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A force awakens: exploiting solar energy beyond photosynthesis

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Abstract

In recent years, efforts to exploit sunlight, a free and abundant energy source, have sped up dramatically. Oxygenic photosynthetic organisms, such as higher plants, algae, and cyanobacteria, can convert solar energy into chemical energy very efficiently using water as an electron donor. By providing organic building blocks for life in this way, photosynthesis is undoubtedly one of the most important processes on Earth. The aim of light-driven catalysis is to harness solar energy, in the form of reducing power, to drive enzymatic reactions requiring electrons for their catalytic cycle. Light-driven enzymes have been shown to have a large number of biotechnological applications, ranging from the production of high-value secondary metabolites to the development of green chemistry processes. Here, we highlight recent key developments in the field of light-driven catalysis using biological components. We will also discuss strategies to design and optimize light-driven systems in order to develop the next generation of sustainable solutions in biotechnology.

Keywords: Cytochrome P450, light-driven catalysis, light-driven synthesis, photosynthetic chassis, photosensitizer, redox enzymes.

Introduction

Every ecosystem and food chain is dependent on primary producers enabling the fixation of inorganic CO₂ into organic carbon skeletons. One possible route to achieve this is through the light reactions of photosynthesis, which facilitate the conversion of solar energy into chemical energy. The initial, light-dependent part of photosynthesis is a highly efficient process; however, the overall efficiency of photosynthesis is limited by the carbon-fixing enzyme ribulose-1,5-bisphosphate carboxylase/oxygenase. This results in a significant loss of energy as heat, fluorescence, and through several alternative electron sinks (Rochaix, 2011).

Global challenges such as rising CO₂ levels and increasing temperatures require urgent action and novel solutions. In this context, biological platforms for the renewable production of chemical compounds and natural products, independent of petrochemistry, are gaining increasing interest. Given that sunlight is the only source of energy that is widely abundant on Earth and cost free, photosynthetic organisms are an obvious and promising choice for future production systems. These organisms are able to grow on CO₂ as a carbon source, light as an energy source, and a minimal amount of inorganic nutrients.
Recently, efforts have been made to harness light beyond photosynthesis to directly power enzymes. This concept is often referred to as ‘light-driven catalysis’ (Box 1). In this article, we will give an overview of the state of the art in developing light-driven systems and discuss the most recent progress for high-value and commodity products. A short summary of recent key developments is given in Box 2. We will also expand on the current limitations for light-driven catalysis and demonstrate how the research community can address these limitations to make light-driven systems a major player in future sustainable biological production.

**Light-driven synthesis of high-value compounds via photosystem I**

**Cytochrome P450s are key enzymes of secondary metabolite synthesis**

Higher plants produce a vast number of various specialized metabolites, such as terpenoids, cyanogenic glucosides, alkaloids, phenylpropanoids, and related phenolic compounds. The biosynthesis of these compounds requires highly specific and complex enzymatic reactions that often involve a group of monooxygenases named cytochrome P450s (P450s). P450s constitute one of the largest superfamilies of enzymes found in all biological kingdoms (Omura, 1999). P450s contain a heme prosthetic group, which mediates catalytic activation of oxygen under the use of electrons from NAD(P)H. Eukaryotic P450s are membrane bound, mainly to the endoplasmic reticulum (class II), but also to the mitochondrial and plastid membranes (class I), through an N-terminal transmembrane spanning segment (Schuler et al., 2006; Bak et al., 2011; Miyazaki et al., 2011). Owing to their involvement in a plethora of plant biosynthetic pathways, the successful expression of highly active P450s is a crucial step in establishing the production of high-value compounds such as plant secondary metabolites.

