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ABSTRACT

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In this thesis, deep mutational scanning is expanded and applied to better understand the molecular evolution of proteins. Protein evolution is a complex process where subtle changes in molecular architecture can have massive impacts on biophysical properties, altering how well-adapted a protein is to a specific task or environment. Deep mutational scanning provides a finer level of understanding of molecular evolution by assessing the effect of every possible single-mutation on a protein's function. The technique combines site saturation mutant libraries, high throughput selections, and deep sequencing to tabulate the changes in mutant frequencies. From these changes the impacts of the mutations on protein function are characterized. This technology allows for efficient exploration of the local evolutionary landscape of a protein, making it a powerful tool for understanding evolution.

Here, I use deep mutational scanning to study how the initial likelihood of obtaining the native folded state of an enzyme *in vivo* constrains its evolution. We designed two unique single-point mutants of AmiE, an aliphatic amidase from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. These mutant enzymes are significantly less likely to reach the native folded state *in vivo* than the unmutated precursor and have catalytic efficiencies that are statistically indistinguishable from the initial unmutated enzyme. I tested the impacts of nearly all single-point mutations for the two impaired enzymes using high-throughput growth selections and compared them to the precursor enzyme. These comparisons provided insights into how evolutionary outcomes are changed following

decreases in the likelihood of native folding, and on how the impacts of single mutations combine to influence function.

The other primary goal of this thesis is the development of a new method that expands the utility of deep mutational scanning studies. This method assembles comprehensive single-site saturation, and large multi-point, mutant genome libraries of the bacteriophage ϕ X174. To assemble the mutant genome libraries we combine nicking scanning mutagenesis and Golden Gate cloning. With these viral genome libraries, deep mutational scanning experiments can be performed *in situ*. These libraries are a valuable tool for studying the molecular determinants of viral host switching, the combination of inter- and intra-subunit mutations, and other aspects of the molecular evolution of viruses.

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KEY TO ABBREVIATIONS

AmiE, Amidase E

CDR, complementarity determining regions

DFE, distribution of fitness effects

DMS, deep mutational scanning

FACS, fluorescence activated cell sorting

FPLC-SEC, fast protein liquid chromatography with a size exclusion chromatography gel

IMAC, immobilized metal affinity chromatography

KS, Kolmogorov-Smirnoff

NSM, nicking scanning mutagenesis

scFv, single chain fragment of variable regions

V_H-V_L, variable heavy and variable light chains

TROP2Ex, tumor associated calcium signal transducer 2 extracellular domain

YSD, yeast surface display

CHAPTER 1

An introduction to deep mutational scanning, its limitations, and products

Abstract

Deep mutational scanning combines saturation mutagenesis, high throughput selections, and deep sequencing to characterize the impacts of individual mutations on a respective protein. This technology allows for the characterization of thousands of mutations in parallel and as such has greatly expanded our abilities to understand protein evolution and perform rational design. This chapter will provide an introduction to deep mutational scanning, its methodological limitations, and what the outputs can and cannot tell us about the impacts of the tested mutations.

Introduction

Deep mutational scanning (DMS) is a platform technology for efficiently assessing the impact of thousands of individual mutations on a protein of interest^{1,2} (**Figure 1.1**). A DMS experiment requires a high throughput selection (HTS) for the protein of interest, the ability to generate comprehensive single-site saturation mutant libraries, and access to a deep sequencing platform. DMS is facilitated by clever cellular and molecular biology methods for HTS and for library preparations, as well as by the drop in deep sequencing costs to pennies per million base-pairs. The outputs of DMS are fitness metrics for each mutation that describe the magnitude by which a given mutation is beneficial or deleterious in the HTS performed. This chapter is not a comprehensive review of deep mutational scanning as there are already several excellent reviews that do so^{3,4}. Additionally, this chapter will not focus on the application of the obtained datasets for studying evolution, or for forward engineering as these aspects have been reviewed in Wrenbeck et al.⁵ and Faber and Whitehead⁶ (Chapter 2). This chapter will provide a brief introduction to the technical aspects of DMS, what and where the limitations in the methods are, and what the obtained datasets can and cannot tell us about the mutations studied.

The technology

As mentioned above DMS is the combination of three different processes: preparation of comprehensive site-saturation mutant libraries, high throughput selections, and deep sequencing (**Figure 1.1**). Here I will briefly describe advances in methods for preparing the mutant libraries, and the HTSs most used in our laboratory.

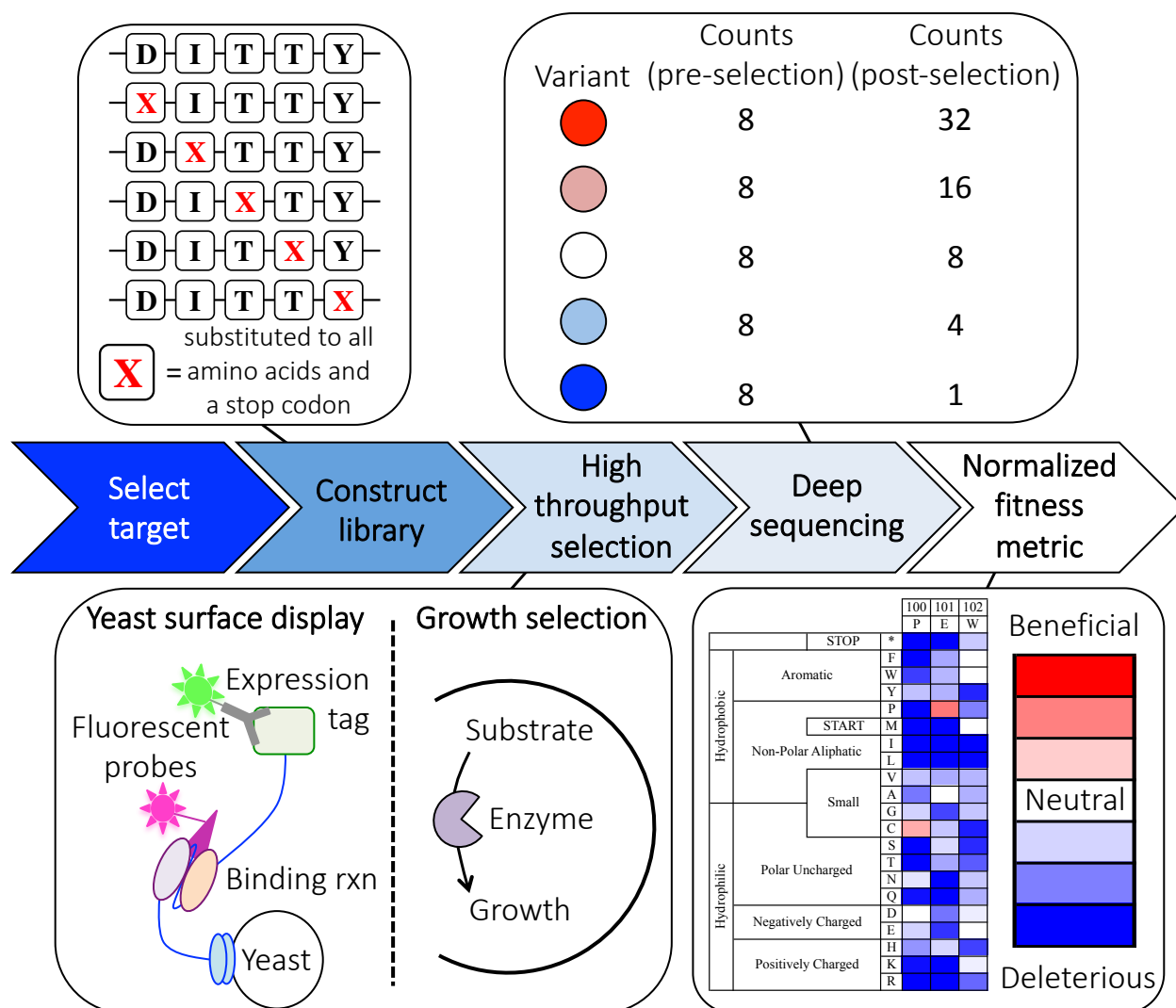


Figure 1.1: Deep mutational scanning overview. A DMS experiment begins with target selection, the selected target has to be compatible with a HTS. Next, comprehensive site-saturation mutant libraries are created. The HTS is applied to the mutant libraries to cause the weaker mutants to drop out, and beneficial mutations to proliferate. Counts of mutants in the pre- and post-selection libraries are tabulated using deep sequencing, and normalized fitness metrics are calculated based on the performance of the unmutated protein.

Library preparation

Single site saturation (SSM) mutagenesis libraries are constructed by template based mutagenesis using plasmid ssDNA and mixtures of mutagenic primers that encode the desired mutation(s). The mutant strand is ligated, the parent DNA strand digested, and a second

replication and ligation is performed⁷. Finally, the library is transformed into a cloning strain of *E. coli* to generate enough plasmid library for downstream applications. Initial library preparations using the Pfunkel method required preparation of ssDNA from bacteriophage and used uracil-containing DNA, which increased time and effort⁸. During my PhD studies my lab invented Nicking Mutagenesis, which allowed for the production of ssDNA by nicking a single strand of a dsDNA plasmid and digesting it with exonucleases⁸. This key advance allowed SSM library preparation from plasmid dsDNA in a single day. We have further advanced the production of these mutant libraries by replacing the degenerate mutagenic oligos with unamplified ink-jet printed oligo pools that contain user-defined mutations⁹ (Chapter 5). Using unamplified oligo pools in place of degenerate oligos both simplifies the mutagenesis procedure and results in libraries with greater representations of all of the programmed mutations⁹.

High throughput selections

The type of HTS used in a DMS experiment is dependent on the protein(s) being studied and the information one wants to obtain^{5,10}. The two primary screens used in our laboratory are yeast surface display (YSD) paired with fluorescence activated cell sorting (FACS)⁹, and growth-based selections – where weaker variants become depleted and stronger variants enriched - for studying enzymes¹⁰⁻¹² (Chapter 3; **Figure 1.1**). Other selections exist, such as phage display in place of yeast display, lytic virus growth selections, or reporter based assays for enzyme function. Pairing YSD and FACS can be used to study protein-protein interactions, improve/engineer affinity and specificity¹³⁻¹⁶, and also to map paratopes and epitopes¹⁷⁻¹⁸. YSD and FACS can also be used to improve/study the stability of proteins and enzymes¹⁹⁻²¹. DMS experiments with growth-based selections can be used to inform the affinity/specificity

engineering of enzymes, and to improve enzymes for a respective reaction environment¹² (Chapter 3). Both YSD-FACS, and growth-based selections, can be used to answer molecular evolution questions because these methods map local fitness landscapes for a given environmental condition^{12,20} (Chapter 3). Thus, DMS is a valuable tool for answering both applied and fundamental research questions.

The limitations

Experimental

DMS experiments require a suitable HTS, which significantly restricts the reach of these techniques. For YSD paired with FACS the desired target for scanning must be able to be displayed on the yeast cell surface, and the purified binding partners must be able to be produced^{10,17,18}. Additionally, the reaction conditions have to be compatible with FACS and non-toxic to the displaying cells. Altered glycosylation patterns – inherent in YSD – can also impose significant issues. The mannose rich O- and N-linked glycosylation patterns in yeast are distinct from those in mammals, and cytosolic proteins are naturally unglycosylated. The attachment of non-native glycosylations can disrupt binding and alter other biophysical parameters for a protein. Also restricting the use of FACS is the oligomeric state of the protein being displayed and our group has successfully displayed up to homotrimers on surface of yeast¹⁷.

Growth-based HTSs require that cell growth be dependent on the reaction catalyzed by the enzyme of study. In Chapter 3 we study an amidase using DMS. When supplied with an amide the amidase releases ammonium, allowing for nitrogen restricted growth selections. Growth selections also require a growth rate ratio – growth rate in selective media over growth rate in unselective media – that is within a window of values¹⁰. Outside of the window the

growth of the cell is not proportional to the function of the enzyme. Tuning the growth rate ratio to be within this window requires certain biophysical parameters of enzymes like solubility, and catalytic efficiency to be met, as well as transcription and translational tuning with synthetic elements. Therefore, enzymes with very low catalytic efficiencies, and/or low solubilities, are unlikely to be compatible with DMS.

DMS is subject to the limits of the current mutant library preparation methods, cell sorting restrictions, and limitations in sequencing technologies^{9,10,18,22}. The information obtained from DMS experiments is also restricted to a range of fitness metrics. DMS experiments performed using the pipelines developed in our lab can only scan an ~5-fold range of differences in fitness metrics^{20,23}. DMS can discriminate sign differences with great accuracy and fidelity, but the ability to accurately quantify the impact of very deleterious mutations is dependent on sequencing depth¹⁰⁻¹² (Chapter 3). Often very deleterious mutations can only be qualitatively described.

When analyzing obtained datasets we are limited in the conclusion we can draw about the biophysical impacts of mutations. This limitation is typical in HTSs as these screens are often general competition assays that do not discriminate between the various biophysical properties that can be modified. Additional HTS screens^{19,20} that select for a specific biophysical property, or experimental characterization of individual mutants¹² are required to determine how mutations impact the biophysical properties of the protein.

Evolutionary insights

DMS datasets have to be approached with the understanding that these are limited test tube evolution experiments. Additionally, in any selection you get what you select for, meaning

that the conclusions and insights we obtain are biased for, and limited to, the selections performed^{10,12,20} (Chapter 3). In Chapter 3, we perform our selections in a highly controlled environment at 37°C. However, our model enzyme - Amidase E from *P. aeruginosa* - has naturally evolved to function in a wide range of temperatures²⁴. It is likely that mutations that are beneficial or deleterious at 37°C could have drastically different outcomes at different temperatures²⁵. Additionally, our model enzyme is promiscuous and able to digest many short chain amides^{12,24}, yet the selections we perform in Chapter 3 only use one substrate, acetamide. Therefore, we have selected for mutants that are only better at catalyzing the digestion of acetamide, or that increase the amount active enzyme *in vivo* at 37°C in the specific cellular host. It is possible that the beneficial mutations found in Chapter 3 will have decreased catalytic efficiencies with other substrates, and that some of the deleterious mutations found might be beneficial for digesting other aliphatic amides¹² (Chapter 3).

Selection conditions inherently constrain and bias the outcomes of test tube evolution experiments^{11,12,26,27}. In laboratory evolution experiments the use of a single set of environmental conditions – which produce fitness values that can accurately describe mutational impacts only in the respective environment – is often required to limit the complexity of evolution such that it can be studied and understood²⁷. For example, the Lenski evolution experiments have studied molecular and organismal evolution in several *E. coli* strains, individually, at a single temperature and constant chemical environment for over 60,000 generations^{28,29}. The evolutionary insights obtained from this experiment are extremely valuable, yet they are biased for the organisms studied and the selection conditions used. By comparison, DMS approaches to studying molecular evolution are also subject to these limitations and biases. The environment used in a DMS experiment is user defined within certain parameters, and the selection

environment can be modified as long as the HTS is maintained¹⁰. However, altering the conditions of the HTS to test other environments – for example by performing growth-based selections at several different temperatures – can be extremely challenging and may not be feasible.

Finally, DMS is currently unable to model evolution over thousands of years and in highly complex environments. In nature there are many different environments a single organism can pass through, and many other organisms and pathogens to compete with, making the process of evolution massively more complex than in our laboratory experiments³⁰⁻³³. Therefore, while the data obtained from DMS is very informative, we must never lose sight of the fact that what is true in the test tube is an oversimplification of what is possibly occurring in nature.

The products

Deep mutational scans provide local fitness landscapes typically defined as nearly all single mutational steps in the evolutionary space^{1,2} (**Figure 1.1**). These can be used to gain insights into molecular evolution^{12,20} (Chapter 3) and can be used in forward engineering proteins toward a desired purpose^{5,6} (Chapter 2). As described previously, the definition of fitness is dependent on the HTS used and the environment of the assay. The obtained normalized fitness metrics describe how well a respective mutation is able to compete with the unmutated predecessor protein in the respective HTS¹⁰.

Growth selection products

With growth based selections for studying enzymes, the normalized fitness metric describes how well a cell hosting a respective mutant is able to compete with – replicate faster

than – a cell hosting the unmutated enzyme in the assaying conditions at a respective temperature¹⁰. The mathematics for calculating normalized fitness metrics for growth based selections – as in Chapter 3 - from deep sequencing data was published by Kowalsky et al.¹⁰ and is as follows. First, the frequency of a respective mutant (i) in the pre- (f_{oi}) and post-selection (f_{fi}) populations is calculated with the tabulated counts of mutants from the deep sequencing data:

$$f_{oi} = \frac{x_{oi}}{\sum x_{oi}} \quad (1)$$

$$f_{fi} = \frac{x_{fi}}{\sum x_{fi}} \quad (2)$$

Where x_{oi} and x_{fi} are the number of counts of a specific variant in the pre- and post-selection populations respectively, and $\sum x_{oi}$ and $\sum x_{fi}$ are the total number of counts for all variants in the pre- and post-selection populations respectively. Next, the enrichment ratio, ε_i , for a mutant in the population is calculated from frequencies of the mutants obtained in (1) and (2):

$$\varepsilon_i = \log_2 \left(\frac{f_{fi}}{f_{oi}} \right) \quad (3)$$

The equation for calculating the enrichment ratios can be rewritten as:

$$\varepsilon_i = \log_2 \left(\frac{x_{fi}}{x_{oi}} \right) - \log_2 \left(\frac{\sum x_{fi}}{\sum x_{oi}} \right) \quad (4)$$

We also write the equation for the specific growth rate (μ_i) (5) of a cell as:

$$\mu_i = \ln \left(\frac{x_{fi}}{x_{oi}} \right) \frac{1}{t} \quad (5)$$

Where t is the difference in time between the end of the selection (f) and initiation of the selection (o). Combining the equations (4) and (5) gives:

$$\mu_i \log_2 e = \frac{1}{t} (\varepsilon_i + \log_2 \left(\frac{\sum x_{fi}}{\sum x_{oi}} \right)) \quad (6)$$

To simplify the equation we can first generate the average doubling period (g_p) as a function of the change in the total number of counts for all variants in the pre- and post-selection populations:

$$g_p = \text{Number of doublings} = \log_2\left(\frac{\sum x_{fi}}{\sum x_{oi}}\right) \quad (7)$$

We can also remove t through redefining it:

$$t = \frac{\ln 2 * g_p}{\mu_p} \quad (8)$$

Where μ_p is the bulk average growth rate of the population for the time between the initiation and end of the selection. Next we combine (7) and (8) into (6) to make the growth rate of a mutant a function of its respective enrichment ratio:

$$\mu_i = \mu_p \left(\frac{\varepsilon_i}{g_p} + 1 \right) \quad (9)$$

Finally, we can calculate our normalized fitness metric (ζ_i) where the growth rate of the respective mutant protein (i) is normalized to that of the unmutated predecessor protein (wt):

$$\zeta_i = \log_2 \left(\frac{\mu_i}{\mu_{wt}} \right) \quad (10)$$

We can also set the normalized fitness metric as a function of the enrichment ratios and average doubling period:

$$\zeta_i = \log_2 \left(\frac{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_i}{g_p} + 1 \right)}{\left(\frac{\varepsilon_{wt}}{g_p} + 1 \right)} \right) \quad (11)$$

The normalized fitness metric provides a quantitative description of how well a cell harboring a mutant i is able to compete with a cell hosting the predecessor enzyme in the respective environment. This data does not provide information on how the mutation impacts the biophysics of the enzyme.

For enzyme-based DMS, there are two general biophysical factors that are impacted by mutations and that determine fitness outcomes: specific velocity, and the amount of active enzyme being expressed within the cell. Both of these general properties are composed of a variety of different factors. Specific velocity is dependent on the standard Gibbs free energy of the reaction being catalyzed, substrate and product concentrations, flux of upstream and downstream reactions, the Michaelis constant (K_M), and the maximum reaction velocity (k_{cat})^{25,34}. The probability of the enzyme being expressed and properly folded is a function of: the folding rate, the fidelity of the association process for oligomeric proteins, and the thermodynamic stability of the tertiary and quaternary structures and intermediates^{35,36}. A growth selection is unable to discriminate between any of the above-mentioned factors, and additional biophysical analysis is required to understand why a mutation is deleterious or beneficial.

YSD-FACS products

This chapter will not present the mathematics used in calculating the normalized fitness metrics for DMS experiments with YSD-FACS, those calculations can be found in the referenced work^{10,17}. While I have performed DMS with YSD-FACS for epitope mapping¹⁷, paratope mapping (results incorporated into a patent in preparation), and affinity maturation (results incorporated into a patent in preparation), these projects are not included in this thesis. Normalized fitness metrics obtained from YSD-FACS experiments provide a quantitative measure of how well a mutant protein competes with its unmutated ancestor in either binding to a given target, or in displaying on the surface of the yeast in a respective environment^{10,17,20}. Unlike the growth-based selections, YSD-FACS experiments can select for two different general biophysical properties: affinity/specificity, and surface display (**Figure 1.1**).

Comparing the obtained fitness landscapes from selections for binding/display with those from selections only for display allows for the discrimination of mutations that impact stability/solubility from those that impact affinity/specificity^{17,19,20}. Selections for display can be used to select for more stable variants, and to allow us to identify mutations that alter folding probabilities. To aid in discriminating the impacts of the mutations Kowalsky et al.¹⁷ calculated Shannon entropy metrics for each position in the protein being studied for both the displaying sorted and binding/display sorted populations. These Shannon entropy metrics provide a quantitative measure of how well the respective position tolerates mutations. Positions with the lowest Shannon entropy scores are the least able to tolerate mutations. Comparison of Shannon entropy scores from selections for display with selections for binding/display allows for the identification of residues critical for the binding reaction. This comparative analysis is the foundation for mapping protein-protein interactions^{17,18} with DMS. As described in Chapter 2, comparison of DMS datasets from different HTS with the same target protein allows for greater discrimination of the biophysical implications for respective mutations, and how this data can be used for forward engineering.

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CHAPTER 2

Data-driven engineering of protein therapeutics

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Abstract

Protein therapeutics requires a series of properties beyond biochemical activity, including serum stability, low immunogenicity, and manufacturability. Mutations that improve one property often decrease one or more of the other essential requirements for therapeutic efficacy, making the protein engineering challenge difficult. The past decade has seen an explosion of new techniques centered around cheaply reading and writing DNA. This review highlights the recent use of such high throughput technologies for engineering protein therapeutics. Examples include the use of human antibody repertoire sequence data to pair antibody heavy and light chains, comprehensive mutational analysis for engineering antibody specificity, and the use of ancestral and inter-species sequence data to engineer simultaneous improvements in enzyme catalytic efficiency and stability. We conclude with a perspective on further ways to integrate mature protein engineering pipelines with the exponential increases in the volume of sequencing data expected in the forthcoming decade.

Introduction

Over 100 therapeutic proteins are currently FDA-approved for use as drugs, with functions as variegated as enzymes that rob tumors of necessary nutrients to antibodies that block signaling mechanisms important for clinical presentation of rheumatoid arthritis. Regardless of the exact category of protein, there are a large number of requirements necessary for therapeutic efficacy: the biologic must possess sufficient affinity or catalytic efficiency toward its intended target while minimizing non-specific interactions, harbor a sufficient in vivo half-life, and maintain low immunogenicity and aggregation propensity. Additionally, each protein must satisfy a number of manufacturability constraints such as the capability of expression and purification in sufficient quantities, sufficient storage stability, and so forth. Naturally occurring proteins usually are suboptimal in at least one of these properties. While alterations to these properties can be imparted by mutations (protein engineering), mutations are pleiotropic and often a property can only be improved at the expense of another important requirement. Such competing constraints on protein function render brute force screens – used extensively by contemporary protein engineers – inefficient; therefore, new insights into navigating sequence space efficiently are always of interest.

This past decade has seen the cost of reading and writing DNA drop precipitously¹. These advances have led to completely new ways to interrogate biology, including construction of thousands of synthetic genes², evaluation of functional effect of tens of thousands of mutations in a protein in massively parallel experiments³, sequencing of thousands of homologues across the tree of life for any given gene, and even ways to sequence human antibody repertoires⁴. Such data-rich reservoirs are beginning to be tapped by protein engineers.

Here, we review recent progress in the use of data-driven protein engineering of potential therapeutics in order to satisfy multiple competing constraints. We restrict this review to protein engineering by amino acid substitutions. There are topical reviews concerning the de-immunization of protein therapeutics⁵, engineering competing trade-offs in antibody function⁶, and a comprehensive overview of engineered therapeutic enzymes⁷. Thus, we will highlight representative and instructive examples utilizing de novo gene synthesis, deep mutational scanning, phylogenetic analysis, or antibody repertoire sequencing (**Figure 2.1**); we also offer

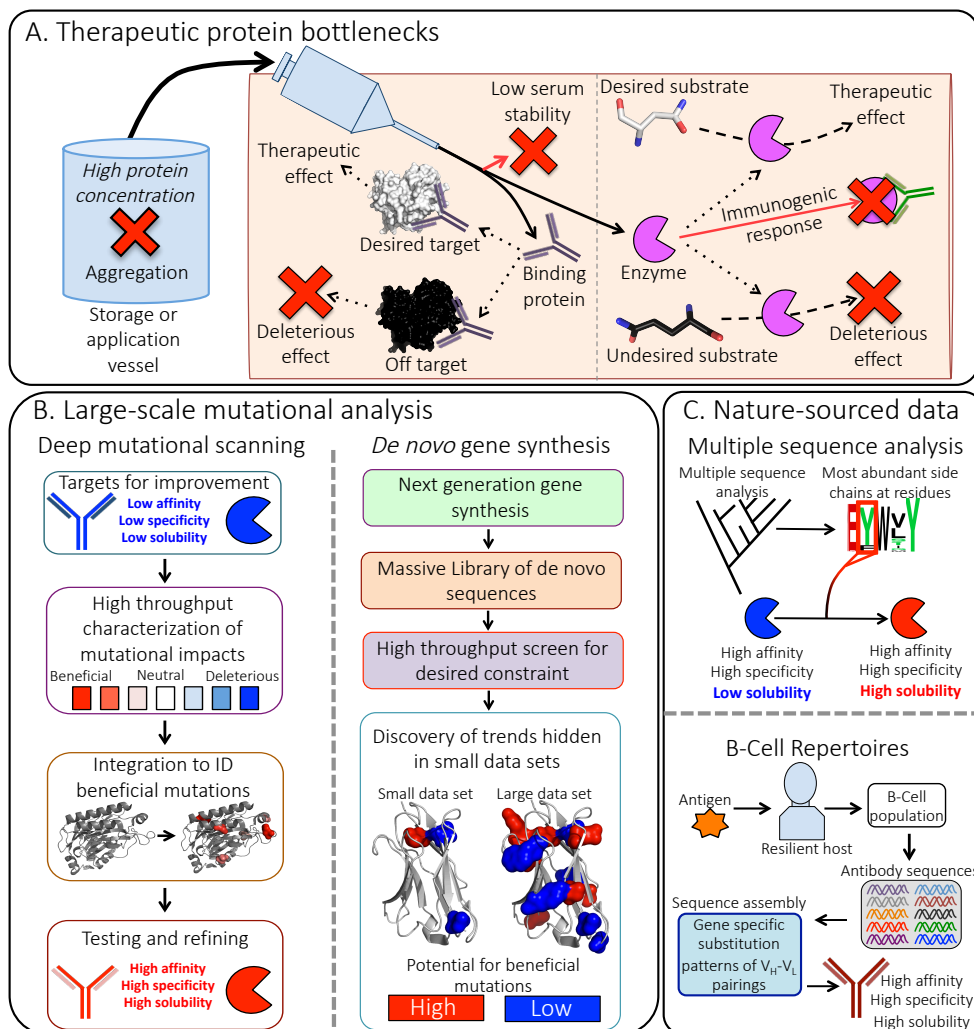


Figure 2.1: High throughput techniques used to overcome therapeutic protein engineering bottlenecks. A. Different bottlenecks encountered in developing therapeutics. B–C. Different high throughput techniques used for protein engineering.

perspective on future ways to harness the extraordinary torrents of data that we anticipate in the coming decade.

Large-scale mutational analysis

Integrating deep sequencing with user-defined saturation mutagenesis⁸ and screens such as yeast surface display sorting enables the determination of the functional effect of tens of thousands of mutations on a given protein sequence in a massively parallel fashion; this technique is known as deep mutational scanning³. The mutational effect on each functional property of the protein can be assessed separately (if a screen exists), and mutations can be incorporated only if all screens give a positive result. Here, we give the latest examples of leveraging such datasets to engineer proteins while considering multiple constraints.

Antibody deep mutational scanning

Antibodies often bind two or more related proteins, and frequently the protein engineer is tasked with engineering specificity for one protein over the other. A recent notorious example involved the use of an antibody to monitor age-dependent levels of GDF11 in mice⁹. However, this antibody also bound the closely related homolog GDF8 (myostatin), which resulted in erroneous conclusions¹⁰ in the original paper. This multi-specificity problem is general, as many potential targets have very similar homologs in humans with some differing by only 10% or so in pairwise sequence identity¹¹⁻¹⁴; antibodies, therefore, must have exquisite specificity for therapeutic and diagnostic applications.

Deep sequencing combined with a suitable screen can be used to identify specificity-modulating mutations in protein binders¹⁵. A recent excellent example comes from Koenig et al.

from Genentech¹⁶, who sought to prevent binding to angiopoietin-1 (Ang-1) for a candidate antigen binding fragment (Fab) with desired binding to Ang-2 and vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF). Using phage display, the authors determined the relative binding profile of many possible single point mutants in the six complementarity determining regions (CDR)s (483 light chain, 609 heavy chain) for each protein in parallel. From these 1092 mutations, 25 (2.3%) were shown in vitro to result in no or severely reduced binding to Ang-1. We note that all of these mutations slightly decreased binding affinities for Ang-2 and/or VEGF, illustrating the general difficulty – and in some cases, impossibility – of finding specificity-modulating mutations without a functional trade-off even when the local mutational space is comprehensively sampled.

Thermal stability is another parameter that is often negatively correlated with binding affinity¹⁷. Reduced Fab thermal stability results in lower expression titers¹⁸. The necessity of engineering specificity-affinity while maintaining stability is critical for therapeutic application of binding proteins¹⁹, and state of the art methods involve using co-screening for stability and affinity simultaneously²⁰. Alternatively, one can screen for stability and affinity in parallel to uncover rare, globally optimal mutations. Recently, the same Genentech team used this approach to scan all possible Fab framework and CDR single point mutants for affinity and stable expression in a phage display context²¹. Affinity-enhancing mutations were identified using selections against VEGF, while stabilizing mutations were identified with selections against protein A or protein L. There were a handful of mutations improving both stability and affinity. In particular, mutation from Phe to Ala at a single framework mutation 25 Å from the binding site, light chain residue 83 (LC-F83A), was found to strongly improve thermostability and affinity. The authors attributed this improvement to alteration of the interface between the variable and constant regions on the light chain, which was confirmed by hydrogen–deuterium

exchange mass spectrometry. Intriguingly, LC-83 is one of the 5–10% highest somatically mutated LC positions as determined by deep sequencing of over a thousand human lymphoid tissues. This suggests that LC-83 mutations can generally improve thermostability in Fabs, which the authors confirmed by incorporating LC-F83A in several unrelated mAbs. This is a great example of integrating naturally sourced deep sequencing data on a single target to obtain general insights into the functional tradeoffs of mutations in a broader set of antibodies.

Enzyme deep mutational scanning

Enzymes are applied in the treatment of diverse disorders such as cancer therapeutics to deplete essential amino acids or metabolic precursors needed by the cancer cells^{22,23}, or as replacement therapies to return specific metabolites to healthier levels in a patient²⁴. Engineering non-immunogenic, serum-stable, and active enzymes can be challenging. For example, human kynurenine-degrading enzyme has low serum stability, and engineering has proven difficult because mutations that increase catalytic efficiency have decreased serum stability (J. Blazeck, personal communication). Understanding the trade-offs between stability and catalytic efficiency is critical for simplifying enzyme engineering.

In contrast with protein binders such as antibodies, generalizable high-throughput screens for directly testing enzyme function do not exist. Thus, deep mutational scanning pipelines are not available for all enzyme classes. A creative solution for forward engineering stability and activity was presented by Klesmith et al., who presented the comparative analysis of deep mutational scanning datasets for solubility/stability and activity for two different model enzymes: levoglucosan kinase, and TEM-1 beta-lactamase²⁵. From these datasets, Klesmith et al. were able to extract features common to mutations that improve stability while not hampering

catalytic activity. These mutations were sampled in the evolutionary history of the enzyme, were at least 15 angstroms from the active site, were in positions of the tertiary protein sequence without a large number of other residues in close contact, and were not mutations to or from proline. Combining these filtering metrics yields a greater than 90% probability of choosing a stabilizing, catalytically neutral mutation in any given enzyme. This method has been developed into a Rosetta-based script and applied to increase the thermal stability and in vivo expression yield of a Type III polyketide synthase (E. Wrenbeck and T. Whitehead, unpublished results).

Writing libraries of synthetic genes

Compared with more limited datasets of proteins with 1 or 2 amino acid changes described above, datasets with wider tranches of sequence space may be more useful for identifying general engineering rules. For example, several enzyme discovery efforts evaluate candidates by synthesizing hundreds of genes encoding enzymes spread throughout the protein superfamily^{26,27}. Over the past five years the cost of writing DNA for kb-size genes has plateaued at about \$0.10 per base pair²⁸, which means that libraries of several hundred genes can be written and tested on a medium-sized lab's budget.

A stunning example of the use of large protein datasets for obtaining engineering insights was recently described by Adimab scientists¹⁸. Monoclonal antibodies represent the largest class of engineered therapeutic proteins by revenue, with \$98 billion in worldwide sales in 2017²⁹. Even with dozens of FDA-approved antibodies, some still fail in late-stage clinical trials for reasons unrelated to their binding affinity to their respective target. Understanding how a primary sequence determines manufacturability could help guide antibody-drug development akin to the Lipinski 'rule of five' edict for small molecule drugs³⁰. To that end, Adimab scientists produced

a set of nearly all mAbs commercialized or in advanced stage clinical trials described in the patent literature through mid-2009 (137 in total)¹⁸. They then assayed this set for a dozen biophysical properties including aggregation propensity, non-specific binding, and melting temperature. The first major insight was that – contrary to expectations – many of these antibodies had unfavorable scores in one or more measured biophysical property. The second major insight was the significantly better biophysical properties of the approved subset of mAbs compared to those in Phase 2 clinical trials, suggesting potential difficulties in translating some of these Phase 2 mAbs.

Although this mAb dataset was only published in 2017, researchers are already mining it for predicting the sequence determinants of poor biophysical properties. For example, the Tessier group has used the Adimab dataset to find that positive CDR net charge correlates with mAb self-association using simple sequence-based scoring methods³¹. This same group, following work on individual antibodies³², has shown that reducing CDR net charge also decreases antibody nonspecificity (P. Tessier, personal communication).

Going from hundreds to tens of thousands of proteins – with greater underlying predictive power – requires a continued decrease in the cost of writing DNA. To that end, recent advances in DNA synthesis using microarray-derived oligo pools¹ have been utilized to synthesize thousands of designed small proteins^{2,33}. Producing longer genes of 0.8-2 kb in length from such oligo pools is difficult. The best approaches have a success rate of ~2%³⁴, and increasing the fidelity rate is essential for these emerging techniques to reach wider application.

Nature-sourced data

Protein design by phylogeny

The cumulative sequencing data of thousands of protein homologs across the tree of life, for nearly all known therapeutically relevant proteins, are a rich resource for the protein engineer. It has been known for decades that, given any position in a protein family, the consensus residue is likely to be stabilizing³⁵. This insight enables the engineering of stable enzymes by simultaneously incorporating mutations at consensus positions in a protein sequence. An interesting variation on this idea comes from Nguyen et al., who used consensus sequence information to refine the specificity of an L-asparaginase from *Erwinia chrysanthemi* (ErA)³⁶. The therapeutic effect of wild type ErA is diminished by its dual activity as an L-glutaminase. While asparagine depletion starves cancer cells, glutamine depletion is associated with many negative side effects³⁷. To reduce the L-glutaminase activity of ErA, conserved stretches of residues were identified within the active site. Nonconserved adjacent residues were targeted for saturation mutagenesis with the assumption that such mutations could modulate specificity without disrupting desired catalytic function. This strategy resulted in a multi-point mutant with conserved L-asparaginase activity and a 25-fold reduction of L-glutaminase activity. In vivo experiments using the engineered ErA have determined it is an effective therapy for both T and B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia without the side effects of glutamine depletion³⁸.

Consensus mutations informed by phylogeny are increasingly incorporated into structure-based computational design algorithms to engineer stabilized proteins³⁹. To cite as the best example, Goldenzweig et al. developed a Rosetta-based method to stabilize human enzymes⁴⁰. Evolutionary conservation data were converted to a position specific scoring matrix, and only mutations above a certain conservation threshold were considered. Mutations passing additional

structure-based filters were combined into new designs. They used this approach to increase the expression yield and stability of a human acetylcholinesterase variant, which can be used for organophosphate detoxification following nerve agent exposure. Use of this method led to an acetylcholinesterase variant with 51 mutations, \$2000-fold increased bacterial expression compared to the original enzyme, and with nearly the same specific activity.

