



# Collaboration Opportunities with the Regional Water and Environmental Sanitation Centre (KNUST-RWESCK)

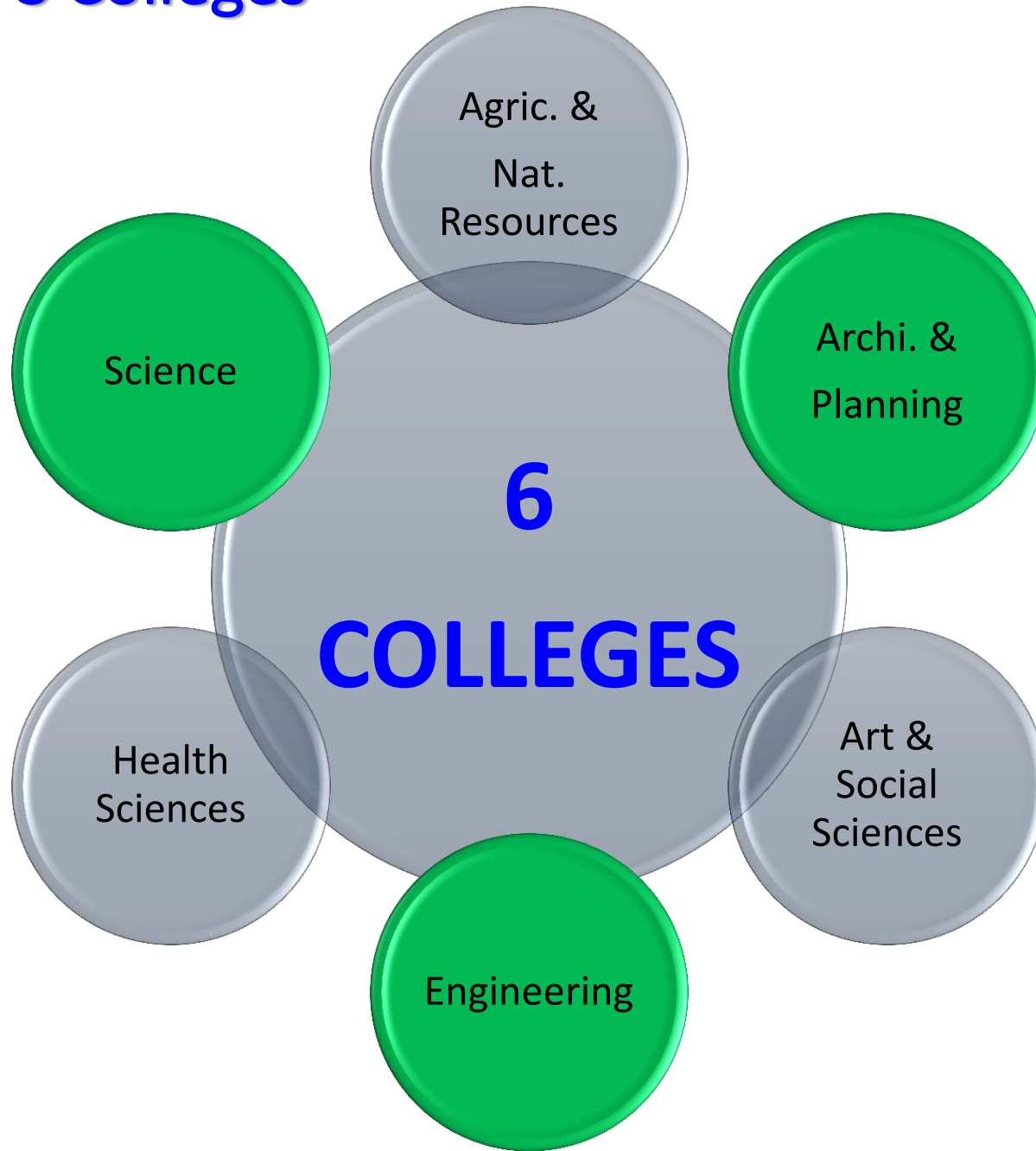
**WASH Sanitation Conference  
15<sup>h</sup> July, NODA, Kumasi**

