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Axisymmetric Bubble Growth and Detachment Subject to Inhomogeneous Magnetic Fields in Microgravity

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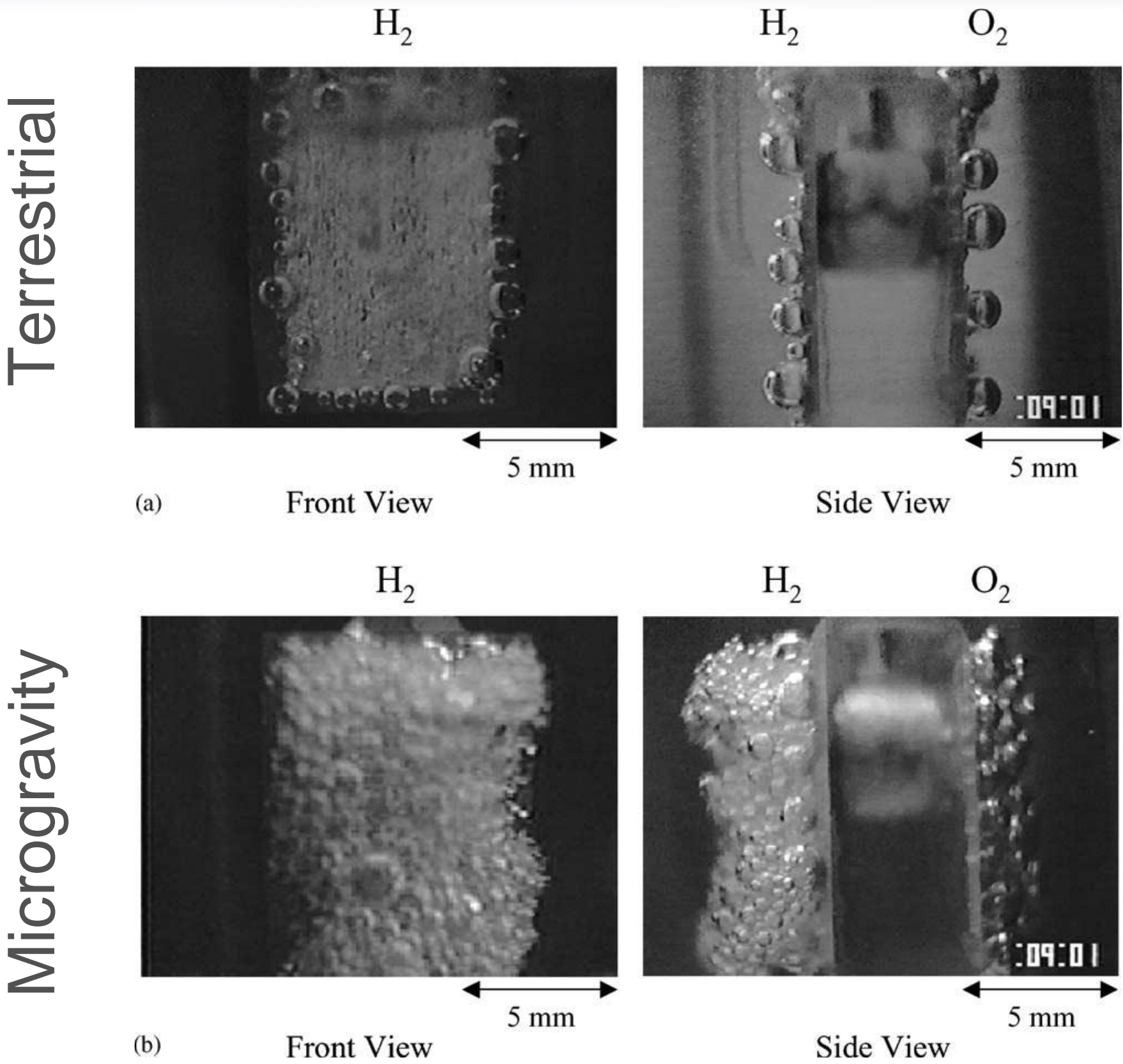
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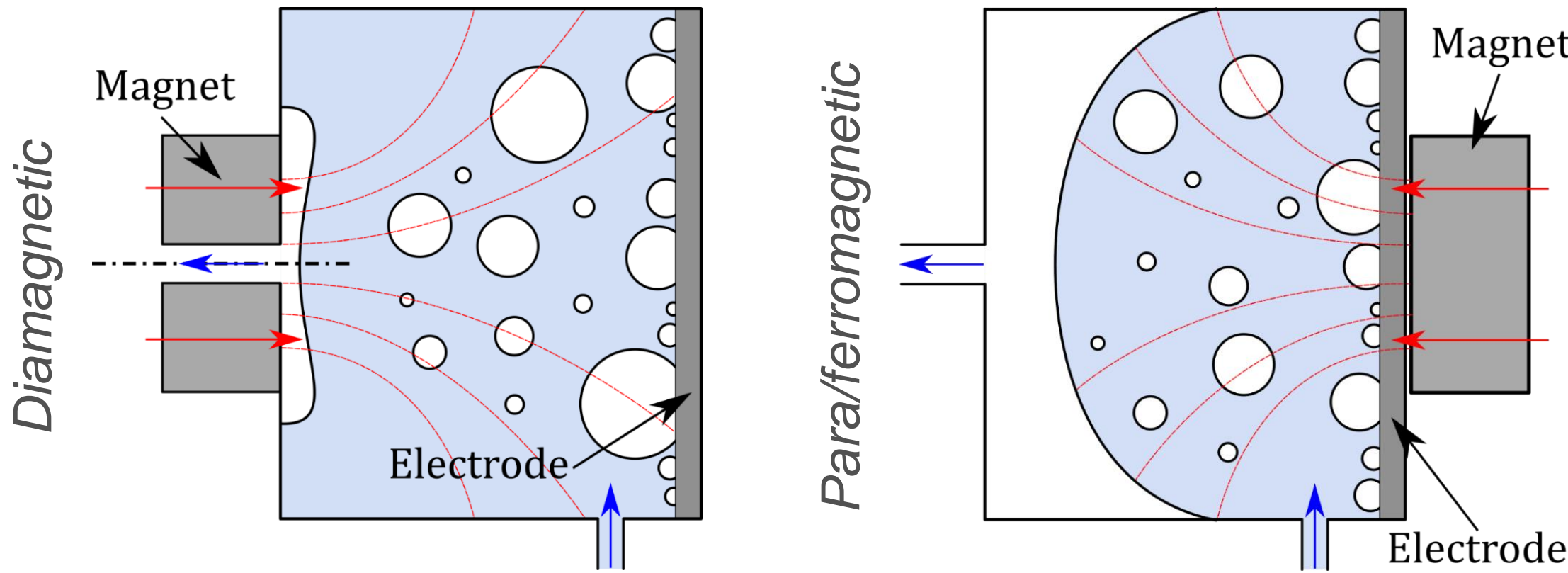


