

Strong Coupling of Antiferromagnetic Resonance with Subterahertz Cavity Fields

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Strong coupling of electromagnetic cavity fields with antiferromagnetic spin waves in hematite (α -Fe₂O₃) is achieved above room temperature. A cube of hematite is placed in a metallic tube and the transmission is measured, using a continuous-wave terahertz spectrometer. The spectra, collected as a function of the temperature, reveal the formation of magnetic polaritons.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The hybrid nature of strongly coupled light-matter states, where the dissipation rate is lower than the exchange rate (Rabi frequency) [1], has attracted a lot of attention since the late 1980s [2]. In the decade of the 2000s, strong light-matter coupling has been investigated in the solid state [3], where the coupling of light interacting with N resonators increases by a factor of \sqrt{N} [4]. This regime might lead to device elements that may play a role in quantum devices [1,5–9]. In the 2010s, interest has turned toward magnon-photon coupling in ferromagnetic materials [10–22], as spins benefit from a relatively low coupling to their environment [6,23]. The achievement of strong coupling with antiferromagnets has the advantage of operating at frequencies in the terahertz (THz) range [24,25], which allows access to a lot of interesting physics that is unreachable in ferromagnets [26–28]. A large variety of antiferromagnets are available and many of them show magnetic ordering above room temperature. The absence of stray fields could, in principle, allow for extremely dense packing of elements [24,29]. However, there are only reports on a few examples of weak magnon-photon coupling in antiferromagnets [30,31]. Strong coupling has only been achieved at low frequencies [32], in bulk samples [33,34], or via an indirect

coupling [35,36], while direct strong cavity-magnon coupling has not been shown so far [37]. One of the technical difficulties is to construct high-frequency cavities that are well coupled to waveguides. Here, we present a relatively simple implementation that allows strong coupling of the antiferromagnetic resonance and cavity electromagnetic modes.

In this paper, we show strong coupling between the electromagnetic fields of a three-dimensional cavity and spin waves in hematite (α -Fe₂O₃), a very common room-temperature antiferromagnet. Hematite crystallizes in an approximately hexagonal structure with space group $R\bar{3}c$. Precise measurements show that the actual symmetry is monoclinic $C2/c$ or $C2'/c'$ [38]. Below the Néel temperature $T_N \approx 955$ K [39], the Fe³⁺ magnetic moments orient in an antiferromagnetic order. Above the spin-reorientation transition (the Morin phase transition) at about $T_M \approx 260$ K [40], the superexchange Dzialoshinskii-Moriya interaction leads to a canting of the two sublattices that gives rise to a net magnetization \mathbf{m} [41], i.e., making this material a weak ferromagnet. Owing to the spin canting, the antiferromagnetic resonance has two modes, one of which is at a high frequency. This quasiantiferromagnetic resonance (qAFMR) mode is excited by dynamical magnetic field \mathbf{h} parallel to the magnetization ($\mathbf{h} \parallel \mathbf{m}$). At temperatures above room temperature, the width of the qAFMR is only about 1 GHz and its frequency rises sharply with the temperature [40].

II. EXPERIMENTAL

Due to the development of frequency extenders for vector-network analyzers (VNAs), continuous-wave spectroscopic measurements up to 1.5 THz can be rapidly conducted with a high frequency resolution and with a very high dynamic range [31,42–45].

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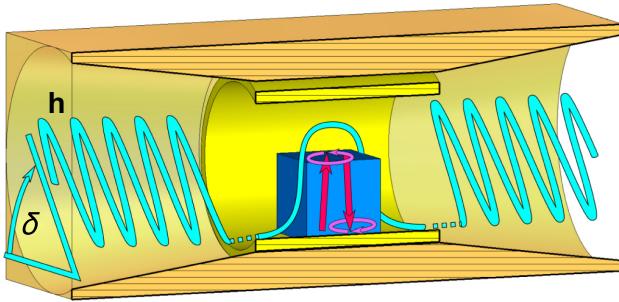


FIG. 1. A plane electromagnetic wave (blue wiggles) is focused into a cylinder cavity containing a hematite cube. The cavity magnetic field (blue curve) interacts with the resonance (violet circles) of two antiferromagnetic sublattices (red arrows). The transmitted linear polarization is measured parallel to that of the incident beam.

