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ADS890xB 20-Bit, High-Speed SAR ADCs With Integrated Reference Buffer, and Enhanced Performance Features

1 Features

- Resolution: 20-Bits
- High Sample Rate With No Latency Output:
	- ADS8900B: 1-MSPS
	- ADS8902B: 500-kSPS
	- ADS8904B: 250-kSPS
- Integrated LDO Enables Low-Power, Single-Supply Operation
- Low Power Reference Buffer with No Droop
- Excellent AC and DC Performance:
	- SNR: 104.5-dB, THD: –125-dB
	- DNL: ±0.2-ppm, 20-Bit No-Missing-Codes
	- $-$ INL: \pm 1-ppm
- Wide Input Range:
	- Unipolar Differential Input Range: $\pm V_{REF}$
	- $-$ V_{RFF} Input Range: 2.5-V to 5-V
- Enhanced-SPI Digital Interface
	- Interface SCLK : 22-MHz at 1-MSPS.
	- Configurable Data Parity Output.
- Extended Temperature Range: –40°C to +125°C
- Small Footprint: 4-mm × 4-mm VQFN

2 Applications

- • Test and Measurement
- Medical Imaging
- High-Precision, High-Speed Data Acquisition

3 Description

The ADS8900B, ADS8902B, and ADS8904B $(ADS890xB)$ belong to compatible, high-speed, single-channel, highprecision, 20-bit successive-approximation-register (SAR) analog-to-digital converters (ADCs) with an integrated reference buffer and integrated lowdropout regulator (LDO). The device family includes the ADS891xB (18-bit) and ADS892xB (16-bit) resolution variants.

The ADS89xxB boosts analog performance while maintaining high-resolution data transfer by using TI's Enhanced-SPI feature. Enhanced-SPI enables ADS89xxB in achieving high throughput at lower clock speeds, there by simplifying the board layout and lowering system cost. Enhanced-SPI also simplifies the host's clocking-in of data there by making it ideal for applications involving FPGAs, DSPs. ADS89xxB is compatible with standard SPI Interface.

The ADS89xxB has an internal data parity feature which can be appended to the ADC data output. ADC data validation by the host, using parity bits, improves system reliability.

(1) For all features of the enhanced SPI, see the *[Interface](#page-23-0) [Module](#page-23-0)* section.

Ease of System Design with ADS89xxB Integrated Features

Multi-ADC System with Single Supply and Reference

Lowest Clock Speeds at 1-MSPS using 3-Wire Enhanced-SPI

ADS89xxB $\mathbf{1}$ $\mathbf{1}$ **MCU** AINP **CONV** \perp **Data** \overline{CS} \overline{CS} \perp $\mathbf{1}$ SDO SDI AINM $\frac{22-MHz}{11}$ SCK **SCLK** AINM ╖ ISO Quiet time ADC Conversion Data **ADC Conversion hanced SPI** (Data + Parity **70-MHz** 22-MHz

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6 Specifications

6.1 Absolute Maximum Ratings

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted) $⁽¹⁾$ </sup>

(1) Stresses beyond those listed under *Absolute Maximum Ratings* may cause permanent damage to the device. These are stress ratings only, which do not imply functional operation of the device at these or any other conditions beyond those indicated under *Recommended Operating Conditions*. Exposure to absolute-maximum-rated conditions for extended periods may affect device reliability.

6.2 ESD Ratings

(1) JEDEC document JEP155 states that 500-V HBM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

(2) JEDEC document JEP157 states that 250-V CDM allows safe manufacturing with a standard ESD control process.

6.3 Recommended Operating Conditions

over operating free-air temperature range (unless otherwise noted)

6.4 Thermal Information

(1) For more information about traditional and new thermal metrics, see the *[Semiconductor and IC Package Thermal Metrics](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/spra953)* application report.

6.5 Electrical Characteristics

At RV $_{\text{DD}}$ = 5.5 V, DV $_{\text{DD}}$ = 1.65 V to 5.5 V, V $_{\text{REF}}$ = 5 V, and maximum throughput (unless otherwise noted). Minimum and maximum values at T_A = –40°C to +125°C; typical values at T_A = 25°C.

(1) See the [REF_MRG Register](#page-55-0).

 (2) For selected \overline{V}_{REF} , see the [OFST_CAL Register.](#page-54-0)
(3) While operating with internal reference buffer and

While operating with internal reference buffer and LDO.

(4) See for statistical distribution data for DNL, INL, offset, and gain error parameters.

(5) LSB = least-significant bit. 1 LSB at 20-bit resolution is approximately 0.95 ppm.

(6) Includes internal reference buffer errors and drifts.

Electrical Characteristics (continued)

At $RV_{DD} = 5.5 V$, $DV_{DD} = 1.65 V$ to 5.5 V, $V_{REF} = 5 V$, and maximum throughput (unless otherwise noted). Minimum and maximum values at $T_A = -40^{\circ}C$ to +125°C; typical values at $T_A = 25^{\circ}C$.

(7) For V_{IN} = –0.1 dBFS.
(8) See the [PD_CNTL Register.](#page-50-1)

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6.6 Timing Requirements

(1) The external clock option is not recommended when operating with $DV_{DD} < 2.35$ V. See [Table 9](#page-43-0).

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6.7 Switching Characteristics

At RV $_{\text{DD}}$ = 5.5 V, DV $_{\text{DD}}$ = 1.65 V to 5.5 V, V $_{\text{REF}}$ = 5 V, and maximum throughput (unless otherwise noted). Minimum and maximum values at $T_A = -40^{\circ}\text{C}$ to +125°C; typical values at $T_A = 25^{\circ}\text{C}$.

(1) The external clock option is not recommended when operating with $DV_{DD} < 2.35$ V. See [Table 9](#page-43-0).

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(1) The SCLK polarity, launch edge, and capture edge depend on the SPI protocol selected.

Figure 4. Source-Synchronous Serial Interface Timing (External Clock)

Figure 5. Source-Synchronous Serial Interface Timing (Internal Clock)

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6.8 Typical Characteristics

at $T_A = 25^{\circ}$ C, RV_{DD} = 5.5 V, DV_{DD} = 3 V, V_{REF} = 5 V, and maximum-rated throughput (unless otherwise noted)

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Typical Characteristics (continued)

at T_A = 25°C, RV_{DD} = 5.5 V, DV_{DD} = 3 V, V_{REF} = 5 V, and maximum-rated throughput (unless otherwise noted)

Typical Characteristics (continued)

at T_A = 25°C, RV_{DD} = 5.5 V, DV_{DD} = 3 V, V_{REF} = 5 V, and maximum-rated throughput (unless otherwise noted)

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Typical Characteristics (continued)

at T_A = 25°C, RV_{DD} = 5.5 V, DV_{DD} = 3 V, V_{REF} = 5 V, and maximum-rated throughput (unless otherwise noted)

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Typical Characteristics (continued)

at T_A = 25°C, RV_{DD} = 5.5 V, DV_{DD} = 3 V, V_{REF} = 5 V, and maximum-rated throughput (unless otherwise noted)

7 Detailed Description

7.1 Overview

The ADS890xB is a family of high-speed, successive approximation register (SAR), analog-to-digital converters (ADC) based on a charge redistribution architecture. These compact devices integrate a reference buffer and LDO, and feature high performance at a high throughput rate with low power consumption.

This device family supports unipolar, fully differential, analog input signals. The integrated reference buffer supports the burst mode of data acquisition for external reference voltages in the range 2.5 V to 5 V, and offers a wide selection of input ranges without additional input scaling.

When a conversion is initiated, the differential input between the AINP and AINM pins is sampled on the internal capacitor array. The device uses an internal clock to perform conversions. During the conversion process, both analog inputs are disconnected from the internal circuit. At the end of conversion process, the device reconnects the sampling capacitors to the AINP and AINM pins and enters an acquisition phase.

The integrated LDO allows the device to operate on a single supply, RV_{DD} . The device consumes only 21 mW, 16 mW, or 14 mW of power when operating at the rated maximum throughput of 1 MSPS, 500 kSPS, or 250 kSPS, respectively, with the internal reference buffer and LDO enabled.

The enhanced multiSPI digital interface is backward-compatible with traditional SPI protocol. Configurable features simplify board layout, timing, and firmware, and support high throughput at lower clock speeds, thus allowing an easy interface with a variety of microcontrollers, DSPs, and FPGAs.

The ADS890xB enables test and measurement, medical, and industrial applications to achieve fast, low-noise, low-distortion, low-power data acquisition in small form factors.

7.2 Functional Block Diagram

7.3 Feature Description

From a functional perspective, the device comprises four modules: the low-dropout regulator (LDO), the reference buffer (BUF), the converter (SAR ADC), and the interface (multiSPI digital interface), as shown in the *[Functional Block Diagram](#page-17-2)* section.