The consensus mutation approach has reached its logical end-state with the use of ancestral sequence reconstruction to improve protein function⁴¹⁻⁴³. Resurrecting ancient proteins often leads to enzymes with incredible stabilities⁴⁴. Zakas et al. used this general understanding to resurrect several ancestral Factor VIII proteins⁴⁵. By doing so, they engineered a therapeutically effective ancestral Factor VIII variant with higher stability than extant forms.

Immunogenicity is always a major concern for candidate therapeutic proteins. For example, a highly engineered Factor VII variant failed late stage clinical trials because of immunogenicity⁴⁶. Interestingly, the reconstructed ancestral Factor VIII variants share 95% sequence identity with human Factor VIII, but have reduced cross-reactivity with known anti-human Factor VIII antibodies⁴⁵. This reduced cross-reactivity was verified in in vitro analyses. It will be interesting to see if these in vitro experiments translate to lower immunogenicity in animal models, and whether ancestral proteins have lower immunogenicity than extant proteins in general.

Engineering from human antibody repertoires

We are in an exciting age of molecular serology, moving on from bulk measurements of humoral responses towards descriptions of full sequences and functions of individual antibodies in human repertoires⁴⁷⁻⁴⁹. These repertoire sets are a critical resource for understanding affinity

maturation, CDR development, and pairing between heavy and light variable chains (V_H – V_L). While there has not been a great deal of engineering work in the open literature exploiting these repertoire datasets, we expect that to change in the next few years. The most recent use of information from these repertoires was described from Adler et al.⁵⁰, who showed that incorporating native V_H – V_L pairing improved the quality and quantity of candidate anti-interleukin 21 receptor antibodies isolated from a yeast display screen. Anticipated use of these datasets include designing more efficient antibody libraries by incorporating information from CDR lengths and net charges, and position specific substitution patterns. To facilitate this goal, Sheng et al. constructed gene-specific substitution patterns for 69 common V genes⁵¹, while Kovaltsuk et al. have collected nearly all repertoire datasets into a single data-base called the Observed Antibody Space⁵² (antibodymap.org).

Perspective

The ability to write and read DNA at scale has transformed protein engineering into a big data

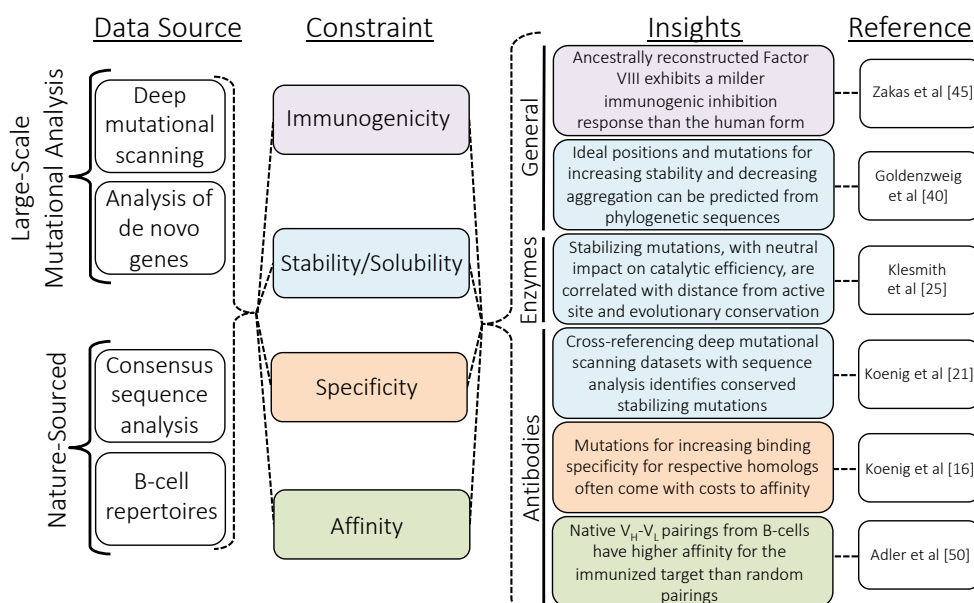


Figure 2.2: Big data yields insights for efficient engineering of protein therapeutics.

field. Here, we have discussed a diversity of data-rich methods for improving protein therapeutics, with each of these methods providing unique engineering insights (**Figure 2.2**). In the next few years, we anticipate further ways to leverage and combine data from multiple sources to improve protein engineering. One of the key emerging ideas is to enhance protein design by incorporating constraints from the evolutionary history of the protein. These constraints are mostly identification of conservation at a single position, but for human antibodies with millions of sequences we imagine more sophisticated algorithms that take into account correlation between residues within or across CDRs, bulk biophysical properties like CDR net charge, and sequence properties as a function of CDR loop length. We also anticipate a marriage of data analysis from a post-hoc view by combining nature-sourced data of existing protein sequences with the forward-evolutionary view of deep mutational scanning to observe the range of possible mutations for a given candidate therapeutic. This integration will allow a comprehensive look at ‘what is’ with ‘what ought to be’, enabling the protein engineer to design functional proteins on demand.

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CHAPTER 3

Impact of in vivo protein folding probability on local fitness landscapes

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Abstract

It is incompletely understood how biophysical properties like protein stability impact molecular evolution and epistasis. Epistasis is defined as specific when a mutation exclusively influences the phenotypic effect of another mutation, often at physically interacting residues. In contrast, nonspecific epistasis results when a mutation is influenced by a large number of non-local mutations. As most mutations are pleiotropic, the *in vivo* folding probability - governed by basal protein stability - is thought to determine activity-enhancing mutational tolerance, implying that nonspecific epistasis is dominant. However, evidence exists for both specific and nonspecific epistasis as the prevalent factor, with limited comprehensive datasets to support either claim. Here we use deep mutational scanning to probe how *in vivo* enzyme folding probability impacts local fitness landscapes. We computationally designed two different variants of the amidase AmiE with statistically indistinguishable catalytic efficiencies but lower probabilities of folding *in vivo* compared to wild-type. Local fitness landscapes show slight alterations among variants, with essentially the same global distribution of fitness effects. However, specific epistasis was predominant for the subset of mutations exhibiting positive sign epistasis. These mutations mapped to spatially distinct locations on AmiE near the initial mutation or proximal to the active site. Intriguingly, the majority of specific epistatic mutations were codon-dependent, with different synonymous codons resulting in fitness sign reversals. Together, these results offer a nuanced view of how protein folding probability impacts local fitness landscapes, and suggest that transcriptional-translational effects are as important as stability in determining evolutionary outcomes.

Introduction

Understanding the mechanisms of molecular evolution is important to molecular biology, virology, evolutionary biology, and protein engineering. Researchers interested in evolving natural proteins, designing proteins *de novo*, or understanding the extent of contingency on extant proteins must contend with the implicit evolutionary limitations set forth by nature. The challenge, then, is to understand what constrains protein evolution and by what mechanisms. How do these factors interact with one another to alter the frequency of mutations with increased fitness in a given environment, and how do they govern evolvability for new functions?

A particularly important component of evolution is epistasis, or the non-additive combination of mutations¹. Epistasis impacts the rate of evolution and the spectrum of possible evolutionary pathways available to a protein². Epistasis is said to be specific when a mutation exclusively influences the phenotypic effect of only a few select mutations, usually at physically interacting residues³. In contrast, epistasis is said to be nonspecific when a mutation impacts a global property like stability that can be rescued by large numbers of non-local mutations. Of the two classes, specific epistatic effects exert the greatest influence on the possible evolutionary outcomes³. This is the result of the precise and long-lasting amino acid constraints imposed by specific epistatic mutations, which decrease the evolutionary reversibility of a protein sequence in a given evolutionary trajectory. In turn, the delocalized and unconstrained effects resulting from non-specific epistasis often breakdown over evolutionary time, largely restricting its influence to short-term evolution. Non-specific epistasis can temporarily alter the mutational robustness of a protein by changing the permissivity to additional mutations at many more positions than does specific epistasis. By modulating the evolutionary trajectories available, epistatic phenomena exert immense influence on the short and long-term evolution of proteins⁴.

What remains incompletely understood is how biophysical parameters like protein stability constrain epistasis. Protein stability as defined here is the cumulative balance of the thermodynamic stability, the folding rate, and the fidelity of the association process for oligomeric proteins; these parameters combine to determine the likelihood that an enzyme will assume its native state when expressed *in vivo*: the *in vivo* folding probability of a given protein^{5,6}. For enzymes, fitness is often a function of flux through a pathway, which is a product of steady state enzyme concentration and specific velocity. The steady state enzyme concentration, in turn, is a function of the translation rate, the probability of the nascent peptide folding into the native state, and the protein degradation rate. Typical evolutionary models control for translation rate and protein degradation rate and then assume that (i.) thermodynamics of protein folding can be described by a 2-state model; and (ii.) this single Gibbs free energy term can account for the probability of folding. However, these assumptions fail for much of a typical proteome. Many proteins are oligomeric, multi-domain proteins have more complicated folding trajectories, and there is increasing evidence that formation of secondary structure and partial hydrophobic collapse before ribosomal release is important for on-target folding⁷. The *in vivo* folding probability encompasses all of these biophysical terms into the probability of reaching the folding state.

Analyses of the impacts of stability in evolution at the genomic⁸, protein⁹⁻¹¹, and organismal¹² levels have uncovered a complex and dynamic equilibrium between stabilizing and destabilizing mutations. For enzymes in particular, previous studies have shown that missense mutations often act pleiotropically where catalytically enhancing mutations are, on average, moderately destabilizing^{9,13,14}. Consequently, high basal stability can buffer catalytically beneficial but destabilizing mutations^{15,16}, allowing fixation. Deleterious destabilizing mutations

can be repaired by reversion mutations¹⁷, or by specific and non-specific epistatic mutations that rescue stability^{8,18}. These epistatic mutations are a central phenomenon in the stabilizing-destabilizing equilibrium, with significant consequences in long-term evolution^{19,20}. It is uncertain whether specific or non-specific epistatic mutations are more likely to rescue a destabilized protein, with evidence existing for both arguments¹⁷⁻²¹.

Deep mutational scanning experiments provide a wealth of mutational data that can be used to address questions in molecular evolution²². This technology comprises the use of large mutational libraries with selections coupled to deep sequencing to evaluate relative fitness of thousands of variants in a massively parallel fashion^{14,23-25}. We previously used deep mutational scanning on the homohexameric aliphatic amidase AmiE from *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* to understand how local fitness landscapes, defined here as the set of all possible single-point amino acid substitutions from wild-type (WT), change with different substrates²⁵. In this original study, AmiE was chosen as a model as it is stable in its genetic background and has a high probability of folding upon translation. To comprehensively assess how the initial probability of folding *in vivo* constrains mutational outcomes, we designed two variants of AmiE in which catalytic activity is unperturbed but the proteins have different *in vivo* folding probabilities. We then used deep mutational scanning to probe the local fitness landscapes of these variants. While we found moderate epistasis, local fitness landscapes are largely insensitive to the initial *in vivo* folding probability of the enzyme variant. In particular, the great majority of beneficial mutations were shared between all three starting points: WT AmiE, and the two disrupted single point-mutant enzymes. However, positive sign epistasis was present and was dominated by specific epistasis. Remarkably, we found that the sign of the fitness metric for many mutations depends on the codon used to encode the mutation, suggesting more complicated fitness landscapes than

predicted from intrinsic protein biophysics. Together, these results provide a nuanced view of how local fitness landscapes are perturbed under slightly different initial *in vivo* folding probabilities.

Results

The experimental pipeline used in this study is shown in **Figure 3.1A**. First, we designed variants of AmiE that possess wild-type catalytic activity but with a reduced probability of folding *in vivo*. Second, we developed selection conditions for the variants under which cell growth is proportional to enzyme activity using a growth selection with acetamide as the sole nitrogen source. Third, near-comprehensive single-site saturation mutant libraries for our variants were prepared²⁵ and growth selections performed. Fourth, pre- and post-selection populations were deep sequenced to extract mutant frequencies in the selected and reference populations. These frequencies were converted into a relative fitness metric (ζ_i) for each mutant i defined as

$$\zeta_i = \log_2\left(\frac{\mu_i}{\mu_{REF}}\right) \quad (1)$$

where μ_i and μ_{REF} represent the specific growth rates in selection media for the mutant (μ_i) and unmutated AmiE variant (μ_{REF}), respectively. A relative fitness score above zero means that a strain harboring a given mutant has higher fitness than those carrying the unmutated variant. It is important to understand the limitations of deep mutational scanning experiments. While these experiments provide quantitative measurements of fitness relative to the respective backgrounds, deep mutational scanning cannot provide information on why a given mutation is beneficial or deleterious. Thus, specifying whether a mutation impacts stability, catalytic efficiency, on-path folding rate, etc. is left to reasoned speculation or further biophysical analysis.

AmiE variants with lower in vivo folding probabilities and wild-type catalytic efficiencies engineered

We first sought to identify mutations to AmiE that, under the selection conditions, would decrease the in vivo folding probability of the protein while maintaining wild-type catalytic efficiency. To identify such mutants, we chose to use a computational approach by modifying PROSS²⁶. Briefly, PROSS designs a protein sequence that will have an improved probability of reaching the folded state in vivo relative to its input. This improved folding probability correlates with biophysical properties like improved protein stability, faster on-target folding rate, or reduced aggregation propensity. As our experimental objective is essentially the inverse problem, we modified the Rosetta FilterScan protocol undergirding PROSS and then selected point-mutations with higher energy scores relative to AmiE wild-type (WT) (**Figure 3.1B, Table A 1**). For each mutant these scores were then cross-referenced with experimental relative fitness scores previously determined for AmiE²⁵ to ensure that their relative fitness was below zero (**Table A 1**).

Of thirteen variants with 1-3 mutations from WT selected for experimental characterization, nine expressed as soluble proteins in E. coli BL21* (DE3). We purified a subset of these nine variants and assessed their catalytic efficiency with the substrate acetamide. While most mutants showed reduced enzymatic activity, both AmiE I38V and AmiE I122L showed statistically indistinguishable maximum turnover rates (k_{cat}) and Michaelis constants (K_M) compared with WT (**Figure 3.1C, Table A 2**). Furthermore, size exclusion chromatography showed no oligomeric differences between AmiE WT and AmiE I38V or AmiE I122L (**Figure**

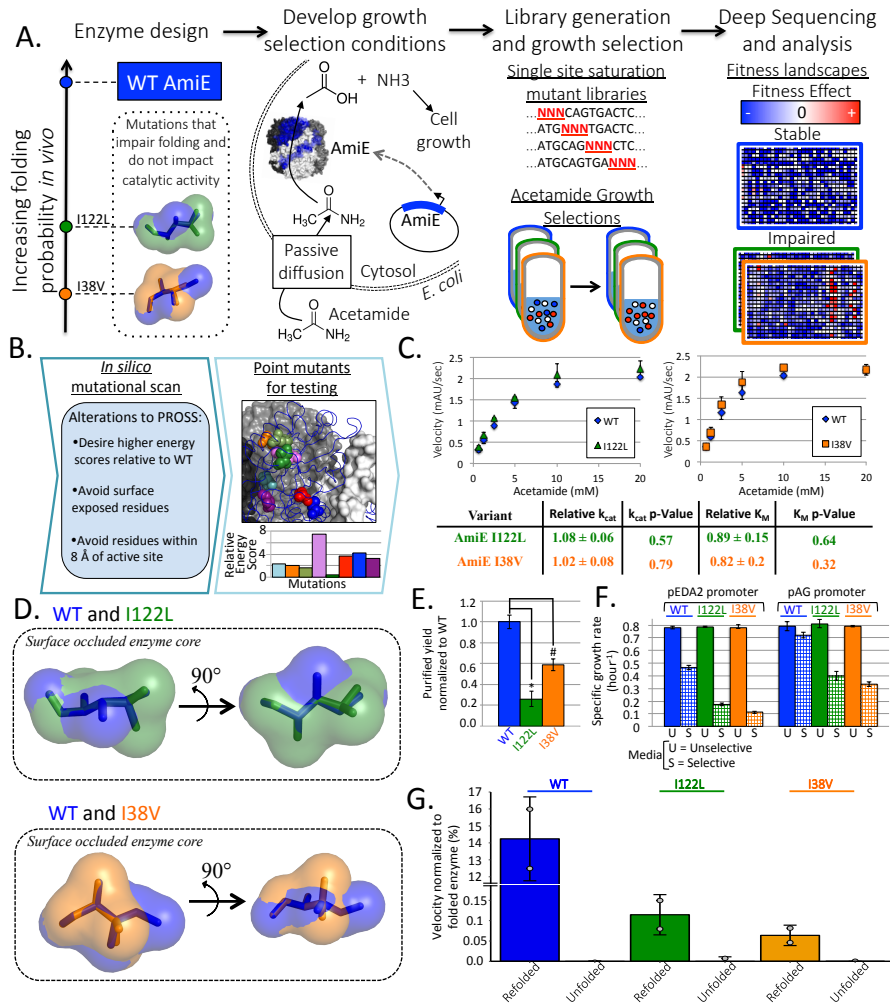


Figure 3.1: Design of deep mutational scanning experiment A. A graphical overview of this study. Two AmiE enzyme variants with single point mutants (I38V and I122L) with WT catalytic function and lower probabilities of folding *in vivo* were computationally designed and validated experimentally. Constitutive expression of each enzyme from a plasmid was tuned such that the growth rate of our bacterial growth selection strain in selection media was dependent on the expression of functional AmiE. Deep mutational scanning was performed on these variants and compared with WT AmiE. B-G. Design and validation of AmiE variants. B. A graphical representation of the computational enzyme design. C. Enzyme velocity as a function of acetamide and Michaelis-Menten parameters determined relative to WT AmiE. Error bars = 1 s.d., $n = 2$, p-values obtained using Student's t-test. D. Structural modeling of the cavities introduced into AmiE by designed mutations. E. Enzyme yield following *E. coli* auto-induction expression. Error bars = 1 s.d., $n = 3$, * = p-value = 0.0003, # = p-value = 0.002. F. Specific growth rates of strains in M9 (unselective) and in M9 with 10 mM acetamide as sole nitrogen source (selective) (pEDA2 - low expression, pAG - high expression). Error bars = 1 s.d., $n \geq 3$. G. Comparison of enzyme reaction velocities at substrate saturation relative to a folded control. Grey dots represent biological replicates, Error bars = 1 s.d., $n = 2$.

A 1) in PBS at 30 μ M, suggesting that the variants maintain the expected homohexameric quaternary structure. Finally, the secondary structure of the three AmiE proteins was analyzed using far-UV circular dichroism spectroscopy (**Figure A 2**), revealing indistinguishable spectra in the folded and unfolded states.

AmiE I38V removes a methyl group to open a small cavity in the core, while I122L modulates hydrophobic core packing in the monomer subunit (**Figure 3.1D, Figure A 3**). Both mutations are located in the hydrophobic core distal from the dimeric and homohexameric contacts necessary for quaternary assembly (**Figure A 3**). Based on Rosetta analysis, we predict that these mutations disrupt the core of AmiE resulting in thermodynamic destabilization of the native monomer. However, mutations in the stability cores of proteins can disrupt the hierarchy of folding²⁷ through the destabilization of folding intermediates²⁸, by limiting the intermediate states accessible during folding²⁹, and by decreasing the thermodynamic stability³⁰ of the monomeric subunits outside of the quaternary structure³¹.

To distinguish among these possibilities, we attempted tryptophan fluorescence unfolding measurements using guanidinium-HCl (Gdn-HCl) as a denaturant to determine the effective thermodynamic stability. However, AmiE WT aggregated in moderate Gdn-HCl concentrations under most conditions (data not shown), and under conditions of no aggregation and complete unfolding no isosbestic point was recovered (**Figure A 4**). This lack of an isosbestic point indicates more complicated reversible folding at 4°C than simple 2-state models. We also performed thermal shift assays with the purified homohexameric enzymes in a series of dilutions (10, 5, 1, 0.5, 0.25 μ M) (**Figure A 5**) to measure thermal stabilities. Two-state irreversible unfolding curves were obtained at 10 and 5 μ M. Analysis of the melting curves reveals statistically indistinguishable melting temperatures between WT and variants (**Table A 3**). This

data suggests that all have a single transition from homohexamer into unfolded monomers. It is well established that oligomeric proteins are often more stable than in their natively folded monomeric or dimeric forms³¹. Thus it is likely that the thermal melt is measuring the stability of homohexameric assembly, which would be expected to be identical between WT and variants as neither mutation resides at an oligomeric interface. To identify AmiE concentrations for which the monomeric form is favored, we reasoned that hexameric dissociation would result in inactive enzyme³², which could be measured colorimetrically using our established activity assay. Indeed, activity analysis of dilute solutions of AmiE WT at 500 nM showed larger decreases in activity than 900 nM over moderate incubation periods (**Figure A 6**). Unfortunately, usable signal was not detected at protein concentrations of less than 5 μ M in the thermal shift assays (**Figure A 5**). To assess thermal denaturation at lower enzyme concentrations, we performed circular dichroism thermal melts using a protein concentration of 1 μ M (**Figure A 7**). Under these conditions both AmiE I38V and AmiE I122L have modest but significantly lower melting temperatures than AmiE WT (p-value 0.01 for I38V and 0.03 for I122L; **Table A 4**).

While we were only able to establish moderate decreases in the thermal stabilities of the AmiE variants, complementary *in vitro* and *in vivo* experiments strongly support that both I122L and I38V variants have lower *in vivo* folding probabilities than WT in the general order: I38V<I122L<WT. All synonymous codons encoding the I38V and I122L mutations had fitness metric below zero (**Table A 1**), suggesting the loss of fitness is a result of changes at the protein level rather than effects resulting from the codon used²⁵. When driven from the same T7 promoter under identical Studier auto-induction³³ protein expression conditions, both AmiE I38V and I122L have statistically significant lower purification yields of soluble protein than WT (**Figure 3.1E**, **Table A 2**). Furthermore, *E. coli* harboring the AmiE variants expressed from

the same plasmid – pEDA2²⁵ maintaining the same constitutive promoter, ribosome-binding site (RBS), and 5' untranslated region (5' UTR) – showed lower specific growth rates than WT when grown with acetamide as the sole nitrogen source (**Figure 3.1F, Table A 2**). These results suggest that the *in vivo* folding probability upon translation for these variants is lower than for WT. Finally, while denatured WT can refold into active enzyme at 14.2% yield, both I38V (0.06%) and I122L (0.11%) have vastly lower refolding yields (**Figure 3.1G, Table A 2**). These results together support a model where the I38V and I122L mutations result in a lower probability of correctly folding into active homohexameric enzyme *in vivo*.

Deep mutational scans for AmiE variants

Deep mutational scanning of these variants was performed using a previously developed growth selection²⁵ in media with 10 mM acetamide as the sole nitrogen source. These growth selections required tuning the constitutive amidase expression such that the specific growth rate of variant *i* expressed in *E. coli* MG1655 *rph+* in the selection media relative to that in defined minimal media ($\mu_{s,i}/\mu_{M9,i}$) is 0.4-0.6. However, plasmid pEDA2 used for AmiE WT selections did not support high enough growth rates for the I38V and I122L variants (**Figure 3.1F, Table A 2**). Thus, we screened additional promoters for AmiE I38V and AmiE I122L while maintaining the same 5' UTR and RBS for all constructs in order to minimize potential variant-dependent mRNA effects on fitness (**Table A 5**). Plasmid pAG with a stronger constitutive promoter than pEDA2 supported a growth rate ratio of 0.49 ± 0.03 for AmiE I122L and 0.42 ± 0.02 for AmiE I38V (**Figure 3.1F, Table A 2**). By contrast, pAG AmiE WT had a nearly 2-fold higher growth rate ratio of 0.91 ± 0.04 (**Figure 3.1F, Table A 2**).

Next, we generated near comprehensive single-site saturation mutant libraries using nicking mutagenesis³⁴ (**full library statistics are shown in Table A 6 and Table A 7**). For AmiE I38V mutations at residues 32-44 flanking the site of the disrupting mutation were not constructed, while for AmiE I122L mutations at residues 115-130 and 132 were not made. Plasmids expressing mutant enzyme libraries were electroporated into *E. coli* MG1655 rph⁺ under conditions minimizing double transformants. Then, strains harboring AmiE libraries underwent growth selections in replicate with initial population sizes of $>6 \times 10^6$ cells for approximately 8 generations at 37°C. A biological replicate for AmiE WT covering residues 171-255 was also performed to compare with previous published results²⁵. The pre- and post-selection populations were barcoded and deep sequenced. The resulting data was processed using PACT³⁵ to obtain the relevant fitness metrics for each mutant in the library. The depth of sequencing ranged from 155 to 300-fold coverage for the libraries (**Figure A 8**). In total, we recovered the relative fitness metrics for 93.7% and 91.8% of all possible non-synonymous mutants for AmiE I122L and AmiE I38V, respectively (**Table A 7**).

To estimate reproducibility, we compared the AmiE WT replicate selections performed here with data from an identical selection experiment performed in Wrenbeck et al.²⁵. Correlation coefficients between mutation-specific fitness values in selections are ≥ 0.90 (**Figure A 9**), which is comparable to correlation between replicates performed for this work (AmiE I122L - 0.921; AmiE I38V - 0.952) (**Figure 3.2A**). Additionally, there was essentially no correlation between relative fitness and pre-selection frequency of a given mutant in the library, (WT AmiE – $R = 0.011$, AmiE I122L – $R = 0.026$, AmiE I38V – $R = -0.0376$) (**Figure A 10**) indicating that pre-selection read counts do not bias the fitness metrics obtained.

Distribution of beneficial fitness effects are largely insensitive to initial in vivo protein folding probability

The shape of the distribution of fitness effects (DFE) governs the local protein fitness landscape. Realizing that beneficial mutations are rare, the likelihood of finding beneficial mutations was predicted by Orr³⁶ to follow the Pareto family of distributions. Using the set of beneficial mutations – variants with relative fitness above wild-type under selective media – we were previously able to describe the shape of the DFE for beneficial mutations as exponential with high statistical power²⁵. The new datasets allow us to ask directly whether the shape of DFE changes with respect to enzyme *in vivo* folding probability. Consistent with expectations, all variants have very similar distributions of fitness effects (**Figure 3.2B and Figure A 11**) with a tight range of total possible mutations that are beneficial. For all variants the Pareto family of functions also describes their distributions of beneficial fitness effects (**Table A 8**). Thus, given approximately the same relative fitness, the probability of finding rare beneficial mutations is independent of initial likelihood of native folding.

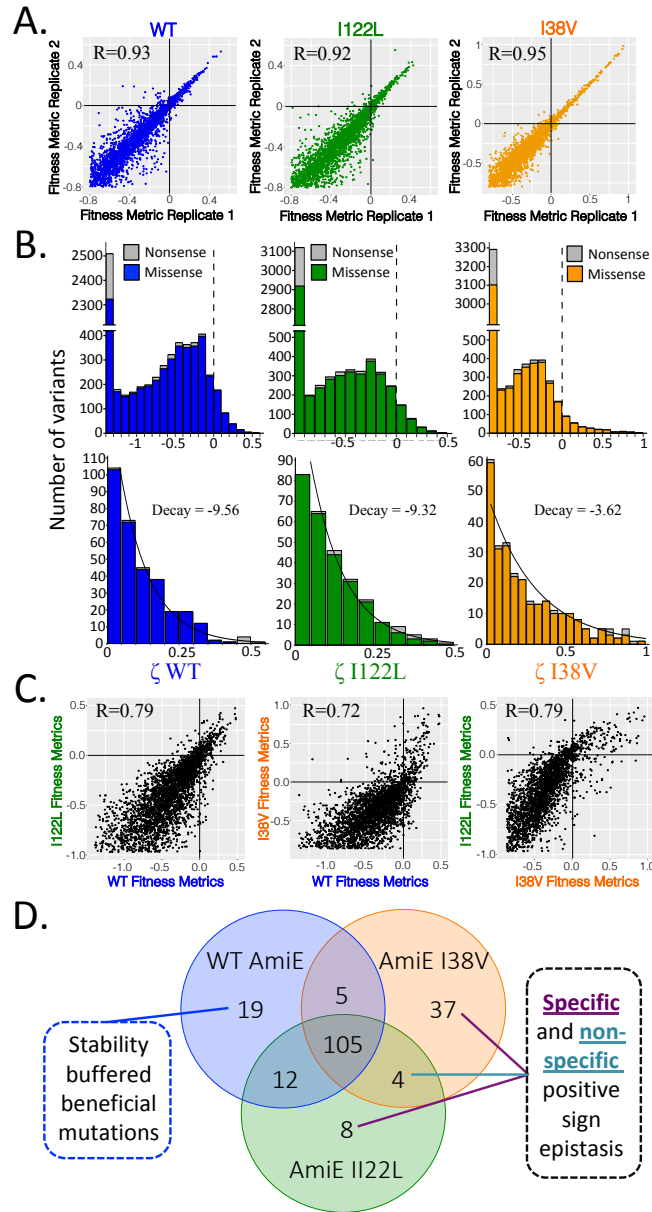


Figure 3.2: Local fitness landscapes are nearly insensitive to initial protein folding probability *in vivo*. A. Correlation between AmiE variant technical replicates. B. Distributions of fitness effects (DFE) of nonsense and missense mutations for the AmiE variants. Upper plots show full DFE, while lower plots include only beneficial mutants with best-fit exponential curve. C. Correlation of fitness between AmiE variants following the combination of replicate datasets and reprocessing using PACT. D. Venn diagram for all unique and shared beneficial mutations for the respective variants.

Moderate epistasis observed with decreasing enzyme in vivo folding probability

How does the local fitness landscape change in response to a single deleterious point-mutation that alters only the *in vivo* folding probability of an enzyme? If mutations were completely additive with the disrupting mutations, we would expect the comparison of the local fitness landscapes for the enzymes to have 1:1 correlations and approach the correlation coefficients found between replicates ($R \sim 0.92$). On the other hand, complete non-additivity of mutations would lead to minimal correlation. We were able to compare 2,813 mutations above the lower bound of relative fitness (45.4% of possible mutations) shared between the three datasets. Pearson's correlation analysis of the DFE finds that the WT local fitness landscape is reasonably correlated with that of the variants (WT vs. I38V $R = 0.72$, WT vs. I122L $R = 0.79$), and this correlation is similar to that between I122L vs. I38V ($R = 0.79$) (**Figure 3.2C**). Notably, these correlation coefficients are lower than for replicates. Furthermore, linear regression best fits show lower slopes between variants than within replicates (**Figure 3.2A and 3.2C**).

Next, we tested for increased negative epistasis in our distribution of fitness effects. We predicted that the greater *in vivo* folding probability of AmiE WT provides a buffering effect, which could temper many deleterious mutations. To test this hypothesis, we generated empirical cumulative distribution functions (ECDF) for the deleterious mutations for each of the three enzymes (**Figure A 12 and Table A 9**). This analysis is limited to the range of deleterious mutations quantitatively captured in our experimental system²³. Within this range, the application of the Kolmogorov-Smirnoff test failed to reject the null hypothesis that the ECDF of AmiE WT is below that of AmiE I38V (**Table A 9**). By the same test, we were unable to discriminate the ECDFs of AmiE WT and AmiE I122L (**Table A 9**). Therefore, AmiE I38V has a greater number of more deleterious mutations than AmiE WT. This indicates that the lower *in*

vivo folding probability of the AmiE I38V background increases the likelihood of negative epistatic effects when compared to the more resilient AmiE WT.

Precise measurements of negative and positive epistasis are complicated by the relatively narrow range of fitness our experimental system captures. However, we can determine the sign of fitness in our datasets with high precision. To evaluate the relative prevalence of sign epistasis, we defined any mutant as beneficial if $\zeta_i > 0$ for both replicates and if $\zeta_i > 0$ within a 95% confidence interval (see **Materials and Methods**). Conversely, we define a mutant as deleterious if $\zeta_i < 0$ for both replicates and if $\zeta_i < 0$ within a 95% confidence interval. We used these cutoffs to sort beneficial variants into the seven possible fitness bins (**Figure 3.2D**). Using a stricter requirement - that beneficial mutants are defined as those with a $\geq 10\%$ increase in specific growth rate over the genetic background - leads to similar results (**Figure A 13**).

Most beneficial mutations in the WT background are shared

Previous studies found that stable proteins can buffer destabilizing mutations that are otherwise beneficial^{37,38}. We are able to assess the extent of this phenomenon in our datasets. We find that 122/141 (86.5%) of beneficial mutations in the WT background are also beneficial in the I38V and/or the I122L genetic background (**Figure 3.2D**). Of these, six globally beneficial mutations (S9A, A28R, R89E, I165C, V201M, A234M) have been previously characterized biophysically²⁵ and are known to improve specific amidase flux under the selection conditions of 10 mM acetamide at 37°C. Conversely, only 19 of 141 beneficial mutations (13.5%) are specific in the WT background (**Figure 3.2D**). Therefore, beneficial mutations that are buffered in the stable background are present but in the minority.

The 19 WT-specific beneficial mutations map to two predominant locations: eleven (G291C, L297H, D311C, E320A, S325Y/T/C, 326Y/H, R336L, G341Y; **Figure 3.3A**) are at the extreme C-terminus that creates extensive homodimer contacts, while four (M72T, E74G, A78H, E82I; **Figure 3.3A**) are located on helix B and helix C distal to any oligomeric contacts in the homohexamer. The majority of the C-terminal mutations are adjacent to the homodimerization interface, which we speculate could lead to subtle structural rearrangements in the AmiE active site. Probable mechanisms behind the helix B/C mutations are more obscure as three of these mutations are at surface exposed positions over 10 Å away from any active site residue. We note that active site-induced effects may still be quite strong even this far away^{14,25,39-41}. Regardless of the exact mechanisms, these findings indicate localized regions where small-scale mutational perturbations lead to increased fitness in a more stable genetic background.

To avoid information loss from the simple categorical separation of mutations into bins, normalized linear regression analysis was performed on correlation plots for the beneficial mutations shared in all backgrounds, in which the best-fit linear regression for the respective correlation plots was determined and normalized such that $Y = 1X + 0$ (**Figure A 14**). In these correlation plots the mutational effects are highly disperse and widely deviate from the predicted fitness metric function for non-epistatic mutational combinations. The regression normalized AmiE I38V (**Figure A 14A**) and AmiE I122L (**Figure A 14B**) datasets compared with WT both show decreased correlations (AmiE I38V Pearson's $R = 0.62$; AmiE I122L Pearson's $R = 0.66$) compared to within replicates (Pearson's $R > 0.92$). These distributions indicate that both classes of epistatic effects are present and imposing large impacts on this population of beneficial mutations.

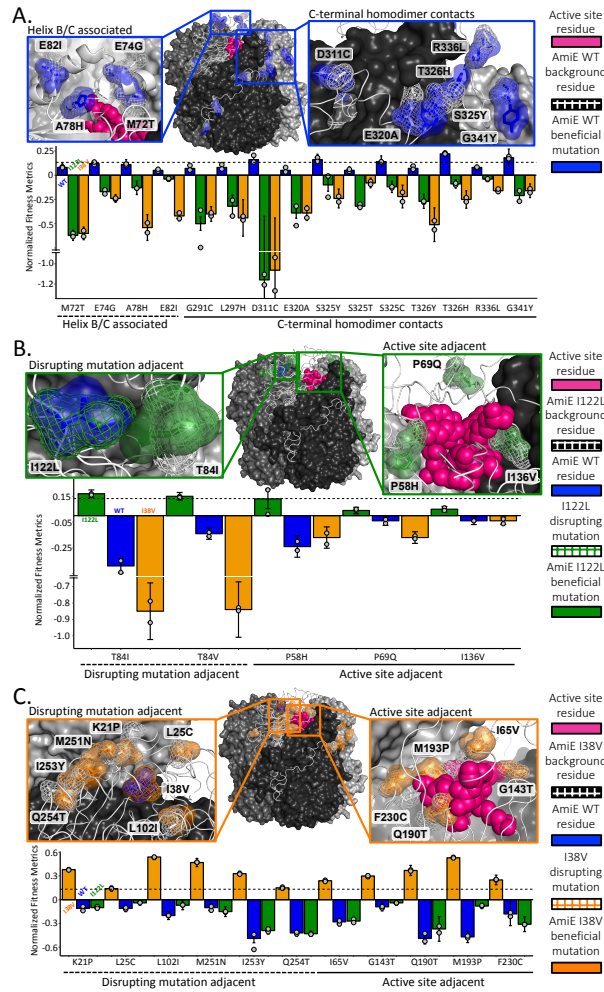


Figure 3.3: Positive sign epistatic mutations are spatially segregated and specific. A-C. Bar graphs of fitness metrics. Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals calculated from Poisson errors inherent in deep sequencing (Klesmith et al. 2015), while grey dots are fitness metric for each replicate. Horizontal dotted lines represent the cutoff value for mutations that increase the growth rate by $\geq 10\%$. Models show: trimer of dimers (wire + surface models), background residues for a respective enzyme (white mesh + sticks), the active site residues (magenta spheres), and where applicable the original mutation (green or orange mesh + sticks). In AmiE I122L and AmiE I38V the unique beneficial mutations tend to cluster around the disrupting mutations or near the active site. A. AmiE WT unique beneficial mutations are located at the C-terminal tail or in the B/C helices. B. Location of AmiE I122L unique beneficial mutations segregate to either positions adjacent to position 122 (T84I/V) or adjacent to the active site. C. Locations of a subset of AmiE I38V unique beneficial mutations. In B and C the blue transparent surface with sticks represents the residue in AmiE WT, and green or orange transparent surfaces with sticks represent respective unique beneficial mutations.

