

Multichannel analyzer for alpha spectroscopy

The multichannel analyzer is used to identify the source of alpha radiation. Silicon detectors and scintillators are used for registration.

The system for alpha spectroscopy should consist of silicon detectors, NaI(Tl) crystal scintillators, charge-sensitive preamplifier units, a discriminator, an amplifier, a coincidence circuit and a multichannel analyzer[1,2,3]. The goal of the work is to create an alpha spectrometric system at low cost for use in experimental physics and in teaching students. For this purpose, microcircuits were selected and an analog signal processing circuit was created. Simulation of analog signal processing circuits was carried out on the NI MultiSim 14 program. The multichannel analyzer is created on the basis of the well-known, commercially available and cheap STM32 microcontroller.

The microcontroller has fast multichannel ADC's with sampling rates of 2.5 - 5 million samples per second. However, this speed is not sufficient to accurately measure the peak of a signal using digital signal processing methods such as in digitizers, where ADC speeds reach 250-500 million samples per second. The use of an analog peak detector circuit allows you to save the signal peak before recording the ADC, which allows you to use any slow ADC built into microcontrollers[4,5].

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