Artificial Photosynthesis from Solar Fuels To Solar Chemicals



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Oil:

- About 40% of world energy (mainly transportation)
- The main source of raw material for the chemical industry.







H2020-Objectives



Tutorial: AP - Solar Fuels & Chemicals



Solar Energy

Advantages

- The most abundant: 1 h = Consumed in one year
- RENEWABLE

Inconvenient

- DAY NIGHT CYCLES
- Difficult to Store and transport

Normalized E	inergy	
Solar	8000	
Biomass	6	
Wind	5	
Energy used by humans	1	
PEAK SOLAR		

MORNING DEMAND EVENING DEMAND









Figure from: Energy Environ. Sci., 2015, 8, 126-157





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Solar Energy, Natural Photosynthesis



Kamiya et al. Nature 473, 55–60, 2011



> Energy management in chemical entities



Higher μ_i (chemical potential)





water-splitting: This process corresponds to split the water in O₂ and H₂. This process must be electro- or photo-catalyzed to be viable. This methodology would be a very safe way to transport hydrogen (as water).

Artificial Photosynthesis: Photocatalytic Scheme





Figure from: Balzani, V.; Credi, A.; Venturi, M. ChemSusChem 2008, 1, 26-58. 15





Figure from: S. Z. Qiao Chem. Soc. Rev., 2014,43, 7787-7812

Artificial Photosynthesis: Photoelectrochemical (PEC) cell





Photoanode

Photocatode



Water oxidation is the energetic demanding half reaction

Water reduction

Artificial Photosynthesis Monolithic devices







Fig. 1 Evolution of record solar-to-fuel efficiencies of different approaches, reported in the absence of chemical or electrical bias and under (simulated) solar illumination (for additional details, see ESI⁺). PEC = photoelectrochemical, PV = photovoltaics

Jan Rongé et al Chem. Soc. Rev., 2014, 43, 7963-7981

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Tools to study the different parts of AP Schemes



Photochemistry

Light harvesting system

Electrochemistry

Electrocatalyst, Electrolyte



Quantum yield Fast spectroscopy

Applications

Chemicals Sacrificial Agents

TON, TOF, Faraday yield Mechanism information

Overpotential

Basic studies

Mechanism Reaction intermediates TON, TOF



Chemical Sacrificial Agents:

Chemical oxidants: WO: CAN (1.6 V *vs* NHE, pH 1), NalO₄, Oxone (basic media), Ru(bpy)₃³⁺. **Chemical reductor: WR, CR:** Cp₂Co, Ln^{II}X₂, almost inexistent

Catalysis: Kinetics:	Structure – Activity relationships, yield, TON (n(P)/n(Cat)) and TOF (TON/t). Reaction order respect of the catalyst and the oxidant. Stop flow.
Spectroscopy:	Paramagnetic species. Identification of key intermediates in catalysis
(tit	ration with oxidant)
	NMR: No very informative. Purity
	EPR: Basic characterization coord. environment, oxidation and spin state
	UV-Vis: Monitoring kinetics,
	rRaman, IR: M=O, M-O-O-H, M-O-O-M
	IR: M-CO, M-CO ₂ ⁻
	EXAFS: Coord environment, oxidation and spin state
	ESI-MS: Identification of speciation in solution
In situ spectroscop	y: Under catalytic conditions (i.e. under excess of sacrificial agent)
Labelling studies:	D, ¹⁸ O, ¹³ C. Origin of O ₂ , H ₂ , CO, CH ₃ OH, CH ₄ and mechanism information.
	Kinetic Isotopic Effects of ¹³ C, ¹⁸ O and D. (PCET).
	Mass spectrometry, M=O, M-OH, M-CO, M-H

Heterogeneous vs Homogeneous: DLS, NTA, TEM, kinetics (inductions times, reaction orders). Relation structure activity. Poisoning experiments (Hg). Labelling studies at the ligand

Computational Modelling: Spectroscopy of intermediates. Electronic structures. Energy profiles....



Electrochemistry:

half-cell electrochemistry: cyclic votametry, potentiometry and RDE.

