Semiclassical Assignment of the Vibrational Spectrum of N₂O

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The vibrational spectrum of N₂O as given by an effective spectroscopic Hamiltonian based on the existence of a superpolyad number is analyzed and assigned in terms of classical motions. The effective Hamiltonian includes a large number of resonances of which only one is dominant for low and intermediate superpolyad numbers. In this energy range, the corresponding classical system is quasi-integrable and can be described in terms of a system with only one nontrivial degree of freedom. This integrable system can be analyzed by considering the so-called “quantizing trajectories” on a “polyad sphere”. This method is no longer applicable when the superpolyad number is further increased and classical chaos comes into play. We then turn to a powerful universal method based on the graphical representation of semiclassical wave functions on a naturally appearing toroidal configuration space. These wave functions are obtained using the already known transformation matrix used in fitting the effective Hamiltonian. Experience with the interpretation of the resulting figures allows one to draw conclusions on the classical internal motions and therefore on the assignment of the quantum states without any further calculation. As such, the method is of particular interest to nontheorists and to nonspecialists in the fields of nonlinear dynamics and quantum calculation. For higher superpolyad numbers, the chaos remains mainly concentrated about the direct neighborhood of a separatrix of the former integrable system so that a great part of the vibrational spectrum can still be assigned in terms of the EBK quantum numbers of quantized tori.

1. Introduction

Following experiments on carbon dioxide,¹ Teffo, Perevalov, and Lyulin introduced a spectroscopic Hamiltonian for nitrous oxide² based on the approximate relations between harmonic frequencies

\[ \omega_1/\omega_2 \approx 2:1, \quad \omega_2/\omega_3 \approx 1:4 \]  

where \( \omega_1, \omega_2, \) and \( \omega_3 \) refer to the harmonic frequencies of the symmetric stretch, the bend, and the asymmetric stretch, respectively. The quality of the spectroscopic Hamiltonian, which incorporates a large number of resonances, was confirmed by a combination of high-resolution Fourier transform spectroscopy and intracavity laser absorption spectroscopy between 6500 and 11 000 cm⁻¹ and between 11 700 and 15 000 cm⁻¹, respectively.³ From a general point of view of physics and chemistry, the fit of a quantum spectrum to a spectroscopic Hamiltonian cannot be the final step in the analysis of a vibrational spectrum. In addition the question of the relation of the spectra to the underlying classical motion has to be answered. The answer to this question is not only necessary for the assignment of the quantum states but of further importance because it contains, for example, information needed to understand isomerization and reactivity.

In this paper, we are concerned with the assignment of the pure vibrational spectrum of N₂O. The first step toward an assignment is already given through the existence of a superpolyad number,⁴ which is directly connected to the resonances in eq 1 and of which the conservation was the basis for the construction of the spectroscopic Hamiltonian. One can proceed with the assignment by looking at the corresponding classical system. The spectroscopic Hamiltonian as given in the number representation can be translated to classical mechanics via the standard application of Heisenberg’s correspondence principle. The result is a classical Hamiltonian given in action angle variables \((I_i, \phi_i)\). The appearance of action angle variables underlies the idea that originally there exists a classically integrable system derived from the quantum Hamiltonian without off-diagonal elements for which the inclusion of the off-diagonal elements acts as a perturbation. For an integrable system, the Liouville—Arnold theorem⁵ says that phase space is generically foliated by invariant tori. Here, action angle variables are the most suitable coordinates with the angles parametrizing the tori for fixed actions. Accordingly, Hamilton’s equations of motion assume the simple form

\[ \dot{I}_i = \omega_i - \sum_j \frac{\partial \omega_j}{\partial \phi_j} I_j, \quad \dot{\phi}_i = \omega_i - \sum_j \frac{\partial \omega_j}{\partial \phi_j} I_j. \]
that is, the actions are constants of the motion and the angles, \( \phi_i \), increase in time with constant frequencies, \( \omega_i \). Action angle variables are, for example, essential for the discussion of how an integrable system reacts to a small perturbation. In such a case, KAM theory guarantees the survival of tori with sufficiently irrational frequency ratios. For the classical analogue of the quantum mechanical molecule with vibrational degrees of freedom, the integrability-destroying perturbation appears quantum mechanically through the inclusion of off-diagonal elements. This perturbation is, in general, not small. Nevertheless, the action angle variables of the unperturbed system are quite useful even for the description of a perturbed system, which usually exhibits significant features of chaos. This is especially valid in molecular physics in which the energies reached before the dissociation of the molecule are often high enough to destroy most of the original tori and to produce a complex phase space with a number of resonance zones\(^6\) but which fortunately are not high enough to destroy all regular structures in phase space. Furthermore, very small structures, which might exist in phase space, are not visible in quantum mechanics because of a nonvanishing Planck’s constant, and in this way, quantum mechanics seems to average over the classical motions. Therefore, a great number of the quantum states of a vibrational molecule are roughly localized on more or less pronounced KAM tori or the tori that surround stable periodic orbits, which are the centers of the resonance zones and which are characterized by a phase lock of the angle variables. This offers the opportunity to associate whole series of quantum states with KAM primary tori or periodic orbits and to assign them by quantum numbers of EBK type.

The common procedures of the classical analysis remain feasible for systems with up to two effective degrees of freedom in which the four-dimensional phase space can still be analyzed in terms of two-dimensional Poincaré surfaces of section. For systems in molecular physics with a superpolyad number, there exists the opportunity to separate off explicitly the trivial degree of freedom connected to the superpolyad number. The corresponding separating coordinates are some linear combination of the angle variables. Although this separability is taken advantage of in many works in this field as far as the classical analysis is concerned,\(^7\) the separability is utilized for the quantum mechanics only in rare exceptions.\(^8\) A classification of the quantum states is usually attempted through the representation of wave functions in the original Cartesian type of coordinates, which may be either normal- or local-mode coordinates. The fact that there is still hidden a trivial degree of freedom in these coordinates because they do not allow for a separation makes it difficult to find a classification scheme. Instead, it is ultimately simpler to carry out the analysis in the reduced dimension space of the separated angle variables even for the quantum mechanical analysis. A representation of the quantum states with respect to these angles can be easily obtained with no new calculation. This representation is only meaningful in a semiclassical sense but is totally sufficient for the purpose of an assignment and the analysis of the classical motions. The result is a wave function on a two-dimensional toroidal configuration space, which is easy to present graphically in terms of density plots and plots of the phases of the wave functions. The density plots serve for the identification of the underlying classical motion and for the sorting of the states in a polyad into ladders of levels, each based on a unique classical motion. Quantum numbers are obtained from either counting nodal lines in the density plots or counting phase advances in the phase plots. The simplicity of this method on one hand and its great power on the other hand were already demonstrated via the application to the complex vibrational spectra of acetylene\(^9,10\) and CHBrClF.\(^11\) The method is especially useful for those who are not specialists in the fields of nonlinear dynamics and quantum calculations because, as mentioned above, the representation needs no serious calculation. The only hurdle that remains is the ability to mentally and visually work with action angle variables, which at first are rather abstract variables. Once done, there is no difficulty to lift the motion described with respect to action angle variables back to the corresponding motion with respect to the original Cartesian type of coordinates. This is made possible by the observation that, although the formal relation of the action angle variables to the original Cartesian type of coordinates generally may be very complicated, it usually is a very good approximation to lift the action angle variables back to the Cartesian type of coordinates as if they were related via a first-order canonical perturbation theory.\(^12–14\)

