

Biosensor Technologies: SPR, BLI and DNA Nanolevers 2019

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Biosensors

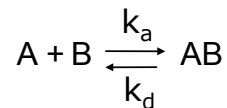


- Biophysics has a range of instruments based on biosensors
- Biosensors detect the interaction between a macromolecule attached to a solid chip surface (ligand) and a macromolecule in solution (analyte)
- Different physical changes at the surface can be used to monitor the interaction

Range of Experiments

- Is there an interaction?
 - binding partners
- Equilibrium analysis
 - determination of dissociation constant (K_d)
 - mutational analysis
- Kinetic rate analysis
 - determination of the on- and off- rate constants (k_a and k_d) to understand the dynamics of the system
- Size analysis?
 - determination of the diameter of the interacting partner

What is the relevance of binding kinetics?



$$K_d = \frac{k_d}{k_a}$$

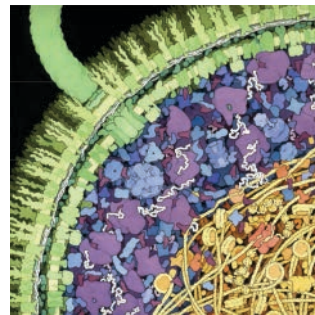
- The cell is a dynamic system
- On-rates are concentration dependent

The level of binding is not just related to the affinity

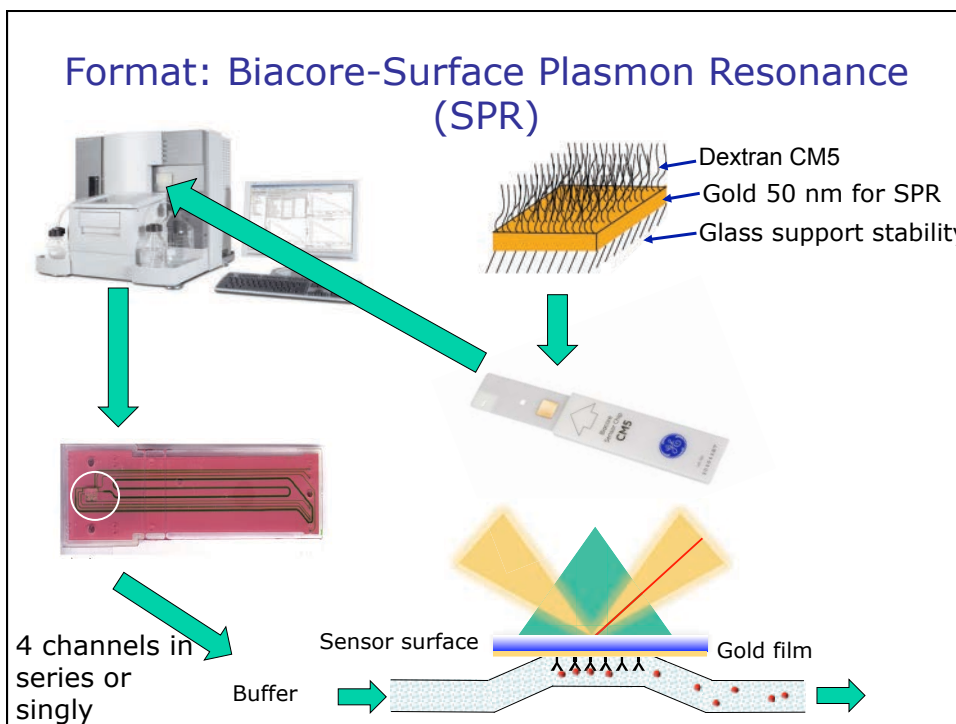
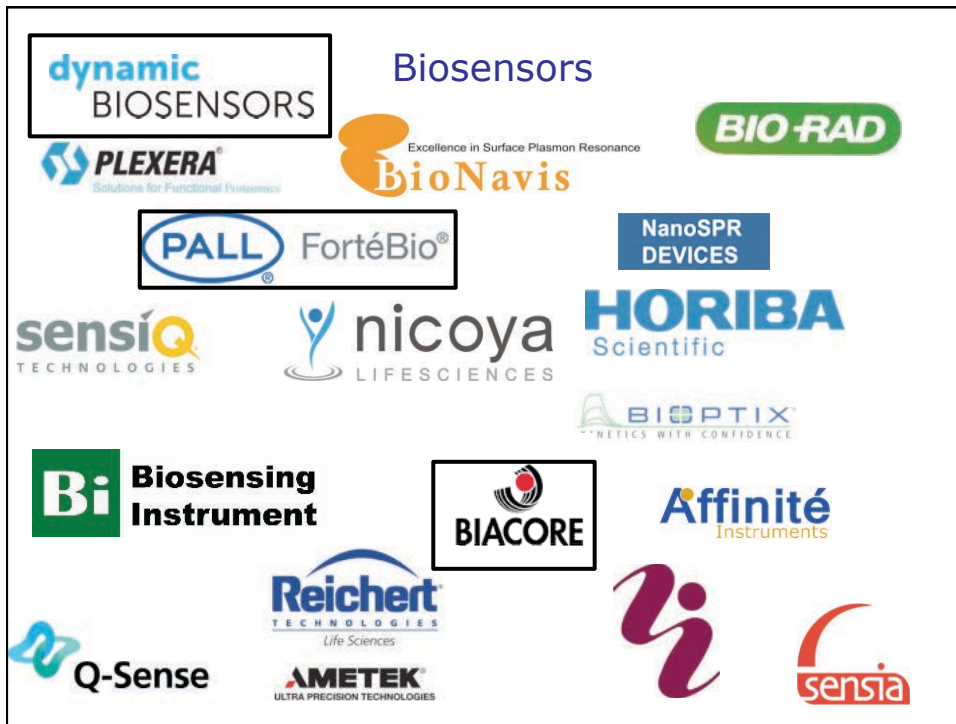
- Off-rates are independent of concentration

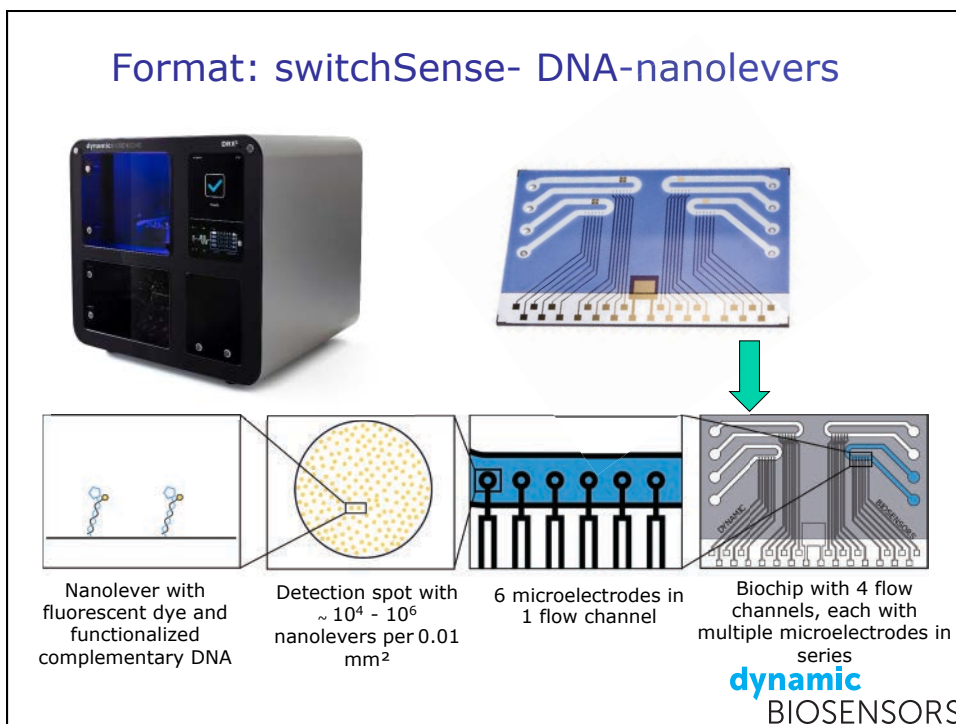
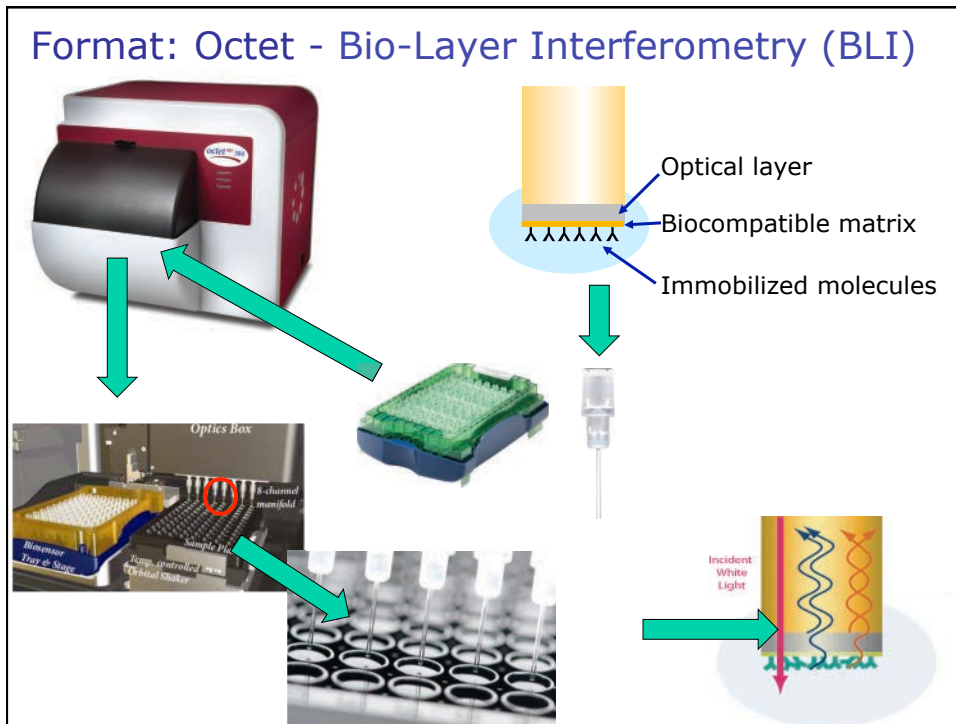
Related to half-life

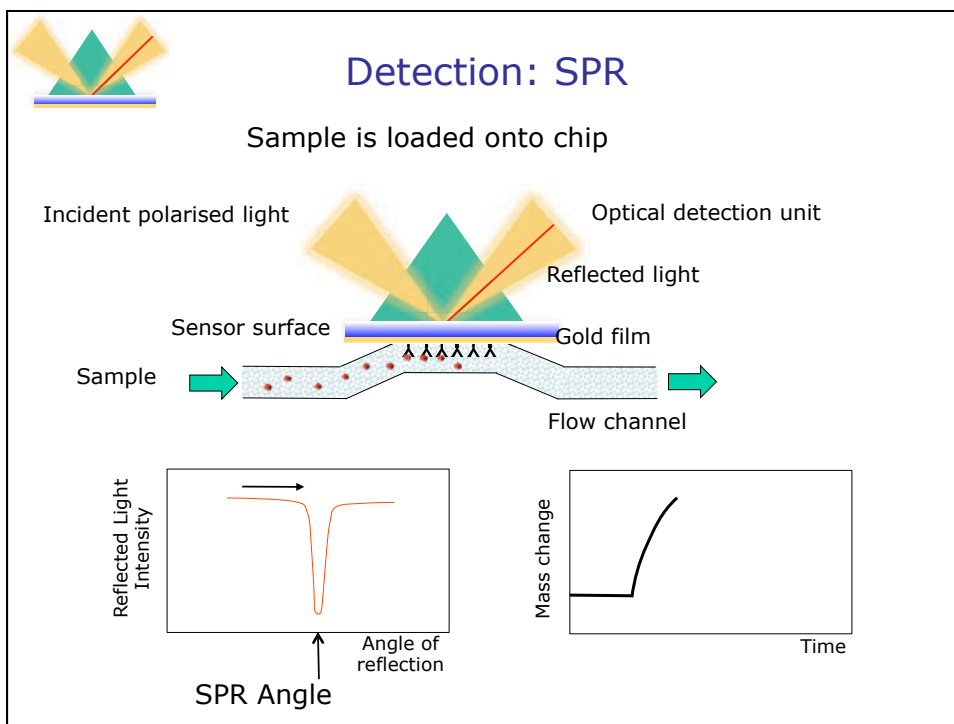
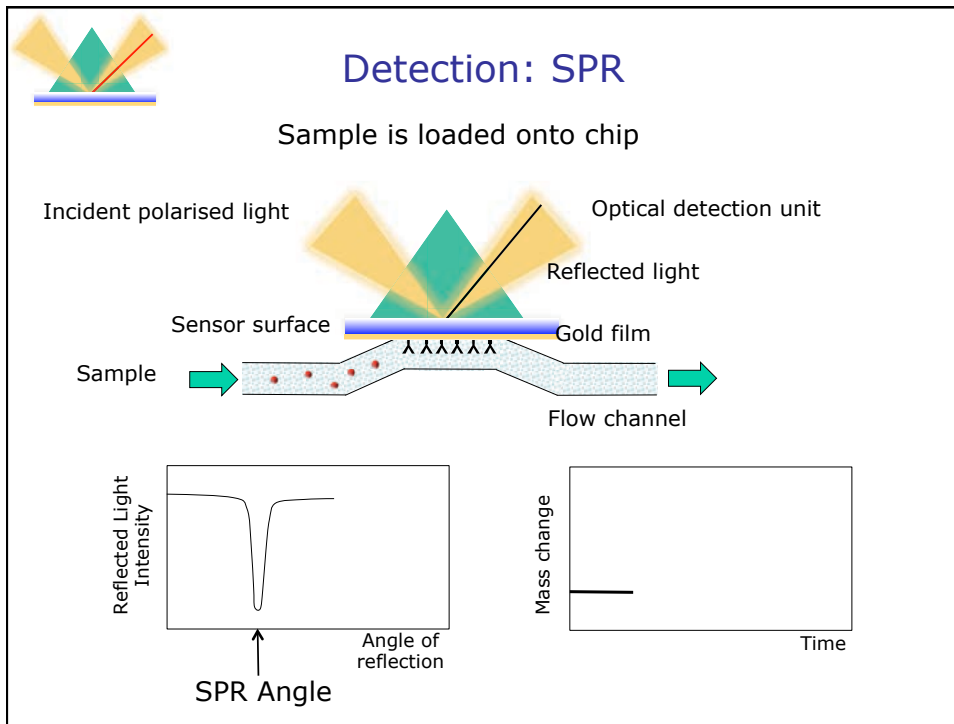
- The same affinity can be resolved into different on and off rates for different interactions - **dissect different mechanisms**

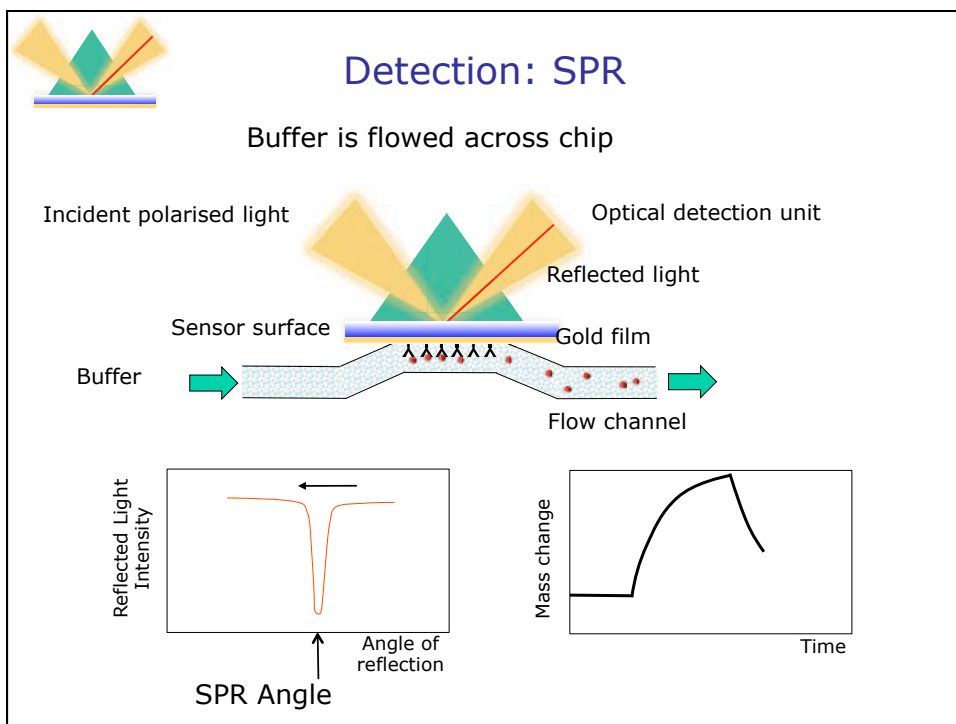
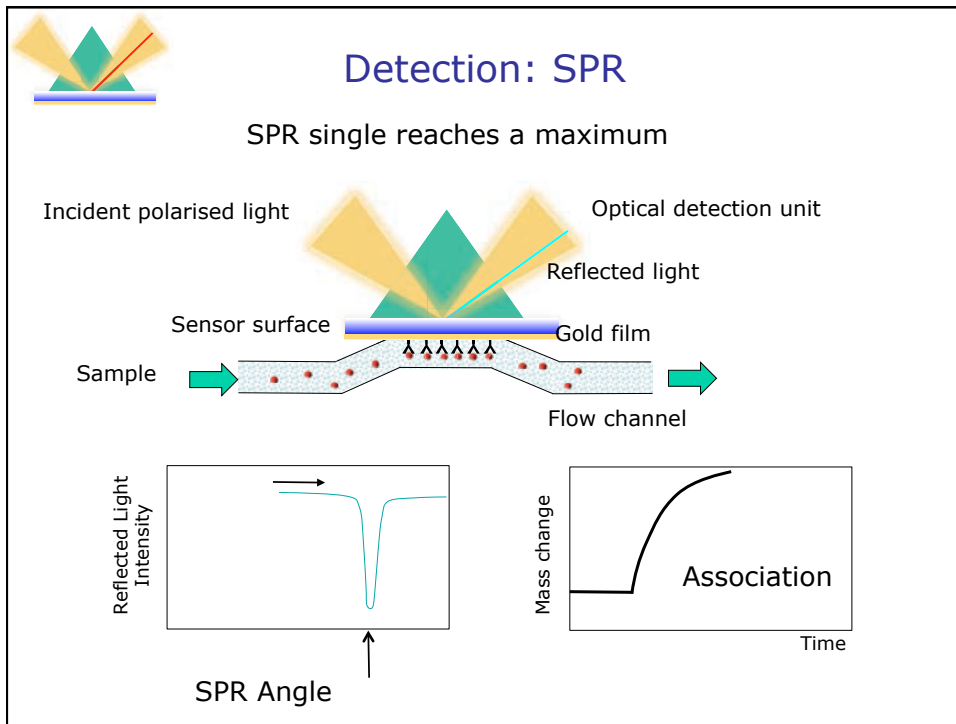


