

# Electrodes for SOL Control (XP #806)

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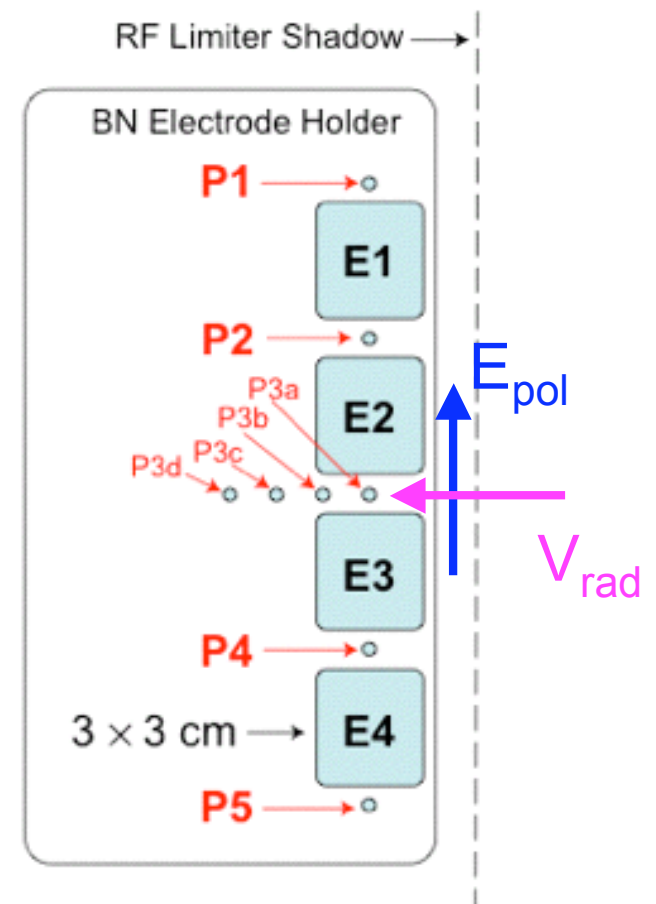
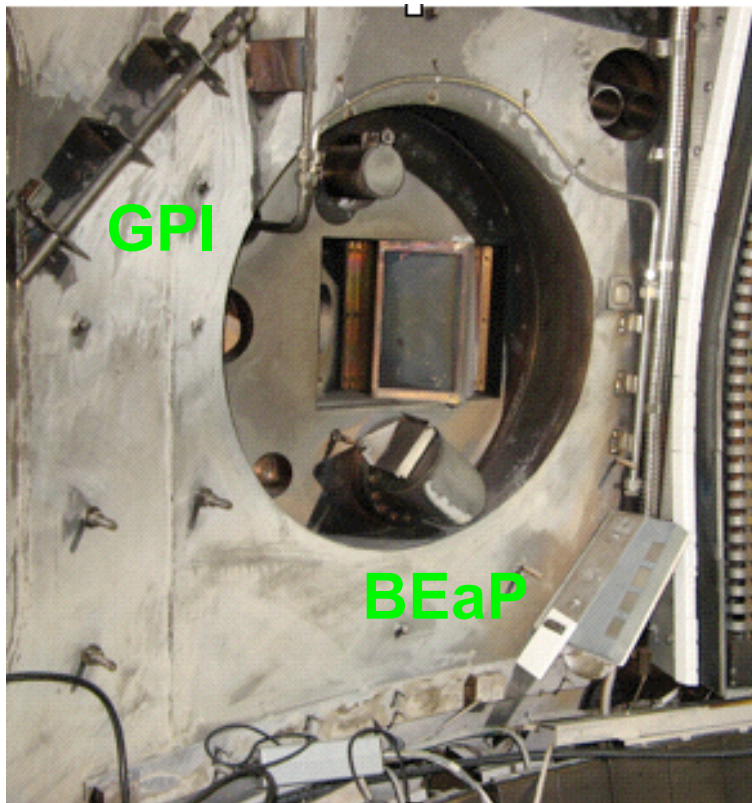
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## Goals:

- Broaden SOL with local  $V_{\text{rad}} = E_{\text{pol}} \times B$  made using biased electrodes (based on idea from LLNL)
- Understand penetration of electric fields  $\parallel$  and  $\perp$  B

Result: SOL broadened in L-mode, H-mode, Ohmic & RF

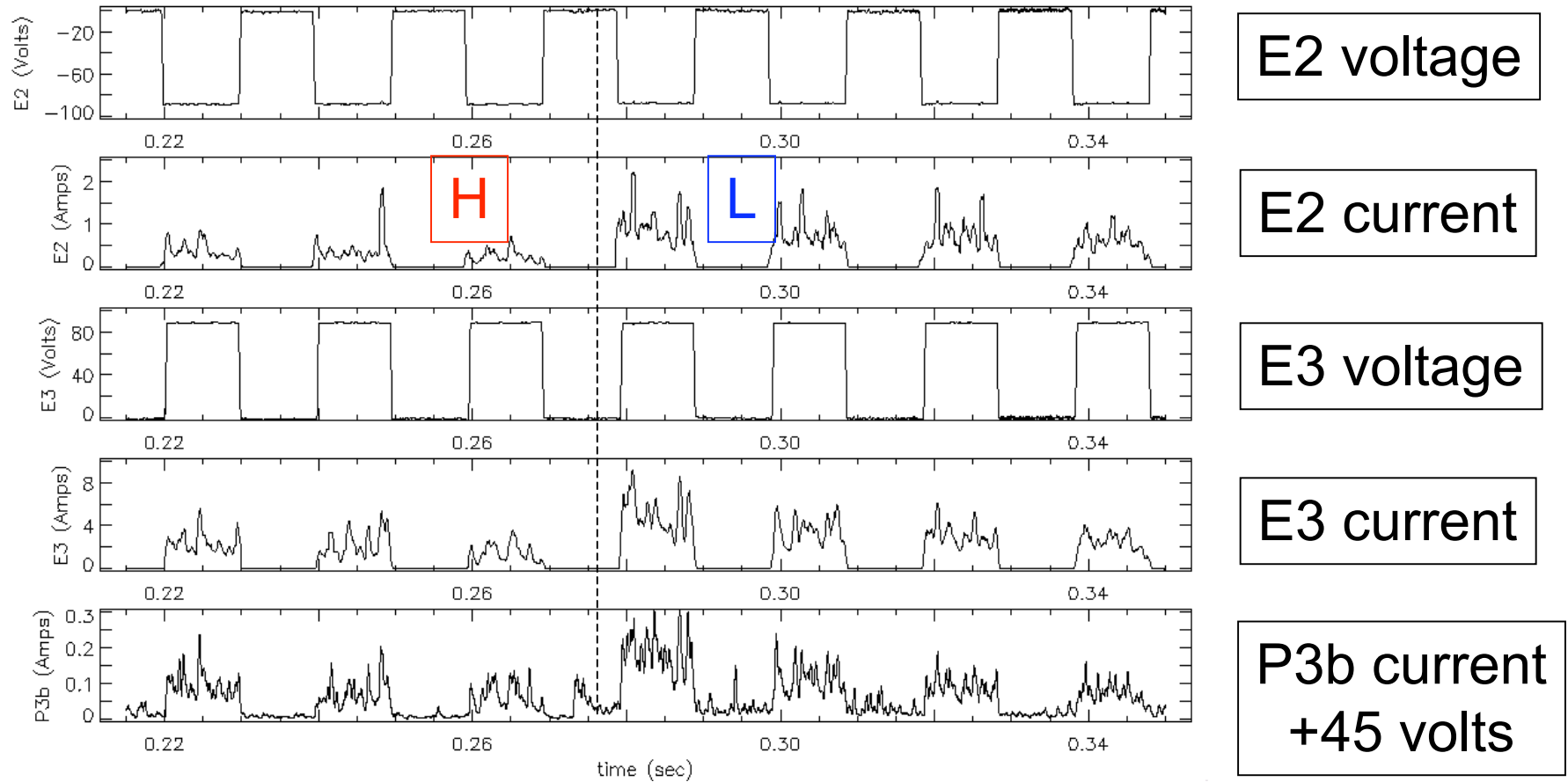
# Electrode Hardware and Location



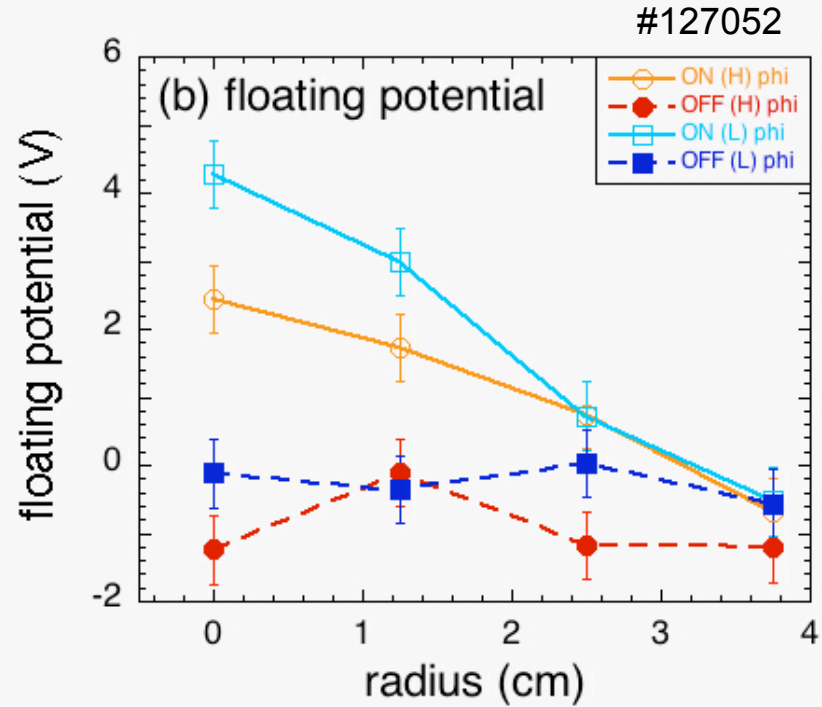
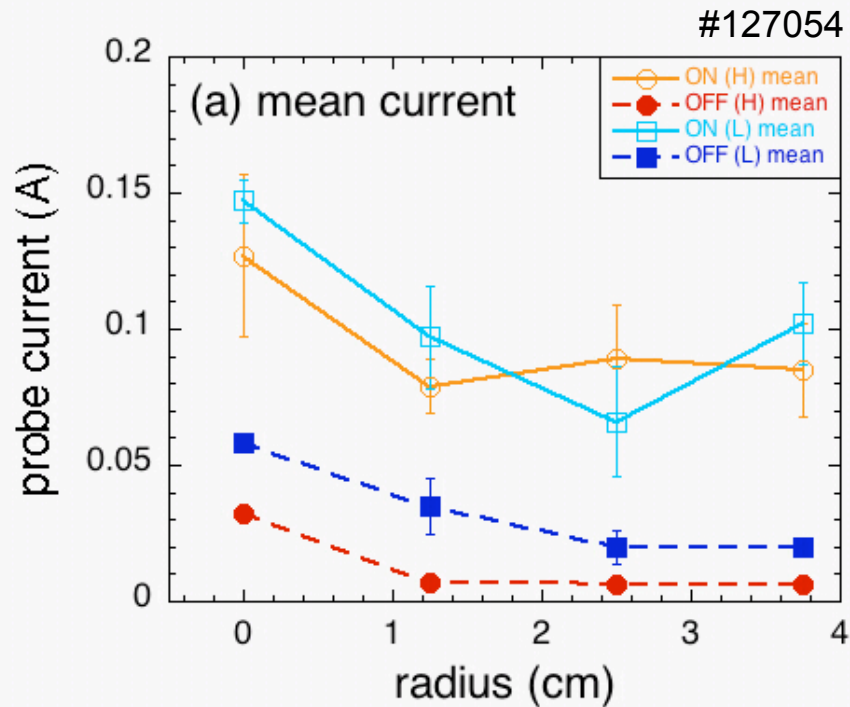
- E2 and E3 were  $\pm 90$  volts for this experiment

