Hidden information on protein function in censuses of proteome foldedness

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One Sentence Summary

We show that proteome folding stability censuses are ill-defined because they earmark hidden information on conformation and ligand binding.

Abstract

Methods that assay protein foldedness with proteomics have generated censuses of protein folding stabilities in biological milieu. Surprisingly, different censuses poorly correlate with each other. Here, we show that methods targeting foldedness through monitoring amino acid sidechain reactivity also detect changes in conformation and ligand binding. About one quarter of cysteine or methionine sidechains in proteins in mammalian cell lysate increase in reactivity upon chemical denaturant titration consistent with two-state unfolding. Paradoxically, up to one third decreased reactivity, which were enriched in proteins with functions relating to unfolded protein stress. One protein, chaperone HSPA8, displayed changes arising from ligand and cofactor binding. Unmasking this hidden information should improve efforts to understand both folding and the remodeling of protein function directly in complex biological settings.

Main text

The maturation of an active protein is typically reliant upon the nascent polypeptide folding into a complex topology. Folding involves a thermodynamic component, which describes the free energy

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29 difference between the folded state and unfolded state at equilibrium (folding stability, ΔG). Folding

30 also involves other sequential processing steps, such as post-translational modifications and transport.

31 Because folding is fraught with potential mishaps including misfolding and aggregation, in cells a

32 "proteostasis" network oversees all steps related to synthesis, folding and degradation (*1*). In

33 mammalian cells this network consists of several hundred proteins, including molecular chaperone

34 families (e.g. heat shock protein families 40, 70 and 90), the ubiquitin-proteosome system, autophagy

35 and stress response systems (*2*).

36 Proteostasis imbalance is implicated in diseases involving inappropriate protein aggregation, including

37 neurodegeneration (*3*). As such, there has been extensive interest in determining how protein

38 foldedness varies for proteomes inside cells in healthy and disease contexts (*1*, *4*, *5*). A canonical

39 approach for measuring protein folding stability of a purified protein involves measuring the abundance

40 of folded and unfolded states in different concentrations of chaotropes, such as urea or guanidine

41 hydrochloride, or exposure to increasing temperature. This approach yields measures of ΔG or other

42 correlates of ΔG such as chemical denaturation midpoint (C_m) or thermal melting midpoint (T_m) values

43 that are informative in the case where the protein folds by a two-state equilibrium mechanism. Recent

44 advances have allowed this canonical strategy to measure protein folding stabilities in biological

45 extracts, thereby enabling the *en masse* determination of folding stabilities of proteins (*6–13*).

46 Measurement strategies have targeted differences between the folded and unfolded states, such as

47 aggregation propensity, sensitivity of solvent exposed amino acid sidechains to reactive chemicals,

48 which we hereon refer to as residue labeling, and protease cleavage susceptibility (*14*).

49 Despite all this new information on protein folding censuses, it remains untested how generally

50 applicable the approaches used for studying purified proteins are when applied to complex cellular

51 milieu. In biological settings these methods are also likely to report on other features of proteins

52 including conformational change, ligand binding and protein network organization. We investigated this

53 question and hereon report remarkable additional complexity in the data, as well as a strategy to

54 unmask hidden information pertaining to protein function in complex biological milieu.

55 **Methodological differences yield poorly correlated measures of thermodynamic proteome stability**

56 First, we examined 20 datasets from 12 studies that reported high-quality protein folding stability data,

57 which used limited proteolysis, residue labelling and thermal profiling methods to assay foldedness

58 (complete reference details are provided in Table S1). These studies reported T_m or C_m values which, for

59   two-state folding models indicate the conditions of equal populations of unfolded and folded protein

60   (i.e. where ΔG equals zero). We hypothesized that if these values authentically report on two-state

61   protein folding stability the different datasets should correlate with one another. To test this hypothesis

62   we first scaled each T_m or C_m dataset to range between 0 and 1, to account for the inherently different

63   magnitudes of T_m and C_m values, and then performed pairwise comparisons between datasets. Linear

64   regressions fitted to each comparison revealed a strong positive relationship in stabilities when

65   comparing datasets derived from the same methodology, particularly among thermal profiling data (Fig.

66   1; lower diagonal datasets 7 - 20). This conclusion was not dependent on the species from which the

67   protein stability was measured, suggesting that closely related proteins from different species behave

68   similarly in terms of the T_m and C_m values. However, comparisons between the datasets derived from

69   different methodologies, such as thermal profiling versus residue labelling, revealed poor correlations at

70   best and none at worst. This lack of correlation was supported by Spearman's correlation coefficients

71   calculated for each comparison (Fig. 1; upper diagonal), whereby significant positive correlations were

72   primarily observed between datasets derived from the same methodology. One notable exception was

73   residue labeling dataset 4 (*15*), which was moderately correlated with 14 of the 15 thermal profiling

74   datasets. However, closer inspection of dataset 4 revealed that only 17% of the quantified data

75   reported C_m values, because these were the only data that fitted well to a two-state unfolding curve. It

76   thus follows that 83% of the data was disregarded as not fitting to the two-state model (see Table S1 for

77   complete reference details). By contrast, between 66% and 99%, or 66% and 69% of proteins were

78   reported to be well fitted to two-state unfolding isotherms in other thermal profiling and residue

79   labelling datasets, respectively. Collectively, these findings suggested that the most canonical and

80   simple patterns of unfolding, i.e. those that look like two-state unfolding curves were indeed the most

81   likely to report on two-state-like protein unfolding behavior and to correlate with different apparent

82   folding stability datasets. More intriguing however was that such two-state like stability values

83   encompass only a fraction of the data available. Hence the remaining data likely was more applicably

84   explained by complex unfolding mechanisms or mechanisms distinct to folding.

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86   **Residue labelling techniques reveal nuanced and heterogenous changes in protein conformation due**
87   **to chemical denaturation**

88   To further examine which data can be appropriately explained in terms of two-state folding or not, we

89   collected our own dataset of apparent folding stability using tetraphenylethene maleimide (TPE-MI) as a

90   probe for unfolded proteins. TPE-MI reacts with exposed cysteine free thiols that are otherwise buried

91   in the folded state (*6*). Free cysteine thiols are the least surface-exposed residue of all amino acids in

92   globular proteins so provide an excellent target for examining protein foldedness (*16*). We first

93   performed a urea denaturation curve of purified β-lactoglobulin, which is a model globular protein

94   containing a single buried free thiol residue, and unfolds via two-state-like behavior (Fig. S1). The rate of

95   reaction of TPE-MI with β-lactoglobulin was proportional to the anticipated exposure of the buried thiol

96   upon two-state unfolding. The relationship between rate of reaction and urea concentration yielded a

97   C_m consistent with that obtained from intrinsic tryptophan fluorescence and in accordance with other

98   published results on β-lactoglobulin folding (*17*).

99   To use TPE-MI on a proteome-wide scale we created denaturation curves of cell lysate with urea (Fig.

100   2A). Lysates were prepared from mouse neuroblastoma cells (Neuro2a) subjected to Stable Isotope

101   Labeling by Amino acids in Cell culture (SILAC) using light or heavy (^{13}C L-lysine and ^{13}C,^{15}N L-arginine)

102   isotopes for quantitation of reactivity. In essence, lysate from light-isotope labeled cells was used as the

103   "native" control versus lysate from heavy-isotope labeled cells prepared with different concentrations of

104   urea. The light and heavy-isotope labeled samples were each reacted with TPE-MI before mixing and

105   quantitation for the level of reactivity. The extent of cysteine reactivity was determined from the

106   change in abundances of peptides with unreacted cysteines normalized to the ratio of peptides from the

107   same protein that lacked cysteine (Fig. 2A).

108   To determine the underlying trends in cysteine reactivity as a function of urea concentration we

109   clustered the cysteine peptide reactivity profiles using an unbiased computational approach of fuzzy-c

110   means (*18, 19*). This analysis yielded four distinct patterns of cysteine response to urea titration (clusters

111   1–4) shown in Fig. 2B. Cluster 1 was defined by no systematic change in reactivity with urea

112   concentration. Clusters 2 and 3 both showed a progressive increase in cysteine thiol reactivity, which

113   was anticipated for greater exposure of buried thiols upon denaturation. Cluster 2 differed from cluster

114   3 by showing reactivity changes first occurring at higher urea concentrations whereas the changes

115   occurred at lower urea concentrations for cluster 3. Cluster 4, representing one third of the identified

116   cysteine peptides, revealed a systematic decrease in reactivity upon increasing concentrations of urea.

117   This was counter to the anticipated increase in reactivity expected from the exposure of buried cysteine

118   residues induced by denaturation, suggesting that distinct processes were occurring in some proteins in

119   response to urea titration that led to greater burial of exposed cysteine thiols (discussed in more detail

120   below).

121   To determine which of the data were most consistent with a two-state folding mechanism, individual

122   cysteine reactivity curves were fitted to a two-state unfolding curve and assessed for goodness of fit

123   (Fig. 2C). Consistent with the greater reactivity upon urea denaturation, clusters 2 and 3 contained the

124   most peptides with good fits defined by an $R^2 > 0.9$ (Fig. 2C). However, the peptides in cluster 2 were the

125   only group that showed a significant correlation between the fitted C_m values with those of existing

126   census datasets described herein previously in Fig. 1 (Fig. 2D). Given that the published datasets were

127   pre-filtered in the original studies to be consistent with two-state unfolding, this finding demonstrates

128   an authenticity in this subset of data for tracking bona fide two-state unfolding events. The peptides in

129   cluster 3 did not share this correlation with other datasets, and may be a diagnostic of reactivity

130   reporting on non-two-state folding mechanisms such as multistate or non-reversible folding, or other

131   non-folding related mechanisms (Fig. 2D).