Our analysis of N\(_2\)O is mainly divided into two parts. For low and intermediate superpolyad numbers, a resonance between the symmetric stretch and the bend is so dominant that other resonances are of minor importance and can be neglected. The quantum number corresponding to the asymmetric stretch remains a second good quantum number along with the superpolyad number. In this case, it is appropriate to replace the superpolyad number by a linear combination of only those quantum numbers that are no longer good quantum numbers.\(^7\) To distinguish it from the superpolyad number, this quantum number will be referred to as the polyad number. Classically, the asymmetric stretch can be approximately separated off, and there remains an integrable system with only one effective degree of freedom. The phase space of the one degree of freedom system has the topology of a sphere. The dynamics on this so-called “polyad sphere” is discussed, and it is related to the quantum system through the representation of so-called “quantizing trajectories”, which are the projections of the quantized tori onto this sphere. This is the subject of the first part in which we particularly concentrate on superpolyad 14 of which 8 of its 20 bands could be measured by Campargue et al.\(^3\) In the second part, the superpolyad number is further increased and the other resonances become important. The asymmetric stretch can no longer be separated off, and the classical dynamics becomes chaotic. A polyad sphere no longer exists, and an analysis as in the first part is no longer possible. We then switch to our procedure mentioned above and illustrate it for the eigenstates of superpolyad 22 of which 2 of its 42 bands could be measured Campargue et al.\(^3\) Alternatively, it will be seen that from the relations of the two remaining angles of the reduced dimension toroidal configuration space to the three original angles and from the visually recognizable location of the wave function density on the torus most conclusions about the motion in original molecular coordinates can be inferred without further calculation. Moreover, this analysis is also applicable to the one-resonance case. This all means that the classification of states can be effectively done without using nonlinear classical analysis. The outline of this paper is as follows. In section 2, the classical Hamiltonian is derived from applying Heisenberg’s correspondence principle to the spectroscopic Hamiltonian, which is explicitly represented in terms of creation and annihilation operators. In section 3, N\(_2\)O is analyzed by incorporating exclusively the dominating Fermi resonance between the symmetric stretch and the bend. The
energy regime in which chaos comes into play and the analysis based on the presentation of semiclassical wave functions on the torus of the angle variables is the subject of section 4. Concluding remarks and an outlook are given in section 5.

2. Quantum and Classical Hamiltonian

To derive the classical analogue to the effective quantum Hamiltonian presented by its matrix elements by Tefo, Perelvalov, and Lyulin, we write the effective Hamiltonian explicitly in terms of creation and annihilation operators. It can be divided into three terms,

\[ \hat{H} = \hat{H}_{0}^{\text{H}} + \hat{H}_{0}^{\text{an}} + \hat{H}_{1} \] (3)

where \(\hat{H}_{0}^{\text{H}}\) is the harmonic term, \(\hat{H}_{0}^{\text{an}}\) is the nonharmonic part of the Dunham expansion, and \(\hat{H}_{1}\) includes all of the off-diagonal terms. To write the terms explicitly, we introduce the abbreviations

\[ \hat{I}_{1} = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{a}_{1}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{1} + \hat{a}_{1} \hat{a}_{1}^{\dagger}) \]

\[ \hat{I}_{2} = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{a}_{2d} \hat{a}_{2d}^{\dagger} + \hat{a}_{2d}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{2d}) + \hat{a}_{2g} \hat{a}_{2g}^{\dagger} + \hat{a}_{2g}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{2g} \]

\[ \hat{I}_{3} = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{a}_{3d} \hat{a}_{3d}^{\dagger} + \hat{a}_{3d}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{3d}) \] (6)

where \(\hat{a}_{2d}^{\dagger}\) and \(\hat{a}_{2d}\) are the creation and annihilation operators for the degenerate bend degrees of freedom with \(d\) and \(g\) referring to droit (right) and gauche (left) in the notation of Cohen-Tannoudji, Diu, and Laloe. The linear term and the second- and third-order anharmonic term then read

\[ \hat{H}_{0}^{\text{an}} = \omega \hat{J}_{1} + \omega \hat{J}_{2} + \omega \hat{J}_{3} \] (7)

\[ \hat{H}_{1} = \hat{H}_{1\text{a}2b} + \hat{H}_{1\text{a}2a} \] (8)

The term \(\hat{H}_{1}\) is the sum of a 1:2 Fermi resonance for the symmetric stretch and the bend

\[ \hat{H}_{1\text{a}2b} = F_{e}^{(2)}(\hat{a}_{1}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{2d}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{2g}^{\dagger}) + F_{e}^{(2)}(\hat{a}_{1}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{2d} \hat{a}_{2g}^{\dagger}) + \] (12)

\[ F_{e}^{(2)}(\hat{a}_{1}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{2d}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{2d} \hat{a}_{2g}^{\dagger}) + \] (13)

\[ F_{e}^{(2)}(\hat{a}_{1}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{2d} \hat{a}_{2d}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{2g}^{\dagger}) + \] (14)

\[ F_{e}^{(2)}(\hat{a}_{1}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{2d} \hat{a}_{2g}^{\dagger} \hat{a}_{2g}^{\dagger}) + \] (15)

where \(I_{1}\) and \(\phi_{1}\) are the canonical action and angle variables of the corresponding classical system. The creation and annihilation operators, \(\hat{a}_{2d}^{\dagger}\) and \(\hat{a}_{2d}\), only appear in such a way that they conserve the total number of quanta in the degenerate bend degrees of freedom, \(2d\) and \(2g\). This is necessary to secure a vanishing vibrational angular momentum. It is therefore convenient to introduce the classical action \(I_{2} = I_{2a} + I_{2g}\) of which the classical interpretation is the radial action of a two-dimensional isotropic oscillator separated in polar coordinates. The expressions for \(\hat{H}_{0}^{\text{H}}\) and \(\hat{H}_{0}^{\text{an}}\) are immediately obtained from replacing in eqs 7 and 8 the operators \(I_{1}\) by the classical actions \(I_{1}\). For the interaction term one finds

\[ \hat{H}_{1} = 2(F_{e}^{(2)} \sqrt{I_{1}} I_{2} + F_{e}^{(3)} I_{2}^{3/2} I_{3} + F_{e}^{(4)} I_{2}^{2} I_{3}^{3/2}) \] (16)

\[ \] (17)

