

Representation of Berry Phase by the Trajectories of Majorana Stars

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The Majorana's stellar representation, which represents the evolution of a quantum state with the trajectories of the Majorana stars on a Bloch sphere, provides an intuitive way to study a physical system with a high dimensional projective Hilbert space. In this Letter, we study the Berry phase by these stars and their loops on the Bloch sphere. It is shown that the Berry phase of a general spin state can be expressed by an elegant formula with the solid angles of Majorana star loops. Furthermore, these results can be used to a general state with arbitrary dimensions. To demonstrate our theory, we study a two mode interacting boson system. Finally, the relation between stars' correlations and quantum entanglement is discussed.

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Introduction.—The Berry phase, which reveals the gauge structure associated with cyclic evolution in Hilbert space [1], has become a central unifying concept of quantum theory [2,3]. After being introduced into quantum mechanics by Berry [4], this phase has been found to play an important role in the study of many important physics phenomena, such as the quantum Hall effect [5,6], polarization of crystal insulators [7], topological phase transition [8], and holonomic quantum computation [9]. This phase, also known as the geometric phase, reveals the fact that a quantum eigenstate $|\Psi\rangle$ will acquire an additional geometric phase factor $\oint -\text{Im}\langle\Psi|d_{\mathbf{R}}|\Psi\rangle$ in cyclic adiabatic processes, where the integral only depends on the geometric path of \mathbf{R} in the parameter space.

For the simplest case of an arbitrary two-level state, the geometric path can be perfectly represented by the close trajectory of a point on the Bloch sphere, and the Berry phase is proportional to the solid angle subtended by it. This geometric interpretation seems hard to use for a large spin system because it is difficult to imagine the trace of a state in the higher dimensional space. However, Majorana's stellar representation (MSR) builds us a bridge between the high dimensional projective Hilbert space and the two-dimensional Bloch sphere [10]. In MSR, one can describe a spin- J state (or, equivalently, an n body two-mode boson state with $n = 2J$ [11]) intuitively by $2J$ points on the two-dimensional Bloch sphere rather than one point on a high dimensional geometric structure, and these $2J$ points are called Majorana stars (MSs) of the system. This naturally provides an intuitive way to study the Berry phase for a high spin system [12].

The reason for Majorana's stellar representation drawing much more attention recently is the studying of spin-orbit coupling in cold atom physics [13,14]. In cold atom physics,

the large-spin atoms, such as lanthanide atoms, are introduced as candidates in the process of inducing synthetic gauge field by spin-orbit coupling, since their narrow line-width transitions will suppress the additional heating [15,16]. For high-spin condensates, spin-orbit coupling drives the Majorana stars moving periodically on the Bloch sphere, i.e., forming the so-called "Majorana spin helix." Hence, one will naturally ask, can we have an explicit relation between the Berry phase and the Majorana stars' helices or loops? Recently, Bruno established a novel representation of the Berry phase of large-spin systems [17,18] by introducing coherent state representation (CSR) into MSR, and the geometric phase has been viewed as the Aharonov-Bohm phase acquired by the Majorana stars as they move through the gas of Dirac strings. However, in Bruno's excellent work, the connection between the Berry phase and geometric trajectories of the MSs on the Bloch sphere is still not clear or intuitive. Besides the above research, the MSR has also found wide applications in various fields. The arrangements and movements of stars have become a powerful tool to study physical problems related to symmetry, such as classifying the entanglement class [19] and computing the spectrum of the Lipkin-Meshkov-Glick (LMG) model [20].

In this Letter, we present a novel formula for the Berry phase of a spin system that gives an intuitive relation between the Berry phase and MSs' trajectories on the Bloch sphere. We find that the Berry phase can be decomposed into two contributions: one is from the sum of the solid angles subtended by every Majorana star's close trajectory; the other one is from pair correlations between the stars, which collect the solid angles by the relative motions of each star pairs. Since any state can be parametrized by the same process of MSR, these results can naturally be used for any finite quantum system. Using a two-mode boson

system, which can be realized in cold atoms physics ([21,22]), we calculate the Berry phase numerically to verify our results. We also find the pair correlations between stars are naturally related to the quantum entanglement of the particles. In this respect, it provides an intuitive way to study measurement and classification of multiparticle entanglement of n particles.