132   To investigate whether the general conclusions made from the TPE-MI dataset can be drawn in datasets

133   derived from other residue labeling methods for foldedness, we re-examined the pre-processed peptide

134   quantitation from dataset 4 (*15*) according to our clustering procedures. Dataset 4 monitored

135   methionine exposure in the lysate of human cell line, HCA2-hTert, by a free radical oxidation approach

136   in different concentrations of the denaturant guanidine hydrochloride (*15*). This dataset was therefore

137   analogous to the TPE-MI approach but independent in multiple parameters of chemical denaturant

138   (guanidine hydrochloride versus urea), species (human versus mouse), target residue for labelling

139   (methionine versus cysteine) and research team (independent research labs).

140   Despite these differences in parameters, the clustering procedures resulted in a strikingly similar

141   grouping of the methionine oxidation data to the TPE-MI dataset (Fig. 2E – note however the direction

142   of change is inverted due to the nature of the measurements) that illustrates several fundamental

143   consistent conclusions. First was that the data formed 4 clusters with similar patterns of response.

144   Second was that there were broadly consistent proportions of peptides in the different clusters. Most

145   notably was the consistent cluster for increased protection upon denaturant titration that indicated

146   changes inconsistent with unfolding.

147   Together the TPE-MI and methionine oxidation data indicated that with an unbiased clustering

148   procedure only about one quarter of residue labeling data in chemical denaturation curves of

149   mammalian proteomes can be confidently described as consistent with a two-state unfolding

150   mechanism. Most notably, this independent dataset confirmed the observation that a substantial

151   portion of the reactivity changes measured in the presence of denaturant cannot be satisfactorily

152   explained by unfolding.

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154   **Residue labeling patterns earmark protein conformational rearrangement as well as unfolding**

155   To investigate protein properties that explain the different patterns of response to urea titration, we

156   first examined the physicochemical characteristics of the peptides in each cluster (and the proteins to

157   which they belong to; Fig. 3A). We examined properties predicted from amino-acid composition that

158   pertained to likely burial of the target residues in the folded state, including charge, hydrophobicity,

159   likelihood to reside in regions of secondary structure and relative solvent exposure for individual

160   peptides associated with each cluster. Several characteristics stood out. Notably the peptides in clusters

161   2 and 3, which we have thus far demonstrated to have best consistency with two-state folding

162   mechanisms, were most likely to contain hydrophobic and solvent-buried residues, and least likely to be

163   in unstructured protein regions which is in accordance with this conclusion (Fig. 3B). For the parent

164   proteins that have known structures (around 20% of the proteins identified), the extent of solvent

165   exposure of the labelled cysteine residue further supported the conclusion that cysteines in cluster 2

166   and 3 were in buried regions of proteins and hence became exposed upon denaturation (Fig. S2A). For

167   completeness of analysis, we did not identify any enrichment for other protein features, such as

168   whether the peptides resided in active sites, binding sites, functional motifs, disulfide bonds or

169   annotated domains (Fig. S2B–D). While the proportion of residues located within annotated PFAM

170   domains was relatively high (more than 70% in every cluster), this was anticipated due to the likelihood

171   of free thiols being buried in the folded state of most proteins (*20*).

172   Because individual proteins may include multiple cysteine-containing peptides that fall into different

173   clusters, we next grouped proteins into categories based on which cluster the peptides belonged to (Fig.

174   3A). More than half of the peptides belonged to proteins that contained at least one other cysteine

175   peptide from a different cluster (Fig. 3C). Proteins with such peptides were considered "multi-clustered"

176   and separated from proteins that contained cysteine peptides exclusively in one of the other four

177   clusters (which we hereon call "uni-clustered") for further analysis. Of the multi-clustered proteins, one-

178   third had at least one cysteine peptide which decreased in reactivity (i.e. was in cluster 4) and one or

179   more cysteine peptides for which reactivity increased in the presence of higher concentrations of urea,

180   which suggested multimodal impacts on the protein during denaturation. It is reasonable to predict that

181   such proteins are larger and multi-domain. Indeed, multi-clustered proteins were more likely to have a

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182   larger molecular mass and contain more annotated PFAM domains than uni-clustered proteins,

183   consistent with this conclusion (Fig. 3D–E; two-sample t-test, p<0.001). Also of note was the consistency

184   in predicted physicochemical features for uni-clustered proteins whose peptides were associated with

185   cluster 2, which featured elevated hydrophobicity and lower solvent exposure compared to the other

186   uni-clustered and multi-clustered categories (Fig. S3E). This result further supported the conclusion that

187   proteins containing solely cluster 2 peptides were the most likely to display two-state unfolding and that

188   the other proteins with mixed clusters displayed more complex unfolding or other non-folding changes

189   in response to urea titration.

190   In addition to physicochemical properties, we also examined the molecular functions of proteins

191   assigned to the uni- and multi-clustered protein categories. Protein-protein interaction analysis using

192   the STRING database revealed no difference in the number of direct high-confidence protein binding

193   partners between uni- versus multi-clustered proteins (Fig. 3F). However, the average node degree (the

194   number of protein-protein interactions within each cluster) was up to four-fold higher in multi-clustered

195   proteins than among uni-clustered proteins (Fig. 3G) . This result was consistent with the anticipation

196   that multi-clustered proteins are more likely to be multi-domained and larger in size. It therefore follows

197   that such proteins would operate in larger functional networks, which display coordinated changes in

198   cysteine reactivity. By comparison, uni-clustered proteins, particularly those in cluster 2, were more

199   likely to be poorly interconnected. This conclusion is consistent with an anticipation that these proteins

200   were simpler globular proteins whereby the data reported solely on their foldedness and not their

201   function in networks.

202   Gene ontology (GO) analysis was investigated for each of the protein categories to examine the

203   possibility of a coordinated functional response corresponding to the cysteine reactivity changes (Fig.

204   3H). Of the 34 significantly enriched top-level GO terms in the multi-clustered proteins, half

205   encompassed mechanisms pertaining to binding and protein complexes or proteostasis response

206   mechanisms such as protein folding machinery. The enrichment of proteostasis mechanisms was striking

207   in that it pointed to the thiol reactivity changes arising in part as functional responses to the stimulus of

208   denaturation by urea. More specifically, three of the GO terms (chaperonin-containing T-complex,

209   GO:0005832; cellular response to heat, GO:0034605; and protein folding, GO:0006457) related to the

210   stimulus of denaturation. In other words, changes in thiol reactivity appeared to earmark changes in

211   ligand binding or the conformation of select proteins that have functions in responding to unfolded

212   proteins that accumulate at higher concentrations of urea. A parallel analysis of the methionine

213   oxidation data (dataset 4) yielded nine identical GO terms (Fig. 3G for common terms, Fig. S3 for all

214   dataset 4 specific terms). This result was further striking in that data from a distinct method, species

215   and denaturant led to a conserved GO enrichment of terms related to responses to unfolded proteins,

216   including identical terms of chaperonin-containing T-complex (GO:0005832) and protein folding

217   (GO:0006457). These data therefore led us to conclude that multi-clustered proteins were likely to

218   encompass functional responses to protein denaturation. By contrast, GO analysis of uni-clustered

219   proteins showed no conserved terms between the two datasets (Fig. S4).

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221   **Residue reactivity captures features of chaperone conformational change in lysate**

222   To decipher the molecular mechanisms that underlie the functional responses to unfolded protein, we

223   next focused on a class of proteins that we expected to have functions in engaging with unfolded

224   proteins, i.e. molecular chaperones. 42 proteins annotated with the ontology term "chaperone-

225   mediated protein folding" machinery (GO:0061077) were identified across the protein groups,

226   particularly in the multi-clustered proteins (Fig. S5). One of these proteins HSPA8 (HSC70; P63017) is the

227   cognate heat shock protein 70 (Hsp70), which showed 3 cysteine peptides in different clusters (Fig 4A).

228   HSPA8 binds to unfolded proteins in concert with J-domain protein co-chaperones and nucleotide

229   exchange factors (*14*). Together they drive protein folding through ATP-dependent cyclical binding and

230   release (*21*). A conserved structural feature of Hsp70 proteins are four modules: an N-terminal

231   nucleotide binding domain (NBD), a substrate binding domain (SBDβ), a helical lid domain (SBDα), and a

232   disordered C-terminal tail of variable length (*22*). The disordered tail of HSPA8 comprises an EEVD motif

233   that mediates interactions with cofactors such as J-domain protein DNAJB1.

234   One peptide from the NBD, containing Cys17, became more reactive to TPE-MI at urea concentrations

235   greater than 4 M (Fig. 4A). The other two peptides were from the SBDα domain, containing Cys574 and

236   Cys603, and these both became more protected in concentrations of urea between 3 – 5 M (Fig. 4A).

237   We also identified one peptide from DNAJB1, that contained two cysteine residues (Cys267, Cys269).

238   These cysteines displayed a complex biphasic (but overall decreased) reactivity profile upon exposure to

239   increasing concentrations of urea (Fig. 4A). We therefore postulated that the changes in cysteine

240   reactivity in HSPA8 and possibly cofactor DNAJB1 upon urea titration may arise due to allosteric

241   conformational changes resulting from their binding and engagement with unfolded proteins.

