

A computational study of the ground and excited states of nickel silicide

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The ground state and low-lying excited states of nickel silicide are studied with a range of computational methods to determine the nature of the Ni-Si bond. The physical effects that need to be addressed with the computational methods to predict the equilibrium bond length and bond dissociation energy within experimental error have been determined resulting in computed values within 1% of experiment.