


All-microwave nonadiabatic multiqubit geometric phase gate for superconducting qubits

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Geometric phase gates are promising tools toward robust quantum computing owing to their robustness against certain control errors and decoherence. Here, we propose a multiqubit architecture with a nonadiabatic geometric phase gate scheme that is feasible in widely used superconducting qubit designs such as transmon and fluxonium. Through segmented microwave drive on multiple qubits coupled off-resonantly to a common resonator, the geometric phase gate is obtained from the qubit-state-dependent displacement of the resonator without fine-tuning the qubit frequencies. Fidelity above 99.99% is achieved in simulation under the available experimental parameters. Our scheme uses all-microwave control and only exploits the lowest qubit levels with long coherence time; thus it is desirable for experiments. Together with the single-qubit holonomic gates demonstrated in earlier experiments, our scheme can realize universal all-geometric quantum computing, and it also finds applications in quantum simulation with many-body interactions.

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I. INTRODUCTION

When a quantum system undergoes a cyclic evolution, it acquires a geometric phase, or more generally is subjected to a unitary operator known as a holonomy, which solely depends on the path geometry but not on how fast it is traversed [1–4]. Since its discovery, geometric phases have found wide applications [5] such as the topological effects in condensed matter systems [6] and quantum simulation of gauge field theories [7]. Furthermore, owing to the intrinsic robustness against certain types of control errors [8–11] and decoherence [10,12,13], geometric gates make a preferable approach toward fault-tolerant quantum computing, namely, the idea of geometric or holonomic quantum computing [14–17].

Geometric single-qubit and two-qubit gates have been demonstrated in experiments in various systems such as nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) [18–20], nitrogen vacancy (NV) centers [21–25], trapped ions [26,27], and superconducting circuits [28–34]. In a superconducting qubit system, which is one of the leading platforms for quantum computing, experimental demonstrations of geometric gates are generally in the nonadiabatic regime, where careful cancellation of the dynamical effects is needed [35–38]. In comparison, the adiabatic ones require longer gate time and are hence more vulnerable to decoherence in the system, despite being

more robust against noise in control parameters [39]. Another possible direction is the unconventional geometric two-qubit gate [40], where the dynamical phase is shown to be always proportional to the geometric ones. Thus the delicate cancellation of the dynamical phase is no longer needed even in the nonadiabatic case, which allows strong noise resilience [13,40]. Actually, the same mechanism was proposed earlier in ion traps without being recognized as a geometric gate [41–43] and has shown high gate fidelity [26,44,45].

In the aforementioned experimental realization of geometric gates in superconducting circuits, usually the higher excited levels of the circuit are exploited to encode the qubit states or to assist the gate implementation [28–32,34]. These schemes are thus subjected to more severe decoherence than that for the lowest two qubit levels. Proposals using only the low qubit levels exist based on the unconventional geometric phase through the coupling to a resonator [46,47]; however, they require specially designed superconducting qubits as well as time-dependent flux control for the gate operation and hence have not been realized yet. Similar ideas have also been used in resonator-induced phase gates [46,48–51], where the microwave control is applied on the shared resonator mode for a global entangling gate. If gates among selected qubits are desired, one will need to tune the frequency of each qubit to and away from resonance on demand [33] or use complicated spin echo pulses [47].

Here, we propose a multiqubit architecture with an all-microwave scheme for multiqubit geometric phase gates which is compatible with popular superconducting qubit designs such as transmon and fluxonium. An all-microwave control scheme can provide frequency selectivity and allows us to use fixed-frequency computational qubits, thereby minimizing the sensitivity of the qubits with respect to the sources of possible noise. Moreover, by applying microwave drive among multiple qubits off-resonantly coupled to a common resonator, we generate qubit-state-dependent rotation

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and displacement on the cavity mode, thus obtaining the unconventional geometric phase between the desired qubits [40]. The residual entanglement between the qubit states and the resonator is suppressed by segmented microwave control, and fidelity above 99.99% is achieved in the numerical simulation using realistic parameters. A similar control scheme based on segmented laser pulses has likewise been used for design of high-fidelity trapped-ion quantum gates [52]. A well-known example of the all-microwave gate scheme is the cross-resonance (CR) gate, which has been experimentally realized with gate fidelity reaching 99% [53]. However, compared with the CR gate, our scheme by using the single microwave drive tone on the fixed-frequency computational qubits is beneficial to improving the on-off ratio of the coupling between the qubits and further decreasing frequency crowding in a large superconducting network. Furthermore, compared with earlier schemes of geometric gates for superconducting qubits [29,32–34,51,54,55], our scheme uses only the lowest qubit levels and the cavity mode without touching higher-energy states, and thus provides relatively long coherence time; also, the single-tone microwave strategy on fixed-frequency qubits further reduces the circuit complexity to prevent extra decoherence. Moreover, the proposed scheme allows for one-step implementation of a multiqubit entangling state with the global geometric phase gate by optimizing the segmented driving pulses. Together with the single-qubit geometric gates demonstrated in previous experiments [32], universal all-geometric quantum computing can thus be realized. The multiqubit entangling gate implemented here can also be applied in quantum simulation with many-body interaction Hamiltonian.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec. II, we introduce a system Hamiltonian for a two-qubit geometric phase gate under an ideal two-level qubit model. In Sec. III, we analyze the two-qubit gate scheme in a multilevel transmon model, treating the transmon as a Duffing oscillator. We show that the presence of the high energy level can be effectively optimized with the multisegment driving scheme. Section IV extends to a global geometric phase gate scheme for one-step implementation of multiqubit entangling state by optimizing the segmented driving pulses.

II. TWO-QUBIT GEOMETRIC PHASE GATE IN A QUBIT MODEL

A. Model and single-segment scheme

We consider a generic system of n superconducting qubits (Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n) and a microwave resonator (bus), as outlined in Fig. 1(a). Suppose we want to implement a two-qubit gate between Q_1 and Q_2 as shown in Fig. 1(b). Here, we first describe the gate scheme under the two-level approximation of the qubits, and later we generalize it to include the effects of higher levels. The two qubits are coupled to the bus, modeled as a single-mode harmonic oscillator, at the coupling strength g_i ($i = 1, 2$), and are each driven via an XY control line by a microwave tone with an amplitude Ω_i ($i = 1, 2$) and a frequency ω_d . For clarity, we consider a system which satisfies the rotating-wave approximation, and the situation without the rotating-wave approximation will be discussed later. The full

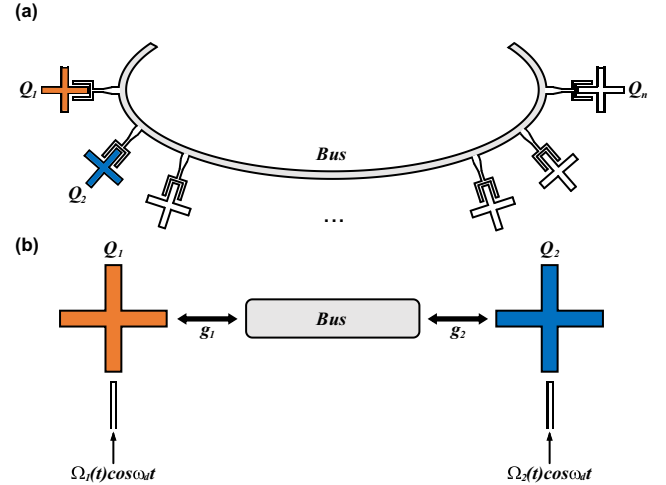


FIG. 1. (a) The system consists of n superconducting qubits (Q_1, Q_2, \dots, Q_n) coupled to a common microwave resonator (bus). (b) A schematic of the two-qubit geometric phase gate. The two target qubits are selectively driven by a microwave pulse $\Omega_i(t) \cos \omega_d t$ ($i = 1, 2$) via the XY control line.

