



Electron-Impact Double Ionization of the H₂ 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 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 H_2 for the $M = I_0 = 0$ 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 radial-angular 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 Li_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 electron-impact double ionization of He [6], [7], Mg [8], Be [9], and [10]. For 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 $\overline{\Psi}^0$ for the ground state of H_2 is obtained by relaxation of the time-dependent Schrodinger equation in imaginary time (τ) :

$$-\frac{\partial \overline{\Psi}^{0}(\vec{r_{1}}, \vec{r_{2}}, \tau)}{\partial \tau} = \sum_{i} \left(-\frac{1}{2} \nabla_{i}^{2} + V(\vec{r_{i}}) \right) \overline{\Psi}^{0}(\vec{r_{1}}, \vec{r_{2}}, \tau) + \frac{1}{|\vec{r_{1}} - \vec{r_{2}}|} \overline{\Psi}^{0}(\vec{r_{1}}, \vec{r_{2}}, \tau), \tag{1}$$

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 $\bar{P}_{m_1m_2}(r_1,\theta_1,r_2,\theta_2,\tau)$ and rotational functions:

$$\overline{\Psi}^{0}(\vec{r}_{1}, \vec{r}_{2}, \tau) = \sum_{m_{1}} \sum_{m_{2}} \frac{\overline{P}_{m_{1} m_{2}}(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, \tau)}{r_{1} r_{2} \sqrt{\sin \theta_{1}} \sqrt{\sin \theta_{2}}} \times \Phi_{m_{1}}(\phi_{1}) \Phi_{m_{2}}(\phi_{2}), \tag{2}$$

where $\Phi_m(\phi) = \frac{e^{im\phi}}{\sqrt{2\pi}}$ 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:

$$-\frac{\partial \overline{P}_{m_{i}m_{2}}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},\tau)}{\partial \tau} = \sum_{i} T_{m_{i}}(r_{i},\theta_{i})\overline{P}_{m_{i}m_{2}}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},\tau) + \sum_{m_{1}} \sum_{m_{2}} V_{m_{i}m_{2},m'_{1}m'_{2}}^{M=0}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2})\overline{P}_{m'_{1}m'_{2}}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},\tau).$$
(3)

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

$$T_{m_i}(r_i, \theta_i) = K(r_i) + \overline{K}(r_i, \theta_i) + A_{m_i}(r_i, \theta_i) + N(r_i, \theta_i), \tag{4}$$

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

$$A_m(r,\theta) = \frac{m^2}{2r^2 \sin^2 \theta}.$$
 (5)

The nuclear interaction operator for is given by:

$$N(r,\theta) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + \frac{1}{4}R^2 - rR\cos\theta}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{r^2 + \frac{1}{4}R^2 + rR\cos\theta}},$$
(6)

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

$$V_{m_{i}m_{j},m'_{i}m'_{j}}^{M} = \sum_{\lambda} \frac{r_{<}^{\lambda}}{r_{>}^{\lambda+1}} \sum_{q} \frac{(\lambda - |q|)}{(\lambda + |q|)} P_{\lambda}^{|q|} (\cos \theta_{i}) P_{\lambda}^{|q|} (\cos \theta_{j}) \times < (m_{i}, m_{i}) M |e^{iq(\phi_{j} - \phi_{i})}| (m'_{i}, m'_{j}) M >,$$
(7)

where $P_{\lambda}^{|q|}(\cos\theta)$ is an associated Legendre function.