Berry phase in MSR.—As we know, a spin-1/2 state can be described by a point on the Bloch sphere. For a spin- J system, its angular momentum operators can be described by the creation and annihilation operators of two mode bosons with Schwinger boson representation [11]. Under Schwinger boson representation, the basis of the spin- J system $|Jm\rangle$ is equivalent to a two mode boson state $|J+m, J-m\rangle$. Therefore, a spin- J state $\sum_{-J}^J C_m |Jm\rangle$ equals to a generic state of an n -dimensional two mode boson system $|\Psi\rangle^{(n)} = \sum_{-n/2}^{n/2} ((C_m \hat{a}^{\dagger((n/2)+m)} \hat{b}^{\dagger((n/2)-m)}) / (\sqrt{((n/2)+m)!((n/2)-m)!})) |\emptyset\rangle$ with $n = 2J$, which can be factorized as

$$|\Psi\rangle^{(n)} = \frac{1}{N_n(\mathbf{U})} \prod_{k=1}^n \hat{a}_{\mathbf{u}_k}^{\dagger} |\emptyset\rangle \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{n!} N_n(\mathbf{U})} \sum_P |\mathbf{u}_{P(1)}\rangle |\mathbf{u}_{P(2)}\rangle \cdots |\mathbf{u}_{P(n)}\rangle, \quad (2)$$

where $N_n(\mathbf{U}) = [((n+1)!/2^n) \sum_{k=0}^{[n/2]} (D_k^n / (2k+1)!)]^{(1/2)}$ is the normalization coefficient with $\mathbf{U} \equiv \{\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_{2J}\}$ (see Supplemental Material [23]). The expression of symmetric function D_k^n [24] is $D_k^n \equiv \sum_{i_1=1}^n \sum_{j_1>i_1}^n \cdots \sum_{i_k>i_{k-1}}^{n*} \sum_{j_k>i_k}^{n*} (\mathbf{u}_{i_1} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{j_1}) \cdots (\mathbf{u}_{i_k} \cdot \mathbf{u}_{j_k})$, where the $*$ indicates a restriction on the summations so that all non-repeated indices in each term take different values. The sum \sum_P being over all permutations P , takes $1, 2, \dots, n$ to $P(1), P(2), \dots, P(n)$. The creation operators $\hat{a}_{\mathbf{u}_k}^{\dagger} \equiv (\cos(\theta_k/2) \hat{a}^{\dagger} + \sin(\theta_k/2) e^{i\phi_k} \hat{b}^{\dagger})$ and the annihilation operators $\hat{a}_{\mathbf{u}_k}$ satisfy $[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{u}_i}^{\dagger}, \hat{a}_{\mathbf{u}_j}^{\dagger}] = [\hat{a}_{\mathbf{u}_i}, \hat{a}_{\mathbf{u}_j}] = 0$ and $[\hat{a}_{\mathbf{u}_i}^{\dagger}, \hat{a}_{\mathbf{u}_j}] = \langle \mathbf{u}_i | \mathbf{u}_j \rangle$. And $|\mathbf{u}_k\rangle = \cos(\theta_k/2) \hat{a}^{\dagger} |\emptyset\rangle + \sin(\theta_k/2) e^{i\phi_k} \hat{b}^{\dagger} |\emptyset\rangle$. If one denotes $\hat{a}^{\dagger} |\emptyset\rangle = |\uparrow\rangle$ and $\hat{b}^{\dagger} |\emptyset\rangle = |\downarrow\rangle$ as the orthogonal basis of a spin-1/2 state, respectively, then (2) can be also understood as a full symmetrized state of n spin-1/2 particles [10]. Consequently, the above factorization will give out n pairs of parameters θ_k, ϕ_k ($k = 1, \dots, n$) which correspond to n points $\mathbf{u}_k(\theta_k, \phi_k)$ on the Bloch sphere. Therefore, the quantum state in Eq. (2) and its evolution can be depicted by these points so-called Majorana stars. Specifically, for the state $|\Psi\rangle^{(n)}$, assuming x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are the roots of the equation

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k C_{n/2-k}}{\sqrt{(n-k)!k!}} x^{n-k} = 0, \quad (3)$$

then the spherical coordinates θ_k and ϕ_k of \mathbf{u}_k can be given by $x_k = \tan(\theta_k/2) e^{i\phi_k}$ [10].

