Quantum chaos with open systems

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Classical vs. quantum scattering



(X,g) Riemannian mfold of infinite volume, "nice geometry" near infinity. Possible "internal boundaries" (obstacles).

Classical scattering:

- geodesic flow on $S^*X \equiv$ Hamiltonian flow generated by $p(x,\xi) = \frac{|\xi^2|_g}{2}$ on T^*X
- Hamiltonian flow, $p(x,\xi) = \frac{|\xi^2|_g}{2} + V(x)$, with $V \in C_c^{\infty}(X)$.

Quantum scattering: Schrödinger eq. $ih\partial_t\psi = P(h)\psi$

- semiclassical Laplace-Beltrami operator $P(h) = -\frac{h^2}{2}\Delta_X$
- semiclassical Schrödinger operator $P(h) = -\frac{h^2}{2}\Delta_X + V(x)$

High frequencies for $\Delta_X \iff P(h) \approx E$ fixed, semiclassical régime $h \to 0$.

Quantum resonances



For an energy E > 0, the energy shell $p^{-1}(E)$ is unbounded $\Longrightarrow \operatorname{Spec} P(h)$ absol. continuous on \mathbb{R}^+ .

Still, the (cutoff) resolvent $\chi(P-z)^{-1}\chi$ can be meromorphically continued from $\{\operatorname{Im} z > 0\}$ to $\{\operatorname{Im} z < 0\}$. In general it admits a discrete set of poles $\{z_j(h)\}$: quantum resonances.

 $z_j(h) \leftrightarrow$ metastable state $u_j(h) \not\in L^2$, with lifetime $\tau_j(h) = h(2|\operatorname{Im} z_j|)^{-1}$

 \implies (semiclassically) long living if $\operatorname{Im} z_j(h) \ge -Ch$.

Quantum resonances: a nonselfadjoint spectral problem



To uncover the resonances, one may apply a complex deformation to P(h) near infinity (where (X, g) is analytic) [AGUILAR-BALSLEV-COMBES,SIMON,HELFFER-SJÖSTRAND...] $P(h) \rightsquigarrow P_{\theta}(h), P_{\theta}(h) = -e^{-2i\theta}\frac{h^2\Delta}{2}$ near infinity \Rightarrow discrete L^2 spectrum in $\{0 \ge \arg z > -2\theta\}$, equivalent with the resonances $\{z_j(h)\}$. The metastable states $u_j \rightsquigarrow u_{j,\theta} \in L^2$.

We are now facing a nonselfadjoint semiclassical spectral problem for $P_{\theta}(h)$.

Relevant questions in the semiclassical limit



- fixing E > 0, what is the distribution of long-living resonances z_j(h) ∈ D(E, Ch) when h → 0?
 How dense are they? Is there a resonance free strip?
- uniform estimates for the cutoff resolvent for $z \approx E$?
- spatial structure of the metastable states? (semiclassical measures)
- \rightsquigarrow PDE applications: resonance expansion for $e^{-itP(h)/h}u$, local energy decay for $e^{it\sqrt{\Delta_X}}u$

Semiclassical distribution of resonances - Trapped set

Main idea: the distribution of resonances in D(E, Ch) and of the corresp. metastable states is guided by the structure of the **classical trapped set**

$$\underline{K}_{\underline{E}} = \underline{K}_{\underline{E},+} \cap K_{\underline{E},-}, \quad K_{\underline{E},\pm} = \{\rho \in p^{-1}(\underline{E}), \ \Phi^t(\rho) \not\to \infty, \ t \to \mp \infty\}$$

 K_E compact subset of $p^{-1}(E)$, invariant through the Hamiltonian flow Φ^t .

• $K_E = \emptyset$: all $\operatorname{Im} z_j \leq -Ch \log h^{-1} \Longrightarrow$ no long-living state [MARTINEZ'02].



• K_E contains an elliptic periodic orbit. \Rightarrow resonances with $\text{Im } z = \mathcal{O}(h^{\infty})$ (quasimodes).

 $\# \{ \operatorname{Res}(P(h)) \cap D(E, \gamma h) \} \sim C h^{-n+1}$, like for a closed system.