system Hamiltonian under the rotating-wave approximation can be expressed as

$$H = - \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\omega_i}{2} \sigma_z^i + \omega_b a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} g_i (\sigma_+^i a + \sigma_-^i a^\dagger) + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\Omega_i}{2} (\sigma_+^i e^{-i\omega_d t} + \sigma_-^i e^{i\omega_d t}), \quad (1)$$

where ω_i ($i = 1, 2$) are the frequencies of the qubit Q_i and $\sigma_{z(+,-)}^i$ are the corresponding Pauli Z, raising and lowering operators. ω_b is the frequency of the resonator with creation and annihilation operators a^\dagger and a . The drive frequency ω_d is detuned from the qubits and the bus as $\omega_d = \omega_{1(2)} + \Delta_{1(2)} = \omega_b + \delta$. Under the conditions $g_i \ll \Omega_i \ll \Delta_i$ and $\delta \ll |\Delta_1 - \Delta_2|$, Eq. (1) can be transformed into (see Appendix A)

$$H = \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\tilde{\Delta}_i'}{2} \sigma_z^i - \delta a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2 \Delta_i} \sigma_z^i (a^\dagger + a) + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_i - \delta} \sigma_z^i a^\dagger a, \quad (2)$$

where $\tilde{\Delta}_i = \Delta_i + \Omega_i^2 / (2\Delta_i)$, $\tilde{\Delta}_i' = \tilde{\Delta}_i + g_i^2 / (\tilde{\Delta}_i - \delta)$ ($i = 1, 2$). Ideally, since $g_i \ll \Omega_i$, the last term in Eq. (2) can be ignored. The effective Hamiltonian resembles that for the Mølmer-Sørensen gate in an ion trap [41–43]. In the interaction picture of $H_0 = \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\Delta}_i' \sigma_z^i - \delta a^\dagger a$, the unitary evolution of the gate can then be derived by Magnus expansion as

$$H_{\text{gate}} = \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2 \Delta_i} \sigma_z^i (a^\dagger e^{-i\delta t} + a e^{i\delta t}),$$

$$U_{\text{gate}} = e^{-iH_{\text{gate}} t} = e^{[\alpha(t)a^\dagger + \alpha^*(t)a]} e^{i\beta(t) \left(\frac{g_1 \Omega_1}{2 \Delta_1} \sigma_z^1 + \frac{g_2 \Omega_2}{2 \Delta_2} \sigma_z^2 \right)^2}, \quad (3)$$

where $\alpha(t) = \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2 \Delta_i} (e^{-i\delta t} - 1) \sigma_z^i$, $\beta(t) = \frac{1}{\delta^2} (-\delta t + \sin \delta t)$. By setting a gate time $t_{\text{gate}} = 2n\pi/\delta$ for an integer n with constant microwave amplitude satisfying

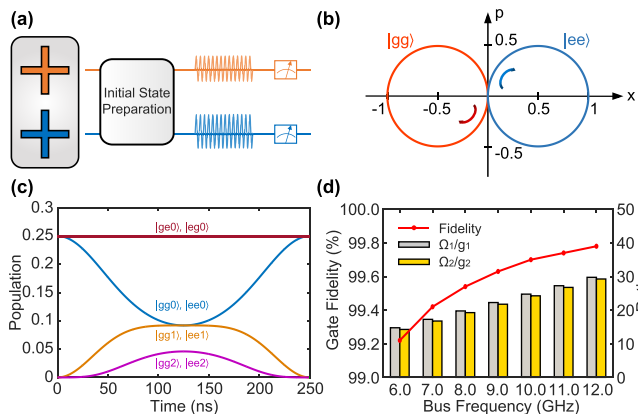


FIG. 2. (a) Schematic pulse sequence for the ideal two-qubit geometric phase gate. (b) The qubit-state-dependent phase-space trajectories of the resonator mode. (c) The ideal time evolution of the system based on the Hamiltonian in Eq. (2) without the last term starting from the initial state $(|g\rangle + |e\rangle)(|g\rangle + |e\rangle)|0\rangle/2$. Here, $|g\rangle$ ($|e\rangle$) and $|n\rangle$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) represent the single-qubit ground (excited) state and cavity photon state in the bare basis. The population undergoes cyclic evolution, and each basis state acquires a different geometric phase. (d) Gate fidelity under the full Hamiltonian equation (1) vs the quality of the approximation conditions Ω_i/g_i ($i = 1, 2$). High gate fidelity is achieved when $\Omega_i \gg g_i$ is satisfied.

$(n\pi g_1 g_2 \Omega_1 \Omega_2)/(\delta^2 \Delta_1 \Delta_2) = \pi/4$, we get a two-qubit geometric phase gate $GP_2 \equiv \exp[-i(\pi/4)\sigma_z^1 \sigma_z^2]$, which is equivalent to the controlled-NOT (CNOT) gate up to single-qubit rotations.

This ideal single-segment gate scheme is sketched in Fig. 2(a). In order to show the whole gate process more clearly, we further study the evolution of the photon in the bus. According to Eq. (3), the bus is driven classically and evolves from the ground state to the coherent state:

$$|\psi(t)\rangle = e^{i\beta(t)\left(\frac{g_1\Omega_1}{2\Delta_1}\sigma_z^1 + \frac{g_2\Omega_2}{2\Delta_2}\sigma_z^2\right)^2} |\alpha(t)\rangle. \quad (4)$$

Under the constant microwave drive, the cavity mode experiences a qubit-state-dependent force in the phase space such that its trajectory has a radius $\frac{1}{\delta}\left(\frac{g_1\Omega_1}{2\Delta_1}\sigma_z^1 + \frac{g_2\Omega_2}{2\Delta_2}\sigma_z^2\right)$ and an angular velocity δ ; meanwhile, it accumulates an Aharonov-Anandan geometric phase during this cyclic evolution, which is proportional to the enclosed area [40]. The corresponding phase-space trajectories are shown in Fig. 2(b) (here, for simplicity, we further choose $g_1\Omega_1/\Delta_1 = g_2\Omega_2/\Delta_2$ such that the forces for the $|gg\rangle$ and the $|ee\rangle$ states are opposite while those for the $|ge\rangle$ and $|eg\rangle$ states vanish). Since σ_z^i is conserved for the Hamiltonian equation (2), the population in each qubit basis state remains unchanged while the bus state undergoes cyclic evolution as shown in Fig. 2(c), which creates the desired geometric phases.

B. Single-segment scheme with counter-rotating term

When the qubit frequency is much lower than the bus frequency such as in fluxonium qubits [56,57], the rotating-wave approximation cannot be applied. Under this circumstance,

the full Hamiltonian is then described as

$$H = \sum_{i=1,2} -\frac{\omega_i}{2}\sigma_z^i + \omega_b a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} g_i \sigma_x^i (a + a^\dagger) + \sum_{i=1,2} \Omega_i \cos(\omega_d t) \sigma_x^i. \quad (5)$$

Entering the interaction picture of $\omega_d a^\dagger a$ gives the Hamiltonian $H = \sum_{i=1,2} -\frac{\omega_i}{2}\sigma_z^i - \delta a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} g_i \sigma_x^i (ae^{-i\omega_d t} + a^\dagger e^{i\omega_d t}) + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\Omega_i}{2}(e^{-i\omega_d t} + e^{i\omega_d t})\sigma_x^i$. Since ω_d is the highest energy scale, we can use the formalism of Ref. [58] to obtain an effective Hamiltonian for this fast-oscillating system. Specifically, we get $H_0 = -\sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\omega_i}{2}\sigma_z^i - \delta a^\dagger a$ and

$$V^{(+1)} = \sum_{i=1,2} g_i \sigma_x^i a^\dagger + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\Omega_i}{2} \sigma_x^i, \\ V^{(-1)} = \sum_{i=1,2} g_i \sigma_x^i a + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\Omega_i}{2} \sigma_x^i. \quad (6)$$

The effective Hamiltonian is then expressed as

$$H = H_0 + \frac{1}{\omega_d} [V^{(+1)}, V^{(-1)}] = H_0 - \frac{1}{\omega_d} \left(\sum_{i=1,2} g_i \sigma_x^i \right)^2. \quad (7)$$

It is obvious that the qubit-state-dependent displacement terms no longer exist due to the commutation of the σ_x terms, in other words, the cancellation between the rotating-wave and the counter-rotating-wave terms. However, there is a simple scheme to regenerate the qubit-state-dependent displacement terms. Let us consider the situation where the qubit is capacitively driven while the qubit-bus coupling is inductive, which can be realized in experiment, for example, for fluxonium qubits. Then we obtain

$$V^{(+1)} = \sum_{i=1,2} g_i \sigma_x^i a^\dagger + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\Omega_i}{2} \sigma_y^i, \\ V^{(-1)} = \sum_{i=1,2} g_i \sigma_x^i a + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\Omega_i}{2} \sigma_y^i. \quad (8)$$

Following the derivation of Eq. (7), this time we get an effective Hamiltonian

$$H = H_0 + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{\omega_d} i \sigma_z^i (a^\dagger - a), \quad (9)$$

where the high-order term $-\frac{1}{\omega_d} (\sum_{i=1,2} g_i \sigma_x^i)^2$ has been neglected considering the approximation condition $g_i \ll \Omega_i$ ($i = 1, 2$). It is clear that this effective Hamiltonian is intrinsically the same as Eq. (2), with the small difference that the coefficient of the qubit-state-dependent displacement is twice as large with a $\frac{\pi}{2}$ phase. Therefore our gate scheme still applies for this case. Note that here we still consider the ideal two-level model, only with the counter-rotating term included. For realistic qubits such as fluxonium, the higher energy levels may not be neglected, and in this situation, the multisegment scheme described in Sec. III can be applied.