**Heterologous expression of P450s in photosynthetic organisms for light-driven catalysis**

The heterologous expression of class II eukaryotic P450s is a complex engineering exercise that requires attention to detail such as successful membrane integration and insertion and intracellular shortage, such as NAD(P)H. Electrons can be supplied to the target enzyme by (A) a photosynthetic electron transport chain (PETC) mediated by photosystem I (PSI) and ferredoxin, e.g. a cytochrome P450, (B) an internal cofactor that captures light, e.g. a fatty acid photodecarboxylase (FAP), (C) an excited photosensitizer, e.g. a lytic polysaccharide monooxygenase (LPMO), or (D) a PETC mediated by the plastoquinone (PQ) pool, e.g. a particulate methane monooxygenase (pMMO).
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of the heme group. Additionally, these P450s need a dedicated cytochrome P450 oxidoreductase that transfers electrons, via a flavin mononucleotide domain, from NADPH. Electron supply is generally considered to be the major limiting factor in native P450 systems (Jung et al., 2011; Urlacher and Girhard, 2012). In order to overcome this limitation, it was proposed that, by introducing P450-containing pathways of interest into the plant chloroplast, these enzymes could use the surplus of reducing power generated by photosynthesis (Jensen et al., 2011, 2012).

This concept was then demonstrated by the transient expression of two membrane-bound P450s (CYP79A1 and CYP71E1) and a soluble glycosyltransferase (UGT85B1) in Nicotiana benthamiana. The P450s were successfully inserted into the photosynthetic membranes, and in vivo activity was NADPH independent and mediated by the small 10–12 kDa soluble photoreduced electron carrier protein ferredoxin (Fd), thereby avoiding the need for a dedicated reductase (Nielsen et al., 2013) (Box 1A). This was the first proof of in vivo light-driven catalysis; since then, it has been demonstrated with other pathways (Gnanasekaran et al., 2015) and expression systems (Gnanasekaran et al., 2016; Wlodarczyk et al., 2016). Additionally, several individual P450s have been shown to be light-driven in photosynthetic hosts (Lassen et al., 2014; Gangl et al., 2015; Berepiki et al., 2016; Zedler et al., 2016; Berepiki et al., 2018).

Improving light-driven P450 systems by fusing dedicated electron carriers

A major limitation in powering light-driven systems with Fd is the competition with other, native, electron acceptors (Mellor et al., 2017). In an attempt to make electron transfer more targeted and specific, Mellor et al. (2016) constructed synthetic P450-Fd fusion proteins using the P450 CYP79A1 as a model protein. The Fd part of the fusion protein could capture electrons directly from photosystem I (PSI), allowing the P450 to better compete with other electron sinks coupled to endogenous metabolic pathways. This study was able to show that the CYP79A1-Fd fusion enzyme obtained reducing power solely from its fused Fd and outperformed the unfused P450 in vivo (Mellor et al., 2016; Mellor et al., 2017).

What is the next step for light-driven P450s?

We believe that, in particular, the production of plant-derived terpenoids will benefit from advances in light-driven P450 systems. These compounds are a large class of natural plant products with diverse applications (Bohlmann and Keeling, 2008). The biosynthesis of these molecules typically involves P450s functionalizing carbon backbones generated by terpene synthases (Pateraki et al., 2015). The ample amount of precursor carbon skeletons, in combination with light-driven P450s, make photosynthetic organisms a very attractive choice as a
terpenoid production chassis. It is encouraging to see that in recent years the research community has put increasing efforts into developing terpenoid production platforms in a range of photosynthetic, mainly microbial, hosts (Chaves and Melis, 2018; Knudsen et al., 2018; Ko et al., 2019; Lauer, 2019; Lin and Pakrasi, 2019). More work is needed to determine whether the existing technology is scalable in a sustainable way.

