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# Water Treatment, Overview

- Clean water, one of the most basic needs
- Each year, the world generates 400 billion tons of industrial waste.
- 1.1 billion people do not have access to clean water.
- Social, Agricultural and Environmental issues.



# Global... and local



# Nanotechnology can enhance existing treatment processes

- Turbidity, Taste/odor      **Selective adsorbents**
- Water hardness      **Electrosorption**
- Heavy metal contaminants      **Selective adsorbents**      **Catalysis**      **Membranes**
- Oxoanions      **Selective adsorbents**      **Catalysis**
- Organic pollutants (pesticides, endocrine disruptors, pharmaceuticals)      **Selective adsorbents**      **Catalysis**      **Photocatalysis**
- Salts      **Electrosorption**      **Membranes**      **Distillation**
- Pathogens      **Catalysis**      **Photocatalysis**

# Multifunctional Magnetic Porous Nanocomposites For Water Treatment

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Vahid Jabbari, Mariana Marcos

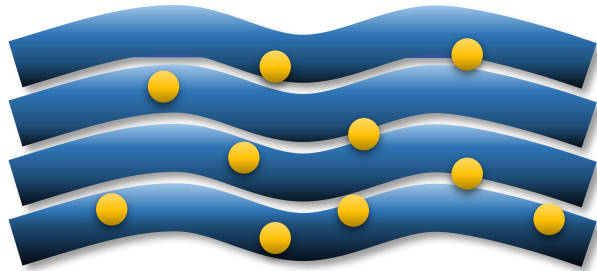
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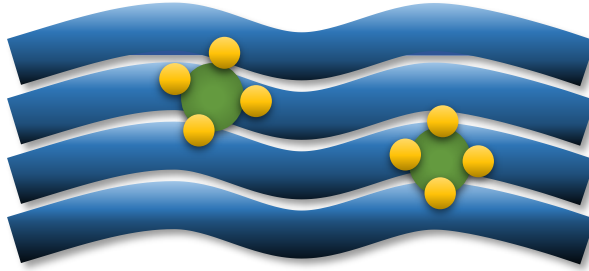
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# Magnetic nanomaterials

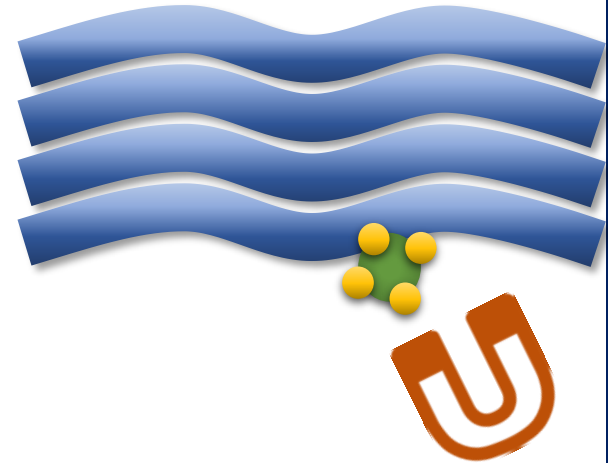
Contaminant removal under flow



Contaminant specific interaction



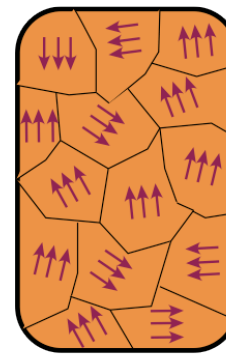
Magnetic capture



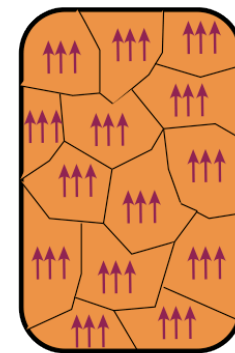
Superparamagnetic ENMs

Contaminant binds to  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles

Low-field magnet traps nanoparticles



Domains randomly aligned



Domains aligned with external field

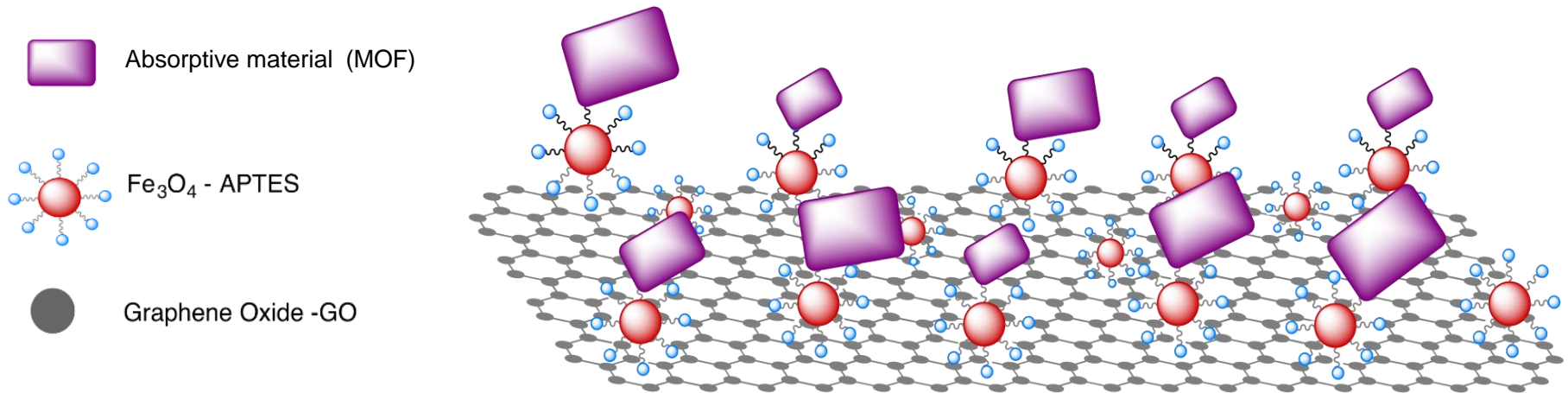


# Objective

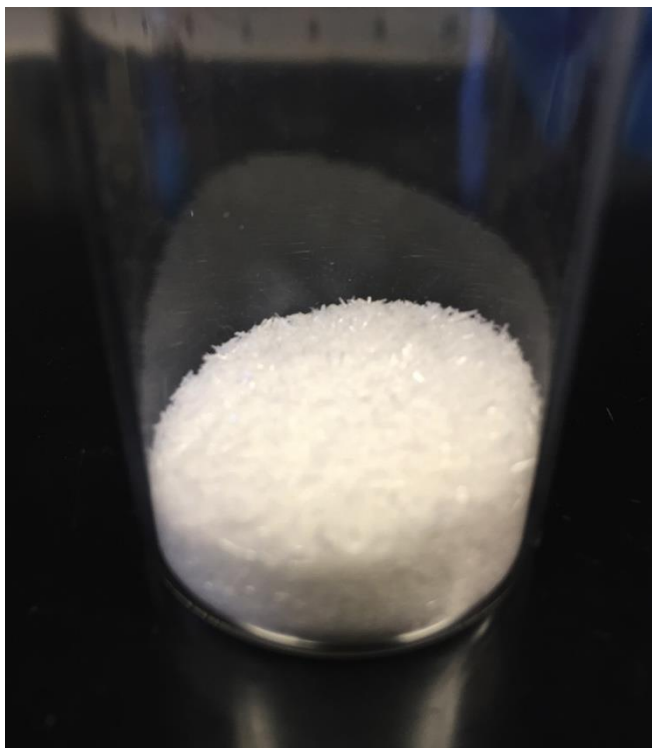
Synthesize engineered nanomaterials with enhanced absorptive properties