[POPOV, VODEV, STEFANOV]

Semiclassical distribution of resonances - 1 hyperb. orbit

• d = 2, $K_E = \text{single hyperbolic periodic orbit.}$

Resonances form a deformed half-lattice, with $\operatorname{Im} z_j = -h\lambda(1/2 + n) + \mathcal{O}(h^2)$. # { $\operatorname{Res}(P(h)) \cap D(E, \gamma h)$ } = $\mathcal{O}(1)$.

[IKAWA'85,GÉRARD-SJÖSTRAND'87,GÉRARD'88,...]



Chaotic scattering

Chaotic situation: K_E a fractal hyperbolic set.

Examples: $X_0 = \Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}^{\nvDash}$ hyperbolic surface of infinite volume. 3 convex obstacles in \mathbb{R}^d [IKAWA'88, GASPARD-RICE'89,...]



Hyperbolicity: $\forall \rho \in K_E$, $T_{\rho}p^{-1}(E) = H_p(\rho) \oplus E_{\rho}^+ \oplus E_{\rho}^-$ unstable/stable subspaces The unstable Jacobian $J^+(\rho) = |\det(d\Phi^1_{|E_{\rho}^+})|$ measures the degree of hyperbolicity.

Ex: 3 circular obstacles in \mathbb{R}^2 .







Counting long-living resonances: Fractal Weyl upper bound



Theorem. • $P(h) = -\frac{h^2 \Delta_{\mathbb{R}^d}}{2} + V(x)$ [Sjöstrand'90,Sjöstrand-Zworski'07] • $X = \Gamma \setminus \mathbb{H}^d$ Schottky quotient [Zworski'99,Guillopé-Lin-Zworski'04]

• $J \ge 3$ convex obstacles (no-eclipse condition) [N-SJÖSTRAND-ZWORSKI'11]

 $\forall \gamma > 0, \exists C_{\gamma}, \qquad \# \{ \operatorname{Res}(P(h)) \cap D(E, \gamma h) \} \le C_{\gamma} \, h^{-\nu+0} \, .$

Here $\nu = \frac{\dim(K_E) - 1}{2}$ (upper Minkowski dimension).

Main idea: the long-living metastables "live" in an $h^{1/2}$ -neighbourhood of K_E . \rightsquigarrow count the number of "quantum boxes" (of volume h^{d-1}) in this nbhood.

Conjecture: the upper bound is sharp (at least at the level of the power ν): Fractal Weyl law [GUILLOPÉ-ZWORSKI'99, LIN-ZWORKSI'02...]

Nonselfadjoint spectral problem \Rightarrow lower bounds difficult to obtain.

A classical criterion for a resonance gap



Hyperbolicity of $\Phi^t \upharpoonright_{K_E} \Longrightarrow$ a wavepacket will disperse fast through $e^{-itP(h)/h}$. On the other hand, possible relocalization through constructive interferences. What criterion for a global decay?

Topological pressure of $\Phi^t \upharpoonright_{K_E}$: generalization of the topological entropy. Choose a test function $f \in C(K_E)$. The pressure is obtained by summing over Bowen balls $B(x, \epsilon, T)$ weighted by $e^{f_T(x)}$, $f_T(x) = \int_0^T f \circ \Phi^t(x) dt$. Equivalently, sum over weighted T-periodic orbits:

$$\mathcal{P}_E(f) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log \sum_{\gamma: T-1 \le T_{\gamma} \le T} e^{f_T(\gamma)} \qquad (\gamma = \text{ periodic orbits on } K_E)$$

 $f \equiv 0$ leads to the topological entropy.

"Thin" trapped set and resonance gap (2)



Choose the test function $f = -s \log J^u$, $s \ge 0$, to test the hyperbolicity of the trajectories.