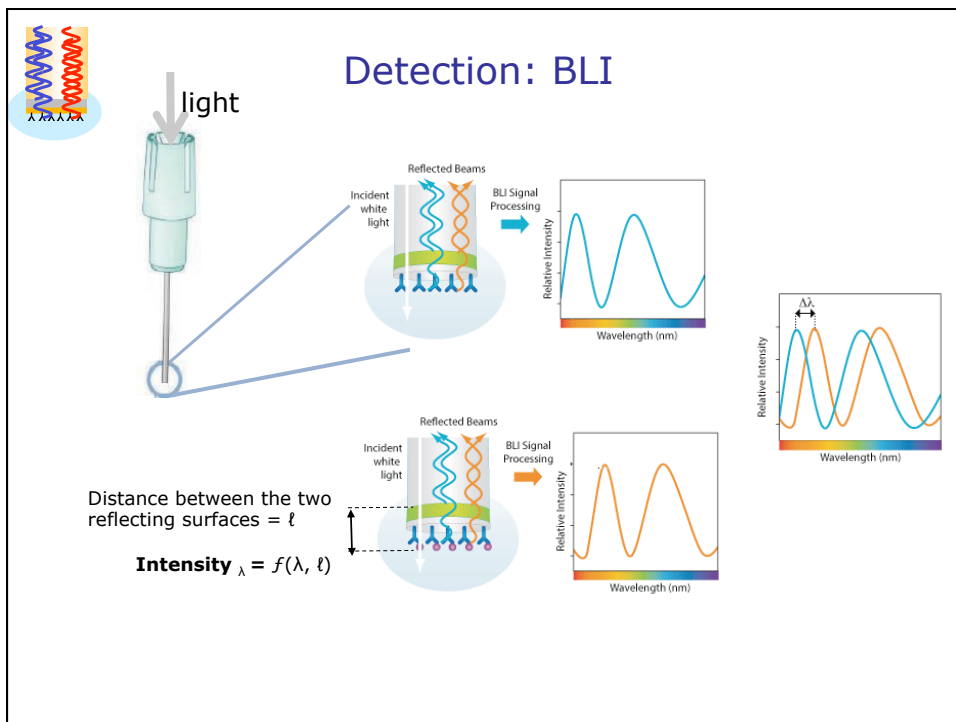
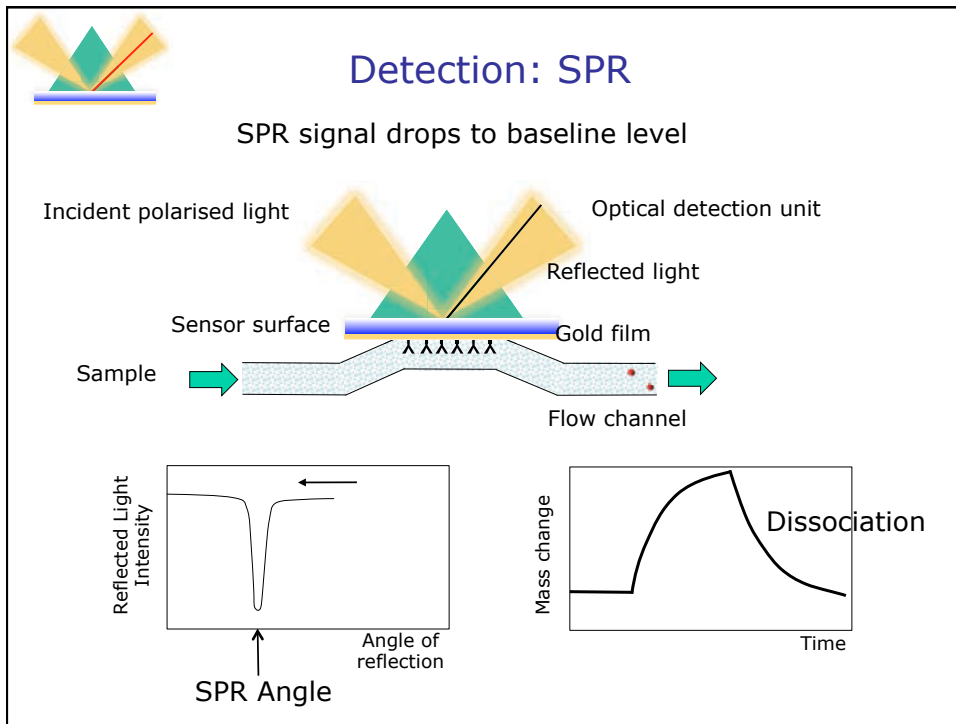
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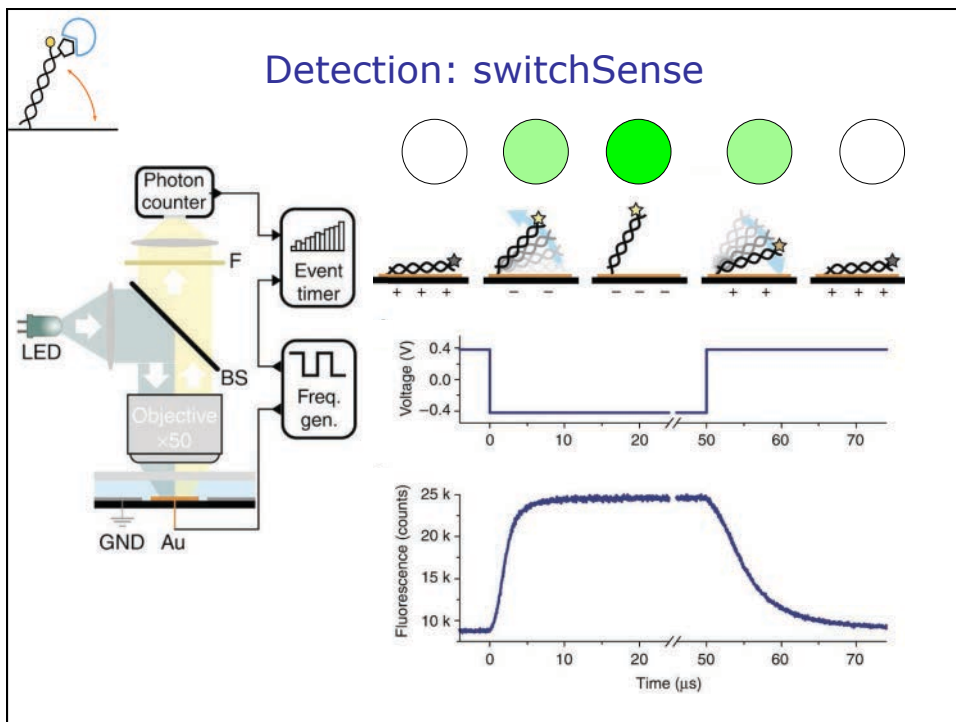
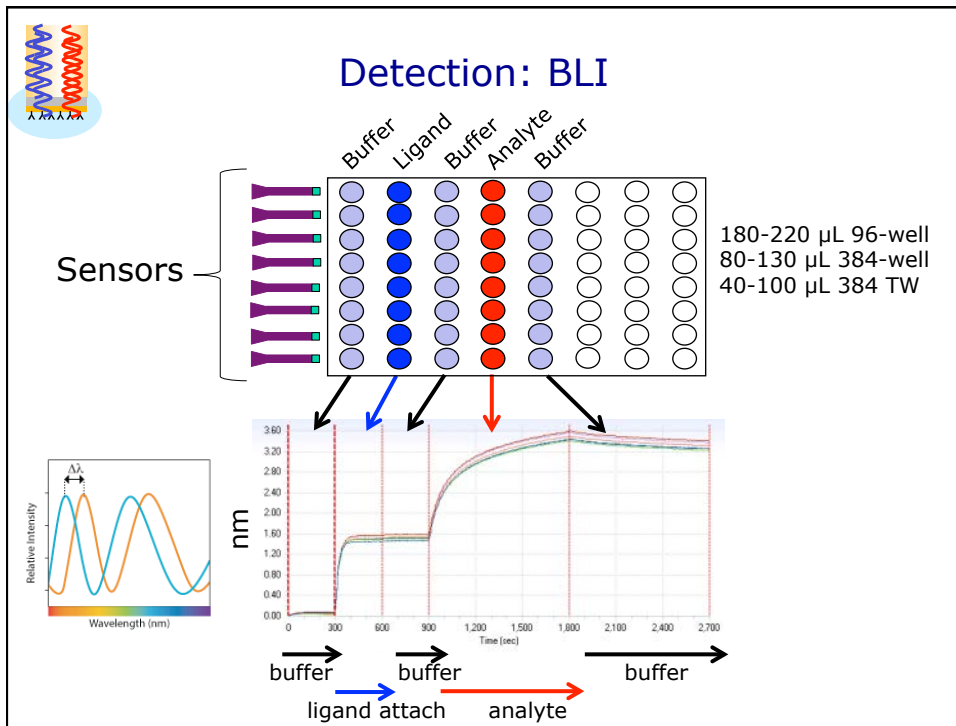












switchSense: Time-resolved Switching Dynamics Measurement

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$f \sim 10 \text{ kHz}$

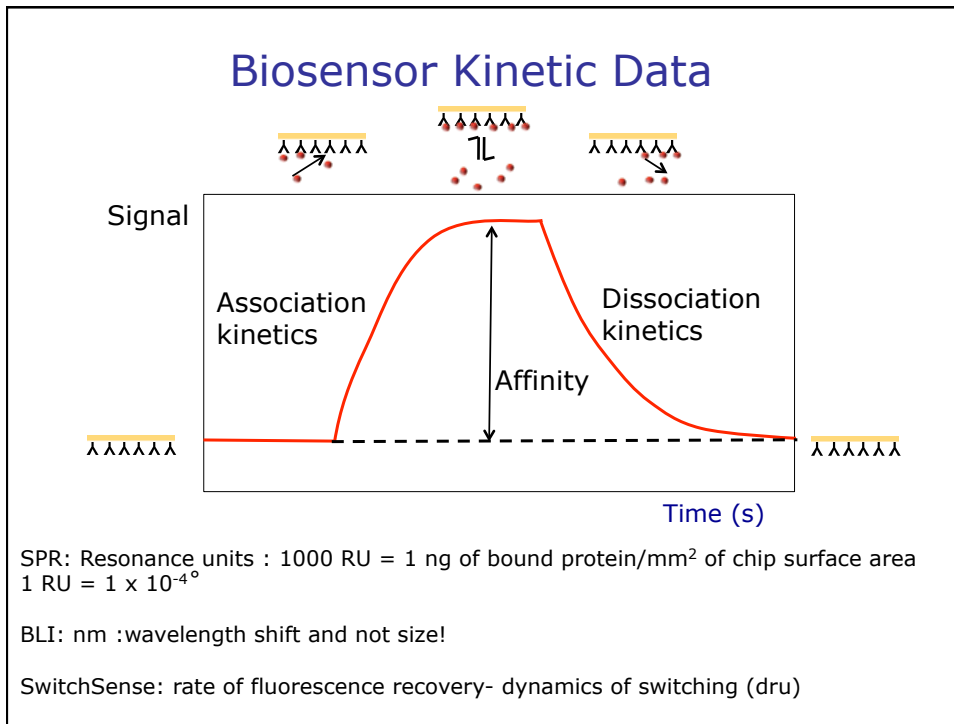
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dynamic
BIOSENSORS

switchSENSE draws complementary information from three measurement modes

Molecular Dynamics	Proximity Sensing	Molecular Ruler
<p>Basic Principle Friction coefficient change</p>	<p>Basic Principle Dye proximity change</p>	<p>Basic Principle Dye position change</p>
<p>Application Binding Kinetics/Affinity Protein Diameter/Conformational Change Melting & Thermodynamics Multimers & Aggregation</p>	<p>Application Binding Kinetics/Affinity Melting & Thermodynamics</p>	<p>Application Nuclease/Polymerase Activity Aggregation/Interlinking DNA modification</p>

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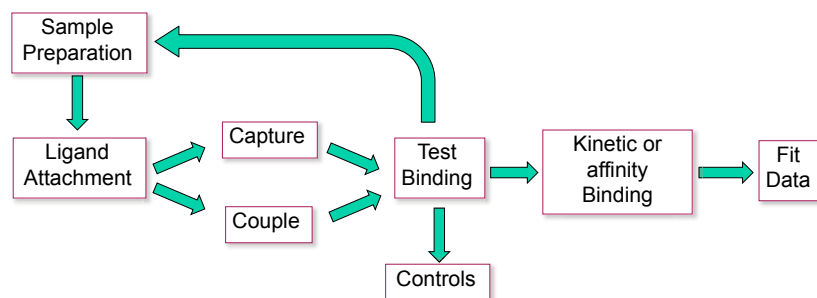
Comparison of Biosensors

	SPR	BLI	SwitchSense
Types of experiment	Affinity/ Kinetics	Affinity/Kinetics	Affinity/Kinetics/ Sizing/DNA enzyme kinetics/ conformation
Dynamic range	No limit ?	>150 Da	?
Affinities	pM to mM	10 pM – 1mM	50 fM – 1 mM
Association rates	10 ³ –10 ⁷ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	10 ² –10 ⁷ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	10 ³ – 10 ⁸ M ⁻¹ s ⁻¹
Dissociation rates	10 ⁻⁵ –1 s ⁻¹	10 ⁻⁶ –10 ⁻¹ s ⁻¹	10 ⁻⁶ –1 s ⁻¹
Temperature control	4-45 °C	Ambient to 40 °C	8-75 °C
Throughput	96 well plate	96 or 384 plate	96 well plate
Sizing accuracy	n.a.	n.a.	0.1 nm

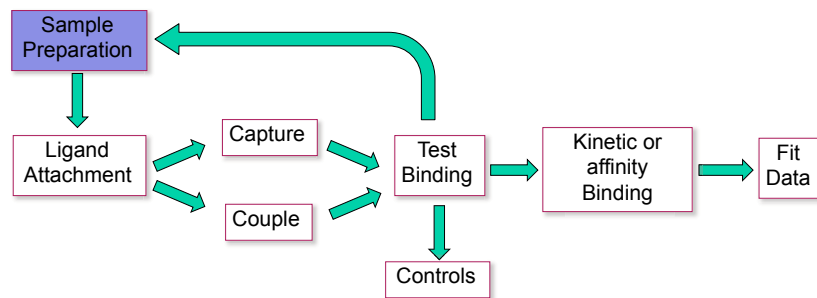
Comparison of Biosensors: Issues

- Cost: Capital cost and cost per experiment (chips vs sensors)
- Artifacts of immobilisation
 - “ God made the bulk; surfaces were invented by the devil” Wolfgang Pauli
- Non-specific binding (care with controls)
- Buffers: Biacore sensitive to RI changes, switchSense is salt sensitive
- Real limits to detection: response rate and total assay time
 - fast rates or very slow off-rates may not be accurately detected
 - switchSense can measure very long dissociations
- Fitting issues:
 - Some high-affinity interactions with slow dissociation rates can be difficult to analyse

Biosensor Workflow

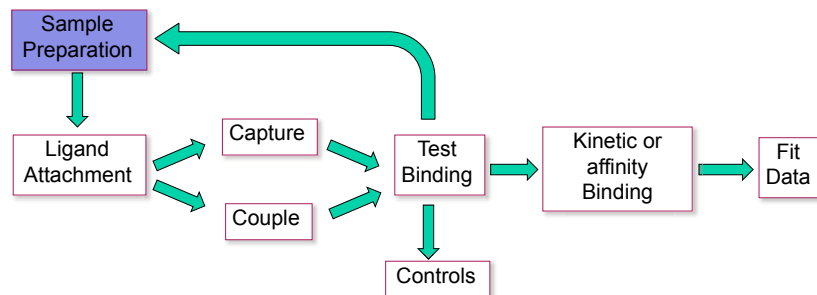


Sample preparation: Buffers



- Buffers ensure filtered and degassed (Biacore 2000)
- Compatible with system (salt affects switchSENSE switching)
- Avoid Tris-HCl if coupling *via* amides
- Detergent? DMSO?
- For SPR: match buffers for running buffer and analyte to minimise effect of refractive index changes

Sample preparation: ligand and analyte



- Protein aggregates removed: spin, SEC
- Concentrations accurate (UV, AAA)
- Ligand vs analyte? Ideally, compare binding interaction with either attached:
 - Economic, Specificity, Aggregation or Valency issues

Sample preparation: how much ligand for SPR?

