



UNVEILING THE POTENTIAL OF *Cymbopogon* SPECIES-MEDIATED METAL NANOPARTICLES

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ABSTRACT

Sustainable or green chemistry primarily eliminates the usage of harsh and hazardous chemicals. This chemistry has its usage over nanotechnology. Being a multidisciplinary field, the technology finds its application in different aspects of human life. Therefore, it shows further growth and a promising future. Nanoparticles are one of the byproducts of this technology and their size range (1-100 nm) makes them incredibly potent. Nanoparticles can be produced from a variety of methods one of which is green synthesis. This method can be used to create metal nanoparticles that contain metal ions integrated within their structures. There has been the utilization of a variety of metals for the creation of metal nanoparticles like gold, silver, etc.

Cymbopogon species are extensively cultivated for their essential oils. These oils have various therapeutic and non-therapeutic values. The usage is seen not only in the traditional medicine systems around the world; but also in modern medicine. This review aims to consolidate the available information regarding the different *Cymbopogon* species in the field of metal nanoparticles. Additionally, the review will paint the future of the formulation and utilization of the *Cymbopogon* species-mediated metal nanoparticles.

Keywords: Nanoparticles, Metal Nanoparticles, Green Chemistry, *Cymbopogon* species.

INTRODUCTION

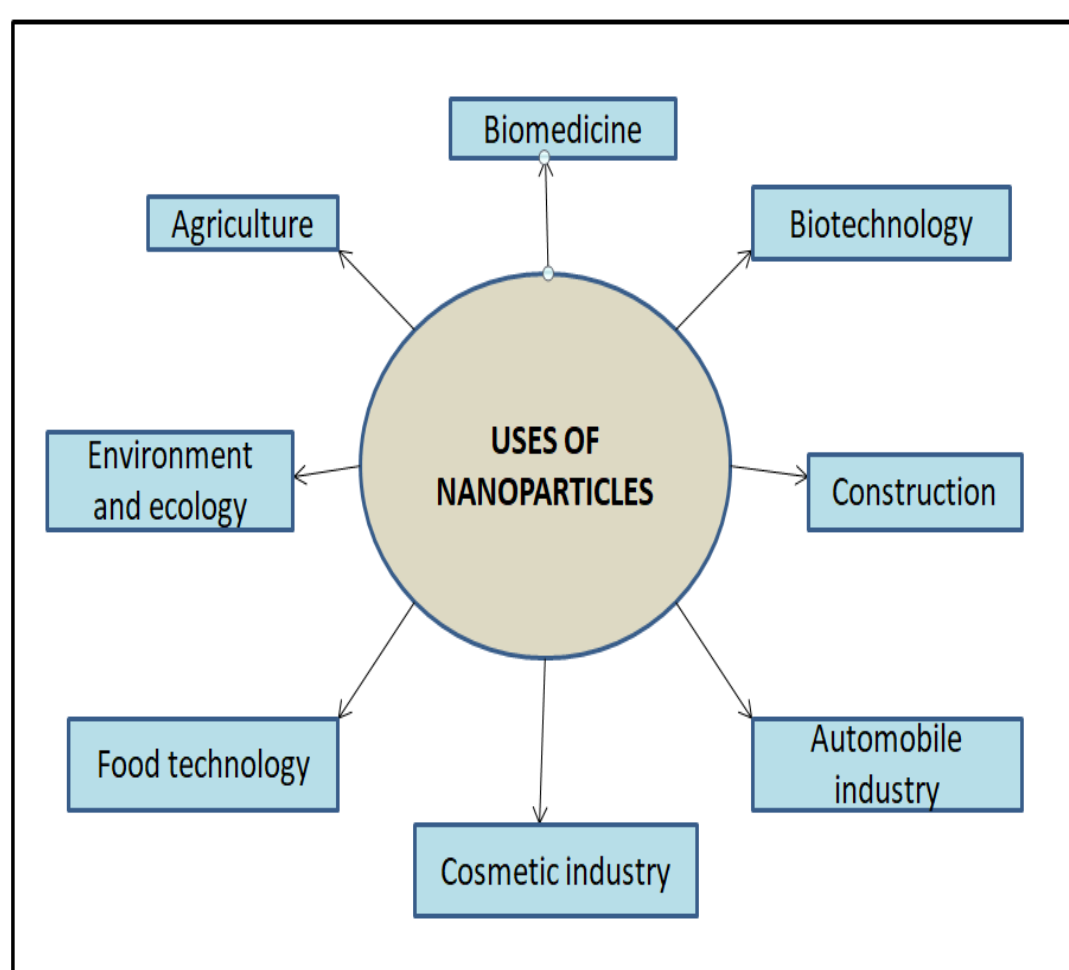


Fig: The various fields in which nanoparticles can be used

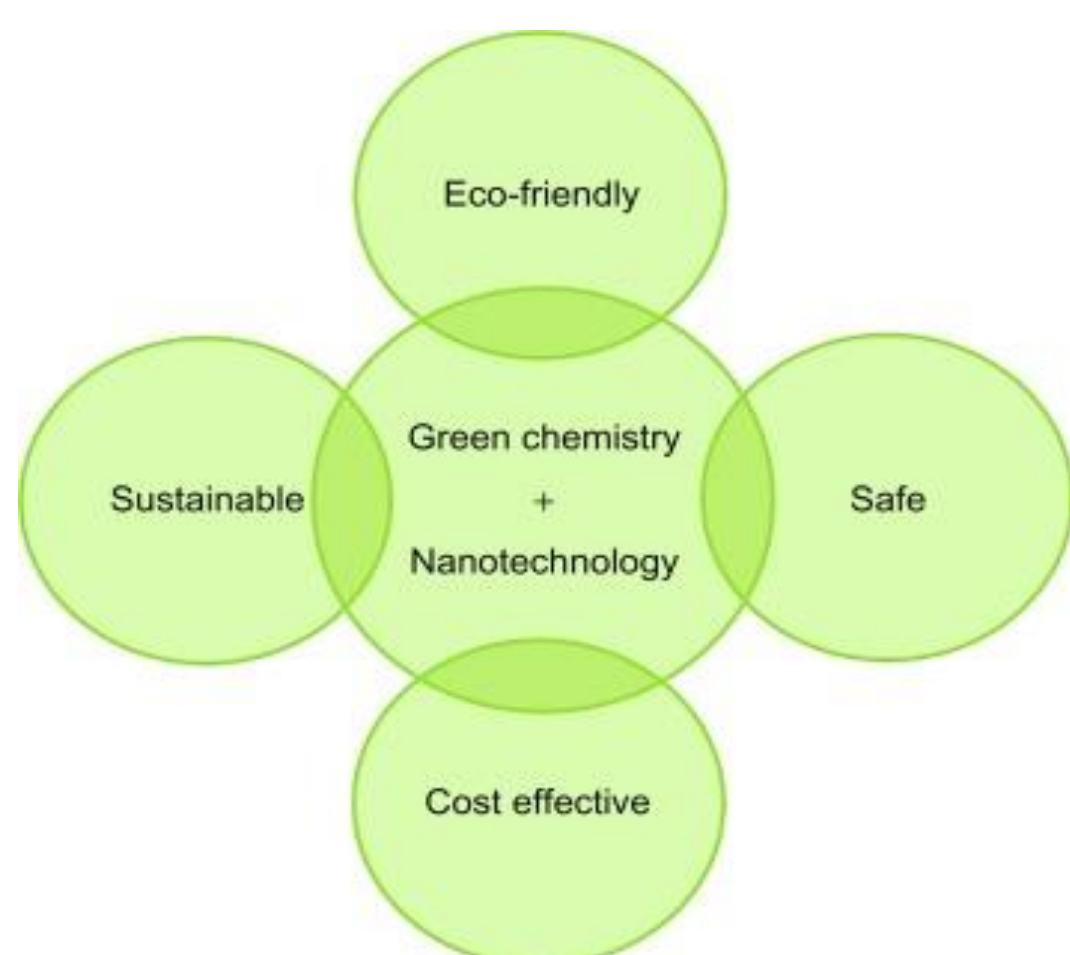


Fig: Benefits of applying Green Chemistry in Nanotechnology

OVERALL VIEW ON *Cymbopogon* SPECIES



Fig: (From the left) *Cymbopogon* plant; Leaves from the plant; Essential oil extracted from *Cymbopogon* plant

