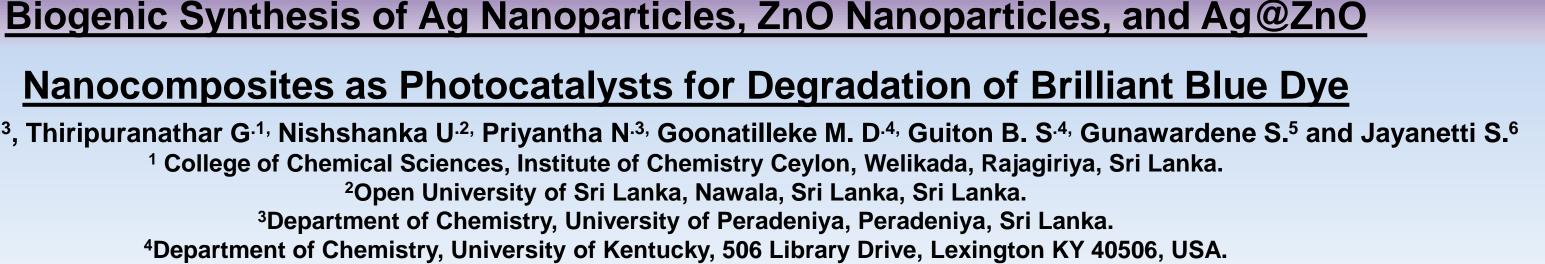
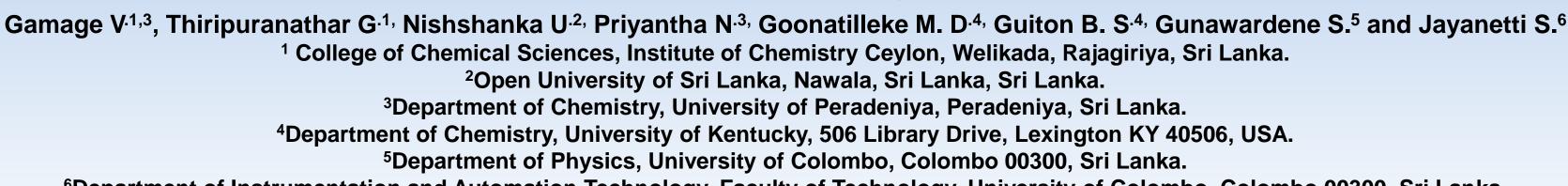


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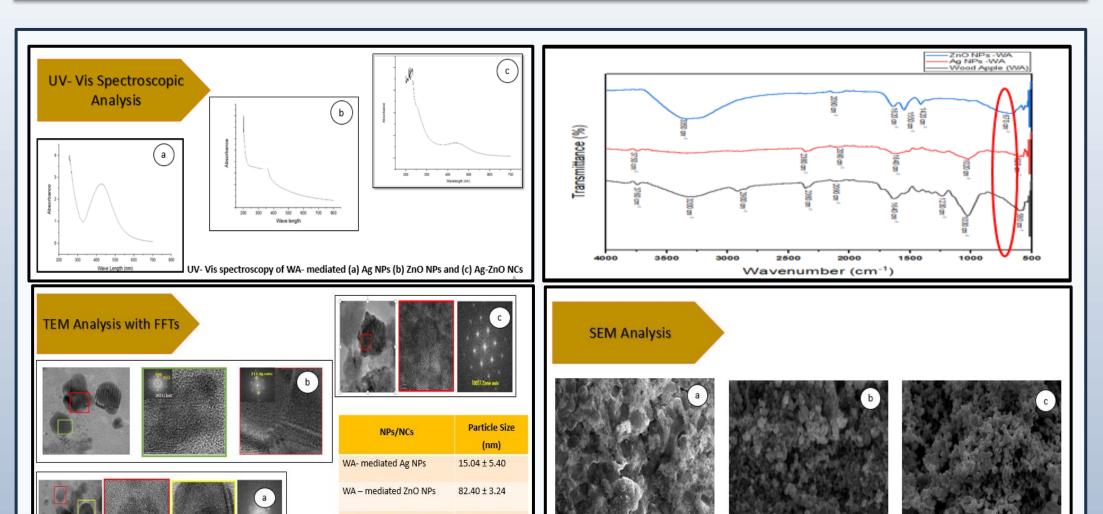




