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User Manual

8.5 GHz Quantum Analyzer



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S.I. 2016/1101 (Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations)	EN 61010-1:2010, EN 61010-1:2010/A1:2019, EN 61010-1:2010/A1:2019/AC:2019-04
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1. Change Log

1.1. Release 24.07

Release date: 31-Jul-2024

- ─ In/Out:
 - ─ Resolved a bug that triggered an unnecessary reconfiguration of the synthesizer frequency upon re-applying the already configured frequency value.
- ─ QA Setup:
 - ─ Corrected the reported length in the warning that is issued when the waveform length gets rounded to the sample granularity.
- ─ QA Result Logger:
 - ─ Changed representation of unacquired data in Result logger to NaN.

1.2. Release 24.04

Release date: 30-Apr-2024

- ─ In/Out:
 - ─ Added fast output muting function for SHFQA+.
 - ─ Added RF/LF Interlock in the In/Out Tab.
- ─ QA Setup:
 - ─ Changed the default integration delay to 212 ns in both Spectroscopy and Readout mode.
- ─ Generator:
 - ─ Improved the optimization pass of the AWG compiler that removes unused registers.
 - ─ Support for sequencer command waitTrigger has been removed, use waitDigTrigger instead.

1.3. Release 24.01

Release date: 31-Jan-2024

- ─ QA Setup: Added LabOne UI feature for power spectral density measurement.
- ─ QA Result Logger
 - ─ Added hold-off error count clear and job index nodes for readout and spectroscopy respectively: `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/0/READOUT/RESULT/ERROR/CLEAR`, `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/0/SPECTROSCOPY/RESULT/ERROR/CLEAR`, `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/0/READOUT/RESULT/ERROR/JOBIDX`, and `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/0/SPECTROSCOPY/RESULT/ERROR/JOBIDX`.
 - ─ Renamed hold-off error count nodes to `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/0/READOUT/RESULT/ERROR/COUNT` (from `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/0/READOUT/RESULT/ERRORS`) and `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/0/SPECTROSCOPY/RESULT/ERROR/COUNT` (from `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/0/SPECTROSCOPY/RESULT/ERRORS`).
- ─ Generator: Added 2 sequence programs on the Example library.
- ─ DIO: Restricted `setDIO` with constant latency, no matter its arguments.
- ─ User Manual: Added LabOne UI tutorials

1.4. Release 23.10

Release date: 31-Oct-2023

- ─ Device
 - ─ Feature: Added automatic fallback to a link-local IP address in case no DHCP server could be found.
 - ─ Feature: Added Ethernet-over-USB support on the USB (not Maintenance) interface.
- ─ In/Out
 - ─ Feature: Added RF/LF path switching feature and updated the block diagram when using LF path in In/Out GUI Tab.
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- QA Result Logger
 - Feature: Added result parameter settings and result display when using Spectroscopy mode in QA Result Logger GUI Tab.
 - Improved ZSync support for multi-state discrimination: ZSync bits assigned to constant values or results of qudits not present in the integrator mask of the **startQA** command are no longer forwarded via the PQSC. Furthermore, changed the default value of the node `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/READOUT/MULTISTATE/ZSYNC/PACKED` to true.
- Generator
 - Feature: Added a second trigger output for the QA Sequencer.
- Introduced a new high-performance data-server kernel. It improves reliability and performances of communication with the instrument.
- DIO
 - The holdoff time of the Internal Trigger must now be a multiple of 100 ns, to improve consistency with the PQSC and ensure phase reproducibility when using the LF path.

1.5. Release 23.06

Release date: 30-Jun-2023

- Device
 - Feature: Added option to load factory defaults in Device Tab.
- In/Out
 - Feature: Added switchable signal path, RF (0.5 - 8.5 GHz) path and LF (DC - 800 MHz) path. Added nodes for switching between RF and LF paths of the QA channel input and output, respectively, as `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/INPUT/RFLFPATH` (default is 1, RF path) and `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/OUTPUT/RFLFPATH` (default is 1, RF path). Furthermore, the node `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/OUTPUT/RFLFINTERLOCK` (default is 0, output RF/LF path is configured independently) allows to enable an interlock, where the RF/LF path setting of the output is always configured according to the one of the input.
 - Bugfix: Fixed a bug where an over-range condition for the input and output channels was reported during ADC calibration (during startup).
- QA Setup
 - Bugfix: Fixed a bug where the spectroscopy delay node `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/SPECTROSCOPY/DELAY` didn't accept 0 ns after it was set to 4 ns.
- Generator
 - Feature: Added an optional synchronization check which ensures that all participants have reported their readiness before a program or internal triggers are executed.
 - Bugfix: Fixed a bug in the sequencer, where playZero commands got skipped when multiple successive playZero commands were used with large sample counts (e.g. 131056).

1.6. Release 23.02

Release date: 28-Feb-2023

- In/Out
 - Node: Added node `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/INPUT/ADCOVERRANGECOUNT`, allowing to separately monitor ADC overrange conditions.
 - Bugfix: Fixed a bug causing overrange conditions during the ADC calibration at startup.
- QA Setup
 - Feature: Added power-spectral-density (PSD) measurement capability to the spectroscopy mode. The PSD measurement gets controlled via the node tree branch `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/SPECTROSCOPY/PSD`.
 - API: Added a zhinst-toolkit example for PSD measurement in [GitHub](#).
 - API: Added a parameter **"wait_after_integration"** in zhinst-utils ShfSweeper class, see Table 1.1 in the tutorial [Continuous Resonator Spectroscopy](#).
 - API: Changed the default integration delay in zhinst-utils ShfSweeper class from 0 ns to 224 ns, see Table 1.1 in the tutorial [Continuous Resonator Spectroscopy](#).
- DIO
 - Feature: Added the internal trigger unit, which allows to generate a number of triggers with configurable hold-off time. The configuration is done via the nodes under `/DEV.../SYSTEM/INTERNALTRIGGER/` branch or the DIO tab in the GUI. The **"Internal Trigger"** can be selected as trigger source of the Scope, QA Readout Pulse Generator, and for Spectroscopy mode.
 - Bugfix: Fixed a bug causing broken DIO interface when switching between LVCMOS and LVDS outputs.
- Scope: Fixed a bug causing a wrong effective scope trigger delay at startup.

1.7. Release 22.08

Release date: 31-Aug-2022

- ─ In/Out
 - ─ LabOne GUI: Fixed a bug, where the error "The sign ADC reported unexpected dataconverter errors!" was issued during an over range condition at the QA channel inputs.
 - ─ LabOne GUI: Added overload status display of the Input signal from the front panel and the Output signal before DAC.
- ─ QA Setup: Added support for real-time multistate discrimination, accessible through the new node branch: `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/READOUT/MULTISTATE/`. The feature allows to discriminate the states of up to 16 qubits, 8 qutrits or 5 ququads or of any combination of these in real-time through the command **startQA** in the sequencer.
- ─ QA Result: Improved the maximal repetition rate, with which the QA readout can be started without missing triggers to 1/(440 ns).
- ─ DIO: Changed keyword arguments of node `/DEV.../DIOS/0/MODE` to enable control of DIO values by the sequencer from **chanNseq** or **channelN_sequencer** to **qachanNseq** or **qachannelN_sequencer**.
- ─ Generator
 - ─ LabOne GUI: Added Waveform Viewer sub-tab to display waveforms of readout and integration weights or spectroscopy envelope.
 - ─ LabOne GUI: Removed one trigger selection **Sequencer n Trigger Out** from the Trigger sub-tab of Sequencer n.
 - ─ Node: Node `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/GENERATOR/ELF/DATA` accepts raw data as 8-, 16-, and 64-bit integer vectors in addition to 32-bit words.
- ─ User Manual: Changed the LabOne API used in the [Tutorial Session](#) from Zurich Instruments Python to Zurich Instruments Toolkit.

1.8. Release 22.02

Release date: 28-Feb-2022

- ─ In/Out: Added 2 recommendations to the user manual, warm up the instrument with inputs and outputs are **both enabled** for **2 hours**, and do not change center frequency or input range while running the Python API ShfSweeper class.
- ─ QA Setup:
 - ─ LabOne GUI: Fixed a bug such that readout waveforms and integration weights can always be uploaded after clearing all memory slots even when there is no change. (patch release)
 - ─ LabOne GUI: Fixed a bug such that readout waveform and integration weights are parametrically generated based on sampling rate of 2.0 GSa/s instead of 1.8 GSa/s. (patch release)
 - ─ LabOne GUI: Added CSV envelope waveform upload feature in Pulse Spectroscopy mode.
 - ─ LabOne GUI: Added new phase parameters for Parametric generation of readout and integration weight waveforms in Readout mode.
 - ─ LabOne GUI: Added waveform vectors clearing feature in Readout mode.
 - ─ Node tree: Added new node `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/READOUT/INTEGRATION/CLEARWEIGHT` to clear all uploaded integration weight vectors.
- ─ QA Result:
 - ─ LabOne GUI and API: Changed result vector of integration unit which was not triggered to "NaN" (Not a Number).
 - ─ LabOne GUI and API: Fixed a bug such that the instrument can run continuously even result length of all channels are set to the maximum value. (patch release)
- ─ Scope:
 - ─ LabOne GUI: Added Scope tab.
 - ─ LabOne GUI and API: Added continuous mode. Scope gets automatically re-enabled after each acquired scope shot. The node `/DEV.../SCOPES/0/SINGLE` is used to switch between continuous mode (0, default) and single-shot (1). In addition, if `/DEV.../SCOPES/0/TRIGGER/ENABLE` is set to 0 (default), the scope gets automatically re-triggered.
 - ─ LabOne API: Fixed the issue that samples were always scaled by the number of averages, even when the averaging was switched off.
- ─ DIO: LabOne GUI: Added Trigger and Marker sub-tabs.
- ─ Generator:
 - ─ LabOne GUI: Added User Register.
 - ─ LabOne GUI: Enabled Generator Sequencer Status display.
 - ─ SeqC: Added commands **resetOscPhase()**, **setUserReg()**, **getUserReg()** **configFreqSweep()** and **setSweepStep()** to the Sequencer.
 - ─ SeqC: Enabled triggering of all individual integration units and its combination using the bit mask, for example by combining two constants **"QA_INT_0 | QA_INT_1"** using the bit-wise OR operator **"|"**.

- ─ Node tree: Added new node `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/GENERATOR/CLEARWAVE` to clear all uploaded readout waveform vectors.
- ─ Corrected rounding of uploaded waveform samples. This will make a change of the signal output by 1 least-significant bit, corresponding to a fraction 2^{-17} of the full scale amplitude.
- ─ ShfSweeper Python class: LabOne API: Updated the ShfSweeper Python class in `zhinst.utils.shf_sweeper` to use the fast sequencer-based sweep by default. Users can set the `use_sequencer` attribute in the `SweepConfig` to `False` to return to the previous host-based approach.

1.9. Release 21.08

Release date: 27-Aug-2021

- ─ Sweeper: Added a feature to realize pulsed spectroscopy.
- ─ DIO: Enabled full DIO support. Added new node `/DEV.../DIOS/0/MODE` to select mode, and introduced the following SeqC commands: `setDIO()`, `getDIO()`, `waitDIOTrigger()`, and `getDIOTriggered()`.
- ─ Sequencer: Modified the behaviour of the `startQA()` SeqC command: The `"trigger"` argument now controls the trigger signal instead of the marker output.
- ─ Firmware Update: Firmware can now be updated via USB.
- ─ User Manual: Added tutorials for spectroscopy and qubit readout measurement.
- ─ LabOne GUI: Added Readout Pulse Generator Sequencer tab.
- ─ LabOne GUI: Added Quantum Analyzer Result Logger tab.
- ─ LabOne API: Moved Python API examples to GitHub, <https://github.com/zhinst/labone-api-examples>.
- ─ LabOne API: Added `EnvelopeConfig` in `zhinst.utils.shf_sweeper` for configuring the envelope for pulsed spectroscopy.
- ─ LabOne API: Renamed `pointwise` to `sequential`, `sweepwise` to `cyclic`, `dwel_time` to `integration_time` and `num_samples` to `num_averages` in `zhinst.utils.shf_sweeper`.
- ─ Added new nodes to select either `"cyclic"` or `"sequential"` averaging of results: `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/READOUT/RESULT/MODE` and `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/SPECTROSCOPY/RESULT/MODE`.
- ─ LabOne API: Added a new node `/DEV.../SCOPES/0/SINGLE` to switch between single-shot and continuous mode, only single-shot is available in this release (patch release).
- ─ LabOne API: Added new nodes `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/SPECTROSCOPY/ENVELOPE/` branch to enable multiplication of the oscillator signal with a complex envelope for pulsed spectroscopy.
- ─ LabOne API: Renamed `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/READOUT/RESULT/` branch to `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/SPECTROSCOPY/RESULT/`
- ─ LabOne API: Renamed `/DEV.../RAW/QACHANNELS/n/SPECTROSCOPY/TRIGGER/CHANNEL` to `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/SPECTROSCOPY/TRIGGER/CHANNEL`.
- ─ LabOne API: Renamed `/DEV.../SYSTEM/SWTRIGGER/` branch to `/DEV.../SYSTEM/SWTRIGGERS/`
- ─ LabOne API: Removed `SEQUENCER/` from `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/GENERATOR/SEQUENCER/{AUXTRIGGERS/, DIO/, ELF/, ENABLE, SINGLE, READY, RESET}`.
- ─ LabOne API: Removed the node `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/READOUT/RESULT/RESET`. Instead, a running measurement can now be stopped by writing 0 to the node `/DEV.../QACHANNELS/n/READOUT/RESULT/ENABLE`.

1.10. Release 21.02

Release date: 28-Feb-2021

- ─ Initial release of SHFQA user manual.

2. Getting Started

This first chapter guides you through the initial set-up of your SHFQA+ Instrument in order to make your first measurements.

Please refer to:

- [Quick Start Guide](#) for a Quick Start Guide for the impatient.
- [Inspect the Package Contents](#) for inspecting the package content and accessories.
- [Handling and Safety Instructions](#) for a list of essential handling and safety instructions.
- [Software Installation - Software Update](#) for help connecting to the SHFQA+ Instrument with the LabOne software.
- [Troubleshooting](#) for a handy list of troubleshooting guidelines.

This chapter is delivered as a hard copy with the instrument upon delivery. It is also the first chapter of the SHFQA+ User Manual.

2.1. Quick Start Guide

This page addresses all the people who have been impatiently awaiting their new gem to arrive and want to see it up and running quickly. Please proceed with the following steps:

1. [Inspect the package contents](#). Besides the Instrument there should be a country-specific power cable, a USB cable, an Ethernet cable, a ZSync cable, and a hard copy of the [Getting Started guide](#).
2. Check [Handling and Safety Instructions](#) for the Handling and Safety Instructions.
3. Download and install the latest LabOne software from the [Zurich Instruments Download Center](#).
4. Choose the download file that suits your computer (e.g. Windows with 64-bit addressing). For more detailed information see [Software Installation](#).
5. Connect the instrument to the power outlet. Turn it on and connect it to a switch in the LAN using the Ethernet cable.
6. Start the LabOne User Interface from the Windows Start Menu. The default web browser will open and display your instrument in a start screen as shown below. Use Chrome, Edge, Firefox, or Opera for best user experience.

Device Connection

LabOne® User Interface

Version 21.03.3147 Check For Update

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7. The LabOne User Interface start-up screen will appear. Click the **Open** button on the lower right of the page. The default configuration will be loaded and the first signals can be generated. If the user interface does not start up successfully, please refer to [Connecting to the Instrument](#).

If any problems occur while setting up the instrument and software, please see [Troubleshooting](#) at the end of this chapter for troubleshooting.

When connecting cables to the instrument's SMA ports, use a torque wrench specified for brass core SMA (4 in-lbs, 0.5 Nm). Using a standard SMA torque wrench (8 in-lbs) or a wrench without torque limit can damage the connectors.

After you have finished using the instrument, it is recommended to shut it down using the soft power button on the front panel of the instrument or by clicking on the  button at the bottom left of the user interface screen before turning off the power switch on the back panel of the instrument.

Once the Instrument is up and running we recommend going through some of the tutorials given in [Tutorials](#). The functional description of the SHFQA+ can be found in [Functional Description](#) and provides a general introduction to the various tools and tables in each section describing every setting. In the same section, [Functional Description](#) provides an overview of the different UI tabs. For specific application know-how, the [blog section](#) of the Zurich Instruments website will serve as a valuable resource that is constantly updated and expanded.

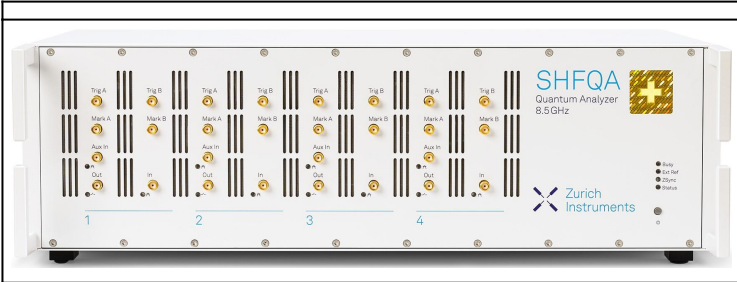
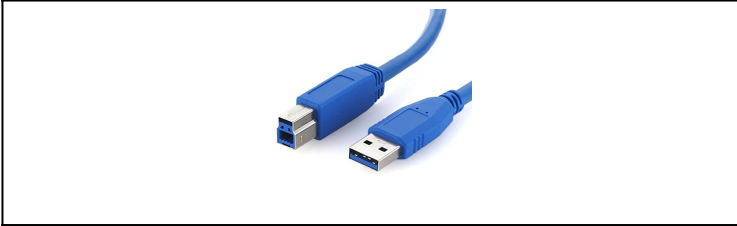



2.2. Inspect the Package Contents

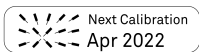

If the shipping container appears to be damaged, keep the container until you have inspected the contents of the shipment and have performed basic functional tests.

Please verify the following:

- You have received 1 Zurich Instruments SHFQA+ Instrument
- You have received 1 power cord with a power plug suited to your country
- You have received 1 USB 3.0 cable and/or 1 LAN cable (category 5/6 required)
- You have received 1 Zurich Instruments ZSync cable
- You have received a printed version of the "Getting Started" section
- The "Next Calibration" sticker on the rear panel of the instrument indicates a date approximately 2 years in the future → Zurich Instruments recommends calibration intervals of 2 years
- The MAC address of the instrument is displayed on a sticker on the back panel

Table 2.1: Package contents for the SHFQA+

	2 or 4-channel SHFQA+
	the power cord (e.g. EU norm)
	the USB 3.0 cable
	the power inlet, with power switch
	the LAN / Ethernet cable (category 5/6 required)
	the ZSync cable

	the "Next Calibration" sticker on the back panel of the instrument
	the MAC address sticker on the back panel of the instrument

The SHFQA+ Instrument is equipped with a multi-mains switched power supply, and therefore can be connected to most power systems in the world. The fuse holder is integrated with the power inlet and can be extracted by grabbing the holder with two small screwdrivers at the top and at the bottom at the same time. A spare fuse is contained in the fuse holder. The fuse description is found in the specifications chapter.

Carefully inspect your instrument. If there is mechanical damage or the instrument does not pass the basic tests, then you should immediately notify the Zurich Instruments support team through [email](#).

2.3. Handling and Safety Instructions

The SHFQA+ Instrument is a sensitive piece of electronic equipment, and under no circumstances should its casing be opened, as there are high-voltage parts inside which may be harmful to human beings. There are no serviceable parts inside the instrument. Do not install substitute parts or perform any unauthorized modification to the product. Opening the instrument immediately voids the warranty provided by Zurich Instruments.

Do not use this product in any manner not specified by the manufacturer. The protective features of this product may be affected if it is used in a way not specified in the operating instructions.

The following general safety instructions must be observed during all phases of operation, service, and handling of the instrument. The disregard of these precautions and all specific warnings elsewhere in this manual may negatively affect the operation of the equipment and its lifetime.

Zurich Instruments assumes no liability for the user's failure to observe and comply with the instructions in this user manual.

Caution

The SMA connectors on the front panel are made for transmitting radio frequencies and can be damaged if handled inappropriately. Take care when attaching or detaching cables or when moving the instrument.

Table 2.2: Safety Instructions

Ground the instrument	The instrument chassis must be correctly connected to earth ground by means of the supplied power cord. The ground pin of the power cord set plug must be firmly connected to the electrical ground (safety ground) terminal at the mains power outlet. Interruption of the protective earth conductor or disconnection of the protective earth terminal will cause a potential shock hazard that could result in personal injury and potential damage to the instrument.
Ground loops	The SMA connectors are not floating. For sensitive operations and in order to avoid ground loops, consider adding dc-blocks at the Inputs of the device.
Electromagnetic environment	This equipment has been certified to conform with industrial electromagnetic environment as defined in EN 61326-1. Emissions, that exceed the levels required by the document referenced above, can occur when connected to a test object.
Measurement category	This equipment is of measurement category I (CAT I). Do not use it for CAT II, III, or IV. Do not connect the measurement terminals to mains sockets.
Maximum ratings	The specified electrical ratings for the connectors of the instrument should not be exceeded at any time during operation. Please refer to the Specifications for a comprehensive list of ratings.
Do not service or adjust anything yourself	There are no serviceable parts inside the instrument.





Software updates	Frequent software updates provide the user with many important improvements as well as new features. Only the last released software version is supported by Zurich Instruments.
Warnings	Instructions contained in any warning issued by the instrument, either by the software, the graphical user interface, the notes on the instrument or mentioned in this manual, must be followed.
Notes	Instructions contained in the notes of this user manual are of essential importance for correctly interpreting the acquired measurement data.
Location and ventilation	This instrument or system is intended for indoor use in an installation category II and pollution degree 2 environment as per IEC 61010-1. Do not operate or store the instrument outside the ambient conditions specified in the Specifications section. Do not block the ventilator opening on the back or the air intake on the chassis side and front, and allow a reasonable space for the air to flow.
Cleaning	To prevent electrical shock, disconnect the instrument from AC mains power and disconnect all test leads before cleaning. Clean the outside of the instrument using a soft, lint-free cloth slightly dampened with water. Do not use detergent or solvents. Do not attempt to clean internally.
AC power connection and mains line fuse	For continued protection against fire, replace the line fuse only with a fuse of the specified type and rating. Use only the power cord specified for this product and certified for the country of use. Always position the device so that its power switch and the power cord are easily accessible during operation.
Main power disconnect	Unplug product from wall outlet and remove power cord before servicing. Only qualified, service-trained personnel should remove the cover from the instrument.
RJ45 sockets labeled ZSync	The RJ45 sockets on the back panel labeled "ZSync 1/2" are not intended for Ethernet LAN connection. Connecting an Ethernet device to these sockets may damage the instrument and/or the Ethernet device.
Operation and storage	Do not operate or store the instrument outside the ambient conditions specified in the Specifications section.
Handling	Handle with care. Do not drop the instrument. Do not store liquids on the device, as there is a chance of spillage resulting in damage.
Safety critical systems	Do not use this equipment in systems whose failure could result in loss of life, significant property damage or damage to the environment.

If you notice any of the situations listed below, immediately stop the operation of the instrument, disconnect the power cord, and contact the support team at Zurich Instruments, either through the website form or through [email](#).

Table 2.3: Unusual Conditions

Fan is not working properly or not at all	Switch off the instrument immediately to prevent overheating of sensitive electronic components.
Power cord or power plug on instrument is damaged	Switch off the instrument immediately to prevent overheating, electric shock, or fire. Please exchange the power cord only with one for this product and certified for the country of use.
Instrument emits abnormal noise, smell, or sparks	Switch off the instrument immediately to prevent further damage.
Instrument is damaged	Switch off the instrument immediately and ensure it is not used again until it has been repaired.

Table 2.4: Symbols

	Earth ground
	Chassis ground
	Caution. Refer to accompanying documentation
	DC (direct current)

2.4. Software Installation

The SHFQA+ Instrument is operated from a host computer with the LabOne software. To install the LabOne software on a computer, administrator rights may be required. In order to simply run the software later, a regular user account is sufficient. Instructions for downloading the correct version of the software packages from the Zurich Instruments website are described below in the platform-dependent sections. It is recommended to regularly update to the latest software version provided by Zurich Instruments. Thanks to the Automatic Update check feature, the update can be initiated with a single click from within the user interface, as shown in [Software Update](#).

2.4.1. Installing LabOne on Windows

The installation packages for the Zurich Instruments LabOne software are available as Windows installer .msi packages. The software is available on the [Zurich Instruments Download Center](#). Please ensure that you have administrator rights for the PC on which the software is to be installed. See [LabOne compatibility](#) for a comprehensive list of supported Windows systems.

2.4.2. Windows LabOne Installation

1. The SHFQA+ Instrument should not be connected to your computer during the LabOne software installation process.
2. Start the LabOne installer program with a name of the form **LabOne64-XX.XX.XXXXX.msi** by a double click and follow the instructions. Windows Administrator rights are required for installation. The installation proceeds as follows:
 - On the welcome screen click the **Next** button.

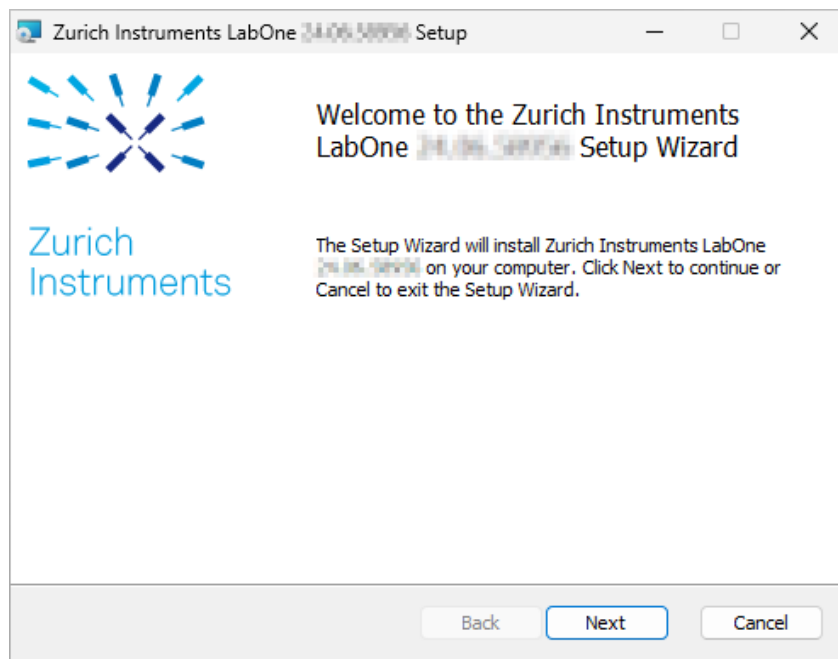


Figure 2.1: Installation welcome screen

- After reading through the Zurich Instruments license agreement, check the "I accept the terms in the License Agreement" check box and click the **Next** button.
- Review the features you want to have installed. For the SHFQA+ Instrument the "SHFQA+ Series Device", "LabOne User Interface" and "LabOne APIs" features are required. Please install the features for other device classes as well, if required. To proceed click the **Next** button.

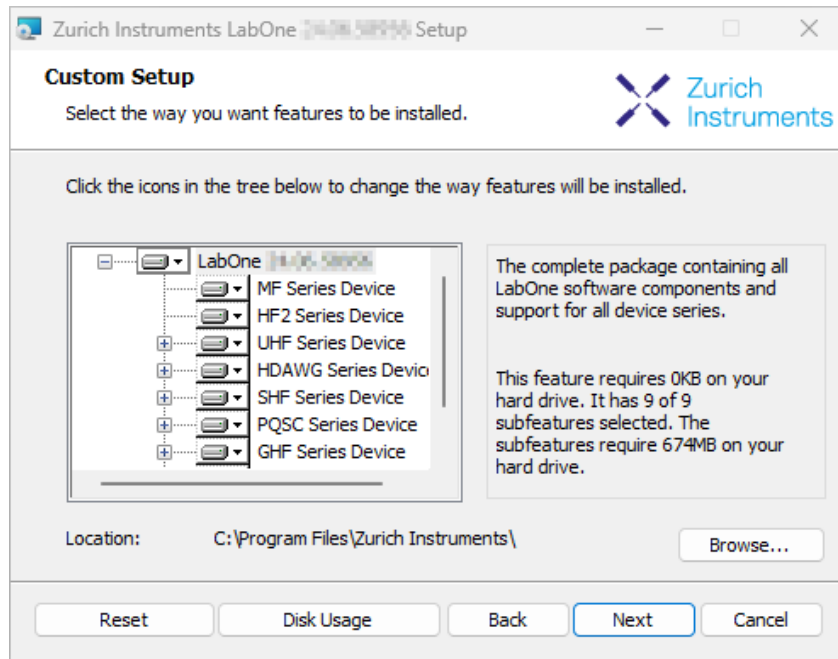


Figure 2.2: Custom setup screen

- Select whether the software should periodically check for updates. Note, the software will still not update automatically. This setting can later be changed in the user interface. If you would like to install shortcuts on your desktop area, select "Create a shortcut for this program on the desktop". To proceed click the **Next** button.

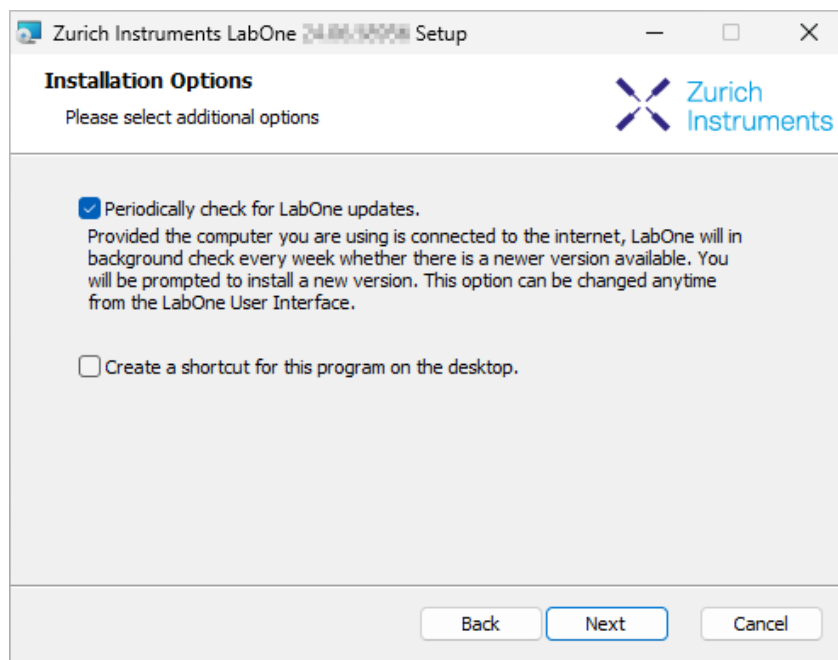


Figure 2.3: Automatic update check

- Click the **Install** button to start the installation process.
- Windows may ask up to two times to reboot the computer if you are upgrading. Make sure you have no unsaved work on your computer.

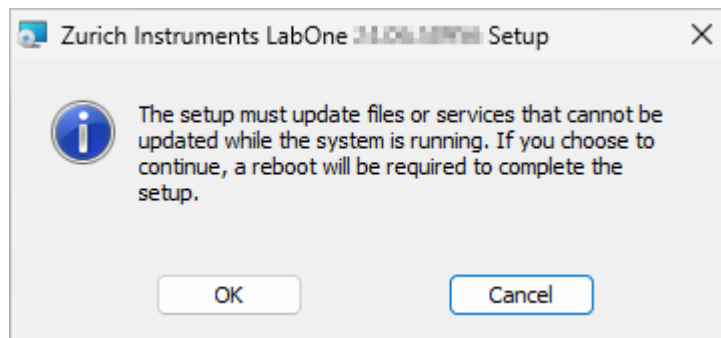


Figure 2.4: Installation reboot request

- During the first installation of LabOne, it is required to confirm the installation of some drivers from the trusted publisher Zurich Instruments. Click on **Install**.

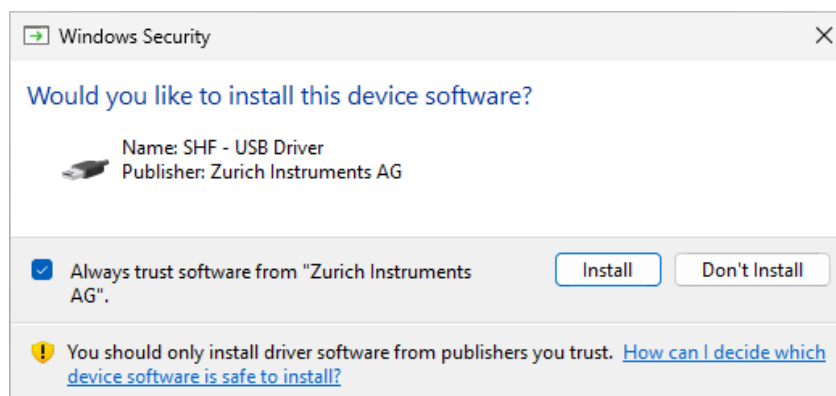


Figure 2.5: Installation driver acceptance

- Click **OK** on the following notification dialog.

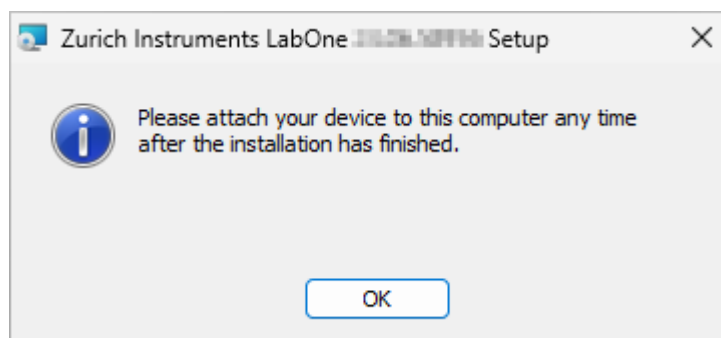


Figure 2.6: Installation completion screen

- Click **Finish** to close the Zurich Instruments LabOne installer.
- You can now start the LabOne User Interface as described in [LabOne Software Start-up](#) and choose an instrument to connect to via the Device Connection dialog shown in [Device Connection dialog](#).

Warning

Do not install drivers from another source other than Zurich Instruments.

2.4.3. Start LabOne Manually on the Command Line

After installing the LabOne software, the Web Server and Data Server can be started manually using the command-line. The more common way to start LabOne under Windows is described in [LabOne Software Start-up](#). The advantage of using the command line is being able to observe and change the behavior of the Web and Data Servers. To start the Servers manually, open a command-line terminal (Command Prompt, PowerShell (Windows) or Bash (Linux)). For Windows, the current working directory needs to be the installation directory of the Web Server and Data Server. They are

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installed in the Program Files folder (usually: C:\Program Files) under \Zurich Instruments\LabOne in the WebServer and DataServer folders, respectively. The Web Server and Data Server (ziDataServer) are started by running the respective executable in each folder. Please be aware that only one instance of the Web Server can run at a time per computer. The behavior of the Servers can be changed by providing command line arguments. For a detailed list of all arguments see the command line help text:

```
$ ziWebServer --help
```

For the Data Server:

```
$ ziDataServer --help
```

One useful application of running the Webserver manually from a terminal window is to change the data directory from its default path in the user home directory. The data directory is a folder in which the LabOne Webserver saves all the measured data in the format specified by the user. Before running the Webserver from the terminal, the user needs to ensure there is no other instance of Webserver running in the background. This can be checked using the Tray Icon as shown below.



Figure 2.7: LabOne Tray Icon in Windows 11

The corresponding command line argument to specify the data path is `--data-path` and the command to start the LabOne Webserver with a non-default directory path, e.g., `C:\data` is

```
C:\Program Files\Zurich Instruments\LabOne\WebServer> ziWebServer --data-path "C:\data"
```

Windows LabOne Uninstallation

To uninstall the LabOne software package from a Windows computer, one can open the "Installed apps" page from the Windows start menu and search for LabOne. By selecting the LabOne item in the list of apps, the user has the option to "Uninstall" or "Modify" the software package as shown in Figure 2.8.

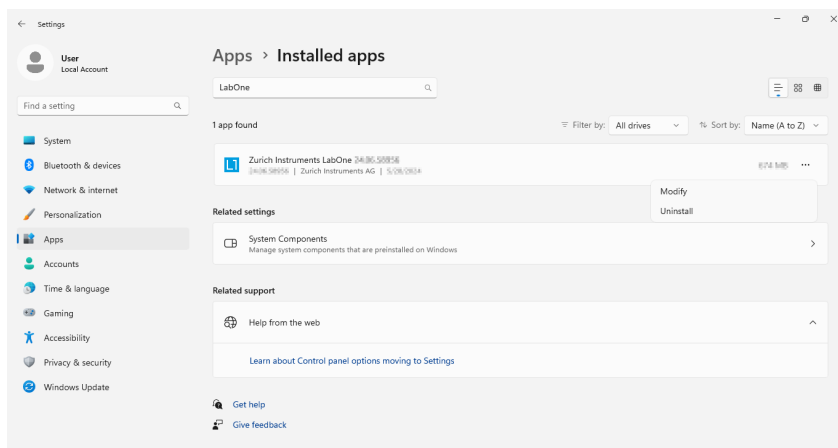


Figure 2.8: Uninstallation of LabOne on Windows computers

Warning

Although it is possible to install a new version of LabOne on a currently-installed version, it is highly recommended to first uninstall the older version of LabOne from the computer and then, install the new version. Otherwise, if the installation process fails, the current installation is damaged and cannot be uninstalled directly. The user will need to first repair the installation and then, uninstall it.

In case a current installation of LabOne is corrupted, one can simply repair it by selecting the option "Modify" in Figure 2.8. This will open the LabOne installation wizard with the option "Repair" as shown in Figure 2.9.

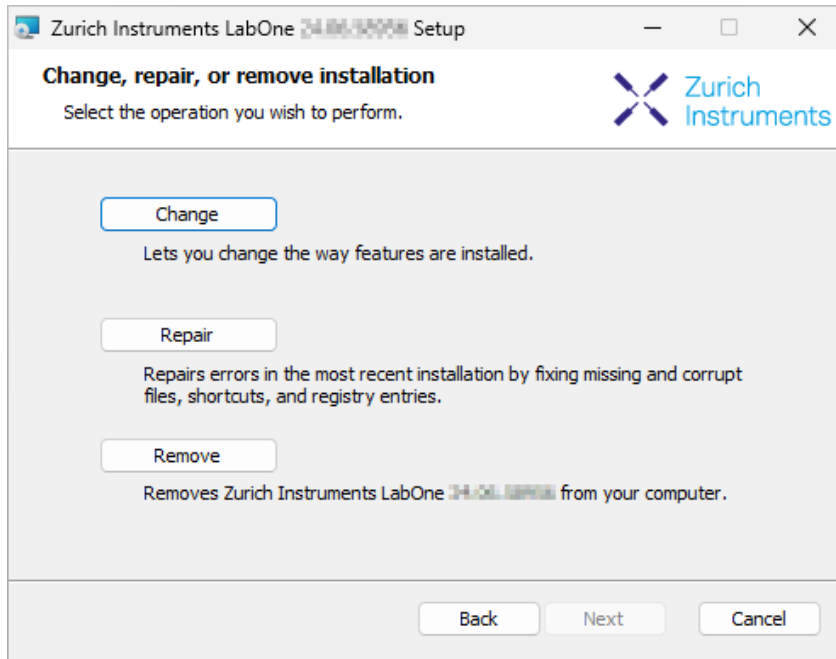


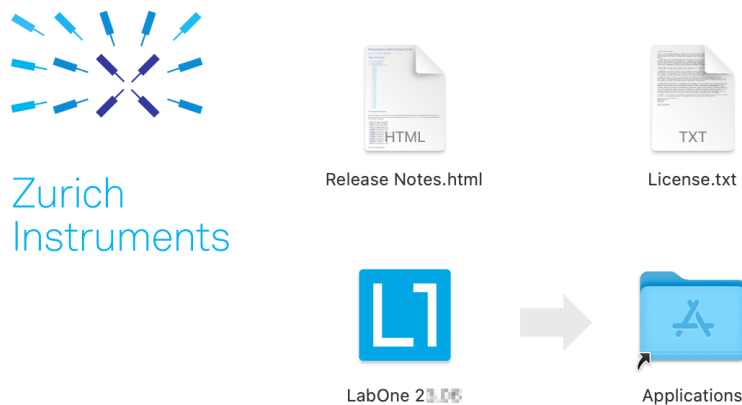
Figure 2.9: Repair of LabOne on Windows computers

After finishing the repair process, the normal uninstallation process described above can be triggered to uninstall LabOne.

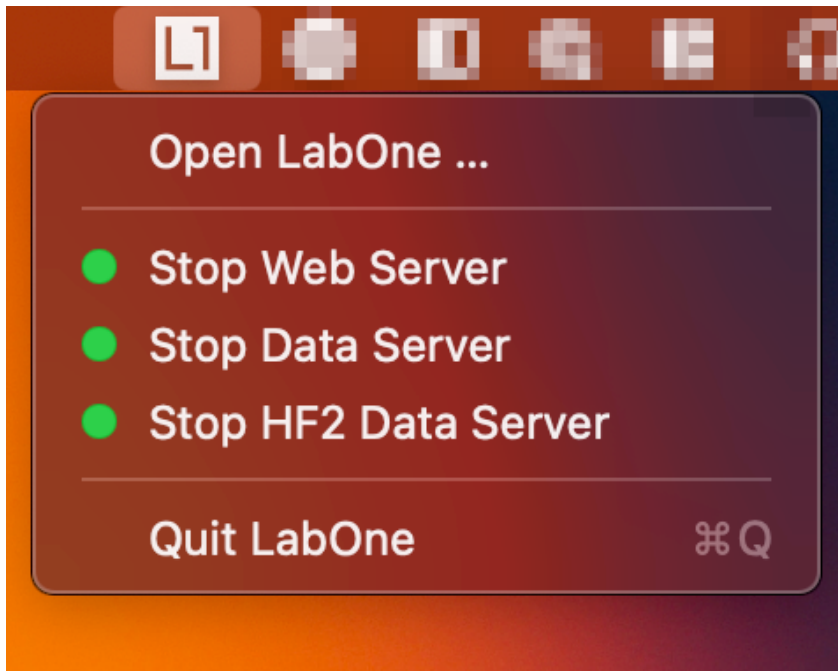
2.4.4. Installing LabOne on macOS

LabOne supports both Intel and ARM (M-series) architectures within a single universal disk image (DMG) file available in our Download Center.

- Download and double-click the DMG file to mount the image.



- The image contains a single LabOne application with all services needed.
- Once the application is started, a labone icon will appear in the menu bar. It allows the user to easily open a new session and shows the status of all services.



2.4.5. Uninstalling LabOne on macOS

To uninstall LabOne on macOS, simply drag the LabOne application to the trash bin.

2.4.6. Application Content

The LabOne application contains all resources available for macOS. This includes:

- The binaries for the Web Server and Data Servers.
- The binaries for the C, MATLAB, and LabVIEW APIs.
- An offline version of the user manuals.
- The latest firmware images for all instruments.

To access this content, right-click on the LabOne application and select "Show Package Contents". Then, go into Contents/Resources.

Note

Since the application name contains a space, one needs to escape it when using the command line to access the contents: `cd /Applications/LabOne\ XX.XX.app/Contents/Resources`

2.4.7. Start LabOne Manually on the Command Line

To start the LabOne services like the data server and web server manually, one can use the command line.

The data server binary is called **ziDataServer** (**ziServer** for HF2 instruments) and is located at `Applications/LabOne\ XX.XX.app/Contents/Resources/DataServer/`.

The web server binary is called **ziWebServer** and is located at `Applications/LabOne\ XX.XX.app/Contents/Resources/DataServer/`.

Note

No special command line arguments are needed to start the LabOne services. Use the `--help` argument to see all available options.

2.4.8. Installing LabOne on Linux

2.4.9. Requirements

Ensure that the following requirements are fulfilled before trying to install the LabOne software package:

1. LabOne software supports typical modern GNU/Linux distributions (Ubuntu 14.04+, CentOS 7+, Debian 8+). The minimum requirements are glibc 2.17+ and kernel 3.10+.
2. You have administrator rights for the system.
3. The correct version of the LabOne installation package for your operating system and platform have been downloaded from the Zurich Instruments [Download Center](#):

```
LabOneLinux<arch>-<release>-<revision>.tar.gz,
```

Please ensure you download the correct architecture (x86-64 or arm64) of the LabOne installer. The `uname` command can be used in order to determine which architecture you are using, by running:

```
uname -m
```

in a command line terminal. If the command outputs `x86_64` the x86-64 version of the LabOne package is required, if it displays `aarch64` the ARM64 version is required.

2.4.10. Linux LabOne Installation

Proceed with the installation in a command line shell as follows:

1. Extract the LabOne tarball in a temporary directory:

```
tar xzvf LabOneLinux<arch>-<release>-<revision>.tar.gz
```

2. Navigate into the extracted directory.

```
cd LabOneLinux<arch>-<release>-<revision>
```

3. Run the install script with administrator rights and proceed through the guided installation, using the default installation path if possible:

```
sudo bash install.sh
```

The install script lets you choose between the following three modes:

- Type "a" to install the Data Server program, the Web Server program, documentation and APIs.
 - Type "u" to install `udev` support (only necessary if HF2 Instruments will be used with this LabOne installation and not relevant for other instrument classes).
 - Type "ENTER" to install both options "a" and "u".
4. Test your installation by running the software as described in the next section.

2.4.11. Running the Software on Linux

The following steps describe how to start the LabOne software in order to access and use your instrument in the User Interface.

1. Start the Web Server program at a command prompt:

```
$ ziWebServer
```

2. Start an up-to-date web browser and enter the `127.0.0.1:8006` in the browser's address bar to access the Web Server program and start the LabOne User Interface. The LabOne Web Server installed on the PC listens by default on port number 8006 instead of 80 to minimize the probability of conflicts.
3. You can now start the LabOne User Interface as described in [LabOne Software Start-up](#) and choose an instrument to connect to via the Device Connection dialog shown in [Device Connection dialog](#).

Important

Do not use two Data Server instances running in parallel; only one instance may run at a time.

2.4.12. Uninstalling LabOne on Linux

The LabOne software package copies an uninstall script to the base installation path (the default installation directory is `/opt/zi/`). To uninstall the LabOne package please perform the following steps in a command line shell:

1. Navigate to the path where LabOne is installed, for example, if LabOne is installed in the default installation path:

```
$ cd /opt/zi/
```

2. Run the uninstall script with administrator rights and proceed through the guided steps:

```
$ sudo bash uninstall_LabOne<arch>--<release>--<revision>.sh
```

2.5. Connecting to the Instrument

The Zurich Instruments SHFQA+ is operated using the LabOne software. After installation of LabOne, the instrument can be connected to a PC by using either the Universal Serial Bus (USB) cable or the 1 Gbit/s Ethernet (1GbE) LAN cable supplied with the instrument. The LabOne software is controlled via a web browser after suitable physical and logical connections to the instrument have been made.

Note

The following web browsers are supported (latest versions).



Chrome



Firefox



Opera



Edge



Safari

- When using 1GbE, integrate the instrument physically into an existing local area network (LAN) by connecting the instrument to a switch in the LAN using an Ethernet cable. The instrument can then be accessed from a web browser running on any computer in the same LAN with LabOne installed. The Ethernet connection can also be point-to-point. This requires some adjustment of the network card settings of the host computer. Depending on the network configuration and the installed network card, one or the other connection scheme is better suited.
- Using the USB connection to physically connect to the instrument requires the installation of a USB driver on Windows computers. This driver is included in the LabOne software installer and will be installed on the host computer as part of the LabOne installation wizard.

2.5.1. LabOne Software Architecture

The Zurich Instruments LabOne software gives quick and easy access to the instrument from a host PC. LabOne also supports advanced configurations with simultaneous access by multiple software clients (i.e., LabOne User Interface clients and/or API clients), and even simultaneous access by several users working on different computers. Here we give a brief overview of the architecture of the LabOne software. This will help to better understand the following chapters.

The software of Zurich Instruments equipment is server-based. The servers and other software components are organized in layers as shown in [Figure 2.10](#).

- The lowest layer running on the PC is the LabOne Data Server, which is the interface to the connected instrument.
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The middle layer contains the LabOne Web Server, which is the server for the browser-based LabOne User Interface.

- The graphical user interface, together with the programming user interfaces, are contained in the top layer.

The architecture with one central Data Server allows multiple clients to access a device with synchronized settings. The following sections explain the different layers and their functionality in more detail.

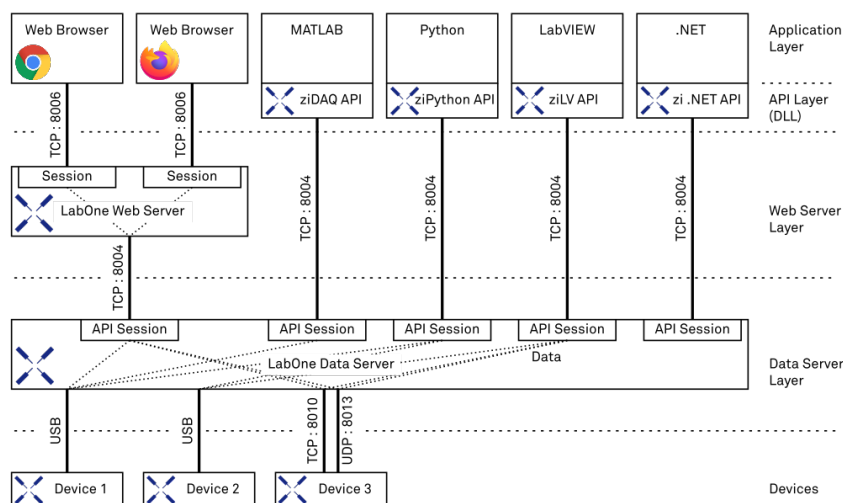


Figure 2.10: LabOne Software architecture

2.5.2. LabOne Data Server

The **LabOne Data Server** program is a dedicated server that is in charge of all communication to and from the device. The Data Server can control a single or also multiple instruments. It will distribute the measurement data from the instrument to all the clients that subscribe to it. It also ensures that settings changed by one client are communicated to other clients. The device settings are therefore synchronized on all clients. On a PC, only a single instance of a LabOne Data Server should be running.

2.5.3. LabOne Web Server

The LabOne Web Server is an application dedicated to serving up the web pages that constitute the LabOne user interface. The user interface can be opened with any device with a web browser. Since it is touch enabled, it is possible to work with the LabOne User Interface on a mobile device - like a tablet. The LabOne Web Server supports multiple clients simultaneously. This means that more than one session can be used to view data and to manipulate the instrument. A session could be running in a browser on the PC on which the LabOne software is installed. It could equally well be running in a browser on a remote machine.

With a LabOne Web Server running and accessing an instrument, a new session can be opened by typing in a network address and port number in a browser address bar. In case the Web Server runs on the **same** computer, the address is the localhost address (both are equivalent):

- `127.0.0.1:8006`
- `localhost:8006`

In case the Web Server runs on a **remote** computer, the address is the IP address or network name of the remote computer:

- `192.168.x.y:8006`
- `myPC.company.com:8006`

The most recent versions of the most popular browsers are supported: Chrome, Firefox, Edge, Safari and Opera.

2.5.4. LabOne API Layer

The instrument can also be controlled via the application program interfaces (APIs) provided by Zurich Instruments. APIs are provided in the form of DLLs for the following programming environments:

- MATLAB
- Python
- LabVIEW
- .NET
- C

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- MATLAB
- Python

An extensive Python API and python-based drivers are provided for the following frameworks:

- <https://github.com/zhinst/zhinst-toolkit>[Zurich Instruments Toolkit]
- <https://github.com/zhinst/zhinst-qcodes>[QCoDeS]
- <https://github.com/zhinst/zhinst-labber>[Labber]

The instrument can therefore be controlled by an external program, and the resulting data can be processed there. The device can be concurrently accessed via one or more of the APIs and via the user interface. This enables easy integration into larger laboratory setups. See the LabOne Programming Manual for further information. Using the APIs, the user has access to the same functionality that is available in the LabOne User Interface.

2.5.5. LabOne Software Start-up

This section describes the start-up of the LabOne User Interface which is used to control the SHFQA+ Instrument. If the LabOne software is not yet installed on the PC please follow the instructions in [Software Installation](#). If the device is not yet connected please find more information in [Visibility and Connection](#).

The LabOne User Interface start-up link can be found under the Windows 10/11 Start Menu. As shown in [Figure 2.11](#), click on **Start Menu → Zurich Instruments LabOne**. This will open the User Interface in a new tab in your default web browser and start the LabOne Data Server and LabOne Web Server programs in the background. A detailed description of the software architecture is found in [LabOne Software Architecture](#).

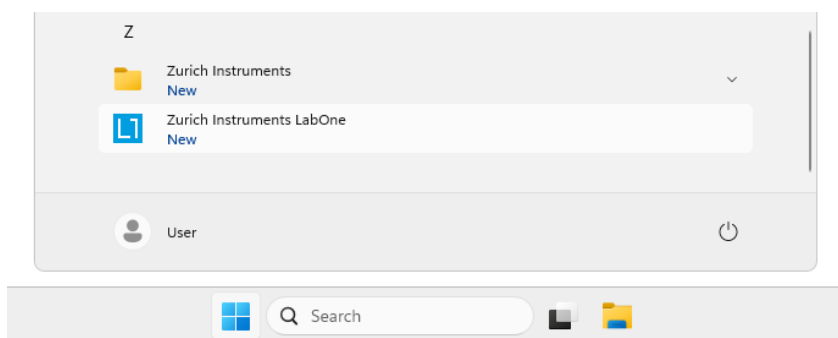


Figure 2.11: Link to the LabOne User Interface in the Windows 11 Start Menu

LabOne is an HTML5 browser-based program. This simply means that the user interface runs in a web browser and that a connection using a mobile device is also possible; simply specify the IP address (and port 8006) of the PC running the user interface.

Note

By creating a shortcut to Google Chrome on your desktop with the Target **path\to\chrome.exe -app=http://127.0.0.1:8006** set in Properties you can run the LabOne User Interface in Chrome in application mode, which improves the user experience by removing the unnecessary browser controls.

After starting LabOne, the Device Connection dialog [Figure 2.12](#) is shown to select the device for the session. The term "session" is used for an active connection between the user interface and the device. Such a session is defined by device settings and user interface settings. Several sessions can be started in parallel. The sessions run on a shared LabOne Web Server. A detailed description of the software architecture can be found in the [LabOne Software Architecture](#).

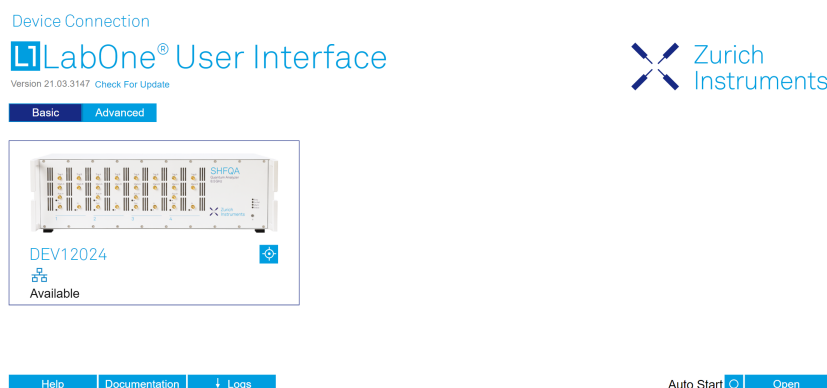


Figure 2.12: Device Connection dialog

The Device Connection dialog opens in the Basic view by default. In this view, all devices that are available for connection are represented by an icon with serial number and status information. If required, a button appears on the icon to perform a firmware upgrade. Otherwise, the device can be connected by a double click on the icon, or a click on the **Open** button at the bottom right of the dialog.

In some cases it's useful to switch to the Advanced view of the Device Connection dialog by clicking on the "Advanced" button. The Advanced view offers the possibility to select custom device and UI settings for the new session and gives further connectivity options that are particularly useful for multi-instrument setups.

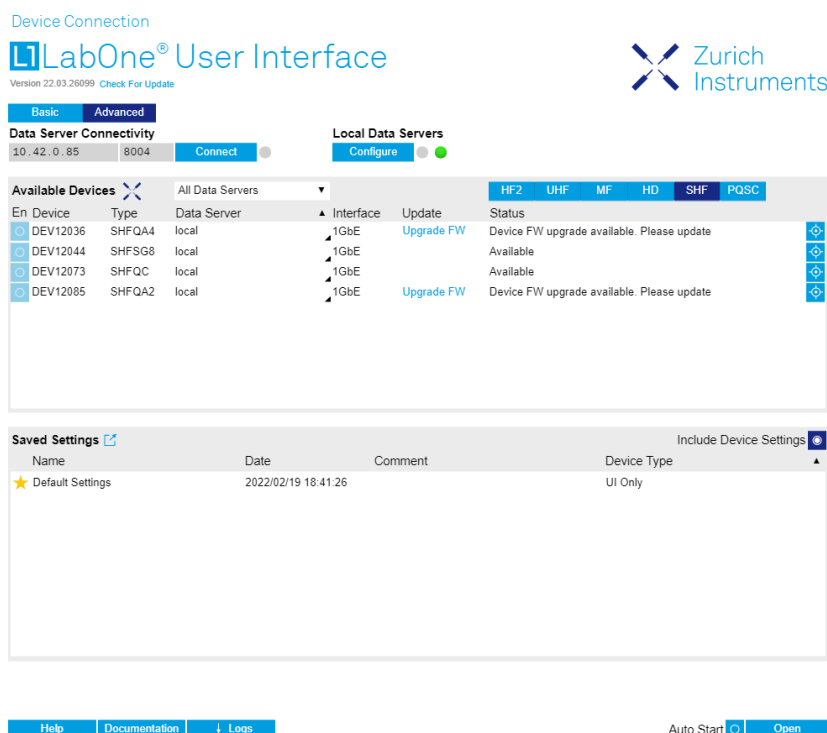



Figure 2.13: Device Connection dialog (Advanced view)

The Advanced view consists of three parts:

- Data Server Connectivity
- Available Devices
- Saved Settings

The Available Devices table has a display filter, usually set to **Default Data Server**, that is accessible by a drop-down menu in the header row of the table. When changing this to **Local Data Servers**, the Available Devices table will show only connections via the Data Server on the host PC and will contain all instruments directly connected to the host PC via USB or to the local network via 1GbE.

When using the **All Data Servers** filter, connections via Data Servers running on other PCs in the network also become accessible. Once your instrument appears in the Available Devices table, perform the following steps to start a new session:

1. Select an instrument in the **Available Devices** table.
2. Select a setting file in the **Saved Settings** list unless you would like to use the Default Settings.
3. Start the session by clicking on 

Note

By default, opening a new session will only load the UI settings (such as plot ranges), but not the device settings (such as signal amplitude) from the saved settings file. In order to include the device settings, enable the **Include Device Settings** checkbox. Note that this can affect existing sessions since the device settings are shared between them.

Note

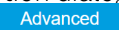

In case devices from other Zurich Instruments series (UHF, HF2, MF, HDAWG, PQSC, GHF, or SHF) are used in parallel, the list in **Available Devices** section can contain those as well.

The following sections describe the functionality of the **Device Connection** dialog in detail.

2.5.6. Data Server Connectivity

The Device Connection dialog represents a Web Server. However, on start-up the Web Server is not yet connected to a LabOne Data Server. With the **Connect/Disconnect** button the connection to a Data Server can be opened and closed.


This functionality can usually be ignored when working with a single SHFQA+ Instrument and a single host computer. Data Server Connectivity is important for users operating their instruments from a remote PC, i.e., from a PC different to the PC on which the Data Server is running or for users working with multiple instruments. The Data Server Connectivity function then gives the freedom to connect the Web Server to one of several accessible Data Servers. This includes Data Servers running on remote computers, and also Data Servers running on an MF Series instrument.

