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Numerical explorations of above threshold Coulomb explosion for H_2^+ in an intense laser pulse¹ JIANJUN HUA, BRETT ESRY, J.R. Macdonald Laboratory, Department of Physics, Kansas State University — Above threshold Coulomb explosion is a mechanism recently invoked by Esry et al. [1] to explain previously unobserved structure in the kinetic energy release (KER) spectrum of intense laser induced ionization of H_2^+ . Based on a diabatic Floquet-Born-Oppenheimer picture, above threshold Coulomb explosion predicts multiple sequences of peaks separated by a photon's energy. This model was able to fit the experimental KER data in [1] quite well and allowed predictions about the angular distribution that were also verified in [1]. Nevertheless, fundamental questions about the model remain that we will try to address by solving the time-dependent Schroedinger equation. For simplicity, we solve a one-dimensional model for H_2^+ that should retain the physics of above threshold Coulomb explosion. We will discuss the results of this numerical test.

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