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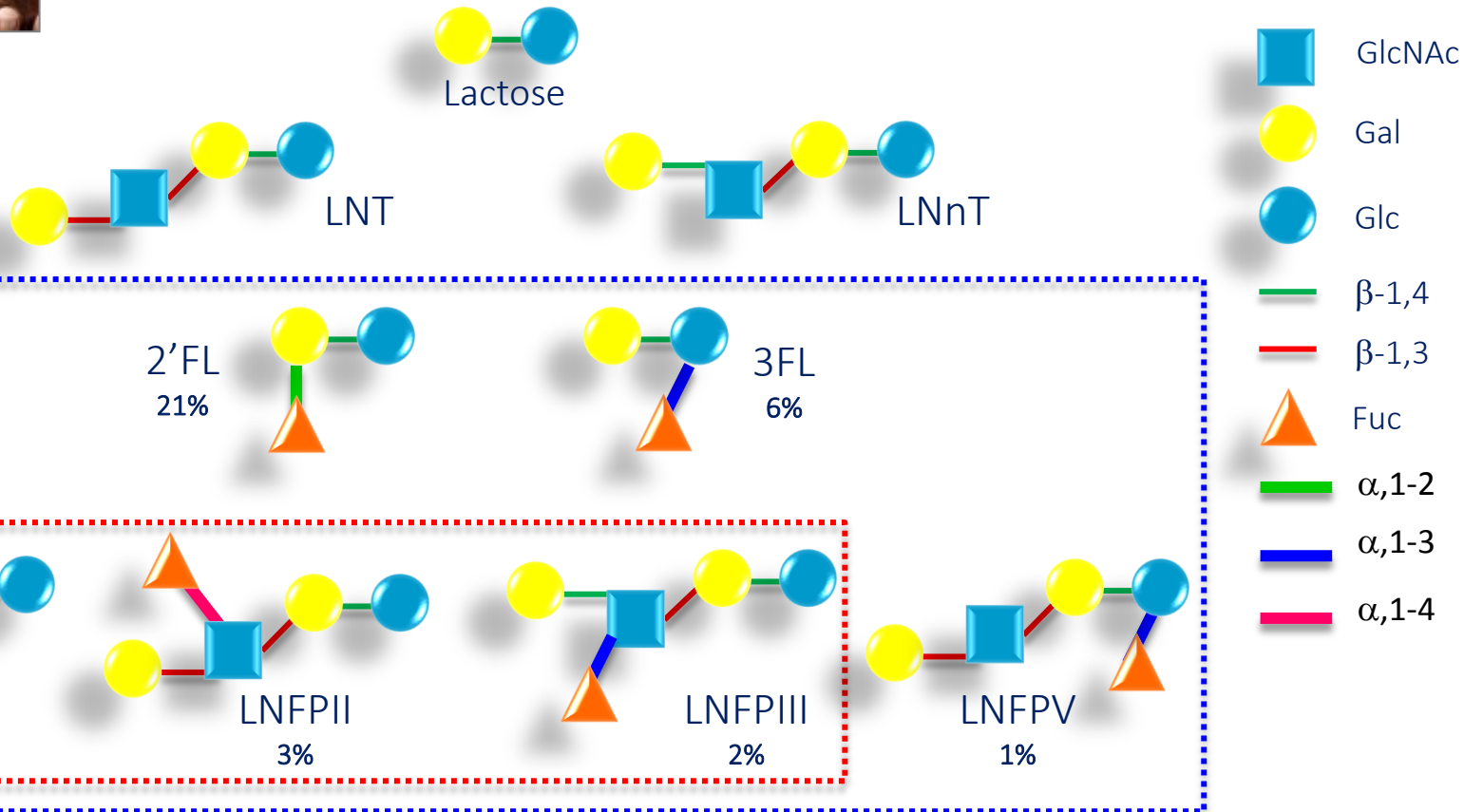
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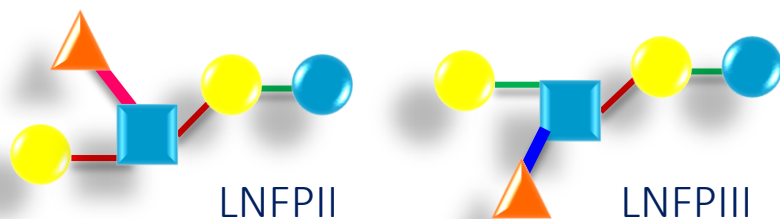
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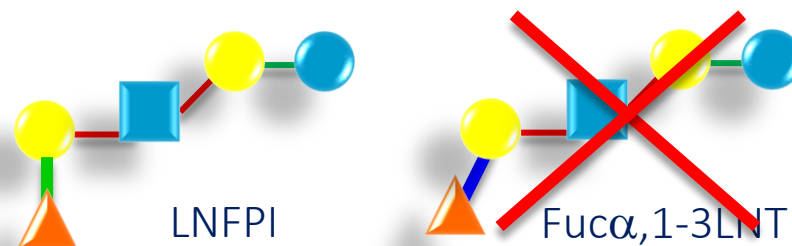
**Objective** : Obtain fucosylated tetrasaccharides (LNT or LNnT)

