

Nonadiabatic Theory of Inelastic Electron-Hydrogen Scattering*e

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The nonadiabatic theory is applied to the inelastic $S$-wave scattering of low energy electrons from atomic hydrogen. The zeroth order (angle-independent)approximation for excitation of the 2 s level from the ground state is described by the same Equation used to describe elastic scattering below the 2 s areshold, but with more complicated boundary conditions. The Bointion has been effected by expanding the wave function in terms of separable solutions. With the assumption of reciprocity it is also possible to obtain the $2 s-2 s$ cross sections. The elastic (ls-ls) cross sections are within $1 \%$ of the close coupling resulus in the triplet case, but are about $20 \%$ greater in the singlet case. The inelastic (l s-2s) cross sections are reduced about $20 \%$ in the t. $:$ plet case and $20 \%$ to $40 \%$ in the singlet case relative to the close coupling results.

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## I. Introduction

In previous papers ${ }^{l}$ a nonadiabatic theory of elastic scattering has been developed and applied, among other things, to the low energy scattering of electrons from atomic hydrogen. At present the theory is being extended to cover inelastic $S$-wave scattering, and hence obtain the scattering cross sections $\sigma_{1,-1 s}$ and $\sigma_{1 s-2 s}$ above the $2 s$ excitation threshold. This paper deals with the sब̈lution of the zeroth order (angle-independent or relative s-wave) problem described in Sec. II of this paper. Only a brief review of the nonadiabatic theory is given since a full description is to be found in I. As pointed out in Sec.' III the elastic scattering cross $\sigma_{2 s}-2 s$ may also be found from our calculation if it is assumed that the reciprocity condition is fulfilled.

The accuracy of the solution is discussed in Sec. IV and V. In Sec. VI the nonadiabatic results are presented and compared with the results from the ls-2s close coupling expan$\operatorname{sion}^{2}$, 3, 4,5. The latter has been shown to be a variational approximate solution of the zeroth order problem². Finally, the implication of our results for both the experimental and theoretical determination of the total inelastic cross section, $\sigma_{1 s-2 s}$ is discussed in Sec. VII.

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## II Zeroth Order Nonadiabatic Theory

It will be recalled from I that the nonadiabatic theory starts with a decomposition of the $S$-wave function

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Psi\left(r_{1} r_{2} \theta_{12}\right)=\frac{1}{r_{1} r_{2}} \sum_{l=0}(2 \ell+1)^{\frac{1}{2} \Phi_{\ell}}\left(r_{1} r_{2}\right) P_{l}\left(\cos \theta_{12}\right) \tag{I2.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

from which by substitution into the Shrodinger equation an infinite set of coupled two-dimensional differential equations results. One defines a zeroth order problem by neglecting the coupling terms of the $\ell=0$ equation:

$$
\begin{equation*}
\left(\Delta_{12}+\frac{2}{r_{2}}+E\right) \Phi_{0}^{(0)}\left(r_{1} r_{2}\right)=0 \quad\left(r_{1}>r_{2}\right) \tag{I3.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

where

$$
\Delta_{12}=\partial^{2} / \partial r_{1}^{2}+\partial^{2} / \partial r_{2}
$$

Our units are lengths in Bohr radii and energy in Rydbergs.
Equation (I3.3) can describe only relative s-states and is therefore also called the relative-s problem. In this paper we will consider incident electrons with energies greater than 10.2 ev . In such cases the target atom may be excited to the $2 s$ state by collision. Hence the zeroth order wave function,
$\Phi_{0}^{(0)}$, will be required to have the asymptotic form

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Lim}_{r_{1} \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{0}^{(0)}\left(r_{1} r_{2}\right)=\left(\frac{A}{k_{1}} \sin k_{1} r_{1}+a e^{i k_{1} r_{1}}\right) R_{1 S}\left(r_{2}\right)+b e^{i k_{2} r_{1}} R_{2 s}\left(r_{2}\right) \tag{2.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

For incident electron energies greater than 12.09 ev higher s-states may be excited and for completeness should be included in (2.1). However since each new term added to the r.h.s. of (2.1) adds greatly to the complexity of the problem, only the (Is) and (2s) channels are included in our calculation.

