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Graphical Abstract



Highlights

- Deep mutational scanning data are used to guide the generation of protein variants
- Parallel chemoselective labeling of variants allows mapping of solvent accessibility
- Differences in quantified labeling rates are used to infer structure and dynamics
- Parallel analysis reveals an extended allosteric network in Src's kinase domain

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In Brief

Potter et al. present a solution-based method that leverages saturation mutagenesis data and targeted mass spectrometry to characterize the structure and dynamics of proteins. They demonstrate its utility by characterizing the structural perturbations induced by ATP-competitive, conformation-selective inhibitors in full-length Src.





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SUMMARY

Solution-based structural techniques complement high-resolution structural data by providing insight into the oft-missed links between protein structure and dynamics. Here, we present Parallel Chemoselective Profiling, a solution-based structural method for characterizing protein structure and dynamics. Our method utilizes deep mutational scanning saturation mutagenesis data to install amino acid residues with specific chemistries at defined positions on the solvent-exposed surface of a protein. Differences in the extent of labeling of installed mutant residues are quantified using targeted mass spectrometry, reporting on each residue's local environment and structural dynamics. Using our method, we studied how conformation-selective, ATP-competitive inhibitors affect the local and global structure and dynamics of full-length Src kinase. Our results highlight how parallel chemoselective profiling can be used to study a dynamic multi-domain protein, and suggest that our method will be a useful addition to the relatively small toolkit of existing protein footprinting techniques.

INTRODUCTION

Structural characterization techniques are essential tools for studying protein function. Methods such as X-ray crystallography and cryogenic electron microscopy have become standard techniques for providing high-resolution protein structure. Despite the general utility of these methods, they only capture part of the picture and are best complemented by techniques that characterize dynamics in solution. The ability to assess protein dynamics in solution yields functional insight beyond static structures and provides information about regions of proteins that cannot be characterized using traditional structural methods. A subset of mass spectrometry-based structural characterization techniques-collectively referred to as protein footprinting methods-profile the solvent-exposed surfaces of proteins. These methods take advantage of a relatively simple concept, that the relative solvent accessibility of protein surfaces is a proxy for structure and dynamics. To measure accessibility and report on local residue environment, the solvent-exposed residues of a protein are labeled with a chemical modification that can be quantified with downstream analytical methods. Comparative analysis of protein variants or ligand-bound protein complexes can reveal the influence of such perturbations. Advances in mass spectrometer hardware and informatics software have made bottom-up proteomic workflows appealing for detecting and quantifying modified proteins. Two methods that utilize a proteomics-style approach, hydrogen-deuterium exchange mass spectrometry (HDX-MS) and fast photochemical oxidation of proteins, have been developed and employed successfully to map ligand-binding sites and characterize the conformational dynamics of proteins, among other applications (Chea and Jones, 2018; Hodkinson et al., 2009). These methods, however, rely on relatively specialized liquid chromatography (LC) equipment, which limits their general applicability (Table S1).

Here, we describe the development of a simple and general method that can report on the solvent accessibility of individual residues within a protein of interest (Figure 1). Integral to our method is the use of deep mutational scanning (DMS) data to inform the generation of multiple single amino acid variants of a protein of interest with desired side-chain chemistries at specific locations. Chemoselective labeling of a pool of DMS-guided protein variants under comparative conditions is leveraged to report on protein local environment and dynamics, and a parallel reaction monitoring (PRM) assay is used to provide residue-level quantification by liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS). Our "Parallel Chemose-lective Profiling" method allows rapid characterization of dynamic protein structure under multiple conditions and does not require the use of highly specialized equipment beyond



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Figure 1. General Schematic for Parallel Chemoselective Profiling

Deep mutational scanning is used to determine positions where chemically reactive reporter amino acids can be installed on a protein of interest without perturbing protein function. Individual mutants are expressed and purified in a pooled format and are treated under comparative conditions *in vitro*. Following treatment, solvent-exposed mutant residues are labeled with a chemoselective reagent. Unreacted mutant residues are then capped under denaturing conditions, protein is digested, and labeled residues are quantified using parallel reaction monitoring targeted mass spectrometry. Ratios of labeled residues are compared across time points or labeling reagent conditions, which can be visualized and used to infer changes to the local environment of each mutant residue.

an LC and MS capable of acquiring high-resolution tandem mass spectra.

To demonstrate the utility of parallel chemoselective profiling, we studied how ATP-binding site occupancy affects the local and global structural dynamics of the tyrosine kinase Src. Using our method, we performed an analysis of how stabilizing the ATP-binding site of full-length Src in two different inactive conformations with inhibitors affects its local and global structure and dynamics. In addition to observing expected changes in local and global conformation, our chemoselective profiling results revealed what appears to be an extended allosteric network within the kinase domain of full-length Src, which links the ATP-binding site to a region on the C-terminal lobe that is more than 20 Å away. These observations corroborate results from HDX-MS experiments that we performed in parallel and elaborate on previously reported nuclear magnetic resonance studies (Tong et al., 2017). Together, our findings support the notion of an extended allosteric network within the kinase domain of full-length Src and highlight the utility of parallel chemoselective profiling for characterizing protein structure and dynamics.

RESULTS

DMS Data as a Resource for Identifying Mutants Appropriate for Chemoselective Profiling

DMS has emerged as a powerful tool to study the functional effects of thousands of single and multiple amino acid variants in a single experiment (Fowler and Fields, 2014). In contrast

with traditional single amino acid scanning methods, DMS experiments can be used to quantify the effects of all possible amino acid substitutions at each position in a protein. As this field of protein science grows, public repositories—including MaveDB—have been established to distribute data collected from multiplexed assays of variant effects. We posit that these datasets provide a rich source of information that can be leveraged to identify sets of mutants that function similarly to the wild-type (WT) protein but have side-chain chemistries at predefined locations that can be used to report changes in the local environment.

We analyzed the DMS datasets of four proteins-ubiquitin, phosphatase and tensin homolog (PTEN), Src, and breast cancer type 1 susceptibility protein (BRCA1)-that we felt are representative candidates for the application of chemoselective profiling and for which high-resolution structural data are available (Table 1). Ubiquitin, PTEN, Src, and BRCA1 span a range of molecular weights and vary from single-domain to multidomain architectures. Importantly, these four proteins are representative of a range of biological functions and diverse parameters were used to evaluate the fitness of their variants for the generation of DMS datasets. Ubiquitin is a small, singledomain protein that serves as a multi-functional post-translational modification. A yeast growth assay was used to evaluate how mutations affect ubiquitin structure and function. PTEN is a multi-domain phosphoinositide phosphatase. Relative cellular abundance was the parameter used to assess the effects of PTEN mutations. The tyrosine kinase Src is a multi-domain protein kinase that is subject to multiple layers of regulation. Src



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Table 1. L	able 1. Large-Scale Mutagenesis Datasets Used in This Study						
Dataset	Variant Length (#AA)	Mutagenized Residues ^a	No. of Mutations	Mutational completeness ^b (%)	Selected Phenotype	Reference	
Ubiquitin	76	2–76	4,800	99	yeast growth	Roscoe et al., 2013	
PTEN	403	14–351	4,112	54	protein abundance	Matreyek et al., 2018	
SRC	536	270–519	3,506	73	kinase activity	Ahler et al., 2019	
BRCA1	1,863	1,649–1,859	1,317	36	HAP1 cell growth	Findlay et al., 2018	
^a Residues represented in our analysis in Figures 2 and 6.							

