

Investigation spikes

MBHA-001

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First results

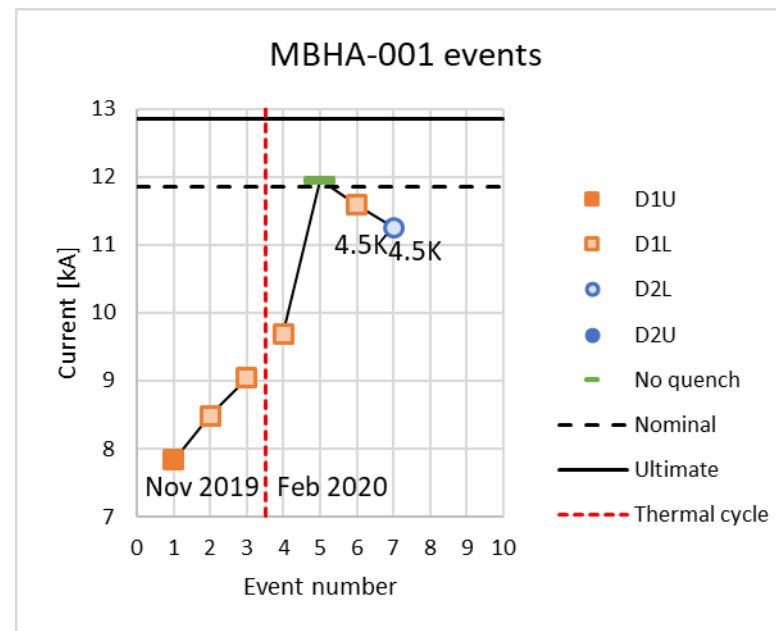
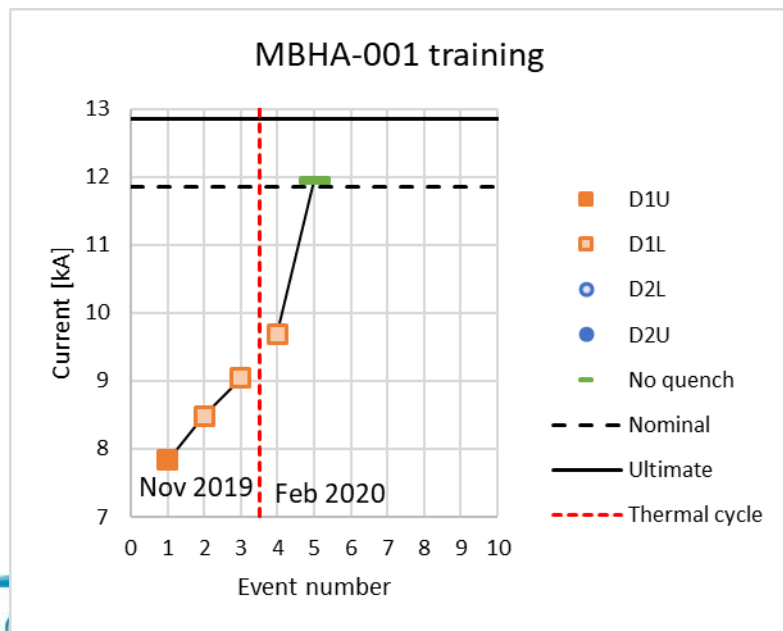
1.9 K, HV test coil-ground is OK!!

All other HV tests at 1.9 K are OK too.

Training completed

- Only 4 quenches to reach 11.95 kA target. Stable for 5 minutes
- Then two “detraining quenches” at 4.5 K. both small precursor
- V-I measurements show no issues with the conductor up to 11.95 kA with $<0.5 \mu\text{V}$ precision

Only problem: Spikes returned.



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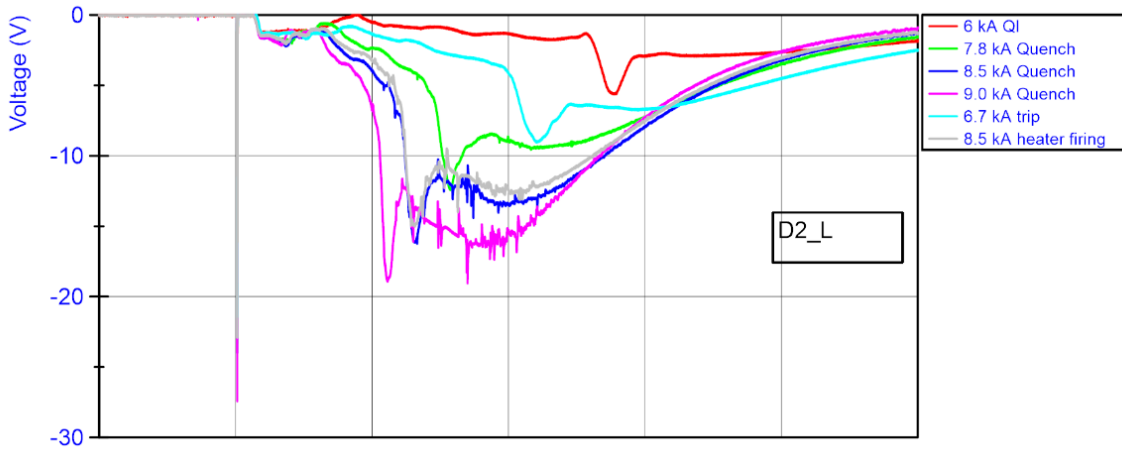
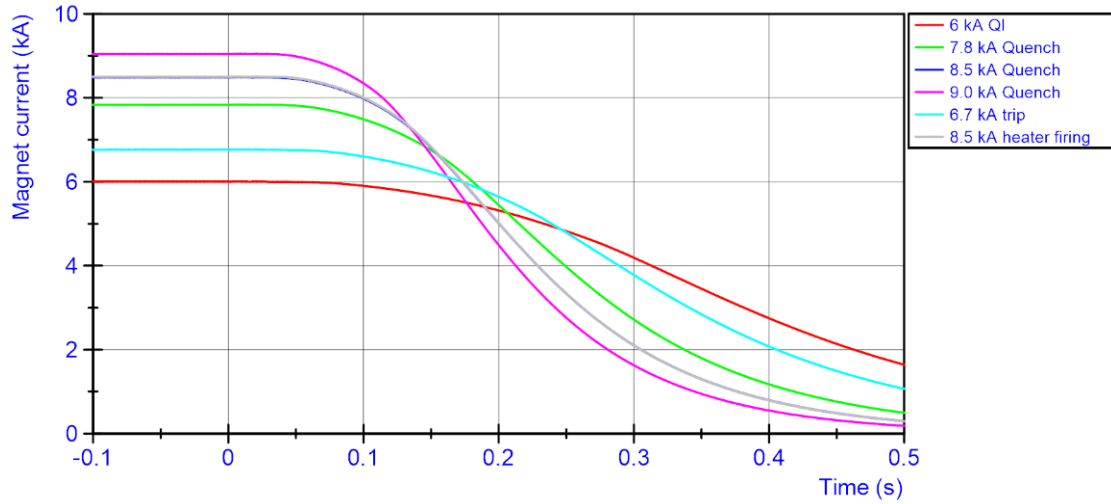
Possible causes

- Wiring inside magnet
- Wiring outside magnet
- Measurement electronics
- Mechanical movements
- Electromagnetic signals (Flux jumps)

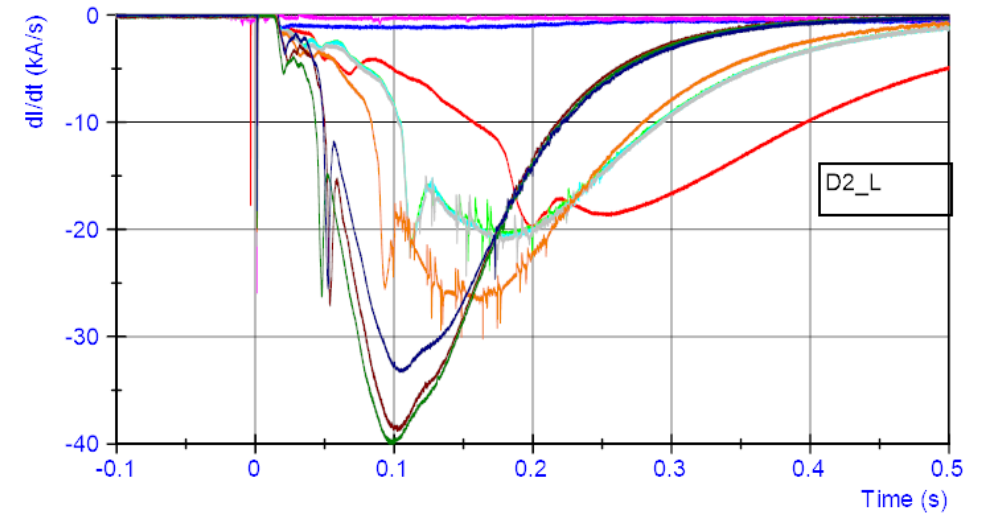
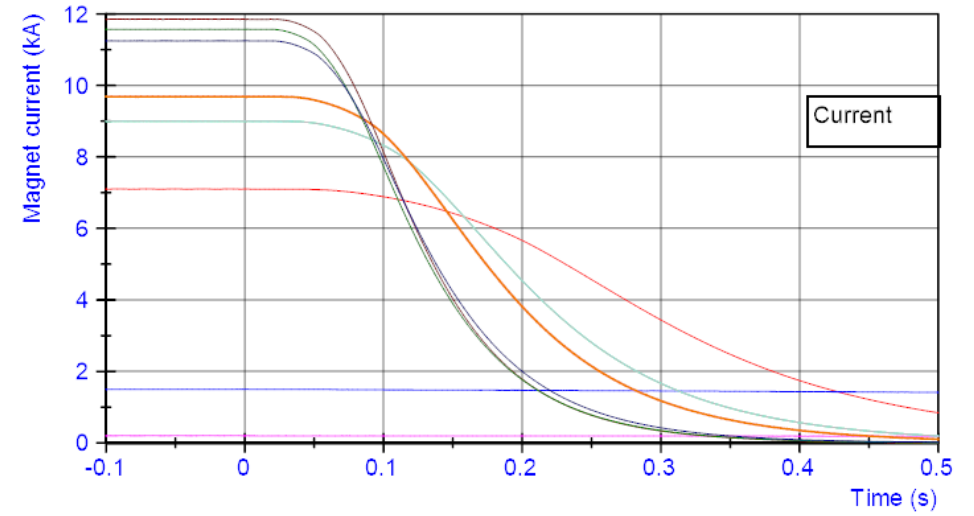
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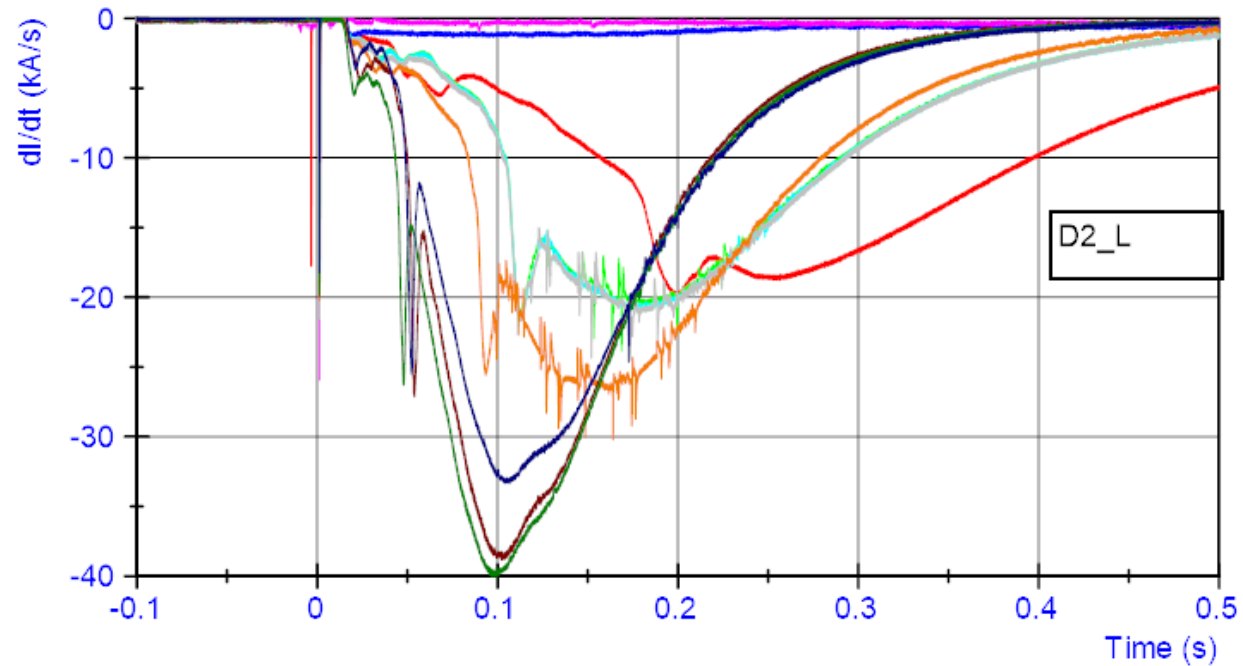
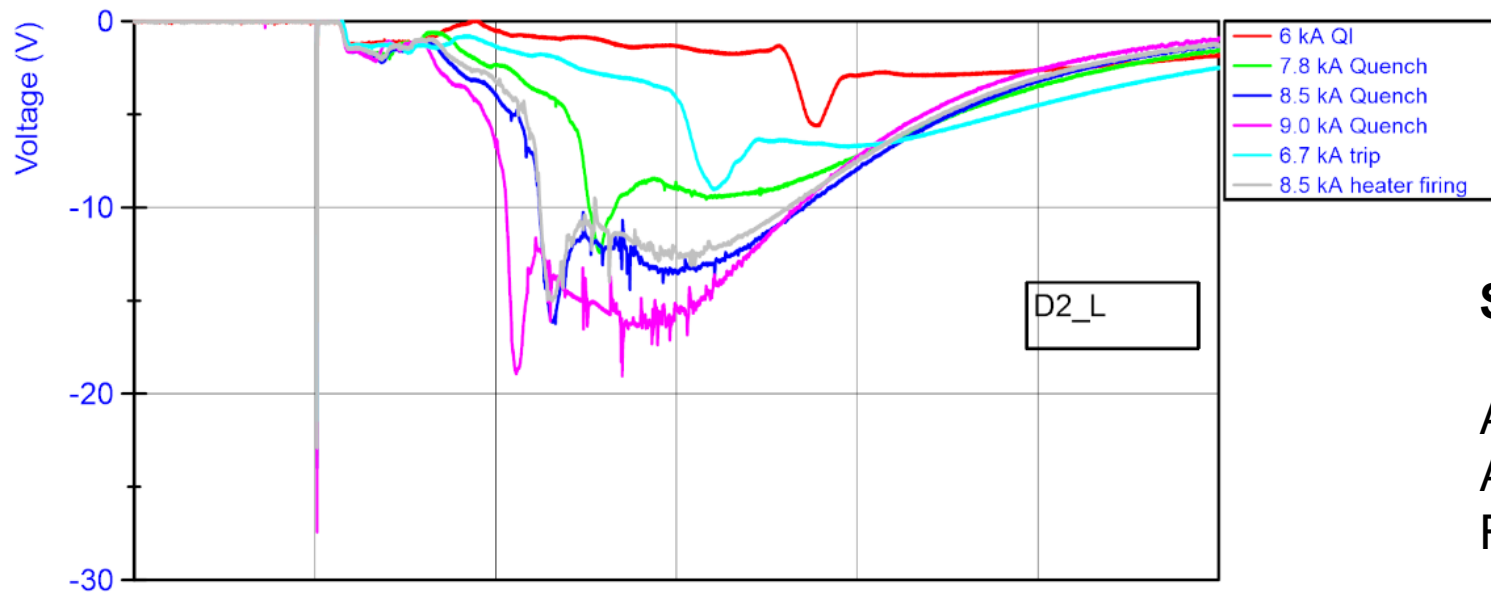
Spike appearance

