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Title Interplay of tunnelling and dissipation in the Quantum Duffing oscillator

Abstract

We study the Duffing oscillator in the deep quantum regime. Starting from a solution of the coherent problem, we include the dissipative effects by means of a Floquet Born-Markovian master equation. Both analytical and numerical calculations reveal a rich phenomenology. Most interestingly, we find that (i) As the result of a complex interplay between tunnelling and dissipation in correspondence to the multiphoton transitions, the oscillator displays alternatively a resonant and an antiresonant behaviour. Moreover, (ii) the dynamical bistability determines a separation of time scales. This phenomenon is suppressed by the multiphoton resonances. As a consequence, peaks in the quantum relaxation rate result. The formalism developed in this context is generalized to the bichromatic driven dissipative nonlinear oscillator.

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