

Fast, High-Fidelity Dispersive Readout of Superconducting Qubits



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SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME





Fast, High-Fidelity Single Shot Readout

Ingredient for

- Fast qubit initialization
 - at start of computation Riste *et al., PRL* 109, 050507 (2012)
 - for resetting ancilla qubits
- For feedback or feed forward
 - in error correction
 Reed et al., Nature 482, 382 (2012)
 Kelly et al., Nature 519, 66 (2015)
 Corcoles et al., Nat. Com. 6, 6979 (2015)
 Ristè et al., Nat. Com. 6, 6983 (2015)
 - in measurement based entanglement generation Riste *et al., Nature* 502, 350 (2013)
 - in teleportation protocols
 Steffen *et al., Nature* 500, 319 (2013)
 - and more ...

How to achieve Fast, High-Fidelity Single Shot Readout?









Prior Work

- Dispersive readout using HEMT amplifiers B. Johnson et al., Nat. Phys. 6, 663 (2010) A. Wallraff et al., PRL 95, 060501 (2005)
- Heralded preparation using parametric amplifiers J. E. Johnson et al., PRL 109, 050506 (2012) D. Riste et al., PRL 109, 050507 (2012)
- Purcell filters and multiplexing for high fidelity E. Jeffrey et al., PRL 112, 190504 (2014)
- Resonator depletion C. C. Bultink et al., arxiv:160400916 (2016)



Further improvements presented in this work T. Walter, P. Kurpiers et al., Quantum Device Lab, ETH Zurich (2016)

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-0.5

0.0

Digitizer voltage (V)

0.5

10

10

¹⁰-1.0

Device Concept and Detection Chain

Goal:

Optimize sample design and readout chain for fast, high-fidelity readout



Device ingredients:

- Transmon qubit
- Dedicated qubit drive line
- Compact λ/4 large bandwidth (κ) readout resonator
- asymmetric (100/1) λ/4 filter for protection from qubit Purcell decay
- Dedicated readout drive line

Detection chain

- Josephson parametric amplifier
- FPGA based signal analysis

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Device Design

- Transmon qubit
- Qubit drive line
- $\lambda/4$ readout resonator at 4.755 GHz
- $\lambda/4$ Purcell filter at 4.755 GHz
- Measurement drive/output line

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Characterizing **Qubit** and **Resonator** in Spectroscopy



- Measured qubit/resonator freq. (*,*)
- Fit to full Hamiltonian (-,-)
- Operating Frequency (-)

Qubit Parameters:

- Maximum Josephson energy, E_J = 26.37 GHz
- Charging energy, E_c = 0.307 GHz

At op. frequency, v_{qe} = 6.314 GHz

- Energy relaxation time, $T_1 \sim 8 \ \mu s$
- Est. Purcell limit, T_{1p} > 500 μs
- Ramsey dephasing time,
 T₂ = 1.8 μs
- Anharmonicity, α = 341 MHz
- Cryostat temperature, T = 9 mK
- Equilibrium thermal population, P_e < 0.003

Readout Resonator Response

Transmission amplitude or readout resonator extracted through Purcell filter for qubit prepared in ground (g) or excited (e) state :



In ground/excited state:

- Data measured after state prep. (*,*)
- Fit to resonator response model (-)

Parameter fit (model):

- Purcell filter $\kappa_p/2\pi = 66 \text{ MHz}$
- Readout resonator $\kappa_r/2\pi = 37$ MHz
- State dependent resonator shift $2\chi/2\pi = -15$ MHz

Note:

- Weakly coupled input port
- Strongly coupled output port

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Josephson Parametric Dimer (JPD) Amplifier





Dual-mode lumped element JPA

- Phase sensitive or phase insensitive operation Eichler et al., *PRL* 113, 110502 (2014)
- SQUID array for high saturation and tunability Eichler et al., EPJ Qu. Tech. 1, 2 (2014)

Basic JPD parameters

- Intermode coupling, 2J/2π = 1.2
 GHz
- Mode bandwidth, $\kappa/2\pi = 220$ MHz
- Tuning range ~ 1 GHz