Out of a bulk natural single crystal, we cut a cube of $l_s = 0.2$ mm edge length, with faces in the a , b , and c crystalline directions. The cube is placed inside a tube of length $l_c = 2$ mm and internal diameter $2r_c = 0.58$ mm, cut out of a gold-plated stainless steel needle. The needle is wrapped with Teflon tape to prevent the cube from dropping out of the tube. The tube with the cube in it is inserted into a copper holder composed of two cones (cone angle, about 60°), which focuses the terahertz beam into the cavity (Fig. 1). The terahertz beam propagates between the source, sample holder, and detector in oversized metallic waveguides, 8 mm in diameter, matching the larger diameter of the cones. The holder is placed between Peltier elements that control its temperature, which is monitored with a K-type thermocouple inserted in a hole on its side. The detector measures the transmitted power and phase of the terahertz electric field. Temperature scans start from the highest temperature, with a step of $\Delta T = -0.25$ K. This temperature step is chosen so that the frequency change is smaller than the line width of the resonance. After stabilizing the sample temperature T , we measure the transmission as a function of the radiation frequency f .

The source emits a linearly polarized beam of terahertz radiation and the detector detects only radiation of linear polarization that matches its waveguide, i.e., it acts like a polarization filter. Rotation of the polarization plane is possible by rotating the source and detector about the optical axis. We define the polarization angle δ as the angle of the radiation h field with respect to the plane of the optical table (Fig. 1). We measure the transmission in a polarization-angle range of $\delta = -90^\circ$ to $+90^\circ$.

III. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

In Fig. 2(a), we can see an avoided crossing of the cavity mode at $f_1 \approx 242.5$ GHz with the qAFMR mode, the frequency of which $f_r(T)$ rises approximately linearly with the temperature (see the Appendix A). This result is

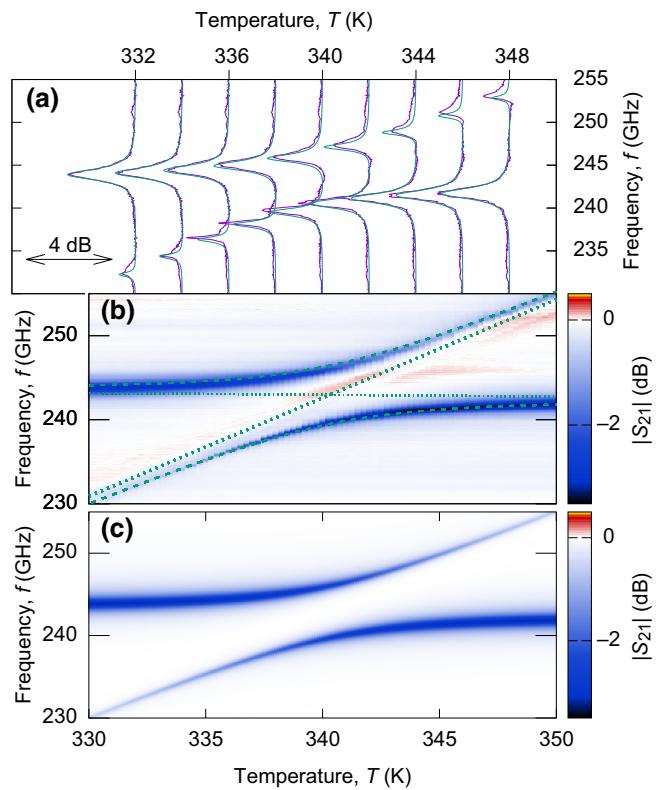


FIG. 2. The normalized transmission magnitude at polarization angle $\delta = 30^\circ$. (a) The measured spectra (violet lines) and fit using Eq. (1) (green lines). (b) A map of the spectra: the green dashed lines show interacting and noninteracting modes fitted using Eq. (3). (c) A map of the spectra fitted using Eq. (1).

obtained at polarization angle $\delta = 30^\circ$. We fit the observed spectra using the equation developed in the framework of input-output theory [10,46]:

$$S_{21} = 1 + \frac{a_1}{i[f - f_1(T)] - \frac{\kappa_1}{2} + \frac{G_1^2}{i[f - f_r(T)] - g/2}}, \quad (1)$$

where $a_1 = (0.32 - i0.02)$ GHz is a complex parameter describing the coupling of the cavity with the source and the detector (see the Appendix C). The parameter $f_1(T) \approx 242.5$ GHz is the observed frequency of the first cavity mode and $\kappa_1 = 2.1$ GHz describes its width, $2G_1 = 6.2$ GHz is the minimum splitting between the upper and lower polariton branches, and $g = 0.5$ GHz describes the qAFMR width. With these parameters, we can determine the cooperativity factor

$$C = \frac{4G_1^2}{\kappa_1 g} \approx 40, \quad (2)$$

that is, the square of a ratio of the Rabi splitting ($2G_1$) and the losses of the polariton states. This means that the splitting is about 6 times larger than the line width. According to the harmonic coupling model, the upper and lower

polariton frequencies are given by [12,47],

$$f_{\pm} = \frac{1}{2} \left(f_1 + f_r \pm \sqrt{(f_1 - f_r)^2 + 4g_i^2 f_1} \right). \quad (3)$$