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

$$\overline{P}_{m,m_2}(r_1,\theta_1,r_2,\theta_2,\tau) = P_{1s0}(r_1,\theta_1)P_{1s0}(r_2,\theta_2)\delta_{m_1,0}\delta_{m_2,0},$$
(8)

where the radial-angular orbital, P_{1s0} (r, θ), is obtained by matrix diagonalization of the Hamiltonian, $T_m = 0$ (r, θ). 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 Ψ^{M} for electron ionization of the ground state of H_{2} is obtained by solving the time-dependent Schrodinger equation:

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

The wavefunction Ψ^M for a given M symmetry is represented by an expansion in simple products of sixdimensional radial-angular functions $P_{m,m,m}^M$, $(r_1,\theta_1,r_2,\theta_2,r_3,\theta_3,t)$ and rotational functions:

$$\Psi^{M}(\vec{r_{1}}, \vec{r_{2}}, \vec{r_{3}}, t) = \sum_{m_{1}} \sum_{m_{2}} \sum_{m_{3}} \frac{P_{m_{1}m_{2}m_{3}}^{M}(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t)}{r_{1} r_{2} r_{3} \sqrt{\sin \theta_{1}} \sqrt{\sin \theta_{2}} \sqrt{\sin \theta_{3}}} \times \Phi_{m_{1}}(\phi_{1}) \Phi_{m_{2}}(\phi_{2}) \Phi_{m_{2}}(\phi_{3}),$$

$$(10)$$

where $M = m_1 + m_2 + m_3$. The angular reduction of the time-dependent Schrodinger equation yields a set of time-dependent close-coupling equations given by:

$$i\frac{\partial P_{m_{1}m_{2}m_{3}}^{M}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},r_{3},\theta_{3},t)}{\partial t}$$

$$=\sum_{i}T_{m_{i}}(r_{i},\theta_{i})P_{m_{1}m_{2}m_{3}}^{M}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},r_{3},\theta_{3},t)$$

$$+\sum_{m_{1}'}\sum_{m_{2}'}V_{m_{1}m_{2},m_{1}'m_{2}'}^{M}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2})P_{m_{1}'m_{2}'m_{3}}^{M}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},r_{3},\theta_{3},t)$$

$$+\sum_{m_{1}'}\sum_{m_{2}'}V_{m_{1}m_{3},m_{1}'m_{3}'}^{M}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{3},\theta_{3})P_{m_{1}'m_{2}m_{3}'}^{M}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},r_{3},\theta_{3},t)$$

$$+\sum_{m_{1}'}\sum_{m_{2}'}V_{m_{2}m_{3},m_{2}'m_{3}'}^{M}(r_{2},\theta_{2},r_{3},\theta_{3})P_{m_{1}m_{2}'m_{3}'}^{M}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},r_{3},\theta_{3},t).$$

$$(11)$$

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

$$P_{m_{1}m_{2}m_{3}}^{M}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},r_{3},\theta_{3},t=0)$$

$$=\sum_{m_{1}}\sum_{m_{2}}\overline{P}_{m_{1}m_{2}}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},\tau\to\infty)\times G_{k_{0}l_{0}m_{3}}(r_{3},\theta_{3})\delta_{m_{3},M}.$$
(12)

The Gaussian wavepacket is given by:

$$G_{k_0 l_0 m_3}(r, \theta) = \frac{e^{\frac{-(r-a)^2}{2\omega^2}}}{(\omega^2 \pi)^{\frac{1}{4}}} e^{i(k_0 r - l_0 \pi/2)} \sqrt{2\pi \sin \theta} Y_{l_0 m_3}(\theta, \phi = 0),$$
(13)

where a is the localization radius, ω 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:

$$A_{l_2m_2l_3m_3}^M(k_2,k_3)$$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{1} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\theta_{1} \int_{0}^{\pi} dr_{2} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\theta_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{3} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\theta_{3}$$

$$\times P_{1s0}^{*}(r_{1}, \theta_{1}) \tilde{P}_{k_{2} l_{2} m_{2}}^{*}(r_{2}, \theta_{2}) \tilde{P}_{k_{3} l_{3} m_{3}}^{*}(r_{3}, \theta_{3})$$

$$\times P_{m,m,m_{2}}^{M}(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t \to \infty),$$
(14)