# Outline of Presentation

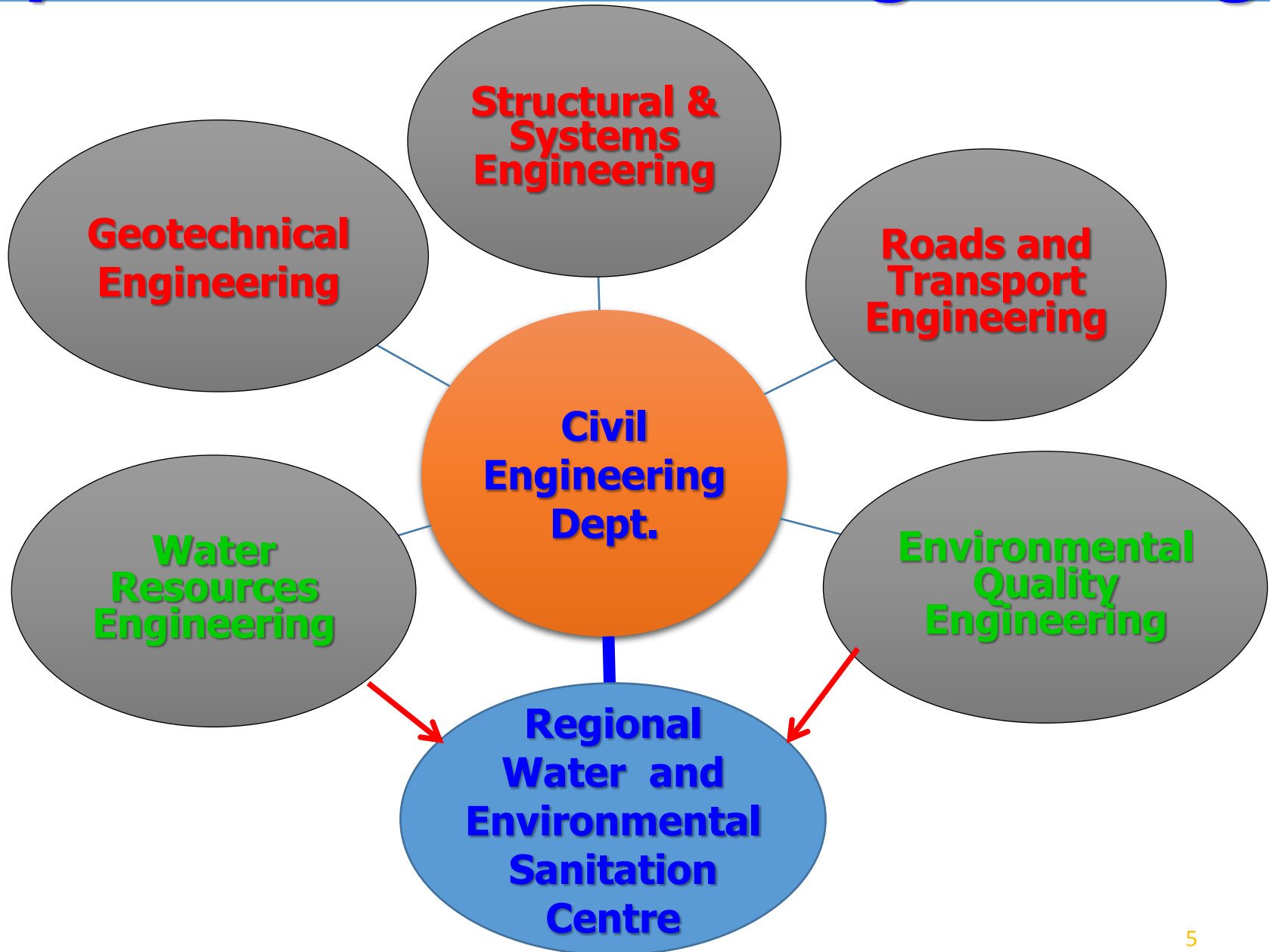
- About RWESCK – who are we?
- Activities of RWESCK – what do we do ?
- Academic and Industrial Partnerships and collaborations