The appearance of action angle variables underlies the idea that we originally had a classically integrable system described by the Hamiltonian \(H = H_{0}^{\text{an}} + H_{0}^{\text{an}}\), which only depends on the action variables to which a perturbation \(H_{1}\) is added, which depends on the angles so that the actions are in general no longer constants of the motion. The resonances, \(n_{1}^{(0)} \phi_{1} + n_{2}^{(0)} \phi_{2} + n_{3}^{(0)} \phi_{3}\) with \(n_{1}^{(0)}, n_{2}^{(0)}, n_{3}^{(0)} \in \mathbb{Z}\), in the argument of the cosine functions are linear combinations of the two approximate resonance conditions, \(n_{1} = 0\) with \(m = (1, -2, 0)\) and \(m = (0, 4, -1)\), given by eq 1. Because a perturbation \(f^{(0)}(I_{1}, I_{2}, I_{3}) \cos(n_{1}^{(0)} \phi_{1} + n_{2}^{(0)} \phi_{2} + n_{3}^{(0)} \phi_{3})\) is constant on a hyperplane \(n_{1}^{(0)} \phi_{1} + n_{2}^{(0)} \phi_{2} + n_{3}^{(0)} \phi_{3} = 0\) in the three-dimensional space of the angles \((\phi_{1}, \phi_{2}, \phi_{3})\), the hyperplane is not affected by the perturbation. The actions corresponding to the angles, which span that hyperplane, would remain being constants of the motion. Because the perturbation \(H_{1}\) consists of a mixture of the two linearly independent resonances \(n_{1} \times m\) and \(m \times m\), there remains only a single line in angle space that is invariant under the perturbation. The direction of this line is \(m = (2, 1, 4)\). Let us derive a canonical transform from the old angles \(\phi = (\phi_{1}, \phi_{2}, \phi_{3})\) and actions \(I = (I_{1}, I_{2}, I_{3})\) to new angles \(\psi = (\psi_{1}, \psi_{2}, \psi_{3})\) and actions \(J = (J_{1}, J_{2}, J_{3})\) so that \(\psi_{1}\) points in the invariant direction \(m \times m\) in the space of the old angles. Then, the action \(J_{1}\), conjugate to \(\psi_{1}\), is automatically a constant of the motion.
For the canonical transform, we choose a generating function of type 3 in the notation of Goldstein, that is, a function that in our case depends on the old actions and the new angles. We make the ansatz

$$ F_3(\mathbf{I}, \psi) = -\mathbf{I} \cdot \mathbf{M} \cdot \psi = - \sum_{ij} I_i J_j \psi_j $$

with some $3 \times 3$ matrix $\mathbf{M}$, which we define in the following. Then the new and old phase-space coordinates are related via

$$ \phi_j = -\partial F_3/\partial I_j = \sum_j M_j \psi_j, \quad J_j = -\partial F_3/\partial \psi_j = \sum_j M_j J_j $$

that is, when the angles transform with a matrix $\mathbf{M}$, the actions transform with the inverse transpose of $\mathbf{M}$. We require that $\psi_1 \mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{n} = (\phi_1, \phi_2, \phi_3).$ This fixes the first row of $\mathbf{M}$ to $\mathbf{m} \times \mathbf{n}$. Then, the first new action, $J_1$, which by construction is a constant of the motion, is equal to $(\mathbf{n} \times \mathbf{m}, (I_1, I_2, I_3))$ giving in our case

$$ J_1 = 2I_1 + I_2 + 4I_3 $$

In principle, we are free in the choice of the remaining components of the matrix $\mathbf{M}$. In practice, however, we would like the new actions to be related to the old actions in a simple way to have a simple interpretation of these actions. In our case, we require that $J_2 = I_1$ and $J_3 = I_3$, that is, we choose the second and the third row of $\mathbf{M}$ equal to $(1,0,0)$ and $(0,0,1)$. The transformations in eq 19 become

$$ \begin{pmatrix} J_1 \\ J_3 \\ I_3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M} \begin{pmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \\ I_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2I_1 + I_2 + 4I_3 \\ \mathbf{I} \end{pmatrix} $$

and

$$ \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 \\ \psi_2 \\ \psi_3 \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{M}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 \\ \phi_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \phi_1 \\ \phi_2 - 2\phi_3 \\ \phi_3 - 4\phi_2 \end{pmatrix} $$

Note that the matrix $\mathbf{M}$ defined this way is unimodular, that is, it has integer components and unit determinant. This secures that its inverse again has integer components so that the new angles $\psi_j$ again run over intervals of length $2\pi$. In fact, this gives the new variables, $J_i$, the meaning of action variables according to the strong definition of action variables as, for example, formulated by Arnold.

The conserved action $J_1$ for which we will write from now on $P$ is the classical analogue of the so-called superpolyad number

$$ P = 2n_1 + n_2 + 4n_3 $$

with $n_1$, $n_2$, and $n_3$ as the number of quanta in the original degrees of freedom, that is, in the symmetric stretch, in the bend, and in the asymmetric stretch. Because $n_2$ is the sum of the quanta of two degenerate bend degrees of freedom that have to be the same to have a vanishing vibrational angular momentum, it can assume only even integer values. Incorporating the zero-point energies, the classical superpolyad is quantized according to $P = P + 4$. The conservation of the superpolyad number was the basis for the construction of the effective quantum Hamiltonian, that is, because of the approximate resonances, in eq 1 the Hamiltonian should have off-diagonal elements, which interchange the quanta between the different degrees of freedom only in such a way that the superpolyad number is conserved. For the classical system, the existence of a conserved quantity simplifies the analysis because it reduces the number of the effective degrees of freedom, in our case from 3 to 2. For a general discussion of how to reduce the degrees of freedom of a spectroscopic Hamiltonian, see the work of M. E. Kellman.

The Hamiltonian $H$ in terms of the new phase space coordinates $(\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3, J_1, J_2, J_3)$ reads

$$ H^\text{full}_{0} = \omega_1 J_2 + \omega_2 (\rho - 2J_2 - 4J_3) + \omega_3 J_1 + x_{11} J_2^2 + x_{12} J_2 J_3 + x_{22} (\rho - 2J_2 - 4J_3)^2 + x_{33} (\rho - 2J_2 - 4J_3) J_3 + x_{42} J_2 J_3^2 + y_{11} J_2 J_3^2 + 2y_{12} (\rho - 2J_2) J_3 + y_{13} J_3^3 + 2y_{22} (\rho - 2J_2 - 4J_3)^2 + y_{23} (\rho - 2J_2 - 4J_3) J_3^2 + y_{33} J_3^3 $$

plus

$$ H^\text{full}_{1} = 2(\rho - 2J_2 - 4J_3) (F^{(e)}_3 \sqrt{J_2} + F^{(e)}_3 J_2 \sqrt{J_3} + 2F^{(e)}_3 (\rho - 2J_2 - 4J_3) / \sqrt{J_3} + F^{(e)}_3 J_2 \sqrt{J_3}) cos \psi_2 + 2F^{(e)}_3 J_2 \sqrt{J_3} + F^{(e)}_3 J_2 \sqrt{J_3} \cos \psi_2 - 2J_2 + 4J_3 $$

all of which is parametric in $J_1$.

