

PSOC™ 4 MCU hardware design considerations

About this document

Scope and purpose

This application note shows you how to design a hardware system around a PSOC™ 4 MCU device, starting with considerations for package selection, power, clocking, reset, I/O usage, programming and debugging interfaces, and analog module design.

Intended audience

This document is primarily intended for engineers who need to become familiar with the hardware design principles of PSOC™ 4 MCU devices.

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1 Introduction

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PSOC™ 4 is a powerful, programmable microcontroller with an Arm® Cortex®-M0 or Arm® Cortex®-M0+ CPU. It provides the capability and flexibility for analog and digital applications beyond what traditional MCUs offer. Currently, the PSOC™ 4 MCU portfolio contains the following families:

- PSOC™ 4000 family: PSOC™ 4000, PSOC™ 4000S, PSOC™ 4000T
- PSOC™ 4100 family: PSOC™ 4100, PSOC™ 4100S, PSOC™ 4100S Plus, PSOC™ 4100S Plus 256K, PSOC™ 4100PS, PSOC™ 4100M, PSOC™ 4100L, PSOC™ 4100S Max, PSOC™ 4100BL, PSOC™ 4100T Plus
- PSOC™ 4200 family: PSOC™ 4200, PSOC™ 4200M, PSOC™ 4200L, PSOC™ 4200DS, PSOC™ 4200BL
- PSOC™ 4500 and PSOC™ 4700 family: PSOC™ 4500S, PSOC™ 4700S
- PSOC™ 4 AIROC™ Bluetooth® LE

This application note discusses considerations for hardware design including package, power, clocking, reset, I/O use, programming, and debugging; and provides design tips for analog modules for these device families. It also discusses good board-layout techniques, which are particularly important for precision analog applications.

The PSOC™ 4 MCU device must be configured to work in its hardware environment, which you can do with integrated design environments (IDE) like PSOC™ Creator or ModusToolbox™ IDE; see the “PSOC™ 4 feature set” section of AN79953 – Getting started with PSOC™ 4 [1] to know which IDE is supported for each PSOC™ 4 device. The application note explains various configurations available in PSOC™ Creator and ModusToolbox™ IDE required to set up the device for a given hardware environment.

This application note assumes that you have some basic familiarity with PSOC™ 4 MCU devices, PSOC™ Creator, and ModusToolbox™ software. If you are new to ModusToolbox™ IDE, see the [ModusToolbox™ software user guide](#), which provides a high-level overview of the ModusToolbox™ software. To get started with PSOC™ 4 MCU, see AN79953 – Getting started with PSOC™ 4 [1]. PSOC™ 4 Bluetooth® LE related topics are covered in AN91267 - Getting started with PSOC™ 4 CY8C4xxx-BL MCU with AIROC™ Bluetooth® LE [16]. The PSOC™ 4 AIROC™ Bluetooth® LE family has an important topic for hardware design – Bluetooth® LE antenna design. As it involves specific RF expertise, this topic is explored in other application notes. See References [7] for more information.

2 Package selection

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One of the first decisions you must make for your PCB is the choice of package. Several considerations drive this decision, including the number of PSOC™ MCU device pins required, PCB and product size, PCB design rules, and thermal and mechanical stability. PSOC™ MCU devices are available in the following packages with different characteristics.

- **Small-outline integrated circuit (SOIC):** This package type is evolved from dual in-line package (DIP). It has two lines of pins and is generally used for chips with a small number of pins (less than 20). Because it has a very large pitch, it is easy to route signals and manually solder. It also provides a good mechanical stability
- **Thin quad flat package (TQFP):** This package type makes it easy to route signals due to the large pitch and the open area below the part. Disadvantages are a larger package size and lower mechanical stability
- **Shrink small-outline package (SSOP):** This package type provides the same advantages and disadvantages as the TQFP package
- **Quad flat no-lead (QFN):** This package type is much smaller than the other packages. The central exposure pad gives the package the best heat dispersion performance and mechanical stability. Disadvantages are that it is more difficult to route signals due to the center pad. For more information, see AN72845 - Design guidelines for Infineon quad flat no-lead (QFN) packaged devices [\[2\]](#)
- **Wafer level chip-scale package (WLCSP):** This package type makes the chip size as small as the die. All pins are led as balls underneath the package. The extremely tiny size of the package makes it a perfect option for the scenarios where the PCB room is critical, such as in portable applications. The disadvantage is that the package provides less mechanical stability than other packages
- **Very fine-pitch ball grid array (VFBGA):** This package type is used for devices with large number of I/Os, as it provides a miniature package for more than hundreds of pins. The disadvantage is a low mechanical stability

As a design reference, see [PSOC™ 4 CAD libraries](#), which contain PSOC™ 4 MCU schematics and PCB libraries. Note that you may need to modify the libraries slightly when you use them in your hardware design. Infineon takes no responsibility for issues related to the use of the libraries.

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PSOC™ 4 MCU can be powered by a single supply with a wide voltage range, from 1.71 V to 5.5 V. As listed in [Table 1](#), it has separate power domains for analog and digital modules. V_{DDA} is the analog power supply pin, V_{SSA} is the analog ground pin, V_{DDD} and V_{CCD} are the digital power supply pins, V_{DDIO} is the power supply pin for I/Os, V_{SS} is the digital ground pin, and V_{DDR} is the RF power pin.

Table 1 PSOC™ 4 MCU power domains

Power domain	Associated pins
Analog	V_{DDA} , V_{SSA}
Digital	V_{DDD} , V_{CCD} , V_{SS}
I/O	V_{DDIO}
RF	V_{DDR}

Note: V_{DDIO} is available only in certain device families/packages. I/Os are powered from V_{DDD} in devices without a V_{DDIO} pin. In some packages, V_{DDA} and V_{DDD} are combined into a single V_{DDD} pin, and V_{SSA} and V_{SS} are combined into a single V_{SS} pin. V_{DDR} is available only in PSOC™ 4 AIROC™ Bluetooth® LE family devices. The V_{DDR} supply should always be lesser than equal to the applied V_{DDD} supply.

3.1 Power pin connections

PSOC™ 4 MCU devices can be powered by two modes of power supply: Unregulated external supply and regulated external supply modes. Power pin connections for these two modes are illustrated in [Figure 1](#) and [Figure 2](#).

3.1.1 Unregulated external supply mode

Refer to the device datasheet for the recommended unregulated external supply voltage (V_{DD}) range.

In this mode, internal regulators convert the V_{DDD} input into the supply voltage for the device digital domain. Output voltage from these internal regulators are also routed to the V_{CCD} pin. In such cases, do not power this pin or connect any external load to V_{CCD} , except a decoupling capacitor, C_{EFC} , indicated in the corresponding device family datasheet and in [Figure 1](#).

Also, in this mode, some other internal regulators convert the V_{DDR} input into the power supply for the Bluetooth® LE RF transceiver. Note that the regulators for the RF transceiver in a Bluetooth® LE device stop working when V_{DDR} is lower than 1.9 V.

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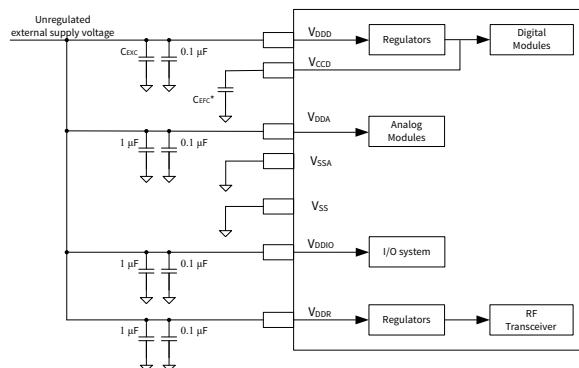


Figure 1 An example of using unregulated external power supply

Note: For the Bluetooth® LE family, this capacitor is denoted by C_{VCCD} in the datasheet.

3.1.2 Regulated external supply mode

You can also power PSOC™ 4 MCU (except the Bluetooth® LE family) with a regulated 1.8-V ($\pm 5\%$) external supply, as Figure 2 shows. The V_{CCD} pins must be tied to the V_{DDD} pin and powered directly with this externally regulated supply. The unused regulators within PSOC™ can be disabled by setting the `EXT_VCCD` bit in the `PWR_CONTROL` register to reduce power consumption. For more information, see the PSOC™ 4 MCU [device datasheets](#) and [reference manuals](#).

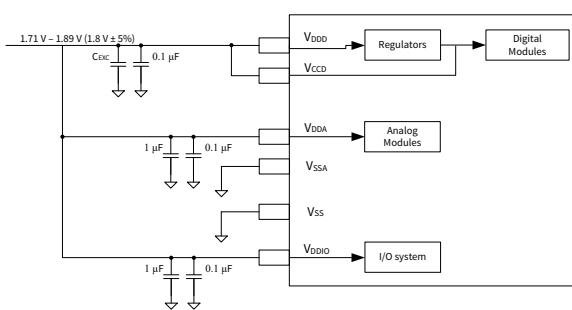


Figure 2 An example of using regulated external power supply (not applicable for Bluetooth® LE family)

3.1.3 Other power supply considerations

In both modes, connect one 0.1- μ F and one ceramic decoupling capacitor, C_{EXC} , mentioned in the device datasheet to each power supply pin (note that certain packages have more than one V_{DDD} , V_{DDA} , and V_{DDIO} pin). The PCB trace between the pin and the capacitors should be as short as possible. For more information, see [Appendix B](#).

Note: It is a good practice to check a capacitor's datasheet before you use it, specifically for working voltage and DC bias specifications. With some capacitors, the actual capacitance can decrease considerably when the DC bias is a significant percentage of the rated working voltage.

You can use a single power supply rail for digital power and analog power, which helps to simplify the power design in your board. However, to get a better analog performance in a mixed-signal circuit design, use

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separate power supply rails for the digital power and the analog power. In all cases, ensure that $VDDIO \leq VDDD \leq VDDA$. For more mixed-signal circuit design techniques, see AN57821 - PSOC™ 3, PSOC™ 4, and PSOC™ 5LP mixed-signal circuit board layout considerations [5].

Proper use and layout of capacitors and ferrite beads help to improve the EMC performance.

The PSOC™ 4 MCU kit webpages (CY8CKIT-040, CY8CKIT-040T, CY8CPROTO-040T, CY8CPROTO-040T-MS, CY8CPROTO-041TP, CY8CKIT-041-41XX, CY8CKIT-042, CY8CKIT-042-BLE, CY8CKIT-043, CY8CKIT-044, CY8CKIT-045S, CY8CKIT-046, CY8CKIT-145, CY8CKIT-147, CY8CKIT-149, CY8CKIT-041S-Max, CY8CKIT-148, and CY8CKIT-148-COIL) provide schematics and bills of material (BOMs) that give good examples of how to incorporate PSOC™ 4 into board schematics. For more information, see [References](#).

3.2 Power ramp-up (slew rate) considerations

As mentioned previously in Section [Power pin connections](#), if you use separate power rails for analog and digital power domains, the voltage at the V_{DDA} pin must always be greater than or equal to the voltage at the V_{DDD} pin. When PSOC™ 4 MCU is powered up, the voltage at the V_{DDA} pin must be present before or at the same time as the voltage at the V_{DDD} pin. The maximum allowed voltage ramp rate for any power pin is 67 mV/μs.

3.3 Device power settings

Use PSOC™ Creator or Eclipse IDE for ModusToolbox™ software to configure the device power settings¹. Both the tools use this information to configure the device for optimal performance. If you are using PSOC™ Creator, to open the Design-Wide Resources (DWR) window, double-click the .cydwr file in the project navigator and navigate to the **System** tab to configure the settings as shown in [Figure 3](#).

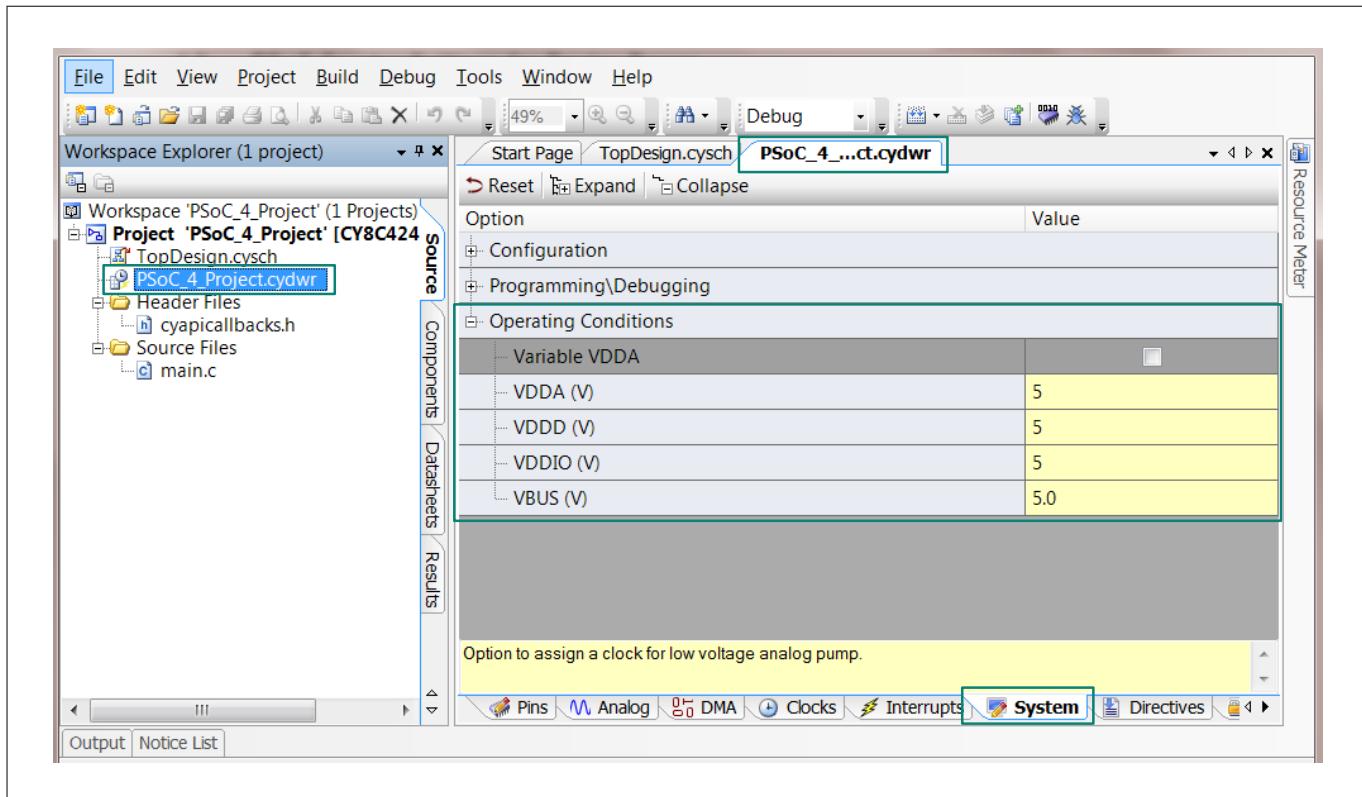


Figure 3 Device power settings in PSOC™ Creator

In Eclipse IDE for ModusToolbox™ software, open the device configurator to view the **System** tab and select **Power** to configure the device power settings, as [Figure 4](#) shows.

