# Electron-Impact Double Ionization of the $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ Molecule 

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#### Abstract

A time-dependent close-coupling method in spherical polar coordinates is developed to calculate the electron-impact double ionization of the $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ molecule. The full wavefunction is represented by an expansion in products of six-dimensional radial-angular numerical functions and analytic rotational functions. A test calculation finds good agreement between the new method and a previous frozen core method for the single ionization of $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ for the $M=l_{0}=0$ partial wave and an impact energy of 100.0 eV . A test calculation is also made for the double ionization of $H_{2}$ for the same partial wave and impact energy.


## I. INTRODUCTION

A time-dependent close-coupling (TDCC) method was originally developed to calculate the electron-impact single ionization of $H_{2}^{+}$[1]. The full wavefunction was represented by an expansion in products of four-dimensional radialangular numerical functions and analytic rotational functions. When the close-coupling results for low angular momentum are combined with distorted-wave results for high angular momentum, the total cross section was found to be in excellent agreement with experiment [2]. A frozen-core TDCC method was then used to calculate the electron-impact single ionization of $H_{2}$ [3]. The total cross section was again found to be in excellent agreement with experiment [4]. The frozen core TDCC method has also been used to calculate the electron-impact single ionization of $L i_{2}$ [5].

In this article we develop a time-dependent close-coupling method to calculate the electron-impact double ionization of $H_{2}$. We note that a TDCC method for atoms has been previously applied to calculate the electronimpact double ionization of He [6], [7], Mg [8], Be [9], and [10]. For $\mathrm{H}_{2}$ the full wavefunction is represented by an expansion in products of six-dimensional radial-angular numerical functions and analytic rotational functions. Test calculations are made on a relatively small numerical lattice for one partial wave and one incident energy. Details of the TDCC method of $H_{2}$ are presented in Section II, test calculations are presented in Section III, and a brief summary of future plans is given in Section IV. Unless otherwise stated, all quantities are given in atomic units.

## II. THEORY

## A. Relaxation to the Ground State

The Six-dimensional wavefunction $\bar{\Psi}^{0}$ for the ground state of $H_{2}$ is obtained by relaxation of the time-dependent Schrodinger equation in imaginary time $(\tau)$ :

$$
\begin{equation*}
-\frac{\partial \bar{\Psi}^{0}\left(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, \tau\right)}{\partial \tau}=\sum_{i}\left(-\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{i}^{2}+V\left(\vec{r}_{i}\right)\right) \bar{\Psi}^{0}\left(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, \tau\right)+\frac{1}{\left|\vec{r}_{1}-\vec{r}_{2}\right|} \bar{\Psi}^{0}\left(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, \tau\right), \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $V(\vec{r})$ is a single particle interaction with the target nuclei. The wavefunction $\bar{\Psi}^{0}$ is represented by an expansion in simple products of four-dimensional radial-angular functions $\bar{P}_{m_{1} m_{2}}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, \tau\right)$ and rotational functions:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{\Psi}^{0}\left(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, \tau\right)=\sum_{m_{1}} \sum_{m_{2}} \frac{\bar{P}_{m_{1} m_{2}}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, \tau\right)}{r_{1} r_{2} \sqrt{\sin \theta_{1}} \sqrt{\sin \theta_{2}}} \times \Phi_{m_{1}}\left(\phi_{1}\right) \Phi_{m_{2}}\left(\phi_{2}\right), \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\Phi_{m}(\phi)=\frac{e^{i m \phi}}{\sqrt{2 \pi}}$ and $m_{1}+m_{2}=0$. The angular reduction of the time-dependent Schrodinger equation in imaginary time yields a set of close-coupling equations given by:

$$
\begin{align*}
& -\frac{\partial \bar{P}_{m_{1} m_{2}}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, \tau\right)}{\partial \tau} \\
& \quad=\sum_{i}^{\partial \tau} T_{m_{i}}\left(r_{i}, \theta_{i}\right) \bar{P}_{m_{1} m_{2} m_{2}}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, \tau\right)  \tag{3}\\
& \quad+\sum_{m_{1}} \sum_{m_{2}} V_{m_{1} m_{2}, m_{1}^{\prime} m_{2}^{\prime}}^{M=0}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}\right) \bar{P}_{m_{i}^{\prime} m_{2}^{\prime}}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, \tau\right) .
\end{align*}
$$

