

Electronic transitions in Rb_2^+ dimers solvated in helium

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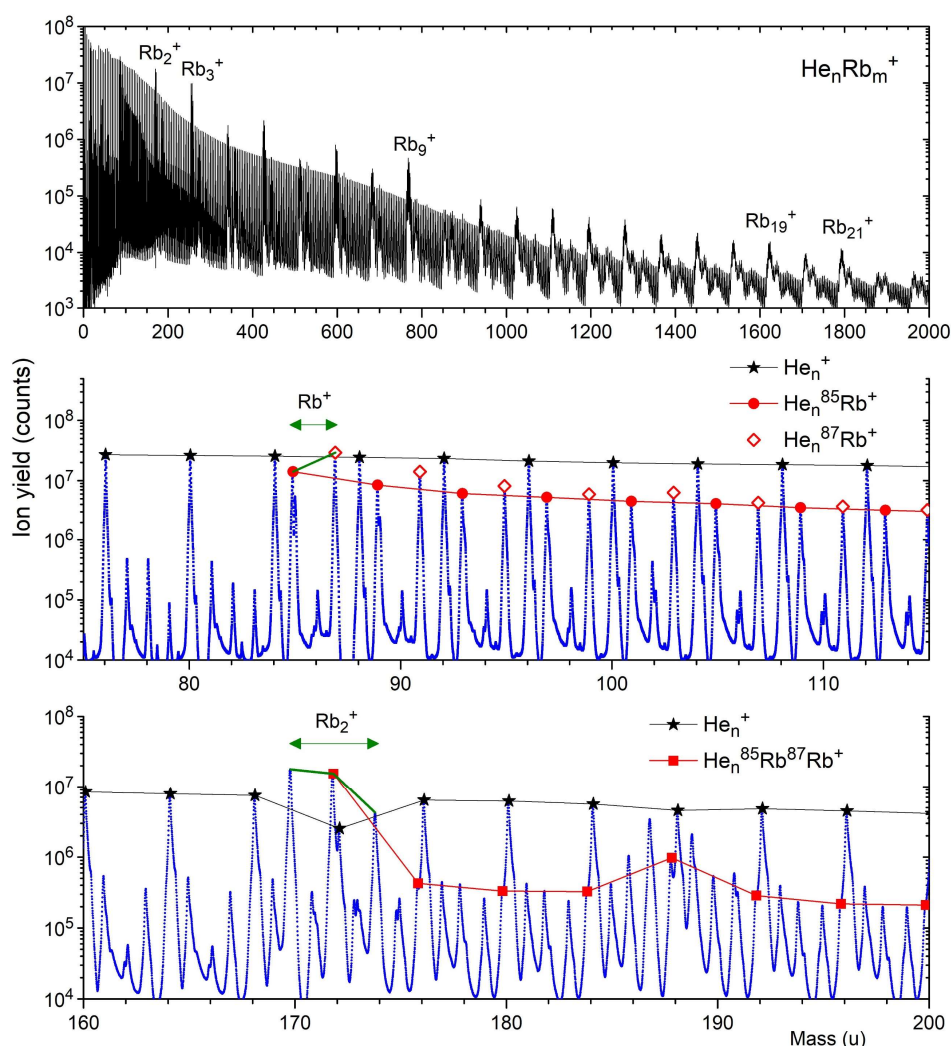


Fig. S1

Sections of a mass spectrum of HNDs doped with rubidium. This is the cumulative laser-off spectrum recorded while scanning the laser from 620 to 660 nm. The amplitudes of some mass peaks, including $^{85}\text{Rb}^+$ and He_{43}^+ (172 u) are suppressed because of deadtime effects. The $\text{He}_4^{85}\text{Rb}^{87}\text{Rb}^+$ peak at 188 u coincides with the $\text{H}_2\text{O}^{85}\text{Rb}_2^+$ peak.