¹ See AN79953 - Getting started with PSOC™ 4 MCU [1] to know which IDE is supported for each PSOC™ 4 MCU device.

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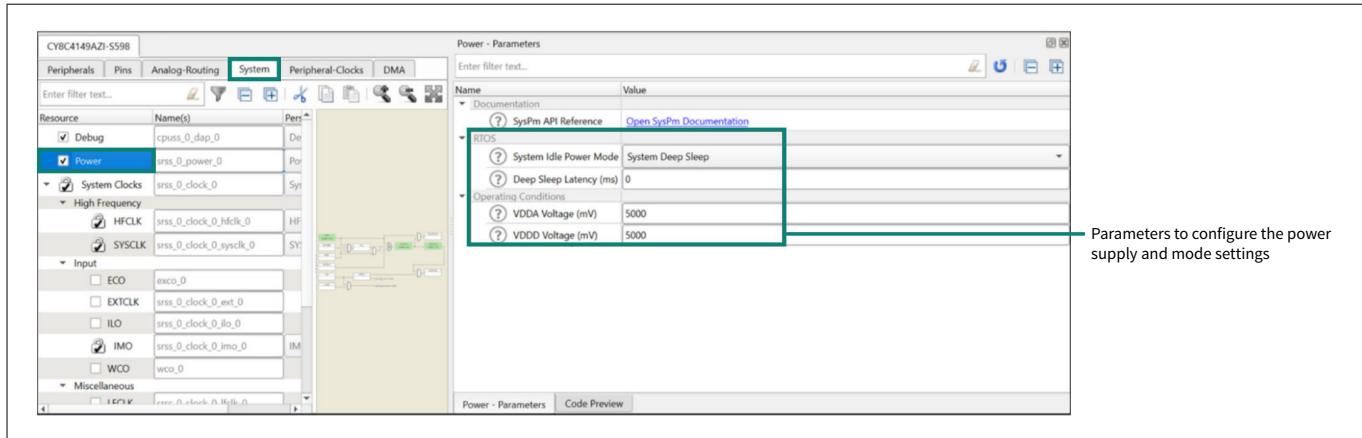


Figure 4 Device power settings in device configurator on ModusToolbox™ software

The **Variable VDDA** feature helps the PSOC™ MCU device internal analog routing switch operations by charging pumps when the PSOC™ MCU device analog power supply is low. It is enabled by default when the configured VDDA is lower than or equal to 4.0 V. You can disable it to save power when VDDA exceeds 4.0 V. See the [PSOC™ Creator system reference guide](#) for more information.

3.4 Thermal considerations

Thermal considerations are important in the hardware design processes such as package selection and PCB layout. PSOC™ 4 MCU targets low-power applications, as it consumes no more than 0.2 W. The maximum power consumption is so low that thermal considerations are unnecessary.

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PSOC™ 4000 / PSOC™ 4000S and PSOC™ 4100 / PSOC™ 4200 / PSOC™ 4100S / PSOC™ 4100PS / PSOC™ 4500S / PSOC™ 4100S Max / PSOC™ 4000T / PSOC™ 4100T Plus have two oscillators: an internal main oscillator (IMO), which drives the high-frequency clock (HFCLK), and an internal low-speed oscillator (ILO), which drives the low-frequency clock (LFCLK). No external crystal is required for IMO and ILO. The IMO is rated at ± 2 percent accuracy.

Other than the IMO and ILO, PSOC™ 4100M / PSOC™ 4200M / PSOC™ 4100L / PSOC™ 4200L / PSOC™ 4000S / PSOC™ 4100S / PSOC™ 4100PS / PSOC™ 4100S Max / PSOC™ 4100T Plus provides an additional watch crystal oscillator (WCO), which provides ± 50 ppm accuracy. You can hook a 32.768-kHz crystal up to the fixed pins to get an alternative, high-accuracy clock for the LFCLK. Note that the WCO of PSOC™ 4000S / PSOC™ 4100S / PSOC™ 4100PS / PSOC™ 4100S Max devices can't be a source for LFCLK.

Other than IMO, ILO, and WCO, PSOC™ 4100BLE / PSOC™ 4200BLE / PSOC™ 4100L / PSOC™ 4200L / PSOC™ 4100S Max provides an additional external crystal oscillator (ECO), which provides ± 50 ppm accuracy. You can hook a 24-MHz crystal up to the fixed pins to get an alternative, high-accuracy clock for the HFCLK.

A way to get high-accuracy clock for all PSOC™ 4 MCU devices is to bring in a precision clock via the EXT_CLK pin to drive the HFCLK. The external clock's frequency can be up to 48 MHz. Its duty cycle must be from 45 percent to 55 percent; a square-wave clock is recommended. Check datasheets to get where the EXT_CLK pin is located on different PSOC™ 4 MCU devices.

4.1 Clocking settings

You can use PSOC™ Creator or ModusToolbox™ software to manage clocks².

If you are using PSOC™ Creator, you can configure sources and paths for HFCLK and LFCLK that are configurable in two independent sub-tabs (**High Frequency Clocks** and **Low Frequency Clocks**). Switch to **Clocks** tab in the DWR window, and double-click any row in the table of clocks to open the **Configure System Clocks** dialog, as Figure 5 shows.

² See “PSOC™ 4 feature set” section of the [AN79953 - Getting started with PSOC™ 4 MCU](#) application note to know which IDE is supported for each PSOC™ 4 MCU device.

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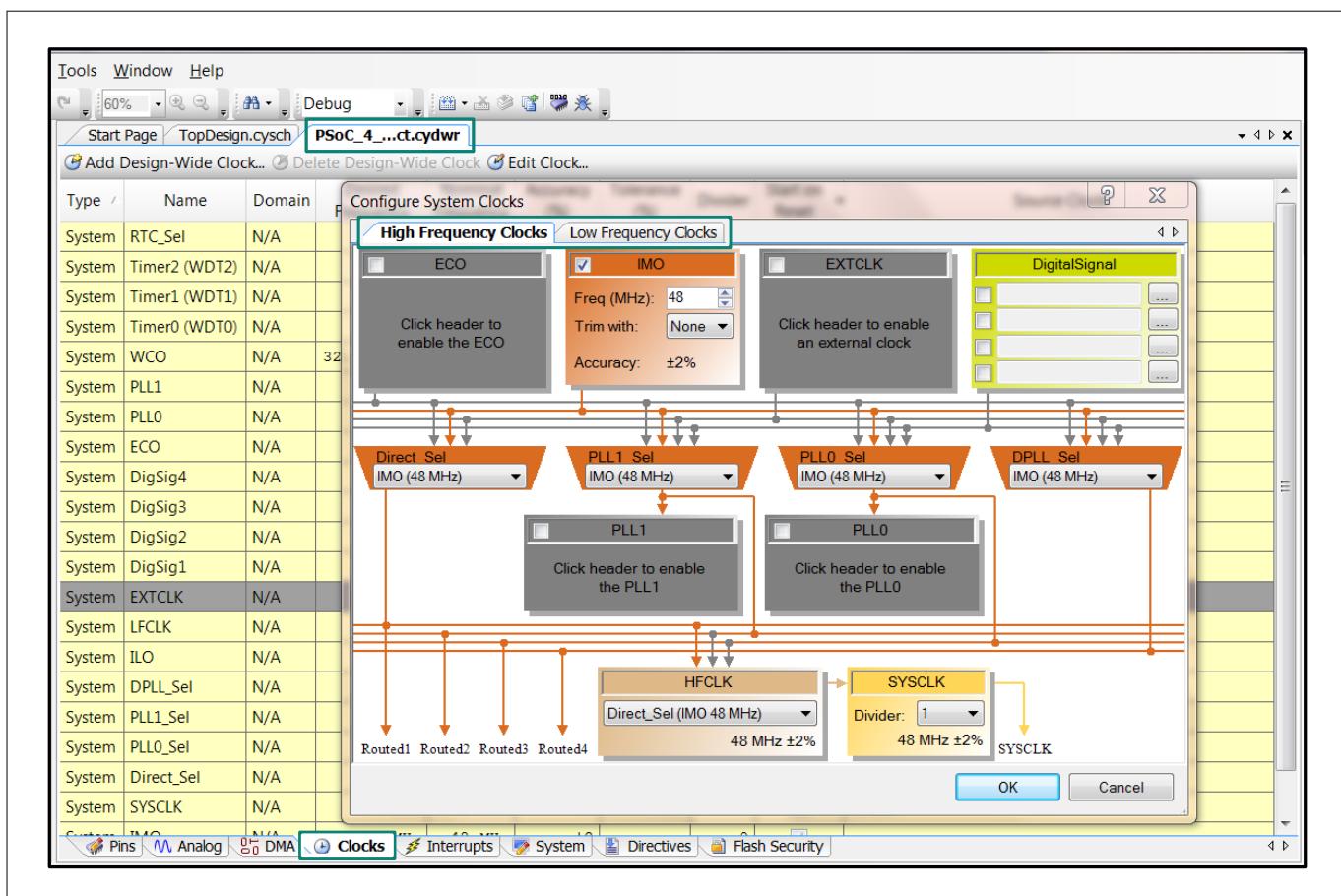


Figure 5 Clock settings in PSOC™ Creator

PSOC™ 4 MCU provides flexible internal clock routing solutions. You can use up to four digital signals in PSOC™ 4 MCU as the routed clock for internal digital logic, which are generally implemented with UDB resources. Select **Topics** in the PSOC™ Creator Help menu and search “Configure System Clocks” to get more information.

In Eclipse IDE for ModusToolbox™ software, the System tab in the device configurator (design.modus) provides the options to configure the clocks. [Figure 6](#) shows how to configure system clocks using ModusToolbox™ software.

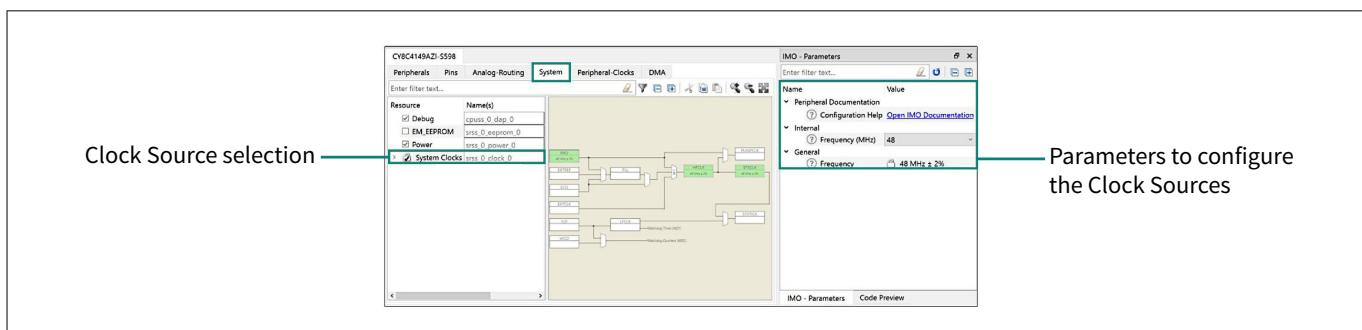


Figure 6 Clock settings in device configurator on ModusToolbox™ software

Note: Unlike PSOC™ 3 and PSOC™ 5LP MCU devices, PSOC™ 4 MCU cannot route the high-frequency clock (HFCLK) directly to any pin owing to its unique internal clock path structure.

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The PSOC™ 4 MCU has a reset pin, XRES, which is active LOW. XRES is internally pulled up to VDDD via a resistor called $*R_{PULLUP}$. The value of $*R_{PULLUP}$ is specified in the XRES section of the “Electrical Specification” chapter of the device datasheet. If this resistor value is very high, you may need to add an external resistor to XRES for reducing the system startup time.

You can connect a capacitor to the XRES pin, as Figure 7 shows, to filter out glitches, i.e., any pulses below 50 ns will filter out, thus giving the reset signal better noise immunity. The reset signal requires a pulse-width of at least 5 μ s. Typically, a capacitance of 0.1 μ F is used in the pin.

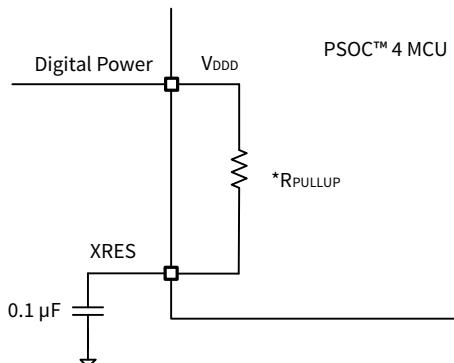


Figure 7 XRES pin connection

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PSOC™ 4 MCU supports serial wire debug (SWD) interfaces for device programming and debugging. For programming or debugging, you can use the built-in debugger of PSOC™ 4 MCU kits, or connect PSOC™ 4 MCU to a debugger such as [CY8CKIT-002 PSOC™ MiniProg3 Program and Debug Kit](#) or [CY8CKIT-005-A PSOC™ MiniProg4 Program and Debug Kit](#) via a 10-pin or 5-pin connector (see [Figure 8](#) for pin map). For a 10-pin connector, Samtec FTSH-105-01-L-DV-K (surface mount) or FTSH-105-01-L-D-K (through hole) is recommended. For a 5-pin connector, Molex 22-23-2051 is recommended. Similar parts are available from other vendors.

