

STUDY OF CURRENT SPIKE IN ASDEX UPGRADE WITH SIMULATIONS

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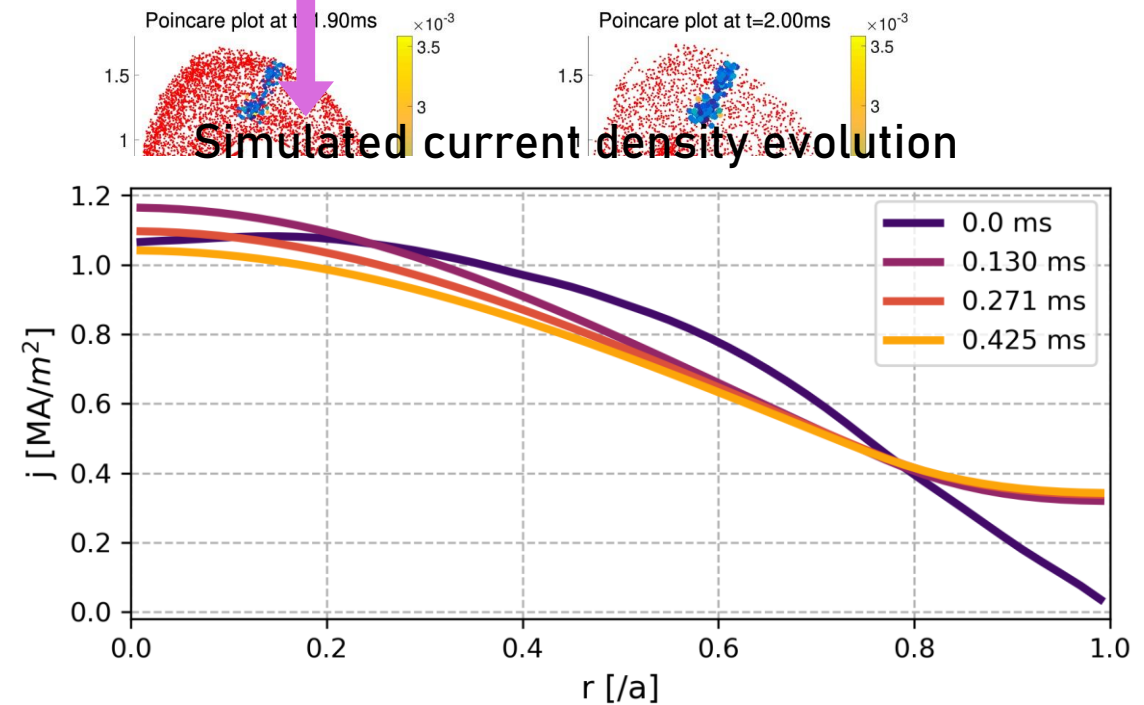
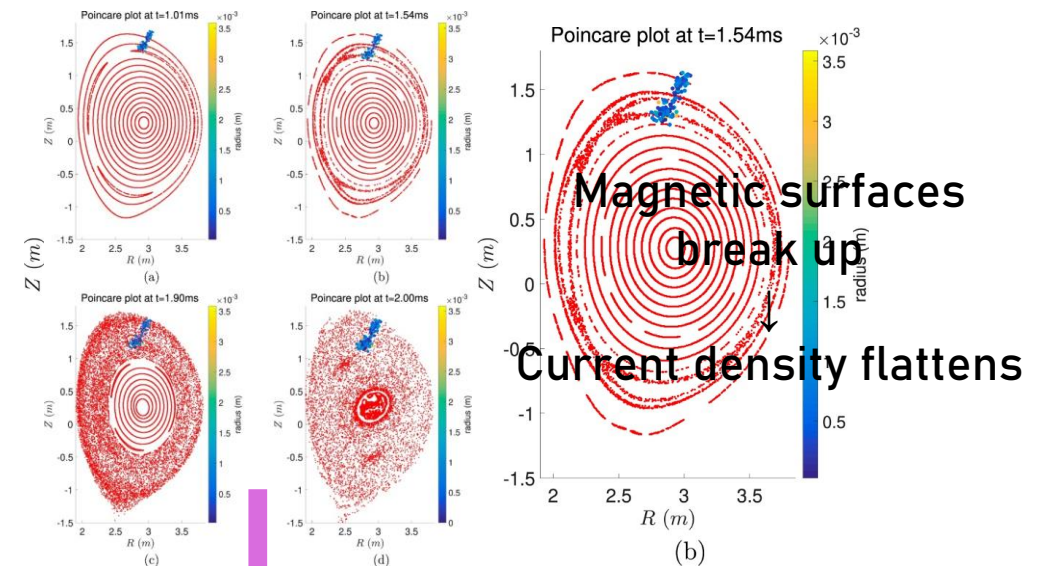
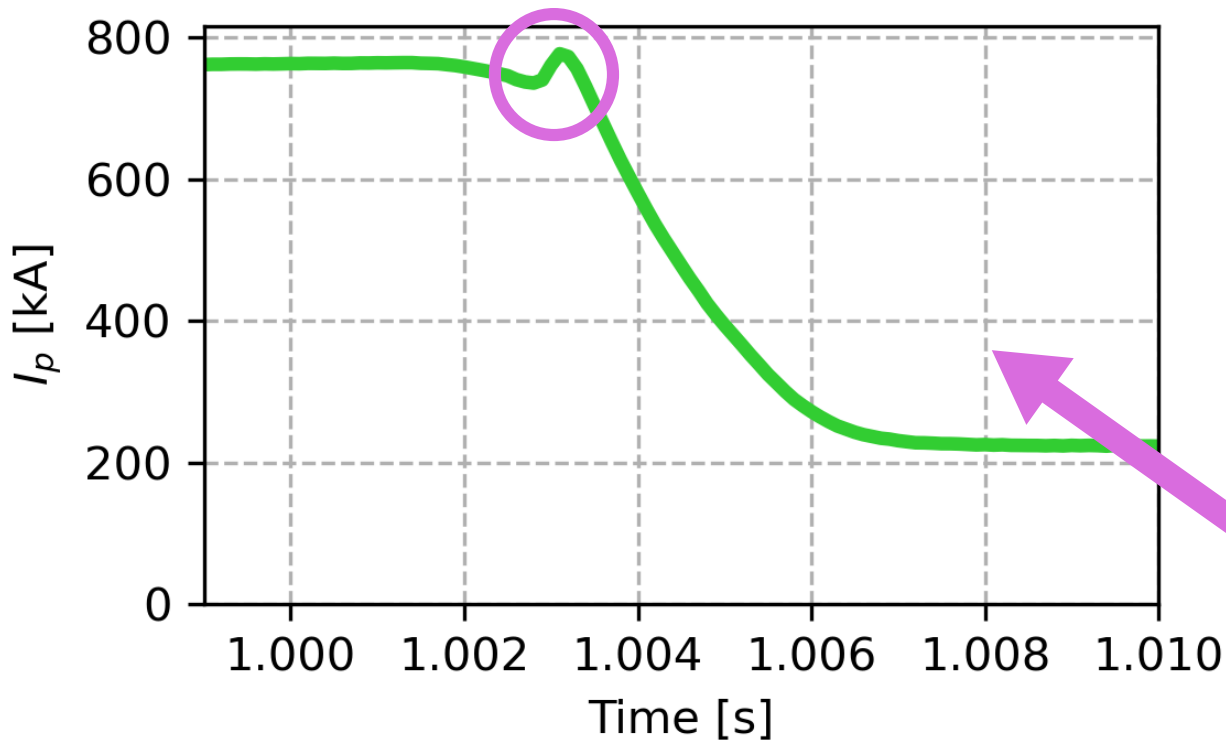
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CURRENT SPIKE

#33108 ASDEX Upgrade



[Pusztai, JPP 2022]

[Boozer, Nucl. Fus. 2018]

[Nardon, Plasma Phys. Control. 2021]

CURRENT SPIKE

Current density rearrangement
Complicated 3D process:

JOREK
simulations

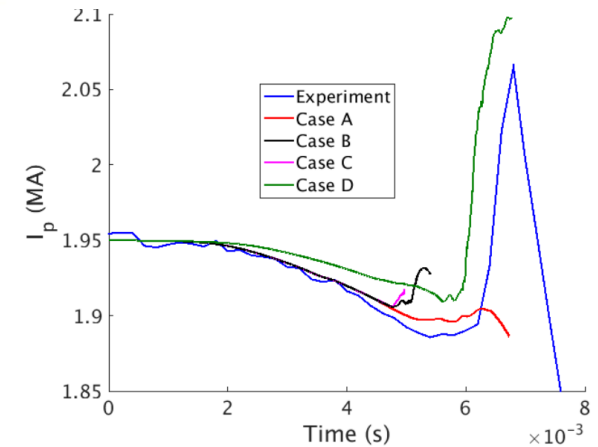
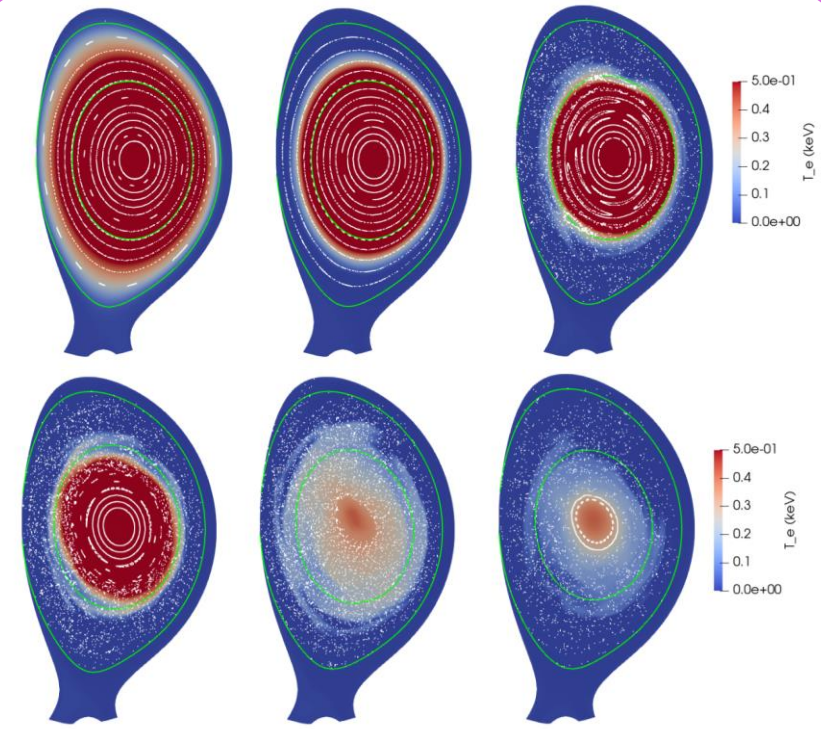
Mean-field
approximation
[Boozer, JPP 1986]

1D Radial transport

$$\frac{\partial L(\psi_t)I(\psi_t)}{\partial t} = 2\psi_t \left(\mathcal{R} \frac{\partial I(\psi_t, t)}{\partial \psi_t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_t} \psi_t \Lambda \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \psi_t^2} \right)$$

4th order spatial derivative.
Hyper-diffusion coefficient: $\Lambda(r, t)$.

[Pusztai, JPP 2022]
[Boozer, Nucl. Fus. 2018]



[Nardon, Nucl. Fusion 2023]

GOAL

- Build self-consistent model required to reconstruct the current spike at the beginning of disruptions.
- Constrain free parameters appearing in the model, through optimization.
- Refine the evolution of plasma parameters that are relevant for the runaway electron model.

INITIAL MODEL

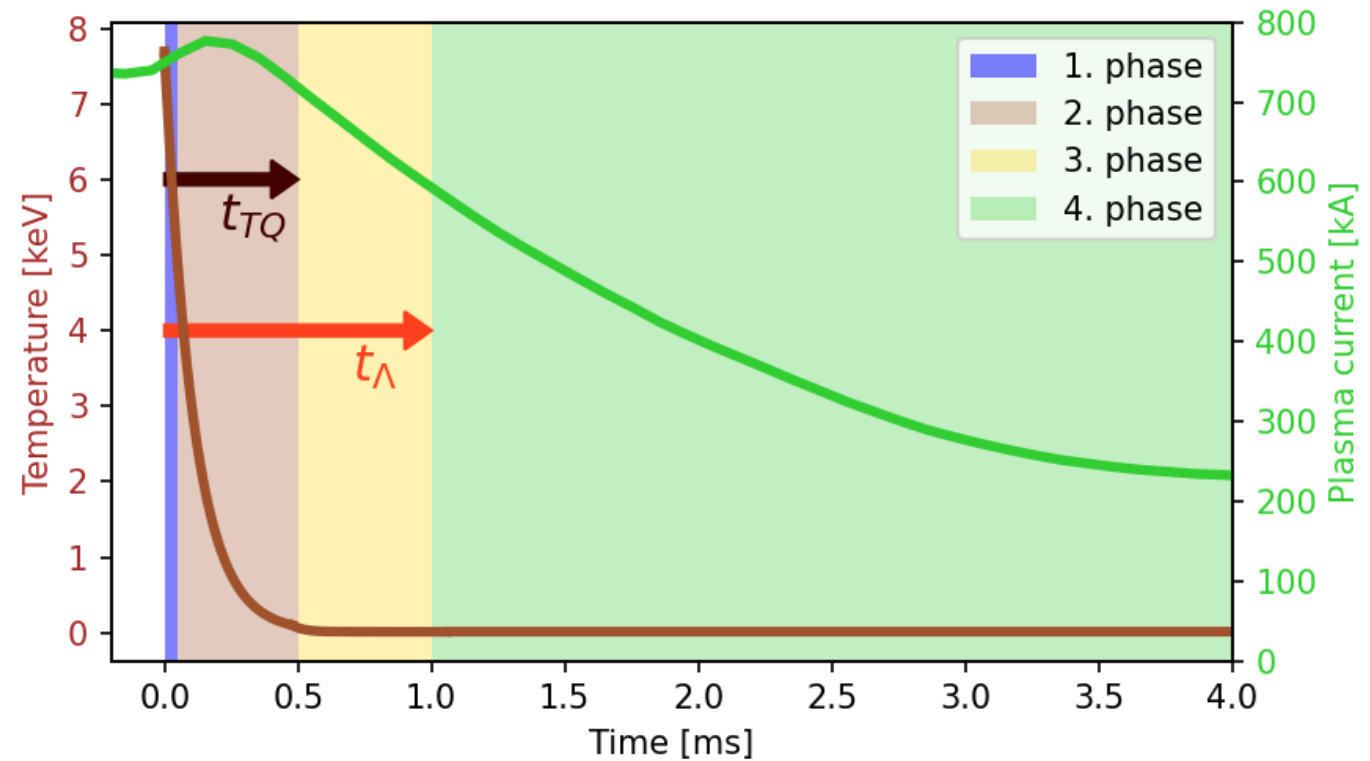
Experiment: ASDEX Upgrade #33108

Disruption:

- Induced by Massive Gas Injection

Model:

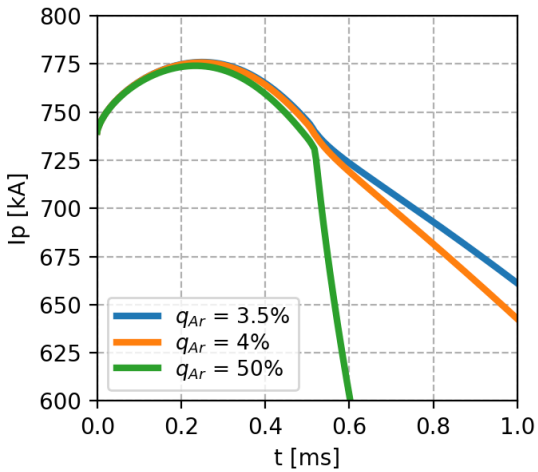
1. Assimilation phase: Argon injection. Constant argon density. Number of assimilated argon atoms in the plasma: $N_{Ar} \cdot q_{Ar}$.
Hyperresistivity is active: $\Lambda(r, t) = \Lambda \cdot \theta(t_\Lambda - t)$.
2. Thermal quench: $T_e(r, t) = T_f(r) + [T_i(r) - T_f(r)] \cdot e^{-t/\tau_{TQ}}$.
3. Hyperresistivity is active, temperature evolution is self consistent. Duration of phase: t_Λ .
4. Magnetic surfaces heal, hyperresistivity is not active.



