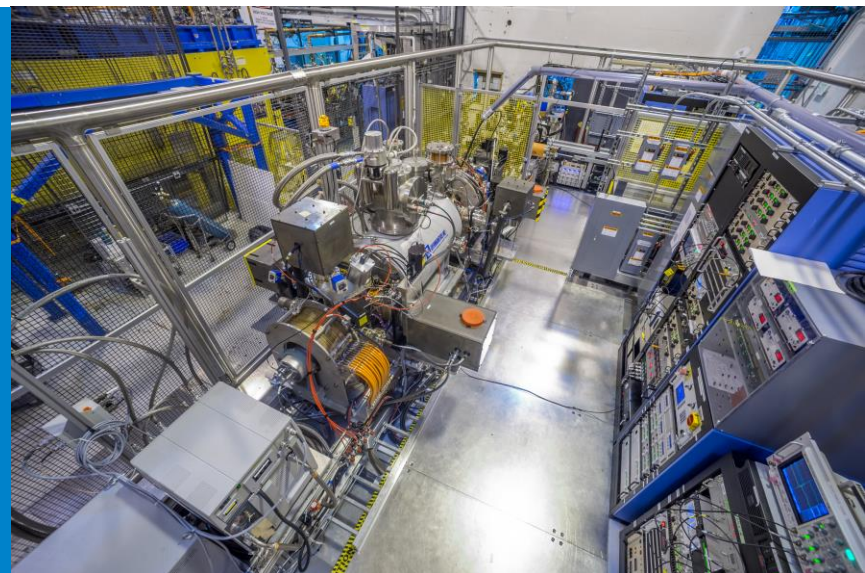


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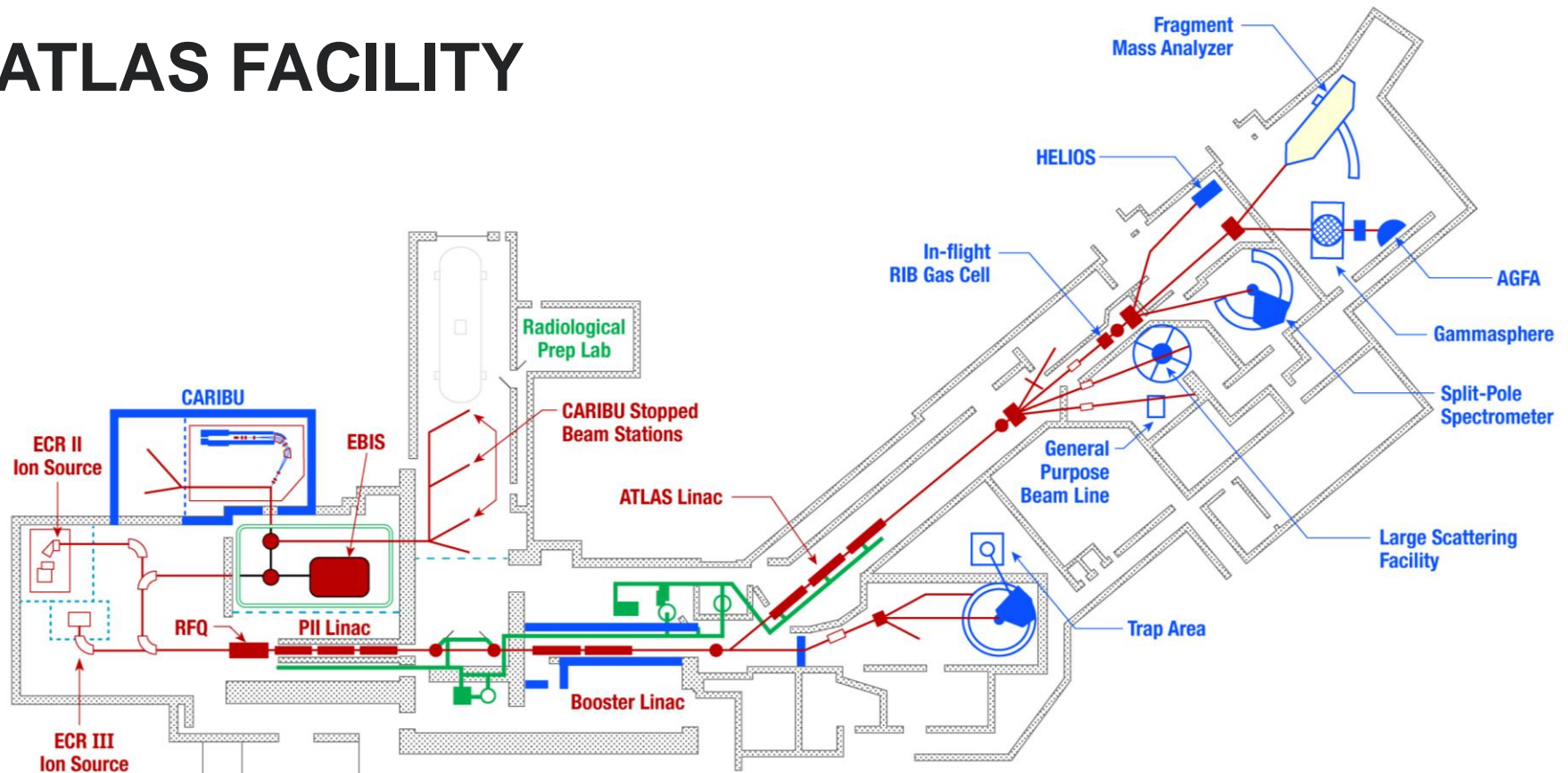
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# ATLAS FACILITY



- ATLAS is a National User Facility delivering stable, low energy, ion beams with a focus on nuclear physics research
- ATLAS has a rich history of radioactive beam research
  - Irradiated source materials
  - In-flight beam production
  - CARIBU – reacceleration of Cf fission fragments



# ATLAS FACILITY

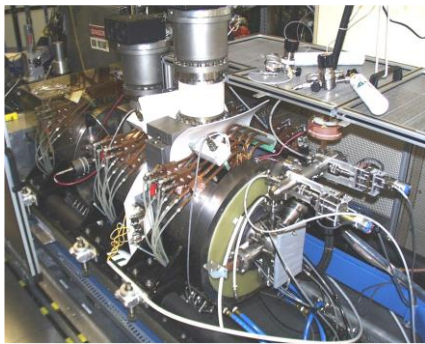
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CARIBU



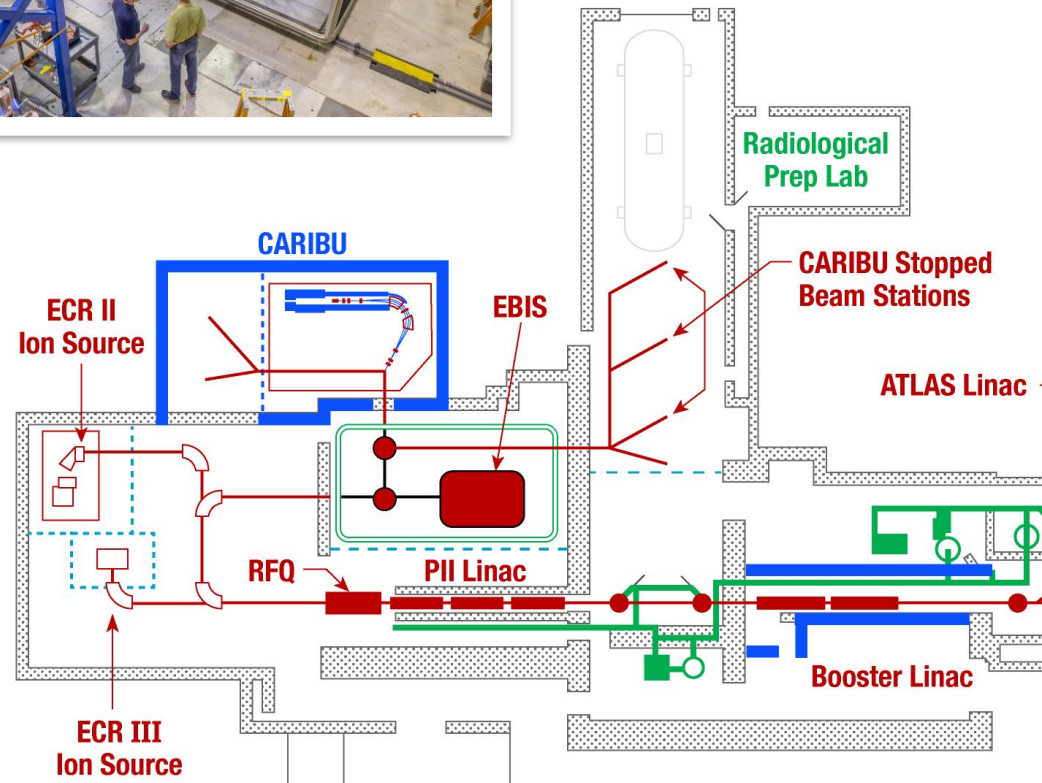
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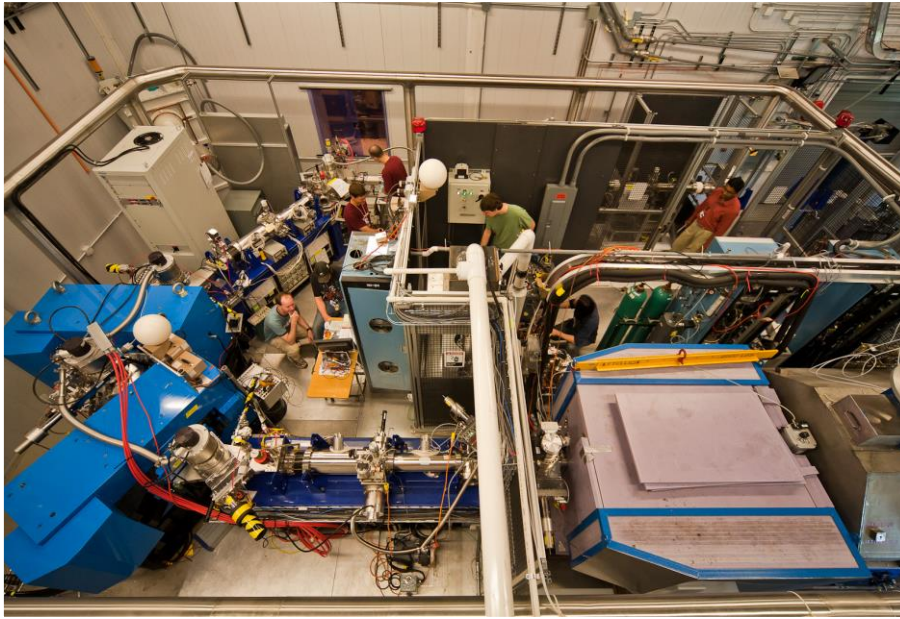
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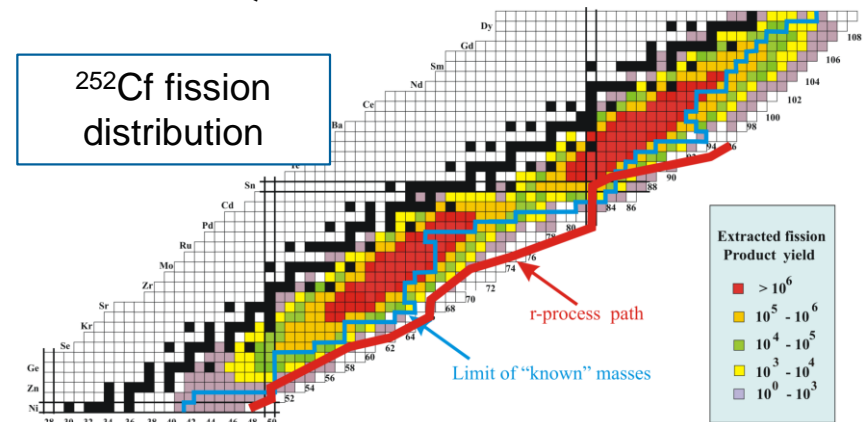
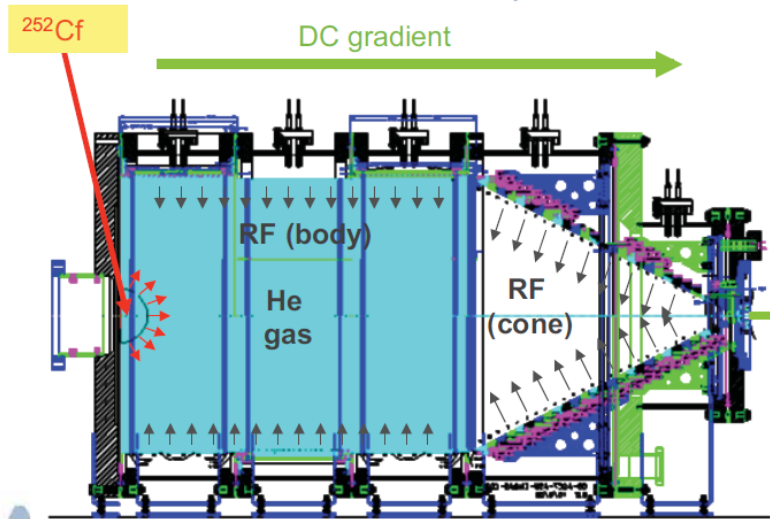
ECR3



