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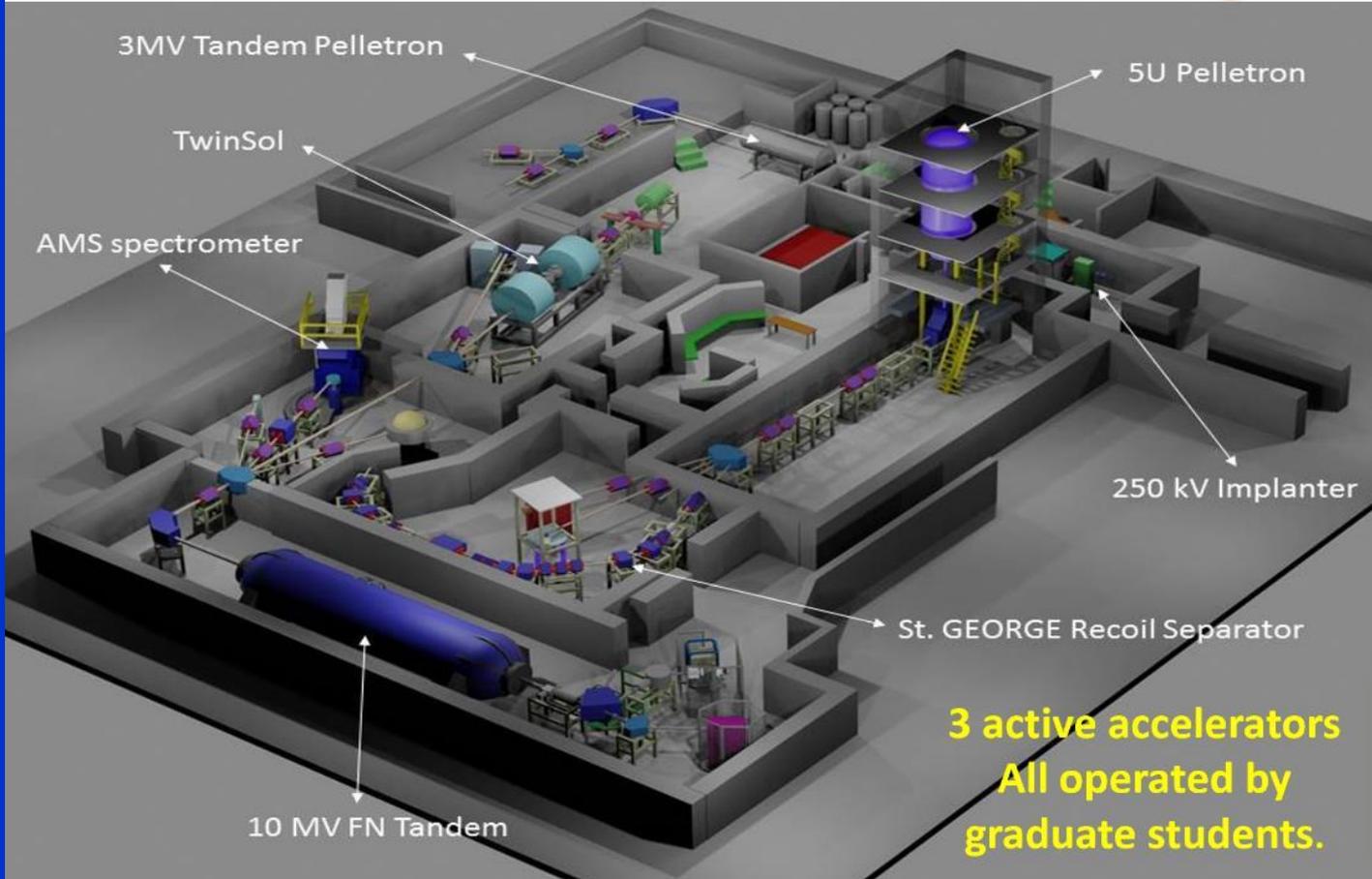


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# Nuclear Science Laboratory at the University of Notre Dame



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**3 active accelerators  
All operated by  
graduate students.**



# Basic vs. Applied Science



Nuclear Reactions for DHS  
Ion Beam Analysis for Archeology  
Ion Beam Analysis for Public Health:  
    Environmental Lead  
    Heavy Metals  
    Halogenated Flame Retardants  
    **PFAS – Consumer Products**  
        – Environmental Fate  
        – Occupational Health  
Radioisotope Tracing  
Isotope Harvesting  
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# High-contrast Material Identification by Energetic Multi-particle Spectroscopic Transmission Radiography