# Signals from Electrodes and Probes

$I = 0.8 \text{ MA}$ ,  $B = 4.5 \text{ kG}$ ,  $P = 2 \text{ MW NBI}$  (#127054)

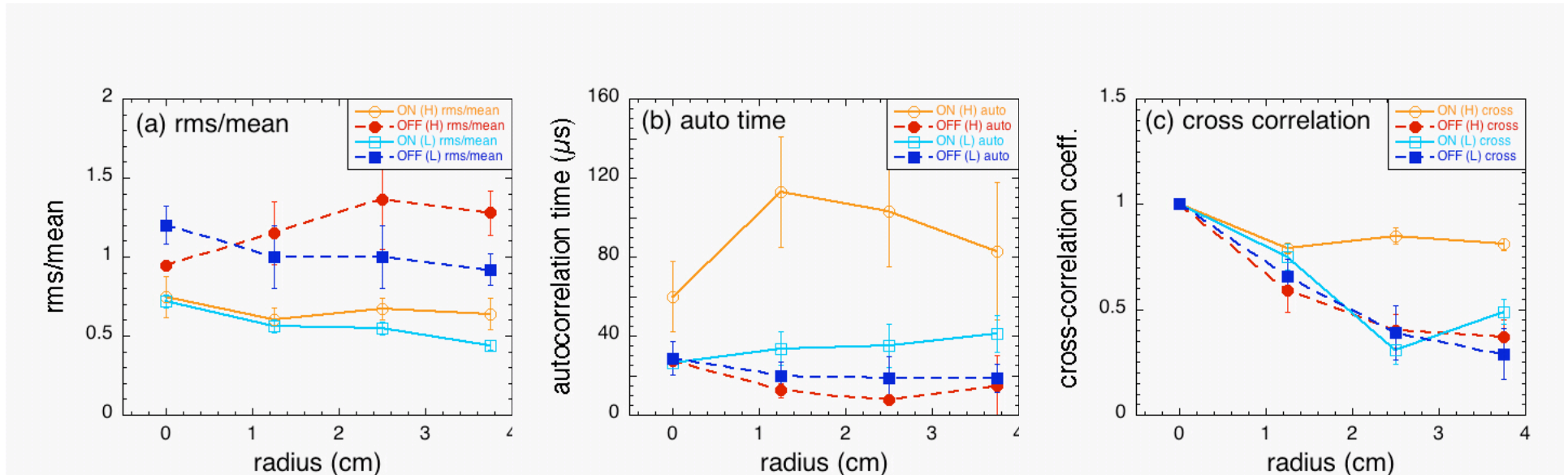