Build a composite system that has these properties

- High Stability
- High Absorptivity towards water pollutants
- Magnetic



# Metal Organic Frameworks (or ZIFs)



2 gram  
MOF-5

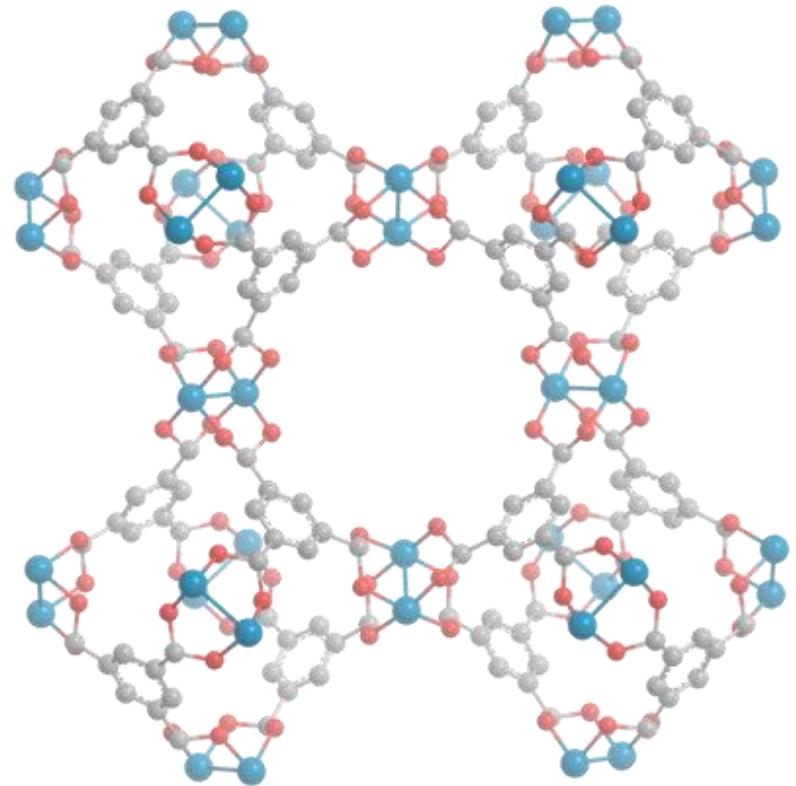


2,900 m<sup>2</sup>/g  
Surface Area

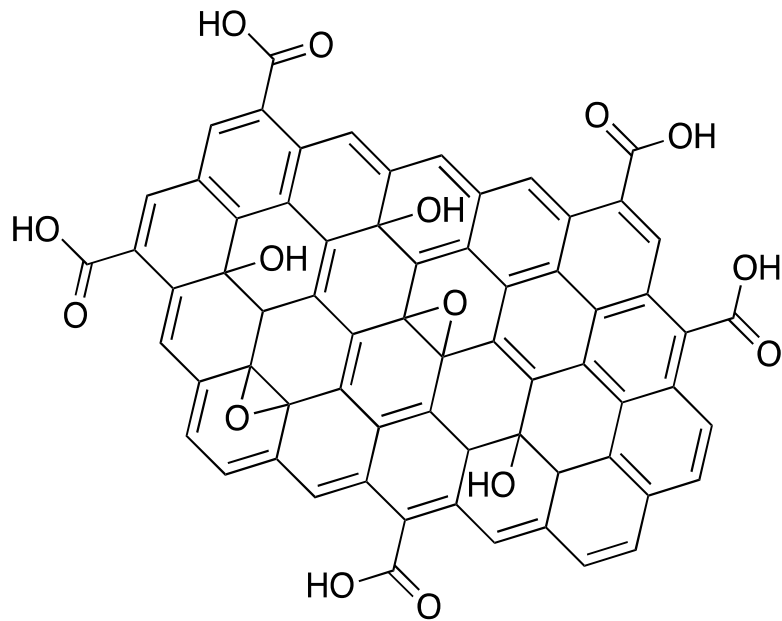


# Metal-Organic Frameworks and Zeolitic-Imidizolate Frameworks

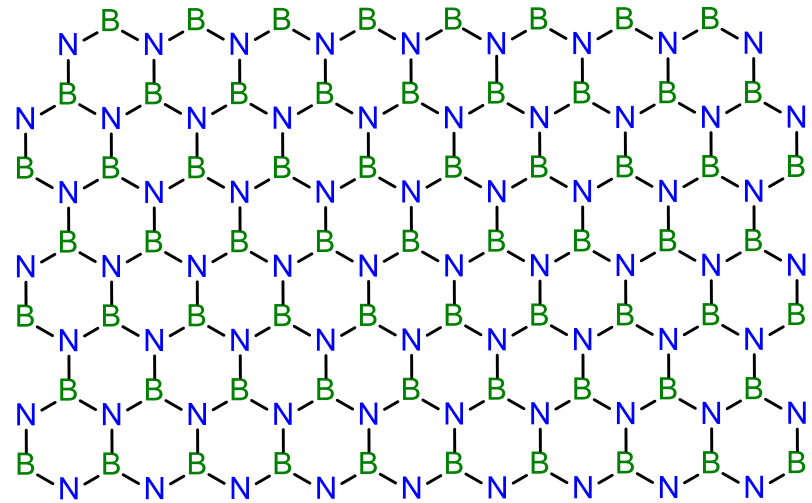
- High porosity
- Thermal stability
- Chemical Stability
- Small molecule absorption
- $M = \text{Ni, Cu, Co, Zn, Zr}$
- HKUST; UiO66;



# Supporting Platforms

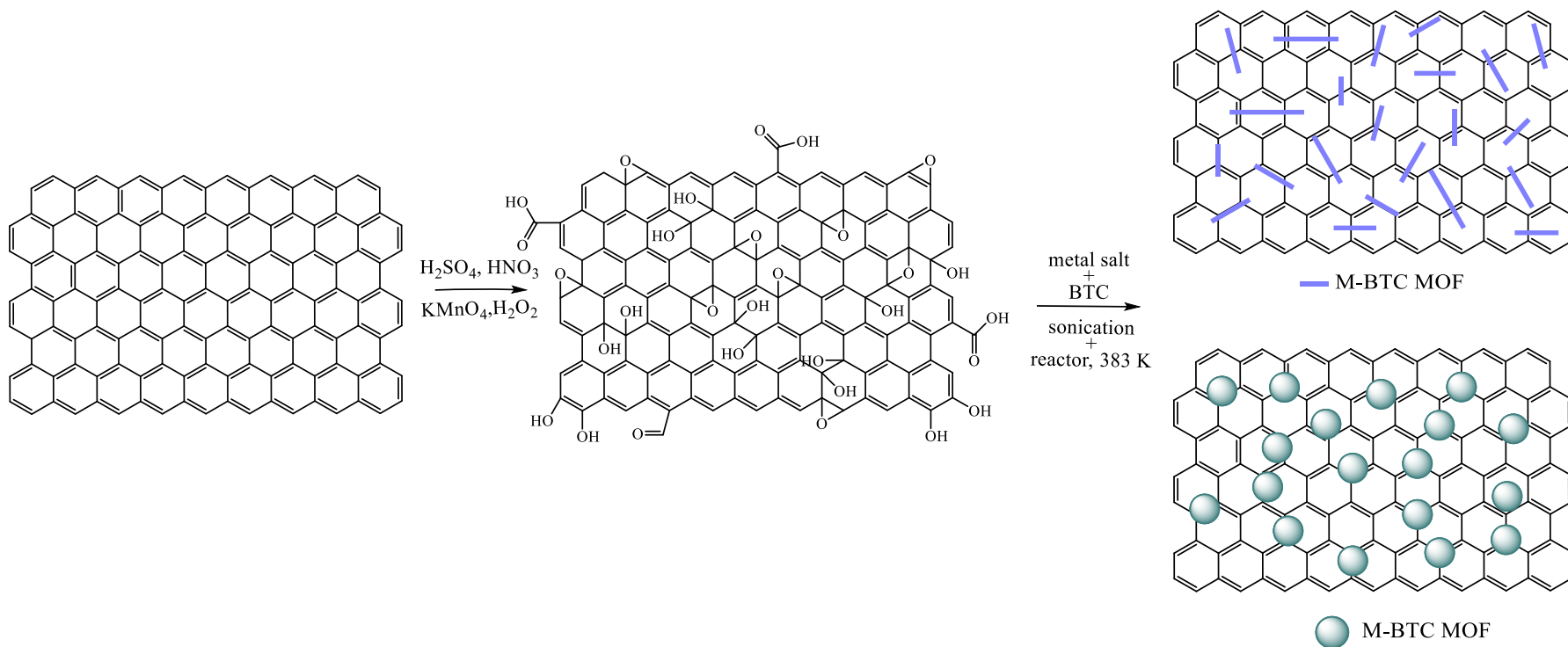


Graphene oxide  
(GO)



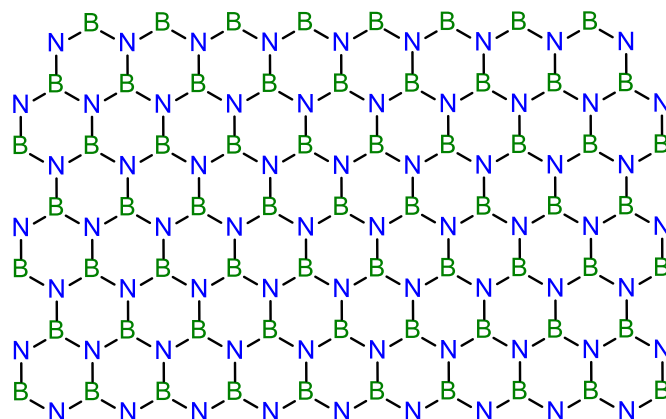
Boron Nitride Nanosheets  
(BNNs)

