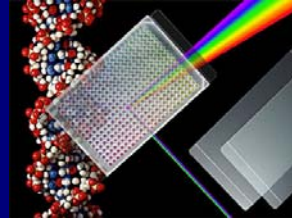


# OPTICAL AFFINITY BIOSENSORS

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## **Institute of Radio Engineering and Electronics (IREE), Prague**

- Established in 1954.
- Belongs to Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.
- 120 staff members.
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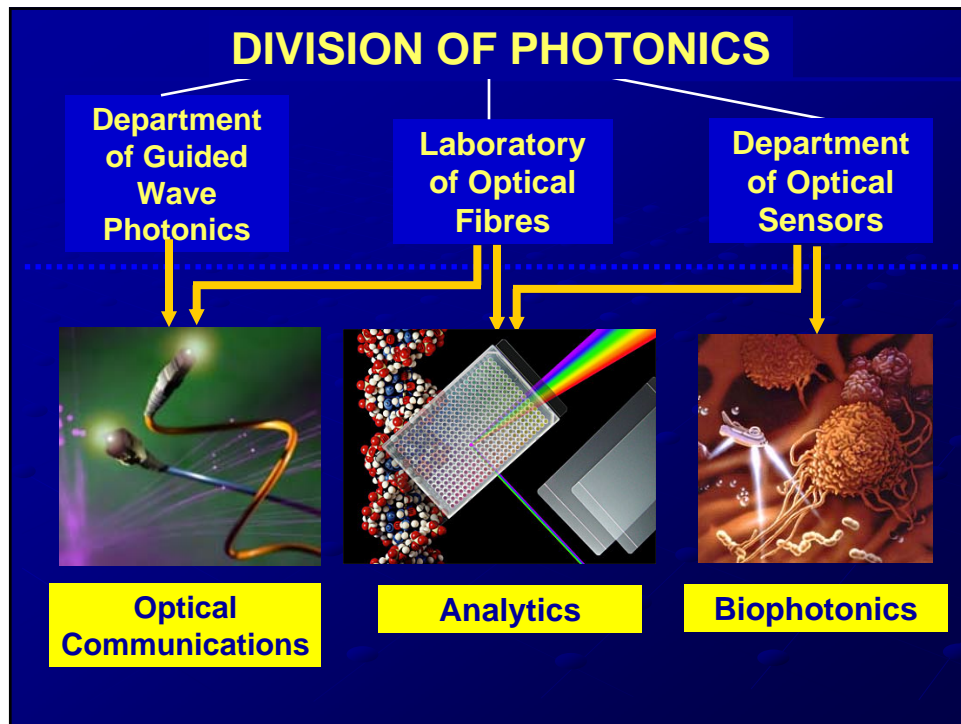
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**Area II: Materials for optoelectronics**

**Area III: Signals and Systems**



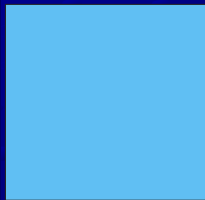
## INTRODUCTION TO OPTICAL AFFINITY BIOSENSORS

## Affinity Biosensors

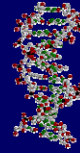
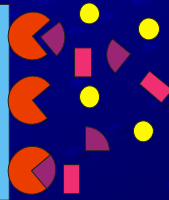
Affinity biosensors are devices consisting of a biomolecular recognition element (e.g. antibody) and a sensor hardware,



Mechanical  
Electrical  
Magnetic  
Optical



Sensor hardware  
Biomolecular recognition element



Antibodies  
Proteins  
DNA, RNA  
Peptides  
MIPs

which translate the binding event between the target molecules and biomolecular recognition element into an output signal.

## Main Types of Optical Affinity Biosensors

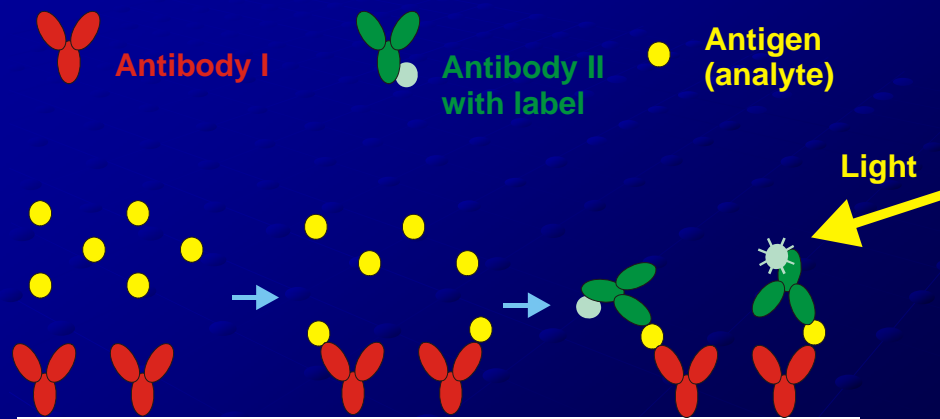
### 1. Label-based affinity biosensors

- Sensors based on fluorescence spectroscopy.

### 2. Label-free affinity biosensors

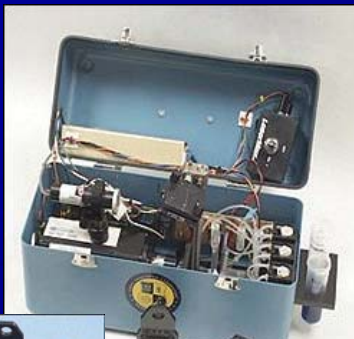
- Interferometric sensors (Mach-Zehnder integrated optical interferometer, white light interferometer).
- Sensors based on spectroscopy of guided waves (grating coupler, resonant mirror, surface plasmon resonance sensor).

## Sensors Based on Fluorescence Spectroscopy: Principle of Operation



*Principle of fluorescence-based optical affinity biosensors.*

## Fluorescence-Based Biosensors: Portable Array Biosensor (NRL)



*Portable array biosensor developed by the group of F. Ligler, NRL; commercialized by Constellation Technology (USA)*

### Characteristics:

- Antibodies immobilization by a non-contact array spotter
- Sandwich detection format
- 15 immunoassays/sample
- 6 samples at a time
- Detection time: 10-15 minut

### Detection limits (LOD):

- **Staph. enterotoxin B (0.5 ng/ml)**
- **Cholera toxin (1.6 ng/ml)**
- **B. Anthracis spory ( $10^4$ cfu/ml)**
- **Listeria ( $10^4$ cfu/ml)**
- **E. Coli 0157:h7 ( $10^3$ cfu/mL)**

## Fluorescence-Based Biosensors: RAPTOR Fiber Optic Biosensor (NRL)



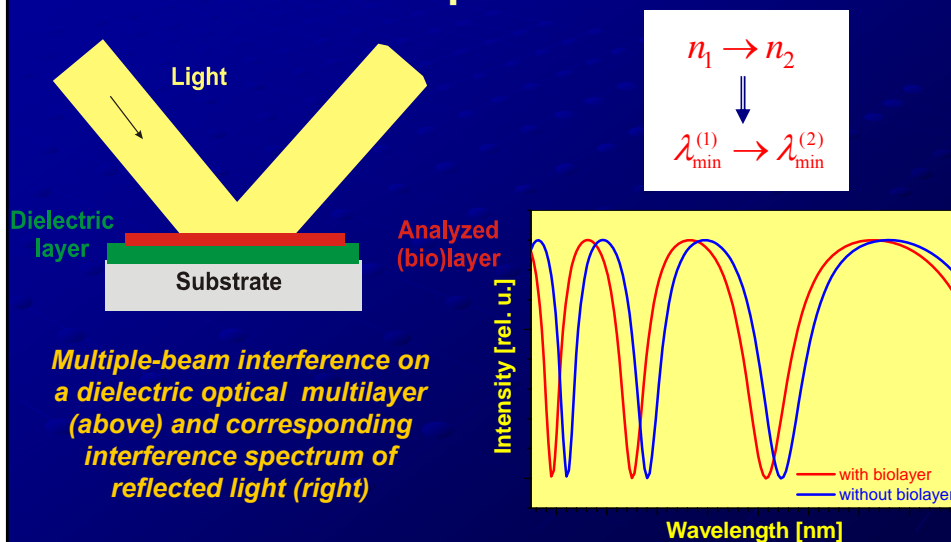
*US Marine using the RAPTOR to test for detection of toxins and pathogens in drinking water in Bahrain.*

### Characteristics:

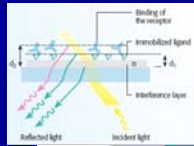
- Simultaneous detection of 4-8 analytes
- Sandwich detection format
- Same disposables used repeatedly until positive response
- Automated assay and readout
- LOD comparable with fluorescence array sensor



## Sensors Based on Multiple-Beam Interference on Optical Multilayers: Principle of Operation



## Sensors Based on Multiple-Beam Interference on an Optical Multilayer: BIAffinity (Analytik Jena)



*BIAffinity sensor for biomolecular interaction analysis developed by the group of G. Gauglitz, University of Tuebingen; commercialized by Analytik Jena AG, (FRG).*

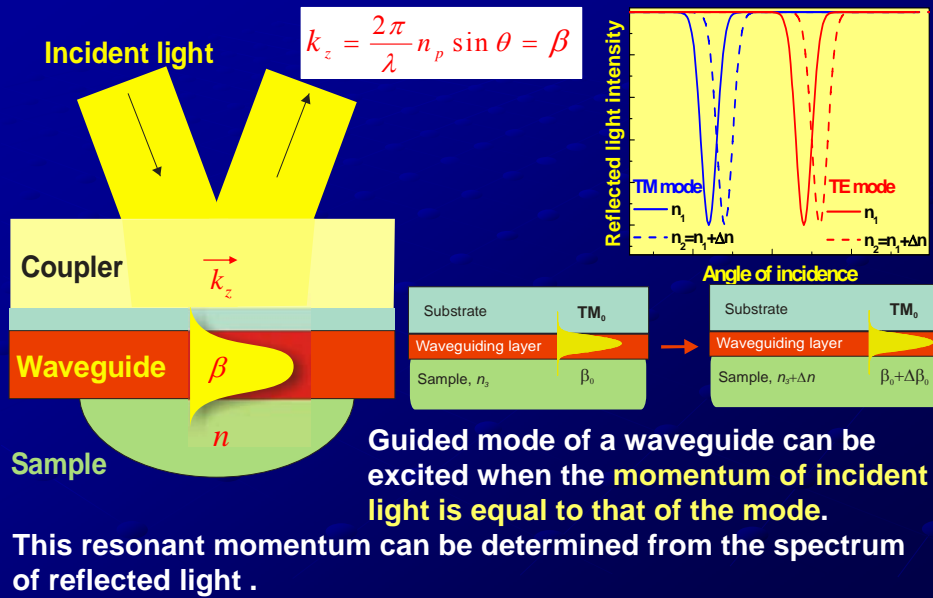
### Characteristics:

- Label-free measurement.
- Two-channel system.
- Temperature stabilization.

### Application:

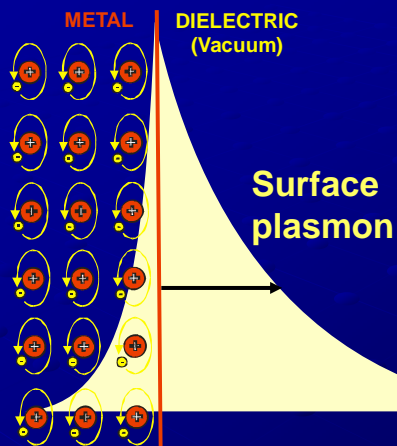
- Real time study of biomolecular interactions.
- Measurement of kinetics, concentrations, and association/dissociation constants.