The LDO module is powered by the RV_{DD} supply, and generates the bias voltage for internal circuit blocks of the device. The reference buffer module buffers the external reference voltage source from the dynamic, capacitive switching load present on the reference pins during the conversion process. The converter module samples and converts the analog input into an equivalent digital output code. The interface module facilitates communication and data transfer between the device and the host controller.

7.3.1 LDO Module

To enable single-supply operation, the device features an internal low-dropout regulator (LDO). The LDO is powered by the RV_{DD} supply, and the output is available on the two DECAP pins. This LDO output powers the critical analog blocks within the device, and must not be used for any other external purposes.

Short the two DECAP pins together, and decouple with the GND pin by placing a 1-μF, X7R-grade, ceramic capacitor with a 10-V rating, as shown in [Figure 32.](#page-18-2) There is no upper limit on the value of the decoupling capacitor; however, a larger decoupling capacitor results in a longer power-up time for the device. See the *[Layout](#page-64-0)* section for layout recommendations.

Figure 32. Internal LDO Connections

7.3.2 Reference Buffer Module

On the CONVST rising edge, the device moves from ACQ state to CONV state, and the internal capacitors are switched to the REFBUFOUT pins as per the successive approximation algorithm. Most of the switching charge required during the conversion process is provided by external decoupling capacitor C_{REFBUP} . If the charge lost from the C_{REFBUF} is not replenished before the next CONVST rising edge, the voltage on REFBUFOUT pins is less than VREFBUFOUT. The subsequent conversion occurs with this different reference voltage, and causes a proportional error in the output code. The internal reference buffer of the device maintains the voltage on REFBUFOUT pins within 0.5-LSB of V_{REFBUFOUT}. All the performance characteristics of the device are specified with the internal reference buffer and specified values of \dot{C}_{REFBUF} and R_{ESR} .

In burst-mode of operation, the device stays in ACQ state for a long duration of time and then performs a burst of conversions. During the acquisition state (ACQ), the sampling capacitor (C_S) is connected to the differential input pins and no charge is drawn from the REFBUFOUT pins. However, during the very first conversion cycle, there is a step change in the current drawn from the REFBUFOUT pins. This sudden change in load triggers a transient settling response in the reference buffer. For a fixed input voltage, any transient settling error at the end of the conversion cycle results in a change in output codes over the subsequent conversions, as shown in [Figure 33.](#page-19-0) The internal reference buffer of the ADS89xxB, when used with the recommended values of C_{REFBUF} and R_{ESR} , keeps the transient settling error at the end of each conversion cycle within 0.5-LSB. Therefore, the device supports burst-mode of operation with every conversion result being as per the datasheet specifications.

Feature Description (continued)

Figure 33. ADC Output Codes in Burst-Mode Operation With Various ADC Reference Buffers

[Figure 34](#page-19-1) shows the block diagram of the internal reference buffer.

Figure 34. Internal Reference Buffer Block Diagram

The input range for the device is set by the external voltage applied at the REFIN pin (V_{REF}). The REFIN pin has electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection diodes to the RVDD and GND pins. For minimum input offset error (see $E_{(IO)}$ specified in the *[Electrical Characteristics](#page-5-0)*), set the REF_SEL[2:0] bits to the value closest to V_{REF} (see the [OFST_CAL register](#page-54-0)).

The internal reference buffer has a typical gain of 1 V/V with minimal offset error (see $V_{(RO)}$ specified in the *[Electrical Characteristics](#page-5-0)*), and the output of the buffer is available between the REFBUFOUT pins and the REFM pins. Set the REF_OFST[4:0] bits to add or subtract an intentional offset voltage (see the [REF_MRG register](#page-55-0)).

[Figure 35](#page-20-0) shows the external connections required for the internal reference buffer.

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Feature Description (continued)

Figure 35. External Connections for the Internal Reference Buffer

Select R_{REF} $_{FLT}$ and C_{REF} $_{FLT}$ to limit the broadband noise contribution from the external reference source. The device takes very little current, I_{REF} , from the REFIN pin (typically, 0.1 μ A). However, this current flows through R_{BFEE} _{FLT} and may result in additional gain error.

Short the two REFBUFOUT pins externally. Short the two REFM pins to GND externally. As shown in [Figure 35,](#page-20-0) place a combination of R_{ESR} and C_{REFBUF} (see the *[Electrical Characteristics](#page-5-0)*) between the REFBUFOUT pins and the REFM pins as close to the device as possible. See the *[Layout](#page-64-0)* section for layout recommendations.

7.3.3 Converter Module

As shown in [Figure 36](#page-20-1), the converter module samples the analog input signal (provided between the AINP and AINM pins), compares this signal with the reference voltage (between the pair of REFBUFOUT and REFM pins), and generates an equivalent digital output code.

The converter module receives RST and CONVST inputs from the interface module, and outputs the ADCST signal and the conversion result back to the interface module.

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7.3.3.1 Sample-and-Hold Circuit

These devices support unipolar, fully differential, analog input signals. [Figure 37](#page-21-0) shows a small-signal equivalent circuit of the sample-and-hold circuit. Each sampling switch is represented by a resistance (R_{S1} and R_{S2} , typically 50 Ω) in series with an ideal switch (SW₁ and SW₂). The sampling capacitors, C_{S1} and C_{S2}, are typically 60 pF.

Device in Hold Mode

Figure 37. Input Sampling Stage Equivalent Circuit

During the acquisition process (ACQ state), both positive and negative inputs are individually sampled on C_{S1} and C_{S2} , respectively. During the conversion process (CNV state), the device converts for the voltage difference between the two sampled values: $V_{AINP} - V_{AINM}$.

Each analog input pin has electrostatic discharge (ESD) protection diodes to REFBUFOUT and GND. Keep the analog inputs within the specified range to avoid turning the diodes on.

[Equation 1](#page-21-1) and [Equation 2](#page-21-2) show the full-scale input range (FSR) and common-mode voltage (V_{CM}), respectively, supported at the analog inputs for any external reference voltage provided on the REFIN pin (V_{REF}) .

$$
FSR = \pm V_{REF}
$$

\n
$$
V_{CM} = \left(\frac{V_{REF}}{2}\right) \pm 0.1 \text{ V}
$$
 (1)

 (1)

Feature Description (continued)

7.3.3.2 Internal Oscillator

The device family features an internal oscillator (OSC) that provides the conversion clock; see [Figure 36](#page-20-1). The conversion duration is bound by the minimum and maximum value of t_{conv}, as specified in the *[Switching](#page-8-0) [Characteristics](#page-8-0)* table.

The interface module uses this internal clock (OSC), an external clock (provided by the host controller on the SCLK pin), or a combination of both the internal and external clocks, to execute the data transfer operations between the device and host controller; see the *[Interface Module](#page-23-0)* section for more details.

7.3.3.3 ADC Transfer Function

The device family supports unipolar, fully differential analog inputs. The device output is in two's compliment format. [Figure 38](#page-22-0) and [Table 1](#page-22-1) show the ideal transfer characteristics for the device.

The least significant bit (LSB) for the ADC is given by [Equation 3](#page-22-2):

DIFFERENTIAL ANALOG INPUT VOLTAGE $(AINP - AINM)$	OUTPUT CODE (HEX)
$< -V_{REF}$	80000
$-V_{\text{RFF}} + 1$ LSB	80001
-1 LSB	FFFFF
0	00000
1 LSB	00001
$>$ V_{RFF} – 1 LSB	7FFFFF

Table 1. Transfer Characteristics

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7.3.4 Interface Module

The interface module facilitates the communication and data transfer between the device and the host controller. As shown in [Figure 39,](#page-23-1) the module consists of shift registers (both input and output), configuration registers, and a protocol unit.

Figure 39. Interface Module

The *[Pin Configuration and Functions](#page-2-0)* section provides descriptions of the interface pins. The *[Data Transfer](#page-29-0) [Frame](#page-29-0)* section details the functions of shift registers, the SCLK counter, and the command processor. The *[Data](#page-33-0) [Transfer Protocols](#page-33-0)* section details supported protocols. The *[Register Maps](#page-50-0)* section explains the configuration registers and bit settings.

7.4 Device Functional Modes

As shown in [Figure 40](#page-24-1), this device family supports three functional states: RST, ACQ, and CNV. The device state is determined by the status of the CONVST and RST control signals provided by the host controller.

Figure 40. Device Functional States

7.4.1 RST State

The RST pin is an asynchronous digital input for the device. To enter RST state, the host controller pulls the RST pin low and keeps it low for the t_{wl RST} duration (as specified in the *[Timing Requirements](#page-7-0)* table).

