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## **[474] Electronic transitions in $\text{Rb}_2^+$ dimers solvated in helium**

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We reported depletion spectra of  $\text{Rb}_2^+$  complexed with up to ten Helium atoms. The ions were formed by doping helium nanodroplets in a pickup cell filled with low-density Rb vapor and subsequent electron ionization. Two absorption bands were observed between 920 and 250 nm, due to transitions into the  $12\Sigma^+$  and  $12\Pi_u$  states. The transitions are blue- and redshifted, respectively, when the number of He atoms is increased. Spectroscopic constants and the spin-orbit (SO) splitting are deduced for the bound  $12\Pi_u$  state. All experimental findings are supported by ab initio calculations, using CCSD method for modeling ground electronic state, and EOMCCSD and MRCI for electronically excited states.

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