 \rightsquigarrow balance between complexity and hyperbolicity of $\Phi^t \upharpoonright_{K_E}$:

$$\mathcal{P}_{E}(-s\log J^{u}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{T \to \infty} \frac{1}{T} \log \sum_{\gamma: T-1 \le T_{\gamma} \le T} J^{u}(\gamma)^{-s}$$

Theorem. [IKAWA'88,GASPARD-RICE'89,N-ZWORSKI'09] Suppose the trapped set is such that $\mathcal{P}_E(-1/2\log J^u) < 0$. Then, for any $0 < g < |\mathcal{P}_E(-1/2\log J^u)|$ and h small enough, the strip [E - Ch, E + Ch] - i[0, gh] is free of resonances. **Remark**: $\mathcal{P}(0) = H_{top}(\Phi \upharpoonright_{K_E}) > 0$. $\mathcal{P}(-\log J^u) = -\gamma_{cl} < 0$ (classical escape rate). d = 2: $\mathcal{P}_E(-1/2\log J^u) < 0 \iff \dim K_E < 2$ ("thin" trapped set).

Phase space distribution of metastable states

Theorem. [BONY-MICHEL'04, KEATING *et al.*'06, N-RUBIN'07, N-ZWORSKI '09] Consider a sequence of metastable states $(u_h)_{h\to 0}$ associated with $z_h = E + O(h)$, normalized by $||u_h||_{L^2(\Omega)} = 1$ for Ω a neighbourhood of $\pi(K_E)$. Up to extracting a subsequence, we can assume that a semiclassical measure μ is associated with $(u_h)_{h\to 0}$:

$$\forall f \in C_c^{\infty}(T^*X), \ \forall \chi \in C_c^{\infty}(X), \qquad \langle \chi u_{h_k}, \operatorname{Op}_h(f) \chi u_{h_k} \rangle \to \int_{T^*X} f(\rho) \, d\mu(\rho) \, .$$

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Then μ is supported on the outgoing set of K_E (unstable manifold), and there exists $\gamma \ge 0$ s.t.

$$rac{\mathrm{Im}\, z_{h_k}}{h_k}
ightarrow -\gamma/2 \qquad ext{and} \qquad \mathcal{L}_{H_p}\, \mu = \gamma \mu \,.$$

 μ is a Conditionally Invariant Measure for the flow. The proof mimics the proof of invariance of μ for closed systems.

Questions:

- which CIM can appear as semiclassical measures?
- is there a form of *quantum ergodicity*?

Partial answers for a *solvable* open quantum baker's map [KEATING*et al.*'08].

Poincaré section: reduction of the Hamiltonian flow



• $\Sigma = \bigsqcup_{j=1}^{J} \Sigma_j$ hypersurfaces in $p^{-1}(E)$ transverse to the flow near K_E (dim = 2d - 2). $\rightsquigarrow \Phi^t$ replaced by the Poincaré map $\kappa : \Sigma \to \Sigma$ and return time $\tau : \Sigma \to \mathbb{R}^+$.

• Can one quantize this reduction, namely study P(h) or $e^{-itP(h)/h}$ through a quantum propagator assoc. with κ , and depending on τ)?

Ex. of reduction: Euclidean obstacle scattering



J convex obstacles on \mathbb{R}^d , $P(h) = -\frac{h^2 \Delta_D}{2}$. Poisson operator $H_j(z) : C^{\infty}(\partial O_j) \to C^{\infty}(\mathbb{R}^n \setminus O_j)$, for each obstacle $j = 1, \ldots, J$.

 $\text{Definition:} \quad u = H_j(z)v \quad \text{satisfies} \quad (P(h)-z)u = 0, \quad u \upharpoonright_{\partial O_j} = v, \quad u \text{ outgoing}$

 $\rightsquigarrow J \times J$ matrix of boundary operators $\mathcal{M}_{ij}(z,h) : C^{\infty}(\partial O_j) \to C^{\infty}(\partial O_i)$:

$$\mathcal{M}_{ij}(z,h)v_j \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left(H_j(z)v_j\right) \upharpoonright_{\partial O_i} \quad \text{for } i \neq j, \qquad \mathcal{M}_{jj}(z,h) = 0.$$

FIO assoc.w. the boundary map $\kappa_{ij}: B^* \partial O_j \to B^* \partial O_i$.

