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Active molecular units in metal organic frameworks for artificial photosynthesis

Metal organic frameworks (MOFs) are polymeric solid-state coordination compounds that can link photo-active and catalytically active molecular entities and maintain their activity and mechanism within their 3D structure, resembling the large photosynthetic apparatus in natural photosynthesis. This review categorizes photocatalytically active MOFs according to their structural properties and the location of the photosensitizer (PS) and catalyst (CAT) in the following types with respect to the linker and secondary building unit (SBU): (I) the PS and CAT are represented or localized at the linker and SBU, respectively, (II) the PS and CAT are bound to the SBU, (IV) the PS and CAT are bound to the linker or SBU but as a PS-CAT dyad, and (V) the PS and/or CAT are assembled non-covalently within MOF pores. Furthermore, all reported studies on artificial photosynthesis are summarized in the context of light-driven H₂ evolution, CO₂ reduction, overall water splitting, water oxidation and other oxidations such as alcohol and amine oxidation, which are relevant in the field of artificial photosynthesis. Additionally, this review presents an overview on the stability and repair strategies for these MOFs.

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1. Introduction

Since fossil fuel supplies are limited, alternative energy sources such as solar energy are becoming more significant in the energy market and chemical industry. The knowledge about photosynthetic processes in green plants provides a very good perspective on the concepts needed and their interplay in accomplishing sustainable light-driven catalysis. Translation

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of key concepts into artificial processes provides a very attractive avenue for sustainable solar fuel generation and other photochemical conversions. One of these promising concepts is artificial photosynthesis, which links several redox processes and utilizes light energy to perform precise energy conversion, chemical synthesis, and, consequently, energy storage.1,2 Therefore, the development of artificial photosystems or photocatalysts that mimic natural process by converting H2O and CO2 into energy-rich reduced products or organic compounds into valuable goods has attracted considerable interest. In this regard, a general perspective on the elementary photochemical and -physical steps in natural and artificial photosynthesis is provided to highlight the inspiration for MOF designs discussed herein and set the basis for the discussion on MOF-based solar fuel generation.

1.1. Elementary photochemical and -physical steps leading to photocatalysis

Generally, photocatalytic processes are initiated by (visible) light excitation of a photosensitizer (PS), leading to the formation of an electronically excited state PS*.3,4 As the uptake of extra photonic energy makes PS* easier to be oxidized and reduced simultaneously compared to its electronic ground state, redox reactions with a variety of suitable reagents can occur upon the absorption of photons. By increasing the effective local concentration of these reagents and adjusting thermodynamic driving force for desired forward electron transfer via redox potential tuning, photocatalytic processes can be improved.3 Following photon absorption, the reduction or oxidation of PS* is called reductive or oxidative quenching, respectively, and regardless of the mechanism, both processes lead to the formation of highly reactive reduced and oxidized products. Consequently, efficiency-limiting charge recombination processes, which typically possess large driving force,

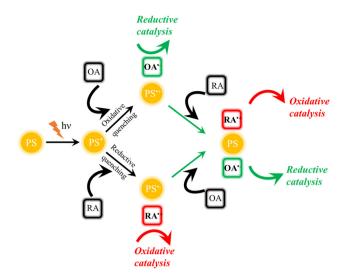


Fig. 1 Principle of photochemical processes leading to redox processes (PS: photosensitizer, OA: oxidizing agent, and RA: reducing agent).

have to be minimized by outcompeting them kinetically. If this is achieved by comparably fast subsequent electron transfer steps involving the transiently reduced or oxidized PS, *i.e.*, PS⁻ or PS⁺, respectively, the restoration of PS and, consequently, closing of the catalytic cycle are achieved, as shown in Fig. 1. In this scheme, if the oxidizing agent (OA) and/or the reducing agent (RA) are represented by a (molecular) catalyst (CAT) capable of facilitating specific small molecule activation, artificial photosynthetic systems are generated.

1.2. Molecular building blocks in natural photosynthesis and enzyme catalysis

Although at first sight the similarities between heterogeneous photoactive MOF materials and the soft matter (= thylakoid



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membrane) embedded natural photosynthetic apparatus seem limited, there are several commonalities, allowing the development of biomimetic design strategies for the future optimization of the photoactivity of MOFs. As generalized in Fig. 1, nature has to adapt to the elementary processes to design an efficiently performing photocatalytic processes, where light excitation in the P680 and P700 dimeric chlorophyll reaction centers ultimately leads to long-range charge transfers. The reaction sequence in both schemes follows an oxidative quenching mechanism. A detailed description is provided for P700 in photosystem I of green plants, where the excited state is guenched by electron transfer to the phylloguinone A1 (Vitamin K1) aided by auxiliary chlorophyll molecules (Fig. 2a). This generates a charge-separated state with a distance of 25-30 Å for the radical cationic P700 and anionic A1.5,6 This efficient long-range electron transfer between molecular entities is only possible because each entity is integrated into a rigid protein scaffold, ensuring the optimal distance and orientation to allow electron transfer to proceed with high efficiency.7 This large charge separation distance not only effectively suppresses the thermodynamically favorable back-electron transfer but also fast reduction of the P700 radical cation by plastocyanin, a copper-based protein. On the other side of the redox chain, reduced A1 reduces an adjacent iron sulphur cluster, which is also spatially fixed by protein integration, consequently providing reducing equivalents for final electron fixation via the conversion of NADP to NADPH₂⁺.

In enzymatic catalysis, besides long-range electron transfer, other cofactors are also precisely managed by three-dimensional biological scaffolds to influence the catalytic performances. Therefore, the outer coordination spheres play a significant role. The third coordination sphere manages the longrange transport of cofactors such as electrons, hydride equivalents and other species to facilitate reactive pathways, while the 2nd coordination sphere stabilizes the transition states and



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reactive intermediates through non-covalent interactions at the molecularly defined catalyst. As a specific example (Fig. 2b and c), in proton reduction catalysts, [FeFe] hydrogenases (H2ases) have dedicated substrate and product channels together with an energetically highly tuned electron transport chain (Fig. 2b).^{8,9} Importantly, the terminal hydride species, which is crucial for the function of the enzyme, is kinetically stabilized by hydrogen bonding interactions (Fig. 2c). The formation of the thermodynamically more stable μ-H product is prevented by a high energy transition state caused by interactions with the surrounding peptide matrix. Specifically, catalysis proceeds through a kinetically stabilized state before it converts to the thermodynamically more stable, and thus less reactive ground state. Therefore, this three-dimensional organization by protein integration of photochemically and redox active molecular building blocks into a suitable (soft matter) matrix provides the functional basis for harvesting solar energy in biological photosynthesis in a surprisingly good yield. 10 Accordingly, the rational matrix immobilization of catalytically active molecular species shows great potential for optimized artificial (photo)catalytic systems.

1.3. Artificial photosynthetic systems and their heterogenization

The above-described important steps in natural photosynthesis and enzyme catalysis, such as (visible) light-induced charge separation, suppression of charge recombination, terminal charge consumption by chemical catalysis, and outer coordination sphere interaction in the catalyst, have been translated to artificial systems (Fig. 2d-f). This started with the groundbreaking work by Lehn and Sauvage in the late 1970s, 11 generating a plethora of different functional unit-based materials and molecular units. However, the integration of these simple entities into function-enabling structural materials, e.g., to achieve improved charge separation, has not been accomplished with sufficient precision to date. Thus, significant effort has been devoted to the development of bulk material photocatalysts such as metal oxides, metal chalcogenides, and organic semiconductors, or nanoparticulate compounds and their heterojunctions. 12-23 However, the molecular systems or structurally defined metal complexes are more relevant because they provide definite active sites and distinctive reaction mechanisms, and therefore can offer high product selectivity, scalability and atom economy.24-26 Nevertheless, their separated forms (Fig. 2d) often fail to achieve precise proximity for electron transfer, leading to an increase in cross-reactivity. Thus, to overcome this, molecularly defined oligonuclear metal complexes containing PS bridged to CAT sites (Fig. 2e) provide sufficient precision but require significant effort for their synthesis.²⁷ Most importantly, the commonly observed lack of long-term stability and recyclability of homogenous systems has led to the development of heterogenized systems, trying to exploit the best properties of two components, in which molecular units such as PS and CAT and other cofactors are either directly assembled into a solid-state structure or immobilized onto freestanding solid materials

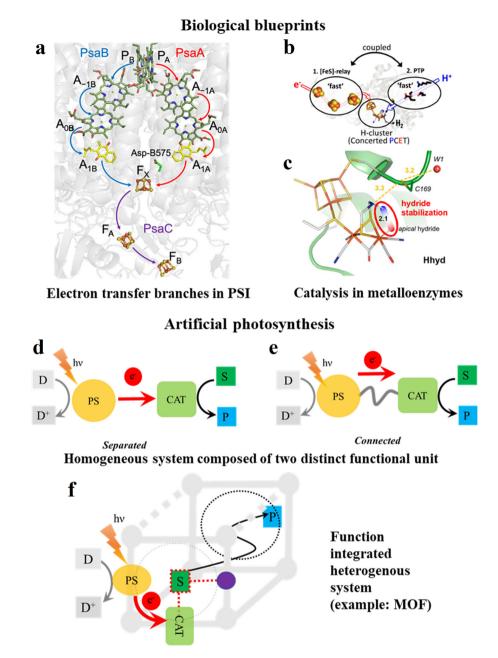


Fig. 2 Electron transfer and catalysis aspects in biological blueprints vs. artificial photosynthesis. (a) Protein-bound functional building blocks in photosystem I, where P = P700, A_{1A} and A_{1B} represent the phylloquinones of both active branches in photosystem I, and F_X is the first Fe_4S_4 cluster of photosystem I. The protein scaffold is depicted in shaded grey. Reprinted with permission from ref. 5. Copyright 2022, the American Chemical Society. (b) Depiction of the proton and electron transfer pathways of FeFe hydrogenase. Adapted with permission from ref. 8 and 9. Copyright 2020, National Academy of Sciences. (c) Active site of FeFe hydrogenase showing how the protonated bridgehead amino group can act via hydrogen bonding to stabilize a hydride intermediate. Numbers indicate distances in Å and the red-blue color scheme indicates negative and positive partial charges, respectively. Adapted with permission from ref. 8 and 9. Copyright 2019, the American Chemical Society. (d-f) Schematic of artificial photosynthesis (example: a typical photocatalytic reduction reaction) with active molecular units in (d and e) homogenous (PS, and CAT units are either separated or connected), and (f) heterogenous (PS, CAT and other cofactor integrated MOF) conditions. (S = substrate, P = product, and D = sacrificial donor). Purple sphere in (f) represents an additional function-built linker, which can provide intermediate stabilization of the substrate through interaction and dotted circle is the pore of the MOF, indicating the feasibility of product diffusion.

(Fig. 2f). 20,21,28-31 This type of support should ideally provide synthetic flexibility to adjust the chemical environment beyond the initial coordination sphere, in addition to structurally stabilizing the catalytic site. 32,33 Supramolecular structures such as cages, polymers, dendrimers, and zeolites are a few examples of this tactic³⁴⁻³⁶ but they are frequently quite challenging in terms of synthesis, and in particular zeolites have limited synthetic flexibility.

1.4. Scope of this article

Therefore, this review focuses on an alternative heterogenization approach that involves adding molecularly defined catalytic/light-absorbing function to metal-organic frameworks (MOFs), which are three-dimensional (3D) coordination polymers composed of metal cations or their clusters (referred to as secondary building units or SBUs, respectively), which are periodically linked by organic linker molecules.³⁷ When creating highly active catalysts, the high interior surface areas and high porosity of MOFs are desirable characteristics. They may also be electrically conductive through band-like charge transport or hopping mechanisms.38 Furthermore, MOFs are desirable platforms for the methodical engineering of outer-sphere interactions due to their high degree of modularity and the available variety of synthetic functionalization techniques utilizing organic chemistry. 33,39 Simultaneously, the high local concentration of active components being linked within the MOF structure leads to improved charge transfer properties, and thus optimized photocatalytic activity.

Therefore, we discuss MOFs in which their essential components enabling artificial photosynthesis are molecularly defined entities and will describe the construction opportunities and classification of these MOFs for application in the area of solar fuel generation. Importantly, herein, we summarize the photocatalytic MOFs based on their reaction scope including light-driven hydrogen evolution reaction (HER), oxygen evolution reaction (OER), overall water splitting, CO2 reduction reaction (CO2RR), amine oxidation, and alcohol oxidation reactions. Considering sustainability, we also present general strategies for improving the stability of these MOFs and repair approaches.

Construction of MOFs

MOFs are crystalline and porous materials assembled from rigid bi- or multi-podal organic linkers connecting a metal node or SBU into a three-dimensional (3D) lattice structure, as shown in Fig. 3.40-42 The first example of this class of solid

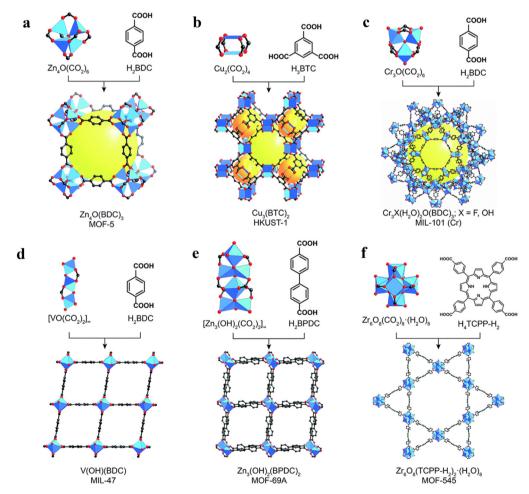


Fig. 3 Representation of some common secondary building units (SBUs) and linker combinations to afford a selection of MOFs such as (a) MOF-5, (b) HKUST-1, (c) MIL-101(Cr), (d) MIL-47, (e) MOF-69A, and (f) MOF-545. Atom labelling: C, black; O, red; metals, and blue polyhedra. H atoms are omitted for clarity. Yellow and orange spheres represent the space in the framework. Reproduced with permission from ref. 51. Copyright 2017, the Royal Society of Chemistry.

materials was found in 1999, when Yaghi and co-workers crystalized a robust and highly porous solid (namely MOF-5: Zn₄O $(BDC)_3(DMF)_8(C_6H_5Cl)$, BDC = 1,4-benzene dicarboxylate, DMF = dimethylformamide). 43 This archetype solid was comprised of Zn₄O(CO₂)₆ octahedral SBUs each linked by six chelating BDC units to give a cubic framework. Following this seminal work, the associated building blocks in the main type of MOFs, i.e., metal-oxo clusters (referred to as M_n) bearing carboxylate organic moieties as functional linkers attached to these clusters, can also be viewed as the nm-controlled version of dye-sensitized solar cells (DSSCs) or dye-sensitized photoelectrochemical cells (DSPECs), where dye (and/or CAT) cover the surface of a metal-oxo semiconductor via carboxylate anchors. 44 As illustrated by a few examples in Fig. 3, the variation in the linkers and SBUs can lead to diverse structures, making MOFs highly tunable materials. The large number of available SBUs and linkers enables the design of countless 3D MOFs, showcasing unique structures, which differ in topology, reactivity, stability, pore size, and internal surface area. 42,43,45-47 The geometry of the linker and SBU and their connection also enables the creation of other structures, such as zero-dimensional (0D) metal-organic polyhedra (MOPs), and 2D-metal-organic layer (MOLs) structures. 41,48 Superior to the classical solid-state materials and semiconductors, MOFs provide the beneficial mass transport characteristics of substrates and simple product-catalyst separation, allowing their facile recycling. 47,49,50 Most importantly, the backbones (linker and SBU) of MOFs can preserve their molecular characteristics such as light absorption properties and redox activities within these porous structures, allowing the bottom-up design of functional (photocatalytically active) materials.

In addition, MOFs can be functionalized with molecular moieties to provide molecule-inherent photoactivity and catalytic function. These units can be integrated into MOFs either through covalent interactions using the linker and SBUs or by non-covalent interactions within the pores (see Fig. 4). The advantage of the covalent functionalization of the SBU and linker is that the microscopic structural integrity of the MOF and the structure of the added molecular components are typically maintained. In the case of non-covalent functionalization, the pores of MOFs can be loaded reversibly with active molecular components with an appropriate size in addition to the uptake of the substrate. A molecular component relevant to artificial photosynthesis (CAT or PS) can be incorporated into MOFs using a direct one-pot synthesis method, as follows: (i) via "linker engineering approach" (reactive center is structurally tailored to serve as the linker during framework formation) and (ii) encapsulation strategy. In contrast, post-synthetic methods involve synthesizing molecular species and MOF scaffolds separately, and then combining them by soaking the virgin MOFs in a solution of the compounds or their precursors. Therefore, this allows the molecules to dock at a node (node-docking), linker (linker docking), or cavity (ship-in-a-bottle), respectively. The details of these strategies have been described in the review by Warnan and coworkers.⁵² The direct injection of the molecular species into

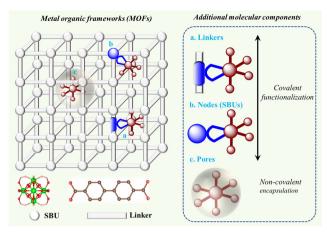


Fig. 4 Schematic representation of the an exemplary MOF having three distinct types of molecular component (PS/CAT) functionalizations via covalent interaction at (a) linkers, (b) nodes/SBUs, and (c) non-covalent interaction at the pores. In the same category of noncovalent encapsulation (c), direct injection of the molecular components into the solution during the photocatalytic experiment is also considered as the MOF offers porous channels to transport and interact with the active sites. (Additional molecular components include (a) an octahedral metal complex with bipyridine-like dicarboxylate, (b) monocarboxylate anchoring motif, and (c) coordinatively isolated segment. The SBU represents a metal-oxo cluster, while the linker is a biphenyl dicarboxylate. The blue-highlighted regions emphasize the scaffolds connected to the metal complex through anchoring motifs, with the sphere representing the pore space within the framework.)

the solution during the photocatalytic experiment is also considered in the same category of noncovalent encapsulation assuming that the MOF offers porous channels for the species to interact with the active sites.

2.1. Modular MOF constructions for artificial photosynthesis

Molecular photoactive (PS) or catalytically active units (CAT) can be incorporated/built into the MOF structure through various synthetic steps, as described above. Therefore, the resulting MOF structures can be grouped based on the localization of the individual functional modules at or in the MOF, leading to the following five options, which are also represented in Fig. 5.

2.1.1. Type I-MOF, linker-SBU. The organic or metalloligand-based linker in MOFs acts as PS and SBU or an additional molecular species covalently attached to SBU serves as CAT (Fig. 5). Most of the examples in this section refer to MOFs that are built from high-valent metal-based SBUs of Zr (IV), Ti(IV), Ce(IV), Ru(III), Eu(III), and Bi(III) and a strong lightabsorbing linker such as 2-aminoterephthalate (NH2-BDC), tetrakis(4-carboxyphenyl)porphyrin (TCPP), and Ru(II)-polypyridyl carboxylate derivatives. 53-64 Typically, in metalloligand linkerbased MOFs, the origin of light absorption results from the direct metal coordination sphere (for example, metal-to-ligand charge transfer, MLCT-based excitation), whereas, in organic linker-based MOFs, it can be ligand-centered (LC) or ligand-tometal charge transfer (LMCT) states that induce photoactivity.

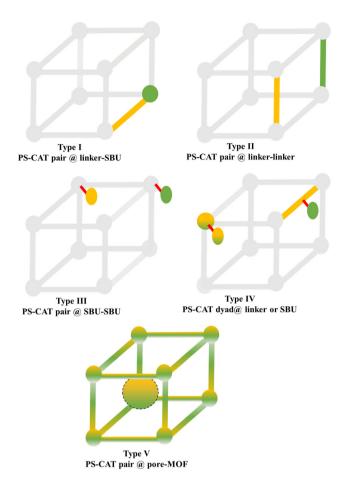


Fig. 5 Schematic representation of the types of photocatalytic MOFs based on the localization of individual functional modules (Type I, linker-SBU: bare/functionalized linker (PS)-bare/functionalized SBU (CAT); Type II, linker-linker: bare/functionalized linker 1 (PS)-bare/ functionalized linker 2 (CAT); Type III, SBU-SBU: bare/functionalized SBU (PS)-bare/functionalized SBU (CAT); Type IV, oligonuclear species at the SBU or at linker: PS-CAT dyad at the linker or PS-CAT dyad at the SBU; Type V: pore-MOF backbone: encapsulated or loaded species (PS/ CAT)-pristine MOF or covalently functionalized MOF (CAT/PS)). Color code: yellow (PS); green (CAT); red line (covalently connected); yellowgreen gradient (indicating that the location of PS and CAT can be alternated), dashed circle (pore occupied by a noncovalently attached or isolated component).

The specific origin depends on the linker-SBU interaction and their orbital contribution in the ground state (HOCO/VB, highest occupied crystal orbital state/valence band) and excited state (LUCO/CB, lowest unoccupied crystal orbital state/ conduction band) electronic structure. Despite the different origins of light absorption, the charge separation between two distinct scaffolds in these types of photocatalytic MOFs results in a transiently oxidized species at the linker and a reduced species at the SBU site (or vice versa in rare cases), which have enormous potential to drive redox reactions. One classical example is the Ti₈ cluster-containing MOF, NH₂-MIL-125(Ti) (Fig. 6a), which yields formate during the reduction of CO₂ under the irradiation of visible light in the presence of triethanolamine (TEOA) as a sacrificial electron donor. 65 It was

proposed that the NH2-BDC linker acts as the primary PS. Upon photoexcitation, Ti⁴⁺ is reduced to Ti³⁺ by the transfer of an electron from the excited NH2-BDC linker to the SBU, creating a charge-separated state that can reduce CO2. The electrons for this process are provided by TEOA, which reduce the transiently oxidized NH2-BDC back to its starting state.

