## Probing Multiple Binding Modes of DNA Hybridization: A Comparison between Single-molecule Observations and Ensemble Measurements

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**Figure S-1**. CCD-camera images for DNA hybridization of Cy3-labeled DNAs (8 mer) with (A) the prove-DNA (8 mer) and (B) no prove-DNA on the glass plate of the reaction cell in single-molecule observation by TIRFM. Experimental conditions: 200 mM NaCl TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 200 mM NaCl) [Cy3-DNA] = 1 nM at 20 °C.



**Figure S-2**. Histogram analyses of association time for single-molecule hybridization of 8 mer-8 mer DNA based on time-lapse images obtained at an interval of (A) 5 s, (B) 10 s, and (C) 20 s. Each vertical axis was normalized with the maximum value of (Counts/*n*) of 1. Slope values were obtained according to eq. 6. Experimental conditions: 200 mM NaCl TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 200 mM NaCl) [Cy3-DNA] = 1 nM at 20 °C.



**Figure S-3**. Histogram analyses of association time for single-molecule hybridization of 12 mer-12 mer DNA based on time-lapse images obtained at an interval of (A) 40 s, (B) 60 s, and (C) 70 s. Each vertical axis was normalized with the maximum value of (Counts/*n*) of 1. Slope values were obtained according to eq. 6. Experimental conditions: 200 mM NaCl TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 200 mM NaCl) [Cy3-DNA] = 1 nM at 20 °C.



**Figure S-4**. Histogram analyses of association time for single-molecule hybridization of  $dA_{12}$ - $dT_{12}$  DNA based on time-lapse images obtained at an interval of (A) 5 s, (B) 10 s, (C) 20 s, (D) 60 s, and (E) 70 s. Each vertical axis was normalized with the maximum value of (Counts/*n*) of 1. Slope values were obtained according to eq. 6. Experimental conditions: 200 mM NaCl TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 200 mM NaCl) [Cy3-DNA] = 1 nM at 20 °C.



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**Figure S-5**. Typical time courses of frequency of a QCM plate and kinetic analysis according to eq. 11 for observation of DNA hybridizations of (A, B) 8 mer-8 mer, (C, D) 12 mer-12 mer, (E, F)  $dA_{12}$ - $dT_{12}$ , and (G, H)  $d(ATG)_4$ - $d(CAT)_4$ . The fitting curves according to eqs. 9 and 10 were overwriting on each plot with a solid black line (A, C, E, and G). Experimental condition: 200 mM NaCl TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 200 mM NaCl) at 20 °C.



**Figure S-6**. (A) DNA sequence and modifications (bio-: biotinylated and -Cy3: Cy3-labeled) for block-like DNA hybridization. (B) Time course of fluorescent intensity of bright spots corresponding to the binding and dissociation of single-molecule hybridization in  $d(ATG)_4$ - $d(CAT)_4$  DNA. (C) Histogram analyses of association time for single-molecule hybridization of  $d(ATG)_4$ - $d(CAT)_4$  DNA. Time-lapse images were obtained at an interval of 70 s. The vertical axis was normalized with the maximum value of (Counts/*n*) of 1. Experimental conditions: 200 mM NaCl TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 200 mM NaCl) [Cy3-DNA] = 1 nM at 20 °C.



**Figure S-7**. Histogram analyses of association time for single-molecule hybridization of  $d(ATG)_4$ - $d(CAT)_4$  DNA based on time-lapse images obtained at an interval of (A) 0.23 s, (B) 1 s, (C) 5 s, (D) 20 s, and (E) 40 s. Each vertical axis was normalized with the maximum value of (Counts/*n*) of 1. Slope values were obtained according to eq. 6. Experimental conditions: 200 mM NaCl TE buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0, 1 mM EDTA, 200 mM NaCl) [Cy3-DNA] = 1 nM at 20 °C.