^bProportion of observed mutations relative to all possible single amino acid mutations in mutagenized region in our analyses.

mutations were scored based on their relative effect on kinase activity. BRCA1 is a tumor suppressor and E3 ubiquitin-protein ligase. While the effects of mutations to the exons encoding the RING and BRCT domains were assessed in HAP1 cells, we only analyzed BRCT domain variants given the more extensive structural characterization of this region. All the DMS experiments we analyzed were performed independently using different assays and analytical techniques, mitigating the chances of a systematic experimental bias.

Tolerability and Solvent Accessibility of Cys Substitutions

In the first iteration of our chemoselective profiling method, we analyzed the Cys substitutions contained in the DMS saturation mutagenesis datasets for ubiguitin, PTEN, Src, and BRCA1 (Table 1). We chose Cys due to the availability of numerous electrophilic reagents that can be used to selectively label this residue. We extracted the mutational effect scores for the ubiquitin, PTEN, Src, and BRCA1 datasets from the original publications. In each of these studies, variants were classified as WT-like or not WT-like by comparing each variant's functional score to the distribution of synonymous variants. Specifically, WT-like variants were defined as those variants whose scores were within the distribution of scores of variants with mutant DNA sequences but WT protein sequence. We used these classifications without alteration. We then mapped these classifications onto the crystal structure of each protein (Figures 2A-2D). We quantified each protein's tolerance of Cys mutations as the proportion of WT-like mutants to the total number of Cys mutants with WT-like and not WT-like classifications. We found that in all cases, more than half of all Cys mutants were classified as WT-like (Figures 2E, 2G, 2I, and 2K). We then used the PyMOL script FindSurfaceResidues to identify the solvent-exposed side chains in each crystal structure. In all cases, a majority of WT-like Cys mutants are located at amino acid positions that have solvent-exposed side chains. Taken together, these analyses suggest that Cys mutations are well tolerated at positions that are generally solvent accessible. Therefore, Cys appears to be a promising choice for developing our chemoselective profiling methodology.

Creation of an Src Cys Mutant Library for Chemoselective Profiling

To demonstrate the utility of our method, we studied the conformational dynamics of full-length Src (Src FL). We chose Src as a test case for several reasons. Src has been studied for decades, which has helped define the roles of the SH2 and SH3 domains as allosteric regulators of Src's phosphotransferase activity (Boggon and Eck, 2004). Additionally, a number of well-characterized point mutants, truncation constructs, and small-molecule tools for perturbing Src's conformational dynamics are available. From a DMS performed on the kinase domain of Src in the context of the full-length enzyme (Figure 3A), which contains 3,506 single amino acid variants, we extracted the mutational effect scores for all Cys mutants (Figure 3B). Of these 152 Cys mutants, 82 were classified as WT-like, indicating that Cys mutations at these sites do not significantly affect the catalytic activity of Src FL. From this information, we infer that these WT-like mutations do not disrupt the catalytic machinery or interdomain interactions of Src FL, and therefore we selected these mutants to move forward with for developing our method.

We employed an inverse PCR strategy to generate individual plasmids for each WT-like Cys mutant in mammalian expression vectors (Figures S1A and S1B). This approach yielded 74 of the 82 possible point mutants in the first pass without optimization. We verified the expression of each construct individually using western blot analysis of transiently transfected HEK293T cells (data not shown). DNA concentrations of the 74 mutant constructs were then normalized, and plasmids were pooled and transiently transfected into suspension 293F cells. Resulting recombinant Src FL Cys mutant proteins were dephosphorylated *in vitro* with the phosphatase YopH and purified as a pool of mutants, hereafter referred to as the Src Cysteine Library (Src^{CysLib}) (Figures S1C and S1D).

Targeted MS Allows Quantification of Cys Mutant Peptides

To generate alkylated, Cys-containing peptides for MS analysis, we prepared samples of Src^{CysLib} under denaturing conditions with a concentration of iodoacetamide (IA) that should yield quantitative alkylation of all Cys residues present. We first attempted to identify the labeled mutant peptides using a shotgun proteomics workflow operating the mass spectrometer in data-dependent acquisition (DDA) mode; however, this yielded few mutant peptide identifications (Figure 3C). Given the low number of Cys mutants identified from the Src^{CysLib} , it became apparent that our parallel chemoselective profiling method would not be amenable to a DDA workflow. We reasoned that in the ideal case, the Src^{CysLib} contains a pool of mutants expressed in equimolar ratios relative to one another. Therefore, each Src Cys mutant peptide is diluted with 73 copies of the WT Src (Src^{wf}) peptide. Perfect chromatographic separation of all peptides is

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Figure 2. Tolerance and Solvent Accessibility of Cys Substitutions

(A–D) Mutational effect scores for Cys substitutions (Table 1) mapped on the crystal structures of ubiquitin, PTEN, Src's kinase domain, and BRCA1's BRCT domain (PDB: 1UBQ, 1D5R, 2SRC, and 1T29, respectively).

(E–L) (E, G, I, and K) Fractions of Cys mutants classified as WT-like or not WT-like. (F, H, J, and L) Fraction of WT-like Cys mutants whose endogenous amino acid contains a solvent-exposed side chain.

not achieved with the run length and consequent organic gradient needed to perform the number of analyses required for this method in a practical amount of LC-MS/MS run time. Therefore, multiple abundant Src^{*wt*} peptide analytes, including all non-Cys-containing peptides, compete with the mutant Cys-containing peptides for ionization and detection. This issue is exacerbated by the fact that we anticipate that substoichiometric alkylation regimes are required for our profiling experiments. Because we wanted to accurately quantify differentially labeled Cys peptides despite the challenges of low stoichiometry of labeling and the presence of co-eluting Src^{*wt*} peptides, we pursued a targeted proteomic workflow.

We implemented a PRM assay to allow rapid quantification of our Src^{CysLib} peptides (Figure 3D). We began by constructing a preliminary inclusion list using the FASTA sequence of the 74 individual Src mutants with variable modifications specified for oxidation of Met and the products of IA (light) and isotopically labeled IA (heavy) alkylation on Cys. The list was refined to ~800 precursors by removing short tryptic peptides (<6 amino acids), allowing for up to two missed tryptic cleavages and charge states of +2 through +5, resulting in a list of precursors for 67 mutants for each mass label. We prepared samples by separately alkylating Cys residues under denaturing conditions with light or heavy IA and acquired fragmentation spectra of these Src mutants using our targeted precursor inclusion lists. These results were aggregated in Skyline to produce a list consisting of precursors for each mass label (light and heavy) for 50 Cys mutants. Pierce peptide retention time standards (PRTC, iRT) were used to schedule the PRM method, reducing the number of targeted precursors at any given time and increasing the quality of quantification (Figure S2). This final scheduled PRM target list with 229 members allowed us to robustly quantify 41 Cys mutants, 4 Src^{wt} Cys-containing peptides, 14 Src^{wt} non-Cys-containing standards, and the 15 iRT peptides.

