

ADI DUAL BEAM SPECTROPHOTOMETER DEMO SYSTEM AND SOLUTION

Application Introduction

This is the second article for spectrophotometer applications. In the first article, "ADI Dual Beam Spectrophotometer Solution," we discuss the applications, theory of operation, circuit architecture, and design considerations for spectrophotometers. This article introduces related, new ADI demo systems and products.

System Design Considerations

Stability

Drift with time and temperature are very important factors during spectrophotometer design. To achieve this objective, low drift and an accurate signal chain are required, and ADI excels in these two areas. Additionally, including dual beam architecture is also a key part of spectrophotometer design.

New Demo System from ADI

CN-0363: Dual-Channel Colorimeter with Programmable Gain Transimpedance Amplifiers and Digital Synchronous Detection

The circuit shown in the following figure is a dual-channel colorimeter featuring a modulated light source transmitter, programmable gain transimpedance amplifiers on each channel, and a very low noise, 24-bit,



 Σ - Δ analog-to-digital converter (ADC). The output of the ADC connects to a standard FPGA mezzanine card. The FPGA takes the sampled data from the ADC and implements a synchronous detection algorithm. By using modulated light and digital synchronous detection rather than a constant (dc) source, the system strongly rejects any noise sources at frequencies other than the modulation frequency, providing excellent accuracy.

New Product from ADI

ADA4350: FET Input Analog Front End with ADC Driver for Current Detection, Photodiode Applications

The ADA4350 is an analog front end for photodetectors or other sensors whose output produces a current proportional to the sensed parameter or voltage input applications where the system requires the user to select between very precise gain levels to maximize the dynamic range.

The ADA4350 integrates a FET input amplifier, a switching network, and an ADC driver with all functions controllable via a serial peripheral interface (SPI) or parallel control logic into a single IC. The FET input amplifier has very low voltage noise and current noise, making it an excellent choice to work with a wide range of photodetectors, sensors, or precision data acquisition systems.



Solutions from ADI

System Block Diagram

1. Below is the system block diagram of a general spectrophotometer including a simplified optical system, sample and reference cells, dual-channel signal conditioning circuit, microcontroller (ADC integrated), communication interface, and power management.



1. Amplifiers		2. Difference Amplifiers		3. ADCs		4. MCUs
ADA4350/AD8615/AD8605/AD8626		AD8271/AD8278		AD7175-2/AD7798/AD7799		ADuCM361/ADuC7061
5. References		6. Muxes	7. Swite	ches	8. Interface	9. Power Management
ADR4525/ADR3425/ADR291	ADG704/ADG708/ADG1609		ADG733/ADG1636		ADM3251E	ADP2441/ADP2370/ADP160/ ADP7102/ADP7182

Main Products

Part Number	Description	Benefit				
Amplifiers						
ADA4350	Analog front end with integrated ADC driver and integrated gain switching SPI or parallel switch control of all functions; input bias current: ± 0.25 pA typ at 25°C; GBP: 175 MHz; up to 12 V power supply	Analog front end for spectrophotometer applications, featuring high integration and precision				
AD8615	1 pA max @ 25°C, low offset voltage: 80 μV typ, 24 MHz bandwidth, 12 V/µs slew rate, low noise 8 nV/ $\sqrt{\text{Hz}}$, 5 V power supply, rail-to-rail input/output	Low bias current at room temperature, high speed, low noise, low offset op amp				
AD8605	1 pA max @ 25°C, low offset voltage: 65 μV max, 10 MHz bandwidth, low noise 8 nV/ $\sqrt{Hz},$ rail-to-rail input/output	Low bias current at room temperature, high speed, low noise, low offset op amp				
AD8626	0.25 pA bias current @ typ room temperature, less than 2 pA bias current @ typ 50°C, low offset drift 2 μ V/C, up to ±13 V power supply, high bandwidth 5 MHz, rail-to-rail output	Wider power supply range, low bias current @ 0°C to 50°C, low offset drift				
Difference Amplifiers						
AD8271	Gain = ½, 1, 2, gain drift 10 ppm/°C, 15 MHz and 30 V/µS slew rate	Low gain drift and high speed, suitable for ADC drivers				
AD8278	Low power consumption 100 $\mu A,~G=$ ½ or 2, bandwidth 1MHz	Low power consumption, enough bandwidth				
ADCs						
AD7175-2	Fast output rate: up to 250 kSPS; 24 noise free bits @ 20 SPS; 17.2 noise free bits @ 250 kSPS; INL: ±1 ppm of FSR	Fastest and most accurate $\Sigma\text{-}\Delta$ ADC in the world				
AD7798	380 μA quiescent current, 3-channel, 16-bit peak-to-peak resolution, up to 470 Hz output update rate	Low power consumption and highly integrated $\Sigma\text{-}\Delta$ ADC, high resolution, and high accuracy				
AD7799	380 μA quiescent current, 3-channel, 24-bit Σ-Δ ADC, up to 470 Hz output update rate	Low power consumption and high integrated Σ - Δ ADC, high resolution, and high accuracy				

