

Supporting Information

Increasing the Collision Rate of Particle Impact Electroanalysis with Magnetically Guided Pt-Decorated Iron Oxide Nanoparticles

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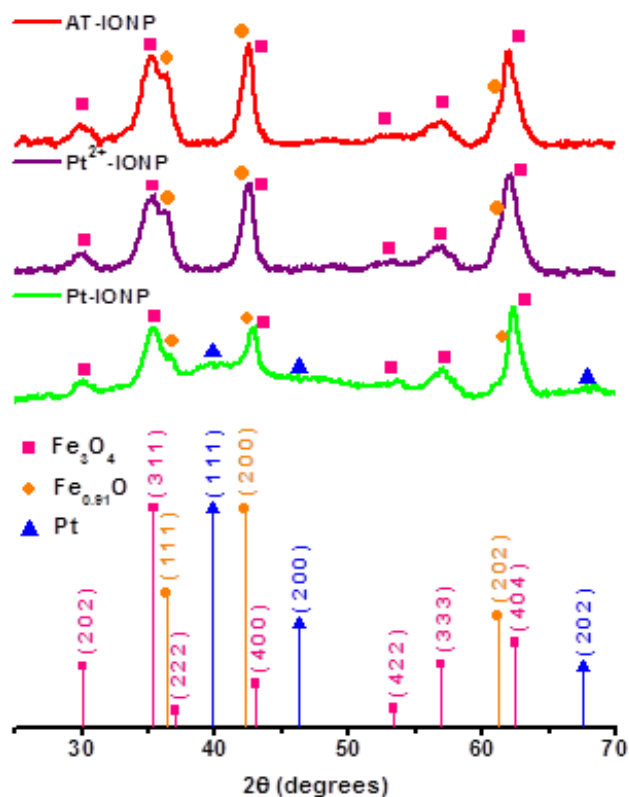


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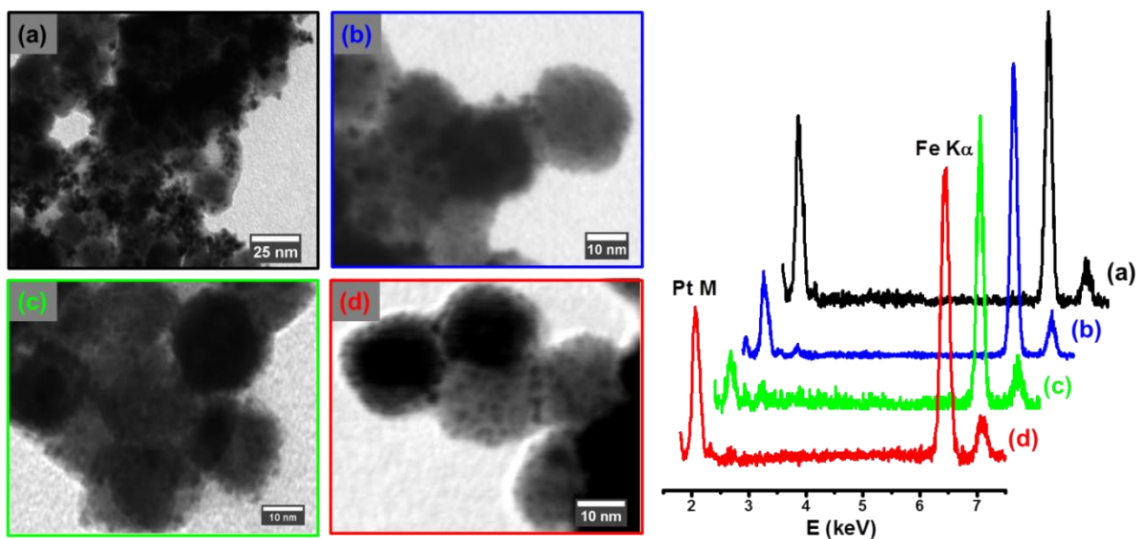


Figure S2. (left panel) STEM images and (right panel) corresponding EDX spectra for different hybrid Pt-IONP samples synthesized under different reaction conditions: (a) using naked IONPs without hydroxylamine, (b) using naked IONPs with hydroxylamine, (c) using AT-IONPs without hydroxylamine, and (d) using AT-IONPs with hydroxylamine. All EDX spectra were normalized by the Fe K_α peak intensity.