In particular, for an adiabatic cyclic evolution of the state $|\Psi\rangle^{(n)}$, each star \mathbf{u}_k traces out an independent loop on the sphere [12]. As we mentioned, this process will naturally accumulate a Berry phase for $|\Psi\rangle^{(n)}$ [4]. Hence, the interesting task in our scheme, then, is to calculate the Berry phase in terms of these parametrized loops. According to Berry's definition, the Berry phase for $|\Psi\rangle^{(n)}$ reads $\gamma^{(n)} = \oint -\text{Im}^{(n)} \langle \Psi | d\mathbf{u}_i | \Psi \rangle^{(n)}$. Substitute Eq. (2) in it, and, after a long but straightforward calculation, we find that the contribution of respective evolution of each star can be separated from those of correlations between the stars, and the Berry phase becomes (see the Supplemental Material [23] for details of derivation)

$$\gamma^{(n)} = \gamma_0^{(n)} + \gamma_C^{(n)}, \quad (4)$$

where γ can be decomposed into two parts. One part, $\gamma_0^{(n)} = -\sum_{i=1}^n \Omega_{\mathbf{u}_i} / 2$, is the sum of the solid angles $\Omega_{\mathbf{u}_i} = \oint (1 - \cos \theta_i) d\phi_i$ subtended by the closed evolution paths of the MSs on the Bloch sphere [as Fig. 1(a) shows].

The other part of the Berry phase is

$$\gamma_C^{(n)} = \frac{1}{2} \oint \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j(>i)}^n \beta_{ij} \Omega(d\mathbf{u}_{ij}), \quad (5)$$

which is characterized by the correlations between the stars (hereafter we call it the correlation phase). Here, $\Omega(d\mathbf{u}_{ij}) \equiv \mathbf{u}_i \times \mathbf{u}_j \cdot d(\mathbf{u}_j - \mathbf{u}_i) / d_{ij}$ is the sum of solid angles of the infinite thin triangle $(\mathbf{u}_i, -\mathbf{u}_j, -\mathbf{u}_j - d\mathbf{u}_j)$ and $(\mathbf{u}_j, -\mathbf{u}_i, -\mathbf{u}_i - d\mathbf{u}_i)$, we denote as a pair solid angle. β_{ij} , the correlation factor, is defined as

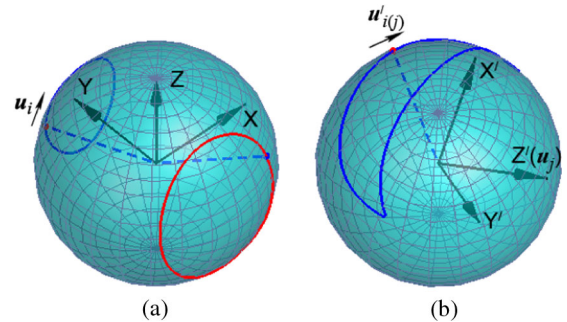


FIG. 1 (color online). A schematic illustration of (a) the solid angles subtended by the parallel transports of $\mathbf{u}_i(\theta_i, \phi_i)$ and $\mathbf{u}_j(\theta_j, \phi_j)$ on the Bloch sphere: $\Omega_{\mathbf{u}_i}$ (areas subtended by the blue solid loop) and $\Omega_{\mathbf{u}_j}$ (areas subtended by the red solid loop); (b) the solid angle in moving frame $[X'((\pi/2) + \theta_j, \phi_j), Y'((\pi/2), -(\pi/2) + \phi_j), Z'(\theta_j, \phi_j)]$ subtended by the parallel transports of the relative evolution path between the two stars in (a): Ω_{ij} (areas subtended by the blue solid loop)

