, \vec{r})$  of the frequency  $\omega$  at the position  $\vec{r}$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{G}_{R}^{\nu}(\omega,\vec{r}) = \langle \vec{r} | \frac{1}{\omega - \left(H + H_{\rm imp}^{\nu}\right) + i\epsilon} | \vec{r} \rangle, \qquad (27)$$

in which  $|\vec{r}\rangle$  represents the coordinate eigenstate located at  $\vec{r}$ . In principle,  $\mathcal{G}_{R}^{\nu}$  exhibits a matrix structure with respect to all the spin, Nambu, coordinate, and frequency indices. For  $\mathcal{G}_{R}^{\nu}(\omega,\vec{r})$ , it takes the diagonal elements in terms of coordinate and frequency, and leave the spin and Nambu indices general. *H* is the matrix kernel of the B-deG Hamiltonian without impurity in Eq. (14) expressed in the coordinate representation.  $H_{imp}^{\nu}$  is the impurity potential in the Nambu representation, defined as

$$H_{\rm imp}^{\nu} = V_{\rm imp}(\vec{r})\Sigma^{\nu}, \qquad (28)$$

where  $\Sigma^{\nu} = \tau_3 \otimes S^{\nu}$  for  $\nu = 0, 1, 3$ , and  $\Sigma^2 = \tau_0 \otimes S^2$ .  $\tau_3$  is the Pauli matrix and  $\tau_0$  is the identity matrix acting in Nambu space, and  $S^0$  is the identity matrix acting in spin space.

We define the 3D local density of states (LDOS) tensor as

$$\rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega,\vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{ImTr}\left((1+\tau_3)\Sigma^{\mu}\mathcal{G}_R^{\nu}(\omega,\vec{r})\right), \quad (29)$$

in which  $1 + \tau_3$  is the abbreviation of  $(I_2 + \tau_3) \otimes I_4$ .  $\rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{r})$  refers to the density distribution in the presence of the magnetic or nonmagnetic impurity for  $\mu = 0$ , and the spin-density distribution at polarization  $\mu$  at  $\mu \neq 0$ . Then the surface LDOS tensor  $\rho_{sf}^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{r}_{\parallel})$  for the position  $\vec{r}_{\parallel}$  on the surface is defined by

$$\rho_{sf}^{\mu\nu}(\omega,\vec{r}_{\parallel}) = \int d\vec{r} \mathcal{F}(\vec{r}-\vec{r}_{c})\rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega,\vec{r}), \qquad (30)$$

where  $\vec{r}_c = (\vec{r}_{\parallel}, 0)$  is the 3D coordinate, and  $\mathcal{F}(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_c)$  is an envelop function describing the sensitivity of the STM tip to the local density of state distribution along the *z* axis. Here, we do not use the  $\delta$  function along the *z* direction either, due to the

open boundary condition used for the calculation of surface states. Instead, a Gaussian distribution envelop function is used

$$\mathcal{F}(\vec{r}) = N_b e^{-(\frac{z}{b_0})^2} \delta(x) \delta(y), \tag{31}$$

in which  $N_b$  is the normalization factor. The characteristic features of the LDOS should not be sensitive to the detailed form of the function  $\mathcal{F}$ .

Subtracting the background contribution in the absence of the impurity from  $\rho_{sf}^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{r}_{\parallel})$ , we extract the impurity contribution to the LDOS defined as

$$\Delta \rho_{sf}^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{r}_{\parallel}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{0} dz \mathcal{F}(z) \mathrm{Tr} \big[ (1+\tau_3) \Sigma^{\mu} \\ \times \big( \Delta \mathcal{G}_{R}^{\nu}(\omega, \vec{r}_{\parallel}, z) - \Delta \mathcal{G}_{R}^{\nu\ast}(\omega, \vec{r}_{\parallel}, z) \big) \big], \quad (32)$$

where

$$\Delta \mathcal{G}_R^{\nu}(\omega, \vec{r}) = \mathcal{G}_R^{\nu}(\omega, \vec{r}) - \mathcal{G}_R^{(0)}(\omega, \vec{r}), \tag{33}$$

with

$$\mathcal{G}_{R}^{(0)}(\omega,\vec{r}) = \langle \vec{r} | \frac{1}{\omega - H + i\epsilon} | \vec{r} \rangle.$$
(34)

The QPI pattern in momentum space  $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{\alpha\beta}(\omega, \vec{q})$  is defined to be the Fourier transform of  $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{\alpha\beta}(\omega, \vec{r}_{\parallel})$  with respect to  $\vec{r}_{\parallel}$ , as

$$\Delta \rho_{sf}^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{q}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{-\infty}^{0} dz \mathcal{F}(z) (\Lambda^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{q}, z) - \Lambda^{\mu\nu*}(\omega, -\vec{q}, z)),$$
(35)

in which  $\Lambda^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{q}, z)$  is the Fourier transform of  $\text{Tr}[(1 + \tau_3)\Sigma^{\mu}\Delta \mathcal{G}_R^{\nu}(\omega, \vec{r}_{\parallel}, z)].$ 

#### B. The T-matrix formalism and Born approximation

The retarded Green's function  $\mathcal{G}_R(\omega, \vec{r}_{\parallel}, z)$  can be evaluated using the *T*-matrix formalism. Define the operator  $\mathcal{G}_R(\omega)$  as

$$\mathcal{G}_R(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega - H - H_{\rm imp} + i\epsilon}$$
(36)

and that in the absence of impurity  $\mathcal{G}_R^{(0)}(\omega)$  as

$$\mathcal{G}_R^{(0)}(\omega) = \frac{1}{\omega - H + i\epsilon}.$$
(37)

 $\mathcal{G}_R(\omega)$  can be solved through

$$\mathcal{G}_{R}(\omega) = \mathcal{G}_{R}^{(0)}(\omega) + \mathcal{G}_{R}^{(0)}(\omega)T(\omega)\mathcal{G}_{R}^{(0)}(\omega), \qquad (38)$$

in which the T-matrix operator  $T(\omega)$  satisfies the equation

$$T(\omega) = H_{\rm imp} + H_{\rm imp} \mathcal{G}_R^{(0)}(\omega) T(\omega).$$
(39)

The Born approximation will be performed to solve the T matrix.

Now we outline the procedure of calculating  $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{\mu\nu}$  based on Eq. (35). First,  $\Delta \mathcal{G}_R^{\nu}(\omega, \vec{q}, z)$  can be evaluated by inserting the complete basis to both the left and right hand sides of  $T(\omega)$  in Eq. (38). A general eigenstate of the Hamiltonian H is of the form  $\frac{1}{L}e^{i\vec{k}_{\parallel}\cdot\vec{r}_{\parallel}}\Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel},\alpha}(z)$ , where L stands for the average interimpurity distance, and the index  $\alpha$  labels the states with fixed in-surface momentum  $\vec{k}_{\parallel}$ , which can be either scattering state or surface state.  $\Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel},\alpha}(z)$  is the eightcomponent normalized wave function in the *z* direction. After carrying out the Fourier transform, we obtain

$$\Lambda^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{q}, z) = \frac{N_a}{L^2} \sum_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}\alpha, \vec{k}_{\parallel}'\beta} \delta_{\vec{k}_{\parallel} - \vec{k}_{\parallel}', \vec{q}} \frac{1}{\omega - E_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}, \alpha} + i\epsilon}$$
$$\times \langle \Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}, \alpha} | H_{\text{imp}, z}^{\nu} | \Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}', \beta} \rangle \frac{1}{\omega - E_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}', \beta}} + i\epsilon$$
$$\times \text{Tr} \Big[ (1 + \tau_3) \Sigma^{\mu} \Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}, \alpha}(z) \Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}', \beta}^{\dagger}(z) \Big], \quad (40)$$

in which  $E_{\vec{k}_{\parallel},\alpha}$  is the energy of the wave function  $\Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel},\alpha}(z)$ ,  $H_{\text{imp,z}}^{\nu}(z)$  is the impurity potential in the *z* direction defined as  $H_{\text{imp,z}}^{\nu}(z) = \Sigma^{\nu} V_0 e^{-z/a_0}$ , and  $\langle \Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel},\alpha} | H_{\text{imp,z}}^{\nu} | \Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}',\beta} \rangle$  represents  $\int_{-\infty}^{0} dz \, V_0 e^{-z/a_0} \Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel},\alpha}^{\dagger}(z) \Sigma^{\nu} \Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}',\beta}(z)$ . In Eq. (40), the expression of  $\Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel},\alpha}(z) \Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}',\beta}^{\dagger}(z)$  represents a 8 × 8 matrix structure in the combined spin and Nambu space.

We consider the QPI patterns at the frequency less than the gap energy. Since the density of states is singular at zero energy arising from the surface flat bands, only the Majorana zero modes are kept in the summation over states. With this approximation, Eq. (40) becomes

$$\Lambda^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{q}, z) = \frac{N_a}{N} \sum_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}, \vec{k}'_{\parallel}} \delta_{\vec{k}_{\parallel} - \vec{k}'_{\parallel}, \vec{q}} \left(\frac{1}{\omega + i\epsilon}\right)^2 \langle \Psi^M_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}} | H^{\nu}_{\text{imp}, z} | \Psi^M_{\vec{k}'_{\parallel}} \rangle \\ \times \operatorname{Tr} [(1 + \tau_3) \Sigma^{\mu} \Psi^M_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}}(z) \Psi^{M\dagger}_{\vec{k}'_{\parallel}}(z)], \qquad (41)$$

in which  $\Psi_{\vec{k}_{\parallel}}^{M}(z)$  represents the wave function of the Majorana state with the in-plane momentum  $\vec{k}_{\parallel}$ .

The surface Majorana modes exhibit flat-band structure at zero energy. In the case of the dilute limit, in which the single impurity scattering can be justified, the scattering matrix element scales as  $V_0/L^2$ , thus the scattering occurs nearly at zero energy. Below, we set  $\omega$  at the order of  $\epsilon$ , which can be viewed as the inverse lifetime of the Majorana states.

