

# Classical Communication Help and Probabilistic Teleportation with One-Dimensional Non-maximally Entangled Cluster States

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**Abstract** We present an explicit protocol for probabilistic teleport an arbitrary and unknown two-qubit entangled state via a one-dimensional four-particle non-maximally entangled cluster state. By construction, our four-partite state is not reducible to a pair of Bell states. We show that teleportation can be successfully realized with a certain probability. This protocol indicate that the four-qubit state is a likely candidate for the genuine four-particle analogue to a Bell state.

**Keywords** Genuine multipartite entangled state · Probabilistic teleportation · Two-qubit entangled state

No-cloning theorem forbids a perfect copy of an arbitrary unknown quantum state. How to interchange different resources has ever been a question in quantum computation and quantum information. Quantum entanglement and classical communication are two elementary resources in quantum information field. Quantum teleportation [2–14], the disembodied transport of quantum states between subsystems through a classical communication channel requiring a shared resource of entanglement, is one of the most profound results of quantum information theory [1]. Quantum teleportation process, originally proposed by Bennett et al. [2], can transmit an unknown quantum state from a sender to a spatially distant receiver via a quantum channel with the help of some classical information. Their work showed in essence the interchangeability of different resources in quantum mechanics. Later, quantum teleportation has received much attention [2–14] both theoretically and experimentally in recent years due to its important applications in quantum communications. For example, in 1998, Karlsson and Bourennane [3] generalized Bennentt et al.'s teleportation idea by using a 3-qubit Greenberger–Horne–Zeilinger (GHZ) state  $|000\rangle + |111\rangle$  instead of an EPR pair.

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Dai et al. [13, 14] have proposed two schemes to teleport an arbitrary two-particle state by two non-maximally three-particle entangled W state, as well as the combination of a non-maximally three-particle entangled GHZ state and a non-maximally three-particle entangled W state, respectively, and the teleportation of an arbitrary two-qubit state had been studied by Lee et al. [6] and recently by Rigolin [7].

In this paper, we give an explicit protocol for faithfully teleporting arbitrary two-qubit states employing one-dimensional four-qubit non-maximally entangled cluster states. Since our work is motivated in part by protocol [2], we briefly describe it below before presenting our protocol. This is followed by a detailed analysis on the entanglement properties of  $|\chi\rangle_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}$ , where we compare and contrast with those of the four party Greenberger–Horne–Zeilinger (GHZ) [15] and W [16] states.

In [2], if Alice and Bob share an Einstein–Podolsky–Rosen (EPR) pairs as follows

$$|\Psi_{Bell}^0\rangle_{A_2B} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|00\rangle_{A_2B} + |11\rangle_{A_2B}). \tag{1}$$

Alice can teleport an intact quantum state (2)

$$|\psi\rangle_{A_1} = a|0\rangle_{A_1} + b|1\rangle_{A_1}, \tag{2}$$

to Bob. The initial complete state of the three particles,  $A_1$ ,  $A_2$ , and  $B$ , is a pure product state,

$$|\psi\rangle_{A_1A_1} \langle\psi| \otimes |\Psi_{Bell}^0\rangle_{A_2BA_2B} \langle\Psi_{Bell}^0|, \tag{3}$$

involving neither classical correlation nor quantum entanglement between particle  $A_1$  and the maximally entangled pair  $A_2B$ . Alice cleanly divides the full information encoded in  $|\psi\rangle_{A_1}$  into two parts, transmitting first the purely nonclassical part via the quantum channel  $|\Psi_{Bell}^0\rangle_{A_2B}$ . Alice first carries out a von Neumann measurement in the Bell basis:

$$|\Psi_{Bell}^i\rangle_{A_1A_2} = (\sigma_{A_1}^i \otimes \sigma_{A_2}^0) |\Psi_{Bell}^0\rangle_{A_1A_2}, \tag{4}$$

on the joint system consisting of particles  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ . Here,  $\sigma^0 = I_2$  is the two-dimensional identity and  $\sigma^1 = \sigma_x$ ,  $\sigma^2 = i\sigma_y$  and  $\sigma^3 = \sigma_z$ . The density operator of Bob’s qubit  $\rho_B^i$  conditioned on Alice’s Bell measurement outcome  $i$  is

