

Nonlocal bunching of composite bosons

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It was suggested that two entangled fermions can behave like a single boson and that the bosonic quality is proportional to the degree of entanglement between the two particles. The relation between bosonic quality and entanglement is quite natural if one takes into account the fact that entanglement appears in bound states of interacting systems. However, entanglement can still be present in spatially separated subsystems that no longer interact. These systems are often the subject of studies on quantum nonlocality and foundations of quantum physics. Here, we ask whether an entangled spatially separated fermionic pair can exhibit bosonic properties. We show that under certain conditions the answer to this question can be positive. In particular, we propose a nonlocal bunching scenario in which two such pairs form an analog of a two-partite bosonic Fock state.

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I. INTRODUCTION

As far as we know, elementary particles can either be bosons or fermions. For instance, photons and electrons are particles that exhibit the ideal bosonic and fermionic behavior, respectively. Apart from restrictions on occupation numbers, which are expressed by the Pauli exclusion principle, the simplest method to distinguish between fermions and bosons is the celebrated Hong-Ou-Mandel two-particle interference [1]. If two bosons meet on a symmetric beam splitter (BS), they bunch; they come out together through the same port. On the other hand, two fermions come out separately, i.e., they antibunch.

In the real world most particles that we encounter are not elementary. Atoms, molecules, or even protons and neutrons are composed of a few elementary particles. The majority of bosons are in fact made of an even number of elementary fermions. The constituents of such composite bosons (cobosons) are bounded via strong forces that keep them together and constrain most the degrees of freedom so that the total system is effectively described by the center of mass and total momentum. Therefore, it is legitimate to treat such systems as a single particle as long as the forces acting on it are weaker than the binding forces.

Interestingly, a multipartite bound state is often highly entangled. This is clearly visible for cobosons made of two components, such as hydrogen and exciton, for which the total state is pure, but the state of each subsystem is highly mixed. It was proposed that the bosonic quality of such particles is proportional to the degree of entanglement between the constituents [2]. This idea was further developed in a number of works [2–24]. Since intraparticle entanglement can exist even if particles are spatially separated and there is no interaction between them, it is natural to ask if two spatially separated entangled fermions can still manifest some kind of bosonic behavior. This is the problem we consider in this work.

More precisely, we discuss the stability of a coboson undergoing the BS transformation. We show that stability

requires entanglement production, therefore some kind of interaction is required in order to keep the coboson intact. Next, we study the problem of two-partite bunching on a symmetric BS. In the case of elementary bosons the initial state $a_L^\dagger a_R^\dagger |0\rangle \equiv |1\rangle|1\rangle$, where a_L^\dagger and a_R^\dagger create particles in modes L and R , respectively, is transformed into $(a_L^{\dagger 2} + a_R^{\dagger 2})/2|0\rangle \equiv 1/\sqrt{2}(|2\rangle|0\rangle + |0\rangle|2\rangle)$. In the case of composite bosons both particles have internal structure and we study the entanglement properties of the corresponding states. We show that differences in entanglement in the initial and final bipartite cobosonic states are much more subtle than in the case of single-partite cobosonic states. Finally, we propose a nonlocal bunching scenario in which the interaction is only between the local parts and show that the probability of perfect bunching is proportional to the degree of entanglement between the constituents, which is in accordance with previous results.

II. PRELIMINARIES

A. Coboson made up of two fermions

Let us consider two distinguishable fermions, say electron and hole, whose creation operators are denoted a_m^\dagger and b_n^\dagger . Each particle can occupy d different modes, therefore $m, n = 1, \dots, d$. The general state of these two particles is given by

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{m,n=1}^d \gamma_{m,n} a_m^\dagger b_n^\dagger |0\rangle. \quad (1)$$

However, one can find basis transformations $a_i^\dagger = \sum_m \alpha_{i,m} a_m^\dagger$ and $b_i^\dagger = \sum_n \beta_{i,n} b_n^\dagger$ such that state (1) becomes

$$|\psi\rangle = \sum_{i=1}^d \sqrt{\lambda_i} a_i^\dagger b_i^\dagger |0\rangle. \quad (2)$$

This transformation is known as the Schmidt decomposition [25] and is very helpful to determine the degree of entanglement between particle a and particle b . One can always find a set of parameters $\{\lambda_i\}_{i=1}^d$ such that $\lambda_i \geq 0$ and $\lambda_{i+1} \geq \lambda_i$. The number of nonzero λ_i 's is known as the Schmidt rank and

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the system is entangled whenever the Schmidt rank is greater than 1.