In November 2019



In January 2020





Surprisingly repetitive

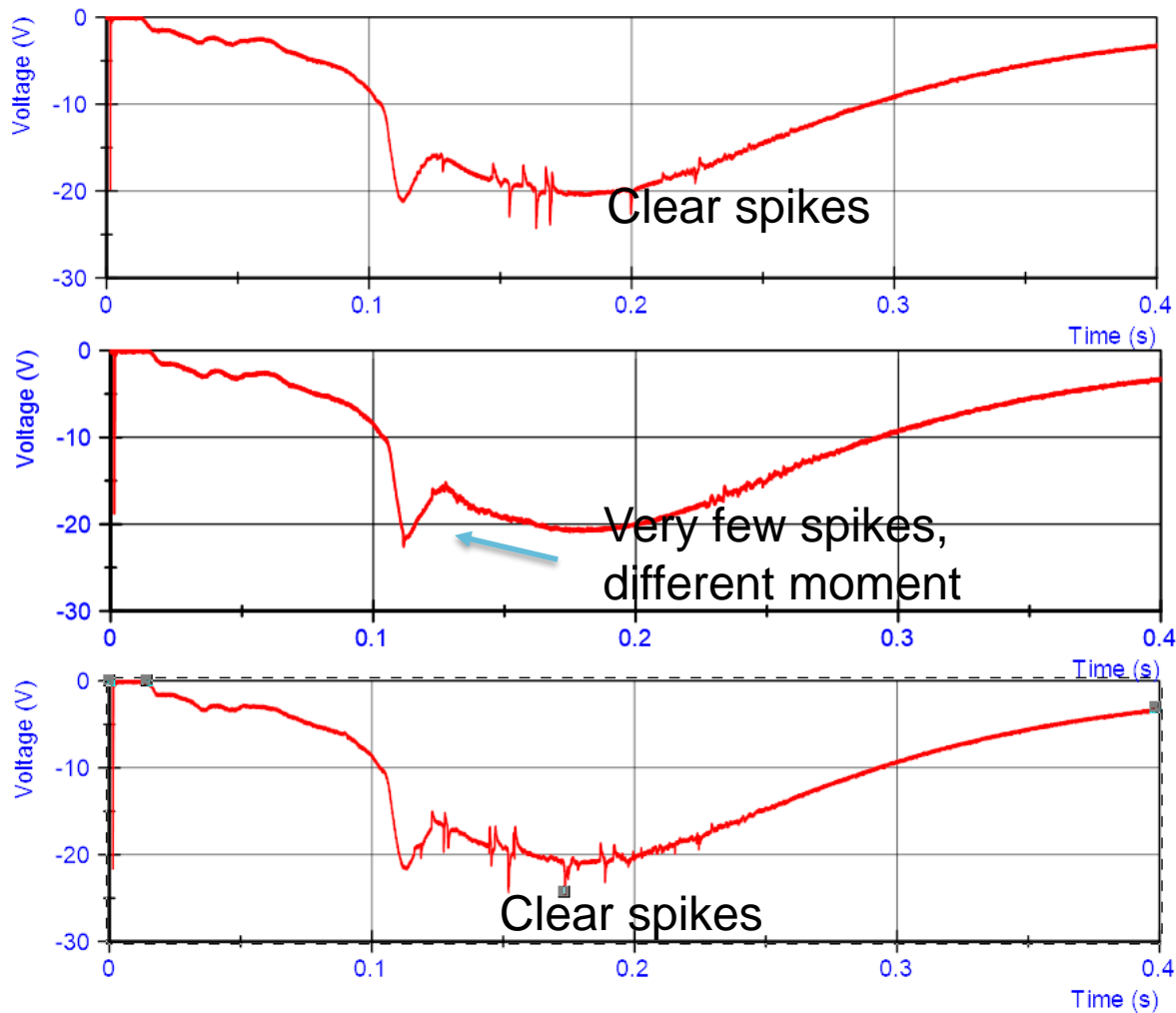
At low currents, no events
 At 7.8 some events,
 From 8.5 to 9 many events

At high currents mostly
 absent, but not completely
 absent

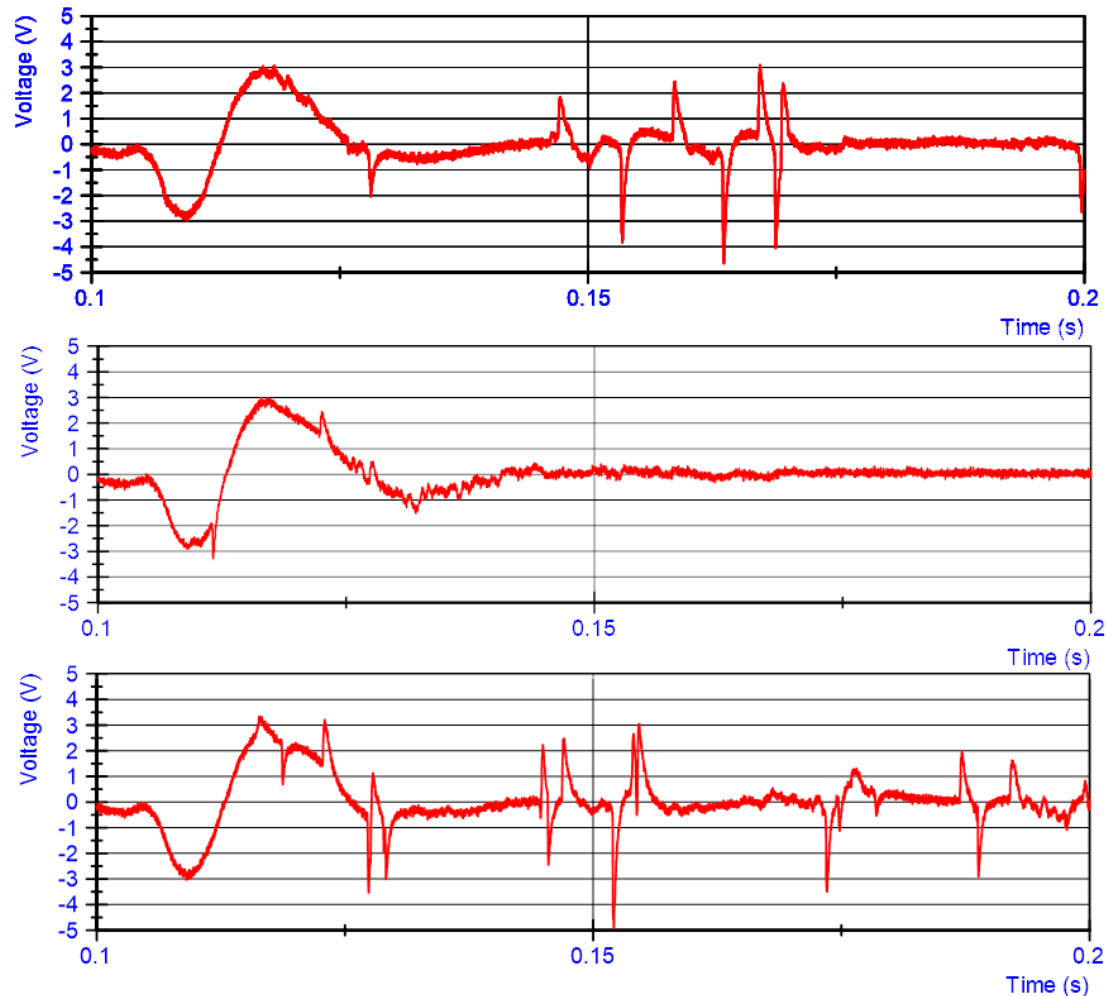
At 4.5 K at high current:
 Mostly absent

Three identical discharges

On Monday 3 discharges were performed at 9 kA.

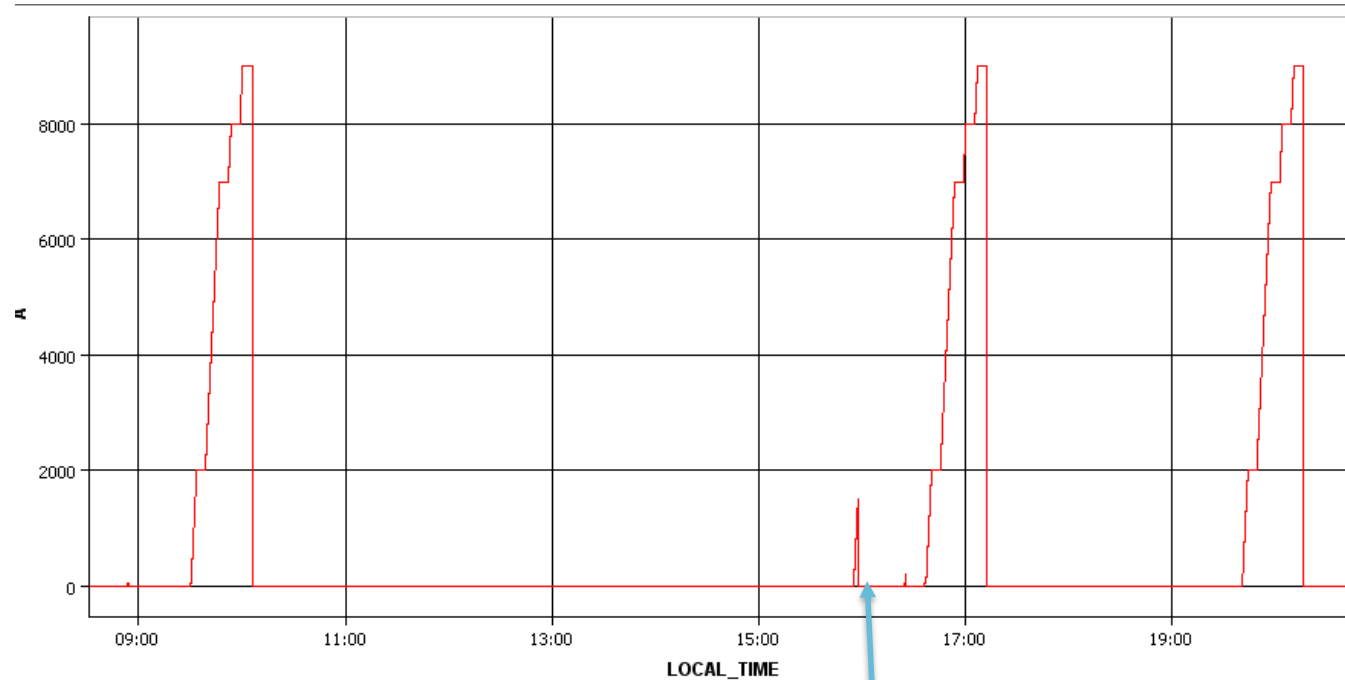


Zoom on spikes after 50 Hz high-pass filter



Three identical discharges

Difference for the discharges from 9 kA



Between 1 and 2 a cable was replaced

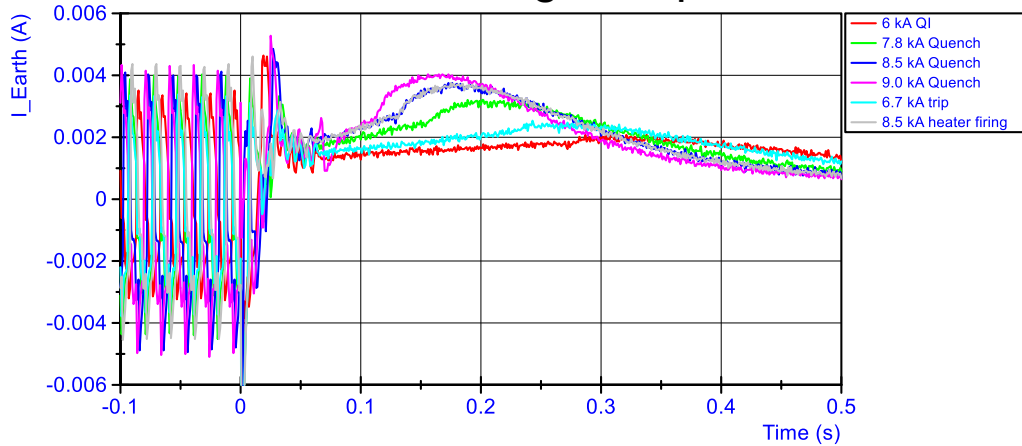
Between 2 and 3 no change, except that there was a trip before discharge 2.

