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Hartree-Fock Cluster Investigation of Locations for Erbium in Silicon¹ JUNHO JEONG, R.H. SCHEICHER², N. SAHOO, M.B. HUANG, T.P. DAS³, Dept. of Physics, SUNY at Albany, NY, LEE CHOW, Dept. of Physics, Univ. of Central Florida, Orlando, S. BYAHUT, D.R. MISHRA, M.M. ARYAL, N.B. MAHARJAN, D.D. PAUDYAL, Central Dept. of Physics, Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal — Using the Hartree-Fock Cluster Procedure, we have investigated three locations hexagonal and tetrahedral interstitial (H_i and T_i) and substitutional (S) for Er³⁺ in Silicon including relaxation effects of the Si neighbors of Er³⁺. Our results for the binding energies show that S is the most stable site for Er³⁺, in contrast with the results from the most recent channeling measurements,⁴ which can best be explained assuming that Er^{3+} is at T_i site. Possible reasons for the difference will be suggested. Magnetic hyperfine fields obtained for the Er nucleus at various sites will be discussed.

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