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**Search for O<sup>-1</sup> earthquake-like precursors: a ME $\mu$ SR MgO study** C BOEKEMA, A CABOT, A-L LEE, I LIN, A COLEBAUGH, San Jose State University, FT FREUND, NASA Ames — We study O<sup>-1</sup> earthquake-like precursor effects [1,2] by analyzing Muon-Spin-Resonance ( $\mu$ SR) MgO data using Maximum Entropy (ME). [3,4] Due to its presence in the Earth's crust, MgO is ideal to study these features. O<sup>-1</sup> formation results from a 2-stage break-up in an O anion pair at high-temperature or high-pressure conditions. [2] As T increases above room temperature, a small % of oxygen is predicted to produce an O<sup>-1</sup> state. ME analysis of 100-Oe  $\mu$ SR data of a pure 3N-MgO single crystal produces a broad Gaussian at 1.36 MHz and a sharp Lorentzian at 1.4 MHz. The latter could be effects of extended O<sup>-1</sup> states, as positive muons probe near O ions. There is no sharp 1.4-MHz signal observed in the  $\mu$ SR data of insulators Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> [5] and PrBCO<sub>6</sub> data, only the expected 100-Oe Gaussian. We have fitted ME $\mu$ SR transforms of MgO to obtain an empirical description of 1.36- and 1.4- MHz peaks. Their T dependences above room temperature appear to be positive-hole effects. Relations to precursor earthquake-like O-valency effects are discussed. Research supported by ISIS-UK, LANL-DOE, SETI-NASA, SJSU & AFC. 1] FT Freund, Nat Hazards Earth Sys Sci **7** (2007) 1. 2] FT Freund *et al*, Phys Chem Earth **31** (2006) 389. 3] C Boekema and MC Browne, MaxEnt 2008, AIP Conf Proc #1073 p260. 4] S Lee *et al*, HUIC Educ, Math & Eng Tech Conf, Uo HI (2013); C Boekema *et al*, Bull Am Phys Soc, March 2015. 5] C Boekema *et al*, Hyperfine Interactions 32 (1986) 667.

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