Low current trip at 1.5 kA
(coil not fully quenched)

Investigation to causes

Done in November 2019

No earth currents during the spike events

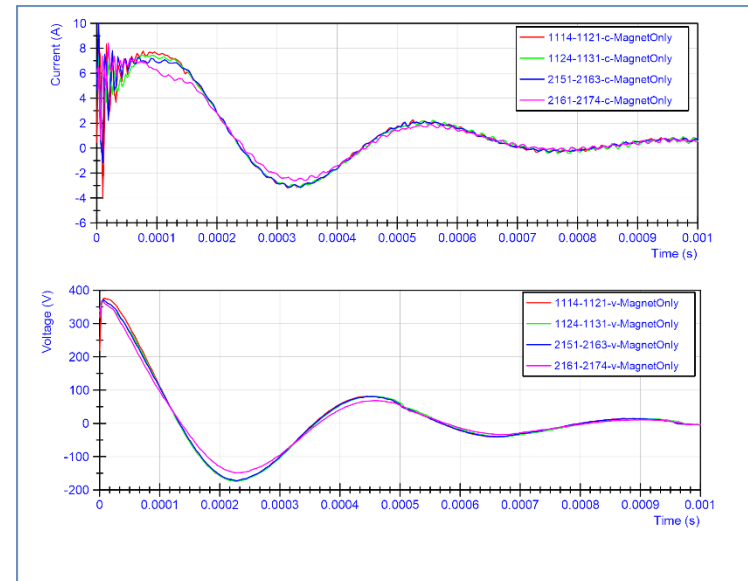


Done in November 2019

Capacitive discharges at 400 V over the “suspected” V-taps

1. Magnet through IFS box (no external cabling)
2. Including all instrumentation and DAQ and QPS and DMM electronics

No difference between the two tests!!



Investigation to causes

Wiring inside the magnet

- Capillary has been completely replaced.

Wiring outside the magnet

- Wiring outside the magnet has been thoroughly checked.
- **Magnet MBHA-002 had no spikes.**

(Tested in January, same test bench, same wiring, same cabling, same data acquisitions electronics, same quench detection crates, etc.)

Is there some physics we don't understand?

What about flux jumps/electromagnetic effects

- Flux jumps needs superconductivity: is there still some part of the coil superconducting at the moment of spikes?
- What about the signal characteristics?

Two clues to investigate further

- Spikes different after low current discharge (different magnetization)
- At high current events much less spikes
- At 4.5 K mostly absent (only checked high current events)

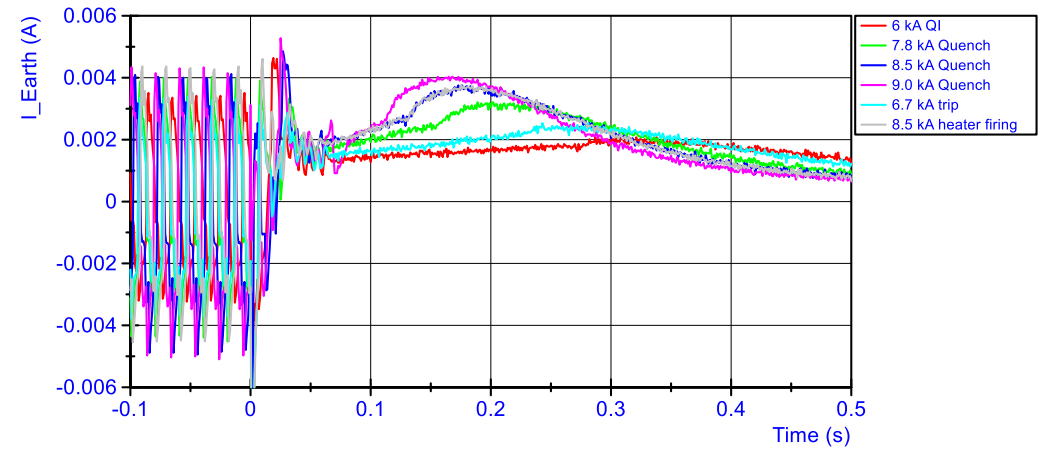
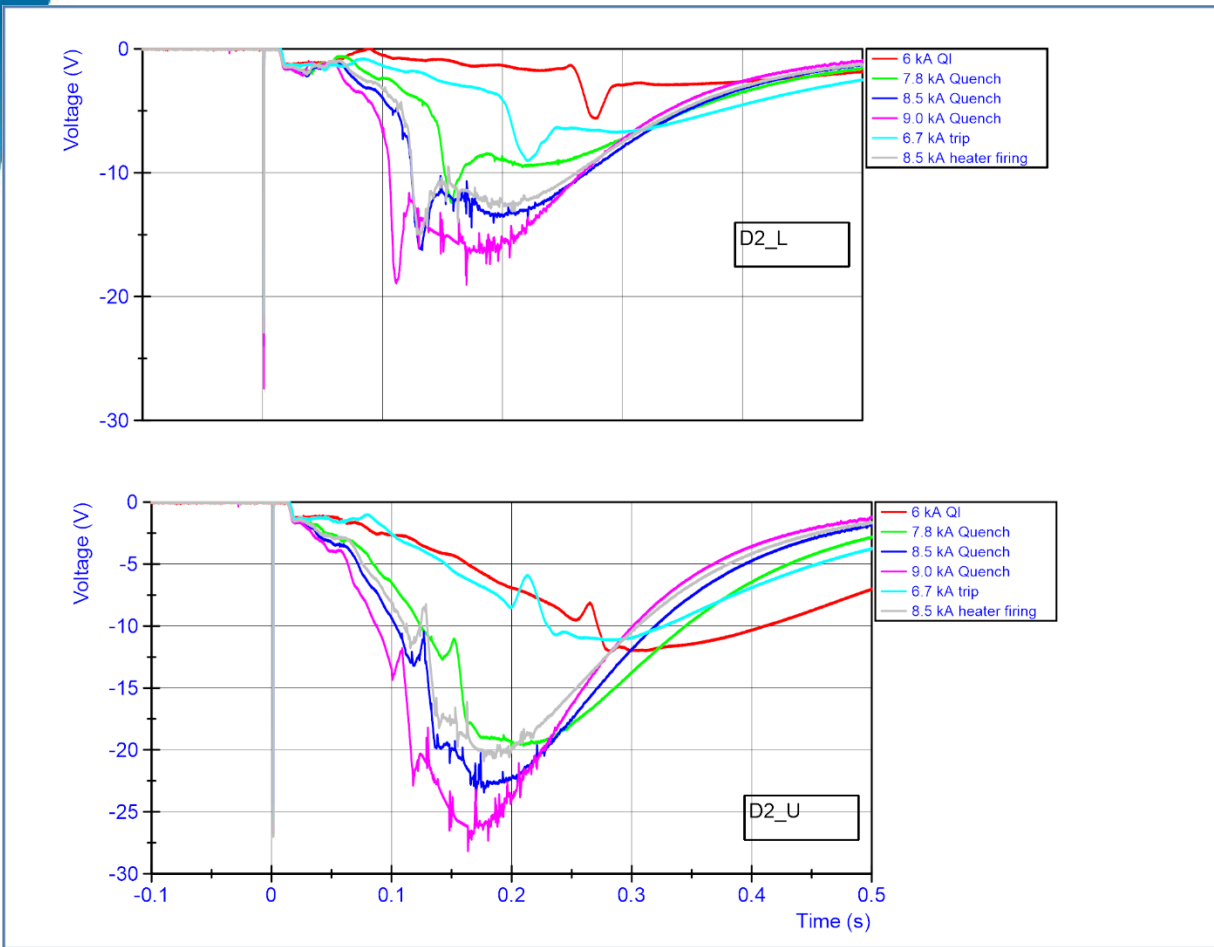
What about mechanical movements?

- Unloading / changes in forces / changes in geometry?

What next

To verify wiring and cabling outside the magnet:

- Connect minimum of instrumentation and protection to exclude any electronics/wiring outside magnet
- Perform other type of cycles to see when the spikes appear
- Perform 9 kA discharge at 4.5 K
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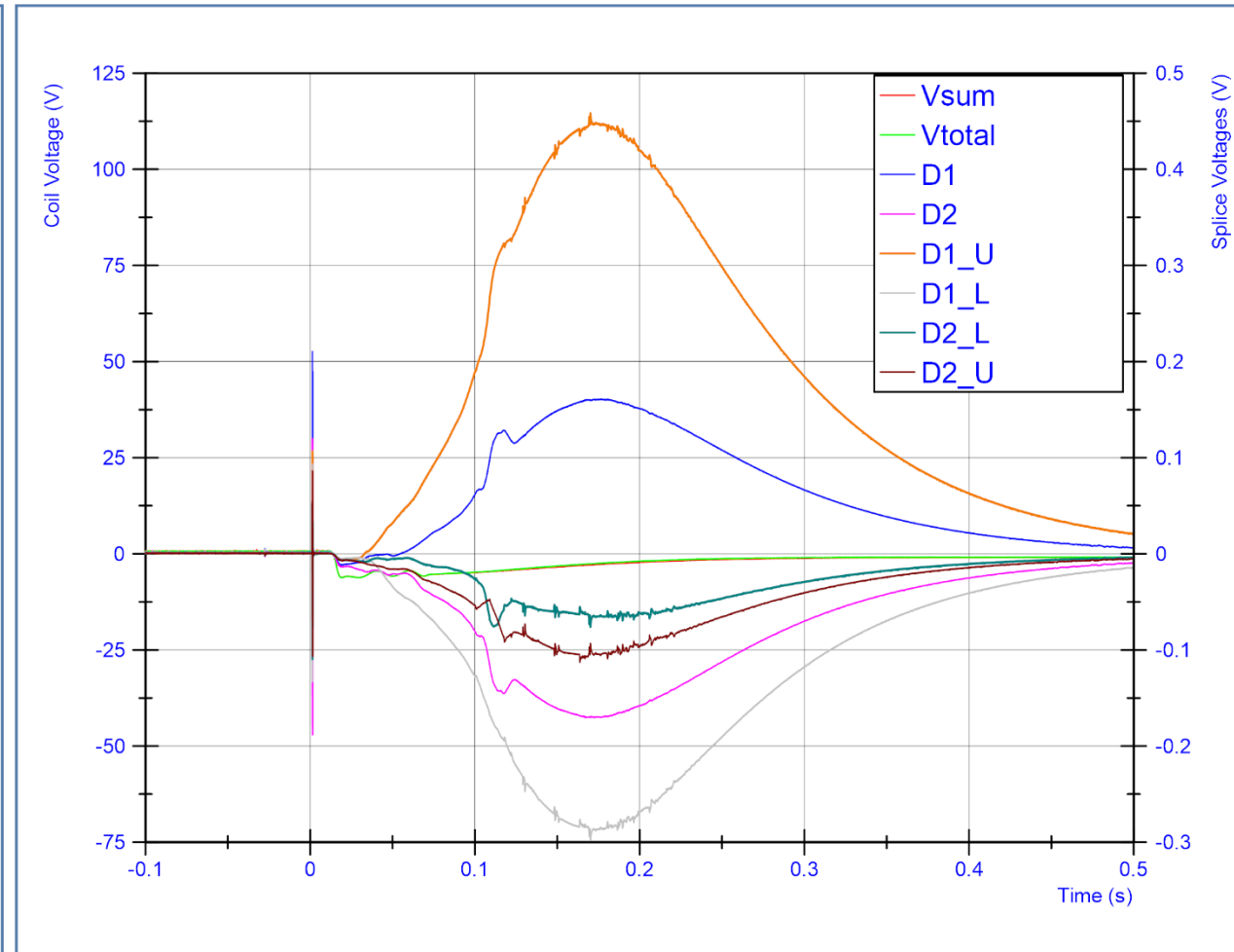
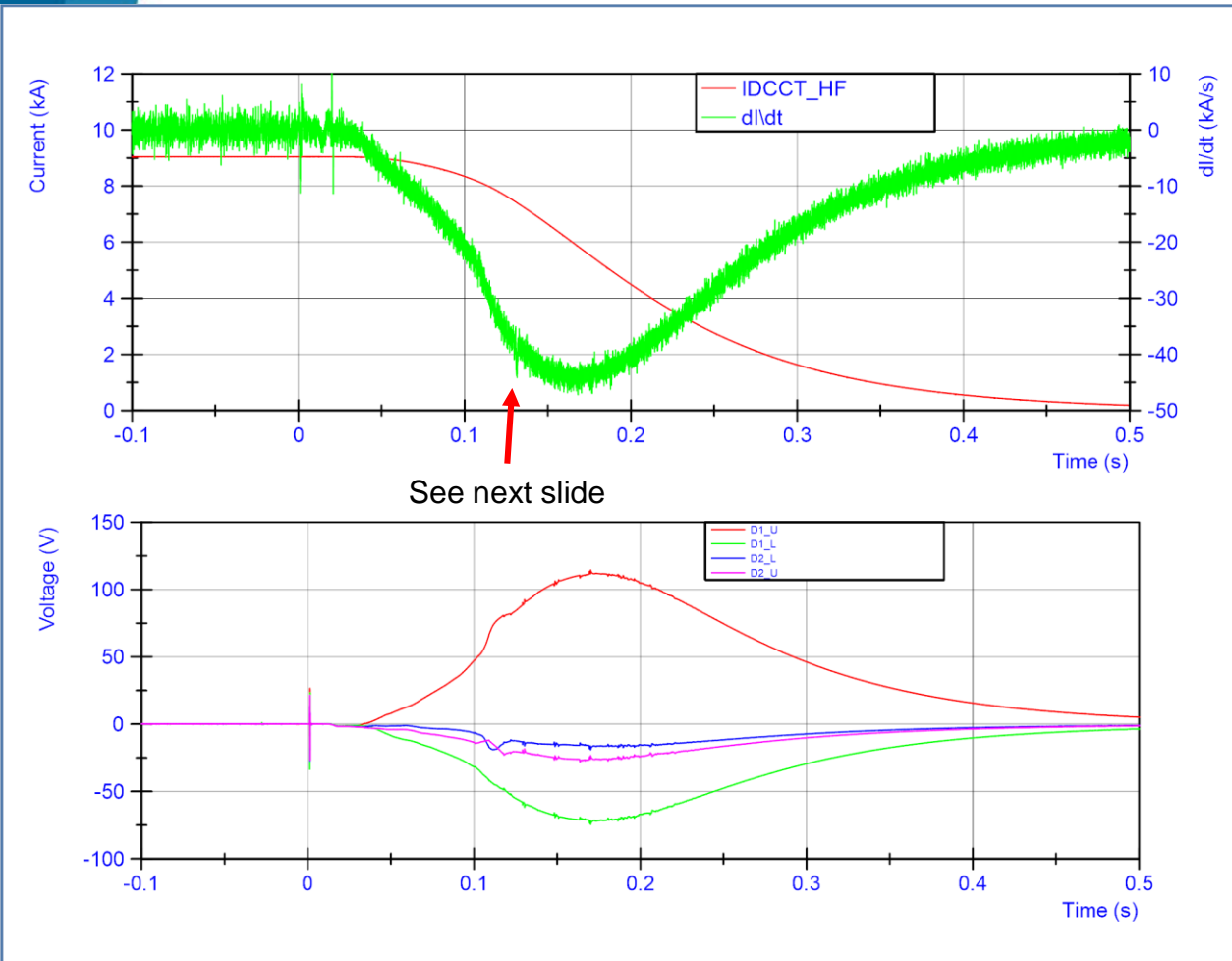