# *in-situ* Formation and Decoration of the MOFs over Graphene Layer

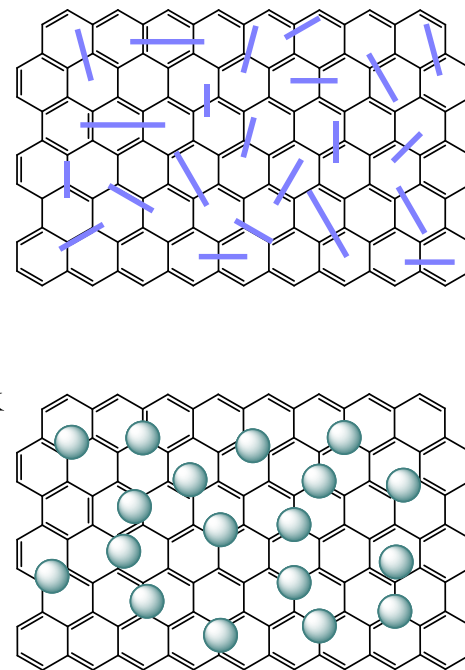


h-BN

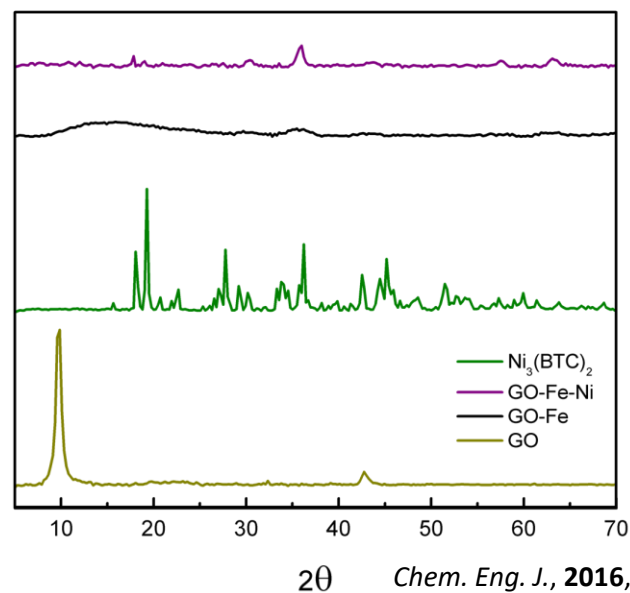
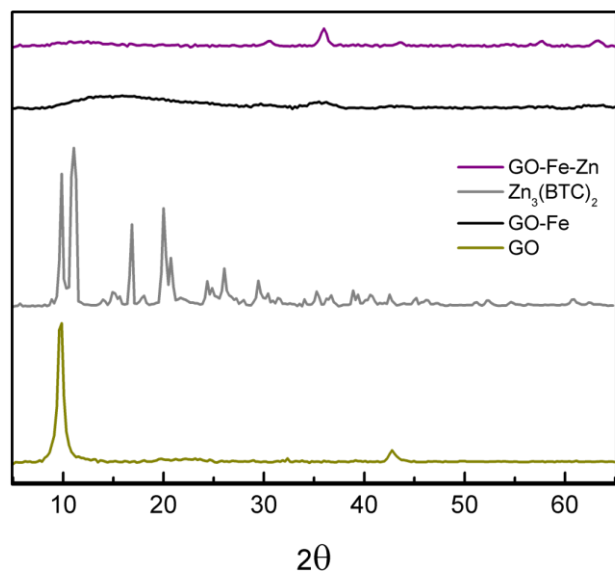
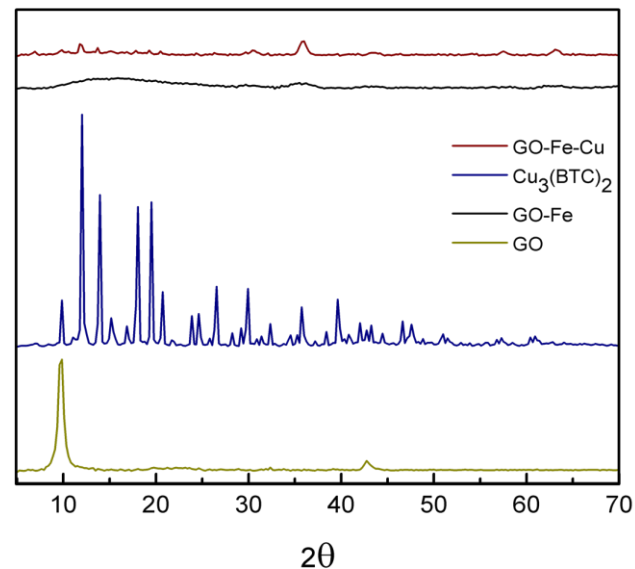
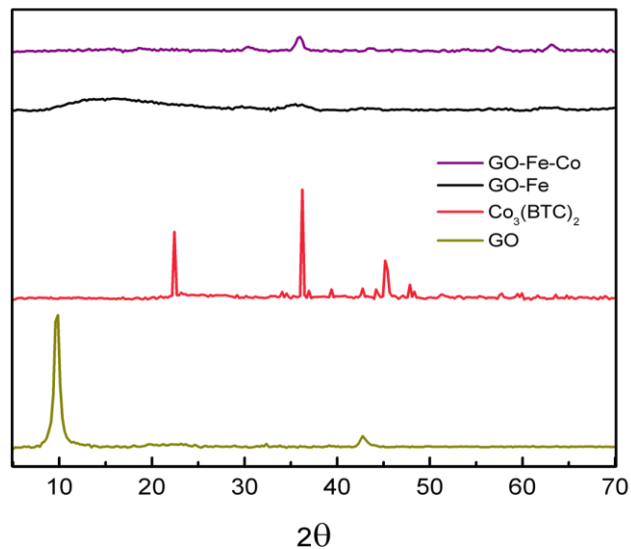
Ethanol  
→  
Microwave,  
2 minutes.



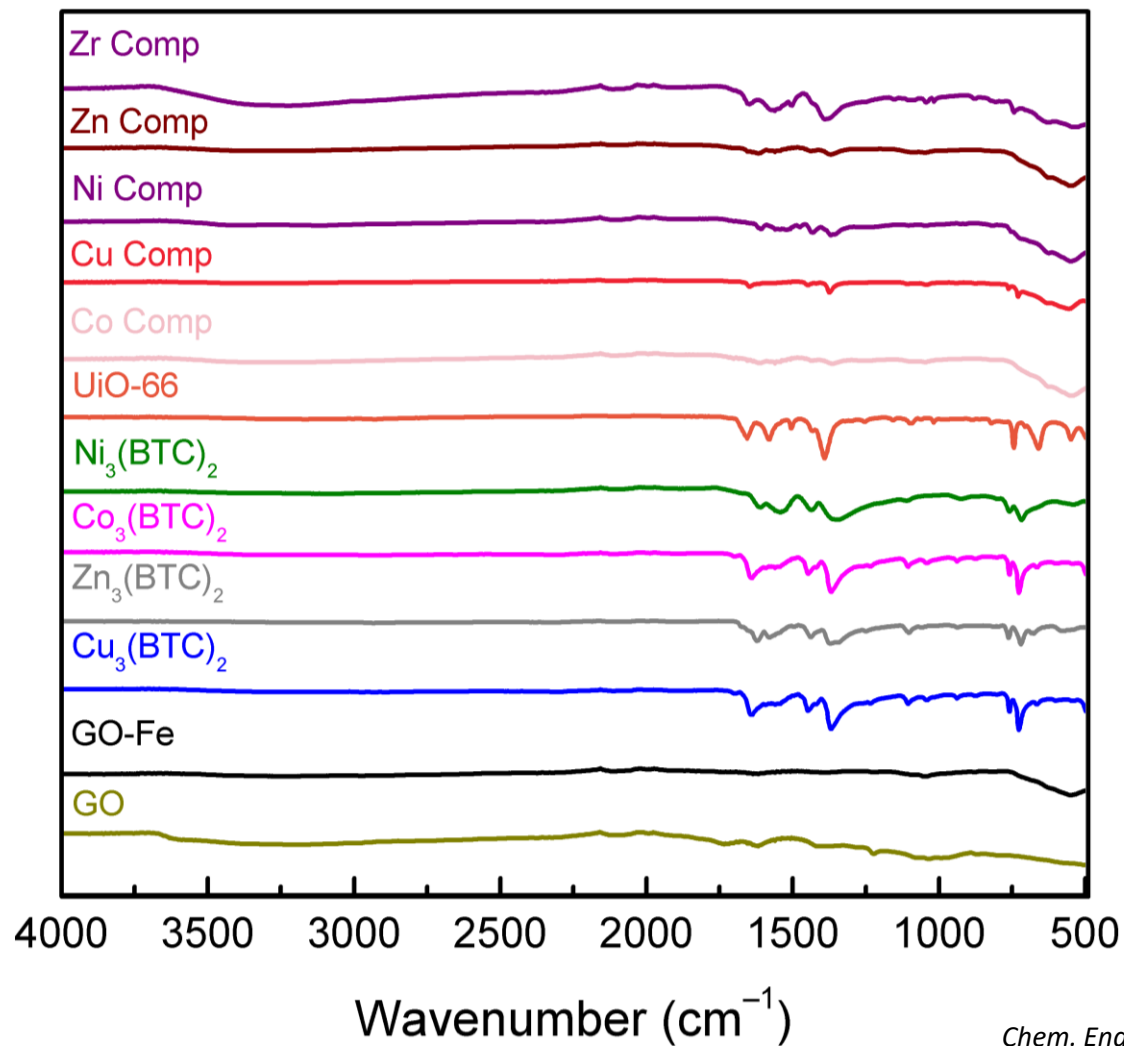
metal salt  
+  
BTC  
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sonication  
+  
reactor, 383 K



