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**Photocatalysts for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction and computational insights**

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**Abstract**

Global warming is caused by excessive CO<sub>2</sub> production, and reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is a viable way to counteract this. It has been extensively studied how light-driven processes, particularly photocatalytic systems, can transform solar energy into chemical energy. In the present review exercise, the mechanism of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction is described using calculations based on density functional theory (DFT), and comparisons are also made with regard to typical light-driven devices. Additionally, the traits of potential materials—including metal–organic frameworks (MOFs), metal complexes, metal oxide, Z-scheme (metal complexes/semiconductors, two semiconductors, dye-sensitized semiconductors), improved S-scheme and organic photocatalyst etc.—are described in depth to show how these traits affect the CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption, activation, and desorption processes. Also summarized are a number of methods for enhancing the selectivity and efficiency of catalytic reactions. Lastly, the challenges and future outlook of light-driven reactions for CO<sub>2</sub> reduction are presented. © 2023 Elsevier Ltd

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