

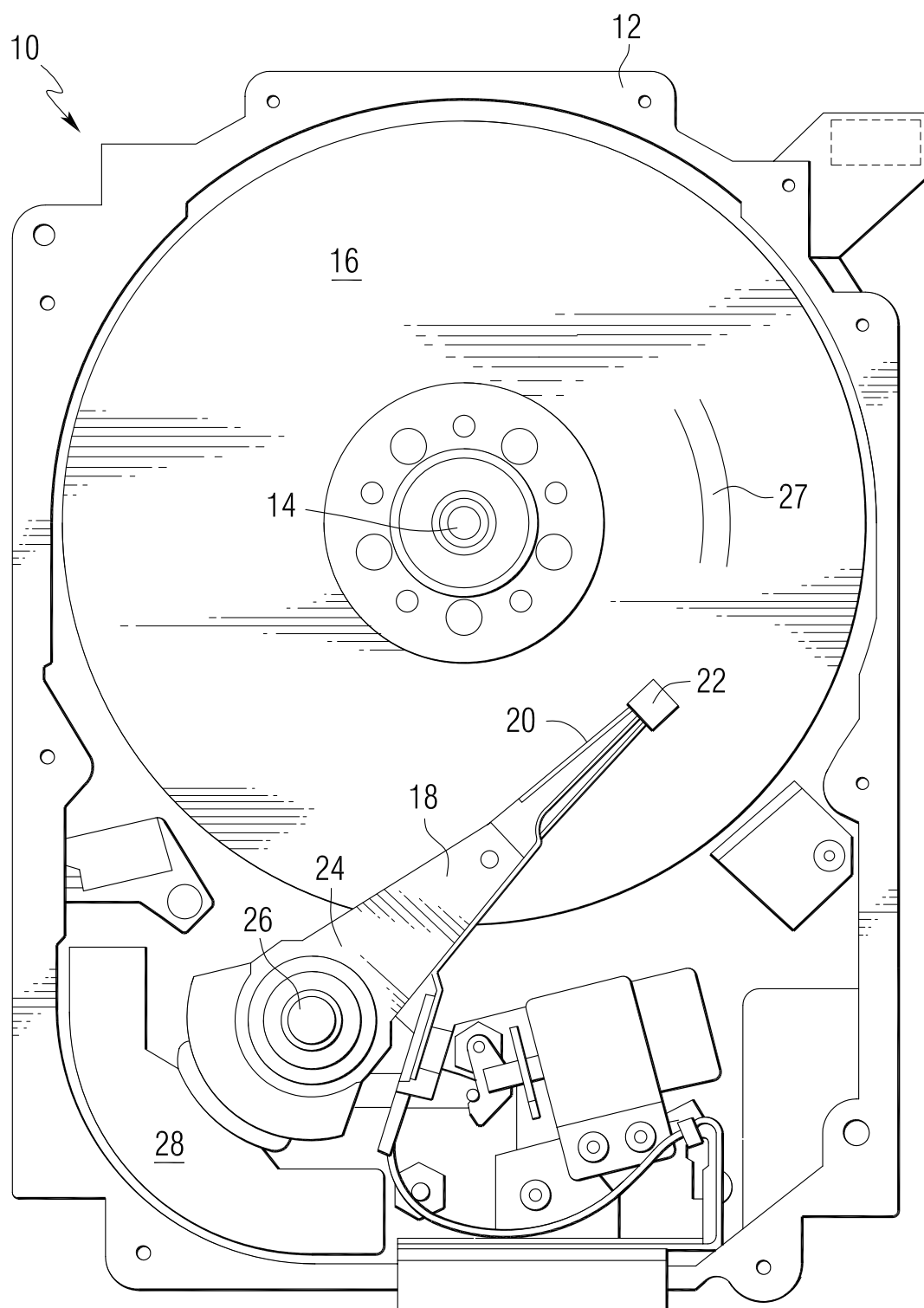


FIG. 1

A cross-sectional view of a multi-layered structure 16. The structure consists of a stack of layers. From top to bottom, the layers are labeled: 45, 42, 54, 52, and 56. These five layers are grouped together by a bracket labeled 50. Below this stack is a larger layer labeled 40. A bracket labeled 60 spans the height of layers 40 through 56. The entire structure is supported by a base layer labeled 38. An arrow points to the top right corner of the structure, labeled 16.