In order to work with a UHF, HF2, HDAWG, PQSC, GHF, or SHF instrument remotely, proceed as follows. On the computer directly connected to the instrument (Computer 1) open a User Interface session and change the Connectivity setting in the Config tab to "From Everywhere". On the remote computer (Computer 2), open the Device Connection dialog by starting up the LabOne User Interface and then go to the Advanced view by clicking on  on the top left of the dialog. Change the display filter from Default Data Server to All Data Servers by opening the drop-down menu in the header row of the Available Devices table. This will make the Instrument connected to Computer 1 visible in the list. Select the device and connect to the remote Data Server by clicking on . Then start the User Interface as described above.

Note

When using the filter "All Data Servers", take great care to connect to the right instrument, especially in larger local networks. Always identify your instrument based on its serial number in the form DEV0000, which can be found on the instrument back panel.

2.5.7. Available Devices

The Available Devices table gives an overview of the visible devices. A device is ready for use if either marked free or connected. The first column of the list holds the **Enable** button controlling the connection between the device and a Data Server. This button is greyed out until a Data Server is connected to the LabOne Web Server using the  button. If a device is connected to a Data Server, no other Data Server running on another PC can access this device.

The second column indicates the serial number and the third column shows the instrument type. The fourth column shows the host name of the LabOne Data Server controlling the device. The next column shows the interface type. For SHFQA+ Instruments the interfaces USB or 1GbE are available

and are listed if physically connected. The LabOne Data Server will scan for the available devices and interfaces every second. If a device has just been switched on or physically connected it may take up to 20 s before it becomes visible to the LabOne Data Server.

Table 2.5: Device Status Information



Available	The device is not in use by any LabOne Data Server and can be connected by clicking the Enable button. Alternatively, a session can also be started by clicking on the Open button, without prior connection.
In use by	The device is in use by a LabOne Data Server. As a consequence the device cannot be accessed by the specified interface. To access the device a disconnect is needed. The additional message "FW upgrade available" or "FW downgrade available" may also be displayed in this state.
Connected	The device is connected to a LabOne Data Server, either on the same PC (indicated as local) or on a remote PC (indicated by its IP address). The user can start a session to work with that device.
Device FW upgrade required	The firmware is out of date and must be upgraded before the device can be used. Please first upgrade the firmware by clicking on the Upgrade FW button as described in Software Update .
Device FW upgrade available. Please update	The firmware is out of date but the device can still be used. It is highly recommended to upgrade the firmware by clicking on the Upgrade FW button as described in Software Update .
Device FW downgrade available	The firmware of the device is newer than the version supplied with the installed LabOne software. This could be due to reverting to an earlier LabOne version. The device can still be used but it is also possible to downgrade to the older firmware version if for any reason this is necessary. Click on the Downgrade FW button to downgrade the firmware. It is strongly advised to upgrade LabOne instead of downgrading the firmware.
Device FW upgrade required. Please use USB firmware upgrade utility	The firmware of UHFLI/UHFQA is too old to be updated from the Device Connection dialog. Please first upgrade the firmware using the USB Firmware Upgrade Utility provided with LabOne software.
Device not yet ready	The device is visible and starting up. When the device is ready it will be flagged as Available.

2.5.8. Saved Settings

Settings files can contain both UI and device settings. UI settings control the structure of the LabOne User Interface, e.g. the position and ordering of opened tabs. Device settings specify the set-up of a device. The device settings persist on the device until the next power cycle or until overwritten by loading another settings file.

The columns are described in [Table 2.6](#). The table rows can be sorted by clicking on the column header that should be sorted. The default sorting is by time. Therefore, the most recent settings are found on top. Sorting by the favorite marker or setting file name may be useful as well.

Table 2.6: Column Descriptions

 	Allows favorite settings files to be grouped together. By activating the stars adjacent to a settings file and clicking on the column heading, the chosen files will be grouped together at the top or bottom of the list accordingly. The favorite marker is saved to the settings file. When the LabOne user interface is started next time, the row will be marked as favorite again.
Name	The name of the settings file. In the file system, the file name has the extension .md.
Date	The date and time the settings file was last written.
Comment	Allows a comment to be stored in the settings file. By clicking on the comment field a text can be typed in which is subsequently stored in the settings file. This comment is useful to describe the specific conditions of a measurement.
Device Type	The instrument type with which this settings file was saved.

Special Settings Files

Certain file names have the prefix "last_session_". Such files are created automatically by the LabOne Web Server when a session is terminated either explicitly by the user, or under critical error conditions, and save the current UI and device settings. The prefix is prepended to the name of the most recently used settings file. This allows any unsaved changes to be recovered upon starting a new session.

If a user loads such a last session settings file the "last_session_" prefix will be cut away from the file name. Otherwise, there is a risk that an auto-save will overwrite a setting which was saved explicitly by the user.

The settings file with the name "Default Settings" contains the default UI settings. See button description in [Table 2.7](#).

Table 2.7: Button Descriptions

Open	The settings contained in the selected settings file will be loaded. The button "Include Device Settings" controls whether only UI settings are loaded, or if device settings are included.
Include Device Settings	Controls which part of the selected settings file is loaded upon clicking on Open. If enabled, both the device and the UI settings are loaded.
Auto Start	Skips the session dialog at start-up if selected device is available. The default UI settings will be loaded with unchanged device settings.

Note

The user setting files are saved to an application-specific folder in the directory structure. The best way to manage these files is using the File Manager tab.

Note

The factory default UI settings can be customized by saving a file with the name "default_ui" in the Config tab once the LabOne session has been started and the desired UI setup has been established. To use factory defaults again, the "default_ui" file must be removed from the user setting directory using the File Manager tab.

Note

Double clicking on a device row in the Available Devices table is a quick way of starting the default LabOne UI. This action is equivalent to selecting the desired device and clicking the **Open** button.

Double clicking on a row in the Saved Settings table is a quick way of loading the LabOne UI with those UI settings and, depending on the "Include Device Settings" checkbox, device settings. This action is equivalent to selecting the desired settings file and clicking the **Open** button.

2.5.9. Tray Icon

When LabOne is started, a tray icon appears by default in the bottom right corner of the screen, as shown in the figure below. By right-clicking on the icon, a new web server session can be opened quickly, or the LabOne Web and Data Servers can be stopped by clicking on Exit. Double-clicking the icon also opens a new web server session, which is useful when setting up a connection to multiple instruments, for example.

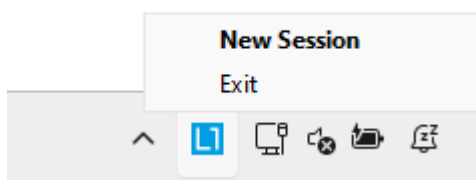


Figure 2.14: LabOne Tray Icon in Windows 11

2.5.10. Messages

The LabOne Web Server will show additional messages in case of a missing component or a failure condition. These messages display information about the failure condition. The following paragraphs list these messages and give more information on the user actions needed to resolve the problem.

Lost Connection to the LabOne Web Server

In this case the browser is no longer able to connect to the LabOne Web Server. This can happen if the Web Server and Data Server run on different PCs and a network connection is interrupted. As long as the Web Server is running and the session did not yet time out, it is possible to just attach to the existing session and continue. Thus, within about 15 seconds it is possible with **Retry** to recover the old session connection. The **Reload** button opens the Device Connection dialog shown in [Figure 2.12](#). The figure below shows an example of the Connection Lost dialog.

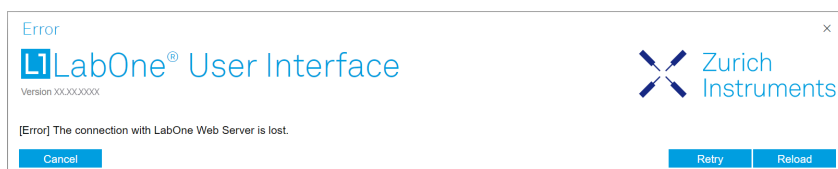


Figure 2.15: Dialog: Connection Lost

Reloading...

If a session error cannot be handled, the LabOne Web Server will restart to show a new Device Connection dialog as shown in [Figure 2.12](#). During the restart a window is displayed indicating that the LabOne User Interface will reload. If reloading does not happen the same effect can be triggered by pressing F5 on the keyboard. The figure below shows an example of this dialog.

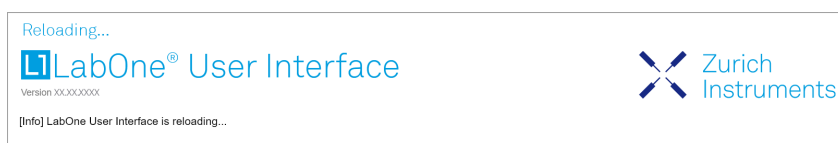


Figure 2.16: Dialog: Reloading

No Device Discovered

An empty "Available Devices" table means that no devices were discovered. This can mean that no LabOne Data Server is running, or that it is running but failed to detect any devices. The device may be switched off or the interface connection fails. For more information on the interface between device and PC see [Visibility and Connection](#). The figure below shows an example of this dialog.

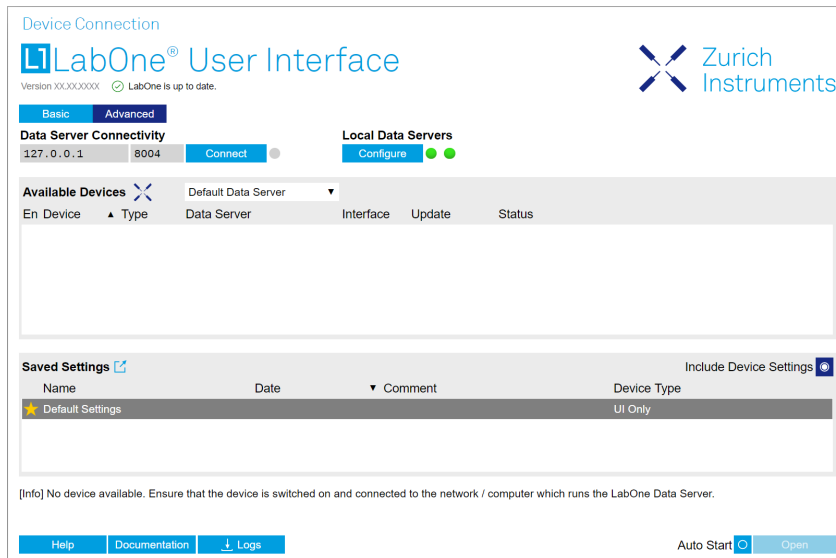


Figure 2.17: No Device Discovered

No Device Available

If all the devices in the "Available Devices" table are shown grayed, this indicates that they are either in use by another Data Server, or need a firmware upgrade. For firmware upgrade see [Software Update](#). If all the devices are in use, access is not possible until a connection is relinquished by another Data Server.

2.5.11. Visibility and Connection

There are several ways to connect the instrument to a host computer. The device can either be connected by Universal Serial Bus (USB) or by 1 Gbit/s Ethernet (1GbE). The USB connection is a point-to-point connection between the device and the PC on which the Data Server runs. The 1GbE connection can be a point-to-point connection or an integration of the device into the local network (LAN). Depending on the network configuration and the installed network card, one or the other connectivity is better suited.

If an instrument is connected to a network, it can be accessed from multiple host computers. To manage the access to the instrument, there are two different connectivity states: visible and connected. It is important to distinguish if an instrument is just physically connected over 1GbE or actively controlled by the LabOne Data Server. In the first case the instrument is visible to the LabOne Data Server. In the second case the instrument is logically connected.

[Connectivity Example](#) shows some examples of possible configurations of computer-to-instrument connectivity.

- Data Server on PC 1 is connected to device 1 (USB) and device 2 (USB).
- Data Server on PC 2 is connected to device 4 (TCP/IP).
- Data Server on PC 3 is connected to device 5.
- The device 3 is free and visible to PC 1 and PC 2 over TCP/IP.
- Devices 2 and 4 are physically connected by TCP/IP and USB interface. Only one interface is logically connected to the Data Server.

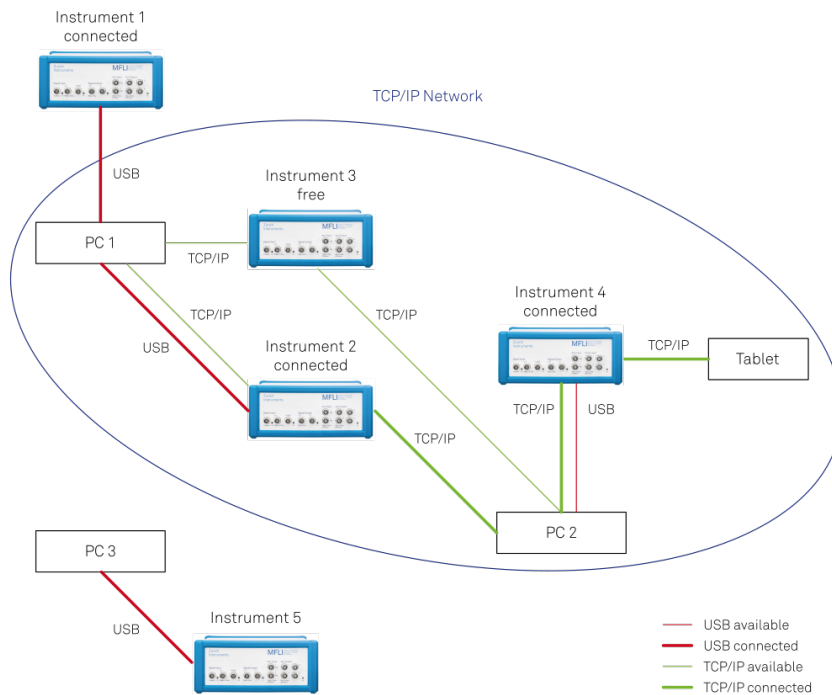


Figure 2.18: Connectivity Example

Visible Instruments

An instrument is visible if the Data Server can identify it. On a TCP/IP network, several PCs running a Data Server will detect the same instrument as visible, i.e., discover it. If a device is discovered, the LabOne Data Server can initiate a connection to access the instrument. Only a single Data Server can be connected to an instrument at a time.

Connected Instrument

Once connected to an instrument, the Data Server has exclusive access to that instrument. If another Data Server from another PC already has an active connection to the instrument, the instrument is still visible but cannot be connected.

Although a Data Server has exclusive access to a connected instrument, the Data Server can have multiple clients. Because of this, multiple browser and API sessions can access the instrument simultaneously.

2.5.12. USB Connectivity

To control the device over USB, connect the instrument with the supplied USB cable to the PC on which the LabOne Software is installed. The USB driver needed for controlling the instrument is included in the LabOne Installer package. Ensure that the instrument uses the latest firmware. The software will automatically use the USB interface for controlling the device if available. If the USB connection is not available, the 1GbE connection may be selected. It is possible to enforce or exclude a specific interface connection.

Note

To use the device exclusively over the USB interface, modify the shortcut of the LabOne User Interface and LabOne Data Server in the Windows Start menu. Right-click and go to Properties, then add the following command line argument to the Target LabOne User Interface:

```
--interface-usb true --interface-ip false
```

An instrument connected over USB can be automatically connected to the Data Server because there is only a single host PC to which the device interface is physically connected. [Table 2.8](#) provides an overview of the two settings.

Table 2.8: Settings auto-connect

Setting	Description
auto-connect = on	If a device is attached via a USB cable, a connection will be established automatically by the Data Server. This is the default behavior.
auto-connect = off	To disable automatic connection via USB, add the following command line argument when starting the Data Server: <code>--auto-connect=off</code> .

On Windows, both behaviors can be forced by right clicking the LabOne Data Server shortcut in the Start menu, selecting "Properties" and adding the text `--auto-connect=off` or `--auto-connect=on` to the Target field, see [Figure 2.19](#).

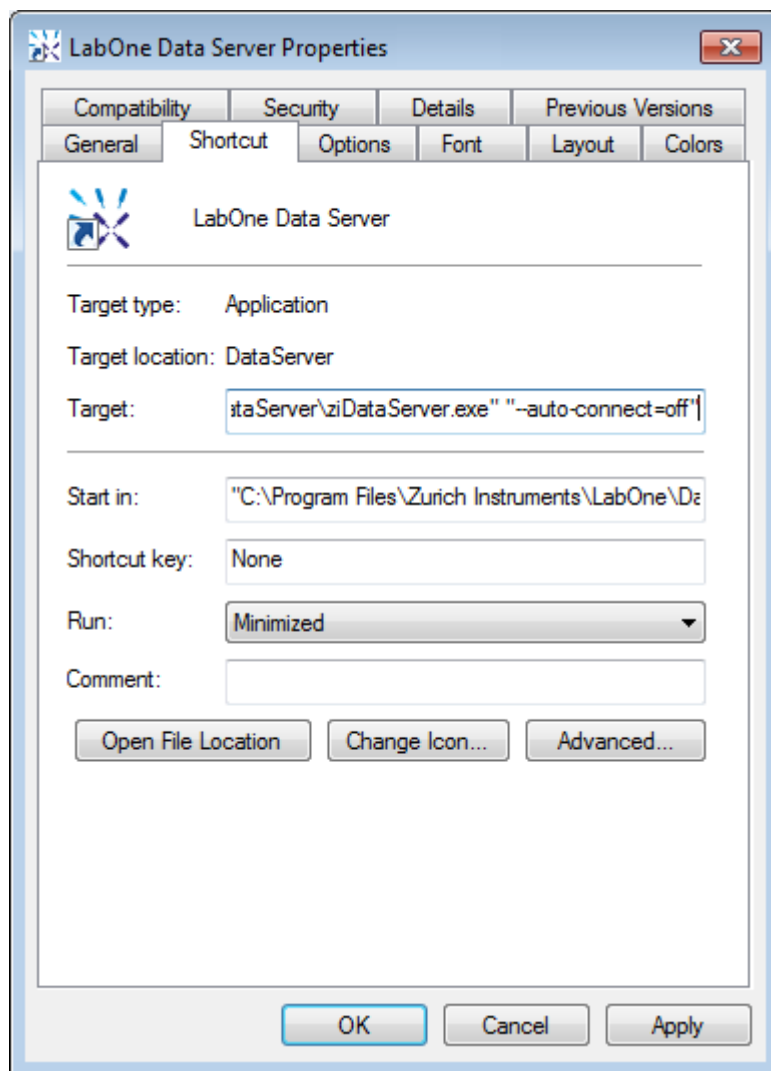


Figure 2.19: Setting auto-connect in Windows

2.5.13. 1GbE Connectivity

There are three methods for connecting to the device via 1GbE:

- Multicast DHCP
- Multicast point-to-point (P2P)
- Static Device IP

Multicast DHCP is the simplest and preferred connection method. Other connection methods can become necessary when using network configurations that conflict with local policies.

Multicast DHCP

The most straightforward TCP/IP connection method is to rely on a network configuration to recognize the instrument. When connecting the instrument to a local area network (LAN), the DHCP server will assign an IP address to the instrument like to any PC in the network. In case of restricted networks, the network administrator may be required to register the device on the network by means of the MAC address. The MAC address is indicated on the back panel of the instrument. The LabOne Data Server will detect the device in the network by means of a multicast.

If the network configuration does not support multicast, or if the host computer has other network cards installed, it is necessary to use a static IP setup as described below. The instrument is configured to accept the IP address from the DHCP server, or to fall back to the IP address **192.168.1.10** if it does not get the address from the DHCP server.

Requirements:

- Network supports multicast

Multicast Point-to-Point

Setting up a point-to-point (P2P) network consisting only of the host computer and the instrument avoids problems related to special network policies. Since it is nonetheless necessary to stay connected to the internet, it is recommended to install two network cards in the computer, one of which is used for internet connectivity, the other can be used for connecting to the instrument. Alternatively, internet connectivity can be established via wireless LAN.

In such a P2P network the IP address of the host computer needs to be set to a static value, whereas the IP address of the device can be left dynamic.

1. Connect the 1GbE port of the network card that is dedicated for instrument connectivity directly to the 1GbE port of the instrument
2. Set this network card to static IP in TCP/IPv4 using the address **192.168.1.n**, where $n=[2..9]$ and the mask **255.255.255.0**. (On Windows go to **Control Panel → Internet Options → Network and Internet → Network and Sharing Center → Local Area Connection → Properties**).

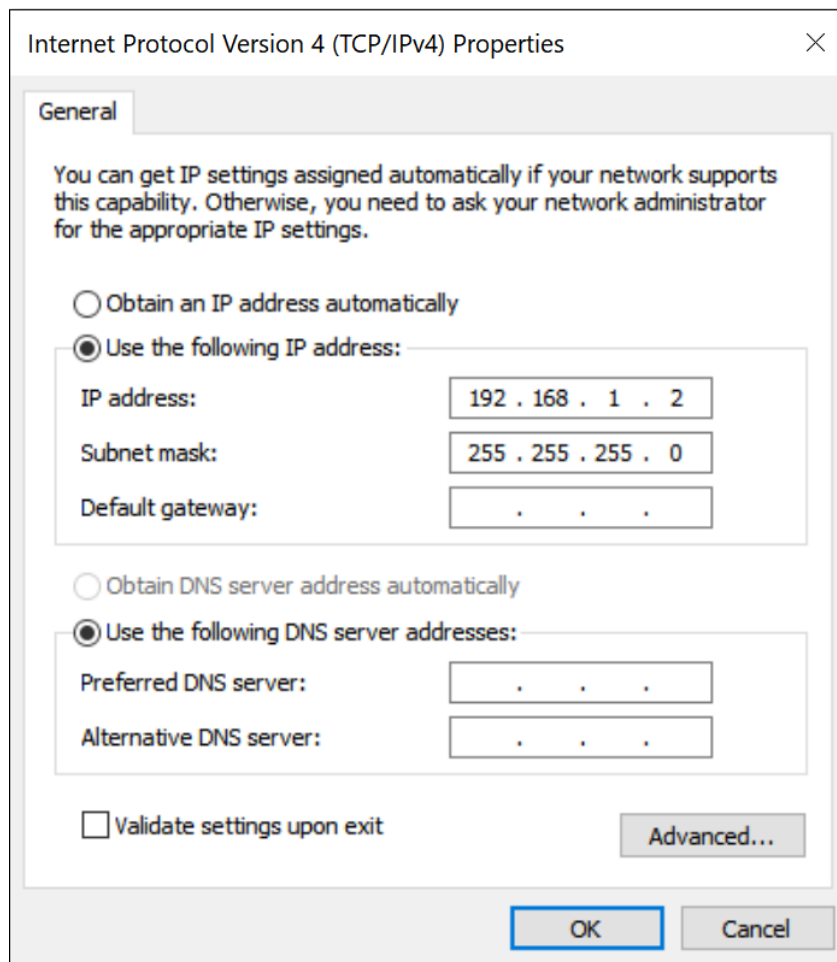


Figure 2.20: Static IP configuration for the host computer

3. Start up the LabOne User Interface normally. If your instrument does not show in the list of Available Devices, the reason may be that your network card does not support multicast. In that case, see [Static Device IP](#).

Requirements:

- Two network cards needed for additional connection to internet
- Network card of PC supports multicast
- Network card connected to the device must be in static IP4 configuration

Note

A power cycle of the instrument is required if it was previously connected to a network that provided an IP address to the instrument.

Note

Only IP v4 is currently supported. There is no support for IP v6.

Note

If the instrument is detected by LabOne but the connection can not be established, the reason can be the firewall blocking the connection. It is then recommended to change the P2P connection from Public to Private. On Windows this is achieved by turning on network discovery in the Private tab of the network's advanced sharing settings as shown in the figure below.

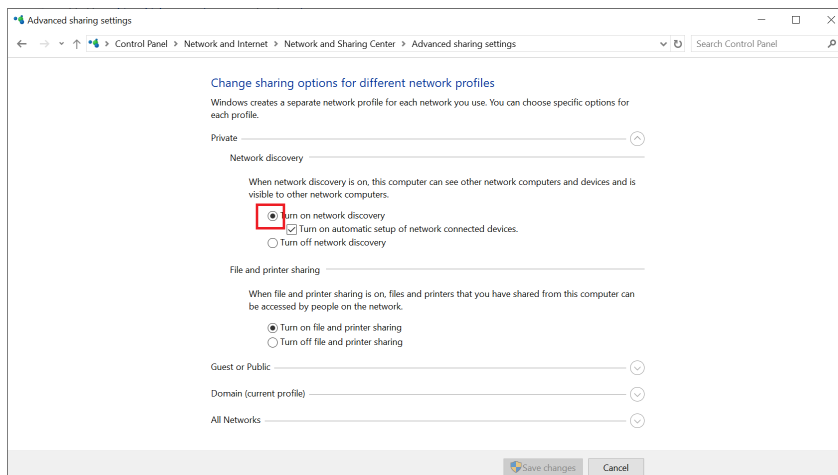


Figure 2.21: Turn on network discovery for Private P2P connection

Warning

Changing the IP settings of your network adapters manually can interfere with its later use, as it cannot be used anymore for network connectivity until it is configured again for dynamic IP.

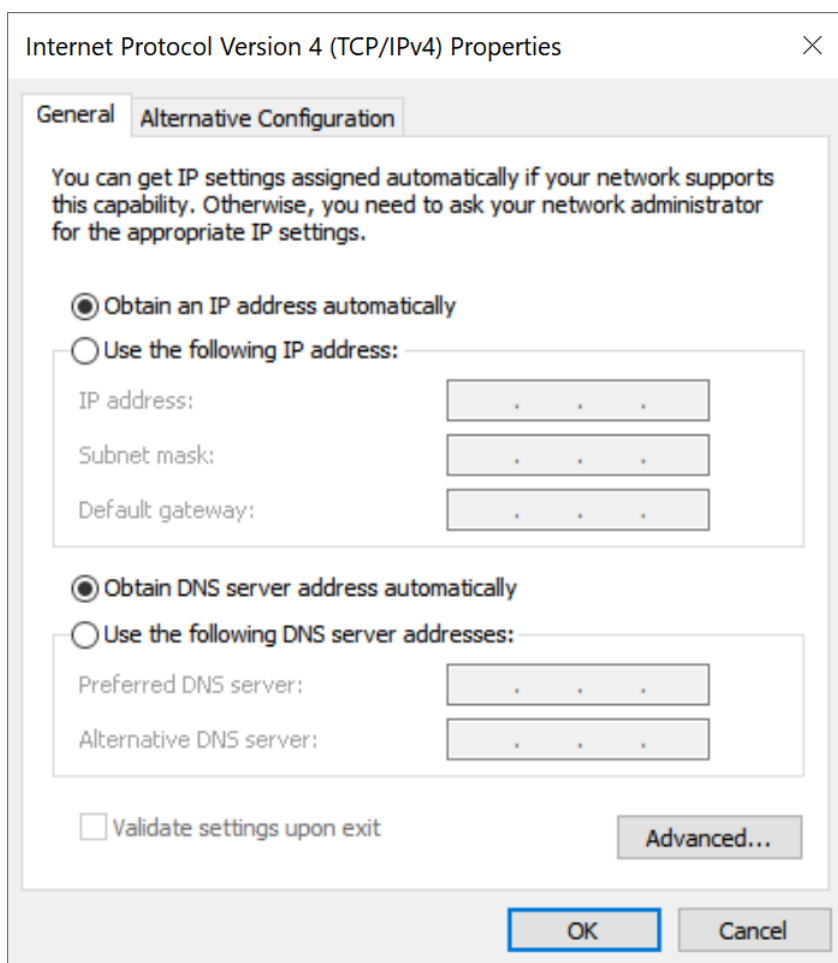
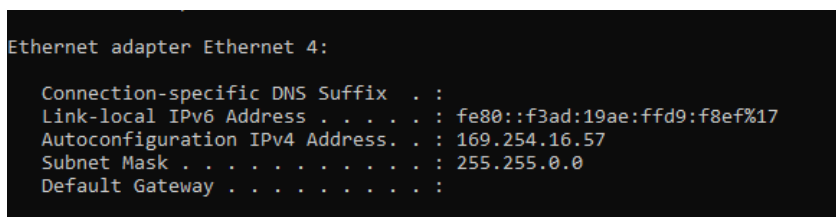


Figure 2.22: Dynamic IP configuration for the host computer

Static Device IP

Although it is highly recommended to use dynamic IP assignment method in the host network of the instrument, there may be cases where the user wants to assign a static IP to the instrument. For instance, when the host network only contains Ethernet switches and hubs but no Ethernet routers are included, there is no DHCP server to dynamically assign an IP to the instrument. It is still advised to add an Ethernet router to the network and benefit from dynamic IP assignment; however, if a router is not available, the instrument can be configured to work with a static IP.

Note that the static IP assigned to the instrument must be within the same range of the IP assigned to the host computer. Whether the host computer's IP is assigned statically or by a fallback mechanism, one can find this IP by running the command `ipconfig` or `ipconfig/all` in the operating system's terminal. As an example, [Figure 2.23](#) shows the outcome of running `ipconfig` in the terminal.



```

Ethernet adapter Ethernet 4:

    Connection-specific DNS Suffix  . : 
    Link-local IPv6 Address . . . . . : fe80::f3ad:19ae:ffd9:f8ef%17
    Autoconfiguration IPv4 Address. . . : 169.254.16.57
    Subnet Mask . . . . . : 255.255.0.0
    Default Gateway . . . . . :
  
```

Figure 2.23: IP and subnet mask of host computer

It shows the network adapter of the host computer can be reached via the IP **169.254.16.57** and it uses a subnet mask of **255.255.0.0**. To make sure that the instrument is visible to this computer, one needs to assign a static IP of the form **169.254.x.x** and the same subnet mask to the instrument. To do so, the user should follow the instructions below.

1. Attach the instrument using an Ethernet cable to the network where the user's computer is hosted.
2. Attach the instrument via a USB cable to the host computer and switch it on.
3. Open the LabOne user interface (UI) and connect to the instrument via USB.
4. Open the "Device" tab of the LabOne UI and locate the "Communication" section as shown in [Configuration of static IP in LabOne UI](#).
5. Write down the desired static IP, e.g. **169.254.16.20**, into the numeric field "IPv4 Address".
6. Add the same subnet mask as the host computer, e.g. **255.255.0.0** to the numeric field "IPv4 Mask".
7. You can leave the field "Gateway" as **0.0.0.0** or change to be similar to the IP address but ending with **1**, e.g. **169.254.16.1**.
8. Enable the radio button for "Static IP".
9. Press the button "Program" to save the new settings to the instruments.
10. Power cycle the instrument and remove the USB cable. The instrument should be visible to LabOne via Ethernet connection.

Communication

Current Configuration

Interface	USB
MAC Address	80:2F:DE:00:0D:15
IPv4 Address	169.254.16.20

Network Configuration 1GbE

Static IP ☒

IPv4 Address	169.254.16.20
IPv4 Mask	255.255.0.0
Gateway	0.0.0.0

Program

Figure 2.24: Configuration of static IP in LabOne UI

To make sure the IP assignment is done properly, one can use the command **ping** to check if the instrument can be reached through the network using its IP address. Figure 2.25 shows the outcome of **ping** when the instrument is visible via the IP **169.254.16.20**.

```
C:\> ping 169.254.16.20

Pinging 169.254.16.20 with 32 bytes of data:
Reply from 169.254.16.20: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Reply from 169.254.16.20: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Reply from 169.254.16.20: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64
Reply from 169.254.16.20: bytes=32 time<1ms TTL=64

Ping statistics for 169.254.16.20:
    Packets: Sent = 4, Received = 4, Lost = 0 (0% loss),
    Approximate round trip times in milli-seconds:
        Minimum = 0ms, Maximum = 0ms, Average = 0ms
```

Figure 2.25: Instrument visible through pinging

If set properly according to the instructions above, the instrument will use the same static IP configurations after each power cycle.

Fallback Device IP

When configured to a dynamic address, but no DHCP server is present in the network, e.g., device connected directly to a PC, the instrument falls back on an IP address in the local link IP range that is **169.254.x.x**. If the host computer has also an IP address within the same range, the instrument becomes visible to the LabOne data server running on the host computer. This way, there is no need to go through the process described above to assign a static IP to the instrument.

2.6. Software Update

2.6.1. Overview

It is recommended to regularly update the LabOne software on the SHFQA+ Instrument to the latest version. In case the Instrument has access to the internet, this is a very simple task and can be done with a single click in the software itself, as shown in [Updating LabOne using Automatic Update Check](#). If you use one of the LabOne APIs with a separate installer, don't forget to update this part of the software, too.

2.6.2. Updating LabOne using Automatic Update Check

Updating the software is done in two steps. First, LabOne is updated on the PC by downloading and installing the LabOne software from the Zurich Instruments downloads page, as shown in [Software Installation](#). Second, the instrument firmware needs to be updated from the Device Connection dialog after starting up LabOne. This is shown in [Updating the Instrument Firmware](#). In case "Periodically check for updates" has been enabled during the LabOne installation and LabOne has access to the internet, a notification will appear on the Device Connection dialog whenever a new version of the software is available for download. This setting can later be changed in the Config tab of the LabOne user interface. In case automatic update check is disabled, the user can manually check for updates at any time by clicking on the button [Check For Update](#) in the Device Connection dialog. In case an update is found, clicking on the button "Update Available" shown in [Figure 2.26](#) will start a download the latest LabOne installer for Windows or Linux, see [Figure 2.27](#). After download, proceed as explained in [Software Installation](#) to update LabOne.



Figure 2.26: Device Connection dialog: LabOne update available

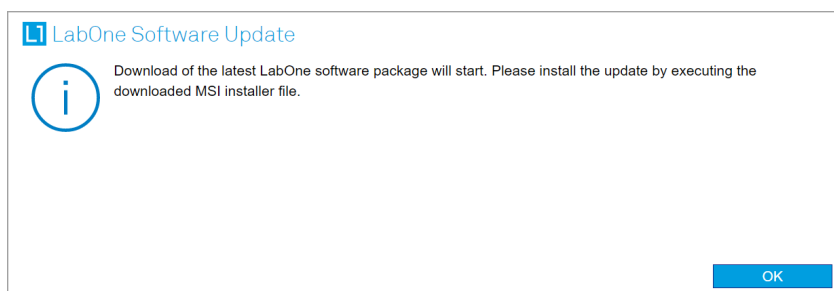


Figure 2.27: Download LabOne MSI using Automatic Update Check feature

2.6.3. Updating the Instrument Firmware

The LabOne software consists of both software that runs on your PC and software that runs on the instrument. In order to distinguish between the two, the latter will be called firmware for the rest of this document. When upgrading to a new software release, it's also necessary to update the instrument firmware.

If the firmware needs an update, this is indicated in the Device Connection dialog of the LabOne user interface under Windows.

In the Basic view of the dialog, there will be a button "Upgrade FW" appearing together with the instrument icon as shown in [Figure 2.28](#). In the Advanced view, there will be a link "Upgrade FW" in the Update column of the Available Devices table. Click on **Upgrade FW** to open the firmware update start-up dialog shown in [Figure 2.29](#). The firmware upgrade takes approximately 2 minutes.

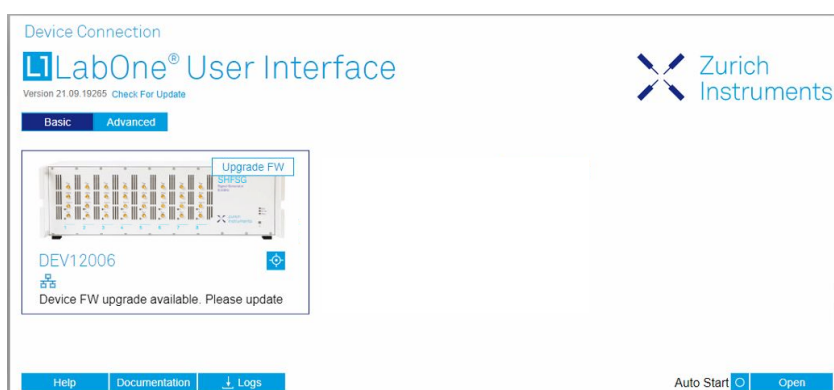


Figure 2.28: Device Connection dialog with available firmware update

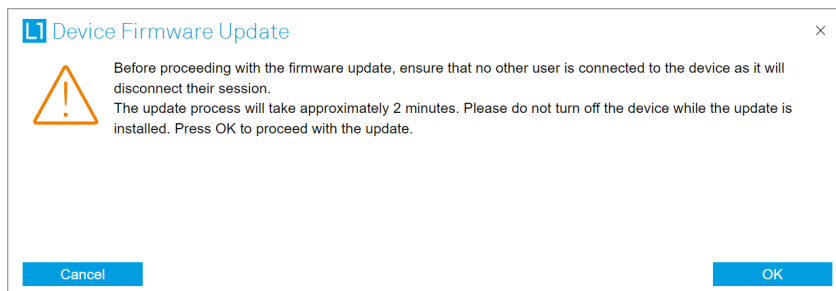


Figure 2.29: Device Firmware Update start-up dialog

Important

Do not disconnect the USB or 1GbE cable to the Instrument or power-cycle the Instrument during a firmware update.

If you encounter any issues while upgrading the instrument firmware, please contact Zurich Instruments at support@zhinst.com.

2.7. Troubleshooting

This section aims to help the user solve and avoid problems while using the software and operating the instrument.

2.7.1. Common Problems

Your SHFQA+ Instrument is an advanced piece of laboratory equipment which has many more features and capabilities than a traditional signal generator. In order to benefit from these, the user needs access to a large number of settings in the API or the LabOne User Interface. The complexity of the settings might overwhelm a first-time user, and even expert users can get surprised by certain combinations of settings. This section provides an easy-to-follow checklist to solve the most common mishaps.

Table 2.9: Common Problems

Problem	Check item
The software cannot be installed or uninstalled	Please verify you have administrator/root rights.
The software cannot be updated	Please use the Modify option in Windows Apps & Features functionality. In the software installer select Repair, then uninstall the old software version, and install the new version.
The Instrument does not turn on	Please verify the power supply connection and inspect the fuse. The fuse holder is integrated in the power connector on the back panel of the instrument.
The Instrument can't be connected over USB	Please verify that the USB port labeled "Maintenance" is connected. The port labeled "USB" is not currently supported and will be enabled with a future LabOne release.
The Instrument performs close to specification, but higher performance is expected	After 2 years since the last calibration, a few analog parameters are subject to drift. This may cause inaccurate measurements. Zurich Instruments recommends re-calibration of the Instrument every 2 years.
The Instrument measurements are unpredictable	Please check the Status Tab to see if there is any active warning (red flag), or if one has occurred in the past (yellow flag).
The Instrument does not generate any output signal	Verify that the signal output switch of the right signal output channel has been activated in the Output tab.

Problem	Check item
The LabOne User Interface does not start	Verify that the LabOne Data Server (ziDataServer.exe) and the LabOne Web Server (ziWebServer.exe) are running via the Windows Task Manager. The Data Server should be started automatically by ziService.exe and the Web Server should be started upon clicking "Zurich Instruments LabOne" in the Windows Start Menu. If both are running, but clicking the Start Menu does not open a new User Interface session in a new tab of your default browser then try to create a new session manually by entering 127.0.0.1:8006 in the address bar of your browser.
The user interface does not start or starts but remains idle	Verify that the Data Server has been started and is running on your host computer.
The user interface is slow and the web browser process consumes a lot of CPU power	Make sure that the hardware acceleration is enabled for the web browser that is used for LabOne. For the Windows operating system, the hardware acceleration can be enabled in Control Panel → Display → Screen Resolution . Go to Advanced Settings and then Trouble Shoot. In case you use a NVIDIA graphics card, you have to use the NVIDIA control panel. Go to Manage 3D Settings, then Program Settings and select the program that you want to customize.

2.7.2. Location of the Log Files

The most recent log files of the LabOne Web and Data Server programs are most easily accessed by clicking on **Logs** in the **LabOne Device Connection dialog** of the user interface. The Device Connection dialog opens on software start-up or upon clicking on **Session Manager** in the Config tab of the user interface.

The location of the Web and Data Server log files on disk are given in the sections below.

Windows

The Web and Data Server log files on Windows can be found in the following directories.

- LabOne Data Server (**ziDataServer.exe**):
C:\Windows\ServiceProfiles\LocalService\AppData\Local\Temp\Zurich Instruments\LabOne\ziDataServerLog
- LabOne Web Server (**ziWebServer.exe**):
C:\Users\[USER]\AppData\Local\Temp\Zurich Instruments\LabOne\ziWebServerLog

Note

The **C:\Users\[USER]\AppData** folder is hidden by default under Windows. A quick way of accessing it is to enter **%AppData%\..** in the address bar of the Windows File Explorer.

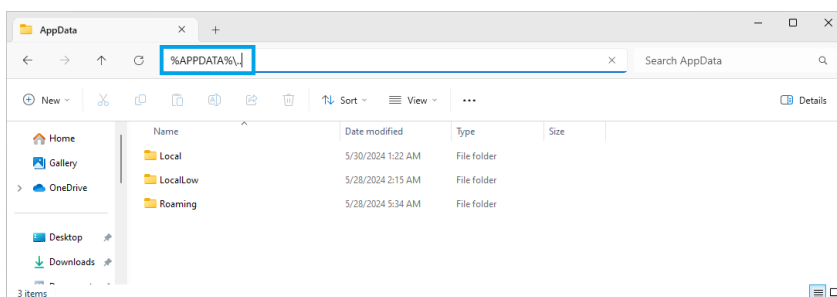


Figure 2.30: Using the

Linux and macOS

The Web and Data Server log files on Linux or macOS can be found in the following directories.

- LabOne Data Server (**ziDataServer**):
/tmp/ziDataServerLog_[USER]
- LabOne Web Server (**ziWebServer**):
/tmp/ziWebServerLog_[USER]

2.7.3. Prevent web browsers from sleep mode

It often occurs that an experiment requires a long-time signal acquisition; therefore, the setup including the measurement instrument and LabOne software are left unattended. By default, many web browsers go to a sleep mode after a certain idle time which results in the loss of acquired data when using the web-based user interface of LabOne for measurement. Although it is recommended to take advantage of LabOne APIs in these situations to automate the measurement process and avoid using web browsers for data recording, it is still possible to adjust the browser settings to prevent it from entering the sleep mode. Below, you will find how to modify the settings of your preferred browser to ensure a long-run data acquisition can be implemented properly.

Edge

1. Open **Settings** by typing **edge://settings** in the address bar
2. Select **System** from the icon bar.
3. Find the **Never put these sites to sleep** section of the **Optimized Performance** tab.
4. Add the IP address and the port of LabOne Webserver, e.g., **127.0.0.1:8006** or **192.168.73.98:80** to the list.

Chrome

1. While LabOne is running, open a tab in Chrome and type **chrome://discards** in the address bar.
2. In the shown table listing all the open tabs, find LabOne and disable its **Auto Discardable** feature.
3. This option avoids discarding and refreshing the LabOne tab as long as it is open. To disable this feature permanently, you can use an extension from the Chrome Webstore.

Firefox

1. Open **Advanced Preferences** by typing **about:config** in the address bar.
2. Look for **browser.tabs.unloadOnLowMemory** in the search bar.
3. Change it to **false** if it is **true**.

Opera

1. Open **Settings** by typing **opera://settings** in the address bar.
2. Locate the **User Interface** section in the **Advanced** view.
3. Disable the **Snooze inactive tabs to save memory** option and restart Opera.

Safari

1. Open **Debug** menu.
2. Go to **Miscellaneous Flags**.
3. Disable **Hidden Page Timer Throttling**.

3. Functional Overview

This chapter provides the overview of the features provided by the SHFQA Instrument. Unless explicitly stated otherwise, all contents of the manual apply to both the original SHFQA as well as the SHFQA+. The first section contains the description of the functional diagram and the hardware and software feature list. The next section details the front panel and the back panel of the measurement Instrument. The following section provides product selection and ordering support.

3.1. Features

The **SHFQA+ Instrument** consists of several internal units that process digital data (light blue color) and several interface units processing analog signals (dark blue color). The front panel is depicted on the left-hand side and the back panel is depicted on the right-hand side. The arrows between the panels and the interface units indicate selected physical connections and the data flow. Information indicated in orange is linked to options that can be either ordered at purchase or upgraded later. The SHFQA+ Quantum Analyzer 8.5 GHz comes in a 2-channel and a 4-channel variant, providing either 2 or 4 readout channels, respectively. The **Ordering Guide** details the available upgrade options for each Instrument type and whether the option can be upgraded directly in the field.

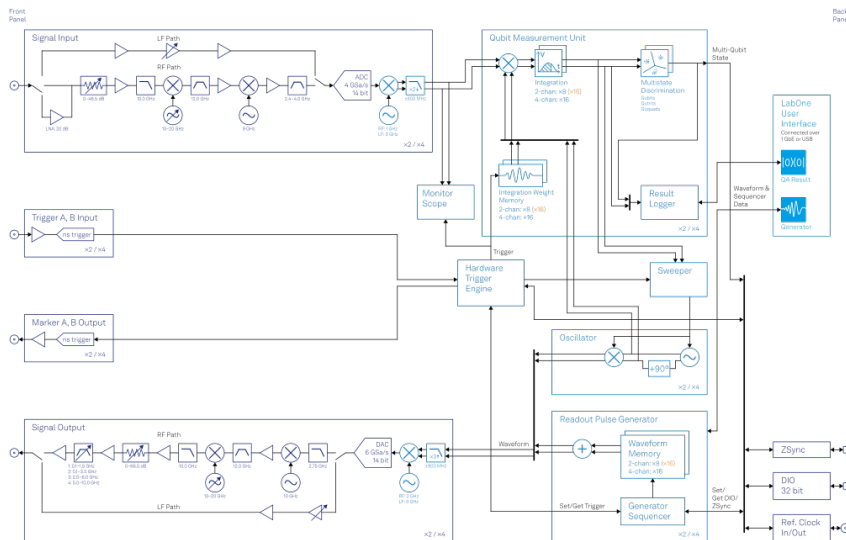


Figure 3.1: SHFQA+ Instrument functional diagram

Each channel has signal generation (**Readout Pulse Generator**, **Oscillator**) and signal analysis (**Sweeper**, **Qubit Measurement Unit**) functionality, as well as common shared modules such as the 4-channel **Monitor Scope**, the **Hardware Trigger Engine** or shared communications (**32-bit DIO**, **ZSync**). The digital, complex-valued signal from the signal generation is up-converted to microwave frequencies in the analog domain using the **Signal Output** Module. After passing through the device under test, the analog signal is first down-converted and then digitized in the **Signal Input Unit** before the complex-valued signal is being analyzed.

The SHFQA+ can be configured in two modes:

Readout

In the **Readout** mode, the **Readout Pulse Generator** outputs the sum of up to 16 individual, user-defined arbitrary waveforms that are stored in separate **Waveform Memory** blocks. In the **Qubit Measurement Unit**, the signal is then first integrated using up to 16 user-defined, complex-valued **Integration Weight Memories**. The results of the integration are then discriminated between different qubit states, and the results are forwarded to other Instruments in real time using either the **32-bit DIO** or the **ZSync** links.

Spectroscopy

In the **Spectroscopy** mode, the **Sweeper** (Python API ShfSweeper class) controls an **Oscillator**, hence a single frequency microwave signal is sent to the experiment. The **Qubit Measurement Unit** then correlates this signal to the original oscillator signal and displays transmission data in the **Sweeper** module.

3.1.1. Super-high-frequency Signal Inputs

- Low-noise SHF Inputs, 0.5 - 8.5 GHz frequency with 1 GHz bandwidth when using the RF path, DC - 800 MHz when using the LF path
- Broadband double superheterodyne frequency down-conversion, mixer calibration free
- Calibrated (Input) Power Range, selectable from -50 dBm to +10 dBm when using the RF path, from -30 dBm to +10 dBm when using the LF path

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3.1.3. Readout Pulse Generator

- Arbitrary Waveform generation
- Up to 16 waveform memory blocks with 4 kSa (total 64 kSa) memory per channel, freely configurable
- Advanced sequencing including looping and branching

3.1.4. Qubit Measurement Unit

- Up to 16 complex integrators with programmable Integration Weight (for SHFQA2, SHFQA-16W option is required)
- Weighted integration and state discrimination
- Result Logger with real-time averaging and data logging
- Power spectral density

3.1.5. Scope

- 1 Scope channel per Channel
- Time and frequency domain data monitoring
- Hardware averaging and segment measurement

3.1.6. Hardware Trigger Engine

- Multiple choices of internal triggers
- Route internal and external triggers for different toolsets

3.1.7. Connectivity

- USB 3.0 high-speed host interface
- Maintenance USB connection
- LAN/Ethernet 1 Gbit/s connection
- 32-bit Digital Input and Output (DIO) port
- ZSync connection for clock synchronization and fast data transfer

3.1.8. Software

- LabOne Graphic User Interface: Web-based with multi-instrument control
- [Zurich Instruments LabOne Q](#) software for high-level programming of quantum computing experiments.
- Data server with multi-client support
- [LabOne APIs](#), including Python, QCoDeS and Labber
- Turnkey software and firmware features for fast system tune-up

3.2. Front Panel Tour

The front panel SMA connectors and control LEDs are arranged as shown in [Figure 3.2](#) and listed in [Table 3.1](#).

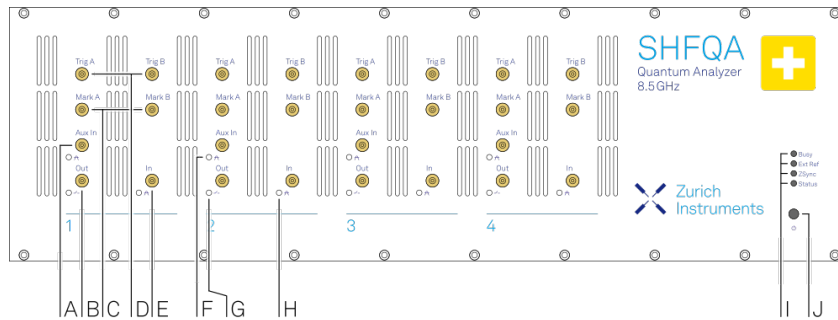



Figure 3.2: SHFQA+ Quantum Analyzer 8.5 GHz front panel

Table 3.1: SHFQA+ Quantum Analyzer front panel description

Position	Label / Name	Description
A	Aux In	analog Auxiliary Input, max. 10 V
B	Out	single-ended waveform Signal Output, DC-8.5 GHz, max. 10 dBm
C	Mark	TTL Marker Outputs A and B
D	Trig	TTL Trigger Inputs A and B
E	In	single-ended waveform Signal Input, DC-8.5 GHz, max. 10 dBm
F	Aux In Over	unused
G	Output On	off Output disabled blue Output enabled
H	Input Signal Over	off power of input signal within the input power range red power of input signal exceeds the input power range
I	Multicolor LEDs	off Instrument off or uninitialized blink all LEDs blink for 5 seconds → indicator used by the Identify Device functionality
	Busy	unused
	Ext Ref	off External Reference Signal not present/detected blue External Reference Signal is present and locked on to yellow External Reference Signal present, but not locked on to red External Reference Signal present, but lock failed

Position	Label / Name	Description
	ZSync	off no connection blue ■ steady: ZSync fully connected AND synchronized ■ blinking: ZSync synchronized but not yet fully connected yellow ZSync plugged in, but not connected red ZSync interface error
	Status	off Instrument off or uninitialized blue Instrument is initialized and has no warnings or errors yellow Instrument has warnings red Instrument has errors
J	 Soft power button	Power button with incorporated status LED off Instrument off and disconnected from mains power blue ■ flashing rapidly (>1/sec): Firmware is starting ■ flashing slow (<1/sec): Firmware ready, waiting for connection ■ constant: Instrument ready and active connection over USB or Ethernet red ■ breathing: Instrument off but connected to mains power → safe to power off using the rear panel switch, or restart using the soft power button ■ flashing: Instrument booting up ■ constant: Fatal error occurred

3.3. Back Panel Tour

The back panel is the main interface for power, control, service and connectivity to other Zurich Instruments' Instruments. Please refer to [Figure 3.3](#) and [Table 3.2](#) for the detailed description of the items.

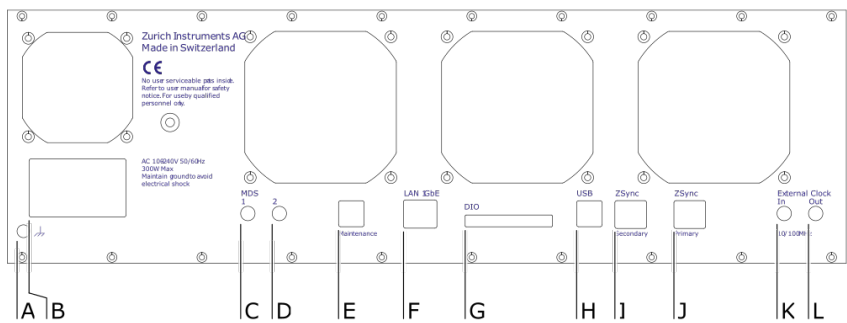



Figure 3.3: SHFQA+ Instrument back panel

Table 3.2: SHFQA+ Instrument back panel description

Position	Label / Name	Description
A	 Earth ground	4 mm banana jack connector for earth ground, electrically connected to the chassis and the earth pin of the power inlet
B	AC 100 - 240 V	Power inlet, fuse holder, and power switch
C	MDS 1	SMA: bidirectional TTL ports for multi-device synchronization
D	MDS 2	SMA: bidirectional TTL ports for multi-device synchronization
E	Maintenance	Universal Serial Bus (USB) 3.0 port for maintenance and Instrument control
F	LAN 1GbE	1 Gbit LAN connector for Instrument control
G	DIO 32bit	32-bit digital input/output (DIO) connector
H	USB	Universal Serial Bus (USB) 3.0 port connector → do not use for standard operation
I	ZSync Secondary	Secondary inter-Instrument synchronization bus connector Attention: This is not an Ethernet plug, connection to an Ethernet network might damage the Instrument.
J	ZSync Primary	Primary inter-Instrument synchronization bus connector Attention: This is not an Ethernet plug, connection to an Ethernet network might damage the Instrument.
K	External Clk In	External Reference Clock Input (10 MHz/100 MHz) for synchronization with other Instruments
L	External Clk Out	External Reference Clock Output (10 MHz/100 MHz) for synchronization with other Instruments

3.4. Ordering Guide

Table 3.3 provides an overview of the available SHFQA+ products. Upgradeable features are options that can be purchased anytime without the need to send the Instrument back to Zurich Instruments.

Table 3.3: SHFQA+ Instrument product codes for ordering

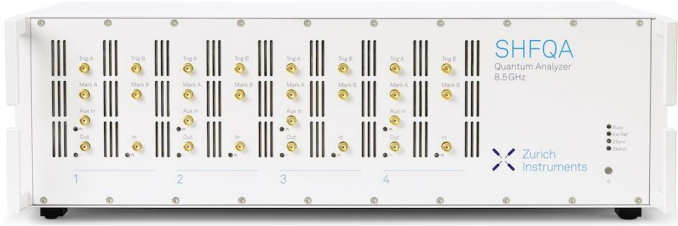
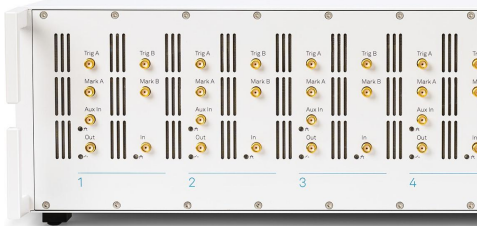
Product code	Product name	Description	Field upgrade possible
SHFQA2	SHFQA2 Quantum Analyzer	Base 2-channel Super-High-Frequency Quantum Analyzer	-
SHFQA-16W	SHFQA-16W Integration Weights Extension Option	Option for SHFQA2	yes
SHFQA4	SHFQA4 Quantum Analyzer	Base 4-channel Super-High-Frequency Quantum Analyzer	-

Table 3.4: Product selector SHFQA+

Feature	SHFQA2	SHFQA2 + SHFQA-16W	SHFQA4
Number of Readout Channels (Readout Channel = Readout Pulse Generator + Qubit Measurement Unit)	2		4
Number of integration weights per channel	8	16	
Number of integration weights total	16	32	64
Oscillators	2		4
Number of Scope Channels	2		4
Mixer-calibration-free analog frequency conversion (double super-heterodyne)	yes		
Frequency range	DC-8.5 GHz		

Feature	SHFQA2	SHFQA2 + SHFQA-16W	SHFQA4
Total number of Markers/Triggers (2 each per channel)	4/4		8/8
Vertical resolution Input/Output	14 bit		
Digital IQ modulation	yes		
ZSync capability	yes		
Sequencing	yes		
USB 3.0	yes		
LAN 1 Gbit/s	yes		

Table 3.5: Differences between SHFQA and SHFQA+

Category	SHFQA	SHFQA+
Description	Base instrument	Improved phase noise Improved output noise Fast output muting functionality
External differences	Base instrument	Holographic "+" sticker on front panel
Product image		
Upgrading from SHFQA to SHFQA+	Contact us to discuss the possibilities for your instruments!	-

4. Tutorials

The tutorials in this chapter have been created to allow users to become more familiar with the operation of the SHFQA Quantum Analyzer. In order to successfully carry out the tutorials it's assumed that users have certain laboratory equipment and basic equipment handling knowledge.

Note

For all tutorials, you must have LabOne installed as described in the [Software Installation](#). Please use the latest version of LabOne.

4.1. Connecting to the Instrument

Note

This tutorial is applicable to all SHFQA Instruments.

4.1.1. Goals and Requirements

The goal of tutorial is to demonstrate how to connect the SHFQA to a host computer and how to configure it in general via [Zurich Instruments Toolkit API](#).

Note

For zhinst-toolkit users, see programming examples in <https://github.com/zhinst/zhinst-toolkit/tree/main/examples>, and the [zhinst-toolkit documentation](#).

For LabOne Q users, see programming examples in <https://github.com/zhinst/laboneq/tree/main/examples>, and the [LabOne Q User Manual](#).

4.1.2. Preparation

Please follow these preparation steps before starting the tutorial:

- ─ download and install the latest LabOne software from the [Zurich Instruments Download Center](#),
- ─ connect the SHFQA+ to the power outlet. Turn it on and connect it to a local area network (LAN) where the host computer resides via Ethernet (recommended) or to the host computer via USB,
- ─ start the LabOne UI from the Windows Start Menu, and upgrade the firmware of the SHFQA+ as shown below,

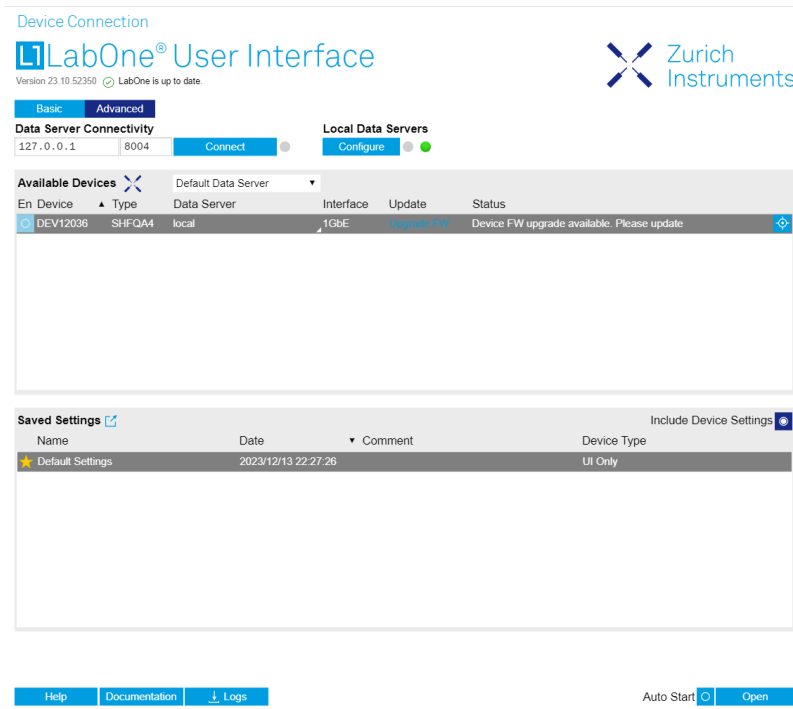


Figure 4.1: SHFQA+ FW upgrade.

- install [python packages \(> 3.7\)](#) and the latest [zhinst package](#) (`pip install zhinst`) which includes LabOne Core API package (`zhinst.core`), Utility package (`zhinst.utils`) and LabOne Toolkit API package (`zhinst.toolkit`).