Moreover, structural engineering of the organic linker in type I-MOFs offers significant potential for (i) fine-tuning the electronic structure and light absorption properties, (ii) enhancing the charge carrier density and dynamics, (iii) modulating the porosity, and (iv) achieving greater stability of the substrate intermediate through interframework stabilization. This engineering includes either the introduction of electron-withdrawing and electron-donating substituents⁶⁶ or the linear and lateral π-expansion using oligo-arylene and azolinks.⁶⁷⁻⁶⁹ Additionally, leveraging the semiconductive nature of MOFs and the multinuclearity of the SBU, the SBU-based CAT can accumulate multiple electrons simultaneously, making this type of MOF suitable for all types of reduction reactions such as HER, CO₂RR and reactive oxygen species generation (ROS) in the presence of a suitable donor.

2.1.2. Type II-MOF, linker-linker. In this type of MOFs, two organic linker or metalloligand linkers are confined in a closed space (Fig. 5). To ensure the structural integrity of the MOF and its formation, a prerequisite for these MOFs is that the linkers are similar in length. Importantly, one of these molecularly defined units acts as PS and another unit serves as CAT. This type of MOF is an ideal conceptualization of a function-integrated system, where the role of the MOF structure is to provide a nanoreactor-like reaction space within the porous channels⁷⁰ and support the molecularly defined PS and CAT unit to generate proximity between them to improve the charge transfer. Both factors contribute to achieving higher photocatalytic activity compared to their homogeneous control. 71-74 One elegant example is the Zr₆-based dual photocatalytic MOFs, namely mPT-Cu/Co comprised of a [Cu(PT) (dppe)]PF₆ PS (dppe = 1,2-bis(diphenylphosphaneyl)ethane, and PT = 4,4'-(1,10-phenanthroline-3,8-diyl)dibenzoate), and a [Co(PT)]²⁺ CAT, yielding an impressive turnover number (TON) of 18700 in the photocatalytic HER in the presence of BIH (1,3-dimethyl-2-phenyl-2,3-dihydro-1*H*-benzo[*d*]imidazole) which serves as a sacrificial electron donor (Fig. 6b).⁷⁵ Photocatalytic HER is initiated via the reductive quenching of PS* by BIH, forming PS-, which subsequently injects electrons to CAT for HER. Despite having a similar mechanism as observed for the homogeneous system, the authors demonstrated that the spatial proximity between PS and CAT (i) increased the stability of PS and molecular CATs and (ii) accelerated electron transfer processes between PS and CAT, which led to a significant boost (almost 95-fold enhancement over their homogeneous controls) in the photocatalytic activity of mPT-Cu/Co.

Moreover, this type II-MOF approach enhances the stability of the coordination sphere for both molecular PS and CAT concurrently within the MOF. This significantly contributes to improving the overall efficiency compared to their homogeneous counterparts. Examples of this type of photocatalytic

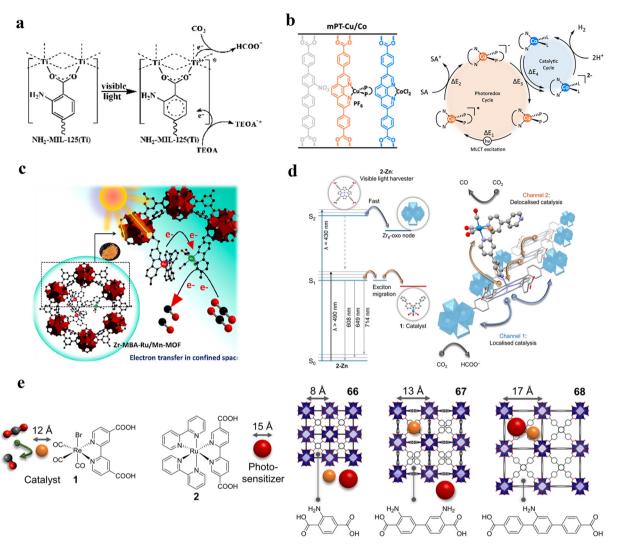


Fig. 6 Examples of different types of PS-CAT pairs in MOF-based photocatalysis: (a) type I (NH₂-BDC-Ti₈, linker-SBU) in NH₂-MIL-125 (Ti) MOF. Adapted with permission from ref. 65. Copyright 2012, WILEY-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. (b) Type II ([Cu(PT)(dppe)]PF₆-[Co(PT)]²⁺, linker-linker) in mPT-Cu/Co MOF. Adapted with permission from ref. 75. Copyright 2020, the American Chemical Society. (c) Type III ([Ru(bpy)₂(MBA)]-[Mn(MBA) (CO)₃Br], SBU-SBU) in Zr-MBA-Ru/Mn-MOF (red balls: oxygen and black balls: carbon). Adapted with permission from ref. 79. Copyright 2023, the American Chemical Society. (d) Type IV (2-Zn-1 dyad) in Re-PCN hybrids (2-Zn: Zn-TCPP linker and 1: fac-[ReBr(CO)₃(qtpy)]). Reproduced with permission from ref. 82. Copyright 2022, the Royal Society of Chemistry. (e) Type V (encapsulated 1: [ReBr(CO)₃(4,4'-dcbpy)] and 2: [Ru(bpy)₂(5,5'dcbpy)]Cl₂) in various assembly-controlling MOF topologies UiO (66, 67, 68). Adapted with permission from ref. 88. Copyright 2021, WILEY-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co.

MOFs are discussed in the respective chapters (Chapter 3.1-3.5). 71,73,74,76,77 Additionally, this approach unlocks significant opportunities for PS engineering. For example, Guo et al. demonstrated a method to markedly enhance the sensitizing capability of UiO-67 MOFs, composed of Ir/Cu or Ir/Co pairs, by shifting the excited state distribution of Ir from ³MLCT to ³IL (intraligand). ⁷⁶ This was achieved by incorporating a coumarin 6 (Cou-6) ligand to form the [Ir(Cou-6)₂(5,5'-dcbpy)]⁺ moiety (5,5'-dcbpy = 2,2'-bipyridine-5,5'-dicarboxylate), replacing the 2-phenylpyridine (ppy) ligand in [Ir(ppy)₂(5,5'dcbpy)]⁺. The resulting hierarchical organization of ³IL MOFs, paired with Co (for hydrogen evolution) or Cu (for CO2 reduction) catalysts, facilitates efficient electron transfer. This innovation led to remarkable photocatalytic H2 evolution, yielding 26 844.6 μ mol g⁻¹, and CO₂ photoreduction, achieving a record HCOOH yield of 4807.6 μmol g⁻¹. Additionally, the isolated photocatalytic sites (PS/CAT pair) enable selective light excitation, thereby preventing any unintended damage to the modular construction.

2.1.3. Type III-MOF, SBU-SBU. The exploitation of photocatalytic MOFs with SBU/SBU-based PS/CAT pairs is less abundant given that it is a synthetic challenge to achieve MOFs with two molecularly defined units attached to two separate SBU scaffolds (Fig. 5). Most importantly, bare SBUs are found to be almost inert in harvesting visible light (Ce $_6$ 54 and Fe $_3$ 78 clusters are exceptional). However, the post-synthetic

functionalization of the SBU by the carboxylate function of an N,N'-chelating ligand (MBA = 2-(5'-methyl-[2,2'-bipyridin]-5-yl) acetate), followed by metalation in the chelating sites made it possible to achieve molecularly defined assemblies of PS/CAT pairs with close proximity. The most precise example is Zr-MBA-Ru/Mn MOFs, as reported by Karmakar et al. 79 The chosen Zr-MOF (= MOF-808) was first post-synthetically modified through the solvent-assistant exchange of formates with MBA ligands at the SBUs. By consecutive post-synthetic metalation with [Ru(bpy)₂Cl₂] and [Mn(CO)₅Br] both functional units were installed at the N,N'-chelating sites of the MBA ligands to afford the Zr-MBA-Ru/Mn-MOF (Fig. 6c). The built-in [Ru (bpy)₂(MBA)]²⁺ at SBU acts as PS and [Mn(MBA)(CO)₃Br] at SBU acts as CAT for CO₂RR, yielding a selectivity of >99% in CO formation. The control experiments with Zr-MBA-Mn-MOF and Zr-MBA-Ru-MOF separately employed as the photocatalyst showed only trace amounts of a CO2 reduction product, supporting the hypothesis that the close proximity between the PS and CAT within the MOF shortens the distances for the transport of charge carriers. Interestingly, the photocatalysis experiments were conducted without an exogenous electron donor, implying that water may be the terminal electron donor. Similar to type II-MOFs, this strategy also enables photocatalytic reactions within the isolated domains of the framework. However, unlike the use of dicarboxylate entities, a monocarboxylate-based entity is employed. This monocarboxylate entity is integrated either by replacing the surface carboxylate molecules attached to the SBU or by substituting one of the SBU-linker coordination. This process reduces the dimensionality and particle size of the MOF, allowing the active components (PS and CAT) to access a greater number of sites at the SBU. 80,81 Moreover, the increased exposure to light, together with these factors, plays a crucial role in heterogeneous photocatalysis, thereby enhancing the overall photocatalytic performance.

2.1.4. Type IV-MOF, oligonuclear species at SBU or at linker. Molecularly defined oligonuclear metal complexes containing photocenters bridged to catalytic centers (PS-CAT) can be employed to build MOFs using either the SBU or linker as the binding site (Fig. 5). One recent example is two hexanuclear zirconium (Zr₆) cluster-based MOFs (namely PCN 224 and PCN 222 with different topologies) comprised of Zn-TCPP linkers, which have been post-synthetically modified with a molecular CO₂RR catalyst (namely, fac-[Re^IBr(CO)₃(qtpy)] complex). The anchoring motif in qtpy (qtpy = 4,4':2',2":4,4" '-quaterpyridine) uses its terminal pyridine N to coordinate the central motif (Zn) of one or two Zn-TCPP linkers, resulting in a self-assembled PS-CAT dyad-like system in both MOFs (Fig. 6d). These hybrid MOFs (namely Re 222, and Re 224) engaged in the photocatalytic CO2RR under visible light irradiation in the presence of BIH, serving as sacrificial electron donor.82 The heterogenized dyad in these MOFs yielded a significantly improved TON for solar CO2-to-CO reduction compared to the homogeneous porphyrin-based PS-CAT dyad. Moreover, these hybrid-MOFs delivered an alternative charge carrier separation pathway, which functions in parallel to their

linker-SBU-based charge separation pathways. Therefore, a wavelength-dependent photocatalytic pathway was observed, where a shorter wavelength resulted in localized charge transfers from the excited porphyrin linkers to the Zr₆ clusters, producing formate. Alternatively, lower energy irradiation was used to activate the CO-selective Re catalysts with exciton migration enabling long-range, delocalized catalysis. Generally, the type IV PS-CAT pair in TCPP-based MOFs coexist with the type II and type I PS/CAT pair, resulting from the periodic assembly of the porphyrin and semiconductive nature of the MOF, which creates multiple photocatalytic channels for redox reaction. The synergy among these photocatalytic channels and the long-range transportation of the charge carrier resulted in a significant decrease in the recombination rate and boosted the overall photocatalytic activity of the MOF. In some specific examples, the dominance of type IV over other types of photocatalytic channels and better product selectivity were observed by (1) choosing a suitable source of light, as discussed above, and (2) utilizing a specific CAT entity in the dyad such as an [FeFe] hydrogenase model83 and Pt(II), Pd(II)-based single-atom catalysts (SACs).84-86 Similarly, given the broader potential for creating type IV PS-CAT dyads at the SBU, innovative charge transfer complexes or monocarboxylate-based PSs have been reported, 80,82,87 which can electronically communicate (via electron transfer) with the SBU through covalent connections and sensitize pristine light-inactive MOF systems for various photocatalytic reactions (Tables 1-4).

2.1.5. Type V-MOF, pore-MOF backbone. This type of photocatalytic system is built with an ideal molecularly defined species as one of the active units, which is either added directly as a homogenous phase to a solid MOF dispersion at the time of photocatalytic reaction or encapsulated in the MOF via non-covalent interaction prior to the photocatalytic reaction (Fig. 5). One of the perquisites in type V-MOFs is that the active molecular species must fit into the pore size of the MOF, and therefore the topology and linker length of the MOF play a crucial role in achieving photocatalytic performances. There are many examples of this type of photocatalytic system (see Tables 1-4), where the pristine/ covalently functionalized MOF particles serve as the chromophore and the encapsulated/homogenous molecular units act as the catalytic center or vice versa, building diverse MOF-supported PS/CAT pairs. In addition, some MOFs only serve as a photo-inactive templating host to encapsulate both the molecular PS and CAT units. One recent example from Stanley and co-workers shows the immobilization of a CO2RR CAT [ReBr $(CO)_3(4,4'-dcbpy)$] (4,4'-dcbpy = 2,2'-bipyridine-4,4'-dicarboxylate) and [Ru(bpy)₂(5,5'-dcbpy)]Cl₂ serving as PS onto the isoreticular series of UiO-66, UiO-67, and UiO-68 (Fig. 6e).88 The pore size determines the anchoring site (inside vs. outside), which has a distinct impact on the electronic communication between CAT and PS. This work provided a rational understanding of the host-guest effects, specific anchoring sites and reactive center distance in the photocatalytic CO2 reduction (Fig. 5). However, this approach is no longer limited to carboxylate linker-based MOFs, which now includes solution-state PS

 Table 1
 Active molecular components (PS-CAT pairs) in MOF-based photocatalysts for the visible light-driven HER

	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Ni ₁ -S/MOF (UiO-66-NH ₂)	CO2. NH2 CO2.	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Linker NH ₂ -BDC	Ni(SH)(OH ₂)@SBU	TEA	н	126
Fe-X@Zr ₆ -Cu	NH2-BDC co2. Co3. Co3. Co3. Co3. Co3. Co3. Co3. Co3	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	\$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ \$	Fe ^{II} -X@SBU X = Br ^I , Cl ^I , AcO ^I , and BF ₄	ВІН	н	71
Ti-MOF-Ru(cptpy)2	PY Service of the ser	Ti _s -oxo cluster	[Cu(PT)(dppe)] ⁺ Linker [Ru(cptpy) ₂] ²⁺	SBU and H_2PtCl_6 as a cocatalyst	MeOH or EDTA	H	122
Co-NU ($ m N_{C}$ 0.27)	[Ru(cptpy) ₂] ²⁺ O ₂ C O ₂ O ₂ O ₃ C O ₂ O ₃ C O	Zı ₆ -oxo cluster	Linker TBAPy	Co(dmgH) ₂ (4-COOH-py)CI]	BIH	H	125
	TBAPy			@SBU			

	Primary building units		Active molecular components		ĺ		
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Ru-TBP-Zn	·Š-《	Ru ₂ -paddle wheel	Linker Zn-TCPP	SBU	TEOA	I	120
	$c_{o_{c}}$						
SYD-1-CuNi	.00 .00 .00	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Linker $[Ru(bpydc)_3]^{2+}$		ВпОН	П	128
				M-Eu²· NI²* M-EDTA @SBU			
Ti ₃ -BPDC-Ru or Ti ₃ -BPDC-Ir	[Ru(bpydc) ₃] ²⁺	Ti ₃ -hydroxo cluster	·S-<	SBU	BIH	П	118
	bpdc and 5,5'-dcbpy						

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	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Ru-Eu MOF or Ru-Pr MOF	· 8 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 -	Eu or Pr	Linker [Ru(cptpy) ₂] ²⁺	SBU and H ₂ PtCl ₆ cocatalyst	TEOA or ascorbic acid	-	121
M-Sas @Pd-PCN-222-NH ₂	[Ru(cptpy) ₂] ²⁺ [Socoring to the property of the property o	${ m Hf_{6^-}}$ oxo cluster	Linker Pd-TCPP	M-single atoms@-NH2 modified SBU M = Ru, Ir, Pt, Au	Tri- isopropanol amine	-	22.5
In-MOF/Pt	Pd-TCPP	Decahedron In		SBU and Pt NPs cocatalyst	TEOA	-	226
$NML-PtN_x (x = 2, 4)$.o.c. \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	Ti _s -oxo cluster	.o ₂ c \		TEOA	-	129
UiO-66-dcdbt-Cd	Cd(dcdbt)](solv)2	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Cd(dcdbt)](solv)2	Pt-N _x @SBU SBU [S ⁻ -cd-S ⁻]@linker	$\mathrm{Na}_2\mathrm{SO}_3$ or $\mathrm{Na}_2\mathrm{S}$	I and IV	227

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	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Pd/Yb-PMOF (2 wt% Pt)	·Š-()	Yb ₂ -oxo chain	·Š-()	SBU and Pt NPs	TEOA	I and V	134
	050-000-000-000-000-000-000-000-000-000		0.200- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000- 0.000-0.0				
UiO-67-Ir-ppy/Co or UiO-67-Ir- Con 6/Co	cos; Pd-TCPP	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Pd-TCPP	·8{	ВІН	п	92
	= z		z	Co(NO ₃)?			
	5,5'-dcbpy		$\begin{bmatrix} \operatorname{Ir}(\operatorname{ppy})_2(5,5'-\operatorname{dcbpy})\end{bmatrix}^+ \\ & \overset{\operatorname{or}}{ } & $	[Co(5,5'-dcbpy)](NO ₃) ₂			
			z-\z				
UiO-MOF-Fe ₂ S ₂	.ç√ .ç√	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	$\begin{array}{ccc} \cos \cdot & & \downarrow \\ [Ir(Cou6)_2(5,5'-dcbpy)]^+ \\ \cos \cdot & & \downarrow \end{array}$.000	ascorbic acid	п	77
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	co ₂ · co ₂ · L2 and L3		co ₂ · [Ru(bpy) ₂ (L.2)] ²⁺	occhoo ococo [FeFe] hydrogenases@L3			

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	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
mPT-Cu/Co	S	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster		5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5	ВІН	Ħ	75
Ru-Pt-UiO-67	PT TPHN Solve Solv	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	[Cu(PT)(dppe)] ⁺		EDTA or DMA	Ħ	73 and 74
Co-Ru-UiO-67(bpy)	47	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	[Ru(bpy) ₂ (5,5'-dcbpy)] ²⁺	[Pt (5,5'-dcbpy)]Cl ₂	TEOA	Ħ	228
HER-MOF	5,5'-dcbpy c ₂ c H ₂ -TCPP	Hf ₆ -oxo cluster	$[Ru(bpy)_2(5,5'-dcbpy)]^{2^+}$ co_2 co_3 co_4 co_4 co_5 co_5 co_7 co_7 co_7 co_7 co_7 co_7 co_7 co_7	[Co(5,5'-dcbpy)]Cl ₂ coc N N N N N N N Pr-TCPP	тсвон	п	110

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	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
PtSA-MNSs	8	$Cu_2(COO)_4$ paddle-wheel	20-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-	20 N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	ascorbic acid	II and IV	85
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PCN-H ₂ /Pt _{x:y}	Pt-TCPP	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Pt- TCPP/TCPP unit	Pt- TCPP/ Pt single atom	TEOA	II and IV	131
	020- NH NH NH O20- O20-		-200- -200-	200-000 - C00-000 - C00-00			
Al-TCPP-Pt(п)	H2-TCPP CO2	Al ₂ -hydroxo cluster	H ₂ -TCPP	Pt-TCPP	TEOA	II and IV	132
	-200- -200-		-2°C				
[FeFe]@ZrPF	OS; H2-TCPP CO2:	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	CO2: Pt -TCPP/TCPP unit Linker Zn-TCPP	Pt-TCPP/Pt single atom	ascorbic acid	N	83
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	⇔ co ₂ Zn-TCPP			[(í-SCH ₂) ₂ NC(O)C ₅ H ₄ N]– [Fe ₂ (CO) ₆] @linker			

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	Primary building units		Active molecular components		ļ		
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	Sd	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Ce ₆ BTB-Ru or Ce ₆ BTB-Ir	· 600 - 000	Ce ₆ -oxo cluster		SBU	ВІН	21	08
Pd-MOF	BTB	Cu ₂ paddlewheel	M=Ru; x=N M=Ir, X=C [Ru(bpy)2(MBA)] ²⁺ @SBU or [Ir(ppy)2(MBA)] ¹⁺ @SBU and Ce ³⁺ (SBU) co ²	. COO.	Ascorbic acid	2	84
Co@NH ₂ -MIL-125(Ti)	Pd-TCPP	Ti _s -oxo cluster	Dd-TCPP NH ₂ -MIL-125(TI) MOF	Triplet state of Pd-TCPP	Triethyl- amine	>	135
ZrTTA-6SH-MTFPP	HS CO2: HS N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	Zτ ₆ -οχο cluster	ZrTTA-6SH MOF	FFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFFF	TEOA	>	2229

