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# Variational Calculations of the $2{ }^{3}$ S State of Helium* 

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#### Abstract

With a 12-parameter Hylleraas-type wave function containing only positive powers, a new calculation has been carried out for the $2^{3} S$ state of helium by the Ritz variational principle. The energy was minimized by a descent process. A nonrelativistic energy of -1.0876088 Hylleraas units was reached as compared with the best previously published value of -1.0876015 Hylleraas units from a 6 -parameter function. When masspolarization and $\alpha^{2} R_{y}$ corrections are included, the 12 -parameter function gives an ionization potential 2.52 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ less than the experimental value of $38454.64 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. The electron density at the nucleus is also calculated and compared with the experimental hyperfine-spectrum value. All numerical work was carried out on an I.B.M. 650 computer.


## I. INTRODUCTION

ALONG series of calculations have been made of the energy of the ground state of helium, ${ }^{1}$ culminating in the 38 -parameter calculation of Kinoshita. ${ }^{2}$ When relativistic and mass-polarization corrections are made, the resulting comparison with the experimental values of the ionization energy must be considered as very satisfactory.

The six-parameter variational calculations of Hylleraas ${ }^{3}$ and Huang ${ }^{4}$ represent the most accurate previously published wave functions of the $2{ }^{3} S$ state. ${ }^{5}$ They differ from the ground-state function with respect to symmetry and also in that two different exponential functions must be included, corresponding to $1 s$ and $2 s$ orbits. No calculation of the relativistic corrections has hitherto been made for the $2^{3} S$ state. The mass-polarization term was calculated by Stone ${ }^{6}$ with a six-parameter function.
In this paper are presented the results of a twelveparameter variational calculation of the $2^{3} S$ nonrelativistic energy together with relativistic and masspolarization corrections. Compared with the elaborate character of the wave functions employed in some recent work, ${ }^{2,7}$ the 12 -parameter function employed

[^0]here may be regarded as of intermediate complexity. In spite of this fact the total energy seems to converge very well, and indeed the agreement of our calculated value with experiment seems to be as good as was obtained by Chandrasekhar and Herzberg ${ }^{8}$ for the ground state with an 18 -parameter function. This is undoubtedly related to the fact that the independentparticle hydrogenic wave function, to which the Hylleraas trial function with few parameters reduces, is a much better approximation for a state with one electron excited than it is for the ground state with both electrons in the same orbit. (See also the discussion of mass polarization below.)

An additional quantity of interest which can be compared with experiment is the total charge density at the nuclepus which enters as a factor in the hyperfine interaction. ${ }^{6}$

The rather lengthy calculations of the relativistic corrections have not previously been done for the excited states. It has appeared worthwhile to give an account of the methods employed in these calculations.

## II. NONRELATIVISTIC INFINITE NUCLEAR MASS PROBLEM

## A. Mathematical Preliminaries

The nonrelativistic Schrödinger equation for the helium atom is

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\hbar^{2}}{2 m}\left(\nabla_{1}^{2}+\nabla_{2}^{2}\right) \psi+\left(E+\frac{Z e^{2}}{r_{1}}+\frac{Z e^{2}}{r_{2}}-\frac{e^{2}}{r_{12}}\right) \psi=0 \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

[^1]where $r_{1}$ and $r_{2}$ are the radial coordinates of the electrons with the fixed nucleus as origin and $r_{12}$ is the interelectronic distance. We choose the following units
\[

$$
\begin{equation*}
a_{0} / 4=1 ; \quad 4 R c h=1, \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

\]

where $a_{0}$ is the radius of the first Bohr orbit and $R$ is the "Rydberg for infinite mass." (2) fixes the units of length and implies

$$
\begin{equation*}
\hbar^{2} / 8 m=1 ; \quad e^{2}=2 . \tag{3}
\end{equation*}
$$

For this choice of units, (1) becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\nabla_{1}{ }^{2}+\nabla_{2}^{2}\right) \psi+\left(\frac{E}{4}+\frac{1}{r_{1}}+\frac{1}{r_{2}}-\frac{1}{2 r_{12}}\right) \psi=0 . \tag{4}
\end{equation*}
$$

The following "elliptic coordinates" are introduced:

$$
\begin{equation*}
s=r_{1}+r_{2} ; \quad t=-r_{1}+r_{2} ; \quad u=r_{12} . \tag{5}
\end{equation*}
$$

The Schrödinger equation becomes

$$
\begin{align*}
\psi_{u s}+\psi_{t t}+\psi_{u u} & +\frac{4 s}{s^{2}-t^{2}} \psi_{s}-\frac{4 t}{s^{2}-t^{2}} \psi_{t}+\underset{{ }_{u}}{2} \psi_{u} \\
& +\frac{2 s\left(u^{2}-t^{2}\right)}{u\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right)} \psi_{u s}+\frac{2 t\left(s^{2}-u^{2}\right)}{u\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right)} \psi_{u t} \\
& +\left(\frac{E}{8}+\frac{2 s}{s^{2}-t^{2}}-\frac{1}{4 u}\right) \psi=0 \tag{6}
\end{align*}
$$

where the subscripts indicate differentiation.
Following Hylleraas we replace (6) by the variational formulation

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda=(M-L) / N, \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& M=\int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{0} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t\left[u\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right)\left(\psi_{s}{ }^{2}+\psi_{t}{ }^{2}+\psi u^{2}\right)\right. \\
& \left.+2 s\left(u^{2}-t^{2}\right) \psi_{i} \psi_{u}+2 t\left(s^{2}-u^{2}\right) \psi_{i} \psi_{u}\right],  \tag{8}\\
& L=\int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{*} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t\left[2 s u-\frac{1}{4}\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right)\right] \psi^{2},  \tag{9}\\
& N=\frac{1}{8} \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{2} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t \psi^{2} u\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right) . \tag{10}
\end{align*}
$$

The limits of integration come from the following considerations. Triangle inequalities imply $-u \leqslant t \leqslant \mu \leqslant s$ $\leqslant \infty$. Since the integrands in (8), (9), (10) are even functions of $t$, we can restrict $t$ to positive values and double the volume element.

We choose as trial functions

$$
\psi=\sum_{i=1}^{n} c_{i} \varphi_{i}(s, t, u) .
$$

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$$
\begin{equation*}
\varphi_{i}(s, t, u) \equiv \psi_{i}(\kappa s, \kappa t, \kappa u) . \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
f_{i}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)=\left\{\begin{array}{c}
\sinh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right) \\
\cosh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)
\end{array}\right\} .
$$

We note that there are two nonlinear parameters $\sigma, \kappa$, while for the ground state only one such parameter is used. Our trial function is a generalization of an antisymmetrized product of two hydrogen-like wave functions.

