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ABSTRACT

The invention provides fermentative methods for producing n-propanol. The methods of the invention involve providing a suitable carbon source, a microorganism expressing the dicarboxylic acid pathway, reducing equivalents, and at least one gene coding for an enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of propionate/propionyl-CoA into n-propanol. The methods further involve contacting the carbon source and reducing equivalents with the microorganism under conditions favorable for the production of n-propanol. Also provided are methods for producing propylene and polypropylene from the n-propanol and microorganisms suitable for use in the methods of the invention.

FIGURE 4

WE CLAIM:

1. A method for producing n-propanol comprising:
 - (a) providing a suitable carbon source for fermentation by a microorganism expressing the dicarboxylic acid pathway, reducing equivalents, in the form of NAD(P)H, and at least one gene coding for an enzyme that catalyzes the conversion of propionate/propionyl-CoA into n-propanol;
 - (b) contacting the carbon source and reducing equivalents in the form of NAD(P)H with the microorganism under conditions favorable for the production of n-propanol by the microorganism; whereby a fermentation broth is produced; and
 - (c) recovering n-propanol from the fermentation broth.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein the microorganism has been genetically engineered to express one or more enzymes, whereby the microorganism is capable of converting propionate/propionyl-CoA to n-propanol.
3. The method of claim 2, wherein the microorganism is selected from the group consisting of: *Propionigenium* spp., *Propionispira arboris*, *Propionibacterium* spp., and *Selenomonas*.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein the enzyme is selected from the group consisting of:
 - aldehyde dehydrogenases that are capable of using propionic acid as a substrate;
 - aldehyde dehydrogenases that are capable of using an acyl-CoA intermediate as a substrate;
 - alcohol dehydrogenases that catalyze the conversion of an aldehyde to its corresponding primary alcohol; and
 - multifunctional enzymes that possess both aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase domains.
5. The method of claim 4, wherein the enzyme has alcohol dehydrogenase protein domain with e-value threshold below $1e-2$.

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7. The method of claim 4, wherein the aldehyde dehydrogenases are capable of using propionic acid as a substrate are selected from the group consisting of: *Mus musculus* (GenBank Accession No. AC162458.4); *Clostridium botulinum* A str. American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) No. 3502 (GenBank Accession No. AM412317.1); and *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (GenBank Accession No. EU255273.1).
8. The method of claim 4, wherein the aldehyde dehydrogenases that are capable of using acyl-CoA intermediate as a substrate are selected from the group consisting of: *Rhodococcus opacus* (GenBank Accession No. AP011115.1); *Entamoeba dispar* (GenBank Accession No. DS548207.1); and *Lactobacillus reuteri* (GenBank Accession No. ACHG01000187.1).
9. The method of claim 4, wherein the alcohol dehydrogenases that catalyze the conversion of an aldehyde to its corresponding primary alcohol are selected from the group consisting of: *Aspergillus niger* (GenBank Accession No. AM270229.1); *Streptococcus pneumoniae* Taiwan19F-14 (GenBank Accession No. CP000921.1); and *Salmonella enterica* (GenBank Accession No. CP001127.1).
10. The method of claim 4, wherein the multifunctional enzymes that possess both aldehyde/alcohol dehydrogenase domains are selected from the group consisting of: *Lactobacillus sakei* (GenBank Accession No. CR936503.1); *Giardia intestinalis* (GenBank Accession No. U93353.1); *Shewanella amazonensis* (GenBank Accession No. CP000507.1); *Thermosynechococcus elongatus* (GenBank Accession No. BA000039.2); *Clostridium acetobutylicum* (GenBank Accession No. AE001438.3); and *Clostridium carboxidivorans* ATCC No. BAA-624T (GenBank Accession No. ACVI01000101.1).
11. The method of claim 1, wherein the fermentation broth further comprises ethanol and/or isopropanol.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein ethanol and/or isopropanol are recovered from fermentation broth.
13. The method of claim 1, wherein the microorganism has the expression of its gene encoding for an enzyme acetate kinase (E.C. 2.7.2.1) altered so as to diminish its activity.
14. The method of any one of claims 1-13, wherein the reducing equivalents comprise NAD(P)H.
15. The method of claim 14, wherein the NAD(P)⁺ is reduced to NAD(P)H comprising the use of electrodes and a mediator molecule, an overpressure of H₂, or a microorganism expressing a NAD⁺-dependent formate dehydrogenase in the presence of formate.
16. The method of claim 14, further comprising contacting the fermentation broth with electrodes and a mediator molecule.
17. The method of claim 16, wherein mediator molecules are benzyl viologen, methyl viologen, anthraquinone 2,6-disulfonic acid, neutral red, cobalt sepulchrates, 1,4 dihydroxy-2-naphthoic acid (DHNA) and flavins.
18. The method of claim 16, wherein mediator molecules are compounds present in yeast extract and *Propionibacterium* spp. extract.
19. The method of any one of claims 1-18, wherein the carbon source is sugarcane juice, sugarcane molasses, hydrolyzed starch, hydrolyzed ligno-cellulosic materials, glucose, sucrose, fructose, lactate, lactose, xylose or glycerol in any form or a mixture thereof.
20. A microorganism for using in the method as defined in any one of claims 1 to 19.