In RST state, all configuration registers (see the *[Register Maps](#page-50-0)* section) are reset to their default values, the RVS pin remains low, and the SDO-x pins are Hi-Z.

To exit RST state, the host controller pulls the RST pin high, with CONVST and SCLK held low and CS held high, as shown in [Figure 41](#page-24-2). After a delay of $t_{d,rst}$, the device enters ACQ state and the RVS pin goes high.

Figure 41. Asynchronous Reset

To operate the device in either ACQ or CNV state, \overline{RST} must be held high. With \overline{RST} held high, transitions on the CONVST pin determine the functional state of the device.

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Device Functional Modes (continued)

[Figure 42](#page-25-0) shows a typical conversion process. The internal ADCST signal goes low during conversion and goes high at the end of conversion. With $\overline{\text{CS}}$ held high, RVS reflects the status of ADCST.

Figure 42. Typical Conversion Process

7.4.2 ACQ State

In ACQ state, the device acquires the analog input signal. The device enters ACQ state at power-up, when coming out of power down (See the [PD Control](#page-50-1) section), after any asynchronous reset, and at the end of every conversion.

An $\overline{\text{RST}}$ falling edge takes the device from ACQ state to RST state. A CONVST rising edge takes the device from ACQ state to CNV state.

7.4.3 CNV State

The device moves from ACQ state to CNV state on a rising edge of the CONVST pin. The conversion process uses an internal clock. The device ignores any further transitions on the CONVST signal until the ongoing conversion is complete (that is, during the time interval of t_{conv}).

At the end of conversion, the device enters ACQ state. The cycle time for the device is given by [Equation 4](#page-25-1):

 $t_{\text{cycle-min}} = t_{\text{conv}} + t_{\text{acq-min}}$

(4)

NOTE

The conversion time, t_{conv} , varies within the specified limits of t_{conv_min} and t_{conv_max} (as specified in the *[Switching Characteristics](#page-8-0)* table). After initiating a conversion, the host controller must monitor for a low-to-high transition on the RVS pin or wait for the $t_{conv,max}$ duration to elapse before initiating a new operation (data transfer or conversion). If RVS is not monitored, substitute t_{conv} in [Equation 4](#page-25-1) with $t_{conv,max}$.

7.5 Programming

This device family features nine configuration registers (as described in the *[Register Maps](#page-50-0)* section). To access the internal configuration registers, these devices support the commands listed in [Table 2](#page-26-1).

Table 2. Supported Commands

These devices support two types of data transfer operations: *data write* (the host controller configures the device), and *data read* (the host controller reads data from the device).

Any data write to the device is always synchronous to the external clock provided on the SCLK pin. The WR_REG command writes the 8-bit data into the 9-bit address specified in the command string. The CLR_BITS command clears the specified bits (identified by 1) at the 9-bit address (without affecting the other bits), and the SET BITS command sets the specified bits (identified by 1) at the 9-bit address (without affecting the other bits).

The data read from the device can be synchronized to the same external clock or to an internal clock of the device by programming the configuration registers (see the *[Data Transfer Protocols](#page-33-0)* section for details).

7.5.1 Output Data Word

In any data transfer frame, the contents of an internal, 22-bit, output data word are shifted out on the SDO pins. The D[21:2] bits of the 22-bit output data word for any frame $F + 1$, are determined by:

Value of the DATA_VAL bit applicable to frame $F + 1$ (see the [DATA_CNTL register\)](#page-52-0)

• The command issued in frame *F*

If a valid RD_REG command is executed in frame *F*, then the D[21:14] bits in frame *F* + 1 reflect the contents of the selected register, and the D[13:0] bits are zeros.

If the DATA VAL bit for frame $F + 1$ is set to 1, then the D[21:2] bits in frame $F + 1$ are replaced by the DATA_PATN[19:0] bits.

For all other combinations, the D[21:2] bits for frame $F + 1$ are the latest conversion result.

[Figure 43](#page-27-0) shows the output data word. [Figure 44](#page-28-0) shows further details of the parity computation unit illustrated in [Figure 43](#page-27-0).

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Figure 43. Output Data Word (D[21:0])

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Figure 44. Parity Bits Computation

With the PAR_EN bit set to 0, the D[1] and D[0] bits of the output data word are set to 0 (default configuration).

When the PAR_EN bit is set to 1, the device calculates the parity bits (FLPAR and FTPAR) and appends them as bits D[1] and D[0].

- FLPAR is the even parity calculated on bits D[21:2].
- FTPAR is the even parity calculated on the bits defined by FPAR_LOC[1:0].

See the [DATA_CNTL register](#page-52-0) for more details on the FPAR_LOC[1:0] bit settings.

7.5.2 Data Transfer Frame

A data transfer frame between the device and the host controller is bounded between a CS falling edge and the subsequent \overline{CS} rising edge. The host controller can initiate a data transfer frame (as shown in [Figure 45\)](#page-29-1) at any time irrespective of the status of the CONVST signal; however, the data read during such a data transfer frame is a function of relative timing between the CONVST and CS signals.

Figure 45. Data Transfer Frame

For this discussion, assume that the CONVST signal remains low.

A typical data transfer frame *F* follows this order:

- 1. The host controller pulls \overline{CS} low to initiate a data transfer frame. On the \overline{CS} falling edge:
	- RVS goes low, indicating the beginning of the data transfer frame.
	- The SCLK counter is reset to 0.
	- The device takes control of the data bus. As shown in [Figure 45,](#page-29-1) the 22-bit contents of the output data word (see [Figure 43\)](#page-27-0) are loaded in to the 22-bit output data register (ODR; see [Figure 39\)](#page-23-1).
	- The 22-bit input data register (IDR; see [Figure 39\)](#page-23-1) is reset to 000000h, corresponding to a NOP command.

- 2. During the frame, the host controller provides clocks on the SCLK pin. Inside the device:
	- For each SCLK capture edge, the SCLK counter is incremented and the data bit received on the SDI pin is shifted in to the IDR.
	- For each launch edge of the output clock (SCLK in this case), ODR data are shifted out on the selected SDO-x pins.
	- The status of the RVS pin depends on the output protocol selection (see the *[Protocols for Reading From](#page-37-0) [the Device](#page-37-0)* section).
- 3. The host controller pulls \overline{CS} high to end the data transfer frame. On the \overline{CS} rising edge:
	- The SDO-x pins go to Hi-Z.
	- RVS goes high (after a delay of t_d CSRDY r).
	- As illustrated in [Figure 45](#page-29-1), the 22-bit contents of the IDR are transferred to the command processor (see [Figure 39](#page-23-1)) for decoding and further action.

After pulling \overline{CS} high, the host controller monitors for a low-to-high transition on the RVS pin, or waits for the t_{d CSRDY}_r time (see the *[Switching Characteristics](#page-8-0)* table) to elapse before initiating a new operation (data transfer or conversion). The delay, $t_{d\text{ CSBDY}}$, for any data transfer frame *F* varies based on the data transfer operation executed in frame *F*.

At the end of data transfer frame *F*:

- If the SCLK counter is < 22, then the IDR captured less than 22 bits from the SDI. In this case, the device treats frame *F* as a *short command frame*. At the end of a short command frame, the IDR is not updated and the device treats the frame as a no operation (NOP) command.
- If the SCLK counter = 22, then the IDR captured exactly 22 bits from SDI. In this case, the device treats the frame *F* as a *optimal command frame*. At the end of an optimal command frame, the command processor decodes the 22-bit contents of the IDR as a valid command word.
- If the SCLK counter > 22, then the IDR captured more than 22 bits from the SDI; however, only the *last 22 bits* are retained. In this case, the device treats frame F as a *long command frame*. At the end of a long command frame, the command processor treats the 22-bit contents of the IDR as a valid command word. There is no restriction on the maximum number of clocks that can be provided within any data transfer frame *F*. However, as explained above, make sure that the last 22 bits shifted into the device before the CS rising edge constitute the desired command.

In a short command frame, the write operation to the device is invalidated; however, the output data bits transferred during the short command frame are still valid output data. Therefore, the host controller can use such shorter data transfer frames to read only the required number of MSB bits from the 22-bit output data word. As shown in [Figure 43](#page-27-0), an *optimal read frame* for the ADS890xB devices must read only the 20 MSB bits of the output data word. The length of an optimal read frame depends on the output protocol selection; see the *[Protocols for Reading From the Device](#page-37-0)* section for more details.

NOTE

The previous example shows data-read and data-write operations synchronous to the external clock provided on the SCLK pin.