242   To test this hypothesis, we examined thiol reactivity changes in a reconstituted HSPA8 system *in vitro*

243   that comprised of purified human HSPA8, DNAJB1 and a well characterized model client, malate

244   dehydrogenase (MDH2) (*23*) (Fig. 4B, detailed structural models shown in Fig. S6). To look specifically for

245   changes resulting from interaction with denatured client, TPE-MI reactivity was compared between

246   reconstituted systems containing native versus thermally-denatured MDH2 using tandem mass tag

247   (TMT) isotopic labelling (Fig. 4B).

248   First, we assessed the system without added ATP. Under this condition HSPA8 and DNAJB1 can bind to

249   non-native MDH2 substrate to form a stable complex (*24*, *25*). More specifically, the SBDα domain of an

250   Hsp70 protein (DnaK) has been shown to interact with substrate when the chaperone is in the ADP-

251   bound state (*26*). We saw no change in reactivity of the HSPA8 NBD peptide containing Cys17 (Fig. 4C)

252   suggesting that the increase in reactivity observed above 4 M urea titration in lysate was attributable to

253   NBD unfolding. In contrast, the SBDα domain peptide containing Cys574 decreased in reactivity (one-

254   sample t-test, p=0.033). This result therefore suggested that the decrease in reactivity observed in the

255   SBDα region during urea denaturation arose from substrate and/or ligand binding.

256   In DNAJB1, we observed two cysteine peptides in the reconstituted system. One peptide, containing

257   Cys179, is located close to the hinge between two β-barrel-like subdomains (CTDI and CTDII) that binds

258   to substrates (Fig. S6). The second, containing two closely-adjacent cysteines (Cys267, Cys269), is

259   located in the homodimer interface. It is important to note that we could not ascribe reactivity changes

260   to a single cysteine within this peptide, thus the changes represent an average across these residues.

261   The peptide containing Cys267 and Cys269 became significantly more reactive under these conditions

262   (Fig. 4E; one-sample t-test, p=0.023). The central location of this peptide within the homodimeric

263   interface of DNAJB1 suggested that accumulated client binding altered the conformation of DNAJB1 to

264   expose the structure nearby these cysteines.

265   Next we examined the effect of adding supplemental ATP to the reconstituted system, which we

266   predicted would fuel HSPA8 to undergo the full catalytic cycle and therefore release accumulated

267   complexes of HSPA8 and DNAJB1 bound to client (*22*). The Cys574 peptide from HSPA8 became more

268   reactive under these conditions, which is in agreement with HSPA8 disengaging client and/or DNAJB1.

269   Intriguingly, the Cys179 peptide from DNAJB1 showed increased reactivity (Fig. 4C; one-sample t-test,

270   p=0.023). Of note, this peptide is close to the region of DNAJB1 shown to bind the EEVD motif of HSPA8

271   (*27*), suggesting a level of deprotection when client-bound complexes of the HSPA8-DNAJB1 machinery

272   are dissociated. While this is an attractive hypothesis, we could not exclude the possibility of other

273   allosteric changes associated with DNAJB1 activity. Namely, intramolecular J-domain interactions with

274   the hinge region occur near this residue which are modulated by DNAJB1 engagement with HSPA8 (*23*,

275   *28–30*). The peptide in DNAJB1 containing (Cys267, Cys269) was no longer protected (Fig. 4C; one-

276   sample t-test, p=0.26), which is consistent with the lack of accumulated substrate-chaperone complexes

277   that would otherwise drive the conformational changes at the dimer interface described above. These

278   results exemplify how residue exposure methodology can track functionally relevant conformational

279   changes in chaperone machinery distinct from unfolding events in complex cellular milieu.

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281   **Conclusions**

282   Collectively, our findings reveal hidden complexity in proteome-wide datasets targeting foldedness with

283   residue labeling approaches. Namely, we demonstrate that a substantial component of the changes

284   seen in residue labeling datasets applied to study proteome denaturation by chemical denaturants are

285   better explained by changes in protein conformation and ligand interactions than unfolding. These

286   findings have two implications of note. First is that analysis of the peptides (and proteins) that generate

287   denaturation curves most similar to two-state unfolding curves provides the most consistent correlation

288   between methodological approaches and provide a more robust core census list of stability

289   measurements. This is a critical point with respect to the retrospective consideration of whole proteome

290   stability datasets because it appears that upwards of two thirds of the data previously fitted to a

291   measure of folding stability may be more appropriately explained by changes in conformation or ligand

292   association. Other proteomics approaches have drawn general conclusions that are in agreement with

293   our findings here, namely how changes in proteome solubility encode information on rewired protein

294   interaction networks (*31–33*). Others have also shown that ligand interactions can modulate the thermal

295   melting profiles of proteins in lysate (*8*, *34*, *35*), and recent commentary speculates this is one among a

296   range of biophysical effects that could contribute to a protein's observed thermal stability (*36*). The

297   workflow presented here provides a useful strategy to delineate changes arising from unfolding from

298   these other attributes of proteins.

299   The second implication is that the ability to determine subtle changes in tertiary and quaternary

300   conformation with domain-level resolution distinguishes amino-acid specific methods from thermal melt

301   and aggregation-based techniques. Subtle changes in protein conformation mediate protein-protein

302   interactions underlying many cellular functions. However, the dynamic and often transient nature of

303   these interactions can make them challenging to quantify in cells *en masse* and requires sensitive but

304   non-specific conformational probes capable of distinguishing domain-specific changes. Overall, the data

305   presented here support the ability of residue labelling methodologies such as TPE-MI to fill this void,

306   providing quantitative insight into aspects of protein conformation beyond stability and unfolding. We

307   anticipate this to open the door for studies on proteome structure and function in natural intact

308   biological settings, including live cells or other complex biological milieu.

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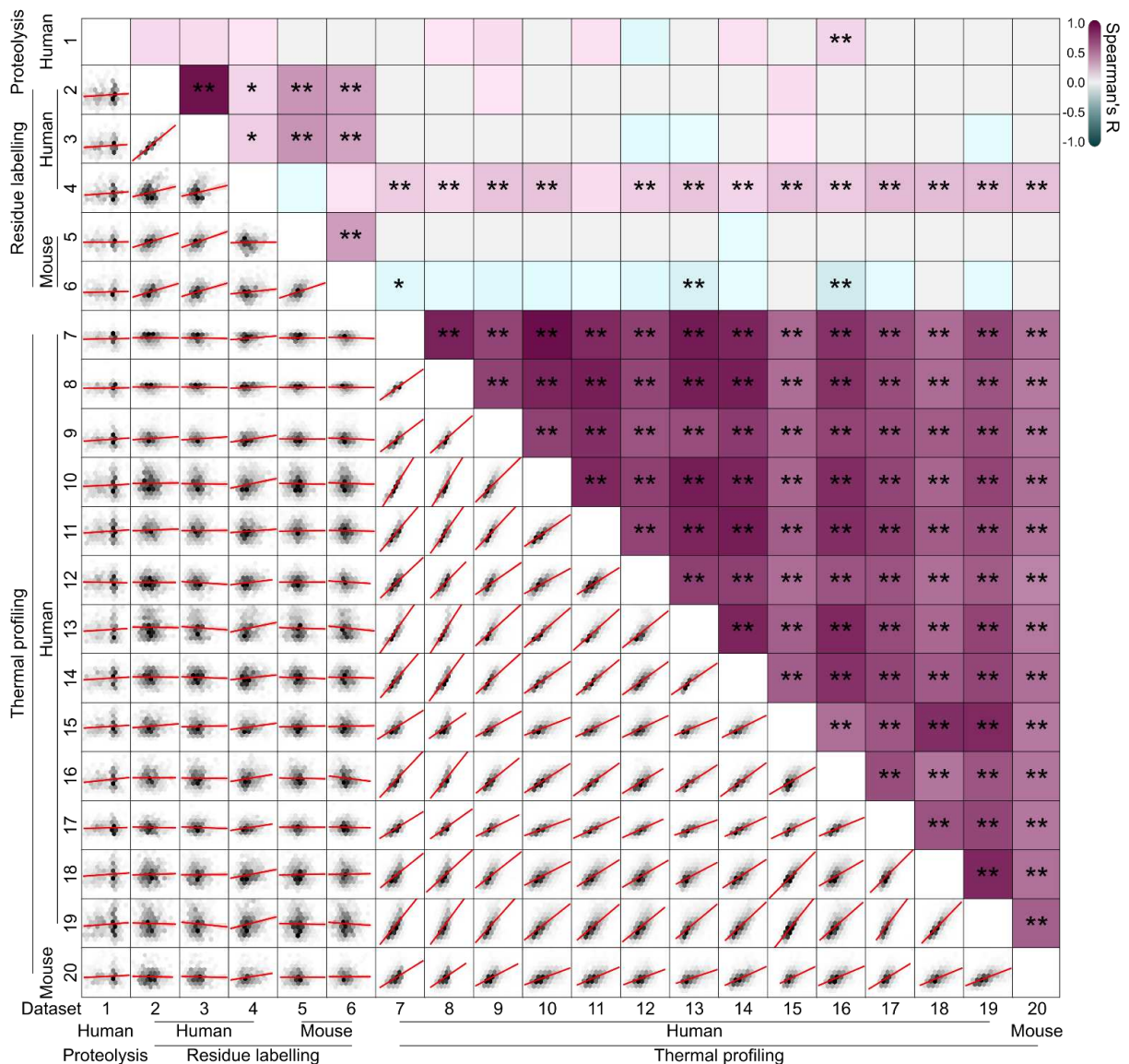479   Materials and Methods

