

Special Issue

Shortcuts to Adiabaticity with and without PT Symmetry Systems: Theory, Experiments and Applications

Message from the Guest Editors

Shortcuts to adiabaticity are alternative fast processes which reproduce the same final state as the adiabatic process in a finite or even shorter time. In addition, shortcuts to adiabaticity are also fast routes to the final results of a system, where slow and adiabatic changes are produced by controlling the parameters of a system. In recent years, shortcuts to adiabaticity have been extended from Hermitian systems to non-Hermitian systems with non-Hermitian off-diagonal elements without parity–time (PT) symmetry. Because of their possible applications in quantum information processing and quantum control, shortcuts to adiabaticity with quantum open systems have attracted widespread attention. This Special Issue will attempt to cover the whole field of shortcuts to adiabaticity with quantum open systems in its widest sense, together with the related theory, experiments, and applications in various facets.

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