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## EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Applied and Industrial Physics** 2009 – 2014  
*Guelph-Waterloo Physics Institute (GWPI), Guelph, ON, Canada*  
Dissertation: [Studies of Light Element X-ray Fundamental Parameters Used in PIXE](#)  
Supervisors: Profs. John L. (Iain) Campbell and Joanne O'Meara
- M.Sc. Medical Physics** 2006 – 2008  
*Department of Medical Physics, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada*  
Thesis: [In Vivo Quantification of Bone Strontium Using X-Ray Fluorescence](#)  
Supervisor: Prof. David R. Chettle
- Continuing Education Program 2004 – 2006  
*McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada*  
English, economics, biology, chemistry and medical physics
- B.Sc. Physical Science – Honours degree** 2000 – 2004  
*McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada*

## AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

- Plenary Speaker & Session Chair** – 71<sup>st</sup> Denver X-ray Conference, Bethesda, Maryland 2022
- Team Award** – PIXL ops development and testing leading to successful commissioning, *JPL* 2021
- Voyager Award** – For exceptional achievement as Science-Engineering Liaison, *JPL* 2021
- Invited Speaker** – European X-ray Spec. Assoc. Virtual Meeting, *Budapest, Hungary* 2021
- Invited Speaker** – 70<sup>th</sup> Denver X-ray Conference (virtual), *Westminster, Colorado* 2021
- Certificate of Recognition** - Dedication to completion of PXL Flight Sensor Assembly, *JPL* 2020
- Invited Speaker** – Physics Dept. Colloquium, *University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada* 2020
- Invited Speaker** – 67<sup>th</sup> Denver X-ray Conference, *Westminster, Colorado* 2018
- Best Poster Award** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 14<sup>th</sup> PIXE conference, *Somerset West, South Africa* 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**Research Scientist***Planetary Science Section, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena CA, USA*

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| <u>Concept developer</u> – In situ Microcalorimeter X-ray Detector                 | 2023 –      |
| <u>Concept co-developer</u> – uber PIXL & SHERLOC for Mars Sample return           | 2023 –      |
| <u>Operations Manager</u> of the PIXL Science team for Mars 2020                   | 2021 –      |
| <u>Research Collaborator</u> and elemental calibration lead on PIXL                | 2021 –      |
| <u>Director</u> of the PIXL Science Lab  | 2018 –      |
| <u>Team leader and co-developer</u> of PIQUANT, PIXL’s analytical software         | 2018 –      |
| <u>Consultant</u> for development of PIXLISE, PIXL’s GUI software                  | 2018 –      |
| <u>Principle Investigator (PI)</u> of a pyro-electric X-ray instrument, NASA R&TD  | 2018 – 2021 |
| <u>Engineering – Science Liaison</u> for PIXL Integration and Testing (IT) program | 2018 – 2019 |
| <u>Test development consultant and analyst</u> for PIXL IT program                 | 2018 – 2019 |

**Caltech Postdoctoral Fellow & JPL Postdoctoral Scholar**

2016 – 2018

*Planetary Science Section, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Pasadena CA, USA*

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| <u>PIXL Elemental Calibration Test Lead</u> – developed framework for calibration plan |
| <u>Researcher</u> – Micro-focused XRF elemental calibration research                   |
| <u>Software design consultant and alpha tester</u> for PIQUANT software development    |

**Postdoctoral Fellow**

2014 – 2016

*Guelph PIXE Group, Guelph-Waterloo Physics Institute, Guelph, ON, Canada*

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| <u>Researcher</u>  |
| Refined the elemental quantification procedure used to analyze light elements in geological materials using Proton Induced X-ray Emission (PIXE)                                     |
| Influence of multi-vacancy X-rays satellite effects in analyzing alpha-particle X-ray spectrometer (APXS) spectra obtained from the Curiosity Rover - Mars Science Laboratory (MSL). |
| Beamline refurbishment – design and implementation of a magnetic proton deflection system  |
| <u>Instructor</u>  |
| Sessional Lecturer: Radiation and Radioactivity – 3 <sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate course in physics   |

