

# Physics of Light-Matter Interaction

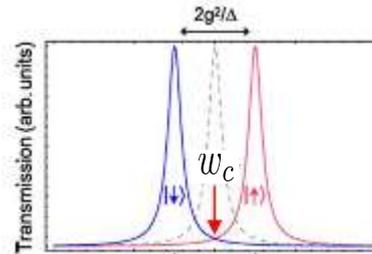
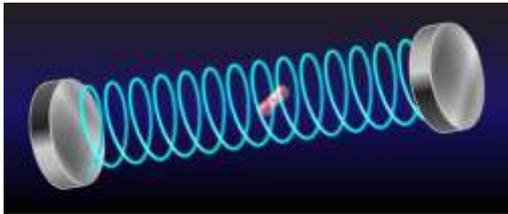
## Part 2: Cavity magnonics

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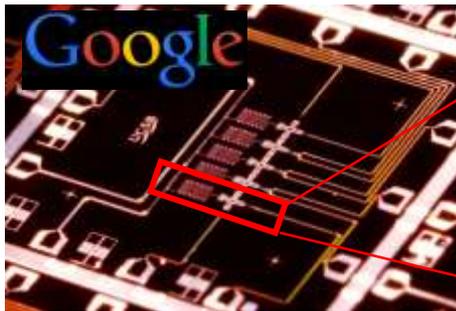
# Circuit Quantum Electrodynamics

- Quantum light-matter interaction with natural atoms (Cavity QED)



AC stark shift of photon frequency

- Quantum light-matter interaction with superconducting qubit and microwave photons

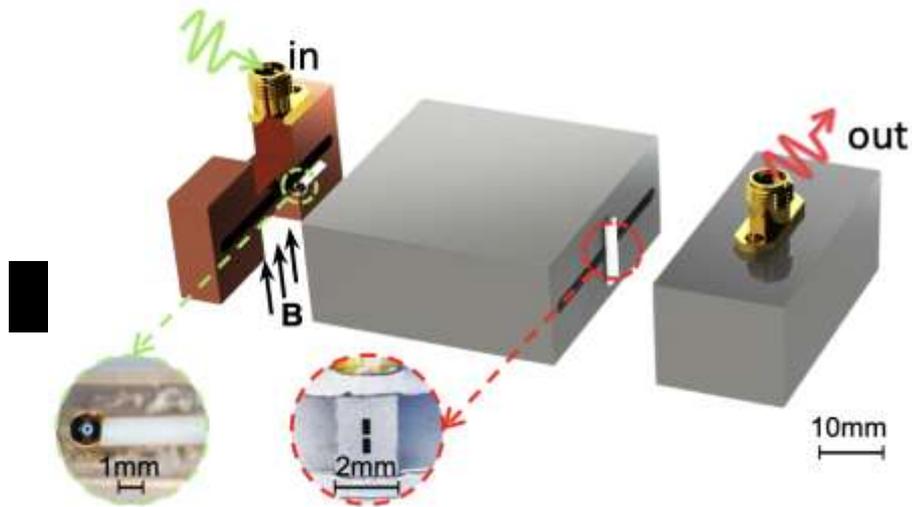
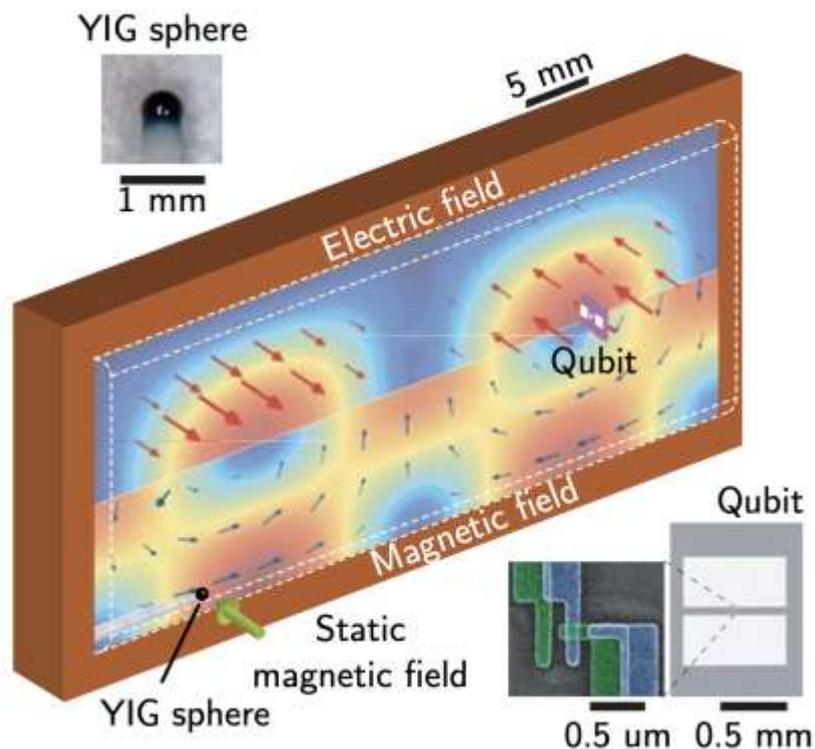


Qubit measurement using AC stark shift of microwave photons!