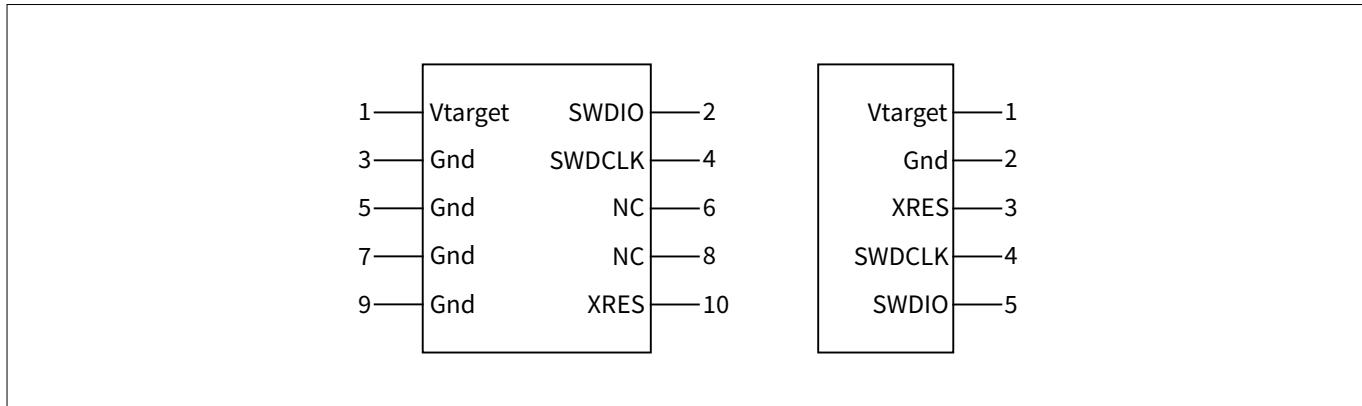


Figure 8 **SWD connector pin maps for MiniProg3 or MiniProg4**

[Figure 9](#) shows the SWD connections.

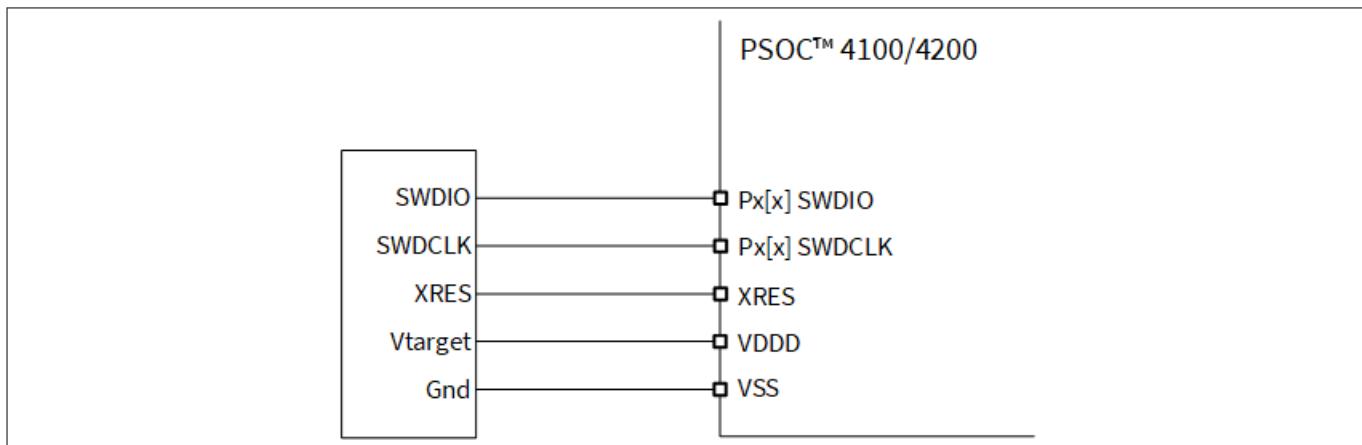


Figure 9 **SWD connections to PSOC™ 4100/PSOC™ 4200**

SWD pins are located in different ports in different device families. The pins could be used for other functionality, when the devices are not being programmed; see the device datasheet for the possible functionality details.

However, if you need to use SWD pins for run-time debugging, in PSOC™ Creator select **SWD (serial wire debug)**, instead of **GPIO**, from the **Debug Select** pull-down list in the **System** tab of the DWR window as [Figure 10](#) shows. To select the debug port in ModusToolbox™ software, open the device configurator as shown in [Figure 11](#). In this case, the pins cannot be used for other functionality any longer.

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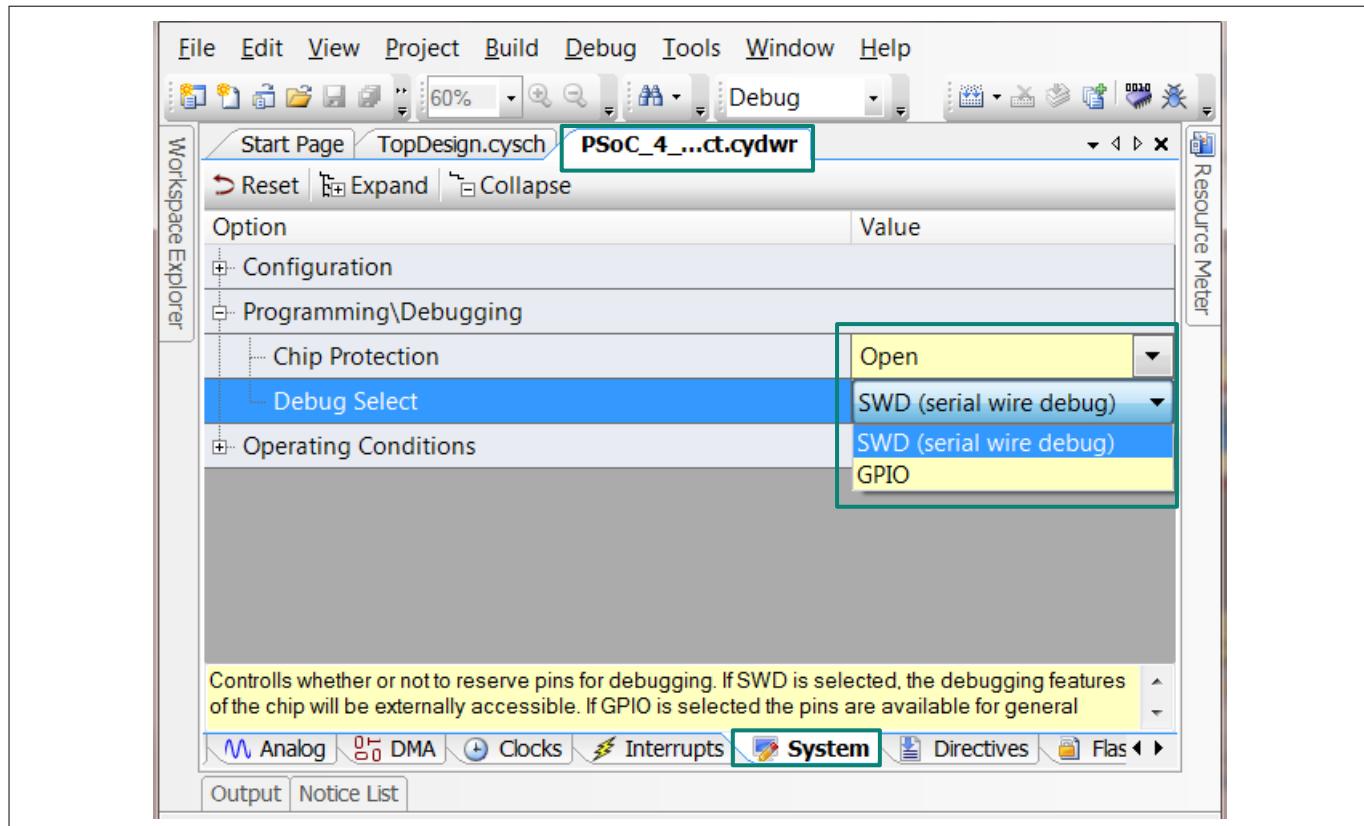


Figure 10 PSOC™ Creator debugging settings

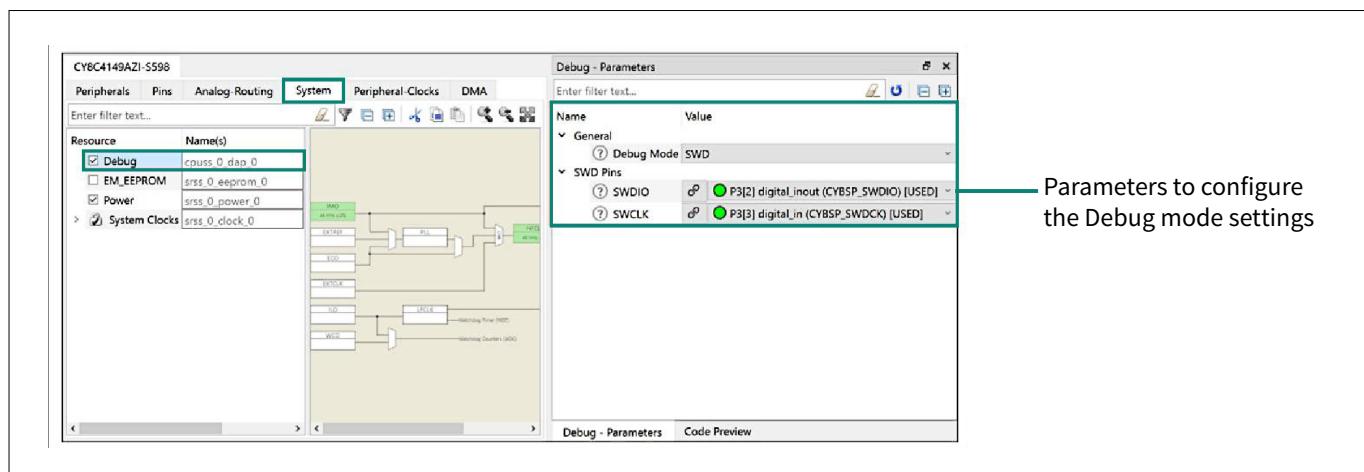


Figure 11 ModusToolbox™ software debugging settings in the device configurator

Note: In ModusToolbox™ software, if you need to use SWD pins for other purposes, deselect the debug resource in the **System** tab of the device configurator and configure the pin name and state as required from **Pins** tab.

7 GPIO pins

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PSOC™ 4 MCU provides flexible GPIO pins. Each pin has 4 mA source or 8 mA sink capability. All GPIO pins can be controlled by firmware. Most of them also have alternative connections to PSOC™ 4 MCU peripherals. Different components have different dedicated or fixed pins for their terminals. With dedicated pins, you get the best performance when the peripheral is connected to its own dedicated pin or pins. However, for flexibility, you can connect the peripheral to other pins at the cost of using some internal routing resources.

If a peripheral has fixed pins, then you can connect it to only those pins.

7.1 I/O pin selection

When you design a hardware system based on PSOC™ 4 MCU, you should assign the GPIO pins in the following sequence. Note that pins with names in bold may be located at different pins of different ports for different PSOC™ 4 MCU device families; check datasheets for details.

1. System function pins
 - a. SWD: If you need run-time debugging, use the **SWD_CLK** and **SWD_DATA** pins
 - b. External clock: If you need to use an external clock, use the **EXT_CLK** pin
 - c. External 32.768-kHz crystals: for applicable families, if you need a high-accuracy, low-frequency clock, use the **WCO_IN** (or **XTAL32I**) pin and the **WCO_OUT** (or **XTAL32O**) pin
 - d. Wakeup: This pin is used to wake up PSOC™ 4 MCU from the Stop low-power mode. If you need this feature, use the **WAKEUP** pin. For more information, see AN86233 - PSOC™ 4 MCU low-power modes and power reduction techniques [3]
2. Analog pins
 - a. SAR ADC: **SARMUX [7:0]** pins are used as multichannel inputs to the SAR ADC. In addition, if you want an ADC clock faster than 3 MHz or you need to apply an external reference, reserve VREF for an external bypass capacitor connection. See [SAR ADC acquisition time](#) for details.

