

# Biological Sensing using Novel Magnetic Materials

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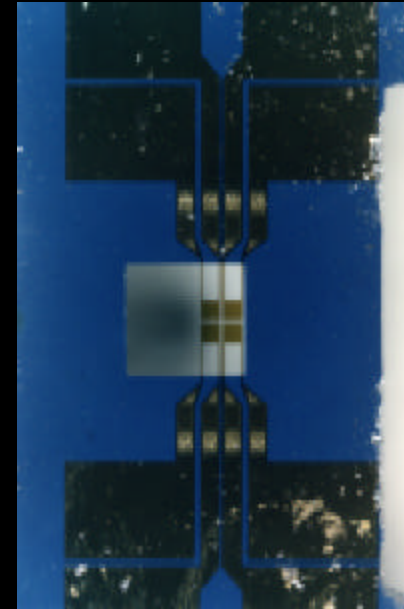
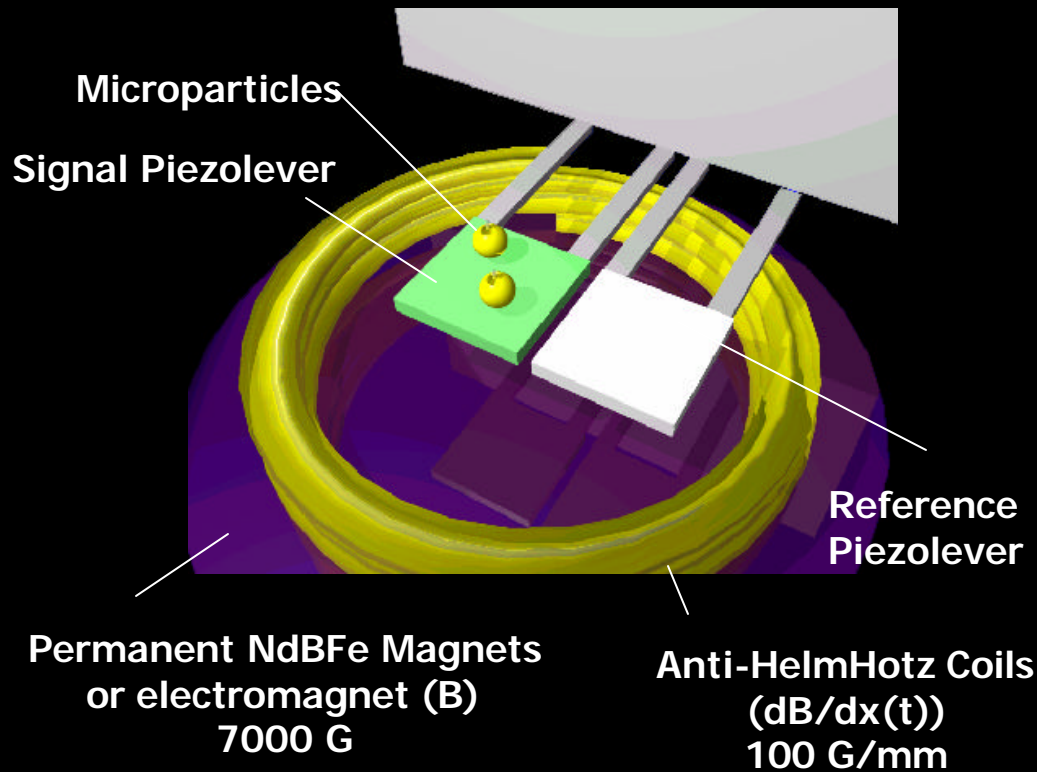
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# Background

## Force Amplified Biosensor (FABS)



Batch 1:  
300 x 100 x 1  $\mu\text{m}$   
 $K = 0.0073 \text{ N/m}$   
 $f_r = 3.75 \text{ kHz}$   
 $dR/R = 0.21 \text{ 1/nm}$   
sensitivity  $\sim 0.42 \text{ pN}$

D. Baselt, et al, *J.Vac. Sci.* 1996; D. Baselt, et al, *Proc. IEEE* 1997; D. Baselt, et al, *Biosensor Bioelect* 1998; G. Lee, et al, *Bioanalytical Chem.*, 2000.

# Integrated Approach to Sensing with Nanoparticles

## Area 1: Enhance Mass Transport - New Material

*A new class of magnetic gold-iron nanoparticles has been created by Dr. W.S. Chang and Dong Myung Oh. These particles will allow the analyte to be efficiently collected and reacted with a surface.*

## Area 2: Enhance Reaction Kinetics – Surface Chemistries

*The reaction kinetics of nanoparticles with surfaces has been studied by K. Jeong and A. Fung. Optimized surface chemistries will allow us to quickly and efficiently capture nanoparticles on surfaces using specific molecular reactions.*

## Area 3: Enhance Signal - Surface Chemistries and Microfabrication

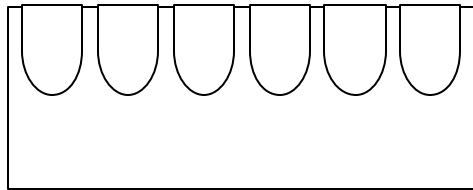
*The conductivity of the double-stranded DNA and DNA coated nanoparticles assembled on break junctions have been studied by A. Mahapatro and S. Bhattacharya.*

# Area 1 - Gold-Iron Alloy Nanoparticles

## Anodized Al Membrane



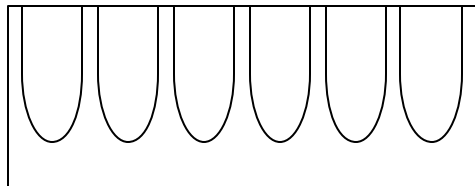
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↓ Stripping

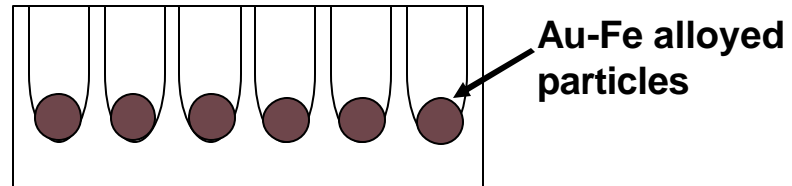


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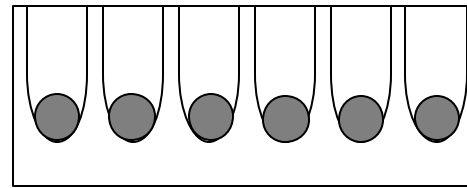