The numerical values for the parameters of the effective Hamiltonian are taken from the eighth row of Table 3 in the work of Teffo, Pervelov, and Lyulin, which we list once more in Table 1 of this work. The relatively large size of the parameter $F^{(e)}_3 = -17.9632$ indicates on the first inspection that the 1:2 Fermi resonance of the symmetric stretch and the bend should have a dominating effect on the quantum mechanics as well as on the classical mechanics. That is indeed the case can be proven to be correct by various considerations. In Figure 1 the amplitude, $sP|n_1, n_2, n_3>,$ of the normal-mode basis states, $|n_1, n_2, n_3>,$ (which are the eigenstates of the unperturbed effective Hamiltonian with $H_1 = 0$ for the eigenstates, $|P,s>,$ of the full effective Hamiltonian are shown for $P = 14$. Here, $s$ counts the eigenstates with a fixed superpolyad number $P$ ordered according to magnitude in energy. Let us remark that the superpolyad number has to be even and that the number of eigenstates in a superpolyad $P$ is

$$ N(P) = \begin{cases} \frac{P^2}{16} + \frac{P}{2} + 1 & \text{if } P/2 \text{ is even} \\ \frac{P^2}{16} + \frac{P}{2} + \frac{3}{4} & \text{if } P/2 \text{ is odd} \end{cases} $$

giving $N(14) = 20$ and $N(22) = 42$. The figure shows two important things. First, it proves that it is generally not reasonable to assign normal-mode quantum numbers $(n_1, n_2, n_3)$ to the states $|P,s>$. As a reasonable limit for the ability to assign normal-mode quantum numbers to an eigenstate, the criterion can be taken that $|P,s> should have at least a 50%
TABLE 1: Parameters of the Spectroscopic Hamiltonian

\[
\begin{array}{cccccccc}
\omega_1 & \omega_2 & \omega_3 & x_{11} & x_{12} & x_{13} & x_{22} \\
1298.59011 & 596.2937 & 2281.99814 & -3.9178 & -3.0087 & -27.20721 & 0.5432 \\
-14.58512 & -15.16516 & -0.004714 & -0.116084 & -0.34311 & -0.035329 & 0.51513 \\
0.05979 & -0.0131887 & 0.046411 & 0.00926 & 0.015737 & -17.963240 & 0.2365 \\
F_2^{(2)} & F_3^{(2)} & F_4^{(3)} & F_5^{(3)} & F_6^{(3)} & F_7^{(3)} & F_8^{(3)} \\
0.3899 & 0 & -0.32969 & -0.265334 & 1.00989 & 1.9716 & 0 \\
\end{array}
\]

Figure 1. Amplitudes \((P_j)\) (horizontal ticks) of the basis states for the eigenstates of superpolyad \(P = 14\). The dashed lines bounding each solid line mark a “confidence interval” of width \(2\sqrt{2}\). On the abscissa, \(s\) labels the states within the superpolyad ordered according to magnitude in energy. The numbers above are the quantum numbers \(n_3\), which can be approximately assigned to the quantum states \(|P,s\rangle\).

The approximate separability of \(|n_1,n_2,n_3\rangle\) is only the case for very few eigenstates of superpolyad 14 and for almost no eigenstates of superpolyad 22 for which we omit the presentation of a separate figure. Second, Figure 1 shows that only those normal basis states that have the same quantum number \(n_3\) mix for a given eigenstate \(|P,s\rangle\). To a great extent, this even holds for superpolyad \(P = 22\). Accordingly, to a very high degree of approximation, \(n_3\) is a further good quantum number besides the superpolyad number, that is, the superpolyad blocks of the matrix representation of the quantum Hamiltonian in terms of the basis set \(\{|n_1,n_2,n_3\}\\) can be further block diagonalized so that each block corresponds to a fixed quantum number \(n_3\). For a system in which one quantum number can be separated off, it is common to deal with a polyad number that is a linear combination of the those quantum numbers that are no longer good quantum numbers. We define the polyad number

\[
\tilde{P} = P - 4n_3 = 2n_1 + n_2
\]

so that we are left with two good quantum numbers \(n_3\) and \(\tilde{P}\). Like the superpolyad number \(P\), the polyad number \(\tilde{P}\) can only assume even integer values. The number of states in a polyad \(\tilde{P}\) does not depend on \(n_3\) and is given by

\[
\tilde{N}(\tilde{P}) = \tilde{P}/2 + 1
\]

Figure 2 shows how the superpolyads \(P\) are distributed over the polyads \(\tilde{P}\) and the blocks with fixed \(n_3\).

The approximate separability of \(n_3\), of course, also further simplifies the analysis of the classical system. If we neglect all of the resonances up to the 1:2 resonance between the symmetric stretch and the bend, then the action \(I_3\) and the classical analogue of the polyad \(P\).

\[
\tilde{\mathcal{P}} = 2I_1 + I_2
\]

are two constants of the classical motion besides the total energy so that the classical system is integrable. To describe the integrable system, we change to the new actions

\[
\begin{pmatrix}
\tilde{J}_1 \\
\tilde{J}_2 \\
\tilde{J}_3
\end{pmatrix} =
\begin{pmatrix}
2I_1 + I_2 \\
I_3
\end{pmatrix} =
\mathbf{M}
\begin{pmatrix}
I_1 \\
I_2 \\
I_3
\end{pmatrix}
\]

that is, \(\tilde{J}_1\) is the polyad \(\mathcal{P}\) and \(\tilde{J}_3\) remains the conserved third action, \(I_3\). The angles transform with the inverse of the matrix, \(\mathbf{M}\), giving
The classical Hamiltonian in terms of the phase-space variables \((\psi, J)\) is given by

\[
\mathcal{H}_0^{\text{one}} = \omega \mathbf{J} = \omega J_1 + \omega J_2 + J_3 + x_1 J_1^2 + x_1 J_2 J_3 + \(2 J_2 + x_2 J_1 J_3 + x_2 J_2^2 + x_2 J_3^2 + \omega J_3^2 + \omega J_1 J_2 + \omega J_1 J_3 + \omega J_2 J_3 + \omega J_1 J_3^2 + \omega J_2 J_3^2 + \omega J_1 J_3^3 + \omega J_2 J_3^3\)
\]

plus the interaction term

\[
\mathcal{H}_1^{\text{one}} = 2(\mathbf{\tilde{J}} - 2\mathbf{J})(F_1(\mathbf{\tilde{J}}) + F_2(\mathbf{\tilde{J}}) + F_3(\mathbf{\tilde{J}}) \cos \psi_2)
\]

The system described by \(\mathcal{H}^{\text{one}}\) is effectively a one degree of freedom system in the canonical variables \((J_2, \psi_2)\). In Table 2, we list the energy spectrum obtained from the quantum Hamiltonian with all of the resonances together with the assignment in terms of the quantum numbers of the one-resonance system, which is the subject of the following two sections.

3. \(N_2O\) with Only the 1:2:1 Fermi Resonance

As mentioned above, in the one-resonance approximation, the classical dynamics is integrable. We can discuss the integrable system from different perspectives: First, it is a three degree of freedom system with phase-space coordinates \((\psi_1, \psi_2, \psi_3, J_1, J_2, J_3)\) where \(\psi_1\) and \(\psi_2\) are cyclic variables, that is, they do not appear in the Hamiltonian \(\mathcal{H}^{\text{one}}\) and therefore the conjugate momentum variables \(J_1\) and \(J_3\) are constants of the motion. Second, we can treat the system as the product of two degrees of freedom systems parametrized by the conserved action \(J_2\) with phase-space variables \((\psi_1, \psi_2, J_1, J_2)\). Third, we can consider the system as a two-parameter family of one degree of freedom systems with family parameters, \(J_1\) and \(J_3\), and phase-space variables \((\psi_2, J_3)\). In the following, we will mainly adopt the latter point of view and we will, for short, write \((\psi, J)\) instead of \((\psi_2, J_3)\).