Bubble generation

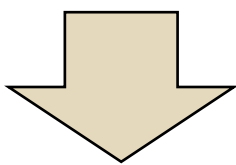


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Magnetic phase separation

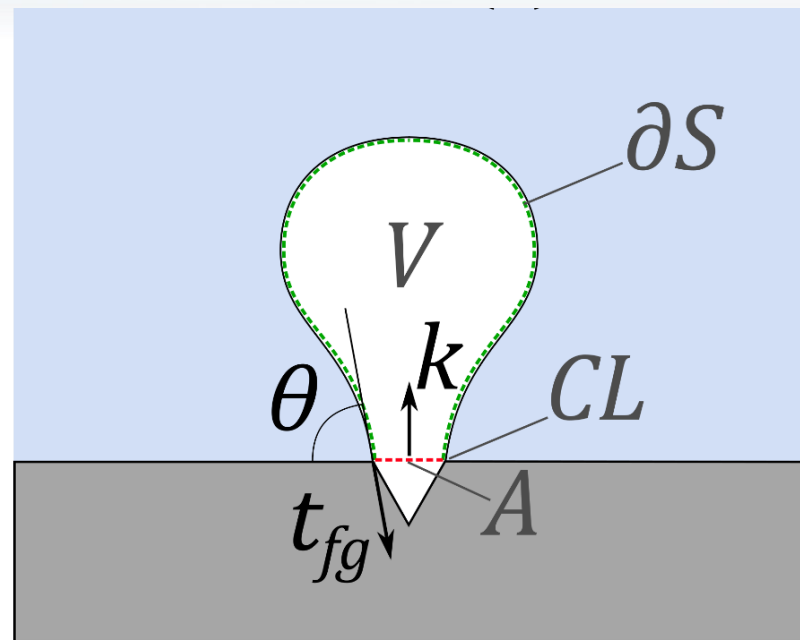


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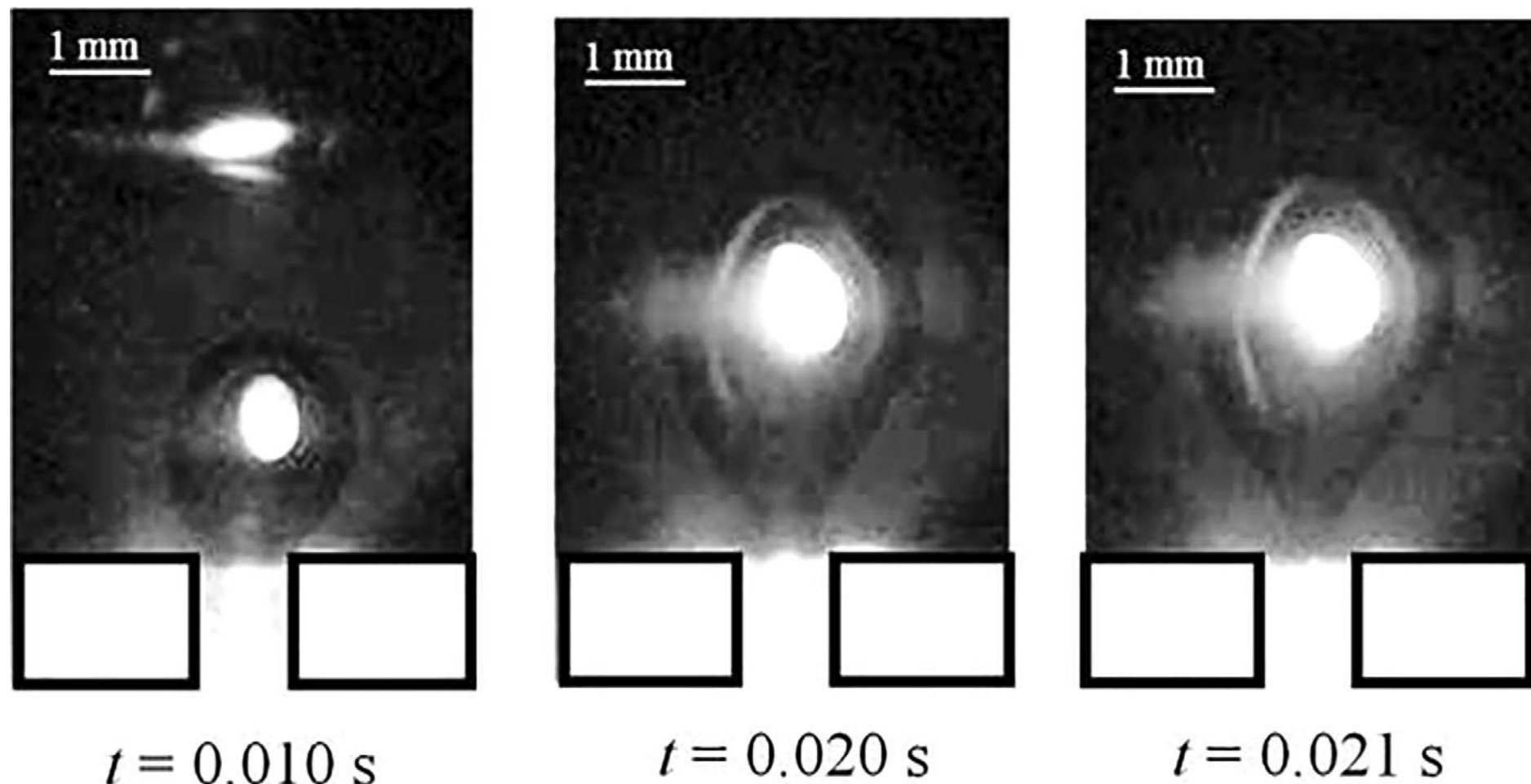


- Bubble departure diameter?
- Interface shape?
- Natural oscillation frequencies?

Magnetic bubble dynamics in microgravity



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Coupled fluid-magnetic problem

Incompressible Navier-Stokes Eqs.

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{v} = 0,$$

$$\rho \frac{D\mathbf{v}}{Dt} = \rho \mathbf{g} + \mathbf{f}_p + \mathbf{f}_\nu + \mathbf{f}_m,$$

Viscous term Magnetic term

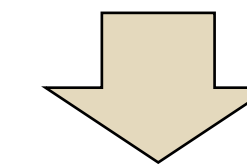
Steady-State Maxwell Eqs.

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{B} = 0,$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{J}_e,$$

+BCs

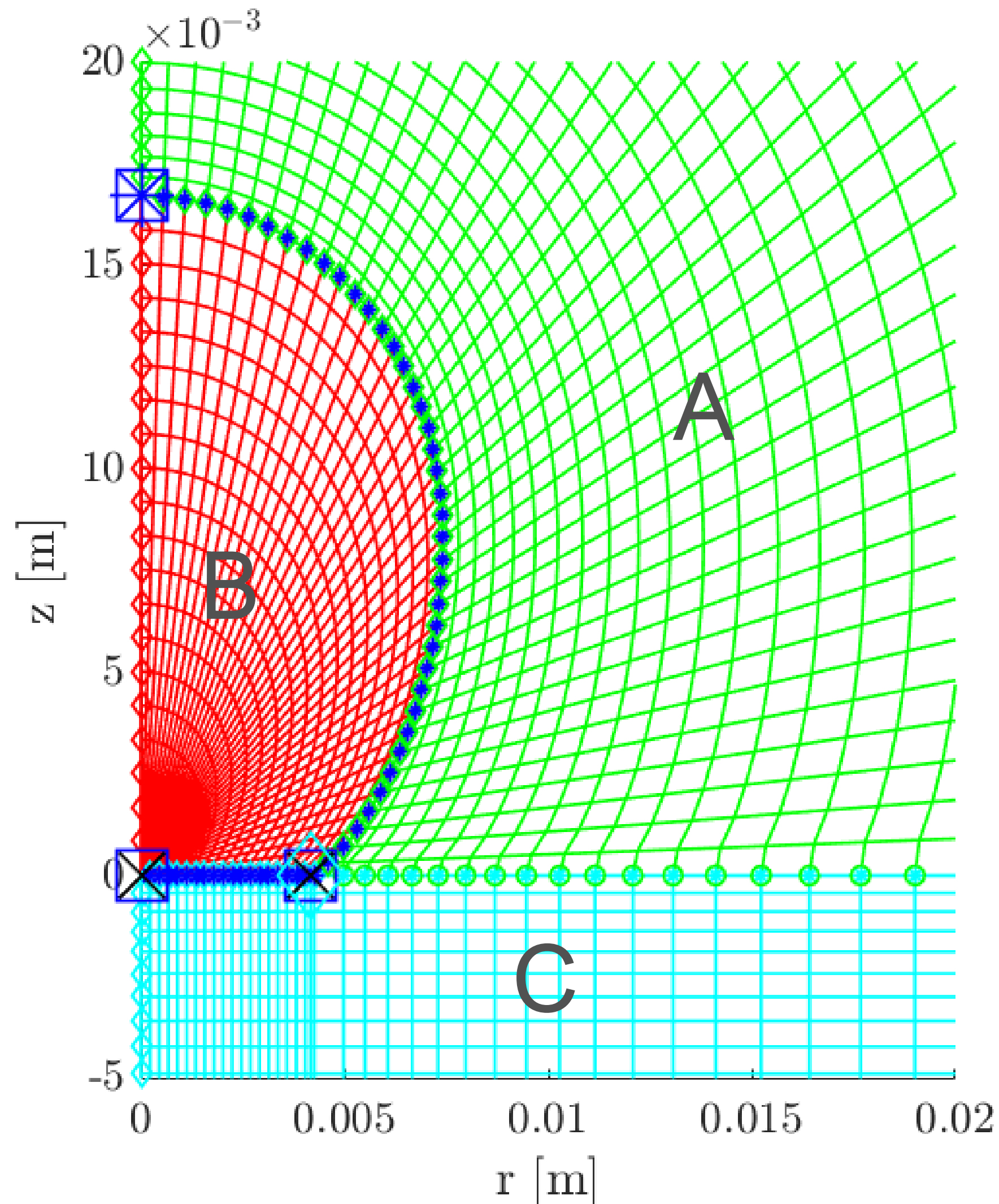
Liquid position determines magnetic solution