**About RWESCK  
who are we?**

# KNUST'S Colleges



# Department of Civil Engineering



# **RWESCK Core Activities**

**Train high caliber of water, sanitation and waste professionals at the undergraduate and post graduate levels**

**Build strong strategic partnerships and collaborations with industry and sector partners**

**Research into innovative smart technologies, products and systems with industry partners**

# Postgraduate Programmes

## MSc Programmes

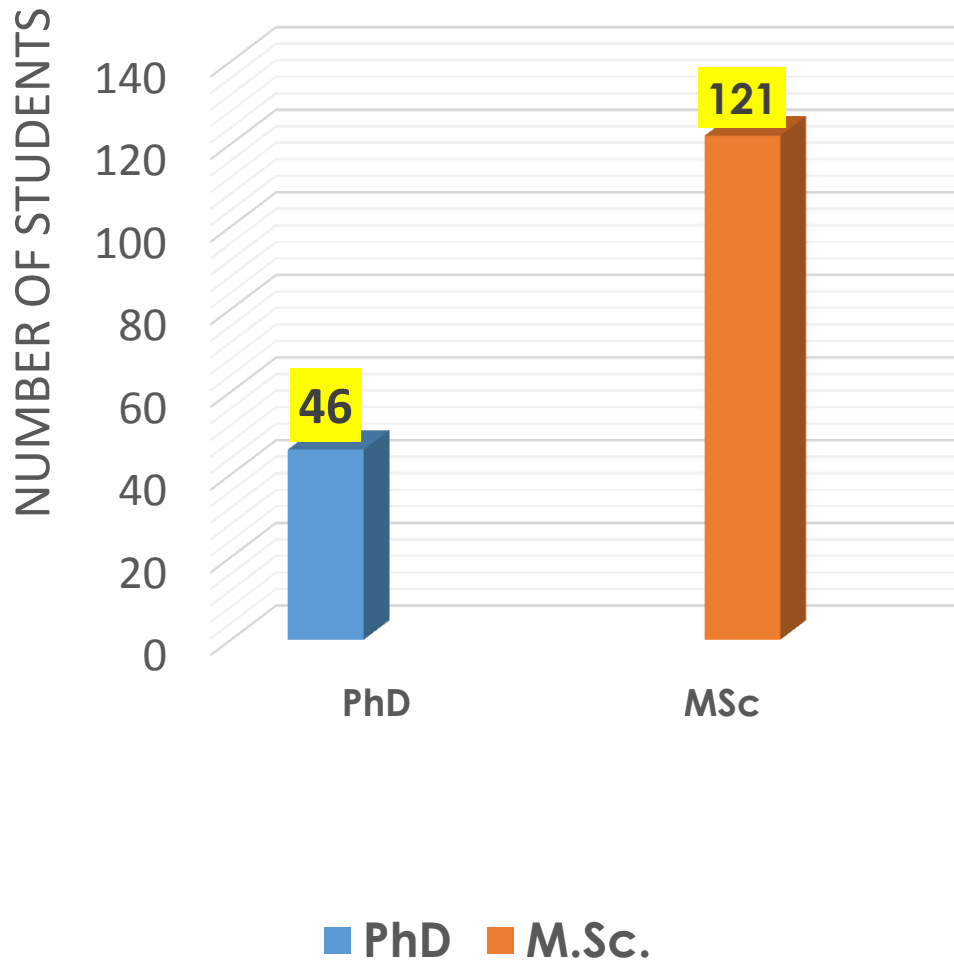
- MSc in Water Resources Engineering and Management
- MSc in Water Supply and Environmental Sanitation
- MSc in Water and Sanitation Governance

## PhD Programmes

- PhD in Water Resources Engineering and Management
- PhD in Water Supply and Treatment Technologies
- PhD in Environmental Sanitation and Waste Management
- PhD Water and Sanitation Governance

# Student Enrolment

Enrolment 2015 - 2017



Regional Students PhD  
= 6 (2F+4M)

Regional Students MSc  
= 13 (2F+11M)





# International Accreditation of programmes

AQAS to  
accredit 3PhDs  
and 2MScs

AQAS site visit  
in April 2018

Accreditation  
by December  
2018

AQAS – Agency for Quality Assurance  
through Accreditation of Study  
Programmes, Germany



# Dedicated Centre Building for Teaching and Learning



# Regional WASH Faculty Capacity for Training and Research

## Water Resources, Flooding and Climate Change

### **RWESCK**

- ❖ 6 Professors
- ❖ 2 Senior Lectures
- ❖ 1 Lecturer

### **Regional Academic Partners**

- ❖ 4 Professors
- ❖ 4 Senior Lecturers

## Urban and Rural Water Supply

### **RWESCK**

- ❖ 5 Professors
- ❖ 2 Senior Lecturers

### **Regional Academic Partners**

- ❖ 3 Professors
- ❖ 5 Senior Lecturers

## Sanitation and Faecal Sludge Management

### **RWESCK**

- ❖ 8 Professors
- ❖ 4 Senior Lectures
- ❖ 2 Lecturer

### **Regional Academic Partners**

- ❖ 4 Professors
- ❖ 6 Senior Lecturers

*Mapping of Regional Academic Capacity for WASH*



# High Calibre Regional Capacity for Training & Research

- ❖ All faculty members with PhD, most of them Professors,
- ❖ Active Teaching and Learning for faculty members
- ❖ Project Management and Grant Proposal writing,
- ❖ Entrepreneurial University Initiatives,
  - Collaboration with Maastricht School of Management
  - Participants from Nigeria (4), Senegal (2), Serra Leone



# Regional WASH Conference

■ 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Conference on Climate, Water, Environmental Sanitation, Accra, 2017



■ 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional conference in 2019, Kumasi