FIG. 3

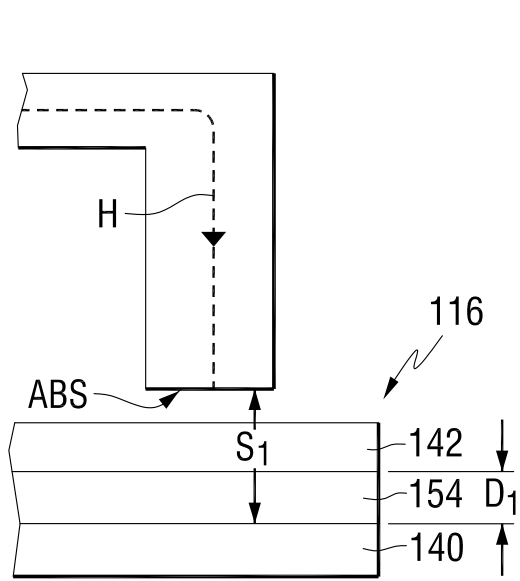


FIG. 4A
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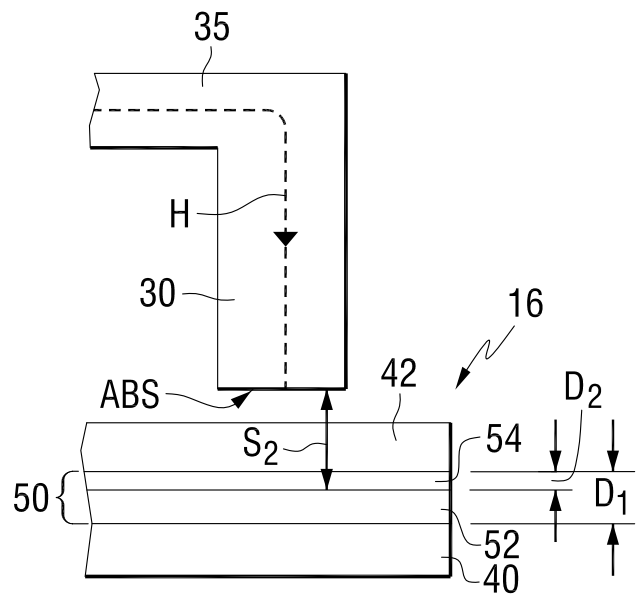