However, the device also supports data read operation synchronous to the internal clock; see the *[Protocols for Reading From the Device](#page-37-0)* section for more details. In this case, while the ODR contents are shifted on the SDO (or SDOs) on the launch edge of the internal clock, the device continues to capture the SDI data into the IDR (and increment the SCLK counter) on SCLK capture edges.

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7.5.3 Interleaving Conversion Cycles and Data Transfer Frames

The host controller operates the device at the desired throughput by interleaving the conversion cycles and the data transfer frames.

The cycle time of the device, t_{cycle} , is the time difference between two consecutive CONVST rising edges provided by the host controller. The response time of the device, t_{resp}, is the time difference between the host controller initiating conversion *C*, and the host controller receiving the complete result for conversion *C*.

[Figure 46](#page-31-0) shows three conversion cycles: *C*, *C* + 1, and *C* + 2. Conversion *C* is initiated by a CONVST rising edge at time t = 0, and the conversion result <u>bec</u>omes available for<u> da</u>ta transfer at t_{conv}. However, this result is loaded into the ODR only on the subsequent CS falling edge. This CS falling edge must be provided before the completion of conversion $C + 1$ (that is, before $t_{\text{cycle}} + t_{\text{conv}}$).

To achieve the rated performance specifications, the host controller must make sure that no digital signals toggle during the quiet acquisition time (t_{qt_acq}) and quiet aperture time (t_{d_cnvcap}). Any noise during t_{d_cnvcap} may negatively affect the result of the ongoing conversion, whereas any noise during t_{gt} acq may negatively affect the result of the subsequent conversion.

Figure 46. Data Transfer Zones

This architecture allows for two distinct time zones (zone 1 and zone 2) to transfer data for each conversion. Zone 1 and zone 2 for conversion *C* are defined in [Table 3.](#page-31-1)

The response time includes the conversion time and the data transfer time, and thus is a function of the selected data transfer zone.

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[Figure 47](#page-32-0) and [Figure 48](#page-32-1) illustrate interleaving of three conversion cycles (*C*, *C* + 1, and *C* + 2) with three data transfer frames (*F*, *F* + 1, and *F* + 2) in zone 1 and in zone 2, respectively.

For a given cycle time, the zone 1 data transfer clearly achieves faster response time, but also requires a higher SCLK speed (as evident from [Equation 5](#page-33-1), [Equation 6,](#page-33-2) and [Equation 7\)](#page-33-3); whereas, the zone 2 data transfer clearly requires a lower SCLK speed but has a slower response time (as evident from [Equation 8](#page-33-4), [Equation 9,](#page-33-5) and [Equation 10\)](#page-33-6).

NOTE

A data transfer frame can begin in zone 1, and then extend into zone 2; however, the host controller must make sure that no digital transitions occur during the t_{gt} and t_{d} cnvcap time intervals.

NOTE

For data transfer operations in zone 2 using the ADC-Clock-Master protocol (SDO_MODE[1:0] = 11b), the device supports only the external-clock-echo option $(SSYNC_CLK_SEL[1:0] = 00b)$; see [Table 9](#page-43-0).

7.5.4 Data Transfer Protocols

This device family features a multiSPI digital interface that allows the host controller to operate at slower SCLK speeds and still achieve the required throughput and response time. The multiSPI digital interface module offers three options to reduce the SCLK speed required for data transfer:

- Increase the width of the output data bus.
- Enable double data rate (DDR) transfer.
- Extended data transfer window, as shown in [Figure 48](#page-32-1).

These three options can be combined to achieve further reduction in SCLK speed.

There are various factors that limit the maximum SCLK frequency in a system.

[Figure 49](#page-34-0) shows the delays in the communication channel between the host controller and the device in a typical serial communication.

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Figure 49. Delays in Serial Communication

For example, if t_{pcb_CK} and t_{pcb_SDO} are the delays introduced by the printed circuit board (PCB) traces for the serial clock and SDO signals, \bar{t}_{d_CKDO} is the clock-to-data delay of the device, t_{d_SIO} is the propagation delay introduced by the digital isolator, and t_{su-h} is the setup time specification of the host controller, then the total delay in the path is given by [Equation 11](#page-34-1):

$$
t_{d_total_serial} = t_{pcb_CK} + t_{d_iso} + t_{d_ckdo} + t_{di_iso} + t_{pcb_SDO} + t_{su_h}
$$
\n
$$
(11)
$$

In a standard SPI protocol, the host controller and the device launch and capture data bits on alternate SCLK edges. Therefore, the t_{d_total_serial} delay must be kept to less than half of the SCLK duration. [Equation 12](#page-34-2) shows the fastest clock allowed by the SPI protocol:

$$
f_{\text{clk-SPI}} \le \frac{1}{2 \times t_{\text{d_total-serial}}} \tag{12}
$$

Larger values of the td_total_serial delay restricts the maximum SCLK speed for the SPI protocol, resulting in higher read and response times, and can possibly limit the throughput.

[Figure 50](#page-34-3) shows a delay ($t_{\rm d, delcap}$) introduced in the capture path (inside the host controller).

Figure 50. Delayed Capture

The total delay in the path modifies to [Equation 13](#page-34-4):

 $t_{d_total_serial} = t_{pcb_CK} + t_{d_iso} + t_{d_ckdo} + t_{d_iso} + t_{pcb_SDO} + t_{su_h} - t_{d_delcap}$

(13)

This reduction in total delay allows the SPI protocol to operate at higher clock speeds.

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The multiSPI digital interface module offers two additional options to remove the restriction on the SCLK speed:

• Early data launch (EDL) mode of operation In EDL mode, the device launches the output data on SDO-x pin (or pins) half a clock earlier compared to the standard SPI protocol. Therefore, [Equation 12](#page-34-2) modifies to [Equation 14](#page-35-0):

$$
f_{\text{clk-SPI}} \leq \frac{1}{t_{\text{d_total-serial}}}
$$

The reduction in total delay allows the serial interface to operate at higher clock speeds.

• ADC-Clock-Master (*source-synchronous*) mode of operation

As illustrated in [Figure 51,](#page-35-1) in ADC-Clock-Master mode, the device provides a synchronous output clock (on the RVS pin) along with the output data (on the SDO-x pins).

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Figure 51. Delays in ADC-Clock-Master (Source-Synchronous) Mode

For negligible values of $t_{off\ STRDO}$, the total delay in the path for a source-synchronous data transfer, is given by [Equation 15](#page-35-2):

 $t_{d_total_srcsync} = t_{pcb_RVS} - t_{pcb_SDO} + t_{su_h}$

As shown by the difference between [Equation 11](#page-34-1) and [Equation 15](#page-35-2), using ADC-Clock-Master mode completely eliminates the effect of isolator delays ($t_{d,ISO}$) and clock-to-data delays ($t_{d,CKDO}$); typically, the largest contributors in the overall delay computation.

Furthermore, the actual values of t_{pcb_RVS} and t_{pcb_SDO} do not matter. In most cases, the $t_{d_total_Srcsync}$ delay can be kept at a minimum by routing the RVS and SDO lines together on the PCB. Therefore, the ADC-Clock-Master mode allows the data transfer between the host controller and the device to operate at much higher SCLK speeds.

 (14)

(15)

7.5.4.1 Protocols for Configuring the Device

As shown in [Table 4,](#page-36-0) the host controller can use any of the four legacy, SPI-compatible protocols (SPI-00-S, SPI-01-S, SPI-10-S, or SPI-11-S) to write data to the device.

At power-up or after coming out of any asynchronous reset, the device supports the SPI-00-S protocol for dataread and data-write operations.

To select a different SPI-compatible protocol, program the SDI_MODE[1:0] bits in the [SDI_CNTL register.](#page-51-0) This first write operation must adhere to the SPI-00-S protocol. Any subsequent data transfer frames must adhere to the newly selected protocol.

[Figure 52](#page-36-1) to [Figure 55](#page-36-2) detail the four protocols using an optimal command frame; see the *[Timing Requirements](#page-7-0)* and [Switching Characteristics](#page-8-0) tables for associated timing parameters.

NOTE

As explained in the *[Data Transfer Frame](#page-29-0)* section, a valid write operation to the device requires a minimum of 22 SCLKs to be provided within a data transfer frame.

Any data write operation to the device must continue to follow the SPI-compatible protocol selected in the [SDI_CNTL register,](#page-51-0) irrespective of the protocol selected for the data-read operation.

7.5.4.2 Protocols for Reading From the Device

The protocols for the data-read operation can be broadly classified into three categories:

- 1. Legacy, SPI-compatible (SPI-xy-S) protocol
- 2. SPI-compatible protocols with bus width options (SPI-xy-D and SPI-xy-Q)
- 3. Source-synchronous (SRC) protocols

7.5.4.2.1 Legacy, SPI-Compatible (SYS-xy-S) Protocols

As shown in [Table 5,](#page-37-0) the host controller can use any of the four legacy, SPI-compatible protocols (SPI-00-S, SPI-01-S, SPI-10-S, or SPI-11-S) to read data from the device.