Equation (7) becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda=\left(\kappa^{2} M-\kappa L\right) / N . \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

$M, L, N$ become quadratic forms in the $c_{i}$, for our choice of $\psi$, with matrix coefficients functions of $\sigma$ only.

$$
\begin{align*}
M & \equiv \sum_{i, j=1}^{n} c_{i} c_{j} M_{i j}(\sigma), \\
L & \equiv \sum_{i, i=1}^{M} c_{i} c_{j} L_{i j}(\sigma)  \tag{13}\\
N & \equiv \sum_{i, j=1}^{n} c_{i} c_{j} N_{i j}(\sigma)
\end{align*}
$$

In series (11) we restricted ourselves to $p_{i}, q_{i}, r_{i} \geqslant 0$. It has been pointed out ${ }^{10}$ that such a series cannot satisfy the Schrödinger equation formally. Kinoshita removed this restriction, replacing it by the requirement that his function obey Kato's boundary conditions. ${ }^{11}$ The question as to how closely a series with our restriction can approximate an eigenfunction has not been decided. Since we achieved a very definite improvement over the six-parameter result, we have limited ourselves to positive powers in this investigation. It should be pointed out that introduction of negative powers would complicate formulas for the matrix elements, but would otherwise cause no new difficulties.
To calculate the expectation values of the various operators encountered in this paper, three types of integrals were needed. To establish notation we list them all below:

$$
\begin{align*}
U(p, q, r, d)=\int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{0} d u & \int_{0}^{u} d t e^{-\theta s^{p} p q} u^{r} \\
& \times\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\sinh ^{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right) \\
\sinh ^{\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right) \cosh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)} \\
\cosh ^{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)
\end{array}\right\}, \tag{14}
\end{align*}
$$

[^2]when $p \geqslant 0, q \geqslant 0, r \geqslant-2$,
\[

$$
\begin{align*}
V(p, q, r, d)=\int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{s} d u & \int_{0}^{u} d t e^{-s} \frac{s^{p} t^{q} u^{r}}{s+t} \\
& \times\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\sinh ^{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right) \\
\sinh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right) \cosh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right) \\
\cosh ^{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)
\end{array}\right\}, \tag{15}
\end{align*}
$$
\]

when $p \geqslant 0, q \geqslant 0, r \geqslant-1$,
$W(p, q, r, d)=\int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{b} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t e^{-s} \frac{s^{p} t^{q} u^{r}}{s-t}$

$$
\times\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\sinh ^{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)  \tag{16}\\
\sinh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right) \cosh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right) \\
\cosh ^{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)
\end{array}\right\}
$$

when $p \geqslant 0, q \geqslant 0, r \geqslant-1$,
where

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
d=1 & \text { corresponds to } \sinh ^{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right) \\
d=0 & \text { corresponds to } \sinh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right) \cosh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right) \\
d=-1 & \text { corresponds to } \cosh ^{2}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)
\end{array}
$$

## B. Calculation of $L, M, N$

Any of our $\psi_{i}$ can be represented by a four-tuple of numbers ( $p_{i}, q_{i}, r_{i}, \theta_{i}$ ), where

$$
\begin{array}{lll}
\theta_{i}=\frac{1}{2} & \text { if } & f_{i}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)=\sinh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right), \\
\theta_{i}=-\frac{1}{2} & \text { if } & f_{i}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)=\cosh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right) .
\end{array}
$$

Note that multiplication of $\theta_{i}$ by -1 is equivalent to interchange of $\sinh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)$ and $\cosh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)$. That is, -1 operating on $\theta_{i}$ is equivalent to $(2 / \sigma)(d / d t)$ operating on $f_{i}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)$.

Table I. Summary of nonrelativistic values.

| $i$ | $4 i$ | $10^{p_{i}+\theta_{i}+r_{i} c_{i}}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $6 . \mathrm{Par}$. | 12-Par. |
| 1 | (0,0,0, $\frac{1}{3}$ ) | 1.0000000 | 1.0000000 |
| 2 | (1,0,0, $\frac{1}{3}$ ) | $-2.9048000$ | -2.8596935 |
| 3 | (0, 1, 0, - - | -2.8390000 | -2.7618353 |
| 4 | (0,0,,$\frac{1}{2}$ ) | -0.8218000 | -0.9133951 |
| 5 | ( $1,0,1, \frac{4}{3}$ ) | -0.6630000 | -0.8072628 |
| 6 | (0, 1, 1, - $\frac{1}{2}$ ) | 1.1300000 | 1.1314343 |
| 7 | (0,0,2, |  | 0.2711045 |
| 8 | (1, 0, 2, $\frac{1}{2}$ ) |  | -0.0019456 |
| 9 | ( $0,1,2,-\frac{1}{2}$ ) |  | -0.0981906 |
| 10 | ( $2,0,0, \frac{1}{2}$ ) |  | 0.3274611 |
| 11 | (0, 2, 0, $\left.\quad \frac{1}{2}\right)$ |  | -0.0331554 |
| 12 | (1, 1, 0, - $\frac{1}{2}$ ) |  | 0.0369968 |
| $\kappa$ |  | 0.67504 | 0.66444 |
| $\sigma$ |  | 0.55000 | 0.55000 |
| $L$ |  | 304.61561 | 250.08928 |
| $M$ |  | 225.62677 | 188.19418 |
| $N$ |  | 94.53310 | 76.392594 |
| $\lambda$ |  | $-1.0876015$ | $-1.0876088$ |

Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
U\left(p_{i}+p_{j}+a, q_{i}+q_{j}+b, r_{i}+r_{j}+c, d\right)=u_{i j}(a, b, c, d), \tag{17}
\end{equation*}
$$

then

$$
\begin{align*}
L_{i j}=2 u_{i j}\left(1,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)+\frac{1}{4} & {\left[u_{i j}\left(0,2,0, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right.} \\
& \left.-u_{i j}\left(2,0,0, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right] \tag{18}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
M_{i j}=p_{i} p_{j}\left[u_{i j}\left(0,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right.
$$

$$
\left.-u_{i j}\left(-2,2,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right]
$$

$$
-\frac{1}{2}\left(p_{i}+p_{j}\right)\left[u_{i j}\left(1,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right.
$$

$$
\left.-u_{i j}\left(-1,2,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right]
$$

$$
+\frac{1}{4}\left[u_{i j}\left(2,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)-u_{i j}\left(0,2,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right]
$$

$$
+q_{i} q_{j}\left[u_{i j}\left(2,-2,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right.
$$

$$
\left.-u_{i j}\left(0,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right]
$$

$$
+\frac{1}{2} \sigma q_{i}\left[u_{i j}\left(2,-1,1, \theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right)\right.
$$

$$
\left.-u_{i j}\left(0,1,1, \theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right)\right]
$$

$$
+\frac{1}{2} \sigma q_{j}\left[u_{i j}\left(2,-1,1,-\theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right.
$$

$$
\left.-u_{i j}\left(0,1,1,-\theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right]
$$

$$
+\frac{1}{4} \sigma^{2}\left[u_{i j}\left(2,0,1,-\theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right)\right.
$$

$$
\left.-u_{i j}\left(0,2,1,-\theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right)\right]
$$

$$
+r_{i} r_{j}\left[u_{i j}\left(2,0,-1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right.
$$

$$
\left.-u_{i j}\left(0,2,-1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right]
$$

$$
+\left(p_{i} r_{j}+p_{j} r_{i}\right)\left[u_{i j}\left(0,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right.
$$

$$
\left.-u_{i j}\left(0,2,-1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right]
$$

$$
-\frac{1}{2}\left(r_{i}+r_{j}\right)\left[u_{i j}\left(1,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right.
$$

$$
\left.-u_{i j}\left(1,2,-1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right]
$$

$$
+\left(q_{i} r_{j}+q_{j} r_{i}\right)\left[u_{i j}\left(2,0,-1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right.
$$

$$
\left.-u_{i j}\left(0,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right]
$$

$$
+\frac{1}{2} \sigma r_{i}\left[u_{i j}\left(2,1,-1, \theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right)\right.
$$

$$
\left.-u_{i j}\left(0,1,1, \theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right)\right]
$$

$$
+\frac{1}{2} \sigma r_{j}\left[u_{i j}\left(2,1,-1,-\theta_{i} \pm \theta_{j}\right)\right.
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.-u_{i j}\left(0,1,1,-\theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right] \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
N_{i j}=\frac{1}{8}\left[u_{i j}\left(2,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)-u_{i j}\left(0,2,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right] \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