21. A method of claim 1 further comprising:
dehydrating the n-propanol produced by the method as defined in any one of claims 1 to 19 to produce propylene.
22. A method of claim 1 further comprising:
dehydrating in the same reactor n-propanol and isopropanol and/or ethanol produced by the method as defined in any of claims 1 to 19 to produce propylene.
23. A method of claim 1 further comprising:
polymerizing the propylene produced by the method as defined in any one of claims 21 and 22 to produce polypropylene.

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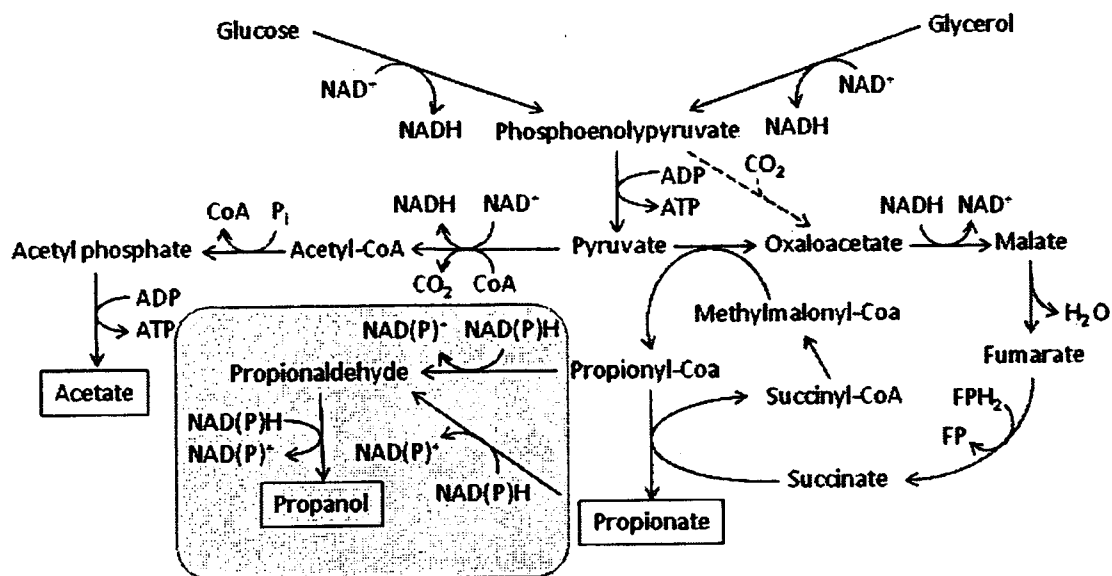