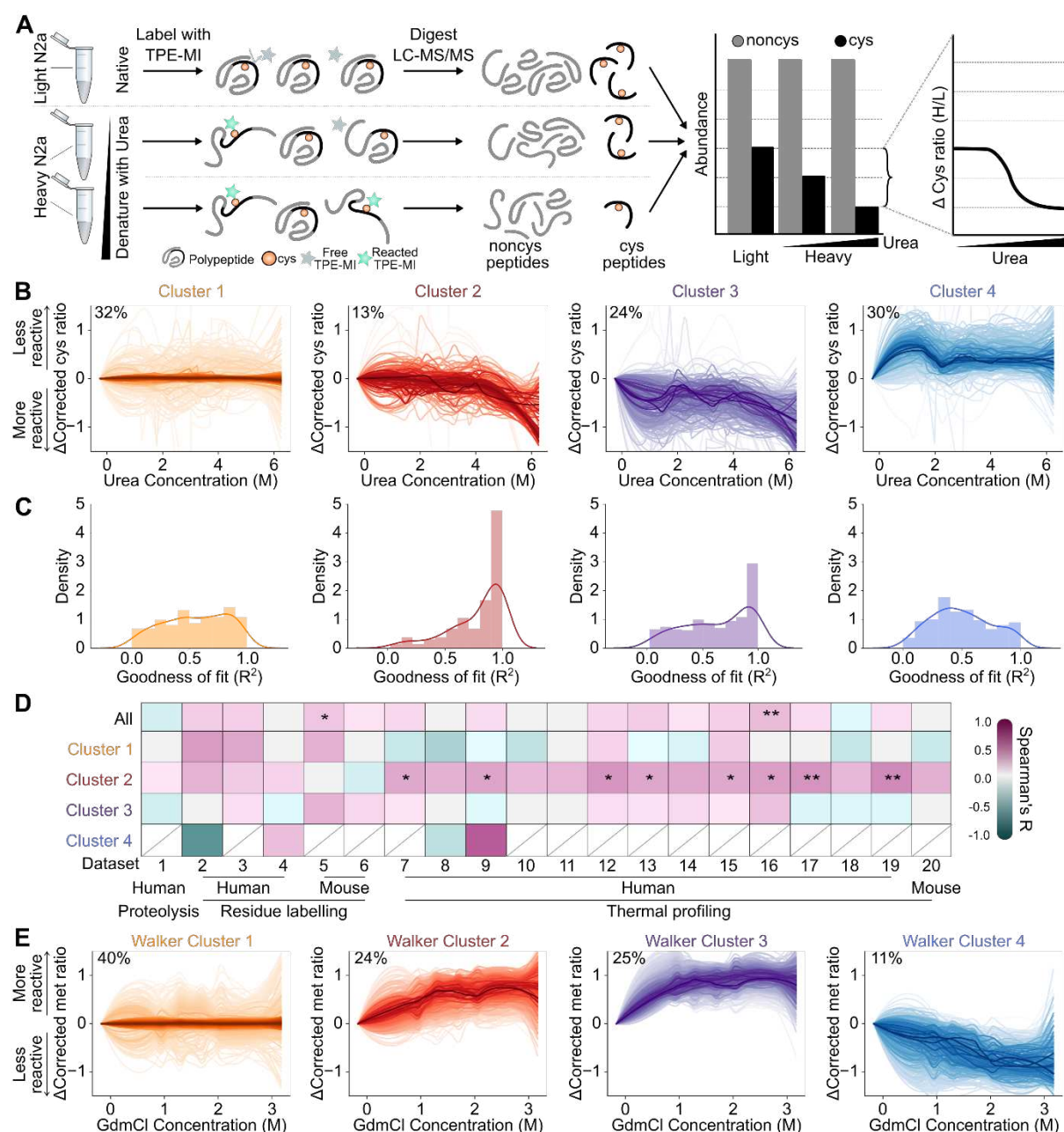480   Figures S1-S6

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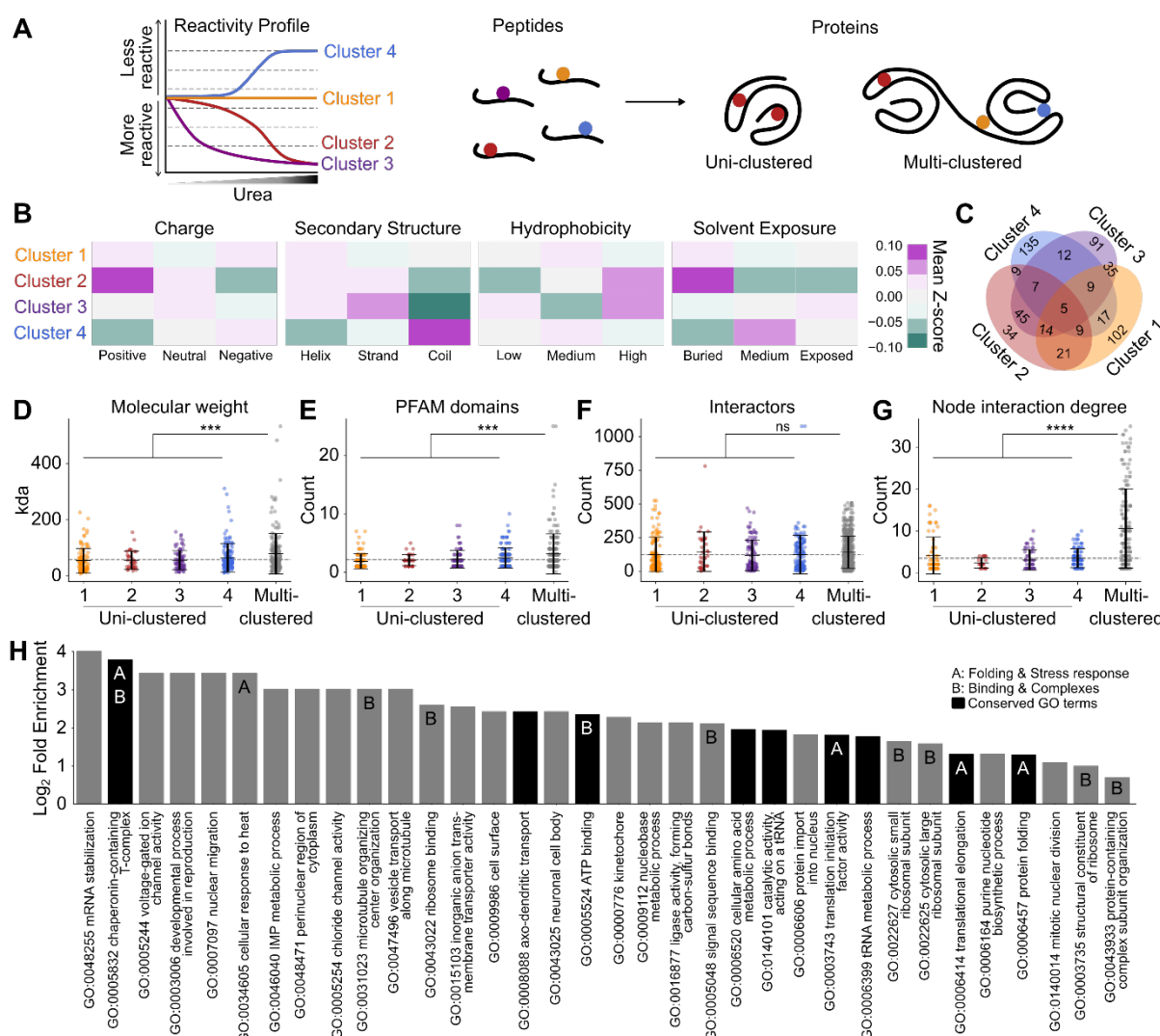
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Fig. 1: Limited correlations between measures of folding in published proteome stability datasets. Shown are pairwise cross-correlations of normalized protein folding stability measures (T_m or C_m). The bottom diagonal shows hexbin density plots, where data point density tiles (grayscale) are overlaid with the fitted linear regression and corresponding 95% C.I. (red; in most cases intervals are too small to be seen). The upper diagonal shows pairwise Spearman's coefficients (R) represented in the form of a heatmap, overlaid with significance denoted by * ($p < 0.05$) or ** ($p < 0.01$). Datasets are ordered according to species of origin (human or mouse) and method of stability measure (limited proteolysis, residue labelling or thermal profiling). Datasets were derived from the following publications; Leuenberger et al., 2017, Science (1), Ogburn et al., 2017, J Proteome Res. (2,3), Walker et al., 2019, PNAS (4), Roberts et al., 2016, J Proteome Res. (5,6), Jarzab et al., 2020, Nat Methods. (7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20), Becher et al., 2016, Nat Chem Biol. (10), Franken et al., 2015, Nat Protoc. (11), Miettinen et al., 2018, EMBO J. (8), Savitski et al., 2018, Cell. (13, 14), Ball et al., 2020, Commun Biol. (15), Savitski et al., 2014, Science. (18), Sridharan et al., 2019, Nat Commun. (19). Complete reference information is provided in Table S1.
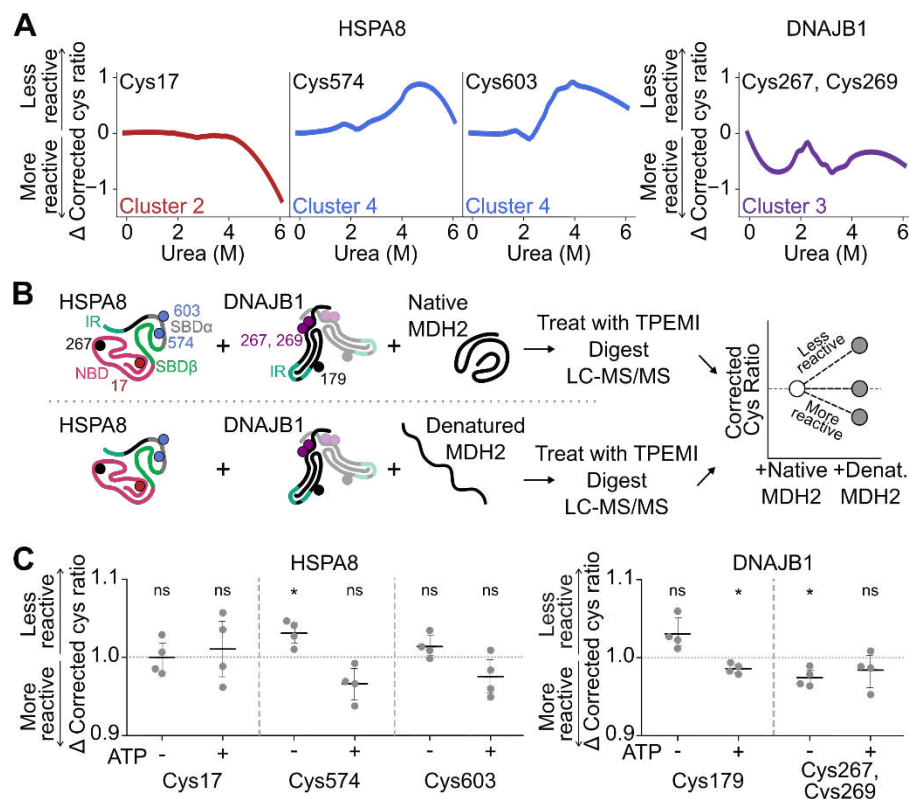
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Fig. 2: Residue labelling methods reveal patterns of change inconsistent with two-state unfolding during chemical denaturation. (A) Schematic representation of the workflow used to detect conformational change using TPE-MI following chemical denaturation. (B) Clustering of cysteine-peptide TPE-MI reactivity profiles as a function of urea concentration using fuzzy c-means. Families of individual peptide traces are shown where the color saturation reflects the cluster membership score for each peptide, such that the darkest traces are representative of the typical response for each cluster. Data (*n*=3) were smoothed by significance scaling and loess smoothing. The proportion of total peptides assigned to each cluster is also indicated. (C) Histogram of goodness-of-fit among individual peptides following fitting to a two-state unfolding curve. (D) Cross-correlation analysis of peptides in each cluster to previously published stability datasets (list of datasets in Table S1). Correlation heatmap is colored according to the Spearman's correlation coefficient (R) and significance is denoted by * (p < 0.05) or ** (p < 0.01). Datasets are ordered according to species of origin (human or mouse) and method of stability measure (limited proteolysis, residue labelling or thermal profiling). Missing points (gray line) indicate fewer than 5 proteins in common. (E) Corresponding clustering analysis of an independent published residue labeling dataset (dataset 4) that targeted oxidation of exposed Met residues *(15)*. Data here is represented as per panel B.