**Graduate Student** – Doctor of Philosophy

2009 – 2014

*Guelph-Waterloo Physics Institute, Guelph, ON, Canada*

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| <u>Researcher</u>  |
| Investigated non-Gaussian line-shapes in semi-conductor spectra  |
| Produced new measurement of the K X-ray fluorescence yield parameter of silicon  |
| Assessed accuracy of light element mass attenuation coefficients used by proton-induced X-ray emission (PIXE) analysis of geological materials |
| <u>Teaching Assistant</u>  |
| Courses in 1 <sup>st</sup> year physics, class tutoring and lab supervision  |

**Graduate Student** – Master of Science

2006 – 2008

*Department of Medical Physics, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada*

Research

Compared MRI, ultrasound, CT imaging methods to accurately measure soft-tissue thickness  
Assessed feasibility of quantifying bone strontium *ex vivo* using XRF

Teaching Assistant

Courses in 1<sup>st</sup> year physics and 1<sup>st</sup> year statistics, class tutoring and lab supervision

**Summer Intern**

2003

*Juravinski Cancer Centre, Department of Research, Hamilton, ON, Canada*

Temporary Research Assistant - studied anti-angiogenic properties of doxycycline on avian embryos *in vivo*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Development of X-ray instrument concepts for use on spacecraft  
Application of spectroscopic analysis techniques to planetary science research  
Semiconductor detector physics and spectral line-shapes peak fitting  
X-ray fundamental parameter accuracy refinement  
Energy- and wavelength-dispersive X-ray analysis methods  
Charge-induced multiple-shell vacancy effects on X-ray emission  
Radiation and radioactivity  
Medical physics applications of radiation

PUBLICATIONS

- D. A. K. Pedersen, C. C. Liebe, J. Henneke, J. L. Jørgensen, R. Sharrow, T. Setterfield, L. Wade, M. Sondheim, M. Foote, W. T. Elam, C. M. Heirwegh, J. Hurowitz, A. Allwood, Pre-flight Geometric and Optical Calibration of the Planetary Instrument for X-ray Lithochemistry (PIXL), *Space Sci. Rev.* **219**, 11. doi:[10.1007/s11214-023-00955-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-023-00955-1)
- B. J. Orenstein, D. T. Flannery, L. W. Casey, W. T. Elam, C. M. Heirwegh, M. W. M. Jones, A statistical approach to removing diffraction from X-ray fluorescence spectra. *Spectrochimica Acta B*, **200**, 106603. doi:[10.1016/j.sab.2022.106603](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sab.2022.106603)
- Y. Liu, M. M. Tice, M. E. Schmidt, A. H. Treiman, T. V. Kizovski, J. A. Hurowitz, J. Henneke, D. A. K. Pedersen, S. J. VanBommel, M. W. M. Jones, et al., An olivine cumulate outcrop on the floor of Jezero crater, Mars, *Science*, **377** (2022) 515 – 1519. 2022. doi:[10.1126/science.abo2756](https://doi.org/10.1126/science.abo2756)
- S. J. VanBommel, J. A. Berger, E. B. Rampe, C. M. Heirwegh, Chp. 11: In-Situ X-ray Spectrometers in Space Exploration, in *Advances in Portable X-ray Fluorescence Spectrometry: Instrumentation, Application and Interpretation*. Royal Society of Chemistry (2023). doi:[10.1039/9781839162695-00298](https://doi.org/10.1039/9781839162695-00298)