FIGURE 1

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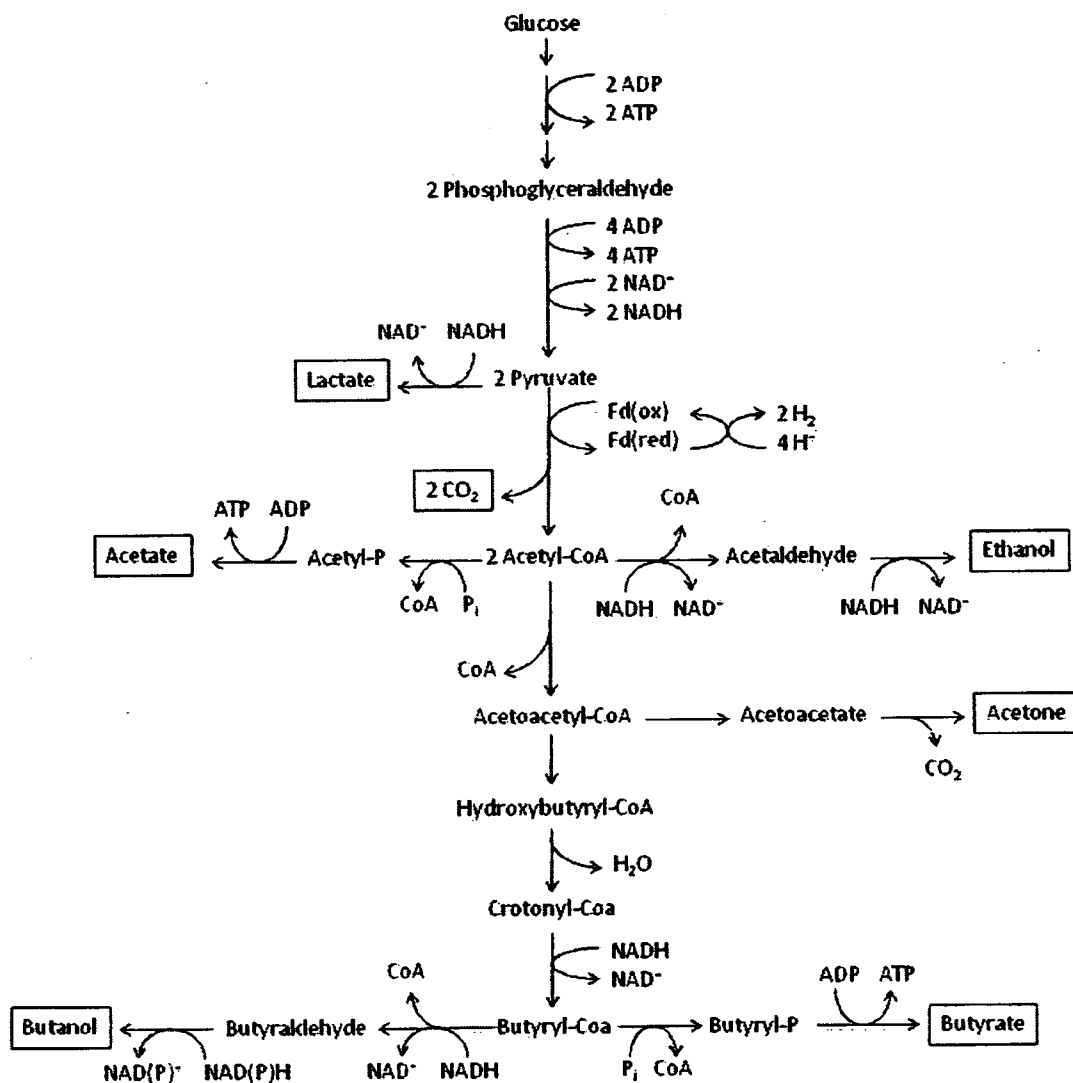


