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Various researches on visible-light driven redox systems for hydrogen production, CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization are paid much attention to the solar fuel and chemical production. In general, the visible-light driven redox system is consisted of an electron donor, a photocatalytic dye, an electron mediator and a catalyst. One of the important component in the visible-light driven redox system is effective catalyst for hydrogen production, CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization. The catalyst used in the visible-light driven redox system is classified into metal nanoparticles, molecular catalyst and biocatalyst. Among these catalysts, the biocatalyst is one of promising catalyst because it has excellent selectivity of the reaction and substrate. For CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization, especially, the highly reaction selectivity of the biocatalyst is remarkable in comparison with other various catalysts. Among biocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization, NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-dependent dehydrogenases that are commercially available are widely used for the visible-light driven redox system of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction. Formate dehydrogenase (FDH) from *Candida boidinii* is typical NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-dependent dehydrogenase for the visible-light driven redox of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate. Furthermore, by adding commercially available aldehyde (aldDH), formaldehyde (FldDH) and alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH) to this system, CO<sub>2</sub> is reduced to methanol via the formate and formaldehyde as the intermediators in the visible-light driven redox system. Among biocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization, in contrast, NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-dependent dehydrogenases with the function of decarboxylating that also are commercially available are widely used for the visible-light driven building carbon-carbon bond from CO<sub>2</sub> and organic molecule. Malic enzyme (ME) from Chicken liver is typical NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-dependent dehydrogenase with decarboxylating for the visible-light driven malate production based on the building carbon-carbon bond from CO<sub>2</sub> and pyruvate. In this review, the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization systems consisted of photoreduction of NAD(P)<sup>+</sup> and biocatalysts are introduced. Furthermore, the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization systems consisted of photoreduction of bipyridinium salt (viologen)-based electron mediator and biocatalysts also are introduced. In particular, by utilizing the viologen-based electron mediator, the simplification of the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization systems and the improvement of efficiency without changing the structure of the biocatalyst also are mentioned.

### Introduction

Greenhouse gases are chemical compounds, which induce the greenhouse effect. The rapidly increase in Earth's atmospheric concentrations of the three main human-made greenhouse gases—CO<sub>2</sub>, methane, and nitrous oxide—is clear from the data sets for these gases over the last 400,000 years. Among these greenhouse gasses, CO<sub>2</sub> is the most important greenhouse gas produced by human activities, primarily through the combustion of fossil fuels. Its concentration in the Earth's atmosphere has risen by more than 30% since the Industrial Revolution. Thus, the development of technology for CO<sub>2</sub> gas reduction drastically is important for the future.<sup>1</sup> The protocol concerning the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in the atmosphere is deliberated at the Kyoto Conference on Climate Change (COP3).<sup>2</sup> Furthermore, at the 2009 U.N. Summit on Climate Change held

at New York, Prime Minister of Japan at that time declared, "Japan administration would aim to cut greenhouse gas emissions more than 25% by 2020 from 1990 levels". Recently, the Paris climate accord (COP21) is an agreement dealing with greenhouse gas emissions mitigation, adaptation, and finance starting in the year 2020. The COP21 is negotiated in Paris and adopted by consensus on 12 December 2015. CO<sub>2</sub> needs to be drastically reduced (more than 30%) worldwide from 2030 to 2050.<sup>3</sup> Thus, the production of low-carbon fuels, hydrogen, CO<sub>2</sub> based alcohol and so on by using renewable energy such as solar energy is important for mitigating global warming. As the examples of hydrogen production, CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization using solar energy, various visible-light driven redox systems consisting of a photocatalytic dye and catalyst are paid much attention to the solar fuel and chemical production. In general, the visible-light driven redox system is consisted of an electron donor (D), a photocatalytic dye (P), an electron mediator (C) and a catalyst as shown in Fig 1.<sup>4-10</sup>

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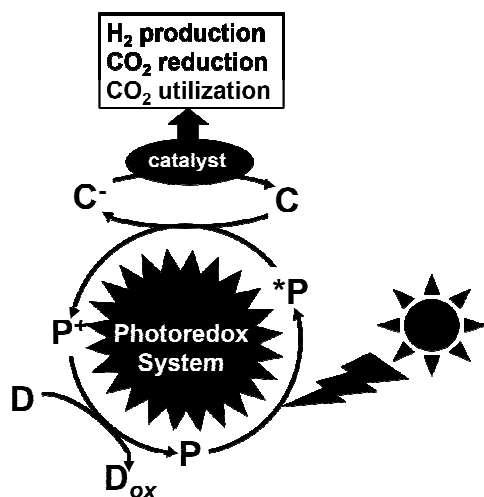


Fig. 1. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system consisted of an electron donor (D), a photocatalytic dye (P), an electron mediator (C) and a catalyst.

One of the important component in this system is effective catalyst for hydrogen production, CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization. The catalyst used in this system is classified into metal nanoparticles, molecular catalyst and biocatalyst. For example of catalyst for hydrogen production, platinum nanoparticle,<sup>11-21</sup> cobalt,<sup>23-26</sup> platinum,<sup>27-33</sup> or iron-based molecular catalyst<sup>34-44</sup> is used as catalyst in the visible-light driven hydrogen production with a photocatalytic dye. Biocatalyst, hydrogenase (H<sub>2</sub>ase)<sup>45-53</sup> also is used as catalyst in the visible-light driven hydrogen production. Studies using H<sub>2</sub>ase as a catalyst for visible-light driven hydrogen production systems with various photocatalytic dye, ruthenium polypyridyl coordinate complexes, metaloporphyrins, semiconductors based metal oxide and so on, have been conducted from the 1970s to today.<sup>54-66</sup>

For example of catalyst for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization, in contrast, copper-based catalyst,<sup>67-76</sup> silver-loaded metal oxide,<sup>77-82</sup> rhenium or iron-based molecular catalyst<sup>83-90</sup> is used as catalyst in the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO, formate and so on with a photocatalytic dye. Problems with using these catalysts for the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction are low selectivity of products, simultaneous hydrogen production and so on. By using copper-based catalyst for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization in the electrochemical reaction, CO, formate, methane, ethylene, ethanol, *n*-propanol and hydrogen production are observed. The copper-based catalyst with gallium nitride based semiconductor is applied to the light-driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction as an example.<sup>91</sup> In this system, the solar energy conversion yield is estimated to be 0.2 %. However, products based on CO<sub>2</sub> reduction are CO, formate, methane, ethylene, ethanol and so on. As the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction selectivity for products is low, thus, it is difficult to obtain the desired products based on the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction in this system. Visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction systems have been studied using cobalt polypyridyl or macrocyclic complexes and

rhenium bipyridyl complexes. Visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO have been accomplished using rhenium bipyridyl complex. In this system, simultaneous hydrogen production is observed. A system consisting of triethylamine (TEA) as an electron donor, tris(2-phenylpyridinato)iridium(III) (Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub>) as a photocatalytic dye, Fe(III)-porphyrin based catalyst (chloro iron(III) 5,10,15,20-tetra(40-*N,N,N*-trimethylanilinium) porphyrin; Fe-*p*-TMA, chloro iron(III) 5,10,15,20-tetrakis(2',6'-dihydroxyphenyl) porphyrin; Fe-*o*-OH or chloro iron(III) tetraphenylporphyrin; FeTPP) for visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methane with high selectivity has also been reported.<sup>92</sup> In this system, CO, methane and hydrogen are produced with the visible-light irradiation (> 420 nm). By using Fe-*p*-TMA as a catalyst for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, CO is the main product for the direct CO<sub>2</sub> photoreduction, however, a two-pot procedure that first reduces CO<sub>2</sub> and then reduces CO converts methane with a selectivity of up to 82 % and a quantum yield of 0.18 % as an example. The proposed mechanism for the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methane with Fe(III) porphyrin-based catalyst is as follows. At first, the Fe(III) porphyrin-based catalyst is reduced with 3-electrons to the catalytically produced Fe(0) active species. The Fe(0) species reduces CO<sub>2</sub>, with the resultant Fe(I) regenerated through electron transfer from the photoexcited Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub>. The CO produced binds to Fe(II) and is further reduced with a total of 6-electrons, transferred from the photoexcited Ir(ppy)<sub>3</sub> and 6-protons to generate methane, via a Fe(I)-formyl as a proposed intermediate. Some studies on the light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction with silver nanoparticle-loaded gallium oxide are reported. In this system, CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO and simultaneous hydrogen production are observed. A system consisting of a semiconductor photocatalyst, bismuth vanadium oxide (BiVO<sub>4</sub>) and a cobalt(II) chlorin (Co(II) Chl) based molecular catalyst for the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO with high selectivity has also been reported. In this system, a surface-modified BiVO<sub>4</sub> onto fluorine-doped tin oxide (FTO) photoanode with iron(III) oxide(hydroxide), FeO(OH) (FeO(OH)/BiVO<sub>4</sub> /FTO) and a Co(II) Chl as a cathode active material adsorbed on multiwalled carbon nanotubes (Co(II) Chl - modified cathode) are used. Photoelectrochemical CO<sub>2</sub> reduction occurs using this system, to produce CO with 83% Faradaic efficiency at an applied bias voltage of - 1.3 V at the Co(II) Chl - modified cathode vs the FeO(OH)/BiVO<sub>4</sub> /FTO photoanode under visible light irradiation in a CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated aqueous solution (pH 4.6). The difference in the oxidation potential of the FeO(OH)/BiVO<sub>4</sub> /FTO electrode under dark and that under visible-light irradiation is estimated to be *ca.* 1.5 V, which is smaller than that of band gap of BiVO<sub>4</sub> (band gap energy: 2.4 eV), indicating that the FeO(OH)/BiVO<sub>4</sub> /FTO photoanode lowers the total bias that enables simultaneous water oxidation and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO.<sup>93</sup> From these research results, it is an important task to improve the selectivity of CO<sub>2</sub> photoreduction products using metal-based, molecular catalyst and photocatalyst.

Among these catalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization, the biocatalyst is one of promising catalyst because it has excellent selectivity of the reaction and substrate in homogenous aqueous media. Organic molecules syntheses based on the biocatalytic methods have been much paid attention because of their regio- and stereo-selectivity, and mild physiological conditions. Biocatalytic syntheses compete with conventional methods based on the chemical synthesis, especially in organic molecules syntheses that are not able to be successfully carried out by chemical catalysts. Examples of beneficial biocatalytic reactions are oxidations of alkanes, alkenes, and aromatics.<sup>94</sup> As the biocatalytic reactions proceed in aqueous solution as a reaction medium, moreover, the biocatalytic methods are attractive for green process in the chemistry of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization.

For example, formate dehydrogenase (FDH) catalyzes the oxidation and reduction between formate and CO<sub>2</sub> with the redox coupling NAD<sup>+</sup>/NADH as a co-enzyme. Thus, visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate will be developed with the photoredox systems as shown in Fig. 1 consisting of an electron donor, a photocatalytic dye, and an electron mediator in the presence of FDH as a catalyst.

Biocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization are classified into two categories: 1) CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO or formate, 2) building carbon-carbon bond from CO<sub>2</sub> and organic molecule to produce carboxylic acid. Carbon monoxide dehydrogenase (CODH) and FDH are biocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO and formate, respectively. The system consisting of FDH, aldehyde dehydrogenase (AldDH) and alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH) is used for the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol via formate and formaldehyde as an intermedialtor.

Malic enzyme (ME) and isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH) are biocatalysts for building carbon-carbon bond from CO<sub>2</sub> and pyruvate and 2-oxoglutarate to produce malate and isocitrate, respectively.

In the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization, photocatalytic dyes with high visible-light sensitization activity are desired to act as model for the natural photosynthetic dye such as chlorophyll. The model compounds used as photosynthetic dyes are classified mainly into four categories.<sup>95</sup> The first category comprises of porphyrin compounds. The second category is ruthenium polypyridyl complexes. The third category is of natural photosynthesis dyes, such as chlorophyll and its derivatives. The fourth category is photocatalytic material such as CdS, TiO<sub>2</sub> and so on.

The electron mediators for the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization with the biocatalysts are easily reduced with a photocatalytic dye and need to function as a co-enzyme for biocatalysts. NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>, bipyridinium salts (so-called viologen) and rhodium complexes are widely used as the electron mediator in the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization with the biocatalysts. The photocatalytic dye (P), the electron mediator (C) and the biocatalyst utilized in the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization are summarized in Fig. 2.

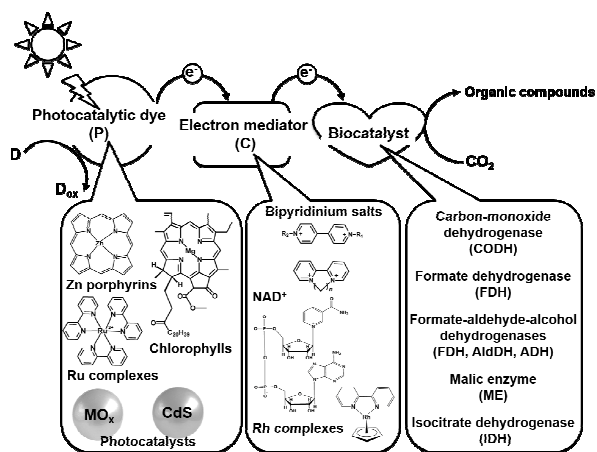


Fig. 2. Summary of the photocatalytic dye (P), the electron mediator (C) and the biocatalyst utilized in the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization.

In this review, the properties of commercially available biocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization are introduced. The visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization systems consisted of photoreduction of NAD(P)<sup>+</sup> and biocatalysts are introduced. Furthermore, the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization systems consisted of photoreduction of viologen-based electron mediator and biocatalysts also are introduced. In particular, by utilizing the viologen-based electron mediator,<sup>96</sup> the simplification of the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization systems and the improvement of efficiency without changing the structure of the biocatalyst also are mentioned.

## Biocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization

### Biocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction

Biocatalysts with the function of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction for the light driven redox systems are introduced in this section. Biocatalyst for the light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction is a set of enzyme that catalyze the oxidation of C<sub>1</sub> materials such as formate, CO and so on to CO<sub>2</sub>, donating the electrons to a second substrate NAD(P)<sup>+</sup> and the reverse reaction of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction, donating the electrons to a second substrate NAD(P)H. These biocatalysts are so-called to NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-dependent dehydrogenases. Typical NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-dependent dehydrogenases for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction are shown in Fig. 3.