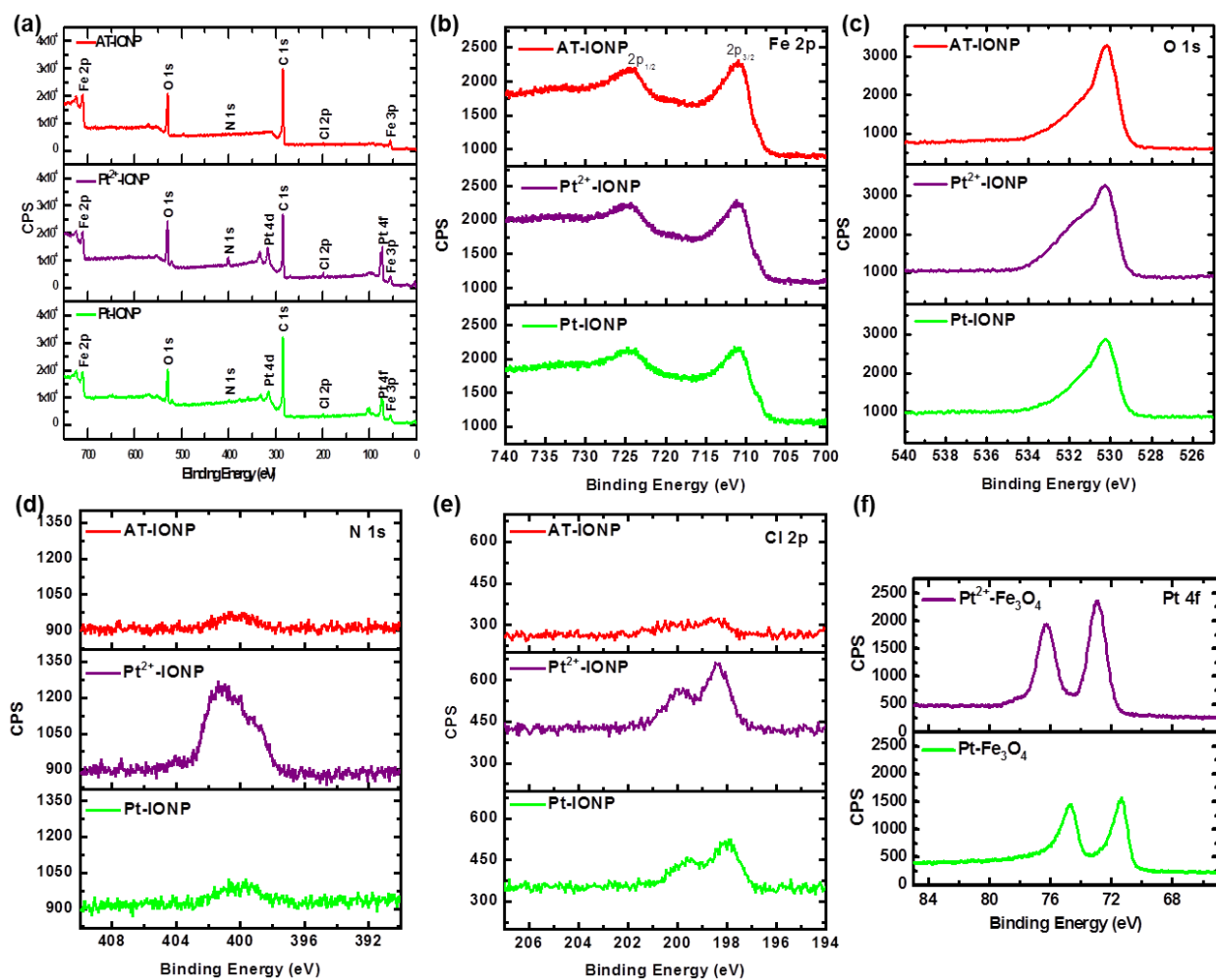


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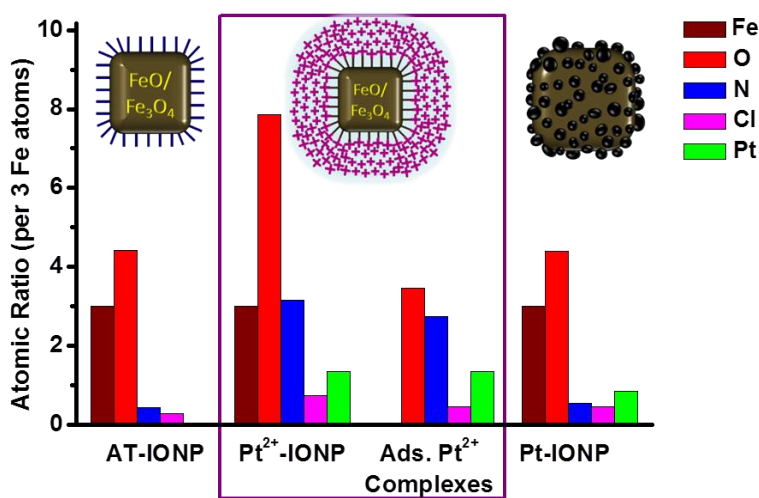


Figure S4. Summary of XPS quantitative analysis with relative elemental composition normalized by Fe atomic % and multiplied by 3 to relate to stoichiometry of Fe₃O₄. The data for the adsorbed species is simply the difference between that of Pt²⁺-IONP and AT-IONP.