FIGURE 2

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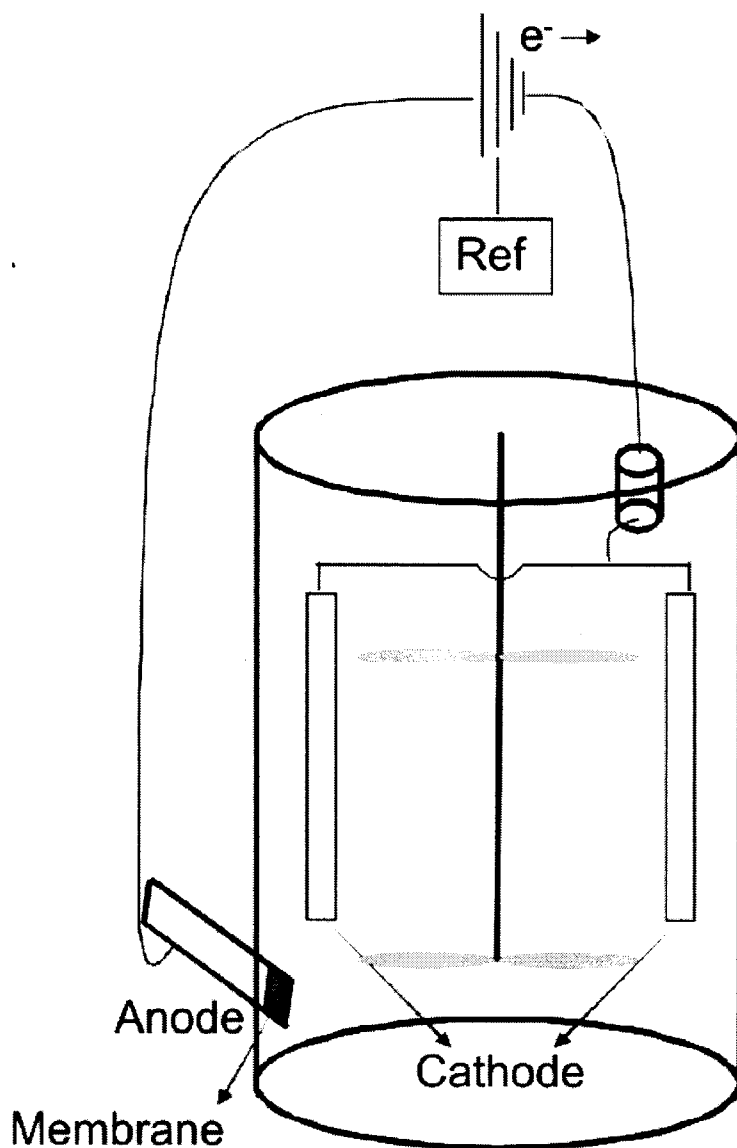


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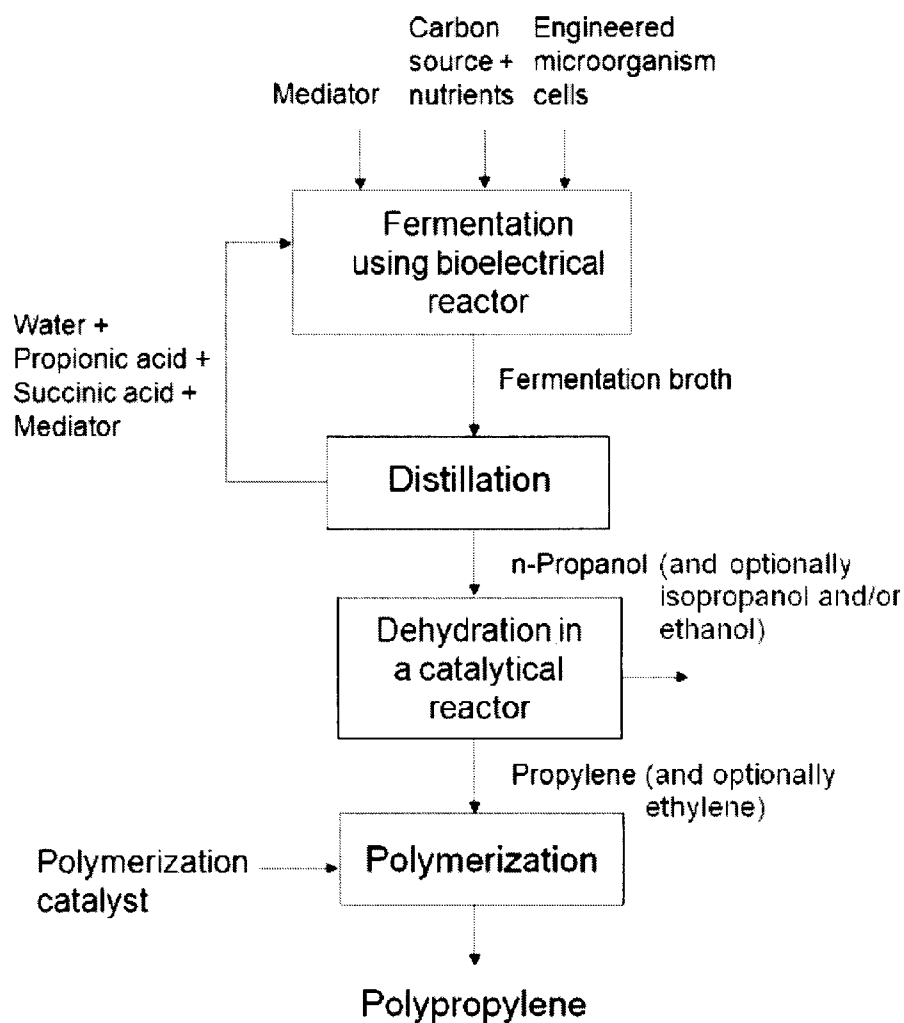