Pore size 60~70nm

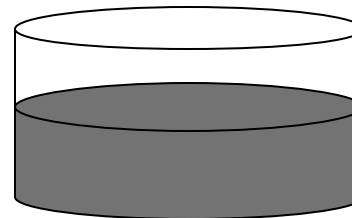
## Electrochemical Deposition



↓ Annealing at 650°C for 3hr



↓ Stripping Anodized Membrane

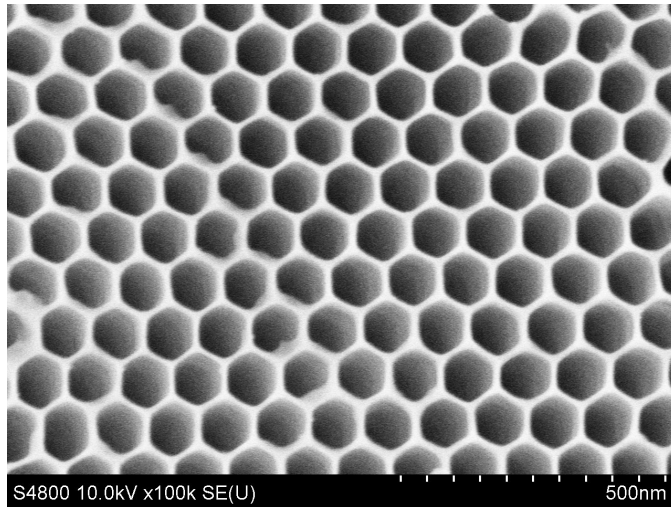


Disperse in water

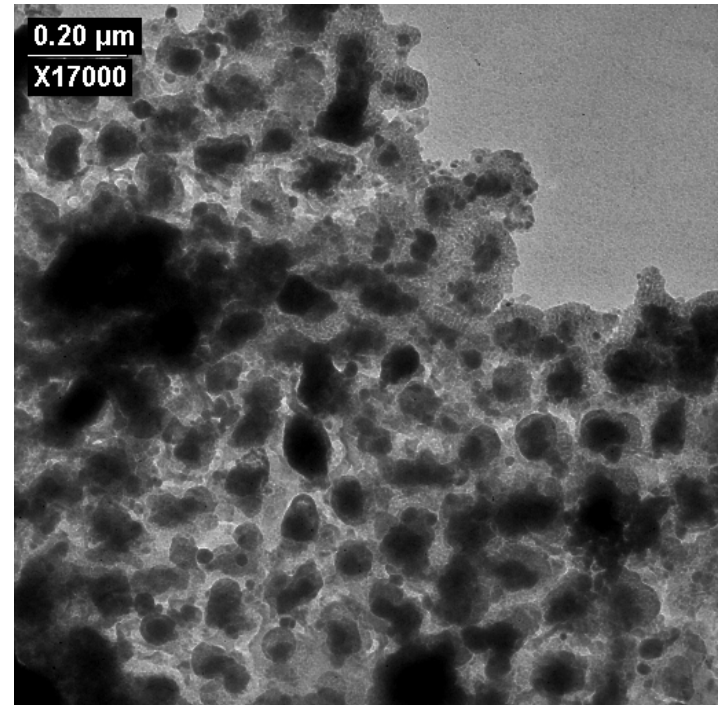
W.S. Chang, et al, Nanoletters 2005.  
INACMCW 2005