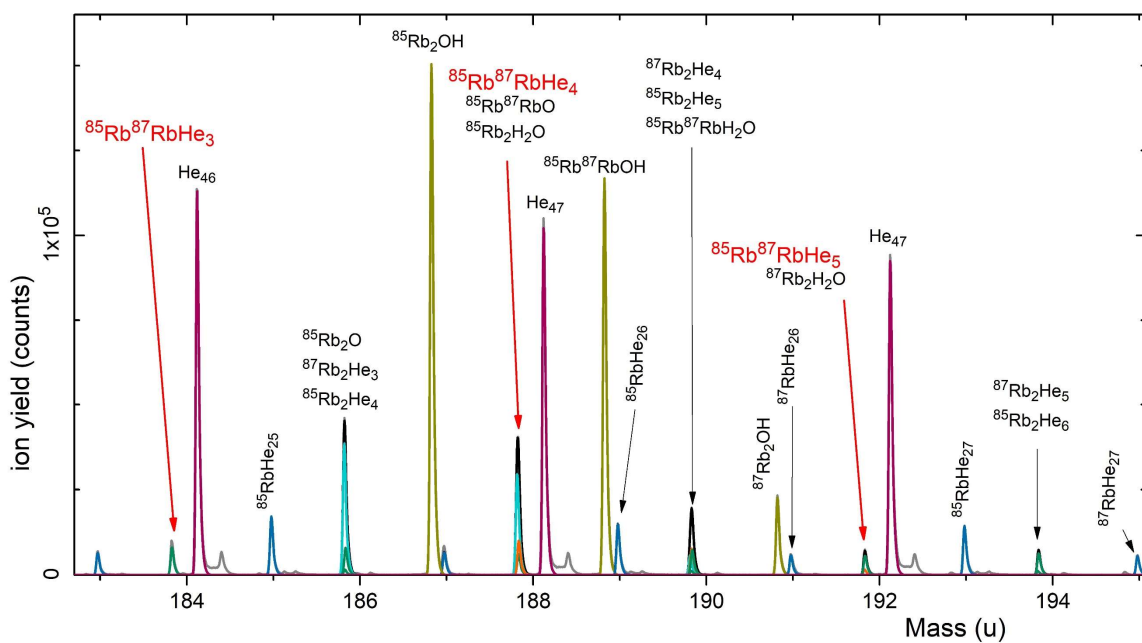


Fig. S2
A high-resolution mass spectrum of HNDs doped with rubidium.

