

Supporting Information

Experimental:

Silicon wafers were cleaned in piranha, and dried in an isopropanol vapor bath prior to metal deposition. A titanium layer 50 Å thick followed by a gold layer 500 Å thick were deposited using an e-beam evaporator. IDA microelectrodes were fabricated at the Stanford Nanofabrication Facility (SNF).

Azide-terminated thiols and tris-(benzyltriazolylmethyl)amine (TBTA) were prepared using previously reported procedures. The click reaction was carried out as follows: the azide-terminated gold surface was exposed to a solution that contains 10 μM Cu(II) TBTA, 8 mM hydroquinone (to ensure that the catalyst was in the active Cu(I) oxidation state), and 1-20 μM ethynylferrocene in 3:1 DMSO/water for a duration of 30 min. The surface was then rinsed with ethanol, dichloromethane, ethanol and finally water.

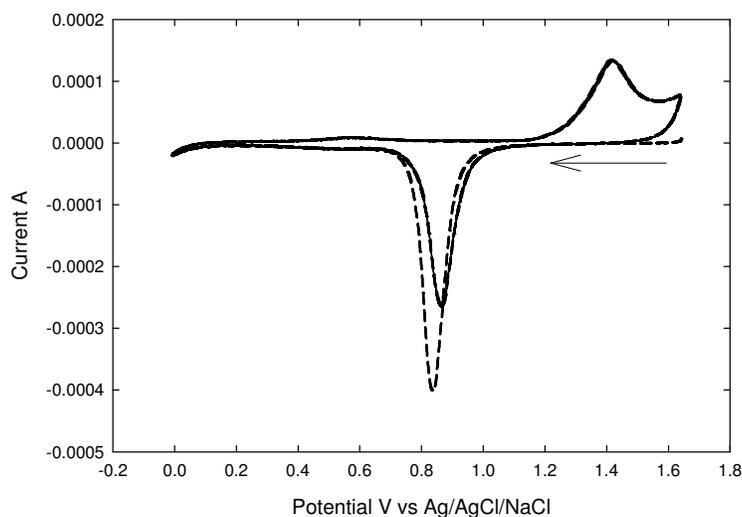


Figure S1: Cyclic voltammogram of a nominally bare gold electrode in 0.5 M aqueous H₂SO₄ starting at arrow. Scan rate 250 mV s⁻¹; dashed line represent the first scan, solid line represents subsequent four cycles.