# CALifornium Rare Ion Breeder Upgrade (CARIBU)



- $^{252}\text{Cf}$  fission source provides radioactive species
  - 1.7 Ci source
  - $T_{1/2}=2.6$  yrs
- Thermalized in a large volume helium gas catcher
  - 0.5 m diameter, 1.2 m length
- Energy spread - 1 eV
- Emittance -  $3 \cdot \pi \cdot \text{mm} \cdot \text{mrad}$
- Isobar separator - 1:20,000 design resolution
- RFQ cooler/buncher and MR-TOF





# EBIS CHARGE BREEDER

- Developed in collaboration with BNL and is based upon the TestEBIS design
- 2014-15 - Commissioned off-line
- October 2015 – Replaced the ECRCB at the ATLAS front end
- May 6, 2016 - First extracted beam (O-16)
- September 9, 2016 - First accelerated radioactive charge bred beam (Cs-142)

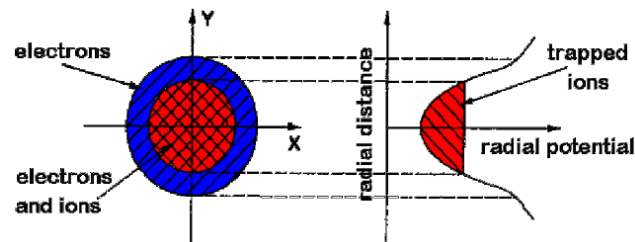
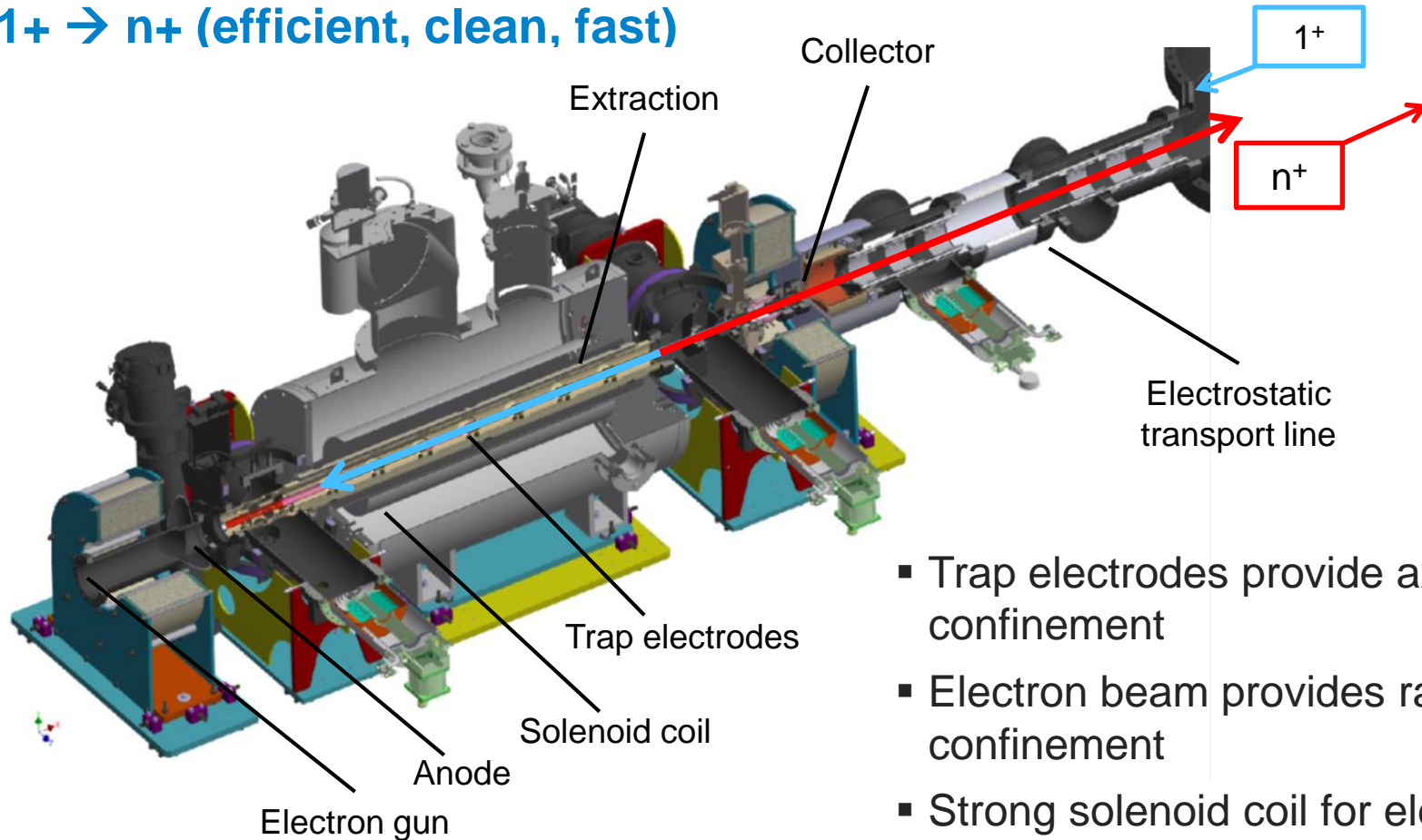


## EBIS Operating Parameters

Solenoid field	5.5 T
Magnetic field on cathode	0.15 T
IrCe cathode diameter	4.2 mm
Electron beam current	1.12 A
Electron beam diameter in trap	0.692 mm
Electron beam density in trap	296 A/cm <sup>2</sup>
Electron beam energy in trap	8118 eV
Trap length	0.532 m
Trap capacity	11 nC
Injection time	10-40 $\mu$ s
Repetition rate	10 Hz
Duty cycle	33 %
EBIS bias	20 kV
Pressure	<1x10 <sup>-10</sup> Torr

# EBIS CHARGE BREEDING

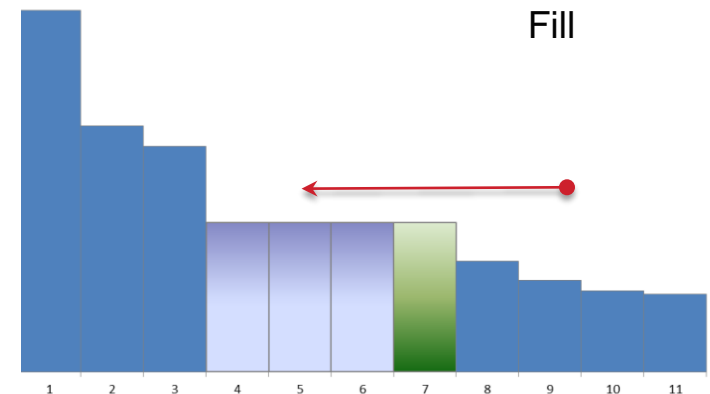
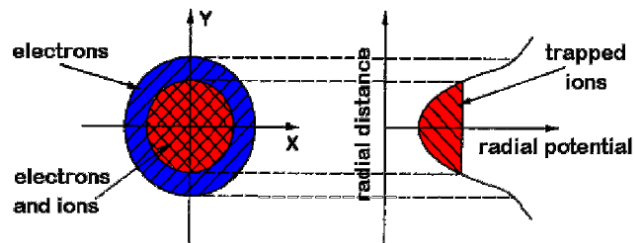
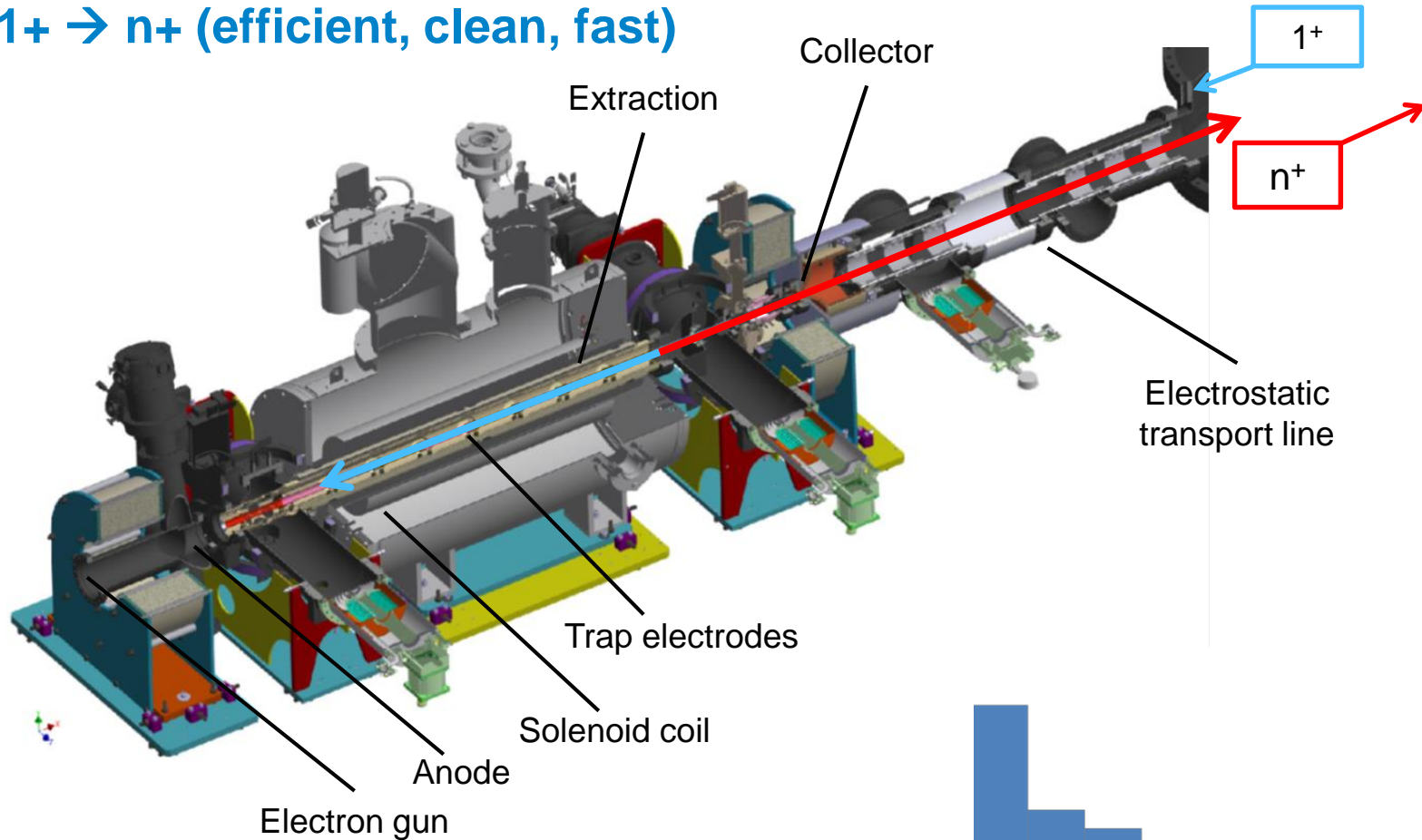
$1+ \rightarrow n+$  (efficient, clean, fast)