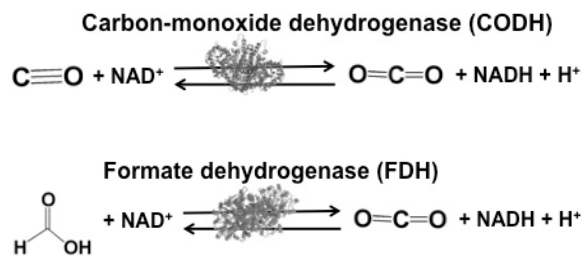


Fig. 3. Reaction schemes of biocatalysts carbon-monoxide (CODH) and formate (FDH) dehydrogenases.

Biocatalysts for the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO and formic acid are carbon-monoxide dehydrogenase (CODH)<sup>97-101</sup> and formate dehydrogenase (FDH),<sup>102-105</sup> respectively. Especially, FDH obtained from *Candida boidini* (EC 1.2.1.2), that are commercially available biocatalyst, is widely used for various CO<sub>2</sub> reduction systems to formic acid using light driven redox, photoelectrochemical and thermal catalytic reaction.

The CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol, that is paid attention to a low-carbon alcohol fuel, is developed with the combination of FDH, commercially available aldehyde (AldDH)<sup>106-108</sup> from *Yeast* (EC 1.2.1.5) and alcohol dehydrogenase (ADH)<sup>109,110</sup> from *Yeast* (EC 1.1.1.1). AldDH catalyzes the oxidation of formaldehyde to formic acid in the presence of NAD(P)<sup>+</sup> and the reverse reaction of formic acid to formaldehyde in the presence of NAD(P)H. ADH catalyzes the oxidation of methanol to formaldehyde in the presence of NAD(P)<sup>+</sup> and the reverse reaction of formaldehyde to methanol in the presence of NAD(P)H.

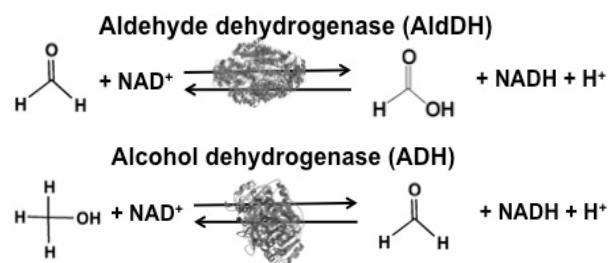


Fig. 4. Reaction schemes of biocatalysts aldehyde (AldDH) and alcohol (ADH) dehydrogenases.

By using shared co-enzyme, NAD(P)H for FDH, FldDH and ADH, CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol via formate and formaldehyde as the intermediates is developed as shown in Fig. 5.

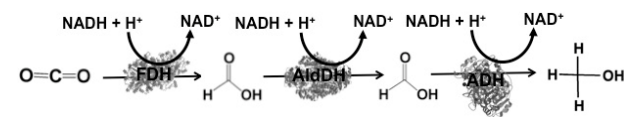


Fig. 5. Reaction scheme of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol with FDH, FldDH, and ADH in the presence of NADH.

For example, the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol in FDH, FldDH, and ADH immobilized silica sol-gel matrices have been accomplished in the presence of NADH. The yield of NADH to methanol is estimated to be 21.0 % in the solution system, in contrast to 91.2 % using the silica sol-gel system.<sup>111</sup> The CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol by using FDH, FldDH, and ADH immobilized onto polystyrene particle has also been developed with glutamate dehydrogenase (GluDH) for utilization of redox coupling NAD<sup>+</sup>/NADH. In the solution system, the yield of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol is estimated to

be 12%, while it is estimated to be 80% using biocatalysts co-immobilized polystyrene particle system.<sup>112</sup>

Formaldehyde dehydrogenase (FldDH) from *Pseudomonas sp.* (EC 1.2.1.46) specialized for formaldehyde oxidation and formate reduction with the redox coupling NAD<sup>+</sup>/NADH is also commercially available.

The visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction can be developed by combining a photoreduction of NAD<sup>+</sup> to NADH and a biocatalyst such as FDH, the complex system of FDH, FldDH and ADH.

### Biocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> utilization

Biocatalysts with the function of CO<sub>2</sub> utilization based on building carbon-carbon bond for the light driven redox systems are introduced in this section. Biocatalysts for the CO<sub>2</sub> utilization with the light driven redox system is a set of enzyme that catalyze the decarboxylation or carboxylation with redox coupling NADP<sup>+</sup>/NADPH. Malic enzyme (ME)<sup>113-118</sup> and isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH)<sup>119-122</sup> are typical biocatalysts for the CO<sub>2</sub> utilization as shown in Fig. 6.

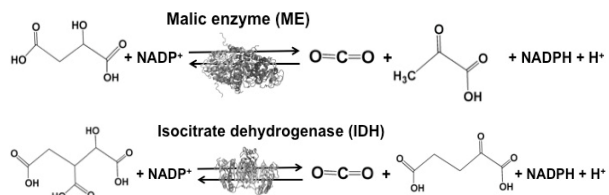


Fig. 6. Reaction schemes of biocatalysts malic enzyme (ME) and isocitrate dehydrogenase (IDH).

ME from *Chicken liver* (EC 1.1.1.40) and IDH from *Yeast* (EC 1.1.1.41) are commercially available biocatalysts. ME catalyzes the reaction of malate conversion to pyruvate and CO<sub>2</sub>, and the reverse reaction of pyruvate and CO<sub>2</sub> conversion to malate using redox coupling NADP<sup>+</sup>/NADPH. IDH catalyzes the reaction of isocitrate conversion to 2-oxoglutarate and CO<sub>2</sub>, and the reverse reaction of 2-oxoglutarate and CO<sub>2</sub> conversion to isocitrate using redox coupling NADP<sup>+</sup>/NADPH.

For example, the pyruvate and CO<sub>2</sub> conversion to malate by using ME has also been developed<sup>121,122</sup> with glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase for utilization of redox coupling NADP<sup>+</sup>/NADPH. Under optimal conditions using this system, the ratio of CO<sub>2</sub> and pyruvate to malate is estimated to be about 38 % after 24 h of incubation.<sup>121</sup>

The visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> utilization based on building carbon-carbon bond can be developed by combining a photoreduction of NADP<sup>+</sup> to NADPH and a biocatalyst such as ME and IDH.

### Photoredox system for light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction

#### Photoredox system for light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction with biocatalyst via the redox couple of NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>/NAD(P)H

To use a FDH or the complex system of FDH, AldDH and ADH as a CO<sub>2</sub> reduction catalyst, in a simple idea, these biocatalysts are applied to a visible-light driven redox system of NAD<sup>+</sup>/NADH. For example, visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate will be developed with the redox system consisting of an electron donor (D), a photocatalytic dye (P), and NAD<sup>+</sup> in the presence of FDH, as shown in Fig. 7.

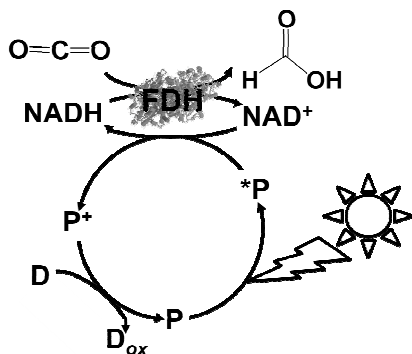


Fig. 7. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate consisted of an electron donor (D), a photocatalytic dye (P), NAD<sup>+</sup> and FDH.

However, the NAD dimer, (NAD)<sub>2</sub> forms in the reaction of the single-electron reduced NAD<sup>+</sup> with a photocatalytic dye, such as tris(bipyridine)ruthenium(II) (Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup>), as shown in Fig. 8. Moreover, the reaction between NAD<sup>+</sup> and (NAD)<sub>2</sub> is irreversible process.<sup>123-127</sup> As (NAD)<sub>2</sub> is an inactive co-enzyme for NAD<sup>+</sup>-dependent dehydrogenase such as FDH, AldDH, ADH and so on, it is difficult to achieve the photoredox system based on the combination of NAD<sup>+</sup> photoreduction and FDH for the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate.

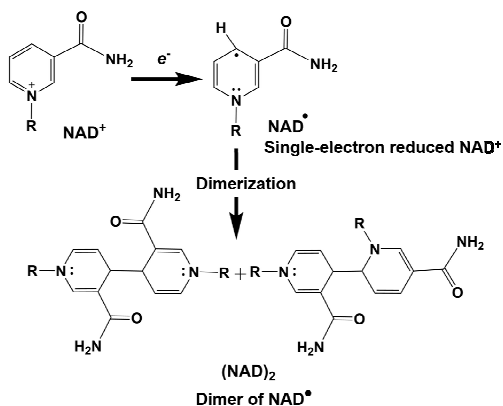


Fig. 8. Dimerization process of the single-electron reduced NAD<sup>+</sup> (NAD<sup>•</sup>).

In contrast, some studies on the visible-light driven reduction of NAD<sup>+</sup> to NADH by a photocatalytic dye via the second catalyst, such as rhodium complex, ferredoxin-NADP<sup>+</sup> reductase (FNR) (EC 1.18.12) and so on, have been reported. In this system, for example, NAD<sup>+</sup> dimerization is suppressed via the iridium or rhodium complex.

The NAD<sup>+</sup> reduction to NADH with iridium complex, Ir (III) (Cp\*)(4-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl-κN<sup>2</sup>)benzoate-κC<sup>3</sup>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sup>+</sup> (Cp\*:

1,2,3,4, 5-pentamethylcyclopenta-dienyl) is introduced as an example.<sup>128</sup> Redox process of iridium complex, Ir (III) (Cp\*)(4-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl-κN<sup>2</sup>)benzoate-κC<sup>3</sup>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sup>+</sup> is shown in Fig. 9.

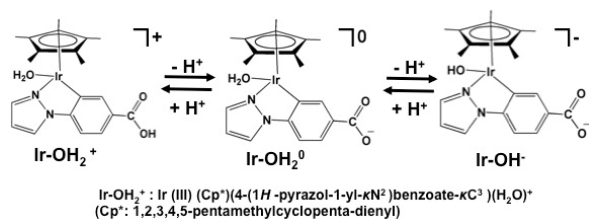


Fig. 9. Redox process of iridium complex, Ir (Cp\*)(4-(1H-pyrazol-1-yl-κN<sup>2</sup>)benzoate-κC<sup>3</sup>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sup>+</sup> (Cp\*: 1,2,3,4,5-pentamethylcyclopentadienyl)

The hydrogen gas induced NAD<sup>+</sup> reduction to NADH proceeds with redox coupling of iridium complex as shown in Fig. 10. In this process, the iridium hydride complex (Ir-OH<sup>-</sup>) produced under an atmospheric pressure of hydrogen gas undergoes the 1,4-selective hydrogenation of NAD<sup>+</sup> to form NADH.

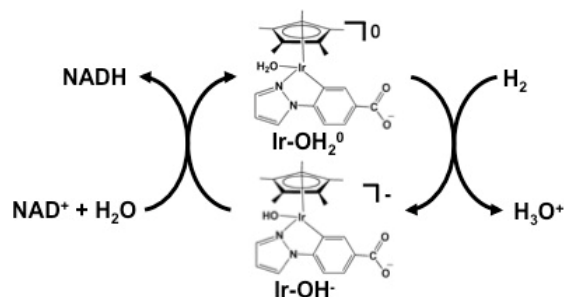


Fig. 10. The process of NAD<sup>+</sup> reduction to NADH with iridium complex and hydrogen gas.

Visible-light driven NAD<sup>+</sup> reduction to NADH with the system of a photocatalytic dye and rhodium complex, Cp\*Rh(bpy)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sup>2+</sup> as an electron mediator is developed as shown in Fig. 11.<sup>129-132</sup>

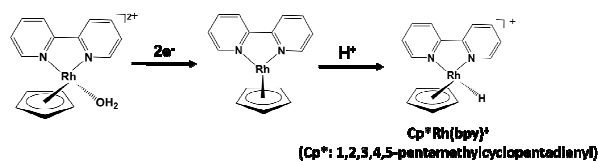


Fig. 11. Redox process of rhodium complex, Cp\*Rh(bpy)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sup>2+</sup>

Carbon-doped TiO<sub>2</sub>, boron doped TiO<sub>2</sub>, multianthraquinone-substituted porphyrin (MAQSP) with the chemically converted graphene (CCG) (MAQSP/CCG) and so on are used as a photocatalytic dye in a Cp\*Rh(bpy)(OH<sub>2</sub>)<sup>2+</sup> electron-mediated NAD<sup>+</sup> reduction to NADH. The conversion yields of NAD<sup>+</sup> to NADH for carbon-doped TiO<sub>2</sub>, boron-doped TiO<sub>2</sub>, MAQSP/CCG, MAQSP, and W<sub>2</sub>Fe<sub>4</sub>Ta<sub>2</sub>O<sub>17</sub> in this system are estimated to be 94.2, 94.0, 44.5, 23.8 and 14.5 % (2 h irradiation), respectively.<sup>131</sup> The conversion yields of NAD<sup>+</sup> to NADH using the

trisubstitution of isatin onto porphyrin ring provided 1,1',1''-((20-(2-((7-amino-9,10-dioxo-9,10-dihydroanthracen-2-yl) amino)quinolin-3-yl) porphyrin-5,10,15-triyl) tris (quinoline-3,2-diyl)) tris(indoline-2,3-dione) (IP) with the CCG (IP/CCG) and IP as the photocatalytic dye in this system are estimated to be 38.9 and 7.03 % (90 min irradiation), respectively.<sup>132</sup>

Table 1 shows the summary of conversion yields of  $\text{NAD}^+$  to NADH in the light driven redox system of a photocatalytic dye and  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy})(\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$ .

Table 1. The conversion yields of  $\text{NAD}^+$  to NADH in the light driven redox system of a photocatalytic dye and  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy})(\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$ .