$$\beta_{ij}(\mathbf{D}) \equiv -\frac{d_{ij}}{N_n^2(\mathbf{D})} \frac{\partial N_n^2(\mathbf{D})}{\partial d_{ij}}, \quad (6)$$

with $\mathbf{D} = \{d_{ij}\}$ ($i < j$), in which $d_{ij} \equiv 1 - \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_j$ as the “distance” between two stars $\mathbf{u}_i(\theta_i, \phi_i)$ and $\mathbf{u}_j(\theta_j, \phi_j)$. Note that the normalization coefficient $N_n^2(\mathbf{U})$ only contains the products of the first degrees of d_{ij} (see the Supplemental Material [23]), and then can be written as $N_n^2(\mathbf{D}) = -d_{ij}(\partial N_n^2(\mathbf{U})/\partial d_{ij}) + \text{terms without a pair}(\mathbf{u}_i, \mathbf{u}_j)$. Therefore, correlation factor $\beta_{ij}(\mathbf{D})$ is nothing but the weight of the d_{ij} dependent terms to $N_n^2(\mathbf{D})$. Hence, the correlation phase can be described as the solid angles between each pair of stars weighted by their correlation factor β_{ij} .

Indeed, the pair solid angle $\Omega(d\mathbf{u}_{ij})$ can be expressed by the relative evolutions between \mathbf{u}_i and \mathbf{u}_j , and the absolute evolutions of themselves. Consider the moving frame in which the star $\mathbf{u}_j(\theta_j, \phi_j)$ is fixed and located at the z axis $z(0, 0)$; the spherical coordinates of the other star $\mathbf{u}_i(\theta_i, \phi_i)$ changes into $\mathbf{u}'_{i(j)}(\theta'_{i(j)}, \phi'_{i(j)})$ in this frame correspondingly (as Fig. 1 shows). On the contrary, we can also obtain the relative vector $\mathbf{u}'_{j(i)}(\theta'_{j(i)}, \phi'_{j(i)})$ of \mathbf{u}_j in the moving frame with $\mathbf{u}_i(\theta_i, \phi_i)$ fixed at the z axis. The pair solid angle $\Omega(d\mathbf{u}_{ij})$ vector becomes (see Supplemental Material [23] for details)

$$\Omega(d\mathbf{u}_{ij}) = [d\phi'_{i(j)} + d\phi'_{j(i)}] + (\cos \theta_i d\phi_i + \cos \theta_j d\phi_j), \quad (7)$$

where $\theta' = \theta'_{j(i)} = \theta'_{i(j)}$ is the angle between \mathbf{u}_i and \mathbf{u}_j . Note that the form $\Omega(d\mathbf{u}) = (1 - \cos \theta)d\phi$ is precisely the integration element for the solid angle $\Omega_{\mathbf{u}}$ subtended by the path of the star $\mathbf{u}(\theta, \phi)$. If we integrate Eq. (7), the geometric meaning of $\Omega(d\mathbf{u}_{ij})$ emerges immediately. Therefore, the meaning of the correlation phase $\gamma_C^{(n)}$ is quite clear: it consists of the collection of the weighted relative evolutions between the stars

$$\gamma_{Rij}^{(n)} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \oint \beta_{ij}(\mathbf{D}) \frac{\Omega(d\mathbf{u}'_{i(j)}) + \Omega(d\mathbf{u}'_{j(i)})}{1 - \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_j}, \quad (8)$$

with $\Omega(d\mathbf{u}'_{i(j)}) = (1 - \cos \theta')d\phi'_{i(j)}$ and the collection of the weighted absolute evolutions of the pairs of stars

$$\gamma_{Aij}^{(n)} \equiv \frac{1}{2} \oint \beta_{ij}(\mathbf{D}) [\cos \theta_i d\phi_i + \cos \theta_j d\phi_j]. \quad (9)$$

Namely, $\gamma_C^{(n)} = \gamma_R^{(n)} + \gamma_A^{(n)} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j(>i)}^n (\gamma_{Rij}^{(n)} + \gamma_{Aij}^{(n)})$.

