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Studies are performed on a re-usable biochip, generated using familiar coupling and hybridization methods. Within this biochip, DNA levers are embedded onto a series of gold electrodes. These nanolevers serve either as target for molecular interactions themselves, or hold other interaction partners. To characterize interactions, the DRX instrument is used to bring about deliberate movement of these nanolevers by altering the voltage across the gold surface. When interactions occur, these movements are affected and in turn, used in the calculation of kinetic and biophysical information.

### Measurement Modes

**switchSENSE®** combines three measurement modes:

- **The high frequency dynamic electrical switching mode** probes the hydrodynamic friction and serves to analyze the size and shape of biomolecules.

- **The fluorescence proximity sensing mode** reveals the binding of molecules in real-time through changes in the dye’s local environment.

- **The molecular ruler mode** utilizes a long-ranged energy transfer to gauge the height of the fluorophore above the surface with sub nanometer accuracy.

### Biochips

**switchSENSE®** biochips are designed for flexibility and adaptability featuring 20 microelectrodes, arranged in 4 separate on-chip flow channels for maintenance-free operation.

The microelectrode surfaces are supplied with electrically switchable ready-to-use DNA nanolevers. A number of different conjugation protocols and kits are available to functionalize the nanolever layers with molecules of interest.

The biochip may be regenerated many times using automated routines and can be configured in three levels of multiplexing, allowing the use of up to 6 different capture molecules in parallel in each flow channel.

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### DRX Series Instruments

Single DRX and dual-color DRX² analyzers are electro-optical instruments specifically designed for automated **switchSENSE®** measurements. Instruments feature automated liquid handling and temperature control.

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### Data Generation

**switchSENSE®** Technology can be used to generate the following data:

- Binding Kinetics
- Binding Affinity
- Protein Diameter
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- Melting & Thermodynamics
- Multimers & Aggregation

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### Performance Specifications

- Limit of detection 10 fM
- Dissociation constant 50 fM – 1 mM
- Association rate constant 1E3 – 1E8 /Ms
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- Hydrodynamic diameter accuracy of 0.1 nm
- Temperature 8° – 75°C (chip), 10° – 40°C (autosampler)

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**Dual-Color**

The DRX² instrument is the first biosensor to offer the analysis of two molecular probes on the same detection spot. Each sensor spot carries two lever sequences, one with a red tag, and one with a green tag. The instrument tracks the movement and position of the different levers separately and simultaneously. The two levers can either be in 1:1 ratio at ~50 nm separation or users can readily define ratio and surface density.
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Schematic of a dual-color **switchSENSE®** experiment

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