# Synthesis Results

Mesoporous Alumina Membrane  
Fabricated by Anodic Oxidation

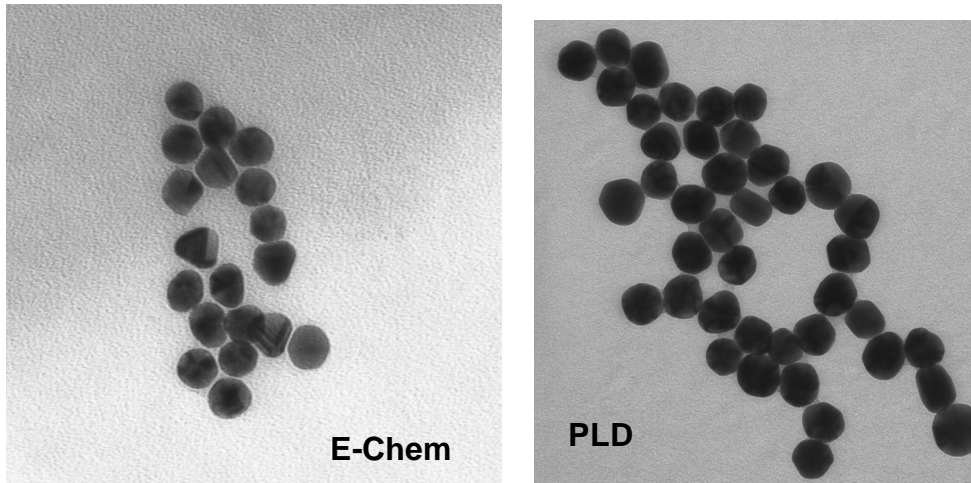


Partially Released Au-Fe Alloy  
Particles

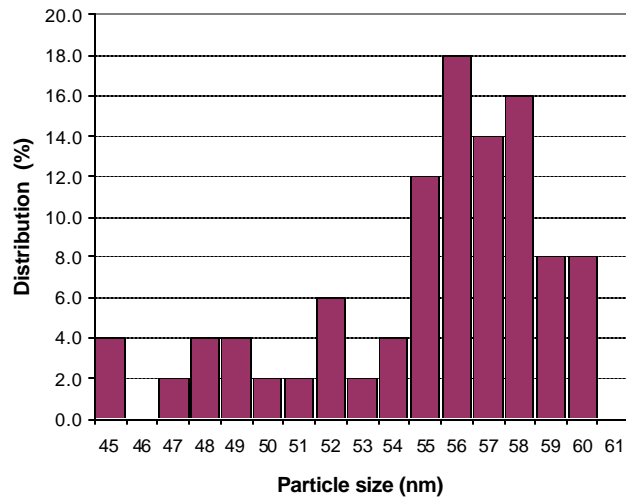
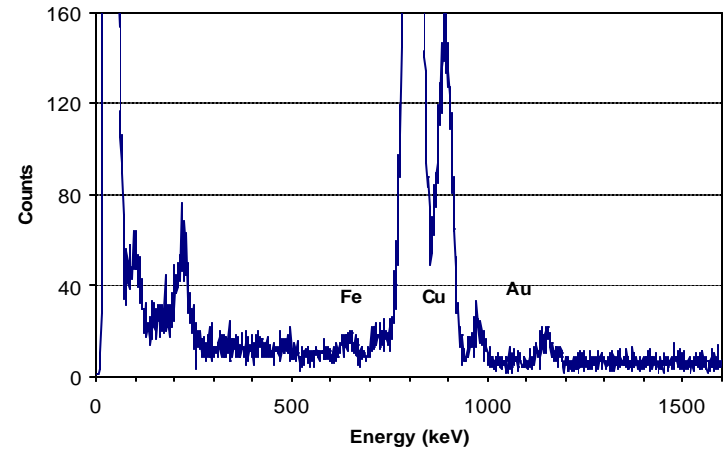


# Characterization

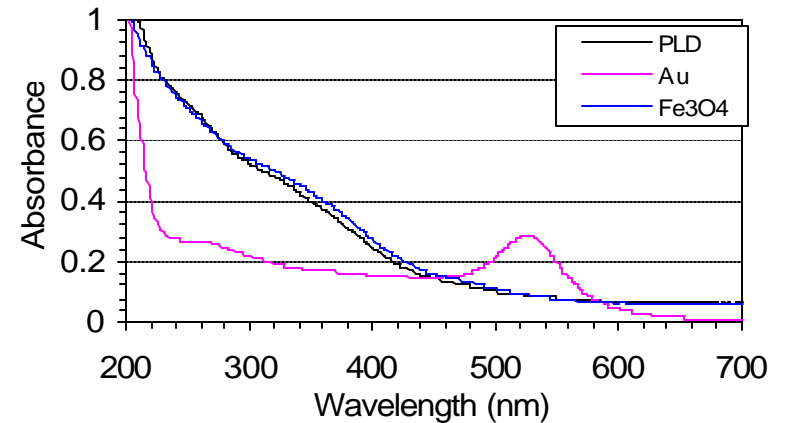
## TEM Images of Au-Fe Alloy Particles



## EDS (25: 75 Fe: Au)

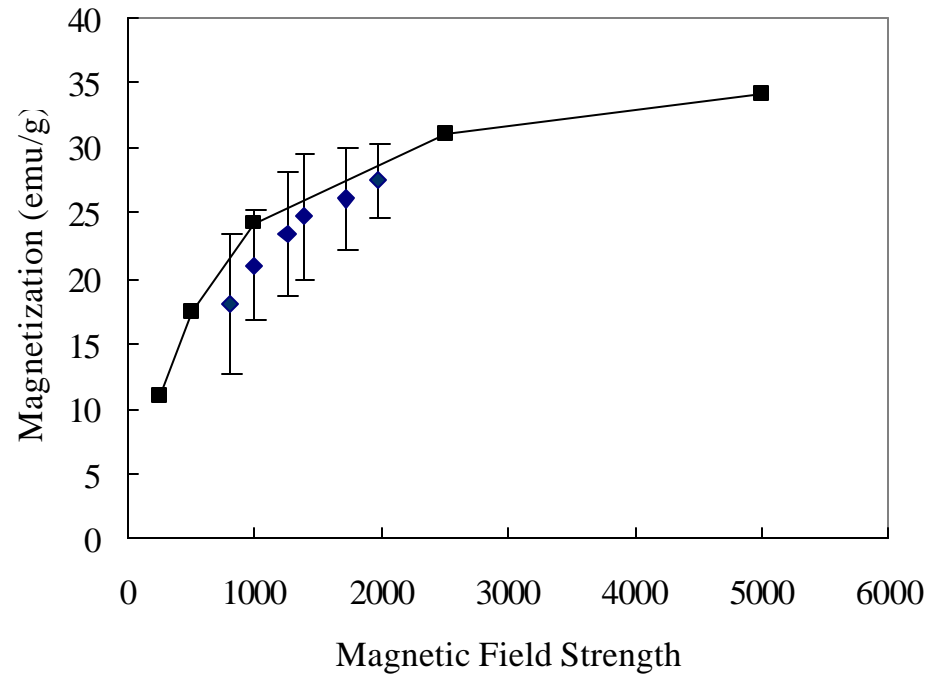
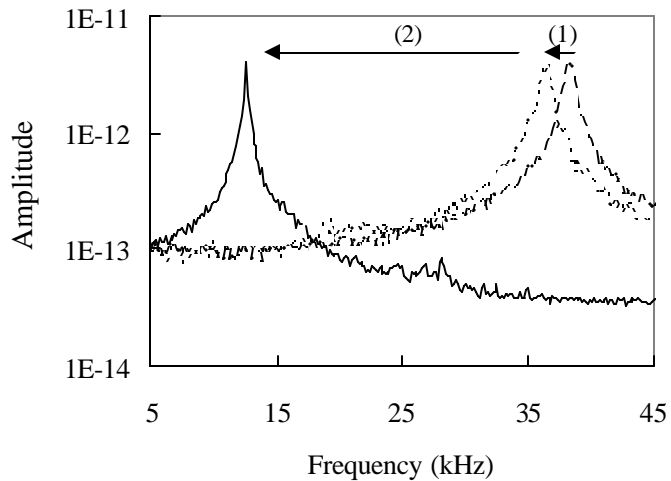
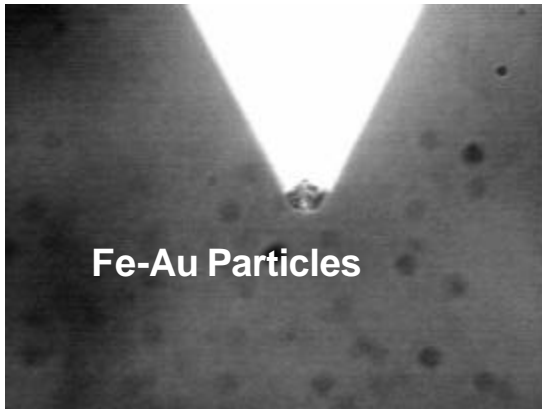