## Sensors Based on Spectroscopy of Guided Waves: Principle of Operation



# SURFACE PLASMON RESONANCE (SPR) BIOSENSORS: PRINCIPLE OF OPERATION

## Fundamentals of SPR Sensors: Surface Plasmons



*A surface plasmon at a metal – dielectric interface.*

### Characteristics of SP:

**Propagation constant,  $\beta$**

$$\beta = \frac{\omega}{c} \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_m \epsilon_d}{\epsilon_m + \epsilon_d}}$$

**Propagation length,  $\Lambda$**

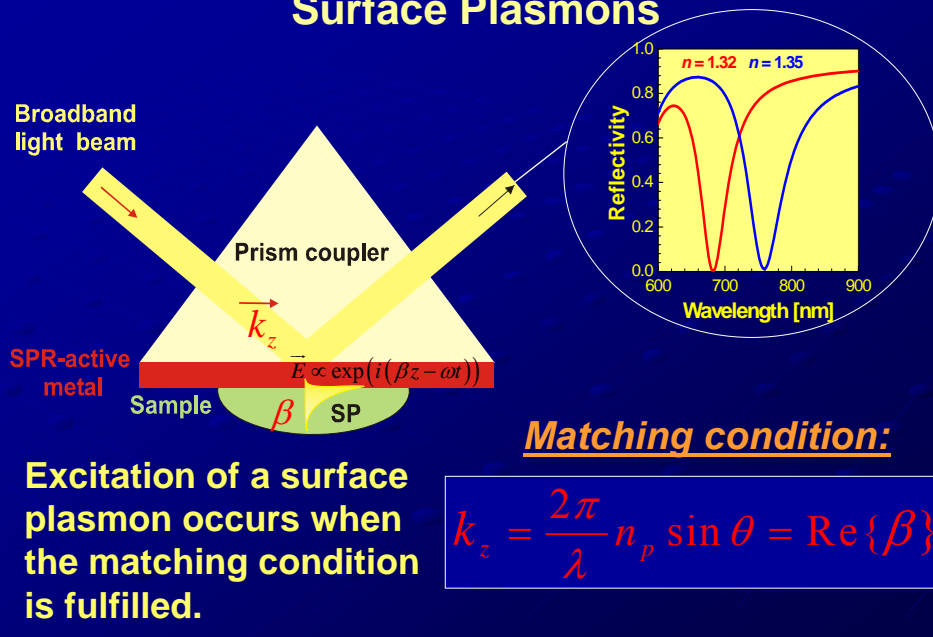
$$\Lambda = 3 - 30 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$$

**Penetration depth,  $L$**

$$L_{\text{metal}} \approx 20 \text{ nm}$$

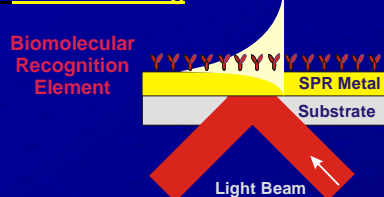
$$L_{\text{diel}} \approx 150 - 400 \text{ nm}$$

## Fundamentals of SPR Sensors: Excitation of Surface Plasmons



## Surface Plasmon Resonance Affinity Biosensing

### I. Prior Binding

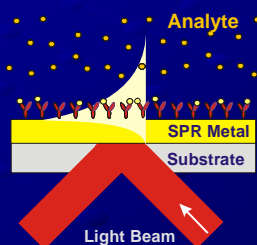


RI increment (0.1-0.3 ml/g)

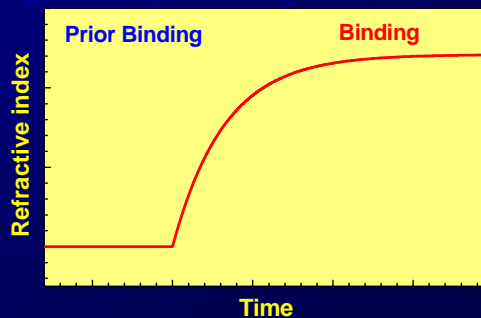
Surface concentration [mass/area]

$$\Delta\beta = K \left( \frac{dn}{dc} \right)_{vol} \Delta\Gamma$$

### II. Binding



Principle of SPR affinity biosensing



## Surface Plasmon Resonance Biosensors: Main Features and Benefits

- **Direct** (can detect analyte in one-step).
- **Real-time** (binding of analyte to sensor surface can be continuously monitored).
- **Label-free** (no fluorescent or radioactive labels are required for detection of analyte).
- **Minimum interaction length/volume required** (small sample volumes can be analyzed).
- **Generic technology** (combines generic optical technology with receptors *specific* against particular target analytes).

**SURFACE PLASMON  
RESONANCE SENSOR  
PLATFORMS**

# Main Configurations of SPR Sensors

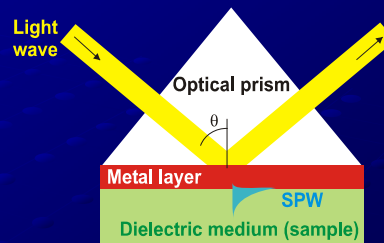
## Coupling conditions:

$$\sqrt{\epsilon_p} \sin(\theta) = \text{Re} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_M \epsilon_D}{\epsilon_M + \epsilon_D}} \right\}$$

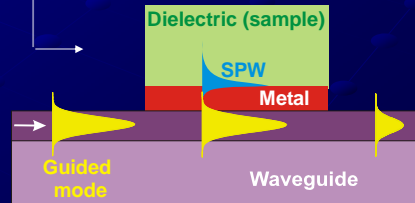
$$N_{ef} = \text{Re} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_M \epsilon_D}{\epsilon_M + \epsilon_D}} \right\}$$

$$\sqrt{\epsilon_D} \sin(\theta) + m \frac{\lambda}{\Lambda} = \pm \text{Re} \left\{ \sqrt{\frac{\epsilon_M \epsilon_D}{\epsilon_M + \epsilon_D}} \right\}$$

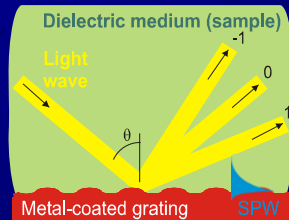
## I. Prism coupler-based



## II. Waveguide coupler-based



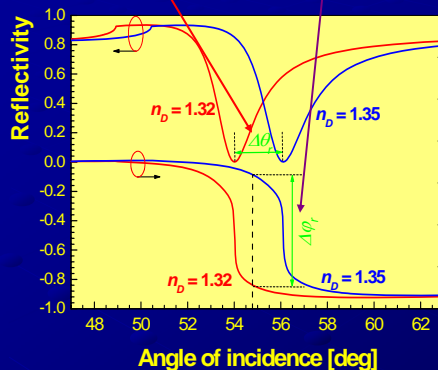
## III. Grating coupler-based



# Detection Approaches Used in SPR Sensors

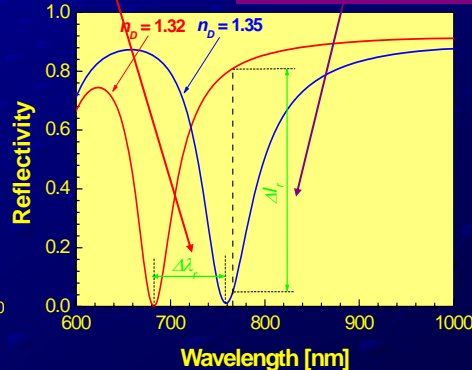
## Angular modulation

## Phase modulation



## Wavelength modulation

## Intensity modulation



Reflectivity and phase for light wave exciting surface plasma waves via a prism coupler (SF14 glass prism – 50 nm thick gold layer – dielectric) as a function of the angle of incidence (a) and wavelength (b) for two different refractive indices of the dielectric; wavelength – 682 nm.

## What do we require from an SPR sensor platform?

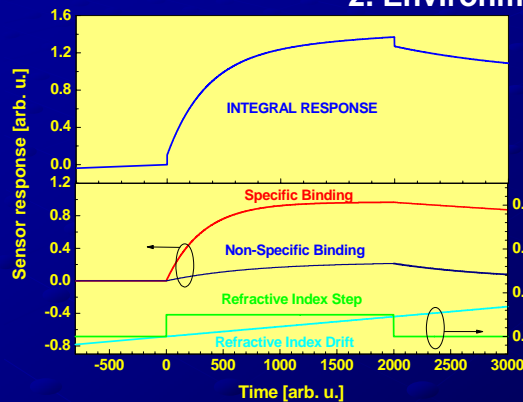
- **Performance** (sensitivity, resolution, reproducibility).
- **Robustness** (reliability in real-world conditions).
- **Multiplexing capability / throughput** (capable of performing multiple measurements at a time).
- **Size** (appropriate for application).
- **Cost** (low equipment and supply costs).

## Motivation for Development of Multichannel SPR Sensing Devices

- **Multichannel devices** increase **throughput** of SPR sensor systems and allow for simultaneous detection of **multiple analytes** for complex sample analysis.
- **Multichannel devices** improve **quality of SPR measurements** by referencing out effects interfering with SPR measurements (temperature fluctuations, sample composition variations, non-specific adsorption from complex samples, etc.).

## Robustness: SPR Biosensing in Realistic Conditions

Interferences: 1. Sample matrix  
2. Environment



**Multichannel SPR  
sensors with  
referencing channels**

*Fig. SPR biosensing with sample and environmental effects interfering the measurement.*

## Sensors Based on Spectroscopy of Surface Plasmons: State of the Art



*Sensors based on angular spectroscopy of surface plasmons : BIAcore S51 (left), BIAcore 3000 (middle), Spreeta sensor, TI, (right) .*

### Features:

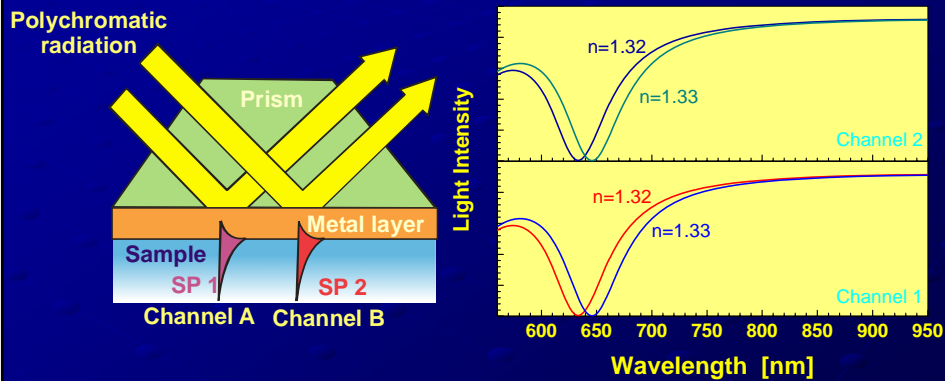
- High resolution ( $10^{-7}$  RIU )
- Temperature controlled
- Multiple sensing channels



**Applications: biomolecular interaction analysis**

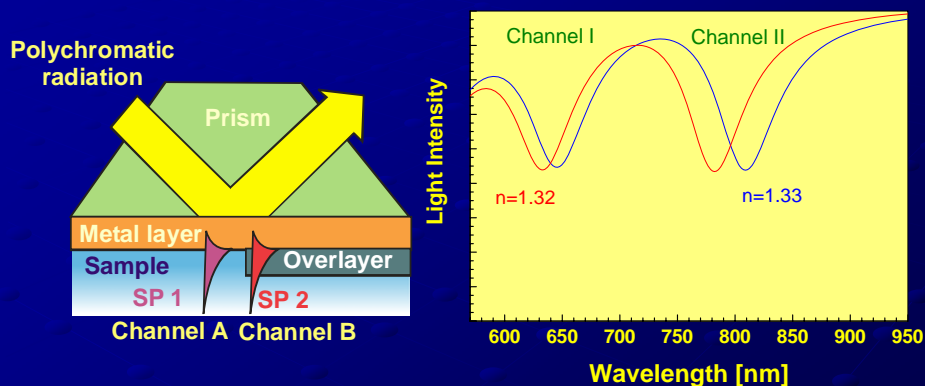


## Multichannel SPR Sensors with Spatial Multiplexing: Parallel Channel Approach



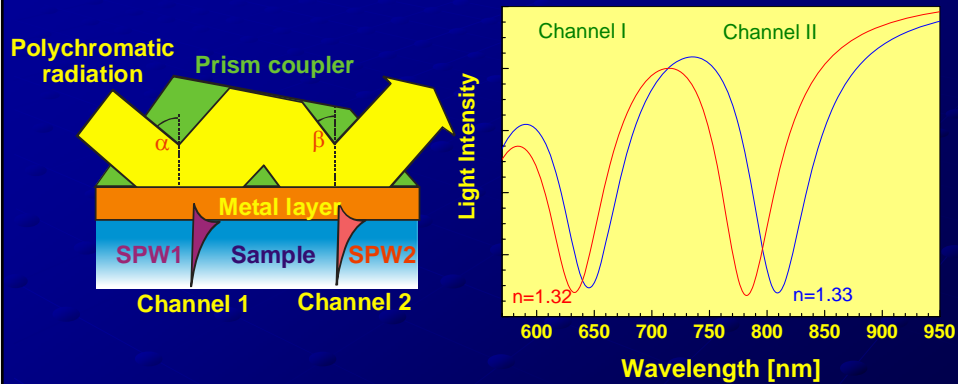
*Fig. Concept of multichannel SPR sensor with parallel sensing channels and typical SPR spectra observed with such a sensor.*

