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**Technology Transfer**
Army Research Office
Instrumentation Grant
Award Recipient: Chicago State University
Purchased Item: Bruker, Dimensions Icon, Atomic Force Microscope
Principal Investigator: Valerie Goss
Key Personnel: Amber Wise, Asare Nkansah, David Kanis

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System Specifications:
- x-y scan range, 90 µm x 90 µm
- z range, 10 µm in imaging and force modes
- x-y position noise ,< 0.10 nm RMS
- vertical noise floor, <30 pm
- sample holder, 15 mm thick 210 mm vacuum chuck
- microscope optics
- nanoScope V controller
- Vibration isolation
- Acoustic isolation
- AFM SCAN head
- STM SCAN head
- Icon System Workstation, Icon-Monitor
- NanoScope Analysis Software Package
Instrument Highlights:

The new instrument has been in operation since installation by students and faculty. We have trained students, presented data, provided demonstrations, and used the instrument in course work at CSU.

| Trained three undergraduate students on the AFM; K. Linder, L.Boyd, Y.Freeman |
| 3 research poster presentation using images obtained from the AFM |
| Outreach, such as AFM Tours for Chicago Public School High School Students |
| Biology 4450/5450, AFM Electron Microscopy lecture/demonstration |
| Chemistry 4210, AFM Microscopic Physical Chemistry Laboratory |

Instrument Future Plans:

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AFM IMAGES

AFM images of DNA origami on mica shows the wide area scan. The insert, high resolution image which show the “L” features on the surface of DNA origami rectangles, not seen in the lower resolution image. The white flecks in the image are fragments on unannealed DNA. Image taken by student, Keenan Linder.

DNA origami images showing long-chain formation of DNA. Image taken by Curry Williams, student.

CSU structure formed on polyurethane surface (surface of a CD), inscribed using nanoindention. Image taken by Yvonne Freeman, student.
Application Modes:

- Scanning Spreading Resistance Microscopy (SSRM) Application Module for the Dimension SPMs
- PeakForce TUNA Application Module for Dimension Icon SPM
- TUNA Mode
- TR TUNA uses torsional resonance
- Conductive AFM
- Magnetic AFM
- Liquid AFM
- NanoMan/Nanolithography Software for NanoScope v9
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AFM image of an iron meteorite surface shows variable rough surface. Image taken by Curry Williams, student.