# National and Regional Short Courses

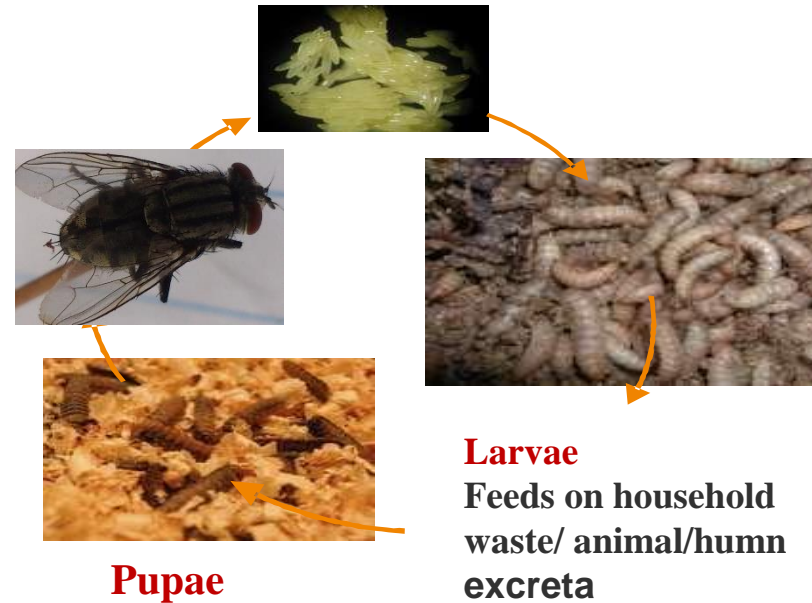


- ❖ Sanitation and faecal sludge management
- ❖ Municipal solid waste management
- ❖ Latrine construction technologies
- ❖ Borehole drilling and construction
- ❖ GIS and data management
- ❖ Risk assessment and management
- ❖ Environmental impact assessment
- ❖ Project management and proposal writing
- ❖ Public private partnerships & contract management
- ❖ Water treatment processes
- ❖ Water distribution modelling and losses management
- ❖ WASH monitoring and evaluation
- ❖ WASH life cycle cost management



# Environmental Sanitation Research

- Solid waste management cost recovery
- Recycling and treatment of solid waste,
- Bio-toilet and biotechnologies for faecal sludge treatment,
- Wastewater treatment biotechnologies
- Faecal Sludge Odour Reduction Materials

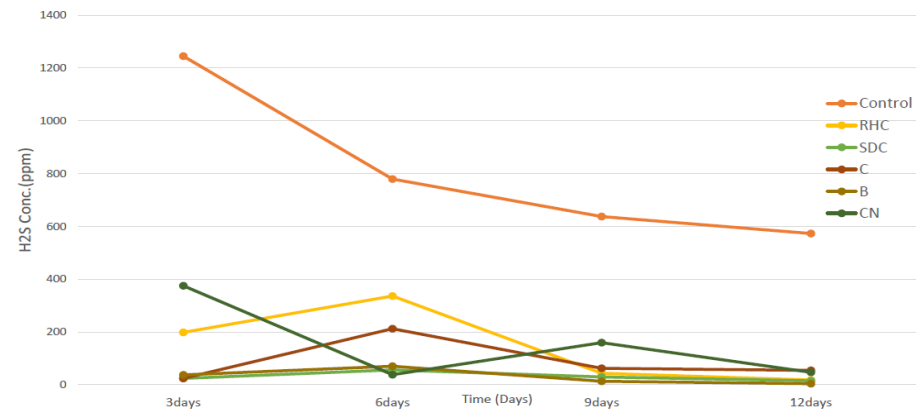


# Faecal Sludge Odour Reduction Materials

Additives	pH	Moisture Content (MC)%
<b>Basic</b>		
Coconut Husk Ash	13	3.9
Cocoa Ash	12	3.2
Bamboo Charcoal	9	2.3
Rice husk Biochar	8	2.9
Sawdust Biochar	9	5
<b>Acidic</b>		
Neem seed powder	5	11.1
Moringa	5	8.7
Rice husk	6	9
<b>Neutral</b>		
Sawdust	7	30.8



EFFICIENCY OF BASIC ADDITIVES ON  $H_2S$  REMOVAL

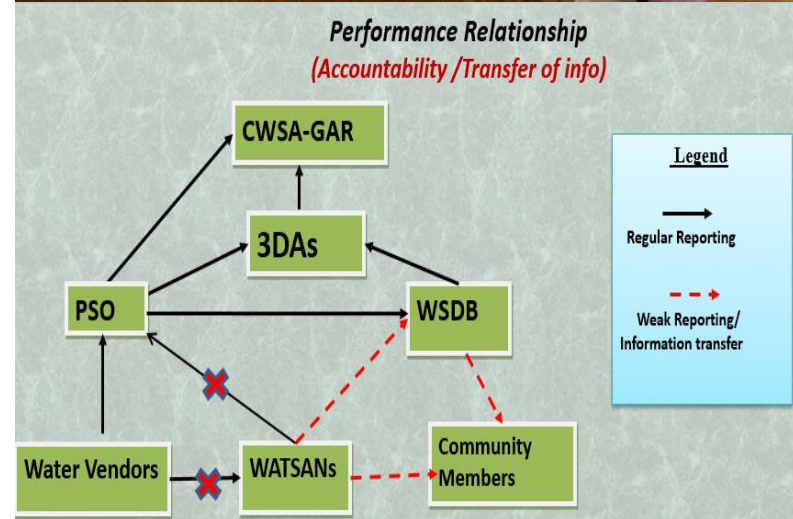


Sawdust Char (SDC)-pH(9)-p(0.002)-RE(96%) ,Bamboo(B)-pH(9)-p(0.002)-RE(96%) ,Cocoa Ash(C) -pH(12)-p(0.004)-RE(88%) , Coconut Ash(CN) pH(13) p(0.008)RE(83%) , Rice Husk Char(RHC) pH(8) p(0.008) RE(83%) , Control pH(5.7)



# Water Supply Research

- Hydraulic and water quality modelling of water supply systems
- Water distribution leakage and non-revenue water reduction
- Life cycle cost of sustainable WASH service delivery
- Public Private Partnership in Small Towns' Water Service Delivery