CV Electrocatalysis:	Structure – Activity relationships, Faraday yield (n(e ⁻)/n(Cat)), TON and TOF, overpotential. Pourbaix diagrams (E <i>vs</i> pH).
Kinetics:	Reaction order respect of the catalyst and the oxidant.
Spectroelectrochemistry:	Paramagnetic species. Identification of key intermediates in catalysis Mainly UV-Vis, IR (CO bonds) and rRaman (M=O bonds) Also possible: EPR and EXAFS
Labelling studies:	Similar to Chemical Agents. Mechanism information. KIE.
Catalytic Phase:	Heterogeneous vs homogeneous: Analysis of the surface of the electrode (TEM, SEM, EDX, XPS)



Electrochemistry:



Artificial Photosynthesis, Mechanistic Investigations



100 mM Bu_4NPF_6 in CH_3CN solution (under N_2), Scan rate: 50 mV/s

Chem. Eur. J. 2014, 20, 6171

Working electrode: Glassy Carbon; Reference electrode: calomerans electrode; Counter electrode: Pt wire 25

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Example: CV, TOF



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Calculation of TOF of the catalyst 1_{co}

$$\frac{i_{cat}}{i_p} = \frac{n}{0.4463} \sqrt{\frac{RT(k[H^+]^2)}{F\nu}}$$









n= number of electrons involved R= universal gas constant, T= temperature F= Faraday's constant v= scan rate 27



Photochemistry:

Photosensitizer: $Ru(bpy)_3^{2+}$, $Ir(ppy)_2(bpy)$, $Cu(phen)_2$, Organic dyes.... Electron aceptors: Na_2S_2O ; Electron donors: Ascorbic acid, TEOA, terciary amines, etc..











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Reductions

Oxidations



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Kinetics:	Reaction order respect of the catalyst and the oxidant. TAS.
Spectroscopy:	Paramagnetic species. Identification of key intermediates in catalysis. Characterization similar to chemical oxidants, but less accessibility to combination of light + spectroscopy and lower control over the reaction. Fluorescence (Life time). F. quenching experiments (reactivity)
In situ spectroscopy:	Under catalytic conditions: TAS (UV-Vis, EPR, etc)
Labelling studies:	Similar to Chemical Agents. Mechanism information. Kinetic Isotopic Effects.

Catalytic Phase: heterogeneous versus homogeneous: DLS, NTA, TEM, kinetics (inductions times, reaction orders). Relation structure activity. Labelling studies at the ligand

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Artificial photosynthetic systems Energy in chemical bonds



• Water Oxidation is considered as the bottleneck of water splitting



Water Oxidation fundamental requirements





Potential diagram for the water molecule

Needs to be catalyzed
Artificial Photosynthesis



	Bernhard Lloret & Crabtree, Costas Brudvig, Gupta & Hill Mayer Dismukes Dhar Nocera Hill Llobet								
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Sc	Ti	V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
44.9559	47.867	50.9415	51.9961	54.938	55.845	58.9332	58.6934	63.546	65.4089
Scandium	Titanium	Vanadium	Chromium	Manganese	Iron	Cobalt	Nickel	Copper	Zinc
39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48
Y	Zr	Nb	Mo	Тс	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag	Cd
88.9058	91.224	92.9064	85.94	98	101.07	102.9055	106.42	107.8682	112.411
Yitrium	Zirconium	Niobium	Molybdenum	Technetium	Ruthenium	Rbodium	Palladium	Silver	Cadmium
71	72	73	74	75	10	77	78	79	80
Lu	Hf	Та	W	Re/	Os	Ir	Pt	Au	Hg
174.967	178.49	180.9497	183.84	186.207	190.23	192.217	195.084	196.9666	200.59
Lutetium	Hafnium	Tantalum	Tungsten	Rhenium	Osmium	Iridium	Platinum	Gold	Mercury
	Meyer, Sun, Llobet, Thummel						- 1, ,		37





Basic and strong chelating multidentante ligands: N-ligands, anions.

N donor ligands: Amino-pyridine ligands, porphyrinic ligands, amidates

O donor ligands: Carboxylates, "alcohols", acetyl acetonates, ortho quinones...

Polyoxometalates (POM): Is a transition metal polyoxoanion. Usually, the metal ions are group 5 or 6 in high oxidation state. TM = V(V), Nb(V), Ta(V), Mo(IV) and W(IV). Additional heteroatoms such as Si, P Se or Ge are presence in the core.