With this modification, now we study the quality of the approximations for this single-segment scheme numerically [59] in Fig. 2(d), where we fix $\omega_1 = 2\pi \times 0.1$ GHz, $\omega_2 = 2\pi \times 0.3$ GHz, $g_1 = g_2 = 2\pi \times 20$ MHz, and $\delta = 2\pi \times 4$ MHz as

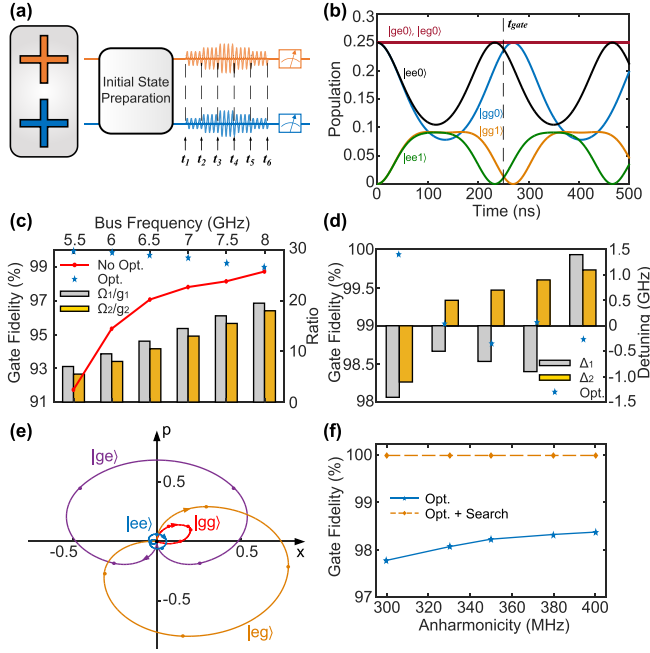


FIG. 3. (a) Schematic pulse sequence for a two-qubit geometric phase gate using $k = 5$ pulse segments. (b) The time evolution of the system based on the Hamiltonian in Eq. (2) using the single-segment gate scheme in the transmon parameter regime. The system quantum state is represented in the bare basis indicated in the figure. A large deviation from the ideal case is observed due to the breakdown of the approximations. (c) Simulated gate fidelity based on the Hamiltonian in Eq. (1) for the single-segment (red dots) and multisegment ($k = 4$, blue stars) schemes at various bus frequencies and ratios of Ω_i/g_i (where Ω_i represents the Rabi frequency in the single-segment scheme). (d) The gate fidelity of the multisegment ($k = 4$) scheme at various bus frequencies and qubit frequencies [The first group of bars (left side): Both the qubit frequencies are lower than the bus frequencies. The fifth group of bars (right side): Both qubit frequencies are higher than the bus frequencies. The second to fourth groups of bars: The frequency of Q_1 (Q_2) is lower (higher) than the bus frequency]. (e) The qubit-state-dependent phase-space trajectories for the bus state using the multisegment ($k = 5$) scheme with the higher qubit levels considered. Nodes on each path separate different segments. (f) Gate fidelity vs qubit anharmonicity using the multisegment ($k = 5$) scheme with the higher qubit levels considered. The simulation is executed based on the Hamiltonian in Eq. (13). With the further “parameter-search” method to compensate the approximation errors, gate fidelity can always be optimized to above 99.99%. Opt., optimization.

typical parameters for fluxonium qubits. For $\omega_b/2\pi$ ranging from 6 to 12 GHz, we design Ω_1 and Ω_2 accordingly using the above equations with $n = 1$ and compute the gate fidelity. As the ratio Ω_i/g_i increases, we see that the gate fidelity is systematically improved.

C. Multisegment scheme

For typical transmon qubit [60] parameters, the above approximation conditions are not well satisfied. Hence we develop a multisegment scheme as sketched in Fig. 3(a), where we divide the total gate time t_{gate} into k equal segments,

with piecewise constant microwave amplitudes on each segment. For example, suppose we have $\omega_1 = 2\pi \times 4.1$ GHz, $\omega_2 = 2\pi \times 4.4$ GHz, $\omega_b = 2\pi \times 5.5$ GHz, $g_1 = g_2 = 2\pi \times 20$ MHz, and $\delta = 2\pi \times 4$ MHz. The designed Ω_1 and Ω_2 in the single-segment scheme above will give a ratio Ω_i/g_i of less than 7 and thus causes considerable gate infidelity. As we can see in Fig. 3(b), the resonator does not return to the initial state under Eq. (2) using the designed gate parameters. Note that, if we still have $g_i, \Omega_i \ll \Delta_i$, Eq. (2) will be valid and the dominant error in the single-segment scheme comes from the last term in Eq. (2), which can be recognized as a qubit-state-dependent frequency shift of the resonator. This can be understood as we arrange the effective Hamiltonian in Eq. (2) as

$$H = \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\Delta}'_i \sigma_z^i - \delta'_{qd} a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2 \Delta_i} \sigma_z^i (a^\dagger + a), \quad (10)$$

where $\delta'_{qd} = \delta - \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i^2}{\Delta_i - \delta} \sigma_z^i$ is the qubit-state-dependent frequency detuning of the bus. Since the qubit $|g\rangle$ and $|e\rangle$ states are conserved by this Hamiltonian and the reduced Hamiltonian in the photon subspace is quadratic in a and a^\dagger , the unitary evolution as well as the obtained geometric phases can still be solved analytically. According to Eq. (10), the evolution of the photon state $|\alpha(t)\rangle$ in the Schrödinger's picture has the form

$$\alpha(t) = \alpha(0) e^{-i\delta'_{qd} t} + (e^{-i\delta'_{qd} t} - 1) D_{qd}, \quad (11)$$

where $D_{qd} = \frac{1}{\delta'_{qd}} \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i}{2 \Delta_i} \sigma_z^i \Omega_i$ describes the qubit-state-dependent displacement. Note that in addition to the displaced state $|\alpha(t)\rangle$, there is a geometric phase that is proportional to the area enclosed by the phase-space trajectory. To realize an effective two-qubit gate operation, the photon system at the gate time should be decoupled from the qubit system. Hence, by dividing the gate sequence into k segments, we obtain enough degrees of freedom to move all the qubit-state-dependent phase-space trajectories back to the origin again, namely, to suppress the residual qubit-bus entanglement and to improve the gate fidelity.

By replacing $\alpha(0)$ in Eq. (11) with the state at the end of the previous segment, the final state at the gate time can be acquired as $\alpha(t_{\text{gate}}) = e^{i\theta_{ij}(t_{\text{gate}})} \alpha(0) + C_{ij}$; here $i, j \in \{0, 1\}$ denote the state of each qubit, and θ_{ij} is the aforementioned qubit-state-dependent detuning. C_{ij} is the final displacement of the bus state, which is determined by the segment number, the duration time, and the amplitude of the segments. To suppress the residual qubit-bus entanglement, it is necessary to make the qubit-state-dependent photon states return to the same point in the phase space, which implies

$$C_{00} = C_{01} = C_{10} = C_{11}. \quad (12)$$

This requirement gives three complex linear equations, and thus it gives six real ones. If we use four segments ($k = 4$) for the pulses on each qubit, we get eight degrees of freedom, which are enough for these six linear constraints together with one more requirement on the two-qubit geometric phase. In Fig. 3(c) we present the optimization results using $k = 4$ segments and compare the gate fidelity with that from the single-segment scheme. Note that, while the fidelity of the

single-segment scheme is improving with the increasing of the ratio Ω_i/g_i due to the requirement $\Omega_i \gg g_i$, for the multisegment scheme here the fidelity is decreasing because now the dominant error comes from the condition $\Omega_i, g_i \ll \Delta_i$. Nevertheless, we see that the gate fidelity is significantly enhanced under the the multisegment scheme and can be above 99% for the available transmon parameters. In addition, in Fig. 3(d) we explore different settings for the qubit frequencies compared with the bus and find that high gate fidelity can be achieved using the multisegment scheme for various frequency setups.

III. TWO-QUBIT GEOMETRIC PHASE GATE IN A MULTILEVEL MODEL

Moreover, transmon qubits typically have small anharmonicity compared with the microwave detuning used above, so the existence of higher energy levels should also be considered. The system Hamiltonian now can be described as

$$H = \sum_{i=1,2} \left(\omega_i a_i^\dagger a_i + \frac{\alpha_i}{2} a_i^\dagger a_i^\dagger a_i a_i \right) + \omega_b a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} g_i (a_i^\dagger a + a_i a^\dagger) + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\Omega_i}{2} (a_i^\dagger e^{i\omega_d t} + a_i e^{-i\omega_d t}), \quad (13)$$

where a_i^\dagger, a_i ($i = 1, 2$) are the corresponding creation and annihilation operators for the two qubits and α_i ($i = 1, 2$) are the anharmonicities of the qubit. Note that in Eq. (1) we have $\sigma_+ = |e\rangle\langle g|$ and $\sigma_- = |g\rangle\langle e|$, and through the off-resonant coupling to the resonator, these terms become the qubit-state-dependent force and frequency shift ($|g\rangle\langle g| - |e\rangle\langle e|$)($a^\dagger + a$), ($|g\rangle\langle g| - |e\rangle\langle e|$) $a^\dagger a$. Now following a similar derivation and truncated to the third energy level (detailed derivations can be found in Appendix B), we get the Hamiltonian

