Bell’s inequality and universal quantum gates in a cold atom chiral fermionic $p$-wave superfluid

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We propose and analyze a probabilistic scheme to entangle two spatially separated topological qubits in a $p_x + ip_y$ superfluid using controlled collisions between atoms in movable dipole traps and unpaired atoms inside vortex cores in the superfluid. We discuss how to test the violation of Bell’s inequality with the generated entanglement. A set of universal quantum gates is shown to be implementable deterministically using the entanglement despite the fact that the entangled states can only be created probabilistically.

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Introduction: Topological quantum computation affords the amazing possibility that qubits and quantum gates may be realized using only the topological degrees of freedom of a system [1]. Since these degrees of freedom, by definition, are insensitive to weak local perturbations, the resulting computational architecture should be free of environmental decoherence, a major stumbling block to quantum computation. In a class of topological systems, the requisite (non-Abelian) statistical properties [2, 3] are provided by the presence of Majorana fermion excitations described by the self-hermitian operators $\gamma^\dagger = \gamma$. These excitations have been shown to occur naturally at the cores of vortices in a 2D spinless $p_x + ip_y$ superfluid or superconductor [4, 5, 6], where the interacting fermions are described by the many body Pfaffian wavefunction [2]. (It seems likely, but remains to be verified, that this wavefunction also describes the essential physics of the filling fraction $\nu = 5/2$ fractional quantum Hall (FQH) system [2, 4]). It is encouraging that the spinless $p_x + ip_y$ superfluid of fermionic cold atoms is potentially realizable in an optical trap tuned close to a $p$-wave Feshbach resonance [7, 8, 9]. Our current work establishes the possibility of testing Bell’s inequality in a cold atom $p$-wave fermionic superfluid on the way to eventual universal topological quantum computation using vortices in such a system.

In a $p_x + ip_y$ superfluid, one can define a topological qubit using a group of four vortices. Since the states of the qubit are associated with the composite states of the four spatially separated Majorana fermion excitations, they are immune to local environmental errors. One can implement some single-qubit gates by adiabatically moving (braiding) one vortex around another within the same vortex complex defining the qubit. Since the associated unitary transformations are purely statistical, there is, in principle, no error incurred in these gating operations. However, it is well known [10] that such a braid operation of one vortex from one qubit around another from a different qubit fails to provide a two-qubit gate: the topological braiding operations allowed in a $p_x + ip_y$ superfluid, as in its FQH Pfaffian counterpart, are not computationally sufficient.

The principal reason why a $p_x + ip_y$ superfluid is not computationally universal is that two qubits cannot be entangled using only the topological braiding operations. Any composite state of the two qubits, accessible by braiding one excitation around another, can always be written as a product of the states of the individual qubits [10]. Therefore, in light of its experimental relevance, it is important to examine the problem of creating quantum entanglement in a $p_x + ip_y$ superfluid via some other, possibly non-topological, means (without incurring too much error) which, coupled with the available braiding transformations, may lead to universal quantum computation. This is all the more important because the other, more exotic, non-Abelian topological states, e.g. the SU(2) Read-Rezayi state [11], which can support universal computation via only the topologically protected operations [12, 13], are presently much beyond experimental reach. In the $5/2$ FQH state, non-topological interference of charge-carrying quasiparticle currents along different trajectories [10, 14, 15] was proposed to entangle qubits. Such an approach is not suitable for the superfluid, because the non-Abelian excitations here are vortices, which do not carry electric charge.

In this Letter, we show how to entangle two spatially separated topological vortex qubits in a cold atom $p_x + ip_y$ superfluid by using two other, movable, external dipole traps. The two-state systems formed by the atoms in the movable, external traps will be referred as “flying qubits”. Controlled cold collisions between an atom in the dipole trap and an atom at the vortex qubit yield entanglement between the flying qubit and the vortex qubit. Subsequently, a measurement on a system comprising two flying qubits, entangled with two different vortex qubits, collapses the two vortex qubits on an entangled state. We show how to test the violation of Bell’s inequality with the obtained entanglement. Finally, we show how to deterministically implement a set of universal quantum gates using the entangled state, although the entanglement among the vortex qubits itself can only be generated with a 50% success probability. It is important to mention that the entanglement can be generated and purified off-line, and so the non-topological nature of the corresponding operations does not degrade the topological quantum computation.