Since the state of the coboson is pure, the degree of entanglement can be measured by the purity,

$$P = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i^2, \quad (3)$$

which corresponds to $P = \text{Tr}\{\rho_A^2\} = \text{Tr}\{\rho_B^2\}$, where ρ_A and ρ_B are density matrices of particles a and b , respectively. These density matrices can be calculated from the joint state $|\psi\rangle$ using the method discussed in [26]. For example, the matrix element $\rho_{A_{n,m}}$ corresponds to

$$\rho_{A_{n,m}} = \langle \psi | a_m^\dagger a_n | \psi \rangle. \quad (4)$$

An analogous method applies to ρ_B . Therefore

$$\rho_A = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i a_i^\dagger |0\rangle \langle 0| a_i, \quad (5)$$

$$\rho_B = \sum_{i=1}^d \lambda_i b_i^\dagger |0\rangle \langle 0| b_i. \quad (6)$$

The purity is bounded by $\frac{1}{d} \leq P \leq 1$ and the lower the purity, the more entangled the system is. For $P = 1$ the system is separable.

Next, we associate $|\psi\rangle$ with a single-particle state,

$$|\psi\rangle = c^\dagger |0\rangle \equiv |1\rangle, \quad (7)$$

where

$$c^\dagger = \sum_{i=1}^d \sqrt{\lambda_i} a_i^\dagger b_i^\dagger \quad (8)$$

is the creation operator of a single coboson. The modes labeled i can be considered an internal structure of a coboson.

The properties of the operator c^\dagger have been extensively studied by many researchers; for a review see [27]. In particular, the purity resulting from state $|\psi\rangle$ was associated with the quality of cobosonic creation and annihilation [2]. Consider a Fock state of $N \leq d$ composite particles

$$|N\rangle \equiv \chi_N^{-1/2} \frac{c^{\dagger N}}{\sqrt{N!}} |0\rangle, \quad (9)$$

where χ_N is a normalization factor such that $\langle 1|1\rangle = 1$,

$$\chi_N = N! \sum_{n_1 < \dots < n_N} \lambda_{n_1} \dots \lambda_{n_N}. \quad (10)$$

We get

$$c^\dagger |N-1\rangle = \alpha_N \sqrt{N} |N\rangle, \quad (11)$$

$$c |N\rangle = \alpha_N \sqrt{N} |N-1\rangle + |\epsilon_N\rangle, \quad (12)$$

where

$$\alpha_N = \sqrt{\frac{\chi_N}{\chi_{N-1}}}, \quad (13)$$

and $|\epsilon_N\rangle$ is a state of $N-1$ pairs of particles a and b which do not correspond to an $N-1$ -partite coboson Fock state. In

simple words, $|\epsilon_N\rangle$ corresponds to a state in which the coboson structure is destroyed. The norm of this state is given by

$$\langle \epsilon_N | \epsilon_N \rangle = 1 - N \frac{\chi_N}{\chi_{N-1}} + (N-1) \frac{\chi_{N+1}}{\chi_N}. \quad (14)$$

We see that the bosonic ladder structure is recovered when $\alpha_N \rightarrow 1$ and $\langle \epsilon_N | \epsilon_N \rangle \rightarrow 0$. This happens when $\frac{\chi_{N+1}}{\chi_N} \rightarrow 1$ for all N . It was shown in [2,3] that this ratio is bounded by purity:

$$1 - NP \leq \frac{\chi_{N+1}}{\chi_N} \leq 1 - P. \quad (15)$$

Therefore, in the limit of maximal entanglement $P = \frac{1}{d}$ one has

$$1 - \frac{N}{d} \leq \frac{\chi_{N+1}}{\chi_N} \leq 1 - \frac{1}{d}. \quad (16)$$

As a result, $\frac{\chi_{N+1}}{\chi_N} \rightarrow 1$ once $N/d \ll 1$.