Need for coupled
fluid-magnetic simulations

Coupled magnetohydrodynamic model

A: Bubble, B: Ferrofluid, C: Solid



- **Axisymmetric** geometry, loads, and BCs
- Simulation domain divided into **3 regions**:
 - Quasi-elliptical mappings in A and B
 - Analytical mapping in C
 - 2nd order finite differences
 - **Takes advantage of ψ uncoupling!**
- The discretized system is solved with a **monolithic, fully implicit**, Newton-Raphson approach in a **single time step**
- **Outcomes:**
 - Bubble interface
 - Departure volume
 - Stability properties & natural oscillations
 - Time-dependent simulation

Governing equations



Navier-Stokes equations (fluid domains)

Mass balance

$$\frac{\partial(ru)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial(rw)}{\partial z} = 0,$$

Momentum balance (r)

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial u}{\partial r} + w \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial r} + \eta \left(\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial(u/r)}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial z^2} \right) + \mu_0 \left(M_r \frac{\partial H_r}{\partial r} + M_z \frac{\partial H_r}{\partial z} \right),$$

Momentum balance (z)

$$\rho \left(\frac{\partial w}{\partial t} + u \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} + w \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \right) = -\frac{\partial p^*}{\partial z} + \eta \left(\frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial w}{\partial r} + \frac{\partial^2 w}{\partial z^2} \right) + \mu_0 \left(M_r \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial r} + M_z \frac{\partial H_z}{\partial z} \right),$$

Static Maxwell equations (all domains)

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} &= -\nabla \cdot \mathbf{M}, \\ \nabla \times \mathbf{H} &= \mathbf{J}_e, \\ H_r &= -\frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial z} - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \\ H_z &= \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} - \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial z} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

$$\nabla \cdot \mathbf{H} = - \left[\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} \right]$$

$$\nabla \times \mathbf{H} = -\frac{1}{r} \left[\frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Psi}{\partial z^2} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Psi}{\partial r} \right] \mathbf{u}_\phi$$

For fluid domain

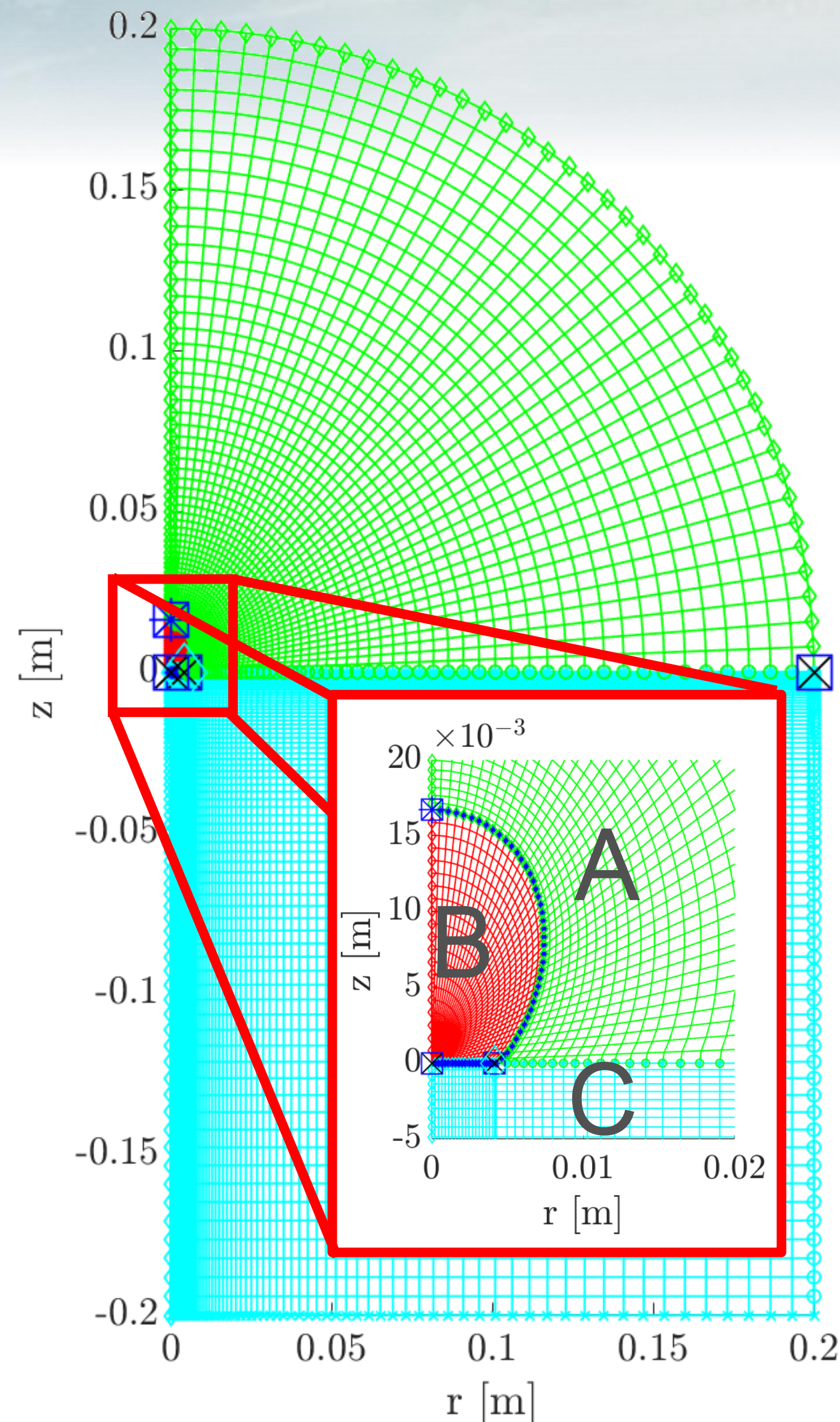
$$\frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial z^2} + \frac{\partial^2 \Phi}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \Phi}{\partial r} = \frac{1}{1 + \chi^{\text{vol}}(H)} \left(H_r \frac{\partial \chi^{\text{vol}}}{\partial r} + H_z \frac{\partial \chi^{\text{vol}}}{\partial z} \right),$$

Constitutive Relation

$$\chi^{\text{vol}} = a_M \frac{\arctan(c_M H)}{H} + b_M \frac{\arctan(d_M H)}{H} + e_M$$

ψ is uncoupled!!

Configuration



- **Materials:**

- 2.1 cm³ non-pinned **air bubble**

- $\rho = 1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$, $\eta = 1.81 \cdot 10^{-2} \text{ mPa} \cdot \text{s}$
 - Variable contact angle θ_c , $\sigma = 62.4 \text{ mN/m}$