- C. M. Heirwegh, W. T. Elam, L. P. O'Neil, K. P. Sinclair, A. Das, The Focused Beam X-ray Fluorescence Elemental Quantification Software Package PIQUANT, *Spectrochim. Acta B*, **196** (2022) 106520. doi:[10.1016/j.sab.2022.106520](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.sab.2022.106520).
- W.T. Elam, C.M. Heirwegh, PIQUANT (Version 3.2.11) [Open source computer software] Zenodo. (2022) doi:[10.5281/zenodo.6959225](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.6959225)
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- J. L. Campbell, D. J. T. Cureatz, E. L. Flannigan, C. M. Heirwegh, J. A. Maxwell, J. L. Russell, S. M. Taylor, The Guelph PIXE Software Package V. *Nucl. Instrum. Meth. B.*, **499** (2021) 77 – 88. doi:[10.1016/j.nimb.2021.05.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nimb.2021.05.004)
- A. C. Allwood, L. A. Wade, M. C. Foote, et al., PIXL: Planetary Instrument for X-ray Lithochemistry (vol 216, 134, 2020), *Space Sci. Rev.* **217** (2021) 28. doi:[10.1007/s11214-021-00801-2](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-021-00801-2)
- A. C. Allwood, L. A. Wade, M. C. Foote, et al., PIXL: Planetary Instrument for X-ray Lithochemistry, *Space Sci. Rev.* **216** (2020) 134. doi:[10.1007/s11214-020-00767-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11214-020-00767-7)
- A. C. Allwood, M. T. Rosing, D. T. Flannery, J. A. Hurowitz, C. M. Heirwegh, “Reassessing Evidence of Life in 3,700 million year old rocks of Greenland,” *Nature* **563** (2018) 241 – 244. doi:[10.1038/s41586-018-0759-x](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-018-0759-x)
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- S. Menachekanian, D. T. Flannery, C. M. Heirwegh, M. L. Tuite, C. S. Jamieson, R. Hodyss, K. Williford, “Investigating photochemical effects of micro-XRF analysis on common geochemical compounds,” *Advances in X-Ray Analysis* (2018) 61.
- J. L. Campbell, B. Ganly, C. M. Heirwegh, J. A. Maxwell, Separation of detector non-linearity issues and multiple ionization satellites in alpha-particle PIXE, *Nucl. Instrum. Meth. B.* **414** (2018) 38 – 44. doi:[10.1016/j.nimb.2017.10.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nimb.2017.10.001)
- E. L. Flannigan, C. M. Heirwegh, J. L. Campbell, Role of the mass attenuation coefficient database in

- standardization of a silicon drift X-ray detector for PIXE analysis, *X-Ray Spectrom.* **47** (2018) 63 - 71. doi:[10.1002/xrs.2812](https://doi.org/10.1002/xrs.2812)
- J. L. Campbell, C. M. Heirwegh, B. Ganly, Non-linearity issues and multiple ionization satellites in the PIXE portion of spectra from the Mars alpha particle X-ray spectrometer, *Nucl. Instrum. Meth. B* **383** (2016) 143 – 151. doi:[10.1016/j.nimb.2016.07.004](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nimb.2016.07.004)
- C. M. Heirwegh, J. L. Campbell, G. K. Czamanske, Refinement of major- and minor-element PIXE analysis of rocks and minerals, *Nucl. Instrum. Meth. B* **336** (2016) 40 - 50. doi:[10.1016/j.nimb.2015.10.018](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.nimb.2015.10.018)
- C. M. Heirwegh, I. Pradler, J. L. Campbell, Choice of mass attenuation coefficients for PIXE analysis of silicate minerals and rocks, *X-ray Spectrom.* **44** (2015) 63 - 68. doi:[10.1002/xrs.2583](https://doi.org/10.1002/xrs.2583)
- C. M. Heirwegh, I. Pradler, J. L. Campbell, An accuracy assessment of photo-ionization cross-section databases for 1-2 keV x-rays in light elements using PIXE, *J. Phys. B: At. Mol. Opt. Phys.* **46** (2013) 185602. doi:[10.1088/0953-4075/46/18/185602](https://doi.org/10.1088/0953-4075/46/18/185602)
- T. L. Hopman, C. M. Heirwegh, J. L. Campbell, M. Krumrey, F. Scholze, An accurate determination of the K-shell fluorescence yield of silicon, *X-ray Spectrom.* **41** (2012) 164 - 171. doi:[10.1002/xrs.2378](https://doi.org/10.1002/xrs.2378)
- C. M. Heirwegh, D. R. Chettle, A. Pejović-Milić, *Ex vivo* evaluation of a coherent normalization procedure to quantify *in vivo* finger strontium XRS measurements, *Med. Phys.* **39** (2012) 832 - 841. doi:[10.1118/1.3673787](https://doi.org/10.1118/1.3673787)
- C. M. Heirwegh, D. R. Chettle, A. Pejović-Milić, Evaluation of imaging technologies to correct for photon attenuation in the overlying tissue for *in vivo* bone strontium measurements, *Phys. Med. Biol.* **55** (2010) 1083 - 1098. doi:[10.1088/0031-9155/55/4/012](https://doi.org/10.1088/0031-9155/55/4/012)

## MEDIA AND OUTREACH

### Interviews

*The Scientists Behind the Science on Mars*, Applied Spectroscopy on Mars, Society for Applied Spectroscopy, 2022.