## C. Minimization

Let us consider $\sigma$ held constant. Then minimize (12) as follows. First we minimize explicitly with respect to $\kappa$ by the condition $\partial \lambda / \partial \kappa=0$. Thus one parameter is determined by $\kappa=L / 2 M$ and (12) becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
\lambda=-\frac{1}{4} L^{2} / M N \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equivalently, we maximize

$$
\begin{equation*}
f\left(\sigma_{0}, \mathbf{c}\right)=L^{2} / M N ; \quad \mathbf{c}=c_{1}, \cdots, c_{n} \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

by an iterative procedure ${ }^{12}$

$$
\begin{align*}
c_{i}^{l+1}=c_{i}^{l}+b\left[\frac{\partial f}{\partial c_{i}}\left(\sigma_{0}, \mathbf{c}^{l}\right)\right] /\left[\frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial c_{i}^{2}}\left(\sigma_{0}, \mathbf{c}^{l}\right)\right] & \\
& i=1, \cdots, n \tag{23}
\end{align*}
$$

[^3]where $b$ is a suitably chosen scalar which will be discussed later. By differentiating (22) we see
\[

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{\partial f}{\partial c_{i}}=2 f\left(\frac{2 L_{i}}{L}-\frac{M_{i}}{M}-\frac{N_{i}}{N}\right), \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

\]

$\frac{\partial^{2} f}{\partial c_{i}^{2}}=-\frac{\partial f}{f}\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial c_{i}}\right)^{2}+2 f\left[\frac{2}{L^{2}}\left(L L_{i i}-2 L_{i}^{2}\right)\right.$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left.-\frac{1}{M^{2}}\left(M M_{i i}-2 M_{i}^{2}\right)-\frac{1}{N^{2}}\left(N N_{i i}-2 N_{i}^{2}\right)\right], \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
L_{i}=\sum_{j=1}^{n} L_{i j} c_{j} ; \quad M_{i}=\sum_{j=1}^{n} M_{i j} c_{j} ; \quad N_{i}=\sum_{i=1}^{n} N_{i j} c_{j} .
$$

By using the same $\partial^{2} f / \partial c_{c}^{2}$ for a large number of iterations, the machine time per iteration becomes small since only $\partial f / \partial c_{i}$ need be calculated at each step. After iterating a few hundred times, we extrapolate the $c_{i}$ for a few hundred iterations and then start iterating again with these new $c_{i}$. We choose $b$ so that there is little oscillation in the $c_{i}$ and $\partial f / \partial c_{i}$. This descent method has the advantage that round-off error cannot build up.
To minimize the energy with respect to $\sigma$, we select a value of $\sigma$ (from a lower order calculation, for example) and calculate $L_{i j}, M_{i j}, N_{i j}$. For this value of $\sigma$ we can determine $\kappa, \mathbf{c}, \lambda$ by the process discussed above. We repeat this procedure for a number of values of $\sigma$. We thus obtain a set of pairs ( $\sigma_{j}, \lambda_{j}$ ). By interpolation or extrapolation we can determine the value of $\sigma$ corresponding to the best value of $\lambda$ and use this $\sigma$ to make a final choice of the remaining parameters and of $\lambda$.
The numerical values of the wave-function parameters and the energy at minimization for the 6 - and 12 parameter functions are listed in Table I.

## III. CORRECTION FOR NUCLEAR MOTION AND RELATIVITY

## A. Nuclear Motion

In a coordinate system with respect to the center of mass of the atom, the Schrödinger equation becomes ${ }^{1}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left[-\frac{\hbar^{2}}{2 \mu}\left(\nabla_{1}{ }^{2}+\nabla_{2}{ }^{2}\right)+V-\frac{\hbar^{2}}{M_{\mathrm{Ho}}} \nabla_{1} \cdot \nabla_{2}\right] \psi=E \psi, \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $M_{H e}$ is the mass of the helium nucleus and $\mu=m M_{\text {Ho }_{0}} /\left(m+M_{\mathrm{He}_{\mathrm{O}}}\right)$.

Motion of the nucleus has modified the Schrödinger equation in two ways.
(1) The actual mass has been replaced by the reduced mass of the electron. This can be dealt with by replacing the Rydberg for infinite nuclear mass $R_{\infty}$ by $R_{\infty}\left(1-m / M_{\text {He }_{e}}\right)$ when we express our energy in wave numbers.
(2) A perturbing term is added which changes the
energy by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\epsilon=-\frac{\hbar^{2}}{M_{\mathrm{Ho}}} \int \psi\left(\nabla_{1} \cdot \nabla_{2}\right) \psi d \tau . \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$

Integrating by parts and introducing Hylleraas units, we have

$$
\begin{equation*}
\epsilon=\frac{8 m}{M_{\mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{e}}}} \int \nabla_{1} \psi \cdot \nabla_{2} \psi d \tau, \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

or for our functions

$$
\begin{align*}
& \epsilon=\frac{m \kappa^{2}}{M_{\mathrm{H}_{2}} N} \int \nabla_{1} \psi \cdot \nabla_{2} \psi d \tau,  \tag{29}\\
& P \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{1} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t \nabla_{1} \psi \cdot \nabla_{2} \psi u\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right) \\
& =\int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{1} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t\left[u\left(s^{2}+t^{2}-2 u^{2}\right)\left(\psi_{t}^{2}-\psi_{t^{2}}\right)\right. \\
& \quad-u\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right) \psi_{u^{2}}{ }^{2}-2 s\left(u^{2}-t^{2}\right) \psi_{u} \psi_{t} \\
& \left.\quad-2 t\left(s^{2}-u^{2}\right) \psi_{u} \psi_{t}\right] . \tag{30}
\end{align*}
$$

Note that

$$
\begin{align*}
P=-M+2 & \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{0} d u \\
& \times \int_{0}^{u} d t\left[u\left(s^{2}-u^{2}\right) \psi_{t}^{2}-u\left(t^{2}-u^{2}\right) \psi_{t}^{2}\right], \tag{31}
\end{align*}
$$

where $M$ was defined by (8), and is known for a given value of $\sigma$. Therefore we can shorten our calculations considerably by calculating the integral expression on the right side of (31). For our functions

$$
\begin{align*}
R \equiv & \sum_{i, i=1}^{n} c_{i} c_{j} R_{i j}=P+M, \\
R_{i j}= & 2 p_{i} p_{j}\left[\mu_{i j}\left(0,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)-u_{i j}\left(-2,0,3, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right] \\
& -\left(p_{i}+p_{j}\right)\left[u_{i j}\left(1,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)-u_{i j}\left(-1,0,3, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right] \\
& +\frac{1}{2}\left[u_{i j}\left(2,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)-u_{i j}\left(0,0,3, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right] \\
& -2 q_{i} q\left[u_{i j}\left(0,0,1, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)-u_{i j}\left(0,-2,3, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right] \\
& -\sigma q_{j}\left[u_{i j}\left(0,1,1,-\theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)-u_{i j}\left(0,-1,3,-\theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)\right] \\
& -\sigma q_{i}\left[u_{i j}\left(0,1,1, \theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right)-u_{i j}\left(0,-1,3, \theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right)\right] \\
& -\frac{1}{2} \sigma^{2}\left[u_{i j}\left(0,2,1,-\theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right)-u_{i j}\left(0,0,3,-\theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right)\right] . \tag{32}
\end{align*}
$$

