15 Analog-to-digital converter (ADC)

15.1 ADC introduction

The 12-bit ADC is a successive approximation analog-to-digital converter. It has up to 19 multiplexed channels allowing it to measure signals from 16 external sources, two internal sources, and the V_{BAT} channel. The A/D conversion of the channels can be performed in single, continuous, scan or discontinuous mode. The result of the ADC is stored into a left- or right-aligned 16-bit data register.

The analog watchdog feature allows the application to detect if the input voltage goes beyond the user-defined, higher or lower thresholds.

15.2 ADC main features

- 12-bit, 10-bit, 8-bit or 6-bit configurable resolution
- Interrupt generation at the end of conversion, end of injected conversion, and in case of analog watchdog or overrun events
- Single and continuous conversion modes
- Scan mode for automatic conversion of channel 0 to channel ‘n’
- Data alignment with in-built data coherency
- Channel-wise programmable sampling time
- External trigger option with configurable polarity for both regular and injected conversions
- Discontinuous mode
- Dual/Triple mode (on devices with 2 ADCs or more)
- Configurable DMA data storage in Dual/Triple ADC mode
- Configurable delay between conversions in Dual/Triple interleaved mode
- ADC supply requirements: 2.4 V to 3.6 V at full speed and down to 1.8 V at slower speed
- ADC input range: $V_{REF-} \leq V_{IN} \leq V_{REF+}$
- DMA request generation during regular channel conversion

Figure 70 shows the block diagram of the ADC.

Note: V_{REF-}, if available (depending on package), must be tied to V_{SSA}.

15.3 ADC functional description

Figure 70 shows a single ADC block diagram and *Table 95* gives the ADC pin description.