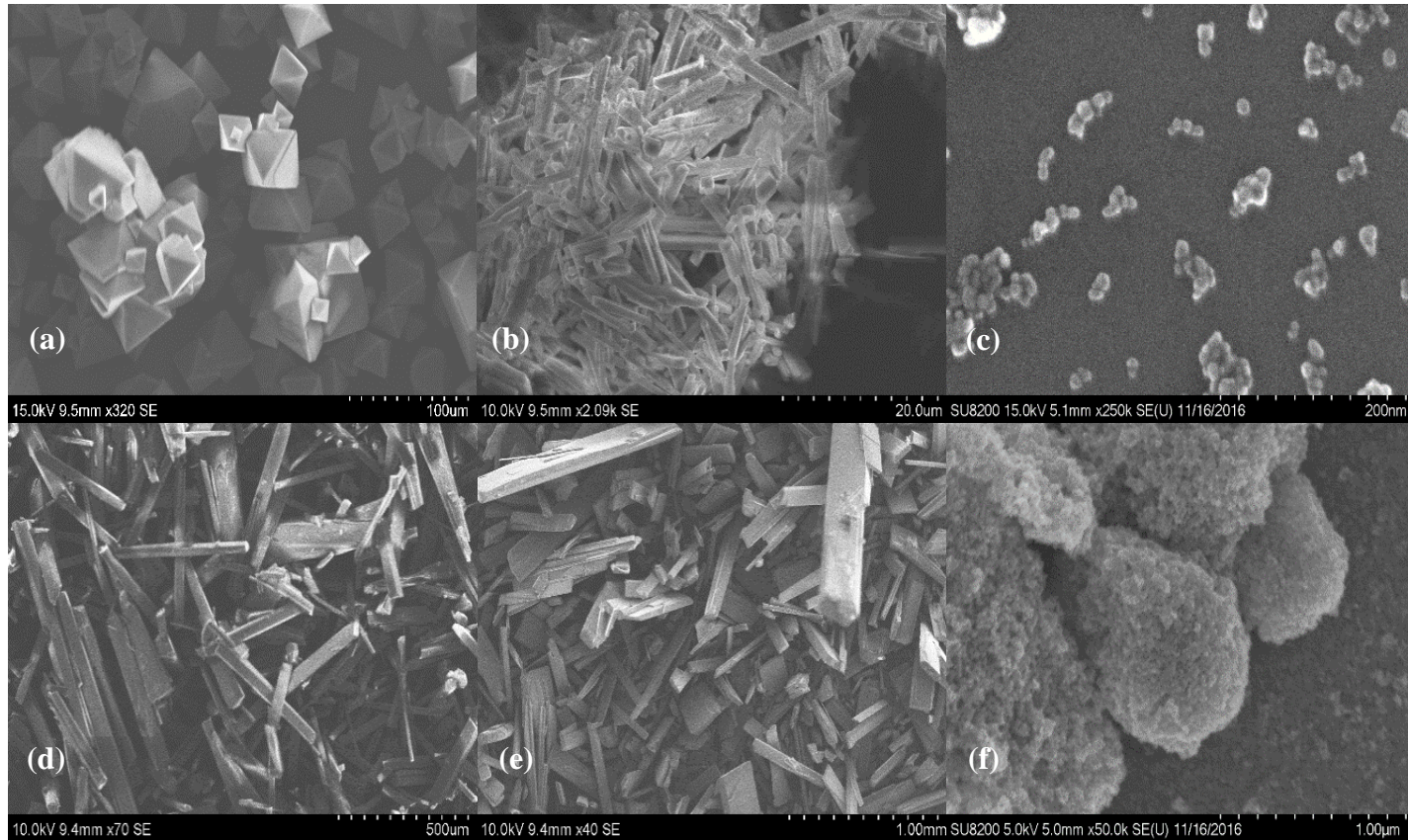
# Powder X-Ray Diffraction



# Infra-Red Spectra

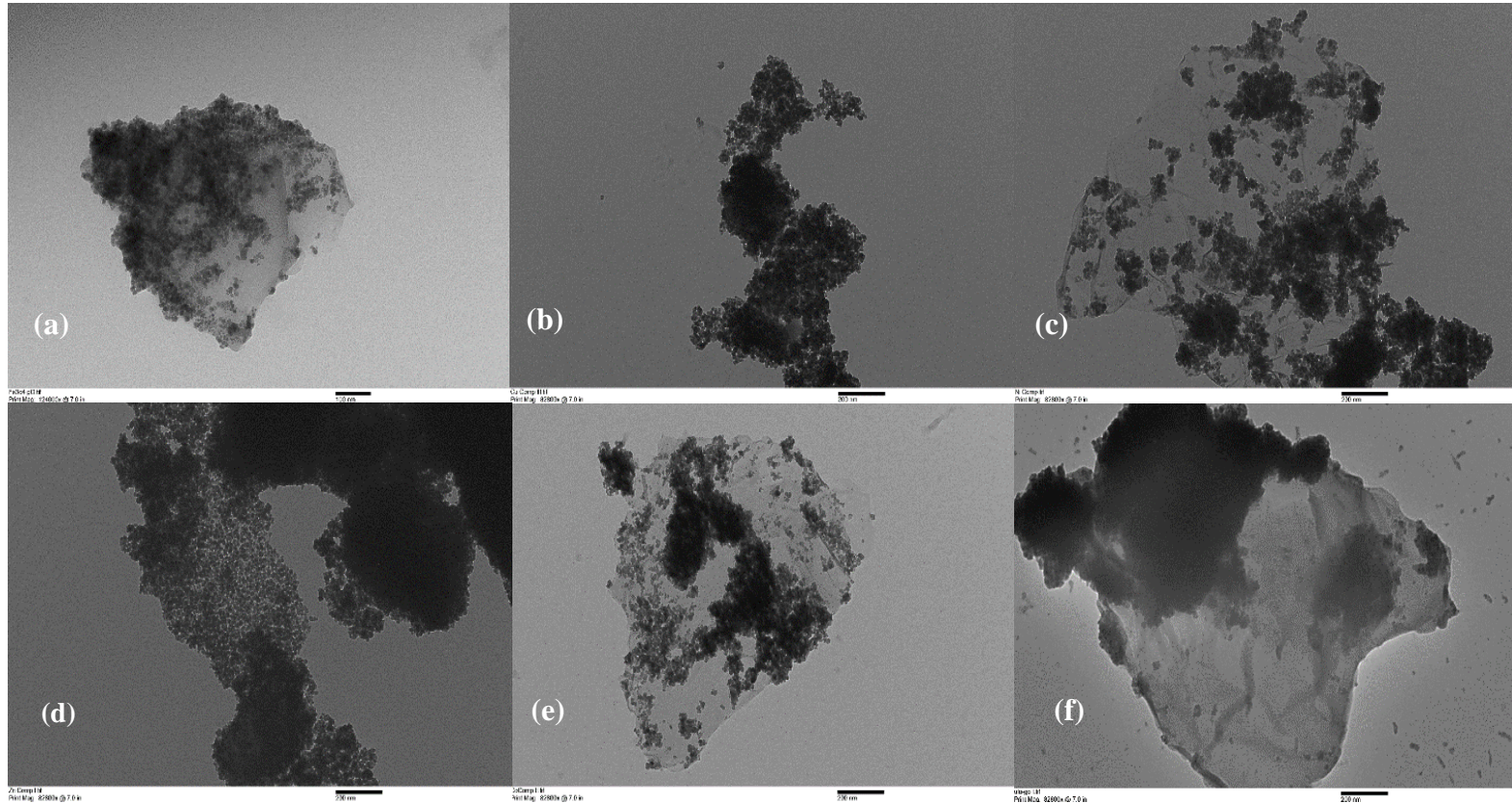


# Scanning Electron Microscope



SEM images for parent materials. (a)  $\text{Cu}_3(\text{BTC})_2$ . (b)  $\text{Ni}_3(\text{BTC})_2$ . (c)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  Nanoparticles. (d)  $\text{Zn}_3(\text{BTC})_2$ . (e)  $\text{Co}_3(\text{BTC})_2$ . (f)  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles functionalized with APTES.