Reduction: z resonance de $P(h) \iff z$ pole of $(I - \mathcal{M}(z, h))^{-1}$

Monodromy operator for smooth potential scattering

Case $P(h) = -\frac{h^2 \Delta}{2} + V(x)$, with K_E hyperbolic repeller.



Theorem. [N-SJÖSTRAND-ZWORSKI'10] Consider a Poincaré section $\Sigma = \bigsqcup_{j=1}^{J} \Sigma_j \subset p^{-1}(E)$, assume the reduced trapped set $\mathcal{K} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} K_E \cap \Sigma$ doesn't touch $\partial \Sigma$. Then one can construct a quantum monodromy operator M(z,h):

- $M(z,h) = (M(z,h)_{ij}) : L^2(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})^J \to L^2(\mathbb{R}^{d-1})^J$ matrix of FIO assoc. w. κ_{ij} . Holomorphic in $z \in D(E, Ch \log(1/h)), M(z,h) \approx M(E,h) \operatorname{Op}_h(e^{i\frac{z-E}{h}\tau})$
- M(z,h) is microlocally supported near $K_E \cap \Sigma$, rank $\simeq h^{-(d-1)}$.
- z resonance of $P(h) \iff$ pole of $(I M(z, h))^{-1} \iff \det(I M(z, h)) = 0.$

A similar reduction appeared in the physics literature [BOGOMOLNY'92,DORON-SMILANSKY'92,PROSEN'95].

Proof of fractal Weyl upper bound from monodromy op.

Aim: prove a fractal Weyl upper bound for the solutions of det(I - M(z, h)) = 0. Trick: M(z, h) is conjugate with $\tilde{M}(z, h)$ microlocalized in $h^{1/2}$ -nbhd of \mathcal{K} . • use an appropriate escape function $G(x, \xi)$:

$$M(z) \rightsquigarrow M_G(z) = e^{-\operatorname{Op}_h(G)} M(z) e^{\operatorname{Op}_h(G)} \stackrel{\operatorname{Egorov}}{\approx} M(z) e^{\operatorname{Op}_h(G - G \circ \kappa)^w}$$

We construct $G(x,\xi)$ s.th. $G \circ \kappa - G \geq C_1 \gg 1$ outside this $h^{1/2}$ -nbhd (uses the hyperbolicity of K_E).

 \implies symbol $(M_G(z)) \le e^{-C_1} \ll 1$ outside the $h^{1/2}$ -nbhd.

• \rightsquigarrow effective monodromy operator $\tilde{M}(z,h)$ microlocalized in this nbhd, with $\operatorname{rank}(\tilde{M}(z,h)) \asymp h^{-\nu+0}$. $\tilde{M}(z,h)$ a "minimal matrix" encoding the long-living quantum dynamics near energy E. z-holomorphic $\stackrel{\text{Jensen}}{\rightsquigarrow} \#\{z \in D(E,Ch), \det(1-\tilde{M}(z,h))=0\} \leq C' \operatorname{rank}(\tilde{M})$. \Box

Proof of resonance gap from monodromy op.

Strategy: long time iteration in order to bound the spectral radius of M(z,h):

Hyperbolic dispersion estimate [ANANTHARAMAN'06,N-ZWORSKI'09]: for each "path" \vec{i} ,

$$||M_{\vec{i}}(z)|| \leq h^{-(d-1)/2} J^u_{\kappa,N}(\vec{i})^{-1/2} e^{-\zeta \tau_N(\vec{i})}, \quad \zeta \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \operatorname{Im} z/h,$$

valid for times $N \sim C \log(1/h)$, $C \gg 1$. Triangle \leq implies

$$\|M(z,h)^N\| \lesssim \sum_{\vec{i} \text{ admis.}} e^{N\epsilon} J^u_{\kappa,N}(\vec{i})^{-1/2} e^{-\zeta\tau_N(\vec{i})} \lesssim \exp\left\{N\left(\mathcal{P}_\kappa(-1/2\log J^u_\kappa - \zeta\tau) + \epsilon\right)\right\}$$