Biochemical Modulation and Characterization of Src's Global Conformation

We applied our new workflow to map the kinase domain of Src bound to two different conformation-selective, ATP-competitive inhibitors. Numerous co-crystal structures of inhibitor-bound kinase complexes have revealed that inhibitors can stabilize large conformational movements in regions lining the ATP-binding pocket (Tong and Seeliger, 2015; Ung et al., 2018; Zhao et al., 2014). In particular, certain pharmacophores promote large displacements of helix aC-which contains a conserved Glu residue that forms a salt bridge with the catalytic Lys residue-or the DFG motif within the activation loop, from their active conformations in a number of kinases (Figure S3A). Furthermore, we and others have demonstrated that conformation-selective inhibitors are capable of inducing large structural changes that are distal to the ATP-binding site in multi-domain kinases (Agius et al., 2019; Ahler et al., 2019; Chakraborty et al., 2019; Foda et al., 2015; Krishnamurty et al., 2013; Kung and Jura, 2016; Kwarcinski et al., 2016; Leonard et al., 2014; Register et al., 2014; Tong et al., 2017). For example, conformation-selective inhibitors modulate the level of SH2 and SH3 domain engagement with the kinase domain of Src by exploiting the allosteric networks that are utilized to control catalytic activity. We felt that a comparison of Cys alkylation rates between two conformation-selective inhibitor-bound Src complexes would provide an ideal test case for determining the utility of parallel chemoselective profiling for mapping protein structure.

For our study, we selected conformation-selective inhibitors **1** and **2**, which contain pharmacophores that stabilize the helix α Cout and DFG-out conformations of the ATP-binding site of Src, respectively (Figure 3A). While we have not obtained co-crystal structures of **1** or **2** bound to Src, their interactions with the ATP-binding site can be inferred from structures of electrophilic analogs of these inhibitors complexed to a Cys-containing



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Figure 3. Parallel Reaction Monitoring Assay Development

(A) Schematic of the yeast growth-based DMS of Src's kinase domain (Ahler et al., 2019).

(B) Binned activity scores for all Cys substitutions mapped onto Src's kinase domain (PDB: 3DQW).

(C) Initial attempt to identify Cys mutants without enrichment or targeting yielded 15 mutant IDs with mutant peptide FDR < 1%.

(D) Schematic of PRM assay development. Candidate precursors were identified for all mutant Cys residues by inputting mutant FASTA sequences and modification masses of heavy and light IA into Skyline. Precursors were filtered by removing potentially problematic peptides, resulting in prospective inclusion lists for each mass label. Each prospective DDA inclusion list was run in triplicate, and resulting spectra were aggregated using Skyline to generate a spectral library and a corresponding scheduled PRM target list.

mutant of Src (Figure S3A). Inhibitor **1** contains a 4-phenoxyphenyl substituent at the C-3 position of the pyrazolopyrimidine scaffold, which occupies the hydrophobic pocket created by the outward rotation of helix α C. This promotes the helix α C-out conformation of Src and stabilizes a closed global conformation that is characterized by autoinhibitory engagement of the SH2 and SH3 domains with the backside of the kinase domain. Inhibitor **2** contains a 3-trifluoromethylbenzamide substituent at the C-3 position—connected to the pyrazolopyrimidine scaffold through a rigid (2-methylphenyl)-propargyl linker—that occupies the hydrophobic pocket created by the $\sim 180^{\circ}$ "flip" of the DFG motif at the base of the activation loop from an active conformation. The 3-trifluoromethylbenzamide substituent stabilizes the DFG-out conformation of Src and promotes an open global conformation characterized by SH2 and SH3 domains that are disengaged from the kinase domain. Because both inhibitors

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share an identical scaffold and only vary in the pharmacophore responsible for stabilizing different ATP-binding site conformations, most observed differences in our profiling experiments will likely reflect structural changes in the kinase domain.

Prior to performing parallel chemoselective profiling experiments with inhibitor-bound complexes, we benchmarked the effects of 1 and 2 on the global conformation of Src. First, we characterized how each inhibitor modulates the global conformation of Src with a limited proteolysis assay using a Src construct consisting of the SH3, SH2, and kinase domains (Src 3D). Previously, it has been shown that the protease thermolysin can cleave the linker between the SH2 and kinase domains of Src (SH2-KD linker), with the rate of cleavage-reported as a half-life-correlating with Src's global conformation (Agius et al., 2019; Fang et al., 2020; MacAuley and Cooper, 1989). Consistent with 2 stabilizing the DFG-out conformation of Src and promoting a more open global conformation, we found that thermolysin more rapidly cleaved the SH2-KD-linker of the inhibitor 2-Src complex than of apo Src (DMSO) (Figures 4A and S4B). We observed the opposite trend for 1, with the inhibitor 1-Src complex showing less susceptibility to cleavage by thermolysin than apo Src. Thus, 1 and 2 promote the expected global conformations of Src.

To further benchmark how 1 and 2 influence the structure of Src, we performed HDX-MS experiments with the 1-Src 3D and 2-Src 3D complexes. To ensure that guantitatively bound inhibitor-Src 3D complexes were formed, we used saturating concentrations of both inhibitors. Following generation of each inhibitor-Src 3D complex, we initiated deuterium exchange by adding buffered D₂O (90% deuterated). At specific time points exchange reactions were guenched by lowering the pH to 2.5 and immediately flash-freezing samples to lock exchanged deuterium in place and denature the protein. Samples were then processed using standard protocols (see STAR Methods). After filtering out peptides showing weak signal or partial overlap, 32 unique peptic peptides remained, which cover 73% of Src 3D's sequence. In determining which peptic peptides demonstrate a difference between the two inhibitor-bound complexes, we excluded peptides with overlapping sequences that demonstrated highly variable levels of deuteration to reduce the possibility of interpreting noise. This yielded a relatively conservative set of peptides for further analysis (Supplemental Information). A summary of the deuterium exchange kinetics from the two inhibitor-bound Src 3D complexes are represented on the crystal structure shown in Figure 4B.

Comparison of the HDX-MS results for the 1-Src 3D and 2-Src 3D complexes show that there are five regions, represented by peptides 1 through 5 in Figure 4B, that demonstrate the largest differences in deuterium exchange kinetics. Consistent with 2 generally increasing the solvent accessibility of Src 3D, we found that all five of these regions underwent faster exchange kinetics in the inhibitor 2-Src 3D complex relative to the inhibitor 1-Src 3D complex. The largest overall difference in exchange kinetics was observed for the peptide that contains the DFG motif in the activation loop (peptide 4), which is consistent with 2's stabilization of an inactive form of the ATP-binding site where the DFG motif is "flipped" ~180° relative to the active conformation (DFG-out conformation). Additionally, our HDX-MS experiments recapitulate the observations made using limited proteolysis experiments regarding the global conformation of Src 3D (Figure 4B).