The coupled mode frequencies f_{\pm} are drawn on Fig. 2(b) as green dotted lines, with $2g_i\sqrt{f_1} = 2G_1 = 6.2$ GHz, as well as the noninteracting mode frequencies $f_r(T)$ and $f_1(T)$. Clearly, this prediction matches that of Eq. (1) [Fig. 2(b)]. The discrepancies between fits using Eq. (1) and the data [Fig. 2(a)] may arise from interactions with other cavity modes, as we discuss in further sections of this paper.

A. Microscopic model

The coupling strength can be calculated using a microscopic model [12]:

$$g_i = \frac{g_s \mu_B}{2h} \sqrt{\frac{\mu_0 h}{2}} \rho \frac{V_s}{V_c}, \quad (4)$$

where $g_s = 2$, ρ is the density of resonators in a hematite cube of volume $V_s = l_s^3$ and V_c is the volume of the metal tube, $V_c = \pi r_c^2 l_c \approx 0.528$ mm³. In Eq. (4), each magnon is coupled to the electromagnetic cavity mode with a coupling strength $g_s \mu_B B_0 / 2h$ [48], where $B_0 = \sqrt{\mu_0 h f_1 / 2V_c} \approx 4.4 \times 10^{-10}$ T is the magnetic component of the vacuum fluctuations [49] (here, $f_1 = 242.5$ GHz). This is a few orders of magnitude smaller than the amplitude of the terahertz field in our experiment. The collective coupling strength of $N = \rho V_s$ oscillators is increased by a factor \sqrt{N} [4,12,14,35,48]; thus g_i depends only on the oscillator density ρ and the ratio of the crystal volume to the cavity volume [12,35], that is $V_s/V_c \approx 1.51 \times 10^{-2}$.

We assume that the density of oscillators in hematite is $\rho = 5\rho_{\text{Fe}}$ [50,51], where $\rho_{\text{Fe}} = 3.987 \times 10^{28}$ m⁻³ [52] and the factor of 5 comes from the magnetic moment of Fe³⁺ ions [53]. The density of iron atoms in hematite is quite high compared to that of many common antiferromagnets. Hence, it is a good material with which to achieve strong coupling. Taking this into account gives $g_i = 1.57 \times 10^4$ Hz^{1/2}, i.e., the splitting is predicted to be $2G_p = 2g_i\sqrt{f_1} \approx 15.4$ GHz for the cavity mode at $f_1 = 242.5$ GHz. The observed splitting $2G_1 = 6.2$ GHz is about 40% of that value. This discrepancy results from an

imperfect matching of the electromagnetic mode with the antiferromagnetic resonance in the hematite cube, which is excited by fields parallel to the weak ferromagnetic moment. As confirmed in the simulation discussed below (Fig. 5), the cavity magnetic field in the volume of the cube does not excite all the spins with full amplitude. We calculate that in the first mode, the magnetic field component h_z^2 makes about 78% of all the integrated magnetic field energy in the cube volume (Table I). The remaining difference between the predicted and the observed splitting must result from the magnetic moment of the cube being tilted away from the z axis.

B. Angular dependence

We find that the parameter a_1 strongly depends on the polarization angle δ [Fig. 3(a)]. This parameter describes the coupling between the cavity and the rest of the spectrometer, i.e., constructive or destructive interference between the cavity and the experimental setup. The result presented in Fig. 1(a), obtained at $\delta = 30^\circ$, shows a minimum in transmission that is accounted for with a_1 having a small imaginary part and a positive real part. The dependence of a_1 on the polarization angle [Fig. 3(a)] is not an intrinsic property of the cavity but depends on the coupling of the cavity with the experimental setup. As a consequence, after it is rearranged, we obtain a slightly different value for a_1 [Fig. 1(b)]. Thus, the result obtained at $\delta = -75^\circ$ [Fig. 3(c)] under conditions (a) shows a dispersive line shape that is accounted for by a negative imaginary a_1 [Fig. 3(d)]. In contrast, the result obtained at $\delta = -60^\circ$ [Fig. 3(e)] under conditions (b) shows constructive interference that is explained by an almost entirely real negative a_1 [Fig. 3(f)]. Under the same conditions, at $\delta = 70^\circ$ a weak inverted dispersive line shape is observed [Fig. 3(g)], which is accounted for with a small positive imaginary a_1 [Fig. 3(h)].