Topological qubit and flying qubit: Consider a quasi-two dimensional ($xy$ plane) $p_x + ip_y$ superfluid of spin-polarized atoms [2, 5, 6], where vortices in the superfluid can be generated through rotation or external laser fields. For each vortex, there exists a zero energy state that supports a Majorana fermion mode $\gamma [2, 5, 6]$. Two Majorana fermion states in two vortices can be combined to create an ordinary fermionic...
state \( c = (\gamma_1 + i\gamma_2) / 2 \). Therefore, a natural definition of a vortex qubit may be given in terms of the unoccupied, \( \ket{0} \), or occupied, \( \ket{1} = \gamma_1 \ket{0} \), states of two Majorana vortices. Here the occupied state \( \ket{1} \) contains an unpaired Fermi atom inside the cores of the vortex pair (“unpaired” as opposed to “paired” in a cooper pair in the superfluid). However, such a definition does not allow the superposition of the basis states, i.e., the states, \( \ket{0 \pm 1} / \sqrt{2} \), do not exist because they violate the conservation of the total topological charge (the superfluid condensate conserves the fermion number modulo 2). To overcome this difficulty, a topological vortex qubit is defined through two pairs of vortices, i.e., with the states \( \ket{0}_V \equiv \ket{00} \) (the two vortex pairs, (1,2) and (3,4), are both unoccupied), and \( \ket{1}_V \equiv \ket{11} \) (the two vortex pairs are both occupied). The superposition states, \( \ket{0 \pm 1}_V / \sqrt{2} \), are now allowed. Note also that these two states do not mix, via any unitary braiding operations, with the other two states of the four-vortex complex, \( \ket{00}, \ket{01} \). Various intra- and inter-pair vortex braiding operations within a single qubit give rise to various single-qubit gates \( \Lambda_{\pi/2} \) (e.g. qubit-flip gate \( \Omega \), phase gate \( \Lambda_{\pi/2} \) and the Hadamard gate \( H \)) as depicted schematically in Fig. 1. Finally, the state of the vortex qubit can be read out in the \( \ket{0}_V, \ket{1}_V \) basis by fusing the vortices pairwise and detecting the number of unpaired atoms in the core \( \mathcal{G} \).

The flying qubit is constructed using an atom trapped in the ground state of a movable optical dipole trap which is itself formed by overlapping two identical laser beam traps. One laser beam trap can then be adiabatically moved out to split the composite trap into two traps, \( L, R \), see Fig. 2(a). This yields a superposition state for the atom, \( \ket{01}_L + \ket{10}_R / \sqrt{2} \). Here \( L \) and \( R \) denote the left and the right traps, respectively. Now, concentrating on the left trap only, one can define the two states of the flying qubit, \( \ket{0}_F = \ket{01}_L, \ket{1}_F = \ket{10}_L \). Note that the two states of the qubit are distinguished by the absence (\( \ket{0}_F \)) and the presence (\( \ket{1}_F \)) of the atom in the left dipole trap.

**Entanglement between two topological qubits:** As is well known \( \ket{10} \), two topological qubits cannot be entangled by braiding one vortex from one qubit around another from the second qubit. However, using the flying qubits as auxiliary degrees of freedom, one can generate entangled states between the two qubits. The basic idea of the entanglement generation is illustrated in Fig. 2(b, c). Initially, a vortex qubit, \( V \), is prepared in the state \( \ket{0}_V \). A Hadamard gate \( H \) is applied to the qubit that transfers the state to \( \ket{\phi}_V = \ket{0}_V + \ket{1}_V / \sqrt{2} \). By splitting a composite dipole trap in two parts (Fig. 2(a)), the flying qubit \( F \) is prepared in the state \( \ket{\psi}_F = \ket{0}_F + \ket{1}_F / \sqrt{2} \). The flying qubit is then moved near to the vortex qubit (Fig. 2(b)) so that the trapped atom can collide with the unpaired fermi atom, if any, in the vortex pair. As shown below, such a collision process yields a controlled phase gate, \( \text{CP}(\pi) \equiv \text{exp}(i \pi n_V n_F) \), between the flying qubit and the vortex qubit, where \( n_V = 0, 1 \) is the number of unpaired fermi atom in the vortex pair and \( n_F = 0, 1 \) is the number of atom in the flying qubit. It is easy to see that the gate \( \text{CP}(\pi) \) gives rise to the transformation,

\[
\ket{\psi}_F \ket{\phi}_V \rightarrow \ket{0}_F \ket{0}_V + \ket{1}_F \ket{1}_V / \sqrt{2}
\]