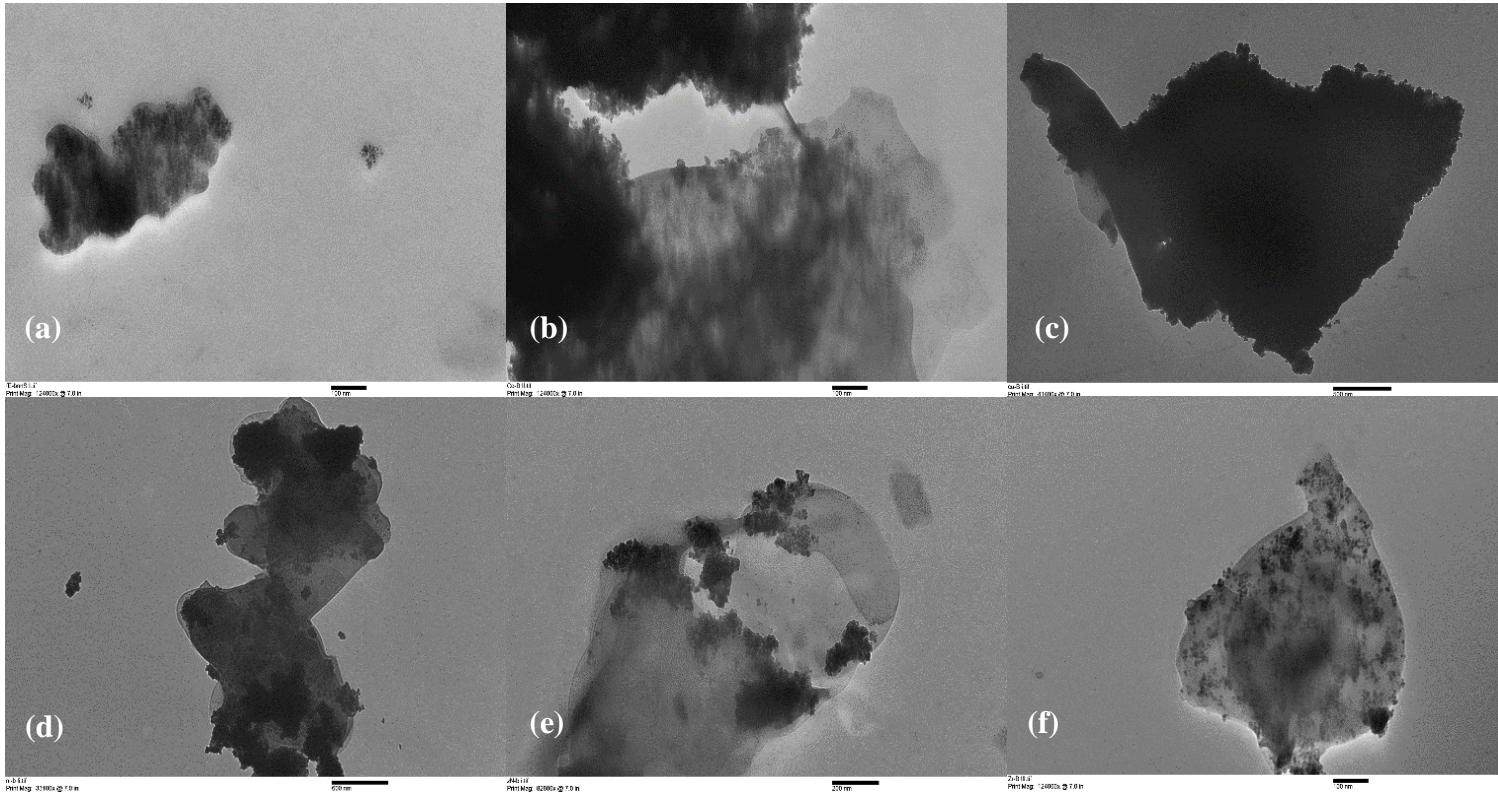
# Transmission Electron Microscopy



TEM images for GO-nanocomposites. (a) GO coated with  $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$  nanoparticles. (b) GO- $\text{Co}_3(\text{BTC})_2$  magnetic nanocomposite. (c) GO- $\text{Cu}_3(\text{BTC})_2$  magnetic nanocomposite. (d) GO- $\text{Ni}_3(\text{BTC})_2$  magnetic nanocomposite. (e) GO- $\text{Zn}_3(\text{BTC})_2$  magnetic nanocomposite. (f) GO- $\text{UiO}-66$  magnetic nanocomposite.

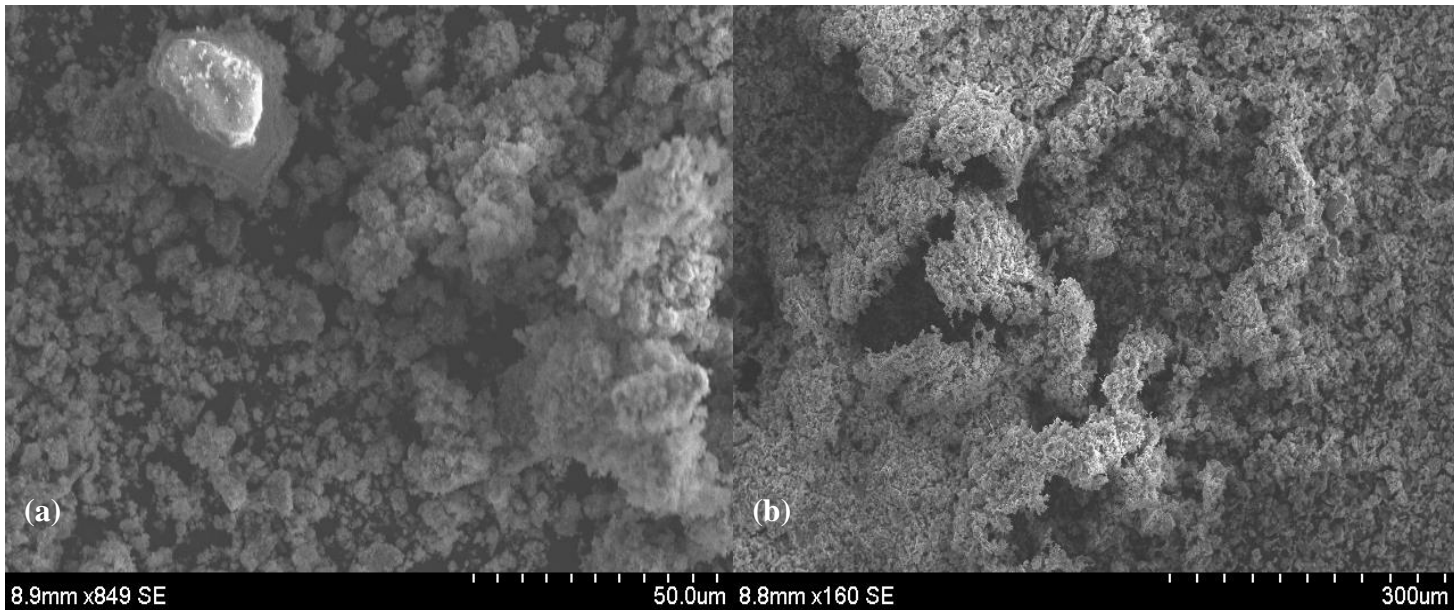


# Transmission Electron Microscope



TEM images for BNNs nanocomposites. (a) BNNs coated with Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> nanoparticles. (b) BN-Co<sub>3</sub>(BTC)<sub>2</sub> magnetic nanocomposite. (c) BN-Cu<sub>3</sub>(BTC)<sub>2</sub> magnetic nanocomposite. (d) BN-Ni<sub>3</sub>(BTC)<sub>2</sub> magnetic nanocomposite. (e) BN-Zn<sub>3</sub>(BTC)<sub>2</sub> magnetic nanocomposite. (f) BN-UiO-66 magnetic nanocomposite.

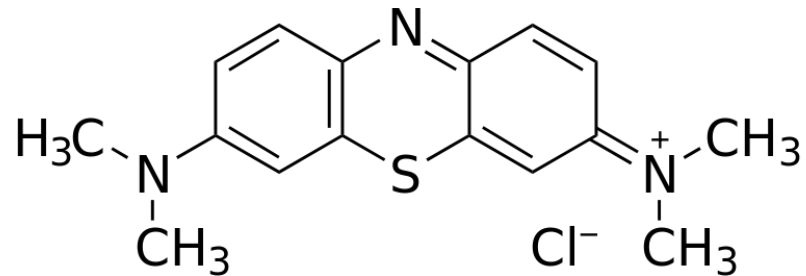
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**Figure 15.** SEM of nanocomposites. (a)  $\text{GO-Co}_3(\text{BTC})_2$  magnetic nanocomposites. (b)  $\text{BN-Co}_3(\text{BTC})_2$  magnetic nanocomposite.