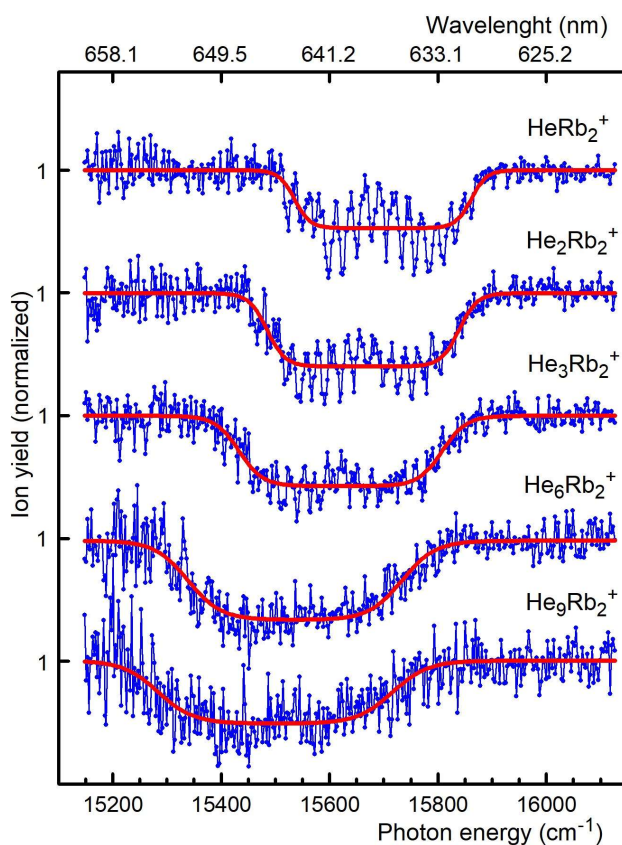


Fig. S3
High-resolution depletion spectra of He_nRb_2^+ for $n = 1, 2, 3, 6,$ and 9 . Vibrational structure is resolved for $n \leq 3$. The solid lines result from fitting a square function to each spectrum.