The single particle operator in the close-coupling equations is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
T_{m_{i}}\left(r_{i}, \theta_{i}\right)=K\left(r_{i}\right)+\bar{K}\left(r_{i}, \theta_{i}\right)+A_{m_{i}}\left(r_{i}, \theta_{i}\right)+N\left(r_{i}, \theta_{i}\right), \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $K(r)$ and $K(r, \theta)$ are kinetic energy operators [1]. The axial angular momentum operator is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
A_{m}(r, \theta)=\frac{m^{2}}{2 r^{2} \sin ^{2} \theta} \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

The nuclear interaction operator for is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
N(r, \theta)=-\frac{1}{\sqrt{r^{2}+\frac{1}{4} R^{2}-r R \cos \theta}}-\frac{1}{\sqrt{r^{2}+\frac{1}{4} R^{2}+r R \cos \theta}}, \tag{6}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $R$ is the internuclear separation, which is aligned along the $z$ axis. The two particle operator in the closecoupling equations is given by:

$$
\begin{align*}
V_{m_{i} m_{j}, m_{i}^{\prime} m_{j}^{\prime}}^{M} & \sum_{\lambda} \frac{r_{-}^{\lambda}}{r_{-}^{\lambda+1}} \sum_{q} \frac{(\lambda-|q|)}{(\lambda+|q|)} P_{\lambda}^{|q|}\left(\cos \theta_{i}\right) P_{\lambda}^{|q|}\left(\cos \theta_{j}\right) \times  \tag{7}\\
& <\left(m_{i}, m_{j}\right) M\left|e^{i q\left(\phi_{j}-\phi_{i}\right)}\right|\left(m_{i}^{\prime}, m_{j}^{\prime}\right) M>,
\end{align*}
$$

where $P_{\lambda}^{|q|}(\cos \theta)$ is an associated Legendre function.
At time $\tau=0$ the radial-angular functions are given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\bar{P}_{m_{1} m_{2}}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, \tau\right)=P_{1 s 0}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}\right) P_{1 s 0}\left(r_{2}, \theta_{2}\right) \delta_{m_{1}, 0} \delta_{m_{2}, 0}, \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the radial-angular orbital, $P_{150}(r, \theta)$, is obtained by matrix diagonalization of the Hamiltonian, $T_{m}=0(\mathrm{r}, \theta)$. Upon relaxation in imaginary time of Eq.(3), an accurate wavefunction for the ground state of $H_{2}$ is obtained.

## B. Propagation of the Scattering State

The nine-dimensional wavefunction $\Psi^{M}$ for electron ionization of the ground state of $H_{2}$ is obtained by solving the time-dependent Schrodinger equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
i \frac{\partial \Psi^{M}\left(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, \vec{r}_{3}, t\right)}{\partial t}=\sum_{i}\left(-\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{i}^{2}+V\left(\vec{r}_{i}\right)\right) \Psi^{M}\left(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, \vec{r}_{3}, t\right)+\sum_{i<j} \frac{1}{\left|\vec{r}_{i}-\vec{r}_{j}\right|} \Psi^{M}\left(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, \vec{r}_{3}, t\right) . \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

The wavefunction $\Psi^{M}$ for a given $M$ symmetry is represented by an expansion in simple products of sixdimensional radial-angular functions $P_{m_{1} m_{2} m_{3}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t\right)$ and rotational functions:

$$
\begin{align*}
\Psi^{M}\left(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, \vec{r}_{3}, t\right) & =\sum_{m_{1}} \sum_{m_{2}} \sum_{m_{3}} \frac{\left.P_{m_{1} m_{1} m_{3}}^{M} r_{1} r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t\right)}{\sqrt{\sin \theta_{1}} \sqrt{\sin \theta_{2}} \sqrt{\sin \theta_{3}}} \\
& \times \Phi_{m_{1}}\left(\phi_{1}\right) \Phi_{m_{2}}\left(\phi_{2}\right) \Phi_{m_{3}}\left(\phi_{3}\right), \tag{10}
\end{align*}
$$

where $M=m_{1}+m_{2}+m_{3}$. The angular reduction of the time-dependent Schrodinger equation yields a set of timedependent close-coupling equations given by:

