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Research Interests

- Energy related issues
- Environmental issues
- Heterogeneous catalysis

Creative Achievements in the Past Research

(1) Utilization of metal complexes as heterogeneous catalysts

Heterogeneous catalysis of polynuclear cyano-bridged metal complexes was developed for hydrolysis of organophosphate [1], photocatalytic water oxidation [3] and photocatalytic oxygenation of aromatic compounds [4].

(2) Photocatalytic assembly for hydrogen evolution

Reaction systems composed of multiple components including a photosensitizer, an oxidation catalyst and a reduction catalyst were constructed for photocatalytic hydrogen evolution. These components were functionally assembled in a confined space for efficient photoinduced electron transfer. The void spaces in a protein crystal [2] or silica-alumina nanoparticle ensembles [5] were utilized to construct assemblies for photocatalytic hydrogen evolution.

Research Theme That I Want to Collaborate With

- Heterogeneous catalysis of metal complexes
- Catalysis of nanoparticles assembly
- Artificial photosynthesis

A List of 5 Key Publications

- Effect of surface acidity of cyano-bridged polynuclear metal complexes on catalytic activity for hydrolysis of organophosphates, H. Tabe, C. Terashima, <u>Y. Yamada</u>, *Catal. Sci. Technol.* in press (DOI: 10.1039/C8CY01015C)
- Photocatalytic hydrogen evolution systems constructed in cross-linked porous protein crystals H. Tabe, H. Takahashi, T. Shimoi, S. Abe, T. Ueno, <u>Y. Yamada</u>, *Appl. Catal. B*, 237, 1124-1129 (2018)
- Photocatalytic water oxidation by persulphate with a Ca²⁺ ion-incorporated polymeric cobalt cyanide complex affording O₂ with 200% quantum efficiency, <u>Y. Yamada</u>, K. Oyama, T. Suenobu, S. Fukuzumi, *Chem. Commun.* 53, 3418-3421 (2017)
- Dual Function Photocatalysis of Cyano-Bridged Heteronuclear Metal Complexes for Water Oxidation and Two-Electron Reduction of Dioxygen to Produce Hydrogen Peroxide as a Solar Fuel, Y. Aratani, T. Suenobu, K. Ohkubo, <u>Y. Yamada</u>, S. Fukuzumi *Chem. Commun.* 53, 3473-3476 (2017)
- A composite catalyst of Pt nanoparticles and an organic photocatalyst incorporated in interparticle mesospaces of silica-alumina nanoparticle ensembles for hydrogen evolution in water. <u>Y. Yamada</u>, H. Tadokoro, M. Naqshbandi, J. Canning, M. J. Crossley, T. Suenobu, S. Fukuzumi, *ChemPlusChem*, 81, 521-525 (2016)

