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A Quadrature Bitstream Integration $CT\Delta\Sigma$ Phasemeter

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Tutorial Introduction

Abstract

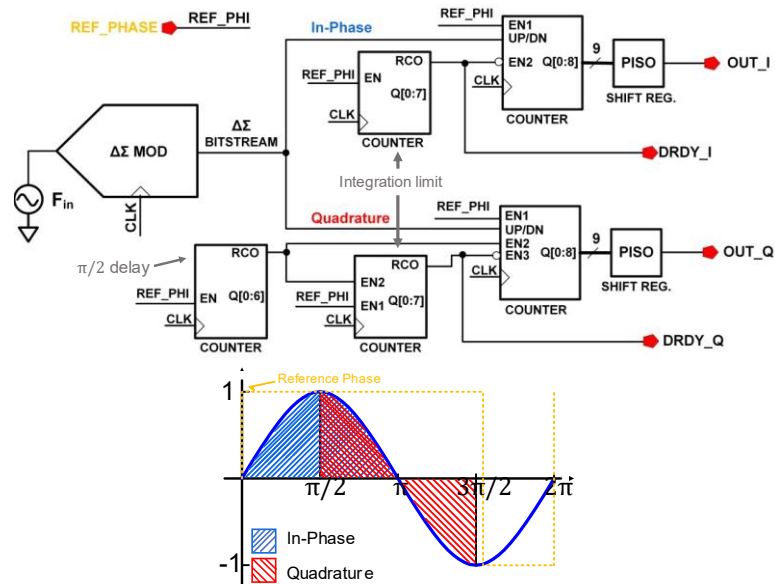
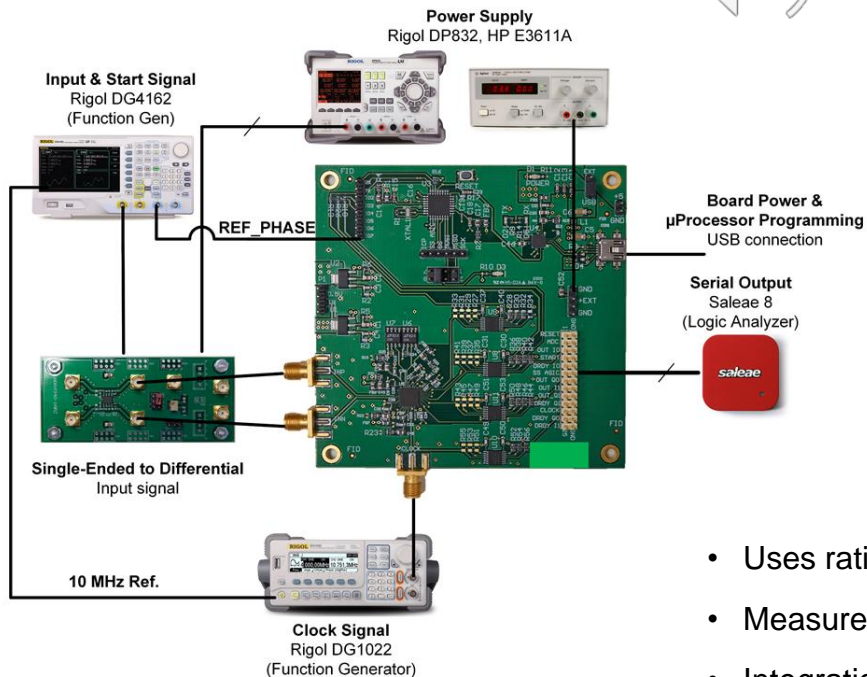
Phase measurements are critical for accurate detection of gravitational waves using heterodyne interferometry. We present a phasemeter employing a quadrature bitstream integration technique using a continuous time sigma delta modulator (QBI-CT $\Delta\Sigma$). This approach results in less than 0.4° phase error over a 360° input phase sweep and occupies 0.094 mm^2 .

Problem Description



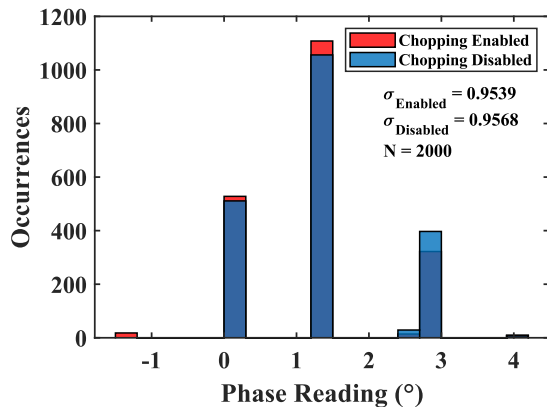
- a) LISA mission planned to launch in the 2030's
- b) Phasemeter is a critical part for gravitational wave detection
- c) Current solutions use power-hungry FPGAs
- d) ASIC design focused only on phase measurement requiring only 111 μ W