## Results of Mass-Polarization Calculations

6 -parameter $\quad 12$-parameter
$5.27 \times 10^{-7}$ Hylleraas units $\quad 5.13 \times 10^{-7}$ Hylleraas units $0.232 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} \quad 0.225 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$
We note that the mass-polarization term, which is a measure of the electron correlation, is only $1 / 20$ of the value $4.79 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ calculated for the ground state. ${ }^{1}$ This seems to be a rather striking evidence of the independent character of the motion of the two electrons in this state.

## B. Relativistic Corrections

The Breit equation in Pauli approximation in position space is ${ }^{1}$

$$
\begin{align*}
\sum_{i=0}^{6} H_{i} \psi & =E \psi  \tag{33}\\
H_{0} & =V-\frac{\hbar^{2}}{2 m}\left(\nabla_{1}^{2}+\nabla_{2}^{2}\right) . \tag{34}
\end{align*}
$$

$H_{0}$ is the Hamiltonian for the nonrelativistic equation.

$$
\begin{equation*}
H_{1}=\frac{-\hbar^{4}}{8 m^{3} c^{2}}\left(\nabla_{1}{ }^{4}+\nabla_{2}^{4}\right) \tag{35}
\end{equation*}
$$

$H_{1}$ is the relativistic correction due to variation of mass with velocity.

$$
\begin{equation*}
H_{2}=\frac{e^{2} \hbar^{2}}{2(m c)^{2}} \frac{1}{u}\left(\nabla_{1} \cdot \nabla_{2}+\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot\left(\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{1}\right) \nabla_{2}}{u^{2}}\right) \tag{36}
\end{equation*}
$$

$H_{2}$ corresponds to the classical relativistic correction to the electromagnetic interaction between electrons.

$$
\left\langle H_{3}\right\rangle=0 \text { for all } S \text { states. }
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
H_{4}=\frac{e \hbar^{2}}{(2 m c)^{2}}\left(\nabla_{1} \cdot \varepsilon_{1}+\nabla_{2} \cdot \varepsilon_{2}\right) \tag{37}
\end{equation*}
$$

$H_{4}$ is a relativistic term characteristic of the Dirac theory.

$$
\left\langle H_{6}\right\rangle=0 \text { since it is proportional to }\left\langle\delta^{3}(\mathbf{u})\right\rangle, \text { and }\left\langle H_{6}\right\rangle=0
$$

(A) Calculation of $\left\langle\boldsymbol{H}_{1}\right\rangle$

$$
\begin{align*}
& \left\langle H_{1}\right\rangle=\frac{-\hbar^{4}}{8 m^{3} c^{2}}\left(\left\langle\nabla_{1}{ }^{4}\right\rangle+\left\langle\nabla_{2}{ }^{4}\right\rangle\right),  \tag{38}\\
& \left\langle\nabla_{1}{ }^{4}\right\rangle=\int \psi \nabla_{1}{ }^{4} \psi d \tau \tag{39}
\end{align*}
$$

It has been pointed out ${ }^{13}$ that using this integral leads to difficulties which can be avoided by using the form $\int\left(\nabla_{1}{ }^{2} \psi\right)^{2} d \tau$,

$$
\begin{align*}
\nabla_{1}{ }^{2} \psi(s, t, u)=\psi_{a z}- & 2 \psi_{a t}+\psi_{t t}+\frac{4}{s-t}\left(\psi_{t}-\psi_{t}\right)+\psi_{u t} \\
& +\frac{2}{u} \psi_{u}+2\left(\frac{-s t+u^{2}}{u(s-t)}\right)\left(\psi_{u t}-\psi_{u t}\right)  \tag{40}\\
\begin{aligned}
\nabla_{2}^{2} \psi(s, t, u)= & \psi_{a z}+
\end{aligned} & 2 \psi_{a t}+\psi_{t t}+\frac{4}{s+t}\left(\psi_{t}+\psi_{t}\right)+\psi_{u u} \\
& +\underset{u}{2} \psi_{u}+2\left(\frac{s t+u^{2}}{u(s+t)}\right)\left(\psi_{u s}+\psi_{u t}\right) \tag{41}
\end{align*}
$$

[^4]Note

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nabla_{1}{ }^{2} \psi(s, t, u)=-\nabla_{2}{ }^{2} \psi(s,-t, u) \tag{42}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the minus sign is due to the antisymmetric character of our wave functions. Since the operators $\nabla_{1}{ }^{2}$ and $\nabla_{2}{ }^{2}$ are not even functions of $t$, we cannot restrict ourselves to positive powers of $t$. Instead we note that

$$
\begin{align*}
\int\left(\nabla_{1}{ }^{2} \psi\right)^{2} d \tau= & \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{t} d u \int_{-u}^{u} d t\left(\nabla_{1}{ }^{2} \psi\right)^{2} u\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right) \\
= & \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{s} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t\left(\nabla_{1}{ }^{2} \psi\right)^{2} u\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right) \\
& +\int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{*} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t\left(\nabla_{2}{ }^{2} \psi\right) u\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right) \tag{43}
\end{align*}
$$

With these limits of integration we can make use of the integrals defined in (14)-(16). Note that

$$
\left\langle\left(\nabla_{1}{ }^{2} \psi\right)^{2}\right\rangle=\left\langle\left(\nabla_{2}{ }^{2} \psi\right)^{2}\right\rangle
$$

We shall carry out in some detail the calculation of the first integral on the right side of (43). The second integral can be done similarly.

If we try to express this integral in terms of $U, V, W$ [(14), (15), (16)] integrals we would arrive at an expression which has on the order of 1000 terms. We show how to avoid such a formula. Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
\nabla_{1}^{2} \psi=A_{1} \psi+B_{1} \psi /(s-t) \tag{44}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& A_{1} \psi \equiv \psi_{u s}-2 \psi_{u t}+\psi_{t t}+\psi_{u u}+(2 / u) \psi_{u}  \tag{45}\\
& B_{1} \psi \equiv 4\left(\psi_{s}-\psi_{t}\right)+2\left[\left(-s t+u^{2}\right) / u\right]\left(\psi_{u z}-\psi_{u t}\right) \tag{46}
\end{align*}
$$

Then

$$
\begin{align*}
& \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{1} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t\left(\nabla_{1}^{2} \psi\right)^{2} u\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right) \\
& =\int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{1} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t\left(A_{1} \psi\right)^{2} u\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right) \\
& \quad+2 \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{t} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t\left(A_{1} \psi\right)\left(B_{1} \psi\right) u(s+t) \\
& \quad+\int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{t} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t\left(B_{1} \psi\right)^{2} \frac{r^{2}(s+t)}{s-t} \tag{47}
\end{align*}
$$

The first two integrals on the right side of (47) require only integrals of type $U(p, q, r, d)$. The last integral requires type $W(p, q, r, d)$. We separate our calculation into three parts because of the limited storage capacity of our machine.