Warning

When connecting cables to the Instrument's SMA ports, use a torque wrench specified for brass core SMA (**4 in-lbs, 0.5 Nm**). Using a standard SMA torque wrench (8 in-lbs) or a wrench without torque limit or can break the connectors.

4.1.3. Tutorial

Connecting to the instrument

Create a session with the [Zurich Instruments Toolkit Session](#) and connect to the instrument using the following code by replacing `DEVXXXXX` with the instrument ID, e.g. `DEV12001`:

```
## Load the LabOne API and other necessary packages
from zhinst.toolkit import Session

DEVICE_ID = 'DEVXXXXX'
SERVER_HOST = 'localhost'

session = Session(SERVER_HOST)          ## connect to data server
device = session.connect_device(DEVICE_ID) ## connect to device
```

Defining the data server allows users to connect to the instrument in the local network when using `localhost` or to specify a specific address, for example when a remote connection needs to be established to the instrument. For a [remote connection](#), **Connectivity** needs to be set **From Everywhere**.

After successfully running the above code snippet, check whether the Data Server, instrument firmware, and zhinst versions are compatible with each other:

```
device.check_compatibility()
```

If it returns an error, resolve the mismatched components identified in the error message.

Configure the instrument

All parameters can be configured using zhinst-toolkit by instrument nodes, see [Node Documentation](#). From instrument node to zhinst-toolkit command is one to one mapping, e.g. node `/dev12036/qachannels/0/outcenterfreq/5e9` to zhinst-toolkit command `device.qachannels[0].centerfreq(5e9)`, see [Zhinst Instruments Toolkit Node Tree](#) and [Quick start](#). Instrument notes can also be found in tooltips when the mouse cursor stays on control icons and in API codes on the bottom of the LabOne User Interface after parameter updates.

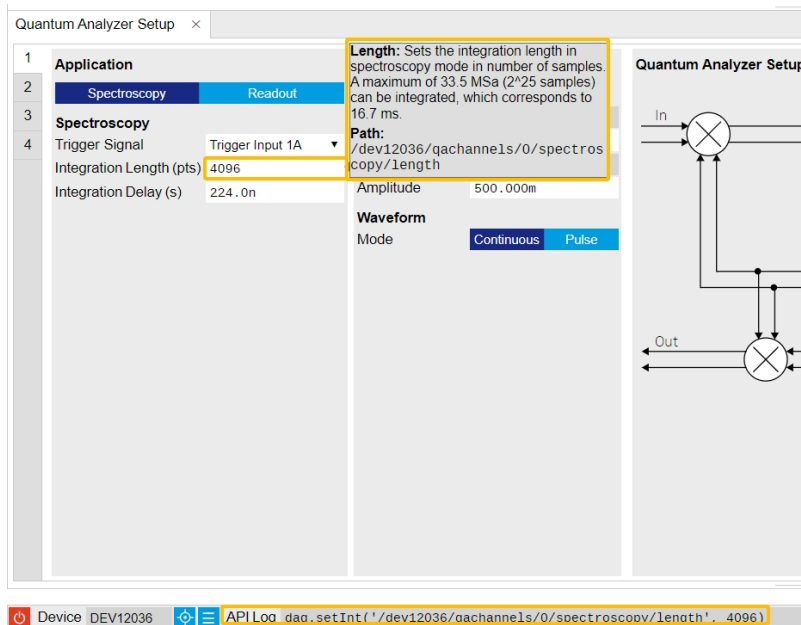


Figure 4.2: Tooltip and API Log on LabOne UI

Apart from one to one mapping of instrument nodes and Data Server connection zhinst-toolkit also provides [instrument and module specific functions](#) and [common functions](#). The instrument and module specific functions are used and explained in other tutorials. The common functions include 3 functions.

check_compatibility: Checks the compatibility of zhinst-utils package, zhinst-core package, LabOne Data Server version, and firmware revision of the instrument.

set_transaction: Bundle multiple set commands to different nodes into a single message to the data server. Note that only the last value is set if the same node is configured multiple times.

factory_reset: Reset a device to the factory settings.

Below is an example using **set_transaction** function and instrument nodes to configure the input and output. The physical Channel 1 is configured as center frequency of 6 GHz, input power range of 0 dBm, output power range of -5 dBm and both input and output are enabled.

```
CHANNEL_INDEX = 0 # physical Channel 1
```

```
with device.set_transaction():
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].centerfreq(6e9) # in units of Hz
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].input.range(0) # in units of dBm
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].output.range(-5) # in units of dBm
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].input.on(1) # enable input
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].output.on(1) # enable output
```

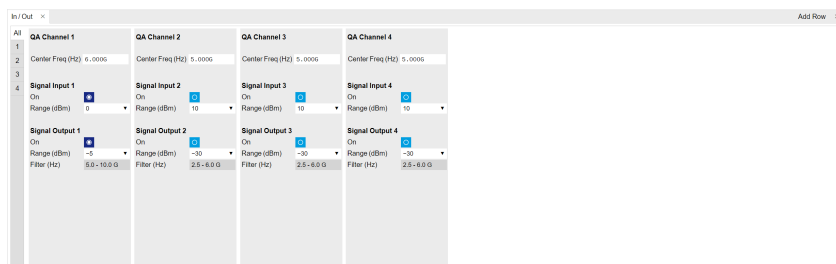


Figure 4.3: Configuration of the Channel 1 input and output

4.2. Resonator Spectroscopy

Note

This tutorial is applicable to all SHFQA+ Instruments.

4.2.1. Goals and Requirements

The goal of this tutorial is to demonstrate how to use the SHFQA+ to perform resonator spectroscopy measurement using the LabOne User Interface (UI) and [Zurich Instruments Toolkit API](#).

Note

For zhinst-toolkit users, please find the example in https://github.com/zhinst/zhinst-toolkit/blob/main/examples/shfqa_sweeper.md, and the zhinst-toolkit documentation.

For LabOne Q users, please find the example in https://github.com/zhinst/laboneq/blob/main/examples/01_qubit_characterization/01_cw_resonator_spec_shfsg_shfqa_shfqc.ipynb and https://github.com/zhinst/laboneq/blob/main/examples/01_qubit_characterization/02_pulsed_resonator_spec_shfsg_shfqa_shfqc.ipynb, and the LabOne Q User Manual.

4.2.2. Preparation

Please follow the preparation steps in [Connecting to the Instrument](#) and connect the instrument in a loopback configuration as shown in [Figure 4.4](#) or to a device under test.

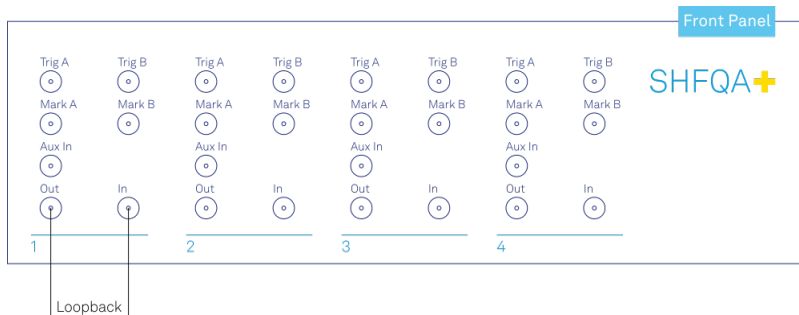


Figure 4.4: SHFQA+ connection.

4.2.3. Tutorial

In this tutorial, we sweep frequency of output signal and measure the frequency response of the cable or the device under test.

LabOne UI

This section shows how to use the LabOne UI to configure the instrument, run the measurement and monitor the measurement results.

1. Configure the instrument
 1. Set center frequency and power range of input and output signals
Configure these parameters on the [Input and Output Tab](#) as in [Figure 4.5](#) and in [Table 4.1](#).

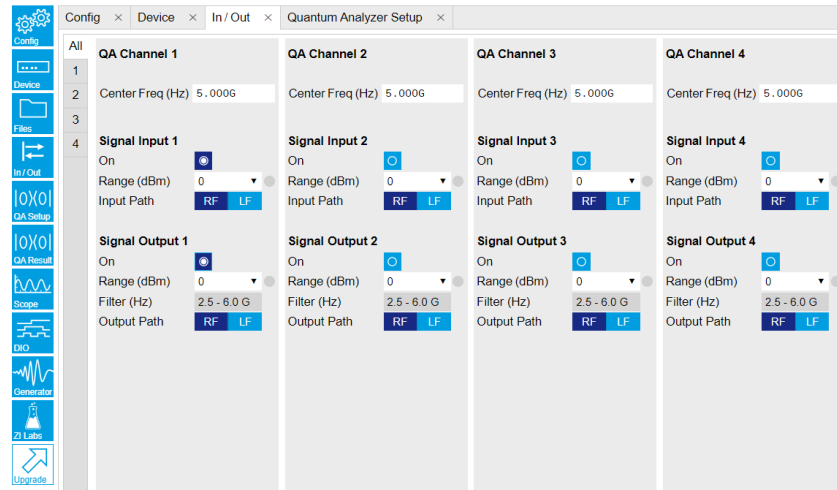


Figure 4.5: Configurations on In/Out Tab.

Table 4.1: Settings of QA Channel 1 on In/Out Tab

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	All	Select All to display all QA Channels.
Cent Freq (Hz)	5 GHz	Set center frequency of the frequency sweep.
Signal Input 1 On	Enable	Enable the Signal Input 1.
Signal Input 1 Range (dBm)	0 dBm	Set power range of Signal Input 1 to 0 dBm. This setting allows the instrument to acquire a input signal with a power up to 0 dBm.
Signal Input 1 Input Path	RF	Set input path of Signal Input 1 to RF path.
Signal Output 1 On	Enable	Enable the Signal Output 1.
Signal Output 1 Range	0 dBm	Set power range of Signal Output 1 to 0 dBm. This setting allows the instrument to output a signal with a power up to 0 dBm.
Signal Output 1 Output Path	RF	Set output path of the Signal Output 1 to RF path.

2. Upload and compile measurement sequence
The measurement sequence is defined on the Sequence sub-tab of the [Readout Pulse Generator](#) tab, see [Figure 4.6](#) and [Table 4.2](#).

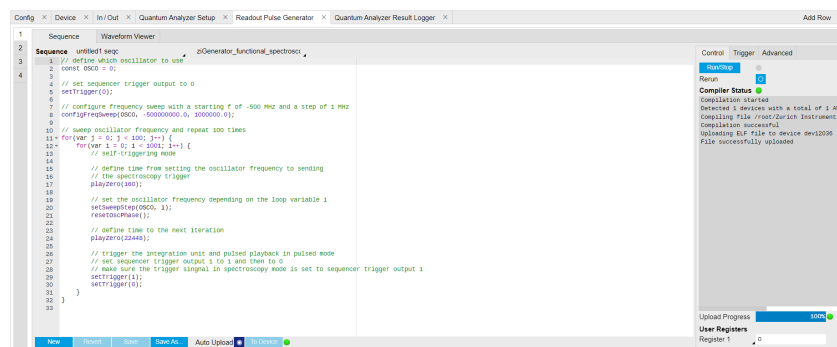


Figure 4.6: Configurations on Readout Pulse Generator Tab.

Table 4.2: Settings of QA Channel 1 on Readout Pulse Generator Tab.

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	1	Select QA Channel 1.

Parameter	Setting	Description
Sub-Tab Display	Sequence	Select Sequence sub-tab and paste the sequence program below or load <code>ziGenerator_functional_spectroscopy.seq</code> from the "Examples" library and modify it. The Waveform Viewer sub-tab displays readout envelope if it is uploaded.
Compile	Click "To Device"	Compile the sequence program by clicking "To Device".
Return	Disable	Disable return function.
Run/Stop	Disable	Disable Run/Stop.

Below is the the sequence program for the measurement. In the inner loop, the `setSweepStep(OSC0, i)` command sets frequency of digital oscillator 0 to i-th frequency in an array configured by `configFreqSweep(OSC0, -500000000.0, 1000000.0)` command, the `setTrigger(value)` command sets Sequencer Trigger 1 Output to high and then low to start integration, and waveform generation if pulsed waveform is desired, the `playZero(samples)` command define time to the next `playZero(samples)`. The measurement is repeated 100 times by the outer loop.

```
// define which oscillator to use
const OSC0 = 0;

// set sequencer trigger output to 0
setTrigger(0);

// configure frequency sweep with a starting f of -500 MHz and a step
of 1 MHz
configFreqSweep(OSC0, -500000000.0, 1000000.0);

// sweep oscillator frequency and repeat 100 times
for(var j = 0; j < 100; j++) {
    for(var i = 0; i < 1001; i++) {
        // self-triggering mode

        // define time from setting the oscillator frequency to
sending
        // the spectroscopy trigger
        playZero(160);

        // set the oscillator frequency depending on the loop
variable i
        setSweepStep(OSC0, i);
        resetOscPhase();

        // define time to the next iteration
        playZero(22448);

        // trigger the integration unit and pulsed playback in pulsed
mode
        // set Sequencer Trigger Output 1 to high and then to low
        // make sure the trigger signal in spectroscopy mode is set
to sequencer trigger output 1
        setTrigger(1);
        setTrigger(0);
    }
}
```

3. Configure signal generation and data acquisition
Signal generation and data acquisition are defined on [QA Setup Tab](#) and [QA Result logger Tab](#). The baseband readout signal is generated by a digital oscillator directly ("Continuous"), or by mixing the signal from the digital oscillator and a waveform envelop saved in the waveform memory ("Pulse"). The input signal after frequency

down-conversion is integrated for 512 ns started 224 ns later after receiving a trigger from Sequencer 1 Trigger Output 1.

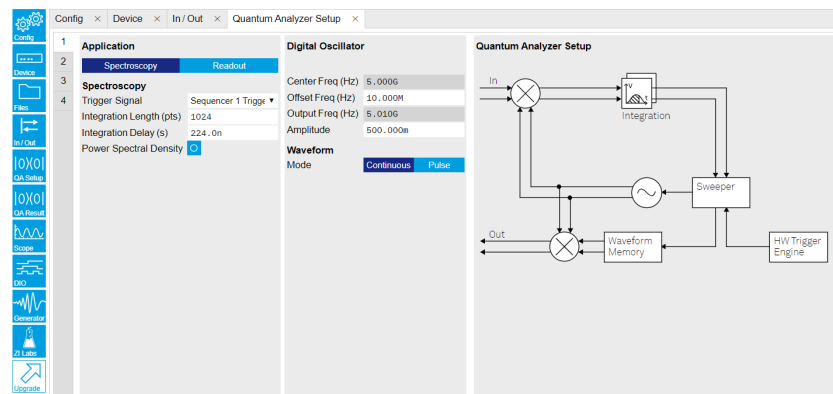


Figure 4.7: Configurations on QA Setup Tab.

Table 4.3: Settings of QA Channel 1 on QA Setup Tab, see details on

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	1	Select QA Channel 1.
Application Mode	Spectroscopy	Use spectroscopy mode for resonator spectroscopy measurement. In spectroscopy mode, frequency sweep is done by sweeping the frequency of the digital oscillator.
Trigger Signal	Sequencer 1 Trigger Output 1	Select Sequencer 1 Trigger Output 1 as the trigger source to trigger both output pulse generation and integration. This selection matches the trigger setting written in the sequence program.
Integration Length (pts)	1048	Set the integration length in number of samples.
Integration Delay (s)	224n	Set the delay time after receiving a trigger before starting integration. This setting ensures only expected input signal is integrated. The internal delay from signal generation to integration is about 224 ns. Therefore integration delay is > 224 ns if the propagation delay from front panel signal output port to signal input port is not negligible.
Power Spectral Density	Disable	Disable the Power Spectral Density measurement function.
Digital Oscillator Amplitude	0.5	Set the amplitude factor of the digital oscillator to 0.5. The range of amplitude factor is from 0 to 1.
Waveform Mode	Continuous	Set the Waveform Mode to continuous, so the output waveform is continuous. Select "Pulse" and upload a .csv file with complex data for waveform envelope if pulsed output waveform is desired.

On the QA Result Logger Tab, it defines the source of the result, and how the result is averaged and displayed, see [Figure 4.8](#) and [Table 4.4](#). After configuration of all parameters, the QA Result Logger should be enabled to be ready to receive measurement results.

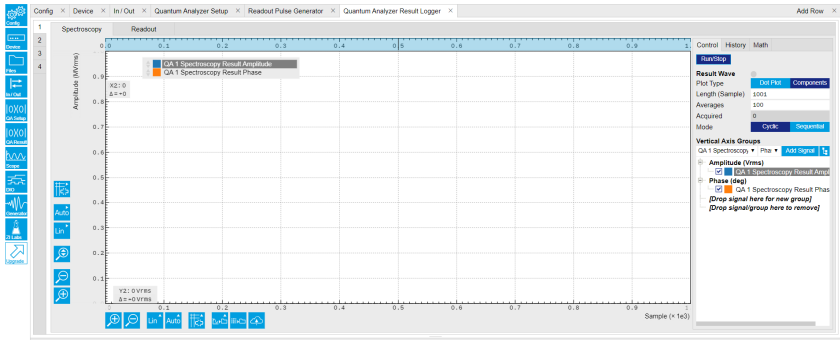


Figure 4.8: Configurations on QA Result Logger Tab.

Table 4.4: Settings of QA Channel 1 on QA Result Logger Tab.

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	1	Select QA Channel 1.
Sub-Tab	Spectroscopy	Select Spectroscopy sub-tab to monitor measurement result when using the Spectroscopy mode.
Plot Type	Components	Select Components to display I, Q, amplitude or phase versus sample points. Select Dot Plot to display I versus Q with scattered dots.
Result Length (Sample)	1001	Set result length in number of samples. The number must match what is set in the sequence program.
Averages	100	Set number of averages. The number must match what is set in the sequence program.
Average Mode	Cyclic	Set the average mode to cyclic. This setting must match how the loop is configured in the sequence program.
Vertical Axis Groups	Add amplitude and phase	Select amplitude and phase to be displayed on the plot.
Run/Stop	Enable	Enable the result logger to receive and display measurement results.

- 2. Run the measurement
By clicking "Run/Stop" icon on the Readout Pulse Generation Tab, the measurement is started and finished in seconds.
- 3. Monitor the measurement result
The measurement result (complex data) is normalized by the integration length and displayed on the QA Result Tab, as shown in Figure 4.9. Select "Dot Plot" to display result in IQ (complex) plane.

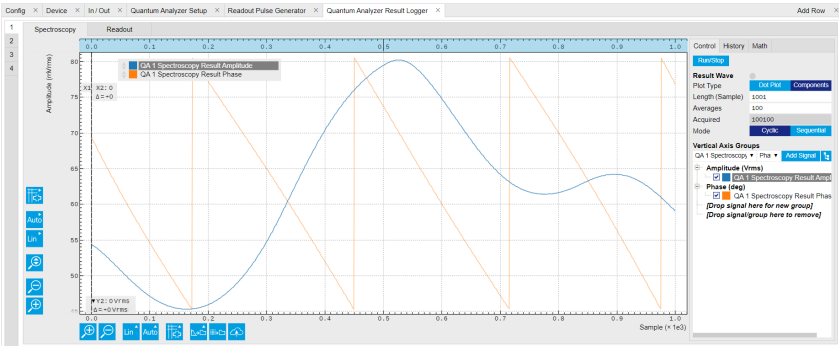


Figure 4.9: Measurement results on the QA Result Logger Tab.

zhinst-toolkit

The tutorial starts with configuring the Sweeper, and is followed by sending out continuous or pulsed readout waveform and integrating the frequency down-converted signal, and is finished with power and phase plots calculated from integration results.

1. Connect the Instrument
Create a toolkit session to the data server and connect the Instrument with the device ID, e.g. 'DEV12001', see [Connecting to the Instrument](#).

```
# Load the LabOne API and other necessary packages
from zhinst.toolkit import Session

DEVICE_ID = 'DEVXXXXX'
SERVER_HOST = 'localhost'

session = Session(SERVER_HOST)          ## connect to data server
device = session.connect_device(DEVICE_ID) ## connect to device
```

2. Create a Sweeper and configure it
Python API [SHFSweeper](#) class is the core of the spectroscopy measurements. It defines all relevant parameters for frequency sweeping and sequencing. Toolkit wraps around the SHFSweeper and exposes an interface that is similar to the LabOne modules, meaning the parameters are exposed in a node tree like structure.

```
sweeper = session.modules.shfqa_sweeper
sweeper.device(device)
CHANNEL_INDEX = 0 # physical Channel 1

sweeper.sweep.start_freq(-500e6) # in units of Hz
sweeper.sweep.stop_freq(500e6) # in units of Hz
sweeper.sweep.num_points(1001)
sweeper.sweep.oscillator_gain(0.8) # amplitude scaling factor, 0 to 1
sweeper.sweep.use_sequencer = True # True (recommended): sequencer-based
sweep; False: host-driven sweep

sweeper.average.integration_delay(224e-9) # internal delay is about 224 ns
sweeper.average.integration_time(10e-6) # in units of second
sweeper.sweep.wait_after_integration(1e-6) # waiting 1 us after integration
before starting a new measurement
sweeper.average.num_averages(200)
sweeper.average.mode("sequential") # "sequential" or "cyclic" averaging

sweeper.rf.channel(CHANNEL_INDEX)
sweeper.rf.center_freq(5e9) # in units of Hz
sweeper.rf.input_range(0) # in units of dBm
sweeper.rf.output_range(0) # in units of dBm

with device.set_transaction():
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].input.on(1)
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].output.on(1)
```

All available settings of the Sweeper can be find using this command.

```
list(sweeper)
```

The sweep parameters are configured such that the offset frequency of output signal is linearly swept over 1001 points from -500 MHz to 500 MHz around the center frequency of 5 GHz with the input and output power range of 0 dBm and the oscillator gain of 0.8, the input signal is integrated for 10 μ s after receiving an internal triggered, and the measurement is repeated 200 times at each offset frequency.

There are 2 sweeping modes, sequencer-based mode (default) and host-driven mode. The sequencer-based mode is recommended to achieve the highest sweep speed. In the sequencer-based mode, the frequency sweep is done by updating the frequency of the digital oscillator via the SeqC commands `configFreqSweep` and `setSweepStep`. This mode allows a fast resonator spectroscopy measurement with predicted cycle time of $t_{\text{settling time}} + t_{\text{integration delay}} + t_{\text{integration time}} + t_{\text{wait after integration}}$, see [Table 4.5](#). In the host-driven mode, the frequency sweep is done by updating the frequency of the digital oscillator via software, therefore measurement speed is limited by communication between instrument and host

computer. Logarithmic or other non-linear frequency sweep is supported by the host-driven sweep mode only.

To get a better signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), the measurement is repeated, and the result is averaged. There are 2 ways for averaging, sequential and cyclic. In the sequential mode, measurement is repeated after each frequency step. In the cyclic mode, measurement is repeated after sweeping through all frequencies.

The output frequency of the signal is the sum of the center frequency and the offset frequency. The output power of the signal is determined by the output power range and the oscillator gain, see [Inputs/Outputs Tab](#). The input range should be set properly to avoid input overflow and to reach the best SNR.

Please note that default values of Sweeper parameters listed in [Table 4.5](#) depend on the **zhinst** version.

Table 4.5: Default values of Sweeper parameters.

Parameter	Description	Default Value for zhinst < 22.08	Default Value for zhinst >= 23.02
settling time	Waiting time after having set the new frequency until issuing the setTrigger command, which triggers the spectroscopy unit.	200 ns	80 ns
integration delay	Delay after the internal trigger arrives at the spectroscopy unit until the integration of the input signal starts.	0 ns	224 ns (zhinst-utils version ≥ 0.1.5)
envelope delay	Delay After the internal trigger arrives at the spectroscopy unit until the playback of the envelope waveform starts.	0 ns	0 ns
integration time	Time to integrate the input data.	1 ms	1 ms
wait after integration	Wait time after the end of the integration until the start of the next cycle.	72 ns	0 ns
predicted cycle time	Calculated duration of each cycle of the spectroscopy loop. Note that this property only applies in self-triggered mode, which is active when the trigger source is set to None and use_sequencer is True .	-	"settling time" + "integration delay" + "integration time" + "wait after integration" (read-only)

3. Run the measurement with continuous output waveform and plot the data

```
result = sweeper.run()
num_points_result = len(result["vector"])
print(f"Measured at {num_points_result} frequency points.")
sweeper.plot()
```

After executing **sweeper.run()**, all above parameters are updated, and a SeqC program is automatically generated, uploaded and compiled based on the sweep parameters, see in [Figure 4.10](#). In the program, **ConfigFreqSweep** sets the start frequency and the frequency increment in units of Hz for a chosen oscillator, and **setSweepStep** sets the oscillator frequency. The oscillator phase is reset by **resetOscPhase** before each measurement. The trigger generated in the sequencer is used to start the integration, and the **playZero** sets the cycle duration. The measurement is repeated using the nested **for** loop according to the averaging mode. The measurement starts after enabling the sequencer.

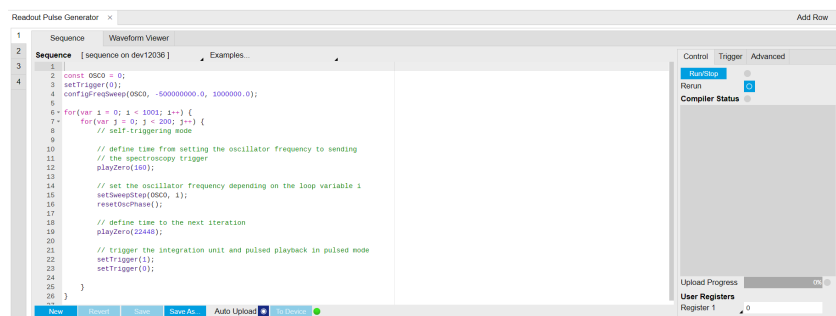


Figure 4.10: Seqc program in the Readout Pulse Generator Tab.

The result returned from `sweeper.run()` is complex data E_{sweeper} in units of Vrms. It is averaged and normalized by the integration length. The power P and phase ϕ can be calculated as,

$$\begin{aligned} P &= 10 \lg\left(\frac{|E_{\text{sweeper}}|^2}{R} 1000\right), \\ \phi &= \arctan \frac{\Im(E_{\text{sweeper}})}{\Re(E_{\text{sweeper}})}, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

where R is $50 \, \Omega$, 1000 is the conversion factor from W to mW. With `sweeper.plot()`, the power and phase are calculated and plotted, see Figure 4.11.

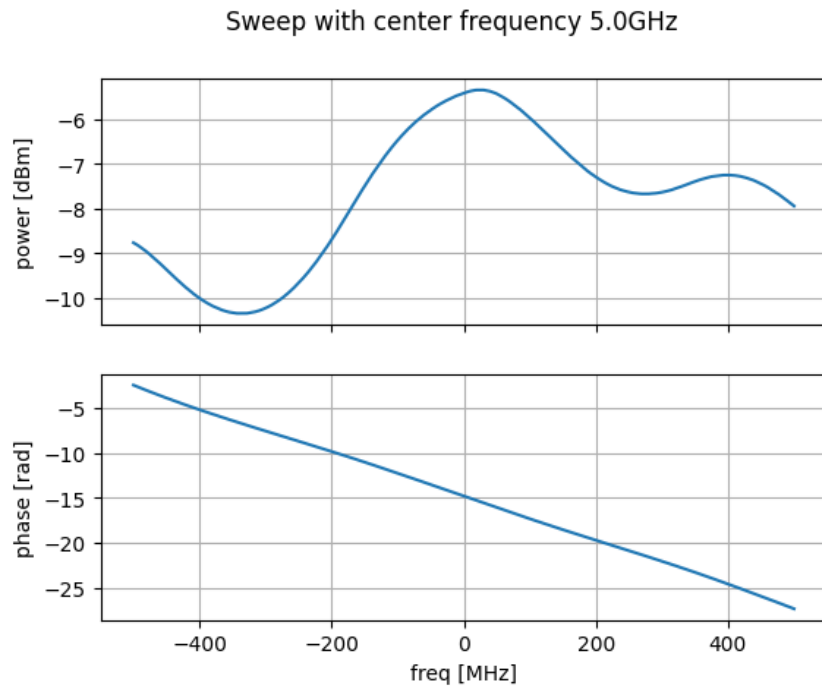


Figure 4.11: Measurement result with continuous waveform output.

4. Run the measurement with pulsed output waveform and plot the data
In contrast to continuous readout waveform generation, pulsed readout waveform generation requires an envelope data. Create a complex flat-top Gaussian envelope with 10 μs duration and 50 ns rise and fall time. Enable the pulsed mode by `sweeper.envelope.enable(True)` and upload the envelope to the waveform memory. This envelope can be displayed on the Waveform Viewer of the Readout Pulse Generator.

```
from scipy.signal import gaussian
import numpy as np

SAMPLING_FREQUENCY = 2e9 # in units of Hz
ENVELOPE_DURATION = 10.0e-6 # in units of second
ENVELOPE_RISE_FALL_TIME = 0.05e-6 # in units of second

rise_fall_len = int(ENVELOPE_RISE_FALL_TIME * SAMPLING_FREQUENCY)
std_dev = rise_fall_len // 10
gauss = gaussian(2 * rise_fall_len, std_dev)
complex_amplitude = (1 - 1j)/np.sqrt(2)
flat_top_gaussian = np.ones(int(ENVELOPE_DURATION * SAMPLING_FREQUENCY)) * c
omplex_amplitude
flat_top_gaussian[0:rise_fall_len] = gauss[0:rise_fall_len] * complex_amplit
ude
flat_top_gaussian[-rise_fall_len:] = gauss[-rise_fall_len:] * complex_amplit
ude
sweeper.average.integration_delay(224e-9) # in units of second
sweeper.envelope.enable(True) # True: Pulsed mode; False: Continuous mode
```

```
sweeper.envelope.waveform(flat_top_gaussian) # upload envelope waveform

result = sweeper.run()
num_points_result = len(result["vector"])
print(f"Measured at {num_points_result} frequency points.")
sweeper.plot()
```

After executing `sweeper.run()`, all above parameters are updated, a SeqC program is automatically generated, uploaded and compiled based on the sweep parameters, see [Figure 4.10](#), and the result is downloaded after the measurement is done. The power and phase are calculated, see in [Figure 4.12](#). The result is consistent with measurement with continuous waveform output.

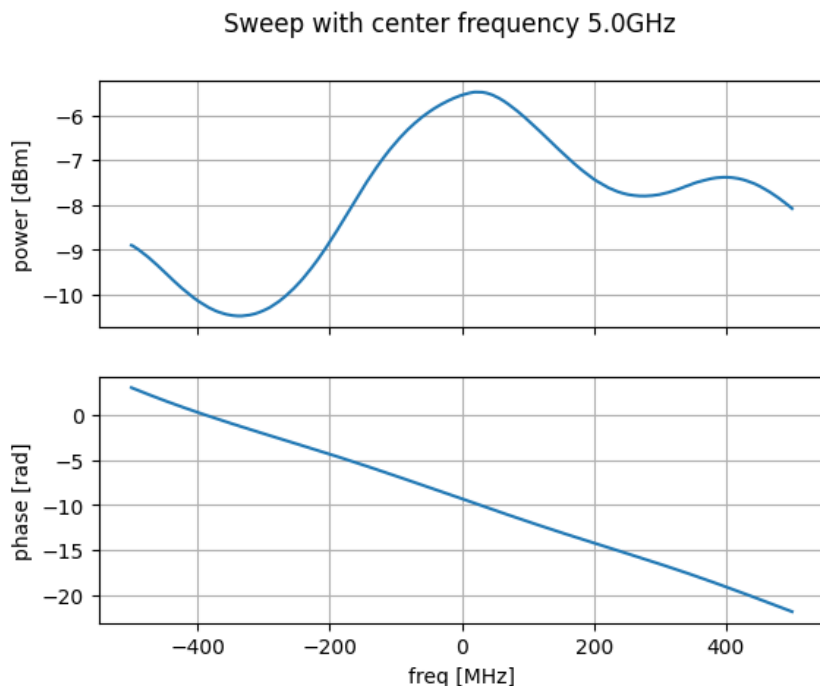


Figure 4.12: Measurement results with pulsed waveform output.

4.3. Multiplexed Qubit Readout

Note

This tutorial is applicable to all SHFQA+ Instruments.

4.3.1. Goals and Requirements

The goal of this tutorial is to demonstrate how to use SHFQA+ to perform multiplexed qubit readout using the LabOne User Interface (UI) and [Zurich Instruments Toolkit API](#).

For qubit control with the SHFSG+ Signal Generator, the SHFQC+ Qubit Controller and the HDAWG Arbitrary Wave Generator, and instrument synchronization and feedback with the PQSC Programmable Quantum System Controller, see tutorials section under a specific instrument found in the [Online Documentation](#).

Note

For zhinst-toolkit users, please find the example in https://github.com/zhinst/zhinst-toolkit/blob/main/examples/shfqa_qubit_readout_measurement.md, and the zhinst-toolkit documentation.

For SHFQC+ users, please find the examples in GitHub, <https://github.com/zhinst>.

4.3.2. Preparation

Please follow the preparation steps in [Connecting to the Instrument](#) and connect the instrument in a loopback configuration as shown in [Figure 4.13](#) or to a signal under test.

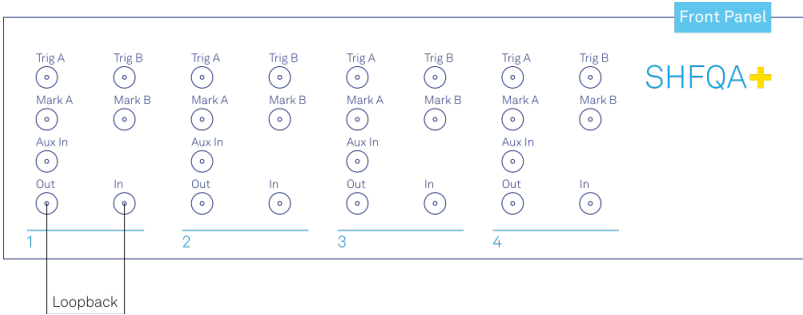


Figure 4.13: SHFQA+ connection.

4.3.3. Tutorial

In this tutorial, the instrument runs a measurement that performs readout of 8 qubits in parallel. The measurement is repeated 100 × 100 times and 100 averaged complex-valued results are returned.

LabOne UI

This section shows how to use LabOne UI to configure the instrument, run the measurement and monitor the measurement results.

- 1. Configure the instrument
 - 1. Set center frequency and power range of input and output signals
Configure these parameters on the [Input and Output Tab](#) as in [Figure 4.14](#) and in [Table 4.6](#).

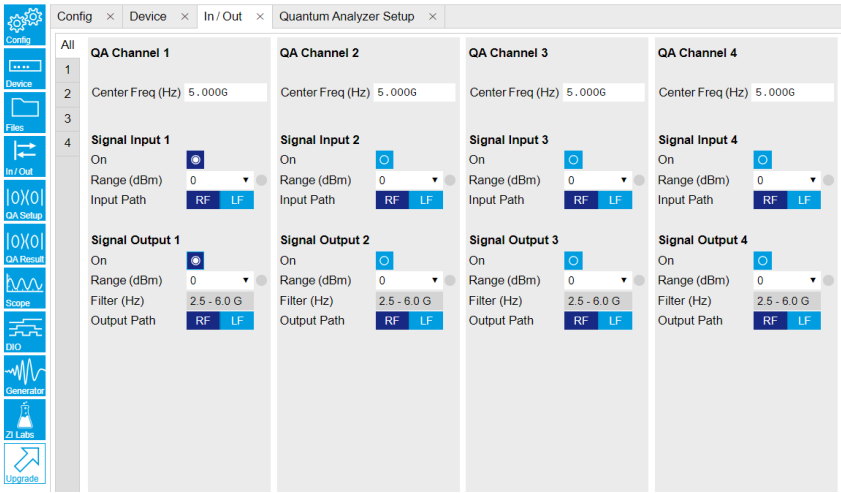


Figure 4.14: Configurations on In/Out Tab.

Table 4.6: Settings of QA Channel 1 on In/Out Tab

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	All	Select All to display all QA Channels.
Cent Freq (Hz)	5 GHz	Set center frequency of the frequency sweep.
Signal Input 1 On	Enable	Enable the Signal Input 1.
Signal Input 1 Range (dBm)	0 dBm	Set power range of Signal Input 1 to 0 dBm. This setting allows the instrument to acquire a input signal with a power up to 0 dBm.

Parameter	Setting	Description
Signal Input 1 Input Path	RF	Set input path of Signal Input 1 to RF path.
Signal Output 1 On	Enable	Enable the Signal Output 1.
Signal Output 1 Range	0 dBm	Set power range of Signal Output 1 to 0 dBm. This setting allows the instrument to output a signal with a power up to 0 dBm.
Signal Output 1 Output Path	RF	Set output path of the Signal Output 1 to RF path.

2. Upload and compile measurement sequence

The measurement sequence is defined on the Sequence Sub-Tab of the [Readout Pulse Generator Tab](#), see [Figure 4.15](#) and [Table 4.7](#).

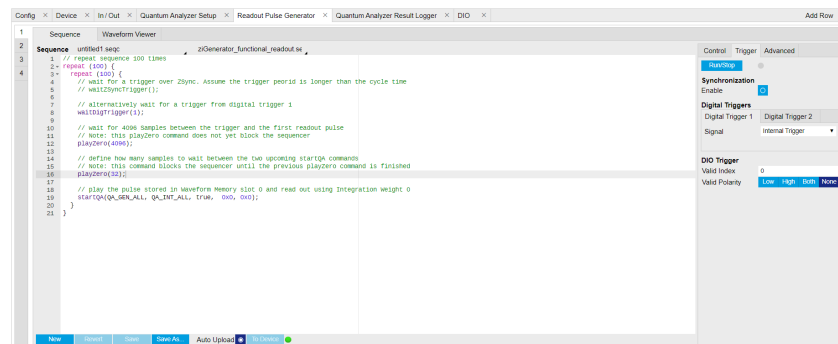


Figure 4.15: Configurations on Readout Pulse Generator Tab.

Table 4.7: Settings of QA Channel 1 on Readout Pulse Generator Tab.

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	1	Select QA Channel 1.
Sub-Tab Display	Sequence	Select Sequence sub-tab and paste the sequence program below. The Waveform Viewer sub-tab displays waveforms saved in Waveform Memory slots and Integration Weight units.
Compile	Click "To Device"	Compile the sequence program by clicking "To Device".
Digital Triggers	Digital Trigger 1	Select Digital Trigger 1.
Digital Trigger 1 Signal	Internal Trigger	Select Internal Trigger as the trigger source of Digital Trigger 1.
Return	Disable	Disable return function.
Run/Stop	Enable	Run the sequence.

Below is the the sequence program for the measurement. In the inner loop, the `waitDigTrigger(1)` command waits for a digital trigger to continue the sequence, the first `playZero` command sets the waiting time after receiving a trigger before running the `startQA` command, the `startQA(QA_GEN_ALL, QA_INT_ALL, true)` command sends a trigger to generate output waveform and start integration. The measurement is repeated 100 times by the outer loop.

```
// repeat sequence 10000 times
repeat (100) {
    repeat (100) {
        // wait for a trigger over ZSync. Assume the trigger period
        // is longer than the cycle time
        // waitZSyncTrigger();

        // alternatively wait for a trigger from digital trigger 1
    }
}
```



```
waitDigTrigger(1);

// wait for 4096 Samples between the trigger and the first
readout pulse
// Note: this playZero command does not yet block the
sequencer
playZero(4096);

// define how many samples to wait between the two upcoming
startQA commands
// Note: this command blocks the sequencer until the previous
playZero command is finished
playZero(32);

// play all pulses stored in Waveform Memory and read out
using all Integration Weights
startQA(QA_GEN_ALL, QA_INT_ALL);
}
```

The digital trigger set on the Trigger sub-tab is the Internal Trigger. The configuration of the Internal Trigger is shown in Figure 4.16 and Table 4.8.

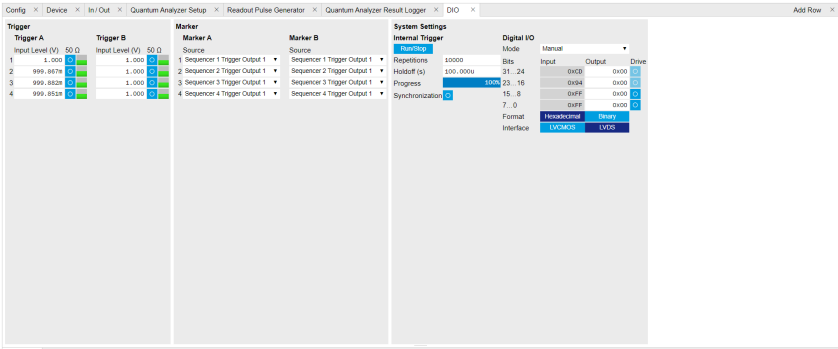


Figure 4.16: Configurations of Internal Trigger on DIO Tab.

Table 4.8: Settings of Internal Trigger on DIO Setup Tab, see details on

Parameter	Setting	Description
Repetitions	10000	Set number of repetitions.
Holdoff (s)	100u	Set holdoff time to 100 μ s.
Synchronization	Disable	Disable Synchronization.
Run/Stop	Disable	Disable the internal trigger.

3. Configure signal generation and data acquisition
Signal generation and data acquisition are defined on [QA Setup Tab](#) and [QA Result logger Tab](#).

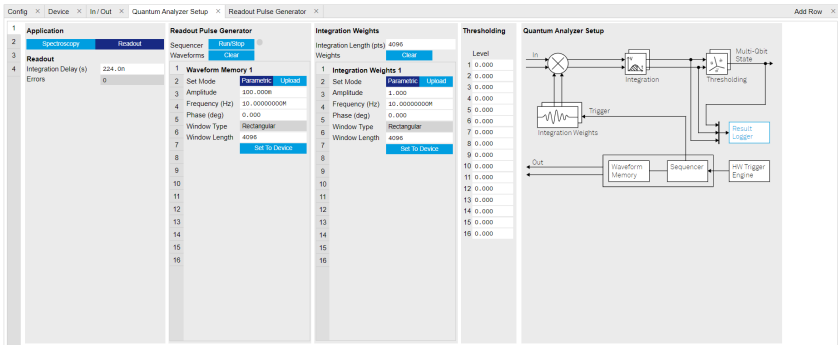


Figure 4.17: Configurations on QA Setup Tab.

The baseband readout waveform is generated by summing up all waveforms saved in the Waveform Memory. The input signal after frequency down-conversion is integrated

with 8 integration weights saved in integration weight units for 2048 ns started 224 ns after receiving a digital trigger.

We use Readout mode for multiplex qubit readout (Table 4.9) and generate both readout waveforms and integration weights parametrically (Table 4.10 and Table 4.11). In this tutorial, the integration weight is simply a conjugate of the readout waveforms. To achieve high readout fidelity optimal weights should be measured and uploaded, see how to measure optimal weights in [Integration Weights Measurement](#). Thresholds need to be uploaded if qubit state discrimination is required.

Table 4.9: Application Settings of QA Channel 1 on QA Setup Tab.

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	1	Select QA Channel 1.
Application Mode	Readout	Use Readout mode for multiplex qubit readout. In Readout mode, the output waveform is generated by summing up all readout waveforms in the Waveform Memory slots, thus the instrument is able to readout up to 16 qubits per channel in parallel. In spectroscopy mode, the readout waveform is generated by a digital oscillator. Since there is only 1 digital oscillator per channel, only single qubit readout is possible in Spectroscopy mode.
Integration Delay (s)	224 n	Set the delay time after receiving a trigger before starting integration. This setting ensures that only the expected input signal is integrated. The internal delay from signal generation to integration is about 224 ns. Therefore, an integration delay > 224 ns is necessary if the propagation delay from front panel signal output port to signal input port is not negligible.

Table 4.10: Readout Pulse Generation Settings of QA Channel 1 on QA Setup Tab.

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	1	Select QA Channel 1.
Clear Waveform	Click "Clear"	Clear all waveforms saved in Waveform Memory. Clear all waveforms before uploading new ones to avoid incorrect waveform generation or output overflow.
Waveform Memory <i>i</i> Set Mode	Parametric	Generate waveform parametrically saved in Waveform Memory slot <i>i</i> (<i>i</i> is from 1 to 8). The parametrically generated waveform is $Ae^{i(2\pi ft + \frac{\pi}{180}\phi)}$, where A is the dimensionless amplitude factor of the waveform, f is the frequency in units of Hz, ϕ is the phase in units of degree.
Waveform Memory <i>i</i> Amplitude	0.1	Set amplitude factor A of the parametrically generated waveform saved in Waveform Memory slot <i>i</i> (<i>i</i> is from 1 to 8) to 0.1. This setting ensures the amplitude factor of sum of all waveforms is ≤ 1 .
Waveform Memory <i>i</i> Frequency (Hz)	10e6× <i>i</i>	Set readout frequency f of the parametrically generated waveform saved in Waveform Memory slot <i>i</i> (<i>i</i> is from 1 to 8) to 10e6× <i>i</i> Hz.
Waveform Memory <i>i</i> Phase (Deg)	0	Set phase ϕ of the parametrically generated waveform saved in Waveform Memory slot <i>i</i> (<i>i</i> is from 1 to 8) to 0 degree.
Waveform Memory <i>i</i> Window Length	4096	Set length of the parametrically generated waveform saved in Waveform Memory slot <i>i</i> (<i>i</i> is from 1 to 8) in number of samples.
Waveform Memory <i>i</i> Set To Device	click "Set To Device"	Upload the parametrically generated waveform to Waveform Memory slot <i>i</i> (<i>i</i> is from 1 to 8).

Table 4.11: Integration Weights Settings of QA Channel 1 on QA Setup Tab.

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	1	Select QA Channel 1.
Integration Length	4096	Set the integration length in number of samples.
Clear Weights	Click "Clear"	Clear all weights saved in Integration Weight slots. Clear all weights before uploading new ones to avoid incorrect weight generation.
Integration Weights <i>i</i> Set Mode	Parametric	Generate integration weight parametrically saved in Integration Weights unit <i>i</i> (<i>i</i> is from 1 to 8). The parametrically generated integration weight is $A'e^{-i(2\pi f't + \frac{\pi}{180}\phi)}$, where <i>A'</i> is the dimensionless amplitude factor of the integration weight, <i>f'</i> is the frequency in units of Hz, <i>φ</i> is the phase in units of degree.
Integration Weights <i>i</i> Amplitude	1	Set amplitude factor <i>A'</i> of the parametrically generated integration weight saved in Integration Weights unit <i>i</i> (<i>i</i> is from 1 to 8)
Integration Weights <i>i</i> Frequency (Hz)	10e6× <i>i</i>	Set readout frequency <i>f'</i> of the parametrically generated integration weight saved in Integration Weights unit <i>i</i> (<i>i</i> is from 1 to 8) to 10e6× <i>i</i> Hz same as the frequency of readout waveform saved in Waveform Memory slot <i>i</i> .
Integration Weights <i>i</i> Phase (Deg)	0	Set phase <i>φ</i> of the parametrically generated integration weight saved in Integration Weights unit <i>i</i> (<i>i</i> is from 1 to 8) to 0 degree.
Integration Weights <i>i</i> Window Length	4096	Set length of the integration weight saved in Integration Weights unit <i>i</i> (<i>i</i> is from 1 to 8) in number of samples.
Integration Weights <i>i</i> Set To Device	Click "Set To Device"	Upload the parametrically generated integration weight to Integration Weight unit 1. Use the same setting for 8 integration weights saved in the first 8 Integration Weight Units.

How the measurement results are averaged and displayed are defined on QA Result Logger Tab, see [Figure 4.18](#) and [Table 4.12](#).



Figure 4.18: Configurations on QA Result Logger Tab.

Table 4.12: Settings of QA Channel 1 on QA Result Logger Tab, see details on

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	1	Select QA Channel 1.
Sub-Tab	Readout	Select Readout sub-tab to monitor measurement result in Readout Mode.

Parameter	Setting	Description
Display Source	Integration	Display result after integration to monitor results in IQ plane. Choose "Integration (I, Q, Amp, Phase)" If it is desired. Choose "Threshold" if qubit state discrimination is desired.
Result Length (Sample)	100	Set result length in number of samples. The number must match what is set in the sequence program.
Averages	100	Set the number of averages. The number must match what is set in the sequence program.
Average Mode	Cyclic	Set the average mode to cyclic. This setting must match how the loop is configured in the sequence program.
Vertical Axis Groups	Add QA 1 Result i Wave Value (i is from 1 to 8)	Add 8 qubit results to the plot.
Run/Stop	Enable	Run the result logger to receive and display measurement results.

- Run the measurement
Click "Run/Stop" icon on the System Settings sub-tab of DIO tab to run the measurement.
- Monitor the measurement results
The measurement result is displayed on QA Result Tab, as shown in Figure 4.19. The data format of measurement result is complex data. The spread of the readout results indicates that each component of the input signal has a similar amplitude but different phase delay.

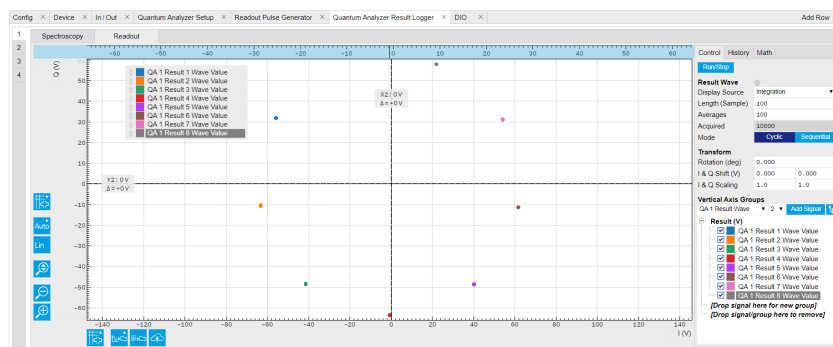


Figure 4.19: Measurement results on QA Result Logger Tab.

zhinst-toolkit

- Connect the instrument
Create a toolkit session to the data server and connect the device with the device ID, e.g. 'DEV12001', see [Connecting to the Instrument](#).

```
from zhinst.toolkit import Session, SHFQChannelMode, Waveforms
from scipy.signal import gaussian
import numpy as np

DEVICE_ID = 'DEVXXXXX'
SERVER_HOST = 'localhost'

session = Session(SERVER_HOST)          ## connect to data server
device = session.connect_device(DEVICE_ID) ## connect to device
```

- Generate readout pulses and integration weights
To readout 8 qubits in parallel, 8 readout pulses with different amplitude, frequency and phase are summed up to generate a single output signal. Please note that the maximum amplitude of the sum of all readout pulses should not exceed 1.

```
# generate readout pulses
NUM_QUBITS = 8
RISE_FALL_TIME = 10e-9 # in units of second
```

```

SAMPLING_RATE = 2e9 # in units of Hz
PULSE_DURATION = 500e-9 # in units of second
FREQUENCIES = np.linspace(32e6, 120e6, NUM_QUBITS) # in units of Hz
SCALING = 0.9 / NUM_QUBITS # amplitude scaling factor

rise_fall_len = int(RISE_FALL_TIME * SAMPLING_RATE)
pulse_len = int(PULSE_DURATION * SAMPLING_RATE)
std_dev = rise_fall_len // 10

gauss = gaussian(2 * rise_fall_len, std_dev)
flat_top_gaussian = np.ones(pulse_len)
flat_top_gaussian[0:rise_fall_len] = gauss[0:rise_fall_len]
flat_top_gaussian[-rise_fall_len:] = gauss[-rise_fall_len:]
flat_top_gaussian *= SCALING
time_vec = np.linspace(0, PULSE_DURATION, pulse_len)

readout_pulses = Waveforms()
for i, f in enumerate(FREQUENCIES):
    readout_pulses.assign_waveform(
        slot=i,
        wave1=flat_top_gaussian * np.exp(2j * np.pi * f * time_vec)
    )

# generate integration weights
ROTATION_ANGLE = 0
weights = Waveforms()
for waveform_slot, pulse in readout_pulses.items():
    weights.assign_waveform(
        slot=waveform_slot,
        wave1=np.conj(pulse[0] * np.exp(1j * ROTATION_ANGLE)) /
np.abs(pulse[0])
    )

```

In this tutorial, the envelope of all readout pulses is flat-top Gaussian with pulse length of 500 ns and rise and fall time of 10 ns, all amplitude are equally scaled by a factor of 0.9 and divided by the number of qubits, 8 readout frequencies span from 32 MHz to 120 MHz, and all phases are set to 0. The zhinst-toolkit class [Waveforms](#) is for converting waveform data written in Python to data that can be uploaded to the instrument correctly.

In Readout mode, the frequency down-converted signal is integrated with the integration weights. Tutorial [Integration Weights Measurement](#) shows how to measure integration weights to improve the SNR. In this tutorial, conjugated readout pulses with the amplitude scaling factor of 1 are used and uploaded to the integration weight memory. The integration delay can be measured with the SHFQA+ Scope triggered by Sequencer Monitor Trigger.

3. Configure the Channel

Configure the Channel such that the readout pulses are integrated with different integration weights in parallel, and the measurement is repeated 10000 times.

```

CHANNEL_INDEX = 0 # physical Channel 1
NUM_READOUTS = 100
NUM_AVERAGES = 100
MODE_AVERAGES = 0 # 0: cyclic; 1: sequential;
INTEGRATION_TIME = PULSE_DURATION # in units of second

# upload readout pulses and integration weights to waveform memory
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.clearwave() # clear all readout waveforms
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.write_to_waveform_memory(readout_pulses)
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.integration.clearweight() # clear all integration weights
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.write_integration_weights(
    weights=weights,
    # compensation for the delay between generator output and input of the integration unit
    integration_delay=224e-9
)

```

```

)

with device.set_transaction():
    # configure inputs and outputs
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].configure_channel(
        center_frequency=5e9, # in units of Hz
        input_range=-30, # in units of dBm
        output_range=-30, # in units of dBm
        mode=SHFQAChannelMode.READOUT, # READOUT or SPECTROSCOPY
    )
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].input.on(1)
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].output.on(1)

    # configure sequencer
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.configure_sequencer_triggerin
g(
    aux_trigger=8, # internal trigger
    play_pulse_delay=0, # 0s delay between startQA trigger and the
readout pulse
)

    seqc_program = f"""
        repeat({int(NUM_READOUTS * NUM_AVERAGES)}){{
            waitDigTrigger(1);
            startQA(QA_GEN_ALL, QA_INT_ALL, true, 0, 0x0);
        }}
    """
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.load_sequencer_program(seqc_p
rogram)

    # configure internal trigger
    device.system.internaltrigger.repetitions(int(NUM_READOUTS * NUM_AVERAGE
S))
    device.system.internaltrigger.holdoff(100e-6)

    # configure QA setup and QA result logger
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.integration.length(int(INTEGRAT
ION_TIME * SAMPLING_RATE))
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.configure_result_logger(
        result_length=NUM_READOUTS,
        result_source='result_of_integration', # "result_of_integration" or
"result_of_discrimination".
        num_averages=NUM_AVERAGES,
        averaging_mode=MODE_AVERAGES,
    )

```

The Readout pulses and integration weights with assigned waveform memory slots are uploaded using `generator.write_to_waveform_memory` to the waveform memory after clear all waveforms which may saved in the waveform memory previously. The input range and output range of the Channel 1 is set to -30 dBm, and the center frequency is 5 GHz. There are 2 application modes see [Quantum Analyzer Setup Tab](#). For multiplex readout, Readout mode is selected in order to use customized integration weights for different qubits. All settings are configured using `qachannels[n].configure_channel` function. The function `configure_sequencer_triggering` and `load_sequencer_program` are used to configure the sequence trigger and upload the sequence program, respectively. The measurement sequence is defined by the SeqC program such that it sends out the readout pulse and integrates the signal for 500 ns with the integration delay of 224 ns after receiving a trigger (Internal Trigger). The measurement is repeated 10000 times. These parameters are configured by the function `readout.configure_result_logger`. The result after integration and averaging is saved to the QA Result Logger. This configuration can be used to calibrate control pulses and characterize the qubits, measure thresholds without averaging for state discrimination or readout fidelity if the result source is set to 'result_of_discrimination' and the thresholds are updated using `device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.discriminators[n].threshold()` (n is the qubit index).

4. Run the measurement, download and plot the result

4.4. Integration Weights Measurement

Before starting the measurement, the QA Result Logger is enabled to be ready to get the result, and the Sequencer is enabled by `enable_sequencer` to be ready to run the sequence once receive an internal trigger. The measurement result is returned by `readout.read` function, and it is also displayed in QA Result Logger Tab see Figure 4.20.

```
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.run() # enable QA Result Logger
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.enable_sequencer(single=True)
device.system.internaltrigger.enable(1)
readout_results = device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.read()
```

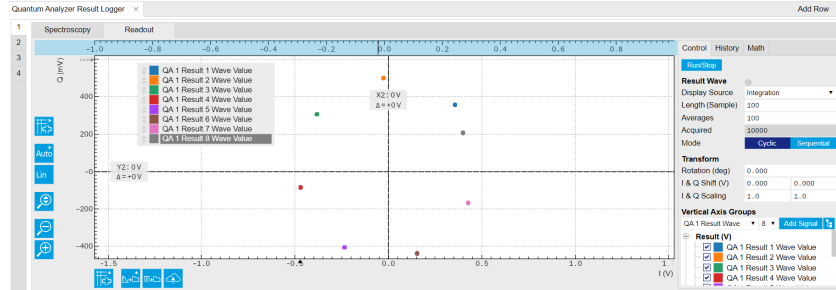


Figure 4.20: Multiplexed readout of 8 qubits in loopback configuration.

Use the following code snippet to plot the readout result as seen in Figure 4.21

```
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

plt.figure()
for i in range(NUM_QUBITS):
    plt.plot(readout_results[i].real, readout_results[i].imag, '.', label =
f'Q{i}')
plt.legend()
plt.grid("both")
plt.axis("equal")
plt.xlabel("I (Vrms)")
plt.ylabel("Q (Vrms)")
plt.tight_layout()
```

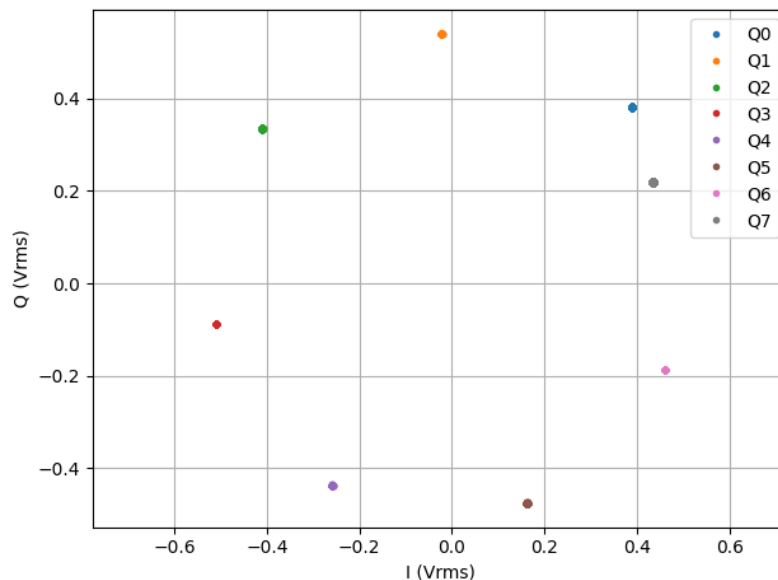


Figure 4.21: Multiplexed readout of 8 qubits in loopback configuration.

4.4. Integration Weights Measurement

Note

This tutorial is applicable to all SHFQA+ Instruments and no additional instrumentation is needed.

4.4.1. Goals and Requirements

The goal of this tutorial is to demonstrate how to use the SHFQA+ Scope to measure integration weights that are needed for high-fidelity single-shot readout using the LabOne User Interface (UI) and [Zurich Instruments Toolkit API](#).

For qubit control with the SHFSG+ Signal Generator, the SHFQC+ Qubit Controller and the HDAWG Arbitrary Wave Generator, and instrument synchronization and feedback with the PQSC Programmable Quantum System Controller, see tutorials in the [Online Documentation](#).