- Major breakthrough in superconducting quantum computing architecture (Yale, 2004)
- Coherence time :  $\sim 1\text{ns}$  (NEC, 1999) to  $\sim 0.1\text{ms}$  (IBM)

# Cavity magnonics

- Quantum mechanical interaction between magnons, photons, and qubits



Tabuchi et al Science 2015

Xu et al PRL 2023

# Magnons

nearest-neighbor Heisenberg interaction & Zeeman field

$$\hat{H} = -\frac{J}{2} \sum_{ij=\text{nn}} \left[ \hat{S}_i^+ \hat{S}_j^- + \hat{S}_i^z \hat{S}_j^z \right] + g_Z \mu_B B_0 \sum_i \hat{S}_i^z$$

Holstein-Primakoff transformation (boson operators)

$$\hat{S}_i^+ = \sqrt{2S} \sqrt{1 - \frac{\hat{m}_i^\dagger \hat{m}_i}{2S}} \hat{m}_i, \quad \hat{S}_i^z = \left( S - \hat{m}_i^\dagger \hat{m}_i \right)$$

In the weak excitation limit, the spin Hamiltonian becomes coupled harmonic oscillators.

$$\sqrt{1 - \hat{m}_i^\dagger \hat{m}_i / 2S} = 1 - \hat{m}_i^\dagger \hat{m}_i / 4S + \dots$$

# Magnons

Magnons:

A collective excitation that spreads the flip of a single electron with angular momentum change  $\hbar$  over the entire lattice

$$\hat{m}_{\mathbf{k}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{\mathbf{R}_i} e^{-i\mathbf{k} \cdot \mathbf{R}_i} \hat{m}_i$$

Diagonalized spin Hamiltonian in terms of magnons:

$$\hat{H}_{\text{sw}} = E_0(B_0) + \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \hbar\omega(\mathbf{k}) \hat{m}_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger \hat{m}_{\mathbf{k}},$$

with a quadratic dispersion for  $ka \ll 1$

$$\hbar\omega(\mathbf{k}) \approx g_Z \mu_B B_0 + J S a^2 k^2$$

# Kittel mode

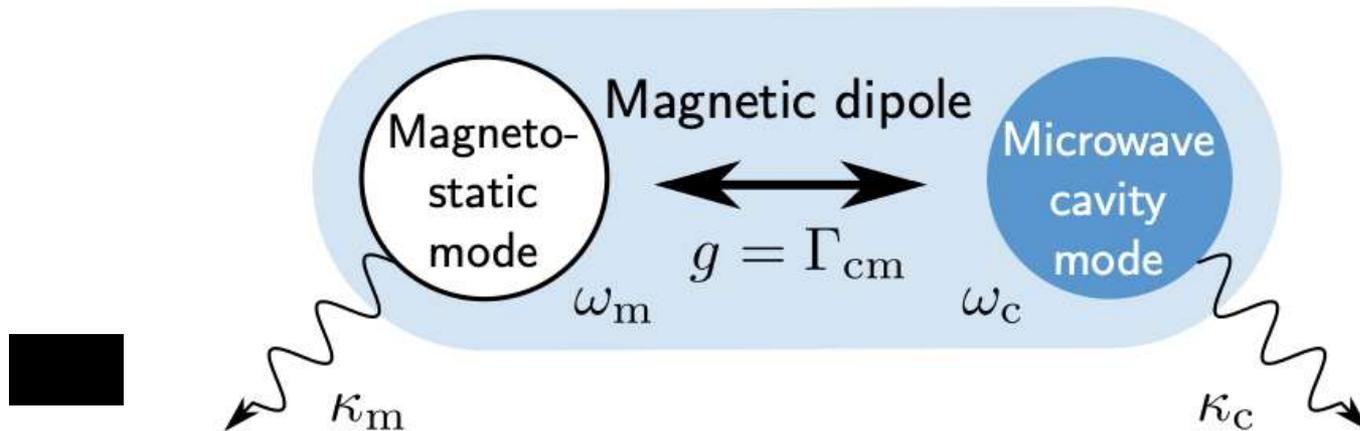
Kittel model: the fundamental mode of magnon ( $k=0$ )



We will mainly focus on the kittle mode magnon in today's talk.