Pick operating point \Box

JPD Gain and Bandwidth



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signal frequency dependent gain:

- Here: phase sensitive mode with appropriately chosen pump frequency, power and flux
- Phase insensitive mode available
- Lorentzian profile

At qubit readout frequency:

Gain, G = 20 dB

- Bandwidth, BW = 25 MHz
- Pump power dependence at v_p = 4.755 GHz
 - Gain bandwidth product, G BW = 250 MHz

Eichler et al., Phys. Rev. Lett. 113, 110502 (2014)

JPD Gain Compression



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Gain compression

- 1dB point at flux ~10⁴ μ s⁻¹
- Operated at ~ $10^3 \ \mu s^{-1}$
- With average readout resonator occupation n_r ~ 2.2

(Preliminary) system noise analysis: relative to paramp input

 Phase (in)sensitive detection efficiency, η ~ (0.83) 0.91 (assuming n_{add} = n_{th} = 0)

relative to sample output

- Loss toward paramp ~ 1.7 dB
- Equiv. reduction of signal ~ 0.61

Time Dependence of Measured Quadrature



Quantities:

- Single ground state (g) trace
- Average and Stdv of g traces
- Single excited state (e) trace
- Average and Stdv of e traces
- Integration time t_i

Observations:

- Fast rise of measurement signal
 (< 50 ns) due large χ (and κ)
- Small decay of average excited state trace due to Purcell protected T₁
- Little increase of average ground state trace due to measurement induced mixing
- Repetition period ~ 50 μs

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Histograms of Integrated Quadrature Signals



q [a.u]

In ground/excited state:

- Data of 35 10³ preparations each (*,*)
- Fitted Gaussian distribution (-,-)
- Constant threshold (---)

Quadrature integrate with opt. filter.

Definition of errors and fidelities in ground/excited state:

- Overlap error ε_o^{g/e}
- Transition, preparation (and other) errors $\epsilon_{tp}^{g/e}$
- Total error $\varepsilon^{g/e} = \varepsilon_o^{g/e} + \varepsilon_{tp}^{g/e}$

For measurement of unknown state:

Total error $\varepsilon = \varepsilon^{g} + \varepsilon^{e}$

Note:

Threshold is either kept fixed at midpoint or adjusted for ideal fidelity

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Quadrature Histograms vs. Integration Time



Preparation:

- Ground state (g)
- Excited state (e)

Discussion:

- Fast readout at t_i = 40 ns
 with F > 98 %
- Optimal fidelity F = 98.9% at t_i = 72 ns
- Threshold adjusted for max. F
- Reduction of F at larger t_i due to qubit decay and measurement induced state mixing
- Reduction of F at smaller t_i due to overlap error

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Measurement Error (Fidelity) vs. Integration Time



Discussion:

- Fast state discrimination with overlap error drop to 1 % in only 40 ns
- Excited state error < 1.5 %</p>
- Ground state error < 0.2 %
- Max. total fidelity > 98 % limited by qubit T₁

Further (preliminary) analysis:

- Small measurement induced mixing rate
- Small re-thermalization rate

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A Comparison of Quality Measures of Readout

Reference	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
Integration time t _i [ns]	40	140	300	300
Total fidelity F [%]	98.8	98.7	97.6	91.1
Readout $\kappa/2\pi$ [MHz]	37	4.3	0.6	9
Dispersive shift $2\chi/2\pi$ [MHz]	-15	~	-5.2	7.4
Resonator population n,	2	~	3300	37.8
Number of qubits on chip	1	4	10	1
Qubit T₁ [µs]	8	12	25	1.8

[1] T. Walter, P. Kurpiers *et al.*, Quantum Device Lab, ETH Zurich (2016)
[2] E. Jeffrey *et al.*, *PRL* 112, 190504 (2014)
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Fast, High-Fidelity Single Shot Readout

Main results:

- High fidelity (> 98 %) at short integration time (40ns) and small resonator population (n ~ 2.2) achieved through
 - sample design optimized for readout
 - low-noise JPD based phase sensitive amplification chain

Outlook:

- Systematic comparison of phase sensitive JPD with ...
 - ... phase insensitive JPD Eichler *et al., PRL* 113, 110502 (2014)
 - ... traveling wave parametric amplifier (TWPA) Macklin *et al., Science* 350, 307 (2015)
- Extension to multiplexed readout
- Optimization of design relative to other performance constraints

Fast, Low-Loss, Linear, On-Chip Microwave Switch





Why do we want an on-chip switch?

