Green Synthesis and Characterization of Silver Nanoparticle decorated Urea-Based Metal-Organic Frameworks (Ag NPs@TMU-MOFs) for the Carboxylation of Terminal Alkynes using CO₂

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Background & Rationale

Silver nanoparticles (Ag NPs) are well known for their exceptional antimicrobial properties, high electrical conductivity, and catalytic activities. These properties make them valuable in various applications, including medical devices, electronics, and catalysis. Meanwhile, metal-organic frameworks are porous crystalline materials containing metal ions or clusters and organic molecules. Their high surface areas, tunable pores, and versatile chemical functions make them ideal for gas storage, separation, catalysis, and drug delivery. By incorporating Ag NPs into the MOF structure, the resulting Ag NPs@MOF nanocomposite utilizes the advantages of both materials. By protecting and stabilizing the Ag NPs, the MOF matrix prevents agglomeration and enhances dispersion. In addition to preserving silver nanoparticle intrinsic properties, this integration also offers improved properties, such as recyclability and enhanced antimicrobial and catalytic performance. Furthermore, this approach aligns with green chemistry principles by reducing waste through catalyst reuse and minimizing hazardous solvents. The integration of Ag NPs within MOFs provides an environmentally friendly method for developing high-performance materials, contributing to sustainable solutions in catalysis and antimicrobial applications. Ag NPs/TMU18

UV-VIS

Wavelength (nm)

