

Towards a generalized pfRICH/dRICH implementation

- C++ and XML geometry files are of course (Q,PF,D)RICH detector specific
 - Example: https://github.com/eic/epic/blob/irt-2.0/src/PFRICH_geo.cpp
- A unified RICH-IRT plugin [(Q,PF,D)RICH agnostic]
 - <https://github.com/eic/ElCrecon/blob/irt-2.0/src/detectors/RICH-IRT/RICH-IRT.cc>
 - Looks for ElCrecon command-line keys *-PQ(PF,D)RICH:config=<JSON config file>*
 - Be aware that plugin name should not coincide with a detector name for this to work
- A partly unified (and detector specific) JSON configuration file
 - QRICH example: <https://github.com/eic/ElCrecon/blob/irt-2.0/sandbox/grich-reco.json>
 - Mandatory: IRT optics input file, radiator command line style options, photosensor QE
 - Whatever else may need to be turned on/off and / or configured in IRT 2.0 pass
 - Optional and / or detector specific stuff: TBD [HRPPD vs SiPM digitization?]

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- A unified IRT 2.0 algorithm / factory interface [(Q,PF,D)RICH agnostic]
 - <https://github.com/eic/ElCrecon/blob/irt-2.0/src/algorithms/pid/lrtDebugging.h>
 - <https://github.com/eic/ElCrecon/blob/irt-2.0/src/algorithms/pid/lrtDebugging.cc>
 - https://github.com/eic/ElCrecon/blob/irt-2.0/src/global/pid/lrtDebugging_factory.h
- Neither lrtGeo nor ActsGeo geometry services or their equivalent used [for now]
 - IRT optics is imported as a ROOT C++ class instance image
 - RICH-IRT.cc builds a projection plane request for ACTS engine on its own
- A sparse README.md: <https://github.com/eic/ElCrecon/tree/irt-2.0/sandbox>

Next steps [reordering the focus]

- Implement a single spherical mirror in QRICH
 - To confirm that IRT 2.0 (no sampling along the trajectory) works for dRICH gas radiator
- Confirm that using physical volumes (dd4hep implementation) rather than {logical volume & parent physical volume copies} in the geometry tree (pfRICH standalone code implementation) for sensitive volume elements (cell IDs) does not pose an issue for more complicated geometries (like dRICH sectors) with IRT algorithm
- Back to the “Next steps” items shown 2025/04/03 slides
 - pfRICH conical & pyramid mirrors implementation
 - Calibration pass (and calibration data import in ElCrecon)
 - Standalone post-processing scripts -> integrate into IrtDebugging.cc plugin
 - Represent IRT 2.0 digitization as an intermediate plugin
 - Start thinking of a data model