# Cavity-magnon interaction

of photon and spins

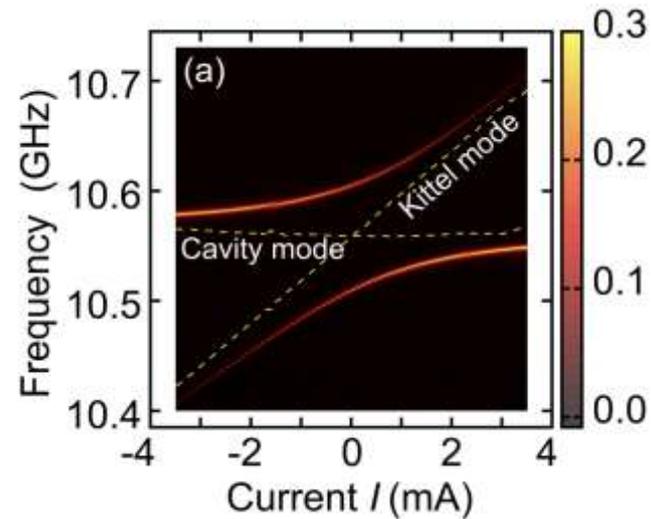
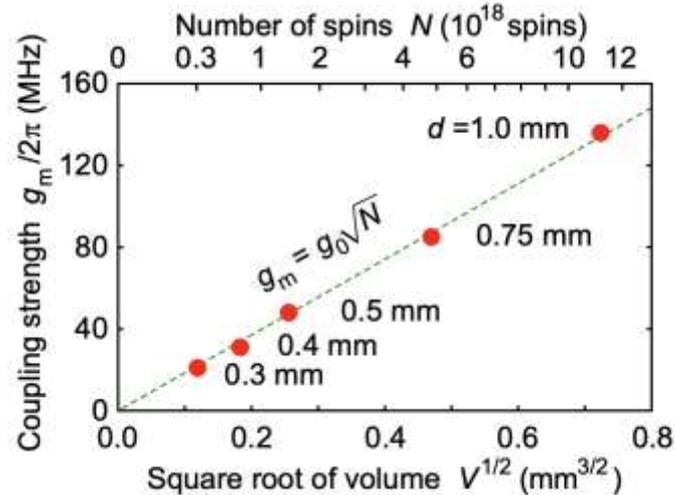


$$\hat{H}_{cm} = \hbar \sum_{p\eta} (\Gamma_{p\eta} \hat{a}_p \hat{m}_\eta^\dagger + \Gamma_{p\eta}^* \hat{a}_p^\dagger \hat{m}_\eta)$$

# Strong coupling : collective enhancement

Magnetic dipole coupling between the single spin and photon : Weak ( $< \text{Hz}$ )

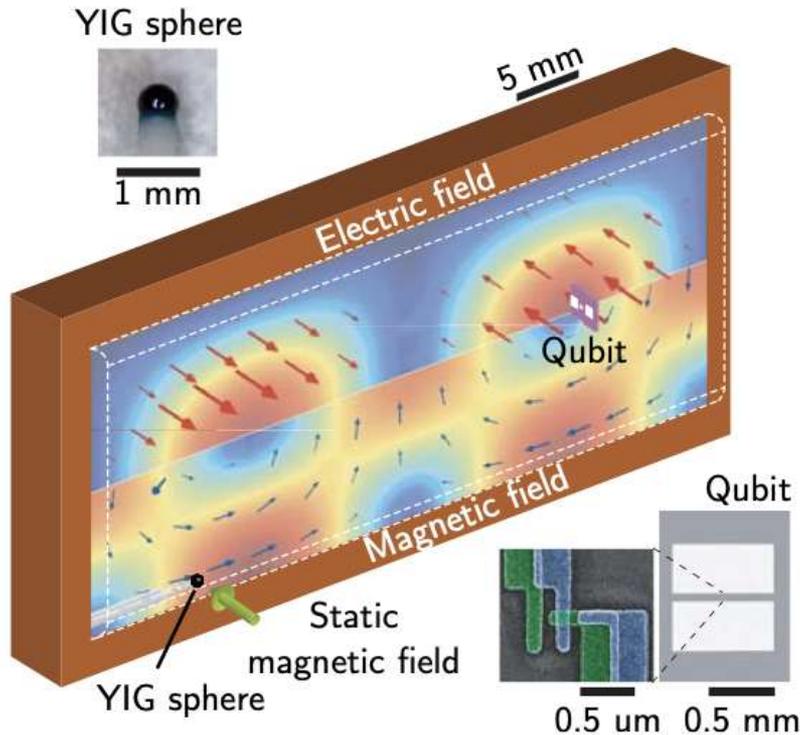
Strong coupling is reached by collective enhancement  $g_m = g_0 \sqrt{N}$



# Quantum cavity magnonics

→ Introduce the transmon!

$$\hat{H}_q = \hbar \left( \omega_q - \frac{K_q}{2} \right) \hat{q}^\dagger \hat{q} + \hbar \frac{K_q}{2} (\hat{q}^\dagger \hat{q})^2$$



Cavity-qubit interaction

$$\hat{H}_{q-c} = \hbar g_{q-c} (\hat{a} \hat{q}^\dagger + \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{q})$$

