

# Resume

<b>Domains of Expertise</b>		<b>Environmental Science / Environmental Engineering / Water Treatment</b>			
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## ■ Education

<b>Dates</b>		<b>Colleges and Universities</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Specialized Field</b>	<b>Degree</b>
<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>				
2005-07-01	2011-02-16	University of Göttingen (Germany)	Applied Geology	Safe drinking Water	Habilitation
2010-07-01	2010-12-31	University of Kassel (Germany)	Gesellschaft für Nachhaltige Entwicklung, Witzenhausen	Renewable Energy	Coordinator for Renewable Energy
1997-10-01	2002-12-06	University of Freiberg (Germany)	Applied Geology	Groundwater remediation	PhD
1995-10-01	1997-09-30	Technical University of Dresden	Institute of Water Chemistry	Activated carbon for safe drinking water	Further education
1995-04-01	1995-09-30	Goethe-Institut Bremen	Language and Culture	German Language	PNdS
1993-01-01	1995-03-31	University of Yaoundé (Cameroon)	Inorganic Chemistry	Water treatment	Diplôme d'études approfondies (DEA in Physical Chemistry)
1991-10-01	1992-12-23	University of Yaoundé (Cameroon)	Inorganic Chemistry	Water treatment	MSc

1988-10-01	1991-06-30	University of Yaoundé (Cameroon)	Chemistry	Inorganic Chemistry	BSc
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## ■ Experience

Dates		Institution and Address	Position
From	To		
2011-02-16	current	Applied Geology Goldschmidtstrasse 3 D - 37077 Göttingen (Germany)	Privatdozent
2019.04.02	2021.12.31	Hohai University Nanjing (China)	Appointed Visiting Professor
2021.03.22	2021.05.03	The Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences (including Climate Change)	Part-time Lecturer (Water Quality and Sanitation 2: Networks versus Decentralized Solutions)
2019.07.01	current	Univesrité des Montagnes Bangangté / Cameroon	Visiting Professor (CIM/GIZ) (Water Quality/Treatment/ Academic Writing)
2017.03.30	current	The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology, Arusha/Tanzania	Visiting Professor (BMBF) (Water Quality/Treatment/ Academic Writing)
2019.01.22	2019.01.31	The Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences (including Climate Change)	Part-time Lecturer (Water Quality and Sanitation 2: Networks versus Decentralized Solutions)
2018.11.01	2018.11.12	Hohai University Nanjing (China)	Visiting Professor (Invited)
2018.07.03	2018.08.03	Univesrité des Montagnes Bangangté / Cameroon	Visiting Professor (DAAD) (Water Quality/Treatment/ Academic Writing)
2018.03.05	2018.04.06	The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology, Arusha/Tanzania	Visiting Professor (DAAD) (Water Quality/Treatment/ Academic Writing)
2017.03.26	2017.04.27	The Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology, Arusha/Tanzania	Visiting Professor (DAAD) (Water Quality/Treatment/ Academic Writing)
2017.02.05	2017.02.24	The Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences (including Climate Change)	Part-time Lecturer (Academic Writing)
2016.04.01	2016.05.06	University of Douala, Faculty of Sciences, Department of Chemistry, B.P. 24157 Douala, Cameroon	Visiting Professor (DAAD) (Water Quality/Treatment)
2016.02.08	2016.02.24	The Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences (including Climate Change) (PAUWES) at the University of Tlemcen in Algeria	Part-time Lecturer (Water Quality)
2007-07-01	2011-02-15	Applied Geology Goldschmidtstrasse 3 D - 37077 Goettingen (Germany)	Senior Researcher
2003-01-01	2005-06-30	Applied Geology Goldschmidtstrasse 3 D - 37077 Goettingen (Germany)	Post-Doc
2002-04-01	2002-12-31	Applied Geology Burgweg 11 D - 07749 Jena	Post-Doc

## ■ Honors and Awards

Recognition Details	Dates
Adjunct Professor at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology (NM-AIST), Arusha P.O. Box 447, Tanzania	2019-12-20 to 2022-12-20
DFG grant for advanced researchers (Third party funded research projects)	2005-07-01 to 2009-03-31
DFG Scholarship (Graduiertenkolleg "GRK 272")	1998-03-01 to 2001-05-31
DAAD Scholarship	1995-04-01 to 1997-30-09

## ■ Scientific cooperation (international – selected)

Prof. Antoine Ghauch, American University of Beirut, Department of Chemistry, P.O. BOX 11-0236, Beirut 1107 2020 Lebanon.  
 Prof. Willis Gwenzi, Department of Soil Science and Agricultural Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zimbabwe, P.O. Box MP167, Mount Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe.  
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## ■ List of References

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## ■ Additional Information

### - Habilitation Dissertation:

Noubactep C. (2011): Metallic iron for safe drinking water production. Habilitation thesis, University of Göttingen, Wiss. Mitt. Institut für Geologie der TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Band 43, 140 pp, ISSN1433-1284.