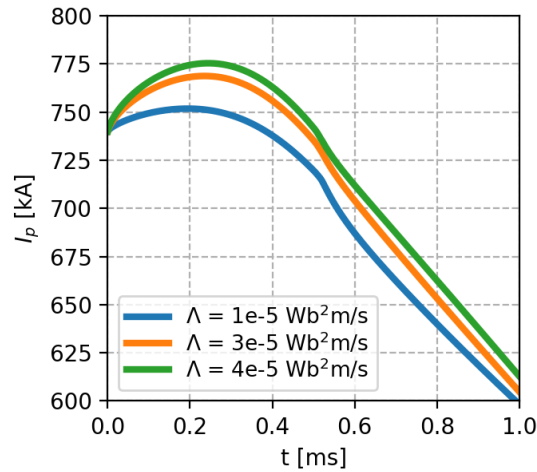
MANUAL OPTIMIZATION

Free parameters:

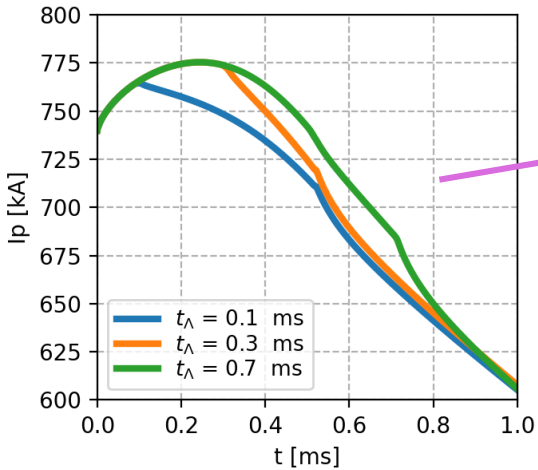
q_{Ar}



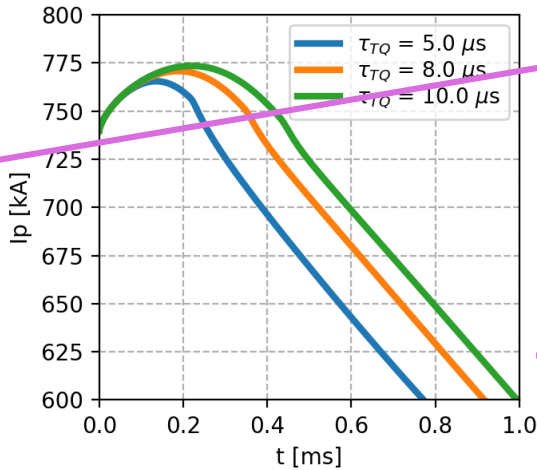
Λ



t_{Λ}



τ_{TQ}

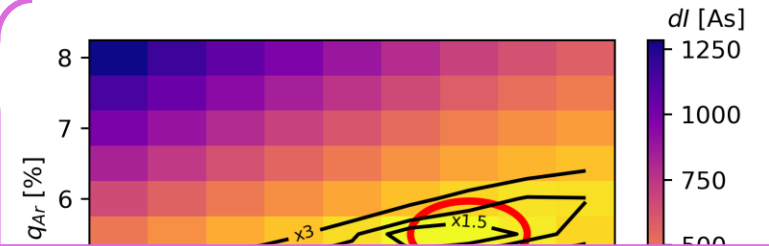


MANUAL
SCAN

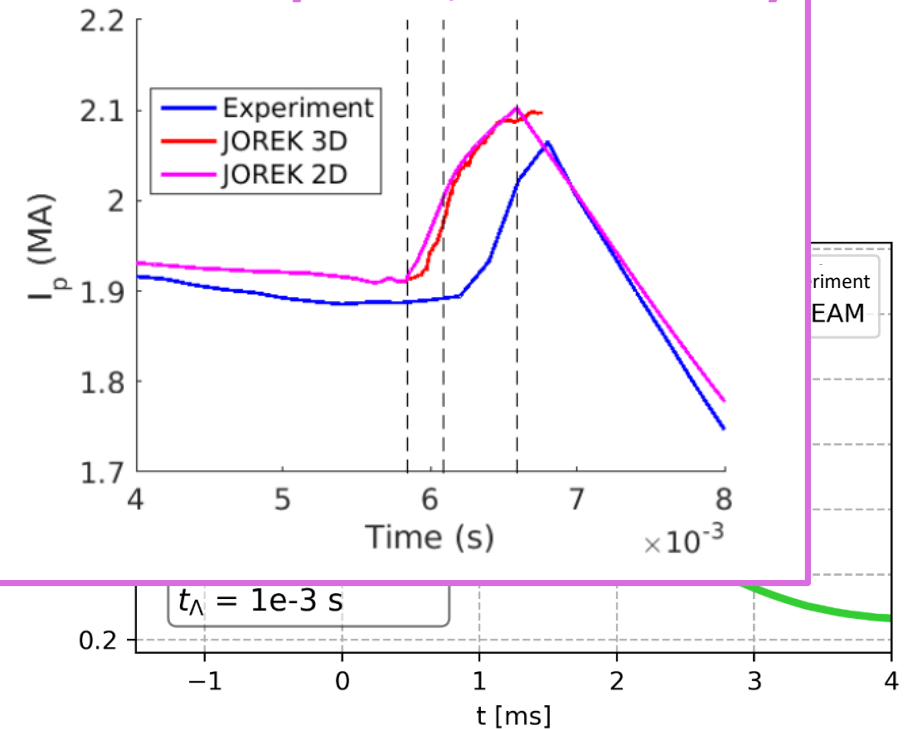
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PHYSICAL
UNDER-
STANDING

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[Nardon, Nucl. Fus. 2023]



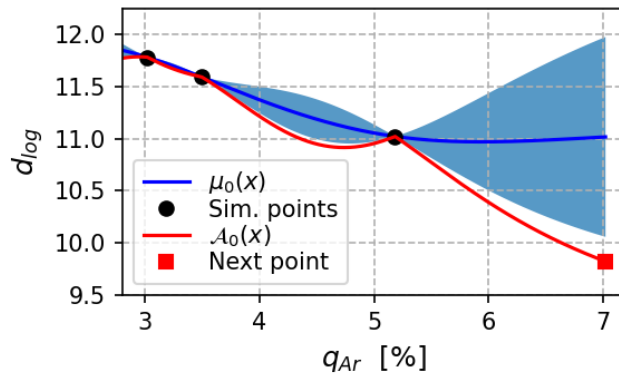
BAYES-OPTIMIZATION

Objective function

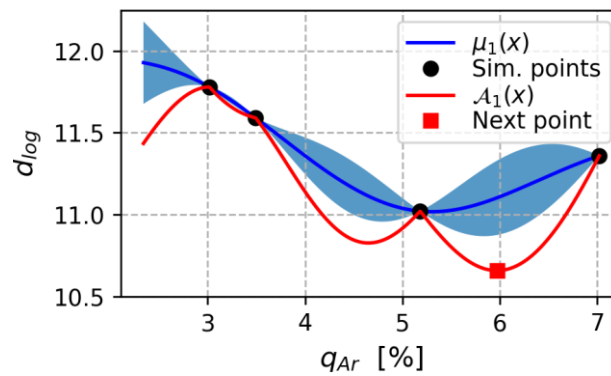
$$d_{\log}(\mathbf{X}) = \log \left(\sqrt{\int (I_{EXP}(t) - I_{DREAM}(\mathbf{X}, t))^2 dt} \right)$$