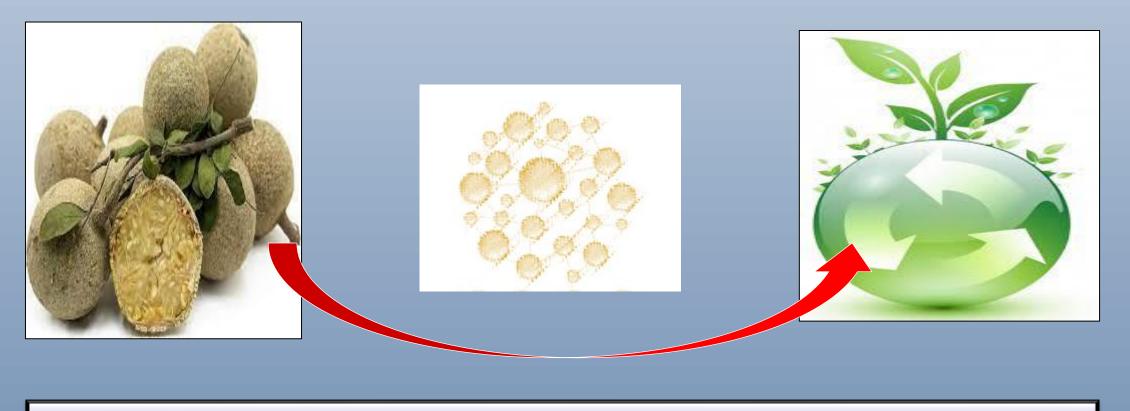
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INTRODUCTION

- **Bio-synthesis of nanomaterials (NMs) offers eco-friendly** solutions
- The outer shell of the wood apple (WA), also known as "bael"
- Wood apple (Aegle marmelos) is a fruit that contains various phytochemical constituents



RESULTS & DISCUSSION



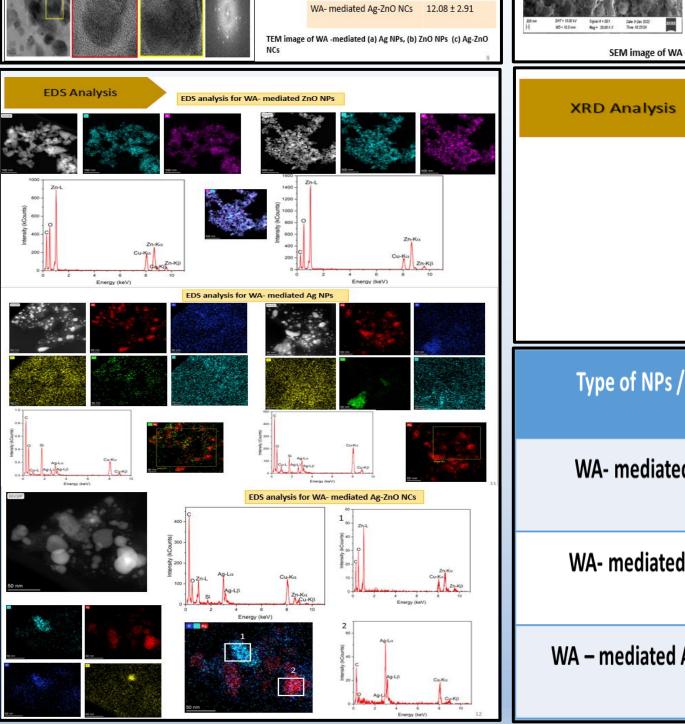
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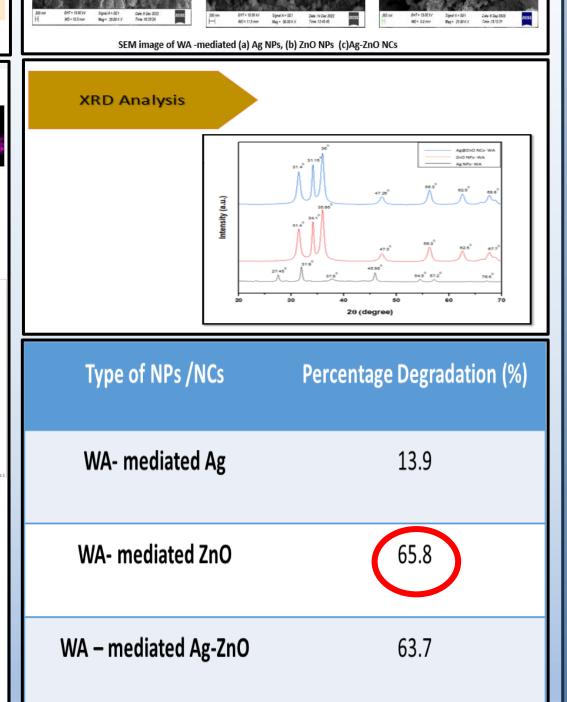
Collection and preparation of the plant material