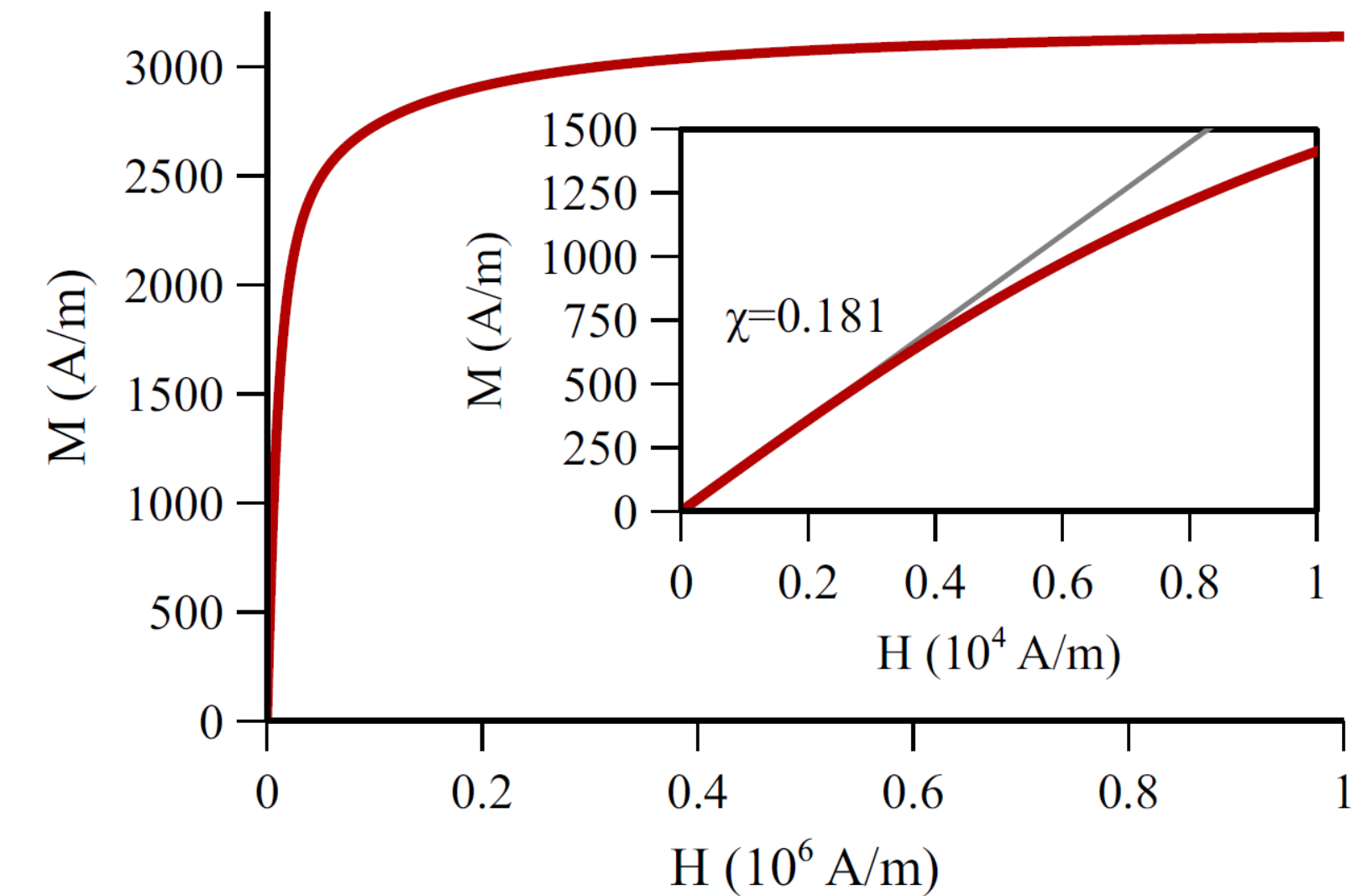
- 1:10 vol EMG-700 **water-based ferrofluid**

- $\rho = 1012 \text{ kg/m}^3$, $\eta = 1.445 \text{ mPa} \cdot \text{s}$
 - Magnetization curve

- **Virtual magnet in C**

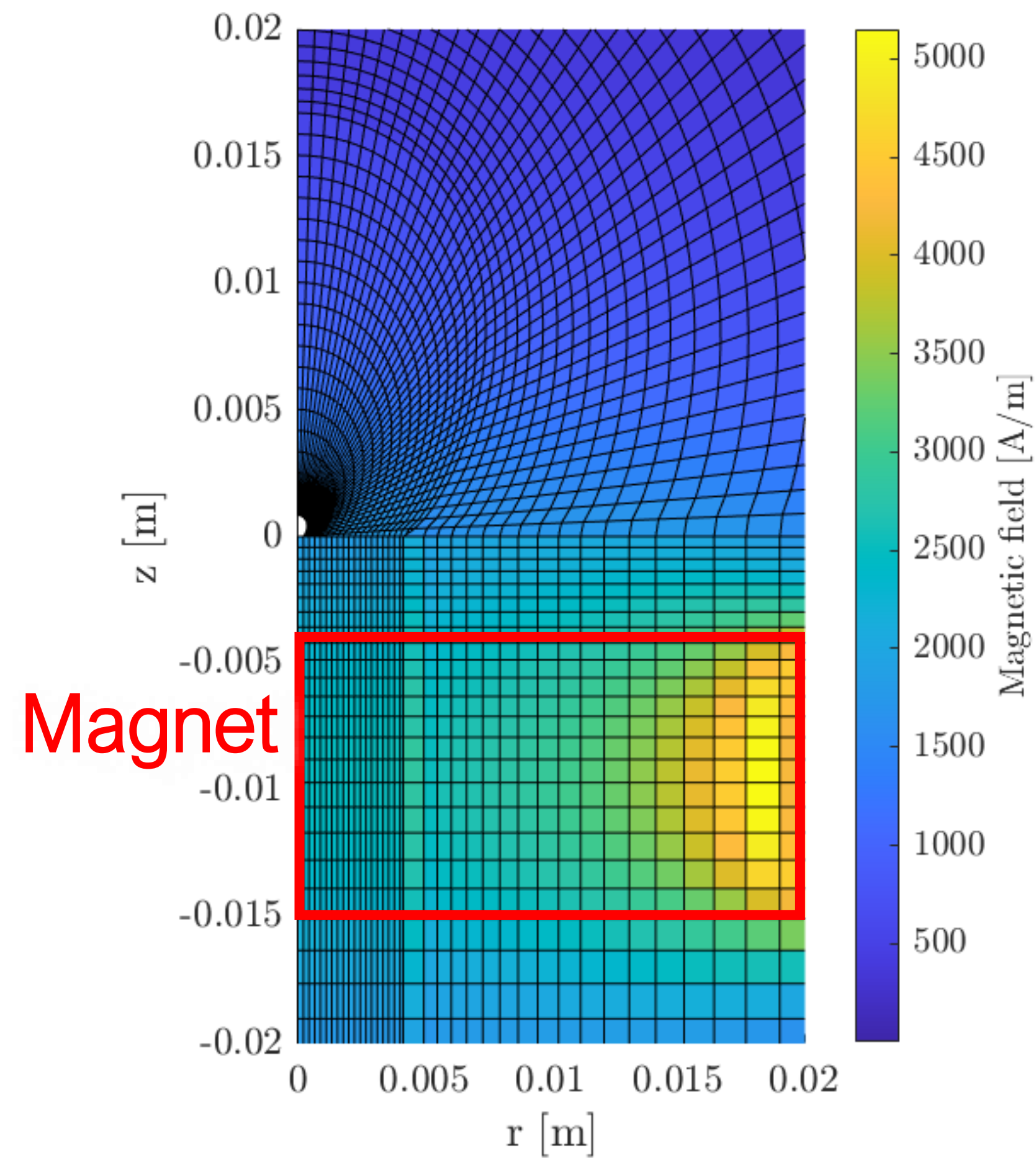
- **Boundary conditions:**

- **Magnetic:** Insulation in external contours, continuity A-C, B-C, partial continuity A-B, axisymmetry in axis
 - **Fluids:** Non-penetration & zero-velocity in external contour, A-C, and B-C, normal & tangential ferrohydrodynamic balances in A-B, axisymmetry in axis.
 - **Solid (C):** Moving nodes, employed only for magnetic BCs