$$
\begin{align*}
& i \frac{\partial P_{m_{1} m_{2} m_{3}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t\right)}{\partial t} \\
& \quad=\sum_{i} T_{m_{i}}\left(r_{i}, \theta_{i}\right) P_{m_{1} m_{2} m_{3}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t\right) \\
& \quad+\sum_{m_{1}^{\prime}} \sum_{m_{2}^{\prime}} V_{m_{1} m_{2}, m_{1}^{\prime} m_{2}^{\prime}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}\right) P_{m_{1}^{\prime} m_{2}^{\prime} m_{3}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t\right) \\
& \quad+\sum_{m_{1}^{\prime}} \sum_{m_{2}^{\prime}} V_{m_{1} m_{3}, m_{1}^{\prime} m_{3}^{\prime}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}\right) P_{m_{1}^{\prime} m_{2} m_{3}^{\prime}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t\right) \\
& \quad+\sum_{m_{2}^{\prime}} \sum_{m_{3}^{\prime}} V_{m_{2} m_{3}, m_{2}^{\prime} m_{3}^{\prime}}^{M}\left(r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}\right) P_{m_{1} m_{2}^{\prime} m_{3}^{\prime}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t\right) . \tag{11}
\end{align*}
$$

At time $t=0$ the radial-angular functions are given by:

$$
\begin{align*}
& P_{m_{1} m_{2} m_{3}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t=0\right) \\
& \quad=\sum_{m_{1}} \sum_{m_{2}} \bar{P}_{m_{1} m_{2}}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, \tau \rightarrow \infty\right) \times G_{k_{0} b_{0} m_{3}}\left(r_{3}, \theta_{3}\right) \delta_{m_{3}, M} . \tag{12}
\end{align*}
$$

The Gaussian wavepacket is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
G_{k_{0} l_{0} m_{3}}(r, \theta)=\frac{e^{\frac{-(r-a)^{2}}{2 \omega^{2}}}}{\left(\omega^{2} \pi\right)^{\frac{1}{4}}} e^{i\left(k_{0} r-l_{0} \pi / 2\right)} \sqrt{2 \pi \sin \theta} Y_{l_{0} m_{3}}(\theta, \phi=0), \tag{13}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $a$ is the localization radius, $\omega$ is the packet width, $l_{0}$ is the incident angular momentum, and the incident energy equals $k_{0}^{2} / 2$.

Following propagation in real time of Eq. (11), momentum space amplitudes are calculated using:

$$
\begin{align*}
& A_{l_{2} m_{2} l_{3} m_{3}}^{M}\left(k_{2}, k_{3}\right) \\
&=\int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{1} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{1} \int_{0}^{\pi} d r_{2} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{3} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{3} \\
& \times P_{1 s 0}^{*}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}\right) \tilde{P}_{k_{2} l_{2} m_{2}}^{*}\left(r_{2}, \theta_{2}\right) \tilde{P}_{k_{3} l_{3} m_{3}}^{*}\left(r_{3}, \theta_{3}\right) \\
& \times P_{m_{1} m_{2} m_{3}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t \rightarrow \infty\right),  \tag{14}\\
& A_{l_{1} m_{1} l_{3} m_{3}}^{M}\left(k_{1}, k_{3}\right) \\
&=\int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{1} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{2} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{3} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{3} \\
& \times \tilde{P}_{k_{1} l_{1} m_{1}}^{*}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}\right) P_{1 s 0}^{*}\left(r_{2}, \theta_{2}\right) \tilde{P}_{k_{3} l_{3} m_{3}}^{*}\left(r_{3}, \theta_{3}\right) \\
& \times P_{m_{1} m_{2} m_{3}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t \rightarrow \infty\right),  \tag{15}\\
& A_{l_{1} m_{1} l_{2} m_{2}}^{M}\left(k_{1}, k_{1}\right) \\
&=\int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{1} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{2} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{3} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{3} \\
& \times \tilde{P}_{k_{1} l_{1} m_{1}}^{*}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}\right) \tilde{P}_{k_{2} l_{2} m_{2}}^{*}\left(r_{2}, \theta_{2}\right) P_{1 s 0}^{*}\left(r_{3}, \theta_{3}\right) \\
& \times P_{m_{1} m_{2} m_{3}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, t \rightarrow \infty\right),  \tag{16}\\
& \times P_{k_{1} l_{1} m_{1}}^{*}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}\right) P_{k_{2} l_{2} m_{2}}^{*}\left(r_{2}, \theta_{2}\right) P_{k_{3} l_{3} m_{3}}^{*}\left(r_{3}, \theta_{3}\right) \\
& \times P_{m_{1} m_{2} m_{3}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t \rightarrow \infty\right), \\
& B_{l_{1} m_{1} l_{2} m_{3}}^{M}\left(k_{1},\right. k_{2}, \\
&\left.k_{3}\right)  \tag{17}\\
& \int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{1} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{2} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{3} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{3} \\
&
\end{align*}
$$

where the radial-angular orbitals, $P_{k l m}(r, \theta)$, are obtained by matrix diagonalization of the Hamiltonian, $T_{m}(r, \theta)$. In addition, the radial-angular orbitals, $\tilde{P}_{k l m}(r, \theta)$, are obtained by matrix diagonalization of the Hamiltonian, $T_{m}(r, \theta)+V_{H S}(r, \theta)$, where $V_{H S}(r, \theta)$ is the Hartree-Slater potential [3].