PROTOCOL	SCLK POLARITY (At CS Falling Edge)	SCLK PHASE (Capture Edge)	MSB BIT LAUNCH EDGE	SDI CNTL	SDO CNTL	NO. OF SCLK (Optimal Read Frame)	TIMING DIAGRAM
SPI-00-S	Low	Rising	$\overline{\text{CS}}$ falling	00h	00h	20	Figure 56
SPI-01-S	LOW	Falling	1 st SCLK rising	01h	00h	20	Figure 57
SPI-10-S	High	Falling	$\overline{\text{CS}}$ falling	02h	00h	20	Figure 58
SPI-11-S	High	Rising	1 st SCLK falling	03h	00h	20	Figure 59

Table 5. SPI Protocols for Reading From the Device

At power-up or after coming out of any asynchronous reset, the device supports the SPI-00-S protocol for dataread and data-write operations. To select a different SPI-compatible protocol for both the data transfer operations:

- 1. Program the SDI_MODE[1:0] bits in the [SDI_CNTL register.](#page-51-0) This first write operation must adhere to the SPI-00-S protocol. Any subsequent data transfer frames must adhere to the newly selected protocol.
- 2. Set the SDO MODE $[1:0]$ bits = 00b in the SDO CNTL register.

[Figure 56](#page-37-1) to [Figure 59](#page-37-2) explain the details of the four protocols using an optimal command frame to read all 22 bits of the output data word. [Table 5](#page-37-0) shows the number of SCLK required in an optimal read frame for the different output protocol selections.

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For SDI_MODE[1:0] = 00b or 10b, the device supports an *Early Data Launch* (EDL) option. Set SDO_MODE[1:0] $= 01b$ in the SDO CNTL register to enable the feature (see [Table 6\)](#page-38-0). Setting SDO MODE[1:0] = 01b has no effect if SDI_MODE $[1:0] = 01b$ or 11b.

Table 6. SPI Protocols with Early Data Launch

As shown in [Figure 60,](#page-38-1) and [Figure 61,](#page-38-1) the device launches the output data bit on the SDO-0 pin half clock earlier compared to the standard SPI protocol.

Figure 60. SPI-00-S-EDL Protocol, 22 SCLKs Figure 61. SPI-10-S-EDL Protocol, 22 SCLKs

When using these SPI-compatible protocols, the RVS output remains low throughout the data transfer frame; see the *[Timing Requirements](#page-7-0)* and [Switching Characteristics](#page-8-0) tables for associated timing parameters.

With SDO_CNTL[7:0] = 00h or 01h, if the host controller uses a long data transfer frame, the device exhibits daisy-chain operation (see the *[Multiple Devices: Daisy-Chain Topology](#page-47-0)* section).

NOTE Use SPI-compatible protocols to execute the RD_REG, WR_REG, CLR_BITS, and SET_BITS commands specified in [Table 2](#page-26-0).

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7.5.4.2.2 SPI-Compatible Protocols with Bus Width Options

The device provides an option to increase the SDO bus width from one bit (default, single SDO) to two bits (dual SDO) or four bits (quad SDO) when operating with any of the four legacy, SPI-compatible protocols.

Set the SDO_WIDTH[1:0] bits in the [SDO_CNTL register](#page-51-1) to select the SDO bus width. The SCLK launch edge depends on the SPI protocol selection (as shown in [Table 7\)](#page-39-0).

Table 7. SPI-Compatible Protocols with Bus Width Options

In dual-SDO mode (SDO_WIDTH[1:0] = 10b), two bits of data are launched on the two SDO pins (SDO-0 and SDO-1) on every SCLK launch edge.

In quad-SDO mode (SDO_WIDTH[1:0] = 11b), four bits of data are launched on the four SDO pins (SDO-0, SDO-1, SDO-2, and SDO-3) on every SCLK launch edge.

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Figure 68. SPI-10-Q Protocol Figure 69. SPI-11-Q Protocol

For SDI_MODE[1:0] = 00b or 10b, the device supports an early data launch (EDL) option. Set SDO_MODE[1:0] = 01b in the [SDO_CNTL register](#page-51-1) to enable the feature (see [Table 8\)](#page-40-1). Setting SDO_MODE[1:0] = 01b has no effect if SDI_MODE $[1:0] = 01$ b or 11b.

PROTOCOL	SCLK POLARITY (At CS Falling Edge)	SCLK PHASE (Capture Edge)	MSB BIT LAUNCH EDGE	SDI CNTL	SDO CNTL	NO. OF SCLK (Optimal Read Frame)	TIMING DIAGRAM
SPI-00-D- EDL	Low	Rising	$\overline{\text{CS}}$ falling	00h	09h	10	Figure 62
SPI-10-D- EDL	High	Falling	$\overline{\text{CS}}$ falling	02h	09h	10	Figure 64
SPI-00-Q- EDL	Low	Rising	$\overline{\text{CS}}$ falling	00h	0Dh	5	Figure 66
SPI-10-Q- EDL	High	Falling	$\overline{\text{CS}}$ falling	02h	0Dh	5	Figure 68

Table 8. SPI Protocols with Early Data Launch

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As shown in [Figure 60](#page-38-1), and [Figure 61](#page-38-1), the device launches the output data bits on the SDO-x pins half clock earlier compared to the standard SPI protocol.

Figure 72. SPI-00-Q-EDL Protocol Figure 73. SPI-10-Q-EDL Protocol

When using any of the SPI-compatible protocols, the RVS output remains low throughout the data transfer frame; see the *[Timing Requirements](#page-7-0)* and [Switching Characteristics](#page-8-0) tables for associated timing parameters.

[Figure 62](#page-39-1) to [Figure 73](#page-41-0) illustrate how the wider data bus allows the host controller to read all 22 bits of the output data word using shorter data transfer frames. [Table 7](#page-39-0) and [Table 8](#page-40-1) show the number of SCLK required in an optimal read frame for the different output protocol selections.

NOTE

With SDO_CNTL[7:0] \neq 00h or 01h, a long data transfer frame does not result in daisychain operation. On SDO pin (or pins), the 22 bits of output data word are followed by zeros.

7.5.4.2.3 Source-Synchronous (SRC) Protocols

As described in the *[Data Transfer Protocols](#page-33-0)* section, the multiSPI digital interface supports an ADC-Clock-Master or a *source-synchronous* mode of data transfer between the device and host controller. In this mode, the device provides an output clock that is synchronous with the output data. Furthermore, the host controller can also select the output clock source, data bus width, and data transfer rate.

7.5.4.2.3.1 Output Clock Source Options with SRC Protocols

In all SRC protocols, the RVS pin provides the output clock. The device allows this output clock to be synchronous to either the external clock provided on the SCLK pin or to the internal clock of the device. Furthermore, this internal clock can be divided by a factor of two or four to lower the data rates.

As shown in [Figure 74,](#page-42-0) set the SSYNC_CLK_SEL[1:0] bits in the [SDO_CNTL register](#page-51-1) to select the output clock source.

Figure 74. Output Clock Source Options With SRC Protocols

7.5.4.2.3.2 Bus Width Options With SRC Protocols

The device provides an option to increase the SDO bus width from one bit (default, single SDO) to two bits (dual SDO) or to four bits (quad SDO) when operating with any of the SRC protocols. Set the SDO_WIDTH[1:0] bits in the **SDO** CNTL register to select the SDO bus width.

In dual-SDO mode (SDO WIDTH $[1:0] = 10b$), two bits of data are launched on the two SDO pins (SDO-0 and SDO-1) on every SCLK rising edge.

In quad-SDO mode (SDO_WIDTH[1:0] = 11b), four bits of data are launched on the four SDO pins (SDO-0, SDO-1, SDO-2, and SDO-3) on every SCLK rising edge.

7.5.4.2.3.3 Output Data Rate Options With SRC Protocols

The device provides an option to transfer the data to the host controller at a single data rate (default, SDR) or at a double data rate (DDR). Set the DATA_RATE bit in the [SDO_CNTL register](#page-51-1) to select the data transfer rate.

In SDR mode (DATA, RATE = 0b), the RVS pin toggles from low to high, and the output data bits are launched on the SDO pins on the output clock rising edge.

In DDR mode (DTA RATE $= 1b$), the RVS pin toggles (from low-to-high or high-to-low), and the output data bits are launched on the SDO pins on every output clock edge, starting with the first rising edge.

