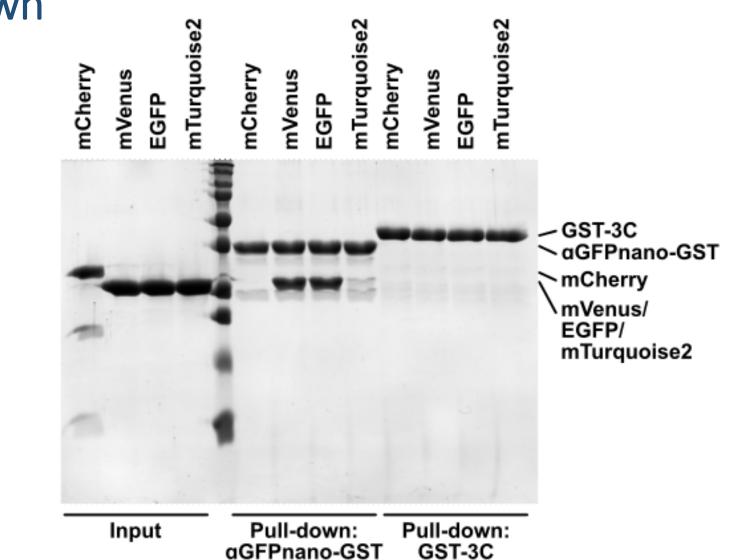


Biochemistry and SPR workshop

Wednesday 29th March

GST pull-down





SPR – CM5 chemistry



 Store at 4°C – allow to equilibrate at room temperature for ~30 min before opening to prevent condensation



Ligand capture

- Using a CM5 surface and EDC/NHS chemistry
- Between 10 to 50 μg/mL is a good starting [ligand]
- Did the following dilutions:

Protein	[Stock] mg/mL	Dilution
aGFPnano-GST	13.5	1 uL per mL for 13.5 ug/mL
GST	8.2	1.5 uL per mL for 12.3 ug/mL

• Diluted the proteins in 10 mM Sodium Acetate pH 5.0 for the ligand capture



Ligand pre-concentration

Preconcentration

pH_(buffer) < pl_(ligand) Ligand has **positive** charge

No Preconcentration

pH_(buffer) > pl_(ligand) Ligand has **negative** charge

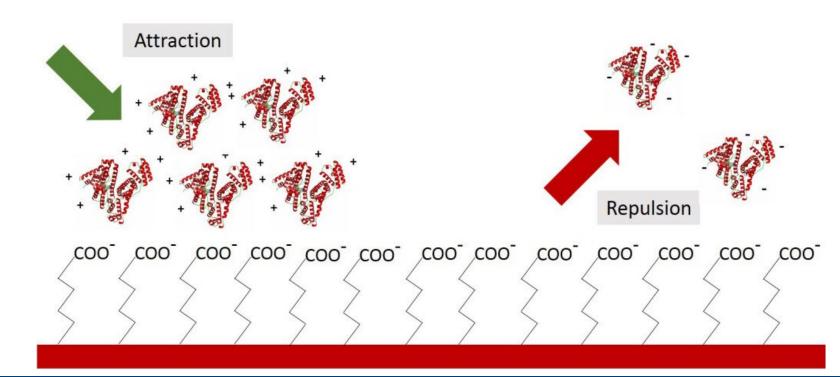




Image: https://nicoyalife.com/blog/spr-tips/save-protein-samples-preconcentration-surface-plasmon-resonance/

SPR: Flow cell set-up

FC1 - GST

FC2 – antiGFPnano-GST

FC3 – unused

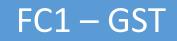




FC2 – antiGFPnano-GST

FC3 – unused

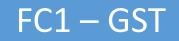




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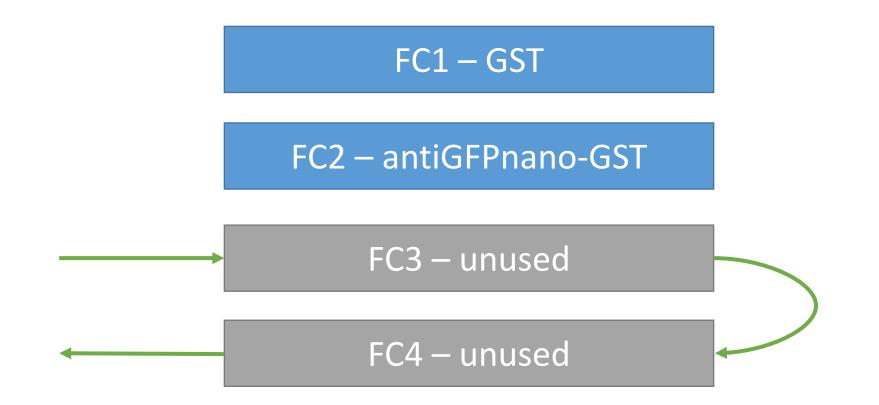
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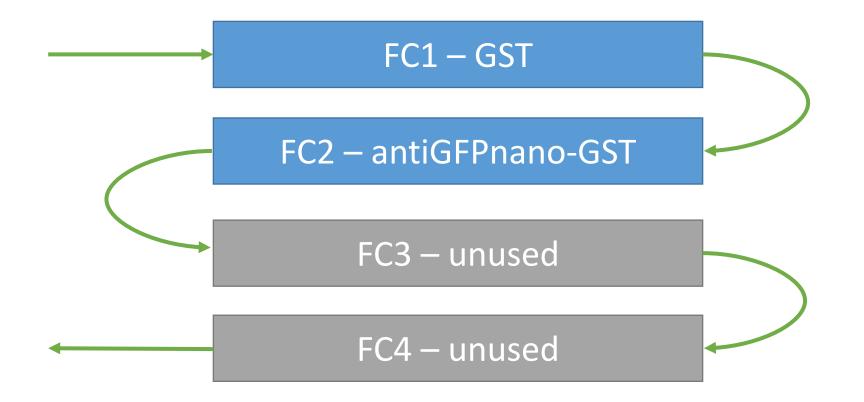


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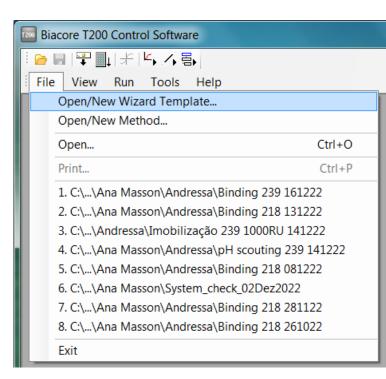


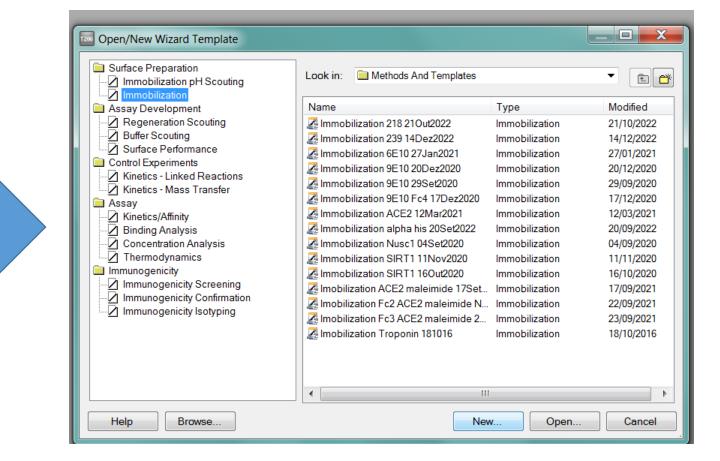






Ligand capture – setting up the experiment







Immobilization - Immobilization Setup	
Chip CM5	•
Flow cells per cycle: 1	•
Flow cell 1	
Immobilize flow cell 1	Method: Amine
Aim for immobilized level	Ligand: 12.3 ug/mL GST Dilute ligand
Specify contact time and flow rate	Target level: 10000 (RU) Wash solution: 1 M ethanolamine pH 8.5
Blank immobilization	
Flow cell 2	
Immobilize flow cell 2	Method: Amine
Aim for immobilized level	Ligand: 13.5 ug/mL antiGFPnano-GST Dilute ligand
Specify contact time and flow rate	Target level: 10000 (RU) Wash solution: 1 M ethanolamine pH 8.5
Blank immobilization	
Flow cell 3	
	Method: Amine
Aim for immobilized level	Ligand: Dilute ligand
	Contact time: 420 (s) Flow rate: 10 (µl/min)
Blank immobilization	
Flow cell 4	
Immobilize flow cell 4	Method: Amine
Aim for immobilized level	Ligand: Dilute ligand
Specify contact time and flow rate	Contact time: 420 (s) Flow rate: 10 (µl/min)
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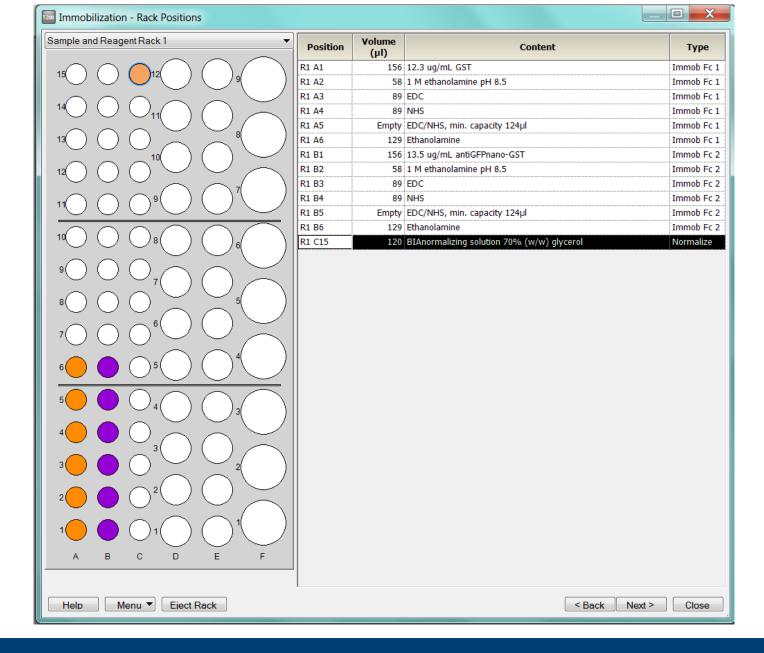


