

# Status of **TASCA** – an overview

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**TASCA 06**  
5<sup>th</sup> Workshop on  
**Recoil Separator**  
**for**  
**Superheavy Element Chemistry**

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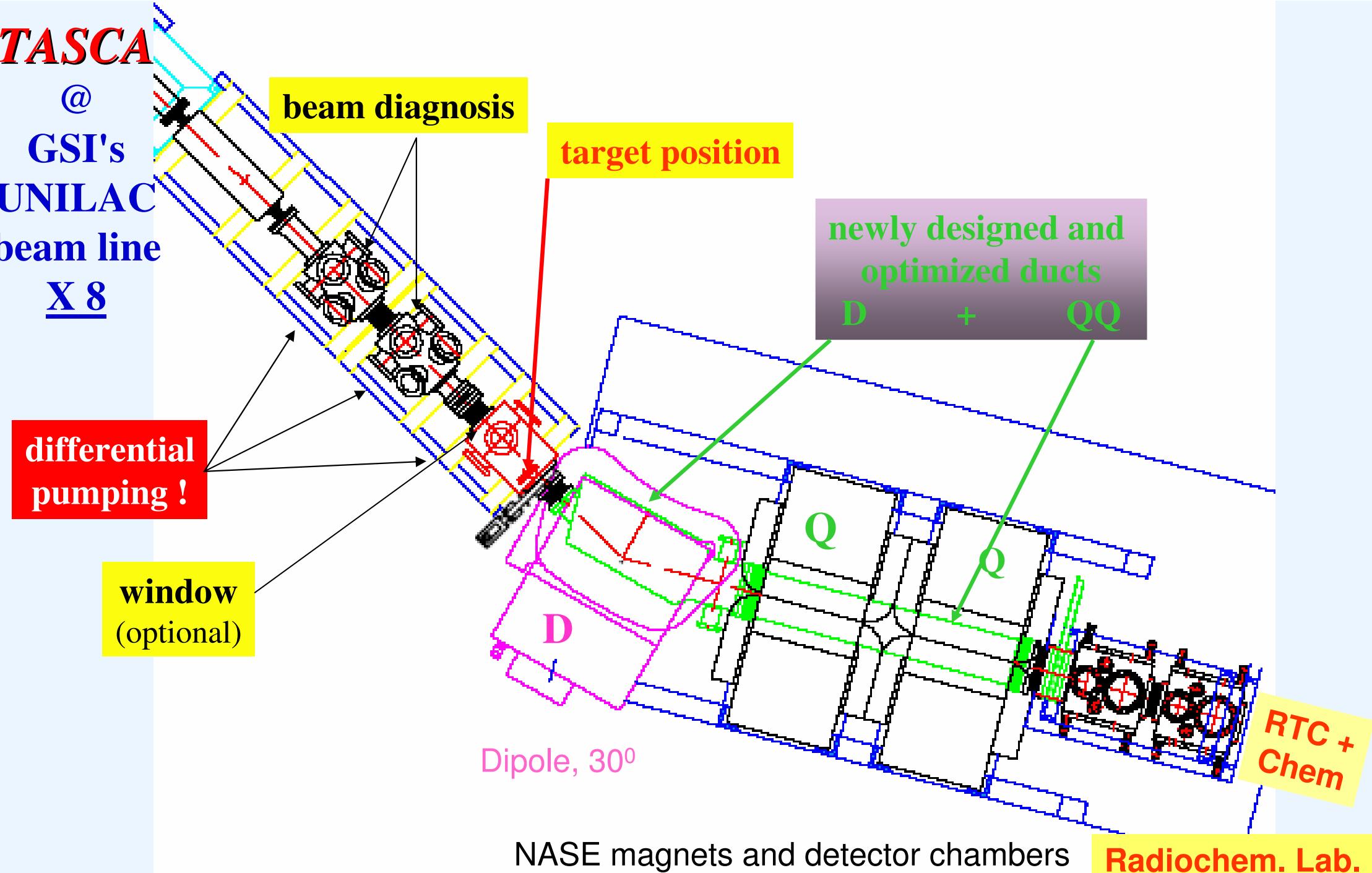
# UNILAC Proposal U219: **TASCA Commissioning**

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is cordially invited to do so!