FIG. 4B

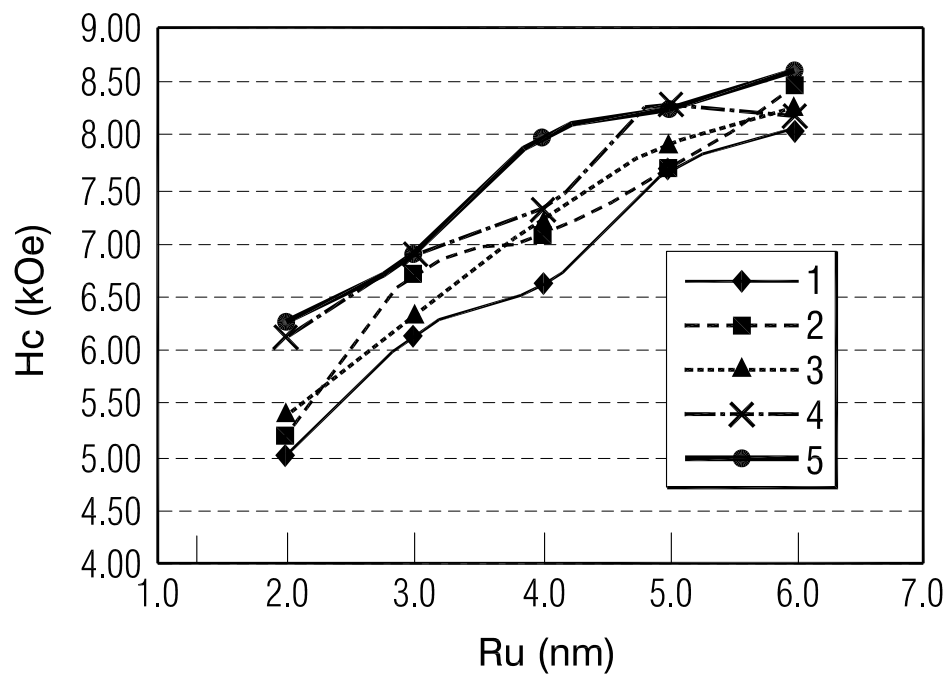


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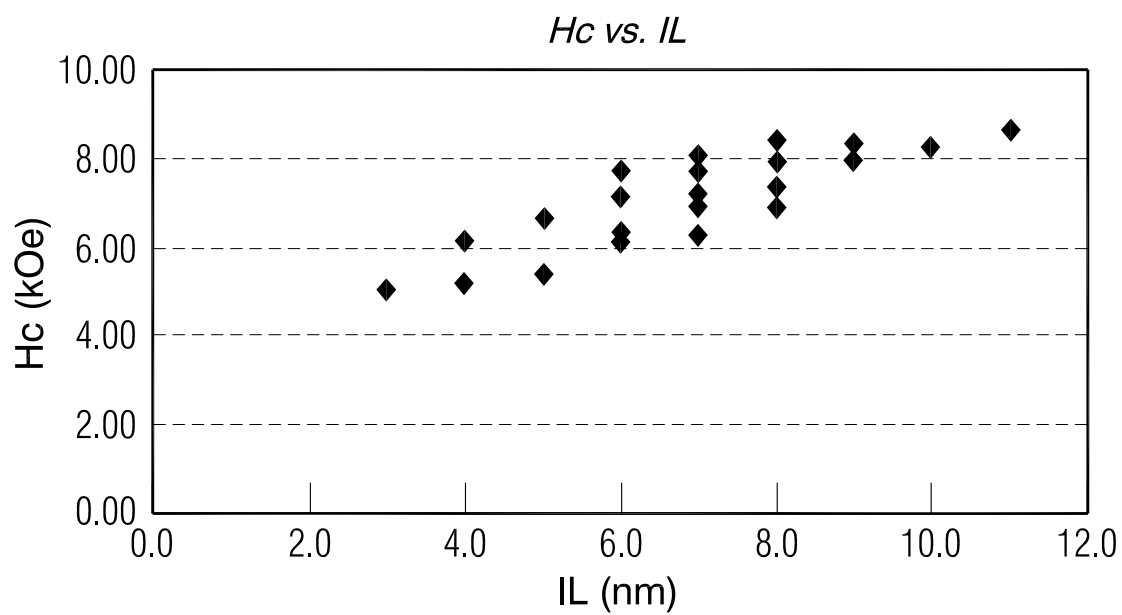


