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First Principles Investigation of 47Ti and 17O Nuclear Quadrupole Interactions in the Rutile and Anatase Phases of TiO2¹ S. BYAHUT, Central Dept. of Physics, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal, SUDHA SRINIVAS, Dept of Physics, Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Michigan, LEE CHOW, Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Central Florida, Orlando, JUNHO JEONG, R. H. SCHEICHER (*), T. P. DAS (**), Dept. of Physics, SUNY at Albany, NY — Using the First Principles Hartree-Fock Cluster procedure, electronic structures of rutile and anatase phases of TiO₂ have been investigated and utilized to calculate the nuclear quadrupole interaction (NQI) parameters for ⁴⁷Ti and ¹⁷O in both systems. For the rutile phase, the NQI coupling constants (e^2qQ) and asymmetry parameters η are found to be in reasonable agreement with experiment for both nuclei, especially the sign of e²qQ for ¹⁷O. Experimental results are awaited for the NQI parameters in anatase to compare with our predictions, η for ⁴⁷Ti vanishing due to local axial symmetry. (*) Current Address: Dept. of Physics, Uppsala University, Sweden (**) Also: Dept. of Physics, University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida.

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