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	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
$\mathrm{Zn ext{-}PDTP/[Co(bpy)_3]Cl}_2$	oppo popular de la companya de la co	Zn ₂ cluster	Zn-PDTP MOF	[Co(bpy)3]Cl2	Tri-methyl- amine	>	230
Gd-TCA MOF + [FeFe]-H ₂ ase or [Co(bpy) ₃]Cl ₂	PD and TP Co2 CO	Gd-O pillar	Gd-тСа МОF	Section of the second of the s	[N'Pr ₂ EtH] [OAc]	>	139
$Co(n)$ @MIL-125-N H_2	COS NH2-BDC	Ti _s -oxo cluster	MIL-125-NH $_2$ MOF	Ecological Control of the Control of	TEOA	>	136
$ m Ni_4P_2@MOF$. 8	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	CO2- N	$[\mathrm{Ni}_4(\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O})_2(\mathrm{PW}_9\mathrm{O}_{34})_2]^{10-}$ (POM)	меон	>	231

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	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
$\mathrm{UiO-66-dcbdt-M} + \left[\mathrm{Ru}(\mathrm{bpy})_3\right]^{2+}$	co ₂ ·	Zı ₆ -oxo cluster		$\begin{cases} co_{2}^{-1} \\ co_{2}^{-1} \\ w = cu, \text{ Ni, Fe} \end{cases}$ $[M(dcbdt)Cl_{2}] @Linker$	TEOA	>	232
$[\mathrm{Ru}_2(p\text{-BDC})_2]_n + \mathrm{Ru}(\mathrm{bpy})_3^{2+}$	So, i so i	Ru ₂ paddlewheel	[Ku(bpy)3]	SBU	EDTA	>	233 and 234
UiO-66-[FeFe](dcbdt)(CO) ₆ + [Ru(bpy) ₃] ²⁺	Sozi Cozi Sozi Cozi BDC debdt	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Ku(opy)31-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7-7	02-6-7-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-0	Ascorbic acid	>	142
RuCl@UiO or RuOH ₂ @UiO or RhCl@UiO or RhOH ₂ @UiO + [Ru(bpy) ₃] ^{2*}	co ₂	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	[Ru(bpy)3] ²⁺	$(Cp^*)(5,5'-dcbpy)(X)]^{n+}$	DMA or TEOA	>	156
MIL - 101 - CH_2 @ $1+\mathrm{Eosin}$ -Y	BDC BDC-CH ₂ Cl	Cr ₃ -oxo cluster	Brosin-Y	or [Ru(Cy*)(5,5'-dcbpy)X] ⁿ⁺ o-N N H o-N N H o-N N H coldmgH)z(4-HEP)CI] @ BDC-CH2	TEOA	>	219

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	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Al-PMOF/Pt	SOO - NH	Al ₂ -hydroxo cluster	Al-PMOF (H ₂ -TCPP)	Colloidal Pt	EDTA	>	235
Pt@Pd-PMOF-2(Hf)	H2-TCPP W P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P	Нf ₆ -охо cluster	2000 N Pa	Pt NPs	ТЕОА	>	236
Pt/fluorinated MOF(Cu)-NH ₂ + RhB	Pd-ICPP orco orco NH2 orco L9	Cu ₂ - paddlewheel	RhB	Pt NPs Cocatalyst	Егон	>	237
$\mathrm{Zn\text{-}EYTP} + [\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{bpy})_3]\mathrm{Cl}_2$		Zn ₂ cluster	and Linker A B B COO2H HO B B COO2H N B B COO2H N B COO2H O C	[Co(bpy)3]Cl2	TEA	>	137
Zn-TTPy/PtNPs	TTPy	Zn₄ chain	IP and Eosin Y	Pt NPs	TEOA	>	22.2

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	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Ru@dpdhpzBASF-A520 + MV/ Pt NPs	Osc NH NH H	Al octahedral chain	Osc NH N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	Pt NPs	EDTA	>	138
Zr/Cu-(H ₂ BDC-BPD) + Eosin Y	BDC	Cu ₂ paddlewheel	Brock Process	Zr-O _x @SBU	TEOA	>	140
M -dcbdt + $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$	cos: cos: dcdbt	[-MS ₄ -] and octahedral M	Ru(bov) ₃ ² ²	002 002 M = Ni, Co, Fe [-MS4-]	DMA	>	91
Mn-TBAPy-NT/Pt NPs	i osc TRAPv4-	Mn (No structural details available)	0.000 0.000	Pt NPs	Ascorbic acid	>	238
$HTHATN$ -Ni-Pt-NS + $[Ru]^{2+}$	S. S	-[NiS ₄]-square- planar	[Ru(bpy)3] ²	S: S: CI	DMA	>	141

 Table 2
 Active molecular components (PS-CAT pairs) in MOF-based photocatalysts for the visible light-driven CO₂RR

Linker Open Coo Coo Coo Coo Coo Coo Coo Coo Coo Co		Primary building units		Active molecular components				
OF $\begin{array}{c} \overset{\circ}{\circ}_{\mathcal{C}} & \overset{\circ}{\circ}_{\mathcal{C}$	Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
O_2C $[Ru(L4)_3]^{2+}$ Cu_2 paddle $wheel or Co_3$ $wheel or Co_3$ $hydroxo cluster$ O_2C $M-TCPP (M = Cu or Co)$ $Co-imidazolate$ $tetrahedra [Co]$ $(ip)_4]^{2-}$	Eu-Ru(phen)3-MOF		Eu ₂ -cluster	Linker: [Ru(LA) ₃] ²⁺	SBU	TEOA	I	94
M-TCPP (M = Cu or Co) Co_2 : M -TCPP (M = Cu or Co) Co -imidazolate tetrahedra [Co (ip) ₄] ² -	Cu-PMOF or Co-PMOF	[Ru(L4) ₃] ²⁺	Cu ₂ paddle wheel or Co ₃ hydroxo cluster	Linker: M-TCPP (M = Cu or Co)	SBU	TEOA	-	239
Hundry Market Ma	MAF-34-CoRu	M-TCPP (M = C		$Linker: \left[Ru(ip)_4\right]^{2-}$		H ₂ O	-	240

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rnotocatalytic MOr system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
SYD-1-CuNi		Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Linker [Ru(L1) ₃] ²⁺	**************************************	ВпОН	ı	128
Re-NU ($ m N_{C}~0.46)$	003: [Ru(L1)3] ²⁺ O2C CO2	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Linker: TBAPy ^{4–}	ON THE STATE OF TH	ВІН	-	125
FDH@Rh-NU-1006	io ₂ c C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Linker: ptba	[Re (4,4'-dcbpy)(CO) ₃ Br] (@SBU co ₂ co ₂ co ₃ co ₄	TEOA	-	111
				[Rh (Cp*)(5,5'-dcbpyH)Cl] @SBU for NAD reduction followed by FDH enzyme for CO ₂ RR			
Hf ₁₂ -Ru-Re or Hf ₁₂ - Ru-Mn	puba Cos: (Ru(bpy)2(L2)] ²⁺	Hf ₁₂ -oxo cluster	Linker: $[Ru(bpy)_2(L2)]^{2+}$	$[M(MBA)(CO)_3X]$	BIH or BNAH	-	153

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Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
PMOF/Re		Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Linker: Zn-ZCPP	Oscological Control Co	ВІН	-	241
TCPP(Co)CNU-1000	Zn-TCPP O2c Zn-TCPP O2c Co2	Z _{f6} -oxo cluster	Linker: TBAPy ^{4–}	.co.	TEOA	H	242
Cu-ZnTCPP/g-C ₃ N ₄ hybrid	1. DARLY. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0	Cu ₂ paddlewheel	200 - V - V - V - V - V - V - V - V - V -	κος: Co-TCPP@SBU	$\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}$	-	243
Bi-PMOFs	Co2. Zn-TCPP Co2. Co2. Co2. H2-TCPP	Distorted Bi octahedra	Zn-TCPP and g-C3N4 coo? O2C COO? Hz-TCPP And B-C3N4 COO? COO?	SBU	TEOA		244

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Photocotolitic MOE	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
riiotocataiyue MOr system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
UiO-67-0-(CH ₃) ₂ UiO-67-0-CF ₃ -CH ₃ UiO-67-0-(CF ₃) ₂	03. 03. 03. 03. 03.	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	002; 002; 003; 005; 005;	SBU	H ₂ O	_	99
Zr-Co MOF@TBAPy	bpdc-o-(R) ₃	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	bpdc-o-(R) ₃		TEOA	I	181
	-000-000.		, coo-	TBAPy+ @SBU			
SC-Bi-PMOFs	Co-TCPP	Bi ₂ -oxo cluster	Co-TCPP	Electron channel@CA1	TEOA	I	245
	-000		O ₂ C HNH NH CO ₂ C				
GDUT-8 $(n = 1)$ GDUT-8-Ox $(n = 2)$	H2-TCPP (20):	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	H2-TCPP S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S S	SBU	TEOA	-	29
Fe-DBP(Co)	BPD-4F4TS o ₂ c Co- DPBP	Fe ₁₁ - oxo cluster	BPD-4F4TS o ₂ c No DPBP	SBU	Br ⁻ and epoxide	-	246

Table 2 (Contd.)							
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rnotocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
DGIST-1	·CO	Ti-oxo chain	·6	SBU	TEOA	I	224
	020- N HN N- 020.		200 NH NH N-020.				
Ti-MOF	$\begin{array}{c} \cos \\ \text{Hz-TCPP} \\ \cos \\ \end{array}$	Ti ₆ -oxo cluster	co ₂ . H ₂ -TCPP co ₂ . '∕∕	SBU	TEOA	I	247
	-z - g		5 				
	HO NOO.		OHO NOTE OF THE PROPERTY OF TH				
mPT-Cu/Re	Tp-PABA	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Tp-PABA	·Š-⁄	ВІН	п	75
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	>- 020. 020. 020. 020. 020. 030. 030. 030.		Cu(PT)(dppe)] ⁺	cozi [Re(PT)(CO)3CI]			

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rnotocatalytic MOr system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
UiO-67-Ir-Ppy/Cu or UiO-67-Ir-Cou 6/Cu	cos· cos· 5,5'-dcbpy	Zr _c -oxo cluster	CO2- N N N N N N N N N	002 Cu(5,5'-dcbpy)Cl ₂]	ВІН	Ħ	26
Eu-bpy-Ru-x%-CuClX	cos: cos: 5,5'-dcbpy	Eu ₆ -oxo cluster	Control Cont		TIPA	Ħ	248
(Co/Ru),-UiO-67 (bpydc)	co ₂ . Co ₂ . 5,5'-dcbpy	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	CO2 (N) (5,5'-dcbpy)] ²⁺	[Cu(5,5'-dcbpy)Cl ₂] [Cu(py)(5,5'-dcbpy)Cl ₂] [Cu(Ade)(5,5'-dcbpy)Cl] co ₂ co ₂ Co(5,5'-dcbpy)(THF) ₂] ²⁺	TEOA	Ħ	249

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rnotocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
MOF-253-Ir/Ni		Al-hydroxo cluster	\$ \\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	- COO- -	BIH	п	250
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MOF-1	5,5'-debpy	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	[Ir(ppy)2 (5,5'-dcbpy)] ⁺	$[Ni(5,5'-dcbpy)]Br_2$ $\stackrel{\circ}{\sim}_2$	TEA	II with similar	251
	8 8 8 8 2 - 2 - 2		8 2 2	8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8		scaffold	
	·5		-ō	ō			
MOF-4	cο ₂ · [Re (L2)(CO) ₃ CI]	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	602. [Re (L2)(CO)3CI] 902.	00; [Re (L2)(CO)3CI] 00;	TEA		189
	< <u>`</u>		8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8 8	8 8			
	c_{0} , c_{0} .		ος: [Re (5.5'-dcbpv)(CO) ₃ Br]	Co ₂ : [Re (5,5'-debpy)(CO) ₃ Br]			
${ m Re-MOF-NH}_2$		Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	8— 8—	0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0	TEA		150
	Live Nation		<u>~</u> —□	2 - 5 - 2			
	602. bpdc and (NH2)2-bpdc		602. [Re (5,5'-dcbpy)(CO) ₃ Cl]	602: [Re (5,5'-dcbpy)(CO)3CI]			

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Fnotocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
MOF-253–Ru(CO) ₂ Cl ₂ or Sensitized MOF-253–Ru(CO) ₂ Cl ₂	co. co. 5,5'-dcbpy	Al-hydroxo cluster	8 8 5 2 2 3 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6 6	CO2: CO3: CO3: [Ru (5,5'-dcbpy)(CO) ₂ CI ₂]	TEOA	II with similar or dissimilar scaffold scaffold	252
S _{Cu} : Cu@Al-PMOF	8- Z	Al ₂ -hydroxo cluster	[Ru(bpy) ₂ (5,5'-dcbpy)] ²⁺ $(5,5'-dcbpy)^{2+}$ $(5,5'-dcbpy)^{2+}$	8-	TEA	II and IV	253
MOF-525-Co	Cu-TCPP	Zr _G -oxo cluster	Ou-TCPP/TCPP unit	Cu-TCPP/Cu single atom	TEOA	II and IV	254
	o ₂ o Co-TCPP		o ₂ c-Co-Co-Co ₂ co ₂ co ₂ co-Co-Co-Co-Co-Co-Co-Co-Co-Co-Co-Co-Co-Co	Oc-TCPP/Co single atom			

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Dhotocotalttic MOE	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
$ \frac{(\mathrm{Cu}_{x}\mathrm{Pd}_{y})_{z} @\mathrm{PCN-222}}{(\mathrm{Co})} $	·8	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	8-	·ŝ-⁄	TEA	II and IV	255
	0°C		, coo	, osc			
	⊝ ⇔; Co-TCPP		⇔ ⇔; Co-TCPP/TCPP unit	Co-TCPP/Co single atom			
MOF-526-H	·Š-«	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	8-	CuxPd, nanocluster for carbonylation	ВІН	II and IV	256
	02c - N - N - N - N - N - N - N - N - N -		02c	0.00 Pro			
MOF-OH and MOF-OCH ₃	FeTCBPP CO2	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Fe TCBPP O2c R R R R R R R R R R R R R	FeTCBPP CO2	ВІН	II and IV	257
Zr-MBA-Ru/Re-MOF	Petrobper Petrobper Petrobper Petroper Pet	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	PETCBPP-R FETCBPP-R FETCBPP-R	Perchange Coo. FettCBPP-R Coo. FetCBPP-R Coo. FetCBPP-R Coo. [Re(MBA)(CO)3CI] @SBU	BNAH and TEOA	Ħ	81

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Photocotoletic MOE	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Fnotocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Zr-MBA-Ru/Mn-MOF	oo, o,c,c,c,oo,	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster		IMan/MBA/CO), Br1 @ SB11	$\mathrm{H}_2\mathrm{O}$	Ш	79
ReRu66NH2	OQ2 NH2-BDC	Zr _c -oxo cluster	[Ku(bpy)2(MBA)] ^{2-(@} SBU Cos N N N N N N N N N	[Re(4,4'-dcbpy)(CO) ₃ Br]	BIH or TEOA	Ħ	258
Rh-Ru@MIL-101-NH ₂	CO2: NH2-BDC	Al ₃ -oxo cluster	HOOC HOOC NAME AND	HOOC HOOC HOOC (@SBU	TEOA	Ħ	159
Re-Ru@U (U = UiO-66)	co. Co. BDC	Zr _G -oxo cluster	HO2C CO2H HO2C N CO2H HO2C N CO2H CO2H CO2H CO2H CO2H CO2H CO2H CO2H	Но ₂ C Но ₂ C Но ₂ C (CO)3Br]@SBU	Нів	Ħ	148
RhB@Zr-MOF	Oric Coo. BTB	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	RhB	SBU	$\rm H_2O$	21	259

TONG it if of the state of the	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Cu@808-NH2IPA-NO2	cos: b ₂ c cos: BTC and NH2IPA	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	O ₂ CO ₂ O ₂ CO ₂ CO ₃ O ₄ CO ₄ C	Ogy Ogy Aco Cull Cull Schiff has complex	Ascorbic acid	77	260
Re-224 or Re-222	-000 -000 -000 -000	Zr _o -oxo cluster	Linker: Zn-TCPP	[ReBr(qtpy) (CO) ₃ Br]	ВІН	2	83
UiO-66-CrCAT UiO-66- GaCAT	Zn-TCPP co ₂ : co ₂ : co ₃ : co ₄ : co ₄ : co ₅ : bo ₅ : co ₅ :	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	catbdc with Cr	cos; cor(H2O), or Cos(H2O), cos; [Cr(catbdc)(H2O),]	BNAH and TEOA	N	261
g-CNQDs/PMOF hybrids (2D)	- CO3	Co ₂ paddle wheel	Co-TCPP and carbon nitride quantum dots (g-CNQDs)	Co-TCPP	TEOA	IV and V	262
$Ni-74-Am + [Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$	Co-1CFF Fo co. 1 DHBDC	Ni ₂ cluster	[Ru(bpy)3] ²⁺	SBU	TEOA	>	263

Table 2 (Contd.)							
	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
$[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2^+} + (PW_{12}, Cp^*Rh)@UiO-67$	8 - Z - Z - Z - Z - Z - Z - Z - Z - Z -	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster		5 8 8	TEOA	>	158 and 207
	co ₂ ; co ₂ ; bpdc and 5,5′-dcbpy		$[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$	[Rh (Cp*)(5,5'-dcbpy)Cl] ⁺ and electron relay: [PW ₁₂ O ₄₀] ⁿ⁻ \bigcirc SRI I			
[Ru(dmbpy) ₃] ²⁺ + UiO-67-Mn(bpy) (CO) ₃ Br		Zt ₆ -oxo cluster			BNAH	>	154
	bpdc and 5,5'-dcbpy		Ru(dmbnv) ₂ 1 ²⁺	[Mn(5,5'-dcbpy)(CO) ₃ Br]			
[Ru(bpy) ₃] ²⁺ + Cp*Rh@UiO-67		Zr ₆ -oxo cluster		5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 - 5 -	TEOA	>	157
	602. 602. bpdc and 5,5'-dcbpy		$\mathbb{R}_{\mathbf{M}}$ [Ru(bpy) ₃] ²⁺	$\dot{co}_2: [\mathrm{Rh}(\mathrm{Cp^*})(5,5'\mathrm{-dcbpy})\mathrm{Cl}]^+$			
[Ru(bpy) ₃] ²⁺ + Co- UiO-67 or Re-UiO-67		Zr _c -oxo cluster		8 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	TEOA	>	264
	d 5,5		[Ru(bpy) ₃] ²⁺	o(5,5'-dcbpy (5,5'-dcbpy)			

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Or cos cluster Or cos cos cluster Or cos cos cluster Og cos cos cos cos cos cluster Og cos cos cos cos cluster Og cos	Active molecular components				
O-		CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
-bpdc/ $\overset{\circ}{\circ_2}$			ВІН	>	265
-bpdc/ $\overset{\circ o_2}{\underset{\circ o_2}{\bigcap}}$		Co(5,5'-dcbpy)(DH2)2Cl2 or Co(5,5'-dcbpy)(DH2) Co(5,5'-dcbpy)(DH2) Co(5,5'-dcbpy)(DP2) Co(5,5'-dcpy)(DP2) Co(5,5'-dcpy)(DP			
$[py)_3]^{2^+} + Zr\text{-bpdc}/ \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad Zr_0\text{-oxo cluster}$ $[py]_3]^{2^+}/MX@UiO \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2$ $[py]_3]^{2^+}/MX@UiO \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2$ $[or Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad Zr_0\text{-oxo cluster}$ $[cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad \qquad [cor Rh X: H_2O \qquad \bigcirc \circ_2 \qquad \qquad$		debpy)(bpy)(UH2) CIJCI O2C N O2 O2C N O2 Mixed Cu/Ni-EDTA@SBU SBU acts as electron relav	TEOA	>	266
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			TEOA	>	267
		[Ru(5,5'-dcbpy)(terpy)(CO)] ²⁺ co_2 co_2 co_2 co_3 co_4 co_4 co_4 co_5 co_4 co_5 co_4 co_5 co_7 $co_$	TEOA or DMA	>	156

Photocotal Hio MOE	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
rnotocatalytic MOr system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
$[\mathrm{Ru}(\mathrm{bpy})_3]^{2^+} + \mathrm{Co-ZIF-9}$	bIm	Co imidazolate tetrahedra [Co (bIm) ₄] ² -		$\begin{pmatrix} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & $	TEOA	>	268
$[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2^+} + Ni$ $MOLs (2D)$	So.	Ni ₂ hydroxo cluster	Buffmy) 12		TEOA	>	269
[Ru(bpy) ₃] ²⁺ + ZIF-67 (Co)	2-MIM-	Co imidazolate tetrahedra [Co (2-MIM) ₄] ²	E STATE OF THE PROPERTY OF THE	SBU	TEOA	>	06
Ag⊂Re₃-MOF	cos: cos: cos: cos: bride and 5 5'-deliny	Zr _G -oxo cluster	Ag nanocubes	CO2: CO2: CO2: CO3: CO3: CO3: CO3: CO3: CO3: CO3: CO3	TEA	>	270
Zn MOF + Cobalt complex	2000. 2000. 2000. 2000.	Zn ₂ paddle- wheel clusters	Linker: Zn-TCPP		TEOA	>	271
Gd -TCA $MOF + Ni$ $(Cyclam)Cl_2$	OS. TCA	Gd-O pillar	Gd-TCA MOF	\(\big(\text{Ni(Cyclam})\)\]^2+	TEA	>	139

