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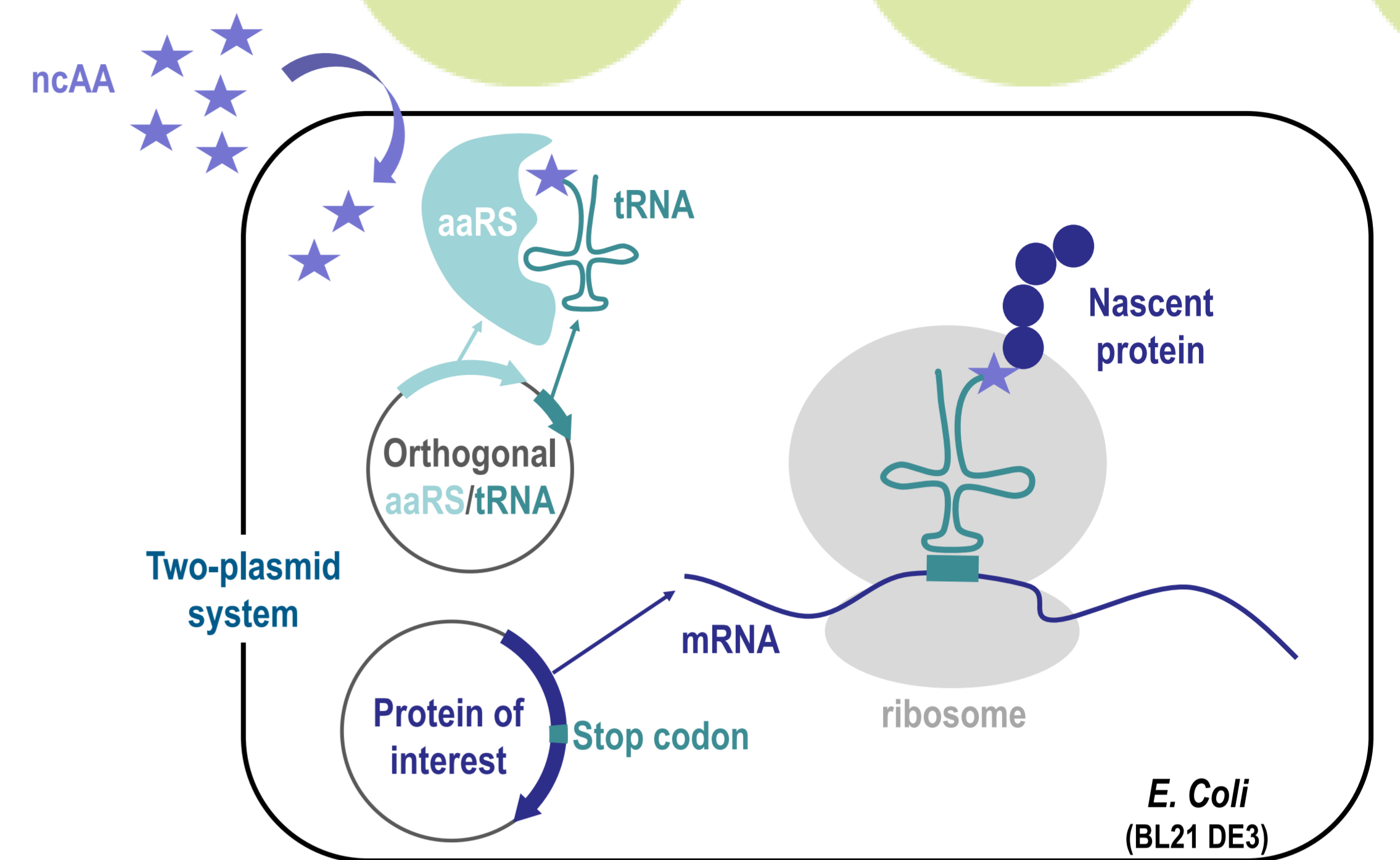