Earth current measurement shows nothing notable.

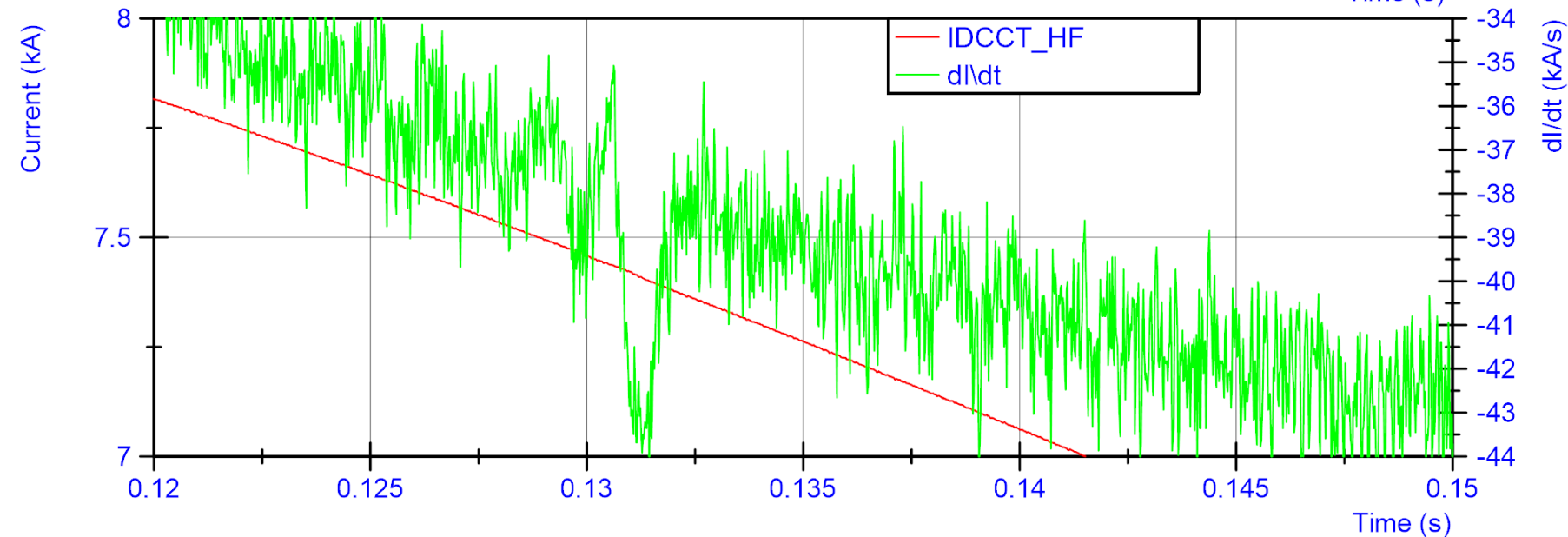
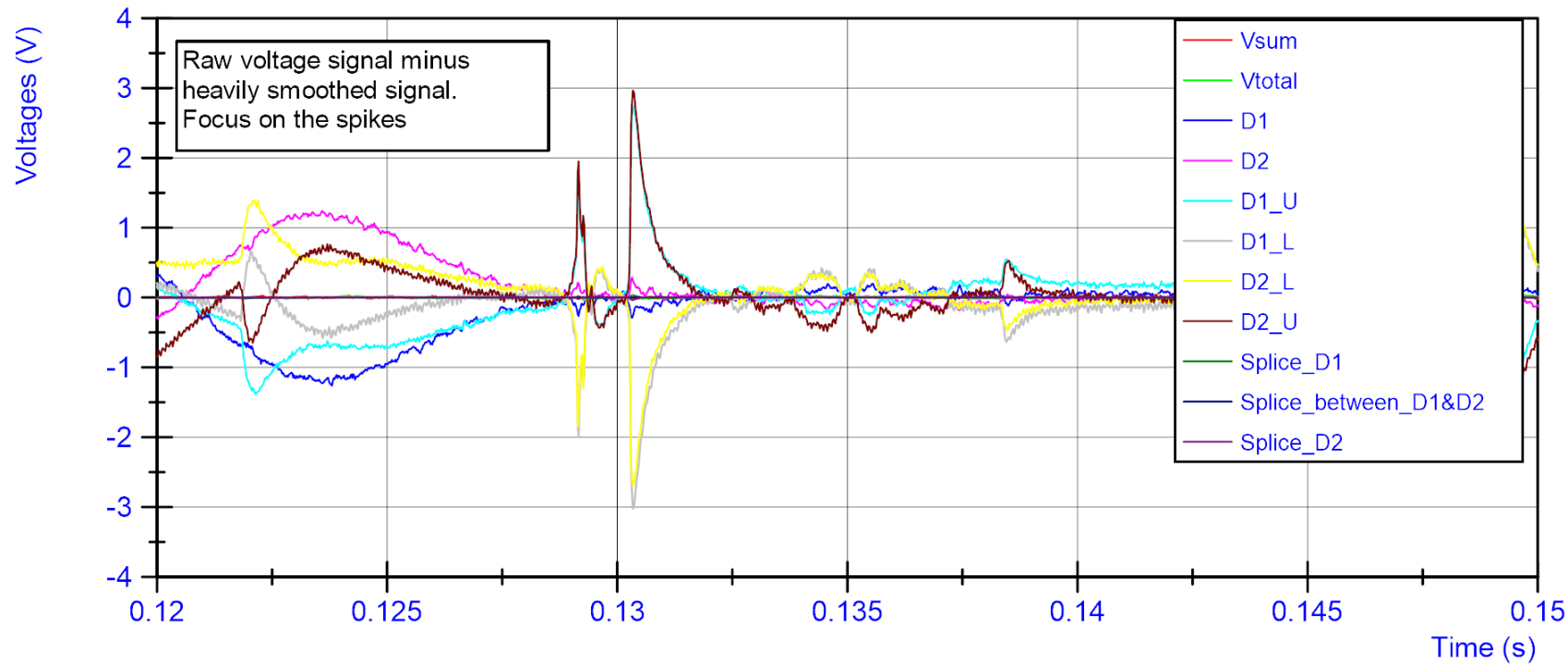
Voltages with spikes in aperture 2.
Visible in all quenches above 7.8 kA.

In the next slides we analyse the 9 kA Quench

Analysis 9 kA quench.



Spikes visible direct voltage of each coil (D1_U, D1_L, D2_L and D2_U).
The total voltage and the voltage over each aperture (D1 and D2) are smooth.

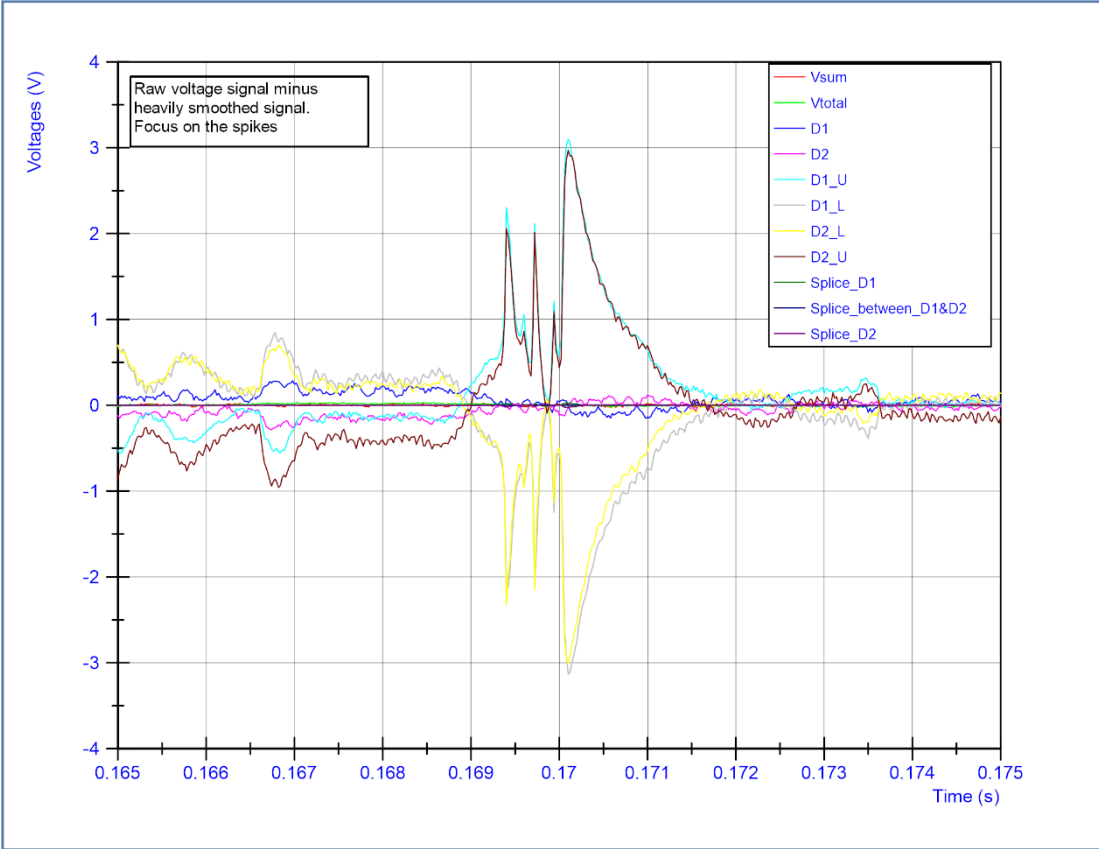
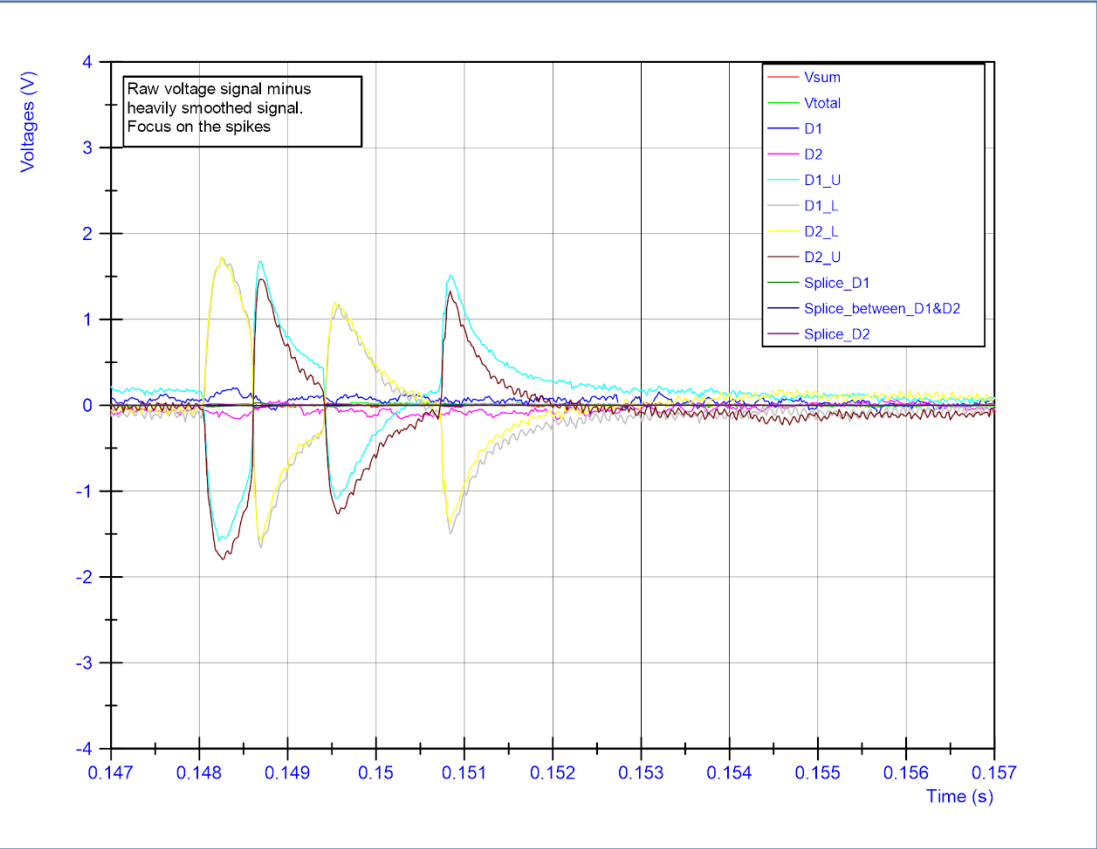


By removing the base signal (high-pass filter), we can focus on the spikes in the signal.