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Dhotonealttio MOE	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Re-Ru@MIL	CO2. CO2. NH2-BDC	Al ₃ -oxo cluster		HO2C NO BE BE CO HO2C H2dcbpy) (CO) ₃ Br]	TEOA BIH BNAH DMA, KEX TEA TPP	>	149 and 272
Ru and Re@UiO-66, 67, 68 $(-NH_2)$	000 - 000 -	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	[Ku(bpy) ₂ (5,5'- H ₂ dcbpy)] ² Ooth Coth Coth Coth Coth Coth Coth Coth C	HO2C CO BE LOCAL THE CO HO2C HO2C (CO)3Br]	TEOA	>	88
LTG-FeZr + Eosin Y	NH2-BDC or NH2-TPDC or BPDC-(3,3' NH2)2 CO2 CO2 CO2 CO3 CO4 CO5 CO5 CO5 CO5 CO5 CO5 CO5	Zr-carboxylate octahedra	Brosin Y	Linker: catalyst for CO2RR SBU: Followed up cycloaddition addition of epoxide	TEOA	>	273
66-IS-M, $M = Ni$, Co, Cu + $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$	$\begin{cases} \bigcirc & \bigcirc \\ \bigcirc & \bigcirc &$	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	[Ru(bpy)3] ²⁺	CO2: NH CO2: OAC CO3: OAC M = Ni, Cu, Co Isatin-Schiff base complex	TEOA	>	274

Table 2 (Contd.)							
Photocatalytic MOF	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
CoTIB + [Ru(bpy) ₃] ²⁺	TIIB	Octahedral Co		SBU	TEOA	>	147
Zr-MBA-TET-Re-MOF	Poor Poor Poor Poor Poor Poor Poor Poor	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	rku(opy)3	Re(MBA)(CO)3CI]@SBU	H ₂ O	>	275
$\mathrm{Cu}/\mathrm{I_2}$ -Zr-BPDC/BpyDC + $[\mathrm{Ru}(\mathrm{bpy})_3]^{2+}$	202. 002. 002. 002. 002. 002. 002. 002.	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster		Cu(5 5'-dchny)]Cl	TEOA	>	152
Ru-MOF 1 or Ru-MOF 2		Cd-distorted bis disphenoid	Ku(opy)3]- Co2 Co2 Co2 Co2 Co3 Co3	No specified catalytic site intracrystal excited-state energy transfer resulted long live character	TEOA	A A	276

TO 1 1-1-2-2-14	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
rnotocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Ru-MOF	200 - 200 -	Cd ₂ paddle- wheel	000 - 000 -	No specified catalytic site	TEOA	NA	277
MOF-808-PBA-MV	$[Ru(4,4'-dcbpy)_3]^{2+}$ $\begin{array}{c} co_2 \\ co_2 \end{array}$ $\begin{array}{c} co_2 \\ co_2 \end{array}$ BTC	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	[Ru(4,4'-dcbpy) ₃] ²⁺	SBU	BNAH	NA	151
			supramolecular [] DA-complex [] PBA@SBU-MV				

such as [Ru(bpy)₃]²⁺ to unlock the SBU of non-carboxylate linker-based MOFs. This includes the Co₈-hydroxo cluster in metal azolate frameworks (MAFs)89 and Co-imidazolate tetrahedra [Co(2-MIM)₄]²⁻ in zeolitic imidazolate frameworks (ZIFs).90 The former demonstrates water oxidation reactions (OER) in the presence of Na₂S₂O₈, while the latter is effective in catalyzing CO₂ reduction reactions (CO₂RR) in the presence of TEOA. Recently, a new butterfly-shaped metal-bis(dithiolene) linker was developed, forming 2D metal-organic frameworks (M-dcbdt, where M = Ni, Co, or Fe). The $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$ with an [MS₄]-rich network was established as a promising pair for the hydrogen evolution reaction (HER).91

Techniques for mechanistic elucidations

Besides the development of techniques to address the challenge of size distribution, crystallographic properties, and porosities of MOF-based nanoparticles (NPs), 92,93 the understanding of the elementary electron transfer steps originating from the photoexcited states is essential in the context of catalysis and artificial photosynthesis. A mechanistic understanding allows the rational optimization for improved catalytic output and in the best-case scenario (i) all incident photons get absorbed by PS and (ii) the resulting excited states undergo electron transfer steps with CATs and sacrificial reagents with unity quantum yield. Furthermore, (iii) there are no unproductive charge recombination events, and thus charge separation is solely used for catalytic turnover. However, this is not usually the case, and therefore it is crucial to understand the deviation in the real behavior of MOF-based systems from the above-mentioned best-case scenario, i.e., the extent to which non-productive events occur in each step. However, it should also be noted that due to the large size of MOF NPs and their aggregates (often >100 nm), the typically applied optical techniques suffer from strong light scattering, making the acquired data difficult to interpret.94 Thus, during the preparation of samples for optical spectroscopy and evaluating "molecular" PS and CAT inside the MOF scaffold, special care must be taken and a specific/an appropriate technique must be used to collect meaningful data.95 One of the numerous advantages of MOF-based photocatalysts over their homogeneous, freely diffusing molecular counterparts is the close spatial proximity of PS, CAT, and (sometimes) sacrificial reagents by design. This increases their local concentration, and consequently the efficiency of the desired electron transfer, minimizing unproductive diffusion processes. Proximity is not only realized by attaching PS and CAT to the MOF skeleton, e.g., via carboxylated linker systems, but can also be generated by the high porosity of the MOF itself. Pore trapping of one or several of the necessary components (also see type V in Fig. 5), i.e., hostguest interactions, can experimentally be followed by techniques such as IR spectroscopy, Raman spectroscopy, 96 resonance Raman⁹⁷ and (solid-state, ss) NMR spectroscopy⁹⁸ but also optical techniques such as steady-state UV-vis spec-

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 Table 3
 Active molecular components (PS-CAT pairs) in MOF-based photocatalyst for the visible light-driven OER

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	Primary building units		Active molecular components	ıts			
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
WOR-MOF	co ₂ · A Co ₂ · Co ₂ · S,5'-dcbpy	Zr ₁₂ -oxo cluster	CO2 (No. 1) (N	CO2: N-1r-X4 CO2: X = unknown TIr (5, 5, -do-havy)]3+	Fe ³⁺	п	278
$P_2W_{18}Co_4$ POM@MOF-545	occ	Zr _o -oxo cluster	Linker: H ₂ -TCPP	$[(PW_9O_{34})_2CO_4(H_2O)_2]^{10-}$	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₈	>	167
$[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2^+} + MIL_101(Fe) \text{ or } MIL_101-NH_2(Fe)$	CO2 CO2 CO2 CO3	Fe ₃ -oxo cluster	R P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P P	SBU	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₈	>	164
$[\mathrm{Ru}(\mathrm{bpy})_3]^{2^+} + \mathrm{MAF-48}$	N=N N=N N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-	Co _s -hydroxo cluster	R (Chrys) 2-3-4	SBU	Na ₂ S ₂ O ₈	>	165
$[\mathrm{Ru}(\mathrm{bpy})_3]^{2^+} + \mathrm{PFG-20-Co_2Ti}$	02c CO2; O2c	Co ₂ Ti	[Ru(bpy)3] ²⁺	Ti sites @SBU	$\mathrm{Na_2S_2O_8}$	>	166

Ref.

Cofactors Na2SO8

Active molecular components Distorted Co octahedra SBU Primary building units Photocatalytic MOF system $CoBIM-1 + [Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$ Fable 3 (Contd.)

 $Ru(bpy)_3]^{2}$

troscopy. 88 In contrast to crystallographic methods, which typically address long-range effects such as crystallinity, phase identification, topology and 3D structure, IR, Raman and ssNMR spectroscopy allow the local environments of the MOF to be probed, which are important for efficient electron transfer cascades induced by visible light.

3.1. Tools to study photon capture

Photocatalysis-inducing light absorption in MOFs can be probed by steady-state UV-vis absorption spectroscopy. However, in contrast to molecular systems, which are often completely soluble in one or several suitable solvents, MOFs are not. Thus, their optical properties are often determined in the solid state using diffuse reflectance spectroscopy (DRS) rather than in the liquid state, where diluted solutions and classical cuvettes can be used for molecular systems.96 However, some solution-state UV-vis measurements provided an interpretable result for MOF particles possessing a size of less than 100 nm and formed a stable colloidal solution when dispersed in a solvent.95 After DRS data treatment with the Kubelka-Munk function and/or from solution-state UV-vis data, a comparison between an MOF and its soluble molecular analogue is possible. Generally, the absorption properties of the PS component as observed in the homogenous state can be either retained or changed in an integrated-MOF platform and varies from case to case. For example, the NH2-BDC linker connected to a Ce(IV)-based SBU produced a new LMCT band in the UiO-66(Ce)-NH2 MOF, while the same linker retained its ligand-centered absorption (LC) band in Zr(IV)-based UiO-66 (Zr)-NH₂ MOF.⁵⁴ Additionally, density functional theory (DFT) calculation is commonly used to theoretically interpret these absorption features by estimating the band gap, and relative orbital contribution of the components (metal and linker) at the HOCO (VB) and LUCO (CB) level of the semiconductive MOF. 54,55,99 In contrast, upon the incorporation of a metalloligand-based PS such as [Ru(bpy)₂(5,5'-dcbpy)]²⁺ (ref. 100) and [Cu(PT)(dppe)]⁺ (ref. 75) into the MOF scaffold, their UV-vis absorption properties did not significantly change, i.e., for the rational bottom-up design of a MOF-based artificial photosynthetic scheme, the UV-vis absorption properties of the dissolved molecular PSs and their analogues can be extrapolated.

3.2. Tools to study electron/energy transfer

Here, examples are presented where the methods of luminescence quenching, optical transient absorption (OTA) and electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectroscopy have been used to elucidate the details of the respective light-driven processes and catalysis. Once the steady-state absorption properties of the MOFs are known, examination of the processes upon (visible) light absorption is possible.

One possibility to study electron transfer events originating from PS* is time-resolved and steady state luminescence (quenching) measurements. If a MOF-incorporated PS* (MOF*) represents a luminescent species, then the influence of a catalytic component (already in the MOF scaffold or introduced later), and addition of various reagents (in variable con-

Table 4 Active molecular components (PS-CAT pairs) in MOF-based photocatalyst for visible light-driven oxidative organic transformation of alcohols and amines

	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
SYD-1-CuNi		Zr _G -oxo cluster	Linker; [Ru(L1) ₃] ²⁺	`o ₂ cNO `o ₂ cNO M-EDTA@SBU	BnOH oxidation using CO_2 or H^+	H	128
PCN-22	[Ru(L.1) ₃] ²⁺ CO ₂ O ₂ O ₂ O ₂ O ₂	Ti ₇ -oxo cluster	Linker: H ₂ -TCPP	SBU	BnOH oxidation using O ₂ and TEMPO	H	175
UCFMOF-n	CO2: CO2: CO2: CO2: CO3: CO3: CO3: CO3: CO3: CO3: CO3: CO3	Ti ₆ -oxo cluster	002. 002. 003. 003. 003. 003.	SBU	BnOH oxidation using O_2	H	89
NH ₂ -MIL-125 (TI)	Multivariate dicarboxylates	Ti _s -oxo cluster	CO2: CO2: CO2: NH2-BDC	SBU	BnOH oxidation using NaBr and O ₂	н	180

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The expectation of the	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type R	Ref.
$[{ m Ru}({ m bpy})_3]^{2^+} + { m MIL} \cdot 125 \cdot { m NH}_2$	CO2, NH2 CO2. NH2-BDC	Ti ₈ -oxo cluster	[Ru(bpy)3] ²⁺ and All 135 NH- MOE		BnOH oxidation using O_2	I and 19	197
Cr-PCN-600	00°2°2°3°3°3°3°3°3°3°3°3°3°3°3°3°3°3°3°3	Cr ₃ -oxo cluster	Dual photoexcitation H ₂ -TCPP (Cr-MOFs)	Cr-MOFs No specific local site	BnOH alcohol oxidation using O ₂	T	185
Zı ₆ -Cu/Fe-1 Zı ₆ - Cu/Fe-2	H ₂ -TCPP	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster			BnOH alcohol oxidation using O_2 and H_2O	П	184
	5,5'-dcbpy		Cu(5,5'-dcbpy)(POP)] ⁺	[Fe(5,5'-dcbpy)(H ₂ O) ₂ Cl ₂]			

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11.1010001010	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
Fnotocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Fe@PCN 224	8	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Linker: H ₂ -TCPP	H_2 -TCPP but co-occurring Fenton reaction with Fe II at TCPP	ⁱ PrOH oxidation using O ₂	II and IV	195
	NH NH OFO.						
	C√J co₂ H₂-TCPP						
NH ₂ -UiO-66- ID-Fe	- 200	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	No specific local site Energy transfer		BnOH alcohol oxidation using O ₂	NA	196
	$\begin{array}{c c} & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & $						
	and Isatin-Schiff base complex						
PCN-224(Sb)-L	8-	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Linker: [TCPP(Sb)-X] ⁺ X: –OH, –OCH ₃ , –Br	[TCPP(Sb]-X]⁺ and SBU Multiple photocatalytic channel	BnOH oxidation using O_2	NA	192
	X X X						
	o ₂ c Sb						
	$\dot{c}_{\mathcal{Q}_2}$ [TCPP(Sb)-X] ⁺ X: -OH, -OCH ₃ , -Br						

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		CAT Cofactors	BnOH oxidation using O2 O2 Cp*(5,5'-dcppy)CI] or
	Active molecular components	PS	[Ru(bpy)2(5,5'-dcbpy)] ²⁺ or [In
		SBU	Zr ₆ -0x0 cluster
	Primary building units	Linker	co ₂ co ₂ co ₂ wad N oz co ₂ co ₂ co ₂ co ₂ bpdc, and 5,5'-dcbpy/or 5,5'- dcppy
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		172	191	177	174	173
		П	1	н	н	П
		BnOH Oxidation using O ₂ followed by Knoevenagel condensation with methylene compounds	BnOH oxidation using O_2	Oxidative coupling of BnNH ₂ using O ₂	Oxidative coupling of BnNH ₂ using O ₂ and anaerobic condition	Oxidative coupling of BnNH ₂ using O ₂
CO ₂ :	$[\mathrm{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_2(5,5'\text{-dcbpy})]^{2+}$	local site		$[\mathrm{Rh}_2(\mathrm{OAc})_4]$ and SBU (POMS)	SBU	NH ₂ -BDC and SBU
² 0-0	$[Ir(Cp^*)(5,5'-dcbpy)C!]^+$ or $[Ir(ppy)_2(5,5'-dcbpy)]^{2+}$	NH ₂ -MIL-101(Fe) No specific local site	Bi-TATB No specific local site	(Rh2(OAc)4]	Linker: NH ₂ -BDC	Linker: NH ₂ -BDC
		Fe ₃ -oxo cluster	Bi ₂ cluster	POMS $[MW_{12}O_4]^{n-}$ M: Si, Ge, As	Zr ₆ -0x0 cluster	Ti _s -oxo cluster
		CO2. CO2. CO2. CO2. NH2-BDC	O ₂ C _C C	Rh ₂ -pac	CO2. CO2. CO2. NH2-BDC	So. NH2-BDC
		NH_2 -MIL-101 (Fe)	Bi-TATB	NaRh-MW ₁₂ M: Si, Ge, As	${ m UiO-66-NH}_2$	NH ₂ -MIL-125 (Ti)

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Photocatalytic MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Pt/PCN-777	.000. N. N. N	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	Linker: TATB	TATB and SBU/Pt nanoparticles	Oxidative coupling of BnNH ₂ using H ⁺	I	182
Ті-РМОҒ	O2C NH NH NCO2	Ti ₇ -oxo cluster	OS-COS-COS-COS-COS-COS-COS-COS-COS-COS-C	SBU	Oxidative coupling of BnNH ₂ using O ₂	н	176
LTG-NiRu	دمة H2-TCPP كودر	Ni octahedra	co . H2-TCPP '02C	SBU	Oxidative coupling of	I	183
					$BnNH_2$ using O_2		
Zr-NDI-H ₂ DPBP	$\begin{array}{c} \text{Ru}(LA)_3]^{2^+} \\ \text{co}_2 \\ \text{co}_2 \end{array}$	Zr ₆ -oxo cluster	$[Ru(L4)_3]^{2+}$ DPBP	NDI and through multiple photocatalytic channels	Oxidative coupling of BnNH ₂ using O ₂	п	190
	NDI and DPBP						

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nhotocotolitic	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
rnotocatalyuc MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
PMo-1 or SiW-2		Octahedral Cd		Linker and POMs (PMo $_{12}O_{40}^{3-}$ or SiW $_{12}O_{40}^{4-}$) through multiple photocatalytic channels	Oxidative coupling of BnNH ₂ using O ₂	>	178
MOF-Ru1	[Ru(bpy) ₂ (5,5'-dcbpy)] ²⁺ co ₂ co ₂ 5,5'-dcbpy	Al ₂ -oxo cluster	[Ru(bpy) ₂ (5,5'-dcbpy)] ²⁺		Oxidative coupling of BnNH ₂ using O ₂	>	280
			$[Ru(5,5'-dcbpy)(L10)_2]^{2+}$ Energy transfer mechanism				
Zn-MIX	Osc Cos: Zn-TCPP	Zn ₃ cluster	Sn-TCPP Scooper Since S	No specific local sites Cooperative effect of two photoactive ligand	Oxidative coupling of BnNH ₂ derivatives using O ₂	NA	193

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Dhotocatalvtio	Primary building units		Active molecular components				
MOF system	Linker	SBU	PS	CAT	Cofactors	Type	Ref.
Zn-PDI		Tetrahedral Zn	Zn-PDI MOF	Energy transfer	Oxidative coupling of BnNH ₂ using O ₂	NA	188
UNLPF-11 or UNLPF 12	PDI	$[\ln(\mathrm{COO})_4]^-$	$\mathrm{[SnCl_2L7]}\mathrm{[SnL7]}\mathrm{(BF_4)_2}$	UNLPF-11 or UNLPF 12 No specific sites and proceed via multiple photocatalytic channels	Oxidative coupling of BnNH ₂ using O ₂	NA	187
MOF-LS10	[SnL7] (BF4)2 O2C O2C N N S N H4TCPP and DPTZTZ	Pillared-Zn ₂ paddlewheel	O ₂ C S N S N S N S N S N S N S N S N S N S		Oxidative coupling of BnNH $_2$ using O $_2$	Y Z	194
JNU 212-215	S, N S S S S N N N N N N N N N N N N N N	Ni _s -hydroxo cluster	No selective site Donor–acceptor linker Energy and electron transfer	electron transfer	O ₂	NA	281

 M_n clusters with similar values of n do not necessarily represent similar structural formulas of SBUs and may vary from one MOF to another. "NA" used in the "Type" column indicates a miscellaneous type of MOF that cannot be categorized.

centrations) such as electron donors and acceptors results in a decrease in the emission intensity 94,101,102 and shorter excitedstate lifetimes of PS* (MOF*) in the case of successful electron transfer. For example, this has been demonstrated by C. Wang and W. Lin in an [Ru(bpy)₃]²⁺-like metalloligand-based MOF upon the addition of different tertiary amines, serving as reductive quenchers of the Ru-based ³MLCT state. These authors not only determined the size-dependent effects on the luminescence quenching efficiency but also the diffusion constants for the various amines through the pores of the MOF utilizing time-dependent luminescence data. If the size of the electron donor was too large, no diffusion into the pores was possible, and consequently no electron transfer, as indicated by the observed reduction in luminescence intensity and lifetime. This also reveals important design criteria for wellworking photocatalytic MOF-based systems. 103 It is known that crystalline MOFs with ordered networks offer an extra advantage, which can facilitate the transport of excited states or photoinduced charges to the surface or active site through energy transfer and exciton migration processes. 104-107 Inevitably, the luminescence and charge or energy transfer kinetics of PS* (MOF) are strongly influenced in these cases, and they exert a significant impact in heterogenous photocatalysis. A detailed analysis of the time-resolved photoluminescence data allowed the excited state events in Reloaded UiO-67 MOFs to be rationalized (Fig. 7a). Excitation of pristine UiO-67 MOF bearing a Zr₆-based SBU and 5,5'-dcbpy linker led to radiative (at 390 nm) and non-radiative deactivation with rate constants of $7.7 \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $1.9 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$,

respectively. The addition of a Re-sites to the framework caused the deactivation of the excited state by Förster resonance energy transfer (FRET) (Fig. 7b). It was demonstrated that the population of the lower-lying singlet excited state of [Re(5,5'-dcbpy)(CO)₃Cl], either by direct excitation or energy transfer, led to rapid intersystem crossing to a mixed singlettriplet state, which decayed to the ground state by radiative (610 nm) and non-radiative pathways with rate constants of 4.5 imes 10 3 s $^{-1}$ and 5.1 imes 10 6 s $^{-1}$, respectively. 108 By applying similar techniques, Ferrer et al. studied the photoredox properties of [Ru(bpy)₂(5,5'-dcbpy)]²⁺-incorporated MOF (Rudcbpy-UiO-67(Zr)). 109 According to their investigation, the 3MLCT state generated upon visible light excitation decays partly to a very long-lived (millisecond timescale) photoinduced chargeseparated state following similar behavior to that of analogous $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$ dissolved in water, except that the lifetime of the soluble complex excited state is orders of magnitude shorter. Contrary to homogenous conditions, it has been demonstrated that MOFs provide a suitable platform for the PS, in which the excited [Ru(bpy)₂(5,5'-dcbpy)]^{2+*} triplet electrons transfer to the MOF lattice cluster (e) and the charge on the oxidized species migrates via the nearby linker (h) of Rudcbpy-UiO-67 (Zr) MOF upon visible light irradiation (Fig. 7c). Therefore, this PET process inside the MOF leads to a distinct and durable photoinduced charge separation state, which is beneficial for the photocatalytic debromination of α-bromoketones to achieve high conversions.

