# **Three-dimensional classical and quantum stable structures of dissipative systems**

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We study the properties of classical and quantum stable structures in a three-dimensional (3D) parameter space corresponding to the dissipative kicked top. This is a model system in quantum and classical chaos that gives a starting point for many body examples. We are able to identify the influence of these structures in the spectra and eigenstates of the corresponding (super)operators. This provides a complementary view with respect to the typical two-dimensional parameter space systems found in the literature. Many properties of the eigenstates, like its localization behavior, can be generalized to this higher-dimensional parameter space and spherical phase space topology. Moreover, we find a 3D phenomenon—generalizable to more dimensions—that we call the *coalescence-separation* of (q)ISSs, whose main consequence is a marked enhancement of quantum localization. This could be of relevance for systems that have attracted a lot of attention very recently.

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#### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Dissipative systems play a central role in many areas of physics. From the classical side the discovery of the so-called isoperiodic stable structures (ISSs) in the two-dimensional (2D) parameter space of the Hénon map [\[1\]](#page-5-0) provided a new perspective for bifurcation phenomena and stability properties. This important advance led to a vast amount of work. One of the many possible applications is on directed transport, where quantum dissipative ratchets have been proposed [\[2\]](#page-5-0). This suggested the exploration of the quantum counterparts of the ISSs (qISSs) [\[3\]](#page-5-0) and revealed many general quantum to classical correspondence properties. These results have a wide range of applicability like for example in recent aspects of superconducting qubits [\[4\]](#page-5-0), cold atoms [\[5\]](#page-5-0), and Bose-Einstein condensates [\[6\]](#page-5-0) experiments. In particular, it would be very interesting to see the consequences of quantization of classically regular structures when dissipation is added to the system of three superconducting qubits studied in Ref. [\[4\]](#page-5-0). Experimental investigation of the details of thermalization in this case could be very rewarding.

However, open many body systems have received a lot of attention very recently. The case of the rocked open Bose-Hubbard dimer has shown the correspondence between the interactions and bifurcations in the mean-field dynamics [\[7\]](#page-5-0). An important derivation of this is the study of quantum bifurcation diagrams  $[8,9]$ . Also, there is a renewed interest in the parameter space properties of classical dissipative maps whose complexity increases due to coupling [\[10\]](#page-5-0). This has

direct consequences in optimizing ratchet currents that can be affected by temperature effects [\[11\]](#page-5-0). Finally, the study of discrete time crystals poses new questions that could be answered by means of an open quantum systems perspective [\[12\]](#page-5-0). All these developments motivate the study of more complicated parameter and phase spaces to verify the validity of previous results in this context and to discover new properties.

By means of analyzing paradigmatic classical and quantum chaos models like the (modified) kicked rotator map, the dissipative standard map, and a periodically driven flux there have been many recent advances in our knowledge about the properties of the corresponding superoperators  $[3,13,14]$ . We have elucidated the fundamental role played by ISSs and qISSs. In fact, the invariant states that belong to qISSs have the simple shape of the limit cycles of ISSs only for exceptionally large regular structures. In the majority of the cases these invariants look approximately the same as the quantum chaotic attractors that are at the vicinity of the corresponding ISS in the classical parameter space. Moreover, we have proven that the sharp classical borders of these latter become blurred at the quantum level, and neighboring areas influence each other through quantum fluctuations (parametric tunneling). Also, the leading eigenstates which rule the transitory behavior have a phase space structure dominated by limit cycles of neighboring ISSs, and their eigenvalues have the same periodicity. This leads to scarring (localization)  $[15]$  on the corresponding unstable periodic orbits [\[16\]](#page-5-0).

In this work we study the properties of the quantum and classical 3D parameter space of the dissipative kicked top, which also allows us to investigate a spherical phase space. This is a paradigmatic model that has recently been used to study quantum correlations as probes of chaos [\[17\]](#page-5-0), quantum to classical correspondence in the vicinity of periodic orbits [\[18\]](#page-5-0) (which could be extended to the dissipative case), and that has also served as a starting point for many body models [\[19\]](#page-5-0).

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By using some of the tools developed for 2 parameter systems we are able to characterize the morphology of the 3D (q)ISSs. We find that some properties of the eigenvalues and eigenstates of the quantum superoperator are still valid in this case, giving them a more generic nature. The most prominent example is the localization behavior of the eigenstates. Moreover, we study the *coalescence-separation* phenomenon present when having more than two parameters. The main quantum consequence is an enhancement of localization that could be of relevance for the many areas of research previously mentioned. At this point we should underline that the focus of our work is on the quantum to classical correspondence properties of the attractors of dissipative quantum chaotic systems (which are stable states). The terminology used (i.e., ISS and qISS) is inherited from previous publications and does not imply quantum isoperiodicity.