Before presenting the detailed QPI patterns, there is a general property of  $\Delta \rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{q})$ . Since both the density and spin-density distributions are real fields, their Fourier transforms satisfy

$$\Delta \rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{q}) = \Delta \rho^{\mu\nu, *}(\omega, -\vec{q}). \tag{42}$$

In other words,  $\text{Re}\Delta\rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega,\vec{q})$  and  $\text{Im}\Delta\rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega,\vec{q})$  are even and odd with respect to  $\vec{q}$ . This symmetry has been clearly shown in all of Figs. 6–9, which present the Fourier transforms of  $\Delta\rho_{sf}^{\mu\nu}(\omega,\vec{q})$  at  $\omega = \epsilon$  in the (1 1 1) surface.

#### C. The QPI pattern for a nonmagnetic impurity

In this section, the QPI patterns for nonmagnetic impurities are presented.  $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{\mu 0}(\omega, \vec{q})$  vanishes when  $\mu \neq 0$  due to TR symmetry, hence, only the results of  $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{00}(\omega, \vec{q})$  are displayed. Figures 6 and 7 present  $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{00}(\omega, \vec{q})$  at two representative pairing ratios  $\Delta_s / \Delta_p$ . Both figures exhibit the  $C_{3v}$  symmetry with three vertical reflection planes. For a nonmagnetic impurity, the Hamiltonian remains odd under the chiral operation defined in Eq. (25), which imposes strong restrictions on the QPI

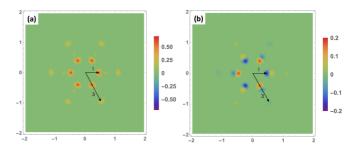


FIG. 6. (a)  $\operatorname{Re}\Delta\rho_{sf}^{00}(\epsilon,\vec{q})$  and (b)  $\operatorname{Im}\Delta\rho_{sf}^{00}(\epsilon,\vec{q})$  in the (111) surface for  $\Delta_s/\Delta_p = 0.3$  under the Born approximation. The background contribution in the absence of impurity is subtracted. The numerical computations are carried out for a 60×60 lattice in momentum space. The tip resolution  $b_0$  in Eq. (31) is set to be  $b_0 = 1/(\sqrt{2}k_f)$ , and the impurity range  $a_0$  in Eq. (26) is taken as  $a_0 = 1/(\sqrt{2}k_f)$ , both of which are at the order of Fermi wavelength. The impurity potential strength is taken as  $V_0 = g\Delta_0$ , where g is a scaling factor satisfying  $g \ll 1$  to justify the Born approximation. Other parameters are  $\lambda_1 = 0, \lambda_2 = |\mu|/(2k_f^2)$ , and  $\lambda_3 = 0$ .  $\Delta_0 = 0.02|\mu|, N_a = \frac{1}{2k_f^2}, N_b = \sqrt{2}k_f$ .  $\epsilon = 2 \times 10^{-5}|\mu|$ , which is the inverse of the Majorana life time. The color bar is in the units of  $g \frac{\sqrt{2}k_f}{800\pi^2|\mu|}$ .

patterns. It can only couple the Majorana zero modes with opposite chiral indices as shown in Figs. 4(a) and 4(b). In Fig. 4(a), four representative scattering wave vectors between Majorana islands are drawn in red arrowed lines, among which "0" represents the intraisland scattering, and "1," "2," and "3" represent interisland scatterings. The scatterings "1" and "3" are between islands with opposite chiral indices, hence are allowed in the Born approximation, as shown in Fig. 6. In contrast, the scatterings of "0" and "2" connect islands with the same chiral index and hence are forbidden. For example, the QPI spectra vanish near q = 0, which is the consequence of the absence of intraisland scatterings.

While both scatterings "1" and "3" appear in the QPI patterns, the QPI spectral magnitudes of "3" are much weaker than that of "1," which is a consequence of TR symmetry. The impurity matrix element vanishes between two Majorana states with in-plane momenta  $\vec{k}_{2d}$  and  $\vec{k}'_{2d}$  with  $\vec{k}'_{2d} = -\vec{k}_{2d}$ , forming a Kramers pair with  $T^2 = -1$ . Nevertheless, the TR symmetry does not completely forbid the scattering from  $\vec{k}_{2d}$  to  $\vec{k}'_{2d}$  in the neighbourhood of  $-\vec{k}_{2d}$ , although these kind of scatterings

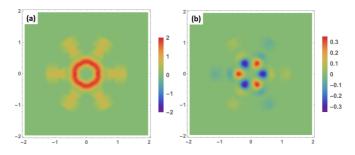


FIG. 7. (a)  $\text{Re}\Delta\rho_{sf}^{00}(\epsilon,\vec{q})$  and (b)  $\text{Im}\Delta\rho_{sf}^{00}(\epsilon,\vec{q})$  in the (111) surface with the parameter  $\Delta_s/\Delta_p = 0.7$ . The other parameters are the same as in Fig. 6.

are weakened. Hence, unlike the case of chiral symmetry which completely forbids scatterings between islands with the same chiral index, the TR symmetry only reduces while not strictly forbidding the scatterings between TR related Majorana islands. For the case of a large pairing ratio  $\Delta_s / \Delta_p$  as shown in Fig. 7, the phase space for non-TR related Majorana states scatterings for interisland scattering "3" is much larger than the case shown in Fig. 6.

#### D. The QPI for a magnetic impurity

In this part, the QPI patterns for the magnetic impurity are presented, corresponding to  $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{q})$  with  $\nu \neq 0$ . The magnetic impurity may also trap the Yu-Shiba bound states [55–57]. The number of such states are finite, and their spatial distributions are only localized around the magnetic impurities. They exhibit sharp resonance peaks in the LDOS in the STM spectra around the impurity. However, the QPI spectra are the Fourier transform of LDOS over a large area, which are mostly related to the scattering states. Hence, the Yu-Shiba states can be neglected in calculating the QPI spectra without affecting any characteristic features. Nevertheless, their possible existence is certainly an interesting question worthwhile for a future investigation.

The magnetic impurity is assumed to be in the classical limit without fluctuations. Although in principle, a magnetic impurity could also induce the density response, it is a high order effect not showing up at the level of the second order Born approximation. Only  $\mu, \nu \neq 0$  are displayed here. For simplicity, we will use Latin indices to refer spin directions 1,2,3.

Figures 8 and 9 show the real and imaginary parts of  $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{ij}(\epsilon, \vec{q})$ , respectively. The magnetic impurity Hamiltonian  $H_{imp}^{ij}$  (j = 1, 2, 3) is even under the chiral operation, hence, it only induces scatterings between Majorana islands with the

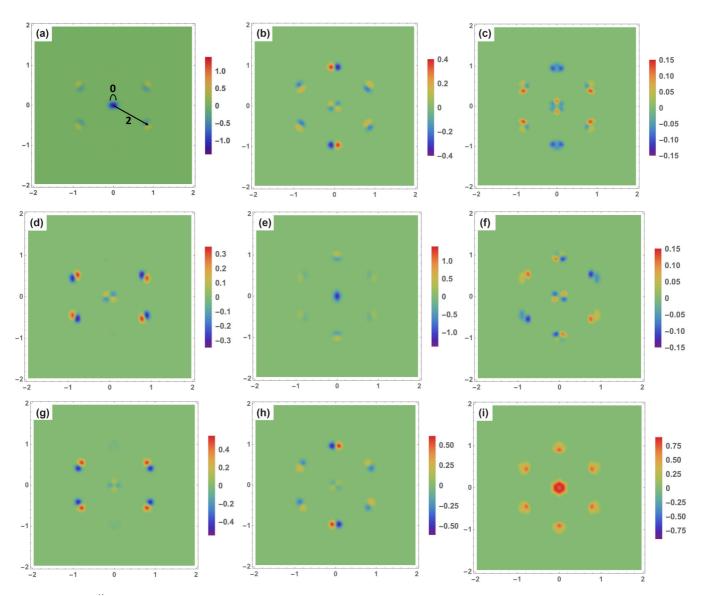


FIG. 8. Re $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{ij}(\epsilon, \vec{q})$  with ij equal to (a) 11, (b) 12, (c) 13, (d) 21, (e) 22, (f) 23, (g) 31, (h) 32, (i) 33, for  $\Delta_s / \Delta_p = 0.3$  in the (111) surface. The background contribution in the absence of impurity is subtracted. The numerical computations are carried out for a 60 × 60 lattice in momentum space. The parameters are taken the same as Fig. 6.

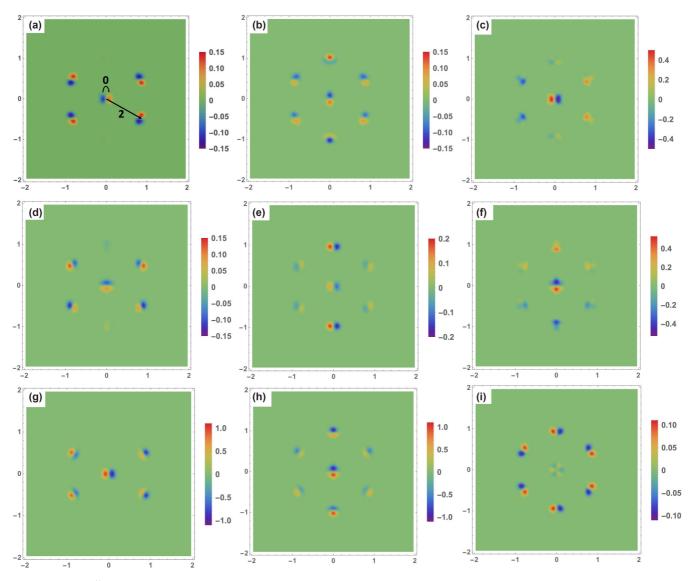


FIG. 9. Im $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{ij}(\epsilon, \vec{q})$  with ij equal to (a) 11, (b) 12, (c) 13, (d) 21, (e) 22, (f) 23, (g) 31, (h) 32, (i) 33. The parameters are the same as those in Fig. 6.

same chiral index denoted as scatterings "0" and "2" in Fig. 4. For example, these two classes of scatterings are marked in the QPI patterns of  $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{11}(\omega, \vec{q})$  shown in Figs. 8(a) and 9(a).