Redirecting photosynthetic reducing power into the production of drop-in fuels and commodities

Phototrophic production of biofuels has been stalled by limited production yields and technological difficulties (Jørgensen et al., 2007; Reijnders, 2018). Therefore, recent efforts have combined design principles from synthetic biology and light-driven catalysis to engineer photosynthetic microbial hosts as chassis for the photobiological production of ‘drop-in compatible’ fuels (Aro, 2016). In photosynthetic microbes, the surplus of redox power (i.e. electrons) derived from the oxidation of water facilitates direct in vivo CO₂-to-product conversion. Thus, these microbial chassis act as whole-cell biocatalysts capable of producing fuels and renewable chemicals compatible with existing value chains (Lin and Tao, 2017).

Harnessing native pathways

The microalga Botryococcus braunii has a remarkable ability to naturally produce and secrete long-chain hydrocarbons (Metzger and Largeau, 2005). Despite the enormous potential of this organism, its slow growth and limited knowledge on its genome and physiology have precluded its industrial exploitation for hydrocarbon production (Cook et al., 2017). Mining the B. braunii genome for novel enzymes and hydrocarbon partitioning and secretion routes that can be transferred into more tractable phototrophs might open up interesting opportunities. Sorigüé and colleagues have published two important studies that broke new ground in eukaryotic hydrocarbon production. First, Sorigüé et al. (2016) provided evidence that several green microalgal species (Chlamydomonas reinhardtii, Chlorella variabilis NC64A, and Nannochloropsis spp.) produce hydrocarbons in a light-dependent, but photosynthesis-independent, manner. A follow-up study identified the responsible enzyme, a fatty acid photodecarboxylase (FAP), which carries a flavin adenine dinucleotide as a light-absorbing cofactor and converts fatty acids to hydrocarbons, with a quantum yield exceeding 0.8 (Sorigüé et al., 2017) (Box 1B).

Light-driven hydrocarbon production has also been found to occur in cyanobacteria. A novel pathway was shown to utilize Fd and Fd-NADP⁺ reductase to catalyse the conversion of acyl-acyl carrier proteins (acyl-ACP) to alkanes (Schirmer et al., 2010; Zhang et al., 2013). These enzymes were named acyl-ACP reductase (AAR) and aldehyde decarbonylase [later renamed to aldehyde-deformylating oxygenase (ADO); Li et al., 2012]. Interestingly, orthologs of both enzymes were identified in 90% of cyanobacterial genomes, suggesting an unexpected ubiquity of this pathway (Klähn et al., 2014). To date, attempts to engineer the native AAR/ADO pathway have not resulted in significant improvements (Wang et al., 2013; Peramuna et al., 2015; Yunus et al., 2018). This suggests a high degree of native pathway regulation. Further research is required to elucidate the intricacies of the cyanobacterial AAR/ADO pathway.

Engineering de novo pathways

In a recent study, Yunus et al. (2018) demonstrated the potential of photosynthetic microorganisms for heterologous production of drop-in compatible biofuels. This work describes a side-by-side comparison of a thioesterase (TesA)/Δaa Synechocystis sp. PCC 6803 strain and a TesA C. reinhardtii mutant, both engineered with a series of synthetic pathways for hydrocarbon production (Yunus et al., 2018). In C. reinhardtii, TesA was unable to increase the free fatty acid (FFA) pool, thus hindering further attempts to increase hydrocarbon production. On the other hand, in Synechocystis, FFAs were efficiently liberated and two distinct light-driven pathways were introduced. First, the Pseudomonas aldehyde decarboxylase UndB was expressed and converted 55% of liberated FFAs into their respective alkenes. In its native environment, UndB is an integral membrane protein and requires electrons for its catalytic cycle (Rui et al., 2015). These observations allow us to speculate that UndB might be inserted into the thylakoid membranes and could potentially be light-driven. The source of the UndB electron supply in the study was, however, unknown (Yunus et al., 2018). Second, the C. variabilis FAP was introduced into Synechocystis and produced up to 77.1 mg g⁻¹ cell dry weight of alkanes (a 9-fold increase over a C. reinhardtii FAP overexpresser strain; Yunus et al., 2018). This suggests that, in certain cases, heterologous expression of a target enzyme may be preferable to native pathway manipulation. Despite the successful reconstitution of heterologous hydrocarbon pathways, both strains suffered from impaired growth due to intracellular accumulation of products (Yunus et al., 2018). Therefore, understanding and controlling product secretion is crucial for improvement of in vivo hydrocarbon production.

