

# Binding - SPR or BIA

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“The secret of life is molecular recognition”

“Binding is the first step necessary for a biological response”

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**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 opposite side of the film from the reflected light.**

Hackert – CH370

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

# BIACORE® 3000 & 2000 Series

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- **Flexible research system**
  - Low sample consumption
  - Early screening – cell lines
  - Assay development
  - Screen validation



# Objectives of the Biacore Experiment

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- **Yes/No Data**
  - **Ligand Fishing**

**Affinity Analysis:  
HOW STRONG?**

$K_D, K_A$   
Relative Ranking

**Concentration Analysis:  
How MUCH?**

**Active Concentration**

**Solution Equilibrium  
Inhibition**

- **Kinetic Rate Analysis:**
- **How FAST?**
  - $k_a, k_d$
  - $K_D = k_d/k_a, K_A = k_a/k_d$

# Biacore's proprietary SPR technology

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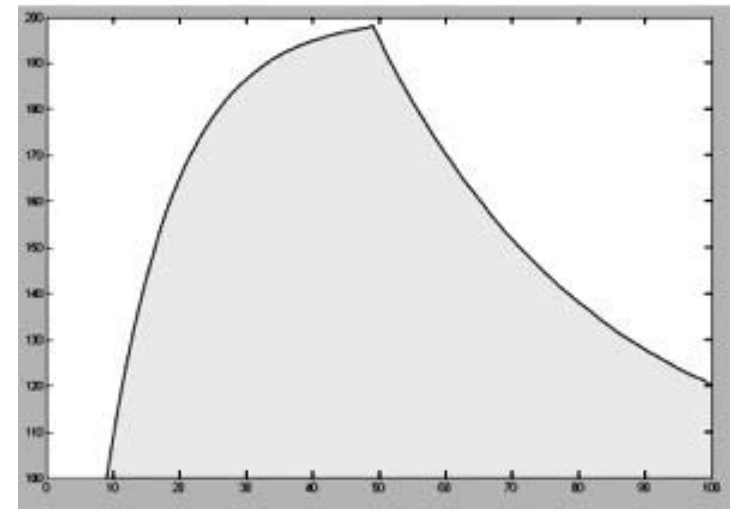
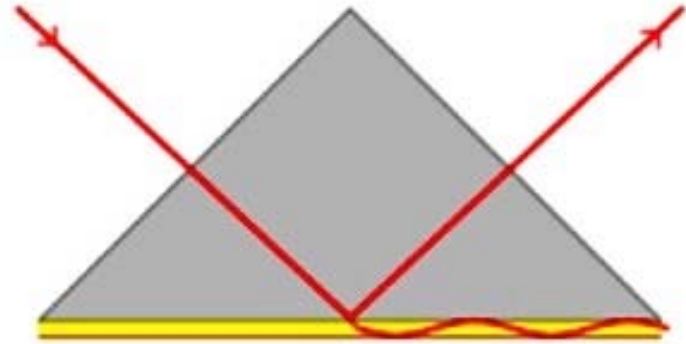
- Non-label
- **Real-time**
- **Unique, high quality data** on molecular interactions
- **Simple assay** design
- Robust and reproducible
- Walk-away automation
- **Small amount of sample** required

# Binding constant determination

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When the affinity of two molecules (ligand and receptor) has to be determined, the bonding constant can be found using the dynamical SPR parameters.

For this, a so-called **bait ligand** is coated to the gold surface of the SPR crystal. Through a microfluidics system, a solution with the **prey ligand can flow over the bait layer and bind**. Binding will make the SPR signal change to a new equilibrium. After some time, a solution without the prey is applied, and a new equilibrium will be reached. From these association ('on rate',  $v_{on}$ ) and dissociation speeds ('off rate',  $v_{off}$ ), the binding constant can be calculated.



# Plasmons & SPR “angle”

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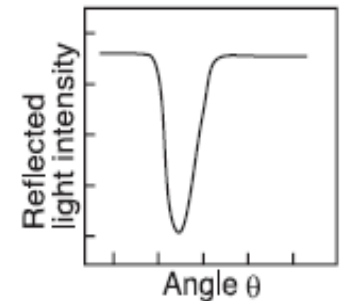
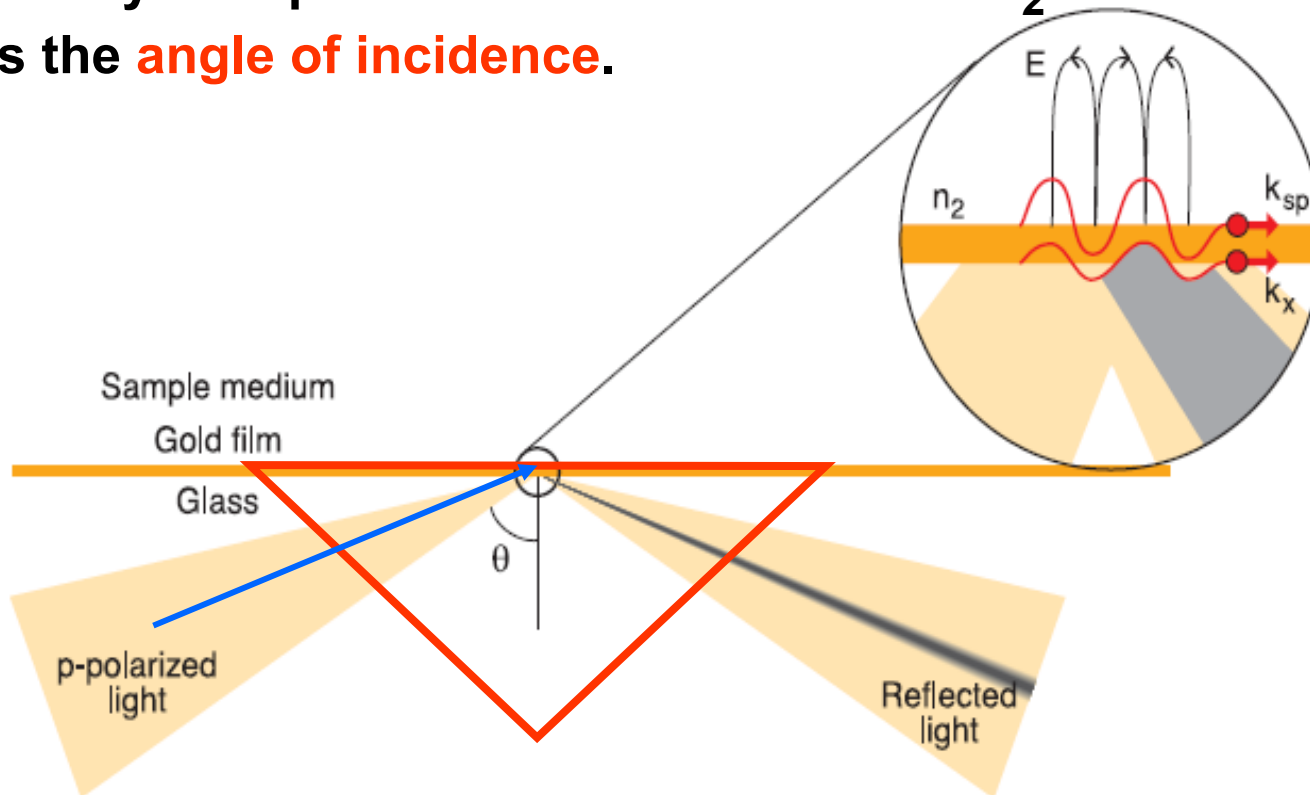
**Plasmon** – A plasmon is basically just an oscillation of the conduction electrons in a metal. The plasmon is a quasiparticle resulting from the quantization of plasma oscillations. A plasmon can be regarded as a hybrid of the conducting electrons and the photon – collective oscillation of the free electron gas at optical frequencies.

“**Magic Angle**” - Total Internal Reflection

# Total Internal Reflection (TIR) for a non-absorbing media

Light propagating in a medium of refractive index  $n_1$  undergoing total internal reflection at the interface with the medium of a lower refractive index  $n_2$ . The evanescent field,  $E$ , is a non-transverse wave having components in all spatial orientations, decreasing in field intensity with penetration into medium of  $n_2$ .