Noubactep C. (2011): Metallic iron for safe drinking water production. Freiberg Online Geosci. 27, 39 pp, ISSN 1434-7512. ([www.geo.tu-freiberg.de/fog](http://www.geo.tu-freiberg.de/fog)).

### - Ph.D. Dissertation:

Noubactep C. (2003): Investigations for the passive in-situ Immobilization of Uranium (VI) from Water (in German). Dissertation, TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Wiss. Mitt. Institut für Geologie der TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Band 21, 140 pp, ISSN1433-1284.

### - Master Thesis:

Noubactep C. (1992): Comparative studies of methylene blue adsorption by activated carbon: elaboration of a simple method for the comparison of activated carbon (in French). Master thesis, University of Yaoundé (Cameroon). 40 pp.

## ■ Main focus of work and research

### Associate Professor:

- Development of a lecture on decentralized safe drinking water provision.
- Development of a lecture on Academic Writing.
- Teaching Water Chemistry and Water Treatment.
- Supervision of PhD and Master thesis.
- Evaluating Research grants and dissertations.
- Guest-editing journals.
- Member of the Editorial Board of Sustainability (MPDI; Basel/Switzerland)
- Member of the Editorial Board of Water (MPDI; Basel/Switzerland)
- Member of the Editorial Board of Frontiers in Environmental Chemistry - Sorption Technologies (Frontiers Media S.A. London / United Kingdom)
- Participating to Summer Schools / Organizing Short Courses.
- Part-time Lecturer at the Panafrican University of Telcem (Algeria).
- Visiting Professor (DAAD) at several universities in Cameroon and Tanzania.
- Visiting Professor at The Hohai University in Nanjing – China.
- Appointed Visiting Professor at The Hohai University in Nanjing – China.
- Establishing the science of iron filters.
- Development of the Kilimanjaro Concept for fluoride-free drinking water in the East African Rift Valley.
- Generalization of the Kilimanjaro Concept for integrated water resources management.

### Senior Scientist:

- Build up the sub-working group “Inorganic Contamination” in the Hydrochemistry Group (Department of Applied Geology, University of Göttingen/Germany).
- Development of an internationally recognized concept for affordable drinking water provision.
- Elucidation and validation of the mechanisms of aqueous contaminant removal by metallic iron.
- Development of two methods to test the suitability of metallic iron for water treatment.
- Supervision of PhD, graduate and undergraduate students.
- Publication of research results in well reputed international journals.

### Post Doctoral Researcher:

- Development of new investigation methods for leaching characterization of contamination from natural materials (rocks and sediments).
- Development of a new investigation method for characterization the suitability of metallic iron materials for water treatment.
- Supervision of PhD, graduate and undergraduate students.
- Publication of research results in well reputed international journals.

### Research Assistant (PhD candidate)

- Successful testing of scrap iron as cost-effective alternative to commercial materials.
- Supervising undergraduates and developing experiments in teaching laboratories; supervising final-year project students.
- Presentation of research results on national and international conferences and publication of research results in well reputed international journals.

## Publication List

### Notice:

- ✓ Publications are listed in counter-chronological order.
- ✓ Number is the total number of authors (including myself).
- ✓ Type of author: Classify among FA (first author), CA (corresponding author), and co-author
- ✓ Journal: Refer to standard '2019 JCR' (ISI Journal Citation Report Science Edition)
- ✓ Citation Counts: Is the cited times from SCOPUS<sup>™</sup> excluding self-citation counts (**145** cited documents - per 10.03.2021).
  - ✓ Citations: **2300** (with self-citations 3996)
  - ✓ h-index: 25 (with self-citations 36)
  - ✓ Google Scholar Citations (**201** cited documents - per 10.03.2021).
  - ✓ Citations: 5945
  - ✓ h-index: 43
  - ✓ h10-index: 111
  - ✓ Researchgate Citations (**214** cited documents - per 10.03.2021).
  - ✓ Citations: 4513
  - ✓ h-index: 24 (with self-citations 38)
  - ✓ Score 93 %; 214 publications; 56,769 reads; 4,513 citations; RG Score: 42.64.
- ✓ (\*) Articles recommended at the "online collection of articles from reputable trade magazines and journals" [www.highbeam.com](http://www.highbeam.com) (30 articles) and Atlas of Science (3 articles) (2016-11-23).
- ✓ (\*\*) Articles ever listed on the "top 50" for "environmental remediation" at <http://www.recentmedicalfindings.com/g0n3/environmental-remediation-5.html>.
- ✓ (\*\*\*) Most cited articles from CLEAN 2014.
- ✓ (°) Selected for the Virtual Issue "Environmental Remediation" at CLEAN (June 2016).
- ✓ URL: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/8679.html>
- ✓ Further research URL: <https://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/8679.html>, <http://www.scititles.com/researcher-info/14926>, <http://65.54.113.26/Author/21702325/chicgoua-noubactep>, <http://pubget.com/author/chicgoua-noubactep>, [http://www.wiley-vch.de/vch/journals/2047/2047\\_mostaccessed.html](http://www.wiley-vch.de/vch/journals/2047/2047_mostaccessed.html), <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=17x7XQ4AAAAJ&hl=en>.
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### Papers in international journal (ORCID: 0000-0002-3277-5148)