B. Maximally entangled cobosons

The cobosonic creation operator defined in Eq. (8) is of the most general form. The entanglement between two fermions depends on the choice of parameters λ_i . Here, we choose a simplified version of c^\dagger which is only parametrized by d , i.e., the dimension of a single-particle Hilbert space. Nevertheless, it is straightforward to show that the results of this work will also hold if one chooses general operators. The corresponding coboson is a maximally entangled state of two qudits:

$$c^\dagger = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i=1}^d a_i^\dagger b_i^\dagger. \quad (17)$$

In this case

$$\chi_N = \frac{d!}{d^N (d-N)!}, \quad (18)$$

$$\alpha_N = \sqrt{\frac{d-N+1}{d}}, \quad (19)$$

$$\langle \epsilon_N | \epsilon_N \rangle = 0. \quad (20)$$

Because of the last equality the ladder structure of creation and annihilation operators is recovered, however, it deviates from perfect bosonic structure due to factors α_N .

III. ENTANGLEMENT AND STABILITY UNDER BEAM-SPLITTING TRANSFORMATION

A. Single coboson

Let us consider a beam splitter whose Hamiltonian is given by

$$H_{BS} = a_L^\dagger a_R + a_R^\dagger a_L, \quad (21)$$

where R and L denote the right and the left BS mode. If the time of the evolution is $t = \frac{\pi}{4}$ we get a symmetric BS. In this case a single particle in the right mode undergoes a transformation,

$$a_R^\dagger |0\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a_R^\dagger - i a_L^\dagger) |0\rangle. \quad (22)$$

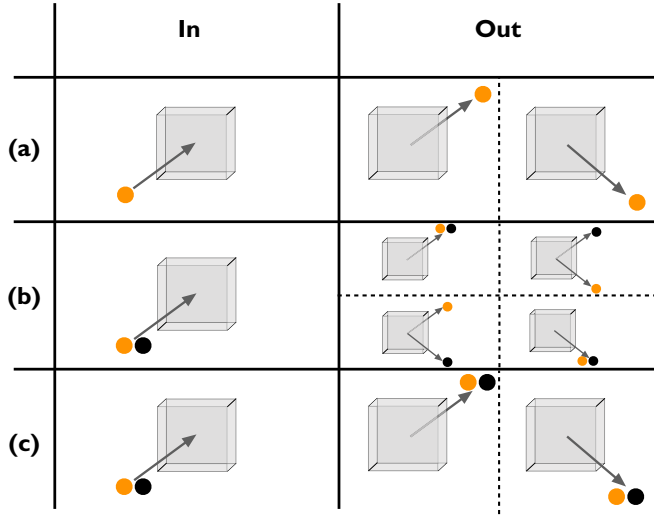


FIG. 1. Beam splitting of elementary and composite particles. (a) A single elementary particle can either go through or reflect from the BS. (b) Two noninteracting particles evolve independently and each of them can either go through or reflect from the BS, which leads to four possible outcomes. If the input state is considered to represent a single composite particle, then the evolution inevitably leads to its decay. (c) Two interacting particles stay together; they collectively go through or reflect from the BS, which allows us to treat them as a single particle.

Similarly, a particle in the left mode transforms as

$$a_L^\dagger|0\rangle \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(a_L^\dagger - ia_R^\dagger)|0\rangle. \quad (23)$$

Therefore, a single particle either goes through or is reflected from the BS [see Fig. 1(a)].