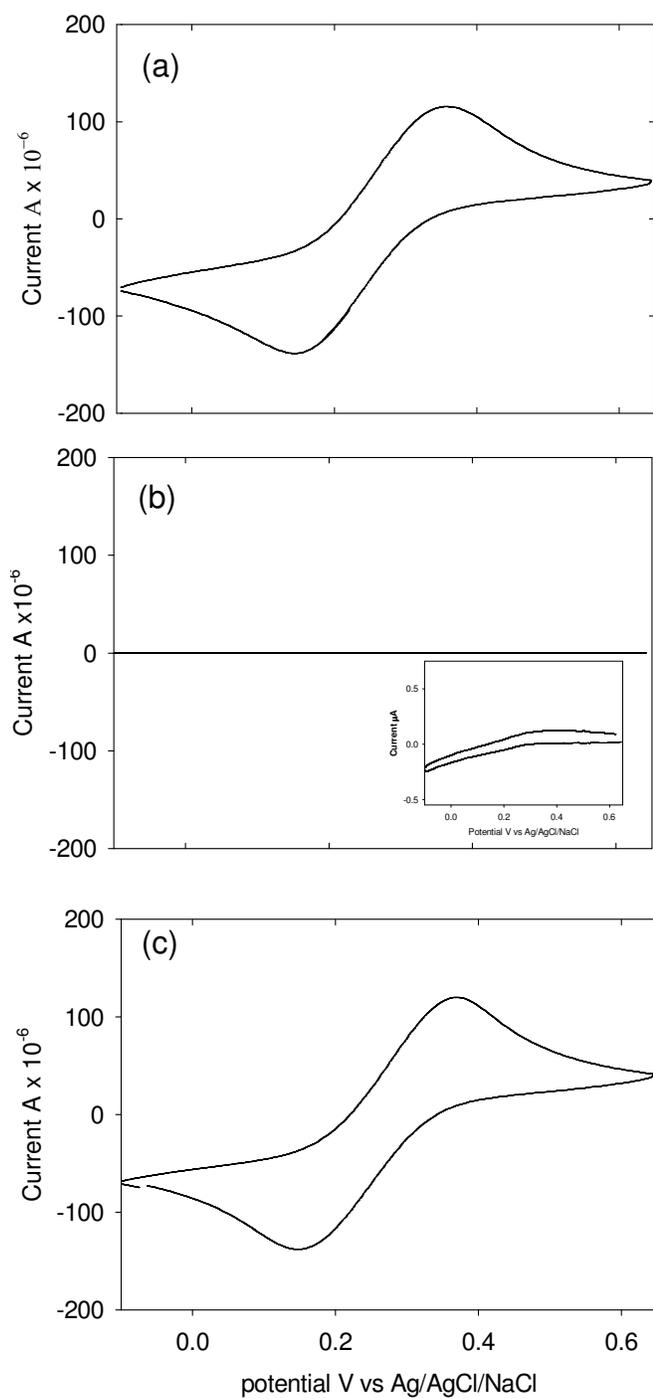


Figure S2: Cyclic voltammetry of 5 mM $\text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ in 100 mM KCl (a) with bare gold electrode. (b) $\text{HS}(\text{CH}_2)_{15}\text{CH}_3$ self-assembled monolayer after 1 min deposition. (c) After desorption of the thiols. Scan rate 100 mVs^{-1} .

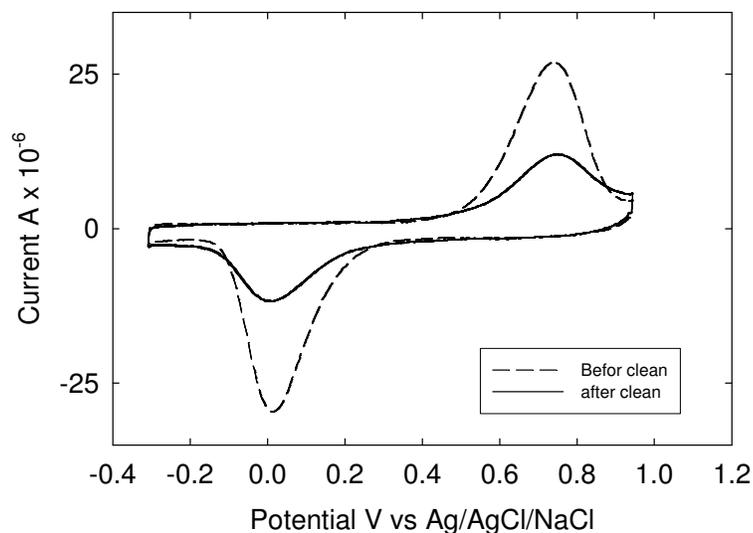


Figure S3: Using $\text{HS}(\text{CH}_2)_{18}\text{N}_3$ and 0.3 mM $\text{HS}(\text{CH}_2)_{15}\text{CH}_3$ in ethanol to form self-assembled monolayer; dashed line represent the ferrocene wave before cleaning the adjacent electrode, solid line after the cleaning procedure. Scan rate $10,000 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$.

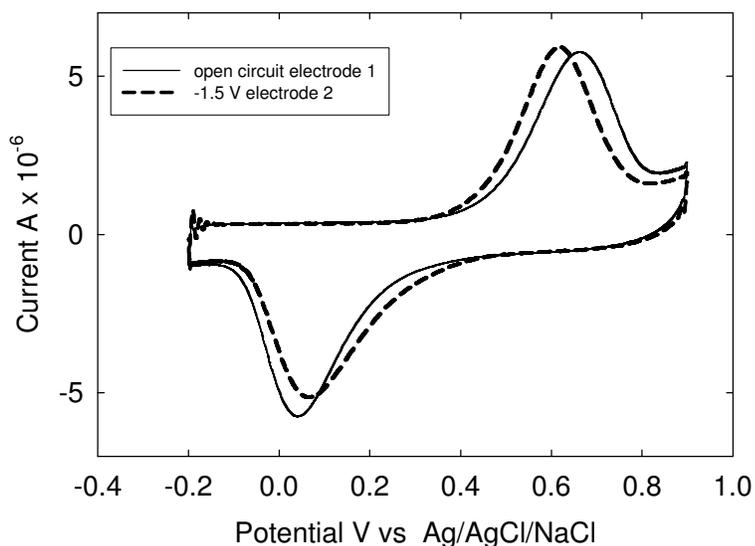


Figure S4: Using $\text{HS}(\text{CH}_2)_{16}\text{N}_3$ and 0.3 mM $\text{HS}(\text{CH}_2)_{15}\text{CH}_3$ in ethanol to form self-assembled monolayer on nominally clean electrodes. Wang procedure for 1 min with electrode 2 (dashed) at -1.5 V vs Ag/AgCl/NaCl and electrode 1 (solid) at open circuit. After rinsing, ethynyl ferrocene with “clicked” to surface azides. Scan rate $5,000 \text{ mV s}^{-1}$.