No	Details (title, authors, journal name, volume, pages, and publication date)	Author		Journal		Citation Counts
		Number	Type	IF	Ranking	

1	Konadu-Amoah B., Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Hu R., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2021): Investigating the Fe <sup>0</sup> /H <sub>2</sub> O systems using the methylene blue method: Validity, applications and future directions. <i>Chemosphere xxx</i> , 132913.	5	CA	7.086		
2	Nya E.L., Feumba R., Fotsing-Kwetché P.R., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2021): A hybrid model for achieving universal safe drinking water in the medium-sized city of Bangangté (Cameroon). <i>Water</i> 13, 3177.	5	CA	3.103		
3	Hu R., Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Cao V., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2021): Metallic iron for environmental remediation: The fallacy of the electron efficiency concept. <i>Front. Environ. Chem.</i> 2, 677813.	5	CA			
4	Noubactep C. (2022): Should the term 'metallic iron' appear in the title of a research paper? <i>Chemosphere</i> 287, 132314.	1	CA	7.086		
5	Huang Z., Nya E.L., Cao V., Gwenzi W., Rahman M.A., Noubactep C. (2021): Universal access to safe drinking water: Escaping the traps of non-frugal technologies. <i>Sustainability</i> 13, 9645.	6	CA	3.251		
6	Yang H., Hu R., Ruppert H., Noubactep C. (2021): Modeling porosity loss in Fe <sup>0</sup> -based permeable reactive barriers with Faraday's law. <i>Sci. Rep.</i> 11, 16998.	4	Co-author	4.379		
7	Pembe-Ali Z., Mwamila T.B., Lufingo M., Gwenzi W., Marwa J., Rwiza M.J., Lugodisha I., Qi Q., Noubactep C. (2021): Application of the Kilimanjaro Concept in Reversing Seawater Intrusion and Securing Water Supply in Zanzibar, Tanzania. <i>Water</i> 13, 2085.	9	CA	3.103		
8	Huang Z., Nya E.L., Rahman M.A., Mwamila T.B., Cao V., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2021): Integrated water resource management: Rethinking the contribution of rainwater harvesting. <i>Sustainability</i> 13, 8338.	7	CA	3.251		

9	Cao V., Alyoussef G., Gatcha-Bandjun N., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2021): The key role of contact time in elucidating the mechanism of enhanced decontamination by Fe <sup>0</sup> /MnO <sub>2</sub> /sand systems. Sci. Rep. 11, 12069.	5	CA	4.379		
10	Noubactep C. (2021): Editorial for the Special Issue: Planning, Designing and Managing Decentralized Drinking Water Supply Systems. Processes 9, 930.	1	CA	2.847		
11	Cao V., Alyoussef G., Gatcha-Bandjun N., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2021): Characterizing the impact of MnO <sub>2</sub> addition on the efficiency of Fe <sup>0</sup> /H <sub>2</sub> O systems. Sci. Rep. 11, 9814.	5	CA	4.379		
12	Cao V., Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Hu R., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2021): Discussing the mechanism of contaminant removal in Fe <sup>0</sup> /H <sub>2</sub> O systems: The burden of a poor literature review. Chemosphere 280, 130614.	5	CA	7.086		
13	Noubactep C. (2021): Metallic iron for the removal of metals and metalloids from aqueous solutions: An old timer view. Curr. Opin. Environ. Sci. Health 22, 100256.	1	CA			
14	Cao V., Alyoussef G., Gatcha-Bandjun N., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2021): The suitability of methylene blue discoloration (MB method) to investigate the Fe <sup>0</sup> /MnO <sub>2</sub> system. Processes 9, 548.	5	CA	2.847		
15	Huang Z., Cao V., Nya E.L., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2021): Kanchan arsenic filters and the future of Fe <sup>0</sup> -based filtration systems for single household drinking water supply. Processes 9, 58.	5	CA	2.847		
16	Hu R., Cui X., Xiao M., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2021): Characterizing the impact of pyrite addition on the efficiency of Fe <sup>0</sup> /H <sub>2</sub> O systems. Sci. Rep. 11, 2326.	5	CA	4.379		
17	Xiao M., Cui X., Hu R., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2020): Validating the efficiency of the FeS <sub>2</sub> method for elucidating the mechanisms of contaminant removal using Fe <sup>0</sup> /H <sub>2</sub> O systems. Processes 8, 1162.	5	CA	2.847		