# Example of Radial Profiles Effects



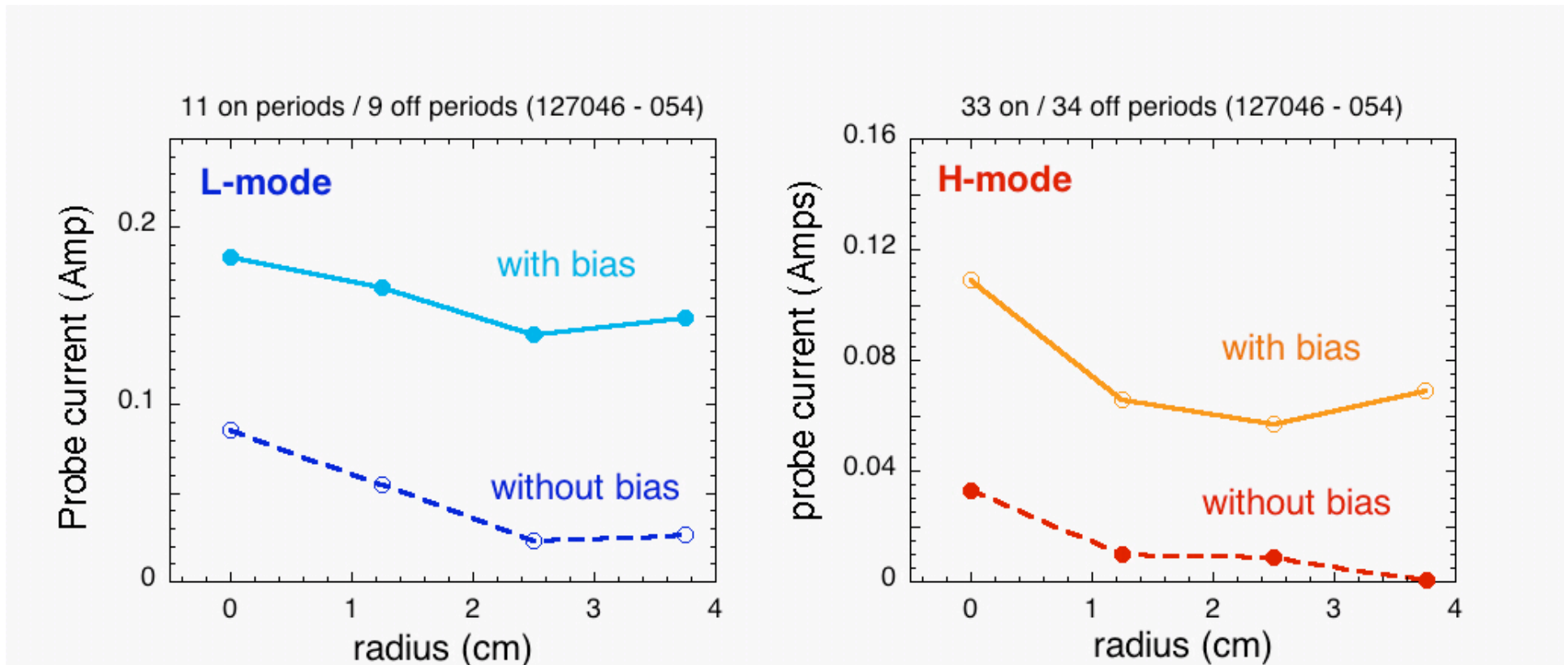
- Probe e-sat currents increase x 3-10 with electrode bias
- Probe potentials increase by + 4-5 volts near electrode