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Chip CM5	▼
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Flow cell 3	
Immobilize flow cell 3	Method: Amine
Aim for immobilized level	Ligand: Dilute ligand
Specify contact time and flow rate	
Blank immobilization	
Flow cell 4	
Immobilize flow cell 4	Method: Amine
Aim for immobilized level	Ligand: Dilute ligand
Specify contact time and flow rate	
 Blank immobilization 	
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Immobilization - System Preparations	X
Prime before runNormalize detector	
Temperature settings	
Analysis temperature:	25 (°C)
Sample compartment temperature:	25 (°C)
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Important: Only need to normalise the detector for a new flow-cell once, don't re-normalise again after you have captured ligand.



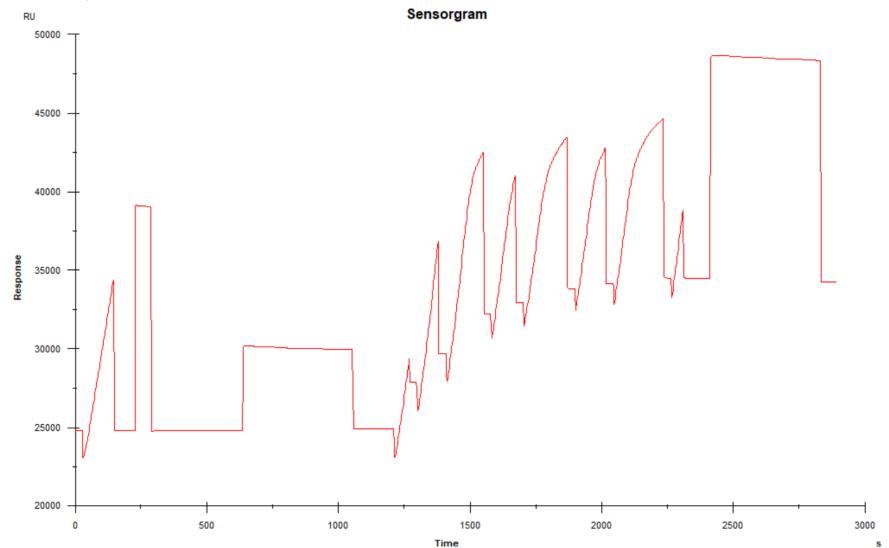




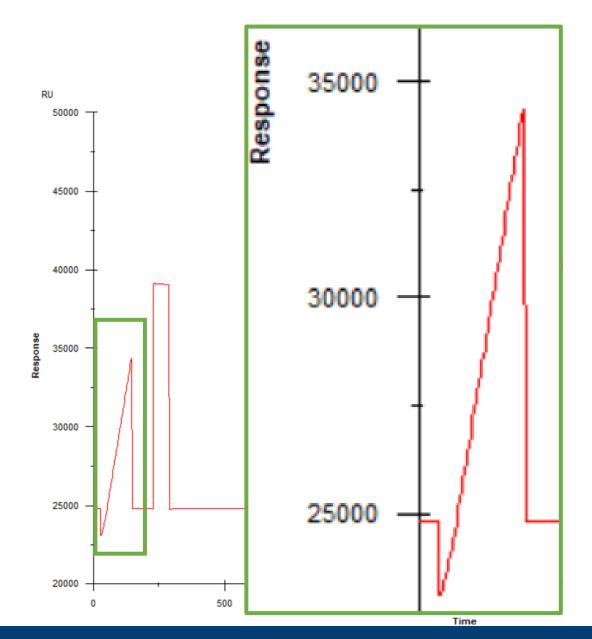
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Estimated run time: 1 h 8 min (excluding conditional statements, temperature changes and standby flow)					
Estimated buffer consumption:					
Running buffer At least 100 ml plus 65 ml/day for standby after run	Not in use				
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Ligand capture – FC2 (antiGFPnano-GST)



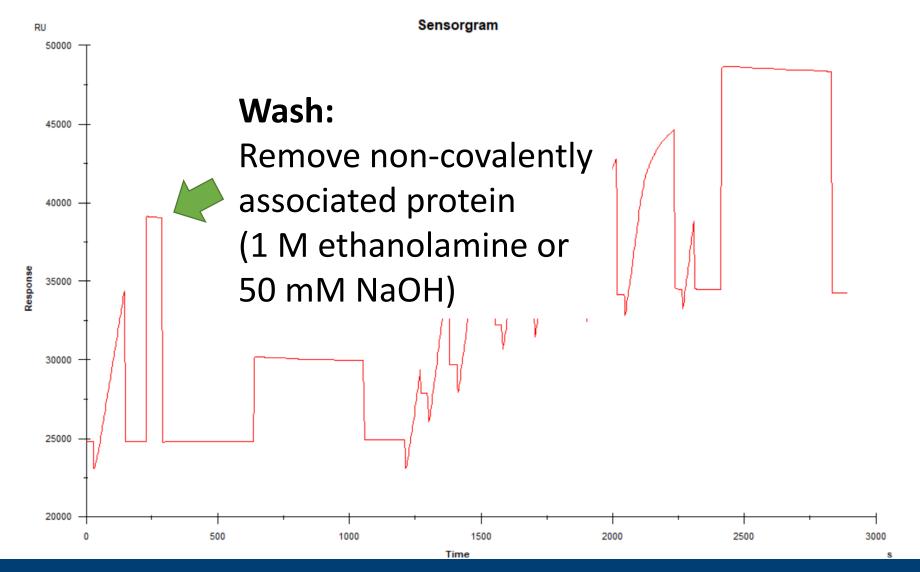




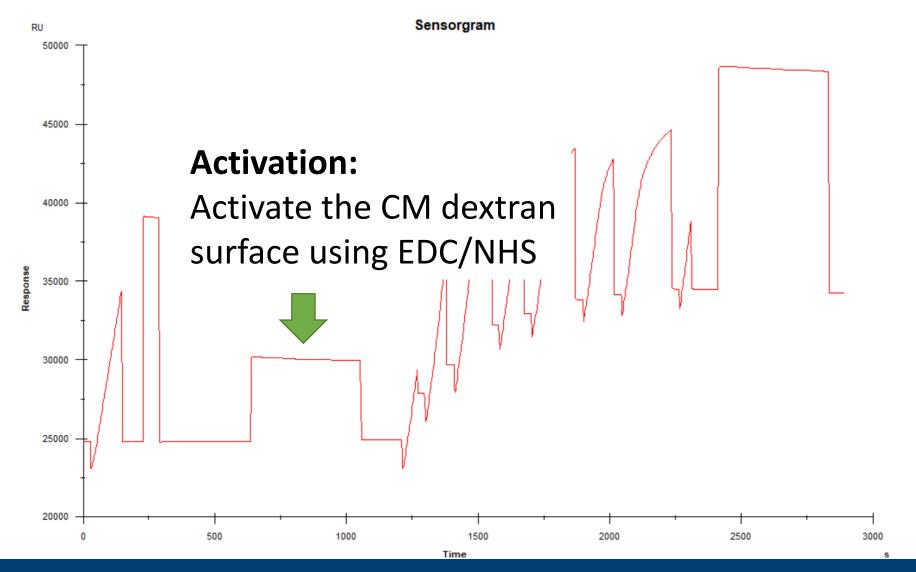
Pre-concentration:

Protein is non-covalently accumulating in the carbodymethyldextran surface (ionic interaction)

