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Abstract: The only known compound of sodium and hydrogen is archetypal ionic NaH. Application of high

pressure is known to promote states with higher atomic coordination, but extensive search for polyhydrides with

unusual stoichiometry remains unsuccessful in spite of several theoretical predictions. We combined synchrotron

x-ray diffraction and Raman spectroscopy in a laser heated diamond anvil cell and theoretical ab-initio random

structure search, which both agree in stable structures and compositions. Our results support the formation of

multicenter bonding (three center units such as  $H_3$ ) and polyhydride materials with unusual stoichiometry. These

results are applicable for the design of new family of hydrogen-rich materials.

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