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Fig. 3: Functional responses to denaturation drive heterogeneous changes in reactivity within single proteins (A) Schematic overview of peptide cluster patterns and how proteins are grouped depending on the composition of cysteine peptides from multiple clusters. The left graph shows a schematic reactivity profile of each of the four clusters. Peptides are then assigned to their parent protein, which may be deemed "uni-clustered" if only consisting of cysteine-containing peptides from a single cluster, or "multi-clustered" where cysteine-containing peptides from a single protein are associated with more than one cluster. (B) Mean z-score for predicted/extracted physiochemical features according to peptide amino acid composition. (C) Venn diagram depicting proportion of proteins for which peptides were found in each cluster combination. (D) Molecular weight of and (E) number of annotated PFAM domains in proteins to which clustered peptides are assigned. (F) Number of high-confidence first-shell protein-protein interactions and (G) inter-cluster node interaction degree annotated in STRINGdb (v11.0, score > 0.7) for proteins found in each cluster. (H) Gene ontology terms enriched among multi-clustered proteins. Enrichment was determined using Panther GOSlim Fisher's over-representation test with false-discovery rate correction. Common themes are denoted; A = protein folding and stress response, B = binding and complexes. Dark bars denote exact terms found to also be enriched among multi-clustered proteins in published dataset 4. Panels D-G show individual protein datapoints overlayed with mean ± S.D. Mean of combined uni-clustered proteins is shown as dotted grey line. Uni-clustered proteins were compared to those associated with multiple clusters via t-test with Welch's correction, *** denotes $p < 0.001$, **** denotes $p < 0.0001$, ns denotes $p > 0.05$.

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Fig. 4: Detection of distinct HSPA8 conformations by residue labeling approaches. (A) Changes in thiol reactivity of HSPA8 and DNAJB1 peptides in Neuro2a lysate titrated with urea, colored according to their assigned cluster. (B) Schematic for recombinant client-binding assay. Human HSPA8 and DNAJB1 were incubated with native or heat-denatured client MDH2. Nucleotide binding domain (NBD; ruby), substrate binding domains (SBDβ; green and SBDα; grey) and cofactor interaction region (IR; teal) are shown on protein backbones, and representative cysteine residues are colored according to the cluster their respective peptides were assigned (orange, red, purple and blue correspond to clusters 1 – 4 respectively, black was not observed). In the case of DNAJB1, dimer is shown with second monomer desaturated. Detailed structural models are shown in Fig. S6. (C) Change in cysteine reactivity of peptides derived from human HSPA8 and DNAJB1 when incubated with heat-denatured MDH2. Recombinant reaction components were incubated in the absence or presence of exogenous ATP prior to TPE-MI labelling. Shown is mean ± S.D. ($n=4$), and deviations from the expected mean of 1 were tested using a one-sample t-test (* denotes $p < 0.05$, ns denotes $p > 0.05$).

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12   residue labelling dataset 4 (*15*). Relates to Fig. 3.

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17   Table S1: Published proteome stability dataset details

18   **Other supplementary materials for this manuscript include the following**:

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Materials and Methods

Materials

All materials were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich (St. Louis, MO, USA) unless otherwise indicated. The mouse neuroblastoma cell line Neuro2a (N2a) was obtained from lab cultures originating from the American Type Culture Collection and screened for mycoplasma contamination. TPE-MI was stored as stocks (10 mM in DMSO) in the dark at 4 °C before use. Recombinant human HSPA8 and DNAJB1 were purified as previously described (*23*).

Correlation of published proteome stability datasets

Published basal proteome stability datasets were collected as follows. First 813 articles were collected from PubMed keyword searches performed on July 31st 2020 for "thermal proteome profiling", "thermal proteome unfolding", "folding stability proteome", "limited proteolysis proteome", "proteome denaturation labelling", "proteome unfolding label" and "SPROX proteome". Abstracts were filtered manually for evidence of containing primary experimental datasets for protein stability under control conditions derived from either human or mouse samples. Of these 12 papers were selected as suitable. Datasets were then assigned into one of three categories based on methodology: limited proteolysis, residue labelling and thermal profiling. Complete details for the selected resources, including specific supplementary materials files for each dataset, are provided in Table S1.

Datasets were collected from the relevant supplementary materials analyzed with custom scripts written in Python programming language. The logic of the scripts was to collect the reported protein stabilities provided by each source, and where necessary map the protein identifiers to UniProt Accession numbers. Proteins were mapped to KEGG Orthology (KO) identifiers using previously established protocols (*37*) available via cross-referencing from UniProt https://www.uniprot.org/. Stability measures of different datasets were filtered as per the goodness-of-fit criteria used in the original study, then normalized to 1 to enable cross correlation (i.e. to account for different scales for thermal denaturation values (T_m) and chemical denaturation values (C_m)). Spearman's correlation coefficients and p-values were calculated in a pairwise manner for all proteins found to be commonly quantified in a given pair of datasets.

Recombinant β-lactoglobulin denaturation

A stock solution of recombinant β-lactoglobulin was prepared in PBS (pH 7.4), before being diluted to a final concentration of 250 µM in triplicate in urea prepared at concentrations ranging from 0 – 6 M.

57   Samples were then equilibrated in denaturant for 4 h at 25 °C, before being labelled with TPE-MI (or the

58   vehicle control DMSO) at a final concentration of 50 µM. Immediately after addition of the labelling

59   reagent, samples were transferred to clear-bottom 96-well UVStar plate (Grenier BioOne). TPE-MI

60   (350/20 nm ex, 465/20 nm em) and intrinsic tryptophan (295/10 nm ex, 360/20 em) fluorescence was

61   read every 60 seconds for 60 minutes using a CLARIOstar (BMG Labtech) with shaking at 200 rpm for 5

62   seconds prior to each cycle. In the case of TPE-MI, the first 9 minutes of linear increase in fluorescence

63   were fitted with linear regression to derive the rate of reaction which was used for subsequent fitting.