In (2.I) $\mathrm{k}_{1}$ is the wave number of the incident electron and $k_{2}=\sqrt{k_{1}{ }^{2}-0.75}$ is the wave number of an inelastically scattered electron. The function $R_{n s}(r)$ equals $r$ times the $n{ }^{\text {th }}$ radial hydrogenic s-state. A is an arbitrary normalization of the incident plane wave, while a and b are constants which govern respectively the elastic and inelastic scattering cross sections. The zeroth order wave function must also obey the additional boundary conditions ${ }^{1}$

$$
\begin{array}{ll}
\left.\Phi_{0}^{(0)}\left(r_{1} r_{2}\right)\right|_{r_{1}}=r_{2}=0 & \text { triplet }  \tag{I2.6}\\
\left.\left(\frac{\partial}{\partial n}\right) \Phi_{0}^{(0)}\left(r_{1} r_{2}\right)\right|_{r_{1}=r_{2}}=0 & \text { singlet }
\end{array}
$$

and

$$
\begin{equation*}
\Phi_{0}^{(0)}\left(r_{1}, 0\right)=0 . \tag{I2.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here $(\partial / \partial n)$ is the normal derivative. Equation (I2.6) simply states the spatial symmetry of the wave function:

$$
\Phi_{0}^{(0)}\left(r_{1} r_{2}\right)= \pm \Phi_{0}^{(0)}\left(r_{2} r_{1}\right)
$$

The scattering cross sections obtained from (2.1) are:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \sigma_{1 s-2 s}=4 \pi \frac{|a|^{2}}{|\mathrm{~A}|^{2}}  \tag{2.2}\\
& \sigma_{1 \mathrm{~s}-2 \mathrm{~s}}=\frac{4 \pi \mathrm{k}_{2}}{k_{1}} \frac{|\mathrm{~b}|^{2}}{|\mathrm{~A}|^{2}} . \tag{2.3}
\end{align*}
$$

In order to insure conservation of current, the constants $A, a$, and $b$ are required to obey the relationship

$$
\begin{equation*}
\operatorname{Im}\left(A^{*} a\right)=k_{1}|a|^{2}+k_{2}|b|^{2} \tag{2.4}
\end{equation*}
$$

To facilitate the solution of certain non-linear equations which appear in the problem, we let ${ }^{6}$

Case (i) $A=k_{1}(1$-ia) ,
and

$$
\begin{align*}
& a=x+i z^{2} \\
& b=\left(k_{1} / k_{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} z e^{i \delta} . \tag{2.5}
\end{align*}
$$

As a check on the calculations the singlet case was also solved with 7

$$
\text { Case (ii) } \quad A=k_{1} \text {, }
$$

and

$$
\begin{align*}
& a=\left(x e^{2 i \delta_{1}}-1\right) / 2 i  \tag{2.6}\\
& b=\frac{1}{2}\left[\left(k_{1} / k_{2}\right)\left(1-x^{2}\right)\right]^{\frac{1}{2}} e^{i\left(\delta_{1}+\delta_{2}\right)} .
\end{align*}
$$

In both cases the form of b is so chosen that eq. (2.4) was automatically satisfied. Hence the complex numbers a and b are fully determined by the real numbers $\operatorname{Re}(a), \operatorname{Im}(a)$, and $\operatorname{Arg}(b)$. The method of solution of equation (I3.3) follows that used in I: ${ }_{\Phi}{ }_{0}{ }^{(0)}$ is expanded in a series consisting of separable eigenfunctions of (23.3):

$$
\begin{align*}
\Phi_{0}^{(0)}\left(r_{1} r_{2}\right)= & \left(\frac{A}{k_{1}} \sin k_{1} r_{1}+a e^{i k_{1} r_{1}}\right) R_{1 S}\left(r_{2}\right)+b e^{i k_{2} r_{1} R_{2 S}\left(r_{2}\right)}  \tag{2.7}\\
& +\left(\sum_{n}+\int d p\right) c_{n} e^{-x_{n} r_{1}} R_{n s}\left(r_{2}\right)
\end{align*}
$$

The sum plus integral means, as usual, that the continuum s-states of
hydrogen in addition to the discrete states must be included. For the discrete states

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{n}=\left(1-n^{-2}-k_{1}^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{2.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

and for the continuum

$$
\begin{equation*}
x_{p}=\left(1+p^{2}-k_{1}^{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{2.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

With this relationship each term of (2.7) is an exact solution of (I3.3).

The expansion (2.7) automatically satisfies two of the boundary conditions (2.1) and (I2.7) but not the third (I2.6). In order to satisfy (I2.6) we determine $a, b$, and $C_{n}$ by the variational conditions ${ }^{\text {I }}$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial I_{S}}{\partial x_{j}}=0 \\
& \frac{\partial I_{T}}{\partial x_{j}}=0
\end{aligned} \quad x_{j}=a, \arg (b), c_{n} \quad n=3, \ldots, N+2
$$

$\mathbb{N}$ is the number of terms, beyond the first two,
included in the expansion (2.7) and

$$
\begin{align*}
& I_{T}=\left.\int_{0}^{\infty}\right|_{0} ^{(0)}\left(x_{1}-\infty_{2}\right) \mid d x \\
& I_{S}=\int_{0}^{\infty}\left|\frac{\partial}{\partial n} \Phi_{0}^{(0)}\left(r_{1} r_{2}\right)\right|_{r_{1}=r_{2}}^{2} d r \tag{2.11}
\end{align*}
$$