- Trap electrodes provide axial ion confinement
- Electron beam provides radial ion confinement
- Strong solenoid coil for electron beam compression
- Highly charged ions produced by interaction with electron beam

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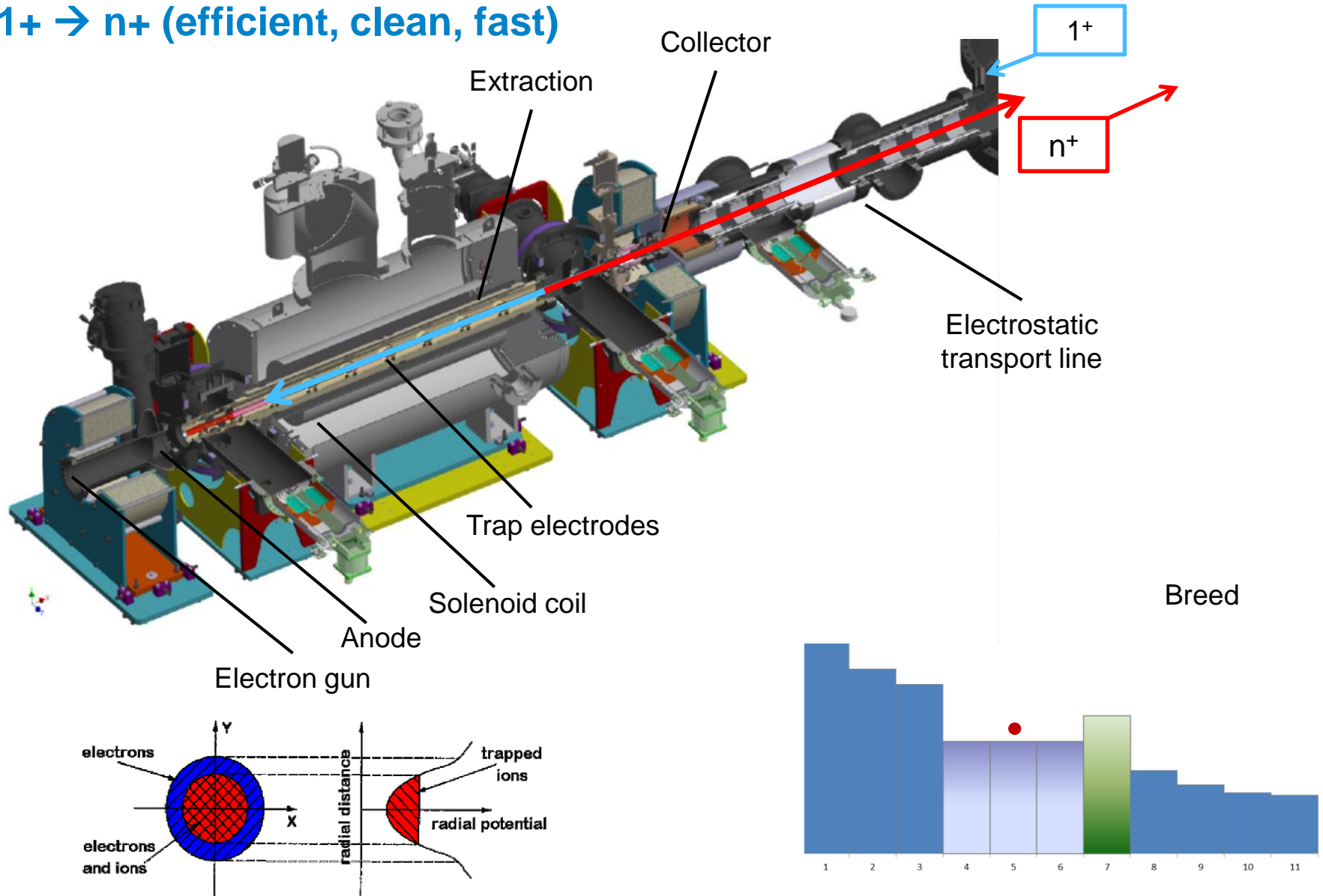
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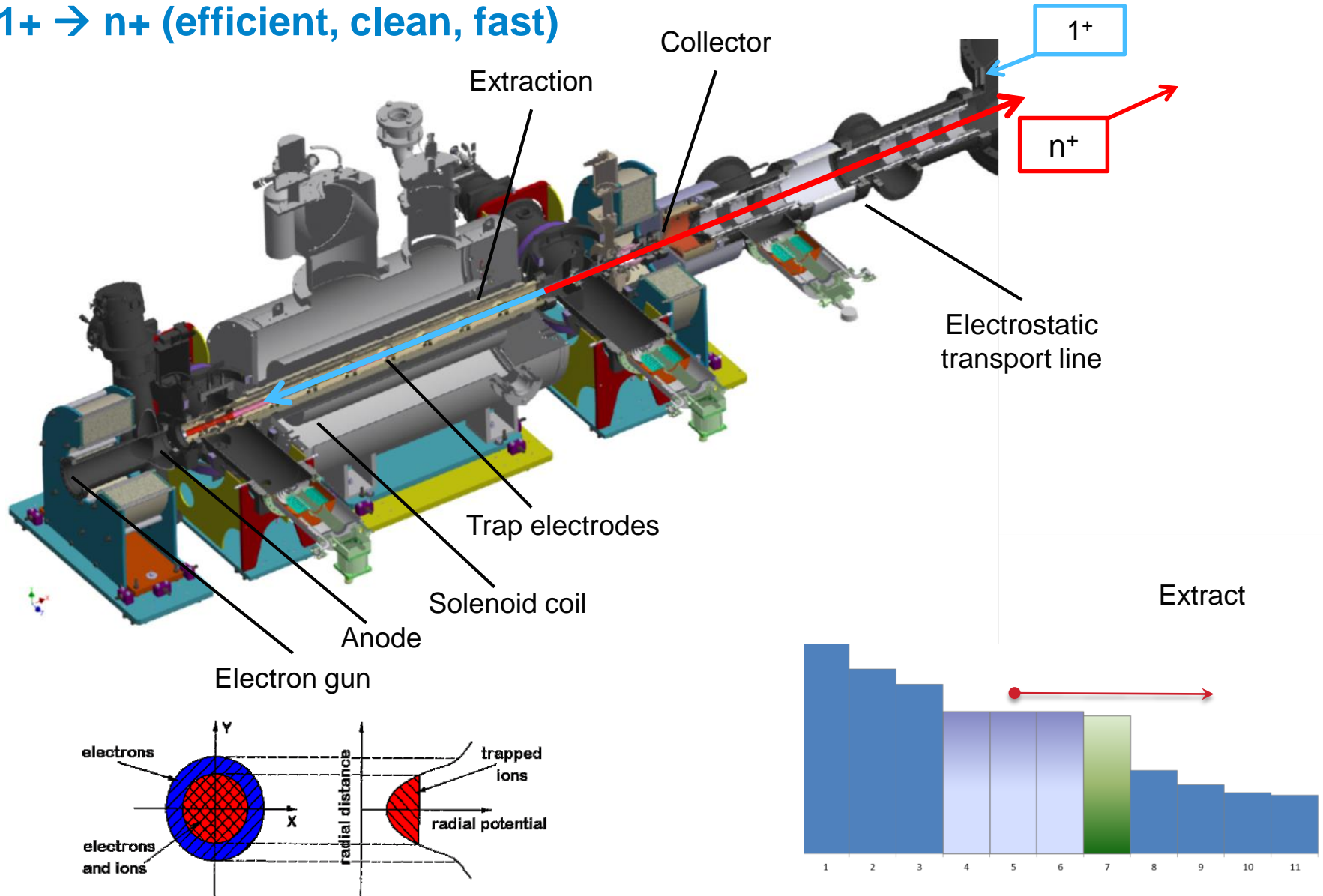
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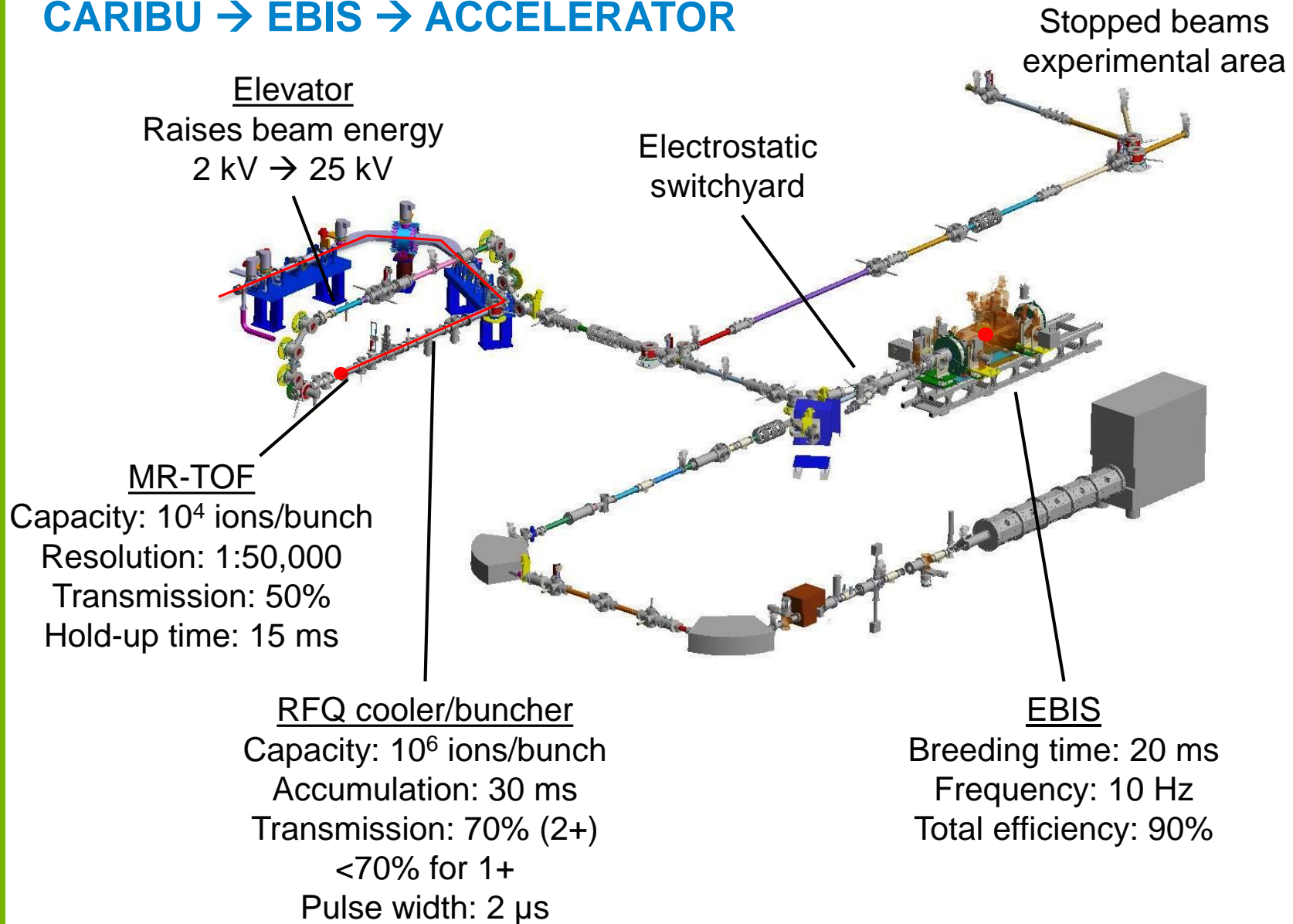
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# EBIS CHARGE BREEDING CYCLE

