



# ePIC Stream Computing Use Case: Autonomous Alignment and Calibration

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Some initial considerations and hope to inspire more discussions

# Calibration in ePIC computing

- ▶ ePIC aim to prompt reconstruction of experiment data at Echelon-1 facilities: aim to have latency of days, and < 3 weeks in steady state running
- ▶ The latency is driven by calibration
  - Collision/Calib data statistics required
  - Interdependency of detector calib.
- ▶ Concerted effort in SRO WG mapping out the calibration workflow
  - Link to each discusses in backup

# Working document for calibration workflow

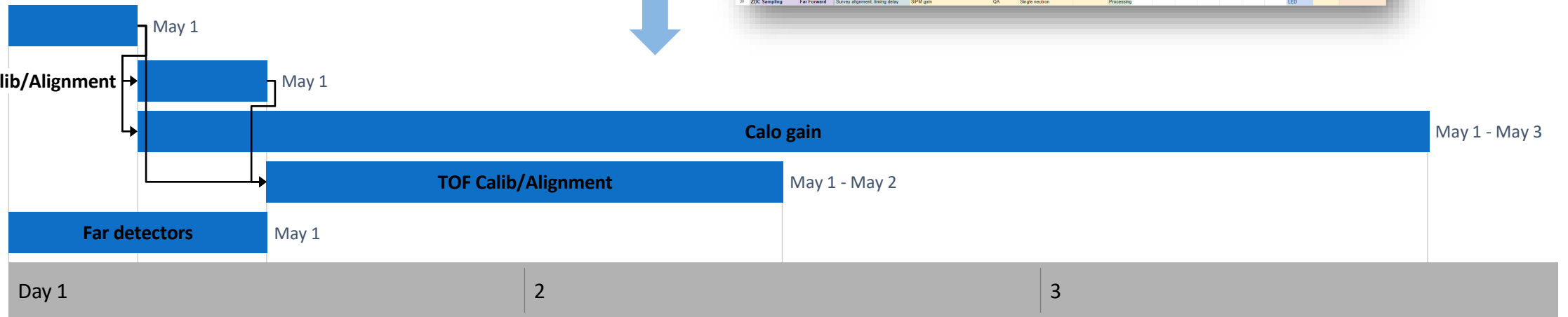
		Steady State calibrations: aim to produce final reconstruction-ready calibration within few days of physics data taking in a continuous process																	
1	Subsystem	Region	Pre-physics-operation calibrations (Cosmic, no-beam calibration, commissioning)	Task	Human intervention ?	Data Needed	Dependency	T0 + 12hr	T0 + 24hr	T0 + 36hr	T0 + 48hr	T0 + 60hr	T0 + 72hr	T0 + 84hr	T0 + 96hr	Monitoring	Computing resource	Post-reconstruction calibrations (applied at analysis stages)	
3	MAPS	Barrel+Disk	Threshold Scan Fake rate scan/noisy pixel masking	(See Alignment)															
4	MPGD	Barrel+Disk	?	?															
5	bTOF, eTOF (ac-Igad)	Barrel/Forward	Bias voltage determination ASIC baseline, noise, threshold Clock sync Time walk calibration	Gain calibration TDC bin width determination Clock offset calibration Hit position dependency (intrinsic and c-by-c)	QA	High p tracks ~1hr of production data?	Tracking, pFRICH	Data Acc. Depend	Depend	Processing	Processing								
6	Central Detector Tracker Alignment		Initial alignment	Alignment Check/Update (if needed)	QA	Production data		Processing											
7	pFRICH	Backward	Thresholds (noise dependent), dynamic range adjustments, timing offsets, synchronization initial alignment	Alignment Check/Update (if needed) Time dependencies (Aerogel transparency, mirror reflectivity, Gas pressure)	?	Production data		Data Acc.	Processing										
8	DIRC	Barrel	Laser data?	?															
9	dRICH	Forward	Bunch timing offset scan Threshold scan Noise masking	Track based alignment	?	High p tracks ~1hr of production data?	Tracking	Data Acc. Depend	Processing	Processing									
10	bEMC	Backward	Cosmic and LED for the initial gain balancing	DIS Electron Pi0->gg events energy scale	QA	DIS electron Pi0 di-photon resonance ~1 day of production data	Tracking	Data Acc. Depend	Data Acc.	Processing	Processing						LED		
11	AstroPix	Barrel																	
12	ScifiPb	Barrel		SIPM gain		?													
13	fEMC	Forward		Pi0, eta->gg events energy scale				Data Acc.	Data Acc.	Processing	Processing								
14	bHCAL	Backward	IV Scan	Second iteration pi0 (if needed)	QA	Pi0 di-photon resonance ~1 day of production data												LED	High energy cluster non-linearity
15	bHCAL	Backward	LED	?															
16	cHCAL	Barrel	MIP calibration Gain calibration	(See hadronic e-scale calib)															
17	fHCAL	Forward																	
18	fHCAL insert	Forward																	
19	Hadronic energy scale calibration		?	Set full calo stack energy scale for hadronic shower and jets	?	High energy hadronic showers and jets	Tracking h-PID	Data Acc. Depend	Data Acc. Depend	Data Acc. Depend	?	?	?	?	?				Final energy scale calibration (if needed)
20	low Q2 Tagger	Far Backward	Alignment?																
21	low Q2 Tagger (CAL)	Far Backward																	
22	Pair Spec Tracker	Far Backward																	
23	Par Spec Cal	Far Backward																	
24	Direct Photon Cal	Far Backward																	
25	B0 Tracking	Far Forward	Survey alignment/Cosmic	Alignment check		MIP		Processing											
26	B0 PbWO4	Far Forward	Survey alignment/Cosmic	SIPM gain		MIP/Gamma/Electrons		Processing										LED	
27	Roman (Pots)	Far Forward					Acc. BPM Potential use of vertex of central detector	Data Acc. Depend	Processing										
28	Off Momentum	Far Forward	laser/survey alignment Low lumi running	beam position monitors/fill by fill correction		MIP rate distribution in RP		Data Acc. Depend	Processing										
29	ZDC PbWO4	Far Forward	Survey alignment, timing delay	SIPM/APD gain, timing	QA	Photon		Processing										LED	
30	ZDC Sampling	Far Forward	Survey alignment, timing delay	SIPM gain	QA	Single neutron		Processing										LED	

