# Solution 2 for 2019 $\sim$ 2020 USTC class 'Physics of Quantum Information'

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 Please describe the EPR paradox introduced by Einstein, Podolsky, Rosen at 1935, and explain the contradiction between quantum theory and local realism theory.

Answer: Assumption by local realism theory:

- (a). Locality: If two measurements are performed in space-like separated locations, their outcomes should not be causal correlated.
- (b). Realism: Every element of the physical reality must have a counter part in the physical theory.

Contraction: In quantum mechanics in the case of two physical quantities described by non-commuting operators, the knowledge of one precludes the knowledge of the other. Then either (1) the description of reality given by the wave function in quantum mechanics is not complete or (2) these two quantities cannot have simultaneous reality.

Consider that Alice and Bob share a singlet state  $\psi^- = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|10\rangle - |01\rangle)$ , once Alice obtains a measurement outcome by measuring particle along arbitrary direction, she could correctly predict the corresponding observable value for Bob's particle, and all observables can be predicted, they should have definite values. Following the realism assumption, every observable corresponding Bob's particle, such as  $\sigma_x^B, \sigma_y^B, \sigma_z^B$ , is a physical realism element. While following quantum theory, only commutative observables may have eigenvalues simultaneously, i.e.  $\sigma_x^B, \sigma_y^B, \sigma_z^B$  can't have definite values simultaneously. 2. For the singlet state  $|\psi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|10\rangle - |01\rangle)$ , prove that Alice and Bob's outcomes are always anti-correlated when they measure two particles respectively along the same direction.

**Answer**: Refer to the Box 2.7 on the page of 113 of "Quantum computation and quantum information" by Nielsen.

- 3. PPT(Positive Partial Transposition) criterion is a strong separability criterion for quantum state, which is very convenient and practical for entanglement detection.
  - (1) Describe the PPT (Positive Partial Transposition) criterion and the realignment criterion.
  - (2) For the 2-qubit state  $\rho = p |\psi^-\rangle \langle \psi^-| + (1-p) \frac{\mathbb{I}}{4}$ , where,  $0 \leq p \leq 1$ ,  $|\phi^-\rangle = \frac{|00\rangle |11\rangle}{\sqrt{2}}$ , calculate the *p*'s lower bound when  $\rho$  is entangled state using PPT criterion and realignment criterion respectively.

#### Answer:

(1) PPT criterion reads: If  $\rho$  is separable, then the partial transpose  $\rho^{T_A}$  has no negative eigenvalues.

Realignment criterion reads: For any bipartite separable state  $\rho$ ,  $||\tilde{\rho}|| \leq 1$ , where  $||\tilde{\rho}||$  is the sum of all the singular values of  $\tilde{\rho}$ ,  $\tilde{\rho}$  is the realignment of  $\rho$ .

(2)

$$\rho = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+p}{4} & 0 & 0 & -\frac{p}{2} \\ 0 & \frac{1-p}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1-p}{4} & 0 \\ -\frac{p}{2} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1+p}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$\rho^{T_A} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+p}{4} & 0 & 0 & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1-p}{4} & -\frac{p}{2} & 0\\ 0 & -\frac{p}{2} & \frac{1-p}{4} & 0\\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1+p}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of  $\rho^{T_A}$  are  $\left\{\frac{1}{4}(1-3p), \frac{p+1}{4}, \frac{p+1}{4}, \frac{p+1}{4}\right\}$ .

If  $\rho$  is entangled,  $\rho^{T_A}$  has negative eigenvalues, then we get  $1 \ge p > \frac{1}{3}$ 

$$\tilde{\rho} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1+p}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1-p}{4} \\ 0 & -\frac{p}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -\frac{p}{2} & 0 \\ \frac{1-p}{4} & 0 & 0 & \frac{1+p}{4} \end{pmatrix}$$

The singular values of  $\tilde{\rho}$  are  $\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{p}{2}, \frac{p}{2}, \frac{p}{2}\right\}$ , then  $||\tilde{\rho}|| = \frac{3p+1}{2}$ . If  $\rho$  is entangled,  $||\tilde{\rho}|| > 1$ , then we get  $1 \ge p > \frac{1}{3}$ .