The device supports all 24 combinations of output clock source, bus width, and output data rate, as shown in [Table 9.](#page-43-0)

Table 9. SRC Protocol Combinations

(1) The EXTCLK option is not recommended when operating with $DV_{DD} < 2.35$ V.

(2) Any of the four values can be used; see the *[Protocols for Configuring the Device](#page-36-3)* section for more information.

The device supports INTCLK, INTCLK / 2, and INTCLK / 4 options only for data transfer operations in zone 1. The EXTCLK option is supported in zone 1 and zone 2; see [Figure 46.](#page-31-0)

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[Figure 75](#page-44-0) to [Figure 86](#page-45-2) show the details of various source synchronous protocols. [Table 9](#page-43-0) shows the number of output clocks required in an optimal read frame for the different output protocol selections.

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7.5.5 Device Setup

The multiSPI digital interface and the device configuration registers offer multiple operation modes. This section describes how to select the hardware connection topology to meet different system requirements.

7.5.5.1 Single Device: All multiSPI Options

[Figure 87](#page-46-0) shows the connections between a host controller and a single device in order to exercise all options provided by the multiSPI digital interface.

Figure 87. MultiSPI Digital Interface, All Pins

7.5.5.2 Single Device: Minimum Pins for a Standard SPI Interface

[Figure 88](#page-46-1) shows the minimum-pin interface for applications using a standard SPI protocol.

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Figure 88. SPI Interface, Minimum Pins

The CS, SCLK, SDI, and SDO-0 pins constitute a standard SPI port of the host controller. The CONVST pin is tied to CS, and the RST pin is tied to DVDD. The SDO-1, SDO-2, and SDO-3 pins have no external connections. The following features are also available:

- Control the CONVST pin independently to get additional timing flexibility.
- Control RST pin independently to add asynchronous reset functionality.
- Monitor the RVS pin for additional timing benefits.

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7.5.5.3 Multiple Devices: Daisy-Chain Topology

A typical connection diagram showing multiple devices in a daisy-chain topology is shown in [Figure 89.](#page-47-1)

Figure 89. Daisy-Chain Connections

The CONVST, CS, and SCLK inputs of all devices are connected together and controlled by a single CONVST, CS, and SCLK pin of the host controller, respectively. The SDI input pin of the first device in the chain (Device 1) is connected to the SDO pin of the host controller, the SDO-0 output pin of Device 1 is connected to the SDI input pin of Device 2, and so on. The SDO-0 output pin of the last device in the chain (Device *N*) is connected to the SDI pin of the host controller.

To operate multiple devices in a daisy-chain topology, the host controller sets the configuration registers in each device with identical values and operates with any of the legacy, SPI-compatible protocols for data-read and data-write operations (SDO_CNT[7:0] = 00h or 01h). With these configurations settings, the 22-bit ODR and 22bit IDR registers in each device collapse to form a single, 22-bit unified shift register (USR) per device, as shown in [Figure 90](#page-47-2).

Figure 90. Unified Shift Register

All devices in the daisy-chain topology sample the respective device analog input signals on the CONVST rising edge. The data transfer frame starts with a CS falling edge. On each SCLK launch edge, every device in the chain shifts out the MSB of the respective USR on to the respective SDO-0 pin. On every SCLK capture edge, each device in the chain shifts in data received on the respective SDI pin as the LSB bit of the respective USR. Therefore, in a daisy-chain configuration, the host controller receives the data of Device *N*, followed by the data of Device $N-1$, and so on (MSB-first). On the \overline{CS} rising edge, each device decodes the contents in the respective USR, and takes appropriate action.

A typical timing diagram for three devices connected in daisy-chain topology using the SPI-00-S protocol is shown in [Figure 91](#page-48-0).

Figure 91. Three-Device, Daisy-Chain Timing

In daisy-chain topology, the overall throughput of the system is proportionally reduced as more devices are connected in the daisy-chain.

NOTE

For *N* devices connected in daisy-chain topology, an optimal data transfer frame must contain 22 × *N* SCLK capture edges. For a longer data transfer frame (number of SCLK in the frame $> 22 \times N$, the host controller must appropriately align the configuration data for each device before bringing CS high. A shorter data transfer frame (number of SCLK in the frame < 22 × *N*) might result in an erroneous device configuration, and *must be avoided*.

7.5.5.4 Multiple Devices: Star Topology

A typical connection diagram showing multiple devices in a star topology is shown in [Figure 92](#page-49-0). The CONVST, SDI, and SCLK inputs of all devices are connected together, and are controlled by a single CONVST, SDO, and SCLK pin of the host controller, respectively. Similarly, the SDO output pin of all devices are tied together and connected to the a single SDI input pin of the host controller. The CS input pin of each device is individually controlled by separate CS control lines from the host controller.

Figure 92. Star-Topology Connection

The timing diagram for three devices connected in the star topology is shown in [Figure 93](#page-49-1). In order to avoid any conflict related to multiple devices driving the SDO line at the same time, make sure that the host controller pulls down the CS signal for *only one device at any particular time*.

Figure 93. Three-Device, Star Connection Timing

7.6 Register Maps

7.6.1 Device Configuration and Register Maps

The device features nine configuration registers, mapped as described in [Table 10](#page-50-0).

Table 10. Configuration Registers Mapping

7.6.1.1 PD_CNTL Register (address = 04h) [reset = 00h]

This register controls the low-power modes offered by the device.

Figure 94. PD_CNTL Register

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 11. PD_CNTL Register Field Descriptions

To power-down the converter module, set the PD_ADC bit in the [PD_CNTL register.](#page-50-1) The converter module powers down on the rising edge of CS. To power-up the converter module, reset the PD_ADC bit in the [PD_CNTL register.](#page-50-1) The converter module starts to power-up on the rising edge of \overline{CS} . Wait for t_{PU ADC} before initiating any conversion or data transfer operation.

To power-down the internal reference buffer, set the PD_REFBUF bit in the [PD_CNTL register](#page-50-1). The internal reference buffer powers down on the rising edge of CS. To power-up the internal reference buffer, reset the PD_REFBUF bit in the [PD_CNTL register](#page-50-1). The internal reference buffer starts to power-up on the rising edge of CS. Wait for t_{PU} REFBUF before initiating any conversion.

7.6.1.2 SDI_CNTL Register (address = 008h) [reset = 00h]

This register selects the SPI protocol for writing data to the device.

Figure 95. SDI_CNTL Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 12. SDI_CNTL Register Field Descriptions

7.6.1.3 SDO_CNTL Register (address = 0Ch) [reset = 00h]

This register configures the protocol for reading data from the device.

Figure 96. SDO_CNTL Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 13. SDO_CNTL Register Field Descriptions

7.6.1.4 DATA_CNTL Register (address = 010h) [reset = 00h]

This register configures the contents of the 22-bit output data word (D[21:0]).

Figure 97. DATA_CNTL Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 14. DATA_CNTL Register Field Descriptions

7.6.1.5 PATN_LSB Register (address = 014h) [reset = 00h]

This register controls the eight LSB of the output pattern when DATA_VAL = 1b; see [Figure 101.](#page-53-3)

Figure 98. PATN_LSB Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 15. PATN_LSB Register Field Descriptions

7.6.1.6 PATN_MID Register (address = 015h) [reset = 00h]

This register controls the middle eight bits of the output pattern when DATA_VAL = 1b; see [Figure 101.](#page-53-3)

Figure 99. PATN_MID Register

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 16. PATN_MID Register Field Descriptions

7.6.1.7 PATN_MSB Register (address = 016h) [reset = 00h]

This register controls the four MSB of the output pattern when DATA $VAL = 1b$; see [Figure 101](#page-53-3).

Figure 100. PATN_MSB Register

LEGEND: $R/W = Read/Write$; $R = Read$ only; -n = value after reset

Table 17. PATN_MSB Register Field Descriptions

Figure 101. DATA_PATN[19:0]

7.6.1.8 OFST_CAL Register (address = 020h) [reset = 00h]

This register selects the external reference range for optimal offset calibration.

Figure 102. OFST_CAL Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

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7.6.1.9 REF_MRG Register (address = 030h) [reset = 00h]

This register selects the margining to be added to or subtracted from the reference buffer output; see the *[Reference Buffer Module](#page-18-0)* section.

Figure 103. REF_MRG Register

LEGEND: R/W = Read/Write; R = Read only; -n = value after reset

Table 19. REF_MRG Register Field Descriptions

Table 20. REF_OFST[4:0] settings

(1) The actual $V_{REFBUFOUT}$ value may vary by $\pm 10\%$ from [Table 20](#page-55-1)

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8 Application and Implementation

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8.1 Application Information

The two primary circuits required to maximize the performance of a high-precision, successive approximation register (SAR), analog-to-digital converter (ADC) are the input driver and the reference driver circuits. This section presents general principles for designing these circuits, followed by an application circuit designed using the ADS890xB.