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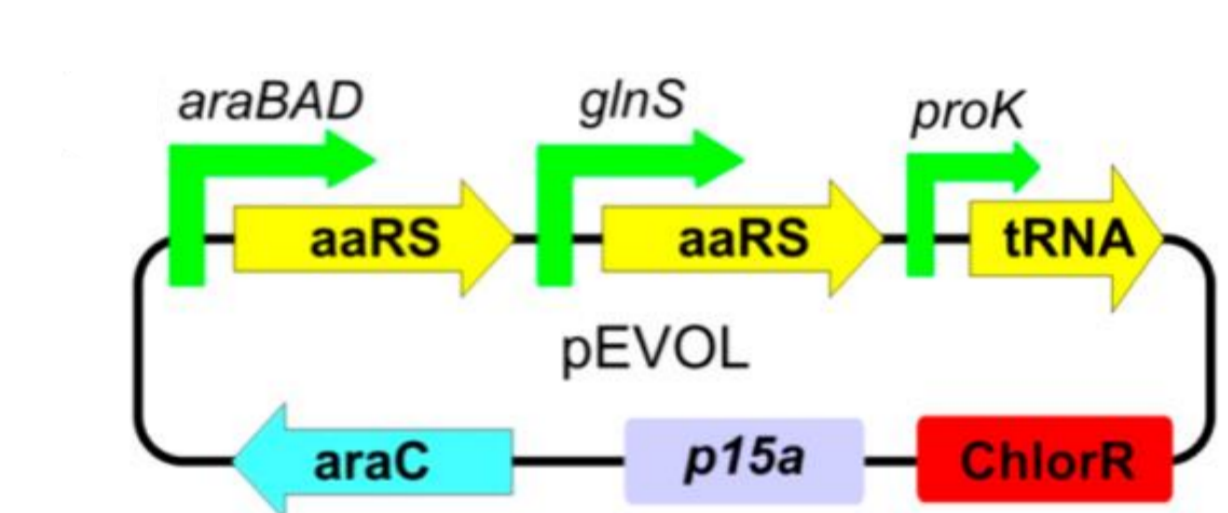