For kinetics, immobilise a low amount of ligand (R_{\max} 100 – 200RU)
For equilibrium, immobilise enough to get good response.

$$R_L = R_{\max} \cdot \frac{Mwt_L}{n \cdot Mwt_A}$$

R_L is amount ligand bound, R_{\max} is the maximum response, n is stoichiometry, Mwt is the molecular weight of analyte A and ligand L

Sample preparation: how much ligand for BLI?

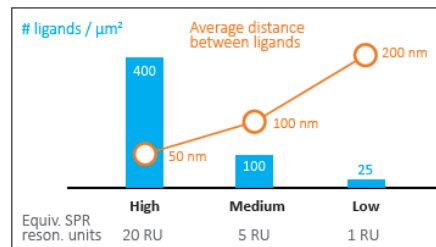
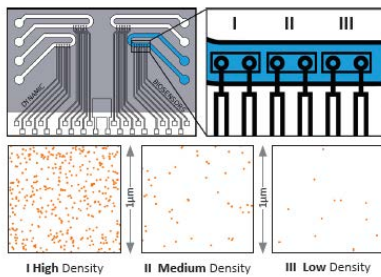
- BLI
 - Trial dilution series from 100 -200 nM ligand
 - Plate-based run in parallel
 - Use analyte concentration 80% for max response
 - Aim for up to 1 nm over 5 min

Vary [ligand] vs
Constant analyte

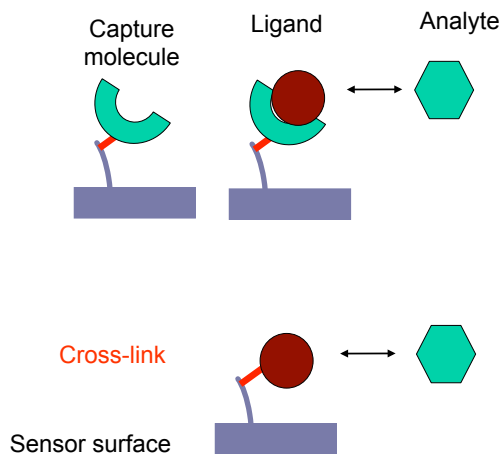
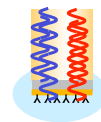
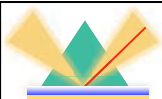
Sample preparation: how much ligand for switchSense?



- SwitchSense
 - 100-500 nM DNA-coupled ligand
 - If avidity an issue need lower level
 - can vary by competition or reducing lever density by electrical desorption
 - use different density chips:



SPR/BLI: Ligand Attachment



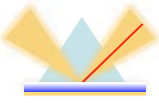
Capturing Methods

- Streptavidin for Biotin
- Specific Ab
- Anti-GST for GST
- NTA- for His-tagged proteins
- Protein A for IgG

Couple Methods

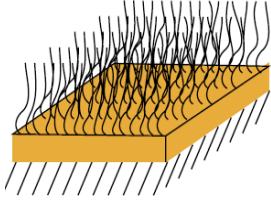
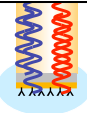
- Amine coupling
- Thiol coupling

Advantages/Disadvantages?



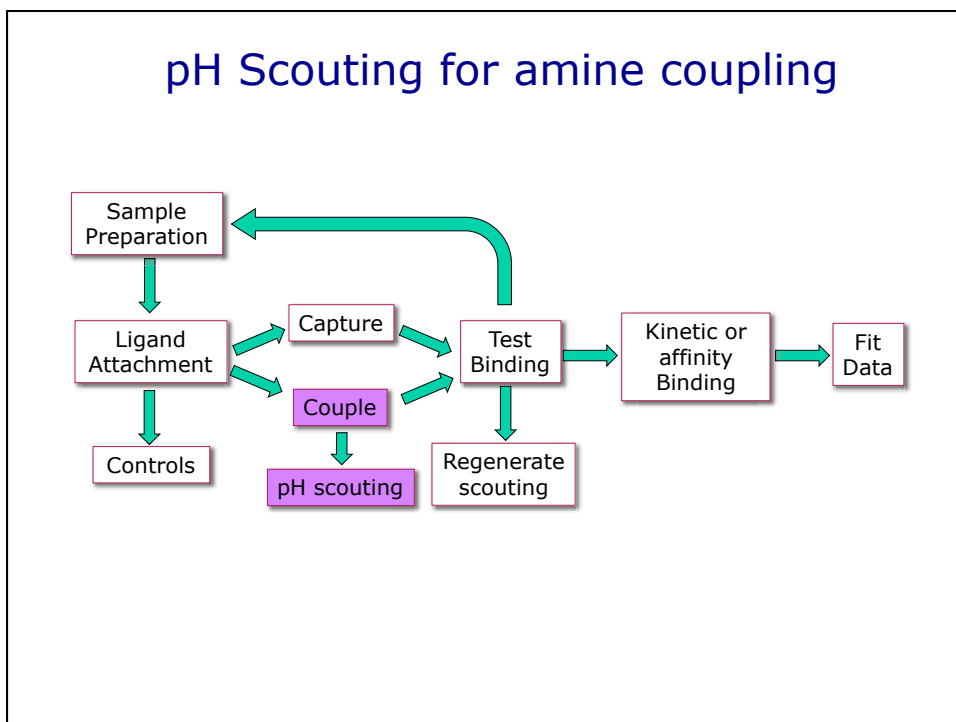
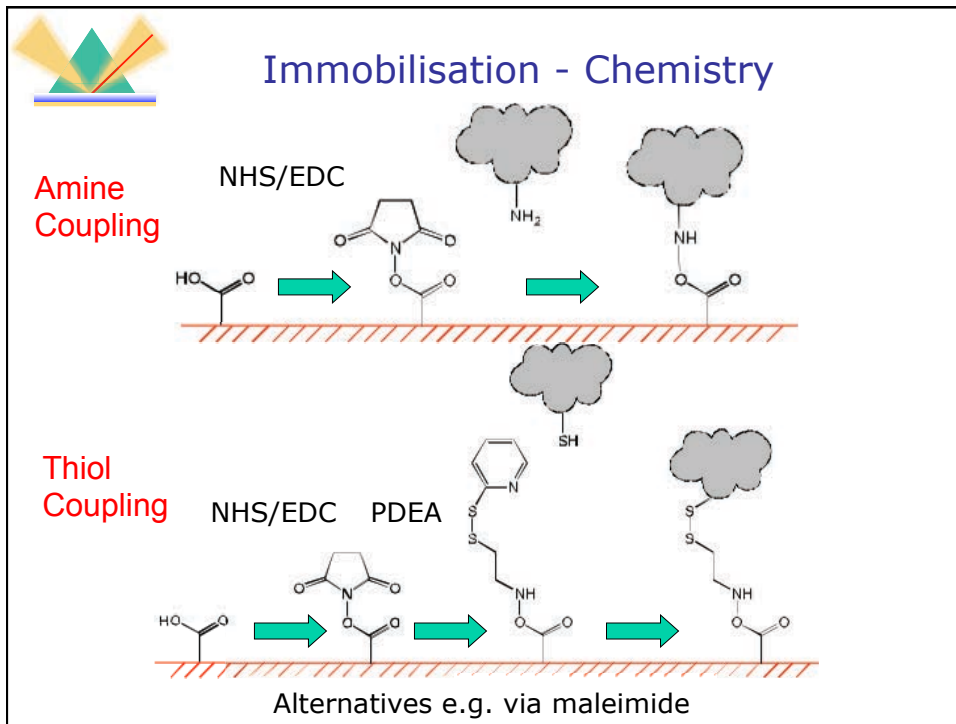
SPR Immobilisation -CHIPS with Everything

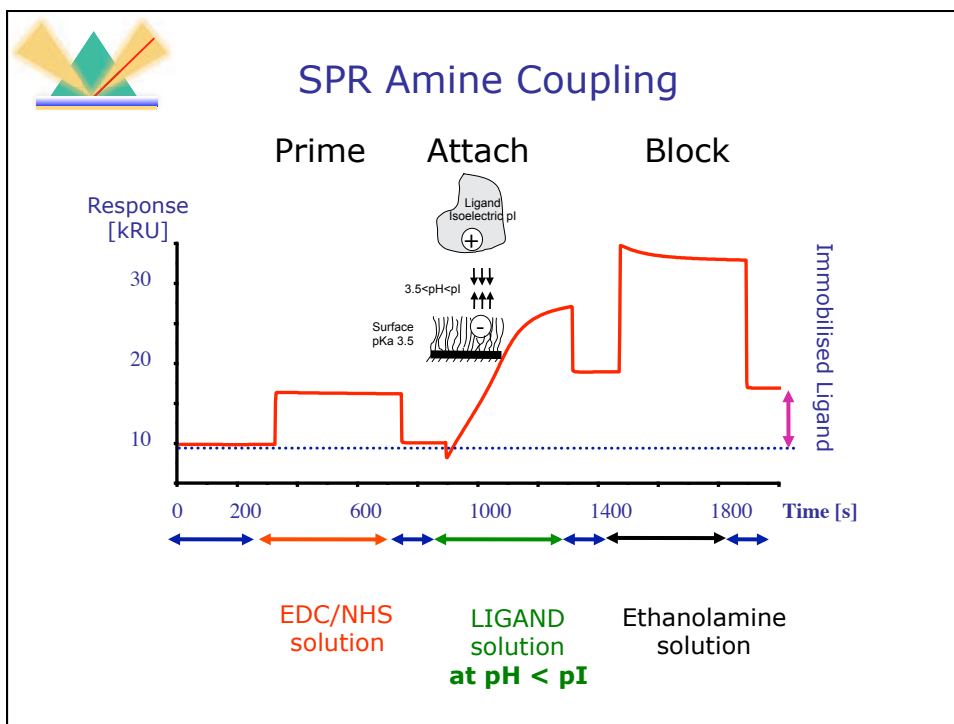
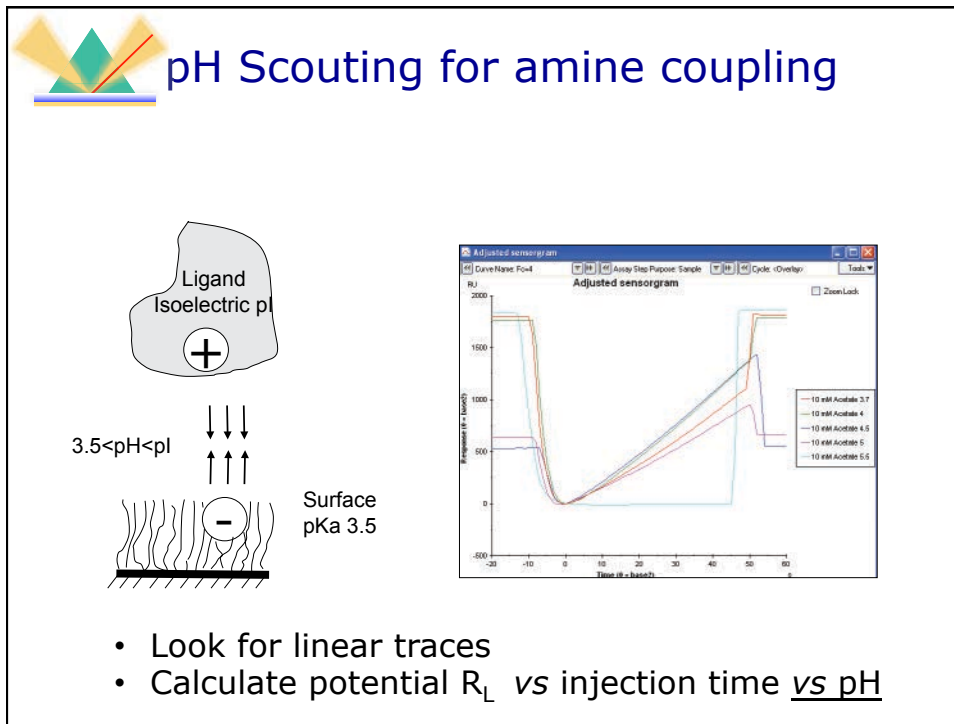
Biosensor	Application
Immobilization	
• CM5	the standard chip
• C1	multivalent or very large analytes (flat carboxymethylated surface)
• CM3	large analytes (shortened dextran matrix)
• CM4	high non-specific binders (low degree of carboxylation)
• CM7	LMW analytes (denser x 3 immobilisation)
• PEG	alternative to dextran based surfaces, flat surface good for very large or multivalent binding partners
Affinity Tag Capture	
• SA	biotinylated ligands
• L1	lipid membrane components
• HP	hydrophobic for lipid membranes
• NTA	his-tagged proteins
Antibody-Specific Capture	
• Protein A	Fc region of antibodies
• Protein L	wide range of antibody fragments

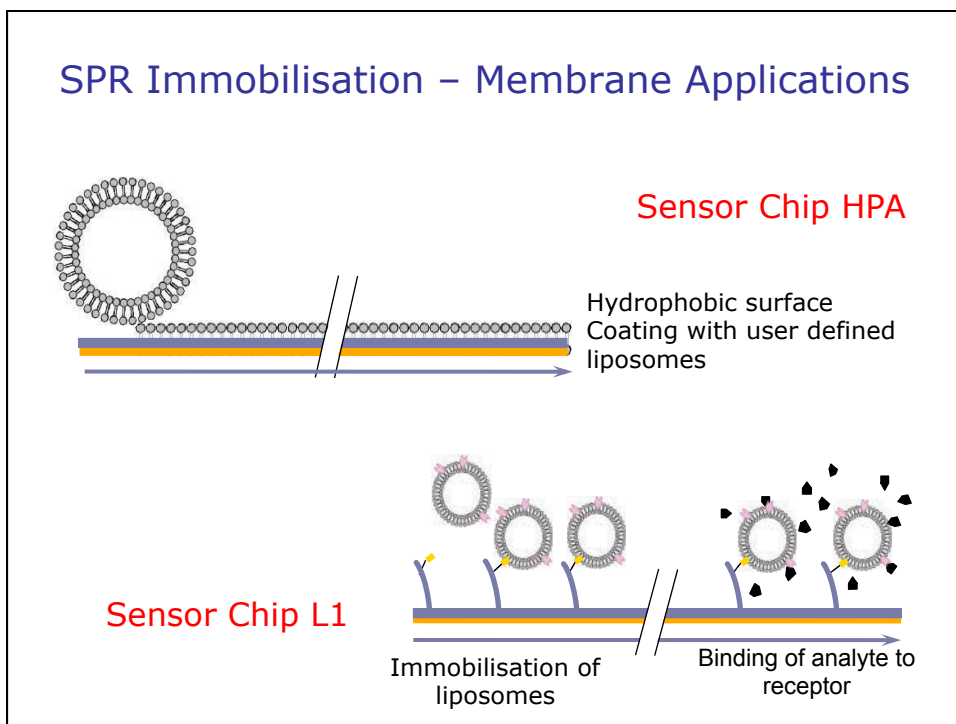
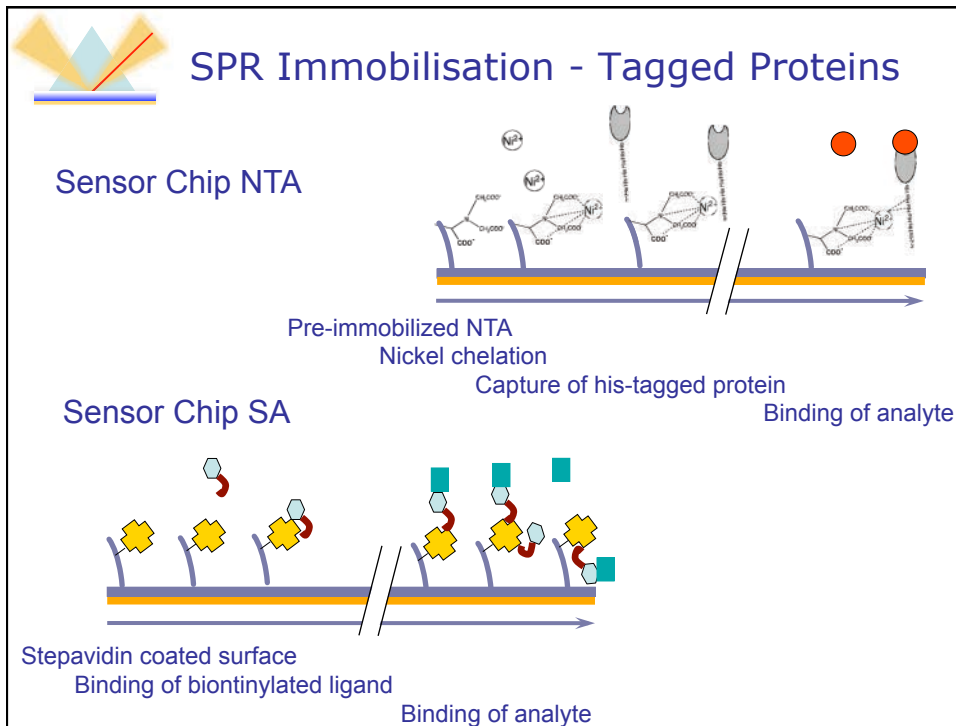




