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EDUCATION

Ph.D. **Environmental Engineering, Clemson University, Clemson, SC, 2014.**
Dissertation: Predictive model development for adsorption of organic contaminants by carbon nanotubes. Advisor: Tanju Karanfil

M.S. **Environmental Engineering, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 2009.**
Thesis: Municipal sludge minimization: Evaluation of ultrasonic and acidic pretreatment methods and their subsequent effects on anaerobic digestion. Advisor: Dilek Sanin

B.S. **Environmental Engineering, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey, 2006.**

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

Assoc. Prof. Civil and Environmental Engineering, Penn State University, University Park, PA
Aug. 2025 - present

Assoc. Prof. Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Maine, Orono, ME
Sept. 2024 – Aug. 2025

Director PFAS+ Research Initiative, University of Maine, Orono, ME
July 2024 – Aug. 2025

Asst. Prof. Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Maine, Orono, ME
Sept. 2020 – Aug. 2024

Visit. Prof. Chemical and Environmental Engineering, Yale University, New Haven, CT
Summer 2023 – Summer 2024

Asst. Prof. Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Massachusetts Lowell, Lowell, MA
Sept. 2017 – Aug. 2020

Post-Doc Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
Feb. 2015 – Aug. 2017

Post-Doc Environmental Engineering, and Earth Sciences Clemson University, Clemson, SC
Sept. 2014 – Jan. 2015

Grad. Asst. Environmental Engineering and Earth Sciences, Clemson University, Clemson, SC
Aug. 2009. - Aug. 2014

Grad. Asst. Environmental Engineering, Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey
Dec. 2006. - Aug. 2009

OTHER AFFILIATIONS

Associate Frontier Institute for Research in Sensor Technologies, University of Maine
Sept. 2021 – Aug. 2025

Associate Aquaculture Research Institute, University of Maine
Sept. 2021 – Aug. 2025

Fellow Senator George J. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions, University of Maine
Dec. 2020 – Aug. 2025

Adjunct Faculty Environmental Engineering, Clemson University
Oct. 2020 – June 2021

FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS

Ongoing projects

1. **O. Apul (PI, 50%)**, A. Venkatesan, P. McKeown. Release Potential of PFAS from Biosolids. Environmental Research and Education Foundation (\$200,000) 2026 – 2028. Contracting to Penn State.
2. C. Alito, C. Lauderdale, S. Black, P. Kwan, K. Garufi, **O. Apul (5%)**. Available Options for Regeneration or Disposal of PFAS-Laden Drinking Water Residuals, Media, and Waste. Water Research Foundation (\$508,300 including 208,300 cost share). 2025-2027. Contracting to Penn State.
3. X. Zhao, M. Choudhary, **O. Apul (10%)**. Energy-efficient PFAS immobilization and degradation in soil using non-thermal plasma electrodes coated with activated carbon. Maine DACF (\$360,858 including \$75,989 cost share). 2025. Transferring from UMaine to Penn State.
4. L. Li., Y. Zhang, **O. Apul (10%)** K. Pennell. Effects of Biochar Aging, Application Ratio, and Low-Cost Modification on Reducing PFAS Uptake by Vegetables: Laboratory and Field Studies Maine DACF (\$593,581 including 93,581 cost share). 2025. Transferring from UMaine to Penn State.
5. **O. Apul (PI, 50%)**, A. Venkatesan. Collaborative Research: RAPID: Assessing the impact of firefighting foam spill on spatiotemporal distribution of PFAS in Brunswick Maine. **NSF CBET** (\$200,000). 2024-2025. Transferring from UMaine to Penn State.
6. **O. Apul (PI, 50%)**, D. Hanigan. PFAS ERASE: Thermal Regeneration of PFAS-laden Granular Activated Carbon presents an Opportunity to Break the Forever PFAS Cycle. **NSF** (\$500,000). 2023-2026. Transferring from UMaine to Penn State.
7. T. Hahmann, H. Palani, P. **O. Apul (co-I, 5%)**, Hitzler, G. Hettiarachchi. Safe Agricultural Products and Water Graph (SAWGraph): An Open Knowledge Network (OKN) to Monitor and Trace PFAS and Other Contaminants in the Nation's Food and Water Systems. **NSF** (\$1,500,000). 2024-2026. Transferring from UMaine to Penn State.
8. A. Venkatesan, **O. Apul (co-PI, 50%)**. Application of hydrophobic ion pairing to capture poorly adsorbed PFAS by granular activated carbon. **DOD SERDP** (\$150,000). 2025-2026. Contracting to Penn State.

Completed projects as PI or co-I

9. S. Garcia, **O. Apul (co-I, 14%)**. Characterizing Production and Stability of Nanobubbles in Variable Gravity. **NASA** (\$437,555). 2024-2025. Completed.
10. D. Hart, C. Noblet, **O. Apul (co-I, 35%)**, J. Peckenham, D. Kopec, J. MacRae. Developing and Deploying a Risk framework for PFAS Management in Rural America: Connecting Predictive Models of PFAS Contamination with Risk Perceptions to Guide Management Decisions. **USGS** (2021) (\$507,394 includes \$250,000 cost share). 2022-2026. Transferred to PI Hart during transition from UMaine.
11. R. Miller, **O. Apul (co-PI, 10%)**, J. MacRae. Guiding Sustainable Enhanced PFAS Drinking Water Treatment Options. **USGS** (\$80,000 including \$40,000 cost share). 2024-2025. Completed.
12. L. Li, K. Tilbury, V. Klein, J. Leahy, J. Zhang, **O. Apul (co-I, 5%)**, R. Schattman, W. Livingston Sustainable Engineering Leaders of the Future-Residential Summer Institute for Girls. **USDA** (\$261,000). 2024-2025. Completed.
13. **O. Apul (PI, 79%)**, A. Abedi, S. Garcia-Segura. Metastable Oxygen Nanobubbles to Advance Life Support Systems in Space Exploration. **NASA** (\$1,010,741 includes \$375,000 cost share). 2022-2025. Transferred to Aaron Gallant after moving to Penn State.
14. P. Veazie, **O. Apul (co-PI, 100%)**. LL Bean PFAS Research Solutions. **LL Bean** (\$150,000) 2023-2025. Completed.
15. **O. Apul (PI, 100%)**. PFAS Spill Response and Environmental Monitoring. **USDA ARS** (\$100,000). 2025. Completed.
16. **O. Apul (PI, 100%)**. PFAS Release for Spent Granular Activate Carbons in Solid Waste Management Facilities. **EREF** (\$150,000). 2023-2024. Completed.