This paper is organized as follows. In Sec.  $\mathbf{II}$  we explain the details of the dissipative kicked top, together with some of the techniques used to study it. In Sec. III the results that allow to characterize the 3D (q)ISSs are presented. In Sec. [IV](#page-5-0) we give our conclusions.

#### **II. THE DISSIPATIVE KICKED TOP**

The quantum map for the dissipative kicked top has the form

$$
\rho' = D_{\tau} F_J \rho F_J^{\dagger} \equiv \text{\$} \rho, \tag{1}
$$

where  $F_J$  generates the unitary dynamics and  $D_{\tau}$  is the dissipation propagator obtained from the integration of a master equation for the density matrix. The Floquet operator  $F_J$  is given by

$$
F_J = \exp\left[-i(k/2J)J_z^2\right] \exp[-i\beta J_y],\tag{2}
$$

where  $J_i$  are the components of the angular momentum  $J$ , *k* is the torsion parameter, and  $\beta$  is the rotation parameter associated with the periodic kicking of the angular momentum  $(h = 1)$  [\[20\]](#page-5-0). Dissipation is modeled by the following Lindblad equation:

$$
\frac{d}{dt}\rho(t) = \gamma \{ [J_-, \rho(t)J_+] + [J_-\rho(t), J_+] \} \equiv \Lambda \rho(t), \quad (3)
$$

where  $J_{\pm}$  are the usual raising and lowering operators and *γ* the dissipation rate. A dimensionless parameter  $τ = 2Jγt$ , which gives the relaxation time between two actions of the unitary operator and thus fixes the strength of the dissipation can be introduced  $[21]$ . In Ref.  $[22]$ , Eq.  $(3)$  has been integrated in the semiclassical limit. The detailed form of the matrix elements of  $D_{\tau} = \exp(\Lambda \tau)$  is given in Eq. (4.6) of Ref. [\[22\]](#page-5-0). The approximation based on a saddle-point evaluation of the inverse Laplace transformation is valid in a wide range of quantum numbers and propagation times, with an error of order  $1/J^2$ . The superoperator \$ in Eq. (1) conserves  $J^2 = j(j + 1)$  and has dimension  $(2j + 1)^2 \times (2j + 1)^2$ . It will be diagonalized in the basis  $|jm\rangle$  of eigenstates of  $J_z$ with  $m = -j, ..., j$ . The diagonalization of the quantum  $e^{\Lambda}$ is worked out by using the Arnoldi method [\[23\]](#page-5-0).

In the classical limit corresponding to  $j \to \infty$  the phase space is the surface of the unit sphere, with  $\mu = \cos \theta$  and *φ* as canonical variables, defining the orientation of angular

momentum **J**. The detailed expressions defining the classical map taking  $(\mu, \phi) \rightarrow (\mu', \phi')$  are given in Appendix A of Ref. [\[24\]](#page-5-0). It consists of a rotation of the angular momentum by an angle *β* around the *y* axis:

$$
\mu' = \mu \cos \beta - \sqrt{1 - \mu^2} \sin \beta \cos \phi,
$$
  

$$
\phi' = \left[ \arcsin \left( \sqrt{\frac{1 - \mu^2}{1 - \mu^2}} \sin \phi \right) \theta(x') + \sin(\phi)\pi - \arcsin \left( \sqrt{\frac{1 - \mu^2}{1 - \mu^2}} \sin \phi \right) \theta(-x') \right] \mod 2\pi,
$$
  

$$
x' = \sqrt{1 - \mu^2} \cos \phi \cos \beta + \mu \sin \beta,
$$
 (4)

followed by a torsion around the *z* axis:

$$
\mu' = \mu, \quad \phi' = (\phi + k\mu) \mod 2\pi. \tag{5}
$$

In Eq. (4)  $x'$  is the  $x$  component of the angular momentum after rotation,  $\theta(x)$  is the Heaviside theta-function and sign(x) denotes the sign function. Finally, the dissipative part is given by

$$
\mu' = \frac{\mu - \tanh \tau}{1 - \mu \tanh \tau}, \quad \phi' = \phi.
$$
 (6)

To perform the classical evolution we directly use this map and obtain the asymptotic distributions which we use to compare with some properties of the quantum ones.