Example: 1D problem

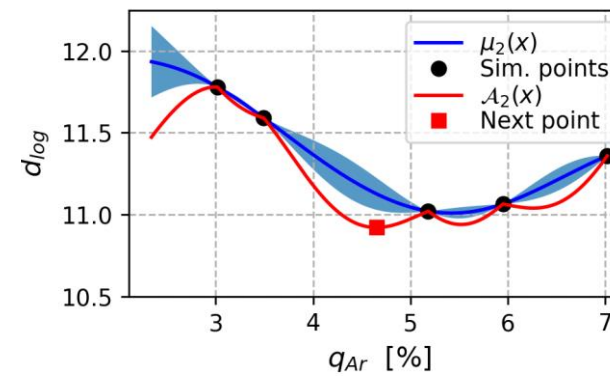
Initialization



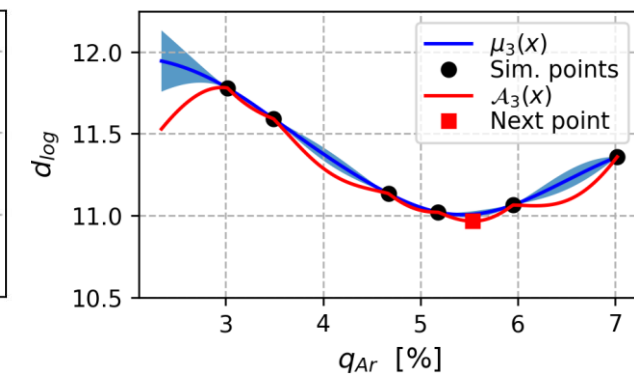
1. iteration



2. iteration

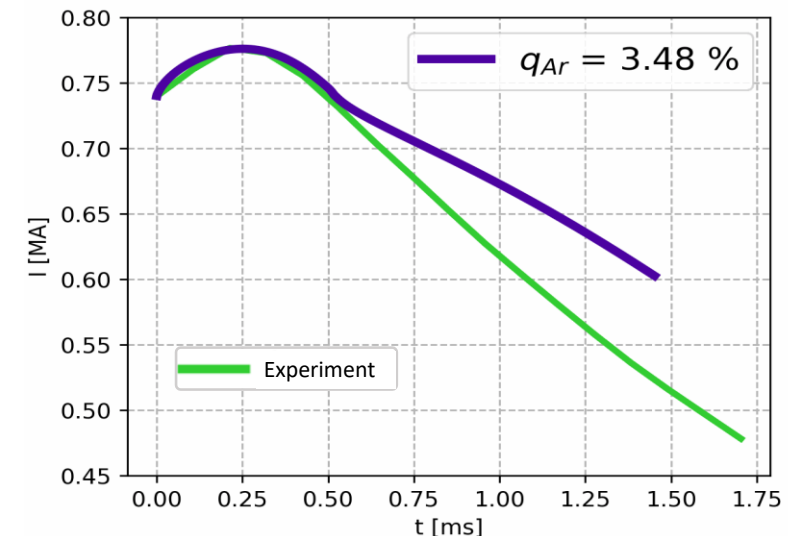
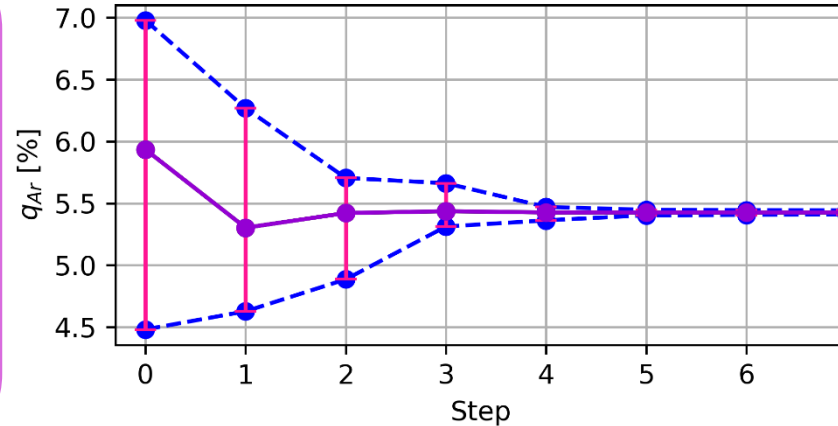


3. iteration



Steps in each iteration:

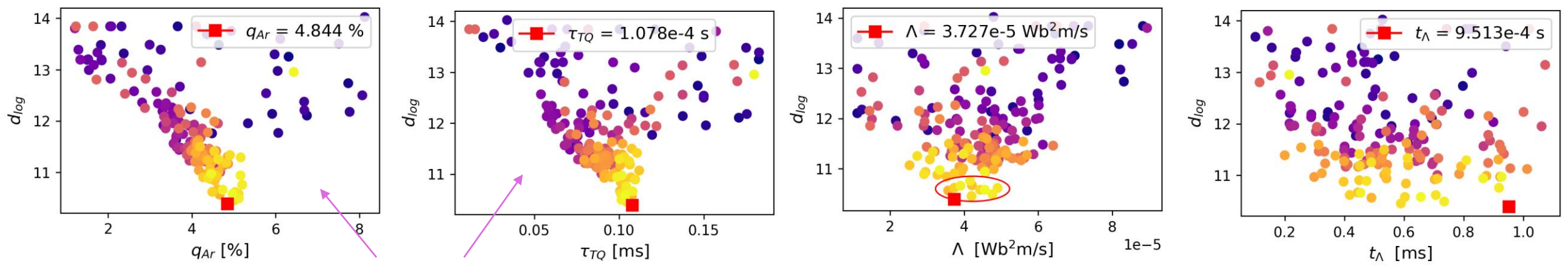
1. Runs the simulation with the selected values.
2. Updates the estimate of the objective function and its uncertainty.
3. Selects the next sampling point.



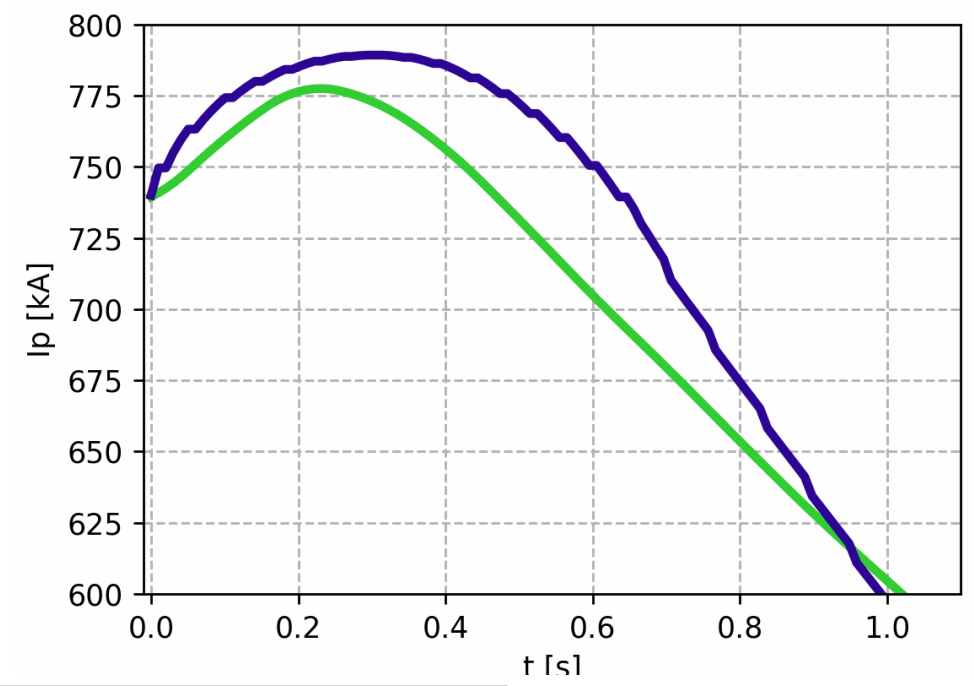
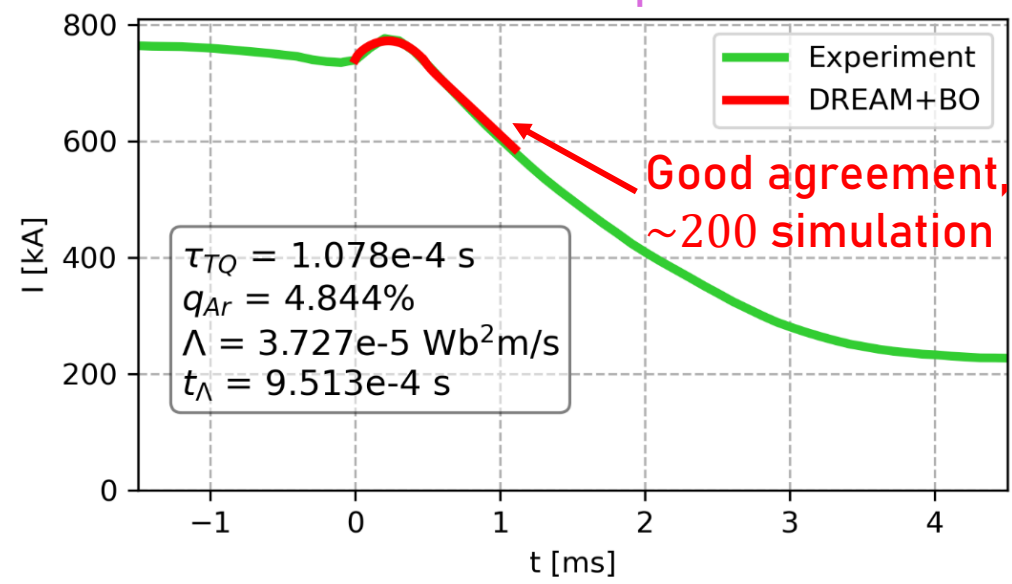
4D BAYES-OPTIMIZATION