 $\implies r_{sp}(M(z,h)) \leq e^{\mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(-1/2\log J_{\kappa}^{u}-\zeta\tau)+\epsilon}.$ Relation between the topological pressures of $\kappa \upharpoonright_{\mathcal{K}}$ and $\Phi^{t} \upharpoonright_{K_{E}}$:

$$\mathcal{P}_{\Phi}(-1/2\log J^u) < \zeta \iff \mathcal{P}_{\kappa}(-1/2\log J^u_{\kappa} - \zeta\tau) < 0,$$

in which case $r_{sp}(M(z,h)) < 1 \Longrightarrow \det(I - M(z,h)) \neq 0.$

A toy model: open quantum maps

Toy model for Poincaré maps: open chaotic map. Symplectic diffeom $\kappa : V \mapsto \kappa(V)$, $V \Subset \mathbb{R}^{2(d-1)}$ with chaotic trapped set \mathcal{K} . Ex: open baker's map (on \mathbb{T}^2). (Piecewise) smooth, simple dynamics.



<u>Quantization of κ </u>: family of **subunitary** matrices $(M(h))_{h\to 0}$ of ranks $\sim h^{-(d-1)}$. $M(h) \approx \text{FIO}$ associated with κ . Open quantum map. (baker's map: very explicit).

Open quantum (chaotic) map

 $(M(h))_{h\to 0}$ subunitary propagagors assoc.w. κ , of ranks $\sim h^{-(d-1)}$. <u>Heuristics</u>: $M(z,h) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} M(h)e^{iz/h}$ resembles a quantum monodromy operator. Zeros of $\det(I - M(z,h))$ give the nonzero spectrum $\{\lambda_j = e^{-iz_j/h}\}$ of M(h). \implies long-living spectrum of M(h) inside some annulus $\{|\lambda| \ge r > 0\}$. Easy to implement numerically.



Spectra of the quantum open baker's map for increasing values of h^{-1} .

Numerical tests of the Fractal Weyl law

Do we have $\#\{\operatorname{Res}(P(h)) \cap D(E,\gamma h)\} \ge c h^{-\nu}$ for $\gamma > 0$ large enough?

- Numerics for 3 differents P(h) seem to confirm the fractal Weyl law [LIN'01, LU-SRIDHAR-ZWORSKI'03, GUILLOPÉ-LIN-ZWORSKI'04].
- Easier numerics for open quantum maps hint at a more precise scaling [SCHOMERUS-TWORZYDŁO'04, N-ZWORSKI'05, N-RUBIN'07...]

For an asymmetric open baker, we plot $\frac{\#\{\lambda_j \in \operatorname{Spec}(M(h)), |\lambda_j| \ge r\}}{h^{-\nu}} \approx F(r)$ for different values of h^{-1} .



Phase space distribution of metastable states



A few long-living metastable states for the open baker's map (Husimi density).

Numerical tests of the resonance gap

Spectral radii for two baker's maps (with same topological pressures).

Horizontal lines: $\mathcal{P}(-1/2\log J^u)$ and $\mathcal{P}(-\log J^u)/2$.



A solvable toy-of-the-toy model

One can quantize the open baker's maps in a nonstandard way (discrete Fourier transform on \rightsquigarrow Walsh-Fourier transform), s.th. the quantum map M(h) can be analytically diagonalized.

• fractal Weyl upper bound OK. Fractal Weyl law generally OK, but possibility of "accidental" degeneracies of $\tilde{M}(h)$, such that

$$\forall r < 1, \quad \#\{\lambda_j \in \operatorname{Spec}(M(h)), \, |\lambda_j| \ge r\} = \mathcal{O}(h^{-\tilde{\nu}}) \quad \text{for some} \quad \tilde{\nu} < \nu.$$

• spectral radius can take values in the range

$$0 \le r_{sp}(M(h)) \le e^{\min(0,\mathcal{P}(-\log J^u/2))}.$$

One can add some *randomness* in the model to ensure fractal Weyl law.

 \rightsquigarrow for a general system, does the fractal Weyl law only hold under some genericity condition?