## *BiAfcB*



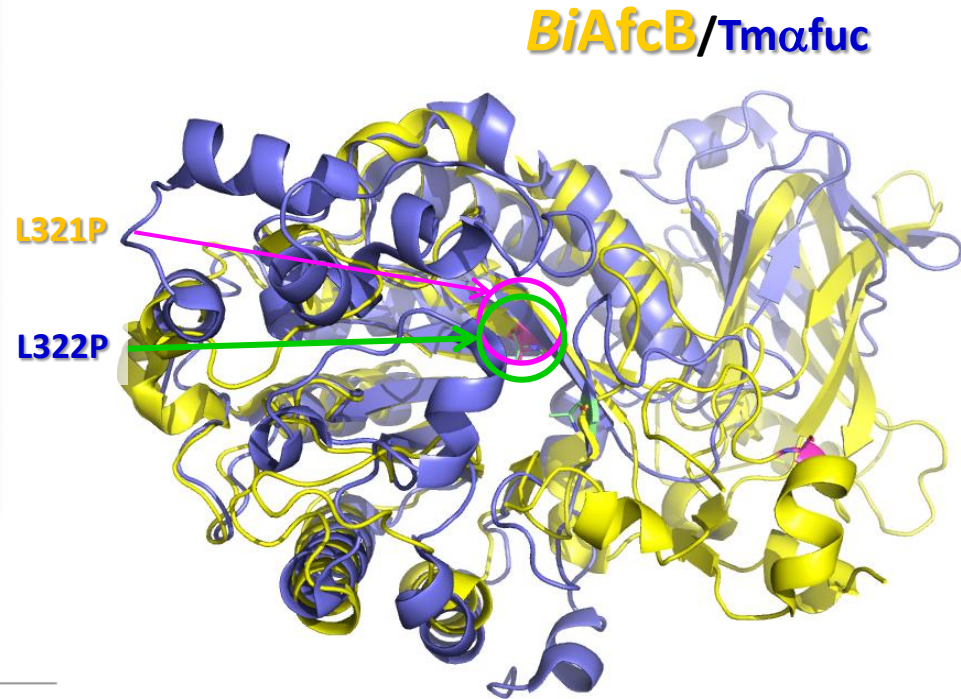
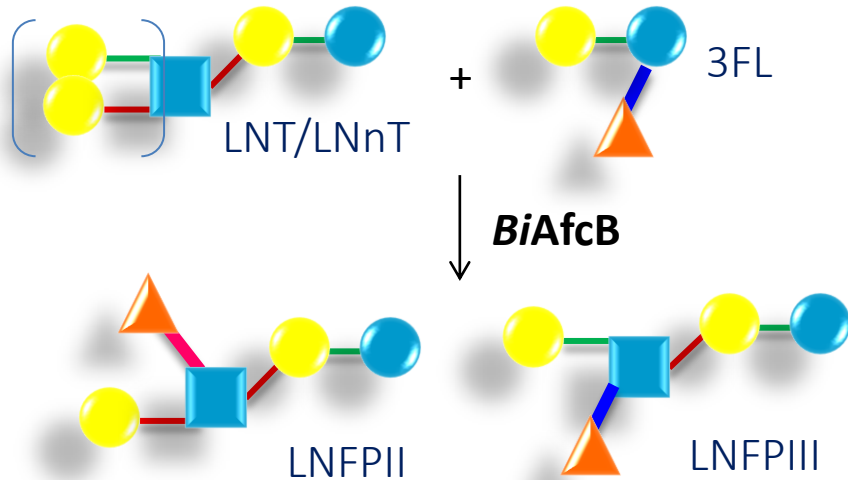
*BiAfcB* → Evolve fucosidase from *Bifidobacterium longum* subsp *infantis* to have an  $\alpha$ 1-3 transfucosidase and synthesize **LNFPII** and **LNFPIII**.

