

Geometric phase in Stuckelberg interferometer with cold atoms

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Abstract:

Thanks to recent progress in engineering two-dimensional topological band structure with cold atoms, we study a Stuckelberg interferometer realized via Bloch-oscillations-type experiment. The paths that are brought to interfere are made of two energy levels through which Bloch waves are driven. We show that the interference pattern contains a phase shift of geometrical origin, a quantity independent of the adiabaticity parameter in the Landau-Zener tunneling [1,2]. This phase can serve as a robust bulk probe for topological band structures realized with artificial crystals [3,4].

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