The consequences of the point group symmetry are more complicated. Let us first consider the magnetic impurity with spin oriented along the z direction; the impurity Hamiltonian still preserves the  $C_3$  symmetry. Hence, the QPI patterns of  $\Delta \rho^{33}(\epsilon, \vec{q})$  explicitly exhibit the  $C_3$  symmetry as shown in Figs. 8(i) and 9(i). As for  $\Delta \rho^{13}(\epsilon, \vec{q})$  and  $\Delta \rho^{23}(\epsilon, \vec{q})$ , their symmetry properties under the  $C_3$  rotation

$$\Delta \rho^{i3}(\epsilon, R\vec{q}) = R_{ij} \Delta \rho^{j3}(\epsilon, \vec{q}), \qquad (43)$$

where  $R_{ij}$  refers to the 2×2 rotation matrix of a  $C_3$  rotation. For example, for the rotation  $R(\hat{z}, \frac{2\pi}{3}), \Delta \rho^{ij}$  satisfies

$$\begin{pmatrix} \Delta\rho^{13}(\epsilon,\vec{q}) \\ \Delta\rho^{23}(\epsilon,\vec{q}) \end{pmatrix} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 & \sqrt{3} \\ -\sqrt{3} & -1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Delta\rho^{13}(\epsilon,\vec{q}') \\ \Delta\rho^{23}(\epsilon,\vec{q}') \end{pmatrix},$$
(44)

where  $q' = R(\hat{z}, \frac{2\pi}{3})\vec{q}$ , and this property has been checked for Figs. 8(c) and 8(f) and Figs. 9(c) and 9(f). On the other hand,

the vertical reflection symmetry with respect to the xz plane is broken, nevertheless, it can be restored by combining with TR operation.  $S^z$  and  $S^x$  are odd for this operation, while  $S^y$ is even, hence,

$$\Delta \rho^{i3}(\epsilon, \vec{q}) = \pm \Delta \rho^{i3}(\epsilon, \vec{q}'), \tag{45}$$

where + applies for i = x, z and – applies for  $i = y; \vec{q}'$  is the image of  $\vec{q}$  after the reflection. Similar transformations can be derived for other planes equivalent to the xz plane by the  $C_3$  rotations. It is easy to check that all of Figs. 8(c), 8(f) and 8(i) and 9(c), 9(f) and 9(i) satisfy these properties.

Now we consider the case of the impurity spin orientation along the x direction. Then the  $C_3$  rotation symmetry is no longer kept. The symmetry of the combined reflection followed by TR operation is still valid, nevertheless, the reflection plane can only be the xz plane. Hence, we have

$$\Delta \rho^{i1}(\epsilon, \vec{q}) = \pm \Delta \rho^{i1}(\epsilon, \vec{q}'), \tag{46}$$

where + applies for i = x, z, and – applies for i = y. Again this can be checked by examining Figs. 8(a), 8(d) and 8(g) and Figs. 9(a), 9(d) and 9(g). At last, we examine the case of the impurity spin orientation along the y direction. Again the  $C_3$ rotation symmetry is lost, while the refection symmetry with respect to the xz plane is maintained.

$$\Delta \rho^{i2}(\epsilon, \vec{q}) = \mp \Delta \rho^{i2}(\epsilon, \vec{q}'), \tag{47}$$

where – applies for i = x, z, and + applies for i = y. Clearly this symmetry is respected in Figs. 8(b), 8(e) and 8(h) and Figs. 9(b), 9(e) and 9(h).

#### VI. SUMMARY

In summary, the noncentrosymmetric effective spin- $\frac{3}{2}$  systems with cubic group symmetries are discussed. The emphasis is put on the  $T_d$  group, which is relevant to the YPtBi material. The double degeneracy along [001] and equivalent directions for systems with  $T_d$  symmetry is shown to be protected by the little group  $SD_{16}$ . Majorana surface states are calculated for the proposed mixed s-wave singlet and p-wave septet pairing of the  $T_d$  case in the (1 1 1) surface. Two representative values of the ratio between s- and p-wave pairing components are taken as examples for calculations. The Majorana states form flat bands within the regions enclosed by the projections of the nodal loops in gap functions on the surface Brillouin zone but disappear in the overlapping regions. The results are consistent with the bulk-edge correspondence principle. The QPI patterns are computed for the surface states with a single impurity in Born approximation. Chiral symmetry forbids scatterings between Majorana islands of same (opposite) chiral index for the nonmagnetic (magnetic) impurities. There are richer structures in the QPI patterns under the transformation of  $C_{3v}$  group for the case of magnetic impurity than the case of nonmagnetic impurity. Experimental signatures on the QPI patterns can test the possible mixed s, p pairing for the half-Heusler compound YPtBi.

*Note added.* Recently, we learned of the recent works on superconductivity on the half-Heusler material [58–60].

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#### APPENDIX A: INVARIANTS OF THE CUBIC GROUPS

In this appendix, we briefly describe the five cubic point groups  $O_h$ , O,  $T_d$ ,  $T_h$ , T, then classify the spherical harmonics of momentum and spin tensors up to the third rank according to their irreducible representations. All cubic-group-symmetry invariants up to the third rank of momentum and spin tensors are presented.

Let us recall some group theory knowledge. The  $O_h$  group is the symmetry group of the cube, containing 48 elements, hence, is the largest one among the five cubic groups. The other four are its subgroups, which are the symmetry groups

TABLE I. List of 24 group elements of point group O. In accordance with the notations in Fig. 2, OM represents the vector pointing from the center of the cube (i.e., the point O) to the vertex or the direction M, where M is one of A, A', B, B', C, C', D, D' when it is a vertex of the cube and is one of X, Y, Z, X', Y', Z' when it represents a direction. X, Y, Z represent the positive directions of the three axes x, y, z, and X', Y'Z' represent the negative directions of the three axes. The symbol [MN] represents the line passing through the point that bisects the edge MN' and the point that bisects M'N, where M, N, M', N' are all vertices of the cube.

Ε	1	(x,y,z)	identity
$3C_2$	2	(x, -y, -z)	$R(OX,\pi)$
	3	(-x, y, -z)	$R(OY,\pi)$
	4	(-x, -y, z)	$R(OZ,\pi)$
$6C_4$	5	(x,z,-y)	$R(OX,\frac{\pi}{2})$
	6	(x, -z, y)	$R(OX',\frac{\pi}{2})$
	7	(-z,y,x)	$R(OY,\frac{\pi}{2})$
	8	(z,y,-x)	$R(OY',\frac{\pi}{2})$
	9	(y, -x, z)	$R(OZ,\frac{\pi}{2})$
	10	(-y,x,z)	$R(OZ',\frac{\pi}{2})$
$6C_{2}^{'}$	11	(y,x,-z)	$R([AC],\pi)$
	12	(-y, -x, -z)	$R([BD],\pi)$
	13	(z, -y, x)	$R([AB],\pi)$
	14	(-z,y,-x)	$R([CD],\pi)$
	15	(-x,z,y)	$R([AD],\pi)$
	16	(-x, -z, -y)	$R([BC],\pi)$
$8C_3$	17	(y,z,x)	$R(OA,\frac{2\pi}{3})$
	18	(z,x,y)	$R(OA',\frac{2\pi}{3})$
	19	(-y, -z, x)	$R(OB,\frac{2\pi}{3})$
	20	(z,-x,-y)	$R\left(OB',\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$
	21	(y, -z, -x)	$R(OC,\frac{2\pi}{3})$
	22	(-z,x,-y)	$R(OC',\frac{2\pi}{3})$
	23	(-y,z,-x)	$R(OD,\frac{2\pi}{3})$
	24	(-z, -x, y)	$R(OD',\frac{2\pi}{3})$

of decorated cubes in different ways. Figure 2 shows the case of the  $T_d$  group. In the designated coordinate system, O is at the origin. Among the eight vertices, A, B, C, D are located at (-1, -1, -1), (1, -1, 1), (1, 1, -1), and (-1, 1, 1), respectively, and A', B', C', D' are their inversion symmetric partners, respectively. We use  $\mathcal{I}$  to denote the inversion operation and  $R(\hat{n}, \theta)$  the rotation around the direction  $\hat{n}$  by the angle  $\theta$ . The group  $O_h$  has 24 proper elements, which correspond to rotations, and their conjugation classes  $E, 3C_2, 6C_4, 6C'_2$ , and  $8C_3$  are listed in Table I. The other 24 elements are improper operations corresponding to combinations of rotation and inversion. Their conjugation classes are  $i, 3\sigma_h, 6S_4, 6\sigma_d$ , and  $8S_6$  by applying the inversion operation to  $E, 3C_2, 6C_4, 6C'_2$ , and  $8C_3$ , respectively. For simplicity, they are not listed. The other four cubic groups are subgroups of  $O_h$  represented by

TABLE II. Classifications of the momentum spherical harmonics up to the cubic order according to irreducible representations of the five cubic point groups. The subscripts i, i + 1, i + 2 are defined cyclically in x, y, z.

	$O_h$	0	$T_d$	$T_h$	T
$\overline{\{k_i\}_{1\leqslant i\leqslant 3}}$	$T_{1u}$	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_u$	T
$k_x^2 + k_y^2 + k_z^2$	$A_{1g}$	$A_1$	$A_1$	$A_g$	Α
$\left\{ \left(k_x^2 + k_y^2 - 2k_z^2\right) / \sqrt{2}, k_x^2 - k_y^2 \right\}$	$E_g$	Ε	Ε	$E_{g}$	Ε
$\{k_ik_{i+1}\}_{1\leqslant i\leqslant 3}$	$T_{2g}$	$T_2$	$T_2$	$T_g$	Т
$k_x k_y k_z$	$A_{2u}$	$A_2$	$A_1$	$A_u$	Α
$\left\{k_i^3\right\}_{1\leqslant i\leqslant 3}$	$T_{1u}$	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_u$	Т
$\left\{k_i \left(k_{i+1}^2 + k_{i+2}^2\right)\right\}_{1 \le i \le 3}$	$T_{1u}$	$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_u$	Т
$\left\{k_i\left(k_{i+1}^2-k_{i+2}^2\right)\right\}_{1\leqslant i\leqslant 3}$	$T_{2u}$	$T_2$	$T_1$	$T_u$	Т

the conjugation classes as

$$O = \{E, 3C_2, 6C_4, 6C'_2, 8C_3\},\$$

$$T_d = \{E, 3C_2, 8C_3, 6S_4, 6\sigma_d\},\$$

$$T_h = \{E, 3C_2, 8C_3, i, 3\sigma_h, 8S_6\},\$$

$$T = \{E, 3C_2, 8C_3\}.$$
(A1)

In Table II, we list all the momentum harmonics up to the third rank. There are three, six, and ten harmonics for rank-1, -2, and -3, respectively. The decompositions to cubic groups are rank-1 = T, rank-2 =  $A \oplus E \oplus T$ , and rank-3 =  $A \oplus T \oplus T \oplus T$ . For different groups, A and T can be further classified to  $A_{1,2}$ , and  $T_{1,2}$ , respectively. For groups containing inversion operation, the subindex g and u mean representations of even and odd parities, respectively. The spherical spin tensors are presented in Table III. Since  $\sum_i S_i^2 = S(S + 1)$ , there are only five and seven independent spin tensors at rank-2 and -3, respectively. Since spin operators are parity even, all the corresponding representations are of the gtype.

