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ABSTRACT

We study the dynamics and directed transport in a class of chaotic Hamiltonian systems. The system we consider is a δ -kicked particle in the presence of (i) doublebarrier potential and (ii) periodic lattice of square-well potentials. In contrast to the well studied kicked rotor, the kicked system, in the presence of two variants of square-well potentials, studied in this thesis does not obey the Kolmogorov-Arnold-Moser (KAM) theorem. Due to this, invariant curves are absent and instead the phase space displays intricate chains of islands and fully connected chaotic layer even for very small kick strength. However, a special feature of the system reported in this thesis is that, inspite of being a non-KAM system, dynamics is KAM-like in some regions of phase space. We study the effect of interplay between of non-KAM and KAM-like phase space dynamics on dynamical properties of the system. We report a number of novel and interesting dynamical features like (a) the classically induced suppression of energy growth, (b) non-equilibrium steady state and (c) momentum filtering effect. We also report results for the quantum analogues of these dynamical features.

To study the directed transport properties of the system, we study evolution of a set of initial states. We study the effect of spatio-temporal symmetries on net current of a set of states. We observe that the system shows ratchet effect, *i.e.*, directed current in absence of net bias, upon breaking certain spatio-temporal symmetries. We explain how the non-KAM nature of the system imparts some useful characteristics to it as ratchet model. Throughout this work, we also analyse the quantum dynamics of the system, mainly in the semiclassical regime, and study the consequences of quantum effects. We also show that the system can act as a quantum ratchet.

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