UV-VIS

550

600

650

700

750

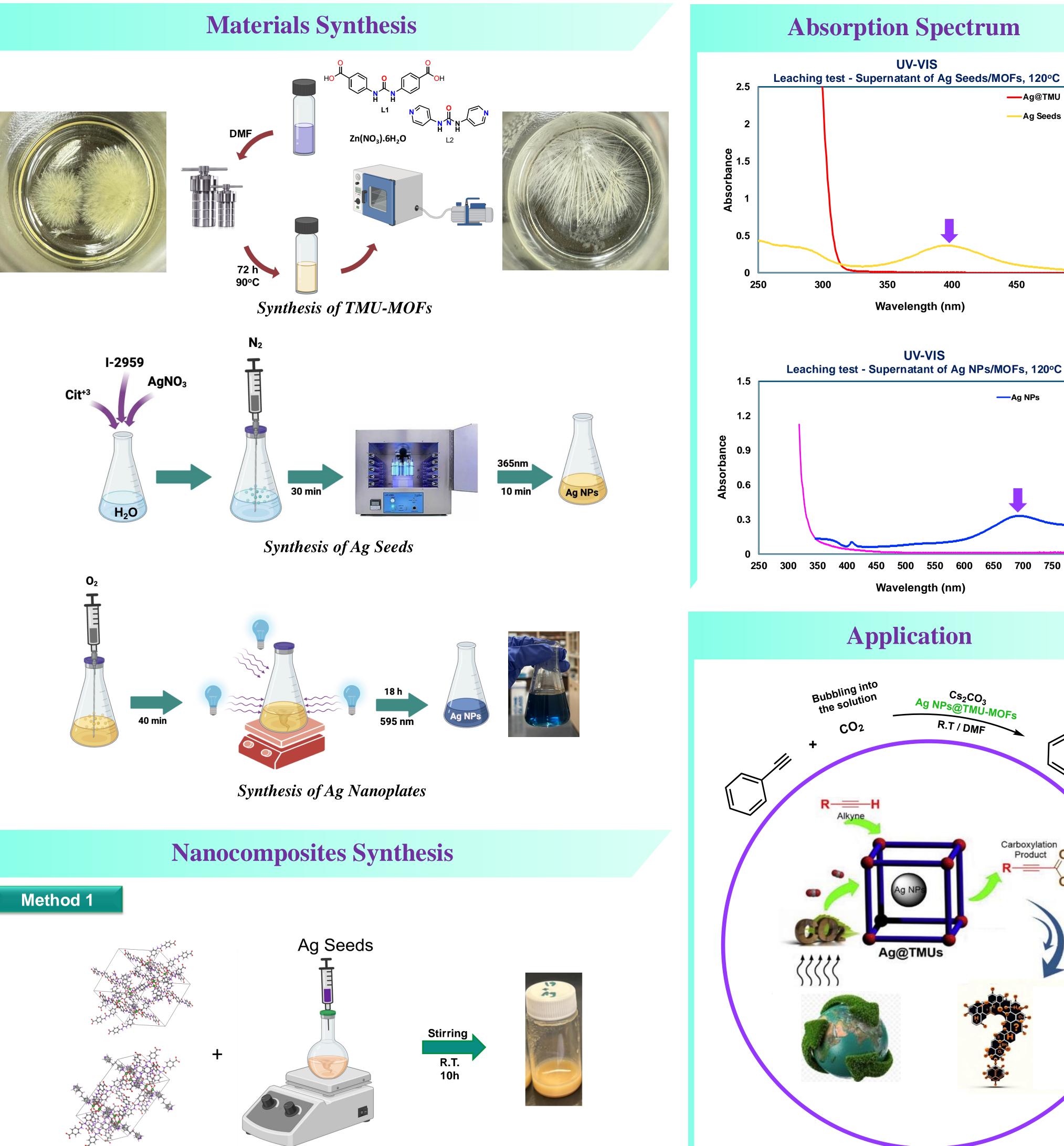
—Ag@TMU