We found that peptides 1, 2, and 3, which are located on the regulatory SH2 and SH3 domains, demonstrated faster exchange kinetics in the inhibitor 2-Src 3D complex. This result is congruent with 2 promoting a more open global conformation of Src 3D. Interestingly, deuteration-level differences on the complementary surfaces of the kinase domain that directly contact the SH2 and SH3 domains were not observed, possibly because changes in this region occur outside of the temporal range sampled in the HDX-MS experiments (Hamuro, 2017). Finally, in the inhibitor 2-Src 3D complex, we also observed an unexpected increase in deuteration rate for the region represented by peptide 5, which is located at the bottom of the C-terminal lobe of the kinase domain. While the overall measured difference in exchange rate in this region is modest, this structural perturbation, which is likely the result of a long-range allosteric network, is an intriguing result worthy of further inquiry. Together, these HDX-MS experiments provide a basis for comparison with our parallel chemoselective profiling method.

Parallel Chemoselective Profiling of Inhibitor-Bound Src Complexes

We next performed analogous mapping experiments using our parallel chemoselective profiling workflow. Because our method can be performed with lower concentrations of input protein relative to HDX-MS, these experiments were performed with Src FL, which contains Src's membrane-interacting N terminus, rather than Src 3D. To gain residue-level insight into the changes in surface accessibility and dynamics of Src's kinase domain upon complexation with 1 and 2, we performed chemoselective profiling experiments using our Src^{CysLib} (Figure 5). In a similar manner to how we prepared inhibitor-Src 3D samples for HDX-MS, we separately formed quantitative inhibitor-bound Src FL complexes by incubating Src^{CysLib} with saturating concentrations of 1 or 2, followed by the addition of three different concentrations of heavy IA. Heavy IA concentrations were selected based on their likelihoods of providing substoichiometric labeling over the time course of the experiment, which we reasoned would allow us to measure differences in Cys alkylation rates over multiple time points. We then removed and quenched aliquots of each reaction after 30, 60, or 120 min following the addition of heavy IA. Quenching was achieved by denaturing Src^{CysLib} in guanidinium buffer containing a sufficiently high concentration of light IA to outcompete any background labeling from residual heavy IA. We then heated reactions to 37°C and digested with MS-grade trypsin overnight. Following peptide desalting, peptides were analyzed using our PRM workflow and spectra were imported directly into Skyline for quantification.

For our analysis, we only considered residues that had been quantified in two-thirds of our experimental samples, yielding a relatively conservative set of peptides that were robustly quantified in most samples (see STAR Methods). This allowed us to utilize 23 Cys mutants and 4 WT Cys residues to probe the structural differences between the **1**-Src^{CysLib} and **2**-Src^{CysLib} complexes. These Cys residues line a significant portion of the ATP-binding site, including multiple residues on the activation loop, which allowed us to probe local structural differences between the inhibitor-bound Src complexes. Additionally, we quantified a number of residues on the C-terminal lobe of the kinase domain, including positions that significantly overlap with





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Figure 4. Biochemical Characterization of Inhibitor-Bound Src 3D Complexes

(A) Structures of inhibitors 1 and 2 (Krishnamurty et al., 2013; Fang et al., 2020). Quantification of the limited proteolysis experiments performed with inhibitorbound complexes of Src 3D. Points represent mean ± SEM.

(B) HDX-MS analysis of inhibitor-bound Src 3D complexes. Deuteration differences between the inhibitor **1**-Src and **2**-Src 3D complexes are plotted on the crystal structure of Src 3D (PDB: 2SRC) from no change (white) to the largest change (red). Deuterium uptake plots for peptides at regions of interest are shown on the periphery. Points represent mean ± SEM.

the region that demonstrated unexpected dynamics in our HDX-MS experiments. While our coverage of residues that comprise the SH2/SH3 regulatory interface in the kinase domain was poor, we were able to quantify a WT Cys residue that lines the C-terminal tail-binding interface of the SH2 domain. Finally, there are several mutant Cys residues on the kinase domain that are not solvent exposed. These positions served as controls for interpreting our differential alkylation results.



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(A) Schematic of the parallel chemoselective profiling experiment. Conformation-selective inhibitors 1 or 2 were added to the Src^{CysL/b} at saturating concentrations to form inhibitor-bound Src FL complexes. After complex formation, heavy IA was added to a final concentration of 50, 100, or 200 μM. At the indicated time points, aliquots of the reaction were removed and quenched. Protein was then digested and peptides were analyzed using our PRM assay.
(B and C) Average 2-Src^{CysL/b}/1-Src^{CysL/b}/1 intensity ratios from select conditions (B: 50 μM heavy IA time course; C: 60 min time point for each heavy IA concentration) mapped on the kinase domain of Src (residues 264–536, human numbering) extracted from PDB: 2SRC. Crystal structures were superimposed to generate pie charts.

To visualize our parallel chemoselective profiling data, we first generated (**2**-Src^{CysLib}/**1**-Src^{CysLib}) intensity ratios of the heavy IA-labeled peptides for each Cys residue at each time point and concentration of heavy IA, which provided nine conditions in total. We then mapped these ratios as a heatmap onto a crystal structure of Src's kinase domain (Figures 5B, 5C, and S4). To facilitate data interpretation, we superimposed the crystal structures from each condition and represented the heatmaps for

each residue as a pie chart. The trends observed in our chemoselective profiling experiments are highly consistent with our HDX-MS results. First, for almost all Cys residues that we observed a difference in labeling between the two inhibitorbound complexes, the (**2**-Src^{CysLib}/**1**-Src^{CysLib}) intensity ratios were >1. This is consistent with **2** increasing the overall solvent accessibility of Src FL. Furthermore, we found that the WT Cys residue located in the C-terminal tail-binding interface of the



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SH2 domain underwent more rapid labeling in the presence of 2, consistent with 2 promoting an open global conformation of Src FL (Figure S5A). We also found high (2-Src^{CysLib}/1-Src^{CysLib}) intensity ratios for a number of Cys mutant residues in the activation loop, indicating an increase in solvent exposure for this region when Src FL is bound to 2. While one of these residues (L413C) overlaps with peptic peptide 4 from our HDX-MS experiments, five of these Cys mutations (E415C, T420C, A421C, R422C, and Q423C) are C-terminal to the DFG motif and lie in a region of the activation loop that is highly solvent exposed and dynamic (Figure S5B). Unlike the DFG-motif-containing peptic peptide, this region of the activation loop was highly deuterated at early time points and did not show a difference in deuteration levels in our HDX-MS analysis, likely due to the flexibility and intrinsic solvent exposure of this region. Our chemoselective profiling data show that flipping of the DFG motif affects the dynamics of distal parts of the activation loop and highlight how our method can complement HDX-MS experiments.