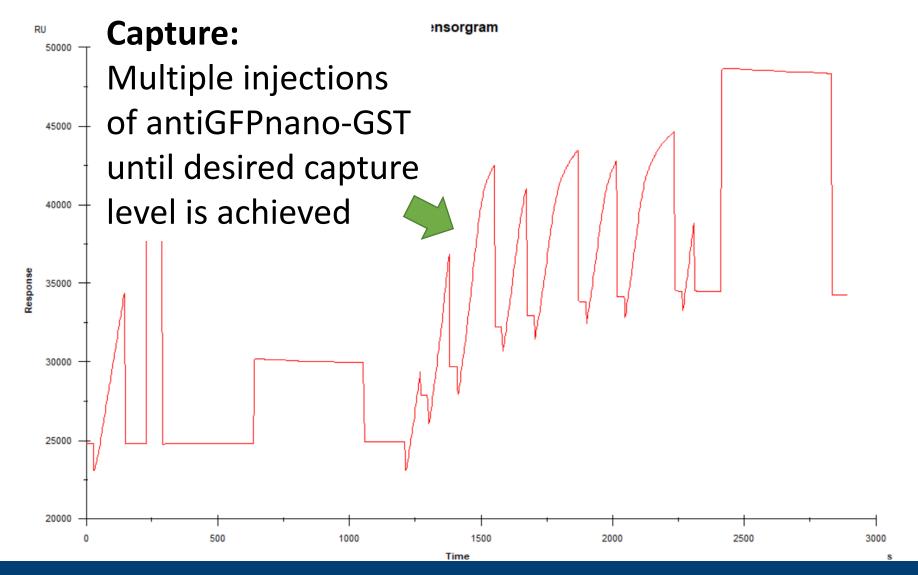




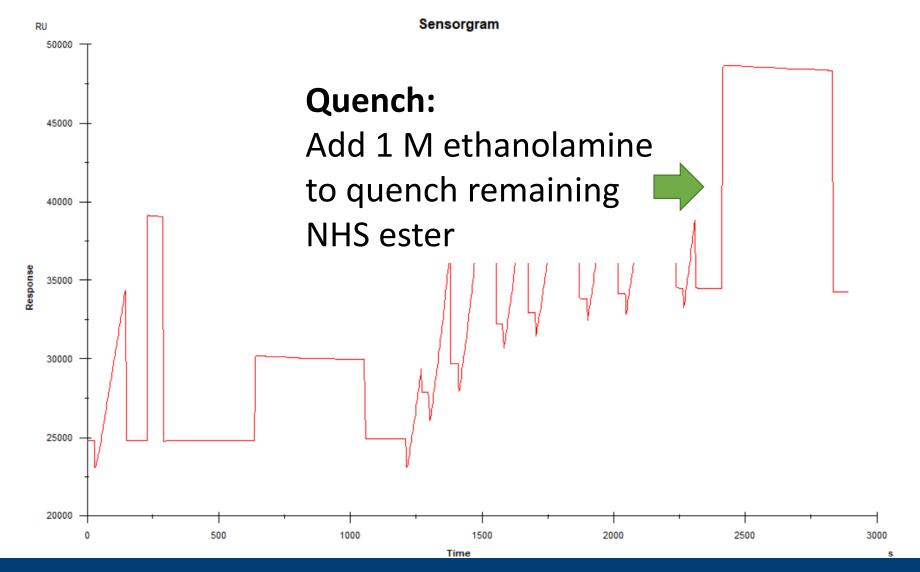




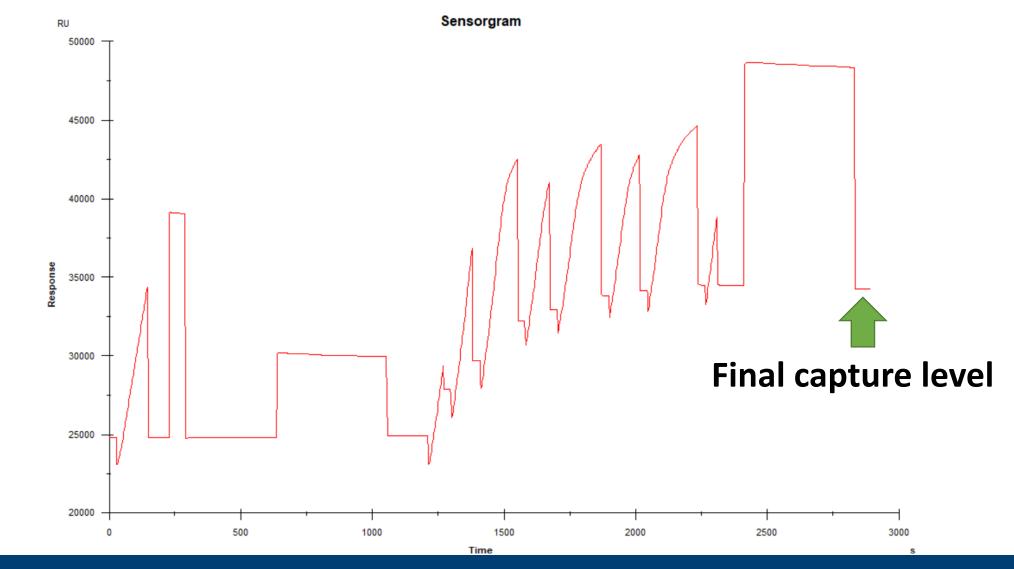




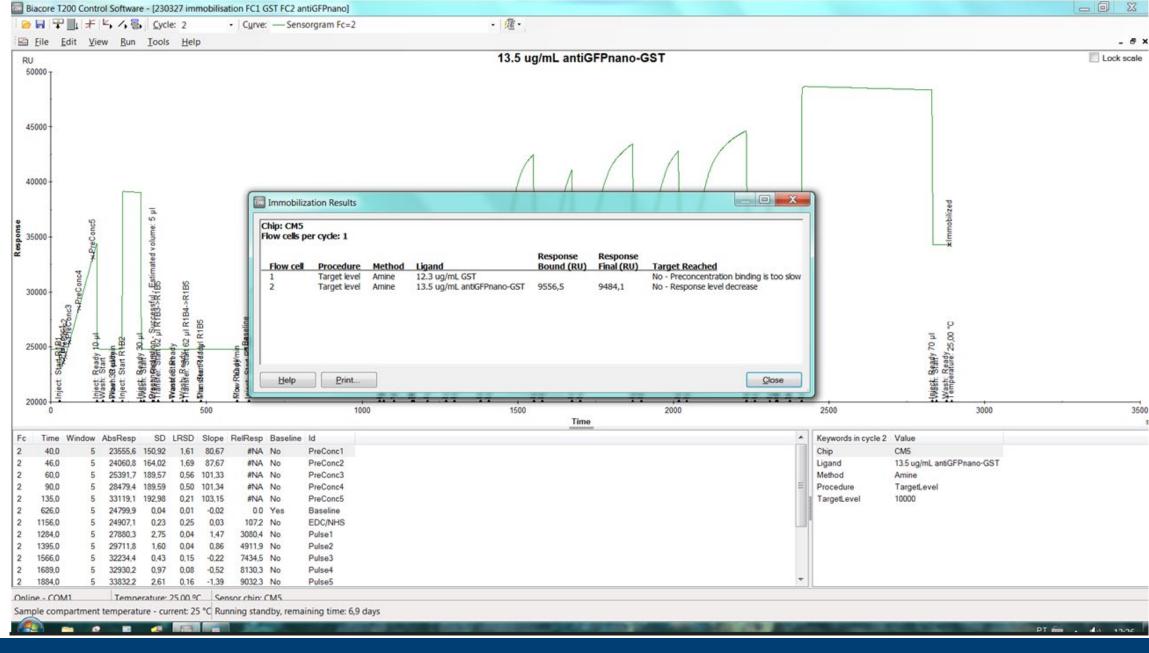






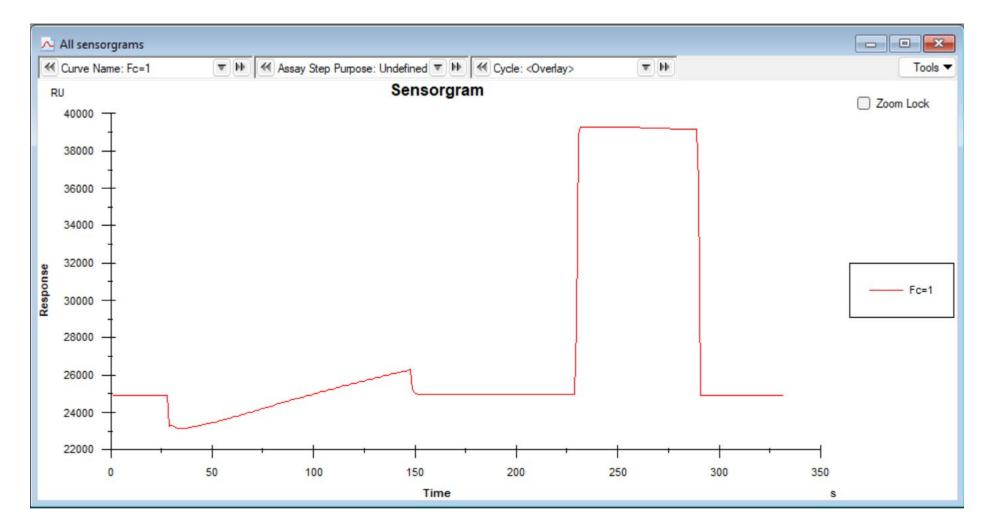






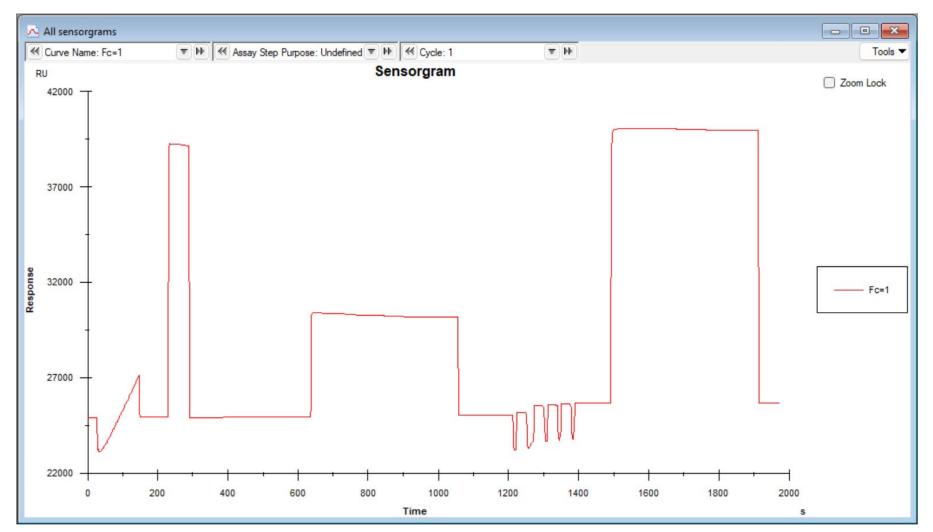


GST ligand capture

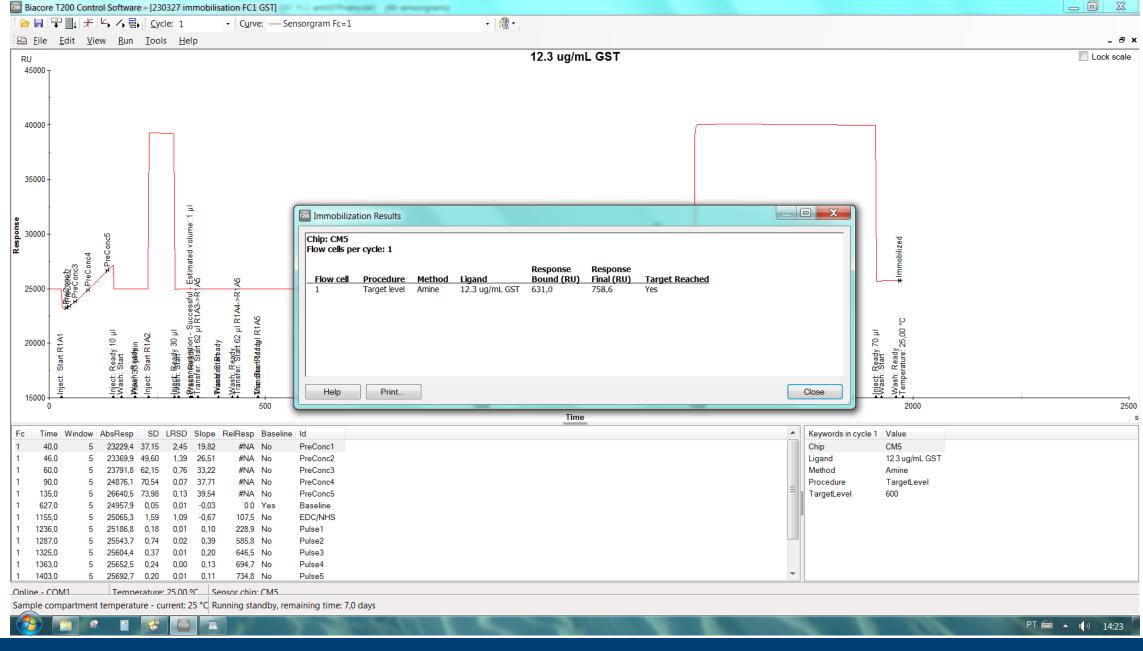




GST ligand capture - repeat

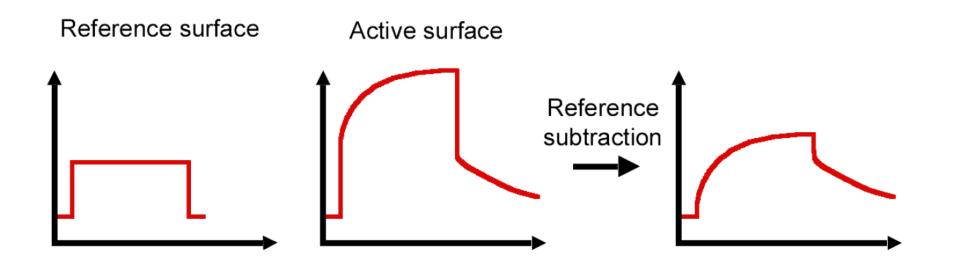








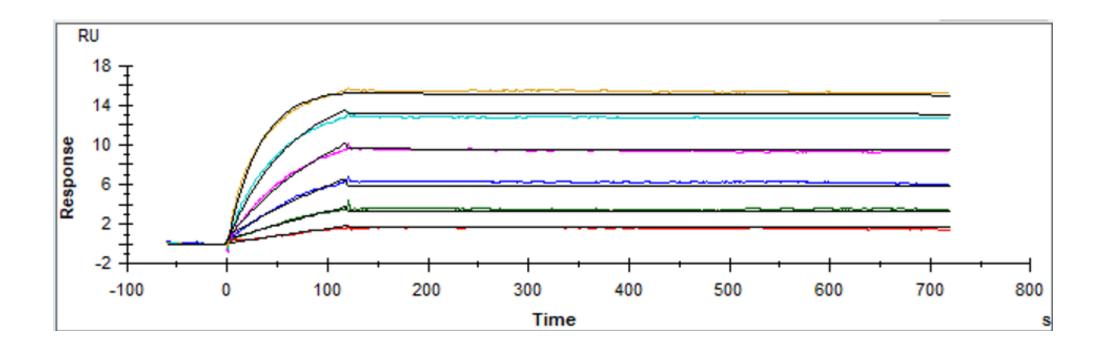
Why use a mock flow cell? Reference subtraction



- Changing the buffer in the flow cell changes the refractive index, which changes the SPR signal
- Subtract reference (mock) signal from experimental signal when injecting analytes



How much ligand should I capture?



- R_{max} = amount if signal (RU) if all ligand sites are occupied by analyte
 - Relative signal, so baseline (0) is the surface before injection of analyte



How much ligand should I capture?

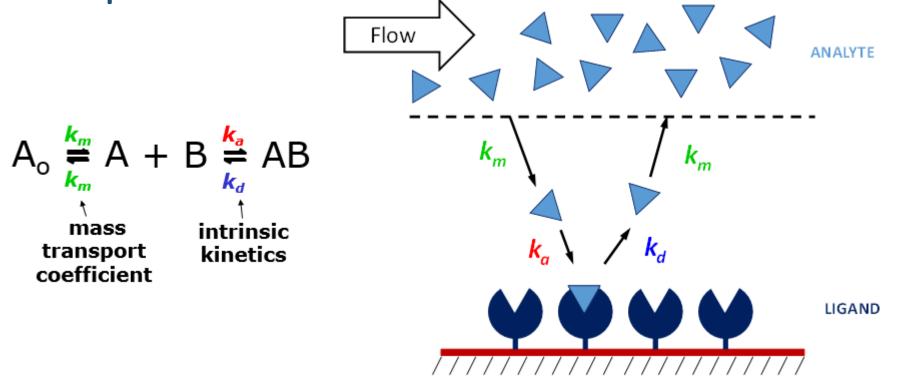
- For good kinetics experiments, you want R_{max} to be as low as possible to still get good signal
 - Minimise mass transport and rebinding