64   Both the TPE-MI rate and tryptophan fluorescence data was fitted via non-linear least squares

65   regression to a two-state unfolding curve.

66   **Cell culture**

67   Neuro2a cells were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM; ThermoFisher Scientific)

68   supplemented with 10% (v/v) fetal bovine serum (ThermoFisher Scientific) and 1 mM L-glutamine

69   (ThermoFisher Scientific). In the case of isotopically labelled cultures (SILAC), cells were cultured in

70   DMEM (Silantes) supplemented with either unlabeled (light) or ^{13}C L-lysine and $^{13}C,^{15}N$ L-arginine, along

71   with 10% (v/v) dialyzed foetal bovine serum (ThermoFisher Scientific) and 1 mM L-glutamine (Silantes).

72   Cells were cultured in isotopically labeled media for at least 8 doublings prior to use. Cells were

73   maintained at 37 °C in a humidified incubator with 5% atmospheric CO_2 and were reseeded into fresh

74   culture flasks once at 80% confluency following mechanical dissociation. For plating, cell count and

75   viability were automatically determined using a Countess trypan blue assay (ThermoFisher Scientific).

76   Cells were seeded in 6 or 12 well plates (Corning) and grown for at least 18 h before treatment.

77   **Lysate preparation and chemical denaturation**

78   Following treatment, cells were washed once in PBS before being mechanically harvested in fresh PBS

79   and centrifuged at 150 g for 5 min. Cell pellets were then resuspended in lysis buffer (50 mM Tris, pH

80   8.0, 0.8 % (v/v) IGEPAL CA-630, 1.5 mM $MgCl_2$) containing cOmplete Mini, EDTA-free Protease Inhibitor

81   Cocktail (Sigma) and 250 U benzonase (Sigma), then incubated on ice for 30 min. Lysate was then

82   centrifuged at 20,000 g for 10 min to pellet cell debris, and the resultant supernatant transferred to a

83   fresh Eppendorf tube. Total protein concentration was then determined using a Pierce BCA protein

84   assay (Thermo Scientific) with bovine-serum albumin as the mass standard. A standard volume of lysate

85   was distributed to aliquots of urea prepared at concentrations ranging from 0 – 6 M in water from an 8

86   M stock for which the concentration was determined by measuring the refractive index. In the case of

87   SILAC lysate, light and heavy-labelled samples were combined at a 1:1 ratio prior to denaturation.

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88   Samples were then equilibrated in denaturant for 4 h at 25 °C. Following denaturation, lysate aliquots

89   were labelled with TPE-MI to a final concentration of 100 µM for 30 min at 25 °C, then immediately

90   transferred to a 5-fold excess (v/v) of ice-cold acetone and stored at -20 °C overnight.

91   **Sample preparation for mass spectrometry**

92   Samples were pelleted at 20,000 *g* for 30 min at 4 °C. Protein pellets were solubilized in 100 µl of 8 M

93   urea in 50mM triethylammonium bicarbonate (TEAB), and incubated with shaking at 37 °C for 45 min.

94   Proteins were reduced using 10mM tris(2-carboxyethyl)phosphine, pH 8.0, and alkylated with 10mM

95   iodoacetamide for 45 min, before being digested with 2 µg trypsin (ThermoFisher Scientific) overnight

96   with shaking at 37 °C. Peptides were then desalted via solid-phase extraction using an Oasis HLB 1 cc Vac

97   Cartridge (catalogue number 186000383, Waters Corp., USA) that was pre-equilibrated by washing.

98   Samples were collected in fresh tubes and lyophilized (VirTis Freeze Dryer, SP Scientific). The lyophilized

99   peptides were subjected to another round of BCA assay as above so as to normalize for similar loading

100   onto the mass spectrometer. The final concentration of peptides was 0.1 µg/µl in 2% (v/v) ACN

101   containing 0.05% (v/v) trifluoroacetic acid.

102   **NanoESI-LC-MS/MS**

103   Samples were analyzed by nanoESI-LC-MS/MS using a Orbitrap Fusion Lumos Tribrid mass spectrometer

104   (Thermo Scientific) fitted with a nanoflow reversed-phase-HPLC (Ultimate 3000 RSLC, Dionex). The nano-

105   LC system was equipped with an Acclaim Pepmap nano-trap column (Dionex—C18, 100 Å, 75 µm× 2 cm)

106   and an Acclaim Pepmap RSLC analytical column (Dionex—C18, 100 Å, 75 µm× 50 cm). For each LC-

107   MS/MS experiment, 0.6 µg of the peptide mix was loaded onto the enrichment (trap) column at an

108   isocratic flow of 5 µl min^{-1} of 3% ACN containing 0.1% (v/v) formic acid for 5 min before the enrichment

109   column was switched in-line with the analytical column. The eluents used for the LC were 0.1% (v/v)

110   formic acid (solvent A) and 100% ACN/0.1% formic acid (v/v) (solvent B). The gradient used (300 nl

111   min^{-1}) was from 3–22% B in 90 min, 22–40% B in 10 min and 40–80% B in 5 min then maintained for 5

112   min before re-equilibration for 8 min at 3% B prior to the next analysis. All spectra were acquired in

113   positive ionization mode with full scan MS acquired from *m/z* 400–1500 in the FT mode at a mass

114   resolving power of 120,000 after accumulating to an AGC target value of $5.00e^{5}$, with a maximum

115   accumulation time of 50 ms. Lockmass of 445.12002 was used. Data-dependent HCD MS/MS of charge

116   states > 1 was performed using a 3 s scan method, at an AGC target value of $1.00e^{4}$, a maximum

117   accumulation time of 54 ms, a normalized collision energy of 35%, and with spectra acquired at a 7,500

118   mass resolving power of 15,000. Dynamic exclusion was used for 45 s.

119   In the case of TMT-labelled samples, data were obtained on an Orbitrap Eclipse Tribrid mass

120   spectrometer using nanoESI-LC parameters as described above. All spectra were acquired in positive

121   mode with full scan mode full scan MS from m/z 300–1600 in the FT mode at 120,000 mass resolving

122   power after accumulating to a target value $5.00e^5$ and with maximum accumulation time of 50 ms.

123   Lockmass of 445.12002 was used. A preferred inclusion list containing doubly and triply masses of

124   tryptic peptides belonging to HSPA8 (P11142), DNAJB1 (P25685) and MDH2 (P00346) was created to

125   increase the coverage of identifiable peptides from these proteins. Data-dependent HCD MS/MS of

126   precursors that matches the inclusion list then other charge states > 1 were performed using a 3 s scan

127   method, 0.7m/z isolation width, target value of $5.00e^4$, a maximum accumulation time of 54 ms, a

128   normalized collision energy of 35% and at a 30,000 mass resolving power (with TurboTMT mode) to

129   resolve the low mass TMT reporter mass. Dynamic exclusion was used for 45 s

130   **Peptide identification**

131   Initial data analysis of raw data generated during this study was carried out using Proteome Discoverer

132   (v2.1; ThermoFisher Scientific) or MaxQuant (v 1.6.3.4) against the Swissprot Mus Musculus database

133   (downloaded 04/07/2016; containing 16,795 entries). Searches were conducted with 20 ppm mass

134   tolerance for MS, and 0.2 Da for MS/MS, with one missed cleavage allowed and match between runs

135   enabled. Variable modifications included methionine oxidation, N-terminal protein acetylation, N-

136   terminal methionine cleavage and SILAC-Lys6, Arg10, while the carbamidomethylcysteine modification

137   was fixed. The false discovery rate maximum was set to 0.005% at the peptide identification level (actual

138   was 0.005 for each replicate) and 1% at the protein identification level. All other parameters were left as

139   default.

140   **Ratio correction and scaling**

141   Further analysis was performed with custom Python scripts. The logic was as follows. First, the common

142   contaminant protein keratin was removed. Quantified proteins were considered as those identified by

143   at least two unique peptides, one of which contained a cysteine residue, and the average peptide

144   abundance ratio for the non-cysteine-containing peptides was calculated for each protein at each urea

145   concentration. The mean non-cysteine abundance ratio was used to correct the corresponding cysteine-

146   containing peptide(s) for any change in overall protein abundance caused by the treatment, yielding the

147   corrected cysteine ratio. The corrected cysteine ratio was normalized to the native sample (0 M Urea),

148   such that no change resulting from urea denaturation would yield a ratio of 1.

149   The resultant data was then scaled with a p-value weighted correction. This correction weights the

150   mean corrected cysteine ratio of biological replicates (*n=3*) according to the relative confidence with

151   which it deviates from the expected value (in this case, 1) as per equation 1:

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$$R = \frac{1 - m}{-20^p}$$

153   where *m* corresponds to the mean of the corrected cysteine ratios and *p* corresponds to the p-value

154   derived from a one-sample t-test of the corrected cysteine ratios against the expected value at a single

155   denaturant concentration. To improve confidence in the trends of the corrected peptide ratios across

156   urea concentrations, the data were subsequently smoothed with Locally Estimated Scatterplot

157   Smoothing (LOESS). The resultant curves for the peptide ratios across urea concentrations were

158   clustered by using fuzzy-c means, where the optimal number of clusters was first estimated using the

159   *kneed* package before manual inspection of ± 2 centroids to achieve minimal redundancy in clustered

160   patterns. For all subsequent bioinformatic analyses, peptides were then assigned to clusters with the

161   highest membership score.