## Multichannel SPR Sensors with Wavelength Division Multiplexing: Overlayer Approach



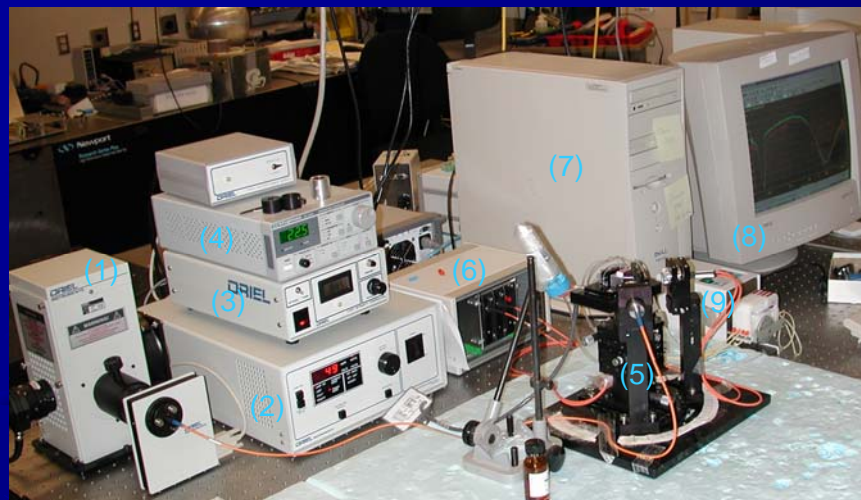
*Fig. Concept of multichannel SPR sensor with an overlayer shifting response from one of the sensing channels to a longer wavelength and typical SPR spectra observed with such a sensor.*

## Multichannel SPR Sensors with Wavelength Division Multiplexing: Serial Channel Approach



*Fig. Concept of multichannel SPR sensor with serial sensing channels and typical SPR spectra observed with such a sensor.*

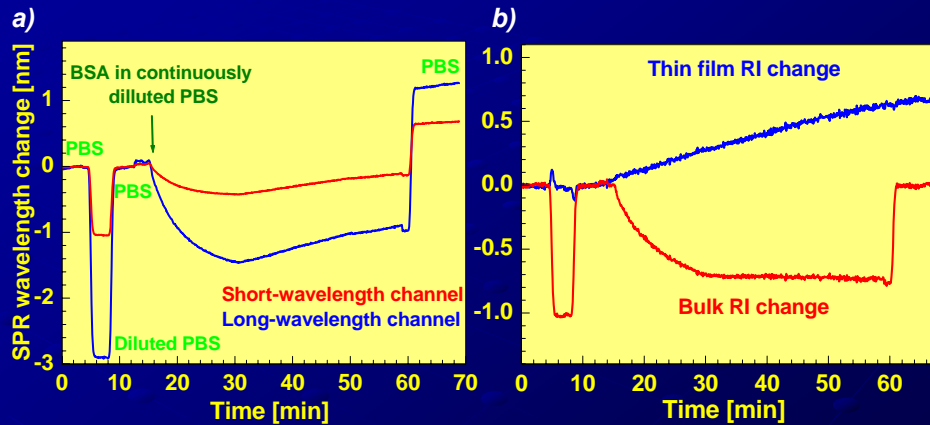
## Bulk Optic Laboratory SPR Sensor



*Fig. Laboratory SPR sensor. (1) lamp, (2) power supply, (3) intensity controller, (4) temperature controller, (5) SPR assembly, (6) spectrograph, (7) PC, (8) display, (9) pump.*

**RI resolution:**  
 **$2 \times 10^{-7}$  RIU**

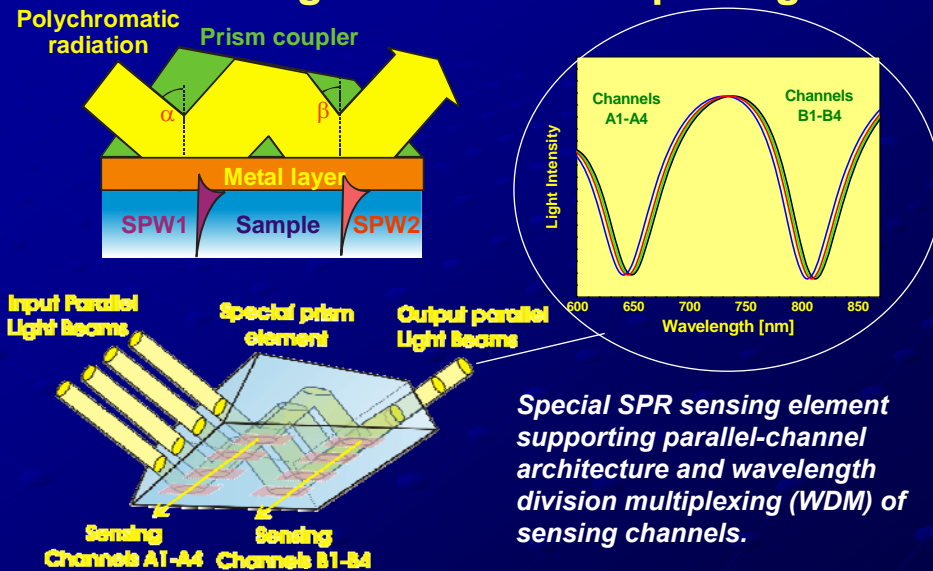
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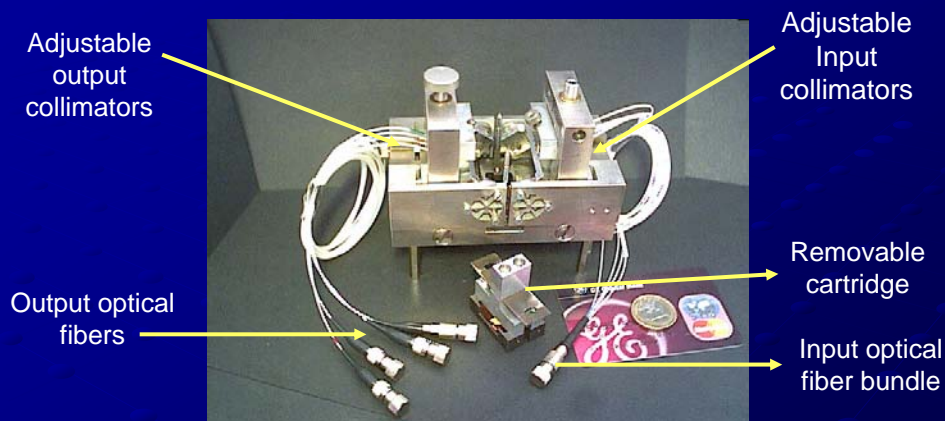
**Fig. a)** Response of the SPR sensor with two serial channels to formation of a thin BSA layer in the presence of slow background refractive index drift.  
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**DEVELOPING MOBILE  
SPR SENSING SYSTEM**

## Combining Parallel Architecture with Wavelength Division Multiplexing

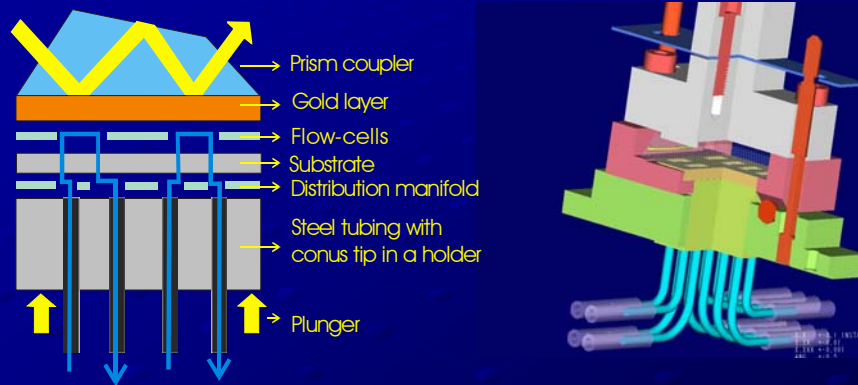


## SPR WDM Sensor Platform: Implementation



**Fig. Miniature optical bench of an 8-channel SPRWDM sensor and a removable sensor chip cartridge.**

## Sensor Chip Cartridge and Fluidic System: Concept



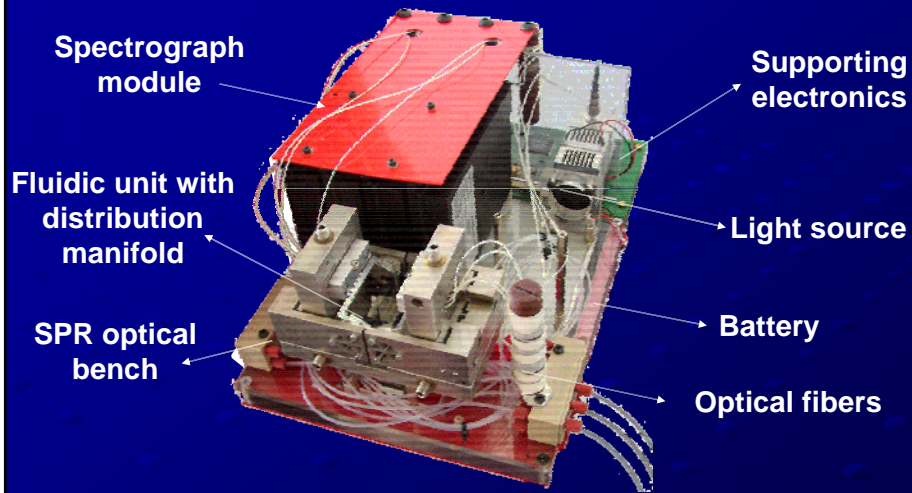
*Fig. Concept of multilayer fluidic system for distribution of liquid samples to eight independent sensing channels.*

## Sensor Chip Cartridge: Implementation



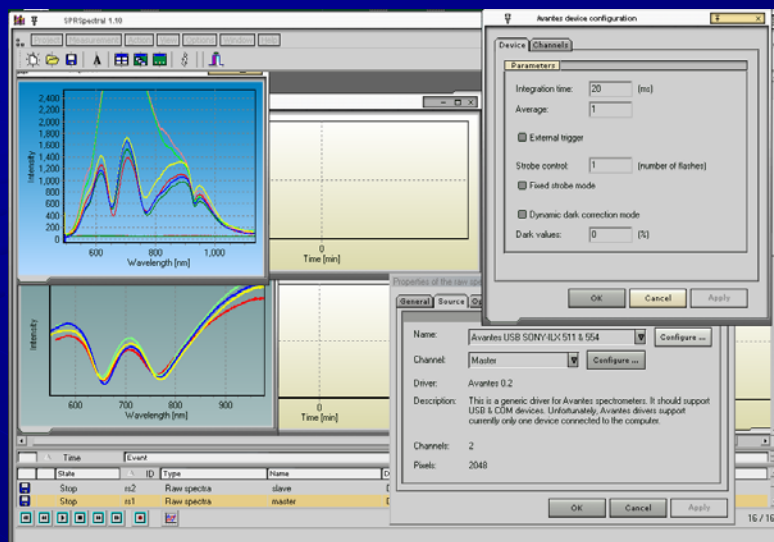
*Fig. Elements of SPR sensor chip cartridge for 8-channel SPRWDM sensor.*

## System Integration



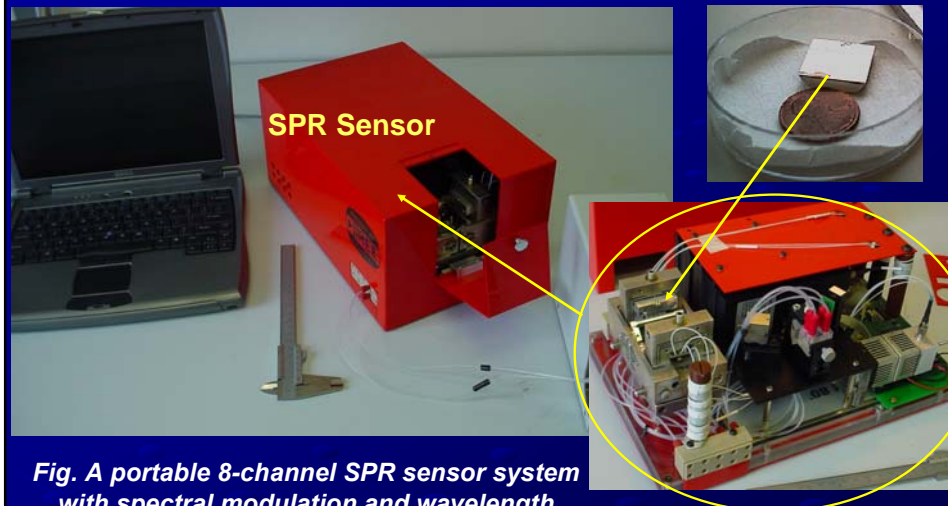
*Fig. An eight-channel mobile SPR sensor system integrating miniature SPR optical bench, light source, spectrometer module and microfluidics.*