 - Minimise aggregation and steric hindrance

 $R_{max} = \frac{analyte MW}{ligand MW} \times immobilized amount \times stoichiometric ratio$

- For protein interactions, aim for ~50-150
 - For small molecule interactions, aim for as low at 10!



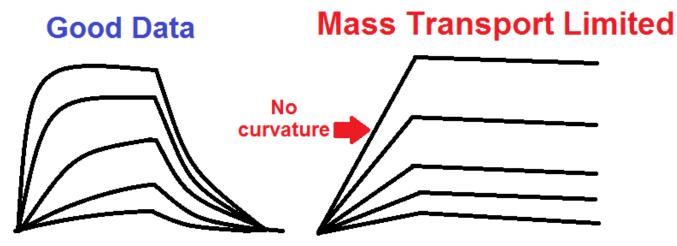
Mass transport



- If the diffusion of analyte into the CM matrix is slower than the association, you will get local depletion of the analyte
 - Mass transport limited association



Dealing with mass transport

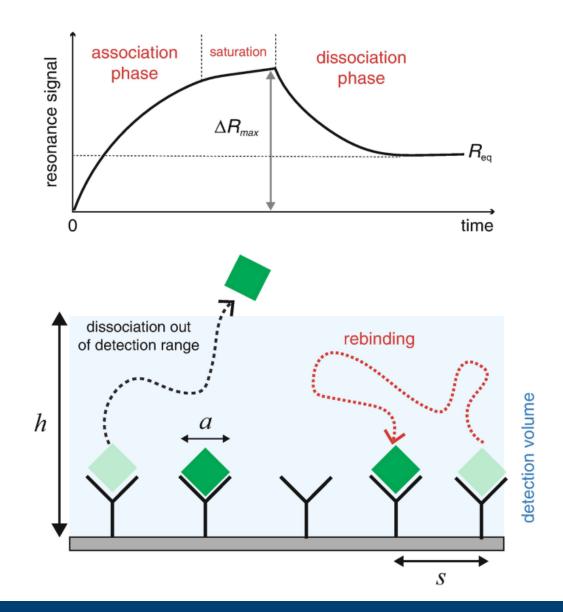


- Increase flow rate
 - Flow rate at edge of flow cell is lower than in centre
 - Higher flow rate consumes more analyte
- Decrease ligand capture
- Use mass transport corrected fitting model
 - Better to avoid the problem than correct the data, if possible!



Rebinding

- During dissociation, analyte re-binds to ligands on the surface rather than flowing away
- No longer see exponential decay of analyte during dissociation phase
 - Incorrect calculation of the dissociation rate constant
- Avoid by using high flow rates and low [ligand]





How much ligand did we capture?