Photocatalytic dye	Conversion yields of $\text{NAD}^+$ to NADH (%)	Reference
Carbon-doped $\text{TiO}_2$	94.2	129
Boron-doped $\text{TiO}_2$	94.0	130
MAQSP/CCG	44.5	132
MAQSP	23.8	132
$\text{W}_2\text{Fe}_4\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_{17}$	14.5	132
IP/CCG	38.9 (90 min irradiation)	133
IP	7.03 (90 min irradiation)	133

By using the  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy})(\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$  as an electron mediator, light driven  $\text{NAD}^+$  reduction system to NADH is developed with a photocatalytic dye. By using MAQSP/CCG as a photocatalytic dye in this system, visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate proceeds with FDH as a catalyst also is accomplished as shown in Fig. 12. In this system,  $\text{W}_2\text{Fe}_4\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_{17}$  and MAQSP also are used as the photocatalytic dyes.<sup>132</sup>

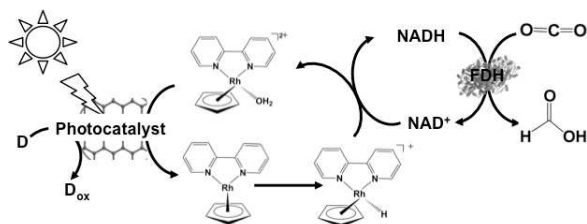


Fig. 12. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate consisted of an electron donor (D), a photocatalyst,  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy})(\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$ ,  $\text{NAD}^+$  and FDH.

Typical reaction condition is composed of photocatalytic dye (0.5 mg),  $\text{NAD}^+$  (1.24  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), rhodium complex (0.62  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), and FDH (3 units) in 3.1 mL of sodium phosphate buffer (100 mM, pH 7.0) with TEOA (1.24 mmol) in the presence of  $\text{CO}_2$ . The efficiency of formate production in the system of MAQSP/CCG,  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy})$ ,  $\text{NAD}^+$  and FDH is 110.55  $\mu\text{mol}$  after 2 h irradiation, while the systems using  $\text{W}_2\text{Fe}_4\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_{17}$  and MAQSP are 14.25 and 46.53  $\mu\text{mol}$ , respectively.<sup>132</sup>

Table 2 shows the summary of formate production after 2 h irradiation in the light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction system of a photocatalytic dye and  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy})(\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$  via the  $\text{NAD}^+$ /NADH redox coupling with FDH.

Table 2. Formate production in the light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction system of a photocatalytic dye and  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy})(\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$  via the  $\text{NAD}^+$ /NADH redox coupling with FDH.

Photocatalytic dye	Formate production ( $\mu\text{mol}$ )	Reference
MAQSP/CCG	110.55	132
MAQSP	46.53	132
$\text{W}_2\text{Fe}_4\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_{17}$	14.25	132

The other the visible-light driven redox system for  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate is consisted of an electron donor (D), a photocatalyst,  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy})(\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$ ,  $\text{NAD}^+$  and FDH, chemically converted graphene (CCG) covalently bonded to a light harvesting BODIPY molecule (1-picolylamine-2-aminophenyl-3-oxyphenyl-4,40-difluoro-1,3,5,7-tetramethyl-2,6-diethyl-4-bora-3a,4adiazas-indacene-triazine) (CCG-BODIPY) is used as a photocatalytic dye.<sup>134</sup>

The photocatalyst-biocatalyst coupled system developed using CCG-BODIPY as photocatalyst functions, leading to NADH regeneration with about 54 %, followed by its consumption in about 144  $\mu\text{mol}$  of formate production from  $\text{CO}_2$ .

As the visible-light driven redox system for  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate is consisted of an electron donor (D), a photocatalyst,  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy})(\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$ ,  $\text{NAD}^+$  and FDH is accomplished, methanol production is developed by adding FldDH and ADH in this system as shown in Fig. 13. In this system, IP/CCG, MAQSP/CCG and IP are used as the photocatalytic dyes.<sup>132</sup>

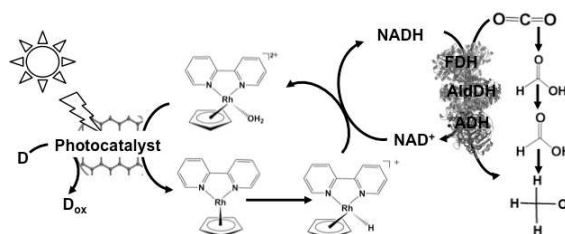


Fig. 13. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to methanol consisted of an electron donor (D), a photocatalyst,  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy})(\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$ ,  $\text{NAD}^+$ , FDH, FldDH and ADH.

Typical reaction condition is composed of photocatalytic dye (0.5 mg),  $\text{NAD}^+$  (1.24  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), rhodium complex (0.62  $\mu\text{mol}$ ), FDH (9 units), FldDH (9 units) and ADH (9 units) in 3.1 mL of sodium phosphate buffer (100 mM, pH 7.0) with TEOA (1.24 mmol) in the presence of  $\text{CO}_2$ .

The methanol concentration in the system using IP/CCG as a photocatalytic dye is estimated to be 11.21  $\mu\text{M}$  after 1 h visible-light irradiation. On the other hand, only 5.62  $\mu\text{M}$  of methanol concentration is obtained with CCGMAQSP as a photocatalytic dye. Moreover, no methanol production is observed in the system using IP as a photocatalytic dye. From these results, the  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction yield with the system of a photocatalytic dye,  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy})(\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$ ,  $\text{NAD}^+$  and biocatalyst depends on the efficiency of  $\text{NAD}^+$  reduction to NADH.

Table 3 shows the summary of methanol production after 1 h irradiation in the light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction system of a



photocatalytic dye and  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy}) (\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$  via the  $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$  redox coupling with FDH, FldDH and ADH.

Table 3. Methanol production in the light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction system of a photocatalytic dye and  $\text{Cp}^*\text{Rh}(\text{bpy}) (\text{OH}_2)^{2+}$  via the  $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$  redox coupling with FDH, FldDH and ADH.

Photocatalytic dye	Methanol production ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Reference
IP/CCG	11.21	133
IP	5.62	133

A semi - biological light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate system combining reduction of  $\text{NADP}^+$  with photosynthetic protein and FDH has also been constructed. For example, light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate by photosynthetic protein Cyanobacterial Photosystem I (PSI) and  $\text{NADPH}$ -dependent FDH via the  $\text{NADP}^+/\text{NADPH}$  redox coupling has been reported as shown in Fig. 12. In this system,  $\text{NADP}^+$  reduction to  $\text{NADPH}$  with FNR via the redox protein, ferredoxin (Fd) is used as show in Fig. 14.<sup>135</sup>

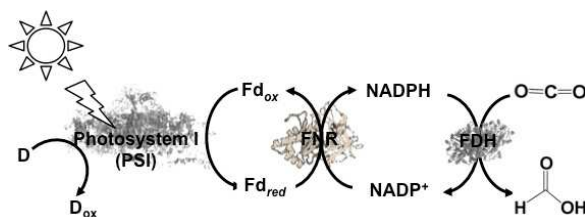


Fig. 14. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate consisted of an electron donor (D), PSI as a photocatalytic material, Fd, FNR,  $\text{NADP}^+$  and FDH.

In this system, FDH from *Pseudomonas sp.* 101 (EC 1.2.1.2) mutant (PsFDH[QN]) are used as a biocatalyst for  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction. Typical reaction condition for light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate production is performed in 3 mL phosphate buffer by using PS I at a concentration of 100  $\mu\text{g}$  chlorophyll/mL, 10 mM ascorbate, 10  $\mu\text{M}$  plastocyanin (PC), 2  $\mu\text{M}$  Fd, 0.5  $\mu\text{M}$  FNR, 1 mM  $\text{NADP}^+$ , 4 mM  $\text{NADPH}$ , 56  $\mu\text{M}$  PsFDH[QN], 0.05% Triton X-100, and 10% sucrose. In this system, PC acts as an electron donor. The formate concentration linearly increased with irradiation time after about a 30 min lag time. The maximum rate of formate production is estimated to be 26  $\mu\text{M h}^{-1}$ . In the reaction under a 10%  $\text{O}_2$  and 90%  $\text{CO}_2$  gas saturated condition, no formate is detected, indicating the  $\text{O}_2$ -sensitivity of the system. In addition, this study introduced the  $\text{NADPH}$ -dependent FDH mutant into heterocysts of the cyanobacterium *Anabaena sp.* PCC 7120 and demonstrated an increased formate concentration in the whole cells. These results provide a new possibility for visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction.

With a new concept for  $\text{NADP}^+$  reduction, amino group-modified dendrimer (Den- $\text{NH}_2$ ) is used as an electron mediator for  $\text{NADP}^+$  reduction to  $\text{NADPH}$  in the visible-light driven redox system. For example, the visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to methanol with the combination of FDH, FldDH and ADH and  $\text{NADP}^+$  reduction to  $\text{NADPH}$  with the system of a photocatalytic dye and Den- $\text{NH}_2$  as an electron mediator is also developed as shown in Fig. 15.<sup>136</sup>

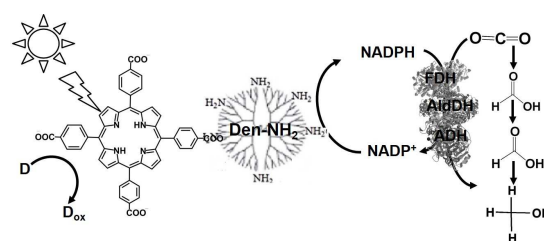


Fig. 15. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to methanol consisted of an electron donor (D), tetrakis(4-carboxyphenyl)porphyrin (TCPP) as a photocatalytic dye, Den- $\text{NH}_2$ ,  $\text{NADP}^+$ , FDH, FldDH and ADH.

In this system, attempts are made to improve the reaction efficiency by adsorbing  $\text{CO}_2$ ,  $\text{NADP}^+$  or  $\text{NADPH}$ , FDH, FldDH and ADH to a Den- $\text{NH}_2$ . For  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to methanol, TCPP, Den- $\text{NH}_2$ , FDH, FldDH, ADH and  $\text{NADPH}$  are immobilized onto organoclay-incorporated 2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidine-1-oxyl (TEMPO)-oxidized cellulose nanofiber (TOCNF) films (Den-TCPP- $\text{NADPH}$  (FDH/FldDH/ADH)-TOCNF). By using Den-TCPP- $\text{NADPH}$  (FDH/FldDH/ADH)-TOCNF, methanol production is observed with laser irradiation of 488 nm. The proposed mechanism of  $\text{NADP}^+$  reduction in this system is described as shown in Fig. 16.<sup>136</sup>

From the proposed mechanism as shown in Fig. 16,  $\text{NADP}^+$  reduction to  $\text{NADPH}$  proceeds with the redox coupling Den- $\text{NH}_2$ /Den- $\text{NH}_3^+$  and then  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to methanol with FDH, FldDH and ADH occurs using the redox coupling  $\text{NADP}^+/\text{NADPH}$ .

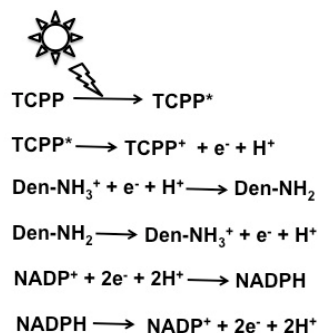


Fig. 16. Proposed mechanism of  $\text{NADP}^+$  reduction to  $\text{NADPH}$  in the visible-light driven redox system consisted of an electron donor (D), tetrakis(4-carboxyphenyl)porphyrin (TCPP), Den- $\text{NH}_2$  and  $\text{NADP}^+$ .

The authors of this paper claim that the four-electron oxidation of water into  $\text{O}_2$  proceeds with a photosensitization of TCPP, in other word, water molecules works as an electron donor to the oxidized  $\text{TCPP}^+$ . However,  $\text{O}_2$  evolution in this system has not been measured yet. As water does not act as an electron donor in the photoredox system with TCPP, in general,  $\text{NADPH}$  works as an effective electron donor in this system. In this system, since the  $\text{NADPH}$  is loaded on the Den-TCPP-TOCNF, the substantial photoreduction efficiency of  $\text{NADP}^+$  to  $\text{NADPH}$  is not clear. In the future, discussion including photoreduction efficiency of  $\text{NADP}^+$  to  $\text{NADPH}$  in addition  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to methanol with Den-TCPP- $\text{NADPH}$  (FDH/FldDH/ADH)-TOCNF is necessary.



### Photoredox system for light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction with biocatalyst via the redox couple of bipyridinium salt

The relationship between the NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-depend dehydrogenases and natural co-enzyme NAD(P)<sup>+</sup> or NAD(P)H is considered again. For example, the kinetic parameters for the Michaelis constants ( $K_m$ ) of NAD<sup>+</sup> and NADH for FDH from *Candida boidinii* in the formate oxidation to CO<sub>2</sub> and the reverse reaction are determined. The  $K_m$  values for NAD<sup>+</sup> in the formate oxidation and NADH in the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to FDH are estimated to be 50 and 2087 mM, respectively. Thus, FDH can be activated by the lower concentration of NAD<sup>+</sup>, compared with that of NADH (1/400), and the affinity of NAD<sup>+</sup> for FDH is higher than that of NADH. Then, what is the  $K_m$  values of NAD<sup>+</sup> and NADH for other commercially available NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-depend dehydrogenases, FldDH, AldDH and ADH? Table 4 shows the summary of previous reported  $K_m$  values of NAD<sup>+</sup> and NADH for commercially available ADH,<sup>137</sup> AldDH,<sup>138,139</sup> FldDH,<sup>140</sup> and FDH.<sup>141,142</sup>

Table 4. Summary of  $K_m$  values of NAD<sup>+</sup> and NADH for commercially available FDH, AldDH, FldDH and ADH.

Dehydrogenase	$K_m$ ( $\mu$ M)		Reference
	NAD <sup>+</sup>	NADH	
FDH	15	9980	141, 142
AldDH	1100	-	138, 139
FldDH	350	-	140
ADH	5.9	122	136

From Table 4, the affinity of NAD<sup>+</sup> for all dehydrogenases is overwhelmingly higher than that of NADH. The  $K_m$  values of NADH for AldDH from *Yeast* and FldDH from *Pseudomonas sp.* are not reported yet as far as surveyed. No formate reduction to formaldehyde with FldDH from *Pseudomonas sp.* in the presence of NADH is observed. As long as the NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>/NADH redox coupling is used, the affinity between NAD(P)H and commercially available NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-depend dehydrogenases does not change, therefore, catalytic activities of dehydrogenases cannot be controlled in the visible-light driven redox system using NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>/NAD(P)H redox coupling. As the produced NAD(P)H acts as an electron donor and is consumed, moreover, the NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>/NAD(P)H redox coupling is not suitable to use for the visible-light driven redox system with the system of a photocatalytic dye and commercially available NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-depend dehydrogenases. Moreover, NAD(P)<sup>+</sup> is a very expensive biological reagent.