$$H = -\delta a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} \left[\left(-\tilde{\Delta}_1^i - \frac{g_i^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_1^i - \delta} \right) \Pi_1^i + \left(-\tilde{\Delta}_1^i - \tilde{\Delta}_2^i - \frac{2g_i^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_2^i - \delta} \right) \Pi_2^i + \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2\Delta_i} \sigma_{1z}^i (a + a^\dagger) + \frac{\sqrt{2}\lambda_i g_i \Omega_i}{2(\Delta_i - \alpha_i)} \sigma_{2z}^i (a + a^\dagger) + \frac{g_i^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_1^i - \delta} \sigma_{1z}^i a^\dagger a + \frac{2g_i^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_2^i - \delta} \sigma_{2z}^i a^\dagger a \right], \quad (14)$$

where $\Pi_1^i = |e\rangle_i\langle e|$, $\Pi_2^i = |f\rangle_i\langle f|$, $\sigma_{1z}^i = \Pi_0^i - \Pi_1^i$, $\sigma_{2z}^i = \Pi_1^i - \Pi_2^i$. $\tilde{\Delta}_1^i = \Delta_i + \frac{\Omega_i^2}{2\Delta_i} - \frac{\lambda_i^2 \Omega_i^2}{4(\Delta_i - \alpha_i)}$, $\tilde{\Delta}_2^i = \Delta_i - \alpha_i - \frac{\Omega_i^2}{4\Delta_i} + \frac{\lambda_i^2 \Omega_i^2}{2(\Delta_i - \alpha_i)}$ ($i = 1, 2$) are the modified energy gaps, correspondingly. Note that the exact value of λ_i ($i = 1, 2$) depends on the circuit properties and the driving format of the qubits [61]. For example, if both qubits are directly driven by the microwave pulse, $\lambda_i = \sqrt{2}$. Compared with the effective Hamiltonian in Eq. (10), the corresponding rotation and displacement are now modified as $\delta'_{qd} = \delta - \sum_{i=1,2} \left(\frac{g_i^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_1^i - \delta} \sigma_{1z}^i + \frac{2g_i^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_2^i - \delta} \sigma_{2z}^i \right)$, $D_{qd} = \frac{1}{\delta'_{qd}} \sum_{i=1,2} \left(\frac{g_i}{2\Delta_i} \sigma_{1z}^i + \frac{\sqrt{2}\lambda_i g_i}{2(\Delta_i + \alpha_i)} \sigma_{2z}^i \right) \Omega_i$. It turns out that the coupling between $|e\rangle$ and $|f\rangle$ gives us an additional qubit-state-dependent force and frequency shift $|e\rangle\langle e|(a^\dagger + a)$

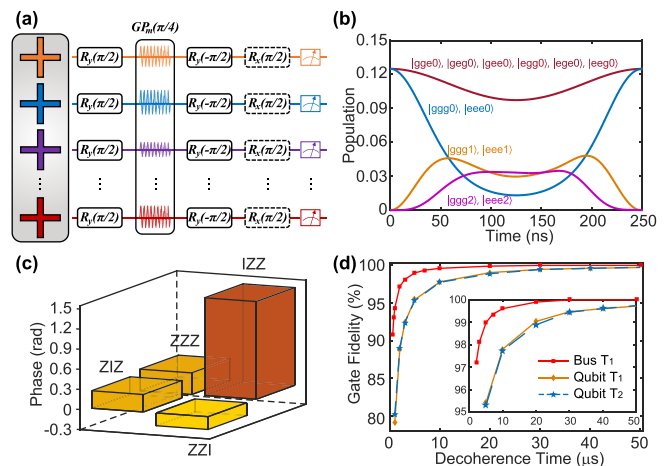


FIG. 4. (a) Schematic pulse sequence for an m -qubit geometric phase gate GP_m and the generation of an m -qubit GHZ state in a single step. The single-qubit rotation $R_x(\pi/2)$ is added for odd m . (b) The time evolution of GP_3 under the ideal two-level approximation Hamiltonian in Eq. (17) for fluxonium qubits from the initial state $(|g\rangle + |e\rangle)(|g\rangle + |e\rangle)(|g\rangle + |e\rangle)|0\rangle/2\sqrt{2}$. (c) Accumulated three-qubit geometric phases for the multilevel transmon model. Apart from the two-qubit phases, we also obtain a three-body ZZZ term from the qubit-state-dependent force and the frequency shift, which can be useful in quantum simulation of a many-body interaction Hamiltonian. The global phase and the single-qubit terms are not presented here. (d) Gate fidelity vs decoherence time of the system based on the Lindblad master equation [red squares, T_1 of the bus where the Lindblad operator is chosen as a ; orange diamonds, T_1 of the qubit where the Lindblad operator is chosen as a_i ($i = 1$ or 2); blue stars, T_2 of the qubit where the Lindblad operator is chosen as $a_i^\dagger a_i$ ($i = 1$ or 2)]. Here, we assume a total gate time $t_{\text{gate}} = 500$ ns. The inset shows an enlarged region of the figure.

and $|e\rangle\langle e|a^\dagger a$ (the $|f\rangle\langle f|$ terms are irrelevant because the $|f\rangle$ level is never populated in our scheme). Apparently, the multisegment scheme could still work in this situation, and technically this additional displacement has not introduced any new challenge to finding a solution of the linear equations of Eq. (12). Then, in analogy to Eq. (3), U_{gate} can be calculated in the interaction picture as

$$U_{\text{gate}} = U_k(\tau_k) \cdots U_j(\tau_j) \cdots U_2(\tau_2) U_1(\tau_1), \quad (15)$$

$$U_j(t) = e^{\mathcal{F}(\Omega_j, t) + i\beta(t) \left(\eta_1^i \sigma_{1z}^i + \eta_2^i \sigma_{2z}^i + \eta_1^i \sigma_{1z}^i + \eta_2^i \sigma_{2z}^i \right) t},$$

where $\beta(t) = \frac{1}{\delta'_{qd}} (-\delta'_{qd} t + \sin \delta'_{qd} t)$, $\eta_1^i = \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2\Delta_i}$, $\eta_2^i = \frac{\sqrt{2}\lambda_i g_i \Omega_i}{2(\Delta_i + \alpha_i)}$ ($i = 1, 2$). $\mathcal{F}(\Omega_j, t)$ represents the displacement operation of a photon in the bus. Here, the microwave pulse is supposed to be split into k segments, and the duration time of each pulse is τ_j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, k$). In fact, the $\sigma_{1z}^i \sigma_{1z}^i$ term is the target coupling term of the geometric phase gate, while other coupling terms in Eq. (15) may generate single-qubit rotations that can be easily compensated. Applying U_{gate} on the two-qubit computational space, it is clear that all terms are in the linear space generated by $\sigma_{1z}^1 \otimes \sigma_{1z}^2$, $I^1 \otimes I^2$, $\sigma_{1z}^1 \otimes I^2$, and $I^2 \otimes \sigma_{1z}^1$. Hence one can always extract a pure $\sigma_{1z}^1 \sigma_{1z}^2$ coupling term after correcting the single-qubit phases and global phase. Also note that when there is no anharmonicity, these added terms

will make the force and the frequency shift independent of the qubit state, which prevents us from obtaining a nontrivial two-qubit gate. Therefore here it is desirable to have large qubit anharmonicity and to set the microwave detuning to be comparable.

We verify the corresponding results via simulation and again get high-fidelity two-qubit gates by moving all the qubit-state-dependent trajectories back to the origin by using multiple segments as sketched in Fig. 3(e). In Fig. 3(f) we choose $\omega_1 = 2\pi \times 5.104$ GHz, $\omega_2 = 2\pi \times 5.204$ GHz, $\omega_b = 2\pi \times 5.5$ GHz, $g_1 = g_2 = 2\pi \times 20$ MHz, $\delta = 2\pi \times 4$ MHz, and vary the qubit anharmonicity $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$ from $-2\pi \times 300$ MHz to $-2\pi \times 400$ MHz. As we can see, the gate fidelity (blue stars) for the multisegment scheme ($k = 5$) improves with larger $|\alpha_i|$. Again the dominant error comes from the violation of the requirement $\Omega_i, g_i \ll \Delta_i$. Hence we implement a ‘‘parameter-search’’ method to further optimize the parameters. With fixed qubit and cavity frequencies, we regard the gate fidelity $F = f(\Omega_{ij}, \omega_d, t_j)$ computed from Eq. (13) as a function of the microwave amplitude Ω_{ij} ($i \in \{1, 2\}$, $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$), drive frequency ω_d , and time t_j ($j \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$). Starting from the multisegment solution we find above, the gate fidelity can be iteratively improved using the standard numerical optimization algorithms [62]. As shown by the orange diamonds, the gate fidelity can be above 99.99% for each anharmonicity (actually, in the examples considered here they reach 100% within the numerical precision). Detailed parameters can be found in Appendix C.