C. Higher cavity modes

The raw data for the spectra are dominated by multiple instances of interference that are not strongly interacting with the cavity and are weakly temperature dependent. We normalize both the measured spectra and the fitted functions to a base frequency that is temperature dependent and that passes through the middle of the interaction.

TABLE I. The predicted mode frequencies, selection rules, and mean magnetic field in the cube.

j	f_j (GHz)	Cavity e field			Mean h field in the cube (arbitrary units)				
			h_x	h_y	h_z	$ h_x $	$ h_y $	$ h_z $	$ \mathbf{h} $
1	247	x	0.01	-0.01	2.29	0.42	0.66	2.39	2.70
2	258	y	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.96	0.09	1.30	1.76
3	272	z	2.51	0.00	-0.01	2.61	0.75	0.63	3.05
4	297	-	0.00	2.30	0.01	0.72	2.51	0.90	3.15
5	329	x	0.00	0.00	-1.00	0.54	0.43	1.87	2.19

This reduces artifacts at the cavity mode frequency that would show if, instead, we normalized to, for example, the first recorded spectrum. We could eliminate this interference background even more effectively by calculating temperature-derivative spectra, i.e., by subtracting successive spectra from one another, thus having amplitude derivatives,

$$\frac{d|S_{21}|}{dT} [dB] = \frac{20}{\Delta T} \log_{10} \frac{|S_{21}(f, T + \Delta T)|}{|S_{21}(f, T)|}, \quad (5)$$

and phase derivatives,

$$\frac{d(\arg S_{21})}{dT} = \frac{\arg S_{21}(f, T + \Delta T) - \arg S_{21}(f, T)}{\Delta T}. \quad (6)$$

The advantage of looking at temperature-differential spectra is that it is possible to see small features, such as a weak middle line passing through the interaction region [Figs. 4(a) and 4(c)] that is almost invisible in normalized spectra. This middle line can be qualitatively explained by taking into account the second cavity mode at $f_2 = 258.4$ GHz. We can take this into account by assuming that both modes interact independently with the magnetic resonance mode:

$$S_{21} = 1 + \sum_{j=1}^2 \frac{a_j}{i[f - f_j(T)] - \frac{\kappa_j}{2} + \frac{G_j^2}{i[f - f_r(T)] - g/2}}, \quad (7)$$

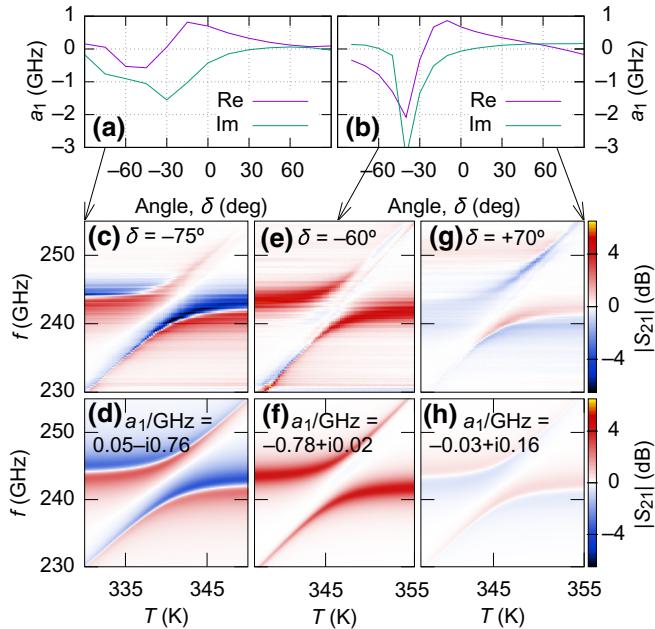


FIG. 3. (a),(b) The angular dependence of a_1 [Eq. (1)] in two configurations of the experiment. (c) The normalized $|S_{21}|$ at $\delta = -75^\circ$ in configuration (a). (e) The normalized $|S_{21}|$ at $\delta = -60^\circ$ and (g) $\delta = 70^\circ$, both in configuration (b). (d),(f),(h) Fits using Eq. (1).