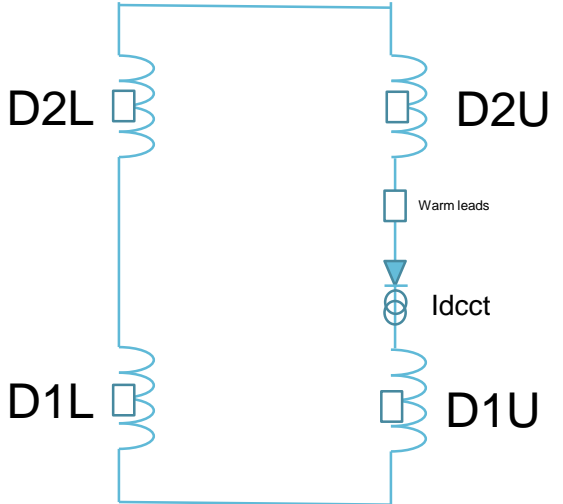
D1U spike identical to D2U

D1L identical to D2L

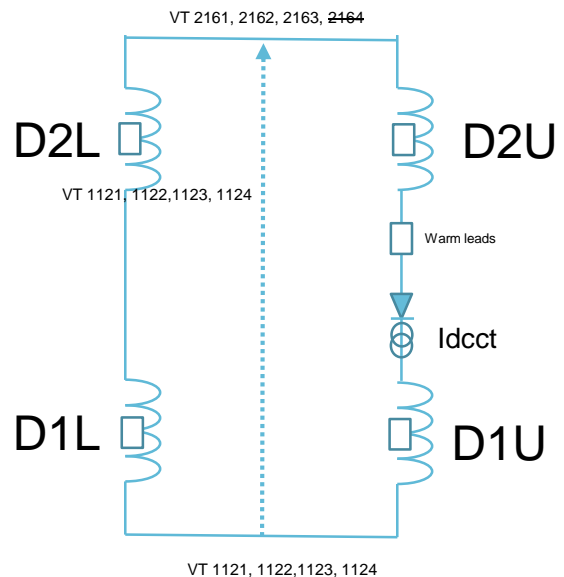
Other examples



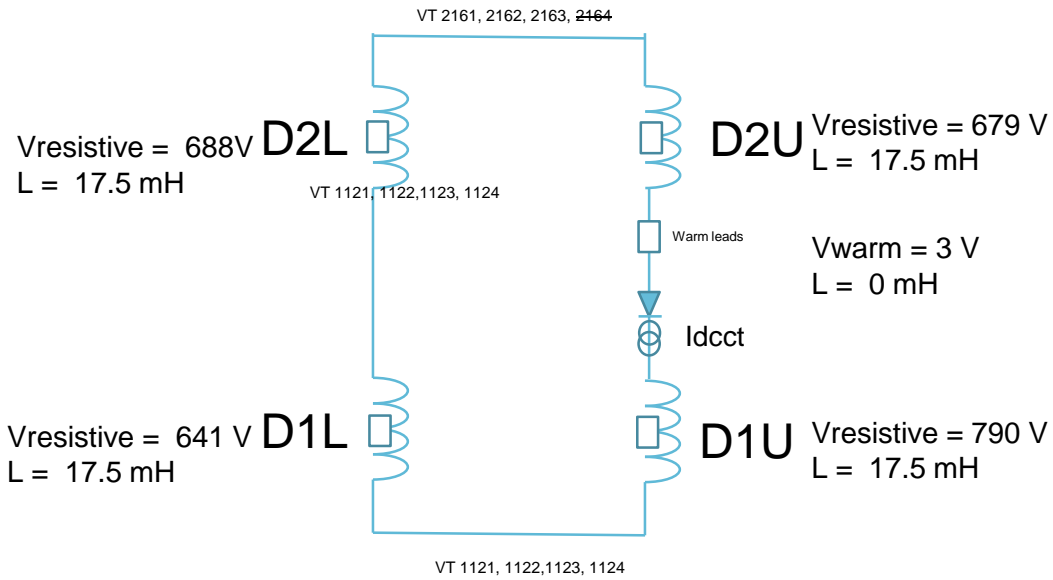
No earth current visible. .
Symmetry in signals may suggest
an intermittent short between the
midpoint of Aperture 1 and the
midpoint of aperture 2.



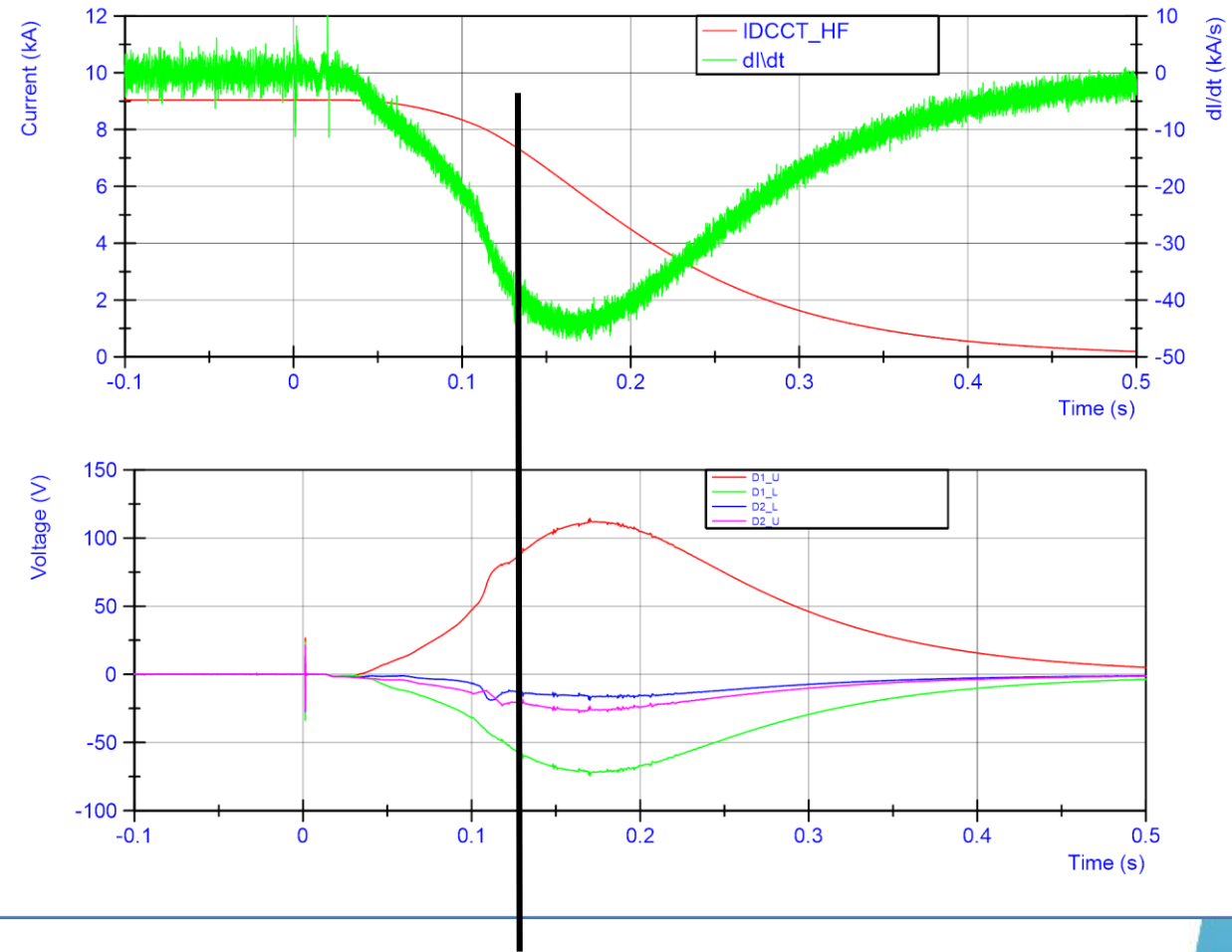
Note that at this stage the coils have a
resistance, but not all the same.



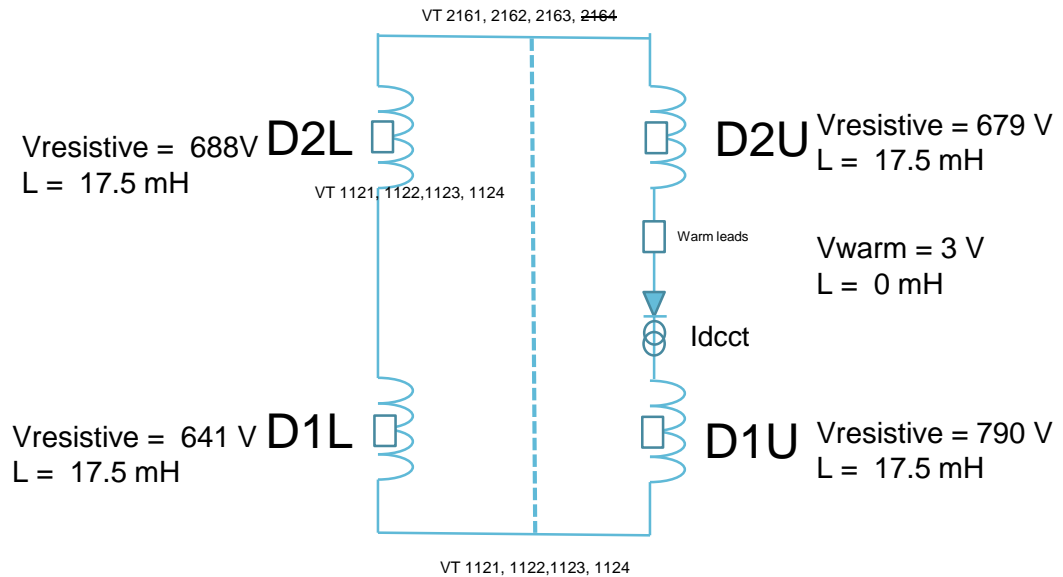
Could this short explain the signals?



Modeling using measured voltage imbalance.



Reference moment for the model.



Before the short, $V_{res} = 2800\text{ V}$, $L = 70\text{ mH}$, $di/dt = 40\text{ kA/s}$.

Introduce a short (with 0 resistance)

Left branch with D1L+D2L has $V_{res} = 1329\text{ v}$, $L = 35\text{ mH}$, $di/dt = -37.9\text{ kA/s}$

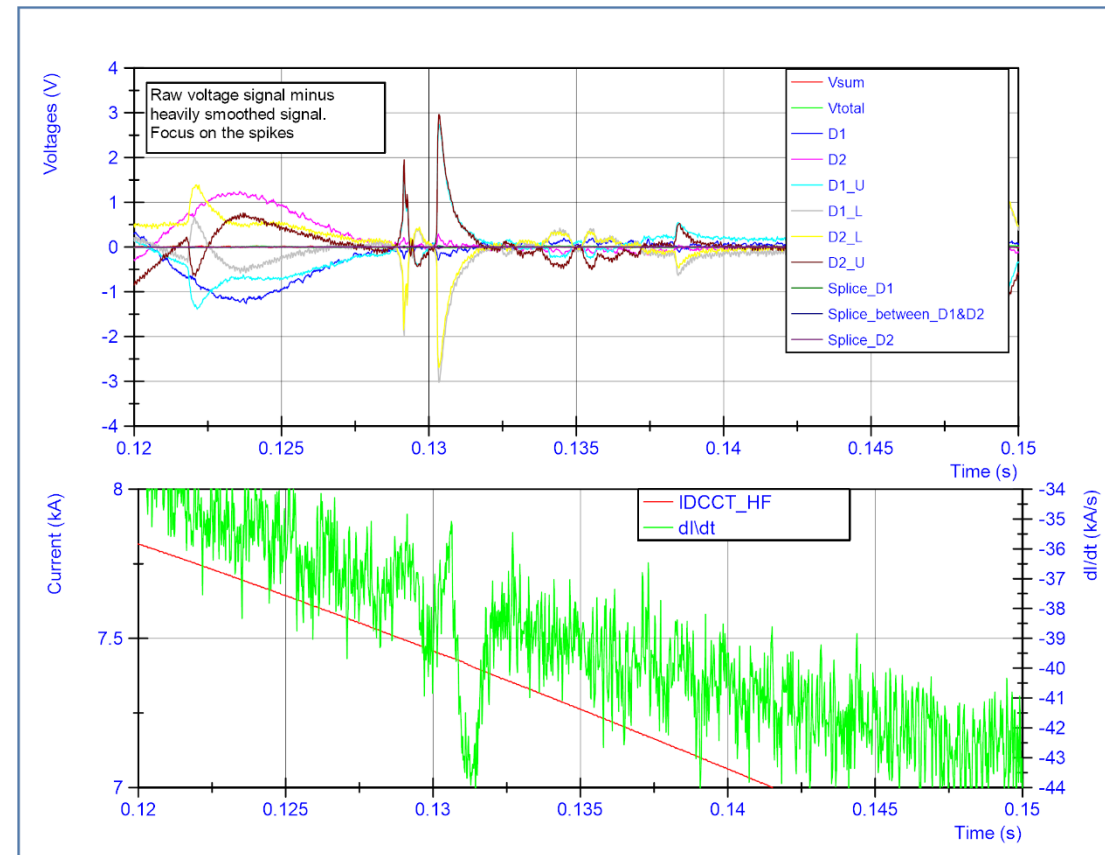
Right branch with D2U+Vwarm+D1U has $V_{res} = 1492\text{ V}$, $L = 35\text{ mH}$, $di/dt = -42.1\text{ kA/s}$.