## Background

Enzyme engineering benefits from the > 150 non-canonical amino acids (ncAAs) available for the introduction of non-naturally encountered chemical functions [1]. ncAAs may be incorporated at a target position of a protein of interest by genetic code expansion. This method is based on the reassignment of a nonsense codon to an ncAA by introducing an orthogonal amino-acyl tRNA synthetase (aaRS)/tRNA pair. In *E. coli*, the pEVOL system is the historical and most widely used [2]. The pUltra system allows improved incorporation efficiencies in some conditions and can be combined with the pEVOL system for the incorporation of two different ncAAs [3].

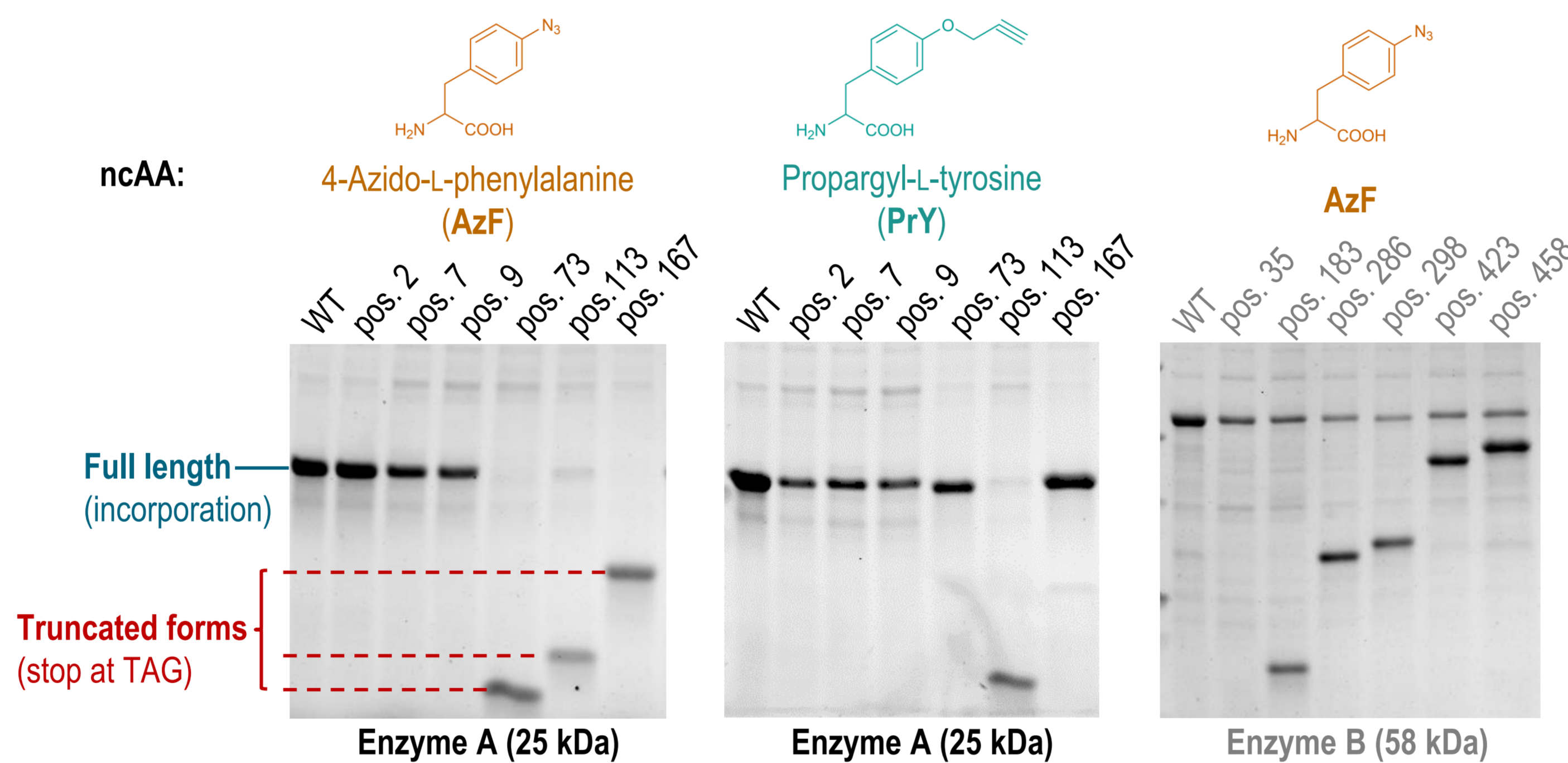


## Improving the incorporation efficiency



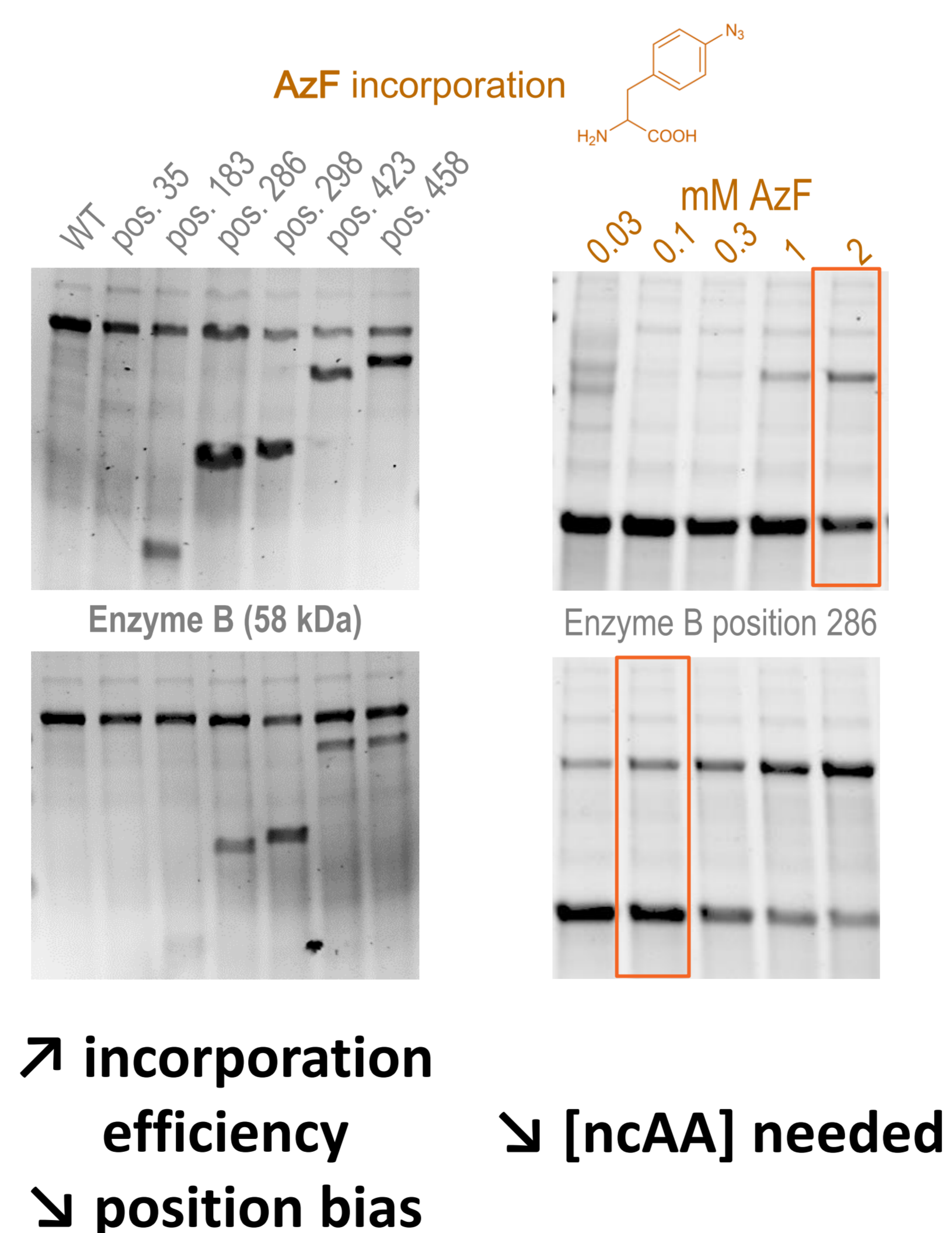
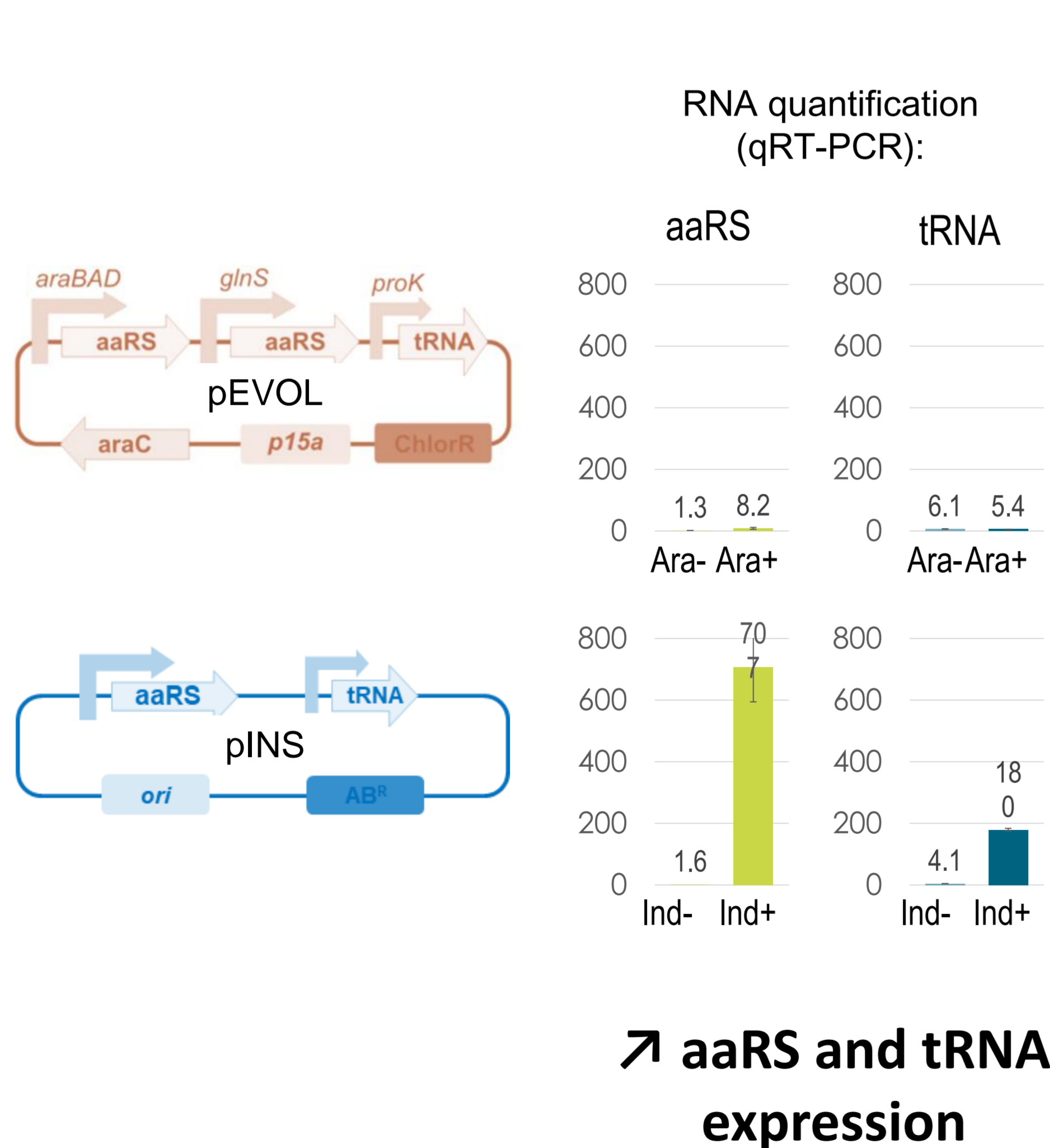
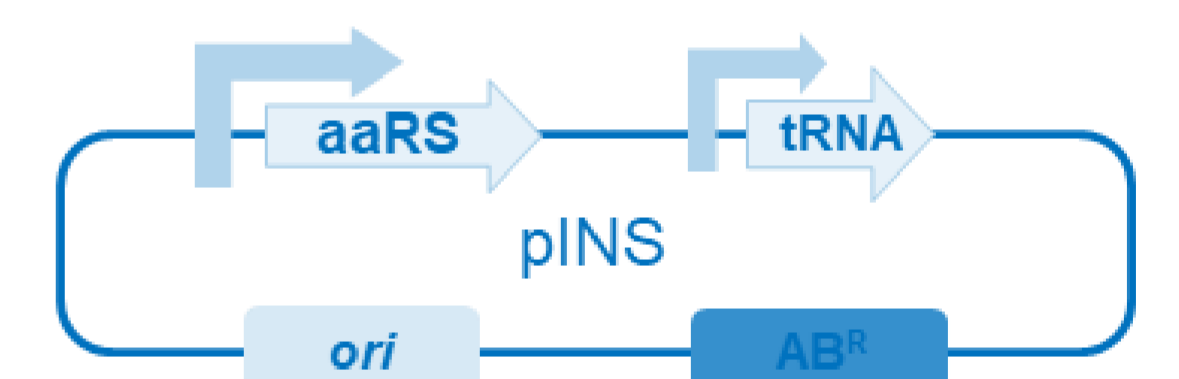
The incorporation efficiency depends on:

- the incorporation position
- the nature of the ncAA
- the protein

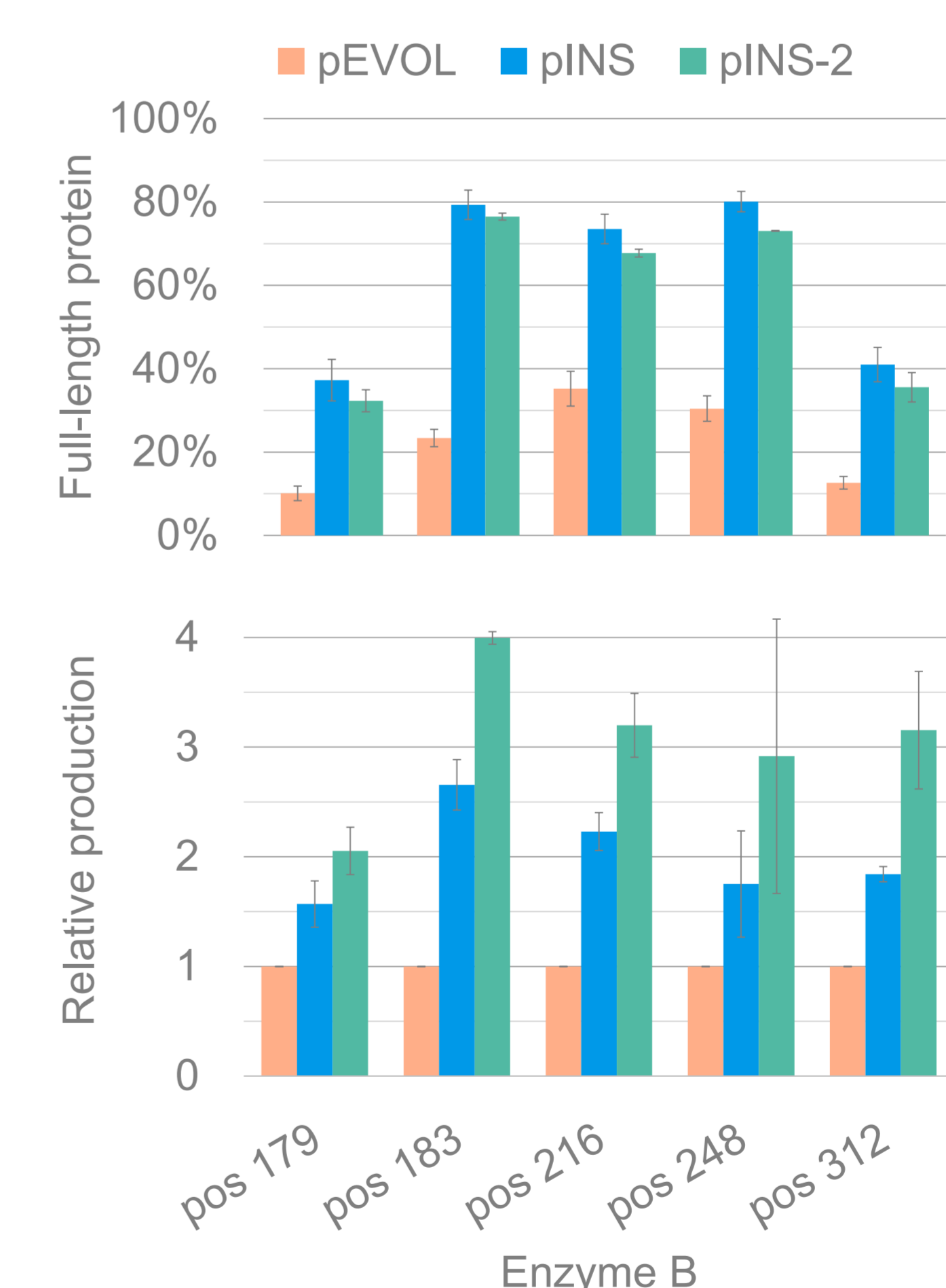


The incorporation efficiency can be improved by:

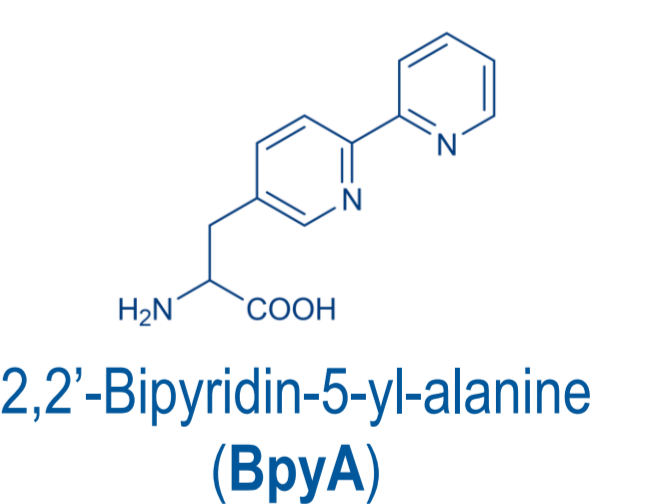
- aaRS and tRNA engineering
  - strain engineering
  - modulation of the aaRS and tRNA expression levels
- New inducible orthogonal expression system: **pINS**



### pINS-2: modification of the aaRS/tRNA ratio



**Incorporation efficiency x3**



**Production up to x4**

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