Next, we consider two fermions in a cobosonic state, (17). This time particles are described by two degrees of freedom, $a_{i,X}^\dagger$ and $b_{i,Y}^\dagger$, where $i = 1, \dots, d$ and $X, Y = R, L$. Each particle evolves independently according to a modified version of (21),

$$H_A = \sum_{i=1}^d (a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{i,R} + a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{i,L}), \quad (24)$$

$$H_B = \sum_{i=1}^d (b_{i,L}^\dagger b_{i,R} + b_{i,R}^\dagger b_{i,L}), \quad (25)$$

which leads to

$$\begin{aligned} c_L^\dagger|0\rangle &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i=1}^d a_{i,L}^\dagger b_{i,L}^\dagger|0\rangle \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2d}} \sum_{i=1}^d (a_{i,L}^\dagger b_{i,L}^\dagger - ia_{i,R}^\dagger b_{i,L}^\dagger - ia_{i,L}^\dagger b_{i,R}^\dagger \\ &\quad - a_{i,R}^\dagger b_{i,R}^\dagger)|0\rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

We see that the independent evolution leads to a decay of a composite boson, since in half of the cases the fermion a will exit through a different port than the fermion b [see Fig. 1(b)].

Finally, let us discuss a BS transformation of a coboson whose components are interacting. This problem has been studied before (see, for example, [7,13,14,24]), and we consider the interaction model similar to the one proposed in [13]. Apart from (24) and (25) the Hamiltonian contains an interaction term:

$$H_{\text{int}} = -\gamma \sum_{X=R,L} \sum_{i=1}^d a_{i,X}^\dagger a_{i,X} b_{i,X}^\dagger b_{i,X}. \quad (27)$$

In the limit $\gamma \gg 1$ the evolution of the system can be approximated as

$$\begin{aligned} c_L^\dagger|0\rangle &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{i=1}^d a_{i,L}^\dagger b_{i,L}^\dagger|0\rangle \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2d}} \sum_{i=1}^d (a_{i,L}^\dagger b_{i,L}^\dagger - a_{i,R}^\dagger b_{i,R}^\dagger)|0\rangle \\ &\equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (c_L^\dagger - c_R^\dagger)|0\rangle. \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

The above describes the collective behavior of two fermions; they either both reflect or both go through the BS. Therefore, the evolution can be interpreted as a single particle behavior, because there is no way to detect any internal structure of the system [see Fig. 1(c)].

Now, let us think for a moment about why interaction is so important for the stability of the system. First, we note that the BS model considered by us describes the evolution of only one degree of freedom, $X = R, L$. The other degree of freedom, corresponding to the internal structure of the coboson, is decoupled from the evolution. Therefore, let us consider for a moment the evolution of an unentangled fermionic pair, since the intraparticle entanglement in operator (17) seems to play no role in this case. At the moment, we say nothing about the details of the evolution; we just demand that the following transformation takes place:

$$a_L^\dagger b_L^\dagger \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a_L^\dagger b_L^\dagger + e^{i\varphi} a_R^\dagger b_R^\dagger)|0\rangle, \quad (29)$$

where φ is an arbitrary phase. It resembles a single-particle transformation, however, this time the final state of the single fermion is mixed, for example,

$$\rho_A = \frac{1}{2} (a_L^\dagger|0\rangle\langle 0|a_L + a_R^\dagger|0\rangle\langle 0|a_R). \quad (30)$$

On the other hand, the initial state of each fermion is pure. Therefore, transformation (29) generates entanglement between the two fermions, which can only happen if they interact either directly or via some mediating auxiliary system. This proves that the stability of a single composite particle under BS transformation requires entanglement production, which implies that some kind of interaction is inevitable. Finally, note that entanglement production can also be observed in transformation (28). The purity of a single fermion changes from $\frac{1}{d}$ to $\frac{1}{2d}$. It can also be easily evaluated that in the case of transformation (26) the purity does not change.