This would mean that the short would start carrying the difference in current between both magnets, going up by 4.2 kA/s, however the current through the short is limited to V/R . The voltage over the supposed short is 71 V (measured).

Another exercise: use spikes in voltage (assume inductive) to calculate current flowing through short. In this case (at 0.131 s) the current is 80 mA.

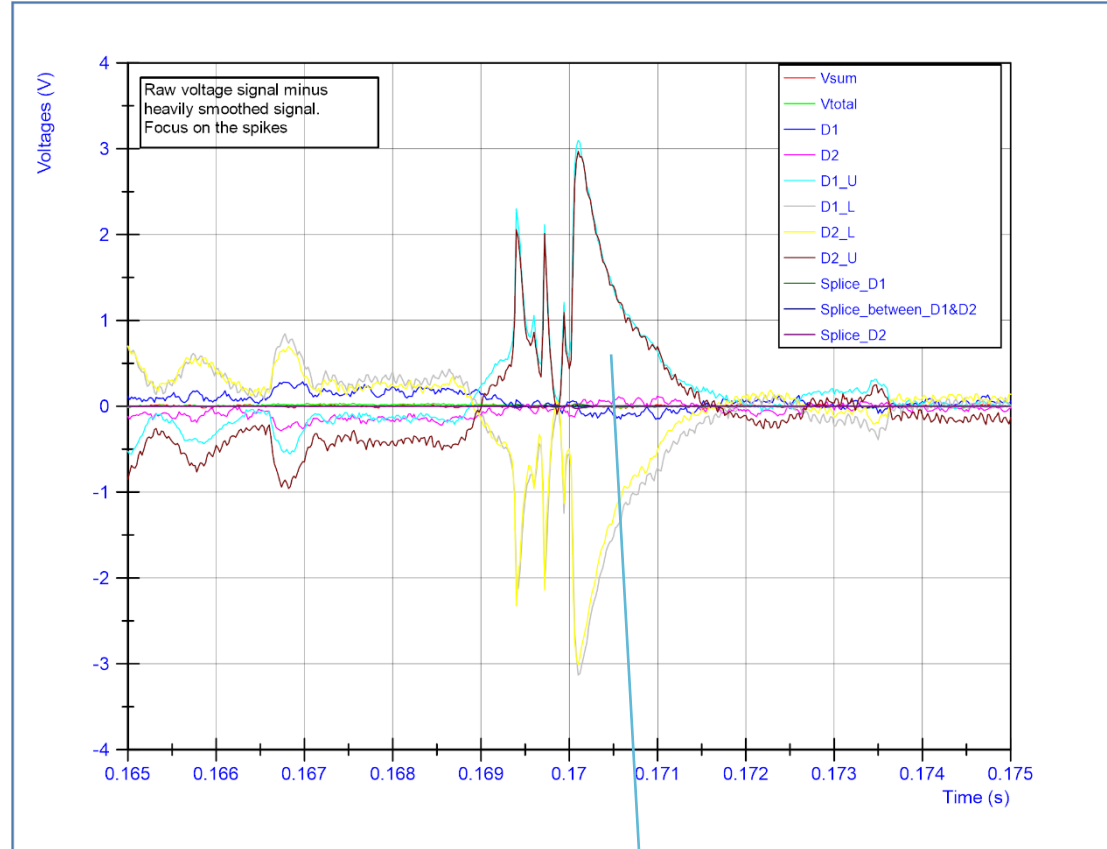
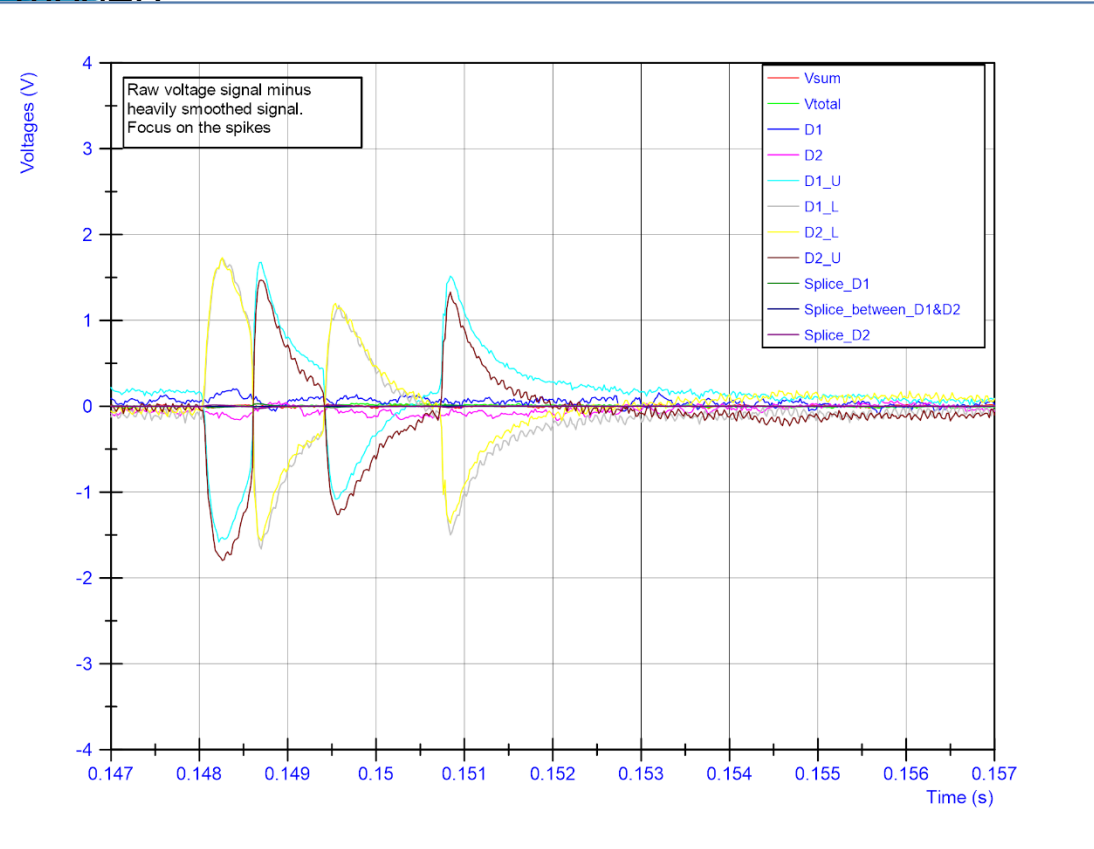
At 71 V this would give a short resistance of 900 Ohm.

(assuming that the 71 V would not decrease)

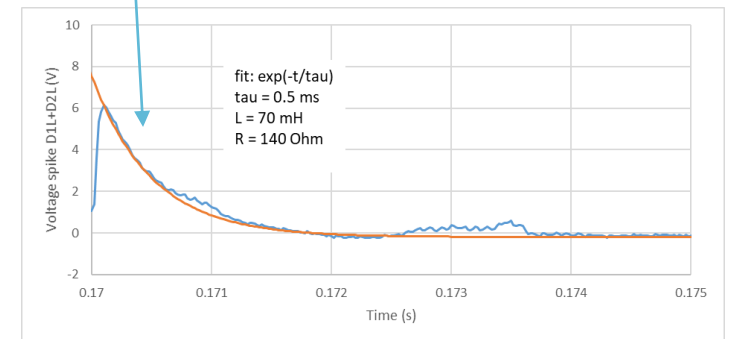


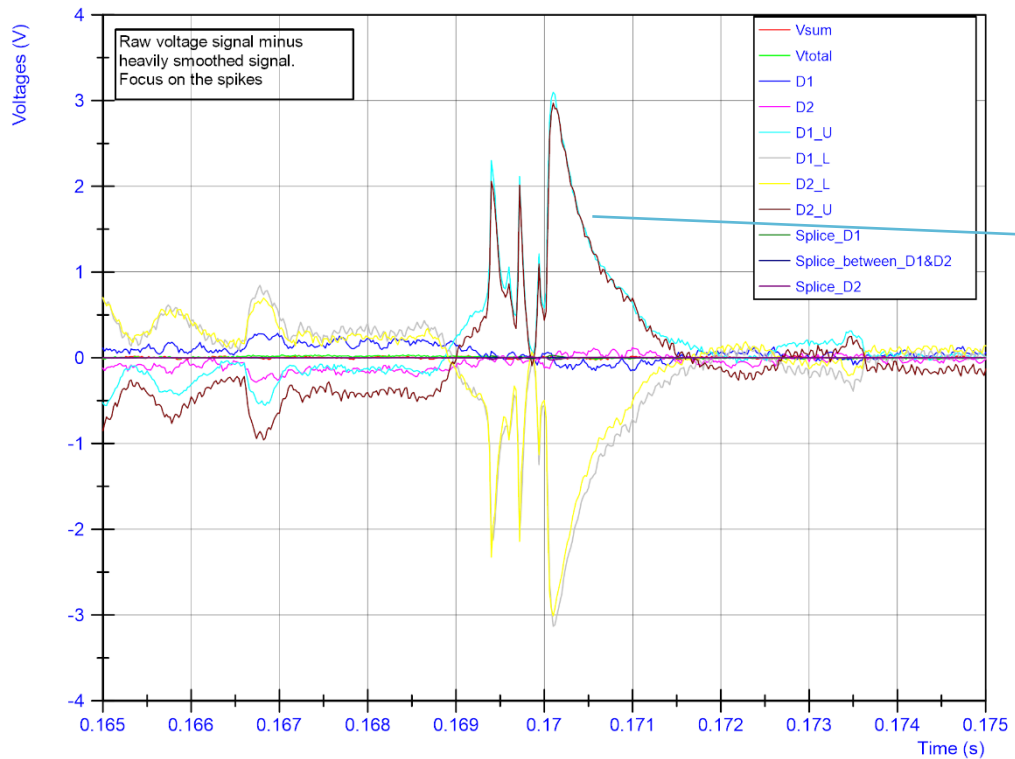
No surprise: symmetry
 $-40\text{ kA/s} \pm 2.1\text{ kA/s}$

How to explain the variations using the proposed model?

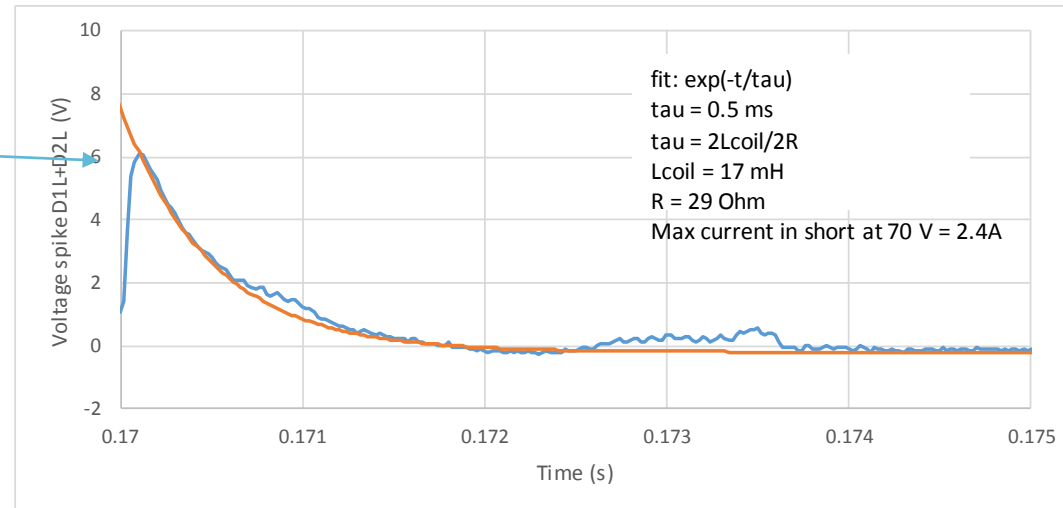


When D1U and D2U are positive the short appears/becomes less resistive.
When negative, the short disappears/becomes more resistive.