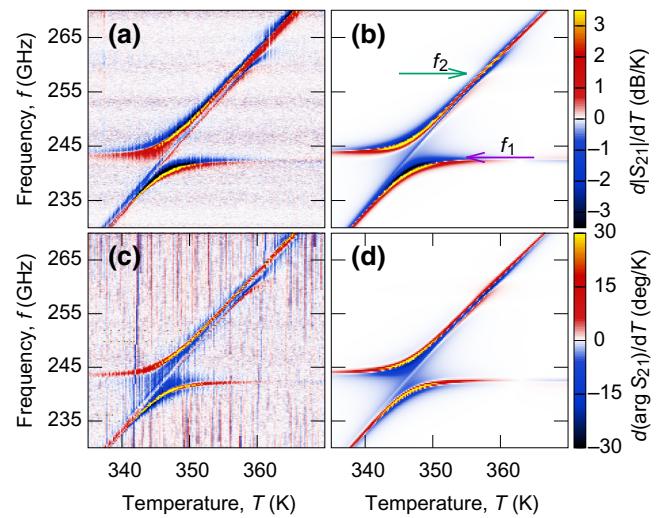


FIG. 4. The temperature-derivative spectra: (a) magnitude and (c) phase. (b),(d) Corresponding fits using Eq. (7).

In Fig. 4(b), we present the temperature-differential of Eq. (7), where we set $a_2 = (4.5 - i1.1)$ GHz, $G_2 = 0.56$ GHz, and $\kappa_2 = 14.7$ GHz. These values are consistent with our idea of a weak interaction with the second cavity mode, which has a lower quality factor than the first mode. This simple model is not fully sufficient above 250 GHz. We think that a more precise estimate might require taking into account other weakly interacting cavity modes or interactions between cavity modes that are mediated by the magnetic resonance. We find that the observed phase temperature-differential spectra [Fig. 4(c)] are reproduced by the same set of parameters [Fig. 4(d)], using Eqs. (7) and (6).

D. Electrodynamical simulations of cavity modes

We identify the cavity modes using numerical electrodynamics field-simulation software (CST Microwave Studio). We model the cavity as a metallic cylinder containing an isotropic dielectric cube (Fig. 5). We assume that the dielectric constant of hematite is 19.1 at 350 K, as determined from our measurements on bulk samples [54]. We calculate the dependence of the modes on the size and position of the cube inside the cylinder (see the Appendix B). The actual size of the cube is the smallest we can achieve by our cutting process.

In Table I, we give the expected frequencies of the first five modes and the dominant directions of the electric field in the cavity, as well as the dominant direction of the magnetic field in the cube. Only the fifth mode has a similar symmetry to that of the first mode and is able to excite anti-ferromagnetic resonance in the sample. This suggests that the magnetization vector \mathbf{m} in the cube is aligned along the z axis of the cavity during the experiment. Under this

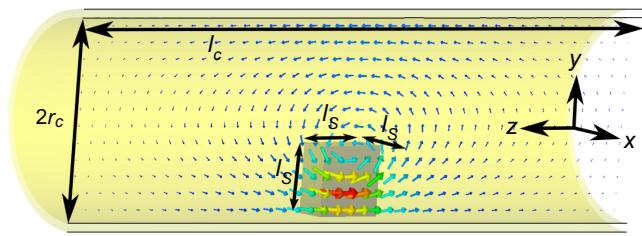


FIG. 5. A model of the cavity, drawn to scale, in cross section. The arrows show the strength and the direction of the magnetic field of the first cavity mode on the x plane.

assumption, modes 2–4 do not excite the magnetic resonance and thus should only weakly hybridize with it. This agrees with our observation, in Fig. 6, that only the fifth mode produces some strong coupling, though not as clear as the coupling to the first mode. This may be due to a more complex distribution of the cavity magnetic field in the cube, i.e., the ratio of $h_z/|h_z| \approx 0.53$ is lower than in the case of the first mode (Table I). This means that some of the spins in the cube are excited out of phase.

