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MRAM
 (10) 1 (V) 1 (W_{D1}) 2 (H) 2 (W_{D2})
 (20) (20) 1 (V) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (30)
 2 (H) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (32) 1 2 (30, 32) 1
 2 (V, H) (20) 1 (30) 1 (W_{C1}) (20)
 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (30) 1 (W_{C1})
 2 (32) 2 (W_{C2}) (20) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{D2})
 2 (32) 2 (W_{C2}) 1 2 (30, 32) (30, 3
 2) (20) , 1 2 (30, 32) 가 (I_Y, I_X)가
 (H_X, H_Y) (H_X, H_Y)

1a 1b MRAM ,
2a 2c MRAM ,
3 , ,
4a 4b ,
5a 5b ,
6 7 ,
8a 8c , ,
9a 9c , ,
10a 10c 1 2 ,
11 MRAM ,
12 ,
13a 13b ,

20, 21 22 : 30 : 1

32 : 2 100 : MRAM

120 : 122 :

123 : 124 :

126 : 130 :

132 :

(Magnetic Random Access Memory : MRAM)

(optimal write conductor layout) (width of a write conductor) (width of a data storage layer) (width of a write conductor)

MRAM (bit line) (word line) (cross point) (orientation of a magnetization) 가 가 가 가 (parallel and anti - parallel) " 1" " 0" 가 가 (switching)

1 MRAM (100) (100) (130), (132) (120) (120) (130) (132) MRAM (130, 132) (120) (132) d_x (130) d_y (120) (130, 132) (rectangular dimensions)(d_x d_y) (130, 132) (120) 1b (130, 132) (132) (120) (130) (120)

2a 2c (120) 2a (120) (dielectric region : 126) (active magnetic data film : 122) (pinned magnetic film : 124) (122) (M₁) 가 가 (124) (M₂) (122) (120) (130, 132) 가 1 2b M₁ M₂가 (120) M₁ M₂가 2 " 1" 가 (120) , M₁ M₂가 " 0" 2c (120) M₁ M₂가 2a 2c가 (124) (122) (124)

(120) M₁ M₂ M₁ M₂가 " 0" (120) M₁ M₂ " 1" (120) (120) (120) (130, 132) 가 (1) 23)(2a)

3, (120) (130, 132) (122) (H_y) (122, 124) 3 (H_x) (I_y) (H_x H_y) (I_x)
 (d_x d_y) (130, 132) 1a 1b (120)

(130, 132) (120) (d_x d_y) (d_x d_y) 가
 (132) 4a (120) (Y) (W_{CV}) 가 (W_{DV})
 (Y) (W_{CV}) 가 (X) (W_{CH}) 가 5a (120)
 (X) (W_{CH}) 가

(130, 132) (100) (1a 1b) (misalignment)
 (130) (132) (120) (offset) MRAM
 (lithographic process)
 4b (132) (120) 5b
 (130) (120) MRAM
 0.05μm
 (sub - micron size memory cell)

가 4b 5b (120) (141)
 145) (130, 132) (cover) (120)
 (130, 132) (120)
 (M₁)

(130, 132) 가 4b 5b (cross - hat
 ched region) (143 147) (120) (M₁)
 (143 147) 가 ()

(H_y H_x) (I_x I_y) (H_y H_x) 가
 (120) (I_x I_y) MRAM (H_y H_x)
 (objects) (122) (H_y H_x)

, MRAM

MRAM
 가

MRAM

가

(waste heat)

MRAM

(,)
 (leakag
 e),

(first layer width) 2 2
 1 1 2 2 1 2 1
 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 (overlap) 1 2
 2 2 2 2 2 2 2
 1 2 1 2

tolerance) 1 2 MRAM 1 2 (alignment
 가 ,
 (left - shifted)