The phase space of an integrable system with three degrees of freedom is foliated by invariant 3-tori. The energy eigenstates tend to concentrate on those 3-tori the actions of which fulfill the EBK quantization conditions. In our case, \(J_1\) and \(J_3\) are quantized with \(P + 2\) and \(n_3 + \frac{1}{2}\), respectively, giving two of the three EBK quantization conditions that define the quantized 3-torus. The third EBK quantization condition is

\[
\frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{-\pi}^{\pi} d\psi_2 = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int_{0}^{2\pi} d\psi_2 = n_2 + \frac{1}{2}
\]

Interpreting our system as a one degree of freedom system, we can plug the quantized values for the parameters \(J_1\) and \(J_3\) into the classical Hamiltonian \(\mathcal{H}^{\text{one}}\) and display the "quantizing trajectories" in the phase portrait \((\psi_2, J_3) = (\psi, J)\). The quantizing trajectories are defined as the level sets of \(\mathcal{H}^{\text{one}}\) set equal to the quantum mechanical energy eigenvalues. Figure 3 shows the quantizing trajectories of polyads \(P = 14\) with \(n_3 = 0\) and the corresponding \(N(14) = 8\) energy eigenvalues of Table 2.

The quantizing trajectories fall into three groups. If we consider the term \(\mathcal{H}_1^{\text{one}}\) as an integrable perturbation of \(\mathcal{H}_0^{\text{one}}\) and refer to the tori of the system described by \(\mathcal{H}_0^{\text{one}}\) alone as the primary tori, one can say that states 3–6 of polyad \(P = 14\) correspond to deformed primary tori. Note that the tori of \(\mathcal{H}_0^{\text{one}}\) alone would appear as horizontal lines in the phase portrait \((\psi, J)\). Because of the integrable perturbation \(\mathcal{H}_1^{\text{one}}\), there appear two new regions of which the centers are elliptic points of the one degree of freedom system, which are denoted by \(e_1\) and \(e_2\) in Figure 3. The tori about \(e_1\), which correspond to the states \(s = 1\) and \(s = 2\), and \(e_2\), which correspond to states 7 and 8, will be referred to as secondary tori. At first, it seems as if there were two separatrices: a first separatrix separating the secondary tori about \(e_1\) and the primary tori and a second separatrix separating the primary tori and the secondary tori about \(e_2\). They are indicated by dashed lines in Figure 3. In the following, we will see that the first separatrix is not a separatrix in the sense that it is connected to unstable motion. In fact, the secondary tori about \(e_1\) transform smoothly to the primary tori. To see this, let us interpret the integrable system as a two degree of freedom system with a parameter \(J_1\), that is, let us forget about the asymmetric stretch for a moment. At the top of the \((\psi, J)\) phase portrait, \(J_1\) reaches its maximum value, \(J_1^{\text{top}}\). This implies that the original action \(I_2\) vanishes while \(I_1\) reaches its maximum, \(I_1^{\text{top}}\). Accordingly, the whole top line of the phase portrait represents a single symmetric stretch periodic orbit of the two degree of freedom system. Conversely, at the bottom of the \((\psi, J)\) phase portrait, \(J_1\) vanishes and, accordingly, the original action \(I_1\) vanishes while the original action \(I_2\) reaches its maximum value, which is equal to \(\mathcal{H}_1^{\text{one}}\). The whole bottom line represents a single bend periodic orbit of the two degree of freedom system. In contrast to that, the circles of the \((\psi, J)\) phase portrait correspond to 2-tori in phase space of the two degree of freedom system. From the perspective of the one degree of freedom system, the top and the bottom line each represent a single point. Taking into account the periodic boundary condition in the \(\psi\) direction, the phase portrait \((\psi, J)\) has the topology of a sphere. If we want to present the dynamics on a "true" sphere by some change of coordinates, it is to be taken into account that the change of coordinates must be canonical to preserve the form of Hamilton’s equations of the motion and to preserve the ability to draw any conclusion on the original system. For a one degree of freedom system, this means that the transformation has to be area preserving. This leads one to the map

\[
\varphi = \psi, \quad \theta = \arccos\left(\frac{\mathcal{H}_1^{\text{one}} - 4\mathcal{H}_0^{\text{one}}}{J_1}\right)
\]

where \(\varphi \in [0, 2\pi]\) and \(\theta \in [0, \pi]\) are the usual angles on a sphere \((x, y, z) = (R \cos \varphi \sin \theta, R \sin \varphi \sin \theta, R \cos \theta)\), which is the so-called "polyad sphere" invented by M. E. Kellman and co-workers.19–22 If the radius of the sphere is chosen to be equal to \(R = \sqrt{\mathcal{H}_1^{\text{one}}}/2\) one immediately proves the area preserving property, \(d\varphi d\psi = R^2 \sin \theta \, d\theta \, d\varphi\). Following eq 34, the top of the \((\psi, J)\) phase portrait maps to the south pole and the bottom maps to the north pole.

In Figure 4, the polyad sphere is shown for polyad \(P = 14\) and \(n_3 = 0\) with the quantizing trajectories of Figure 3. On the polyad sphere, the "separatrix" between states 2 and 3 maps to a smooth circle, which runs smoothly across the north pole. The reason for the smoothness is that in the \((\psi, J)\) phase portrait the "separatrix" intersects the bottom line \(J = 0\) perpendicularly at \(\psi = \pi \pm \pi/2\). Accordingly, the secondary tori about \(e_1\) transform smoothly to the primary tori. The separatrix between
then the Poincaré index theorem tells that

$$
\sigma_{\text{po}} = \begin{cases} 
1 & \text{if po is stable} \\
-1 & \text{if po is unstable} \\
0 & \text{if po is unstable cusp orbit}
\end{cases}
$$

Then the Poincaré index theorem tells that

$$
\text{index} = \sum_{\text{po}} \sigma_{\text{po}}
$$

Orbits of different stability due to the Poincaré index theorem.

The most striking one is the limitation on the number of periodic orbits with a cusp at the south pole.

The polyad sphere is not only introduced for esthetic reasons, but the fact that phase space of the one degree freedom system $\dot{\psi}, \dot{J}$ has the topology of a sphere has important implications. The role of the unstable cusp orbit is special because it corresponds to a singularity of the polar coordinates in which the isotropic oscillator of the degenerate bend degrees of freedom is separated. We will shortly come back to this point. Equation 37 is consistent with our result of two elliptic points, $e_1$ and $e_2$, and one cusp.

In Figure 5, we show how far the quantizing trajectories fulfill the EBK quantization condition in eq 33. The figure shows the effective quantum number

$$
\tilde{n}_{\text{eff}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \int J \, d\psi - \frac{1}{2}
$$

where the integrals are taken along the quantizing trajectories. The EBK quantization condition in eq 33 is discontinuous at the separatrix because of the discontinuity of the action defined.
in eq 33. This causes the jumps of \( n \) values. \( \tilde{P} = 14 \), which is locked at \( \tilde{P} = 14 \) with \( n_3 = 0 \) is localized on a thin torus surrounding the periodic orbit that corresponds to the elliptic point \( e_2 \). Here, \( q_2 \) is locked at \( \pi \) or \( \phi_2 = \phi_1/2 + \pi/2 \), which gives a right open "u" shaped periodic orbit.