Positive sign epistasis is overwhelmingly specific

Our datasets allow direct comparisons between the prevalence of specific and nonspecific epistasis in a folding impaired background. Contrary to previous literature on different model proteins^{2,15,38, 42-45}, we find that specific reciprocal positive sign epistatic mutations dominate nonspecific mutations in the I38V and I122L backgrounds. In particular, we find 8 specific – unique beneficial – mutations for AmiE I122L and 37 specific mutations for AmiE I38V, compared with only 4 nonspecific – shared beneficial – mutations (**Figure 3.2D and 3.3B-C**). Analysis of the locations of the unique mutations in the structures of AmiE I122L and AmiE I38V suggest biophysical interpretations of their epistatic mechanism. For AmiE I122L the strongest specific mutations T84I/V directly contact 122L (**Figure 3.3B**), while similar mutations (K21P, L25C, L102I, M251N, I253Y, Q254T) occur on loops adjacent to I38V (**Figure 3.3C**). Other specific mutations line the enzyme active site. For AmiE I122L (**Figure 3.3B**) there are three (P58H, P69Q, I136V), while in AmiE I38V (**Figure 3.3C**) there are five (I65V, G143T, Q190T, M193P, F230C). Notably, since our datasets do not include immediately adjacent mutations for I38V and I122L, the extent of specific positive sign epistasis is probably underestimated.

A plurality of unique beneficial mutations is codon-dependent

Fitness conferred by a weak-link enzymes depends on intrinsic protein biophysics but also on mRNA sequence-dependent effects. Perhaps the best appreciated of these are synonymous mutations in the first ten codons of a polypeptide because they can substantially alter mRNA stability and access to the ribosome binding sites in bacteria^{25,46}. Additionally, synonymous codons can differentially affect cotranslational folding⁴⁷ and impact fitness. Here

we mapped the variance between synonymous codons encoding beneficial missense mutations (Figure 3.4A). For all three variants, the majority of high variance codons occur in the first 10 codons, as expected (Figure A 15A). However, there were localized punctae of high variance at several downstream positions for both WT and I38V datasets corroborated in replicate measurements. While overall variance in beneficial synonymous codons is weakly or not statistically significant among datasets (Figure A 15B), contingency table analysis of synonymous codon fitness disparities for the unique and shared beneficial mutations finds correlation with unique beneficial mutations in the WT and I38V backgrounds (WT p-value = 2.5×10^{-8} , I122L p-value = 0.053, I38V p-value = 0.00017; 2-tailed Fisher exact probability test)

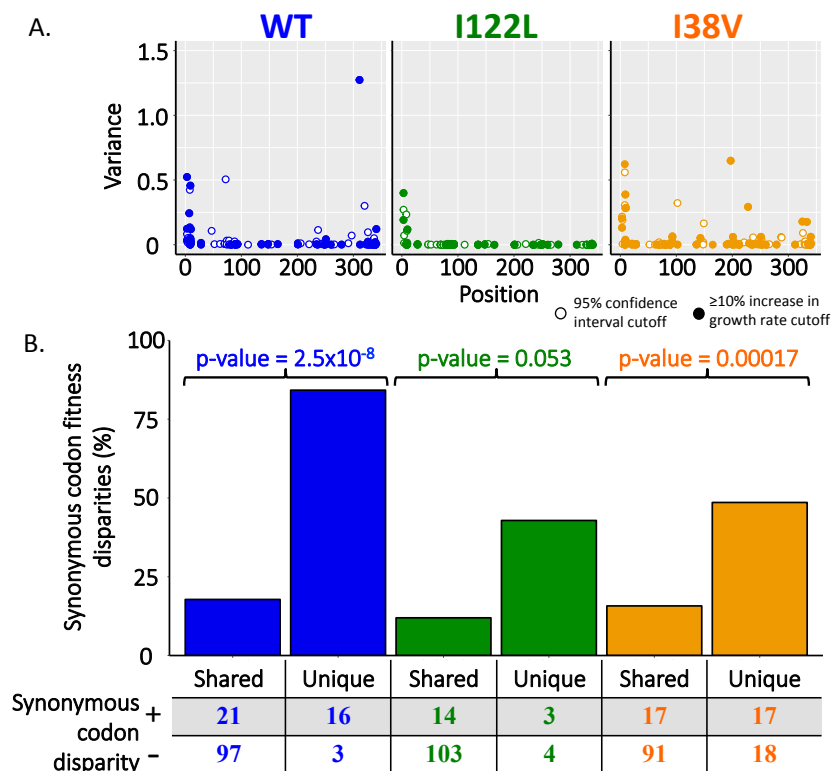


Figure 3.4: Unique beneficial mutations have high percentages of synonymous codon fitness disparities. A. Variance of fitness metrics for synonymous codons of beneficial mutations as a function of position in the primary sequence. B. Percentage of shared and unique beneficial mutations with synonymous codon fitness metric disparities. p-values reported are from contingency table analysis with 2-tailed Fisher exact probability test.

(**Figure 3.4B**). In fact, the vast majority of WT (84.2%) - and many of the I122L (42.8%) and I38V (48.6%) - unique beneficial mutations have synonymous codon fitness sign disparities (**Figure 3.4B**). This indicates that transcriptional-translational effects impose significant evolutionary constraints.

Discussion

In this study we used deep mutational scanning to analyze how the probability of attaining the folded, active state impacts local fitness landscapes. AmiE I38V and AmiE I122L were designed and validated to have identical catalytic parameters to WT but have a lower probability of folding under selection conditions. We found that the DFE for both variants was largely similar to the AmiE WT, and that most fitness-enhancing mutations are shared. However, there were two major surprises found when analyzing the set of mutations exhibiting positive sign epistasis.

First, we expected there to be a larger subset of beneficial mutations shared only between the I122L and I38V datasets, as current models of stability-induced epistasis posit that many nonspecific globally-distributed mutations can improve the probability of folding³. In contrast, we found that sign epistatic mutations were overwhelmingly specific for the I122L and I38V backgrounds. It is possible that beneficial non-specific sign epistatic mutations are the minority because of the alterations to in vivo expression that are required for the deep mutational scans. In the non-promoter tuned *E. coli* the impaired enzymes provide very weak cell growth. It is possible that non-specific epistatic effects may have arisen to be equivalent with, or dominant to, specific epistatic phenomenon if experiments could be performed without increasing the in vivo expression of the impaired enzymes. A limitation of our deep mutational scanning experiments is

that cell growth must be proportional to enzyme function and must operate within a window of growth rate ratios²³. This requires increased in vivo expression of the impaired enzymes. By increasing the in vivo expression it is possible that the selective advantages that the non-specific mutations might possess could be dampened. Alternatively, the protein folding pathway for homohexameric AmiE in *E. coli* is potentially much more complicated than model systems of monomeric, single domain proteins that have built much of the current intuition about stability and epistasis. Therefore, the sparsity of non-specific beneficial mutations could be an artifact of our experimental system. These considerations also may explain the lack of a neutral peak for fitness expected from previous theoretical⁴⁸ and experimental⁴⁹ datasets on other proteins. More careful measurements on a wider array of oligomeric proteins should resolve this seeming contradiction.

As a second surprise, we found that unique beneficial mutations strongly depend on codon choice, as approximately 50% of sign epistatic mutations in the I38V background show sign disparities. We speculate that this unexpected result arises from the complicated co-translational folding in vivo of the homohexameric AmiE. Local, specific nonsynonymous mutations may recover on-target folding trajectories more efficiently than nonspecific, globally stabilizing mutations. Similarly, on-pathway folding kinetics may differ considerably between variants, which can be selectively modulated by codon choice^{50,51}. As an alternative explanation, Kudla and colleagues recently report that synonymous codons can exert fitness effects through RNA toxicity itself⁵² through an unknown mechanism.

While we were able to determine that both I122L and I38V mutations decrease the probability of active AmiE expression at 37°C, we were unable to measure the relative stability of the monomeric proteins. For the thermodynamic studies, AmiE aggregated under most

conditions, and where suitable conditions were found the lack of an isosbestic point hampered analysis. The thermal melts showed a single transition, most likely due to the hexameric dissociation. Lowering the AmiE concentration supported monomer formation at 25°C but yielded too weak a signal for analysis of monomer thermal stability. CD melts at low AmiE concentrations did show a modest but significant decrease in T_m in the variants relative to WT. Nevertheless, our results show that simple biophysical models currently used to model protein evolution are incomplete and that biophysical models may need to use kinetic models to account for the folding probability *in vivo*.

Materials and methods

Reagents

All antibiotics were purchased from GoldBio and all purchased enzymes were from New England Biolabs. All other chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Primers and mutagenic oligos were purchased from Integrated DNA Technologies and were designed using either Benchling (www.benchling.com) or the Agilent QuikChange Primer Design Program (www.agilent.com).

Computational design of folding impaired mutants

The FilterScan Rosetta script²⁶ was modified to predict mutations that would decrease thermodynamic stability without altering catalytic efficiency. The structural coordinates for AmiE⁵³ (PDB: 2UXY, 341 residues per monomer) were taken from the Protein Data Bank and prepped for use in Rosetta scripts through the ‘clean_pdb_keep_ligand.py’ script released with Rosetta 3⁵⁴. The crystal structure data was refined through the “refine.xml” Rosetta scripts

(unaltered) from Goldenzweig et al.²⁶. To avoid impacting catalytic efficiency residues within 8 Å of the active site were excluded from the FilterScan protocol. Additionally, surface residues were predicted and excluded from computational testing to avoid disturbing the native homo-hexameric state. The FilterScan script was modified to remove the input from the position specific scoring matrix (PSSM) evolutionary conservation term. Mutants with scores that predicted destabilization of the enzyme and were also shown to decrease relative fitness in a previous study²⁴ were selected for biophysical analysis.

Plasmid construction

The variants selected for biophysical analysis were constructed by mutating the AmiE WT sequence using the single mutation protocol of Nicking Mutagenesis³⁴. The pEDA3 constitutive expression plasmid from Wrenbeck et al.³⁴ was used as the vector for the mutagenesis. Variants were subcloned from the pEDA3 background into protein expression plasmid pET-29b(+) (Novagen) or into the constitutive expression plasmid pEDA2²⁵ at *NdeI* and *XhoI* sites using classic restriction cloning. Plasmid pAG was constructed by mutating the -10 and -35 promoter regions of the pEDA3 plasmid using the multi-site nicking mutagenesis protocol from Wrenbeck et al.³⁴. Following mutagenesis, the mutant promoter libraries were transformed into the *E. coli* growth selection strain MG1655 rph+ [F- λ-] (Coli Genetic Stock Center #7925, CGSC strain designation: BW30270). All AmiE variant DNA and protein sequences are listed in **Supplementary Notes A 1 and 2**.

Near comprehensive single-site mutant library construction

Near comprehensive mutant libraries for AmiE I38V and AmiE I122L were constructed using the comprehensive nicking mutagenesis protocol from Wrenbeck et al.³⁴. The genes for both impaired enzymes were broken into the following tiles: tile 1 (residues 1-85), tile 2 (residues 86-170), tile 3 (residues 171-255), and tile 4 (residues 256-341) in pAG. For AmiE I38V 13 residues were excluded from mutagenesis (residues 32-44), while for AmiE I122L 17 residues were excluded from mutagenesis (residues 115-130 and 132). Nicking mutagenesis products were amplified and purified as in Klesmith et al.²⁴. 10 ng each of the respective DNA libraries was transformed into *E. coli* MG1655 *rph+* by electroporation performed with either a 1 mm electroporation cuvette at 1200 V (AmiE I122L; AmiE WT), or a 2 mm electroporation cuvette at 1600 V (AmiE I38V) using an Eppendorf Eporator. All experimental and control libraries were transformed into the selection strain with greater numbers than that required for theoretical complete library coverage (**Table A 6**). The transformation procedure for the selection strain was optimized to minimize double plasmid transformants as described in Kowalsky et al.²³. -80°C freezer cell stocks of the libraries were prepared as detailed in Klesmith et al.²⁴.

Protein expression and purification

pET29(b) constructs harboring genes encoding AmiE variants were transformed into *E. coli* BL21*(DE3) cells (Invitrogen) and expressed using Studier auto-induction³³ at 22°C for 16-18 hours. Cultures were pelleted and frozen at -80°C. Proteins were purified from cell pellets by Ni-NTA affinity chromatography exactly as described in Klesmith et al.²⁴. Purified enzymes were desalted into phosphate buffered saline (PBS; 10 mM Na₂HPO₄, 1.8 mM KH₂PO₄, 2.7 mM

KCl, 137 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) using disposable PD-10 desalting columns (GE Healthcare), sterilized through a 0.22 μm syringe filter, and stored at 4°C until analysis. Purified enzymes showed as a single band by SDS-PAGE (**Figure A 16**). Purified enzyme solutions were quantified using the absorbance at 280 nm in 1x PBS using a published⁵⁵ theoretical A_{280} molar extinction coefficient of 56,980 $\text{M}^{-1} \text{cm}^{-1}$.

For quantitative comparison of purified product yields under the T7 promoter system in BL21* *E. coli*, slight alterations to the above induction scheme were used. For this analysis induction cultures were always started at an OD_{600} of 0.005 from 1 mL LB + 50 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ kanamycin cultures grown at 37°C overnight. Next, 500 mL induction cultures were inoculated at an OD_{600} of 0.005 with the overnight cultures and grown at 37°C with shaking at 250x rpm for 6 hours, and following this growth step cultures were moved to 22°C and induced for ~17 hours. Induction cultures were then pelleted and the wet cell weights of the pellets recorded. Cultures were then purified, desalted, and quantified as described above.

Biophysical analysis of proteins

Analysis of the growth rates of the AmiE variants in the respective constitutive expression plasmids in MG1655 rph+ *E. coli* were performed exactly as in Wrenbeck et al.²⁵. Assessment of the oligomeric state of the purified enzymes was performed using SEC-FPLC. Approximately 3 mL of 30 μM of the purified enzymes in PBS were run on an AKTA-FPLC system at 1 mL/min on an HiLoad 16/600 Superdex 200 column equilibrated with PBS. Enzyme kinetics (K_M and k_{cat}) was determined via phenol-alkaline hypochlorite end-point activity assays exactly as in Wrenbeck et al.²⁵. Kinetic analysis of purified WT and folding impaired AmiE variants was performed within 6 days of purification.

To test for an isosbestic point the AmiE variants were denatured in guanidinium-HCl (GDN-HCl) and native tryptophan fluorescence was detected. Purified AmiE WT was diluted to 52 μ M in increasing amounts of ice cold GDN-HCl (0 – 4 M) in PBS with 1 mM DTT and mixed gently. 200 μ L of the denaturation mixtures were placed into opaque black 96 well plates and covered with optical film. Plates containing the samples were incubated at 4°C for 8 hours. Next, the native tryptophan fluorescence was measured in uncovered plates using an excitation of 290nm and emission of was detected over a range of wavelengths: 310 nm – 370 nm. This lack of an isosbestic point indicates an unfolding model that is more complex than a two-state model, presumably because of monomer folding and homohexamer association.

Thermal shift analysis was performed exactly as described in Wrenbeck et al.²⁵ with incubations for 2.5 hours at 25°C prior to addition of the dye and initiation of the thermal shift assays; the data was processed as in Huynh et al.⁵⁶. In brief 10, 5, 2.5, 1, 0.5, and 0.25 μ M purified AmiE in 1x PBS was incubated at 25°C for 2.5 hours. Next, the samples had 5 μ L of 200x SYPRO-orange dye (Life Technologies) added to 45 μ L of the diluted enzymes in 0.1 mL MicroAmp[®] 96-Well Reaction Plate (Life Technologies) and covered with MicroAmp[™] optical film (Life Technologies). Thermal melt analysis was performed in a QuantStudio 6 Flex RT-PCR device (ThermoFisher). The melt ranged from 25°C to 98°C with 1°C change per minute and with a 2 minute incubation at the first and last temperatures. Thermal melt analysis with circular dichroism, and the far-UV spectral analysis of the folded and unfolded enzymes, was performed on a Chirascan plus spectrophotometer (Applied Photophysics). Purified AmiE was buffer exchanged into 10 mM phosphate buffer pH 7.5 using PD-10 desalting columns (GE Healthcare) approximately 24 hours prior to analysis and stored at 4°C. 1 μ M samples were diluted in the 10 mM phosphate buffer and stored in a 25°C water bath for at least 12 hours prior

to analysis. Prior to initiating the thermal melt analysis circular dichroism spectra were obtained from 180 nm to 260 nm at either 15°C (10 μ M samples) or at 25°C (1 μ M samples) in a 0.5 mm cuvette with 0.5 seconds per-time-point. Thermal melt analysis of the 1 μ M samples started at 25°C and ramped to 95°C at a rate of 1°C/min with 0.5°C steps and a tolerance of 0.2°C. Signal at a wavelength of 222 nm was measured every 24 seconds throughout the melt. After the samples had reached the maximum temperature, the far-UV spectra were measured as before but with the temperature set at 95°C for all samples. Following circular dichroism analysis the obtained spectra were adjusted for their respective buffer blanks and smoothed using the Savitsky-Golay filter. The Window Size of the Savitsky-Golay filter was set to 14 for smoothing all buffer blanks prior to adjusting the sample spectra, and to 6 when smoothing the adjusted sample spectra. Finally, the obtained data was converted to Mean Residue Ellipticities (millideg * cm² * dmol⁻¹) prior to curve fitting. Boltzmann curve fitting was performed to determine the apparent T_m for both thermal melt experiments using GraphPad Prism (www.graphpad.com).

To assess relative activity of the refolded enzymes, enzymes were first denatured in ice cold 3 M GDN-HCl in PBS supplemented with 1 mM DTT for 16 hours at 4°C at a final concentration of 50 μ M. The solution was then diluted 50-fold into PBS with 1 mM DTT and 0.1% (w/v) BSA at 4°C in 96-well PCR plates that had been blocked with 1% (w/v) BSA in PBS for 1 hour at 37°C, resulting in a total protein concentration of 1 μ M. Refolding mixtures were then incubated at 4°C for 5 minutes, and warmed to 37°C over 4.5 minutes. Samples were then held at 37°C for 20 minutes and then cooled to 4°C and held there until assaying. Immediately prior to assaying, samples were diluted in fresh ice-cold PBS with 1 mM DTT to ensure linearity in the activity assays. Enzymes were assayed using the phenol-alkaline hypochlorite end-point assay with 20 mM acetamide as the substrate. As a control, enzymes went through the same steps

as above except without initial GDN-HCl denaturation. The percent activity of the refolded enzyme was determined relative to the control sample. Two biological replicates were performed for all reactions. Refolding experiments were performed within 7 days of purification of the enzymes from the pellets.

Growth selections

Growth selections were performed exactly as in Wrenbeck et al.²⁵. Briefly, starter cultures were grown overnight in the non-selective media (M9 minimal media: 47.6 mM Na₂HPO₄, 22 mM KH₂PO₄, 8.54 mM NaCl, 18.68 mM NH₄Cl, 50 µg/mL carbenicillin, pH 7.0) and the following day the cells were washed in ice-cold M9 salt solution without ammonium chloride. Next, 3 mL of non-selective or selective media (M9 minimal media without ammonium chloride supplemented with 10 mM acetamide) was inoculated with the washed cells at an initial OD₆₀₀ = 0.02 (~6x10⁶ cells) in Hungate tubes. Cultures were grown at 37°C with shaking at 250x rpm for approximately 8 generations. Continuous exponential growth was ensured by harvesting cells after the first 4 generations and re-inoculating with 3 mL fresh media + antibiotic at OD₆₀₀ = 0.02 prior to growth for the final 4 generations. Following 8 generations of growth the cells were stored and plasmid DNA extracted as in Klesmith et al.²⁴. Unique selections started from the same unselected overnight culture were performed as replicates. To evaluate reproducibility between growth selections performed here and previous work performed on AmiE WT²⁵, a deep mutational scan of residues 171-255 in AmiE WT was performed in parallel to each growth selection performed in the present work.

Deep mutational scanning

AmiE variant DNA collected from the pre- and post-selection libraries was prepared for 300 BP paired end Illumina MiSeq sequencing as in Kowalsky et al.²³. Primers used in the PCR reactions in preparation for Illumina sequencing are listed in (**Table A 10**). Sequencing of the variants was performed at the University of Illinois Chicago sequencing core. AmiE WT deep mutational scanning unprocessed sequencing results from Wrenbeck et al.²⁵ were downloaded from the SRA. Respective technical, and biological, replicates were processed independently. Regression analysis between the three starting points were performed by combining replicates within each variant. All data was processed using PACT³⁵ with the following changes from the default options entered into the configuration file: fast_filter_translate: qaverage = 20, and qlimit = 0; enrichment: ref_count_threshold = 5, sel_count_threshold = 0, strict_count_threshold = True. Normalized fitness metrics (ζ_i) were calculated by PACT as outlined in Kowalsky et al.²³. To summarize, PACT calculates an enrichment ratio (ϵ_i) for mutations by assessing the pre- and post-selection counts of each mutant:

$$\epsilon_i = \log_2\left(\frac{f_{fi}}{f_{oi}}\right) \quad (2)$$

Where f_{fi} is the frequency of mutant i in the post-selection population and f_{oi} is the frequency in the pre-selection population. The normalized fitness metric for each mutant i (ζ_i) was next calculated using the population-averaged number of doublings during selection (g_p) and the enrichment ratios of the mutant (ϵ_i) and the unmutated starting variant (ϵ_{ref}):

$$\zeta_i = \log_2\left(\frac{\left(\frac{\epsilon_i}{g_p}\right) + 1}{\left(\frac{\epsilon_{ref}}{g_p}\right) + 1}\right) \quad (3)$$

Lower bound fitness metrics - the cut-off below which fitness metrics cannot be discriminated from one another - were calculated as in Wrenbeck et al.²⁵ by using the median

read count for the pre-selection library and other statistics produced by PACT (**Figure A 8**). Lower fitness metrics were calculated to be: -1.38 for AmiE WT, -0.97 for AmiE I122L, and -0.86 for AmiE I38V.

AmiE I122L had seven outlier mutations removed because the difference in fitness metrics between replicates was greater than the 99.977% confidence intervals determined from sequencing depth of coverage (**Figure A 17**). No other mutants were removed from any of the datasets.

To account for global differences in fitness effects, we also generated normalized scatter plots for globally beneficial mutations. For each pairing of protein variants with AmiE WT (WT/I38V, WT/I122L), we performed a linear regression with the fitness of the first variant as the independent variable and the fitness of the second variant as the dependent variable. We then inverted the linear transformation obtained and applied it to the second fitness. Specifically, if the fitness of the second variant Y was modeled as $Y = mX + B$, then the normalized fitness $\hat{Y}$ was computed as $(Y-B)/m$. Thus, after normalization, the least-squares regression associated with each pairwise plot has a slope of one and an intercept of zero.

Data availability

Raw sequencing reads have been deposited in the Sequencing Read Archive (SRA [SAMN11258744 – SAMN11258771](#)). The processed data sets are available in **Figures A 18 -20** and in **Tables A 11 – 20**. The AmiE I38V pAG and AmiE I122L pAG plasmids used in mutant library generation have been deposited in Addgene (Addgene ID: 129791 and 129792), while the AmiE WT base construct modified in Wrenbeck et al.²⁵ was previously deposited in Bienick et al.⁵⁵ (Addgene ID: 59837).

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CHAPTER 4

Saturation mutagenesis genome engineering of infective Φ X174 bacteriophage via unamplified oligo pools and golden gate assembly

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Abstract

Here we present the first steps in the preparation of a novel protocol for the construction of saturation single-site - and massive multi-site - mutant libraries of a bacteriophage. We segmented the Φ X174 genome into 15 non-toxic and non-replicative fragments compatible with golden gate assembly. We next used nicking mutagenesis with oligonucleotides prepared from unamplified oligo pools with individual segments as templates to prepare near-comprehensive single-site mutagenesis libraries of genes encoding the F capsid protein (421 amino acids scanned) and G spike protein (172 amino acids scanned). Libraries possessed greater than 99% of all 11,860 programmed mutations. Golden Gate cloning was then used to assemble the complete Φ X174 mutant genome libraries, and libraries transformed into *E. coli* C were infective. This protocol will expand reverse genetics experiments possible for studying viral evolution and, with some modifications, can be applied for engineering of therapeutically relevant bacteriophages with larger genomes.

Introduction

Predicting the tempo and trajectory of evolutionary change in the complex environments encountered by viruses and bacteria remains a challenge¹⁻³. Understanding such changes are important for fundamental evolutionary studies as well as biotechnology applications like phage therapy for multi-drug resistant bacteria⁴. Two obstacles preventing better predictions are the oversimplification of the environment in experimental evolution studies compared to wild conditions and the vast number of possible mutational combinations that can occur, even in short adaptive walks and small genomes. Advances in DNA sequencing and synthesis have opened new ways to study microbial evolution and overcome some of these obstacles^{5,6}. Unfortunately, suitable methods do not exist for generating comprehensive bacteriophage mutant libraries. This technology gap hinders those seeking to engineer phage for biotechnological applications and for those seeking a deeper understanding of how viruses evolve.

Methods for genetically engineering phages have recently been reviewed⁷ and commonly involve homologous recombination and recombineering. While such approaches can be improved by clever incorporation of CRISPR-Cas systems⁸⁻¹⁰, the overall modest efficiencies largely limits mutagenesis to the generation and single-site mutation of chimeric genomes^{11,12}, gene deletions¹³, and limited multi-site mutagenesis¹⁴. By contrast, human viruses often have reverse genetics systems in place where comprehensive mutant libraries can be prepared for single genes¹⁵ or regions within a gene^{16,17} using replicative plasmids that encode whole viruses or viral components. Similarly, deep mutational scanning can be performed on plasmid-encoded phage proteins like the MS2 capsid protein¹⁸.

Advances in the technologies for generating mutant libraries, synthesizing DNA, and for assembly of large DNA fragments¹⁹ potentially allow for the facile construction and assembly of

user-defined mutagenesis of long nucleic acids. Nicking mutagenesis (NM) can be used to construct comprehensive single-site or other user-defined mutant libraries²⁰ using plasmid dsDNA as a template. In NM an oligo encodes the desired mutations by mismatch with the parental template. Recently, on-chip ink-jet printed oligo pools have been integrated into NM²¹, so one can now construct heterogeneous libraries of oligos that contain tens to hundreds of thousands of high fidelity, unique sequences^{21,22} with a low per base pair cost.

We wondered whether combining the advantages of replicative plasmids with advances in DNA synthesis and mutagenesis would allow us to create large user-defined libraries of bacteriophages. As a model bacteriophage system we selected Φ X174 because it has been extensively studied²³⁻²⁶, has high resolution X-ray crystallography structures of the capsid and spike proteins^{27,28}, and has a very small genome²⁹ of 5386 nucleotides. These attractive features have led to proof-of-principle demonstrations from other groups for synthetic genome assembly from oligonucleotides³⁰ and complete refactoring of the phage³¹. This method combines Golden Gate assembly, nicking mutagenesis, and oligo pool technology to construct near comprehensive single-site and expansive multisite mutant libraries for the genes encoding the entire capsid F protein and spike G protein of the bacteriophage Φ X174. To our knowledge this is the first time near comprehensive single site mutant libraries of full capsid and spike proteins have been generated for an infective bacteriophage.

Results

Our strategy for generating large user-defined mutagenesis libraries of bacteriophage Φ X174 is shown in **Figure 4.1**. The circular 5386 nucleotide genome compactly encodes 11 genes where the F gene encodes a capsid and G encodes the spike protein (**Figure 4.1A**). The

genome was segmented onto 15 separate plasmids, including 3 plasmids for the F gene and 2 for the G gene (**Figure 4.1B**). User-defined comprehensive mutations on F and G were encoded using nicking mutagenesis with a single unamplified oligo pool containing all 11,860 mutagenic oligonucleotides (**Figure 4.1C**). Φ X174 mutant genomes are to be reconstituted from individual plasmids using Golden Gate cloning and transformed into a host *E. coli* strain (**Figure 4.1D**). Harvested phages will contain single or double non-synonymous mutations in the F and G genes depending on the mutagenized segments used for Golden Gate cloning (**Figure 4.1E**).

We first sought a reverse genetics system for Φ X174 wherein the virus chromosome was segmented and encoded on individual plasmids. Our method of construction closely followed that for the assembly of human coronavirus³² NL63, where each plasmid contained unique BsmB1 type IIS restriction endonuclease sites flanking unique five nucleotide overlaps of wild-type (WT) Φ X174 sequence. This architecture allows for faithful assembly of the complete genome via Golden Gate cloning. However, as plasmids are replicated in *E. coli*, which Φ X174 naturally infects, the Φ X174 chromosome was encoded into 15 separate nontoxic plasmids where genes were separated

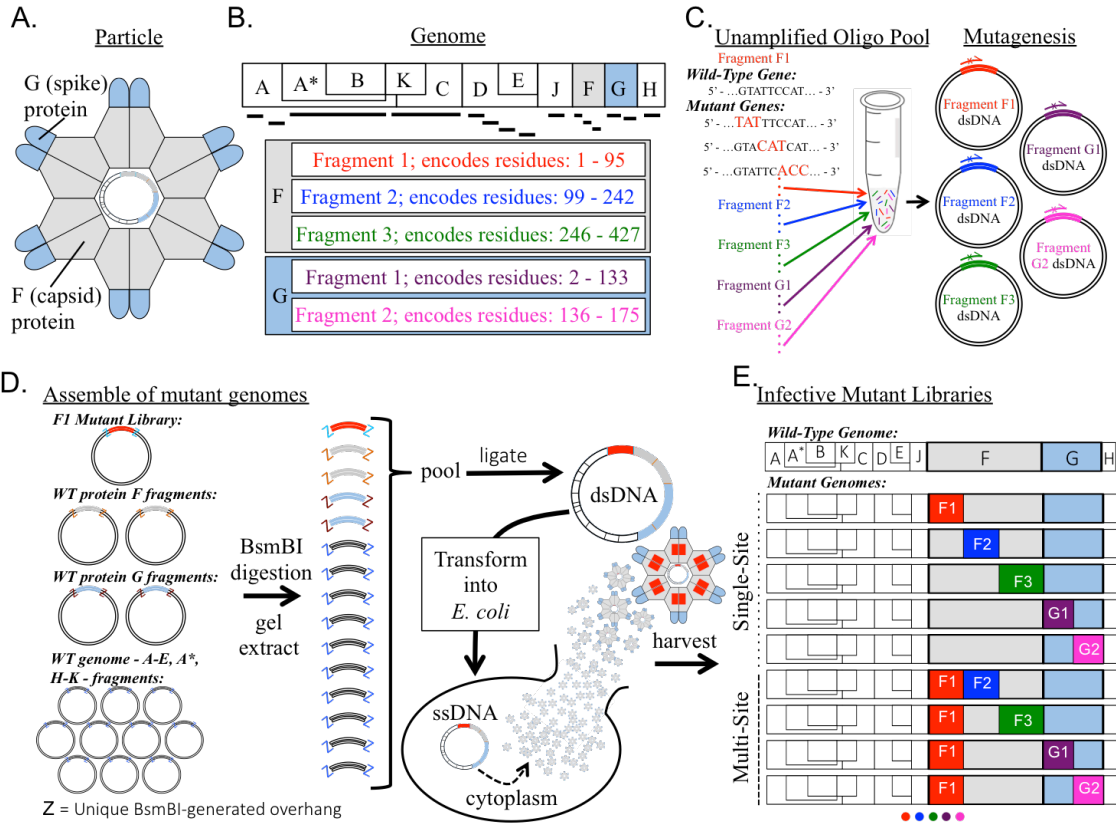


Figure 4.1: ΦX174 mutant library assembly. A. Anatomy of the viral external surface. B. A linear schematic of the circular ΦX174 ssDNA genome. Black lines delineate portions of the virus encoded on each of the 15 replicative plasmids. C. An unamplified oligo pool, containing all user-defined mutagenic oligonucleotides for F and G genes, was created and stored as a single mixture. This primer set was used in nicking mutagenesis for the generation of single-site saturation mutant libraries of genes encoding F and G proteins. D. Golden Gate cloning was used to assemble the mutant genomes. The dsDNA genome was transformed into *E. coli* and allowed a single burst phase. The resulting phage particles were collected and sequenced using SMRT sequencing. E. Linear schematics of the single site mutant libraries and some of the possible multi-site mutant libraries.

from their promoters and larger genes were segmented (full sequences for all plasmid inserts are given in **Note B 4.1**). ΦX174 phage could be reconstituted by digesting all plasmids with BsmB1, ligating inserts overnight, and transforming into electrocompetent *E. coli* C cells. Following incubation, phage plaques were tabulated. Sequencing of the genome showed that the recombinant phage encoded the intended sequence.

The F and G genes were targeted for saturation mutagenesis. We chose to introduce mutations by nicking mutagenesis, which requires the presence of a unique BbvCI nicking site on the dsDNA plasmid. The F gene plasmid F3 encoding residues 246-427 of the F gene product contained a unique BbvCI sequence, while the remaining four plasmids (F1, F2, G1, G2) required introduction of BbvCI nicking sites in the vector backbone. The presence in each plasmid of the unique BbvCI nicking site was verified with the successful generation of circular ssDNA from the modified plasmids by BbvCI.Nt and exonuclease digestion (**Figure B 1**).

In nicking mutagenesis, desired mutations are encoded through libraries of mutagenic oligonucleotides, which can be sourced from unamplified oligo pools²¹. We custom synthesized a single oligo pool containing 11,840 oligos encoding nearly every non-synonymous single mutation in the F and G genes. Application of nicking mutagenesis using this same oligo pool for different plasmids (F1, F2, F3, G1, G2) resulted in at least 14-fold excess transformants required for 99.9% theoretical coverage of the desired library (**Table B 1**). The diversity of the mutant libraries was validated using deep sequencing on an Illumina MiSeq platform and all libraries were found to have >99% coverage of all possible single mutations (full library statistics are given in **Table 4.1**).

Table 4.1: Mutant library NGS statistics. Summary table of the of the libraries prior to viral genome assembly.

Fragment	F1	F2		F3		G1		G2
Tile Number	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1
Residues	1-95	99-157	158-242	246-336	337-427	2-53	55-133	136-175
Sequencing reads post quality filter	1163959	681935	1714460	800377	757177	747800	969275	813221
Fold oversampling of codon combinations	441.1	499.8	851	364.8	345.1	632.8	517.6	821.9
Percent of reads with:								
No nonsynonymous mutations	23.0%	63.3%	52.3%	54.0%	55.0%	68.3%	48.8%	25.2%
One nonsynonymous mutation	52.6%	27.5%	36.3%	33.1%	32.1%	24.1%	39.8%	59.7%
Multiple nonsynonymous mutation	24.4%	9.2%	11.3%	12.9%	12.8%	7.6%	11.4%	15.1%
Coverage of possible single nonsynonymous mutations	100%	100%	99.8%	100%	99.9%	99.6%	100%	100%

ϕ X174 genomes were assembled by Golden Gate cloning with 1 plasmid encoding a mutant library combined with the remaining 14 WT plasmids. All five ϕ X174 libraries prepared

contained active phage. Golden Gate reaction products were transformed in *E. coli* C cells with the number of plaques resulting from each reaction tabulated (**Table 4.2**). 50-60% of all assembled genomes contained at least one mutation as estimated by Sanger sequencing of at least 30 plaques. In contrast, for the control where all plasmids in the Golden Gate reaction were WT, 0% of the phage contained mutations in the encoded regions. The percent theoretical coverage ranged from 9-94% (**Table 4.2**). The pooled G1 and G2 libraries were the most successful but only reach 94% the required number of transformants for near complete coverage. The least efficient, F2, provided only 9% of the needed number of transformants.

Table 4.2: Mutant genome assembly statistics. A summary table of the number of possible mutant viruses, percent theoretical coverage, the number of viable viruses recovered from one transformation, and the number of mutant and wild type genomes recovered.

Fragment	F1	F2	F3	G1	G2	WT
Number of possible mutants	1,900	2,880	3,640	3,440		NA
Percent theoretical coverage	45	9	55	94		NA
Number of viable transformants	2,300	460	5,840	19,200		6,400
Number of plaques sequenced	34	25	30	60		30
Number of WT plaques	17	11	15	30		30

Discussion

Here we present the first steps in the development of a novel method for generating comprehensive single-site saturation – and massive multi-site – virulent mutant libraries of the spike and capsid proteins of the bacteriophage Φ X174. This method uses unamplified oligo pools, nicking scanning mutagenesis, and Golden Gate cloning. We are fortunate that our model virus has a small genome, under 6,000 nts, which we predict will enable us to assemble the 15

non-toxic fragments with sufficient transformants for near-complete coverage of the user-defined mutations. However, most biotech-relevant phages have larger genomes, and extension of this method to other viruses would encounter the following technical challenges. First, increasing genome sizes decrease transformational efficiencies, and larger genomes have increased susceptibility to DNA shearing³³. Both size-dependent effects can disrupt the integrity and coverage of the phage libraries³⁴. Second, our method includes restrictions on the DNA sequences that can be used. Golden Gate cloning requires a genome without unique Type IIS restriction sequences, while nicking mutagenesis requires that there be only one orientation of the BbvCI nicking site within the template DNA fragment. Third, ligating 15 fragments is close to the upper limit of Golden Gate cloning. Additionally, increasing the size of individual fragments is difficult as the presented method depends on replicating plasmids in *E. coli*, and larger fragments are more likely to be toxic *in vivo*.

