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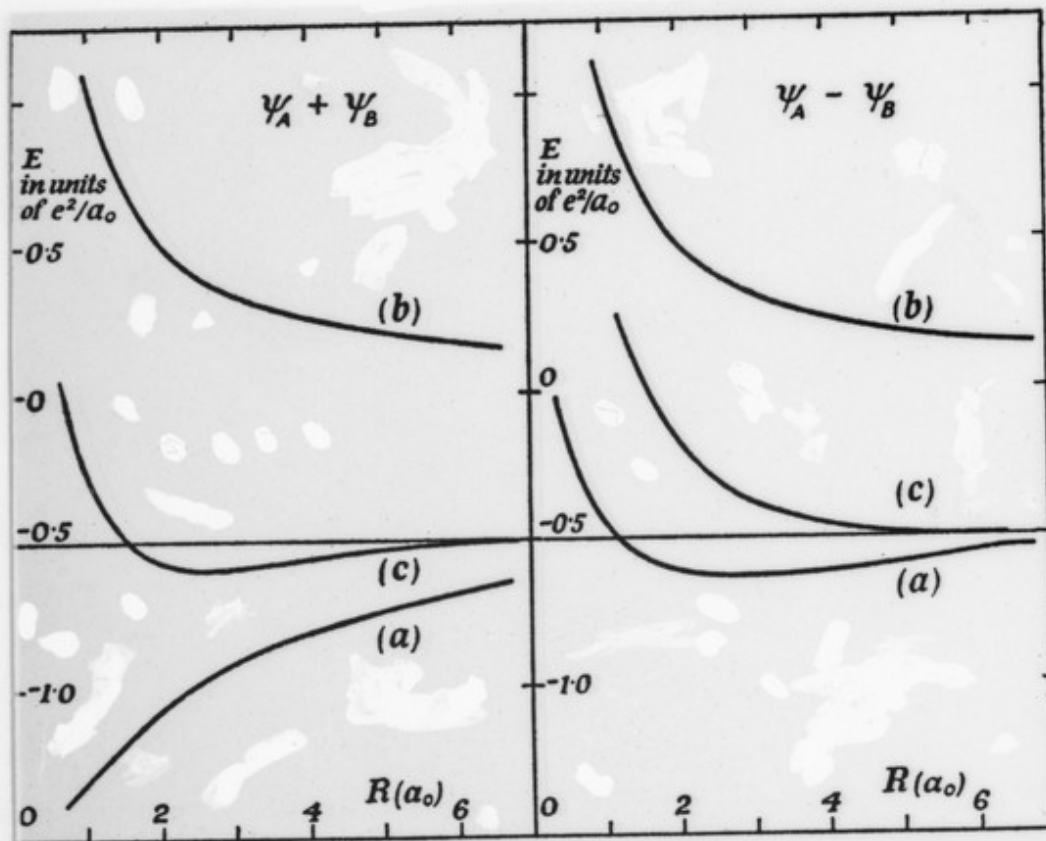
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account of the term  $1 \pm S$  in the denominator it follows that the top energy exceeds  $E_A$  by a greater amount than the bottom energy lies below it.

We have so far left undecided the particular choices of  $\psi_A$  and  $\psi_B$ . If we are interested in the ground state, this will arise by choosing for  $\psi_A$  and  $\psi_B$  the lowest a.o.'s for a hydrogen atom.



Energy curves for  $H_2^+$ . On the left the m.o. is  $\psi_A + \psi_B$ , on the right it is  $\psi_A - \psi_B$ . On both diagrams (a) is the electronic energy; (b) is the nuclear Coulomb repulsion energy; (c) is the total energy curve of the molecule.

These are the wave functions of (2.7), from which  $\beta$  and  $S$  may be calculated for any chosen internuclear distance  $R$ . In this way the electronic energy is obtained, and so, by adding the nuclear Coulomb energy  $e^2/R$ , the total energy curve for the molecule. The resulting curves, on the left is the energy curve for the m.o.  $\psi_A + \psi_B$  and on the right for  $\psi_A - \psi_B$ . The first of these is the energy curve of the molecule in its ground state.

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