Quantum chaos of dark matter in the Solar System

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We perform time-dependent analysis of quantum dynamics of dark matter particles in the Solar System. It is shown that this problem has similarities with a microwave ionization of Rydberg atoms studied previously experimentally and analytically. On this basis it is shown that the quantum effects for chaotic dark matter dynamics become significant for dark matter mass ratio to electron mass being smaller than $2 \times 10^{-15}$. Below this border multiphoton diffusion over Rydberg states of dark matter atom becomes exponentially localized in analogy with the Anderson localization in disordered solids. The life time of dark matter in the Solar System is determined in dependence on mass ratio in the localized phase and a few photon ionization regime. Various implications of these quantum results are discussed for the capture of dark matter from Galaxy and its steady-state density distribution.

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Introduction.— The properties of dark matter are now actively discussed by the astronomy community (see e.g. [1]). Recently, a necessity of correct description of galactic structures, in particularly singular density cusp problem, attracted a growing interest to the ultralight dark matter particles (DMP) of bosons with a mass $m_d \sim 10^{-22} \text{eV}$ (see e.g. [2][3] and Refs. therein). However, the mass $m_d$ of light DMP is unknown and possibilities of its detection are under active discussions [2, 6]. At small values of $m_d$ (or its ratios to electron mass $m_e$) the quantum effects start to be dominant [4, 5, 7]. Till present the quantum effects have been studied in the frame of static solutions of Schrödinger and Poisson equations.

In this Letter we perform a time-dependent analysis of quantum effects for light DMP which dynamics takes place in binary rotating systems. The properties of quantum dynamics of such DMP in the Solar System (SS), its atomic Rydberg structure (similar to hydrogen atom) and multiphoton ionization (escape from SS) are analyzed here for SS and more generic binary systems. For the SS we consider the model of Sun with Jupiter which creates a time periodic perturbation leading to dynamical chaos and diffusion of DMP energy with eventual escape (or ionization) from the SS. It is shown that for a light DMP mass with $m_d/m_e < 2 \times 10^{-15}$ the quantum effects start to play a dominant role and that they lead to a dynamical localization of diffusive chaotic motion of DMP in binary system being similar to the Anderson localization in disordered solids (see [8][10]). Due to localization a DMP escape from SS is strongly suppressed and DMP life time in SS is increased enormously. A similar dynamical localization of chaotic diffusion of multiphoton transitions has been predicted for microwave ionization of excited hydrogen and Rydberg atoms and observed in experiments (see [11, 15] and Refs. therein). We show that the DMP ionization from SS induced by Jupiter has many similarities with physics of multiphoton ionization of atoms in strong laser fields [16] and properties of Rydberg atoms in external fields [17]. Since the classical DMP dynamics in SS is mainly chaotic the quantum evolution of DMP has many properties of quantum chaos [18]. We show that one of the consequences of classical and quantum chaos in binary systems is an absence of singular density cusp in center of a binary.

Kepler map description of classical DMP dynamics.— We consider the restricted three-body problem [19] with a DMP of light mass $m_d$, Sun of mass $M$ and a planet (Jupiter) of mass $m_p$ moving around Sun over a circular orbit of radius $r_p$ with velocity $v_p$ and frequency $\omega_p = v_p/r_p$. For the Jupiter case we have $v_J = v_p = 13.1 km/s$, $r_J = r_p = 7.78 \times 10^8 km$, orbital period $T_p = 2\pi/\omega_p = 11.84 yrs$ and $m_p/M = 1/1047$ [20]. The studies of DMP dynamics in a binary system with $m_d \ll M$ showed that the dynamics of comets or DMP is well described by the generalized Kepler map [21, 28].

