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Calculations for different adsorption states
of acetylene on nickel

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On the basis of different experimental information, UPS spectra, LEED data and EELS spectra, different bonding models for acetylene adsorbed on transition-metal surfaces, Ni, Pt, W (111), have been proposed (e.g. di- σ bonding, π -bonding, μ_3 -bonding). By performing a series of Hartree-Fock-Slater LCAO calculations on C_2H_2 bonded to 1, 2 or 3 Ni atoms and correlation of the results with the experimentally observed adsorption shifts in the ionization energies and in the vibrational frequencies we attempt to characterize the different adsorbed states of C_2H_2 .