## Optical Spectra

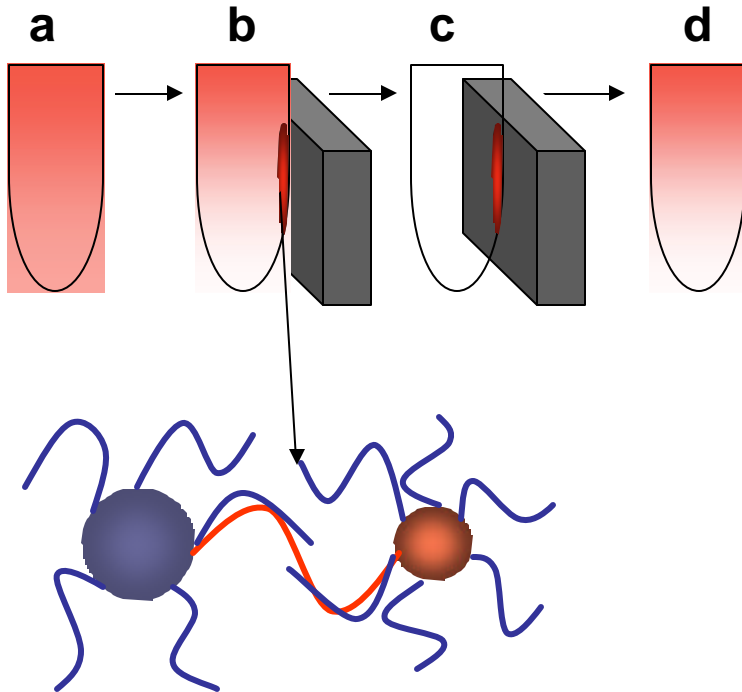


# Magnetic Properties

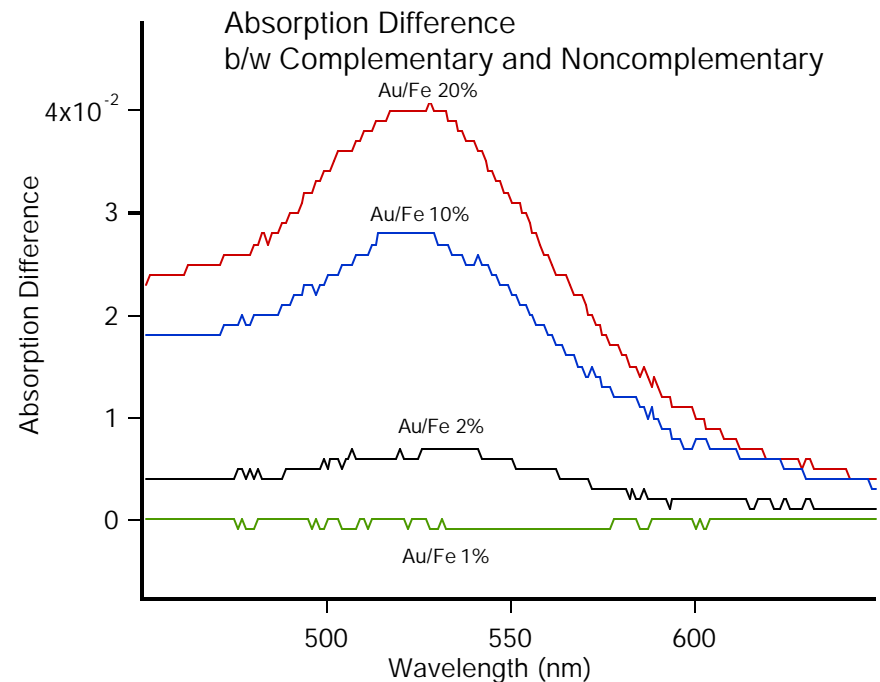
## Force Magnetometry



# Demonstration of DNA Sensing with Au-Fe Nanoparticles

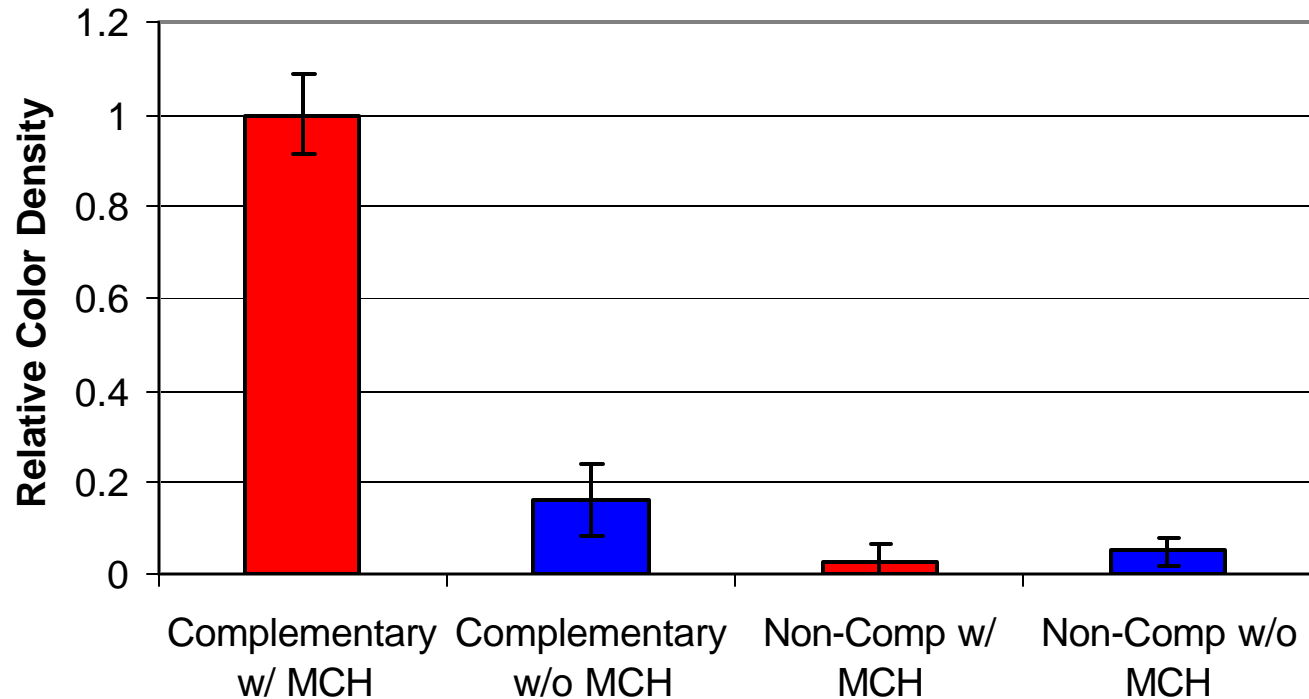


- a. Au/Fe + Au + target DNA**
- b. Separate and c. remove Au**