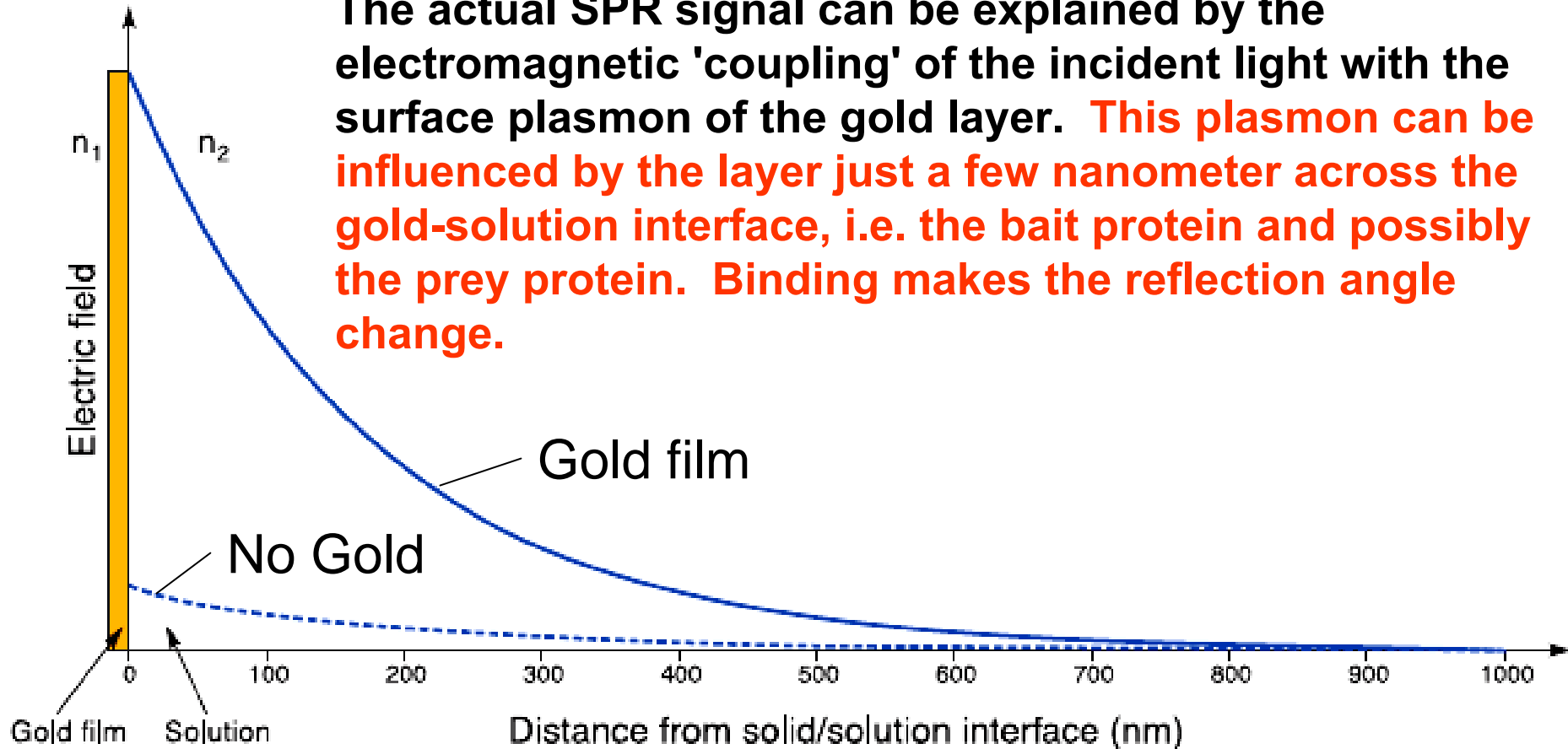
$\theta$  is the **angle of incidence**.



# SPR - The need for Gold

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The actual SPR signal can be explained by the electromagnetic 'coupling' of the incident light with the surface plasmon of the gold layer. **This plasmon can be influenced by the layer just a few nanometer across the gold-solution interface, i.e. the bait protein and possibly the prey protein. Binding makes the reflection angle change.**



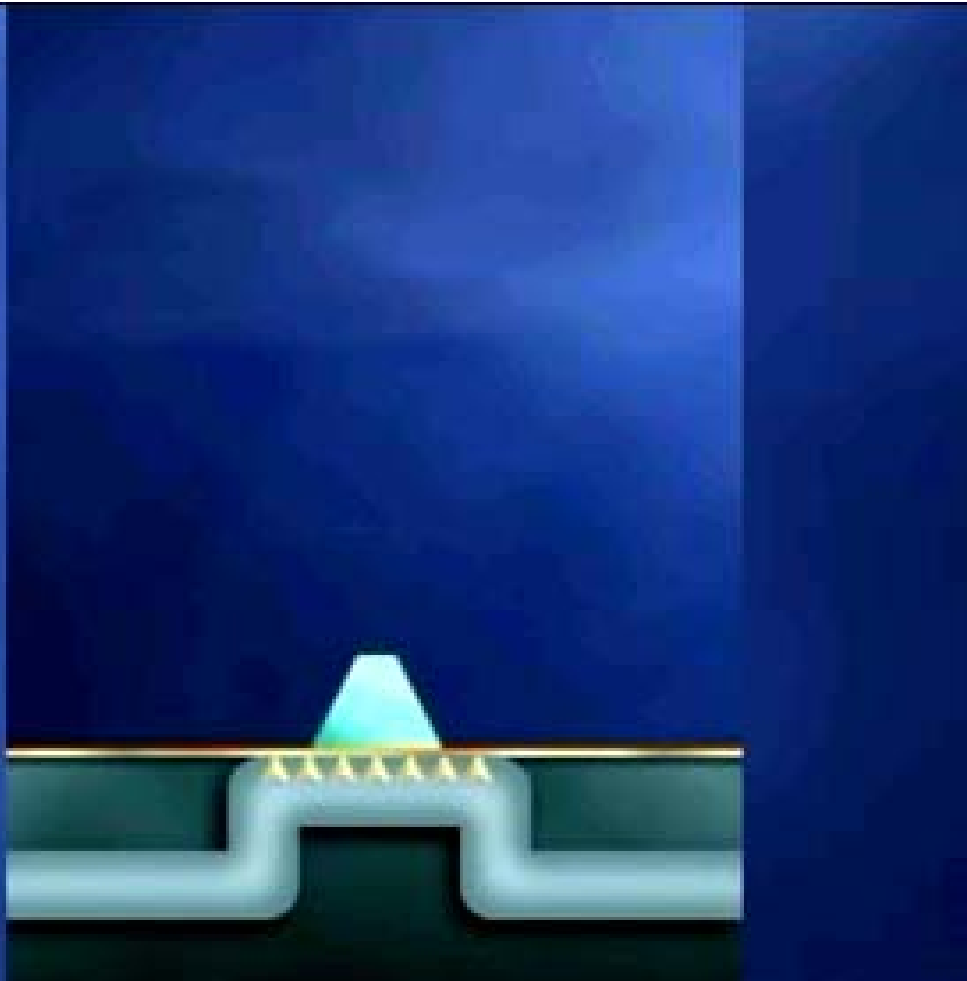


# Biacore SPR:

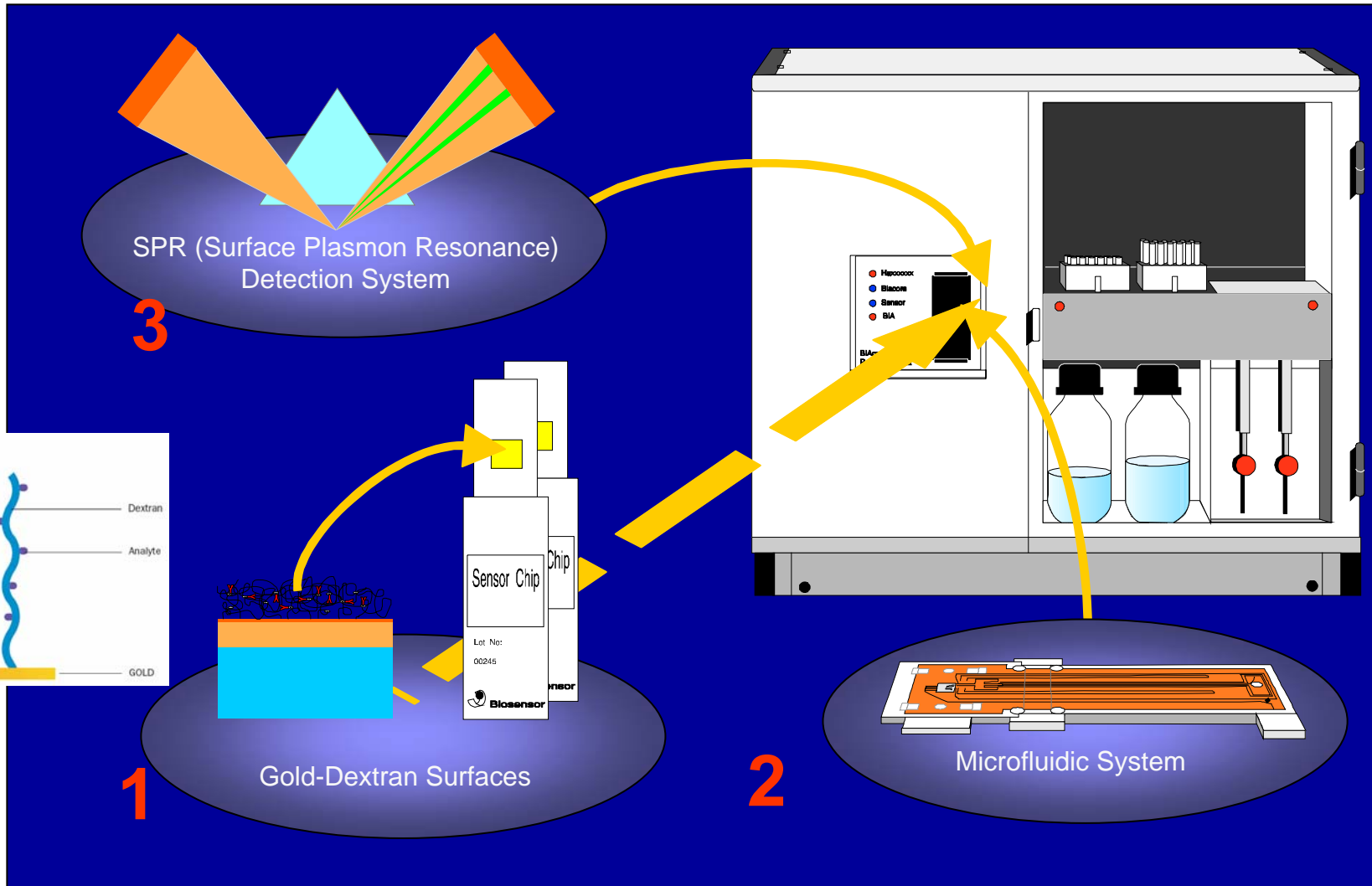
binding event ==> **real time sensorgram**