Here we list all spin-orbit coupled invariants up to the third order in momentum for three inversion-breaking cubic groups

TABLE III. Classifications of spin tensors up to the third rank according to the irreducible representations of the five cubic groups. The symbol "Sym" represents symmetrization as a sum of all permutations of the objects inside the symbol. The subscripts i, i + 1, i + 2 are defined cyclically in x, y, z.

	$O_h$	0	$T_d$	$T_h$	Т
$\{S_i\}_{1\leqslant i\leqslant 3}$	$T_{1g}$	$T_1$	$T_1$	$T_g$	Т
$\left\{ \left(S_x^2 + S_y^2 - 2S_z^2\right) / \sqrt{2}, S_x^2 - S_y^2 \right\}$	$E_g$	Ε	Ε	$E_g$	Ε
$\{S_iS_{i+1}+S_{i+1}S_i\}_{1\leqslant i\leqslant 3}$	$T_{2g}$	$T_2$	$T_2$	$T_g$	Т
$\operatorname{Sym}(S_x S_y S_z)$	$A_{2g}$	$A_2$	$A_2$	$A_{g}$	A
$\left\{S_i^3\right\}_{1\leqslant i\leqslant 3}$	$T_{1g}$	$T_1$	$T_1$	$T_g$	Т
$\{S_{i+1}S_iS_{i+1} - S_{i+2}S_iS_{i+2}\}_{1 \le i \le 3}$	$T_{2g}$	$T_2$	$T_2$	$T_g$	T

TABLE IV. The TR and rotation-invariant combinations of momentum and spin tensors up to the third rank. The second rank combinations preserving the inversion symmetry are not shown since they have been already included in the Luttinger-Kohn Hamiltonian."." represents the inner product as a summation of *i* from 1 to 3.

	$O_h$	0	$T_d$	$T_h$	T
$\overline{k_x k_y k_z \cdot \operatorname{Sym}(S_x S_y S_z)}$	$A_{1u}$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_u$	A
$k_i \cdot S_i$	$A_{1u}$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_u$	A
$k_i \cdot S_i^3$	$A_{1u}$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_u$	A
$k_i \cdot (S_{i+1}S_iS_{i+1} - S_{i+2}S_iS_{i+2})$	$A_{2g}$	$A_2$	$A_1$	$A_u$	A
$k_i^3 \cdot S_i$	$A_{1u}$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_u$	A
$k_i^3 \cdot S_i^3$	$A_{1u}$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_u$	A
$k_i^3 \cdot (S_{i+1}S_iS_{i+1} - S_{i+2}S_iS_{i+2})$	$A_{2g}$	$A_2$	$A_1$	$A_u$	A
$k_i \left(k_{i+1}^2 + k_{i+2}^2\right) \cdot S_i$	$A_{1u}$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_u$	Α
$k_i (k_{i+1}^2 + k_{i+2}^2) \cdot S_i^3$	$A_{1u}$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_u$	Α
$k_i (k_{i+1}^2 + k_{i+2}^2) \cdot (S_{i+1}S_iS_{i+1} - S_{i+2}S_iS_{i+2})$	$A_{2g}$	$A_2$	$A_1$	$A_u$	Α
$k_i \left(k_{i+1}^2 - k_{i+2}^2\right) \cdot S_i$	$A_{2u}$	$A_2$	$A_1$	$A_u$	A
$k_i (k_{i+1}^2 - k_{i+2}^2) \cdot S_i^3$	$A_{2u}$	$A_2$	$A_1$	$A_u$	Α
$k_i \left( k_{i+1}^2 - k_{i+2}^2 \right) \cdot \left( S_{i+1} S_i S_{i+1} - S_{i+2} S_i S_{i+2} \right)$	$A_{1u}$	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_u$	A

 $O, T_d, T$ . For the point group O, the invariants are

$$k_{i} \cdot S_{i}, \quad k_{i} \cdot S_{i}^{3}, \\ k_{x}k_{y}k_{z}\operatorname{Sym}(S_{x}S_{y}S_{z}), \\ k_{i}^{3} \cdot S_{i}, \quad k_{i}^{3} \cdot S_{i}^{3}, \\ k_{i}(k_{i+1}^{2} + k_{i+2}^{2}) \cdot S_{i}, \quad k_{i}(k_{i+1}^{2} + k_{i+2}^{2}) \cdot S_{i}^{3}, \\ k_{i}(k_{i+1}^{2} - k_{i+2}^{2}) \cdot (S_{i+1}S_{i}S_{i+1} - S_{i+2}S_{i}S_{i+2}).$$
(A2)

The  $T_d$  invariants are

$$k_{i} \cdot (S_{i+1}S_{i}S_{i+1} - S_{i+2}S_{i}S_{i+2}),$$

$$k_{i}^{3} \cdot (S_{i+1}S_{i}S_{i+1} - S_{i+2}S_{i}S_{i+2}),$$

$$k_{i}(k_{i+1}^{2} - k_{i+2}^{2}) \cdot S_{i}, \quad k_{i}(k_{i+1}^{2} - k_{i+2}^{2}) \cdot S_{i}^{3},$$

$$k_{i}(k_{i+1}^{2} + k_{i+2}^{2}) \cdot (S_{i+1}S_{i}S_{i+1} - S_{i+2}S_{i}S_{i+2}).$$
 (A3)

For *T*, all the invariants of *O* and  $T_d$  are allowed. In these expressions, the dot "·" represents an inner product between the two 3-vectors, in which "*i*" runs over *x*, *y*, *z* and a summation  $\sum_{i=x,y,x}$  is taken. Inversion symmetry is explicitly broken by all the terms, hence the double degeneracy in the heavy hole and light hole bands is in general absent.

The TR symmetry requires that the homogeneity of the combinations be even. The inversion-preserving combinations have already been included in the Luttinger-Kohn Hamiltonian Eq. (5). There are 17 inversion breaking combinations which are listed in Table IV. All of these combinations belong to A representations of the cubic groups. Whether they are  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , or  $A_g$ ,  $A_u$  of a particular cubic group can be obtained from the information in Tables II and III and the multiplication rules of the representations.

## APPENDIX B: THE SEMIDIHEDRAL GROUP SD16

In this appendix, we discuss the little group structure along the [001] and its equivalent directions of the lattice system with the  $T_d$  symmetry augmented by spinor representations and TR symmetry. This little group is isomorphic to the semidihedral group (also called the quasidihedral group)  $SD_{16}$ , where the subscript "16" represents the order of the group.

With the  $T_d$  group, its little group  $L_0$  along the [001] direction is

$$L_0 = \{1, M_{x'}, M_{y'}, R(\vec{z}, \pi)\},\tag{B1}$$

in which 1 is the identity element, and the directions of x' and y' are given in Fig. 2. The reflection  $M_{x'}$  can be decomposed as  $M_{x'} = \mathcal{I}R(\hat{x'},\pi)$ .  $L_0$  is isomorphic to  $D_2$ , the dihedral group of order 4, which is Abelian and only has 1D irreducible representations.

For half-spin fermions,  $L_0$  needs to be doubled to  $L_1$  by adding  $\overline{\mathbb{I}} = R(\vec{n}, 2\pi)$ , then  $L_1$  is represented by

$$L_{1} = \{\mathbb{1}, M_{x'}, M_{y'}, R(\vec{z}, \pi), \\ \bar{\mathbb{1}}, \bar{\mathbb{1}}M_{x'}, \bar{\mathbb{1}}M_{y'}, \bar{\mathbb{1}}R(\vec{z}, \pi)\}.$$
(B2)

 $\mathbb{I}$  commutes with every element in the group, which takes -1 for half-integer spin representations. Since the inversion operator  $\mathcal{I}$  commutes with all O(3) elements and acts as identity operator in spin space, we can explicitly check that

$$M_{x'}^{2} = R(\hat{x}', 2\pi) = \bar{\mathbb{I}},$$
  
$$M_{x'}M_{y'} = R(\bar{z}, \pi) = -M_{y'}M_{x'},$$
 (B3)

hence  $L_1$  is non-Abelian. We can explicitly work out the multiplication rules of  $L_1$ , which shows that it is isomorphic to the quaternion group,

$$Q_8 = \{\pm 1, \pm i, \pm j, \pm k\},\tag{B4}$$

through the identifications 1 = 1,  $\bar{1} = -1$ ,  $M_{x'} = i$ ,  $M_{y'} = j$ , and  $R(\bar{z},\pi) = k$ . The multiplication rules of  $Q_8$  are given by

$$i^{2} = j^{2} = k^{2} = -1,$$
  
 $ij = -ji = k, \quad jk = -kj = i, \quad ki = -ik = j.$  (B5)

 $Q_8$  and hence  $L_1$  has one 2D irreducible representation up to isomorphism in which  $\mathbb{1}$  and  $\overline{\mathbb{1}}$  take the value of 1 and -1, respectively, and four 1D irreducible representations in which  $\mathbb{1}$  and  $\overline{\mathbb{1}}$  are identical.