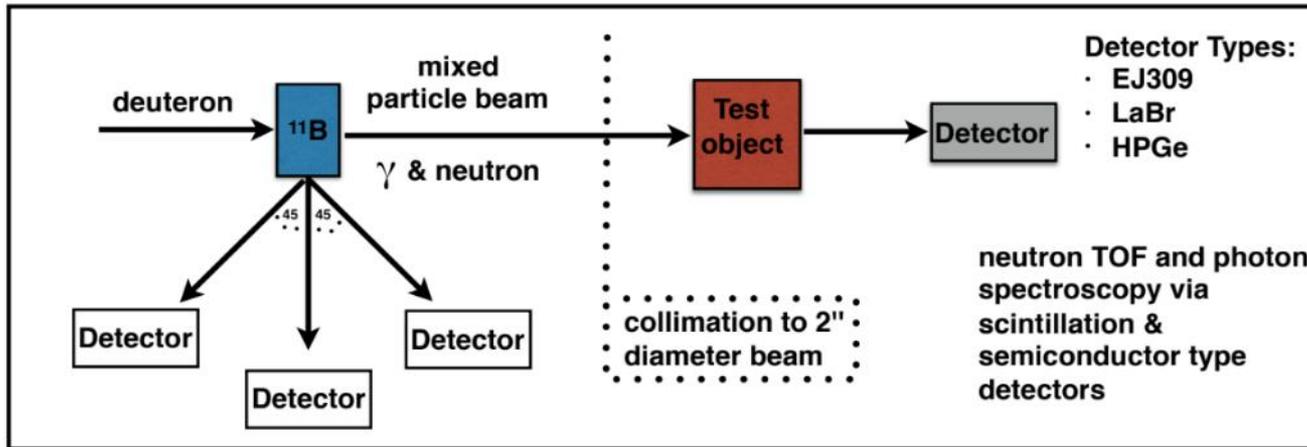
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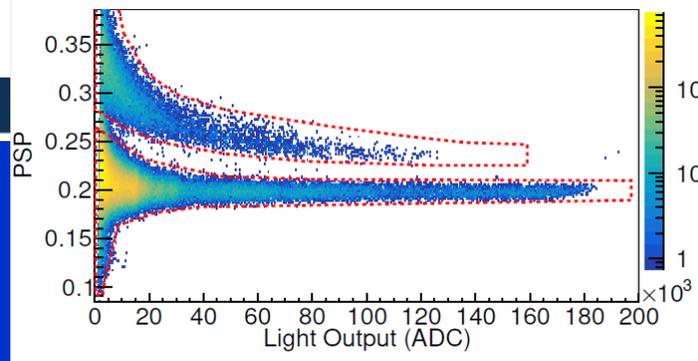
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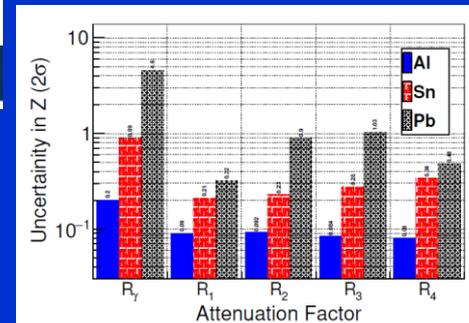
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***n* beam**



I. Jovanovic



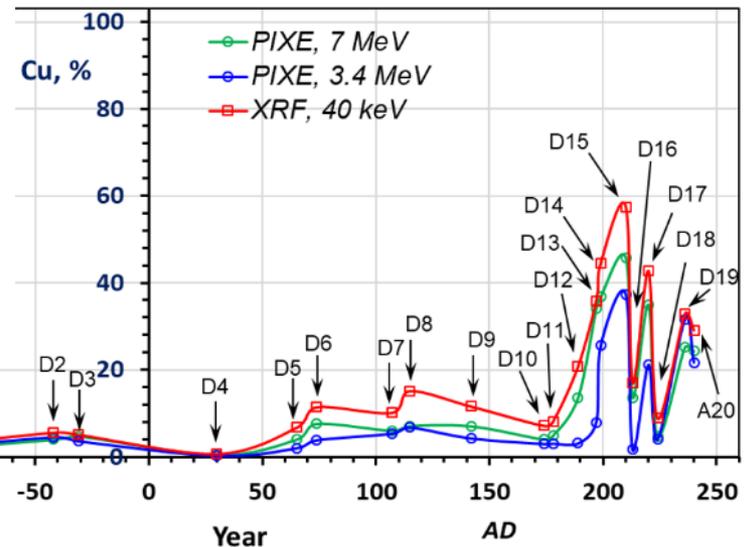
# Surface Manipulation Techniques of Roman Denarii

Khachatur Manukyan\*, Cecilia Fasano, Ashabari Majumdar, Graham F. Peaslee,  
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## Differential PIXE

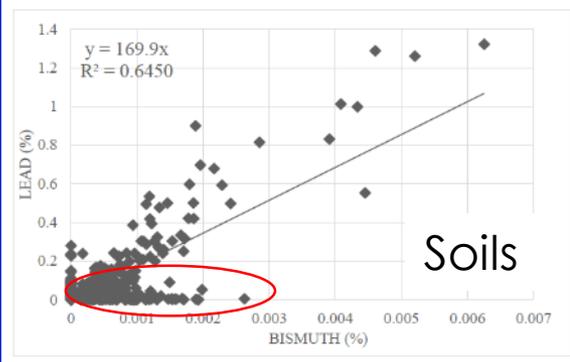
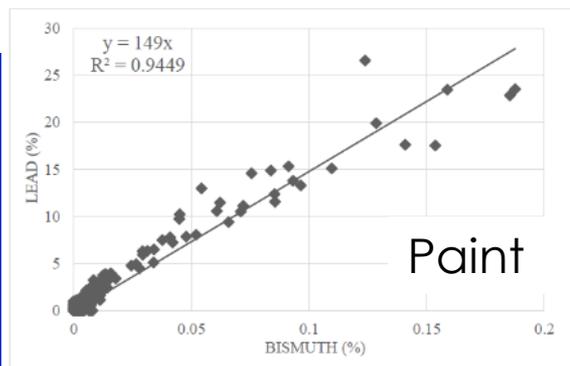