*Perseverance Mars Mission Interview: Abigail Allwood and Chris Heirwegh* – SAS eNews, Society for Applied Spectroscopy, Newmarket, MD, USA, 07/2021

*Ancient Life on Mars? U of G Grad Aims to Find Out* – Portico, University of Guelph, Guelph, ON Canada, 04/02/2021

*Simcoe scientist helping NASA find signs of ancient life on Mars* – The Hamilton Spectator, Hamilton, ON Canada, 03/02/2021

*NASA's New Mars Rover Will Use X-Rays to Hunt Fossils* – JPL Media Coverage, JPL, Pasadena, CA USA, 09/22/2020

*Simcoe native helps prepare Mars Perseverance* – The Simcoe Reformer, Simcoe, ON Canada, 08/12/2020

### Public Speaking Engagements

*Exploration of Mars using Physics and X-ray Fluorescence Spectroscopy*, Simcoe Lions Club, Simcoe, ON Canada, 01/20/2022.

*The Role of X-ray Spectroscopy in Investigating the Red Planet* – 6<sup>th</sup> grade class, Grimsby Elementary School, Grimsby, ON Canada, 12/17/2020.

*The Role of X-ray Spectroscopy in Investigating the Red Planet*, Simcoe Rotary Club, Simcoe, ON Canada, 11/03/2020

### MENTORSHIP AND TEACHING

#### **Host of JPL Visiting Scientist (3 mos.)**

*Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA*

Brianna Ganly (CSIRO, AUS) – Perseverance rover calibration of PIXL 2023

#### **Postdoc Advisor**

*Jet Propulsion Laboratory, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA*

Anusheela Das – Micro-XRF X-ray optics and quantification research 2022 - Present

#### **Sessional Lecturer**

*Guelph-Waterloo Physics Institute, Guelph, ON, Canada*

Clinical Applications of Physics in Medicine – senior undergraduate/graduate course 2021

Radioactivity and Radiation Interactions - 3<sup>rd</sup> year undergraduate physics course. 2015

#### **Intern Advisor**

2017 – 2019

Early career JPL employee and undergraduate university students participating in the JPL summer research internship opportunities. Two students in 2017, four in 2018, one in 2019.

#### **Academic Co-Supervisor**

2015 - 2016

M.Sc. student in applied physics – University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada

Dept. of Physics, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

#### **Teaching Assistant**

Year 1 physics labs and tutorials, Physics, University of Guelph, Guelph, Canada 2009 – 2012

Year 1 statistics labs and tutorials, Math, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada 2008  
Year 1 physics labs, Physics, McMaster University, Hamilton, Canada 2004 – 2008

CONFERENCES, POSTERS AND WORKSHOPS (\* - presenter)

- C. M. Heirwegh, A. Das, B. P. Ganly, W. T. Elam, Y. Liu, L. A. Wade, N. Gao, XRF Research Developments for the Calibration of PIXL. *54<sup>th</sup> LPSC (2023)* Abstract 1708.
- C. M. Heirwegh\*. PIXL's Recent X-Ray Data and Findings from the Red Planet (Plenary) Denver X-ray Conference, August 2022, Bethesda, Maryland, USA.
- E. C. Fayolle, A. C. Noell, P. V. Johnson, R. P. Hodyss, C. Heirwegh, M. Braun, J. Hein, Viability of Bacterial Spores Under Icy World Surface Conditions. *53<sup>rd</sup> LPSC (2022)* [Abstract 1785](#).
- C. M. Heirwegh\*. The Mars 2020 Mission and the Elemental Calibration of the Planetary Instrument for X-ray Lithochemistry (PIXL) (Invited Talk) Denver X-ray Conference, August 2021, Virtual.
- C. M. Heirwegh, Y. Liu, B. C. Clark, W. T. Elam, L. P. O'Neil, K. P. Sinclair, M. Tice, J. A. Hurowitz, A. C. Allwood, Calibrating the PIXL Instrument for Elemental Analysis of Mars, *52<sup>nd</sup> LPSC (2021)* [Abstract 1260](#).
- C. M. Heirwegh\*, N. Tallarida, L. A. Wade. Positioning capabilities of the Planetary Instrument for X-ray Lithochemistry (Presentation) Joint meeting – 68<sup>th</sup> Denver X-ray Conference and 25<sup>th</sup> International Congress of X-ray Optics and Microanalysis, August 2019, Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- H. Munguia-Flores, B. H. Zhong, K. Uckert, R. P. Hodyss, C. M. Heirwegh\*, Concept testing of a low power pyroelectric X-ray source for application in planetary explorations (Poster - DXC) Joint meeting – 68<sup>th</sup> Denver X-ray Conference and 25<sup>th</sup> International Congress of X-ray Optics and Microanalysis, August 2019, Chicago, Illinois, USA.
- C. M. Heirwegh\*, B. C. Clark, A. C. Allwood, D. T. Flannery, J. A. Hurowitz, W. T. Elam, Evaluating perspectives from past missions to shape future investigations using the Mars 2020 Planetary Instrument for X-ray Lithochemistry (Invited talk) 67<sup>th</sup> Denver X-ray Conference, August 2018, Westminister, Colorado, USA.
- M. Kavčič, M. Petric, S. Fazinić\*, I. Božičević Mihalić, I. Zamboni, C. M. Heirwegh, J. Schneider, J. L. Campbell, Multiple ionization of K X-ray satellites of Mg, Al, Si in alpha particle PIXE. (Poster) EXRS 2018 – European Conf. on X-ray Spectrometry, June 2018, Ljubljana, Slovenia.
- C. M. Heirwegh\*, W. T. Elam, D. T. Flannery, A. C. Allwood, A first look at the quantification