We have chosen to measure the chaoticity or simplicity of the eigenstates by means of the participation ratio  $\eta =$  $[\sum_i P(m)^2]^{-1}$ , where *P(m)* is the probability of *m*. This gives the number of basis elements that expand the quantum state. We generalize this concept for the classical distributions by calculating *η*, with *P(m)* replaced by  $P(μ)$ , which is a discretized limiting angular momentum (*z* component) distribution. This distribution is obtained after evolving 1 000 time steps a bunch of 10 000 uniformly distributed random initial conditions on  $(\mu, \phi)$ . We have taken a number of 1 000 bins, which will give enough resolution compared to the quantum cases considered.

# **III. PROPERTIES OF 3D STABLE STRUCTURES IN PARAMETER SPACE**

We begin our study of the dissipative kicked top by exploring the classical parameter space. The results for a cut of this 3D space (given by  $k$ ,  $\beta$ , and  $\tau$ ) at  $\beta = 2$  are shown in Fig. [1.](#page-2-0) We use the participation ratio *η* defined in Sec. II. The first thing we notice is that this system has the same richness as the two-parameter dissipative kicked rotor [\[16\]](#page-5-0); i.e., we find a big regular region together with large ISSs intertwined with smaller shrimplike ones, and all of them are embedded in a chaotic background. We observe the largest regular domain (black) at low  $k$  and large  $\tau$ . The second largest regular domain is a much smaller ISS and lies at lower *τ* values. From now on we focus our attention in the region of the parameter space where these two domains are in close proximity, which we have highlighted by means of a green (light gray) rectangle.

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FIG. 1. Participation ratio  $\eta$  in parameter space ( $k, \tau$ ) for  $\beta = 2$ . The (green) light-gray rectangle represents the window of parameters we focus in [see Fig.  $2(d)$  for a better resolution].

This is precisely the range of  $k$  and  $\tau$  shown in Fig. 2 for different values of *β*. Each panel corresponds to a screenshot of the video (linear color scale) included in the Supplemental Material [\[25\]](#page-5-0), which gives a better feeling of the involved 3D ISSs that build up the dissipative kicked top parameter space. We also show the logarithmic version of this video which provides more details regarding the internal structure of the ISSs. In Fig.  $2(a)$  the case  $\beta = 1.25$  presents just one large regular region. At  $\beta = 1.5$ , shown in Fig. 2(b), the large ISSs corresponding to the second largest regular domain is separated from the largest one. In Fig.  $2(c)$  we display the situation for  $\beta = 1.75$  where the separation is larger but this latter ISS looks approximately the same as in the previous case, just slightly more curved and displaced towards a larger *k* range. Finally, in Fig. 2(d) new interactions with other



FIG. 2. Participation ratio  $\eta$  in parameter space ( $k, \tau$ ) for  $\beta =$ 1.25 and  $\beta = 1.5$  in the (a) and (b) panels, respectively, and  $\beta = 1.75$ and  $\beta = 2$  in the (c) and (d) panels, respectively.



FIG. 3. Quantum participation ratio  $\eta$  in parameter space  $(k, \tau)$ corresponding to  $\beta = 1.5$  and  $\beta = 1.75$ , for  $j = 100$  in the (a) and (b) panels, respectively, and for  $j = 160$  in the (c) and (d) panels, respectively.

 $\,2$ 

4

6  $\mathbf{k}$ 8 10

 $10\,$ 

 $\sqrt{2}$ 

 $\overline{\mathcal{L}}$ 

6  $k^{8}$ 

ISSs become evident giving rise to what we will call other *coalescence-separation* smaller events, a phenomenon that can only be present for parameter spaces of dimension higher than 2.

Now, we turn to analyze what is the quantum counterpart of this dynamics in the parameter space. For that purpose we select the cases  $\beta = 1.5$  and  $\beta = 1.75$  for which the separation is small and well developed, respectively. We have calculated the  $\eta$  landscape for two different values of  $j$  to also show the dependence on its size, an indicator of the semiclassical behavior. Comparing Fig.  $3(a)$  for  $\beta = 1.5$  with Fig.  $3(b)$ for  $\beta = 1.75$  (both for  $j = 100$ ) we can see that the qISS reproduces the regular behavior much better in the first case, though there is no significant difference at the classical level. This different behavior persists as we go to the semiclassical limit, as is evident from Figs.  $3(c)$  and  $3(d)$ . However, the overall quantum-to-classical agreement is better as expected. Then, why is there such a striking difference between the quantum behavior at these two  $\beta$  values for which the classical ISS is essentially the same? In the following we will answer this question by using some tools of our previously developed theory for quantum 2D dissipative systems [\[13,16\]](#page-5-0).