Figure 70. Single ADC block diagram

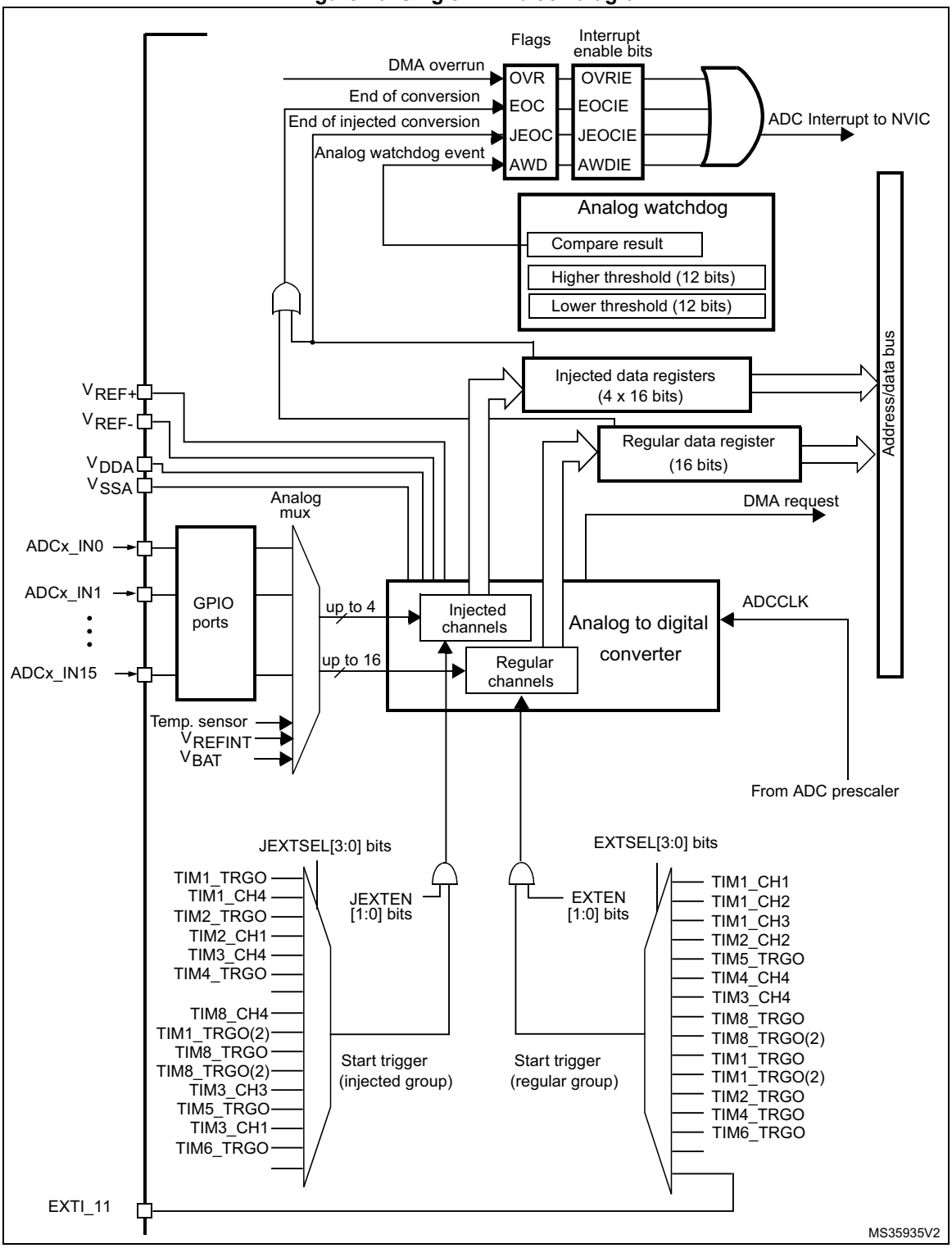


Table 95. ADC pins

Name	Signal type	Remarks
V_{REF+}	Input, analog reference positive	The higher/positive reference voltage for the ADC, 1.8 V ≤ V_{REF+} ≤ V_{DDA}
V_{DDA}	Input, analog supply	Analog power supply equal to V_{DD} and 2.4 V ≤V_{DDA} ≤V_{DD} (3.6 V) for full speed 1.8 V ≤V_{DDA} ≤V_{DD} (3.6 V) for reduced speed
V_{REF-}	Input, analog reference negative	The lower/negative reference voltage for the ADC, V_{REF-} = V_{SSA}
V_{SSA}	Input, analog supply ground	Ground for analog power supply equal to V_{SS}
ADCx_IN[15:0]	Analog input signals	16 analog input channels

15.3.1 ADC on-off control

The ADC is powered on by setting the ADON bit in the ADC_CR2 register. When the ADON bit is set for the first time, it wakes up the ADC from the Power-down mode.

The conversion starts when either the SWSTART or the JSWSTART bit is set.

The user can stop conversion and put the ADC in power down mode by clearing the ADON bit. In this mode the ADC consumes almost no power (only a few µA).

15.3.2 ADC1/2 and ADC3 connectivity

ADC1, ADC2 and ADC3 are tightly coupled and share some external channels as described in *Figure 71*, *Figure 72* and *Figure 73*.

