Chaos-assisted long-range hopping for quantum simulation

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Regular tunneling in integrable systems

Oscillations of probability between two states $|L/R\rangle = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(|+\rangle \pm |-\rangle)$ localized in the bottom of potential wells.



Semiclassical picture: states $|L/R\rangle$ are exponentially localized near symmetric tori in phase space.

$$u \propto |arepsilon_+ - arepsilon_-| \propto \exp \Bigl(- \int_{q_1}^{q_2} p(q) \, \mathrm{d}q \, /\hbar \Bigr)$$

Smooth variation of the tunneling rate.

Chaos-assisted tunneling in mixed systems



In most of non-integrable systems: coexistence of regular islands and chaotic sea in phase space.

Tunneling between islands is **assisted by the chaotic sea** where transport is classically possible [1].

Avoided crossings with ergodic chaotic states

Resonances of the tunneling rate with any parameter.



Classical phase space engineering with cold atom in modulated optical lattices

Stroboscopic mixed dynamics in the semiclassical regime can be generically obtained in an intermediate regime of modulation of deep optical lattices, e.g.

$$H(x, p, t) = \frac{p^2}{2} - \gamma (1 + \varepsilon \cos t) \cos x,$$

with $\varepsilon \sim 0.2 - 0.5$, $s \sim 10 - 30 E_L$ and $\hbar_{\rm eff} = 2\omega_L/\omega \sim 0.2 - 0.4 \approx A_{\rm island}$.



1st observation of chaos-assisted tunneling resonances with cold atom



Discrepancy near the resonance can be explained by the initial finite distribution of atoms in the lattice \rightarrow evidence of **long-range tunneling**? Chaos-assisted long-range hopping



Resonances in the band structure induce effective long-range hoppings mediated by delocalized ergodic chaotic states

 $t_n^{\text{eff}} = \frac{\lambda}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi/\lambda}^{\pi/\lambda} \varepsilon(\beta) \mathrm{e}^{i\beta\lambda n} \,\mathrm{d}\beta.$



Dynamics of a wavepacket, initially located on a single regular site n_0 .



Statistical features

Analytical prediction for the hopping law

$$t_n^{\text{eff}} \approx \frac{i}{\pi n} \sum_{\text{resonances}} \operatorname{sgn}(\alpha) |W| \mathrm{e}^{i\beta_0 \lambda n}.$$

 $\mathrm{e}^{ieta_0\lambda n} pprox$ random number (for $n \gg 1$), $|W| \approx$ gaussian random number (RMT)

 \rightarrow Universal gaussian random fluctuations of t_n^{eff} around the algebraic law 1/n.



Why chaos-assisted tunneling opens new possibilities for quantum simulation?

Dynamics in lattices is governed by two processes: **interactions** (Feshbach resonances, vacuum modes...) versus **hoppings** (hard to engineer). ***** CAT allows to easily engineer hoppings.

- It is **species independent** and a **generic feature** of mixed systems: appears with both phase and amplitude modulation and even in periodically kicked systems.
 - * Accessible with state of the art experiments.

Long-range hoppings play a key role in glassy physics, many-body localization and quantum multifractality.

 \star New rich physics within the reach of experiments.

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