1 1 2 MRAM ()
 가 가 1 1
 가 가 2 2
 가 가 1 1 (operatively)
 가 가 2 2
 2

1 1 2 2 1 2
 2 1 2 1 2 1 1
 2 2 2 1 1 1 2 2 2

1 2 1 2 1 / 2
 1 / 2 1 / 2 , 1 /
 / 2 1 / 2 , 1 /
 2

6 7 (10) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (30)
 (6) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (32)(7) (20) 1
) 2 (30, 32) 가 () (20) ()
) (30, 32) 가 1 (30) 2 (32) 1 2
 1 1 (W_{D1}) (H) 2 2 (W_{D2})
 1 2 (30, 32) 1 2 (20)

1 (30) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) , 2 (32) 2 (W_{C2})
 2 (W_{D2}) 1 (W_{C1}) 6 1 (W_{D1})
 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 2 (W_{C2}) 7
 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{D2})

20) , 1 (30) (20) (6) 2 (32) ()
 (7) , 1 2 (30, 32) ,
 (20) 1 2 (30, 32) 6 7
 , 10a 10c 1 2 (30, 32) ()
 20)

6 7 1 (V) 1 (30) 2 (H) 2
 (32) ,
 , 1 (30) 가 2 (32)가 가
 , (10) ,

(20) (spin dependent tunneling device), (spin valve de
 vice) (magnetoresistive device) (magnetoelectric device) (20)
 (arcuate shape) (polygon shape)

13a 13b (21) (22) 13a
 13b 1 2 (30, 32) 1 2 (V, H)
 (W_{D1}) 2 (W_{D2}) 1 2 (V, H)
 13a 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (V) (21) 1 (W_{D1})
 c1) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1})
 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (H) (21) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{D2})
 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{D2})

8a 8c 1 (30) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (V)
 1 (1) (20) 1 (W_{D1})
 1 (1) (10) MRAM
 1 = 0.05μm 1 (some fraction or percentage) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1})
 1 = 0.05μm 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 80%(0.8 * 0.05μm = 0.04μm) 1 (W_{D1})
 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 0.04μm 1 = 0.05μm 1 (W_{C1})
 1 1¼ (1.25) (1.25 * 0.05μm = 0.0625μm) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1})
 1 (W_{D1}) 0.0625μm 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1
 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1}) 2, 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2})

1 (W_{C1}) 8a 1 (W_{D1}) 8a
 1 (30) (33) 1 (1) ÷ 2(1 ÷ 2) 1
 (W_{D1}) (inward) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1
 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1}) 8b 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (1)
 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1})
 8c 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (1) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1})
 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{C1}) 1
 (1)

9a 2 (32) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (H)
 2 (2) (20) 2 (W_{D2}) 2
 (2) (10) MRAM
 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 = 0.07μm
 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2}) 9a
 2 (2) ÷ 2(2 ÷ 2) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (32) (35)
 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{C2})
 9b 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (2) (2) 9b
) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2})
 9c 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (2) (9c
) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2})
 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (2)