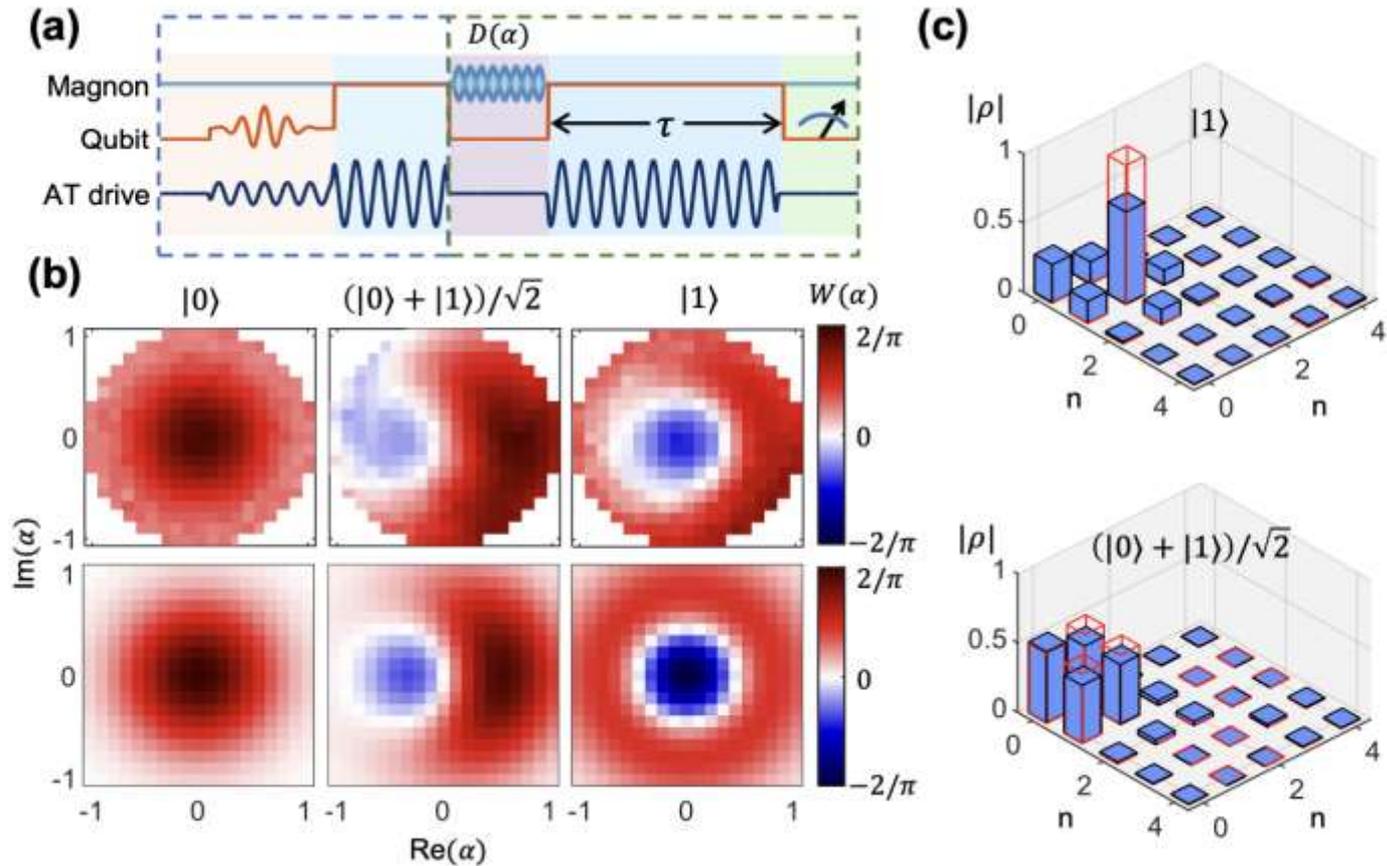
Cavity-induced qubit-magnon interaction

$$\hat{H}_{q-m}^{\text{res.}} = \hbar g_{q-m} (\hat{q} \hat{m}^\dagger + \hat{q}^\dagger \hat{m})$$

$$g_{q-m} \approx \frac{g_{q-c} g_{m-c}}{\omega_{q,m} - \omega_c}$$

# Quantum control of single magnon

The non-linearity of the qubit can be used to control the magnon at a single quanta level!



# Easy-axis in Ferromagnet

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{FM}} = -J \sum_{\langle \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' \rangle} \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{r}} \cdot \mathbf{S}_{\mathbf{r}'} - \sum_{\mathbf{r}} (K \hat{S}_{\mathbf{r}}^{z2} + \gamma \mu \mathbf{H} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\mathbf{r}})$$

Ferromagnetic exchange interaction

Easy-axis anisotropy

Zeeman term

- Exchange energy  $J$  is the largest energy scale : Ferromagnetic phase
- Due to the anisotropy, the magnetization is along easy-axis direction when  $H=0$ .
- Zeeman interaction due to the field, the magnetization tilt away from z-axis and toward y-axis