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{P_i} \text{tr}_{A_1A_2} [ (|\psi\rangle_{A_1A_1} \langle\psi| \otimes |\Psi_{Bell}^0\rangle_{A_2BA_2B} \langle\Psi_{Bell}^0|) (|\Psi_{Bell}^i\rangle_{A_1A_2A_1A_2} \langle\Psi_{Bell}^i| \otimes I_B) ] \\ &= \frac{1}{P_i} {}_{A_1A_2} \langle\Psi_{Bell}^0| (\sigma_{A_1}^i |\psi\rangle_{A_1} \otimes |\Psi_{Bell}^0\rangle_{A_2B}) ({}_{A_1} \langle\psi| \sigma_{A_1}^i \otimes {}_{A_2B} \langle\Psi_{Bell}^0|) | \Psi_{Bell}^0\rangle_{A_1A_2} \\ &= \frac{1}{4P_i} \sigma_B^i |\psi\rangle_{BB} \langle\psi| \sigma_B^i, \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

where  $P_i = \text{tr}[(|\psi\rangle_{A_1A_1} \langle\psi| \otimes |\Psi_{Bell}^0\rangle_{A_2BA_2B} \langle\Psi_{Bell}^0|) (|\Psi_{Bell}^i\rangle_{A_1A_2A_1A_2} \langle\Psi_{Bell}^i| \otimes I_B)] = 1/4$ . It follows that, regardless of the unknown state  $|\psi\rangle_{A_1}$ , the four measurement outcomes are equally likely. Alice gains no information about the state  $|\psi\rangle_{A_1}$  from her measurement. Alice sending two bits of classical information to Bob via a classical channel, after which Bob applies the required Pauli rotation to transform the state of his particle  $B$  into an accurate replica of the original state of Alice’s particle  $A_1$ .

**Table 1** Corresponding relations between  $ij$  and  $\kappa$ . ( $\pm^1, \pm^2, \pm^3, \mp^1$  and  $\mp^2$  correspond to the superscripts for the states composed of particles  $A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4$ )

$\omega_{ij}^\kappa$	$\kappa = 1$	$\kappa = 2$	$\kappa = 3$	$\kappa = 4$
$ij = 00$	$a_{00}a$	$\pm^2 a_{01}a$	$\pm^1 a_{10}a$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 a_{11}a$
$ij = 01$	$\pm^2 a_{01}b$	$a_{00}b$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 a_{11}b$	$\pm^1 a_{10}b$
$ij = 10$	$\pm^1 a_{10}c$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 a_{11}c$	$a_{00}c$	$\pm^2 a_{01}c$
$ij = 11$	$\pm^1 \mp^2 a_{11}d$	$\mp^1 a_{10}d$	$\mp^2 a_{01}d$	$-a_{00}d$

Let us turn to depict our protocol. We propose a protocol for probabilistic teleport an arbitrary and unknown two-qubit entangled state via a one-dimensional four-qubit non-maximally entangled cluster state. To avoid our four qubit entangled channel from being reducible to a tensor product of two Bell states, and to ensure the success of faithfully teleporting any arbitrary two-qubit state, without loss of generality, Alice and Bob share a priori two particles  $A_3 A_4$  and  $B_1 B_2$  in the non-maximally entangled cluster state

$$|\chi\rangle_{A_3 A_4 B_1 B_2} = (a|0000\rangle + b|0011\rangle + c|1100\rangle - d|1111\rangle)_{A_3 A_4 B_1 B_2}, \tag{6}$$

where the coefficients  $a, b, c,$  and  $d$  satisfy  $|a|^2 + |b|^2 + |c|^2 + |d|^2 = 1$ ,  $|d|$  is smaller than the absolute value of the other coefficients.