B. Two cobosons

Next, we consider the transformation of two cobosons in a state $c_L^\dagger c_R^\dagger |0\rangle$. As we mentioned in Sec. I, elementary bosons bunch, i.e., the initial state $a_L^\dagger a_R^\dagger |0\rangle$ transforms into $\frac{1}{2}(a_L^{\dagger 2} + a_R^{\dagger 2})|0\rangle$. Now, we consider the transformation

$$\begin{aligned} |\psi_i\rangle &= c_L^\dagger c_R^\dagger |0\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i,j=1}^d a_{i,L}^\dagger b_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger b_{j,R}^\dagger |0\rangle \\ &\rightarrow \frac{1}{d\sqrt{\chi_2}} \sum_{i,j=1}^d (a_{i,L}^\dagger b_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger b_{j,L}^\dagger + a_{i,R}^\dagger b_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger b_{j,R}^\dagger) |0\rangle \\ &\equiv \frac{(c_L^{\dagger 2} + c_R^{\dagger 2})}{2\sqrt{\chi_2}} |0\rangle = |\psi_f\rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (31)$$

where

$$\chi_2 = \frac{d-1}{d} = 1 - P. \quad (32)$$

Just as in the previous section, at the moment we are not interested in what kind of evolution causes this transformation. Our current goal is to examine the entanglement properties of $|\psi_i\rangle$ and $|\psi_f\rangle$.

First, let us note that although each coboson is made of two distinguishable fermions, a two-cobosonic state is made of two fermions of type a and two fermions of type b . Fermions of the same type are indistinguishable and therefore we need to be careful with how we define entanglement. In general, one should use the approach which was extensively discussed in [28], however, for our purposes it is enough to study the purity of certain subsystems.

We start with the purity of a single particle. We choose particle a , however, due to the symmetry of the states the purity of b is the same. We use Eq. (4) to determine ρ_{A_i} and ρ_{A_f} . Note that because right now there are two particles of the same type, the trace of both density matrices is 2 [26]. After renormalization we find

$$\rho_{A_i} = \rho_{A_f} = \frac{1}{2d} \sum_{X=L,R} \sum_{i=1}^d a_{i,X}^\dagger |0\rangle \langle 0| a_{i,X}. \quad (33)$$

As we can see, the single-particle state does not change under transformation (31). In addition, the corresponding purity is $\frac{1}{2d}$.

Next, we calculate a two-partite state of particles a . In this case matrix elements are given by

$$\rho_{A_{kl, nm}} = \langle \psi | a_m a_n a_k^\dagger a_l^\dagger | \psi \rangle. \quad (34)$$

We get

$$\rho_{A_i} = \frac{1}{d^2} \sum_{i,j=1}^d a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger |0\rangle \langle 0| a_{j,R} a_{i,L}, \quad (35)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{A_f} &= \frac{1}{d^2 \chi_2} \sum_{i,j=1}^d (a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger |0\rangle \langle 0| a_{j,L} a_{i,L} \\ &\quad + a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger |0\rangle \langle 0| a_{j,R} a_{i,R}). \end{aligned} \quad (36)$$

This time the initial state of the two particles is different from the final one. Moreover, the initial two-particle purity is $P_i^{(2)} = \frac{1}{d^2}$ and the final one is $P_f^{(2)} = \frac{1}{d^2 \chi_2} = \frac{1}{d(d-1)}$.

We observe that transformation (31) causes a change at the level of two particles of the same type, but not at the level of a single particle. Interestingly, unlike in the case of a single particle, the entanglement between particles of type a and those of type b decreases since $P_i^{(2)} < P_f^{(2)}$. This suggests that transformation (31) may not require interaction between particles of type a and those of type b but, rather, some interaction between particles of the same type and perhaps some postselection, which would reduce the entanglement.

IV. NONLOCAL BUNCHING

In order to confirm the above conjecture, one can consider a special scenario in which particles a and b are spatially separated, though still entangled. Note that this scenario is also in accordance with our primary question: Do spatially separated entangled fermions exhibit some kind of bosonic behavior?