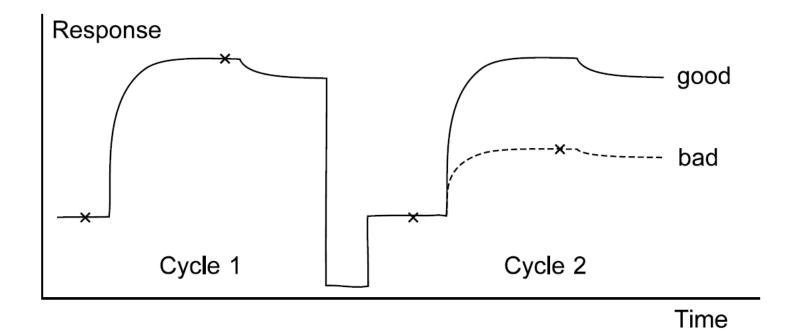
 $R_{max} = \frac{analyte MW}{ligand MW} \times immobilized amount \times stoichiometric ratio$

- For flow cell 2 (antiGFPnano-GST):
 - MW_{analyte} = 26 kDa (approx. for EGFP)
 - MW_{ligand} = 39.2 kDa
 - Immobilised amount = 9500
 - Stoichiometric ratio = 1
 - **R**_{max} ≈ 6300 RU
- You'll see later that our R_{max} is much lower...why??



Regeneration

• Aim to remove all of the analyte from the surface, while not damaging any of the ligand





Regeneration

Type of bond	Acidic	Basic	Hydrophobic	lonic
Strength				
	pH > 2.5	pH < 9	рН < 9	
Weak	HCI	10 mM HEPES/NaOH	50 % ethylene glycol	1 M NaCl
Weak	10 mM Glycine/HCl	10 mM Glycine/HCl		INNACI
	pH 2-2.5	pH 9-10	pH 9-10	
	formic acid	NaOH	50 % ethylene glycol	
Intermediate	HCI	10 mM Glycine/NaOH		2 M MgCl ₂
	10 mM Glycine/HCl			
	H ₃ PO ₄			
	pH < 2	pH > 10	pH > 10	
	formic acid	NaOH	25-50 % ethylene glycol	
Strong	HCI	6 M guanidinechloride		4 M MgCl ₂
	10 mM Glycine/HCl			
	H ₃ PO ₄			



Regeneration scouting

- Aim to discover optimal regeneration conditions
 - For antibody:antigen interactions low pH glycine is a good choice
- First attempt:
 - 10 mM Glycine pH 2.2 for 20 s
 - 10 mM Glycine pH 2.1 for 20 s
 - 10 mM Glycine pH 2.0 for 20 s
 - 100 mM Glycine pH 2.0 for 5 s
 - 100 mM Glycine pH 2.0 for 15 s
- Analyte was 10 nM EGFP
 - Use a relatively high concentration of analyte for good sensitivity



Flow path: 2-1	Chip type: CM5	
SAMPLE REGENERATION 1	 Ligand capture Sample Enhancement 	
	Regeneration 1	

	Regeneration Scouting - Setup
H	Conditioning
L	Run conditioning cycle
1	Solution:
1	Contact time: (s) Number of injections:
l	Startup
	✓ One startup cycle will be run with buffer for all pulses
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	Regeneration Scouting - Experimental Parameters	X
	Regeneration parameters	
	Flow rate: (µl/min)	
	Stabilization period: 60 (s	
	High viscosity solution:	
Regeneration Scouting - Injection Parameters		
Sample	Experimental design	
Solution: 10 nM GFP	Number of conditions: 5	Lock: Solutions
Contact time: 60 (s Flow rate: 50 (µl/min	Number of cycles for each condition:	Contact times
	Settings	
	Condition Regeneration solution Contact time (s)	
Help < Back Next > Close	1 10 mM Gly pH 2.1 20	
	2 10 mM Gly pH 2.0 20	
	3 10 mM Gly pH 2.0 45	
	4 100 mM Gly pH 2.0 5	
	5 100 mM Gly pH 2.0 15	
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Regeneration Scouting - System Preparations		
Prime before run		
Normalize detector		
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Sample compartment temperature: 25 (°C)		
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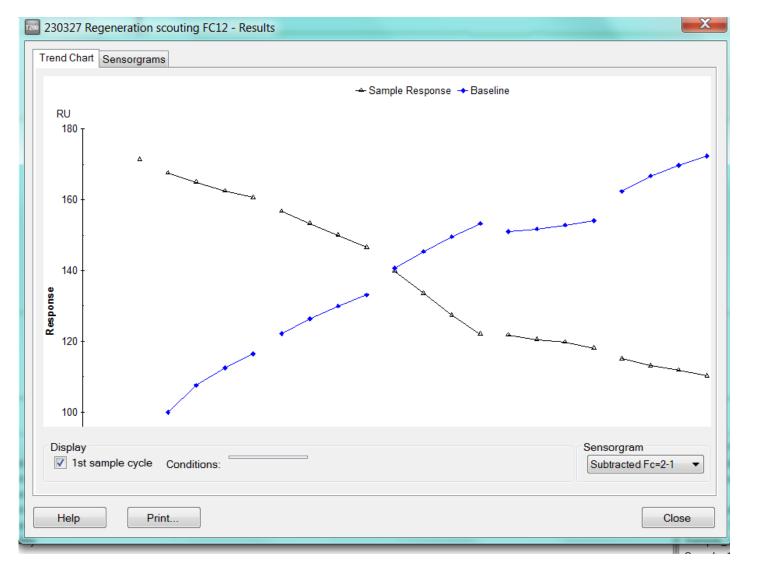
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	R1 A2	78 1	0 nM GFP	Sample
	R1 A3	78 1	0 nM GFP	Sample
	R1 A4	78 1	0 nM GFP	Sample
) R1 A5	78 1	0 nM GFP	Sample
	R1 A6	78 1	0 nM GFP	Sample
	R1 A7	78 1	0 nM GFP	Sample
	R1 A8	78 1	0 nM GFP	Sample
	R1 A9		0 nM GFP	Sample
	R1 A10	78 1	0 nM GFP	Sample
	R1 A11	78 1	0 nM GFP	Sample
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	R1 B2	78 1	0 nM GFP	Sample
	R1 B3	78 1	0 nM GFP	Sample
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	R1 B5	78 1	0 nM GFP	Sample
	R1 B6	ż	0 nM GFP	Sample
) R1 C1	<u>.</u>	Buffer	Startup
	R1 C2	Įį	Buffer	Regenera
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	R1 E2		0 mM Gly pH 2.1	Regenera
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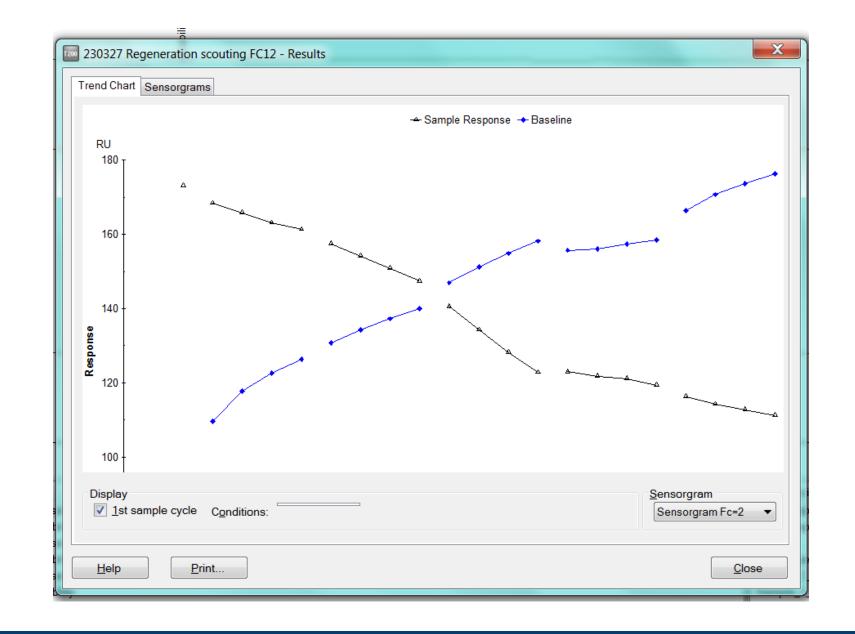
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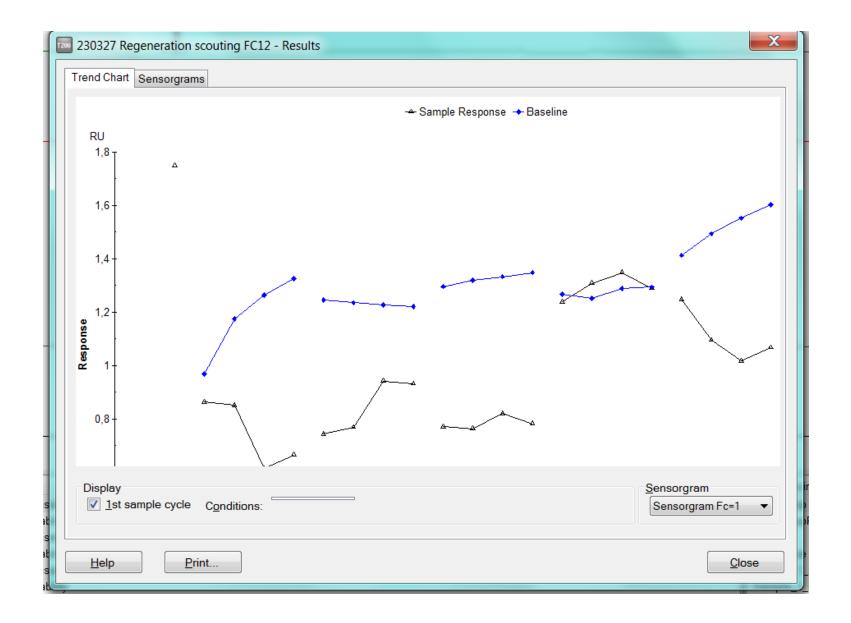