# Risky Bismuth: Distinguishing Between Lead Contamination Sources in Soils

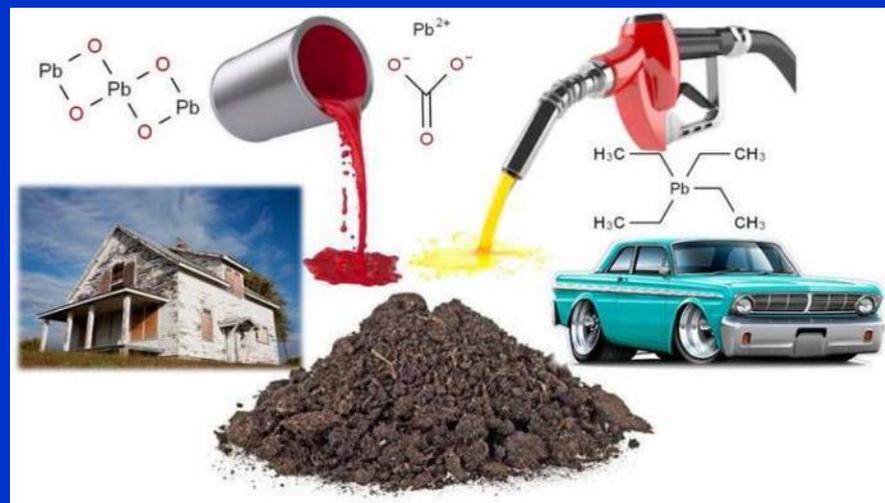
Meghanne Tighe<sup>\*,1</sup>, Heidi Beidinger<sup>3,5</sup>, Christopher Knaub<sup>3</sup>, Matthew Sisk<sup>3,4</sup>,  
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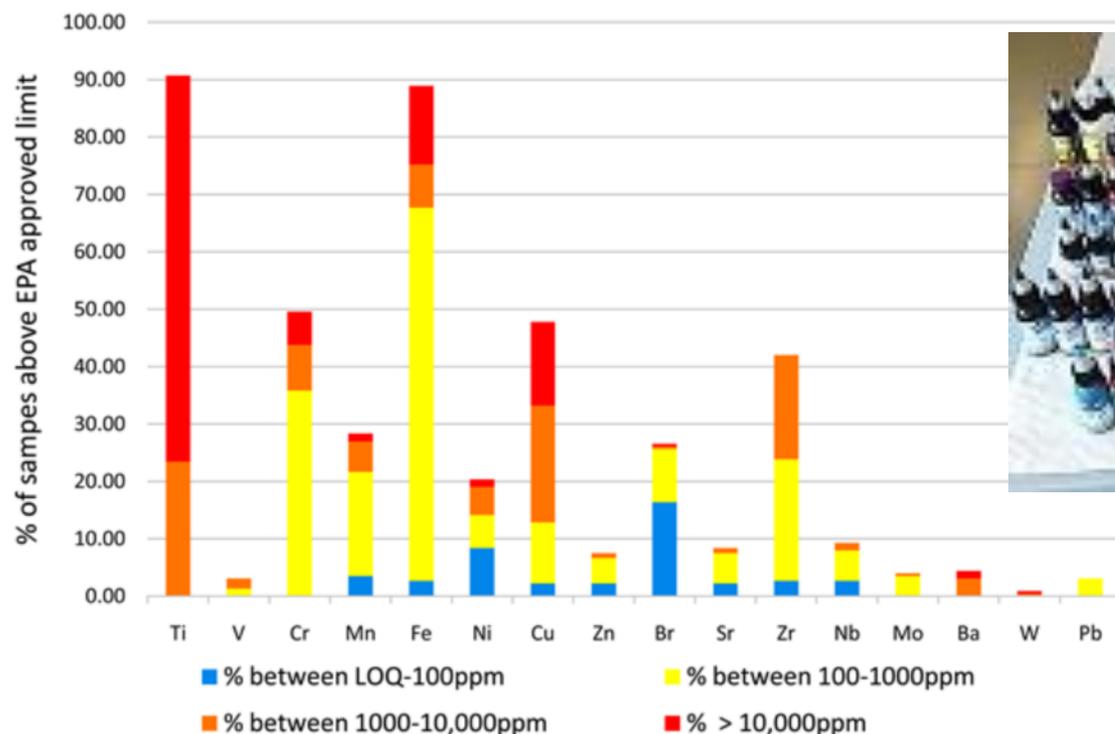
## PIXE & XRF & ICP



# A Survey of Metals Found in Tattoo Inks

Meghanne E. Tighe<sup>1,2</sup>, D. Kai Libby<sup>3</sup>, Stanna K. Dorn<sup>1</sup>, Jeffrey R. Hosmer<sup>3</sup>, Graham F. Peaslee<sup>2</sup>

All Samples



**PIXE**

# Fire test performance for foam plastic insulation with and without flame retardants: ASTM E119 and ASTM E84

Donald Lucas, Sara M. Petty, Vytenis Babrauskas, David Rich, Avery Lindeman, Graham Peaslee, Arlene Blum

(Submitted: *Fire Technology*, 2019)

Table 2 Measured bromine content.