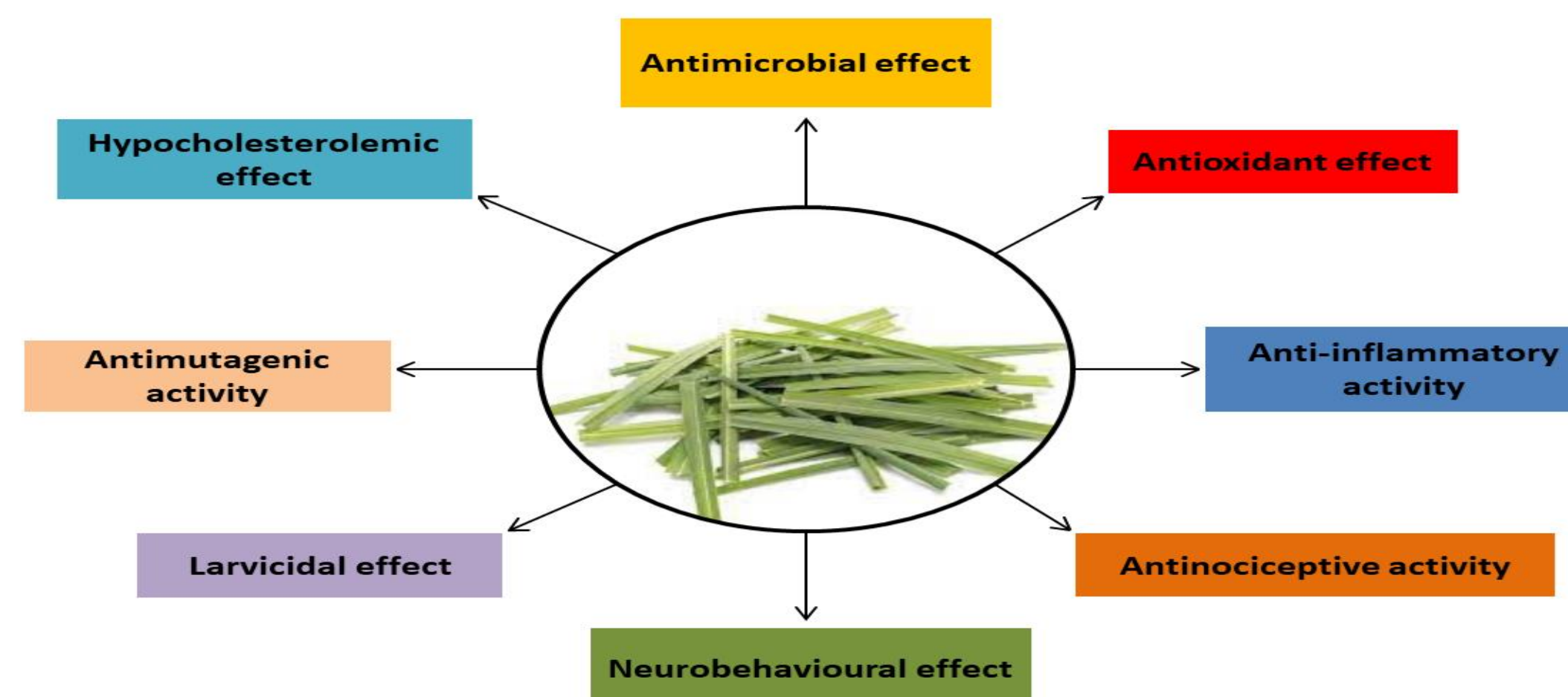


Fig: Different therapeutic uses of the members of the *Cymbopogon* species

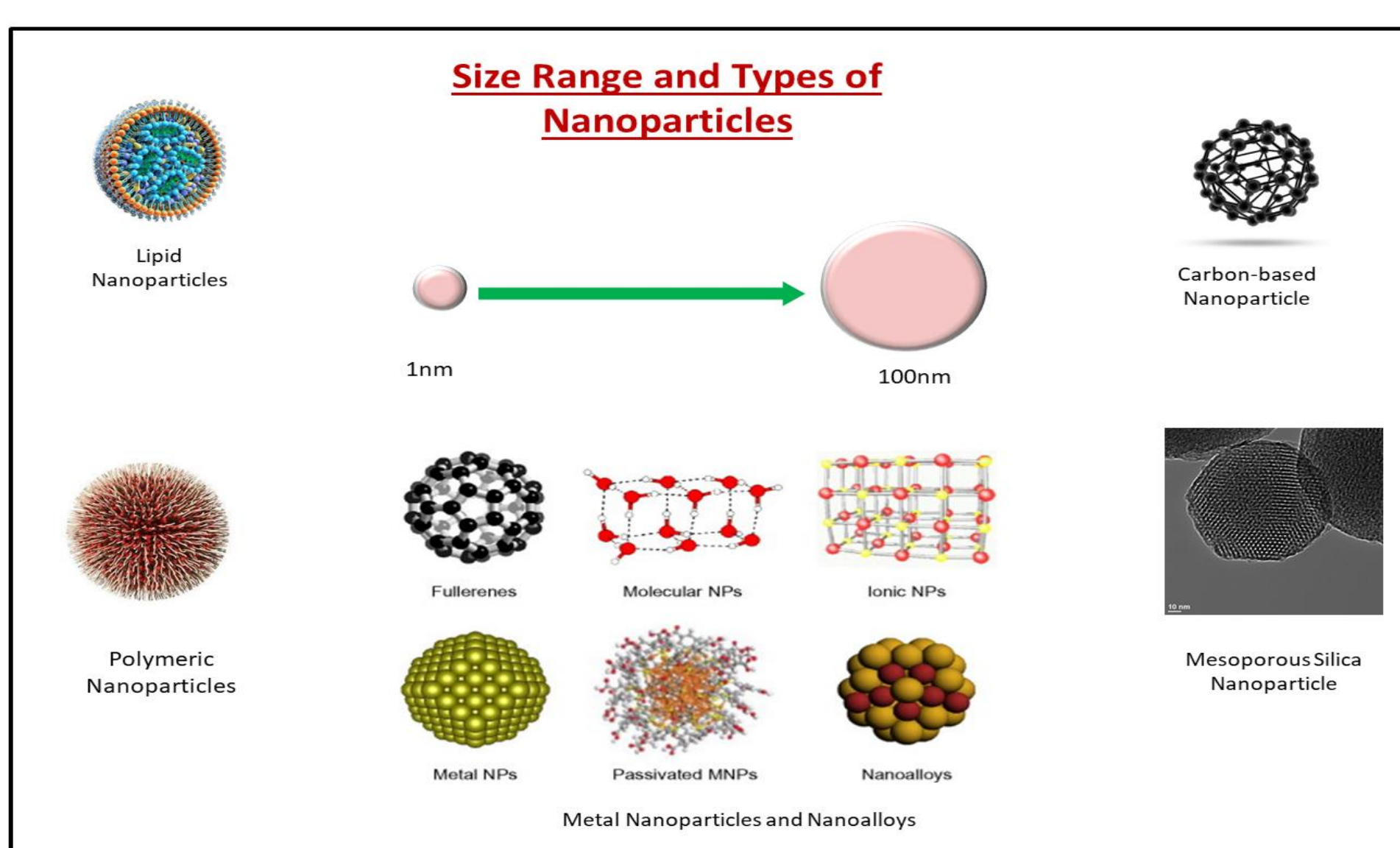


Fig: The size range and different types of nanoparticles

METAL NANOPARTICLES SYNTHESIZED FROM *Cymbopogon* SPECIES

| NP | SPECIES | PLANT PART | CHARACTERIZATION TOOLS | CHARACTERISTICS OF NP | | APPLICATIONS | REFERENCES |
|-----------------|--|---|---|-----------------------|--|---|------------------------------------|
| | | | | SIZE (in nm) | SHAPE | | |
| Copper-ferrite | <i>C. citratus</i> | Essential oil | DLS, XRD, SEM, TEM, Magnetic measurements, Raman Spectroscopy, UV-VIS | 70 | Spherical | Antimicrobial activities | Liakos, Abdellatif, et al. (2016) |
| | <i>C. citratus</i> | Aqueous leaf extract | UV-VIS, NTA, TEM, EDX | 32 | Spherical | Antimicrobial activity | Masurkar, Chaudhari, et al. (2011) |
| Silver | <i>C. citratus</i> & <i>C. martini</i> | Essential oil was mixed with the AgNPs during the formulation | TEM, FTIR, NTA, UV-VIS | 15-35 | Spherical | Antimicrobial activity | Bansod, Bawaskar, et al. (2015) |