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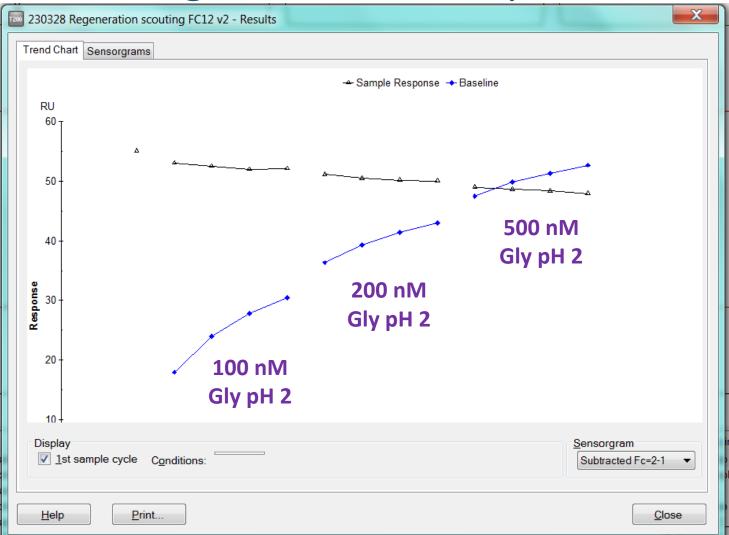


Regeneration scouting – second attempt

230327 Regeneration scouting FC12 - Experimental Parameters										
Regeneration parameters										
Flow rate:	30 (μl/min)									
Stabilization period: 60 (s										
High viscosity	solutions: First solution	n 📃 Second soluti	on							
Experimental de	Experimental design									
Number of cor	nditions: 3	•	Lock: 🔲 S	Solutions						
Number of cyc	cles for each condition: 4	•		Contact times						
Settings										
Condition	Regeneration solution 1	Contact time 1 (s)	Regeneration solution 2	Contact time 2 (s)						
1	1 100 mM Gly pH 2.0 5 100 mM Gly pH 2.0 5									
2	200 mM Gly pH 2.0	5	200 mM Gly pH 2.0	5						
3	500 mM Gly pH 2.0	5	500 mM Gly pH 2.0	5						
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Regeneration scouting – second attempt





Kinetic titrations

- Aim to span a concentration range from $10 \times K_D$ to $0.1 \times K_D$
- Association phase must be long enough to get reasonable shape in association curve (2-5 min)
- Dissociation phase also long enough to get good shape in curve
 - For tight interactions (low off rate, k_d), leave as long as possible
 - Length of dissociation is determined by the machine hardware (10 min)
- Faster flow rates are better for kinetic analysis
 - But use more analyte
- Inject a 'zero' concentration too (buffer only)
- Inject samples from lowest to highest concentration



230328 FC12 EGFP titration - Inje	ction Sequence	
Detection	Chip	
Elow path: 2-1	✓ Chip type: CM5 ▼	
	Ligand capture	
SAMPLE		
REGENERATION 1	Sample	
REGENERATION 2	<u> R</u> egeneratio 2 ▼	
RECEIVERNITON 2	Carry Over	
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230328 FC12 EGFP titration - Setup
Conditioning
Run conditioning cycle
Solution:
Contact time: (s) Number of injections:
Startup Image: Startup
Solution: HBS-EP+
Number of cycles: 5
Solvent correction
Run solvent correction Number of injections: 8
Repeat after sample cycles
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230328 FC12 EGFP titration - Injection Parameters	×
Sample Contact time: 120 (s Flow rate: 50 (µl/min Extra wash after injection with:	Dissociation time: 600 (s
First regeneration Solution: 200 mM Gly pH 2.0 Contact time: 5 (s Flow rate: 30 (μl/min	High viscosity solution
Second regeneration Solution: 200 mM Gly pH 2.0 Contact time: 5 (s Flow rate: 30 (μl/min	High viscosity solution Stabilization period: ⁶⁰ (s
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			Concentration	Concentration	
	Sample id	MW (Da)	nM 🔻	µg/ml 🖣	1
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	EGFP		0,015625		
	EGFP		0,03125		
	EGFP		0,0625		
	EGFP		0,125		
	EGFP		0,25	0	
	EGFP		0,5		
	EGFP		1		
	EGFP		2		
0	mTurquoise2		0		
1	mTurquoise2		0,015625		
2	mTurquoise2		0,03125		
.3	mTurquoise2		0,0625		
4	mTurquoise2		0,125		
5	mTurquoise2		0,25		
6	mTurquoise2		0,5		
7	mTurquoise2		1		
8	mTurquoise2		2		
9	mVenus		0		
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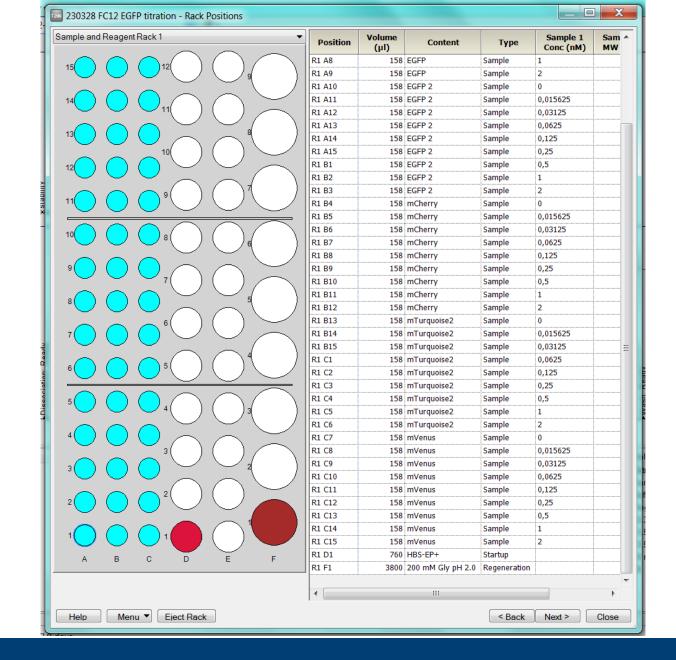


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Sampl	es							
	Sample id	MW (Da)	Concentra	tion	Concentrati	on		
	Sample to	MW (Da)	nM	-	µg/ml	•		
1	EGFP		0					
2	EGFP		0,015625					
3 4	EGFP		0,03125					
5	EGFP		0,0625					E
Recomm	nended settings are not	t followed						
Sample serie: EGFP The sample series should contain at least one non-zero concentration that is to be run at least two (2) times. Sample serie: mTurquoise2 The sample series should contain at least one non-zero concentration that is to be run at least two (2) times. Sample serie: mVenus The sample series should contain at least one non-zero concentration that is to be run at least two (2) times. Sample serie: mCherry The sample series should contain at least one non-zero concentration that is to be run at least two (2) times. OK Ignore							III	
23	23 mVenus 0,125 ▼							
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Prime before run	
Normalize detector	
Temperature settings	
Analysis temperature:	25 (°C)
Sample compartment temperature:	25 (°C)
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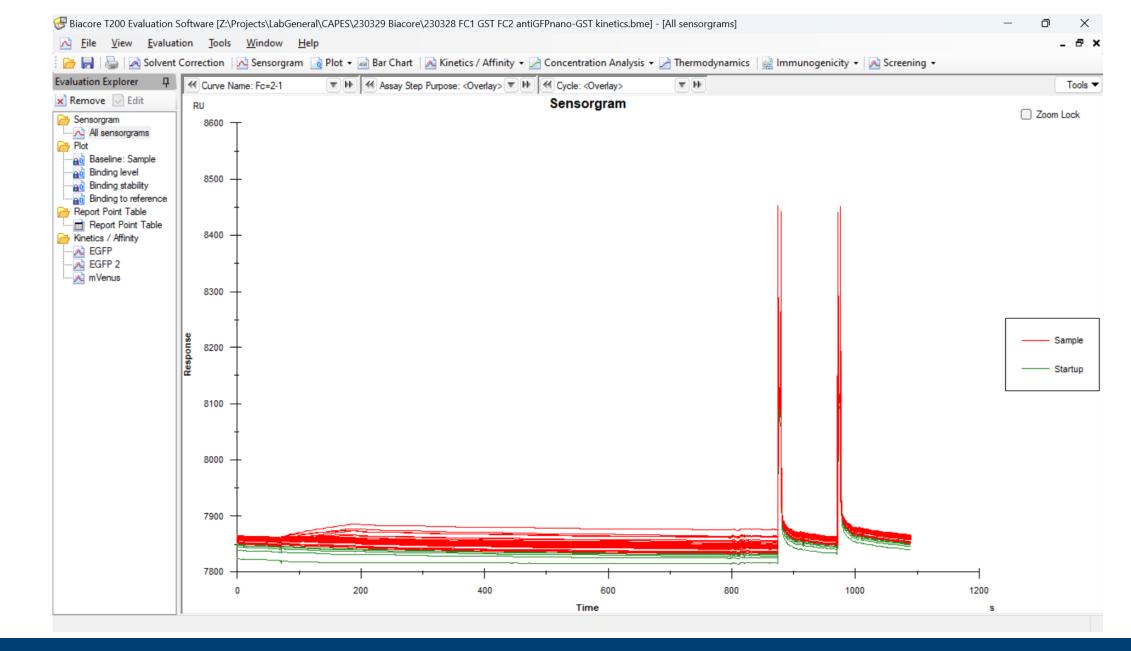