# Calibration workflow

- ▶ Calibration workflow seems fits into the prompt reconstruction computing model. Inputs welcomed.
- ▶ High level summary plot:

Tracker Calib/Alignment

RICHs Calib/Alignment



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MAPS	Barrel-Disk	Threshold Scan Fake rate scan/noise/gate masking	(See Alignment)													
MPCD	Barrel-Disk	Gain calibration	TDC bin width determination													
STOF_eTOF (ac-leg)	Barrel/Forward	Bias voltage determination Clock offset calibration Hit position dependency (intrinsic and chi- $\chi^2$ ) Time walk calibration	Alignment Check/Update (if needed)	QA	High p tracks "fir" of production data?	Tracking	Data Acc.	Dependent	Dependent	Processing	Processing					
Central Detector Tracker Alignment		Initial alignment	Alignment Check/Update (if needed)	QA	Production data											
$\mu$ RICH	Backward	Thresholds (noise dependent), generic range adjustments, string offsets, gas identification initial alignment	Alignment Check/Update (if needed)	QA	Production data											
DIRC	Barrel	Beam timing offset scan Laser data?														
$\mu$ RICH	Forward	Threshold scan Noise masking	Track based alignment		High p tracks "fir" of production data?	Tracking	Data Acc.	Dependent	Processing	Processing						
EMC	Backward	Cosmic and LED for the initial gain balancing	DIS Electron PID - $\pi$ gg events energy scale	QA	DIS electron PID di-photon resonance -1 day of production data	Tracking	Data Acc.	Dependent	Data Acc.	Processing	Processing					LED
AstroPhx	Barrel															
SciRPb	Barrel		SPM gain													
HEMC	Forward	TV Scan	PID - $\pi$ gg events energy scale													
HCAL	Backward	LED	Second iteration gain (if needed)	QA	PID di-photon resonance -1 day of production data		Data Acc.	Data Acc.	Processing	Processing						LED
HCAL	Barrel	MP calibration Gain calibration	(See hadronic e-scale calib)													
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BD Tracking	Far Forward	Survey alignment/Cosmic	Alignment check													
BD PUW04	Far Forward	Survey alignment/Cosmic	SPM gain													LED
Roman (P)ns	Far Forward	Survey alignment/Cosmic	SPM gain													
OT Monomium	Far Forward	Survey alignment	beam position monitors/FIR by SR													
ZDC PUW04	Far Forward	Low level tuning	SPM/MPD gain, timing	QA	Photon											LED
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# Calibration workflow