which can be transferred to an entangled state

\[
\ket{\Phi}_{FV} = \ket{0}_F \ket{0}_V + \ket{1}_F \ket{1}_V / \sqrt{2}
\]

between the flying qubit and the vortex qubit by applying a Hadamard gate on the vortex qubit. Two vortex qubits can be entangled by a projection measurement on the flying qubits of two entangled states \( \ket{\Phi}_{F_1V_1} \) and \( \ket{\Phi}_{F_2V_2} \). The dipole traps of the two flying qubits are spatially merged and the atom number is measured through fluorescence signals (Fig. 2(c)). From the combined state,

\[
\ket{\Phi}_{F_1V_1} \ket{\Phi}_{F_2V_2} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ \ket{00}_{F_1F_2} \ket{00}_{V_1V_2} + \ket{11}_{F_1F_2} \ket{11}_{V_1V_2} + \ket{01}_{F_1F_2} \ket{01}_{V_1V_2} + \ket{10}_{F_1F_2} \ket{10}_{V_1V_2} \right],
\]

where \( \ket{00}_{F_1F_2} = \ket{0}_F \ket{0}_F \ket{0}_V \ket{0}_V \) etc., it is easy to deduce the probabilities for the three possible outcomes: one atom (50%), zero atom (25%), two atoms (25%). In the last two cases, the states of the vortex qubits are projected to \( \ket{1}_V \ket{1}_V \) and \( \ket{0}_V \ket{0}_V \), respectively, and are not entangled. Therefore, in these cases the above procedure for creating the entangled states, \( \ket{\Phi}_{F_1V_1} \) and \( \ket{\Phi}_{F_2V_2} \), need to be repeated. However, in the case where the measurement produces one atom, the quantum state of the two qubits is projected to the entangled state \( \ket{0}_V \ket{1}_V + \ket{1}_V \ket{0}_V / \sqrt{2} \), which can be transferred to the expected entangled state

\[
\ket{\Phi}_{V_1V_2} = \ket{0}_V \ket{0}_V + \ket{1}_V \ket{1}_V / \sqrt{2}
\]

using simple qubit-flip gates. Note that the above entangled state can only be created with a 50% success probability. For later use, the gate representing the generation of entanglement is denoted as “EG”.

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**Figure 1:** (a) Single qubit flip gate \( R = -i\sigma_x \). (b) Single qubit phase gate \( \Lambda(\pi/2) = \text{diag}(1, i) \). (c) Hadamard gate \( H = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix} \).

**Figure 2:** (a) Construction of the flying qubit by splitting a composite dipole trap into two traps. (b) Realization of the gate \( \text{CP}(\pi) \) by controlled collisions of atoms. (c) Two flying qubits are merged into one and the number of atoms is measured through fluorescence signals to create entanglement between two topological qubits (see text).
The remaining problem for the entanglement generation is how to realize the controlled phase gate, CP(\(\pi\)), between the flying qubit and the vortex qubit. In Fig. 2, the center of the dipole trap, \(\vec{r}_0(t) = z_0(t) \vec{e}_z\) (with the core of vortex 1 as origin) is adiabatically brought from a distance \(d_0 \vec{e}_z\) above the \(z = 0\) plane, where the wavepackets of the dipole trapped atom and the unpaired atom in the vortex pair (1,2) do not overlap, to a distance zero, where they do. The collision phases between the atoms are dynamic phases. They are different for different quantum states of flying and vortex qubits with different total energy.

\[
E(i,j) = E_F(i) + E_V(j) + \Delta E_c(i,j),
\]

where \(i,j = 0,1\) correspond to the quantum states \(|0\rangle\) and \(|1\rangle\), respectively. \(E_F(0) = 0\) and \(E_F(1) = \int d^3\vec{r} \alpha^*(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0(t))(-\hbar^2/2m_F + V_F(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0(t)))\) are the energies of the flying qubit in the states \(|0\rangle\) and \(|1\rangle\), respectively. \(V_F(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0(t))\) is the harmonic potential of the dipole trap, and \(\alpha(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0(t))\) is the ground state wavefunction of the dipole trapped atom with mass \(m_F\). \(E_g\) is the interaction energy between the dipole trapped atom and the paired BCS condensate. The second term \(E_V(j)\) corresponds to the energy of the fermionic state in the vortex cores near the dipole trap. Because these states are the solutions of the Bogoliubov-de Gennes (BdG) equations with eigenvalue zero, \(E_V(j) = 0\) for \(j = 0,1\).