Since a and the $\left(C_{n}\right)$ are complex, $2 N+3$ real equations result from (2.10). These equations are linear in the $C_{n}$, hence $2 N$ of them may be solved immediately to obtain the $\left(C_{n}\right)$ in terms of $\operatorname{Re}(a), \operatorname{Im}(a)$, and $\operatorname{Arg}(b)$. The procedure followed is analogous to that outlined in part four of $I$, although some of the integrals involved are slightly different in form. The integrals were obtained in analytic form and were checked by numerical integration. However, in the singlet case due to the difficulty of the numerical integrations the analytic results were in some cases only checked to one or two significant figures. In order to obtain sufficient accuracy it was necessary to solve for the $C_{n}$ using double precision arithmetic, i.e. I6 significant figures were retained in the calculations. The remaining three equations are
highly nonlinear in $\operatorname{Re}(a), \operatorname{Im}(a)$, and $\operatorname{Arg}(b)$ and were therefore solved numerically. All calculations were done on the IBM 7094 computer of the Theoretical Division of the Goddard Space Flight Center.

III The Scattering Matrix
If an exact solution were obtained for the zeroth order equation (I3.3), then the reciprocity condition ${ }^{8}$ should be fulfilled and the scattering cross sections $\sigma_{2 s}-2 s$ and $\sigma_{2 s-1}$ could also be obtained from this same calculation. Although we have no direct check on how closely the reciprocity condition is fulfilled, it is expected that when $I_{S}$ and $I_{T}$ are small enough, reciprocity is satisfied to an accurate degree of approximation. The cross section $\sigma_{2 s-1 s}$ follows immediately from the reciprocity condition; one form of which is

$$
\sigma_{2 s-1 s}=\left(k_{1} / k_{2}\right)^{2} \sigma_{1 s-2 s}
$$

It is however necessary to introduce the scattering matrix $S$ in order to obtain $\sigma_{2 s-2 s}$.

Many forms of the asymptotic boundary condition, Eq. (2.1), have been introduced by various authors. Two of the more common variations are of the following types:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \operatorname{Tim}_{r_{1}} \Phi_{0}^{(0)}\left(r_{1} r_{2}\right)=\left(\operatorname{sink}_{1} r_{1}+\mathrm{P}_{11} e^{i k_{1} r_{1}}\right) R_{1 S}\left(r_{2}\right)+\left(k_{2} / k_{1}{ }^{\frac{1}{P} r_{12}} e^{i k_{2} r_{1}} R_{2 s}\left(r_{2}\right)\right.  \tag{3.1}\\
& \operatorname{Lim}_{r_{1} \rightarrow \infty} \Phi_{0}^{(0)}=\left(e^{-i k_{1} r_{1}}-S_{1,} e^{i k_{2} r_{1}}\right) R_{15}\left(r_{2}\right)-\left(k_{2} / k_{1} / \frac{1}{N_{12}} e^{i k_{2} r_{1} R_{2 s}\left(r_{2}\right)}\right. \tag{3.2}
\end{align*}
$$

In (3.1) the $T_{i j}$ are elements of the transmission matrix $T$ while in (3.2) the $S_{i j}$ are the elements of the scattering matrix S. The coefficient $\left(k_{2} / k_{1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ multiplying $T_{12}$ and $S_{12}$ is introduced so that $T_{i j}$ and $S_{i j}$ will be symmetric.

Equations (2.1) and (3.1) are related in the following way:

$$
\begin{align*}
& \mathrm{T}_{11}=\mathrm{k}_{1} \mathrm{a} \mathrm{~A}^{*} /|\mathrm{A}|^{2}  \tag{3.3}\\
& \mathrm{~T}_{12}=\mathrm{k}_{1}\left(\mathrm{k}_{1} / \mathrm{k}_{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \mathrm{~b} \mathrm{~A}^{*} /|\mathrm{A}|^{2} \tag{3.4}
\end{align*}
$$

The $S$ and $T$ matrices defined by (3.1) and (3.2) are related by

$$
\begin{equation*}
S=1+2 i T \tag{3.5}
\end{equation*}
$$

Here $I$ is the unit matrix.
If the $S$ matrix is required to conserve probability current, then it will be unitary:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S S^{+}=1 \tag{3.6}
\end{equation*}
$$

If the reciprocity condition also holds, then the $S$ matrix will be symmetric:

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{12}=S_{21} \tag{3.7}
\end{equation*}
$$

From (3.6) $\mathrm{S}_{22}$ may be found to be

$$
\begin{equation*}
S_{22}=\frac{-S_{11}^{*} S_{12} S_{21}}{\left|S_{12}\right|^{2}} \tag{3.8}
\end{equation*}
$$