| | <i>C. citratus</i> | Leaf | UV-VIS, NTA, TEM, FTIR, Zetasizer analysis | 31 | Spherical | Antifungal activity | Jogee, Ingle, et al. (2017) |
| | <i>C. citratus</i> | Aqueous leaf extract | UV-VIS, XRD, DLS, FTIR, TEM, EDX | 121.1 | Spherical | Antimicrobial and Anticarcinogenic activity | Chen, Ye, et al. (2019) |
| | <i>C. citratus</i> | Aqueous leaf extract | XRD, FTIR, SEM, EDXRF | 35 | Cuboidal | Antimicrobial and Cytotoxic activity | Basera, Lavania, et al. (2019) |
| Copper | <i>C. citratus</i> | Aqueous leaf extract | UV-VIS, AAS, STEM, FTIR, HR-TEM, EDS | 3 | Spherical | - | Brumbaugh, Cohen, et al. (2014) |
| | <i>C. citratus</i> | Aqueous leaf extract | XRD, SEM, EDS, GC-MS, FTIR, UV-VIS | 31.1 | Spherical | Antibiotic activity | Cherian, Saquib et al. (2020) |
| Gold | <i>C. citratus</i> | Methanolic leaf extract | UV-VIS, TEM | 10-15 | Spherical | Antioxidant activity | Vieira, Castañeda, et al. (2015) |
| | <i>C. citratus</i> | Aqueous leaf extract | XRD, TEM, EDX, FTIR, UV-VIS | 20-50 | Spherical, triangular, hexagonal, and rod shapes | Larvicidal activity | Murugan, Benelli, et al. (2015) |
| Silver and Gold | <i>C. citratus</i> | Leaf | UV-VIS, TEM, EDX, SEM | 10-20 | Spherical | - | Prasad and Krishna (2014) |
| Aluminium oxide | <i>C. citratus</i> | Aqueous leaf extract | SEM, XRD, HR-TEM, DLS, AFM | 9-180 | Spherical | Antimicrobial activity | Ansaru, Khan, et al. (2015) |

Table: The past work carried out on *Cymbopogon* species mediated metal nanoparticles

CONCLUSION

- There have been several applications of the metal nanoparticles that are synthesized with the help of the *Cymbopogon* species like antimicrobial, cytotoxic, etc.
- The process of synthesizing the metal nanoparticles are also the same.
- Not much work has been done with the essential oils of the plant, and therefore, there is a huge scope of research.