17. **O. Apul (PI, 100%)**, M. Choudhary, S. Mukhopadhyay, W. Wang. Graphene-Enabled Water Treatment Technology for Targeted PFAS Removal from Natural Source Waters. **UMaine Foster Center for Innovation** (\$25,000) 2024. Completed.
18. **O. Apul (PI, 100%)**. Assessment of Thermal Issues Associated with Emergency Breathing Devices. **NASA** (\$62,832). 2023-2024. Completed.
19. **O. Apul (PI, 100%)**. Superparamagnetic Iron Oxide Nanoparticles (SPIONS) as Recoverable Microwave Susceptors for Pre-hydrolysis of Waste Activated Sludge Prior to Anaerobic Digestion. **NSF** (\$133,664). 2022-2024. Completed.
20. **O. Apul (PI, 100%)**. Nanobubble Production from Porous Metals. **Mott Corporation** (\$15,000) 2024. Completed.
21. **O. Apul (PI, 100%)**. Proof of Nanobubble Production and Cleaning Potential in Hot Tubs. **Jacuzzi** (\$27,000) 2023-2024. Completed.
22. F. Perreault, J. Oswald, **O. Apul (co-I, 33%)**. CAS-MNP: Understand and Predict the Adsorption of Organic Contaminants by Aging Microplastics. **NSF** (\$242,000). 2020-2023. Completed.
23. **O. Apul (PI, 100%)**. Conference: Supporting Students and Early Career Researchers as Participants in the 11th SNO Workshop and Conference 2022. **NSF** (\$15,000). 2022-2023. Completed.
24. **O. Apul (PI, 55%)**, L. Ross, S. Smith. Interpreting the Extent and Characteristics of Microplastics Pollution in Maine Freshwater Streams to Guide a Holistic Mitigation Strategy. **USGS** (\$68,000 includes \$34,000 cost share). 2022-2023. Completed.
25. **O. Apul (PI, 100%)**. Exploration of physicochemical properties for commercial and novel CO oxidation catalysts that are employed in gas mask cannisters. **NASA** (\$57,286). 2023. Completed.
26. **O. Apul (PI, 50%)**, S. Smith. Art for the Environment: UMaine Community Challenge. **University of Maine** Internal Seed Grant (\$10,000). 2022-2023. Completed.
27. M. Estapa, **O. Apul (co-I, 10%)**, L. Ross Do biological particles scavenge and remove microplastic fibers from the ocean? **MARINE Sea Grant** (\$34,970). 2022-2023. Completed.
28. N. Yarayan, **O. Apul (co-I, 10%)**, S. Garcia. Investigation of Market Potential and Collaboration Opportunities for Mainstreaming Nanobubble Technologies in Turkish Water/Wastewater Recycling Industry. **DoS** U.S. Mission to Turkey's Grants Program (\$50,000). 2021-2022. Completed.
29. **O. Apul (PI, 100%)**, Characterization of a novel catalyst for CO oxidation in fire cartridges of gas masks. **NASA** (\$120,000). 2022-2023. Completed.
30. **O. Apul (PI, 80%)**, S. Garcia. Evaluating Fundamental Properties of Metastable Nanobubbles towards their Integration into Water Processor Assembly of International Space Station. **Maine Space Grant Consortium** (\$100,000, includes \$60,000 cost share). 2021-2022. Completed.
31. **O. Apul (PI, 100%)**. Use of nanobubbles to improve the performance of recirculating aquaculture systems. **Aquaculture Research Institute** (\$5,000). 2021-2022. Completed.
32. D. Kopec, **O. Apul (co-I, 35%)**, C. Noblet, J. MacRae, J Peckenham. Integrated assessment of alternative management strategies for PFAS-contaminated wastewater residuals. **USGS WRRI** (\$94,258, includes 1:1 cost share). 2021-2022. Completed.
33. **O. Apul (PI, 100%)**. Girl Scouts of Maine are Learning Nanotechnology Crayon Drawing Contest. Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (AEESP) (\$2,000). 2019-2020. Completed.
34. J. Reuther, **O. Apul (co-I, 50%)**. Oxime-Modified Activated Carbon Composites for Adsorption and Detoxification of Nerve Agents. **U.S. Army**, HEROES Center for Advanced Materials (\$196,529). 2019-2020. Completed.
35. D. Reckhow, J. Tobiason, **O. Apul (co-I, 33%)**. Statewide Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances Sampling Campaign. **Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection** (\$1,100,000) *transferred the project in 2020 to X. Zhang at UMass Lowell because of my transition to UMaine.