Based on the above considerations, adapting this method to larger viruses will require modifications for the genome assembly steps. There are a variety of methods available for attempting to improve genome library assembly and amplification. For improving genome assembly, we speculate that a combination of hierarchical assembly³⁵ with other yeast based assembly methods³⁶ will allow for large viral genomes to be efficiently assembled. Finally, we expect the Tx.Tl cell free expression system³⁷ will be able to produce the viral libraries with less bias than *in vivo* amplification in *E. coli*. In summary, we have presented a complete method for efficient deep mutational scanning of the bacteriophage ΦX174. We anticipate this method will find utility in fundamental molecular evolution studies as well as translate to potential medicinal applications.

Materials and methods

Reagents

All purchased enzymes and DNA purification kits were from New England Biolabs, antibiotics were purchased from GoldBio, other chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. Individual primers were purchased from Integrated DNA Technologies.

Segmentation of the Φ X174 genome

A phage assembly platform for Φ X174 was devised following Donaldson et al.³². The Φ X174 chromosome was divided into 15 genomic fragments designed to avoid host cell toxicity by separating genes from their promoters and breaking large genes into multiple segments (**Note B 4.1**). Each segment is flanked by unique five nucleotide overlaps of WT Φ X174 sequence so that they can be amplified from the ancestral Φ X174 using PCR primers designed to incorporate terminal BsmB1 restriction sites. Amplicons were cloned into pCR2.1 using the Invitrogen TOPO TA cloning system (Life Technologies, Grand Island, NY).

Introduction of nicking site

The gene fragments – F1, F2, G1, G2 – in the pCR2.1-TOPO plasmid (**Notes B 4.1 and 4.2**) had the BbvCI nicking site introduced via overhang PCR, type I restriction enzyme cutting, and ligation. First, PCR was performed with overhang primers (**Table B 2**) to introduce the BbvCI site. Standard Phusion Polymerase HF reaction conditions were used with 4 ng of template DNA, cycling is follows: 98°C - 1 min, 25x cycles of: 98°C – 10 seconds, 67°C 15 seconds, 72°C 2.5 minutes, followed by 72°C for 10 minutes. PCR products were run on a 1% agarose gel stained with SYBRTM safe stain (Invitrogen) and the DNA bands at ~4600 bp were

extracted using a Monarch[®] DNA Gel Extraction Kit. Next, 1 µg of the PCR product was digested with KpnI (20 U) in NEB Buffer 1.1 at 37°C for two hours. Digested DNA was then clean and concentrated with a Monarch[®] PCR and DNA Clean and Concentrate Kit and eluted into 20 µL nuclease free H₂O. One microliter of the purified and digested DNA was ligated using T4 DNA ligase at ~25°C for 1 hour in standard conditions in a 20 µL reaction. Five microliters of the ligation reaction were transformed into chemically competent XL1-Blue *E. coli* via standard protocols. Cells were plated on LB agar containing 100 µg/mL carbenicillin and 50 µg/mL kanamycin and grown at 37°C for ~16 hours. Cells were picked from transformation plates and grown in 50 mL TB with 100 µg/mL carbenicillin and 50 µg/mL kanamycin for ~12 hours, cells were pelleted, and DNA purified using compact midi-preps.

Comprehensive single site mutant library construction

Comprehensive mutant libraries were generated using nicking mutagenesis (NM) as in Wrenbeck et al.²⁰ with modifications for using oligo pool mutagenic primers as noted in Medina et al.²¹. A single oligo pool encoding for all possible single missense and nonsense substitutions in F and G was designed using the custom python scripts from Medina et al.²¹ and custom synthesized by Agilent (full sequences of all oligos are given in the associated file “VMA_supplemental_data.csv” in the published text). Oligo pools were designed with 20-24 bases of gene overlap flanking the mutated codon. Codons were chosen based on *E. coli* codon usage frequency. This oligo pool was used directly in NM without further amplification and using 2 mg of the relevant golden gate plasmid as a template. Libraries were transformed into high efficiency electrocompetent XL1-Blue *E. coli* (Agilent cat #: 200228) using 1 mm electroporation cuvettes at 1200V. Cells were plated on large bioassay plates (245mm x 245mm

x 25mm, Sigma-Aldrich) containing LB agar + 100 µg/mL carbenicillin and 50 µg/mL kanamycin and grown at 37°C for ~16 hours. Plates were scraped in 10 mL plain LB, broken into ~1.2 mL aliquots, pelleted, and stored -80°C. DNA was purified from 1x aliquot using a Monarch[®] Plasmid Mini-Prep Kit.

Illumina sequencing prep and analysis

Purified library DNA was prepared for deep sequencing as in Kowalsky et al.³⁸ using the primers listed in **Table B 3** and gene tiling as specified in **Table 4.1**. DNA was Illumina sequenced on a Mi-Seq platform with 250 BP paired end reads. The University of Colorado BioFrontiers Sequencing Core performed the Illumina sequencing. Data was processed using PACT³⁹ to determine the library coverage with the following changes to the default options in the configuration file: fast_filter_translate: qaverage = 20, qlimit = 0; enrichment: ref_count_threshold = 5, sel_count_threshold = 0, strict_count_threshold = True. The heatmaps of counts can be found in **Figure B 2 - 9**.

Assembly of mutant genomes

We pooled plasmid DNA containing all 15 of the phage DNA fragments in equimolar amounts and digested them with BsmB1 (Fermentas Fast Digest, Life Technologies, Grand Island, NY) for 30 minutes to 1 hour at 37°C. The digested plasmids were subjected to agarose gel electrophoresis for 10 to 15 minutes using a 1.2% agarose gel to separate the vector from the inserts. The inserts were excised from the gel, purified using the GeneJET gel extraction kit (Fermentas), ligated overnight at 14°C with T4 DNA ligase (Promega Corporation, Madison, WI), and transformed by electroporation into 100 µl competent *E. coli* C cells. The

transformation mix was resuspended with 1 ml of Φ LB and either plated immediately or incubated for about 20 minutes at 37°C to allow for one viral burst. The Φ LB was added to 3 ml of Φ LB top agar and plated onto a Φ LB agar plate. After four to five hours of incubation at 37°C, recombinant phage plaques were visible and plates were removed from the incubator. To verify that the recombinant phage encoded the intended sequence, we picked about 30 plaques for each intended mutational target and Sanger sequenced the entire targeted gene. We also sequenced the F and G genes for about 30 wild type plaques to assure that no mutations were naturally accumulating. Briefly, individual plaques were picked with sterile toothpicks and placed in 200 uL Φ LB and gently swirled. 1 uL of this mix was used to PCR amplify approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of the Φ X174 genome using Φ X-0F (5'-GAGTTTTATCGCTTCCATG-3') and Φ X-2953R (5'-CCGCCAGCAATAGCACC-3') primers. Internal sequencing primers Φ X-979F (5'-CGGCCCCTTACTTGAGG-3') and Φ X-1500R (5'-TTGAGATGGCAGCAACGG-3') were used to sequence gene F. Φ X-2953R was used to sequence gene G. PCR cleanups and sequencing was done at Eurofins Genomics. PCR reaction conditions were; 5 uL 10X Taq buffer, 2.5 uL 10 uM Φ X-0F primer, 10 uM Φ X-2953F primer, 0.8 uL 12.5 uM dNTPs, 0.5 uL Taq polymerase (NEB #M0273), 1 uL template, 37.7 uL H₂O. Thermocycling conditions were 1 cycle at 95°C for 2 min, 30 cycles at 95°C for 15 sec, 52°C for 30 sec, 68°C for 2 min, 1 cycle at 68°C for 5min.

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CHAPTER 5

Conclusions and perspectives

This thesis focuses on the generation and analysis of large mutational datasets for understanding molecular evolution. Deep mutational scanning (DMS) is a technique that combines saturation mutagenesis libraries with high throughput selection and deep sequencing to assess the impact of nearly all single-point mutations on protein function¹. Here, DMS is used to study how folding probability constrains the molecular evolution of enzymes. This thesis also expands the research questions DMS experiments can address through a novel method for generating mutant genome libraries of virulent phages. This chapter provides a summary of the work performed and a discussion of the broader impacts of this PhD thesis.

DMS experiments produce large datasets that quantitatively describe the impacts of single mutations²⁻⁵. In **Chapter 2**, we reviewed the use of DMS datasets - as well as datasets from several other experimental and evolutionary sources – in the forward engineering of protein therapeutics. We describe the use of these datasets in the identification of mutations that can tune the specificity, affinity, and solubility of a target protein. As more comprehensive studies of mutational impacts are performed, we expect the integration of the resultant data to provide better predictions of which mutations will, and will-not, work toward a specific goal. Eventually, we expect guidelines like Lipinski's rule of five for small molecule drugs⁶ to emerge for protein therapeutics. Indeed, work aiming to establish these guidelines are already underway⁷.

In **Chapter 3**, I demonstrated how DMS can be used to understand how a single biophysical parameter of an enzyme constrains its molecular evolution. In this study I performed near-comprehensive single-mutation analysis on two unique single-point mutants of the aliphatic amidase AmiE from *P. aeruginosa*. The point-mutants have decreased *in vivo* folding probabilities and statistically indistinguishable catalytic activities compared to the starting enzyme. In a previous study⁵ the starting enzyme had undergone DMS with the same selection

conditions applied in this study, allowing us to compare the obtained datasets. Because the only biophysical parameter modulated is the *in vivo* folding probability, we are able to assess how only this parameter alters the types of mutations that can arise. Additionally, this study provides a near comprehensive analysis of how single-point mutations combine, providing a detailed view of epistasis, the non-additive combination of mutational effects⁸. The novelty of this study is found in the aforementioned details and in the fact that this study is the most comprehensive analysis of how a single initial biophysical parameter impacts mutational outcomes to date.

Comparing the datasets obtained for our two disrupted enzymes with that of the initial starting enzyme provides intriguing insights into molecular evolution. First, in all genetic backgrounds the distributions of beneficial fitness effects are described by the General Pareto distribution. Thus, the likelihood of uncovering a beneficial mutation is insensitive to initial *in vivo* folding probability in our experiments. Interestingly, most beneficial mutations are shared, and only 19 mutations are likely to require an increased *in vivo* folding probability to buffer stability penalties.

Epistasis was found in both the beneficial and deleterious populations of mutations following decreases in the *in vivo* folding probabilities. Interestingly, in the population of double mutants that are deleterious individually and beneficial when combined, phenotype-specific interactions dominated those that are phenotype-independent. This suggests that mutations rescuing *in vivo* folding probability are more likely to be in direct contact with the disrupting mutation, and less likely to alter the global properties of the enzyme. Additionally, beneficial mutations with synonymous codon fitness disparities - opposite mutational outcomes for synonymous codons - were correlated with background specific beneficial mutations. This

correlation reveals the importance of the mRNA sequence selected, and how it significantly restricts mutational outcomes for identical peptides.

Taken together, these results indicate that models of protein stability and evolution must include all aspects of the protein life cycle, from transcription to degradation, to fully understand the impact of a single mutation. It is uncertain if these findings are unique to this experimental system, or if they are descriptive of protein evolution in general. Additional studies similar to this one, using other proteins and with different biophysical parameters altered, will improve our ability to predict mutational outcomes.

The final goal of this thesis was methodological. In **Chapter 4** we expanded the experimental range of DMS by generating comprehensive single-site saturation, and massive multi-site, mutant genome libraries of the bacteriophage ϕ X174. The mutant genomes were generated by performing nicking scanning mutagenesis⁹ on non-toxic truncations of the genome and assembling complete viral genomes with Golden Gate cloning. These mutant genomes will allow researchers to probe how host specificity is encoded into the primary sequence, how intra- and inter-molecular epistasis is involved in viral evolution and micro-compartment formation, and expand our understanding of the molecular evolution of viruses.

In conclusion, this thesis provides significant insights into molecular evolution and how to study it. All aspects of this thesis involve the generation and/or analysis of large mutational datasets with the goal of understanding how proteins change over evolutionary time. In the coming decades the mutational data obtained from more DMS experiments, and from other experimental and archival sources, will provide valuable insights into molecular evolution. I expect this information will be combined and integrated into a new generation of predictive algorithms, which will significantly improve the protein engineering process.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Chapter 3 supporting information

Note A 1: Amino acid sequences of the AmiE variants. Mutations are highlighted in red.

>AmiE_WT

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Note A 2: DNA sequences of the AmiE variants. Codons mutated are underlined and bold, while mutations are highlighted in red.

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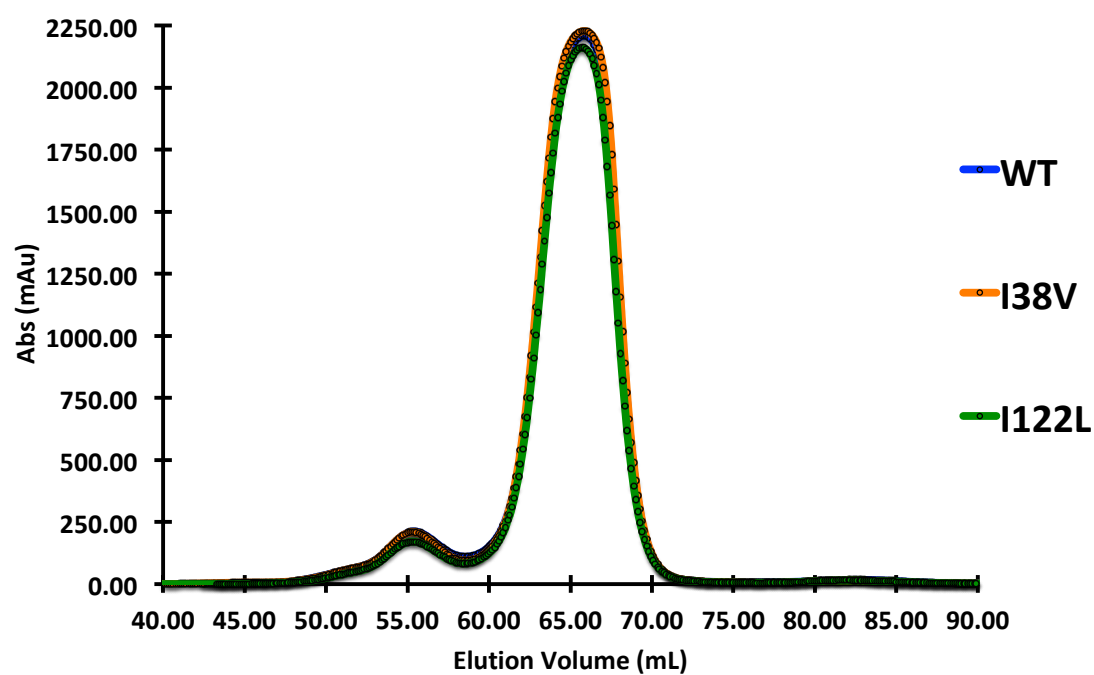


Figure A 1: Chromatogram of purified AmiE variants. SEC-FPLC chromatograms of AmiE proteins run on a HiLoad 16/600 Superdex 200 column at 1 mL/min in PBS as the mobile phase. No gross differences in oligomeric state were determined for the proteins.

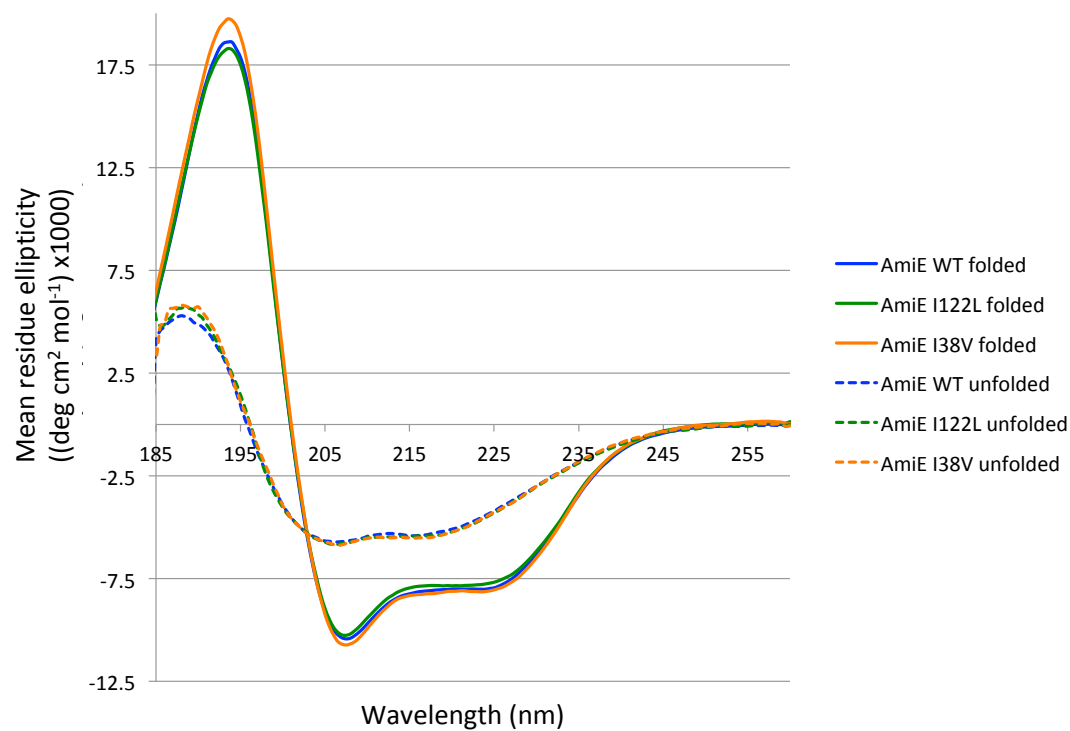


Figure A 2: Representative far-UV spectra of the folded and unfolded AmiE variants. Far-UV spectra of folded and unfolded 10 μ M AmiE WT, 10 μ M AmiE I122L, 10 μ M AmiE I38V at 15°C (folded) and 90°C (unfolded) in 10 mM phosphate buffer at pH 7.5.

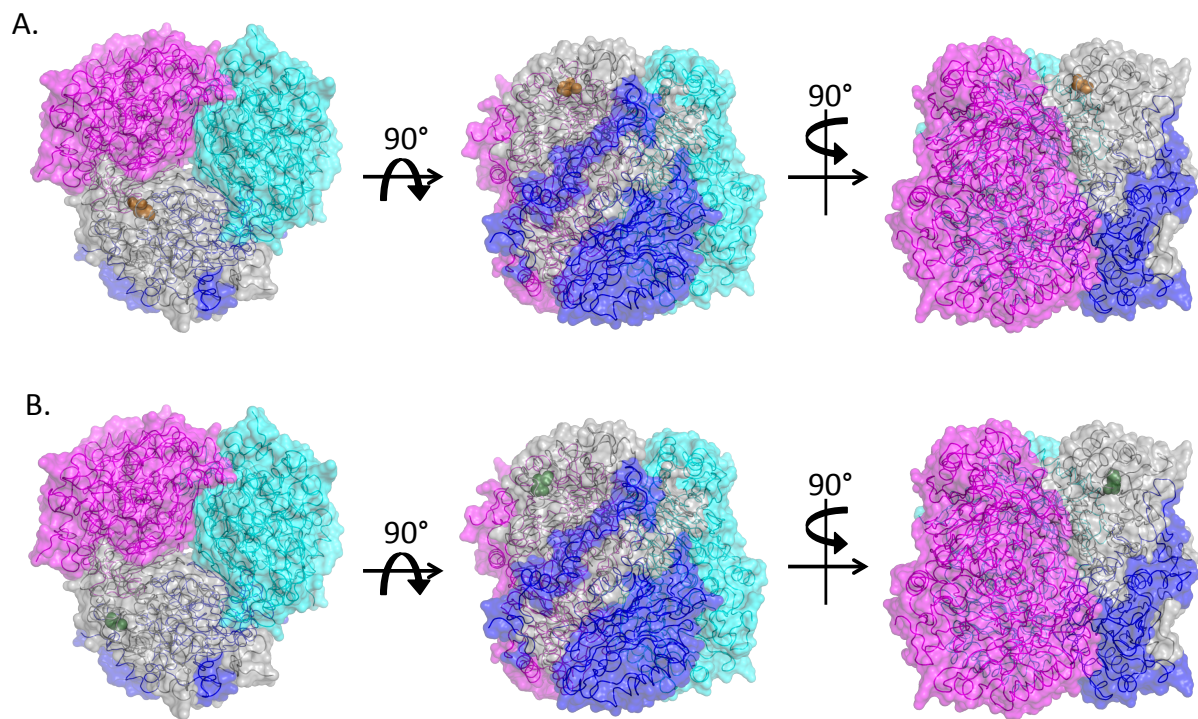


Figure A 3: Locations of I38V and I122L mutations in AmiE quaternary structure. A. Three perspectives on the location of the disrupting I38V mutation, the residue I38 is shown as orange spheres. B. Three perspectives on the location of the disrupting I122L mutation, the residue I122 is shown as green spheres. Both mutations are in the monomer core and are not be predicted to impact quaternary structure or assembly.

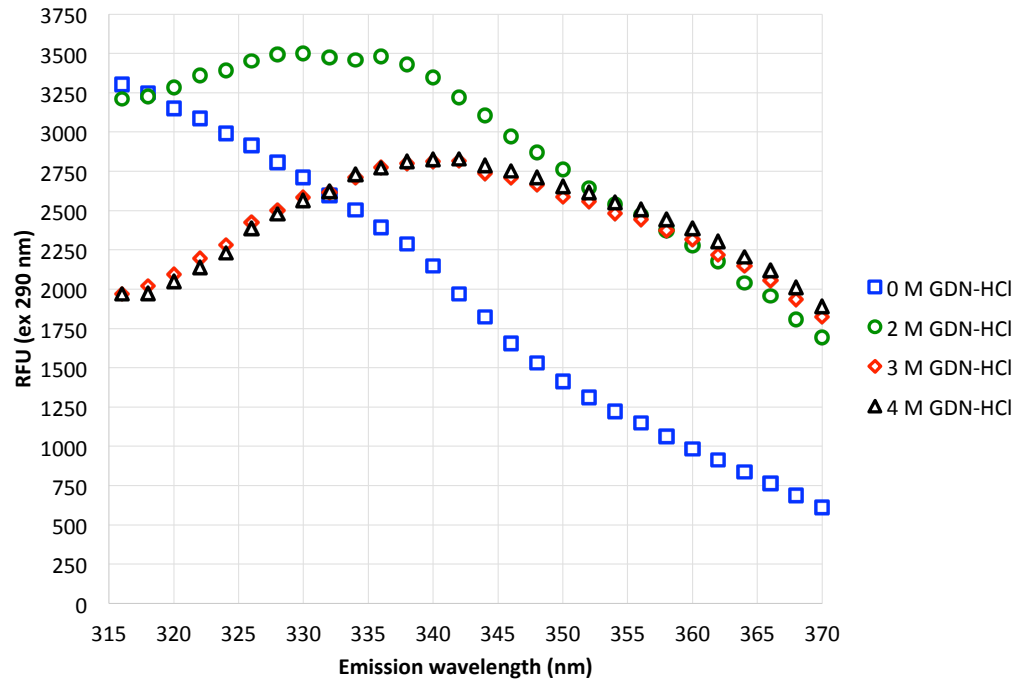


Figure A 4: AmiE WT tryptophan emission spectra as a function of GDN-HCl concentration. 52 μ M Protein was incubated in PBS with the indicated concentration of GDN-HCl at 40C for 8 hr before fluorescence measurements. The excitation wavelength was 290 nm, while emission was detected at 315-370 nm. The lack of an isosbestic point between spectra indicates more complicated unfolding than a two-state model.

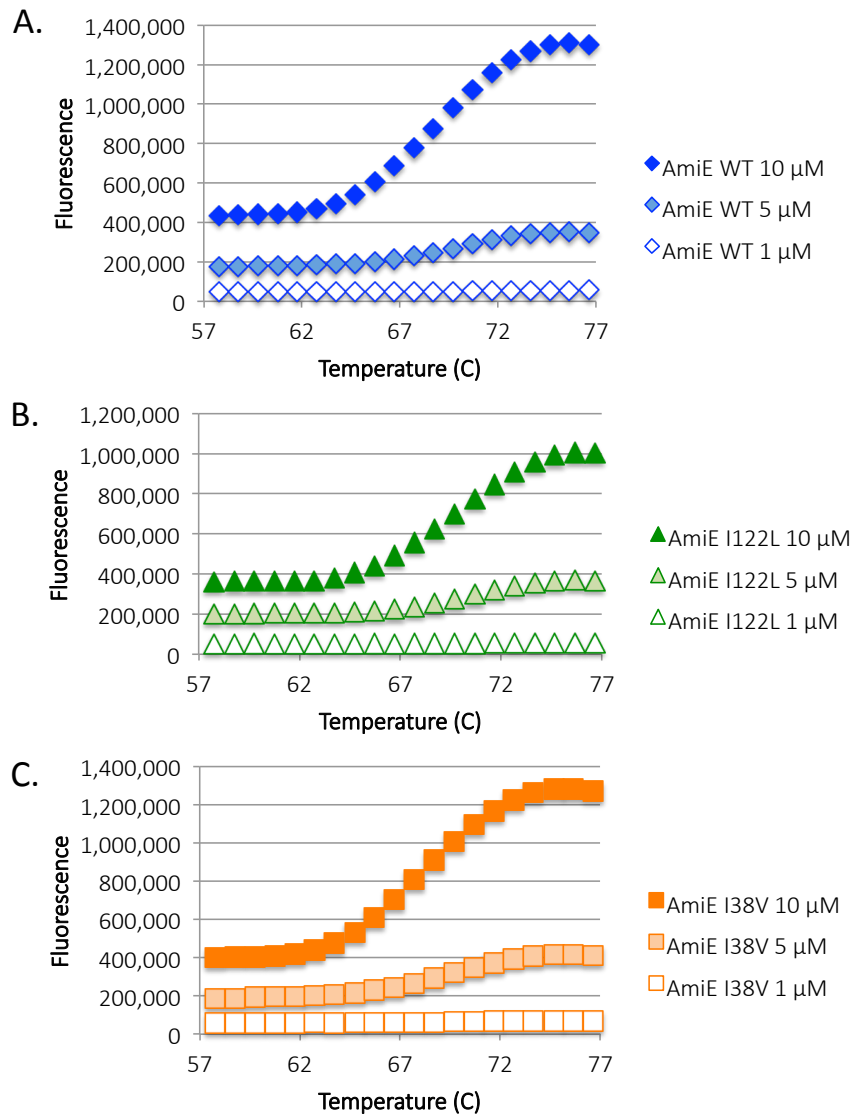


Figure A 5: Thermal shift analysis of the purified AmiE variants. A. Melt curves for 10, 5, and 1 μ M AmiE WT. B. Melt curves for 10, 5, and 1 μ M AmiE I122L. C. Melt curves for 10, 5, and 1 μ M AmiE I38V. All experiments were performed with biological (n=2) and technical (n=3) replicates, and representative curves are shown.

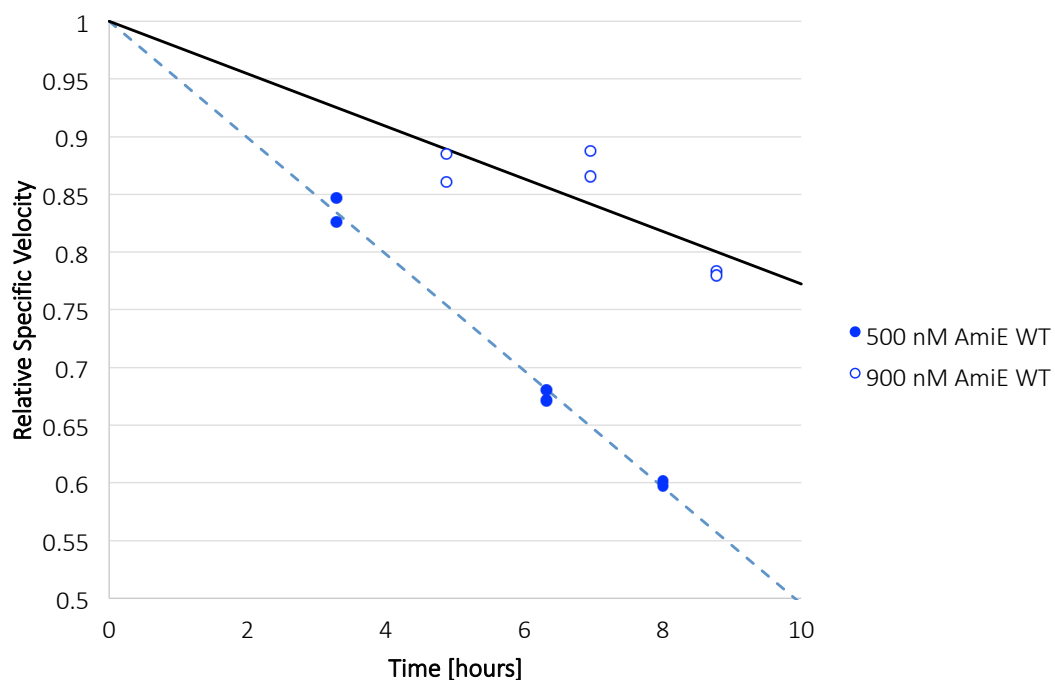


Figure A 6: Activity loss of AmiE WT following dilution. Comparison of the relative specific AmiE reaction velocity in a saturating amount of 20 mM acetamide following incubations at dilute concentration in 1x PBS over a time course. Dotted and solid lines represent the best fit linear regressions for the respective data sets (n=6).

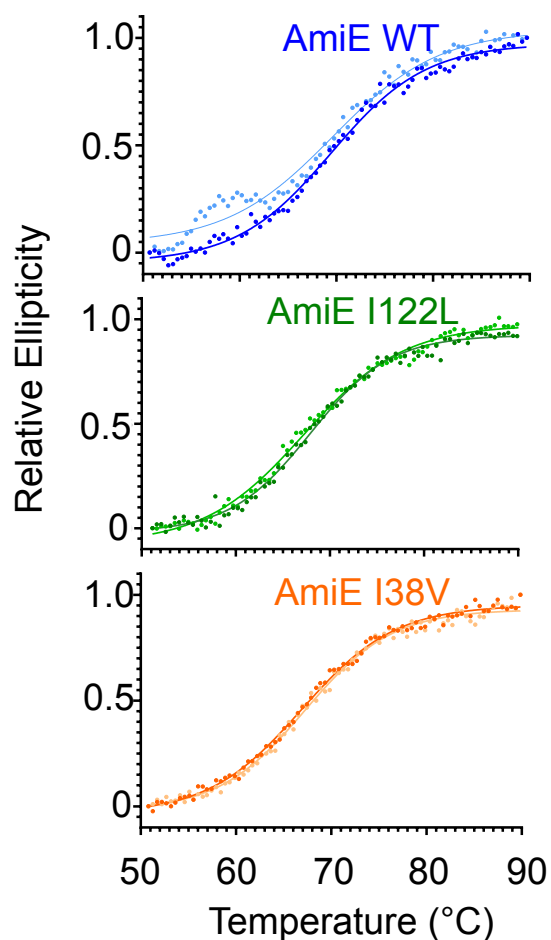


Figure A 7: Thermal denaturation monitored by far-UV circular dichroism. Melt curves for AmiE WT (blue), AmiE I122L (green), and AmiE I38V (orange). All experiments were performed by scanning $\lambda_{222\text{nm}}$ at 1 μM protein concentration with 2 biological replicates (different colors on each panel represent a replicate experiment). Relative ellipticity ranges from completely folded state (0) to unfolded (1).

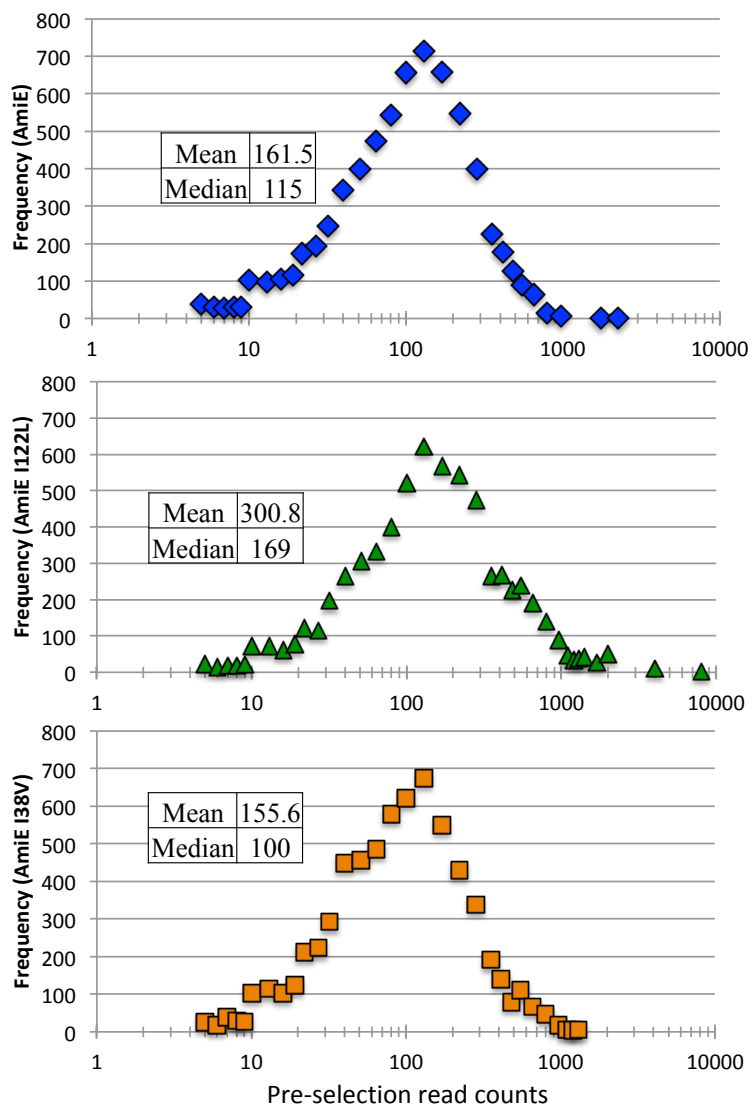


Figure A 8: Frequency distribution of pre-selection read counts for AmiE libraries. Mean and median pre-selection read counts for AmiE variants are reported on the plots.

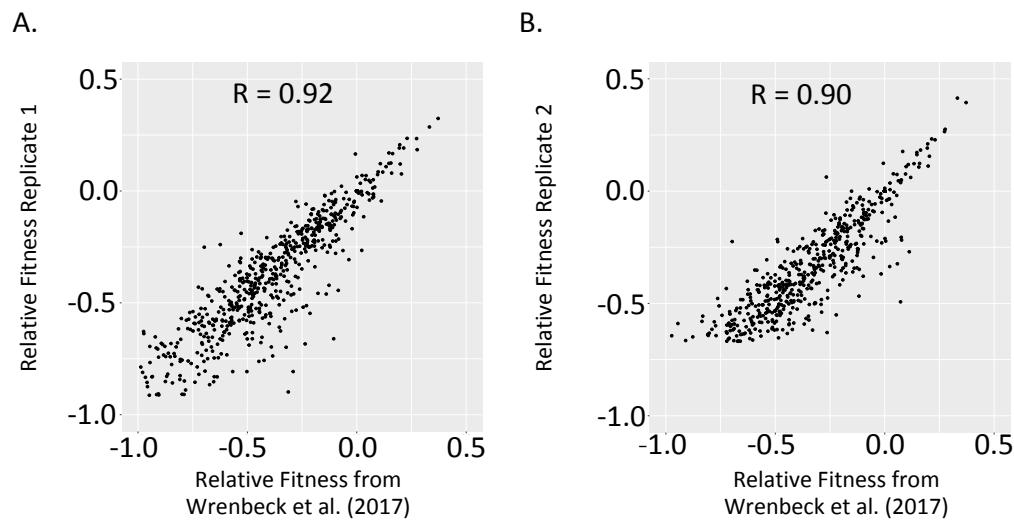


Figure A 9: Deep mutational scanning replicates for AmiE WT compared with previous literature. Comparison of relative fitness metrics for a AmiE WT mutational library covering residues 171-255 to those from same mutants reported originally in Wrenbeck et al (2017). These replicate deep mutational scans were performed in parallel to AmiE variant growth selections as internal controls. Pearson's correlation coefficients reported on plots. A. control for AmiE I122L growth selection. B. control for AmiE I38V growth selection.