$$\mathbf{H} = H_0 \hat{y}$$

# Easy-axis ferromagnet – Phase transition

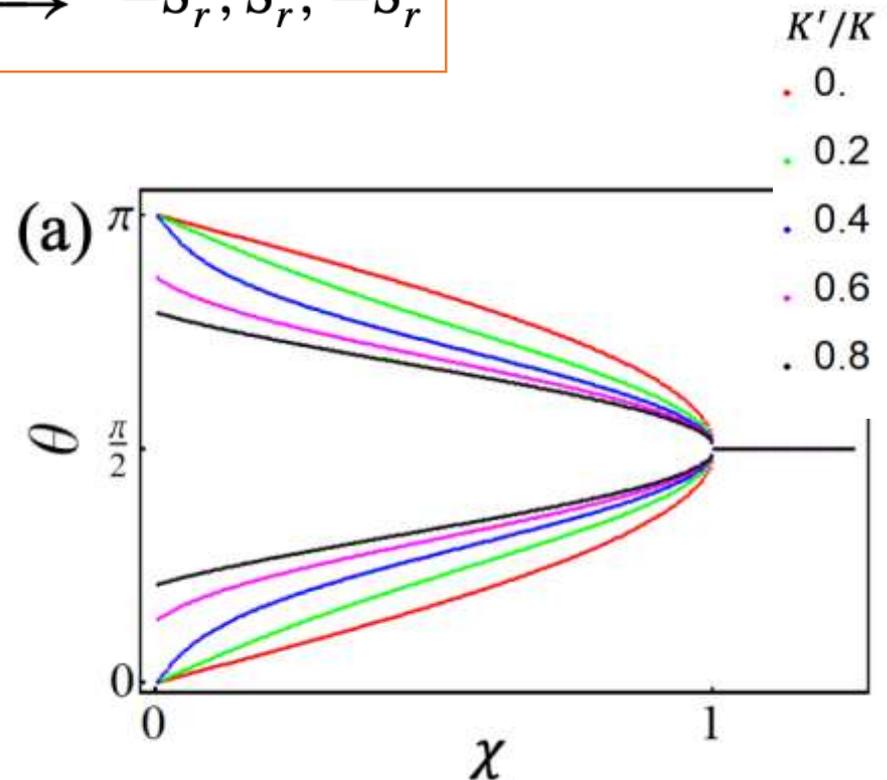
$$\sum_{\langle \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{r}' \rangle} \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\mathbf{r}'} - \sum_{\mathbf{r}} (K \hat{S}_{\mathbf{r}}^z{}^2 + \gamma \mu \mathbf{H} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\mathbf{r}})$$

- Mirror symmetry:  $\hat{S}_r^x, \hat{S}_r^y, \hat{S}_r^z \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}_y} -\hat{S}_r^x, \hat{S}_r^y, -\hat{S}_r^z$

$$\chi = |\gamma \mu H_0| / 2KS$$

$$\hat{\mathbf{S}}_{\mathbf{r}} = S(\sin \theta \cos \phi, \sin \theta \sin \phi, \cos \theta)$$

- Weak-field limit : broken-symmetry
- Strong-field limit : symmetric phase



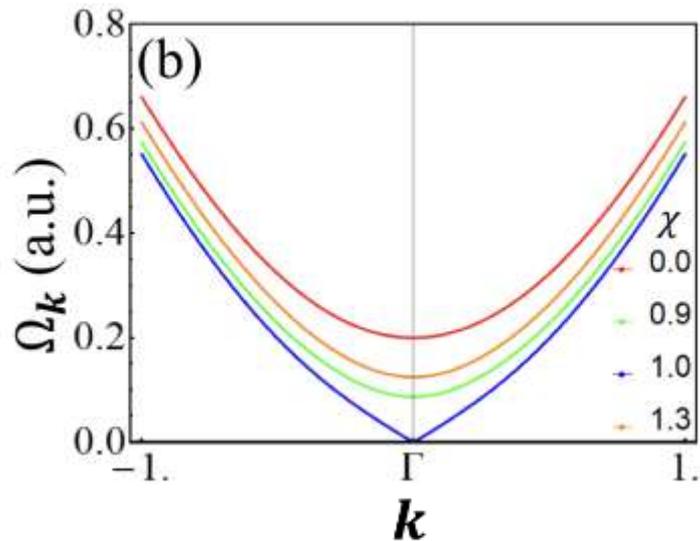
# Easy-axis ferromagnet – Critical squeezing

Q: What drives the mechanism of the phase transition?

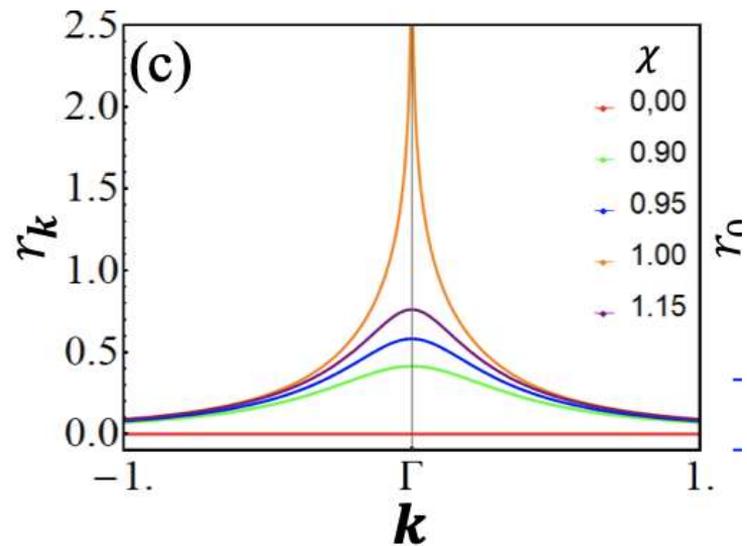
Magnon Hamiltonian: fluctuation around the magnetization