36. **O. Apul (PI, 100%).** Thermal Regeneration Technologies for Granular Activated Carbons Laden with Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances. **USGS Water Resources Research Institute at UMass Amherst** (2020) (\$50,000 + \$100,000 cost share) *transferred the project in 2020 to J. Reuther at UMass Lowell because of my transition to UMaine.
37. **O. Apul (PI, 50%),** H. Mack. Carbon Nanomaterial Enabled Combustion of Natural Gas in Constant Volume Isothermal Chambers. **Industry Sponsor** (\$150,000). Completed.
38. J. Reuther, **O. Apul (co-I).** Self-Healable, Regenerable Polymer Adsorbents for Low-Energy, Reusable Water Filters. **Massachusetts Office of Technology Commercialization and Ventures** (\$19,400). Completed.
39. **O. Apul (PI, 100%).** Repeated Use of Carbon Additives during Microwave Remediation for Targeted Heating of Petroleum Hydrocarbons. **Industry Sponsor** (\$16,000). Completed.
40. **O. Apul (PI, 100%).** Nitrogen Gas Adsorption for Detecting the Specific Surface Area of Novel Biopolymers. **Industry Sponsor** (\$7,000). Completed.
41. J. Reuther, **O. Apul (co-I).** Self-Healable, Regenerable Nanoporous Membranes for Low-Energy, Reusable Water Filters. **University of Massachusetts Lowell** (\$10,000). Completed.
42. **O. Apul (PI),** J. Reuther. Modular Polymer-Immobilized Nano-Enabled Device for Lead Capture from Drinking Water Distribution Systems. **Massachusetts Office of Technology Commercialization and Ventures** (\$15,000). Completed.
43. **O. Apul (PI),** X. Zhang. Increasing Biogas Production from Wastewater Residual Sludge by a Novel, Single-Step Nano-Enabled Thermal Pretreatment Method. **Massachusetts Clean Energy Center** (\$65,000). Completed.
44. **O. Apul (PI, 100%),** Nitrogen Adsorption for Detecting the Specific Surface Area of Hybrid Metal Oxides. **Industry Sponsor** (\$2,000). Completed.
45. **O. Apul (PI, 100%),** The Value of Lead-Free Water for Lowell General Public. **University of Massachusetts Lowell Community Engaged Research Program** (\$1,500). Completed.
46. P. Dahlen, **O. Apul (co-I, 18%),** P. Westerhoff. Additive-Augmented Microwave Remediation of Soils Containing Heavy-Hydrocarbons. **Industry Sponsor** (\$100,000). Completed.
47. E. Agar, **O. Apul (co-I, 33%),** S. Pagsuyoin. High-Resolution Capacitive Deionization for Selective PFAS Removal, **University of Massachusetts Lowell** (\$10,000). Completed.

Past Projects as Senior Personnel and Senior Researcher

48. H. Carter, J. Bolton, **O. Apul (SP, 20%).** PFAS Analytical and Research Center. **NIST.** (\$5M) 2024-2027. Transferred to co-PI Bolton during transition from UMaine.
49. R. Smith, S. Collins, M. Mason, T. Ghomian, **O. Apul (SP, 10%),** T. Marangoni, M. Tajvidi, A. Battigelli. Equipment: MRI: Track I Nanoparticle DLS Analysis Instrument Acquisition. **NSF** (\$165,367). 2024-2027. Transferred to PI Smith during transition from UMaine.
50. P. Dahlen, P. Westerhoff, **O. Apul.** Additive Augmented, *Ex Situ* Microwave Treatment for Remediation of Soils Containing Heavy Hydrocarbons. **Industry sponsor** (\$50,000). Completed.
51. P. Westerhoff, T. Reid, **O. Apul.** Experimental Investigation of 2-Methylisoborneol (MIB) and Geosmin Removal by Powdered Activated Carbon for Spartanburg Regional Joint Water System – Spartanburg, SC. **Industry sponsor** (\$22,000). Completed.
52. P. Dahlen, **O. Apul,** Y. Guo. Microwave-Enabled Thermal Remediation of Organic Chemical Contaminated Soils using Dielectric Nanomaterials as Additives. **School of Sustainable Engineering and the Built Environment at Arizona State University** (\$5,000). Completed.
53. P. Westerhoff, **O. Apul,** S. Sinha. Removal of Perfluorinated Compounds (PFC) by Carbonaceous Nano-Adsorbents Coupled with Pre-Filtration Membranes. **Industry sponsor** (\$15,000). Completed.

54. **O. Apul** (Coordinator), Biomimicry Initiative for Graduate Students at ASU. **Biomimicry Center at Arizona State University**. Completed.
55. P. Westerhoff, **O. Apul**. Evaluation of oxidant/surfactant/solvent cocktails for washing soils containing heavy hydrocarbons. **Industry Sponsor** (\$70,000). Completed.
56. P. Westerhoff, **O. Apul**. In-Situ Remediation of Spent Granular Activated Carbon using Iron Oxide Nanoparticles and Hydrogen Peroxide. **Industry sponsor** (\$10,000). Completed.

PUBLICATIONS

List of Publications (underlined names indicate students and post docs directly advised by Onur Apul, *indicates corresponding author)

99. Kidd, J. Hatinoglu, D., Mensah, K., Ochoa, L., Nguyen, K., Yan, B., Fahrenfeld, N., **Apul, O.**, Stapleton P. **2026**. Differential morphological and physicochemical responses of polyvinyl chloride and Polyamide-12 micro- and nanoplastics to Fenton oxidation. *Science of the Total Environment*. 1012: 181214.

98. Choudhary, M., Martin, A., Alulema-Pullupaxi, P., Hatinoglu, D., Mensah, K., Moavenzadeh Ghaznavi, S., Smith, S., **Apul, O. G.*** (under review). An archetypal pedagogical convergence framework for art and engineering to address communication challenges of environmental pollution. *Science Communications*.

97. Arias-Sanchez, A.; Cerrón-Calle, G.; Morón-López, J.; **Apul. O.G.** **2026**. Unraveling the behavior of highly-concentrated nanobubble solutions: The influence of colloidal nature on their generation and stability. *Journal of Colloid and Interface Science*. 703: 139134.

96. Alulema-Pullupaxi, P., Evrendilek, F., Hatinoglu, D., Moavenzadeh Ghaznavi, S., Mensah, K., Choudhary, M., Ortiz, S., **Apul, O.G.*** (under review). Molecular Connectivity Indices and Soil Properties to Predict Sorption of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances. *Environmental Science: Processes and Impacts*.

95. Naveira, L., Potocki, M., Korotkikh, E., Introne, D., Laramendi, R., Mangia, A., **Apul, O.G.**, Mayewski, P. (under review). Widespread presence of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in Greenland. *Nature Communications: Earth & Environment*

94. Hannan, M., Hatinoglu, D., Blaney, L., Vikesland, P., Knappe, D., Miller, R., **Apul, O.G.***, **2025**. Protecting the Environment Pays Off for the U.S. Economy and Public Health. *Nature Water*. 1-3.