Name of Insulation	Type	Origin	FR Content (BR ppm)
XPS FOAMULAR 400	XPS	US	27800
XPS SL 300 Sundolitt	XPS	UK	ND
XES Ecoprim Paroc	XPS	Sweden	ND
EPS Type XIV Insulfoam	EPS	US	39500
EPS S300 Sundolitt	EPS	UK	ND
XPS FOAMULAR 250	XPS	US	41900
XES Ecoprim Paroc	XPS	Sweden	ND
EPS Insulfoam	EPS	US	6000



# Chicago Tribune

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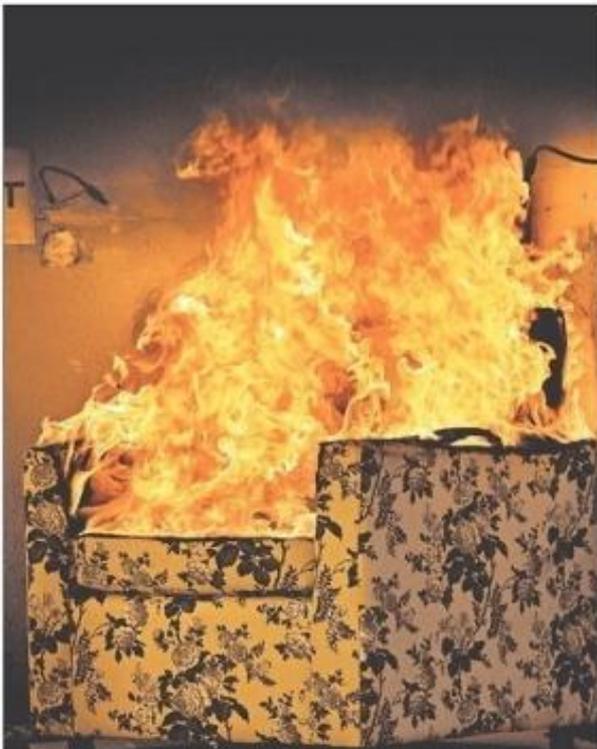
SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2012

BREAKING NEWS AT CHICAGOTRIBUNE.COM

## TRIBUNE WATCHDOG

# Playing with fire

A deceptive campaign by industry brought toxic flame retardants into our homes and into our bodies. And the chemicals don't even work as promised.



By PATRICIA CALLAHAN  
Tribune reporter

**D**r. David Heimlich, a pediatric surgeon, drew a 7-week-old baby girl who while she lay on a pillow. "Now this is a tiny greyhound at home," said baby's size. "Half of her died after about three weeks."

Heimlich's position on the long-term health of doctors, environmentalists and petty.

But there was a problem. Records show there was a baby he described didn't.

Neither did the 9-week patient who Heimlich said California legislators die candle fire in 2009. Nor a 6-week-old patient who Alaska lawmakers was burned in her crib in 2001.

Heimlich is not just a licent burn doctor. He is witness for the manufacture of flame retardants.

His testimony, the Tribune found, is part of a decade-long campaign of deception that loaded the furniture and electronics in American homes with pounds of toxic chemicals linked to cancer, neuro deficits, developmental delays and impaired fertility.

The tactics started with Tobacco, which wanted to focus away from clearing the cause of five deaths continued as chemical companies worked to preserve a lucrative market for their products. According to a Tribune investigation, thousands of government scientific and internal documents.

These powerful industry-protected science in way overstated the benefits.



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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**Monday, June 11, 2012**

**Governor Brown**  
**to Revise Flammability Standard**

- Smoldering
- Increased
- Retardant

## NOTICE

**THIS ARTICLE MEETS THE FLAMMABILITY REQUIREMENTS OF CALIFORNIA BUREAU OF ELECTRONIC AND APPLIANCE REPAIR, HOME FURNISHINGS AND THERMAL INSULATION TECHNICAL BULLETIN 117-2013. CARE SHOULD BE EXERCISED NEAR OPEN FLAME OR WITH BURNING CIGARETTES.**

The upholstery materials in this product:  
\_\_\_\_\_ contain added flame retardant chemicals  
**X** contain NO added flame retardant chemicals

The State of California has updated the flammability standard and determined that the fire safety requirements for this product can be met without adding flame retardant chemicals. The State has identified many flame retardant chemicals as being known to, or strongly suspected of, adversely impacting human health or development.