 $A_{l_1 m_1 l_3 m_3}^M(k_1, k_3)$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{1} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\theta_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{2} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\theta_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{3} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\theta_{3}$$

$$\times \tilde{P}_{k_{1}l_{1}m_{1}}^{*}(r_{1},\theta_{1}) P_{1s0}^{*}(r_{2},\theta_{2}) \tilde{P}_{k_{3}l_{3}m_{3}}^{*}(r_{3},\theta_{3})$$

$$\times P_{m,m,m_{2}}^{M}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},r_{3},\theta_{3},t\to\infty), \tag{15}$$

 $A_{l_1m_1l_2m_2}^M(k_1,k_1)$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{1} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\theta_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{2} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\theta_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{3} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\theta_{3}$$

$$\times \tilde{P}_{k_{1}l_{1}m_{1}}^{*} (r_{1}, \theta_{1}) \tilde{P}_{k_{2}l_{2}m_{2}}^{*} (r_{2}, \theta_{2}) P_{ls0}^{*} (r_{3}, \theta_{3})$$

$$\times P_{m_{lm},m_{3}}^{M} (r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, t \to \infty), \tag{16}$$

 $B_{l_1 m_1 l_2 m_3}^M (k_1, k_2, k_3)$

$$= \int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{1} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\theta_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{2} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\theta_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} dr_{3} \int_{0}^{\pi} d\theta_{3}$$

$$\times P_{k_{1}l_{1}m_{1}}^{*}(r_{1}, \theta_{1}) P_{k_{2}l_{2}m_{2}}^{*}(r_{2}, \theta_{2}) P_{k_{3}l_{3}m_{3}}^{*}(r_{3}, \theta_{3})$$

$$\times P_{m_{m_{2}m_{2}}}^{M}(r_{1}, \theta_{1}, r_{2}, \theta_{2}, r_{3}, \theta_{3}, t \to \infty),$$

$$(17)$$

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

C. Cross Sections

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

$$\sigma_{1} = \frac{\pi}{2k_{0}^{2}} \sum_{M} \sum_{l_{0}} 2 \sum_{i < j} \sum_{l_{i} m_{i}} \sum_{l_{j} m_{j}} \int_{0}^{\infty} dk_{i} \int_{0}^{\infty} dk_{j} \left| A_{l_{i} m_{i} l_{j} m_{j}}^{M} \left(k_{i}, k_{j} \right) \right|^{2}.$$
(18)

The total double ionization cross section is given by:

$$\sigma_{2} = \frac{\pi}{2k_{0}^{2}} \sum_{M} \sum_{l_{0}} 2 \sum_{l_{1}m_{1}} \sum_{l_{2}m_{2}} \sum_{l_{3}m_{3}} \int_{0}^{\infty} dk_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} dk_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} dk_{3} \left| B_{l_{1}m_{1}m_{2}l_{3}m_{3}}^{M} \left(k_{1}, k_{2}, k_{3} \right)^{2} \right|.$$

$$(19)$$

The energy differential double ionization cross section is given by:

$$\frac{d\sigma_{2}}{d\alpha d\beta} = \frac{\pi}{2k_{0}^{2}} \sum_{M} \sum_{l_{0}} 2 \sum_{l_{1}m_{1}} \sum_{l_{2}m_{2}} \sum_{l_{3}m_{3}} \int_{0}^{\infty} dk_{1} \int_{0}^{\infty} dk_{2} \int_{0}^{\infty} dk_{3}$$

$$\times \delta \left(\alpha - \arctan\frac{k_{2}}{k_{1}}\right) \delta \left(\beta - \arctan\frac{k_{3}}{\sqrt{k_{1}^{2} + k_{2}^{2}}}\right)$$

$$\times \left|B_{l_{1}m_{1}l_{2}m_{2}l_{3}m_{3}}^{M} (k_{1}, k_{2}, k_{3})\right|^{2}, \tag{20}$$

where α is an angle in the (k_1, k_2) hyperspherical plane and β 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:

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

$$(21)$$

where the incoming electron beam is oriented at angles (θ_e, ϕ_e) with respect to the z axis, Y_{lm} (θ, ϕ) is a spherical harmonic, and σ_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 $P_{1s0}(r, \theta)$ 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 $P_{2p1}(r, \theta)$ 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 $T_m(r,\theta) + V_{HS}(r,\theta)$. For m=0 we obtained 16 bound states, beginning with $\tilde{P}_{1s0}(r,\theta)$ 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 $\tilde{P}_{2p1}(r,\theta)$ at -3.8 eV, and 240 continuum states ranging from 0.05 eV to 147.5 eV. The choice of the parameter α in the local exchange potential allows adjustment of the 1s0 binding energy to be near the experimental value.

For relaxation to the ground state, we use a numerical lattice of $(72\times8)^2$ 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 $(72\times8)^3$ 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 $E_0=100.0$ 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 $\tilde{P}_{1s0}(r,\theta)$ at -15.4 eV. For propagation of the scattering state, we use a numerical lattice of $(72\times8)^2$ 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 Ml_0 partial waves will include $M \le 3$ and $l_0 \le 4$. 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 Ψ^M for electron ionization of one active electron in the ground state of H_2 is obtained by solving the time-dependent Schrodinger equation:

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

The wavefunction Ψ^M for a given M symmetry is represented by an expansion in simple products of four-dimensional radial-angular functions $P^M_{m_1m_2}(r_1,\theta_1,r_2,\theta_2,t)$ and rotational functions:

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

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:

$$\begin{split} i\frac{\partial P^{M}_{m_{1}m_{2}}\left(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},t\right)}{\partial t} \\ &= \sum_{i} \left(T_{m_{i}}\left(r_{i},\theta_{i}\right) + V_{HS}\left(r_{i},\theta_{i}\right)\right)P^{M}_{m_{1}m_{2}}\left(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},t\right) \\ &+ \sum_{m_{i}^{\prime}} \sum_{m_{i}^{\prime}} V^{M}_{m_{1}m_{2},m_{1}^{\prime},m_{2}^{\prime}}\left(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2}\right)P^{M}_{m_{1}^{\prime},m_{2}^{\prime}}\left(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},t\right). \end{split}$$

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

$$P_{m_{1}m_{2}}^{M}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},t=0)$$

$$=\sqrt{1/2}\left[\tilde{P}_{1s0}(r_{1},\theta_{1})G_{k_{0}l_{0}m_{2}}(r_{2},\theta_{2})\delta_{m_{1},0}\delta_{m_{2},M}\right]$$

$$+(-1)^{S}G_{k_{0}l_{0}m_{1}}(r_{1},\theta_{1})\tilde{P}_{1s0}(r_{2},\theta_{2})\delta_{m_{1},M}\delta_{m_{1},0}]$$
(25)

Momentum space amplitudes are calculated using:

$$B_{l_{1}m_{1}l_{2}m_{2}}^{M}(k_{1},k_{2})$$

$$=\int_{0}^{\infty}dr_{1}\int_{0}^{\pi}d\theta_{1}\int_{0}^{\infty}dr_{2}\int_{0}^{\pi}d\theta_{2}\times\tilde{P}_{k_{1}l_{1}m_{1}}^{*}(r_{1},\theta_{1})\tilde{P}_{k_{2}l_{2}m_{2}}^{*}(r_{2},\theta_{2})$$

$$\times P_{m,m_{1}}^{M}(r_{1},\theta_{1},r_{2},\theta_{2},t\to\infty). \tag{26}$$

The total single ionization cross section is given by:

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

where the subshell occupation number $\omega_t = 2$ for the ground state of H_2 .

Table I 4D Coupled Channels

	$m_I^{}$	m_2
1	0	0
2	1	-1
3	-1	1

Table II 6D Coupled Channels

	$m_{_I}$	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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