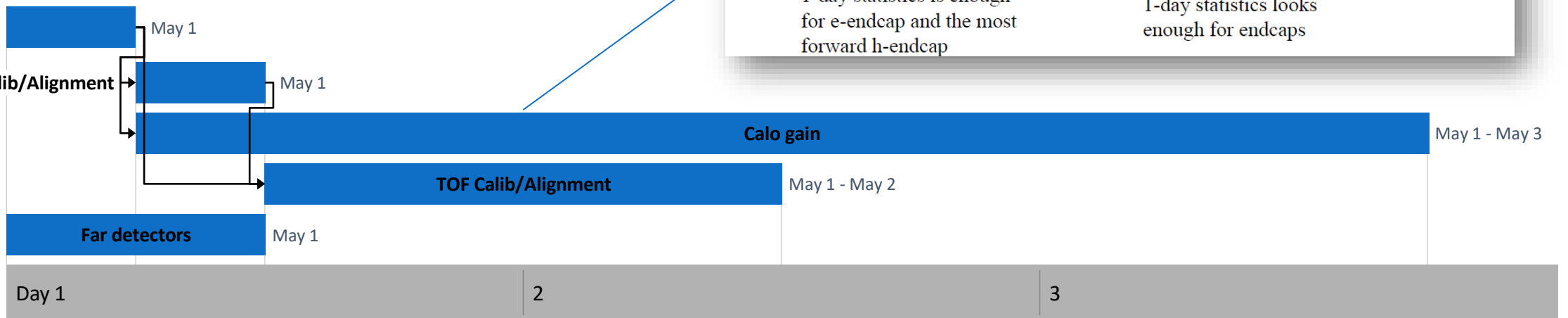
Critical path goes through calo calibration which require 1-day of data + two iteration of calibration processing

Work from A. Bazilevsky  
Cited in calo calib meeting [ref]

Tracker Calib/Alignment

RICHs Calib/Alignment

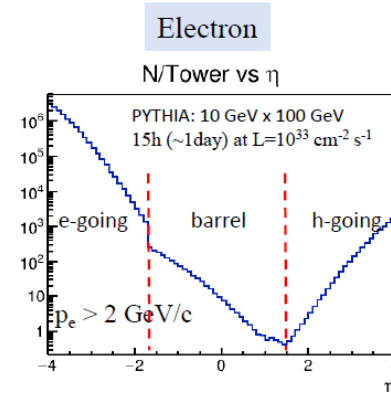
Far detectors



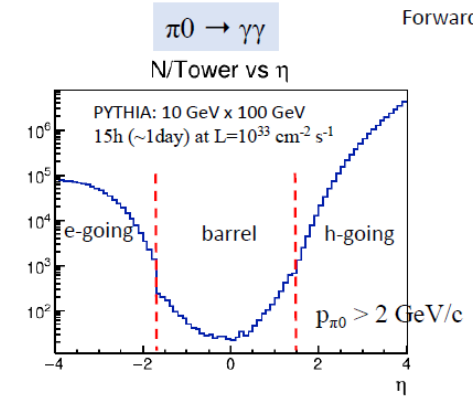
## ePIC EMCal Calibration

“Usually” a few hundred particles per tower needed  
Depends on resolution, gain alignment, background, other syst. effects

Granularity:  
Backward: 2x2 cm<sup>2</sup>  
Barrel: 2x2 cm<sup>2</sup>  
Forward: 2.5x2.5 cm<sup>2</sup>