Methodology

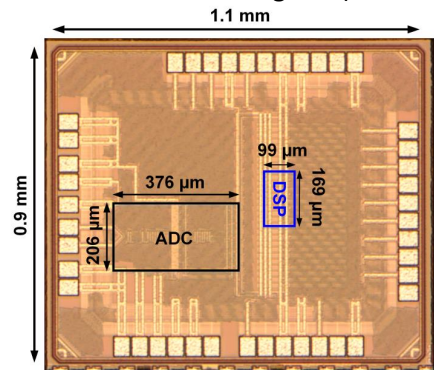


- Uses ratiometric integration since modulator and input frequencies are both known
- Measures phase with regard to a reference phase
- Integration is performed in the digital domain

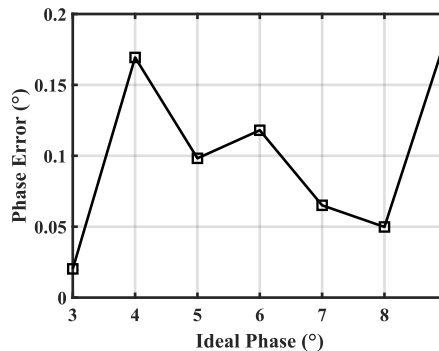
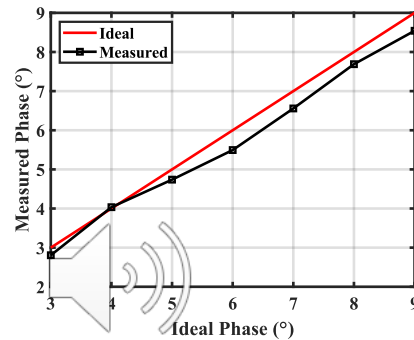
Results



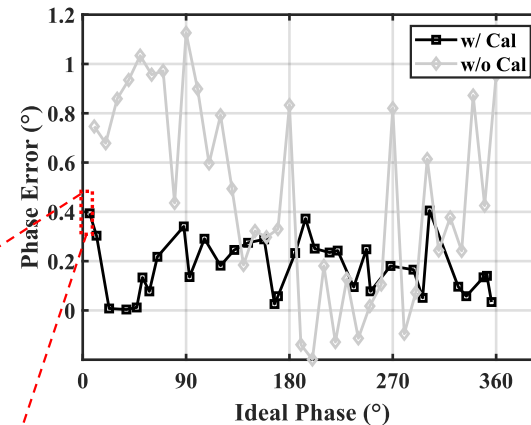
Phase noise measurement histogram (un-calibrated data)



Chip micrograph with an active area of 0.094mm²



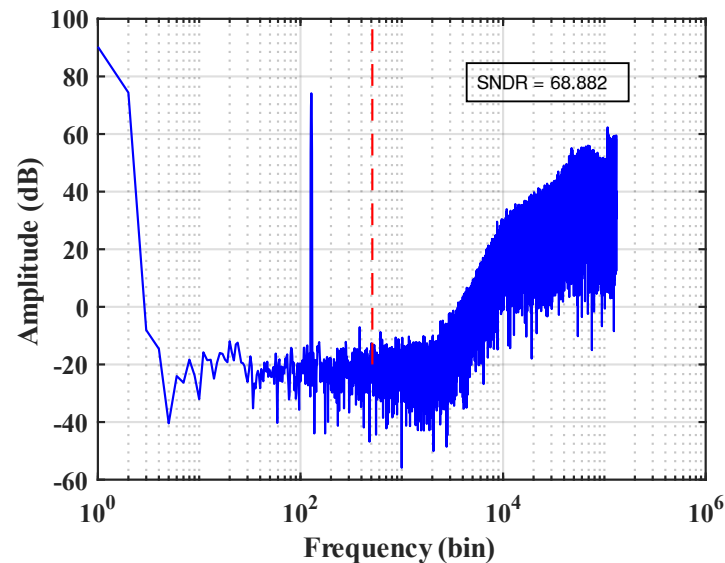
Phase error where each measurement represents an average of 500 samples



Results Comparison

	This Work	ADI AD5933	JSSC '20 [2]	ISSCC'18 [1]	TI-AFE4300
Technology [nm]	40	-	65	130	-
Supply [V]	1	3.3	0.5	0.6	3
Phase Error [°]	<0.19° (3°-9°) <0.45° (0°-360°)	^A <0.8° (0°-7°) ^A <1.05° (0°-360°)	<0.4° (3°-8°)	-	<0.69°
Power [μW]	111.6	33000	9.26	0.05 ^C 7.05	2910
Energy/Reading [nJ]	27.7	-	^D 900	^E 1.41	-
Area [mm ²]	0.094	-	4.83	0.0039	-
SNDR [dB]	68.88	60	^B 44.64	50.3	-
Frequency (kHz)	4	1-100	20	0.02-5	8/16/32/64

^AEstimated from datasheet ^BSFDR ^CIncludes bias & clock power ^D10 Hz output filter ^E5 kHz output



Publications and References

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