IV. MULTIQUBIT GEOMETRIC PHASE GATE AND APPLICATIONS

A. Single-segment scheme

Our geometric phase gate scheme can be easily generalized to multiple qubits coupled to a single microwave bus, as shown in Fig. 1(a). The system Hamiltonian based on a qubit model can be described as

$$H = \omega_b a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2,\dots,m} -\frac{1}{2} \omega_i \sigma_z^i + g_i (\sigma_+^i a + \sigma_-^i a^\dagger) + \sum_{i=1,2,\dots,m} \frac{\Omega_i}{2} (\sigma_+^i e^{i\omega_d t} + \sigma_-^i e^{-i\omega_d t}). \quad (16)$$

We address the m qubits individually with microwave pulses at the same drive frequency ω_d . After a similar unitary transformation, shown in Appendix A, and similar approximations, the effective Hamiltonian can be expressed as

$$H = -\delta a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2,\dots,m} \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\Delta}_i \sigma_z^i + \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2 \Delta_i} \sigma_z^i (a^\dagger + a). \quad (17)$$

At the gate time, the m -qubit geometric phase gate is then acquired as

$$\text{GP}_m \equiv e^{-i \sum_{i,j \in \{1,2,\dots,m\}, i < j} \frac{g_i \Omega_i g_j \Omega_j}{2 \Delta_i \Delta_j} \sigma_z^i \sigma_z^j}. \quad (18)$$

We can further adjust the magnitude of Ω_i to design the specific two-qubit phases as we want. For example, in the case of a three-qubit gate, simultaneous independent control of all three phases $\sigma_z^1 \otimes \sigma_z^2$, $\sigma_z^2 \otimes \sigma_z^3$, $\sigma_z^3 \otimes \sigma_z^1$ is achievable.

As for the case of more qubits, the number of two-body interaction terms exceeds the number of pulses, so we will need to split more pulse segments to get enough degrees of freedom. Figure 4(a) presents a scheme to create m -qubit GHZ state using the GP_m gate with all the $\theta_{ij} = \pi/4$ together with single-qubit rotations. The ideal time evolution for three two-level qubits under GP_3 based on the Hamiltonian in Eq. (17) is shown in Fig. 4(b) with an initial state $(|g\rangle + |e\rangle)(|g\rangle + |e\rangle)(|g\rangle + |e\rangle)|0\rangle/2\sqrt{2}$.

B. Multisegment scheme

Furthermore, for a typical transmon qubit, the qubit-state-dependent bus frequency shift terms cannot be ignored. Similar to the derivation for the two-qubit geometric phase gate in a multilevel model, the effective Hamiltonian in the interaction picture of the qubits is described as

$$H = -\delta'_{qd} a^\dagger a + D_{qd} (a + a^\dagger), \quad (19)$$

where this time δ'_{qd} and D_{qd} are

$$\delta'_{qd} = \delta - \sum_{i=1,2,\dots,m} \left(\frac{g_i^2}{\Delta_i - \delta} \sigma_{1z}^i + \frac{2g_i^2}{\Delta_i - \alpha_i - \delta} \sigma_{2z}^i \right),$$

$$D_{qd} = \frac{1}{\delta'_{qd}} \sum_{i=1,2,\dots,m} \left(\frac{g_i}{2\Delta_i} \sigma_{1z}^i + \frac{\sqrt{2}\lambda_i g_i}{2(\Delta_i + \alpha_i)} \sigma_{2z}^i \right) \Omega_i. \quad (20)$$

Similarly, the evolution operator in the interaction picture reveals

$$U_j(t) = e^{\mathcal{F}'(\Omega_j, t) + i(-\delta'_{qd} t + \sin \delta'_{qd} t) D_{qd}^2 t}, \quad (21)$$

where $\mathcal{F}'(\Omega_j, t)$ represents the displacement of the photon in the bus. Then, in analogy to Eq. (15), the U_{gate} could be described as $U_{\text{gate}} = U_k(\tau_k) \cdots U_j(\tau_j) \cdots U_2(\tau_2) U_1(\tau_1)$. Note that in U_{gate} , the D_{qd}^2 term contains two-body interaction, and thus three-body interaction could be generated from $\delta'_{qd} t_j D_{qd}^2$. In addition, note that the matrix form of $\sin(\delta'_{qd} t_j)$ ($j = 1, 2, \dots, k$) could be projected onto any basis $(I_1, \sigma_z^1) \otimes (I_2, \sigma_z^2) \otimes \cdots \otimes (I_m, \sigma_z^m)$, which implies interactions beyond three-body ones could also be generated. Hence the qubit-state-dependent frequency shift can also be exploited to engineer many-body interaction for quantum simulation beyond the two-body terms in the GP_m gate. In general, each qubit state in the $\{|g\rangle, |e\rangle\}^{\otimes m}$ basis can acquire a different geometric phase under the multisegment scheme, so the whole geometric phase gate can be decomposed into a global phase, m single-qubit phases, $m(m-1)/2$ two-qubit phases, ..., and an m -body phase. As an example, Fig. 4(c) shows the values of the two-qubit and the three-qubit phases using parameters $\omega_1 = 2\pi \times 5.074$ GHz, $\omega_2 = 2\pi \times 5.144$ GHz, $\omega_3 = 2\pi \times 5.214$ GHz, $\omega_b = 2\pi \times 5.5$ GHz, $g_1 = g_2 = g_3 = 2\pi \times 20$ MHz, $\delta = 2\pi \times 4$ MHz, and $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha_3 = -2\pi \times 380$ MHz with the segmented microwave amplitudes deliberately designed to enlarge the three-qubit term.

V. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS

To sum up, we propose a geometric phase gate scheme in a multiqubit architecture with simple implementation and

TABLE I. Simulation parameters for the GP₂. All data except for those of t_{gate} are divided by 2π .

Index	ω_1 (GHz)	ω_2 (GHz)	ω_b (GHz)	g_1 (MHz)	g_2 (MHz)	Ω_1 (MHz)	Ω_2 (MHz)	δ (MHz)	Δ_1 (MHz)	Δ_2 (MHz)	t_{gate} (ns)	Parameter scope ^a
1	0.1	0.3	6.0	20	20	295.2	285.2	4	5904	5704	250	Fluxonium
2	0.1	0.3	7.0	20	20	345.2	335.2	4	6904	6704	250	Fluxonium
3	0.1	0.3	8.0	20	20	395.2	385.2	4	7904	7704	250	Fluxonium
4	0.1	0.3	9.0	20	20	445.2	435.2	4	8904	8704	250	Fluxonium
5	0.1	0.3	10.0	20	20	495.2	485.2	4	9904	9704	250	Fluxonium
6	0.1	0.3	11.0	20	20	545.2	535.2	4	10904	10704	250	Fluxonium
7	0.1	0.3	12.0	20	20	595.2	585.2	4	11904	11704	250	Fluxonium
8	4.1	4.4	5.5	20	20	140.4 ^b	110.4 ^b	4	1404	1104	250	Transmon
9	4.1	4.4	6.0	20	20	190.4 ^b	160.4 ^b	4	1904	1604	250	Transmon
10	4.1	4.4	6.5	20	20	240.4 ^b	210.4 ^b	4	2404	2104	250	Transmon
11	4.1	4.4	7.0	20	20	290.4 ^b	260.4 ^b	4	2904	2604	250	Transmon
12	4.1	4.4	7.5	20	20	340.4 ^b	310.4 ^b	4	3404	3104	250	Transmon
13	4.1	4.4	8.0	20	20	390.4 ^b	360.4 ^b	4	3904	3604	250	Transmon
14	5.004	6.004	5.5	20	20	^b	^b	4	500	-500	320	Transmon
15	4.804	6.204	5.5	20	20	^b	^b	4	700	-700	320	Transmon
16	4.604	6.404	5.5	20	20	^b	^b	4	900	-900	320	Transmon
17	6.9	6.6	5.5	20	20	^b	^b	4	-1396	-1096	320	Transmon
18-22	5.104	5.204	5.5	20	20	^b	^b	4	400	300	500	Transmon
23	5.104	5.204	5.5	20	20	^b	^b	4.077	400	300	501.40	Transmon
24	5.104	5.204	5.5	20	20	^b	^b	4.711	400	300	500.39	Transmon
25	5.104	5.204	5.5	20	20	^b	^b	5.138	400	300	500.17	Transmon
26	5.104	5.204	5.5	20	20	^b	^b	4.995	400	300	500.31	Transmon
27	5.104	5.204	5.5	20	20	^b	^b	5.066	400	300	500.17	Transmon

^aThe parameter scope represents the qubit type to which the listed parameters belong.

^bThese parameters are further optimized using multiple segments in Tables II and III.

high fidelity using the available parameters for transmon and fluxonium qubits. Our scheme uses microwave-only control on fixed-frequency qubits and only the lowest qubit levels, and thus it is convenient for experiments and is not subjected to the main decoherence sources in previous schemes. If selective gates among arbitrary subgroups of qubits are desired, one can

either use the multisegment scheme to set all the multiqubit geometric phases to the target value or take advantage of the recently developed tunable couplers [63,64] to turn off the coupling between the other irrelevant qubits and the bus. Meanwhile, the geometric nature of this phase gate makes it robust against certain control errors and noise [13,26,40]. As

TABLE II. Drive amplitude for the GP₂ in the multisegment scheme. All data are divided by 2π . Values are given in megahertz.