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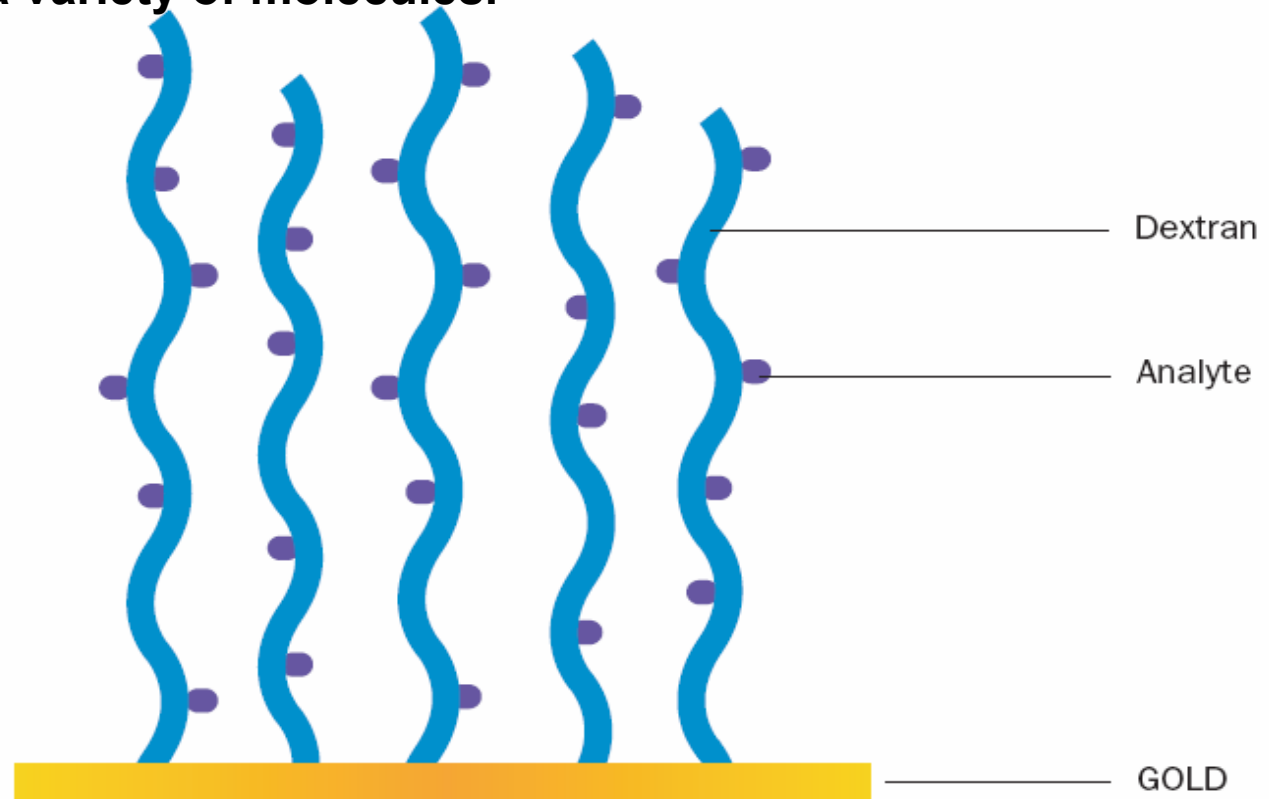
- SPR monitors Binding
- Response Proportional to Mass Bound
- Real Time



# Three Corner Stones of Biacore Technology



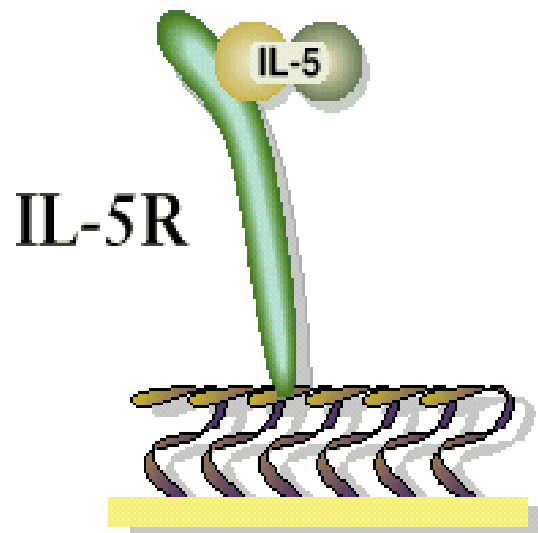
**1.** The **Biacore sensor chip** is at the heart of the technology. Quantitative measurements of the binding interaction between one or more molecules are dependent on the **immobilization of a target molecule to the sensor chip surface**. **Binding partners to the target can be captured from a complex mixture**, in most cases, **without prior purification** (for example, clinical material, cell culture media) as they pass over the chip. Interactions between proteins, nucleic acids, lipids, carbohydrates and even whole cells can be studied. **The sensor chip consists of a glass surface, coated with a thin layer of gold**. This forms the basis for a range of specialized surfaces designed to optimize the binding of a variety of molecules.



# Flexibility to Create Your Biospecific Surfaces

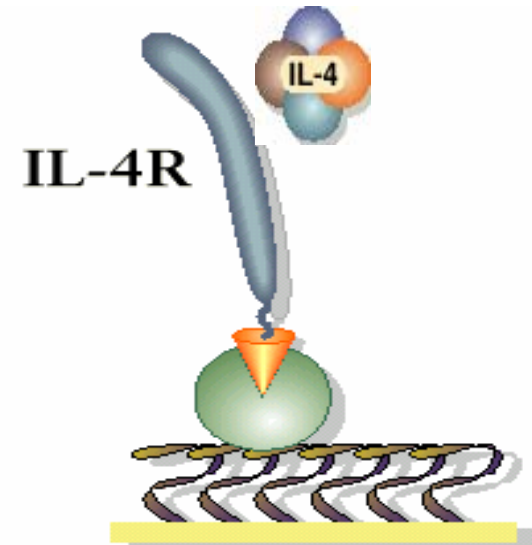
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- **Direct: covalent coupling**



- Amine
- Thiol
- Aldehyde
- Carboxyl

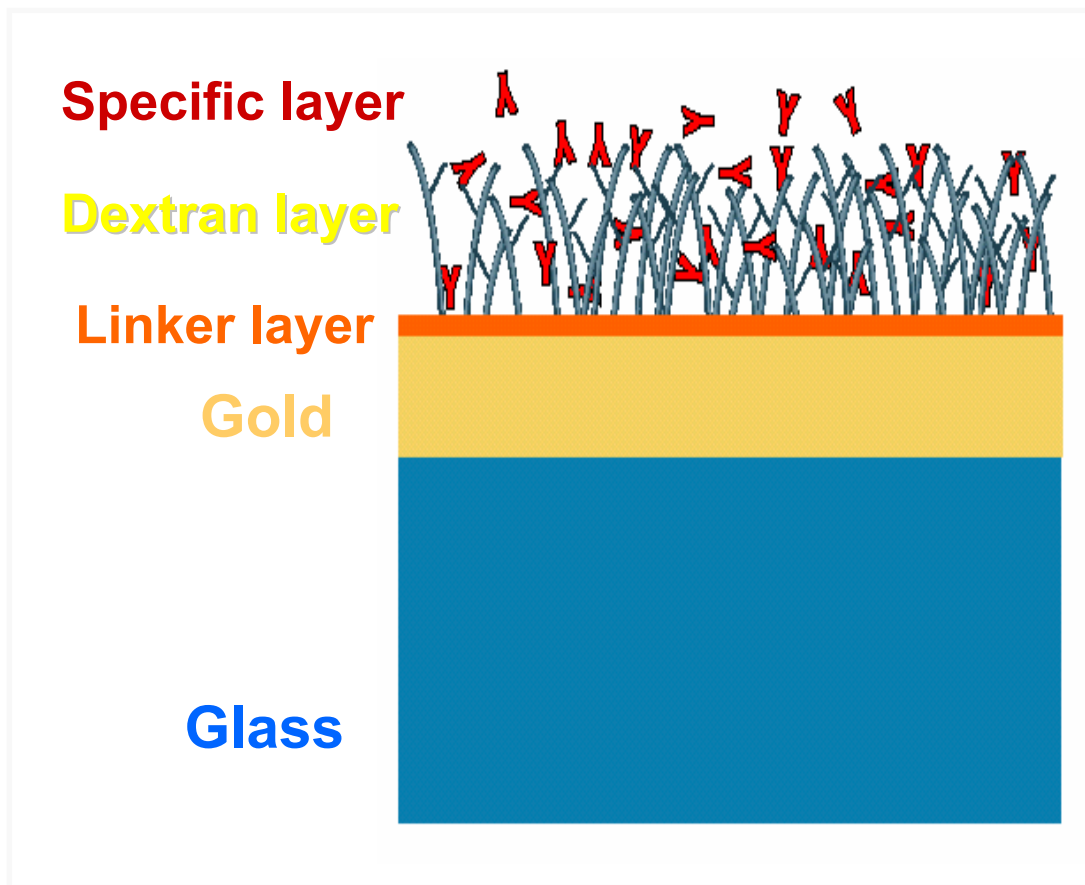
- **Capture**



- Streptavidin - Biotin
- NTA- Ni<sup>2+</sup>-His
- Anti- His-His
- Anti-GST- GST