IV. SUMMARY

In conclusion, we observe strong coupling between the qAFMR of a hematite cube ($\alpha\text{-Fe}_2\text{O}_3$) located in a cavity near room temperature. We show a method of achieving a strong light-matter coupling regime in antiferromagnets that is applicable to a broad range of these materials. The avoided crossing, which is characteristic of polariton dynamics, occurs near 243 GHz. The cooperativity C , which is a measure of the coupling strength with respect to both the magnetic resonance and the cavity line widths [Eq. (2)], is estimated at 40.

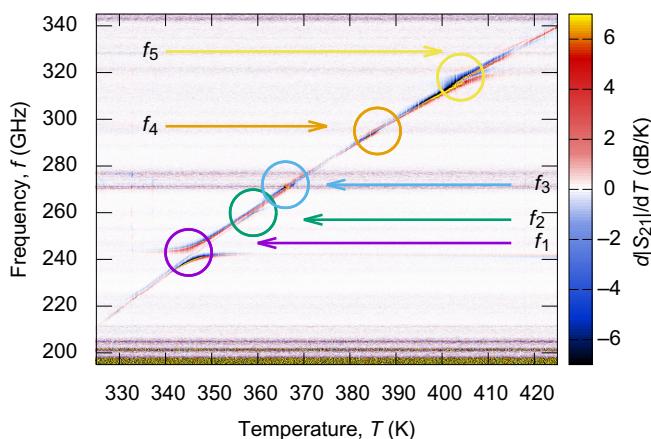


FIG. 6. The temperature-derivative spectra over a broad temperature range. The arrows mark the expected frequencies of the cavity modes and the circles mark the observed interactions.

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APPENDIX A: TEMPERATURE DEPENDENCE OF THE ANTFERROMAGNETIC RESONANCE AND THE FIRST CAVITY MODE

Figure 7 shows the observed temperature dependence of the first mode, which we determine as

$$f_1(T) = f_1^{345} + f_1^T(T - T_1),$$

where $f_1^{345} = 243$ GHz, $T_1 = 345$ K, and $f_1^T = -2.1 \times 10^{-2}$ GHz/K. This dependence is caused by the dielectric constant of hematite increasing with rising temperature. For the cube, this dependence on the dielectric constant is predicted to be small [Fig. 8(f)].

In configuration (a) [Figs. 2(c) and 3(d)], the temperature dependence of the antiferromagnetic resonance is fitted with a linear function

$$f_r(T) = f_r^{330} + f_r^T(T - T_r),$$

where $f_r^{330} = 230.7$ GHz, $T_r = 330$ K, and $f_r^T = 1.176$ GHz/K. In configuration (b) [Fig. 3(fh)], we fit $f_r^{330} = 220.1$ GHz and $f_r^T = 1.410$ GHz/K. In Figs. 4(b) and 4(d), where we show the temperature dependence on a broader scale, it is necessary to assume that the frequency of the qAFMR is described by a parabolic function

$$f_r(T) = f_r^{330} + f_r^T(T - T_r) + f_r^{T2}(T - T_r)^2,$$

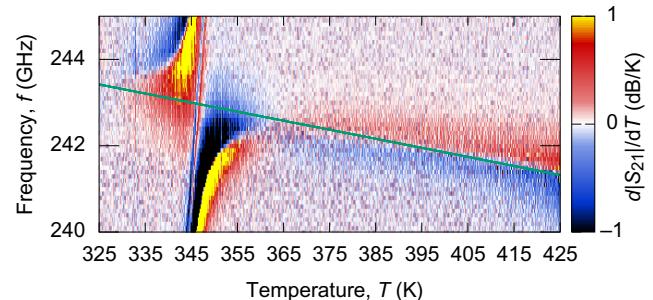


FIG. 7. A close-up of the first cavity mode in an oversaturated scale. The green line shows the assumed linear temperature dependence of the first mode frequency.