93. Thapa, S., Li, L., LaScala, J., **Apul, O.G.**, Scearce, A., Holt, K., Schattman, R., Fernandez, I., Zhang, Y. (under review). Biochar reduces per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) uptake by two vegetable crops: A controlled greenhouse study. *Biochar*.

92. Morón-López, J., Varela, A., Montenegro-Ayo, R., Maya, A., Hernandez-Molina, M., Flores, K., Matula, E., Graf, J., **Apul, O.G.**, Garcia-Segura, S. (under review). Precision Nanobubble Irrigation Tailors Plant Physiology to Drive Sustainable Lettuce Growth with Water Savings. *Agricultural Water Management*.

91. Hatinoglu D., Lee, S., Choudhary, M., Lee, J., Attanayake, S., Hwang, K.Y., Detellem, D., Phan, M., Fortner, J., **Apul, O.G.*** **2025**. Microwave Heating of Superparamagnetic Iron-Oxide Nanoparticles Towards Environmental Hyperthermia-based Applications. *ACS Applied Materials and Interfaces*. 17: 49775-49783.

90. Moavenzadeh Ghazavi, S. Choudhary, M., Hettiarachchi, G., **Apul, O.G.*** **2025**. Critical review for adsorption of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances by soil. *Journal of Hazardous Materials Organics*. 1: 100001.

89. Abouhend, A., Djebbari Sr., K., Burke-Wells, J., Butler, C., **Apul, O.G.**, Mouser, P., Muller, C., McCutheon, J., Valla, J., MacRae, J., Miller, R., Li, B., Lichtensteiger, J. (under review). From waste to resource: leveraging the circular economy framework to tackle the U.S. biosolids crisis. *Environmental Science and Technology*.

88. Mensah, K., Ference, C., Ovalle, L., Perreault, F., Morón-López, J., Garcia-Segura, S., **Apul, O.G.*** **2025**. Oxidative cleaning of surface fouling in heated sanitary systems at low ozone concentrations: Unveiling the role of nanobubbles in mass transfer. *Journal of Environmental Chemical Engineering*. 13: 117637.

87. Hatinoglu, D., Edwards, L., Turzo, P., Hanigan, D., **Apul, O.G.*** **2025**. Interplay of surface oxygen content and pore water on thermal regeneration of PFAS-laden granular activated carbons. *Journal of Hazardous Materials*. 491: 137885.

86. Kamal, S., Carew, K., Qin, J., Hatinoglu, D., **Apul, O.G.**, Xiong, B. **2025**. Combined adsorption and Michaelis-Menten approach reveals predominant enzymatic depolymerization of crystalline poly(ethylene terephthalate) by *Humicola insolens* cutinase occur in solution phase. *ACS Sustainable Chemistry & Engineering*. 13: 2401-2410.

85. Chen, Z., Liu, J., Tao, L., Jia, D., Ke, G., Evrendilek, F., **Apul, O.G.**, Zhuang, P., He, Y., Li, W., Huang, W. **2025**. Interaction effects of feedstock and temperature on biogas production during torrefaction-coupled catalytic stepwise pyrolysis of phytoremediation biomass. *Renewable Energy*. 260: 125131.

84. Hannan, M., Evrendilek, F., Leclair, D., Choudhary, M., Mensah, K., Aeppli, C., Venkatesan, A., **Apul, O.G.** **2025**. Aftermath of a major firefighting foam spill in Brunswick, Maine: Spatiotemporal dynamics of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in the downstream aquatic environment. *Journal of Hazardous Materials Letters*. 6: 100150.

83. Alulema-Pullupaxi, P., Yi, Z., Saleh, N., Venkatesan, A., **Apul, O.G.** **2025**. Analyzing the release of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances from spent granular activated carbons by standard leaching procedures. *Environmental Science and Technology*. 59: 8681-8693.

82. Ozen, O.Y., Ozdemir, M.C., Hatinoglu, D., **Apul, O.G.**, Imamoglu, I. **2024**. Mechanistic inferences from empirical and linear solvation energy relationship approaches concerning sorption of organics on pristine and aged microplastics. *Chemosphere*. 368: 143695.

81. Choudhary, M., Wang, W., Mensah, K., Mukhopadhyay, S., **Apul, O.G.** **2024**. Disruption of conjugated π -electron system of graphene oxides decreases their adsorption capacity and microwave reactivity. *Langmuir*. 40: 26824-26834. (supplemental cover article).

80. Johnson, G., Bailey, T., Hatinoglu, D., Nwachukwu, O., Peller, J., Doudrick, K., Van Dam, B., Smith, S., Ross, L., **Apul, O.G.*** **2024**. Land-sea connection of microplastic fiber pollution in Frenchman Bay, Maine. *Environmental Engineering Science*. 41: 584.

79. White, L., Miner, J., McKinney, L., Pierce, L., Folley, A., Larrabee, A., Scrapchansky, L., Fessler, W., Choudhary, M., Kamalanathan, M., Purina, R., Zare, S., Perry, E., Edalatpour, S., **Apul, O.G.**, Howell, C. **2024**. Large-area sensor permits near-continuous multi-point measurements of aqueous biological and chemical analytes. *ACS Industrial & Engineering Chemistry Research*. 64: 382-391.

78. Mensah, K., Magdaleno, A., Yaparatne, S., Garcia-Segura, S., **Apul, O.G.*** **2024**. Suspended air nanobubbles in water can shuttle polystyrene nanoplastics to air-water interface. *Environmental Science: Nano*. 11: 3721-3728.

77. **Apul, O.G.*** Choudhary, M. **2024**. Interplay of adsorptive properties, inner sheet distance and dielectric reactivity of graphenes upon edge functionalization *Chemical Engineering Science*. 296: 120274.