# User-defined Biospecific Surface

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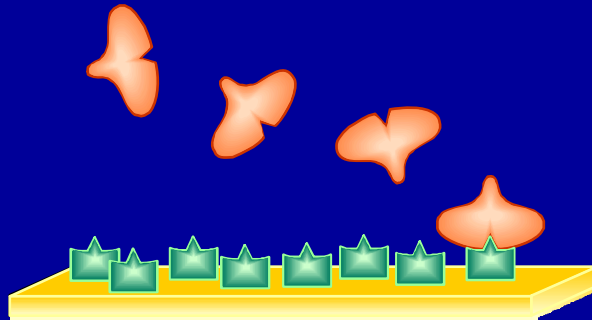
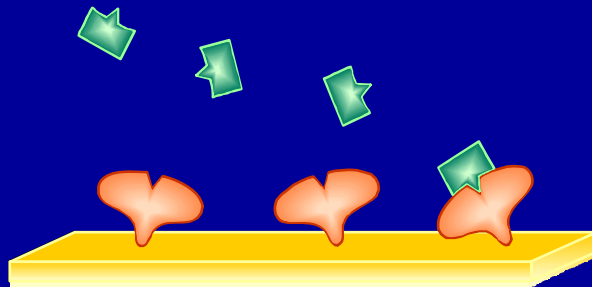
- **Biocompatible**
- **Low non-specific binding**
- **Robust**
- **100 to 400 runs on the same surface**

# Flexibility in Assay Design

- Multiple assay formats providing complementary data

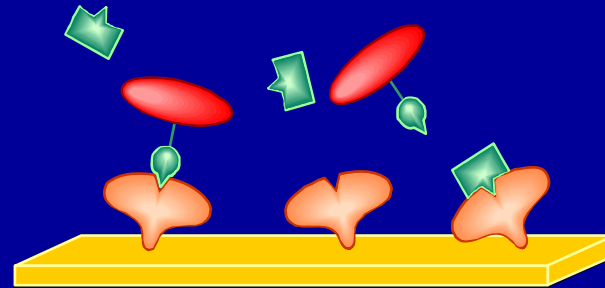
## Direct measurement

### Direct Binding Assay (DBA)

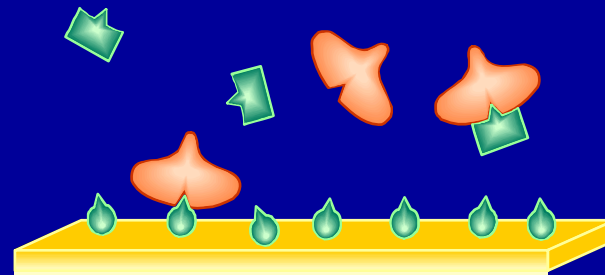


## Indirect measurement

### Surface competition assay (SCA)

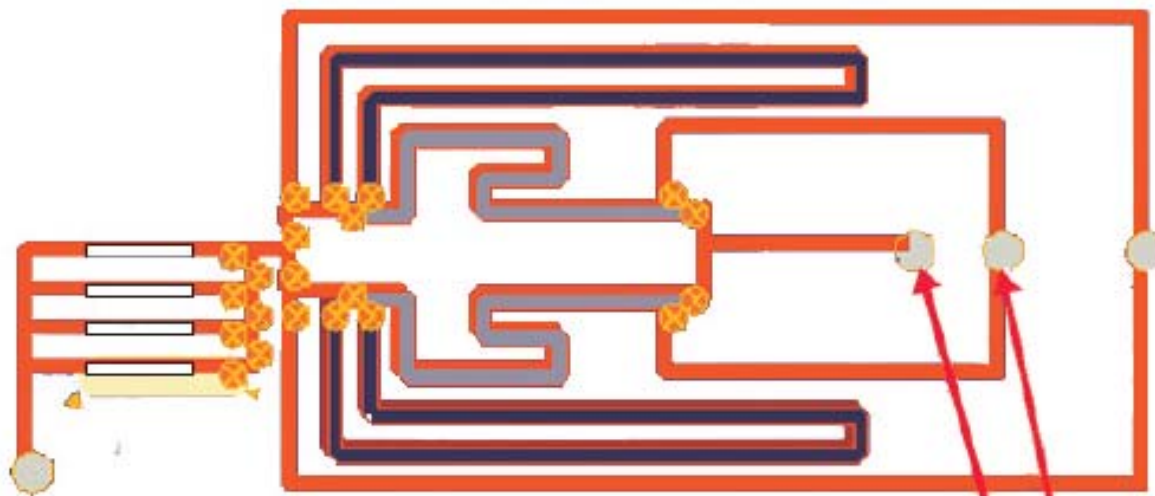


### Inhibition in solution assay (ISA)

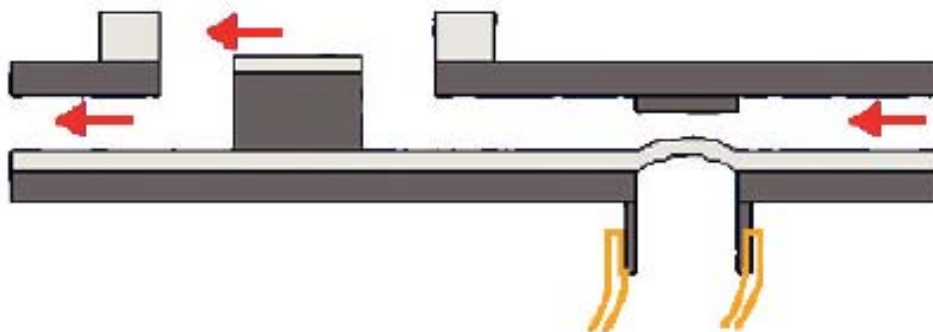


## 2. Integrated micro Fluidics Cartridges (IFC)

### Liquid Handling



- **Minaturized system**
- **Low volume of reagents**
- **Intergrated and automated liquid handling**