Octet Immobilisation Sensors with Everything

Biosensor	Application
Immobilization	
• Amine Reactive 2nd Gen (AR2G)	Covalent coupling to reactive amine groups
• Aminopropylsilane (APS)	Adsorption to hydrophobic moieties
Affinity Tag Capture	
• Streptavidin (SA)	Biotinylated ligands
• Super Streptavidin (SSA)	Biotinylated ligands (high-density surface)
• Anti-FLAG (FLG)	FLAG-tagged recombinant proteins
• Anti-GST (GST)	GST-tagged recombinant proteins
• Anti-Penta HIS (HIS)	HIS-tagged recombinant proteins
• Anti-Penta HIS 2nd Gen (HIS2)	HIS-tagged recombinant proteins
• Ni-NTA (NTA)	HIS-tagged recombinant proteins
Antibody-Specific Capture	
• Anti-Human IgG Fc Capture (AHC)	Human IgG Fc region, kinetic analysis
• Anti-Human IgG Fc Capture (AHQ)	Human IgG Fc region, quantitation
• Anti-Mouse Fc Capture (AMC)	Mouse IgG1, 2a & 2b Fc regions, kinetic analysis
• Anti-Mouse Fc Capture (AMQ)	Mouse IgG1, 2a & 2b Fc regions, quantitation
• Anti-Human Fab-CHI (FAB)	Fab-CHI domains of human IgG
• Protein A (ProA)	Quantitation of various species IgG
• Protein G (ProG)	Quantitation of various species IgG
• Protein L (ProL)	Quantitation of IgG via kappa light chain



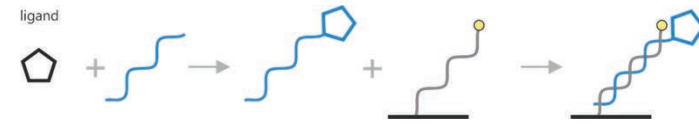






switchSense Ligand Attachment

Functionalization of the complementary DNA




To link a ligand to the complementary DNA strand, there are various coupling methods:

Chemical:


- Amine reactive group
- Thiol reactive group
- Click Chemistry

Capture tags:

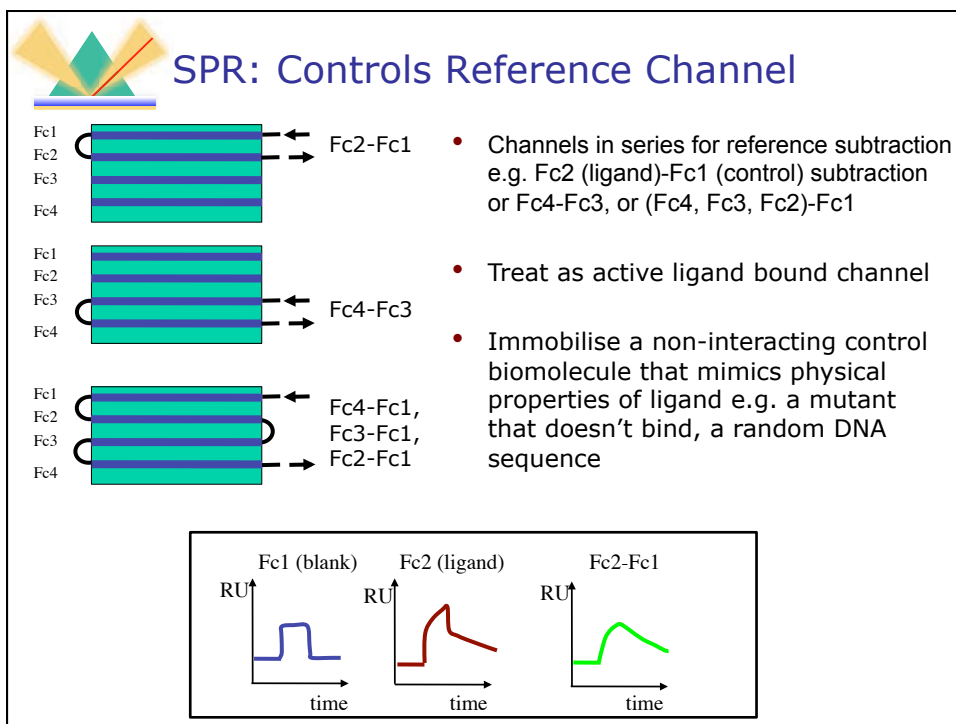
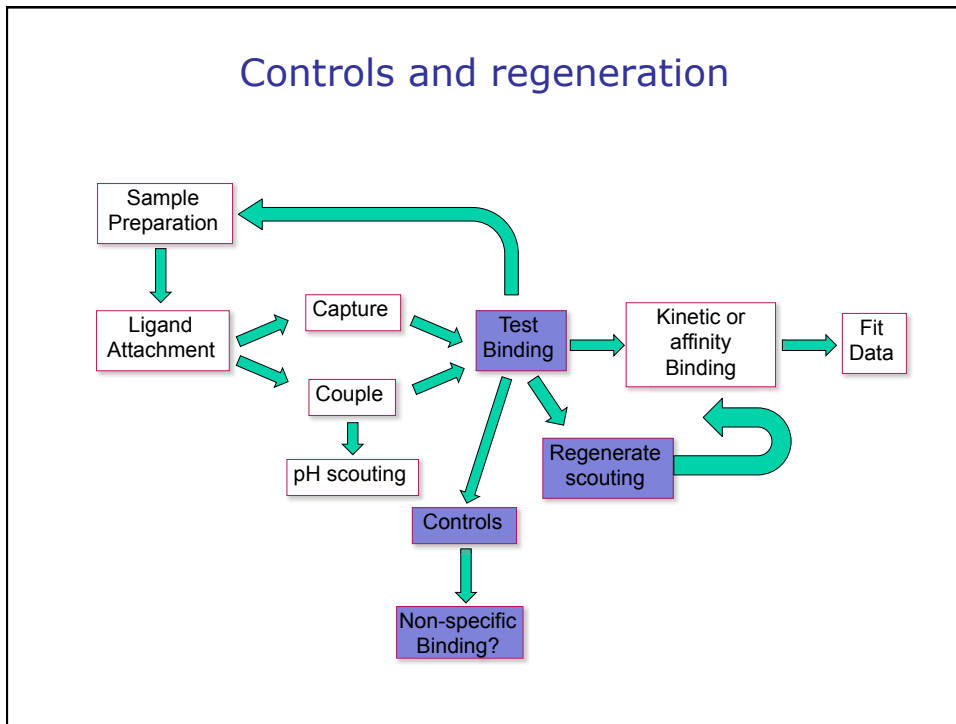
- Tris-NTA, Biotin, Streptavidin, Digoxigenin, Strep-Tactin® XT
- Anti-LC-kappa (Murine) Anti-IgG-Fc Rabbit, Protein A, Protein G, GST-binding, GFP-binding

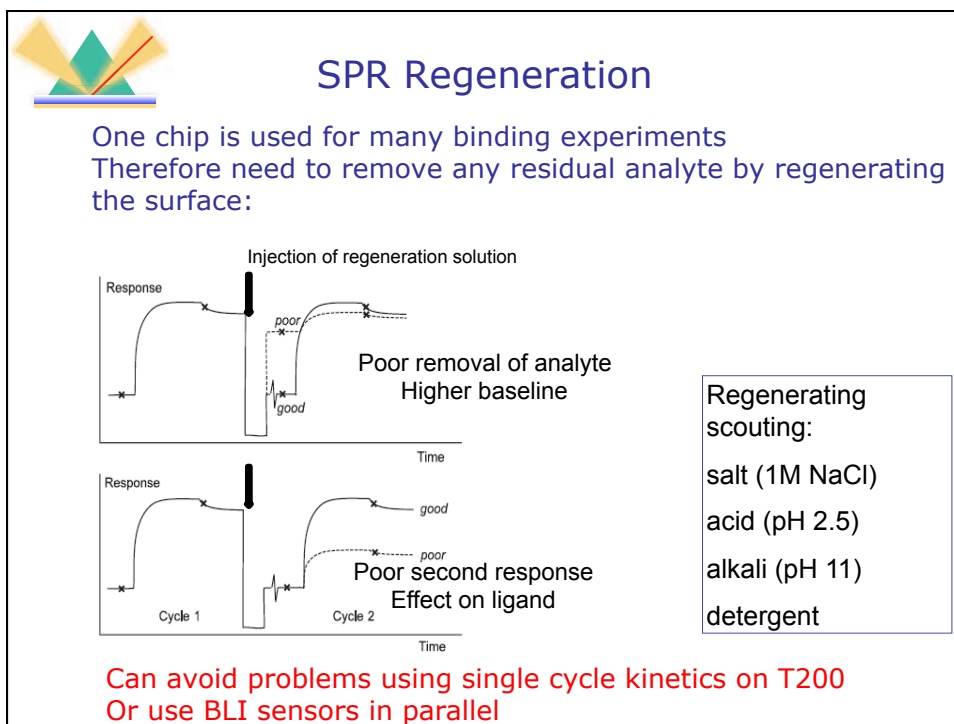
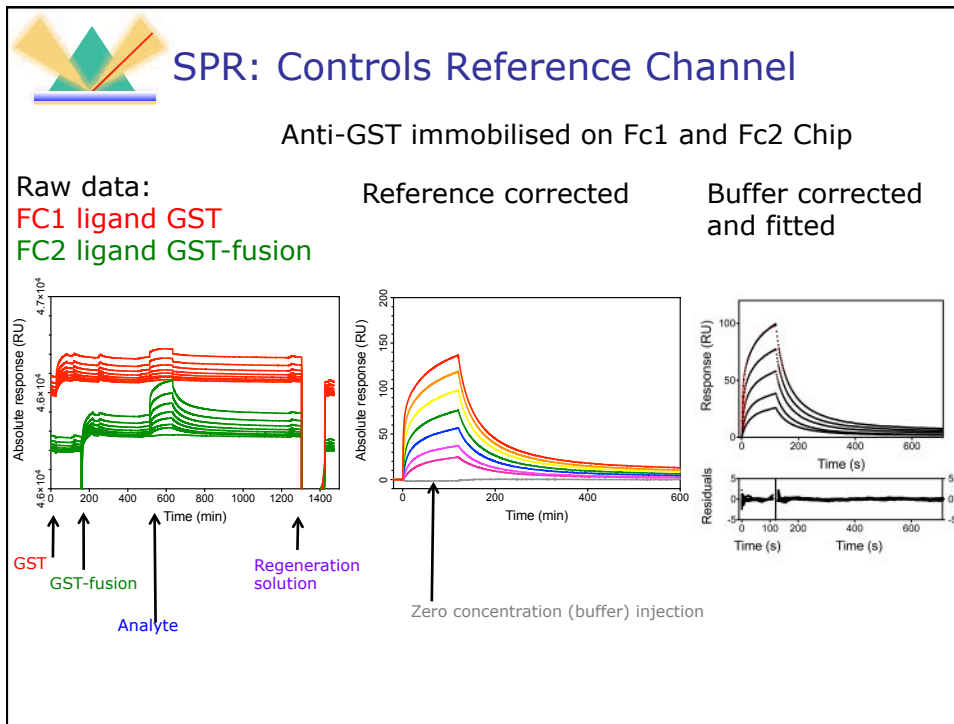


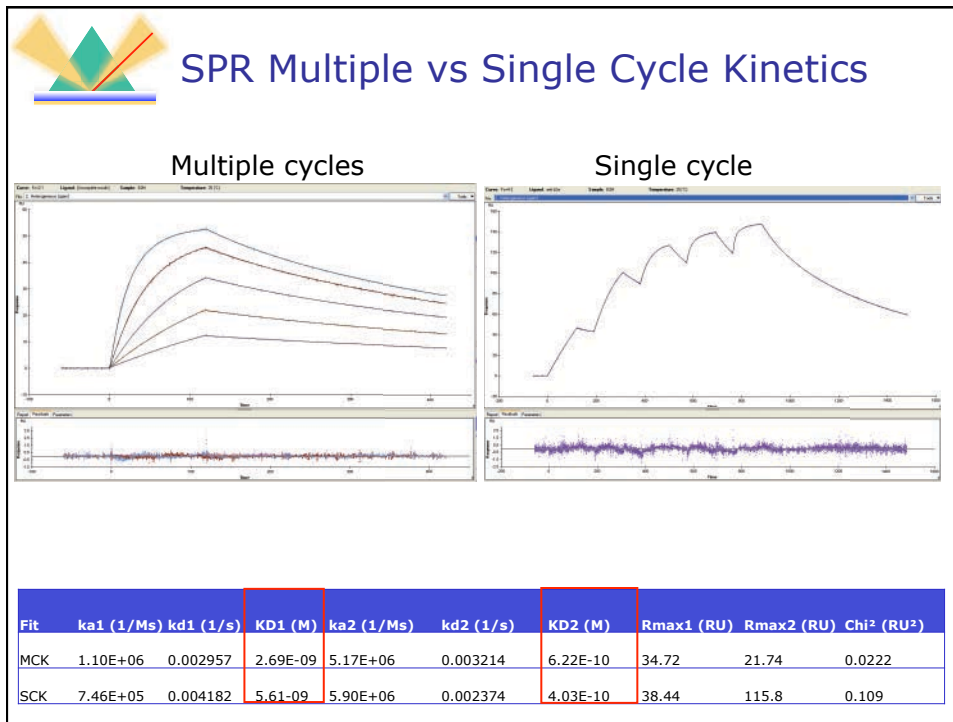
switchSense Swings for all



- **Multi-purpose Biochips (MPC) 48 and 96 bp**
 - Binding Kinetics
 - Binding Affinity
 - Protein Diameter
 - Conformational Change
 - Melting & Thermodynamics
 - Multimers & Aggregation
- **Enzymatic Biochips**
 - Nuclease & Polymerase Activity
 - 54 or 80 bp
 - 3' of fluorophore strand attached to chip surface
- **Bifunctional Biochips**
 - Bispecific Binders & Avidity (7 mm or 14 mm)





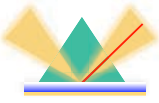


SPR Mass transport problems

Association

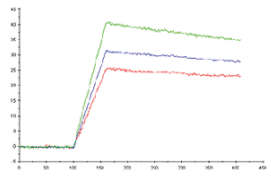
Dissociation

- During interactions analyte has to diffuse into or out of the dextran layer
- Mass transport problems occur when analyte is consumed faster than the flow can replenish it during association
- During dissociation, if analyte isn't removed by flow then it can rebind.
- k_m dependent on cube-root of flow rate

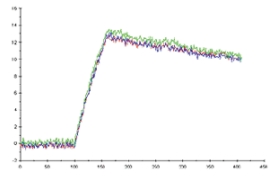


SPR Mass transport problems

Compare rates at different flow rates 5, 10, 20 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$



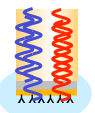
Mass transport effect



No effect of Mass transport

Overcome mass transport:

- Lowest amount of immobilized ligand
- Higher flow rates (e.g. 30 $\mu\text{l}/\text{min}$)
- Fit data using model that includes mass transport variable (caution: may be difficult to fit, don't invoke unless there is a mass transport effect)



BLI Controls

Columns

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
B	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
C	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
D	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
E	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
F	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
G	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
H	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

Buffer

Biotin-tagged protein

Buffer

Ligands

Binding partner

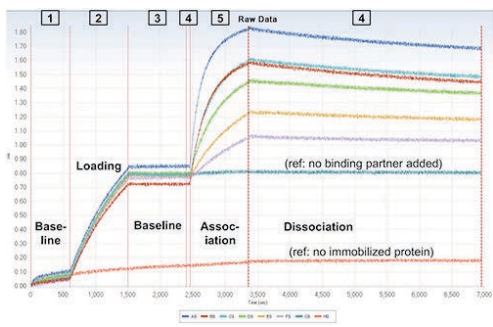
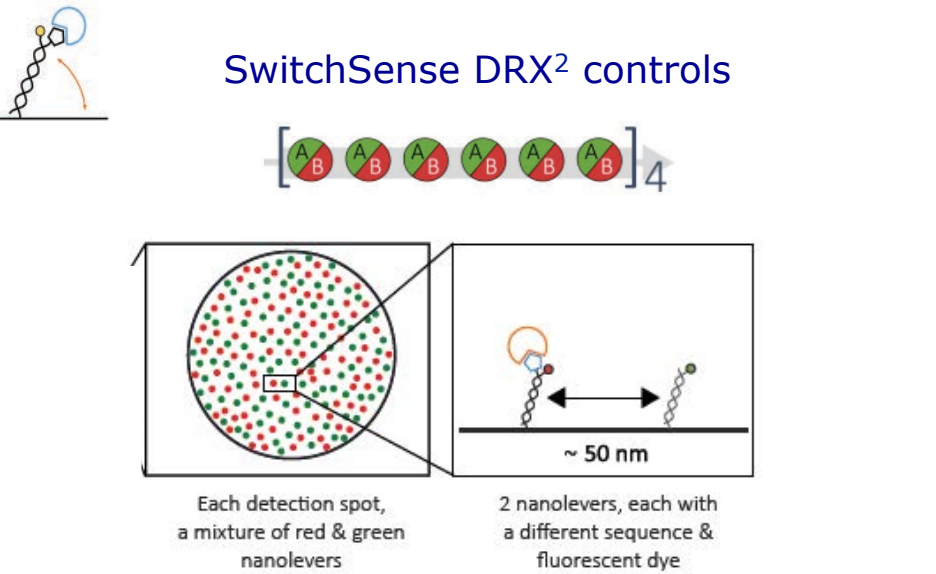


Plate-based

In series: use zero concentration of analyte and no ligand
 In parallel: use another row of sensors but don't load ligand and repeat cycle

Naman B. Shah and Thomas M. Duncan J Vis Exp. 2014; (84): 51383.