Now we extend  $T_d$  to its magnetic group and identify its little group along the [0 0 1] direction. The antiunitary operator S defined in Eq. (11) as  $S = R(\hat{z}, \frac{\pi}{2})T'$  is an element of this little group, where  $T' = \mathcal{IT}$ . T' leaves the momentum direction [0 0 1] direction unchanged, and  $T'^2 = 1$  or -1depending on whether the spin is integer or half-odd integer. In the case of  $T'^2 = 1$ , the magnetic little group is denoted as  $L_2$ 

$$L_{2} = \{\mathbb{1}, M_{x'}, M_{y'}, R(\vec{z}, \pi), \\ \mathcal{S}, M_{x'}\mathcal{S}, M_{y'}\mathcal{S}, R(\vec{z}, \pi)\mathcal{S}\}.$$
 (B6)

Defining  $r = R(\hat{z}, \frac{\pi}{2})T'$ ,  $s = M_{x'}$ ,  $L_2$  can be rewritten as

$$L_2 = \{1, r, r^2, r^3, s, sr, sr^2, sr^3\},$$
 (B7)

which is isomorphic to  $D_4$ , the dihedral group of order 4, with the relations of  $r^4 = s^2 = 1$ ,  $srs^{-1} = r^{-1}$ .

Finally we consider the case of  $\mathcal{T}'^2 = -1$ . We define r' as the spinor version of r and  $s' = r'M_{x'}$ . Then the magnetic little group  $L_3$  for the [001] direction can be represented in terms of r' and s' as

$$L_{3} = \{1, r', r'^{2}, r'^{3}, r'^{4}, r'^{5}, r'^{6}, r'^{7}, s', s'r', s'r'^{2}, s'r'^{3}, s'r'^{4}, s'r'^{5}, s'r'^{6}, s'r'^{7}\}.$$
(B8)

This is in fact isomorphic to the semidihedral group  $SD_{16}$  of order 16 defined in terms of generators and relations as

$$SD_{16} = \langle r', s' | r'^8 = s'^2 = 1, s'r's'^{-1} = r'^3 \rangle.$$
 (B9)

Here we show that  $s'r's'^{-1} = r^3$  as follows,

$$s'r's'^{-1} = M_{x'}r'M_{x'}^{-1}T'$$
  
=  $R(\hat{x}',\pi)R(\hat{z},\frac{\pi}{2})R(\hat{x}',\pi)^{-1}T'$   
=  $R(\hat{z},\frac{7}{2}\pi)T' = \bar{1}R(\hat{z},\frac{\pi}{2}\pi)T'$   
=  $R(\hat{z},\frac{3}{2}\pi)T'^{3} = r'^{3}$ , (B10)

in which in the second to last line  $R(\hat{z},2\pi) = \overline{1}$  is used. We further note that  $SD_{16}$  has both  $Q_8$  and  $D_4$  as subgroups. The  $Q_8$  subgroup is generated by  $\{r'^2, r's'\}$ , while the  $D_4$  subgroup is generated by  $\{r'^2, s'\}$ .

## APPENDIX C: THE ANTIUNITARY OPERATOR S WITH $S^4 = -1$

In this appendix, we will give the explicit form of the operator S and its action on the two doubly degenerate subspaces along [001] directions. Since  $\mathcal{I}$  acts as identity operator in the spin space, the antiunitary operation S is given by

$$S = e^{-iS_z(-\pi/2)}R \cdot K, \tag{C1}$$

in which K is the complex conjugate operation. Then S is computed as S = MK, where

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & e^{i\frac{3\pi}{4}} \\ 0 & 0 & -e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} & 0 \\ 0 & e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}} & 0 & 0 \\ -e^{-i\frac{3\pi}{4}} & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (C2)

It is straightforward to verify that  $S^2 = \text{diag}\{i, -i, i, -i\}$ , and  $S^4 = -1$ .

Up to an overall factor, the Hamiltonian Eq. (6) along the [001] direction is

$$H_{z} = S_{z}^{2} + \delta(S_{x}S_{z}S_{x} - S_{y}S_{z}S_{y}),$$
(C3)

in which  $|\delta| \ll 1$  for the case of small inversion breaking strength. Since the Hamiltonian Eq. (C3) changes the  $S_z$  eigenvalue by 0 or 2, the helicity  $\frac{3}{2}$  component will mix with the helicity  $-\frac{1}{2}$  component, and similarly, the helicity  $\frac{1}{2}$ -component mixes with the helicity  $-\frac{3}{2}$  component.

As proved in Sec. II C, the spectra of Eq. (C3) are doubly degenerate. The two eigenvectors  $v_{1,2}$  corresponding to  $E_v = \frac{1}{4}(5 + 2\sqrt{4 + 3\delta^2})$  are

$$v_{1} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \left( 1, 0, \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}\delta} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{3}{4}\delta^{2}} - 1 \right), 0 \right)^{T},$$
  
$$v_{2} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \left( 0, -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}\delta} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{3}{4}\delta^{2}} - 1 \right), 0, 1 \right)^{T}, \quad (C4)$$

in which  $\mathcal{N}$  is the normalization factor. The two eigenvectors  $w_{1,2}$  of  $E_w = \frac{1}{4}(5 - 2\sqrt{4 + 3\delta^2})$  are

$$w_{1} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \left( 0, 1, 0, \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}\delta} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{3}{4}\delta^{2}} - 1 \right) \right)^{T},$$
  

$$w_{2} = \frac{1}{\mathcal{N}} \left( -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}\delta} \left( \sqrt{1 + \frac{3}{4}\delta^{2}} - 1 \right), 0, 1, 0 \right)^{T}.$$
 (C5)

The antiunitary operation S is diagonal blocked. Its offdiagonal elements between the two subspaces spanned by  $v_{1,2}$ and  $w_{1,2}$  are zero. In the subspace spanned by  $v_{1,2}$  and that by  $w_{1,2}$ , it has matrix structure as

$$S = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & e^{i\pm\frac{\pi}{4}} \\ -e^{-i\mp\frac{\pi}{4}} & 0 \end{pmatrix} K,$$
 (C6)

in which the upper sign is for subspace  $v_{1,2}$  and lower sign for  $w_{1,2}$ .

## APPENDIX D: TOPOLOGICAL INDEX FOR NODAL-LINE SUPERCONDUCTORS

In this appendix, we first review the definition of the path-dependent topological number for the TR invariant nodal topological superconductors [24], then apply it to the spin-3/2 case of the current interest. The pairing strengths of *s*- and *p*-wave components are parametrized as  $\Delta_s = C_s \Delta_0$  and  $\Delta_p = C_p \Delta_0$ .

In the presence of TR symmetry, the combined operation  $C = P_h T$ , dubbed as chiral operator, anticommutes with the B-deG Hamiltonian. As a result,  $H_{\vec{k}}$  can be transformed into a block-off-diagonal form as

$$WH_{\vec{k}}W^{\dagger} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D_{\vec{k}}^{\dagger} \\ D_{\vec{k}} & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$
 (D1)

The matrix  $D_{\vec{k}}$  can be decomposed into  $D_{\vec{k}} = U_{\vec{k}}\Lambda_{\vec{k}}V_{\vec{k}}$  via singular-value decomposition, in which  $\Lambda_{\vec{k}}$  is a diagonal matrix with non-negative eigenvalues, and  $U_{\vec{k}}, V_{\vec{k}}$  are unitary matrices. Consider a closed path  $\mathcal{L}$  in momentum space. If the gap does not vanish along the path  $\mathcal{L}$ , then  $\Lambda_{\vec{k}}$  on L can be deformed into the identity matrix, and then  $D_{\vec{k}}$  becomes a unitary matrix denoted as  $Q_{\vec{k}}$ . The topological number of the path  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined by the formula [24],

$$N_{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{1}{2\pi i} \int_{L} dk_{l} \operatorname{Tr}[Q_{\vec{k}}^{\dagger} \partial_{k_{l}} Q_{\vec{k}}].$$
(D2)

Next we carry out the calculation of the topological number in Eq. (D2) for the Hamiltonian Eq. (14) with the  $T_d$ symmetry. The chiral operator  $C = \tau_1 \otimes R$  is diagonalized by the following matrix W,

$$W = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} I_4 & iR\\ -iR & I_4 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{D3}$$

in which  $I_4$  is the 4×4 identity matrix. The Hamiltonian  $H_{\vec{k}}$  can be brought into a block off-diagonal form as

$$WH_{\vec{k}}W^{\dagger} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & D_{\vec{k}} \\ D_{\vec{k}}^{\dagger} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{D4}$$

in which

$$D_{\vec{k}} = H_L(\vec{k}) + \delta A(\vec{k}) - \mu + i \Delta_0 (C_s + C_p A(\vec{k})).$$
(D5)

Treating the inversion breaking term  $\frac{\delta}{k_f} A(\vec{k})$  at the level of the first order degenerate perturbation theory, the band energies  $\epsilon_{\pm}^{(1/2)}(\vec{k})$  and  $\epsilon_{\pm}^{(3/2)}(\vec{k})$  of the spin-split light hole and heavy hole bands are given, respectively, by

$$\epsilon_{\pm}^{1/2}(\vec{k}) = (2\lambda_2 + \lambda_1)k^2 \pm \delta |\Lambda^{(1/2)}(\vec{k})| - \mu,$$
  

$$\epsilon_{\pm}^{3/2}(\vec{k}) = (2\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)k^2 \pm \delta |\Lambda^{(3/2)}(\vec{k})| - \mu.$$
 (D6)

Up to the first order in  $\delta/|\mu|$  and  $\Delta_0/|\mu|$ , the matrix  $D_{\vec{k}}$  is diagonalized via a unitary transformation  $U_{\vec{k}}$  as

$$D_{\vec{k}} = U_{\vec{k}} \operatorname{diag}(\epsilon_{\nu}^{(\alpha)}(\vec{k}) + i \Delta_{\nu}^{(\alpha)}(\vec{k})) U_{\vec{k}}^{\dagger}, \qquad (D7)$$

in which  $\alpha = \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \nu = \pm$ , and  $\Delta_{\nu}^{(\alpha)}(\vec{k}) = \Delta_0(C_s + \nu C_p |\vec{\Lambda}^{(\alpha)}(\vec{k})|)$ . Then  $Q_{\vec{k}}$  is derived as

$$Q_{\vec{k}} = U_{\vec{k}} \operatorname{diag}(e^{i\theta_{\nu}^{(a)}(\vec{k})}) U_{\vec{k}}^{\dagger}, \qquad (D8)$$

in which  $\tan \theta_{\nu}^{(\alpha)}(\vec{k}) = \Delta_{\nu}^{(\alpha)}(\vec{k})/\epsilon_{\nu}^{(\alpha)}(\vec{k})$ . Plugging  $Q_{\vec{k}}$  in Eq. (D2), we arrive at the topological index  $N_L$  as

$$N_{\mathcal{L}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{\alpha,\nu} \int_{\mathcal{L}} dk_l \, \partial_{k_l} \theta_{\nu}^{(\alpha)}(\vec{k}_l). \tag{D9}$$

