



Study on Digital- Constant Fraction Discriminator

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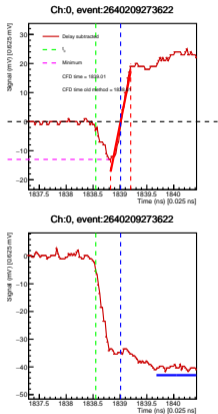
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Digital Constant Fraction Discriminator (CFD)

Digital CFD



▶ Reference: [1], CAEN AN3251

▶ CFD Trace computation:

▶ $S_i \rightarrow S'_i = \sum_{j=1}^L \{k \cdot S_{i-j} - S_{i-j-d}\}$

▶ S_i : Sampled data point, S'_i : CFD Trace

▶ L : Length of the running average, d : Delay, k : Fraction

1. Set a threshold to arm the search of the zero crossing
2. Find the zero crossing identifying the two consecutive samples across it.
3. Compute a linear interpolation using the two points and find the intersection with the zero axis.
4. k, d, L values can be chosen based on the time resolution obtained.

▶ Benefits:

- ▶ No signal amplitude dependence on a computation.
- ▶ Therefore, no baseline / underline dependence.
- ▶ Used in many applications.

Figure 1: Top: S'_i CFD Trace, Bottom: S_i Sampled Data

Δt distribution from DCFD

- ▶ Stable Δt distribution obtained on combination with:
 - ▶ Delay d : [0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0] ns
 - ▶ Fraction k : [0, 0.1, 0.2, 0.3, 0.4, 0.5, 0.6, 0.7, 0.8, 0.9, 1.0]
 - ▶ Length L : [1, 2, 3, 4, 5] points
- ▶ Fitting spectra
 - ▶ Obtained Δt distributions are fitted with a Gaussian function.
 - ▶ QA plots of fitting parameters (μ , σ), P and number of entry (N) are shown in the next slides.

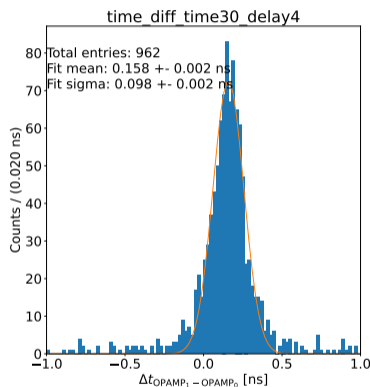
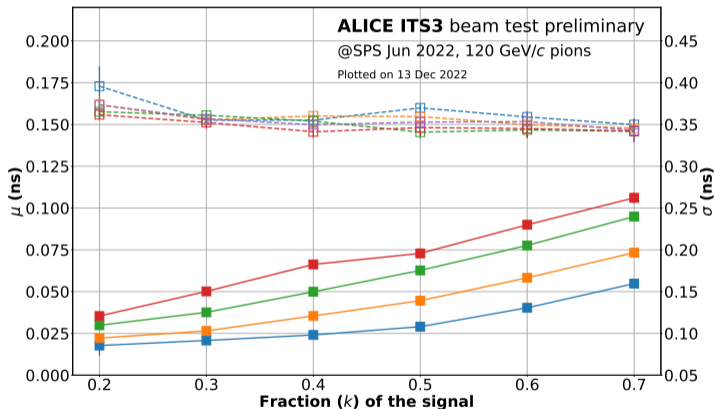


Figure 2: Δt distribution ($d = 0.4\text{ns}$,
 $k = 0.3$, $L = 2$)

QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #2



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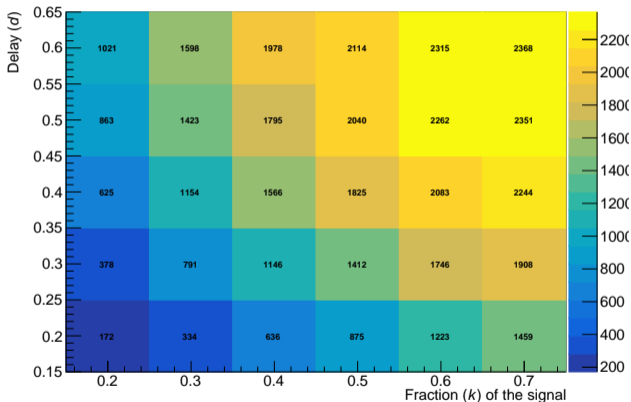
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- fit mean (μ)
- fit sigma (σ)
- delay (d) = 0.2 ns
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- delay (d) = 0.4 ns
- delay (d) = 0.5 ns
- delay (d) = 0.6 ns

► μ (dashed line) and σ (solid line) of the Gaussian fit

QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #3

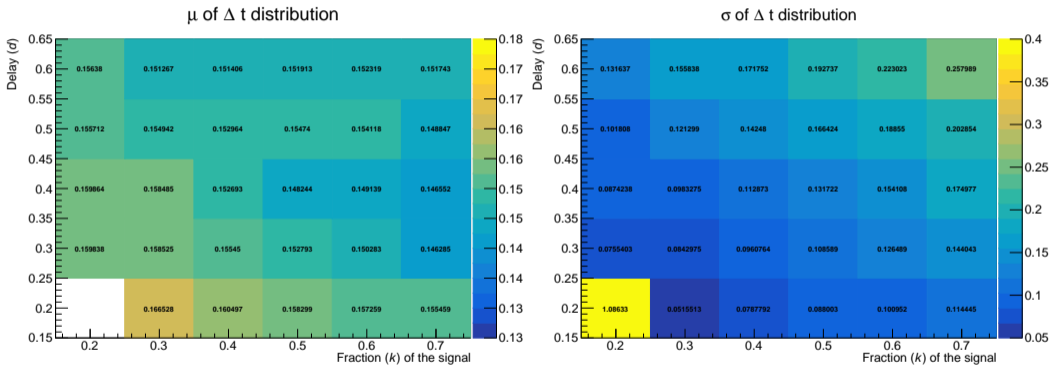
Total entry of Δt distribution ($|\Delta t| < \mu \pm 3\sigma$)



- ▶ Total number of entries in the Δt distribution with in the range of $\mu \pm 3\sigma$.

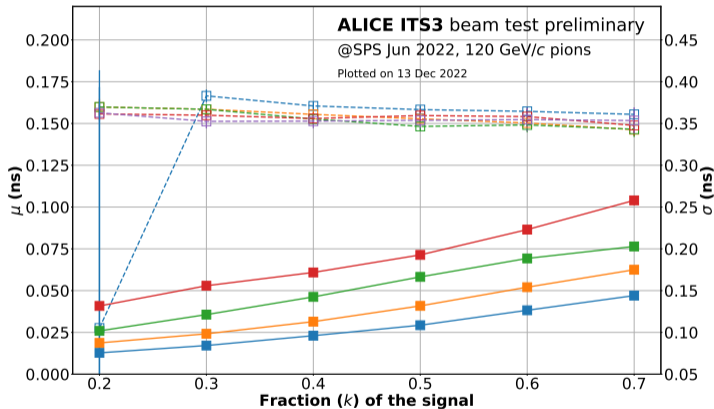
CFD Trace with different running averages (L)

QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #1 ($L = 2$)



► Left: μ of the Gaussian fit, Right: σ of the Gaussian fit

QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #2 ($L = 2$)