0.08 μm (1) 2 (2) 0.01 μm
 2) (1 = 2) .
 , 1 (1) 2 (2)
 가 . , 1 (1) 2 (2) 1
 (V) 1 (W_{D1}) 2 (H) 2 (W_{D2})
 .
 , 10a 1 (30) (20) 2
 (32) (20) . 1 (V) 2 (H) , 1
 (30) 2 (32) 가 (20) .
 , 1 (30) 1 (W_{D1}) C , (L)
 (R) 1 (W_{C1}) 가 , 2 2 (W_{D2}) C
 , (U) (D) 2 (W_{C2}) 가 .
 , 1 (V) 2 (H) (20) (easy axis : E)
 (,) (co-linear) . 10a , 2 (H) (20) (E)
 .
 1 2 (30, 32)가 (discrete segment of a conductor)
 , MRAM 가 (20) , 1 2 (30, 32) 1 (V)
 2 (H) 11 가 (20) .
 10b 10a (10) 1 (V) 1 (W_{C1}) (20)
 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1}) 가 .
 10c 10a (10) 2 (H) 2 (W_{C2}) (20)
 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2}) 가 .
 , 10b 10c 1 (V) 1 (W_{D1}) 2 (H) 2
 (W_{D2}) (20) . 10b , 1 (V) + (cross)
 .+ 1 (V) . , 1 (W_{D1}) 13b
 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1}) 가 (10a) . , 1 (30)
 (20) (10a)) . , 1 (V)
 , 10c 2 (H) • (dot) . • 2 (H)
 . , 2 (W_{D2}) 13c 2 (H) 2
 (H) (10a)) . , 2 (32) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2}) 가 , 2 (32) 2 (H) (20) (10a)) .
 , 8a 8c (10) 1 (W_{C1})
 1 (30) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2}) (W_{C2} = W_{D2}) 2 (H)
 32)() . 1 2 (30, 32) 1 (V) 2 (H)
 (20) , (20) 1 2 (30, 32) .
 1 (30) 1 (W_{C1}) (20) 1 (W_{D1}) , 1 (W_C)
 1) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) .

(20) 0.08 μ m, 1 (30) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (V) 1 (1) (1) 0.01 μ m
 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1}) (8a, 8b 8c).

8a (30)가 1 (30) 2 (32) 1 (V) 1 (30) 2 (H) 2 (32)가 가
 (32)() , 1 (30)가 가 2 (32)가 가

(20) "1") (, "0"
 (20) 1 2 (30, 32) 가 가
 1 (30) 1 (30) 가 1 , 2
 (32) 2 (32) 가 2 1
 2

11 (20) MRAM (50) 1 2 (30, 32)
 (20_s) (20)
 1 (H_x) 2 (H_y) 1 (H_x)
 (20_s) 1 (30) 가 (I_y) 2 (H_y)
 (20_s) 2 (32) 가 (I_x) 1 2
 (H_x, H_y) (right - hand rule) (vector) (I_y I_x) ()
 50 (30, 32) 가 ()
 1 2 (H_x, H_y) 1 2 (30, 32) ()
 20_s 1 2 (30, 32) 1 2 (H_x, H_y)
 (20)

1 (30) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (V) (20_s)
 1 (W_{D1}) , 2 (32) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (H) 2
 (W_{D2}) , 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{D1})
 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (H_x) ()
 20_s 1 (30) 가 (I_y) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 ()
 W_{D1}) (W_{C1} = W_{D1}) , 1 (W_{C1}) 1
 (H_x) 가 가 (I_y) 1 (H_x) H_x 가 H_y
 (strength) , I_y
 . I_y가 , (20_s)
 (50)

(20) ,

(W_{D2}) , 2 (32) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (H) (20_s) 2
 (, 1 2 (30, 32)) 가
 . 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2})
 . 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (H_y) (20_s)
 1 (30) , 2 (32) 가 (I_x) 2 (W_{C2})
 2 (W_{D2}) (W_{C2} = W_{D2}) . 가
 (50) (20)

12 4b 5b (W_c) (W_b) (W_c = W_b)
 (W_b) (SC₁) (plot) (W_c)
 (simulate) 0.05μm . 4b 5b
 (SC₁) x (I_y) y (M₁)
 . (I_x) (H_y) , (I_y) (I_x)
 (SC₁) (1) , 1.75mA (I_x) 3.60mA
 (I_y)가

12 (10) (SC₂) .
 (SC₂) ()
 5μm . 0.0

(9a) . (SC₂) (2) , 1.75mA
 (I_x) 3.00mA (I_y)가
 (I_x = 1.75mA) , (10)
 20% (I_y) (, 3.00mA 3.60mA).
 (10) 가 . (du
 plicate)

1 (30) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (V) (20)
 (W_{D1}) . 2 (32) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (H) 2 (W_{D2})
 . 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1})
 . 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (H_x) (20)
 1 (30) 가 (I_y) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) (W_{C1} = W_{D1})
 1 (H_x) , 1 (W_{C1}) 가 (I_y)
 1 (H_x) , 가 .
 1 (H_x) 가 .