The complete wave function in the three-dimensional space of the normal coordinates \( q_i \) is obtained from the multiplication of the wave functions represented in Figure 6 by a harmonic oscillator wave function with quantum number \( n_1 \) and argument \( q_3 \). Accordingly, \( n_1 \) counts the number of nodal surfaces parallel to the planes \( (q_1, q_2) \) in Figure 6.

The bifurcation diagram, which is shown in Figure 7, divides the plane \( (J_{3}, \delta') \) into two regions, which we denote by I and II, where we follow the general classification scheme of bifurcation diagrams for 1:2 Fermi resonance systems given by Svitak, Rose, and Kellman. In region I, there is no true separatrix and there are two elliptic points on the polyad sphere, of which both are located on the longitude, \( q = 0 \). One of them corresponds to the elliptic point \( e_1 \) shown in Figure 4 and is located away from the poles. The other one corresponds to the top line of phase portrait \( (\psi, J) \) in this parameter range and is located at the south pole. In region II, one faces the situation already shown in Figure 4, that is, there are two elliptic points both located away from the poles on the longitude \( q = 0 \) and a separatrix connected to a cusp at the south pole. Because quantum mechanically \( \delta' \) can only assume even integer values and the line separating regions I and II is rather flat, one can say that in the energy range where the one-resonance approximation is valid the polyad spheres for polyad numbers \( \tilde{P} = 0 \) or \( \tilde{P} = 2 \), independently of \( n_3 \), have no separatrix. Accordingly to Figure 7, the situation changes for \( n_3 \) of the order of 30, which lie beyond the applicability of one resonance approximation.

For quantum mechanics, the size of structures in phase space compared to Planck’s constant is essential. The bifurcation diagram in Figure 7 does not give information on how in region II the quantizing trajectories of the quantum states are distributed relative to the separatix. We therefore show in Figure 8 the location of the eigenstates in diagrams in which energy is plotted against the classical polyad \( \delta' \) for fixed quantum number \( n_3 \). Figure 8 shows both the energy of the cusp and the energy of the pseudo-separatrix running through the north pole. Although there already is a separatrix for \( \tilde{P} = 4 \), the first eigenstate located on a secondary torus about \( e_2 \) appears for polyad \( \tilde{P} = 8 \). This holds at least for \( 0 \leq n_3 \leq 3 \). Similarly, the first eigenstates located on secondary tori about \( e_1 \) appear for \( \tilde{P} = 6 \) for all \( 0 \leq n_3 \leq 3 \). The number of eigenstates associated with primary tori decreases with increasing quantum numbers, \( \tilde{P} \) and \( n_3 \).

4. The Full System

Let us now incorporate all of the resonances and turn to the Hamiltonian \( H_{\text{full}} \) of eqs 24 and 25. We want to read this Hamiltonian as the integrable Hamiltonian \( H_{\text{pure}} \), which includes only the dominant resonance term discussed in the preceding section plus a perturbation, which incorporates all of the other resonance terms. This perturbation destroys the integrability.
As expected for low and intermediate superpolyad numbers, classical phase space is still very regular as can be seen from Poincaré surfaces of section. Instead of showing Poincaré surfaces of section of superpolyad $P^{14}$ for different energies, we show in Figure 9 a superposition of those sets of points that are obtained from starting on the quantized tori of Figure 3, that is, with initial condition $J_{3}^{1/2}$. This figure is meaningful because the tori are only slightly distorted by the other resonances so that there are no intersections. The similarity of Figures 9 and 3 demonstrates that the quantum states of the full system with moderate superpolyad numbers can still be assigned in terms of the EBK quantum numbers of the quantized tori of section 3.

Classically, the situation is different for $P^{22}$ where noticeable features of chaos arise in phase space and a figure analogous to Figure 9 is no longer meaningful. Instead, we show in Figure 10 usual Poincaré surfaces of section for different energies. We see that the energetic bottom and top of the superpolyad still correspond to the elliptic points $e_{1}$ and $e_{2}$ discussed in section 3. Chaos spreads out from the separatrix between these two regular phase-space regions. The chaos band is mainly concentrated about the direct neighborhood of the former separatrix, and it becomes largest in the middle of the superpolyad. But even for intermediate energies, there are always large regular regions away from the chaos band. To check this, we again have to look at the quantum mechanical wave functions. The question arises as to which variables to use to represent the wave functions. Because for the full system the asymmetric stretch cannot be separated off, we would have to look at three-dimensional wave functions if we, for example, would represent them with respect to the normal coordinates $q_{i}$. This is very inconvenient because on one hand the corresponding plots are difficult to produce and on the other hand the need of two-dimensional pictures requires some kind of projection or cut by which essential information often gets lost. In practice, it is very hard or even impossible to classify the states from such plots. Instead, we find it useful to stay with the configuration space parametrized by the angle variables of our classical analysis. Although this space has the disadvantage of being rather abstract, it has one great advantage that makes it superior to any other configuration space: in angle coordinates only, the trivial degree of freedom corresponding to the superpolyad number can be separated off, that is, only for the angle coordinates, it is possible to reduce the dimensions. This advantage cannot be overemphasized. Quantum mechanical wave functions in angle space are easily obtained. The representation of the normal basis states $|n_{1},n_{2},n_{3}\rangle$ in angle coordinates is given by $\langle \phi_{1}\phi_{2}\phi_{3}|n_{1},n_{2},n_{3}\rangle = \exp(i(n_{1}\phi_{1} + n_{2}\phi_{2} + n_{3}\phi_{3}))/\sqrt{(2\pi)^{3/2}}$, which are eigenfunctions of the action operators.

Figure 6. Projection of probability densities of the wave functions $\Psi_{P=14}^{\text{num}}$ of eq 38 and of trajectories of the corresponding classical tori to the plane of the normal coordinates $q_{1}$ and $q_{2}$ for polyad $P = 14$ with $n_{3} = 0$. Each trajectory is integrated for a period of time equal to 0.1.
representation of the eigenstates $|P,s\rangle$ becomes
\begin{equation}
\Psi_{(P,s)}^{tor}(\psi_1,\psi_2,\psi_3) = \langle \psi_1,\psi_2,\psi_3 |P,s\rangle 
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
\sum_{n_1,n_2,n_3} a_{(P,s),(n_1,n_2,n_3)} \langle \psi_1,\psi_2,\psi_3 |n_1,n_2,n_3\rangle
\end{equation}

\begin{equation}
e^{-iP\psi_1} \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{3/2}} \sum_{n_1,n_2,n_3} a_{(P,s),(n_1,n_2,n_3)} e^{i(n_1\psi_2+n_2\psi_3)}
\end{equation}

where the factor $\exp(iP\psi_1)$ is just a negligible phase factor wherefore the wave function is effectively a wave function on the two-dimensional toroidal configuration space of the angles $\psi_2$ and $\psi_3$. In contrast to eq 38, the summation now also runs over the quantum number $n_3$. The prime at the summation symbol means that the summation is restricted to those $n_i$ with $2n_1 + n_2 + 4n_3 = P$.