76. Bhagat, K., Doussimo, D., Mushro, N., Rajwade, K., Kumar, A., **Apul, O.G.**, Perreault, F. **2024**. Effect of biofouling on organic contaminant adsorption by microplastics. *Environmental Toxicity and Chemistry*. 43: 1973-1981.

75. Yaparatne, S., Morón-López, J., Bouchard D., Garcia-Segura, S., **Apul O.G.*** **2024**. Nanobubble applications in aquaculture industry for improving harvest yield, wastewater treatment, and disease control. *Science of the Total Environment*. 931: 172687.

74. Moavenzadeh, S., Flores, A., Kopec, D., Zambrano, L., **Apul, O.G.*** **2024** Permeation of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances in solid waste management facilities are linked to mechanical failures of high-density polyethylene geomembranes. *Environmental Pollution*. 363: 125234.

73. Shahrokhinia, A., Tafazoli, S., Rijal, S., Shuster, D., Scanga, R., Morefield, D., Garay, J., Rocheleau, R., Kashani, M., Nagarajan, R., **Apul, O.G.**, Reuther J. **2024**. Dynamic worm-gel materials as tunable, regenerable adsorbents for water treatment. *ACS Macromolecules*. 57: 628-639.

72. Moron-Lopez, J., Montenegro-Ayo, R., Maya, A., Yaparatne, S., Hernandez-Molina, M., Graf, J., **Apul, O.G.**, Garcia-Segura, S., Matula, E. **2023**. Incorporation of nanobubbles in spaceflight food production systems. *Journal of Plant Interactions*. 18: 2271492.

71. **Apul, O.G.***, Howell, C., Hatinoglu, D. **2023**. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) at the interface of biological and environmental systems. *Biointerphases*. 18: 050201.

70. Magdaleno, A., Cerrón-Calle, G., dos Santos, A., Lanza, M., **Apul, O.G.**, Garcia-Segura, S. **2023**. Unlocking the potential of nanobubbles: achieving exceptional gas efficiency in electrogeneration of hydrogen peroxide. *Small*. 2023: 2304547. (cover article).

69. Moavenzadeh Ghaznavi, S., Zimmerman, C., Shea, M.E., MacRae, J., Peckenham, J., Noblet, C., **Apul, O.G.**, Kopec, D. **2023**. Management of PFAS laden wastewater sludge in Maine: Perspectives on a wicked problem. *Biointerphases*. 18: 041004.

68. Zhang, Y., Thomas, A., **Apul, O.G.**, Venkatesan, A. **2023**. Coexisting cations and long chain per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) inhibit the adsorption of short chain PFAS by granular activated carbon. *Journal of Hazardous Materials*: 460: 132378.

67. Hatinoglu, D., Lee., J., Fortner J., **Apul, O.G.* 2023.** Superparamagnetic iron oxide nanoparticles as additives for microwave-based sludge pre-hydrolysis: A perspective. *Environmental Science and Technology*. 57: 12191-12200.

66. Sonmez, B., Biswas, P., Moavenzadeh Ghaznavi, S., Frederick, B., Reuther, J., **Apul, O.G.* 2023.** Accessibility of adsorption sites for superfine powdered activated carbon incorporated into electrospun polystyrene fibers. *Chemical Engineering Journal*. 461: 142009.

65. Ersan, G., Brienza, M., Mulchandani, A., **Apul, O.G.**, Garcia-Segura, S. **2023.** Trends on arsenic species removal by metal-based nanoadsorbents. *Current Opinion in Environmental Science & Health*. 34: 100478.

64. Biswas, P., Shuster, D., Sonmez-Baghirzade, B., Scanga, R., Harris, S., Tran, C., **Apul, O.G.***, Reuther, J.* **2023.** Oxime-functionalized, non-woven nanofabrics for rapid, inexpensive nerve-agent decontamination. *ACS Applied Nano Materials*. 6: 3425-3434.

63. Hatinoglu, D., Adan, A., Perreault, F., Imamoglu, I., **Apul, O.G.* 2023.** Linear solvation energy relationships for adsorption of aromatic organic compounds by microplastics. *Chemical Engineering Science*: 282: 119233.

62. Barrios, A., **Apul, O.G.**, Perreault, F. **2023.** Increasing bromide removal by graphene-silver composites: nanoparticulate silver enhances bromide selectivity through direct surface interactions. *Chemosphere*. 330: 138711.

61. Hatinoglu, D., Perreault, F., **Apul, O.G.* 2023.** Modified linear solvation energy relationships for adsorption of perfluorocarboxylic acids by microplastics. *Science of the Total Environment*. 860: 160524.

60. Collins, A., Ateia, M., Bhagat, K., Ohno, T., Perreault, F., **Apul, O.G.* 2023.** Emerging Investigator Series: Microplastic-based leachate formation under uv irradiation: The extent, characteristics and mechanisms. *Environmental Science: Water Research and Technology*. 9: 363-374.

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152. Westerhoff, P., **Apul, O.G.** and Sihota, N. Evaluation of oxidant/surfactant/solvent cocktails for washing soils containing heavy hydrocarbons. *Chevron Annual Research Group Meeting*, January **2015**, San Ramon, CA (Oral Presentation).

153. Partlan E., Ren, Y., **Apul, O.G.**, Karanfil, T., and Ladner, D.A. Variations of superfine activated carbon produced by bead milling for trace organic contaminant adsorption, *American Water Works Association (AWWA) Water Quality Technology Conference (WQTC)*, November **2014**, New Orleans, LA (Poster presentation).

154. **Apul, O.G.**, Zhou, Y. and Karanfil, T. Adsorption of halogenated aliphatic contaminants by graphene nanosheets. *American Chemical Society (ACS) National Meeting and Exhibition*, August **2014**, San Francisco, CA (Oral Presentation).

155. **Apul, O.G.** and Karanfil, T. Adsorption of synthetic organic contaminants by carbonaceous nanomaterials. *Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (AEESP) 50th Anniversary Conference*, July **2013**, Golden, CO (Poster Presentation).