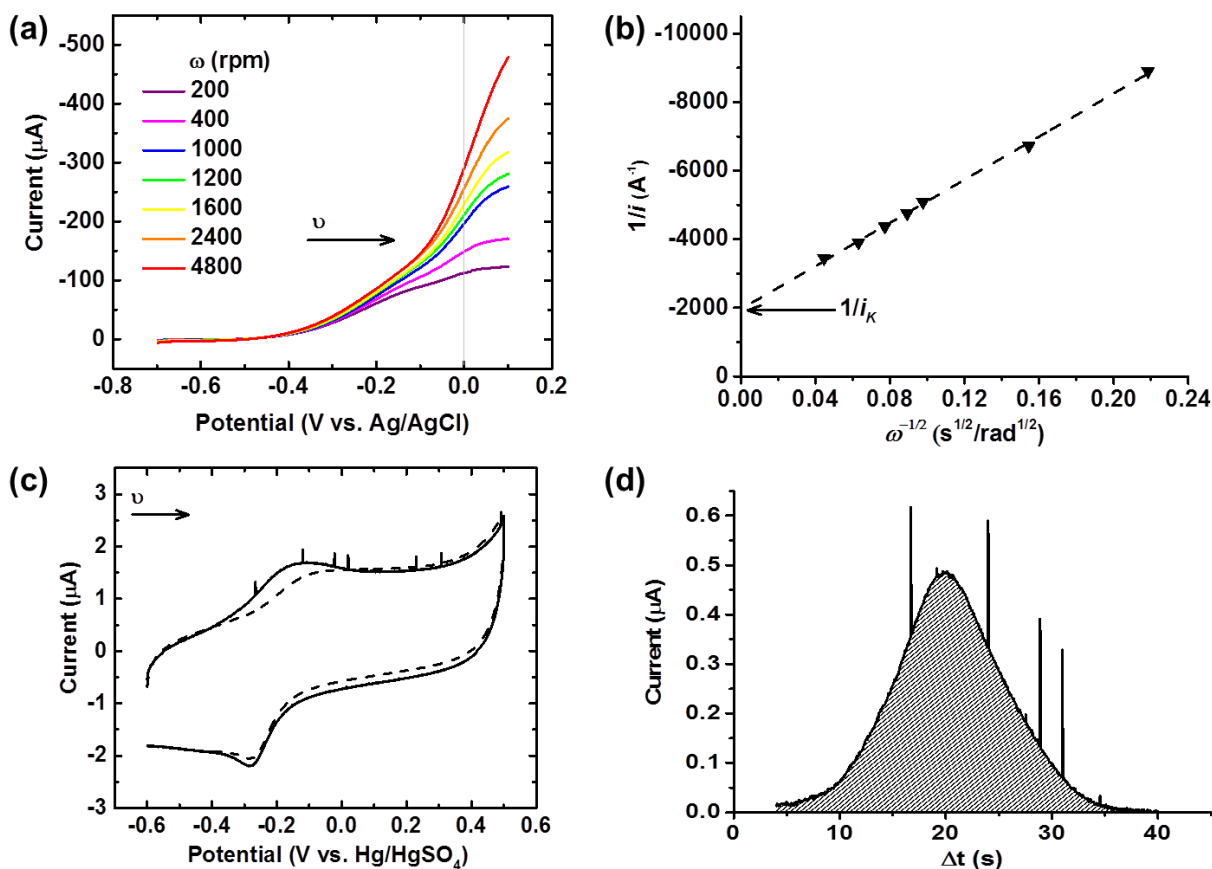


Figure S5: Electrocatalytic activity of Pt-IONPs for hydrazine oxidation: (a) Linear sweep voltammetry ($\nu = 20$ mV/s) at various rotation rates for Pt-IONP catalyst film on GC RDE in the presence of 1.5 mM N_2H_4^* and 50 mM SPB, (b) corresponding Koutecky-Levich plot from electrocatalytic current at 0 V vs. Ag/AgCl, (c) cyclic voltammograms of Pt-IONP catalyst film in N_2 -purged 0.1 M KOH before (dashed line) and after (solid line) exposure to 650 s of CO bubbling while held at a constant potential of -0.6 V vs Hg/HgSO₄, and (d) background corrected CO stripping peak that was integrated to determine Pt ECSA.