Figure 4


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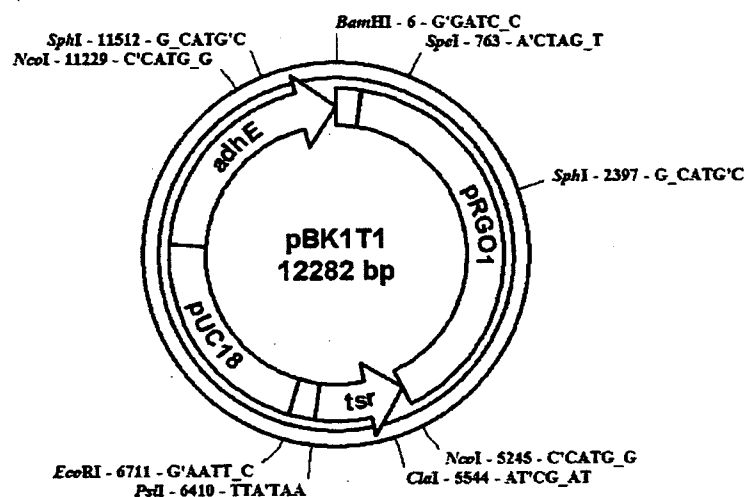


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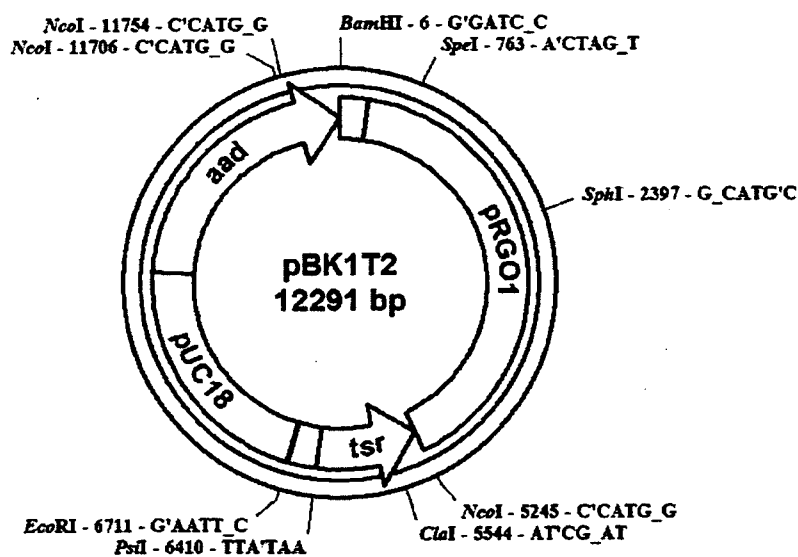


