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ESR-MRI Using Low-Temperature Magnetic Resonance Force Microscopy SHIGENORI TSUJI, TATSUYA FUJIMOTO, YOHSUKE YOSHI-NARI, JEOL Ltd., CREST, KOHSUKE INOMATA, Kyoto Univ., CREST — The low-temperature operation of Magnetic Resonance Force Microscopy (MRFM) leads to a significantly better signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) than at room temperature, because of an increase of the spin magnetization and a reduction of the thermomechanical noise of the cantilever. We have built a low-temperature equipment, which is capable of operating in vacuum at liquid helium temperature. Our setup employed the sample-on-cantilever design at present. A magnetic needle with 100  $\mu$ m in diameter was placed on a stage to generate magnetic field gradient 11.3  $G/\mu m$ at the magnetic field 714 G. The 3D closed-loop stage based on slip-stick principle allows a  $200 \times 200 \times 200 \ \mu m^3$  scan range with 50 nm resolution. The experimental results of the 2D magnetic resonance force map carried out on diphenylpicrylhydrazil (DPPH) at T = 14 K are shown and an improvement of the SNR by 154 compared with the results at room temperature is confirmed. The 2D reconstructed images will be shown as well.

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