- d. Redispersal of Au/Fe-Au assembly in water and separation of Au/Fe**

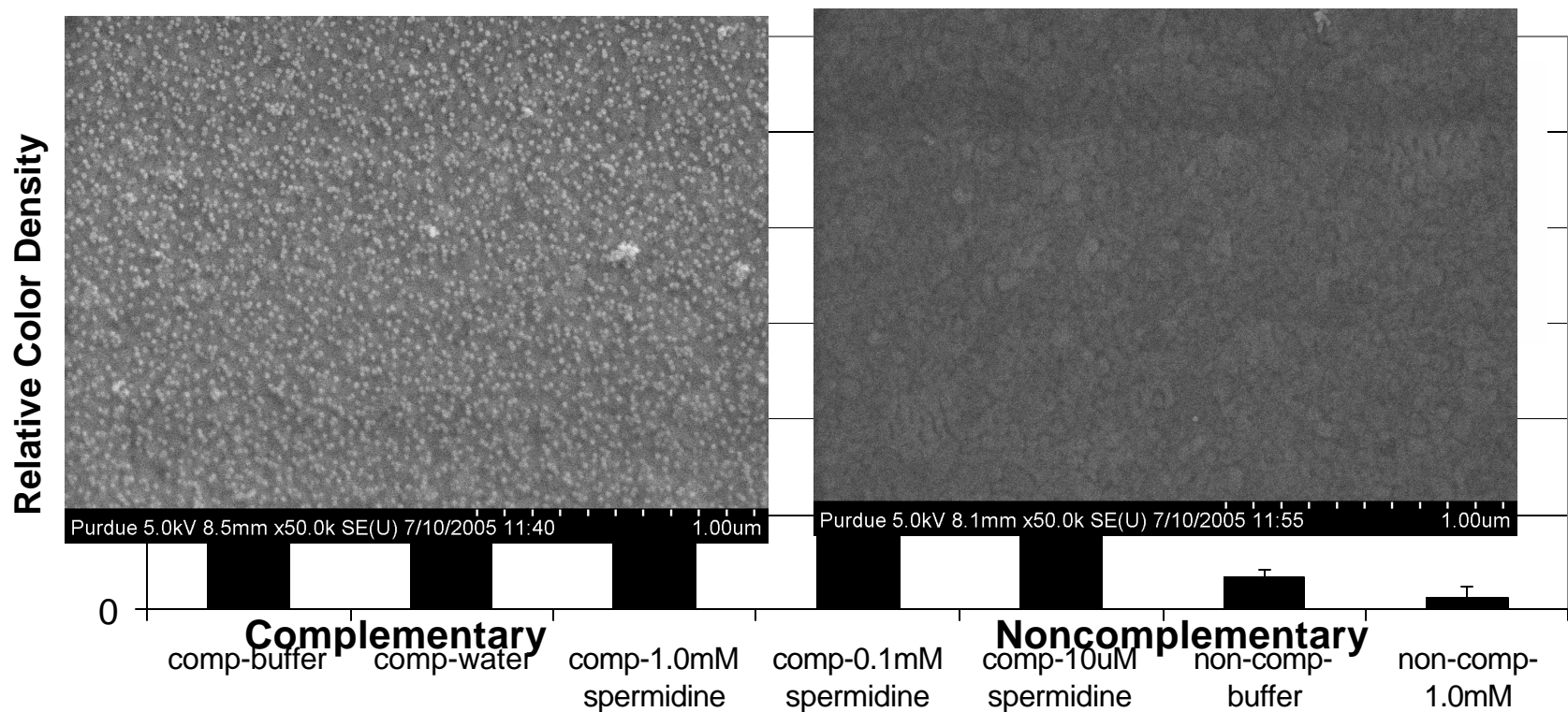




# Area 2 - Forces Controlling Assembly of Nanoparticles on Surfaces



# Immobilization of Gold-DNA Nanoparticles on Surfaces with Polycations



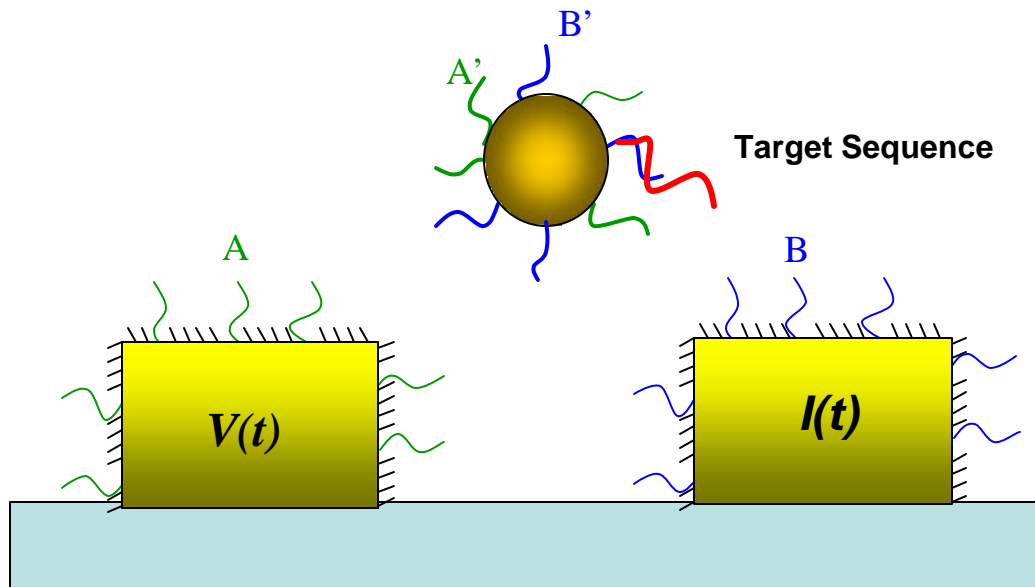
# Area 3 - Magnetic Nanoparticle Sensor Design