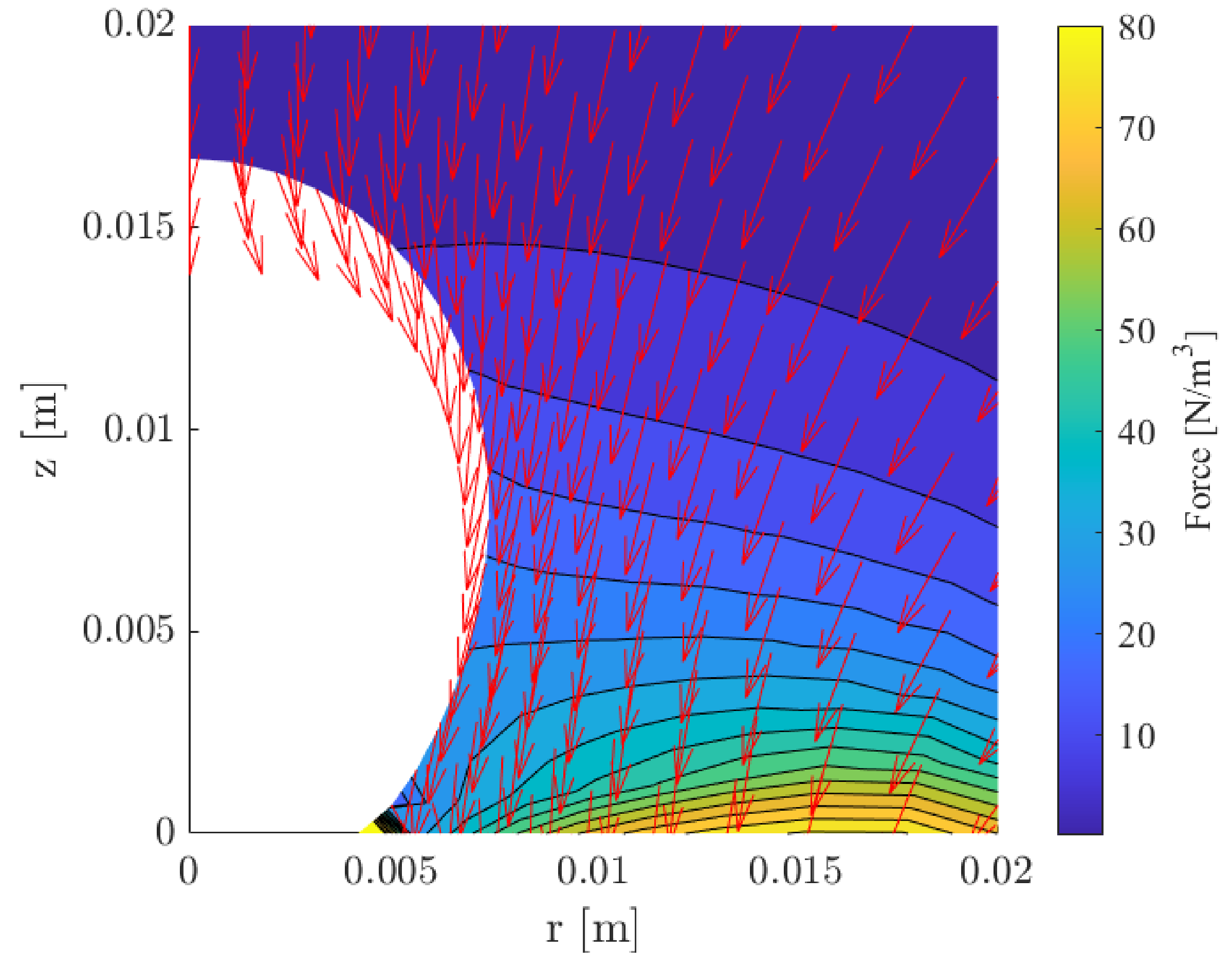


Magnetic field & force (M=10 kA/m)