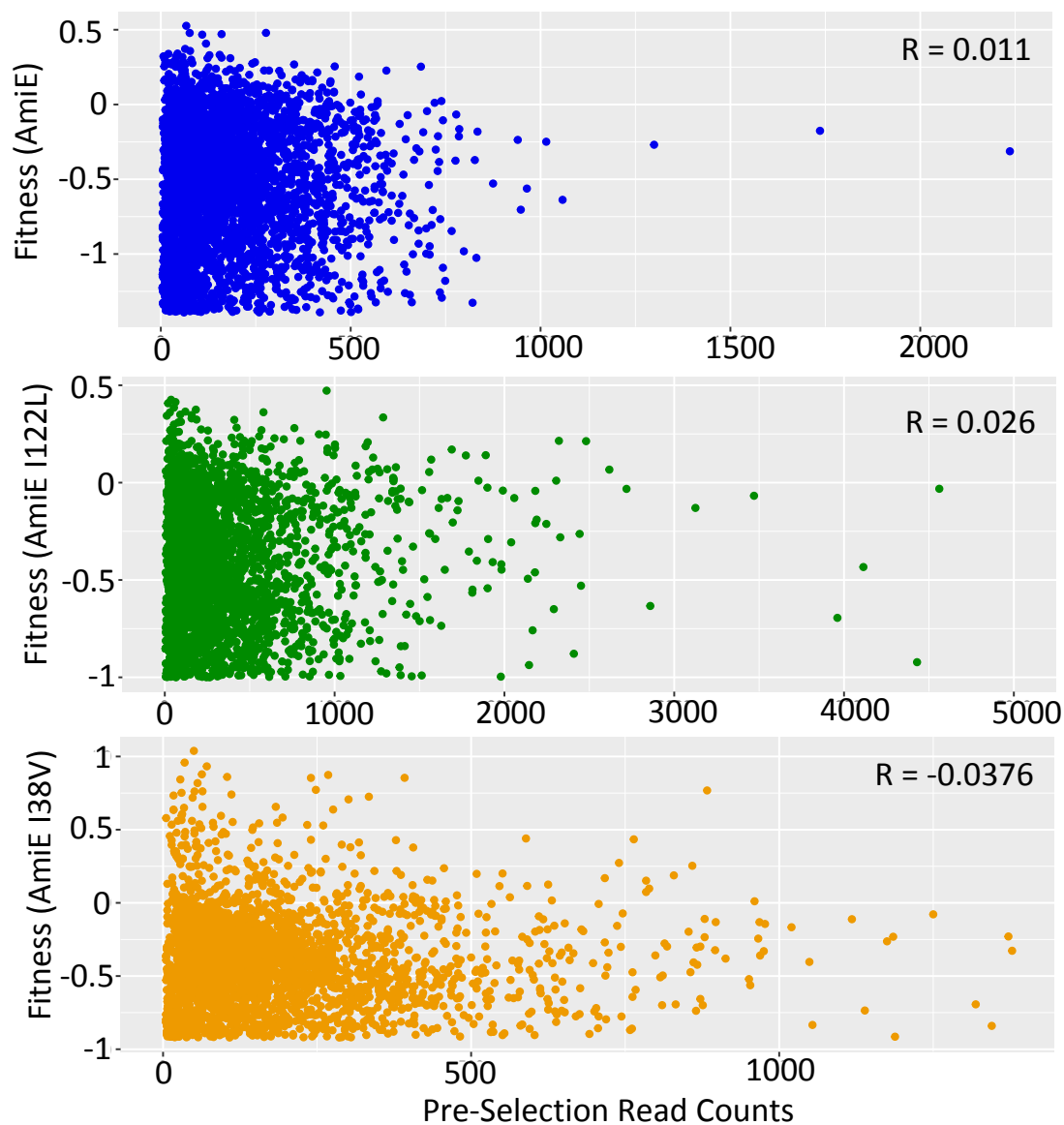


Figure A 10: Relative fitness metrics for AmiE proteins as a function of pre-selection read counts. Absolute Pearson's correlation coefficients reported on plots are below 0.04 in all cases, showing that less than 0.2% of the variance can be explained by initial frequency of a given mutant in the library.

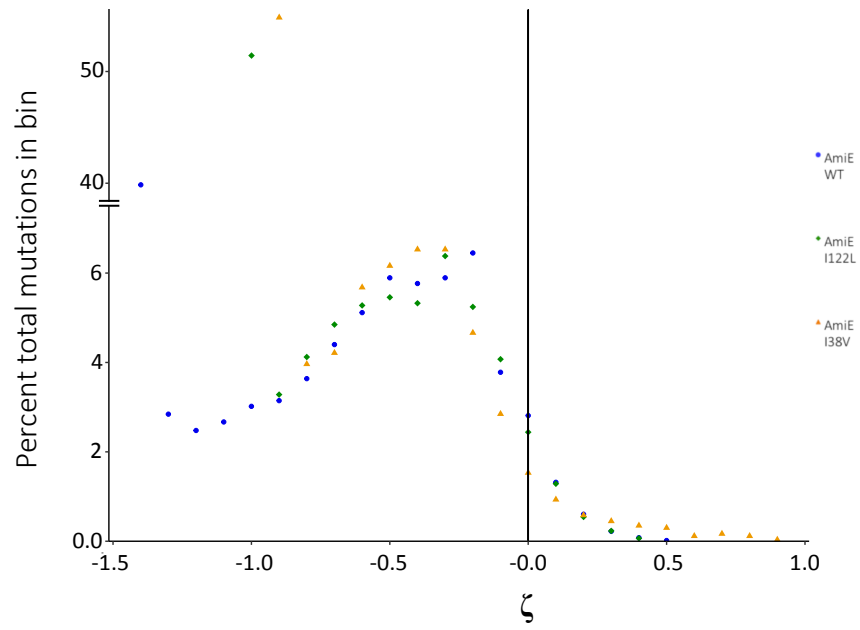


Figure A 11: Normalized distribution of fitness effects for WT, I122L, and I38V backgrounds.

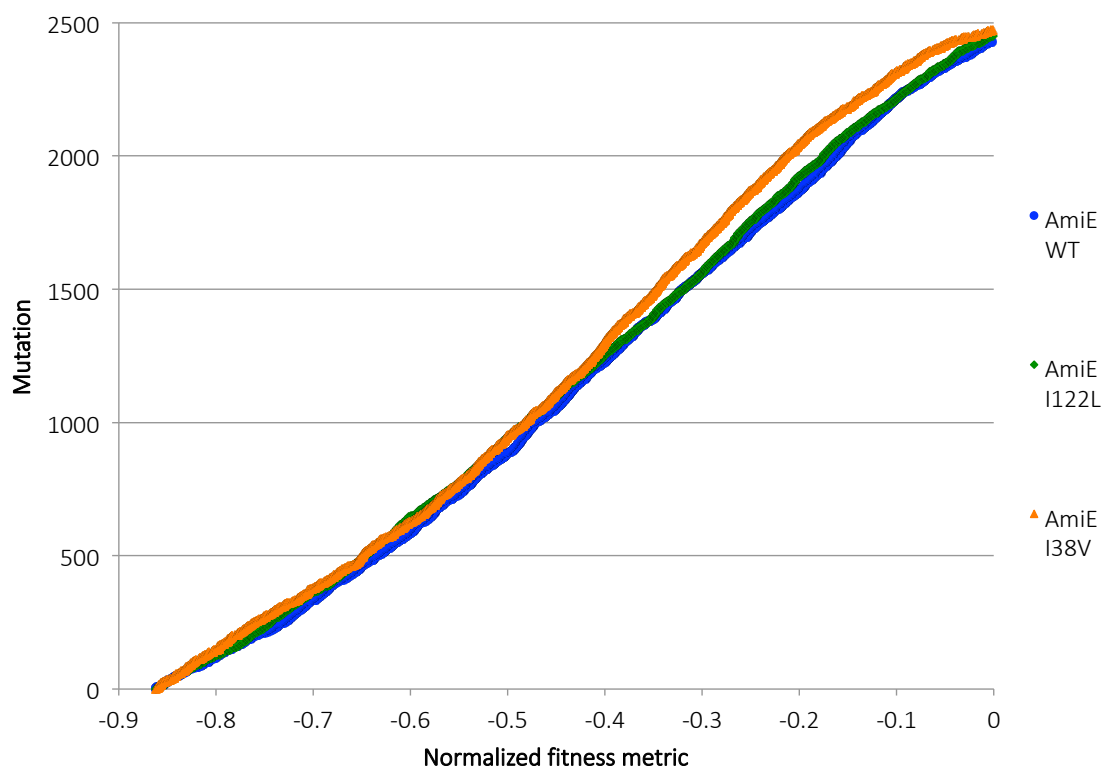


Figure A 12: Analysis of proportions of deleterious mutations. Cumulative distribution functions for the deleterious mutations for each enzyme variant are plotted above the lower bounds of experimental measurements.

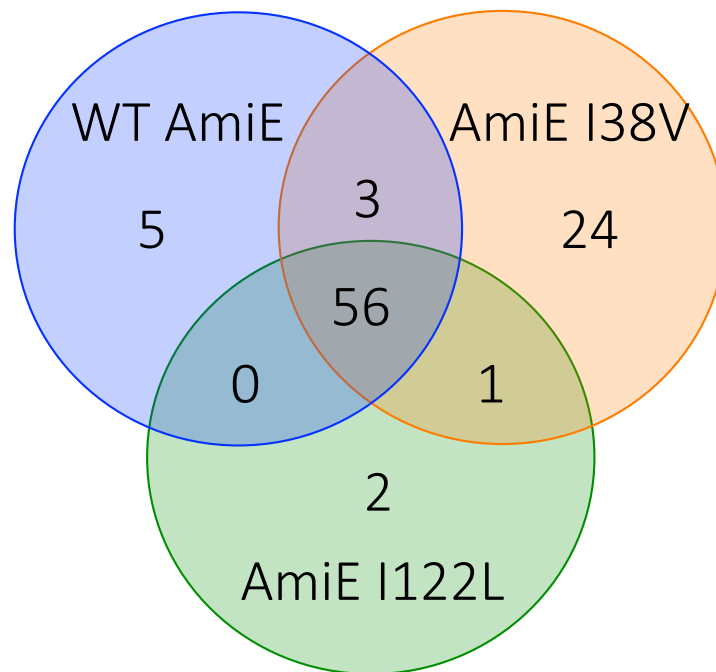


Figure A 13: Venn diagram of the shared and unique beneficial mutations using the strict **cutoff.** Mutations had to improve the growth rate by $\geq 10\%$ to be classified as a beneficial mutation ($\zeta_i \geq 0.138$).

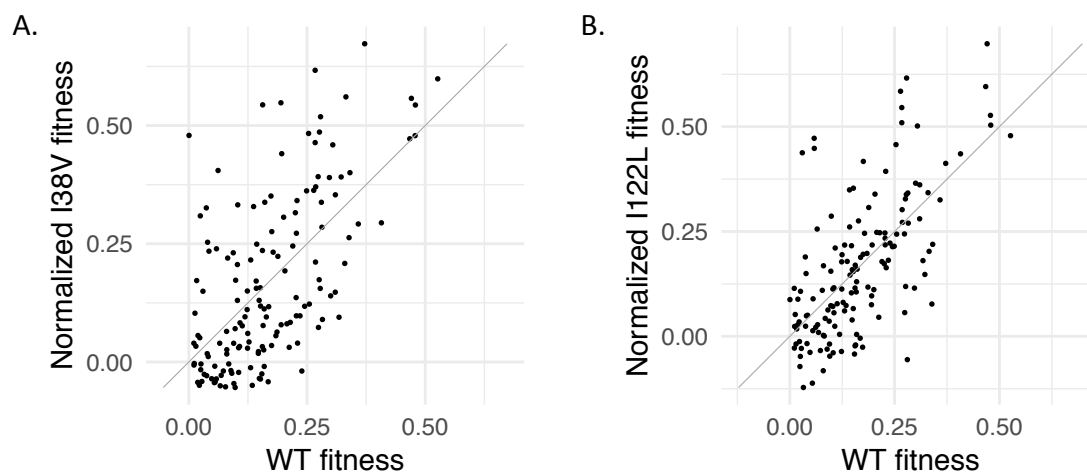


Figure A 14: Correlation analysis of linear regression normalized shared beneficial mutations. Comparison of the linear regression normalized fitness metrics for the beneficial mutations shared by all enzymes; solid lines represent the linear function $Y = 1X + 0$. A. Comparison of linear regression normalized AmiE I38V fitness metrics with AmiE WT. B. Comparison of linear regression normalized AmiE I122L fitness metrics with AmiE WT.

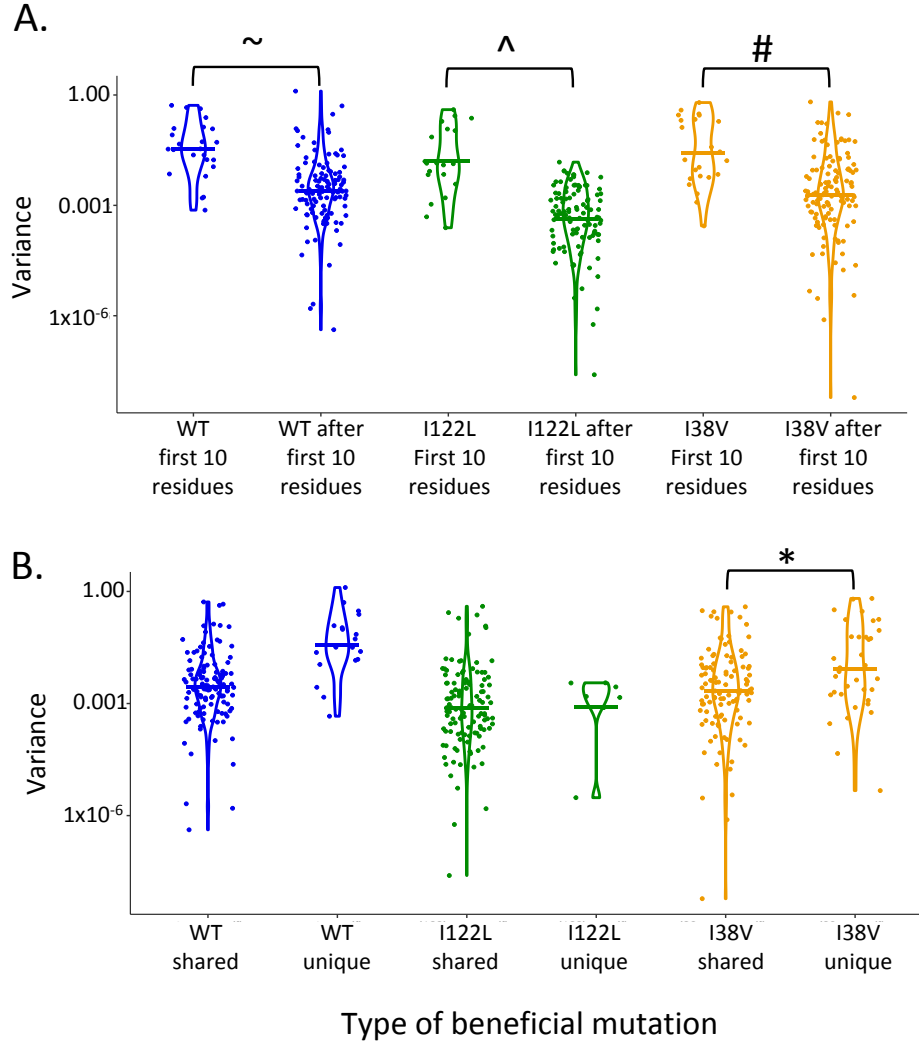


Figure A 15: Dot plots of fitness effect synonymous codon variances for beneficial mutations. A. Dot plots of the fitness effect synonymous codon variances for either the beneficial mutations located in the first 10 residues, or all other beneficial mutations after the first 10 residues (95% confidence interval cutoffs). The distribution of the variances is represented by the violin plot overlay and the colored marker lines represent the mean variance for the population, in all three enzymes the first 10 residues have significantly high variance than those outside of the window: ~ = WT p-value = 0.02, ^ = I122L p-value = 0.01, # = I38V p-value = 0.011 from students t-test. B. Dot plots of the fitness effect synonymous codon variances for the shared and unique beneficial mutations for the respective enzymes (95% confidence interval cutoffs) The distribution of the variances is represented by the violin plot overlay and the colored marker lines represent the mean variance for the population. I38V has a significantly high variance in the unique beneficial mutations: * = I38V p-value = 0.049 from Students t-test.

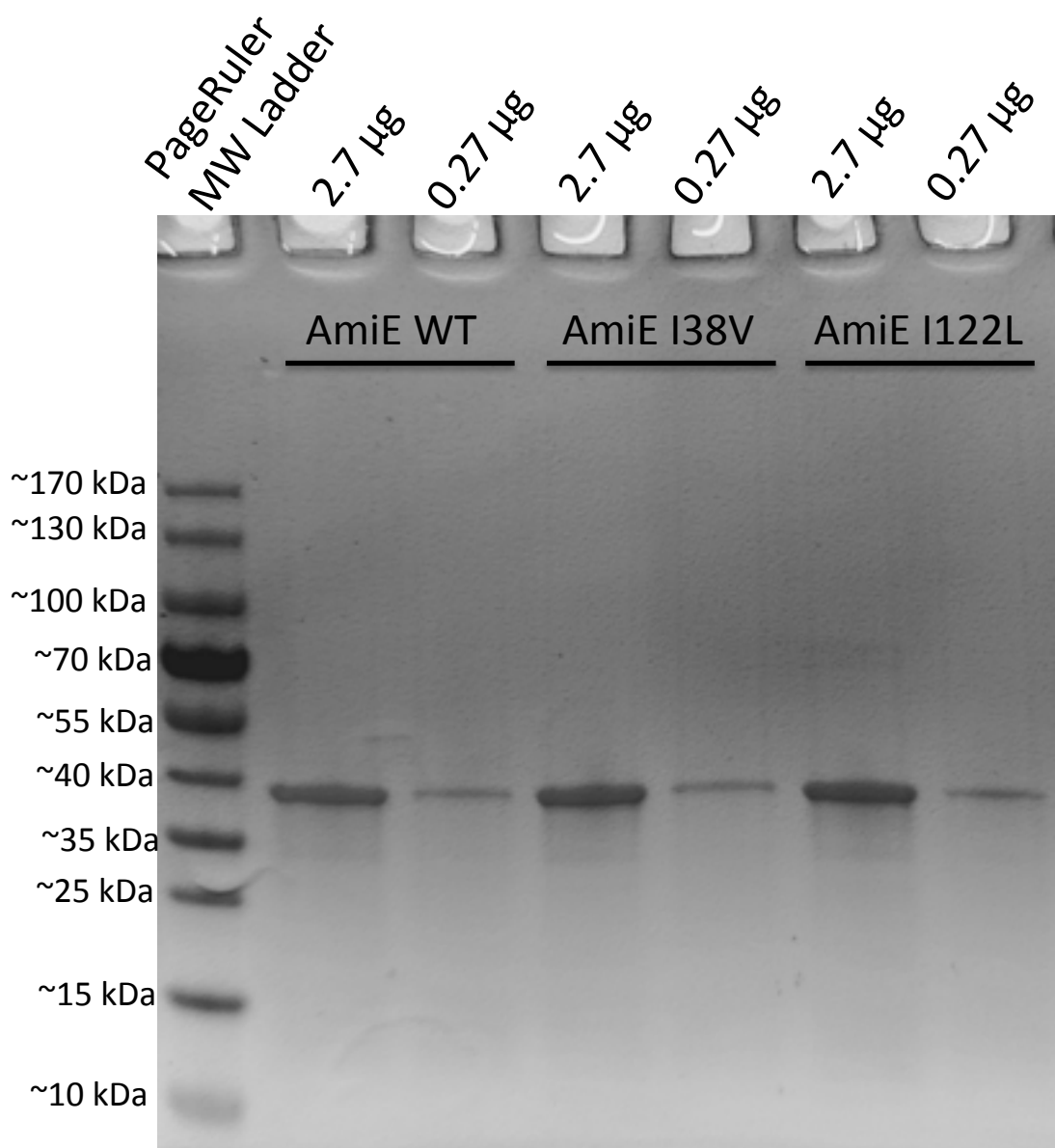


Figure A 16: SDS-PAGE analysis of the purity of the purified AmiE variants. Samples were denatured in SDS-PAGE loading buffer (Laemmli's buffer supplemented to 1.5% β -mercaptoethanol at 1x) at 98° for 10 minutes. Samples run on 4-20% Mini-PROTEAN® TGX™ precast gels (Bio-Rad) at 120 V for 1 hour and were washed and stained with SimplyBlue SafeStain (Thermo-Fisher) as described by the manufacturer. Molecular weight ruler used is the PageRuler Prestained Protein Ladder (10-180 kDa, Thermo-Fisher).

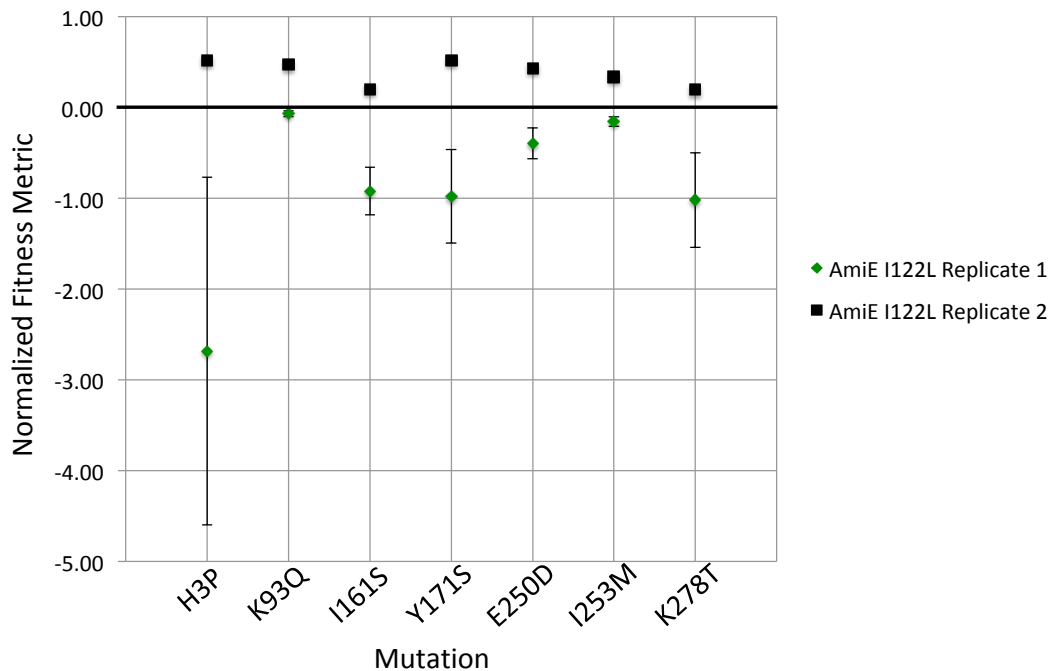


Figure A 17: Comparison of AmiE I122L outlier mutation technical replicates. Mutations removed from analysis have their fitness metrics for the respective technical replicates shown, error bars represent the 99.977% confidence intervals ($3.5 \times \sigma$) for the fitness metrics. This indicates that errors such as these should occur less than once per dataset for the size of our experiment.

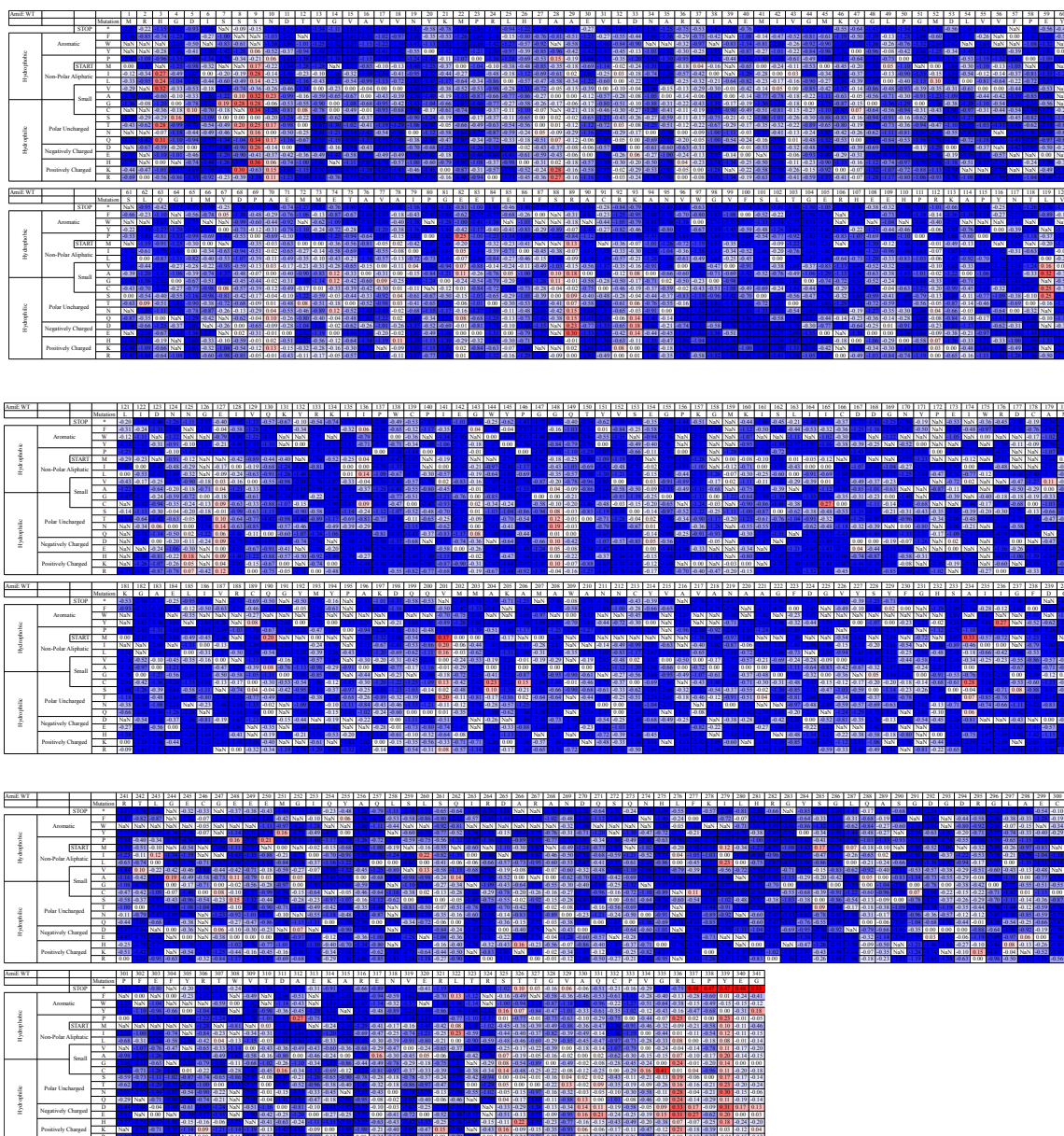


Figure A 18: AmiE WT heatmap.

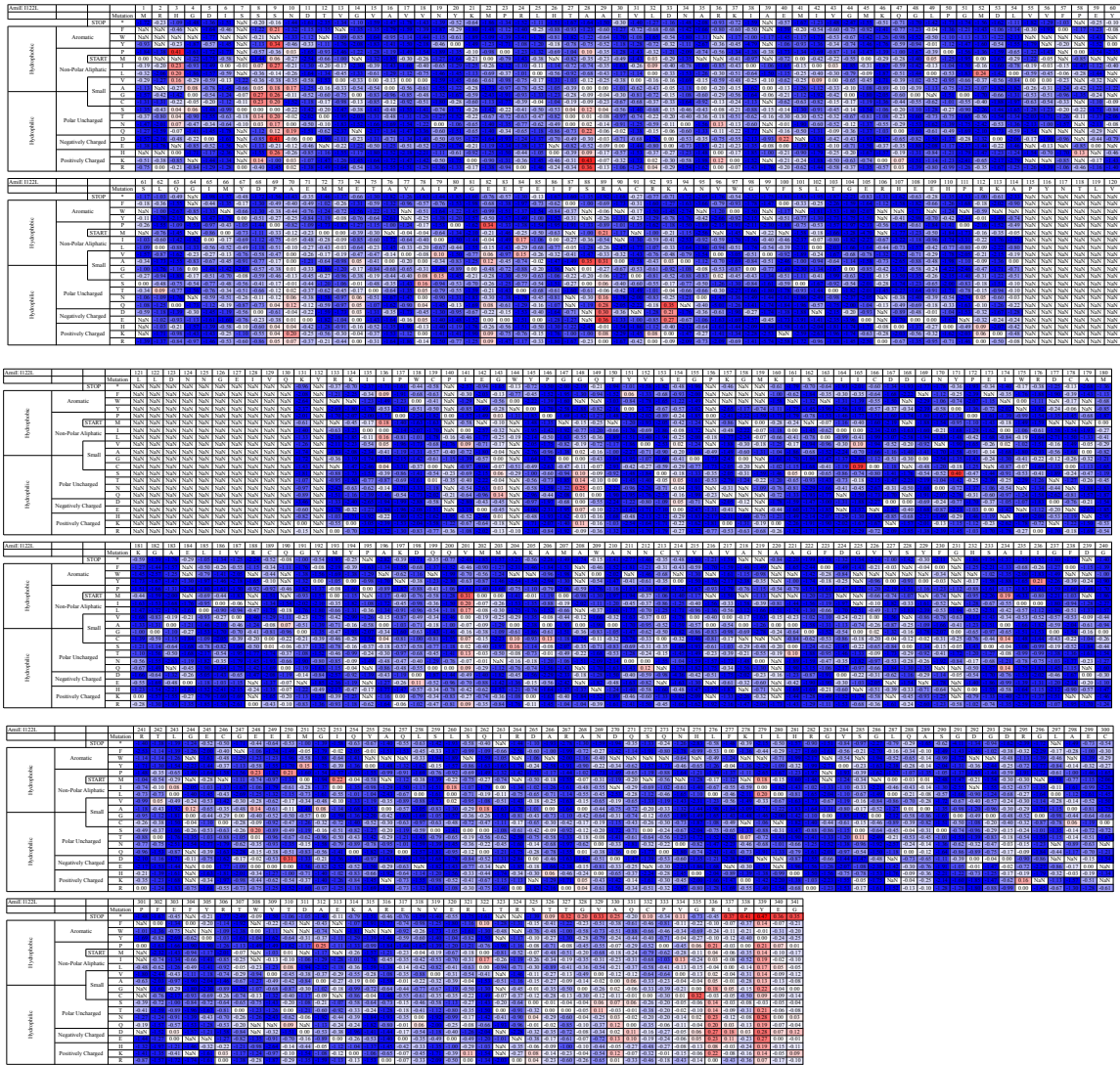


Figure A 19: AmiE I122L heatmap.

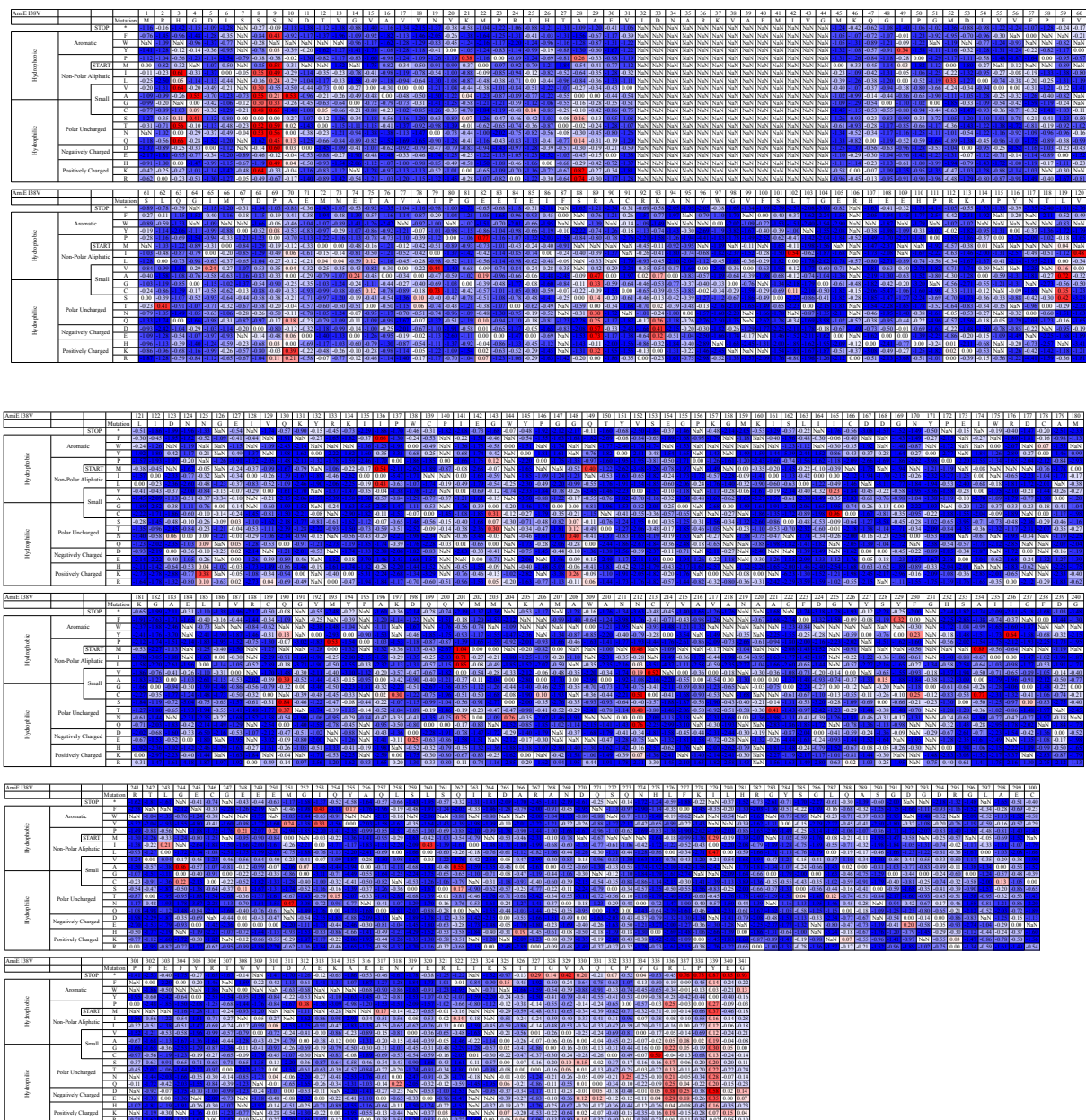


Figure A 20: AmiE I38V heatmap.

Table A 1: Relative fitness for I38V and I22L synonymous codons in the AmiE WT background. Green highlight indicates the codons used for the deep mutational scans presented in this work. Data is from Wrenbeck et al.²⁴.

	Relative Fitness			Relative Fitness
I38V codon (GTT)	-0.17		I122L codon (TTA)	-0.89
I38V codon (GTG)	-0.43		I122L codon (TTG)	-0.69
I38V codon (GTC)	-1.17		I122L codon (CTT)	-0.46
I38V codon (GTA)	-1.26		I122L codon (CTC)	-0.31
I38V average	-0.35		I122L codon (CTA)	-0.54
			I122L codon (CTG)	-0.69
			I122L average	-0.53

Table A 2: Biophysical analysis of the AmiE variants. Error values reported are 1 s.d. except in the kinetic analysis where 95% confidence interval is given.

	AmiE Variant		
	WT	I122L	I38V
Rosetta FilterScan score [^]	0.00	0.40	2.02
Relative k_{cat} [*]	1.00 ± 0.06	1.08 ± 0.06	1.02 ± 0.08
k_{cat} p-value [#]	1.00	0.57	0.79
Relative K_M [*]	1.00 ± 0.12	0.89 ± 0.15	0.82 ± 0.20
K_M p-value [#]	1.00	0.64	0.32
Relative protein yield [†]	1 ± 0.06	0.26 ± 0.04	0.59 ± 0.08
Refolded enzyme velocity normalized to folded enzyme (%)	14.2 ± 2.47	0.114 ± 0.0494	0.064 ± 0.0250
Growth Rate in M9 (hr ⁻¹) - pEDA2 plasmid	0.78 ± 0.01	0.79 ± 0.01	0.78 ± 0.02
Growth Rate in Selection Media (hr ⁻¹) - pEDA2 plasmid	0.47 ± 0.02	0.18 ± 0.01	0.11 ± 0.01
Growth Rate in M9 (hr ⁻¹) - pAG plasmid	0.79 ± 0.04	0.81 ± 0.03	0.79 ± 0.01
Growth Rate in Selection Media (hr ⁻¹) - pAG plasmid	0.72 ± 0.02	0.40 ± 0.03	0.33 ± 0.02

[^] >0 represents a less favorable score to the starting wild-type structure (i.e. decreased likelihood folding)

^{*} Relative to AmiE WT

[#] Calculated for variant compared to AmiE WT

[†] Expressed via Studiers autoinduction

Table A 3: Thermal shift analysis data and statistics. Summary of thermal melting temperatures (T_m) determined using Boltzmann curve fit of a 2-state transition. Students t-test p-values are reported for tests comparing AmiE WT with the I38V and I122L variants (N = 6 from two biological replicates of each enzyme; $\pm$ indicates 1 s.d.).

Variant	Assaying Concentration (μ M)	T_m ($^{\circ}$ C)	p-value	Assaying Concentration (μ M)	T_m ($^{\circ}$ C)	p-value	Assaying Concentration (μ M)	T_m ($^{\circ}$ C)	p-value
AmiE WT	1	N/A	-	5	69.6 ± 0.3	-	10	68.8 ± 0.2	-
AmiE I122L	1	N/A	N/A	5	69.2 ± 1.3	0.42	10	68.7 ± 1	0.74
AmiE I38V	1	N/A	N/A	5	69.3 ± 0.4	0.2	10	68.5 ± 0.4	0.16

Table A 4: Circular dichroism analysis of thermal denaturation statistics. Summary of apparent thermal melting temperatures (T_m) determined using Boltzmann curve fit of a 2-state folded-unfolded transition. Student's t-test p-values are reported for tests comparing AmiE WT with the I38V and I122L variants (N = 2 from respective biological replicates of each enzyme).