Part Number	Description	Benefit				
Microcontrollers						
ADuCM361	Precision analog microcontrollers, ARM [®] Cortex [®] -M3 32-bit processor, six differential channels, single (24-bit) ADCs, single 12-bit DAC, power consumption 1.0 mA, 290 μ A/MHz, 19-pin GPIO, 128 kB Flash/EE memory, 8 kB SRAM; small package, low drift internal reference 5 ppm typical, integrated programmable current source	Low power consumption, high precision 24-bits $\Sigma\text{-}\Delta$ ADC, 4 mA to 20 mA loop applications, small package				
ADuC7061	A precision analog microcontroller based on a 10 MHz ARM7 and a highly precise dual Σ - Δ ADC front end, 24-bit of resolution and 16-bit ENOB and sub-100 Hz output rates; memory footprint includes a 32 kB flash and 4 kB SRAM; other key specs includes sub-3 mA operation (with MCU core at 1 MHz) making the part suitable for 4 mA to 20 mA loop applications, a 12-bit DAC and small packaging, 5 mm \times 5 mm 32-lead LFCSP	Low power consumption, low cost 24-bits $\Sigma\text{-}\Delta$ ADC, 4 mA to 20 mA loop applications, small package				
References						
ADR4525	2.5 V reference, very low drift: 2 ppm/°C (max), low noise: 1.25 μV pp @ 0.1 Hz to 10 Hz, long-term stability: 25 ppm/ $\sqrt{1000hr}$, hysteresis: 50 ppm	Low drift, very good stability and low noise reference, low hysteresis, and many other choices for output voltage in ADR45xx family				
ADR3425	2.5 V reference, low drift 8 ppm/°C (max), long-term stability 30 ppm/√1000hr, 100 μA max quiescent current, small size S0T-23, 6-lead package	Low drift, good stability, and many other choices for output voltage in ADR34xx family				
ADR291	2.5 V reference, 12 µA quiescent current	Low power consumption, good drift and stability				
Muxes						
ADG704	4-channel multiplexer, low on resistance 2.5 Ω @ typ, low leakage current 10 pA @ typ, low power consumption 1 μA	Low leakage and low on resistance help to build high accurate system				
ADG708	8-channel multiplexer, low on resistance 3 Ω @ typ, low leakage current 10 pA @ typ, low power consumption 1 μA	Low leakage and low on resistance help to build high accurate system				
ADG1609	4-channel multiplexer, ± 8 V power supply, low on resistance 4.5 Ω @ typ, low leakage current 20 pA @ typ, low power consumption 1 μA	Wider power supply range, low leakage and low on resistance help to build high accurate system				
Switches						
ADG733	Double SPDT switch, low on resistance 2.5 Ω @ typ, low leakage current 10 pA @ typ, low power consumption 1 μA	Low leakage and low on resistance help to build high accurate system				
ADG1636	Double SPDT switch, ± 8 V power supply low on resistance 2.5 Ω @ typ, low leakage current 10 pA @ typ, low power consumption 1 μA	Wider power supply range, ow leakage, and low on resistance help to build high accurate system				
Interface						
ADM3251E	Isolated RS-232 transceiver, 460 kbps data rate, 5 V or 3.3 V operations, 15 kV ESD protection, 2.5 kV isolation	High integrated isolated RS-232 transceiver				
Power Manage	ment					
ADP2441	4.5 V to 36 V input buck regulator, 1A output current, high efficiency larger than 90%, adjustable switching frequency: 300 kHz to 1 MHz, current limit protection, external soft-start, thermal shutdown	Small 3 mm \times 3 mm LFCSP package, high efficiency				
ADP2370	3.0 V to 15 V input buck regulator, 800 mA output current, 1.2 MHz or 600 kHz PWM frequency, low quiescent current 14 μ A, high efficiency larger than 90%, current-mode control architecture	Small 3 mm \times 3 mm LFCSP package, few peripheral components, and a small solution size				
ADP160	$2.2~V$ to $5.5~V$ input LDO, 150 mA maximum output current, ultralow quiescent current: 10 μA when output 10 mA, up to 15 fixed output voltage options available from 1.2 V to 4.2 V	Low power consumption, integrated output discharge resistor, small package with only two 1 μF external capacitor				
ADP7102	20 V input LDO, 300 mA output current, low noise 15 μV rms, seven fixed output voltage versions and an adjustable version	High input voltage, low noise LDO				
ADP7182	–28 V input LDO, 200 mA output current, low noise 18 μV rms	High input voltage, low noise negative LDO				

Design Resources

APM Article

APM: ADI Dual Beam Spectrophotometer Solution—www.analog.com/ en/apm/dbs.pdf

Circuits from the Lab®

- CN-0363: Dual-Channel Colorimeter with Programmable Gain Transimpedance Amplifiers and Digital Synchronous Detectors www.analog.com/en/cn-0363
- CN-0312: Dual-Channel Colorimeter with Programmable Gain Transimpedance Amplifiers and Synchronous Detectors www.analog.com/en/cn-0312

Application Notes/Articles

- Analog Dialogue, "Programmable-Gain Transimpedance Amplifiers Maximize Dynamic Range in Spectroscopy Systems" www.analog.com/en/analogdialogue/47-05.pdf
- Use Synchronous Detection to Make Precision, Low Level Measurements www.analog.com/en/ms-2698.pdf
- Optimizing Precision Photodiode Sensor Circuit Design www.analog.com/en/ms-2624.pdf
- Seven Steps to Successful Ultralow Light Signal Conversion www.analog.com/en/ms-2394.pdf

Design Tools/Forums

- ADA4350 Video—http://bcove.me/9a2kxy3m
- ADuCM361 Design Tools—http://ftp.analog.com/pub/MicroConverter
- Analog Photodiode Wizard www.analog.com/designtools/en/photodiode/#/photoDiode
- ADIsimPower[™]: ADI Voltage Regulator Design Tool www.analog.com/adisimpower
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