In Figures 11 and 12, the probability densities $|\Psi_{(P,s)}^{tor}(\psi_2,\psi_3)|^2$ are shown together with the phase $\arg(\Psi_{(P,s)}^{tor}(\psi_2,\psi_3))$ for a collection of eigenstates of superpolyad $P = 22$. The shaded regions mark phases between 0 and $\pi$ (mod $2\pi$). The density plots envision that the wave functions are mainly concentrated on strips in direction $\psi_3$. This is the quantum mechanical manifestation of the classical fact that the action $J_3 = I_3$ approximately remains a constant of the motion and, accordingly, the angle $\psi_3$ (the asymmetric stretch mode) is approximately decoupled. The mean phase advance in direction $\psi_3$ divided by $2\pi$, that is, the number of shaded strips (or, equivalently, the number of light strips) that are crossed upon varying $\psi_3$ from 0 to $2\pi$ for constant $\psi_2$ is the quantum number $n_3$. Accordingly, we can assign each state $|P,s\rangle$, besides the superpolyad number $P$, a quantum number $n_3$. Equivalently, the states may be labeled by $n_3$ and the polyad number $P = P + 4n_3$. In this way, we obtain the ladders of states with fixed $P$ and $n_3$ in Figures 11 and 12. Within each ladder, the states are ordered according to magnitude in energy. Energy increases from the top to the bottom of the plot. A ladder $(P,n_3)$ contains $P/2 + 1$ states (see eq 28). Note that in the full superpolyad these ladders overlap in a complicated way.

Those states for which the quantum number $n_3$ can easily be read off, which are the great majority of the states, are expected to be located on the tori that remain of the integrable one-
resonance system after the perturbation. For these states, the location of the strip on the \( \psi_2 \) axis gives information on the type of the corresponding quantized torus. Taking into account eq 2, one concludes from the densities of states located about \( \psi_2 = 0 \) (mod 2\( \pi \)) (see the top and middle states in Figures 11 and 12) that they correspond to classical motions with \( \langle \psi_2 \rangle = \langle \phi_1 \rangle = 2\langle \phi_2 \rangle = 0 \) where \( \langle \cdot \rangle \) denotes a time average. Taking the time derivative gives \( \langle \psi_2' \rangle = \langle \phi_1' \rangle - 2\langle \phi_2' \rangle = 0 \), that is, an effective resonance, \( \omega_1 \equiv 2\omega_2' \), where \( \omega_1 \equiv \langle \omega_1 / \partial \theta_2 \rangle \) are the time-averaged effective frequencies of eq 2. By the general relation between action angle variables \((I, \phi)\) and the normal coordinates \(q_i\) in eq 39, the effective resonance maps to a “u” shape in the \((q_1, q_2)\) plane. For states with densities about \( \psi_2 = \pi \) (see, for example, the bottom states in Figure 12), one finds the same effective resonance, which again leads to a “u” shape, which is now reflected about the \( q_2 \) axes because of the phase shift \( \langle \phi_1 \rangle = 2\langle \phi_2 \rangle = \pi \). Note that these conclusions on the classical motions may be drawn without performing any classical analysis.

For the assignment of a third quantum number to the states of a ladder with fixed \( P \) and \( n_3 \), we look at the phase advances in the direction \( \psi_2 \). For a state with a good quantum number \( n_3 \), the expansion in eq 42 is effectively restricted to normal basis states with quantum numbers \( 2n_1 + n_2 = \tilde{P} \) where \( \tilde{P} = P - 4n_1 \). Within such a sum, \( n_1 \) runs from 0 to \( \tilde{P}/2 \). Accordingly, the maximum number of phase advances in units of \( 2\pi \) in direction \( \psi_2 \) is \( \tilde{P}/2 \). Obviously, the amplitudes \( a_{(P, n_3, (n_1, n_2))} \) in eq 42 are distributed in such a way that the resulting densities of the wave functions are in accordance with the ranges of the classical motions. It is therefore natural to restrict the count of nodal lines in the direction \( \psi_2 \) to intervals with a noticeable density \( |\Psi_{tor}^{(n_3)}|^2 \). For states uniformly distributed about \( \psi_2 \) or localized about \( \psi_2 = 0 \) (see, for example, states \( s = 4 \) and \( s = 5 \) in Figure 11), this is exactly the quantum number \( \tilde{n}_2 \) defined in eq 33 for states that are associated with classical motions on primary tori or secondary tori about the elliptic point \( e_1 \). If we recall that the index \( \tilde{s} \) labels the quantum states with increasing energy within a polyad \( P \) with fixed \( n_3 \) and that the elliptic point \( e_1 \) corresponds to the energetic bottom of a polyad, the quantum number \( \tilde{n}_2^{(e_1)} \) can be identified with \( \tilde{s} = 1 \). Within each ladder \((P, n_3)\) in Figures 11 and 12, the top states correspond to \( \tilde{n}_2 = 0 \).

Equivalently, for states located about \( \psi_2 = \pi \), the resulting quantum number is to be identified with the quantum number \( \tilde{n}_2 \) defined in eq 33, now for motions on secondary tori about \( e_2 \). The quantum number \( \tilde{n}_2^{(e_2)} \) is equal to \( \tilde{P}/2 + 1 - \tilde{s} \).

The localization of the wave functions about \( \psi_2 = \pi \) at the bottom of Figures 11 and 12 increases when \( n_3 \) decreases. The localization is, for example, strongest for \( n_3 = 0 \) where the lines of constant phase are vertical. For the bottom states in Figure 11 with a relatively broad density about \( \pi \) for which the determination of the phase advances in direction \( \psi_2 \) on the range of the nonvanishing density is not so obvious, it is more convenient to count equivalently the number of valleys of the density.

The change from counting the phase advances for states localized about \( \psi_2 = 0 \) to counting the phase advances for states localized about \( \psi_2 = \pi \) is also reflected by the discontinuity of the quantum number \( \tilde{n}_2 \) in Figure 5. For transient states localized close to the region of the narrow chaos band, that is, in the region of the separatix of the one-resonance approximation, a third quantum number can be assigned by both \( \tilde{n}_2^{(e_1)} \) and \( \tilde{n}_2^{(e_2)} \) (see, for example, \( s = 40 \) in Figure 12). In particular, for large \( n_3 \), the bottom states in Figure 11 are still localized rather close to the former separatix and they can still be assigned by \( \tilde{n}_2^{(e_1)} \) (see, for example, states \( s = 11 \) and \( s = 19 \)). For a ladder with a large \( n_3 \) (see, for example, the ladder \((P, n_3) = (6, 4)\)), it is apparent that the total phase advances in units of \( 2\pi \) in direction \( \psi_2 \) range from 0 to \( \tilde{P}/2 \). In contrast to that, the assignment of the quantum number \( \tilde{n}_2^{(e_2)} \) cannot be continued very far across the separatix for ladders \((P, n_3)\) with a small quantum number \( n_3 \) because the density almost totally vanishes away from \( \psi_2 = \pi \) and the phase advances in these regions are no longer identifiable in direction \( \psi_2 \) (see, for example, states \( s = 41 \) and \( s = 42 \) in Figure 12).

