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“Ultralow loss optomechanics using diamagnetically levitated drops of liquid helium”

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The field of optomechanics focuses on coupling the electromagnetic degrees of freedom of a cavity to the mechanical degrees of freedom of a flexible object. When this coupling is strong enough that the quantum aspects of these degrees of freedom influence each other, scientific and technical goals spanning a wide range of topics can be realized. These goals include: quantum-limited detectors of force and displacement,¹ the production of nonclassical states of light and matter,² new architectures for quantum information processing,³ and addressing fundamental questions about quantum effects in macroscopic objects.^{4,5}

Progress in this field has been rapid; in the past two years, experiments have demonstrated ground state cooling,^{6,7,8} entanglement with superconducting qubits, zero-point motion,⁹ and quantum back-action.¹⁰ Despite these dramatic results, the performance of optomechanical devices is still limited to a large degree by their optical and mechanical losses. Reducing these losses would immediately benefit

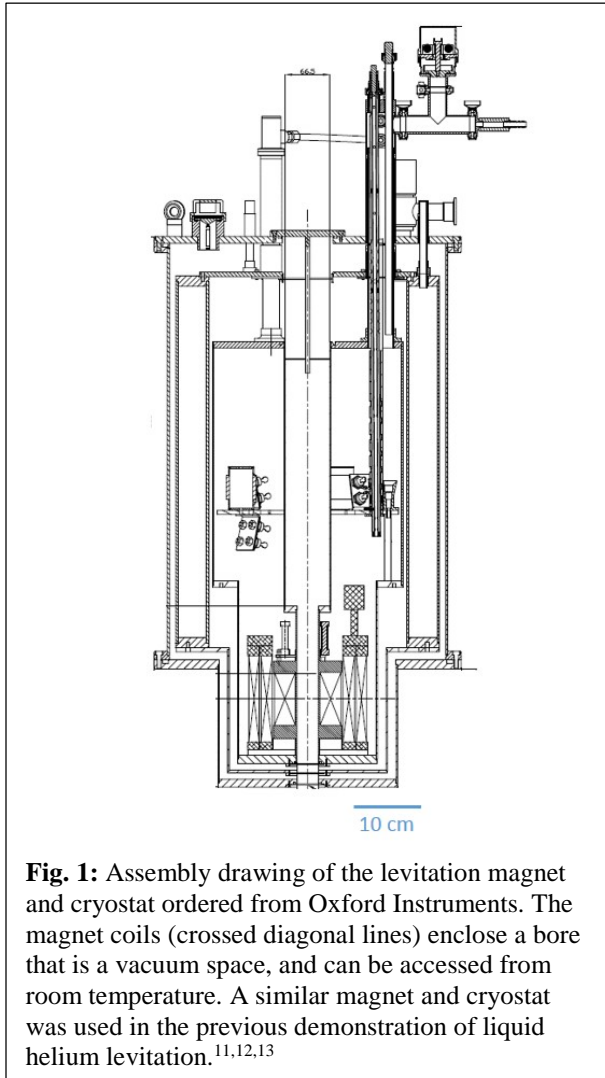


Fig. 1: Assembly drawing of the levitation magnet and cryostat ordered from Oxford Instruments. The magnet coils (crossed diagonal lines) enclose a bore that is a vacuum space, and can be accessed from room temperature. A similar magnet and cryostat was used in the previous demonstration of liquid helium levitation.^{11,12,13}

nearly all of the goals in optomechanics, and is one of the outstanding technical challenges in this field.

The goal of this work proposed was to develop a new type of optomechanical device that would use the unique properties of superfluid liquid helium to achieve dramatically reduced optical and mechanical loss. Specifically, the goal was to use diamagnetic levitation to suspend a mm-scale drop of liquid He in vacuum so that the drop can serve both as an optical cavity (via its whispering gallery modes) and as a mechanical element (via its shape oscillations, rotation, and/or vortex motion).

In the nine month period of this work, we designed and commissioned a custom levitation magnet from American Magnetics, Inc. (Oak Ridge, TN). Upon testing, it was found that the magnet as produced did not meet specifications. AMI refunded our payments.

As a result, we have since collaborated with Oxford Instruments (Tubney Woods, UK) to develop a more robust design based on demonstrated performance in previous levitation experiments.^{11,12,13} The assembly drawing of the magnet and its cryostat is shown in Fig. 1. It has been ordered and delivery is expected in June 2015.

At the same time, we have continued our theoretical investigations of levitated superfluid optomechanics. This work has been pursued in

close collaboration with the theory group of Florian Marquardt (Erlangen University, Germany). The Marquardt group's study of optomechanical effects associated with the drop's free rotation has been the subject of one Ph.D. thesis,¹⁴ and is also being prepared for publication.

At present we are preparing the lab space for the delivery of the levitation magnet and cryostat. Although the necessary change in vendors has delayed our progress, we are still pursuing the goals outlined in our original proposal. Support for this ongoing work (i.e., after the end of the present STIR award) has been provided by DARPA and by private foundations.

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