SARMUX [7:0] pins are dedicated pins for the SAR ADC. Through the internal analog bus, you can also route signals from the other pins connected to the internal analog bus (See the device datasheet for this information) to the ADC. VREF is a fixed pin for the ADC's reference bypass capacitor connection
 - b. Low-power comparator: PSOC™ 4 MCU has up to two comparators that can work in the Hibernate low-power mode. Each comparator has two fixed pins, **COMPx_INP** (or **LPCOMP.IN_P[x]**) for noninverting input and **COMPx_INN** (or **LPCOMP.IN_P[x]**) for inverting input. Note that PSOC™ 4100S, PSOC™ 4100S Plus, PSOC™ 4100S Plus 256K, PSOC™ 4100 BL, PSOC™ 4100S Max, PSOC™ 4200DS, PSOC™ 4100PS, PSOC™ 4000T, and PSOC™ 4100T Plus do not have the Hibernate low-power mode
 - c. Continuous Time Block mini (CTBm): PSOC™ 4 MCU has up to two CTBm modules, each of which is composed of two opamps. One opamp has a dedicated noninverting input pin (**CTBx.OAx.INP**), a fixed inverting input pin (**CTBx.OAx.INN**), and a fixed output pin (**CTBx.OAx.OUT**). If you use an opamp as a comparator, you can route the digital output to a GPIO pin in Port 0, Port 1, Port 2, or Port 3
 - d. CAPSENSE™: When you use this module, note that there are two fixed pins. You must connect a reservoir capacitor (C_{MOD}) to **CMOD** (or **C_MOD**) pin in all cases, and the other reservoir capacitor (C_{SH_TANK}) to **CTANK** (or **C_SH_TANK**) or **CMOD2** pin in some cases. Refer to the relevant device datasheet for information on pin number and capacitor value. You can connect any other pin to a CAPSENSE™ sensor or shield. See AN85951 - PSOC™ 4 and PSOC™ 6 MCU CAPSENSE™ design guide [5] for details
 - e. Continuous Time Block (CTB): PSOC™ 4100PS has up to two CTB modules, each of which is composed of two opamps and the associated resistor matrix. One opamp has a dedicated

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noninverting input pin (**CTBx.OAx.INP**), a fixed inverting input pin (**CTBx.OAx.INN**), and a fixed output pin (**CTBx.OAx.OUT**)

- f. Voltage DAC (VDAC): PSOC™ 4100PS has a 13-bit VDAC module that can take input from port pins. The output of VDAC needs to be routed to a port pin through the CTB opamp

3. Digital pins

- a. Timer/Counter Pulse-Width Modulator (TCPWM): PSOC™ 4 MCU has up to eight TCPWM blocks. Each TCPWM can output two complementary PWM signals. All these signals are routed to dedicated GPIO pins via high-speed paths. See the device datasheet to learn more about these dedicated pins
- b. You can also route these signals via an internal digital connection to other GPIO pins that support digital signal interconnect (DSI). See the respective device datasheet for more details
- c. Serial Communication Block (SCB): PSOC™ 4 MCU has up to four SCBs. Each SCB can be configured as SPI, I²C, or UART. Each SCB has fixed pins for its terminals. See the device datasheet to learn more about these pins. Note that PSOC™ 4100PS has up to three SCBs. PSOC™ 4100T Plus has two SCBs with re-configurable I²C, SPI, or UART functionality and three UART blocks with RTS and CTS.
- d. PSOC™ 4000, PSOC™ 4000T, and PSOC™ 4100T Plus can multiplex the SWD and I²C pins on a pair of dedicated GPIO pins, it is useful if running short of GPIOs
- e. Controller Area Network (CAN): PSOC™ 4 MCU has up to two CANs. These have fixed pins for its terminals.
- f. Universal Serial Bus (USB): PSOC™ 4 MCU has fixed pins for USB connectivity. See the respective device datasheet for more details.

Unlike TCPWM, the SCB terminals are routed to fixed pins and cannot be routed to any other GPIO pin. You must follow the fixed pin assignments when using the SCBs.

If your system needs a serial communication interface with a more flexible GPIO pin assignment, you can use a Universal Digital Block (UDB) to implement it in the applicable devices. See the [PSOC™ 4 architecture reference manual](#) for details

7.2 Special ports

In PSOC™ 4 MCU, certain groups of ports have interconnect fabric different from the fabric the other ports have. Therefore, some of the flexible configurations are not available on them. Use the following table as a guideline in the system design. “Y” means the port(s) support the functionality; “N” means the port(s) do not.

	PSOC™ 4000		PSOC™ 4000T		PSOC™ 4000S/4100S		PSOC™ 4100PS		PSOC™ 4100T Plus		PSOC™ 4500S		PSOC™ 4100/4200		PSOC™ 4100M/4200M		PSOC™ 4100BLE/4200BLE		PSOC™ 4100L/4200L		PSOC™ 4100S Plus		PSOC™ 4100S Max	
Port number	0, 1, 2	3	0, 1, 2, 3, 4	0, 1, 2, 3, 4	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	0, 1, 2, 3	4	0, 1, 2, 3	4, 5, 6, 7	0, 1, 2, 3	4, 5	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11	4, 5	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 13	6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11	6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12			

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	PSOC™ 4000		PSOC™ 4000T		PSOC™ 4000S/4100S		PSOC™ 4100PS		PSOC™ 4100T Plus		PSOC™ 4500S		PSOC™ 4100/4200		PSOC™ 4100M/4200M		PSOC™ 4100BLE/4200BLE		PSOC™ 4100L/4200L		PSOC™ 4100S Plus		PSOC™ 4100S Max	
Digital input / output synchronization	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Internal digital routing	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Internal analog routing	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Notes:

1. **Digital input/output synchronization:** A digital signal, which input to or output from a PSOC™ 4 MCU pin, can be synchronized to HFCLK. The configurations in PSOC™ Creator are shown in the following figures. Certain port pins, as explained in the section above, do not have this capability. The only valid configuration here is “Transparent”
2. **Internal digital routing:** A digital signal can be routed to a PSOC™ 4 MCU pin with internal digital routing resources. For example, you can route a TCPWM’s output terminals to pins that are not the TCPWM’s dedicated ones. Certain port pins do not have this capability.

Note: In PSOC™ 4100/PSOC™ 4200 devices, if P4[2] or P4[3] is used to connect CMOD or CSH_TANK, you cannot route a digital output signal to P3[6] or P3[7]

3. **Internal analog routing:** An analog signal can be routed to a PSOC™ 4 MCU pin with internal analog routing resources. For example, you can route an opamp’s input terminals to pins which are not the opamp’s dedicated ones

7 GPIO pins

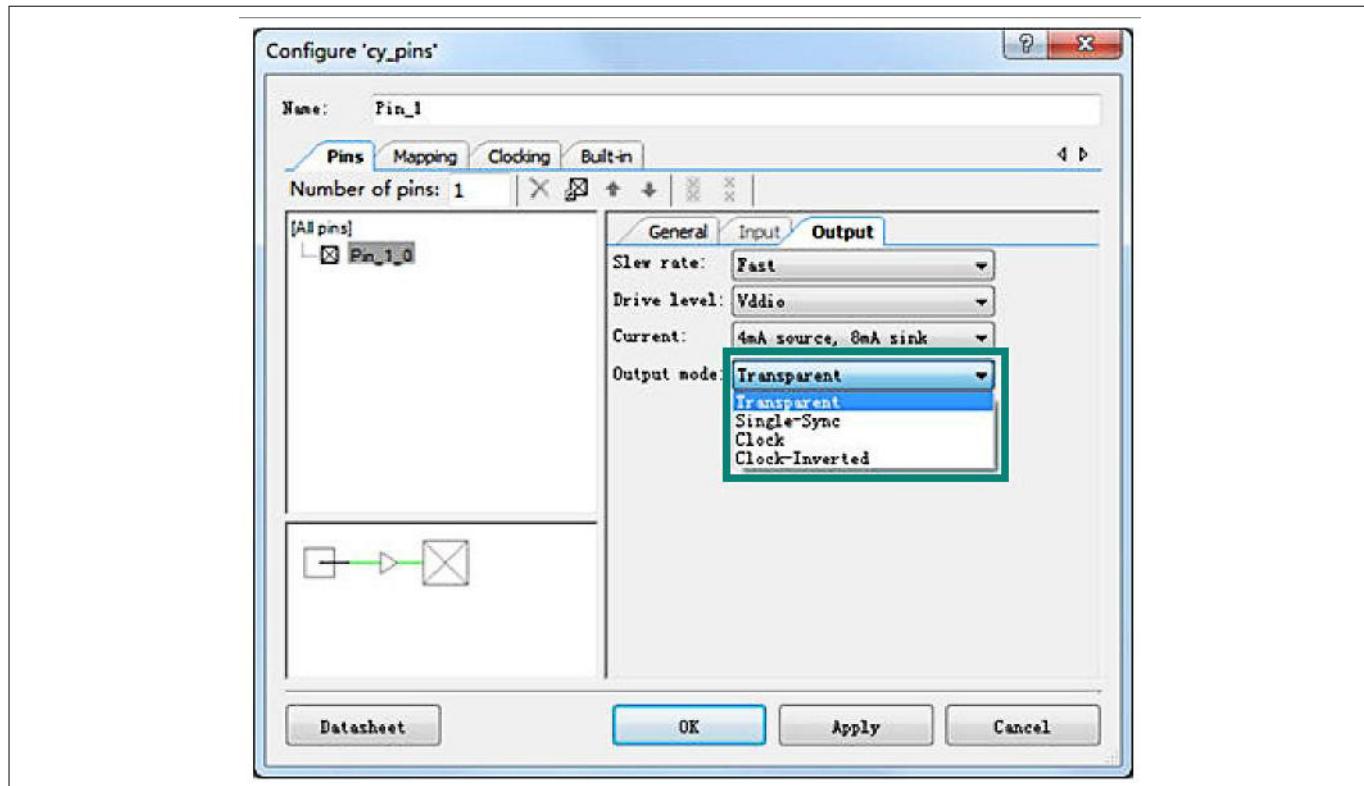


Figure 12 GPIO pin output setting

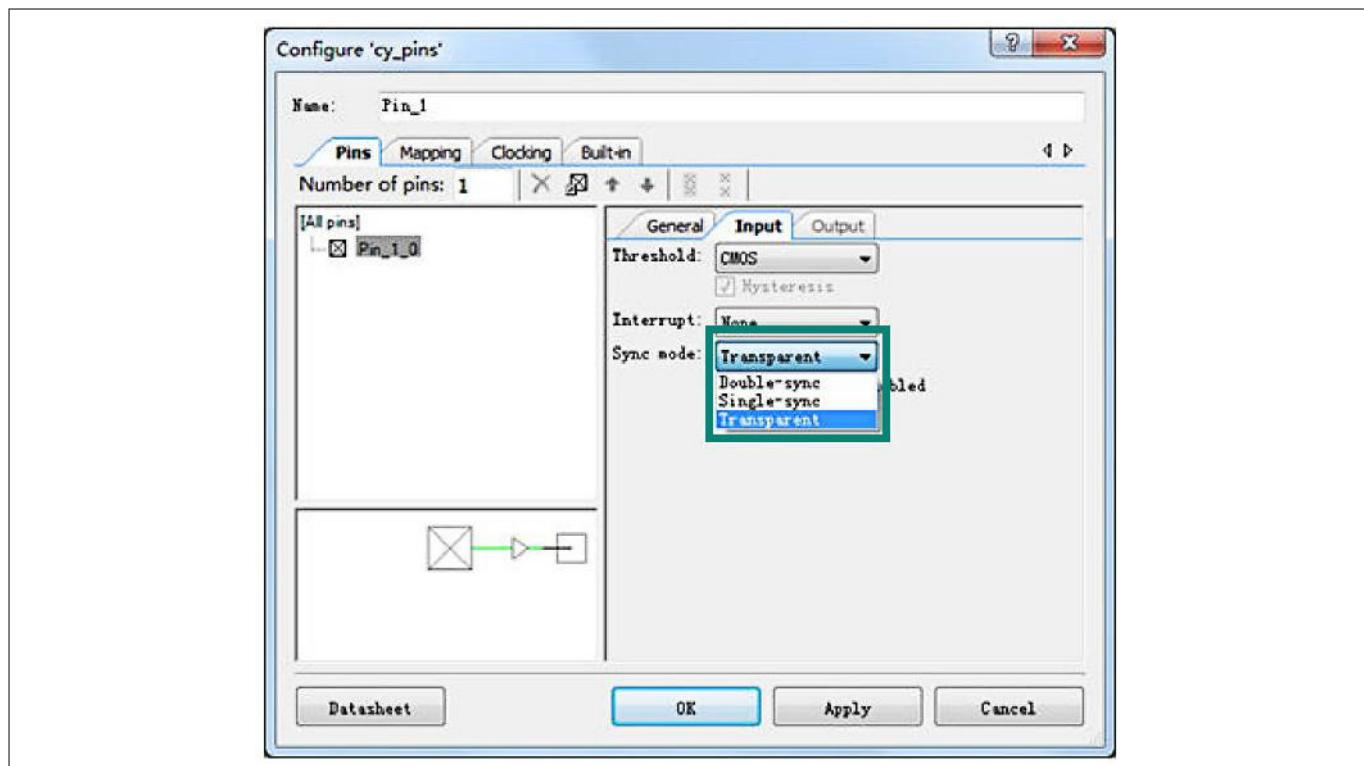


Figure 13 GPIO pin input setting

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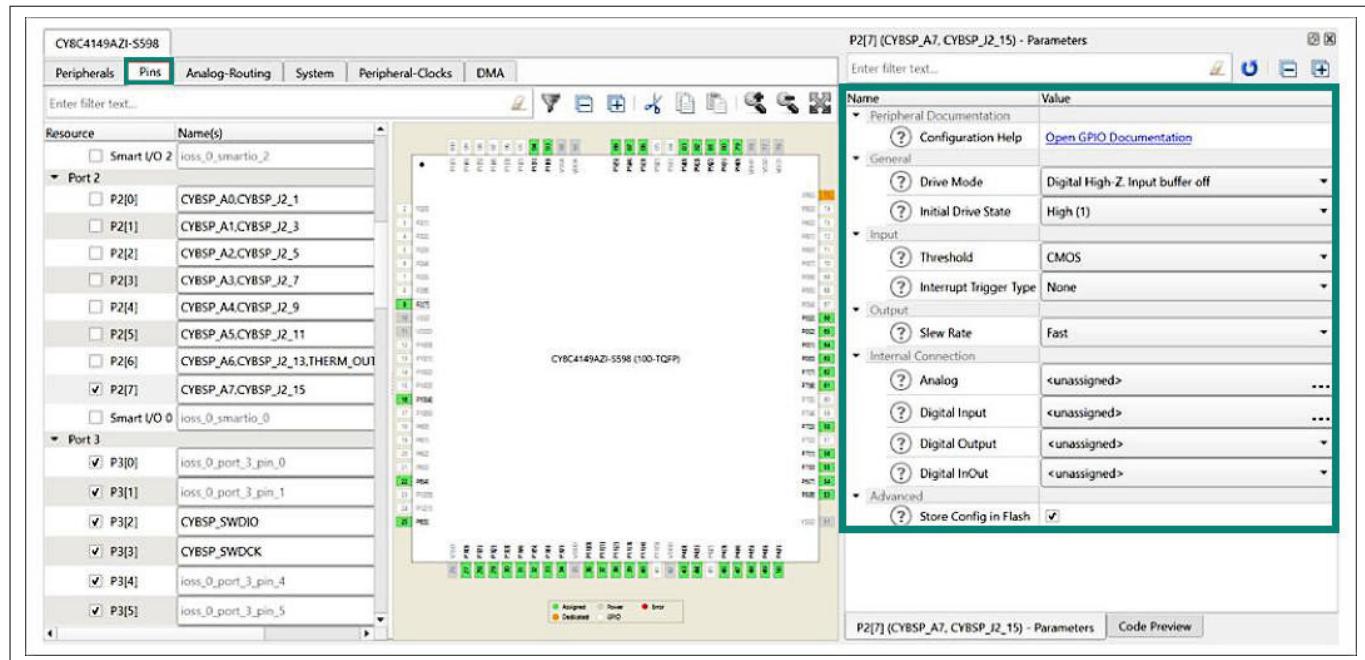


Figure 14 GPIO pin settings in device configurator on ModusToolbox™ software

8 Component placement

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In PSOC™ Creator, you can place Components in different blocks in several ways. For Components with fixed pins, assign the component terminals to the appropriate pin. The following is an example of the UART (SCB mode) Component placement in a PSOC™ 4200 device, where the SCB implements a UART.

