Magnetic ordering in PrBCO by MaxEnt Muon-Spin Research

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COLLABORATION — Muon-Spin Research (μSR) is used to probe the magnetic ordering of PrBa2Cu3O7. The μSR PrBCO data are analyzed using the Maximum Entropy (ME) technique, a spectral analysis tool more sensitive than Fourier transformation. [1] At low temperature and zero applied field, muons are localized and their Larmor spin-precessions map the internal magnetic fields. For temperatures well below room temperature, ME-μSR analysis yields two unique frequencies (~1.8 MHz and ~2.4 MHz) corresponding to two different magnetic field regions (13 mT and 18 mT) probed by the muon. Previous studies [2, 3] using Fourier analysis and curve fitting have shown only one broad frequency signal. We seek to confirm our new improved findings through dipole field search calculations and ME-μSR simulations at these near-zero μSR frequencies. [1] JC Lee et al, J Appl Phys 95 (2004) 6906; AIP/APS www: Virtual J Applications of Superconductivity, June 2004 V6 Iss11; S. Alves et al, Phys Rev Rapid Comm B49 (1994) 12396. [2] WK Dawson et al, J Appl Phys 69 (1991) 5385. [3] DW Cooke et al, Phys Rev B41 (1990) 4801.

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