We first determine if the separation of the ISS from the main regular region is actually there at  $\beta = 1.5$ . For that we show the quantum and classical normalized participation ratio along three lines in the direction of the axes of the parameter space, intersecting at  $(k, \beta, \tau) = (4.5, 1.5, 0.18)$ . In the top panel of Fig. [4](#page-3-0) we see that at approximately  $k = 3$  there is a small (but significant in terms of regular structures) rise of the classical participation ratio that clearly signals the separation of the ISS from the main regular region. At the quantum level just the ISS is resolved and there is some internal structure also. In the middle panel we notice that although the quantum participation ratio is generally lower inside the boundaries of

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FIG. 4. Normalized participation ratio  $\eta/N$ , with  $N = 1000$  for the classical case (black lines), and  $N = 2j + 1$  for the quantum ones  $[j = 100$  ((red) gray dashed lines) and  $j = 160$  ((blue) gray lines)], as a function of  $k$  (top panel),  $\beta$  (middle panel), and  $\tau$  (bottom panel). Parameter other than the axis one, takes the fixed value  $k = 4.5$ ,  $\beta =$ 1.5 or  $\tau = 0.18$  [dashed (green) gray vertical lines].

the classical ISS the localization is not as strong as for the approximate interval  $k \in [3.5; 4]$  (see top panel). However, some internal features are also present, in agreement with the previous results. Finally, in the bottom panel we see that localization monotonously increases as a function of  $\tau$ , which is something to be expected given the greater dissipation. In all cases the differences due to the size of *j* are negligible indicating an extremely slow convergence to the classical limit without any further ingredients [\[13\]](#page-5-0).

We now characterize the qISS at these two  $\beta$  values by comparing the spectral and eigenstates behaviour at them. It is worth noticing that for the eigenstates representation we use the Wigner function on the sphere. For a system of total angular momentum *j*, the density matrix  $\hat{\rho}$  can be expressed in the Dicke representation as  $\rho_{mm'} = \langle jm | \hat{\rho} | jm' \rangle$ . Alternatively, we can consider the coupled total angular momentum representation, where

$$
\rho_{kq} = \sum_{m=-j}^{j} \sum_{m'=-j}^{j} \rho_{mm'} t_{kq}^{jmm'},
$$
\n(7)

with

$$
\rho_{mm'} = \langle jm|\hat{\rho}|jm'\rangle = \sum_{k=0}^{2j} \sum_{q=-k}^{k} \rho_{kq} t_{kq}^{jmm'},
$$
 (8)

and the Clebsch-Gordan transformation coefficients [\[26\]](#page-5-0) given by

$$
t_{kq}^{jmm'} = (-1)^{j-m-q} \langle j, m; j, m'|k, q \rangle.
$$
 (9)



FIG. 5. Quantum superoperator spectra in the complex plane. Eigenvalues with largest moduli for  $\beta = 1.5$  and  $\beta = 1.75$  are shown in the left and right columns, respectively. From top to bottom  $k =$ 4.5,  $k = 5$ , and  $k = 5.5$  on the left;  $k = 4.5$ ,  $k = 5.5$ , and  $k = 6.5$  on the right. We fix  $j = 160$  and  $\tau = 0.18$  in all cases.

These latter are nonzero only if  $q = m - m'$ . Both representations contain the same information and are completely interchangeable. While the Dicke representation is more common, the coupled total angular momentum representation allows expressing the Wigner function on the Bloch sphere. The Wigner function  $[27]$  $[27]$  is a function on a sphere of radius  $\sqrt{j(j+1)}$ , represented in terms of orthonormal Laplace spherical harmonics as [\[26\]](#page-5-0)

$$
W(\theta, \phi) = \sum_{k=0}^{2j} \sum_{q=-k}^{k} \rho_{kq} Y_{kq}(\theta, \phi),
$$
 (10)

where  $\theta$  is the polar angle measured from the z axis, and  $\phi$  is the azimuthal angle around the *z* axis. This Wigner function contains the same information as the density matrix for any spin-*j* system. The marginals of the spherical Wigner function are the projection quantum number distributions along all quantization axes [\[28\]](#page-5-0). In the following we will take the previously mentioned rescaled variable  $\mu = \cos \theta$  instead of just *θ*.