*RDE voltammetry of Pt-IONP/C catalyst was performed in 1.5 mM N_2H_4 instead of the 15 mM concentration used later for collision experiments. It was necessary to use a lower concentration of N_2H_4 for RDE experiments in order to avoid excessive N_2 bubble formation. In 15 mM N_2H_4 , excessive gas bubbles were observed on the electrode surface and the resulting Koutecky-Levich plot was nonlinear (data not shown).

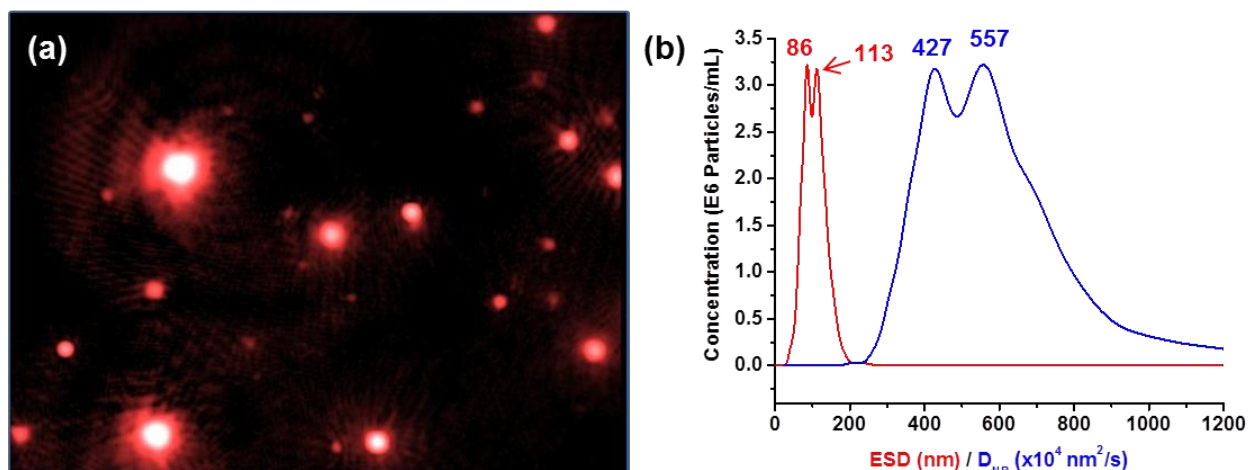


Figure S6. NTA results for a Pt-IONP sample diluted from a stock solution by a factor of 100 in ultra-high purity water to a concentration of 400 fM (by Pt-IONP aggregate): (a) snapshot from video acquired to track NP Brownian motion, (b) nanoparticle diffusion coefficient (D_{NP}) and equivalent spherical diameter (ESD) distributions.