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# TASCA @ GSI's UNILAC beam line X 8



# TASCA – Status (Fall 2006): Commissioning started

- \* DQ<sub>h</sub>Q<sub>v</sub> + DQ<sub>v</sub>Q<sub>h</sub> Configuration optimized, built and tested ✓
- \* Installed at beam line X8 - close to a radiochemistry laboratory ✓
- \* Ion-optical Calculations to optimize the design and operational parameters ✓  
→ very good agreement: calculation  $\Leftrightarrow$  exp. results !!!
- \* Window-less Operation (differential pumping) for "unlimited" beam intensity ✓
- \* Control and Safety System designed for use of highly radioactive actinide targets ✓
- \* Target Wheels for highest beam intensity available + ongoing developments ✓
- \* Recoil Transfer Chamber (very thin window !) under construction at TUM, MZ, Oslo ✓
- \* Focal Plane Detector (1<sup>st</sup> generation) from a spare SHIP detector ✓ - *work in progress*
- \* Shielding built for max. future beam intensity;  $I(^{40}\text{Ar}) \leq 30 \mu\text{A}_{\text{part}}$  ✓
- \* Operation w/ Various Gases (He, H<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, Ne, CH<sub>4</sub>, ....) planned; gas supply installed ✓

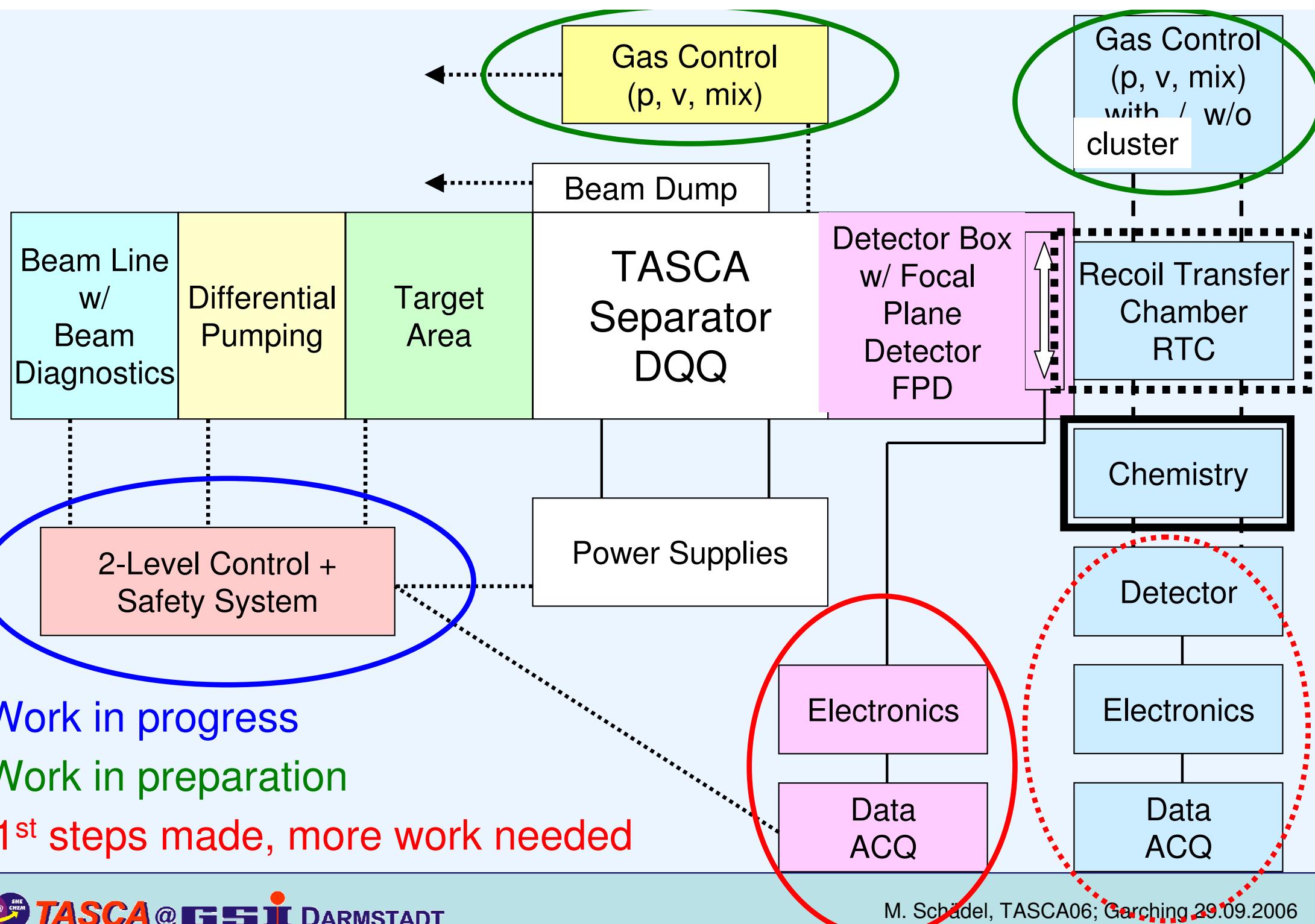
# Comparison of gas-filled separators in SHE research