We consider a typical Bell-like setup [29], however, this time our goal is not to disprove the local realistic description of measurements performed on spatially separated subsystems, but to show that transformation (31) is realizable via solely local operations. We have two spatially separated experimenters, Alice and Bob, who share two cobosons. More precisely, each coboson is split into basic constituents and fermions of type a go to Alice whereas fermions of type b go to Bob. Note that entanglement between a and b is still present, therefore formally the system is still described by operator (17). Moreover, we assume that constituents corresponding to different cobosons initially occupy different modes, which we label $X = R, L$, just as in the previous section. Therefore, it is legitimate to describe the initial state as

$$|\psi_i\rangle = c_L^\dagger c_R^\dagger |0\rangle \equiv \frac{1}{d} \sum_{i,j=1}^d a_{i,L}^\dagger b_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger b_{j,R}^\dagger |0\rangle. \quad (37)$$

Next, we allow particles of the same type to interact via the following Hamiltonians (see Fig. 2):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_A &= \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i>j}}^d (a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger a_{j,R} a_{i,L} + a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger a_{i,L} a_{j,L} \\ &\quad + a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger a_{j,L} a_{i,L} + a_{j,L}^\dagger a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,R} a_{i,R}) \end{aligned} \quad (38)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_B &= \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i>j}}^d (b_{i,L}^\dagger b_{j,L}^\dagger b_{j,R} b_{i,L} + b_{i,R}^\dagger b_{j,R}^\dagger b_{i,R} b_{j,L} \\ &\quad + b_{i,L}^\dagger b_{j,R}^\dagger b_{j,L} b_{i,L} + b_{j,L}^\dagger b_{i,R}^\dagger b_{j,R} b_{i,R}). \end{aligned} \quad (39)$$

This is a local evolution, since particles of the same type are in the same spatial location. For $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$ the Hamiltonian \mathcal{H}_A generates the following transformations

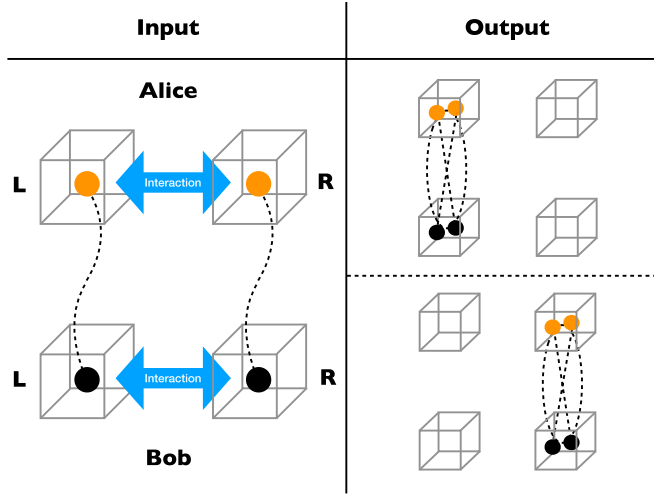


FIG. 2. Schematic of the nonlocal bunching of two cobosons. It is impossible to say which pairs of particles form a coboson once they are in the same mode.

(see the Appendix):

$$a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger \rightarrow -i a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger \quad \text{for } i > j, \quad (40)$$

$$a_{j,L}^\dagger a_{i,R}^\dagger \rightarrow -i a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger \quad \text{for } i > j, \quad (41)$$

$$a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{i,R}^\dagger \rightarrow a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{i,R}^\dagger. \quad (42)$$

Analogous transformations are generated by \mathcal{H}_B . Therefore, state (37) is transformed into

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{d} \left(\sum_{i>j=1}^d -a_{i,L}^\dagger b_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger b_{j,L}^\dagger - a_{i,R}^\dagger b_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger b_{j,R}^\dagger \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \sum_{k=1}^d a_{k,L}^\dagger b_{k,L}^\dagger a_{k,R}^\dagger b_{k,R}^\dagger \right) |0\rangle \\ & = \left(-\frac{(c_L^\dagger)^2 + (c_R^\dagger)^2}{2} + \frac{1}{d} \sum_{k=1}^d a_{k,L}^\dagger b_{k,L}^\dagger a_{k,R}^\dagger b_{k,R}^\dagger \right) |0\rangle \\ & = -\sqrt{1-P} |\psi_f\rangle + \sqrt{P} |\gamma\rangle, \end{aligned} \quad (43)$$

where

$$|\psi_f\rangle = \frac{(c_L^\dagger)^2 + (c_R^\dagger)^2}{2\sqrt{\chi_2}} |0\rangle, \quad (44)$$

$$|\gamma\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{d}} \sum_{k=1}^d \left(a_{k,L}^\dagger b_{k,L}^\dagger a_{k,R}^\dagger b_{k,R}^\dagger \right) |0\rangle. \quad (45)$$

We arrive at the desired state with probability $1 - P$. Therefore, the probability of success depends on the degree of entanglement inside the coboson. In the limit of large entanglement ($d \gg 1$) the probability of success approaches 1, since $P \rightarrow 0$. This reconfirms previous claims that the bosonic quality is related to the degree of entanglement.

