

# Package ‘RCarb’

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**Description** Translation for the MATLAB program 'Carb' for dose rate modelling for carbonate-rich samples in the context of trapped charged dating (e.g., luminescence dating) applications.

**Depends** R (>= 3.3.0), utils

**Imports** interp (>= 1.0), matrixStats (>= 0.50.0)

**Suggests** R.rsp (>= 0.42.0)

**License** GPL-3

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**LazyData** true

**VignetteBuilder** R.rsp

**RoxygenNote** 6.1.1

**NeedsCompilation** no

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RCarb-package

*RCarb - Dose Rate Modelling of Carbonate-Rich Samples*

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## Description

The package provides a dose rate modelling for carbonate-rich samples in the context of trapped charged dating (e.g., luminescence dating) applications.

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## References

This package bases on a MATLAB programme with name 'Carb', details can be found the following references:

Mauz, B., Hoffmann, D., 2014. What to do when carbonate replaced water: Carb, the model for estimating the dose rate of carbonate-rich samples. *Ancient TL* 32, 24–32.

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Example\_Data

*Example data*

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## Description

Example data as shipped with *Carb* by Mauz & Hoffmann (2014). In contrast to the original data, NA values have been replaced by 0 and columns and rows have been transposed. Samples are now organised in rows and parameters in columns.

The data can be used to test 'RCarb' and play with the secondary carbonatisation process. Sample HD107 was renamed to LV107 for the sake of consistency with Fig. 4 in Mauz & Hoffmann (2014).

## Format

Example\_Data: [data.frame](#) (28 x 29)

Each column has two attributes:

- UNIT: the unit, so far applicable, e.g. "ppm"
- DESCRIPTION: the column description

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Mauz & Hoffmann (2014), with minor modifications by Sebastian Kreutzer, IRAMAT-CRP2A, UMR 5060, CNRS-Université Bordeaux Montaigne (France)

## References

Mauz, B., Hoffmann, D., 2014. What to do when carbonate replaced water: Carb, the model for estimating the dose rate of carbonate-rich samples. *Ancient TL* 32, 24–32.

## Examples

```
## show first elements of the example data
data(Example_Data, envir = environment())
head(Example_Data)

##show only column U230
Example_Data$U230
```

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model_DoseRate	<i>Model dose rate evolution in carbonate-rich samples</i>
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## Description

This function models the dose rate evolution in carbonate enrich environments. For the calculation internal functions are called.

## Usage

```
model_DoseRate(data, length_step = 1L, max_time = 500L, n.MC = 100,
  method_control = list(), txtProgressBar = TRUE, verbose = TRUE,
  plot = TRUE, ...)
```

## Arguments

data	<b>data.frame (required)</b> : input data following the structure given in the example data set data(Example_Data). The input <b>data.frame</b> should have at least one row (i.e. values for one sample). For multiple rows the function is automatically re-called.
length_step	<b>numeric</b> (with default): step length used for the calculation
max_time	<b>numeric</b> (with default): maximum temporal search range
n.MC	<b>numeric</b> (with default): number of Monte Carlo runs used for the error calculation
method_control	<i>(optional)</i> : additional arguments that can be provided to the control the the modelling. See details for further information.
txtProgressBar	<b>logical</b> (with default): enables/disables the txtProgressBar for the MC runs
verbose	<b>logical</b> (with default): enables/disables verbose mode
plot	<b>logical</b> (with default): enables/disables plot output
...	further arguments passed to the underlying plot functions, see also details for further information. Supported standard arguments are mfrow, xlim, xlab.

## Details

TODO

**Value**

The function returns numerical and graphical output

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[ NUMERICAL OUTPUT ]

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- A [data.frame](#) which is the combination of the input and values calculated by this function.

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[ GRAPHICAL OUTPUT ]

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- Two plots are returned: ##TODO

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**Author(s)**

Sebastian Kreutzer, IRAMAT-CRP2A, UMR 5060, Université Bordeaux Montagne (France); based on MATLAB code given in Carb\_2007a

**References**

Mauz, B., Hoffmann, D., 2014. What to do when carbonate replaced water: Carb, the model for estimating the dose rate of carbonate-rich samples. *Ancient TL* 32, 24–32.