Optimization of the conditions for the synthesis of nanoparticles (NPs) and nanocomposites (NCs)

Characterization using UV-Vis spectroscopy, FTIR, SEM, TEM with FFT, EDS and XRD

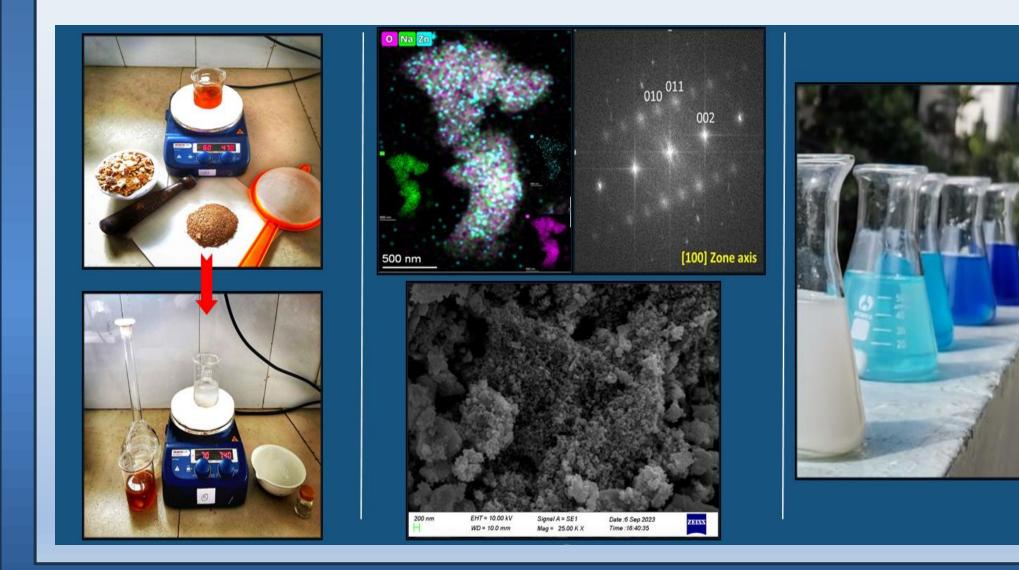






CONCLUSION

- The phytochemicals in the wood apple outer shell acted as capping • and stabilizing agents, causing the formation of stable NP/NCs
- The chemical and physical properties of these NP/NCs depend on different parameters
- The SEM, TEM, EDS, and XRD analysis confirms the formation of stable NPs and NCs
- The study reveals that WA-mediated ZnO NPs and Ag@ZnO NCs exhibit nearly comparable photo-catalytic activity against Brilliant



Blue dye

• ZnO NPs' exceptional photo-catalytic activity stems from their distinctive surface properties and efficient charge carrier generation This achieves environmental sustainability while adding value to ٠ WA outer shells, instead of disposing of them as waste

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