Variant	Average T_m (°C)	Replicate 1	Replicate 2	p-value relative to AmiE WT
AmiE WT	69.5	69.5	69.6	-
AmiE I122L	67.5	67.9	67.2	0.03
AmiE I38V	67.1	66.9	67.4	0.01

Table A 5: DNA sequences of transcriptional elements in plasmids used for deep mutational scans. Differences between sequences are shown in red, the RBS in the 5' UTR is underlined.

	-35 Promoter	-10 Promoter	5' UTR
pEDA2 – AmiE	TT CC CG	TA A TAT	TCAGGGAGACCACAACGG TTTCCCTCTACAAATAATT TTGTTTAACTTTCTAGAAA TAATTTTGTTTAACTT TAAGA <u>AGTTTT</u> TATACAT
pAG – AmiE I38V	TT GG CG	TAC A AT	
pAG – AmiE I122L	TT GG CG	TAC A AT	

Table A 6: Summary of MG1655 *rph*⁺ transformants obtained during selection strain mutant library preparation. 5×10^4 transformants corresponds to >99% theoretical library coverage.

Selection Strain SSM Library Preparation	Transformants Obtained
AmiE I122L pAG Tile 1	15×10^5
AmiE I122L pAG Tile 2	19×10^5
AmiE I122L pAG Tile 3	7.5×10^5
AmiE I122L pAG Tile 4	23×10^5
AmiE I38V pAG Tile 1	6.9×10^5
AmiE I38V pAG Tile 2	5.8×10^5
AmiE I38V pAG Tile 3	7.5×10^5
AmiE I38V pAG Tile 4	7.8×10^5
WT amiE pEDA2 Tile 3	13×10^5

Table A 7: Summary of mutational library statistics.

Screen	Growth				
Enzyme	AmiE WT				
Tile Number	1	2	3	4	Cumulative
Residues	1-85	86-170	171-255	256-341	1-341
Population	Growth Selected	Growth Selected	Growth Selected	Growth Selected	Growth Selected
Number of mutated codons	85	85	85	86	341
Reference sequencing reads post quality filter	448689	393052	561875	511337	1914953
Selected sequencing reads post quality filter	1454211	3016045	2101231	1691121	8262608
Fold oversampling of codon combinations					Average
Reference total	81	71.6	101.8	91.6	86.5
Selected total	256.6	544	378.1	292.1	367.7
Reference non-synonymous	50.8	38.3	54.5	55.8	49.9
Selected non-synonymous	79.8	95.7	57.4	95	82.0
Percent of reads with:					Average
No nonsynonymous mutations	37.6	46.9	46.7	39.4	42.7
One nonsynonymous mutation	60.6	52.2	51.9	59.1	56.0
Multiple nonsynonymous mutation	1.8	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.4
Coverage of possible single nonsynonymous mutations	95.2	93.9	89	94.7	93.2
Screen	Growth				
Enzyme	AmiE I122L				
Tile Number	1	2	3	4	Cumulative
Residues	1-85	86-114, 131, 133-170	171-255	256-341	1-114,131,133-341
Population	Growth Selected	Growth Selected	Growth Selected	Growth Selected	Growth Selected
Number of mutated codons	85	68	85	86	324.0
Reference sequencing reads post quality filter	674718	593530	897746	1214190	3380184
Selected sequencing reads post quality filter	1286349	1002404	1115963	931995	4336711
Fold oversampling of codon combinations					Average
Reference total	118.7	99	146.8	210	143.6
Selected total	221.8	176.5	198.1	156	188.1
Reference non-synonymous	76.1	61.5	90.1	137	91.2
Selected non-synonymous	71.6	35.8	37.8	63.6	52.2
Reference population percent of reads with:					Average
No nonsynonymous mutations	35.4	35.3	35.2	34	35.0
One nonsynonymous mutation	60.4	55.4	53.7	61.2	57.7
Multiple nonsynonymous mutation	4.3	9.3	11.1	4.8	7.4
Coverage of possible single nonsynonymous mutations	94.5	92.5	93	94.8	93.7
Screen	Growth				
Enzyme	AmiE I38V				
Tile Number	1	2	3	4	Cumulative
Residues	1-31, 45-85	86-170	171-255	256-341	1-31, 45-341
Population	Growth Selected	Growth Selected	Growth Selected	Growth Selected	Growth Selected
Number of mutated codons	72	85	85	86	328
Reference sequencing reads post quality filter	550823	500238	525635	490442	2067138
Selected sequencing reads post quality filter	1373021	1060307	991922	1129295	4554545
Fold oversampling of codon combinations					Average
Reference total	100.7	91.5	96.1	88.6	94.2
Selected total	236.5	189	173.1	185	195.9
Reference non-synonymous	50.3	45.7	48.3	46	47.6
Selected non-synonymous	96.4	42.6	69.8	81	72.5
Percent of reads with:					Average
No nonsynonymous mutations	50.5	50.5	50.3	48.6	50.0
One nonsynonymous mutation	48.9	48.9	49.2	50.8	49.5
Multiple nonsynonymous mutation	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Coverage of possible single nonsynonymous mutations	96.7	88.6	87.9	93.9	91.8

Table A 8: Goodness-of-fit test statistics for distribution fittings. For all enzymes the determined p-values indicate a failure to reject the null hypotheses that they can be fit by a general Pareto distribution with a negative shape parameter. All calculations were performed as in Wrenbeck et al.²⁴.

<u>General Pareto distribution</u>	AmiE WT	AmiE I122L	AmiE I38V
bootstrap test p-value	0.16	0.29	0.10
shape parameter	-0.28	-0.33	-0.32

Table A 9: Deleterious empirical cumulative distribution function (ECDF) analysis statistics. A table of the two-sample Kolmogorov-Smirnoff test results for comparing the deleterious mutation ECDFs for the three enzymes.

Pairing (x-y)	K-S Test	D	p-value	Null hypothesis	Alternative hypothesis	AmiE WT (N)	AmiE variant (N)
AmiE WT – AmiE I38V	two sided	0.058	0.0005	is equal to	not equal	2428	2472
AmiE WT – AmiE I38V	greater	0.002	0.99	x not greater than y	the CDF of x lies above that of y	2428	2472
AmiE WT – AmiE I38V	less	0.058	0.0002	x not less than y	the CDF of x lies below that of y	2428	2472
AmiE WT – AmiE I122L	two sided	0.024	0.48	is equal to	not equal	2428	2450
AmiE WT – AmiE I122L	greater	0.010	0.77	x not greater than y	the CDF of x lies above that of y	2428	2450
AmiE WT – AmiE I122L	less	0.024	0.24	x not less than y	the CDF of x lies below that of y	2428	2450

Table A 10: Inner and outer primers for PCR reactions for Illumina sequencing. Red indicates overhang regions for attaching Illumina adapter primers (inner PCR primers) or overhangs for attaching to inner PCR product (outer PCR primers), black is the overlap region in the gene or the barcode, blue is the Illumina adapter.

Inner PCR primers	Sequence (5' to 3')
Fwd_Tile_1	gttcagagttctacagtcgcgacgatcctaactttaagaagttttatacat
Fwd_Tile_2	gttcagagttctacagtcgcgacgatcggcgaagaacggaa
Fwd_Tile_3	gttcagagttctacagtcgcgacgatcctcgatgacggtaat
Fwd_Tile_4	gttcagagttctacagtcgcgacgatcaagaaatgggcattcaatac
Rev_Tile_1	ccttggcaccgcgagaattccaagcacggctaagat
Rev_Tile_2	ccttggcaccgcgagaattccaactctcaaatttcggata
Rev_Tile_3	ccttggcaccgcgagaattccacagagacaactgcgc
Rev_Tile_4	ccttggcaccgcgagaattccatggtggtgctcgag
Illumina outer primer adapter	aatgatacggcgaccaccgagatctacacgttcagagttctacagtcgga
Illumina outer PCR adapters and barcodes	
RPI37 (AmiE WT unselected, Tile 1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatATTCCGgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI22 (AmiE WT unselected, Tile 2)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatCGTACGgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI39 (AmiE WT unselected, Tile 3)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatGTATAGgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI40 (AmiE WT unselected, Tile 4)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatTCTGAGgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI41 (AmiE WT selected, Tile 1 replicate 1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatGTCGTCgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI38 (AmiE WT selected, Tile 1 replicate 2)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatAGCTAGgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI33 (AmiE WT selected, Tile 2 replicate 1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatCGCCTGgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI34 (AmiE WT selected, Tile 2 replicate 2)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatGCCATGgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI43 (AmiE WT selected, Tile 3 replicate 1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatGCTGTAggtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI40 (AmiE WT selected, Tile 3 replicate 2)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatTCTGAGgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI44 (AmiE WT selected, Tile 4 replicate 1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatATTATAggtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI41 (AmiE WT selected, Tile 4 replicate 2)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatGTCGTCgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI20 (AmiE I38V unselected, Tile 1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatGGCCACgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI21 (AmiE I38V unselected, Tile 2)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatCGAAACgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca
RPI27 (AmiE I38V unselected, Tile 3)	caagcagaagacggcatacagatAGGAATgtgactggagttccttggcacccgagaattcca

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RPI34 (AmiE I38V unselected, Tile 4)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatGCCATGgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI37 (AmiE I38V selected, Tile 1 replicate 1)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatATTCCGgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI38 (AmiE I38V selected, Tile 1 replicate 2)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatAGCTAGgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI16 (AmiE I38V selected, Tile 2 replicate 1)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatGGACGGgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI14 (AmiE I38V selected, Tile 2 replicate 2)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatGGAAGTgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI48 (AmiE I38V selected, Tile 3 replicate 1)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatTGCCGAgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI23 (AmiE I38V selected, Tile 3 replicate 2)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatCCACTCgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI32 (AmiE I38V selected, Tile 4 replicate 1)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatTGAGTGgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI44 (AmiE I38V selected, Tile 4 replicate 2)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatATTATAgtagtggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI19 (AmiE WT control, AmiE I38V selection, unselected, Tile 3)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatTTTCACgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI26 (AmiE WT control, AmiE I38V selection, selected, Tile 3)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatGCTCATgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI33 (AmiE I122L unselected, Tile 1, sequencing runs 1 and 2)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatCGCCTGgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI46 (AmiE I122L unselected, Tile 2, sequencing runs 1 and 2)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatTCGGGAgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI40 (AmiE I122L unselected, Tile 3, sequencing runs 1 and 2)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatTCTGAGgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI29 (AmiE I122L unselected, Tile 4, sequencing runs 1 and 2)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatTAGTTGgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI17 (AmiE I122L selected, Tile 1 replicate 1)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatCTCTACgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI32 (AmiE I122L selected, Tile 1 replicate 2)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatTGAGTGgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI12 (AmiE I122L selected, Tile 2 replicate 1)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatTACAAGgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI42 (AmiE I122L selected, Tile 2 replicate 2)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatCGATTAgtagtggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI25 (AmiE I122L selected, Tile 3 replicate 1)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatATCAGTgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI46 (AmiE I122L selected, Tile 3 replicate 2)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatTCGGGAgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI31 (AmiE I122L selected, Tile 4 replicate 1)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatATCGTGgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI15 (AmiE I122L selected, Tile 4 replicate 2)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatTGACATgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI7 (AmiE WT control, AmiE I122L selection, unselected, Tile 3)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatGATCTGgtgactggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca
RPI10 (AmiE WT control, AmiE I122L selection, selected, Tile 3)	caagcagaagacggcatcacgagatAAGCTAgtagtggagttccttggcaccc gagaattcca

Table A 11: Beneficial mutations shared by all enzymes.

Location-mutation	AmiE WT cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric
9T	0.25	0.24	0.26	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.59	0.60	0.59
9Q	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.45	0.46	0.44
9N	0.16	0.21	0.11	0.17	0.14	0.18	0.56	0.56	0.56
9I	0.28	0.26	0.29	0.27	0.25	0.28	0.49	0.49	0.48
9H	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.26	0.24	0.28	0.49	0.49	0.50
9G	0.28	0.25	0.29	0.26	0.25	0.27	0.33	0.31	0.34
9D	0.26	0.28	0.25	0.41	0.38	0.43	0.60	0.59	0.60
9C	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.20	0.19	0.21	0.65	0.65	0.65
9A	0.32	0.31	0.32	0.18	0.19	0.16	0.21	0.22	0.21
93E	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.27	0.26	0.29	0.32	0.32	0.32
93D	0.18	0.17	0.19	0.21	0.20	0.23	0.41	0.40	0.42
93A	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.17	0.16	0.18
8T	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.14	0.15	0.13	0.52	0.52	0.51
8K	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.64	0.63	0.64
8G	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.26	0.27	0.30	0.31	0.29
8A	0.10	0.12	0.09	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.55	0.55	0.55
89S	0.09	0.07	0.11	0.06	0.08	0.03	0.14	0.12	0.15
89Q	0.15	0.14	0.16	0.28	0.28	0.27	0.25	0.25	0.25
89N	0.15	0.14	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.30	0.29	0.31
89E	0.30	0.29	0.31	0.36	0.36	0.36	0.73	0.73	0.74
89D	0.23	0.21	0.24	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.57	0.57	0.55
89A	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.31	0.32	0.30	0.47	0.46	0.49
82Q	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.10	0.09	0.11
82P	0.25	0.25	0.26	0.34	0.33	0.34	0.77	0.77	0.77
82A	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.11	0.19	0.18	0.19
79V	0.04	0.05	0.03	0.10	0.11	0.09	0.44	0.44	0.44
78S	0.04	0.02	0.05	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.10	0.11	0.10
74A	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.24	0.22	0.25
70Q	0.10	0.08	0.11	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.18	0.17	0.19
70K	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.39	0.38	0.39
62T	0.09	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.11	0.08	0.41	0.41	0.41
52L	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.24	0.23	0.24	0.33	0.33	0.33
4S	0.16	0.14	0.17	0.06	0.08	0.04	0.41	0.42	0.41
3V	0.32	0.32	0.33	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.64	0.63	0.64
3L	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.05	0.03	0.07
3I	0.27	0.25	0.28	0.23	0.21	0.24	0.61	0.61	0.60
341D	0.13	0.11	0.14	0.12	0.10	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.14
339V	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.14	0.13	0.15	0.12	0.11	0.13
339T	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.21	0.19	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.21

Table A 11 (cont'd)

Location-mutation	AmiE WT cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric
339Q	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.19	0.19	0.20	0.20	0.21	0.18
339P	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.27	0.28	0.27
339N	0.30	0.28	0.31	0.28	0.26	0.30	0.28	0.29	0.27
339M	0.10	0.09	0.11	0.14	0.13	0.14	0.37	0.36	0.38
339L	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.12	0.11	0.13
339I	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.19	0.18	0.19	0.16	0.15	0.18
339H	0.18	0.16	0.20	0.19	0.17	0.20	0.16	0.15	0.16
339G	0.14	0.12	0.15	0.22	0.21	0.23	0.30	0.30	0.30
339E	0.20	0.18	0.21	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.35	0.36	0.35
339D	0.31	0.29	0.32	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.58	0.58	0.59
339C	0.11	0.08	0.12	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.13	0.13	0.12
339A	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.19	0.19	0.19
337E	0.27	0.26	0.28	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.18	0.20	0.16
337D	0.17	0.16	0.17	0.18	0.18	0.18	0.25	0.25	0.24
336T	0.16	0.15	0.16	0.14	0.13	0.15	0.13	0.12	0.13
336S	0.19	0.17	0.19	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.17	0.17	0.16
336Q	0.24	0.25	0.24	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.25	0.24	0.26
336P	0.25	0.26	0.25	0.21	0.20	0.22	0.25	0.26	0.25
336N	0.28	0.27	0.29	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.21	0.20	0.21
336K	0.21	0.18	0.22	0.22	0.21	0.22	0.19	0.17	0.22
336H	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.04	0.03	0.04
336G	0.24	0.24	0.23	0.18	0.16	0.19	0.22	0.21	0.23
336E	0.31	0.30	0.31	0.23	0.23	0.24	0.29	0.27	0.31
336D	0.33	0.33	0.33	0.27	0.26	0.28	0.38	0.37	0.38
336A	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.05
335D	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05
335C	0.41	0.38	0.42	0.32	0.35	0.30	0.50	0.50	0.50
331E	0.21	0.18	0.23	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.12	0.13	0.12
330S	0.02	0.03	0.02	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.15	0.14	0.16
330E	0.16	0.18	0.14	0.13	0.11	0.16	0.12	0.09	0.14
329T	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.11	0.13	0.09	0.06	0.06	0.06
329S	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.09	0.10
322I	0.23	0.21	0.24	0.17	0.16	0.18	0.14	0.14	0.13
312P	0.27	0.25	0.28	0.25	0.27	0.23	0.38	0.38	0.38
28R	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.36	0.36	0.37	0.74	0.74	0.74
28P	0.15	0.16	0.14	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.26	0.25	0.27
28K	0.28	0.26	0.29	0.43	0.42	0.43	0.82	0.81	0.82
279M	0.12	0.10	0.14	0.18	0.15	0.19	0.29	0.30	0.28
279L	0.23	0.21	0.24	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.47	0.46	0.47

Table A 11 (cont'd)

Location-mutation	AmiE WT cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric
266H	0.16	0.14	0.17	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.19	0.20	0.18
262A	0.14	0.11	0.15	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.55	0.54	0.55
260I	0.22	0.19	0.23	0.18	0.19	0.16	0.43	0.43	0.43
252A	0.05	0.02	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.07	0.07	0.06
251Y	0.16	0.20	0.14	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.24	0.20	0.27
250P	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.20	0.20	0.20
248S	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.11	0.11	0.11
248P	0.16	0.17	0.16	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.21	0.22	0.21
244A	0.19	0.21	0.19	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.86	0.86	0.86
243I	0.12	0.09	0.13	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.21	0.21	0.22
236Y	0.27	0.27	0.28	0.21	0.21	0.22	0.64	0.64	0.64
234M	0.33	0.34	0.33	0.19	0.19	0.19	0.88	0.88	0.88
234C	0.28	0.27	0.28	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.77	0.77	0.78
221T	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.41	0.42	0.41
206C	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.13	0.11	0.15	0.10	0.11	0.10
201M	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.31	0.31	0.31	1.04	1.04	1.04
201L	0.16	0.16	0.15	0.17	0.17	0.18	0.85	0.85	0.86
201I	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.20	0.19	0.21	0.71	0.70	0.71
165C	0.27	0.26	0.27	0.39	0.38	0.39	0.96	0.93	0.98
148T	0.12	0.12	0.13	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.12	0.12	0.13
148S	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.07	0.07	0.08
148N	0.19	0.17	0.20	0.25	0.24	0.26	0.40	0.39	0.41
148K	0.10	0.08	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.26	0.23	0.30
136L	0.14	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.43	0.44	0.43
136F	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.66	0.65	0.67
10Q	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.19	0.17	0.20	0.13	0.12	0.13
10A	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.53	0.53	0.53

Table A 12: Beneficial mutations shared by only AmiE WT and AmiE I122L.

Location-mutation	AmiE WT cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric
74N	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.06	0.06	0.06	-0.07	-0.05	-0.08
82V	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	-0.09	-0.10	-0.08
88A	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.35	0.35	0.35	-0.09	-0.08	-0.10
92K	0.08	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.08	-0.13	-0.13	-0.13
112N	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	-0.05	-0.05	-0.06
136C	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.04	0.04	0.05	-0.11	-0.16	-0.06
154D	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.05	0.06	0.03	-0.11	-0.11	-0.10
201C	0.13	0.14	0.13	0.07	0.06	0.09	-0.51	-0.58	-0.45
201R	0.08	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.08	0.10	-0.11	-0.10	-0.13
201T	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.13	0.12	0.14	-0.19	-0.19	-0.20
234Q	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.14	0.15	0.12	-0.28	-0.34	-0.23
248A	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.14	0.15	0.14	-0.12	-0.15	-0.08

Table A 13: Beneficial mutations shared by only AmiE WT and AmiE I38V.

Location-mutation	AmiE WT cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric
10H	0.06	0.07	0.05	-0.26	-0.26	-0.26	0.04	0.06	0.03
9L	0.14	0.13	0.15	-0.14	-0.13	-0.16	0.24	0.25	0.23
3Q	0.31	0.31	0.32	-0.07	-0.07	-0.06	0.66	0.65	0.66
339S	0.17	0.16	0.18	-0.03	-0.04	-0.03	0.20	0.20	0.20
237S	0.08	0.04	0.09	-0.19	-0.19	-0.20	0.10	0.13	0.07

Table A 14: Beneficial mutations shared by only AmiE I38V and AmiE I122L.

Location-mutation	AmiE WT cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric
4A	-0.10	-0.13	-0.08	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.55	0.54	0.55
79C	-0.11	-0.11	-0.12	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.73	0.72	0.73
69H	-0.03	-0.04	-0.02	0.04	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.04	0.03
69R	-0.05	-0.07	-0.03	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.11	0.11	0.11

Table A 15: AmiE WT unique beneficial mutations.

Location-mutation	AmiE WT cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric
5C	0.10	0.09	0.11	-0.20	-0.18	-0.21	-0.32	-0.32	-0.32
7G	0.19	0.15	0.21	-0.07	-0.02	-0.12	-0.12	-0.10	-0.14
47C	0.07	0.08	0.07	-0.44	-0.41	-0.46	-0.53	-0.51	-0.55
67C	0.08	-0.05	0.14	-0.08	-0.04	-0.14	-0.13	-0.12	-0.14
72T	0.08	0.09	0.08	-0.62	-0.60	-0.63	-0.60	-0.57	-0.63
74G	0.12	0.11	0.14	-0.17	-0.15	-0.19	-0.24	-0.25	-0.24
78H	0.11	0.10	0.12	-0.13	-0.13	-0.13	-0.54	-0.59	-0.49
82I	0.05	0.04	0.06	-0.04	-0.04	-0.03	-0.42	-0.45	-0.39
179V	0.11	-0.17	0.17	-0.05	-0.01	-0.10	-0.26	-0.26	-0.27
189Y	0.08	-0.09	0.12	-0.10	-0.05	-0.15	-0.31	-0.31	-0.30
228G	0.05	-0.10	0.09	-0.16	-0.11	-0.23	-0.20	-0.20	-0.21
234T	0.07	0.06	0.08	-0.08	-0.08	-0.09	-0.36	-0.35	-0.37
252D	0.07	-0.25	0.13	-0.21	-0.14	-0.32	-0.54	-0.47	-0.62
277C	0.11	-0.47	0.19	-0.49	-0.35	-0.72	-0.30	-0.29	-0.31
291C	0.07	0.10	0.05	-0.50	-0.36	-0.75	-0.40	-0.42	-0.39
297H	0.08	0.11	0.06	-0.32	-0.42	-0.26	-0.44	-0.46	-0.42
311C	0.16	0.20	0.14	-1.17	-1.11	-1.22	-1.07	-1.28	-0.94
320A	0.05	0.08	0.03	-0.39	-0.52	-0.32	-0.39	-0.44	-0.34
325C	0.14	0.13	0.14	-0.12	-0.13	-0.12	-0.22	-0.18	-0.27
325T	0.05	0.04	0.06	-0.32	-0.30	-0.33	-0.08	-0.06	-0.09
325Y	0.16	0.18	0.14	-0.10	-0.01	-0.23	-0.24	-0.22	-0.28
326H	0.22	0.23	0.22	-0.09	-0.10	-0.08	-0.21	-0.27	-0.16
326Y	0.07	0.09	0.06	-0.27	-0.28	-0.27	-0.51	-0.56	-0.47
336L	0.08	0.07	0.08	-0.04	-0.05	-0.04	-0.16	-0.17	-0.14
341Y	0.18	0.19	0.17	-0.25	-0.23	-0.27	-0.16	-0.14	-0.18

red highlighting indicates samples were dropped from analysis of beneficial mutations due to technical replicate disparities

Table A 16: AmiE I122L unique beneficial mutations.

Location-mutation	AmiE I122L cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric
47K	0.07	0.07	0.06	-0.07	-0.04	-0.08	-0.07	-0.08	-0.07
47R	0.03	0.03	0.02	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	-0.13	-0.12	-0.14
58H	0.13	0.01	0.20	-0.24	-0.20	-0.27	-0.17	-0.14	-0.22
69Q	0.04	0.04	0.05	-0.04	-0.06	-0.03	-0.17	-0.16	-0.18
84I	0.17	0.17	0.16	-0.39	-0.44	-0.35	-0.85	-0.92	-0.79
84V	0.15	0.15	0.14	-0.14	-0.16	-0.13	-0.84	-0.83	-0.85
136V	0.05	0.06	0.04	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04	-0.06	-0.03
336V	0.02	0.02	0.03	-0.04	-0.05	-0.04	-0.05	-0.03	-0.08

Table A 17: AmiE I38V unique beneficial mutations.

Location-mutation	AmiE I38V cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I38V technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE WT technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L cumulative normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	AmiE I122L technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric
8V	0.30	0.30	0.31	-0.74	-0.83	-0.68	-0.36	-0.39	-0.33
21A	0.04	0.04	0.05	-0.19	-0.21	-0.18	-0.28	-0.29	-0.27
21P	0.38	0.38	0.38	-0.11	-0.14	-0.09	-0.10	-0.09	-0.11
21S	0.07	0.06	0.08	-0.19	-0.20	-0.19	-0.26	-0.26	-0.26
25C	0.14	0.15	0.14	-0.11	-0.12	-0.10	-0.04	-0.03	-0.04
65V	0.24	0.25	0.23	-0.28	-0.31	-0.27	-0.27	-0.25	-0.29
69Y	0.08	0.08	0.08	-0.12	-0.15	-0.10	-0.27	-0.30	-0.24
72L	0.04	0.03	0.04	-0.35	-0.32	-0.37	-0.43	-0.41	-0.45
75C	0.12	0.13	0.10	-0.39	-0.45	-0.35	-0.19	-0.19	-0.18
75L	0.12	0.11	0.13	-0.27	-0.27	-0.26	-0.23	-0.23	-0.22
102C	0.11	0.09	0.13	-0.24	-0.22	-0.25	-0.41	-0.42	-0.40
102I	0.54	0.53	0.54	-0.20	-0.20	-0.20	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07
143R	0.05	0.01	0.08	-0.19	-0.19	-0.20	-0.13	-0.13	-0.13
143T	0.30	0.29	0.30	-0.09	-0.11	-0.09	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04
149M	0.40	0.39	0.41	-0.25	-0.27	-0.24	-0.25	-0.23	-0.29
149R	0.06	0.04	0.08	-0.16	-0.16	-0.16	-0.36	-0.32	-0.42
190T	0.37	0.38	0.36	-0.49	-0.43	-0.53	-0.37	-0.42	-0.33
193P	0.53	0.54	0.53	-0.47	-0.48	-0.46	-0.08	-0.08	-0.07
197C	0.30	0.34	0.24	-1.20	-1.10	-1.26	-0.81	-0.85	-0.78
201N	0.25	0.27	0.24	-0.11	-0.11	-0.11	-0.07	-0.06	-0.08
204N	0.26	0.26	0.26	-0.28	-0.35	-0.25	-0.16	-0.13	-0.19
212C	0.51	0.50	0.53	-0.37	-0.35	-0.38	-0.33	-0.34	-0.32
212K	0.07	0.09	0.04	-0.33	-0.56	-0.27	-0.60	-0.46	-0.84
212T	0.40	0.40	0.40	-0.25	-0.10	-0.37	-0.24	-0.23	-0.25
212V	0.19	0.20	0.19	-0.48	-0.41	-0.52	-0.37	-0.37	-0.38
228A	0.15	0.13	0.16	-0.32	-0.31	-0.32	-0.25	-0.23	-0.28
230C	0.25	0.25	0.26	-0.18	-0.21	-0.16	-0.31	-0.31	-0.31
251N	0.47	0.47	0.47	-0.10	-0.13	-0.09	-0.15	-0.16	-0.15
253Y	0.33	0.33	0.32	-0.49	-0.63	-0.44	-0.39	-0.40	-0.37
254T	0.15	0.16	0.14	-0.42	-0.43	-0.41	-0.43	-0.43	-0.44
287T	0.12	0.13	0.10	-0.17	-0.17	-0.17	-0.21	-0.21	-0.20
288K	0.07	0.08	0.06	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	-0.04	-0.04	-0.03
317M	0.17	0.18	0.16	-0.41	-0.34	-0.46	-0.23	-0.17	-0.29
325F	0.15	0.19	0.10	-0.16	-0.16	-0.16	-0.15	-0.09	-0.22
326R	0.06	0.04	0.08	-0.24	-0.22	-0.26	-0.23	-0.23	-0.24
333N	0.25	0.22	0.28	-0.30	-0.31	-0.29	-0.20	-0.21	-0.20
340K	0.15	0.16	0.13	-0.12	-0.11	-0.13	-0.05	-0.04	-0.05

Table A 18: AmiE WT unique beneficial mutations with synonymous codon fitness disparities.

Position	Mutation	Codon	Codon Frequency	Reference population count	Cumulative selected population count	Selected population count - technical replicate 1	Selected population count - technical replicate 2	Cumulative normalized fitness metric	Technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	Technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - cumulative	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - technical replicate 1	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - technical replicate 2	Shared unique beneficial mutation bin
3	L	CTA	0.04	109	2381	1050	1331	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.08	0.09	0.05	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
3	L	CTC	0.1	0	2	0	2	None	None	None	0.08	0.09	0.05	
3	L	CTG	0.44	1	2	0	2	-0.27	None	-0.12	0.08	0.09	0.05	
3	L	CTT	0.12	29	109	43	66	-0.10	-0.12	-0.09	0.08	0.09	0.05	
3	L	TGA	0.44	6	6	0	0	None	None	None	0.08	0.09	0.05	
3	L	TGG	0.13	6	0	0	0	None	None	None	0.08	0.09	0.05	
3	Q	CAA	0.34	144	4028	1674	2354	0.53	0.53	0.54	0.25	0.32	1.06	WT and 135V shared beneficial - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
3	Q	CAG	0.66	16	9	7	2	-0.09	-0.47	0.25	0.12	0.12	1.06	
3	V	GTA	0.17	22	908	308	540	0.46	0.39	0.41	0.22	0.12	0.34	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
3	V	GTC	0.2	9	144	46	79	0.22	0.24	0.23	0.12	0.06	0.34	
3	V	GTG	0.35	3	6	5	1	-0.27	-0.39	-0.08	0.12	0.06	0.34	
3	V	GTT	0.28	6	0	0	0	None	None	None	0.12	0.06	0.34	
5	C	TGA	0.53	72	799	332	467	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.05	0.06	0.05	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
5	C	TGT	0.46	18	48	19	29	-0.19	-0.21	-0.18	0.05	0.06	0.05	
7	G	GGA	0.13	4	17	3	17	-0.58	-0.48	-0.54	0.24	0.37	0.21	Unique WT beneficial - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
7	G	GAG	0.37	121	1799	639	1160	0.23	0.17	0.23	0.24	0.37	0.21	
7	G	GAG	0.15	9	5	3	4	-0.30	None	-0.58	0.24	0.37	0.21	
7	G	GAG	0.35	0	1	0	1	None	None	None	0.24	None	0.21	
8	A	GCA	0.23	1	11	7	4	0.15	0.23	0.05	0.42	0.39	0.46	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
8	A	GCC	0.26	10	2	0	0	0.14	0.16	0.12	0.42	0.39	0.46	
8	A	GCG	0.35	41	234	203	231	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.42	0.39	0.46	
8	A	GCT	0.15	7	86	27	49	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.42	0.39	0.46	
8	K	AGA	0.29	2	8	0	0	-0.21	None	-0.07	0.05	None	0.05	Beneficial for all - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
8	K	AGG	0.26	36	877	776	801	0.51	0.51	0.51	None	None	0.05	
8	K	ATA	0.04	6	4	1	3	-0.61	-0.65	-0.54	0.76	0.28	0.54	WT and 135V shared beneficial - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
9	L	CTC	0.1	4	2	1	1	-0.74	-0.80	0.76	0.28	0.28	0.54	
9	L	CTG	0.47	47	3	0	3	0.02	None	0.05	0.76	0.28	0.54	
9	L	TGA	0.13	69	1117	761	761	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.76	0.28	0.54	
9	L	TGT	0.13	69	69	20	49	0.12	0.04	0.17	0.76	0.28	0.54	
10	A	GCA	0.23	97	3254	1496	2028	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.12	0.12	0.12	Beneficial for all - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
10	A	GCC	0.26	160	1081	493	629	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.12	0.12	0.12	
10	A	GCG	0.33	9	343	131	194	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.12	0.12	0.12	
10	A	GCT	0.15	9	37	30	44	-0.44	-0.44	-0.44	0.12	0.12	0.12	
10	H	CAC	0.43	80	1246	509	777	0.22	0.21	0.23	0.03	0.03	0.03	WT and 135V shared beneficial -95% CI cutoff
10	H	CAT	0.57	250	1206	566	640	-0.04	-0.02	-0.06	0.03	0.03	0.04	
47	C	TGC	0.58	188	1225	1028	1286	0.12	0.13	0.12	0.14	0.14	0.14	
47	C	TGT	0.46	80	128	44	84	-0.34	-0.40	-0.30	0.11	0.14	0.09	
52	L	CTA	0.04	66	965	361	542	0.19	0.18	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
52	L	CTC	0.1	85	85	785	452	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	
52	L	CTG	0.47	73	621	258	363	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	
52	L	CTT	0.12	26	122	184	72	0.06	0.03	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	
52	L	TGA	0.14	9	67	30	37	0.06	0.07	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	
52	L	TGT	0.13	87	491	199	292	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
62	T	ACA	0.17	21	124	3	124	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
62	T	ACC	0.4	33	401	171	230	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.01	0.01	0.01	
62	T	ACG	0.25	23	187	84	103	0.07	0.08	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	
62	T	ACT	0.19	10	67	28	39	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	
67	C	TGC	0.54	46	427	103	324	0.11	-0.02	0.17	1.05	None	0.74	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
67	C	TGT	0.46	7	1	0	1	None	None	None	1.05	None	0.74	
72	T	ACA	0.17	10	1	0	0	0.17	0.16	None	0.62	0.31	0.42	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
72	T	ACC	0.4	29	402	191	211	0.17	0.17	0.17	0.62	0.31	0.42	
72	T	ACG	0.25	27	122	55	67	-0.06	-0.04	-0.07	0.62	0.31	0.42	
72	T	ACT	0.19	10	1	0	0	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.62	0.31	0.42	
74	G	GGA	0.13	132	655	256	399	0.13	-0.03	-0.05	0.62	0.31	0.42	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
74	G	GGC	0.37	23	86	35	51	-0.10	-0.12	-0.10	0.03	0.03	0.03	
74	G	GGG	0.22	4	1040	49	1040	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.03	0.03	0.03	
74	G	GCT	0.35	56	324	156	168	-0.22	-0.39	-0.24	0.03	0.03	0.03	
78	H	CAC	0.43	51	258	101	157	-0.03	-0.05	-0.02	0.03	0.04	0.03	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
78	H	CAT	0.57	32	1311	214	297	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.03	0.04	0.03	
79	V	GTA	0.17	66	333	132	181	0.03	-0.01	-0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
79	V	GTC	0.2	41	119	27	154	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	
79	V	GTG	0.35	36	148	109	139	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	
79	V	GTT	0.28	54	386	163	223	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	
82	T	ACA	0.17	10	185	101	223	0.01	-0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
82	T	ACC	0.39	153	1279	534	745	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	
82	T	ACG	0.25	68	137	146	212	0.02	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
93	A	GCA	0.23	68	1242	314	704	0.07	0.07	0.08	0.00	0.01	0.00	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
93	A	GCC	0.26	55	651	266	385	-0.03	-0.05	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	
93	A	GCG	0.33	41	991	471	1112	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.01	0.01	0.01	
93	A	GCT	0.18	68	1519	655	864	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.00	0.01	0.00	
179	V	GTA	0.17	14	2	1	0	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.28	0.65	0.65	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
179	V	GTC	0.2	226	3062	289	2793	0.16	-0.11	0.21	0.60	0.28	0.65	
179	V	GTG	0.35	27	11	4	7	-0.04	-0.05	-0.04	0.60	0.28	0.65	
179	V	GTT	0.28	16	2	0	2	0.00	None	0.00	0.60	0.28	0.65	

