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**Geometric Phases, Noise and Non-adiabatic Effects in
Multi-level Superconducting Systems**

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S. FILIPP, ETH Zurich — Geometric phases depend neither on time nor
on energy, but only on the trajectory of the quantum system in state
space. In previous studies [1], we have observed them in a Cooper pair
box qubit, a system with large anharmonicity. We now make use of a
superconducting transmon-type qubit with low anharmonicity to study
geometric phases in a multi-level system. We measure the contribution
of the second excited state to the geometric phase and find very good
agreement with theory treating higher levels perturbatively. Further-
more, we quantify non-adiabatic corrections by decreasing the manipu-
lation time in order to optimize our geometric gate. Geometric phases
have also been shown to be resilient against adiabatic field fluctuations
[2]. Here, we analyze the effect of artificially added noise on the geomet-
ric phase for different system trajectories.

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