SYNTHESIS OF NANOPARTICLES

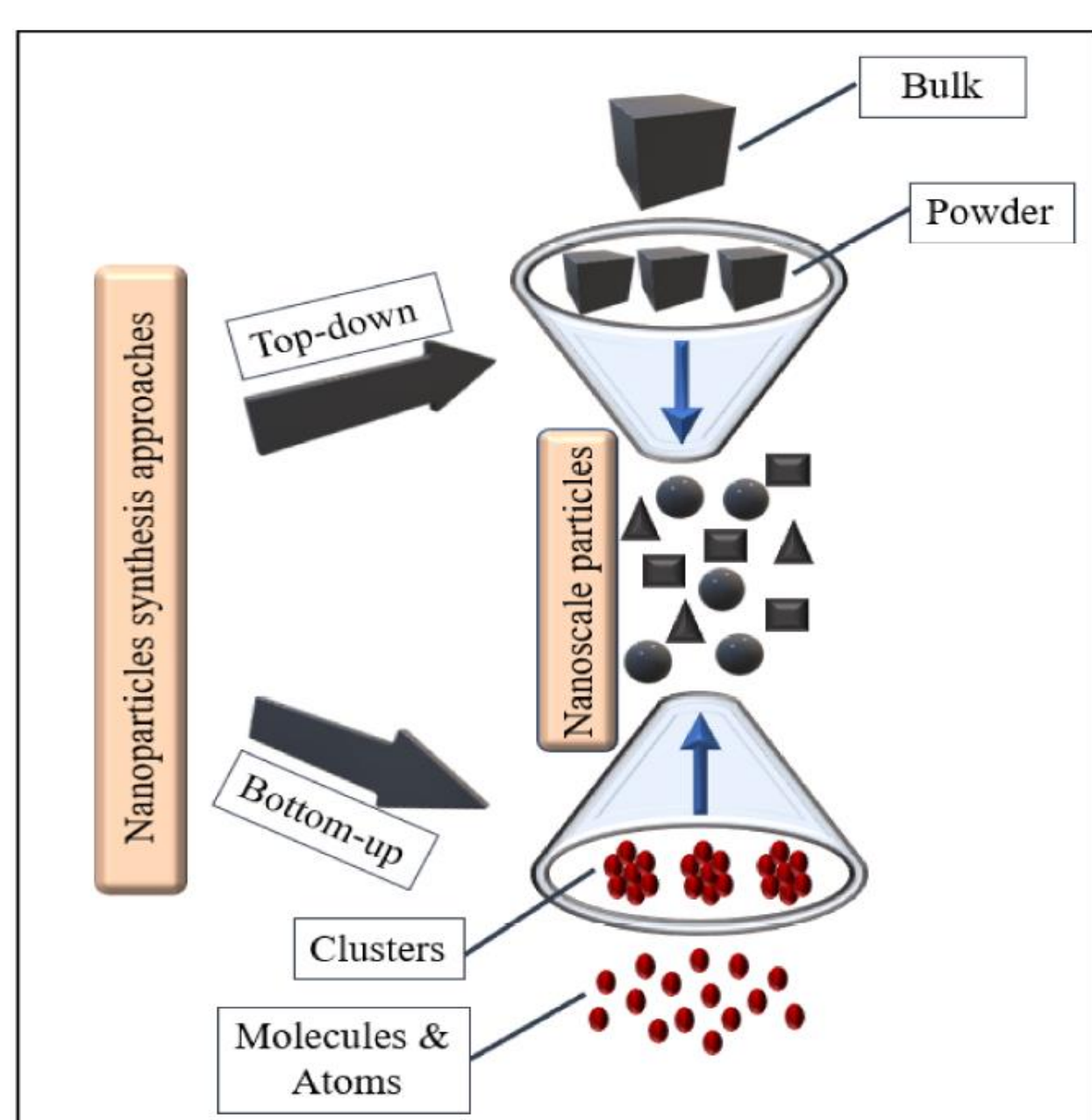


Fig: The different approaches that can be taken for the synthesis of nanoparticles

