

- Start PPG Count (ns): sets the delay between the start of the internal timer in the USS module in FR6043 and the start of the excitation pulses (PPG pulse trigger). TI recommends setting this to 10000 (for 10 µs).
- Turn on ADC Count (ns): sets the delay between the start of the internal timer in the USS module in FR6043 and enables the sigma-delta high-speed ADC. TI recommends setting this to 5000 (for 5 µs).

The upstream absolute time of flight is thus given by Equation 13.

$$T_{ups}^{abs} = T_{prop} + T_{upscorr}^{lk} - T_{offset}$$
(13)

In this equation,  $T_{proop}$  is the propagation time that is specified using  $\#define USS\_ACOUSTIC\_LENGTH$  in USS\_userConfig.h and is maintained in USS\_Meter\_Configuration.acousticLength as part of the application meter configuration. It corresponds to the approximate propagation time for ultrasound in the given meter. Typically  $T_{proop}$  is 35 to 40 µs.  $T_{offset}$  corresponds to the number of cycles to back track from the lobe corresponding to the index  $i_K$  and is a function of the threshold  $\eta$ . In the USS Software Library,  $T_{offset}$  is set to 5 µs and can be modified using the user configuration  $\#define USS\_ALG\_ADC\_ADDITIONAL\_CAP\_DLY$ . It is maintained in the variable USS\_Algorithms\_User\_Configuration.ADCAdditionalCaptureDelay.

The calculations of acquisition and tracking for the upstream direction are repeated for the downstream direction. The software keeps track of another index  $i_K$  for the downstream data for each burst j.