Position	Mutation	Codon	Codon Frequency	Reference population count	Cumulative selected population count	Selected population count - technical replicate 1	Selected population count - technical replicate 2	Cumulative normalized fitness metric	Technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	Technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - cumulative	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - technical replicate 1	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - technical replicate 2	Shared-unique beneficial mutation bin
189	V	TAT	0.41	110	1511	224	1287	0.19	0.00	0.20	11.16	None	4.66	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
189	T	TAT	0.59	52	1	0	1	0.00	None	None	11.16	None	4.66	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
201	R	AGA	0.04	0	9	4	5	None	None	None	0.01	0.01	0.01	WT and 112S shared beneficial -95% CI cutoff
201	R	AGG	0.04	0	9	4	5	None	None	None	0.01	0.01	0.01	
201	R	AGA	0.07	103	1017	335	702	0.09	0.11	0.09	0.01	0.01	0.01	
201	R	CAG	0.36	20	89	25	64	-0.10	-0.12	-0.09	0.01	0.01	0.01	
201	R	CGG	0.11	17	100	67	33	0.11	0.15	0.08	0.01	0.01	0.01	
201	R	CGC	0.1	26	4	4	16	0.09	0.09	0.12	0.01	0.01	0.01	
201	T	ACA	0.17	159	3350	1013	2332	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.01	0.01	0.01	WT and 112S shared beneficial -95% CI cutoff
201	T	ACC	0.4	0	64	20	44	None	None	None	0.01	0.01	0.01	
201	T	ACG	0.25	10	64	19	45	-0.01	-0.02	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	
201	T	ACT	0.19	34	354	106	248	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.01	0.01	0.01	
221	T	ACA	0.17	110	816	222	594	0.02	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
221	T	ACC	0.44	19	187	54	133	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	
221	T	ACG	0.25	28	162	64	98	-0.03	0.03	-0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	
221	T	ACT	0.17	58	557	172	385	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
234	Q	CAA	0.34	49	325	97	228	0.00	-0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.01	WT and 112S shared beneficial -95% CI cutoff
234	Q	CAG	0.66	33	372	124	248	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.01	0.01	0.01	
244	T	ACC	0.17	40	147	14	133	-0.15	-0.25	-0.12	0.04	0.04	0.04	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
234	T	ACC	0.4	34	395	1407	2403	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.02	0.04	0.02	
234	T	ACG	0.25	34	91	29	71	-0.23	-0.23	-0.20	0.02	0.04	0.02	
234	T	ACT	0.19	47	164	47	117	-0.16	-0.18	-0.16	0.02	0.04	0.02	
237	S	AGA	0.25	20	19	7	12	-0.55	-0.49	-0.59	0.11	0.09	0.12	WT and 135V shared beneficial -95% CI cutoff
237	S	AGT	0.16	133	401	120	281	-0.24	-0.24	-0.24	0.11	0.09	0.12	
237	S	TCA	0.14	21	31	10	21	-0.41	-0.39	-0.42	0.11	0.09	0.12	
237	S	TCT	0.17	29	215	109	203	-0.24	-0.27	-0.21	0.11	0.09	0.12	
237	S	TGG	0.14	38	87	29	58	-0.28	-0.25	-0.29	0.11	0.09	0.12	
237	S	TCT	0.17	52	2631	660	2151	0.04	0.06	0.04	0.11	0.09	0.12	
251	V	TAT	0.41	22	493	162	331	0.26	0.26	0.26	0.08	0.08	0.08	Beneficial for all >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
251	V	TAT	0.59	25	147	44	103	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	0.04	0.06	0.04	
251	V	TAT	0.59	25	147	44	103	-0.03	-0.03	-0.03	0.04	0.06	0.04	
252	A	GCA	0.33	35	193	31	162	-0.02	-0.03	-0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
252	A	GCG	0.26	41	380	91	289	0.08	0.02	0.10	0.01	0.06	0.01	
252	A	GGA	0.33	11	64	21	43	-0.01	-0.01	-0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	
252	A	GCT	0.18	18	219	18	201	0.12	0.12	0.11	0.01	0.01	0.01	
277	C	TGC	0.54	115	3	0	0	-0.23	None	-1.3	3.49	None	2.60	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
277	C	TGC	0.54	115	3	0	0	-0.23	None	-1.3	3.49	None	2.60	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
291	C	TGC	0.54	88	410	142	268	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.01	0.02	0.01	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
291	C	TGC	0.54	88	410	142	268	0.13	0.13	0.13	0.01	0.02	0.01	
291	C	TGC	0.54	161	1426	600	826	0.11	0.15	0.09	0.01	0.02	0.01	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
297	H	CAC	0.17	117	1243	372	971	0.16	0.17	0.19	0.01	0.01	0.01	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
297	H	CAT	0.57	69	159	54	105	-0.27	-0.23	-0.21	0.07	0.09	0.06	
311	C	TGC	0.54	70	1328	576	752	0.22	0.21	0.25	1.27	2.88	1.00	Unique WT beneficial ->10% increase in growth rate cutoff
311	C	TGC	0.54	70	1328	576	752	0.22	0.21	0.25	1.27	2.88	1.00	Unique WT beneficial ->10% increase in growth rate cutoff
320	A	GCA	0.33	37	99	35	64	-0.30	-0.30	-0.30	0.30	0.13	0.22	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
320	A	GCT	0.26	74	52	24	50	-0.30	-0.30	-0.30	0.30	0.13	0.22	
320	A	GCC	0.21	57	3	0	3	-1.14	None	-0.95	0.30	0.13	0.22	
320	A	GCT	0.18	168	1967	784	1193	0.17	0.20	0.16	0.30	0.13	0.22	
323	V	TAT	0.17	18	302	109	193	0.17	0.25	0.25	0.02	0.02	0.01	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
323	V	TAT	0.44	121	544	183	363	-0.05	-0.06	-0.04	0.01	0.01	0.02	
325	V	TAT	0.27	10	24	6	18	-0.69	-0.69	-0.69	0.01	0.01	0.01	
325	V	TAT	0.19	41	356	41	236	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.01	0.02	0.01	
326	V	TAT	0.41	147	1155	450	705	0.09	0.11	0.07	0.10	0.08	0.11	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
336	S	AGA	0.25	11	319	8	210	-0.35	-0.28	-0.30	0.01	0.01	0.01	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
330	S	AGT	0.25	82	429	145	284	-0.01	-0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
330	S	AGA	0.16	79	519	161	258	0.05	0.01	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	
330	S	TCA	0.14	170	947	339	609	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	
330	S	TCT	0.15	251	1366	589	777	0.00	0.05	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	
330	S	TCT	0.15	251	1366	589	777	0.00	0.05	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	
330	S	TCT	0.17	52	367	127	240	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	
336	L	CTA	0.04	62	238	86	152	-0.08	-0.08	-0.09	0.02	0.02	0.02	WT unique beneficial -95% CI cutoff
336	L	CTC	0.11	100	420	129	291	-0.08	-0.08	-0.08	0.02	0.02	0.02	
336	L	CTG	0.47	57	201	49	152	-0.11	-0.11	-0.07	0.02	0.02	0.02	
336	L	CTT	0.12	148	2199	729	1470	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.02	0.02	0.02	
336	L	TTA	0.14	31	153	47	106	-0.02	-0.06	-0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02	
336	L	TTG	0.13	40	152	62	90	-0.09	-0.05	-0.11	0.02	0.02	0.02	
337	S	GAA	0.68	3	41	4	37	-0.02	0.01	0.05	0.07	0.08	0.07	Beneficial for all -95% CI cutoff
337	S	GAG	0.32	17	370	126	244	0.30	0.29	0.30	0.05	0.07	0.04	
341	V	TAT	0.41	16	272	104	168	0.25	0.26	0.24	0.12	0.12	0.12	Unique WT beneficial ->10% increase in growth rate cutoff
341	V	TAT	0.59	3	1	0	0	-0.27	-0.24	-0.23	0.11	0.13	0.12	

Table A 19: AmiE I122L unique beneficial mutations with synonymous codon fitness disparities.

Position	Mutation	Codon	Codon Frequency	Reference population count	Cumulative selected population count	Selected population count - technical	Selected population count - technical	Cumulative normalized fitness metric	Technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	Technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - cumulative	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - technical replicate 1	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - technical replicate 2	Shared-unique beneficial mutation bin
3	I	AIA	0.11	14	117	57	60	0.19	0.19	0.18	0.40	0.37	0.43	Beneficial for all - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
3	I	ATC	0.39	5	160	64	96	0.43	0.40	0.46	0.40	0.37	0.43	
3	I	ATT	0.49	8	2	1	1	-0.76	-0.74	-0.79	0.40	0.37	0.43	
3	L	CTA	0.04	29	438	214	224	0.30	0.30	0.30	0.27	0.14	0.19	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
3	L	CTC	0.1	7	5	3	2	-0.41	-0.34	-0.49	0.27	0.14	0.19	
3	L	CTG	0.47	5	1	0	1	-0.85	None	-0.61	0.27	0.14	0.19	
3	L	CTT	0.12	24	93	37	56	0.03	-0.01	0.06	0.27	0.14	0.19	
3	L	TTA	0.14	10	168	86	82	0.32	0.33	0.31	0.27	0.14	0.19	
3	L	TTG	0.13	4	1	1	0	-0.66	-0.60	None	0.27	0.14	0.19	
3	V	GTA	0.17	16	105	53	52	0.14	0.15	0.13	0.19	0.12	0.11	Beneficial for all - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
3	V	GTC	0.2	1	55	25	30	0.52	0.51	0.53	0.19	0.12	0.11	
3	V	GTG	0.35	2	4	2	2	-0.13	-0.12	-0.14	0.19	0.12	0.11	
3	V	GTT	0.28	4	2	2	0	-0.52	-0.30	None	0.19	0.12	0.11	
4	A	GCA	0.23	28	141	57	84	0.08	0.05	0.11	0.07	0.07	0.08	I122L and I38V shared beneficial - >95% CI cutoff
4	A	GCC	0.26	45	395	197	198	0.20	0.20	0.19	0.07	0.07	0.08	
4	A	GCG	0.33	19	58	34	24	-0.03	0.02	-0.08	0.07	0.07	0.08	
4	A	GCT	0.18	32	22	11	11	-0.42	-0.40	-0.44	0.07	0.07	0.08	
4	S	AGC	0.25	61	335	171	164	0.10	0.12	0.09	0.01	0.01	0.03	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
4	S	AGT	0.16	17	40	26	14	-0.09	-0.02	-0.19	0.01	0.01	0.03	
4	S	TCA	0.14	14	25	17	8	-0.16	-0.07	-0.29	0.01	0.01	0.03	
4	S	TCC	0.15	15	69	33	36	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.03	
4	S	TCG	0.14	7	48	29	19	0.15	0.19	0.09	0.01	0.01	0.03	
4	S	TCT	0.17	5	23	11	12	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.03	
8	A	GCA	0.23	17	82	33	49	0.07	0.04	0.10	0.23	0.17	0.32	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
8	A	GCC	0.26	38	8	5	3	-0.45	-0.40	-0.44	0.23	0.17	0.32	
8	A	GCG	0.33	154	691	318	373	0.06	0.05	0.07	0.23	0.17	0.32	
8	A	GCT	0.18	20	214	90	124	0.24	0.21	0.26	0.23	0.17	0.32	
9	Q	CAA	0.34	16	216	96	120	0.28	0.27	0.29	0.11	0.08	0.14	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
9	Q	CAG	0.66	28	45	26	19	-0.18	-0.13	-0.24	0.11	0.08	0.14	
10	A	GCA	0.23	122	1343	641	702	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.12	0.12	0.11	
10	A	GCC	0.26	119	584	269	315	0.08	0.07	-0.08	0.12	0.12	0.11	Beneficial for all - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
10	A	GCG	0.33	99	1582	757	825	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.12	0.12	0.11	
10	A	GCT	0.18	122	76	34	42	-0.45	-0.47	-0.44	0.12	0.12	0.11	
47	R	AGA	0.07	154	423	215	208	-0.05	-0.04	-0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	I122L unique beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
47	R	AGG	0.04	108	462	224	238	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	
47	R	CGA	0.07	314	1132	581	551	0.01	0.03	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	
47	R	CGC	0.36	390	1676	835	841	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	
47	R	CGG	0.11	149	607	284	323	0.04	0.03	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	
47	R	CGT	0.36	230	883	442	441	0.02	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	
69	R	AGA	0.07	102	327	145	182	-0.02	-0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	I122L and I38V shared beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
69	R	AGG	0.04	51	300	135	165	0.12	0.10	0.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	
69	R	CGA	0.07	156	589	271	318	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	
69	R	CGC	0.36	203	899	445	454	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	
69	R	CGG	0.11	124	537	243	294	0.05	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	
69	R	CGT	0.36	159	780	371	409	0.08	0.08	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	
89	S	AGC	0.25	58	424	240	184	0.15	0.15	0.14	0.01	0.01	0.01	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
89	S	AGT	0.16	52	178	109	69	-0.02	0.01	-0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01	
89	S	TCA	0.14	27	90	54	36	-0.02	0.00	-0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01	
89	S	TCC	0.15	23	95	54	41	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	
89	S	TCG	0.14	12	97	70	27	0.17	0.22	0.06	0.01	0.01	0.01	
89	S	TCT	0.17	26	88	56	32	-0.02	0.02	-0.07	0.01	0.01	0.01	
93	A	GCA	0.23	128	672	371	301	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
93	A	GCC	0.26	128	393	215	178	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	
93	A	GCG	0.33	86	410	225	185	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	
93	A	GCT	0.18	76	259	157	102	-0.02	0.01	-0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	
136	V	GTA	0.17	122	750	395	355	0.11	0.10	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	I122L unique beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
136	V	GTC	0.2	169	600	339	261	-0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	
136	V	GTG	0.35	95	378	222	156	0.02	0.04	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	
136	V	GTT	0.28	106	535	321	214	0.07	0.09	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	
148	S	AGC	0.25	69	397	214	183	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
148	S	AGT	0.16	23	133	74	59	0.10	0.10	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	
148	S	TCA	0.14	25	169	82	87	0.13	0.11	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	
148	S	TCC	0.15	53	373	219	154	0.14	0.15	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	
148	S	TCG	0.14	38	212	118	94	0.09	0.10	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00	
148	S	TCT	0.17	31	101	52	49	-0.03	-0.04	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	
154	D	GAC	0.37	49	288	157	131	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.01	I122L and WT shared beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
154	D	GAT	0.63	55	189	118	71	-0.01	0.02	-0.06	0.01	0.00	0.01	
244	A	GCA	0.23	30	215	102	113	0.20	0.19	0.21	0.01	0.01	0.02	
244	A	GCC	0.26	70	495	253	242	0.19	0.20	0.19	0.01	0.01	0.02	
244	A	GCG	0.33	10	65	26	39	0.18	0.13	0.21	0.01	0.01	0.02	
244	A	GCT	0.18	94	204	110	94	-0.05	-0.03	-0.08	0.01	0.01	0.02	
336	V	GTA	0.17	233	360	172	188	0.05	0.06	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	I122L unique beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
336	V	GTC	0.2	287	341	149	192	-0.01	-0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
336	V	GTG	0.35	233	354	158	196	0.05	0.04	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	
336	V	GTT	0.28	190	254	104	150	0.02	-0.01	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Table A 20: AmiE I38V unique beneficial mutations with synonymous codon fitness disparities.

Position	Mutation	Codon	Codon Frequency	Reference population count - technical replicate 1	Cumulative selected population count	Selected population count - technical replicate 1	Selected population count - technical replicate 2	Cumulative normalized fitness metric	Technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	Technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - cumulative	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - technical replicate 1	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - technical replicate 2	Shared-unique beneficial mutation bin
3	I	ATA	0.11	23	1937	1034	903	0.84	0.83	0.84	0.13	0.11	0.18	Beneficial for all - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
3	I	ATC	0.29	5	12	8	4	-0.03	0.03	-0.14	0.13	0.11	0.18	
3	I	ATT	0.49	5	12	8	4	-0.03	0.03	-0.14	0.13	0.11	0.18	
3	L	CTA	0.04	24	210	99	111	0.25	0.23	0.26	0.34	0.23	0.11	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
3	L	CTC	0.3	12	5	1	0	-0.19	-0.13	None	0.34	0.22	0.11	
3	L	CTG	0.47	11	1	1	0	-0.19	-0.13	None	0.34	0.22	0.11	
3	L	CTT	0.12	43	75	30	45	-0.11	-0.17	-0.07	0.34	0.22	0.11	
3	L	TTA	0.14	13	65	31	34	0.13	0.12	0.15	0.34	0.22	0.11	
4	A	GCA	0.23	15	1150	594	556	0.67	0.63	0.63	0.19	0.28	0.16	ISV and I1221 shared beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
4	A	GCC	0.26	38	2513	1277	1236	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.19	0.28	0.16	
4	A	GCG	0.33	16	44	32	23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.19	0.28	0.16	
4	A	GCT	0.18	12	13	3	10	-0.24	-0.23	-0.13	0.19	0.28	0.16	
8	A	GCA	0.23	17	927	480	447	0.57	0.55	0.58	0.31	0.29	0.33	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
8	A	GCC	0.33	69	2501	1350	1241	0.51	0.51	0.51	0.31	0.29	0.33	
8	A	GCT	0.18	7	1830	915	915	0.81	0.80	0.81	0.31	0.29	0.33	
8	V	GTA	0.26	20	11	6	5	-0.15	-0.15	-0.48	0.31	0.29	0.33	
8	V	GTC	0.2	16	1	0	1	-0.41	None	None	0.92	0.74	0.62	ISV unique beneficial - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
8	V	GTG	0.35	26	10	2	8	-0.41	None	None	0.92	0.74	0.62	
8	V	GTT	0.28	7	143	75	68	0.43	0.41	0.41	0.92	0.74	0.62	
9	L	CTA	0.04	15	3	0	3	-0.52	None	None	0.44	0.47	0.44	ISV and WT shared beneficial - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
9	L	CTC	0.1	34	4	2	2	-0.66	-0.65	-0.68	0.44	0.47	0.44	
9	L	CTG	0.47	16	15	4	11	-0.28	-0.22	-0.18	0.44	0.47	0.44	
9	L	CTT	0.12	11	4	3	1	-0.53	-0.43	-0.57	0.44	0.47	0.44	
9	L	TTA	0.14	67	982	565	477	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.44	0.47	0.44	
9	L	TTC	0.13	3	231	144	87	-0.43	-0.43	-0.43	0.44	0.47	0.44	
9	Q	CAA	0.34	15	890	489	401	0.58	0.58	0.58	0.28	0.31	0.24	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
9	Q	CAG	0.66	20	29	12	17	-0.16	-0.21	-0.12	0.28	0.31	0.24	
10	A	GCA	0.23	27	8250	4028	4123	0.67	0.67	0.67	0.28	0.29	0.29	Beneficial for all - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
10	A	GCC	0.26	85	233	113	120	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.29	0.28	0.29	
10	A	GCG	0.33	31	2123	1059	1064	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.29	0.28	0.29	
10	A	GCT	0.18	87	53	23	26	-0.40	-0.40	-0.40	0.29	0.28	0.29	
10	H	CAC	0.43	99	491	243	243	0.13	0.13	0.14	0.03	0.02	0.05	ISV and WT shared beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
10	H	CAI	0.57	103	185	117	68	-0.11	-0.05	-0.19	0.03	0.02	0.05	
21	A	GCA	0.23	69	275	136	137	0.08	0.08	0.09	0.00	0.01	0.01	ISV unique beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
21	A	GCC	0.26	86	158	79	79	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	0.01	0.01	0.01	
21	A	GCG	0.33	72	255	132	122	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01	
21	A	GCT	0.18	63	286	153	153	0.11	0.09	0.13	0.01	0.01	0.01	
21	S	AGC	0.25	61	271	129	119	0.11	0.09	0.12	0.00	0.01	0.00	ISV unique beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
21	S	AGT	0.16	63	223	103	120	0.06	0.04	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.00	
21	S	TCA	0.14	69	248	121	121	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.01	0.00	
21	S	TCC	0.15	84	224	131	131	-0.01	-0.06	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	
21	S	TAG	0.17	190	198	65	101	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.01	0.00	
21	S	TCT	0.17	29	190	106	84	-0.19	-0.21	-0.19	0.00	0.01	0.00	
69	R	AGA	0.07	58	139	83	56	-0.03	0.01	-0.09	0.02	0.02	0.02	ISV and I1221 shared beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
69	R	AGG	0.04	50	74	38	36	-0.04	-0.04	-0.04	0.02	0.02	0.02	
69	R	AGA	0.07	102	270	139	119	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	
69	R	CGC	0.36	123	538	277	261	0.10	0.11	0.10	0.02	0.02	0.02	
69	R	CGG	0.11	82	349	181	168	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.02	0.02	0.02	
69	R	CGI	0.36	121	460	231	229	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.02	0.02	0.02	
72	L	CTA	0.04	34	161	81	80	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	ISV unique beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
72	L	CTC	0.1	127	307	155	152	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	
72	L	CTG	0.47	101	319	136	183	0.03	-0.01	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	
72	L	CTT	0.12	63	212	114	98	0.05	0.06	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	
72	L	TTA	0.14	60	107	50	50	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	
72	L	TTC	0.13	85	227	115	112	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	
93	A	GCA	0.23	65	182	83	99	-0.03	-0.07	0.01	0.05	0.05	0.06	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
93	A	GCC	0.26	17	73	39	38	-0.10	-0.09	-0.10	0.05	0.06	0.06	
93	A	GCG	0.33	41	820	440	380	0.38	0.38	0.39	0.05	0.05	0.06	
93	A	GCT	0.18	22	45	27	18	-0.11	-0.08	-0.15	0.05	0.05	0.06	
102	C	TGA	0.46	11	210	106	106	0.17	0.15	0.17	0.32	0.32	0.32	ISV unique beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
102	C	TGT	0.46	11	4	2	2	-0.60	-0.60	-0.60	0.32	0.32	0.32	
143	R	AGA	0.07	21	32	17	15	-0.18	-0.18	-0.18	0.02	0.01	0.03	ISV unique beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
143	R	AGG	0.04	20	73	31	30	-0.14	-0.17	-0.14	0.01	0.01	0.01	
143	R	CGA	0.07	42	56	31	25	-0.22	-0.21	-0.23	0.02	0.01	0.03	
143	R	CGC	0.36	154	1055	453	602	0.17	0.12	0.22	0.02	0.01	0.03	
143	R	CGG	0.11	59	112	57	55	-0.13	-0.14	-0.11	0.03	0.03	0.03	
143	R	CGI	0.36	53	90	49	41	-0.16	-0.15	-0.16	0.02	0.01	0.03	

Position	Mutation	Codon	Codon Frequency	Reference population count	Cumulative selected population count	Selected population count - technical replicate 1	Selected population count - technical replicate 2	Cumulative normalized fitness metric	Technical replicate 1 normalized fitness metric	Technical replicate 2 normalized fitness metric	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - cumulative	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - technical replicate 1	Variance for synonymous codons of normalized fitness metrics - technical replicate 2	Shared-unique beneficial mutation bin
143	T	ACA	0.17	30	67	38	38	-0.09	-0.07	-0.10	0.05	0.05	0.06	ISV unique beneficial - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
143	T	ACC	0.4	90	2119	1113	1006	0.81	0.80	0.82	0.05	0.05	0.06	
143	T	ACG	0.25	65	141	73	68	-0.01	-0.01	-0.01	0.05	0.05	0.06	
143	T	ACT	0.19	26	70	39	31	-0.04	-0.03	-0.05	0.05	0.05	0.06	
149	R	AGA	0.07	11	3	0	3	-0.14	None	-0.07	0.20	0.28	0.18	ISV unique beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
149	R	AGG	0.04	15	3	1	2	-0.12	-0.12	-0.12	0.20	0.28	0.18	
149	R	CGA	0.07	23	12	7	5	-0.21	-0.21	-0.21	0.20	0.28	0.18	
149	R	CGC	0.36	19	9	3	6	-0.14	-0.16	-0.13	0.20	0.28	0.18	
149	R	CGG	0.11	70	599	282	301	0.22	0.20	0.24	0.20	0.28	0.18	
149	R	CGI	0.36	15	2	1	2	-0.66	-0.67	-0.64	0.20	0.28	0.18	
197	C	TGC	0.54	13	3	1	2	-0.10	-0.17	-0.06	0.65	0.90	0.48	ISV unique beneficial - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
197	C	TGT	0.46	12	199	75	124	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.65	0.90	0.48	
201	N	AAC	0.51	85	174	91	83	-0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.06	0.06	0.06	ISV unique beneficial - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
201	N	AAT	0.49	118	1150	617	533	0.33	0.35	0.32	0.06	0.06	0.06	
228	A	GCA	0.23	36	393	186	207	0.36	0.34	0.37	0.20	0.30	0.31	ISV unique beneficial - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
228	A	GCC	0.26	36	393	186	207	0.36	0.34	0.37	0.20	0.30	0.31	
228	A	GCG	0.33	18	4	2	2	-0.12	-0.17	-0.15	0.20	0.30	0.31	
228	A	GCT	0.18	12	3	1	2	-0.40	-0.44	-0.40	0.20	0.30	0.31	
237	S	AGC	0.25	53	47	24	23	-0.24	-0.23	-0.25	0.06	0.06	0.05	ISV and WT shared beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
237	S	AGT	0.16	84	111	52	59	-0.13	-0.14	-0.11	0.06	0.06	0.05	
237	S	TCA	0.14	14	29	15	12	-0.10	-0.10	-0.10	0.06	0.06	0.05	
237	S	TCC	0.15	44	559	338	221	0.39	0.42	0.34	0.06	0.06	0.05	
237	S	TGC	0.14	30	49	24	25	-0.07	-0.07	-0.07	0.06	0.06	0.05	
237	S	TCT	0.17	18	14	7	7	-0.26	-0.28	-0.28	0.06	0.06	0.05	
251	V	TAC	0.41	37	377	159	218	0.34	0.31	0.37	0.06	0.06	0.06	Beneficial for all - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
251	V	TAT	0.59	38	80	36	44	-0.01	-0.03	0.02	0.06	0.06	0.06	
252	A	GCA	0.23	54	108	55	49	-0.03	-0.01	-0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
252	A	GCC	0.26	133	194	94	100	-0.10	-0.11	-0.09	0.04	0.04	0.05	
252	A	GCG	0.33	52	74	40	34	-0.11	-0.09	-0.13	0.04	0.04	0.05	
252	A	GCT	0.18	43	423	216	207	0.34	0.34	0.33	0.04	0.04	0.05	
257	T	ACA	0.17	24	239	103	103	0.31	0.28	0.31	0.06	0.06	0.07	ISV unique beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
257	T	ACC	0.4	25	72	32	40	0.04	0.01	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.07	
257	T	ACG	0.25	34	37	21	16	-0.21	-0.18	-0.25	0.06	0.05	0.07	
257	T	ACT	0.19	6	4	3	4	-0.15	-0.15	-0.23	0.06	0.05	0.07	
288	K	AAA	0.74	168	855	464	391	0.17	0.18	0.16	0.06	0.05	0.06	ISV unique beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
288	K	AGA	0.26	164	214	119	99	-0.16	-0.15	-0.18	0.06	0.05	0.06	
325	F	TTT	0.42	54	238	109	118	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.17	0.18	ISV unique beneficial - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
325	F	TTC	0.58	9	5	4	3	-0.43	-0.39	-0.27	0.18	0.17	0.18	
326	R	AGA	0.07	32	43	19	24	-0.15	-0.19	-0.12	0.09	0.10	0.10	ISV unique beneficial - 95% CI cutoff
326	R	AGG	0.04	15	3	9	3	-0.08	-0.09	-0.09	0.10	0.10	0.10	
326	R	GCA	0.07	34	25	13	12	-0.33	-0.32	-0.34	0.09	0.10	0.10	
326	R	CGC	0.36	53	481	228	253	0.29	0.27	0.31	0.09	0.10	0.10	
326	R	CGG	0.11	24	13	5	8	-0.16	-0.16	-0.16	0.10	0.10	0.10	
326	R	CGI	0.36	27	10	4	6	-0.59	-0.51	-0.59	0.09	0.10	0.10	
329	S	AGC	0.25	72	156	68	88	-0.03	-0.07	0.01	0.02	0.03	0.02	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
329	S	AGT	0.16	8	15	30	15	0.04	0.03	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	
329	S	TCA	0.14	35	97	47	50	0.03	0.02	0.05	0.02	0.03	0.02	
329	S	TCC	0.15	113	258	105	153	-0.02	-0.07	0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	
329	S	TCT	0.14	48	165	58	67	-0.03	-0.06	-0.03	0.02	0.03	0.02	
329	S	TCT	0.17	43	505	282	223	0.34	0.35	0.33	0.02	0.03	0.02	
329	T	ACA	0.17	43	143	75	68	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.01	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
329	T	ACC	0.41	92	295	148	151	0.00	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.01	
329	T	ACG	0.25	25	51	29	22	-0.04	-0.02	-0.07	0.00	0.00	0.01	
329	T	ACT	0.19	31	110	52	58	0.09	0.07	0.11	0.00	0.00	0.01	
330	S	AGC	0.25	126	176	160	196	0.05	0.03	0.07	0.03	0.02	0.03	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
330	S	AGT	0.16	81	172	80	75	-0.03	-0.03	-0.07	0.03	0.02	0.03	
330	S	TCA	0.14	138	1129	586	543	0.27	0.27	0.27	0.03	0.02	0.03	
330	S	TCC	0.15	208	453	213	240	-0.03	-0.05	-0.01	0.03	0.02	0.03	
330	S	TGC	0.14	101	1182	546	536	0.34	0.33	0.33	0.03	0.02	0.03	
330	S	TCT	0.17	130	341	180	161	0.02	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.03	
333	N	AAC	0.51	26	301	133	168	0.34	0.33	0.32	0.18	0.18	0.19	ISV unique beneficial - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
333	N	AAT	0.49	17	16	8	8	-0.25	-0.25	-0.25	0.18	0.18	0.19	
336	A	GCA	0.23	130	422	222	200	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.00	0.01	0.00	Beneficial for all - 95% CI cutoff
336	A	GCC	0.26	150	579	317	262	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.00	
336	A	GCG	0.33	95	104	40	42	-0.04	-0.04	-0.05	0.00	0.01	0.00	
336	A	GCT	0.18	102	239	113	126	-0.01	-0.03	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.00	
340	K	AAA	0.74	149	831	465	366	0.19	0.21	0.17	0.06	0.06	0.06	ISV unique beneficial - >10% increase in growth rate cutoff
340	K	AGA	0.26	164	214	119	99	-0.16	-0.15	-0.18	0.06	0.05	0.06	

APPENDIX B

Chapter 4 supporting information

Note B 1: DNA sequences of Φ X174 viral capsid protein gene fragments. Sequences provided span from the 5' EcoRV to the 3' BamHI site (bolded sequences). Mutagenic regions are highlighted in pink, BsmBI sites are highlighted in green.

>Fragment_F1

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>Fragment_G1

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>Fragment_G2

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TCG**GAGACG**AAGGGCGAATTCCAGCACACTGGCGGCCGTTACTAGT**GGATCC**

Note B 2: Amino acid sequences of Φ X174 mutagenized viral capsid protein gene fragments. Only mutagenized regions of gene fragments shown.

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>Fragment_F3

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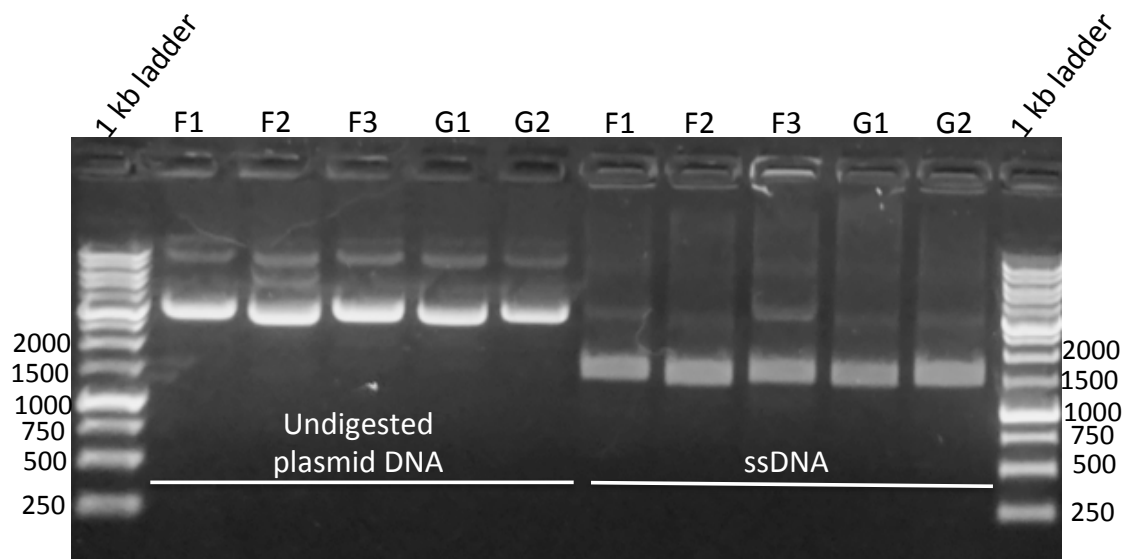


Figure B 1: Introduction of nicking sites into shuttle vectors containing viral genes.

Verification of the introduction of the BbvCI nicking site into the shuttle vector containing the viral genes is shown by the generation of ssDNA as in the NSM protocol. Samples were run on a 1% agarose gel with SYBRTM Safe DNA gel stain (Invitrogen) added before casting, the ladder used is the 1 kb DNA ladder from GoldBio.

Heatmap of counties																																		
Location	Migration	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30			
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L	154	215	233	297	408	250	169	82	40	97	49	113	243	37	67	168	85	192	463	61	126	172	252	205	249	159	176	143	266	141	208	151	314	
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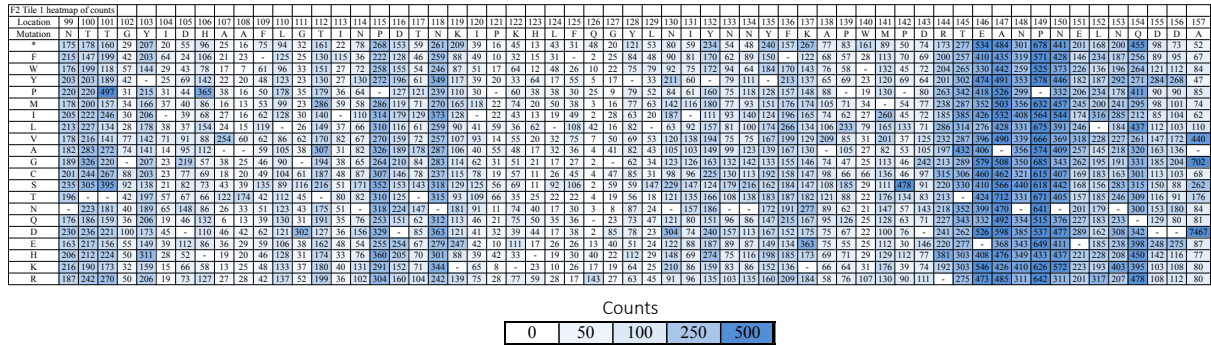
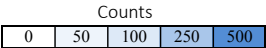


Figure B 3: F2 tile 1 heatmap of counts.



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Figure B 5: F3 tile 1 heatmap of counts.

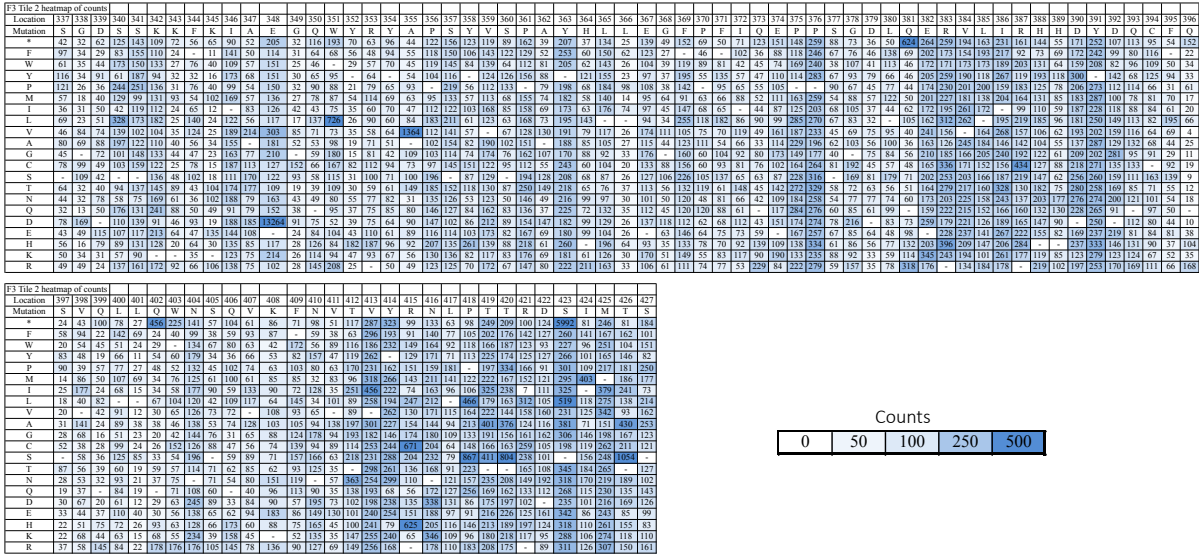


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*	29	89	4	73	45	35	28	23	23	96	50	71	140	82	67	34	55	80	110	29	86	102	149	574	319	878	412	132	97	403	137	416	424	317	267	165	209	132	157	45	212	272	324	115	100	83	7	20	24	32	26	35	
F	-	30	6	-	104	108	30	21	28	64	36	-	-	87	69	10	39	195	129	34	110	84	128	464	310	721	354	108	52	390	214	267	439	384	202	178	163	101	59	35	169	220	-	142	125	177	12	697	21	39	42	49	
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Counts

0	50	100	250	500
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Figure B 7: G1 tile 1 heatmap of counts.