As mentioned above, the redox coupling of NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>/NAD(P)H free visible-light driven redox system with commercially available NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-depend dehydrogenases is desired. It is necessary to design and to synthesize an electron mediator molecule with simple chemical structure that is easily reduced by visible-light sensitization of a photocatalytic dye and acts as a co-enzyme for commercially available NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-depend dehydrogenases. Among the various electron mediators, methylviologen (1,1'-dimethyl-4,4'-bipyridinium

salt; MV: chemical structure is shown in Fig. 17) has been widely used as an electron mediator in the visible-light driven redox system with NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-depend dehydrogenases for hydrogen production and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction.<sup>143</sup>

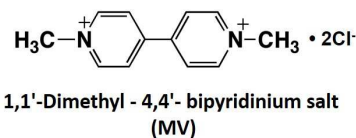


Fig. 17. Chemical structure of 1,1'-dimethyl-4,4'-bipyridinium salt (MV)

However, there is a serious problem for MV to be used in the visible-light driven redox system using a photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst. Since the single-electron reduced MV is easily oxidized to MV by oxygen, it is used under saturation of inert gas such as nitrogen or argon in the visible-light driven redox system using a photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst for hydrogen production as an example. Since dissolved oxygen in the sample solution can be removed with CO<sub>2</sub> gas, MV can be effectively used as an electron mediator of the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization system using a photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst. Since 4,4'- or 2,2'-bipyridinium salt (BPs) is easily chemically modified, various BPs are synthesized for the effective electron mediators in the visible-light driven redox system with NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-depend dehydrogenases. The chemical structures of various BPs are shown in Fig. 18.<sup>143</sup>

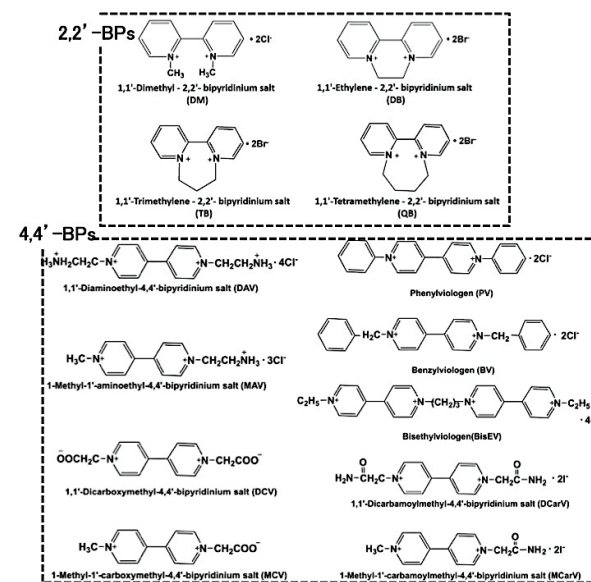


Fig. 18. Chemical structures of various 4,4'- and 2,2'-bipyridinium salts (BPs).

The visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction systems with the coupling the reduction of various BPs with Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup>, water soluble zinc porphyrin or chlorophyll-*a* and commercially available NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-depend dehydrogenases have been reported. In this system, the single-electron reduced BPs acts as a co-enzyme for NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-depend dehydrogenases instead of NAD(P)H.

The visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate consisting of various BPs, Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> as a photocatalytic dye, alkanethiol (RSH) as an electron donor and FDH has been reported as shown in Fig. 19 for the first time.<sup>144-147</sup> The redox processes of 4,4'- and 2,2'-BPs are also shown in Fig. 19.

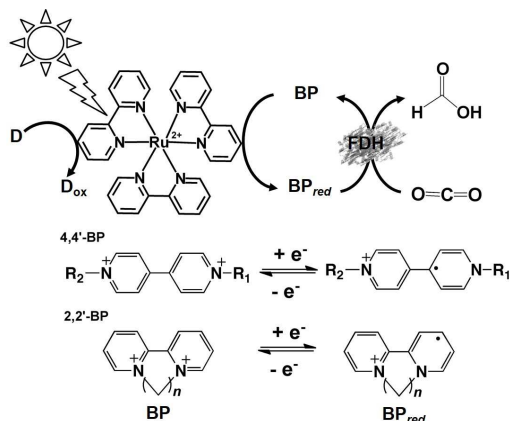


Fig. 19. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate consisted of an electron donor (D), Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> as a photocatalytic dye, BP and FDH. The redox processes of 4,4'- and 2,2'-BPs are also indicated.

In this report, DM, TB, QB and MV are used as an electron mediator and the single-electron reduced BPs act as the co-enzyme for FDH. Typical reaction sample consists of RSH (10mM), Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> (30 μM), various BPs (1.0 mM) and FDH (0.89 units) in CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated buffer solution. The rate of formate production using DM, TB, QB and MV as the electron mediator are estimated to be 0.21, 0.60, 0.30 and 0.75 mM h<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. By using TB or MV as an electron mediator, effective visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate system with FDH is developed.

Furthermore, the effects of the chemical structure and redox potentials of various 2,2'-BPs on the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> and FDH have been reported.<sup>148</sup> Typical reaction sample consists of triethanolamine TEOA (0.5 M), Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> (0.5 mM), various 2,2'-BPs (3.0 mM) and FDH (8 mg) in CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated buffer solution. The concentrations of formate production after 7 h irradiation using DB, TB, QB and MV as the electron mediator are estimated to be 0.50, 0.95, 0.40 and 0.50 mM, respectively. This study showed that compared to systems which used other 2,2'-BPs, the most effective visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> and FDH is achieved by using TB.

Visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate using water-soluble zinc porphyrin, zinc tetraphenylporphyrin

tetrasulfonate (ZnTPPS) in place of Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> as a photocatalytic dye has also been developed as shown in Fig. 20.<sup>149</sup>

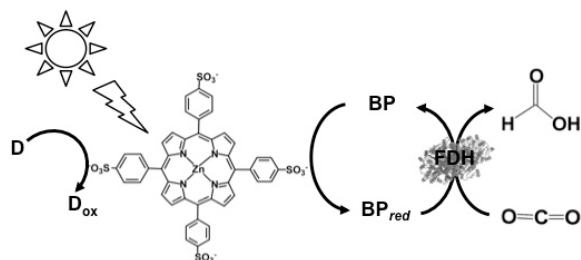


Fig. 20. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate consisted of an electron donor (D), ZnTPPS as a photocatalytic dye, BP and FDH.

Typical reaction sample consists of TEOA (0.3 M), ZnTPPS (10 μM), 2,2'-BPs (DM, DB, TB, QB and MV) (0.1 mM) and FDH (9.3 μM) in CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated buffer solution. The rate of formate production using DM, DB, TB, QB and MV as the electron mediator are estimated to be 18.0, 35.0, 23.5, 13.5 and 22.0 μM h<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. By using DB as an electron mediator, the effective visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate is developed using ZnTPPS.

Table 5 shows the summary of the rate of formate production in the visible-light driven redox system of an electron donor, a photocatalytic dye, 2,2'-BPs and FDH.

Here, the effects of the chemical structure based on the dihedral angles and redox potentials of 2,2'-BPs on the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with photocatalytic dye and FDH are discussed. The redox potentials ( $E_{1/2}$ ) for DB, TB, QB and DM are estimated to be -0.55, -0.72, -0.82 and -0.89 V (vs Ag/AgCl), respectively. The dihedral angles of the single-electron reduced DB, TB, QB and DM calculated by molecular mechanics method are estimated to be about 21, 37, 45, and 55°, respectively. From these data, 2,2'-BPs with a higher redox potential and small dihedral angle between pyridine-rings are suitable electron mediator for the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with a photocatalytic dye and FDH.

Table 5. Summary of the rate of formate production in the visible-light driven redox system of an electron donor, a photocatalytic dye, 2,2'-BPs and FDH.

Photocatalytic dye	Electron donor	2,2'-BPs	Rate of formate production (μM h <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	RSH	DM	210	144
		TB	600	144
		QB	300	144
Ru(bpy) <sub>3</sub> <sup>2+</sup>	TEOA	DB	71.4	148
		TB	135.7	148
		QB	57.1	149
		DM	18.0	149
ZnTPPS	TEOA	DB	35.0	149
		TB	23.5	149
		QB	13.5	149
		DM	18.0	149

In the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with photocatalytic dye, 2,2'-BPs and FDH, the single-electron reduced 2,2'-BPs act as a co-enzyme for FDH instead of NAD(P)H. As mentioned above, the total yield of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate in the system consisting of an electron donor, a photocatalytic dye, 2,2'-BPs, and FDH depends on the relative magnitude of the redox potentials of the 2,2'-BPs. As the reduction efficiency of each 2,2'-BPs using the visible-light sensitization of a photocatalytic dye is not the same, thus, the direct interaction between the single-electron reduced 2,2'-BPs and FDH is unclear. The kinetic parameters of the single-electron reduced 2,2'-BPs for the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with FDH by using an enzymatic kinetic analysis are reported for the first time.<sup>150,151</sup> For an enzymatic kinetic analysis, sodium dithionite is used to chemically prepare the single-electron reduced 2,2'-BPs. It is confirmed that no CO<sub>2</sub> reduction proceeds with only sodium dithionite (in the absence of FDH or 2,2'-BPs). In the viewpoint of affinity of the single-electron reduced 2,2'-BPs for FDH, *K<sub>m</sub>* values of the single-electron reduced DB, TB, QB and DM in CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with FDH are estimated to be 78.4, 142, 165 and 220 μM, respectively. The *K<sub>m</sub>* values of single-electron reduced 2,2'-BPs for FDH also depend on the dihedral angle of pyridine rings of reduced form 2,2'-BPs. As the dihedral angle of pyridine rings in the reduced 2,2'-BPs became smaller, the *K<sub>m</sub>* values became smaller. The single-electron reduced 2,2'-BP with lower *K<sub>m</sub>* value, DB or TB tends to interact with FDH at lower concentration, compared with those of QB and DM. The *K<sub>m</sub>* values for FDH, the dihedral angle and redox potential of reduced form 2,2'-BPs are listed in Table 6.

Comparing the *K<sub>m</sub>* value and the formate production rate in the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction with a photocatalytic dye and FDH, efficient CO<sub>2</sub> reduction is achieved by using a 2,2'-BPs with lower *K<sub>m</sub>* value. As the single-electron reduced DB with small dihedral angle is easy to interact with the binding site of FDH due to small steric hindrance, especially, the effective CO<sub>2</sub> reduction with FDH is accomplished using the other single-electron reduced 2,2'-BPs.

Table 6. Summary of *K<sub>m</sub>* values for FDH, the dihedral angle and redox potential of reduced form 2,2'-BPs.

2,2'-BPs	<i>K<sub>m</sub></i> (μM)	Dihedral angle (°)	Redox potential (V)	Reference
DB	78.4	21	-0.55	150, 151
TB	142	37	-0.72	151
QB	165	45	-0.82	151
DM	220	55	-0.89	150, 151

Various 4,4'-BPs are widely used as electron mediator as well as 2,2'-BPs in the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with a photocatalytic dye and FDH. As mentioned above, visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with a Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> and FDH using MV as an electron mediator has been reported in the 1980's. After that, visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with a Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> and FDH using various 4,4'-BPs (PV, BV and BisEV) as an electron mediator has been reported. Typical reaction sample consists of triethanolamine

TEOA (0.5 M), Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup> (0.5 mM), various 4,4'-BPs (3.0 mM) and FDH (8 mg) in CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated buffer solution. The concentrations of formate production after 7 h irradiation using PV, BV, and BisEV as the electron mediator are estimated to be 0.20, 0.40 and 0.40 mM, respectively.

For the first example using water-soluble zinc porphyrin as a photocatalytic dye as well as Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup>, the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate consisting of zinc tetrakis(4-methylpyridyl)porphyrin (ZnTMPyP) MV, TEOA and FDH also has been reported as shown in Fig. 21.<sup>152-154</sup>

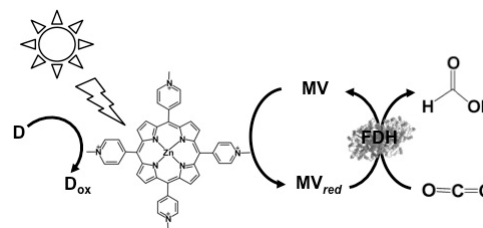


Fig. 21. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate consisted of an electron donor (D), ZnTMPyP, MV and FDH.

Typical reaction sample is consisted of TEOA (0.3 M), ZnTMPyP (9.0 μM), MV (15 mM), and FDH in CO<sub>2</sub> saturated buffer solution. To develop the effective CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate, units of FDH in a solution are varied between 2.5 and 30 units in the report. Formate production increases with FDH activity up to 20 units and then decreases. The concentration of formate production under the optimum condition is estimated to be 60 μM after 3 h irradiation. The turnover number of MV in this system is estimated to be 0.03 min<sup>-1</sup>. ZnTMPyP is an excellent photocatalytic dye, but its stability is poor for continuous visible-light irradiation. As mentioned above, in contrast, ZnTPPS is an excellent photocatalytic dye with photostability and is widely used in the visible-light driven redox system as shown in Fig. 21. The visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with ZnTPPS and FDH using various 4,4'-BPs as the electron mediators (Fig. 19).

Effect of the ionic-group of 4,4'-BPs as the electron mediator on the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with the system consisting of ZnTPPS and FDH in the presence of TEOA has been studied.<sup>152, 153</sup> 1,1'-Diaminoethyl- (DAV), 1-aminoethyl-1'-methyl- (AMV), 1-carboxymethyl-1'-methyl- (CMV) and 1,1'-dicarboxymethyl-4,4'-bipyridinium salt (DCV) are synthesized as the 4,4'-BPs with the ionic-group. Typical reaction sample consists of TEOA (0.3 M), ZnTPPS (10 μM), 4,4'-BPs (DAV, AMV, CMV and DCV) (0.1 mM) and FDH (9.3 μM) in CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated buffer solution. The rate of formate production using DAV, AMV, CMV and DCV as the electron mediator are estimated to be 120, 100, 50.0 and 40.0 μM h<sup>-1</sup>, respectively. By using 4,4'-BPs with cationic amino-group, DAV or AMV as an electron mediator, the effective visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate is observed compared with the 4,4'-BPs with anionic carboxy-group, CMV or DCV. The formate production rate with DAV is about 3.2 times larger than that of the system with DCV. The single-electron reduced DAV and MAV are used as the effective electron mediator for FDH in the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate.