18	Touomo-Wouafo M., Donkeng-Dazie J., Jirka I., Btatkeu-K B.D., Tchatchueng J.B., Noubactep C., Ludvík J. (2020): Electrochemical monitoring of heavy metals removal from aqueous solutions by aged metallic iron. Competitive effects of cations $Zn^{2+}$ , $Pb^{2+}$ and $Cd^{2+}$ . <i>Monatsh. Chem.</i> 151, 1511–1523.	7	Co-author	1.451		
19	Cao V., Yang H., Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Hu R., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2020): Tracing the scientific history of $Fe^0$ -based environmental remediation prior to the advent of permeable reactive barriers. <i>Processes</i> 8, 977.	6	CA	2.847		
20	Yang H., Hu R., Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Gwenzi W., Ruppert H., Noubactep C. (2020): Designing the next generation of $Fe^0$ -based filters for decentralized safe drinking water treatment. <i>Processes</i> 8, 745.	6	CA	2.847		
21	Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Hu R., Gwenzi W., Nassi A., Noubactep C. (2020): Characterizing the reactivity of metallic iron for water treatment: $H_2$ evolution in $H_2SO_4$ and uranium removal efficiency. <i>Water</i> 12, 1523.	5	CA	3.103		
22	Xiao M., Hu R., Cui X., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2020): Understanding the operating mode of $Fe^0/Fe$ -sulfide/ $H_2O$ systems for water treatment. <i>Processes</i> 8, 409.	5	CA	2.847		
23	Hu R., Yang H., Tao R., Cui X., Xiao M., Konadu-Amoah B., Cao V., Lufingo M., Soppa-Sangue N.P., Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Gatcha-Bandjun N., Sipowo-Tala V.R., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2020): Metallic iron for environmental remediation: Starting an overdue progress in knowledge. <i>Water</i> 12, 641.	14	CA	3.103		
24	Hildebrant B., Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Lufingo M., Licha T., Noubactep C. (2020): Steel wool for water treatment: Intrinsic reactivity and defluoridation efficiency. <i>Processes</i> 8, 265.	5	CA	2.847		
25	Tepong-Tsindé R., Nde-Tchoupe A.I., Noubactep C., Nassi A., Ruppert H. (2019): Characterizing a newly designed steel-wool-based household filter for safe drinking water provision: Hydraulic conductivity and efficiency for pathogen removal. <i>Processes</i> 7, 966.	5	CA	2.847		

26	Lufingo M., Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Hu R., Njau K.N., Noubactep C. (2019): A novel and facile method to characterize the suitability of metallic iron for water treatment. <i>Water</i> 11, 2465.	5	CA	3.103		
27	Hu R., Noubactep C. (2019): Redirecting research on Fe <sup>0</sup> for environmental remediation: The search for synergy. <i>Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health</i> 16, 4465.	2	CA	3.390		
28	Qi Q., Marwa J., Mwamila T.B., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2019): Making rainwater harvesting a key solution for water management: The universality of the Kilimanjaro Concept. <i>Sustainability</i> 11, 5606.	5	CA	3.251		
29	Hu R., Cui X., Xiao M., Qiu P., Lufingo M., Gwenzi W., Noubactep C. (2019): Characterizing the suitability of granular Fe <sup>0</sup> for the water treatment industry. <i>Processes</i> 7, 652.	7	CA	2.847		
30	Noubactep C. (2019): The operating mode of Fe <sup>0</sup> /H <sub>2</sub> O systems: Hidden truth or repeated nonsense? <i>Fresenius Environmental Bulletin</i> 28, 8328–8330.	1	CA	0.553		
31	Ebelle T.C., Makota S., Tepong-Tsindé R., Nassi A., Noubactep C. (2019): Metallic iron and the dialogue of the deaf. <i>Fresenius Environmental Bulletin</i> 28, 8331-8340.	5	CA	0.553		
32	Hu R., Gwenzi G., Sipowo-Tala V.R., Noubactep C. (2019): Water treatment using metallic iron: A tutorial review. <i>Processes</i> 7, 622.	4	CA	2.847		0
33	Noubactep C. (2019): Editorial for the Special Issue: Filters in drinking water treatment. <i>Water</i> 11, 522.	1	CA	3.103		0
34	Nanseu-Njiki C.P., Gwenzi W., Pengou M., Rahman M.A., Noubactep C. (2019): Fe <sup>0</sup> /H <sub>2</sub> O filtration systems for decentralized safe drinking water: Where to from here? <i>Water</i> 11, 429.	5	Co-author	3.103		0
35	Hu R., Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Lufingo M., Xiao M., Nassi A., Noubactep C., Njau K.N. (2019): The impact of selected pre-treatment procedures on iron dissolution from metallic iron specimens used in water treatment. <i>Sustainability</i> 11, 671.	7	CA	3.251		0