In [Figure 15](#), there are two pin settings for the UART tx and rx terminals. If you select P4[0] and P4[1], the UART is placed on SCB_0; if you select P0[4] and P0[5], the UART is placed on SCB_1. You can configure these pins in the Pin Editor by clicking the **Pins** tab in the DWR window.

Alias /	Name	Port	Pin	Lock
	\UART_1:rx\	P4[0] SCB0:I2C:SCL, SCB0:SPI:莫斯I, SCB0:UART:RX	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	\UART_1:tx\	P4[1] SCB0:I2C:SDA, SCB0:SPI:MIOSI, SCB0:UART:TX	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Alias	Name /	Port	Pin	Lock
	\UART_1:rx\	P0[4] SCB1:I2C:SCL, SCB1:SPI:莫斯I, SCB1:UART:RX	28	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	\UART_1:tx\	P0[5] SCB1:I2C:SDA, SCB1:SPI:MIOSI, SCB1:UART:TX	29	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Figure 15 SCB Component placement by pin selection

Analog Components can be placed using the analog device editor. Click the **Analog** tab in the DWR window to open it. [Figure 16](#) shows an example of Opamp Component placement³.

Right-click the opamp (OAx) to relocate the Component to another available hardware slot. The pins change automatically when the Component is relocated.

The third method to place Components is to use the Directive Editor. Select **Topics** in the PSOC™ Creator Help menu and search “directive” to get more information.

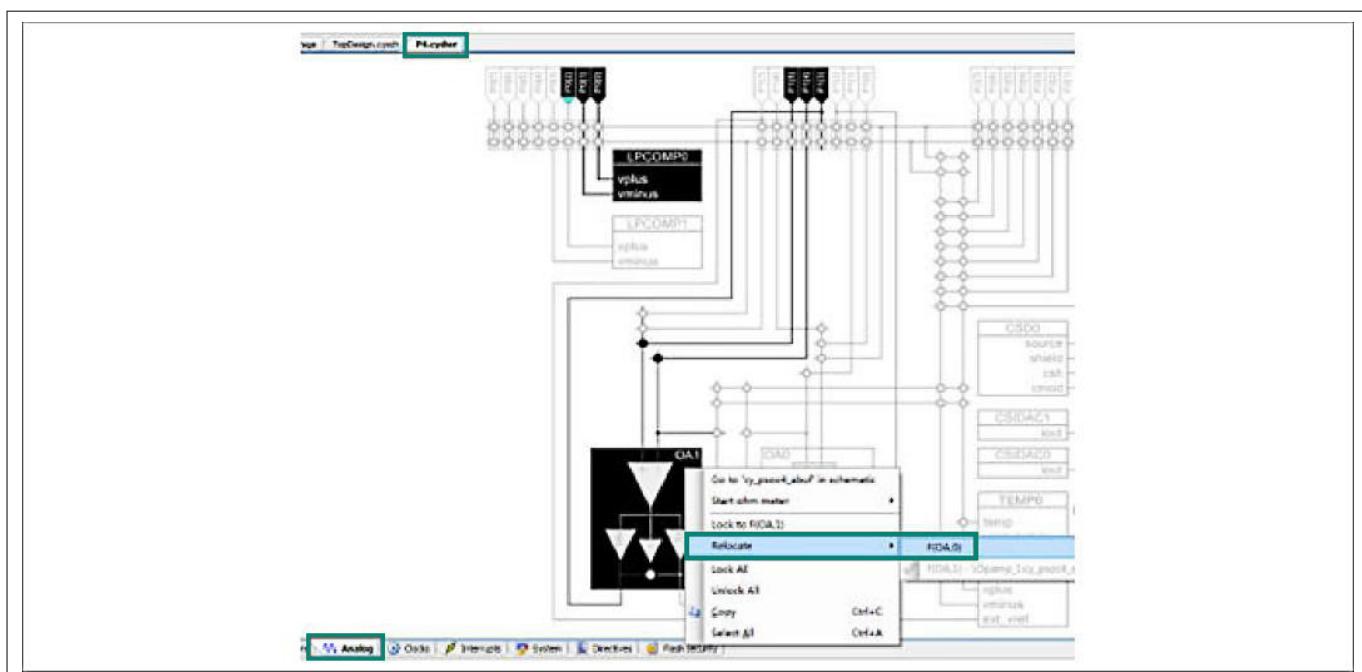


Figure 16 Opamp Component placement

³ The placement details are available only after you build and compile the project, which provides the analog placing and routing details.

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Analog design is always challenging. Using the PSOC™ 4 MCU analog modules involves several hardware design considerations.

9.1 SAR ADC

PSOC™ 4 MCU has up to two unit 12-bit differential SAR ADC, with a sampling rate up to 1 Msps. As mentioned in [I/O pin selection](#), **SARMUX [7:0]** pins are dedicated for SAR ADC multichannel inputs. They provide the lowest parasitic path resistance and capacitance. You can also route the signals from other pins to the SAR ADC using the internal analog bus, but doing so will introduce high switch resistance (R_{SW} in [Figure 19](#)) and additional parasitic capacitance.

PSOC™ 4 MCU also has an internal precision reference of 1.024 V or 1.2 V⁴ (± 1 percent). You can use other internal references, including V_{DDA} and $V_{DDA} / 2$, to extend the SAR ADC's input range. However, note that the accuracy of V_{DDA} and $V_{DDA} / 2$ as references depends on your power system design, and it probably cannot be better than the 1.024 V or 1.2 V precision reference. When you use the internal reference or $V_{DDA} / 2$ as your reference, a bypass capacitor on VREF pin can help you run the SAR ADC at a faster clock. See [Table 2](#) for details.

Table 2 References for SAR ADC

References	Bypass capacitor at VREF pin	Maximum Component clock frequency
Internal 1.024 V / 1.2 V	Optional	1.6 MHz
$V_{DDA} / 2$	Optional	1.6 MHz
V_{DDA}	Optional	9 MHz
Internal 1.024 V / 1.2 V, bypassed	Mandatory	18 MHz
$V_{DDA} / 2$, bypassed	Mandatory	18 MHz
External Vref	Mandatory	18 MHz

If you need a reference with a higher accuracy or a specific voltage value, you can connect a custom external reference and a bypass capacitor to the VREF pin.

The SAR ADC is differential physically. When you select Single-ended input mode, you must select the connection for the negative input. There are three options: V_{SS} , V_{REF} , and an external pin. The SAR ADC's input range is affected by the selection as well as by the value of the reference voltage. See the chapter "SAR ADC" in the [PSOC™ MCU architecture reference manual](#) for more information.

You can select the reference and the negative input connection in the **General** tab of the ADC_SAR_SEQ_P4 Component customizer dialog, as [Figure 17](#) shows.

⁴ See the chapter "SAR ADC" in the respective PSOC™ 4 MCU device architecture TRM to know the internal bypass reference voltage of that device.

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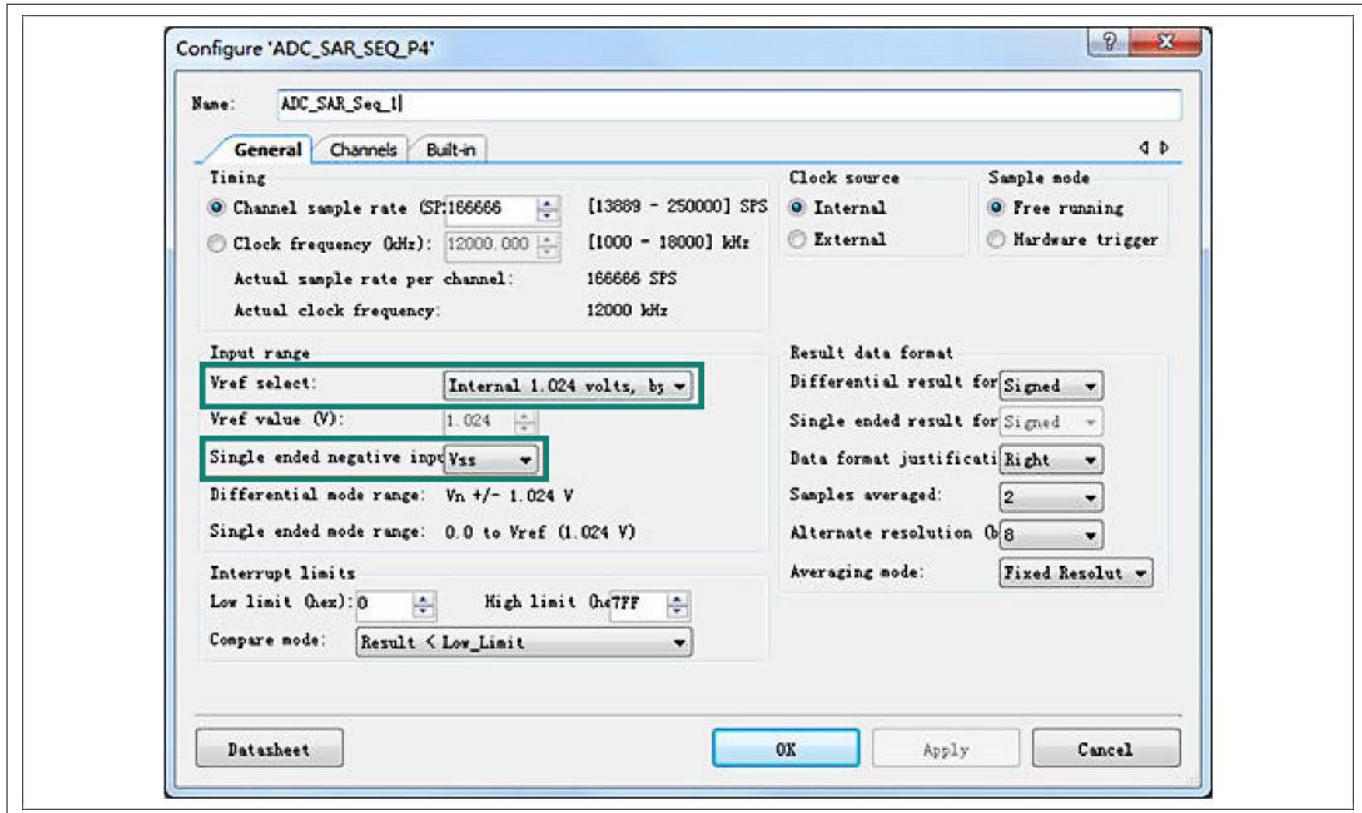


Figure 17 SAR ADC reference and negative input settings on PSOC™ Creator

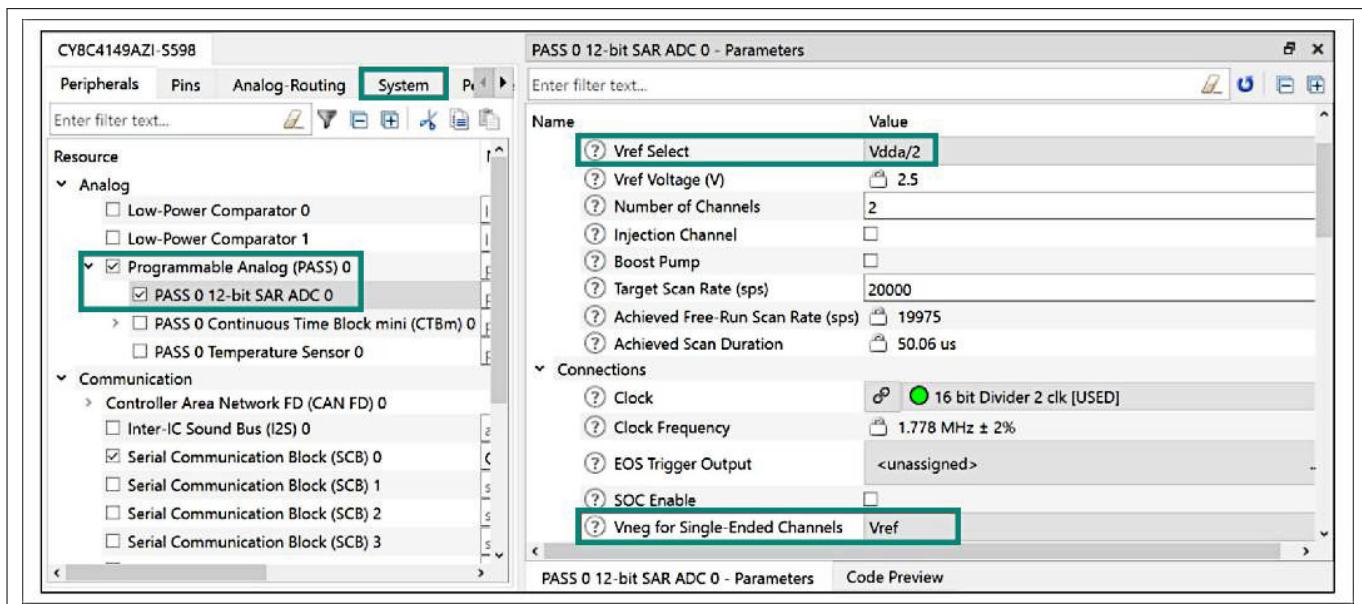


Figure 18 SAR ADC reference and negative input settings in device configurator on ModusToolbox™ software

See the respective device datasheet for more details.