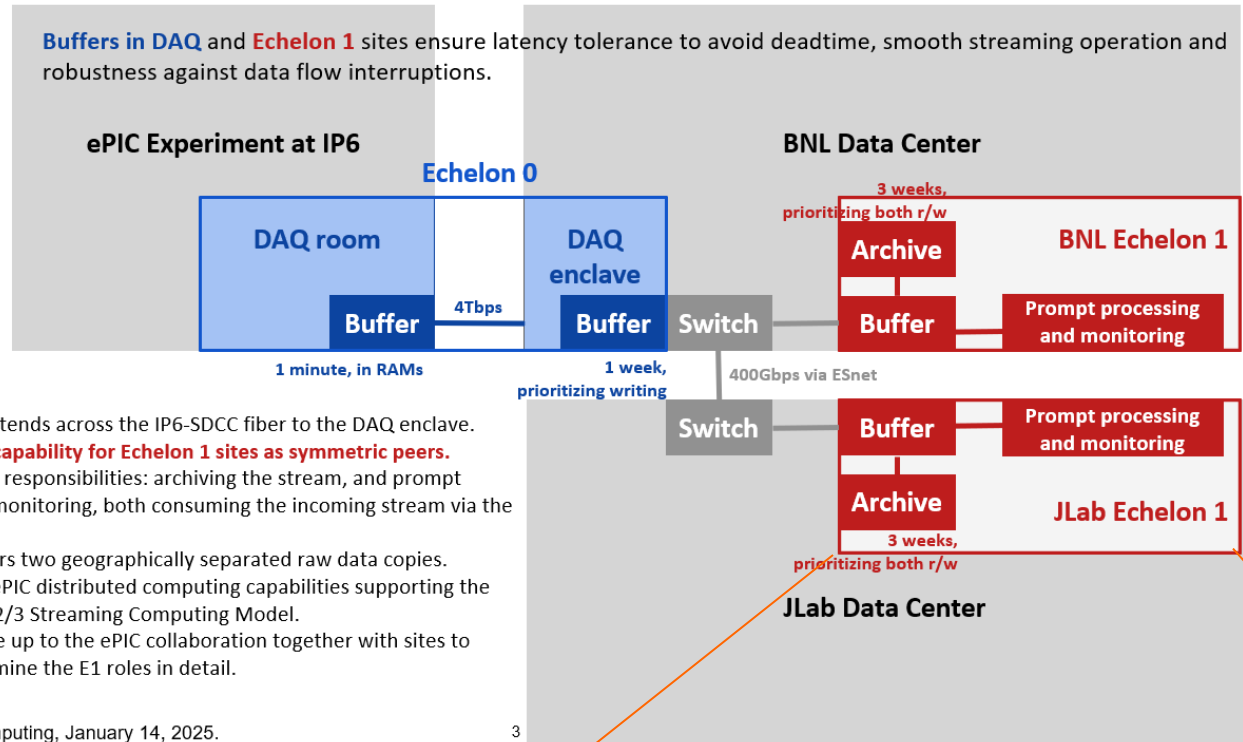


1-day statistics is enough for e-endcap and the most forward h-endcap



1-day statistics looks enough for endcaps

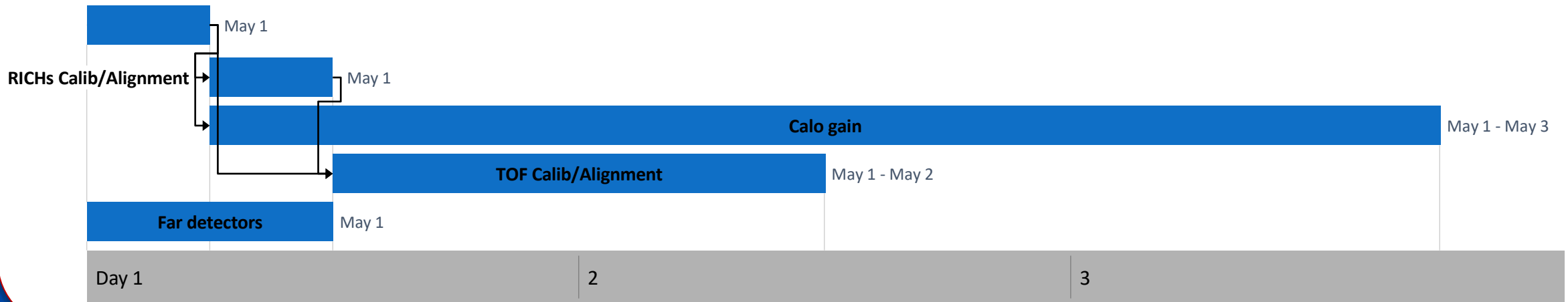
# Streaming computing integration



ePIC Streaming Computing, January 14, 2025.

