



### Weekly Seminar

# Regenerative Nanowire FET Biosensors to Quantify Biomolecular Interactions



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#### Abstract

In the last decade, silicon nanowires configured as field effect transistors (Si NW-FETs) have been demonstrated to be capable of detecting a variety of biomolecular interactions below sub-picomolar concentrations. However, most of these sensors can be (practically) used only once, which limited the reproducibility and the performance of the sensors. In this work, we develop regenerative nanowire FET biosensors to quantify biomolecular interactions by using low affinity binding systems and supramolecular sensing interface. First, two representative protein binding systems are reported to demonstrate the versatility of the system. By monitoring the binding kinetics (real-time signal during the protein-receptor association/dissociation cycle), the on/off rate constants and equilibrium binding constant for protein receptor interactions can be determined. To our knowledge, these results are the first time experimental demonstration that Si NW-FETs can be used as high-throughput biosensors to quantify protein interactions. Compared to surface plasmon resonance, the advantage of the approach is sensitivity to small molecular weight proteins. In the second approach, Si NW-FETs were functionalized with  $\beta$ -Cyclodextrin ( $\beta$ -CD), to which receptor moieties can be attached with an orthogonal supramolecular linker. Here we demonstrate full recycling using the strongest biomolecular system known, streptavidin (SAv)-biotin. The bound SAv and the linkers can be selectively removed from the surface through competitive desorption with concentrated  $\beta$ -CD, regenerating the sensor for repeated use. An added advantage of  $\beta$ -CD is the possibility of stereoselective sensors, and we demonstrate here the ability to quantify the enantiomeric composition of chiral targets. The demonstrated regenerative electronic biosensors are very attractive both from a device performance and economical point of view, since it permits accurate calibration prior to measurements, and repeated use of the same calibrated device.

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