## Data Acquisition and Processing Software



*Fig. SPR Spectral – software for data acquisition and processing.*

## Portable SPR Sensor for Field Use

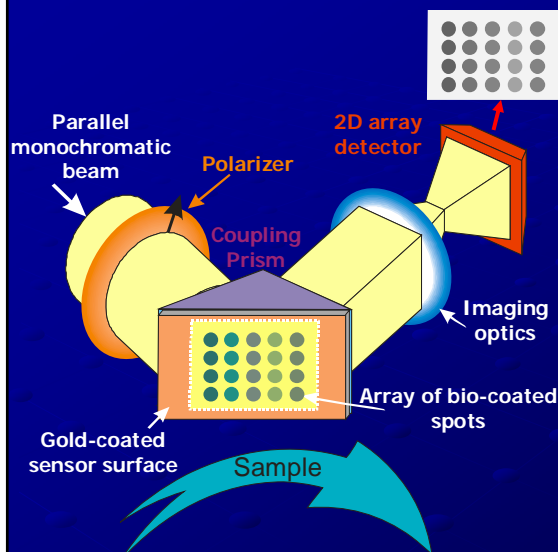


*Fig. A portable 8-channel SPR sensor system with spectral modulation and wavelength division multiplexing (WDM) of sensing channels.*

**RI resolution:**  
 **$4 \times 10^{-7}$  RIU**

**DEVELOPING HIGH-  
THROUGHPUT SPR  
SENSING SYSTEMS**

## SPR Imaging: Features and Performance



### Typical performance:

**RI resolution:**  
 $3 \times 10^{-5}$  RIU \*  
**Detection of nucl. acids**  
 10nM (18-mer)\*\*  
**Detection of proteins**  
 1nM (anti-FLAG)\*\*\*

### Challenges:

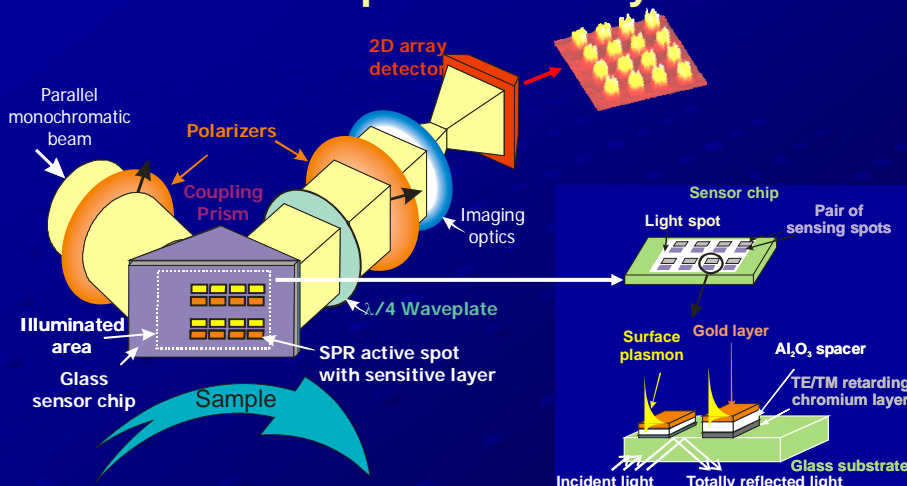
- Operating range. Noise due to light level fluctuations.
- Image contrast.

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\*\* Lee, H.J., T.T. Goodrich, and R.M. Corn, *Analytical Chemistry*, 73, 5525 - 5531 (2001).

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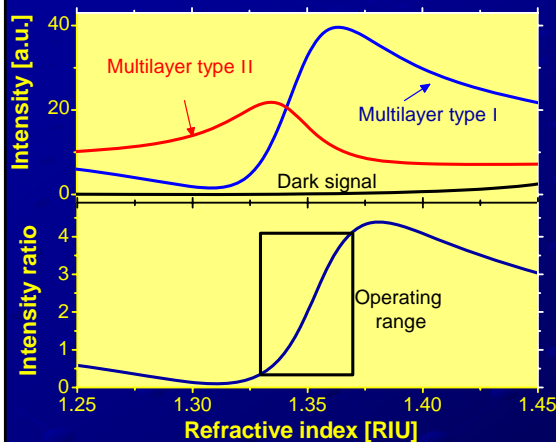
## SPR Imaging Utilizing Polarization Contrast and Special Multilayers



SPR imaging with polarization contrast and the detail of the SPR sensor chip with series of pairs of sensing spots.

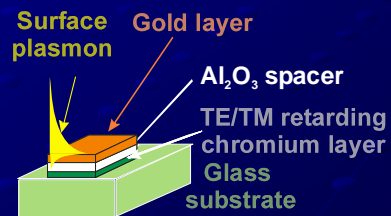
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## SPR Imaging Utilizing Polarization Contrast and Special Multilayers: Theory



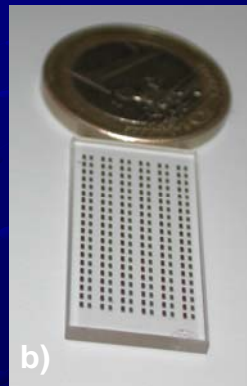
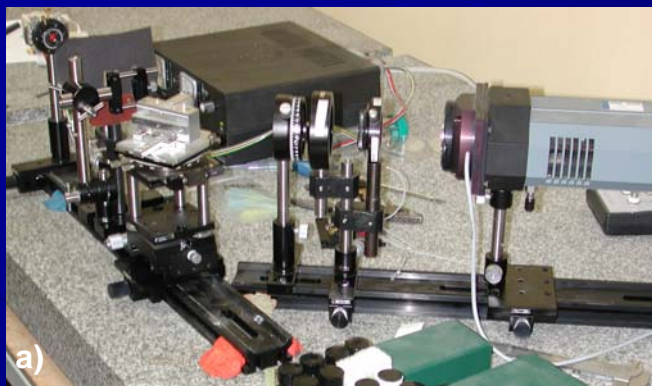
### Multilayer type:

- I. Cr thickness – 4 nm
- II. Cr thickness – 14 nm



*Dependence of light intensity on the refractive index for the two different SPR multilayers and their ratio. Multilayer structure: chromium layer, aluminum oxide layer (100 nm), and SPR-active gold layer (40 nm).*

## SPR Imaging Utilizing Polarization Contrast and Special Multilayers: Experimental



*a) View of the SPR imaging system with polarization contrast, b) detail of SPR imaging chip with pairs of different SPR multilayers.*

## High-Throughput SPR Sensor Based on SPR Imaging in Polarization Contrast

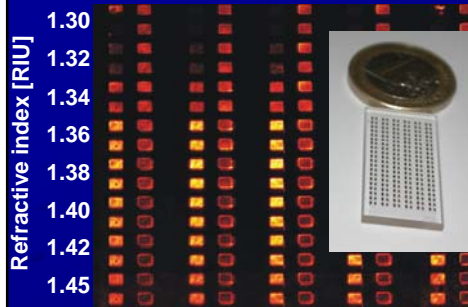


Fig. Image of the SPR sensing chip for rows of sensing spots exposed to liquids of different refractive indices.

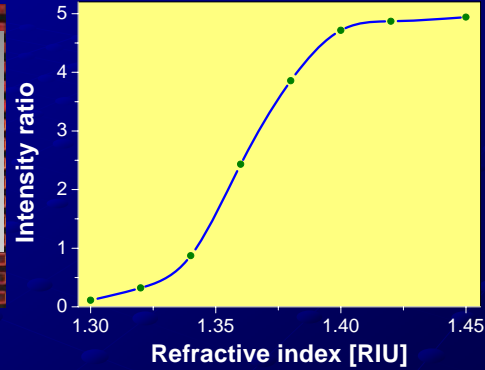
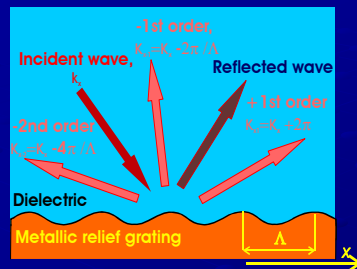


Fig. Ratio of intensities at the two multilayers vs refractive index.

**RI resolution:**  
 $1 \times 10^{-6}$  RIU

## SPR Sensor Based on SP Spectroscopy on Array of Diffraction Gratings



Diffraction of light on a diffraction grating.

**Coupling condition:**

$$k_0 \sin(\theta) + m \frac{2\pi}{\Lambda} = k_{xm}$$

$$k_{xm} = \text{Re}\{\beta_{SP}\}$$

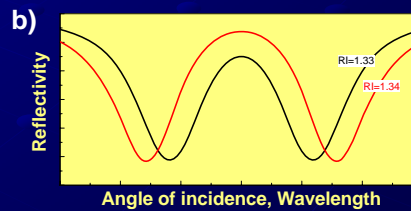
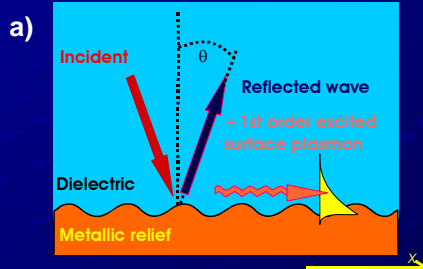
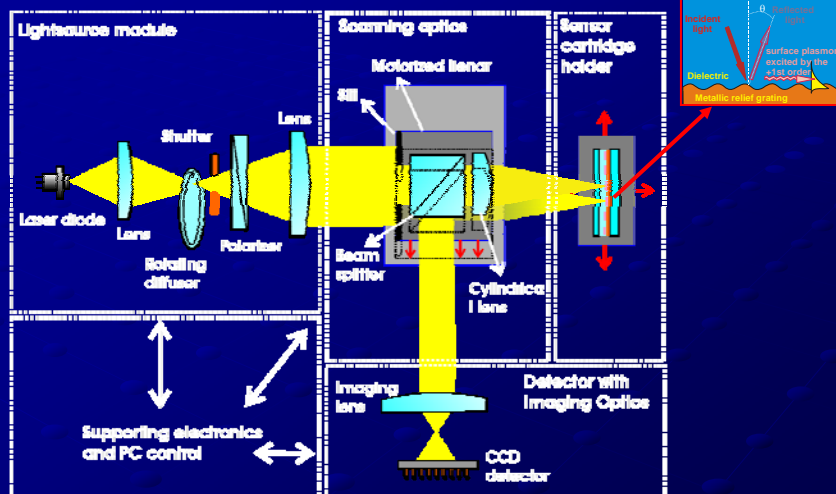


Fig. Excitation of SP on a diffraction grating: a) grating structure, b) reflectivity

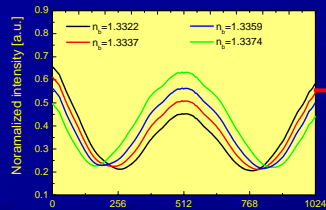
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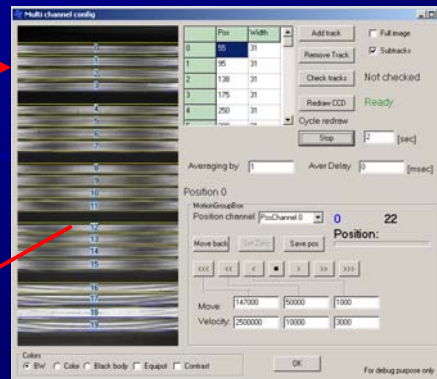
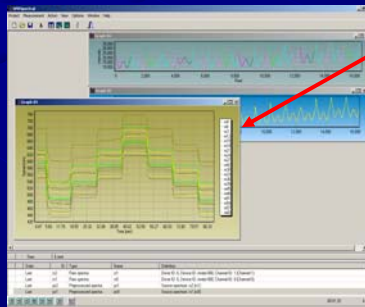
SPR sensor based on surface plasmon spectroscopy on an array of diffraction gratings and detail of illumination of the chip.

J. Dostálek, M. Miler, J. Homola, *Sensors and Actuators B*, 107, 154 - 161 (2005).

## SPR Sensor Based on SP Spectroscopy on Array of Diffraction Gratings: Data Processing



Typical SPR spectra.



Special software for acquisition and processing of angular SPR spectra from multiple diffraction gratings.

## SPR Sensor Based on an Array of Diffraction Gratings: Experimental Setup

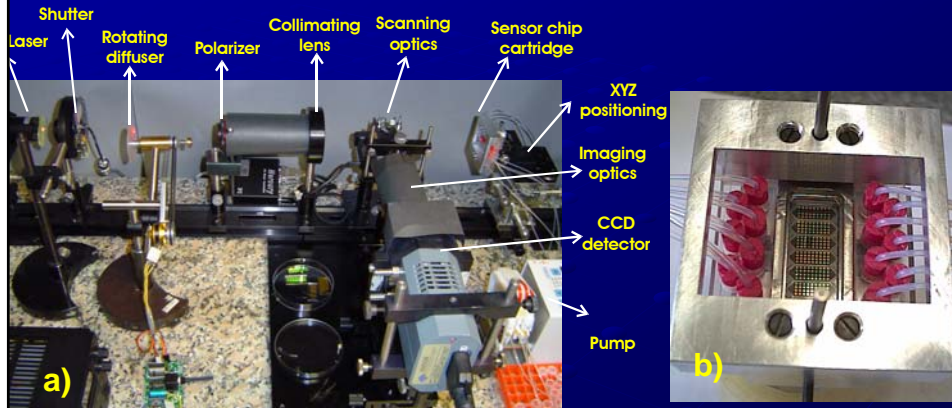


Fig. a) View of the optical system for SPR spectroscopy on an array of miniature diffraction gratings, b) detail of a sensor chip with microfluidic cartridge.