In addition to characterizing local and global structural differences between inhibitor-bound Src FL complexes, we also observed high (2-Src^{CysLib}/1-Src^{CysLib}) intensity ratios in regions of the kinase domain distal to the ATP-binding site. Most notably, we found that 2 led to a dramatic increase in the labeling of mutant Cys residues that lie in an area of the kinase domain's C-terminal lobe that overlaps with the region represented by peptic peptide 5 from our HDX-MS experiments relative to 1. This region of the C-terminal lobe includes residues R472C, E478C, and R479C, which reside on the αG helix. It is intriguing that one of these C-terminal lobe residues (R472C) demonstrated intensity ratios that were comparable with a residue (L413C) that is directly adjacent to the flipped DFG motif in the activation loop, despite being more than 20 Å away from the ATP-binding site. R472C showed higher (2-Src^{CysLib}/1-Src^{CysLib}) intensity ratios than the two residues at the opposite end of the helix aG, suggesting that the solvent accessibility of this region of helix αG is most influenced by ATP-binding site occupancy. Both our HDX-MS and chemoselective profiling results are consistent with a hypothesized allosteric coupling between the ATP-binding site and the helix αG of Src (Tong et al., 2017), a structural element that is conserved in other eukaryotic protein kinases (Kornev and Taylor, 2016; McClendon et al., 2014; Taylor et al., 2019). Given the spatial connectivity of the residues that show increased labeling in the presence of 2 from the activation loop to helix aG, our profiling method suggests the potential composition of the allosteric network that connects these two spatially separated regions. Our ability to obtain residue-level information into what appears to be an extended allosteric network provides complementary insight into an intriguing trend that we observed with HDX-MS.

Broader Application of Parallel Chemoselective Profiling

We anticipate that Parallel Chemoselective Profiling will be amenable to amino acid substitutions beyond Cys. To explore this possibility, we considered other amino acids that can be selectively labeled. Recently, a chemoselective labeling reagent for Met was reported (Li et al., 2017). We analyzed the mutational effect scores of Met substitutions for the same DMS datasets listed in Table 1. We applied the same bins for Met mutational

effect scores that were used when analyzing the Cys mutational effect scores and mapped them onto the crystal structures of ubiquitin, PTEN, Src, and BRCA1 (Figures 6A-6D). We also performed the same tolerance analysis, which revealed trends like those observed for Cys. With the exception of Src, more than half of all Met substitutions surveyed in the DMS data were classified as WT-like (Figure 6E, 6G, 6I, and 6K). Additionally, the solvent exposure analysis conducted with PyMOL revealed that a majority of WT-like substitutions are on solvent-exposed side chains (Figures 6F, 6H, 6J, and 6L). Interestingly, in the case of BRCA1, Met is especially well tolerated. This observation highlights the importance of selecting a suitable amino acid and chemoselective labeling reagent pair that maximizes the potential solvent-exposed surface available for profiling. Our analysis suggests that Met is also a promising candidate for use in parallel chemoselective profiling.

Met does not appear to be a special case. For example, if we consider all 3,506 variants from the Src kinase domain DMS dataset, there are other amino acid substitutions that are well tolerated, as indicated by the fraction of each amino acid substitution characterized as WT-like (Figure 6M). Similar ratios of WT-like substitutions relative to the total number of substitutions quantified are observed for the other DMS datasets contained in Table 1 (Figure S6). Among these well-tolerated amino acid substitutions are several examples for which chemoselective labeling reagents are available (Figure 6N).

DISCUSSION

In this work we present Parallel Chemoselective Profiling, a solution-based method for studying protein structure and dynamics. Chemoselective profiling leverages DMS data to install amino acids with desired chemistries at defined locations on a protein surface, and differential labeling of mutant residues-measured in parallel using targeted MS-is used to infer structural changes. Our method has the potential to be generalized to any protein target of interest and, importantly, does not require specialized instrumentation beyond an LC and MS capable of obtaining high-resolution tandem mass spectra. To demonstrate the utility of our method, we applied it to the tyrosine kinase Src. By performing a comparative chemoselective profiling experiment with inhibitor-bound Src complexes, we were able to characterize how ATP-binding site occupancy influences the structure and dynamics of full-length Src. By combining our chemoselective profiling results with complementary HDX-MS experiments, we were able to observe what appears to be an extended allosteric network within the kinase domain of Src FL, linking the ATP-binding site, activation loop, and helix α G, which resides more than 20 Å away from the ATP-binding site. This structural feature is conserved among eukaryotic protein kinases (Taylor et al., 2012) and is thought to contain inter- and intramolecular regulatory binding interfaces (McClendon et al., 2014), although the exact role of the helix αG has not been explored explicitly for Src.

A majority of our parallel chemoselective profiling data significantly overlapped with the HDX-MS experiments that we performed, allowing us to cross-validate the insight we obtained into how conformation-selective, ATP-competitive inhibitors affect Src's structure and dynamics. Our experiments highlight

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Figure 6. Parallel Chemoselective Profiling Beyond Cys

(A–D) Mutational effect scores for Met substitutions (Table 1) mapped on the crystal structures of ubiquitin (A), PTEN (B), Src's kinase domain (C), and BRCA1's BRCT domain (D) (PDB: 1UBQ, 1D5R, 2SRC and 1T29, respectively).

(E–L) (E, G, I, and K) Fraction of Met mutants classified as WT-like or not WT-like. (F, H, J, and L) Fraction of all WT-like Met mutants whose endogenous amino acid contains a solvent-exposed side chain.

(M) All single amino acid substitutions from the DMS of Src's kinase domain and the number of these substitutions that result in WT-like activity.

(N) Chemoselective labeling reagents for Met, Tyr, and Lys.

(O) WT-like Met, Lys, or Tyr substitutions mapped with WT-like Cys substitutions.



the intrinsic complementarity of HDX-MS-which probes backbone amide flexibility-and covalent labeling approaches, which probe side-chain solvent accessibility. The lower concentration of input protein required for chemoselective profiling compared with HDX-MS allowed us to profile a library of Src FL constructs-which contain a membrane-interacting N-terminal region-rather than the solubility-optimized truncation variant Src 3D that was used in our HDX-MS experiments and all prior structural characterizations of Src. Furthermore, chemoselective profiling provided residue-level insight into Src's structure and dynamics in some areas of Src's kinase domain where HDX-MS showed more modest effects. We did, however, find regions in the kinase domain that we were not able to profile using our method but that were probed with HDX-MS. This leaves room for future improvements in our workflow, which can be tuned for specific applications. Two regions that were particularly under-represented in our chemoselective profiling data were the aF pocket and N-terminal lobe of Src's kinase domain. We speculate that despite these areas possessing WT-like and solventexposed Cys mutations, poor coverage can be attributed to unfavorable properties of the tryptic peptides in this region (e.g., high charge state and/or non-optimal length). One potentially useful avenue for increasing the coverage of these areas would be to redistribute the trypsin cut-sites on peptides that contain WT-like Cys mutations. The addition or elimination of trypsin cut-sites can be guided by DMS data, which can provide suitable Lys and Arg replacements or suggest positions where WT-like Lys or Arg mutations can be introduced. The optimal combination of trypsin cut-sites could then be determined empirically. Similarly, alternative proteases with different cut-site specificity such as GluC or chymotrypsin could be employed. Either of these modifications to the general approach could dramatically increase the coverage of regions of interest that are poorly characterized in first-pass experiments.