## C. Cross Sections

The total single ionization cross section leaving in the ground state is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{1}=\frac{\pi}{2 k_{0}^{2}} \sum_{M} \sum_{l_{0}} 2 \sum_{i<j} \sum_{l_{i} m_{i}} \sum_{l_{j} m_{j}} \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{i} \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{j}\left|A_{l_{i} m_{i} l_{j} m_{j}}^{M}\left(k_{i}, k_{j}\right)\right|^{2} \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

The total double ionization cross section is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.\sigma_{2}=\frac{\pi}{2 k_{0}^{2}} \sum_{M} \sum_{l_{0}} 2 \sum_{l_{1} m_{1}} \sum_{l_{2} m_{2}} \sum_{l_{3} m_{3}} \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{3} \right\rvert\, B_{l_{1} m_{1} m_{2} l_{3} m_{3}}^{M}\left(k_{1}, k_{2},\left.k_{3}\right|^{2}\right. \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

The energy differential double ionization cross section is given by:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{d \sigma_{2}}{d \alpha d \beta}=\frac{\pi}{2 k_{0}^{2}} \sum_{M} \sum_{l_{0}} 2 \sum_{l_{1} m_{1}} \sum_{l_{2} m_{2}} \sum_{l_{3} m_{3}} \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{3} \\
& \quad \times \delta\left(\alpha-\arctan \frac{k_{2}}{k_{1}}\right) \delta\left(\beta-\arctan \frac{k_{3}}{\sqrt{k_{1}^{2}+k_{2}^{2}}}\right)  \tag{20}\\
& \quad \times\left. B_{l_{1} m_{1} l_{2} m_{2} l_{3} m_{3}}^{M}\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, k_{3}\right)\right|^{2},
\end{align*}
$$

where $\alpha$ is an angle in the $\left(k_{1}, k_{2}\right)$ hyperspherical plane and $\beta$ is an angle in the plane perpendicular to the ( $k_{1}, k_{2}$ ) hyperspherical plane, both defined from 0 to $\pi / 2$. The energy and angle differential double ionization cross section is given by:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{d \sigma_{2}}{d \alpha d \beta d \Omega_{1} d \Omega_{2} d \Omega_{3}} \\
&=\frac{\pi}{2 k_{0}^{2}} 2 \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{3} \\
& \times \delta\left(\alpha-\arctan \frac{k_{2}}{k_{1}}\right) \delta\left(\beta-\arctan \frac{k_{3}}{\sqrt{k_{1}^{2}+k_{2}^{2}}}\right) \times \sum_{M} \sum_{l_{0}} i^{l_{0}} Y_{l_{0} M}^{*}\left(\theta_{e}, \phi_{e}\right) \\
& \times \sum_{l_{1} m_{1}} \sum_{l_{2} m_{2}} \sum_{l_{3} m_{3}}(-i)^{l_{1}+l_{2}+l_{3}} e^{i\left(\sigma_{1}+\sigma_{1}+\sigma_{3}\right)} B_{l_{1} m_{1} l_{2} m_{2} l_{3} m_{3}}^{M}\left(k_{1}, k_{2}, k_{3}\right) \\
& \times\left. Y_{l_{1} m_{1}}\left(\hat{k}_{1}\right) Y_{l_{2} m_{2}}\left(\hat{k}_{2}\right) Y_{l_{3} m_{3}}\left(\hat{k}_{3}\right) \delta_{m_{1}+m_{2}+m_{3}, M}\right|^{2}, \tag{21}
\end{align*}
$$

where the incoming electron beam is oriented at angles $\left(\theta_{e}, \phi_{e}\right)$ with respect to the $z$ axis, $Y_{l m}(\theta, \phi)$ is a spherical harmonic, and $\sigma_{l}$ is the Coulomb phase shift.