The last term describes the collision energy \(\Delta E_c\) between dipole trapped atoms and unpaired fermi atoms, and is non-zero only if both the flying qubit and the vortex qubit are in the occupied state,

\[
\Delta E_c(1,1) = \frac{\theta}{2} \int d^3\vec{r} |\alpha(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0(t))|^2 \delta n_V(\vec{r}).
\]

Here \(\theta\) is the collision interaction strength and \(\delta n_V(\vec{r})\) denotes the changes of the atom density from the BCS condensate density. Using the standard harmonic trap wavefunction for \(\alpha(\vec{r} - \vec{r}_0(t))\) and the wavefunction for the zero-energy mode obtained from the solution of the BdG equations, we find

\[
\Delta E_c(1,1) = \hbar \Omega_\pm \exp \left(-\frac{\vec{a}^2}{a_0^2}\right) / \tilde{a}^2
\]

where \(\tilde{a}^2 = a_D^2 + a_V^2\), with \(a_D\) and \(a_V\) the oscillation lengths for harmonic trapping potentials along the \(z\) direction of the dipole trap and the superfluid, respectively. \(\hbar \Omega_\pm\) is the characteristic energy scale for the collision interaction, which is determined by the collision interaction strength \(g\) as well as the overlap between the wavefunctions of the dipole trapped atoms and unpaired fermions in the vortex pair (1,2). Note that the occupied zero energy fermionic state of the vortex pair (1,2) is as likely to contain extra atoms (corresponds to \(\Omega_\pm\)) as to miss atoms (corresponds to \(\Omega_\mp\)) compared to the BCS condensate, which yields \(\Omega_+ = -\Omega_-\).

The state-dependent energy \(\varphi_F\) yields a state-dependent dynamic phase

\[
\varphi(i,j) = \varphi_F(i) + \phi_c(i,j)
\]

where \(\varphi_F(i) = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau E_F(i) dt\) is the single qubit phase that can be incorporated in the definition of the flying qubit, the collision phase \(\phi_c(i,j) = \frac{1}{\tau} \int_0^\tau \Delta E_c(i,j) dt\), and \(\tau\) denote the time when the dipole trap center \(\vec{r}_0(t)\) moves from and back to the initial place \(d_0 \vec{e}_z\). Assuming that \(\vec{r}_0(t)\) varies adiabatically as \(\vec{r}_0(t) = \eta \exp(\vec{t}/\tau_0^2)\) where \(\eta = \exp(\vec{t}/\tau_0^2)\) with the parameter \(\eta = \exp(-\tau^2/\tau_0^2\), the controlled collision phase can be written as,

\[
\theta = \varphi_c(1,1) = \Omega_\pm \frac{\hbar}{\tau} \int_{-\tau}^\tau \exp \left[-2\pi \frac{\hbar^2}{\Omega_\pm^2} \frac{1}{1 + \eta e^{\tau^2}} \right] d\tau
\]

where \(\tau = \sqrt{d_0^2/\tilde{a}^2}\) and time in the above integration has been scaled by \(\tau_0\). With a set of parameters for \(^6\text{Li}, a_D = a_V = 0.2 \mu\text{m}, d_0 = 10 \mu\text{m}, \tau = \tau_0 = 3.57/\Omega, \Omega = 10 \tau_0\), \(s\)-wave scattering length \(a_s \sim 55\text{nm}\), and the vortex core size \(\xi \sim 1 \mu\text{m}\), we estimate \(\Omega_\pm \sim \pm 2\pi / 6.6 \text{kHz}\), \(\tau \sim 0.86\mu\text{s}\) and the phase \(\theta = \pm \pi\) (i.e., \(\exp(i\theta) = -1\)). Therefore the controlled phase gate \(\text{CP}(\pi)\) can be realized.

Violation of Bell’s inequality: The entangled state \(|\Psi\rangle_{V_1V_2}\) between two remote vortex qubits can be used to test the violation of the CHSH inequality, a variant of the Bell’s inequality \(^{13}\). Violation of the CHSH inequality would establish the quantum non-locality between the two vortex qubits. A schematic diagram of this test is given in Fig. 3. The test requires to measure the vortex qubits along four different directions: \(A_1 = |\sigma_1\rangle \otimes |V_1\rangle, A_2 = |\sigma_2\rangle \otimes |V_2\rangle, B_1 = |\sigma_2\rangle \otimes (|\sigma_1\rangle + |\sigma_2\rangle)/\sqrt{2}, B_2 = |\sigma_1\rangle \otimes (|\sigma_1\rangle - |\sigma_2\rangle)/\sqrt{2}\). After the measurements, two parties at \(V_1\) and \(V_2\) need to communicate their results through classical channel. After repeated measurements, the statistical average \(L = \langle A_1B_1 \rangle + \langle A_2B_2 \rangle - \langle A_1B_2 \rangle - \langle A_2B_1 \rangle\) is evaluated. The quantum non-locality of the entangled state yields \(L = 2\sqrt{2}\), which violates the CHSH inequality for local realism, \(L \leq 2\) \(^{18}\).