Objective function

$$d_{log}(\mathbf{X} \equiv \tau_{TQ}, q_{Ar}, \Lambda, t_{\Lambda}) = \log \left(\sqrt{\int (I_{EXP}(t) - I_{DREAM}(\mathbf{X}, t))^2 dt} \right)$$

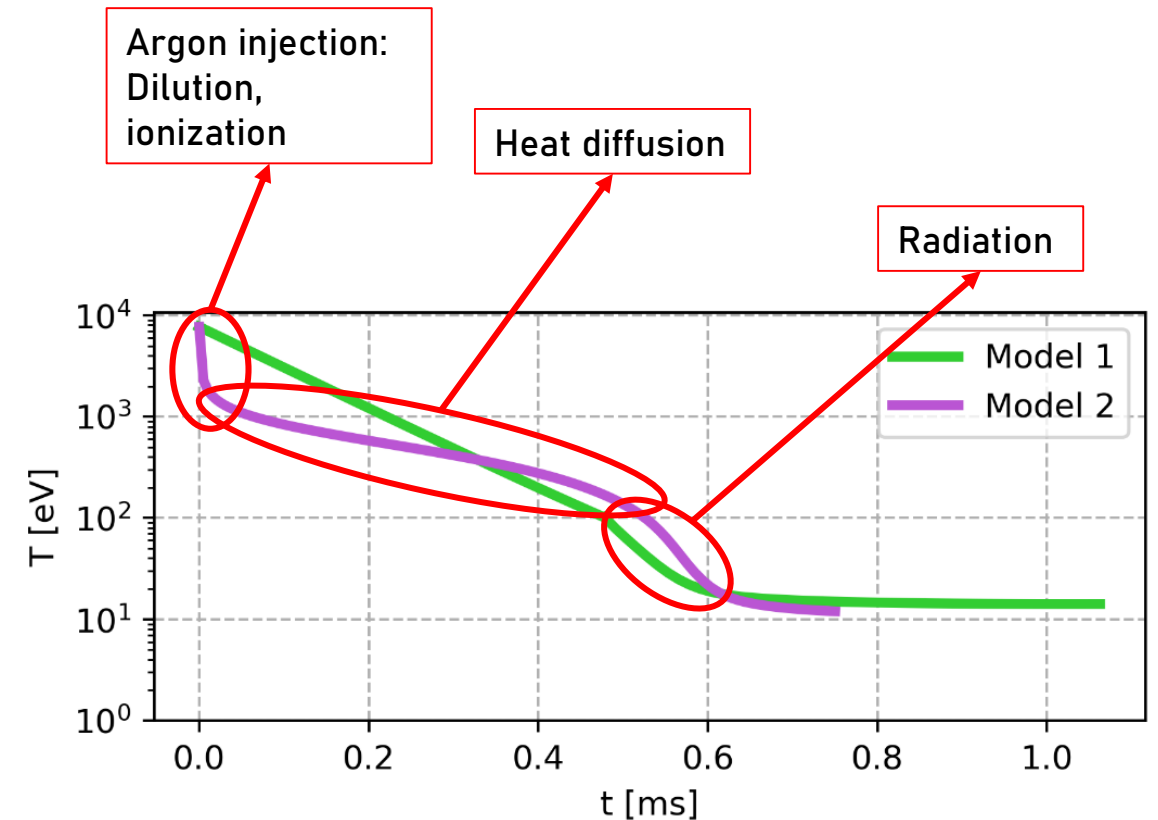
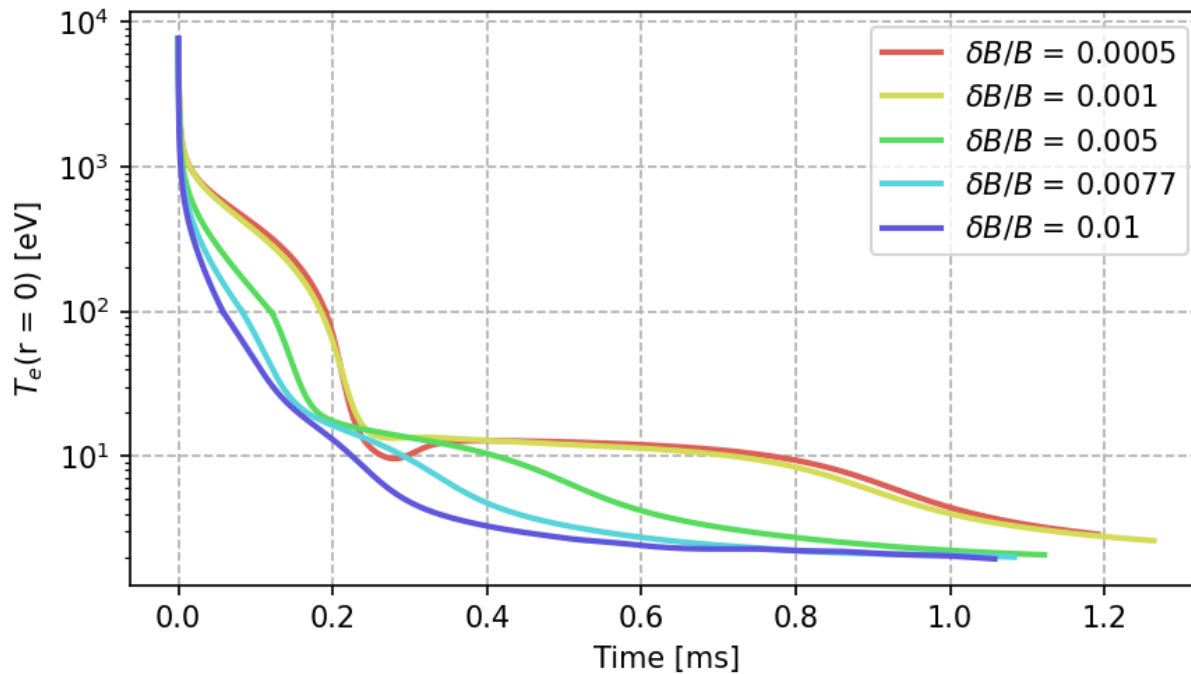


