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Role of fluctuation voids in positronics of chalcogenide glasses

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The origin of trapping voids in positronics of chalcogenide glasses is still under debate and discussion [1]. In the present work, the role of fluctuation voids for positron trapping in chalcogenide glasses is reported. Assuming the fluctuation origin of free-volume trapping voids (i.e., exited delocalized atoms or “voids” can be effective positron traps), a newly modified (λ - R) correlation equation within defect-related positron lifetime λ (ns) versus radius of voids R (Å), initially discovered by Liao et al. [2] for polymeric materials, is considered on the example of As₂S(Se)₃ glasses.

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