Table S1. Nanoparticle Tracking Analysis Summary for Pt-IONPs

Solution Conditions	ESD	D_{NP}	C_{NP}	
	Mean (\pm s.d.) (nm)	Mean (\pm s.d.) ($\times 10^{-8}$ cm ² /s)	Diluted Sample ($\times 10^6$ NPs/mL)	Stock (pM)
Pure water	110 (± 30)	4 (± 2)	240	40.
50 mM SPB	110 (± 40)	4 (± 2)	310	51
50 mM SPB + 15 mM N ₂ H ₄	110 (± 40)	4 (± 2)	240	^ψ 40.

^ψStock Pt-IONP concentration for EA

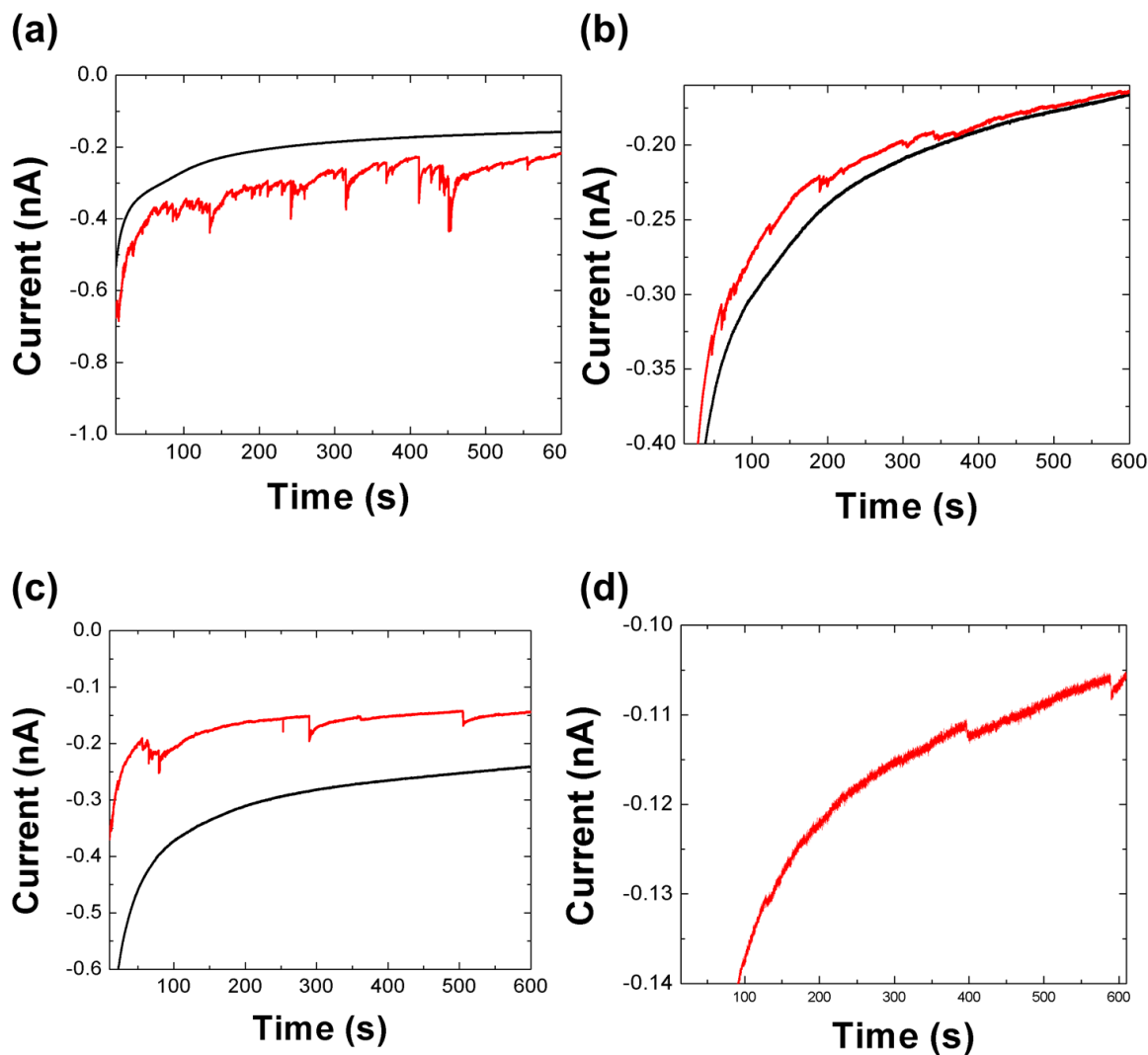