The current is more sensitive to these parameters

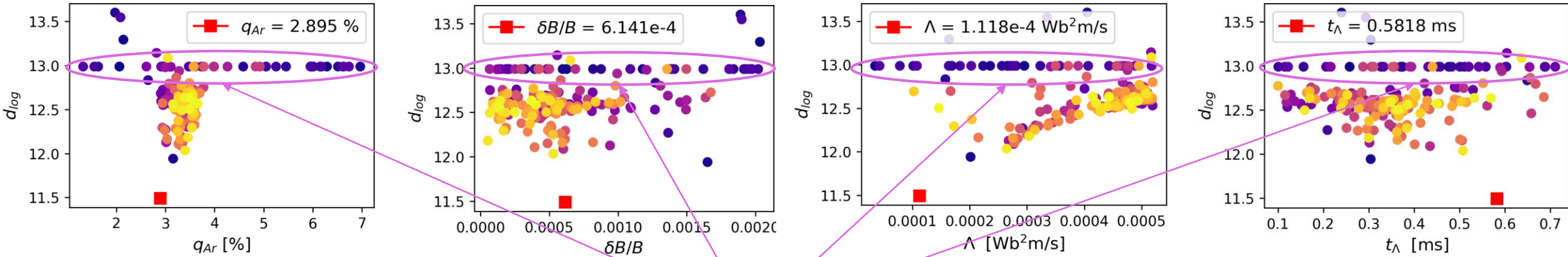


MODEL 2: SELF-CONSISTENT TQ

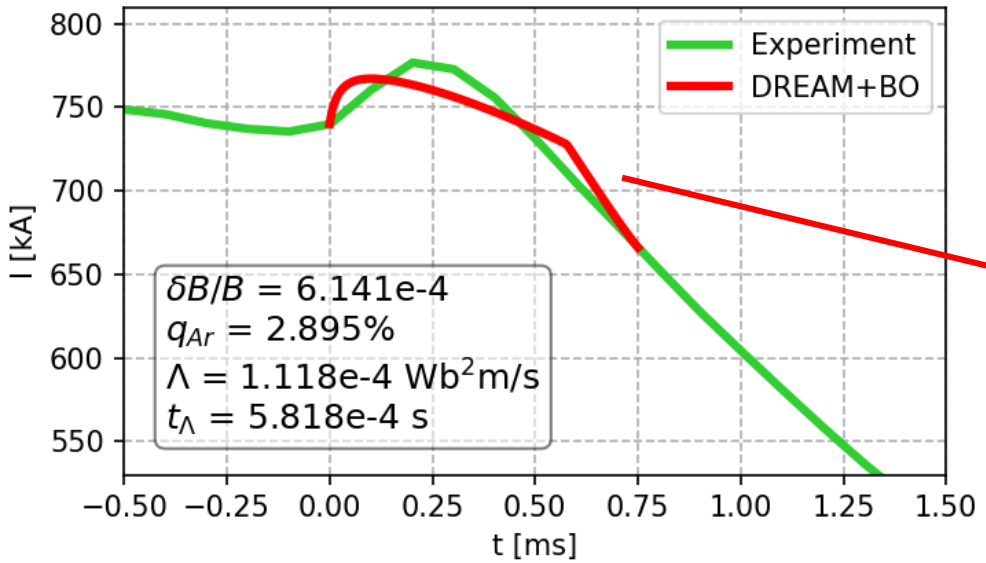
1. Assimilation: argon appears instantaneously, total number of assimilated argon atoms: $N_{Ar} \cdot q_{Ar}$.
Hyperresistivity: $\Lambda(r, t) = \Lambda \cdot \theta(t_A - t)$.
2. Self-consistent TQ: Heat diffusion modelled with Rechester & Rosenbluth model: $D_W = 2\sqrt{\pi}Rv_{th} \left(\frac{\delta B}{B}\right)^2$.
3. Hyperresistivity is active, temperature evolution is self consistent. Duration of phase: t_A .
4. Magnetic surfaces heal, hyperresistivity: $\Lambda(r, t) = 0$.