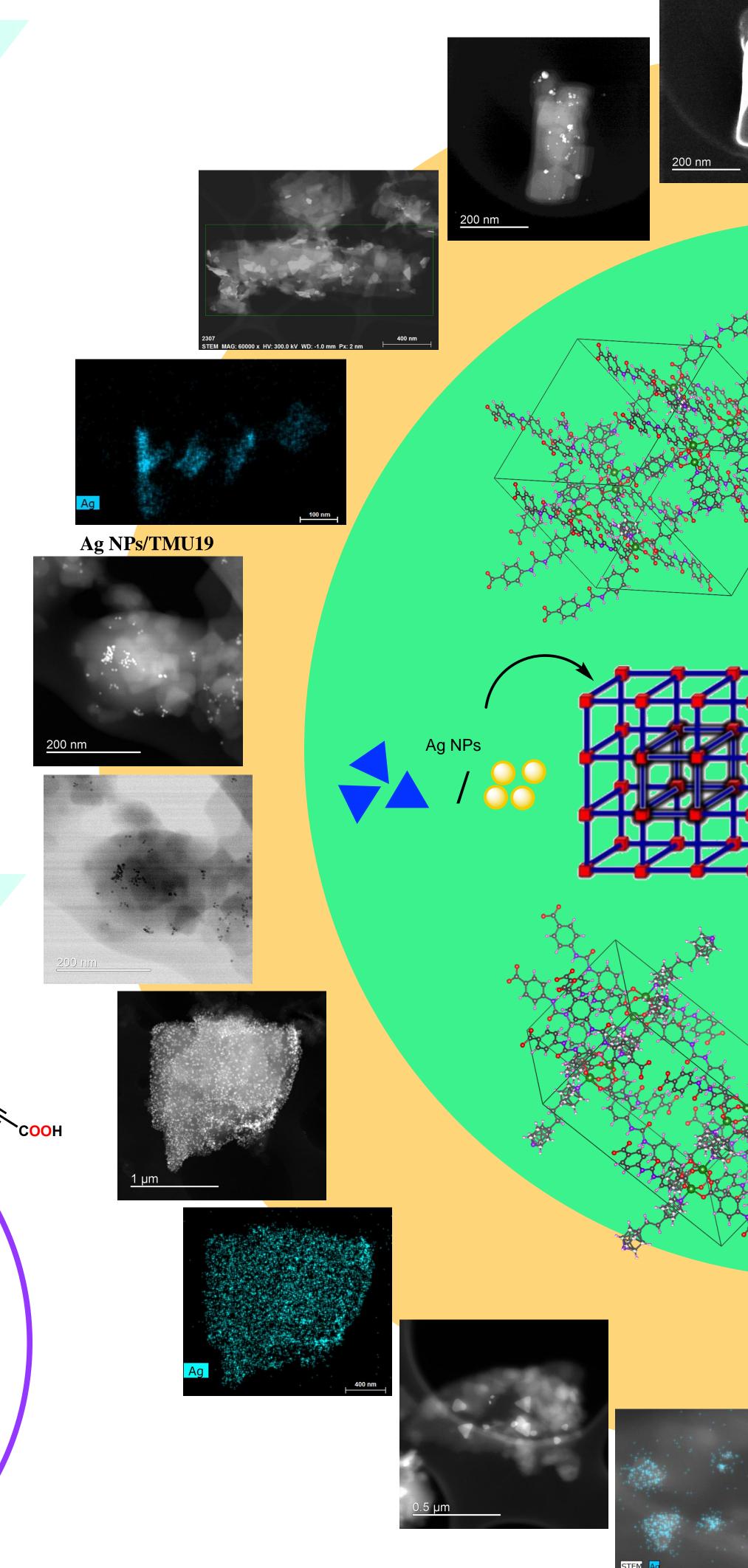
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-Ag NP