$$-KS \sum_{\mathbf{k}} \left[ -\frac{\sin^2 \theta}{2} (a_{\mathbf{k}} - a_{-\mathbf{k}}^\dagger)(a_{-\mathbf{k}} - a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger) - 2 \cos^2 \theta a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}} \right] + \gamma' H_0 \sin \theta \sum_{\mathbf{k}} a_{\mathbf{k}}^\dagger a_{\mathbf{k}}.$$

Magnon squeezing



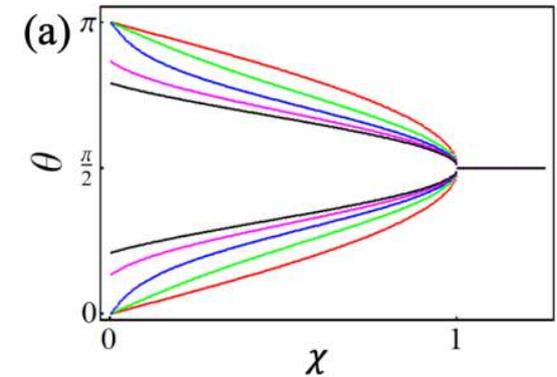
Magnon Dispersion



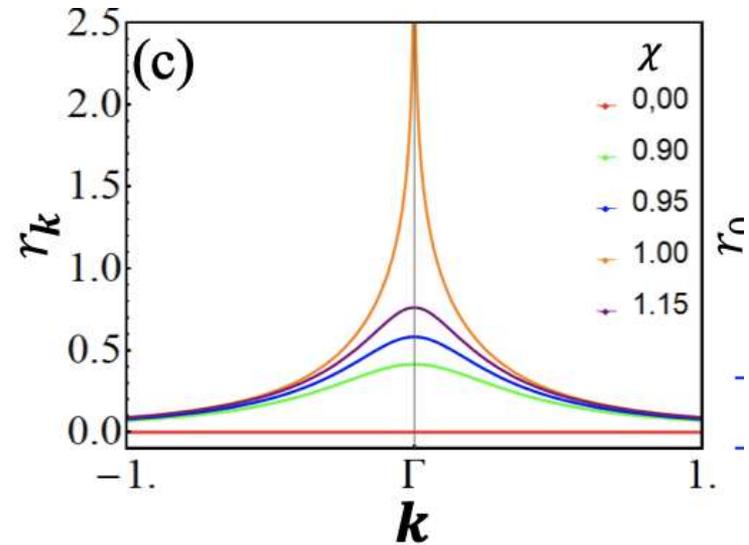
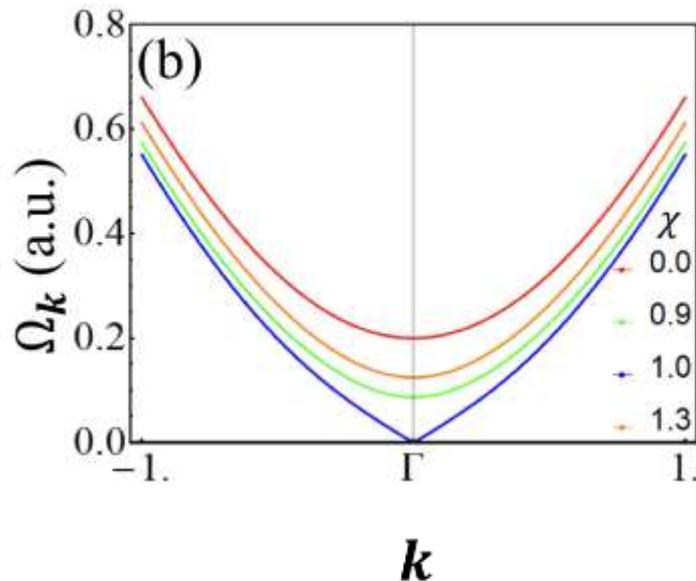
Degree of squeezing

# Easy-axis ferromagnet – Critical squeezing

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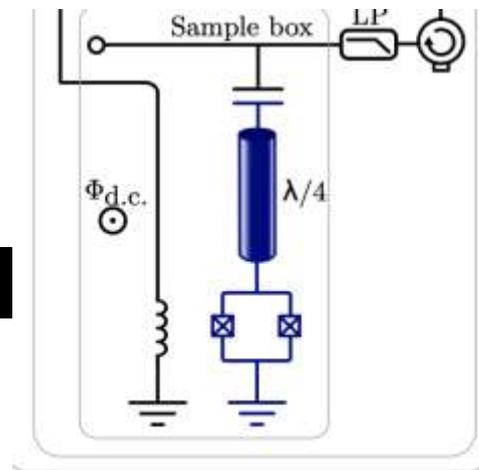
The softening of the magnon frequency is due to the *diverging* magnon squeezing!