9.1.1 SAR ADC acquisition time

Another parameter of concern is the SAR ADC acquisition time, which depends on your hardware design, as Figure 19 shows.

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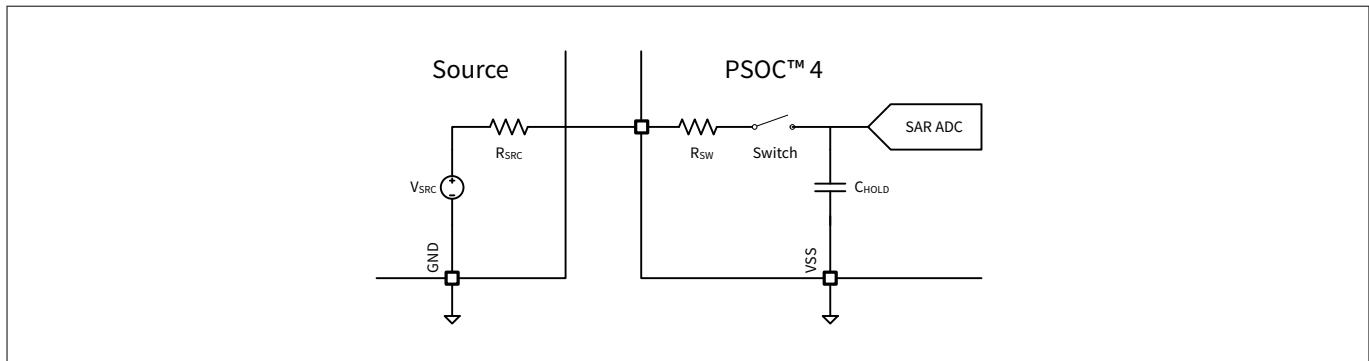


Figure 19 Equivalent sample and hold circuit of PSOC™ 4 MCU SAR ADC

V_{SRC} is the sampled signal source, and R_{SRC} is its output resistance. R_{SW} is the resistance of the path from a dedicated pin to the SAR ADC input, which is about $2.2\text{ k}\Omega$. C_{HOLD} is the sample and hold capacitance, which is about 10 pF .

Figure 20 shows how C_{HOLD} is charged during acquisition time. During acquisition time, the switch in Figure 19 is ON. Assuming that C_{HOLD} is charged from 0, acquisition time is the time required to charge C_{HOLD} to a voltage level (V_{HOLD}) such that the error ($V_{SRC} - V_{HOLD}$) is less than the ADC's resolution.

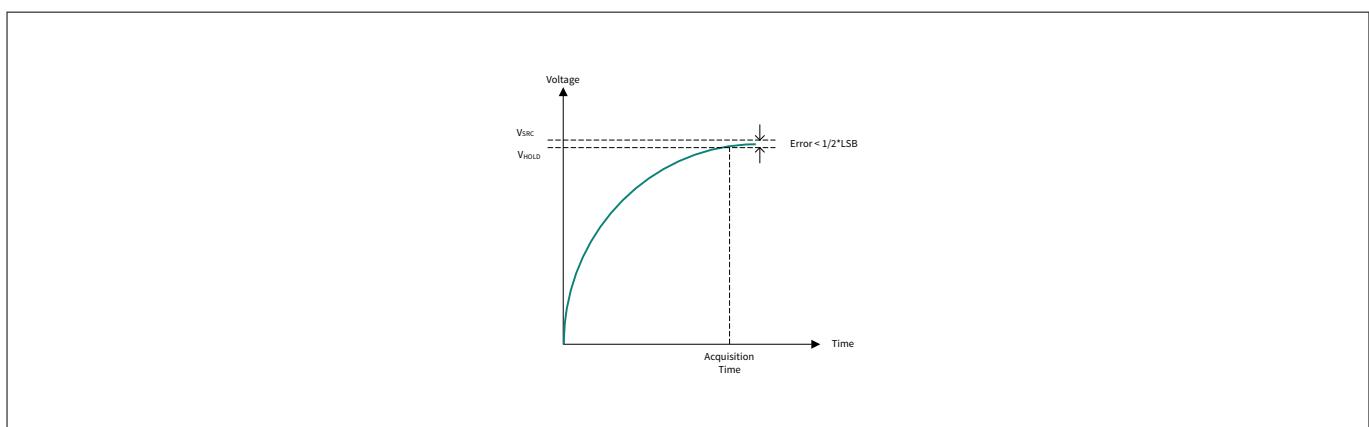


Figure 20 C_{HOLD} charging process

If the error is smaller than half the ADC's resolution ($1/2 * \text{LSB}$), it should be okay. The error can be related to the acquisition time in the following equation:

$$\text{Error} = V_{SRC} \cdot e^{-\frac{t_{ACQ}}{\tau}} = V_{SRC} \cdot e^{-\frac{t_{ACQ}}{(R_{SRC} + R_{SW}) \cdot C_{HOLD}}}$$

Equation 1

Here, t_{ACQ} is the acquisition time, while τ is the charging time constant.

PSOC™ 4100/4200 provides a 12-bit differential ADC. If V_{REF} is the reference voltage, the resolution can be expressed in the following equation:

$$\text{LSB} = \frac{2V_{REF}}{2^{12}}$$

Equation 2

This example assumes that the negative input is connected to V_{REF} , so that V_{SRC} has an input range from 0 to $2V_{REF}$. If the acquisition time is $9 \cdot (R_{SRC} + R_{SW}) \cdot C_{HOLD}$, the error can be expressed as follows:

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$$Error = V_{SRC} \cdot e^{-9} \approx \frac{V_{SRC}}{8013} < \frac{2V_{REF}}{8013} \approx \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2V_{REF}}{2^{12}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot LSB$$

Equation 3

This equation shows that you should choose an acquisition time that is longer than $9 \cdot (R_{SRC} + R_{SW}) \cdot C_{HOLD}$ to make the error less than $1/2 \cdot LSB$ of the 12-bit ADC. Select the acquisition time in the **Channels** tab of the ADC_SAR_SEQ_P4 Component customizer dialog, as Figure 21 shows. Note that when you select the number of ADC clocks, the corresponding acquisition time is automatically calculated. See the [ADC_SAR_SEQ_P4 Component datasheet](#) for details.

In conclusion, pay attention to the output resistance of the sampled signal source, R_{SRC} , and the resistance introduced by PCB traces in your ADC hardware design. These determine the acquisition time and therefore the sampling rate.

Note: In ModusToolbox™ software, you can enter the minimum acquisition time for each channel such that is longer than $9 \cdot (R_{SRC} + R_{SW}) \cdot C_{HOLD}$ as shown in Figure 22 and Figure 23.

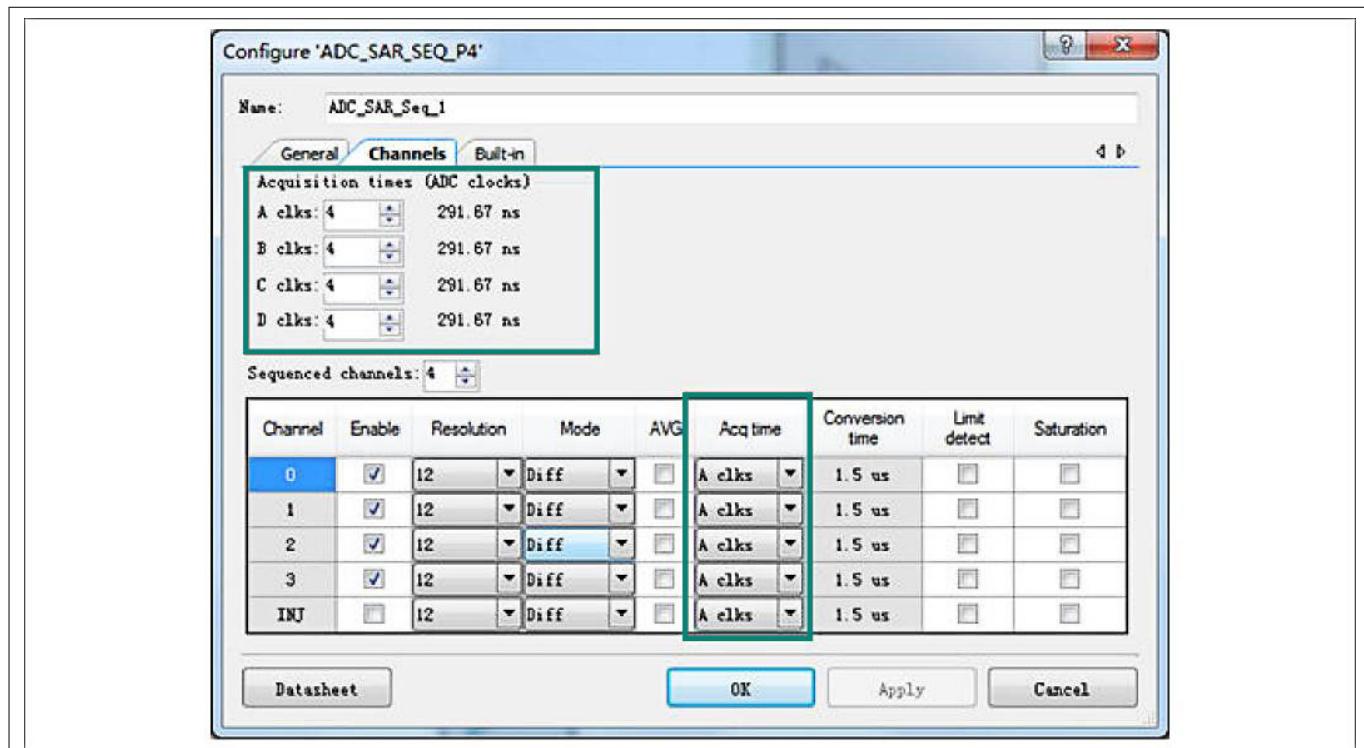


Figure 21 SAR ADC acquisition time settings on PSOC™ Creator

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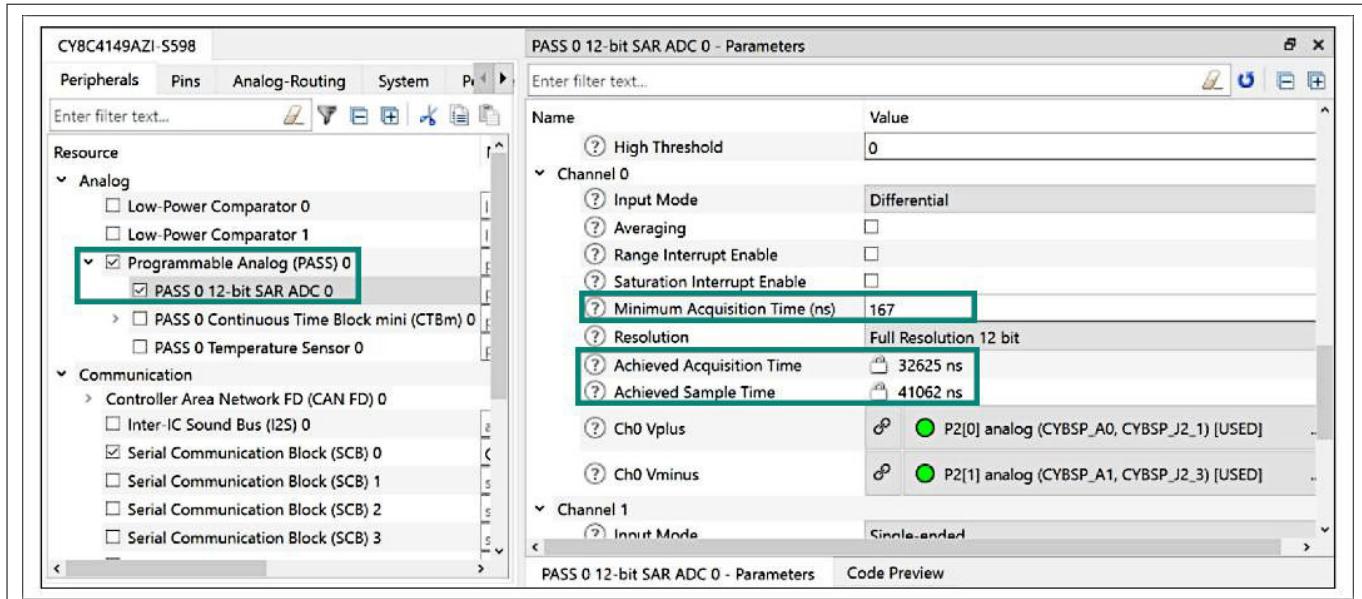


Figure 22 SAR ADC acquisition time settings for channel 0 in device configurator on ModusToolbox™ software

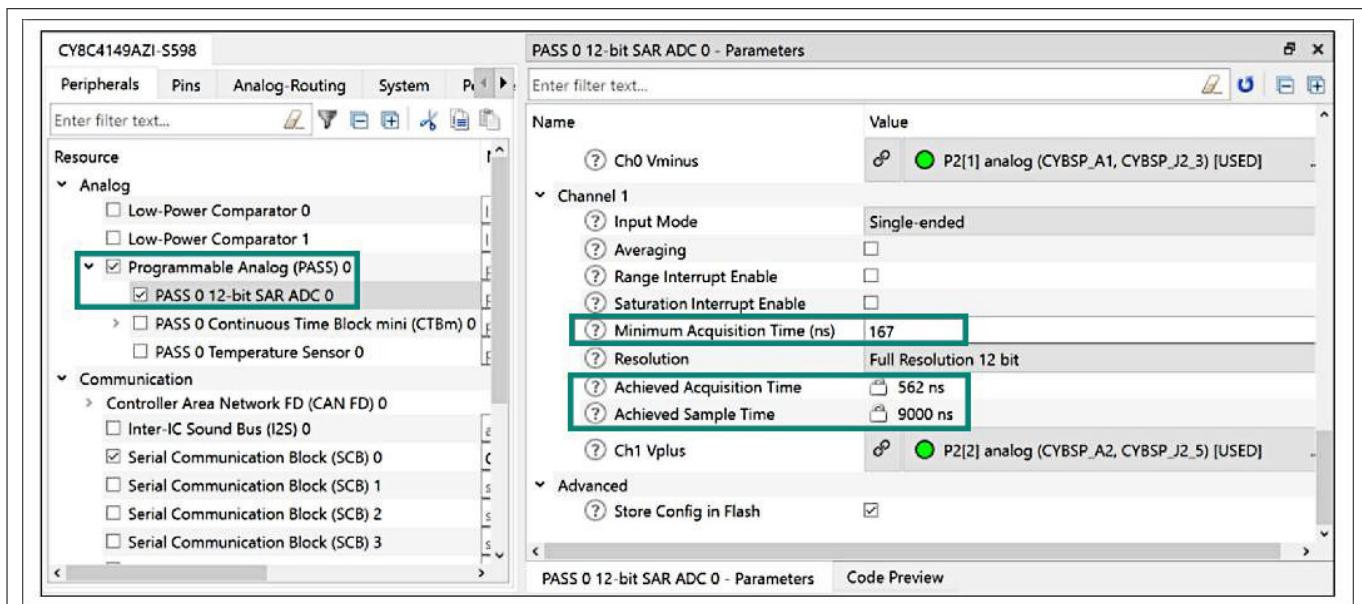


Figure 23 SAR ADC acquisition time settings for channel 1 in device configurator on ModusToolbox™ software

9.2 Opamps

The PSOC™ 4 MCU CTBm/CTB provides up to four opamps, which facilitate your analog signal chain design. You can configure each opamp as an amplifier, a follower, or a comparator, as shown [Figure 24](#). The PSOC™ 4100PS device CTB can be configured as programmable gain amplifiers (PGAs) with in-built gain setting resistors.