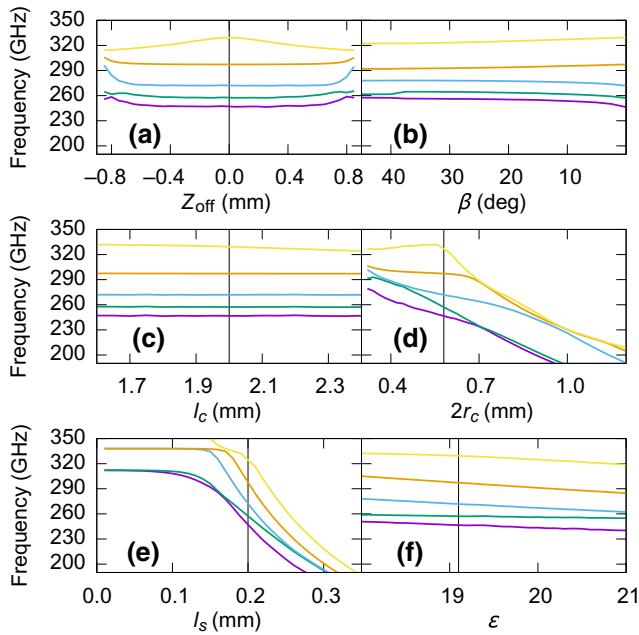


FIG. 8. The dependence of the mode frequencies on (a) the displacement of the cube from the center of the tube, (b) the rotation of the cube about the y axis, (c) the length of the tube, (d) the diameter of the tube, (e) the cube edge length, and (f) the dielectric constant of the cube. In (a), (c), (d), (e), and (f), the vertical lines mark nominal values of these parameters.

where $f_r^{330} = 218.4$ GHz, $T_r = 330$ K, $f_r^T = 1.596$ GHz/K, and $f_r^{T2} = -5.15 \times 10^{-3}$ GHz/K². These differences of $f_r(T)$ result from different placements of the thermocouple in the holder and, thus, a different temperature calibration.

APPENDIX B: FREQUENCY DEPENDENCE OF MODES ON CAVITY GEOMETRY

The size of the cube l_s is limited by our cutting process. At this smallest size, the mode frequencies are governed mostly by the size of the cube l_s [Fig. 8(e)] and, to a lesser extent, by the diameter of the tube $2r_c$ [Fig. 8(d)]. The length of the tube l_c is irrelevant in the range of about 1.5–2.5 mm [Fig. 8(c)]. For a given cube size, we choose the diameter of the tube such that the first and second modes are well split [Fig. 8(d)]. We find that a random position of the cube in the needle spans a mode frequency range of at most 15 GHz [Figs. 8(a) and 8(b)]. In Fig. 9 and Table II, we show that the magnetic field of the cavity modes has similar symmetry when the cube is rotated by $\beta = 45^\circ$. In other calculations [Figs. 8(c)–8(f)], the cube is assumed to be in the center of the needle ($Z_{\text{off}} = 0$) and the edges parallel to its axis ($\beta = 0$). The calculated frequency of the first mode is a few gigahertz higher than the observed one. This might be due to inaccuracy in the cube dimensions. We observe the biggest discrepancy with

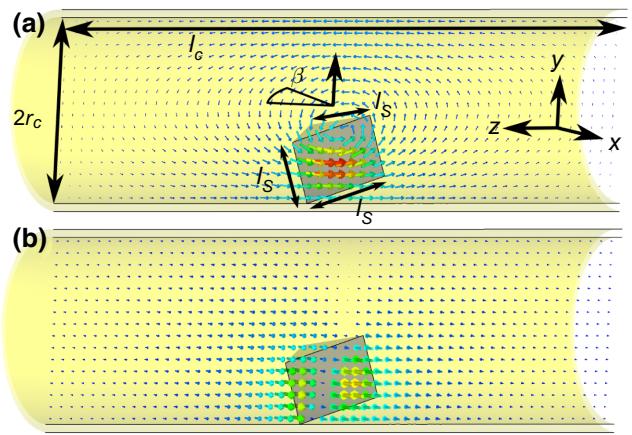


FIG. 9. (a) A model of the cavity, drawn to scale, in cross section. The cube is rotated about the y axis by an angle $\beta = 45^\circ$. Rotation about the x axis is bound by the condition of the cube touching the tube by its three corners. The arrows show the direction and strength of the magnetic field of the first cavity mode on the x plane. Statistics of the magnetic field of the first five modes are presented in Table II. (b) The strength and the direction of the magnetic field in the second mode in the cavity on the x plane.

the predicted and observed frequencies of the fifth mode (Fig. 6). This could be related to the fact that it is the mode that shows the strongest dependence on displacement of the cube from the cavity center [Fig. 8(a)].