**Science & Policy**

# Toys, Décor, and More: Evidence of Hazardous Electronic Waste Recycled into New Consumer Products

Gillian Z. Miller<sup>1</sup>, Meghanne E. Tighe<sup>2</sup>, Graham F. Peaslee<sup>2</sup>, Karla Peña<sup>3</sup>, Jeff Gearhart<sup>1</sup>



**Holiday and Mardi Gras  
beads found to contain  
lead and hazardous flame  
retardants**

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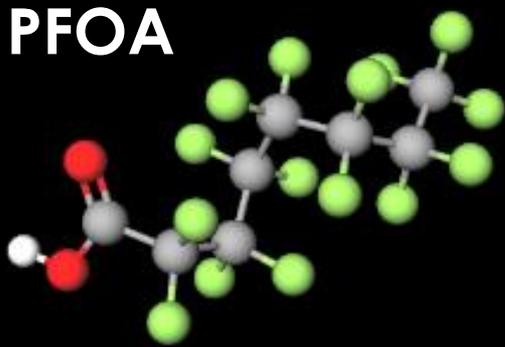
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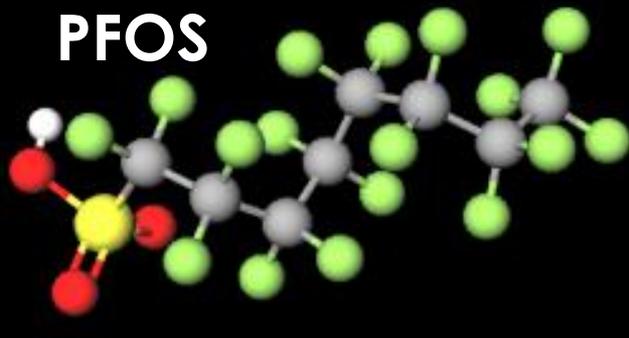
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# The "Forever" Chemicals: PFAS

PFOA

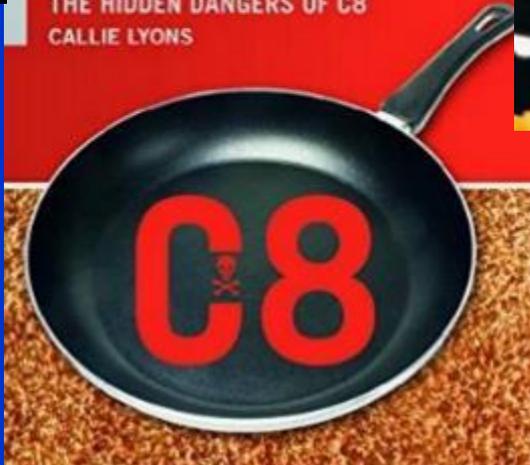


PFOS



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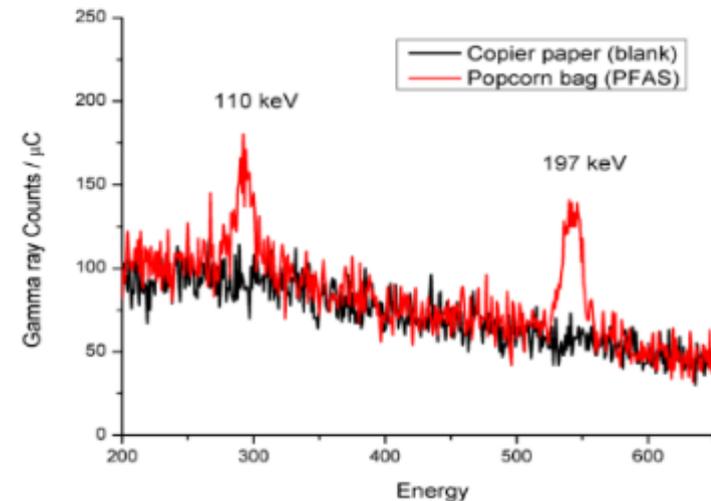
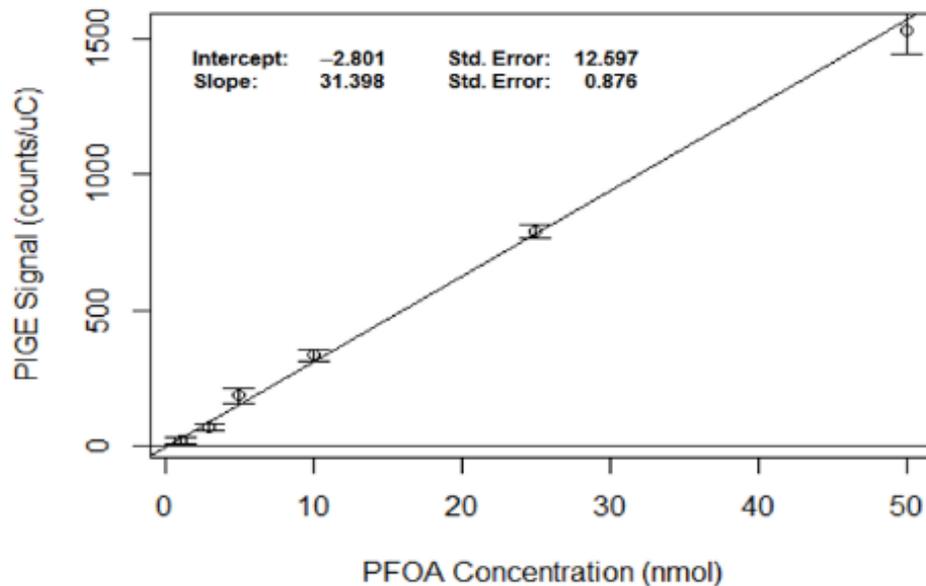
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# PIGE Analysis of Fluorine



Fig. 3: PFAS-coated paper sample compared with uncoated paper. Irradiation time of 180 second with 9 nA of 3.4 MeV protons.