SELF-CONSISTENT TEMPERATURE EVOLUTION

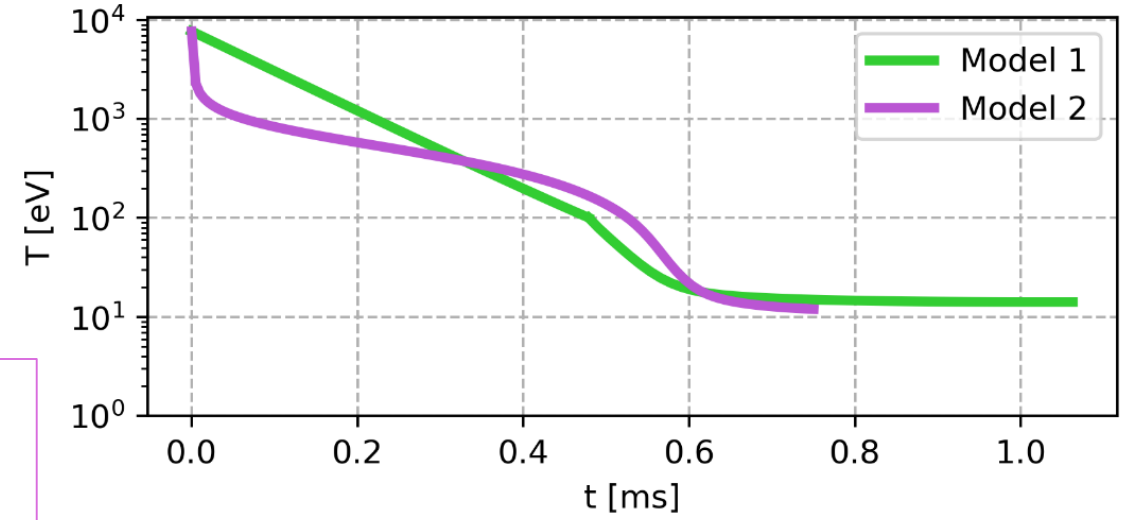


Failing simulation



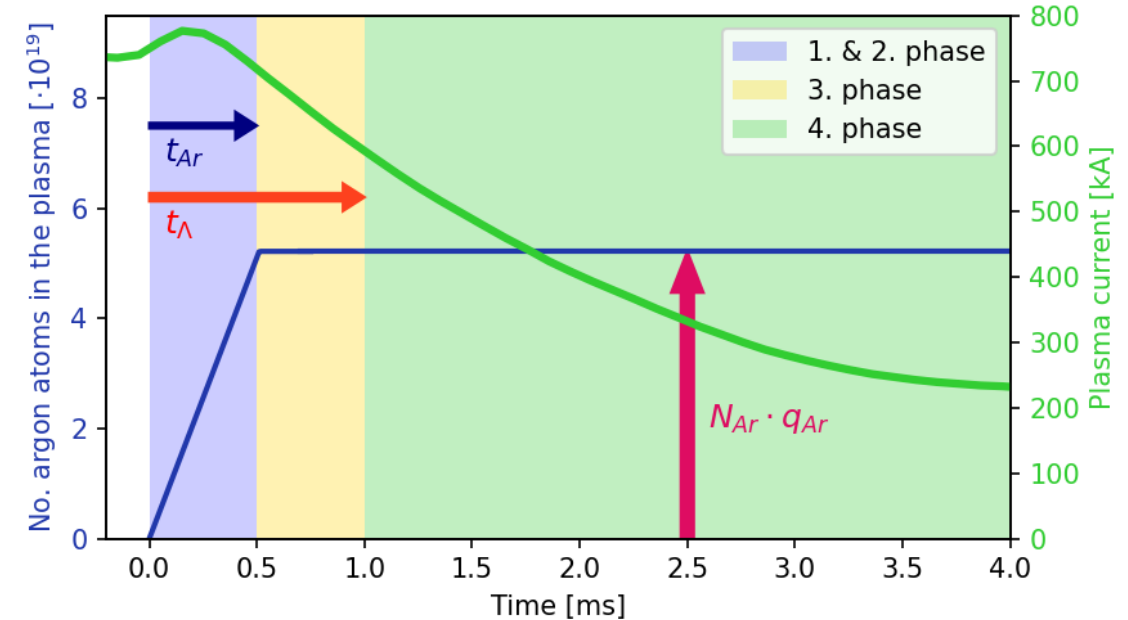
Poor agreement

Solution:
Slower increase in argon density
→ slower decrease in T_e

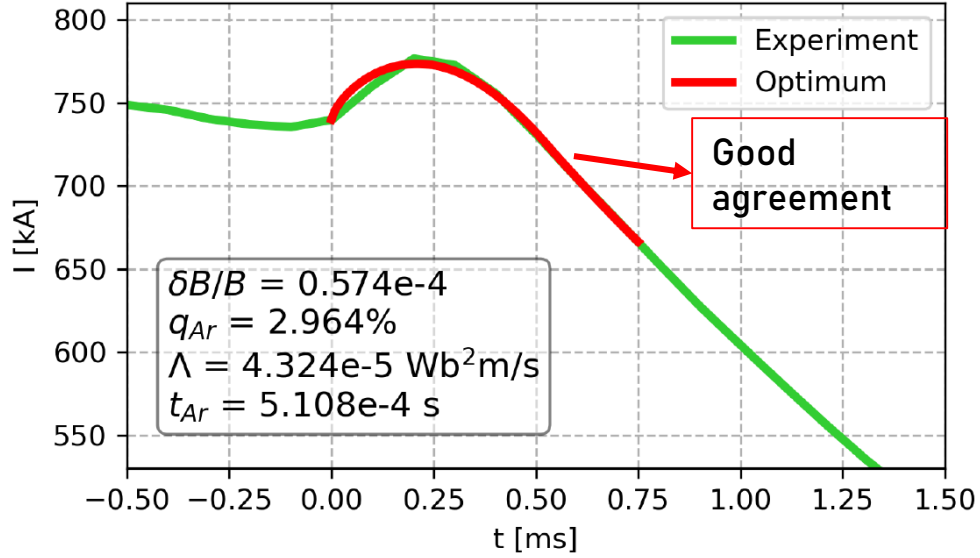


MODEL 3: ARGON INJECTION

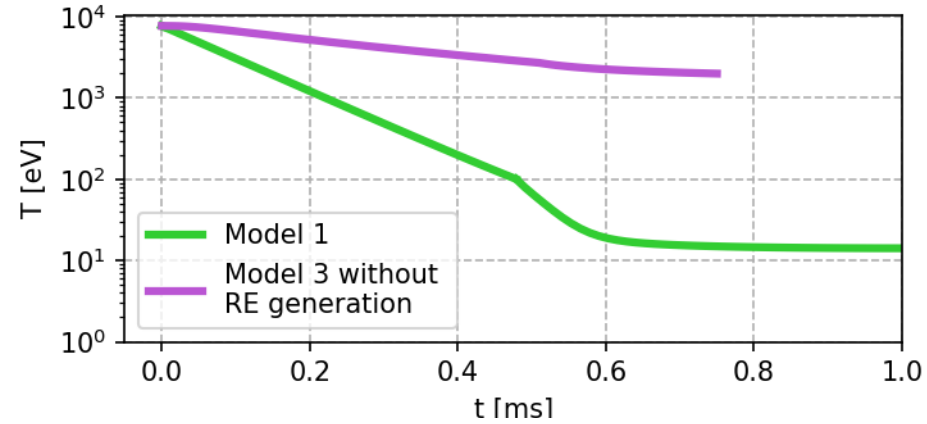
1. Assimilation: argon is introduced via source term: $\frac{dN}{dt} = N_{Ar} \cdot q_{Ar} \frac{\Delta t}{t_{Ar}}$, and high diffusion coefficient.
Hyperresistivity: $\Lambda(r, t) = \Lambda \cdot \theta(t_{\Lambda} - t)$
2. Self-consistent TQ: Model with Rechester & Rosenbluth model: $D_W = 2\sqrt{\pi} R v_{th} \left(\frac{\delta B}{B}\right)^2$.
3. hyperresistivity is active, temperature evolution is self consistent. Duration of phase: t_{Λ} .
4. Magnetic surfaces heal, hyperresistivity: $\Lambda(r, t) = 0$.



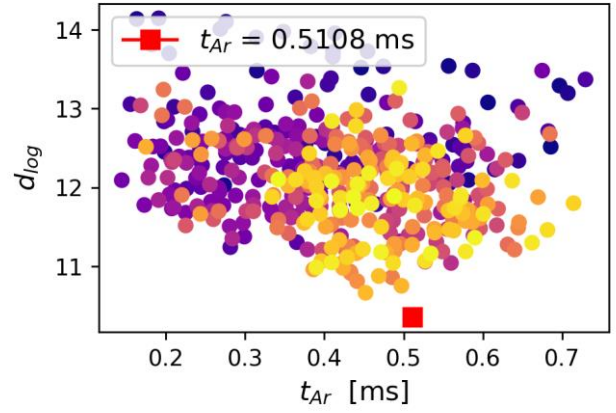
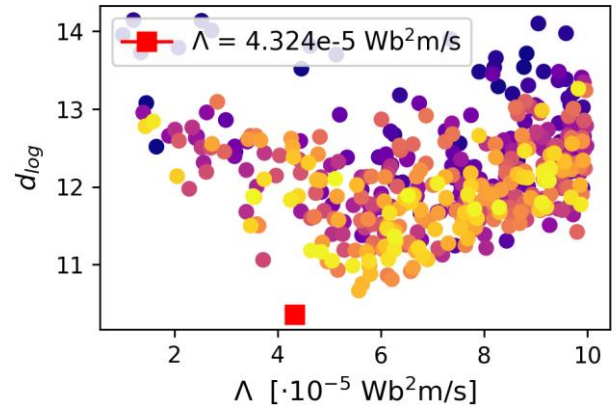
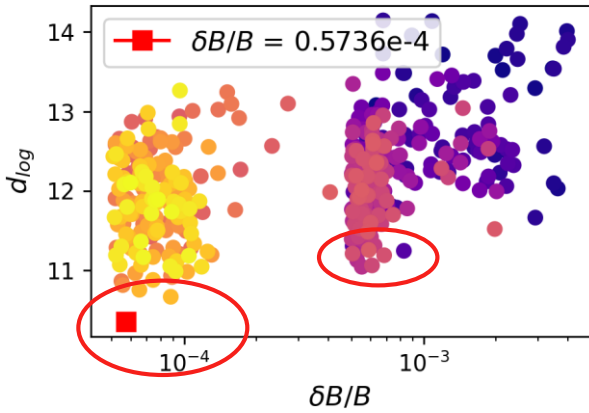
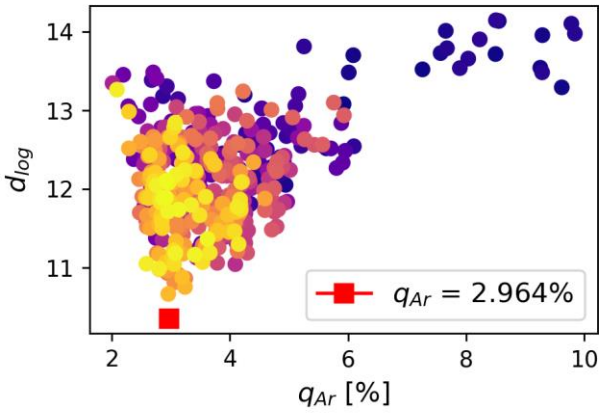
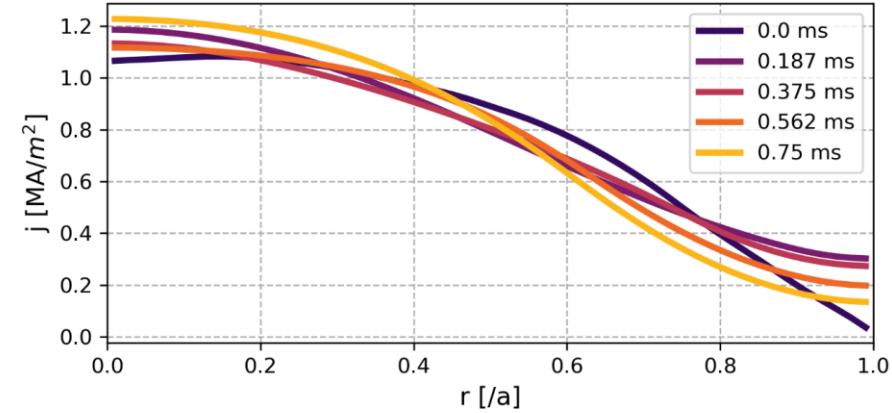
MODEL 3 NO RE GENERATION



