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## Measurement of Γ partial widths from carbon-12 excited states using CHIMERA

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Measuring very small partial widths of carbon-12 from the Hoyle and the 9.6 MeV states above the particle emission threshold are of astrophysical interest because only after such decay carbon-12 is formed after a triple alpha process [1]. In the reaction  $\alpha$ + 12 C  $\rightarrow$   $\alpha$ +( 12 C^\* + $\gamma$ ) we used a multi-particle coincidence technique, developed with  $4\pi$  multi-detector CHIMERA, in order to suppress the gamma background [2]. The CHIMERA data acquisition system for CsI was updated using the GET [3] digital electronics. Details of the suppression method and first results of the analysis will be presented.

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