Separator	DGFRS	GARIS	BGS	TASCA	TASCA
Configuration	DQ <sub>h</sub> Q <sub>v</sub>	DQ <sub>h</sub> Q <sub>v</sub> D	Q <sub>v</sub> D <sub>h</sub> D	DQ <sub>h</sub> Q <sub>v</sub>	DQ <sub>v</sub> Q <sub>h</sub>
Length / m	4.0	5.8	4.7	3.5	3.5
Bend. angle / deg	23	45+10	70	30	30
B $\rho$ <sub>max</sub> / Tm	3.1	2.16	2.5	2.4	2.4
Dispersion / mm/%	7.5	9.7	20	9	1
Solid angle / msr	8.8	12.2	45	13.1	4.3
Transmission / %	41	40*	49-59	60§	36§

Transmission for  
 $^{48}\text{Ca} + ^{238}\text{U}/^{244}\text{Pu} \rightarrow 112/114$

§ Monte Carlo simulation  
 400  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  target

\* Estim. from test reactions; K. Morita priv. comm.



# Commissioning Experiments – Parameter Studies

Beam line, diagnostics  
TASCA components

Magnets, controls + safety system, interlocks,  
differ. pumping, (actinide) targets@ high beam intensity

Separator in  
 $DQ_h Q_v$  and  $DQ_v Q_h$  mode

Transmission (exp.  $\Leftrightarrow$  model), separation effic., focal spot  
Target thickness, gas pressure, charge state  
(50 – 1000)  $\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$  (0.1 – 1) mbar  
 $^{40}\text{Ar}$ ,  $^{22}\text{Ne}$  + Sm, Gd, Au, Th, U  $\rightarrow$  Hg, Pb, Ac, (Fm), No

Focal Plane Detector  
and Data Acquisition

$\text{Ar+Lu,Ta,Pb} \rightarrow \text{Ac,Pa,Fm}$ ;  $\text{Ne+U} \rightarrow \text{No}$ : 100  $\mu\text{b}$ -20 nb,  $h\nu$   
 $\alpha$ - $\alpha$ -,  $\alpha$ -SF-,  $\alpha$ - $\gamma$ -correlation, rate, fast beam shut-off

Recoil Transfer Chamber

Window, transport w/ + w/out cluster, coupling chem.