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**Further reading**

Nathan, R.P., 2010. Numerical modelling of environmental dose rate and its application to trapped-charge dating. DPhil thesis, St Hugh's College, Oxford.

**Examples**

```
##load example data
data("Example_Data", envir = environment())

##run the function for one sample from
##the dataset
model_DoseRate(
  data = Example_Data[14,],
  n.MC = 2,
  txtProgressBar = FALSE
)
```

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Reference_Data	<i>Reference data</i>
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## Description

Correction factors for beta and gamma radiation used for internal calculations. These values are used instead of the correction factors given in Aitken (1985) for the carbonate model.

## Format

Reference\_Data: [list](#)

NAME	TYPE	DIM	DESCRIPTION
DATAek	matrix	4 x 4	correction factors for electrons for water and carbonate to sediment mass ratio for
DATAet	matrix	4 x 4	correction factors for electrons for water and carbonate to sediment mass ratio for
DATAet230	matrix	4 x 4	correction factors for electrons for water and carbonate to sediment mass ratio for
DATAeu	matrix	4 x 4	correction factors for electrons for water and carbonate to sediment mass ratio for
DATAeu234	matrix	4 x 4	correction factors for electrons for water and carbonate to sediment mass ratio for
DATAeu238	matrix	4 x 4	correction factors for electrons for water and carbonate to sediment mass ratio for
DATApk	matrix	4 x 4	correction factors for photons for water and carbonate to sediment mass ratio for
DATApt	matrix	4 x 4	correction factors for photons for water and carbonate to sediment mass ratio for
DATApt230	matrix	4 x 4	correction factors for photons for water and carbonate to sediment mass ratio for
DATApu	matrix	4 x 4	correction factors for photons for water and carbonate to sediment mass ratio for
DATApu234	matrix	4 x 4	correction factors for photons for water and carbonate to sediment mass ratio for
DATApu238	matrix	4 x 4	correction factors for photons for water and carbonate to sediment mass ratio for
mejdahl	data.frame	36 x 4	beta-dose attenuation values for quartz grains according to Mejdahl (1979)

## Details

The reference values are used internally to account for: (1) grain size depend beta-attenuation factors (Mejdahl, 1979) and (2) to correct nuclide dependent beta and gamma radiation for water/carbonate proportions. The latter values are given as matrix and precise values are interpolated during the modelling process.

Different values quoted for U-238 and U-234 accounts for different activity ratios. For further details on the origin of these data we refer to Nathan & Mauz (2008) and Nathan (2010).

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- Mejdahl, V., 1979. Thermoluminescence dating: beta-dose attenuation in quartz grains. *Archaeometry* 21, 61-72.
- Nathan, R.P., Mauz, B., 2008. On the dose-rate estimate of carbonate-rich sediments for trapped charge dating. *Radiation Measurements* 43, 14-25. doi:10.1016/j.radmeas.2007.12.012
- Nathan, R.P., 2010. Numerical modelling of environmental dose rate and its application to trapped-charge dating. DPhil thesis, St Hugh's College, Oxford.

**Further reading**

Aitken, M.J., 1985. Thermoluminescence dating. Academic Press.

**Examples**

```
data(Reference_Data, envir = environment())
str(Reference_Data)
Reference_Data$DATAek
```

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write_InputTemplate	<i>Write table input template</i>
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**Description**

This function creates a template table that can be used as input for the function [model\\_DoseRate](#)

**Usage**

```
write_InputTemplate(file = NULL, ...)
```

**Arguments**

file	<a href="#">character</a> (optional): output path, if NULL nothing is written, but a template <a href="#">data.frame</a> is returned.
...	additional arguments that can be passed to function <a href="#">write.table</a> if file != NULL. Supported arguments are: sep, dec, fileEncoding'

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**See Also**

[Example\\_Data](#), [write.table](#)

**Examples**

```
write_InputTemplate()

## Not run:
##Example with file output
write_InputTemplate(file = "~/Desktop/Input.csv")

## End(Not run)
```

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