capabilities of the prototype Mars 2020 Planetary Instrument for X-ray Lithochemistry. (Presentation) 24<sup>th</sup> International Congress on X-ray Optics and Microanalysis, September 2017, Trieste, Italy.

- S. Menachekanian\*, D. T. Flannery, M. L. Tuite, C. M. Heirwegh, A. C. Allwood, C. S. Jamieson, R. Hodys, K. Williford, Investigating photochemical effects of micro-XRF analysis on common geochemical compounds. (Poster) 66<sup>th</sup> Denver X-ray Conference, July 2017, Big Sky, Montana, USA.
- C. M. Heirwegh\*, W. T. Elam, D. T. Flannery, A. C. Allwood, Calibration of a  $\mu$ -XRF prototype instrument used in modelling the performance of the Planetary Instrument for X-Ray Lithochemistry (PIXL) for Mars 2020. (Presentation) 66<sup>th</sup> Denver X-ray Conference, July 2017, Big Sky, Montana, USA.
- E. L. Flannigan\*, J. L. Campbell, C. M. Heirwegh, Standardization of a silicon drift detector using PIXE. (Poster) 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Particle Induced X-Ray Emission, April 2017, Split, Croatia.
- C. M. Heirwegh, J. L. Campbell J L\*. Spectrum artefacts due to non-linear response in silicon drift detector systems (Poster) 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Particle Induced X-Ray Emission, April 2017, Split, Croatia.
- C. M. Heirwegh\*. Improvement to Major Element PIXE Analysis through Accuracy Assessment of Mass Attenuation Coefficients (Presentation) Symposium on Applications of Fundamental Parameters in X-ray Analysis, June 3-4, 2016, University of Western Ontario, London, Canada.
- C. M. Heirwegh\*, J. L. Campbell. Refinement of major and minor element PIXE analysis of rocks and minerals (Presentation) 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Particle Induced X-Ray Emission, February 2015, Somerset West, South Africa.
- J. L. Campbell, J. L. Russell, J. A. Maxwell, C. M. Heirwegh\*, GUPIX and GUMAP (Presentation) 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Particle Induced X-Ray Emission, February 2015, Somerset West, South Africa.
- C. M. Heirwegh\*, I. Pradler, J. L. Campbell, Comparison of x-ray mass attenuation coefficients used in PIXE analysis of silicate minerals and glasses. (Poster) 14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Particle Induced X-Ray Emission, February 2015, Somerset West, South Africa.
- C. M. Heirwegh\*, I. Pradler, J. L. Campbell, A comparison of attenuation coefficient databases used in  $\mu$ -PIXE analysis – XCOM, Chantler or...? (Presentation) 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Particle Induced X-Ray Emission, March 2013, Gramado, Brazil.
- C. M. Heirwegh, I. Pradler, J. L. Campbell, A comparison of attenuation coefficient databases used in PIXE analysis – XCOM, Chantler or...? (Presented by M.-C. Lépy) 7<sup>th</sup> Workshop, International



Initiative on X-Ray Fundamental Parameters, March 25-26<sup>th</sup>, 2014, Paris, France.