The arbitrary and unknown two-particle state that will be teleported can be expressed as

$$|\Psi\rangle_{A_1 A_2} = \sum_{i=0, j=0}^1 a_{ij} |ij\rangle_{A_1 A_2}, \tag{7}$$

with  $a_{ij} = C^1$  and  $\sum_{i=0, j=0}^1 |a_{ij}|^2 = 1$ . In order to realize teleportation, we may construct the following basis of 16 orthonormal states (similar to (4)):

$$\begin{aligned} |\bar{\Pi}^{00}\rangle_{A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4} &= |\Psi_{Bell}^0\rangle_{A_1 A_2} \otimes |\Psi_{Bell}^0\rangle_{A_3 A_4}, \\ |\bar{\Pi}^{ij}\rangle_{A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4} &= [(\sigma_{A_1}^i \otimes \sigma_{A_2}^j) \otimes I_{A_3 A_4}] |\bar{\Pi}^{00}\rangle_{A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4}. \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

If Alice performs a complete projective measurement jointly on  $A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4$  in the above basis with the measurement outcome  $ij$ , then Bob’s pair of particles  $B_1 B_2$  will be in the state

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{\sqrt{P_{ij}}} {}_{A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4} \langle \bar{\Pi}^{ij} | (|\Psi\rangle_{A_1 A_2} \otimes |\chi\rangle_{A_3 A_4 B_1 B_2}) \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{P_{ij}}} {}_{A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4} \langle \bar{\Pi}^{00} | [(\sigma_{A_1}^i \otimes \sigma_{A_2}^j) |\Psi\rangle_{A_1 A_2} \otimes |\chi\rangle_{A_3 A_4 B_1 B_2}] \\ &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{P_{ij}}} \sum_{i=0, j=0}^1 \omega_{ij}^\kappa |ij\rangle_{B_1 B_2}, \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

where  $\omega_{ij}^\kappa$  ( $\kappa \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ) as in Table 1. Here,  $|\Psi\rangle_{A_1 A_2} \otimes |\chi\rangle_{A_3 A_4 B_1 B_2}$  is the initial complete state of the six particles,  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, B_1$  and  $B_2$ . Equation (9) is the analogue of (5). And,

**Table 2** Corresponding relations between  $ij$  and  $\kappa$  after quantum controlled phase gate operations

$\omega_{ij}^\kappa$	$\kappa = 1$	$\kappa = 2$	$\kappa = 3$	$\kappa = 4$
$ij = 00$	$a_{00}a$	$\pm^2 a_{01}a$	$\pm^1 a_{10}a$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 a_{11}a$
$ij = 01$	$\pm^2 a_{01}b$	$a_{00}b$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 a_{11}b$	$\pm^1 a_{10}b$
$ij = 10$	$\pm^1 a_{10}c$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 a_{11}c$	$a_{00}c$	$\pm^2 a_{01}c$
$ij = 11$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 a_{11}d$	$\pm^1 a_{10}d$	$\pm^2 a_{01}d$	$-a_{00}d$

**Table 3** Corresponding relations between  $ij$  and  $\kappa$  after the unitary transformation  $U^\kappa$

$\omega_{ij}^\kappa$	$\kappa = 1$	$\kappa = 2$	$\kappa = 3$	$\kappa = 4$
$ij = 00$	$a_{00}a$	$a_{00}b$	$a_{00}c$	$-a_{00}d$
$ij = 01$	$\pm^2 a_{01}b$	$\pm^2 a_{01}a$	$\pm^2 a_{01}d$	$\pm^2 a_{01}c$
$ij = 10$	$\pm^1 a_{10}c$	$\pm^1 a_{10}d$	$\pm^1 a_{10}a$	$\pm^1 a_{10}b$
$ij = 11$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 a_{11}d$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 a_{11}c$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 a_{11}b$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 a_{11}a$

as in [2], the success of this protocol is guaranteed by  $A_1 A_2 A_3 A_4 \langle \prod_{i=1}^{00} |\chi\rangle_{A_3 A_4 B_1 B_2} \rangle$ . Clearly,  $P_{ij} = 1/16$  and Bob will always succeed in recovering an exact replica of the original state (7) of Alice’s particles  $A_1 A_2$  after some operations as follows, upon receiving 4 bits of classical information about her measurement result.

(S1) Bob performs a quantum controlled phase gate operation on the particles  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ , where the particle  $B_1$  is the control bit and the particle  $B_2$  is the target bit, *i.e.*, if and only if particle  $B_1$  is in the state  $|1\rangle$ , particle  $B_2$  is performed an operation of Pauli operator ( $\sigma_z$ ). Thus Table 1 becomes in Table 2.