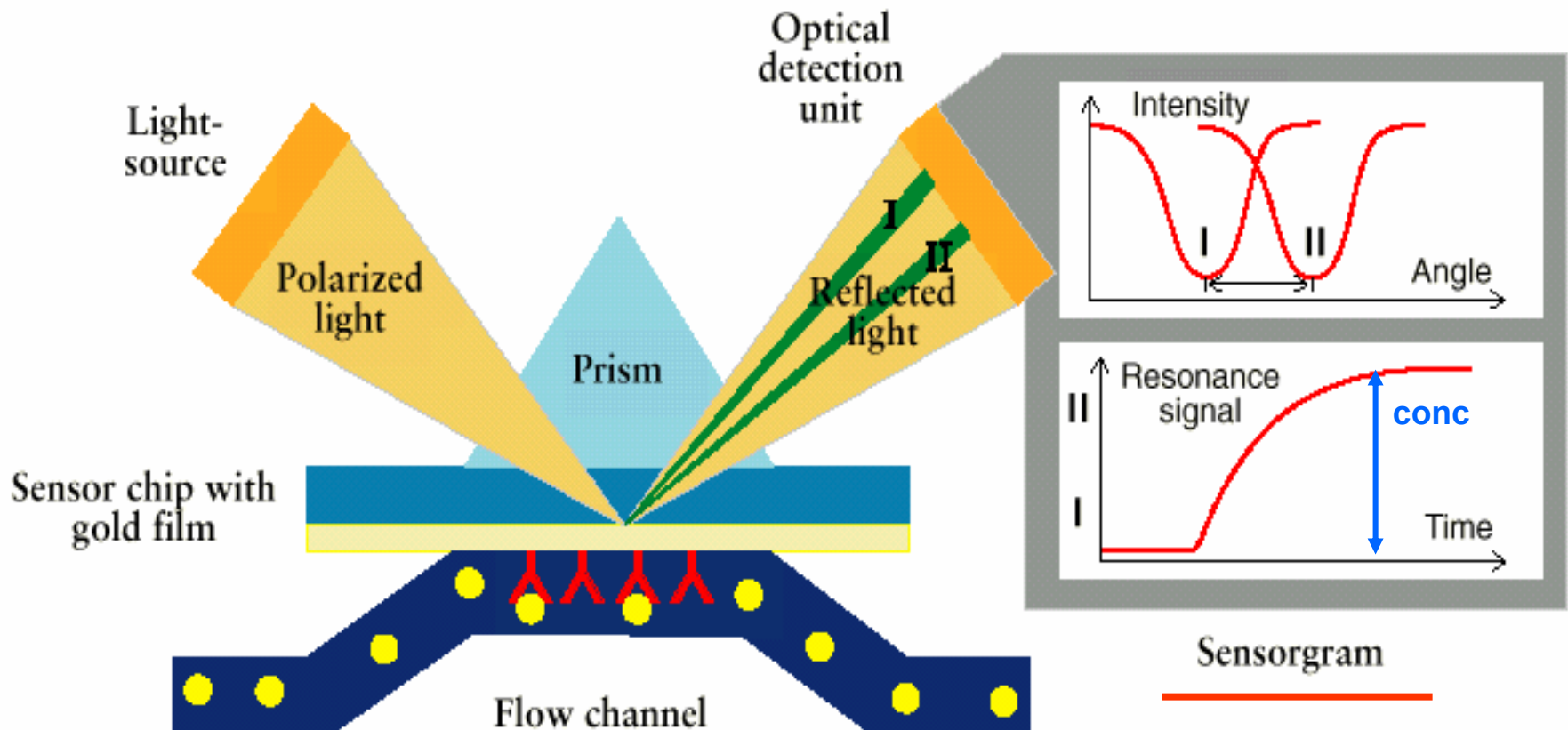


- **Buffer**
- **Sample**
- **Valve**

# 3. Surface Plasmon Resonance Detection: Biomolecular Binding in Real Time

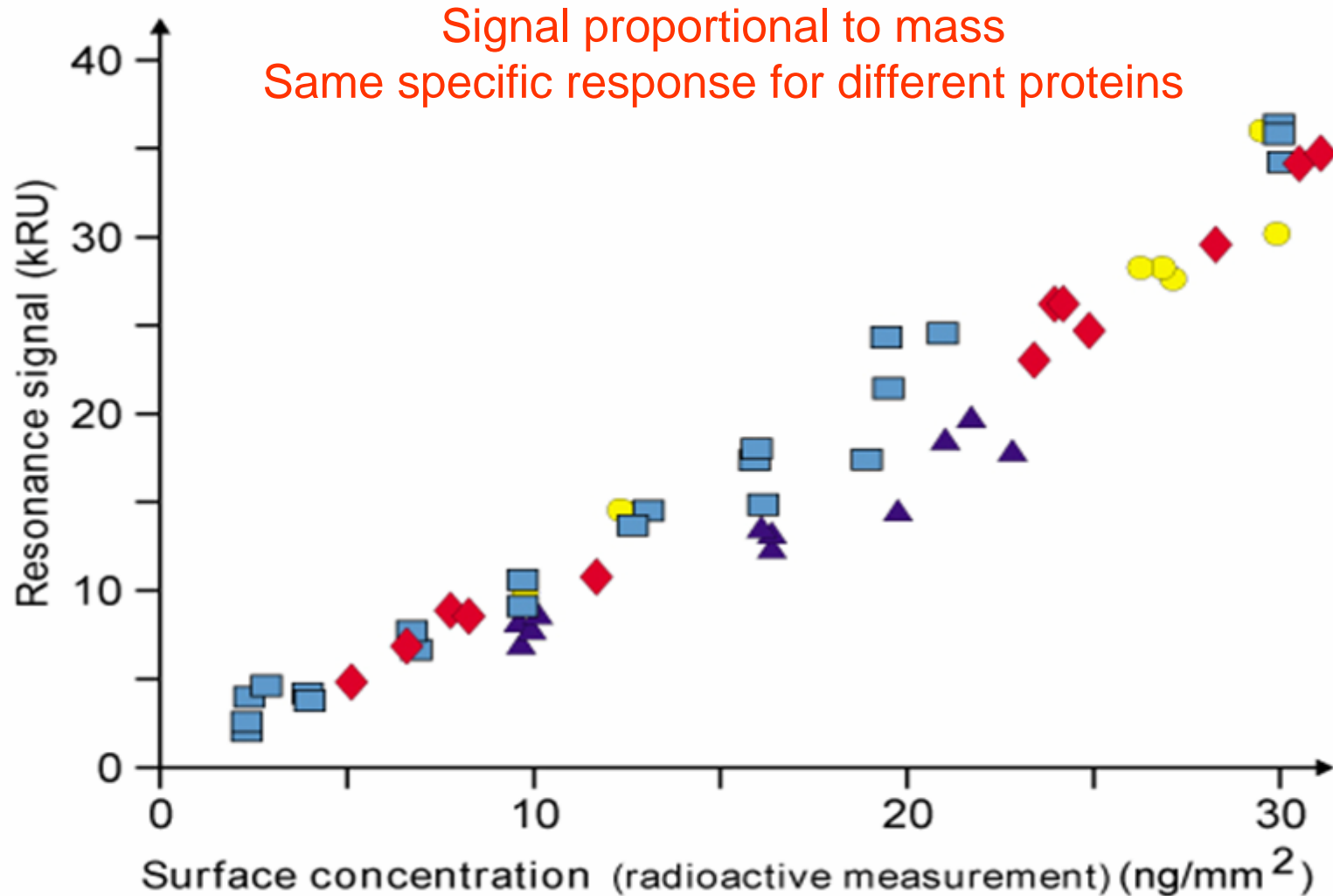
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## Principle of Detection

