

pfRICH: Overview and input information



ePIC pfRICH:

□ A classical proximity focusing RICH □ Pseudorapidity coverage: $-3.5 < \eta < -1.5$ □ Uniform performance in the whole { η,ϕ } range □ π/K separation: above 3σ up to ~ 9.0 GeV/c □ t_0 reference with a ~100% geometric efficiency

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Agenda

March 20

 pfRICH: Overview & Input Information
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 pfRICH: Sensors and FEE

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Backup slides are color coded to show which charge questions are addressed in which talk



March 21

07:00	pfRICH: Mechanical Design, Aerogel, and Integration	<i>Alex Eslinger et al.</i> 06:50 - 07:15	Charge question #4, #6
	pfRICH: Workforce, Cost and Schedule, Risk Mitigation	<i>Bernd Surrow</i> 07:15 - 07:40	Charge question #7, #8







Design Overview





Physics requirements

- PIC backward RICH must provide PID coverage in the η range determined by the reach of the barrel DIRC and the acceptance of the crystal calorimeter in the e-endcap, therefore ~ -3.5 < η < ~ -1.65, at a minimum</p>
- This part of the detector acceptance corresponds to the current fragmentation and low x physics, and is essential to support the claim of a complete hermetic coverage of the pseudorapidity range -3.5 < η < 3.5 by tracking, calorimetry and PID detectors
- > Yellow report requirement: $3\sigma \pi/K$ separation up to 7 GeV/c

> A new requirement: provide ~20 ps timing reference for ePIC ToF detectors





ePIC pfRICH concept evolution

- Based on the concept developed for ATHENA proposal in late 2021:
 - A conventional proximity focusing RICH
 - High geometric efficiency
 - Uniform performance in the whole acceptance
 - SiPMs, CLAS12 aerogel parameterization with <n> ~ 1.020
- ➤ (Re)started in October 2022
 - > A proximity focusing RICH with Gen II HRPPD photosensors
 - WFD ASIC for high resolution timing, vertical integration
- ➢ November 2022
 - Belle II aerogel parameterization with <n> ~ 1.045
- ➢ February 2023
 - DC-coupled HRPPDs, EICROC ASIC, flat sensor-to-ASIC integration







pfRICH Detector Layout



➢ Aerogel

IP

- Three radial bands
- Opaque dividers
- ➢ 2.5 cm thick, 42 tiles total
- ≻ Vessel
 - Honeycomb carbon fiber sandwich
 - ➤ Filled with nitrogen
- HRPPD photosensors
 - ➤ 120 mm size
 - ➤ Tiled with a 1.5mm gap
 - ➢ 68 sensors total

More details by talk on Design & Integration





Choice of aerogel

- HRPPD PDE is expected to be substantially smaller than of the SiPMs
 - And peak value shifted to the UV range, where it cannot be used for ring imaging
- Therefore working with <n> ~ 1.020 does not look feasible (<N_{pe}> too small)
- Consider using n ~ 1.040 ... 1.050
 - 300 nm acrylic filter cutoff for imaging
 - <N_{pe}> ~ 11-12
 - For ToF still make use of the UV range for abundant Cherenkov light produced in the window
 - Natural choice for simulations: Belle II n ~ 1.045
 - Natural hardware reference: Chiba University aerogel recently produced for J-PARC (n = 1.040)



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Choice of the photosensors & ASIC

➤ Basic requirements:

- Provide a timing reference better than ~20 ps for the barrel and forward ToF subsystems
- Provide spatial resolution ~1mm
- Have small Dark Count Rate
- Have reasonable power dissipation in mW per channel
 - > to allow for a low material budget cooling system in front of the PWO EmCal
 - > to have as little influence on the thermal environment around the EmCal as possible
- > Allow for a compact solution to leave more space for the proximity gap

Photosensor: HRPPD by Incom Inc.