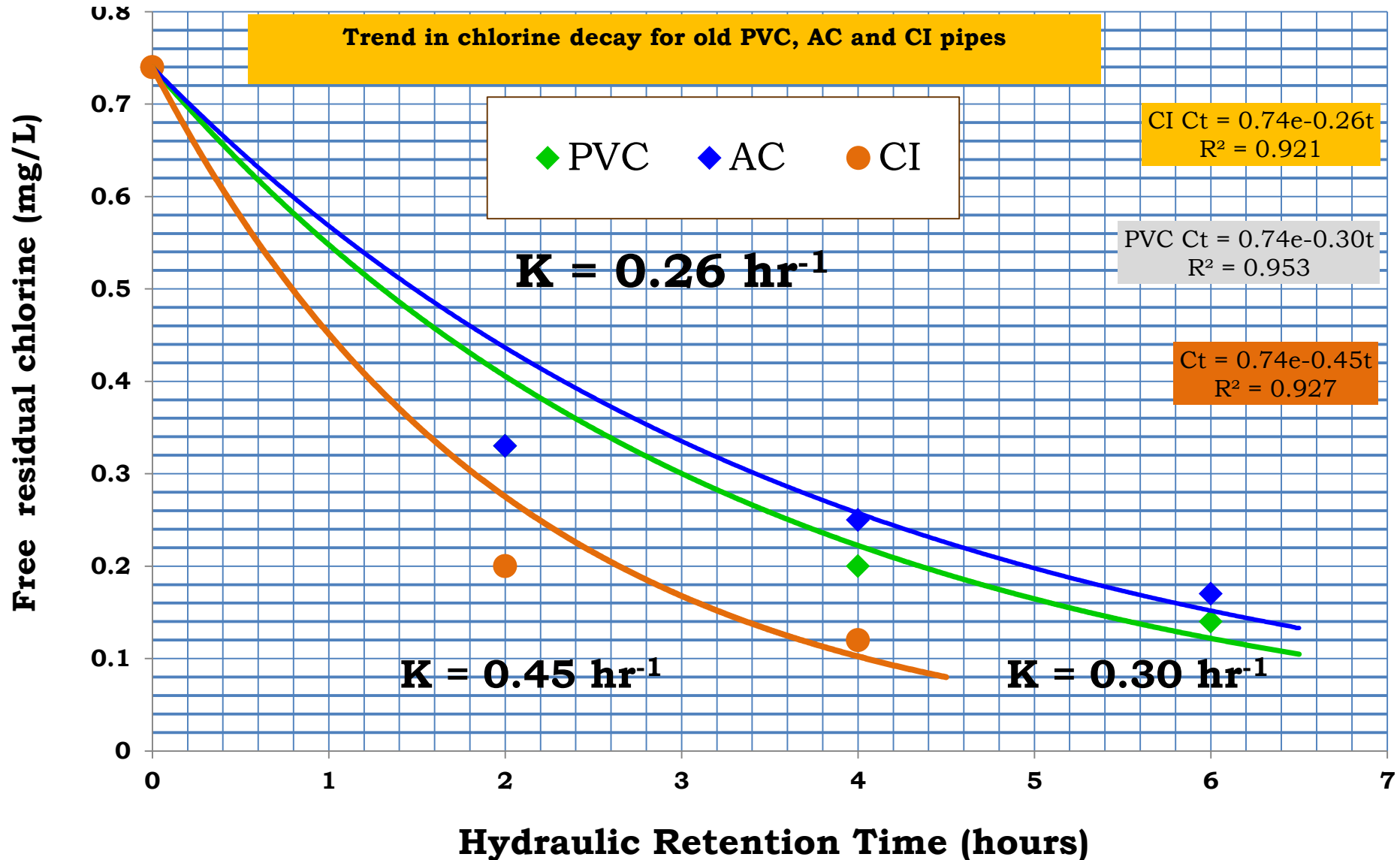


# Research output – Chlorine Decay Modelling

Hydraulic model to predict chlorine top-up quantities



# Hydraulic Modeling of water distribution system: Overall Decay Coefficient (K)



# Assessment of Water Losses in Urban Water Distribution Systems. Case Study, Ghana

- ❑ NRW estimating using IWA Water Balance Framework
- ❑ 50% Non-revenue water (NRW)
- ❑ 23.4% Real losses (pipe bursts, background leakages)
- ❑ 26.4% Apparent losses (12% illegal water use)

System Input Volume  2,274,174	Authorised Consumption  1,141,360.52	Billed Authorised Consumption 1,133,178	49.8%	Billed Metered (m <sup>3</sup> )	44.0%	1,000,818	Revenue Water  1,133,178 49.8%	
				Billed Unmetered (m <sup>3</sup> )	5.8%	132,360		
		Unbilled Authorised Consumption 8,182.52		0.36%	Unbilled metered Consumption	0.25%		5,647.00
				Unbilled Unmetered Consumption	0.11%	2,535.52		
	Water Losses  1,132,813.48	Apparent  601,063.82	26.4%	Unauthorised use	12.3%	279,075	NRW  1,140,996 50.2%	
				Metering Inaccuracies	5.2%	119,393		
				Errors in Estimate of Unmetered Consumption	6.4%	144,658		
				Errors throughout the Data Acquisition Process	2.5%	57,938		
				Real Losses 531,749.66	23.4%			
					23.4%			