Index	Ω_{11}	Ω_{12}	Ω_{13}	Ω_{14}	Ω_{15}	Ω_{21}	Ω_{22}	Ω_{23}	Ω_{24}	Ω_{25}
8	72.21	133.48	137.40	72.25		-70.80	-130.74	-126.86	-70.23	
9	100.45	186.01	188.03	100.56		-99.78	-184.62	-182.60	-99.57	
10	129.07	239.02	240.25	129.15		-128.67	-238.18	-236.95	-128.56	
11	157.59	291.81	292.64	157.65		-157.32	-291.25	-290.42	-157.25	
12	186.30	344.97	345.57	186.35		-186.11	-344.57	-343.98	-186.07	
13	214.98	398.08	398.52	215.02		-214.84	-397.77	-397.33	-214.81	
14	-28.84	-53.40	-53.40	-28.84		28.84	53.40	53.40	28.84	
15	-40.41	-74.81	-74.81	-40.41		40.41	74.81	74.81	40.41	
16	51.81	95.92	95.92	51.81		-51.81	-95.92	-95.92	-51.81	
17	-71.66	-132.46	-136.42	-71.70		70.24	129.69	125.76	69.65	
18	23.33	49.55	68.37	49.55	23.33	-24.67	-42.84	-52.78	-42.84	-24.67
19	-19.75	-48.24	-64.17	-48.24	-19.75	24.50	40.15	53.85	40.15	24.50
20	17.12	47.95	61.47	47.95	17.12	-23.49	-40.00	-52.71	-40.00	-23.49
21	14.79	46.87	59.48	46.87	14.79	-21.57	-40.22	-50.01	-40.22	-21.57
22	13.88	45.93	58.80	45.93	13.88	-20.52	-40.13	-48.52	-40.13	-20.52
23	28.23	48.21	75.37	46.83	28.44	-25.91	-38.48	-58.16	-38.46	-23.62
24	-16.17	-48.54	-83.69	-71.82	-33.72	8.65	34.46	59.88	50.43	25.04
25	18.55	57.55	85.72	64.70	23.06	-13.46	-43.81	-66.05	-49.36	-17.57
26	14.03	47.82	80.51	71.74	29.98	-11.27	-33.70	-60.41	-49.63	-21.77
27	19.28	53.76	75.24	60.99	25.30	-17.04	-41.47	-61.60	-46.73	-19.87

we can see in Fig. 4(d), the gate fidelity is quite insensitive to decoherence of both the qubit and the resonator. Furthermore, since the evolution of the qubit is restricted to the subspace of the lowest two levels, there is no limit from the relatively short coherence time of the higher qubit levels. Our multiqubit geometric phase gate scheme thus provides an attractive approach to fault-tolerant quantum computing, as well as a natural way to create many-body interactions for quantum simulation of complicated spin models.

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APPENDIX A: FULL DERIVATION FOR THE TWO-QUBIT GEOMETRIC PHASE GATE IN A QUBIT MODEL

In this Appendix, we develop the theory of the two-qubit geometric phase gate based on a two-level qubit model. Our system consists of two superconducting qubits Q_1 and Q_2 weakly coupling to a single-mode harmonic oscillator with coupling strength g_i ($i = 1, 2$). We consider a system which satisfies the rotating-wave approximation (RWA). The system with the counter-rotating term has been fully derived in Sec. II. The static Hamiltonian can be represented as ($\hbar = 1$)

$$H_s = \sum_{i=1,2} -\frac{1}{2}\omega_i\sigma_z^i + \omega_b a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} g_i(\sigma_+^i a + \sigma_-^i a^\dagger), \quad (\text{A1})$$

where ω_i ($i = 1, 2$) are the frequencies of the qubit Q_i and $\sigma_{z(+,-)}^i$ are the corresponding Pauli Z, raising and lowering operators. ω_b is the frequency of the resonator with creation and annihilation operators a^\dagger and a . When both qubits are individually driven via their own independent XY control line by a microwave tone at the same drive frequency ω_d but with different drive amplitudes Ω_i ($i = 1, 2$), the drive Hamiltonian under the rotating-wave approximation can be expressed as

$$H_d = \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\Omega_i}{2} (\sigma_+^i e^{-i\omega_d t} + \sigma_-^i e^{i\omega_d t}). \quad (\text{A2})$$

Here, the drive frequency ω_d satisfies the condition $\omega_d = \omega_{1(2)} + \Delta_{1(2)} = \omega_b + \delta$. Thus the full system Hamiltonian is the combination of the static Hamiltonian and the drive Hamiltonian

$$H = H_s + H_d. \quad (\text{A3})$$

Transforming the system Hamiltonian into the rotating frame at the drive frequency ω_d via the unitary transformation

$$U_1 = e^{i\omega_d t \left(\frac{\sigma_+^1}{2} + \frac{\sigma_+^2}{2} - a^\dagger a \right)}, \quad (\text{A4})$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} H' &= U^\dagger H U - iU^\dagger \dot{U} \\ T &= \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{2} \Delta_i \sigma_z^i - \delta a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} g_i (\sigma_+^i a + \sigma_-^i a^\dagger) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\Omega_i}{2} (\sigma_+^i + \sigma_-^i). \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A5})$$

During the gate operation, the driving terms hybridize the bare qubits' energy levels. To clearly view the physical process in the basis of dressed states in the weak driving condition, $\Omega_i \ll \Delta_i$ ($i = 1, 2$), the Hamiltonian can be rotated with the unitary transformation

$$U_2 = e^{\frac{\Omega_1}{2\Delta_1} (\sigma_+^1 - \sigma_-^1) + \frac{\Omega_2}{2\Delta_2} (\sigma_+^2 - \sigma_-^2)}. \quad (\text{A6})$$

Retaining this to the second order gives the Hamiltonian

$$\begin{aligned} H'' &= \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\Delta}_i \sigma_z^i - \delta a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} g_i (\sigma_+^i a + \sigma_-^i a^\dagger) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2\Delta_i} \sigma_z^i (a^\dagger + a), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A7})$$

where $\tilde{\Delta}_i = \Delta_i + \frac{\Omega_i^2}{2\Delta_i}$ ($i = 1, 2$). Obviously, after this transformation, the off-resonance driving for qubits is manifested as a qubit-state-dependent displacement for the bus. In our geometric phase gate regime, both of the qubits are dispersively coupled to the common bus with $g_i \ll \Delta_i$, $\delta \ll \Delta_i$, $|\Delta_1 - \Delta_2|$ ($i = 1, 2$). Therefore the Hamiltonian in the dispersive regime can be further transformed by the Schrieffer-Wolff transformation (SWT) [65]

$$U_3 = e^{\frac{g_1}{\Delta_1 - \delta} (\sigma_+^1 a - \sigma_-^1 a^\dagger) + \frac{g_2}{\Delta_2 - \delta} (\sigma_+^2 a - \sigma_-^2 a^\dagger)}. \quad (\text{A8})$$

The effective Hamiltonian for the two-qubit geometric phase gate is finally acquired as

$$\begin{aligned} H''' &= \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\Delta}_i \sigma_z^i - \delta a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2\Delta_i} \sigma_z^i (a^\dagger + a) \\ &\quad + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i^2}{2(\tilde{\Delta}_i - \delta)} (2\sigma_z^i a^\dagger a + \sigma_z^i) \\ &\quad - \frac{g_1 g_2}{\Delta} (\sigma_+^1 \sigma_-^2 + \sigma_-^1 \sigma_+^2), \end{aligned} \quad (\text{A9})$$

where $\tilde{\Delta} = 2/(1/\tilde{\Delta}_1 + 1/\tilde{\Delta}_2)$. In this part, we consider the situation where $g_i \ll \Omega_i$ ($i = 1, 2$), which generates the results $\frac{g_i^2}{(\tilde{\Delta}_i - \delta)}$, $\frac{g_1 g_2}{\Delta} \ll \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2\Delta_i}$. Thus the last two terms in Eq. (A9) can be omitted, and the effective Hamiltonian is obtained as

$$H_{\text{ideal}} = \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\Delta}'_i \sigma_z^i - \delta a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2\Delta_i} \sigma_z^i (a^\dagger + a), \quad (\text{A10})$$

where $\tilde{\Delta}'_i = \tilde{\Delta}_i + g_i^2/(\tilde{\Delta}_i - \delta)$ ($i = 1, 2$). In the interaction picture of $H_0 = \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{2} \tilde{\Delta}'_i \sigma_z^i - \delta a^\dagger a$, the gate Hamiltonian is then represented as

$$H_{\text{gate}} = \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2\Delta_i} \sigma_z^i (a^\dagger e^{-i\delta t} + a e^{i\delta t}). \quad (\text{A11})$$