- High intrinsic SPE timing resolution
- Low Dark Count Rate (compared to SiPMs)
- Low cost (compared to other MCP-PMTs)

More details by talk on Photosensors & ASIC

> ASIC: EICROC by OMEGA group

- Meets the requirements
- ➢ Will be available in 256+ channel configuration
- Will be developed for ePIC AC-LGADs anyway





Angular acceptance optimization

ATHENA configuration

ePIC configuration



> Use side wall mirrors to increase η acceptance

- > Achieve -3.5 < η < -1.5 coverage
- Make mirrors conical to avoid inefficiency on the sensor plane





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Geometric efficiency optimization for t_0 measurement

High energy charged particle produces dozens of p.e.'s in the HRPPD window

HRPPD

charged particle (missing the "active" area) HRPPD quartz window

ceramic body

quartz window

ceramic body

- Cherenkov light cone produced in the window creates a ~12mm spot on the photocathode
- Tiling HRPPDs as a "flat wall" with minimal gaps provides >90% geometric efficiency …
- ... and it is complemented by timing from ring imaging photoelectrons to achieve ~100%

More details by talk on Performance





Other design choices & potential upgrades

Installation of small funneling mirrors around each sensor dead area boundaries





Use of a dual aerogel configuration

- Both options implemented in software
- > Each of them can give up a substantial increase in photon yield
- Not present in the baseline configuration (considered as risk mitigation options)





Other design choices & potential upgrades

➤ Gas radiator: *nitrogen*

- "Safe" choice for the time being
- \geq e/ π separation provided by ring imaging (aerogel)
- May still consider a fluorocarbon gas in the future*

> Overall philosophy: do not overdesign the detector at this early stage





Closest ePIC pfRICH predecessor: Belle II ARICH



- Very short expansion volume
 Yet achieved ~3σ π/K separation up to ~4 GeV/c
- ≻ Aerogel tiles segmented in {r, φ}
 > Dual aerogel configuration
- Detected ~15 p.e. from a pair of 2 cm thick aerogel layers, using a photosensor with a similar QE as the HRPPDs
- Used side mirrors to increase the η acceptance





Construction ideas from other experiments



> sPHENIX TPC vessel

Honeycomb carbon fiber sandwich

Truncated conical shape of 114 and 134 cm diameter for the upper and lower sections with a thin film of reflective coating deposited on the inner surface.



AMS RICH conical mirror
 Carbon Fiber Reinforced Composite substrate

Both options implemented in GEANT and costed accordingly





Compliance with the IR and other subsystem constraints

Sensor plane tiling scheme



> 5 mm clearance to the beam pipe flange > 8 mm clearance to the DIRC support frame





Subsystems

- > Essential details of the HV, LV & Cooling systems are reflected in GEANT and / or CAD models
- Costing sheets are available to the reviewers
 - High Voltage
 - Preliminary design stage
 - Fully costed (vendor quotes)

≻ Gas

- Conceptual design stage
- Fully costed (expert opinion)

- ➤ Low Voltage
 - Preliminary design stage
 - Fully costed (prior experience)
- ➤ Cooling
 - Preliminary design stage
 - Fully costed (catalogue items)

More details by talk on Design & Integration





Synergy with other ePIC subdetector systems

> DIRC

HRPPD photosensors

> Cross-calibration (overlap in η acceptance)

≻ dRICH

- Ring imaging reconstruction software
- Aerogel procurement and QA

All three DSSCs will be involved in creating a unified PID environment for ePIC





Prototyping and beam tests





Prototyping, QA stations, beam tests in 2023-2024

- BNL and INFN Trieste are two of the few groups worldwide with a close relationship to the photosensor manufacturer (Incom) and well developed LAPPD test station setups
- Several pfRICH groups have LAPPD beam test experience either at Fermilab or at CERN (BNL, INFN Trieste, INFN Genova, MSU, SBU)
- On behalf of the EIC project pfRICH members work with Chiba University on a contract to produce first aerogel samples of a type required by ePIC RICH groups

Aerogel QA test station will be built at Temple University
HRPPD QA test station (replica of Incom's one) will be built at BNL