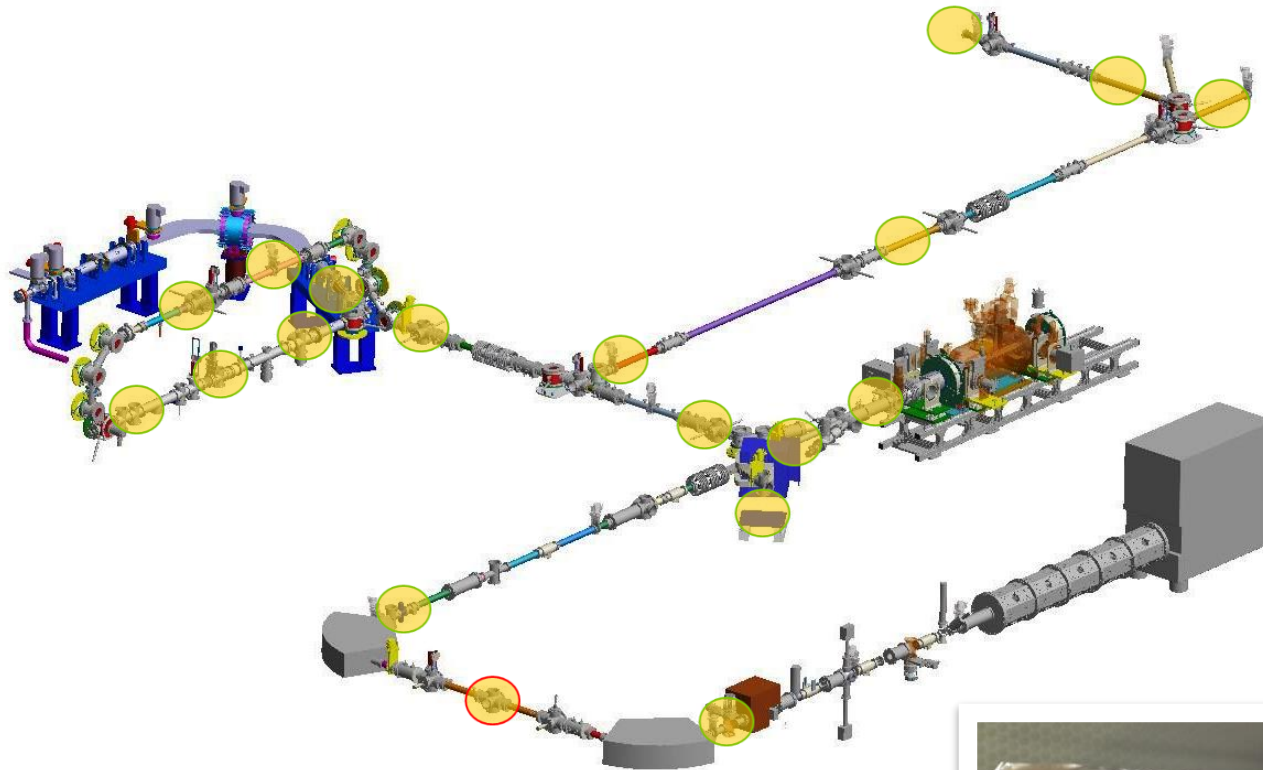
CARIBU → EBIS → ACCELERATOR



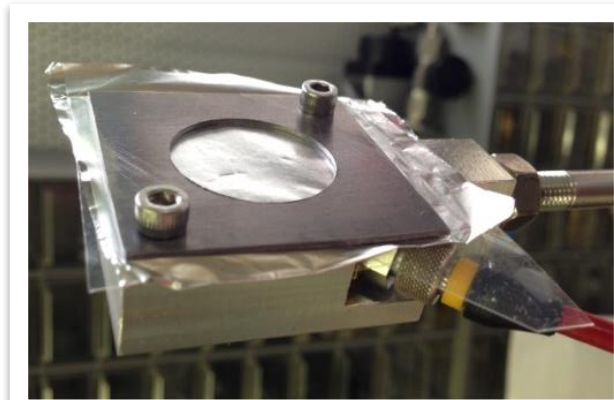


# EBIS CHARGE BREEDING CYCLE

## Beam detection

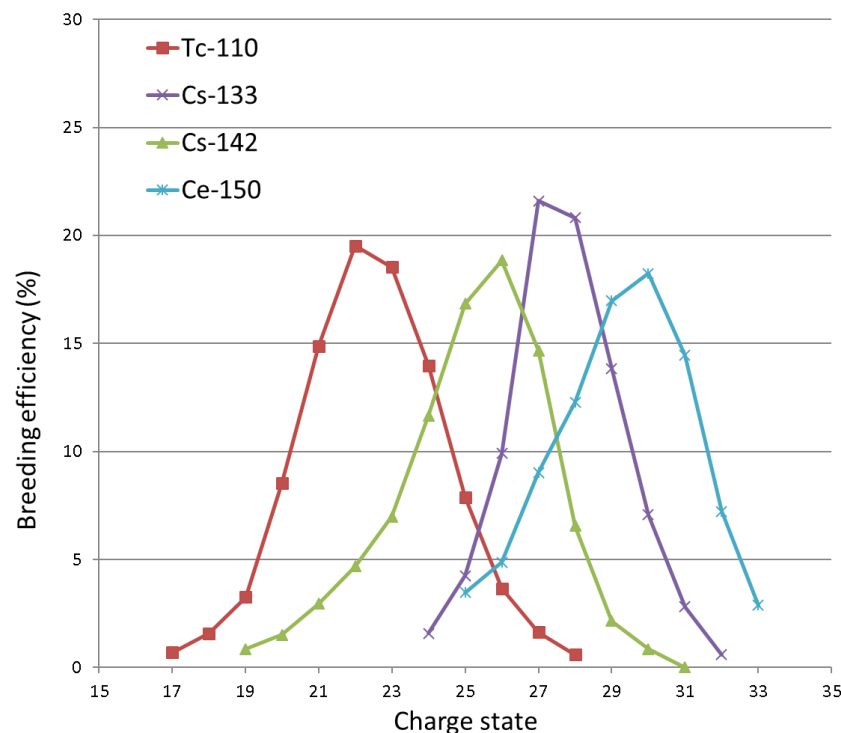
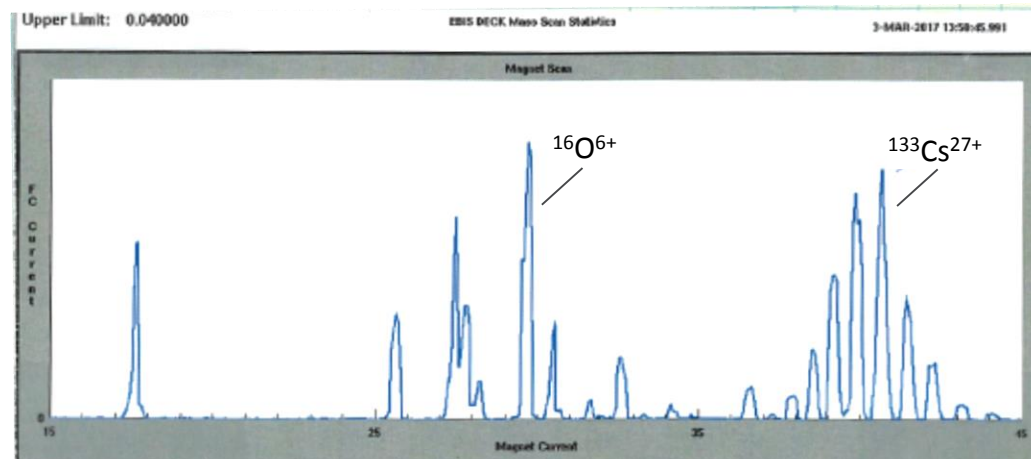