You can configure the Power mode and output drive capability in the **General** tab of the OpAmp_P4 customizer dialog, as [Figure 24](#) shows. The opamps have three Power modes. For each Power mode, the opamp has a different input offset voltage, gain bandwidth (GBW) product, and operating current. See the device datasheet for specific values.

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You should consider the relation between bandwidth and gain. For example, the highest GBW, 6 MHz, occurs in the High-power/Bandwidth mode. In this case, if the bandwidth of the signal to be amplified is 60 kHz, then the gain cannot be higher than 100 or the amplified signal will be distorted.

If you route an opamp output terminal to a pin for external use, select **Output to pin** for the Output mode. If you route the output terminal for internal use, for example to an input of the SAR ADC, select **Internal only** instead.

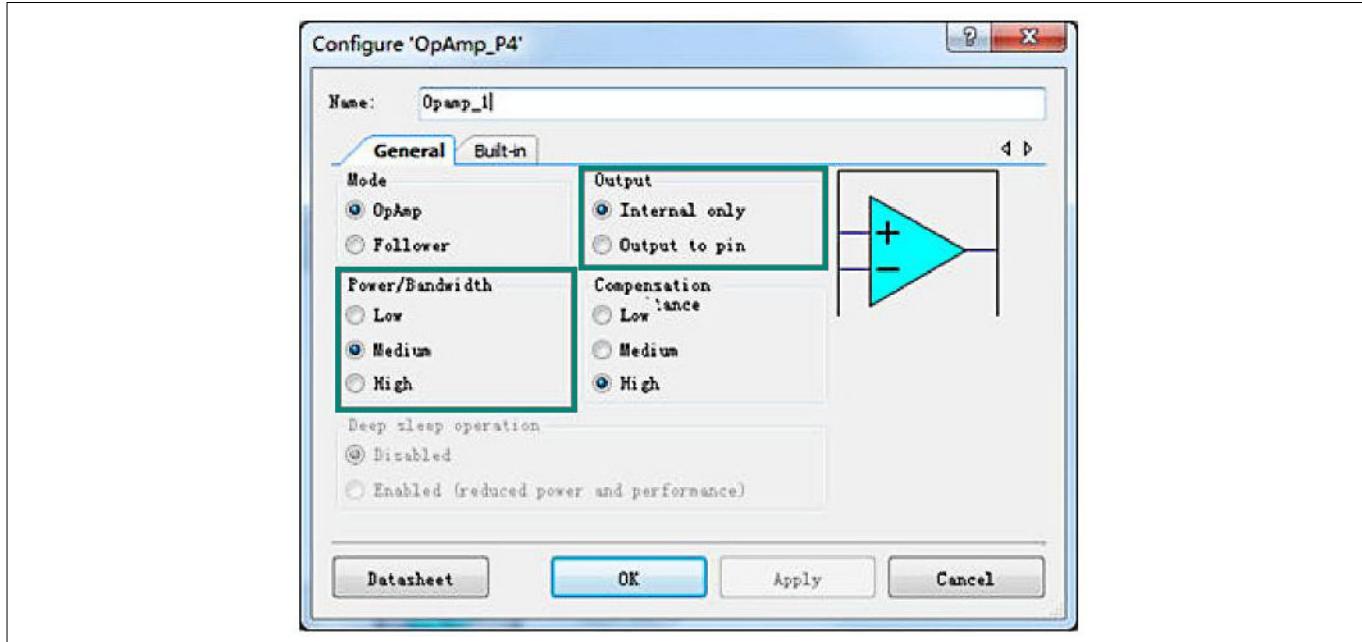


Figure 24 OpAmp_P4 component settings

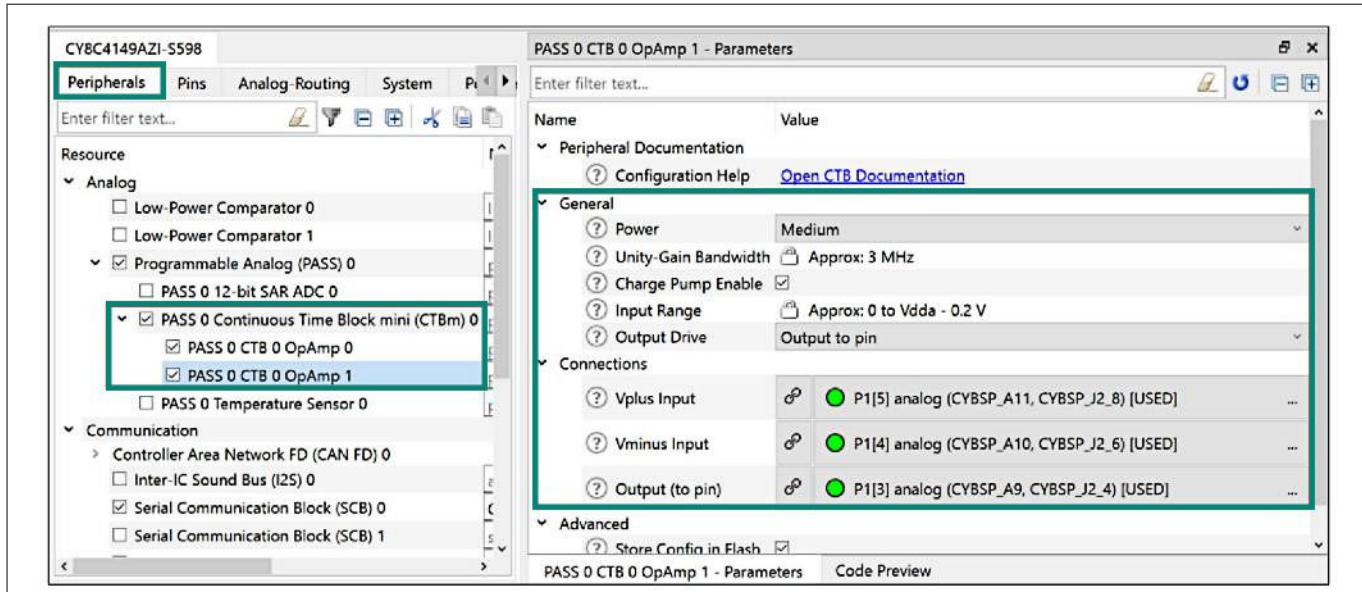


Figure 25 OpAmp settings in device configurator on ModusToolbox™ software

9.3 Comparators

PSOC™ 4 MCU provides as many as six comparators. Four comparators are implemented using the opamps in the CTBm/CTB module, and the other two are the low-power comparators. All comparators' outputs can be routed to PSOC™ 4 MCU UDB resources. This helps you leverage the outputs flexibly. For example, you can invert

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an output's logic value. PSOC™ 4 MCU provides three Speed modes for each comparator. For each mode, the comparator has a different output slew rate and operating current. See the device datasheet for specific values. The low-power comparators can monitor external analog voltage levels in Low-power modes. For more information, see the device datasheets.

When an analog signal's voltage is divided by a resistor network before it is input into a comparator, take the input resistance of the comparator into account. You can get the comparator's input resistance from the [device datasheet](#).

9.4 CAPSENSE™

You can connect any PSOC™ 4 pin to a CAPSENSE™ sensor except **CMOD** (or **C_MOD**) pins, which are reserved for C_{MOD} ⁵⁾. When you need to use a shield electrode for waterproofing or proximity features, you may also need to reserve **CTANK** (or **C_SH_TANK**) pin for C_{SH_TANK} . If the parasitic capacitance of the shield is less than 200 pF, it is optional to use C_{SH_TANK} ; otherwise, it is mandatory.

The value for C_{MOD} and C_{SH_TANK} is usually 2.2 nF. The value may be higher if the parasitic capacitance of the sensors is higher.

In Mutual capacitance sensing mode, you can connect any PSOC™ 4 MCU pin to a CAPSENSE™ Rx/Tx sensor. Two integrating capacitors (C_{INT1} and C_{INT2}) are required for proper operation. A 470-pF capacitor is recommended on C_{INT1} and C_{INT2} . For C_{MOD} and C_{INT} , it is recommended to use temperature compensated and stable dielectric capacitors, for example, COG (NP0) capacitors.

CAPSENSE™ detects a finger touch by a tiny variation in the sensor's capacitance (less than 1 pF). It is very sensitive to both signal and noise. Note the PCB layout tips for CAPSENSE™. See AN85951 - PSOC™ 4 and PSOC™ 6 MCU CAPSENSE™ design guide [\[5\]](#) for more details.

Pins with a large sink current that are close to CAPSENSE™ pins can introduce an offset to the CAPSENSE™ module’s “GND.” [Figure 26](#) illustrates a switch circuit for CAPSENSE™ in IDAC source mode. R1 and R2 represent the resistances of PSOC™ 4 internal traces, and R3 represents the resistance of a PCB trace. A shared return path of sink current and CAPSENSE™ current is composed of R2 and R3. The closer a pin with a large sink current is to the CAPSENSE™ pin, the more the sink current that flows through the return path, generating a greater offset.

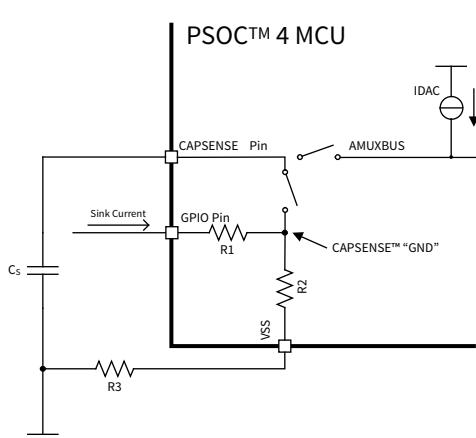


Figure 26 **Sharing return path**

This offset is undesirable and may cause fluctuations in the CAPSENSE™ reading and possible false triggers. Offset compensation can be done in firmware, but it is strongly recommended that you remove the offset in the

5 PSOC™ 4100S Max, PSOC™ 4000T, and PSOC™ 4100T Plus have the fifth-generation capacitive sensing method “multi sense converter (MSC)” block, which requires two CMODs for both self-capacitance and Mutual-capacitance sensing modes for each channel, unlike the previous capacitive sensing generations.

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hardware design instead. Keep pins with a large sink current as far as possible from the CAPSENSE™ pins (best practice is by more than three pins). In addition, pay attention to the return path in your PCB. See AN57821 - PSOC™ 3, PSOC™ 4, and PSOC™ 5LP mixed-signal circuit board layout considerations [5] for more details on mixed-signal circuit design.

9.5 Current DACs (IDACs)

PSOC™ 4 MCU provides up to four IDACs: two 8-bit and two 7-bit. See the device datasheet for the electrical specifications. There are two gain options for each IDAC. [Table 3](#) gives the detailed resolutions and capabilities for each IDAC and gain option.

Table 3 IDAC resolutions and output current capabilities

Step (μ A/bit)	4X Gain		8X Gain	
		Output capability (μ A)	Step (μ A/bit)	Output capability (μ A)
8-bit IDAC	1.2	306	2.4	612
7-bit IDAC	1.2	152.4	2.4	304.8

You can set up the IDACs in the Configure tab of the IDAC_P4 Component customizer dialog, as [Figure 27](#) shows.