Another potential strategy for increasing the solvent-accessible surface available for profiling is the use of multiple single amino acid mutant libraries in combination. For example, if we consider the mutational effect scores for Met, Lys, and Tyrwhich all can be selectively labeled with suitable reagents (Ban et al., 2010; Hacker et al., 2017; Li et al., 2017)—in addition to Cys, we can increase the solvent-exposed surface of Src's kinase domain sampled by WT-like mutants (Figure 6O). For any protein of interest, it should be possible to find complementary combinations of WT-like amino acids that provide maximal coverage of solvent-exposed surfaces.

Despite the number of residues available for chemoselective labeling, there are several considerations to make when selecting a residue and labeling reagent pair. First, it is important to analyze the frequency and solvent accessibility of the selected amino acid in the WT protein. For example, if Lys was selected as the residue for a parallel chemoselective profiling experiment and there happens to be a number of solvent-exposed Lys residues in the WT protein, it is possible that labeling of these residues may influence the structural dynamics of the protein. This is a critical consideration for any covalent labeling strategy. Having abundant and accessible reactive side chains on a single protein may complicate the interpretation of a profiling experiment. Importantly, parallel chemoselective profiling can potentially address this issue by "scrubbing"

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problematic endogenous residues from a protein of interest by installing a chemically inert WT-like mutation at each problematic position. It is worth emphasizing the inherently comparative nature of parallel chemoselective profiling experiments, which makes the analysis of WT-like mutants possible. While we expect individual WT-like mutants to behave like the WT protein with respect to structure and function, we cannot exclude the possibility that some mutations that are classified as WT-like in a DMS experiment may exhibit altered structural dynamics. However, given the comparative nature of parallel profiling experiments, we do not envision this being a systematic problem. Additionally, the ability to make parallel measurements on multiple neighboring residues increases overall confidence in the observations made for the dynamics of a particular structural feature. Taken together, the parallel chemoselective profiling method presented here introduces a useful addition to the relatively small toolkit available for studying protein structure and dynamics in solution.

SIGNIFICANCE

Our goal was to develop a general targeted mass spectrometry-based method that can be used to characterize protein structure and dynamics in solution without the use of highly specialized equipment. We present Parallel Chemoselective Profiling, a protein footprinting method that leverages deep mutational scanning data to install reactive amino acids on a protein's surface that can be labeled using chemoselective reagents. Differences in residue labeling are compared and used to make inferences into protein structure and dynamics. We used our method to profile the conformational dynamics of full-length Src upon complexation of its kinase domain with two conformation-selective, ATP-competitive inhibitors. Our study revealed that ATP-binding site occupancy induces multiple local and distal changes to Src's structure and dynamics. We demonstrate that our method complements hydrogen-deuterium exchange mass spectrometry experiments and provides residue-level insight into an unexplored extended allosteric network intrinsic to the kinase domain of Src.

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KEY RESOURCES TABLE

REAGENT or RESOURCE	SOURCE	IDENTIFIER
Antibodies		
Phospho-Src Family (Tyr416)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat#2101; RRID: AB_331697
Non-phospho-Src (Tyr416)	Cell Signaling Technology	Cat#2102; RRID: AB_331358
Bacterial and Virus Strains		
E. coli (BL21 DE3 +GroEL + YopH)	Ahler et al., 2019	
NEB 5-alpha Competent E. coli (high efficiency)	N.E.B.	Cat#C2987H
Chemicals, Peptides, and Recombinant Proteins		
Pierce retention time calibration mix	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat#88321
Isotopically heavy iodoacetamide	Sigma	Cat#721328
Thermolysin	Promega	Cat#V4001
Glu-1-Fibrino (GluFib) peptide	Sigma	CAS#103213-49-6
ULP1*	Brigham et al., 2013	
Critical Commercial Assays		
Ubiquitin crystal structure	Vijay-Kumar et al,. 1987	PDB: 1UBQ
PTEN crystal structure	Lee et al., 1999	PDB: 1D5R
Src Kinase Domain crystal structure	Azam et al., 2008	PDB: 3DQW
Src 3D crystal structure	Xu et al., 1999	PDB: 2SRC
BRCA1 BRCT domain crystal structure	Shiozaki et al., 2004	PDB: 1T29
Experimental Models: Cell Lines		
FreeStyle 293F	ThermoFisher Scientific	Cat#R79007
Experimental Models: Organisms/Strains		
DNA oligos	This paper	See Data S1
Recombinant DNA		
Various point mutants in pCDNA5	This paper	See Data S1
Src ^{3D} (residues 87-536) in pMCSG7	Ahler et al., 2019	
Software and Algorithms		
PyMOL	Schrödinger	https://pymol.org/
GraphPad Prism	GraphPad	https://www.graphpad.com/scientific-software/prism/
Image Studio Light	LiCor	https://www.licor.com/bio/products/software/ image_studio_lite/
msConvertGUI	ProteoWizard	http://proteowizard.sourceforge.net/tools.shtml
Skyline	MacCoss Lab (UW)	http://skyline.ms

RESOURCE AVAILABILITY

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Materials Availability

All plasmids generated in this study are freely available without restriction.

Data and Code Availability

This study did not generate large datasets or code.



EXPERIMENTAL MODEL AND SUBJECT DETAILS

Mammalian Cell Culture

FreeStyleTM 293F cells were used for production of $\operatorname{Src}^{\operatorname{CysLib}}$ protein. Cells were maintained in FreeStyleTM 293 Expression Medium (Gibco) with constant orbital shaking (125 RPM) and an 8% CO₂ environment. FreeStyleTM 293F cells are transformed and adapted from female human embryonic kidney cells (Life Technologies). Cells were transfected a 1x10⁶ cells/mL with a 3:1 ratio of PEI Max to plasmid DNA.

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Src WT-like Cysteine Library (Src^{CysLib})

Positions of cysteine mutants were informed by the deep mutation scanning data previously reported (Ahler et al., 2019). Briefly, interactions between the regulatory domains of Src and the catalytic kinase domain of Src serve negative regulatory roles. Disruption of these interfaces releases this inhibition and increases Src kinase activity. Site saturation mutagenesis was employed to generate single amino acid variants of Src's kinase domain in the context of full-length enzyme (3,506, ~70% of possible mutants were made and assayed). This mutant library was adapted to a yeast growth assay (Kritzer et al., 2018). Once transformed into *S. cerv.*, samples were taken at different time points and deep-sequenced to quantify each mutant. "WT-like" mutations were defined as those mutants with activity scores within two standard deviations of the activity scores for all synonymous WT Src variants.