Note

For zhinst-toolkit users, please find the example in https://github.com/zhinst/zhinst-toolkit/blob/main/examples/shfqa_qubit_readout_weights.md, and the zhinst-toolkit documentation.

For LabOne Q users, please find the example in https://github.com/zhinst/laboneq/blob/main/examples/01_qubit_characterization/12_readoutweight_calibration_shfsg_shfqa_shfqc.ipynb, and the LabOne Q User Manual.

4.4.2. Preparation

Please follow the preparation steps in [Connecting to the Instrument](#) and connect the instrument in a loopback configuration as shown in [Figure 4.22](#) or to a device under test.

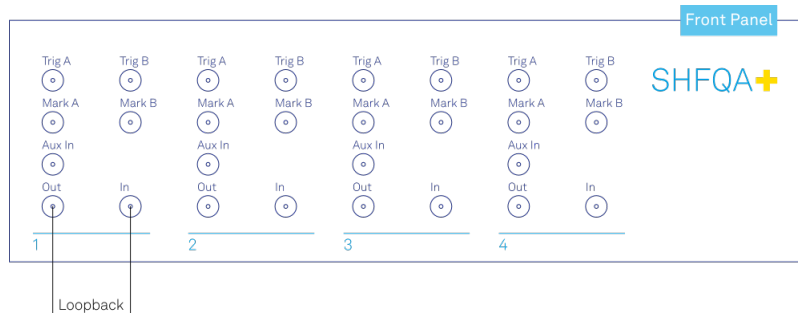


Figure 4.22: SHFQA+ connection.

4.4.3. Tutorial

In the tutorial, readout signals are recorded while the qubit is in ground and excited state. The readout pulse is generated by the SHFQA+ Readout Pulse Generator, and the signal recording is done by the SHFQA+ Scope. The integration weight is derived from the difference of the recorded readout signals.

LabOne UI

This section shows how to use LabOne UI to configure the instrument, run the measurement, monitor the measurement results and calculate the integration weight.

1. Configure the instrument
 1. Set center frequency and power range of input and output signals
Configure these parameters on the [Input and Output Tab](#) as in [Figure 4.23](#) and in [Table 4.13](#).

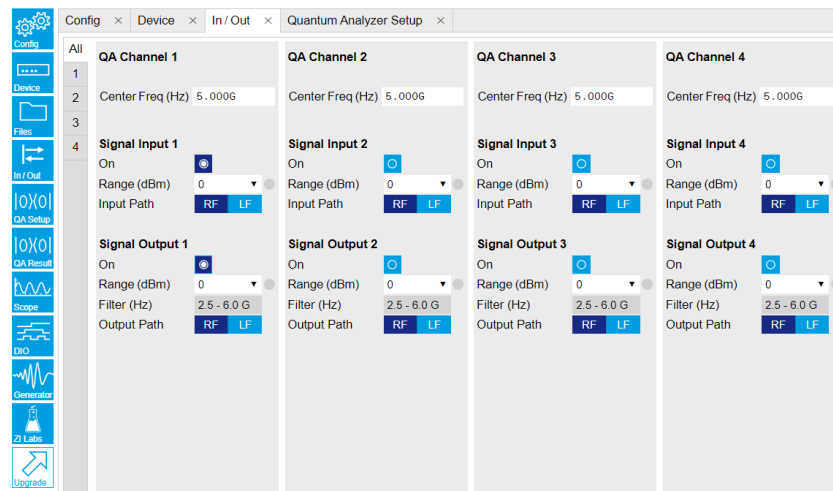


Figure 4.23: Configurations on In/Out Tab.

Table 4.13: Settings of QA Channel 1 on In/Out Tab

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	All	Select All to display all QA Channels.
Cent Freq (Hz)	5 GHz	Set center frequency of the frequency sweep of QA Channel 1.
Signal Input 1 On	Enable	Enable the Signal Input 1.
Signal Input 1 Range (dBm)	0 dBm	Set power range of Signal Input 1 to 0 dBm. This setting allows the instrument to acquire a input signal with a power up to 0 dBm.
Signal Input 1 Input Path	RF	Set input path of Signal Input 1 to RF path.
Signal Output 1 On	Enable	Enable the Signal Output 1.
Signal Output 1 Range	0 dBm	Set power range of Signal Output 1 to 0 dBm. This setting allows the instrument to output a signal with a power up to 0 dBm.
Signal Output 1 Output Path	RF	Set output path of the Signal Output 1 to RF path.

2. Upload and compile measurement sequence

The measurement sequence is defined on the Sequence Sub-Tab of the [Readout Pulse Generator Tab](#), see [Table 4.14](#).

Table 4.14: Settings of QA Channel 1 on Readout Pulse Generator Tab.

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA channel Selection	1	Select QA channel 1.
Sub-Tab Display	Sequence	Select Sequence sub-tab and paste the sequence program below. The Waveform Viewer sub-tab displays waveforms saved in Waveform Memory slots and Integration Weight units.
Compile	Click "To Device"	Compile the sequence program by clicking "To Device".
Digital Triggers	Digital Trigger 1	Select Digital Trigger 1.
Digital Trigger 1 Signal	Internal Trigger	Select Internal Trigger as the trigger source of Digital Trigger 1.
Return	Disable	Disable return function.
Run/Stop	Enable	Run the sequence.

Below is the the sequence program for the measurement. In the loop, the `waitDigTrigger` command waits a trigger (see Table 4.15) to continue the sequence, the `startQA` command sends a trigger to generate output waveform and start integration, it also sends a Sequencer Monitor Trigger (third argument of the `startQA` command) to trigger SHFQA+ Scope to record input signal before integration. The measurement is repeated 100 times to get averaged readout pulses according to qubit prepared in ground and excited state.

```
// repeat sequence 100 times, i.e. readout qubit in group state and
// excited state, and then repeat this 50 times
repeat (100) {
    // wait for a trigger over ZSync. Assume the trigger period is
    // longer than the cycle time
    // waitZSyncTrigger();

    // alternatively wait for a trigger from digital trigger 1
    waitDigTrigger(1);

    // play readout waveform stored in Waveform Memory slot 1, send a
    // trigger to start integration, and send a Sequencer Monitor trigger to
    // trigger the Scope
    startQA(QA_GEN_0, QA_INT_0, true);
}
```

The digital trigger set on the Trigger sub-tab is Internal Trigger. The configuration of the internal is shown in and Table 4.15.

Table 4.15: Settings of Internal Trigger on DIO Setup Tab, see details on

Parameter	Setting	Description
Repetitions	100	Set number of repetitions.
Holdoff (s)	100u	Set holdoff time to 100 μ s.
Synchronization	Disabled	Disable Synchronization.
Run/Stop	Disable	Disable the internal trigger.

3. Configure signal generation
- Signal generation is defined on QA Setup Tab, see Figure 4.24 and Table 4.16. Since we are only interested in the signal before integration, the settings for integration weights is not needed.

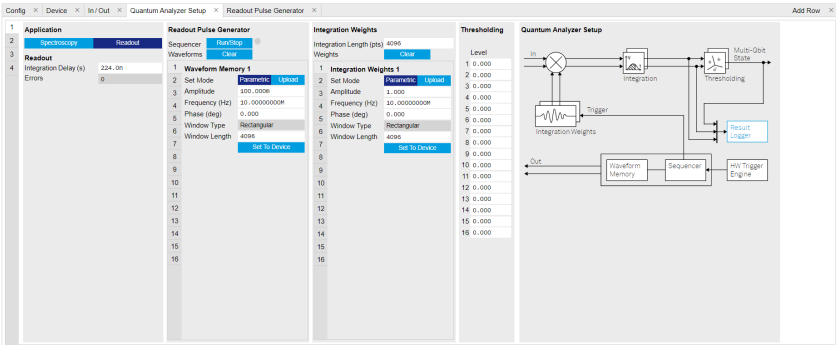


Figure 4.24: Configurations on QA Setup Tab.

Table 4.16: Settings of QA Channel 1 on QA Setup Tab.

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	1	Select QA Channel 1.
Application Mode	Readout	Use Readout mode for integration weight measurement.
Clear Waveform	Click "Clear"	Clear all waveforms saved in Waveform Memory. Clear all waveforms before uploading new ones to avoid incorrect waveform generation or output overflow.

Parameter	Setting	Description
Waveform Memory 1 Set Mode	Parametric	Generate waveform parametrically in Waveform Memory slot 1. The parametrically generated waveform is $Ae^{i(2\pi f t + \frac{\pi}{180}\phi)}$, where A is the dimensionless amplitude factor of the waveform, f is the frequency in units of Hz, φ is the phase in units of degree.
Amplitude	0.5	Set amplitude factor A to 0.5.
Frequency (Hz)	10M	Set readout frequency f to 10 MHz.
Phase (Deg)	0	Set phase φ to 0 degree.
Window Length	4096	Set length of the readout waveform in number of samples.
Set To Device	click "Set To Device"	Upload the parametrically generated waveform to Waveform Memory slot 1.

4. Configure SHFQA+ Scope

The SHFQA+ Scope is configured to record readout pulses before integration, and display averaged readout pulses according to qubit in ground state and excited state, see [Figure 4.25](#) and [Table 4.17](#).

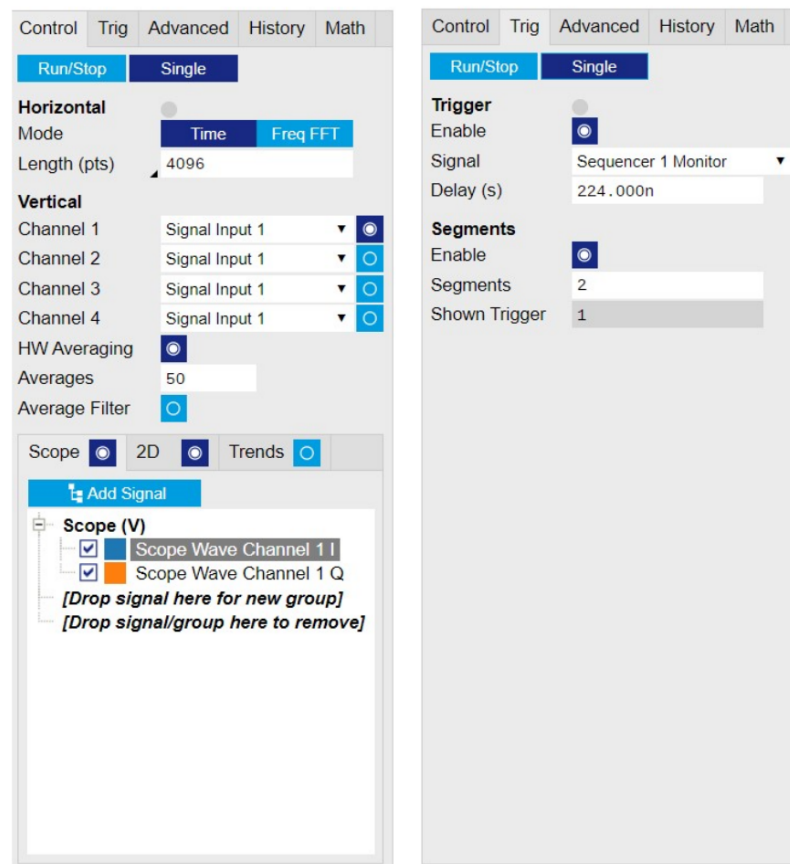


Figure 4.25: Configurations on Scope Tab.

Table 4.17: Settings on Scope Tab

Parameter	Setting	Description
Horizontal Mode	Time	Display data in time-domain.
Horizontal Length (pts)	4096	Set recording length in number of samples. This setting has to be \geq readout pulse length.
Channel 1 Signal Selection	Signal Input 1	Monitor signal comes from Signal Input 1 on Scope Channel 1.

Parameter	Setting	Description
Channel 1 Enable	Enable	Enable Scope Channel 1.
HW Averaging	Enable	Enable hardware averaging.
Averages	50	Set number of averages to 50. This setting matches what is defined in the sequence program.
Display Mode	Scope	Display the Scope trace. Enable "2D" if 2D trace is desired.
Add Signal	Scope Wave Channel 1 I and Q	Add Scope Wave Channel 1 I and Scope Wave Channel 1 Q to the plot.
Trigger Mode	Enable	Enable trigger mode so that scope recording starts only after receiving a trigger.
Trigger Signal	Sequencer 1 Monitor Trigger	Select Sequencer 1 Monitor Trigger as the trigger to trigger the Scope.
Trigger Delay (s)	224n	Set trigger delay to 224 ns. The Scope starts to record data 224 ns later after receiving a trigger. This setting must have to match signal propagation delay including internal delay about 224 ns and external delay depending on the signal path between the front panel Signal Output port and Signal Input port.
Segments Enable	Enable	Enable Segments measurement. In Segments measurement, the scope records $n \times m$ data, where n is the number of segments, m is the recording length in number of samples.
Segments	2	Set number of segments to 2. 1 for recording readout pulse when qubit in ground state, another for qubit in excited state.
Run Mode	Single	Using Single mode for the measurement.

- Run the measurement
By clicking "Run/Stop" icon on the System Settings sub-tab of DIO tab, the measurement is started and finished in seconds.
- Monitor the measurement results and calculate the integration weight
The recorded readout pulses are displayed on the Scope Tab, as shown in Figure 4.26. The integration weights is calculated by taking the difference of the measured traces according to the qubit is in ground state and excited state.

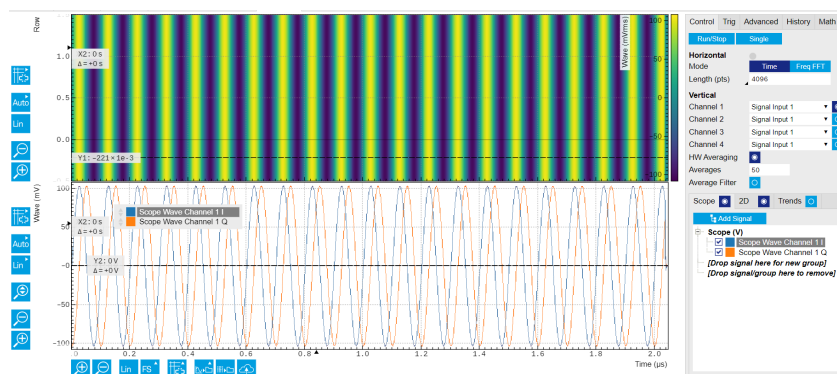


Figure 4.26: Recorded readout pulses on Scope Tab.

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- Connect the instrument
Create a toolkit session to the data server and connect the device with the device ID, e.g. 'DEV12001', see [Connecting to the Instrument](#).

```
# Load the LabOne API and other necessary packages
from zhinst.toolkit import Session, SHFQAChannelMode, Waveforms
```

```

from scipy.signal import gaussian
import numpy as np

DEVICE_ID = 'DEVXXXXX'
SERVER_HOST = 'localhost'

session = Session(SERVER_HOST)          ## connect to data server
device = session.connect_device(DEVICE_ID) ## connect to device

```

2. Generate readout pulses

In the tutorial, the envelope of the readout waveforms is flat-top Gaussian with pulse length of 500 ns and rise and fall time of 10 ns, amplitude factor of 0.9, and 8 readout frequencies span from 32 MHz to 120 MHz. The amplitude factor is not scaled by the number of qubits as in [Multiplexed Qubit Readout](#) because the readout output signal is generated from one of the readout waveforms, see the sequence program in the following section. The zhinst-toolkit class [Waveforms](#) is for converting waveform data written in Python to data that can be uploaded to the instrument correctly.

```

NUM_QUBITS = 8
SAMPLING_FREQUENCY = 2e9
RISE_FALL_TIME = 10e-9
PULSE_DURATION = 500e-9

rise_fall_len = int(RISE_FALL_TIME * SAMPLING_FREQUENCY)
pulse_len = int(PULSE_DURATION * SAMPLING_FREQUENCY)
std_dev = rise_fall_len // 10

gauss = gaussian(2 * rise_fall_len, std_dev)
flat_top_gaussian = np.ones(pulse_len)
flat_top_gaussian[0:rise_fall_len] = gauss[0:rise_fall_len]
flat_top_gaussian[-rise_fall_len:] = gauss[-rise_fall_len:]
# Scaling
flat_top_gaussian *= 0.9

readout_pulses = Waveforms()
time_vec = np.linspace(0, PULSE_DURATION, pulse_len)

for i, f in enumerate(np.linspace(2e6, 32e6, NUM_QUBITS)):
    readout_pulses.assign_waveform(
        slot=i,
        wave1=flat_top_gaussian * np.exp(2j * np.pi * f * time_vec)
    )

```

3. Configure the channel

Configure center frequency, input and output power range and application mode of the channel using `qachannels[n].configure_channel`, turn on the Input and Output, and upload the readout waveforms using `generator.write_to_waveform_memory`.

```

# configure inputs and outputs
CHANNEL_INDEX = 0 # physical Channel 1

device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].configure_channel(
    center_frequency=5e9, # in units of Hz
    input_range=0, # in units of dBm
    output_range=-5, # in units of dBm
    mode=SHFQChannelMode.READOUT, # SHFQChannelMode.READOUT or
    SHFQChannelMode.SPECTROSCOPY
)
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].input.on(1)
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].output.on(1)

# write waveforms to the Waveform Memory
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.write_to_waveform_memory(readout_pulses)

```

4. Configure the Scope

Configure the Scope to record 2 segments of data with length of 500 ns which are averaged 50 times using `scopes[n].configure`. The trigger of the Scope is 1 Sequencer 1 Monitor Trigger which is enabled by the `startQA` command.

```
SCOPE_CHANNEL = 0
RECORD_DURATION = 500e-9 # in units of second
NUM_SEGMENTS = 2
NUM_AVERAGES = 50
NUM_MEASUREMENTS = NUM_SEGMENTS * NUM_AVERAGES
SAMPLING_FREQUENCY = 2e9 # in units of Hz

device.scopes[0].configure(
    input_select={SCOPE_CHANNEL: f"channel{CHANNEL_INDEX}_signal_input"},
    num_samples=int(RECORD_DURATION * SAMPLING_FREQUENCY),
    trigger_input=f"channel{CHANNEL_INDEX}_sequencer_monitor0", # Sequencer
1 monitor trigger
    num_segments=NUM_SEGMENTS,
    num_averages=NUM_AVERAGES,
    trigger_delay=214e-9, # record the data 214 ns later after receiving a
trigger
)
```

5. Configure and run the measurement, and calculate the integration weights
In the measurement, the Sequencer is triggered by Internal Trigger using `configure_sequencer_trigger`.
The integration weights for different qubits are measured sequentially with the `for` loop. In each loop, the `seqc_program` is different and is uploaded to the instrument using `load_sequencer_program`, both Scope and Sequencer run in Single mode set by `scopes[n].run` and `enable_sequencer` respectively, the Generator sends 100 pulses to readout 1 of the qubits prepared in ground and excited state, and the Scope acquires 2 segments of data which are averaged 50 times (see), and the data is downloaded using `scopes[n].read`, and integration weights are calculated in the end.

```
results = []

device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.configure_sequencer_triggering(
    aux_trigger=8, # internal trigger
    play_pulse_delay=0, # 0s delay between startQA trigger and the readout
pulse
)
device.system.internaltrigger.repetitions(int(NUM_SEGMENTS * NUM_AVERAGES))
device.system.internaltrigger.holdoff(100e-6)

for i in range(NUM_QUBITS):
    qubit_result = {
        'weights': None,
        'ground_states': None,
        'excited_states': None
    }
    print(f"Measuring qubit {i}.")

    # upload sequencer program
    seqc_program = f"""
        repeat({NUM_MEASUREMENTS}) {{
            waitDigTrigger(1);
            startQA(QA_GEN_{i}, 0x0, true, 0, 0x0); // only QA_GEN_{i}
matters for this measurement
        }}
    """
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.load_sequencer_program(seqc_p
rogram)

    # Start a measurement
    device.scopes[SCOPE_CHANNEL].run(single=True)
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.enable_sequencer(single=True)
```

```

device.system.internaltrigger.enable(1)

# get results to calculate weights and plot data
scope_data, *_ = device.scopes[0].read()

# Calculates the weights from scope measurements
# for the excited and ground states
split_data = np.split(scope_data[SCOPE_CHANNEL], 2)
ground_state_data = split_data[0]
excited_state_data = split_data[1]
qubit_result['ground_state_data'] = ground_state_data
qubit_result['excited_state_data'] = excited_state_data
qubit_result['weights'] = np.conj(excited_state_data -
ground_state_data)
results.append(qubit_result)

```

The following code snippet can be used to plot readout traces () and calculate integration weights () of the last qubit.

Note

In order to achieve the highest possible resolution in the signal after integration, it's advised to scale the dimensionless readout integration weights with a factor so that their maximum absolute value is equal to 1.

```

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

fig, (ax0, ax1) = plt.subplots(nrows = 2, sharex = True)

t = np.linspace(0, RECORD_DURATION, int(RECORD_DURATION *
SAMPLING_FREQUENCY/16)*16)
ax0.plot(t/1e-9, ground_state_data.real, '-', label = f'real')
ax0.plot(t/1e-9, ground_state_data.imag, '-', label = f'imag')
ax1.plot(t/1e-9, excited_state_data.real, '-', label = f'real')
ax1.plot(t/1e-9, excited_state_data.imag, '-', label = f'imag')

ax0.set_title('Ground state')
ax1.set_title('Excited state')
ax0.legend(loc='upper right')
ax1.legend(loc='upper right')
ax0.set_ylabel('Amplitude (Vrms)')
ax1.set_ylabel('Amplitude (Vrms)')
ax1.set_xlabel(r'Time (ns)')
plt.tight_layout()

plt.figure()
plt.plot(t/1e-9, results[0]['weights'])
plt.xlabel('Time (ns)')
plt.ylabel('Amplitude (Vrms)')
plt.tight_layout()

```

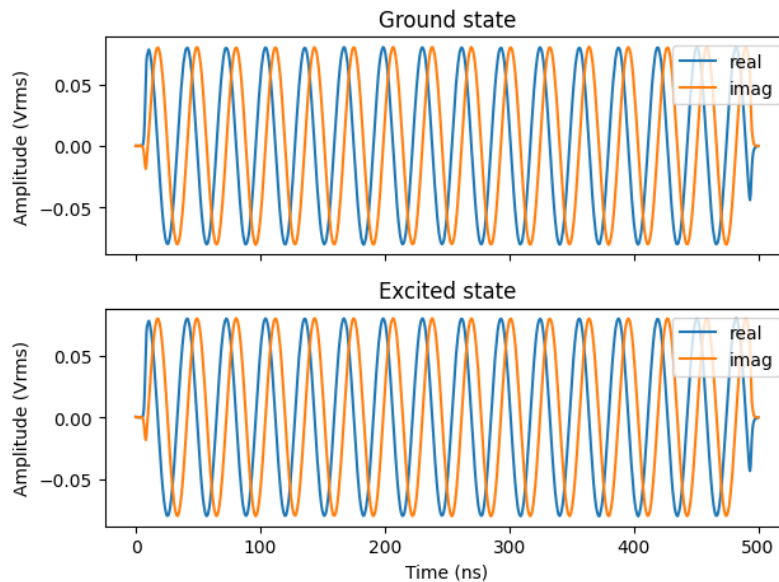



Figure 4.27: Readout pulses recorded by the Scope in loopback configuration

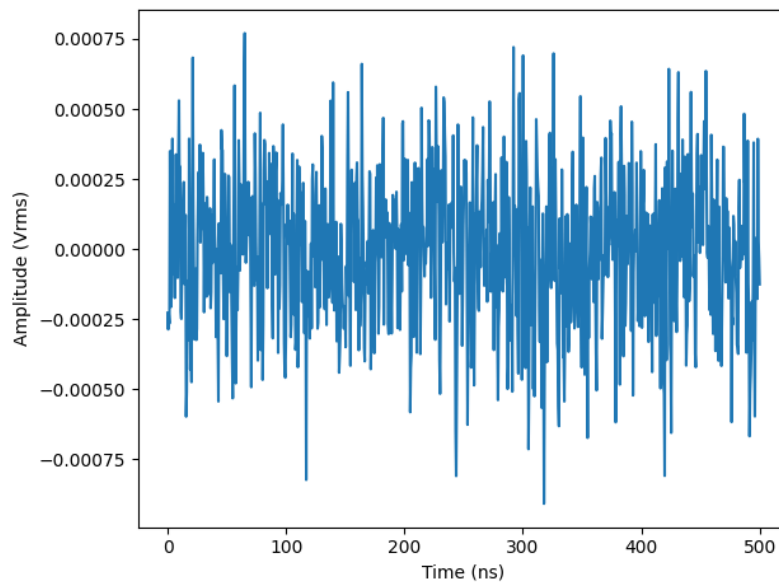


Figure 4.28: Integration weights calculated from the readout pulses

4.5. Multistate discrimination

Note

This tutorial is applicable to all SHFQA Instruments.

4.5.1. Goals and Requirements

The goal of this tutorial is to demonstrate how to use SHFQA to perform multistate discrimination using [Zurich Instruments Toolkit API](#).

Note

For zhinst-toolkit users, please find the example in https://github.com/zhinst/zhinst-toolkit/blob/main/examples/shfqa_multistate_discrimination.md, and the zhinst-toolkit documentation.

4.5.2. Preparation

Please follow the preparation steps in [Connecting to the Instrument](#) and connect the instrument in a loopback configuration as shown in [Figure 4.29](#) or to a device under test.

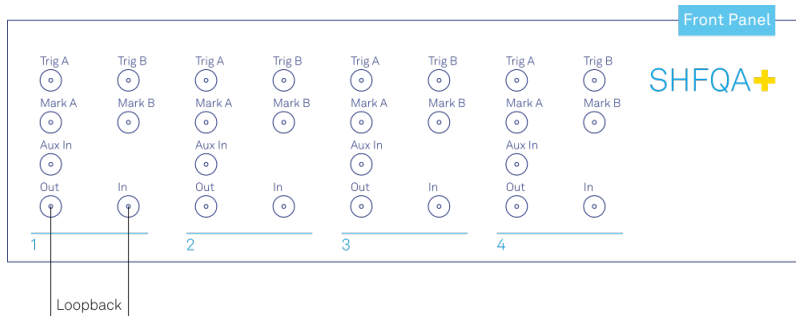


Figure 4.29: SHFQA+ connection.

4.5.3. Tutorial

The tutorial uses simulated qudit data as readout signal to explain how to measure integration weights and how to discriminate the qudits.

1. Connect the Instrument
Create a toolkit session to the data server and connect the Instrument with the device ID, e.g. 'DEV12001', see [Connecting to the Instrument](#).

```
# load the LabOne API and other necessary packages
from zhinst.toolkit import Session, SHFQChannelMode, Waveforms
from zhinst.utils.shfqa.multistate import QuditSettings
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import textwrap

DEVICE_ID = 'DEVXXXXX'
SERVER_HOST = 'localhost'

session = Session(SERVER_HOST)           # connect to data server
device = session.connect_device(DEVICE_ID) # connect to device
SHFQA_SAMPLING_FREQUENCY = 2.0e9        # in units of Hz
```

2. Configure the Channel
Configure the Channel using `qachannels[n].configure_channel` such that the center frequency is 5 GHz, the output range is -5 dBm, the input range is 0 dBm, and the channel mode is the Readout mode. Both input and output of the Channel are turned on.

```
CHANNEL_INDEX = 0 # physical Channel 1

device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].configure_channel(
    center_frequency=5e9, # in units of Hz
    input_range=0,        # in units of dBm
    output_range=-5,      # in units of dBm
    mode=SHFQChannelMode.READOUT
)
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].input.on(1) # turn on Channel Input
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].output.on(1) # turn on Channel Output
```

3. Generate and upload readout pulses
To simulate different qudit states, readout waveforms are generated from simulated readout envelopes, see R. Blanchetti, [PRL 105](#). The way to generate and upload readout waveforms is the same no matter whether using multistate discrimination mode or not.
For each qudit state, a separate simulated waveform needs to be uploaded. Thus, the number of qudits that can be measured in a single channel is restricted by the maximum number of waveform memory slots, 8 or 16 per channel. 4 qudits (0: qutrit, 1: ququad, 2: qutrit, 3: qubit) with in total 12 states will be measured if the Instrument is SHFQA2 or SHFQC with 16W option or SHFQA4, 2 qudits (0: qutrit, 1: ququad) with in total 7 states will be measured if the

instrument is SHFQA2 or SHFQC without 16W option. The simulated readout envelopes are loaded and used according to this qudits setting, the .csv file can be found in [GitHub](#). With the number of qudits, qudit type and offset frequency setting, the readout waveforms are generated using [Waveforms](#) and uploaded to the waveform memory (12 or 7 waveform memory slots are used) using `generator.write_to_waveform_memory`, shown in [Figure 4.30](#). The plotting function can be found in the [GitHub](#). In real measurement, number of qudit readout waveforms required to be generated and uploaded is same as the number of qudits.

```
# dictionary mapping the qudit index to the number of states
if device.max_qubits_per_channel >= 16:
    QUDITS_NUM_STATES = {0: 3, 1: 4, 2: 3, 3: 2}
else:
    QUDITS_NUM_STATES = {0: 3, 1: 4}

# Note: The total number of states is restricted limited by the total
# number of waveform generator units.
total_num_states = sum(QUDITS_NUM_STATES.values())
assert total_num_states <= device.max_qubits_per_channel, (
    "Cannot upload all simulated waveforms as the total number of states, "
    f"summed over all qudits, amounts to {total_num_states}, "
    f"which is more than the number of {device.max_qubits_per_channel} "
    "generator waveforms on the device."
)

# load simulated reference traces (envelope only)
signals_simulated = np.loadtxt("example_multistate_signals.csv", dtype="complex128")

# check that enough simulated traces are available to cover all states
assert len(signals_simulated) >= max(QUDITS_NUM_STATES.values())

# Note: The number of samples will also be used for the scope measurement
num_samples = signals_simulated.shape[1]

# generate readout signal of all qudits
signals_time = np.linspace(0, num_samples / SHFQA_SAMPLING_FREQUENCY, num_samples) # time axis
QUDITS_FREQUENCIES = {0: -10e6, 1: -5e6, 2: 0e6, 3: 5e6, 4: 10e6} # readout offset frequency
qudits_signals = {}

for qudit_idx, num_states in QUDITS_NUM_STATES.items():
    states_signals = []
    for signal_idx, signal in enumerate(signals_simulated[:num_states]):
        states_signals.append(
            signal
            * np.exp(2j * np.pi * QUDITS_FREQUENCIES[qudit_idx] * signals_time)
            / len(QUDITS_NUM_STATES) # this has to be scaled down by
            # dividing the number of qudits
        )
    qudits_signals[qudit_idx] = states_signals

# convert the qudit signal to the waveform which can be uploaded to the
# memory
WAVEFORM_IDX_MAPPING = {}
simulated_waveforms = Waveforms()

waveform_idx = 0
for qudit_idx, states_signals in qudits_signals.items():
    for state_idx, signal in enumerate(states_signals):
        simulated_waveforms.assign_waveform(slot=waveform_idx, wave1=signal)
        WAVEFORM_IDX_MAPPING[(qudit_idx, state_idx)] = waveform_idx
        waveform_idx += 1
```

```

    waveform_idx += 1

# upload the waveforms to the device
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.clearwave()
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.write_to_waveform_memory(simulated_waveforms)

```

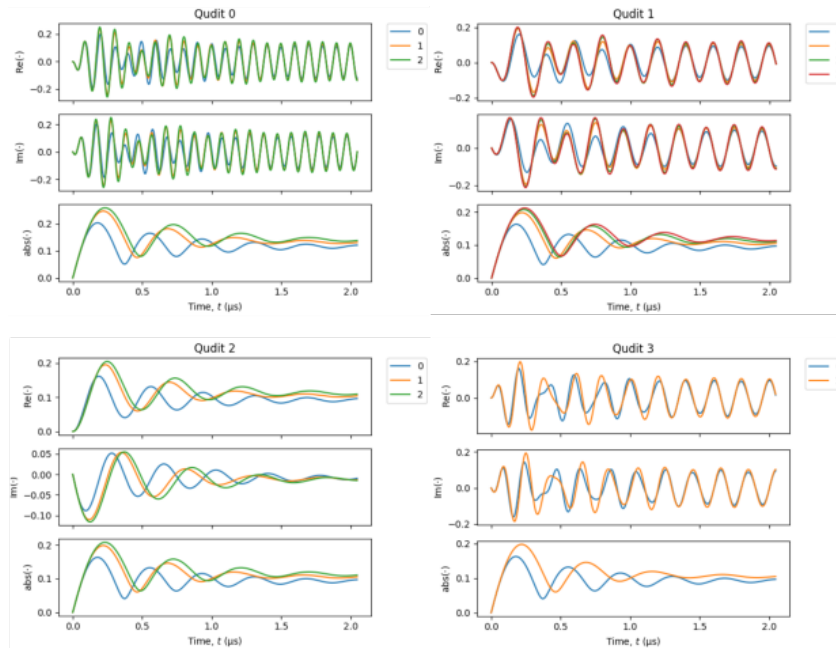


Figure 4.30: Simulated readout waveforms of 4 qudits. Blue line: state $|0\rangle$. Orange line: state $|1\rangle$. Green line: state $|2\rangle$. Red line: state $|3\rangle$.

4. Measure integration weight

Integration weights of each qudit can be calculated by taking the difference of any 2 reference traces of each qudit, i.e. n reference traces and $n(n-1)/2$ integration weights for a qudit with n states. The reference trace means the readout signal acquired by the Instrument when a qudit prepared in one of the states to be discriminated, for example state $|1\rangle$, and the rest qubits remain in ground states.

To measure reference traces, all simulated readout pulses will be sent out sequentially defined by the sequence program uploaded using `load_sequencer_program`, and recorded by the Scope. The scope is configured using `scopes[n].configure`. The SeqC code in the Generator is written such that each state of a qudit is sequentially measured in a `for` loop, and 4 qubits are therefore measured with 4 subsequent `for` loops, then the measurement is repeated 2000 times. The Scope records each state with 1 segment and averages it by 2000 times. The data downloaded after the averaging using `scopes[n].read` is then reshaped to build qudit reference traces, see Figure 4.31.

In real measurement, only one generator mask (the first argument of `startQA`) is needed for one qudit therefore using `gen_mask = (1`

`<< {qudit_idx})` in the most inner `for` loop instead. The setting of integration mask does not matter in this step because the interested signals are the frequency down-converted signal before integration.

```

def simulated_qudit_seqc_program(
    qudits_num_states,
    wvfm_idx_mapping,
    num_repetitions,
    cycle_time=4e-6,
):
    seqc_program = textwrap.dedent(
        f"""
        const PLAY_ZERO_CYCLES = {cycle_time} * DEVICE_SAMPLE_RATE;
        info("PLAY_ZERO_CYCLES: %d", PLAY_ZERO_CYCLES);
        // repeat the measurement
        repeat({num_repetitions}) {{
            ""
        }}
    """
    )

```

```

    # generate masks to enable the integration of all qudits in the
    dictionary
    qa_int_mask = ""
    for qudit_idx in qudits_num_states.keys():
        if qa_int_mask:
            qa_int_mask += " | "
        qa_int_mask += f"QA_INT_{qudit_idx}"

    # generate n (n is the number of qudits) for loops sequentially
    # in each for loop, specific simulated qudit readout signal is used for
    each state of a qudit
    for qudit_idx, num_states in qudits_num_states.items():
        first_wave_idx = wvfm_idx_mapping[(qudit_idx, 0)] # index of the
        first state of the qudit

        seqc_program += textwrap.indent(
            textwrap.dedent(
                f"""
                // generate and measure reference traces for qudit {qudit_idx}
                for(cvar i = 0; i < {num_states}; i++) {{
                    // mask to enable the playback of the simulated trace
                    // for a specific qudit state
                    cvar gen_mask = (1 << ({first_wave_idx} + i));
                    // cvar gen_mask = (1 << {qudit_idx}); // for real
measurement

                    // wait for the next repetition period
                    playZero(PLAY_ZERO_CYCLES);

                    // play back different waveforms based on the bit mask
                    // and measure the qudit
                    startQA(gen_mask, {qa_int_mask}, true, 0, 0x0);
                }}
                """,
                ),
            "    ",
        )

        seqc_program += textwrap.dedent(
            """
            } // end of repeat({num_repetitions})
            """
        )
    return seqc_program

# generate and upload the sequence
NUM_REPETITIONS = 2000
seqc_program = simulated_qudit_seqc_program(
    QUDITS_NUM_STATES, WAVEFORM_IDX_MAPPING, num_repetitions=NUM_REPETITIONS
)
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.load_sequencer_program(seqc_program)

# configure the scope
SCOPE_IDX = 0 # only one scope on the device
SCOPE_CHANNEL = 0 # from 0 to 3, 4 in total
SCOPE_TRIGGER_CHANNEL = f"chan{CHANNEL_INDEX}seqmon0" # the scope will be
triggered by the sequence monitor trigger
SCOPE_TRIGGER_DELAY = 200e-9 # start recording 200 ns later after receiving
a trigger

device.scopes[SCOPE_IDX].configure(

```

```

input_select={SCOPE_CHANNEL: f"channel{CHANNEL_INDEX}_signal_input"},
num_samples=num_samples,
trigger_input=SCOPE_TRIGGER_CHANNEL,
num_segments=total_num_states,
num_averages=NUM_REPETITIONS,
trigger_delay=SCOPE_TRIGGER_DELAY,
)

# arm the scope
device.scopes[SCOPE_CHANNEL].run(single=True)

# set the integration delay equals to the scope trigger delay,
# so the recorded data can be used for state discrimination directly.
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.integration.delay(SCOPE_TRIGGER_DELAY)

# run the sequencer
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.enable_sequencer(single=True)

# get the scope results and reshape it
scope_data, *_ = device.scopes[SCOPE_IDX].read()
scope_data_segments = np.reshape(
    scope_data[SCOPE_CHANNEL], [total_num_states, num_samples]
)

# build list of reference traces for each qudit
qudits_ref_traces = {}
for qudit_idx, num_states in QUDITS_NUM_STATES.items():
    ref_traces = []
    for state_idx in range(num_states):
        ref_traces.append(
            scope_data_segments[WAVEFORM_IDX_MAPPING[(qudit_idx, state_idx)]
        ]

    )

qudits_ref_traces[qudit_idx] = ref_traces

```

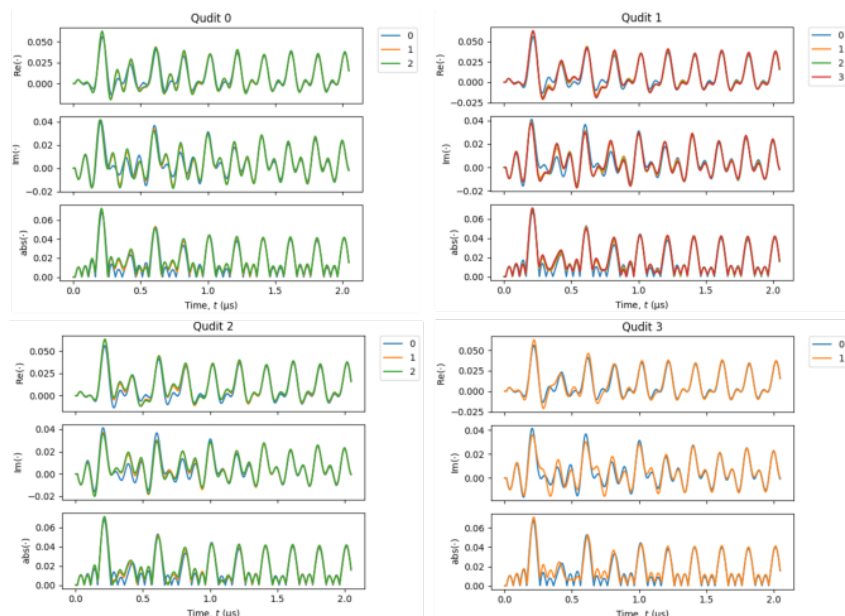


Figure 4.31: Reference traces of 4 qudits. Blue line: qudit in state $|0\rangle$ and the rest qudits are in state $|0\rangle$. Orange line: qudit in state $|1\rangle$ and the rest qudits are in state $|0\rangle$. Green line: qudit in state $|2\rangle$ and the rest qudits are in state $|0\rangle$. Red line: qudit in state $|3\rangle$ and the rest qudits are state in $|0\rangle$.

All integration weights calculated by the utility function `QuditSettings` with the reference traces are shown in Figure 4.32.

```
all_qudit_settings = { }
for qudit_idx, ref_traces in qudits_ref_traces.items():
    all_qudit_settings[qudit_idx] = QuditSettings(ref_traces)
```

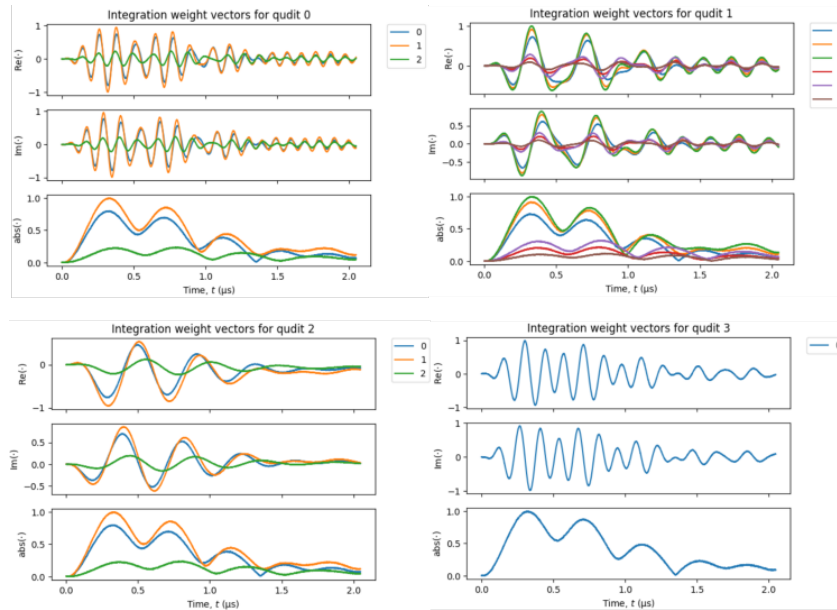


Figure 4.32: Integration weights of 4 qudits. For a qudit with

5. Discriminate qudit state

To discriminate qudit state which is defined by `qudits[n].configure`, thresholds and assignment matrix are required. Using `readout.configure_result_logger` to configure the source of readout result from `result_of_discrimination`.

Thresholds are used to discriminate the results after integration and get 0 or 1, and assignment matrix are used to convert the result after thresholding to the correct digital representation of qudit state are required. These are calculated by the utility function

`QuditSettings`' too, therefore no additional measurement and manual calculation are needed. []

(`#shfqa_fig_tutorial_msd_thresholds`) shows the histogram of qudits at each state and the thresholds returned from [`QuditSettings`]. The script to measure and plot the histogram can be found on GitHub and Online Documentation.

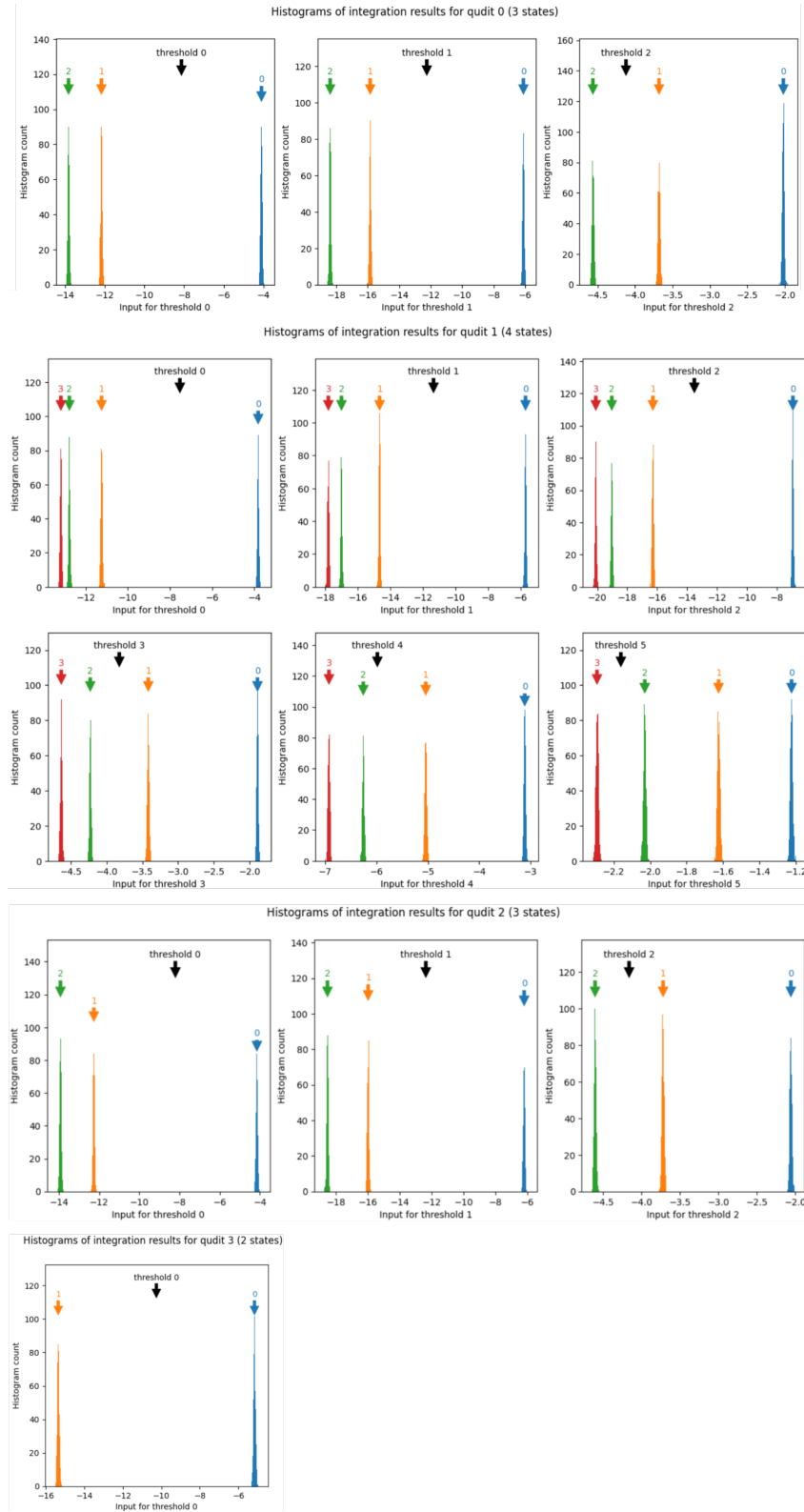


Figure 4.33: Histogram of qudits at different states and thresholds. Blue: qudit in state $|0\rangle$. Orange: qudit in state $|1\rangle$. Green: qudit in state $|2\rangle$. Red: qudit in state $|3\rangle$. For qudit with

The default state discrimination mode is 2-state discrimination, so the multistate readout mode has to be enabled for this measurement. Before upload new qudit settings, all qudits should be disabled to avoid mixing up of the new and old settings. The readout result source has to be `[result_of_discrimination]` to get digital results representing qudit states. To show how measurement result looks like after state discrimination, the same sequence program used for integration weight measurement, and the simulated qudit readout waveforms are reused. The Instrument sequentially sends out simulated readout signal according to each state of all qudits, and integrates the down-converted signal with $n - 1$ weights and gets $n(n - 1)/2$ integrated results, where n is the number of qudit states. In the sequence, 4

integrator masks are used for all qudits for simplicity, and only first $n - 1$ integrators are used directly for integration. The $n(n - 1)/2$ results are from the direct integration with $n - 1$ integrators and $(n - 1)(n - 2)/2$ differences of the integration results. They are discriminated by $n(n - 1)/2$ thresholds, and then converted by the assignment matrix to 2-bit data representing the qudit state. The measurement is repeated 2000 times and the first 24 results of all qudits are shown in Figure 4.34. Based on the measured results downloaded using `get_qudits_results` and expected readout states, the fidelity matrix can be calculated. All calculation and plotting functions are detailed on the [Online Documentation](#) page and the [GitHub](#) page.

```
# enable the multistate discrimination
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.multistate.enable(1)

# disable all qudits before configure them
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.multistate.qudits["*"].enable(0)

# configure the new qudit settings on the device
for qudit_idx, qudit_settings in all_qudit_settings.items():
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.multistate.qudits[qudit_idx].configure(
        qudit_settings
    )

result_length = NUM_REPETITIONS * total_num_states

# configure the result logger
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.configure_result_logger(
    result_length=result_length, result_source="result_of_discrimination"
)

# arm the result logger
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].readout.run()

# run the sequencer
device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].generator.enable_sequencer(single=True)

# download the results
qudits_results = device.qachannels[
    CHANNEL_INDEX
].readout.multistate.get_qudits_results()
```

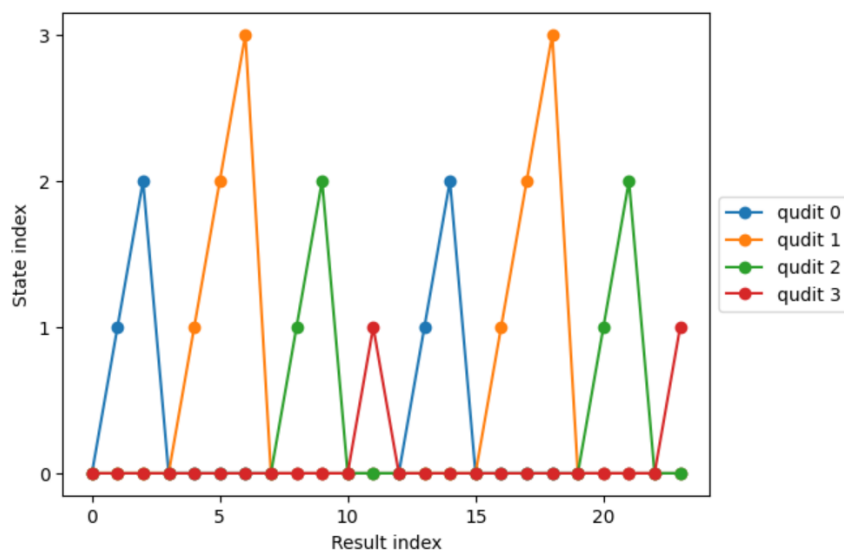


Figure 4.34: Multistate discrimination of qudits. Only 24 out of 2000 data are shown in the plot.

In real measurement, multistate discrimination of multiple qudits can be done in parallel by running a new SeqC program shown below before the above script. In the sequence, output readout waveform is generated by adding up 4 readout waveforms according to 4 qudits, and

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12 integrators according to 12 states in total are used. The result after discrimination can be sent to a control instrument for feedback experiment via DIO or via ZSync through a [PQSC](#), e.g. active reset.

```
seqc_program = textwrap.dedent(
    """
    const PLAY_ZERO_CYCLES = 4e-6 * 2e9;
    // repeate the measurement
    repeat(2000) {
        // wait for the next repetition period
        playZero(PLAY_ZERO_CYCLES);

        // play back readout waveform of 4 qudits
        // and measure the qudits
        startQA(QA_GEN_0 | QA_GEN_1 | QA_GEN_2 | QA_GEN_3, QA_INT_ALL,
true, 0, 0x0);
    }
    """
)
```

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Note

This tutorial is applicable to all SHFQA+ Instruments.

4.6.1. Goals and Requirements

The goal of this tutorial is to demonstrate how to use the SHFQA+ to perform power spectral density measurement using the LabOne User Interface (UI) and [Zurich Instruments Toolkit API](#).

Note

For zhinst-toolkit users, please find the example in https://github.com/zhinst/zhinst-toolkit/blob/main/examples/shfqa_shfqc_power_spectral_density.md, and the zhinst-toolkit documentation.

4.6.2. Preparation

Please follow the preparation steps in [Connecting to the Instrument](#) and connect the instrument in a loopback configuration as shown in [Figure 4.35](#) or to a device under test.

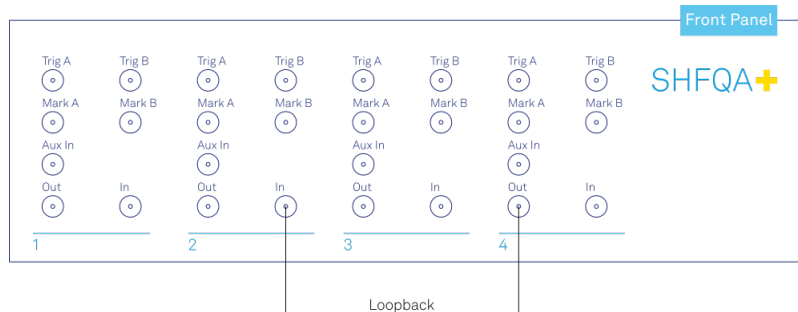


Figure 4.35: SHFQA+ connection.

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In this tutorial, we use 1 SHFQA+ channel to generate a signal under test, and measure the power spectral density of the signal when it is on and off using another channel.

LabOne UI

This section shows how to use LabOne UI to configure the instrument, run the measurement and monitor the measurement results.

1. Configure the instrument
 1. Set center frequency and power range of input and output signals
Configure these parameters on the [Input and Output Tab](#) as in and in [Table 4.18](#).

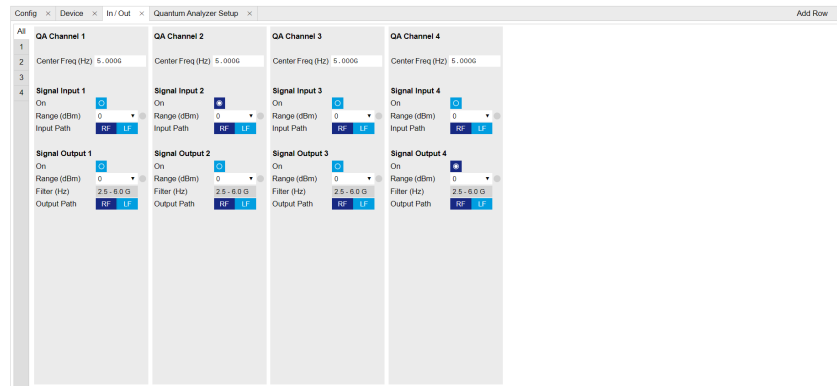


Figure 4.36: Configurations on In/Out Tab.

Table 4.18: Settings on In/Out Tab

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	All	Select All to display all QA Channels.
Cent Freq (Hz)	5 GHz	Set center frequency of QA Channel 2 and Channel 4 to 5 GHz.
Signal Input 2 On	Enable	Enable the Signal Input 2.
Signal Input 2 Range (dBm)	0 dBm	Set power range of Signal Input 2 to 0 dBm. This setting allows the instrument to acquire a input signal with a power up to 0 dBm.
Signal Input 2 Input Path	RF	Set input path of the Signal Input 2 to RF path.
Signal Output 4 On	Enable	Enable the Signal Output 4.
Signal Output 4 Range	0 dBm	Set power range of Signal Output 4 to 0 dBm. This setting allows the instrument to output a signal with a power up to 0 dBm.
Signal Output 4 Output Path	RF	Set output path of Signal Output 4 to RF path.

2. Upload and compile measurement sequence
The measurement sequence is defined on the Sequence Sub-Tab of the [Readout Pulse Generator Tab](#), see [Figure 4.37](#) and [Table 4.19](#).
The power spectral density of input signal is measured by calculating square of measurement result after integration at different frequencies as $\mathbf{S}_{xx}(\mathbf{f}) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{T} \left| \sum_{n=-N}^{n=N} \mathbf{x}_n e^{-i2\pi f n \Delta t} \right|^2$, where $\Delta t = 1/f_s$ is the time step, f_s is the sampling rate, $T = (2N + 1)\Delta t$ is the integration length in seconds, $2N + 1$ is the integration length in samples, \mathbf{x}_n is the n -th complex data of the input signal, $e^{-i2\pi f n \Delta t}$ is the integration weight. By sweeping the frequency of integration weight, the power spectral density of input signal is calculated by the instrument, and it returns the real-valued power spectral density in units of $\mathbf{V}_{rms}^2/\text{Hz}$.

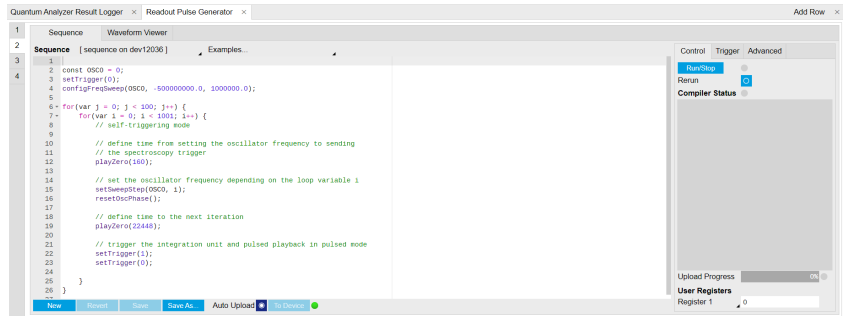


Figure 4.37: Configurations on Readout Pulse Generator Tab.

Table 4.19: Settings of QA Channel 2 on Readout Pulse Generator Tab.

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	2	Select QA channel 2.
Sub-Tab Display	Sequence	Select Sequence sub-tab and paste the sequence program below or load ziGenerator_functional_spectroscopy.seqc from the "Examples" library and modify it.
Compile	Click "To Device"	Compile the sequence program by clicking "To Device".
Return	Disable	Disable return function.
Run/Stop	Disable	Disable Run/Stop.

Below is the the sequence program for the measurement. In the inner loop, the `setSweepStep(OSC0, i)` command sets frequency of digital oscillator 0 to i-th frequency in an array configured by `configFreqSweep(OSC0, -500000000.0, 1000000.0)` command, the `setTrigger(value)` command sets Sequencer Trigger 1 Output to high and then low to start integration, and waveform generation if pulsed waveform is desired, the `playZero(samples)` command define time to the next `playZero(samples)`. The measurement is repeated 100 times by the outer loop.

```
// define which oscillator to use
const OSC0 = 0;

// set sequencer trigger output to 0
setTrigger(0);

// configure frequency sweep with a starting f of -500 MHz and a step of 1 MHz
configFreqSweep(OSC0, -500000000.0, 1000000.0);

// sweep oscillator frequency and repeat 100 times
for(var j = 0; j < 100; j++) {
    for(var i = 0; i < 1001; i++) {
        // self-triggering mode

        // define time from setting the oscillator frequency to
        sending
        // the spectroscopy trigger
        playZero(160);

        // set the oscillator frequency depending on the loop
        variable i
        setSweepStep(OSC0, i);
        resetOscPhase();

        // define time to the next iteration
        playZero(22448);

        // trigger the integration unit and pulsed playback in pulsed
```

```
mode
    // set sequencer trigger output 1 to 1 and then to 0
    // make sure the trigger signal in spectroscopy mode is set
    // to sequencer trigger output 1
    setTrigger(1);
    setTrigger(0);
}
```

- 3. Configure signal generation and data acquisition
The input signal under test is generated using QA Channel 4 as shown in [Figure 4.38](#) and [Table 4.20](#).

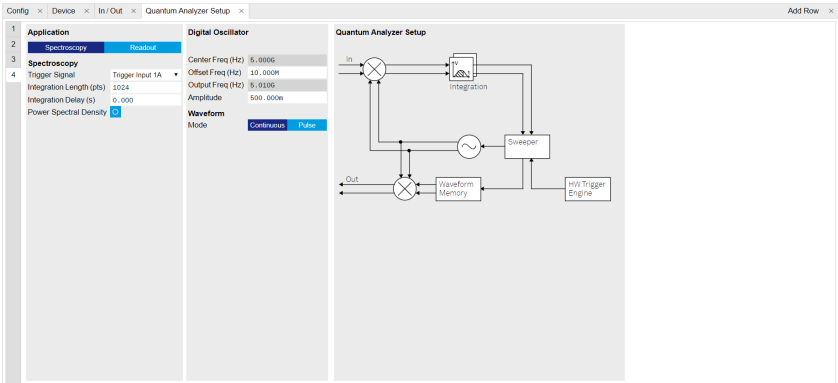


Figure 4.38: Configurations of QA Channel 4 on QA Setup Tab.

