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Experimental results on decoherence and readout of coupled superconducting flux qubits in a circuit-QED setup¹ JEAN-LUC OR-GIAZZI, DAVID LAYDEN, Institute for Quantum Computing, University of Waterloo, RYAN MARCHILDON, University of Toronto, MUSTAFA BAL, CHUNQING DENG, FLORIAN ONG, ADRIAN LUPASCU, Institute for Quantum Computing, University of Waterloo — We present the results of experiments with two superconducting flux qubits coupled to a high-quality factor aluminum coplanar waveguide resonator. The flux qubits have a loop area of $\sim 24 \ \mu m^2$. The coupling to the resonator is implemented using the inductance of a shared line. The qubits are independently controlled via on-chip fast flux bias lines. Readout is performed by homodyne detection at large resonator driving power. Readout contrast exceeds 70% for each qubit. We observed long relaxation times, approaching 10 microseconds. The coherence time at the symmetry point exceeds 1 microsecond. Away from the symmetry point, decoherence is due to 1/f flux noise, with a measured density of $2.6 \times 10^{-6} \Phi_0 / \sqrt{\text{Hz}}$ at 1 Hz. We discuss the implementation of a two-qubit controlled-NOT gate using the selective darkening technique [1]. [1] P. C. de Groot, J. Lisenfeld, R. N. Schouten, S. Ashhab, A. Lupascu, C. J. P. M. Harmans, and J. E. Mooij. Nat. Phys., 6(10):763-766, October 2010.

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