- RIB is detected via beta decay using silicon barrier detectors with aluminum cover foil
  - Identical assemblies for accurate transmission
  - Post-EBIS all locations have faraday cups as well
  - First magnetic analysis off of deck used as benchmark position for accelerator transmission



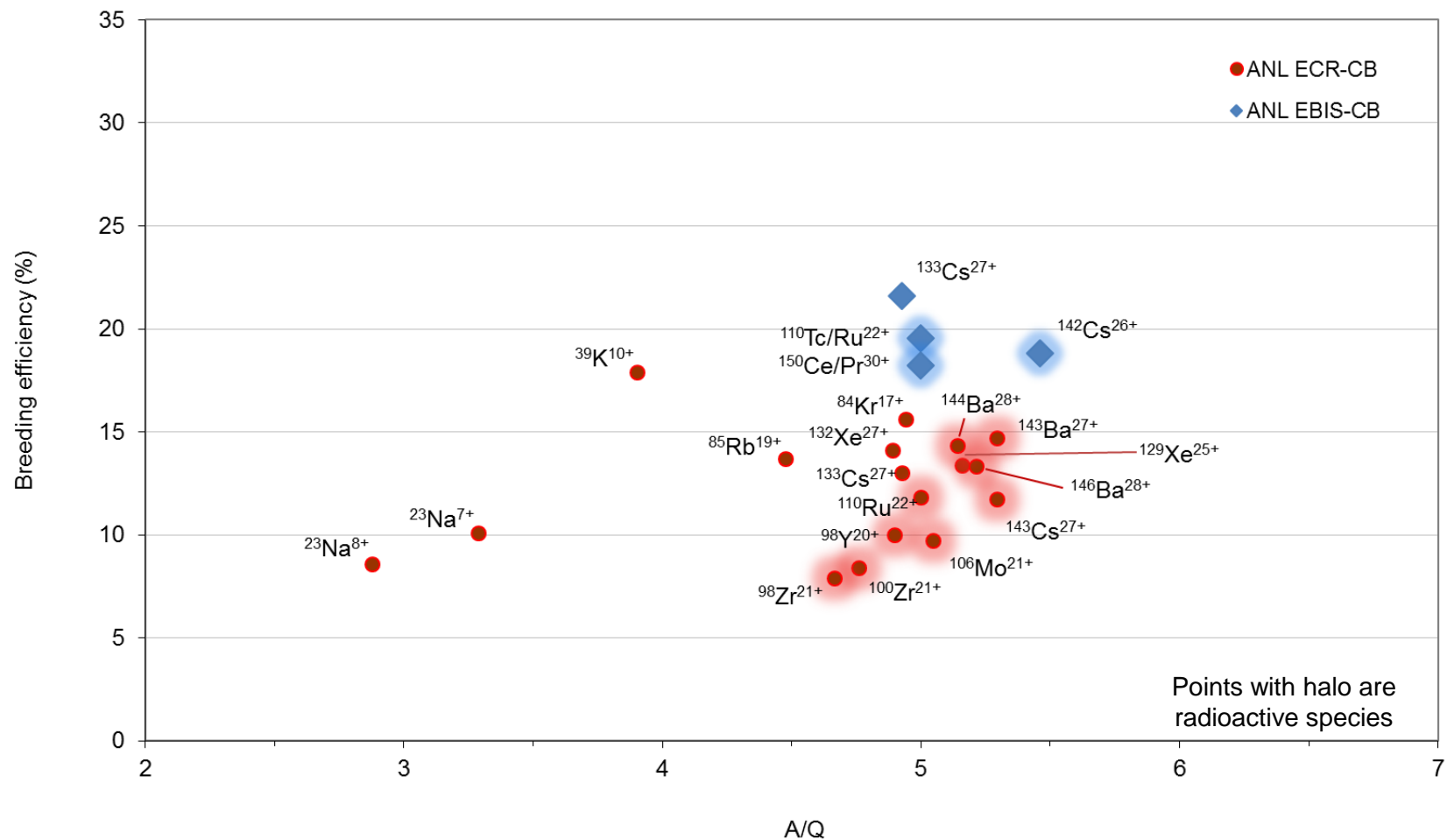
# EBIS CHARGE BREEDER PERFORMANCE

- Source performance benchmarked with Cs-133
  - Efficiency (EBIS only) for  $^{133}\text{Cs}^{27+}$ : 21.6%
  - Global efficiency: 95%
  - Rep rate: 10 Hz
  - Breeding time: 23 ms
  - Injected pulse ( $\text{Cs}^+$ ): 40  $\mu\text{s}$
  - Extracted pulse width: 1.0 ms
- Radioactive beams Tc-110, Cs-142, and Ce-150
  - Same settings as stable beam with adjustments to trap timing
  - Efficiency (EBIS only) for  $^{142}\text{Cs}^{26+}$ : 19%
  - Global efficiency: 89%
  - Rep rate: 10 Hz
  - Breeding time: 19 ms
  - Injected pulse: 10  $\mu\text{s}$
  - Extracted pulse width: 1.0 ms



# EBIS CHARGE BREEDER EFFICIENCY

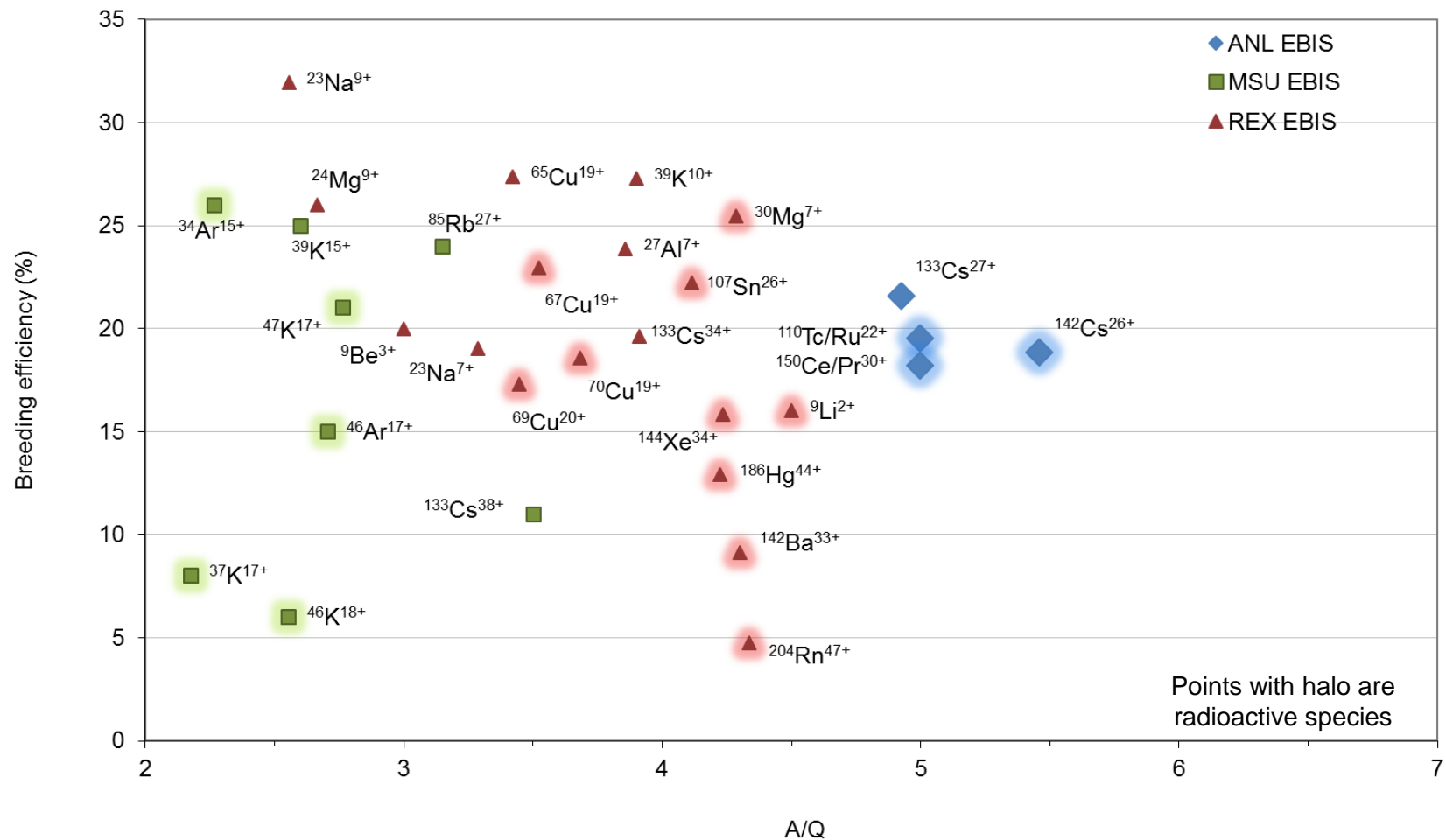
## Compared to ANL ECR charge breeder





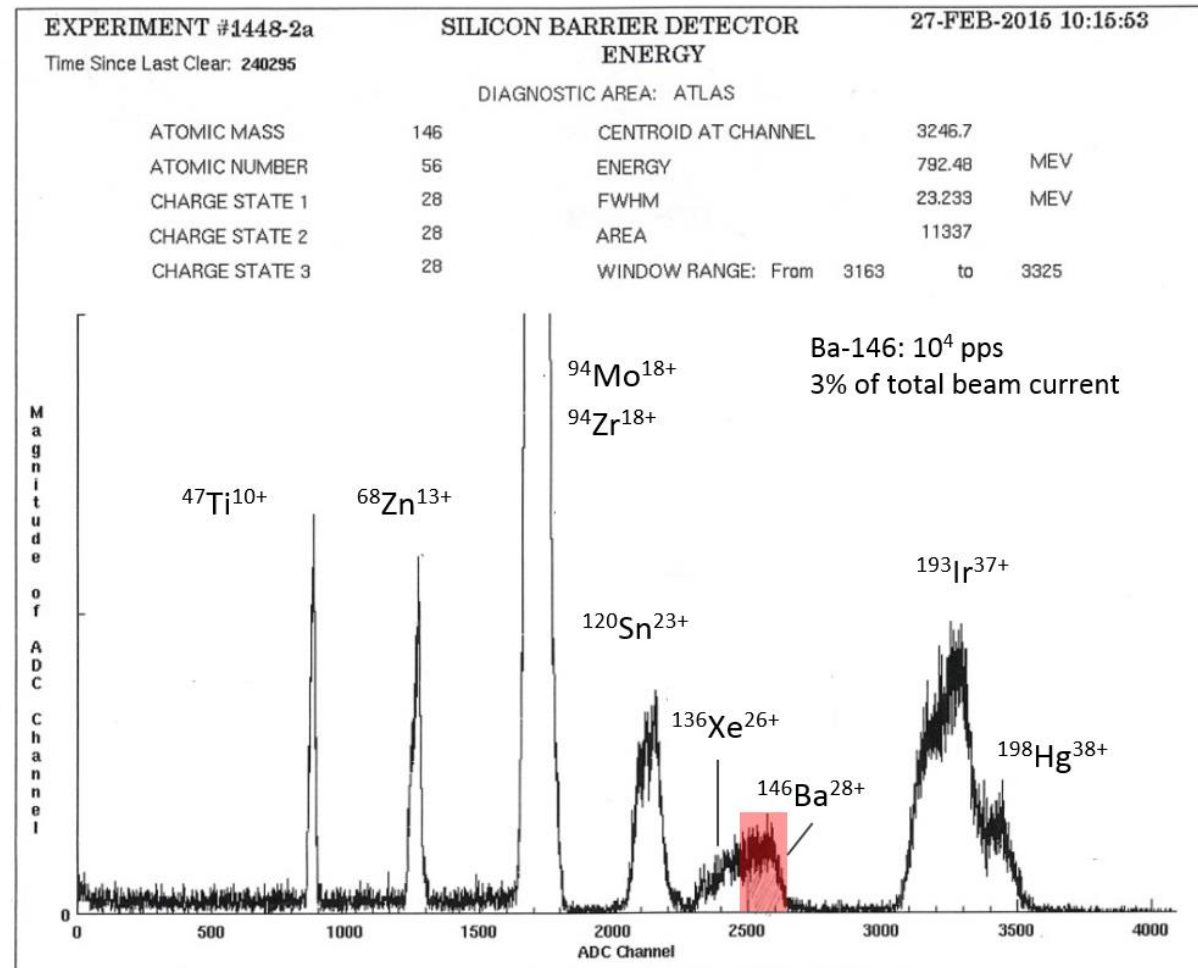
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## Compared to REX EBIS and MSU EBIS – EBIS ONLY