162   **Peptide and protein properties**

163   The curves for the peptide ratios across urea concentrations were fitted with a sigmoidal two-state

164   unfolding model as per equation 2:

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$$y = b + \frac{a - b}{1 + e^{\frac{m \times (C_m - [d])}{T \times G}}}$$

166   where *a* and *b* correspond to the top and bottom plateaus respectively, C_m corresponds to the

167   denaturant concentration at which both the folded and unfolded states are equally populated at

168   equilibrium (assuming two-state protein folding), *[d]* corresponds to denaturant concentration, and *m*

169   corresponds to the slope. *T* and *G* correspond to the temperature (298.15 K) and gas constants,

170   respectively. Fits were filtered according to the following criteria: (1) $R^2 > 0.75$, (2) absolute value of *a*

171   and *b* less than 10, (3) fitted C_m within the range of denaturant concentrations tested, (4) relative error

172   in C_m less than 0.5, and (5) value at 0 M urea in greater than at 6 M urea. The fitted C_m values were then

173   compared against the published datasets as described above.

174   Physicochemical properties for individual cysteine residues, peptides and proteins of interest were

175   compiled from various databases and extraction/prediction platforms, including UniProt

176   https://www.uniprot.org/, PFAM https://pfam.xfam.org/, Protein Data Bank

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177   https://www.ebi.ac.uk/pdbe/, DSSP (*38*, *39*), IUPred2A (*40*), STRINGdb (*41*), PantherGOSlim

178   http://pantherdb.org, and iFeature (*42*).

179   **HSP70 client denaturation assay**

180   Pig heart L-malate dehydrogenase (MDH2; Roche, catalogue # 10127256001) and recombinant human

181   HSPA8 were prepared in HEPES buffer (50 mM HEPES, pH 7.5, 50 mM KCl, 5 mM MgCl$_2$, 2 mM DTT) to a

182   final concentration of 5 µM and 2 µM, respectively, in the presence or absence of recombinant human

183   DNAJB1 (1 µM). In the case of heat-denatured samples, MDH2 aliquots were heated to 42 °C for 10 min

184   then returned to 37 °C in a thermocycler (BioRad), while native samples were maintained at 37 °C.

185   MDH2 was then combined with the remaining reaction components in the absence or presence of 2 mM

186   ATP (New England Biosciences, catalogue # P0756S), then incubated at 37 °C for 30 min in a heating

187   block. Samples were then labelled with 100 µM TPE-MI for 15 min at 25 °C before being diluted into 1 ml

188   ice cold acetone and incubated at -20 °C overnight. Samples, including a pooled control sample, were

189   prepared for mass spectrometry using the Preomics iST-NHS (Preomics, catalogue # P.O.00026) and TMT

190   11-plex labelling (ThermoFisher, catalogue # A37725) kits according to the manufacturer's protocol. The

191   pooled channel was added to each biological replicate to support efficient normalization between

192   replicates. Resultant peptides were analyzed using a TMT based MS methodology as described above.

193   The collected spectra were searched against a custom database containing sequences for HSPA8

194   (P11142), DNAJB1 (P25685) and MDH2 (P00346) sequences downloaded from UniProt. The search was

195   conducted as above, with the following alterations: the MS2 reporter ion was set to TMT 11-plex,

196   isotopic distribution correction applied according to the product data sheet and the fixed

197   carbamidomethylcysteine was replaced with the Preomics alkylation (+113.084 Da).

198   Filtering and further analysis of the dataset was then carried out with custom Python scripts. The logic

199   was as follows. Raw intensities for peptides with no missed cleavages were scaled according to the

200   molar contribution of the corresponding protein to each reaction. The mean peptide abundance ratio

201   for non-cysteine peptides in each protein that were quantified across all channels containing that

202   protein, was then calculated. The non-cysteine intensity was used to correct the corresponding cysteine-

203   containing peptide(s) for any change in overall protein abundance, resulting in the corrected cysteine

204   ratio. In the case of HSPA8 peptides, the corrected cysteine ratio was then normalised to the native

205   HSPA8 sample, and finally the change in corrected cysteine ratio is reported as the mean of two
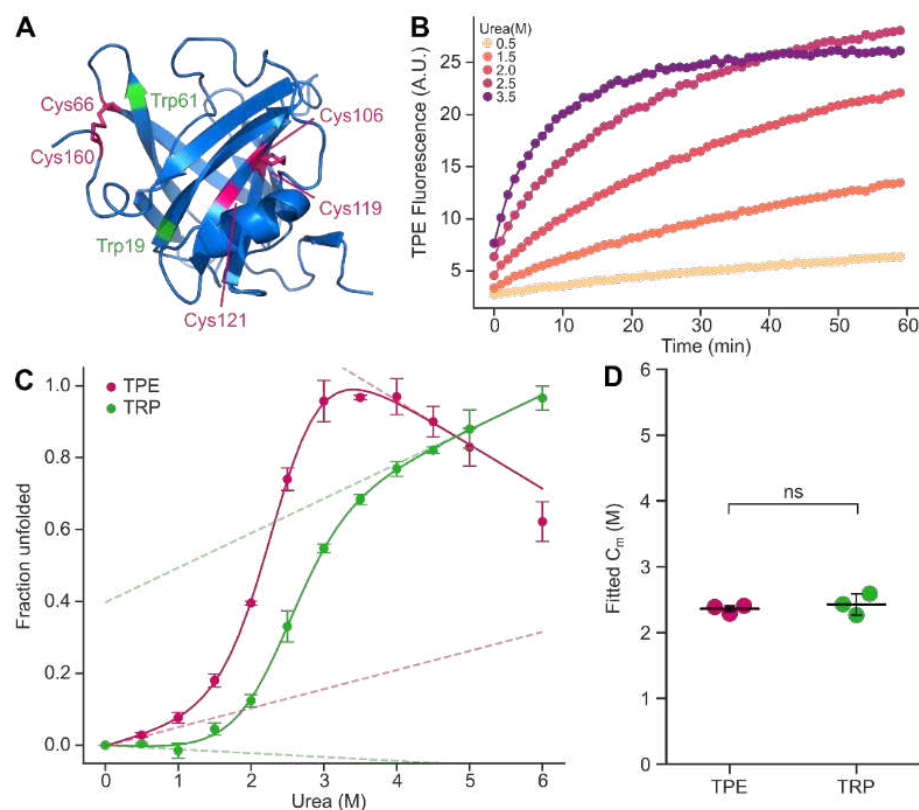
206   technical replicates.

207 **Statistical analysis and data availability**

208 Statistical analyses were performed either using the scipy module in python (*43*) or using GraphPad

209 Prism (v 8.4.3). The exact p values, raw values and statistical details are provided in Dataset S2.
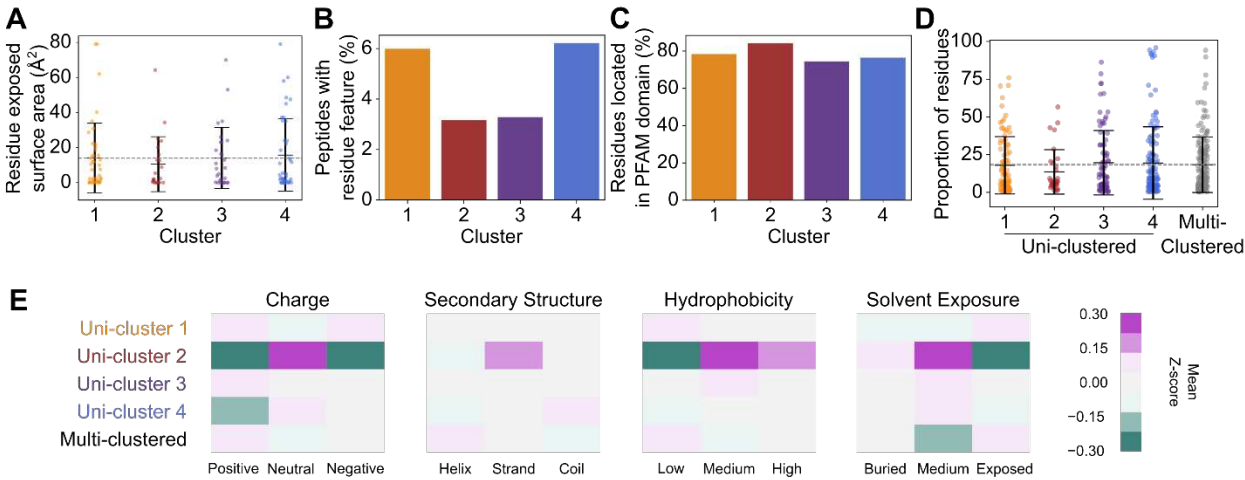
210 The mass spectrometry proteomics data have been deposited to the ProteomeXchange Consortium via

211 the PRIDE (*44*) partner repository with the data set identifiers PXD022587 and PXD022640. All other

212 data and analysis code are available from 10.5281/zenodo.4280621 and 10.5281/zenodo.4287767