DNA Sensor

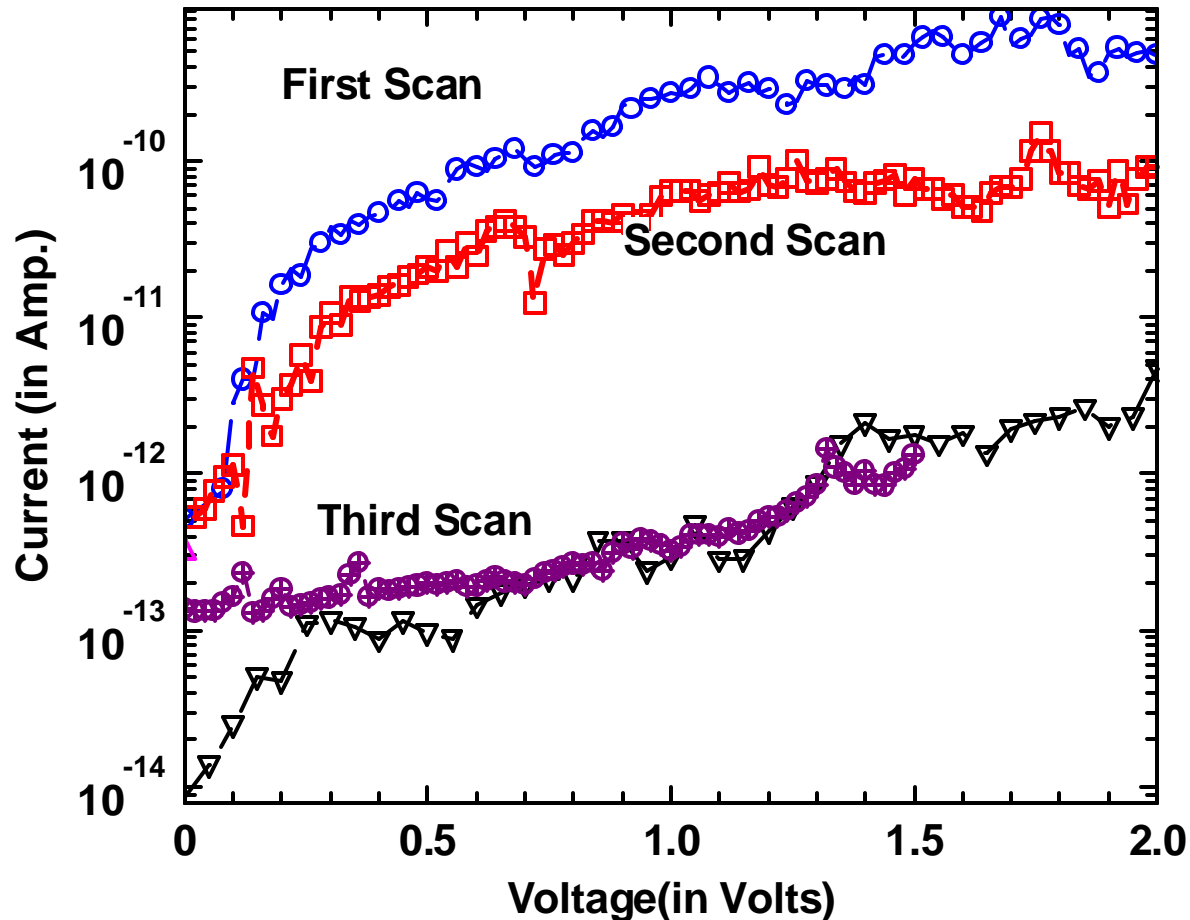
Hybridize the Fe-Au particles with the target