Figure 71. ADC1 connectivity

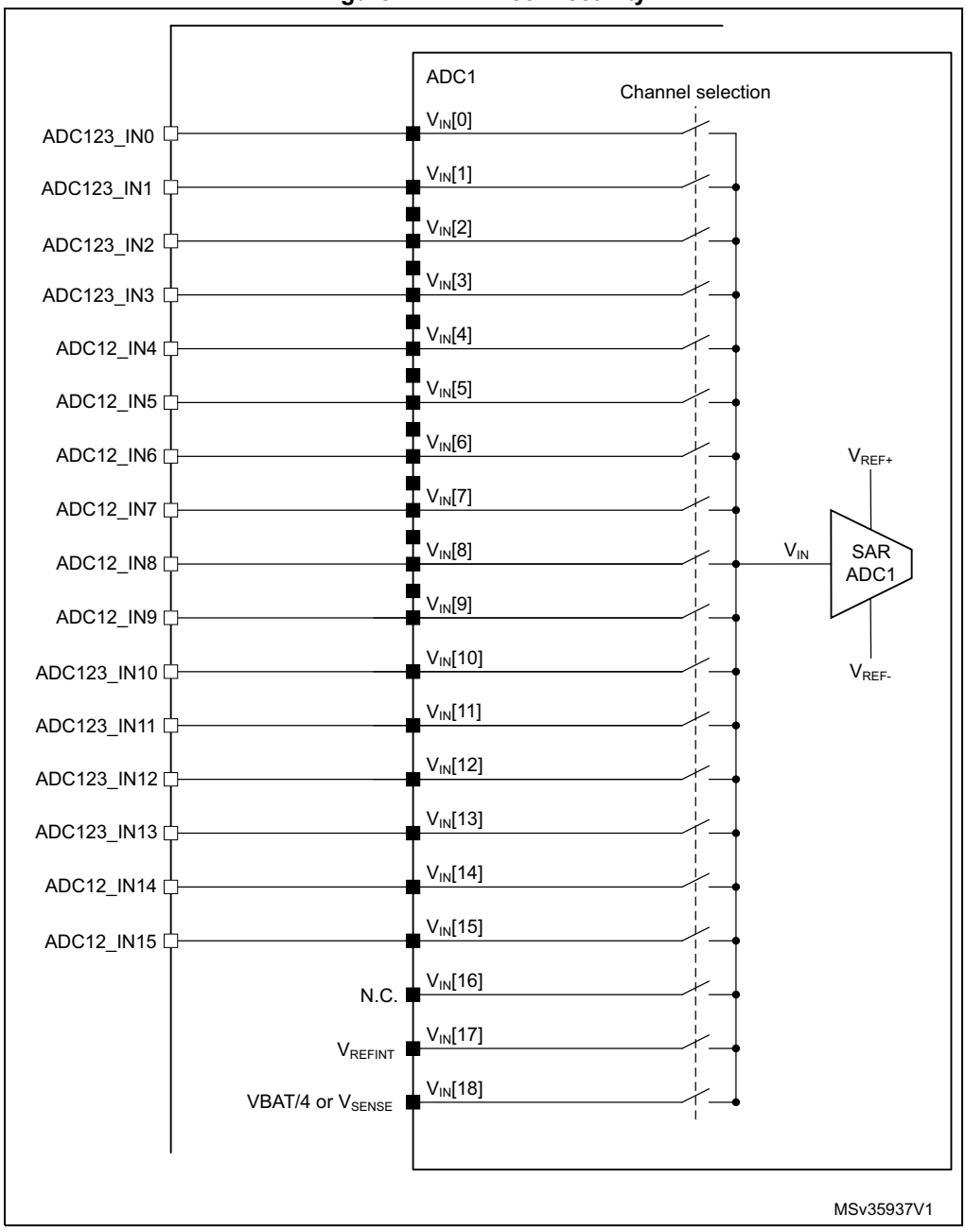


Figure 72. ADC2 connectivity