Prototyping, QA stations, beam tests in 2023-2024

- Work with Incom within the scope of eRD110 consortium (photosensors)
 - Validation of the DC-coupled HRPPDs for use in EIC
 - Development of the pixelated interface for DC-coupled HRPPDs
 - Formulation of EIC-Incom PED contract for 2023-2024
 - Bench tests and a beam test at Fermilab in Winter 2023/24 to confirm the performance parameters of the first five HRPPDs Incom is re-designing for EIC
- > Work with eRD109 consortium (electronics) and eRD107 (LFHCAL)
 - ASIC interface development for a small scale pfRICH prototype
 - > Beam test at Fermilab with this prototype in Spring 2024 as a demonstration of a π/K separation reach

More details by talk on Photosensors & ASIC







Performance studies





Software & pfRICH Performance Highlights

➤ Use standalone GEANT4 code with interfaces to ePIC software stack

Simulation, and event-level digitization / reconstruction chain implemented



 π and K @ 7.25 GeV/c: >4 σ separation

7 GeV/c π and K @ η = -1.9: <5% misidentification rate (plot accumulated over 1000 two-track events)





pfRICH Performance Studies Dictionary

- Core performance studies
- Material effects on backward EmCal
 Central tracker performance
- > pfRICH with a C_4F_{10} radiator
- Particle occupancy studies in ePIC e-endcap
- Photocathode refractive index effects
- Geometry exchange with dd4hep

HRPPD performance in magnetic field

- > talk by C. Chatterjee and Z. Tu
- integration talk tomorrow

> extra slides to this presentation

> photosensor talk







Cost, schedule, workforce





Institutional commitments to date

- Currently pfRICH Detector SubSystem Collaboration includes strong groups and members from
 - Brookhaven Lab
 - Chiba University
 - Duke University
 - > INFN Trieste [not for construction]
 - > INFN Genova [not for construction]
 - Jefferson Lab [project engineer support]
 - Ljubljana University and JSI [as experts]
 - Mississippi State University
 - Stony Brook University
 - Temple University
 - Yale University

It is expected that INFN colleagues will not be able to contribute during the construction phase, since their main focus will be ePIC dRICH

The doors are open for new groups, especially those who can provide young scientist workforce for modeling, prototyping and participation in beam tests now

> More details by talk on Workforce, Cost & Risk





Summary: pfRICH for backward PID in ePIC

- Performance studies show that ePIC pfRICH design exceeds the Yellow Report requirements
- Progress achieved over the first five months assures that the final design will be successfully completed by CD-2 / CD-3
- There is a core of **strong institutions** behind this effort to push it to the construction stage
- Detector concept, performance and its expected role in ePIC already attracted several young scientists working together as a team
- Nothing is carved in stone, and new groups are more than welcome!









Extra slides





by Mikhail Osipenko

Case for a C_4F_{10} Radiator instead of Nitrogen

- pfRICH has ~45 cm of expansion volume, and Cherenkov radiation in gas can be used for e/π -sepation
- pion Cherenkov threshold P>2.7 GeV (but near threshold at 3 GeV pion radius is small)
- e⁻ track gives 33 photo-electrons in gas compare with 85 p.e. from HRPPD quartz window
- radius of guartz window spot is 7 mm, but with multiple internal reflections extends to 40 mm
- applying a cut on radius R>8 mm provides 29 gas p.e. on top of 4 window p.e. ⇒ >4 sigma separation
- contamination in Aerogel radius region is about <2% of p.e.







pfRICH Particle Occupancy Studies



- □ For events with two or more particles in pfRICH acceptance find distance between closest pair
- □ Distance measured at pfRICH sensor plane
- Minimum distance between particles decreases as inelasticity, thus occupancy, increases





by Brian Page (BNL)

- □ Plot number of charged particles in $-4 < \eta < -1$ for different inelasticity bins and scattered beam electron in acceptance
- Sample scaled such that curves can be read as number of events expected with given number of particles per fb⁻¹
- Most events have few charged particles in addition to electron

Conclusion: both ring multiplicity and overlap probability in pfRICH will be small



Photocathode Refractive Index Effects

Goal:

• Evaluate the number of photons transmitted between the quartz window and the photocathode.