- 4. (1) Calculate the amount of entanglement of the state  $\rho = \lambda |\phi^+\rangle \langle \phi^+| + (1 \lambda) |\psi^+\rangle \langle \psi^+|, (0 \le \lambda \le 1)$  with negativity measure, where  $|\phi^-\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle |11\rangle, |\psi^+\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle + |10\rangle).$ 
  - (2) Derive the value scope for  $\lambda$  when the state  $\rho$  is entangled using negativity measure.

Answer:

(1)

$$\rho = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 & -\lambda \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda & 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda & 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ -\lambda & 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

then

$$\rho^{T_A} = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} \lambda & 0 & 0 & 1 - \lambda \\ 0 & 1 - \lambda & -\lambda & 0 \\ 0 & -\lambda & 1 - \lambda & 0 \\ 1 - \lambda & 0 & 0 & \lambda \end{pmatrix}$$

The eigenvalues of  $\rho^{T_A}$  are  $\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2\lambda-1}{2}, \frac{1-2\lambda}{2}\right\}$ , and the singular values are  $\left\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, |\frac{2\lambda-1}{2}|, |\frac{1-2\lambda}{2}|\right\}$ . So, the amount of entanglement of  $\rho$  is:

$$N(\rho) = \frac{||\rho^{T_A}|| - 1}{2} = |\lambda - \frac{1}{2}|$$

(2) If  $\rho$  is an entanglement state,

$$N(\rho) = \frac{||\rho^{T_A}|| - 1}{2} = |\lambda - \frac{1}{2}| > 0$$

when  $\lambda \neq 1/2$ ,  $\rho$  is entangled.

- 5. (1) Describe the definition of the Entanglement Witness (EW).
  - (2) For the three-qubit **GHZ** state,

$$|\mathbf{GHZ}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|000\rangle + |111\rangle)$$

prove that the entanglement witness  $W = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{I} - |GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ|$  detects three-qubit entanglement around it.

(3) A mixed state  $\rho = p\frac{\mathbf{I}}{8} + (1-p)|GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ|$  ( $0 \le p \le 1$ ), calculate the *p*'s upper bound when  $\rho$  is entangled state using the EW given above.

# Answer:

- (1) An entanglement witness is a functional which distinguishes a specific entangled state from separable ones. W can be called an entanglement witness, if it satisfies that
  - (a). W has at least one negative eigenvalue;
  - (b). For any separable state  $\rho_{AB}$ ,  $Tr(W\rho_{AB}) \ge 0$
- (2) To prove that  $\mathcal{W}$  is an EW, one needs to show that  $Tr(\rho_{sep}\mathcal{W}) \geq 0$  for all separable states. That is, for all separable states,  $Tr(\rho_{sep}|GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ|) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ . The maximum value of  $Tr(\rho_{sep}|GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ|)$  is given by the square of the Schmidt coefficient which is maximal over all possible bipartite partitions(1|23, 2|13, 3|12) of  $|GHZ\rangle$ . Then it is easy to calculate

$$max_{\rho_{sep}}Tr(\rho_{sep}|GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ|) = 1/2.$$

So

$$Tr(\rho_{sep}\mathcal{W}) \ge 0.$$

The entanglement witness  $\mathcal{W} = \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{I} - |GHZ\rangle\langle GHZ|$  detects three-qubit entanglement around it.

(3)  $\rho$  is an entangled state, them

$$Tr(\rho \mathcal{W}) = \frac{p}{2} - \frac{p}{8} - \frac{1-p}{2} < 0,$$
$$p < \frac{4}{7}.$$

- 6. (1) What conditions should a good entanglement measures meet?
  - (2) Describe the definition of distillable entanglement and entanglement cost and their relationship.
  - (3) Write down the monogamy of entanglement and describe its physical meanings.

## Answer:

- (1) A good entanglement measure  $E(\cdot)$  should satisfy that,
  - (a) For any separable state  $\rho$ ,  $E(\rho) = 0$ ;
  - (b) No increase under LOCC, i.e.  $E(\Lambda_{LOCC}(\rho)) \leq E(\rho);$
  - (c) Continuity, i.e.  $E(\rho) E(\sigma) \to 0$ , when  $||\rho \sigma|| \to 0$ ;
  - (d) Convexity, i.e.  $E(\lambda \rho + (1 \lambda)\sigma) \le \lambda E(\rho) + (1 \lambda)E(\sigma);$
  - (e) Normalization, i.e.  $E(P^d_+) = \log d$ .
- (2) Read the page 62, 63 in the lecture "QIP2019chapt\_2\_Kai Chen.pdf" for reference.
- (3) Monogamy of entanglement says that:

For any tripartite state of systems  $A, B_1, B_2$  we have

$$E(A|B_1) + E(A|B_2) \le E(A|B_1B_2).$$

If the above inequality holds in general, i.e. not only for qubits, then it can be immediately generalized by induction to the multipartite case:

$$E(A|B_1) + E(A|B_2) + \dots + E(A|B_N) \le E(A|B_1B_2 \cdots B_N).$$

It means that if two qubits A and B are maximally quantumly correlated they cannot be correlated at all with a third qubit C. In general, there is a trade-off between the amount of entanglement between qubits A and B and the same qubit A and qubit C. Note that, in some cases, entanglement is not monogamay.

7. The four Bell states have the following mathematical expressions on the basis  $\{0, 1\}$ (the eigenstates of  $\sigma_z$ ),

$$\begin{split} |\Phi^{\pm}\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|00\rangle \pm |11\rangle) \\ |\Psi^{\pm}\rangle &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (|01\rangle \pm |10\rangle) \end{split}$$

- (1) Prove that the four Bell states can be transformed to each other using single qubit rotations  $\{I, \sigma_x, \sigma_y, \sigma_z\}$ .
- (2) Give the representation of the four Bell states on the basis  $\{+, -\}$  (the eigenstates of  $\sigma_x$ ).

#### Answer:

(1)

$$\sigma_{x} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_{y} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \sigma_{z} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$$
(1)  
$$\Phi^{+} \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma_{x} \otimes I}{\sigma_{y} \otimes I} & |\Psi^{+}\rangle, \\ \frac{\sigma_{y} \otimes I}{\sigma_{z} \otimes I} & |\Phi^{-}\rangle, \\ \Phi^{-} \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma_{x} \otimes I}{\sigma_{y} \otimes I} & -|\Psi^{-}\rangle, \\ \frac{\sigma_{y} \otimes I}{\sigma_{z} \otimes I} & |\Psi^{+}\rangle, \\ \frac{\sigma_{z} \otimes I}{\sigma_{z} \otimes I} & |\Phi^{+}\rangle, \\ \frac{\sigma_{z} \otimes I}{\sigma_{z} \otimes I} & |\Psi^{-}\rangle, \\ \frac{\sigma_{z} \otimes I}{\sigma_{z} \otimes I} & |\Psi^{-}\rangle, \\ \Psi^{-} \begin{cases} \frac{\sigma_{x} \otimes I}{\sigma_{y} \otimes I} & -|\Phi^{-}\rangle, \\ \frac{\sigma_{y} \otimes I}{\sigma_{z} \otimes I} & |\Phi^{+}\rangle, \\ \frac{\sigma_{z} \otimes I}{\sigma_{z} \otimes I} & |\Psi^{+}\rangle, \\ \frac{\sigma_{z} \otimes I}{\sigma_{z} \otimes I} & |\Psi^{+}\rangle, \end{cases}$$
(2)

(2) The single qubit transformation between the  $\sigma_z$  basis and the  $\sigma_x$  basis is

$$|0\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle + |-\rangle),$$
  

$$|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle - |-\rangle).$$
(3)

So,

$$\begin{split} |\Phi^{+}\rangle &\to |\Phi^{+}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|++\rangle + |--\rangle), \\ |\Phi^{-}\rangle &\to |\Psi^{+}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+-\rangle + |-+\rangle), \\ |\Psi^{+}\rangle &\to |\Phi^{-}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|++\rangle - |--\rangle), \\ |\Psi^{-}\rangle &\to -|\Psi^{-}\rangle = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+-\rangle - |-+\rangle), \end{split}$$
(4)

- 8. (1) Describe the physical meanings of von Neumann entropy.
  - (2) Prove that  $S(\rho) \leq \log D$ , where D is the number of the non-zero eigenvalues of  $\rho$ .
  - (3) Prove the subadditivity of the von Neumann entropy

$$|S(A) - S(B)| \le S(A, B) \le S(A) + S(B)$$

(4) Prove the concavity of the von Neumann entropy

$$S(\sum_{i} p_i \rho_i) \ge \sum_{i} p_i S(\rho_i)$$

(5) Prove that the two body pure state  $|\psi_{AB}\rangle$  is a entangled state if and only if S(B|A) < 0, in which S(B|A) = S(B,A) - S(A),  $S(\cdot)$  is the von Neumann entropy.