(S2) Bob needs to establish a correspondence so that the coefficients  $a_{ij}$  correspond to  $|ij\rangle$ , respectively. Bob performs unitary transformation  $U^\kappa$ , and the form of  $U^\kappa$  are

$$\begin{aligned}
 U^{\kappa=1} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, & U^{\kappa=2} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \\
 U^{\kappa=3} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, & U^{\kappa=4} &= \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{10}$$

The unitary transformation  $U^\kappa$  will transform Table 2 into Table 3.

(S3) Bob introduces an auxiliary particle  $A$  with an initial state  $|0\rangle_A$  and makes another unitary transformation  $U^A$  on particles  $(B_1 B_2)$  and  $A$  under the basis  $\{|000\rangle_{B_1 B_2 A}, |010\rangle_{B_1 B_2 A}, |100\rangle_{B_1 B_2 A}, |110\rangle_{B_1 B_2 A}, |001\rangle_{B_1 B_2 A}, |011\rangle_{B_1 B_2 A}, |101\rangle_{B_1 B_2 A}, |111\rangle_{B_1 B_2 A}\}$ , the unitary transformation  $U^A$  may take the form of the following  $8 \times 8$  matrix:

$$U^A = \begin{pmatrix} B_1 & B_2 \\ B_2 & -B_1 \end{pmatrix}, \tag{11}$$

**Table 4** Values  $a_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) of the unitary transformation  $U^A$  corresponding to the states of particles  $B_1 B_2$

States of particles $B_1$ and $B_2$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$
$\sum_{i=0, j=0}^1 \omega_{ij}^1  ij\rangle_{B_1 B_2}$	$\frac{d}{a}$	$\frac{d}{b}$	$\frac{d}{c}$	1
$\sum_{i=0, j=0}^1 \omega_{ij}^2  ij\rangle_{B_1 B_2}$	$\pm^2 \frac{d}{b}$	$\pm^2 \frac{d}{a}$	$\pm^2 1$	$\pm^2 \frac{d}{c}$
$\sum_{i=0, j=0}^1 \omega_{ij}^3  ij\rangle_{B_1 B_2}$	$\pm^1 \frac{d}{c}$	$\pm^1 1$	$\pm^1 \frac{d}{a}$	$\pm^1 \frac{d}{b}$
$\sum_{i=0, j=0}^1 \omega_{ij}^4  ij\rangle_{B_1 B_2}$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 1$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 \frac{d}{c}$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 \frac{d}{b}$	$\pm^1 \pm^2 \frac{d}{a}$

where  $B_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) is a  $4 \times 4$  matrix and may be written as

$$B_1 = \text{diag}(a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4), \tag{12}$$

$$B_2 = \text{diag} \left( \sqrt{1 - a_1^2}, \sqrt{1 - a_2^2}, \sqrt{1 - a_3^2}, \sqrt{1 - a_4^2} \right), \tag{13}$$

with  $a_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  and  $|a_i| \leq 1$ ) depends on the state of particles ( $B_1 B_2$ ). Table 4 shows all the kinds of different coefficients  $a_i$  ( $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ ) of the unitary transformation  $U^A$  performed by Bob on the states of particles  $B_1$  and  $B_2$ . The unitary transformation  $U^A$  will transform the state (9) into

$$U_\kappa^A \frac{1}{4\sqrt{P_{ij}}} \sum_{i=0, j=0}^1 \omega_{ij}^\kappa |ij\rangle_{B_1 B_2} \otimes |0\rangle_A. \tag{14}$$

Finally, Bob measures the state of an auxiliary particle A. If the measurement result is  $|0\rangle_A$ , with the help of Alice’s Classical Communication, Bob has successfully realized quantum teleportation with a probability of  $|d|^2/16$ . Otherwise, the teleportation has failed. We can easily verify that Bob can obtain 16 kinds of states; therefore the total probability of successful teleportation is

$$\left( \frac{d}{4\sqrt{P_{ij}}} \right)^2 = \frac{|d|^2}{16P_{ij}} = |d|^2. \tag{15}$$