Apply a current in the interdigitated fingers to produce an magnetic field

Sense the presence of the particle by direct electrical measurement

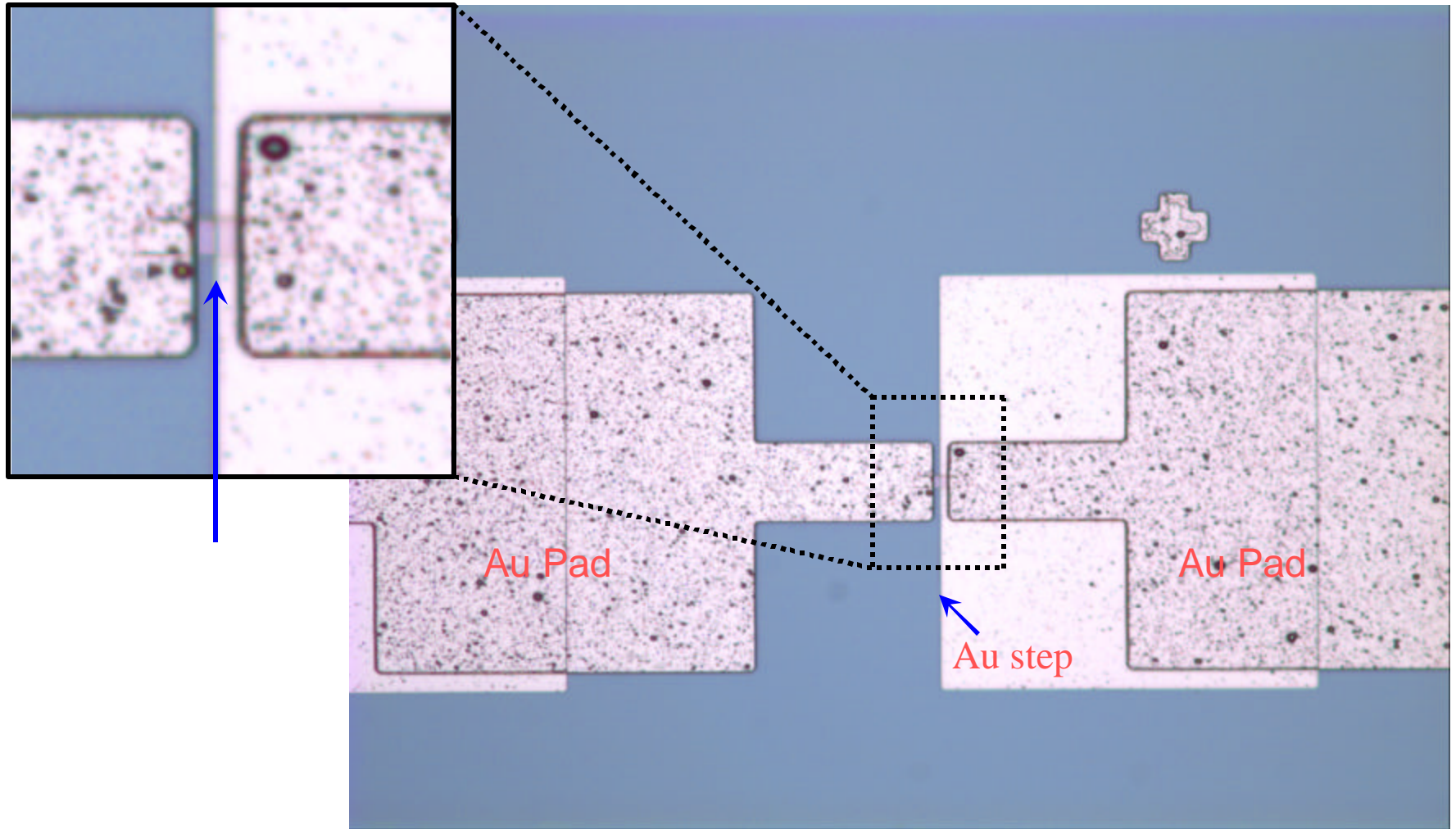


# ds-DNA Oxidation Damaging

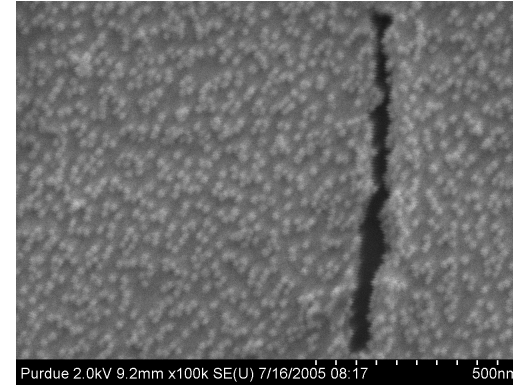
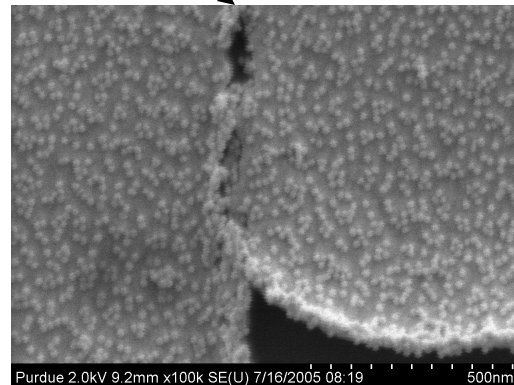
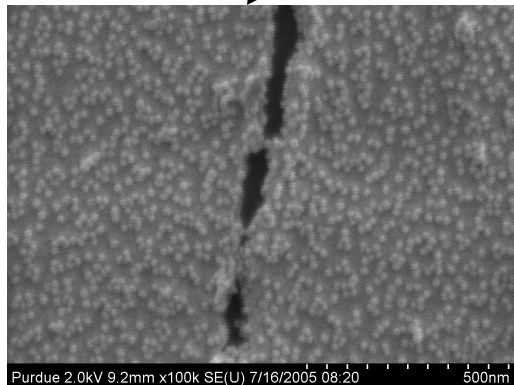
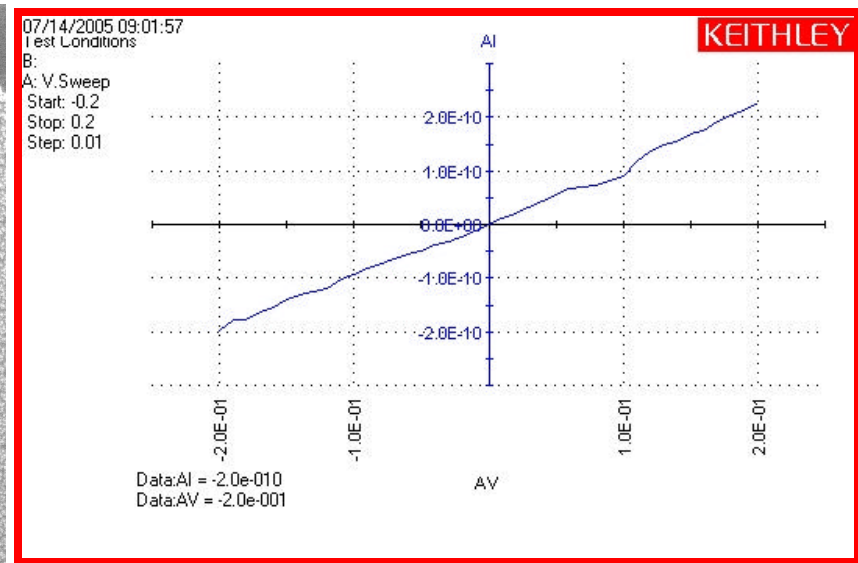
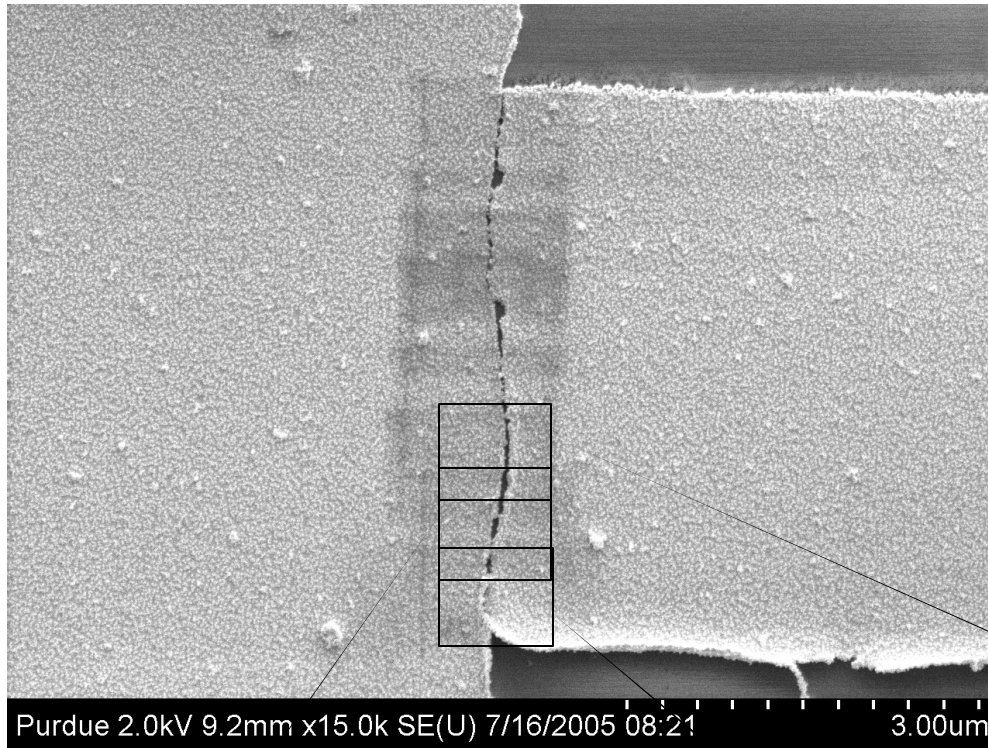