As the carbamoyl-group of  $\text{NAD}^+$  is captured at the active site of FDH via the hydrogen bond, thus, the single-electron reduced 4,4'-BPs with carbamoyl-group can be an effective co-enzyme of FDH in the  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate.<sup>157</sup> 1,1'-Dicarbamoylmethyl-4,4'-bipyridinium salt (DCarV) and 1-carbamoylmethyl-1'-methyl-4,4'-bipyridinium salt (MCarV) as the 4,4'-BPs with carbamoyl-group are synthesized to improve the affinity for FDH. Typical reaction sample consists of TEOA (0.3 M), ZnTPPS (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ), 4,4'-BPs with carbamoyl-group (DCarV and MCarV) (0.1 mM) and FDH (9.3  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in  $\text{CO}_2$ -saturated buffer solution. The rate of formate production using DCarV and MCarV as the electron mediator are estimated to be 95.0 and 120  $\mu\text{M h}^{-1}$ , respectively. By using MCarV, especially, the efficiency of visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate with the system consisting of ZnTPPS and FDH in the presence of TEOA is improved about 60 % than that using MV. From these results, carbamoyl-group in 4,4'-BP affected the electron transfer, leading to the improvement of  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formic acid with FDH.

Table 7 shows the summary of the rate of formate production in the visible-light driven redox system of an electron donor, a photocatalytic dye, 4,4'-BPs and FDH.

The direct interaction between the single-electron reduced 4,4'-BPs and FDH also is unclear. The kinetic parameters of the single-electron reduced 4,4'-BPs for the  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate with FDH by using an enzymatic kinetic analysis also are reported for the first time.<sup>158,159</sup> In the viewpoint of affinity of the single-electron reduced 4,4'-BPs for FDH,  $K_m$  values of the single-electron reduced DAV, MAV, MV, MCV and DCV in  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate with FDH are estimated to be 17.0, 118, 212, 292 and 370  $\mu\text{M}$ , respectively. The  $K_m$  values of single-electron reduced 4,4'-BPs for FDH also depend on the number of positive charge of reduced form 4,4'-BPs. The numbers of electron charges in the single-electron reduced 4,4'-BPs are DAV (+3), MAV (+2), MV (+1), MCV (0) and DCV (-1), respectively.

Table 7. Summary of the rate of formate production in the visible-light driven redox system of an electron donor, a photocatalytic dye, 4,4'-BPs and FDH.

Photocatalytic dye	Electron donor	4,4'-BPs	Rate of formate production ( $\mu\text{M h}^{-1}$ )	Reference
$\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$	TEOA	MV	71.4	148
		PV	28.6	148
		BV	57.1	148
		BisEV	57.1	148
ZnTMPyP	TEOA	MV	20.0	152-154
		ZnTPPS	MV	60.5
ZnTPPS	TEOA	DAV	120	155, 156
		MAV	100	156
		MCV	50.0	156
		DCV	40.0	156
		DCarV	95.0	157
		MCarV	120	157

The formate production is proportional to the numbers of electron charges in the single-electron reduced 4,4'-BPs. This results indicate that the formate production in the

reaction depends on ionic-substituted groups in the single-electron reduced 4,4'-BPs. The  $K_m$  values for FDH, numbers of electron charges of reduced form 4,4'-BPs are listed in Table 8.

Comparing the  $K_m$  value and the formate production rate in the visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction with ZnTPPS and FDH, efficient  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction is achieved by using a DAV or MAV with lower  $K_m$  value.

Table 8. Summary of  $K_m$  values for FDH, the numbers of electron charges of reduced form 4,4'-BPs.

4,4'-BPs	$K_m$ ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Numbers of electron charges of reduced form 4,4'-BPs	Reference
DAV	17.0	3	158
MAV	118	2	158, 159
MV	212	1	158, 159
MCV	292	0	159
DCV	370	-1	159

More notably, the oxidized BPs do not act as a co-enzyme for FDH in the formate oxidation to  $\text{CO}_2$ . That is, only single-electron reduced BPs act as the co-enzyme for FDH in the  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate. This property of BPs is not found in natural co-enzymes,  $\text{NAD}^+$  and  $\text{NADH}$ .

As described above, by using various BPs, thus,  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate rate can be controlled without changing the structure of FDH.

In addition, visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate with the system consisting of chlorophyll-*a* ( $\text{MgChl-}a$ ) as a photocatalytic dye, MV and FDH in the presence of electron donor as shown in the Fig. 22 is also accomplished.<sup>160</sup>

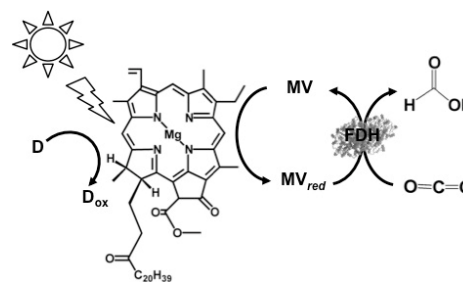


Fig. 22. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate consisted of an electron donor (D), chlorophyll-*a* ( $\text{MgChl-}a$ ), MV and FDH.

As the visible-light driven redox system for  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate is consisted of an electron donor (D), a photocatalytic dye, BP and FDH is accomplished, methanol production is developed by adding AldDH and ADH in this system as shown in Fig. 23. By using this system, ZnTPPS or metal-free TPPS ( $\text{H}_2\text{TPPS}$ ) is used as a photocatalytic dye. Visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to methanol with the system of TEOA, ZnTPPS, MV, FDH, AldDH, and ADH has been reported for the first time.<sup>161-163</sup>



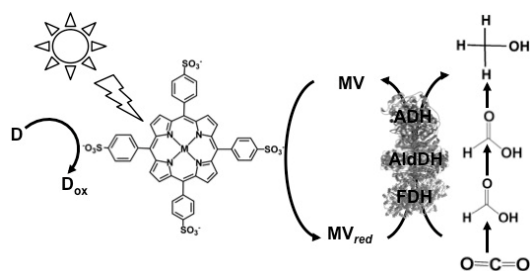


Fig. 23. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol consisted of an electron donor (D), MTPPS (M: Zn or H<sub>2</sub>), MV, FDH, AldDH and ADH.

Typical sample solution is consisted of TEOA (0.3 M), ZnTPPS (0.1 μM), MV (0.1 mM), FDH (12.5 units), AldDH (12.5 units), ADH (12.5 units) and sodium bicarbonate (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>) instead of CO<sub>2</sub> in the buffer solution. When a sample solution containing ZnTPPS, MV, TEOA, FDH, AldDH, ADH and NaHCO<sub>3</sub> is irradiated, the concentration of methanol production is detected to be 4.5 μM after 3 h irradiation. The conversion yield of HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> to methanol is estimated to be 4.5 % after 3 h irradiation (initial concentration of HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> 100 μM). In this system, the single-electron reduced MV acts as a shared co-enzyme for three dehydrogenases FDH, AldDH and ADH.

However, the yield for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol with this system is low. To improve the efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol with this system, it is necessary to clarify the interaction between FDH, AldDH or ADH and the single-electron reduced MV. The kinetic parameters for formaldehyde reduction to methanol with ADH and the single-electron reduced MV are determined by using enzymatic kinetic analysis. The *K<sub>m</sub>* value of the single-electron reduced MV for ADH in the reduction of formaldehyde to methanol is estimated to be 312 μM. The *K<sub>m</sub>* value of the single-electron reduced MV for ADH is almost the same values for FDH indicating that the affinity of the single-electron reduced MV for ADH is equal to that for FDH.<sup>163</sup>

On the basis of this result, the improvement for the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol under visible-light irradiation is attempted with the system consisting of TEOA, H<sub>2</sub>TPPS, MV, FDH, AldDH and ADH. Three dehydrogenases are adjusted to the same concentration (not same units). When the sample solution consisting of H<sub>2</sub>TPPS (100 μM), MV (2.0 mM), TEOA (0.3 M), FDH (2.0 μM), AldDH (2.0 μM) and ADH (2.0 μM) in CO<sub>2</sub> saturated 50 mM sodium pyrophosphate buffer is irradiated, the methanol is produced with increasing irradiation time and methanol concentration produced is estimated to be 6.8 μM after 100 min irradiation. Further improvement in the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol efficiency is desired in the system of TEOA, H<sub>2</sub>TPPS, MV, FDH, AldDH and ADH.

In addition, the light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol using methanol dehydrogenase (MDH) from *Bacillus* (EC 1.1.1.244), ZnS as a photocatalytic dye and pyrroloquinoline quinone (PQQ)<sup>164</sup> as an electron mediator has also been reported as shown in Fig. 24. The redox process of PQQ<sup>165-169</sup> also is indicated in Fig. 24.

In this system, 2-propanol is used as an electron donor. Typical sample solution is consisted of the CO<sub>2</sub>-saturated ZnS microcrystalline colloid containing PQQ (5 mM) and MDH (2 units). When a sample containing ZnS, PQQ and MDH in CO<sub>2</sub> saturated condition is irradiated with UV-light, formate and methanol productions are observed. A saturation tendency of the methanol production appears when the amount of methanol is accumulated to ca. 0.25 mM after 1 h irradiation. On the other hand, the concentration of formate is increased with increasing irradiation time. After 3 h irradiation, 0.50 mM of formate is produced with this system.

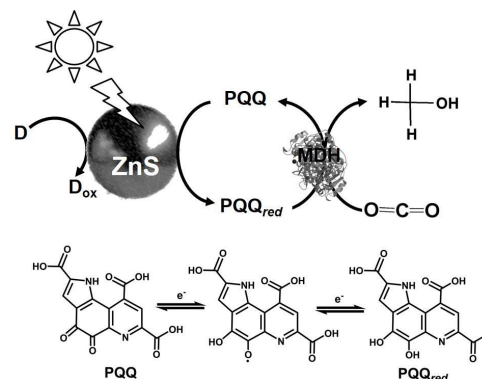


Fig. 24. Scheme of the light driven redox system for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol consisted of an electron donor (D), ZnS, PQQ and MDH.

The proposed mechanism of light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol with the system of an electron donor, ZnS, PQQ and MDH is shown in Fig. 25. In this system, there are two photoredox processes; 1) CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with the photocatalytic reaction of ZnS and 2) formate reduction to methanol with ZnS via the PQQ/PQQ<sub>red</sub> redox coupling. Thus, rate of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to formate with the photocatalytic reaction of ZnS is larger than that of formate reduction to methanol.

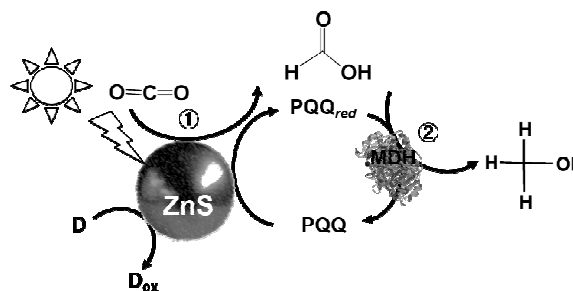


Fig. 25. Proposed mechanism for light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to methanol consisted of an electron donor (D), ZnS, PQQ and MDH.

Next, light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO with the systems of a photocatalytic dye and carbon monoxide dehydrogenase (CODH) from *Carboxydotherrnus hydrogenoformans* (EC1.2.7.4) are introduced. By using CODH in the light driven

CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO with a photocatalytic dye, an electron mediator such as MV is unnecessary.

Typical light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO with the systems of a photocatalytic dye and CODH are shown in Fig. 26.<sup>170-173</sup>

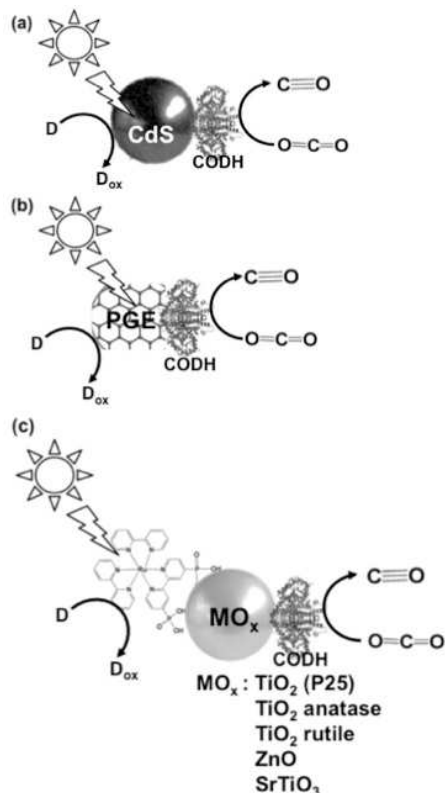


Fig. 26. Scheme of the light driven redox system for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO consisted of an electron donor (D), a photocatalytic dye (a: CdS, b: Pyrolytic graphite "edge" (PGE), c: dye-modified metal oxide) and CODH.

Light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO with the systems of a photocatalytic dye and CODH are classified into three categories based on the photocatalytic dye; a) CdS,<sup>172</sup> b) pyrolytic graphite "edge" (PGE)<sup>173</sup> and c) dye-modified metal oxide (TiO<sub>2</sub>, ZnO or SrTiO<sub>3</sub>).<sup>170,171</sup>

The effect of an electron donor on the light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO with the system of CdS and CODH is investigated. Typical reaction sample is consisted of CODH immobilized CdS based quantum dots (CODH-QDs) and various electron donor (ascorbate, EDTA or TEOA: 0.2 M, or KI :0.3 M) in CO<sub>2</sub> saturated 0.35 M 2-(*N*-morpholino)ethanesulfonic acid buffer. By using EDTA as an electron donor, 3.0 μmol of CO is evolved in the light driven redox system with CODH-QDs after 5 h irradiation. By using TEOA, in contrast, 0.5 μmol of CO is evolved in the system with CODH-QDs after 5 h irradiation. Moreover, no CO evolution is observed in the system with CODH-QDs by using ascorbate or KI.