Methods:

- Frenel's laws and energy conservation formula;
- pfRICH simulation based on GEANT4.





by Charles Neim (Stony Brook)

(ii) Quartz windows index: $n_2 = 1.45$;

• (iii) Photocathode index: $n_3 \in (1.47, 2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4)$;

Conclusion: setting photocathode refractive index high in the simulation requires renormalization of the measured Quantum Efficiency





Geometry Exchange with ePIC dd4hep Framework

GDML import / export was tuned to exchange the models

- pfRICH simulations were performed without ePIC tracker material in front of it though
 - > This material does not show any visible effect on performance
 - Sows down the processing substantially





pfRICH & ePIC tracker in our standalone GEANT simulation

by Chris Dilks (Duke)









Backup





- 1. Reminder of the proposed **detector configuration** for the use in the ePIC detector.
- **2.** Input information:
 - Pertinent information on similar technology/design that is used by other experiments or R&D efforts (example references could be literature or conference talks).
 - 2. Prototypes and their tests: don e so far, ongoing effort, future planning (with timelines); results from prototypes and their tests
 - **3. Simulation studies**: already performed, ongoing and planned (with timelines); results from the simulations; particular care in (i) showing how realistic the parameters used in simulations are and (ii) reporting what is missing for a fully realistic simulation (backgrounds, specific event categories, ...) (iii) Does the simulation take into account the **realistic response of the selected photosensors and related FEE**?





3. Performance:

- 1. Comparison of the present assessment of the Cherenkov PID detector performance compared with the YR requirements?
- 2. Performance perspectives beyond the YR requirements (if any) ?
- **3. Efficiency** figures: single particle Pi/Kaon/Proton identified as Pi/Kaon/ Proton as a function of the truth momentum in a 3x3-panel figure?
- 4. Please quantify the performance for electron/hadron separation
- **5.** Active area or /dead area as 2D function of eta and phi; and comment on the edge effects?
- 6. Performance or potential as timing detector, providing both timing resolution and acceptance coverage in eta and phi.
- 7. Under the coordination of the SIDIS working group, provide Kaon Purity in the kinematic region of (x. .. Q2...) via parameterized hadron PID performance.





4. Aerogel Radiator

- 1. Status of radiator selection
- 2. Status of the radiator development and related potential issues?
- 3. Perspectives of radiator mass production and timelines for the production period?

5. Sensors and FEE:

- 1. Status of **photosensor selection** (a single consolidated option, more options under consideration); please provide photo sensor and pixel segmentation characteristics?
- 2. Status of the sensor development and related potential issues?
- 3. Perspectives of sensor mass production and timelines for the production period?
- 4. Characteristics of the ASIC and FEEs considered?
- 5. Status of **FEE identification** (a single consolidated option, more options under consideration)? Present a plan for realization on the FEE development in the context of technology choice and in conjunction with the project.
- 6. Status of the FEE development and related potential issues?
- 7. Perspectives of FEE mass production and timelines for the production period?





6. Integration:

- 1. Status of the proposed detector integration into the current baseline detector?
 - z-space and effect to tracking: in coordination with the tracking DWG, produce backward momentum resolution for the tracker that fit into the z-spaced allowed by the proposed RICH detector
 - 2. Material effect to backward EMCal: in coordination with the calorimeter DWG, produces electron lineshape in the backward EMCal with the proposed RICH detector in front.
- 2. Status of the design of the electrical/electronic infrastructure (channels, power supplies, heat, rate)?
- 3. Cooling strategies?

7. Workforce:

- 1. List of groups engaged in the proposed detectors and of other groups potentially interested;
- 2. Workforce needed with timelines and qualification of the required professional profiles; please, include also physicists needed for dedicated simulation studies;
- 3. Available workforce (specifying: granted, expected, possible) by the groups proposing the detector;
- 8. Cost and scheduling:
 - 1. up-to-date cost estimate for the different components and expenditure categories;
 - 2. In-kind contributions (specifying: granted, expected, possible).
 - 3. Envisioned schedule for full scale production
- 9. Envisioned risk and risk mitigation strategy