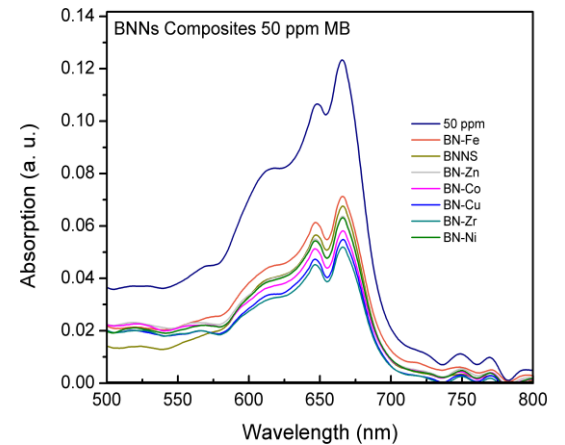
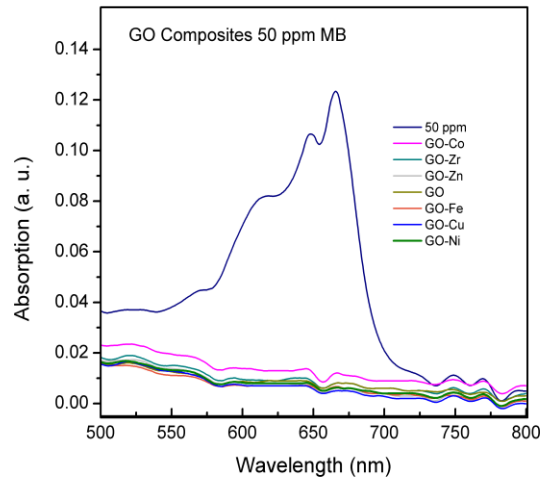
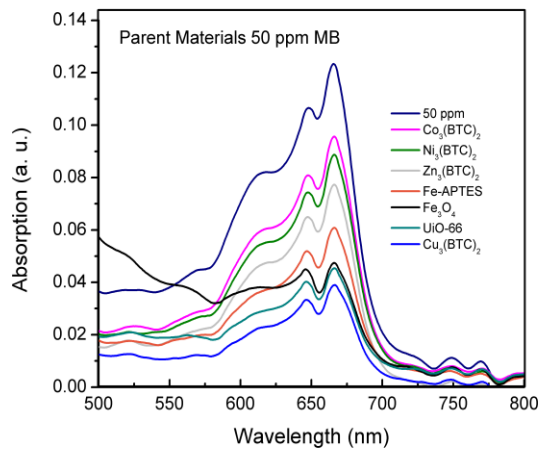
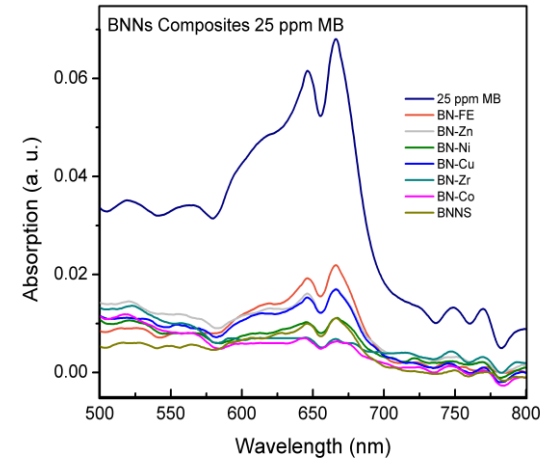
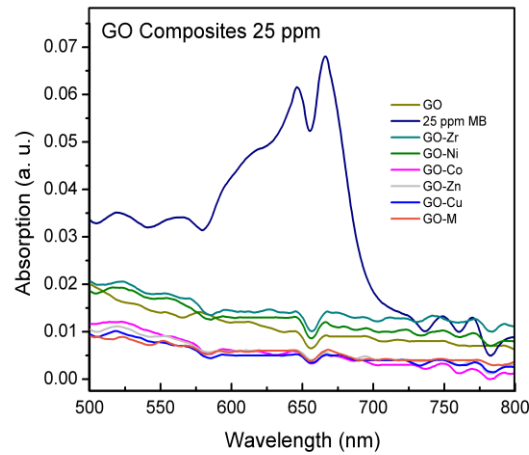
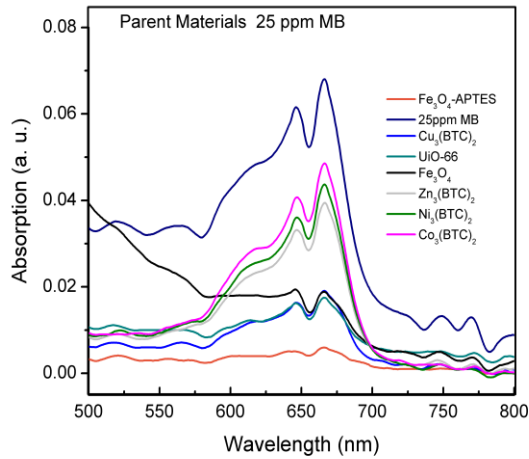
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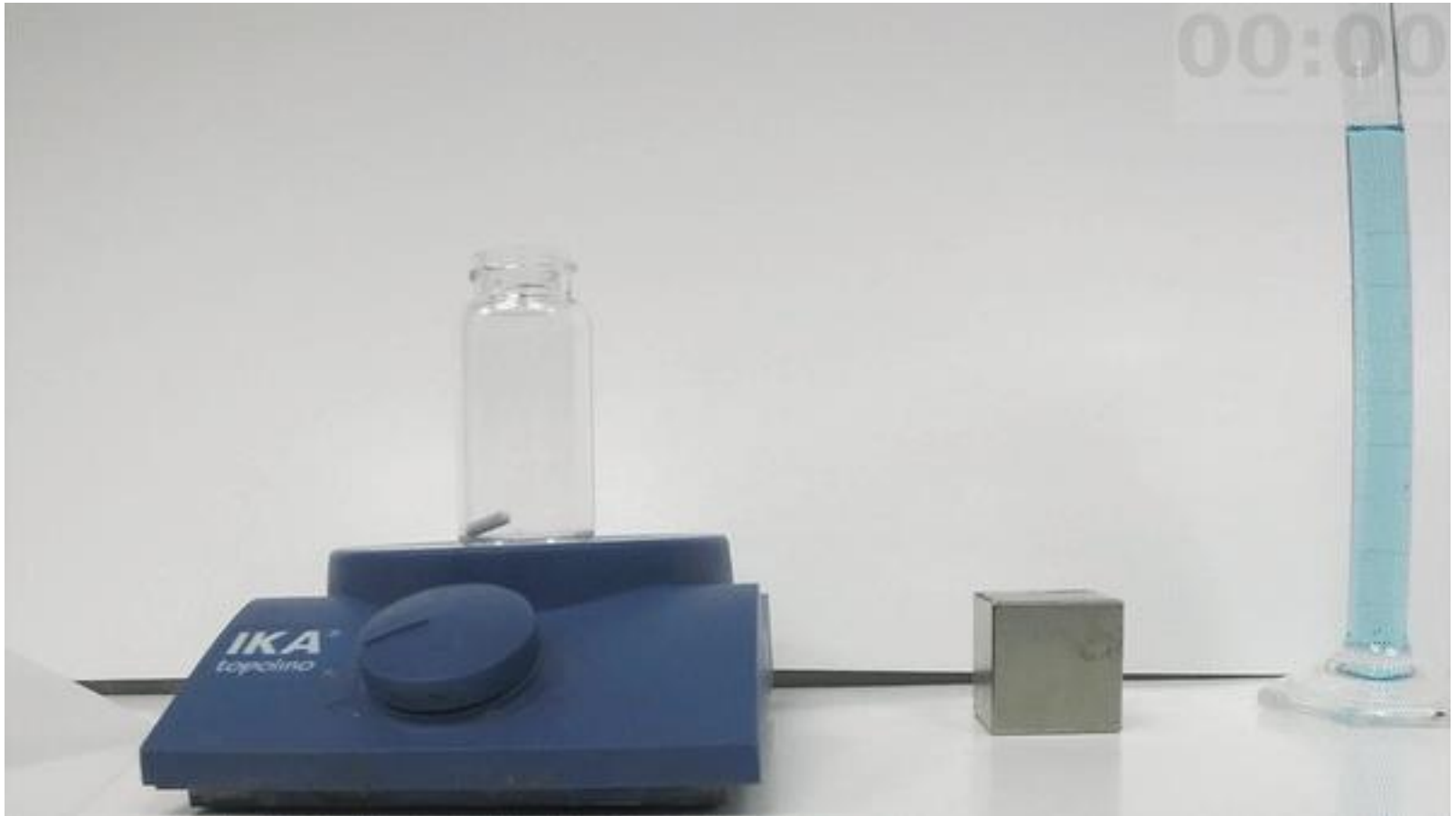
- One of the most common dyeing materials for textile, MB, has severe health issues such as:
  - Neurotoxicity
  - Dizziness
  - Mental confusion
  - Abdominal pain
  - Anemia
  - Bladder irritation
  - Precordial pain