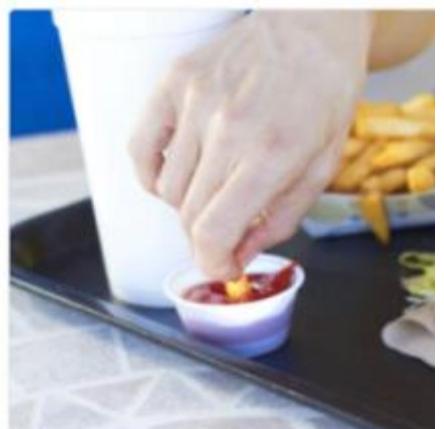
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## Fluorinated Compounds in U.S. Fast Food Packaging

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**CNN** @CNN

Researchers found fluorina third of the fast food packa according to a report [cnn.i](#)



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Researchers find "another reason" to food: Chemicals in the packaging



Researchers find 'another reason' to avoid fast food: Chemic Substances with links to health problems have been found in wra containers, where they can leach into food.

washingtonpost.com

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The Nasty Ingredient in Fast-Food Wrappers [mojo.ly/2jCPzA4](#)



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## Total Fluorine Measurements in Food Packaging: How Do Current Methods Perform?

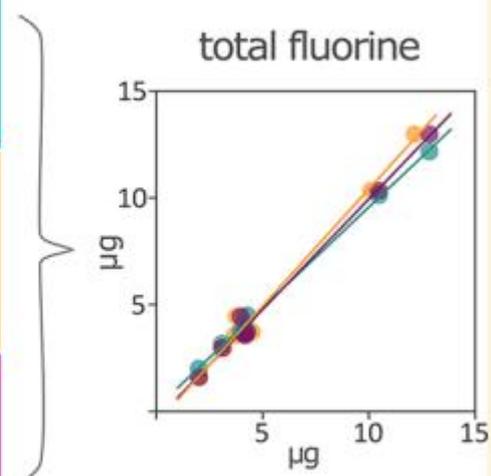
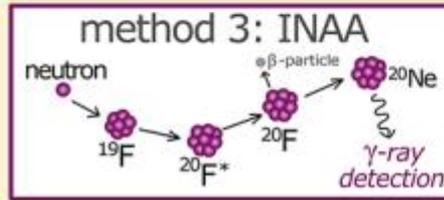
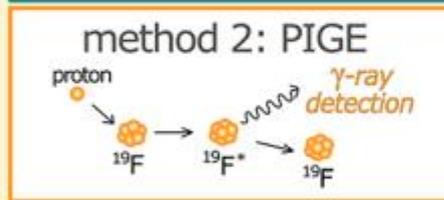
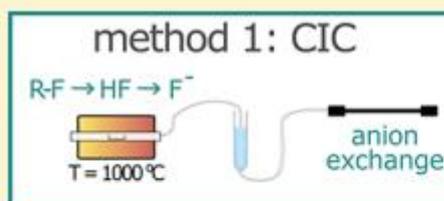
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# PFAS & Firefighters

# Science & Policy

## Rate of cancers in firefighters compared to the general public

- Testicular cancer (2.02 times greater risk)
- Multiple myeloma (1.53 times greater risk)
- Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma (1.51 times greater risk)
- Skin cancer (1.39 times greater risk)
- Prostate cancer (1.28 times greater risk)
- Malignant melanoma (1.31 times greater risk)
- Brain cancer (1.31 times greater risk)
- Colon cancer (1.21 times greater risk)
- Leukemia (1.14 times greater risk)



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## PFAS 101:

What Are They and How These Chemicals Can Impact Firefighter Health

Friday, April 12, 2019: 10:30 AM - 12:15 PM

### Speaker(s)

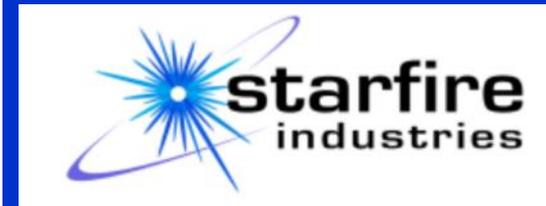
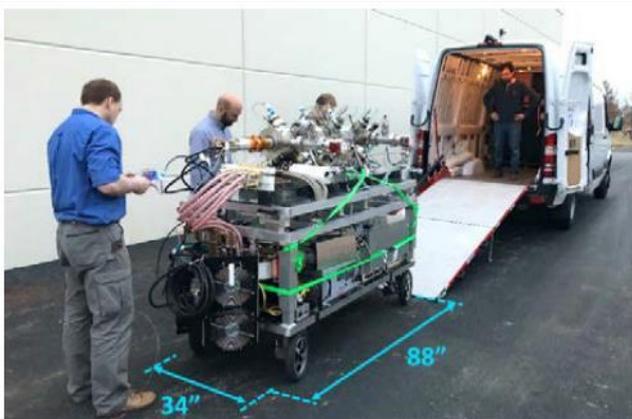
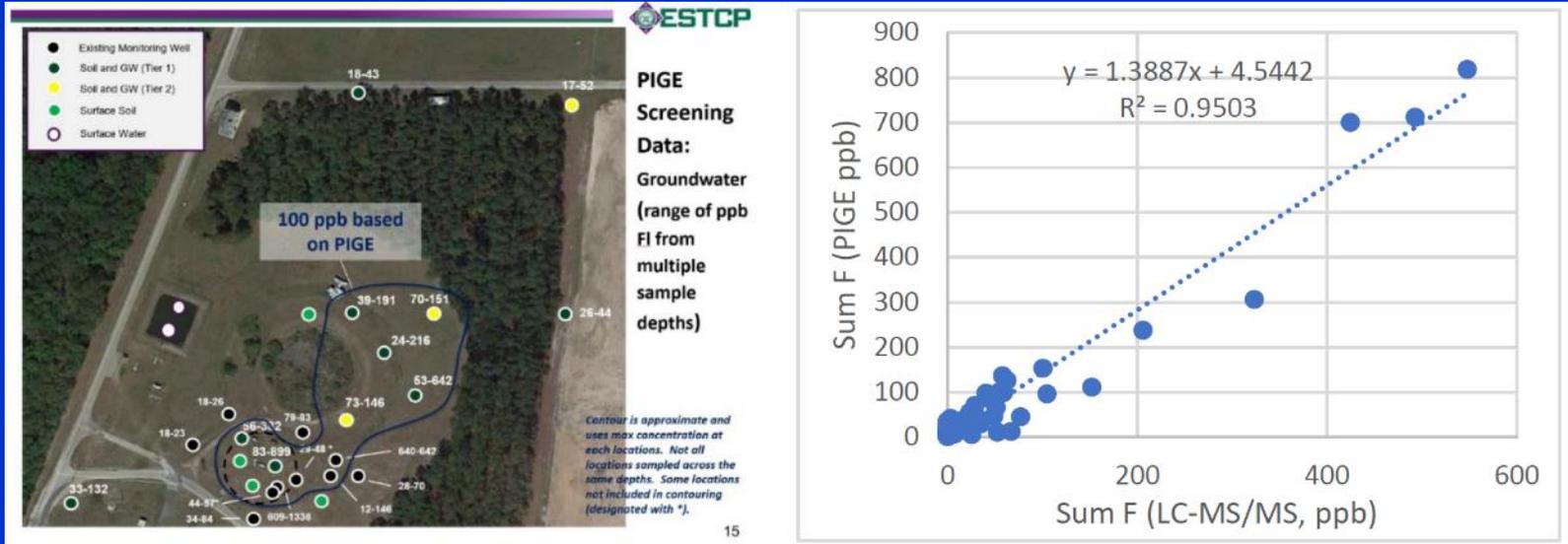


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# PIGE & LC-MS/MS

# Field-Deployable PIGE Analysis



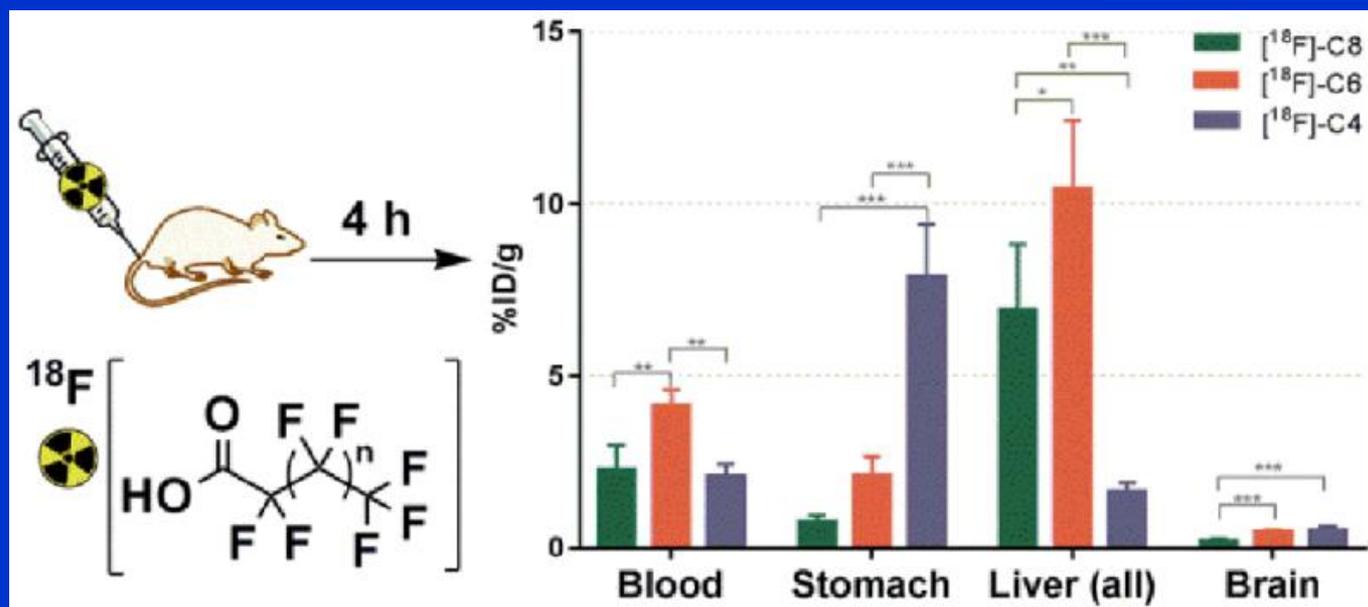
**Figure S4:** (Left) Centurion™ Mk1 system being loaded into a van for transport to an off-site demonstration >1000 miles away. (Right) The compact RFQ LINAC itself (shown assembled with Starfire's patent-pending RF power injectors) is approximately 4' long and can be modified for energies between 1–5 MeV.