Magnetic field

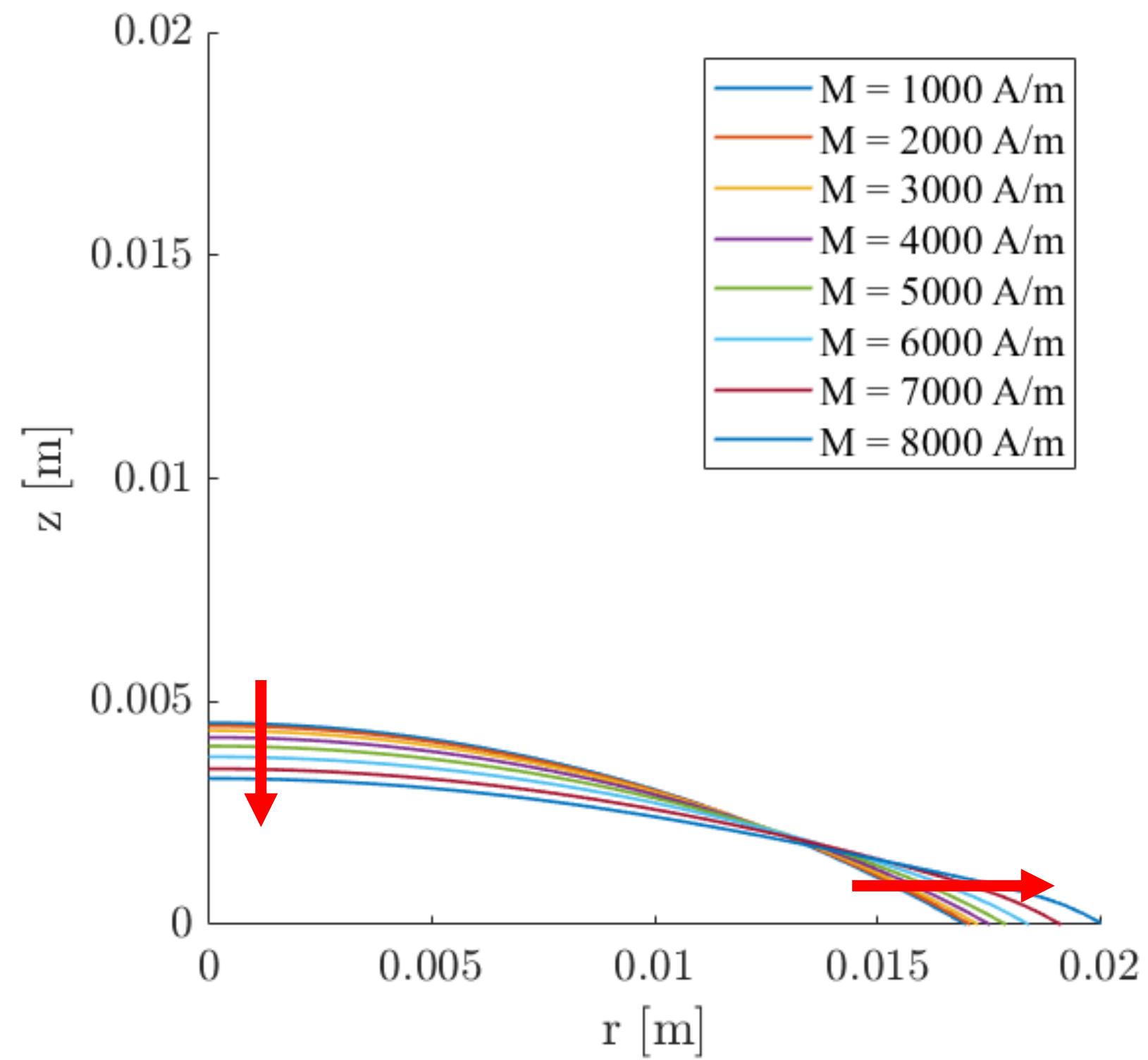


Magnetic force

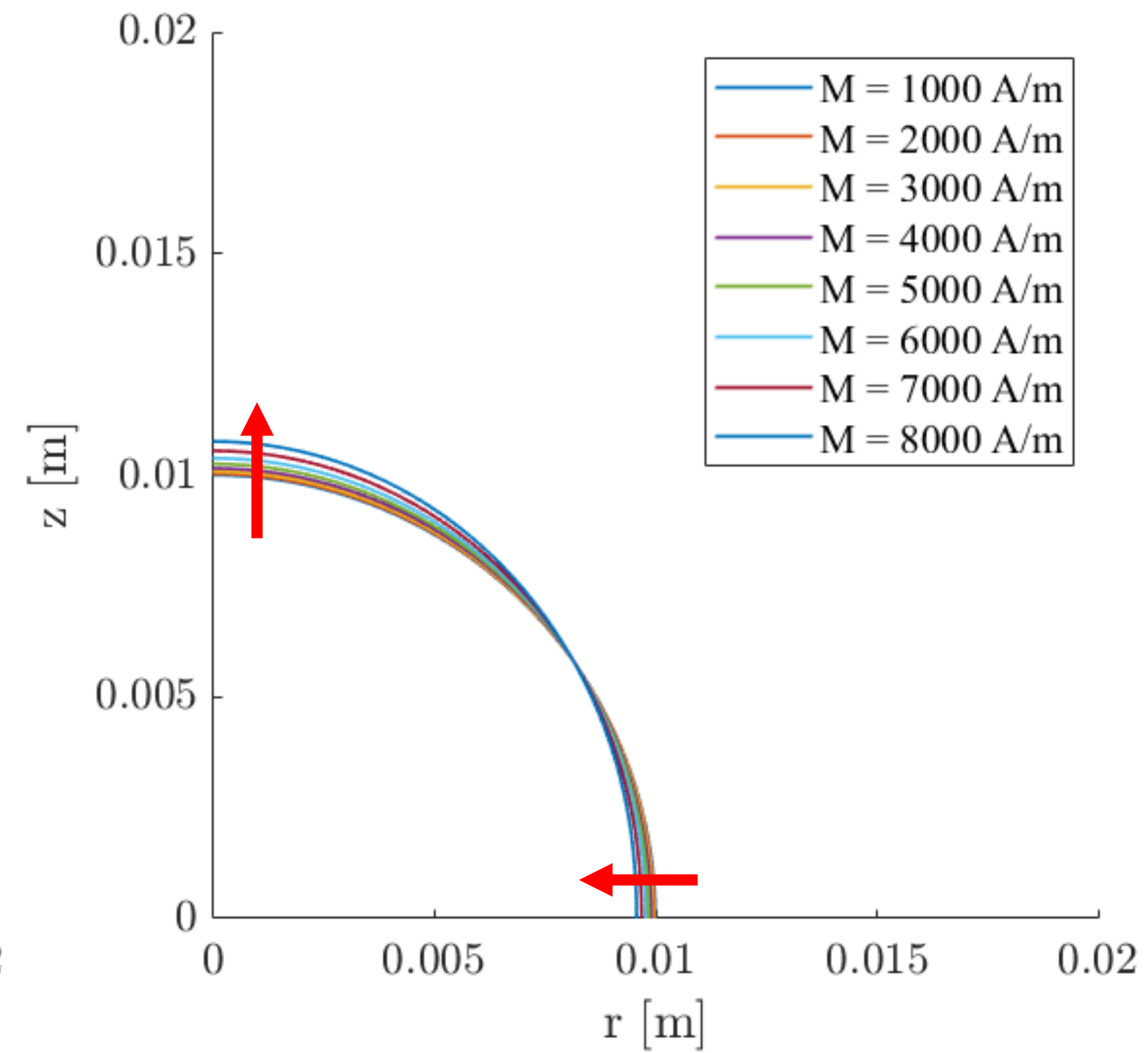


Equilibrium interface

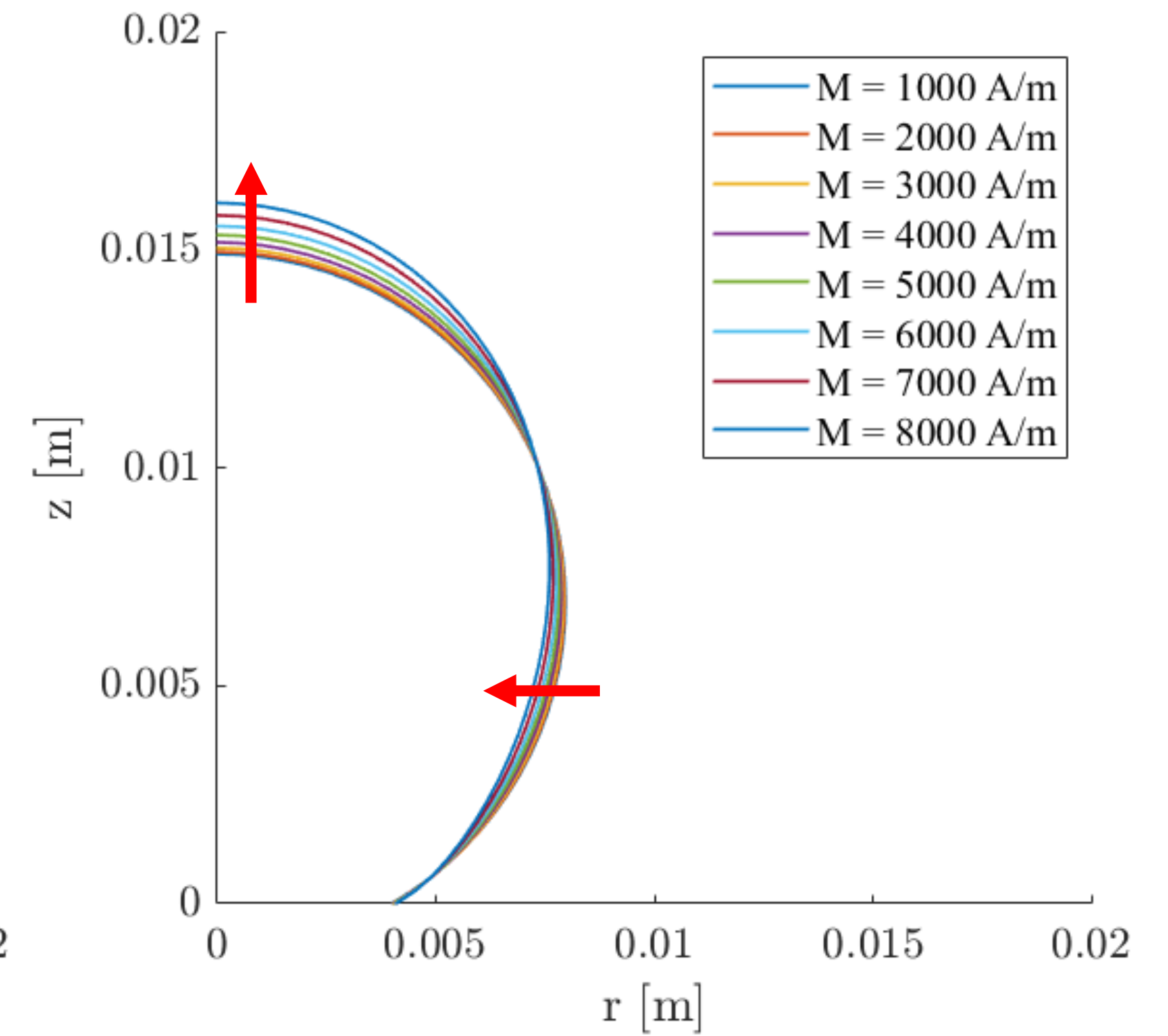
$\theta_c = 30^\circ$



$\theta_c = 90^\circ$