By using CODH and [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(4,4'-(PO<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-bpy)]Br<sub>2</sub> (RuP) modified TiO<sub>2</sub> (P25) as a photocatalytic dye (RuP-TiO<sub>2</sub>-CODH), at pH 6 and 20 °C, the visible-light driven CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO proceeds and 5 μmol of CO is produced after 4 h irradiation. At the reaction temperature of 50 °C, 12 μmol of CO is

produced in this system after 4 h irradiation. By using CODH and [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(4,4'-(PO<sub>3</sub>H<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-bpy)]Br<sub>2</sub> (RuP) modified TiO<sub>2</sub> (anatase), TiO<sub>2</sub> (rutile), ZnO and SrTiO<sub>3</sub>, 4.3, 0, 0.55 and 0.5 μmol of CO, respectively are produced after 4 h irradiation.

By using CODH immobilized PGE as a photocatalytic dye, only photoelectrochemical properties of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction to CO are investigated.<sup>173</sup>

## Photoredox system for light driven CO<sub>2</sub> utilization

### Photoredox system for light driven CO<sub>2</sub> utilization with biocatalyst via the redox couple of NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>/NAD(P)H

As mentioned previous section, the light driven redox systems for the CO<sub>2</sub> reduction with NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-dependent dehydrogenase have been introduced. As the system is only CO<sub>2</sub> reduction based on the multi-electrons-protons coupling reaction with visible light energy, thus, the number of carbon in product dose not extended.

In this section, let us focus on light driven redox systems with biocatalyst for building carbon-carbon bonds from CO<sub>2</sub> as the carbon feedstock. As mentioned above, ME and IDH are attractive biocatalysts for this target, and CO<sub>2</sub> is bonded to the organic molecule as a carboxy-group.<sup>174</sup>

A visible-light driven redox system with ME that exploit reduction of NADP<sup>+</sup> to NADPH as the electron mediator has been described for the first time. In this case, the use of Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup>, MV, FNR and 2-mercaptoethanol led to malate production from HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> and pyruvate, as shown in Fig. 27.<sup>145,175</sup>

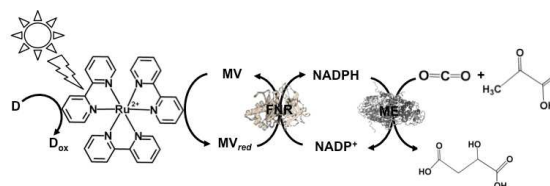


Fig. 27. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for malate production from pyruvate and CO<sub>2</sub> consisted of Ru(bpy)<sub>3</sub><sup>2+</sup>, MV, FNR, NADP<sup>+</sup>, ME and 2-mercaptoethanol.

In this system, the single-electron reduced MV dose not act as co-enzyme for ME in the reaction of malate production from CO<sub>2</sub> and pyruvate. Thus, the redox system of NADP<sup>+</sup>/NADPH with FNR is needed to integrate into the system. FNR catalyzes the reduction of NADP<sup>+</sup> to NADPH coupling redox of ferredoxin as shown in Fig. 12. Moreover, FNR also catalyzes the reduction of NADP<sup>+</sup> to NADPH coupling redox of MV and the single-electron reduced MV (MV<sub>red</sub>) as shown in Fig. 28.<sup>180</sup>

### Ferredoxin-NADP<sup>+</sup> reductase (FNR)



Fig. 28. Reaction scheme of FNR for NADP<sup>+</sup> reduction to NADPH in the presence of the single-electron reduced MV (MV<sub>red</sub>).



The system is composed of a Tris buffer (4.2 ml; 0.2 M; pH 8.0) including pyruvic acid (470 mM), MV (0.19 mM),  $\text{NADP}^+$  (0.18 mM),  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$  (21  $\mu\text{M}$ ),  $\text{MgCl}_2$  (9.5  $\mu\text{M}$ ),  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (0.2 M) and 2-mercaptoethanol (19 mM). To this solution are added FNR (0.2 units) and ME (1.33 units). After 2 h irradiation to this system, 3.0 mM of malate is produced and yield for malate production from  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  and pyruvate has been estimated to be 3.6 % after 2 h irradiation.

IDH biocatalyst coupled with a visible-light driven redox system consisting in  $\text{NADP}^+$  with a system containing  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$ , MV, FNR and DL-dithiothreitol (DTT) as an electron donor for isocitrate production from  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  and  $\alpha$ -oxoglutarate as shown in Fig. 29 also has been reported.<sup>145,180</sup>

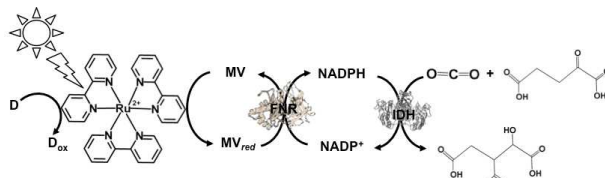


Fig. 29. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for isocitrate production from  $\alpha$ -oxoglutarate and  $\text{CO}_2$  consisted of  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$ , MV, FNR,  $\text{NADP}^+$ , IDH and DTT.

The system is composed of a Tris buffer (4.2 ml; 0.2 M; pH 7.2) including  $\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_3^{2+}$  (14  $\mu\text{M}$ ), MV (0.17 mM),  $\text{NADP}^+$  (0.17 mM),  $\text{MnCl}_2$  (1.7 mM),  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (0.17 M),  $\alpha$ -oxoglutaric acid (42 mM) and DTT (8.3 mM). The following biocatalysts are added FNR (0.2 units) and IDH (0.47 units) immobilized on poly(acrylamide-co-*N*-acryloylsuccinimide). After 2 h irradiation to this system, 0.6 mM of isocitrate is produced and yield for isocitrate production from  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  and  $\alpha$ -oxoglutarate is estimated to be 1.9 % after 2h irradiation.

A different approach involving with ME and reduction of  $\text{NADP}^+$  with a system containing  $\text{TiO}_2$  semiconductor or CdS photocatalyst, MV, FNR and lactate or 2-mercaptoethanol an electron donor for the malate production from  $\text{CO}_2$  and pyruvate acid as shown in Fig.30.<sup>181</sup>

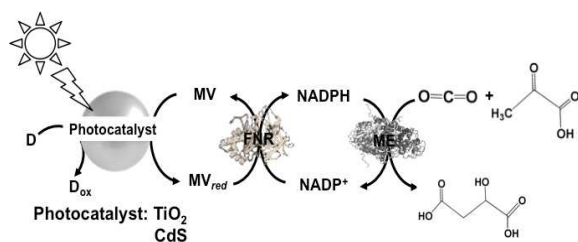


Fig. 30. Scheme of the light driven redox system for malate production from pyruvate and  $\text{CO}_2$  consisted of a photocatalyst ( $\text{TiO}_2$  or CdS), MV, FNR,  $\text{NADP}^+$ , ME and lactate or 2-mercaptoethanol.

By using  $\text{TiO}_2$  as a photocatalyst, the solution is 10 mL of  $\text{CO}_2$ -saturated Tris buffer containing MV (1.0 mM),  $\text{NADP}^+$  (0.1 mM), FNR (0.2 unit), ME (1.0 unit), pyruvic acid (2.0 mM), 2-mercaptoethanol (27 mM) and  $\text{TiO}_2$ . When the solution is irradiated with UV-light, 0.3 mM of malate is produced after 5 h irradiation. By using CdS as a photocatalyst, in contrast, 1.0 mM of malate is produced after 5 h irradiation under the same

condition using  $\text{TiO}_2$ . It is thought that at these optimum conditions, ca. 50% of pyruvate is converted to malate at CdS and ca. 15 % at  $\text{TiO}_2$  semiconductor, respectively.

As lactate oxidation to pyruvate with the photocatalytic function of CdS proceeds, moreover, light driven malate production from  $\text{CO}_2$  and lactate via the pyruvate with the system of CdS and ME is developed. The sample solution is ME (5.0 units) in 10  $\text{cm}^3$  of 10 mL of  $\text{CO}_2$ -saturated Tris buffer containing MV (1.0 mM),  $\text{NADP}^+$  (0.1 mM), FNR (0.2 unit),  $\text{NADP}^+$  (0.1 mM), sodium lactate (100 mM) and CdS (1.25 mM). After 6 h irradiation, concentrations of malate and pyruvate are determined to be 0.2 and 0.7 mM, respectively. In this system, it is achieved to the malate production from  $\text{CO}_2$  and pyruvate as an intermediate produced from lactate (electron donor) oxidation with CdS.

A visible-light driven catalytic system consisting of NADH as the electron donor,  $\text{ZnChl-e}_6$  (Chlorin- $e_6$ , formed by the hydrolysis of chlorophyll- $a$ ), MV, FNR,  $\text{NADP}^+$  and ME has been reported as shown in Fig. 31.<sup>182, 183</sup>

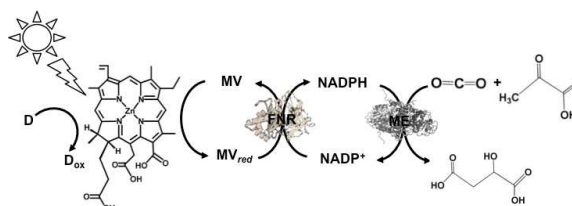


Fig. 31. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for malate production from pyruvate and  $\text{CO}_2$  consisted of  $\text{ZnChl-e}_6$ , MV, FNR,  $\text{NADP}^+$ , ME and NADH.

A sample solution is composed of NADH (30 mM),  $\text{Zn Chl-e}_6$  (50 $\mu\text{M}$ ), MV (1.0 mM), FNR (4.0 units),  $\text{NADP}^+$  (10 mM), pyruvic acid (10 mM),  $\text{NaHCO}_3$ (10 mM) and ME (4.5 units) in Bis-Tris buffer (pH 8.0). After 3 h irradiation for this system, the concentration of malate production is 0.65 mM and the ratio of pyruvate to malate is estimated to be about 6.5 %.

These results show that the malate production proceeds by combination of the  $\text{NADP}^+$  reduction to NADPH using the photocatalytic dye with FNR via the redox coupling MV/ $\text{MV}_{red}$  and biocatalytic conversion of pyruvate and  $\text{CO}_2$  to malate. To simplify this system,  $\text{NADP}^+$  reduction to NADPH with the system of chemically-modified  $\text{Chl-a}$  and FNR without the redox coupling MV/ $\text{MV}_{red}$  is attempted.

The visible-light driven redox system with ME and reduction of  $\text{NADP}^+$  with a system containing ascorbate as an electron donor, the polyethylene glycol modified chlorophyll- $a$  (PEG- $\text{Chl-a}$ ) and FNR as shown in Fig. 32 has been exploited for the production of malate from  $\text{CO}_2$  and pyruvate.<sup>184</sup> As  $\text{NADP}^+$  directly is reduced to NADPH with FNR and PEG- $\text{Chl-a}$  in this reaction, it is not necessary to add the MV as an electron mediator.

A sample solution is composed of the PEG-chlorophyllin conjugate (15  $\mu\text{M}$ ), ascorbate (6.0 mM),  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  (180 mM),  $\text{MgCl}_2$  (15 mM), pyruvate (0.8 mM),  $\text{NADP}^+$  (3.2 mM), FNR (2.5 units) and ME (5.0 units) in 10 mL of 50 mM phosphate buffer at pH 7.4. The concentration of malate produced is estimated to be 75  $\mu\text{M}$  after 3 h visible light irradiation.

The yield of malate from pyruvate and  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  is estimated to be 0.041 %.

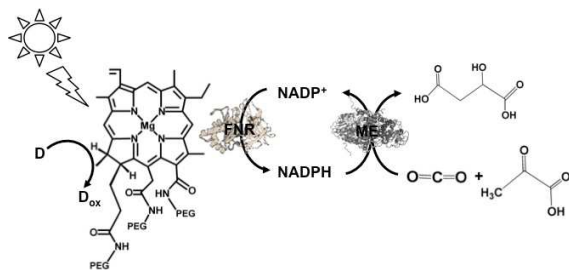


Fig. 32. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for malate production from pyruvate and  $\text{CO}_2$  consisted of PEG-Chl- $\alpha$ , FNR,  $\text{NADP}^+$ , ME and ascorbate

### Photoredox system for light driven $\text{CO}_2$ utilization with biocatalyst via the redox couple of bipyridinium salt

The light driven redox system for building carbon-carbon bond from  $\text{CO}_2$  and organic molecule with a photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst using redox coupling  $\text{NADP}^+/\text{NADPH}$  is very complicated, however, it is necessary to simplify by an electron mediator instead of  $\text{NADP}^+$  reduction part with FNR as shown in Fig. 33.

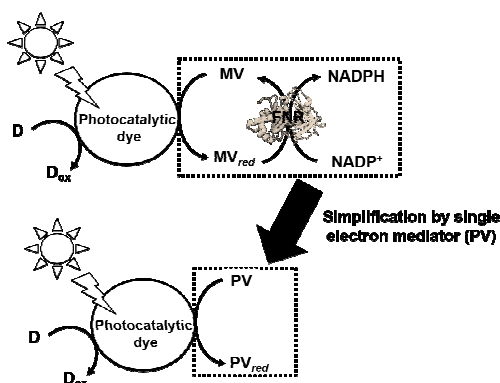


Fig. 33. Scheme of the light driven redox system for  $\text{NADP}^+$  reduction to  $\text{NADPH}$  with the system of an electron donor, a photocatalytic dye, MV, FNR (upper) and simplified system using single electron mediator reduction (lower).

To develop the simplified visible-light driven redox system for building carbon-carbon bond from  $\text{CO}_2$  and organic molecule using the system of a photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst without redox coupling  $\text{NADP}^+/\text{NADPH}$ , the electron mediator that shows the same behavior as a  $\text{NADP}^+$  or  $\text{NADPH}$  is necessary. 1,1'-Diphenyl-4,4'-bipyridinium salt (phenylviologen) derivatives (PVs) have received much attention to the electron mediator with same behavior as a  $\text{NADP}^+$  or  $\text{NADPH}$ , because PVs have a lower first and second reduction potentials compared with the 2,2'- or 4,4'-BPs.<sup>185</sup> Chemical structures of 1,1'-diphenyl-4,4'-bipyridinium salt derivatives (PVs) are shown in Fig. 34.

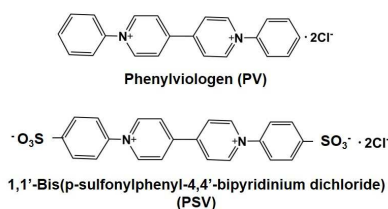


Fig. 34. Chemical structures of 1,1'-diphenyl-4,4'-bipyridinium salt (PV) and 1,1'-bis (*p*-sulfonylphenyl)-4,4'-bipyridinium dichloride (PSV).