From the above analysis, we can see that, in each case, the total probability of successful teleportation for each receiver is  $|d|^2$ . If the quantum channel is composed of maximally entangled states, *i.e.*,  $|a| = |b| = |c| = |d|$ , in this sense, the resulting state is “maximally” different from a pair of Bell states. (In contrast, for a pair of Bell states, there is zero entanglement between  $A_3 B_1$  and  $A_4 B_2$ .) Furthermore, the amount of entanglement between  $A_3 B_2$  and  $A_4 B_1$  is given by the von Neumann entropy

$$S[\rho_{A_3 B_2}] = -a^2 \log_2 a^2 - b^2 \log_2 b^2 - c^2 \log_2 c^2 + d^2 \log_2 d^2, \tag{16}$$

where  $\rho_{A_3 B_2} = \text{tr}_{A_4 B_1} (|\chi\rangle_{A_3 A_4 B_1 B_2} \langle \chi|)_{A_3 A_4 B_1 B_2}$ . Clearly,  $S[\rho_{A_3 B_2}]$  has maximum value 1 when  $|a| = |b| = |c| = |d| = \frac{1}{2}$ . So the total probability of successful teleportation is equals 1.

Like [8], in this paper,  $|\chi\rangle_{A_3 A_4 B_1 B_2}$  truly differs from the four-qubit GHZ and W states in that both these states do not enable the teleportation of an arbitrary two-qubit state. Indeed,

they are inequivalent under stochastic local operations and classical communication. The sixth-order four-qubit filter  $\xi_3^{(4)}$  [17] has nonzero expectation value for  $|\chi\rangle_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}$ :

$${}_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}\langle\chi|\xi_3^{(4)}|\chi\rangle_{A_3A_4B_1B_2} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{\alpha,\beta,\gamma=0}^3 E^{\alpha_1\alpha_2} E_{\alpha_1\alpha_2} E^{\beta_1\beta_2} E_{\beta_1\beta_2} E^{\gamma_1\gamma_2} E_{\gamma_1\gamma_2} = 1. \tag{17}$$

Here,

$$E^{\alpha_1\alpha_2} \equiv {}_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}\langle\chi|\sigma^{\alpha_1} \otimes \sigma^{\alpha_2} \otimes \sigma^2|\chi\rangle_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}, \tag{18}$$

$$E^{\beta_1\beta_2} \equiv {}_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}\langle\chi|\sigma^{\beta_1} \otimes \sigma^2 \otimes \sigma^{\beta_2} \otimes \sigma^2|\chi\rangle_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}, \tag{19}$$

$$E^{\gamma_1\gamma_2} \equiv {}_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}\langle\chi|\sigma^2 \otimes \sigma^{\gamma_1} \otimes \sigma^{\gamma_2} \otimes \sigma^2|\chi\rangle_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}, \tag{20}$$

$$E_{\eta\lambda} = \mathbf{g}_{\eta\mu} \mathbf{g}_{\lambda\nu} E^{\mu\nu}, \tag{21}$$

$$\mathbf{g}_{\mu\nu} \equiv \text{diag}\{-1, 1, 0, 1\}. \tag{22}$$

We note that  $\sigma$  is entangled, whereas any reduced state obtained from a GHZ state is separable. Where the sixth-order four-qubit filter  $\xi_3^{(4)}$  has the expectation values 1/2 for the GHZ state and 0 for the W state. On the other hand, the third order filter  $\xi_1^{(4)}$  and fourth order filter  $\xi_2^{(4)}$  have expectation value 1 for GHZ state but yield, respectively, 0 and 1 for  $|\chi\rangle_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}$ . Note that we are not claiming that  $|\chi\rangle_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}$  is LOCC inequivalent to either the GHZ or W state. This would require further work.

In conclusion, we have proposed a protocol for faithful teleportation of an arbitrary, unknown two-particles state from sender to receiver by using  $|\chi\rangle_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}$ . The results show that for such a  $|\chi\rangle_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}$  quantum channel, with the help of Alice’s classical communication, there is still a certain probability of successful teleportation. These can similarly be achieved using two Bell pairs. However, by construction, this state is different from a pair of Bell states, because, our four qubit entangled channel can not being reducible to a tensor product of two Bell states. It is a genuine four-partite entangled state, which has properties that differ from those of four-party GHZ and W states. Compared with previous schemes [6–8], the quantum channel is different and the probability of success is determined by the smaller coefficient of the state  $|\chi\rangle_{A_3A_4B_1B_2}$  use as the quantum channel. Nowadays, a number of feasible protocols for generating entangled four-particle cluster states [18–20] have been proposed, therefore we believe that this protocol may be realized in the realm of current experimental technology.

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