There are 82 individual WT-like cysteine mutants in the DMS dataset, of which 74 were constructed using an inverse PCR approach with no optimization (Figure S1A). Expression and purification of full-length Src from bacterial expression systems has proven to be inefficient in our hands compared to yields of recombinant protein from truncated variants of Src. To address this, we made several modifications to previously used expression protocols. First, we selected the FreeStyle 293F (ThermoScientific) as our protein production host to take advantage of endogenous co-factors and chaperones to increase the yield of folded protein. Because the N- and C-termini of Src are known to be important for regulating the conformational equilibria of Src, we desired recombinant Src cysteine mutants to have near-native termini. To achieve this, we expressed Src cysteine mutants as His6-SUMO* fusions for two reasons. First, expressing proteins as SUMO fusions has been shown to increase fusion protein solubility and expression levels (Butt et al., 2005). Endogenous mammalian SUMO proteases are able to cleave SUMO fusions, so we employed the complementary SUMO* protease Ulp1* which, like wild-type Ulp1 cleaves C-terminal to a Gly-Gly motif releasing the fused protein with a "scarless" or native N-terminus (Figure S1C) (Liu et al., 2008).

Mutagenesis primers were designed by centering each primer at the mutagenic position (Figure S1B). The TGC codon was used to encode the cysteine mutation at each position. Selections with T_m 55°C were selected 5' and 3' of each mutation. The combined sequence constituted the forward mutagenic primer. The reverse primer is the reverse complement of the 5' T_m 55°C portion of the forward primer.

PCR and thermocycler conditions were as follows:

7.5 μL 2X Q5 Master Mix (New England Bioscience)					
0.45 μL 10 μM Forward primer					
0.45 μL 10 μM Reverse Primer					
2 μL 10ng/μL template					
5.05 μL H ₂ O					
Temperature	Time				
98°C	20 sec				
98°C	20 sec				
55°C	30 sec				
72°C	1 min/kb				
Go to Step 2	X10				
72°C	5 min				

After amplification, template was digested by adding 1 μ L FastDigest Dpn1 (ThermoScientific) to each reaction and incubating at 37°C for 30 min. 1 μ L of the reaction mixture was transformed into 10 μ L of high efficiency NEB5 α using heat shock, 120 μ L SOC, 30 min outgrowth at 37°C, 300 RPM shaking. The entire reaction was plated on LB+Carb. plates and incubated overnight at 37°C. The full gene was sequenced and point mutations were observed for 74 of the 82 constructs attempted.

Transfection and Purification of Src^{CysLib}

With the 74 successful constructs in hand, DNA concentration was normalized to 6.66 μ g per construct and transfected into 500 mL Freestyle 293F cells (1x10⁶ cells/mL) using polyethyleneimine 'MAX' (MW 40,000, PEI; Polysciences, Inc.) at 3 μ L PEI/1 μ g DNA. After 48 h outgrowth, cells were pelleted and stored at -80° C. Cells were thawed on ice and lysed in lysis buffer containing protease



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inhibitors (Pierce, A32963) as previously described (Ahler et al., 2019). The only modification to this procedure was the use of ULP1* (Brigham et al., 2013) instead of ULP1. 20 μ L aliquots of each step of the protein purification were added to 10 μ L 3X SDS-PAGE loading buffer. Western blot analysis was performed on these samples using phospho- and non-phospho activation loop antibodies (Figure S1D).

Solvent Exposure Analysis of Ubiquitin, PTEN, Src (Kinase Domain) and BRCA1 (BRCT Domain)

Crystal structures for each protein were imported into PyMOL for analysis. The script FindSurfaceResidues was downloaded from the PyMOL Wiki (https://pymolwiki.org/index.php/FindSurfaceResidues) and used with its default settings (2.5 Ang² cutoff). After residues were identified by the script, they were visually inspected to ensure that the sidechain and not the backbone of each residue were solvent exposed. Numbers of residues were tabulated and reported as fractions of the total length of crystalized protein.

HDX-MS of Inhibitor-BoundSrc 3D Complexes

0.2 mg/mL Src 3D was preincubated with 20 μ M of conformation-selective inhibitor **1** or **2** in protein dilution buffer (50 mM HEPES, pH 7.8, 150 mM NaCl, 1 mM DTT, 5% glycerol) at room temperature for 30 min to prepare Src 3D-inhibitor complexes. 10 μ L of this was then added to 90 μ L of buffered D₂O (prepared 5 mL with 4.5 mL of D₂O and 0.5 mL of 10X protein dilution buffer and 0.2 μ g/mL of Glu 1-Fibrino peptide) to initiate deuteration at 22°C. Deuterium exchange was quenched after 3 s, 1 min, 30 min, and 20 h by adding the reaction to 100 μ L of ice-cold quench buffer (0.2% formic acid, 8 M Urea, 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid) for a final pH of 2.5. All time points for each inhibitor were collected in quadruplicate except the 20 h time point which was collected in triplicate. Samples were immediately frozen in dry ice/ethanol and stored at -80° C. Undeuterated samples were prepared in the same way, except using buffered H₂O instead of D₂O.

Frozen samples were thawed on a 5°C block for 4 min prior to injection onto a loading loop. The loaded sample was passed over a custom packed pepsin column (Porcine pepsin immobilized on POROS 20-AL resin; 2.1 x 50 mm column) (Wang et al., 2002) kept at 12°C with a flow of 0.1% trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) and 2% acetonitrile (ACN) at 200 μ L/min.

Digested peptic fragments were trapped onto a Waters XSelect CSH C18 XP VanGuard Cartridge ($2.1 \times 5 \text{ mm}$, $2.5 \mu \text{m}$). After 5 minutes of loading, digestion, and trapping, peptides were resolved on an analytical column (Waters BEH 1 x 100 mm, $1.7\mu \text{m}$, 130Å) using a gradient of 3% to 40% solvent B for 9 minutes (A: 0.1% FA, 0.025% TFA, 2% ACN; B) 0.1% FA in ACN). The LC system was coupled to a Thermo Orbitrap performing full scans over the *m/z* range of 300 to 1500 at a resolution of 30,000. The MS source conditions were set to minimize deuterium loss (Walters et al., 2012). Undeuterated samples were run prior to and at the end of all the LC-MS runs.

During the analytical separation step, a series of 250 μ L injections were used to clean the pepsin column: 1) 0.1% Fos-12 with 0.1% TFA; 2) 2 M guanidinium HCl in 0.1% TFA; 3) 10% acetic acid, 10% acetonitrile, 5% isopropanol (Majumdar et al., 2012; Hamuro and Coales, 2018). After each gradient the trapping column was washed with a series of 250 μ L injections: 1) 10% FA; 2) 30% trifluoroe-thanol; 3) 80% methanol; 4) 66% isopropanol, 34% ACN; 5) 80% ACN. During the trap washes the analytical column was cleaned with three rapid gradients (Fang et al., 2011).

Peptic peptides were identified from data-dependent acquisition (DDA) experiments on undeuterated samples by exact mass and tandem mass spectrometry (MS/MS) spectra using Protein Prospector (Baker and Chalkley, 2014) filtering with a score cutoff of 15. Mass shifts were determined using HD-Examiner v2 (Sierra Analytics). The GluFib (CAS: 103213-49-6, Sigma) internal standard peptide was checkedin all samples to verify that back-exchange levels were consistent in all experiments (Zhang et al., 2012).