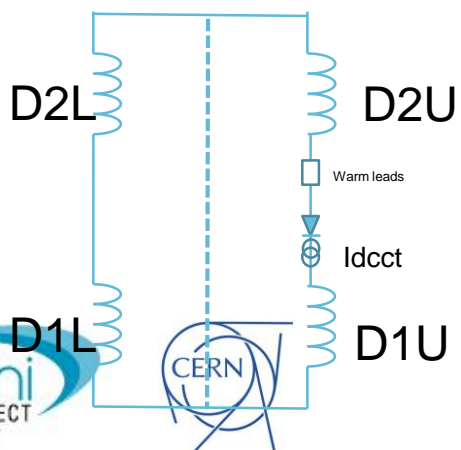
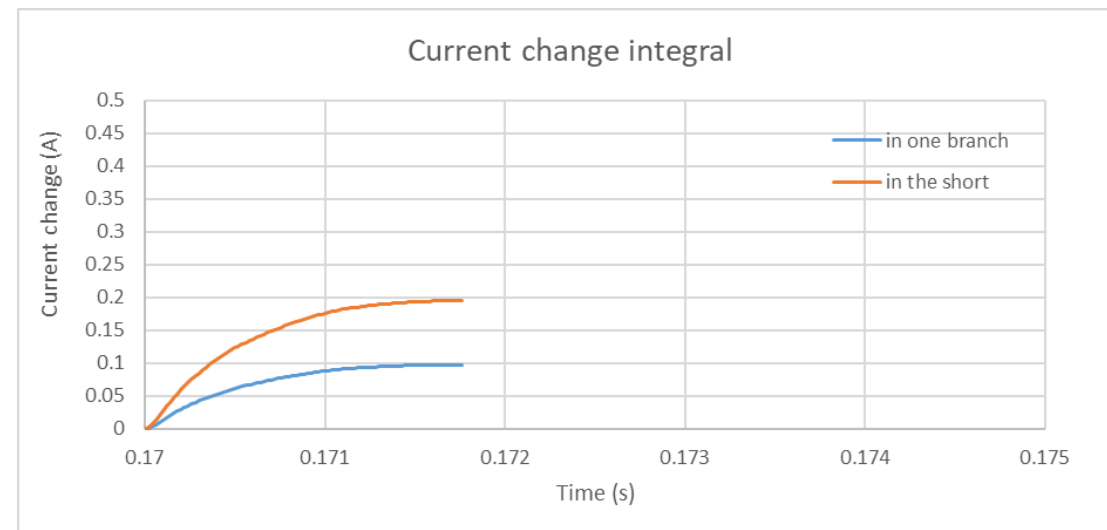


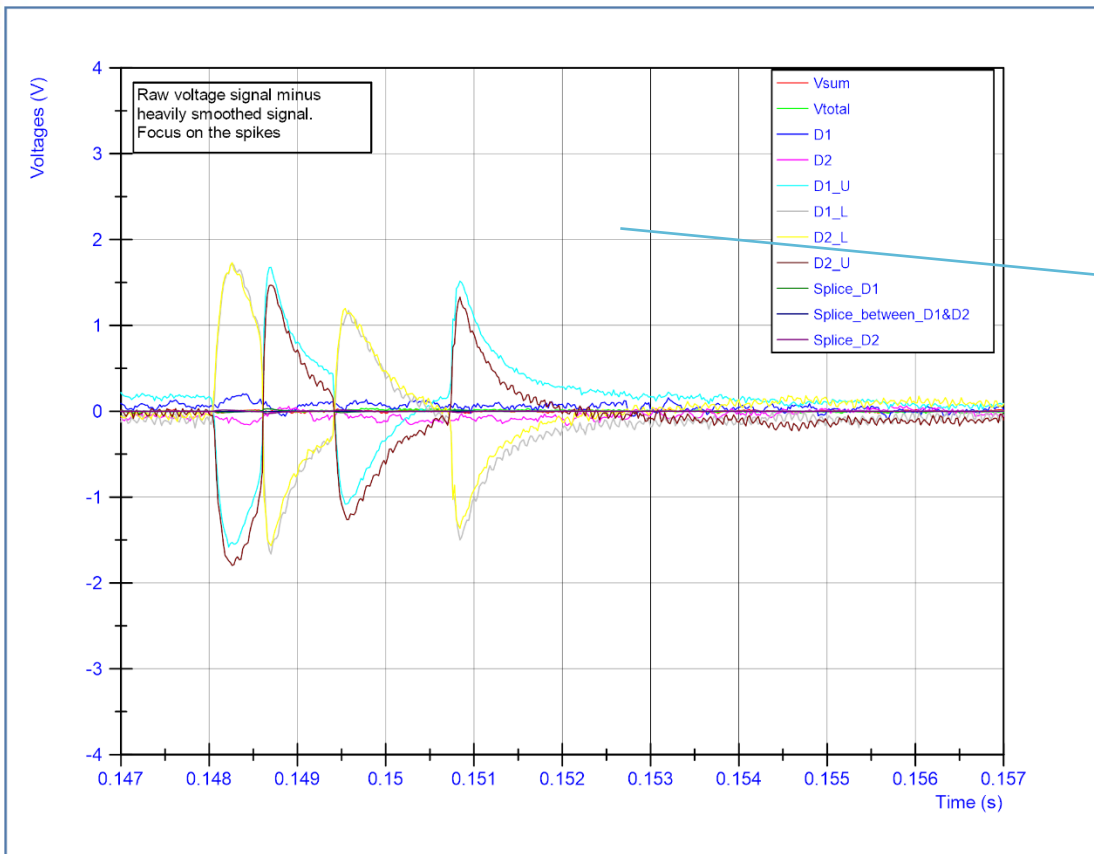


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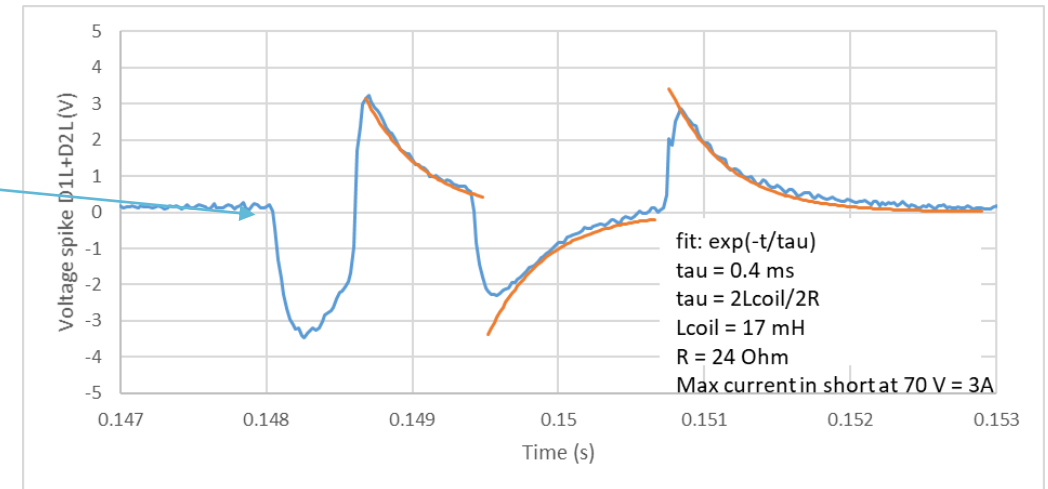


Method 2: integrate di/dt and see current change (use V/L)

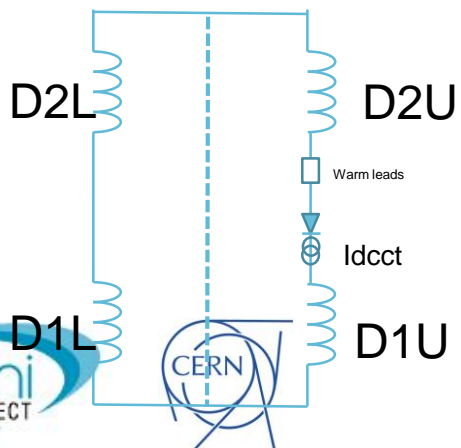
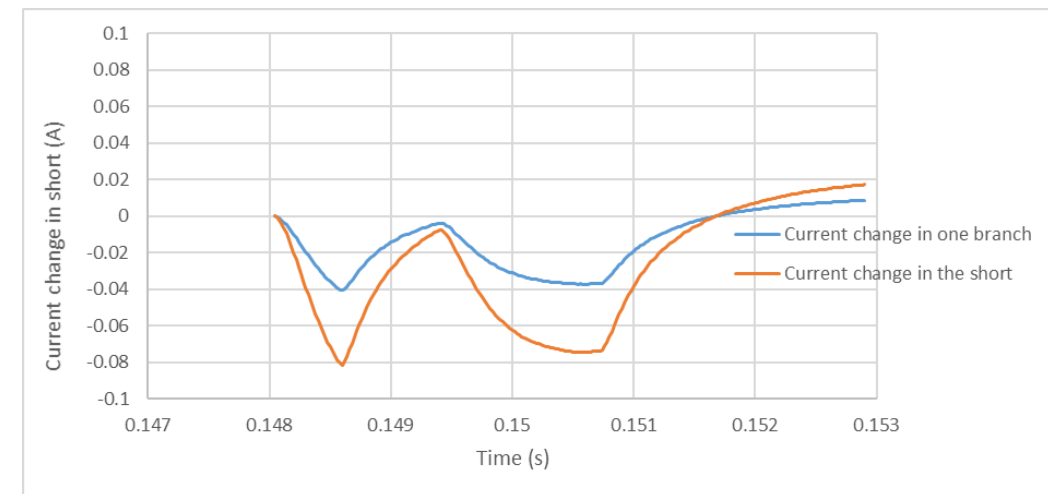




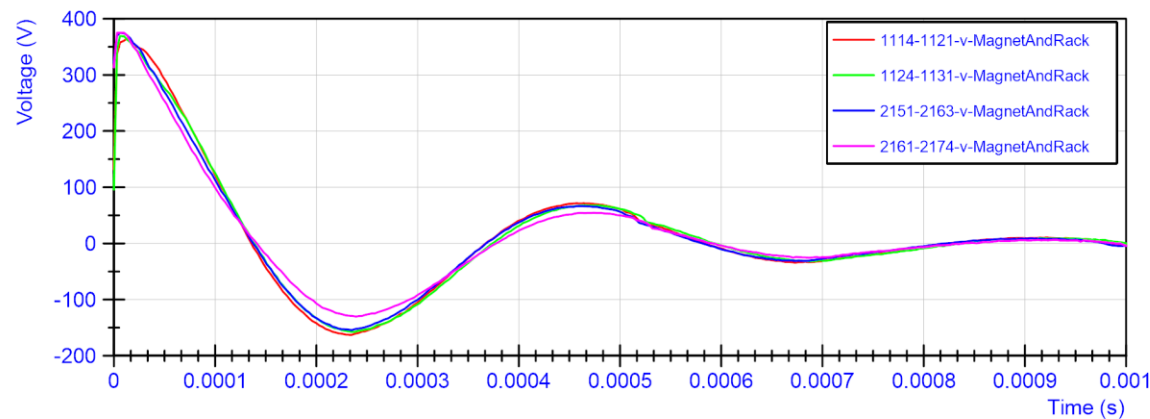
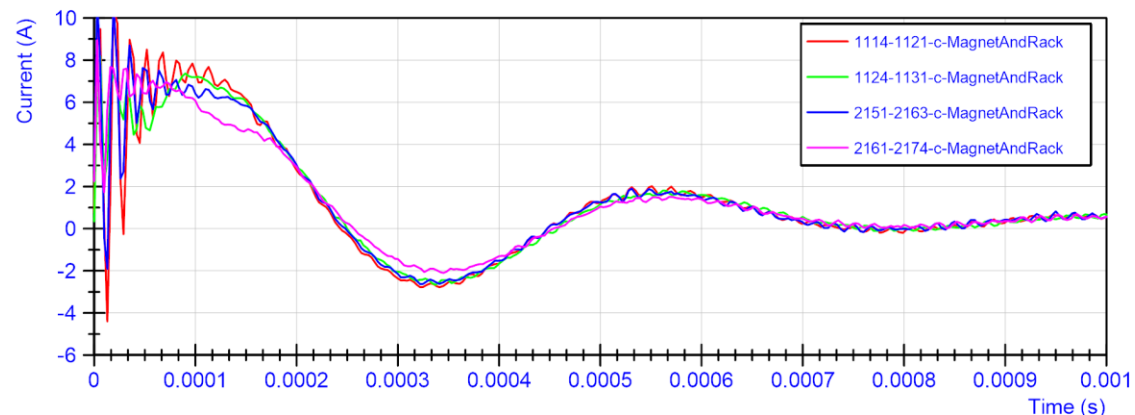
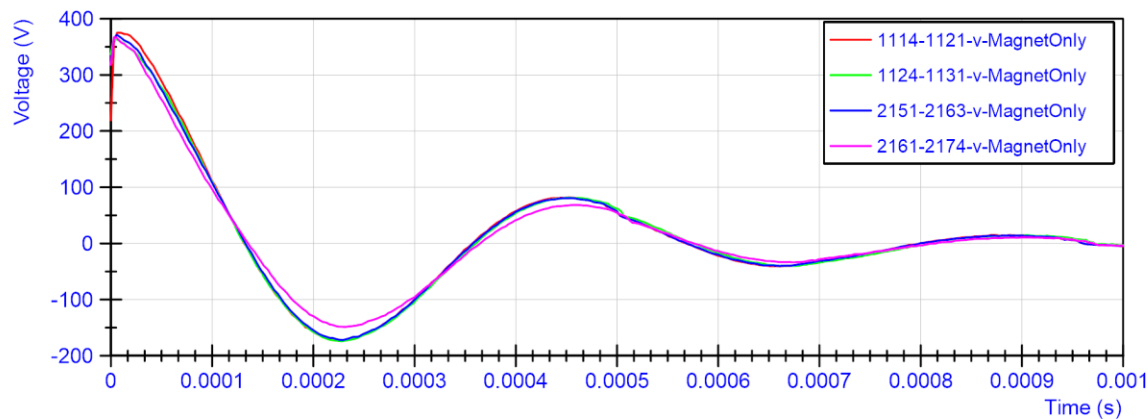
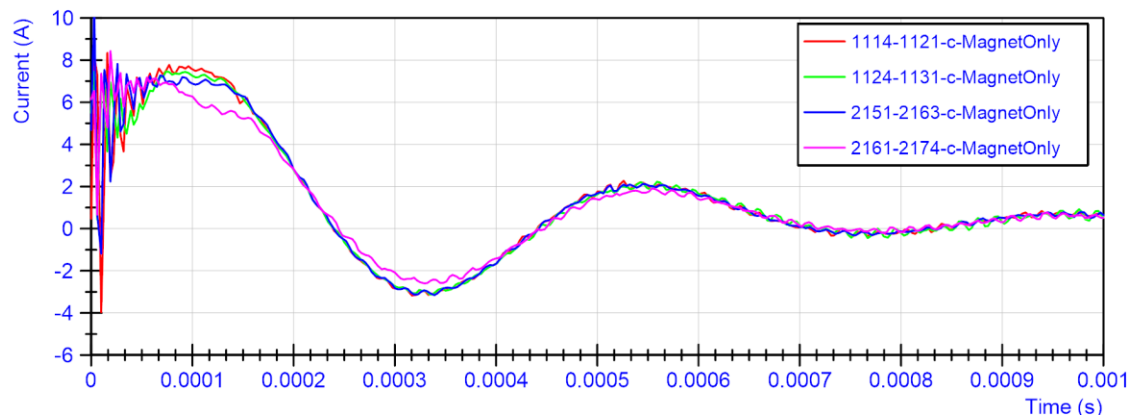
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Capacitive discharges at 400 V through the voltage tap leads