C. M. Heirwegh\*, R. Butler, D. R. Chettle, A. Pejović-Milić, Evaluation of MR, CT and ultrasound imaging modalities for estimation of finger soft-tissue thickness: efforts to improve normalization of in vivo strontium x-ray fluorescence measurements. (Presentation) June 2008, 7<sup>th</sup> Industrial Radiation and Radioisotopes Measurement Applications meeting, Prague, Czech Republic.

E. Da Silva\*, C. Heirwegh, A. Pejović-Milić, V. Heyd. Use of hydroxyapatite bone composites for the calibration of in vivo EDXRF – based systems for bone strontium quantification. (Poster) June 2008, European Conference on X-ray Spectrometry, Cavtat, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

C. M. Heirwegh\*. The use of chick chorioallantoic membranes in cancer research. (Presentation) November 2003, Canadian Undergraduate Physics Conference, McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

## SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

### **Publication Peer Reviewer**

2015 – 2022

Articles – Journal of Synchrotron Radiation

Articles – Advances in X-ray Analysis – Denver X-ray Conference Proceedings

Articles – Icarus

Articles – Journal of X-Ray Spectrometry

Communication - Nuclear Instruments and Methods A

Article - The Journal of Biological Trace Element Research

Conference proceeding - Nuclear Instruments and Methods B

### **Project Principle Investigator**

*NASA Research and Technological Development (R&TD) funded proposal*

A Pyroelectric Instrument for Elemental Lithochemistry

2019 – 2021

Micro Focus XRF Quantification for Applications in Planetary Science (acting 3 mos.)

2018

### **Academic Supervisor**

JPL Postdoctoral Fellow

2022

Undergraduate students of the JPL Summer Internship Program, JPL

2017 – 2019

Students in undergraduate and graduate research projects, U of Guelph

2015 – 2016

### **NASA new technology contributions**

PIQUANT software release to open source

2022

PIXELATE, an Astrobiology visualization tool Software, NTR #50960

2018

PIQUANT X-ray Fluorescence Quantification Software. v.2, NTR #50887

2018

### **Accelerator Group Committee member**

Accelerator Management Committee (AMC), University of Guelph, Canada

2012 – 2016

Quarterly meeting participation on accelerator operations, projects, upgrades, safety and funding.

### Collaborations and Field work

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|---|----------------|
| University of Guelph – Emeritus Prof. Iain Campbell   | 2016 – present |
| Consultation on <b>GUPIX</b> software development and PIXE spectroscopy fitting issues  |                |
| University of Western Ontario - guest of Prof. Lyudmila Goncharova.   | 2015           |
| Feasibility study using Rutherford backscatter to measure thickness of thin Ti layers.  |                |
| J. Stefan Institute, Ljubljana, Slovenia – guest of Dr. M. Kavčič.  | 2014           |
| Wavelength dispersive x-ray fluorescence measurements of Si satellite intensity   |                |
| Soleil Synchrotron, St. Aubin, France – guest of Dr. M.-C. Lépy (CEA).  | 2013           |
| Observed measurements of mass-attenuation coefficients in the soft x-ray region.  |                |
| Xstrata Zinc Inc., Belldune, New Brunswick – supervisor: Dr. D. R. Chettle  | 2008           |
| Performed bone lead XRF measurements on smelter workers as part of a multi-institutional project to monitor occupational lead levels <i>in vivo</i> . |                |

### JPL INTERNAL REPORTS

C. M. Heirwegh, W. T. Elam, “PIXL Flight Unit Elemental ReqID 76420 – Elemental Calibration Accuracy Report,” *Bravo-Doc-2373632*. (June 24, 2020) 15 pages.

C. M. Heirwegh, M. C. Foote, W. T. Elam, “PIXL Elemental Composition Accuracy. ReqID 704208,” *D-94107*. (June 9, 2020) 12 pages.

C. M. Heirwegh, W. T. Elam, K. P. Sinclair, “PIXL Flight Unit Detectable Elements 76419 Report,” *Bravo-Doc-410*. (June 20, 2019) 16 pages.

C. M. Heirwegh, W. T. Elam, K. P. Sinclair, “PIXL Flight Unit Detectable Elements 76418 Report,” *Bravo-Doc-2306924*. (June 10, 2019) 16 pages.