In vitro systems for light-driven catalysis

Many light-driven enzymes are natively membrane-bound (e.g. P450s); therefore, their large-scale application in an industrial setting is challenging. This issue was addressed in a recent study seeking to improve the application of particulate methane monoxygenases (pMMOs) (Ito et al., 2018). These membrane-bound metalloproteins require two electrons to oxidize the C-H bond in methane to form methanol (Basch et al., 1999). The conversion of methane to methanol under mild conditions, for example, using enzymatic conversion, is a highly sought after reaction. It has the potential to simplify the transport and storage of methane and expand the portfolio of natural gas-based fuels. Ito et al. (2018) reconstituted photosystem II (PSII) into the pMMO-containing membrane fraction of Methylosinus trichosporium OB3d. This created a sequential redox chain where the pMMO was driven by membrane-bound quinones reduced by electrons originating from light-driven oxidation of water (Box 1D). However, light intensities...
above 20 µmol m\(^{-2}\) s\(^{-1}\) led to PSII decomposition and, consequentially, to lower activity levels. In order to generate a more robust system, it would be of interest to design a system with the pMMO inserted into a photosynthetic membrane. However, the complexity of the enzyme (a homotrimer with three distinct metal centres and seven transmembrane domains; Liebeman and Rosenzweig, 2005) might constitute a major engineering challenge.

In cases of enzymes that are soluble and stable in physiological conditions, their large-scale application is less complex. For example, a recent study demonstrated this by developing a light–driven system with a lytic polysaccharide monooxygenase (LPMO) (Box 1C) (Cannella et al., 2016). LPMOs are copper metalloproteins that require electrons and O\(_2\) or H\(_2\)O\(_2\) to disrupt polysaccharide chains (Frandsen and Lo Leggio, 2016; Frommhagen et al., 2018; Tandrup et al., 2018). Most often, electrons are supplied by small molecule reductants (e.g. ascorbic acid). However, Cannella et al. (2016) demonstrated that a combination of a photosensitizer (chlorophyllin/thylakoids) and a reductant (ascorbic acid), under low-intensity visible light exposure (150–200 µmol m\(^{-2}\) s\(^{-1}\)), increased the catalytic activity of the LPMO 10– to 100-fold. While the mechanistic details of this light-driven system are still under intense debate (Møllers et al., 2017; Bissaro et al., 2018), the commercial potential of this system is unquestionable.

**Light-driven catalysis: where do we go from here?**

The concept of light-driven catalysis is still in its infancy; however, the developments highlighted here show that it is maturing quickly. Moving forward, we should utilize the biomimetic principle of ‘biology to design’ to learn from native systems in order to improve upon existing light–driven solutions. With that in mind, we would like to highlight two key considerations when designing a light–driven system: (i) the choice of an appropriate host chassis and (ii) the exploitation of synthetic biology to rationally design and organize future light-driven systems.

**Choosing an appropriate host chassis for a specific light-driven system**

A consistent supply of electrons is required for an efficient light–driven system. Consequently, any organism capable of performing photosynthesis will be a superior choice of host chassis compared with traditional heterotrophic microbial systems. Additionally, there are several general aspects that are desirable in any production host: fast growth, efficient transformation systems, and the availability of tools to design and regulate light-driven catalysis.