The bands of helicity  $\pm \frac{1}{2}$  lie above the Fermi energy at the energy of the order of  $|\mu|$ , hence, they will not give rise to nontrivial contribution to  $N_L$ . For the bands of helicity  $\pm 3/2$ , the formula for  $N_L$  can be simplified to [24]

$$N_{\mathcal{L}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\nu} \sum_{\vec{k}_F} \operatorname{sgn}(\partial_{\vec{k}_l} \epsilon_{\nu}^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_F)) \cdot \operatorname{sgn}(\Delta_{\nu}^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_F)), \text{ (D10)}$$

where  $\vec{k}_F$ 's are the wave vectors at which the path  $\mathcal{L}$  crosses the Fermi surfaces. The equations  $\epsilon_{\pm}^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}) = 0$  determine the smaller (larger) Fermi surface. These two Fermi surfaces touch along the [001] directions protected by the little group  $SD_{16}$ as analyzed in Sec. II C. Assuming  $\Delta_s, \Delta_p > 0$ , then the gap function  $\Delta_+^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_F)$  on the smaller Fermi surface is positive definite. A closed path  $\mathcal{L}$  always crosses the Fermi surface even times, and the sign of  $(\partial_{\vec{k}_l} \epsilon_{\nu}^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_F))$  for crossing the Fermi surface from the inner to outer direction is opposite to that from the opposite directions, hence, the smaller Fermi surface does not contribute the  $N_{\mathcal{L}}$  as well. Then the formula is simplified to

$$N_{\mathcal{L}} = -\frac{1}{2} \sum_{\vec{k}_F} \operatorname{sgn}(\partial_{\vec{k}_l} \epsilon_-^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_F)) \cdot \operatorname{sgn}(\Delta_-^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_F)), \quad (D11)$$

in which only the larger Fermi surface contributes.

For the Hamiltonian Eq. (14) with  $T_d$  symmetry, the sign of the pairing  $\Delta_{-}^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_F)$  inside the nodal loop is opposite to that outside the loop. Hence from Eq. (D11) the topological number for a closed path that encloses the nodal loop once is  $\pm 1$ , where the sign of  $N_{\mathcal{L}}$  depends on the direction that the path is traversed.

The physical meaning of Eq. (D11) can be related to the sign structure of the gap functions along the incident and reflected wave vectors [24]. Let  $k_{\parallel}$  be an in-plane wave vector within the surface of interest. The infinite vertical line passing through  $\vec{k}_{\parallel}$  crosses the larger Fermi surface at two wave vectors with vertical components  $k_{\perp 1}$  and  $k_{\perp 2}$ . Now we can enclose the infinite line with a semi-infinite circle and consider the topological number of the combined path  $\mathcal{L}_0$ . From Eq. (D11),  $N_{\mathcal{L}_0}$  is related to the sign difference between  $\Delta_{-}^{(3/2)}(k_{\perp 1})$  and  $\Delta_{-}^{(3/2)}(k_{\perp 2})$ . On the other hand,  $N_{\mathcal{L}_0}$  does not change by continuously deforming the path as long as the nodal circles are not touched. If after such a deformation no nodal loop is enclosed, the pairings of the incident and reflected wave vectors are of the same sign, corresponding to a topologically trivial situation. If two nodal loops are enclosed and the topological numbers from the two loops cancel, which is a topologically trivial situation again. In contrast, if only one nodal loop is enclosed, the topological number  $N_{\mathcal{L}_0} = \pm 1$ , for which the Majorana zero modes appear.

## APPENDIX E: THE METHOD FOR SOLVING SURFACE STATES

In this appendix, the equation determining surface state is derived in the limit  $\Delta_0 \ll \delta \ll |\mu|$ . We first obtain the eight pairs of  $\{\vec{k}_l, \Phi_l\}$  from Eq. (22) as functions of  $E_s$ , then plug them in det( $\{\Phi_l\}_{1 \le l \le 8}$ ) = 0 to solve for  $E_s$ . The pairing strengths and the surface energy are parametrized as  $\Delta_s = C_s \Delta_0, \Delta_p = C_p \Delta_0$  and  $E_s = \epsilon \Delta_0$ .

Due to the translation symmetry in the *xy* plane,  $(k_x, k_y)$  remain good quantum numbers. The momentum  $k_z$  solving Eq. (22) can be expanded as  $k_z = \pm k_{0z} + \zeta \delta - i\xi \Delta_0$ , in which  $k_{0z}$  is the magnitude of the *z*th component of the Fermi wave vector determined by the Luttinger-Kohn Hamiltonian,  $\zeta \delta$  originates from the splitting of Fermi surfaces due to the inversion breaking term in the band structure, and  $-i\xi\Delta_0$  is from the superconducting pairing. Denote  $k_{0z}^{(3/2)}$  and  $k_{0z}^{(1/2)}$  to be the above mentioned  $k_{0z}$  for the heavy and light hole bands, respectively. Since the Fermi energy crosses the heavy hole bands,  $k_{0z}^{(3/2)}$  is real, while  $k_{0z}^{(1/2)}$  is purely imaginary. The expressions of  $k_{0z}^{(3/2)}$  and  $k_{0z}^{(1/2)}$  are

$$k_{0z}^{(3/2)} = \sqrt{|\mu|/(2\lambda_2 - \lambda_1) - k_x^2 - k_y^2},$$
  

$$k_{0z}^{(1/2)} = -i\sqrt{|\mu|/(2\lambda_2 + \lambda_1) + k_x^2 + k_y^2}.$$
 (E1)

We also denote  $k_0^{(3/2)}$  and  $k_0^{(1/2)}$  as

$$k_0^{(3/2)} = \sqrt{|\mu|/(2\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)},$$
  

$$k_0^{(1/2)} = -i\sqrt{|\mu|/(2\lambda_2 + \lambda_1)}.$$
 (E2)

We will discuss the heavy and light hole bands separately and first consider the heavy hole bands. The superscript "3/2" on

momentum will be dropped for simplicity. Denote  $\hat{a}$  to be the unit vector normal to the surface. Let  $\vec{k}_{0\eta} = (k_x, k_y, \eta k_{0z})$  $(\eta = \pm 1)$  and define  $\mathcal{U}^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_{0\eta})$  as

$$\mathcal{U}^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_{0\eta}) = \begin{pmatrix} U(\hat{a}) & 0\\ 0 & U(\hat{a})^{T,-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U(\hat{k}_{0\eta}) & 0\\ 0 & U(\hat{k}_{0\eta})^{T,-1} \end{pmatrix}, \quad (E3)$$

in which  $U(\hat{a}) = e^{-iS_z\phi_a}e^{-iS_y\theta_a}$  and  $U(\vec{k}_{0\eta}) = e^{-iS_z\phi_\eta}e^{-iS_y\theta_\eta}$ , where  $\theta_a$  and  $\phi_a$  are the polar and azimuthal angles of  $\hat{a}$ , and  $\theta_\eta$  and  $\phi_\eta$  are those of the vector  $\vec{k}_{0\eta}$ .  $\mathcal{U}^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_{0\eta})$  corresponds to the helicity basis at momentum  $\vec{k}_{0\eta}$ . Plug  $k_z = \eta k_{0z} + \zeta \delta$  $i\xi \Delta_0$  ( $\eta = \pm 1$ ) into the Hamiltonian in Eq. (14), perform the transformation  $\mathcal{U}^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_{0\eta})^{-1}H(\vec{k})\mathcal{U}^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_{0\eta})$ , and project into the heavy hole bands. Then by keeping the leading order terms in the expansion over  $\delta$  and  $\Delta_0$ , the  $H_L$  and  $H_A$  terms in Eq. (14) become

$$H'_{L} - \mu = (\zeta \delta - i\xi \Delta_{0}) \left( 2 \left( \lambda_{1} + \frac{5}{2} \lambda_{2} \right) \eta k_{0z} - 2\lambda_{2}k_{0}P_{3/2} \{ S_{z}, U(\vec{k}_{0\eta})^{-1}S_{z}U(\vec{k}_{0\eta}) \} P_{3/2} \right),$$

$$H'_{A} = \frac{\delta}{k_{f}} P_{3/2}U(\vec{k}_{0\eta})^{-1}U(\hat{a})^{-1}A(R_{a}\vec{k}_{0\eta}) - U(\hat{a})U(\vec{k}_{0\eta})P_{3/2}, \qquad (E4)$$

in which  $P_{3/2}$  is the projection operator to the heavy hole bands, the superscript of prime denotes the terms after the transformation and the projection, {,} represents the anticommutator of two matrices, and  $k_0$  is  $k_0^{(3/2)}$  with the superscript "3/2" omitted.  $H'_L$  and  $H'_A$  are 2 × 2 matrices after the projection to the heavy hole bands.  $H'_A$  is traceless, hence can be expanded in terms of Pauli matrices as

$$H'_{A} = \delta \,\vec{\Lambda}(\vec{k}_{0\eta}) \cdot \vec{\sigma}\,,\tag{E5}$$

in which  $\vec{\Lambda}(\vec{k}_{0\eta})$  is a three-component vector. Let  $D(\vec{k}_{0\eta})$  be the transformation that diagonalizes  $H'_A$ . The eigenvalues of  $H'_A$  are  $\pm \delta |\vec{\Lambda}(\vec{k}_{0\eta})|$ , which leads to Fermi surface splitting. The correction of the Fermi wave vector due to the splitting is given by  $\zeta \delta$ , and there are two values of  $\zeta$  corresponding to the two eigenvalues of  $H'_A$ . In the following, for simplicity, we will term the basis after the transformation of  $D(\vec{k}_{0\eta})$  as band structure basis.