A visible-light driven redox system with ME that exploit reduction of PV as the electron mediator has been described for the first time. In this case, the use of MTPPS (M: Zn or  $\text{H}_2$ ), PV and TEOA led to malate production from  $\text{CO}_2$  and pyruvate, as shown in Fig. 35.<sup>186-188</sup> The redox process of PV also is indicated in Fig. 35.

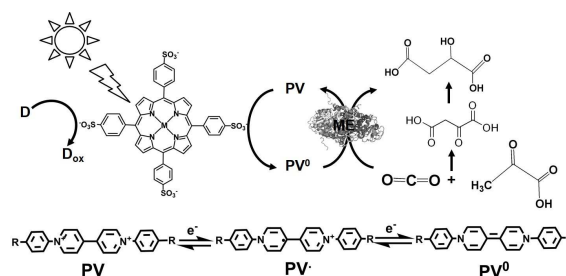


Fig. 35. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for malate production from pyruvate and  $\text{CO}_2$  consisted of an electron donor, MTPPS, PV and ME. The redox process of PV also is indicated. The single- and double- electron reduced PV are abbreviated as  $\text{PV}^{\bullet-}$  and  $\text{PV}^0$ , respectively.

The reduction potentials of PSV and PV are summarized in Table 9. The reduction potentials of MV also is listed as a reference in the table. The single ( $E_{red1}$ ) and double ( $E_{red2}$ ) electron reduction potentials of PVs are determined by cyclic voltammetry using an Ag/AgCl electrode as a reference electrode.

The single and double electron reduction potentials of PV are estimated to be  $-0.39$  and  $-0.74$  V, respectively. On the other hand, the single and double-electron reduction potentials of PSV are estimated to be  $-0.38$  and  $-0.72$  V, respectively. Compared to the reduction potentials of PV and PSV, there are little difference, so it is considered that the sulfo-group has little effect on the reduction potential. The single and double electron reduction potentials of PVs are lower than the values for MV ( $-0.67$  and  $-1.05$  V, respectively). Thus, the single and double-electron reduced PVs could be easily produced with the photocatalytic dye.

Table 9. Summary of the reduction potentials of PSV, PV and MV.

BPs	Single-electron reduction potential ( $E_{red1}$ ) (V)	Double-electron reduction potential ( $E_{red2}$ ) (V)	Reference
PSV	$-0.38$	$-0.72$	187, 188
PV	$-0.39$	$-0.74$	186
MV	$-0.67$	$-1.05$	186-188

By using PV as an electron mediator, the visible-light driven malate production from pyruvate and  $\text{CO}_2$  with the system of

TEOA, H<sub>2</sub>TPPS, PV and ME is developed. For PV photoreduction, the sample solution is consisted of TEOA (0.3 M), ZnTPPS (10 mM) and PV (0.1 mM) in 5.0 mL of 10 mM bis-tris buffer (pH 7.4). When this sample solution is irradiated, the absorption band due to the double-electron reduced PV is increased with increasing irradiation time. The redox potentials of the excited triplet state of H<sub>2</sub>TPPS in buffer aqueous,  $E(\text{H}_2\text{TPPS}^+ / {}^3\text{H}_2\text{TPPS}^*)$  and  $E({}^3\text{H}_2\text{TPPS}^* / \text{H}_2\text{TPPS})$  are estimated to be -0.70 and 0.40 V using electrochemical and photochemical measurements, respectively, thus allowing for the production of the single- or double-electron reduced PV.

For the visible-light driven malate production from CO<sub>2</sub> and pyruvate with H<sub>2</sub>TPPS, PV and ME in the presence of co-factor MgCl<sub>2</sub>, a sample solution is composed of TEOA (0.2 M), H<sub>2</sub>TPPS (40 μM), PV (0.4 mM), pyruvate (12 mM), MgCl (10 mM). When this sample solution is irradiated, the concentration of malate and oxaloacetate increased with the irradiation time. The concentration of malate production is estimated to be 565 μM after 3 h irradiation. On the other hand, the concentration of oxaloacetate is estimated to be 1.0 mM after 3 h irradiation. The yield of pyruvate to malate is calculated to be 4.7%.

As both the single and the double-electron reduction state of PV are insoluble in an aqueous solution, however, PV is not suitable for homogenous visible-light driven redox system. Thus, the water-soluble PV derivative, PSV is used as an electron mediator in the visible-light driven redox system.

For PSV photoreduction, the sample solution is consisted of TEOA (0.3 M), ZnTPPS (10 μM) and PSV (0.1 mM) in 5.0 mL of 10 mM bis-tris buffer (pH 7.4). When this sample solution is irradiated, the absorption band due to the double-electron reduced PSV also is increased with increasing irradiation time.

For the visible-light driven malate production from CO<sub>2</sub> and pyruvate with TEOA, H<sub>2</sub>TPPS, PV and ME in the presence of co-factor MgCl<sub>2</sub>, a sample solution is composed of TEOA (0.2 M), H<sub>2</sub>TPPS (40 μM), PSV (0.4 mM), pyruvate (12 mM), MgCl (10 mM). When this sample solution is irradiated, the concentration of malate and oxaloacetate increased with the irradiation time. In the system with PSV, as the visible-light irradiation started, the concentration of oxaloacetate increased within 1 h, and then decreased. On the other hand, the concentration of malate increased with decreasing concentration of oxaloacetate. Thus, oxaloacetate is formed as an intermediate and then reduced to malate. The malate concentration after 3 h irradiation is estimated to be 604 μM. The yield of pyruvate to malate is calculated to be 5.0%.

Table 10 shows the summary of the visible-light driven malate production from CO<sub>2</sub> and pyruvate with TEOA, H<sub>2</sub>TPPS, PVs and ME.

Table 10. Summary of the visible-light driven malate production from CO<sub>2</sub> and pyruvate with TEOA, H<sub>2</sub>TPPS, PVs and ME.

PVs	Malate production after 1 h irradiation (μM)	Yield of pyruvate to malate	Reference
PV	565	4.7	186
PSV	604	5.0	187, 188
MV	0	0	186-188

From these results, PVs<sup>0</sup> is used for building C-C bonds from CO<sub>2</sub> and pyruvate to produce oxaloacetate and PSV<sup>\*</sup> is used for the reduction of carbonyl-group of oxaloacetate to malate, respectively. The possible mechanism in the visible-light driven redox system for malate production based on the building C-C bonds from CO<sub>2</sub> and pyruvate is shown in Fig. 36.

At first, the hydrogen in pyruvate is abstracted by PV<sup>0</sup> and then CO<sub>2</sub> is bonded to pyruvate derivative as a carboxy-group based on the building C-C bonds from CO<sub>2</sub>, resulting the oxaloacetate production. Finally, the oxaloacetate is reduced to malate by PV<sup>\*</sup>.

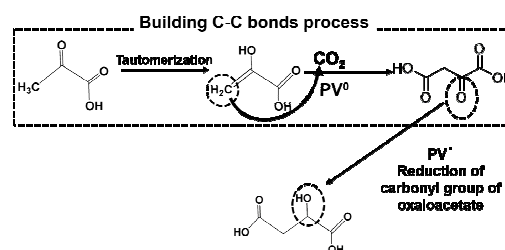


Fig. 36. The possible mechanism for malate production based on the building C-C bonds from CO<sub>2</sub> and pyruvate using PV as an electron mediator in the visible-light driven redox system.

Therefore, the visible light-driven oxaloacetate and malate productions based on ME-catalyzed building carbon-carbon bonds from pyruvate and CO<sub>2</sub>, using the photoreduction of PV as an electron mediator with water-soluble porphyrin in the presence of TEOA, is developed for the first time.

The detailed mechanisms underlying oxaloacetate production from CO<sub>2</sub> and pyruvate based on the carbon-carbon bonds using the double-electron reduced PV produced in the photoredox system.

The light driven isocitrate production from CO<sub>2</sub> and α-oxoglutarate with a photocatalytic dye, CdS and IDH using MV redox coupling without FNR as shown in Fig. 37 has been reported.<sup>189</sup>

The sample solution is composed of 0.2 M Tris buffer containing TEOA (2.0 M), MV (1.0 mM), IDH (0.8 unit), CdS (0.016 mol), α-oxoglutaric acid (10 mM). The isocitrate production proceeds linearly with the irradiation time for 8 h and then beyond that the production decreases gradually, resulting in the complete suppression after 20 h. The amount of isocitrate is estimated to be 8.0 μmol after 20 h.

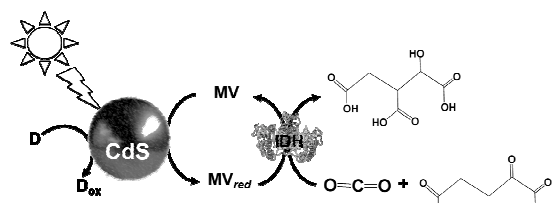


Fig. 37. Scheme of the light driven redox system for isocitrate production from CO<sub>2</sub> and α-oxoglutarate with a photocatalytic dye, CdS and IDH using MV redox coupling.

## Other photoredox system for light driven molecular conversion

The visible-light driven redox systems of the photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst are developed not only for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and utilization but also for molecular conversion. In this section, some studies on the visible-light driven redox system for molecular conversion with a photocatalytic dye and a biocatalyst are introduced.

The visible-light driven acetate reduction to ethanol with an electron donor (in this system NADPH), ZnChl-*e*<sub>6</sub>, MV, AldDH and ADH as shown in Fig. 38 is developed.<sup>190</sup> In this system, acetate reduction to ethanol via acetaldehyde with AldDH and ADH using the single-electron reduced MV by visible-light sensitization of ZnChl-*e*<sub>6</sub>.

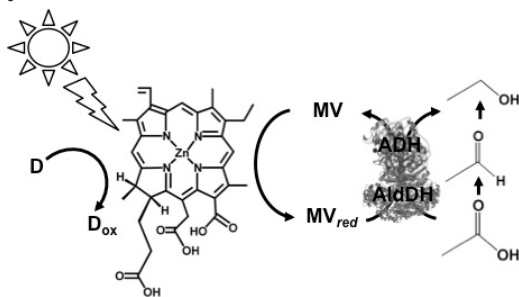


Fig. 38. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for acetate reduction to ethanol with an electron donor, ZnChl-*e*<sub>6</sub>, MV, AldDH and ADH.

The sample solution is consisted of ZnChl-*e*<sub>6</sub> (100 μM), MV (12 mM), NADPH (3.3 mM), AldDH (0.22 μM), ADH (6.7 nM) and sodium acetate (30 mM) in 50 mM sodium pyrophosphate buffer (pH 7.4). When this sample solution is irradiated, 1.4 mM of ethanol is produced after 150 min irradiation. In this system, the single-electron reduced MV acts as a co-enzyme for AldDH and ADH in the acetate and acetaldehyde reduction.

Lactate based polymers (PLAs) are introduced by Watson, and have been received much attention as biodegradable polymers as environmentally friendly materials.<sup>191</sup> To develop the functional PLAs, highly optical purified lactate is desirable. Biocatalytic pyruvate reduction to lactate with commercially available lactate dehydrogenase (LDH) from *Pig heart* (EC 1.1.1.27) as highly optical purity and is suitable for the starting material of PLAs. LDH catalyzes the reaction of lactate oxidation to pyruvate in the presence of NAD<sup>+</sup> and the

reversed reaction of pyruvate reduction to lactate in the presence of NADH as shown in Fig. 39.<sup>182,193</sup>

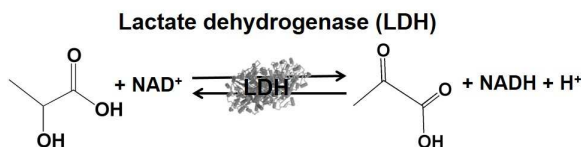


Fig. 39. Reaction schemes of lactate dehydrogenase (LDH).

By using LDH as a biocatalyst, the visible-light driven pyruvate reduction to lactate with an electron donor (in this system TEOA), ZnTMPyP MV and LDH as shown in Fig. 40 is developed.<sup>194</sup>

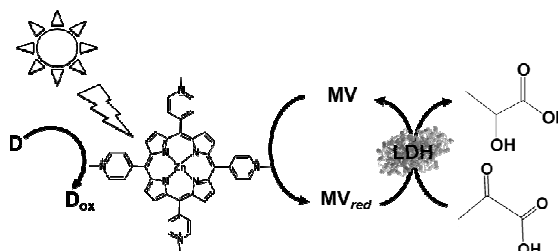


Fig. 40. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for pyruvate reduction to lactate with an electron donor (in this system TEOA), ZnTMPyP MV and LDH.

For the visible-light driven lactate production, a sample solution is consisted of TEOA (0.3 M), ZnTMPyP (9.0 μM), MV (60 μM), pyruvic acid (0.1 mM) and LDH (20 units) in 3.0 mL of 10 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.0). When this sample solution is irradiated, 0.17 mM of lactate is produced after 4 h irradiation. In this system, the single-electron reduced MV acts as a co-enzyme for LDH in the pyruvate reduction to lactate.

Biocatalyst for the visible-light driven ammonia utilization also has been paid attention. Among the biocatalysts for ammonia utilization, NAD(P)<sup>+</sup>-dependent dehydrogenases can be used for the visible-light driven redox system with a photocatalytic dye. Commercially available glutamate dehydrogenase (GluDH) from *Yeast* (EC 1.4.1.4) catalyzes the reaction of 2-oxoglutarate and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> production from *L*-glutamate in the presence of NADP<sup>+</sup> and the reversed reaction of *L*-glutamate production from 2-oxoglutarate and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> in the presence of NADPH as shown in Fig. 41.<sup>195-197</sup>

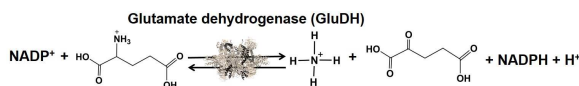


Fig. 41. Reaction schemes of glutamate dehydrogenase (GluDH).

By using GluDH as a catalyst for *L*-glutamate production from 2-oxoglutarate and NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup> in the presence of NADPH, the building nitrogen-carbon bonds is developed. Thus, visible-light driven the building nitrogen-carbon bonds from NH<sub>3</sub> as a feedstock bonded to organic molecule with GluDH and redox



coupling  $\text{NADP}^+/\text{NADPH}$  using photocatalytic dye is accomplished.