## *Tm $\alpha$ Fuc-P25*

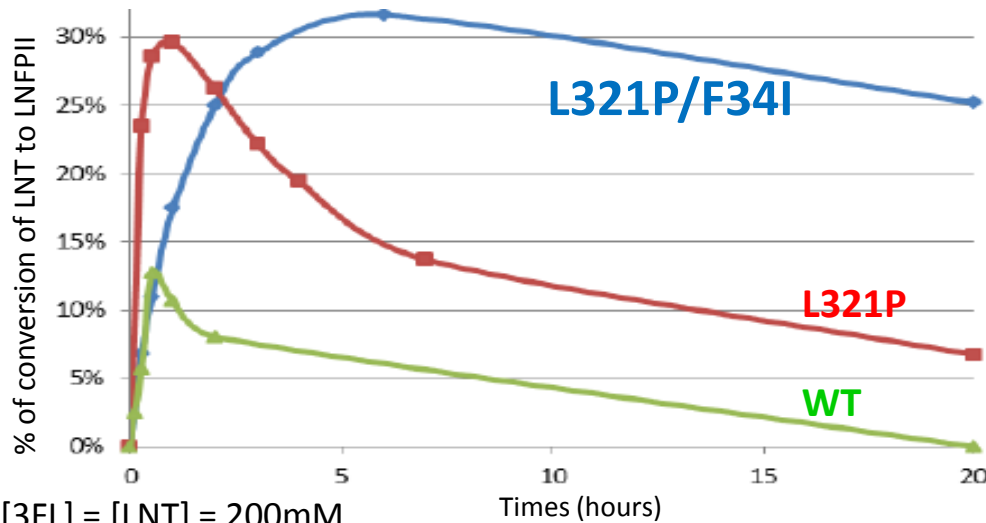


*Tm $\alpha$ Fuc-P25* → Modify the regioselectivity of P25-*Thermotoga maritima* transfucosidase mutant to prevent Fuc $\alpha$ -1,3LNT formation and favor **LNFPI** synthesis.