Finally the reaction cross sections are given by the formula

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{i s \rightarrow j s}=\pi\left|\delta_{i j}-s_{i j}\right|^{2} / k_{i}^{2} \tag{3.9}
\end{equation*}
$$

where $\delta_{i j}$ is the Kronecker delta function. The $\sigma_{2 s-2 s}$ thus obtained are listed in Table VI.
IV. INTERNAL CONSISTENCY OF THE SOLUTION

The integrals $I_{S}$ and $I_{T}$, Eq. (2.11), should ideally be zero. Presumably if enough terms could be taken in the wave function expansion, (2.7), this should occur to an arbitrary precision, however, for $N>8$ the determinant of the $C_{j},(j=1, \mathbb{N})$, was generally too small for accurate results to be obtained. By trial and error sets of terms in the expansion were chosen which minimized $I_{S}$ and $I_{T}$. The confidence we have in our results depends both on the smallness of $I_{S}$ and $I_{T}$, and on the consistency of the cross sections obtained by choosing different sets of virtual eigenstates. The magnitude of the obtainable $I_{S}$ and $I_{T}$ are shown in Table $I$. As can be seen $I_{S}$ and $I_{T}$ are both quite small for energies less than that required to excite the 3 s level of hydrogen. As soon as the 3 s threshold is passed, there is a marked increase in the size of the diagonal integrals (particularly in the singlet case). The size of the diagonal integral continues to increase out to 30.6 ev . At these higher energies there is also a marked decrease in the agreement of the cross sections obtained by choosing different sets of virtual continuum states. Again this was most bothersome in the singlet case.

For the singlet case this behaviour is illustrated in Table II by the two top entries for $\mathrm{k}_{1}=0.9$ and the entries for $k_{1}=1.0$ and $k_{1}=1.5$. These entries represent some of the better muns obtained at these energies. The uncertainty in the singlet results can be gauged by comparing case (i) and case (ii) results. At the higher energies the triplet results seem to be quite a bit more accurate than the singlet results.

It should be remarked that it is an assumption that the zeroth order equation (I3.3) can be exactly satisfied subject to the more limited asymptotic boundary condition (2.1) in an energy domain in which we know that the 3 s state, for example, is accessible. The above disparity in the quality of results on the two sides of the 3 s threshold may tend to indicate that this assumption is in fact incorrect. However, it is our opinion that the chief difficulty above the 3 s threshold is not in the boundary condition (2.1) but in the loss of flexibility in the wave function in the region of interaction caused by the absence of the 3 s state. Partial confirmation of this can be found in the last four $k_{2}=0.9$ entries in Table II which illustrate the effect of omitting various low energy discrete virtual states from the expansion. Nevertheless because there is a provision for including a flexible choice of continuum states, we feel that any theoretical incompleteness in our expansion
above 12.1 ev can be largely compensated for.
A more relevant question is how these cross sections will change by virtue of the redistribution of current when the totality of open channels is included. Clearly the present calculation cannot answer that question, although in some sense the assumption must be made that their effect is small. For if it were not, then the calculation of scattering in the onization region would be a complete impossibility, because their inclusion would entail a wave function containing not only a discrete infinity of bound excited states,
but a dense infinity of ionized states as well. It
is our opinion therefore that in close coupling, for example, when additional states are added at an energy where they may be excited their main effect arises from the increased flexibility they allow the wave function in the region of interaction rather than in the opening of the channels that they afford. Thus the present method, which places virtually no restriction on the number of terms that can describe the wave function in the region Of interaction, is expected to contain most of the effects on the Is and 2 s channels of a close coupling expansion with a similar number of terms.

## V. BFFECTIVE RANGE EXPANSION ABOUT THE $2 S$ TFRESHOLD

A final check was made to insure that our calculation was compatible with previous nonadiabatic (NA) calculations below the 2 s threshold. Ross and Shaw ${ }^{9}$ have recently developed a multi-channel effective range theory. This is an extension of the ordinary (single chamel) effective range theory oh can in principle describe all channels of a reaction both above and below the threshold for a new channel. The correlation is accomplished in terms of an M matrix whose elements around threshold may be expanded in a power series in the energy. The first two of these coefficients reduce essentially to the scattering length and effective range in the one channel case. The $M$ matrix has been used by Damburg and Peterkop ${ }^{5}$ to extrapolate the results of $1 s-2 s$ close coupling calculations immediately above the 2s threshold to infer the elastic scattering below threshold. In the same spirit we have extrapolated our present NA results to below threshold. In this case, however, the extrapolation was in the nature of a check as the NA results below threshold have already been calculated ${ }^{10}$. For compatibility the extrapolated values of $\sigma_{1 s-1 s}$ should then closely match the computed zeroth order NA $\sigma_{1 s-i s}$ below threshold. The usefulness of this check was brought home in our present calculations, when the values Which had been computed at an earlier stage gave an extrapolated singlet $\sigma_{1 s-1 s}$ that was not compatible with the explicitly
calculated values below threshold $\mathrm{a}^{10}$. This helped lead to the discovery of a machine programming error which had caused earlier singlet results to indicate a spuriously high peak in $\sigma_{1 s-2 s}$ cross section just above the 2 s threshold ${ }^{11}$.