# BEAM CONTAMINATION

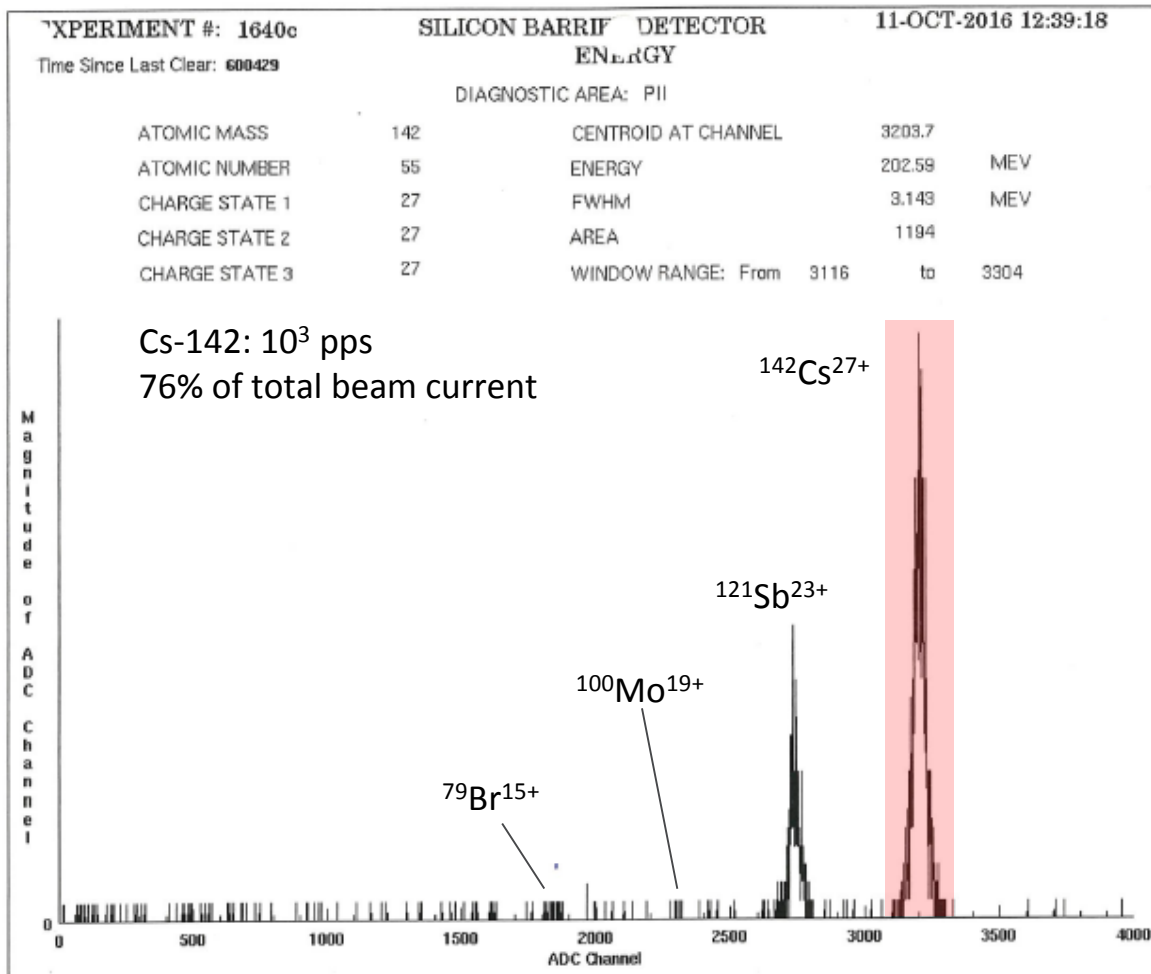
## ANL ECR vs. ANL EBIS



BEAM FROM ECR CHARGE BREEDER

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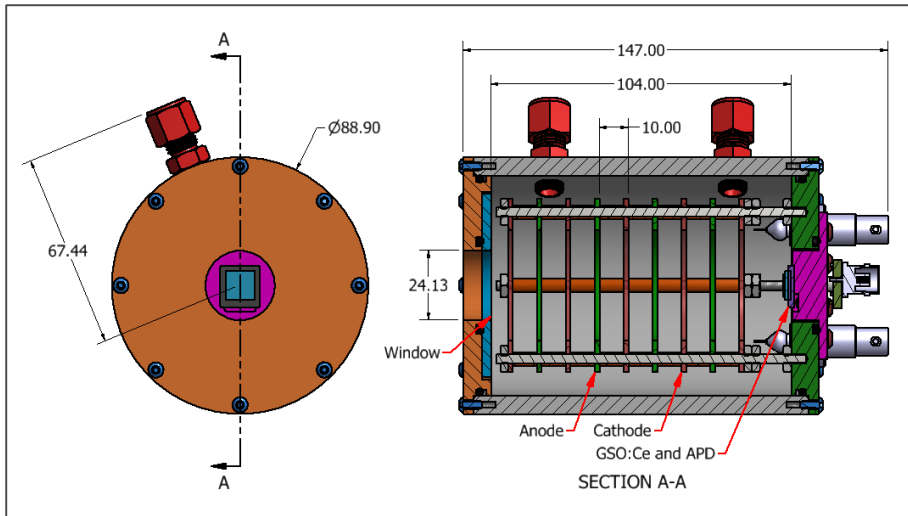
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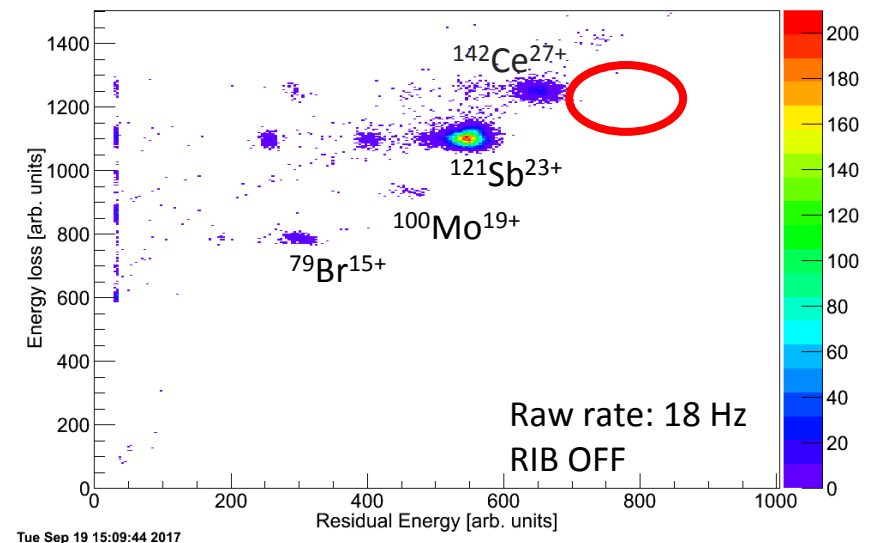
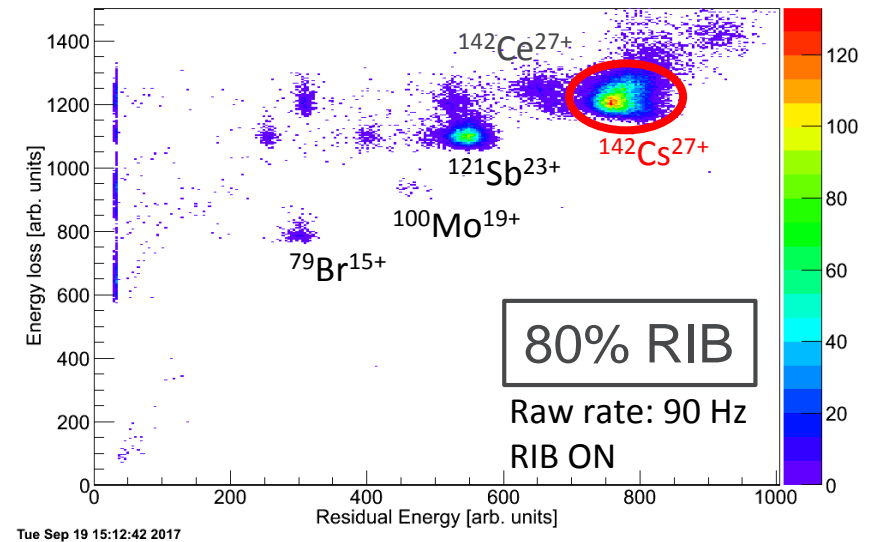
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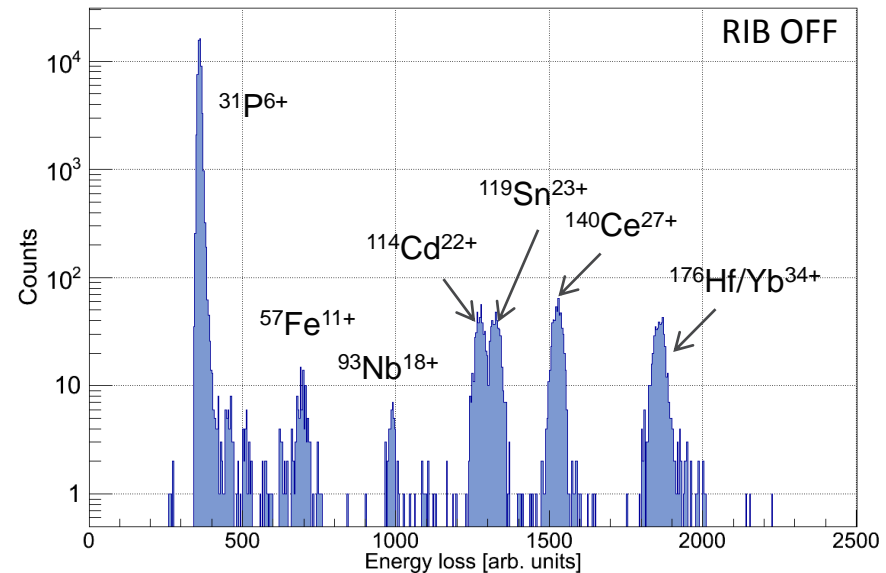