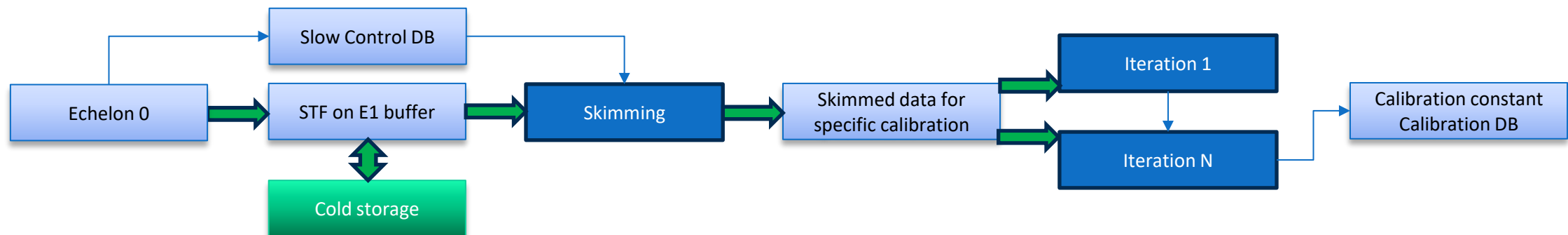
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### Tracker Calib/Alignment



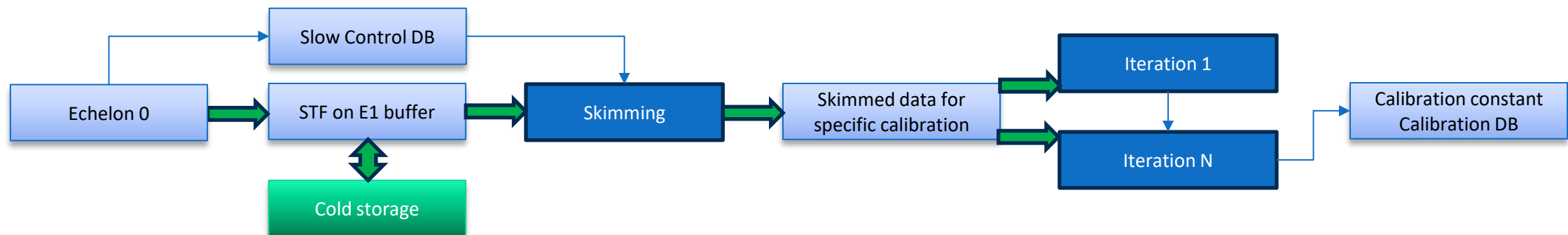
# Discussion on streaming computing integration: Calibration workflow

- ▶ Calibration workflow has strong integration with prompt reconstruction and Run QA
- ▶ A set of calibration would only initiate if QA identify a calibration drift
  - Example tracking residual analysis found a shift in the residual distribution after a run period → tracker + RICH alignment update
  - Calibration workflow starts with automated/shifter-driven QA check flagging issue
- ▶ Another set of calibration would process ALL data
  - Example is calorimeter EM energy scale calibration which will use all pi0 and eta0 resonance data
  - Calibration workflow starts with arrival of super time frame (STF)
- ▶ Robustness against new problems
  - Much of the calibration is a detector debugging process, in particular at beginning of ePIC



# Discussion on streaming computing integration: Data staging and computing

- ▶ Calibration jobs should be guaranteed to run with resources of two Echeon-1 computing centers
  - Ensuring completing the calibration jobs in days and start of physics-quality reconstruction
- ▶ **Skimming pass** for calibration input data
  - Many calibration tasks require rarer events: e.g. pi0 in barrel EMCal; high momentum pion for RICH
  - Start with skimming pass of “raw data” in STF that is equivalent to high level triggering
    - (1) allow faster processing of multi-iterations (e.g. two iteration for pi0-driven E-scale)
    - (2) reduces Echelon-1 buffer disk IO read load, so the STF raw data are only read in entirety twice (2x data taking rate): calibration skimming and full production.
- ▶ **Slow control/facility data**: (1) primary input via database (2) backup in raw data stream