We note again that the $\psi_{i}$ can be represented by a four-tuple of numbers $\left(p_{i}, q_{i}, r_{i}, \theta_{i}\right)$. Let

$$
\begin{equation*}
G_{i}\left(a, b, c, \pm \theta_{i}\right) \equiv\left(p_{i}+a, q_{i}+b, \boldsymbol{\varphi}_{i}+c, \pm \theta_{i}\right) \tag{48}
\end{equation*}
$$

then

$$
\begin{align*}
A_{1} \psi_{i}= & \frac{1}{4}\left(1+\sigma^{2}\right) G_{i}\left(0,0,0, \theta_{i}\right) \\
& +r_{i}\left(r_{i}+1\right) G_{i}\left(0,0,-2, \theta_{i}\right) \\
& +q_{i} G_{i}\left(0,-1,0, \theta_{i}\right) \\
& +q_{i}\left(q_{i}-1\right) G_{i}\left(0,-2,0, \theta_{i}\right) \\
& -p_{i} G_{i}\left(-1,0,0, \theta_{i}\right) \\
& -2 p_{i} q_{i} G_{i}\left(-1,-1,0, \theta_{i}\right) \\
& +p_{i}\left(p_{i}-1\right) G_{i}\left(-2,0,0, \theta_{i}\right) \\
& +\frac{1}{2} \sigma G_{i}\left(0,0,0,-\theta_{i}\right) \\
& +\sigma q_{i} G_{i}\left(0,-1,0,-\theta_{i}\right) \\
& \quad-\sigma p_{i} G_{i}\left(-1,0,0,-\theta_{i}\right) . \tag{49}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
B_{1} \psi_{i}=r_{i} G_{i}\left(1,1,-2, \theta_{i}\right)
$$

$$
+2 r_{i} q_{i} G_{i}\left(1,0,-2, \theta_{i}\right)
$$

$$
-2 p_{i} r_{i} G_{i}\left(0,1,-2, \theta_{i}\right)
$$

$$
-\left(r_{i}+2\right) G_{i}\left(0,0,0, \theta_{i}\right)
$$

$$
-\left(4 q_{i}+2 r_{i} q_{i}\right) G_{i}\left(0,-1,0, \theta_{i}\right)
$$

$$
+\left(4 p_{i}+2 p_{i} r_{i}\right) G_{i}\left(-1,0,0, \theta_{i}\right)
$$

$$
-\sigma\left(r_{i}+2\right) G\left(0,0,0,-\theta_{i}\right)
$$

$$
\begin{equation*}
+\sigma r_{i} G_{i}\left(1,1,-2,-\theta_{i}\right) \tag{50}
\end{equation*}
$$

To illustrate the calculation of (47) we consider in detail

$$
\begin{gather*}
\int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{s} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t\left(B_{1} \psi\right)^{2} \frac{u(s+t)}{s-t} \equiv B_{1}^{2}  \tag{51}\\
B_{1} \psi_{i}=\sum_{\beta} F_{i}^{\beta}(\sigma) G_{i}\left(a^{\beta}, b^{\beta}, c^{\beta}, d^{\beta} \theta_{i}\right) \tag{52}
\end{gather*}
$$

where $d^{\beta}= \pm 1$.

$$
B_{1}^{2} \equiv \sum_{i, j=1}^{n} c_{i} c_{j} B_{1 i j^{2}}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
& B_{1 i j^{2}}= \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{s} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t\left(B_{1} \psi_{i}\right)\left(B_{1} \psi_{j}\right) \frac{u(s+t)}{s-t} \\
&= \sum_{\beta, \gamma} F_{i}^{\beta}(\sigma) F_{j}^{\gamma}(\sigma) \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{s} d u \\
& \times \int_{0}^{u} d t G_{i}\left(a^{\beta}, b^{\beta}, c^{\beta}, d^{\beta} \theta_{i}\right) G_{j}\left(a^{\gamma}, b^{\gamma}, c^{\gamma}, d^{\gamma} \theta_{j}\right) \frac{u(s+t)}{s-t} \\
&= \sum_{\beta, \gamma} F_{i}^{\beta}(\sigma) F_{j}^{\gamma}(\sigma) \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{s} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t \\
& \times\left[G_{z j}\left(a^{\beta}+a^{\gamma}+1, b^{\beta}+b^{\gamma}, c^{\beta}+c^{\gamma}+1, d^{\beta} \theta_{i}+d^{\gamma} \theta_{j}\right)\right. \\
&\left.+G_{i j}\left(a^{\beta}+a^{\gamma}, b^{\beta}+b^{\gamma}+1, c^{\beta}+c^{\gamma}+1, d^{\beta} \theta_{i}+d^{\gamma} \theta_{j}\right)\right] \\
& \times \frac{1}{s-i} . \tag{53}
\end{align*}
$$

In Eq. (53)

$$
G_{i j}(a, b, c, d)=\left(p_{i}+p_{j}+a, q_{i}+q_{j}+b, r_{i}+r_{j}+c, d\right)
$$

Let
$W\left(p_{i}+p_{j}+a, q_{i}+q_{j}+b, r_{i}+r_{j}+c, d\right)$

$$
\begin{equation*}
=w_{i j}(a, b, c, d) \tag{54}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $W$ was defined by (16). Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
B_{1 i j}^{2}= & \sum_{\beta, \gamma} F_{i}^{\beta}(\sigma) F_{j}^{\gamma}(\sigma) \\
& \times\left[w_{i j}\left(a^{\beta}+a^{\gamma}+1, b^{\beta}+b^{\gamma}, c^{\beta}+c^{\gamma}+1, d^{\beta} \theta_{i}+d^{\gamma} \theta_{j}\right)\right. \\
& \left.+w_{i j}\left(a^{\beta}+a^{\gamma}, b^{\beta}+b^{\gamma}+1, c^{\beta}+c^{\gamma}+1, d^{\beta} \theta_{i}+d^{\gamma} \theta_{j}\right)\right] .
\end{aligned}
$$

To enable us to calculate these matrix elements, we have to load into the machine the tabulated integrals, the four-tuples ( $p_{i}, q_{i}, r_{i}, \theta_{i}$ ) and the four-tuples $G_{i}\left(a^{\beta}, b^{\beta}, c^{\beta}, d^{\beta}\right)$. The machine can then be programed to form all matrix elements.

