

# **WELCOME !!!**

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# **TASCA 08**

**7<sup>th</sup> Workshop on**  
**Recoil Separator**  
**for**  
**Superheavy Element Chemistry**

**October 31, 2008**

**GSI, Darmstadt, Germany**



# TASCA 08

CHEMSEP 02 Darmstadt

CHEMSEP 03 Berkeley

Goals defined

Community formed

General separator discussions

TASCA 04 Darmstadt

TASCA 05 Oslo

Decision: Gas-filled separator

Start building TASCA

Define commissioning program

TASCA 06 Garching

TASCA 07 Davos

TASCA commissioning

**TASCA 08** Darmstadt

Conclude commissioning prog.

Define 1<sup>st</sup> experiments ... ('09/'10)

Discuss long term perspectives

# Status of **TASCA** – an overview: *A brief summary of our commissioning experiments*

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# TASCA Collaboration – Building + Commissioning

Major contributions from:



GSI, Darmstadt



TUM, München



LBNL, Berkeley



LMU, München



JYFL, Jyväskylä



Univ. Mainz



SAHA, Kolkata



Univ. Oslo



Efremov Inst., St. Petersburg



Univ. Lund



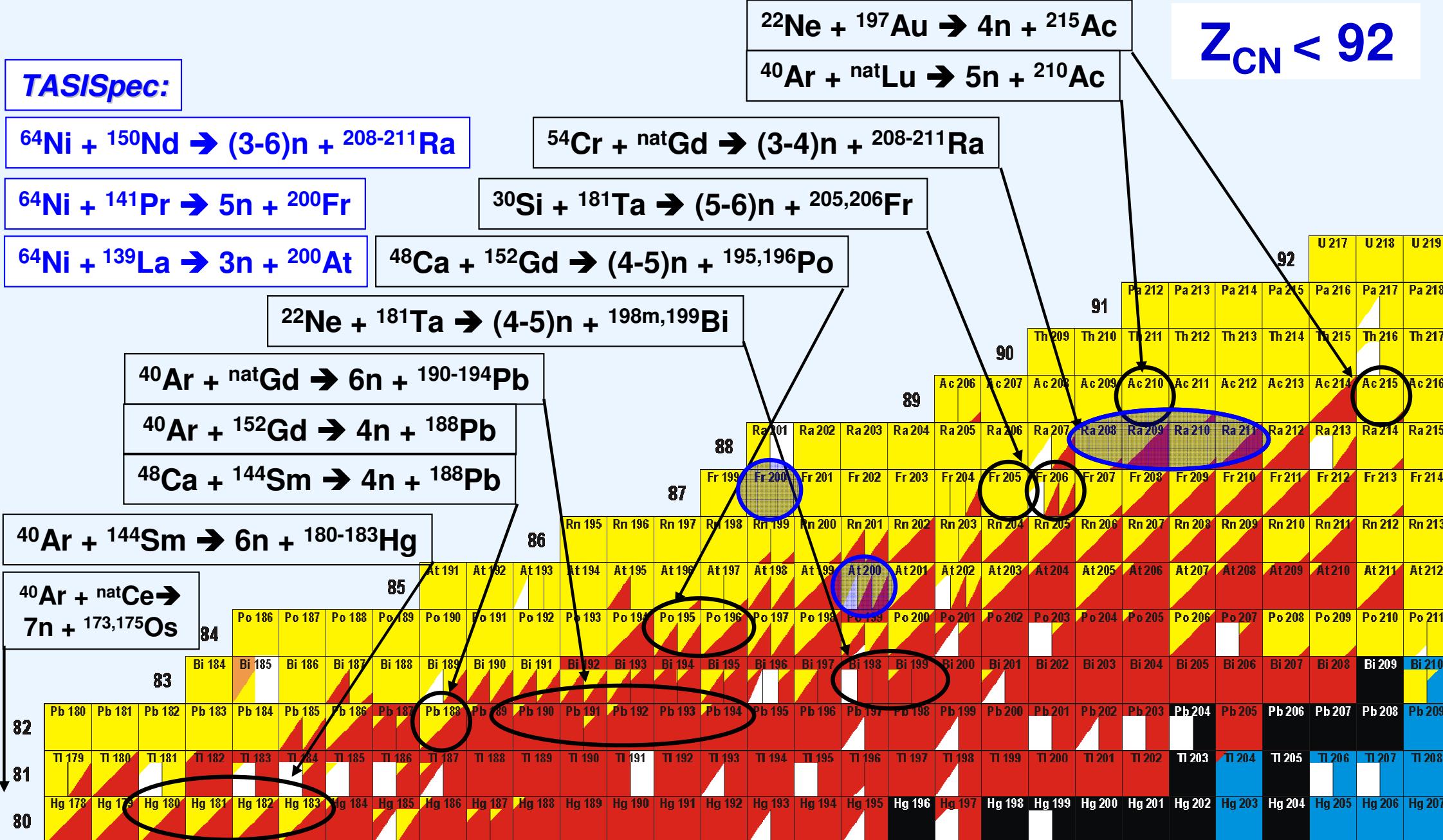
JAEA, Tokai

.... and many thanks to  
"Gitta" for her work in the preparation of TASCA 08  
Christoph for organizing the TASCA 08 program  
Dieter for the technique, .....

# TASCA Commissioning Program: Parameters Studied

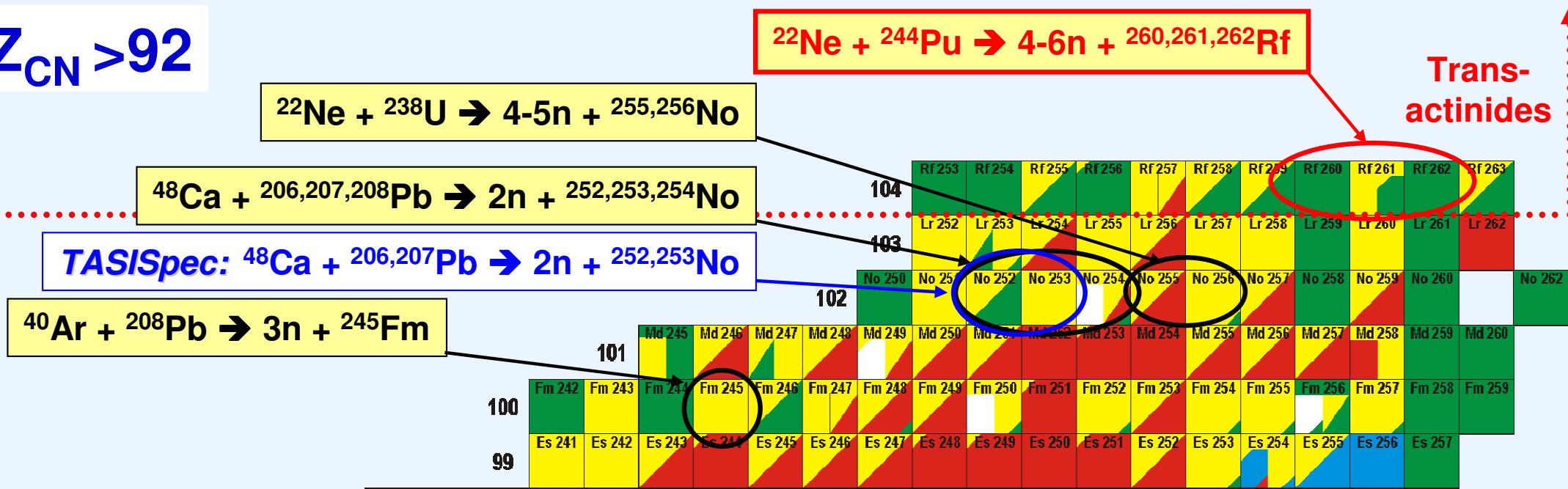
- Nuclear reactions
- Target production technique + target stability
- Target thickness
- Gas pressure (HTM, SIM)
- Gases and mixtures He:H<sub>2</sub> (1:0, 3:1, 2:1, 1:1, 0:1)
- Charge state, Bp; dipole stetting, best experimental  $\Leftrightarrow$  theoretical value
- Transmission (HTM, SIM); (+ scattered, unwanted products)
- Focus (HTM, SIM)
- Detection systems: FPD, TUM-DSSD, Lund-DSSD in *TASISpec*
- RTC windows (incl. degrader) + chambers (HTM, SIM)
- He-KCl jet transport  $\rightarrow$  ROMA,  $\rightarrow$  ALOHA + ARCA
- First aqueous chemistry: Os (Hs-model), Rf (AIX)