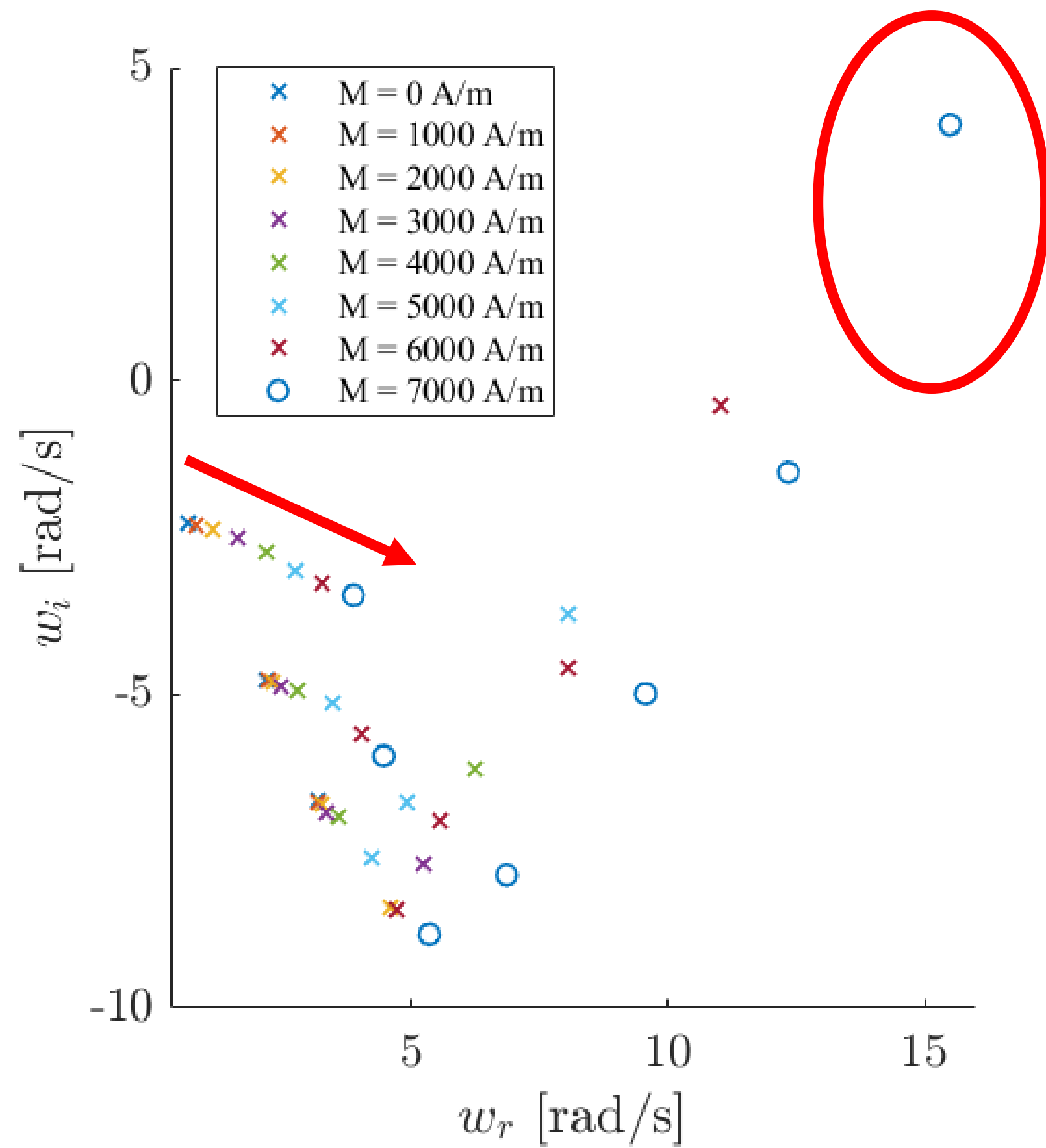


$\theta_c = 150^\circ$

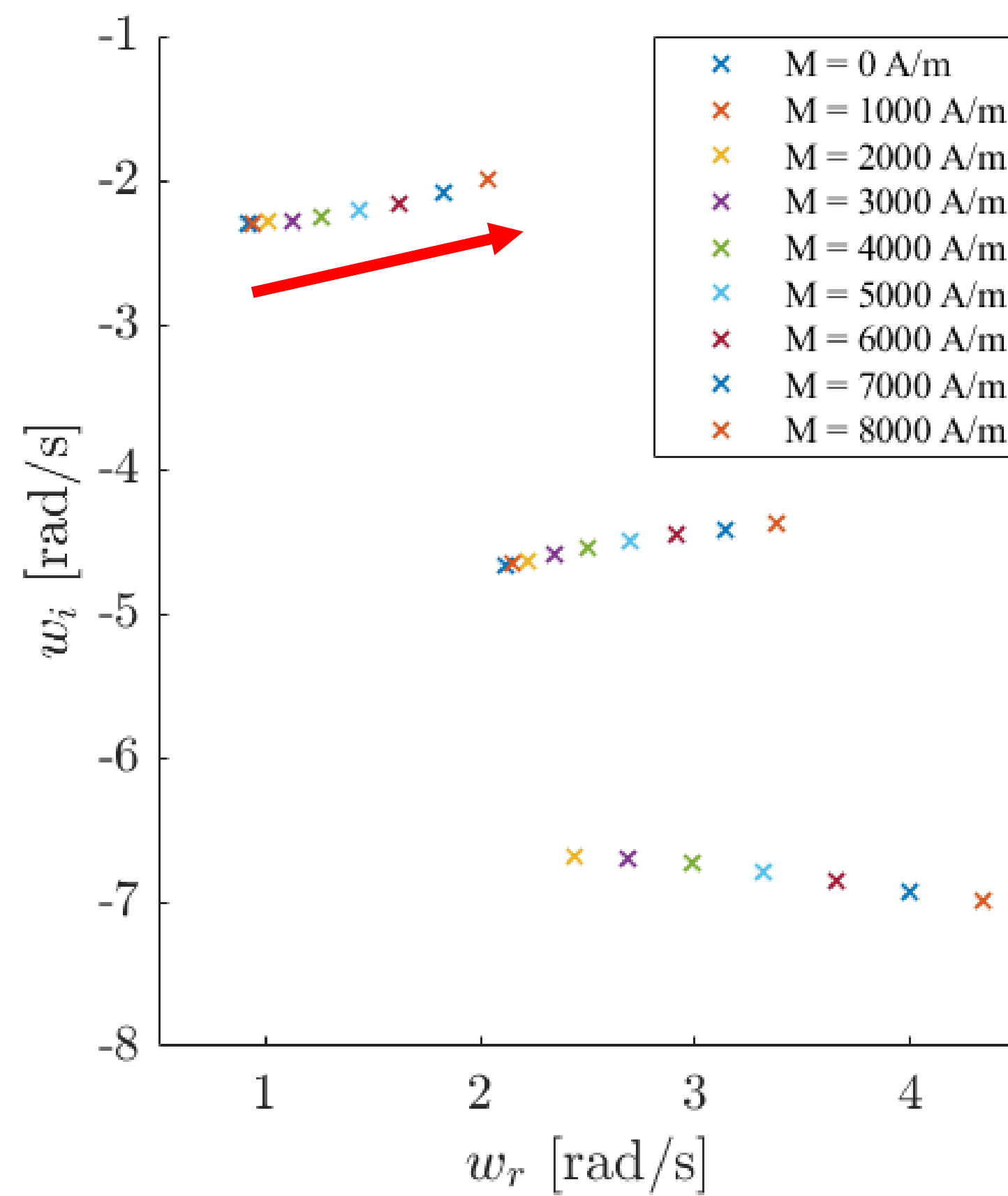


Complex frequencies

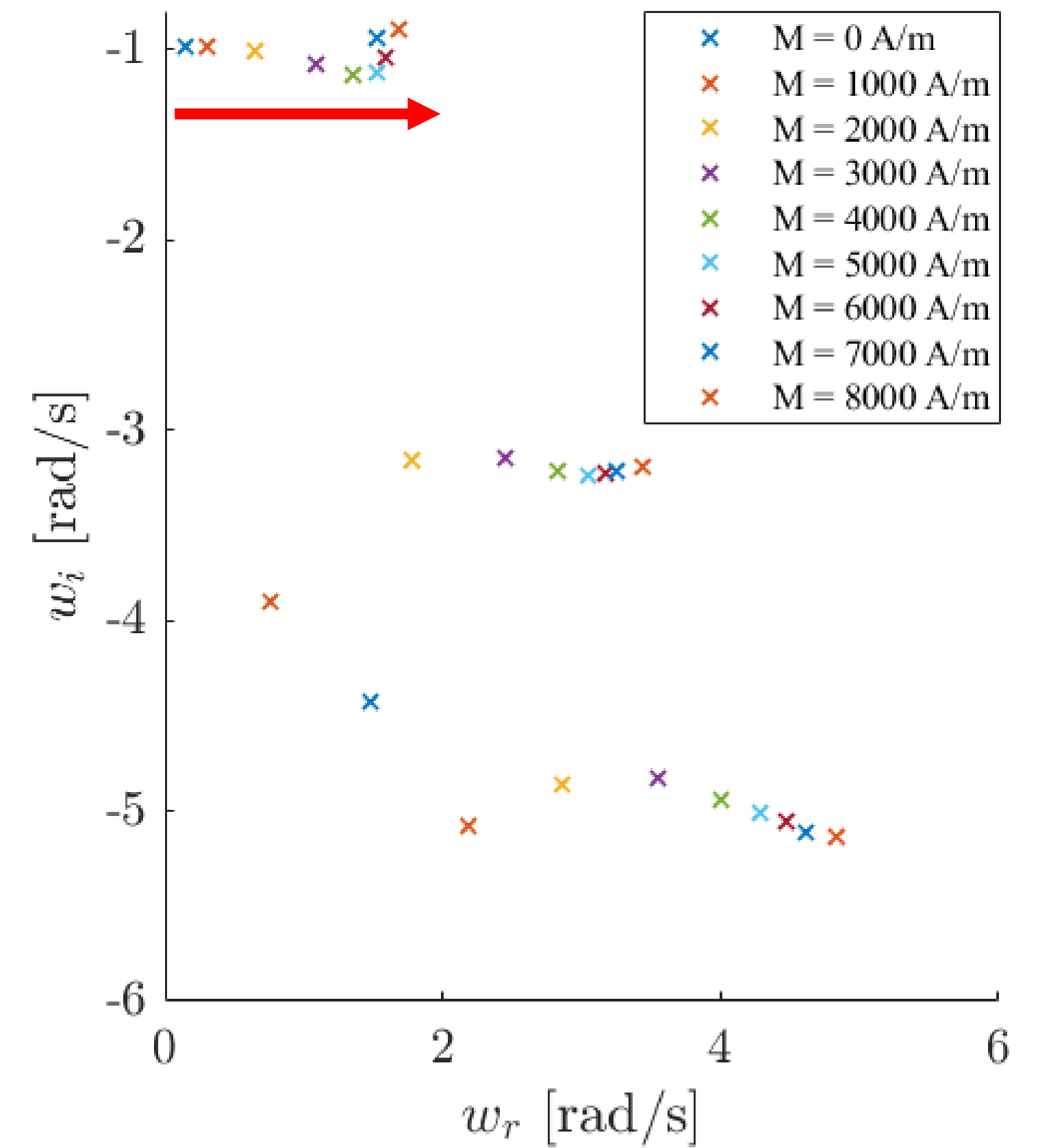
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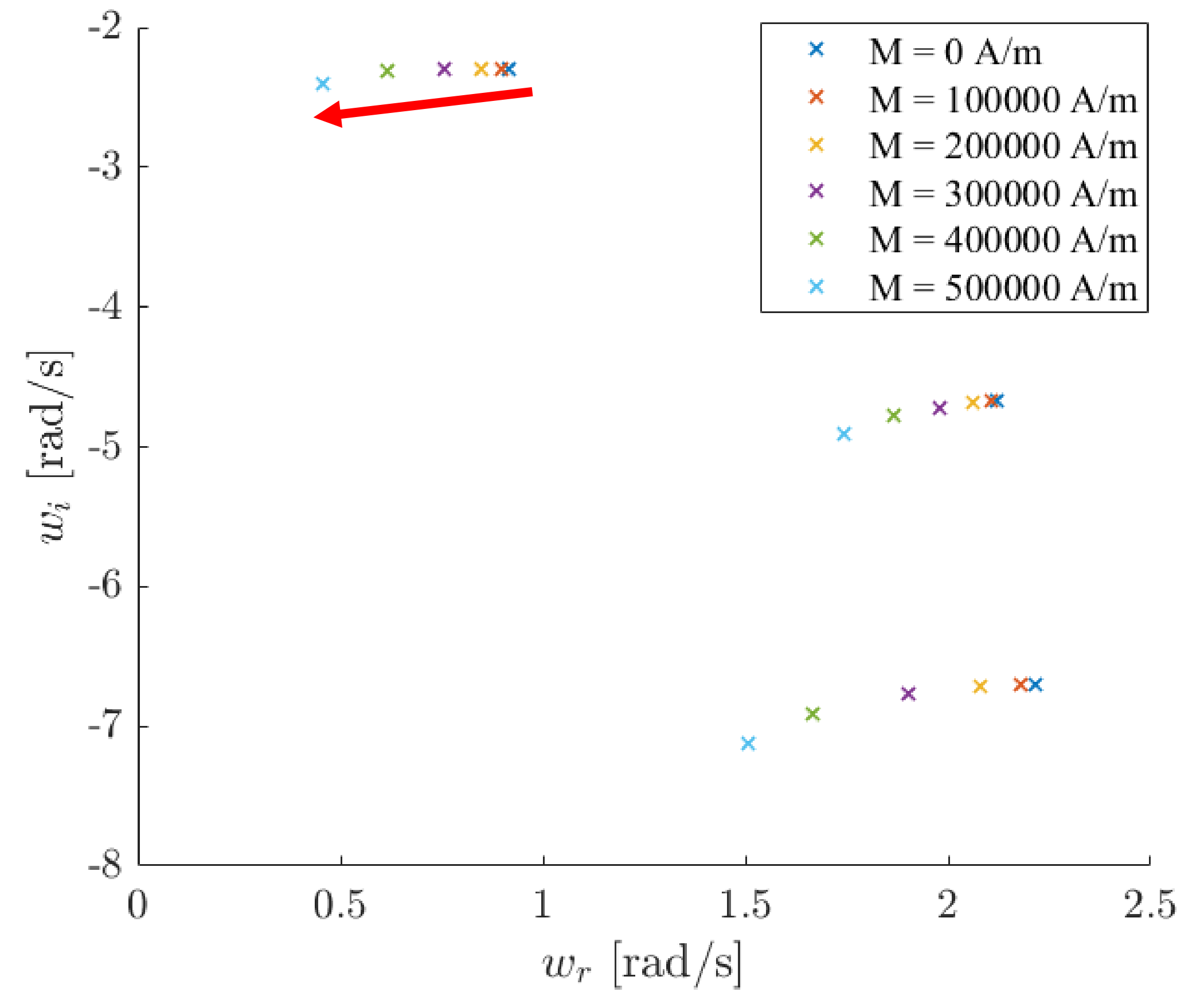