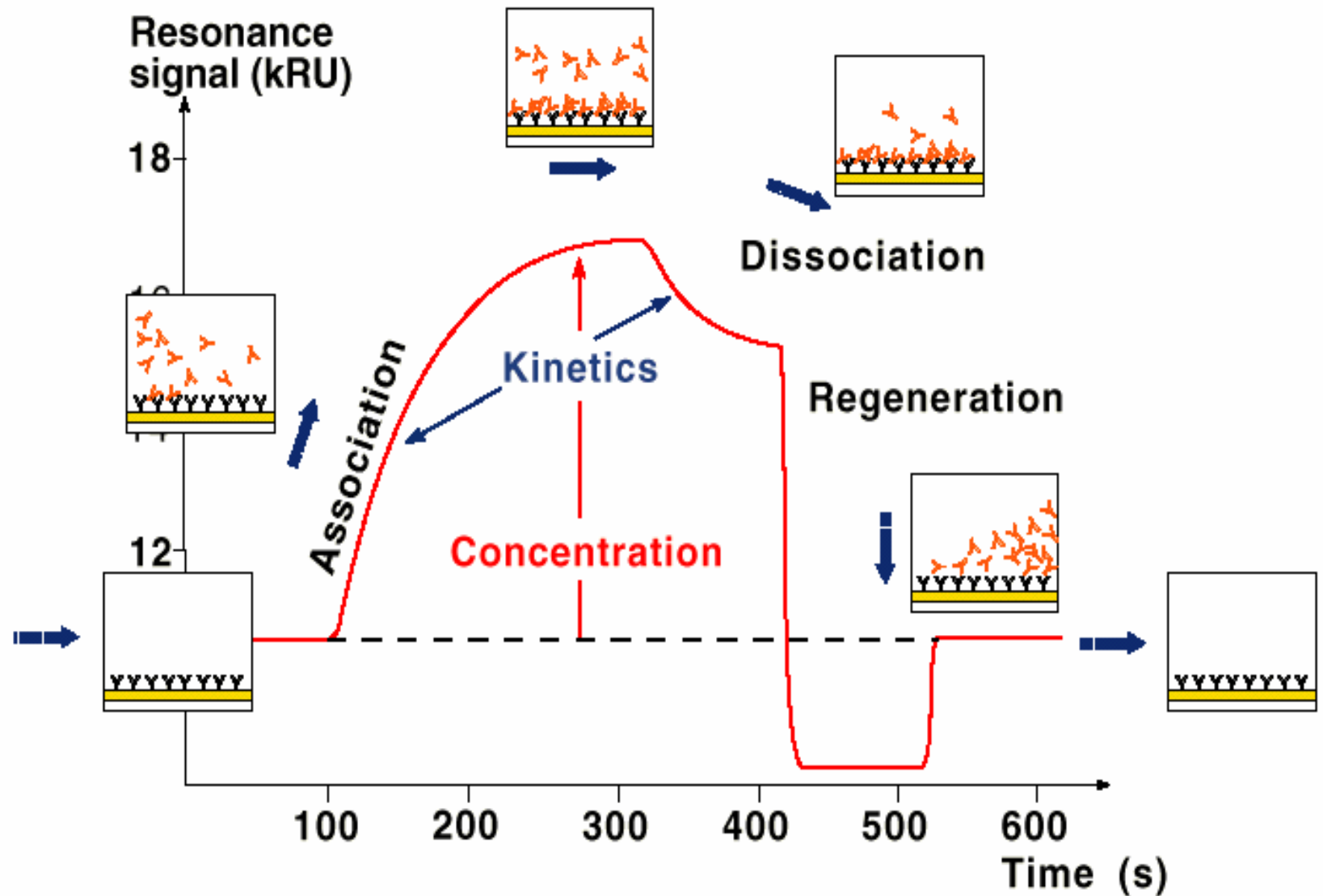




# Correlation between SPR Response and Surface Concentration



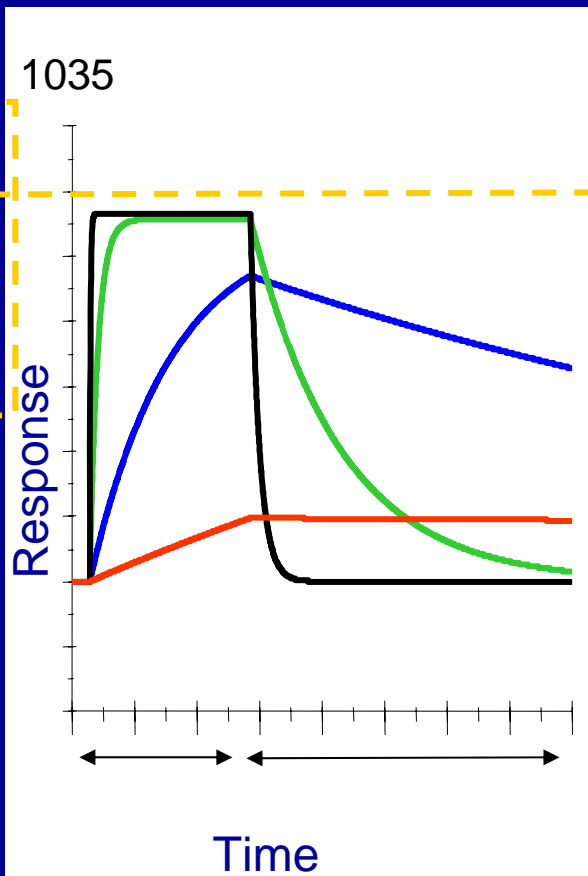
# The Sensorgram is Information Rich



# Same affinity but different kinetics

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

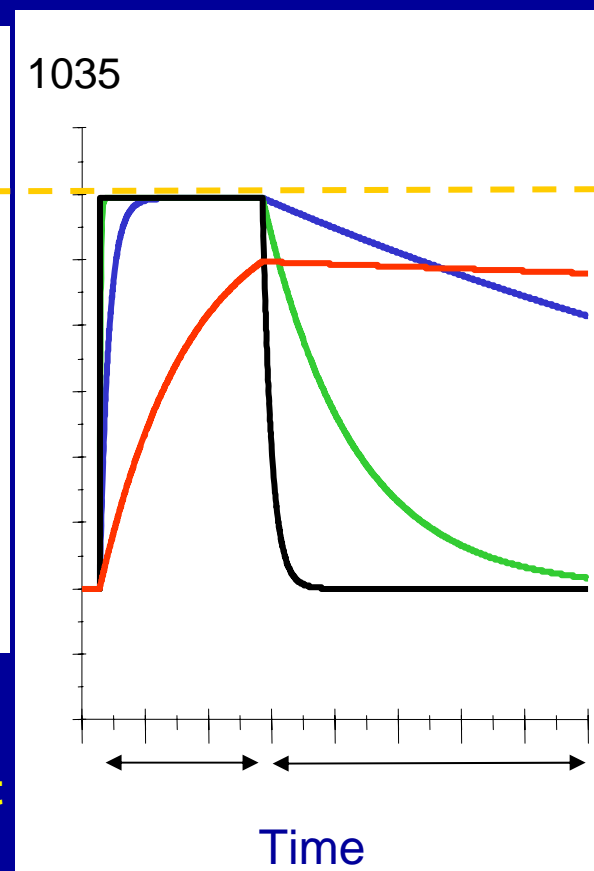
Concentration = 100 nM



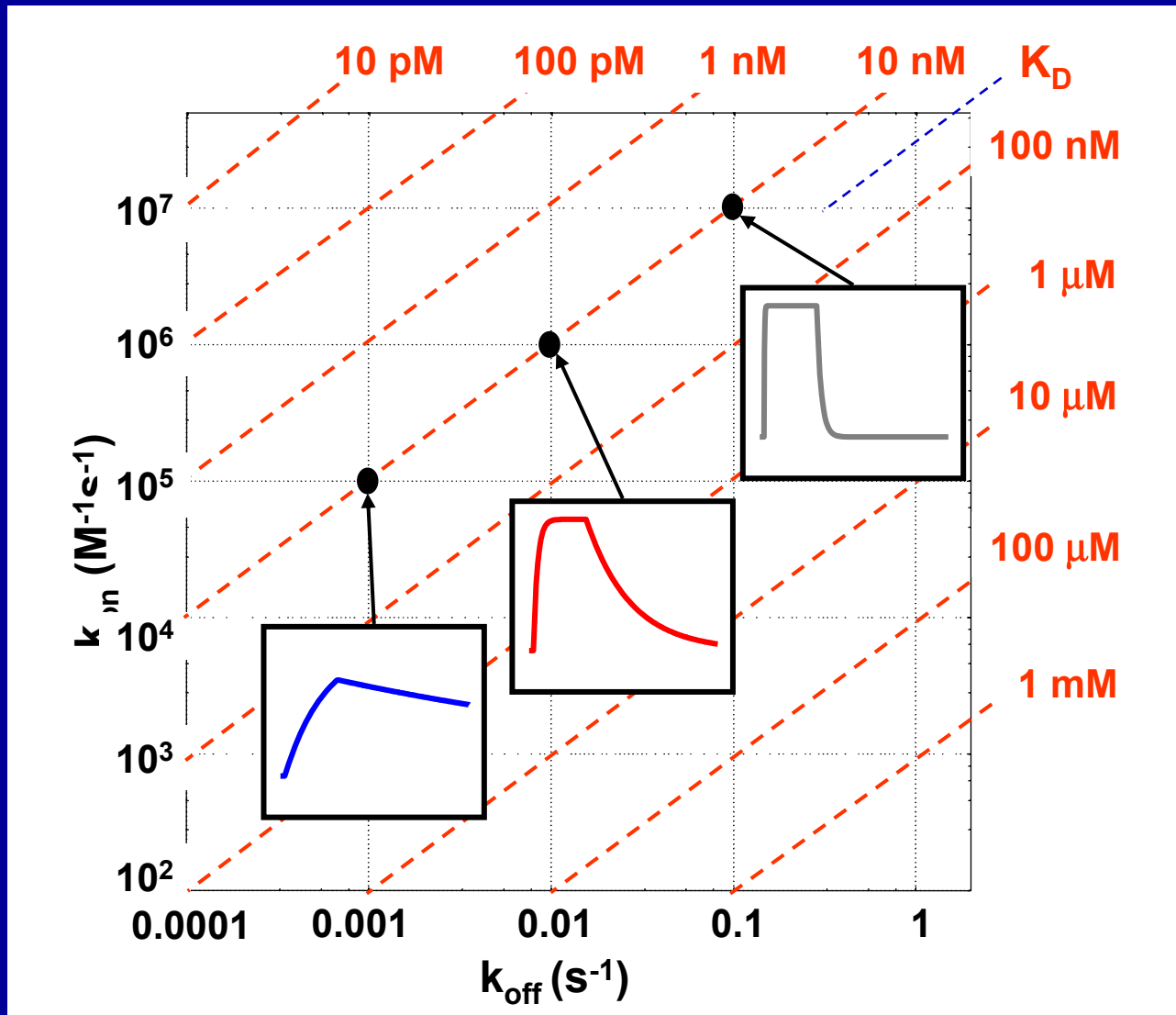
| $k_{\text{on}}$              | $k_{\text{off}}$ |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| $\text{M}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1}$ | $\text{s}^{-1}$  |
| $10^6$                       | $10^{-2}$        |
| $10^5$                       | $10^{-3}$        |
| $10^4$                       | $10^{-4}$        |
| $10^3$                       | $10^{-5}$        |

Compounds with slow off-rates occupy the target for a longer time

Concentration = 1000 nM



# HIV-p inhibitors: on-off rate map



# Areas where Kinetic Information is Needed

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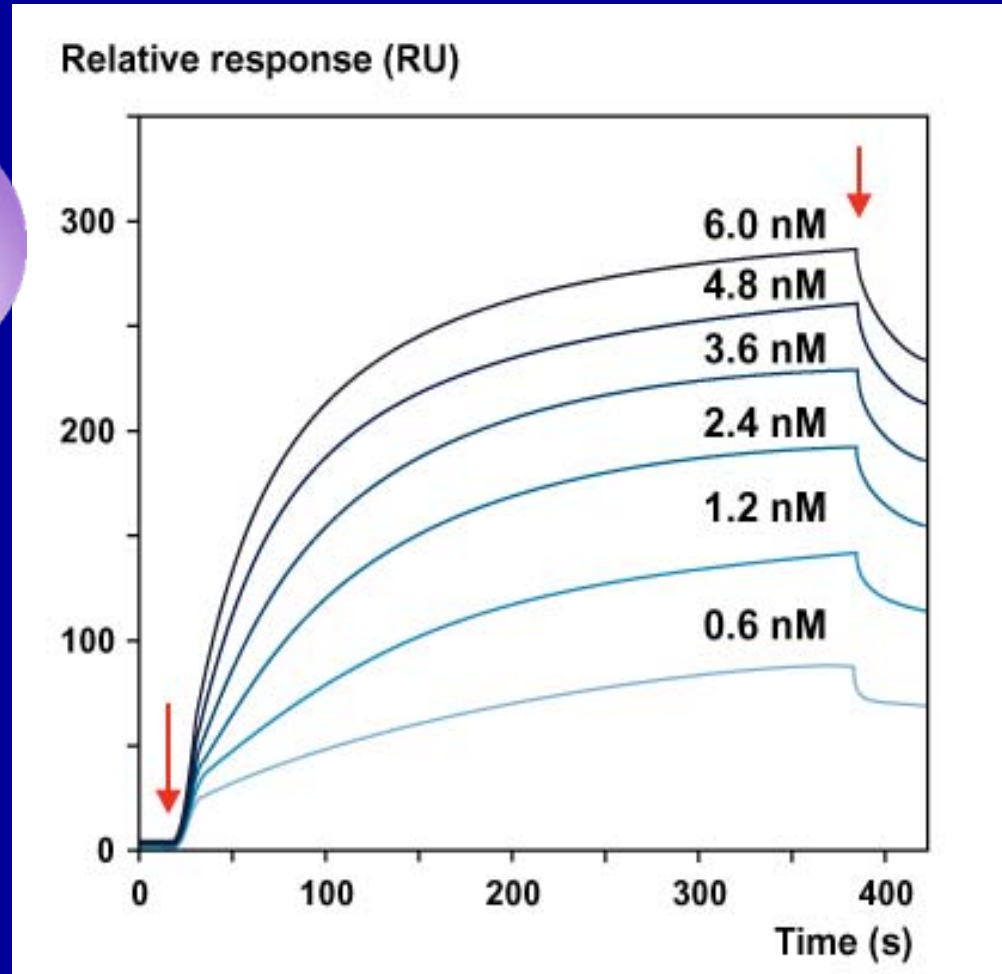
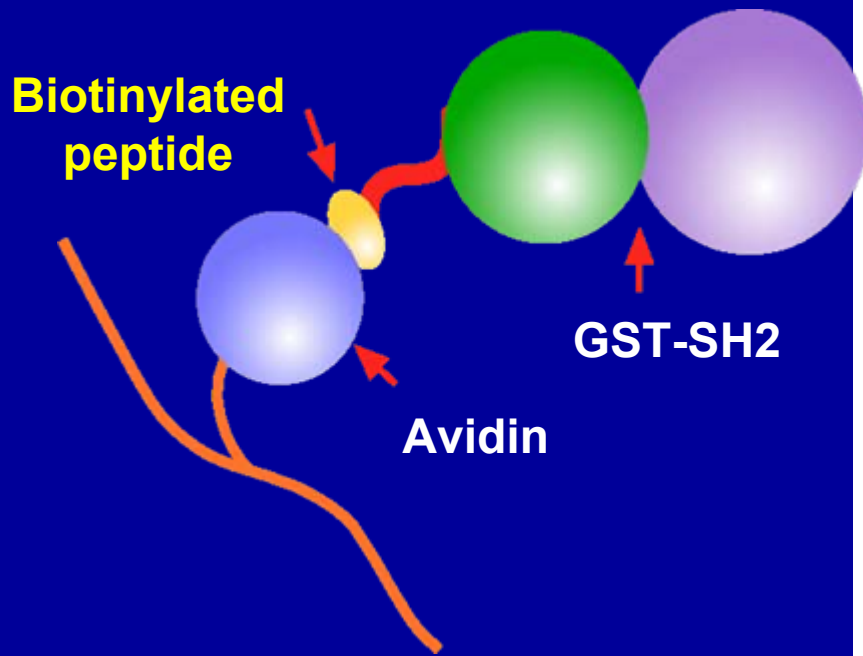
Quantification of effects of **structural changes** on interactions  
Understanding of structure-function relations  
Design of affinity pairs