The excited-state dynamics in MOFs can also be followed by optical transient absorption (OTA) spectroscopy using UV or

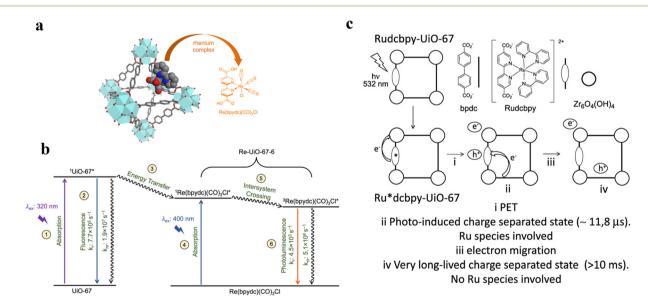


Fig. 7 (a) Idealized representation of UiO-67 octahedral cavity doped with Re(bpydc)(CO)₃Cl and (b) simplified Jablonski diagram of UiO-67 and Re-UiO-67-6. (1) Excitation at 320 nm of the UiO-67 MOF results in the formation of ¹UiO-67*, which can decay to the ground state by emission or non-radiative relaxation (2). [Re(bpydc)(CO)₃Cl] incorporated in the MOF, as in Re-UiO-67-6, can be excited either by energy transfer from the MOF (3) or direct excitation (4). This singlet excited state undergoes intersystem crossing (5) and then decay to the ground state via photoluminescence or non-radiative relaxation (6). Rate constants in (2) represent the excited state evolution of pure UiO-67 with no rhenium complex, given that the fluorescence of the MOF in Re-UiO-67-6 is too quenched to obtain quantum yield and lifetime data. Adapted with permission from ref. 108. Copyright 2022, Elsevier. (c) Proposed PET process upon 532 nm laser excitation of the Rudcbpy-UiO-67(Zr) MOF. Adapted with permission from ref. 109. Copyright 2018, the American Chemical Society.

vis pump and probe pulses. Data analysis of OTA can reveal electron transfer events by identification of the excited state absorption (ESA) or ground state bleach (GSB) signals, which are similar to the signals obtained from spectroelectrochemical measurements of oxidized or reduced PS and CAT. The appearance of signals, and especially their decay can be kinetically analyzed to provide information on the rate of electron transfer and potential charge recombination events. In contrast to the OTA analysis of soluble molecules inside the classical cuvette, samples of MOF-based systems are measured in thin films. For example, S. Yang et al. analyzed a mixed-linker MOF with Ru-PS and Pt-CAT moieties designed for light-driven hydrogen evolution. The kinetic analysis of the OTA spectra revealed that compared to the Ru-only MOF, the excited-state lifetime of the Ru-based ³MLCT state was reduced by a factor of 4 in the presence of the Pt center. This was assigned to the successful electron transfer from Ru-PS to Pt-CAT.74 The kinetic analysis of the obtained OTA signals in the presence of various reagents such as sacrificial electron donors and CATs can also be used to unravel the sequence of individual electron transfer steps in MOF-based photocatalysts. In the OTA spectra on the nanosecond timescale, a mixed-linker Zn-PS/Pt-CAT system showed a remarkable decrease in the Zn-PS* lifetime compared to the Zn-PS-only MOF, whereas the addition of the electron donor phenol had no effect. Thus, it could be concluded that oxidative quenching of Zn-PS* occurs via electron transfer to the neighboring Pt-centers followed by the regeneration of Zn-PS with phenol. 110

Electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectroscopy interrogates unpaired electrons at specific parts of MOF-based photocatalysts and can support the results from OTA spectroscopy, *i.e.*, it can verify successful charge transfer events. The EPR signals are very sensitive to the surrounding microenvironment, thus providing a more site-specific statement on charge localization compared to the typically broad signals obtained by OTA. In a representative study, a MOF-based photocatalyst for CO₂ reduction bearing Ru-linkers and {Eu}₂ active sites was analyzed by EPR spectroscopy in the presence of TEOA as an electron donor. Upon irradiation, charge transfer to the {Eu}₂ SBU was confirmed as broad EPR signals, which were attributed to Eu(II). Interestingly, when CO₂ was introduced, the EPR signal immediately disappeared, confirming electron transfer to CO₂.

3.3. Tools to study the catalysis and products

Once the electron transfer among PS, CAT and other (sacrificial) agents has occurred, the utilization of the photogenerated charges *via* catalytic turnover is necessary. To achieve the latter, the substrates need to bind to the metal-containing CAT to be activated. Therefore, the CAT needs to offer open coordination sites. The formation of open binding sites is either linked to the charge transfer process itself, *e.g.*, as in [(bpy)Rh (Cp*)X]-based CATs, where ligand X is lost from the metal upon Rh reduction, ¹¹¹ or the open binding site is formed directly from the electronically excited state. Interestingly, time-resolved IR spectroscopy could reveal the photoinduced

dynamics on the MOF scaffold itself, potentially opening the vacant coordination sites necessary for catalytic activity at the SBU. 112 IR spectroscopy in a diffuse reflectance setup (DRIFTS) was also used to monitor the final step of the photocatalytic cycle, i.e. substrate conversion at CAT. Maji and co-workers observed the CO2 to CO reduction at the Re-site of a type III MOF bearing Ru-PS and Re-CAT attached to the SBUs. The gradual conversion of the Re-bound COOH species to Rebound CO species was followed by the formation of characteristic IR bands.81 Moreover, small molecular products can be identified and quantitatively analyzed using chromatographic techniques such as gas chromatography (GC) and liquid chromatography (LC) coupled with mass spectrometry (MS), as well as spectroscopic methods such as nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR). Additionally, tools such as GC-MS and NMR allow isotope tracing experiments with substrates such as ¹³CO₂/H₂¹⁸O, enabling the study of the reaction mechanisms.

4. Examples of MOFs in visible light-driven catalysis

Based on the above-described categorization of MOF designs, the following chapter discusses their applications in various fields, mainly including solar fuel-related light-driven catalysis, *e.g.*, hydrogen evolution reaction (HER), oxygen evolution reaction (OER), overall water splitting, CO₂ reduction reaction (CO2RR), and oxidative organic transformation (benzyl amine/alcohol oxidation) reactions.

4.1 Hydrogen evolution reaction (HER)

HER is a two-electron reduction reaction, which occurs at a specifically designed catalytic site. In most cases, HER is investigated independently of the challenging water oxidation reaction (OER), and thus is fueled by a parallel oxidation reaction with a solution-state sacrificial electron donor such as BIH, TEOA, ascorbate, and EDTA (ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid). From a thermodynamic perspective, the catalytically active component must have suitable redox potentials to drive the 2H⁺/H₂ reduction process, and from a kinetic perspective, it must have accessible coordination sites for binding the substrate such as water or H⁺ for generating and stabilizing the reactive metal-hydride intermediate. This intermediate either by homolytic (metal-hydride reacts with another metal hydride to generate H2 via reductive elimination) or heterolytic pathways (the metal hydride is further reduced and protonated to form H₂) yields the product H₂.²¹ In the context of MOF research, photocatalytic HER has made progress from two standpoints, as follows: (1) improvement in light absorption capacity and (2) utilization of well-characterized/natureinspired molecular system by adopting the functionalization/ encapsulation strategies (see Table 1). It has been previously reported that MOFs containing Ti(IV) and Ce(IV)-based SBUs coordinated to an electron-rich organic chromophore linker, NH_2 -BDC, demonstrate photocatalytic HER such as activity. 113-117 Recently, some new organic/metalloligand

linker-based MOFs have been introduced in this area taking advantage of the well-characterized polypyridyl complexes of $Ru(\pi)$, 80,118 $Ir(\pi)$, 118 and $Cu(\pi)$, 71 and porphyrin-based metal complexes. 119,120 Additionally, MOFs with some noble metalbased SBUs such as Ru(III)2, Eu(III), and Pr(III) have been found to achieve very high (gravimetric) TONs due to their superior catalytic activity. 80,119-123 For example, the Lin group synthesized two MOFs, namely Ru-TBP and Ru-TBP-Zn, bearing Ru(III)₂ paddlewheel-like SBUs and porphyrin-derived tetracarboxylate linkers (TBP and TBP-Zn, where TBP is the tetraanion of 5,10,15,20-tetra(p-benzoic acid)porphyrin, which is commonly referred to as TCPP in other reports), and studied their HER activities in acetonitrile (MeCN) solution with H2O as the proton source and TEOA as the sacrificial electron donor under visible light (Fig. 8a). 120 Despite having a similar ET mechanism (excited porphyrin transfer electron to Ru(III)2 SBUs, Fig. 8a) in both MOFs, the HER activity of Ru-TBP-Zn (TON: 39.4) was found to be higher than that of Ru-TBP (TON: 21.2) after 72 h irradiation. This was ascribed to the significant role of Zn in enhancing the molar absorptivity of Ru-TBP-Zn. Furthermore, the enhanced HER activity of Ru-TBP-Zn compared to the homogeneous TBP-Zn control (TON: 1.4) con-

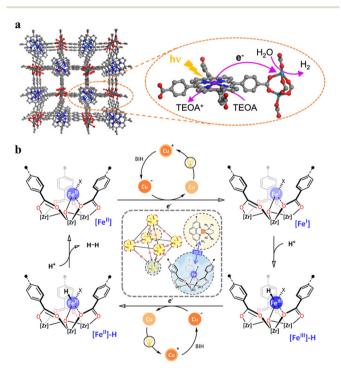


Fig. 8 (a) Schematic representation of the Ru-TBP (Zn) crystal structure assembled from metalloporphyrin-centered tetracarboxylates and Ru (III)₂ paddlewheel (SBU), showing the visible light-driven HER. Photoexcited porphyrin ligands inject electrons to adjacent Ru₂ SBUs to reduce protons to hydrogen. Subsequently, the oxidized porphyrin ligands are reduced by sacrificial TEOA to regenerate the photocatalytic system. Adapted with permission from ref. 120. Copyright 2018, the American Chemical Society. (b) Sequentially installed Cu(ı)-PS and Fe(ıı)-CAT in Zr₆-mPT to afford Fe(II)-X@Zr₆-Cu (X = Br $^-$, Cl $^-$, AcO $^-$, and BF₄ $^-$) and proposed photocatalytic cycle for H2 evolution. Adapted with permission from ref. 71. Copyright 2020, the American Chemical Society.

firmed that the proximity of the Ru(III)2 SBUs and porphyrin ligand (~1.1 nm) as well as their hierarchical organization played a key role in facilitating multielectron transfer to drive the photocatalytic HER. The above-mentioned crucial factors for increased TON in type I-based photocatalytic HER MOFs have been commonly highlighted in several studies. 118 Inspired by the -[FeFe]- and [NiFe]-hydrogenase model in nature, 124 numerous additional molecular entities such as Cu (II) and Ni(II)-EDTA, [Co(dmgH)₂(4-COOH-py)Cl] (dmgH = dimethylglyoxime, py = pyridine), and Ni(SH)(OH2) and metal sites such as Fe(II)-X (X = Br⁻, Cl⁻, AcO⁻, and BF₄⁻), Ti(III), and Co(1) species have been created in MOFs by modification of their SBUs. Evidently, they promoted the efficiency of the MOF and offered a selective pathway for HER by their specific functions. $^{71,125-128}$ One elegant example is $Fe(\Pi)-X$ (X = Br⁻, Cl⁻, AcO⁻, and BF₄⁻) supported on a Zr₆ cluster, which constituted the SBU of a mixed-linker MOF containing nitro-quaterphenyl dicarboxylate and PT (Fig. 8b).71 The PT-sites were used to assemble a [Cu(PT)(dppe)]+-type PS by a series of post-synthetic modifications. The resulting Fe-X@Zr₆-Cu promoted the light-driven HER with a TON of up to 33 700 and TOF of up to 880 h⁻¹. The HER activities of Fe-X@Zr₆-Cu were found to correlate with the lability of the counter anion X, which is consistent with the generation of open coordination sites at the single-atom Fe centers by de-coordination of the labile X groups to facilitate the formation of Fe-hydride intermediates (Fig. 8b). The modification of the SBUs in the bulk structure of NH2-BDC-based MOFs with a large coordination sphere species is challenging due to their pore restrictions. However, these species can be covalently grafted to the SBUs precisely at the surface level. Recently, Zhang et al. employed a straightforward post-synthetic modification involving an amide reaction to graft [Pt(bpy)Cl₂] onto the surface of NH₂-MIL-125. 129 They demonstrated that the electron-withdrawing effect of the [Pt(bpy)Cl₂] complex allowed it to serve as a highly efficient electron acceptor, which shifted the photoinduced charge migration pathway from internal BDC \rightarrow TiO_x migration to external BDC-PtN_x migration. The assembled structure (NML-PtN₂) demonstrated a 225-fold increase in photocatalytic hydrogen evolution activity (7.608 mmol g⁻¹ h⁻¹) compared to the pristine NH₂-MIL-125. However, further post-modification of the Pt coordination sphere with an additional bipyridine to produce NML-PtN₄ resulted in a 2.26-fold reduction in the hydrogen evolution performance. The authors identified the spatial hindrance and increased Gibbs free energy as the primary causes for this decreased efficiency, which was supported by both theoretical and experimental evidence.

The attachment of a polypyridyl-based metal complex as an additional molecular CAT in the linker leads to the construction of a type II PS/CAT pair (linker-linker) in MOFs. Therefore, several MOFs from the UiO family were built using a PS/CAT pair such as Ru/Pt, 73,74 Ru/Fe, 77 and Cu/Co 75 for photocatalytic HER. For example, an Ru/Pt pair covalently attached to two separate 5,5'-dcbpy linkers of the UiO-67 MOF provided close spatial proximity for efficient electron transfer from the excited PS $[Ru(5,5'-dcbpy)(bpy)_2]^{2+}$ to the CAT $[Pt(5,5'-dcbpy)]^{2+}$. The

oxidatively quenched PS was re-reduced to its initial state by the sacrificial electron donor Na₂EDTA and the reduced CAT induced the HER in the MOF (Fig. 9a).73 In addition, the increased stability of PS and CAT in the MOF enhanced the HER activity to several orders of magnitude in comparison to their homogenous control. Unlike the molecular catalytic entity, SACs are also known for their HER activity and were easily created in porphyrin-based MOFs¹³⁰⁻¹³³ employing the porphyrin cavity. Categorically, under these circumstances, these types of MOFs create multiple photocatalytic channels (type I: linker-SBU, type II: linker-linker, and type IV, not ideal dyad: linker-SAC), which can participate in HER. For example, single atomic Pt(II) in the porphyrin cavity of the PCN 222 MOF bearing Zr₆ clusters¹³¹ or Al-TCPP MOF bearing Al₂ cluster 132 induced the linker to cluster charge transfer mechanism by promoting the charge transfer from the porphyrins (PS) to Pt(II) ions (CAT) in the framework, resulting in a significant improvement in their HER activity compared to their pristine systems. Recently, Kim et al. discovered that the HER activity of Pd(II) SACs in a TCPP-based MOF of Cu2 clusters outperformed Pt(II) SACs because of the longer lifetime of the photogenerated charge carriers and higher charge transfer efficiency of the former.84 In another study, Wang et al. demonstrated that loading 2 wt% Pt particles as a cocatalyst in

Pd/Yb-PMOF (MOF based on Pd-TCPP linkers and Yb₂ clusters) enhanced the HER activity by nearly threefold compared to the control (Yb-PMOF, 2 wt% Pt). This improvement was attributed to the synergistic catalytic effect between the central Pd in the linker and the Yb ions in the SBU. 134 Recently, the biomimetic $[Fe_2S_2]$ model $[(i-SCH_2)_2NC(O)C_5H_4N]-[Fe_2(CO)_6]^{83}$ was used by Sasan et al. and introduced into this type of porphyrin-based MOF via the self-assembly molecular recognition approach (Fig. 9b). The central single atom (Zn) at the porphyrin pocket of the MOF (namely ZrPF) provided an axial coordination interaction to the pyridine-N from the [Fe₂S₂] model by forming [FeFe]@ZrPF MOF assemblies and created ideal molecular PS-CAT dyad-like systems within the MOF. With this unique type IV PS-CAT pair, the MOF assemblies retained their catalyst-specific function and HER pathway, while improving the HER activities and stability of the [Fe2S2] model significantly than their homogenous control in terms of rate and total hydrogen production yield.

The MOFs with type V PS/CAT pairs include various examples within the scope of HER (see Table 1). For example, Co-dioxime-diimine (Co(III)- L_x), 135 [Co(TPA)Cl]Cl (TPA = tris(2pyridylmethyl)amine), 136 [Co(bpy)₃]²⁺, 137 and Pt($_{\rm II}$)¹³⁸-based HER CATs were encapsulated in numerous visible light active MOFs (see Table 1). The solution-state [Fe₂S₂] model directly

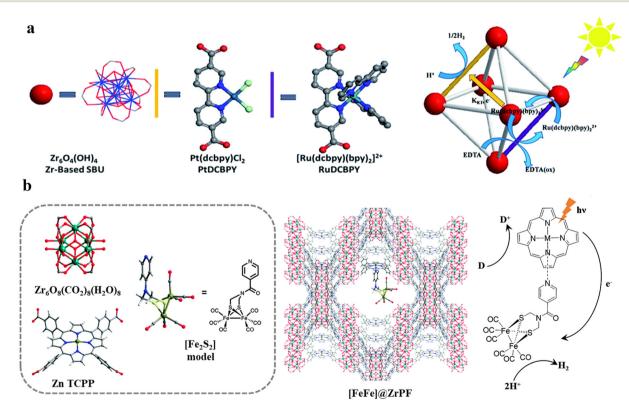


Fig. 9 (a) Representation of the SBU (red balls), PS linker (yellow rods), and CAT linker (purple rods) in UiO-67 MOF and proposed reaction scheme for the photocatalytic reduction of protons in the presence of EDTA-2Na (light source: LED λ > 420 nm). The backbone of the MOF is shown as the octahedral cavity, where additional rods (grey) represent the bpdc linker (2,2'-biphenyl dicarboxylate). Adapted with permission from ref. 73. Copyright 2015, the Royal Society of Chemistry. (b) Building blocks and an additional CAT unit in the [FeFe]@ZrPF MOF (color scheme: Zr, green; Zn, dark grey; C, light gray; O, red; N, blue; Fe, light green; and S, yellow) for photocatalytic HER in the presence of ascorbic acid as a sacrificial donor (D). Adapted with permission from ref. 83. Copyright 2014, the Royal Society of Chemistry.

injected into a light-harvesting Gd-based MOF bearing a 4,4',4"-tricarboxyltriphenylamine (TCA) linker was examined by Wu et al. 139 Alternatively, the direct injection of solution-state PS can be used when the solid MOF contains an active CAT at its scaffold. For example, Eosin Y has recently been incorporated in a mixed-linker MOF of Cu (Zr/Cu-(H2BDC-BPD)), where Zr serves as CAT at the SBU. 140 Similarly, in a 2D MOF (M-dcbdt) composed of a butterfly-shaped metal-bis(dithiolene) linker and divalent cations (M = Ni, Co, or Fe), the solution-state PS [Ru(bpy)₃]²⁺ can interact with the [MS₄] units to facilitate the hydrogen evolution reaction (HER).⁹¹ Li et al. developed a similar [MS₄]-rich network in a 2D conjugated MOF nanostructure (HTHATN-Ni-NS) using an HTHATN linker (HTHATN = hexathiohexaazatrinaphthylene). 141 By integrating an additional Pt(II) site at the uncoordinated NN sites of the linker, they constructed a bimetallic HTHATN-Ni-Pt-NS. This structure exhibited high electrical conductivity and an efficient hydrogen evolution rate of 47.2 mmol g⁻¹ h⁻¹, which was 13.5 times higher than that of the pristine HTHATN-Ni-NS under visible light irradiation. The experimental and theoretical analyses revealed that the introduction of a small amount of Pt(II) provided catalytically active metal sites and optimized the ΔG_{H^*} value of the Ni(II) centers, thereby enhancing the proton reduction performance. Pullen et al. exploited the same PS [Ru (bpy)₃]²⁺ in a solid-state MOF (UiO-66/[Fe-Fe]) containing an [Fe₂S₂] model ([FeFe](dcbdt)(CO)₆, H₂dcbdt: 1,4-dicarboxylbenzene-2,3-dithiolate). 142,143 Interestingly, according to the latter example, the authors hypothesized that only the surfaceexposed [FeFe] centers were active in photocatalysis. This unexpected phenomenon was proposed to be due to intracrystal linker scrambling, which brings structurally intact catalysts from the crystal interior to the surface, where they can participate in catalysis. This explanation also suggests that [[FeFe] (dcbdt)(CO)₆] in the inner MOF layers is not reduced during earlier photocatalytic HER cycles, and only a fraction of the total CAT species remains active during the initial round of irradiation.