156. **Apul, O.G.** and Karanfil, T. Evaluation of carbonaceous nanoadsorbents for adsorption of synthetic organic contaminants. *Gordon Research Conference: Environmental Nanotechnology*, June **2013**, Stowe, VT (Poster Presentation).

157. **Apul, O.G.** and Karanfil, T. Evaluation of alternative carbon adsorbents for water treatment: A comparison of activated carbon, carbon nanotubes and graphene nanosheets. *23rd Annual South Carolina Environmental Conference*, March **2013**, Myrtle Beach, SC (Poster Presentation).

158. **Apul, O.G.** and Karanfil, T. Quantitative structure-adsorbability relationships for the adsorption of organic chemicals by carbon nanotubes. *NSF Nanoscale Science and Engineering Grantees Conference*, December **2012**, Arlington, VA (Poster Presentation).

159. **Apul, O.G.** and Karanfil, T. Predictive model development for adsorption of synthetic organic contaminants by carbon nanotubes. *American Water Works Association Annual Conference*, June **2012**, Dallas, TX (Oral Presentation).

160. **Apul, O.G.**, Rieck, J.R. and Karanfil, T. QSAR & LSER model development for adsorption of organic contaminants by carbon nanotubes. *243rd Annual American Chemical Society Meeting & Expo*, March **2012**, San Diego, CA (Poster Presentation).

161. Wang, Q., **Apul, O.G.**, Xuan, P., Luo, F., Rieck, J.R. and Karanfil, T. Statistical analysis in 3D QSPR model development for organic compounds adsorption onto CNTs. *243rd Annual American Chemical Society Meeting & Expo*, March **2012**, San Diego, CA (Poster Presentation).

162. **Apul, O.G.**, Rieck, J.R. and Karanfil T. A predictive model development for adsorption of organic contaminants by carbon nanotubes. *Symposium/Workshop: Carbons for Energy Applications*, March **2012**, Stone Mountain, GA (Poster Presentation).

163. **Apul, O.G.**, Rieck, J.R. and Karanfil T. Treating drinking water with carbon nanotubes: comparison of two modeling approaches. *22nd Annual South Carolina Environmental Conference*, March **2012**, Myrtle Beach, SC (Poster Presentation).

164. **Apul, O.G.**, Rieck, J.R. and Karanfil T. Adsorption of organic contaminants by carbon nanotubes. *21st Annual South Carolina Environmental Conference*, March **2011**, Myrtle Beach, SC (Poster Presentation).

165. Zorba G.T., Atalar I., **Apul O.G.** and Sanin F. D. Enhancement of sludge reduction and methane production rates using different pretreatment methods applied prior to small scale laboratory anaerobic digesters. *WEF Conference Residuals and Biosolids*. May **2010**, Savannah, GA (Poster Presentation).

166. **Apul O.G.** and Sanin F.D. Examination of sludge minimization potential and associated costs by ultrasonic pretreatment. *8th National Environmental Engineering Congress*. November **2009**, Antalya, Turkey (Oral Presentation).

167. **Apul O. G.**, Dogan I. and Sanin F. D. Can capillary suction time be an indicator for sludge disintegration? *IWA Specialist Conference Sustainable Management of Water and Wastewater Sludges*. August **2009**, Harbin, China (Oral Presentation).

168. **Apul, O.G.** and Sanin, F.D. Minimization of sludge by ultrasonic pretreatment. *6th Symposium of Environmental Pollution Priorities in Turkey*. May **2009**, Gebze, Turkey (Oral Presentation).

169. Koksoy G.T., Dogan I., **Apul O.G.** and Sanin F. D. Effect of digester F/M ratio on gas production of ultrasonically treated sludge. *International Water Association (IWA) World Water Congress and Exhibition*. September **2008**, Vienna, Austria (Oral Presentation).

170. **Apul O.G.**, Doğan I., Koksoy G.T. and Sanin F.D. Effects of chemical and thermo-chemical pretreatment methods of sludge on anaerobic digestion. *7th National Environmental Engineering Congress*. October **2007**, Izmir, Turkey (Oral Presentation).

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Current Members of the Research Group

PhD Students

Ms. Lina Zhu, 8/2025 – present
Ms. Paulina Alulema-Pullupaxi, 8/2025 – present
Mr. Kenneth Mensah, 1/2023 – present
Ms. Dilara Hatinoglu, 9/2022 – present

MS Students

Ms. Macy Hannan, 2024 – present

Undergraduate Students

Ms. Chritine Naessens, 12/2025 – present
Mr. Mark Hinlo, 12/2025 -present

Former Members of the Research Group

Postdoctoral Researchers

Dr. Manisha Choudhary, 10/2022- 8/2025
Dr. Fatih Evrendilek, 8/2024 – 8/2025
Dr. Sudheera Yaparatne, 10/2021- 9/2023
Dr. Seif Eldien Salem, 3/2022 – 9/2022 (visiting postdoctoral researcher sponsored by US AID)

Student Theses Conducted as Primary Advisor

Sonia Moavenzadeh Ghaznavi **2025**, PhD Dissertation, University of Maine. Management of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances-Laden Biosolids: Implications on Natural and Engineered Environmental Systems.
Paulina Alulema, **2025**, MS Thesis, University of Maine. Release Mechanisms of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances from Spent Granular Activated Carbons Using Standard Leaching Procedures.
Grace A. Johnson, **2024**, MS Thesis, University of Maine. Land-Sea Connection of Microplastic Fiber Pollution in Frenchman Bay, Maine.
Ashton M. Collins, **2022**, MS Thesis, University of Maine. Role of Microplastics on the Release and Adsorption of Organic Compounds in Natural Waters.
Yigit C. Bozkurt, **2020**, MS Thesis, University of Massachusetts Lowell. Nano-enabled Microwave Pretreatment of Waste Activated Sludge prior to Anaerobic Digestion using Carbon Nanofibers
Ritchie K. Lafaille, **2020**, MS Thesis, University of Massachusetts Lowell. Repeatable Use Assessment of Microwave Susceptors as Permanent Bed in *ex situ* Remediation of Petroleum-Contaminated Soils.
Arsalan Khalid, **2019**, MS Thesis, University of Massachusetts Lowell. Removal of Organic Contaminants of Incipient Concern from Water by Graphitic Adsorbents.