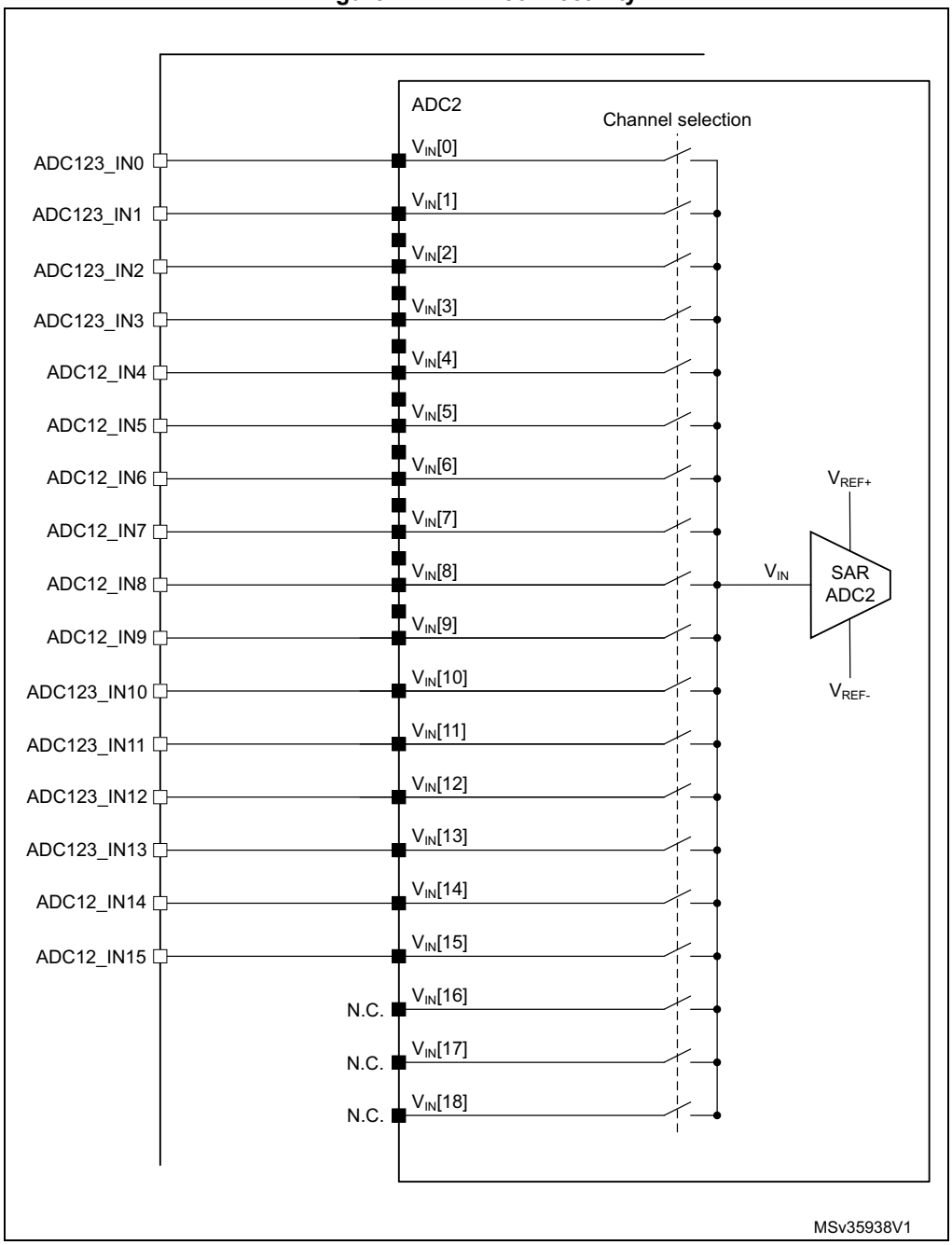
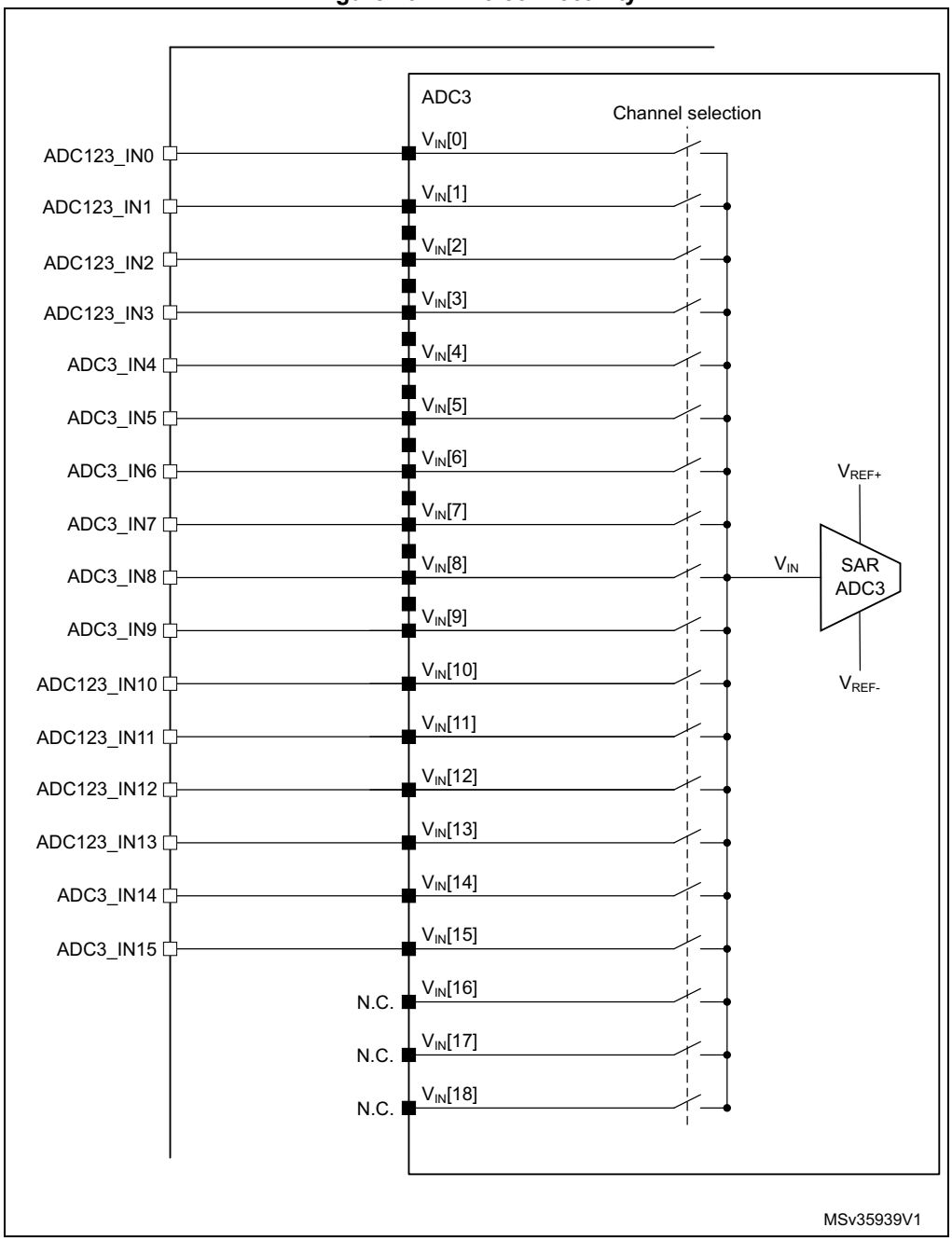