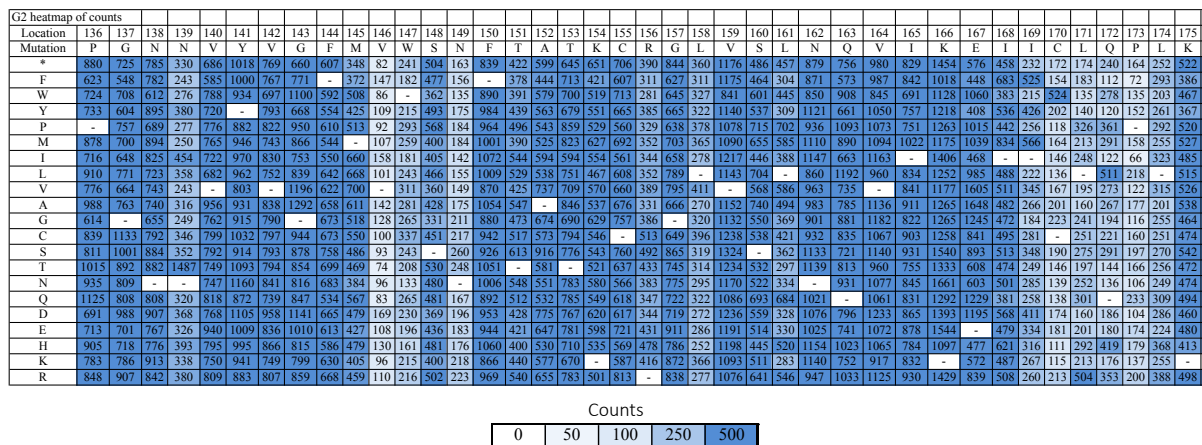


Figure B 9: G2 heatmap of counts.

Table B 1: Mutant library preparation summary. Summary table of the transformants required for sufficient library coverage, transformants obtained during comprehensive mutant library preparation by nicking scanning mutagenesis, and the fold excess of the number of transformants required for coverage.

Gene mutated	F1	F2	F3	G1	G2
Number of Residues	95	144	182	132	40
Transformants obtained following NSM	620,000	890,000	370,000	620,000	640,000
Required transformants for 99.9% coverage of possible library	13781	20889	26401	19148	5803
Fold excess over amount required for coverage	45	43	14	32	110

Table B 2: Primers for incorporating BbvCI nicking sites into the pCR2.1-topo shuttle vector. Blue text is the overlap region with the shuttle vector, red is the KpnI site, green is the BbvCI site.

Nick incorporation fwd
GCTCTACG GGTACC GCTGAGG GAGCTCGGATCC ACTAGTAACG
Nick incorporation rvs
GCTCTAACG GGTACCA AGCTTGGCGTAATCATGGTC

Table B 3: Inner and outer primers for PCR reactions for Illumina sequencing. Red indicates overhang regions for attaching Illumina adapter primers (inner PCR primers) or overhangs for attaching to inner PCR product (outer PCR primers), black is the overlap region in the gene or the barcode, blue is the Illumina adapter.

Inner PCR Primers	Sequence (5' to 3')
Fragment F1 Fwd	gttcagagttctacagtcgacgacccttacttgaggataaatt
Fragment F2 Tile 1 Fwd	gttcagagttctacagtcgacgatcgactcactatagggcgaa
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Fragment F3 Tile 1 Fwd	gttcagagttctacagtcgacgatcgctctctctgggca
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Fragment G1 Tile 2 Rvs	ccttggcaccgagaattccacttcgtctccgtacg
Fragment G2 Rvs	ccttggcaccgagaattccattgaccgcctcca
Illumina outer primer adapter	aatgatacggcgaccaccgagatctacagttcagagttctacagtcgga
Illumina outer PCR adapters and barcodes	
RPI31 (Fragment F1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagatATCGTGgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
RPI15 (Fragment F2 Tile 1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagatTGACATgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
RPI16 (Fragment F2 Tile 2)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagatGGACGGgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
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RPI19 (Fragment G1 Tile 1)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagatTTTCACgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
RPI20 (Fragment G1 Tile 2)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagatGCCACgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca
RPI21 (Fragment G2)	caagcagaagacggcatacagagatCGAAACgtgactggagttccttggcaccgagaattcca

APPENDIX C

Purification of the TROP2 extracellular domain from a stable insect cell line using ammonium sulfate precipitation

Abstract

The tumor associated calcium signal transducer 2 (TROP2) is an oncogenic transmembrane protein that is overexpressed in aggressive and late stage cancers. Here we present a facile method for purifying approximately 3 mg/L quantities of the extracellular domain of TROP2 from a stable *Drosophila* Schneider's (S2) cell line. The secreted oncogene is purified by ammonium sulfate fractionation, immobilized metal affinity chromatography, and size exclusion chromatography. The folding fidelity of the highly purified product was confirmed with a binding assay that tests for a unique conformational epitope in TROP2.

Introduction

The tumor associated calcium signal transducer 2 (TROP2) is a 36 kDa type-I transmembrane glycoprotein associated with late stage and aggressively metastatic tumors¹⁻³. TROP2 is basally expressed in human trophoblasts when the fetal tissue joins into the maternal circulation⁴. Ectopic expression of TROP2 in cancer cells results in increased proliferation and tumorigenicity⁵⁻⁸, while gene silencing of TROP2 decreases these same characteristics^{5,7,9}. Following an activation event that is currently unknown, TROP2 undergoes regulated intramembrane proteolysis¹⁰ at two distinct sites to release the extracellular domain (TROP2Ex, residues 27-274) and the intracellular domain (TROP2Ic, residues 298-323). TROP2Ic migrates to the nucleus where it increases the expression of genes associated with cell proliferation¹⁰⁻¹¹. The liberated extracellular domain interacts with signaling proteins, though with which ones and how is incompletely understood^{8,12-13}.

Previous biophysical analysis has found that TROP2Ex can assume a dimeric conformation similar to its paralog epithelial cell adhesion molecule (EpCAM)¹⁴⁻¹⁶. Interestingly, the glycosylation state of the protein seems to dictate whether the monomeric (favored when fully glycosylated) or dimeric (favored when unglycosylated) form predominates at equilibrium¹⁵. Previous work studying the migration of metastatic cancer cells found that the oligomeric state of TROP2 might govern its function⁹. Whereas binding of TROP2 with the bivalent m7E6 monoclonal antibody (mAb)¹⁷ resulted in significant inhibition of migration of MDA-MB-231 cancer cells while not impacting toxicity or cell proliferation, binding with the monovalent m7E6 Fab did not significantly alter migration. These results suggest that the dimer to monomer transition of TROP2 may play a role in its activation and mechanism of action.

Here we provide a novel and facile approach for the purification of properly folded TROP2Ex from insect cells. We used a stably transformed *Drosophila* Schneider's (S2) cell line to secrete the protein. The secreted protein is removed from the culture media with a classical but underutilized ammonium sulfate fractionation method. Next, the protein is further purified with immobilized metal affinity chromatography and size exclusion chromatography. We obtain yields above 3 mg/L of induction culture with excellent purity. The correct folding of the protein has been verified with flow cytometry binding assays using a single chain variable fragment (scFv) of the m7E6 mAb displayed on the yeast surface, which recognizes a conformational epitope in TROP2Ex. The purified TROP2Ex can be used in a variety of *in vivo* and *in vitro* experiments to help understand how TROP2 is activated. Additionally, the yeast displayed m7E6 scFv system presented here can be used to map the paratope involved in the TROP2 m7E6 binding interaction.

Results and discussion

Expression of TROP2Ex from a stable cell line

As TROP2Ex contains six potential disulfide bonds and multiple N-linked glycosylation sites, we selected *Drosophila* Schneider 2 (S2) cells for our expression host

because of their potential ability to accurately maintain these post-translational modifications, their low house-keeping requirements, ease of transfection, the advantages of protein secretion, and the ease of forming stably transfected cell lines. The TROP2 gene was truncated to residues

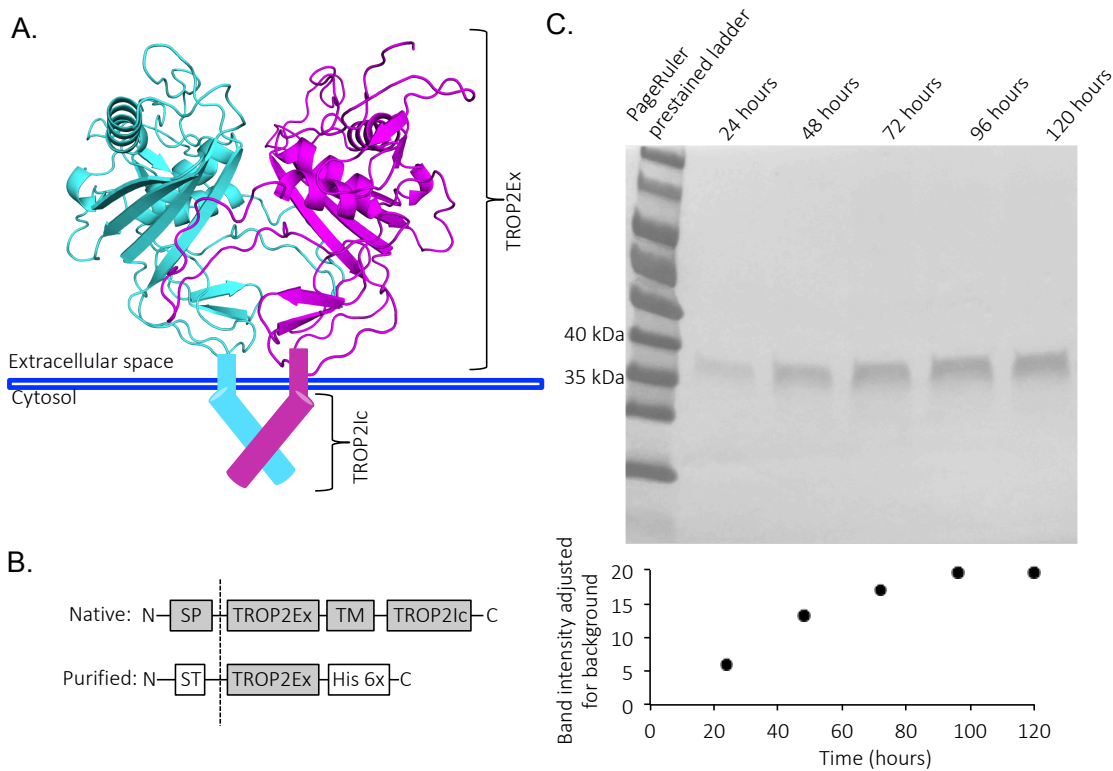


Figure C 1: TROP2Ex and its expression. A. Homology model of the dimeric TROP2Ex domains generated using the paralog EPCAM^{14,16} (pdb: 4MZV). This model was previously published⁹. B. Diagram of the native and purified form of TROP2, with the dashed line representing the truncation point in the secretory pathway, SP = signal peptide, ST = secretion tag, TM = transmembrane domain, TROP2Ic = TROP2 intracellular domain. C. Western blot testing for TROP2Ex in equivalent volumes of the stable S2 cell supernatant following initiation of induction and band intensity adjusted for background is plotted against time; bands were quantified with ImageJ by standard protocols.

27-254 (TROP2Ex) for expression and secretion in S2 cells (**Figure C 1A-B**). The native secretion signal peptide sequence (SP) was replaced with the secretion tag needed for expression in S2 cells (ST) (**Figure C 1B**). A His 6x tag was added to the C-terminal end of the truncated TROP2Ex gene (**Figure C 1B**) to facilitate purification.

A stable S2 cell line that secretes TROP2Ex was successfully generated as described in the **Materials and Methods (Figure C 1C)**. The secreted TROP2Ex runs larger than the predicted molecular weight - ~28.8 kDa – because N-linked glycosylations can occur at up four distinct sites after translation¹⁵. The robustness of the cell line was verified through multiple successful TROP2Ex purifications from the same lineage over the course of months (data not shown). After generating the stable S2 cell line we next increased the culture volumes possible by transitioning from static to shaking cultures. The addition of a non-ionic surfactant the cells maintained healthy morphologies in the shaking cultures as assessed by confocal microscopy. The optimal induction time for secreted TROP2Ex titers was performed the shaking cultures, with a 96-hour induction period striking the best balance between titers and volumetric productivity (**Figure C 1C**). The shaking cultures were successfully scaled to 300 mL and induced for 96 hours using copper.

Purification of TROP2Ex

TROP2Ex was purified using ammonium sulfate fractionation, IMACs, and chromatography. Fractionation with ammonium sulfate at 40% saturation, followed by fractionation at 65% saturation efficiently removed some of the contaminating proteins and contaminant copper and allowed for resuspension of the secreted TROP2Ex in IMAC buffer (**Figure C 2A**). Batch IMAC resulted in nearly pure TROP2Ex (**Figure C 2A**) and size exclusion chromatography (SEC) using a Superdex 200 column equilibrated with 1x PBS at 4°C removed the remaining impurities (**Figure C 2B-C**). TROP2Ex eluted from SEC as a peak with a shoulder between 78-90 mL elution volume (**Figure C 2B-C**), suggesting that both monomeric and dimeric TROP2Ex exist under elution conditions.

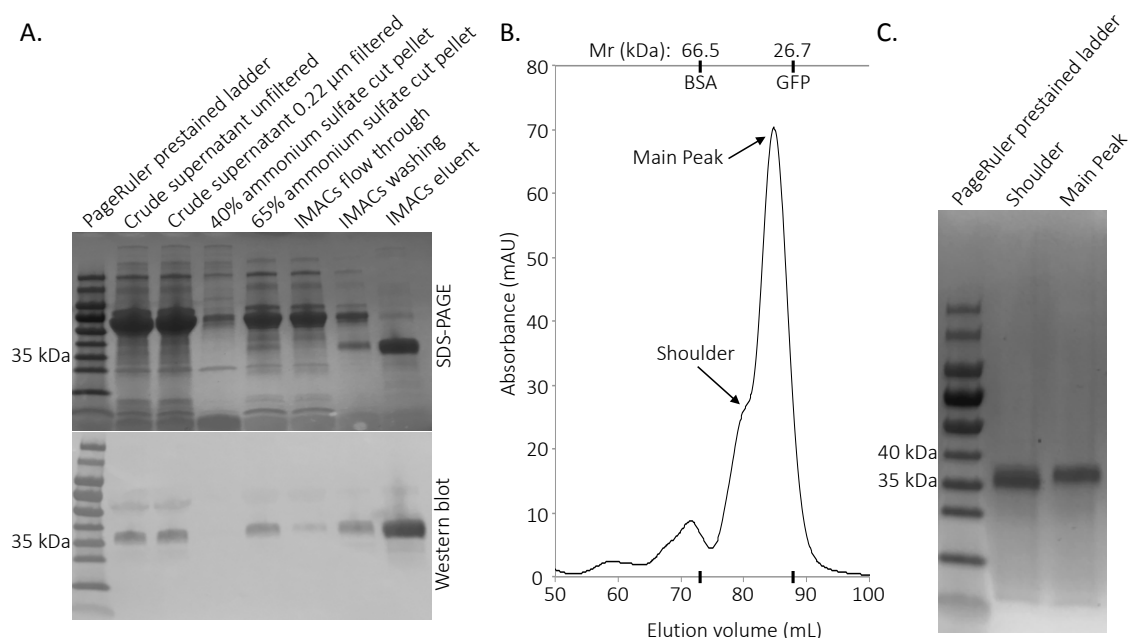


Figure C 2: Purification of TROP2Ex from insect cell cultures. A. Images of an SDS-PAGE gel and a Western blot containing identical samples resulting from the purification of TROP2Ex. B. FPLC-SEC chromatogram of the IMACs eluent, column was equilibrated with 1x PBS at 4°C, main peak and respective shoulder at ~78 – 90 mL are TROP2Ex. C. SDS-PAGE image of the shoulder (80 mL elution volume) and main peak (85 mL elution volume).

Interestingly, when the purified TROP2Ex main peak is run again with the same SEC conditions as before both the main peak and shoulder are resolved (data not shown). All subsequent analysis corresponds only to TROP2Ex from the main peak (**Figure C 2C**). Under conditions used in these experiments TROP2Ex (unglycosylated mass = 28.8 kDa) elutes at ~85 mL (**Figure C 2B**), while BSA (66.5 kDa) elutes at ~73 mL, and GFP (26.7 kDa) elutes at ~88 mL off of the Superdex 200 column in identical conditions. This elution pattern indicates that our purified TROP2Ex is predominantly monomeric. This finding is consistent with previous results finding that only a small fraction of the glycosylated TROP2Ex is in the dimeric form when at equilibrium¹⁵. In total, we obtain yields of 3.6 mg/L of purified monomeric TROP2Ex from the stable cell line.

Validation of TROP2Ex folding

To verify that TROP2Ex was in a properly folded conformation, we assessed its binding to a yeast displayed scFv derived from the high affinity anti-TROP2 mAb m7E6¹⁷ (**Figure C 3A**). m7E6 recognizes a conformational epitope

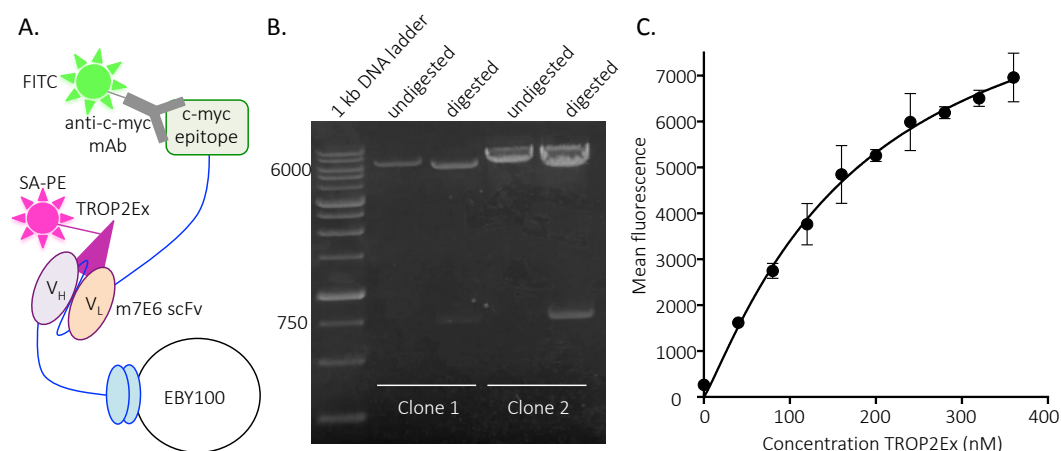


Figure C 3: Verification of the proper assembly of the m7E6 scFv yeast display construct and of binding to TROP2Ex. A. A diagram of the yeast display system, the binding interactions detected, and the respective conjugate fluorophores: SA-PE = streptavidin R-phycoerythrin conjugate. B. A DNA gel containing restriction enzyme analysis products for verifying the assembly of the m7E6 scFv pETconNK construct via homologous recombination. Following digestion the DNA was run on a 1% agarose gel prestained with ethidium bromide at 120 V for 50 minutes, the 1 kb DNA ladder is from GoldBio. Following electrophoresis the gel was imaged using a Safe ImagerTM Blue Light Transilluminator. C. Clonal titration of yeast displayed m7E6 scFv with TROP2Ex, n = 3, error bars = 1 S.D.

located in the membrane distal region of TROP2Ex⁹. Overhang PCR and homologous recombination in yeast were used to assemble to the anti-TROP2 m7E6 scFv yeast display construct as described in the **Materials and Methods** section (**Figure C 3B**). Clonal titrations resulted in a binding curve that spanned a >25-fold change in signal intensity and provide a preliminary dissociation constant (K_D) of 180 ± 54 nM (**Figure C 3C**). There are multiple possible reasons the titrations didn't reach saturation: we didn't expand the titrations to high enough concentrations, the yeast displayed form of m7E6 might not be stable, or perhaps the

binding reaction conditions are not fully optimized for this pairing. The obtained K_D is ~4 times larger than the ~44 nM K_D reported for the binding of this pairing where TROP2Ex is displayed on the surface of yeast and recombinant m7E6 fragments of antibodies (Fabs) are applied⁹. The large difference in the K_D could be the result of the titrations failing to reach saturation, different glycosylation patterns on either protein, differences introduced into the CDRs or framework of the antibody fragments resulting from the truncation of the framework region, or it is possible that the orientation of the V_H and V_L domains of the scFv aren't optimal. This pairing binds with a dissociation constant in the hundreds of nanomolar, indicating that the purified TROP2Ex contains the same conformational epitope as the native TROP2Ex and is likely correctly folded.

Conclusion

Here we presented a facile method for purifying the extracellular domain of TROP2 from *Drosophila* Schneider's (S2) insect cells. The cell lines generated are stable and can be seeded for TROP2Ex production once recovered from storage. Removing the need for retransformation allows for an easy scale up of the induction cultures. Additionally, we have presented a method for purifying TROP2Ex using ammonium sulfate fractionation, IMACs, and chromatography. This method allows for the purification of >3 mg/L of properly folded TROP2Ex from an induction culture in a single day.

Materials and methods:

Materials

Antibiotics were purchased from GoldBio and ThermoFisher. All enzymes were from New England Biolabs (NEB), and all other chemicals were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. The

TROP2Ex gene block, and all primers were purchased from Integrated DNA technologies (IDT); the m7E6 full IgG gene which was purchased from GenScript. Flow cytometry probes were purchased from Miltenyi Biotec (anti-c-myc FITC) and ThermoFisher (streptavidin R-phycoerythrin conjugate). Other materials used have their respective manufacturers listed in the text.

Plasmid Construction

The gene for TROP2Ex (Kozac-Bip-TROP2Ex) was designed as follows following a 5' to 3' convention: a KpnI restriction site, followed by a Kozac sequence and a Bip secretion tag (**Supporting text, Note S1**), then the TROP2Ex gene (residues 27-274), with an AgeI restriction site. Kozac-Bip-TROP2Ex was codon optimized for expression in *D. melanogaster* and was ordered as a single gene block from IDT (**Supporting text, Note S1 and S3**). The Kozac-Bip-TROP2Ex gene was subcloned into the pMT/V5-His B plasmid (Invitrogen) using KpnI and AgeI restriction enzymes and standard cloning methods to produce pMT-Bip-TROP2Ex containing an in-frame C-terminal 6x His tag. The final construct was transformed into *E. coli* XL-1 Blue and a glycerol cell stock was generated. A scratch of the freezer stock was used to inoculate 50 mL LB + 50 μ g/mL carbenicillin which was grown overnight at 37°C. DNA was Midi-prepped (Qiagen) from 25 mL of the overnight culture, and the purified DNA was resuspended in nuclease free H₂O and frozen at -20°C.

The m7E6 scFv¹⁷ (**Supporting text, Note S2 and S4**) comprises (5' to 3') V_H residues 1-118, a flexible (GGGGS)₃ linker, and V_L residues 1-111. Using the full m7E6 IgG gene that was previously purchased from Genscript¹⁷ as template, overhang PCR was used to assemble the scFv, introduce the linker, and introduce homology regions from the pETconNK yeast display

plasmid¹⁸. Primers used for assembly are in **Note S5** of the supporting text. The PCR products were cleaned and concentrated using a Monarch[®] PCR & DNA Cleanup Kit (NEB) and eluted into nuclease free H₂O. The scFv gene was assembled with pETconNK vector cut with NdeI and XhoI using homologous recombination into *S. cerevisiae* EBY100 cells. For homologous recombination the V_H and V_L inserts were combined with the cut pETconNK plasmid at a ratio of 30 fmol : 1 fmol (respective insert : cut vector) in a final volume of 8 µL. All of the DNA mixture was transformed into EBY100 chemically competent yeast using standard protocols. Transformation mixtures were plated on agar plates containing Synthetic Complete media supplemented with 2% (w/v) dextrose (SDCAA agar) and grown at 30°C for 2-3 days. Colonies were picked and grown in 1 mL of SDCAA and 1x penicillin/streptomycin (SDCAA media) at 30°C with shaking at 250x rpm for ~16 hours. The 1 mL cultures were then used to inoculate 50 mL of SDCAA media that was grown for generation of freezer stocks essentially as described in Klesmith et al.¹⁸. Both plasmids used in this work are available from Addgene: m7E6 scFv pETConNK (ID: 125731), and pMT-Bip-TROP2Ex (ID: 125730).

Transformation of S2 Drosophila Cells and the Generation of the Stable Cell Line

The S2 *Drosophila* cells were cultured, transformed, and a stable cell line was generated essentially as described by the manufacturer (Invitrogen). Briefly, 3 mL/well of Schneider's S2 *Drosophila* Media (ThermoFisher) supplemented with 10% heat-inactivated fetal bovine serum (full S2 media) was seeded with 1x10⁶ cells/mL in a 6-well plate (Fisher Scientific). Cells were incubated at 28°C until a density of 2-4x10⁶ cells/mL was reached, after approximately 16 hours. After reaching density the cells were transformed with 19 µg pMT-Bip-TROP2Ex plasmid and 1 µg pCoPuro plasmid¹⁹ via standard calcium phosphate transfection. Calcium phosphate DNA

precipitates were prepared using the Calcium Phosphate Transfection Kit (Invitrogen) as described by the manufacturer. The DNA precipitate solution was added to respective wells such that 5 µg total DNA was applied. Additions were performed in a dropwise fashion with gentle swirling of the culture after each addition. After addition of the DNA precipitates the cultures were incubated at 28°C overnight. The next morning the transformation cultures were spun at 440 xg for 3 minutes and the transfection media was removed via aspiration. Cells were resuspended in 3 mL of full S2 media and spun as before. This media was aspirated and the washing procedure was repeated once more. Cells were resuspended in 3 mL full S2 media, placed back into the original well and incubated at 28°C for 48 hours. Puromycin toxicity was assessed as described in the *Drosophila* S2 Cell Manual (Invitrogen). It was determined that 2 µg/mL puromycin was the optimal concentration for selection of stable S2 cells harboring the pMT-Bip-TROP2Ex and pCoPuro plasmids.

Following the recovery of the transformation cultures, a single culture was brought to a final concentration of inducer - 500 µM CuSO₄ - and incubated for 48 hours at 28°C. After 48 hours the culture was spun at 3,200 xg for 10 min to pellet the cells. The supernatant was filtered through a 0.22 µm PES filter and stored at 4°C. A portion of the aliquot was assessed via Western blotting with standard protocols. Briefly, the sample was denatured in Laemmli's buffer supplemented to 1.5% β-mercaptoethanol at 1x for 10 minutes at 98°C. The denatured protein was run on a 4-20% Mini-PROTEAN[®] TGX[™] precast gels (Bio-Rad) for 1 hour at 120 V, and the PageRuler Prestained Protein Ladder (10-180 kDa, Thermo-Fisher) was used as a ladder. Once separated on the gel the proteins were transferred to a nitrocellulose membrane using the iBlot[™] Gel Transfer Device with iBlot[™] Transfer Stacks as per the manufacturer instructions (ThermoFisher). The primary antibody was Anti-6x His tag[®] horseradish peroxidase conjugate

antibody (abcam, ab1187), and the blot was resolved using the Pierce™ DAB Substrate Kit as described by the manufacturer (ThermoFisher).

The generation of the stable cell line was performed in parallel to the initial testing of TROP2Ex production. Recovered cells were spun at 440 xg for 3 minutes the supernatant was aspirated, the pellet was resuspended in 3 mL of full S2 media + 2 µg/mL puromycin and placed back into the original well. Every 3-4 days the culture was pelleted, the supernatant removed via aspiration, gently resuspended in 3 mL of fresh full S2 media with 2 µg/mL puromycin, placed back into the original well and grown at 28°C. This practice was continued until the cells had grown a density of $6\text{-}20 \times 10^6$ cells/mL. Once at density the cells were then passaged 1:2 into full S2 media + 2 µg/mL puromycin to 6 mL final volume. At this point the culture was moved into a Corning® 25 cm² culture flask with a vented cap (Sigma-Aldrich) and grown at 28°C. Once the cells reached a density of $6\text{-}20 \times 10^6$ cells/mL they were passaged 1:2 into 12 mL full S2 media with puromycin in a Corning® 75 cm² culture flask with a vented cap (Sigma-Aldrich) and grown at 28°C. When the cells were passaged into the 75 cm² flask a 6 well plate was also seeded with 3 mL full S2 media + 2 µg/mL puromycin with 1×10^6 cells/mL and TROP2Ex expression was tested as previously described. The stable cell line was cultured in the 75 cm² flask until the cells grew to $1\text{-}2 \times 10^7$ cells/mL, at which time freezer stocks were prepared.

To prepare freezer stocks the cultures were spun at 440 xg for 3 minutes and the conditioned media was collected in a 50 mL falcon tube via careful pipetting. Cells were resuspended in 10 mL room temperature sterile 1x PBS (10 mM Na₂HPO₄ + 2 mM KH₂PO₄ + 2.7 mM KCl + 137 mM NaCl, pH 7.4) and spun as before, the resulting supernatant was removed via aspiration. Freezing buffer was prepared by combining 9 mL conditioned media with 9 mL full S2 media and 2 mL 100% DMSO. The cells were gently resuspended in the room

temperature freezing buffer at 1.1×10^7 cells/mL and 1 mL aliquots were dispensed into cryogenic storage vials. A freezer box was lined with paper towel and the samples were stored therein, this box was placed into a Styrofoam container and this was stored at -80°C . After 24 hours at -80°C the vials were moved into liquid nitrogen storage. The remaining culture was continually expanded via 1:2 dilutions into fresh full S2 media with puromycin as before. Once at 30 mL final volume, cells were passaged 1:10 into full S2 media with puromycin every ~6-7 days.

Production and Purification of TROP2Ex:

In a sterile 250 mL Erlenmeyer flask, 50 mL dynamic full S2 media (full S2 media + 2 $\mu\text{g/mL}$ puromycin + 0.1% Plurionic[®] F68 (Sigma-Aldrich) + 1x penicillin/streptomycin) was seeded with stable S2 cells (pMT-Bip-TROP2Ex-pCoPuro) at 1×10^6 cells/mL, this was grown at 28°C with shaking at 110 rpm. This culture was grown to a density of $\sim 2\text{-}4 \times 10^6$ cells/mL, once there CuSO_4 was added to a final concentration 500 μM . Extractions were performed every 24 hours for 120 hours following initiation of TROP2Ex expression. Collected samples were analyzed via Western blotting as described previously.

For larger scale production 300 mL of dynamic full S2 media was seeded and grown as described previously in a 2 L baffled culture flask. Once at $\sim 2\text{-}4 \times 10^6$ cells/mL ($\sim 24\text{-}48$ hours) the culture was induced CuSO_4 as before for 96 hours at 28°C with shaking at 110 rpm. After induction the culture was spun at 3000 xg for 30 minutes at 4°C , the supernatant was saved and the pellet discarded. The volume of the supernatant was measured with a graduated cylinder and then filtered through a 0.22 μm PES filter. After filtration, the supernatant was placed into a sterile 1L beaker with a stir bar, placed into an ice bath on a stir plate, and brought to 0.1 mM PMSF. With continuous gentle stirring solid ammonium sulfate was slowly added to the

supernatant until the solution was 40% of the saturation limit for ammonium sulfate at 0°C. The mass of solid ammonium sulfate to add was calculated using a web-based calculator (<http://www.encorbio.com/protocols/AM-SO4.htm>). After addition of ammonium sulfate the beaker was covered and stirred for 3 hours in the ice bath. After the equilibration, the 40% saturated ammonium sulfate supernatant was spun at 10,000 xg for 15 minutes at 4°C. Following centrifugation the supernatant and precipitate were separated, the pellet was discarded, and the supernatant was moved back into the ice bath. With gentle stirring the 40% saturated supernatant had solid ammonium sulfate slowly added until the solution was 65% of the saturation limit for ammonium sulfate at 0°C. The 65% ammonium sulfate saturated solution was covered and stirred for 1 hour in the ice bath. After the second equilibration the solution was spun at 15,000 xg for 15 minutes at 4°C. The supernatant was discarded, and the pellets were resuspend in a total of 40 mL 1x PBS + 20 mM imidazole, and pooled together.

Batch immobilized metal affinity chromatography (IMAC) was performed using a 1 mL bed volume of Talon[®] resin (Takara Bio) pre-equilibrated with 1x PBS + 20 mM imidazole. A 3-hour adherence reaction was performed by rocking the samples with the resin in an ice bath. The slurry was pelleted at 700 xg for 2 minutes and the supernatant was discarded. The slurry was then resuspended in 10 mL of 1x PBS with 20 mM imidazole with gentle pipetting, transferred to a 15 mL conical tube, and incubated for 5 minutes with rocking in the ice bath. The resin was pelleted as described above and the supernatant was discarded, this wash step was repeated four more times. To elute TROP2Ex the pelleted resin was resuspended with 1 mL of 1x PBS + 400 mM imidazole with gentle pipetting and incubated for 5 minutes with rocking in an ice bath. The slurry was spun as before and the supernatant was collected and stored in ice, this was repeated

five more times. IMACs purified TROP2Ex was concentrated from ~6 mL to ~2.5 mL with Amicon[®] Ultra-4 10,000 NMWL centrifugal filters and filtered through a 0.22 µm PES filter.

The IMAC eluent was further purified by FPLC-SEC using a HiLoad 16/600 Superdex 200 pg size exclusion column equilibrated with 1x PBS with a mobile phase flow rate of 1 mL/min. The main peak eluted at 85 mL with a shoulder that eluted at 80 mL, and the main peak and shoulder were not pooled. The collected fractions were filter through a 0.22 µm PES filter and stored at 4°C. Successful purification of the protein was confirmed by Western blotting and the purity of the final product was confirmed using SDS-PAGE stained with SimplyBlue SafeStain as per the manufacturer instructions (ThermoFisher). The purified protein was quantified using both Bradford assays with standard protocols, and by the Edelhoch method with a predicted molar extinction coefficient at A_{280} of $16680 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$.

Yeast display of the m7E6 scFv and clonal titration

Yeast surface display of the m7E6 scFv with EBY100 cells was optimized with the optimal displaying conditions discovered to be 30°C for 16-18 hours with shaking at 250 rpm in a 1 mL culture. TROP2Ex was chemically biotinylated using NHS-Ester chemistry and clonal titrations were performed exactly as described by Medina-Cucurella and Whitehead²⁰.

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Supporting text

Note S1. DNA sequence of the TROP2Ex gene block inserted into the pMT vector. *D. melanogaster* optimized TROP2Ex gene (underlined text), Kozac sequence (blue text), Bip secretion tag (orange text), KpnI and AgeI restriction sites are bolded and italicized.

GGTACC***ACCATG******GAATGAAGTTATGCATATTACTGGCCGTCGTGGCCTTTGTTGGC***
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TTTAGCATGAAGAGGTTG***ACCGGT***

Note S2. DNA sequence of the m7E6 scFv. The sequence for the V_H domain is blue, the sequence of the linker is underlined, the V_L sequence is lower case.

CAGGTCCAGCTGAAGGAAAGCGGCCCGGCCTGGTGGCCCCCTTCCCAGTCTCTGAG
CATCACCTGCACAGTGAGCGGCTTCTCCCTGACCTCTTACGGCGTGCAGTGGGTGCG
GCAGCCTCCTGGCAAGGGCCTGGAGTGGCTGGGCGTGATCTGGACCGGCGGCTCCA
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cacatactattgccagcactccaggagctgccctacacattcgcgcgccaccaagctggagatcaag

Note S3. Secreted TROP2Ex amino acid sequence.

HTAAQDNCTCPTNKMTVCSPDGPGGRCQCRALGSGMAVDCSTLTSKCLLLKARMSAP
KNARTLVRPSEHALVDNDGLYDPDCDPEGRFKARQCNQTSVCWCVNSVGVRRTDKGD
LSLRCDLVLRTHHILIDLRHRPTAGAFNHSDLDAELRRLFRERYRLHPKFVAAVHYEQPT
IQIELRQNTSQKAAGDVDIGDAAYYFERDIKGESLFQGRGGLDLRVRGEPLQVERTLIYY
LDEIPPKFSMKRLTGHHHHHH

Note S4. Amino acid sequence of the m7E6 scFv.

QVQLKESGPGLVAPSQSLSITCTVSGFSLTSYGVHWVRQPPGKGLEWLGVIWTGGSTDY
NSALMSRLSINKDNSKSQVFLKMNSLQTDDTAMYYCARDGDYDRYTMDYWGQGTSV
TVSGGGGSGGGGSGGGGSSDIVLTQSPASLAVSLGQRATISCRASKSVSTSGYSYMHWY
QQKPGQPPKLLIYLASNLESGVPARFSGSGSGTDFTLNIHPVEEEDAATYYCQHSRELPY
TFGGGTKLEIK

Note S5. Primers for overhang PCR for forming the m7E6 scFv and introduction of the cut sites for cloning into pETconNK.

V_H forward:

5'- AGCGGAGGCGGAGGGTCGGCTAGCCATATGCAGGTCCAGCTGAAGGAAAG -3'

V_H reverse:

5'-CTCCACCGCTTCCACCCCCGCCTGAACCCCCTCCACCGCTCACTGTCACGCTGGT -
3'

V_L forward:

5'-
AGGCGGGGGTGGAAGCGGTGGAGGGGGTAGCAGTGATATCGTGCTGACTCAGTCCC
-3'

V_L reverse:

5'- GAAATAAGCTTTTGTTCGGATCCGCCCCCTCGAGCTTGATCTCCAGCTTGGTGC -
3'

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