8.1.1 ADC Reference Driver

The external reference source must provide low-drift and very accurate voltage at the REFIN pin of the ADS890xB. The output broadband noise of most references can be in the order of a few hundred μV_{RMS} . Therefore, to prevent any degradation in the noise performance of the ADC, appropriately filter the output of the voltage reference by using a low-pass filter with a cutoff frequency of a few hundred hertz.

The internal reference buffer of the ADS890xB provides the dynamic load posed on the REFBUFOUT pin during the conversion process. Decouple the REFBUFOUT pin with the REFM pin using the recommended $C_{BFFRIIF}$ and R_{FSR} . See the [Layout](#page-64-0) section for layout recommendations.

8.1.2 ADC Input Driver

The input driver circuit for a high-precision ADC mainly consists of two parts: a driving amplifier and a charge kickback filter. The amplifier is used for signal conditioning of the input signal and the low output impedance of the amplifier provides a buffer between the signal source and the switched capacitor inputs of the ADC. The charge kickback filter helps attenuate the sampling charge injection from the switched-capacitor input stage of the ADC, and band-limits the wideband noise contributed by the front-end circuit. Careful design of the front-end circuit is critical to meet the linearity and noise performance of the ADS890xB.

8.1.2.1 Charge-Kickback Filter

The charge-kickback filter is an RC filter at the input pins of the ADC that filters the broadband noise from the front-end drive circuitry, and attenuates the sampling charge injection from the switched-capacitor input stage of the ADC. A filter capacitor, C_{FIT} , is connected from each input pin of the ADC to the ground (as shown in [Figure 104\)](#page-56-0). This capacitor helps reduce the sampling charge injection and provides a charge bucket to quickly charge the internal sample-and-hold capacitors during the acquisition process. Generally, the value of this capacitor must be at least 20 times the specified value of the ADC sampling capacitance. For the ADS890xB, the input sampling capacitance is equal to 60 pF; therefore, for optimal performance, keep C_{FLT} greater than 1.2 nF. This capacitor must be a COG- or NPO-type. The type of dielectric used in COG or NPO ceramic capacitors provides the most stable electrical properties over voltage, frequency, and temperature changes.

Figure 104. Charge Kickback Filter Configuration

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Driving capacitive loads can degrade the phase margin of the input amplifier, thus making the amplifier marginally unstable. To avoid amplifier stability issues, series isolation resistors (R_{FLT}) are used at the output of the amplifiers. A higher value of R_{FIT} helps with amplifier stability, but adds distortion as a result of interactions with the nonlinear input impedance of the ADC. Distortion increases with source impedance, input signal frequency, and input signal amplitude. Therefore, the selection of R_{FLT} requires balancing the stability of the driver amplifier and distortion performance of the design. Always verify the stability and settling behavior of the driving amplifier and charge-kickback filter by TINA-TI™ SPICE simulation. Keep the tolerance of the selected resistors less than 1% to keep the inputs balanced.

8.1.2.2 Input Amplifier Selection

Selection criteria for the input amplifiers is highly dependent on the input signal type, as well as the performance goals, of the data acquisition system. Some key amplifier specifications to consider when selecting an appropriate amplifier to drive the inputs of the ADC are:

• *Small-signal bandwidth.* Select the small-signal bandwidth of the input amplifiers to be as high as possible after meeting the power budget of the system. Higher bandwidth reduces the closed-loop output impedance of the amplifier, thus allowing the amplifier to more easily drive the ADC sample-and-hold capacitor and the RC filter ([Charge-Kickback Filter\)](#page-56-1) at the inputs of the ADC. Higher bandwidth amplifiers offer faster settling times while driving the capacitive load of the charge-kickback filter, thus reducing harmonic distortion at higher input frequencies. In order to maintain the overall stability of the input driver circuit, select the amplifier with a unity gain bandwidth (UGB) as described in [Equation 16](#page-57-0):

$$
UGB \ge 4 \times \left(\frac{1}{2\pi \times R_{FLT} \times C_{FLT}}\right)
$$
\n(16)

• *Distortion.* Both the ADC and the input driver introduce distortion in a data acquisition block. To make sure that the distortion performance of the data acquisition system is not limited by the front-end circuit, the distortion of the input driver must be at least 10 dB less than the distortion of the ADC, as shown in [Equation 17.](#page-57-1)

$$
\text{THD}_{\text{AMP}} \leq \text{THD}_{\text{ADC}} - 10 \text{ (dB)}
$$

• *Noise.* Noise contribution of the front-end amplifiers must be as low as possible to prevent any degradation in SNR performance of the system. Generally, to make sure that the noise performance of the data acquisition system is not limited by the front-end circuit, the total noise contribution from the front-end circuit must be kept below 20% of the input-referred noise of the ADC. Noise from the input driver circuit is band-limited by designing a low cutoff frequency, charge-kickback filter, as explained in [Equation 18](#page-57-2).

$$
N_G \times \sqrt{2} \times \sqrt{\left(\frac{V_{\text{\mathcal{Y}_ - AMP_PP}}}{6.6}\right)^2 + e_{n_RMS}^2 \times \frac{\pi}{2} \times f_{-3dB}} \quad \leq \quad \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{V_{REF}}{\sqrt{2}} \times 10^{-\left(\frac{SNR(dB)}{20}\right)}
$$

where:

- $V_{1/1.6\text{ MNP PP}}$ is the peak-to-peak flicker noise in μ V
- e_n _{RMS} is the amplifier broadband noise density in nV/ \sqrt{Hz}
- f_{-3dB} is the 3-dB bandwidth of the charge-kickback filter
- N_G is the noise gain of the front-end circuit that is equal to 1 in a buffer configuration (18)
- *Settling Time.* For dc signals with fast transients that are common in a multiplexed application, the input signal must settle within an 20-bit accuracy at the device inputs during the acquisition time window. This condition is critical to maintain the overall linearity performance of the ADC. Typically, amplifier data sheets specify the output settling performance only up to 0.1% to 0.001%, which may not be sufficient for the desired 20-bit accuracy. Therefore, always verify the settling behavior of the input driver by TINA-TI SPICE simulations before selecting the amplifier.

8.2 Typical Application

8.2.1 Data Acquisition (DAQ) Circuit for Lowest Distortion and Noise Performance With Differential Input

8.2.1.1 Design Requirements

For this example, the design parameters are listed in [Table 21.](#page-58-0)

Table 21. Design Parameters

8.2.1.2 Detailed Design Procedure

The application circuit is illustrated in [Figure 105](#page-58-1). For simplicity, power-supply decoupling capacitors are not shown in these circuit diagrams; see the *[Power-Supply Recommendations](#page-63-0)* section for suggested guidelines.

The reference voltage of 4.5 V is generated by the high-precision, low-noise [REF5045](http://www.ti.com/product/ref5045) circuit. The output broadband noise of the reference is heavily filtered by a low-pass filter with a 3-dB cutoff frequency of 16 Hz.

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Generally, the distortion from the input driver must be at least 10 dB less than the ADC distortion. The low-power [OPA2625](http://www.ti.com/product/opa2625) (a high-bandwidth, low-distortion, high-precision amplifier in an inverting gain configuration) as an input driver provides exceptional ac performance because of its extremely low-distortion and high-bandwidth specifications. The distortion resulting from variation in the common-mode signal is eliminated by using the OPA2625 in an inverting gain configuration. To exercise the complete dynamic range of the device, the commonmode voltage at the ADS890xB inputs is established at a value of 2.25 V (4.5 V / 2) by using the noninverting pins of the OPA2625 amplifiers. In addition, the components of the charge kickback filter keep the noise from the front-end circuit low without adding distortion to the input signal.

For a complete schematic, see the *[ADS8900BEVM-PDK user's guide](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBAU269)* located in the *[ADS8900B SAR Analog to](http://www.ti.com/tool/ads8900bevm-pdk) [Digital Converter Evaluation Module](http://www.ti.com/tool/ads8900bevm-pdk)* web folder at www.ti.com.

The same circuit is used in reference design TIPD211, a step-by-step process to design a *[20-Bit, 1-MSPS, 4-Ch](http://www.ti.com/tool/TIPD211) [Small Form Factor Design for Test and Measurement Applications](http://www.ti.com/tool/TIPD211)* using four [ADS8900B](http://www.ti.com/product/ADS8900B) SAR ADCs, four [OPA2625](http://www.ti.com/product/opa2625) precision amplifiers and one [REF5050](http://www.ti.com/product/ref5050) precision reference.