$$E_{n+1} = E_n + F(\phi_n),$$

$$\phi_{n+1} = \phi_n + 2\pi [2E_{n+1}/(m_d v_p^2)]^{3/2},$$

where $E_n$ is DMP energy, $\phi_n$ is Jupiter phase taken at $n$-th passage of DMP through perihelion on a distance $q$ from Sun. This symplectic map description is well justified for $q > r_p$ where the kick function $F(\phi) = f_0(m_d/M) m_d v_p \sin \phi$ and $f_0 \approx 2(r_p/q)^{1/4} \exp(-0.94(q/r_p)^{3/2})$. For $q \sim r_p$, like for the comet Halley case, the function $F(\phi)$ contains also higher harmonics with a maximal kick amplitude $f_0 \approx 2.5$ for the comet Halley [22, 27]. The map is valid when the orbital DMP period is larger than the planet period. This map generates a chaotic DMP dynamics similar to those of the Chirikov standard map [20, 56] for energy being below the chaos border $|E| < E_{ch} = w_{ch} m_d v_p^2/2$ with $w_{ch} \approx 2.5 (2f_0 m_n/M)^{2/5}$. Examples of Poincaré sections for the generalized Kepler map are given in [22, 27, 28]. For the case of Jupiter with sin- kick function we have $w_{ch} \approx 0.3$ while for the comet Halley case with a few harmonics one finds $w_{ch} \approx 0.45$. In the chaotic phase...
the energy is growing in a diffusive way with number of DMP orbital periods $t_{\text{orb}}$: $(\Delta E)^2 \approx D t_{\text{orb}}$. The diffusion coefficient $D$ is approximately given by the random phase approximation for phase $\phi$:

$$D \approx F^2(\phi) \approx f_0^2 (m_p/M)^2 m_d^2 v_p^4/2.$$ (2)

For a DMP orbit with initial energy about $-m_d v_p^2/2$ the ionization energy is $E_I = m_d v_p^2/2$ and a diffusive ionization time (escape from SS) is approximately $t_D \approx 2\pi r_p E_{\text{diff}}/(v_p D)$ that gives for SS with Jupiter $t_D \approx 3 \times 10^6 \text{yrs}$. More detailed numerical simulations with many DMP trajectories, including the case of comet Halley, give a typical time scale $t_1 \approx 10^7 \text{yrs} \sim t_D$ [22, 26]. For an external galactic DMP flow scattering on SS, DPM are captured and accumulated during the time scale $t_D$. After this time scale the DMP distribution in SS reaches a steady-state when the capture process is compensated by escape on a time scale $t_1$. The capture process and its cross-section are discussed in detail in [26, 31, 32].

It is also useful to note that a rotating planet corresponds to a rotating dipole in the Coulomb problem which can be transformed to a circular polarized monochromatic field appearing in the problem of microwave ionization of Rydberg atoms and autoionization of molecular Rydberg states [33].

"Hydrogen" atom of dark matter.– Since the gravitational interaction is similar to the Coulomb interaction we directly obtain from [34] the levels of dark matter atom with the Bohr radius $a_{\text{BD}} = h^2/(\kappa m_e^2 M) = 1.01 \times 10^{-26} \text{cm}(m_e/m_d)^2$ for SS and energy levels $E_{\text{BD}} = -E_{\text{BD}}/(2n^2)$ where $\kappa$ is the gravitational constant. Here we have the dark matter atomic energy $E_{\text{BD}} = \kappa m_d M / a_{\text{BD}} = 7.47 \times 10^{39} (m_d/m_e)^3 \text{ev}$ and related atomic frequency $\omega_{\text{BD}} = E_{\text{BD}}/h = \kappa^2 m_d^3 M^2/\hbar^2$. For the SS we have the Bohr radius $a_{\text{BD}} = 1.30 \times 10^{-40} (m_e/m_d)^2 r_J$ so that $a_{\text{BD}} = r_J$ at $m_d/m_e = 1.14 \times 10^{-20}$. Thus we have $E_{\text{BD}} = 1.10 \times 10^{-22} \text{ev} = \hbar \omega_J$ when $a_{\text{BD}} = r_J$ and one photon energy of Jupiter frequency $\omega_J = \omega_p = \hbar \omega_J$ is $h \omega_J$. Hence one needs $N_J = E_{\text{BD}}/(2h \omega_J) = 3.38 \times 10^{10} (m_d/m_e)^3$ = 0.5 photons to ionize the ground state of DMP atom at this mass ratio.