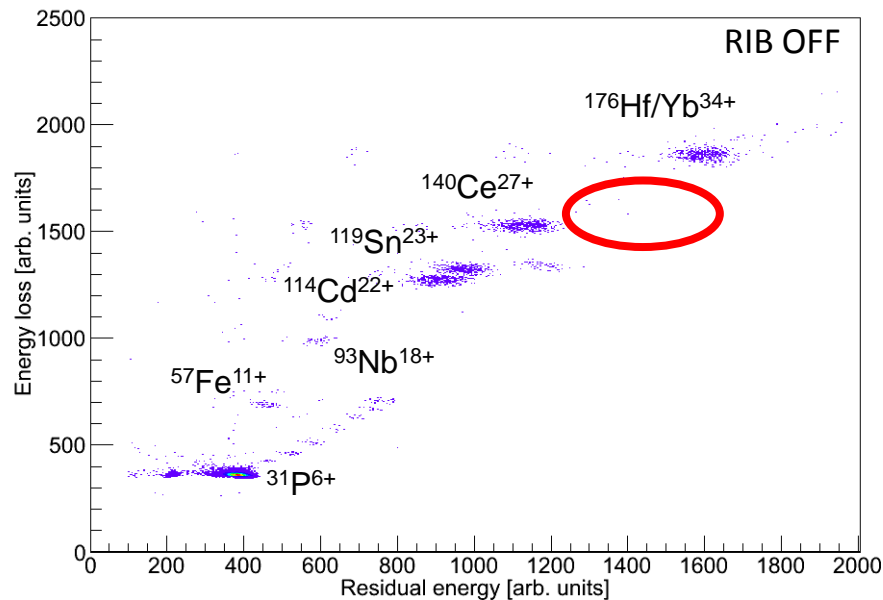
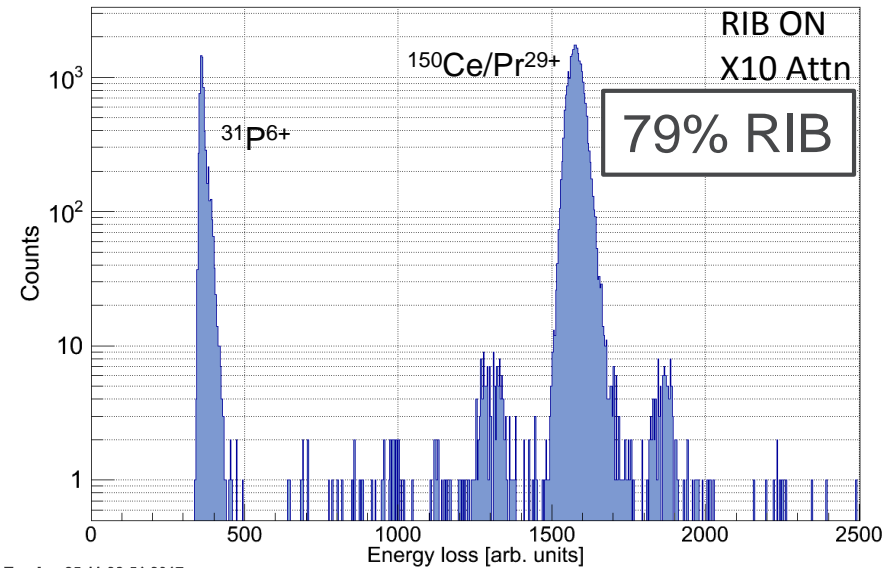
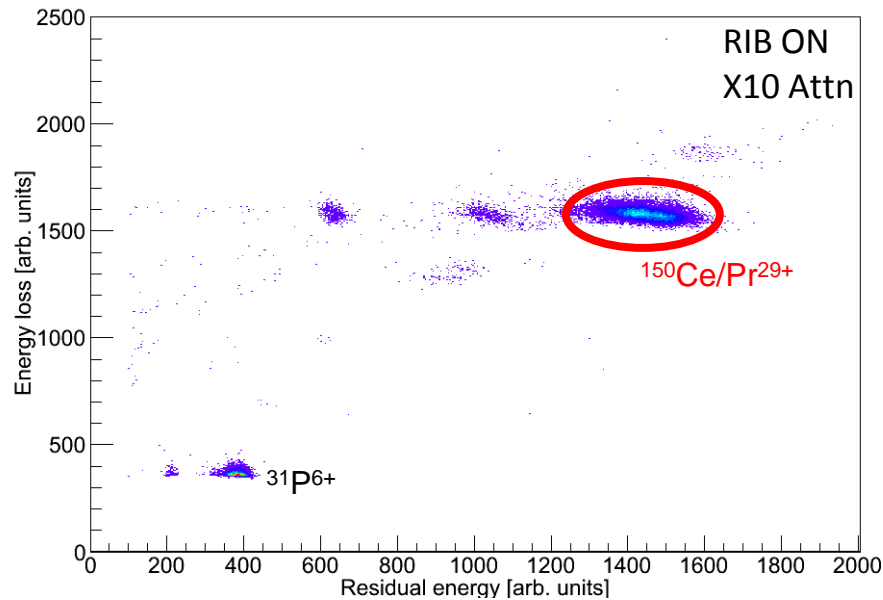
# RADIOACTIVE BEAM DETECTION



- Fast and compact gas ionization chamber
  - Direct measurements of CARIBU RIBs for tuning and identification
  - Avoids time lag inherent to beta decay detection method
  - Can be positioned at many places along accelerator
  - Prototype performance limited at rate of  $2 \times 10^4$  ions/sec

