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## **D-D** (H-H) Interactions within the Interstices of Pd

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## Abstract:

Embedded atom, local-density-functional, and Hartree-Fock methods are used to calculate the effective interaction between deuterium (or equivalently within the Born-Oppenheimer approximation hydrogen) nuclei within palladium. No effects were found to suggest that the repulsion between deuterons in gas phase  $D_2$  is reduced within the octahedral and tetrahedral interstices of this transition metal.

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