# Water Treatment Research

- ❑ Developing absorbent materials for removal of fluoride, arsenic, manganese from water,
- ❑ Development of MACAFE water filtration unit for adsorptive removal of high concentrations of iron and manganese from groundwater.
- ❑ Pilot scale results from these studies are promising,



# Water Treatment Research



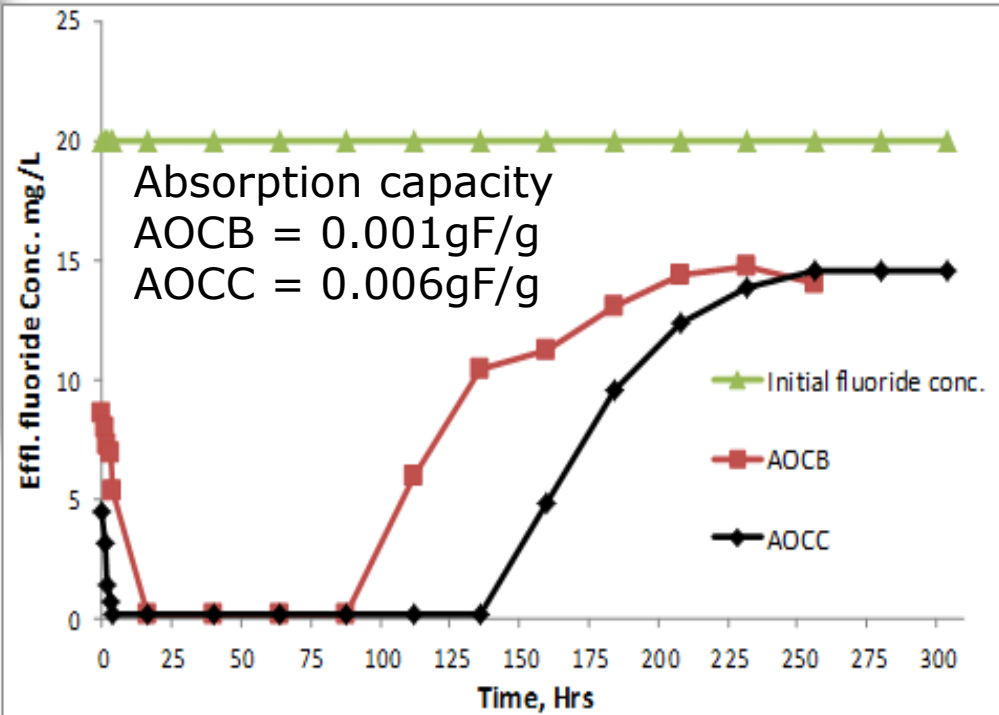
Feed Tank

Column Filters