The unitary evolution of the gate can then be derived by Magnus expansion as

$$U_{\text{gate}} = e^{[\alpha(t)a^\dagger + \alpha^*(t)a]} e^{i\beta(t)\left(\frac{g_1\Omega_1}{2\Delta_1}\sigma_z^1 + \frac{g_2\Omega_2}{2\Delta_2}\sigma_z^2\right)^2}, \quad (\text{A12})$$

where $\alpha(t) = \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{1}{\delta} \frac{g_i\Omega_i}{2\Delta_i} (e^{-i\delta t} - 1)\sigma_z^i$, $\beta(t) = \frac{1}{\delta^2} (-\delta t + \sin \delta t)$. For the purpose of realizing a two-qubit gate, the gate should not induce entanglement between the qubits and the bus. Therefore the evolution time could be chosen to satisfy $\alpha(t) = 0$, and this gives the condition $t = nT$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$), $T = \frac{2\pi}{\delta}$. Under this circumstance, $\beta(t) = -\frac{2\pi n}{\delta^2}$ ($n \in \mathbb{Z}$), and the unitary evolution becomes

$$U_{\text{gate}} = e^{-i\frac{2\pi n}{\delta^2}\left(\frac{g_1\Omega_1}{2\Delta_1}\sigma_z^1 + \frac{g_2\Omega_2}{2\Delta_2}\sigma_z^2\right)^2} = e^{-i\frac{2\pi n}{\delta^2}\left[\left(\frac{g_1\Omega_1}{2\Delta_1}\right)^2(\sigma_z^1)^2 + \left(\frac{g_2\Omega_2}{2\Delta_2}\right)^2(\sigma_z^2)^2 + \frac{g_1\Omega_1 g_2\Omega_2}{2\Delta_1\Delta_2}\sigma_z^1\sigma_z^2\right]}. \quad (\text{A13})$$

It is easy to find that $(\sigma_z^1)^2 = I^1$, $(\sigma_z^2)^2 = I^2$ (I^1, I^2 denote the identity operator for each of the qubits), and thus $(\sigma_z^1)^2, (\sigma_z^2)^2$ terms only create a global phase for the whole gate. The remaining $\sigma_z^1\sigma_z^2$ term generates an effective ZZ interaction between the two qubits which can be used to realize the geometric phase gate as we set

$$\delta = 2\sqrt{n} \sqrt{\frac{g_1\Omega_1 g_2\Omega_2}{\Delta_1\Delta_2}}. \quad (\text{A14})$$

The two-qubit geometric phase gate is then acquired as

$$\text{GP}_2 \equiv U_{\text{gate}, t=nT} = e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}\sigma_z^1\sigma_z^2} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{A15})$$

In fact, with single-qubit phase rotation, we can easily find that the two-qubit geometric phase (GP_2) gate turns into a controlled-Z (CZ) gate through $\text{CZ} = [R_z(-\frac{\pi}{2}) \otimes R_z(-\frac{\pi}{2})] \cdot \text{GP}_2$, and thus is equivalent to the controlled-NOT (CNOT) gate which is essential in universal quantum computation.

APPENDIX B: FULL DERIVATION FOR THE TWO-QUBIT GEOMETRIC PHASE GATE IN A MULTILEVEL MODEL

Through the multisegment scheme, when the last term in Eq. (2) cannot be ignored, gate operations can still be well optimized under a qubit model. However, for superconducting qubits such as the transmon, we have to consider the significant impact arising from the existence of the higher energy levels. Careful investigation finds that in our geometric phase gate framework, three-level approximation is sufficient since the initial state of the qubit is always in $|g\rangle$ and $|e\rangle$ and will not evolve to a higher excited state. Based on the transmon system, with anharmonicities of both qubits in mind, we can describe the system Hamiltonian as [60]

$$H = \sum_{i=1,2} \left(\omega_i a_i^\dagger a_i + \frac{\alpha_i}{2} a_i^\dagger a_i^\dagger a_i a_i \right) + \omega_b a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} g_i (a_i^\dagger a + a_i a^\dagger) + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\Omega_i}{2} (a_i^\dagger e^{i\omega_d t} + a_i e^{-i\omega_d t}), \quad (\text{B1})$$

where a_i^\dagger, a_i ($i = 1, 2$) are the corresponding creation and annihilation operators for the two qubits. α_i ($i = 1, 2$) are the anharmonicities of the qubit. The system Hamiltonian in the frame rotating at the drive frequency ω_d becomes

$$H' = -\delta a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} [-\Delta_i \Pi_1^i - (2\Delta_i - \alpha_i) \Pi_2^i] + \sum_{i=1,2} g_i (\sigma_{1+}^i a + \sigma_{1-}^i a^\dagger) + \sqrt{2} g_i (\sigma_{2+}^i a + \sigma_{2-}^i a^\dagger) + \sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\Omega_i}{2} (\sigma_{1+}^i + \sigma_{1-}^i) + \frac{\lambda_i \Omega_i}{2} (\sigma_{2+}^i + \sigma_{2-}^i), \quad (\text{B2})$$

where $\Pi_1^i = |e\rangle_i \langle e|$, $\Pi_2^i = |f\rangle_i \langle f|$, $\sigma_{1+}^i = |e\rangle_i \langle g|$, $\sigma_{1-}^i = |g\rangle_i \langle e|$, $\sigma_{2+}^i = |f\rangle_i \langle e|$, $\sigma_{2-}^i = |e\rangle_i \langle f|$ ($i = 1, 2$). λ_i ($i = 1, 2$) depends on the circuit properties and the driving format of the qubits [61]. Similarly, given the approximate condition $\Omega_{1(2)} \ll \Delta_{1(2)}$, the Hamiltonian can be rotated via the unitary transformation $U_2 = e^{\sum_{i=1,2} \frac{\Omega_i}{2\Delta_i} (\sigma_{1+}^i - \sigma_{1-}^i) + \frac{\lambda_i \Omega_i}{2(\Delta_i - \alpha_i)} (\sigma_{2+}^i - \sigma_{2-}^i)}$ as

$$H'' = -\delta a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} \left\{ \frac{\Omega_i^2}{4\Delta_i} \Pi_0^i + \left(-\tilde{\Delta}_1^i + \frac{\Omega_i^2}{4\Delta_i} \right) \Pi_1^i + \left(-\tilde{\Delta}_1^i + \frac{\Omega_i^2}{4\Delta_i} - \tilde{\Delta}_2^i \right) \Pi_2^i + \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2\Delta_i} \sigma_{1z}^i (a + a^\dagger) + \frac{\sqrt{2} \lambda_i g_i \Omega_i}{2(\Delta_i - \alpha_i)} \sigma_{2z}^i (a + a^\dagger) + g_i (\sigma_{1+}^i a + \sigma_{1-}^i a^\dagger) + \sqrt{2} g_i (\sigma_{2+}^i a + \sigma_{2-}^i a^\dagger) + \left[\frac{\lambda_i g_i \Omega_i}{2(-\Delta_i + \alpha_i)} + \frac{\sqrt{2} g_i \Omega_i}{2\Delta_i} \right] (|2\rangle_i \langle 0| a + |0\rangle_i \langle 2| a^\dagger) + \frac{\lambda_i \alpha_i \Omega_i^2}{8\Delta_i (\alpha_i - \Delta_i)} (|0\rangle_i \langle 2| + |2\rangle_i \langle 0|) \right\}, \quad (\text{B3})$$

where $\Pi_0^i = |g\rangle_i \langle g|$, $\sigma_{1z}^i = \Pi_0^i - \Pi_1^i$, $\sigma_{2z}^i = \Pi_1^i - \Pi_2^i$, $\tilde{\Delta}_1^i = \Delta_i + \frac{\Omega_i^2}{2\Delta_i} - \frac{\lambda_i^2 \Omega_i^2}{4(\Delta_i - \alpha_i)}$, $\tilde{\Delta}_2^i = \Delta_i - \alpha_i - \frac{\Omega_i^2}{4\Delta_i} + \frac{\lambda_i^2 \Omega_i^2}{2(\Delta_i - \alpha_i)}$ ($i = 1, 2$). In the dispersive regime $g_i \ll \tilde{\Delta}_1^i, \tilde{\Delta}_2^i$ ($i = 1, 2$), the Hamiltonian can be further moved into the frame with unitary transformation $U_3 = e^{\sum_{i=1,2} \frac{g_i}{\tilde{\Delta}_1^i - \delta} (\sigma_{1+}^i a - \sigma_{1-}^i a^\dagger) + \frac{\sqrt{2} g_i}{\tilde{\Delta}_2^i - \delta} (\sigma_{2+}^i a - \sigma_{2-}^i a^\dagger)}$, which gives the effective Hamiltonian $H''' = H_{\text{eff}} + H_{\text{err}}$,

$$H_{\text{eff}} = -\delta a^\dagger a + \sum_{i=1,2} \left[\frac{\Omega_i^2}{4\Delta_i} \Pi_0^i + \left(-\tilde{\Delta}_1^i + \frac{\Omega_i^2}{4\Delta_i} - \frac{g_i^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_1^i - \delta} \right) \Pi_1^i + \left(-\tilde{\Delta}_1^i + \frac{\Omega_i^2}{4\Delta_i} - \tilde{\Delta}_2^i - \frac{2g_i^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_2^i - \delta} \right) \Pi_2^i \right]$$

TABLE III. Anharmonicity and time duration of segments for the GP₂ in the multisegment scheme. The data of α_1 and α_2 are divided by 2π .