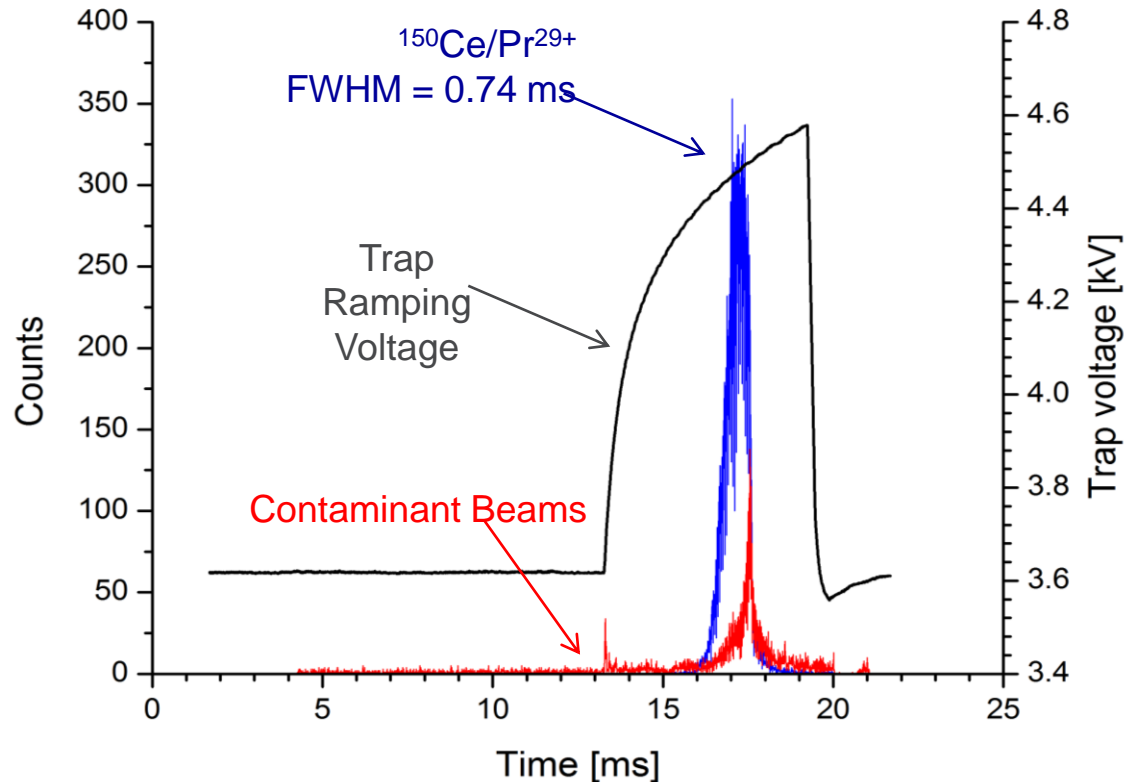


# EBIS BACKGROUND – MASS150



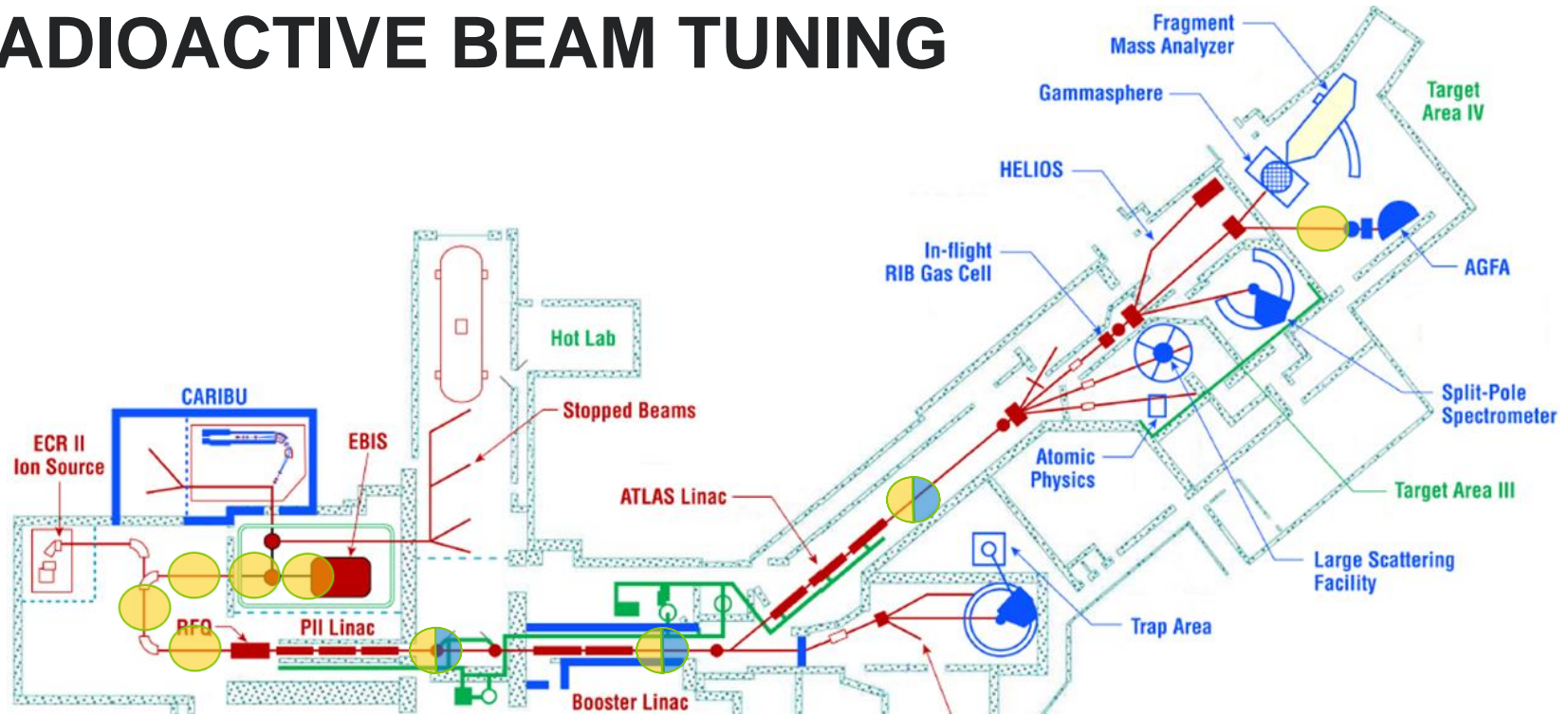
# EBIS PULSE TIMING

## Trap-over-barrier extraction



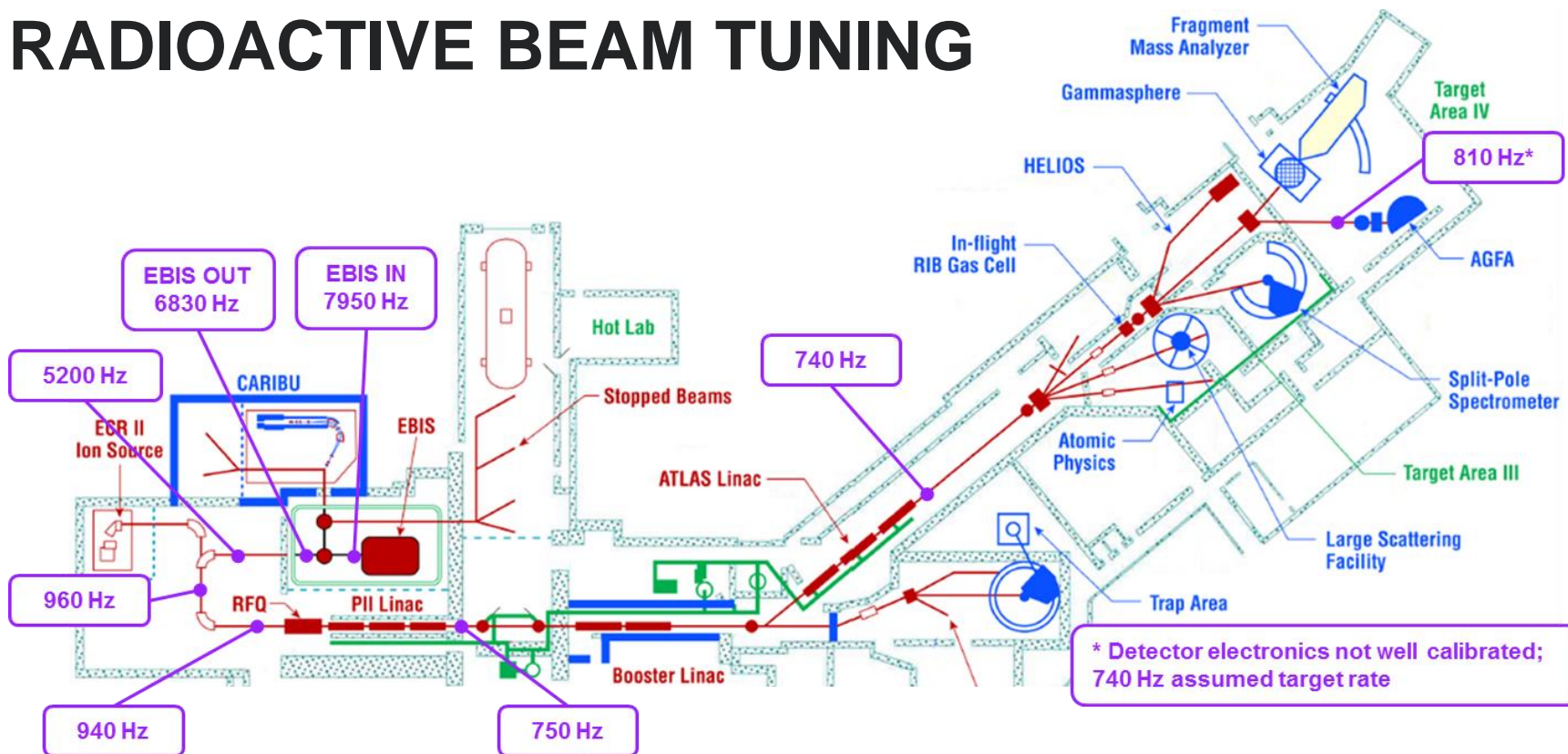
- Normal barrier only pulse is  $\sim 20 \mu\text{s}$
- Trap-over-barrier: three trap electrodes raised above barrier potential
- Pulses as long as 3 ms have been produced
- Reduces instantaneous rate onto target detectors

# RADIOACTIVE BEAM TUNING



- Tune machine with stable pilot beam of  $^{133}\text{Cs}^{26+}$
- Pilot beam measured on faraday cups
  - Typically 30-50 epA
- Stop  $\text{Cs}^+$  beam and inject low charge state RIB into EBIS
- Scale entire machine over to RIB of interest
- Beta rates measured with silicon barrier detectors with aluminum cover foils

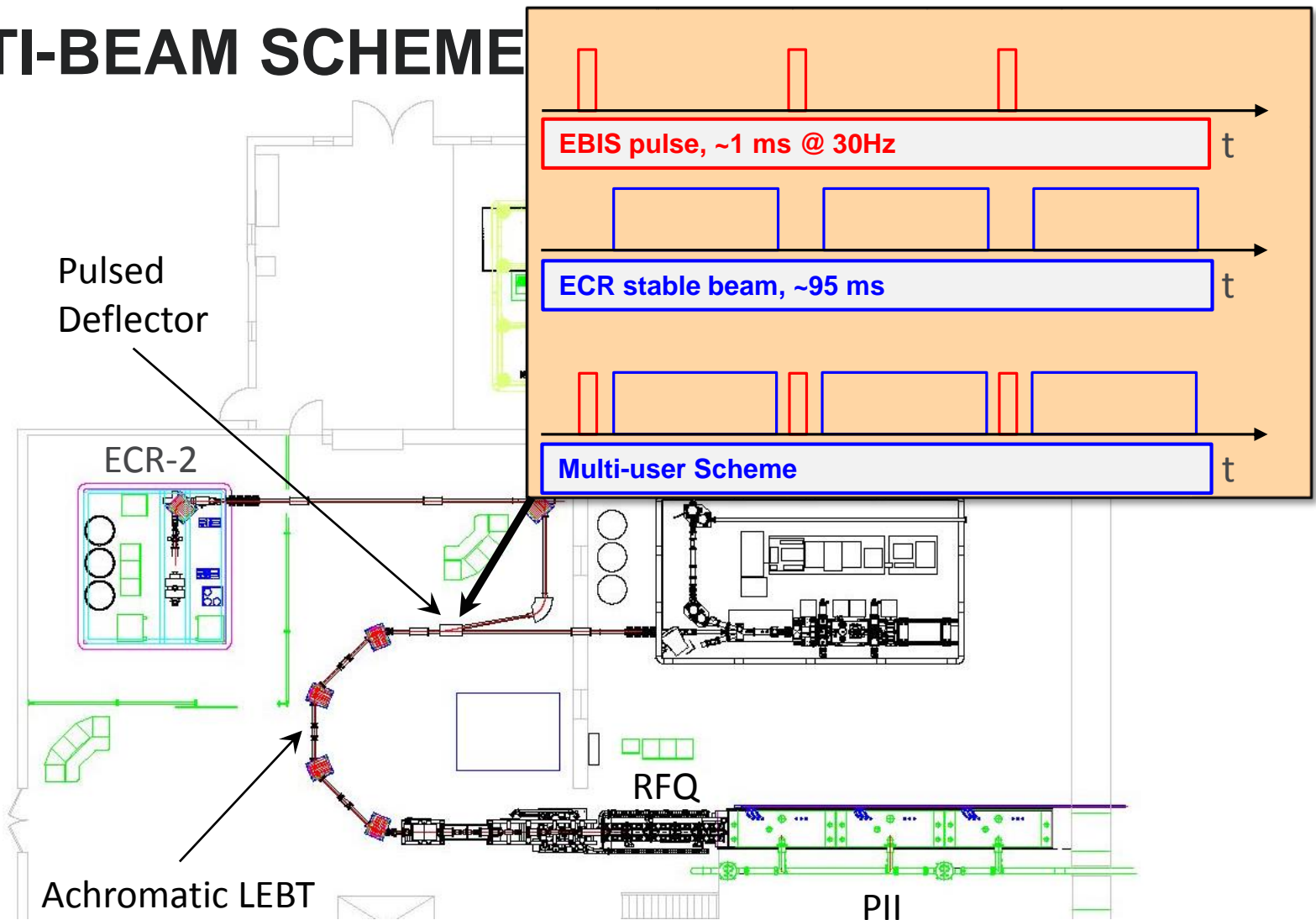
# RADIOACTIVE BEAM TUNING



- Stable pilot beam of  $^{133}\text{Cs}^{26+}$  with transmission of 73%
- Transmission with  $^{150}\text{Ce}/\text{Pr}^{29+}$  was 77%
- EBIS IN-to-target efficiency:  $740/7950 = 9.3\%$
- Absolute rate on target  $\sim 3000$  Hz (detector efficiency  $\sim 25\%$ )
  - Cf-252 source is several years old
  - Is also very thick and self-shields
  - New source is being fabricated



# MULTI-BEAM SCHEME



- The simultaneous acceleration of two beam species
  - One stable from the ECR and one radioactive from CARIBU-EBIS
  - $A/q$  required to be within 1% of each other

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