Table 4.20: Settings of QA Channel 4 on QA Setup Tab.

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	4	Select QA Channel 4.
Application Mode	Spectroscopy	Use Spectroscopy mode to generate a continuous or pulsed waveform. For simplicity, we generate a continuous wave.
Digital Oscillator Amplitude	0.5	Set the amplitude factor of the digital oscillator to 0.5. The range of amplitude factor is from 0 to 1.
Waveform Mode	Continuous	Set the Waveform Mode to continuous.

Data acquisition are defined on [QA Setup Tab](#) and [QA Result logger Tab](#), see [Figure 4.39](#) and [Table 4.21](#).

The input signal after frequency down-conversion is integrated at each frequency for 512 ns started 224 ns later after receiving a trigger from Sequencer 1 Trigger Output 1, and the frequency sweep is repeated 100 times. The result after each integration is squared and then averaged cyclically.

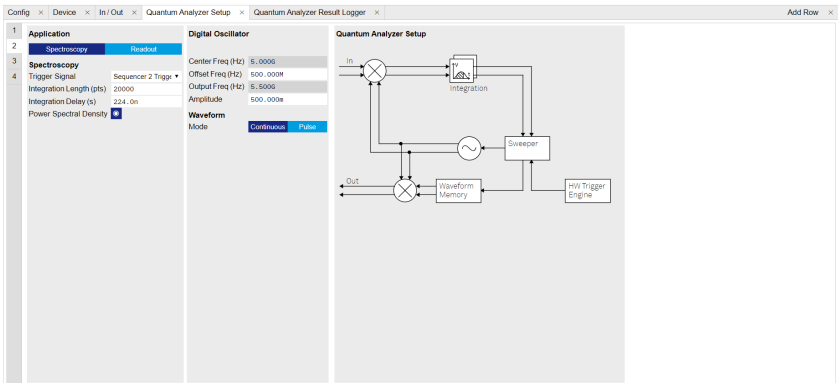


Figure 4.39: Configurations of QA Channel 2 on QA Setup Tab.

Table 4.21: Settings of QA Channel 2 on QA Setup Tab.

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	2	Select QA Channel 2.
Application Mode	Spectroscopy	Use spectroscopy mode for power spectral density measurement.
Trigger Signal	Sequencer 2 Trigger Output 1	Select Sequencer 2 Trigger Output 1 as the trigger source to integration. This selection matches the trigger setting written in the sequence program.
Integration Length (pts)	20000	Set the integration length in number of samples. Note that the integration length which defines measurement bandwidth must to be much longer than $1/\Delta f$, where Δf is the frequency step set in sequence program. In this tutorial, integration length is 10 μ s, and frequency stem is 1 MHz.
Power Spectral Density	Enable	Enable the Power Spectral Density measurement function.

On the QA Result Logger Tab, it defines how the result is averaged and displayed. After all configuration, the QA Result Logger should be enabled to be ready to receive measurement results, see settings in [Table 4.22](#)

Table 4.22: Settings of QA Channel 2 on QA Result Logger Tab.

Parameter	Setting	Description
QA Channel Selection	2	Select QA Channel 2.
Sub-Tab	Spectroscopy	Select Spectroscopy sub-tab to monitor measurement result when using the Spectroscopy mode.
Plot Type	Components	Select Components to display I, Q, amplitude or phase vs sample points. Select Dot Plot to display I vs Q with scattered dots.
Result Length (Sample)	1001	Set result length in number of samples. The number must match what is set in the sequence program.
Averages	100	Set the number of averages. The number must match what is set in the sequence program.
Average Mode	Cyclic	Set the average mode to cyclic. This setting must match how the loop is configured in the sequence program.
Vertical Axis Groups	Add amplitude and phase	Select amplitude and phase to be displayed on the plot.
Run/Stop	Enable	Enable the result logger to receive and display measurement results.

- Run the measurement
By clicking "Run/Stop" icon on the Readout Pulse Generation Tab, the measurement is started and finished in seconds.
- Monitor the measurement result
The measurement result is normalized by the integration length and displayed on QA Result Tab, as shown in [Figure 4.40](#). To remove the background noise from the instrument and environment, repeat the measurement with Signal Output 4 is OFF, see the result in [Figure 4.41](#).
The unit of returned result in linear scale is V_{rms}^2/Hz . On the plot, the result is displayed in dB scale which is derived by $dBV_{rms}^2/Hz = 20 \log(V_{rms}^2/Hz)$. The result in units of dBV_{rms}^2/Hz can be converted to dBm/Hz by $\frac{P_{dBV_{rms}^2/Hz}}{2} + 13$, where $P_{dBV_{rms}^2/Hz}$ is the result shown in units of dBV_{rms}^2/Hz . Therefore the power spectral density at 5.01 GHz is -61.3 dBm/Hz. With configured output power of Signal Output 4 about -6 dBm, and measurement bandwidth $1/10\mu s = 100$ kHz, the power spectral density is $-6 - \log(10^5) = -56$ dBm/Hz. The difference between the 2 values is attribute to the uncertainty of the input and output power and the attenuation over the signal path.

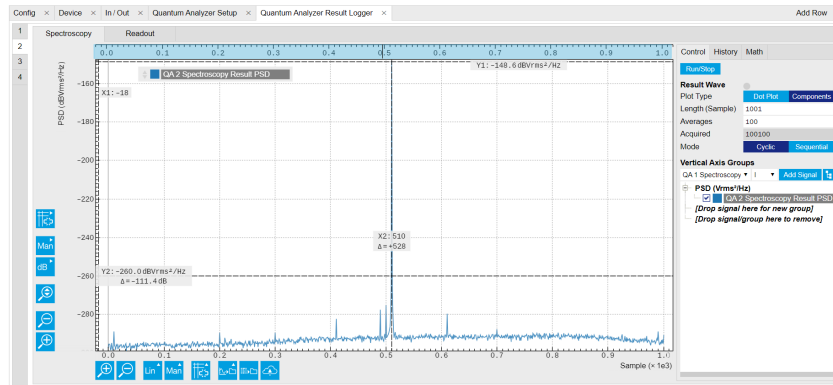


Figure 4.40: power spectral Density when input signal is ON on QA Result Logger Tab.

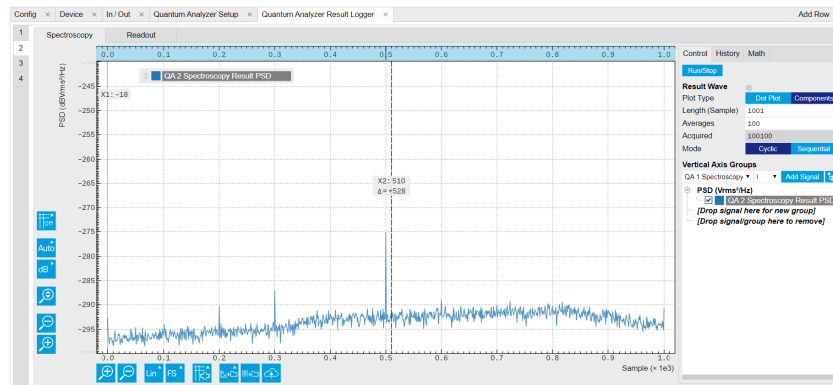


Figure 4.41: power spectral Density when input signal is OFF on QA Result Logger Tab.

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Python API [SHFSweeper](#) class is the core of the power spectral density measurements. It defines all relevant parameters for frequency sweeping and sequencing. Toolkit wraps around the SHFSweeper and exposes an interface that is similar to the LabOne modules, meaning the parameters are exposed in a node tree like structure. The power spectral density of input signal is measured using the SHFQA+ Sweeper as for [Resonator Spectroscopy Measurement](#) with `sweeper.sweep.psd(True)`.

By calculating square of measurement result after integration at different frequencies, the power spectral density at frequency f is $S_{xx}(f) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{T} |\sum_{n=-N}^N x_n e^{-i2\pi f n \Delta t}|^2$, where $\Delta t = 1/f_s$ is the time step, f_s is the sampling rate, $T = (2N + 1)\Delta t$ is the integration length in seconds, $2N + 1$ is the integration length in samples, x_n is the n -th complex data of the input signal, $e^{-i2\pi f n \Delta t}$ is the integration weight. By sweeping the frequency of integration weight, the power spectral density of input signal is calculated by the instrument, and it returns the real-valued power spectral density in units of V_{rms}^2/Hz .

1. Connect the Instrument
Create a toolkit session to the data server and connect the Instrument with the device ID, e.g. 'DEV12001', see [Connecting to the Instrument](#).

```
# Load the LabOne API and other necessary packages
from zhinst.toolkit import Session

DEVICE_ID = 'DEVXXXXX'
SERVER_HOST = 'localhost'

session = Session(SERVER_HOST) ## connect to data server
device = session.connect_device(DEVICE_ID) ## connect to device
```

2. Create a Sweeper and configure it

```
sweeper = session.modules.shfqa_sweeper
sweeper.device(device)
```

```

# configure QA channel 2
CHANNEL_INDEX = 1 # physical Channel 2
sweeper.sweep.start_freq(-500e6) # in units of Hz
sweeper.sweep.stop_freq(500e6) # in units of Hz
sweeper.sweep.num_points(1001)
sweeper.average.num_averages(100)

sweeper.average.integration_time(10e-6) # in units of second
sweeper.sweep.wait_after_integration(1e-6) # waiting 1 us after integration
before starting a new measurement

sweeper.average.mode("cyclic") # "sequential" or "cyclic" averaging

sweeper.rf.channel(CHANNEL_INDEX)
sweeper.rf.center_freq(5e9) # in units of Hz
sweeper.rf.input_range(0) # in units of dBm
sweeper.sweep.psd(True)

device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX].input.on(1)

```

The sweep parameters are configured such that the offset frequency of integration weight is linearly swept over 1001 points from -500 MHz to 500 MHz around the center frequency of 5 GHz with the input power range of 0 dBm and the oscillator gain of 0.5, the input signal is integrated for 10 μ s after receiving a trigger, and the measurement is repeated 100 times. There are 2 sweeping modes, sequencer-based mode (default) and host-driven mode. The sequencer-based mode is recommended to achieve the highest sweep speed. In the sequencer-based mode, the frequency sweep is done by updating the frequency of the digital oscillator via the SeqC commands **configFreqSweep** and **setSweepStep**. This mode allows a fast resonator spectroscopy measurement with predicted cycle time of $t_{\text{settling time}} + t_{\text{integration delay}} + t_{\text{integration time}} + t_{\text{wait after integration}}$, see . In the host-driven mode, the frequency sweep is done by updating the frequency of the digital oscillator via software, therefore measurement speed is limited by communication between instrument and host computer. Logarithmic or other non-linear frequency sweep is supported by the host-driven sweep mode only.

To get a better signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), the measurement is repeated, and the result is averaged. There are 2 ways for averaging, sequential and cyclic. In the sequential mode, measurement is repeated after each frequency step. In the cyclic mode, measurement is repeated after sweeping through all frequencies.

3. Configure a signal under test

For simplicity, we generate a continuous waveform using Signal Output 4 with the following codes.

```

CHANNEL_INDEX_OUTPUT = 3 # Physical channel 4

with device.set_transaction():
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX_OUTPUT].centerfreq(5e9) # center
frequency in units of Hz
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX_OUTPUT].output.range(0) # power range
in units of dBm
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX_OUTPUT].output.on(1) # turn on output
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX_OUTPUT].mode(0) # Spectroscopy mode
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX_OUTPUT].oscs[0].gain(0.5) # amplitude
factor of digital oscillator
    device.qachannels[CHANNEL_INDEX_OUTPUT].spectroscopy.envelope.enable(0)
# continuous wave

```

4. Run the measurement and plot the data

```

psd = sweeper.run()
sweeper.plot()

```

After executing **sweeper.run()**, all above parameters are updated, and a SeqC program is automatically generated, uploaded and compiled based on the sweep parameters, see in . In the program, **ConfigFreqSweep** sets the start frequency and the frequency increment in units of Hz for a chosen oscillator, and **setSweepStep** sets the oscillator frequency. The oscillator phase is reset by **resetOscPhase** before each measurement. The trigger generated in the sequencer is used to start the integration, and the **playZero** sets the cycle duration.

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The measurement is repeated using the nested **for** loop according to the averaging mode. The measurement starts after enabling the sequencer.

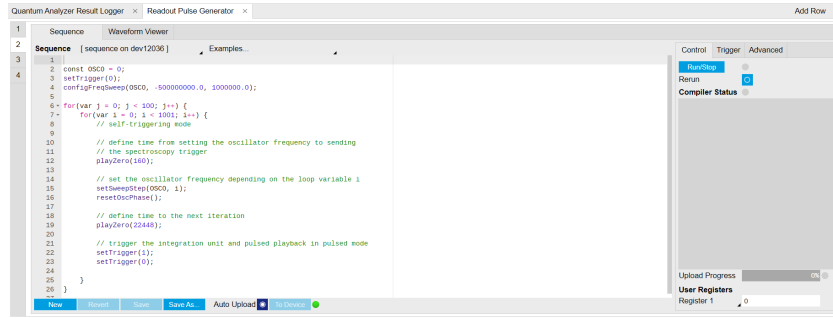


Figure 4.42: Seqc program in the Readout Pulse Generator Tab.

The result returned from **sweeper.run()** is the power spectral density in units of $\text{V}_{\text{rms}}^2/\text{Hz}$. It is averaged and normalized by the integration length. The **sweeper.plot()** converts the unit of power spectral density from $\text{V}_{\text{rms}}^2/\text{Hz}$ to dBm/Hz by

$$P_{\text{dBm}/\text{Hz}} = 10 \log\left(\frac{P_{\text{V}_{\text{rms}}^2/\text{Hz}} \times 1000}{R}\right), \quad (1)$$

where **R** is $50 \, \Omega$, 1000 is the conversion factor from W to mW. The power spectral density in units of dBm/Hz is shown in Figure 4.43.

To remove the background noise from the instrument and environment repeat the measurement with Signal Output 4 is disabled.

Sweep with center frequency 5.0GHz

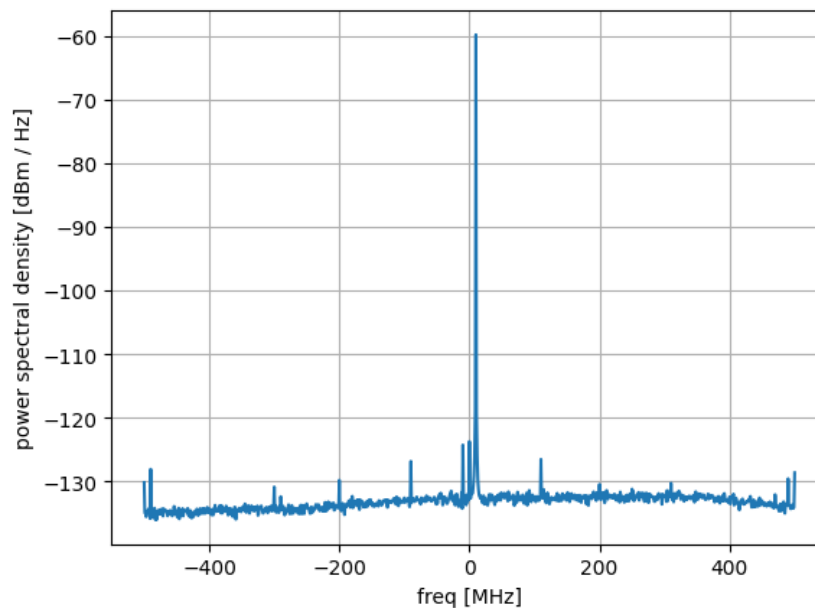


Figure 4.43: Power spectral density of signal from Signal Output 4.

5. Functional Description




This chapter gives a detailed description of the [setup](#) and [measurement](#) functionality of the Zurich Instruments SHFQA+. The sections provide details and a complete settings overview of the **setup** configurations - mainly accessible through our LabOne general user interface - and the **measurement** functionality blocks depicted in the [functional diagram](#). The explanations focus on introducing the respective functionalities and how to configure them using either the APIs and/or the LabOne user interface.

5.1. Setup Functionality

In this section, a several LabOne User Interface (UI) tabs for LabOne UI setting, global setting of the SHFQA+ and file management are described. General data loading and saving LabOne provides a Data Server and a Web Server to control the Instrument with any of the most common web browsers (e.g. Firefox, Chrome, Edge, etc.). This platform-independent architecture supports interaction with the Instrument using various devices (PCs, tablets, smartphones, etc.) - even at the same time if needed.

5.1.1. LabOne UI Tabs For System configuration

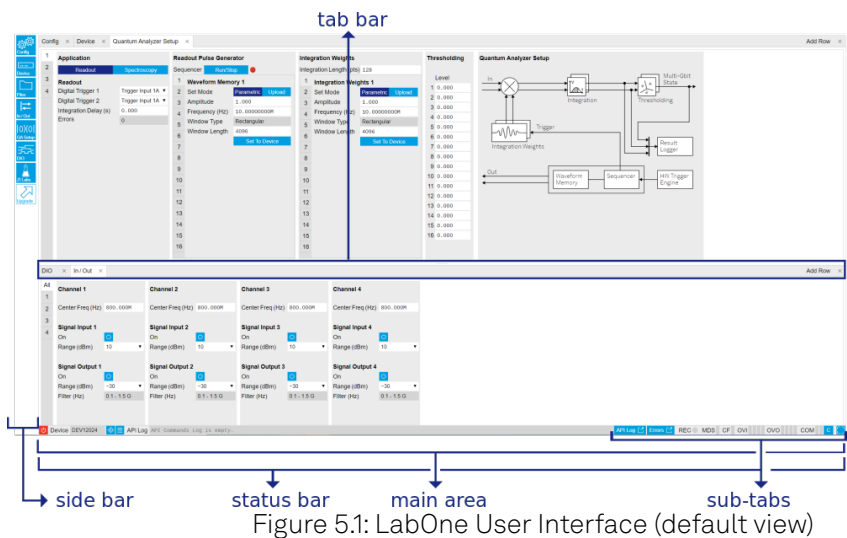
Table 5.1: LabOne UI tabs for system configuration

UI Tabs	Icons	Description
Config		Provides access to software configuration.
Device		Provides Instrument specific settings.
Files		Access settings and measurement data files on the host computer.

5.1.2. User Interface Overview

5.1.3. UI Nomenclature

This section provides an overview of the LabOne User Interface, its main elements and naming conventions. The LabOne User Interface is a browser-based UI provided as the primary interface to the SHFQA+ instrument. Multiple browser sessions can access the instrument simultaneously and the user can have displays on multiple computer screens. Parallel to the UI, the instrument can be controlled and read out by custom programs written in any of the supported languages (e.g. LabVIEW, MATLAB, Python, C) connecting through the LabOne APIs.



The [LabOne User Interface](#) automatically opens some tabs by default after a new UI session has been started. At start-up, the UI is divided into two tab rows, each containing a tab structure that

gives access to the different LabOne tools. Depending on display size and application, tab rows can be freely added and deleted with the control elements on the right-hand side of each tab bar. Similarly, the individual tabs can be deleted or added by selecting app icons from the side bar on the left. A click on an icon adds the corresponding tab to the display, alternatively the icon can be dragged and dropped into one of the tab rows. Moreover, tabs can be moved by drag-and-drop within a row or across rows.

Table 5.2 gives a brief descriptions and naming conventions for the most important UI items.

Table 5.2: LabOne User Interface features

Item name	Position	Description	Contains
side bar	left-hand side of the UI	contains app icons for each of the available tabs - a click on an icon adds or activates the corresponding tab in the active tab row	app icons
status bar	bottom of the UI	contains important status and warning indicators, device and session information, and access to the command log	status indicators
main area	center of the UI	accommodates all active tabs – new rows can be added and removed by using the control elements in the top right corner of each tab row	tab rows, each consisting of tab bar and the active tab area
tab area	inside of each tab	provides the active part of each tab consisting of settings, controls and measurement tools	sections, plots, sub-tabs, unit selections

Further items are highlighted in Figure 5.2.

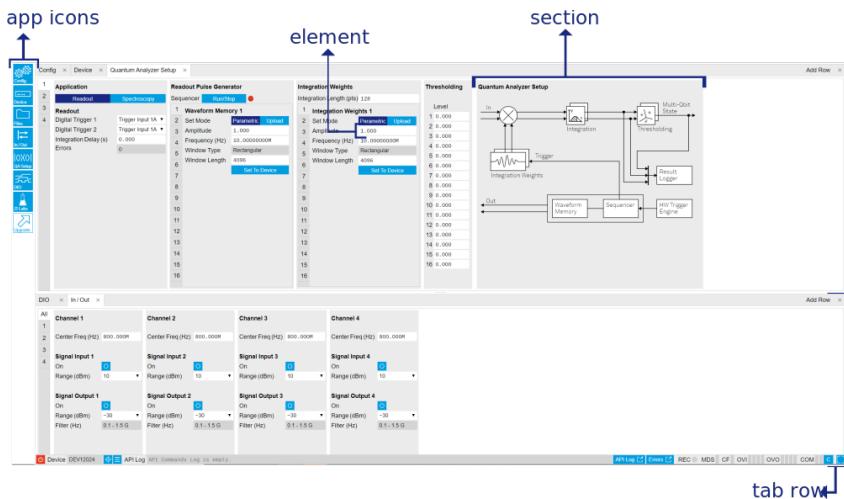


Figure 5.2: LabOne User Interface (more items)

Unique Set of Analysis Tools

All instruments feature a comprehensive tool set for signal generation and sequence programming.

The following table gives the overview of all app icons. Note that the selection of app icons may depend on the upgrade options installed on a given instrument.

Table 5.3: Overview of app icons and short description

Control/ Tool	Option/ Range	Description
Config		Provides access to software configuration.
Device		Provides instrument specific settings.
Files		Access settings and measurement data files on the host computer.
In/Out		Gives access to all controls relevant for the Signal Inputs and Signal Outputs of each channel.
Mod		Access to all the settings of the digital modulation.








Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
DIO		Gives access to all controls relevant for the digital inputs and outputs including DIO, Trigger Inputs, Trigger Outputs, and Marker Outputs.
AWG		Generate arbitrary signals using sequencing and sample-by-sample definition of waveforms.
ZI Labs		Experimental settings and controls.

Table 5.4 provides a quick overview over the different status bar elements along with a short description.

Table 5.4: Status bar description

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Command log	last command	Shows the last command. A different formatting (MATLAB, Python, ..) can be set in the config tab. The log is also saved in [User] \Documents\Zurich Instruments\LabOne\WebServer\Log
Show Log		Show the command log history in a separate browser window.
Errors	Errors	Display system errors in separate browser tab.
Device	devXXX	Indicates the device serial number.
Identify Device		When active, device LED blinks
Shutdown		Shuts down the instrument.
MDS	grey/green/red/yellow	Multiple device synchronization indicator. Grey: Nothing to synchronize - single device on the UI. Green: All devices on the UI are correctly synchronized. Yellow: MDS sync in progress or only a subset of the connected devices is synchronized. Red: Devices not synchronized or error during MDS sync.
REC	grey/red	A blinking red indicator shows ongoing data recording (related to global recording settings in the Config tab).
RCO	grey/yellow/red	Router Channel Overflow - Red: present overflow condition on the channel. Yellow: indicates an overflow occurred in the past.
CF	grey/yellow/red	Clock Failure - Red: present malfunction of the external 10 MHz reference oscillator. Yellow: indicates a malfunction occurred in the past.
OVI	grey/yellow/red	Signal Input Overload - Red: present overload condition on the signal input also shown by the red front panel LED. Yellow: indicates an overload occurred in the past.
OVO	grey/yellow/red	Overload Signal Output - Red: present overload condition on the signal output. Yellow: indicates an overload occurred in the past.
COM	grey/yellow/red	Packet Loss - Red: present loss of data between the device and the host PC. Yellow: indicates a loss occurred in the past.
COM	grey/yellow/red	Sample Loss - Red: present loss of sample data between the device and the host PC. Yellow: indicates a loss occurred in the past.
C		Reset status flags: Clear the current state of the status flags
MOD	grey/green	MOD - Green: indicates which of the modulation kits is enabled.
PID	grey/green	PID - Green: indicates which of the PID units is enabled. Red: indicates PID unit is in PLL or ExtRef mode but is not locked. Yellow: indicates PID unit was not locked in the past.
Full Screen		Toggles the browser between full screen and normal mode.

Plot Functionality

Several tools, such as the Waveform Viewer, provide a graphical display of data in the form of plots. These are multi-functional tools with zooming, panning and cursor capability. This section introduces some of the highlights.

Plot Area Elements

Plots consist of the plot area, the X range and the range controls. The X range (above the plot area) indicates which section of the wave is displayed by means of the blue zoom region indicators. The two ranges show the full scale of the plot which does not change when the plot area displays a zoomed view. The two axes of the plot area instead do change when zoom is applied.

The [mouse functionality](#) inside of a plot greatly simplifies and speeds up data viewing and navigation.

Table 5.5: Mouse functionality inside plots

Name	Action	Description	Performed inside
Panning	left click on any location and move around	moves the waveforms	plot area
Zoom X axis	mouse wheel	zooms in and out the X axis	plot area
Zoom Y axis	shift + mouse wheel	zooms in and out the Y axis	plot area
Window zoom	shift and left mouse area select	selects the area of the waveform to be zoomed in	plot area
Absolute jump of zoom area	left mouse click	moves the blue zoom range indicators	X and Y range, but outside of the blue zoom range indicators
Absolute move of zoom area	left mouse drag-and-drop	moves the blue zoom range indicators	X and Y range, inside of the blue range indicators
Full Scale	double click	set X and Y axis to full scale	plot area











Each plot area contains a legend that lists all the shown signals in the respective color. The legend can be moved to any desired position by means of drag-and-drop.






The X range and Y range plot controls are described in [simpara_title](#).

Note

Plot data can be conveniently exported to other applications such as Excel or Matlab by using LabOne's Net Link functionality, see [LabOne Net Link](#) for more information.

Table 5.6: Plot control description

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Axis scaling mode	   	Selects between automatic, full scale and manual axis scaling.
Axis mapping mode	   	Select between linear, logarithmic and decibel axis mapping.
Axis zoom in		Zooms the respective axis in by a factor of 2.
Axis zoom out		Zooms the respective axis out by a factor of 2.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Rescale axis to data		Rescale the foreground Y axis in the selected zoom area.
Save figure		Generates PNG, JPG or SVG of the plot area or areas for dual plots to the local download folder.
Save data		Generates a CSV file consisting of the displayed wave or histogram data (when histogram math operation is enabled). Select full scale to save the complete wave. The save data function only saves one shot at a time (the last displayed wave).
Cursor control		Cursors can be switch On/Off and set to be moved both independently or one bound to the other one.
Net Link		Provides a LabOne Net Link to use displayed wave data in tools like Excel, MATLAB, etc.

Cursors and Math

The plot area provides two X and two Y cursors which appear as dashed lines inside of the plot area. The four cursors are selected and moved by means of the blue handles individually by means of drag-and-drop. For each axis, there is a primary cursor indicating its absolute position and a secondary cursor indicating both absolute and relative position to the primary cursor.

Cursors have an absolute position which does not change upon pan or zoom events. In case a cursor position moves out of the plot area, the corresponding handle is displayed at the edge of the plot area. Unless the handle is moved, the cursor keeps the current position. This functionality is very effective to measure large deltas with high precision (as the absolute position of the other cursors does not move).

The cursor data can also be used to define the input data for the mathematical operations performed on plotted data. This functionality is available in the Math sub-tab of each tool. The [Table 5.7](#) gives an overview of all the elements and their functionality. The chosen Signals and Operations are applied to the currently active trace only.

Note

Cursor data can be conveniently exported to other applications such as Excel or MATLAB by using LabOne's Net Link functionality, see [LabOne Net Link](#) for more information.

Table 5.7: Plot math description


Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Source Select		Select from a list of input sources for math operations.
	Cursor Loc	Cursor coordinates as input data.
	Cursor Area	Consider all data of the active trace inside the rectangle defined by the cursor positions as input for statistical functions (Min, Max, Avg, Std).
	Tracking	Display the value of the active trace at the position of the horizontal axis cursor X1 or X2.
	Plot Area	Consider all data of the active trace currently displayed in the plot as input for statistical functions (Min, Max, Avg, Std).
	Peak	Find positions and levels of up to 5 highest peaks in the data.
	Trough	Find positions and levels of up to 5 lowest troughs in the data.
	Histogram	Display a histogram of the active trace data within the x-axis range. The histogram is used as input to statistical functions (Avg, Std). Because of binning, the statistical functions typically yield different results than those under the selection Plot Area.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Operation Select	Resonance	Display a curve fitted to a resonance.
	Linear Fit	Display a linear regression curve.
		Select from a list of mathematical operations to be performed on the selected source. Choice offered depends on the selected source.
	Cursor Loc: X1, X2, X2-X1, Y1, Y2, Y2-Y1, Y2 / Y1	Cursors positions, their difference and ratio.
	Cursor Area: Min, Max, Avg, Std	Minimum, maximum value, average, and bias-corrected sample standard deviation for all samples between cursor X1 and X2. All values are shown in the plot as well.
	Tracking: Y(X1), Y(X2), ratioY, deltaY	Trace value at cursor positions X1 and X2, the ratio between these two Y values and their difference.
	Plot Area: Min, Max, Pk Pk, Avg, Std	Minimum, maximum value, difference between min and max, average, and bias-corrected sample standard deviation for all samples in the x axis range.
	Peak: Pos, Level	Position and level of the peak, starting with the highest one. The values are also shown in the plot to identify the peak.
	Histogram: Avg, Std, Bin Size, (Plotter tab only: SNR, Norm Fit, Rice Fit)	A histogram is generated from all samples within the x-axis range. The bin size is given by the resolution of the screen: 1 pixel = 1 bin. From this histogram, the average and bias-corrected sample standard deviation is calculated, essentially assuming all data points in a bin lie in the center of their respective bin. When used in the plotter tab with demodulator or boxcar signals, there additionally are the options of SNR estimation and fitting statistical distributions to the histogram (normal and rice distribution).
	Resonance: Q, BW, Center, Amp, Phase, Fit Error	A curve is fitted to a resonator. The fit boundaries are determined by the two cursors X1 and X2. Depending on the type of trace (Demod R or Demod Phase) either a Lorentzian or an inverse tangent function is fitted to the trace. The Q is the quality factor of the fitted curve. BW is the 3dB bandwidth (FWHM) of the fitted curve. Center is the center frequency. Amp gives the amplitude (Demod R only), whereas Phase returns the phase at the center frequency of the resonance (demod Phase only). The fit error is given by the normalized root-mean-square deviation. It is normalized by the range of the measured data.
	Linear Fit: Intercept, Slope, R ²	A simple linear least squares regression is performed using a QR decomposition routine. The fit boundaries are determined by the two cursors X1 and X2. The parameter outputs are the Y-axis intercept, slope and the R ² -value, which is the coefficient of determination to determine the goodness-of-fit.
Add	Add	Add the selected math function to the result table below.
Add All	Add All	Add all operations for the selected signal to the result table below.
Clear Selected	Clear	Clear selected lines from the result table above.
Clear All	Clear All	Clear all lines from the result table above.
Copy	Copy	Copy selected row(s) to Clipboard as CSV
Unit Prefix		Adds a suitable prefix to the SI units to allow for better readability and increase of significant digits displayed.
CSV	CSV	Values of the current result table are saved as a text file into the download folder.
Net Link	Link	Provides a LabOne Net Link to use the data in tools like Excel, MATLAB, etc.
Help	Help	Opens the LabOne User Interface help.

Note

The standard deviation is calculated using the formula $\sqrt{\frac{1}{N-1} \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2}$ for the unbiased estimator of the sample standard deviation with a total of N samples x_i and an arithmetic average \bar{x} . The formula above is used as-is to calculate the standard deviation for the Histogram Plot Math tool. For large number of points (Cursor Area and Plot Area tools), the more accurate pairwise algorithm is used (Chan et al., "Algorithms for Computing the Sample Variance: Analysis and Recommendations", The American Statistician 37 (1983), 242-247).

Tree Selector

The Tree selector allows one to access streamed measurement data in a hierarchical structure by checking the boxes of the signals that should be displayed. The tree selector also supports data selection from multiple instruments, where available. Depending on the tool, the Tree selector is either displayed in a separate Tree sub-tab, or it is accessible by a click on the  button.

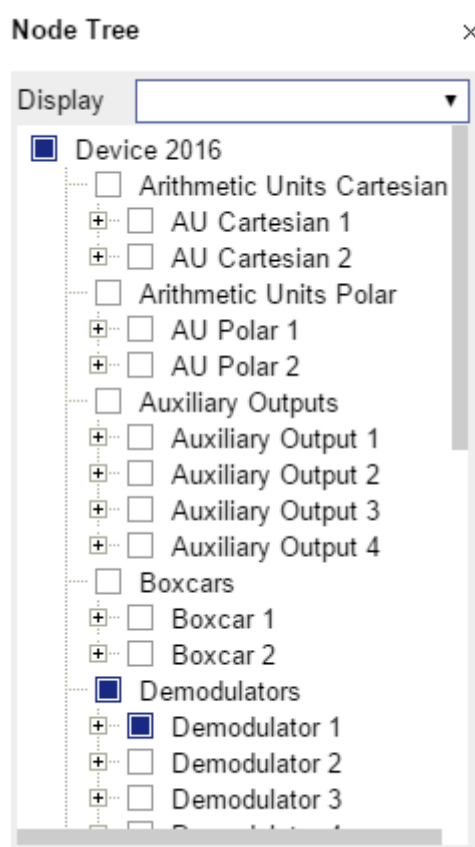


Figure 5.3: Tree selector with Display drop-down menu

Vertical Axis Groups

Vertical Axis groups are available as part of the plot functionality in many of the LabOne tools. Their purpose is to handle signals with different axis properties within the same plot. Signals with different units naturally have independent vertical scales even if they are displayed in the same plot. However, signals with the same unit should preferably share one scaling to enable quantitative comparison. To this end, the signals are assigned to specific axis group. Each axis group has its own axis system. This default behavior can be changed by moving one or more signals into a new group.

The tick labels of only one axis group can be shown at once. This is the foreground axis group. To define the foreground group click on one of the group names in the Vertical Axis Groups box. The current foreground group gets a high contrast color.

Select foreground group

Click on a signal name or group name inside the Vertical Axis Groups. If a group is empty the selection is not performed.

Split the default vertical axis group

Use drag-and-drop to move one signal on the field **[Drop signal here to add a new group]**. This signal will now have its own axis system.

Change vertical axis group of a signal

Use drag-and-drop to move a signal from one group into another group that has the same unit.

Group separation

In case a group hosts multiple signals and the unit of some of these signals changes, the group will be split in several groups according to the different new units.

Remove a signal from the group

In order to remove a signal from a group drag-and-drop the signal to a place outside of the Vertical Axis Groups box.

Remove a vertical axis group

A group is removed as soon as the last signal of a custom group is removed. Default groups will remain active until they are explicitly removed by drag-and-drop. If a new signal is added that match the group properties it will be added again to this default group. This ensures that settings of default groups are not lost, unless explicitly removed.

Rename a vertical axis group

New groups get a default name "Group of ...". This name can be changed by double-clicking on the group name.

Hide/show a signal

Uncheck/check the check box of the signal. This is faster than fetching a signal from a tree again.

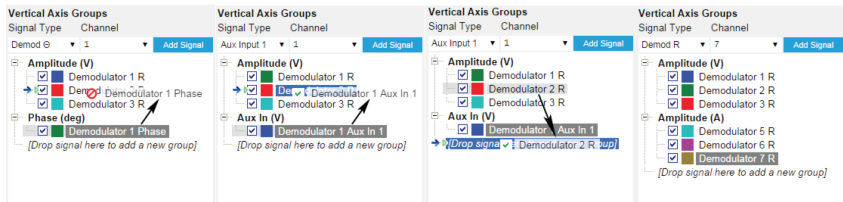



Figure 5.4: Vertical Axis Group typical drag and drop moves.

Demodulator data is only available when using a Zurich Instruments lock-in amplifier from the SHF, UHF, HF, or MF series.

Table 5.8: Vertical Axis Groups description

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Vertical Axis Group		<p>Manages signal groups sharing a common vertical axis. Show or hide signals by changing the check box state. Split a group by dropping signals to the field [Drop signal here to add new group]. Remove signals by dragging them on a free area.</p> <p>Rename group names by editing the group label. Axis tick labels of the selected group are shown in the plot. Cursor elements of the active wave (selected) are added in the cursor math tab.</p>
Signal Type		Select signal types for the Vertical Axis Group.
Channel	integer value	Selects a channel to be added.
Signal	integer value	Selects signal to be added.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Add Signal		Adds a signal to the plot. The signal will be added to its default group. It may be moved by drag and drop to its own group. All signals within a group share a common y-axis. Select a group to bring its axis to the foreground and display its labels.
Window Length	2 s to 12 h	Window memory depth. Values larger than 10 s may cause excessive memory consumption for signals with high sampling rates. Auto scale or pan causes a refresh of the display for which only data within the defined window length are considered.

Trends

The Trends tool lets the user monitor the temporal evolution of signal features such as minimum and maximum values, or mean and standard deviation. This feature is available for the tab. Using the Trends feature, one can monitor all the parameters obtained in the [Math sub-tab](#) of the corresponding tab.

The Trends tool allows the user to analyze recorded data on a different and adjustable time scale much longer than the fast acquisition of measured signals. It saves time by avoiding post-processing of recorded signals and it facilitates fine-tuning of experimental parameters as it extracts and shows the measurement outcome in real time.

To activate the Trends plot, enable the Trends button in the Control sub-tab of the corresponding main tab. Various signal features can be added to the plot from the Trends sub-tab in the [Vertical Axis Groups](#). The vertical axis group of Trends has its own Run/Stop button and Length setting independent from the main plot of the tab. Since the Math quantities are derived from the raw signals in the main plot, the Trends plot is only shown together with the main plot. The Trends feature is only available in the LabOne user interface and not at the API level.

5.1.4. Config Tab

The Config tab provides access to all major LabOne settings and is available on all SHFQA+ instruments.

Features

- define instrument connection parameters
- browser session control
- define UI appearance (grids, theme, etc.)
- store and load instrument settings and UI settings
- configure data recording

Description

The Config tab serves as a control panel for all general LabOne settings and is opened by default on start-up. Whenever the tab is closed or an additional one of the same type is needed, clicking the following icon will open a new instance of the tab.

Table 5.9: App icon and short description

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Config		Provides access to software configuration.

The Config tab (see [LabOne UI: Config tab](#)) is divided into four sections to control connections, sessions, settings, user interface appearance and data recording.

5.1. Setup Functionality

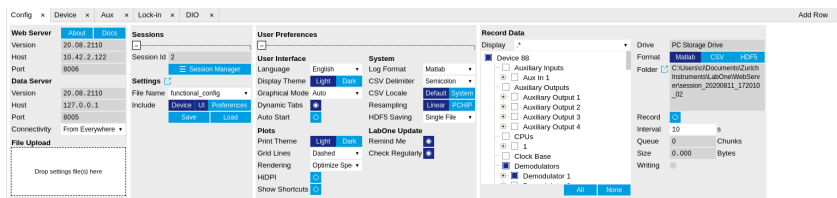


Figure 5.5: LabOne UI: Config tab

The **Connection** section provides information about connection and server versions. Access from remote locations can be restricted with the connectivity setting.

The **Session** section provides the session number which is also displayed in the status bar. Clicking on Session Dialog opens the session dialog window (same as start up screen) that allows one to load different settings files as well as to connect to other instruments.

The **Settings** section allows one to load and save instrument and UI settings. The saved settings are later available in the session dialog.

The **User Preferences** section contains the settings that are continuously stored and automatically reloaded the next time an SHFQA+ instrument is used from the same computer account.

For low ambient light conditions the use of the dark display theme is recommended (see Figure 5.6).

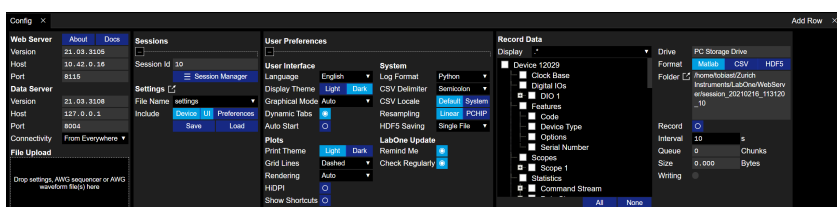





Figure 5.6: LabOne UI: Config tab - dark theme

Functional Elements

Table 5.10: Config tab

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
About	About	Get information about LabOne software.
Web Server Version and Revision	string	Web Server version and revision number
Host	default is localhost: 127.0.0.1	IP-Address of the LabOne Web Server
Port	4 digit integer	LabOne Web Server TCP/IP port
Data Server Version and Revision	string	Data Server version and revision number
Host	default is localhost: 127.0.0.1	IP-Address of the LabOne Data Server
Port	default is 8004	TCP/IP port used to connect to the LabOne Data Server.
Connect/Disconnect		Connect/disconnect the LabOne Data Server of the currently selected device. If a LabOne Data Server is connected only devices that are visible to that specific server are shown in the device list.
Status	grey/green	Indicates whether the LabOne User Interface is connected to the selected LabOne data server. Grey: no connection. Green: connected. Red: error while connecting.
Connectivity	From Everywhere Localhost Only	Forbid/Allow to connect to this Data Server from other computers.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
File Upload	drop area	Drag and drop files in this box to upload files. Clicking on the box opens a file dialog for file upload. Supported files: Settings (*.xml).
Session Id	integer number	Session identifier. A session is a connection between a client and LabOne Data Server.
Session Manager		Open the session manager dialog. This allows for device or session change. The current session can be continued by pressing cancel.
File Name	selection of available file names	Save/load the device and user interface settings to/from the selected file on the internal flash drive. The setting files can be downloaded/uploaded using the Files tab.
Include		Enable Save/Load of particular settings.
	No Include Settings	Please enable settings type to be included during Save/Load.
	Include Device	Enable Save/Load of Device settings.
	Include UI	Enable Save/Load of User Interface settings.
	Include UI and Device	Enable Save/Load of User Interface and Device settings.
	Include Preferences	Enable loading of User Preferences from settings file.
	Include UI, Device and Preferences	Enable Save/Load of User Interface, Device and User Preferences.
Save		Save the user interface and device setting to a file.
Load		Load the user interface and device setting from a file.
Display Theme	Dark	Choose theme of the user interface.
	Light	
Plot Print Theme	Dark	Choose theme for printing SVG plots.
	Light	
Plot Grid	None	Select active grid setting for all SVG plots.
	Dashed	
	Solid	
Plot Rendering		Select rendering hint about what tradeoffs to make as the browser renders SVG plots. The setting has impact on rendering speed and plot display for both displayed and saved plots.
	Auto	Indicates that the browser shall make appropriate tradeoffs to balance speed, crisp edges and geometric precision, but with geometric precision given more importance than speed and crisp edges.
	Optimize Speed	The browser shall emphasize rendering speed over geometric precision and crisp edges. This option will sometimes cause the browser to turn off shape anti-aliasing.
	Crisp Edges	Indicates that the browser shall attempt to emphasize the contrast between clean edges of artwork over rendering speed and geometric precision. To achieve crisp edges, the user agent might turn off anti-aliasing for all lines and curves or possibly just for straight lines which are close to vertical or horizontal.
	Geometric Precision	Indicates that the browser shall emphasize geometric precision over speed and crisp edges.

Control/ Tool	Option/Range	Description
Resampling Method		Select the resampling interpolation method. Resampling corrects for sample misalignment in subsequent scope shots. This is important when using reduced sample rates with a time resolution below that of the trigger.
	Linear	Linear interpolation
	PCHIP	Piecewise Cubic Hermite Interpolating Polynomial
Show Shortcuts	ON / OFF	Displays a list of keyboard and mouse wheel shortcuts for manipulating plots.
Dynamic Tabs	ON / OFF	If enabled, sections inside the application tabs are collapsed automatically depending on the window width.
Graphical Mode	Collapsed	Select the display mode for the graphical elements. Auto format will select the format which fits best the current window width.
	Auto	
	Expanded	
Log Format	.NET	Choose the command log format. See status bar and [User] \Documents\Zurich Instruments\LabOne\WebServer\Log
	MATLAB	
	Python	
CSV Delimiter	Tab	Select which delimiter to insert for CSV files.
	Comma	
	Semicolon	
CSV Locale	System locale. Use the symbols set in the language and region settings of the computer	Select the locale used for defining the decimal point and digit grouping symbols in numeric values in CSV files. The default locale uses dot for the decimal point and no digit grouping, e.g. 1005.07. The system locale uses the symbols set in the language and region settings of the computer.
	Default locale. Dot for the decimal point and no digit grouping, e.g. 1005.07	
HDF5 Saving	Multiple files. Each measurement goes in a separate file	For HDF5 file format only: Select whether each measurement should be stored in a separate file, or whether all measurements should be saved in a single file.
	Single file. All measurements go in one file	
Auto Start	ON / OFF	Skip session manager dialog at start-up if selected device is available.
		In case of an error or disconnected device the session manager will be reactivated.
Update Reminder	ON / OFF	Display a reminder on start-up if the LabOne software wasn't updated in 180 days.
Update Check	ON / OFF	Periodically check for new LabOne software over the internet.
Drive		Select the drive for data saving.
Format	HDF5	File format of recorded and saved data.
	MATLAB	
	CSV	
Open Folder		Open recorded data in the system File Explorer.
Folder	path indicating file location	Folder containing the recorded data.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Save Interval	Time in seconds	Time between saves to disk. A shorter interval means less system memory consumption, but for certain file formats (e.g. MATLAB) many small files on disk. A longer interval means more system memory consumption, but for certain file formats (e.g. MATLAB) fewer, larger files on disk.
Queue	integer number	Number of data chunks not yet written to disk.
Size	integer number	Accumulated size of saved data in the current session.
Record	ON / OFF	Start and stop saving data to disk as defined in the selection filter. Length of the files is determined by the Window Length setting in the Plotter tab.
Writing	grey/green	Indicates whether data is currently written to disk.
Display	filter or regular expression	Display specific tree branches using one of the preset view filters or a custom regular expression.
Tree	ON / OFF	Click on a tree node to activate it.
All		Select all tree elements.
None		Deselect all tree elements.

5.1.5. Device Tab

The Device tab is the main settings tab for the connected instrument and is available on all SHFQA+ instruments.


Features

- Option and upgrade management
- External clock referencing (10/100 MHz)
- Instrument connectivity parameters
- Device monitor

Description

The **Device tab** serves mainly as a control panel for all settings specific to the instrument that is controlled by LabOne in this particular session. Whenever the tab is closed or an additional one of the same type is needed, clicking the following icon will open a new instance of the tab.

Table 5.11: App icon and short description

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Device		Provides instrument specific settings.

The **Device tab** is divided into five sections: general instrument information, configuration, communication parameters, statistics, and a device monitor.

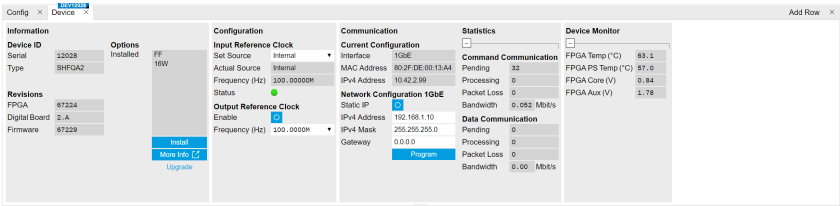


Figure 5.7: LabOne UI: Device tab

The **Information** section provides details about the instrument hardware and indicates the installed upgrade options. This is also the place where new options can be added by entering the provided option key.

The **Configuration** section allows one to change the reference from the internal clock to an external 10 / 100 MHz reference. The reference is to be connected to the Clock Input on the instrument back panel. The section also allows one to select a frequency of 10 or 100 MHz of the reference clock output, which is generated at the Clock Output on the instrument back panel.

The **Communication** section offers access to the instruments TCP/IP settings.

The **Statistics** section gives an overview on communication statistics.

Note


Packet loss on data streaming over UDP, TCP or USB: data packets may be lost if total bandwidth exceeds the available physical interface bandwidth. Data may also be lost if the host computer is not able to handle high-bandwidth data.



Packet loss on command streaming over TCP or USB: command packets should never be lost as it creates an invalid state.

The **Device Monitor** section is collapsed by default and generally only needed for servicing. It displays vitality signals of some of the instrument's hardware components.

Functional Elements

Table 5.12: Device tab

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Serial	1-4 digit number	Device serial number
Type	string	Device type
FPGA	integer number	HDL firmware revision.
Digital Board	version number	Hardware revision of the FPGA base board.
Firmware	integer number	Revision of the device internal controller software.
Installed Options	short names for each option	Options that are installed on this device.
Install		Click to install options on this device. Requires a unique feature code and a power cycle after entry.
More Information		Display additional device information in a separate browser tab.
Upgrade Device Options		Display available upgrade options.
Input Reference Clock Source		Selects Internal, External or the ZSync clock source as reference. Instruments will be disconnected from ZSync if clock source is changed to Internal or External.
	Internal	The internal 100MHz clock is used as the frequency and time base reference.
	External	An external clock is intended to be used as the frequency and time base reference. Provide a clean and stable 10MHz or 100MHz reference to the appropriate back panel connector.
	ZSync	A ZSync clock is intended to be used as the frequency and time base reference.
Actual Input Reference Clock Source		Currently active clock source. This might differ from the Set Source choice if the set clock is not available.
	Internal	Internal 100MHz clock is actually used as the frequency and time base reference.
	External	An external clock is actually used as the frequency and time base reference.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
	ZSync	ZSync clock is actually used as the frequency and time base reference.
Input Reference Clock Frequency		Indicates the frequency of the input reference clock.
Input Reference Clock Status		Indicates the status of the input reference clock. Green: locked. Yellow: the device is busy trying to lock onto the input reference clock signal. Red: there was an error locking onto the input reference clock signal. The instrument is currently not operational.
Output Reference Clock Enable		Enable clock signal on the reference clock output.
Output Reference Clock Frequency		Selects the frequency of the output reference clock to be 10MHz or 100MHz.
Synchronization Source		Selects the source for synchronization of channels: internal (default) or external
	Internal	Synchronization of all channels of a device that have the corresponding synchronization setting enabled.
	External	Same as internal plus synchronization to other devices via ZSync.
Load Factory Default		Load the factory default settings.
Busy	grey/red	Indicates that the device is busy with either loading, saving or erasing a preset.
Error		Returns a 0 if the last preset operation was successfully completed or 1 if the last preset operation was illegal.
	0	Last preset operation was successfully completed.
	1	Last preset operation was illegal.
Error LED	grey/red	Turns red if the last operation was illegal.
Interface		Active interface between device and data server. In case multiple options are available, the priority as indicated on the left applies.
MAC Address	80:2F:DE:xx:xx:xx	MAC address of the device. The MAC address is defined statically, cannot be changed and is unique for each device.
IPv4 Address	default 192.168.1.10	Current IP address of the device. This IP address is assigned dynamically by a DHCP server, defined statically, or is a fall-back IP address if the DHCP server could not be found (for point to point connections).
Static IP	ON / OFF	Enable this flag if the device is used in a network with fixed IP assignment without a DHCP server.
IPv4 Address	default 192.168.1.10	Static IP address to be written to the device.
IPv4 Mask	default 255.255.255.0	Static IP mask to be written to the device.
Gateway	default 192.168.1.1	Static IP gateway
Program		Click to program the specified IPv4 address, IPv4 Mask and Gateway to the device.
Pending	integer value	Number of buffers ready for receiving command packets from the device.
Processing	integer value	Number of buffers being processed for command packets. Small values indicate proper performance. For a TCP/IP interface, command packets are sent using the TCP protocol.
Packet Loss	integer value	Number of command packets lost since device start. Command packets contain device settings that are sent to and received from the device.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Bandwidth	numeric value	Command streaming bandwidth usage on the physical network connection between device and data server.
Pending	integer value	Number of buffers ready for receiving data packets from the device.
Processing	integer value	Number of buffers being processed for data packets. Small values indicate proper performance. For a TCP/IP interface, data packets are sent using the UDP protocol.
Packet Loss	integer value	Number of data packets lost since device start. Data packets contain measurement data.
Bandwidth	numeric value	Data streaming bandwidth usage on the physical network connection between device and data server.

5.1.6. File Manager Tab


5.1.7. Features

- Download measurement data, instruments settings and log files to a local device
- Manage file structure (browse, copy, rename, delete) on instrument flash drive and attached USB mass storage devices
- Update instrument from USB mass storage
- Quick access to measurement files, log files and settings files
- File preview for settings files and log files

Description

The File Manager tab provides standard tools to see and organize the files relevant for the use of the instrument. Files can be conveniently copied, renamed and deleted. Whenever the tab is closed or an additional one of the same type is needed, clicking the following icon will open a new instance of the tab.

Table 5.13: App icon and short description

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Files		Access settings and measurement data files on the host computer.

The Files tab (see [LabOne UI: File Manager tab](#)) provides three windows for exploring. The left window allows one to browse through the directory structure, the center window shows the files of the folder selected in the left window, and the right window displays the content of the file selected in the center window, e.g. a settings file or log file.

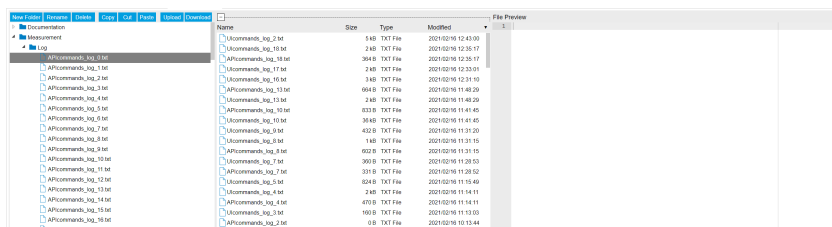


Figure 5.8: LabOne UI: File Manager tab

Functional Elements

Table 5.14: File tab

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
New Folder	New Folder	Create new folder at current location.
Rename	Rename	Rename selected file or folder.
Delete	Delete	Delete selected file(s) and/or folder(s).
Copy	Copy	Copy selected file(s) and/or folder(s) to Clipboard.
Cut	Cut	Cut selected file(s) and/or folder(s) to Clipboard.
Paste	Paste	Paste file(s) and/or folder(s) from Clipboard to the selected directory.
Upload	Upload	Upload file(s) and/or folder(s) to the selected directory.
Download	Download	Download selected file(s) and/or folder(s).

5.1.8. Saving and Loading Data



5.1.9. Overview

In this section we discuss how to save and record measurement data with the SHFQA+ Instrument using the LabOne user interface. In the LabOne user interface, there are 3 ways to save data:

- Saving the data that is currently displayed in a plot
- Continuously recording data in the background
- Saving trace data in the History sub-tab

Furthermore, the History sub-tab supports loading data. In the following, we will explain these methods.


Saving Data from Plots

A quick way to save data from any plot is to click on the Save CSV icon  at the bottom of the plot to store the currently displayed curves as a comma-separated value (CSV) file to the download folder of your web browser. Clicking on  will save a graphics file instead.

Recording Data

The recording functionality allows you to store measurement data continuously, as well as to track instrument settings over time. The **Config Tab** gives you access to the main settings for this function. The Format selector defines which format is used: HDF5, CSV, or MATLAB. The CSV delimiter character can be changed in the User Preferences section. The default option is Semicolon.

The node tree display of the Record Data section allows you to browse through the different measurement data and instrument settings, and to select the ones you would like to record. For instance, the demodulator 1 measurement data is accessible under the path of the form **Device 0000/Demodulators/Demod 1/Sample**. An example for an instrument setting would be the filter time constant, accessible under the path **Device 0000/Demodulators/Demod 1/Filter Time Constant**.

The default storage location is the LabOne Data folder which can, for instance, be accessed by the Open Folder button . The exact path is displayed in the Folder field whenever a file has been written.

Clicking on the Record checkbox will initiate the recording to the hard drive.

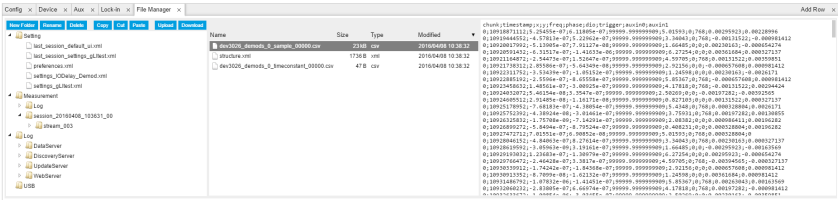


Figure 5.9: Browsing and inspecting files in the LabOne File Manager tab



In case HDF5 or MATLAB is selected as the file format, LabOne creates a single file containing the data for all selected nodes. For the CSV format, at least one file for each of the selected nodes is created from the start. At a configurable time interval, new data files are created, but the maximum size is capped at about 1 GB for easier data handling. The storage location is indicated in the Folder field of the Record Data section.

The [File Manager Tab](#) is a good place to inspect CSV data files. The file browser on the left of the tab allows you to navigate to the location of the data files and offers functionalities for managing files in the LabOne Data folder structure. In addition, you can conveniently transfer files between the folder structure and your preferred location using the Upload/Download buttons. The file viewer on the right side of the tab displays the contents of text files up to a certain size limit. [Figure 5.9](#) shows the Files tab after recording Demodulator Sample and Filter Time Constant for a few seconds. The file viewer shows the contents of the demodulator data file.

Note

The structure of files containing instrument settings and of those containing streamed data is the same. Streaming data files contain one line per sampling period, whereas in the case of instrument settings, the file usually only contains a few lines, one for each change in the settings. More information on the file structure can be found in the LabOne Programming Manual.

History List

Tabs with a history list such as [Scope Tab](#), support feature saving, autosaving, and loading functionality. By default, the plot area in those tools displays the last 100 measurements (depending on the tool, these can be sweep traces, scope shots, DAQ data sets, or spectra), and each measurement is represented as an entry in the History sub-tab. The button to the left of each list entry controls the visibility of the corresponding trace in the plot; the button to the right controls the color of the trace. [^1] Double-clicking on a list entry allows you to rename it. All measurements in the history list can be saved with [Save All](#). Clicking on the [Save Sel](#) button (note the dropdown button ) saves only those traces that were selected by a mouse click. Use the Control or Shift button together with a mouse click to select multiple traces. The file location can be accessed by the Open Folder button . [Figure 5.12.8](#) illustrates some of these features. [Figure 5.10](#) illustrates the data loading feature.

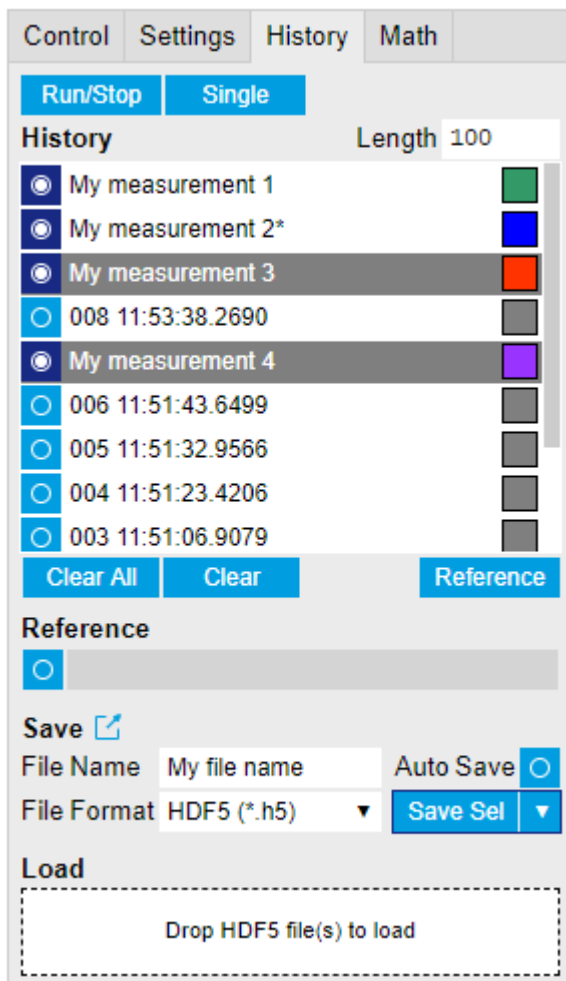


Figure 5.10: History sub-tab features. The entries "My measurement 1" etc. were renamed by the user. Measurement 1, 2, 3, 4 are currently displayed in the plot because their left-hand-side button is enabled. Clicking on Save Sel would save "My measurement 3" and "My measurement 4" to a file, because these entries were selected (gray overlay) by a Control key + mouse click action.