Figure S7: Chronoamperometry of Pt-IONP collisions in microfluidic device without the application of a magnetic field in the presence of 15 mM N_2H_4 in 50 mM SPB (pH 7.5). Black traces correspond to control scan without any Pt-IONPs added and red traces refer to Pt-IONP concentrations of (a) 702 fM, (b) 280 fM, (c) 140 fM, and (d) 57 fM.

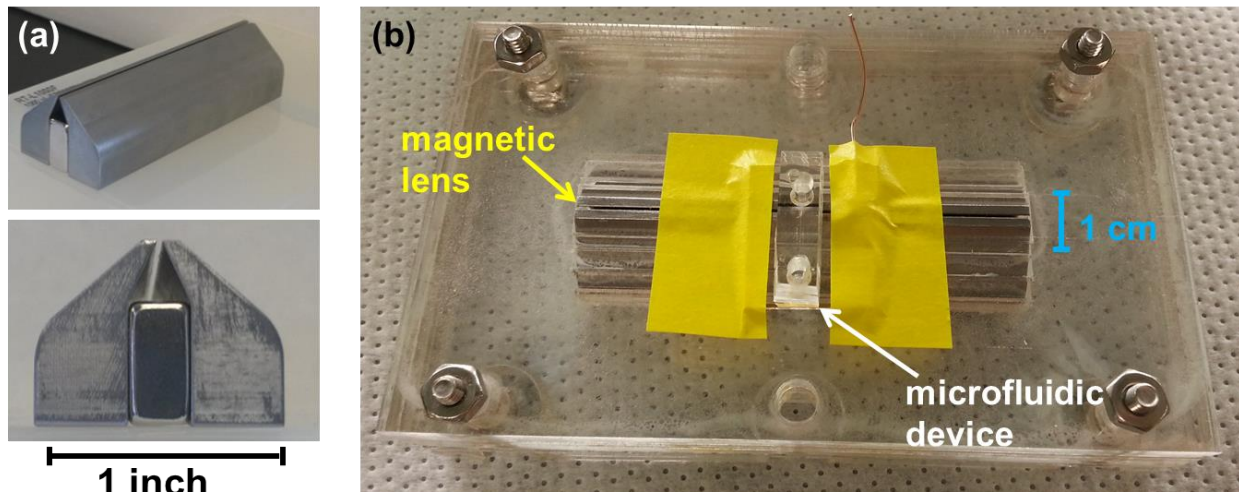


Figure S8: Photographs of (a) magnetic lens and (b) microfluidic device sitting atop the magnetic lens.