**RI resolution:**  
 $7 \times 10^{-7}$  RIU

**MULTI-SURFACE-  
PLASMON  
SPECTROSCOPY**

## Multichannel SPR Sensors with Wavelength Division Multiplexing: Serial Channel Approach

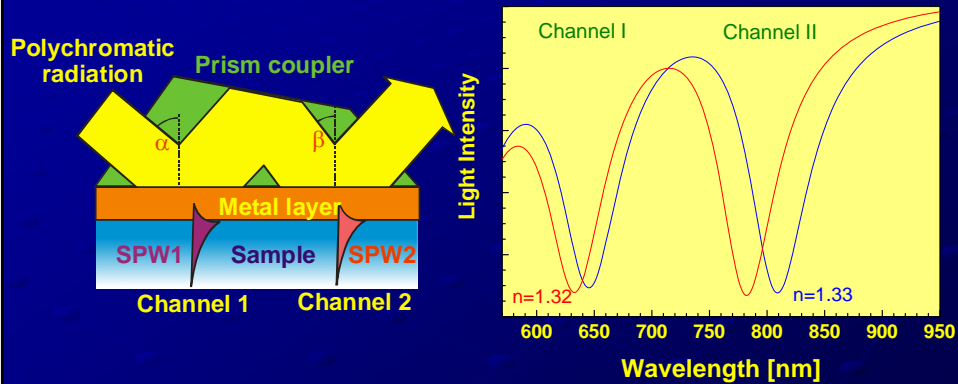


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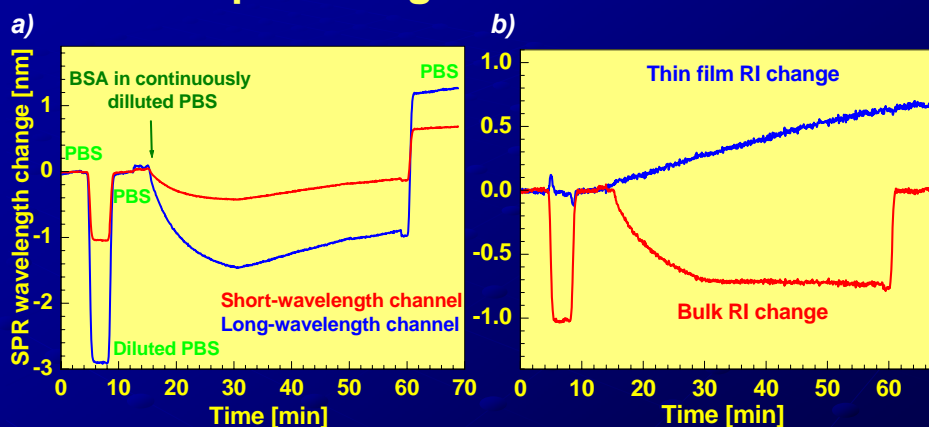
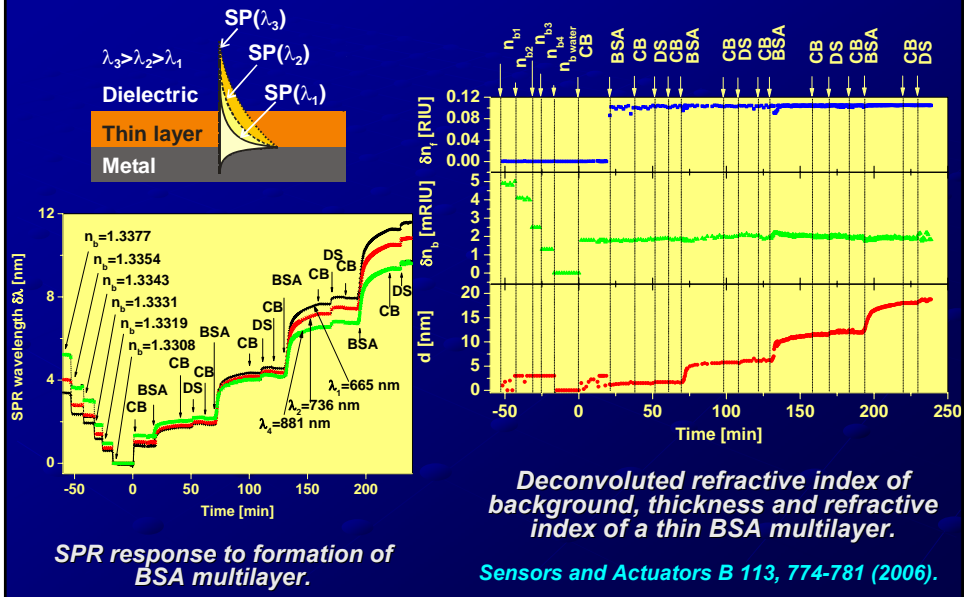


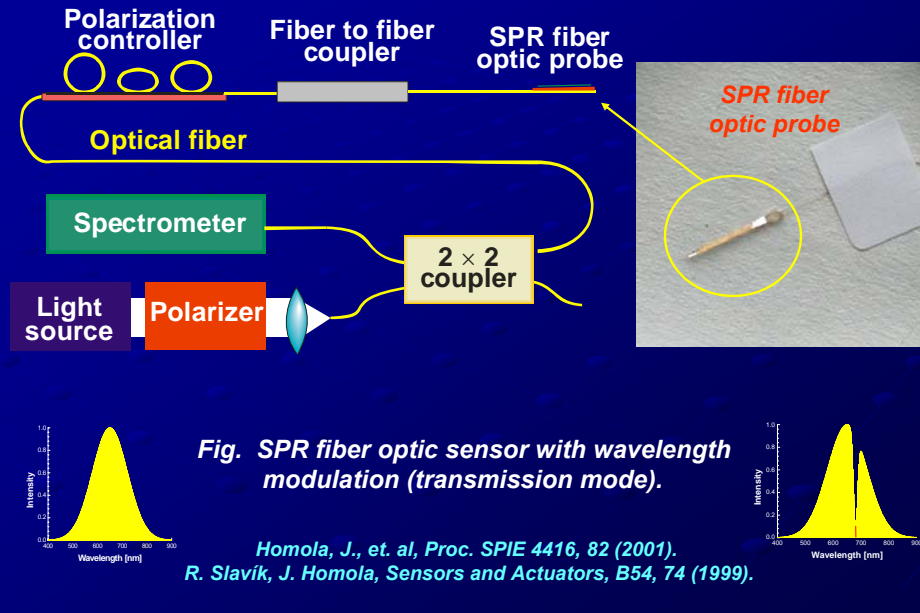
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## Multi-Surface Plasmon Spectroscopy for Determination of Refractive Index Distribution



## MINIATURIZED FIBER OPTIC SPR PROBE

## Miniature Fiber Optic SPR Sensor

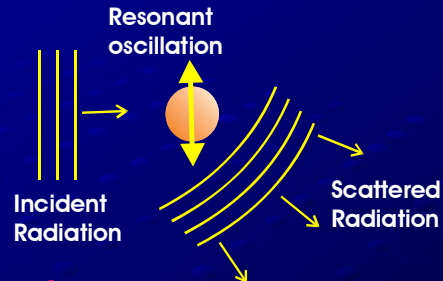


**LOCALIZED SURFACE  
PLASMONS ON  
NANOPARTICLES**

# Localized Surface Plasmons on Metallic Nanoparticles

LSP – EM  
oscillation on  
small metallic  
objects:

$$\text{Re}\{\varepsilon_m\} + 2 = 0$$



## Theoretical analysis: approaches

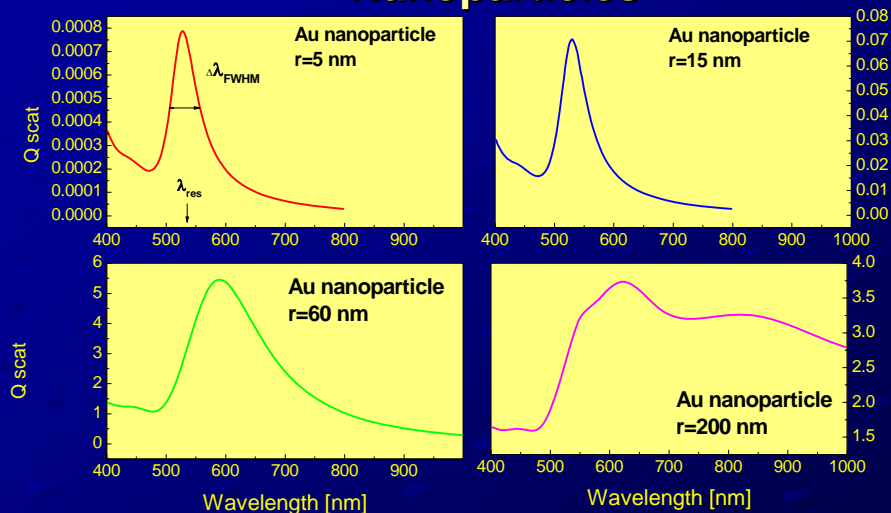
### a) Mie theory

Exact analytical solution, valid for spherical particles

### b) Discrete Dipole Approximation

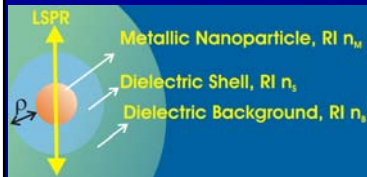
Numerical calculation of scattering on particles with arbitrary shape, limited for particles with  $|\sqrt{\varepsilon_m}|k_0d < 1$

# Resonant Scattering of Light on Metallic Nanoparticles



*Dependence of the total scattering efficiency  $Q_{\text{scat}}$  on the wavelength for four radii of nanoparticle (gold) in water medium calculated using Mie theory.*

## Sensor Based on Spectroscopy of Localized Plasmons on Spherical Nanoparticles



### Definitions:

$$d\lambda_{res} = S_B dn_B$$

$$d\lambda_{res} = S_S dn_S \rho$$

$$\chi = \frac{S_S}{\Delta\lambda_{FWHM}}$$

	$S_B$ [nmRIU <sup>-1</sup> ]	$S_S$ [RIU <sup>-1</sup> ]	$\chi$ [1/nmRIU]
ATR $\lambda=800$ nm	8000	40	0.6
DG $\lambda=800$ nm	600	3.5	0.5
LP $\lambda=550$ nm	50	3.8	0.07

Comparison of sensitivity and  $\chi$  parameter for SPR sensors using: attenuated total reflection (ATR), diffraction coupling (DG) and localized surface plasmons (LP).

