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**Precision excited-state lifetime measurements of neutron-rich Li isotopes**<sup>1</sup> C. MORSE, C.J. LISTER, G.L. WILSON, UML, E.A. MCCUTCHAN, BNL, G. HACKMAN, M. BOWRY, R. CABALLERO-FOLCH, L.J. EVITTS, A.B. GARNSWORTHY, J. HENDERSON, A. KURKJIAN, J.P. MEASURES, M. MOUKADDAM, P. RUOTSALAINEN, J. SMALLCOMBE, J.K. SMITH, D. SOUTHALL, M. WILLIAMS, TRIUMF, A.J. MITCHELL, ANU, C.Y. WU, LLNL — Recent successes with *ab initio* calculations are allowing increasingly subtle nuclear phenomena to be investigated, such as  $\Delta$ -isobar and meson exchange effects which are necessary to reproduce  $M1$  properties of nuclei. In order to guide such explorations, precise experimental data are required to discriminate between various theoretical descriptions. The lithium isotopes, which are dominated by  $M1$  spin-flip transitions, provide an ideal testing ground for such studies. We have performed lifetime measurements of the excited states of  ${}^7,8\text{Li}$ , as well as explored the feasibility of such an experiment on  ${}^9\text{Li}$ , to provide precise data on the  $M1$  transition matrix elements in these nuclei. The experiment used the Doppler Shift Attenuation Method to measure the lifetimes at TRIUMF with TIGRESS, with the excited states populated by inverse ( $d,p$ ) reactions. Preliminary results from the analysis will be presented.

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