Au/GC-rich-ds-DNA(0.137mM)/Au

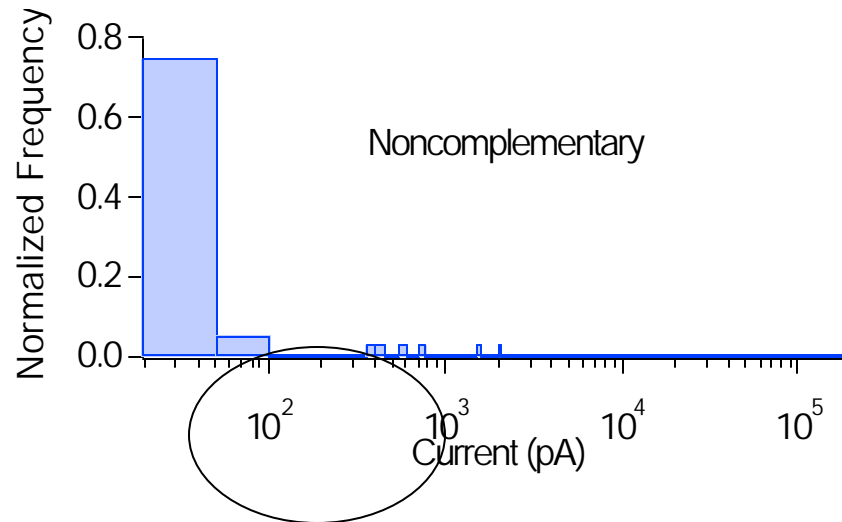
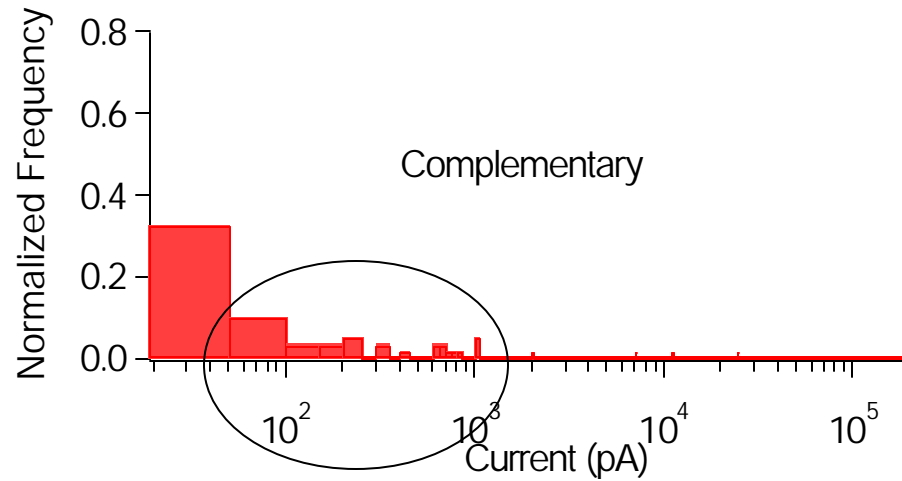
# Microscopic photograph of Step Junction



# Step Junction Results



# Summary of Step Junction Results



**Average Current = 144pA**

# Conclusions

- 1. We have create a Fe-Au nanometer scale magnetic particles that we *believe* will allow us to efficiently collect an analyte and react it with a surface. The technique we are using will allow us to create a wide range of sizes and shapes.**
- 2. We have optimized a ligand immobilization surface chemistry to allow nanoparticles baring receptors to efficiently react with surfaces.**
- 3. Break junction work confirms that double stranded DNA is a poor conductor and that it's conductance is highly dependent on the manner in which the DNA is attached to the surface and nucleic acid base content.**
- 3. Step junction work is underway that will allow us to measure the conductance of single gold nanoparticles attached to surfaces through double-stranded DNA.**