**Characterization of biopharmaceutical** products  
Recombinant proteins  
Characterization of the immune response in vaccine development

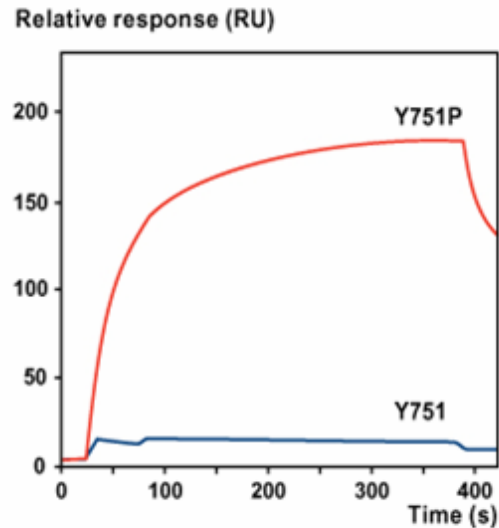
Development of **assays based on affinity**  
Selection of reagents

Development of **purification schemes**  
Selection of affinity ligands and conditions for use  
Study the effect on function of conditions used

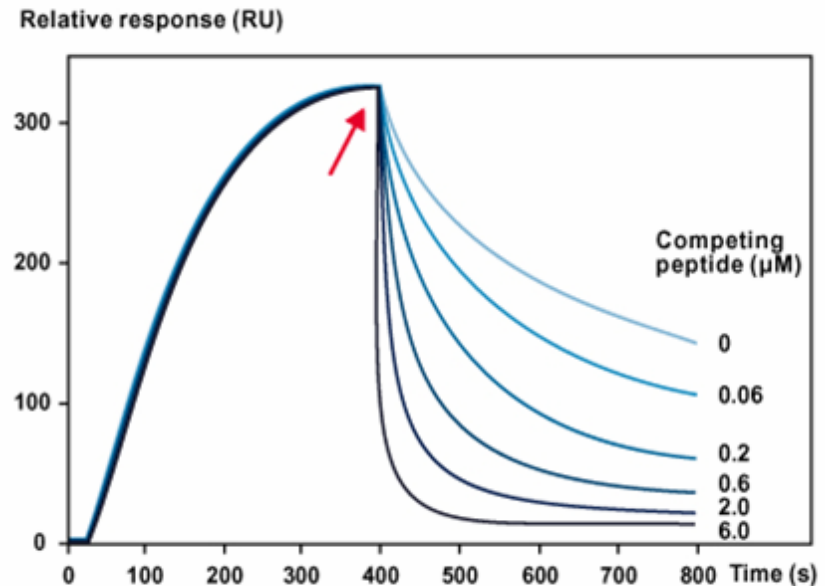
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**Specificity of binding to phosphorylated and non-phosphorylated immobilized peptide**



**Addition of competing peptide**

# SH2 Domains Binds to Tyrosine Phosphorylated PDGF $\beta$ -Receptor Sequences

**Kinetic constants of the interactions between SH2-domain containing proteins and phosphopeptides**

| Peptide   | Y740P   |                                   |                       | Y751P   |                                   |                       |
|-----------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
|           | $k_{\text{ass}} (10^5 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1})$ | $k_{\text{diss}} (\text{s}^{-1})$ | $K_D (\text{M}^{-1})$ | $k_{\text{ass}} (10^5 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ s}^{-1})$ | $k_{\text{diss}} (\text{s}^{-1})$ | $K_D (\text{M}^{-1})$ |
| p85       | $19.3 \pm 5.8$  | $0.100 \pm 0.003$                 | $1.93 \times 10^7$    | $92.4 \pm 2.7$  | $0.127 \pm 0.006$                 | $7.28 \times 10^7$    |
| p85 N-SH2 | $0.14 \pm 0.04$                                       | $0.095 \pm 0.010$                 | $1.47 \times 10^5$    | $33.4 \pm 2.0$  | $0.141 \pm 0.006$                 | $2.37 \times 10^7$    |
| p85 C-SH2 | $15.9 \pm 4.3$  | $0.102 \pm 0.026$                 | $1.56 \times 10^7$    | $16.9 \pm 3.3$  | $0.098 \pm 0.004$                 | $1.72 \times 10^7$    |
| PLC C-SH2 | $1.16 \pm 0.03$                                       | $0.045 \pm 0.006$                 | $2.58 \times 10^6$    | $16.4 \pm 3.4$  | $0.049 \pm 0.009$                 | $3.35 \times 10^7$    |
| PLC N+C   | $1.51 \pm 0.36$                                       | $0.034 \pm 0.002$                 | $4.44 \times 10^6$    | $12.0 \pm 3.3$  | $0.045 \pm 0.001$                 | $2.67 \times 10^7$    |
| GAP N-SH2 | $2.06 \pm 0.94$                                       | $0.039 \pm 0.008$                 | $5.28 \times 10^6$    | $0.40 \pm 0.05$                                       | $0.054 \pm 0.007$                 | $7.41 \times 10^5$    |