## Answer:

- (1) The von Neumann entropy quantizes the quantum information of each character of the quantum ensemble. When the signal  $\rho$  is pure state, von Neumann entropy  $S(\rho)$  is the information quantization of the quantum information source.
- (2)

$$S(\rho) = -tr(\rho \log \rho) = -\sum_{i} \lambda_i \log \lambda_i = \sum_{i=1}^{D} \lambda_i \log \frac{1}{\lambda_i} \le \log(\sum_{i=1}^{D} \lambda_i \frac{1}{\lambda_i}),$$

in which the concavity of logarithmic function

$$\log(p_1 x_1 + p_2 x_2) \ge p_1 \log x_1 + p_2 \log x_2$$

is used.

(3) Consider the relative entropy of  $\rho_{AB}$  and  $\rho_A \otimes \rho_B$ 

$$S(\rho_{AB}||\rho_A \otimes \rho_B) = tr(\rho_{AB} \log \rho_{AB}) - tr(\rho_{AB} \log(\rho_A \otimes \rho_B))$$
$$= -S(\rho_{AB}) - tr(\rho_{AB} \log \rho_A) - tr(\rho_{AB} \log \rho_B)$$
$$= -S(\rho_{AB}) + S(\rho_A) + S(\rho_B)$$
$$> 0$$

So,

$$S(A, B) \le S(A) + S(B)$$

Consider a purification of  $\rho_{AB} = tr_C |\phi\rangle_{ABC} \langle\phi|$ , apply subadditivity to  $\rho_{BC}$ , we can get that

$$S(B,C) \le S(B) + S(C).$$

Since S(B, C) = S(A), S(C) = S(A, B), so we get that

$$S(A, B) \ge S(A) - S(B).$$

Similarly,  $S(A, B) \ge S(B) - S(A)$ . So,

$$|S(A) - S(B)| \le S(A, B)$$

(4) Apply subadditivity to

$$\rho_{AB} = \sum_{i} p_i \rho_i \otimes |i\rangle \langle i|_B$$

we can get that

$$S(\rho_{AB}) \le S(\rho_A) + S(\rho_B) = S(\sum_i p_i \rho_i) + H(p_i)$$

From the joint entropy theorem we can get that

$$S(\rho_{AB}) = S(\sum_{i} \rho_{i} \otimes p_{i} | i \rangle \langle i |_{B}) = \sum_{i} p_{i}S(\rho_{i}) + H(p_{i})$$

 $\mathbf{SO}$ 

$$S(\sum_{i} p_i \rho_i) \ge \sum_{i} p_i S(\rho_i)$$

(5) Since  $|\psi_{AB}\rangle$  is a pure state, so S(A, B) = 0.

If  $|\psi_{AB}\rangle$  is an entangled state, then its Schmidt decomposition can be write as

$$\left|\psi_{AB}\right\rangle = \sum_{i} \sqrt{p_{i}} \left|i_{A}\right\rangle \left|i_{B}\right\rangle, i \geq 2$$

 $\mathbf{SO}$ 

$$\rho_A = \sum_i p_i |i_A\rangle \langle i_A|,$$
$$S(A) = -\sum_i p_i \log p_i > 0,$$

 $\mathbf{SO}$ 

$$S(B|A) = S(A, B) - S(A) = -S(A) < 0$$

9. Prove that  $|\psi^{-}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|01\rangle - |10\rangle)$  is invariant under transformation  $U(\theta, \vec{n}) \otimes U(\theta, \vec{n})$ , where  $U(\theta, \vec{n}) = e^{-\frac{i}{2}\theta \cdot \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma}}$ .

Answer:

$$U(\theta, \vec{n}) = e^{-\frac{i}{2}\theta \cdot \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma}} = \cos\frac{\theta}{2}I - i\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma}$$
$$U(\theta, \vec{n}) \otimes U(\theta, \vec{n}) = \cos^2\frac{\theta}{2}I \otimes I - i\sin\frac{\theta}{2}\cos\frac{\theta}{2}(n \cdot \vec{\sigma}_B + n \cdot \vec{\sigma}_A) - \sin^2\frac{\theta}{2}(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma})_A \otimes (\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma})_B$$

then, we have

$$\cos^{2} \frac{\theta}{2} I \otimes I |\psi^{-}\rangle = \cos^{2} \frac{\theta}{2} |\psi^{-}\rangle$$
$$\sigma_{x} \otimes \sigma_{x} |\psi^{-}\rangle = \sigma_{y} \otimes \sigma_{y} |\psi^{-}\rangle = \sigma_{z} \otimes \sigma_{z} |\psi^{-}\rangle = -|\psi^{-}\rangle$$
$$(\vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{A} + \vec{n} \cdot \vec{\sigma}_{B}) |\psi^{-}\rangle = 0$$