Results for $\left\langle H_{1}\right\rangle$.-

6-parameter
12-parameter
$-5.22976 \alpha^{2}$ Hylleraas units $-5.22052 \alpha^{2}$ Hylleraas units
$-122.225 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} \quad-122.009 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$
(B) Calculation of $\left\langle H_{2}\right\rangle$

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\langle H_{2}\right\rangle=\frac{e^{2} \hbar^{2}}{2(m c)^{2}} \int \psi\left(\frac{\boldsymbol{\nabla}_{1} \cdot \nabla_{2}}{u}+\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot\left(\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{1}\right) \nabla_{2}}{u^{3}}\right) \psi d \tau \tag{55}
\end{equation*}
$$

Let $x_{i j}$ be the $j$ th coordinate of the $i$ th electron relative to the nucleus.

$$
\begin{align*}
& \frac{\nabla_{1} \cdot \nabla_{2}}{u}+\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot\left(\mathbf{u} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{1}\right) \boldsymbol{\nabla}_{2}}{u^{3}} \\
& =\frac{1}{u} \sum_{i=1}^{3} \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{1 i} \partial x_{2 i}}+\frac{1}{u^{3}} \\
& \quad \times \sum_{i=1}^{3} \sum_{k=1}^{3}\left[\left(x_{2 i}-x_{1 i}\right)\left(x_{2 k}-x_{1 k}\right) \frac{\partial^{2}}{\partial x_{1 i} \partial_{2 k}}\right]  \tag{56}\\
& D \equiv \int_{\psi\left(\frac{\nabla_{1} \cdot \nabla_{2}}{u}+\frac{\mathbf{u} \cdot\left(\mathbf{u} \cdot \nabla_{1}\right) \nabla_{2}}{u^{3}}\right) \psi d \tau}^{=\frac{1}{8} \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{s} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t \psi\left[\left(s^{2}+t^{2}+\frac{s^{2} t^{2}}{u^{2}}-3 u^{2}\right)\right.} \\
& \quad \times\left(\psi_{s t}-\psi_{t t}\right)+\frac{4 s}{u}\left(t^{2}-u^{2}\right) \psi_{s u}+\frac{4 t}{u}\left(u^{2}-s^{2}\right) \psi_{t u} \\
& \\
& \left.\quad-2\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right) \psi_{u u}-\frac{2}{u}\left(s^{2}-t^{2}\right) \psi_{u}\right], \tag{57}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
D \equiv & \frac{1}{8} \sum_{i, j=1}^{*} c_{i} c_{j} D_{i j}, \\
D_{i j}= & \frac{1}{4}\left(1-\sigma^{2}\right) u_{i j}\left(2,2,-2, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right) \\
& +\frac{1}{4}\left(1-\sigma^{2}\right) u_{i j}\left(2,0,0, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right) \\
& -\left[2 r_{j}+4 r_{j} q_{j}+q_{j}\left(q_{j}-1\right)+2 r_{j}\left(r_{j}-1\right)\right] \\
& \times u_{i j}\left(2,0,-2, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right) \\
& -q_{j}\left(q_{j}-1\right) u_{i j}\left(2,-2,0, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right) \\
& -\left(p_{j}+2 r_{j}\right) u_{i j}\left(1,2,-2, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right) \\
& -\left(p_{j}-2 r_{j}\right) u_{i j}\left(1,0,0, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right) \\
& +\frac{1}{4}\left(1-\sigma^{2}\right) u_{i j}\left(0,2,0, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right) \\
& +\left[2 r_{j}+4 p_{j} r_{j}+p_{j}\left(p_{j}-1\right)+2 r_{j}\left(r_{j}-1\right)\right] \\
& \times u_{i j}\left(0,2,-2, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)-\frac{3}{4}\left(1-\sigma^{2}\right) u_{i j}\left(0,0,2, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right) \\
& +\left[4 r_{j} q_{j}-4 r_{j} p_{j}+p_{j}\left(p_{j}-1\right)-q_{j}\left(q_{j}-1\right)\right] \\
& \times u_{i j}\left(0,0,0, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)+3 q_{j}\left(q_{j}-1\right) u_{i j}\left(0,-2,2, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right) \\
& -p_{j} u_{i j}\left(-1,2,0, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right)+3 p_{j} u_{i j}\left(-1,0,2, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right) \\
& +p_{j}\left(p_{j}-1\right) u_{i j}\left(-2,2,0, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right) \\
& -3 p_{j}\left(p_{j}-1\right) u_{i j}\left(-2,0,2, \theta_{i}+\theta_{j}\right) \\
& -\sigma\left(q_{j}+2 r_{j}\right) u_{i j}\left(2,1,-2, \theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right) \\
& -\sigma q_{j} u_{i j}\left(2,-1,0, \theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right) \\
& -\sigma\left(q_{j}-2 r_{j}\right) u_{i j}\left(0,1,0, \theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right) \\
& \quad+3 \sigma q_{j} u_{i j}\left(0,-1,2, \theta_{i}-\theta_{j}\right) . \quad(58) \tag{58}
\end{align*}
$$

Results for $\left\langle\boldsymbol{H}_{2}\right\rangle$.-

$$
\begin{array}{lc}
\text { 6-parameter } & \text { 12-parameter } \\
-8.46 \times 10^{-4} \alpha^{2} & -7.99 \times 10^{-4} \alpha^{2} \\
\text { Hylleraas units } & \text { Hylleraas units } \\
-1.98 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1} & -1.87 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}
\end{array}
$$

(C) Calculation of $\left\langle\mathrm{H}_{4}\right\rangle$

$$
\begin{equation*}
H_{4}=\frac{e \hbar^{2}}{(2 m c)^{2}}\left(\nabla_{1} \cdot \varepsilon_{1}+\nabla_{2} \cdot \varepsilon_{2}\right) \tag{59}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\mathcal{E}_{\boldsymbol{i}}=-\nabla_{i} V$ is the Coulomb field due to the nucleus plus the other electron.

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left\langle H_{4}\right\rangle=\frac{4 \pi e^{2} \hbar^{2} Z}{(2 m c)^{2}}\left\langle\delta^{3}\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}\right)\right\rangle ; \tag{60}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\begin{align*}
\left\langle\delta^{3}\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}\right)\right\rangle=\frac{\kappa^{3}}{16 \pi^{2} N} \int \psi^{2}\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}, 0\right) & d \tau_{1} \\
& =\frac{\kappa^{3}}{4 \pi N} \int_{0}^{\infty} \psi^{2}\left(r_{1}\right) r_{1}^{2} d r_{1} \tag{61}
\end{align*}
$$

Let

$$
\begin{align*}
Q & =\int_{0}^{\infty} \psi^{2}\left(r_{1}\right) r_{1}^{2} d r_{1} \equiv \sum_{i, j=1}^{n} c_{i} c_{j} Q_{i j},  \tag{62}\\
Q_{i j} & =\int_{0}^{\infty} \psi_{i}\left(r_{1}\right) \psi_{j}\left(r_{1}\right) r_{1}^{2} d r_{1}, \tag{63}
\end{align*}
$$

$$
\begin{align*}
& \psi_{i}\left(r_{1}\right)= e^{-\frac{i}{2} r_{r_{1}} p_{i}+q_{i}+r_{i}} f_{i}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma r_{1}\right),  \tag{64}\\
& Q_{i j}=\frac{1}{\mathbf{2}}\left(p_{i}+p_{j}+q_{i}+q_{j}+r_{i}+r_{j}+2\right)! \\
& \times A_{s s, 8 c, c e}\left(\sigma, p_{i}+p_{j}+q_{i}+q_{j}+r_{i}+r_{j}+3\right) . \tag{65}
\end{align*}
$$

(See Appendix A.)