The single-electron reduced MV does not act as co-enzyme for GluDH in the reaction of *L*-glutamate production from 2-oxoglutarate and  $\text{NH}_4^+$ . To apply GluDH for the visible-light driven redox system with a photocatalytic dye, the redox system of  $\text{NADP}^+/\text{NADPH}$  with FNR also is needed to integrate into the system.

The visible-light driven redox system with GluDH and reduction of  $\text{NADP}^+$  with a system containing an ascorbate as an electron donor, the polyethylene glycol modified chlorophyll-*a* (PEG-Chl-*a*) and FNR as shown in Fig. 42 has been exploited for the production of *L*-glutamate production from 2-oxoglutarate and  $\text{NH}_4^+$  for the first time.<sup>198</sup> As mentioned above,  $\text{NADP}^+$  directly is reduced to NADPH with FNR and PEG-Chl-*a* in this reaction, it is not necessary to add the MV as an electron mediator.

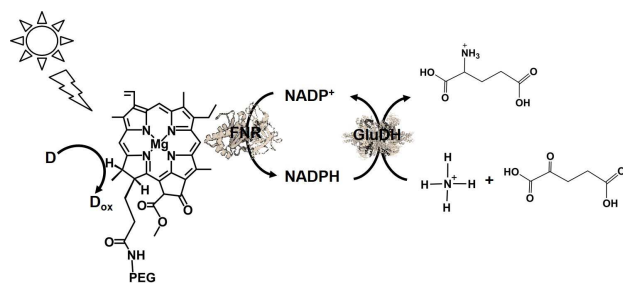


Fig. 42. Scheme of the visible-light driven redox system for *L*-glutamate production from  $\alpha$ -oxoglutarate and  $\text{NH}_4^+$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  consisted of PEG-Chl-*a*, FNR,  $\text{NADP}^+$ , ascorbate and GluDH.

A sample solution is consisted of PEG-Chl-*a* (22.2  $\mu\text{M}$ ), ascorbate (8 mM),  $\text{NADP}^+$  (3.2 mM),  $\alpha$ -oxoglutaric acid (8 mM),  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  (8.0 mM), GluDH (40 units), and FNR (2.5 units) in 10 mL of 100 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.8). The amount of glutamate is increased with a visible light irradiation time. During irradiation for 44 h, the amount of glutamate produced from  $\alpha$ -oxoglutarate and  $\text{NH}_4\text{Cl}$  is determined to be 0.98 mM for which approximately 12 % of  $\alpha$ -oxoglutarate (8.0 mM) is converted to glutamate.

Unfortunately, the visible-light driven system the building nitrogen-carbon bonds from  $\text{NH}_3$  is only one example of this reaction system, and simple electron mediators like PVs have not been applied yet.

## Conclusions and outlook

In this review, focusing on biocatalysts for the visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction and utilization systems of a photocatalytic dye and an electron mediator, the following points are outlined.

- 1) Representative examples of biocatalysts for  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction and utilization are introduced.
- 2) The visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction and utilization with a photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst via the  $\text{NAD(P)}^+/\text{NAD(P)H}$  or  $\text{BP}/\text{BP}_{red}$  redox coupling are introduced.

Especially, the visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction and utilization with a photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst via the  $\text{NAD(P)}^+/\text{NAD(P)H}$  or  $\text{BP}/\text{BP}_{red}$  redox coupling are described in detail. There is no doubt that it is effective to use the  $\text{NAD(P)}^+/\text{NAD(P)H}$  redox coupling for the visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction and utilization with biocatalyst. These systems can be applied to utilization *in vivo* capable of regenerating  $\text{NAD(P)}^+/\text{NAD(P)H}$ . The affinity between natural co-enzyme,  $\text{NAD(P)}^+$  or  $\text{NAD(P)H}$  and biocatalyst does not change, however, biocatalyst catalytic activity cannot be controlled with  $\text{NAD(P)}^+/\text{NAD(P)H}$  redox coupling. As the produced  $\text{NAD(P)}^+/\text{NAD(P)H}$  works as an electron donor, in other words, a sacrificial reagent and is consumed, moreover, the  $\text{NAD(P)}^+/\text{NAD(P)H}$  redox coupling is not suitable to use for the visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction and utilization with a photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst. Even if the effective  $\text{NAD(P)}^+$  reduction to  $\text{NAD(P)H}$  with visible-light driven redox system could be achieved,  $\text{NAD(P)}^+$  is a very expensive biological reagent. Furthermore, since  $\text{NAD(P)}^+$  cannot be reduced directly to  $\text{NAD(P)H}$  with a photocatalytic dye, a second electron mediator such as a rhodium complex or second catalyst such as a FNR is indispensable for the development of visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction and utilization. If researchers refer to the contribution to the substantial  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction with the visible-light driven redox system of a photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst using the  $\text{NAD(P)}^+/\text{NAD(P)H}$  redox coupling *in vitro*, the complexity of the system cannot be denied. Unfortunately, it is obvious that the visible-light driven redox system of a photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst using the  $\text{NAD(P)}^+/\text{NAD(P)H}$  redox coupling *in vitro* has its limit unless devising a commercially available biocatalyst and a corresponding co-enzyme. Thus, it is necessary to design and prepare a simple molecule that is easily reduced with a photocatalytic dye and acts as a co-enzyme for biocatalyst. 4,4'- or 2,2'- BPs, that have been widely used as an electron mediator molecule in the visible-light driven redox system, has paid attention, because BPs can be easily chemically modified. By using chemically modified BPs, the catalytic activity of biocatalyst for  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction and utilization can be controlled. There are reports that it is better to use natural co-enzyme the  $\text{NAD(P)}^+/\text{NAD(P)H}$  redox coupling because BP, especially MV is toxic material.<sup>133</sup> However, this opinion is an irrelevant idea, catalytic activity of commercially available biocatalyst cannot be controlled with  $\text{NAD(P)}^+/\text{NAD(P)H}$  redox coupling. Thus, controlling the catalytic activity of biocatalyst with cheap molecules is an important point for the practical application of visible-light driven redox system with a commercially available biocatalyst *in vitro*. By using a single electron mediator based on the simple molecule for visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction and utilization with a photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst, the reaction system is simpler than that of system using  $\text{NAD(P)}^+/\text{NAD(P)H}$  redox coupling.

For example, simple device for the visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate consisting of a Chl-*e*<sub>6</sub>, a BP with long alkyl chain ( $\text{CH}_3\text{V}(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{COOH}$ ) and FDH has been developed as shown in Fig. 43.<sup>199</sup>

By using this device, formate production based on the  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction with visible-light irradiation in the presence of a suitable electron donor has been developed. After 3 h visible light irradiation, 2.0 mM formate is produced by using this device.

Of course, BPs are not versatile as an electron mediator for biocatalyst in the light driven redox system with a photocatalytic dye. BPs are used under saturation of inert gas such as nitrogen or argon in the visible-light driven redox system because of deactivation of the single-electron reduced BPs by oxygen. As dissolved oxygen in the sample solution can be removed with  $\text{CO}_2$  as an inert gas, MV will be used as an electron mediator of the visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction and utilization system using a photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst.

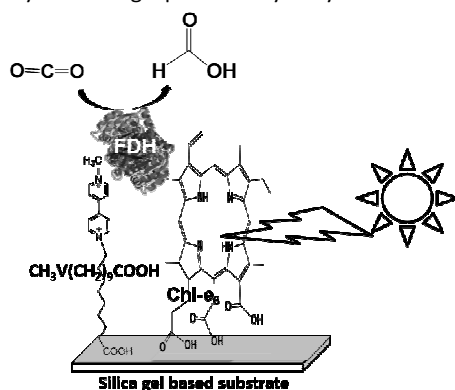


Fig. 43. Device for the visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate consisting of a  $\text{Chl-e}_6$ , a BP with long alkyl chain ( $\text{CH}_3\text{V}(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{COOH}$ ) and FDH.

Moreover, most of the systems introduced in this review so far require an electron donor in other words, a sacrificial reagent, and how to use electron sources such as a water is an important factor in the future. There is also a proposal to replace the process involving the sacrificial reagent of the visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction system of photocatalytic dye and biocatalyst with a hydrolysis system of saccharide or only saccharide. For example, visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate with FDH coupling the glucose oxidation with glucose dehydrogenase (GDH) *Thermoplasma acidophilum* (EC 1.1.1.47) and the reduction of MV by photosensitization of ZnTPPS via the  $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$  redox cycle has been reported as shown in Fig. 44.<sup>200</sup>

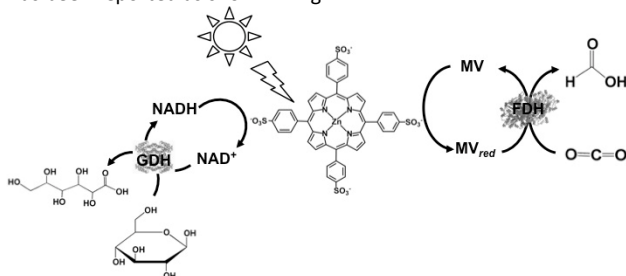


Fig. 44. Scheme of the visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction to formate with FDH coupling the glucose oxidation with GDH and the reduction of MV by photosensitization of ZnTPPS via the  $\text{NAD}^+/\text{NADH}$  redox cycle.

As mentioned above, NADH acts as a sacrificial reagent and  $\text{NAD}^+$  is consumed in the visible-light driven redox system of a ZnTPPS, MV and FDH. In the system shown in Fig. 43, as NADH is

regenerated with GDH, the visible visible-light driven redox system is accomplished without  $\text{NAD}^+$  consumption.

Oxygen produced due to water oxidation in the visible-light driven redox system deactivates on a biocatalyst or an electron mediator, so it is necessary to separate the oxygen production system from the  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction system. The visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction with a photocatalytic dye and a biocatalyst using water as an electron donor also has been reported.<sup>201</sup> The visible-light driven electrochemical biofuel-based cell consisting of the thylakoid membrane of microalgae *Spirulina platensis* immobilized on a  $\text{TiO}_2$  layer electrode as a photoanode, a  $\text{FDH}/\text{CH}_3\text{V}(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{COOH}$  co-immobilized electrode as a cathode, and a  $\text{CO}_2$ -saturated buffer solution as the redox electrolyte, is developed as shown in Fig. 45. By using this cell, formate and oxygen are produced stoichiometrically with visible light irradiation. Unfortunately, efficiency of  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction is still low in this system, but efficient  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction system using water as an electron donor will be achieved by a photoanode with effective photocatalytic material such as  $\text{BiVO}_4$ .

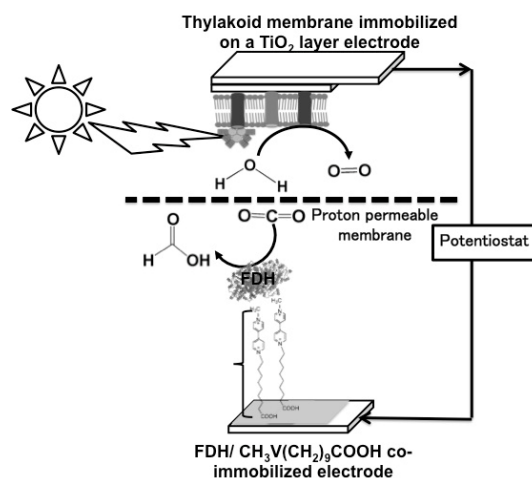


Fig. 45. Device for visible-light driven cell with Thylakoid membrane on  $\text{TiO}_2$  layer electrode as an anode and  $\text{FDH}/\text{CH}_3\text{V}(\text{CH}_2)_9\text{COOH}$  co-immobilized electrode as a cathode.

In the future, it is expected that new technologies with biocatalyst will be developed for the effective and practical use for the visible-light driven  $\text{CO}_2$  reduction and utilization with the system of a photocatalytic dye, an effective simple and cheap electron mediator and biocatalyst.

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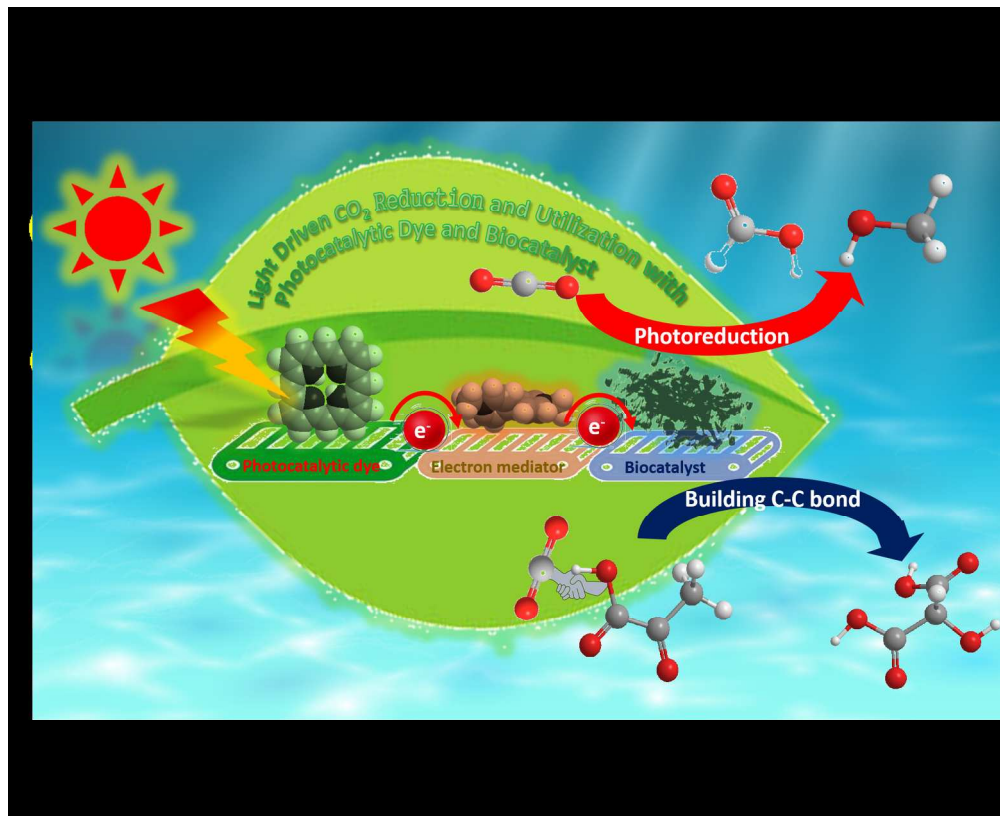


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