FIGURE 6

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FIGURE 7


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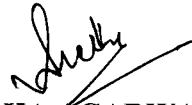
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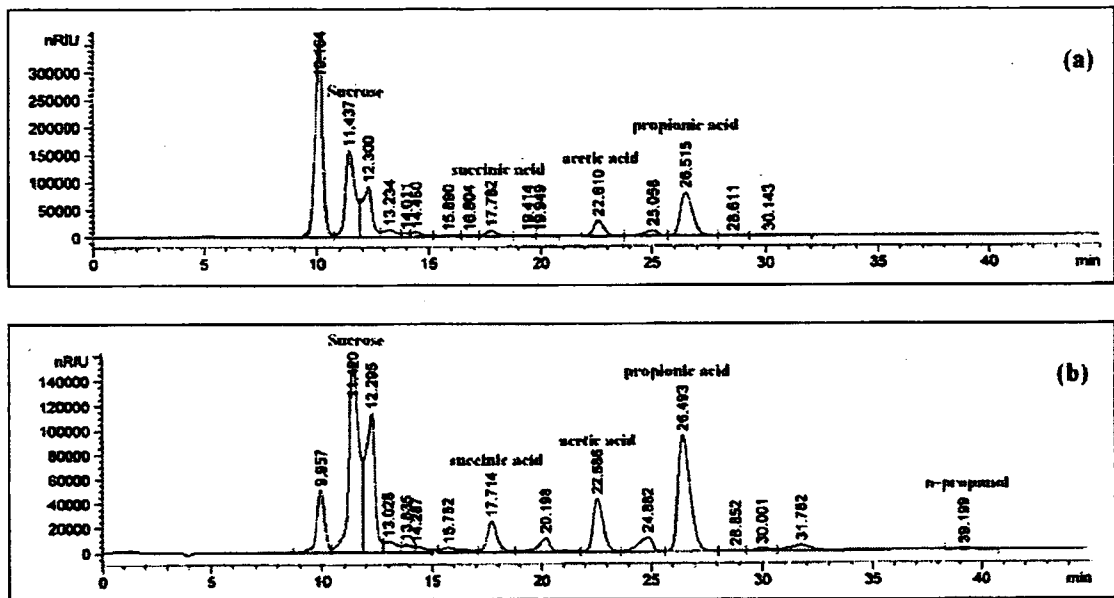



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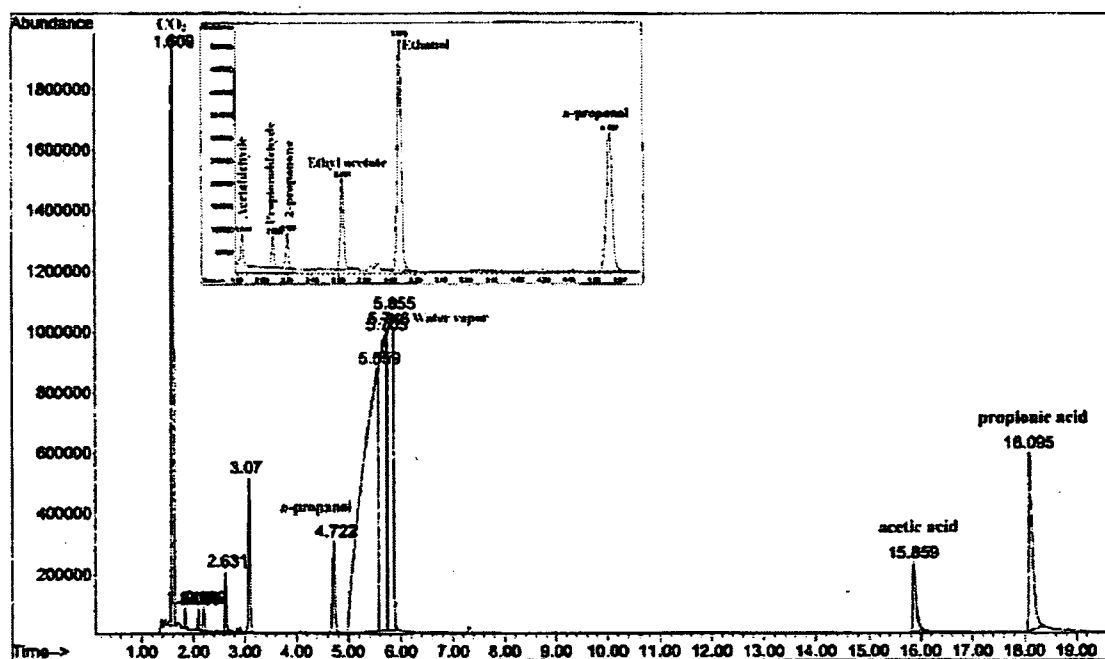