Student Theses Completed as Committee Member

Josephine Adu-Gyamfi, **2025**, MS Thesis, University of Maine. Guiding Sustainable Enhanced PFAS Drinking Water Treatment Options.
Sandesh Thapa, **2025**, MS Thesis, University of Maine. Biochar as an Amendment Material to Immobilize Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances in Agricultural Land.
Liza White, **2025**, PhD Dissertation, University of Maine. Engineered Textured Surfaces: Scalable Solutions for Next-Generation Technology.
Taylor Spenser, **2025**, PhD Dissertation, University of Maine. Material Transport Around Complex Coastlines.
Erin Bulson, **2024**, PhD Dissertation, University of Wisconsin Madison. Evaluation of Automotive Shredder Residue as an Input of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances to the Waste Management System.
Meryem Soyluoglu, **2023**, PhD Dissertation, Clemson University. Nanobubble Technology for the Removal of MIB and Geosmin from Drinking Water.
Eliza M. Costigan, **2022**, MS Thesis, University of Maine. Nutrient Removal from Recirculating Aquaculture System Water.
Dilara Hatinoglu, **2021**, MS Thesis, Middle East Technical University. Fate and Effects of Polyethylene Terephthalate Microplastics during Anaerobic Digestion of Disintegrated Sludge.

Mahnazossadat Seyednourani, 2020, PhD Dissertation, University of Massachusetts Lowell. Understanding Critical Factors Underpinning Electrode Degradation in Vanadium Redox Flow Batteries.

Dingnan Lu, 2018, PhD Dissertation, University of Massachusetts Lowell. Anaerobic Codigestion of Microalgae and Septic Tank Sludge - Feasibility Determination, Performance Evaluation and Sustainability Exploration.

Undergraduate Researchers

UMaine: Ms. Jessica Liggeria 2022, Mr. Zach Doherty 2022, Mr. Louis Nicoloro 2022, Mr. Samuel Robinson 2024, Mr. Daniel Houder 2024, Ms. Halle James 2024, Madi McCarthy 2023, 2024, 2025, Mr. Jack Dunning 2025.

UMass Lowell: Ms. Jana Latayan 2020, Mr. Miles Cramer 2020, Mr. Joseph Egitto 2020, Ms. Sara Vargas 2020, Ms. Philie Ngaipe 2020, Mr. Tyler L'Bassi 2020

High School Students as Visiting Researchers

UMaine: Ms. Samanth Ismail 2022 (admitted to Notre Dame University).

UMass Lowell: Mr. Matt Tengtrakool, 2020 (admitted to Harvard University).

Teaching Experience

Pennsylvania State University

- Instructor of Undergraduate Level Course, CE 370 – Introduction to Environmental Engineering, Fall 2025.
- Instructor of Graduate Level Course, CE 571 – Physical-Chemical Treatment Processes, Spring 2026.

University of Maine

- Instructor of Graduate Level Course, CIE 536 – Environmental Organic Chemistry, Spring 2024.
- Instructor of Graduate Level Course, CIE 598 – Environmental Nanotechnology, Spring 2021, 2023, 2025.
- Instructor of Undergraduate Level Course, CIE 430 – Water Treatment (with lab), Fall 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025.

University of Massachusetts Lowell

- Instructor of Graduate Level Course, CIVE 5660 – Environmental Applications and Implications of Nanomaterials, Spring 2018, 2020.
- Instructor of Undergraduate Level Course, CIVE 4850 –Capstone Design for Environmental Engineers, Spring 2018.
- Instructor of Undergraduate Level Course, CIVE 3010 – Fluid Mechanics, Fall 2018, Spring 2019.
- Instructor of Graduate Level Course, CIVE 5610 – Physicochemical Processes in Water Treatment, Fall 2019.
- Coordinator, CIVE 5050 – Graduate Research Seminar Series.

Arizona State University

- Guest Lecturer, Physical-Chemical Treatment of Water and Wastewater, Fall 2015.
- Coordinator, Sponsored Lecture Series, Biomimicry Initiative for Graduate Students at Biomimicry Center at Arizona State University.

Clemson University, Clemson, SC

- Guest Lecturer, Water and Wastewater Treatment Systems, Spring 2014.
- Teaching Assistant & Lecturer, Environmental Organic Chemistry, Spring 2014.
- Teaching Assistant & Lecturer, Chemistry of Aqueous Systems, Spring 2014.
- Guest Lecturer, Physicochemical Operations in Water and Wastewater Treatment Systems, Spring 2013.

Middle East Technical University, Ankara, Turkey

- Teaching Assistant & Lecturer, Environmental Engineering Capstone Design-I, Fall 2008 & 2009.
- Teaching Assistant & Lecturer, Environmental Engineering Capstone Design-II, Spring 2008 & 2009.
- Teaching Assistant & Lecturer, Water Supply Engineering (with lab), Spring 2007.

AWARDS AND HONORS

1. Endowed Libra Professorship, University of Maine, **2023-2025**
2. Gordon Research Conference Environmental Nanotechnology, Invited Speaker, **2025**
3. Early Career Research Award, University of Maine, College of Engineering, **2023**
4. Mitchell Center for Sustainability Solutions Award for outstanding contribution toward the development of a solution by a research team, **2022**
5. 40 Under 40 The Rising Stars in Environmental Engineering and Science, American Academy of Environmental Engineers and Scientists, **2022**
6. Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization Emerging Investigator Award, **2021**
7. Israel F2F Faculty Fellow, **2021**
8. American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) Student Chapter, Outstanding Teacher Award, **2019**
9. University of Massachusetts Lowell, Recognition of Most Published Faculty Members in College of Engineering, **2018**
10. University of Massachusetts Lowell, Recognition by Chancellor for Highest Number of Peer-Reviewed Publications and Creative Works, **2017**
11. 1st Pan American Congress of Nanotechnology, International Travel Award Recipient, **2017**
12. Journal of Soils and Sediments, Outstanding Reviewer Recognition, **2016**
13. Elsevier, Highly Cited Paper Recognition in Water Research, **2015**
14. Clemson University Student Government, Professional Enrichment Grant Recipient, **2014**
15. The Water Environment Association of South Carolina, L.G. Rich Fellowship Recipient, **2013**
16. The 23rd Annual South Carolina Environmental Conference, Student Poster Award, 3rd place, **2013**
17. The Carbon for Energy Applications Symposium/Workshop, Elsevier Student Poster Award, **2012**
18. Clemson University Student Government, Professional Enrichment Grant Recipient, **2012**
19. Middle East Technical University, Senior Year Honor Roll, **2006**.
20. Middle East Technical University Senior Year Design Project, Best Project Award, 2nd place, **2006**