It is easy to convince oneself that the above four measurements correspond to measuring the two vortex qubits in four different bases which are eigenstates of the respective operators, \(A_1 : V_1\) on \(|0\rangle_{V_1}, |1\rangle_{V_1}\); \(A_2 : V_1\) on \(|0\rangle_{V_1} + |1\rangle_{V_1}\); \(B_1 : V_2\) on \(|a\rangle_{V_2} + b|\bar{a}\rangle_{V_2}, a|\bar{b}\rangle_{V_2} - b|a\rangle_{V_2}\); \(B_2 : V_2\) on \(|a\rangle_{V_2} - b|\bar{a}\rangle_{V_2}, b|\bar{a}\rangle_{V_2} - a|a\rangle_{V_2}\), where \(a = \cos(\pi/8), b = \sin(\pi/8)\). In the experiment, \(A_1\) is a fusion measurement of the number of unpaired atoms in the vortices \(^{6}\). Measurements \(A_2, B_1,\) and \(B_2\) can be implemented by first applying suitable single-qubit operations to the qubits.

Figure 3: (a) Testing the violation of the CHSH inequality. (b) The realization of the \(B_1\) measurement in (a).
to transfer their measurement bases to \( \{ |0\rangle_V, |1\rangle_V \} \), following by fusion measurement \( A_1 \). The corresponding single-qubit operations are \( A_2: H \); \( B_1: HA \left( e^{i\pi/4} \right) HA^2 \left( \pi/2 \right) ; B_2: H A \left( e^{i\pi/4} \right) H A^2 \left( -\pi/2 \right) \), where \( A \left( e^{i\pi/4} \right) = \text{diag}(1, e^{i\pi/4}) \) is a single qubit phase gate. \( A \left( e^{i\pi/4} \right) \) cannot be implemented through topologically protected braiding operations and its realization is discussed in the next section.

Universal quantum gates: It is well known that a set of quantum gates \( \{ H, \Lambda \left( e^{i\pi/4} \right), \Lambda \left( \sigma_z \right) \} \) are sufficient to simulate any quantum circuit, where \( \Lambda \left( \sigma_z \right) = \text{diag}(1, 1, 1, -1) \) is the two-qubit controlled phase gate between two vortex qubits. Among these three gates, the Hadamard gate \( H \) can be implemented using the topological braiding operations. The single-qubit phase gate \( \Lambda \left( e^{i\pi/4} \right) \) can be realized by bringing two vortices 1 and 2 of a qubit close together \( \Lambda \left( e^{i\pi/4} \right) \). The tunneling between two vortices induces an energy splitting \( \Delta E_z (t) \) between the state \( |0\rangle_V \) and \( |1\rangle_V \), which yields a relative dynamic phase \( \exp \left( i \int_{T_p}^{T} \Delta E_z (t) \, dt \right) \) between these two states, with \( 2T_p \), as the total tunneling period. A properly chosen tunneling process with \( \int_{T_p}^{T} \Delta E_z (t) \, dt = \pi/4 \) yields the gate \( \Lambda \left( e^{i\pi/4} \right) \).

A controlled phase gate \( \Lambda \left( \sigma_z \right) \) between two arbitrary vortex qubits can be realized deterministically provided one has been able to create the entangled state \( \Psi \) between two vortex qubits. Considering two vortex qubits \( G \) and \( Q \) (with the constituent vortices \( G_1, G_2, Q_1, Q_2 \) etc.), we note that \( \Lambda_{GQ} \left( \sigma_z \right) = \Lambda_G \left( \pi/2 \right) \Lambda_Q \left( \pi/2 \right) \exp \left( i\pi \gamma_G \gamma_G \gamma_Q \gamma_Q / 4 \right) \), where the last term involves interaction among four vortices. The requirement of a four-vortex interaction is indeed the reason why the two-qubit gate cannot be implemented using braiding operations which can lead to only two-vortex (statistical) interactions. The four-vortex operator can be implemented using one additional vortex pair \( \left( \gamma_{Q_1}, \gamma_{Q_2} \right) \) (initially prepared in state \( |0\rangle_W \)) by noting that \( \Lambda \),

