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## Long pulse divertor biasing on NSTX-U

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## NSTX-U has unique opportunity to test long pulse divertor biasing as a tool for addressing ST physics/concerns

- Hard part is done: inner/outer VV is electrically isolated
  - Need new or repurposed long pulse power supply
  - 100s of volts, 10s of amps, ~0.5s (~ kJ stored energy)
- Follows rich history of experiments on large-A tokamaks
  - Positive effects, but not game changing
  - But ST has unique physics/challenges



Fig. 11. Plasma potential measured at the outboard midplane by Langmuir probes on TdeV showing profiles obtained when the outboard divertor target plates are biased for three voltages, +150, 0, -150. From Ref. [9].

J.L. Lachambre et al. CFPP 1993 v.2, p.639

- Various biasing schemes possible
  - LSN, low- $\delta$ : differential SOL bias
  - LSN, high- $\delta$ : unipolar bias of plasma
  - DN, low- $\delta$ : differential in-out SOL bias



## Potential applications of a biased divertor

- Increase divertor pressure independent of core fueling
  - Divertor detachment control
  - Impurity mitigation
- Heat and particle flux profile control
- Contribute to SOL physics
  - In/out asymmetries especially interesting in ST
  - SOL current and sheath properties (I-V characteristic)
- Modify edge E<sub>r</sub>
  - Edge rotation control
  - L-H transition: either help or hinder (for I-mode access)
  - ELM control: mitigate or trigger
- Helicity injection
  - Non-inductive current drive