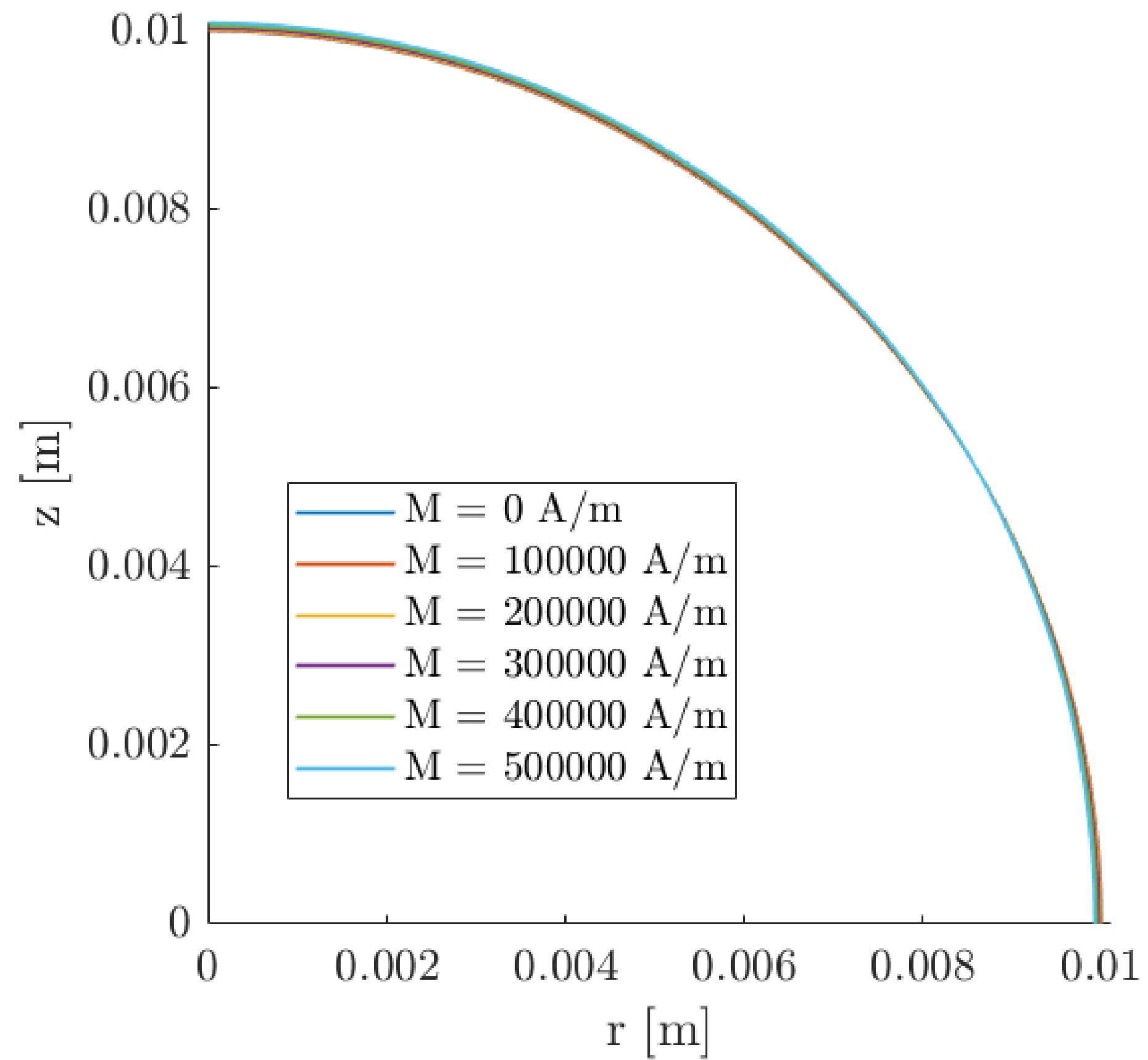
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$\theta_c = 150^\circ$



Diamagnetic liquid with $\chi = -9.04 \cdot 10^{-6}$



Questions...?


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