Strong Coupling of Hybrid Nuclear-Electron Magnons to a Microwave Resonator

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Strong coupling in classical and quantum systems

Classical example

L. Novotny, Am. J. Phys. 78, 1199 (2010)



Cavity quantum electrodynamics





Seminal works by Serge Haroche, David J. Wineland, *et al.*

Cavity QED with spin systems

- a) paramagnetic systems
 - D. Schuster et al, PRL 105, 140501 (2010)
 - Y. Kubo et al, PRL 105, 140502 (2010)
 - etc.

b) ferrimagnetic YIG

- Y. Tabuchi et al, PRL 113, 083603 (2014)
- X. Zhang et al, PRL 113, 156401 (2014)
- M. Goryachev et al, Phys. Rev. Applied 2, 054002 (2014)
- N.J. Lambert, J.A. Haigh, and A.J. Ferguson, J. Appl. Phys. **117**, 053910 (2015)
- etc.

(a)



$$g = g_0 \sqrt{N}$$

Coupling rate vs Coherence time. Hybrid quantum computing.



R.J. Schoelkopf and S.M. Girvin, Nature 451, 664 (2008)

Strong coupling between hybrid nuclear-electron magnons and a microwave resonator



Outline

- 1. Strong coupling of hybrid magnons with a split-ring resonator (CW)
 - 1. Magnetic structure of MnCO₃
 - 2. Experimental setup
 - 3. Observation of avoided crossing
- 2. Pulse measurements (new results)
 - 1. Rabi-like oscillations
 - 2. Spin echo, measurements of T_2



Materials with strong hyperfine interaction between nuclear and electron spins

MnCO₃, CsMnF₃, RbMnF₃, RbMnCl₃, MnO, KMnF₃, MnF₂, MnFe₂O₄, FeBO₃, CoCO₃, He³

(A. S. Borovik-Romanov et al., Sov. Phys. Usp. 27, 235 (1984))

Hyperfine interaction :

 $\mathcal{H}(r) = A \, \boldsymbol{M}_{\boldsymbol{e}}(r) \cdot \boldsymbol{m}_{\boldsymbol{n}}(r)$

Effective hyperfine magnetic field acting on nuclear spins:

 $H_n = -AM_e(r)$

Very strong interaction: $\mu_0 H_n \approx 60 \text{ T}$

Effect of microwave field enhancement: $H_{n\perp} \approx \varphi H_n = \frac{H_n}{H_0} h_1$, $\eta = \frac{H_n}{H_0} \approx 100$

MnCO₃ crystal





Hybridized nuclear-electron magnons



Magnetic structure of MnCO3

- a) canted antiferromagnetism / weak ferromagnetism below $T_n = 32.5$ K :
 - exchange field :

$$\mu_0 H_E = 34 \text{ T}$$

• Dzyaloshinskii-Morya field :

$$\mu_0 H_{DM} \approx 0.44 \text{ T}$$

b) hyperfine effective field: $\mu_0 H_n \approx 60 \text{ T}$

Low-frequency collective spin excitation (magnon) is the hybridized oscillation of nuclear and electron spins

$$\omega_n^2 \approx \omega_{n0}^2 \left(1 - \frac{2 H_E A \langle m_z \rangle}{H_0 (H_0 + H_{DM}) M} \right)$$

P.G. de Gennes et al., Phys. Rev. **129**, 1105 (1963) D. Shaltiel, Phys. Rev. **142**, 300 (1966)



Experimental setup

Measurement scheme



3D split-ring resonator

 $Q\approx 100$



Cavity size: \emptyset 7 mm x 10 mm Sample size: 2.4 x 2.7 x 0.7 mm³

Avoided crossing (at T=1.15K)





Results of fitting

Fitting equation (input-output formalism theory):

$$|S_{12}|^{2} = \left| \frac{\sqrt{\kappa_{1}\kappa_{2}}}{i(\omega - \omega_{c}) - \frac{\kappa_{1} + \kappa_{2} + \kappa_{i}}{2} + \frac{g_{m}^{2}}{i(\omega - \omega_{m}) - \frac{\gamma_{m}}{2}} \right|^{2}$$

- coupling strength $g_m/2\pi pprox 1~{
 m MHz}$
- magnon mode linewidth $\gamma_m/2\pi pprox 3~{
 m MHz}$
- total resonator linewidth $\kappa / 2\pi = (\kappa_1 + \kappa_2 + \kappa_i)/2\pi \approx 6 \text{ MHz}$

Cooperativity $C = 4g_m^2/\kappa\gamma_m \approx 0.2$



Theoretical estimations of coupling strength



nuclear spin $I = \frac{5}{2}$

number of spins $N pprox 4 imes 10^{19}$

Measurements of microwave reflection (at 300mK)

+ new resonator

Q-factor was improved from 100 to 1000



 $P_{in} \approx -70 \text{ dBm}$

Pulse measurements. Free induction decay after single pulse.



Spin echo measurements. Two-pulse echo.



pulse duration 240 ns, $P_{in} \approx 30 \text{ dBm}$

Conclusions

- strong coupling between nuclear spins and photons is mediated by electron spins via the hyperfine interaction ("double hybridization")
- T₂ is quite long, but not as long as was expected.
 More systematic studies are required.
- similar strong coupling phenomena could be realized in other systems with strong hyperfine interaction



Appendix

Estimation of T₂





Y. M. Bunkov and B. S. Dumesh *Sov. Phys. JETP* **41**, 576 (1975)

 $T_2 \approx 5 \,\mu \text{sec}$

Classical model



Bloch equation: $d\vec{M}/dt = \gamma[\vec{M} \times \vec{B}]$

Magnetic flux through the coil:

$$\Phi = B_y(t) \times A = \mu_0 (H_y + \eta M_y) A$$

Faraday's law: $\varepsilon = -d\Phi/dt$

LC-circuit equation:
$$I = -C\ddot{\Phi} = -C(L\ddot{I} + \mu_0\eta A\dot{M_y})$$

Eigenmodes equation:

Solution ($\omega_m \approx \omega_c \approx \omega_0, \eta \chi_0 \ll 1$): $\omega_{1,2}^2 = \omega_0^2 (1 \pm \sqrt{\eta \chi_0})$

Splitting value: $\Delta \omega = \omega_0 \sqrt{\eta \chi_0}$



Classical model:
$$\Delta \omega = \omega_0 \sqrt{\eta \chi_0}$$

But
$$\eta = V/V_c$$
, $\chi_0 = \frac{M}{H_0} = \frac{N\mu_B}{H_0V} = \frac{N(\hbar\gamma\backslash g)}{\left(\frac{\omega_0}{\gamma\mu_0}\right)V}$

Thus
$$\Delta \omega = 2g_{eff} = \omega_0 \sqrt{\frac{V}{V_c} \frac{N\hbar\mu_0 \gamma^2}{\omega_0 V}} =$$

 $=\gamma\sqrt{\mu_0\hbar\omega_c/2V_c}\sqrt{N}$

N spins in a cavity



Quantum model:

$$g_{eff} = g_0 \sqrt{N} = \frac{\gamma}{2} \sqrt{\mu_0 \hbar \omega_c / V_c} \sqrt{N}$$