Figure 73. ADC3 connectivity



15.3.3 ADC clock

The ADC features two clock schemes:

- Clock for the analog circuitry: ADCCLK

  This clock is generated from the APB2 clock divided by a programmable prescaler that allows the ADC to work at f_{PCLK2}/2, /4, /6 or /8. Refer to the datasheets for the maximum value of ADCCLK.

- Clock for the digital interface (used for registers read/write access)

  This clock is equal to the APB2 clock. The digital interface clock can be enabled/disabled individually for each ADC through the RCC APB2 peripheral clock enable register (RCC_APB2ENR).

15.3.4 Channel selection

There are 16 multiplexed channels. It is possible to organize the conversions in two groups: regular and injected. A group consists of a sequence of conversions that can be done on any channel and in any order. For instance, it is possible to implement the conversion sequence in the following order: ADC_IN3, ADC_IN8, ADC_IN2, ADC_IN2, ADC_IN0, ADC_IN2, ADC_IN2, ADC_IN15.

- A **regular group** is composed of up to 16 conversions. The regular channels and their order in the conversion sequence must be selected in the ADC_SQRx registers. The total number of conversions in the regular group must be written in the L[3:0] bits in the ADC_SQR1 register.
- An **injected group** is composed of up to 4 conversions. The injected channels and their order in the conversion sequence must be selected in the ADC_JSQR register. The total number of conversions in the injected group must be written in the L[1:0] bits in the ADC_JSQR register.

If the ADC_SQRx or ADC_JSQR registers are modified during a conversion, the current conversion is reset and a new start pulse is sent to the ADC to convert the newly chosen group.

Temperature sensor, V_{REFINT} and V_{BAT} internal channels

- The temperature sensor is internally connected to ADC1_IN18 channel which is shared with VBAT. Only one conversion, temperature sensor or VBAT, must be selected at a time. When the temperature sensor and VBAT conversion are set simultaneously, only the VBAT conversion is performed.

  The internal reference voltage VREFINT is connected to ADC1_IN17.

The V_{BAT} channel is connected to ADC1_IN18 channel. It can also be converted as an injected or regular channel.

15.3.5 Single conversion mode

In Single conversion mode the ADC does one conversion. This mode is started with the CONT bit at 0 by either:

- setting the SWSTART bit in the ADC_CR2 register (for a regular channel only)
- setting the JSWSTART bit (for an injected channel)
- external trigger (for a regular or injected channel)

Once the conversion of the selected channel is complete:

- If a regular channel was converted:
  - The converted data are stored into the 16-bit ADC_DR register
  - The EOC (end of conversion) flag is set
  - An interrupt is generated if the EOCIE bit is set
- If an injected channel was converted:
  - The converted data are stored into the 16-bit ADC_JDR1 register
  - The JEOC (end of conversion injected) flag is set
  - An interrupt is generated if the JEOCIE bit is set

Then the ADC stops.

15.3.6 Continuous conversion mode

In continuous conversion mode, the ADC starts a new conversion as soon as it finishes one. This mode is started with the CONT bit at 1 either by external trigger or by setting the SWSTRT bit in the ADC_CR2 register (for regular channels only).