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PCET

$$\begin{bmatrix} M^{n}-OH_{2} \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{E}{\longrightarrow} \begin{bmatrix} M^{n+1}-OH_{2} \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{E}{\longrightarrow} \begin{bmatrix} M^{n+2}-OH_{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$pKa \downarrow PCET \qquad pKa \downarrow PCET \qquad pKa \downarrow$$

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$$\begin{bmatrix} M^{n}=O \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{E}{\longrightarrow} \begin{bmatrix} M^{n+1}=O \end{bmatrix} \stackrel{E}{\longrightarrow} \begin{bmatrix} M^{n+2}=O \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M(n)=Oxo \ versus \ M(n-1)-Oxyl$$

Most common oxidation states active for water oxidation

Mn(V) / Fe(V) / Co (IV) / Ni(IV) ? / Cu (III) Ru(V) / Ir(V) ?

Tutorial: Water Splitting

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Examples for Water Oxidation Catalysts

AcO

Ac

 OH_2

TON 10⁶

Ac

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Examples for Water Oxidation Catalysts

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Manganese

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WO molecular catalysts



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WO molecular catalysts



- M oxides stable at low pHs \rightarrow Ru, Ir, Co, Mn ...



RuO₂, IrO₂, Co₃O₄, NiCo₂O₄, Mn₂O₃

Photocatalytic and chemical WO

NiFeAlO₄, NiFeGaO₄, NiFeCrO₄, Co₃O₄

Electrochemical WO

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Mechanistic proposals for the O-O bond formation in the Acid based and direct coupling water oxidation.



Water Oxidation Mechanism



Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A., 2015, 112, 4935

Background

Molecular complexes

- · Mechanistic understanding
- \cdot Catalyst design

Iron

- . Beyond the state of the art
- Biocompatible
- Earth abundant

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
V	Cr	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu
vanadium	chromium	manganese	iron	cobalt	nickel	copper
50.94	52.00	54.94	55.85	58.93	58.69	63.55
41	42	43	44	45	46	47
Nb	Mo	Тс	Ru	Rh	Pd	Ag
niobium	molybdenum	technetium	ruthenium	rhodium	palladium	silver
92.91	95.96(2)		101.1	102.9	106.4	107.9
73	74	75	76	77	78	79
Та	w	Re	Os	lr	Pt	Au
tantalum	tungsten	rhenium	osmium	iridium	platinum	gold



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Homogeneous Water Oxidation Catalysts Based on

First Row Transition Metals

- a) Strongly Chelating and Robust Ligands
- b) Stabilization of High Oxidation States





Among many other



Model system



Oxidant: Cerium (IV) amonium nitrate (CAN), NaIO4 ...

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Extension to selected tetra- and pentadentate iron complexes

Effect of ligand environment and coordination number



Sun et al. Asian J. Chem. 2014, DOI: 10.1002/asia.201400066

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Tentative mechanism



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S3 state obtained after two-flash illumination at a resolution of 2.35 Å using a timeresolved femtosecond crystallography with a femtosecond X-ray free electron lasers (XFEL)



Kok cycle





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- Development of alternative fuels which are clean, sustainable and renewable.
- Hydrogen produced from solar energy through the catalyzed decomposition of water is an ultimate clean fuel and its use as a primary energy source desirable.
- Current electrochemical catalysts for H₂ production suffer from large overpotentials, short live times and they are based on expensive metals (platinum).
- A water reduction catalyst (WRC) based on "Earth abundant elements" (first row transition metal) is required.

Toward a Hydrogen Economy (special issue). *Science* **2004**, *305*, 957 Vincent, K. A.; Cracknell, J. A.; Parkin, A.; Armstrong, F. A. *Dalton Trans.* **2005**, *21*, 3397-3403. Turner, J. A. Science **2004**, *305*, 972-974. Tutorial: Water Splitting



Natural molecular hydrogen generation: Hydrogenases





$$2H_2 \leftrightarrow 2H^+ + 2e^-$$

- The **hydrogenase** enzyme catalyses the reversible oxidation of molecular H₂.
- Hydrogenases are classified based on metal atoms composing the active site: [NiFe], [FeFe], and [Fe]-only.
- Understanding its catalytic mechanism might help to design catalyst for H₂ production.