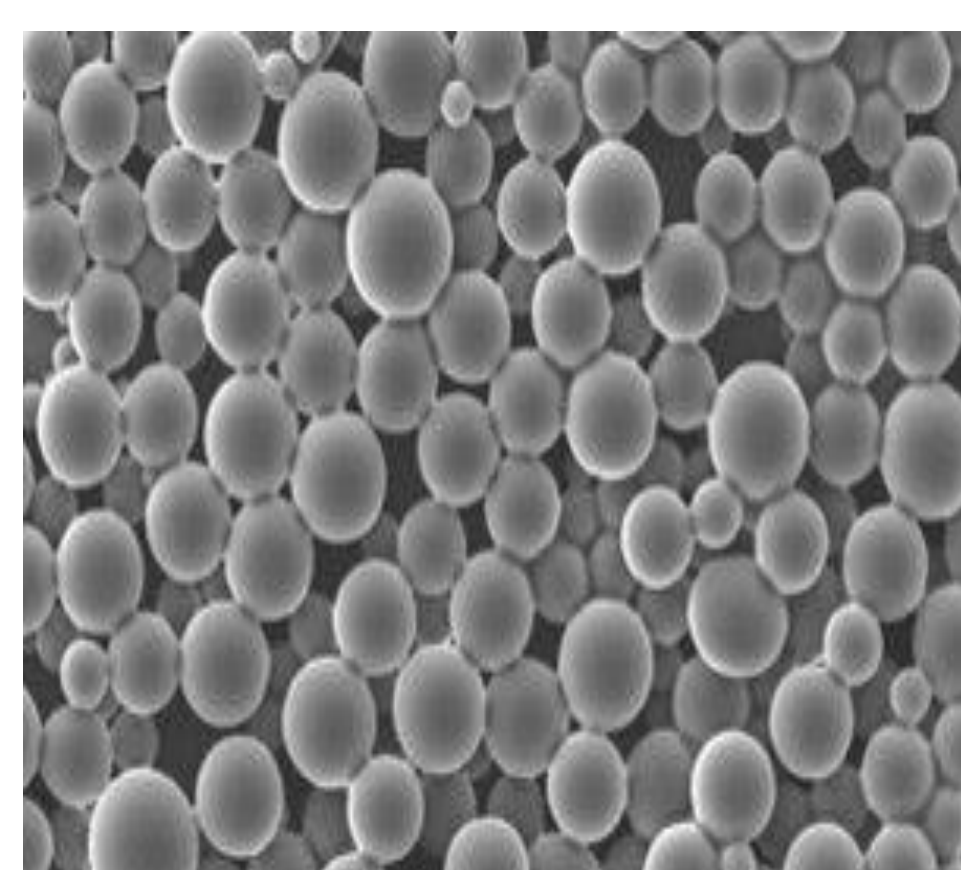


Fig: Picture showing prepared nanoparticles

GREEN SYNTHESIS OF METALLIC NANOPARTICLES

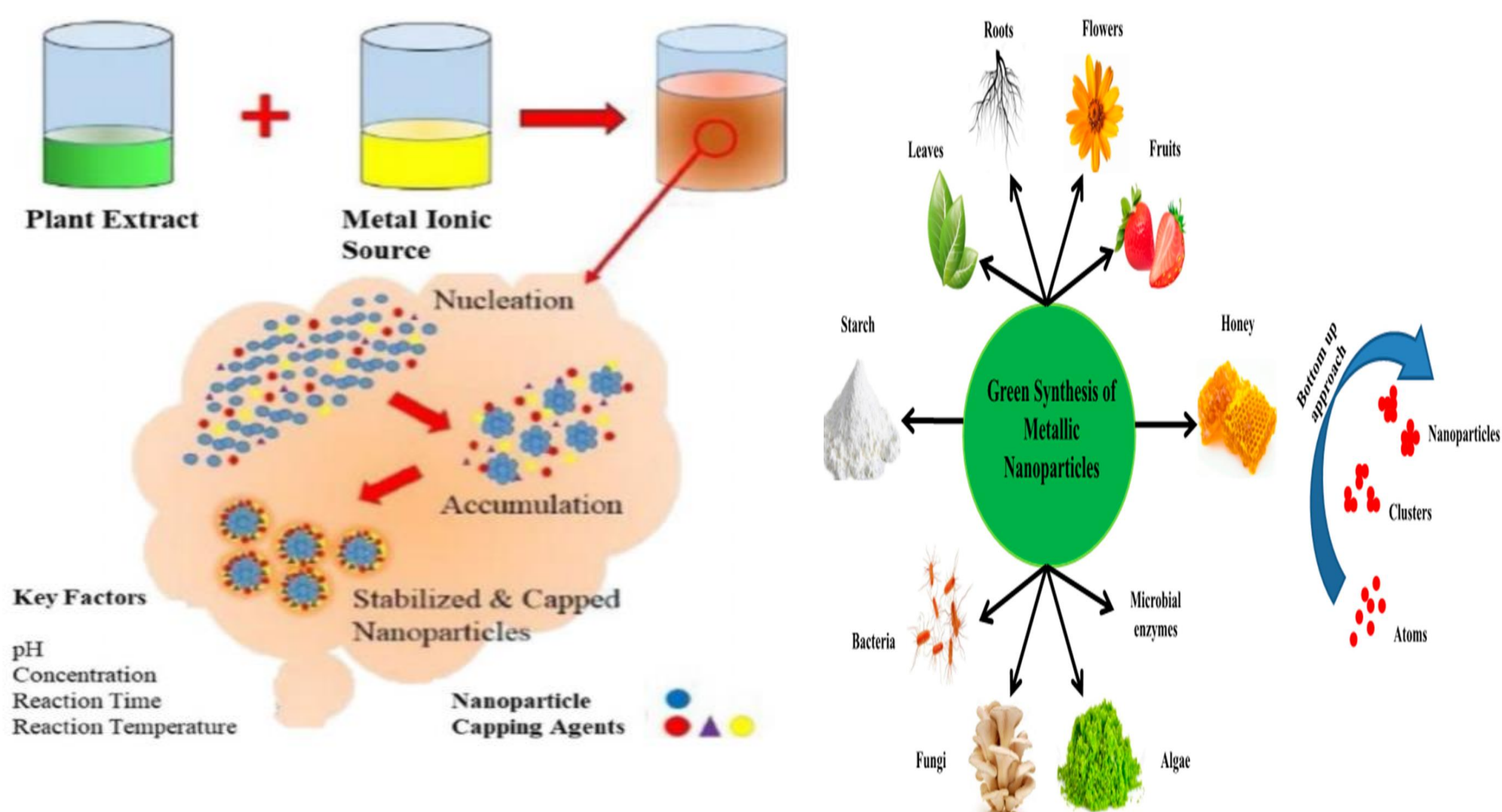
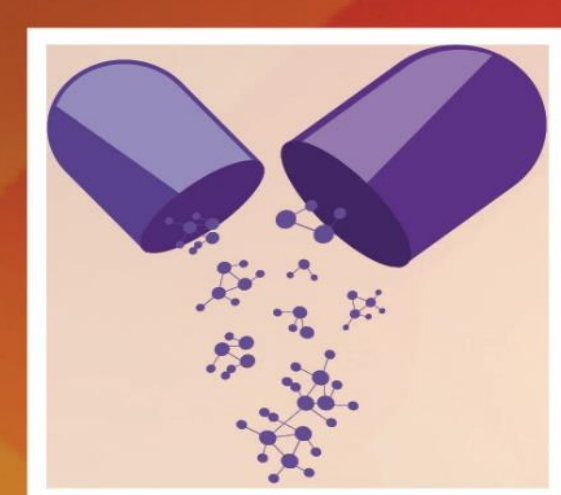


Fig: The process of formation of metal nanoparticles with the help of Green Synthesis



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