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Focused ion beam deposition of $\text{Co}_{71}\text{Cr}_{17}\text{Pt}_{12}$ and $\text{Ni}_{80}\text{Fe}_{20}$ on tips for magnetic force microscopy¹ ALFRED LEE, CHANGBAE HYUN, ALEX DE LOZANNE, Department of Physics, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX 78712 — We demonstrate that a focused ion beam can deposit magnetic coatings on cantilevers used for atomic force microscopy, thereby producing a sensor for magnetic force microscopy. This technique is highly versatile, allowing the convenient deposition of complex or expensive materials, such as $\text{Co}_{71}\text{Cr}_{17}\text{Pt}_{12}$. A second material chosen for this demonstration was permalloy ($\text{Ni}_{80}\text{Fe}_{20}$). We show magnetic images acquired with these cantilevers to illustrate their excellent properties and the differences between coatings. In principle, multilayer coatings could be easily made with this technique.

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