SwitchSense DRX² controls



Each detection spot, a mixture of red & green nanolevers

2 nanolevers, each with a different sequence & fluorescent dye

~ 50 nm

Compare non-specific binding to ligand addressed nanolever in one channel with controls hybridized with control strand in other colour channel. If non-specific change buffer add detergent etc....

Non-specific binding

When interaction with surface is greater than the interaction with ligand:
-large non-specific response swamps specific interaction

Change Experimental Design:

- Change Chip e.g CM4 instead of CM5
- Use PEG-Chip
- Cross-link dextran surface with 5-10 mM aminomethyl-PEG prior to ligand
- Change pH of running buffer especially if basic protein
- Increase salt concentration of buffer 150-500 mM (physiological concentrations and higher)

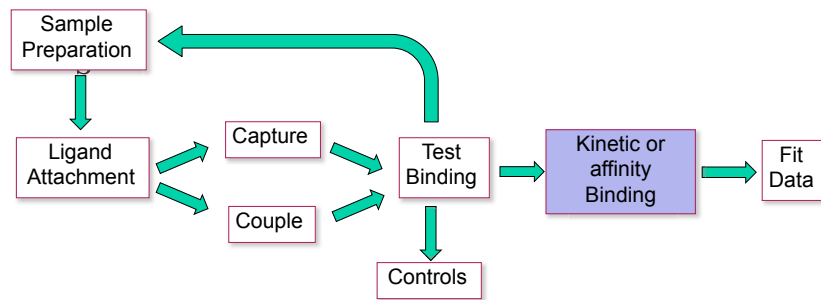
Additives

- non-ionic detergents such as Tween-20 (P-20) 0.005% and above
- Blocking agents such as casein, PEG or gelatin, BSA (up to 1-2%)
- EDTA (3 mM)
- NSB Reducer soluble carboxyl methyl dextran (0.1 - 10 mg/ml)

• For streptavidin surfaces lock surface with e.g. biotin, biocytin

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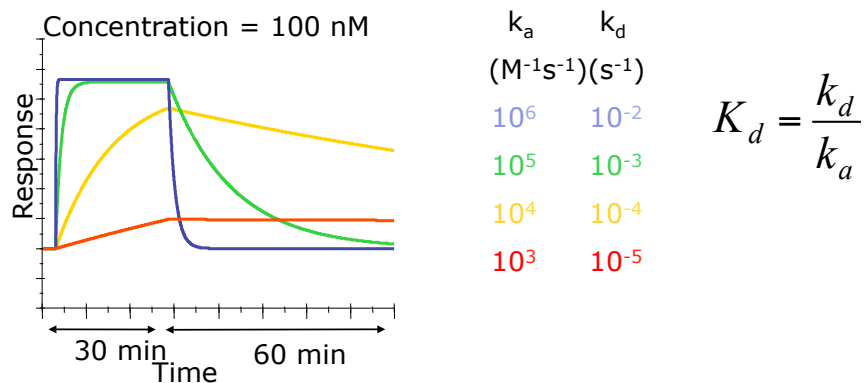
Affinity and Kinetics



- At least five concentrations for kinetics, more for affinity
- Adequate concentration range (above and below K_d)
- Concentration in duplicate or triplicate
- Include one or two zero-concentration

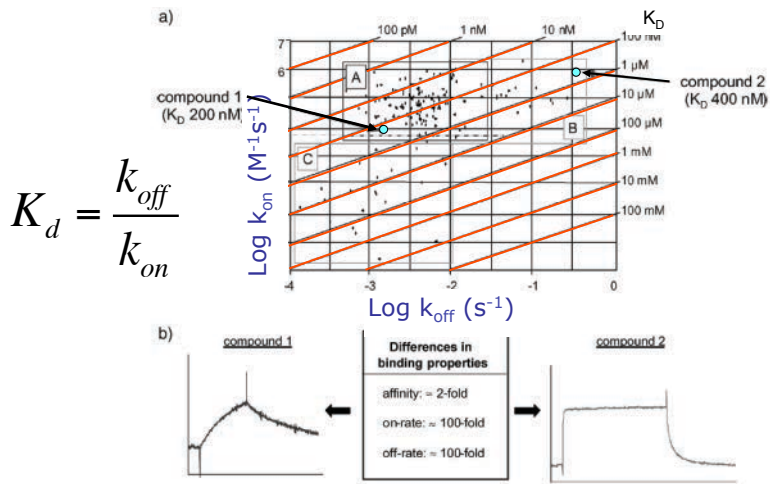
Signal shape depends on kinetics

- All 4 analytes have the same affinity $K_d = 10 \text{ nM} = 10^{-8} \text{ M}$
- The binding kinetic constants vary by 4 orders of magnitude



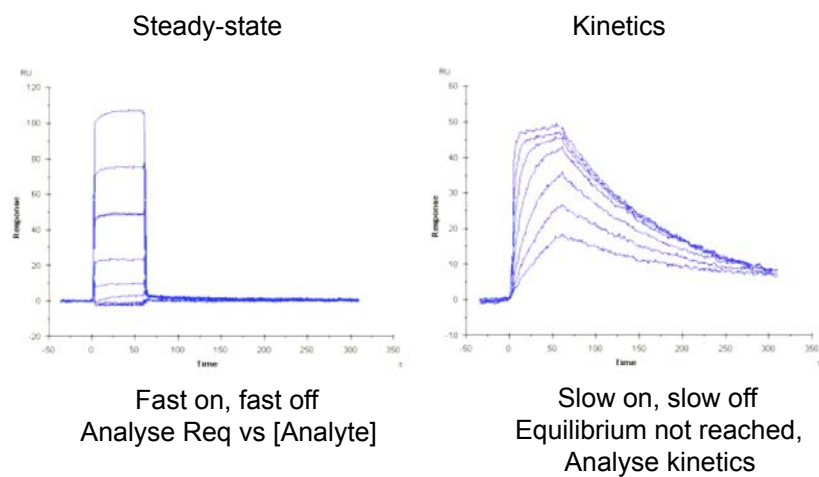
- Analytes with slow off-rates occupy the target for a longer time
- Observed on-rate is also concentration dependent

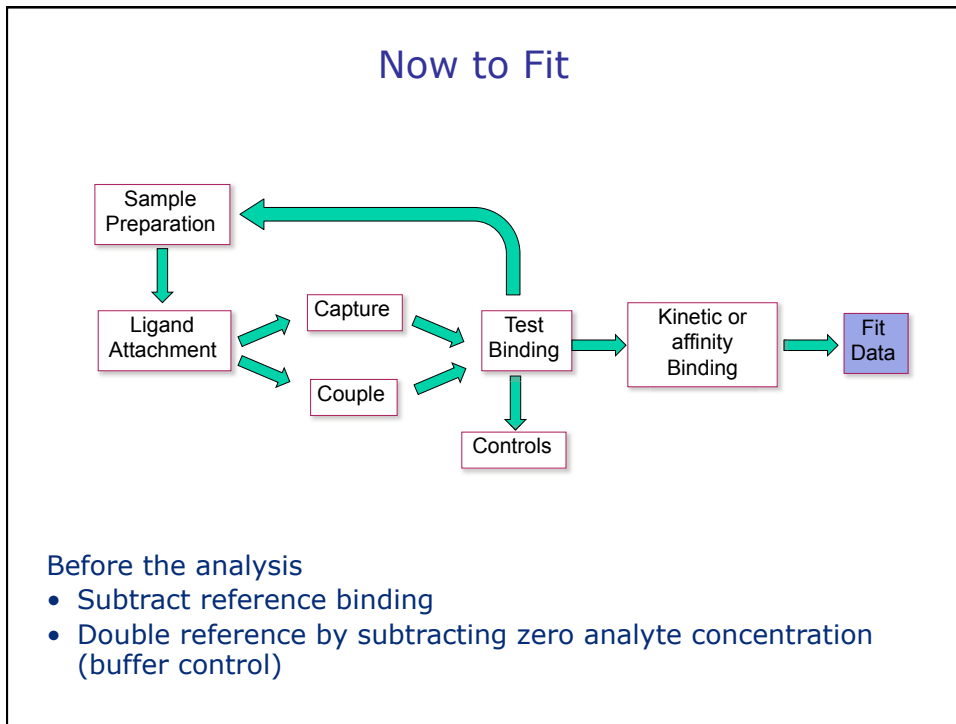
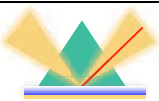
Dynamic Space: Small Molecule Screening



Huber (2005) J. Mol. Recogn.

Kinetics determine Sensogram analysis



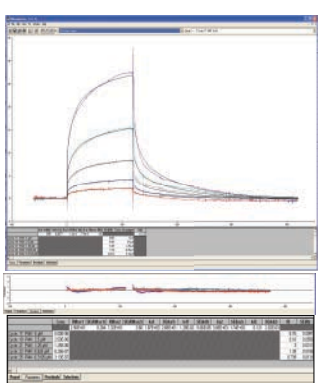
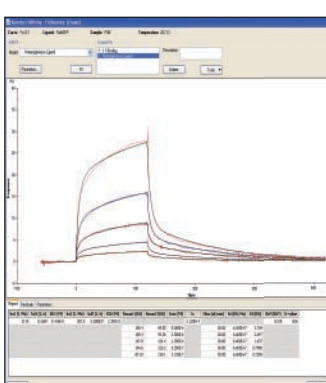
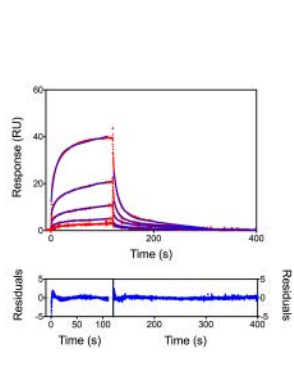



Determining kinetics and K_d from SPR

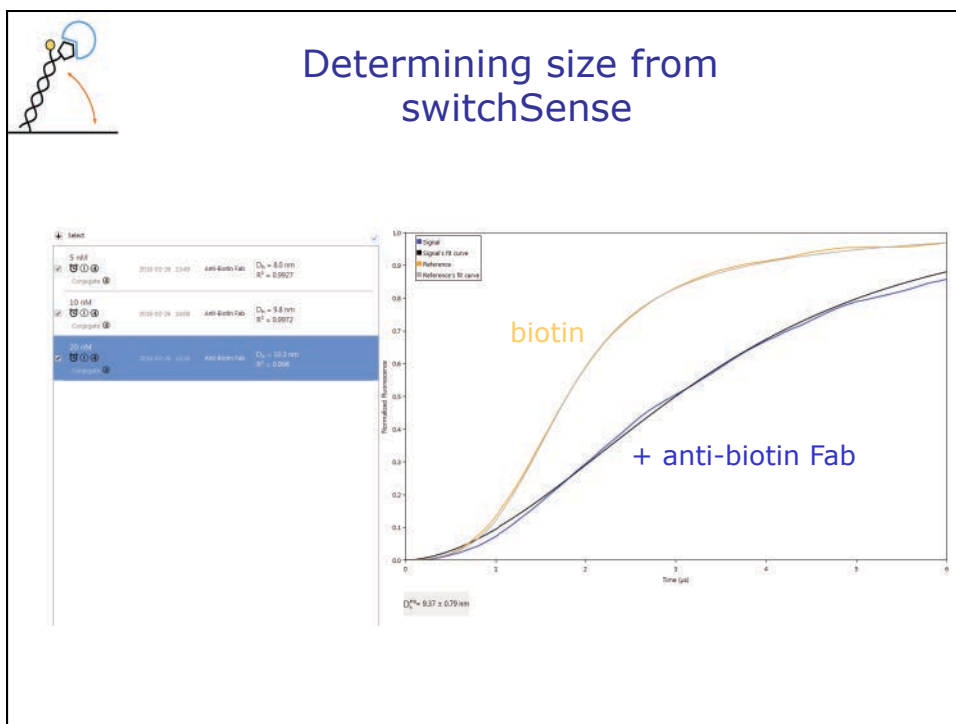
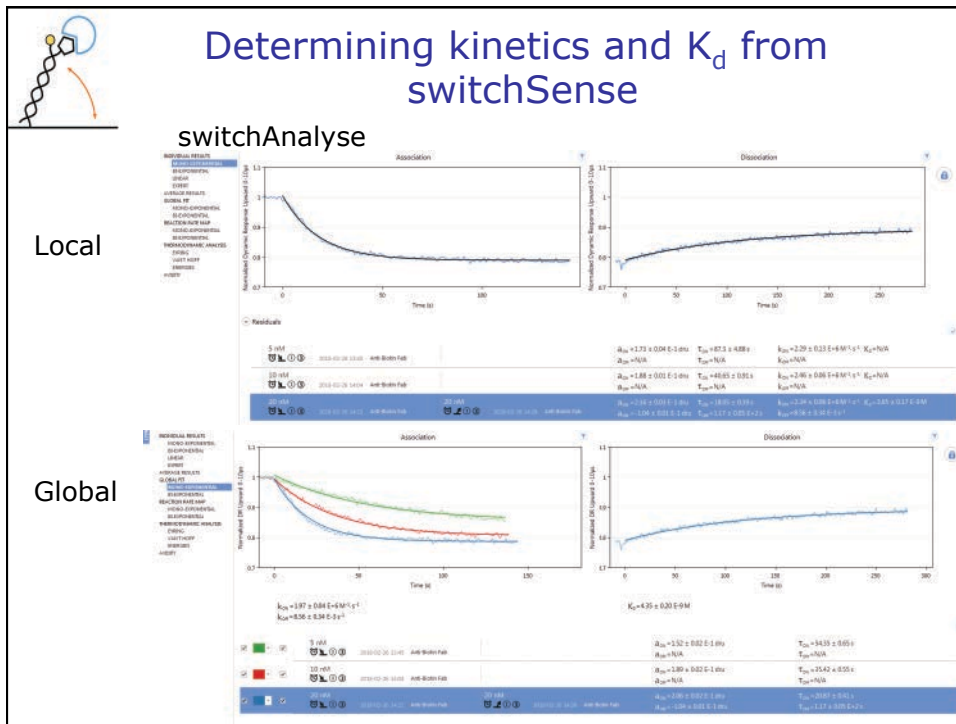
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T200 Evaluation