# Magnon squeezing as a resource

Toolbox for many quantum information processing. Eg: Cat-code for QC, quantum parametric amplifiers.  $\propto a^2 + a^{\dagger 2}$

Typically, two-photon processes are dynamically generated using non-linear system or parametric driving.

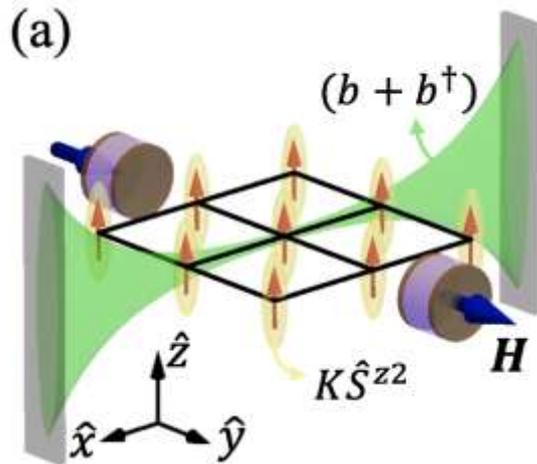


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The anisotropy naturally gives the two magnon driving term  $\propto a^2 + a^{\dagger 2}$

How can we leverage this in a cavity magnonic system?

# Cavity magnonics with Easy-axis ferromagnet



$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{tot}} = \omega b^\dagger b - \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{S}} (b + b^\dagger) \sum_r \hat{S}_r^z + \mathcal{H}_{\text{FM}},$$

$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{FM}} = -J \sum_{\langle r, r' \rangle} \hat{S}_r \cdot \hat{S}_{r'} - \sum_r (K \hat{S}_r^{z2} + \gamma \mu \mathbf{H} \cdot \hat{S}_r),$$

In the strong field limit, the magnetization will be aligned to the B-field direction. Therefore, there is no displacement of the cavity due to the magnetization.  
(Normal phase)

# Cavity magnonics with Easy-axis ferromagnet

Normal phase effective Hamiltonian (for Kittel mode)

$$\mathcal{H} = KS(2\chi - 1)a^\dagger a + \omega b^\dagger b + \frac{KS}{2}(a^2 + a^{\dagger 2}) - ig(a - a^\dagger)(b + b^\dagger),$$

Magnon squeezing

Bogoliubov transformation (squeezing transformation)

$$\mathcal{H} = \Omega_0 \tilde{a}^\dagger \tilde{a} + \omega b^\dagger b - i\tilde{g}(\tilde{a} - \tilde{a}^\dagger)(b + b^\dagger)$$

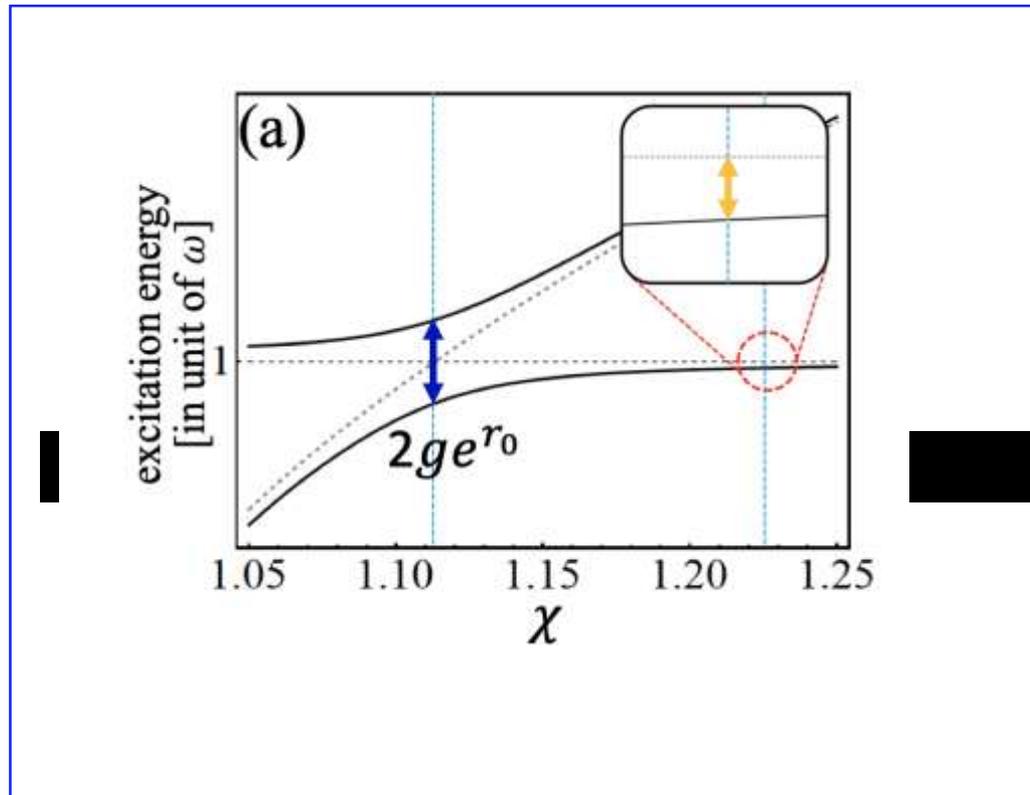
Enhanced coupling between due to the magnon squeezing