So far, we know that the Berry phase in MSR consists of not only the solid angles subtended by the paths of the stars but also their correlations. These results in Eqs. (4) and (5) are proved to be consist with the marvelous one in Ref. [17], which is derived by introducing the coherent state representation into MSR of the spin- J system.

There follow several notes for some specific cases.

(i) All the stars locate on one single point, i.e., become coincident stars. For this special case β_{ij} and $\Omega(d\mathbf{u}_{ij})$ have value zero, the Berry phase in Eq. (4) will be reduced to the sum of solid angles of all stars. This corresponds to the spin coherent state [17,25].

(ii) This case is just for a spin J in a uniform magnetic field $\mathbf{B} = B(\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta)$. Its eigenstate $|\Psi_m^{(2J)}\rangle = e^{i\hat{J}_y \theta} e^{i\hat{J}_z \varphi} |Jm\rangle$ can be represented by $J+m$ coincident stars $\mathbf{u}(\theta, \varphi)$ and their $J-m$ coincident antipodal stars $\mathbf{u}'(\pi - \theta, \pi + \varphi)$. The Berry phase thus becomes $\gamma^{(2J)} = \gamma_0^{(2J)} = -\frac{1}{2}[(J+m)\Omega_{\mathbf{u}} - (J-m)\Omega_{\mathbf{u}'}] = -m\Omega_{\mathbf{u}}$, which perfectly matches the result in Ref. [26].

(iii) All the stars rotate with the same angular velocity as a rigid body. In this case, all the distances between star pairs \mathbf{u}_i and \mathbf{u}_j are invariant. At this point, β_{ij} become constant, and $\gamma_C^{(n)}$ in Eq. (5) changes into a sum of solid angles as $\gamma_C^{(n)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j(\neq i)}^n \beta_{ij} \Omega(\mathbf{u}_{ij})$, where $\Omega(\mathbf{u}_{ij}) \equiv \oint \Omega(d\mathbf{u}_{ij})$ are the solid angles accumulated by the infinite small solid angles $\Omega(d\mathbf{u}_{ij})$. By integrating Eq. (7), $\Omega(\mathbf{u}_{ij})$ turns out to be composed of the solid angles accumulated by the relative evolution between \mathbf{u}_i and \mathbf{u}_j [as Fig. 1(b) shows], and the solid angles accumulated by the evolutions of \mathbf{u}_i and \mathbf{u}_j themselves [as Fig. 1(a) shows], i.e.,

$$\Omega(\mathbf{u}_{ij}) = \frac{\Omega_{\mathbf{u}'_{i(j)}} + \Omega_{\mathbf{u}'_{j(i)}}}{1 + \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{u}_j} - [(\Omega_{\mathbf{u}_i} + \Omega_{\mathbf{u}_j}) \bmod(2\pi)], \quad (10)$$

where $\Omega_{\mathbf{u}'_{i(j)}}$ ($\Omega_{\mathbf{u}'_{j(i)}}$) are the solid angles subtended by the closed evolution paths of \mathbf{u}'_i (\mathbf{u}'_j) relative to \mathbf{u}_j (\mathbf{u}_i), respectively.

(iv) The pairs of stars $\mathbf{u}_i(\theta_i, \phi_i)$ and $\mathbf{u}_j(\theta_j, \phi_j)$ are always on the same circle of longitude or latitude. The former refers to $\phi_i - \phi_j = 0, \pm\pi$; i.e., the two stars and the z axis $z(0, 0)$ will always be in the same plane. It will accumulate no loop by the relative motions between the two stars. For the latter, we have $\theta_1 = \theta_2$ and the sum of relative motions between the two stars will also equal to zero owing to the symmetry. Thus, $\gamma_{Rij}^{(n)}$ will vanish in both situations. Besides, for $\theta_i = \theta_j$, if we have $\phi_i + \phi_j = \text{const}$, $\gamma_{Aij}^{(n)}$ will also vanish, and this star pair will give no contribution to the correlation phase.