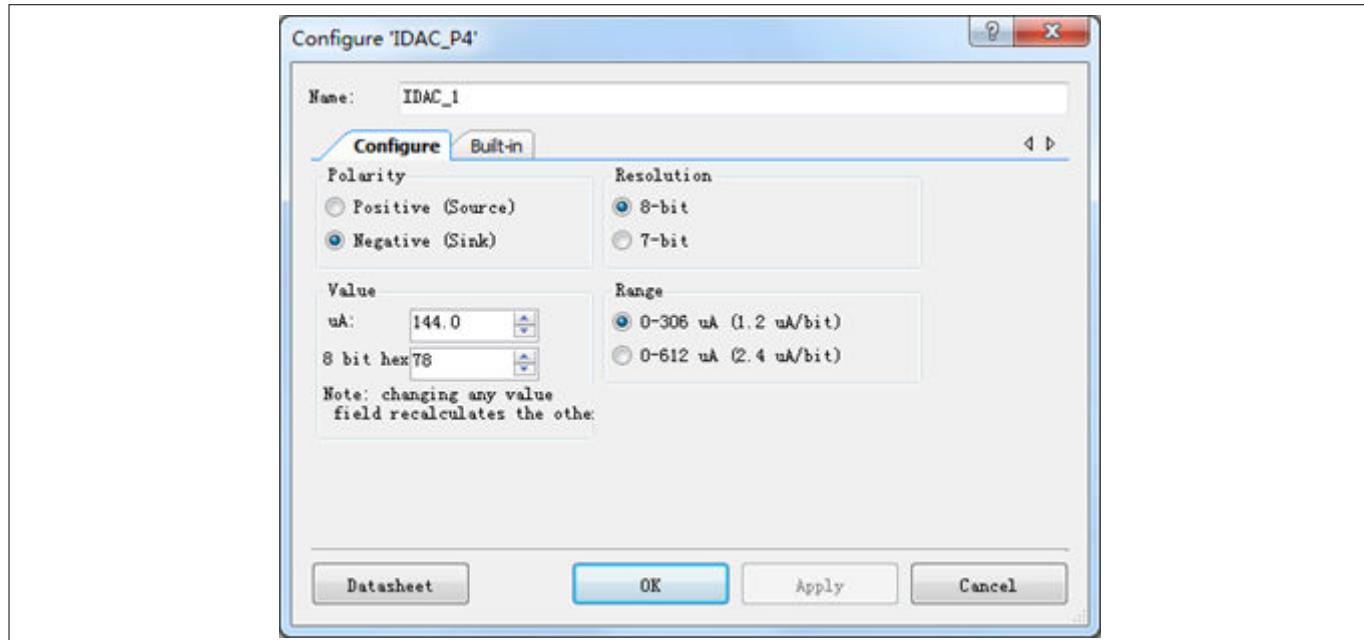


Figure 27 IDAC settings on PSOC™ Creator

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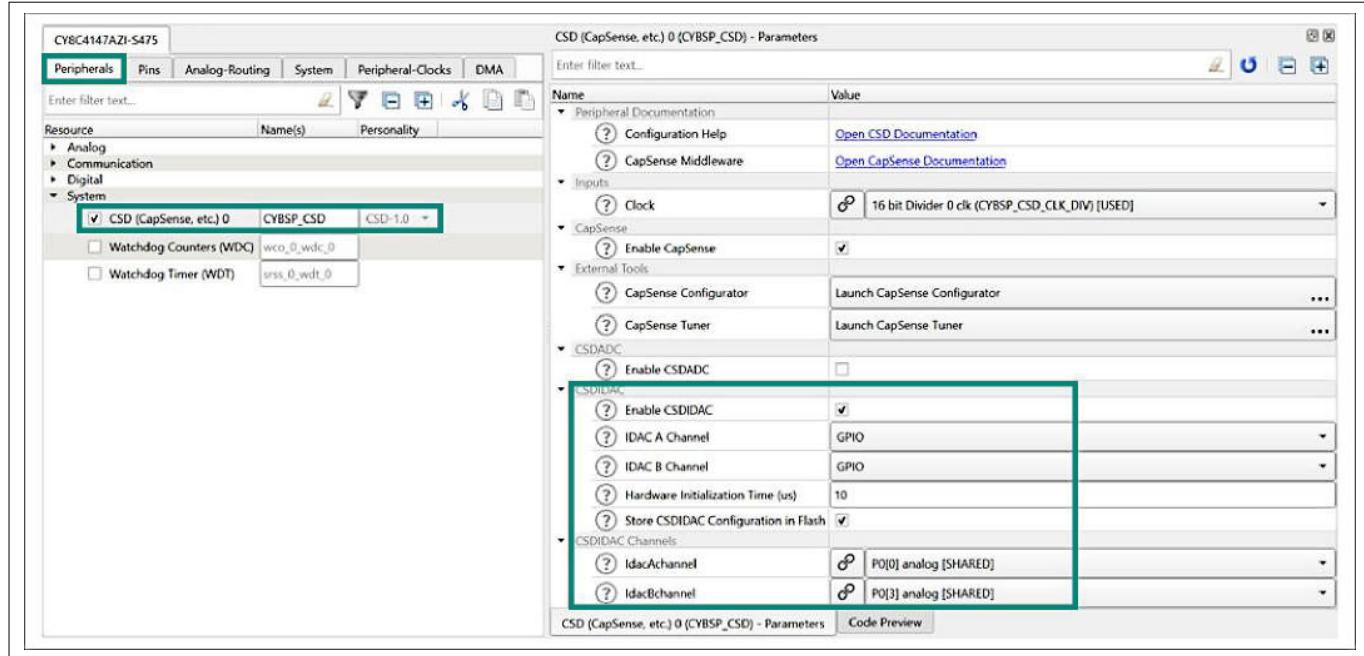


Figure 28 IDAC settings in Device Configurator on ModusToolbox™ software

See [CSDIDAC middleware library](#) for more details.

Through two internal analog buses, you can route IDAC outputs to any two different pins that support analog routing.

Note: CAPSENSE™ requires one or two IDACs. Ensure that the intended IDACs are not used by CAPSENSE™.

The PSOC™ 4100PS device has programmable voltage reference (PVref) and a 13-bit voltage DAC (VDAC) Components. See [PVref Component datasheet](#) and [VDAC Component datasheet](#) for more details on Component parameters.

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PSOC™ 4 MCU provides a flexible solution for designing digital and analog applications. This application note documented the considerations that you need to keep in mind when you build a hardware system around PSOC™ 4 MCU.

A Appendix A - Schematic checklist

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The answer to each item in the following checklist should be Yes (Y) or Not Applicable (N.A.). For example, if you power a PSOC™ 4 MCU device with an unregulated external supply in your application, you can mark all the items of “Power (regulated external supply)” as N.A.

Catalog	Item	Y/N/N.A.	Remark
Power	Is the voltage at the VDDA pin always greater than or equal to the voltages at the VDDD pins?		
	Is $VDDIO \leq VDDD \leq VDDA$?		
Power (unregulated external supply)	Are the power supply pin connections made in accordance with Figure 1 ?		
	Are the 0.1- μ F and 1- μ F capacitors connected to each VDDD, VDDIO, VDDA, or VDDR pin?		
	Are the voltages (including ripples) at the VDDD and VDDA pins in the range of 1.8 V to 5.5 V?		
	Is the VCCD pin connected to a C_{EFC} capacitor and no other external load?		
	Is the VCCD pin unconnected with an external supply?		
	Is the power supply on the VDDR pin higher than 1.9 V.		
Power (regulated external supply)	Are the power supply pin connections made in accordance with Figure 2 ?		
	Are the 0.1- μ F and 1- μ F ceramic decoupling capacitors connected to each VCCD, VDDD, and VDDA pin?		
	Are the voltages (including ripples) at the VDDD and VDDA pins in the range of 1.71 V to 1.89 V?		
	Does your PSOC™ MCU device belong to non-Bluetooth® LE families?		
Clocking	Is the external clock connected to EXT_CLK pin?		
	Is the external clock's frequency less than or equal to 48 MHz (including tolerance)?		
	Is the external clock's duty cycle from 45 percent to 55 percent?		
Reset	Is the reset pin connection made in accordance with Figure 8 ?		
Programming and debugging	Is the SWD connector's pin map in accordance with one of the pin maps in Figure 10 or Figure 11 ?		
	Are the SWD signals connected to SWD_CLK pin and SWD_DATA pin?		
	Is there a header available to program and debug the PSOC™ 4 MCU using an external programmer?		
GPIO pins	Is the assignment of your GPIO pins done in the sequence described in I/O pin selection ?		
	Is any GPIO pin's sink current lower than 8 mA?		
	Is any GPIO pin's source current lower than 4 mA?		

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Catalog	Item	Y/N/N.A.	Remark
	Is the GPIO pins' total source current or sink current smaller than device capability?	-	-
	Are port 4, 5, 6, 7 pins used according to Port 4, 5, 6, and 7 GPIO Pins ?	-	-
Low-power comparators	Is the assignment of the low-power comparators' fixed pins in accordance with supported pins?	-	-
CTBm	Is the assignment of the CTBm's fixed pins in accordance with supported pins?	-	-
SCB	Is the assignment of the SCB's fixed pins in accordance with the device datasheet?	-	-
	Are there pull-up resistors connected on the I2C bus?	-	-
SAR ADC	Is the connection of the bypass capacitor in accordance with supported pin?	-	-
	Is the acquisition time of each SAR ADC channel enough to keep the error less than 1/2 LSB?	-	-
CAPSENSE™	Are the pins with strong sink current kept away from the CAPSENSE™ pins (the space is more than three pins)?	-	-
	Is C_{MOD} ¹⁾ connected to CMOD (or C_MOD) pin?	-	-
	Is C_{SH_TANK} connected to CTANK (or C_SH_TANK) pin?	-	-
	Are the C_{INT1} and C_{INT2} ²⁾ capacitors connected for mutual capacitive sensing?	-	-
	Are the CAPSENSE™ sensor, shield, Rx, and Tx signals selected based on recommendations provided in AN85951 - PSOC™ 4 and PSOC™ 6 MCU CAPSENSE™ design guide [15] ?	-	-
I2C/UART communication with the host controller	To use I2C/UART communication for tuning the CAPSENSE™ parameters through a host controller, it is recommended to have a header for this interface.	-	-
	Is there a header available for the above purpose?	-	-
IDAC	Is the IDAC not being used by CAPSENSE™?	-	-

1) Two C_{MOD} capacitors, C_{MOD1} and C_{MOD2} , per channel are required in devices with fifth-generation CAPSENSE™.

2) The C_{INT} capacitors C_{INT1} and C_{INT2} are called the C_{MOD} capacitors C_{MOD1} and C_{MOD2} in devices with fifth-generation CAPSENSE™.

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Note: Before beginning a PCB layout for PSOC™ MCU, it is a good idea to look at AN57821 - PSOC™ 3, PSOC™ 4, and PSOC™ 5LP mixed-signal circuit board layout considerations [5]. Appendix A of that application note shows example PCB layouts and schematics for various PSOC™ packages.

Note: PSOC™ 3, PSOC™ 4 MCU, and PSOC™ 5LP kit schematics provide good examples of how to incorporate the PSOC™ MCU device into board schematics. For more information, see [References](#).

Note: For the recommended reflow profile parameters of any Infineon package, please refer to the application note, AN72845 - DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR INFINEON QUAD FLAT NO-LEAD (QFN) PACKAGED DEVICES [2].

There are many classic techniques for designing PCBs for low noise and EMC. Some of these techniques include:

- **Multiple layers:** Although they are more expensive, it is best to use a multilayer PCB with separate layers dedicated to the V_{SS} and V_{DD} supplies. This gives good decoupling and shielding effects. Separate fills on these layers should be provided for V_{SSA} , V_{SSD} , V_{DDA} , V_{DDIO} , and V_{DDD} .

To reduce cost, a two-layer or even a single-layer PCB can be used. In that case, you must have a good layout for all V_{SS} and V_{DD} .

- **Ground and power supply:** There should be a single point for gathering all ground returns. Avoid ground loops, or minimize their surface area. All component-free surfaces of the PCB should be filled with additional grounding to create a shield, especially when using two-layer or single-layer PCBs.

The power supply should be close to the ground line to minimize the area of the supply loop. The supply loop can act as an antenna and can be a major emitter or receiver of EMI.

- **Decoupling:** The standard decoupler for external power is a 100- μ F capacitor. Supplementary 0.1- μ F capacitors should be placed as close as possible to the V_{SS} and V_{DD} pins of the device to reduce high-frequency power supply ripple.

Generally, you should decouple all sensitive or noisy signals to improve the EMC performance. Decoupling can be both capacitive and inductive.

- **Component position:** Separate the circuits on the PCB according to their EMI contribution. This will help reduce cross-coupling on the PCB. For example, separate noisy high-current circuits, low-voltage circuits, and digital components.
- **Signal routing:** When designing an application, the following areas should be closely studied to improve the EMC performance:
 - Noisy signals. For example, signals with fast edge times
 - Sensitive and high-impedance signals
 - Signals that capture events, such as interrupts and strobe signals

To improve the EMC performance, keep the trace lengths as short as possible and isolate the traces with V_{SS} traces. To avoid crosstalk, do not route them near to or parallel to other noisy and sensitive traces.

For more information, several references are available:

- The Circuit Designer's Companion, Second Edition, (EDN Series for Design Engineers), by Tim Williams
- PCB Design for Real-World EMI Control (The Springer International Series in Engineering and Computer Science), by Bruce R. Archambeault and James Drewniak
- Printed Circuits Handbook (McGraw Hill Handbooks), by Clyde Coombs
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- [15] [AN85951 - PSOC™ 4 and PSOC™ 6 MCU CAPSENSE™ design guide](#)
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- [17] [AN91267 - Getting started with PSOC™ 4 CY8C4xxx-BL MCU with AIROC™ Bluetooth® LE](#)
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 - [18] [CY8CKIT-040 PSOC™ 4000 pioneer development kit](#)
 - [19] [CY8CKIT-041-41XX PSOC™ 4100S CAPSENSE™ pioneer kit](#)
 - [20] [CY8CKIT-042 PSOC™ 4 pioneer kit](#)
 - [21] [CY8CKIT-042-BLE-A Bluetooth® Low Energy 5.3 compliant pioneer kit](#)
 - [22] [CY8CKIT-044 PSOC™ 4 M-series pioneer kit](#)
 - [23] [CY8CKIT-043 PSOC™ 4 M-series prototyping kit](#)
 - [24] [CY8CKIT-045S PSOC™ 4500S pioneer kit](#)
 - [25] [CY8CKIT-046 PSOC™ 4 L-series pioneer kit](#)
 - [26] [CY8CKIT-147 PSOC™ 6 Wi-Fi BT prototyping kit](#)
 - [27] [CY8CKIT-149 PSOC™ 4100S Plus prototyping kit](#)
 - [28] [CY8CKIT-041S-MAX PSOC™ 4100S Max pioneer kit](#)
 - [29] [CY8CKIT-148 PSOC™ 4700S Inductive Sensing Evaluation Kit](#)
 - [30] [CY8CKIT-148-COIL Inductive sensing coil breakout board](#)
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 - [34] [CY8CPROTO-041TP PSOC™ 4100T Plus CAPSENSE™ prototyping kit](#)

Note: The schematic files of a kit can be found in the PCB design data section in respective kit webpage.

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*A	2014-10-07	Changed the title to "PSOC™ 4100/4200 Hardware Design Considerations - AN88619" to address only PSOC™ 4100/4200 devices Corrected names and links for reference documents Added the latest references Added the link for PSOC™ 4100/4200 SCH and PCB libraries
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