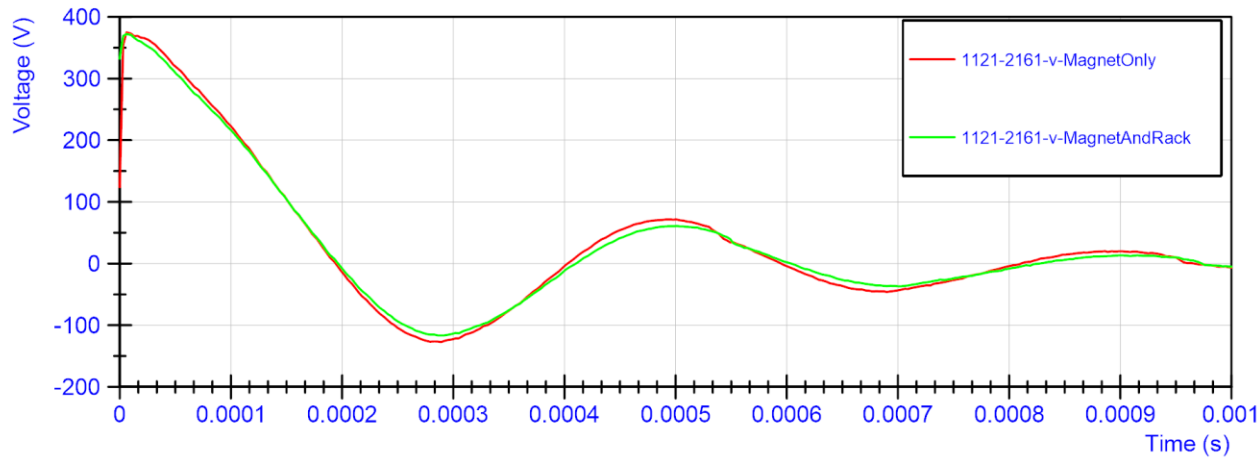
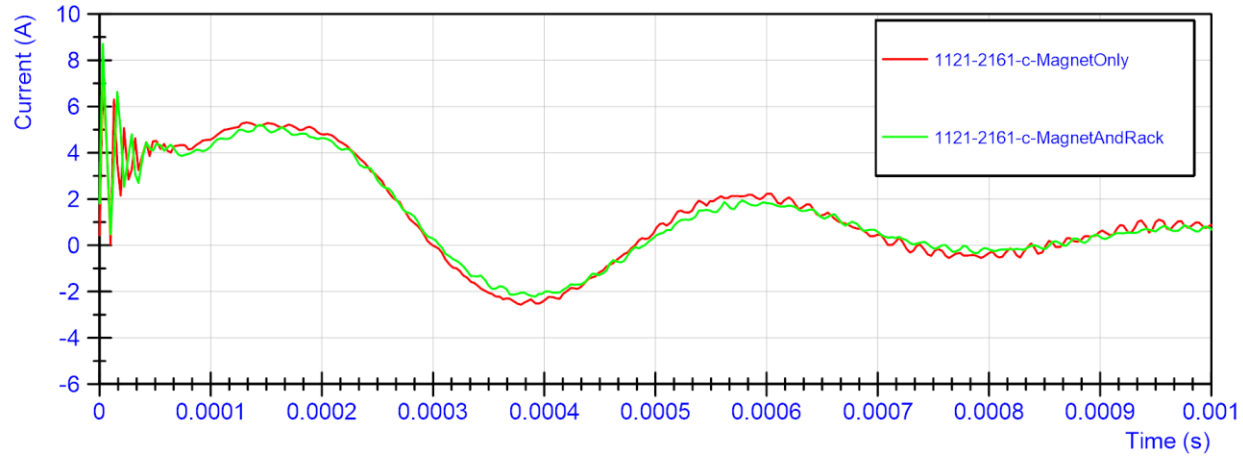


When looking at the magnet only, coil D2U (vt2161-2174) is different than the other coils. This is similar to MBHB.

When connecting the full measurement rack (to exclude there is a problem inside), we do not see a large difference.



Discharging from Vtap 1121-2161 (the suspected short location)

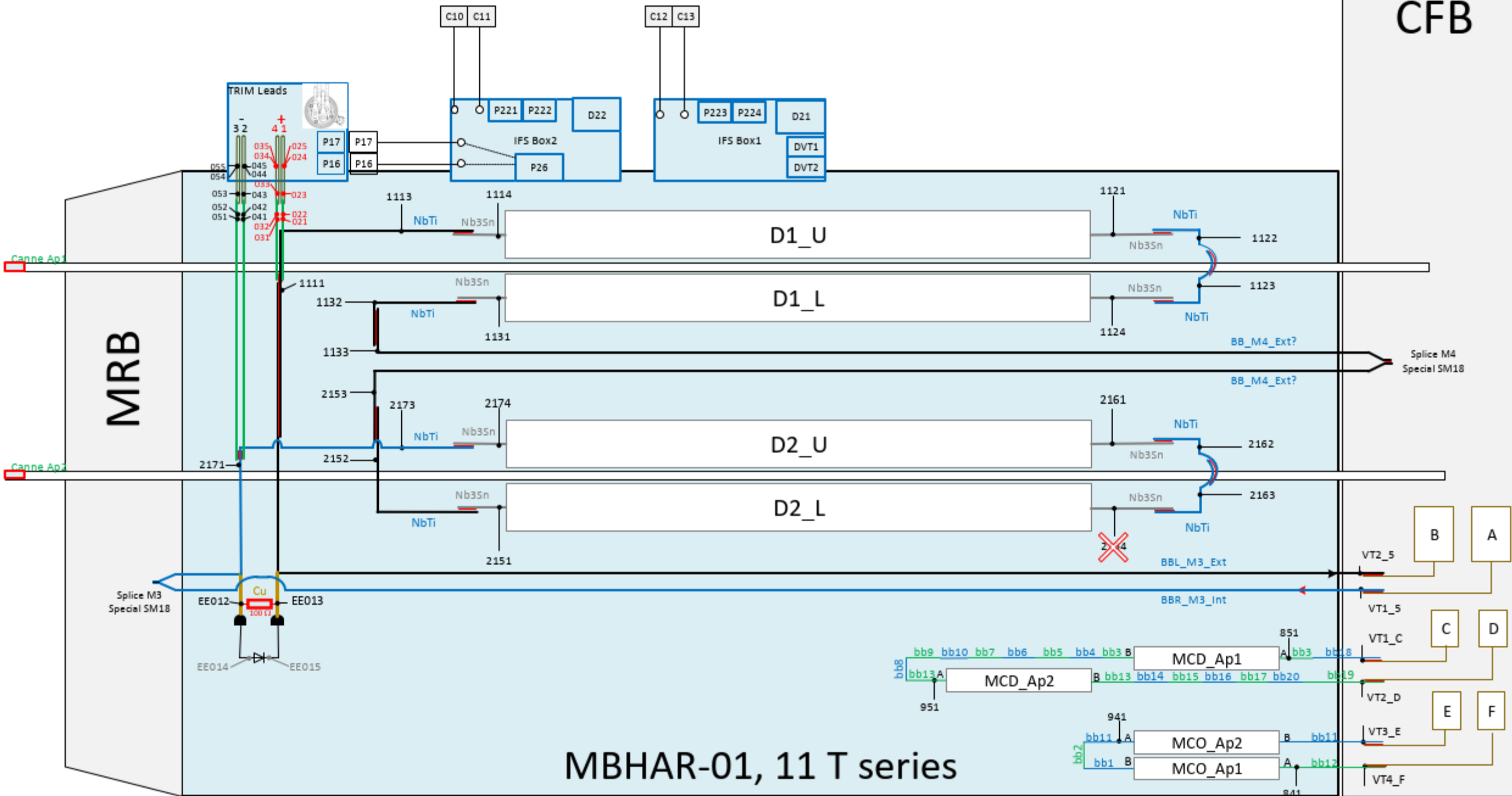


No low inductance visible.

No strong variation when connecting the full measurement rack.

Since the spikes appear above 80 V, the test voltage of 400 V should be sufficient to see any variation.

CFB

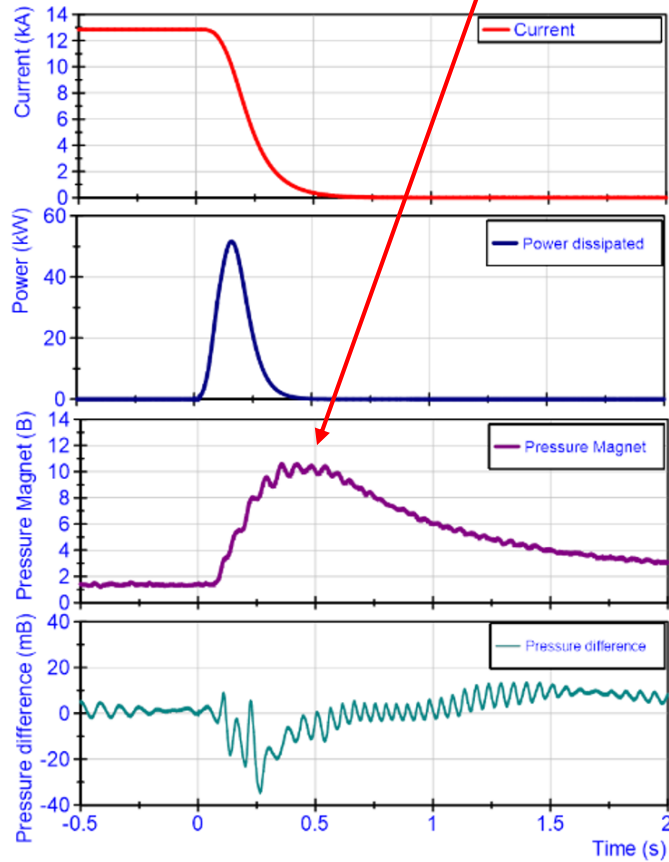


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Wild idea: In the capillary there is a compressible gas -> could helium movement move the wires in or close to the cap

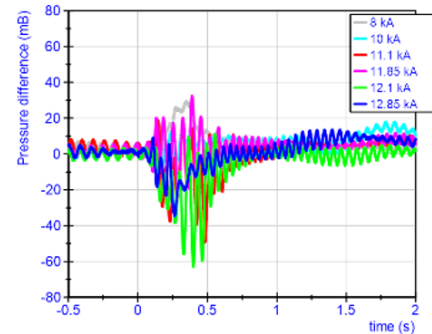
Pressure wave in the magnet during quench, measured for an MB magnet

Test 1: results first pressure peak



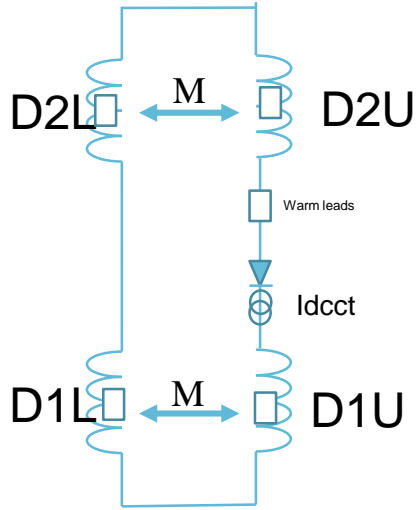
As is visible, the capillaries are prone to oscillations, which are difficult to avoid in 1.5 meter long capillaries between 1.9 K and 300 K.

6 quenches analysed:



| Current (kA) | $P_{\text{magnet, max}}$ (B) | $ dP _{\text{max}}$ (mB) |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8 | 5.8 | 29 |
| 10 | 8.0 | 12 |
| 11.1 | 9.1 | 49 |
| 11.85 | 9.7 | 32 |
| 12.1 | 10.0 | 62 |
| 12.85 | 10.7 | 34 |

Pressure difference is highest at the 12.1 kA quench: Never exceeding 60 mB.



Note that at this stage the coils have a resistance, but not all the same.