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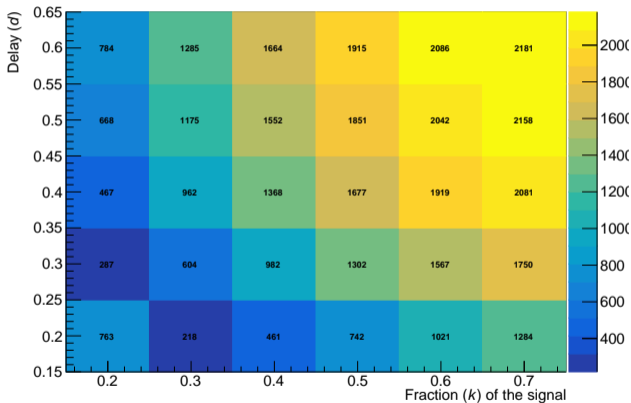
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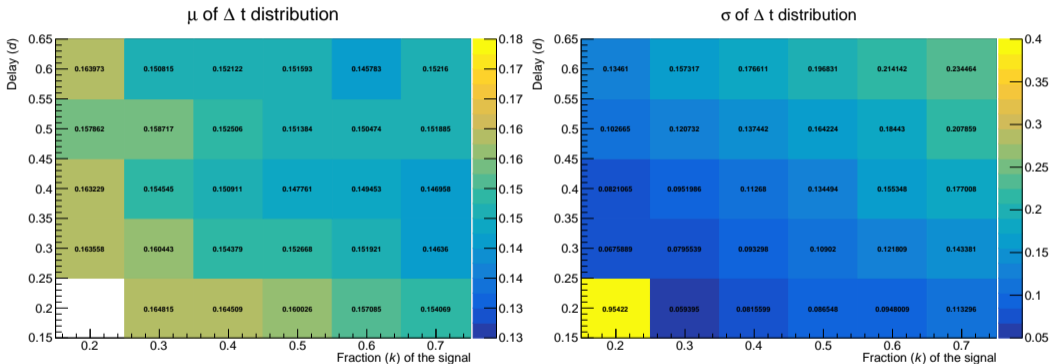
QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #3 ($L = 2$)

Total entry of Δt distribution ($|\Delta t| < \mu \pm 3\sigma$)



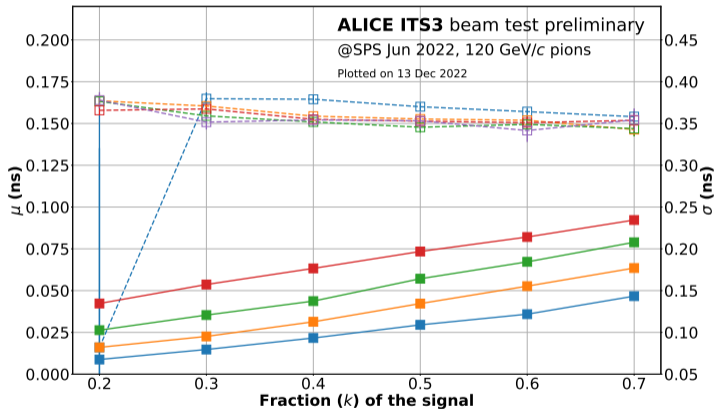
- ▶ Total number of entries in the Δt distribution with in the range of $\mu \pm 3\sigma$.

QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #1 ($L = 3$)



► Left: μ of the Gaussian fit, Right: σ of the Gaussian fit

QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #2 ($L = 3$)



