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**Excited state lifetimes in  $^{190}\text{Tc}$  and  $^{109}\text{Ru}$  via the fast-timing method**<sup>1</sup> M.K. SMITH, B. BUCHER, A. APRAHAMIAN, Univ. of Notre Dame, H. MACH, Univ. of Notre Dame, Uppsala Univ., G. SIMPSON, LPSC, Grenoble, J. RISSANEN, J. AYSTO, T. ERONEN, D. GHITA, P. KARVONEN, A. JOKINEN, I.D. MOORE, H. PENTILLA, M. REPONEN, C. WEBER, A. SAASTAMOINEN, Univ. of Jyvaskyla, W. KURCEWICZ, Univ. of Warsaw, I.M. FRAILE, B. OLAIZOLA, Universidad Complutense Madrid, E. RUCHOWSKA, Soltan Institute for Nuclear Studies — The evolution of nuclear structure across isotopic and isobaric chains are of great interest to nuclear structure and for structure applications to nuclear astrophysics, specifically the r-process. The neutron-rich region around  $A=110$  is characterized by rapidly evolving structure, which is currently not completely understood. As such, we have investigated the  $A=109$   $\beta$ -decay chain at the Univ. of Jyvaskyla IGISOL facility.  $^{109}\text{Mo}$  was populated via proton-induced fission of  $^{238}\text{U}$ , which  $\beta$ - decays to  $^{109}\text{Tc}$  and subsequently  $^{109}\text{Ru}$ . Lifetimes and gamma spectroscopy were measured with a multi-detector array consisting of 2 HPGe, 2 LaBr and 1 plastic scintillator.  $\beta$ - $\gamma$ - $\gamma$  triple coincidences were used to construct/check both level schemes, and measure lifetimes by the fast-timing method. New gamma ray transitions and picosecond range lifetimes will be presented for  $^{109}\text{Tc}$  and  $^{109}\text{Ru}$ .

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