# Turbulence Effects of Biasing



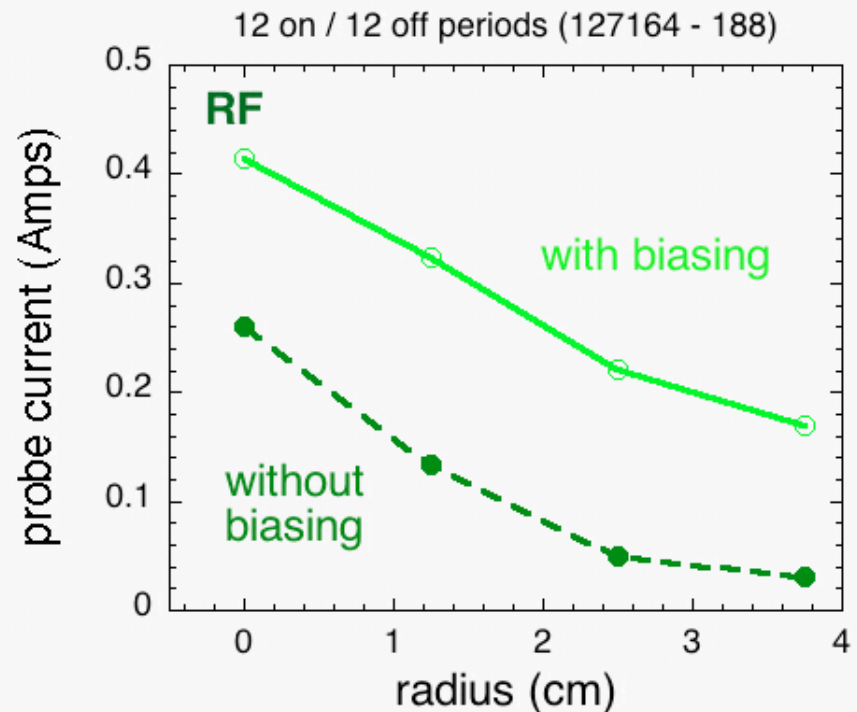
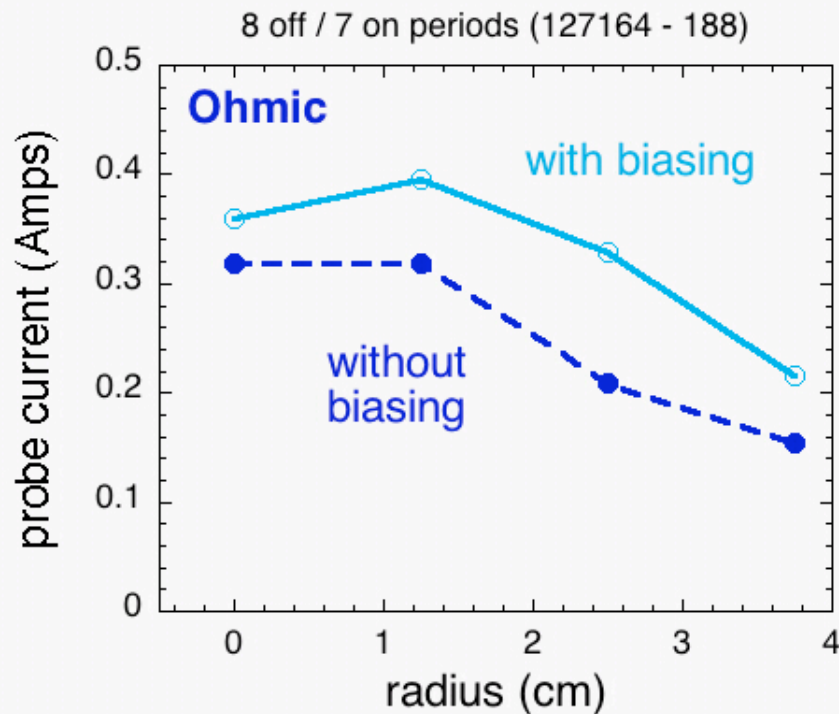
- Fluctuation level reduced somewhat with biasing (to  $\sim 0.5$ )
- Correlation times and lengths  $\sim$  unchanged by biasing, except due to small ELMs in H-mode biased case