## BIOMOLECULAR RECOGNITION ELEMENTS AND THEIR ATTACHMENT

## Biomolecular Recognition Elements and Their Immobilization

**Biomolecular recognition elements** used in SPR biosensors include: antibodies, peptides, proteins, DNA, RNA, etc.

**Choice of immobilization technique** depends on the type of ligand, size of analyte and specifics of application.

### Requirements:

1. High, controlled ligand density
2. Non-fouling background

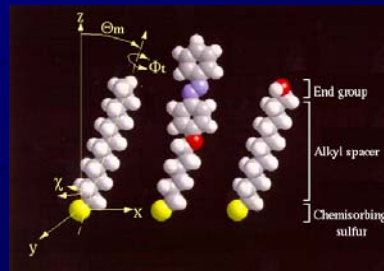
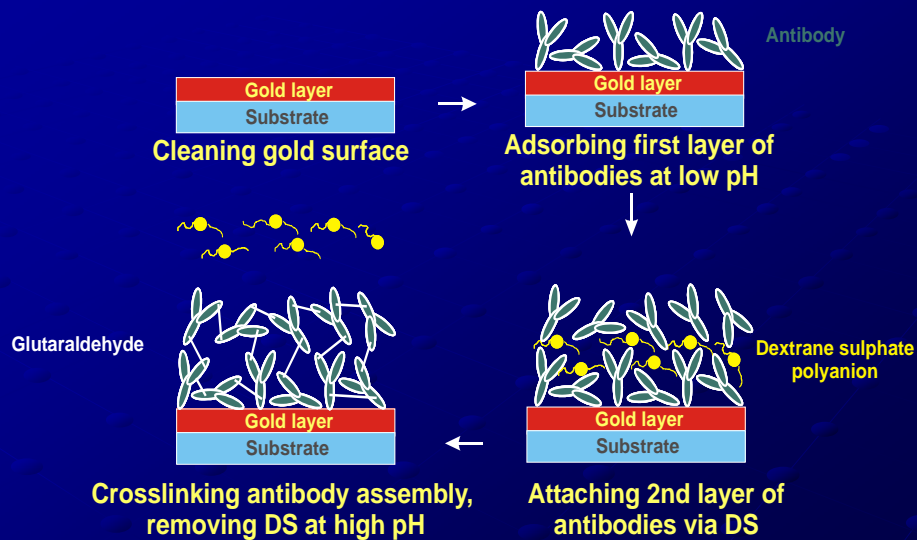
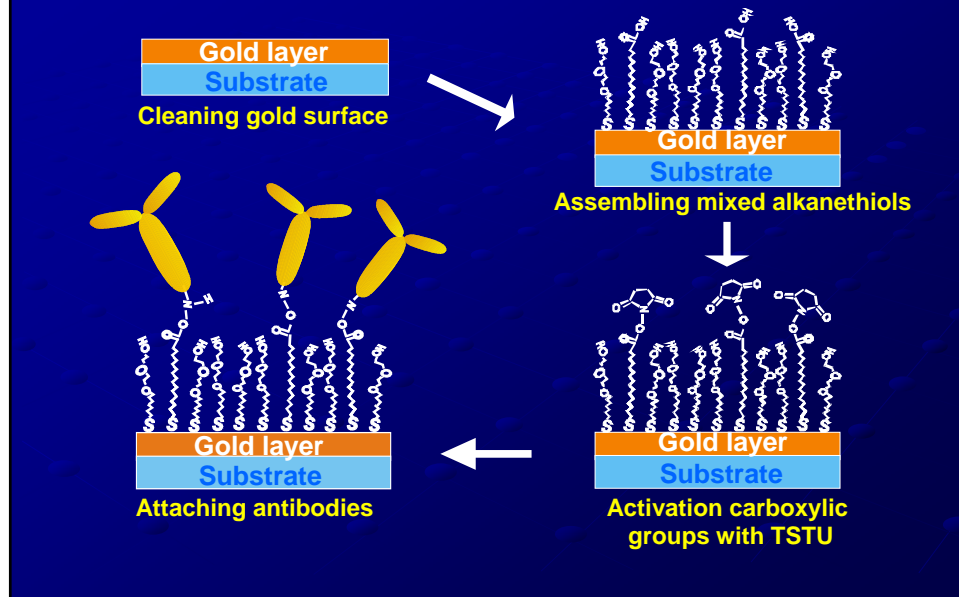


Fig. Structure of alkylthiol self-assembled monolayers.

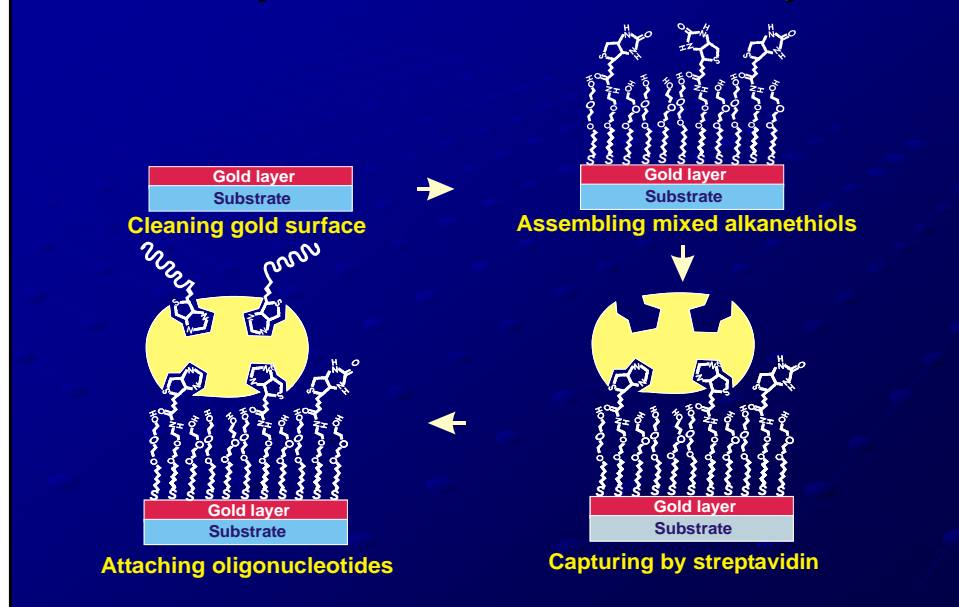
## Functionalization of SPR Biosensors: Crosslinked Antibody Assemblies



## Functionalization of SPR Biosensors: Alkanethiol Attachment Chemistry



## Functionalization of SPR Sensors Using Streptavidin – Biotin Chemistry



# APPLICATIONS OF SURFACE PLASMON RESONANCE BIOSENSORS

## Applications of SPR Biosensors

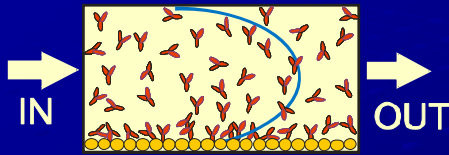
### 1. Investigation of molecules and their interactions

SPR offers a platform for real-time study of macromolecules and their interactions allowing determination of specificity, interaction models, kinetic rates, equilibrium constants, thermodynamic constants, and epitope mapping.

#### Existing and potential applications:

- Fundamental research.
- Development of drugs and therapies.
- Development/optimization of existing detection technologies (e.g. immunoassays).

## Observing Biomolecular Interactions under Realistic Hydrodynamic Conditions



Sample flowing through a flow-cell in the laminar flow approximation.

**Diffusion equation and first-order kinetic equation:**

$$\frac{\partial C}{\partial t} = D \left( \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 C}{\partial y^2} \right) - 4v \frac{y}{h} \left( 1 - \frac{y}{h} \right) \frac{\partial C}{\partial x}$$

$$D \frac{\partial C}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial B}{\partial t} = k_a C (B_{\text{Max}} - B) - k_d B$$

$B$  – concentration of bound analyte  
 $C$  – concentration of free analyte

$v$  – flow rate  
 $h$  – flow-cell depth

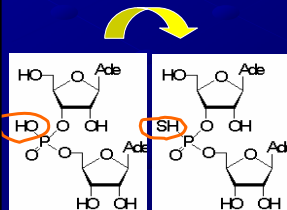
## Investigation of Oligonucleotides for Antisense Therapy

The principle of antisense drug is a sequence-specific binding of antisense oligonucleotide to the target “sense” mRNA, resulting in blocking of the expression of pathological gene information.

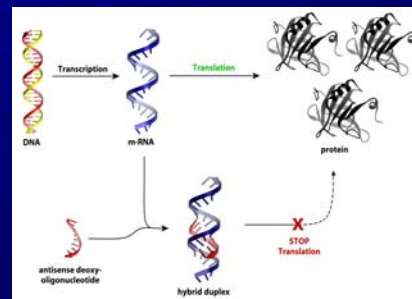
### WHAT IS CRITICAL?

Natural oligonucleotides do not have sufficient resistance to cell nucleases

IT IS NECESSARY TO MODIFY CHEMICAL STRUCTURE



Current chemical modifications of internucleotide linkage have not optimal properties (hybridization with RNA, non-toxicity, etc.)



New modifications are investigated to develop an optimal antisense drug

## Screening of Oligonucleotides as Potential Candidates for Antisense Therapy

29 oligonucleotides ( $dT_{15}$ ) with different structural modifications at concentration of 100nM were bound to  $rA_{23}$  immobilized on the sensor surface.

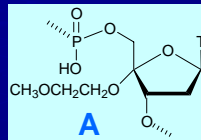
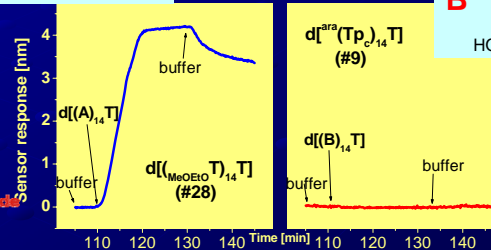
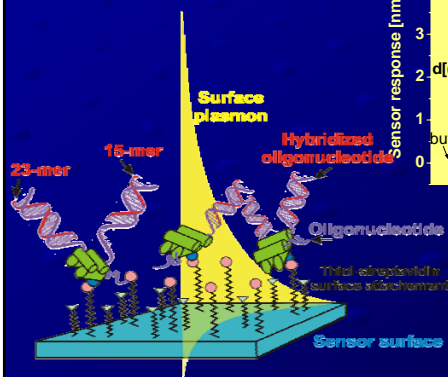
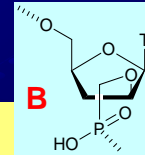
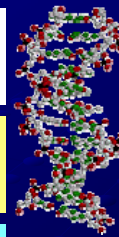
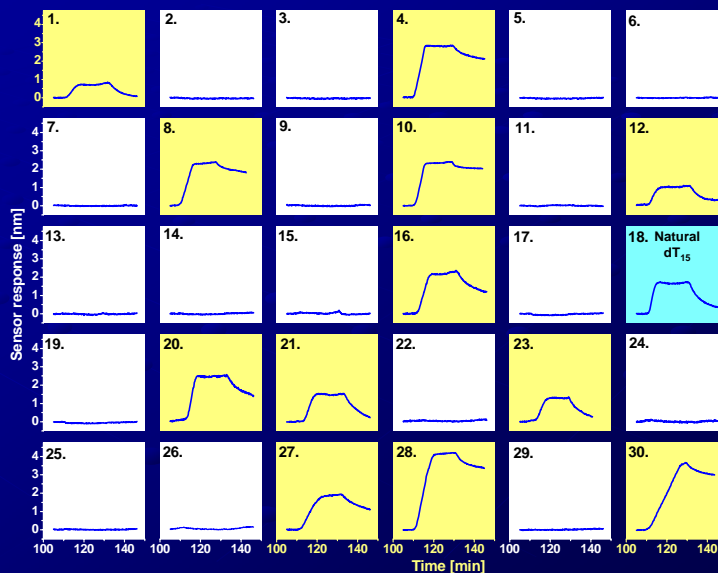


Fig. Sensor response to binding of oligonucleotides with selected modified linkages to natural  $rA_{23}$

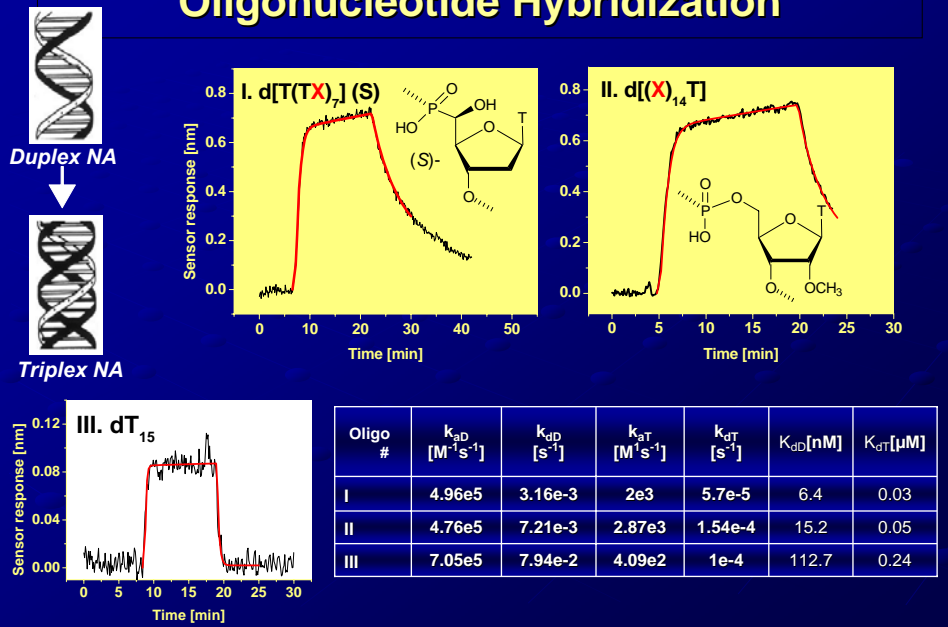


- Rapid screening (YES or NO in 15 min)
- Small sample consumption (0.1-100nM)
- Monitoring kinetics of the oligonucleotide interactions

## Primary Screening of Oligonucleotides with Modified Linkage for Antisense Therapy



## Kinetic Analysis of Synthetic Modified Oligonucleotide Hybridization



## Applications of SPR Biosensors (cont.)

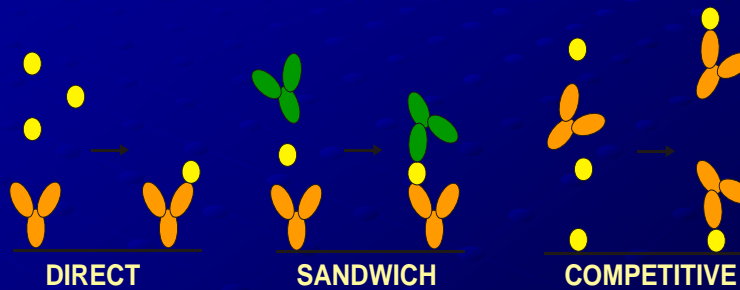
### 2. Detection, identification and quantification of chemical and biological substances.