4.2. CO₂ reduction reaction (CO₂RR)

The CO₂ reduction reaction (CO₂RR) is a multi-electron and multi-proton process and can yield a variety of reaction product(s), such as CO, HCOOH, MeOH, and even longer chain alcohols and higher alkanes. Some of these reaction products can be used as reagents or liquid fuels. Therefore, artificial CO2RR systems not only help in establishing a second carbon cycle parallel to the natural one but potentially attenuate the adverse effects of CO₂ on the climate by utilizing it as a C1-feedstock. However, most molecular CATs mainly produce a two-electron reduction product, i.e., CO or HCOOH, and typically have the following chemical composition: fac-[M(bpy) $(CO)_3X$ ⁿ⁺ with M = Re(1), Mn(1) (X = Cl⁻, Br⁻, PR₃, etc.) producing CO as the main product, [Ru(bpy)Cl₂(CO)₂] and [Rh(bpy) $(Cp^*)Cl^{\dagger}$ $(Cp^* = \eta_5 - C_5Me_5)$ producing HCOOH as the main product, and $[M(cyclam)]^{2+}$ with M = Co(II) or Ni(II) (cyclam = 1,4,8,11-tetraazacyclotetradecane) as well as porphyrin complexes, mainly with Co as the central metal, also yielding CO

as the main product. In view of the material incorporated in the MOF architectures, these systems bearing bpy ligands offer options for metal-containing linkers (type II, see Fig. 5) or attachment to SBUs (type I or type III). Similarly, metal-containing tetra-carboxylated porphyrins can also be used as linkers in MOFs. In contrast, the cyclam systems only enable noncovalent incorporation in the pores of the MOF (type V). Additionally, the chemistry and catalytic behavior of CATs in solution have been investigated in great detail, and thus also reviewed extensively over the years. 144-146 Consequently, their requirements for optimal catalytic activity are known. This allows the rational embedding of these CATs into suitable matrices for the design of well-functioning and heterogenized artificial photocatalytic systems. Redox-active SBUs such as Zr₆, Ti₈ cluster, and Co-imidazolate tetrahedra [Co(2-MIM)₄]²⁻ in a solid MOF were also utilized via PS installation. 69,147,148 Encouraged by the beneficial aspects of MOF-integration such as improved (long-term) stability, recyclability and improved activity due to the spatial proximity between the CAT and PS, many of the above-listed CO2RR CATs have already been investigated in an MOF-based artificial photocatalytic scenario (see Table 2). One of the most commonly used CO₂RR CATs for incorporation in MOFs is Re-based complexes containing mono- or di-carboxylated bpy-like ligands together with 3 CO ligands and a sixth ligand X completing the coordination environment around Re (see Fig. 6e). In a study employing three different MOF matrices, namely UiO-66, -67, and -68, in combination with [ReBr(CO)₃(4,4'-dcbpy)] linkers as CAT and [Ru(bpy)₂(5,5'-dcbpy)]Cl₂ linkers as PS, it was determined whether both are outside or inside the MOF or whether only CAT was incorporated via H-bonding with the linker-based NH₂-groups.⁸⁸ The obtained data were evaluated as follows: high photoactivity and rapid deactivation of the UiO-66 containing system, which does not allow stability by neither increasing the uptake of CAT nor PS; low activity for UiO-67, which only takes up CAT and shows mediocre activity, and higher stability for UiO-68, incorporating PS and CAT. This clearly highlights that the MOF-matrices need to be fine-tuned to the specific PS and CAT species to enable optimal photoactivity. A similar effect was also observed for the MIL-101-NH₂(Al) MOF matrix. 149 The incorporation of molecular PS and CAT in the pores led to improved and longer duration of photocatalytic activity from initially 1.5 h under homogeneous conditions to 40 h under the chosen MOF conditions. The deactivation was mainly ascribed to the degradation of PS, and thus a restart of the photocatalytic CO2RR process could be achieved by adding additional PS.

Interestingly, further development in the field led to biomimetically optimized photocatalytic activity. A mixed-linker MOF (Re-MOF-NH₂) bearing 5,5'-dcbpy and NH₂-functionalized 2,2'-biphenyl dicarboxylic acid (H2bpdc-(NH2)2) in a rational proportion was prepared, followed by the covalent attachment of [Re(CO)₃(5,5'-dcbpy)Cl] (abbreviated as ReTC) to create $Zr_6O_4(OH)_4(ReTC)_{1.26}(bpdc-(NH_2)_2)_{4.08}(bpdc)_{0.63}$, allowing intermolecular stabilization of the carbamate intermediates in an enzyme-like fashion (Fig. 10a). This was demon-

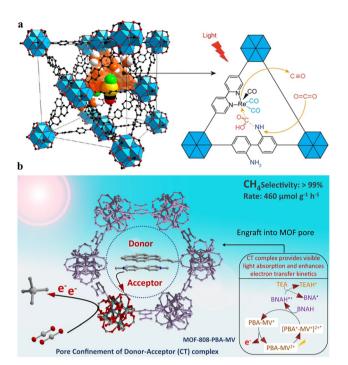


Fig. 10 (a) Structure and cooperative interaction between an aminofunctionality of H2bpdc-(NH2)2 and H2ReTC within the UiO-67-based mixed-linker MOF employed in the photocatalytic CO2-to-CO conversion. Atom labelling: C, black; O, red; Zr, blue polyhedra; Re, yellow; and Cl, green. H atoms are omitted for clarity. Adapted with permission from ref. 150. Copyright 2017, Nature. (b) Schematic of grafting a donoracceptor (PBA-MV) complex to MOF-808 (Zr) pore for visible lightdriven CO2 reduction to selective CH4 production. Here, the D-A complex acts as a light harvester to boost the electron flow near the catalytic site in the presence of light. Adapted with permission from ref. 151. Copyright 2017, Nature.

strated to produce an approximately 3-fold increase in photocatalytic activity for the conversion of CO2 into CO. 150 Similar results were also observed by Batoo et al. for the UiO-67 MOF $(Cu/I_2$ -Zr-BPDC/BPyDC) composed of [Cu(5,5'-dcbpy)]²⁺ and I_2 -BPDC. 152 Interestingly, under 450 nm light irritation, the Cu(II) complex in Cu/I2-Zr-BPDC/BPyDC was shown to solely produce MeOH from CO₂ in the presence of [Ru(bpy)₃]²⁺ and TEOA, while the photoactive [Re(CO)₃(5,5'-dcbpy)Cl] in the Re-MOF-NH₂ MOF was demonstrated to produce CO under visible light (400-700 nm) in the presence of TEA. However, given that Re is a very expensive and rare metal, recent developments in this field allowed it to be replaced by its lighter group 7 analogue, Mn. This more sustainable version of a CO-yielding CO₂RR CAT was also incorporated into MOF architectures. Lin and co-workers reported a direct isostructural comparison of Re and Mn CATs, which were both incorporated in Hf₁₂-based metal-organic layers (MOLs) containing [Ru(bpy)₃]²⁺-based PS as the linkers. 153 The replacement of the capping carboxylates by mono-carboxylated bipyridines enabled subsequent CAT integration using the respective [M(CO)₅Cl] precursors (M = Re, Mn). With BNAH or BIH, as easy to oxidize electron donors, the Re-based system proved to be ca. 4 times more efficient that the Mn-based MOLs. Nevertheless, the same Mn-

based CAT proved to be active in a Zr-MOF-808-based system coupling CO2 reduction with water oxidation, i.e., it could drive the reductive half reaction of an artificial photosynthetic system.⁷⁹ A more detailed discussion can be found in Chapter 3.4. covering this topic. Using the same MOF, and by confining the charge transfer complex within the MOF pores, this group also reported CH₄ formation (7.3 mmol g⁻¹, 99% selectivity) from the Zr₆-SBU in an aqueous solution of BNAH and TEA (Fig. 10b). 151 To accomplish this, 1-pyrenebutyric acid (PBA) was post-synthetically grafted to the defect-engineered Zr-MOF-808 by replacing the exchangeable formate groups. Subsequently, methyl viologen (MV) was incorporated in the confined space of the post-modified MOF to form a donoracceptor complex. This complex acted as an antenna to harvest visible light and regulate the electron transfer to the catalytic center (Zr₆ cluster), enabling the visible light-driven CO₂ reduction reaction. In contrast to the two reports on Re described above, Mn-based CATs were also incorporated in MOFs not only by mono-carboxylated bpy for SBU-attachment but also as linkers. The use of UiO-67 with 5,5'-dcbpy moieties allowed subsequent modification with [Mn(CO)₅Br]. 154 Interestingly, during photocatalytic CO₂RR in a DMF/TEOA mixture with $[Ru(dmbpy)_3]^{2+}$ (dmbpy = 4,4'-dimethyl-2,2'-bipyridine) as freely diffusing PS, the main product was formate (HCO₂⁻), and when attaching the same PS to the SBU, as described above, CO was the main product. A long irradiation time (18 h) yielded a TON of 110 with a quantum yield of 6.7%, where in the first 4 h, the quantum yield even approached 13.8%, which are relatively high numbers. Due to their capability to catalyze multiple reductive transformations, [(bpy)Rh(Cp*)Cl]+-based systems have been investigated in great detail. 155 Besides HER and organic transformations such as nicotinamide and carbonyl reductions, this CAT is also known to carry out CO₂RR. Utilizing an UiO-67 framework, the linker exchange reaction with [(5,5'-dcbpy)Rh(Cp*)Cl]Cl (or the Rh-bound Cl⁻ being replaced by H₂O) yielded the respective Rh-functionalized MOF. In the presence of [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂ as PS and TEOA as sacrificial electron donor under an atmosphere of CO2, the main photocatalysis product was H2 but CO2RR products were also detected. Formate was produced ca. half as efficiently as H2 and the selectivity of HCOO over CO was greater than 9:1. 156 In a very similar system, HCOO and H2 were formed in an approx. 1:1 ratio and the MOF-based photocatalytic approach proved to be as efficient as the molecular approach, while representing better stability and higher selectivity for CO.157 In a structural closely related system, entrapping of $PW_{12}O_{40}^{3-}$ in the pores of the MOF led to a ca. 2-fold increase in photocatalytic activity for CO₂RR, yielding HCOO-. This was ascribed to the POM acting as an electron relay, and thereby optimizing the electron transfer between [Ru(bpy)₃]²⁺ PS and [(5,5'-dcbpy)Rh(Cp*)Cl]Cl CAT. Finally, the Rh(Cp*) unit was also included in MOF architectures utilizing hydrogen bonding between and the amino groups of MIL-101-NH₂ and the carboxylates of [(4,4'-dcbpy)Rh(Cp*)Cl] Cl. Similarly, the PS [Ru(bpy)₂(4,4'-dcbpy)](PF₆)₂ was also introduced. 159 Interestingly, and in contrast to the two reports dis-

cussed above, exclusive formate formation was found. Moreover, the comparison between both PS and CAT being incorporated into the MOF vs. experiments with a PS only in the pores and without carboxylate anchors yielded a lower amount of formate. This again highlights the beneficial effect of the MOF skeleton bringing PS and CAT in closer proximity to ultimately improve the electron transfer, and therefore photocatalytic output. As described above, [(bpv)Rh(Cp*)Cl]⁺like CATs are also capable of reducing oxidized nicotinamides such as biologically active NAD+ and NADP+. This reactivity was exploited by Farha and colleagues in a photobiological network, where they introduced [(5,5'-dcbpy)Rh(Cp*)Cl] as linkers into the NU-1006 framework together with the enzyme FDH (FDH = formate dehydrogenase), which reduced CO₂ to formate when being trapped in the pores of the MOF. Utilizing pyrene-based linkers as PS and TEOA as the sacrificial electron donor, electron transfer from PS to the Rh centers led to NADH formation inside the pores of the MOF, i.e., in very close proximity to the entrapped FDH, which could directly consume these biologically usable reducing equivalents to drive overall photocatalytic CO₂RR with a TOF of 865 h⁻¹. 111 Recently, Li et al. developed a Zr-based MOF (GDUT-8) featuring uniquely thiophene-functionalized biphenyl dicarboxylates.⁶⁷ Upon light irradiation, the adjacent thiophene pendants in GDUT-8 underwent a Scholl reaction, transforming it into GDUT-8-Ox. This transformation significantly enhanced the electrical conductivity of the MOF by two orders of magnitude (from 2.3×10^{-5} S cm⁻¹ to 6.1×10^{-3} S cm⁻¹), facilitating the more efficient transport of photogenerated carriers. With the improved ligand-to-cluster charge transfer (LCCT) efficiency and a broader absorption profile (extending from 400 to 800 nm), GDUT-8-Ox (1078 μ mol g⁻¹ h⁻¹) outperformed GDUT-8 (533 μmol g⁻¹ h⁻¹) in photocatalytic CO₂ reduction, producing formate with 100% selectivity.

4.3. Oxygen evolution reaction (OER)

The oxidation of H_2O to O_2 ($2H_2O \rightarrow O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^-$) has always been a challenging task and is considered to be the bottleneck in the development of sustainable artificial solar fuel generation and water splitting systems. It requires the transfer of four electrons and rearrangement of multiple bonds, including the formation of the O-O bond at the catalytic site, which either takes place via radical-oxo-coupling (interaction of two M-O units, I2M mechanism) or water nucleophilic attack (WNA mechanism at single metal site). Subsequently, the respective peroxide species [M-O-O-M] and [M-O-O-H] can undergo further oxidation to release O₂ (see Fig. 11).

The complexity of the whole process makes the overall reaction kinetics intricate. 60,160 In nature, the majority of redox processes occurs at the molecularly defined catalytic site via either one- or two-electron processes. Also, in artificial catalysis systems, one- or two-electron processes are typically easier, and therefore CAT decomposition 160 and the formation of highly reactive oxidized intermediates $via H_2O \rightarrow {}^{\bullet}OH + H^+ +$ e are frequently faster than O₂ production. 161 Primarily, the CAT must possess a suitable potential match to accumulate

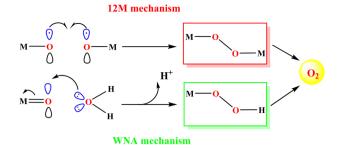


Fig. 11 Schematic representation of the two mechanistic pathways for O-O bond formation for single-site (solvent water nucleophilic attack, WNA) and dinuclear (interaction of two M-O units, I2M) artificial oxygen evolutions catalysts (OECs).

four equivalents of electrons from the PS and oxidize the water molecule to O2 (+1.23 V vs. NHE). Several other factors such as pH of the medium and sacrificial acceptors also play a role. Overall water splitting is associated with a large overpotential and high activation barrier. Currently, the water oxidation half reaction is studied by using sacrificial acceptors such as $[S_2O_8]^{2-}$, TCBQ (tetrachloro-benzoquinone), Fe³⁺ and Ce⁴⁺. Ag⁺ is typically avoided as oxidant, given that it can form catalytically active nanoparticles. 162,163 In the context of MOFs, carboxylate linker-based type I-MOFs are restricted to reduction reactions (HER and CO2RR), and there are few examples reported with the functionalization of the linker or SBU (type II-V herein, see Table 3). In the type II category, Wang et al. reported the synthesis of MOF flakes composed of linkers functionalized with an [Ru(bpy)₃]²⁺-type PSs ([Ru(bpy)₂(5,5'dcbpy)]²⁺) and iridium bipyridyl CAT ([Ir(5,5'-dcbpy)]³⁺) in a Zr_{12} -based SBU $(Zr_{12}(\mu_3-O)_8(\mu_3-OH)_8 (\mu_2-OH)_6)$. Irradiating this MOF with LED light at 450 nm yielded O2 in the presence of different sacrificial acceptors such as Na2S2O8, TCBQ, and Fe³⁺. Interestingly, the authors could realize overall water splitting by co-assembling this MOF with a HER MOF within lipid bilayer vesicles (see Chapter 4.4 for more details). 110 Of course, it will be desirable to replace rare earth metals, such as Ru and Ir, numerous earth abundant and 1st row transition metalbased OECs are available with Mn, Fe, Cu or Co, partly inspired by the natural Mn₄Ca OEC. 160 However, incorporating them in MOF architectures requires careful synthetic linker design prior to the synthesis of the MOF or a suitable postfunctionalization strategy to integrate them into the MOF. Meanwhile, polypyridyl-based carboxylated linkers are very elegant, but their complexes (PS or CAT) often suffer from degradation after prolonged reaction times. Consequently, carbon-free molecular CATs, such as polyoxometalates (POMs), have emerged as OECs. POM-based CATs can be incorporated within the pores of MOFs (type V) by using the MOF building blocks as PS. Another option is the incorporation of a wellknown solution state PS within the pores and the SBU acting as CAT. 164-166

A specific example in this context is the exceptionally stable cobalt-based MOF (MAF-48: [Co₈(OH)₄(H₂O)₂(bdt)₆]) consisting of a 1,4-benzenedi(1*H*-1,2,3-triazole) linker (H_2 bdt) and $Co_8(\mu_4$ -

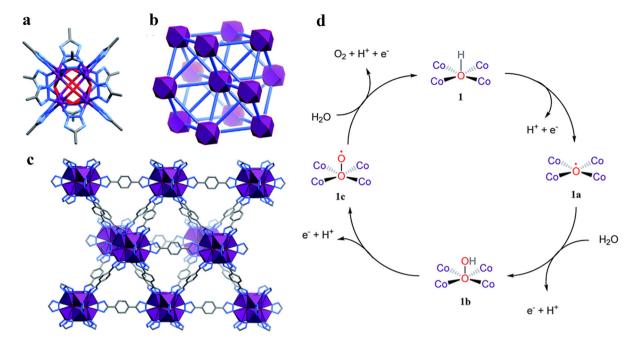


Fig. 12 (a) $Co_8(\mu_4-OH)_6(Rtrz)_{12}$ cluster (Rtrz⁻ = 1,2,3-triazolate group), (b) network topology (octanuclear clusters: violet polyhedra and bistriazolate ligands: blue sticks), and (c) 3D coordination framework (CoN₃O₃ units: violet polyhedra) of MAF-48 (hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity). (d) Proposed reaction mechanism for using MAF-48 as CAT for light-driven water oxidation. Adapted with permission from ref. 165. Copyright 2019, the Royal Society of Chemistry.

OH)₆(Rtrz)₁₂ cluster (Rtrz⁻ = 1,2,3-triazolate group from bdt) (Fig. 12a-c). Additionally, Ru(bpy)₃²⁺ was added to the pores and visible light irradiation in the presence of Na₂S₂O₈ yielded O_2 with a TON $\sim 1.2 \times 10^6.165$ According to the mechanistic investigations, the μ_4 -OH group within the $\{Co_8(\mu_4\text{-OH})_6\}$ SBU actively participates in the reaction, providing an oxygen vacancy site with optimal OH- adsorption energy. Each facet of {Co₈(µ₄-OH)₆} coordinates hydroxyl anions linking four coplanar Co^{II} ions in the conventional µ₄ mode, forming a $\{Co_4(\mu_4\text{-OH})\}\$ unit (abbreviated as 1), which serves as the fundamental catalytic site for water oxidation (see Fig. 12d). Briefly, (i) complex 1 is oxidatively activated by the photo-generated hole. (ii) The nucleophilic attack of the water molecule forms an O-O bond. (iii) Complex 1b is oxidized to complex 1c. (iv) Complex 1c is further oxidized to evolve O_2 , accompanied by the regeneration of 1. Another example encapsulates POM-based OECs within the large pores of porphyrinbased MOFs. Dolbecq et al. immobilized a sandwich-type [(PW₉O₃₄)₂Co₄(H₂O)₂]¹⁰⁻ in the hexagonal channels of the MOF-545 framework bearing Zr₆-based SBU (Fig. 13). 167

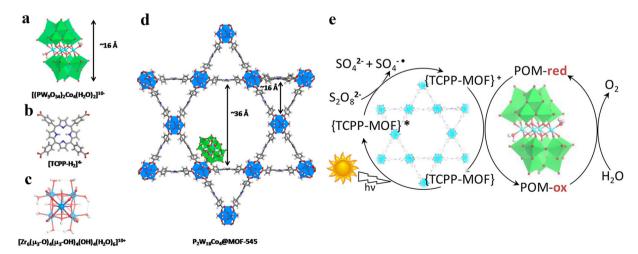


Fig. 13 POM@MOF-545 components: (a) $P_2W_{18}Co_4$ POM; (b) TCPP-H₂ linker; (c) Zr-based unit; and (d) $P_2W_{18}Co_4$ @MOF-545. (e) Schematic representation of the proposed mechanism for the light-driven OER by P₂W₁₈Co₄@MOF-545. Adapted with permission from ref. 124. Copyright 2018, the American Chemical Society.

Elucidation of the mechanism revealed that first light was captured by the porphyrin, followed by the excited state undergoing one-electron oxidation by the sacrificial electron acceptor, and then one-electron oxidation of the POM evolved O2 after accumulation of 4 oxidizing equivalents.