After each conversion:

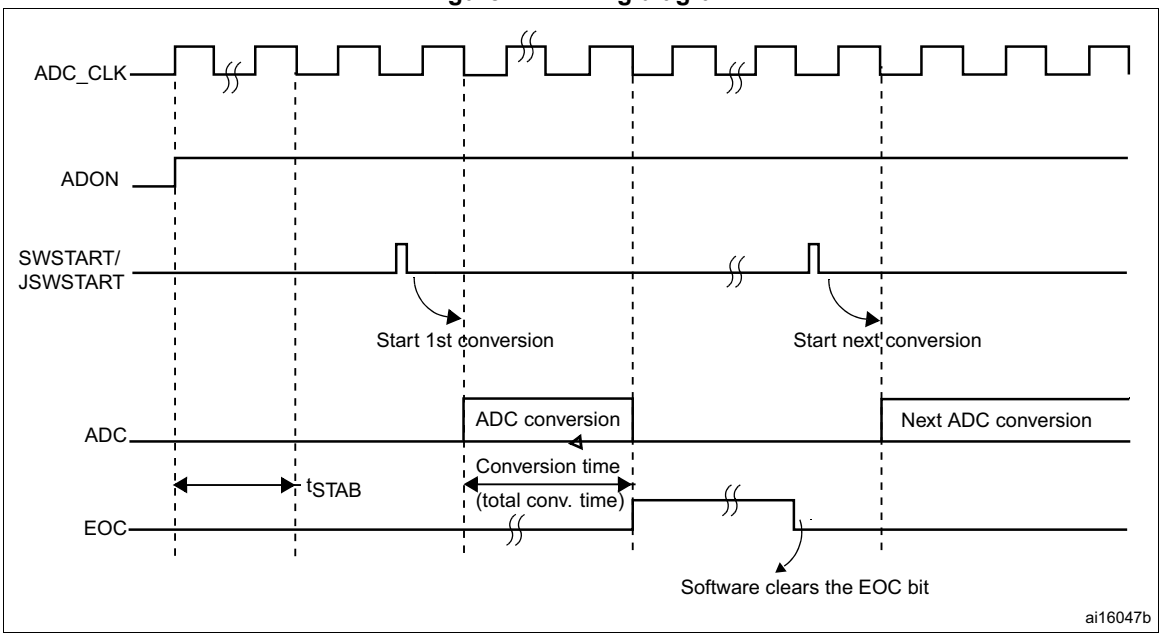
- If a regular group of channels was converted:
  - The last converted data are stored into the 16-bit ADC_DR register
  - The EOC (end of conversion) flag is set
  - An interrupt is generated if the EOCIE bit is set

Note: Injected channels cannot be converted continuously. The only exception is when an injected channel is configured to be converted automatically after regular channels in continuous mode (using JAUTO bit), refer to Auto-injection section).

15.3.7 Timing diagram

As shown in *Figure 74*, the ADC needs a stabilization time of t_{STAB} before it starts converting accurately. After the start of the ADC conversion and after 15 clock cycles, the EOC flag is set and the 16-bit ADC data register contains the result of the conversion.

Figure 74. Timing diagram



15.3.8 Analog watchdog

The AWD analog watchdog status bit is set if the analog voltage converted by the ADC is below a lower threshold or above a higher threshold. These thresholds are programmed in the 12 least significant bits of the ADC_HTR and ADC_LTR 16-bit registers. An interrupt can be enabled by using the AWDIE bit in the ADC_CR1 register.

The threshold value is independent of the alignment selected by the ALIGN bit in the ADC_CR2 register. The analog voltage is compared to the lower and higher thresholds before alignment.

Table 96 shows how the ADC_CR1 register should be configured to enable the analog watchdog on one or more channels.

Figure 75. Analog watchdog's guarded area

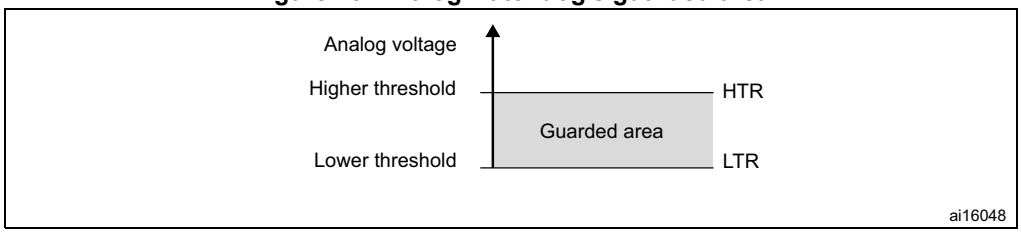


Table 96. Analog watchdog channel selection

Channels guarded by the analog watchdog	ADC_CR1 register control bits (x = don't care)		
	AWDSGL bit	AWDEN bit	JAWDEN bit
None	x	0	0
All injected channels	0	0	1