Which quantities are saved depends on which signals have been added to the Vertical Axis Groups section in the **Control** sub-tab. Only data from demodulators with enabled Data Transfer in the Lock-in tab can be included in the files.

The history sub-tab supports an **autosave** functionality to store measurement results continuously while the tool is running. Autosave directories are differentiated from normal saved directories by the text "autosave" in the name, e.g. sweep_autosave_000. When running a tool continuously (**Run/Stop** button) with Autosave activated, after the current measurement (history entry) is complete, all measurements in the history are saved. The same file is overwritten each time, which means that old measurements will be lost once the limit defined by the history Length setting has been reached. When performing single measurements (**Single** button) with Autosave activated, after each measurement, the elements in the history list are saved in a new directory with an incrementing count, e.g. sweep_autosave_001, sweep_autosave_002.

Data which was saved in HDF5 file format can be loaded back into the history list. Loaded traces are marked by a prefix "loaded " that is added to the history entry name in the user interface. The **createdtimestamp** information in the header data marks the time at which the data were measured.

- Only files created by the Save button in the History sub-tab can be loaded.
- Loading a file will add all history items saved in the file to the history list. Previous entries are kept in the list.
- Data from the file is only displayed in the plot if it matches the current settings in the Vertical Axis Group section the tool. Loading e.g. PID data in the Sweeper will not be shown, unless it is selected in the Control sub-tab.
- Files can only be loaded if the devices saving and loading data are of the same product family. The data path will be set according to the device ID loading the data.

Figure 5.11 illustrates the data loading feature.

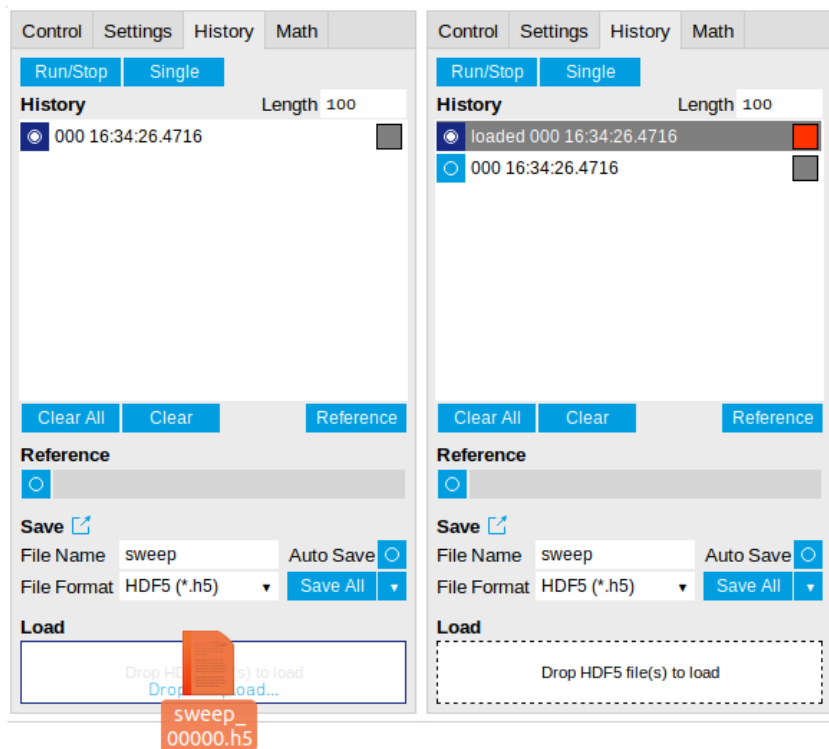


Figure 5.11: History data loading feature. Here, the file sweep_00000.h5 is loaded by drag-and-drop. The loaded data are added to the measurements in the history list.

Supported File Formats

HDF5

Hierarchical Data File 5 (HDF5) is a widespread memory-efficient, structured, binary, open file format. Data in this format can be inspected using the dedicated viewer [HDFview](#). HDF5 libraries or import tools are available for Python, MATLAB, LabVIEW, C, R, Octave, Origin, Igor Pro, and others. The following example illustrates how to access demodulator data from a sweep using the h5py library in Python:

```
import h5py
filename = 'sweep_00000.h5'
f = h5py.File(filename, 'r')
x = f['000/dev3025/demods/0/sample/frequency']
```

The data loading feature of LabOne supports HDF5 files, while it is unavailable for other formats.

MATLAB

The MATLAB File Format (.mat) is a proprietary file format from MathWorks based on the open HDF5 file format. It has thus similar properties as the HDF5 format, but the support for importing .mat files into third-party software other than MATLAB is usually less good than that for importing HDF5 files.

SXM

SXM is a proprietary file format by Nanonis used for SPM measurements.


5.1.10. Upgrade Tab

The Upgrade tab serves as a source of information about the possible upgrade options for the instrument in use. The tab has no functional purpose but provides the user with a quick link to further information about the upgrade options online.

5.1.11. ZI Labs Tab

The ZI Labs tab contains experimental LabOne functionalities added by the ZI development team. The settings found here are often relevant to special applications, but have not yet found their definitive place in one of the other LabOne tabs. Naturally this tab is subject to frequent changes, and the documentation of the individual features would go beyond the scope of this user manual. Clicking the following icon will open a new instance of the tab.

Table 5.15: App Icon and short description







Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
ZI Labs		Experimental settings and controls.

5.2. Measurement Functionality

In this section, a several LabOne UI tabs with different measurement functionalities of the SHFQA+ are described. The UI tabs give full access to control how measurements should be performed.

5.2.1. LabOne UI Tabs For Measurement

Table 5.16: LabOne UI tabs for measurement

UI Tabs	Icons	Description
In/Out		Gives access to all controls relevant for the Signal Inputs and Signal Outputs of each channel.
QA Setup		Configure the Qubit Measurement Unit
QA Result		Configure the Result Logger.
Scope		Displays shots of data samples in time and frequency domain (FFT) representation
DIO		Gives access to all controls relevant for the digital inputs and outputs including DIO, Trigger Inputs and Marker Outputs.
Generator		Generate readout measurement sequences.

5.2.2. Inputs/Outputs Tab

The In / Out tab provides access to the settings of the Instrument's main Signal Inputs and Signal Outputs. It is available on all SHFQA+ Instruments.


Features

- Signal input configuration
- Signal output configuration

Description

The In / Out tab gives access to the physical configuration of the signal inputs and outputs of the Instrument. The settings are listed in [Table 5.18](#).

Table 5.17: App icon and short description

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
In/Out		Gives access to all controls relevant for the Signal Inputs and Signal Outputs of each channel.

The In / Out tab contains 1 sub-tab for configurations of all channels, and 2 (SHFQA2) or 4 (SHFQA4) sub-tabs for configuration of each channel, as well as the block diagram (see in [Figure 5.12](#) and [Figure 5.13](#)).

SHFQA+ has 2 selectable signal paths for different frequency range, RF path and LF path, see in [Figure 5.13](#). The block diagram of RF path with frequency range from 0.5 - 8.5 GHz, and the frequency up and down conversion technique is detailed in the section below. The LF path with frequency range from DC - 800 MHz is available with LabOne APIs. If LF path is enabled for both Input and Output, the frequency of the oscillator before the DAC is set to 0 Hz, then the signal after the DAC is sent out through the output "LF Path", and the input signal through the input "LF path" is converted by the ADC and then mixes with the oscillator at 0 Hz before integration.

Note

It is highly recommended to enable all required inputs and outputs and wait for 2 hours after powering on the instrument.

Note

Please wait for at least 0.5 seconds after switching the center frequency or power range before running a measurement.

Note

Please do not change the center frequency or input range while acquiring data. Mishandling of this could lead to an invalid scaling of the result vector.

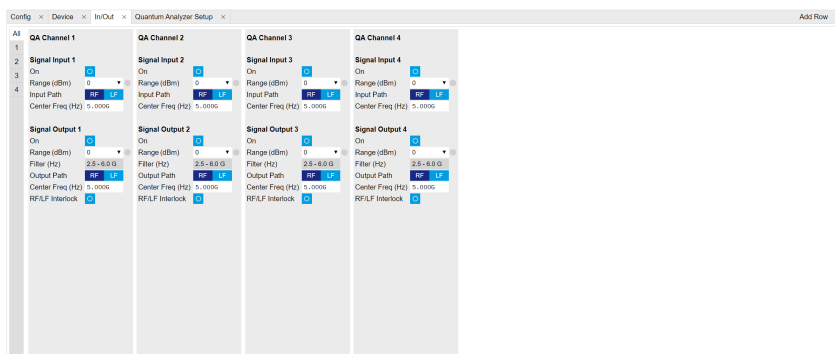


Figure 5.12: The overview In/Out tab.

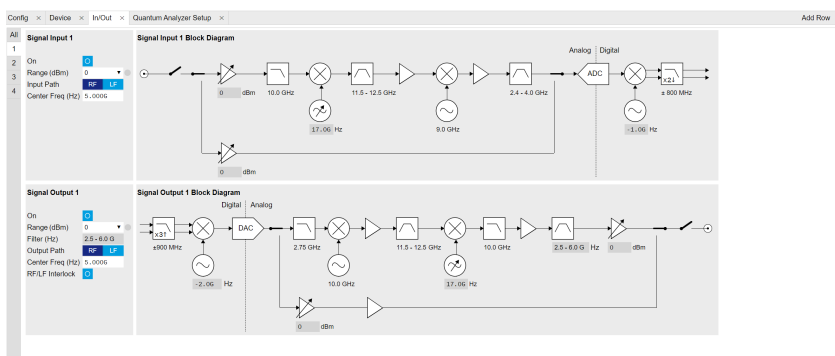


Figure 5.13: The overview of Channel 1 on In/Out tab.

Double Superheterodyne Frequency Up/Down-Conversion (RF path)

The SHFQA+ uses double superheterodyne frequency conversion to convert its digital 1-GHz-wide analysis band in an analog stage from baseband frequencies to microwave frequencies up to 8.5 GHz. Each readout channel has its own frequency up/down-conversion chain and its own synthesizer to generate microwave frequencies.

For the **Signal Output**, the digital 1-GHz-wide analysis band centered around DC is first interpolated by a factor of 3, then digitally up-converted to 2 GHz (light blue elements) before it is passed to the 14-bit DAC. Then, the analog signal (dark blue elements) is mixed to 12 GHz by means of a local oscillator at 10 GHz. To remove all unwanted spurious signals, the signal is strongly filtered before it is down-converted in a second mixing process with a variable local oscillator. Depending on its software-controllable frequency value, the final output frequency band has a center frequency between 1-8 GHz and a width of ± 0.5 GHz. Several amplifiers, attenuators and filters in the up-conversion chain ensure that the different elements are not saturated and that the ADC range is faithfully mapped to the selected **Output Range**.

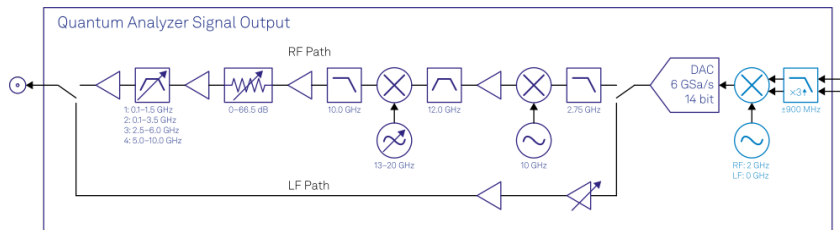


Figure 5.14: Analog signal output stage

The **Signal Input** down-conversion chain (dark blue elements) works analogously, but in the backwards direction. The main differences to the Signal Output are the missing selectable filter and the conversion to 3 GHz instead of 2 GHz before the digitization through the 14-bit ADC. Because of the sampling rate of 2 GSa/s, the 3 GHz signal appears as a 1-GHz signal in the digital domain (light blue elements) before being down-converted to DC.

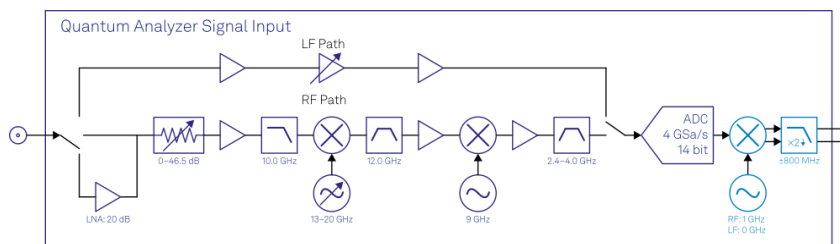


Figure 5.15: Analog signal input stage

The advantages of this scheme, for example compared to IQ-mixer based frequency conversion, are that it is calibration-free, wide-band and robust. The optimal selection of the different gains, attenuations and filters in the frequency conversion chains are taken over by the SHFQA+, such that only a few settings need to be set to control the Input and Output Signal band parameters of the SHFQA+: Center Frequency, Input/Output Ranges, and Input/Output Enabled.

Frequency Representation

The frequency f_{out} of the output signal on each channel can be calculated as

$$f_{\text{out}} = f_0 + f_{\text{offset}}, \quad (1)$$

where f_0 is the center frequency (Center Freq (Hz)), f_{offset} is the offset frequency (Offset Freq (Hz)) set by either a Digital Oscillator, or an uploaded waveform (see in [Quantum Analyzer Setup Tab](#)). The range of f_0 is listed in [Table 5.18](#). The range of f_{offset} is from -1 GHz to 1 GHz. Please note that signals with an absolute offset frequency greater than 500 MHz will be attenuated significantly.

The frequency f_{in} of the input signal on each channel can be calculated as

$$f_{\text{in}} = f_0 + f_{\text{IF}}, \quad (2)$$

where f_{IF} is the intermediate frequency (IF) after frequency down-conversion. The down-converted signal can be monitored by the SHFQA+ Scope. In resonator spectroscopy experiments, the signal

with f_{IF} is integrated by the same Digital Oscillator. In qubit readout experiments, it is integrated by an uploaded waveform.

Power Representation

The power P_{out} of the output signal on each channel is calculated as

$$P_{out} = \begin{cases} P_{range, out} + 20 \log_{10}(g_{osc}), & \text{Spectroscopy mode, Continuous} \\ P_{range, out} + 20 \log_{10}(g_{osc}A), & \text{Spectroscopy mode, Pulse} \\ P_{range, out} + 20 \log_{10}(A), & \text{Readout mode} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

where $P_{range, out}$ is the output power range in units of dBm, g_{osc} ($g_{osc} \leq 1$) is the amplitude gain of the Digital Oscillator, A ($k \leq 1$) is the amplitude of an uploaded waveform. Please note that the 14-bit vertical resolution of the output signal counts both waveform amplitude and oscillator amplitude gain in Spectroscopy mode. To have full 14-bit vertical resolution on the uploaded waveform, the amplitude gain of the oscillator has to be 1.

The input signal can be monitored by the SHFQA+ Scope. The power P_{in} of the input signal can be calculated as

$$P_{in} = \begin{cases} 10 \log_{10} \frac{A_{IF,I}^2 + A_{IF,Q}^2}{50} + 30, & \text{RF path} \\ 10 \log_{10} \frac{A_{IF,I}^2}{100} + 30, & \text{LF path} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where $A_{IF,I}$ ($A_{IF,Q}$) is the amplitude of IF I (Q) components displayed on the SHFQA+ Scope in units of RMS voltage V_{rms} (V) in RF (LF) path. The P_{in} is calculated in units of dBm.

Functional Elements

The following [Table 5.18](#) summarizes all settings. The modes are all accessible through the SHFQA+ nodes in [Device Node Tree](#).

Table 5.18: Input and Output Settings

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Signal Input		
Input On	On/Off	Enables the Signal Input.
Input Range	RF: -50 dBm to +10 dBm LF: -30 dBm to +10 dBm	Sets the maximal input power range that maps to the full scale of the ADC. The Ranges decrease in steps of 5 dB from +10 dBm.
Input Path	RF or LF path	Select RF (0.5 - 8.5 GHz) or LF (DC - 800 MHz) input path.
Center Frequency	RF: 1-8 GHz LF: 0 Hz	Sets the center frequency of the analysis band in Hz. The frequency is rounded to the nearest multiple of 100 MHz. It is common to both the Input and Output of the same readout channel.
Signal Output		
Output On	On/Off	Enables the Signal Output.
Output Range	RF: -30 dBm to +10 dBm LF: -30 dBm to +5 dBm	Sets the maximal output power range that maps from the full scale of the DAC. The Ranges decrease in steps of 5 dB from +10 dBm (RF) or +5 dBm (LF).
Output Path	RF or LF path	Select RF (0.5 - 8.5 GHz) or LF (DC - 800 MHz) output path.
Center Frequency	RF: 1-8 GHz LF: 0 Hz	Sets the center frequency of the analysis band in Hz. The frequency is rounded to the nearest multiple of 100 MHz. It is common to both the Input and Output of the same readout channel.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
RF/LF Interlock	On/Off	Enables the RF/LF path interlock between input and output. If enabled (1), the output path is always configured according to the input. The default value is disabled (0).
Input Overage Status	grey/yellow/red	Indicates whether input power on the front panel P_{in} is or was above input power range $P_{in, range}$. red: P_{in} is $> P_{in, range}$ yellow: P_{in} was $> P_{in, range}$ within the last 200 ms grey: P_{in} is $\leq P_{in, range}$ Note that Input Overage condition may damage the Instrument. Please avoid it by increasing Input Range or attenuating input signal.
Output Overage Status	grey/yellow/red	Indicates whether output amplitude scaling factor g_{DAC} before DAC is or was above 1. It is checked for an overrange condition every 10 ms. red: g_{DAC} is > 1 yellow: g_{DAC} was > 1 within the last 200 ms grey: g_{DAC} is ≤ 1 Note that overshoot of square pulse could cause Output Overage, and using e.g. flat-top Gaussian could avoid this.

5.2.3. Quantum Analyzer Setup Tab


The Quantum Analyzer Setup is the main control panel for the qubit measurement unit on the Instrument (see [Functional Overview](#) for an overview block diagram). It is available on all SHFQA+ Instruments.

Features

- Spectroscopy mode and readout mode
- Continuous or pulsed resonator spectroscopy
- Power spectral density
- Weighted integration
- Readout up to 16 qubits per channel
- 2-state and multistate discrimination

Description

Table 5.19: App icon and short description

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
QA Setup		Configure the Qubit Measurement Unit

The Quantum Analyzer Setup tab is divided into 2 sub-tab groups for resonator spectroscopy (see [LabOne GUI: QA Setup Tab - Spectroscopy Mode](#)) and qubit readout (see [Figure 5.17](#)) application. By selecting Application Mode, Spectroscopy or Readout, the corresponding sub-tabs provide all configurations of readout pulse generation and acquired data processing (see). The main differences of the Application Modes are listed in [Table 5.20](#).

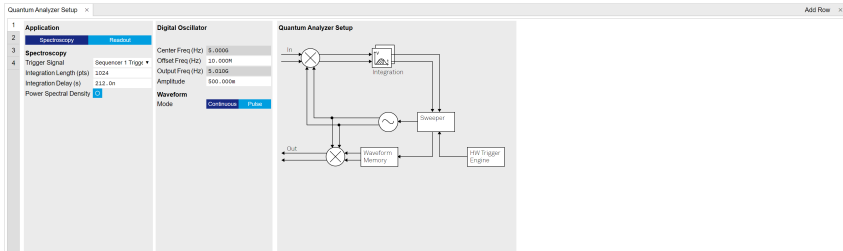


Figure 5.16: LabOne GUI: QA Setup Tab - Spectroscopy Mode

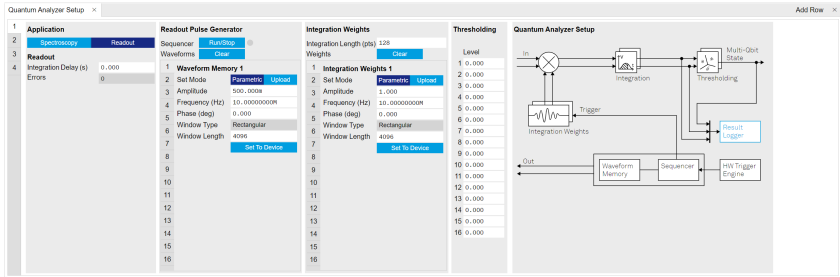


Figure 5.17: LabOne GUI: QA Setup Tab - Readout Mode

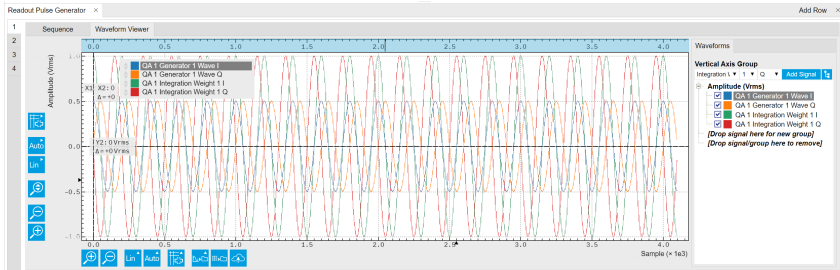


Figure 5.18: LabOne GUI: Readout Pulse Generator Tab - Waveform Viewer

Table 5.20: Main differences of Spectroscopy and Readout mode

Parameters	Spectroscopy mode	Readout mode
Waveform generation	Digital oscillator and envelope	Sample by Sample
Waveform output mode	Continuous or pulsed	Pulsed
Waveform length	Continuous or up to 16 μ s or 32 μ s	Up to 2 μ s
Number of qubits per channel	1	Up to 8 or 16
Integration length	Up to 16.7 ms	Up to 2 μ s
Integration weight unit per channel	Not applicable	Up to 8 or 16
Result normalization after integration	Normalized by integration length in samples	Not normalized
Real-time state discrimination	Not applicable	Yes
Multistate discrimination	Not applicable	Qubits, qutrits and ququads

Spectroscopy Mode

Spectroscopy mode is mainly used for resonator spectroscopy and power spectral density measurement. The SHFQA+ has 1 Digital Oscillator per channel. In Spectroscopy mode, the Digital Oscillator is used for readout waveform generation and integration. The SHFQA+ Sweeper class (API) is the central controller for the Spectroscopy mode, see tutorial [Resonator Spectroscopy](#).

There are 2 operation modes for readout waveform generation, Continuous and Pulsed. In Continuous mode, signal from the Digital Oscillator is routed to the digital IQ mixing stage (see [Functional Overview](#)) for readout waveform generation in the output path, and to multiply the input signal for readout waveform integration in the input path, see [Figure 5.19](#). In Pulsed mode, signal from the Digital Oscillator modulates the envelope from the Waveform Memory and then is routed to the output and input paths same as in Continuous mode. The pulse envelope can be displayed on the Waveform Viewer sub-tab of the Readout Pulse Generator tab. The main differences of the 2 operation modes are listed in [Table 5.21](#).

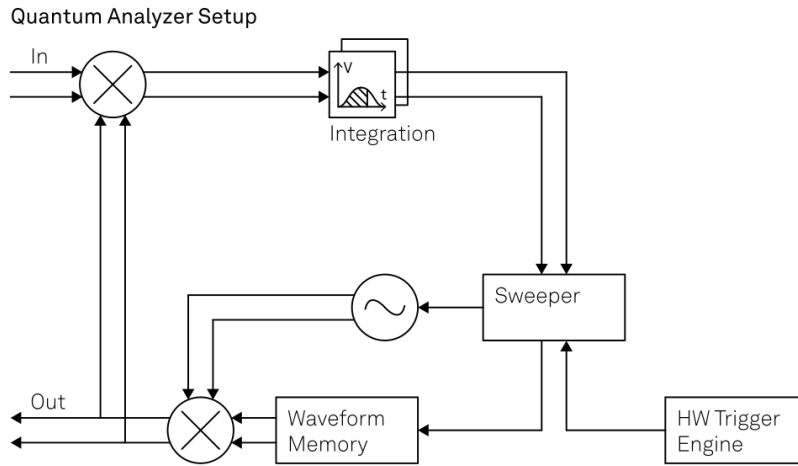


Figure 5.19: Readout waveform generation and integration in Spectroscopy mode

Table 5.21: Main differences of Continuous and Pulsed mode in Spectroscopy

Parameters	Continuous mode	Pulsed mode
Readout pulse length	Continuous wave	Up to 16 μs or 32 μs (up to 32 kSa or 64 kSa)
Envelope delay	Not applicable	Up to 131.1 μs
Readout pulses amplitude	Controlled by output range and gain factor of the Digital Oscillator	Controlled by output range, gain factor of the Digital Oscillator and the envelope

Readout Waveform Output In Spectroscopy Mode

The readout waveform on the Instrument output can be expressed as

$$E_{\text{output}}(t) = C_{P \rightarrow A} \text{Re}[A(t)g_{\text{osc}}e^{i2\pi(f_0 + f_{\text{osc}})t + i\phi_{\text{output}}}], \quad (1)$$

where $C_{P \rightarrow A} = 10^{\frac{P_{\text{range, output}} - 10}{20}}$ is the conversion factor converting the power range $P_{\text{range, output}}$ of the output signal in units of dBm to the amplitude in units of V, $A(t)$ is the complex readout envelope in Pulsed mode and $A(t) = 1$ in Continuous mode, g_{osc} is the amplitude gain factor of the baseband Digital Oscillator. The frequency f_{osc} is the offset frequency set by the baseband Digital Oscillator and ϕ_{output} is the global phase, which can be reset by resetting the phase of the baseband Digital Oscillator. The frequency f_0 is the RF center frequency set in the Input/Output tab. Note: when using the LF path the center frequency from the Input/Output tab does not apply and one has to set $f_0 = 0$ in the above formula.

The readout waveform envelope $A(t)$ in Pulsed mode can be displayed on the Waveform Viewer, see [Figure 5.18](#).

Readout Results In Spectroscopy Mode

The readout input signal after analog frequency down-conversion before the ADC is

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{\text{before ADC}}(t) &= \text{Re}(A_{\text{input}}(t)e^{i2\pi f_{\text{before ADC}}t + i\phi_{\text{input}}}) \\
&= A_{\text{input}}(t) \cos(2\pi f_{\text{before ADC}}t + \phi_{\text{input}}) \\
&= A_{\text{input}}(t) \frac{e^{i2\pi f_{\text{before ADC}}t + i\phi_{\text{input}}} + e^{-i2\pi f_{\text{before ADC}}t - i\phi_{\text{input}}}}{2},
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

where $A_{\text{input}}(t)$ is the amplitude of input signal on the front panel of the instrument, $f_{\text{before ADC}}$ is the frequency of the input signal before ADC, ϕ_{input} is the global phase of the input signal on the front panel of the instrument. After the ADC, it becomes

$$E_{i, \text{ after ADC}} = \frac{C_{\text{scaling}} A_{i, \text{ input}}}{2} (e^{i2\pi f_{\text{after ADC}}t_i + i\phi_{\text{input}}} + e^{-i2\pi f_{\text{after ADC}}t_i - i\phi_{\text{input}}}), \tag{3}$$

where C_{scaling} is the conversion factor depending on gain factor, ADC range and bit resolution, $f_{\text{after ADC}}$ is the frequency after the ADC, i means the i -th sample. The signal $E_{i, \text{ after ADC}}$ is then down-converted by a digital oscillator at frequency $f_{\text{input, LO2}}$ of 1 GHz (0 Hz) when using RF (LF) path and filtered the high frequency components, as

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{i, \text{ before integration}} &= E_{i, \text{ after ADC}} e^{-i2\pi f_{\text{after, LO2}}t_i} \\
&= \frac{C_{\text{scaling}} A_{i, \text{ input}}}{2} (e^{i2\pi f_{\text{after ADC}}t_i + i\phi_{\text{input}}} + e^{-i2\pi f_{\text{after ADC}}t_i - i\phi_{\text{input}}}) e^{-i2\pi f_{\text{input, LO2}}t_i}, \\
&= \frac{C_{\text{scaling}} A_{i, \text{ input}}}{2} (e^{i2\pi f_{\text{baseband}}t_i + i\phi_{\text{input}}} + e^{-i2\pi f_{\text{sum}}t_i - i\phi_{\text{input}}}) \\
&\stackrel{\text{filter}}{=} \begin{cases} \frac{C_{\text{scaling}} A_{i, \text{ input}}}{2} e^{i2\pi f_{\text{baseband}}t_i + i\phi_{\text{input}}}, & \text{RF path,} \\ C_{\text{scaling}} A_{i, \text{ input}} \cos(2\pi f_{\text{baseband}}t_i + \phi_{\text{input}}), & \text{LF path,} \end{cases}
\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

where $f_{\text{baseband}} = f_{\text{after ADC}} - f_{\text{input, LO2}} = f_{\text{osc}}$ is the differential frequency, $f_{\text{sum}} = f_{\text{before ADC}} + f_{\text{input, LO2}}$ is the sum frequency. The signal at f_{sum} is filtered out by the digital filter. The baseband signal $E_{i, \text{ before integration}}$ can be monitored by the SHFQA+ Scope as

$$E_{\text{Scope}} = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{2}}{C_{\text{scaling}}} E_{i, \text{ before integration}} = \frac{A_{i, \text{ input}}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i2\pi f_{\text{baseband}}t_i + i\phi_{\text{input}}}, & \text{RF path,} \\ \frac{1}{C_{\text{scaling}}} E_{i, \text{ before integration}} = A_{i, \text{ input}} \cos(2\pi f_{\text{baseband}}t_i + \phi_{\text{input}}), & \text{LF path.} \end{cases} \tag{5}$$

Note that the conversion factor $\sqrt{2}/C_{\text{scaling}}$ is used for the RF path, and $1/C_{\text{scaling}}$ is used for LF path. The signal $E_{i, \text{ before integration}}$ is then demodulated with the signal $e^{-i2\pi f_{\text{osc}}t_i}$ ($f_{\text{osc}} = f_{\text{baseband}}$) from the baseband Digital Oscillator, integrated and normalized by the number of integration samples N ,

$$\begin{aligned}
E_{\text{after integration}} &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N E_{i, \text{ before integration}} e^{-i2\pi f_{\text{osc}}t_i}, \\
&= \begin{cases} \frac{C_{\text{scaling}}}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N A_{i, \text{ input}} e^{i\phi_{\text{input}}}, & \text{RF path,} \\ \frac{C_{\text{scaling}}}{2N} \sum_{i=1}^N A_{i, \text{ input}} (e^{i\phi_{\text{input}}} + e^{-i4\pi f_{\text{baseband}}t_i - i\phi_{\text{input}}}), & \text{LF path.} \end{cases}
\end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

If $A_{i, \text{ input}} = A_{\text{input}}$ is constant (and integration length is much longer than $1/(2f_{\text{osc}})$ with LF path), then $E_{\text{after integration}} = \frac{C_{\text{scaling}} A_{\text{input}}}{2} e^{i\phi_{\text{input}}}$. By multiply the factor of $\sqrt{2}/C_{\text{scaling}}$, the units of the results is converted to $\frac{A_{\text{input}}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i\phi_{\text{input}}}$, and then can be downloaded from the instrument via the Instrument node `/dev.../qachannels/n/spectroscopy/result/data/wave`, see [Device Node Tree](#). The power of input signal is then derived as

$$P_{\text{input}} = 10 \log_{10} \frac{|E_{\text{after integration}}|^2}{50} + 30. \tag{7}$$

The power and phase of the input signal can also be calculated and plotted using the Sweeper class.

Power spectral density

Power Spectral Density (PSD) measurements are generally required to characterize an amplification chain. In Spectroscopy mode, a PSD measurement can be performed using the SHFQA+ Sweeper, see [GitHub zhinst-toolkit example](#) or [zhinst-toolkit Online Documentation](#), or using instrument nodes, see [Device Node Tree](#).

Here, the PSD is calculated on the hardware as $S_{xx}(f) = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\Delta t)^2}{T} |\sum_{n=-N}^N x_n e^{-i2\pi f n \Delta t}|^2$ (see [Spectral density Wikipedia](#)), where $\Delta t = 1/f_s$ is the time step, f_s is the sampling rate, $T = (2N + 1)\Delta t$ is the integration length in seconds, $2N + 1$ is the integration length in samples, x_n is the n -th complex data of the input signal, $e^{-i2\pi f n \Delta t}$ is the integration weight. This calculation is done by the Instrument, and it returns the real-valued PSD in units of V_{rms}^2/Hz . The applicable ranges of the PSD measurement are listed in .

Note that the measurement bandwidth is determined by the inverse of integration time, and the frequency step should be less than or equal to the measurement bandwidth. Typically, the PSD measurement requires many averages to be accurate. Setting the number of averages ≥ 1000 is recommended.

Table 5.22: Applicable ranges of PSD measurements

Parameters	Values
LabOne version	≥ 23.02
Number of channels	2 or 4 for SHFQA+; 1 for SHFQC+
Input frequency range	RF: 0.5 - 8.5 GHz LF: DC - 800 MHz
Input Power Range	RF: -50 to +10 dBm LF: -30 to +10 dBm
Input waveform length	continuous or pulsed (> 2 ns)
Measurement bandwidth (1 / integration time)	60 Hz to 500 MHz (16.7 ms to 2 ns)
Number of averages	1 to 131k
Input voltage noise density	see Specifications
Input spurious free dynamic range (excluding harmonics)	see Specifications

Readout Mode

Readout mode is mainly used for multi qubit readout. The SHFQA+ has 8 or 16 readout Waveform Memory slots, and 8 or 16 integration weight units per channel. In readout mode, these memory slots are used for readout pulse generation and weighted integration. The SHFQA+ Readout Pulse Generator is the central controller in Readout mode, see [Figure 5.20](#) and tutorial [Multiplexed Qubit Readout](#).

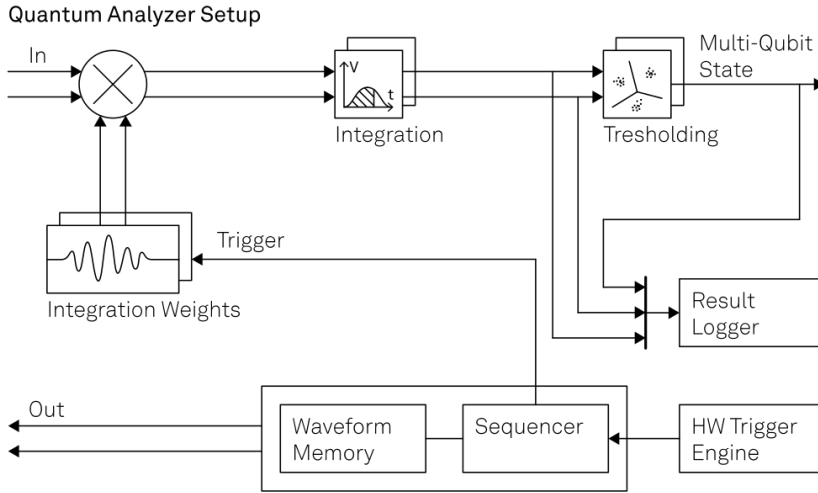


Figure 5.20: Readout waveform generation, integration and discrimination in Readout mode.

There are 2 state discrimination modes, 2-state discrimination (default, see tutorial [Multiplexed Qubit Readout](#) and multistate discrimination (see tutorial [Multistate discrimination](#)). Both modes are based on the linear [Support Vector Machine](#) and one versus one classification. Note that multistate discrimination can only be configured via LabOne APIs.

Readout Waveform Generation In Readout Mode

The readout waveform can be generated parametrically by LabOne GUI and APIs, and then uploaded and saved in the Waveform Memory. All readout waveforms saved in the Waveform Memory can be erased by clicking **Clear** on LabOne GUI or using LabOne APIs. Each readout waveform can be used for a single qudit readout, and up to 8 or 16 qubits can be readout simultaneously using a sum of the readout waveforms saved in the Waveform Memory. The Readout Waveform Generator controls which and how readout waveforms are played, see the [Readout Pulse Generator Tab](#).

The readout waveform saved in the j -th ($j \leq 8$ or 16) Waveform Memory slot is complex data, which can be expressed as

$$E_{i,j,\text{readout}} = A_{i,j,\text{readout}} e^{i2\pi f_{j,\text{offset}} t + i\phi_{j,\text{readout}}} \quad (8)$$

where $A_{i,j,\text{readout}}$ ($0 \leq A_{i,j,\text{readout}} \leq 1$) is the amplitude factor of the readout waveform at the i -th sample, $f_{j,\text{offset}}$ is the offset frequency, $\phi_{j,\text{readout}}$ is the global phase. The output signal on the front panel is

$$E_{\text{output}}(t) = \text{Re}[\sum_j A_{j,\text{readout}}(t) e^{i2\pi(f_{j,\text{offset}} + f_0)t + i\phi_{j,\text{readout}}}] \quad (9)$$

where the sum depends on number of qudits readout in parallel. Note that the maximum amplitude factor of the sum of all waveforms in use should not exceed 1.

Integration Weights

The integration weights can be parametrically generated or measured with the SHFQA+ Scope for the best SNR (see tutorial [Integration Weights Measurement](#)), and uploaded to the integration weight units. All integration weights saved in the memory can be erased by clicking **Clear** on LabOne GUI Integration Weights sub-tab or using LabOne APIs. The length of the integration weight is automatically extended to 4096 Samples once it's uploaded, and **integration length** is used to configure how long it integrates. The Readout Waveform Generator controls which and how integration weights are used, see [Readout Pulse Generator Tab](#).

The integration weights saved in the k -th integration weight unit is complex data, can be expressed as

$$E_{i, k, \text{weights}} = A_{i, k, \text{weight}} e^{-i2\pi f_{k, \text{weight}} t_i - i\phi_{k, \text{weight}}}, \quad (10)$$

where $A_{i, k, \text{weight}}$ ($0 \leq A_{i, k, \text{weight}} \leq 1$) is the amplitude factor of the integration weight at i -th sample, $f_{k, \text{weight}}$ is the frequency of the integration weight, $\phi_{k, \text{weight}}$ is the global phase of the integration weight.

In 2-state discrimination mode, 1 qubit requires 1 integration weight, i.e. the conjugated difference of readout input signal while qubit is prepared in state $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$, see Figure 5.21. In multistate discrimination mode, 1 qudit with n states requires $n(n-1)/2$ integration weights (one vs one classification), i.e. the conjugated differences of any 2 readout input signal while qudit is prepared in state $|i\rangle$ and $|j\rangle$, where i ($0 \leq i \leq n-2$) and j ($1 \leq j \leq n-1$) are integer and $i \neq j$. Only $n-1$ integration weights need to be uploaded, and the integration results from the rest of integration weights are calculated by the Instrument automatically, see Figure 5.22 and Figure 5.23.

All integration weights saved in the integration weight units can be displayed on the Waveform Viewer, see Figure 5.18.

Note

In order to achieve the highest possible resolution in the signal after integration, it's advised to scale the dimensionless readout integration weights with a factor so that their maximum absolute value is equal to 1.

Thresholding

Thresholding sub-tab is used to configure thresholds for state discrimination in 2-state discrimination mode. In multistate discrimination mode, thresholds and assignment matrix are configured by LabOne APIs.

The input signal before integration is

$$E_{i, \text{before integration}} = \begin{cases} C_{\text{scaling}} \sum_j \frac{A_{i, j, \text{input}}}{2} e^{i2\pi f_{j, \text{baseband}} t_i + i\phi_{j, \text{input}}}, & \text{RF path,} \\ C_{\text{scaling}} \sum_j A_{i, j, \text{input}} \cos(2\pi f_{j, \text{baseband}} t_i + \phi_{j, \text{input}}), & \text{LF path,} \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where i indicates the i -th sample of the input signal, j indicates the j -th component of the input signal for a qubit or qudit, $A_{i, j, \text{input}}$ is the amplitude of j -th components of the input signal, $f_{j, \text{baseband}}$ is the frequency of j -th component of the input signal, $\phi_{j, \text{input}}$ is the phase of j -th component of input signal. The signal can be monitored by the SHFQA+ Scope with the same conversion factors as in Spectroscopy mode,

$$E_{\text{Scope}} = \begin{cases} \sum_j \frac{A_{i, j, \text{input}}}{\sqrt{2}} e^{i2\pi f_{j, \text{baseband}} t_i + i\phi_{j, \text{input}}}, & \text{RF path,} \\ \sum_j A_{i, j, \text{input}} \cos(2\pi f_{j, \text{baseband}} t_i + \phi_{j, \text{input}}), & \text{LF path.} \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

This signal is then integrated with integration weights $A_{i, j, \text{weight}} e^{-i2\pi f_{j, \text{weight}} t_i - i\phi_{j, \text{weight}}}$ ($f_{j, \text{weight}} = f_{j, \text{baseband}}$) simultaneously. The j -th integration result after weighted integration is

$$E_{j, \text{after integration}} = \sum_{i=1}^N E_{i, j, \text{before integration}} A_{i, j, \text{weight}} e^{-i2\pi f_{j, \text{baseband}} t_i - i\phi_{j, \text{weight}}} \\ = \begin{cases} \frac{C_{\text{scaling}}}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N A_{i, j, \text{input}} A_{i, j, \text{weight}} e^{i(\phi_{j, \text{input}} - \phi_{j, \text{weight}})}, & \text{RF path,} \\ \frac{C_{\text{scaling}}}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N A_{i, j, \text{input}} A_{i, j, \text{weight}} \times \\ (e^{i(\phi_{j, \text{input}} - \phi_{j, \text{weight}})} + e^{-i4\pi f_{j, \text{baseband}} t_i - i\phi_{j, \text{weight}} - i\phi_{j, \text{weight}}}), & \text{LF path.} \end{cases} \quad (13)$$

If $\phi_{j, \text{input}} = \phi_{j, \text{weight}}$, $A_{i, j, \text{input}} = A_{j, \text{input}}$ is a constant, $A_{i, j, \text{weights}} = 1$, and integration length is much longer than $1/(2f_{j, \text{baseband}})$ with LF path, the result after integration can be simplified as $E_{j, \text{after integration}} = \frac{NC_{\text{scaling}} A_{j, \text{input}}}{2}$. This result with RF (LF) path is complex data, and can be

downloaded and displayed on the [Quantum Analyzer Result Tab](#) with a conversion factor of $\sqrt{2}/C_{\text{scaling}}$ ($1/C_{\text{scaling}}$), as $\frac{NA_{j,\text{input}}}{\sqrt{2}}$ ($\frac{NA_{j,\text{input}}}{2}$).

To achieve the best SNR, the largest separation of qubit states and discriminate states with real data, one can apply optimal weights ($E_{j,|b\rangle, \text{Scope}} - E_{j,|a\rangle, \text{Scope}}^*$)/ A_{norm} , where $E_{j,|b\rangle, \text{Scope}}$ ($E_{j,|a\rangle, \text{Scope}}$) is the readout signal when qubit in state $|b\rangle$ ($|a\rangle$) before integration recorded by the scope, "*" is a conjugate operation, A_{norm} is a factor to normalize the optimal weights. The readout signal $E_{|b\rangle, \text{after integration}}$ of a single qubit after weighted integration with the optimal weights is

$$\begin{aligned} E_{|b\rangle, \text{after integration}} &= \begin{cases} \frac{C_{\text{scaling}}}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A_{i,|b\rangle}}{A_{i,\text{norm}}} e^{i\phi_{|b\rangle}} (A_{i,|b\rangle} e^{i\phi_{|b\rangle}} - A_{i,|a\rangle} e^{i\phi_{|a\rangle}})^*, & \text{RF path,} \\ C_{\text{scaling}} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A_{i,|b\rangle}}{A_{i,\text{norm}}} \cos \phi_{|b\rangle} (A_{i,|b\rangle} \cos \phi_{|b\rangle} - A_{i,|a\rangle} \cos \phi_{|a\rangle}), & \text{LF path,} \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{C_{\text{scaling}}}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A_{i,|b\rangle}}{A_{i,\text{norm}}} [A_{i,|b\rangle} - A_{i,|a\rangle} \cos(\phi_{|b\rangle} - \phi_{|a\rangle}) - iA_{i,|a\rangle} \sin(\phi_{|b\rangle} - \phi_{|a\rangle})], & \text{RF path,} \\ C_{\text{scaling}} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A_{i,|b\rangle}}{A_{i,\text{norm}}} \cos \phi_{|b\rangle} (A_{i,|b\rangle} \cos \phi_{|b\rangle} - A_{i,|a\rangle} \cos \phi_{|a\rangle}), & \text{LF path,} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

where $A'_{i,\text{norm}} = \sqrt{A_{i,|b\rangle}^2 + A_{i,|a\rangle}^2 - 2A_{i,|a\rangle}A_{i,|b\rangle} \cos(\phi_{|a\rangle} - \phi_{|b\rangle})}$ ($A''_{i,\text{norm}} = A_{i,|b\rangle} \cos \phi_{|b\rangle} - A_{i,|a\rangle} \cos \phi_{|a\rangle}$) is a normalization factor, $A_{i,|b\rangle}$ ($A_{i,|a\rangle}$) and $\phi_{|b\rangle}$ ($\phi_{|a\rangle}$) is the amplitude and phase of the signal in state $|b\rangle$ ($|a\rangle$), respectively. Similarly, the readout signal $E_{|a\rangle, \text{after integration}}$ after weighted integration with the optimal weights is

$$\begin{aligned} E_{|a\rangle, \text{after integration}} &= \begin{cases} \frac{C_{\text{scaling}}}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A_{i,|a\rangle}}{A_{i,\text{norm}}} [-A_{i,|a\rangle} + A_{i,|b\rangle} \cos(\phi_{|a\rangle} - \phi_{|b\rangle}) + iA_{i,|b\rangle} \sin(\phi_{|a\rangle} - \phi_{|b\rangle})], & \text{RF path,} \\ C_{\text{scaling}} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{A_{i,|a\rangle}}{A_{i,\text{norm}}} \cos \phi_{|a\rangle} (A_{i,|b\rangle} \cos \phi_{|b\rangle} - A_{i,|a\rangle} \cos \phi_{|a\rangle}), & \text{LF path,} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

Take the real part of the integrated results, and the 2 states can be discriminated by a threshold as

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{\text{Re}[E_{|b\rangle, \text{after integration}}] + \text{Re}[E_{|a\rangle, \text{after integration}}]}{2} \\ &= \begin{cases} \frac{C_{\text{scaling}}}{2} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{A_{i,\text{norm}}} (A_{i,|b\rangle}^2 - A_{i,|a\rangle}^2), & \text{RF path,} \\ C_{\text{scaling}} \sum_{i=1}^N \frac{1}{A_{i,\text{norm}}} (A_{i,|b\rangle}^2 \cos^2 \phi_{|b\rangle} - A_{i,|a\rangle}^2 \cos^2 \phi_{|a\rangle}), & \text{LF path.} \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

The separation between state $|b\rangle$ and state $|a\rangle$ can be calculated directly as $\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N (A_{i,|b\rangle}^2 + A_{i,|a\rangle}^2 - 2A_{i,|a\rangle}A_{i,|b\rangle} \cos(\phi_{|b\rangle} - \phi_{|a\rangle}))}$, and it is the same as calculated from

$$|\text{Re}[E_{|b\rangle, \text{after integration}}] - \text{Re}[E_{|a\rangle, \text{after integration}}]|. \quad (17)$$

In 2-state discrimination mode, all integration weights can be uploaded via LabOne GUI and APIs, and all integration results saved in the result logger can be displayed on the [Quantum Analyzer Result Tab](#) if **integration** is selected as result source. In multistate discrimination mode, all integration weights can only be uploaded via LabOne APIs, and only $n - 1$ integration results are saved in the result logger if **integration** is selected as result source, the rest are calculated automatically in the pairwise difference units.

Before state discrimination, threshold T_j for each qudit has to be estimated and uploaded to the Instrument with an internal conversion factor $\frac{2}{C_{\text{scaling}}} (\frac{1}{C_{\text{scaling}}})$ in RF (LF) path, see tutorial [Multistate discrimination](#). During thresholding, the real part of the result after integration is compared with a threshold, and it returns 0 or 1. Qubit state discrimination can be done in both 2-state and multistate discrimination modes. The readout result of qubit after thresholding is

$$E_{j, \text{after thresholding}} = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{Re}[E_{j, \text{after integration}}] \leq T_j, \\ 1 & \text{Re}[E_{j, \text{after integration}}] > T_j, \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

where T_j is the threshold of the j -th qubit, see [Figure 5.21](#). The result after thresholding and state assignment can represent qubit state directly.

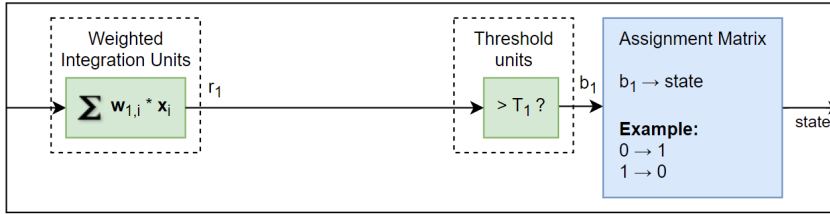


Figure 5.21: Readout data processing for qubits. The green blocks are used for both state discrimination modes and the blue blocks are used for multistate discrimination mode only configured by LabOne APIs. x_i is the readout input signal at the i -th sample, $w_{1,i}$ is the optimal integration weight calculated from the difference while qubit is prepared in state $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$, T_1 is the threshold for the integrated result, $b_1 = 0$ or 1 is the binary value after thresholding. The assignment matrix is defined such that if the $b_1 = 0$ (1) the result after discrimination is 1 (0), i.e. state $|1\rangle$ ($|0\rangle$).

For a qutrit, 3 thresholds are used, 2 for the integration results in the weighted integration units and 1 for the integration result in the pairwise difference units, see Figure 5.22. After thresholding, the 3-bit data is assigned to 0, 1 or 2 by the assignment matrix, and the discriminated results can be displayed in the [Quantum Analyzer Result Tab](#). The state assignment can be customized by uploading 8 integer numbers (0, 1 or 2) for a single qutrit via API. The discriminated result represented by 2-bit data can be transferred to control instruments via DIO and ZSync for feedback experiment.

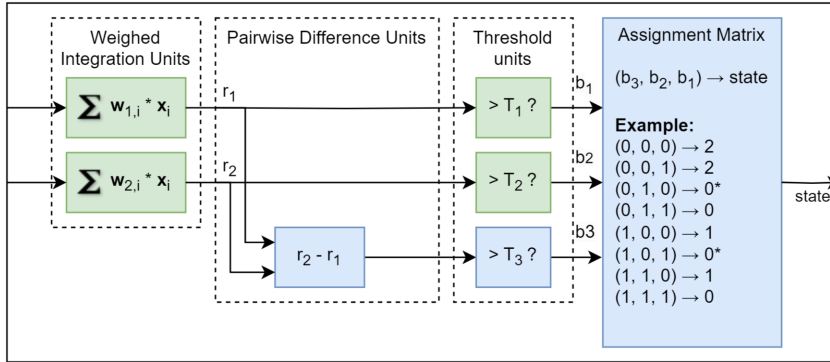


Figure 5.22: Readout data processing for qutrits. The green blocks are used for both state discrimination modes and the blue blocks are used for multistate discrimination mode only configured by LabOne APIs. x_i is the readout input signal at the i -th sample, $w_{1,i}$ and $w_{2,i}$ are the integration weights measured by calculating the readout pulse difference when the qutrit is prepared in state $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$, and state $|0\rangle$ and $|2\rangle$, respectively. " $r_2 - r_1$ " calculated by the instrument is the pairwise difference of the integration results, T_1 , T_2 and T_3 are the thresholds for the 3 integration results, b_1 , b_2 and b_3 are the binary value after the thresholding. The assignment matrix is defined such that the result after discrimination is 0, 1 or 2, i.e. state $|0\rangle$, $|1\rangle$ or $|2\rangle$, respectively. Result with "*" is assigned ambiguously because all states are equally likely.

For a ququad, 6 thresholds are used, 3 for the integration results in the weighted integration units and 3 for the integration results in the pairwise difference units, see Figure 5.23. After thresholding, the 6-bit data is assigned to 0, 1, 2 or 3 by the assignment matrix, and the discriminated results can be displayed in the [Quantum Analyzer Result Tab](#). The state assignment can be customized by uploading 64 decimal numbers (0, 1, 2 or 3) for a single ququad via API. The discriminated result represented by 2-bit data can be transferred to control instruments via DIO and ZSync for feedback experiment.

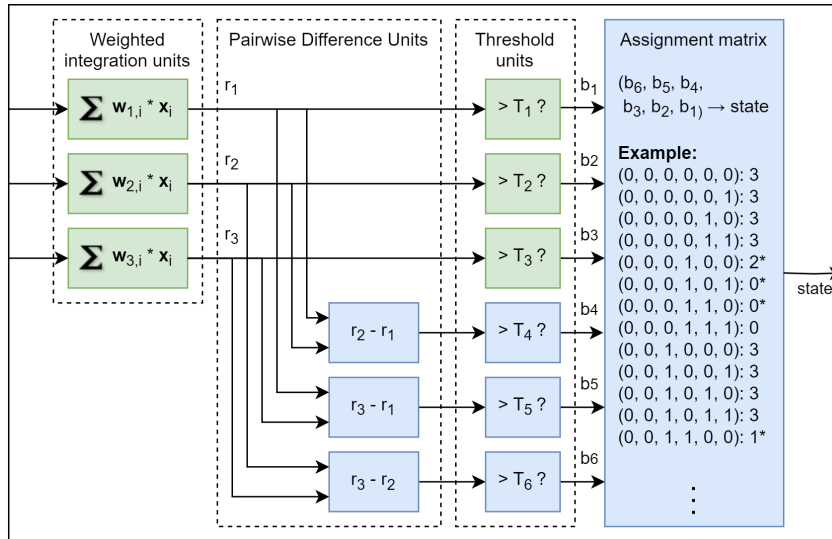


Figure 5.23: Readout data processing for ququads. x_i is the readout input signal at the i -th sample, $w_{1,i}$, $w_{2,i}$ and $w_{3,i}$ are the integration weights measured by calculating the readout pulse difference when the ququad is prepared in state $|0\rangle$ and $|1\rangle$, state $|0\rangle$ and $|2\rangle$, and state $|0\rangle$ and $|3\rangle$, respectively. " $r_2 - r_1$ ", " $r_3 - r_1$ ", " $r_3 - r_2$ " calculated by the instrument are the pairwise differences of the integration results, T_1 , T_2 , T_3 , T_4 , T_5 and T_6 are the thresholds for 6 integration results, b_1 , b_2 , b_3 , b_4 , b_5 and b_6 are the binary value after thresholding. The assignment matrix is defined such that the result after discrimination is 0, 1, 2 or 3, i.e. state $|0\rangle$, $|1\rangle$, $|2\rangle$ or $|3\rangle$, respectively. Result with "*" is assigned ambiguously because 2 or more states are equally likely.

Functional Elements

Table 5.23: QA setup settings

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Application Mode	Spectroscopy	Using internal digital oscillator for waveform generation and integration.
	Readout	Using uploaded waveform for output signal generation and customized weights for integration.
Errors	Number	Number of hold-off errors detected since last reset.
Spectroscopy		
Trigger Signal		Selects the source of the trigger for the integration and envelope in Spectroscopy mode.
Integration Length	2^2 to 2^{25}	Sets the integration length in Spectroscopy mode in number of samples. Up to 33.5 MSa (2^{25} samples, with granularity of 4 Samples) can be recorded, which corresponds to 16.7 ms.
Integration Delay	-4 ns to 131.1 μ s	Sets the delay of the integration in Spectroscopy mode with respect to the trigger signal. The resolution is 2 ns.
Operation Mode	Continuous	The output of the internal digital oscillator is used directly for frequency up-conversion.
	Pulse	The waveform envelope is modulated by the internal digital oscillator before frequency up-conversion.
Length	4 to 32 k (SHFQA2 without 16W option) or 64 k	Indicate the length of uploaded envelope waveform in units of Samples. The granularity is 4 Samples.
Delay	0 ns to 131.1 μ s	Set a delay between readout pulse playback trigger and the first sample of the readout pulse (in Pulsed mode). The resolution is 2 ns.
File Upload	CSV file	Drop CSV file to upload the envelope waveform.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Center Frequency	RF: 1 - 8 GHz LF: 0 Hz	Display center frequency in Spectroscopy mode.
Offset Frequency	- 1 to +1 GHz	Set offset frequency to the internal digital oscillator in Spectroscopy mode.
Output Frequency	DC - 8.5 GHz	Display frequency of the output signal in Spectroscopy mode.
Amplitude	0 to 1	Set gain of the internal digital oscillator in Spectroscopy mode. The recommended range is from 0.01 to 1 in pulsed mode.
Readout		
Integration Length	4 to 4096	Sets the length of all Integration Weights in number of samples. A maximum of 4096 samples can be integrated, which corresponds to 2.05 μ s. The granularity is 4 Samples.
Integration Delay	0 ns to 131.1 μ s	Sets a common delay for the start of the readout integration for all Integration Weights with respect to the time when the trigger is received. The resolution is 2 ns.
Sequencer Run/ Stop	Run or Stop	Enables the Sequencer.
Waveforms Clear		Empty all readout Waveform Memory slots or Integration weight Units.
Waveform Generation	Parametric or Upload	Select the way to generate waveform.
Parametric Amplitude	0 to 1	Set amplitude factor for parametric readout pulse and integration weight generation.
Parametric Frequency	-1 to +1 GHz	Set offset frequency for parametric readout pulse or integration weight generation.
Parametric Phase	-180 to 180 degree	Set phase for parametric readout pulse and integration weight generation.
Parametric Window Type	Rectangular	Display window function to be applied in complex exponential function for parametric readout pulse and integration weight generation.
Parametric Window Length	4 to 4096	Length of the selected window in samples for parametric readout pulse and integration weight generation.
Parametric Set To Device	Yes or No	Set parametrically generated readout pulse and integration weight to waveform memory slot and integration memory slot, respectively.
Thresholding	-14.51 kV to 14.51 kV	Set threshold for quantum state discrimination. Note that the data before thresholding is not normalized by the integration length.

5.2.4. Quantum Analyzer Result Tab

The Quantum Analyzer Result tab is the interface to the Result Logger unit of the Instrument and displays processed data after the qubit measurement unit (see [Functional Overview](#) for an overview block diagram). It is available on all SHFQA+ Instruments.

Features

- Configure result source, result length and averaging
- Display readout results in Readout and Spectroscopy mode with different coordinates
- Display readout results in Readout and Spectroscopy mode with different coordinates

Description

Table 5.24: App icon and short description

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
QA Result		Configure the Result Logger.

The Quantum Analyzer Result tab (see [Figure 5.24](#)) is divided into a display section on the left and a configuration section on the right.

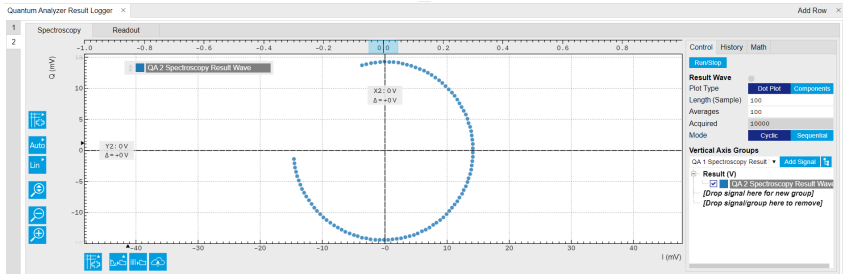


Figure 5.24: LabOne UI: Quantum Analyzer Result Tab Spectroscopy Sub-Tab.

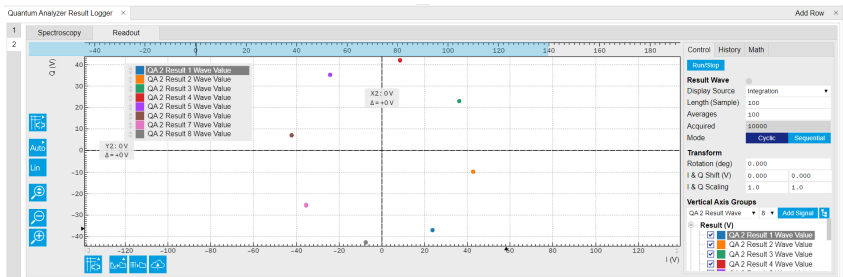


Figure 5.25: LabOne UI: Quantum Analyzer Result Tab Readout Sub-Tab.