4.4. Overall water splitting/reaction

In contrast to Chapters 4.1 to 4.3, which only covered reductive or oxidative half reactions catalyzed by MOFs and with the help of sacrificial agents, the overall water splitting reaction driven by visible light and MOF-based CATs is very rare, as described in this chapter. The $2H_2O \rightarrow 2H_2 + O_2$ reaction represents the "holy grail" of solar energy conversion. However, there is a limited number of reports utilizing molecular or molecular-like approaches with all active components being part of a single system (e.g. all compounds dissolved in one solution). The challenges associated with this approach are diverse, as follows: (i) undesirable charge recombination events of reduced CATs for reductive substrate transformations with oxidized CATs for OER and (ii) the reduced or oxidized product being poisons for the oxidative or reductive half reactions, respectively, the electron transport processes, and many more. Consequently, the typical systems for the overall water splitting do not contain all the active components in one homogeneous solution but instead embedded by some means in a molecular- or material-based boundary separating the two half reactions and the catalytically produced products to avoid the cross-reactivity described above. Interestingly, with the help of liposome architectures this has been achieved for two MOF-based overall water splitting system. In their Z-schemeinspired work, Wang and colleagues utilized two separate Hf (IV)-based MOF architectures (namely WOR and HER consisting of 5,5'-dcbpy, and TCPP linkers, respectively) with type II PS/CAT pairs (according to the classification shown in Fig. 5) (i) $[Ru(bpy)_2(5,5'-dcbpy)]^{2+}/[Ir(5,5'-dcbpy)]$ $(H_2O)_x$ ³⁺-modified WOR MOF inside the hydrophilic liposome interior, and (ii) Zn-TCPP/Pt-TCPP-modified and pentafluoropropionic acid-capped HER MOF nanosheet inside the hydrophobic bilayer. 110 As a redox shuttle bifunctional system consisting of an Fe(II)/Fe(III) pair for the reactions in a hydrophilic environment, a chlorinated quinol/quinone pair for charge transport in a hydrophobic environment was used. Individual testing of the HER and OER MOFs showed dramatically higher activity of the HER-MOF, indicating that the overall water splitting reaction will be OER activity-limited. A variety of other test reactions and the formation of H_2 vs. O_2 in the ratio of ca. 2:1 indicated an overall water splitting reaction and a quantum yield of 1.5 ± 1% under 436 nm LED irradiation. In another study, Lan et al.33 developed a trifluoroacetate (TFA)-capped MOF monolayer laterally connected by PS/CAT pairs and a cofactor such as an amino acid (AA), which was applied as an artificial metal-organic enzyme (MOZ) for overall CO2 photoreduction. The single solid MOF with -diimine and -dicarboxylate linker (L_{NN}: 4,4'-di(4-benzoato)-2,2'-bipyridine) and Hf₁₂ clusters enabled the rational integration of type I-based PS/ CAT pairs-AA cofactors, as follows: (1) $[Ir(L_{NN})(L_{CN})_2]^+/[Ir$ $(H-MBA)Cp*Cl]^+-Gln$ for OER and $(2) [Ir(L_{NN})(L_{CN})_2]^+/ferric$ protoporphyrin haemin-Asn for CO2RR (LCN: 2-(2,4-difluorophenyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)pyridine), H-MBA: 2-(4'-methyl-[2,2'bipyridin]-4-yl)acetic acid, Cp*: pentamethylcyclopentadienyl, Gln: glutamine, and Asn: asparagine. The resultant Z schemes systems possessed the capability to catalyze OER and CO₂RR simultaneously in the presence of a catalytic amount of [Co (bpy)₃|²⁺ redox mediator. The authors also demonstrated the critical role of AA residues. For instance, Asn with a high pK_a offered H-bond interactions with CO2 and associated intermediates, while Gln with a small pK_a value sped up the PCET process in OER. The contribution of both factors significantly promoted the overall reaction efficiency.

In contrast to the systems described above, two other reports are available describing CO2 reduction in an aqueous medium in the absence of any sacrificial acceptor. Wang and co-workers reported the selective formation of CO together with O2 formation by a recyclable Cu-TCPP-based MOF hybridized with TiO2. The authors obtained indirect proof via EPR spectroscopy and radical trapping experiments and proposed that CO formation occurs at the Cu site, while OER proceeds at the TiO₂ semiconductor. 168 In contrast, the system from Maji and colleagues employed a type III MOF with [Ru(bpy)₃]²⁺-like PS and [Mn(bpy)(CO)₃Br]-like CAT both being attached to the SBUs of Zr-MOF-808. This MOF yielded CO with >99% selectivity as well as O2 in a ca. 2:1 ratio (CO/O2), as determined by GC-MS. The authors hypothesized that the SBU acts as OER CAT. 79

4.5. Oxidative organic transformation of alcohols and amines

Photocatalytic oxidation reactions of organic molecules are thermodynamically downhill processes 169 and are either associated as side reactions in HER/CO2RR due to the utilization of alcohols or amines as sacrificial electron donors or as target reactions in the presence of an oxidant for producing value-added chemicals. Under an aerobic atmosphere and in the presence of O₂ and H₂O, multiple ROS can be produced, which can result in very complex reaction pathways and different product distributions (see Fig. 14). Specifically, the presence of hydroxyl radicals, 'OH, often causes the over-oxidation to carboxylic acids and the further degradation of

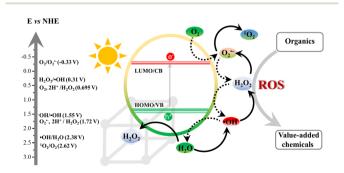


Fig. 14 General illustration of possible reactive oxygen species (ROS) in MOF-based photocatalysts responsible for oxidation reactions under an aqueous and aerobic conditions. 171

organic molecules into CO₂ and H₂O.¹⁷⁰ One example in this context is the overoxidation of benzyl alcohol to the undesirable benzoic acid by photogenerated 'OH. Overoxidation and degradation can be avoided by using relatively mild oxidants such as the superoxide anion radical (O2 • or singlet oxygen (¹O₂). Given that the band positions of the photocatalysts and the redox properties of the photogenerated species usually play a decisive role in generating these specific oxidants, lightdriven oxidant generation can lead to increased efficiency and product selectivity in the desired conversion. Within the scope of photocatalytic oxidations with MOFs, the following conversions are the most relevant to date and discussed in this chapter, as follows: (1) oxidation of benzyl alcohols and (2) oxidative coupling of amines, which are highly customizable on a case-by-case basis. Most importantly, the types of PS/CAT pairs in some of these MOFs affect the reaction mechanism and the catalytic results are specifically exemplified here. Additionally, Table 4 lists more reported examples.

The NH₂-BDC¹⁷²⁻¹⁷⁴ and TCPP^{175,176} linker-based MOFs with PS/CAT pairs at the linker and SBU (type I) are well known in catalyzing the oxidation reactions of alcohols and amines under visible light. For example, Li and co-workers¹⁷³ reported the oxidation reactions of a series amines to imines with conversion yields of around 41-99% and selectivity of around

45-90% using molecular O2 as an oxidant over the NH2-MIL-125(Ti) MOF under visible light irradiation. According to the experimental observation and ESR studies, the authors proposed that the Ti(v) center of the SBU is initially photoreduced to Ti(III) via LMCT, and then the reduced species transfers the electron to O₂ to form O₂., which then further reacts with the C-centered radical originating from the amines to produce the imine via subsequent steps (Fig. 15a). A similar photocatalytic mechanism for the visible light-driven oxidative coupling of amines was proposed by Niu et al. when working with the innovative MOF NaRh-SiW₁₂, a POM node-based crystalline MOF comprised of a paddlewheel Rh₂(OAc)₄ linker. 177 In general, POMs are reported to be good CATs for promoting O_2 reduction into O_2 within MOFs. 128,178 In particular, the NaRh-SiW₁₂ MOF reported by Niu achieved a yield of 96.1% in photocatalytic imine production with TON of 480.5 and it was much more active than individual Rh₂(OAc)₄ or POMs. 177 In a separate work, Zhou et al. reported a TCPP-based MOF (namely, PCN 22) comprised of a Ti(IV) SBU for the photocatalytic alcohol oxidation reaction with TEMPO (2,2,6,6-tetramethylpiperidinyloxyl) as an additional oxidant. The PCN-22/TEMPO system achieved 28% conversion in 2 h with almost 100% selectivity for the corresponding benzaldehydes. The author proposed that the TCPP linkers in the MOF are

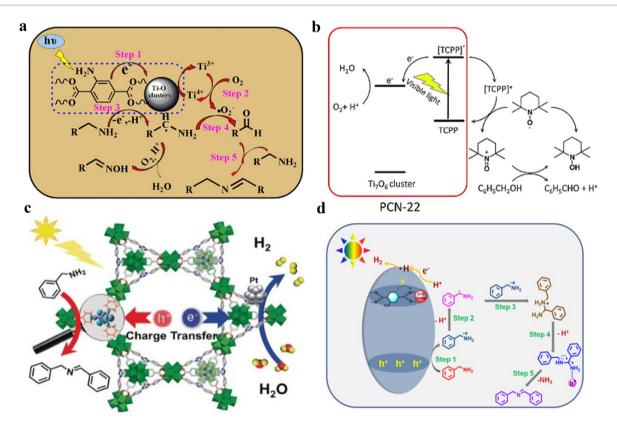


Fig. 15 (a) Proposed mechanism of photocatalytic amine oxidation over NH₂-MIL-125(Ti). Adapted with permission from ref. 173. Copyright 2015, Elsevier. (b) Proposed mechanism for PCN-22/TEMPO system. Adapted with permission from ref. 175. Copyright 2015, the Royal Society of Chemistry. (c) Illustration of simultaneous proton reduction and selective benzylamine oxidation over Pt/PCN-777 by photocatalysis. Adapted with permission from ref. 182. Copyright 2018, WILEY-VCH Verlag GmbH & Co. (d) Proposed mechanism for photocatalytic coupling of amine by the UiO-66-NH₂ under anaerobic condition. Adapted with permission from ref. 174. Copyright 2019, Elsevier.

excited by visible light, followed by electron injection into the Ti₇O₆ clusters to yield [TCPP]⁺. Meanwhile, TEMPO is oxidized to TEMPO by [TCPP], which selectively oxidizes the alcohol to aldehyde by a two-electron transfer mechanism (Fig. 15b). This mechanism is claimed to be similar to the dye-sensitized mechanism in a dve/TiO₂/TEMPO system. 179 Br is another example of a co-catalyst used by Wei et al. in the NH2-MIL-125 (Ti)/NaBr system, which facilitated the oxidation of alcohols to their corresponding carboxylic acids. 180 This system is versatile, efficiently converting a wide range of substrates, including both aliphatic and aromatic alcohols. The process involves a photoinduced single-electron transfer (SET) from Br to NH₂-MIL-125 (Ti), generating highly reactive bromine radical species. These species significantly enhance the photocatalytic activity for the oxidation of alcohols to acids. The oxidative transformation of alcohols and amines under anaerobic conditions is often overlooked during HER/CO2RR processes. However, various groups recently reported MOF systems capable of simultaneously producing both oxidized and reduced products. 174,181 For instance, Jiang and co-workers employed a Pt-loaded type I-MOF (namely PCN-777) as an innovative platform to simultaneously produce specific imines (486 μ mol g⁻¹ h⁻¹, almost 100% selectivity) and H₂ (332 μ mol g⁻¹ h⁻¹), which were intrinsically separated in the solution and gas phase, respectively (Fig. 15c). 182 PCN-777 is composed of Zr₆-based SBU and 4,4',4"-(1,3,5-triazine-2,4,6-triyl) tribenzoic acid (H_3 TATB) linker. The linker is an expanded π -conjugated unit and improves the charge separation. Pt was encapsulated as nanoparticles to serve as a cocatalyst for H2 generation in the Pt/PCN 777 system. As a plausible mechanism for the oxidative coupling process of benzyl amine, the authors stated that the catalytic HER site is fed by a proton transfer (PT) process similar to a previously reported example, ¹⁷⁴ while the photogenerated holes on the HOMO of MOFs activate benzylamine to the carbocationic species PhCH₂NH₂*+. The resulting intermediates are further coupled with the unreacted benzylamine to form the target product N-benzylbenzaldimine (Fig. 15d). Recent advances in MOFs have led to the development of mesoporous, photoactive MOFs, such as LTG-NiRu, reported by Bai et al. 183 This MOF, constructed from a [Ru (phen)₃]²⁺-derived metalloligand (L4) linker and Ni²⁺ nodes, featured highly stable 1D channels with a pore diameter of 2.1 nm. LTG-NiRu exhibited exceptional catalytic activity in the aerobic photocatalytic oxidative coupling of amine derivatives, achieving nearly 100% conversion of benzylamines within 1 h under visible light. Moreover, LTG-NiRu was experimentally validated for its high stability, excellent reusability, and effectiveness in synthesizing over 20 chemical products through oxidative cycloaddition, demonstrating its potential for gramscale synthesis.

The Lin group developed a UiO-67 MOF, named Zr₆-Cu/Fe-1 with a covalently integrated PS/CAT pair [Cu^I(5,5'-dcbpy) (dppe)](PF₆)/[Fe^{III}(5,5'-dcbpy)(OH)]Cl₂ (type II according to the classification in Fig. 5). A dual photocatalytic cycle for the aerobic oxidation of benzyl alcohol is proposed and depicted in Fig. 16a. 184 Upon photoirradiation, the [Cu(1)]-PS in the

MOF is first excited to [Cu]*, which is subsequently oxidized by O_2 to generate O_2 and $[Cu(\pi)]$. The strongly oxidizing $[Cu(\pi)]$ (II)] efficiently oxidizes [Fe(III)-OH], which is formed by the deprotonation of H₂O on the acidic Fe(III) center to generate the highly reactive OH. Through hydrogen atom transfer (HAT), 'OH rapidly oxidizes the alcohol to generate alkoxyl radical species as the key intermediate, which subsequently transforms into the aldehyde product. In the presence of H₂O, the generated [Fe(III)] undergoes hydrolysis to afford [Fe(III)-OH] for the next oxidation cycle. A dual photocatalytic cycle is also noticed in several MOFs (see Table 4)^{178,185–193} containing an excited triplet state dominant organic/metalloligand linker, providing an additional photocatalytic channel for producing ¹O₂ via energy transfer and oxygen sensitization. For example, Jin and co-workers integrated an electron donor 5,15-di(p-benzoato)porphyrin (H2DPBP) as a linker into a naphthalene diimide (electron acceptor)-based Zr-MOF (Zr-NDI) to construct the mixed-linker MOF Zr-NDI-H2DPBP, which benefits from the two linkers with similar geometry and connectivity. 190 The resultant mixed-linker MOF enabled photocatalytic aerobic oxidative coupling of benzylamine to imine at a rate of 136 mmol g⁻¹ h⁻¹. The authors demonstrated with experiments and DFT calculations that this specific MOF uses both the electron transfer and energy transfer cascade (Fig. 16b) to transform O2 to O2. and O2, respectively. Consequently, it was possible to oxidize benzylamine to PhCH2NH2*+, which then reacts further with ROS to yield the respective imine. By applying the mixed-linker strategy, a pillared-layer Zn-MOF (MOF-LS10) was constructed using 2,3,5,6-tetrakis(4-carboxyphenyl)pyrazine (H₄TCPP) and 2,5-di(pyridin-4-yl)thiazolo[5,4d thiazole (DPTZTZ). 194 Unlike previous examples, MOF-LS10 offers a single photocatalytic channel through an electron transfer process that generates O2 - radicals, facilitating the benzylamine coupling reaction under visible light irradiation. The control experiment with its isoreticular MOF-LS11 (constructed using BTEB⁴⁻ and DPTZTZ, H₄BTEB = 1,2,4,5-tetrakis (4-carboxyphenyl)benzene) and MOF-LS12 (constructed using TCPP⁴⁻ and DPB, DPB = 1,4-di(pyridin-4-yl)benzene) showed that the photocatalytic amine coupling activity followed the order of MOF-LS10 > MOF-LS11 > MOF-LS12, demonstrating the synergistic role of the pyrazine and TZTZ structural units in MOF-LS10.

Fe-based SACs within the light-absorbing porphyrin scaffold of PCN 224 MOF (type IV) provide another specific route to convert alcohol into aldehyde and accelerate the oxidation kinetics (Fig. 17a). 195 The Fe3+/Fe2+ pair facilitates the generation of ROS (e.g., O2 - and OH) from inactive H2O2 by a light-driven Fenton-like free-radical chain mechanism. However, the role of the Fe³⁺ sites in the photocatalytic oxidation reaction varies. 87,196 Recently, Jiang and co-workers reported the synthesis of a MOF (namely, Fe-UiO-66) PS/CAT pair by incorporating Fe³⁺ into Zr₆ clusters (type IV, Fig. 17b).⁸⁷ As established from experimental and in situ EPR studies, newly built FeOx-Zr6 clusters not only enhanced the light harvesting capacity and but also promoted 'OH and O2'- formation at the FeO_x and Zr_6 clusters, respectively, via the metal-

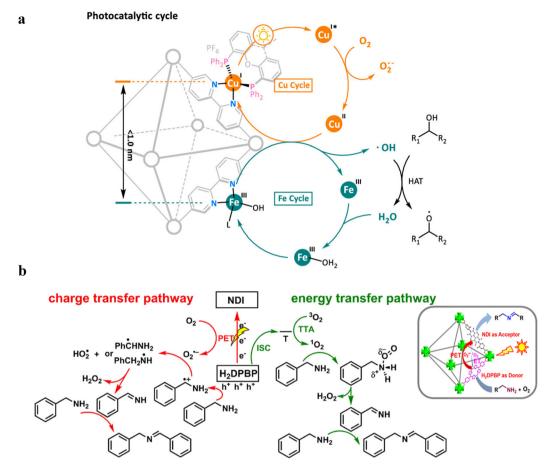


Fig. 16 (a) Proposed mechanism for the photocatalytic aerobic oxidation of alcohols to generate alkoxyl radicals with Zr_6 -Cu/Fe-1. Adapted with permission from ref. 184. Copyright 2021, the American Chemical Society. (b) Zr-NDI-H₂DPBP as mixed-linker donor (H₂DPBP) and acceptor (NDI)based MOF model, and their photoinduced electron transfer (PET) process involved in photocatalytic oxidative coupling of amines. Adapted with permission from ref. 190. Copyright 2023, the American Chemical Society.

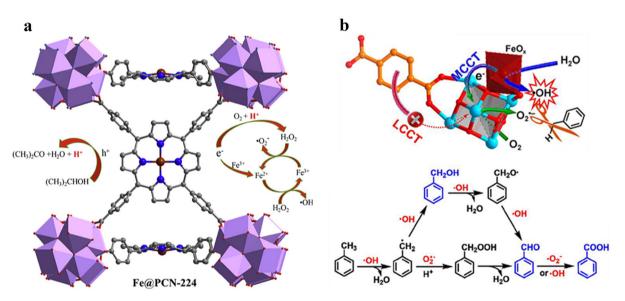


Fig. 17 (a) Proposed mechanism of oxygen-related radical generation in photocatalytic systems with Fe@PCN-224. Adapted with permission from ref. 195. Copyright 2018, Elsevier. (b) Schematic illustration showing the conversion of H₂O to 'OH by visible light-driven MCCT process over Fedoped UiO-66 and proposed catalytic mechanism of toluene oxidation. Adapted with permission from ref. 87. Copyright 2019, the American Chemical Society.

to-cluster charge transfer (MCCT) pathway. The key role of this 'OH is to activate the unreactive C-H bonds of toluene to form benzyl radicals in the first step and promote the oxidation of benzaldehyde in the later stage to benzylic acid. Moreover, ROS generation via different types of photocatalytic channels and their role in catalytic oxidation reaction are also reflected in type V-MOFs such as $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}$ encapsulated MIL-125-NH₂, ¹⁹⁷ and even in more complex systems such as Cu(I)W-DPNDI (see Table 4).198

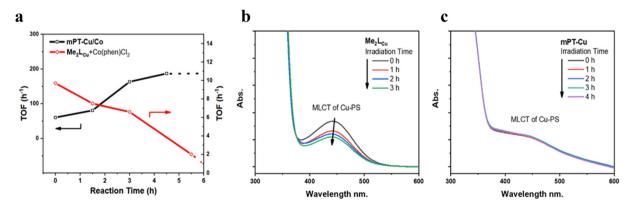
Stability of MOFs – reuse, repair and recycle

The structural stability of the natural photosynthetic apparatus, specifically the individual molecular reactive sites and their macromolecular scaffold, represents the basis for achieving continuous photoactivity. Even under varying photon flux, temperature, etc., it guarantees light absorption-induced charge separation, electron transport, and catalytic turnover for water splitting. Nevertheless, even the precisely tuned natural photosynthetic apparatus suffers from light-induced degradation but repair processes allow the recovery of its initial photoactivity.199 In contrast, most molecular components degrade easily under homogeneous conditions and they are not easily recoverable and reusable in the homogenous state. Additionally, besides some specific examples, repair processes are not known.²⁰⁰ Due to the integration of molecular components into large scaffolds, MOF-architectures offer great potential for stability improvement, recycling and repairing of the active components. In terms of recycling, MOFs offer the benefit of heterogeneous (photo)catalysts, given that they can be centrifuged or filtered from the reaction mixture and be reused in a new round of catalysis. Commonly, "digesting" and "chemical recycling" are performed to regenerate the MOFs.²⁰¹ Alternatively, the so-called heterogeneous MOF material can be embedded in a flow-reactor and be operative in continuous flow. 202-204 Of course, the reuse of MOFs in (photo)catalysis is only worthy when the active functional

units remain intact. Given that the 3D-structure of MOFs has a coordination framework, which provides some protection against the undesirable dimerization, aggregation and decomposition of the active molecular units, MOFs are ideal to provide stable and reusable (photo)catalysts. Some reported examples of MOFs surpassing molecular homogeneous catalysis systems in terms of stability are outlined in the following section.