Next we consider the effect of the superconducting pairing. Since  $\Delta_0 \ll \delta$ , as long as  $H'_A$  does not vanish, we can project the superconducting pairing onto the eigenbases of the band Hamiltonian, and the corrections from the mixing between different spin-split bands are of higher orders in  $\Delta_0/\delta$ . Let  $P_{\nu}$  ( $\nu = \pm 1$ ) be the projection operator to one of the two band structure basis with eigenvalue  $\nu \delta \sqrt{\Lambda} (\vec{k}_{0\eta})^2$  of  $H'_A$ . Plug  $k_z = \eta k_{0z} + \zeta \delta - i \xi \Delta_0$  into Eq. (22), and set  $k_z$  to be  $\eta k_{0z}$  in the pairing Hamiltonian with corrections of high orders. Then Eq. (22) becomes a two-component eigenequation, as

$$\begin{pmatrix} i\xi\gamma(\vec{k}_{0\eta}) - \epsilon & (-)^{\frac{1-\nu}{2}}\chi_{\nu}(\vec{k}_{0\eta}) \\ (-)^{\frac{1-\nu}{2}}\chi_{\nu}(\vec{k}_{0\eta})^{*} & -i\xi\gamma(\vec{k}_{0}) - \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \Phi' = 0,$$
(E6)

in which

$$\begin{split} \gamma(\vec{k}_{0\eta}) &= -2 \big( \lambda_1 + \frac{5}{2} \lambda_2 \big) \eta k_{0z} \\ &+ 2 \lambda_2 k_0 P_{\nu} P_{3/2} \{ S_z, U(\vec{k}_{0\eta})^{-1} S_z U(\vec{k}_{0\eta}) \} P_{3/2} P_{\nu}, \\ \chi_{\nu}(\vec{k}_{0\eta}) &= P_{\nu} D(\vec{k}_{0\eta})^{-1} P_{3/2} U(\vec{k}_{0\eta})^{-1} U(\hat{a})^{-1} K(R_a \vec{k}_{0\eta}) \\ &\cdot U(\hat{a}) U(\vec{k}_{0\eta}) P_{3/2} D(\vec{k}_{0\eta}) P_{\nu}. \end{split}$$
(E7)

The  $\gamma(\vec{k}_{0\eta})$  term corresponds to the  $O(\Delta_0)$  correction to the diagonal block in Eq. (22) from  $-i\xi \Delta_0$  in  $k_z = \eta k_{0z} + \zeta \delta - i\xi \Delta_0$ , and the  $\chi_{\nu}(\vec{k}_{0\eta})$  term is the projection to band structure basis of the superconducting pairing. The solutions of  $\xi$  and  $\Phi'$  are given by

$$\xi^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_{0\eta};\nu) = \sqrt{\frac{|\chi_{\nu}(k_{0\eta})|^2 - \epsilon^2}{\gamma(\vec{k}_{0\eta})^2}},$$
  
$$\Phi^{\prime(3/2)}(\vec{k}_{0\eta};\nu) = \begin{pmatrix} -(-)^{\frac{1-\nu}{2}}\chi_{\nu}(\vec{k}_{0\eta})\\ i\xi(\vec{k}_{0\eta},\nu)\gamma(\vec{k}_{0\eta}) - \epsilon \end{pmatrix},$$
(E8)

in which  $\xi$  is chosen to be positive to match the boundary condition at  $z \to -\infty$ . The eigenvector  $\Phi$  can be obtained from  $\Phi'$  by performing the transformations  $D(\vec{k}_{0\eta}), U(\vec{k}_{0\eta})$ , and  $U(\hat{a})$  back in sequence.

Now we turn to the light hole bands. Again the superscript "1/2" will be dropped in the following expressions for simplicity. The momentum in the *z* direction is in general  $k_z = k_{0z} + \zeta \delta - i\xi \Delta_0$ , where  $k_{0z} = -i\sqrt{|\mu|/(2\lambda_2 + \lambda_1) + k_x^2 + k_y^2}$ . Im $(k_{0z})$  is chosen to be negative so as to match the boundary condition at  $z \to -\infty$ . Let  $\vec{k}_0 = (k_x, k_y, k_{0z})$  and define

$$U^{(1/2)}(\vec{k_0}) = \begin{pmatrix} U(\hat{a}) & 0\\ 0 & U(\hat{a})^{T,-1} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} U(\hat{k_0}) & 0\\ 0 & U(\hat{k_0})^{T,-1} \end{pmatrix},$$
(E9)

in which  $U(\vec{k}_0) = e^{-iS_z\phi}e^{-iS_y\theta}$ , where  $\phi = \arctan(k_y/k_x)$  and  $\theta = \arccos(k_{0z}/k_0)$ . Unlike the heavy hole bands, here  $\theta$  is purely imaginary since  $|k_{0z}| > |k_0|$ . Plug  $k_z = k_{0z} + \zeta \delta - i\xi \Delta_0$  into the Hamiltonian in Eq. (14), perform the transformation  $\mathcal{U}^{(1/2)}(\vec{k}_0)^{-1}H(\vec{k})\mathcal{U}^{(1/2)}(\vec{k}_0)$ , and project into the light hole bands. Then by keeping the leading order terms in the expansion over  $\delta$  and  $\Delta_0$ , the  $H_L$  and  $H_A$  terms become

$$H'_{L} - \mu = (\zeta \delta - i\xi \Delta_{0}) \left( 2 \left( \lambda_{1} + \frac{5}{2} \lambda_{2} \right) k_{0z} - 2\lambda_{2}k_{0}P_{1/2} \{ S_{z}, U(\vec{k}_{0})^{-1}S_{z}U(\vec{k}_{0}) \} P_{1/2} \right),$$

$$H'_{A} = \frac{\delta}{k_{f}} P_{1/2}U(\vec{k}_{0})^{-1}U(\hat{a})^{-1}A(R_{a}\vec{k}_{0}) - U(\hat{a})U(\vec{k}_{0})P_{1/2}, \qquad (E10)$$

in which  $P_{1/2}$  is the projection operator to the helicity  $\pm 1/2$ bands, and the superscript of prime denotes the terms after the transformation and the projection. The eigenvalues of  $H'_A$ are  $\pm \sqrt{\vec{\Lambda}^2(\vec{k}_0)}$ .  $H'_A$  introduces the correction of  $\zeta \delta$  into the Fermi wave vectors. Let  $D(\vec{k}_0)$  be the transformation that diagonalizes  $H'_A$ . It defines the band structure basis for the case of the light hole bands.

Let  $P_{\nu}$  ( $\nu = \pm 1$ ) be the projection operator to one of two band structure basis with eigenvalue  $\nu \sqrt{\vec{\Lambda}^2(\vec{k}_0)}$  of  $H'_A$ . For the treatment of the superconducting pairing, again by assuming  $\Delta_0 \ll \delta$ , the projection to the band structure basis can be performed, and the eigenequation determining  $\xi$  and  $\Phi$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} i\xi\gamma(\vec{k}_{0}) - \epsilon & -(-)^{\frac{1-\nu}{2}}\chi_{\nu}(\vec{k}_{0}) \\ -(-)^{\frac{1-\nu}{2}}\tilde{\chi}_{\nu}(\vec{k}_{0}) & -i\xi\gamma(\vec{k}_{0}) - \epsilon \end{pmatrix} \Phi' = 0, \quad (E11)$$

in which

$$\begin{split} \gamma(\vec{k}_{0}) &= -2\left(\lambda_{1} + \frac{5}{2}\lambda_{2}\right)k_{0z} \\ &+ 2\lambda_{2}k_{0}P_{\nu}P_{1/2}\{S_{z}, U(\vec{k}_{0})^{-1}S_{z}U(\vec{k}_{0})\}P_{1/2}P_{\nu}, \\ \chi_{\nu}(\vec{k}_{0}) &= P_{\nu}D^{-1}(\vec{k}_{0})P_{1/2}U(\vec{k}_{0})^{-1}U(\hat{a})^{-1}K(R_{a}\vec{k}_{0}) \\ &\cdot U(\hat{a})U(\vec{k}_{0})P_{1/2}D(\vec{k}_{0})P_{\nu}, \\ \tilde{\chi}_{\nu}(\vec{k}_{0}) &= P_{\nu}D^{\dagger}(\vec{k}_{0})P_{1/2}U(\vec{k}_{0})^{\dagger}U(\hat{a})^{-1}K(R_{a}\vec{k}_{0}^{*}) \\ &\cdot U(\hat{a})U(\vec{k}_{0})^{\dagger,-1}P_{1/2}D(\vec{k}_{0})^{\dagger,-1}P_{\nu}. \end{split}$$
(E12)

Then  $\xi$  and  $\Phi'$  are solved as

$$\xi^{(1/2)}(\vec{k}_{0};\nu,\iota) = \iota \sqrt{\frac{\chi_{\nu}(\vec{k}_{0})\tilde{\chi}_{\nu}^{*}(\vec{k}_{0}) - \epsilon^{2}}{\gamma(\vec{k}_{0})^{2}}},$$
  
$$\Phi^{\prime(1/2)}(\vec{k}_{0};\nu,\iota) = \begin{pmatrix} (-)^{(1-\nu)/2}\chi_{\nu}(\vec{k}_{0})\\ i\xi(\vec{k}_{0};\nu,\iota)\gamma(\vec{k}_{0}) - \epsilon \end{pmatrix}, \quad (E13)$$

in which  $\iota = \pm 1$ . The eigenvector  $\Phi$  can be obtained from  $\Phi'$  by performing the transformations  $D(\vec{k}_0)$ ,  $U(\vec{k}_0)$ , and  $U(\hat{a})$  back in sequence.

Plugging these expressions into the boundary condition at z = 0, we obtain the equation determining the energy of the surface states,

$$\det\left(\left\{\Phi^{(1/2)}(\vec{k}_{0}^{(1/2)};\nu,\iota)\right\}_{\nu,\iota=\pm},\left\{\Phi^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_{0\eta}^{(1/2)};\nu)\right\}_{\eta,\nu=\pm}\right)=0,$$
(E14)

in which

$$\Phi^{(1/2)}(\vec{k}_{0}^{(1/2)};\nu,\iota) = U^{(1/2)}(\vec{k}_{0})\bar{D}^{(1/2)}(\vec{k}_{0})\Phi^{\prime(1/2)}(\vec{k}_{0};\nu,\iota),$$
  

$$\Phi^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_{0\eta}^{(3/2)};\nu) = U^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_{0\eta})\bar{D}^{(3/2)}(\vec{k}_{0\eta})\Phi^{\prime(3/2)}(\vec{k}_{0\eta};\nu),$$
(E15)

where  $\overline{D} = \text{diag}(D, D^{T,-1})$  is the extension of the matrix D to the particle-hole space. In Eq. (E15), all of the terms are in the eight-dimensional space. For those originally defined not to be eight dimensional, we need to appropriately embed them into the eight-dimensional space. Equation (E15) is the general equation for solving surface state energy, without restriction on the form of the inversion breaking term, nor on the form of the pairing Hamiltonian.