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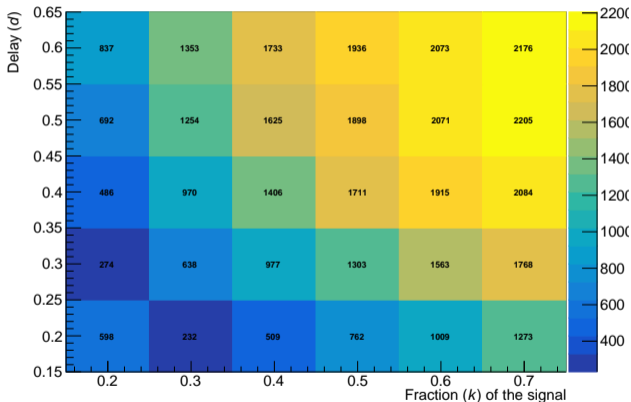
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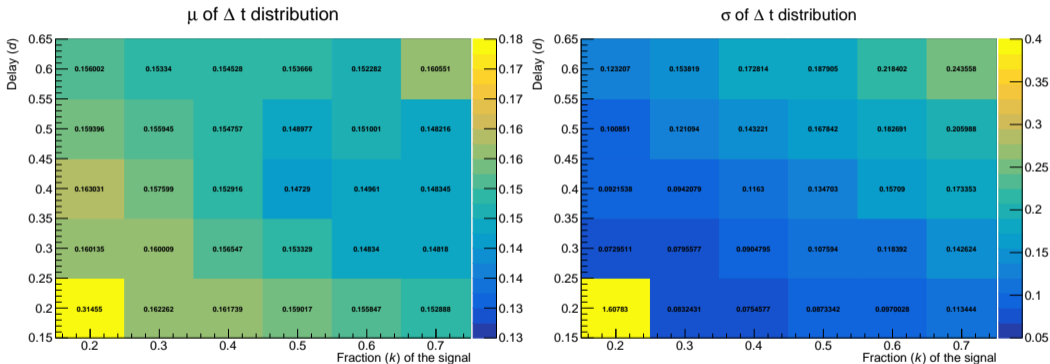
QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #3 ($L = 3$)

Total entry of Δt distribution ($|\Delta t| < \mu \pm 3\sigma$)



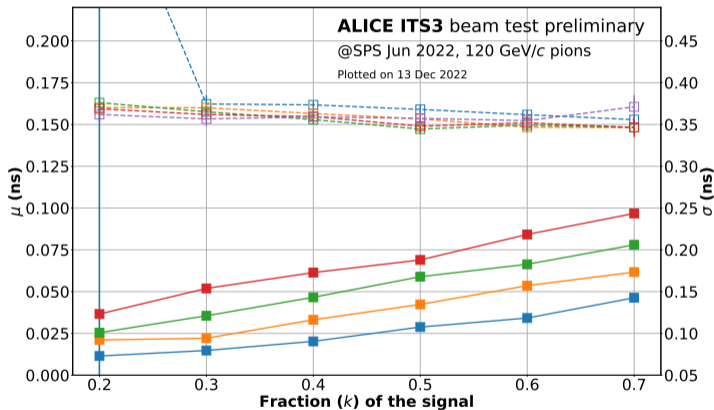
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QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #1 ($L = 4$)



► Left: μ of the Gaussian fit, Right: σ of the Gaussian fit

QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #2 ($L = 4$)



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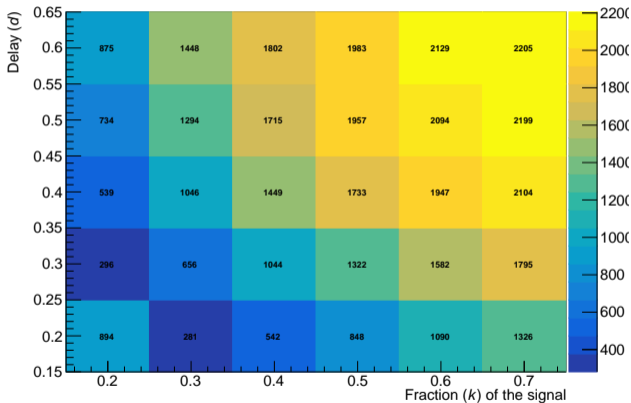
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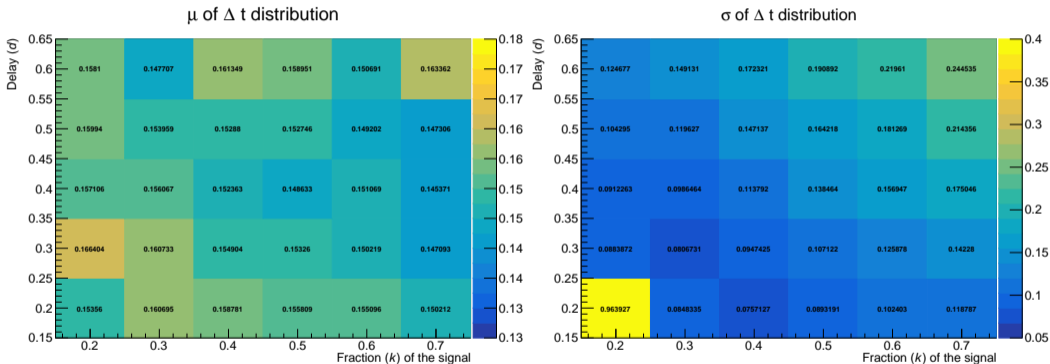
QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #3 ($L = 4$)