Two mode interacting boson system.—To illustrate the above theoretical results, we now consider an interacting boson system described by Hamiltonian $H = (R \sin \theta/4)(e^{i\varphi} \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{b} + e^{-i\varphi} \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{a}) + (R \cos \theta/2)(\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} - \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b}) + (\lambda/4)(\hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} - \hat{b}^\dagger \hat{b})^2$, where $R \cos \theta$ is the energy offset between the two modes. The parameter $R \sin \theta e^{i\varphi}$ measures the coupling between the two modes, and $\lambda = g/V$, with g being the interaction strength between bosons and V being the volume of the system. This model equals to a spin system [20] and can be derived from the bosonic-field Hamiltonian [27] and has received extraordinary attention

in the literature on BECs [28]. We numerically calculate the parameter dependent eigenstates of the H . Then, we use the formula (to avoid errors from numerical differential, see Ref. [12]) $e^{i\gamma} = \langle \psi | \psi' \rangle \langle \psi' | \psi'' \rangle \cdots \langle \psi^{(n-1)} | \psi \rangle$ to calculate the Berry phase γ , and compare it with the numerical result of Eq. (4) in which the time evolutions of Majorana stars are obtained by solving the roots of Eq. (3) for corresponding eigenstates numerically.

For $\lambda = 0$, the Hamiltonian H reduces to the one of the spin- $n/2$ states in a magnetic field $\mathbf{B} = (R/2)(\sin \theta \cos \varphi, \sin \theta \sin \varphi, \cos \theta)$ as in case (ii) above. Therefore, for the m th eigenstate, we have $\gamma = (n - 2m)\Omega_u$, for example, $2\Omega_{u_1}$ for the ground state of H with two bosons in Fig. 2(b), Ω_{u_1} for the first excited state of three bosons in Fig. 2(c), and 0 for the second excited state of four bosons in Fig. 2(d), respectively.

As the interacting constant λ increases, the interaction between the bosons breaks the coincidences of stars. Note that our system can be mapped on to a spin system described by the LMG model similar to Ref. [20]; the stars for the instantaneous eigenstate of H are thus spread over two curves on the Bloch sphere. Its m th eigenstate has $n + 1 - m$ stars on one curve and $m - 1$ stars on the other curve [20], such as the ground state, 4th excited state, and 10th excited state for ten bosons shown in Fig. 2(a). As the adiabatic parameters evolve, the trajectories of stars become several different loops and the correlation phases arise. As Fig. 2 shows, the phase $\gamma_R^{(n)}$ vanishes due to the symmetry between the stars on the two curves. And the Berry phase γ , calculated directly by its original definition, perfectly matches with $\gamma_0 + \gamma_C$ in our theory.

Besides, we can use these changes of the symmetry of the states to clarify the type of state, e.g., the states of two bosons with coincident stars or separated stars [see the spheres in Fig. 2(b)]: the states of three bosons with three coincident stars, two coincident stars, or three separated stars [see the spheres in Fig. 2(c)]. This clarification is according to the correlation between stars and may be related with entanglement.

Correlations between stars and quantum entanglement.— In particular, the spin- J state in Eq. (1) is equal to a symmetric $2J$ -qubit pure state. By studying the entanglement of these symmetric qubit pure states, the entanglement of two and three qubits is found to be determined by the distance d_{ij} . For $n = 2$, the concurrence [29] equals to $\mathcal{C} = d_{12}/2N_1^2$. Therefore, the correlation phase of the state is directly related to its entanglement: $\gamma_C^{(2)} = \frac{1}{2} \oint \mathcal{C} \Omega(\mathbf{d}u_{12})$. For $n = 3$, there exist different measurements for three different entanglement classes [19,30] of states: the concurrence for the W type [31] of states becomes $\mathcal{C}_{12} = (2d_{12}/3N_3^2)$, where two of the three stars coincide with each other, and the correlation phase of the W type state can be written in the form of concurrence like two qubits: $\gamma_C^{(3)} = \frac{3}{2} \oint \Omega(\mathbf{d}u_{12}) \mathcal{C}_{12}$; the 3 tangle [32] for the Greenberg-Horne-Zeilinger (GHZ) [33] type of states can