## Results for $\left\langle H_{4}\right\rangle$.-

| 6-parameter | 12-parameter |
| :--- | :---: |
| $4.1481 \alpha^{2}$ Hylleraas units | $4.1435 \alpha^{2}$ Hylleraas units |
| $96.945 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ | $96.838 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ |

## IV. CALCULATION OF $\boldsymbol{D}(0)$

$D(0) \equiv 4 \pi a_{0}^{3}\left[\int_{\tau_{1}}\left|\psi\left(\mathbf{r}_{1}, 0\right)\right|^{2} d \tau_{1}+\int_{\tau_{2}}\left|\psi\left(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{r}_{2}\right)\right|^{2} d \tau_{2}\right]$,
where $\psi\left(\mathbf{r}_{1} \mathbf{r}_{2}\right)$ is the normalized two-electron wave function and $a_{0}$ is the radius of the first Bohr orbit of hydrogen. We summarize our results.

|  | 6-parameter | 12-parameter | Experimental ${ }^{14}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $D(0)$ | 33.18456 | 33.14795 | $33.18388 \pm 0.00023$ |

## V. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

It is instructive to compare the results of the present calculations, Table II, with those made for the ground state of helium with various numbers of variational parameters as presented by Kinoshita. ${ }^{2}$ Referring to the nonrelativistic energies obtained directly from the variational calculations, we note that the increase in

Table II. Summary. ${ }^{\text {a }}$

${ }^{-}$Constants taken from E. R. Cohen and J. W. M. Dumond: Handuch der Physik (Springer-Verlag, Berlin, 1956), Vol. 35 . F . Paschen and R. Gotze, Seriengesetse der Linienspektren (1922).
${ }^{24}$ R. Novick and E. Commins (private communication).
number of parameters from 6 to 12 in the $2^{3} S$ calculations resulted in a lowering of the nonrelativistic energy by only $3 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$. This is approximately the amount by which the energy was lowered in the ground state work on increasing the number of parameters from 14 to 18. This apparent convergence of the $2{ }^{3} S$ calculation for a moderate number of parameters is presumably an indication that hydrogenic single-particle wave functions are a much better approximation in excited states than in the ground state. The marked reduction in the electron correlation, measured by the mass-polarization term, as compared with the ground-state value is consistent with this interpretation.

The evaluation of the expectation values of the relativistic and other operators is a priori much less accurate than that of the nonrelativistic Hamiltonian by the variational method. The fact that our net relativistic correction differs by only $0.1 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ between the 6 - and 12 -parameter functions is perhaps sufficient justification for the belief that these corrections can be applied, and a comparison of the total energy with the experimental ionization energy can be made which is significant.

We note that the final theoretical value for the ionization energy is only $2.52 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ below the present experimental value. This is a very satisfactory result in view of the moderate number of variational parameters employed and is consistent with the remarks in the first paragraph of this section. We note that the greater experimental accuracy for the $2{ }^{3} S$ state as compared with the ground state, makes it a better state in which to compare theory, including higher order electrodynamic corrections, with experiment.

The comparison of the electron charge density at the nucleus with the experimental value derived from the hyperfine splitting has been discussed by Teutsch and Hughes. ${ }^{9}$ The "experimental value" $D(0)$ is derived with neglect of nuclear structure effects. We note that while a six-parameter wave function yields a value of $D(0)$ which agrees almost exactly with the experimental value, the value which we obtain with our 12-parameter function differs by 1 part in $10^{3}$ from the experimental value deduced by Teutsch and Hughes. The following rough argument indicates that no better agreement can really be expected with the wave function available. From the apparent rate of convergence of the variational energy value together with the degree of agreement with the experimental ionization energy one cannot argue that the variational energy (nonrelativistic) is closer than 1 part in $10^{6}$ to the energy of the $2^{3} S$ state. Because of the minimal property of this energy value, the wave function, on the average, is not better determined that 1 part in $10^{3}$. The observed accuracy of our 12-parameter value of $D(0)$ is consistent with this estimate, and the closer agreement with experiment found with 6parameters must be regarded as accidental.

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## APPENDIX A

To evaluate the numerous integrals encountered in this investigation, we define the following functions.

For $n$ an integer:
For $\beta<1$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
Y(\beta, n)=\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{\beta t t^{n}} \mathrm{Ei}(t) d t \tag{A1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\mathrm{Ei}(t)=\int_{t}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-x}}{x} d x
$$

For $\beta \neq 0$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& Y(\beta, n)=\frac{n!}{\beta^{n+1}[ }\left[(-1)^{n+1} \ln (1-\beta)\right. \\
& \left.\quad+(-1)^{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n}(-1)^{\prime}\left(\frac{\beta}{1-\beta}\right)^{i} \frac{1}{i}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

$Y(0, n)=n!/ n+1$.

## Recursion:

For $\beta \neq 0$

$$
Y(\beta, n)=-(n / \beta) Y(\beta, n-1)+(1 / \beta) \frac{(n-1)!}{(1-\beta)^{n}}
$$

For $n$ an integer:
For $\beta<2$,

$$
\begin{equation*}
L(\beta, n)=\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{\beta \ell \ell^{n}} \mathrm{Ei}^{2}(t) d t \tag{A2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Recursion:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& L(\beta, n)=-(n / \beta) L(\beta, n-1)+(2 / \beta) Y(\beta-1, n-1), \\
& L(\beta, 0)=\frac{\pi^{2}}{6 \beta}+\frac{2}{\beta} \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{i}}{j^{2}}(1-\beta)^{i} .
\end{aligned}
$$

In particular we need

$$
\begin{gather*}
L(1.55,0)=1.90403182, \\
L(0.45,0)=1.48382912, \\
L(1,0)=\pi^{2} / 6 \\
B(\beta, n)=\int_{0}^{\infty} e^{\beta t t \pi} d t \int_{1}^{\infty} \frac{e^{-x t} \ln x}{x-1} d x . \tag{A3}
\end{gather*}
$$

For $\beta>\frac{1}{2}$,
$H(\beta, n)=\frac{n!}{(1-\beta)^{n+1}}\left[\frac{-(\ln \beta)^{2}}{2}+\ln \beta \ln (1-\beta)\right.$
$-\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j^{2}}\left(\frac{\beta-1}{\beta}\right)^{i}-\ln (1-\beta) \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{1}{j}$
$\left.\times\left(\frac{\beta-1}{\beta}\right)^{i}+\sum_{i=2}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{i=1} \frac{1}{i j}\left(\frac{\beta-1}{\beta}\right)^{i-i}\right]$.
For $\beta<\frac{1}{2}$, and $\beta \neq 0$,

$$
\begin{align*}
H(\beta, n)= & \frac{n!}{(1-\beta)^{n+1}}\left[\frac{\pi^{2}}{6}+\frac{1}{2}[\ln (1-\beta)]^{2}\right. \\
& +\sum_{j=1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{\beta}{\beta-1}\right)^{i} \frac{1}{j^{2}}-\ln (1-\beta) \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{j} \\
& \left.\quad \times\left(\frac{\beta-1}{\beta}\right)^{i}+\sum_{i=2}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{1}{i j}\left(\frac{\beta-1}{\beta}\right)^{i-j}\right],  \tag{A4}\\
H(0, n)= & n!\left(\frac{\pi^{2}}{6}-\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{i^{2}}\right), \\
A(\beta, n)= & \left(\frac{1}{1-\beta}\right)^{n} .
\end{align*}
$$