230328 FC12 EGFP titration - Prepare Run Protocol	
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Estimated run time: 15 h 20 min (excluding conditional statements, temperature changes and standby flow)	
Estimated buffer consumption:	
Running buffer At least 300 ml plus 65 ml/day for standby after run	Not in use
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Included	Cycle#	Assay Step Purpose	Sample Name	Conc.	MW
Yes	5	Startup	HBS-EP+		
Yes	6	Sample	EGFP	0	
Yes	7	Sample	EGFP	0.015625	
Yes	8	Sample	EGFP	0.03125	
Yes	9	Sample	EGFP	0.0625	
Yes	10	Sample	EGFP	0.125	
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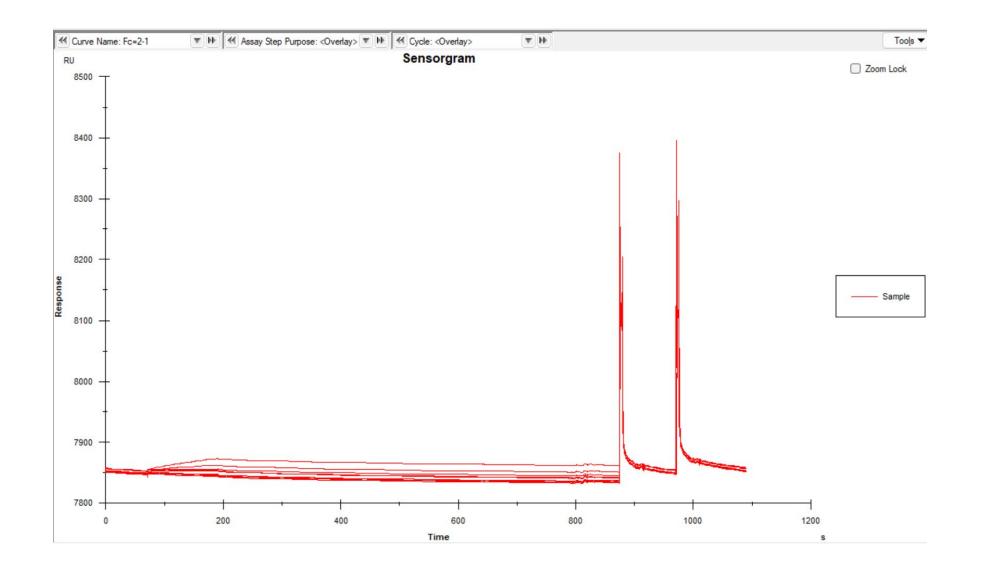




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		9	0.0625	50	120.1	600.1				
		10	0.125	50		600.1				
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Multiple Rmax

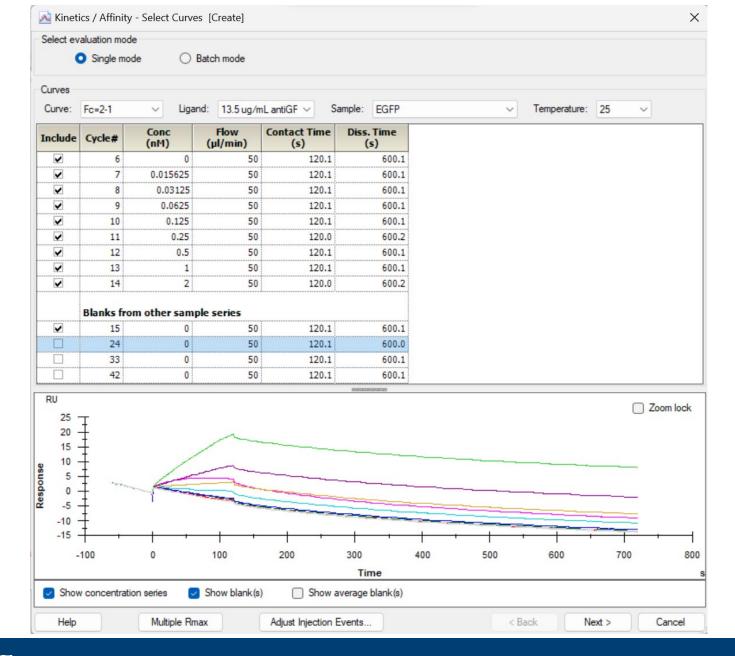
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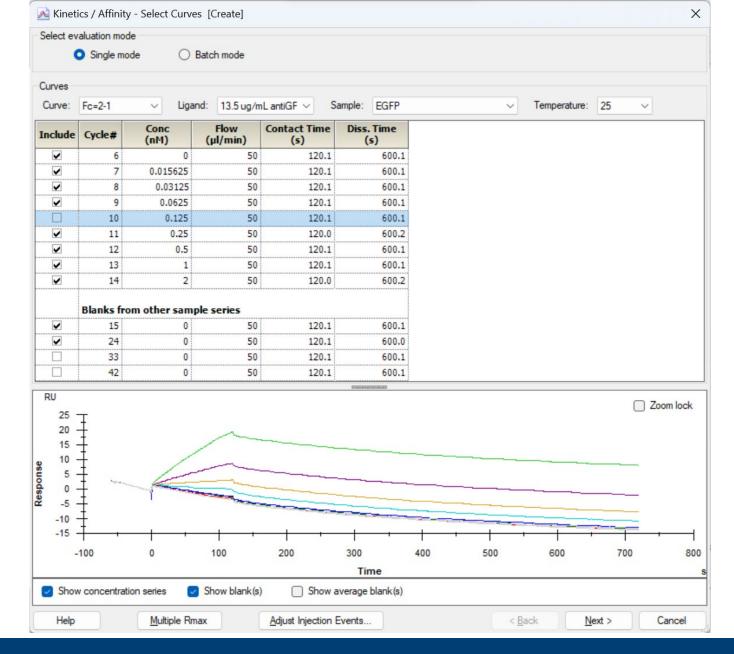
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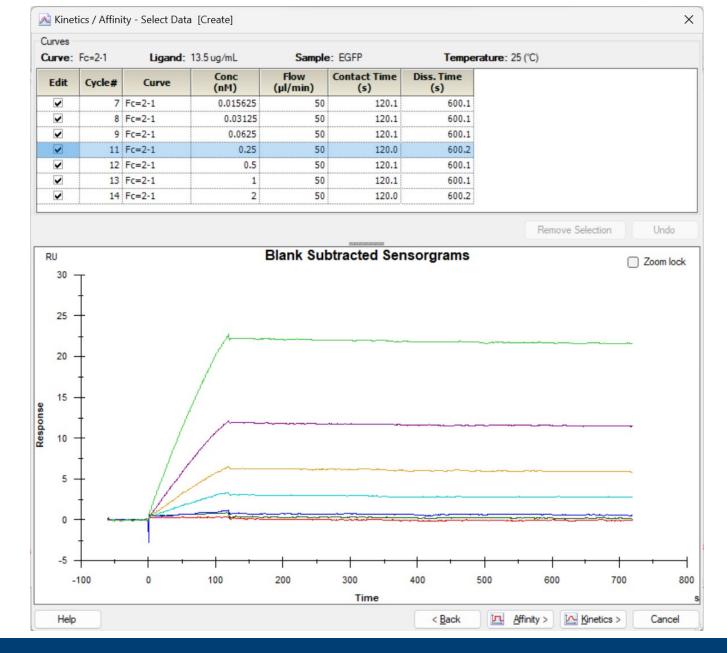