By the above considerations, we were able to assign most of the states and to produce Table 2, which can be considered as the main result of this paper. For each state \((P, s)\), Table 2 gives the polyad quantum number \( \tilde{P} = P - 4n_1 \), the approximate good quantum number \( n_3 \), and the label \( \tilde{s} \), which is related to the EBK quantum number \( \tilde{n}_2 \) depending on whether the quantum state is localized on a primary torus, a secondary torus about \( e_1 \) or a secondary torus about \( e_2 \). The fact that, classically, the primary tori transform smoothly to the secondary tori about \( e_1 \) (see the previous section) is also reflected by the localization of the wave functions; wherefore, we do not want to overemphasize this distinction.

There are a few states that do not fit easily into this scheme. For these states, the matrix elements \( \langle s,P|n_1,n_2,n_3 \rangle \) with different...
n₃ noticeably mix. But having assigned most of the states that are easy to assign, there is no difficulty to include the remaining more problematic states into the assignment scheme.

With the assignment and motions in normal-mode coordinates now in hand, it is worth translating the results into internal atomic and bond motions and excitations. Clearly, n₃ tells us the degree of excitation of the decoupled asymmetric stretch. P ÷ measures the amount of excitation energy preserved for the other degrees of freedom. The effective resonance, ðω²eff, following from the vertical nature of the wave densities in Figures 11 and 12 means that the symmetric stretch variable goes through its range of values twice for one sweep of the bend variable. This can occur in two extreme ways, as at the top and bottom rows of Figures 11 and 12. Centering about ðψ₂ = 0 corresponds to the symmetric stretch being minimally extended when the absolute value of the bend is maximal while the symmetric stretch is maximal when the bend coordinate goes to zero (see the upper left picture in Figure 6). In contrast, centering about ðψ₂ = π means that the absolute value of the bend coordinate and the symmetric stretch reach their minimum and maximum values simultaneously (see the lower right picture in Figure 6). Increasing 3 represents a transition between these two extremes and is, in a sense, a measure of the dephasing from them.

Note that the simple procedure illustrated in this section almost gives all of the information obtained by different methods for the one-resonance system in the preceding section. The methods of the preceding section and their far-reaching analytical results were made possible by the neglect of all resonances up to one resonance between the symmetric stretch and the bend. For higher superpolyad numbers where the other resonances have to be included, the methods of the preceding section break down and there is almost no alternative to the procedure explained in this section.

Figure 11. Densities and phases of the wave functions Ψₜₗₐ₉ defined in eq 40 for superpolyad P = 22 on the toroidal configuration space parametrized by the angles ψ₂ and ψ₃. Each column represents a ladder of constant quantum numbers P and n₃. Within a ladder, energy increases from the top to the bottom.
In this work, we represented an assignment of the vibrational spectrum of N\textsubscript{2}O and analyzed the underlying classical motions. We showed that for low and intermediate superpolyad numbers N\textsubscript{2}O can be well approximated by a Hamiltonian with only a single resonance between the symmetric stretch and the bend. In this approximation, the corresponding classical system is integrable and, accordingly, its phase space is foliated by invariant tori. After a change of coordinates, the two trivial degrees of freedoms, which correspond to the classical analogues of the polyad number and the quantum number of the asymmetric stretch, can be separated off and it remains a system with one effective degree of freedom of which the dynamics takes place on a so-called polyad sphere. We distinguished between the primary tori of the system without resonances and the secondary tori due to the one resonance. The centers of the secondary tori are two periodic orbits, which have a “u” shape of different orientation when projected to the space of the normal coordinates of the symmetric stretch and the bend. These periodic orbits correspond to the energetic ends of the polyads, and they appear as elliptic points on the corresponding polyad spheres. The secondary tori about the elliptic point at the energetically lower end of each polyad transform smoothly to the primary tori. In contrast to that, there is a separatrix between the secondary tori about the elliptic point at the upper ends of the polyads and the primary tori. On the polyad sphere, the separatrix maps to a cusp. The quantum states are localized on the invariant tori the actions of which fulfill EBK quantization conditions. Besides the EBK quantum numbers consisting of the polyad number \( P \) and the separated quantum number \( n_3 \), there is one nontrivial EBK quantization to be solved. The nontrivial quantization condition can be illustrated through the

\[ \tilde{P}, n_3 = (14, 2) \]
\[ \tilde{P}, n_3 = (18, 1) \]
\[ \tilde{P}, n_3 = (22, 0) \]

\[ \tilde{P}, n_3 = (10, 16) \]
\[ \tilde{P}, n_3 = (15, 20, 23) \]
\[ \tilde{P}, n_3 = (21, 24, 28, 31) \]

\[ s = 40 \]
\[ s = 41 \]
\[ s = 42 \]

Figure 12. Continuation of Figure 11.

5. Conclusions

In this work, we represented an assignment of the vibrational spectrum of N\textsubscript{2}O and analyzed the underlying classical motions. We showed that for low and intermediate superpolyad numbers N\textsubscript{2}O can be well approximated by a Hamiltonian with only a single resonance between the symmetric stretch and the bend. In this approximation, the corresponding classical system is integrable and, accordingly, its phase space is foliated by invariant tori. After a change of coordinates, the two trivial degrees of freedoms, which correspond to the classical analogues of the polyad number and the quantum number of the asymmetric stretch, can be separated off and it remains a system with one effective degree of freedom of which the dynamics takes place on a so-called polyad sphere. We distinguished between the primary tori of the system without resonances and the secondary tori due to the one resonance. The centers of the secondary tori are two periodic orbits, which have a “u” shape of different orientation when projected to the space of the normal coordinates of the symmetric stretch and the bend. These periodic orbits correspond to the energetic ends of the polyads, and they appear as elliptic points on the corresponding polyad spheres. The secondary tori about the elliptic point at the energetically lower end of each polyad transform smoothly to the primary tori. In contrast to that, there is a separatrix between the secondary tori about the elliptic point at the upper ends of the polyads and the primary tori. On the polyad sphere, the separatrix maps to a cusp. The quantum states are localized on the invariant tori the actions of which fulfill EBK quantization conditions. Besides the EBK quantum numbers consisting of the polyad number \( P \) and the separated quantum number \( n_3 \), there is one nontrivial EBK quantization to be solved. The nontrivial quantization condition can be illustrated through the
representation of the quantizing trajectories, which are the projections of the quantized tori to the polyad sphere. This representation especially gives information on which of the three types of tori the quantum mechanical wave functions are localized, which is important for the assignment in terms of EBK quantum numbers.

For higher superpolyad numbers, other resonances gain importance as was explicitly illustrated for superpolyad 22. There remains only one good quantum number, which is the superpolyad number and an analysis as for low and intermediate superpolyad numbers is no longer possible. Instead, we switched to the representation of semiclassical wave functions on the toroidal configuration space, which are obtained with almost no further calculation. The patterns of wave functions clearly display the aspects of the classical motion, which are relevant for quantum mechanics. Some basic knowledge of action angle variables enables one to translate the relevant aspects of the motion on the configuration torus back to the motion in the original coordinates, which may be normal- or local-mode coordinates. In forthcoming papers, which will be in particular dedicated to people who are nonspecialists in the field of nonlinear dynamics, a catalog of rules for these translations will be established.

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