Quantum Kepler map and Anderson localization. – In analogy with the microwave ionization of excited hydrogen and Rydberg atoms [12, 15] the quantum dynamics of DPM is described by the quantum Kepler map obtained from (2) by replacing the classical variables $(E, \phi)$ by operators $\hat{E} = \hbar \omega_p \hat{N}$, $\hat{\phi}$ with a commutator $[\hat{N}, \hat{\phi}] = -i$. Here $\hat{N}$ has the meaning of a number of photons absorbed or emitted due to interaction with periodic perturbation of planet. The quantum Kepler map has the form [12, 15]:

$$\hat{N} = \hat{N} + k \sin \hat{\phi}, \hat{\phi} = \hat{\phi} + 2\pi \omega(-2\omega \hat{N})^{-3/2},$$ (3)

where bars mark new values of operator variables after one orbital period of DMP and a kick amplitude $k = f_0 m_p m_d v_p^2/(\hbar \omega_p M) = 2 f_0 (m_p/M) N_I = 2.10 \times 10^{17} (m_d/m_e)$ gives the maximal number of absorbed/emitted photons after one kick (numbers are given for Jupiter case). Here we express the planet frequency $\omega_p$ in atomic units of dark matter atom with $\omega = \omega_p/\omega_{\text{BD}} = 1.48 \times 10^{-60} (m_e/m_d)^3$. The corresponding wavefunction evolution in the basis of photons $N$ is described by the map which is similar to the quantum Chirikov standard map [12, 15]:

$$\psi_{N_\phi} = \exp(-k \cos \phi) \exp(-i \hbar \omega_p(N_\phi)) \psi_{N_\phi}$$ (4)

with $H_0(N_\phi) = 2 \pi (-2\omega(N_0 + N_\phi))^{-1/2}$ and $N = N_0 + N_\phi$, where $N_0$ is the number of photons of DMP initial state. For the initial DMP state with energy $E_d = -m_d v_p^2/2$ we have the number of photons required for DMP ionization being

$$N_I = m_d v_p^2/(2\hbar \omega_p) = 4.39 \times 10^{19} m_d/m_e$$ (5)

with $N_0 = -N_I$ and the right equality given for the Jupiter case at $f_0 = 2.5$. In this expression for $N_I$ we use $w_{\text{ph}} \approx 1$ and assume that $a_{\text{BD}} < r_J$. For $a_{\text{BD}} > r_J$ the minimal energy of DMP is given by the ground state $E = -E_{\text{BD}}/2$.

The quantum interference effects lead to exponential localization of chaotic diffusion being similar to the Anderson localization in disordered solids [9, 10]. In analogy
with the microwave ionization of hydrogen atoms, the localization length expressed in the number of photons is \([12, 13]\):

\[
\ell_\phi \approx \frac{D}{(\hbar \omega_p)^2} \approx k^2/2 = 2 f_0^2 (m_p/M)^2 N^2
\]

\[
\approx f_0^2 m_p^3 m^2 P_p^2/2(\hbar \omega_p M)^2
\]

\[
\approx 2.20 \times 10^{34} (m_d/m_e)^2
\]

where the last equality is given for the Jupiter case at \(f_0 = 2.5\).

The wavefunction \(\psi_{N_\phi}\) is exponentially localized giving a steady-state probability distribution over photonic states:

\[
<\psi_{N_\phi}> = W(N_\phi) \approx (1+2|N_\phi|/\ell_\phi) \exp(-2|N_\phi|/\ell_\phi)/2
\]

The above expression for \(\ell_\phi\) is valid for \(\ell_\phi > 1\) while for \(\ell_\phi < 1\) we enter in the regime of perturbative localization.

The steady-state localized distribution (7) is settled on a quantum time scale \(t_q \approx T_p/\ell_\phi\) \([11, 12, 13]\).

The localization takes place for the photonic range \(|N_\phi| < N_I\) and it is well visible for \(\ell_\phi < N_I\). For \(\ell_\phi > N_I\) a delocalization takes place and DMP escape is well described by the chaotic quantum diffusion and Anderson localization. For Jupiter case and DMP at initial energy \(E_d = -m_d v_p^2/2\), with the corresponding \(N_I\) (we assume here the chaos border \(w_{ch} \approx 1\), for \(w_{ch} < 1\) we should multiply \(N_I\) by \(w_{ch}\))

Thus we find that the delocalization takes place at

\[
m_d/m_e > \hbar \omega_p(M/m_p)^2/(f_0^2 m_e v_p^2) = 2 \times 10^{-15}, \tag{8}
\]

with the last equality given for the Jupiter case. For smaller ratios \(m_d/m_e < 2.0 \times 10^{-15}\) we have Anderson localization of DMP probability on the photonic lattice. At the delocalization border with \(\ell_\phi = N_I\) we have \(N_I = 8.78 \times 10^4\) at the above value of \(m_d/m_e\) so that the DMP ionization goes via highly multiphoton process.