# Radiosynthesis and Biological Distribution of $^{18}\text{F}$ -Labeled Perfluorinated Alkyl Substances

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# Isotope Harvesting on the Proton-Rich Side...

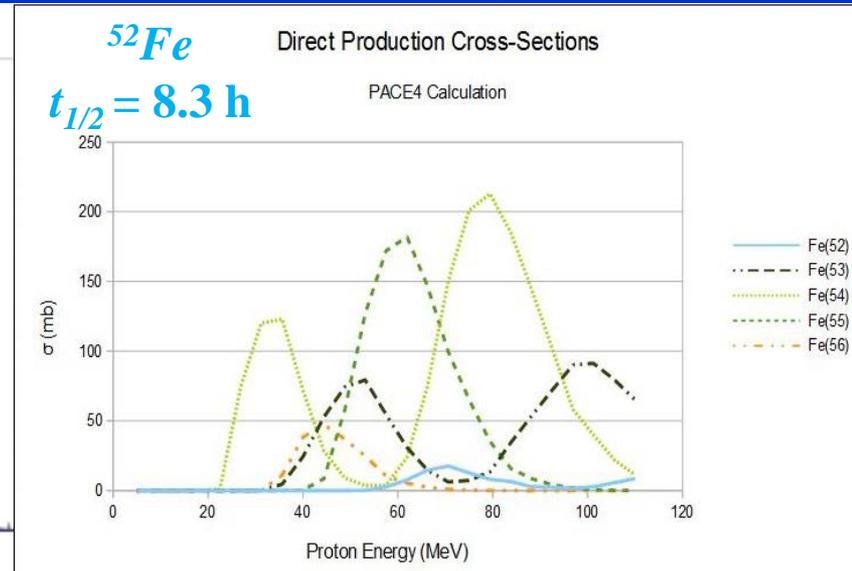
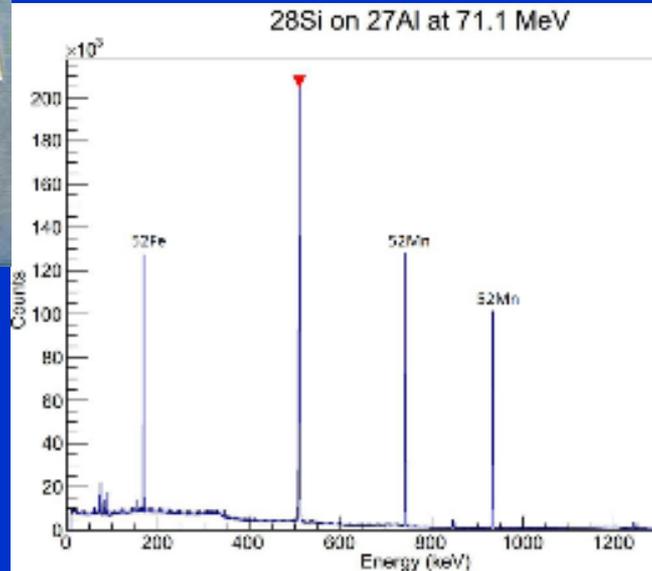
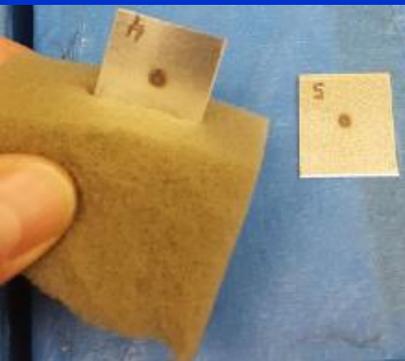
## Production of $^{52}\text{Fe}$ from Symmetric Complete Fusion-Evaporation Reactions

Sean R. McGuinness<sup>1</sup>, John T. Wilkinson<sup>1</sup>, Samuel J. Ferran<sup>2</sup>, C. Shaun Loveless<sup>2</sup>, Suzi E. Lapi<sup>2</sup>, and Graham F. Peaslee<sup>1</sup>

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(In Preparation: 2019)



# The role of students...



## The role of funding agencies...

Is to provide stable funding opportunities for basic research in nuclear science...

However, Federal budgets are rarely increasing and we are increasingly asked what is the purpose of basic research?

Including a small mix of applied nuclear science in the funding portfolio will increase visibility, attract students and can take advantage of current events to increase funding streams...

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