We further note that for the present case in which the Fermi energy only crosses the heavy hole bands, the  $8 \times 8$  matrix in Eq. (E15) can be reduced to a  $4 \times 4$  one when solving

Majorana zero modes. The boundary condition requires that the eight vectors  $\Phi_i^{(\alpha)}$  ( $\alpha = 3/2, 1/2, 1 \le i \le 4$ ) are linearly dependent. At zero energy, the four vectors  $\Phi_i^{(1/2)'}$  in the light hole space in Eq. (E13) are linearly independent. Hence they must also be so at least in a neighborhood of  $\epsilon = 0$ . The vectors  $\Phi_i^{(1/2)}$  are obtained from  $\Phi_i^{(1/2)'}$  by the same transformation  $D^{(1/2)}$ . This means that  $\Phi_i^{(1/2)}$  are also linearly independent in a neighborhood of  $\epsilon = 0$ . Thus the boundary condition can be simplified to det{ $\mathcal{P}\Phi_i^{(3/2)}$ }<sub>1 \le i \le 4</sub> = 0, where  $\mathcal{P}$  is the projection operator into the linear subspace orthogonal to the space spanned by { $\Phi_i^{(1/2)}$ }<sub>1 \le i \le 4</sub>.

Although the original boundary condition matrix in Eq. (E14) can be reduced to the heavy hole space, the light hole space cannot be neglected since they touch with the heavy hole bands at the  $\Gamma$  point. If the two sets of bands are separated by a band gap  $E_g$  much greater than the value of the chemical potential, then the light hole bands are inert up to leading order of  $|\mu|/E_g$ . In the current situation, they enter into the reduced 4 × 4 boundary condition matrix, which is a reflection of the spin-3/2 nature of the system.

## APPENDIX F: SYMMETRY PROPERTIES IN QPI PATTERNS

We discuss in this section the implications of particle-hole, TR, chiral, and  $C_{3v}$  symmetries on the QPI patterns for the (111) surface.

#### 1. Particle-hole symmetry

In this part, we discuss the consequence of particle-hole symmetry in QPI patterns. First consider the nonmagnetic impurity. Let  $P_{sf}$  be the projection operator to the subspace of the surface states. In Born approximation and only taking into account the contribution from Majorana zero modes,  $\Delta \rho^{(00)}(\omega, \vec{r})$  can be expressed as

$$\Delta \rho^{(00)}(\omega, \vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{ImTr} \left[ (1 + \tau_3) \langle \vec{r} | P_{sf} \frac{1}{\omega - H + i\epsilon} \right]$$
$$P_{sf} H_{imp} P_{sf} \frac{1}{\omega - H + i\epsilon} P_{sf} | \vec{r} \rangle ,$$
$$= -\frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{Im} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\omega + i\epsilon} \right)^2 \operatorname{Tr}((1 + \tau_3) + \epsilon) \left( \langle \vec{r} | P_{sf} V_{imp} P_{sf} | \vec{r} \rangle \right) \right],$$
(F1)

in which  $V_{\rm imp}$  is a scalar potential. Particle-hole symmetry leads to

$$\langle \vec{r} | P_{sf} H_{\rm imp} P_{sf} | \vec{r} \rangle = -\tau_1 \langle \vec{r} | P_{sf} V_{\rm imp} P_{sf} | \vec{r} \rangle^* \tau_1.$$
 (F2)

Since  $\langle \vec{r} | P_{sf} H_{imp} P_{sf} | \vec{r} \rangle$  is hermitian,  $\text{Tr} \langle \vec{r} | P_{sf} H_{imp} P_{sf} | \vec{r} \rangle$  vanishes due to Eq. (F2). Thus

$$\Delta \rho^{(00)}(\omega, \vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{Im}\left(\frac{1}{\omega + i\epsilon}\right)^2 \operatorname{Tr}[\tau_3 \langle \vec{r} | P_{sf} H_{\rm imp} P_{sf} | \vec{r} \rangle].$$
(F3)

Next consider the magnetic impurity. In the same approximations, we have

$$\Delta \rho^{ij}(\omega, \vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{ImTr} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\omega + i\epsilon} \right)^2 (1 + \tau_3) \right]$$
$$\Sigma^i \langle \vec{r} | P_{sf} \Sigma^j V_{imp} P_{sf} | \vec{r} \rangle \right].$$
(F4)

Particle-hole symmetry implies that

$$\langle \vec{r} | P_{sf} \Sigma^j H_{\rm imp} P_{sf} | \vec{r} \rangle = -\tau_1 \langle \vec{r} | P_{sf} \Sigma^j H_{\rm imp} P_{sf} | \vec{r} \rangle^* \tau_1.$$
 (F5)

Combining with  $\tau_1 \Sigma^i \tau_1 = -\Sigma^{i*}$ , we obtain  $\operatorname{Tr}(\tau_3 \Sigma^i \langle \vec{r} | P_{sf} \Sigma^j V_{imp} P_{sf} | \vec{r} \rangle) = 0$ , and

$$\Delta \rho^{ij}(\omega, \vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{Im} \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\omega + i\epsilon} \right)^2 \right]$$
$$\operatorname{Tr} \left( \Sigma^i \langle \vec{r} | P_{sf} \Sigma^j V_{imp} P_{sf} | \vec{r} \rangle \right).$$
(F6)

#### 2. Time reversal symmetry

In addition to the suppression of scatterings between TR related Majorana islands, TR symmetry also requires that  $\Delta \rho^{\mu 0} = 0$ , and  $\Delta \rho^{0\nu} = 0$  in Born approximation, where  $\mu, \nu \neq 0$ . We show these properties in this part.

It can be proved that in Born approximation, TR symmetry leads to

$$\Delta \rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{Tr} \langle \vec{r} | (1 + \tau_3) (T^{-1} \Sigma^{\mu} T) \frac{1}{\omega - H + i\epsilon}$$
$$\cdot V_{\text{imp}} (T^{-1} \Sigma^{\nu} T) \frac{1}{\omega - H + i\epsilon} | \vec{r} \rangle.$$
(F7)

Since  $\Sigma^0$  is invariant under TR operation and  $\Sigma^i$  (i = 1,2,3) changes sign under TR operation, it is clear that  $\Delta \rho^{\mu\nu}$  vanishes when  $\mu = 0$ ,  $\nu \neq 0$  or  $\mu \neq 0$ ,  $\nu = 0$ .

#### 3. Chiral symmetry

TR operation reverses the sign of  $\Sigma^{\nu}$  when  $\nu = 1,2,3$  and keeps it invariant when  $\nu = 0$ . Particle-hole operation reverses the sign of  $\Sigma_{\nu}$  for all  $\nu = 0,1,2,3$ . Chiral operation is the composition of TR and particle-hole operations. Hence the selection rule of chiral symmetry is that  $H_{imp}^{\nu}$  couples Majorana islands with opposite chiral indices when  $\nu = 0$  and those with the same chiral index when  $\nu = 1,2,3$ .

#### 4. $C_{3v}$ symmetry

The little group of the (1 1 1) surface within the  $T_d$  group is  $C_{3\nu}$ . In this part, we analyze the consequence of  $C_{3\nu}$  symmetry on the QPI patterns in Born approximation. Since  $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{00}(\omega, \vec{q})$  is invariant under  $C_{3\nu}$ , and  $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{q}) = 0$  if one of  $\{\mu, \nu\}$  is zero, here we consider  $\mu, \nu \neq 0$ .

In Born approximation

$$\Delta \rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \text{Im} \text{Tr} \bigg[ (1 + \tau_3) \Sigma^{\mu} \langle \vec{r} | \frac{1}{\omega - H + i\epsilon} V_{\text{imp}}(\vec{r}) \Sigma^{\nu} \frac{1}{\omega - H + i\epsilon} | r \rangle \bigg].$$
(F8)

Since  $C_{3v}$  is the symmetry group of the system, for  $\mathcal{C} \in C_{3v}$ ,  $\Delta \rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{r})$  can also be written as

$$\Delta \rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{r}) = -\frac{1}{2\pi} \operatorname{Im} \operatorname{Tr} \left[ (1 + \tau_3) \mathcal{C} \Sigma^{\mu} \mathcal{C}^{-1} \langle C\vec{r} | \frac{1}{\omega - H + i\epsilon} \cdot V_{\operatorname{imp}}(\vec{r}) \mathcal{C} \Sigma^{\nu} \mathcal{C}^{-1} \frac{1}{\omega - H + i\epsilon} | C\vec{r} \rangle \right], \tag{F9}$$

in which C is the corresponding  $3 \times 3$  rotation matrix. Using  $C \Sigma^{\mu} C^{-1} = \Sigma^{\alpha} C_{\alpha\mu}, \Delta \rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{r})$  satisfies

$$\Delta \rho^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{r}) = \Delta \rho^{\alpha\beta}(\omega, C\vec{r}) C_{\alpha\mu} C_{\beta\nu}, \qquad (F10)$$

for any  $C \in C_{3v}$ .

For fixed  $\omega, \vec{q}$ , define  $\Delta \rho_{sf}(\omega, \vec{q})$  as the 3×3 matrix whose  $\mu \nu$  element is  $\Delta \rho_{sf}^{\mu\nu}(\omega, \vec{q})$ . The above analysis shows that

$$\Delta \rho_{sf}(\omega, C\vec{q}) = C \Delta \rho_{sf}(\omega, \vec{q}) C^T, \tag{F11}$$

for any  $C \in C_{3v}$ . This is the relation that  $\Delta \rho_{sf}(\omega, \vec{q})$  must satisfy due to the  $C_{3v}$  symmetry.

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