We binned peptides based on their fractional deuteration levels. We assigned the deepest shade of red to the peptide KAVDF-GLARL which showed the maximal differential fractional deuteration level of 50.02% between the two inhibitors. We then normalized color intensity from red to white for the rest of the peptides and mapped these to the crystal structure of 3D Src (Figure 4B).

Half-Life Characterization of Inhibitor-Bound Src 3D Complexes

Limited proteolysis of Src in presence of inhibitors was modified from (Agius et al., 2019). Briefly, 1 μ M of Src 3D was preincubated with 20 μ M of inhibitors **1**, **2** or DMSO (4%) in proteolysis buffer (50 mM Tris-HCl pH 8.0, 100 mM NaCl, 0.5 mM CaCl₂) at room temperature for 30 min to prepare a kinase-inhibitor complex. Proteolysis was initiated by adding 3.8 μ M of a Thermolysin (Promega, catalog number: V4001) stock solution to the kinase-inhibitor complex to a final concentration of 60 nM. 20 μ L of this mixture was then added to 10 μ L of 50 mM EDTA to terminate proteolysis at various time points (0, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256 min). The quenched samples were analyzed by SDS-PAGE (12% Bis-Tris gel in SDS running buffer) and stained with SYPRO Ruby (ThermoFisher Scientific: catalog number S12000). Band intensities were analyzed by ImageStudioLite imaging software. Percent protein remaining was computed based on band intensity at 0 min and was plotted against time on GraphPad Prism 8. Curves were fit to an exponential decay equation using GraphPad Prism 8 software to obtain half-lives for each kinase-inhibitor complex.

Parallel Reaction Monitoring (PRM) of Src Cysteine Mutants

Samples were prepared for spectral libraries by denaturing Src^{CysLib} in buffer containing isotopically light or heavy (Sigma 721328) IA; final concentrations: 860 nM pooled cysteine mutant protein, 100 mM Tris pH 7, 1.6 M guanidinium HCl, 1 mM CaCl₂, 1.3% DMSO, and 10 mM IA in 75 μ L. Samples were heated to 37°C for 10 min, then 1 μ L of 0.5 μ g/ μ L MS grade trypsin was added. pH was adjusted to 8.5 using 1 N NaOH and samples were incubated overnight at 37°C with 500 RPM orbital shaking. Samples were acidified with 15 μ L 88% formic acid after which 3 pmol Pierce retention time calibration mix was added to each sample (ThermoScientific



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88321). Samples were desalted on C-18 StageTips made in house by washing the StageTips with 50 μ L Buffer B (80% acetonitrile in water, 0.1% TFA), equilibrating the StageTips with 50 μ L Buffer A (5% acetonitrile in water, 0.1% TFA), applying the sample, washing with 50 μ L Buffer A and eluting into a Lo-Bind microcentrifuge tube using 50 μ L Buffer B. Peptides were then loaded on a self-pulled 360 μ m OD x 100 μ m ID 15 cm column with a 7 μ m tip packed with 3 μ m Reprosil C18 resin (Dr. Maisch, Germany). Peptides were analyzed by nanoLC-MS in a 60 min linear gradient from 10% to 35% buffer B (buffer A: 0.1% acetic acid; buffer B: 0.1% acetic acid, 80% acetonitrile) (Thermo EASY nLC 1200) on an Orbitrap FusionTM LumosTM TribridTM Mass Spectrometer. Top Speed data-dependent acquisition with 3 sec cycle time was used with each inclusion list. The method consisted of Orbitrap FTMS spectra (R = 60 000 at 200 m/z; m/z 350–1600; 7e5 target; max 20 ms ion injection time) for MS1 and HCD MS/MS spectra (R = 30,000 at 200 m/z; 29% CE; 5e4 target; max 100 ms injection time) were collected with an intensity filter set at 2.5e4 and dynamic exclusion for 15 sec. Inclusion lists for each spectral library (heavy or light) were generated by importing a FASTA sequence for each of the 74 cysteine mutant full length Src sequences into Skyline. PRM precursor masses were selected for unique tryptic peptides ≥ 6 amino acids, allowing up to two missed cleavages and charge states +2 through +5 with variable modifications on cysteine for each mass label, and variable oxidation of methionine. To generate spectral libraries, resultant DDA .RAW files were converted to the .mzML file format using MSConvert and searched using MSGF+ against the combined Src cysteine mutant FASTA database which contained the Pierce iRT peptide sequences. The resulting .mzID files were imported into Skyline for analysis and generation of spectral libraries.

PRM assay samples were prepared as master mixes in triplicate for each heavy IA concentration – 50, 100 or 200 μ M. First, Src^{*CysLib*} was diluted to 1.3 μ M in 100 mM Tris pH 7.6, 2 mM MgCl₂, 100 mM NaCl with 20 μ M of **1** or **2** (added from a DMSO stock (2% DMSO final)). Inhibitor-Src^{*CysLib*} complexes were formed at RT for 30 mins after which heavy IA (Sigma 721328) was added from a 50X stock. At the indicated time points (30, 60 or 120 min), 50 μ L was taken from each master mix and quenched in 25 μ L 3X denaturing buffer: 4.5 M guanidinium HCl, 3 mM CaCl₂, 15 mM TCEP, and 30 mM IA. Samples were then processed like library samples (above). Spectra were collected for each sample as described above with the following modifications. The Orbitrap spectra were collected using the following settings: HCD CE at 29%, R = 15,000 at 200 m/z, m/z 350-1100, 5e4 target, max injection time at 22 ms, with the scheduled PRM target list

After collecting data, raw spectra were imported into Skyline for peptide-centric analysis and intensity values for each peptide were exported for further processing in Microsoft Excel. We analyzed peptides that contained intensity values in either heavy or light channel in two thirds of experimental samples. This included several peptides that did not have heavy intensity values in the experimental samples. These cysteines did not have an appreciable amount of heavy alkylation product and we therefore imputed intensity values of 1. All other heavy intensity values were normalized to internal standards (iRT and Src^{wt} peptides). Ratios of heavy labeled peptides from inhibitor **2/1** were then calculated and mapped to the crystal structure of Src (PDB IS: 2SRC). The crystal structures were then overlaid in Photoshop to generate pie charts for each residue.

QUANTIFICATION AND STATISTICAL ANALYSIS

All data fitting and statistical analysis was performed using GraphPad Prism version 8. Statistical values are reported in the figure legends. Thermolysin characterization of Src 3D is plotted as mean \pm SEM (n = 2 per condition) (Figure 4A). Deuteration levels of selected peptic peptides are plotted as mean \pm SEM (n = 3 or 4 per inhibitor condition, per time point) (Figure 4B). Ratios of intensity values—normalized to internal standards—from PRM assay are represented as means (n = 2 or 3) and transformed to a linear heatmap (represented as wedges of pie charts (Figure 5B and 5C)).