Final full test, element 104

*Cold fusion*,  $^{50}\text{Ti} + ^{208}\text{Pb} \rightarrow ^{257}\text{Rf}$ : - FPD, excitat. fct.;  $h\nu$   
(15 nb) - liquid chemistry;  $h\nu$

*Hot fusion*,  $^{22}\text{Ne} + ^{244}\text{Pu} \rightarrow ^{261}\text{Rf}$ : - FPD, excitat. fct.;  $h\nu$   
(4 nb) - liquid+gas chem.;  $h\nu$

→ "Understand" TASCA, be ready to perform  $Z \geq 104$  chemistry + physics experiments

# Summary - Beam Time Request; $\approx$ 2 year program (2006-07)

	Topic	Beam	Shifts
✓	<b>Beam line</b> - beam diagnostics, focusing onto target	#	3
✓	<b>Beam through TASCA (vacuum)</b> - check magnets, calibrations, focusing	#	8
(✓)	<b>First product beam through TASCA (He)</b>	#	18
	<b>Sum - parasitic beam time (8 h shifts)</b>		<b>29</b>

# Any parasitic  $12 \leq A \leq 50$  beam

✓	<b>First full test of FPD, DAQ</b> - $\alpha$ - $\alpha$ -correlations, fast beam shut-off	$^{40}\text{Ar}$	4
	<b>First test reaction</b> – FPD spot size, calc. $\Leftrightarrow$ measured efficiency; $DQ_hQ_v + DQ_hQ_v$	$^{40}\text{Ar}$	10
	<b>First RTC and window tests</b> - w/ cluster, - w/o cluster	$^{40}\text{Ar}$	12
	<b>Separator efficiency</b> – fct. of target thickness ( $50 - 1000 \mu\text{g/cm}^2$ )	$^{40}\text{Ar}$ $^{22}\text{Ne}$	6 12
(✓)	<b>Rotating target set-up + target stability</b> – safety features w/ beam; transfers	$^{40}\text{Ar}$	3
	<b>Transmission + focal spot size</b> - fct. of p(He) (1-0.1 mbar) + charge state, minimizing transfer products; $DQ_hQ_v + DQ_hQ_v$	$^{22}\text{Ne}$	15
	<b>RTC optim. + chemistry set-up coupl.</b> - w/ cluster transport	$^{22}\text{Ne}$	9
	<b>Final FPD check</b> - DAQ, SF, test $\alpha$ - $\alpha$ -, $\alpha$ - $\gamma$ ,x-ray coincidences	$^{40}\text{Ar}$ $^{22}\text{Ne}$	6 6

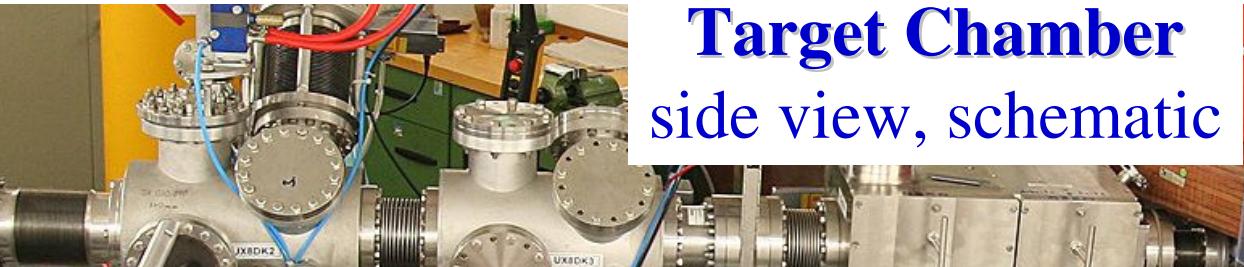
EA accepted (preliminary info) 83 shifts

# Window-less Operation – Differential Pumping

WKP 1000 / DUO 65 (not shown)

TMU 400 / DUO 35

TMU 1600 / DUO 20



**Target Chamber**  
side view, schematic

