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Adiabatic Hyperspherical Study of One-dimensional Hydrogen Molecule¹ YOULIANG YU, YUJUN WANG, BRETT ESRY, J. R. Macdonald
Laboratory, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas, 66506 — We present a calculation of the adiabatic hyperspherical potentials for one-dimensional H₂. Although the adiabatic hyperspherical representation has proven very useful in understanding atomic systems, especially highly correlated states like doubly excited states, it has not yet been applied to the electronic and nuclear degrees of freedom for a molecule more complicated than H₂⁺. We thus present the first such calculation, albeit for a one-dimensional model of H₂. Our model, however, is chosen to exactly reproduce the three-dimensional H₂ and H₂⁺ ground Born-Oppenheimer potentials. One of our goals is to identify and understand the role of doubly excited states — which can be readily identified in the adiabatic hyperspherical representation, unlike standard quantum chemistry. We illustrate the method with an application to attosecond physics. We also want to take advantage of the fact that the adiabatic hyperspherical representation produces well defined and discrete effective potentials for all ionization channels to help understand processes like strong-field dissociative ionization. These topics, and others, will be discussed.

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