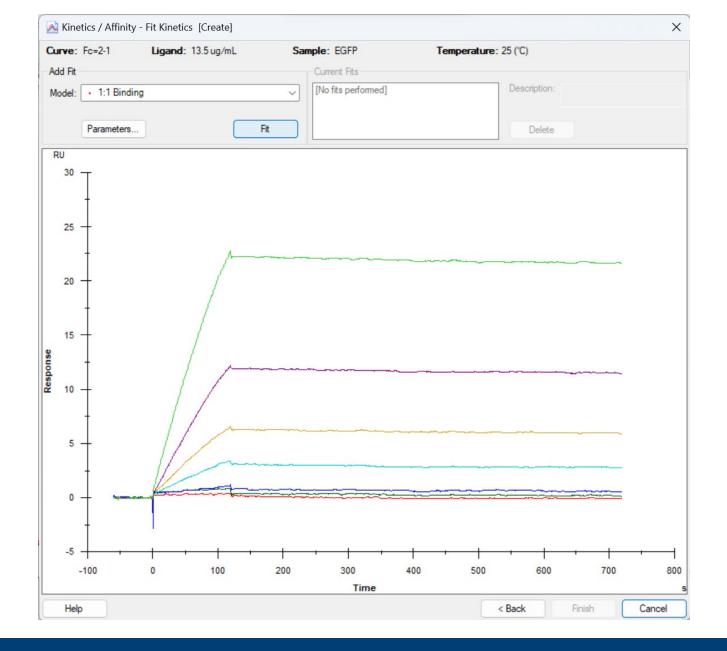




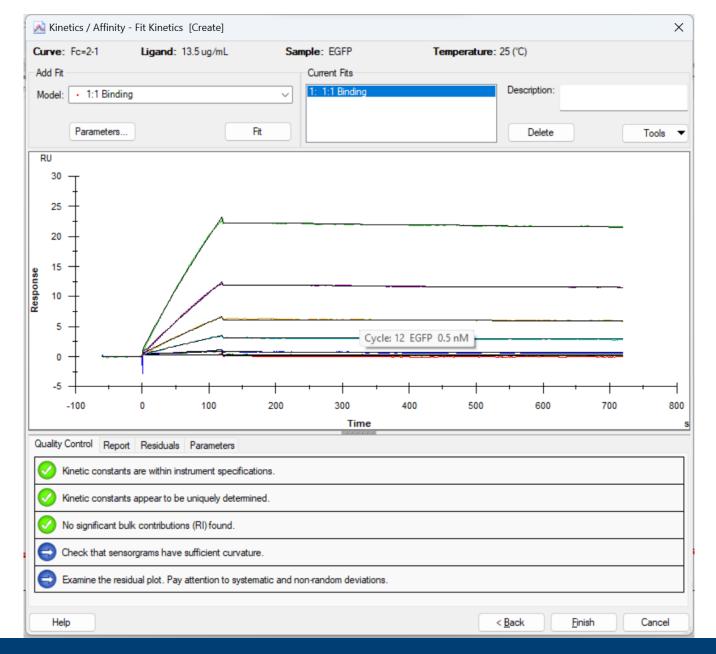










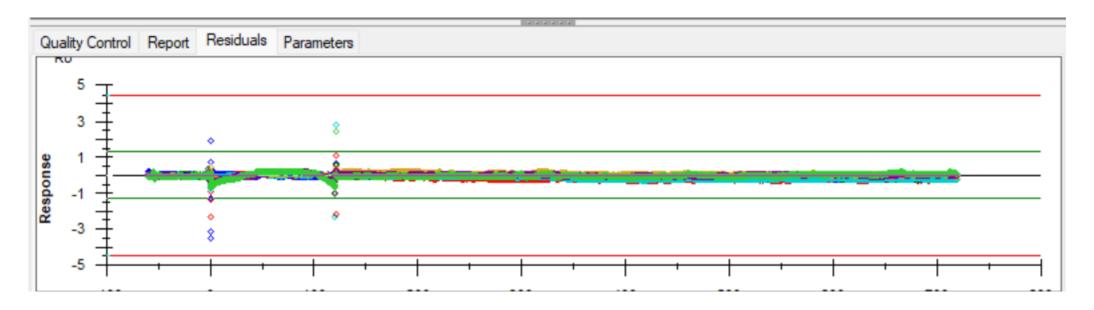




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	1.797E+6	7.261E-5	4.040E-11	78.04		1.169E+8			
Cycle: 7 0.015625 nM					1.563E-11		50.00	4.307E+8	0.2150
Cycle: 8 0.03125 nM					3.125E-11		50.00	4.307E+8	0.4908
Cycle: 9 0.0625 nM					6.250E-11		50.00	4.307E+8	0.3390
Cycle: 11 0.25 nM					2.500E-10		50.00	4.307E+8	0.4108
Cycle: 12 0.5 nM					5.000E-10		50.00	4.307E+8	0.5581
Cycle: 13 1 nM					1.000E-9		50.00	4.307E+8	0.6197
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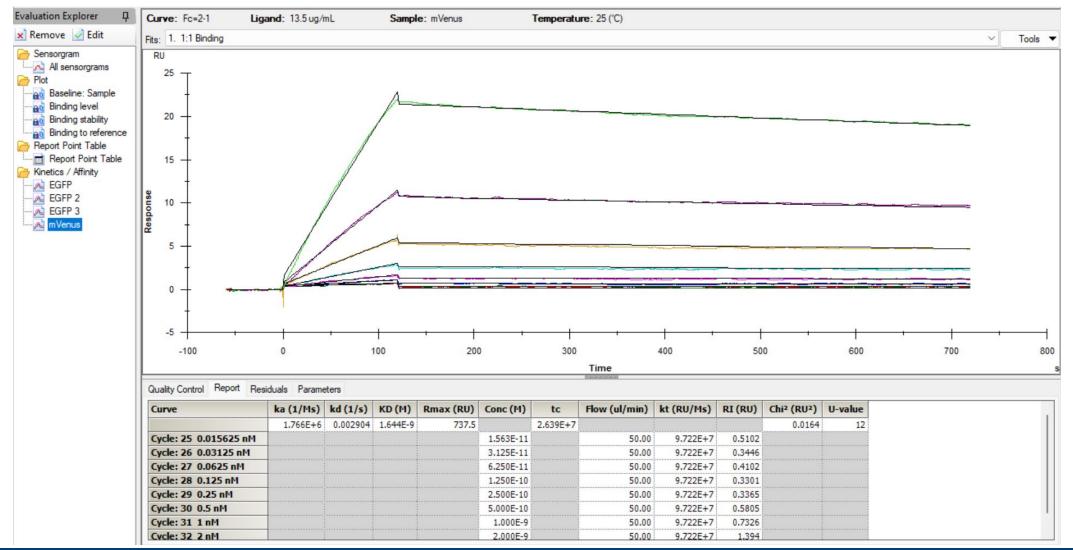


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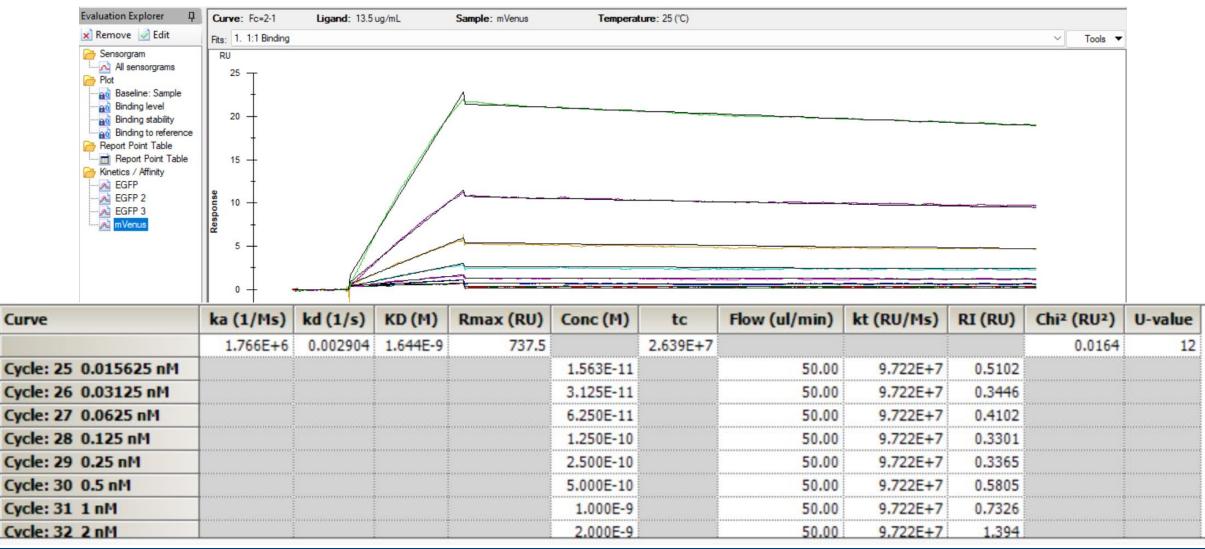


mVenus



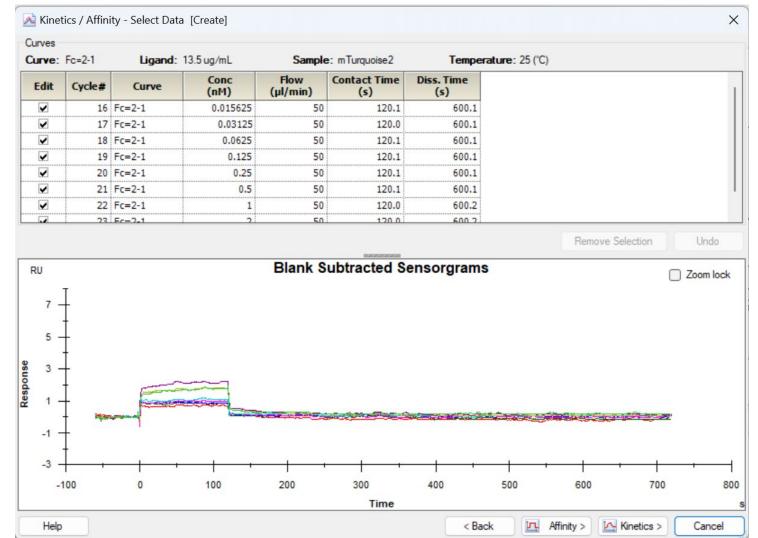


mVenus





mTurquoise2





mCherry





How did we do?

	k _{on}	k _{off}	Κ _D
EGFP 1	1.82E+06	7.42E-05	4.09E-11
EGFP 2	1.80E+06	7.26E-05	4.04E-11
EGFP 3	1.28E+07	2.68E-05	2.10E-12



What might we improve for next time?

- Ligand (antiGFPnano-GST)
 - Repeat with non-truncated/digested ligand
 - Capture at higher pH or further optimise regeneration to ensure we aren't damaging ligand (unclear why observed R_{max} was so much lower than theoretical)
- EGFP
 - Inject fixed concentration at different flow rates to test for mass transport
 - Use longer analyte injection so we see more curvature of traces (5 min)
- mVenus
 - Repeat with higher concentrations of mVenus (>20 nM)
- mTurqouise2
 - Repeat with much higher concentrations of mTurquoise2 (μM concentrations for an equilibrium analysis), perhaps with higher ligand capture
- mCherry
 - No binding!!



Further reading

- Cytiva manuals
 - Lots of very good reference material for the theory and practice of SPR
- SPR pages (<u>https://sprpages.nl/</u>)
 - Very extensive website with lots of useful tips and tricks
- Harvard Centre for Molecular Interactions (<u>https://cmi.hms.harvard.edu/surface-plasmon-resonance</u>)
 - Handy manuals that give you a good starting protocol for setting up your experiments
- Institut de Biologie Structurale handbook (<u>https://www.isbg.fr/IMG/pdf/biacore t200 getting started guide.pdf</u>)