## III. RESULTS

As a simple numerical test of the theory, we use a radial-angular grid of $\Delta r_{i}=0.40$ with and with $N_{r}=72$ and $\Delta \theta_{i}=$ $0.125 \pi$ with $N_{\theta}=8$. The internuclear separation is $R=1.4$.

Bound and continuum radial-angular orbitals for $H_{2}^{+}$are found upon matrix diagonalization of $T_{m}(r, \theta)$. For $m=0$ we obtained 29 bound states, beginning with $P_{1 s 0}(r, \theta)$ at -35.8 eV , and 230 continuum states ranging from 0.06 eV to 148.9 eV . For $m=1$ we obtained 23 bound states, beginning with $P_{2 p 1}(r, \theta)$ at -12.5 eV , and 229 continuum states ranging from 0.09 eV to 147.3 eV .

Bound and continuum radial-angular orbitals for $H_{2}$ are found upon matrix diagonalization of $T_{m}(r, \theta)+V_{H S}$ $(r, \theta)$. For $m=0$ we obtained 16 bound states, beginning with $\tilde{P}_{1 s 0}(r, \theta)$ at -15.4 eV , and 241 continuum states ranging from 0.03 eV to 149.9 eV . For $m=1$ we obtained 10 bound states, beginning with $\tilde{P}_{2 p 1}(r, \theta)$ at -3.8 eV , and 240 continuum states ranging from 0.05 eV to 147.5 eV . The choice of the parameter $\alpha$ in the local exchange potential allows adjustment of the $1 s 0$ binding energy to be near the experimental value.

For relaxation to the ground state, we use a numerical lattice of $(72 \times 8)^{2}$ points partitioned over 324 parallel computer cores and the 3 coupled channels found in Table I. At time $\tau=0$ the radial-angular functions of Eq.(8)
yield an energy of -49.3 eV . Following 1000 time steps at $\Delta \tau=0.01$ the radial-angular functions of Eq.(3) yield an energy of -52.5 eV .

For propagation of the scattering state, we use a numerical lattice of $(72 \times 8)^{3}$ points partitioned over 5832 parallel computer cores and the 7 coupled channels found in Table II. At time $t=0$ we choose a Gaussian wavepacket of Eq. (13) with a localization radius $\alpha=14.4$, a packet width $\omega=3.6$, an incident angular momentum $l_{0}=0$, and an incident energy of $E_{0}=100.0 \mathrm{eV}$. Following 1500 time steps at $\Delta t=0.01$ the radial angular functions of Eq. (11) are used to calculate the $3 \times(481)^{2}$ momentum space amplitudes of Eqs.(14)-(16) and the (459) ${ }^{3}$ momentum space amplitudes of Eq. (17).

The total single ionization cross section leaving $H_{2}^{+}$in the ground state from Eq. (18) is found to be 2.25 Mbarns for $M=l_{0}=0$ at 100.0 eV incident energy. The total double ionization cross section from Eq.(19) is found to be 29.5 Kbarns for $M=l_{0}=0$ at 100.0 eV incident energy.

To check our total single ionization cross section, we carried out frozen-core TDCC calculations [3], as outlined in the Appendix. The initial state is the bound radial-angular orbital $\tilde{P}_{1 s 0}(r, \theta)$ at -15.4 eV . For propagation of the scattering state, we use a numerical lattice of $(72 \times 8)^{2}$ points partitioned over 324 parallel computer cores and the 3 coupled channels found in Table I. Following 1500 time steps at $\Delta t=0.01$ the radial-angular functions of Eq. (24) are used to calculate the $(481)^{2}$ momentum space amplitudes of Eq.(26). The total single ionization cross section from Eq. (27) is found to be 2.01 Mbarns for $M=l_{0}=0$ at 100.0 eV incident energy, including both the $S=0$ singlet and $S=1$ triplet contributions.

## IV. SUMMARY

In the future we plan to apply the TDCC method to a full calculation of the electron-impact double ionization of $H_{2}$. We will choose an impact energy above the full breakup energy of 52.5 eV and the number of $M l_{0}$ partial waves will include $M \leq 3$ and $l_{0} \leq 4$. We plan on using a radial-angular grid of $\Delta r_{i}=0.20$ with $N_{r}=144$ and $\Delta \theta_{i}=0.0833 \pi$ with $N_{\theta}=12$. The numerical lattice of $(144 \times 12)^{3}$ points will be partitioned over 46,656 parallel computer cores. The number of coupled channels for relaxation and propagation will also be increased to at least include $m_{i}= \pm 2$.