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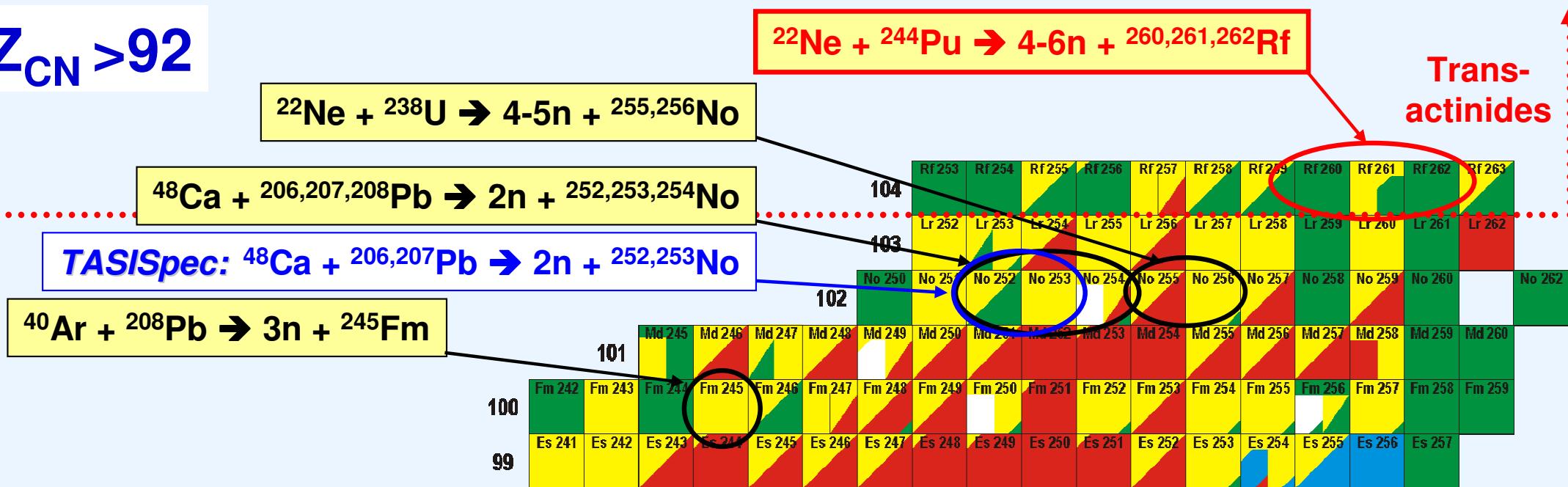


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A great success ! Transactinides reached!

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**FULLY ? Accomplished !**

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# TASCA – Nuclear Reactions + Parameters Studied

Product	xn	Project.	Target	HTM Dip/Quad	SIM Dip/Quad	Target thick	Gas	Gas press	Det/Electr	RTC	ROMA	Chem
Os-173,175	7n	Ar-40	Ce-nat	x			He			x		AC
Hg-180-183	6n	Ar-40	Sm-144	x	x	x	He	x	G,M	x		GC
Pb-188	4n	Ca-48	Sm-144	x	x	x	He		G,M			
Pb-188	4n	Ar-40	Gd-152	x		x	He		G			
Pb-194-196	4-5n	Ar-40	Gd-nat	x	x	x	He		G	x		
Bi-198m,199	4-5n	Ne-22	Ta-181	x	x		He	x	G,CATCH			
Po-195,196	4-5n	Ca-48	Gd-152	x			He		G	x	x	
At-200	3n	Ni-64	La-139		TASISpec		He			TASIS		
Fr-205-206	5-6n	Si-30	Ta-181	x	x		He, VAC	x	G,M			
Fr-200	5n	Ni-64	Pr-141		TASISpec		He			TASIS		
Ra-208-211	3-4n	Cr-54	Gd-nat	x	x		He	x	G			
Ra-208-211	3-6n	Ni-64	Nd-150		TASISpec		He			TASIS		
Ac-210	5n	Ar-40	Lu-nat	x	x		He,N2,mix	x	G,M			
Ac-215	4n	Ne-22	Au-197	x	x	x	He,H2,mix	x	G			
Fm-245	3n	Ar-40	Pb-208	x	x		He	x	G	x	x	
No-252	2n	Ca-48	Pb-206	x	x,TASISpec		He	x	G,TASIS	x	x	
No-253	2n	Ca-48	Pb-207	x	TASISpec		He		G,M,TASIS			
No-254	2n	Ca-48	Pb-208	x	x		He,H2,mix	x	G			
No-255	5n	Ne-22	U-238	x	x		He,H2,mix	x	G,M	x	x	
No-256	4n	Ne-22	U-238	x			He					
Rf-260	6n	Ne-22	Pu-244	x			He,H2,mix		G,M			
Rf-261	5n	Ne-22	Pu-244	x			He			x	x	AC
Rf-262	4n	Ne-22	Pu-244	x			He,H2,mix		G,M			
Background	no	Ca-48	Pu-244	x	TASISpec		He,H2,mix	x	G,M,TASIS			

