

Diffusion on an oscillating dissipative corrugated floor

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Abstract

We consider a particle that is subject to a constant vertical force and bounces inelastically on a vibrating corrugated floor. Computer simulations show that the diffusion coefficient of this system is a highly irregular function of the driving frequency. For large friction and small curvature of circular scatterers we find an irregular enhancement of diffusion due to frequency locking related to a ball bouncing on a flat vibrating plate [1]. For smaller friction and larger curvature there is a complicated bifurcation scenario exhibiting a very different series of resonances that again enhance diffusion in a profoundly irregular manner [2]. Related bouncing ball billiards are well-known to describe corrugated vibro-transporters, which are common carriers of agricultural material like grains or other granular particles. Here similar phenomena have already been observed experimentally.

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