FIG. 6

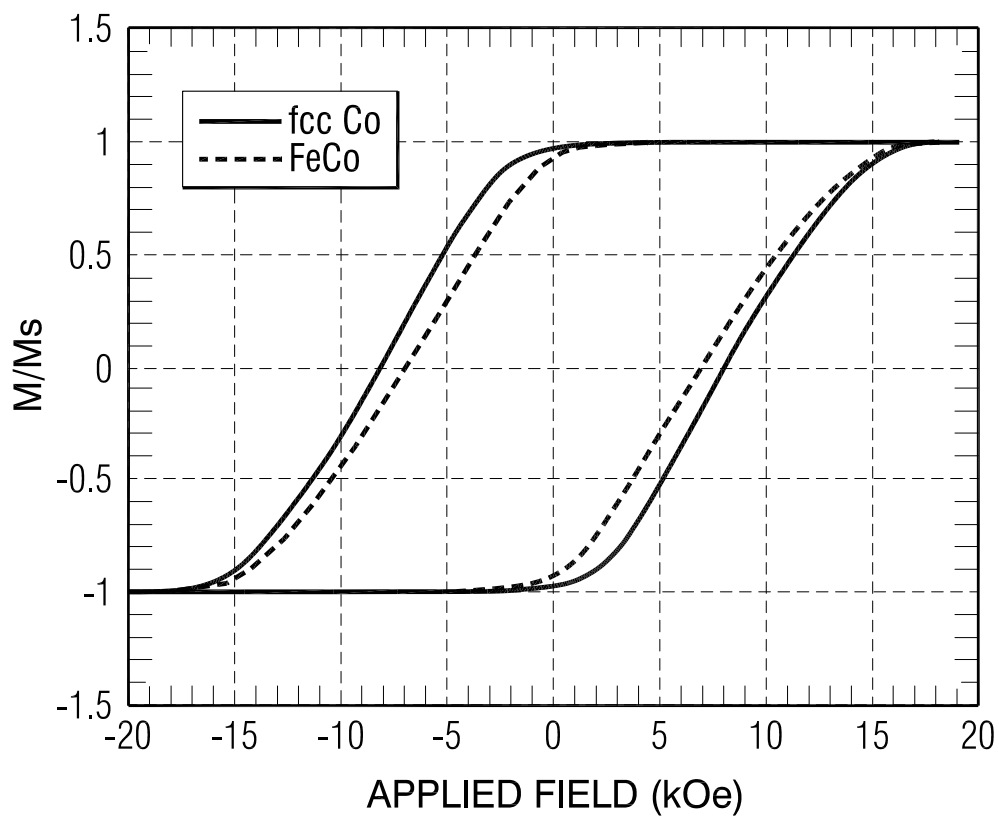
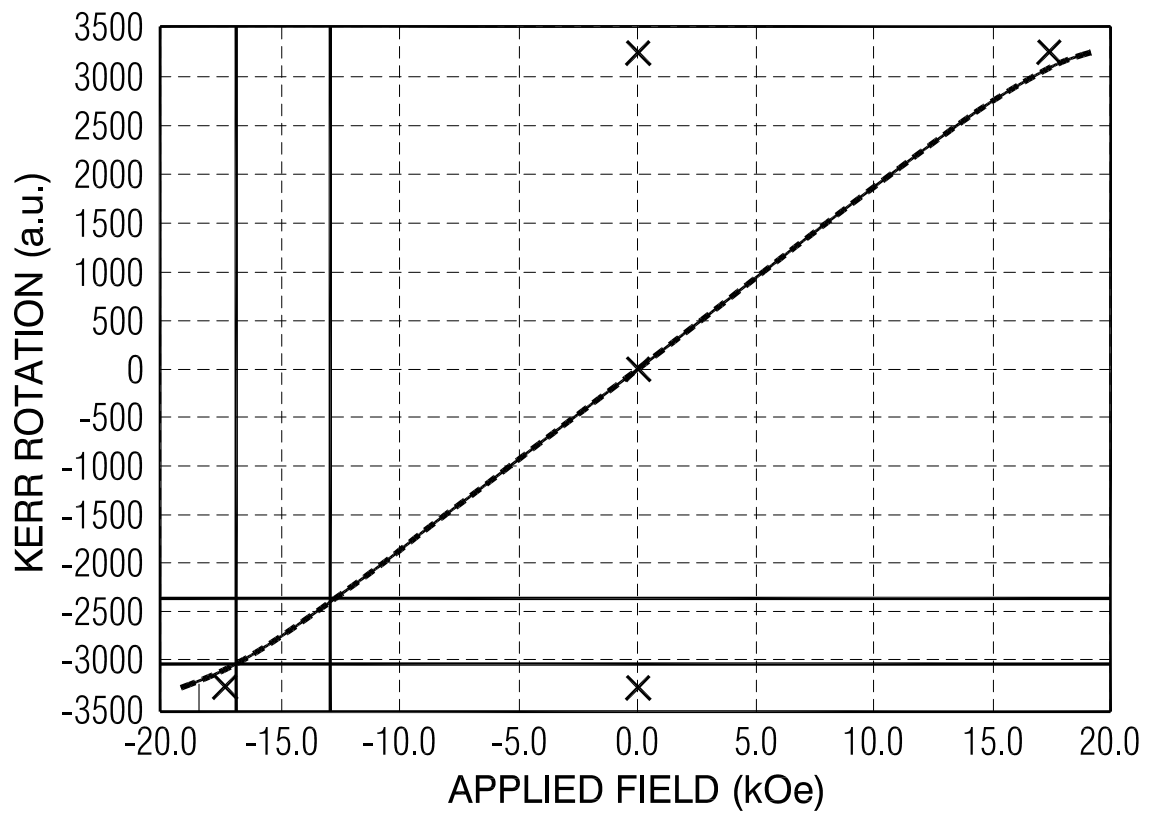