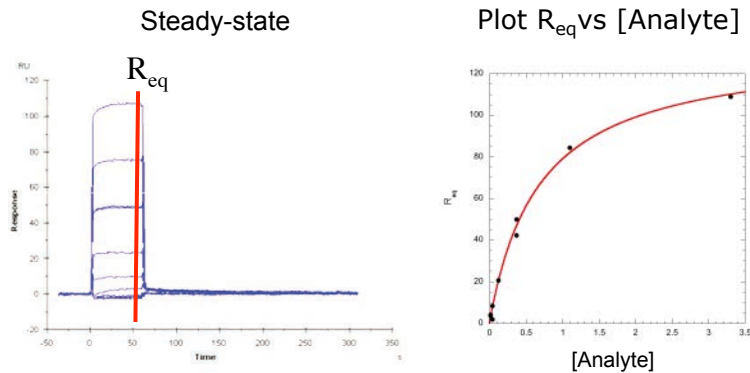
Prism

See Data Fitting lecture for more information



Fit using steady-state model

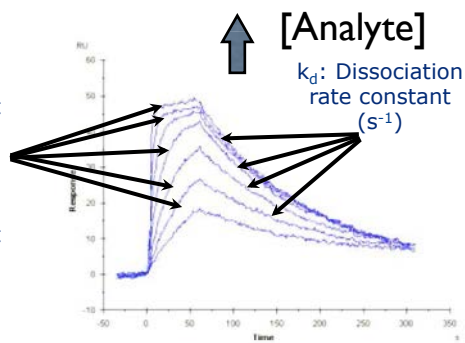


$$R_{eq} = \frac{C \cdot K_a \cdot R_{max}}{C \cdot K_a + 1}$$

where C is the [Analyte], K_a is association constant (1/K_d)

Determining kinetics and K_d

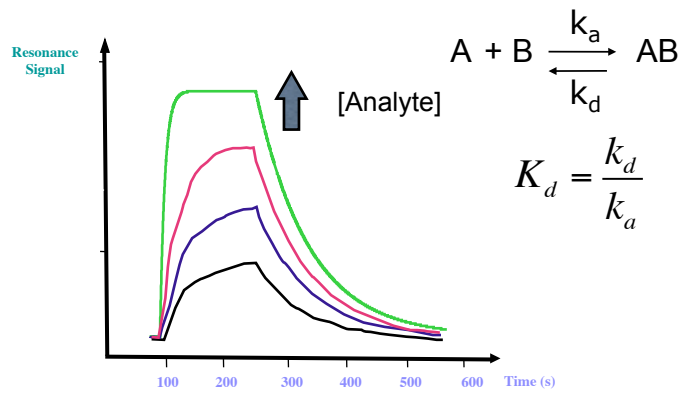
k_a:
Association
rate constant
(M⁻¹ s⁻¹)
+
k_d:
Dissociation
rate constant
(s⁻¹)



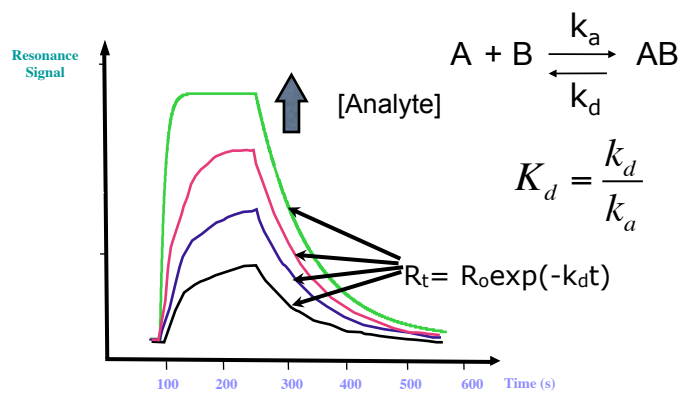
Which model?

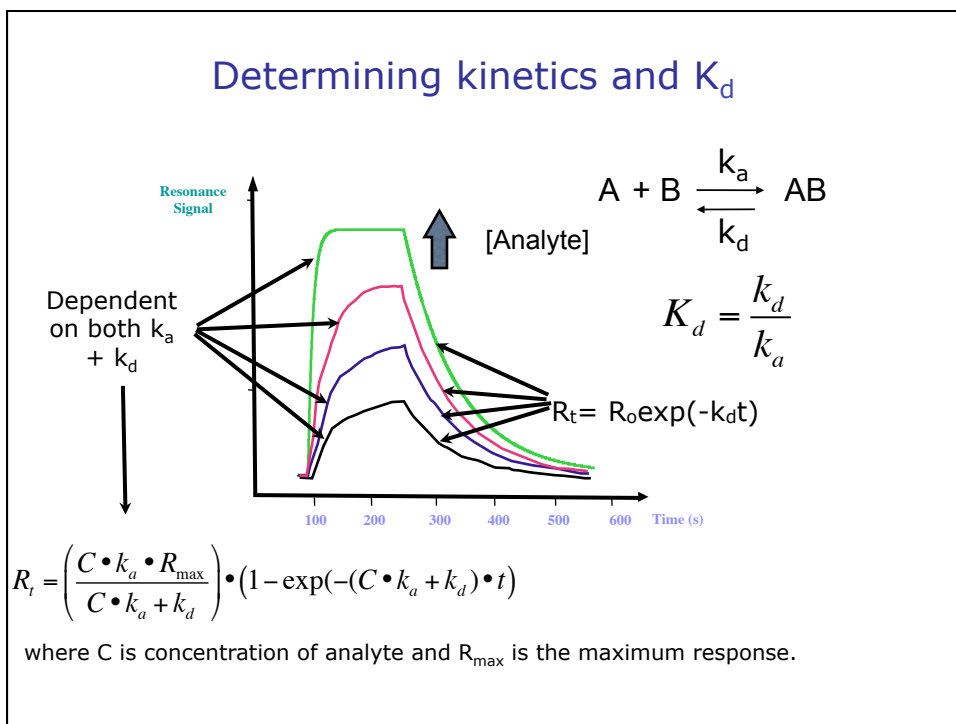
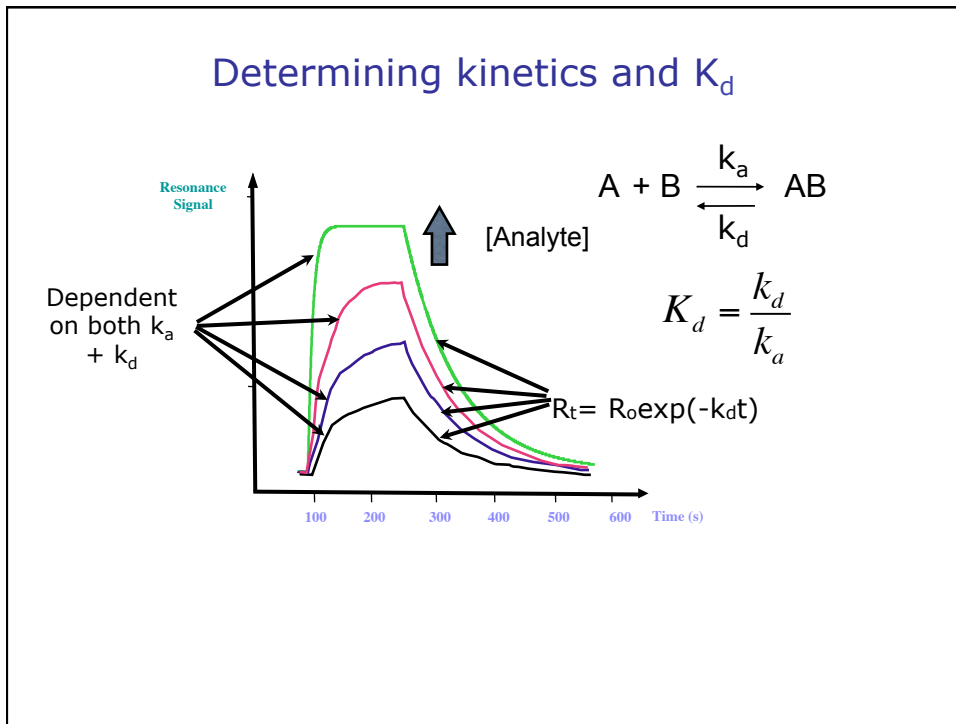
- Drift - linear component due to instrument or non-specificity
- Bivalent - analyte or ligand has two binding sites
- Heterogenous ligand - parallel reactions
- Conformational Change - two step reaction

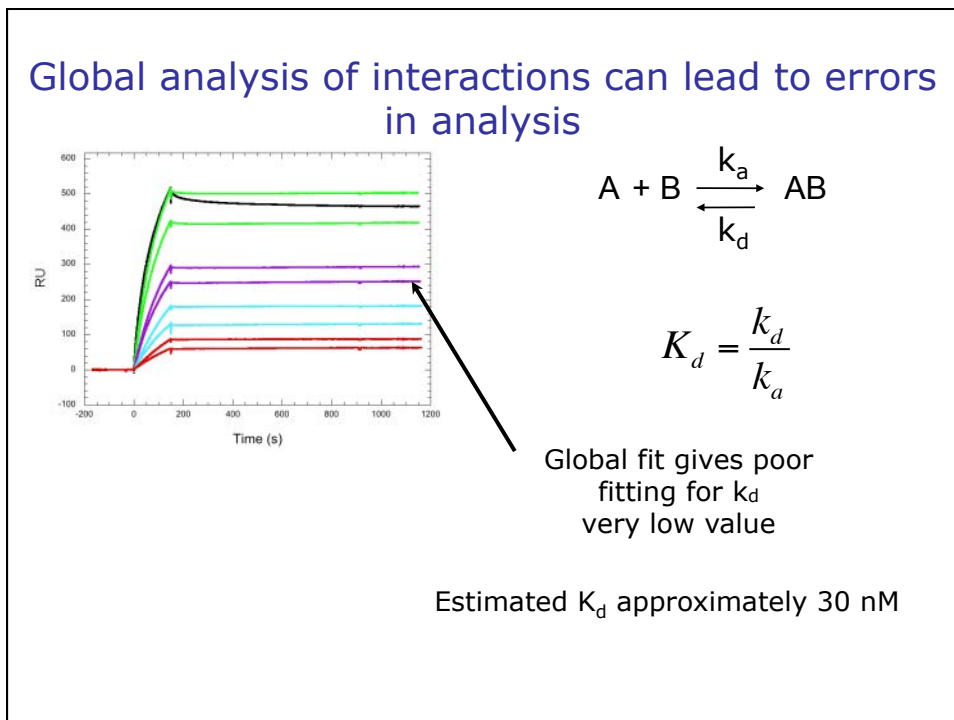
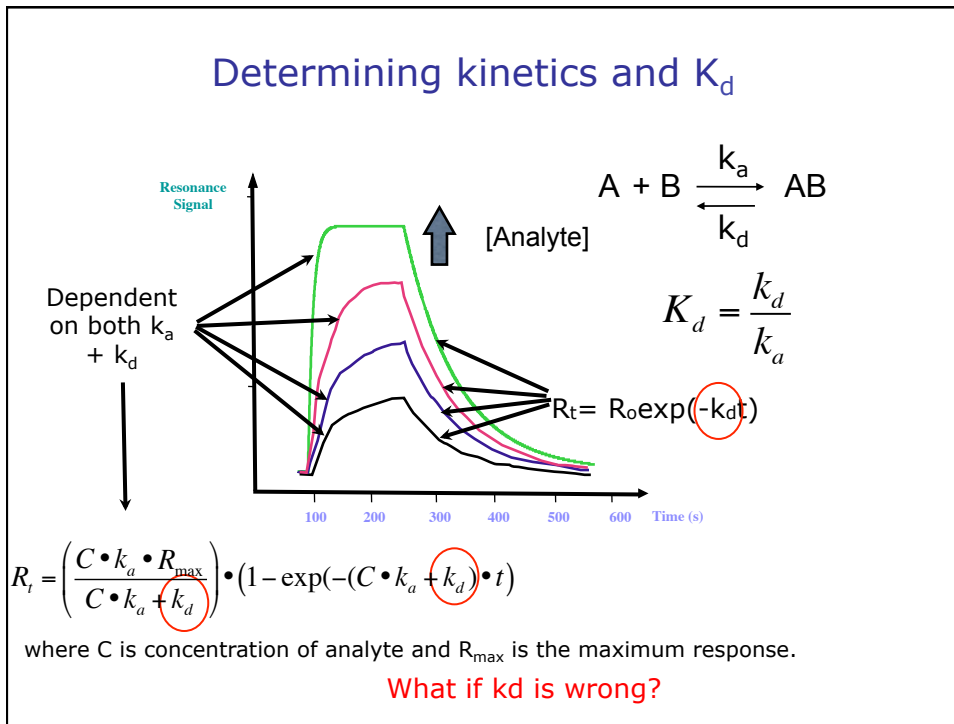
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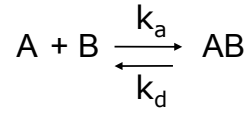
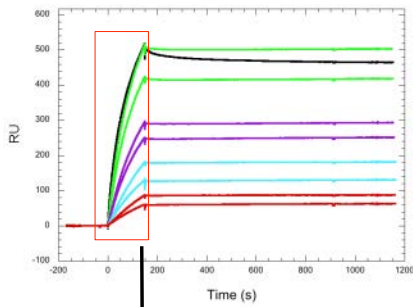
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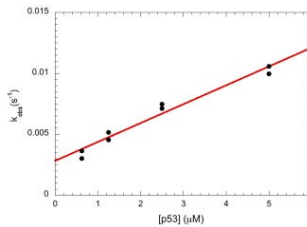
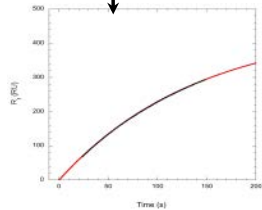




Kinetic analysis of interaction can overcome problems in global analysis



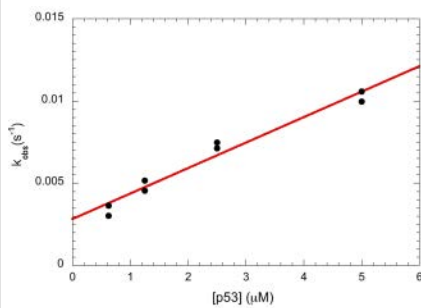
$$K_d = \frac{k_d}{k_a}$$



$$R_t = R_I + R_{max}(1 - \exp(-k_{obs} \cdot t))$$

$$k_{obs} = k_a[\text{Analyte}] + k_d$$

Kinetic analysis of interaction can overcome problems in global analysis



$$k_{obs} = k_a[\text{protein}] + k_d$$

k_a ($M^{-1} s^{-1}$)	k_d (s^{-1})	K_d (μM)
1.5×10^3	2.8×10^{-3}	1.8

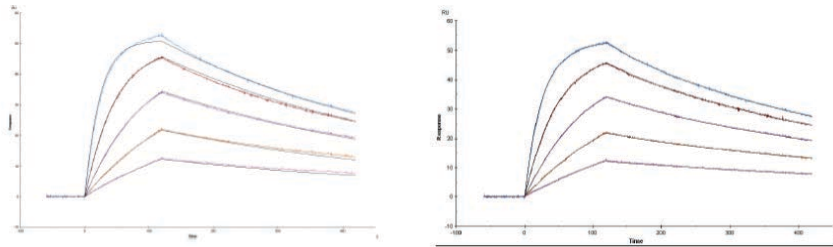
$$K_d = k_d/k_a$$

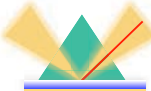
$$K_d = 2.2 \mu M \text{ by ITC}$$

Tidow *et al.* (2006)


The Analysis

- Make a choice of evaluation model
- Try the simplest first
- Is the fit acceptable?
access by residuals, standard error of parameters, χ^2
- Don't invoke a complicated model just because the fit looks better
- Are the results relevant?



