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R-matrix with pseudo-states calculation for electron scattering from rubidium¹ BENJAMIN KRUEGER, DANIEL PAYNE, KLAUS BARTSCHAT, Drake University — We have applied an *R*-matrix with pseudostates model to calculate electron scattering from rubidium atoms. Using a semiempirical model potential to describe the Rb⁺core [1], we obtain a highly accurate description of the target valence spectrum. Results will be presented for total and angle-differential cross sections, spin-polarization and asymmetry functions, and various electron-impact coherence parameters. The convergence of the theoretical predictions with the number of states in the close-coupling expansion is analyzed. Comparison of the results with recent experimental data [2,3] shows satisfactory though by no means perfect agreement.

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