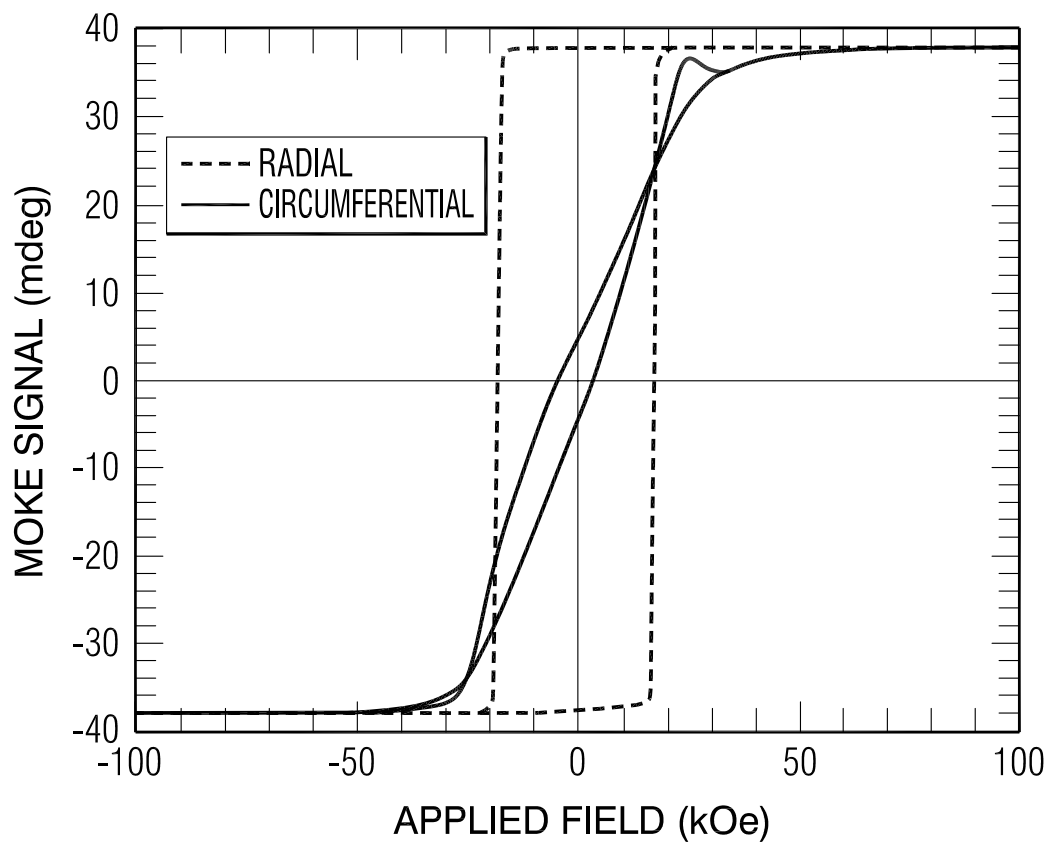


FIG. 7

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