36	Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Tepong-Tsindé R., Lufingo M., Pembe-Ali Z., Lugodisha I., Mureth R.I., Nkinda M., Marwa J., Gwenzi W., Mwamila T.B., Rahman M.A., Noubactep C., Njau K.N. (2019): White teeth and healthy skeletons for all: The path to universal fluoride-free drinking water in Tanzania. <i>Water</i> 11, 131.	13	Co-author	3.103		0
37	Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Nanseu-Njiki C.P., Hu R., Nassi A., Noubactep C., Licha T. (2019): Characterizing the reactivity of metallic iron for water defluoridation in batch studies. <i>Chemosphere</i> 219, 855–863.	6	CA	7.086		0
38	Hu R., Cui X., Gwenzi W., Wu S., Noubactep C. (2018): Fe <sup>0</sup> /H <sub>2</sub> O systems for environmental remediation: The scientific history and future research directions. <i>Water</i> 10, 1739.	4	CA	3.103		0
39	Marwa J., Lufingo M., Noubactep C., Machunda R. (2018): Defeating fluorosis in the East African Rift Valley: Transforming the Kilimanjaro into a rain water harvesting park. <i>Sustainability</i> 10, 4194.	4	CA	3.251		0
40	Hu R., Noubactep C. (2018): Iron corrosion: Scientific heritage in jeopardy. <i>Sustainability</i> 10, 4138.	2	CA	3.251		0
41	Heimann S., Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Hu R., Licha T., Noubactep C. (2018): Investigating the suitability of Fe <sup>0</sup> packed-beds for water defluoridation. <i>Chemosphere</i> 209, 578–587.	5	CA	7.086		0
42	Touomo-Wouafo M., Donkeng-Dazie J., Btatkeu-K B.D., Tchatchueng J.B., Noubactep C., Ludvík J. (2018): Role of pre-corrosion of Fe <sup>0</sup> on its efficiency in remediation systems: An electrochemical study. <i>Chemosphere</i> 209, 617–622.	6	co-author	7.086		1
43	Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Lufingo M., Hu R., Gwenzi W., Ntwampe S.K.O., Noubactep C., Njau K.N. (2018): Avoiding the use of exhausted drinking water filters: a filter-clock based on rusting iron. <i>Water</i> 10, 591.	7	CA	3.103		0
44	Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Makota S., Nassi A., Hu R., Noubactep C. (2018): The Suitability of Pozzolan as Admixing Aggregate for Fe <sup>0</sup> -Based Filters. <i>Water</i> 10, 417.	5	CA	3.103		2
45	Noubactep C. (2018): Metallic iron for environmental remediation: How experts maintain a comfortable status quo. <i>Fresenius Environmental Bulletin</i> 27, 1379– 1393.	1	CA	0.553	Environmental sciences (164/193)	0

46	Naseri E., Nde-Tchoupe I.A., Mwakabona H.T., Nanseu-Njiki C.P., Noubactep C., Njau K.N., Wydra K.D. (2017): Making Fe <sup>0</sup> -based filters a universal solution for safe drinking water provision. Sustainability 9, 1224.	7	CA	3.251		3
45	Makota S., Nde-Tchoupe I.A., Mwakabona H.T., Tepong-Tsindé R., Noubactep C., Nassi A., Njau K.N. (2017): Metallic iron for water treatment: Leaving the valley of confusion. Applied Water Science 7, 4177–4196.	7	CA	3.874		0
48	Gatcha-Bandjun N., Noubactep C., Laura Mbenguela B. (2017): Mitigation of contamination in effluents by metallic iron: The role of iron corrosion products. Environmental Technology & Innovation 8, 71–83.	3	CA	5.263		2
49	Gwenzi W., Chaukura N., Noubactep C., Mukome F.N.D. (2017): Biochar-based water treatment systems as a potential low-cost and sustainable technology for clean water provision. Journal of Environmental Management 197, 732–749.	4	Co-author	4.175	-	16
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165	Avom J., Ketcha J., Noubactep C., Germain P. (1997): Adsorption of methylene blue from an aqueous solution onto activated carbons from palm-tree cobs. <i>Carbon</i> 35, 365–369.	4	co-author	9.594	Materials science, multidisciplinary (19/225)	87

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2	Noubactep C. (2012): Affordable safe drinking water for the poor. In Kätsch C., and Meliczek H. (Eds) “Sustainable land use and the food chain from the producer to the consumer”, Proceedings of the International Seminar held in Göttingen, Germany 1 - 3 December 2011, Cuvillier Verlag, Göttingen; ISBN-10: 395404191X, ISBN-13: 9783954041916, pp. 109–117.	1	CA
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8	Fall M., Azzam R., Noubactep C. (2006): Landslide danger assessment of large-scale natural slopes – a GIS based approach. IAEG2006 Paper number 104 (11 pp).	3	co-author
9	Noubactep C., Merten D., Heinrichs T., Sonnefeld J., Sauter M. (2005): Characterising uranium solubilization under natural near oxic conditions. In Merkel B.J., Hasche-Berger A. (Eds.) <i>Uranium in the Environment</i> . Springer, Berlin, Heidelberg; 425–435.	5	FA,CA
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11	Schöner A., Noubactep C., Sauter M. (2004): Assessment of uranium retention in wetlands: Characterisation of bonding strength, considerations to optimise reductive precipitation.- IMWA Symposium - Mine Water 2004 - Process, Policy and	3	co-author