# Discussion on streaming computing integration: Calibration constant management

- ▶ Calibration constant be **reproducible** for given data and software tags
  - Folded into the reproducibility of ePIC results from DAQ output (“raw data”)
- ▶ **Avoid frequent calibration constant update** beyond the varying detector and facility conditions
  - Stable calibration constant help accumulate statistics for data driven performance/uncertainty determination
  - Caution against continuously updating calibration processes: a brief excursion of calibration constant could lead to a large systematic uncertainty (e.g. high energy tail for calorimeter)
- ▶ Also for **reproducibility**: Calibration results should be tagged in database → tagged onto meta data of production output files for analyzers

# Extra Information

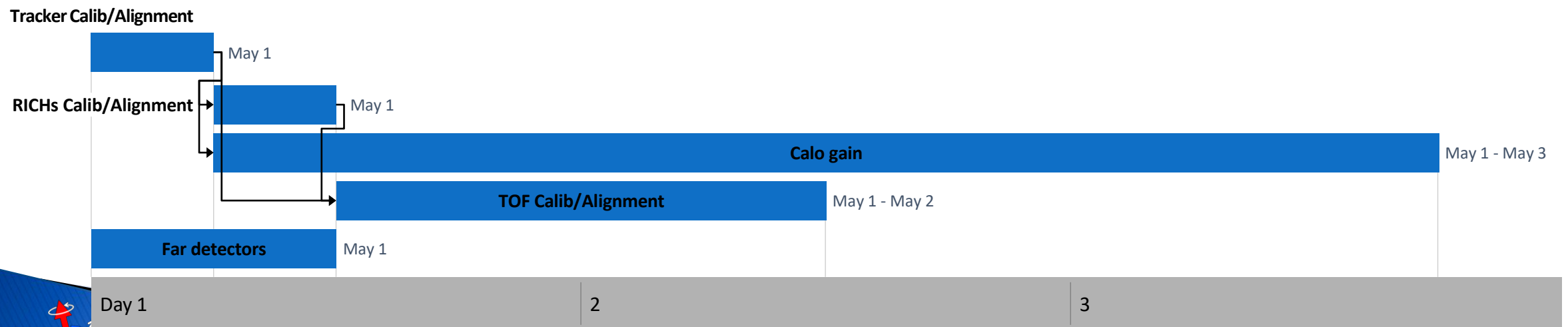
- Feel free to share your views  
Live note on indico [[link](#)]

# Relevant WG meetings

- ▶ Alignment, TOF: Dec 19 <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/21619/>
- ▶ SVT sensor, Barrel Hcal: Jan 23 <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/21785/>
- ▶ dRICH: Jan 30 <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/22114/>
- ▶ Backward, Forward EMCAL: Feb 27 <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/22412/>
- ▶ Far forward: Mar 12 <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/22676/>
- ▶ AI driven calibration: Apr 16 <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/23034/>

