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First announcement and Call for papers

EC CAST (CArbon-14 Source Term) Project



A Symposium to be held in Lyon, France,
16th – 18th January 2018,
to discuss CAST project outcomes

The research leading to these results has received funding from the European Union's European Atomic Energy Community's (Euratom) Seventh Framework Programme FP7/2007-2013 under grant agreement no 604779, the CAST project.

BACKGROUND

The EC CAST project (CArbon-14 Source Term) aims to develop understanding of the potential release mechanisms of carbon-14 from radioactive waste materials under conditions relevant to waste packaging and disposal to underground geological disposal facilities. The project focuses on the release of carbon-14 as dissolved and gaseous species from irradiated metals (steels, Zircalloys), irradiated graphite and from ion-exchange materials.

The CAST consortium brings together 33 partners with a range of skills and competencies in the management of radioactive wastes containing carbon-14, geological disposal research, safety case development and experimental work on gas generation. The consortium consists of national waste management organisations, research institutes, universities and commercial organisations.

The objectives of the CAST project are to gain new scientific understanding of the rate of release of carbon-14 from the corrosion of irradiated steels and Zircalloys and from the leaching of ion-exchange resins and irradiated graphites under geological disposal conditions, its speciation and how these relate to carbon-14 inventory and aqueous conditions. These results will be evaluated in the context of national safety assessments and disseminated to interested stakeholders. The new understanding should be of relevance to national safety assessment stakeholders and will also provide an opportunity for training for early career researchers.

SYMPOSIUM OBJECTIVE

The CAST Project has been running since October 2013, with five technical work packages focussing on potential release mechanisms of carbon-14 from irradiated steels, irradiated Zircalloys, ion-exchange resins and irradiated graphite, and assessing how the knowledge gained from the related experimental programmes can inform safety assessments undertaken by waste management organisation, as end-users.

Significant progress has been made on carbon-14 release mechanisms, speciation and release rates during the CAST project, both in terms of novel experimental development and set-up, and in terms of new results that can be used by waste management organisations.

This event aims to disseminate the outcomes of the CAST project, and to act as a forum for related discussion. In addition, there will be the opportunity for relevant research not undertaken in CAST to be presented. The overall intention is to bring together scientists working in this field, both to learn more about the CAST project output, and to discuss the implications of carbon-14 release mechanisms in safety assessments of geological disposal facilities.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

Day 1 Tuesday 16th January 2018

Time	Activity
9.00am	Welcome & Coffee
9 – 9.15	Welcome Speeches
9.15 – 9.30	CAST Project Overview <i>S Norris (RWM Ltd)</i>
9.30 – 10.15	Why studying C14 is important – context of C14 with respect to safety assessment development? <i>Keynote Speaker (TBC)</i>
10.15 – 11.15	WP2 Steels – Overview of Main Outcomes <i>J Mibus (Nagra)</i>
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee
11.30 – 12.15	WP2 Steels – CAST Invited presentation <i>(TBC)</i>
12.15 – 13.00	WP2 Steels – External Invited presentation <i>(TBC)</i>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.00	WP3 Zircaloy – Overview of Main Outcomes <i>S Necib (Andra)</i>
15.00 – 15.45	WP3 Zircaloy – CAST Invited presentation <i>(TBC)</i>
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee
16.00 – 16.45	WP3 Zircaloy – External Invited presentation <i>(TBC)</i>
16.45 – 17.00	Discussion
17.00 – 20.00	POSTER SESSION (with buffet/drinks)

Day 2 Wednesday 17th January 2018

Time	Activity
9.00am	Welcome & Coffee
9.15 – 10.00	WP4 Ion-Exchange Resins – Overview of Main Outcomes <i>P Reiller (CEA)</i>
10.00 – 10.45	WP4 Ion-Exchange Resins – CAST Invited presentation <i>(TBC)</i>
10.45 – 11.00	WP4 Ion-Exchange Resins – External Invited presentation <i>(TBC)</i>
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee
11.15 – 12.00	WP5 Graphite – Overview of Main Outcomes <i>S Norris (RWM Ltd)</i>
12.00 – 12.45	WP5 Graphite – CAST Invited presentation <i>(TBC)</i>
12.45 – 14.00	Lunch & Poster Session
14.00 – 14.45	WP5 Graphite – External Invited presentation <i>(TBC)</i>
14.45 – 15.45	WP6 Safety Assessment – Overview of Main Outcomes <i>M Capouet (Ondraf/Niras)</i>
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee
16.00 – 16.45	WP7 Dissemination Overview <i>E Neeft (Covra)</i>
19.30pm	Conference Dinner (Location TBC)

Day 3 Thursday 18th January 2018

Time	Activity
9.00am	Welcome & Coffee
9.15 – 10.00	External Invited presentation (TBC)
10.00 - 10.45	External Invited presentation (TBC)
10.45 – 11.00	Coffee
11.00 – 12.00	CAST – What We've Learnt for WP2, 3, 4 and 5 (<i>J Mibus, S Necib, P Reiller and S Norris</i>)
12.00 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 14.30	How CAST Results Have Changed the Safety Case (<i>M Capouet</i>)
14.30 – 15.30	Panel Session – Implications of CAST Project outcomes on waste management organisations safety assessments (TBC)
15.30	Meeting Close

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Submission of abstracts is invited for posters and presentations. Deadline for submission of abstracts is 1st September 2017. Following review by the programme committee, a number of them will be selected for oral presentation.

Papers from the symposium will be considered for inclusion in a Special Edition of the Radiocarbon (RDC) journal.

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

English will be the working language for the oral and written communications of the symposium.

CONFERENCE FEE

There will be no conference fee. Advance registration is required.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Detailed information concerning the programme, accommodation, transport and registration will be made available in November 2017.

All T&S and accommodation costs will be covered by the attendees. The buffet and symposium dinner are free to registered participants.

Please pass this on to colleagues who may be interested in this event. We have a maximum of 100 places, so be sure to register early. To register, please email Ellie Scourse (ellie.scourse@mcmenvironmental.co.uk) and Simon Norris (Simon.NORRIS@nda.gov.uk) with your name, organisation details, and an indication of whether you intend to submit an abstract to the symposium.

IMPORTANT DATES

February/March 2017: Preliminary programme and registration open

September 2017: Abstract submission deadline (poster and oral)

November 2017: Registration deadline

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WEBSITE

Information on the symposium will be made available through the CAST website as it becomes available. <http://www.projectcast.eu/>