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12	Schöner A., Noubactep C., Sauter M. (2003): Constructed wetlands for the removal of uranium from mine waters.- 2nd IMAGE-TRAIN Advanced Study Course „Groundwater Management in Mining Areas“, June 23-27 2003, Pécs, Hungary.	3	co-author
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5	Noubactep C. (2013): Metallic iron for clean agriculture. In Maternal – Child Health, Göttingen International Health Network (GIHN); U Groß and K. Wydra (Eds.), Universitätsverlag Göttingen; ISBN: 978-3-86395-084-2, pp. 89–97.	1	FA,CA
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		Number	
1	Self-reliance in safe drinking water provision in Africa: <i>An appropriate solution</i> . Africa & Science 2019, vol. XY, 80 pp. (In Revision)	1	
3	Approvisionnement en eau potable en Afrique: Une technologie appropriée pour relever le défi. Afrique & Science 2016, vol. XY, 80 pp.	1	

## Additional Accomplishments

No	Details
1	<p><b>Language skills</b></p> <p>German: fluent in spoken and written            English: fluent in spoken and written            French: mother tongue            Madumba: mother tongue</p>
2	<p><b>Qualifications (special skills)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Radiochemistry (uranium decay series, nuclear spectroscopy)</li> <li>- Radiation Protection Officer (Strahlenschutzbeauftragter)</li> <li>- Uranium geochemistry</li> <li>- Low temperature aqueous metal corrosion</li> <li>- Laser fluorescence spectroscopy and spectroscopic speciation</li> <li>- Determination, evaluation and application of chemical thermodynamic data (Geochemical modelling; PHREEQC etc.)</li> <li>- Coordinator for renewable energy (Witzenhausen/Germany - since November 2010)</li> <li>- Profound knowledge on decentralized provision with geothermal energy (Inaugural Lecture for Habilitation)</li> <li>- Profound knowledge on the geochemistry of manganese oxides (Oral defense of the Habilitation thesis).</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>Professional affiliation</b></p> <p>German Chemical Society (GDCh)            German Hydrogeology Section (FH-DGG)            International Foundation for Sustainable Development in Africa and Asia (IFSDAA)            Göttingen International Health Network (GIHN)</p>
4	<p><b>Third party funded research projects</b></p> <p><b>Successful</b></p> <p>Title: Characterization of the processes of uranium release from natural rocks through natural waters and characterization of the long term reactivity of reactive materials for groundwater remediation.            Project period: 01/07/2005-30/06/2007 and 15/09/2007-14/09/2008  <i>Financial volume:</i> approx. 200,000 Euro            Funding organization: German Research Foundation.</p> <p><b>Not Successful</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ERC Starting Grant 2011 (European Commission); <i>Financial volume:</i> 1,500,000 Euro</li> <li>2. Eigene Stelle, German Research Foundation (2009, 2010, 2011, 2015); <i>Financial volume:</i> 120,000 Euro</li> <li>3. Feodor Lynen Research Fellowship for Experienced Researchers (2010) from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation; <i>Financial volume:</i> 160,000 Euro</li> </ol>