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Hydrogenases catalyzes the reversible oxidation of molecular hydrogen:



Two-proton, two-electron production and oxidation



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Strong chelating multidentante ligands, which stabilize complexes in low oxidation states TYPES of Ligands:

Soft ligands such as di-phophines (P donor), thiols (S donor), CO (Organometallic)

N donor: polypiridin aminoligands, imines, glioxime, porphyrins,

Polyoxometalates (POM): Rare examples.



a) Stabilization of Low Oxidation States

Strong chelating multidentante ligands, which stabilize complexes in low oxidation states **PCET**



b) Pendan base



• The active site of the [FeFe] hydrogenase, presents a pendant base that facilitate the proton delivery into the iron.



b) Pendan base Hydride formation at the active site of the [Fe-Fe] hydrogenase's type



Notice that we did not discussed the electron reduction events at the catalytic center.

Split of the ΔH and ΔS terms

The two terms contribute in the same TS producing a higher energy barrier.

M. Ahlquist et al Chem. Commun., 2012, 48, 4450-4452 and Dalton Trans., 2013, 42, 7816





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Water Reduction: Selected Examples


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<u>Heterolytic</u>: The metal-hydride complex is further reduced and protonated to evolve H_2 . Two electrons and two protons are delivered to a single metal center and a putative [Mⁿ]-H is formed.

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Solar Fuels:

 \cdot CO₂ (Photo)reduction to formic acid, methanol or methane:

 $CO_2 + 6H^+ + 6e^- \rightarrow CH_3OH$

Lewis and Nocera *PNAS* **2006**, *103*, 15729-15735 Meyer and co-workers *Inorg. Chem.* **2005**, *44*, 6802-6827 Moore and co-workers *Acc. Chem. Res.* **2009**, *42*, 1890-1898

CO2 Reduction to CO, HCO₂H and hydrocarbons



CO ₂ reduction	
Reaction	$E^{0\prime}$
$CO_{2} + 1e^{-} \rightarrow CO_{2}^{\bullet^{-}}$ $CO_{2} + 2H^{+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow HCO_{2}H$ $CO_{2} + 2H^{+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow CO + H_{2}O$ $2CO_{2} + 2H^{+} + 2e^{-} \rightarrow H_{2}C_{2}O_{4}$ $CO_{2} + 4H^{+} + 4e^{-} \rightarrow HCHO + H_{2}O$	-1.9 -0.61 -0.53 -0.49 -0.48
$CO_2 + 6H^+ + 6e^- \rightarrow CH_3OH + H_2O$ $CO_2 + 8H^+ + 8e^- \rightarrow CH_4 + 2H_2O$	$\begin{array}{c} -0.38 \\ -0.24 \end{array}$

Molecular complexes for CO₂ Reduction



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O. Ishitani, M. Robert and co. ACS Catal. 2017, 7, 70

a) Stabilization of Low Oxidation States

Strong chelating multidentante pi-acceptor ligands Change delocalization: Non-innocent ligands.



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Tutorial: Water Splitting

a) Stabilization of Low Oxidation States

Strong chelating multidentante pi-acceptor ligands

Change delocalization: Non-innocent ligands.

b) Activation of the CO₂ molecule: internal brønsted or Lewis acid.







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CO₂ reduction or CO reduction to CH₄



Selective formation of oxalate, Low overpotential Prior the reduction O_2 allows for capturing the CO_2 from air



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Water Splitting



Water Oxidation: source of electrons

 $2H_2O \rightarrow O_2 + 4H^+ + 4e^-$

E = 1.23 V at pH 1 Δ G = 113.4 kcal·mol⁻¹

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Solar Fuels:

· (Photo)chemical Water Splitting:

 $2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2$

 \cdot CO₂ (Photo)reduction to formic acid, methanol or methane:

$$CO_2 + 6H^+ + 6e^- \rightarrow CH_3OH$$

Outline of the tutorial

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 - CO₂ Reduction
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General Scheme

n·e⁻ S₂ $S_1^{(oxid)}$ 110 Cat Cat S₂(red) **S**₁ n·E⁺ Water Oxidation Solar Fuels: H₂, CO, CH₃OH **Oxidation of Reduction of Organic Substrates Organic Substrates**

> Light as energy source to carry out energetically up hill transformations

Light as energy source to carry out transformations



CO₂ → HCO₂H L-Glutamate dehydrogenase Ketone reductions Hydrogenation

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OXIDATIONS AND REDUCTIONS: Photochemical



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Reduction of olefins

TiO₂ modified with the B₁₂ complex

Under UV irradiation $(\lambda = 365 \text{ nm})$



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Photocatalytic reduction of acetophenone



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Photocatalytic reduction of aromatic ketones and aldehydes



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Hydride mechanism



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HAT mechanism



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