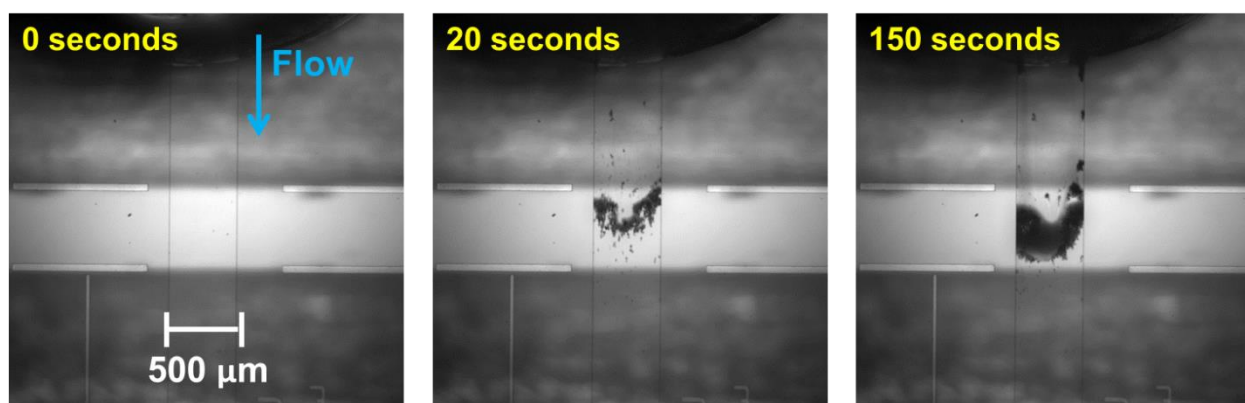


Figure S9: Photographs of Pt-IONP accumulation resulting from attraction to the magnetic lens. The channel width is 500 μm and the Pt-IONP concentration is 40 pM. Gravity-driven flow was accomplished by adding 60 μL of solution in the inlet and 20 μL in the outlet.

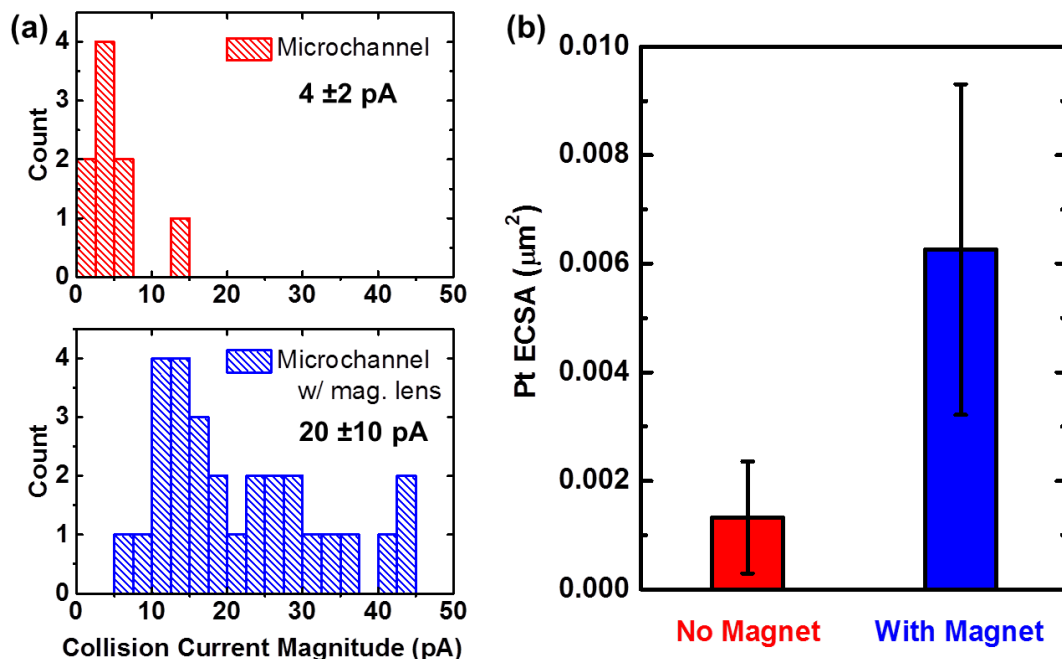


Figure S10: (a) Histograms of EA collision current magnitudes and (b) corresponding average Pt ECSA for particle impact experiments of 60 fM Pt-IONPs in 15 mM N_2H_4^* and 50 mM SPB (pH 7.5) with and without the magnetic lens applied.

*Recall that the Pt specific activity in the presence of 1.5 mM N_2H_4 in 50 mM SPB was found to be 34.9 mA/cm². Assuming the Pt activity is directly proportional to N_2H_4 concentration, the Pt specific activity in 15 mM N_2H_4 was therefore approximated as 350 mA/cm² (due to 10-fold increase in N_2H_4 concentration). The Pt ECSA values presented in Figure S10b were estimated by dividing the averaged data shown in Figure S10a by 350 mA/cm².

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