5	<p><b>PhD students:</b>  Rao Tan; Metallic iron beds for wastewater treatment (UGOE 2019 - )  Huichen Yang; Modelling the permeability of metallic iron beds for water treatment (UGOE 2019 - )  Bernard Konadu Amoah; Metallic iron for phosphate removal (Hohai University 2019 - ).  Minhio Xiao; Characterizing the reactivity of Fe<sup>0</sup>/FeS<sub>2</sub> systems for water treatment (Hohai University 2019 - )  M. Touomo-Wouafo; Optimizing the efficiency of household iron filters for safe drinking water, (2014/2017 - University of Ngaoundéré/Cameroon).[2 peer-review journal article available]  H.T. Mwakabona; Testing steel wool for fluoride removal at pilot scale, (NM-AIST Arusha/Tanzania) [4 peer-review journal article available]  <b>R. Tepong-Tsindé</b>; Metallic iron filters for safe drinking water in informal settlements of Douala (Cameroon): A pilot scale study (<b>Douala/Cameroon and Göttingen/Germany, 2020</b>).  <b>A.I. Ndé-Tchoupé</b>; Designing household Fe<sup>0</sup>-based water filters. (University of <b>Douala/Cameroon, 2019</b>).  <b>N. Gactha-Bandjun</b>; Investigating the impacts of inorganic ligands on the reactivity of Fe<sup>0</sup>/H<sub>2</sub>O systems for water treatment. (University of <b>Maroua/Cameroon, 2018</b>).  <b>B.D. Btateu-K.</b>; Optimizing the efficiency of household iron filters for safe drinking water, (University of <b>Ngaoundéré/Cameroon, 2015</b>).  <b>F. Togue-Kamga</b>; Modelling, numerical simulation and experimental study of iron filters for safe drinking water provision (University of <b>Yaoundé I/Cameroon, 2013</b>).</p>
6	<p><b>Master students</b>  Xuesong Cui; Characterizing the reactivity of Fe<sup>0</sup>/FeS<sub>2</sub> systems for water treatment. (Hohai University 2020)  Mesia Lufingo; Testing granular iron for fluoride removal. ( NM-AIST Arusha – 2020)  Ben Hildebrandt; Characterizing the reactivity of steel wool for water treatment. Goettingen (2018)  Svenja Heimann; Testing granular iron for fluoride removal. (2018)  G. Alyoussef; Characterizing the impact of contact time in investigating processes in Fe<sup>0</sup>/H<sub>2</sub>O systems. Goettingen (2016).  M. Phukan; Characterizing the Fe<sup>0</sup>/sand system by the extent of dye discoloration. Goettingen (2015).  M. Miyajima; Optimizing the design of metallic iron filters for water treatment. Goettingen (2012).</p>
7	<p><b>Bachelor student</b>  A.-M.F. Kurth; Topic: Discoloration of methylene blue by elemental iron - Influence of the shaking intensity, Goettingen (2008).</p>
8	<p><b>Student research project</b>  H. Yang; Review on tools to model permeability loss in metallic iron-based filters, Goettingen (2018).  M. Phukan; Filtration processes in water treatment: An overview, Goettingen (2014).  A.-M.F. Kurth; Discoloration of methylene blue by elemental iron, Goettingen (2008).  M. Weidemann; Reactive walls for groundwater remediation, Goettingen (2007).  T. Haas; Contaminant release from ore materials, Goettingen (2006).  S. Hellbach; Reactive materials and reactive walls for groundwater remediation, Goettingen (2006).  J. Ziesch; Groundwater contamination: Origin and remediation options. Goettingen (2006).  T. Perl; Reactive materials and reactive walls for groundwater remediation, Freiberg (2001).</p>
9	<p><b>PhD examination</b>  Since February 2011 (habilitation degree) I've participated to the jury of twelve (12) PhD as referee.</p>
10	<p><b>Invited referee</b>  For research/review manuscripts from several journals, more than 500 manuscripts reviewed.  For an application for the rank of Associate Professor at the Faculty of Arts &amp; Sciences of the American University of Beirut (Lebanon).  For a research grant from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (Netherlands).  For a research grant from the Czech Science Foundation (Czech Republic).  For a research grant from the American University of Beirut (Lebanon).  For a research grant from the Cape Peninsula University (South Africa).  For a research grant from the International Foundation for Science (Sweden).  For a research grant from the Chilean National Science and Technology Commission (CONICYT – Chile).  For a research grant from the National Center of Science and Technology evaluation (Republic of Kazakhstan)</p>
11	<p><b>Associate Editor:</b> Journal of Environmental Studies, Sustainability (MDPI)</p>

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- Noubactep C. (2018): Metallic iron ( $\text{Fe}^0$ ) provide possible solution to universal safe drinking water provision. *J. Water Technol. Treat. Methods.* 1(1):102.
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- Noubactep C. (2017): Metallic iron for water treatment: Lost science in the West. *Bioenergetics* 6, 149. doi:[10.4172/2167-7662.1000149](https://doi.org/10.4172/2167-7662.1000149).
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Kenmogne-Tchidjo J.F., Vollmer S., Noubactep C. (2021): A new approach for reducing iron deficiency anemia in populations. *Development Engineering* ([Submitted](#)).

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Gwenzi W., Ndé-Tchoupé A.I., Mwamila T.B., Nya E.L., Konadu Amoah B., Noubactep C. (2021): African groundwater systems as reservoirs of toxic geogenic contaminants: A medical hydrogeology perspective ([In preparation](#))

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## Research and Lecture Plans

The overall research concept is given. The leading potential is proven by the number of concepts developed and the number of PhD students supervised.

Chicgoua Noubactep has been engaged in water treatment since the early phase of his scientific career. In his master thesis (1992) on characterizing the efficiency of activated carbons for water treatment, he could develop a simple and affordable test to compare the efficiency of activated carbons. The result was published in Carbon [35 (1997) 365] and has been independently referenced 85 times (SCOPUS: 2018/01/08). He could improve his knowledge on “activated carbons for drinking water” during postgraduate studies at the Institute of Water Chemistry of the Dresden University of Technology (Germany - Prof. E. Worch). During this period he could investigate the specific interactions of phenolic compounds with various adsorbing materials.

As physical chemist with profound knowledge on interface processes and water treatment, Mr. Noubactep joined the group of Prof. B. Merkel at Freiberg University of Mining and Technology (Germany) for a PhD. His dissertation (2002) dealt with aqueous uranium ( $U^{IV}$ ) removal by elemental iron ( $Fe^0$ ) and essentially consisted in the elucidation of the mechanism of  $U^{IV}$  fixation in the presence of  $Fe^0$  as used in in-situ reactive walls for groundwater remediation. His results challenged the view, that  $U^{VI}$  was removed by a chemical reduction to less soluble  $U^{IV}$  (‘reductive precipitation’).