500

-Ag Seeds



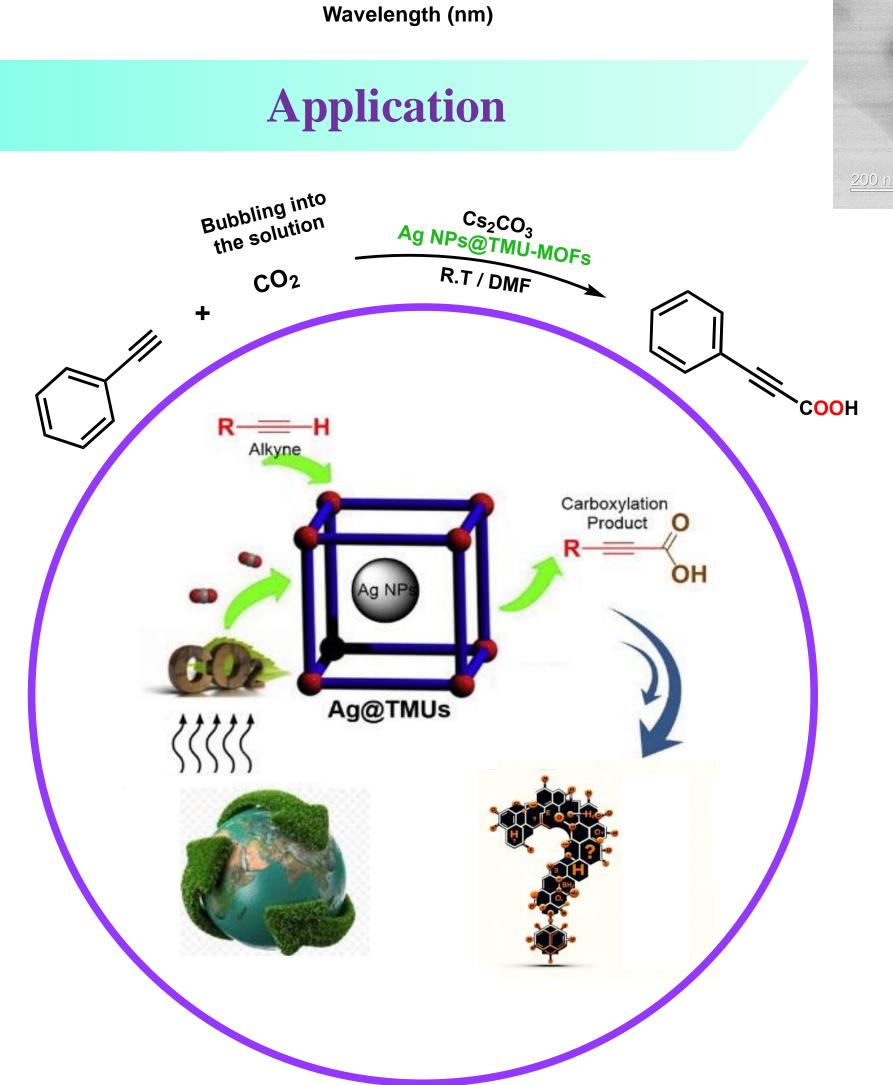


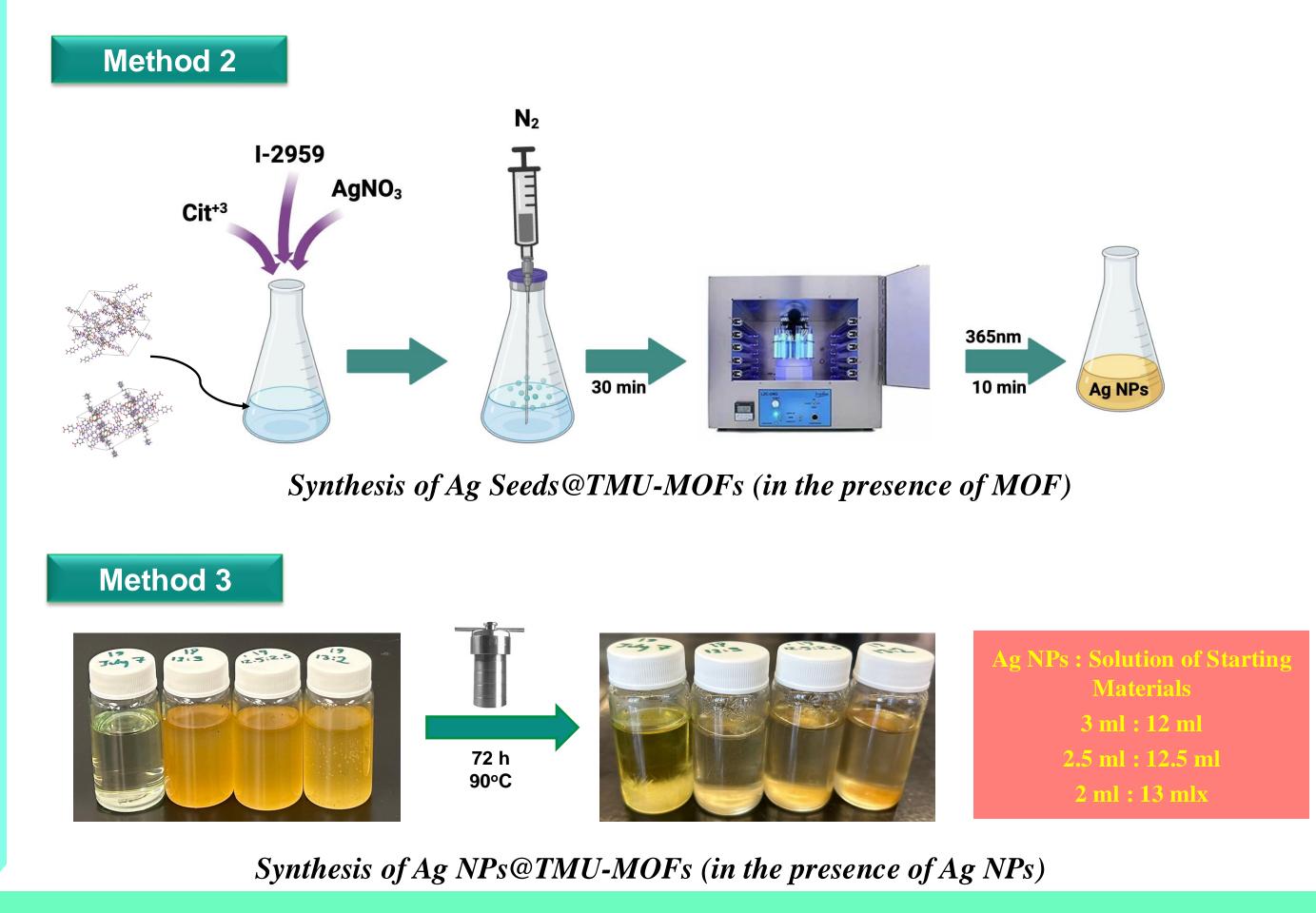
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Synthesis of Ag Seeds@TMU-MOFs (Mixing)





Future Study

- Developing a green synthesis method for TMU-MOFs.
- Performing X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) and surface area analyzer (BET), and Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectroscopy (ICP)
- Catalytic study



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