# *BiAfcB* evolve in $\alpha$ 1-3 transfucosidase to synthesize LNFP II and LNFP III



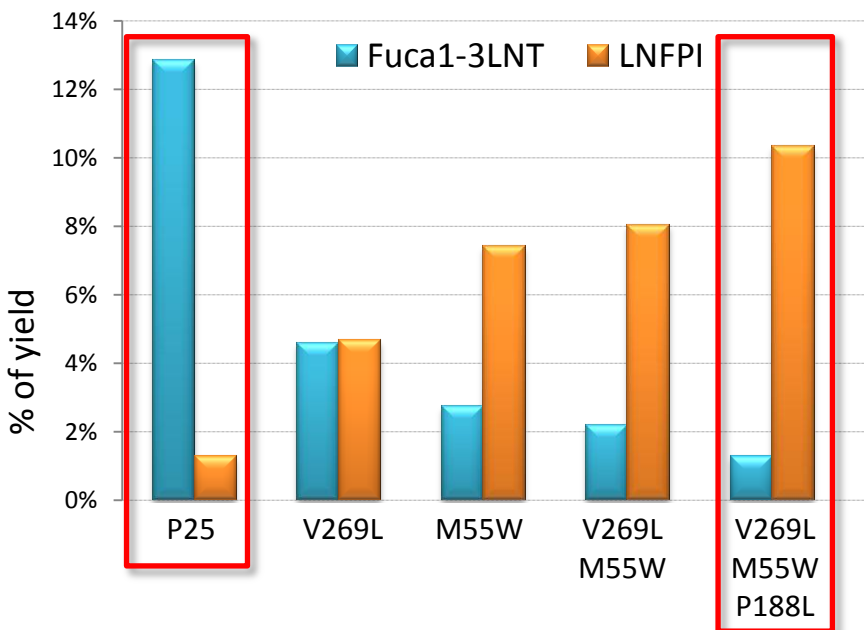
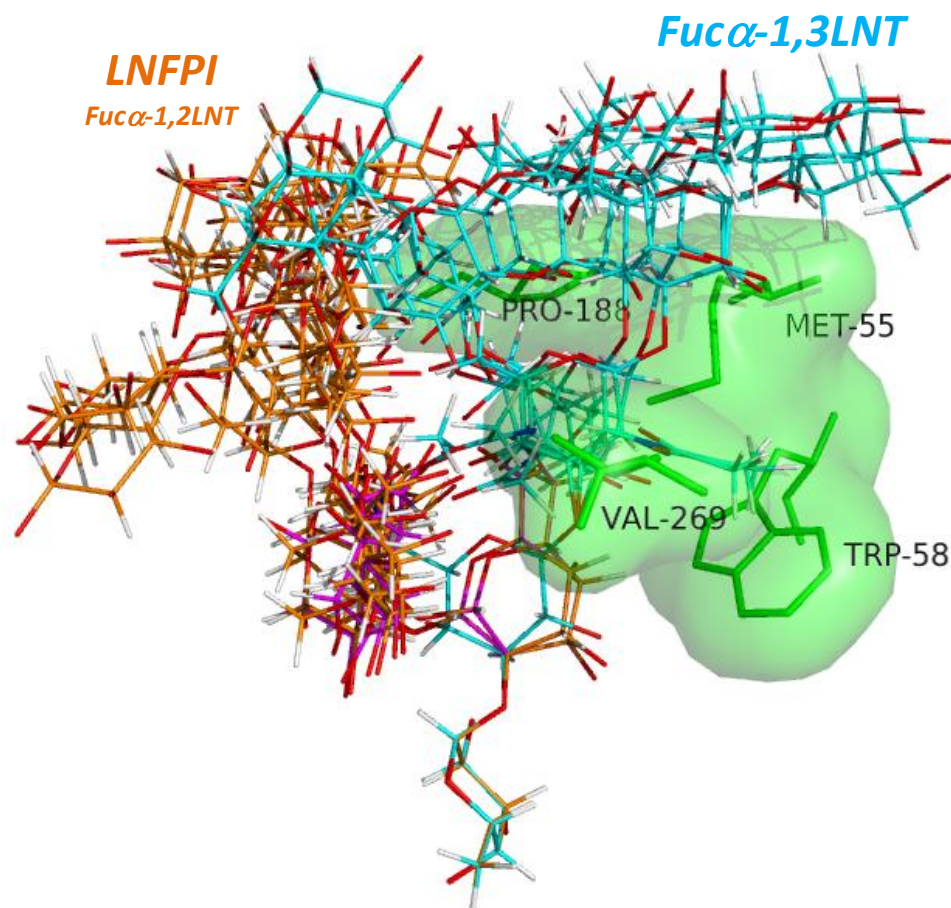
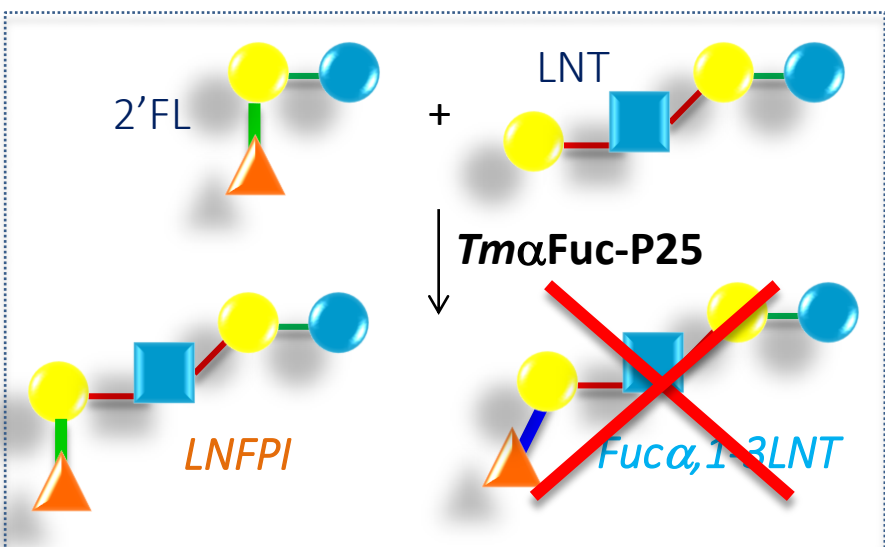
LNFP II production by *BiAfcB* mutants



[3FL] = [LNT] = 200mM  
[Enzymes] = 50 $\mu$ g/ml

$\rightarrow$  *BiAfcB/L321P-F34I* is able to recognize LNT and LNnT to produce LNFP II and LNFP III respectively with a transfucosylation yield of 32%.

