

## Binding - SPR or BIA

"The secret of life is molecular recognition" "Binding is the first step necessary for a biological response"

**Biacore**'s SPR technology: label-free technology for *monitoring* biomolecular interactions as they occur.

The detection principle relies on surface plasmon resonance (SPR), an electron charge density wave phenomenon that arises at the surface of a metallic film when light is reflected at the film under specific conditions.

The resonance is a result of energy and momentum being *transformed* from incident photons into surface plasmons, and is sensitive to the refractive index of the medium on the <u>opposite side</u> of the film from the reflected light.

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Note: Many of these figures/notes were taken from on-line resources from Biacore





Measure reflected (polarized) light as function of angle.

At a certain "Magic Angle" light is not reflected ("total internal reflection") but interacts with free electrons in gold to form a resonant energy wave – or surface plasmon.

Plasmon – A plasmon is a collective oscillation of the conduction electrons in a metal - a quasiparticle that can be regarded as a hybrid of the conducting electrons and the photon.

Angle is sensitive to refractive index of dielectric which varies with concentration of molecules on the other side of gold layer!











## Summary

- SPR detects binding events as changes in mass at the chip surface
- Real-time kinetic measurements
- Qualitative rankings
- Measurement of *active* concentration
- Information about structure -activity relationships
- Low volumes of precious samples needed

BUT !!! -

SPR is not a true solution method (vs. ITC)

Attaching receptor to surface can influence binding properties.























Kinetics of substrate binding: Two-steps, four rates  
C. Complete solution
$$E + S \xleftarrow{k_1}{k_{-1}} EgS \xleftarrow{k_2}{k_{-2}} EgX$$
Each species follows a double exponential
$$[E]_i / [E]_0 = A_1 e^{-I_1 t} + A_2 e^{-I_2 t} + C$$
with rates of:
$$I_1 \approx k_1 [S] + k_{-1} + k_2 + k_{-2}$$

$$I_2 \approx \frac{k_1 [S](k_2 + k_{-2}) + k_{-1} k_{-2}}{k_1 [S] + k_{-1} + k_2 + k_{-2}}$$











