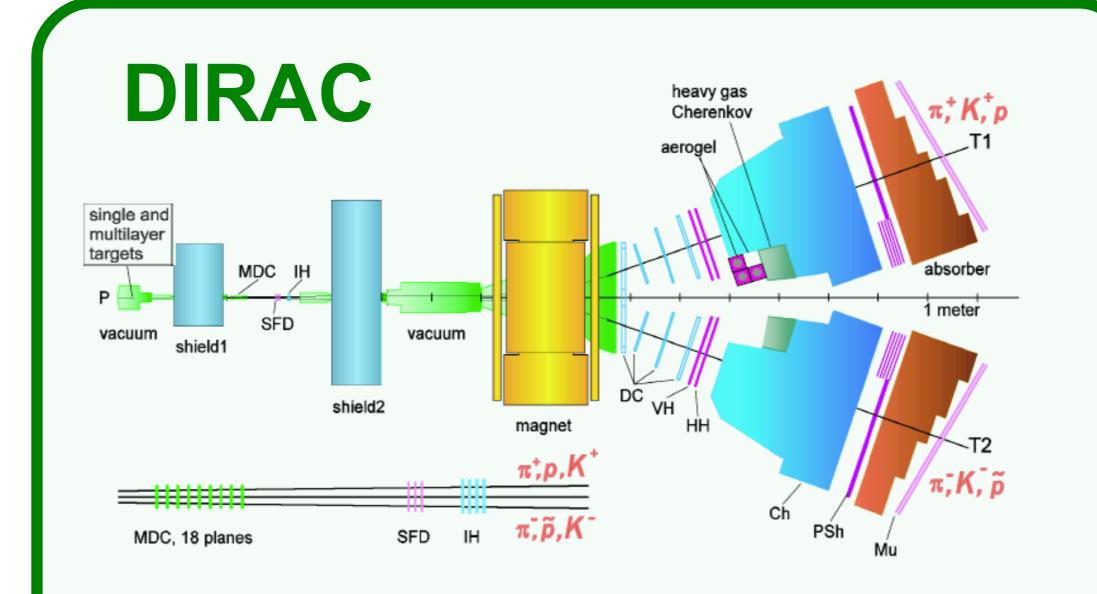
THE EAST AREA AT THE CERN PS

GENERAL LAYOUT

The PS East Area is an experimental area that houses five beam lines, derived from the 24 GeV/c slowly extracted primary proton beam:

- The T7 beam can be operated as a secondary test beam with momenta up to 10 GeV/c or as an IRRADIATION facility with primary proton beam,
- The T8 beam is a primary proton beam line that serves the DIRAC experiment with up to some 2 10¹¹ protons per PS cycle,
- The T9 beam is secondary test beam with up to 15 GeV/c beam momentum and at 0 mrad production angle,
- The T10 beam is a secondary test beam with momenta up to 7 GeV/c and a production angle of 60 mrad
- The T11 beam can be used as a low momentum test beam, up to 3.6 GeV/c at 210 mrad, or as a very large spot (almost 2x2 m²) hadron beam to serve the CLOUD experiment.

The T9, T10 and T11 beams are derived from the NORTH target, on which 1.5-2 10¹¹ protons from the F61N beam impinge per EASTA cycle. The T7 and T8 beams receive their protons via the F61S branch, directed either directly to DIRAC (EASTB cycle) or switched to the SOUTH target or the IRRADIATION facility (EASTC cycle).



Search for $\pi\pi$ and $K\pi$ atoms, produced by a high-intensity primary proton beam (24 GeV/c) in a very thin target. The decay products of the atoms are measured in a double arm spectrometer and identified by various Cerenkov counters. The lifetime of the atoms as well as the isospin amplitudes a_0, a_2 are measured and compared with very accurate QCD predictions.