For $p \geqslant 0, q \geqslant 0, r \geqslant 0$,

$$
\begin{align*}
& U(p, q, r, d) \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{s} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t e^{-s} s^{p} t^{q} u^{r}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\sinh \frac{2}{2} \sigma t \\
\sinh \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \cosh \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \\
\cosh ^{2} \frac{1}{2} \sigma t
\end{array}\right\}=\frac{1}{4} r+1 \\
& \times\left[(p+r+1)!\sum_{j=0}^{p+r+1} \frac{(q+j)!}{j!} A_{a, s c, c c}(\sigma, q+j+1)-p!\sum_{j=0}^{p} \frac{(q+r+1+j)!}{j!} A_{s c_{, ~ c c, c c}(\sigma, q+r+2+j)}\right] . \tag{A6}
\end{align*}
$$

For $p \geqslant 0, q \geqslant 0$,
$U(p, q,-1, d) \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{s} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t e^{-s} \frac{s^{p} t^{q}}{u}\left\{\begin{array}{l}\sinh 2 \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \\ \sinh \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \cosh \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \\ \cosh \frac{2}{2} \sigma t\end{array}\right\}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
=\frac{1}{4}\left[p!\sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{j} \frac{(q+k)!}{k!(j+1)} A_{e s, s c, c c}(\sigma, q+k+1)+p!Y_{e s, s c, c c}(\sigma, q)\right] . \tag{A7}
\end{equation*}
$$

For $p \geqslant 1, q \geqslant 1$,
$U(p, q,-2, d) \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{2} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t e^{-s} \frac{s^{p} t q}{u^{2}}\left\{\begin{array}{l}\sinh \frac{2}{2} \sigma t \\ \sinh \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \cosh \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \\ \cosh ^{2} \frac{1}{2} \sigma t\end{array}\right\}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
=\frac{1}{4}\left[(p-1)!\sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \frac{(p-j)(q+j-1)!}{j!} A_{a s, a c, c c}(\sigma, q+j)\right] . \tag{A8}
\end{equation*}
$$

For $q \geqslant 1$,

$$
U(0, q,-2, d) \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{4} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t \frac{e^{-s} t^{q}}{u^{2}}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\sinh ^{2} \frac{1}{2} \sigma t  \tag{A9}\\
\sinh \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \cosh \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \\
\cosh ^{2} \frac{1}{2} \sigma t
\end{array}\right\}=\frac{1}{4}\left[(q-1)!A_{s d, s c, c c}(\sigma, q)-Y_{s e, x c, c c}(\sigma, q)\right]
$$

For $p \geqslant 0, r \geqslant 0$,

$$
\begin{align*}
& V(p, q, r, d) \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{s} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t e^{-s} \frac{s^{p} l^{q} u^{r}}{s+t}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\sinh \frac{21}{2} \sigma t \\
\sinh \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \cosh \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \\
\cosh ^{2} \frac{1}{2} \sigma t
\end{array}\right\} \\
& =\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{r+1}\left[\sum_{j=0}^{p+r} \sum_{k=0}^{j} \frac{(-1)^{p+r+j} j!(p+q+r+k-j)!}{k!} A_{s s, s c, c c}(\sigma, p+q+r+1+k-j)\right. \\
& +\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{j} \frac{(-1)^{p+i j} j!(p+q+r+k-j)!}{k!} A_{s s, s c, c c}(\sigma, p+q+r+1+k-j) \\
& \quad+\frac{(-1)^{p}\left[(-1)^{r+1}-1\right]}{2^{p+\alpha+r+2}} Y_{\left.* s, s c, c c\left[\frac{1}{2}(\sigma+1), p+q+r+1\right]\right] .} \tag{A10}
\end{align*}
$$

For $p \geqslant 0, q \geqslant 0$,

$$
\begin{align*}
V(p, q,-1, d) & \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{e} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t \frac{e^{-s} s^{p} l^{q}}{u(s+t)}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\sinh ^{2} \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \\
\sinh _{\frac{1}{2}} \sigma t \cosh ^{\frac{1}{2} \sigma t} \\
\cosh ^{2} \frac{1}{2} \sigma t
\end{array}\right\} \\
= & \frac{1}{4}\left[\sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \sum_{l=0}^{k} \frac{(-1)^{p+1+i} j!(p+q+l-j-1)!}{(k+1) l!} A_{s s, s c, c c}(\sigma, p+q+l-j)\right. \\
& \left.\quad+\sum_{j=0}^{p-1}(-1)^{p+1+i} j!Y_{s s, s c, c c}(\sigma, p+q-j-1)+\frac{(-1)^{p}}{2} L_{s s, s c, c c}(1+\sigma, p+q)\right] . \tag{A11}
\end{align*}
$$

For $p \geqslant 0, q \geqslant 0, r \geqslant 0$,

$$
\begin{align*}
W(p, q, r, d) & \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{s} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t e^{-s} \frac{s^{p} t^{a} u^{r}}{s-t}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\sinh ^{2 \frac{1}{2} \sigma t} \\
\sinh _{2} \sigma t \cosh \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \\
\cosh ^{2} \frac{1}{2} \sigma t
\end{array}\right\} \\
& =\frac{1}{4} \frac{1}{r+1}\left[\sum_{j=0}^{p+r} \sum_{k=0}^{j} \frac{j!(p+q+r+k-j)!}{k!} A_{s s, s c, c c}(\sigma, p+q+r+1+k-j)\right. \\
& \left.-\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{j} \frac{j!(p+q+r+k-j)!}{k!} A_{s s, a c, c c}(\sigma, p+q+r+1+k-j)\right] . \tag{A12}
\end{align*}
$$

For $p \geqslant 0, q \geqslant 0$,

$$
\begin{align*}
W(p, q,-1, d) & \equiv \int_{0}^{\infty} d s \int_{0}^{s} d u \int_{0}^{u} d t \frac{e^{-s} s^{p} t^{q}}{u(s-t)}\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\sinh ^{2} \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \\
\sinh ^{\frac{1}{2} \sigma t} \cosh \frac{1}{2} \sigma t \\
\cosh ^{2} \frac{1}{2} \sigma t
\end{array}\right\} \\
& =\frac{1}{4}\left[\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \sum_{l=0}^{k} \frac{j!(p+q+l-j-1)!}{l!(k+1)} A_{z s, s c, c c}(\sigma, p+q+l-j)\right. \\
& \left.\quad+\sum_{j=0}^{p-1} j!Y_{s s, s c, c c}(\sigma, p+q-j-1)+H_{s z, s c, c c}(\sigma, p+q)\right] . \tag{A13}
\end{align*}
$$

## APPENDIX B

All computations were done on an IBM. 650 computer, a medium-size machine with 2000 storage locations. First all functions such as $Y_{s s}(\beta, n)$ were tabulated and used in computation of the integrals. There were some 600 integrals of each type. Next the matrices
associated with each operator were found, and finally we computed the expectation values of these operators.

For a computation of this size many checks are necessary. A typical example is the following. The fastest way to generate the $Y(\beta, n)$ is by the recursion formula. In addition, however, we employed the explicit formula
for $Y(\beta, n)$ to find its value for a large $n$ and compared it with the value predicted by recursion.
Almost all matrices encountered were symmetric. This property was used as a check in the initial phases of each machine computation.

The most powerful check was the following. We
chose $f_{i}\left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)=\cosh \left(\frac{1}{2} \sigma t\right)$, took $\sigma=0$, and picked $p_{i}, q_{i}, r_{i}$ so that we had functions suitable for the ground state. By setting $\sigma=0$ in our programs we tabulated functions, integrals, and matrices for this state. All energy corrections were then calculated and compared with published results.


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