An example of probability distribution for a localized state at \(\ell_\phi = 1.39\) and \(m_d/m_e = 7.95 \times 10^{-18}\) corresponds to Fig.3 in \([13]\). The number of photons \(N_I\) required for ionization of an initial DMP state with energy \(E_d\) also depends on the mass ratio \(m_d/m_e\) so that one photon ionization takes place for \(N_I < 1\) corresponding to \(m_d/m_e < 2.28 \times 10^{-20}\).

The different regimes of quantum DMP dynamics are shown in Fig. 1. The classical description is valid for \(\ell_\phi > N_I\) corresponding to \(m_d/m_e > 2 \times 10^{-15}\), the Anderson photonic localization takes place in the range \(2.28 \times 10^{-20} < m_d/m_e < 2 \times 10^{-15}\) and one photon ionization appears for \(m_d/m_e < 2.28 \times 10^{-20}\).

Even if the quantum Kepler map gives an approximate description of quantum excitation, it was shown that it provides a good description \([35]\) of microwave ionization of real three-dimensional excited hydrogen atoms in delocalized and localized regimes \([13, 14]\). This result justifies the given description of quantum DMP dynamics in SS.

**Ionization times.**—The typical time scales of ionization (escape) for these three regimes can be estimated as follows. In the delocalized phase \(\ell_\phi > N_I\) the ionization time is determined by a diffusive process with \(t_I \approx t_h \approx 10^7\) yrs as obtained from extensive numerical simulations of comet Halley \([22]\) and classical chaotic dynamics of DMP \([20]\). This regime \(t_I\) is independent of \(m_d\).

In the localized phase \(\ell_\phi < N_I\) the ionization takes place only from the exponentially small tail of the steady-state probability distribution (7) with the escape rate \(\Gamma \sim W_{ji} = (N_I/\ell_\phi) \exp(-2|N_\phi|/\ell_\phi)\) so that we obtain the estimate for ionization time \(t_I \sim 1/\Gamma\):

\[
t_I \approx t_H \exp(2|N_1|/\ell_\phi - 2)/(2|N_1|/\ell_\phi - 1). \tag{9}
\]

The above expression assumes that \(\ell_\phi > 1\) and \(N_I \geq \ell_\phi\) giving \(t_I = t_H\) at delocalization border \(N_I = \ell_\phi\).

In the case when \(N_I < 1\) an absorption of one photon with energy \(\hbar \omega_p\) is sufficient to give to DMP positive energy leading to its escape on infinity or ionization. In this regime the one-photon ionization rate is \(\Gamma \approx (\omega_p/2\pi)(J_1(k))^2\) where \(J_1(k)\) is Bessel function. This simple estimate, following from the quantum Kepler map \([4]\), is in a good agreement with the exact computation of one-photon ionization rate as it is demonstrated in \([11, 12]\). Hence, the one-photon ionization time is

\[
t_I \approx 1/\Gamma \approx T_p/(2k^2) \approx 1.07 \times 10^{-33} (m_e/m_d)^2\text{yrs}. \tag{10}
\]
Thus at one-photon border $N_I = 1$ and $m_d/m_e = 2.28 \times 10^{-20}$ we have $t_I = 2.05 \times 10^{16}$ yrs. For $2.28 \times 10^{-20} < m_d/m_e < 4.56 \times 10^{-20}$ two photons are required for DMP ionization with $\gamma = (\omega_p/2\pi)(J_2(k))^2$ and slightly above one photon ionization border we obtain $t_I \approx T_{2}(k) = 3.6 \times 10^{17}$ yrs being much larger than the age of universe $t_U \approx 1.38 \times 10^{10}$ yrs (at the 3-photon border we have $t_I \approx 4(2/k)^2 T_{2} \approx 4 \times 10^{15}$ yrs).

The global dependence of escape time $t_I$ on DMP mass $m_d$ is shown in Fig. 2. The life time is larger than the life time of Universe for the mass ratio $2.2 \times 10^{-20} < m_d/m_e < 3.4 \times 10^{16}$ where the left inequality is at the transition from 2-photon to 1-photon ionization. For $m_d/m_e < 2.8 \times 10^{-22}$ the one-photon ionization becomes very slow and we also have $t_I > t_U$. In this range we have the atomic size of DMP atom $a_Bd \gg r_J$ and the above ionization time is given for ionization from the ground state. The time $t_I$ for one-photon process becomes so large because in the quantum Kepler map [1] the kick amplitude $k \propto m_d$ becomes very small.