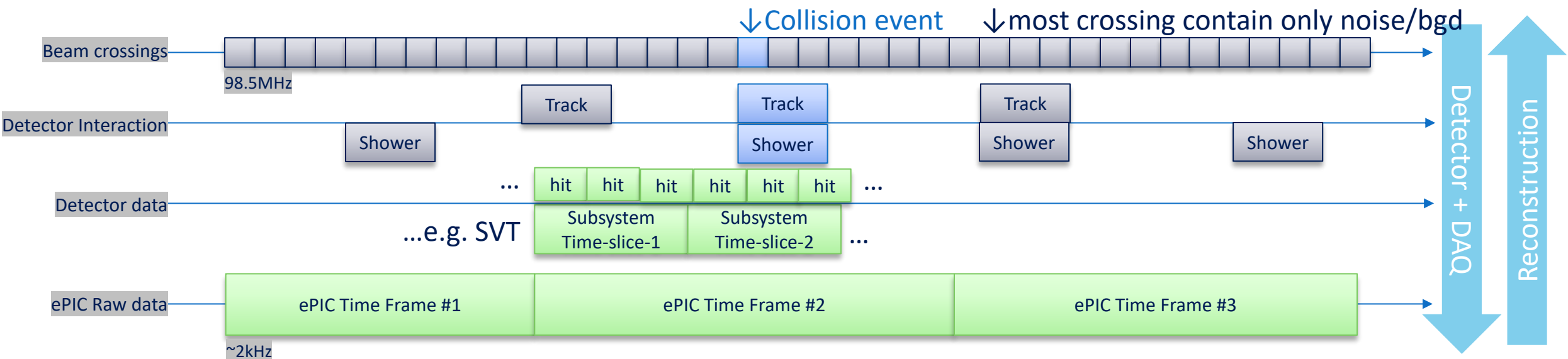
# Open discussions / path forward

- ▶ So far the calibration workflow seems fit well into reconstruction latency goal
- ▶ Suggestions always welcomed. And further subsystem inputs needed:
  - Hadronic energy scale, Barrel EMCal, DIRC, Far backward detectors
- ▶ Computing resource estimation (so far seems << reconstruction)
- ▶ Summarize into next update of computing model and computing review



# Summary of consensus in SRO WG Apr-9 meeting

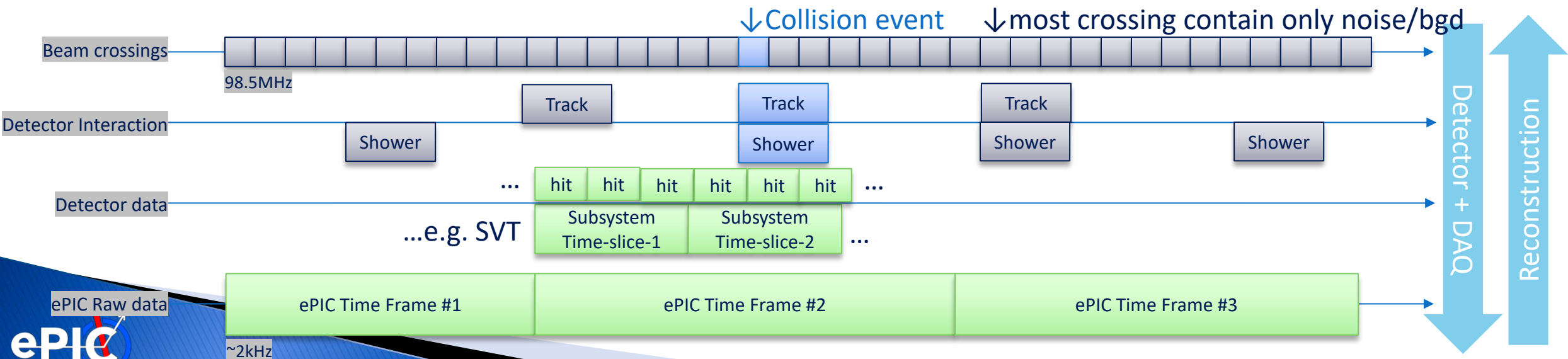
- ▶ Preference not to align time frame length with respect to the EIC beam rotation.
- ▶ Event keying: primary key is 64-bit beam clock (BCO) counter; secondary convenient key is tuple run-timeframe-BCOInTimeFrame; reconstruction will generate event counter tagging
- ▶ Run structure will be used, driven by configuration changes; plus continuous readout information on beam/detector monitoring
- ▶ Redundant information in storing slow control data: database and raw data file embedding. Need to follow up on the implementation of SC data flow from online to offline.





# Time-Frames Introduction

- ▶ We plan to use this meeting to follow up on Nathan's talk on time-frame-based reconstruction, solidify a few open concept in our WG and make progress on their implementation in EICRecon
- ▶ ePIC Time Frame concept is developing towards a spec doc in DAQ and SAR WGs;
  - Update discussion on Apr 11 DAQ meeting , please join: <https://indico.bnl.gov/event/22945/>
  - $\leq 2^{16}$  crossing: 16-bit integer sufficient to locate hit's BX in Time Frame;  $\leq 665\mu\text{s}/300$  events/10MB
  - Exact length defined by GTU sync signal: most flexible
  - We could choose to align with EIC beam evolution (1260BX, ): simpler to locate abort gap and spin states
- ▶ Time Frames will be order in data files, internally carry header-payload (a.k.a data bank/packets) data chunks from each detector component.



# Streaming DAQ – Computing : consideration 2

For kickstart the discussion, please interrupt to discuss at any moment

- ▶ Sooner or later, a copy of data is stored and saved for permanent storage
- ▶ This stage of first permanent storage could be viewed as a DAQ – computing boundary