AWARDS AND HONORS OF ADVISEES

21. Participant, Trailblazers in Engineering Program at Purdue University (Advisee Ms. Manisha Choudhary). **2025**
22. Best Poster Award, AEESP 2025 Research and Education Conference (Advisee Ms. Sonia Moavenzadeh). **2025**
23. WEF Fellowship \$25k PhD Student Scholarship (Advisee Mr. Kenneth Mensah). **2025**
24. Marshall Thurgood Full Tuition Fellowship (Advisee Mr. Ashton Collins, Ms. Paulina Alulema), **2021, 2024**
25. Harold Alfond Foundation Scholarship \$12k (Advisee Ms. Macy Hannan). **2024**
26. AWWA Abel Wolman \$30k PhD Student Scholarship (Advisee Ms. Dilara Hatinoglu). **2024**
27. Environmental Research and Education \$7.5k MS Scholarship, (Advisee Ms. Paulina Alulema), **2024**
28. Environmental Research and Education \$15k PhD Scholarship, (Advisee Ms. Simin Moavenzadeh Ghaznavi), **2023**
29. University of Maine, Best Postdoctoral Researcher, Honorable Mention (Advisee Dr. Sudheera Yaparatne), **2022**
30. Mitchell Center Sustainability and Water Conference, Student Poster (Advisee Ms. Dilara Hatinoglu), Honorable Mention, **2022**
31. Susan J. Hunter Presidential Research Impact Award, (Advisee Mr. Zach Doherty), **2022**
32. New England Graduate Student Water Symposium, Poster Presentation Competition 3rd Place, **2019** (Advisee Mr. Ritchie Lafaille)
33. University of Massachusetts Lowell, Difference Maker Idea Challenge Winner, **2018** (Advisee Mr. Arsalan Khalid)
34. University of Massachusetts Lowell, Francis College of Engineering Prototype Competition Best Project Award Recipient, **2017** (Advisee Mr. Arsalan Khalid)

PATENTS

1. **O.G. Apul**, P. Dahlen, P. Westerhoff. Fully filed US patent, no 10,590,020, filing date: 2019/01/18. Additive-amplified microwave pretreatment of wastewater sludge.
2. F. Perrault, P. Westerhoff, **O.G. Apul**, S. Sinha. US patent application, no: 20180319677, filing date: 2018/05/04. Silver-impregnated two-dimensional structures for bromide removal.
3. P. Westerhoff, P. Dahlen, **O.G. Apul**. Fully filed US patent, no: 62/400,735, filing date: 2017/09/28. Microwave-enabled thermal remediation of organic chemical contaminated soils using dielectric nanomaterials as additives.

SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Associate Editor – Water Research (2025 – present)

Editor - Chemical Engineering Science (2023-2025); npj Clean Water (2025)

Conference Co-Chair – 11th Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization Annual Conference (2022).

Organizing Committee Member - Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors Research and Education Conference, Northeastern University (2023).

Organizing Committee Member - American Water Works Association PFAS Virtual Symposium, handled 60+ abstracts (2020).

Session Co-Chair – Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization Virtual Conference (2020, 2021).

Session Co-Chair – American Chemical Society Virtual Fall Symposium (2020, 2021).

Panelist at Environmental Protection Agency – People, Planet, Prosperity Program (2020).

Panelist at National Science Foundation - CBET (2019, 2023, 2025).

Participant at National Science Foundation - Science Board Listening Session (2019).

Committee Member – UML Provost’s Office in College of Engineering University Level Faculty Website Development (2019, 2020).

Faculty Search Committee Member – UML Civil and Environmental Engineering Department (2018).

Faculty Senator - Representing Civil and Environmental Engineering at UML Faculty Senate (2018-2020).

Committee Member - UML Institutional Biosafety Committee (2018-2020).

Reviewer for more than 90 articles in last four years mainly in journals: Nature Sustainability, Nature Water, PNAS, Environmental Science and Technology, Chemical Engineering Journal, Chemical Engineering Journal Advances, Water Research, Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Science of the Total Environment, Water Science and Technology, ACS ES&T Engineering, Environmental Engineering Science, Environmental Science: Nano, Journal of Soils and Sediments, SAR and QSAR in Environmental Research, Process Safety and Environmental Protection, Resource Efficient Technologies, Journal of Renewable Materials, Nanotoxicology, Nanomaterials.

Professional Member - American Chemical Society (Environmental Chemistry Division), Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (AEESP), Sustainable Nanotechnology Organization (SNO).

SELECTED MEDIA APPAERANCES

1. Cited in "**The Atlantic**", Maine Is a Warning for America's PFAS Future, April 11, 2024.
2. Interviewed by "**The Sustain University of Wisconsin**" PFAS Pollution: Exploring Sources and Solutions with Dr. Onur Apul", September 14, 2023
3. Interviewed by "**NPR: Maine Calling**" PFAS in Maine's drinking water and aquatic environments, August 24, 2023.
4. Interviewed by "**The Maine Question**" S7E4: How can we eliminate PFAS? October 14, 2022
5. Story by "**WABI TV5**" UMaine scientists researching solution to PFAS pollution, September 2, 2022.