# Average Over 4 Shots from XP #806



- Consistent increase in SOL density with biasing

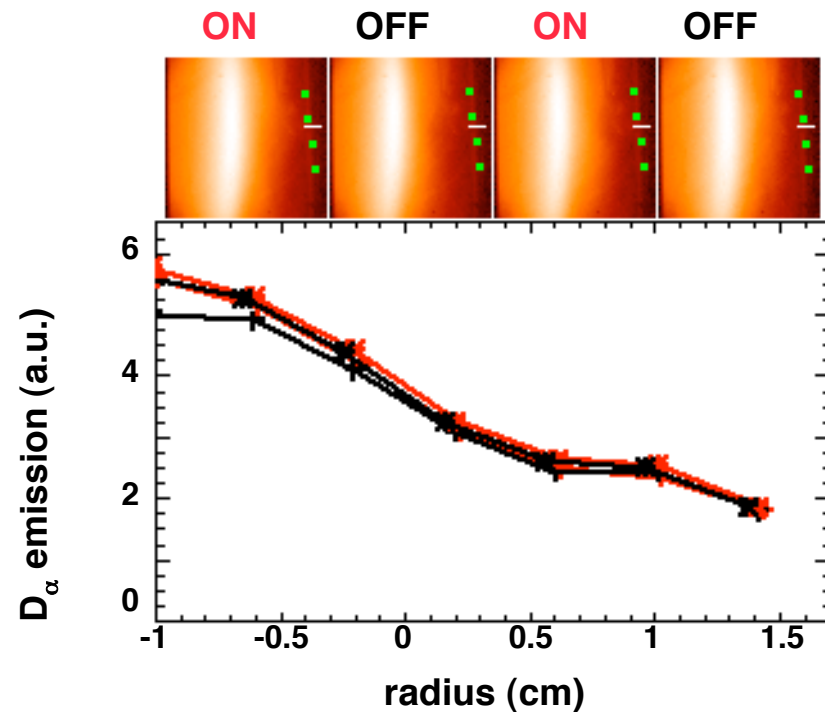
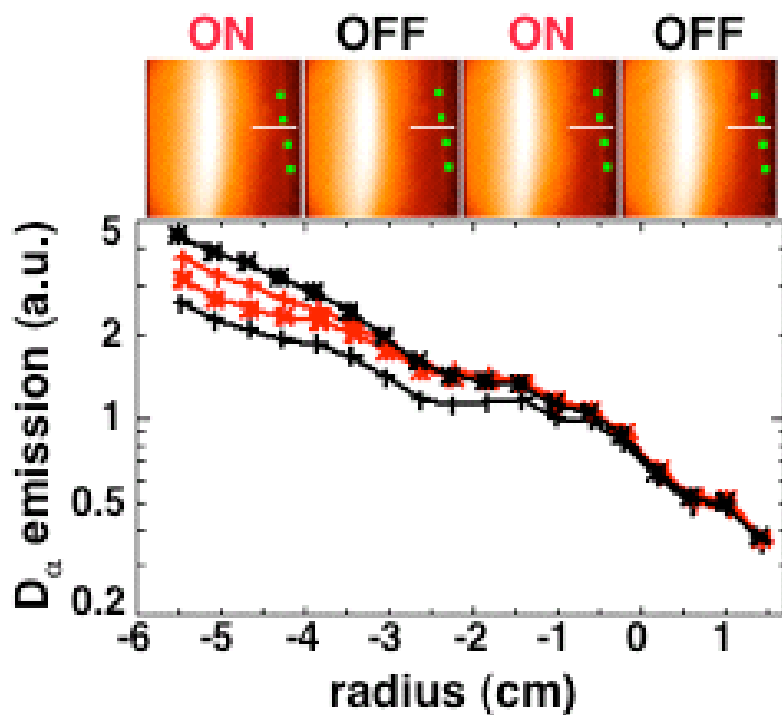
# Average Over 4 Ohmic and RF Shots



- Less increase with biasing in Ohmic (but only  $\pm 50$  volts)
- Interpretation of probe data with RF maybe an issue

# Radial Profiles of $D_\alpha$ from GPI

- no significant change in  $D_\alpha$  profiles  $\sim 1$  meter along B
- apparently profile changes do not get this far along B