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## APPENDIX

The six-dimensional wavefunction $\Psi^{M}$ for electron ionization of one active electron in the ground state of $H_{2}$ is obtained by solving the time-dependent Schrodinger equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
i \frac{\partial \Psi^{M}\left(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, t\right)}{\partial t}=\sum_{i}\left(-\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{i}^{2}+V\left(\vec{r}_{i}\right)\right) \Psi^{M}\left(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, t\right)+\frac{1}{\left|\vec{r}_{1}-\vec{r}_{2}\right|} \Psi^{M}\left(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, t\right) . \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

The wavefunction $\Psi^{M}$ for a given $M$ symmetry is represented by an expansion in simple products of four-dimensional radial-angular functions $P_{m_{1} m_{2}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, t\right)$ and rotational functions:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi^{M}\left(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, t\right)=\sum_{m_{1}} \sum_{m_{2}} \frac{P_{m_{1} m_{1}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, t\right)}{r_{1} r_{2} \sqrt{\sin \theta_{1}} \sqrt{\sin \theta_{2}}} \times \Phi_{m_{1}}\left(\phi_{1}\right) \Phi_{m_{2}}\left(\phi_{2}\right), \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $M=m_{1}+m_{2}$. The angular reduction of the time-dependent Schrodinger equation yields a set of time-dependent close-coupling equations given by:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& i \frac{\partial P_{m_{1} m_{2}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, t\right)}{\partial t} \\
&=\sum_{i}\left(T_{m_{i}}\left(r_{i}, \theta_{i}\right)+V_{H S}\left(r_{i}, \theta_{i}\right)\right) P_{m_{1} m_{2}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, t\right) \\
&+\sum_{m_{1}^{\prime}} \sum_{m_{2}^{\prime}} V_{m_{1} m_{2}, m_{1}^{\prime} m_{2}^{\prime}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}\right) P_{m_{1}^{\prime} m_{2}^{\prime}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, t\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

At time $t=0$ the radial-angular functions are given by:

$$
\begin{align*}
& P_{m_{1} m_{2}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, t=0\right) \\
& = \\
& =\sqrt{1 / 2}\left[\tilde{P}_{150}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}\right) G_{k_{0} l_{0} m_{2}}\left(r_{2}, \theta_{2}\right) \delta_{m_{1}, 0} \delta_{m_{2}, M}\right.  \tag{25}\\
& + \\
& \left.+(-1)^{S} G_{k_{0} b_{0} m_{1}}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}\right) \tilde{P}_{150}\left(r_{2}, \theta_{2}\right) \delta_{m_{1}, M} \delta_{m_{2}, 0}\right]
\end{align*}
$$

Momentum space amplitudes are calculated using:

$$
\begin{align*}
& B_{l_{1} m_{1} l_{2} m_{2}}^{M}\left(k_{1}, k_{2}\right) \\
& \quad=\int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{1} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} d r_{2} \int_{0}^{\pi} d \theta_{2} \times \tilde{P}_{k_{1} l_{1} m_{1}}^{*}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}\right) \tilde{P}_{k_{2} l_{2} m_{2}}^{*}\left(r_{2}, \theta_{2}\right) \\
& \quad \times P_{m_{1} m_{2}}^{M}\left(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, t \rightarrow \infty\right) . \tag{26}
\end{align*}
$$

The total single ionization cross section is given by:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{1}=\frac{\pi \omega_{t}}{k_{0}^{2}} \sum_{M} \sum_{l_{0}} \sum_{S} \frac{(2 S+1)}{4} \sum_{l_{1} m_{1} l_{2} m_{2}} \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} d k_{2}\left|B_{l_{1} m_{1} l_{2} m_{2}}^{M}\left(k_{1}, k_{2}\right)\right|^{2}, \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the subshell occupation number $\omega_{t}=2$ for the ground state of $H_{2}$.

Table I
4D Coupled Channels

|  | $m_{1}$ | $m_{2}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | -1 |
| 3 | -1 | 1 |

Table II
6D Coupled Channels

|  | $m_{1}$ | $m_{2}$ | $m_{3}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | 1 | -1 | 0 |
| 3 | -1 | 1 | 0 |
| 4 | 1 | 0 | -1 |
| 5 | -1 | 0 | 1 |
| 6 | 0 | 1 | -1 |
| 7 | 0 | -1 | 1 |

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