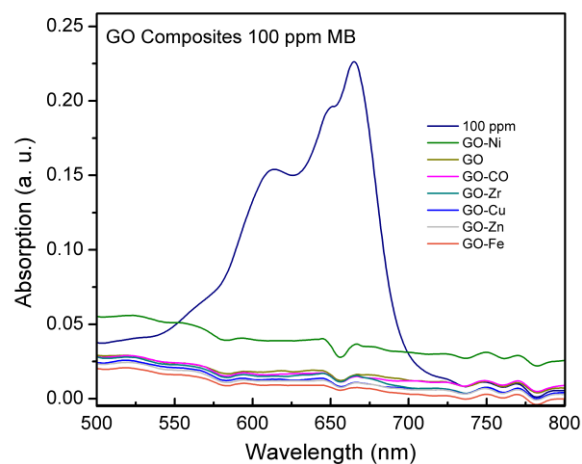
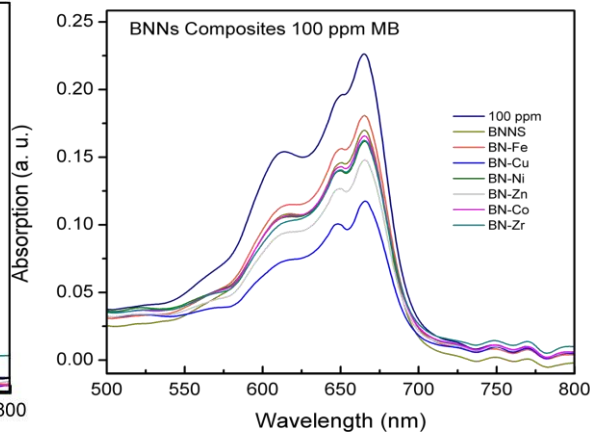
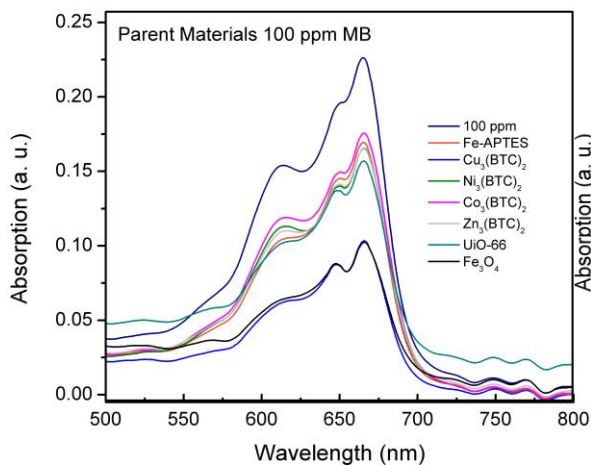
Chemical structure of MB

# UV-vis



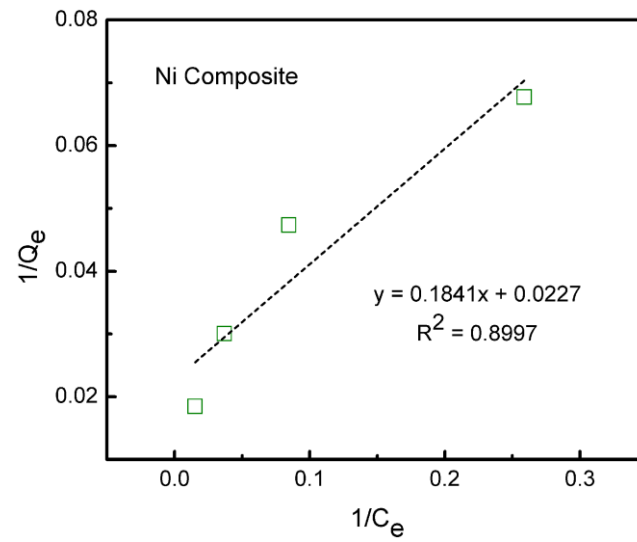
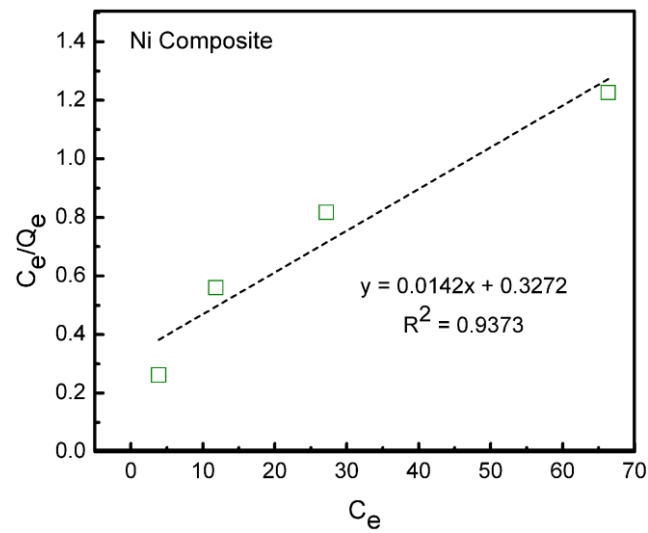
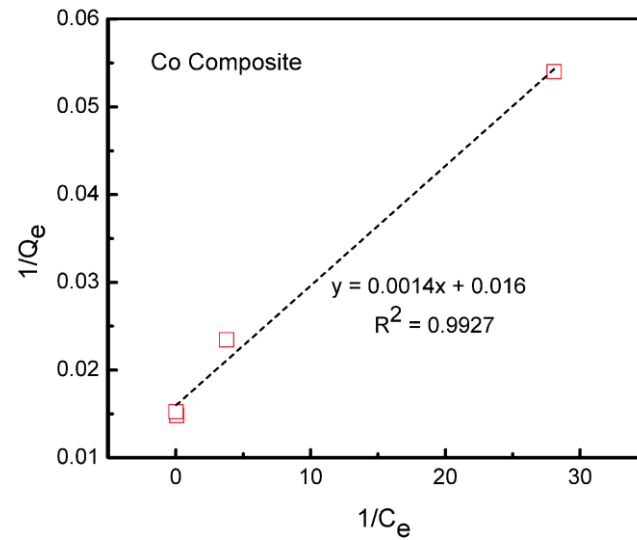
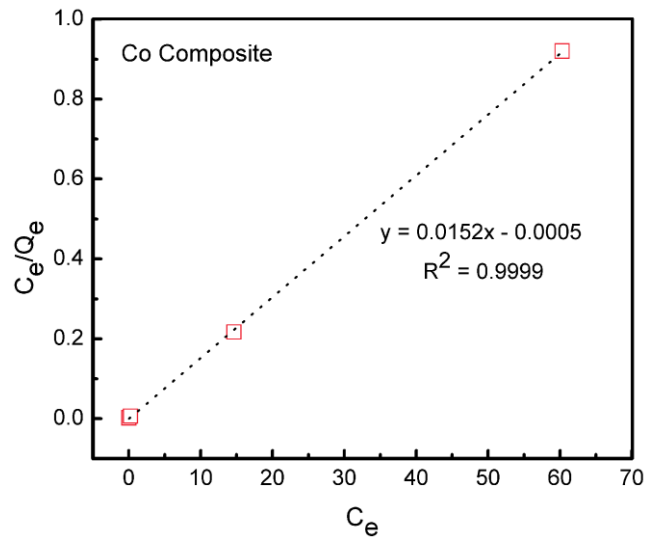


# UV-vis



Sample	Qe (mg/g)		
	25 ppm	50 ppm	100 ppm
<b>Fe3O4</b>	33.74	70.55	82.17
<b>Fe-APTES</b>	39.13	51.99	52.01
<b>GO</b>	44.25	92.31	178.34
<b>BNNs</b>	43.39	38.44	55.37
<b>GO-Fe</b>	48.71	89.69	153.13
<b>BN-Fe</b>	35.24	40.41	50.63
<b>Cu(BTC)</b>	37.18	67.69	108.19
<b>Ni(BTC)</b>	12.25	24.58	51.41
<b>Co(BTC)</b>	9.05	23.75	36.17
<b>Zn(BTC)</b>	15.36	34.62	63.71
<b>UiO-66</b>	36.57	51.47	59.32
<b>GO-Cu</b>	48.61	85.01	146.51
<b>GO-Ni</b>	32.71	105.29	189.76
<b>GO-Zn</b>	46.80	103.98	172.67
<b>GO-Co</b>	54.01	92.52	146.09
<b>GO-Zr</b>	37.08	84.21	157.54
<b>BN-Cu</b>	38.95	54.05	89.60
<b>BN-Ni</b>	33.90	53.53	57.49
<b>BN-Zn</b>	30.79	51.42	77.36
<b>BN-Co</b>	46.87	61.07	63.71
<b>BN-Zr</b>	41.85	58.92	58.86