This tool allows users to acquire, average, and analyze large sets of data sourced at various points of the signal processing chain. The data source setting is listed in [Table 5.25](#)

The data are stored in a vector with a length of up to 2^{19} points and displayed in the plot area on the left once the acquisition is complete. The Result Logger supports hardware averaging and 2 averaging modes. The complex readout result after integration can be displayed in different coordinates, i.e. complex plane (IQ plane), amplitude and different coordinates, i.e. complex plane (IQ plane), amplitude and phase versus measurement points.

Note that the QA Result Logger will be turned off automatically only if the number of acquired data equals the product of the **Length** and the **Averages** set in the tab. A timeout error may occur if the QA Result Logger does not receive enough trigger events, e.g. if the number of readouts configured in the Sequencer is less than the product of the **Length** and **Averages**, or if the readout repetition rate exceeds $1/(440 \text{ ns})$ (including the minimum integration hold off time of 20 ns).

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Table 5.25: QA result settings.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Spectroscopy		Configure Result Logger and display result from Spectroscopy mode.
Readout		Configure Result Logger and display result from Readout mode.
Run/Stop		Run/Stop the Result Logger.
Plot Type	Dot Plot or Components	Select between dot plot in IQ plane or components plot (I, Q, amplitude and phase) in Spectroscopy sub-tab.
Length	2^0 to 2^{19}	Number of data points to record. One data point corresponds to a single averaged output of the selected source. The granularity is 1.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Averages	2^0 to 2^{17}	Number of averages per recorded data point. The granularity is 1.
Acquired	Length x Averages	Indicate the index of the data point that will be recorded next.
Mode	Cyclic or Sequential	Select Cyclic or Sequential averaging. With Cyclic averaging, the first point of the Result vector is the average of the results number 1, M+1, 2M+1, and so forth, where M is equal to the Length setting. The second point is the average of the results number 2, M+2, 2M+2, and so forth. With Sequential averaging, the first point of the Result vector is the average of the first N results, where N is equal to the Averages setting. The second point of the Result vector is the average of the following N results, and so forth.
Display Source	Integration or Threshold	Data or averaged data after weighted integration (Integration) or state discrimination (Threshold).

5.2.5. Scope Tab

The Scope is a powerful time domain and frequency domain measurement tool as introduced in [Unique Set of Analysis Tools](#) and is available on all SHFQA+ Instruments.


Features

- Display complex signal in time domain
- 2 or 4 input channels with total memory of 260 kSa
- 14 bit nominal resolution
- Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) of complex signal: +/-500 MHz, spectral density and power conversion, choice of window functions
- Segments Hardware Averaging up to 65536
- Segmented memory for up to 1024 scope shots
- Access internal triggers

Description

The Scope tab serves as the graphical display for time domain data. Whenever the tab is closed or an additional one of the same type is needed, clicking the following icon will open a new instance of the tab.

Table 5.26: App icon and short description

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Scope		Displays shots of data samples in time and frequency domain (FFT) representation.

The Scope tab consists of a plot section on the left and a configuration section on the right. The configuration section is further divided into a number of sub-tabs. It gives access to a single-channel oscilloscope that can be used to monitor a choice of signals in the time or frequency domain. Hence the X axis of the plot area is time (for time domain display, [Figure 5.26](#)) or frequency (for frequency domain display, [Figure 5.27](#)). It is possible to display the time trace and the associated FFT simultaneously by opening a second instance of the Scope tab.

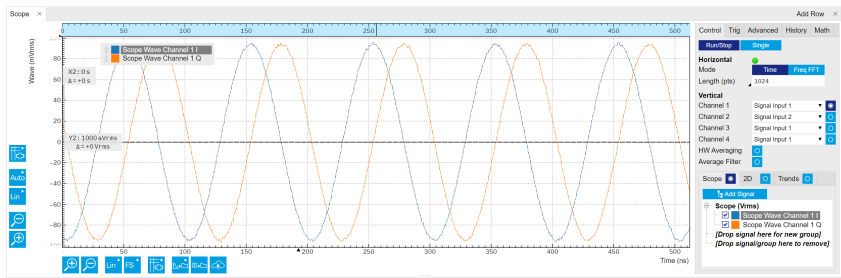


Figure 5.26: The overview Scope tab time domain of the GUI

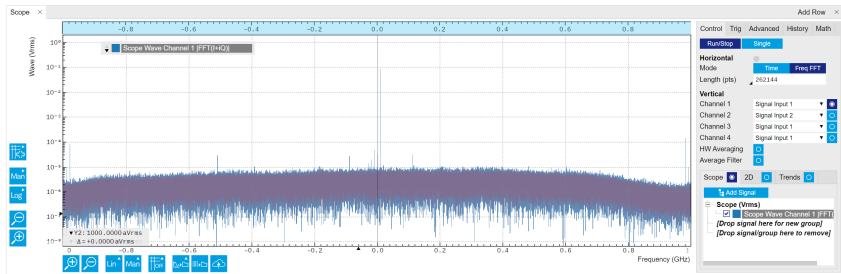


Figure 5.27: The overview Scope tab Freq FFT of the GUI

The raw complex data recorded by the Scope with a sampling rate of 2.0 GSa/s is from frequency down-conversion of the input signal, the Center Frequency is set in the [Inputs/Outputs Tab](#). In the time-domain, the complex data is decomposed into 2 traces representing the real and imaginary components, respectively. With LF path, the imaginary components of the raw data is 0. For detailed data processing, please refer to [Quantum Analyzer Setup Tab](#). The signal displayed in the FFT mode is calculated as $|FFT(I + iQ)|$, where I is the real component of the complex data, and Q is the imaginary component. The frequency of input signal can be read as $f_0 + f_{offset}$, where f_0 is the center frequency of the channel, and f_{offset} is the offset frequency in the FFT plot. When using LF path, the FFT of input signal shows 2 sidebands $\pm f_{offset}$ around $f_0 = 0$ since the input signal has real components only.

The Averaging function of the Scope mode is performed in the hardware level. This means if the number of averages is > 1 , the recorded raw data is the data after the averaging, i.e. in the time-domain, the result is $(I + iQ)$, in FFT mode, the result is $|FFT((I + iQ))|$.

Functional Elements

Table 5.27: Scope tab functional elements

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Run/Stop		Runs the scope/FFT with a default internal trigger (200 ms) if Trigger mode is disabled, or a configured trigger if Trigger mode is enabled.
Single		Acquires a single shot of samples.
Horizontal Mode	Time Domain / Freq Domain (FFT)	Switches between time and frequency domain display.
Shown Trigger	grey/green/yellow	When flashing, indicates that new scope shots are being captured and displayed in the plot area. The Trigger must not necessarily be enabled for this indicator to flash. A disabled trigger is equivalent to continuous acquisition. Scope shots with data loss are indicated by yellow. Such an invalid scope shot is not processed.
Length Mode & Value	Switches between length and duration display.	

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
	Length (pts) 16 to 2^{18} / 2^{17} / 2^{16} Sa for 1 / 2 / 3 or 4 channels;	The scope shot length is defined in number of samples. The duration is given by the number of samples divided by the sampling rate 2.0 GSa/s. The granularity is 16 Samples.
	Duration (s) 8 ns to 131 / 65 / 32 μ s for 1 / 2 / 3 or 4 channels;	The scope shot length is defined as a duration. The number of samples is given by the duration times the sampling rate 2.0 GSa/s. The resolution is 8 ns.
Channel N	Signal Input m (m is 1 to 2 or 1 to 4)	Select input source of the Scope channels.
Enable	ON / OFF	Activates the display of the corresponding scope channel.
Enable Hardware Averaging	ON / OFF	Enable hardware averaging where results are available and displayed only once all necessary shots have been acquired. As opposed to the EMA filter, the source data for hardware averaging is always the time trace before any postprocessing such as FFT.
Averages (HW)	1 to 65536	Number of shots to average on the Instrument before returning the data
Enable Average Filter	ON / OFF	Enable Exponential Moving Average (EMA) filter that is applied when the average of several scope shots is computed and displayed. Depending on the mode, the source data for averaging is either the Time or the Freq FFT trace.
Averages (EMA)	Integer from 1	Number of shots required to reach 63% setting. Twice the number of shots yields 86% setting.
Reset (EMA)		Resets the averaging filter.
Scope Display	ON / OFF	Display traces in a 1D plot.
2D Display	ON / OFF	Display traces in a 2D plot. In segment mode, the vertical axis shows the number of segments, the horizontal axis shows the length/duration of the shots. It can be used together with Scope Display.
Trends Display	ON / OFF	Display trends of monitored traces. It can be used together with the Scope Display.

Table 5.28: Scope Tab: Trigger Sub-Tab

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Enable	ON / OFF	When triggering is enabled scope shots are acquired every time the defined trigger condition is met. If disabled, scope shots are acquired continuously (every 200 ms).
Signal	Trigger Input nA and nB, Sequencer n Trigger Out, Sequencer n Monitor, Software Trigger. n is from 1 to 2 or 1 to 4	Selects the trigger source signal.
Delay (s)	-4 μ s to 131 μ s	Trigger position relative to reference. A positive delay results in less data being acquired before the trigger point, a negative delay results in more data being acquired before the trigger point. The delay resolution is 2 ns.
Enable Segments	ON / OFF	Enable segmented scope recording. This allows for full bandwidth recording of scope shots with a minimum dead time between individual shots.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Segments	1 to 1024	Specifies the number of segments to be recorded in device memory. The maximum scope length size is given by the available memory divided by the number of segments.
Shown Trigger	1 to 1024	Displays the number of triggered events since last start.

Table 5.29: Scope Tab: Advanced Sub-Tab

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
FFT Window	Rectangular Hann Hamming Blackman Harris Exponential (ring-down) Cosine (ring-down) Cosine squared (ring-down)	Seven different FFT windows to choose from. Each window function results in a different trade-off between amplitude accuracy and spectral leakage. Please check the literature to find the window function that best suits your needs.
Resolution (Hz)	8 / 15 / 30 kHz to 125 MHz for 1 / 2 / 3 or 4 channels	Spectral resolution defined by the reciprocal acquisition time (sample rate, number of samples recorded).
Spectral Density	ON / OFF	Calculate and show the spectral density. If power is enabled the power spectral density value is calculated. The spectral density is used to analyze noise.
Power	ON / OFF	Calculate and show the power value. To extract power spectral density (PSD) this button should be enabled together with Spectral Density.
Persistence	ON / OFF	Keeps previous scope shots in the display. The color scheme visualizes the number of occurrences at certain positions in the time and amplitude by a multi-color scheme.

Table 5.30: Scope Tab: History Sub-Tab

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
History	History	Each entry in the list corresponds to a single trace in the history. The number of traces displayed in the plot is limited to 20. Use the toggle buttons to hide or show individual traces. Use the color picker to change the color of a trace in the plot. Double click on a list entry to edit its name.
Length	0 to 4294967295	Maximum number of records in the history. The number of entries displayed in the list is limited to the 100 most recent ones.
Clear All		Remove all records from the history list.
Clear		Remove selected records from the history list.
Save		Save the traces in the history to a file accessible in the File Manager tab. The file contains the signals in the Vertical Axis Groups of the Control sub-tab. The data that is saved depends on the selection from the pull-down list. Save All: All traces are saved. Save Sel: The selected traces are saved.
File Name		Enter a name which is used as the head of the folder name to save the history into. An additional three-digit counter is added as the rest of the folder name automatically to identify consecutive files.
File Format		Select the file format in which to save the data.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Auto Save		Activate autosaving. When activated, any measurements already in the history are saved. Each subsequent measurement is then also saved. The autosave directory is identified by the text "autosave" in the name, e.g. "sweep_autosave_001". If autosave is active during continuous running of the module, each successive measurement is saved to the same directory. For single shot operation, a new directory is created containing all measurements in the history. Depending on the file format, the measurements are either appended to the same file, or saved in individual files. For HDF5 and ZView formats, measurements are appended to the same file. For MATLAB and SXM formats, each measurement is saved in a separate file.
Load file		Load data from a file into the history. Loading does not change the data type and range displayed in the plot, this has to be adapted manually if data is not shown.

5.2.6. DIO Tab

The DIO tab provides access to the settings and controls of the digital inputs and outputs. It is available on all SHFQA+ Instruments.


Features

- Monitor and control of 32-bit DIO port
- Communicate qubit states via 32-bit DIO port
- Configure Trigger Inputs and Marker Outputs

Description

The DIO tab is the main panel to control the digital inputs and outputs as well as the trigger levels. Whenever the tab is closed or an additional one of the same type is needed, clicking the following icon will open a new instance of the tab.

Table 5.31: App icon and short description

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
DIO		Gives access to all controls relevant for the digital inputs and outputs including DIO, Trigger Inputs, Trigger Outputs, and Marker Outputs.

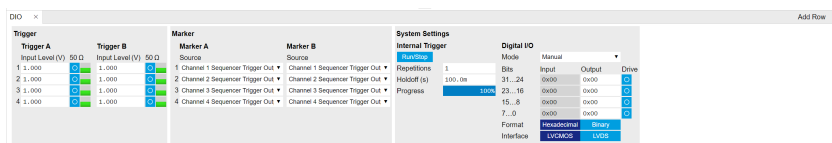


Figure 5.28: LabOne UI: DIO tab

The DIO tab includes 3 sub-tabs: **Trigger** for configuration of trigger input level and impedance, and monitor of trigger input status on the front panel; **Marker** for configuration of marker source sending out from the front panel; **System Settings** for configuration of the **internal trigger**, and the 32-bit **Digital I/O** ports on the back panel detailed in the next section.

Digital I/O

The Digital I/O has 3 operation modes: Manual means controlled manually, QA Sequencer n means controlled by QA Sequencer n, QA there are the 32-bit DIO port is in use.

Figure 5.29 shows the architecture of the DIO port. It features 32 bits that can be configured byte-wise as inputs or outputs by means of a drive signal. The digital output data is latched synchronously with the falling edge of the internal clock, which is running at 50 MHz. The internal sampling clock is available at the DOL pin of the DIO connector. Digital input data can either be sampled by the internal clock or by an external clock provided through the CLKI pin. A decimated version of the input clock is used to sample the input data. The Decimation unit counts the clocks to decimation and then latches the input data. The default decimation is 5625000, corresponding to a digital input sampling rate of 1 sample per second.

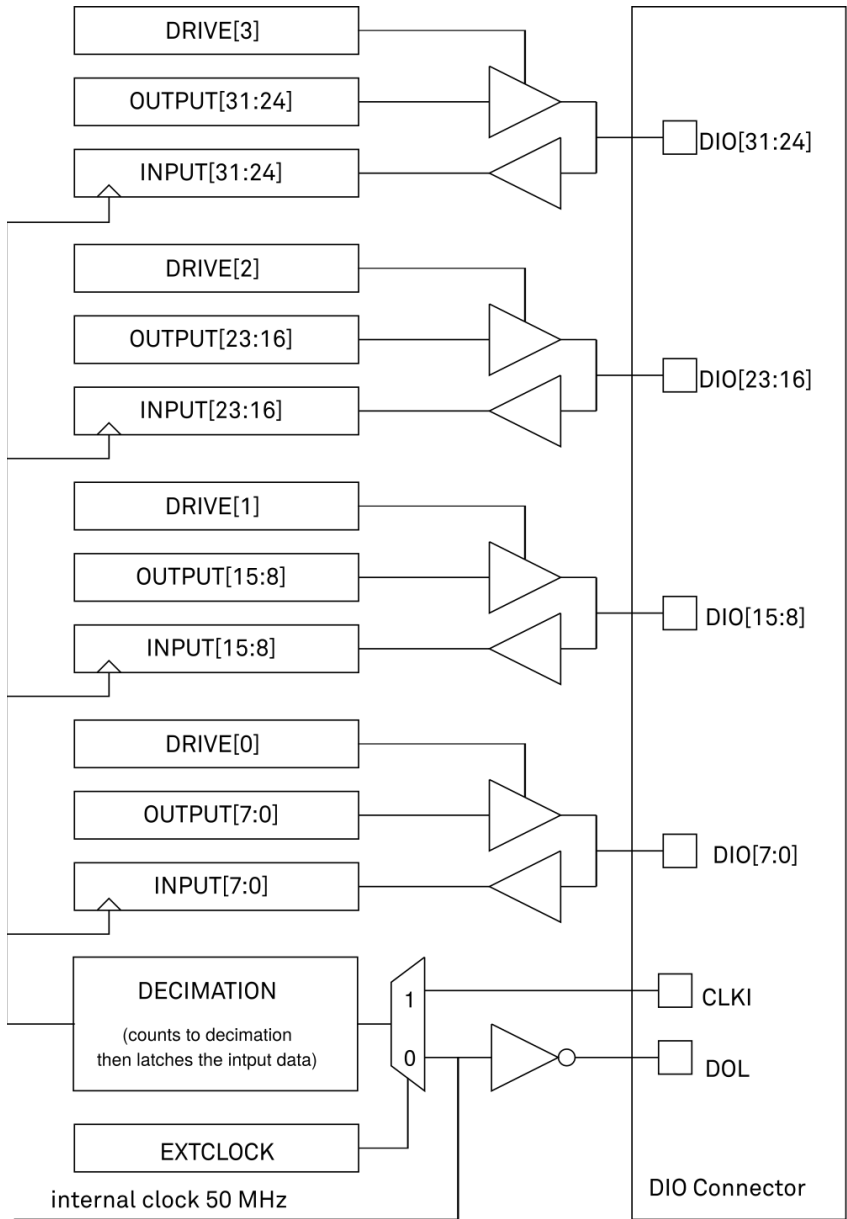


Figure 5.29: DIO input/output architecture

In **Manual** mode, each DIO pin can be controlled manually according to Figure 5.29 and the DIO interface specification is detailed in [Specifications](#).

In **QA Sequencer N** mode, each DIO pin output can be controlled in the SHFQA+ [Readout Pulse Generator Tab](#) Sequencer N (N indicates which Channel) by a SeqC command **setDIO**.

In **QA Results QCCS** mode, DIO pins are configured to send Readout Result after Thresholding. [Table 5.32](#) shows the mapping between DIO pins and input/output signals available when using the DIO connector to output qubit state measurement results. The direction is as seen from the SHFQA+ Instrument. In order to use these signals, the Digital I/O Mode and Drive setting have to be chosen accordingly.

Table 5.32: DIO signal assignment in QA Results QCCS Mode

DIOLink signal	DIO pin	Direction	Description
VALID	DIO[0]	OUT	valid bit
CW	DIO[4:1]	OUT	one-hot encoding of Readout Channel
CW	DIO[8:23]	OUT	quantized results for a maximum of 16 State Discriminations
reserved	DIO[24:31]	IN	incoming communication

[DIO Result communication](#) belows shows an example of multiple channel readout transmissions through DIO. Every readout is sent in a single message. A one-hot encoding of the readout channel is sent along with the readout on dedicated bits. The valid bit is set for every valid DIO transaction.

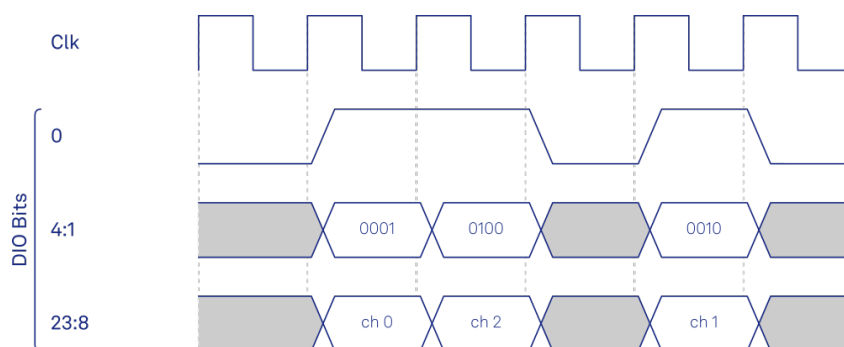


Figure 5.30: DIO Result communication

The QA Results QCCS mode of the DIO interface provides one way of communicating discriminated qubit states between 2 Instruments. For more than 2 Instruments, both qubit states and synchronization becomes essential. The following section explains how the ZSync interface works for both Instrument synchronization and feedback. Please note that ZSync settings are under the [Device Tab](#).

ZSync Interface

The ZSync link of the Zurich Instruments' [Quantum Computing Control System \(QCCS\)](#) enables Instrument synchronization and communication on the system level through the Zurich Instruments' [PQSC Programmable Quantum System Controller](#). This architecture is able to support quantum algorithms run in scalable quantum processors.

In particular, the ZSync links distribute the system clock to all Instruments and synchronize all Instruments to sub-nanosecond levels. Besides status monitoring to ensure quality and reliability of qubit tune-up routines, it provides a bidirectional data interface to send readout results to, or obtain sequence instructions from the PQSC.

The ZSync links adhere to strict real-time behavior: all data transfers are predictable to single clock cycle precision. In the SHFQA+, the link is optimized for maximum data transfer bandwidth to the central controller. For example, twice the bandwidth is reserved for results being transferred to the PQSC with respect to the allocated bandwidth for instructions that are received from the PQSC. This enables global feedback and error correction through centralized syndrome decoding and synchronized actions on the global QCCS system level.

Feedback through the PQSC

Note

More information on the ZSync, and how to properly link the SHFQA+ with the QCCS can be found in the user manual of the PQSC Programmable Quantum System Controller.

Using the **startQA-** command, the SHFQA+ or the Quantum Analyzer Channel of the SHFQC+ generates a readout result and forwards it to the PQSC over the ZSync. Depending on the address provided, the PQSC stores it in the register bank - the center of the feedback in the QCCS system. After processing, the PQSC then forwards the results to other devices in the QCCS, such as the SHFSG+.

The register bank requires a readout to have an address and a mask along with the readout data. Each component is sent in a separate ZSync message. The address is sent first, followed by the mask, and then the data, see Figure 5.31. To reduce latency, the address and the mask are sent during the readout, and the data is then sent as soon as the discriminated qubit results are ready.

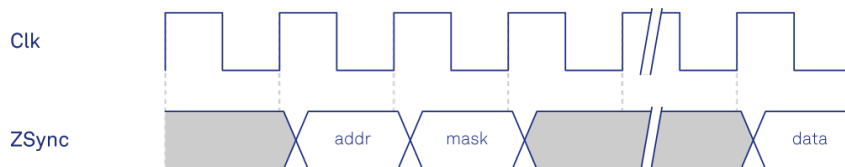
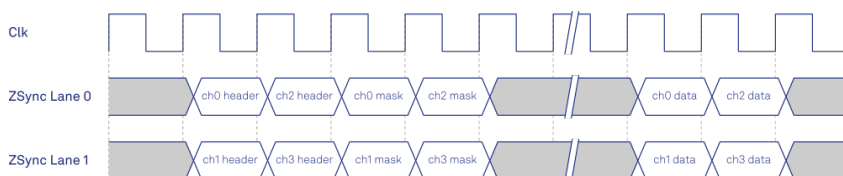


Figure 5.31: Readout Result communication via ZSync


For the SHFQA+ with multiple channels, the forwarding of the readout results is interleaved to reduce latency. For example, if all four readout channels perform a readout at the same time, the SHFQA+ transmits the results of two channels on a single lane of a dual-lane ZSync. On each lane, the SHFQA+ first sends the header and mask of the two readout channels during the readout. The data is then sent as soon as it is available.



Functional Elements

Table 5.33: Digital input and output channels, reference and trigger

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
DIO mode		Select DIO mode
	Manual	Enables manual control of the DIO output bits.
	Sequencer	Enables control of DIO values by the Sequencer.
	Result	Sends discriminated Readout Results to the DIO.
	QA Results QCCS	Enables setting of DIO output values by QA results compatible with the QCCS
	QA Sequencer 1	Enables setting of DIO output values by QA Sequencer 1 commands.
	QA Sequencer 2	Enables setting of DIO output values by QA Sequencer 2 commands.
	QA Sequencer 3	Enables setting of DIO output values by QA Sequencer 3 commands.
	QA Sequencer 4	Enables setting of DIO output values by QA Sequencer 4 commands.
DIO mode		Select DIO mode
	Manual	Enables manual control of the DIO output bits.
	QA Results	Sends discriminated readout results to the DIO.
	QA Sequencer 1	Enables control of DIO values by the sequencer of QA channel 1.
QA Result Overflow	grey/yellow/red	Red: present overflow condition on the DIO interface during readout. Yellow: indicates an overflow occurred in the past. An overflow can happen if readouts are triggered faster than the maximum possible data-rate of the DIO interface.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
DIO bits	label	Partitioning of the 32 bits of the DIO into 4 buses of 8 bits each. Each bus can be used as an input or output.
DIO input	numeric value in either Hex or Binary format	Current digital values at the DIO input port.
DIO output	numeric value in either hexadecimal or binary format	Digital output values. Enable drive to apply the signals to the output.
DIO drive	ON / OFF	When on, the corresponding 8-bit bus is in output mode. When off, it is in input mode.
Format		Select DIO view format.
	Hexadecimal	DIO view format is hexadecimal.
	Binary	DIO view format is binary.
Clock		Select DIO internal or external clocking.
Interface		Selects the interface standard to use on the 32-bit DIO interface. This setting is persistent across device reboots.
	LVC MOS	A single-ended, 3.3V CMOS interface is used.
	LVDS	A differential, LVDS compatible interface is used.
Trigger level		Trigger voltage level at which the trigger input toggles between low and high. Use 50% amplitude for digital input and consider the trigger hysteresis.
50 Ω	50 Ω /1 k Ω	Trigger input impedance: When on, the trigger input impedance is 50 Ω , when off 1 k Ω .
Trigger Input Low status		Indicates the current low level trigger state.
	Off	A low state is not being triggered.
	On	A low state is being triggered.
Trigger Input High status		Indicates the current high level trigger state.
	Off	A high state is not being triggered.
	On	A high state is being triggered.
Marker output signal		Select the signal assigned to the marker output.
Delay (s)		This delay adds an offset that acts only on the trigger/marker output. The total delay to the trigger/marker output is the sum of this value and the value of the output delay node.
Run/Stop		Enable internal trigger generator.
Repetitions		Number of triggers to be generated.
Holdoff		Hold-off time between generated triggers.
Progress		The fraction of the triggers generated so far.
Synchronization		Enable synchronization. Trigger generation will only start once all synchronization participants have reported a ready status. Synchronization checks will be repeated with the same trigger generation settings (holdoff and repetitions) until synchronization is disabled.

5.2.7. Readout Pulse Generator Tab

The Readout Pulse Generator tab is the main control panel for readout measurement sequences. It is available on all SHFQA+ Instruments.

Features Overview

- 1 Sequencer for each Readout Channel
- 8 or 16 readout waveform memory slots, 4 kSa for each memory slot
- 8 or 16 integration weights memory slots, 4 kSa for each memory slot
- Sequence branching
- Access to multiple internal triggers
- Interface to DIO and ZSync for synchronization and feedback
- High-level programming language
- Display waveforms in waveform memory and integration weight units

Description

Table 5.34: App icon and short description

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Generator		Generate readout measurement sequences.

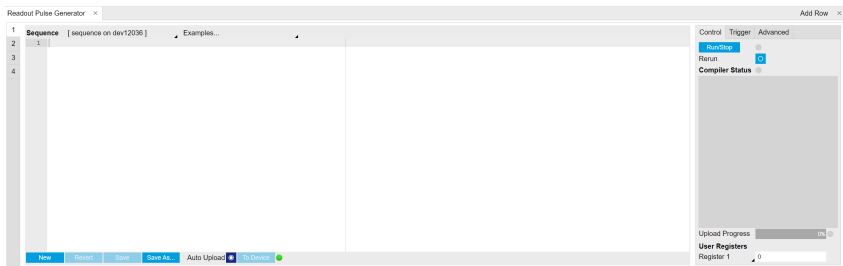


Figure 5.32: SHFQA+ Readout Pulse Generator Tab

The **Sequencer Editor** can be considered the central control unit of the SHFQA+ as it has access to the playback of the Waveform Memories to generate Readout Pulses, the start of the Integration of the Readout Signals from the experiment and the communication with additional devices through the DIO or ZSync. The programming language **SeqC** is based on C and specified in detail in [SeqC language](#). In contrast to other AWG Sequencers, e.g. from the HDAWG, it does not provide writing access to the Waveform Memories and hence does not come with predefined waveforms. The stricter separation between Sequencer and Waveform Memory allows implementation of more advanced and application-specific features, e.g. Time-Staggered Readout, while still providing real-time sequencing.

The Sequencer features a compiler which translates the high-level sequence program ([SeqC](#)) into machine instructions to be stored in the Instrument sequencer memory. The sequence program is written using high-level control structures and syntax that are inspired by human language, whereas machine instructions reflect exactly what happens on the hardware level. Writing the sequence program using [SeqC](#) represents a more natural and efficient way of working in comparison to writing lists of machine instructions, which is the traditional way of programming AWGs. Concretely, the improvements rely on features such as:

- Waveform playback and sequencing in a single script
- Easily readable syntax and naming for run-time variables and constants
- Definition of user functions and procedures for advanced structuring
- Syntax validation

By design, there is no one-to-one link between the list of statements in the high-level language and the list of instructions executed by the Sequencer. In order to understand the execution timing, it's helpful to consider the internal architecture of the Readout Pulse Generator, consisting of the Sequencer itself, and the [Waveform Memory](#) including a Waveform Player.

On the **Control** sub-tab the user configures signal parameters and controls the execution of the sequencer. The sequencer can be started by clicking on **Run/Stop**. When enabling the **Rerun** button, the Sequencer will be restarted automatically when its program completes. The **Compiler Status** shows whether compilation is successful, or generated warnings or errors.

On the **Trigger** sub-tab users can configure the trigger inputs of the sequencer and control the Hardware Trigger Engine functionality of the Instrument. The sequencer can be triggered by Digital trigger source including DIO trigger or ZSync trigger. Only Digital trigger and DIO trigger are

configured in this sub-tab. ZSync trigger is configured in [Device Tab](#). There are 2 digital triggers that can be configured for each sequencer. The options of Digital trigger source include,

- the physical trigger input A and B of all channels,
- the sequencer trigger defined in all sequencers, such as through the command **setTrigger**,
- the readout done of all channels,
- the software trigger.

The sequencer can also be triggered by DIO trigger input with chosen Valid bit and Polarity (see [DIO Tab](#))

The **Advanced** sub-tab displays the compiled list of sequencer instructions and the current state of the sequencer on the Instrument. This can help an advanced user in debugging a sequence program and understanding its execution.

Sequencer Operation

Every pulse sequence requires defining a SeqC program. For an example of how to define and upload a sequence, see the [Pulse Spectroscopy Tutorial](#). The status of the upload can be monitored via the [Ready node](#). Once it returns true, the compilation is successful and the program is transferred to the device. If the compilation fails, the [Status node](#) will display debug messages.

After successful uploading of a sequence to the Instrument, the Sequencer can be started using the [Enable node](#).

If the Sequencer should wait for a Trigger Input Signal, it can either directly wait for a [ZSync Trigger](#), or access the [Auxiliary Triggers](#).

With the SHFQA+ utility functions, the above-mentioned steps can be realized by a single function. A set of Python API examples can be found in [GitHub](#)

All nodes for the Sequencer can be accessed through the node trees,

```
/dev....qachannels/n/generator/...
```

and

```
/dev....qachannels/n/generator/sequencer/....
```

SeqC

The syntax of the LabOne AWG Sequencer programming language is based on C, but with a few simplifications. Each statement is concluded with a semicolon, several statements can be grouped with curly brackets, and comment lines are identified with a double slash.

The following example shows some of the fundamental functionalities: repeated playback, triggering, and single/dual-channel waveform playback and readout. See [Tutorials](#) for a step-by-step introduction with more examples. The command **waitZSyncTrigger** is used to wait a trigger from [PQSC Programmable Quantum System Controller](#) via ZSync. Alternatively, an external digital trigger from the front panel or an internal trigger can also be used to start the sequence by the command **waitDigTrigger**. The first **playZero** sets the delay between the trigger and the first readout pulse, and the second **playZero** sets the delay between the first and the second readout pulse. The command **startQA** sends out internal triggers to play readout pulses saved in the waveform memory, to start integrations with waveforms saved in the integration weight units, and to send a Sequencer monitor trigger which can be used to trigger the Scope. The third **playZero** ensures that the previous commands **playZero** are finished.

```
// repeat sequence 100 times
repeat (100) {
    // wait for a trigger over ZSync. Assume the trigger period is longer than
    the cycle time
    waitZSyncTrigger();

    // alternatively wait for a trigger from digital trigger 1
    // waitDigTrigger(1);
```

```

// wait for 4096 Samples between the trigger and the first readout pulse
// Note: this playZero command does not yet block the sequencer
playZero(4096);

// define how many samples to wait between the two upcoming startQA commands
// Note: this command blocks the sequencer until the previous playZero
command is finished
playZero(4096);

// play the pulse stored in Waveform Memory slot 0 and read out using
Integration Weight 0
startQA(QA_GEN_0, QA_INT_0, true, 0x0, 0x0);

// minimal duration playZero command to wait until the previous playZero
command is finished
playZero(32);

// play the pulse stored in Waveform Memory slot 0, 1 and 2, and read out
using all Integration Weights
startQA(QA_GEN_0|QA_GEN_1|QA_GEN_2, QA_INT_ALL, true, 0x0, 0x0);
}

```

Keywords and Comments

The following table lists the keywords used in the LabOne AWG Sequencer language.

Table 5.35: Programming keywords

Keyword	Description
<code>const</code>	Constant declaration
<code>var</code>	Integer variable declaration
<code>cvar</code>	Compile-time variable declaration
<code>string</code>	Constant string declaration
<code>true</code>	Boolean true constant
<code>false</code>	Boolean false constant
<code>for</code>	For-loop declaration
<code>while</code>	While-loop declaration
<code>repeat</code>	Repeat-loop declaration
<code>if</code>	If-statement
<code>else</code>	Else-part of an if-statement
<code>switch</code>	Switch-statement
<code>case</code>	Case-statement within a switch
<code>default</code>	Default-statement within a switch
<code>return</code>	Return from function or procedure, optionally with a return value

The following code example shows how to use comments.

```

const a = 10; // This is a line comment. Everything between the double
              // slash and the end of the line will be ignored.

/* This is a block comment. Everything between the start-of-block-comment and

```


`end-of-block-comment` markers is ignored.

For example, the following statement will be ignored by the compiler.

```
const b = 100;
*/
```

Constants and Variables

Constants may be used to make the program more readable. They may be of integer or floating-point type. It must be possible for the compiler to compute the value of a constant at compile time, i.e., on the host computer. Constants are declared using the **const** keyword.

Compile-time variables may be used in computations and loop iterations during compile time, e.g. to create large numbers of waveforms in a loop. They may be of integer or floating-point type. They are used in a similar way as constants, except that they can change their value during compile time operations. Compile-time variables are declared using the **cvar** keyword.

Variables may be used for making simple computations during run time, i.e., on the Instrument. The Sequencer supports integer variables, addition, and subtraction. Not supported are floating-point variables, multiplication, and division. Typical uses of variables are to step waiting times, to output DIO values, or to tag digital measurement data with a numerical identifier. Variables are declared using the **var** keyword.

The following code example shows how to use variables.

```
var b = 100; // Create and initialize a variable

// Repeat the following block of statements 100 times
repeat (100) {
    b = b + 1; // Increment b
    wait(b);   // Wait 'b' cycles
}
```

The following table shows the predefined constants. These constants are intended to be used as arguments in certain run-time evaluated functions that encode device parameters with integer numbers.

Constants whose value is marked as "opaque" are meant to always be used instead of their numerical value.

Table 5.36: Predefined Constants

Name	Value	Description
M_E	2.71828182845904523536028747135266250	e
M_LOG2E	1.44269504088896340735992468100189214	log ₂ (e)
M_LOG10E	0.434294481903251827651128918916605082	log ₁₀ (e)
M_LN2	0.693147180559945309417232121458176568	log _e (2)
M_LN10	2.30258509299404568401799145468436421	log _e (10)
M_PI	3.14159265358979323846264338327950288	pi
M_PI_2	1.57079632679489661923132169163975144	pi/2
M_PI_4	0.785398163397448309615660845819875721	pi/4
M_1_PI	0.318309886183790671537767526745028724	1/pi
M_2_PI	0.636619772367581343075535053490057448	2/pi
M_2_SQRTPI	1.12837916709551257389615890312154517	2/sqrt(pi)
M_SQRT2	1.41421356237309504880168872420969808	sqrt(2)
M_SQRT1_2	0.707106781186547524400844362104849039	1/sqrt(2)

Numbers can be expressed using either of the following formatting.

```
const a = 10;           // Integer notation
const b = -10;          // Negative number
const h = 0xdeadbeef;   // Hexadecimal integer
const bin = 0b10101;    // Binary integer
const f = 0.1e-3;       // Floating point number.
const not_float = 10e3; // Not a floating point number
```

Booleans are specified with the keywords `true` and `false`. Furthermore, all numbers that evaluate to a nonzero value are considered `true`. All numbers that evaluate to zero are considered `false`.

Strings are delimited using `"` and are interpreted as constants. Strings may be concatenated using the `+` operator.

```
string AWG_PATH = "awgs/0/";
string AWG_GAIN_PATH = AWG_PATH + "gains/0/";
```

Waveform Playback and Predefined Functions

The following table contains the definition of functions for waveform playback and other purposes.

void setDIO(var value)

Writes the value as a 32-bit value to the DIO bus.

The value can be either a `const` or a `var` value. Configure the Mode setting in the DIO tab when using this command. The DIO interface speed of 50 MHz limits the rate at which the DIO output value is updated.

Args:

- **value:** The value to write to the DIO (`const` or `var`)

var getDIO()

Reads a 32-bit value from the DIO bus.

Returns:

`var` containing the read value

var getDIOTriggered()

Reads a 32-bit value from the DIO bus as recorded at the last DIO trigger position.

Returns:

`var` containing the read value

void setTrigger(var value)

Sets the Sequencer Trigger output signals.

The state of the two Sequencer Trigger output signals is defined by the bits in the binary representation of the integer value. Allowed parameter values are 0 to 3. For higher integer values, only the two least-significant bits will have an effect. Binary notation of the form `0b00` is recommended for readability.

Args:

- **value:** to be written to the trigger distribution unit

void wait(var cycles)

Waits for the given number of Sequencer clock cycles (4 ns per cycle). The execution of the instruction adds an offset of 2 clock cycles, i.e., the statement `wait(3)` leads to a waiting time of $5 * 4 \text{ ns} = 20 \text{ ns}$.

Note: the minimum waiting time amounts to 3 cycles, which means that `wait(0)` and `wait(1)` will both result in a waiting time of $3 * 4 \text{ ns} = 12 \text{ ns}$.

Args:

- **cycles**: number of cycles to wait

void waitDIOTrigger()

Waits until the DIO interface trigger is active. The trigger is specified by the Strobe Index and Strobe Slope settings in the AWG Sequencer tab.

var getDigTrigger(const index)

Gets the state of the indexed Digital Trigger input (1 or 2).

The physical signal connected to the Digital Trigger input is to be configured in the Readout section of the Quantum Analyzer Setup tab.

Args:

- **index**: index of the Digital Trigger input to be read; can be either 1 or 2

Returns:

trigger state, either 0 or 1

void error(string msg,...)

Throws the given error message when reached.

Args:

- **msg**: Message to be displayed

void info(string msg,...)

Returns the specified message when reached.

Args:

- **msg**: Message to be displayed

void setUserReg(const register, var value)

Writes a value to one of the User Registers (indexed 0 to 15).

The User Registers may be used for communicating information to the LabOne User Interface or a running API program.

Args:

- **register**: The register index (0 to 15) to be written to
- **value**: The integer value to be written

var getUserReg(const register)

Reads the value from one of the User Registers (indexed 0 to 15). The User Registers may be used for communicating information to the LabOne User Interface or a running API program.

Args:

- **register:** The register to be read (0 to 15)

Returns:

current register value

void playZero(var samples)

Zero Playback, which can be used to specify spacings in number of samples at the sample rate of 2 GSa/s between the execution times of commands, such as startQA. Each playZero command blocks the execution of subsequent commands when a previous Zero Playback is already running. Note: the playback of actual waveforms with the startQA command happens in parallel to the Zero Playback, in contrast to the HDAWG and SHFSG!

Args:

- **samples:** Number of samples for the spacing. The minimal spacing is 32 samples and the granularity is 16 samples.

void playZero(var samples, const rate)

Zero Playback, which can be used to specify spacings in number of samples between the execution times of commands, such as startQA. Each playZero command blocks the execution of subsequent commands when a previous Zero Playback is already running. Note: the playback of actual waveforms with the startQA command happens in parallel to the Zero Playback, in contrast to the HDAWG and SHFSG!

Args:

- **rate:** Sample rate with which the spacing is specified. Divides the device sample rate by 2^{rate} . Note: this rate does not affect the sample rate of the QA waveform generator (startQA command).
- **samples:** Number of samples for the spacing. The minimal spacing is 32 samples and the granularity is 16 samples.

void waitDigTrigger(const index)

Waits for the reception of a trigger signal on the indexed Digital Trigger (index 1 or 2). The physical signals connected to the two AWG Digital Triggers are to be configured in the Trigger sub-tab of the AWG Sequencer tab. The Digital Triggers are configured separately for each AWG Core.

Args:

- **index:** Index of the digital trigger input; can be either 1 or 2.

void configFreqSweep(const oscillator_index, const freq_start, const freq_increment)

Configures a frequency sweep.

Args:

- **freq_increment:** Specify how much to increment the frequency for each step of the sweep [Hz]
- **freq_start:** Specify the start frequency value for the sweep [Hz]
- **oscillator_index:** Index of the oscillator that will be used for the sweep

void resetOscPhase(const mask)

Reset the phase of the oscillators specified by the binary mask argument. Each AWG core can access the oscillators of its QA/SGCHANNEL.

Args:

- **mask**: one-hot encoding to reset phase of individual oscillators

void resetOscPhase()

Reset the phase of all oscillators controllable by the AWG core.

Reset the phase of the oscillator controllable by the sequencer. Each sequencer can control the oscillator of its QACHANNEL.

void setSweepStep(const oscillator_index, var sweep_index)

Executes a step within a frequency sweep.

Args:

- **oscillator_index**: Index of the oscillator that will be used for the sweep
- **sweep_index**: Sets the step index, from which the frequency is set

void setOscFreq(const oscillator_index, const freq)

Configures the frequency of an oscillator.

Args:

- **freq**: Frequency to be set [Hz]
- **oscillator_index**: Index of oscillator

var getFeedback(const data_type)

Read the last received feedback message. The argument specify which data the function should return.

Args:

- **data_type**: Specifies which data the function should return: ZSYNC_DATA_RAW: Returns the last ZSync message received.

Returns:

var containing the read value

var getFeedback(const data_type, var wait_cycles)

Read the last received feedback message. The argument specify which data the function should return.

Args:

- **data_type**: Specifies which data the function should return: ZSYNC_DATA_RAW: Returns the last ZSync message received.
- **wait_cycles**: Wait for the specified number of cycles after the most recent waitZSyncTrigger() instruction.

Returns:

var containing the read value

void waitZSyncTrigger()

Waits for a trigger over ZSync.

```
void startQA(const waveform_generator_mask, const weighted_integrator_mask,
const monitor, const result_address, const trigger)
```

Starts the Quantum Analysis (QA) Readout Waveform Generation, Integration, and Result units.

Args:

- **monitor**: Enable the Sequencer Monitor Trigger, which is issued simultaneously with the start of the weighted integration units. In addition to setting this argument to true, the Sequencer Monitor Trigger must be selected as trigger source for the SHFQA Scope in order to align the start of the time trace to the start of the weighted integration. Default: false.
- **result_address**: Specify the address of the PQSC readout register in which to store the readout result from this SHFQA. Please refer to the PQSC user manual for more details. Default: 0x0
- **trigger**: Sets the sequencer trigger output in the same manner as the setTrigger() command. Default: 0b00
- **waveform_generator_mask**: Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask. Providing a value for this argument is mandatory. The mask can be specified using the predefined constants QA_GEN_n, where n is an index ranging from 0 to 15, except for the 2-channel SHFQA without 16W option, where the range only spans from 0 to 7. To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator | (bit-wise OR). The constant QA_GEN_ALL can be used to enable all units simultaneously. NOTE: the signals from simultaneously enabled Waveform Generation units are combined by a digital adder.
- **weighted_integrator_mask**: Integration unit enable mask, default: QA_INT_ALL. The mask can be specified using the predefined constants QA_INT_n, where n is an index ranging from 0 to 15, except for the 2-channel SHFQA without 16W option, where the range only spans from 0 to 7. To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator | (bit-wise OR). The constant QA_INT_ALL can be used to enable all units simultaneously.

Expressions

Expressions may be used for making computations based on mathematical functions and operators. There are two kinds of expressions: those evaluated at compile time (when the sequencer program is compiled on the computer), and those evaluated at run time.

Compile-time evaluated expressions only involve constants (**const**) or compile-time variables (**cvar**) and can be computed at compile time by the host computer. Such expressions can make use of standard mathematical functions and floating point arithmetic.

Run-time evaluated expressions involve variables (**var**) and are evaluated by the Sequencer on the Instrument. Due to the limited computational capabilities of the Sequencer, these expressions may only operate on integer numbers and there are less operators available than at compile time.

The following table contains the list of mathematical functions supported at compile time.

Table 5.37: Mathematical Functions

Function	Description
const abs(const c)	absolute value
const acos(const c)	inverse cosine
const acosh(const c)	hyperbolic inverse cosine
const asin(const c)	inverse sine
const asinh(const c)	hyperbolic inverse sine
const atan(const c)	inverse tangent
const atanh(const c)	hyperbolic inverse tangent
const cos(const c)	cosine
const cosh(const c)	hyperbolic cosine
const exp(const c)	exponential function
const ln(const c)	logarithm to base e (2.71828...)

Function	Description
const log(const c)	logarithm to the base 10
const log2(const c)	logarithm to the base 2
const log10(const c)	logarithm to the base 10
const sign(const c)	sign function -1 if $x < 0$; 1 if $x > 0$
const sin(const c)	sine
const sinh(const c)	hyperbolic sine
const sqrt(const c)	square root
const tan(const c)	tangent
const tanh(const c)	hyperbolic tangent
const ceil(const c)	smallest integer value not less than the argument
const round(const c)	round to nearest integer
const floor(const c)	largest integer value not greater than the argument
const avg(const c1, const c2,...)	mean value of all arguments
const max(const c1, const c2,...)	maximum of all arguments
const min(const c1, const c2,...)	minimum of all arguments
const pow(const base, const exp)	first argument raised to the power of second argument
const sum(const c1, const c2,...)	sum of all arguments

The following table contains the list of predefined mathematical constants. These can be used for convenience in compile-time evaluated expressions.

Table 5.38: Predefined Constants

Name	Value	Description
AWG_RATE_2000MHZ	0	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 2.0 GHz.
AWG_RATE_1000MHZ	1	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 1.0 GHz.
AWG_RATE_500MHZ	2	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 500 MHz.
AWG_RATE_250MHZ	3	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 250 MHz.
AWG_RATE_125MHZ	4	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 125 MHz.
AWG_RATE_62P5MHZ	5	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 62.5 MHz.
AWG_RATE_31P25MHZ	6	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 31.25 MHz.
AWG_RATE_15P63MHZ	7	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 15.63 MHz.
AWG_RATE_7P81MHZ	8	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 7.81 MHz.
AWG_RATE_3P9MHZ	9	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 3.9 MHz.
AWG_RATE_1P95MHZ	10	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 1.95 MHz.
AWG_RATE_976KHZ	11	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 976 kHz.
AWG_RATE_488KHZ	12	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 488 kHz.
AWG_RATE_244KHZ	13	Constant to set Sampling Rate to 244 kHz.
DEVICE_SAMPLE_RATE	<actual device sample rate>	
ZSYNC_DATA_RAW	opaque	Constant to use as argument to getFeedback. Returns the last ZSync message received.

Name	Value	Description
QA_INT_0	(1 << 0)	Constant to enable Integration unit 0 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_1	(1 << 1)	Constant to enable Integration unit 1 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_2	(1 << 2)	Constant to enable Integration unit 2 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_3	(1 << 3)	Constant to enable Integration unit 3 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_4	(1 << 4)	Constant to enable Integration unit 4 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_5	(1 << 5)	Constant to enable Integration unit 5 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_6	(1 << 6)	Constant to enable Integration unit 6 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_7	(1 << 7)	Constant to enable Integration unit 7 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_8	(1 << 8)	Constant to enable Integration unit 8 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_9	(1 << 9)	Constant to enable Integration unit 9 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_10	(1 << 10)	Constant to enable Integration unit 10 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_11	(1 << 11)	Constant to enable Integration unit 11 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator

Name	Value	Description
QA_INT_12	$(1 \ll 12)$	Constant to enable Integration unit 12 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_13	$(1 \ll 13)$	Constant to enable Integration unit 13 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_14	$(1 \ll 14)$	Constant to enable Integration unit 14 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_15	$(1 \ll 15)$	Constant to enable Integration unit 15 in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_INT_ALL	$(1 \ll 16) - 1$	Constant to enable all Integration units in the Integration unit enable mask of the function startQA().
QA_GEN_0	$(1 \ll 0)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 0 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_1	$(1 \ll 1)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 1 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_2	$(1 \ll 2)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 2 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_3	$(1 \ll 3)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 3 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_4	$(1 \ll 4)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 4 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_5	$(1 \ll 5)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 5 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator

Name	Value	Description
QA_GEN_6	$(1 \ll 6)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 6 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_7	$(1 \ll 7)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 7 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_8	$(1 \ll 8)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 8 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_9	$(1 \ll 9)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 9 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_10	$(1 \ll 10)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 10 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_11	$(1 \ll 11)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 11 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_12	$(1 \ll 12)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 12 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_13	$(1 \ll 13)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 13 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_14	$(1 \ll 14)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 14 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_15	$(1 \ll 15)$	Constant to enable Readout Waveform Generator unit 15 in the Readout Waveform Generator unit enable mask of the function startQA(). To construct more elaborate masks that enable multiple units, combine these predefined constants using the operator
QA_GEN_ALL	$(1 \ll 16) - 1$	Constant to enable all Waveform Generator units in the waveform generator unit enable mask of the function startQA().

Control Structures

Functions may be declared using the **var** keyword. **Procedures** may be declared using the **void** keyword. Functions must return a value, which should be specified using the **return** keyword. Procedures can not return values. Functions and procedures may be declared with an arbitrary number of arguments. The **return** keyword may also be used without arguments to return from an arbitrary point within the function or procedure. Functions and procedures may contain variable and constant declarations. These declarations are local to the scope of the function or procedure.

```
var function_name(argument1, argument2, ...) {
    // Statements to be executed as part of the function.
    return constant-or-variable;
}
void procedure_name(argument1, argument2, ...) {
    // Statements to be executed as part of the procedure.

    // Optional return statement
    return;
}
```

An **if-then-else** structure is used to create a conditional branching point in a sequencer program.

```
// If-then-else statement syntax
if (expression) {
    // Statements to execute if 'expression' evaluates to 'true'.
} else {
    // Statements to execute if 'expression' evaluates to 'false'.
}

// If-then-else statement short syntax
(expression)?(statement if true):(statement if false)

// If-then-else statement example
const REQUEST_BIT = 0x0001;
const ACKNOWLEDGE_BIT = 0x0002;
const IDLE_BIT = 0x8000;
var dio = getDIO();

if (dio & REQUEST_BIT) {
    dio = dio | ACKNOWLEDGE_BIT;
    setDIO(dio);
} else {
    dio = dio | IDLE_BIT;
    setDIO(dio);
}
```

A **switch-case** structure serves to define a conditional branching point similarly to the **if-then-else** statement, but is used to split the sequencer thread into more than two branches. Unlike the **if-then-else** structure, the switch statement is synchronous, which means that the execution time is the same for all branches and determined by the execution time of the longest branch. If no default case is provided and no case matches the condition, all cases will be skipped. The case arguments need to be of type **const**.

```
// Switch-case statement syntax
switch (expression) {
    case const-expression:
        expression;
    ...
default:
    expression;
}

// Switch-case statement example
switch (getDIO()) {
```

```

    case 0:
        startQA(QA_GEN_0, QA_INT_0, true, 0x0, 0x0);
    case 1:
        startQA(QA_GEN_1, QA_INT_1, true, 0x0, 0x0);
    case 2:
        startQA(QA_GEN_2, QA_INT_2, true, 0x0, 0x0);
    default:
        startQA(QA_GEN_3, QA_INT_3, true, 0x0, 0x0);
}

```

The **for loop** is used to iterate through a code block several times. The initialization statement is executed before the loop starts. The end-expression is evaluated at the start of each iteration and determines when the loop should stop. The loop is executed as long as this expression is **true**. The iteration-expression is executed at the end of each loop iteration. Depending on how the for loop is set up, it can be either evaluated at compile time or at run time. For a run-time evaluated for loop, use the **var** data type as a loop index. To ensure that a loop is evaluated at compile time, use the **cvar** data type as a loop index. Furthermore, the compile-time for loop should only contain waveform generation/editing operations and it can't contain any variables of type **var**.

The following code example shows both versions of the loop.

```

// For loop syntax
for (initialization; end-expression; iteration-expression) {
    // Statements to execute while end-expression evaluates to true
}

// For loop example (compile-time execution)
cvar i;
wave w_pulses;
for (i = 0; i < 10; i = i + 1) {
    startQA(QA_GEN_0<<1, QA_INT_0, true, 0x0, 0x0);
}

// For loop example (run-time execution)
var k;
var j;
for (j = 9; j >= 0; j = j - 1) {
    startQA(QA_GEN_0, QA_INT_0, true, 0x0, 0x0);
    k += j;
}

```

The **while** loop is a simplified version of the **for** loop. The end-expression is evaluated at the start of each loop iteration. The contents of the loop are executed as long as this expression is **true**. Like the **for** loop, this loop comes in a compile-time version (if the end-expression involves only **cvar** and **const**) and in a run-time version (if the end-expression involves also **var** data types).

```

// While loop syntax
while (end-expression) {
    // Statements to execute while end-expression evaluates to true
}

// While loop example
const STOP_BIT = 0x8000;
var run = 1;
var i = 0;
var dio = 0;
while (run) {
    dio = getDIO();
    run = dio & STOP_BIT;
    dio = dio | (i & 0xff);
    setDIO(dio);
    i = i + 1;
}

```

The **repeat** loop is a simplified version of the for loop. It repeats the contents of the loop a fixed number of times. In contrast to the **for** loop, the repetition number of the repeat loop must be

known at compile time, i.e., const-expression can only depend on constants and not on variables. Unlike the **for** and the **while** loop, this loop comes only in a run-time version. Thus, no **cvar** data types may be modified in the loop body.

```
// Repeat loop syntax
repeat (constant-expression) {
    // Statements to execute
}

// Repeat loop example
repeat (100) {
    setDIO(0x1);
    wait(10);
    setDIO(0x0);
    wait(10);
}
```

Waveform Memory

The Waveform Memory stores the different complex-valued arbitrary waveforms that are used to readout the qubits. They can be accessed through `/dev.../qachannels/n/generator/waveforms/n/wave` and have a maximal length of 4096 samples and a vertical range between -1 and 1 relative to the full scale of the Output Range.

Functional Elements

Table 5.39: SHFQA+ Readout Pulse Generator: Control sub-tab

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Start	ON/OFF	Run the Generator Sequencer.
Rerun	ON/OFF	Puts the Sequencer into single-shot mode or rerun mode.
Status		Display compiler errors and warnings.
Compile Status	grey/green/yellow/red	Sequence program compilation status. Grey: No compilation started yet. Green: Compilation successful. Yellow: Compiler warnings (see status field). Red: Compilation failed (see status field).
Upload Progress	0% to 100%	The percentage of the sequencer program already uploaded to the device.
Upload Status	grey/yellow/green	Indicates the upload status of the compiled sequence. Grey: Nothing has been uploaded. Yellow: Upload in progress. Green: Compiled sequence has been uploaded.
Register Selector	1 to 16	Select the number of the user register value to be edited.
Register	0 to 2^{32}	Integer user register value. The sequencer has reading and writing access to the user register values during run time.
Input File		External source code file to be compiled.
Example File		Load pre-installed example sequence program.
New		Create a new sequence program.
Revert		Undo the changes made to the current program and go back to the contents of the original file.
Save (Ctrl+S)		Compile and save the current program displayed in the Sequence Editor. Overwrites the original file.
Save As... (Ctrl+Shift+S)		Compile and save the current program displayed in the Sequence Editor under a new name.

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Automatic Upload	ON / OFF	If enabled, the sequence program is automatically uploaded to the device after clicking Save and if the compilation was successful.
To Device		Sequence program will be compiled and, if the compilation was successful, uploaded to the device.

Table 5.40: SHFQA+ Readout Pulse Generator: Trigger sub-tab

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Status	grey/green/yellow/red	Displays the status of the sequence on the Instrument. Off: Ready, not running. Green: Running, not waiting for any trigger event. Yellow: Running, waiting for a trigger event. Red: Not Ready.
Digital Trigger	1 or 2	Choose Digital Trigger 1 or Digital Trigger 2
Signal		Selects Digital Trigger source signal. Navigate through the tree view that appears and click on the required signal.
Valid Index		Selects the index n of the DIO interface bit (notation DIO[n] in the Specification chapter of the User Manual) to be used as a VALID signal input, i.e. a qualifier indicating that a valid codeword is available on the DIO interface.
Valid Polarity		Polarity of the VALID bit that indicates that a codeword is available on the DIO interface.
Low	VALID bit must be logical low.	
High	VALID bit must be logical high.	
Both	VALID bit may be logical high or logical low.	
None	VALID bit is ignored.	

Table 5.41: SHFQA+ Readout Pulse Generator: Advanced sub-tab

Control/Tool	Option/Range	Description
Assembly	string	Displays the current sequence program in compiled form. Every line corresponds to one hardware instruction and requires one clock cycle (4 ns) for execution.
Status	running/idle/waiting	Displays the status of the sequencer on the Instrument. Off: Ready, not running. Green: Running, not waiting for any trigger event. Yellow: Running, waiting for a trigger event. Red: Not ready (e.g., pending elf download, no elf downloaded)
Mem Usage	0% to 100%	Size of the current sequence program relative to the device cache memory. The cache memory provides space for a maximum of 16384 instructions.

6. Specifications

Important

Unless otherwise stated, all specifications apply after 30 minutes of instrument warm-up.

For measurements **in which high gate fidelity** is crucial, it is highly recommended to enable all required outputs and inputs and wait for 2 hours after powering on the instrument.

Important

Important changes in the specification parameters are explicitly mentioned in the revision history of this document.