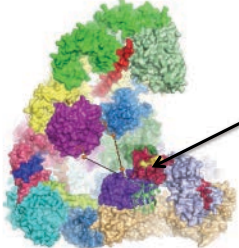


SPR Project



APC/C
E3 Ring-cullin ligase
20 subunits

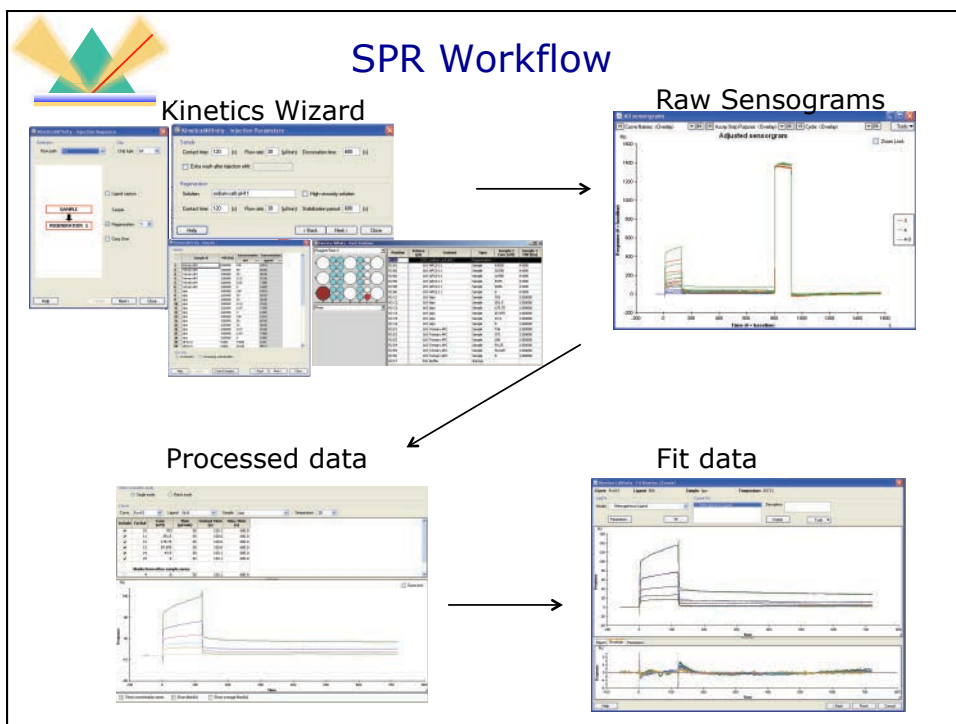
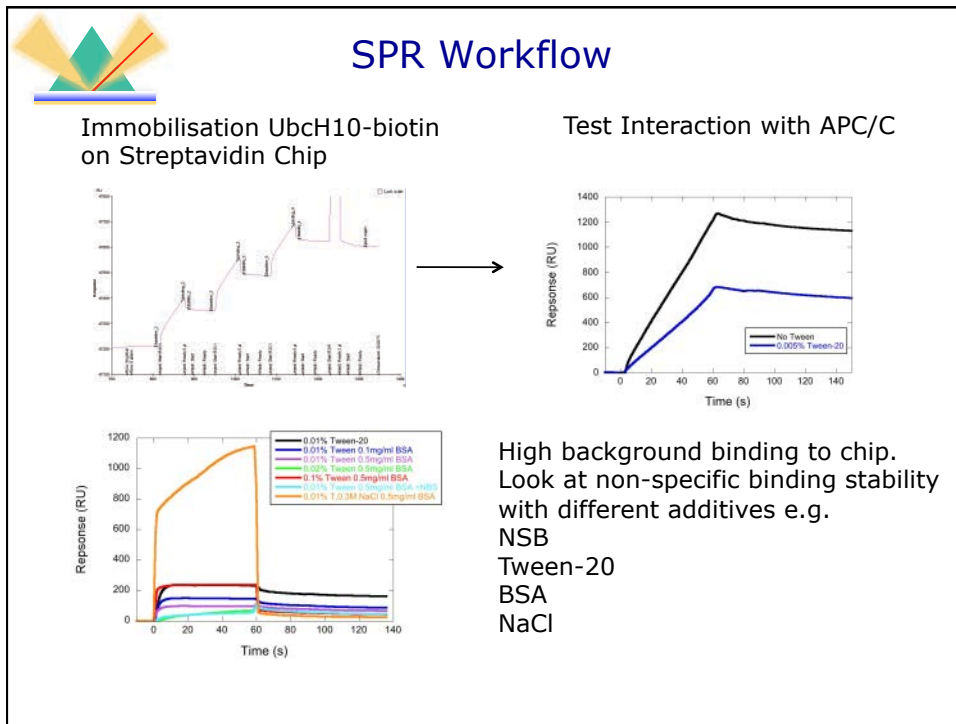
Cdh1 →

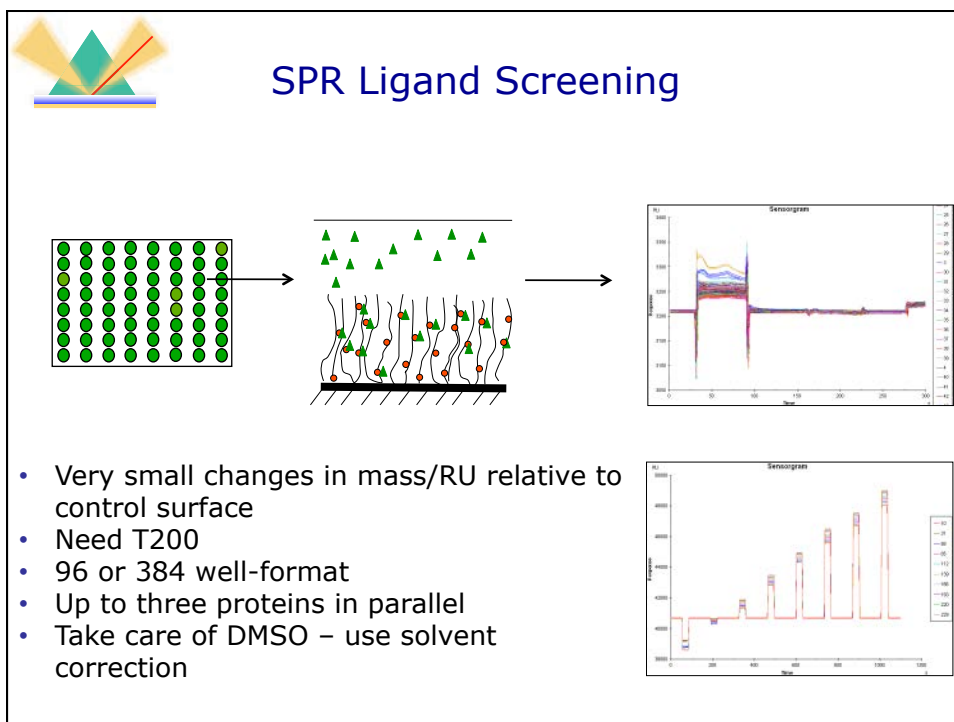
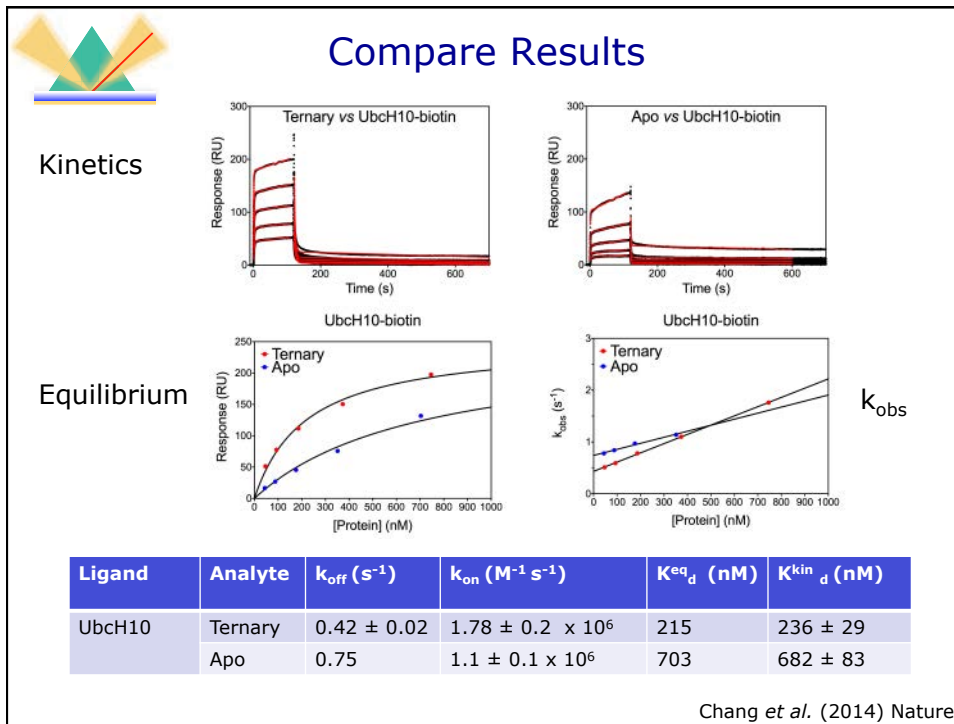


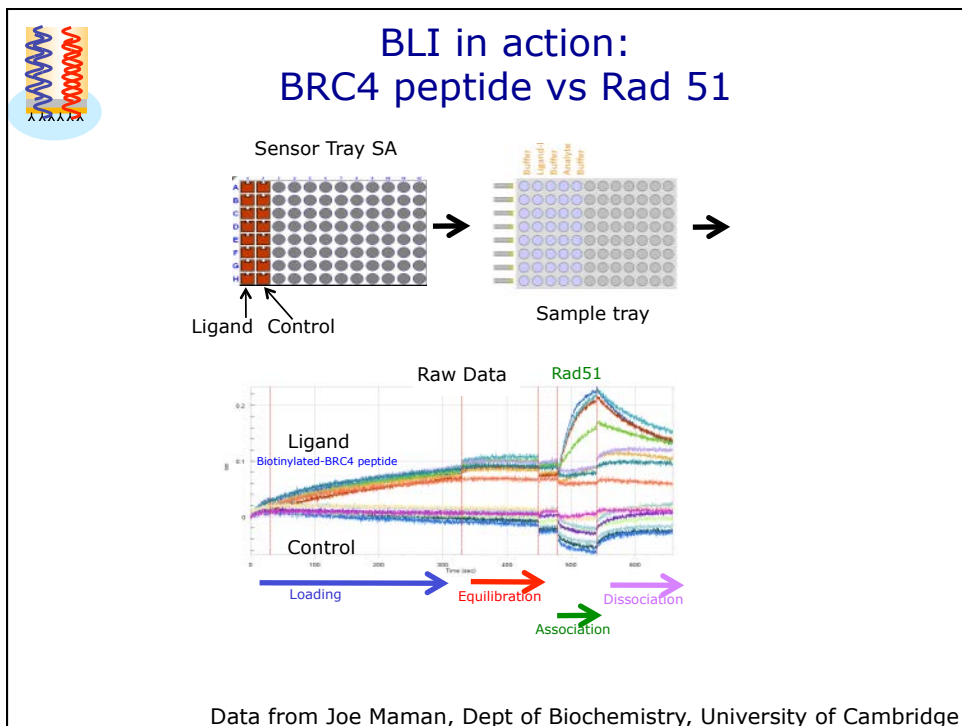
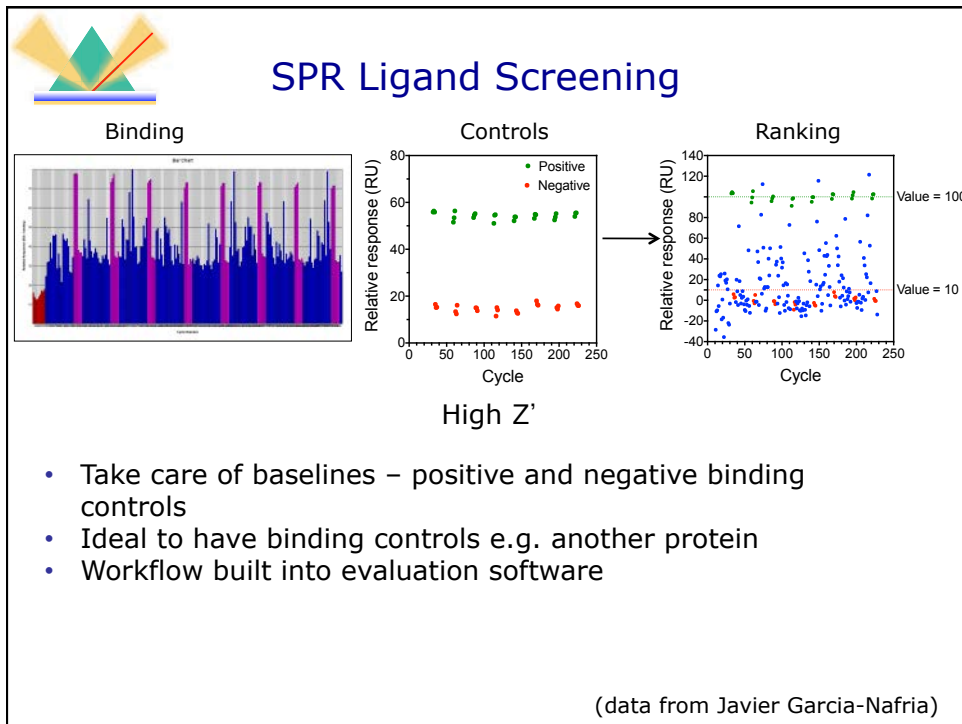
UbcH10-Ub
(E2 ligase)

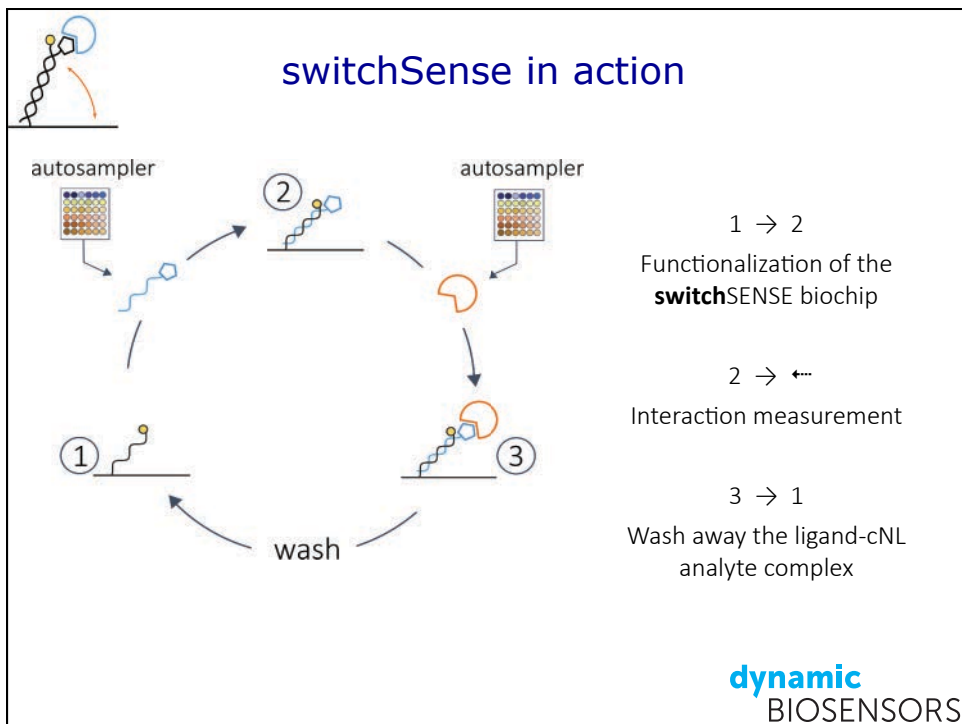
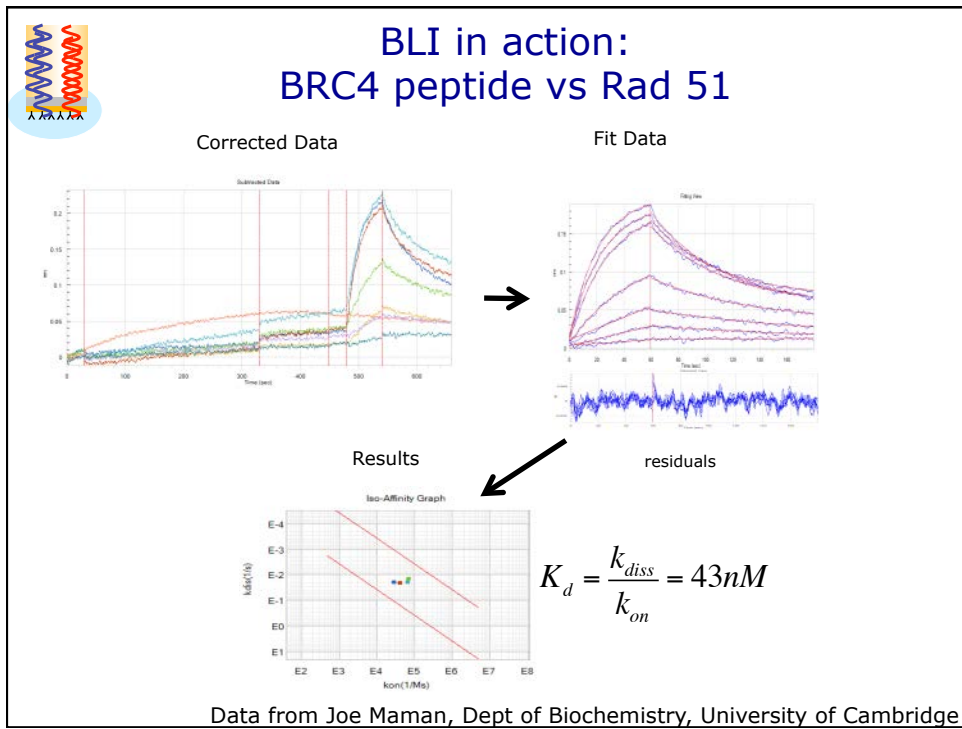
How does activation of APC/C affect the affinity for the E2 UbcH10?