\[
\exp \left( i\pi \gamma_G \gamma_G \gamma_Q \gamma_Q / 4 \right) = 2U_{\mu\nu} P^{(2)} \mu \nu, \quad (9)
\]

where \( P^{(2)} = \left( 1 + i\gamma_Q \gamma_Q / 2 \right) \), and \( P^{(4)} = \left( I \pm \gamma_G \gamma_G \gamma_Q \gamma_Q / 2 \right) \) are two non-destructive measurements which project the state of the vortices to the eigenstates of the operators \( -i\gamma_Q \gamma_Q \) and \( \gamma_G \gamma_G \gamma_Q \gamma_Q / 2 \). Corresponding braiding operations for different measurement results \( \{ \mu \nu \} \), \( U_{\mu\nu} = U_{\mu\nu}^\dagger \), \( U_{++} = \Lambda_G \left( i \right) \Lambda_Q \left( i \right) \exp \left( i\pi \gamma_G \gamma_Q \gamma_Q / 4 \right) \), \( U_{+} = \Lambda_G \left( i \right) \Lambda_Q \left( i \right) \exp \left( -i\pi \gamma_G \gamma_Q \gamma_Q / 4 \right) \). Here \( \Lambda \left( e^{i\pi/4} \right) \) is just the exchange of the vortices \( \gamma_G \) and \( \gamma_Q \) through topologically protected braiding operations and its realism is discussed in the next section.

We exchange the vortex pair \( \left( \gamma_{Q_1}, \gamma_{Q_2} \right) \) to transfer two eigenstates of \( -i\gamma_Q \gamma_Q \) to \( \{ |0\rangle_Q \pm |1\rangle_Q \} \) or \( \{ |0\rangle_Q \mp |1\rangle_Q \} \), depending on the total topological charge of the four vortices \( \gamma_Q \). We then apply a fusion measurement on the vortex pair \( \left( \gamma_{Q_1}, \gamma_{Q_2} \right) \) to determine whether the state is \( |0\rangle_W \) or \( |1\rangle_W \), which correspond to the eigenvalues \( +1 \) or \( -1 \) of the projection measurements \( P^{(2)} \). After the fusion measurement, the vortex pair \( \left( \gamma_{Q_1}, \gamma_{Q_2} \right) \) is recreated in the state \( |0\rangle_W \). If the result of the fusion measurement is the state \( |1\rangle_W \), this state is recovered by applying a single-qubit flip operator \( R \). Vortices \( \gamma_{Q_1} \) and \( \gamma_{Q_2} \) are exchanged again to transfer the states back to the eigenstates of \( -i\gamma_Q \gamma_Q \). With this basis transformation method, the projection measurement \( P^{(2)} \) can be performed non-destructively.

However, such basis transformation method does not work for the measurements \( P^{(4)} \) because they involve eigenstate measurement of four vortices. Recent work \( [10] \) showed mathematically that \( P^{(4)} \) can be realized deterministically using the auxiliary entangled state \( |\Psi \rangle \), for which we provide a prescription in this Letter, coupled with the braiding operations and the fusion measurements. Here we refer the mathematical details of this measurement to Ref. \( [10] \). Note that the measurement \( P^{(4)} \) can be deterministically implemented, although \( |\Psi \rangle \) in our scheme can only be generated with a 50% success probability. This is because \( |\Psi \rangle \) can be prepared using off-line procedures that are not involved in the measurement process. In addition, pairs with non-perfect entanglement can be purified to pairs of nearly perfect entanglement through off-line purification processes. Therefore, the controlled phase gate \( \lambda \left( \sigma_z \right) \) can be implemented with a high accuracy because the remaining processes only involve the braiding operations and the fusion measurements.

In summary, we proposed and analyzed a scheme to generate entanglement between two topological vortex qubits in a \( p_x + ip_y \) atomic superfluid with the assistance of external flying qubits. The entanglement can be created and purified off-line and therefore, in spite of being a non-topological process, does not degrade the actual quantum computation which continues to use the topologically protected braiding operations. We showed how to test the violation of Bell’s inequality using the obtained entanglement. Finally, we showed how to deterministically implement a set of universal quantum gates in the chiral \( p \)-wave superfluid, which had hitherto remained a major conceptual problem, using the entanglement created between two topological qubits.

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