It would be interesting to verify the above estimates for ionization rates $\Gamma$ and life times $t_I$ by the numerical simulation methods developed for computation of these quantities in microwave ionization of Rydberg atoms [26].

**DMP capture.**—For the classical DMP of Galactic wind flying through SS the capture cross-section is $\sigma \approx \pi r_p^2 (\nu/v)^2$ being diverging at low positive DMP energies $E = m_d v^2/2 > 0$ in a continuum [25, 31]. The captured DMP diffuse in the chaotic region up to the chaos border $w_{ch} = 2E/(m_d v^2)$ as discussed above (see also [26]). Due to Anderson photonic localization [4] the diffusion is localized and, comparing to the classical border $w_{ch}$, DMP can reach only significantly smaller quantum border values:

$$w_q \approx 2\omega_p \ell_0/(m_d v_p^2) \approx 5 \times 10^{14}(m_d/m_e). \quad (11)$$

This dependence is valid in the range $2.28 \times 10^{-20} < m_d/m_e < 2 \times 10^{-15}$. For $m_d/m_e$ becoming smaller than the left inequality we have $\ell_0 < 1$ and only one photon energy is absorbed with $w_q = 1.14 \times 10^{-5}$; above the right border we obtain the classical chaos border with $w_q \approx w_{ch} \sim 1$ independent of DMP mass.

According to analysis given in [26] the classical capture process of DMP continues during time $t_H \sim t_D$ after which DMP start to escape from SS. Assuming that the Galactic DMP velocity distribution has a usual Maxwell form $f(v)dv = \sqrt{54/\pi v^2} w^3 \exp(-3u^2/v^2)dv$ with $u \approx 220 km/s$ we can estimate the captured DMP mass as $M_{cap} \sim 100(v/p)^3 (m_p/M) d_{cap} r_p^2 w_{ch} H_{cap}$, where $r_p \approx 4 \times 10^{-22} g/cm^3$ is the Galactic mass density of dark matter. In the quantum case with photonic localization we should use $t_q < t_H$ since the accumulation continues only during time on which a steady-state distribution is reached while after it the escape of DMP from SS starts to compensate ingoing DMP flow. Thus $M_{cap}$ is significantly reduced by the factor $t_q/t_H$.

In the above estimate we have $M_{cap} \propto E_H \propto m_d v_p^2 v_{ch}/2$ where $w_{ch} \sim \sqrt{f_0(m_p/M)}$ and $E_H$ has a meaning of DMP energy which can be captured by a kick from Jupiter. In the one-photon regime with $k < 1$ at $m_d/m_e < 4.76 \times 10^{-18}$ only DMP energies with $E = m_d v^2/2 < \omega_d I$ can be captured that provides an additional reduction of $M_{cap}$.

Finally, the Kepler map approach allows to perform extensive simulations of DMP capture process for SS and other binaries up to time scales of SS life time [28, 29] with a steady-state DMP distribution reached at such times. The obtained DMP steady-state distribution has maximal volume density on a distance comparable with a size of binary without cusp singularity at $r \ll r_p$. The physical reason is rather clear: DMP diffuse only up to the chaos border $w_{ch} \sim 1$ corresponding to hallo distances from the binary center $r_h \sim r_p/w_{ch} \sim r_p$. In the regime of quantum localization we should replace $w_{ch}$ by $w_q < w_{ch}$ so that $r_h \sim r_p/w_q \gg r_p$ becomes even larger. Thus in presence of time-dependent effects in binaries there is no cusp singularity at the binary center.

**Discussion.**—We performed analysis of time-dependent effects for DMP quantum dynamics in binary systems. On the basis of results obtained for multiphoton ionization of Rydberg atoms we show the emergence of Anderson photonic localization for DMP with masses $m_d/m_e < 2 \times 10^{-15}$. The life times of DMP in SS are determined in the localized regime and a few photon ionization regime. It is shown that there is no singular density cusp in the steady-state density distribution of DMP in binary systems.

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