Between 2002 and 2005, Dr. Noubactep mostly worked as post-doc on issues regarding the geochemistry of surface processes (water-rock interactions) and the fate of contaminants in the hydrosphere. During these three years he prepared and published six (6) peer-review papers on ways to improve the understanding of interactions at water/rock interfaces. He could show that the approach of using results from short term laboratory studies to model environmental processes could be improved by performing experiments lasting for longer times.

Dr. Noubactep has particular capacity on conceiving and conducting principle experiments to elucidate complex problems. He has demonstrated it in his PhD-work where he could demonstrate the mechanism of aqueous  $U^{VI}$  removal by  $Fe^0$  in a series of bulk reactions. From 2005 on, he could extend the observations made on the  $Fe^0/U^{VI}/H_2O$  system to  $Fe^0/H_2O$  systems in general and explain many reported discrepancies. This work has resulted in the revision of the mechanism of contaminant removal in  $Fe^0/H_2O$  systems (with 20 mostly single-authored review articles).

Dr. Noubactep is mostly known through his contribution on the use of aqueous corroding iron ( $Fe^0$  as in-situ generator of hydroxides/oxides) for the removal of toxic species from water. He has presently given the most reliable concept to rationalize the process of contaminant removal in  $Fe^0/H_2O$  systems. This innovative concept exceeds the current state-of-the-art knowledge. The premise that the primary mode of contaminant removal is through co-precipitation and complex formation is promulgated through his research. His first-rate papers (20 review articles and 30 short communications) on the importance of co-precipitation and mechanisms of contaminant removal, evolution of reactive species, kinetics and operational parameters in  $Fe^0/H_2O$  system mark his interest and contributions in this field.

This new concept is regarded as scientific understanding of an efficient technical process. Therefore, targeted experimental work is needed to accurately develop the  $Fe^0$  technology in general and exhaust the potential of  $Fe^0$  beds for safe drinking water production. Dr. Noubactep has co-authored more than 100 good peer-reviewed articles since 2003. He is mostly the principal author.

Dr. Noubactep has developed during the last 60 months a sound concept for improving iron bed efficiency (50 peer-reviewed articles). He is now poised to test his scientific ideas to work as a practical filter for safe drinking water production at several scales (household, small and large communities). Dr. Noubactep currently collaborates with leading scientists in various countries (e.g. Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Cameroon, Canada, Rwanda, UK, USA, South-Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe).

Future works will be focused at the continuation of this effort. The overarching goal is to determine, optimise and demonstrate the feasibility of metallic iron ( $\text{Fe}^0$  and related materials) for commercial-scale land and groundwater remediation and for (decentralized) safe drinking water provision. Consequently, the applicant will address the research challenges conceptually exposed in his recent papers at laboratory and pilot scale experiments. The results will lead later to large full scale field demonstration projects to be conducted at several sites. The ingredients required for successful application of this technology include material selection, system design and monitoring strategies.

The overall objective is to build or/and sustain expertise in  $\text{Fe}^0$ -remediation while developing  $\text{Fe}^0$  filters for decentralized safe drinking water provision. The concepts exposed in Dr. Noubactep's recent communications can be divided into an infinite number of working packages in form of individual research projects at all academic levels (Master, PhD, Postdoc). The results will assist the establishment of best practice, guidance and recommendations for the use of metallic iron in environmental remediation. The development of models to accurately predict the efficiency of  $\text{Fe}^0$  and the service life of  $\text{Fe}^0$  filters are part of this research.

## Lecture Plan

Dr. Noubactep constantly strives to stimulate and guide students to become independent thinkers (practicing researchers or engineers). A good mixture of classroom, laboratory, and field activities has been designed and is progressively improved/actualized. Major improvement sources are teaching, technical reading, conference/seminar attending and own research progress. These sources provide an appropriate educational experience to students. In addition, Dr. Noubactep brings the experiences of 20 years intensive research on 'remediation with metallic iron' and '25 years continuous teaching' into the classroom. Of particular relevance are the following activities:

Teaching Analytical Chemistry, Environmental Chemistry, General Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, Water Chemistry and Hydrogeochemistry to undergraduate and graduate students.

Developing a new course on "Decentralized Safe Drinking Water Provision" at the University of Göttingen.

Teaching "Water Quality" as Part-Time Lecturer at the Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences (including Climate Change) (PAUWES) at the University of Tlemcen (Algeria).

Teaching "Water Treatment" and "Academic Writing" as Visiting Professor (DAAD) at the University of Douala and the Université des Montagnes (both in Cameroon).

Teaching "Academic Writing" as Part-Time Lecturer at the Pan African University Institute of Water and Energy Sciences (including Climate Change) (PAUWES) at the University of Tlemcen (Algeria).

Teaching "Water Treatment" and "Academic Writing" as Visiting Professor (DAAD) at the Nelson Mandela African Institution of Science and Technology in Arusha (Tanzania).

Teaching Languages are English, French and German.

Dr. Noubactep can conceive and teach new interdisciplinary courses (e.g. on request or where necessary) (e.g. Environmental Radioactivity, Arsenic Geochemistry or Uranium Geochemistry).

Rittmarshausen, 01.09.2021

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Dr. Noubactep