6.1. General Specifications

Table 6.1: General and storage

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max
storage temperature	–25 °C	-	65 °C
storage relative humidity (non-condensing)	-	-	95%
operating temperature	5 °C	-	40 °C
operating relative humidity (non-condensing)	-	-	90%
specification temperature	18 °C	-	28 °C
power consumption	-	-	300 W
operating environment	IEC61010, indoor location, installation category II, pollution degree 2		
operating altitude	up to 2000 meters		
power inlet fuses	250 V, 2 A, fast acting, 5 x 20 mm		
power supply AC line	100-240 V (±10%), 50/60 Hz		
dimensions (width x depth x height)	45.0 × 39.7 × 13.2 cm (no handle), 17.7 × 15.6 × 5.2 inch, 19 inch rack compatible		
weight	15 kg (33 lb)		
recommended calibration interval	2 years		

Table 6.2: Maximum ratings

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max
damage threshold Out	-	-	+30 dBm
damage threshold In	-	-	+20 dBm
damage threshold Mark Out	–0.7 V	-	+4 V
damage threshold Trig In (1 kΩ input impedance)	–11 V	-	+11 V
damage threshold Trig In (50 Ω input impedance)	–6 V	-	+6 V
damage threshold Aux In (DC)	–10 V	-	+10 V
damage threshold Aux In (AC)	-	-	+20 dBm
damage threshold External Clk In (DC)	–3 V	-	+3 V

Parameter	Min	Typ	Max
damage threshold External Clk In (AC, with DC offset 0 V)	-	-	+13.5 dBm
damage threshold External Clk Out (DC)	-3 V	-	+3 V
MDS In / Out	-0.7 V	-	+4 V
DIO In / Out in default configuration 3.3 V CMOS/TTL	-0.7 V	-	+4 V
torque limit front panel SMA connectors	-	-	0.5 Nm
torque limit back panel SMA connectors	-	-	1.0 Nm

Table 6.3: Host computer requirements

Parameter	Description
supported Windows operating systems	Windows 10, 11 on x86-64
supported macOS operating systems	macOS 10.11+ on x86-64 and ARMv8
supported Linux distributions	GNU/Linux (Ubuntu 14.04+, CentOS 7+, Debian 8+) on x86-64 and ARMv8
supported processors	x86-64 (Intel, AMD), ARMv8 (e.g., Raspberry Pi 4 and newer, Apple M-series)

6.2. Analog Interface Specifications

Table 6.4: Signal Outputs

Parameter	Details	Min	Typ	Max
connectors	-	SMA, front panel single-ended		
output impedance	-	-	50 Ω	-
output coupling	-	AC		
synthesizer frequency range	synthesizer shared with Signal Input of the same Channel	1-8 GHz		
instantaneous bandwidth (-3dB)	RF path	± 500 MHz		
	LF path	DC - 800 MHz		
total output frequency range	RF path	0.5 GHz	-	8.5 GHz
	LF path	DC	-	800 MHz
output range	RF path, into 50 Ω	-30 dBm	-	+10 dBm
	LF path, into 50 Ω	-30 dBm	-	+5 dBm
output level accuracy	into 50 Ω	-	± 1 dBm of setting)	-
output level temperature drift	direct	-	0.15 dB/C	-
	when looped with Signal Input	-	0.25 dB/C	-
D/A converter vertical resolution	-	14 bit		
D/A converter sampling rate	after internal x3 interpolation	6 GSa/s		
output worst harmonic component	10 dBm, 1 GHz	-	-40 dBc	-
	10 dBm, 4 GHz	-	-40 dBc	-
	10 dBm, 6 GHz	-	-38 dBc	-

Parameter	Details	Min	Typ	Max
	10 dBm, 8 GHz	-	-36 dBc	-

Table 6.5: Time Domain Output Characteristics

Parameter	Details	Min	Typ	Max
skew adjustment resolution	-	-	2 ns	-

Table 6.6: Signal Inputs

Parameter	Details		Min	Typ	Max
connectors	-		SMA, front panel single-ended		
input impedance	-		-	50 Ω	-
input coupling	-		AC		
synthesizer frequency range	synthesizer shared with Signal Output of the same Channel		1-8 GHz		
instantaneous bandwidth (-3dB)	RF path		± 500 MHz		
	LF path		DC - 800 MHz		
total input frequency range	RF path		0.5 - 8.5 GHz		
	LF path		DC - 800 MHz		
input range	RF path, into 50 Ω		-50 dBm	-	+10 dBm
	LF path, into 50 Ω		-30 dBm	-	+10 dBm
input level accuracy at carrier frequency and 23°C	$\leq 1 V_{pp}$ and <4 GHz		-	± 0.5 dB	-
	$\leq 1 V_{pp}$ and <8 GHz		-	± 1 dB	-
	>8 GHz		-	± 3 dB	-
input level temperature drift	direct		-	0.15 dB/C	-
	when looped with Signal Output		-	0.25 dB/C	-
A/D converter vertical resolution	-		14 bit		
A/D converter sampling rate	before internal x2 decimation		4 GSa/s		
input voltage noise density	10 dBm, 1 GHz	in-band noise measured with room-temperature 50 Ω cap	-	-130 dBm/Hz (71 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$)	-
	0 dBm, 1 GHz		-	-134 dBm/Hz (45 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$)	-
	-10 dBm, 1 GHz		-	-145 dBm/Hz (13 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$)	-
	-20 dBm, 1 GHz		-	-142 dBm/Hz (18 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$)	-
	-30 dBm, 1 GHz		-	-162 dBm/Hz (1.78 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$)	-
	-40 dBm, 1 GHz		-	-165 dBm/Hz (1.26 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$)	-

Parameter	Details		Min	Typ	Max
	-50 dBm, 1 GHz		-	-166 dBm/Hz (1.12 nV/√Hz)	-
input spurious free dynamic range (excluding harmonics)	10 dBm	signal at center frequency, max. amplitude, -750 to 750 MHz	-	54 dBc	-
	0 dBm		-	54 dBc	-
	-10 dBm		-	55 dBc	-
	-20 dBm		-	50 dBc	-
	-30 dBm		-	58 dBc	-
	-40 dBm		-	53 dBc	-
	-50 dBm		-	45 dBc	-
3rd order intermodulation distortion	10 dBm	dual tone with -7 dBFS of range with 150 MHz Splitting from 1 GHz to 8 GHz	-	45 dBc	-
	0 dBm		-	54 dBc	-
	-10 dBm		-	54 dBc	-
	-20 dBm		-	56 dBc	-
	-30 dBm		-	54 dBc	-
	-40 dBm		-	50 dBc	-
	-50 dBm		-	40 dBc	-

Table 6.7: Marker Outputs & Trigger Inputs

Parameter	Details	Min	Typ	Max
marker outputs	-	2 per channel, SMA output on front panel		
marker output high voltage	-	-	3.3 V	-
marker output low voltage	-	-	0 V	-
marker output impedance	-	-	50 Ω	-
marker output rise time 20% to 80%	-	-	300 ps	-
marker output period jitter	square wave, 100 MHz	-	60 ps p-p	-
trigger inputs	-	2 per channel, 2 SMA on front panel		
trigger input impedance	-	50 Ω / 1 kΩ		
trigger input voltage range	50 Ω impedance	-5 V	-	5 V
	1 kΩ impedance	-10 V	-	10 V
trigger input threshold range	50 Ω impedance	-5 V	-	5 V
	1 kΩ impedance	-10 V	-	10 V
trigger input threshold resolution	-	-	< 0.4 mV	-
trigger input threshold hysteresis	-	-	> 60 mV	-
trigger input min. pulse width	-	-	5 ns	-
trigger input max. operating frequency	-	-	300 MHz	-

Table 6.8: Other Inputs and Outputs

Parameter	Details	min	Typ	Max
reference clock input	-	SMA on back panel		
reference clock input impedance	-	50 Ω , AC coupled		
reference clock input frequency	-	10 / 100 MHz		
reference clock input amplitude	10 MHz	-4 dBm	-	+13 dBm
	100 MHz	-5 dBm	-	+13 dBm
reference clock output	-	SMA on back panel		
reference clock output impedance	-	50 Ω , AC coupled		
reference clock output amplitude	into 50 Ω	2 Vpp	-	5 Vpp
reference clock output frequency	-	10/100 MHz		
reference clock output jitter	derived from integrated phase noise measurement (12 kHz to 20 MHz offset frequency)	-	280 fs RMS	-

Table 6.9: Oscillator and Clocks

Parameter	Details	Min	Typ	Max
internal clock type	-	OCXO		
internal clock long term accuracy / aging	-	-	-	± 0.3 ppm/year
internal clock short term stability (1 s)	-	-	-	± 0.05 ppm
internal clock initial accuracy	-	-	-	± 0.5 ppm
internal clock temperature stability	-20°C to 70°C	-	-	± 0.5 ppm
internal clock phase noise	offset 100 Hz	-	-135 dBc/Hz	-
	offset 1 kHz	-	-157 dBc/Hz	-

6.3. Digital Signal Processing Specifications

Table 6.10: Readout Pulse Generator

Parameter	Details	Specification
number of readout pulse generators	-	1 per channel
waveform memory per channel	for SHFQA+ 2-channel base version	32 kSa total memory, 8 memory blocks with 4 kSa for arbitrary waveform storage, freely configurable and triggerable
	for SHFQA+ 2-channel with SHFQA-16W	64 kSa total memory, 16 memory blocks with 4 kSa for arbitrary waveform storage, freely configurable and triggerable
	for SHFQA+ 4-channel	64 kSa total memory, 16 memory blocks with 4 kSa for arbitrary waveform storage, freely configurable and triggerable
sequence length	-	16,384
waveform granularity	-	4 samples

Parameter	Details	Specification
minimum waveform length	-	4 samples
sequencer clock frequency	-	250 MHz

Table 6.11: Qubit Measurement Unit

Parameter	Details	Specification
number of Qubit Measurement Units	-	1 per channel
number of integration weights per Qubit Measurement Unit (total for full instrument)	for SHFQA+ 2-channel base version	8 (16 total)
	for SHFQA+ 2-channel with SHFQA-16W	16 (32 total)
	for SHFQA+ 4-channel	16 (64 total)
integration weight time resolution	-	0.5 ns
integration weight length	-	4 kSa
minimum weight length	-	4 samples
integration weight granularity	-	4 samples
multistate discrimination	-	yes
number of distinguishable states	-	up to 4

Table 6.12: Monitor scope and Trigger Engine

Parameter	Details	Specification
monitor scope (shared between all readout channels)	memory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1 channel: 2^{18} ■ 2 channels: 2^{17} ■ 3 & 4 channels: 2^{16}
	max. averages	2^{16}

6.4. Digital Interface Specifications

Table 6.13: Digital Interfaces

Parameter	Description
host computer connection	USB 3.0, 1.6 Gbit/s (1 communication, 1 maintenance)
	1GbE, LAN / Ethernet, 1 Gbit/s
DIO port	4 x 8 bit, general purpose digital input/output port, 3.3 V TTL specification
ZSync peripheral port	connector for ZI proprietary bus to communicate with external peripherals (2 times)

6.4.1. DIO Port

The DIO port is a VHDCI 68 pin connector as introduced by the SPI-3 document of the SCSI-3 specification. It is a female connector that requires a 32 mm wide male connector. The interface standard is switchable between LVDS (low-voltage differential signalling) and LVCMOS/LVTTL. The DIO port features 32 user-controlled bits that can all be configured byte-wise as inputs or outputs in LVCMOS/LVTTL mode, whereas in LVDS mode, half of the bits are always configured as inputs. For more specifics on how the user-definable pins can be set.

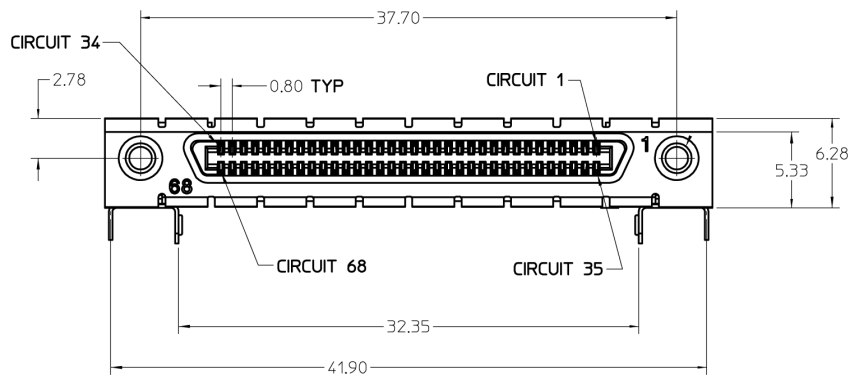


Figure 6.1: DIO HD 68 pin connector

Table 6.14: Electrical Specifications

Parameter	Details	Min	Typ	Max
supported DIO interface standards	-	LVCMOS/LVTTL (single-ended, 3.3 V); LVDS (differential)		
high-level input voltage V_{IH}	LVCMOS/LVTTL	2.0 V	-	-
low-level input voltage V_{IL}	LVCMOS/LVTTL	-	-	0.8 V
high-level output voltage V_{OH}	LVCMOS/LVTTL at $I_{OH} < 12$ mA	2.6 V	-	-
low-level output voltage V_{OL}	LVCMOS/LVTTL at $I_{OL} < 12$ mA	-	-	0.4 V
high-level output current I_{OH} (sourcing)	LVCMOS/LVTTL	-	-	12 mA
low-level output current I_{OL} (sinking)	LVCMOS/LVTTL	-	-	12 mA
input differential voltage V_{ID}	LVDS	100 mV	-	600 mV
input common-mode voltage V_{ICM}	LVDS	0.3 V	-	2.35 V
output differential voltage V_{OD}	LVDS	247 mV	-	454 mV
output common-mode voltage V_{OCM}	LVDS	1.125 V	-	1.375 V

Table 6.15: DIO Pin Assignment in LVCMOS/LVTTL Mode

Pin	Name	Description
68	CLKI	digital input
67	unused	leave unconnected
66 .. 59	DIO[31:24]	digital input or output byte (set by user)
58 .. 51	DIO[23:16]	digital input or output byte (set by user)
50 .. 43	DIO[15:8]	digital input or output byte (set by user)
42 .. 35	DIO[7:0]	digital input or output byte (set by user)
34	GND	digital ground
33	unused	leave unconnected
32 .. 1	GND	digital ground

Table 6.16: DIO Pin Assignment in LVDS Mode

Pin	Name	Description
68	CLKI+	digital input
67	unused	leave unconnected
66 .. 59	DI+[31:24]	digital input byte
58 .. 51	DI+[23:16]	digital input byte
50 .. 43	DIO+[15:8]	digital input or output byte (set by user)
42 .. 35	DIO+[7:0]	digital input or output byte (set by user)
34	CLKI-	digital input
33	unused	leave unconnected
32 .. 25	DI-[31:24]	digital input byte
24 .. 17	DI-[23:16]	digital input byte
16 .. 9	DIO-[15:8]	digital input or output byte (set by user)
8 .. 1	DIO-[7:0]	digital input or output byte (set by user)

7. Device Node Tree

This chapter contains reference documentation for the settings and measurement data available on SHFQA+ Instruments. Whilst [Functional Description](#) describes many of these settings in terms of the features available in the LabOne User Interface, this chapter describes them on the device level and provides a hierarchically organized and comprehensive list of device functionality.

Since these settings and data streams may be written and read using the LabOne APIs (Application Programming Interfaces) this chapter is of particular interest to users who would like to perform measurements programmatically via LabVIEW, Python, MATLAB, .NET or C.

Please see:

- [Introduction](#) for an introduction of how the instrument's settings and measurement data are organized hierarchically in the Data Server's so-called "Node Tree".
- [Reference Node Documentation](#) for a reference list of the settings and measurement data available on SHFQA+ Instruments, organized by branch in the Node Tree.

7.1. Introduction

This chapter provides an overview of how an instrument's configuration and output is organized by the Data Server.

All communication with an instrument occurs via the Data Server program the instrument is connected to (see [LabOne Software Architecture](#) for an overview of LabOne's software components). Although the instrument's settings are stored locally on the device, it is the Data Server's task to ensure it maintains the values of the current settings and makes these settings (and any subscribed data) available to all its current clients. A client may be the LabOne User Interface or a user's own program implemented using one of the LabOne Application Programming Interfaces, e.g., Python.

The instrument's settings and data are organized by the Data Server in a file-system-like hierarchical structure called the node tree. When an instrument is connected to a Data Server, its device ID becomes a top-level branch in the Data Server's node tree. The features of the instrument are organized as branches underneath the top-level device branch and the individual instrument settings are leaves of these branches.

For example, the auxiliary outputs of the instrument with device ID "dev1000" are located in the tree in the branch:

```
/dev1000/auxouts/
```

In turn, each individual auxiliary output channel has its own branch underneath the "AUXOUTS" branch.

```
/dev1000/auxouts/0/  
/dev1000/auxouts/1/  
/dev1000/auxouts/2/  
/dev1000/auxouts/3/
```

Whilst the auxiliary outputs and other channels are labelled on the instrument's panels and the User Interface using 1-based indexing, the Data Server's node tree uses 0-based indexing. Individual settings (and data) of an auxiliary output are available as leaves underneath the corresponding channel's branch:

```
/dev1000/auxouts/0/demodselect  
/dev1000/auxouts/0/limitlower  
/dev1000/auxouts/0/limitupper  
/dev1000/auxouts/0/offset  
/dev1000/auxouts/0/outputselect  
/dev1000/auxouts/0/preoffset  
/dev1000/auxouts/0/scale  
/dev1000/auxouts/0/value
```

These are all individual node paths in the node tree; the lowest-level nodes which represent a single instrument setting or data stream. Whether the node is an instrument setting or data-stream and

which type of data it contains or provides is well-defined and documented on a per-node basis in the Reference Node Documentation section in the relevant instrument-specific user manual. The different properties and types are explained in [Node Properties and Data Types](#).

For instrument settings, a Data Server client modifies the node's value by specifying the appropriate path and a value to the Data Server as a (path, value) pair. When an instrument's setting is changed in the LabOne User Interface, the path and the value of the node that was changed are displayed in the Status Bar in the bottom of the Window. This is described in more detail in [Exploring the Node Tree](#).

Module Parameters

LabOne Core Modules, such as the Sweeper, also use a similar tree-like structure to organize their parameters. Please note, however, that module nodes are not visible in the Data Server's node tree; they are local to the instance of the module created in a LabOne client and are not synchronized between clients.

7.1.1. Node Properties and Data Types

A node may have one or more of the following properties:

Property	Description
Read	Data can be read from the node.
Write	Data can be written to the node.
Setting	The node corresponds to a writable instrument configuration. The data of these nodes are persisted in snapshots of the instrument and stored in the LabOne XML settings files.
Streaming	A node with the read attribute that provides instrument data, typically at a user-configured rate. The data is usually a more complex data type, for example demodulator data is returned as ZIDemodSample . A full list of streaming nodes is available in the Programming Manual in the Chapter Instrument Communication. Their availability depends on the device class (e.g. MF) and the option set installed on the device.
Pipelined	If the sequence pipeliner mode is off the value set to the node is applied immediately. Otherwise, it goes to the staging area of the sequence pipeliner instead. Multiple pipelined nodes can be programmed as part of a job definition, that is finalized by writing a one to the relevant commit node.

A node may contain data of the following types:

Integer	Integer data.
Double	Double precision floating point data.
String	A string array.
Integer (enumerated)	As for Integer, but the node only allows certain values.
Composite data type	For example, ZIDemodSample . These custom data types are structures whose fields contain the instrument output, a timestamp and other relevant instrument settings such as the demodulator oscillator frequency. Documentation of custom data types is available in

7.1.2. Exploring the Node Tree

In the LabOne User Interface

A convenient method to learn which node is responsible for a specific instrument setting is to check the Command Log history in the bottom of the LabOne User Interface. The command in the Status Bar gets updated every time a configuration change is made. [Figure 7.1](#) shows how the equivalent

MATLAB command is displayed after modifying the value of the auxiliary output 1's offset. The format of the LabOne UI's command history can be configured in the Config Tab (MATLAB, Python and .NET are available). The entire history generated in the current UI session can be viewed by clicking the "Show Log" button.

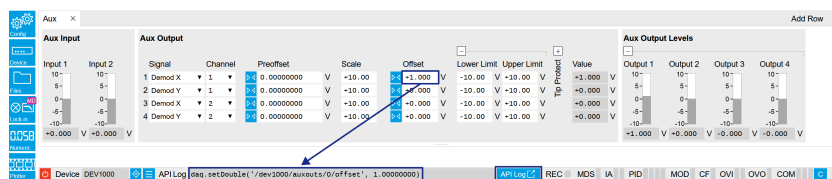


Figure 71: When a device's configuration is modified in the LabOne User Interface, the Status Bar displays the equivalent command to perform the same configuration via a LabOne programming interface. Here, the MATLAB code to modify auxiliary output 1's offset value is provided. When "Show Log" is clicked the entire configuration history is displayed in a new browser tab.

In a LabOne Programming Interface

A list of nodes (under a specific branch) can be requested from the Data Server in an API client using the `listNodes` command (MATLAB, Python, .NET) or `ziAPIListNodes()` function (C API). Please see each API's command reference for more help using the `listNodes` command. To obtain a list of all the nodes that provide data from an instrument at a high rate, so-called streaming nodes, the `streamingonly` flag can be provided to `listNodes`. More information on data streaming and streaming nodes is available in the LabOne Programming Manual.

The detailed descriptions of nodes that is provided in [Reference Node Documentation](#) is accessible directly in the LabOne MATLAB or Python programming interfaces using the "help" command. The `help` command is `daq.help(path)` in Python and `ziDAQ('help', path)` in MATLAB. The command returns a description of the instrument node including access properties, data type, units and available options. The "help" command also handles wildcards to return a detailed description of all nodes matching the path. An example is provided below.

```
daq = zhinst.core.ziDAQServer('localhost', 8004, 6)
daq.help('/dev1000/auxouts/0/offset')
# Out:
# /dev1000/auxouts/0/OFFSET#
# Add the specified offset voltage to the signal after scaling. Auxiliary
Output
# Value = (Signal+Preoffset)*Scale + Offset
# Properties: Read, Write, Setting
# Type: Double
# Unit: V
```

7.1.3. Data Server Nodes

The Data Server has nodes in the node tree available under the top-level `/zi/` branch. These nodes give information about the version and state of the Data Server the client is connected to. For example, the nodes:

- `/zi/about/version`
- `/zi/about/revision`

are read-only nodes that contain information about the release version and revision of the Data Server. The nodes under the `/zi/devices/` list which devices are connected, discoverable and visible to the Data Server.

The nodes:

- `/zi/config/open`
- `/zi/config/port`

are settings nodes that can be used to configure which port the Data Server listens to for incoming client connections and whether it may accept connections from clients on hosts other than the localhost.

Nodes that are of particular use to programmers are:

- `/zi/debug/logpath` - the location of the Data Server's log in the PC's file system,
- `/zi/debug/level` - the current log-level of the Data Server (configurable; has the Write attribute),
- `/zi/debug/log` - the last Data Server log entries as a string array.

The Global nodes of the LabOne Data Server are listed in the Instrument Communication chapter of the LabOne Programming Manual

7.2. Reference Node Documentation

This section describes all the nodes in the data server's node tree organized by branch.

7.2.1. CLOCKBASE

`/dev....clockbase`

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: Hz

Returns the internal clock frequency of the device.

7.2.2. DIOS

`/dev....dios/n/drive`

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

When on (1), the corresponding 8-bit bus is in output mode. When off (0), it is in input mode. Bit 0 corresponds to the least significant byte. For example, the value 1 drives the least significant byte, the value 8 drives the most significant byte.

`/dev....dios/n/input`

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Gives the value of the DIO input for those bytes where drive is disabled.

`/dev....dios/n/interface`

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Selects the interface standard to use on the 32-bit DIO interface. A value of 0 means that a 3.3 V CMOS interface is used. A value of 1 means that an LVDS compatible interface is used.

/dev..../dios/n/mode

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Select DIO mode

0	"manual": Enables manual control of the DIO output bits.
16	"qa_result": Sends discriminated readout results to the DIO.
32	"qachan0seq", "qachannel0_sequencer": Enables control of DIO values by the sequencer of QA channel 1.
33	"qachan1seq", "qachannel1_sequencer": Enables control of DIO values by the sequencer of QA channel 2.
34	"qachan2seq", "qachannel2_sequencer": Enables control of DIO values by the sequencer of QA channel 3.
35	"qachan3seq", "qachannel3_sequencer": Enables control of DIO values by the sequencer of QA channel 4.

/dev..../dios/n/output

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Sets the value of the DIO output for those bytes where 'drive' is enabled.

7.2.3. FEATURES**/dev..../features/code**

Properties: Write
Type: String
Unit: None

Node providing a mechanism to write feature codes.

/dev..../features/devtype

Properties: Read
Type: String
Unit: None

Returns the device type.

/dev..../features/options

Properties: Read
Type: String
Unit: None

Returns enabled options.

/dev..../features/serial

Properties: Read
Type: String
Unit: None

Device serial number.

7.2.4. QACHANNELS

/dev....qachannels/n/centerfreq

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Double
Unit: Hz

The Center Frequency of the analysis band.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/auxtriggers/n/channel

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Selects the source of the digital Trigger.

0	"chan0trigin0", "channel0_trigger_input0": Channel 1, Trigger Input A.
1	"chan0trigin1", "channel0_trigger_input1": Channel 1, Trigger Input B.
2	"chan1trigin0", "channel1_trigger_input0": Channel 2, Trigger Input A.
3	"chan1trigin1", "channel1_trigger_input1": Channel 2, Trigger Input B.
4	"chan2trigin0", "channel2_trigger_input0": Channel 3, Trigger Input A.
5	"chan2trigin1", "channel2_trigger_input1": Channel 3, Trigger Input B.
6	"chan3trigin0", "channel3_trigger_input0": Channel 4, Trigger Input A.
7	"chan3trigin1", "channel3_trigger_input1": Channel 4, Trigger Input B.
8	"inttrig", "internal_trigger": Internal Trigger
32	"chan0seqtrig0", "channel0_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 1, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
33	"chan1seqtrig0", "channel1_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 2, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
34	"chan2seqtrig0", "channel2_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 3, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
35	"chan3seqtrig0", "channel3_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 4, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
36	"chan0seqtrig1", "channel0_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 1, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
37	"chan1seqtrig1", "channel1_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 2, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
38	"chan2seqtrig1", "channel2_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 3, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
39	"chan3seqtrig1", "channel3_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 4, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
128	"chan0rod", "channel0_readout_done": Channel 1, Readout done.
129	"chan1rod", "channel1_readout_done": Channel 2, Readout done.
130	"chan2rod", "channel2_readout_done": Channel 3, Readout done.
131	"chan3rod", "channel3_readout_done": Channel 4, Readout done.
1024	"swtrig0", "software_trigger0": Software Trigger 1.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/clearwave

Properties: Read, Write, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Clears all waveforms in each slot and resets their length to 0.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/delay

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Double
Unit: s

Sets a common delay for the start of the playback for all Waveform Memories. The resolution is 2 ns.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/dio/valid/index

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Select the DIO bit to use as the VALID signal to indicate that a valid input is available.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/dio/valid/polarity

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Polarity of the VALID bit that indicates that a valid input is available.

0	"none": None: VALID bit is ignored.
1	"low": Low: VALID bit must be logical zero.
2	"high": High: VALID bit must be logical high.
3	"both": Both: VALID bit may be logical high or zero.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/elf/data

Properties: Write, Pipelined
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

Accepts the data of the sequencer ELF file. If the sequence pipeliner mode is not off, the data of the ELF file goes to the staging area of the sequence pipeliner instead.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/elf/length

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Length of the compiled ELF file.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/elf/name

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

Name of the uploaded ELF file.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/elf/progress

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Double
Unit: %

Percentage of the Sequencer program already uploaded to the device.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables the Sequencer.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/ready

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

The Sequencer has a compiled program and is ready to be enabled.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/reset

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Clears the configured Sequencer program and resets the state to not ready.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/rtlogger/clear

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Clears the logger data.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/rtlogger/data

Properties: Read
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

Vector node with the logged events.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/rtlogger/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Activates the Real-time Logger.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/rtlogger/input

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Select input data of logger.

0 "dio": DIO interface will be used as input.
 1 "zsync": ZSync interface will be used as input.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/rtlogger/mode

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Selects the operation mode.

0 "normal": Normal: Logger starts with the AWG and overwrites old values as soon as the memory limit of 1024 entries is reached.
 1 "timestamp": Timestamp-triggered: Logger starts with the AWG, waits for the first valid trigger, and only starts recording data after the time specified by the starttime. Recording stops as soon as the memory limit of 1024 entries is reached.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/rtlogger/starttimestamp

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Timestamp at which to start logging for timestamp-triggered mode.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/rtlogger/status

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Operation state.

0	"idle": Idle: Logger is not running.
1	"normal": Normal: Logger is running in normal mode.
2	"ts_wait": Wait for timestamp: Logger is in timestamp-triggered mode and waits for start timestamp.
3	"ts_active": Active: Logger is in timestamp-triggered mode and logging.
4	"ts_full": Log Full: Logger is in timestamp-triggered mode and has stopped logging because log is full.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/rtlogger/timebase

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: s

Minimal time difference between two timestamps. The value matches the AWG sequencer execution rate (4 ns).

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/sequencer/assembly

Properties: Read
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

Displays the current sequence program in compiled form. Every line corresponds to one hardware instruction.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/sequencer/memoryusage

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: None

Size of the current Sequencer program relative to the available instruction memory of 16 kInstructions (16'384 instructions).

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/sequencer/program

Properties: Read
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

Displays the source code of the current Sequencer program.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/sequencer/status

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Status of the Sequencer on the instrument. Bit 0: Sequencer is running; Bit 1: reserved; Bit 2: Sequencer is waiting for a trigger to arrive; Bit 3: Sequencer has detected an error; Bit 4: sequencer is waiting for synchronization with other channels.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/sequencer/triggered

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

When at value 1, indicates that the Sequencer has been triggered.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/single

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Puts the Sequencer into single-shot mode.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/userregs/n

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Integer user register value. The sequencer has read and write access to the user register values during runtime.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/waveforms/n/length

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Length of the uploaded waveform in number of complex samples.

/dev....qachannels/n/generator/waveforms/n/wave

Properties: Read, Write, Pipelined
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

Contains the generators waveforms as a vector of complex samples

/dev....qachannels/n/input/adcoverrangeount

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates the number of times the analog-to-digital converter (ADC) of the Signal Input was in an overrange condition within intervals of 200 ms. Note that this condition always occurs together with the condition of the "overrangeount" node. The overrange condition can cause potential damage of the Signal Input processing electronics, in particular the ADC units.

/dev....qachannels/n/input/digitalmixer/centerfreq

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: Hz

The Center Frequency of the digital mixer for the Signal Input.

/dev....qachannels/n/input/on

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables the Signal Input.

/dev....qachannels/n/input/overrangecount

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates the number of times the Signal Input was in an overrange condition within intervals of 200 ms. The overrange condition can cause potential damage of the Signal Input processing electronics of the instrument.

/dev....qachannels/n/input/range

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Double
Unit: dBm

Sets the maximal Range of the Signal Input power. The instrument selects the closest available Range with a resolution of 5 dBm.

/dev....qachannels/n/input/rflfpath

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Switch between RF and LF path for the QA channel input.

0 "lf": LF path is used.
 1 "rf": RF path is used.

/dev..../qachannels/n/markers/n/source

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Selects the source for the marker output.

32	"chan0seqtrig0", "channel0_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 1, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
33	"chan1seqtrig0", "channel1_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 2, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
34	"chan2seqtrig0", "channel2_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 3, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
35	"chan3seqtrig0", "channel3_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 4, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
36	"chan0seqtrig1", "channel0_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 1, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
37	"chan1seqtrig1", "channel1_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 2, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
38	"chan2seqtrig1", "channel2_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 3, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
39	"chan3seqtrig1", "channel3_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 4, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
128	"chan0rod", "channel0_readout_done": Channel 1, Readout done.
129	"chan1rod", "channel1_readout_done": Channel 2, Readout done.
130	"chan2rod", "channel2_readout_done": Channel 3, Readout done.
131	"chan3rod", "channel3_readout_done": Channel 4, Readout done.
1024	"swtrig0", "software_trigger0": Software Trigger 1.

/dev..../qachannels/n/mode

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Selects between Spectroscopy and Qubit Readout mode.

0	"spectroscopy": In Spectroscopy mode, the Signal Output is connected to the Oscillator, with which also the measured signals are correlated.
1	"readout": In Qubit Readout mode, the Signal Output is connected to the Readout Pulse Generator, and the measured signals are correlated with the Integration Weights before state discrimination.

/dev..../qachannels/n/oscs/n/freq

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Double
Unit: Hz

Controls the frequency of each digital Oscillator.

/dev..../qachannels/n/oscs/n/gain

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Double
Unit: None

Controls the gain of each digital Oscillator. The gain is defined relative to the Output Range of the Readout Channel.

/dev....qachannels/n/output/digitalmixer/centerfreq

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: Hz

The Center Frequency of the digital mixer for the Signal Output.

/dev....qachannels/n/output/filter

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Reads the selected analog filter before the Signal Output.

0	"lowpass_1500": Low-pass filter of 1.5 GHz.
1	"lowpass_3000": Low-pass filter of 3 GHz.
2	"bandpass_3000_6000": Band-pass filter between 3 GHz - 6 GHz
3	"bandpass_6000_10000": Band-pass filter between 6 GHz - 10 GHz

/dev....qachannels/n/output/on

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables the Signal Output.

/dev....qachannels/n/output/overrangecount

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates the number of times the Signal Output was in an overrange condition within the last 200 ms. It is checked for an overrange condition every 10 ms.

/dev....qachannels/n/output/range

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Double
Unit: dBm

Sets the maximal Range of the Signal Output power. The instrument selects the closest available Range with a resolution of 5 dBm.

/dev....qachannels/n/output/rflfinterlock

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables the RF/LF path interlock between input and output. If enabled (1), the output path is always configured according to the input. The default value is disabled (0).

/dev....qachannels/n/output/rflfpath

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Switch between RF and LF path for the QA channel output.

0 "lf": LF path is used.
 1 "rf": RF path is used.

/dev....qachannels/n/pipeliner/availableslots

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Number of free slots in the sequence pipeliner queue. Sequence upload is blocked if this node is 0.

/dev....qachannels/n/pipeliner/commit

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Commit node data in staging area to queue of sequence pipeliner.

/dev....qachannels/n/pipeliner/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enable execution of sequences in pipeline.

/dev....qachannels/n/pipeliner/idcurrent

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

ID of sequence in staging area.

/dev....qachannels/n/pipeliner/idrunning

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

ID of executed sequence.

/dev....qachannels/n/pipeliner/maxslots

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Maximum number of available slots in the sequence pipeliner queue.

/dev..../qachannels/n/pipeliner/mode

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Selects the sequence pipeliner mode: off (default), batch, or queue mode. Changing the mode will reset both the sequence pipeliner and the normal AWG.

- 0 "off": Off: The sequence pipeliner is turned off.
- 1 "batch": Batch: The sequence pipeliner operates in batch mode. All sequences must be committed before the pipeliner is enabled. A batch can be executed once or multiple times.
- 2 "queue": Queue: The sequence pipeliner operates in queue mode. Sequences can be committed while the pipeliner is enabled. Every sequence is executed only once and the slot in the queue is then available for a new sequence.

/dev..../qachannels/n/pipeliner/ready

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates whether a sequence can be committed to the pipeliner.

/dev..../qachannels/n/pipeliner/repetitions/remaining

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Number of remaining batch repetitions. This node is fixed to 1 if the sequence pipeliner is not in batch mode.

/dev..../qachannels/n/pipeliner/repetitions/value

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Number of batch repetitions (1 to 4e6). This node is fixed to 1 if the sequence pipeliner is not in batch mode.

/dev..../qachannels/n/pipeliner/reset

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Clears all sequences previously added to the sequence pipeliner and disables the pipeliner if it has been running before.

/dev....qachannels/n/pipeliner/status

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Status of the sequence pipeliner (0: idle, 1: executing sequence, 2: waiting for next sequence to be committed (queue mode only)

0 "idle": Idle: The sequence pipeliner is idle.
 1 "exec": Executing sequence: The sequence pipeliner is executing a sequence.
 2 "waiting": Waiting: The sequence pipeliner is waiting for the next sequence to be committed (queue mode only).
 3 "done": Done: The sequence pipeliner is still enabled but all sequences have been executed (batch mode only).

/dev....qachannels/n/pipeliner/timeout

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Maximal execution time per sequence in milliseconds. The execution of a sequence is aborted if the maximal execution time is reached. A value of 0 means infinity.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/discriminators/n/threshold

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Double
Unit: None

Sets the threshold level for the 2-state discriminator on the real signal axis in Vs.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/integration/clearweight

Properties: Read, Write, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Clears all integration weights by setting them to 0.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/integration/delay

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Double
Unit: s

Sets a common delay for the start of the readout integration for all Integration Weights with respect to the time when the trigger is received. The resolution is 2 ns.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/integration/length

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Sets the length of all Integration Weights in number of samples. A maximum of 4096 samples can be integrated, which corresponds to 2.05 μ s.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/integration/weights/n/wave

Properties: Read, Write, Pipelined
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

Contains the complex-valued waveform of the Integration Weight. The valid range is between -1.0 and +1.0 for both the real and imaginary part.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/clear

Properties: Read, Write, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Clears all settings related to the multi-state qudit discrimination mode.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/dio/bits/n/source

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Sets qudit discrimination bit source to transmit at this DIO bit position.

0	"qudit_0_bit_0": Qudit 0, bit 0
1	"qudit_0_bit_1": Qudit 0, bit 1
2	"qudit_1_bit_0": Qudit 1, bit 0
3	"qudit_1_bit_1": Qudit 1, bit 1
4	"qudit_2_bit_0": Qudit 2, bit 0
5	"qudit_2_bit_1": Qudit 2, bit 1
6	"qudit_3_bit_0": Qudit 3, bit 0
7	"qudit_3_bit_1": Qudit 3, bit 1
8	"qudit_4_bit_0": Qudit 4, bit 0
9	"qudit_4_bit_1": Qudit 4, bit 1
10	"qudit_5_bit_0": Qudit 5, bit 0
11	"qudit_5_bit_1": Qudit 5, bit 1
12	"qudit_6_bit_0": Qudit 6, bit 0
13	"qudit_6_bit_1": Qudit 6, bit 1
14	"qudit_7_bit_0": Qudit 7, bit 0
15	"qudit_7_bit_1": Qudit 7, bit 1
16	"qudit_8_bit_0": Qudit 8, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
17	"qudit_8_bit_1": Qudit 8, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
18	"qudit_9_bit_0": Qudit 9, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
19	"qudit_9_bit_1": Qudit 9, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
20	"qudit_10_bit_0": Qudit 10, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
21	"qudit_10_bit_1": Qudit 10, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
22	"qudit_11_bit_0": Qudit 11, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
23	"qudit_11_bit_1": Qudit 11, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
24	"qudit_12_bit_0": Qudit 12, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
25	"qudit_12_bit_1": Qudit 12, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
26	"qudit_13_bit_0": Qudit 13, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
27	"qudit_13_bit_1": Qudit 13, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
28	"qudit_14_bit_0": Qudit 14, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
29	"qudit_14_bit_1": Qudit 14, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
30	"qudit_15_bit_0": Qudit 15, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
31	"qudit_15_bit_1": Qudit 15, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
32	"fixed_0": Fixed 0
34	"fixed_1": Fixed 1

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/dio/packed

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables compact bit packing for multi-state qudit discrimination values over DIO, where DIO bits are assigned to qudit bits by increasing qudit index using only one bit for qubits or two bits for qutrits and ququads. The **source** node becomes read-only in packed mode.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables multi-state qudit discrimination mode.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/integratorcount

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Number of integrators used by the current multi-state discrimination qudit configuration.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/integratorusage

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Double
Unit: None

Percentage of integrators used by the current multi-state discrimination qudit configuration.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/qudits/n/assignmentvec

Properties: Read, Write, Pipelined
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

Assignment matrix for qudit discrimination. The vector should contain $2^{(d * (d - 1) / 2)}$ elements, where d is the maximum number of states for the qudit.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/qudits/n/available

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates whether enough integrators are available to allow enabling the qudit in its current configuration.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/qudits/n/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables the multi-state qudit.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/qudits/n/integrator/indexvec

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

List of integrator indices used by the qudit.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/qudits/n/integrator/startindex

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Index of the first integrator used by the qudit.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/qudits/n/numstates

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Maximum number of states for the qudit. The value must be within the range [2, 4] (inclusive).

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/qudits/n/thresholds/n/value

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Double
Unit: None

Sets the threshold used to discriminate the qudit. Only the first $(d * (d - 1) / 2)$ thresholds will be used, where d is the maximum number of states for the qudit.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/qudits/n/weights/n/wave

Properties: Read, Write, Pipelined
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

Contains the complex-valued waveform of the Integration Weights for the qudit. The valid range is between -1.0 and +1.0 for both the real and imaginary part. Only the first $d - 1$ waves are used, where d is the maximum number of states for the qudit.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/valid

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates whether the current multi-state qudit configuration allows for all qudits that are set to be enabled to actually be enabled, i.e. whether the enabled qudits require at most the available number of integrators.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/zsync/bits/n/source

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Sets qudit discrimination bit source to transmit at this ZSync bit position.

0	"qudit_0_bit_0": Qudit 0, bit 0
1	"qudit_0_bit_1": Qudit 0, bit 1
2	"qudit_1_bit_0": Qudit 1, bit 0
3	"qudit_1_bit_1": Qudit 1, bit 1
4	"qudit_2_bit_0": Qudit 2, bit 0
5	"qudit_2_bit_1": Qudit 2, bit 1
6	"qudit_3_bit_0": Qudit 3, bit 0
7	"qudit_3_bit_1": Qudit 3, bit 1
8	"qudit_4_bit_0": Qudit 4, bit 0
9	"qudit_4_bit_1": Qudit 4, bit 1
10	"qudit_5_bit_0": Qudit 5, bit 0
11	"qudit_5_bit_1": Qudit 5, bit 1
12	"qudit_6_bit_0": Qudit 6, bit 0
13	"qudit_6_bit_1": Qudit 6, bit 1
14	"qudit_7_bit_0": Qudit 7, bit 0
15	"qudit_7_bit_1": Qudit 7, bit 1
16	"qudit_8_bit_0": Qudit 8, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
17	"qudit_8_bit_1": Qudit 8, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
18	"qudit_9_bit_0": Qudit 9, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
19	"qudit_9_bit_1": Qudit 9, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
20	"qudit_10_bit_0": Qudit 10, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
21	"qudit_10_bit_1": Qudit 10, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
22	"qudit_11_bit_0": Qudit 11, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
23	"qudit_11_bit_1": Qudit 11, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
24	"qudit_12_bit_0": Qudit 12, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
25	"qudit_12_bit_1": Qudit 12, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
26	"qudit_13_bit_0": Qudit 13, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
27	"qudit_13_bit_1": Qudit 13, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
28	"qudit_14_bit_0": Qudit 14, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
29	"qudit_14_bit_1": Qudit 14, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
30	"qudit_15_bit_0": Qudit 15, bit 0 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
31	"qudit_15_bit_1": Qudit 15, bit 1 (requires 4-channel SHFQA or SHFQA-16W option)
32	"fixed_0": Fixed 0. Note: this bit will not be forwarded by the PQSC since it is marked as invalid result.
34	"fixed_1": Fixed 1. Note: this bit will not be forwarded by the PQSC since it is marked as invalid result.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/multistate/zsync/packed

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables compact bit packing for multi-state qudit discrimination values over ZSync, where zSync bits are assigned to qudit bits by increasing qudit index using only one bit for qubits or two bits for qutrits and ququads. The **source** node becomes read-only in packed mode.

/dev..../qachannels/n/readout/result/acquired

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates the index of the acquisition that will be performed on the next trigger.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/result/averages

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Number of measurements that are averaged.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/result/data/n/wave

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

Acquired result data. Depending on the source of the data, the data can be complex- or integer-valued.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/result/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables the acquisition of readout results.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/result/error/clear

Properties: Read, Write, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Writing to this node clears the hold-off error count.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/result/error/count

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Number of hold-off errors detected.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/result/error/jobidx

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Job index for which last hold-off errors were detected.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/result/length

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Number of data points to record. One data point corresponds to a single averaged result value of the selected source.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/result/mode

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Selects the averaging order of the result.

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| 0 | "cyclic": Cyclic averaging: a sequence of multiple results is recorded first, then averaged with the next repetition of the same sequence. |
| 1 | "sequential": Sequential averaging: each result is recorded and averaged first, before the next result is recorded and averaged. |

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/result/overflow

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Number of DIO interface overflows during readout. This can happen if readouts are triggered faster than the maximum possible data-rate of the DIO interface.

/dev....qachannels/n/readout/result/source

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Selects the signal source of the Result Logger.

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| 1 | "result_of_integration": Complex-valued integration results of the Weighted Integration in Qubit Readout mode. |
| 3 | "result_of_discrimination": The results after state discrimination. |

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/delay

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Double
Unit: s

Sets the delay of the integration in Spectroscopy mode with respect to the Trigger signal. The resolution is 2 ns.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/envelope/delay

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Double
Unit: s

Sets the delay of the envelope waveform in Spectroscopy mode with respect to the Trigger signal. The resolution is 2 ns.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/envelope/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables the modulation of the oscillator signal with the complex envelope waveform.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/envelope/length

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Length of the uploaded envelope waveform in number of complex samples.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/envelope/wave

Properties: Read, Write, Pipelined
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

Contains the envelope waveform as a vector of complex samples.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/length

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Sets the integration length in Spectroscopy mode in number of samples. Up to 33.5 MSa (2^{25} samples) can be recorded, which corresponds to 16.7 ms.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/psd/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enable the power spectral density mode of the spectroscopy mode.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/psd/error/clear

Properties: Read, Write, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Clears power spectral density error flags.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/psd/error/overflow

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates whether overflow happened while calculating the power spectral density.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/result/acquired

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates the index of the acquisition that will be performed on the next trigger.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/result/averages

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Number of measurements that are averaged.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/result/data/wave

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: None

Acquired complex spectroscopy result data.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/result/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables the acquisition of spectroscopy results.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/result/error/clear

Properties: Read, Write, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Writing to this node clears the hold-off error count.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/result/error/count

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Number of hold-off errors detected.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/result/error/jobidx

Properties: Read, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Job index for which last hold-off errors were detected.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/result/length

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Number of data points to record. One data point corresponds to a single averaged result value of the selected source.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/result/mode

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Selects the averaging order of the result.

- 0 "cyclic": Cyclic averaging: a sequence of multiple results is recorded first, then averaged with the next repetition of the same sequence.
- 1 "sequential": Sequential averaging: each result is recorded and averaged first, before the next result is recorded and averaged.

/dev....qachannels/n/spectroscopy/trigger/channel

Properties: Read, Write, Setting, Pipelined
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Selects the source of the trigger for the integration and envelope in Spectroscopy mode.

0	"chan0trigin0", "channel0_trigger_input0": Channel 1, Trigger Input A.
1	"chan0trigin1", "channel0_trigger_input1": Channel 1, Trigger Input B.
2	"chan1trigin0", "channel1_trigger_input0": Channel 2, Trigger Input A.
3	"chan1trigin1", "channel1_trigger_input1": Channel 2, Trigger Input B.
4	"chan2trigin0", "channel2_trigger_input0": Channel 3, Trigger Input A.
5	"chan2trigin1", "channel2_trigger_input1": Channel 3, Trigger Input B.
6	"chan3trigin0", "channel3_trigger_input0": Channel 4, Trigger Input A.
7	"chan3trigin1", "channel3_trigger_input1": Channel 4, Trigger Input B.
8	"inttrig", "internal_trigger": Internal Trigger
32	"chan0seqtrig0", "channel0_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 1, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
33	"chan1seqtrig0", "channel1_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 2, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
34	"chan2seqtrig0", "channel2_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 3, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
35	"chan3seqtrig0", "channel3_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 4, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
36	"chan0seqtrig1", "channel0_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 1, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
37	"chan1seqtrig1", "channel1_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 2, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
38	"chan2seqtrig1", "channel2_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 3, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
39	"chan3seqtrig1", "channel3_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 4, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
1024	"swtrig0", "software_trigger0": Software Trigger 1.

/dev....qachannels/n/synchronization/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enable multi-channel synchronization for this channel. The program will only execute once all channels with enabled synchronization are ready.

/dev....qachannels/n/triggers/n/imp50

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Trigger Input impedance: When on, the Trigger Input impedance is 50 Ohm; when off, 1 kOhm.

0	"1_kOhm": OFF: 1 k Ohm
1	"50_Ohm": ON: 50 Ohm

/dev....qachannels/n/triggers/n/level

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Double
Unit: V

Defines the analog Trigger level.

/dev....qachannels/n/triggers/n/value

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Shows the value of the digital Trigger Input. The value is integrated over a period of 100 ms. Values are: 1: low; 2: high; 3: was low and high in the period.

7.2.5. SCOPES

/dev....scopes/n/averaging/count

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Configures the number of Scope measurements to average.

/dev....scopes/n/averaging/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables averaging of Scope measurements.

/dev....scopes/n/channels/n/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: Dependent

Enables recording for this Scope channel.

/dev....scopes/n/channels/n/inputselect

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Selects the scope input signal.

0	"chan0sign", "channel0_signal_input": Signal Input Channel 1.
1	"chan1sign", "channel1_signal_input": Signal Input Channel 2.
2	"chan2sign", "channel2_signal_input": Signal Input Channel 3.
3	"chan3sign", "channel3_signal_input": Signal Input Channel 4.

/dev....scopes/n/channels/n/wave

Properties: Read
Type: ZIVectorData
Unit: Dependent

Contains the acquired Scope measurement data.

/dev..../scopes/n/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables the acquisition of Scope shots. Goes back to 0 (disabled) after the scope shot has been acquired.

/dev..../scopes/n/length

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Defines the length of the recorded Scope shot in number of samples.

/dev..../scopes/n/segments/count

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Specifies the number of segments to be recorded in device memory. The maximum Scope shot size is given by the available memory divided by the number of segments.

/dev..../scopes/n/segments/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enable segmented Scope recording. This allows for full bandwidth recording of Scope shots with a minimum dead time between individual shots.

/dev..../scopes/n/single

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Puts the Scope into single shot mode.

/dev..../scopes/n/time

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Defines the time base of the Scope.

0 2 GHz

/dev..../scopes/n/trigger/channel

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Selects the trigger source signal.

0	"chan0trigin0", "channel0_trigger_input0": Channel 1, Trigger Input A.
1	"chan0trigin1", "channel0_trigger_input1": Channel 1, Trigger Input B.
2	"chan1trigin0", "channel1_trigger_input0": Channel 2, Trigger Input A.
3	"chan1trigin1", "channel1_trigger_input1": Channel 2, Trigger Input B.
4	"chan2trigin0", "channel2_trigger_input0": Channel 3, Trigger Input A.
5	"chan2trigin1", "channel2_trigger_input1": Channel 3, Trigger Input B.
6	"chan3trigin0", "channel3_trigger_input0": Channel 4, Trigger Input A.
7	"chan3trigin1", "channel3_trigger_input1": Channel 4, Trigger Input B.
8	"inttrig", "internal_trigger": Internal Trigger
32	"chan0seqtrig0", "channel0_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 1, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
33	"chan1seqtrig0", "channel1_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 2, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
34	"chan2seqtrig0", "channel2_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 3, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
35	"chan3seqtrig0", "channel3_sequencer_trigger0": Channel 4, Sequencer Trigger Output 1.
36	"chan0seqtrig1", "channel0_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 1, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
37	"chan1seqtrig1", "channel1_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 2, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
38	"chan2seqtrig1", "channel2_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 3, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
39	"chan3seqtrig1", "channel3_sequencer_trigger1": Channel 4, Sequencer Trigger Output 2.
64	"chan0seqmon0", "channel0_sequencer_monitor0": Channel 1, Sequencer Monitor Trigger.
65	"chan1seqmon0", "channel1_sequencer_monitor0": Channel 2, Sequencer Monitor Trigger.
66	"chan2seqmon0", "channel2_sequencer_monitor0": Channel 3, Sequencer Monitor Trigger.
67	"chan3seqmon0", "channel3_sequencer_monitor0": Channel 4, Sequencer Monitor Trigger.
1024	"swtrig0", "software_trigger0": Software Trigger 1.

/dev..../scopes/n/trigger/delay

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Double
Unit: s

The delay of a Scope measurement. A negative delay results in data being acquired before the trigger point. The resolution is 2 ns.

/dev..../scopes/n/trigger/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

When triggering is enabled scope data are acquired every time the defined trigger condition is met.

0	"off": OFF: Continuous scope shot acquisition
1	"on": ON: Trigger based scope shot acquisition

7.2.6. STATS

/dev..../stats/physical/currents/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: mA

Provides internal current readings for monitoring.

/dev..../stats/physical/fanspeeds/n

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: RPM

Speed of the internal cooling fans for monitoring.

/dev..../stats/physical/fpga/aux

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: V

Supply voltage of the FPGA.

/dev..../stats/physical/fpga/core

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: V

Core voltage of the FPGA.

/dev..../stats/physical/fpga/pstemp

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: °C

Internal temperature of the FPGA's processor system.

/dev..../stats/physical/fpga/temp

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: °C

Internal temperature of the FPGA.

/dev..../stats/physical/overtemperature

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

This flag is set to a value greater than 0 when the internal temperatures are reaching critical limits.

/dev..../stats/physical/power/currents/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: A

Currents of the main power supply.

/dev..../stats/physical/power/temperatures/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: °C

Temperatures of the main power supply.

/dev..../stats/physical/power/voltages/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: V

Voltages of the main power supply.

/dev..../stats/physical/sigins/n/currents/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: A

Provides internal current readings on the Signal Input board for monitoring.

/dev..../stats/physical/sigins/n/temperatures/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: °C

Provides internal temperature readings on the Signal Input board for monitoring.

/dev..../stats/physical/sigins/n/voltages/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: V

Provides internal voltage measurement on the Signal Input board for monitoring.

/dev..../stats/physical/sigouts/n/currents/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: A

Provides internal current readings on the Signal Output board for monitoring.

/dev..../stats/physical/sigouts/n/temperatures/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: °C

Provides internal temperature readings on the Signal Output board for monitoring.

/dev..../stats/physical/sigouts/n/voltages/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: V

Provides internal voltage readings on the Signal Output board for monitoring.

/dev..../stats/physical/synthesizer/currents/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: A

Provides internal current readings on the Synthesizer board for monitoring.

/dev..../stats/physical/synthesizer/temperatures/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: °C

Provides internal temperature readings on the Synthesizer board for monitoring.

/dev..../stats/physical/synthesizer/voltages/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: V

Provides internal voltage readings on the Synthesizer board for monitoring.

/dev..../stats/physical/temperatures/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: °C

Provides internal temperature readings for monitoring.

/dev..../stats/physical/voltages/n

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: V

Provides internal voltage readings for monitoring.

7.2.7. STATUS

/dev..../status/flags/binary

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

A set of binary flags giving an indication of the state of various parts of the device. Reserved for future use.

/dev..../status/time

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

The current timestamp.

7.2.8. SYSTEM

/dev..../system/activeinterface

Properties: Read
Type: String
Unit: None

Currently active interface of the device.

/dev..../system/boardrevisions/n

Properties: Read
Type: String
Unit: None

Hardware revision of the motherboard containing the FPGA.

/dev..../system/clocks/referenceclock/in/freq

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: Hz

Indicates the frequency of the reference clock.

/dev..../system/clocks/referenceclock/in/source

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

The intended reference clock source. When the source is changed, all the instruments connected with ZSync links will be disconnected. The connection should be re-established manually.

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| 0 | "internal": The internal clock is intended to be used as the frequency and time base reference. |
| 1 | "external": An external clock is intended to be used as the frequency and time base reference. Provide a clean and stable 10 MHz or 100 MHz reference to the appropriate back panel connector. |
| 2 | "zsync": The ZSync clock is intended to be used as the frequency and time base reference. |

/dev..../system/clocks/referenceclock/in/sourceactual

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

The actual reference clock source.

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|---|--|
| 0 | "internal": The internal clock is used as the frequency and time base reference. |
| 1 | "external": An external clock is used as the frequency and time base reference. |
| 2 | "zsync": The ZSync clock is used as the frequency and time base reference. |

/dev..../system/clocks/referenceclock/in/status

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Status of the reference clock.

0 "locked": Reference clock has been locked on.
 1 "error": There was an error locking onto the reference clock signal.
 2 "busy": The device is busy trying to lock onto the reference clock signal.

/dev..../system/clocks/referenceclock/out/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enable clock signal on the reference clock output. When the clock output is turned on or off, all the instruments connected with ZSync links will be disconnected. The connection should be re-established manually.

/dev..../system/clocks/referenceclock/out/freq

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Double
Unit: Hz

Select the frequency of the output reference clock. Only 10 MHz and 100 MHz are allowed.

/dev..../system/fpgarevision

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

HDL firmware revision.

/dev..../system/fwlog

Properties: Read
Type: String
Unit: None

Returns log output of the firmware.

/dev..../system/fwlogenable

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enables logging to the fwlog node.

/dev..../system/fwrevision

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Revision of the device-internal controller software.

/dev..../system/identify

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Setting this node to 1 will cause all frontpanel LEDs to blink for 5 seconds, then return to their previous state.

/dev..../system/internaltrigger/enable

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Enable internal trigger generator.

0 "off": Generator off
 1 "on": Generator on

/dev..../system/internaltrigger/holdoff

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Double
Unit: s

Hold-off time between generated triggers.

/dev..../system/internaltrigger/progress

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: None

The fraction of the triggers generated so far.

/dev..../system/internaltrigger/repetitions

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Number of triggers to be generated.

/dev..../system/internaltrigger/synchronization/enable

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enable synchronization. Trigger generation will only start once all synchronization participants have reported a ready status. Synchronization checks will be repeated with the same trigger generation settings (holdoff and repetitions) until synchronization is disabled.

/dev..../system/kerneltype

Properties: Read
Type: String
Unit: None

Returns the type of the data server kernel (mdk or hpk).

/dev..../system/nics/n/defaultgateway

Properties: Read, Write
Type: String
Unit: None

Default gateway configuration for the network connection.

/dev..../system/nics/n/defaultip4

Properties: Read, Write
Type: String
Unit: None

IPv4 address of the device to use if static IP is enabled.

/dev..../system/nics/n/defaultmask

Properties: Read, Write
Type: String
Unit: None

IPv4 mask in case of static IP.

/dev..../system/nics/n/gateway

Properties: Read
Type: String
Unit: None

Current network gateway.

/dev..../system/nics/n/ip4

Properties: Read
Type: String
Unit: None

Current IPv4 of the device.

/dev..../system/nics/n/mac

Properties: Read
Type: String
Unit: None

Current MAC address of the device network interface.

/dev..../system/nics/n/mask

Properties: Read
Type: String
Unit: None

Current network mask.

/dev..../system/nics/n/saveip

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

If written, this action will program the defined static IP address to the device.

/dev..../system/nics/n/static

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Enable this flag if the device is used in a network with fixed IP assignment without a DHCP server.

/dev..../system/preset/busy

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates if presets are currently loaded.

/dev..../system/preset/error

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates if the last operation was illegal. Successful: 0, Error: 1.

/dev..../system/preset/load

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Load the selected preset.

/dev..../system/properties/freqresolution

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

The number of bits used to represent a frequency.

/dev..../system/properties/freqscaling

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: None

The scale factor to use to convert a frequency represented as a freqresolution-bit integer to a floating point value.

/dev..../system/properties/maxfreq

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: None

The maximum oscillator frequency that can be set.

/dev..../system/properties/maxtimeconstant

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: s

The maximum demodulator time constant that can be set. Only relevant for lock-in amplifiers.

/dev..../system/properties/minfreq

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: None

The minimum oscillator frequency that can be set.

/dev..../system/properties/mintimeconstant

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: s

The minimum demodulator time constant that can be set. Only relevant for lock-in amplifiers.

/dev..../system/properties/negativefreq

Properties: Read
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates whether negative frequencies are supported.

/dev..../system/properties/timebase

Properties: Read
Type: Double
Unit: s

Minimal time difference between two timestamps. The value is equal to 1/(maximum sampling rate).

/dev..../system/shutdown

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Sending a '1' to this node initiates a shutdown of the operating system on the device. It is recommended to trigger this shutdown before switching the device off with the hardware switch at the back side of the device.

/dev..../system/stall

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Indicates if the network connection is stalled.

/dev..../system/swtriggers/n/single

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Issues a single software trigger event.

/dev..../system/synchronization/source

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Selects the source for synchronization of channels: internal (default) or external

- 0 "internal": Internal: Synchronization of all channels of a device that have the corresponding synchronization setting enabled.
- 1 "external": External: Same as internal plus synchronization to other devices via ZSync.

/dev..../system/triggerdelays/automatic

Properties: Read, Write, Setting
Type: Integer (enumerated)
Unit: None

Enables the instrument to automatically adjust trigger delays to maintain output alignment

- 0 "off": No trigger delays are tuned automatically. The user has to manually align the channel outputs.
- 1 "on": The instrument will set the required trigger delay based on configuration

/dev..../system/update

Properties: Read, Write
Type: Integer (64 bit)
Unit: None

Requests update of the device firmware and bitstream from the dataserver.