Index	α_1 (MHz)	α_2 (MHz)	t_1 (ns)	t_2 (ns)	t_3 (ns)	t_4 (ns)	t_5 (ns)	t_6 (ns)	t_{gate} (ns)
8	∞	∞	0	80	160	240	320		320
9	∞	∞	0	80	160	240	320		320
10	∞	∞	0	80	160	240	320		320
11	∞	∞	0	80	160	240	320		320
12	∞	∞	0	80	160	240	320		320
13	∞	∞	0	80	160	240	320		320
14	∞	∞	0	80	160	240	320		320
15	∞	∞	0	80	160	240	320		320
16	∞	∞	0	80	160	240	320		320
17	∞	∞	0	80	160	240	320		320
18	-300	-300	0	100	200	300	400	500	500
19	-330	-330	0	100	200	300	400	500	500
20	-350	-350	0	100	200	300	400	500	500
21	-380	-380	0	100	200	300	400	500	500
22	-400	-400	0	100	200	300	400	500	500
23	-300	-300	0	100.28	200.56	300.84	401.12	501.40	501.40
24	-330	-330	0	100.07	200.51	300.20	399.87	500.39	500.39
25	-350	-350	0	100.42	200.60	299.81	399.77	500.17	500.17
26	-380	-380	0	100.20	200.48	299.89	399.80	500.31	500.31
27	-400	-400	0	100.33	200.47	299.78	399.71	500.17	500.17

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2\Delta_i} \sigma_{1z}^i (a + a^\dagger) + \frac{\sqrt{2} \lambda_i g_i \Omega_i}{2(\Delta_i - \alpha_i)} \sigma_{2z}^i (a + a^\dagger) + \frac{g_i^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_1^i - \delta} \sigma_{1z}^i a^\dagger a + \frac{2g_i^2}{\tilde{\Delta}_2^i - \delta} \sigma_{2z}^i a^\dagger a \Big], \\
H_{\text{err}} = & -\frac{1}{2} (g_1 \beta_1^2 + g_2 \beta_1^1) (\sigma_{1+}^1 \sigma_{1-}^2 + \sigma_{1-}^1 \sigma_{1+}^2) - \frac{1}{2} (g_2 \beta_2^1 + \sqrt{2} g_1 \beta_1^2) (\sigma_{2+}^1 \sigma_{2-}^2 + \sigma_{2-}^1 \sigma_{2+}^2) \\
& - \frac{1}{2} (g_1 \beta_2^2 + \sqrt{2} g_2 \beta_1^1) (\sigma_{2+}^2 \sigma_{1-}^1 + \sigma_{2-}^2 \sigma_{1+}^1) - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} (g_1 \beta_2^2 + g_2 \beta_2^1) (\sigma_{2+}^1 \sigma_{2-}^2 + \sigma_{2-}^1 \sigma_{2+}^2) \\
& + \sum_{i=1,2} \left[\frac{\lambda_i \Omega_i^2 \alpha_i}{8\Delta_i (\alpha_i - \Delta_i)} (|2\rangle_i \langle 0| + |0\rangle_i \langle 2|) + \frac{1}{2} \left(-\frac{\lambda_i g_i \Omega_i}{\Delta_i - \alpha_i} + \frac{\sqrt{2} g_i \Omega_i}{\Delta_i} \right) (|2\rangle_i \langle 0| a + |0\rangle_i \langle 2| a^\dagger) \right. \\
& \left. - \frac{1}{2} (g_i \beta_2^i - \sqrt{2} g_i \beta_1^i) (|2\rangle_i \langle 0| a^2 + |0\rangle_i \langle 2| a^{\dagger 2}) \right], \tag{B4}
\end{aligned}$$

where $\sigma_{1z}^i = \Pi_0^i - \Pi_1^i$, $\sigma_{2z}^i = \Pi_1^i - \Pi_2^i$, $\beta_1^i = \frac{g_i}{\Delta_1^i - \delta}$, $\beta_2^i = \frac{\sqrt{2} g_i}{\Delta_2^i - \delta}$ ($i = 1, 2$). Then, in analogy to Eq. (A12), U_{gate} can be calculated in the interaction picture as

$$\begin{aligned}
U_{\text{gate}} &= U_k(\tau_k) \cdots U_j(\tau_j) \cdots U_2(\tau_2) U_1(\tau_1), \\
U_j(t) &= e^{\mathcal{F}(\Omega_j, t) + i\beta(t) (\eta_1^1 \sigma_{1z}^1 + \eta_2^1 \sigma_{2z}^1 + \eta_1^2 \sigma_{1z}^2 + \eta_2^2 \sigma_{2z}^2)} t, \tag{B5}
\end{aligned}$$

where $\beta(t) = \frac{1}{\delta_{qd}^2} (-\delta'_{qd} t + \sin \delta'_{qd} t)$, $\delta'_{qd} = \delta - \sum_{i=1,2} (\frac{g_i^2}{\Delta_i - \delta} \sigma_{1z}^i + \frac{2g_i^2}{\Delta_i - \alpha_i - \delta} \sigma_{2z}^i)$, $\eta_1^i = \frac{g_i \Omega_i}{2\Delta_i}$, $\eta_2^i = \frac{\sqrt{2} g_i \Omega_i \lambda_i}{2(\Delta_i + \alpha_i)}$ ($i = 1, 2$). $\mathcal{F}(\Omega_j, t)$ represents the displacement operation of a photon in the bus. Here, the microwave pulse is supposed to be split into k segments, and the duration time of each pulse is τ_j ($j = 1, 2, \dots, k$).

APPENDIX C: SIMULATION PARAMETERS

In this Appendix, we present our device parameters used for the simulation shown in the main text. Table I shows the fundamental parameters for realizing the two-qubit geometric phase gate; meanwhile, Tables II and III give the supplementary data to Table I in the multisegment scheme. Table IV displays the simulation parameters for realizing the three-qubit geometric phase gate and the many-body interaction.

Indices 1–7 in Table I explore the influence of approximate conditions on GP₂ gate fidelity based on the single-segment

scheme for a qubit model, and the corresponding results are depicted in Fig. 2(d) in the main text. Indices 8–13 in Table I verify the gate infidelity caused by the relatively poor approximate conditions in the single-segment scheme for typical transmon parameters. Apparently, the results plotted in Fig. 3(c) in the main text reveal that the GP₂ may fail once the frequency detuning between qubits and bus is close. Further optimization with the multisegment scheme ($k = 4$) is adopted to verify the effectiveness of the multisegment method for solving the evolution of the photon. The

TABLE IV. Simulation parameters for the GP₃. All data except for those of t_{gate} are divided by 2π . We omit the units for all parameters here. The corresponding units are displayed in Table I.

Index	ω_1	ω_2	ω_3	ω_b	g_1	g_2	g_3	Ω_1	Ω_2	Ω_3	δ	Δ_1	Δ_2	Δ_3	t_{gate}
28	0.1	0.3	0.5	12.0	20	20	20	595.2	585.2	575.2	4	11904	11704	11504	250
29	5.074	5.144	5.214	5.5	20	20	20				4	430	360	290	900
	α_1	α_2	α_3	Ω_{11}	Ω_{12}	Ω_{13}	Ω_{14}	Ω_{15}	Ω_{16}	Ω_{21}	Ω_{22}	Ω_{23}	Ω_{24}	Ω_{25}	Ω_{26}
	-380	-380	-380	-0.01	-0.43	-5.12	-7.93	-4.57	-0.09	-0.54	-8.85	-20.71	-24.55	-19.57	-7.47
	Ω_{31}	Ω_{32}	Ω_{33}	Ω_{34}	Ω_{35}	Ω_{36}	t_1	t_2	t_3	t_4	t_5	t_6	t_7		
	0.64	10.04	18.74	24.51	17.70	8.81	0	150	300	450	600	750	900		

corresponding pulse parameters are shown in Tables II and III with the improved gate fidelity plotted in Fig. 3(c) in the main text. Indices 8 and 14–17 in Tables I–III explore different settings for the qubit frequencies compared with the bus. The outcomes exhibited in Fig. 3(d) demonstrate that high gate fidelity can be achieved using the multisegment scheme for various frequency setups. Indices 18–22 in Tables I–III demonstrate the effect of the qubit anharmonicity on the gate fidelity based on the multisegment scheme ($k = 5$) under the multilevel model, shown in Fig. 3(f) in the main

text. Indices 23–27 exhibit the optimized parameters via the further “parameter-search” method, demonstrating the nearly perfect gate fidelity shown in Fig. 3(f) in the main text. Index 28 in Table IV is an example of simulation parameters for realizing GP₃ in the single-segment scheme which is similar to index 7. The parameters of index 29 in Table IV are used to verify the generation of many-body interactions for a transmon, revealing a potential application for controlling phase accumulation during the multiqubit geometric phase gate via the multisegment scheme.

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