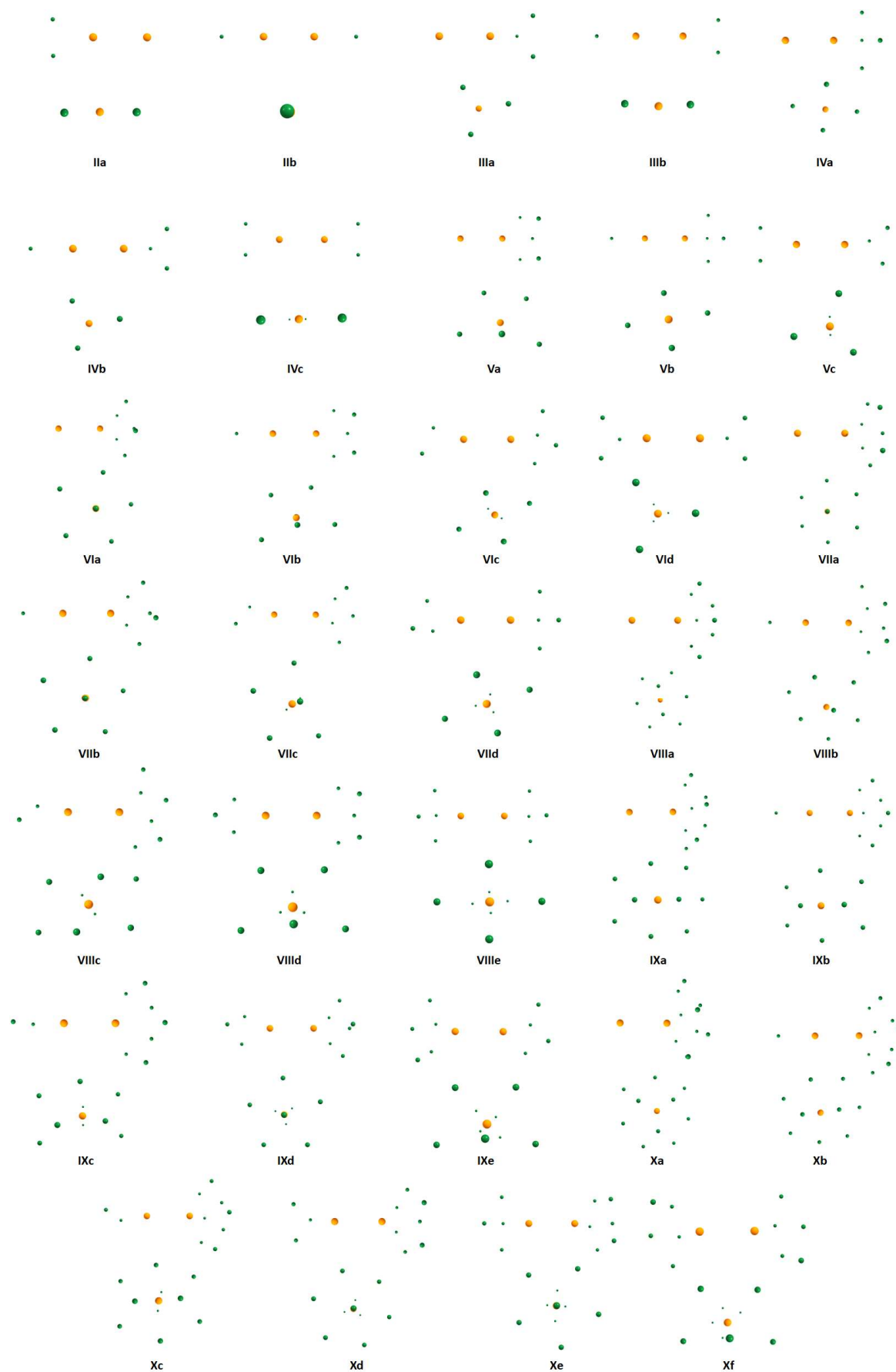


Fig. S4

Structures of He_nRb_2^+ , $2 \leq n \leq 10$, clusters viewed from the side (above) and along the Rb-Rb axis (below). Optimized at the CCSD/def2QZVPPD(Rb),def2TZVP(He) level within frozen core approximation.

Table S1 – Properties of Rb_2^+ and HeRb_2^+ in the $1^2\Sigma_g^+$ electronic ground state, $1^2\Sigma_u^+$ state, and $1^2\Pi_u$ state without considering spin-orbit coupling: Equilibrium Rb-Rb and Rb-He internuclear distance r , dissociation energies D_0 , harmonic constant ω_e for the Rb-Rb stretch, and transition energies (T_e and T_0 for $1^2\Sigma_u^+$ and $1^2\Pi_u$, respectively). Calculated using the (EOM)CCSD method with various basis sets. Calculated excitation energies are rounded to 10 cm^{-1} .

		def2TZVP	def2TZVPPD	def2QZVP	def2QZVPPD
Rb_2^+	$r(\text{Rb-Rb}), 1^2\Sigma_g^+ [\text{\AA}]$	4.987	4.982	4.912	4.883
	$r(\text{Rb-Rb}), 1^2\Pi_u [\text{\AA}]$	5.541	5.523	5.697	5.455
	$D_0 [\text{cm}^{-1}]$	5795	5833	5840	5992
	$\omega, 1^2\Sigma_g^+ [\text{cm}^{-1}]$	43.3	43.4	44.0	44.7
	$\omega, 1^2\Pi_u [\text{cm}^{-1}]$	26.9	27.1	23.5	25.1
	$T_e, 1^2\Sigma_u^+ [\text{cm}^{-1}]$	11750	11790	12120	12290
	$T_0, 1^2\Pi_u [\text{cm}^{-1}]$	15890	15880	15940	15820
	HeRb_2^+	$r(\text{Rb-Rb}), 1^2\Sigma_g^+ [\text{\AA}]$	4.986	4.981	4.912
$r(\text{Rb-He}), 1^2\Sigma_g^+ [\text{\AA}]$		3.812	3.628	3.638	3.435
$r(\text{Rb-Rb}), 1^2\Pi_u [\text{\AA}]$		5.537	5.521	5.696	5.452
$r(\text{Rb-He}), 1^2\Pi_u [\text{\AA}]$		3.403	3.059	3.180	3.138
$D_0 [\text{cm}^{-1}]$		5757	5762	5785	5916
$\omega, 1^2\Sigma_g^+ [\text{cm}^{-1}]$		44.0	43.7	44.3	43.2
$\omega, 1^2\Pi_u [\text{cm}^{-1}]$		26.7	26.9	23.2	25.0
$T_e, 1^2\Sigma_u^+ [\text{cm}^{-1}]$		11910	11980	12300	12500
$T_0, 1^2\Pi_u [\text{cm}^{-1}]$	15840	15780	15870	15740	

Cartesian coordinates of optimized structures (in Å) along with ZPE-corrected energy (in Hartree)

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Rb 0.000000 0.000000 -2.586182

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He 0.000000 0.000000 -6.680320

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He 0.000000 0.000000 -6.866261

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