# Antibody Characterization

## BIACORE®

**No purification**  
**No labelling**  
**Earlier**  
**characterization**  
**Kinetic information**

Isotyping

Affinity

Kinetics

Epitope Map

Assay

Extended map

**TOTAL**

## BIACORE®

Time

Day 1

Day 1 & 2

Day 1 & 2

Overnight

Day 2

Day 3

**2 - 3 days**

Method

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RIA

**NA**

ELISA

Various EIA

ELISA

## Conventional

Time

One Day

Weeks + labelling

**NA**

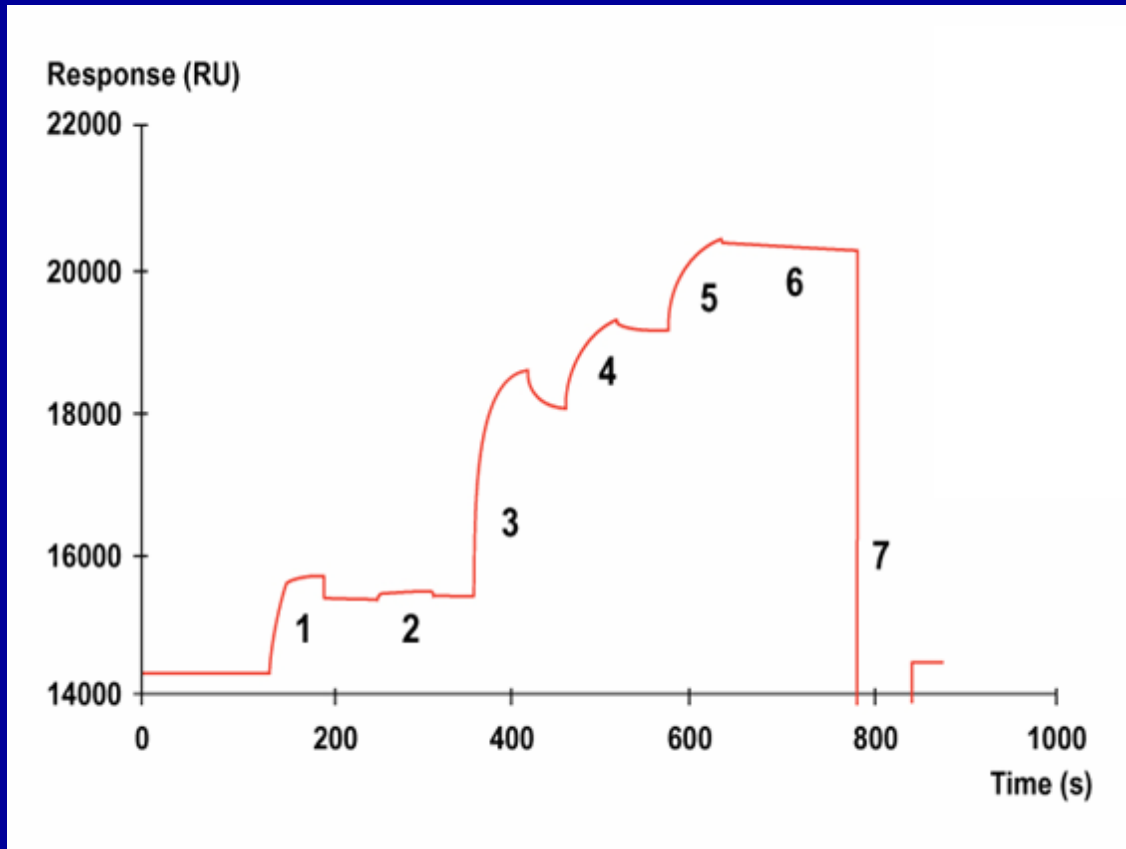
Weeks + labelling

Days - Weeks

One day + labelling

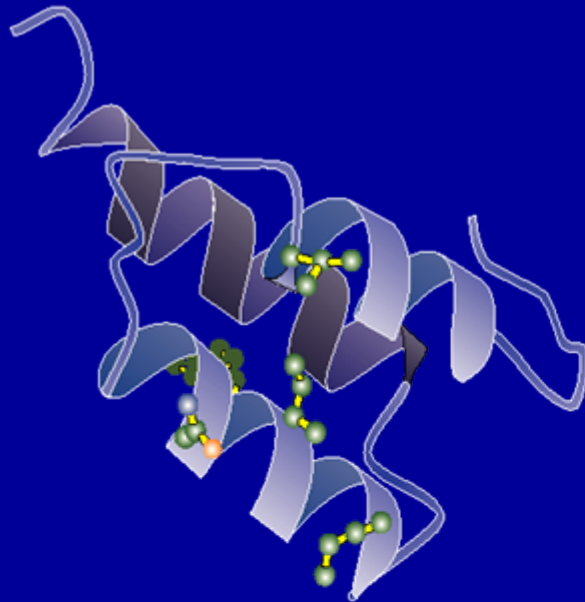
**Weeks - Months**

# Multisite Binding Analysis of Troponin using BIACORE®

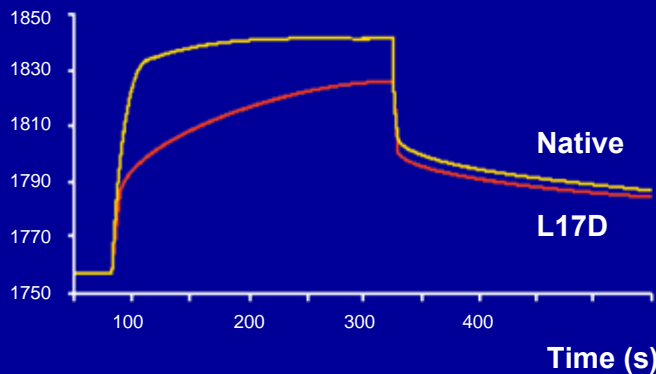


1. Troponin-I 5  $\mu\text{g/ml}$
2. MAb 1122 100  $\mu\text{g/ml}$
3. MAb 1240 100  $\mu\text{g/ml}$
4. MAb 1192 100  $\mu\text{g/ml}$
5. MAb 1190 100  $\mu\text{g/ml}$
6. MAb 535 100  $\mu\text{g/ml}$
7. HCl 10 mM

# Kinetic Effects of Alterations in the Z-domain of Protein A

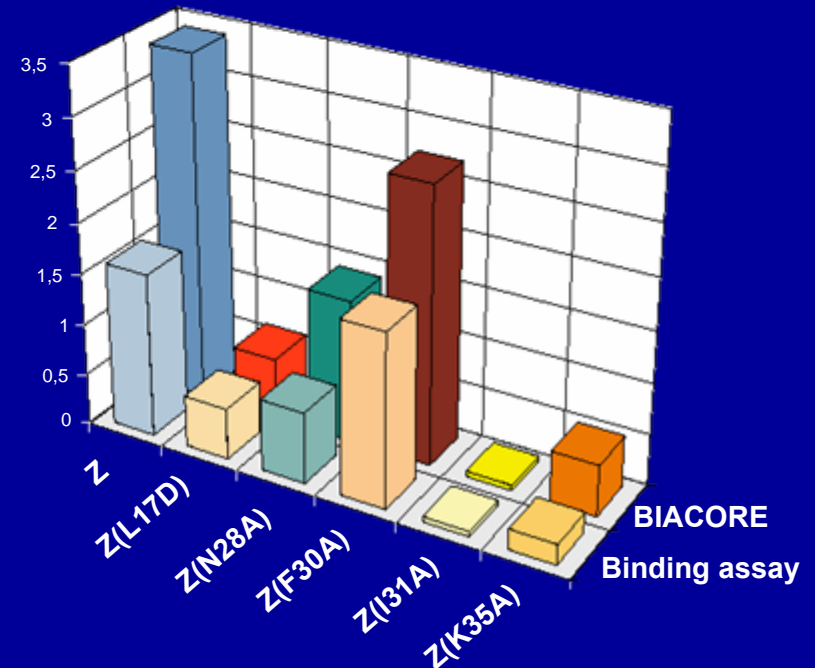


Resonance signal (RU)



Affinity measurements

$K_{aff}^* 1e-7 1/M$



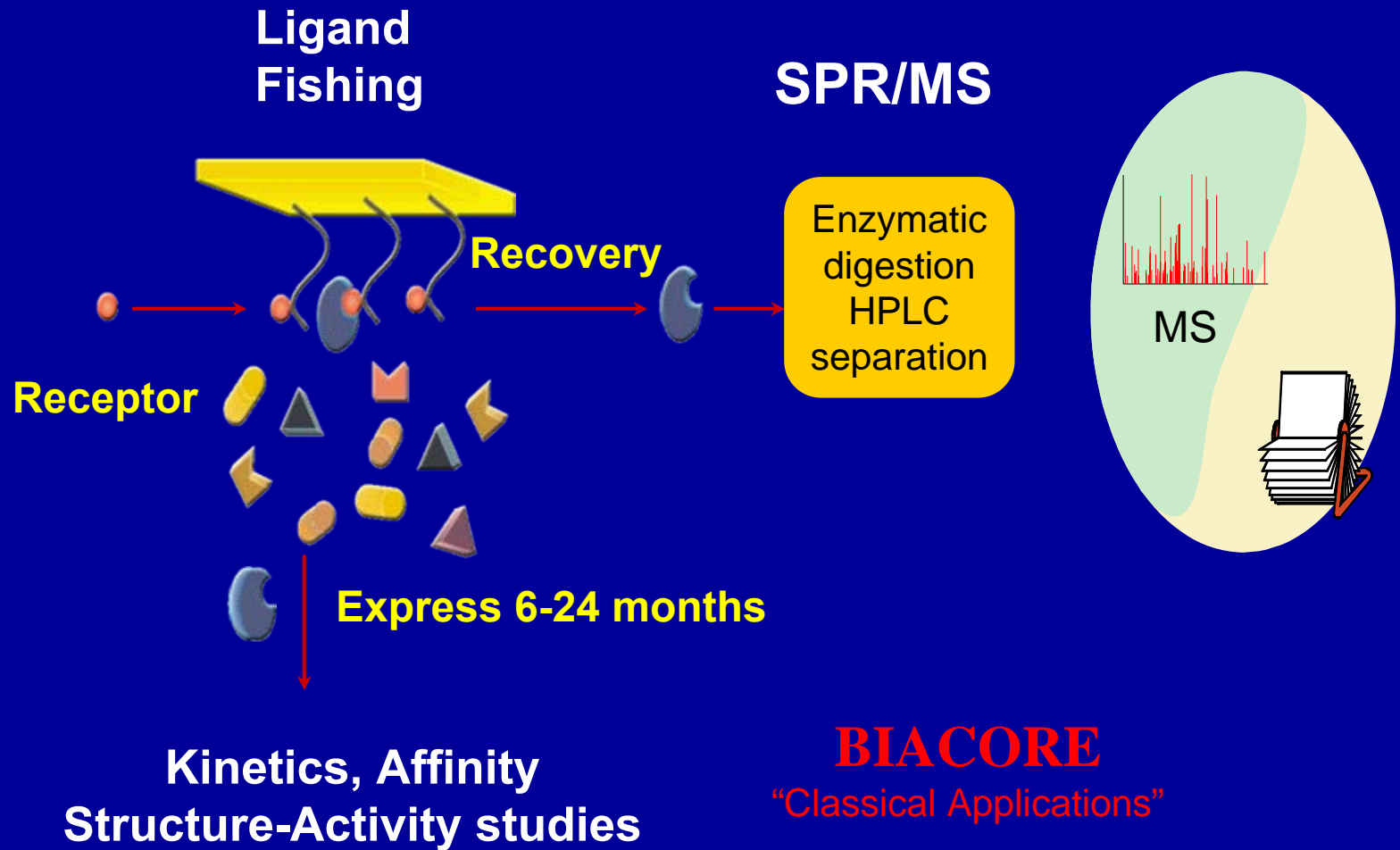
BIACORE  
Binding assay

# BIACORE® in Proteomics

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- **Fast, simple and compatible with any biological sample**
- **Monitors binding of native proteins from crude or purified samples**
- **Detects even low affinity binding events**
- **Recovers samples for MS analysis and identification**
- **Confirms results from other techniques**
- **Provides functional (interaction) data**

# Biacore Proteomics Study

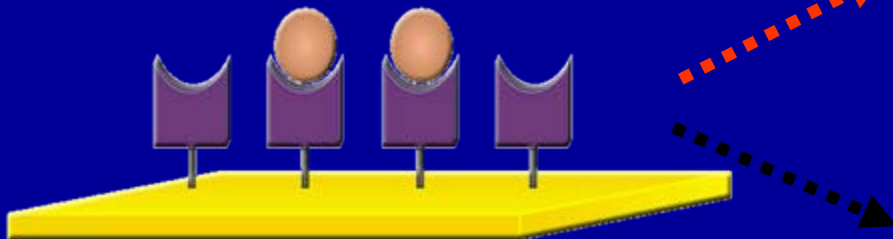


# SPR/MS Approaches

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- Direct On-Chip
- Elution/Microrecovery

**BIA + MS**



**Direct detection of bound molecules on the surface (Krone et al 1997)**

**Recover bound molecules and analyze with MS (Fitz et al 1997)**

# Summary

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- 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.