MOLECULAR ROTATION IN QUANTUM LIQUIDS

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Rotationally resolved IR spectra of molecules and hydrogen clusters trapped in ^{4}He and mixed ^{3}He/^{4}He droplets are presented. The newest analysis of spectra in terms of effective rotational constants of OCS-$(pH_2)_n$ and OCS-$(oD_2)_n$ complexes with n=11,. . .16 is presented. Whereas molecular rotation in ^{4}He can be modelled by a free rotor with effective rotational constants the effect of interaction between a molecule and its H_2 solvation shell is more pronounced. Analysis of the spectra within the frameworks of a rigid symmetric H_2 shell proves the inconsistency of the rigid shell model with the experimental observations. Furthermore it suggests existence of some low energy excitations (E$\sim$0.1 cm^{-1}) which are tentatively assigned to tunnelling states of the H_2 cluster.