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**A Quantum Monte Carlo study of Hydrogen Adsorption on Carbon and Transition Metal Systems**<sup>1</sup> TODD D. BEAUDET, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Presently U. S. Army Research Laboratory, JEONGNIM KIM, RICHARD M. MARTIN, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign — We present a quantum Monte Carlo study of many molecular structures of Ti-ethylene with up to 5 H<sub>2</sub> molecules. These structures have been of recent interest due to energetics favorable for reversibly storing hydrogen.<sup>2</sup> Diffusion Monte Carlo is employed with the fixed node approximation and pseudopotentials that have been tested for H<sub>2</sub> adsorbed on benzene and calculations on TiH<sub>2</sub> molecules.<sup>3</sup> Many low energy configurations were studied by calculation of ground and excited states energy surfaces. The formation energies are comparable to other work<sup>4</sup> and indicate that at least 3 hydrogen molecules can be adsorbed with energies in the range considered relevant for practical hydrogen storage.

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