Total entry of Δt distribution ($|\Delta t| < \mu \pm 3\sigma$)



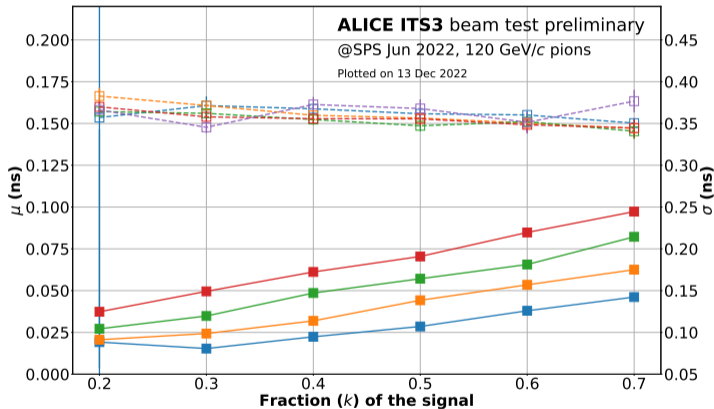
- ▶ Total number of entries in the Δt distribution with in the range of $\mu \pm 3\sigma$.

QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #1 ($L = 5$)



► Left: μ of the Gaussian fit, Right: σ of the Gaussian fit

QA plots from fit result of Δt distribution #2 ($L = 5$)



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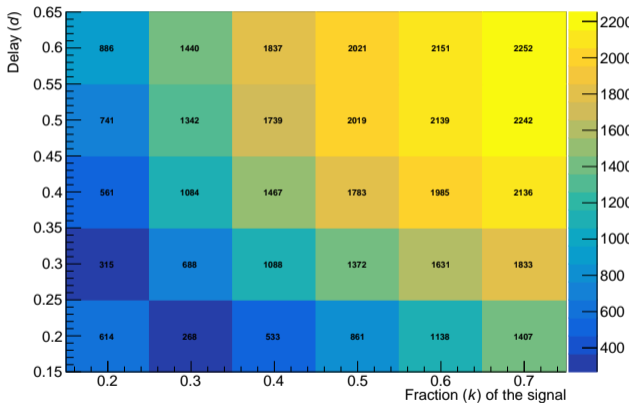
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Summary of the update

- ▶ DCFD method
 - ▶ Very promising approach.
 - ▶ Tested with several different combinations of the parameters.
 - ▶ Suitable result from $k = 0.4$, $d = 0.3\text{ns}$
 - ▶ running average method did not affect the result significantly.
- ▶ Outlook:
 - ▶ Apply this method to the TB data from November
 - ▶ Correlate with the output from the Corryvreckan

Backup

References I

- [1] A. Fallu-Labruyere et al. "Time resolution studies using digital constant fraction discrimination". In: Nuclear Instruments and Methods in Physics Research Section A: Accelerators, Spectroscopy and Applications 579.1 (2007). Proceedings of the 11th Symposium on Radiation Measurements and Applications, pp. 247–251. ISSN: 0168-9002. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nima.2007.04.048>. URL: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0168900207006213>.