For example, in plants, transient expression can yield very high levels of recombinant protein, making it an attractive choice (Sainsbury and Lomonossoff, 2014); this is particularly the case for *N. benthamiana* (Bally et al., 2018). However, engineering tools to directly modify plant chloroplasts, the location of light–driven catalysis, and generate stable transformants are still lagging behind those for unicellular organisms (Mellor et al., 2018). On the other hand, in cyanobacteria, engineering strategies are relatively advanced, with a large availability of different tools (Klemenčič et al., 2017; Sengupta et al., 2018), and several species have already been shown to be suitable for the integration of light–driven systems (Lassen et al., 2014; Włodarczyk et al., 2016). Furthermore, there have also been rapid developments in identifying and characterizing fast-growing cyanobacterial species (Yu et al., 2015; Ungerer et al., 2018) that are key to making photosynthetic chassis more competitive.

Overall, the particular choice of host organism will have to be determined based on the individual product of interest (considering, for example, the metabolic architecture and availability of precursors), which might require testing different photosynthetic chassis to find the most suited one. In this context, it is encouraging that an array of standardized DNA assembly systems is becoming available for photosynthetic hosts. One example is the Golden Gate–based methods developed for both plants and *C. reinhardtii* (Engler et al., 2009, 2014; Crozet et al., 2018), thus also facilitating easier exchange of parts between different host chassis. Additionally, the emergence of CRISPR/Cas nuclease gene-editing technology in a wide range of organisms has provided the tools to engineer host chassis with unprecedented precision (Doudna and Charpentier, 2014).

**Synthetic biology is key to the advancement of light-driven systems**

The road to the industrial use of light–driven systems contains numerous engineering and optimization challenges. We believe that key strategies to overcome these challenges can be implemented with synthetic biology (Fig. 1).

In a light–driven system, photosynthetic reducing power is abundant; however, competition from native electron transfer pathways and the inherent regulation of light–harvesting and photosynthetic electron transport may constitute obstacles. Therefore, to take full advantage of the electron flux, it is advisable to design a system where the electron donor and target enzyme present a suitable redox coupling while also considering potential off-target redox partners (Mellor et al., 2017). To improve electron channelling, fusing an electron carrier to the target enzyme has been shown to improve catalysis (Mellor et al., 2016) (Fig. 1A). Going forward, considering other electron carriers and controlling tight interactions between electron carrier and enzyme are very likely to improve fluxes of light–driven systems. Thus, the design of a suitable redox cascade between interaction partners in a light–driven system should be a major design consideration, and an array of suitable candidates, with defined midpoint potentials, should be developed as standardized, exchangeable parts.

Another strategy to achieve more efficient and controlled interactions within a light–driven system is to spatially organize individual components (Fig. 1B). Synthetic biology offers a seemingly unlimited number of options to achieve this. A recent study showed that the individual enzymes of the dhurrin pathway can be transiently expressed in *N. tabacum* with membrane
anchors from components of the twin–arginine protein translocation system, which natively co-localize and assemble in the thylakoid membrane. This strategy increased the final dhurrin yield 5-fold (Henriques de Jesus et al., 2017). This study demonstrates how controlling the localization of heterologous enzymes can improve light-driven systems. Moreover, this is a first example of using enzyme scaffolding to build light-driven metabolons within the native cell architecture. Synthetic biology is, however, not limited to targeting the native host cell architecture, but can also be used to design entirely synthetic scaffolds and even compartments, as recently shown in yeast (Lau et al., 2018). Utilizing synthetic structures will allow the design of dedicated sites for light-driven catalysis that are controllable and free of endogenous regulation. Despite the promising strategies outlined above, their application requires a detailed understanding of protein trafficking and targeting within the cell. Additionally, the localization of not only the enzymes needs to be controlled, but also that of the final product: can the product be secreted into the medium, or can it be stored in a subcellular compartment? Again, a detailed understanding of the host chassis metabolism and cellular organization is necessary.

Overall, combining the key strategies outlined above should provide new avenues to design and fine-tune the next generation of light-driven enzymes and biosynthetic pathways. Together with a more sophisticated understanding of metabolic fluxes and trade-offs between growth and production (Knoop and Steuer, 2015), light-driven catalysis can play a major role in exploiting solar energy beyond photosynthesis.

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