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**Hydrogen clusters that remained fluid** KIRILL KUYANOV-PROZUMENT, ANDREY VILESOV — *Para*-H<sub>2</sub> may constitute the only other superfluid besides helium. The superfluid transition temperature is predicted to be around 2 K, well below freezing of H<sub>2</sub> at 13.8 K. Numerous attempts to supercool macroscopic H<sub>2</sub> samples proved to be unsuccessful. Our approach includes formation of H<sub>2</sub> clusters in a pulsed cryogenic nozzle beam expansion of a neat *p*H<sub>2</sub> gas as well as **X**% of *p*H<sub>2</sub> diluted in He and interrogation via Coherent Anti-Stokes Raman Scattering. At **X = 2 – 100** % the frequency of the vibrational Q<sub>1</sub>(0) line in clusters remains constant at about  $\nu = 4149.7 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  very similar to  $4149.6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  as in solid *p*H<sub>2</sub> and lower than in liquid *p*H<sub>2</sub> at 18 K ( $4151.9 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ). The rotational S<sub>0</sub>(0) transition show some characteristic crystal field splitting having magnitude of about  $6 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ . The splitting pattern is different from that in the *hcp* solid, suggesting different structure in solid *p*H<sub>2</sub> clusters. At **X ≤ 2** %, the frequency of the Q<sub>1</sub>(0) line increases to about  $4150.5 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , which is consistent with that expected in the supercooled liquid. The S<sub>0</sub>(0) transition in these clusters, consisting of about  $5 \times 10^4$  molecules, appears as a single line at the same frequency as in liquid *p*H<sub>2</sub>. The temperature of these supercooled clusters is estimated to be less than about 1 K. Possible superfluidity of the clusters is discussed.

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