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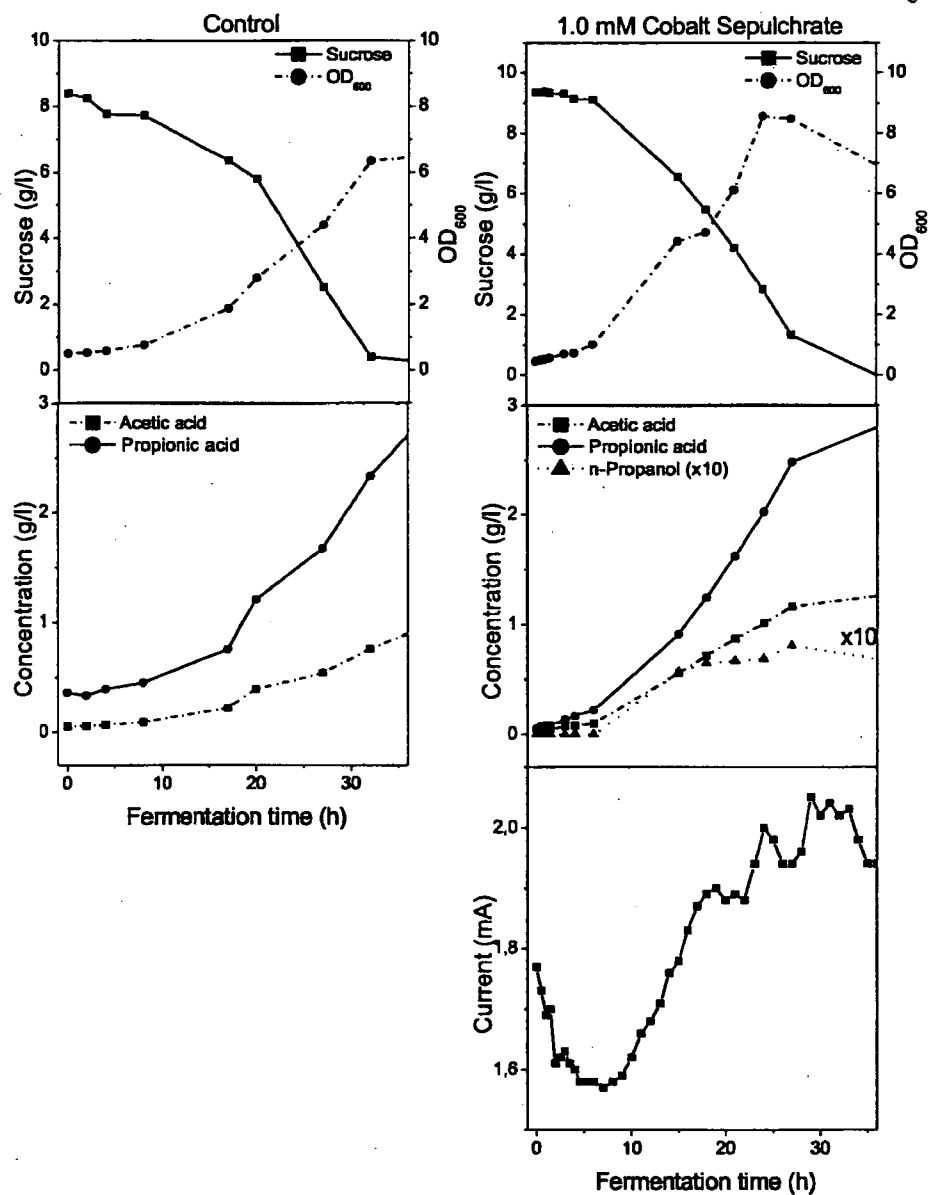