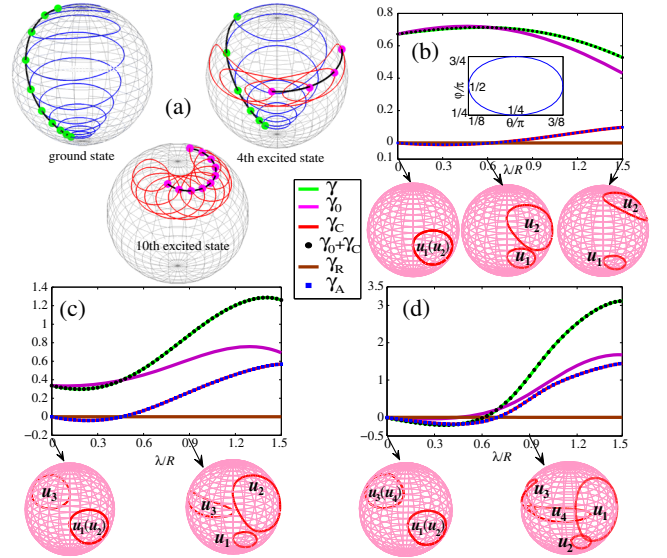


FIG. 2 (color online). (a) The trajectories and arrangements of stars for the eigenstates of ten bosons with $\lambda/R = 0.3$. Dependence of the Berry phase on λ/R and trajectories of Majorana stars (red loops on spheres) for (b) the ground state of the interaction boson Hamiltonian H with two bosons, (c) the first excited state of three bosons, and (d) the second excited state of four bosons. The inset in (b) shows the evolution of θ and φ in parameter space.

be written as $\tau = \frac{2}{3} \beta_{12} \beta_{13} \beta_{23} N_3^2$ with three unequal stars; the same three stars at one point bring no entanglement and thus no correlation phase for the separable states. This means that the types of entanglement can be distinguished by the number of unequal stars (or diversity degree of the state [19]), and measured by a normalized product of the distance between unequal stars. Since the classification of entanglement by the number of unequal stars also holds for n qubits ([19]), such as the separable type ($n_s = 1$), W type ($n_s = 2$), and GHZ type ($n_s = n$), the normalized product of distances between unequal stars $(\prod_{i,j=1}^{n_s} d_{ij})/N_n^{2(n_s-1)}$ may be a valid measure of entanglement. Besides, there are some other points for MSR worth further study, such as identical particles in MSR and stars with permuted ends. We will address all these issues in a future paper.

Discussion.—The Majorana's stellar representation and recently relevant applications have indicated that the evolution of a high spin state can be displayed intuitively by loops of MSs on the Bloch sphere. Our study here is to show how we “readout” the physical effects of the state such as the Berry phase and entanglement from these stars and loops. The discussion shows that the Berry phase of a spin- J state is not only determined by the solid angles subtended by every Majorana star's evolution path but also associated with the correlation between the stars. However, if we treat the MSR as a parametrizing process, MSR can be used for any states

in a Hilbert space of arbitrary dimensions. For an n -dimensional generic state $|\psi\rangle^n = \sum_{m=1}^n C_m |m\rangle$, we can still use the roots $y_i = \tan(\theta'_i/2)e^{i\phi'_i}$ of equation $\sum_{l=0}^{n-1} [(-1)^l C_{n-l} y^{n-1-l}] / [\sqrt{(n-1-l)!l!}] = 0$ to define $n-1$ Majorana stars $u_i(\theta'_i, \phi'_i)$. These stars can also represent state $|\psi\rangle^n$ accordingly. Since the Berry phase is decided by the parameter-dependent probability amplitudes C_m with unchanged basis $|m\rangle$, and the basis $|m\rangle$ of dimension n can be mapped to the basis of state for a spin- $(n-1)/2$ system. The Berry phase for $|\psi\rangle^n$ will take the same form as Eq. (3). Therefore, our results for the Berry phase actually hold for any finite quantum system, and can be widely applied in various fields.

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