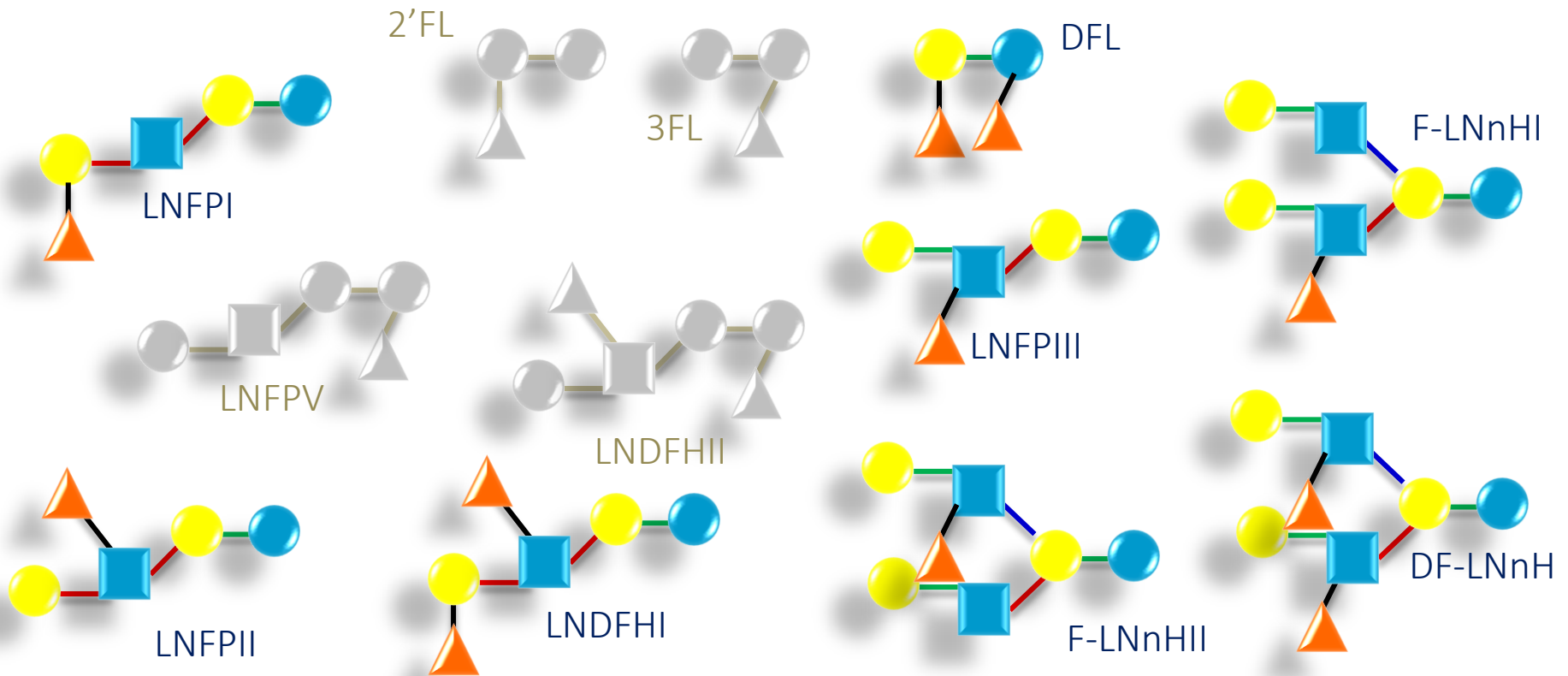
# Tm $\alpha$ Fuc-P25, regioselectivity modification to synthesize LNFPI



$\rightarrow$  P25-V269L/M55W/P188L is able to produce LNFPI with a similar yield to P25 to produce Fuc $\alpha$ ,1-3LNT.

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## To summarize



## To conclude

→ These engineered transfucosidases provide an efficient way to synthesize *in vitro* 8 fucosylated HMOs.

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