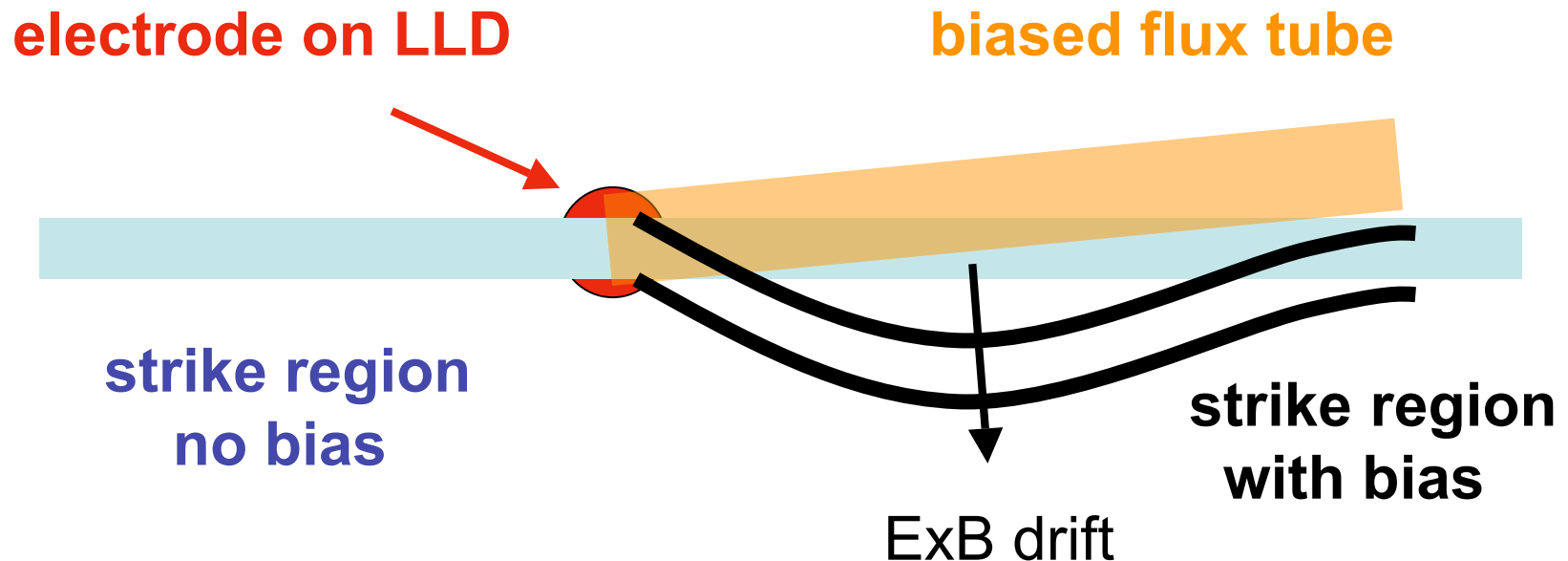
# Summary and Plans

- SOL broadened with biasing in L- and H-mode, OH and RF
- Electric field penetrates  $\leq 1$  m along B and a few cm  $\perp$  B
- Caveats:
  - so far only done in far-SOL (shadow of RF antenna)
  - so far requires currents near electron saturation
- Plans:
  - try 'floating double probe' bias to reduce current
  - maybe try electrodes in diagnostic segment of LLD

# Biased Electrode(s) for LLD

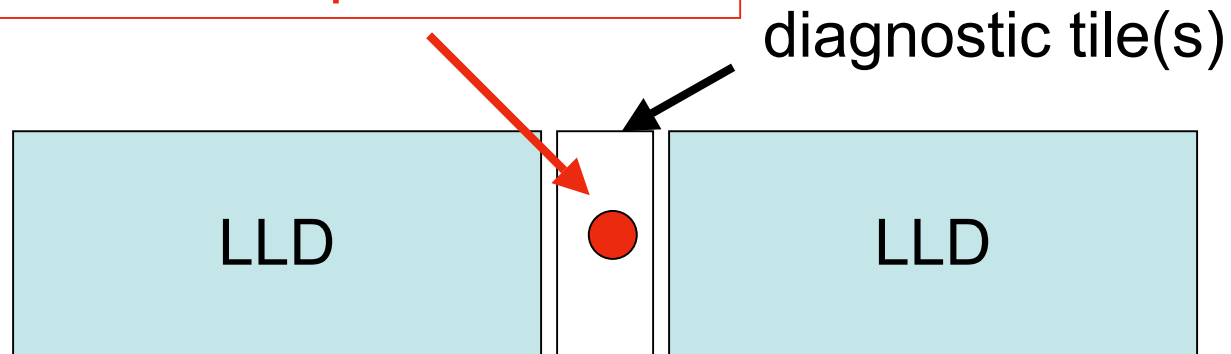
Goals:

- Measure motion of divertor strike region with electrode bias
- Understand physics of electric field propagation  $\parallel$  and  $\perp$  B



# LLD Electrode Design Options

Single Electrode ~ 3 cm diameter  
 $\pm 100$  volts, ~ 30 Amp max current



Two electrode option