The $T$ and $M$ matrices are related for relative s-wave scattering by the equation ${ }^{9}$

$$
\begin{equation*}
T=k^{\frac{1}{2}}(\mathbb{M}-i k) k^{\frac{1}{2}} \tag{5.1}
\end{equation*}
$$

In this equation $k$ is considered to be a diagonal matrix with diagonal elements $k_{i}$. The elastic scattering is then given by

$$
\begin{equation*}
\sigma_{1 s-1 s}=4 \pi\left(M_{22}^{2}+k_{2}^{2}\right) /\left|\left(M_{11}-i k_{1}\right)\left(M_{22}-i k_{2}\right)-M_{12} M_{21}\right|^{2} \tag{5.2}
\end{equation*}
$$

Expanding the elements of $M_{i j}$ about a reference incident electron energy Eo, we obtain

$$
\begin{equation*}
M_{i j}(E)=M_{i j}\left(E_{0}\right)+\frac{1}{R_{i j}}\left(E-E_{0}\right)+\ldots \tag{5.3}
\end{equation*}
$$

In the effective range approximation the series is cut off after the second term. We take $\mathrm{E} O$ to be 10.2 ev , the energy required to excite hydrogen from the $1 s$ to the 2 s state. The expansion is valid for $\mathrm{E}<10.2$ ev,but in this case we must put $k_{2}=i k_{2}$ in eqs. (5.1) and (5.2).

In the triplet case the expansion (5.3) is valid over a fairly long range, however in the singlet case the presence of a resonance just below the 2 s threshold sharply limits the applicability of the expansion. According to the analysis of Ross and Shaw 9 the effective range approximate formalism can describe only one narrow resonance below threshold. Below this resonance the formalism will not accurately predict the true scattering cross section.

Our expansion parameters $M_{i j}\left(E_{O}\right)$ and $R_{i j}$ wrere obtained by fitting a two term polynomial of the form (5.3) to the computed values of $M_{i, j}$ in the range $0<k_{2}{ }^{2} \leq 1.5 \times 10^{-3}$. They are given in atomic units in Table III together with the coefficients obtained from the ls-2s close coupling values by Damburg and Peterkop ${ }^{5}$. In figure 1 the computed NA elastic cross is comparea with our effective range extrapolation. As can be seen the extrapolation quite accurately reproduces the resonance near $\mathrm{k}_{\mathrm{i}}{ }^{2}=0.797$. The second peak at $k_{1}{ }^{2}=0.735$ is spurious in the present zeroth order problem but more resonances are actually present when relative $p$-waves are included in the calculation ${ }^{10,12}$.

## VI <br> RESULTS

The results obtained for the spherically symmetric portion of the $I=0$ scattering cross sections $\sigma_{1 S} \AA_{15}, \sigma_{15}-25$, oas $-2 s$ are shown in Tables IV to VI and in Pigures 1 to 3. For comparison purposes the (1s - 2a) close coupling results are also given. As previously stated this latter calculation is a variational approximate solution of the zeroth order problem. ${ }^{l}$ The inucrnal consistency of our calculations has already been extensively examined in Section IV. For the nonadiabatic entries in Tables IV-VI the number of significant figures given indicates the internal consistency of the calculation with the last significant figure being in doubt. For the singlet entries at $k_{2}=1.5$ even the first significant figure is uncertain. The NA singlet case (i) cross sections are the ones which are plotted in those figures, however the case (ii) calculations are of equal weight.

In figure 2 the nonadiabatic $\sigma_{1 s}-2^{s}$ cross sections are compared with the close coupling expansion with the 1 s and $2 s$ channels open. The close coupling results just above threshold were kindly computed for us by Dr. Omidvar of the Theoretical Division of the Goddard Space Flight Center. They appear to be in good agreement with those of Damburg and Peterkop 5 . The other close coupling results were obtained from Marriott ${ }^{2}$ and Omidvar ${ }^{4}$, which in turn are in good agreement with those of Smith and his coworkers ${ }^{3}, 13$. The nonadiabatic results are about $40 \%$ lower than those of the close
coupling calculation. In fact the case (i) nonadiabatic $\sigma_{1 s-2 s}$ cross sections agree quite well with the variational calculation of Massey and Moiseiwitsch ${ }^{6}$.