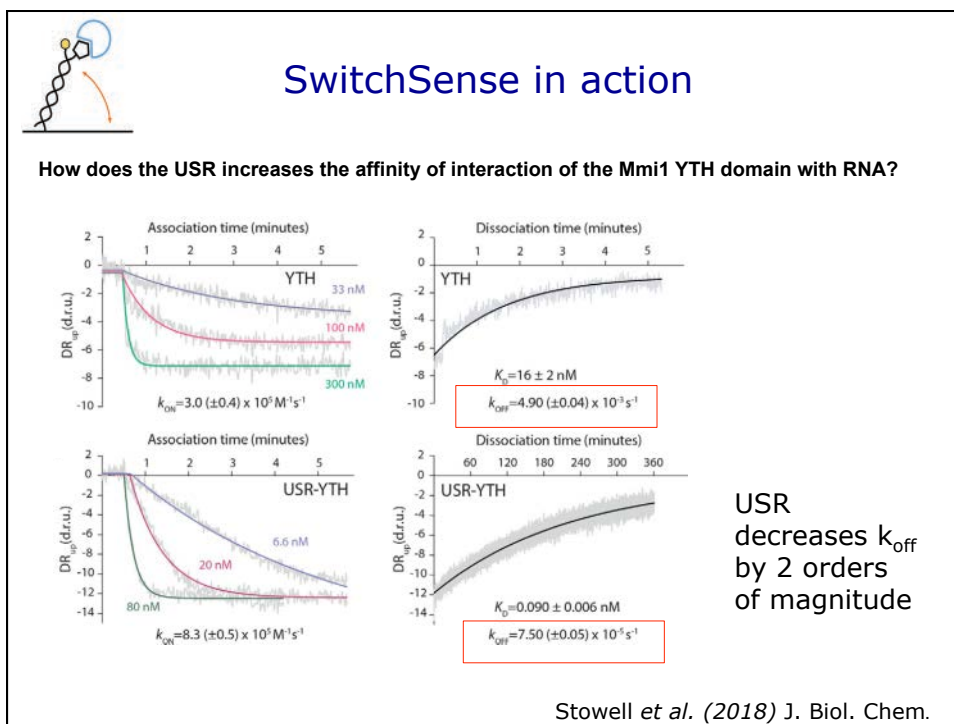
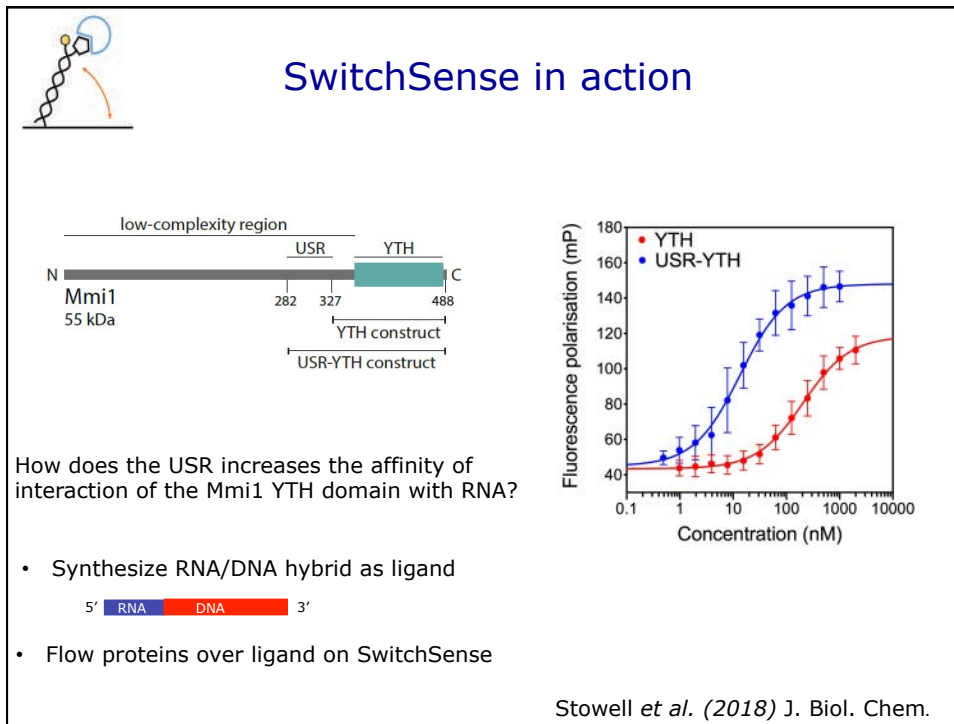
Attach biotin-UbcH10 to SA Chip and flow across apo- and ternary APC/C

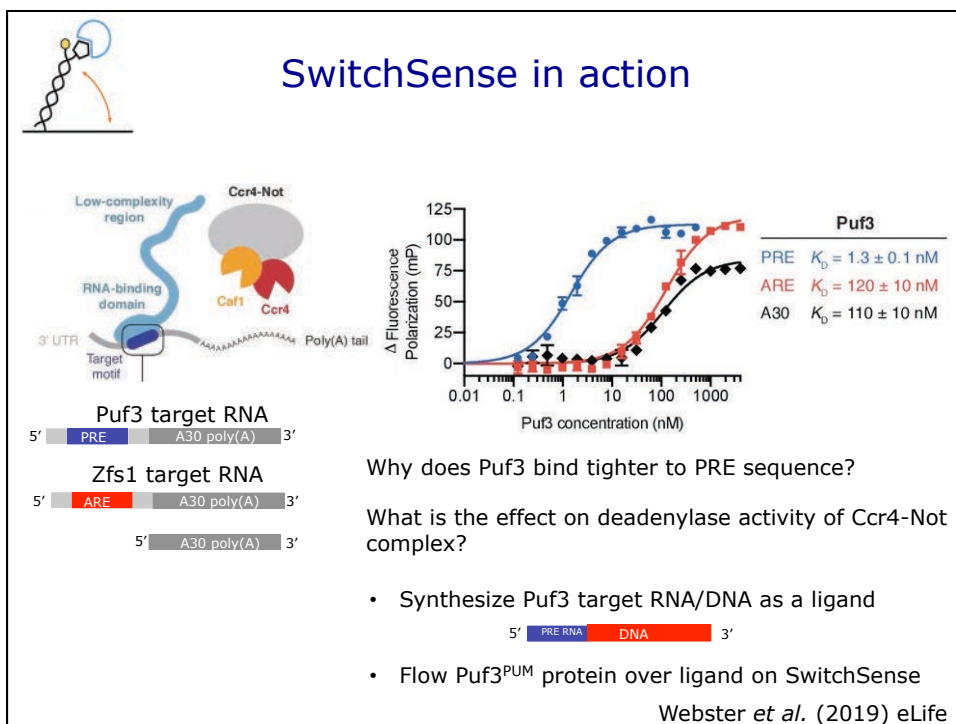
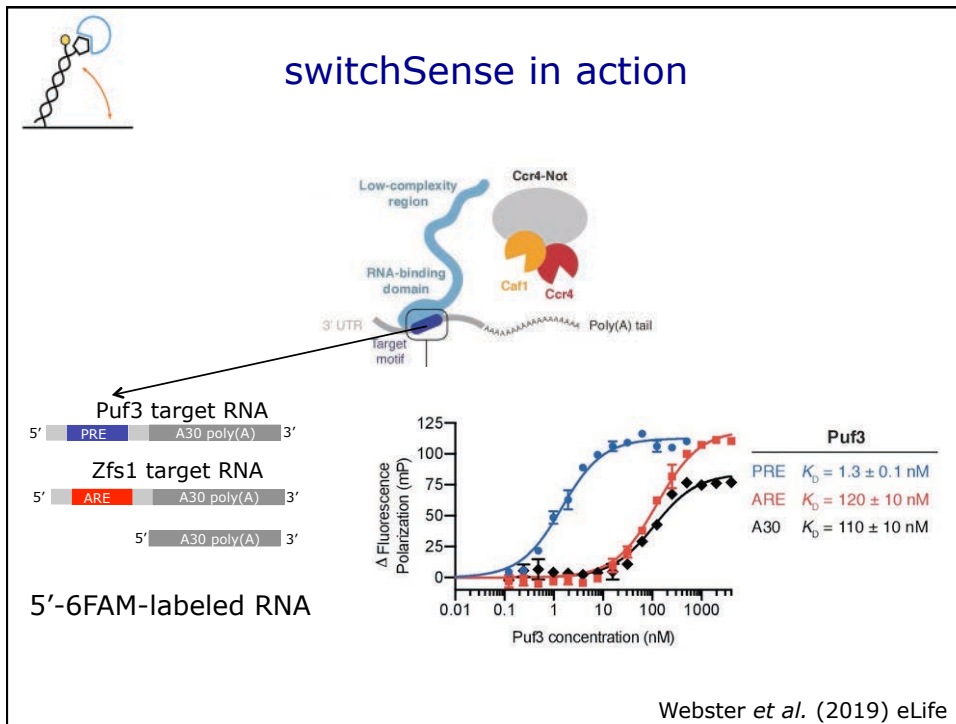


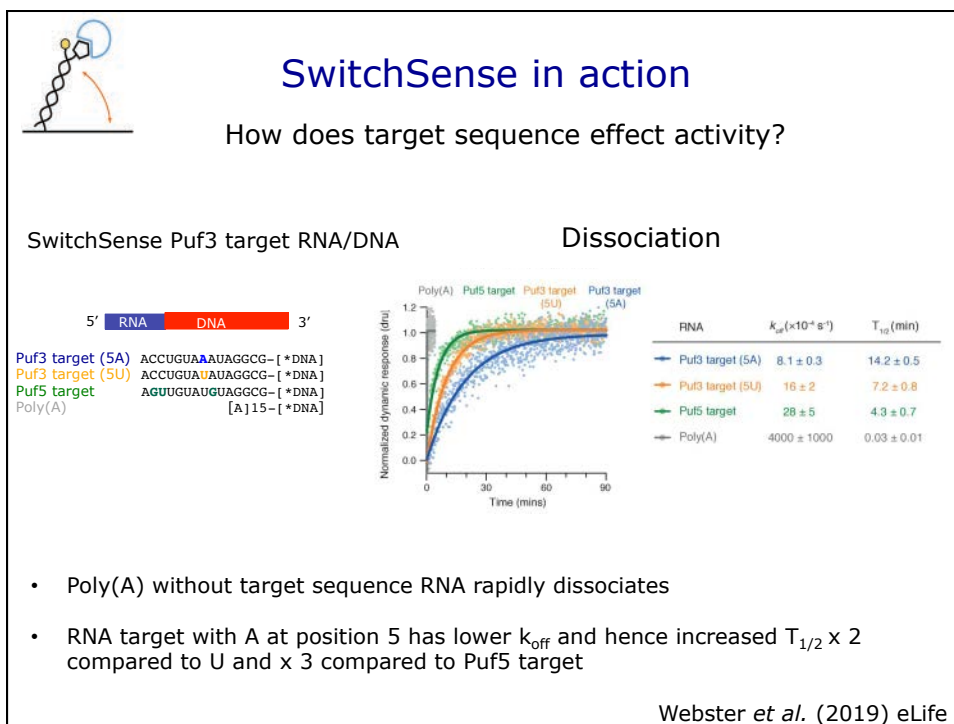
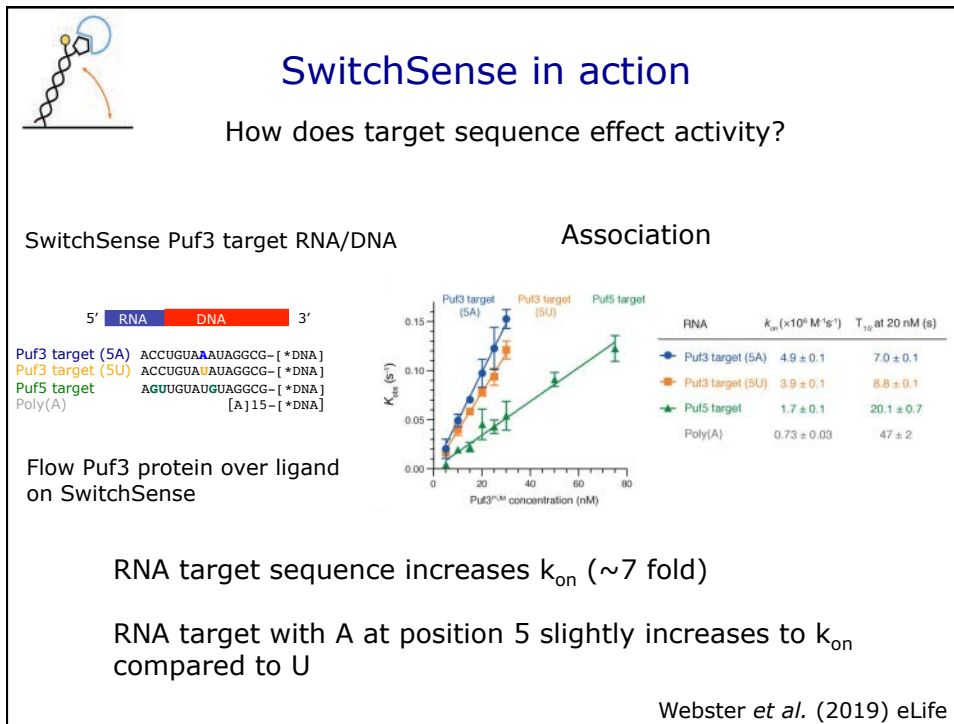






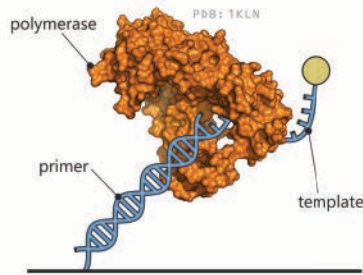
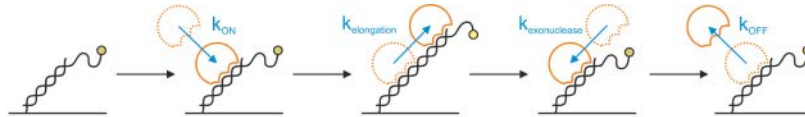




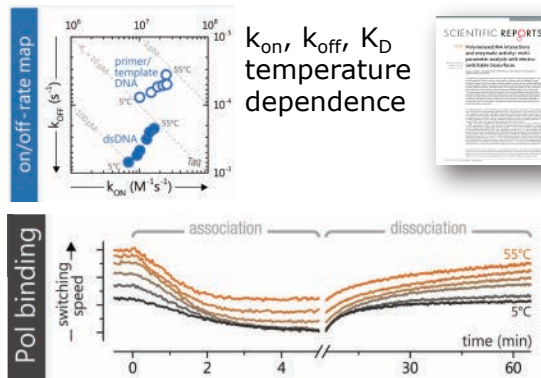


switchSENSE provides one Workflow for Polymerase DNA/RNA Interaction Measurements

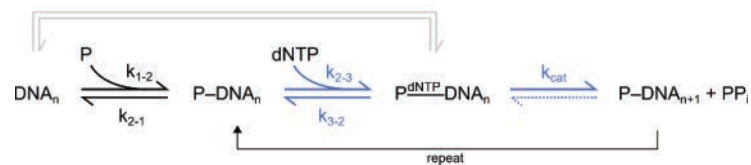
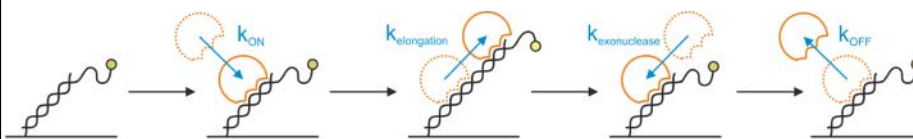
Different primer/template combinations use modular sequence exchange



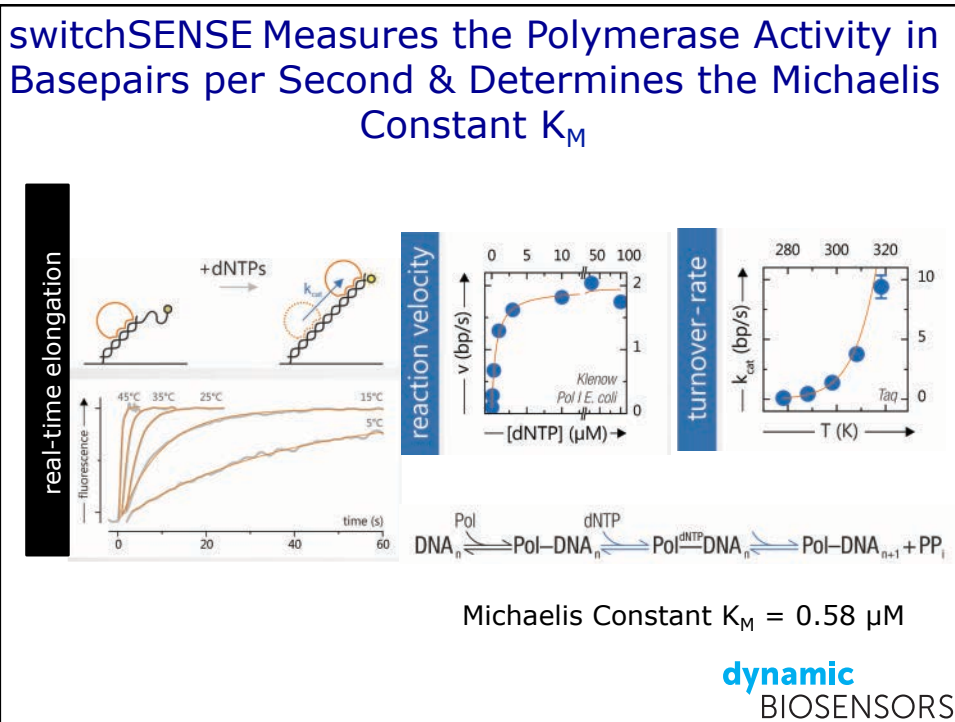
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