# TASCA Commissioning – Brief Summary I

TASCA is – Operational

- Working ≈ as anticipated / calculated
- Ready for TAN / SHE experiments ✓

HTM: - High efficiency !!! ✓

- Qualitatively: experim. = calcul.
- Good image size → Competitive

SIM: - Small spot in FPD / RTC ✓

- Good efficiency → Unique
- Quad-Focusing qualitatively OK

Gas: - He operation – routinely ✓

- He/H<sub>2</sub>-mix + H<sub>2</sub> operation started  
→ Unique, low background !

HTM: - Efficiency data need evaluation

- B<sub>p</sub>-values need compilation and comparison w/ calculations

SIM: - Quad-Focusing + efficiency data need evaluation

- Improvements still possible ?

Gas: - More gases to be tested

- Best mixtures to be found
- B<sub>p</sub> ≈ 2.3 Tm limitation

# TASCA Commissioning – Brief Summary II

FPD: - 16-strip GSI-PIPS operational ✓  
- TUM-DSSD prototype tested: OK  
- SIM Lund-DSSD-box tested: OK

DAQ: - GSI/SHIP-type ≈ operational ✓  
- TUM COMPAC-type operational  
- GSI-Lund(RISING) operational

TASISpec:  
-  $\alpha$ - $\gamma$ -coincidences measured: OK  
- **Very high efficiency in SIM**

Data eval: - Huge amount of rough data ✓  
- First, exciting prelim. results

FPD:  
- Big TUM-DSSD-box under constr.

DAQ: - New preamps/adapter in prep.  
- New electronics ordered  
- More electronics needed !!!

Det: - **TOF missing !** – but: in preparation  
-  $e^-$  missing – for **TASISpec** in commiss.  
- punch-through missing – in preparation  
- Rutherford missing – but: TMP sufficient ?!

Data eval: Need for manpower,  
coordination, communication,  
..... ! – However, we are  
(seem to be ?) on a good way !!!

# Commissioning Experiments – Brief Summary III

Control: - Fully operational



Control:  
- Vacuum/gas remote control +  
- safety/interlocks in preparation

Target: - ARTESIA running: OK

- PbS, Th, U, **Pu** + Ti tested: **OK**
- Safety-box installed



Target:  
- U-target chamber ready  
- Pu-, Cm-, Bk-target prod.@MZ

RTC-windows: HTM + SIM

large + thin + stable: **OK**



HTM-RTC: - Successful tests:

**OK**



HTM-RTC: - Efficiency may be improved

SIM -RTC: - First successful tests

SIM -RTC: - Potential not fully exploited

ROMA: - First successful experiments



ROMA: - Significant improvement  
urgently needed

ARCA + ALOHA:

- First successful Os + Rf chemistry



## The most important task of this TASCA 08 workshop

Discuss + define a scientific program at **TASCA**  
and  
agree on the planned experiments 2009/10  
Today !

- Collaboration / participants
- Spokesperson
- PROPOSAL
- Beam time request ('09/10)
- Beam time preparation: who - what – when
- Data evaluation !