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FIELD OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to a process of bioconverting a biobased substrate (such as sugarcane juice, hydrolyzed starch, hydrolyzed cellulose or glycerol) into n-propanol using genetically modified microorganisms combined with a process for supplying reducing equivalents in the form of NAD(P)H during fermentation. The biobased n-propanol thus obtained could be dehydrated to propylene and polymerized to polypropylene to yield a bioplastic.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

n-Propanol (1-propanol, primary propyl alcohol, propan-1-ol) is a non-hazardous solvent that is freely miscible with water and other common solvents, with numerous applications in industry, such as printing inks, coatings, cleaners, adhesives, herbicides, insecticides, pharmaceuticals, de-icing fluids and as a chemical intermediate for the production of esters, propylamines, halides and thermoplastic resins. The use of n-propanol in fuel blends has also been suggested (U.S. Pat. No. 6,129,773), as this alcohol has the same capacity of ethanol to be used to increase as an antiknock additive and increase the octane number of gasoline according to Barannik V. P. et al. 2005, *Chemistry and Technology of Fuels and Oils* 41(6): 452-455.

n-Propanol is one of the main constituents of “fusel oils” or “potato oils”, which are the higher-order alcohols by-products of ethanol fermentation by the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (Hazelwood et al. 2008. The Ehrlich Pathway for Fusel Alcohol Production: a Century of Research on *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* Metabolism. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology* 74(8): 2259-2266). In the past, n-Propanol was obtained by fractional distillation of fusel oil, but nowadays it is manufactured from fossil feedstocks in a two-stage process known as Oxo Process, comprising ethylene hydroformylation at 80-120°C and 2.0 MPa in the presence of cobalt or rhodium carbonyl followed by hydrogenation of the resulting propionaldehyde on a copper-chromium, nickel-chromium or porous cobalt catalyst (U.S. Pat. No. 4,263,449 and U.S. Pat. No 5,866,725).

Worldwide interest in organic compounds produced from renewable feedstocks has increased considerably in recent years, especially for compounds that can be used as fuels or as bulk chemicals for the petrochemical industry. The latter are particularly interesting, since these compounds could be fixed in highly durable materials that can be recycled,

thus effectively mitigating atmospheric CO₂ (Rincones et al. 2009. The golden bridge for nature: the new biology applied to bioplastics. *Polymer Reviews* 49: 85-106). Thus, the use of the chemical products obtained from renewable feedstocks is becoming increasingly accepted and widespread as a viable alternative aiming at decreasing our society's dependence on fossil carbon sources. Products obtained from green sources can be certified as to their renewable carbon content according to the methodology described by the technical norm ASTM D 6866-06: "Standard Test Methods for Determining the Biobased Content of Natural Range Materials Using Radiocarbon and Isotope Ratio Mass Spectrometry Analysis".

The production of short-chain organic solvents (mainly reduced alcohols) through microorganism fermentation has been extensively studied. The most dramatic example is the production of ethanol as a commodity chemical, which is a major industrial process reaching nearly 90 million m³/year and occurring by the fermentation of renewable carbon sources (mainly cornstarch and sugarcane juice) by the yeast *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*. This process is extremely efficient and has been refined to the point where ethanol distilled from the fermentation broth is obtained at 90-95% of the theoretical yield. The ethanol thus produced is used as an industrial solvent, as the main additive for gasoline in fuel blends and, in Brazil, is used as the sole fuel for small vehicles. Another use of a biobased ethanol is the manufacture of bio-ethylene to be used as a monomer in the polyethylene manufacture, through a dehydration reaction as described by Morschbacker A. L. 2009, Bio-Ethanol Based Ethylene, *Journal of Macromolecular Science, Part C: Polymer Reviews*, 49:79–84.

Other well-known examples of solvent production by fermentation are the Acetone-Butanol-Ethanol (ABE) and the Isopropanol-Butanol-Ethanol (IBE) fermentations performed by some bacterial species of the genus *Clostridium*, yielding more than 35% by weight of the solvent mixture (U.S. Pat. No. 5,192,673). In addition, fermentation of 2,3-butanediol from carbohydrates by enteric bacteria of the genera *Klebsiella* and *Enterobacter* yields up to 47% by weight (Ji et al., 2009, *Bioresource Technology* 100:3410-3414). A recent success is the fermentative production of 1,3 propanediol from glucose in a single microorganism with high yield (35% w/w) and titer (129 g/L) (U.S. Pat. No. 7,169,588 B2; U.S. Pat. No. 7,067,300 B2; U.S. Pat. No. 5,686,276). The establishment of an industrial process for the production of this low cost