SPR affinity biosensor technology shows potential for rapid, label-free, sensitive detection and identification of a large variety of chemical and biological agents and pathogens.

#### Existing and potential applications:

- Environmental monitoring – field detection of chemical pollutants and contaminants such as pesticides.
- Medicine - detection of analytes such as antibodies and hormones (*in vitro*, *in vivo*).
- Food safety - detection of chemical food contaminants (antibiotics) and foodborne pathogens (bacteria).
- Security, counter-terrorism – rapid detection of chemical and biological warfare agents (toxins, bacteria) in the field.

## Affinity SPR Biosensing: Detection Strategies



Medium size and large analytes.

Small and medium size analytes at low levels. Analyte verification.

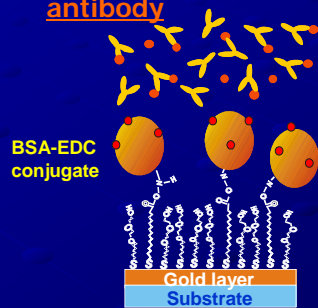
Small analytes at low concentrations.

## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Endocrine Disruptors

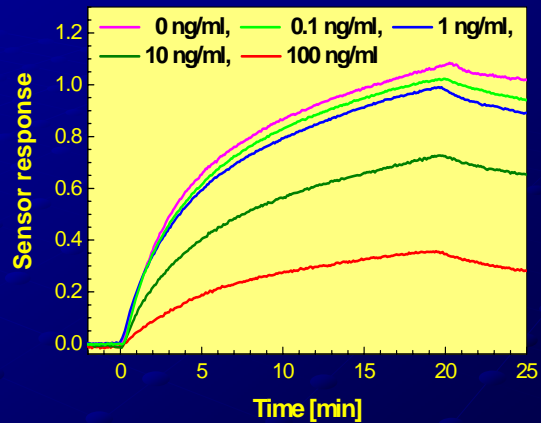
### I. Incubation (20 min)



### II. Detection of free antibody

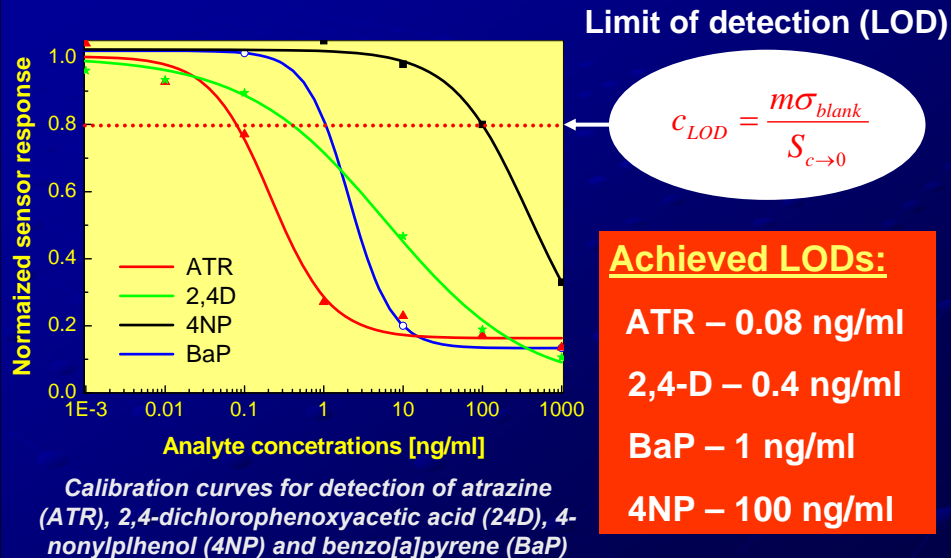


Inhibition assay detection format.

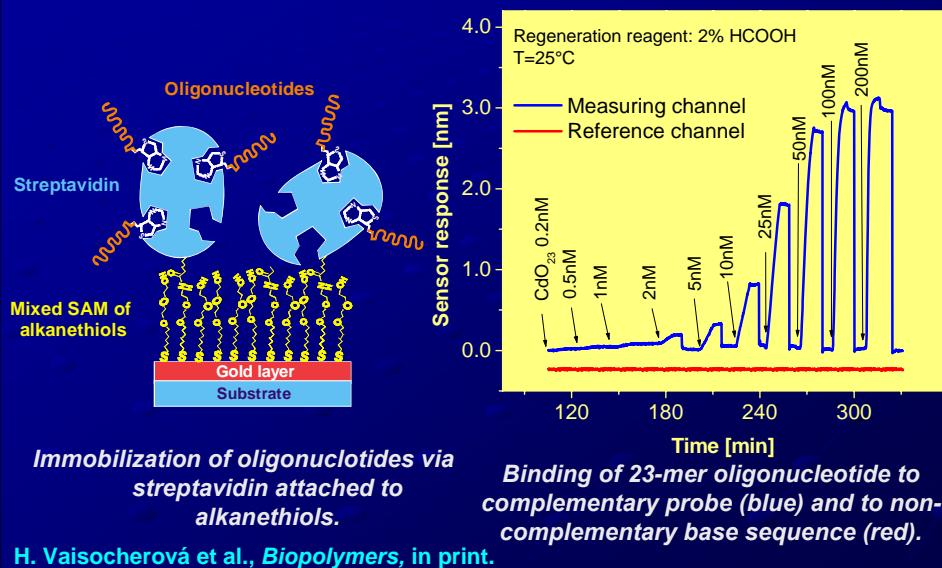


Detection of atrazine using inhibition assay. Kinetic response to unreacted antibody.

## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Endocrine Disruptors: Calibration & Limit of Detection

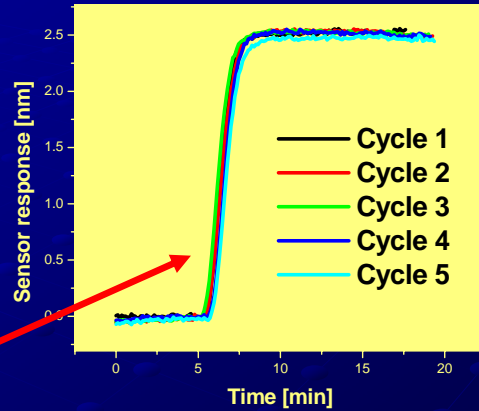
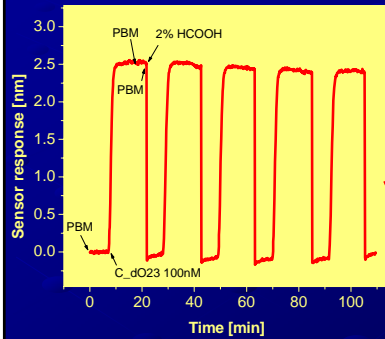


## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Oligonucleotides



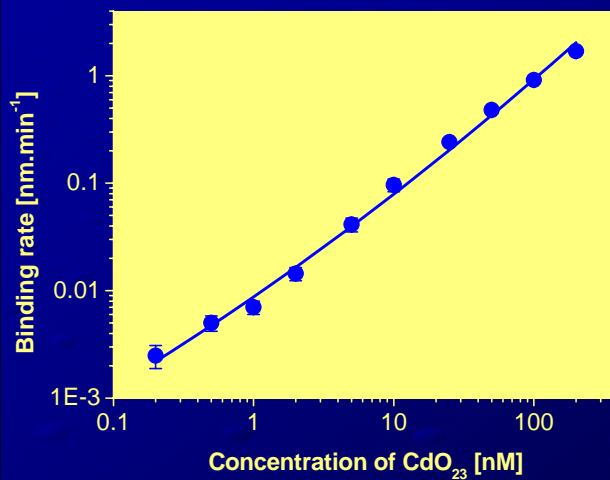
## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Oligonucleotides: Regenerability

Regeneration reagent:  
Formic Acid (2%)



Five detection/regeneration cycles obtained for detection of 23-mer oligonucleotide using a complementary probe.

## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Oligonucleotides: Limit of Detection

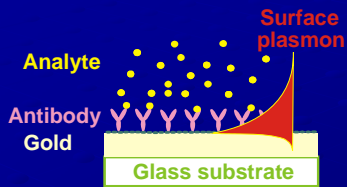


**Achieved LOD:**  
100 pM  
(0.70 ng/ml)

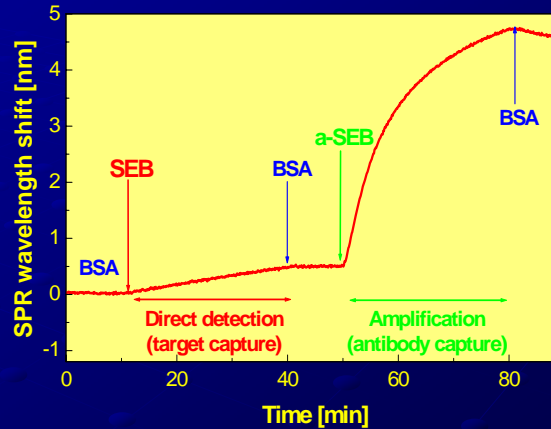
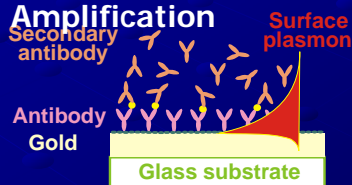
Calibration curve for detection of model oligonucleotides.

## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Staphylococcal Enterotoxin B

### I. Direct detection



### II. Amplification

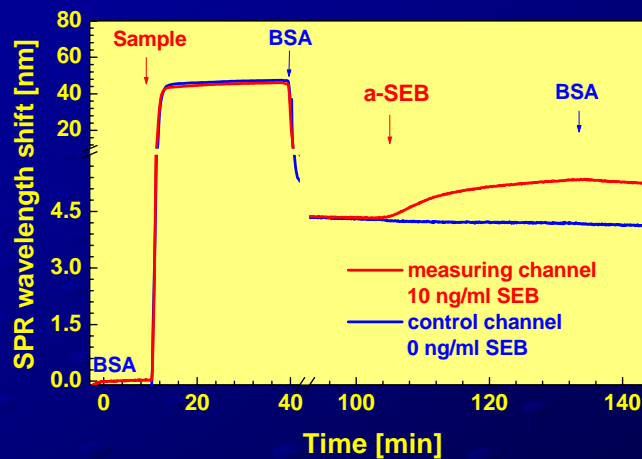


SPR sensor response to SEB. (SEB concentration - 25 ng/ml, a-SEB concentration - 3  $\mu$ g/ml).

Sandwich assay detection format.

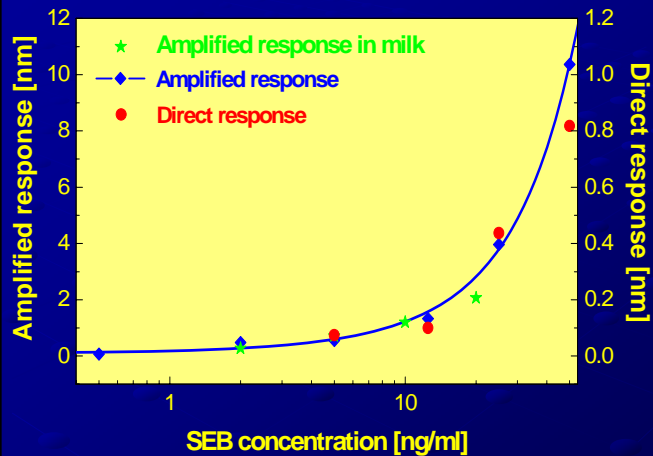
J. Homola et al., *Int. Journal of Food Microbiology*, 75, 61-69 (2002).

## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Staphylococcal Enterotoxin B in Milk



Sensor response to milk spiked with SEB. Sensor response to SEB (10 ng/ml in milk) and control solution (milk without SEB).

## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Staphylococ. Enterotoxin B: Limit of Detection



### Achieved LOD:

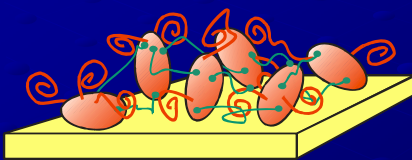
**Direct:**  
5 ng/ml

**Sandwich:**  
0.5 ng/ml

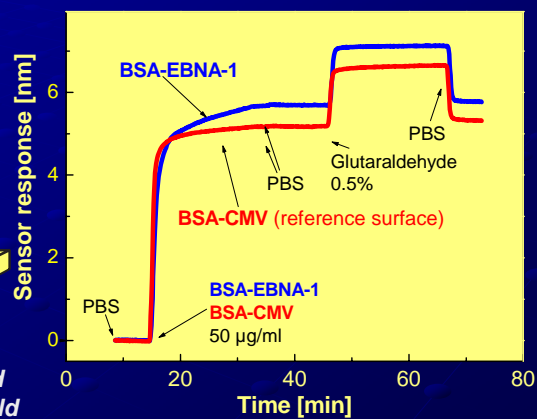
SPR sensor response to different concentrations of SEB in buffer and milk. Direct detection and sandwich assay.

## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Antibody Against Epstein-Barr Virus

Short (20 amino acids) synthetic peptide (EBNA-1) used as a receptor



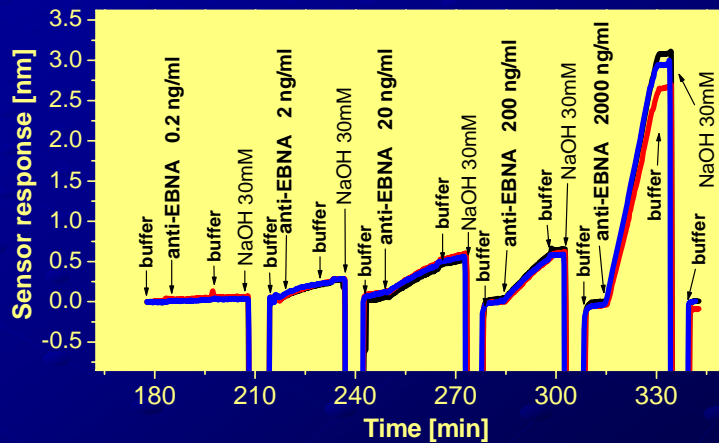
BSA-EBNA conjugate immobilized via hydrophobic interactions on gold



Sensor response to immobilization of BSA-peptide conjugates

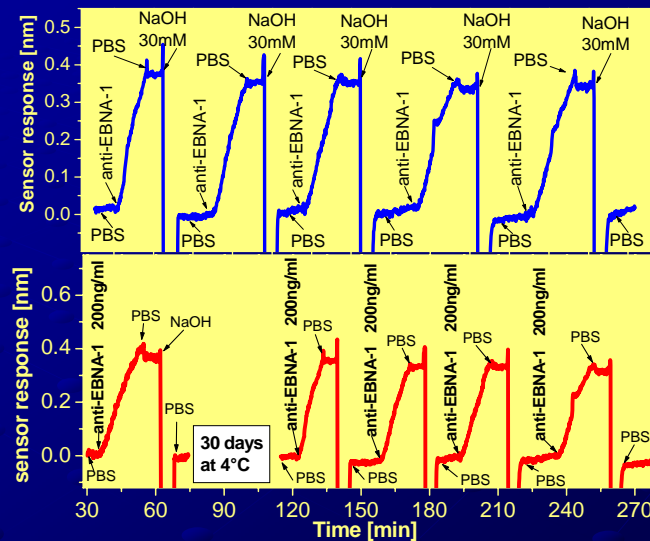
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## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Antibody Against Epstein-Barr Virus: Concentration Dependence



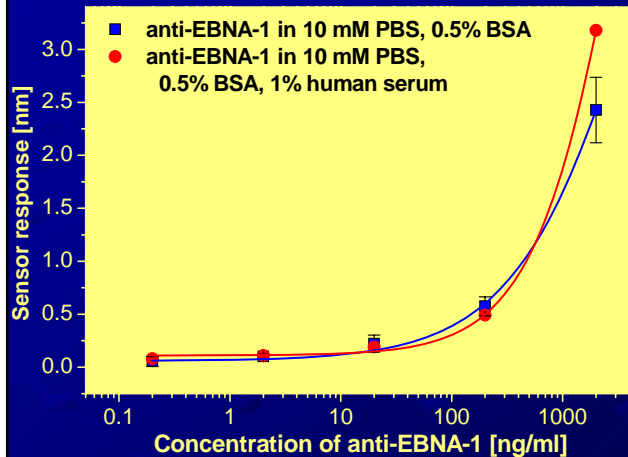
SPR sensor response to increasing concentration of anti-EBNA using regenerated peptide surface.

## Detection of Antibody Against Epstein-Barr Virus: Sensor Regenerability and Storability



SPR sensor response to series of detection/regeneration cycles on freshly functionalized sensor (upper) and sensor after 30-day storage (lower).

## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Antibody Against Epstein-Barr Virus: Limit of Detection and Reproducibility



**Achieved LOD:**

**0.2 ng/ml**

**Reproducibility**

**85 per cent**

Sensor response to anti-EBNA in buffer (14 binding experiments for each concentration) and in serum.

## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Human Chorionic Gonadotropin: Concentration Dependence

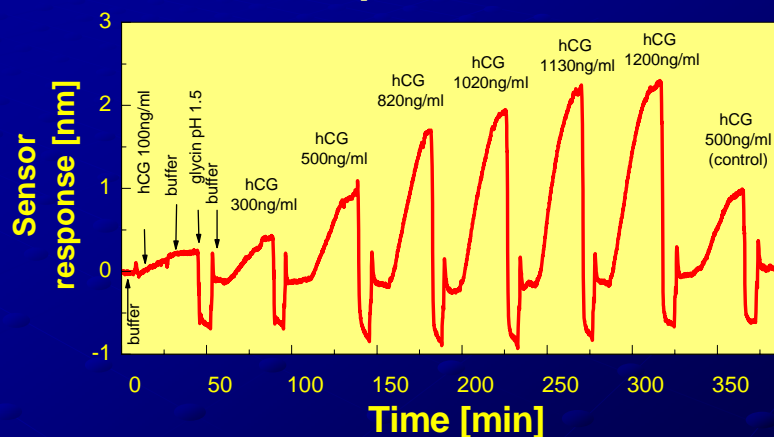
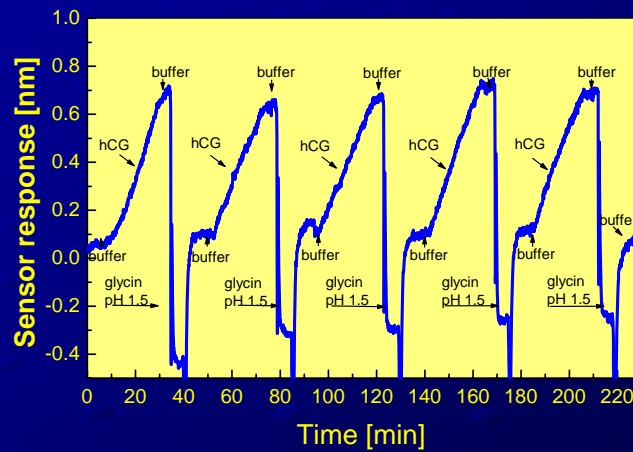


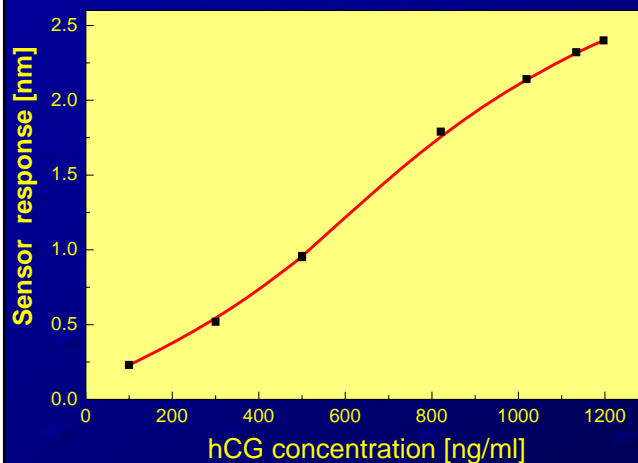
Fig. Typical sensorgram with SPR response to samples with increasing concentration of hCG (upper). Calibration curve for hCG (lower).

## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Human Chorionic Gonadotropin: Regenerability



*Fig. Sensor response to series of measurement/regeneration cycles. Regeneration agent: glycine pH 1.5.*

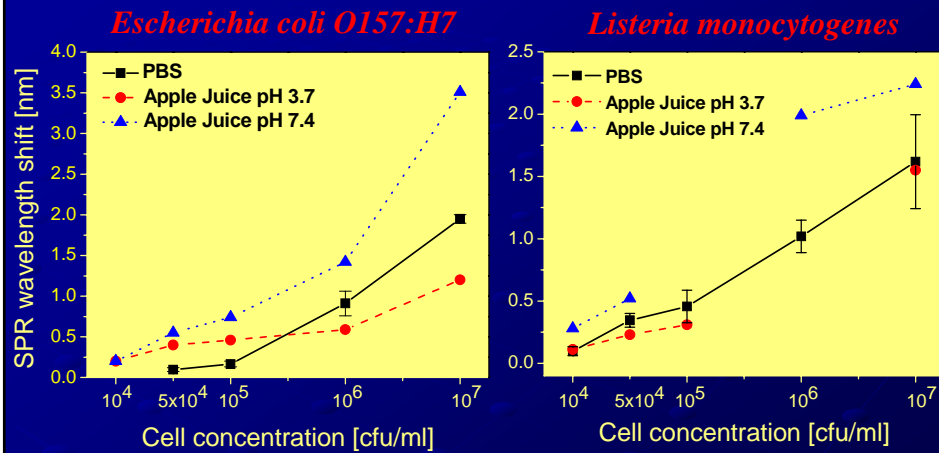
## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Human Chorionic Gonadotropin: Limit of Detection



**Achieved LOD:**  
50 ng/ml  
**Reproducibility**  
90 per cent

*Sensor response to different concentrations of hCG on buffer.*

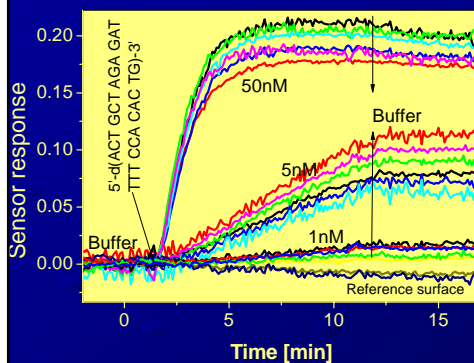
## SPR Sensor-Based Detection of Bacterial Pathogens



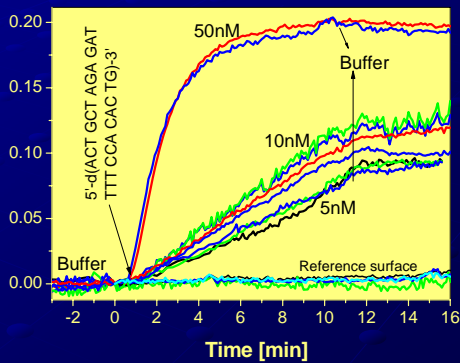
SPR sensor response to different concentration of selected bacteria present in buffer and in apple juice.

## Applications of High-Throughput SPR Sensors: Observing DNA Hybridization

### A. In-situ functionalization

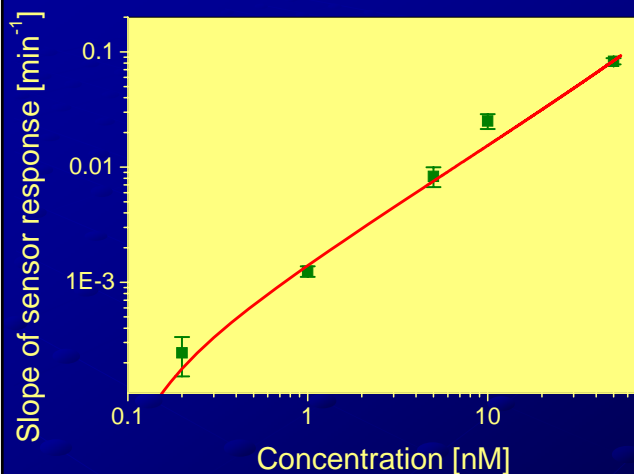


### B. Microspotting



Observing DNA hybridization for SPR chips coated with oligonucleotides using in situ functionalization and microspotting.

## High-Throughput SPR Sensors: Observing DNA Hybridization



*Sensor response to different oligonucleotide concentrations.*

### Achieved LOD:

200 pM  
1.5 ng/ml

### Number of channels:

64

### Measurement time:

3 - 10s

## SPR Biosensor Technology: Future

- Increase number of sensing channels to increase the throughput of the SPR sensor technology for massively parallelized screening.
- Develop robust referencing methods for (potentially direct) robust detection of bioanalytes in complex samples (food, blood, etc.).
- Advance miniaturization of SPR sensor technology towards in vivo real-time diagnostic tools.
- Improve SPR sensor sensitivity to increase speed of analysis and improve detection limits for large bacterial pathogens.
- Introduce microfluidics to SPR sensors and optimize interaction conditions to increase the speed of analysis.
- Advance development of biomolecular recognition elements and attachment chemistries to improve SPR sensor specificity and shelf life.

## Summary

- Optical biosensors based on spectroscopy of surface plasmons provide label-free, fast, specific and sensitive alternative to traditional laboratory analytical techniques.
- Various SPR sensor platforms and functionalization chemistries are available to meet needs of specific applications.
- SPR sensors can detect small and medium size analytes at practically relevant concentrations (0.1-1 ng/ml).
- SPR biosensor technology can benefit many important areas such as medicine, environmental protection, food and drug screening and security.