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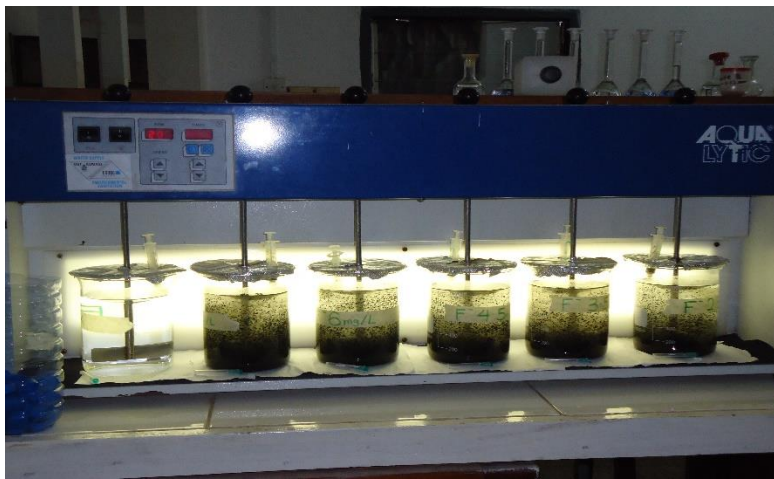
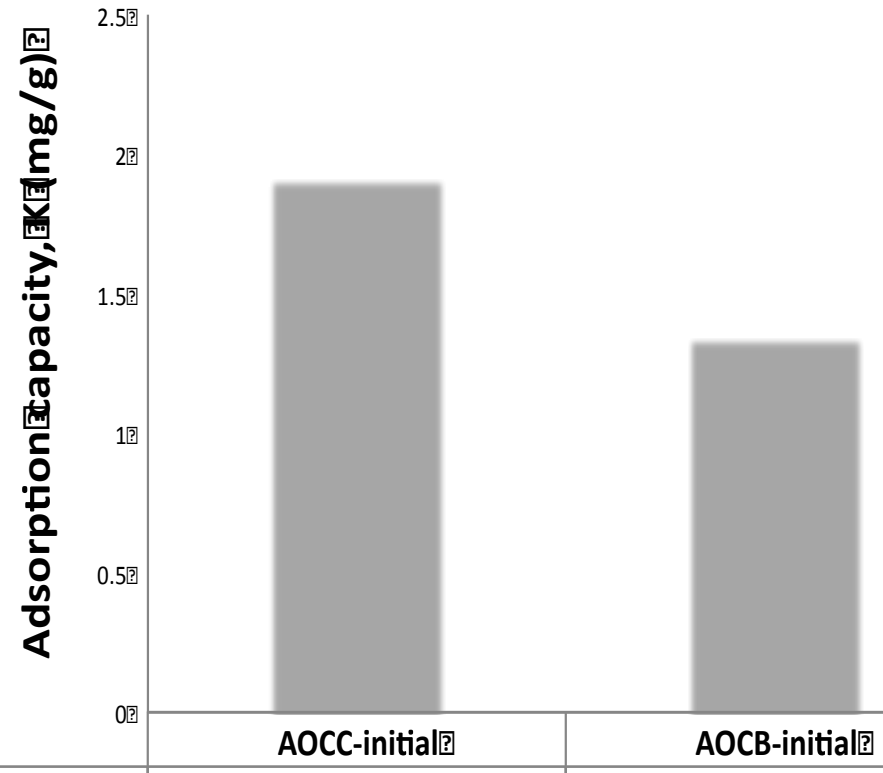
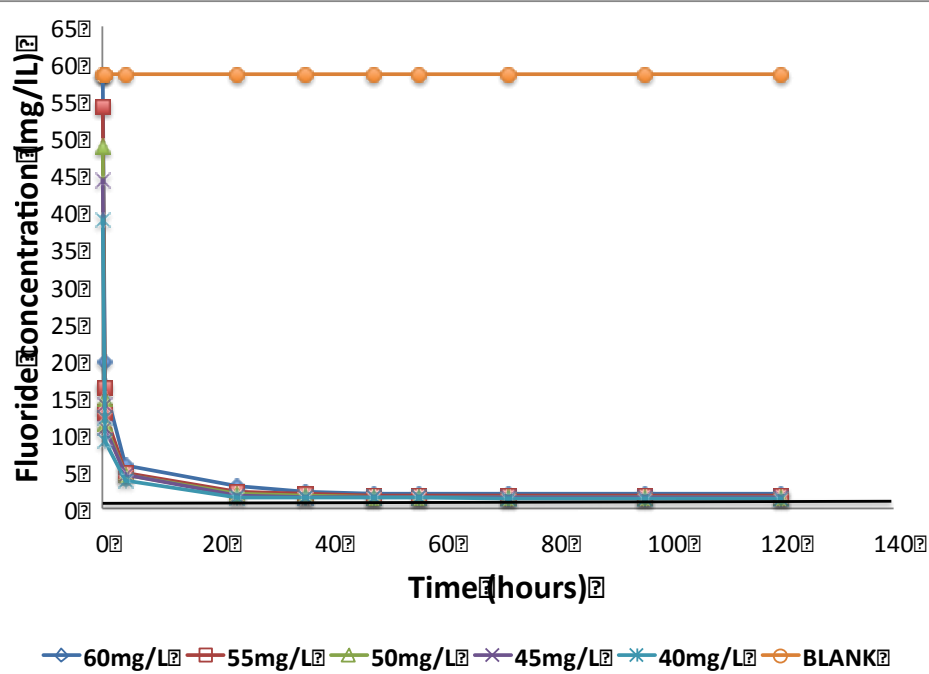
- ## Adsorption of Fluoride onto:
1. Aluminium Oxide Coated Bauxite (AOCB)
  2. Charcoal (AOCC)

## Objective: Removal of Fluoride using Coated High Aluminium Bauxite Ore and Charcoal



Initial Fluoride conc. = 20mg/L,  
pH = 7, Flow rate = 13ml/min, Bed  
depth = 10cm, mass of AOCB = 1002g,  
mass of AOCC = 353g