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Fig. S1: TPE-MI reports on unfolding of recombinant β-lactoglobulin. Relates to Fig. 2. (A) Structure of β-lactoglobulin, a model globular protein, adapted from PDB entry 1CJ5. Pertinent residues are highlighted in magenta (cysteine) and green (tryptophan). (B) Chemical denaturation of recombinant β-lactoglobulin in the presence of TPE-MI. Samples were equilibrated for 4 hours at room temperature before addition of TPE-MI, and TPE-MI fluorescence was monitored every 60 sec for 1 h. (C) The initial rate of reaction is calculated from B via linear regression, and fitted to a denaturation curve. Curve is compared to intrinsic tryptophan fluorescence, also fitted to a denaturation curve. (D) Fitted C_m derived from C, compared using t-test in GraphPad Prism. In panels B – D, data shown is mean ± SD of 3 replicates, and is representative of 2 independent experiments.
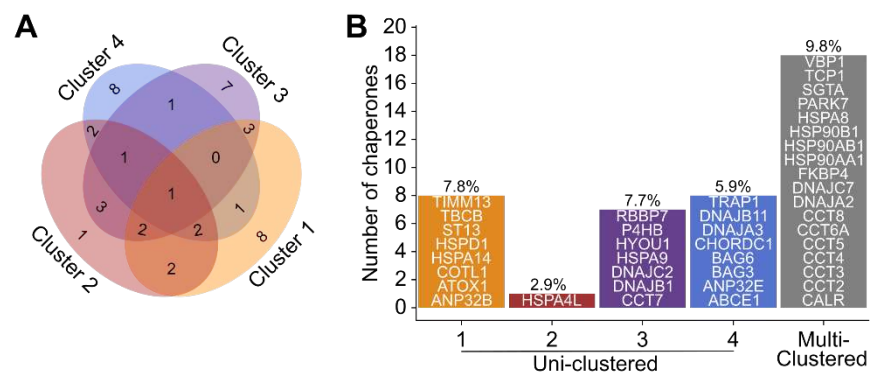
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Fig. S2: Residue and protein physicochemical properties. Relates to Fig. 3. Individual cysteine residues contained within clustered peptides were assessed for (A) their relative surface exposure in experimentally determined structures available via the Protein Data Bank, (B) the proportion of residues annotated as a functional feature in UniProt, and (C) the proportion of residues located within curated PFAM domains. (D) The proportion of disordered residues in proteins associated with each cluster as predicted by IUPred2. (E) Mean z-score for predicted or extracted physiochemical features according to protein amino acid composition. Panels A and D show individual protein datapoints overlayed with mean ± S.D. Mean of clustered peptides (A) or combined uni-clustered proteins (D) is shown as dotted grey line.

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Fig. S3: Gene ontology terms enriched among multi-cluster proteins identified in published residue labelling dataset 4 *(15)*.
Relates to Fig. 3. Enrichment determined using Panther GOSlim Fisher's overrepresentation test with false-discovery rate correction. Common themes are denoted; A = protein folding and stress response, B = binding and complexes. Dark bars denote exact terms found to also be enriched among multi-cluster proteins in the TPE-MI dataset.
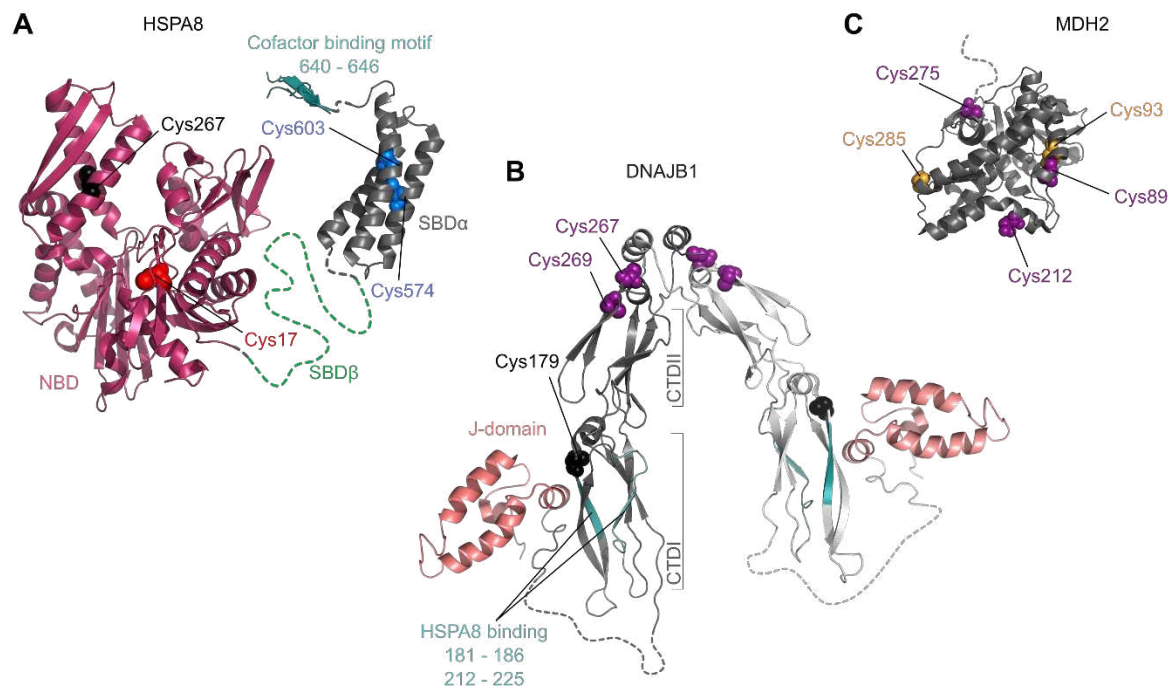
Fig. S4: Gene ontology terms enriched among uni-clustered proteins. Relates to Fig. 3. Enrichment for (A) TPE-MI and (B) *(15)* datasets determined using Panther GOSlim Fisher's overrepresentation test with false-discovery rate correction. The outer-most terms for each hierarchical GO family which was significantly enriched (P < 0.05) are shown, colored according to the cluster with which they were associated.

Fig. S5: Enrichment of chaperone machinery among multi-clustered proteins. Relates to Fig. 4. (A) Venn diagram depicting proportion of chaperone proteins for which peptides were found in each cluster combination. (B) Number and proportion of proteins in each cluster associated with "chaperone-mediated protein folding" gene ontology term (GO:0061077). Gene names for individual proteins are listed within the bars.

Fig. S6: Structural models for chaperone client-binding reaction components. Relates to Fig. 4. (A) Ribbon structure of HSPA8 (models built with PDB 4H5R, 3AGY and 4KBQ). Nucleotide binding domain (NBD; ruby), substrate binding domains (SBDβ green, SBDα dark-grey) and cofactor binding motif (EEVD motif; teal) are shown on protein backbones. (B) Ribbon structure of DNAJB1 (model built with PDB 3AGZ and 1HDJ), with dimer composed of two monomers colored dark and light grey respectively. J-domain (salmon) and HSPA8 binding region (teal) are shown on protein backbones, and C-terminal domains (CTDI and CTDII) are indicated by brackets. (C) Ribbon structure of MDH2 (PDB 1MLD). In all panels, cysteine residues are labelled and colored according to the cluster their respective peptides were assigned (orange, red, purple and blue correspond to clusters 1 – 4 respectively, black was not observed), and dotted lines represent sequence regions with missing structural information.

Table S1: Published proteome stability dataset details.

Publication details	Reference	Technique	Species	Sample type	Dataset ID	Dataset filename(s)
Leuenberger et al 2017, **Science** 355: 7825	(*45*)	Proteolysis	Human	HeLa	1	aai7825_Leuenberger_Table-S3
Ogburn et al 2017, **J Proteome Res.** 16: 4073	(*46*)	Residue labelling	Human	MCF7	2, 3	pr7b00442_si_003 pr7b00442_si_004
Walker et al 2019, **PNAS** 26: 6081	(*15*)	Residue labelling	Human	HCA2-hTert	4	pnas.1819851116.sd04
Roberts et al 2016, **J Proteome Res.** 15: 4731	(*47*)	Residue labelling	Mouse	Brain tissue	5, 6	pr6b00927_si_003
Jarzab et al 2020, **Nat Methods.** 17: 495	(*37*)	Solubility	Human, Mouse	HepG2, Jurkat, K562, BMDC	7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 20	41592_2020_801_MOESM4_ESM
Becher et al 2016, **Nat Chem Biol.** 12: 908	(*48*)	Solubility	Human	HepG2	10	41589_2016_BFnchembio2185_MOESM256_ESM
Franken et al 2015, **Nat Protoc.** 10: 1567	(*49*)	Solubility	Human	K562	11	41596_2015_BFnprot2015101_MOESM411_ESM
Miettinen et al 2018, **EMBO J.** 37: e98359	(*50*)	Solubility	Human	MCF-7	12	embj201798359-sup-0003-tableev2
Savitski et al 2018, **Cell.** 173: 260	(*10*)	Solubility	Human	Jurkat, T-cells	13, 14	Fig5_SD6_reference_melting_curves
Ball et al 2020, **Commun Biol.** 3: 75	(*51*)	Solubility	Human	K562	15	42003_2020_795_MOESM2_ESM
Savitski et al 2014, **Science.** 346: 1255784	(*9*)	Solubility	Human	K562	18	Table_S4_Thermal_Profiling_Staurosporine_cell_extract Table_S3_Thermal_Profiling_ATP_cell_extract
Sridharan et al 2019, **Nat Commun.** 10: 1155	(*52*)	Solubility	Human	Jurkat	19	41467_2019_9107_MOESM4_ESM