The spectra are displayed in Fig. 5, in the left column for  $\beta = 1.5$ , and in the right one for  $\beta = 1.75$ . Three different *k* values have been considered in each case (always with  $j =$ 160 and  $\tau = 0.18$ ). The corresponding invariant and leading eigenstates are shown in Figs. [6](#page-4-0) and [7,](#page-4-0) respectively (again, the left columns correspond to the lower *β* value, and the rows respect the *k* ordering of Fig. 5). The top panels of Fig. 5 both show a leading real eigenvalue extremely close to the invariant one. This is a typical feature of large qISS whose invariant and leading eigenstates are localized around the corresponding

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FIG. 6. Wigner function of the invariant eigenstates, corresponding to eigenvalue  $\lambda_1 = 1$  with the same parameter values of Fig. [5.](#page-3-0)  $k = 4.5$  (a),  $k = 5$  (c), and  $k = 5.5$  (e) for  $\beta = 1.5$ , and  $k = 4.5$  (b),  $k = 5.5$  (d), and  $k = 6.5$  (f) for  $\beta = 1.75$ . Classical corresponding limit cycles are marked with crosses.

classical limit cycle, within quantum uncertainty [\[16\]](#page-5-0). This is clearly noticed by looking at the top panels of Figs. 6 and 7. The crosses mark the classical period 1 orbit that characterizes the large ISS and dominates the dynamics in this region of the parameter space. Moreover, when we move to larger *k* values, but stay around the borders of the ISS the behavior changes and the invariant eigenstates become chaotic for both *β* values, as shown in the middle panels of Fig. 6. However, the leading eigenstates are localized around the same region of phase space corresponding to the limit cycle that belongs to the ISS, as can be seen in the middle panels of Fig. 7. The leading eigenvalues have moduli of 0.85 approximately, indicating a still long decay towards the invariant. Finally, when moving farther away from the ISS we find chaotic invariant and leading eigenstates as can be verified by inspecting the bottom panels of Figs. 6 and 7. It is worth noticing that the Wigner function of the leading eigenstates in this case has real and imaginary part (we have displayed the real part) with positive and negative regions (red and blue colors respectively). The corresponding eigenvalues are no more real and the spectral gap is large. This is a generic behavior similar to what we have found in the 2D case [\[16\]](#page-5-0), and most importantly, it is a clear indication that the morphology of the qISS is the same for both values of *β*.

Then, how can we explain the marked quantum localization enhancement found for  $\beta = 1.5$  with respect to  $\beta = 1.75$ 



FIG. 7. Wigner function of the leading eigenstates, corresponding to second largest eigenvalue  $|\lambda_2|$  with the same parameter values of Fig. [5.](#page-3-0)  $k = 4.5$  (a),  $k = 5$  (c), and  $k = 5.5$  (e) for  $\beta = 1.5$ , and  $k = 4.5$  (b),  $k = 5.5$  (d), and  $k = 6.5$  (f) for  $\beta = 1.75$ . Classical corresponding limit cycles are marked with crosses.

in Fig. [3?](#page-2-0) The explanation lies at the 3D nature of the parameter space. For spaces with more than two parameters the coalescence-separation phenomenon can take place, and quantum mechanically this could induce an enhancement of the region of localization. This can be better appreciated by means of the left panel of Fig. 8, which shows a cut of the parameter space in the plane  $\tau = 0.18$ . From approximately  $\beta = 1.5$  to lower values the ISS merges with the big regular region. This coalescence has no intermittencies and generates a very big regular area that we know from our previous studies



FIG. 8. Participation ratio in parameter space  $(k, \beta)$  for  $\tau = 0.18$ with linear and logarithmic (color) gray distribution in the left and right panels, respectively.

<span id="page-5-0"></span>can be better reflected in the quantum realm [13]. In the right panel the logarithmic scale reveals an internal classical structure than explains the local minima found in the quantum participation ratio of Fig. [4.](#page-3-0)

# **IV. CONCLUSIONS**

We study the dissipative kicked top, a paradigmatic system in quantum and classical chaos which is also the starting point of many body models. It has a spherical phase space and a 3D parameter space. As a result we have extended the validity of localization properties of qISSs to this case, giving them a more generic nature. In fact, we identify the same effects of parametric tunneling found in two-parameter systems that induces a chaotic shape for the invariant eigenstates in parameter regions corresponding to an ISS but that are near the chaotic background. Also, we have verified the localization on the limit cycles of the ISS for the leading eigenstates [16].

However, we have found deep consequences of the *coalescence-separation* phenomenon, only present for

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systems with a parameter space with more than two dimensions. In fact, 3D ISSs can merge and break up as one of the parameters varies. Indeed, the quantum manifestations of this dynamics can be very important, leading to a marked enhancement of localization due to the enlargement of the regular regions. This can have very important derivations in many body dissipative systems where parameters proliferate. Even for the mean-field approximation one can have several of them  $[12]$ .

In the future, we will study the generalization to more dimensions. The first step would be to characterize the measure of this phenomenon at the classical level, which has not been addressed in the literature to the best of our knowledge. The next one would be to analyze the quantum counterparts and direct application to many body problems.

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