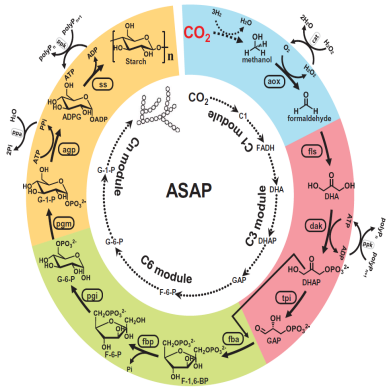
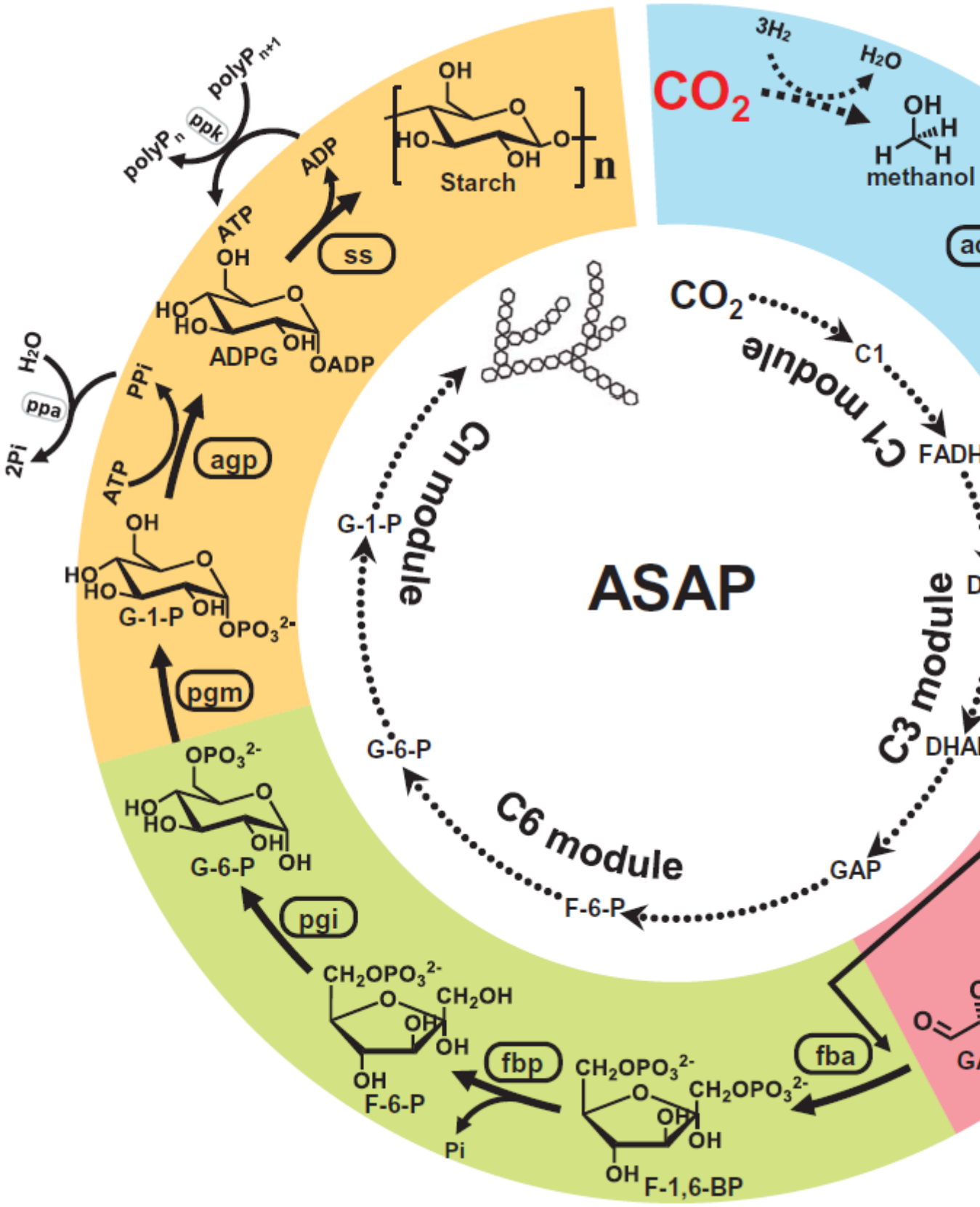


Cell-free Chemoenzymatic Starch Synthesis from Carbon Dioxide

Description

The design of innovative pathways other than plant photosynthesis for converting CO_2 to starch, is a significant disruptive approach both in terms of conceptual and scientific achievement and promising technological output. The authors develop a chemoenzymatic system and an artificial starch anabolic pathway : **Artificial Starch Anabolic Pathway (ASAP)** consisting of only 11 core reactions. The pathway was drafted by computational design, established through modular assembly and substitution and fully optimized by protein engineering of three bottleneck-associated enzymes. In a chemoenzymatic system with spatial and temporal segregation, ASAP, driven by hydrogen, converts CO_2 to starch at 22 nanomoles of CO_2 per minute per milligram of total catalyst. The artificial route can produce starch from CO_2 with an efficiency 8.5-fold higher than starch biosynthesis in maize, suggesting a big step towards going beyond nature. It provides a new scientific basis for creating biological systems and opens the way toward future chemo-biohybrid starch synthesis from CO_2



Design and modular assembly of an artificial starch anabolic pathway

NB. The incorrect anomeric configuration shown in the starch panel, should be corrected as an alpha glycosidic configuration

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