APPENDIX C: TWO-PORT ANALYSIS

Let us represent a cavity as a device with two ports. At each port, we distinguish incoming and outgoing waves. The total voltage and current at each port are given by

$$V_i = V_i^+ + V_i^-, \quad I_i = I_i^+ + I_i^- \quad (i = 1, 2). \quad (\text{C1})$$

One way of characterizing the cavity is to specify the parameters A , B , C , and D defined by

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_1 \\ I_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A & B \\ C & D \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_2 \\ I_2 \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{C2})$$

For a two-port device in which each port sees the common impedance Z_3 , the parameters A , B , C , and D parameters are given by [55]

$$A = 1, \quad B = 0, \quad C = \frac{1}{Z_3}, \quad D = 1. \quad (\text{C3})$$

The scattering matrix is defined by

$$\begin{pmatrix} V_1^- \\ V_2^- \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} S_{11} & S_{12} \\ S_{21} & S_{22} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} V_1^+ \\ V_2^+ \end{pmatrix}. \quad (\text{C4})$$

TABLE II. The predicted mode frequencies for the cube rotated by $\beta = 45^\circ$ [Fig. 9(a)]. The selection rules and the mean magnetic field in the cube are very close to that of $\beta = 0^\circ$ (Table I).

j	f_j (GHz)	Cavity e field	Mean h field in the cube (arbitrary units)						
			h_x	h_y	h_z	$ h_x $	$ h_y $	$ h_z $	$ \mathbf{h} $
1	258	x	0.00	-0.02	2.20	0.43	0.62	2.32	2.62
2	262	y	0.33	0.00	0.01	0.93	0.31	1.24	1.74
3	278	z	-2.55	0.00	0.00	2.68	0.63	0.67	3.06
4	292	-	0.00	2.45	0.00	0.68	2.64	0.77	3.15
5	322	x	0.00	0.00	1.29	0.58	0.69	2.28	2.71

In particular, the S_{21} parameter is given by

$$S_{21} = \frac{V_2^-}{V_1^+} \Big|_{V_2^+=0}. \quad (\text{C5})$$

It is straightforward to calculate that

$$S_{21} = \frac{1}{1 + Z_0/(2Z_3)}, \quad (\text{C6})$$

where Z_0 is the transmission line (or waveguide) characteristic impedance at the ports.

Let us apply this formalism to analyze a magnetic material located inside the cavity. We represent the cavity by discrete R , L , and C components in series. We assume that the measurement setup is such that away from a resonance of the cavity or from a resonance of the material in it, the signal propagates through the cavity without loss, i.e., $S_{21} = 1$. We have

$$Z_3 = i\omega L + \frac{1}{i\omega C} + R. \quad (\text{C7})$$

We assume that the RLC circuit is designed so that the transmission is nearly one at all frequencies, i.e., $Z_3 \gg Z_0$. Then, Eq. (C6) yields

$$S_{21} \approx 1 - \frac{Z_0}{2Z_3}. \quad (\text{C8})$$

We take the presence of the material in the cavity into account by assuming that the inductance L is filled entirely with a medium of an effective permittivity μ , written in the form of a Lorentzian line shape, so as to account for the magnetic resonance in the material

$$L = \mu L_0 = \left(1 + \frac{\Delta\mu \omega_m^2}{\omega_m^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma_m}\right) L_0, \quad (\text{C9})$$

where L_0 is the inductance of an empty cavity, $\Delta\mu$ is a unitless parameter that characterizes the coupling of the material to the cavity, ω_m is its frequency, and γ_m defines

its width. Using Z_3 given by Eqs. (C7) and (C9), Eq. (C8) gives

$$S_{21} = 1 - \frac{i\omega Z_0 C / 2}{1 + i\omega RC - \omega^2 CL_0 \left(1 + \frac{\Delta\mu \omega_m^2}{\omega_m^2 - \omega^2 - i\omega\gamma_m}\right)}. \quad (\text{C10})$$

Let us call $\omega_c^2 = 1/(L_0 C)$ in reference to the resonance of the empty cavity. We consider a situation in which ω , ω_c , and ω_m are close, so we can approximate

$$\omega^2 - \omega_c^2 = (\omega - \omega_c)(\omega + \omega_c) \approx 2\omega_c(\omega - \omega_c). \quad (\text{C11})$$

Since the resonances are sharp, ω can be replaced by ω_c when ω is not in a term that leads to a divergence (in the absence of damping). Thus, we can write, as in Ref. [10],

$$S_{21} = 1 + \frac{a}{i(\omega - \omega_c) - \frac{\kappa}{2} + \frac{G^2}{i(\omega - \omega_m) - \gamma_m/2}}, \quad (\text{C12})$$

where $a = \omega_c^2 Z_0 C / 4$, $G^2 = \omega_c \omega_m \Delta\mu / 4$ and $\kappa = \omega_c^2 R C$.

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