Figure 3 shows the zeroth order nonadiabatic elastic singlet cross section in the neighborhood of the threshold (10.203 ev) and out to 30 ev . A definite Wigner cusp is indicated at threshold. The close coupling results, dashed line, also indicate a cusp at threshold. Above 30 ev the case (ii) nonadiabatic $\sigma_{1 \mathrm{s-1s}}$ remains $20 \%$ larger than the close coupling results and as such are larger than the plotted case (i) results which at these energies are within $5 \%$ of the close coupling values.

The $\sigma_{1 s-1 s}$ curve is shown as varying smoothly above the 2s threshold. Actually tentative results indicate that there is probably a slight ripple in the elastic cross section just below the 3 s excitation threshold. The magnitude of this ripple appears to be only a few percent of the total cross section and it is difficult to seperate it from the ordinary scatter in the calculated cross section at this point. This effect also occurs in the (ls-2s) and (2s-2s) channels, and it
may be analogous to the resonance in $\sigma_{1 s-1 s}$ below the 2 s threshold but much reduced in scale.

Our triplet elastic cross sections agree with the close coupling results to better than l\%. Since the triplet cross sections dominate in this region, the total nonadiabatic elastic cross section ( $\sigma_{S}+\sigma_{t}$ ) lies within $2 \%$ of the close coupling result.

It would be of interest to be able to solve the zeroth order equation (I3.3) exactly by numerical means. A continuing effort is being made to do this with the noniterative method which has already been used in the triplet case below threshola ${ }^{14}$. So far the results have been unsatisfactory. This is at least partly due to the large effective interaction radius between the $2 s$ state of hydrogen and the scattered electron.

## VII DISCUSSION

Figure 4 compares the spherically symmetric portion of the inelastic cross section with the total close coupling theoretical cross section and with the total experimental cross sections obtained by Stebbings et $a I^{15}$ and Lichten and Schultz ${ }^{16}$. Examination of the giaph indicates that the nonadiabatic $\mathrm{L}=0$, Is-2s cross section is recuced from the ls-2s CC results by about the same percentage as the Licinten and Schultz cross section is reduced from the $1 \mathrm{~s}-2 \mathrm{~s}-2 \mathrm{pCC}$ results around the region of maximum cross section ( 15 ev ) or as the Stebbings et al. are from the /richten etults over most of the energy range. Thus this calculation reinforces what one would be tempted to believe on looking at the ls-2s-2p results in comparison with the experimental results: a more exact theoretical calculation will reduce the theoretical cross section toward the experimental results.

As to the amount of this decrease one musi be infinitely more circumspect in guessing. In the language of the nonadiabatic theory the $I=0$ part of the $1 s-2 s-2 p$ calculation refers to the relative $s+p$ wave problem whereas the ls-2s calculation refers to only the relative s-wave problem.

From that point of view, the latter appears to be a better approximation relative to its complete solution (to which the present paper is addressed) than the former is to its complete solution. In either case, it might seem ridiculous to try to approximate by two or three terms what in principle is described by a singly or doubly (discrete plus continuous)infinite set of functions. Here, however, one must recall what Seaton ${ }^{1}$ ? Iong ago emphasized, that the explicit (anti) symmetrization of the wave function in fact doubles the number of terms and goes a long way in including the effects of the continuum in these calculations. Secondly, with regard to the ls-2s-2p calculation, the singlet $\mathrm{L}=0$ gives only the second largest contribution to $\sigma_{1 s-2 s}$. The largest contribution comes from the triplet $I=I$ state. Experience thus far indicates that the close coupling approximation is mack more accurate in triplet as opposed to singlet states.

Thus it is very difficult at this time to infer the correct normalization of the experimental result. In view of the many competing elements which are either included or left out of the close coupling calculation, our own opinion is that the
correct normalization of the experimental result is between those of Lichten et al. and Stebbings et al. and closer to the latter, very close, in fiact, to that curve where the error bars of the respective experiments overlap ${ }^{I 8 \|!}$ This conclusion is supported by a recent (1s-2s-2p-3s-3p) close coupling calculation by Taylor and Burise ${ }^{39}$ which produced more than a $30 \%$ decrease in $\sigma_{1, s-2 s}$ at 16.5 ev from the close coupling (1s-2s-2p) calculation ${ }^{3,4}$.

Our results and those of Damburg and Peterkop ${ }^{5}$ also show that one must be very cautious in naively extrapolating cross sections to threshold using the Wigner threshold behaviour law ${ }^{20}$. The present results, Table 5, indicate that the law's range can be exceedingly small. When the $2 p$ state is included in the calculation the $2 s$ and $2 p$ states are degenerate and Wigner's threshold laws no longer necessarily apply ${ }^{12}$.