5.1. Stabilization of photosensitizers

The reduced species [Ru(bpy)₃]⁺, generated from [Ru(bpy)₃]²⁺ via reductive quenching, can lose a bipyridine (bpy) ligand over extended periods in solution unless faster electronic communication occurs with an electron-accepting CAT. 205,206 This issue can be circumvented in MOF-supported photocatalysis. In a recent study, Solé-Daura et al. encapsulated the $[PW_{12}O_{40}]^{3-}$ (PW_{12}) POM in a $[(Cp^*)Rh(bpydc)Cl]^+$ -functionalized UiO-67 MOF and demonstrated CO2RR in the presence of TEOA as a sacrificial donor. This study revealed that the encapsulated POMs act as efficient electron reservoirs, reacting with the photochemically reduced [Ru(bpy)₃]⁺ and transferring electrons to the Rh CAT integrated in the MOF. This process favors the regeneration of the oxidized PS over its unproductive degradation, thereby boosting the TONs of the photocatalytic system.207 Cu^I-based PS with the general formula [Cu(PP) (NN)]+ (PP = diphosphine and NN = diimine derivatives) tend to dissociate into a homoleptic $[Cu^{I}(NN)_{2}]^{+}$ species in homogenous solution when irradiated. 208 Recently, Lin et al. showed that the deactivation of molecular [Cu(Me₂PT)(dppe)] PF₆ occurs rapidly during HER with [Co(phen)Cl₂] as the molecular CAT.⁷⁵ Experimentally, this was based on time-dependent and decreasing H2 production and a rapid reduction of the MLCT band of [Cu(Me₂PT)(dppe)]PF₆ upon irradiation (Fig. 18). However, when the respective molecular entities ([Cu (PT)(dppe)]PF₆ and [Co(PT)Cl₂]) were assembled in a Zr₆-based dual MOF, namely mPT-Cu/Co, it not only yielded an impressive TON of 18700 (~95 times higher) in comparison to its homogenous control under identical conditions but also showed recyclability for three consecutive runs without a sig-



 $\textbf{Fig. 18} \hspace{0.2in} \textbf{(a) Time-dependent TOF curves of mPT-Cu/Co (black) and } \\ Me_2\\ L_{Cu} + Co(phen)\\ Cl_2 \text{ (red) in the first 5 h of photocatalytic HER, where } \\ Me_2\\ L_{Cu} + Co(phen)\\ Cl_2 \text{ (red) in the first 5 h of photocatalytic HER, where } \\ Me_2\\ L_{Cu} + Co(phen)\\ Cl_2 \text{ (red) in the first 5 h of photocatalytic HER, } \\ Me_2\\ L_{Cu} + Co(phen)\\ Cl_2 \text{ (red) in the first 5 h of photocatalytic HER, } \\ Me_2\\ L_{Cu} + Co(phen)\\ Cl_2 \text{ (red) in the first 5 h of photocatalytic HER, } \\ Me_2\\ L_{Cu} + Co(phen)\\ Cl_2 \text{ (red) in the first 5 h of photocatalytic HER, } \\ Me_2\\ L_{Cu} + Co(phen)\\ Cl_2 \text{ (red) in the first 5 h of photocatalytic HER, } \\ Me_2\\ L_{Cu} + Co(phen)\\ Cl_2 \text{ (red) in the first 5 h of photocatalytic HER, } \\ Me_2\\ L_{Cu} + Co(phen)\\ Me_2\\ Me$ is $[Cu(Me_2PT)(dppe)]PF_6$, and UV-vis absorption changes for Me_2L_{Cu} (b) and mPT-Cu (c) under catalytic HER conditions (N_2 atmosphere, CH₃CN: AcOH = 1.97: 0.03) at different irradiation times. Adapted with permission from ref. 75. Copyright 2020, the American Chemical Society.

nificant decrease in activity. The underlying reason for the repeated high photoactivity is assumed to rely on the maintained crystallinity of mPT-Cu/Co during HER as obtained from the powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) studies and inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry (ICP-MS), which revealed <1.4% Cu and <0.1% Co leached in the supernatant.

5.2. Stabilization of molecular catalysts

Using [FeFe]-hydrogenase mimics, an often-observed side reaction in homogeneous systems is the dimerization or tetramerization of [FeFe]-centers due to the de-coordination of the bridging sulfur ligand (Fig. 19a). 209,210 The [FeFe]-hydrogenase active site model complex has been employed in various types of MOFs and achieved a significant improvement in HER activity under irradiation in comparison to their homogeneous control. 77,83,139,142,143,211 In an exemplary study (Fig. 19b), 142 IR investigations after the ceased H₂ catalysis revealed that the majority of the [FeFe] active sites were still structurally intact. Furthermore, it was hypothesized that only the surfaceexposed [FeFe] centers were active in photocatalysis. In a follow-up study,143 it was shown that the photocatalytic HER activity from a suspension of UiO-66-[FeFe](dcbdt)(CO)6 in a solution of [Ru(bpy)₃]²⁺ and ascorbate could be recovered after 60 min of stirring by replacing mainly the PS-electron donor solution, which indicated that mainly the molecular homogeneous PS is not recyclable, not the CAT. Similarly, for another Fe-based system (but not hydrogenase mimic), the authors reported the prevention of active Fe-site aggregation in a series of bifunctional Fe-X@Zr₆-Cu MOFs (X = Br⁻, Cl⁻, AcO⁻ and BF₄⁻) comprised of Cu-PSs and catalytic Fe(II) supported

on SBUs for photocatalytic H₂ evolution (Fig. 19c).⁷¹ The prevention of dimerization is also relevant in [M(NN)(CO)₃X] CATs for CO₂ reduction (M = Mn, Re). These systems are well-characterized in homogeneous solution but deactivation via dimerization is a common side reaction in these catalytic processes. 145,212,213 Heterogenizing these molecular CATs in MOFs enables their spatial isolation to be maintained, leading to the significant inhibition of dimer formation, and thus prolonged stability of the CAT, resulting in a higher TON and prolonged catalytic activity. 213,214 For example, Li et al. combined an $[Ru(bpy)_3]^{2+}/[Re(bpy)(CO)_3X]$ pair within a MOF (Ru-MOF-253-Re) comprised of Al(III)-based SBUs and 5,5'-dcbpy linkers. 214 ICP analysis revealed that only 1.6% of the incorporated Re leached from the solid MOF in the solution, presenting indirect evidence that dimerization was significantly hampered inside the MOF.

5.3. Repair of active molecular units in MOF

In terms of reusing MOFs for catalysis, the most problematic issue that arises with most innovative MOF systems is the potential deactivation of CAT or PS after photolysis and due to diffusive loss.215 As discussed above, nature also teaches mankind that even the most sophisticated systems may suffer from unavoidable degradation, 200 and in this case, green plants have developed complex repair strategies. Thus, related strategies can possibly be applied in MOF-based photocatalytic systems to regenerate their active molecular unit. A respective self-healing strategy was recently reported for a platinumbased 5,5'-dcbpy system with an [Ir(bpy)(ppy)2]-type PS in an UiO-67-type MOF structure (namely, Pt_n_Ir_BUiO) (Fig. 20a). ²¹⁶

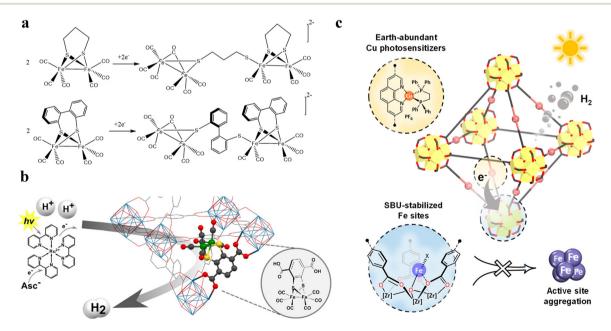


Fig. 19 (a) Dimerization of one-electron reduced model complexes of the [FeFe]-hydrogenase active site, which can be prevented owing to their incorporation in MOFs. 209,210 (b) [FeFe] hydrogenase active site model complexes incorporated in an MOF (UiO-66-[FeFe](dcbdt)(CO)₆) with aq. [Ru (bpy)₃]²⁺ and ascorbate for the photocatalytic reduction of protons. Adapted with permission from ref. 142. Copyright 2013, the American Chemical Society. (c) Schematic illustration of Fe-X@Zr₆-Cu-catalyzed, visible light-driven HER and catalytic site stabilization via site isolation. Adapted with permission from ref. 71. Copyright 2020, the American Chemical Society.

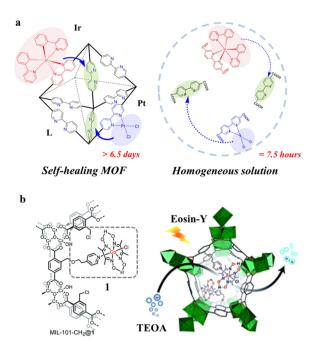


Fig. 20 (a) Schematic operation principle of a self-healing MOF (Pt_n_Ir_BUiO) and the corresponding homogeneous system. Adapted with permission from ref. 216. Copyright 2016, the American Chemical Society. (b) Post-synthetically incorporated molecular cobaloxime catalyst (1) on the aromatic rings of MIL-101(Cr) for photocatalytic proton reduction with Eosin-Y and TEOA. Adapted with permission from ref. 219. Copyright 2018, the Royal Society of Chemistry.

The authors successfully created a self-healing MOF catalyst by preventing the formation of colloidal platinum by increasing the ratio of 5,5'-dcbpy to platinum. This allowed the broken platinum-diimine bonds to re-form, thereby enabling continuous HER. In other examples with cobaloxime-based HER CATs (Fig. 20b), the integration of cobaloximes into the MOF framework showed the following benefit: it was reported from the homogeneous system that upon (light-driven) reduction, the cobaloxime CAT cobalt center dissociates from the ligands, followed by aggregation and deactivation to nanoparticles. 217,218 However, the incorporation of cobaloxime in the MIL-101(Cr) MOF architecture using the ship-in-a-bottle approach resulted in the effect that the dissociated ligand stayed close to the metal center and could re-coordinate, overall stabilizing the CAT. Additionally, the leaching was compensated by adding more cobaloxime, which restored the catalytic activity by up to 60% of that of the starting material.²¹⁹

5.4. Overall stability of MOF architecture

Besides a few robust MOF series such as UiO, ZIF, MIL, PCN, and NU, many MOFs have weak metal-linker coordination, which is prone to collapse in humid environments, both in the dark and under irradiation. This degradation leads to the loss of their modular structure, crystallinity, and more importantly, their active sites. From a fundamental perspective, MOFs with a low lattice energy are generally unstable in aqueous solutions. For instance, MOFs with dipositive metal ion SBUs such

as Zn²⁺, Cu²⁺, and Co²⁺ are less stable compared to MOFs with SBUs carrying multiple positive charges, such as Fe3 in MIL-100 and MIL-101 or Zr₆ in the UiO series, which exhibit much higher lattice energy and water stability. 60 Additionally, the higher degree of hydrolysis or solvolysis of the metal centers due to their Lewis acidity poses significant challenges long-term stability of MOFs in solvent environments. 220,221 Among the various strategies for increasing the overall stability linker modulation/design, 222,223 and post-synthetic modification has been used mostly in the context of photocatalytic reaction. One elegant example of the latter approach is the post-synthetic modification of a porphyrin titanium-based MOF (GIST-1) with various types of hydrophobic alkyl chains such as HPA (hexylphosphonic acid), DPA (dodecyl-phosphonic acid), and OPA (octadecylphosphonic acid).224 These modifications do not alter the intrinsic structure of the frameworks but produce hydrophobic Ti-MOFs (HPA/DGIST-1, DPA/DGIST-1, and OPA/DGIST-1, respectively), which show higher activity in the selective reduction of CO₂ to HCOO⁻ and improved stability in humid environments.

Conclusion and outlook

In summary, MOF architectures offer a combination of the benefits of modular and well-defined molecular CATs and PSs. This includes the ability to tailor the properties and enhance the (photo)activity of MOF by structurally altering their building blocks. Additionally, MOF architectures also provide the advantages of heterogeneous systems, such as stability, recyclability, and ease of handling. Currently, most MOFs in the field of artificial photosynthesis apply metal-oxo cluster-based SBUs (e.g. zirconium oxo-cluster) and the linkers are typically carboxylate species of porphyrin, bipyridine and others bearing sites for the coordinative attachment of PSs and CATs. Additionally, similar to natural enzymes, the pores within the structure of MOFs can provide active and selective reaction centers. Typically, the molecular properties of the individual building blocks such as light absorption and catalytic activity are maintained compared to homogeneous solution and the molecular entities often exhibit diminished degradation rates once incorporated in the MOF structure. Unlike standard heterogeneous catalysts, the activity of MOFs is not limited to their surface, but the entire coordination network provides pores with (photo)active reaction sites. Depending on the desired topology, 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional structures can be constructed, and based on the choice of CATs, which retain their reactivity pattern upon integration in MOFs, the knowledge-guided implementation of the desired light-driven catalytic conversions is possible. Moreover, by tuning the pore size of MOFs, the selectivity in catalysis can be tuned.

Although the close spatial proximity of the photo-active PS in the MOF structure can hinder light-driven conversions by inner filter effects and intermolecular annihilation deactivations in the excited states, the activity of MOFs is often higher than their homogeneous counterparts. Additionally, the het-

anagemination of the medicular units mustides stability to the LLD			5,15-Di(<i>p</i> -benzoato)porphyrin
erogenization of the molecular units provides stability to the components and offers recyclability to quasi-molecular		H₂DPBP 4-HEP	4-(2-Hydroxyethyl)pyridine
(photo)catalytic systems, which makes these MOFs an interest-		4-пьр Нір	4-(2-Hydroxyctriyr)pyridine 1 <i>H</i> -Imidazo[4,5- <i>f</i>][1,10]phenanthroline
ing class of materials.		HTHATN	Hexathiohexaazatrinaphthylene
In the future, even more sophisticated architectures will be		H_2L1	2,2'-Bipyridine-4,4'-dibenzoic acid
possible, <i>e.g.</i> , potentially utilizing the fixed positioning of		H_2L1 H_2L2/H_2L_{NN}	(5,5'-Di(4-carboxyl-phenyl)-2,2'-bipyridine) or
molecular CATs within the MOF framework to couple oxidative		11_2 L $2/11_2$ L $_{NN}$	(4,4'-di(4-benzoato)-2,2'-bipyridine)
and reductive light-driven conversions similar to natural		H_2L3	2"-(Azidomethyl)-[1,1':4',1":4",1"'-quaterphe-
photosynthesis.		112L3	nyl]-4,4"'-dicarboxylic acid
photosynthesis.		H_3L4	4-(1H-Imidazo[4,5-f][1,10]phenanthrolin-2-yl)
		11312-1	benzoic acid
Abbreviations		H_2L6	Bis(3,5-dicarboxyphenyl)pyridine
ADDIEVIALI	OHS	H_2L7	Tetrakis-3,5-bis[4-carboxyphenyl]phenyl-
ABTC	3,3',5,5'-Azobenzenetetracarboxylate		porphine
Ade	Adenine	H_4L8	3,3′,5,5′-Azoxybenzenetetracarboxylic acid
BA	Benzoic acid	H_4L9	Tetracarboxylic acid from (2,6-dibromo-4-(tri-
BDC/p- $BDC/$	1,4-Benezenedicarboxylate/terephthalate		fluoromethyl)aniline and 3,5-bis(ethoxycar-
TPA			bonyl)-phenylboronic acid)
Blm	Benzimidazolate	H_2NDI	Di-salicylic acid derivative of
BNAH	1-Benzyl-1,4-dihydronicotinamide		naphthalenediimides
$BnNH_2$	Benzyl amine	H_2PDI	Bis(N-carboxymethyl) peryleneimide
BnOH	Benzyl alcohol	H ₂ Ph-Pz	1,4-Di(1 <i>H</i> -pyrazol-4-yl)benzene
Bpdc	2,2'-Biphenyl dicarboxylate	H ₂ TCPP/	Tetrakis(4-carboxyphenyl)porphyrin
BPDC-(3,3'	3,3'-Diamino-1,1'-biphenyl-4,4'-dicarboxylate	H_2TBP	
$NH_2)_2$		H_4TCPP	2,3,5,6-Tetrakis(4-carboxyphenyl)pyrazine
Вру	2,2'-Bipyridine	H ₂ TTA-6SH	2,4,6-Tris{4-[3,5-bis(mercapto)-4-carboxyphe-
bpydc = 5,5'-	2,2'-Bipyridine-5,5'-dicarboxylate		nyl]phenyl}-1,3,5-triazine
dcbpy		H_4TBAPy	1,3,6,8-Tetrakis(<i>p</i> -benzoic acid)pyrene
BTB	1,3,5-Benzenetribenzoate	H ₄ ptba	4,4',4",4"'-(1,3,6,8-Pyrenetetrayltetra-2,1-ethy-
Catbdc	2,3-Dihydroxyterephthalic acid		nediyl)tetrakis benzoic acid
Cou6	Coumarin 6	KEX	Potassium ethyl xanthogenate
Cp*	η_5 -C ₅ Me ₅ (1,2,3,4,5-	L5	$N[(CH_2)_2NHCH_2(m-C_6H_4)CH_2NH(CH_2)]_3N$
	pentamethylcyclopentadienyl)	L10	(E,E')-4,4'-Bis[p -(N,N -dimethylamino)styryl]-
Cptpy	4'-(4-Carboxyphenyl)-terpyridine	_	2,2'-bipyridine
Cy*	<i>p</i> -Cymene	L_{CN}	2-(2,4-Difluorophenyl)-5-(trifluoromethyl)
Cyclam	1,4,8,11-Tetraazacyclotetradecane	* H	pyridine
5,5'-dcbpy	2,2'-Bipyridine-5,5'-dicarboxylate	L_{2}^{H}	N^2 , N^2 '-Propanediylbis (2,3-butanedione
5,5'-dcppy	2-Phenylpyridine-5,5'-dicarboxylate	MDA	2-imine 3-oxime)
DHBDC	2,5-Dihydroxy-1,4-bezenedicarboxylic acid	MBA	2-(5'-Methyl-[2,2'-bipyridin]-5-yl)acetate
DIPEA DMA	<i>N,N</i> -Diisopropylethylamine <i>N,N</i> -Dimethylaniline	2-MIM MV	2-Methyl imidazole Methyl viologen
Dmbpy	4,4'-Dimethyl-2,2'-bipyridine	NH ₂ -BDC	2-Aminoterephthalate/2-aminobenzene-1,4-
dmgH	Dimethylglyoxime	Nп ₂ -врС	dicarboxylate
dppe	1,2-Bis(diphenylphosphaneyl)ethane	$\mathrm{NH_{2}IPA}$	5-Aminoisophthalate
dptz	Tetrazine derivative	NH ₂ -TPDC	2'-Amino-[1,1':4,1"-terphenyl]-4,4"-
DPTZTZ	2,5-Di(pyridin-4-yl)thiazolo[5,4-d]thiazole	MII ₂ II DC	dicarboxylate
EDTA	Ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid	N ⁱ Pr ₂ EtH	Ionic liquid
Fe-TCBPP = Fe-	Iron 5,10,15,20-tetra[4-(4'-carboxyphenyl)	PBA	Pyrenebutyric acid
ТСРР	phenyl]-porphyrin	PD	9-Phenylcarbazole-3,6-dicarboxylic acid
H ₂ bdt	1,4-Benzenedi(1 <i>H</i> -1,2,3-triazole)	POP	Bis(2-diphenylphosphino)phenyl ether
H ₂ BPD-4F4TS	2,2′,5,5′-Tetrafluoro-3,3′,6,6′-tetrakis(2-thio-	POMs	Polyoxometalates
2 5	phenethio)-4,4'-biphenyl dicarboxylic acid	Рру	2-Phenylpyridine
H_3BTC	Benzene1,2,4-tricarboxylic acid	ⁱ PrOH	Isopropanol
H_2BIM	1,2-Bis((5 <i>H</i> -imidazol-4-yl)methylene)	PT	4,4'-(1,10-Phenanthroline-3,8-diyl)dibenzoate
-	hydrazine	Ру	Pyridine
H ₂ dcbdt	1,4-Dicarboxylbenzene-2,3-dithiol	Qtpy	4,4':2',2":4,4'''-Quaterpyridine
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TATB	4,4',4"-s-Triazine-2,4,6-triyl-tribenzoate
TCA	4,4',4"-Tricarboxyltriphenylamine
TCBQ	Tetrachlorobenzoquinone
TCPP/TBP	Tetrakis(4-carboxyphenyl)porphyrin

TEMPO 2,2,6,6-Tetramethylpiperidinyloxyl

TFPP 5,10,15,20-Tetrakis-(2,3,4,5,6-pentafluorophe-

nyl)-porphyrin

Terpy 2,2':6',2"-Terpyridine **TEOA** Triethanolamine TET Tetracene THF Tetrahydrofuran

TIB 1,3,5-Tris(1-imidazolyl) benzene TP Tris(4-(pyridin-4-yl)phenyl)amine TPA Tris(2-pyridylmethyl)amine

TPHN (2"-Nitro[1,1':4',1":4",1"'-quaterphen-yl]-4,4"

'-dicarboxylate)

TPP Triphenylphosphine Tp-PABA

Triformylphloroglucinol coupled

p-aminobenzoate

TTPy 1,3,6,8-Tetra(pyridin-4-yl)pyrene XantP Dimethyl-4,5-bis(diphenylphosphino)

xanthene

Data availability

No primary research results, software or code has been included and no new data were generated or analysed as part of this review.

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There are no conflicts to declare.

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