- Ability to route signals at base temperature is useful
 - for calibration of S-parameter measurements
 - to save resources (single readout line for multiple samples)
- Conventional (mechanical or PIN diode) switches can be used in cryostats
 - but dissipate heat
 - are slow (rel. to coherence times)
- On-chip switch
 - negligible dissipation
 - potentially very fast
 - compact
 - simple integration with SC devices





L. Ranzani et al., Rev. Sci. Instrum. 84, 034704 (2013)

Why not just a tunable resonator?

- Tunable resonator switches between transmission and reflection (as do more sophisticated devices)
 - O. Naaman et al., arXiv:1512.01484 (2015)
 - B. J. Chapman et al., Appl. Phys. Lett. 108, 222602 (2016)



The Device

- Based on interference effects in a network consisting of
 - two tunable resonators
 - two pi/2 hybrids (beamsplitters)

- If resonant, signal passes to bottom beamsplitter
- If off resonant, signal reflects to top beamsplitter





The Device

- Based on interference effects in a network consisting of
 - two tunable resonators
 - two pi/2 hybrids (beamsplitters)
 - Nb on sapphire resonators and hybrids
 - SQUID arrays by shadow evaporation of Al



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Results: Flux-Dependent Transmission

- Measure S-parameters
 - As a function of coil voltages at a fixed frequency
 - On/off ratios of 37 dB (S12) and 29 dB (S13)



(contour lines: 0.05, 0.2, 0.4, 0.6, 0.8, 0.95)

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Results: Spectrum

- Measure S-parameters
 - As a function of coil voltages at a fixed frequency
 - On/off ratios of 37 dB (S12) and 29 dB (S13)
 - As a function of frequency at the two chosen flux settings
 - FWHM bandwidth of approximately 150 MHz





Results: Saturation

- Measure S-parameters
 - As a function of coil voltages at a fixed frequency
 - On/off ratios of 37 dB (S12) and 29 dB (S13)
 - As a function of frequency at the two chosen flux settings
 - FWHM bandwidth of approximately 150 MHz
 - As a function of input power
 - Compression point of approximately -86 dBm (500,000 photons per microsecond)





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Results: Fast Switching

- Measure S-parameters
 - As a function of coil voltages at a fixed frequency
 - On/off ratios of 37 dB (S12) and 29 dB (S13)
 - As a function of frequency at the two chosen flux settings
 - FWHM bandwidth of approximately 150 MHz
 - As a function of input power
 - Compression point of approximately -86 dBm (500,000 photons per microsecond)



M. Pechal et al., Phys. Rev. Applied 6, 024009 (2016)

Single Photon Routing

• Single photon source based on a transmon qubit

Z. H. Peng et al., arXiv:1505.05614 (2015)



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Results: Single Photon Envelope

• Single photon source based on a transmon qubit

Z. H. Peng et al., arXiv:1505.05614 (2015)

• Switching of single photons



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ADC

Results: Statistical Moments and Wigner Functions

• Single photon source based on a transmon qubit

Z. H. Peng et al., arXiv:1505.05614 (2015)

Switching of single photons
 + measuring their moments

Extracted Wigner functions of single photon states





M. Pechal et al., Phys. Rev. Applied 6, 024009 (2016)

Short Summary on On-Chip Switch

- Implemented an on-chip superconducting switch
 - Compatible with current fabrication processes
 - No heat dissipation
 - Relatively large bandwidth (150 MHz)
 - 1dB compression point at -86 dBm
 - Very fast (6-8 ns switching time)



• Integrated with a quantum device (single photon source)



M. Pechal *et al., Phys. Rev. Applied* 6, 024009 (2016)



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