For step-by-step design procedure, circuit schematics, bill of materials, PCB files, simulation results, and test results, refer to TI Precision Design TIPD211, *[18-Bit, 1-MSPS, 4-Ch Small Form Factor Design for Test and](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/TIDUBW7) [Measurement Applications](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/TIDUBW7)* (TIDUBW7).

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8.2.2 DAQ Circuit With FDA Input Driver and Single-Ended or Differential Input

Figure 111. DAQ Circuit With FDA Input Driver and Single-Ended Input

8.2.3 Design Requirements

For this example, the design parameters are listed in [Table 22.](#page-61-0)

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Table 22. Design Parameters

8.2.4 Detailed Design Procedure

The application circuits are shown in [Figure 110](#page-60-0) and [Figure 111.](#page-60-1) In both applications, the input signal is processed through a high-bandwidth, low-distortion, fully-differential amplifier (FDA) designed in a gain of 1 V/V and a low-pass RC filter before going to the ADC.

The reference voltage of 4.5 V generated by the high-precision, low-noise [REF5045](http://www.ti.com/product/ref5045) circuit. The output broadband noise of the reference is heavily filtered by a low-pass filter with a 3-dB cutoff frequency of 16 Hz.

Generally, the distortion from the input driver must be at least 10 dB less than the ADC distortion. The distortion resulting from variation in the common-mode signal is eliminated by using the FDA in an inverting gain configuration that establishes a fixed common-mode level for the circuit. This configuration also eliminates the requirement of a rail-to-rail swing at the amplifier input. Therefore, these circuits use the low-power [THS4551](http://www.ti.com/product/THS4551) as an input driver that provides exceptional ac performance because of its extremely low-distortion and high bandwidth specifications. In addition, the components of the charge kickback filter keep the noise from the frontend circuit low without adding distortion to the input signal.

The circuit in [Figure 110](#page-60-0) shows a fully-differential data acquisition (DAQ) block optimized for low distortion and noise using the THS4551 and ADS890xB. This front-end circuit configuration requires a differential signal at the input of the FDA and provides a differential output to drive the ADC inputs. The common-mode voltage of the input signal provided to the ADC is set by the V_{OCM} pin of the THS4551 (not shown in [Figure 110](#page-60-0)). To use the complete dynamic range of the ADC, V_{OCM} can be set to V_{REF} / 2 by using a simple resistive divider.

The circuit in [Figure 111](#page-60-1) shows a single-ended to differential DAQ block optimized for low distortion and noise using the THS4551 and the ADS890xB. This front-end circuit configuration requires a single-ended bipolar signal at the input of the FDA and provides a fully-differential output to drive the ADC inputs. The common-mode voltage of the input signal provided to the ADC is set by the V_{OCM} pin of the THS4551 (not shown in [Figure 111\)](#page-60-1). To use the complete dynamic range of the ADC, V_{OCM} can be set to V_{REF} / 2 by using a simple resistive divider.

8.2.5 Application Curves

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9 Power-Supply Recommendations

The devices have two separate power supplies: RV_{DD} and DV_{DD} . The internal reference buffer and the internal LDO operate on RV_{DD} . The ADC core operates on the LDO output (available on the DECAP pins). DV_{DD} is used for the interface circuits. RV_{DD} and DV_{DD} can be independently set to any value within their permissible ranges.

The RV_{DD} supply voltage value defines the permissible range for the external reference voltage V_{REF} on REFIN pin as:

$$
2.5 \text{ V} \le V_{\text{REF}} \le (\text{RV}_{\text{DD}} - 0.3) \text{ V} \tag{19}
$$

In other words, to use the external reference voltage of V_{REF} , set RV_{DD} so that:

 $3 \text{ V} \leq \text{RV}_{\text{DD}} \leq (\text{V}_{\text{REF}} + 0.3) \text{ V}$ (20)

Place a 10-µF decoupling capacitor between the RVDD and GND pins, and between the DVDD and GND pins, as shown in [Figure 120](#page-63-1). Use a minimum 1-µF decoupling capacitor between the DECAP pins and the GND pin.

10 Layout

10.1 Layout Guidelines

This section provides some layout guidelines for achieving optimum performance with the ADS890xB device family.

10.1.1 Signal Path

As illustrated in [Figure 121,](#page-65-0) the analog input signals are routed in opposite directions to the digital connections. The reference decoupling components are kept away from the switching digital signals. This arrangement prevents noise generated by digital switching activity from coupling to sensitive analog signals.

10.1.2 Grounding and PCB Stack-Up

Low inductance grounding is critical for achieving optimum performance. Grounding inductance is kept below 1 nH with 15-mil grounding vias and a printed circuit board (PCB) layout design that has at least four layers. Place all critical components of the signal chain on the top layer with a solid analog ground from subsequent inner layers to minimize via length to ground.

For lowest inductance grounding, connect the GND pins of the ADS890xB (pin 11 and pin 15) directly to the device thermal pad and place at least four 8-mil grounding vias on the device thermal pad.

10.1.3 Decoupling of Power Supplies

Place the decoupling capacitors on RV_{DD} , the LDO output, and DV_{DD} within 20 mil from the respective pins, and use a 15-mil via to ground from each capacitor. Avoid placing vias between any supply pin and the respective decoupling capacitor.

10.1.4 Reference Decoupling

Dynamic currents are also present at the REFBUFOUT and REFM pins during the conversion phase, and excellent decoupling is required to achieve optimum performance. Place a 22-μF, X7R-grade, ceramic capacitor with at least 10-V rating and an ESR of 1-Ω between the REFBUFOUT and the REFM pins, as illustrated in [Figure 121.](#page-65-0) Select 0603- or 0805-size capacitors to keep equivalent series inductance (ESL) low. Connect the REFM pins to the decoupling capacitor before a ground via.

10.1.5 Differential Input Decoupling

Dynamic currents are also present at the differential analog inputs of the ADS890xB. Use C0G- or NPO-type capacitors to decouple these inputs because with these type of capacitors, capacitance stays almost constant over the full input voltage range. Lower-quality capacitors (such as X5R and X7R) have large capacitance changes over the full input-voltage range that may cause degradation in the performance of the device.

10.2 Layout Example

Figure 121. Recommended Layout

11 Device and Documentation Support

11.1 Documentation Support

11.1.1 Related Documentation

For related documentation see the following:

- *[ADS8900BEVM-PDK User's Guide](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBAU269)* (SBAU269)
- *[Enabling Faster, Smarter, and More Robust System Solutions for SAR ADCs With TI's multiSPI™ Digital](http://www.ti.com/lit/wp/sbay002/sbay002.pdf) [Interface](http://www.ti.com/lit/wp/sbay002/sbay002.pdf)* (SBAY002)
- *[Ultrasound CW Doppler Summing and 20-bit True Raw Data Conversion Reference Design](http://www.ti.com/tool/tida-01351)* (TIDA-01351)
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- *[20-Bit, 1-MSPS Isolator Optimized Data Acquisition Reference Design Maximizing SNR and Sample Rate](http://www.ti.com/tool/tida-01037)* (TIDA-01037)
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- *[OPAx625 High-Bandwidth, High-Precision, Low THD+N, 16-Bit and 18-Bit Analog-to-Digital Converter \(ADC\)](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOS688) [Drivers Data Sheet](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOS688)* (SBOS688)
- *[REF5050 Low-Noise, Very Low Drift, Precision Voltage Reference Data Sheet](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOS410)* (SBOS410)
- *[THS4551 Low Noise, Precision, 150MHz, Fully Differential Amplifier](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SBOS778)* (SBOS778)

11.2 Related Links

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11.7 Glossary

[SLYZ022](http://www.ti.com/lit/pdf/SLYZ022) — *TI Glossary*.

This glossary lists and explains terms, acronyms, and definitions.

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GENERIC PACKAGE VIEW

RGE 24 VQFN - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK - NO LEAD

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RGE0024H

PACKAGE OUTLINE

VQFN - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK- NO LEAD

NOTES:

- 1. All linear dimensions are in millimeters. Any dimensions in parenthesis are for reference only. Dimensioning and tolerancing per ASME Y14.5M.
- 2. This drawing is subject to change without notice.
- 3. The package thermal pad must be soldered to the printed circuit board for thermal and mechanical performance.

EXAMPLE BOARD LAYOUT

RGE0024H VQFN - 1 mm max height

PLASTIC QUAD FLATPACK- NO LEAD

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- 4. This package is designed to be soldered to a thermal pad on the board. For more information, see Texas Instruments literature number SLUA271 (www.ti.com/lit/slua271).
- 5. Solder mask tolerances between and around signal pads can vary based on board fabrication site.

EXAMPLE STENCIL DESIGN

RGE0024H VQFN - 1 mm max height

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