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LISA: Lifetime measurements with Solid Active targets

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The coexistence of single-particle and collective degrees of freedom in atomic nuclei gives rise to various exotic phenomena. In nuclei with very asymmetric proton-to-neutron ratios, the strong nuclear interaction drives shell evolution which alters the orbital spacing, and in some cases even the ordering present in stable nuclei. In the absence of large gaps between orbitals, nuclei can take on non-spherical shapes and their excitations proceed through coherent and collective motion of many nucleons. Where and how collectivity emerges from the single-particle dynamics of protons and neutrons is an open question in nuclear structure physics that will be addressed with LISA in a unique way.

The aim of the LISA (Lifetime measurements with Solid Active targets) project is to develop a novel method for lifetime measurements in atomic nuclei. Lifetimes probe the collectivity of a nucleus through its electromagnetic transition properties. The experimental approach is based on active solid targets and will dramatically enhance the scope of measurements of excited-state lifetimes and thus transition probabilities achievable in exotic nuclei. Coupled to state-of-the-art gamma-ray tracking detectors such as AGATA, this novel instrument will overcome the present challenges of lifetimes measurements with low-intensity beams of unstable nuclei.

In this talk, I will present an overview of the LISA project and show the potential for future physics experiments at GSI, FAIR, and FRIB.

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