V. CONCLUSIONS

The above scenario is not a typical bunching scenario. In the standard case two elementary bosons bunch without an interaction. In the case of cobosons an interaction is necessary to provide stability of the system for any evolution involving a BS. One may think that scenarios like [13] resemble the standard case, since the interaction between particles of type a and those of type b seems only to provide stability of composite particles; individual cobosons do not seem to interact. However, this is not true. Once both cobosons are in the same mode one is unable to distinguish which particle of type a is interacting with which particle of type b . Therefore, in this case the interaction binds all the constituents together into one big molecule which we interpret as a two-particle Fock state.

To conclude, we have shown that an entangled spatially separated pair of fermions can exhibit some bosonic property. Namely, given two such pairs it is possible to locally produce a state which can be interpreted as the analog of a two-partite bosonic Fock state. However, a single fermionic pair cannot undergo a particle-like BS transformation without interaction between the spatially separated parts. Therefore, an entangled fermionic pair cannot be considered a boson in an unambiguous way if there is no interaction between the constituents. Moreover, one has to be aware of the fact that even if spatially separated fermions behaved like a single boson, such a bosonic particle would be very fragile since it would be prone to environmental disturbance [3].

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APPENDIX: EVOLUTION GENERATED BY \mathcal{H}_A AND \mathcal{H}_B

In order to avoid redundancy we assume that $i > j$ is true unless stated otherwise. Let us consider the Hamiltonian introduced in Eq. (38):

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H}_A = & \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i>j}}^d (a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger a_{j,R} a_{i,L} + a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger a_{j,L} a_{i,R}) \\ & + a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger a_{j,L} a_{i,L} + a_{j,L}^\dagger a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,R} a_{i,R}. \end{aligned} \quad (A1)$$

One can easily check that

$$|1\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger + a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger), \quad (A2)$$

$$|2\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger - a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger), \quad (A3)$$

$$|3\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger - a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger), \quad (A4)$$

$$|4\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} (a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger + a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger), \quad (A5)$$

$$|5\rangle = a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{i,R}^\dagger \quad (A6)$$

are the eigenvectors of (A1) and the corresponding eigenvalues are +1 for (A2) and (A5), -1 for (A3) and (A4), and 0 for (A6).

Now, let us consider the evolution of

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|1\rangle - |2\rangle). \quad (\text{A7})$$

At time t it will become

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{-it}|1\rangle - e^{it}|2\rangle). \quad (\text{A8})$$

In fact, one can express (A8) as

$$(-i \sin(t)a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger + \cos(t)a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger)|0\rangle. \quad (\text{A9})$$

Also, one can consider the term

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|3\rangle + |4\rangle), \quad (\text{A10})$$

which will evolve to

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(e^{-it}|4\rangle + e^{it}|3\rangle) \quad (\text{A11})$$

and can be expressed as

$$(-i \sin(t)a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger + \cos(t)a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger)|0\rangle. \quad (\text{A12})$$

This means that for $t = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger \rightarrow -i a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{j,L}^\dagger, \quad (\text{A13})$$

$$a_{j,L}^\dagger a_{i,R}^\dagger \rightarrow -i a_{i,R}^\dagger a_{j,R}^\dagger, \quad (\text{A14})$$

$$a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{i,R}^\dagger \rightarrow a_{i,L}^\dagger a_{i,R}^\dagger. \quad (\text{A15})$$

Finally, we note that the same holds for particles of type b and Hamiltonian (39).

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