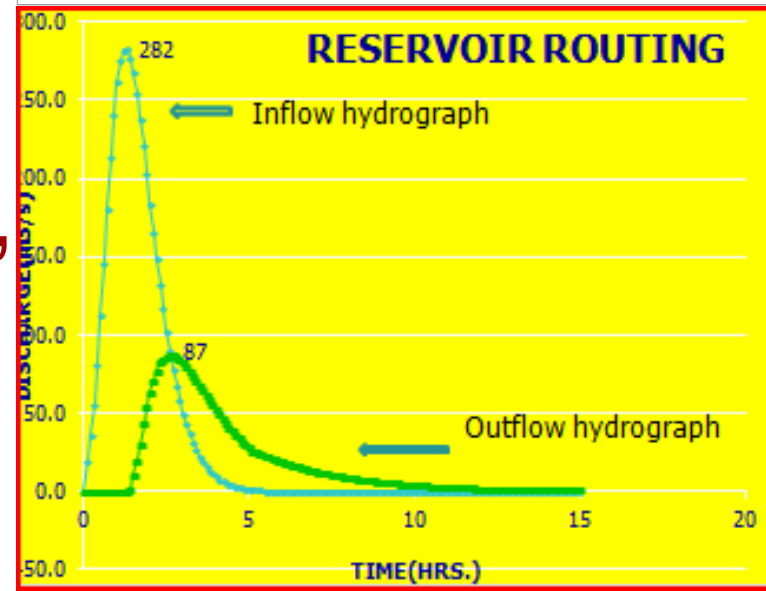
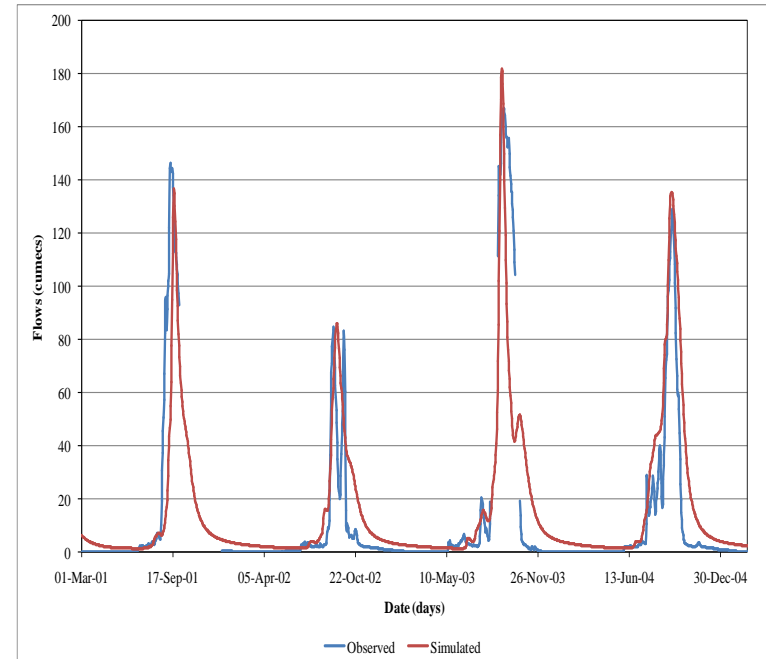
# Adsorption of Fluoride onto Aluminium Oxide Charcoal (AOCC)



- Adsorbent- fresh AOCC
- Mass of AOCC -15g
- Equilibrium- 5days
- pH-  $7 \pm 0.01$
- Room temperature

# Water Resources Research

- **Urban flood, Rainfall-runoff and surface water modelling**
- **Groundwater modelling**
- **IWRM, Climate Change and Land use/land cover impact,**
- **Transboundary water allocation**







# **Collaboration Opportunities with the Regional Water and Environmental Sanitation Centre**

**Academic, Sector and Industrial Partners  
from the Sub-region**

# National Partners and collaborations

## WASH SERVICES

- Ghana Water Company Limited (GWCL)
- Community Water and Sanitation Agency (CWSA)
- National Disaster Management Organization (NADMO)
- Hydrological Services Department (HSD)

## REGULATORY AND RESEARCH

- Water Research Institute (CSIR, WRI)
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- University of Cape Coast (UCC)
- University of Education, Mampong Campus
- NABPTEX, Accra

1. Capacity building
2. Joint applied research and development
3. Instrumentation and laboratory internship for students



# Regional Partners and Collaborations

University of Cheikh Anta Diop , UCAD, Senegal,



University of Hopheit Boigny, Cote D'Ivoire

National Water Resources Institute, Kaduna, (Nigeria)



Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone, Sierra Leone

University of Benin, Benin City, (Nigeria),





# Stakeholders' consultative workshop - 2016





# Industry-Academic Partnerships – Internships

PhD and MSc students

16 PhD + 69MSc



CWSA

EARTH OBSERVATION CENTRE - UNER



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# Collaboration Opportunities with REWSCK

## Strategic Partners

- Industry Partners
- Academic Partners
- Development Partners

## Partnership activities

- Capacity Building for partners' staff (PhD, MSc, short courses)
- Guest Lecturer appointments from regional faculty and industry,
- Lecturers and students internships in industry
- Joint applied research and development with industry
- Joint proposal for grant funding

# PhD & MSc Application Procedure

Please follow the KNUST link below:

<https://apps.knust.edu.gh/admissions>

(or go to [www.knust.edu.gh](http://www.knust.edu.gh) and click **apply online**)

1. Click on generate login, and provide email
2. Go to your email inbox to pick the password
3. Come back to the link above and click on login
4. Provide detail following the steps, and upload all your academic documents (transcripts and certificates).
5. Print copy of the completed online application, attach your academic documents and post (by express mail) to the address below:

**The Secretary**

**School of Graduate Studies**

**Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology,**

**KNUST, Kumasi, Ghana,**

6. Download the completed application form and send to RWESCK email ([rwesckproject@gmail.com](mailto:rwesckproject@gmail.com) AND [sokwarteng@gmail.com](mailto:sokwarteng@gmail.com)), attach all academic documents
7. Include motivation letter and research proposal if your are PhD applicant



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