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Table I
Satisfaction of the diagonal boundary condition, $I_{S}=I_{T}=0$,
at various incident momenta $\mathrm{K}_{2}$ 。


Table II
Investigation of the internal consistency of the singlet nonadiabatic calculations. This wale is discussed in Section IV.
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$0.9 \quad \times 10^{-4} \quad 3 \times 10^{-4}$

| 0.9 | $1 \times 10^{-5}$ | $5 \times 10^{-5}$ | 0.0334 | 0.0335 | 0.4676 | 0.4676 | 4 | $\begin{aligned} & 0.05,0.3,0.5,0.7,0.5 \\ & 1.1 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0.9 | , $\times 10^{-4}$ | $3 \times 10^{-4}$ | 0.0309 | 0.0310 | 0.4680 | 0.4684 | - | $\begin{aligned} & 0.05,0.3,0.5,0.7,0 . \\ & 1.1,1.3 \end{aligned}$ |
| 0.8 | $8 \times 10^{-4}$ | $7 \times 10^{-4}$ | 0.0289 | 0.0291 | 0.4672 | 0.4680 | - | $\begin{aligned} & 0.2,0.4,0.6,0.75,0.9 \\ & 2.05 \end{aligned}$ |
| 2.0 | $2,100^{-3}$ | $3 \times 10^{-3}$ | 0.0469 | 0.0488 | 0.3263 | 0.3290 | - | $\begin{aligned} & 0.05,0.25,0.45,0.65 \\ & 0.85,1.0,1.15,1.30 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1.0 | $7 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4 \times 10^{-3}$ | 0.0463 | 0.0481 | 0.3283 | 0.3319 | - | $\begin{aligned} & 0.05,0.3,0.6,0.8,1 \\ & 1.2,1.4,1.6 \end{aligned}$ |
| 1.5 | $1 \times 10^{-1}$ | $8 \times 10^{-2}$ | 0.0131 | 0.0196 | 0.0958 | 0.1126 | - | $\begin{aligned} & 1.15,1.23,1.33,1.43 \\ & 1.53,1.63 \end{aligned}$ |

$\sigma_{1 s-2 s} \quad \sigma_{2 s: 1 s}$
virtual states

## Table III

Tne first two coefficients in the expansion of the $M$ matrix elements at the 2 s threshold, eq. (5.3)

| NA = nonadiabatic |  |  | $C C=$ close coupling ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Singlet |  |  | Triplet |  |
|  | NA | CC | NA | CC |
| $\mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{S}_{1}}(0)$ | 1.0610 | 1.300 | 0.0293 | 0.0301 |
| $\mathrm{m}_{2}(0)$ | -0.0569 | -0.0629 | -0.0017 | -0.0017 |
| $\cdots 23(0)$ | -0.0368 | -0.0356 | 0.1208 | 0.1206 |
| K | 4.2267 | 4.82 | 1.1373 | 1.20 |
| $\mathrm{K}_{-2}$ | -3.9292 | $-4.32$ | 0.0642 | -0.06 |
| Reg | 11.489 | 11.54 | 5.1528 | 5.14 |

(a) Close coupling coefficients taken from Damburg and Peterkop reference 5.

Table IV
The spherically symmetric portion of the $L=0$ elastic (Is-Is) cross section for the scattering of electrons by atomic hydro-


|  |  | Singlet |  |  | Triplet |  | Sum |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \%(a.u.) | Encrey (ev) |  |  | CC | NA | CC | NA | CC |
| 0.810 | 10.061 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.863 | 10.232 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.864 | 10.155 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.86429 | 10.163 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.80 .5 | 10.169 | 0. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.865 | 10.179 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.8654 | 10.189 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.865 | 10.194 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.8658 | 10.198 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.866 | 10.203 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.85601 | 10.2033 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.86602 | 10.2036 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.866025 |  | case (i) | case (ii) |  | Thresh |  |  |  |
| 0.80004 | 10.2040 | 0.4790 | 0.4789 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 0.9661 | 10.2055 | 0.4755 | 0.4754 | 0.4244 | 3.995 | 3.995 | 4.470 | 4.478 |
| 6.862 | 20.2085 | 0.4742 | 0.4740 | 0.4235 | 3.994 | 3.993 | 4.468 | 4.4165 |
| \% | 10.298 |  | 0.4955 | 0.4541 | 3.958 | 3.957 | 4.454 | 4.4112 |
| 6 | 10.536 | 0.4955 | 0.4954 | 0.4568 | 3.864 | 3.864 | 4.559 | 4.3208 |
| . 9 | 10.777 | $0.48 \% 6$ | 0.4825 | 0.4154 | 3.773 | 3.772 | 4.256 | 4.2174 |
| 0.80 | 11.02 | 0.4674 | 0.4673 | 0.4324 | 3.684 | 3.684 | 4.151 | 4.1164 |
| 0.94 | 12.02 | . 399 | . 399 |  | 3.34 .9 |  | 3.74 |  |
| 1.0 | 13.605 | 0.327 | 0.330 | 0.2824 | 2.905 | 2.903 | 3.233 | 3.188 |
| 1.1 | 16.46 | 0.239 | 0.250 | 0.1865 | 2.300 | 2.297 | 2.550 | 2.40 |
| 1. 2 | 19.6 | 0.175 | 0.190 | 0.1397 | 1.833 | 1.829 | 2.023 | 1.960 |
| 1.5 | 30.6 | 0.095 | 0.113 | 0.0905 | 0.974 | 0.9716 | 1.087 | 1.062 |