Hence,  $U(\theta, \vec{n}) \otimes U(\theta, \vec{n}) |\psi^{-}\rangle = |\psi^{-}\rangle.$ 

10. The entropy of quantum state, expressed as a density matrix  $\rho$ , is  $S(\rho) = -tr(\rho \log_2 \rho)$ ; in terms of its eigenvalues  $\lambda_k$ , this is  $S(\rho) = -\Sigma_k \lambda_k \log_2 \lambda_k$ . A state  $\rho$  is a pure state if and only if  $tr(\rho^2) = 1$ . Prove that this is equivalent to  $S(\rho) = 0$ . You may use the fact  $\rho$  is a valid density matrix if and only if  $tr(\rho) = 1$  and  $\rho$  is a positive operator (i.e. its eigenvalues are  $\geq 0$ ).

# Answer:

If  $tr(\rho^2) = 1$ ,

$$\Sigma_k \lambda_k^2 = \Sigma_k \lambda_k = 1$$

Therefore,

$$\Sigma_k \lambda_k (\lambda_k - 1) = 0$$

Since  $0 \leq \lambda_k \leq 1, \forall k$ , we know that  $\lambda_k(\lambda_k - 1) \leq 0$ , and thus the only way for the above condition to be satisfied is for  $\lambda_k = 0, 1, \forall k$ , and thus  $S(\rho) = 0$  if and only if  $\rho$  has a single eigenvalue of 1 with all other eigenvalues 0.

$$S(\rho) = -\Sigma_k \lambda_k \log_2 \lambda_k = 0$$

Since  $0 \leq \lambda_k \leq 1, \forall k$ , we know that  $\lambda_k \log_2 \lambda_k \leq 0, \forall k$ . Therefore, the only way for the above condition to be satisfied is for  $\lambda_k = 0, 1, \forall k$ , and thus  $tr(\rho^2) = 1$ .

Therefore, for density matrices,  $tr(\rho^2) = 1$  and  $S(\rho) = 0$  are equivalent statements.

11. Consider the state  $|\psi\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|0\rangle_A |0\rangle_B + |1\rangle_A |1\rangle_B)$ ,  $\rho_A = tr_B(|\psi\rangle\langle\psi|)$ . Calculate the Von Neumann entropy of  $\rho_A$ .

Answer:

$$\rho_A = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 0\\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$$
$$S(\rho_A) = -(\frac{1}{2}log(\frac{1}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}log(\frac{1}{2})) = 1$$

12. Give a noisy entanglement state with purity F for the singlet state  $|\Psi^{-}\rangle$ ,

$$\begin{split} W_F &= F |\Psi^-\rangle \langle \Psi^-| + \frac{1-F}{3} |\Psi^+\rangle \langle \Psi^+| \\ &+ \frac{1-F}{3} |\Phi^+\rangle \langle \Phi^+| + \frac{1-F}{3} |\Phi^-\rangle \langle \Phi^-| \end{split}$$

Supposing  $F = \frac{3}{5}$ , please design a two-way LOCC purification protocol that can obtain the singlet state  $|\Psi^-\rangle$  with as high fidelity as possible from the above mixed state in five steps.

## Answer:

An arbitrary mixed two-partite state  $\rho$  with fidelity  $F = \langle \Psi^- | \rho | \Psi^- \rangle$  can be transformed to the symmetric Werner state with random bilateral rotations,

$$W_F = F|\Psi^-\rangle\langle\Psi^-| + \frac{1-F}{3}|\Psi^+\rangle\langle\Psi^+| + \frac{1-F}{3}|\Phi^+\rangle\langle\Phi^+| + \frac{1-F}{3}|\Phi^-\rangle\langle\Phi^-| + \frac{1-F}{3}|\Psi^-\rangle\langle\Phi^-| + \frac{1-F}{3}|\Psi^-| + \frac{1-F}{3}|\Psi^$$

where  $|\Psi^{\pm}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2)}}(\uparrow\downarrow\pm\downarrow\uparrow), |\Phi^{\pm}\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2)}}(\uparrow\uparrow\pm\downarrow\downarrow)$  and  $F = \langle \Psi^{-}|W_{F}|\Psi^{-}\rangle$ . Alice and Bob share two pairs of  $W_{F}$  state, i.e.  $W_{F12}$  and  $W_{F34}$ , with 1 and 3 in Alice's side, 2 and 4 in Bob's side. The purification protocol is:

(a) Alice and Bob make unilateral transformation  $\sigma_y$  (i.e.  $\sigma_y \otimes I$ ) on their two pairs of  $W_F$  state. We get the new state,

$$W_F \xrightarrow{\sigma_y \otimes I} W'_F = F |\Phi^+\rangle \langle \Phi^+| + \frac{1-F}{3} |\Phi^-\rangle \langle \Phi^-| + \frac{1-F}{3} |\Psi^-\rangle \langle \Psi^-| + \frac{1-F}{3} |\Psi^+\rangle \langle \Psi^+|.$$

(b) Alice and Bob perform the C-NOT operations on their two pair of  $W'_F$  state with 1 and 2 as 'source' particles and 3 and 4 as 'target' particles. The transformation is shown as follow, then, measure two target particles along the Z

Before		After(n.c. = no change)	
Source	Target	Source	Target
$\Phi^{\pm}$	$\Phi^+$	n.c.	n.c.
$\Psi^{\pm}$	$\Phi^+$	n.c	$\Psi^+$
$\Psi^{\pm}$	$\Psi^+$	n.c	$\Phi^+$
$\Phi^{\pm}$	$\Psi^+$	n.c	n.c
$\Phi^{\pm}$	$\Phi^-$	$\Phi^{\mp}$	n.c
$\Psi^{\pm}$	$\Phi^-$	$\Psi^{\mp}$	$\Psi^-$
$\Psi^{\pm}$	$\Psi^-$	$\Psi^{\mp}$	$\Phi^-$
$\Phi^{\pm}$	$\Psi^-$	$\Phi^{\mp}$	n.c

axis. If the target pair's Z spins are parallel, keep the correspond source state; otherwise, discard the source state. As the measurements along the Z axis can only distinguish  $\Phi$  from  $\Psi$  (but can't distinguish – from +), we keep the 1, 3, 5, 7 rows' source states.

(c) For  $F = \frac{3}{5}$ , we get a state  $\rho = 0.62 |\Phi^+\rangle \langle \Phi^+| + 0.26 |\Phi^-\rangle \langle \Phi^-| + 0.06 |\Psi^+\rangle \langle \Psi^+| + 0.06 |\Psi^-\rangle \langle \Psi^-|$ , note that the main noise state is  $|\Phi^-\rangle$  now. Change the bases into  $\{|+\rangle, |-\rangle\}$ , denote  $|+\rangle$  as  $|0'\rangle$  and  $|-\rangle$  as  $|1'\rangle$ . We can rewrite  $\rho = 0.62 |\Phi'^+\rangle \langle \Phi'^+| + 0.26 |\Psi'^+\rangle \langle \Psi'^+| + 0.06 |\Phi'^-\rangle \langle \Phi'^-| + 0.06 |\Psi'^-\rangle \langle \Psi'^-|$ , repeat the step (b),  $\rho$  changes into  $\rho_1 = 0.68 |\Phi'^+\rangle \langle \Phi'^+| + 0.13 |\Psi'^+\rangle \langle \Psi'^+| + 0.13 |\Phi'^-\rangle \langle \Phi'^-| + 0.13 |\Phi'^-\rangle \langle$ 

$$0.06|\Psi'^{-}\rangle\langle\Psi'^{-}|$$
. Go back to  $\{|0\rangle, |1\rangle\}$  bases,  $\rho_{1} = 0.68|\Phi^{+}\rangle\langle\Phi^{+}|+0.13|\Phi^{-}\rangle\langle\Phi^{-}|+0.13|\Psi^{+}\rangle\langle\Psi^{+}|+0.06|\Psi^{-}\rangle\langle\Psi^{-}|$ , for which  $F_{1} = 0.68$ .

Repeat step (b) and (c), we can get  $F_2 = 0.80$ ,  $F_3 = 0.93$ , etc. At last, the final state can be converted back to a mostly  $\Psi^-$  state by a unilateral  $\sigma_y$  rotation.