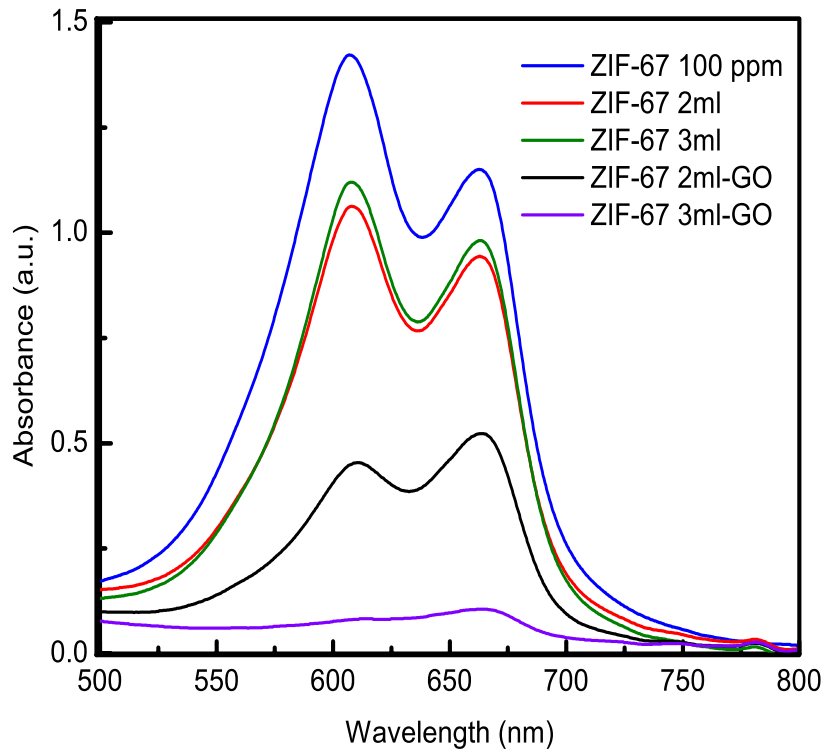
Salt	Amount mg/L
<b>NaHCO<sub>3</sub></b>	252
<b>CaCl<sub>2</sub>• 2 H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	147
<b>MgSO<sub>4</sub>• 7 H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	124
<b>Na<sub>2</sub>SiO<sub>3</sub>• 9 H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	95
<b>NaNO<sub>3</sub></b>	12
<b>NaF</b>	2.2
<b>NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>• H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	0.18



Type I

Type II

# Zeolitic Imidazolate Frameworks

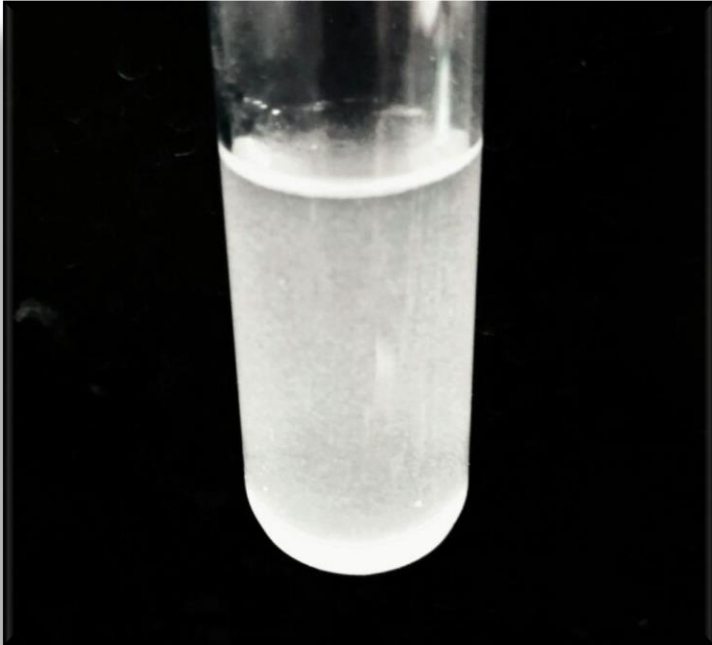


	12.5 ppm MB	25 ppm MB	50 ppm MB	100 ppm MB
Composite	Avg. Qe.	Avg. Qe.	Avg. Qe.	Avg. Qe.
ZIF-67 2mL TEA	15.01	18.48	30.40	28.92
ZIF-67 3mL TEA	15.91	16.48	35.80	21.89
ZIF-67 2mL TEA/GO	22.04	43.31	79.03	99.07
ZIF-67 3mL TEA/GO	22.67	37.53	78.36	120.15



# Brackish Water

Before Water Treatment



After Water Treatment






# Brackish Water Treatment

		Initial Conc.	average loading (mg/g)		Initial Conc.	average loading (mg/g)		Initial Conc.	average loading (mg/g)	
GO	Ca	158.6	58.1	94.9	Ni MOF	Ca	158.6	36.0	113.0	
	Ca radial	158.6				Ca radial	158.6			
	Mg	52.6				Mg	52.6			
	Mg radial	52.6	15.7			Mg radial	52.6	9.8		
	S	69.4	17.8			S	69.4	59.9		
	Si	9.3	3.3			Si	9.3	7.3		
Fe3O4	Ca	158.6	53.8	124.0	Co MOF	Ca	158.6	42.9	143.9	
	Ca radial	158.6				Ca radial	158.6			
	Mg	52.6				Mg	52.6			
	Mg radial	52.6	10.5			Mg radial	52.6	10.6		
	S	69.4	43.2			S	69.4	79.4		
	Si	9.3	16.5			Si	9.3	11.0		
GO-Fe	Ca	158.6	59.8	141.7	Zn MOF	Ca	158.6	35.0	149.2	
	Ca radial	158.6				Ca radial	158.6			
	Mg	52.6				Mg	52.6			
	Mg radial	52.6	15.6			Mg radial	52.6	11.4		
	S	69.4	57.7			S	69.4	93.7		
	Si	9.3	8.7			Si	9.3	9.1		
Cu MOF	Ca	158.6	42.3	150.4	UJO-66	Ca	158.6	55.4	206.9	
	Ca radial	158.6				Ca radial	158.6			
	Mg	52.6				Mg	52.6			
	Mg radial	52.6	14.5			Mg radial	52.6	13.8		
	S	69.4	83.3			S	69.4	110.5		
	Si	9.3	10.4			Si	9.3	27.3		
Cu Comp	Ca	158.6			Ni Comp	Ca	158.6			
	Ca radial	158.6				Ca radial	158.6			
	Mg	52.6				Mg	52.6			
	Mg radial	52.6	13.4			Mg radial	52.6	14.4		
	S	69.4	112.2			S	69.4	129.6		
	Si	9.3	13.9			Si	9.3	15.7		
Co Comp	Ca	158.6			Ni Comp	Ca	158.6	64.1	223.7	
	Ca radial	158.6				Ca radial	158.6			
	Mg	52.6				Mg	52.6			
	Mg radial	52.6	13.4			Mg radial	52.6	14.4		
	S	69.4	112.2			S	69.4	129.6		
	Si	9.3	13.9			Si	9.3	15.7		
Co Comp	Ca	158.6	57.5	193.3	Co Comp	Ca	158.6			
	Ca radial	158.6				Ca radial	158.6			
	Mg	52.6				Mg	52.6			
	Mg radial	52.6	12.7			Mg radial	52.6	12.7		
	S	69.4	109.9			S	69.4	109.9		
	Si	9.3	13.2			Si	9.3	13.2		
Zn Comp	Ca	158.6			Zn Comp	Ca	158.6	53.8	215.9	
	Ca radial	158.6				Ca radial	158.6			
	Mg	52.6				Mg	52.6			
	Mg radial	52.6	16.4			Mg radial	52.6	16.4		
	S	69.4	130.3			S	69.4	130.3		
	Si	9.3	15.3			Si	9.3	15.3		

# Target Contaminants

Sample	Methylene Blue	As (II),(V)	Pb (II)	Selenium	Naphthenic Acids
GO-BTC (Cu,Ni,Co,Zn)	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red
GO-BDC (Zr)	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Red
GO-ZIF (Co, Zn)	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Red
BNNS-BTC (Cu, Ni, Co,Zn)	Red	Red	Red	Red	Green
BNNS-ZIF (Co, Zn)	Red	Green	Green	Green	Green
AC-BTC (Cu, Ni, Co, Zn)	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red
AC-BDC (Zr)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red
AC-ZIF (CO, Zn)	Green	Green	Green	Green	Red

-  No removal
-  Efficient removal
-  Possible removal



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