a II. statistical factors $1 / 4$ and $3 / 4$ are included in the cross sections. When ailaile case (ii) results were used to find the total scattering cross sections.
. close coupling results were computed by K . Omidvar, refcrence 4.

## Table V

The spherically symmetric portion of the $L=0$ (Is-2s) crosis section for the excitation of atomic hydrozen by electrons in units $\pi a_{0}{ }^{2}$. $N A=N o n a d i a b s t i c^{a}$ and $C C=C l o s e ~ c o u p l i n g ~ i s-2 s . ~$

|  |  | Singlet |  |  | Triple |  | Sun |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{k}_{1}($ a.u. $)$ | Energy (ev) | case (i) | ase (ii) | CC | NA | CC | IA | CC |
| $0.8600 \%$ | 10.2004 | 0.0066 | 0.0066 |  |  |  | 0.0066 |  |
| 0.061 | 10.20176 | 0.0142 | 0.0142 | 0.0168 | $9.9 \times 10^{-6}$ | $9 \times 10^{-6}$ | 0.014.2 | 0.0168 |
| 0.8662 | 10.2041 | 0.0204 | 0.0204 | 0.0266 | $1.5 \times 10^{-5}$ | $1.6 \times 10^{-5}$ | 0.0204 | 0.0266 |
| 0.076 | 10.294 |  | 0.0354 | 0.0420 | $7.8 \times 10^{-5}$ | $8.3 \times 10^{-5}$ | 0.0355 | 0.0420 |
| 0.800 | 10.536 | 0.0313 | 0.0314 | 0.0356 | $1.8 \times 10^{-4}$ | $1.9 \times 10^{-4}$ | 0.0316 | 0.0358 |
| 0.0 .0 | 10.7.6 | 0.0318 | 0.0319 | 0.0355 | $2.7 \times 10^{-4}$ | $2.9 \times 10^{-4}$ | 0.0322 | 0.0322 |
| 0.90 | 11.02 | 0.0339 | . 0338 | 0.0375 | $3.8 \times 10^{-4}$ | $4 \times 10^{-4}$ | 0.0342 | 0.0379 |
| .94 | 12.02 | 0.0448 | .0448 |  | $9.1 \times 10^{-4}$ |  | 0.0.5: |  |
| 1.0 | 13.605 | 0.046 | 0.048 | 0.0725 | $1.9 \times 10^{-3}$ | $2.1 \times 10^{-3}$ | 0.050 | 0.0746 |
| 1.2 | 16.46 | 0.035 | 0.040 | 0.0701 | $3.3 \times 10^{-3}$ | $4.4 \times 10^{-3}$ | 0.043 | 0.074 .5 |
| 1.2 | 19.59 | 0.031 | 0.039 | 0.0547 | $4.7 \times 10^{-3}$ | $6.1 \times 10^{-3}$ | 0.044 | 0.0608 |
| 1 | 30.61 | 0.013 | 0.019 | 0.0241 | $5.6 \times 10^{-3}$ | $7.3 \times 10^{-3}$ | 0.025 | 0.0324 |

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## Table VI

The spherically symmetric portion of the ( $L=0$ ) 2s-2s cross section for the scattering of electrons by atomic hydrogen in units of $\pi a_{0}{ }^{2}$. NA=Nonadiabatic ${ }^{2}$; CC=Close coupling ls-2s.

a See Table IV footnotes.

## PTGURE CAPIIONS

1. Comparison of the computed nonadiabatic (ls-ls) cross section (solia line) near the 2 s threshold with effective range extrapolations. Circles are the nonadiabatic effective range extrapolation. Triangles are the (Is-2s) close coupling effective range extrapolation of Damburg and Peterkop. The rigure is discussed in the text.
2. Comparison of zeroth order nonadiabatic ls-2s excitation cross section with the close coupling ls-2s expansion. The tigure is discussed in the text.
3. Comparison of the zeroth order nonadiabatic elastic scattering cross section with the ciose coupling ls-2s expansion. The figure is discussed in the text.
4. The top four curves represent the total close coupling theoretical and the experimental cross sections for the is-2s excitation of $H$ by electron impact. The two bottom curves give the $\mathbb{Z}=0$, angle independent portion of this cross section. The figure is discussed in the text.


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