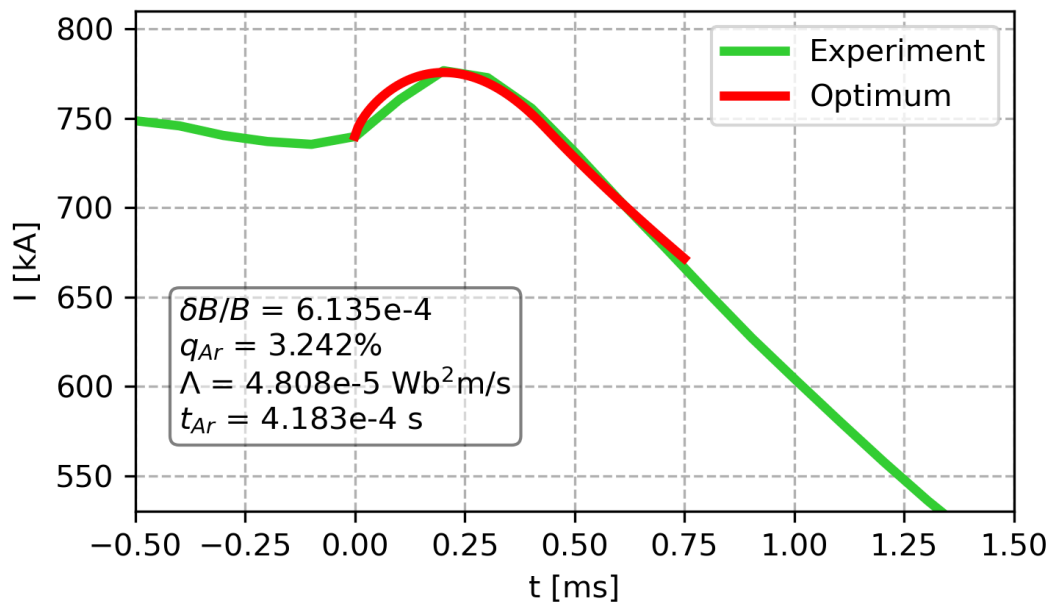
Temperature decreases more slowly



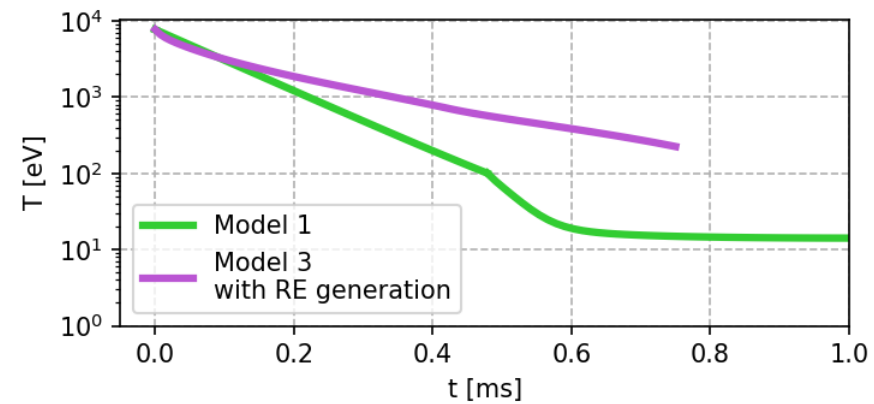
Current relaxation



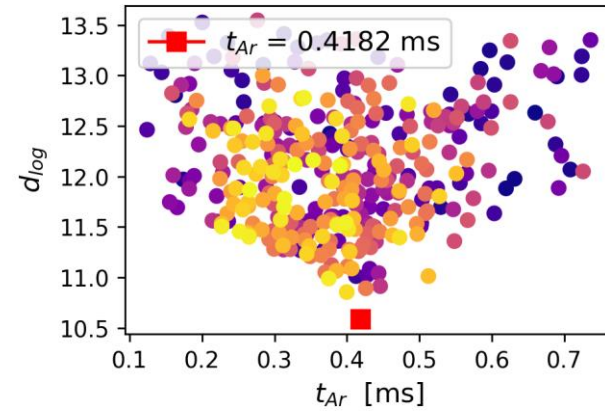
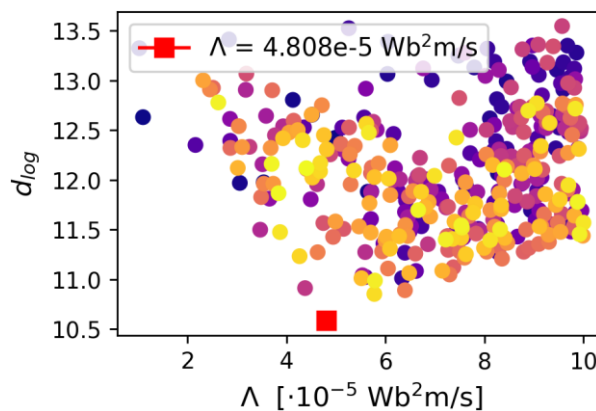
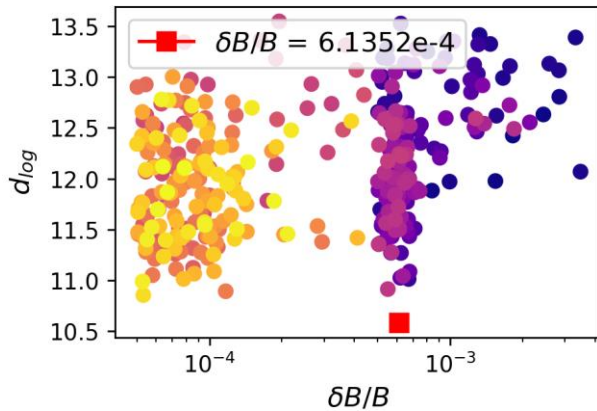
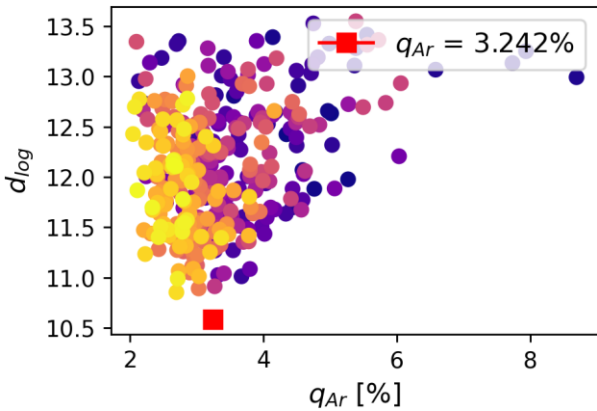
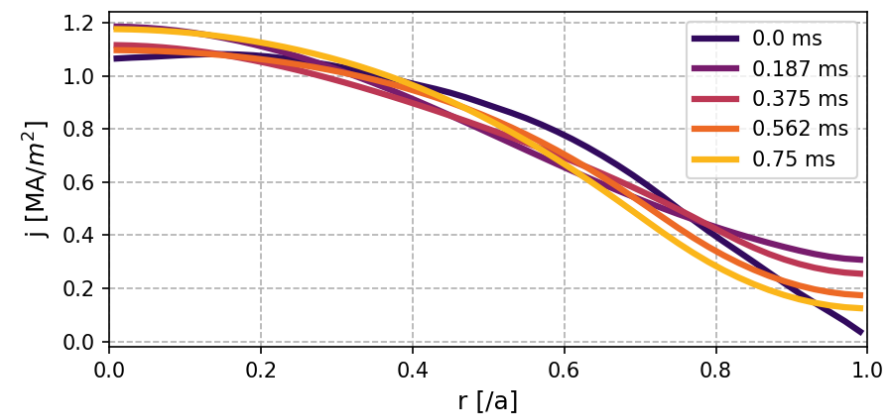
MODEL 3 RE GENERATION, NO RE TRANSPORT



Temperature
decreases
more slowly



Current
relaxation



SUMMARY

- Simulation of current spike during disruptions.
 - Prescribed TQ.
 - Self-consistent TQ.
 - Argon injection.
- Constraining parameters by Bayesian optimization.
- Time scale of current spike \approx
time scale of TQ \approx
time scale of argon assimilation.

OUTLOOK

- Analysis of more discharges.
- Additional parameters
 - Spatio-temporal evolution of hyperdiffusion coefficient.
- Using other measurements.
- RE generation modelling.

CURRENT RELAXATION

$$H^M = \int_V \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV, \quad / \frac{d}{dt}()$$

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = -2 \int_V \mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}}{\partial t} = (-\mathbf{E} + \nabla\varphi) \cdot \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \cdot (-\nabla \times \mathbf{E}) = -2\mathbf{E} \cdot \mathbf{B} + \nabla \cdot (\varphi \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{E})$$

$$\mathbf{E} + \mathbf{v} \times \mathbf{B} = \eta \mathbf{j} - \frac{\mathbf{B}}{B^2} \nabla \left(\lambda \nabla \frac{j_{\parallel}}{B} \right)$$

$$\frac{dH}{dt} = -2\eta\mu_0 \int_V \mathbf{j} \cdot \mathbf{B} dV + \int_V \nabla \left(\lambda \nabla \frac{j_{\parallel}}{B} \right) dV$$

$$H^M = -\frac{2}{(2\pi)^2} \int \psi_p d\psi_t \quad / \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_t}()$$

$$\int_V \nabla \left(\lambda \nabla \frac{j_{\parallel}}{B} \right) dV = \oint \lambda \left(\nabla \frac{j_{\parallel}}{B} \right) \cdot \nabla \psi_t \mathcal{J} d\theta d\varphi = \psi_t \Lambda_m \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \psi_t^2}$$

$$\frac{\partial \psi_p(\psi_t, t)}{\partial t} = \mathcal{R}_{\psi} \frac{\partial I(\psi_t, t)}{\partial \psi_t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_t} \left(\psi_t \Lambda \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \psi_t^2} \right)$$

$$\psi_p(\psi_t) = - \int \frac{L(\psi_t) I(\psi_t)}{2\psi_t} d\psi_t$$

$$\frac{\partial L(\psi_t) I(\psi_t)}{\partial t} = 2\psi_t \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_t} \left(\mathcal{R} \frac{\partial I(\psi_t, t)}{\partial \psi_t} - \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_t} \psi_t \Lambda \frac{\partial^2 I}{\partial \psi_t^2} \right)$$

[Brandenburg 2005]
 [Boozer, Nucl. Fus. 1986]
 [Boozer, Nucl. Fus. 2018]