$$\tilde{g} = g e^{r_0} \quad r_0 = -\frac{1}{4} \log(1 - \chi^{-1})$$

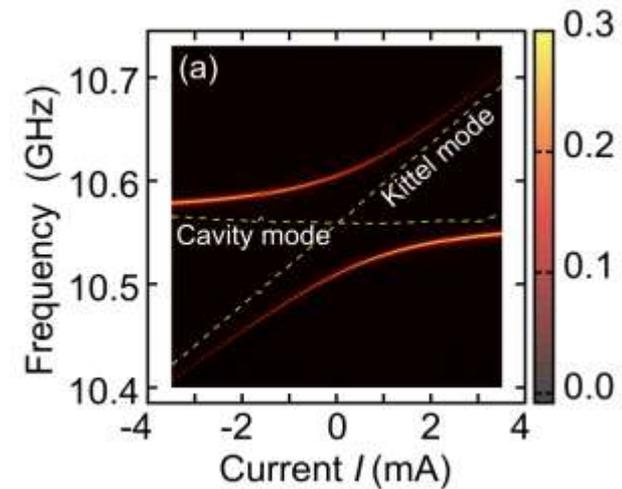
$$\chi = |\gamma\mu H_0|/2KS$$

# Enhanced cavity-magnon coupling strength

The magnon squeezing can be measured by the gap of the avoided crossings!



$$\mathcal{H} = \Omega_0 \tilde{a}^\dagger \tilde{a} + \omega b^\dagger b - i\tilde{g}(\tilde{a} - \tilde{a}^\dagger)(b + b^\dagger)$$

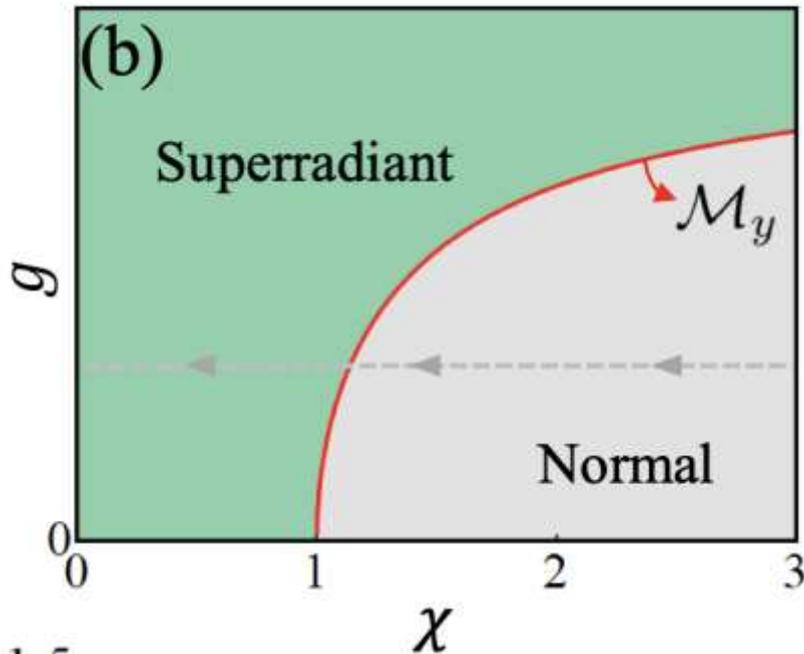


This avoided crossing is a smoking gun experiment showing the quantum nature of magnon due to squeezing.

# Ultrastrong coupling and Superradiant PT

...ic magnetic field can be increased arbitrarily large.

At a threshold value, the diverging magnon squeezing induces a superradiant phase transition breaking a mirror symmetry (Z2)



$$\mathcal{H}_{\text{tot}} = \omega b^\dagger b - \frac{g}{\sqrt{N}} \sqrt{\frac{2}{S}} (b + b^\dagger) \sum_{\mathbf{r}} \hat{S}_{\mathbf{r}}^z + \mathcal{H}_{\text{FM}},$$

$$(b, \hat{S}_{\mathbf{r}}^x, \hat{S}_{\mathbf{r}}^y, \hat{S}_{\mathbf{r}}^z) \xrightarrow{\mathcal{M}_y} (-b, -\hat{S}_{\mathbf{r}}^x, \hat{S}_{\mathbf{r}}^y, -\hat{S}_{\mathbf{r}}^z)$$

Since the magnetic dipole coupling drives the SPT, it is free of the  $A^2$ -term that inhibits SPT.

# Superradiant Phase Transition

Diverging photon numbers