(20) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (32) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (H)
 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2}) 가 . 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{D2})
 . 2 (W_{C2})
 2 (H_y) (20) . 1 (30) , 2
 (32) 가 (I_x) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{D2}) (W_{C2} = W_{D2})
 2 (H_y) .

2 (30) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (V) 1 ()
 (20) 1 (W_{D1}) . , 2 (32) 2 (W_{C2})
 2 (H) 2 () (20) 2 (W_{D2})
 . 1 2 (1 2) 0.01μm 0.08μm .

(20) (ferromagnetic materials) (Al₂O₃), (NiFe), (AIN), (1) (20) (ferrimagnetic materials) (Co), Fe₃O₄, CrO₂, (SiO₂) (30, 32) (Si₃N₄) (switch) M

RAM (localized) (10)가 (10) M (switch) M (MRA) 가

(57)

1.

(a magnetic memory cell) (a write conductor layout structure : 10)

1 (a first width : W_{C1}) 1 (a first conductor : 30) ,
 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (32) ,

(a data storage layer : 20) ,

1 (V) 1 (a first layer width : W_{D1}) 2 (H) 2
 (W_{D2}) 1 (30) 2 (32) (operatively) ,
 1 2 (30, 32) 1 2 (20) ,

1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) ,

2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{D2}) ,

1 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1}) (entirety) (overlap)
 (W_{D1}) ,

2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{D2})

2.

1 ,
 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (a first process alignment offset)(1) 1
 (W_{D1}) , 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (2) 2
 (W_{D2}) .

3.

2 ,
 1 (1) 2 (2) 0.01μm 0.08μm .

4.

2 ,
 1 (1) 2 (2) .

5.

2 ,
 1 2 (1, 2) (an alignment tolerance
 of a lithographic process) .

6.

1 ,
 1 2 (V, H) 1 (30) 2 (32)가 (orthogon
 al) (20) .

7.

1 ,
 1 (V) 2 (H) (20) (an easy a
 xis : E) (co - linear) .

8.

(10) ,

1 (W_{C1}) 1 (30) ,

2 (W_{C2}) 2 (32) ,

(20) ,

1 (20) 1 (V) 1 (W_{D1}) 2 (H) 2 (W_{D2})
 (30) 2 (32) , 1 2 (30, 32)
 1 2 (V, H) (20) ,

1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) ,

2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{D2}) ,

1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1})

9.

8 ,

1 (W_{C1}) 1 (1) 1 (W_{D1})

10.

9 ,

1 (1) 0.01μm 0.08μm .

11.

8 ,

1 (30) (a word line) (a bit line)
 (a current carrying line) .

12.

(a low power magnetic memory cell) (10) ,

1 (V) 1 (W_{D1}) 2 (H) 2 (W_{D2}) (20) ,

1 (30) - 1 (30) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{D1}) 1 (W_{C1}) 가 -
 D1) 가 (I_Y) 1 (H_X) 1 (30) ,

2 (32) - 2 (32) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{C2}) 가 -
 가 (I_X) 2 (H_Y) 2 (32) ,

2 (20) 1 (30) 2 (32) , 1
 (30, 32) 1 2 (V, H) (20) ,

(20) (an orientation of magnetization) (a bit of data)
 1 2 (H_X, H_Y) ,

1 (30) 가 (I_Y) 1 (H_X)
 1 (W_{C1}) 1 (W_{D1})

.

17.

16 ,

1 (W_{C1}) 1 (1) 1 (W_{D1})

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18.

16 ,

c₂) 2 (W_{C2}) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{D2}) 2 (W_{D2}) ,

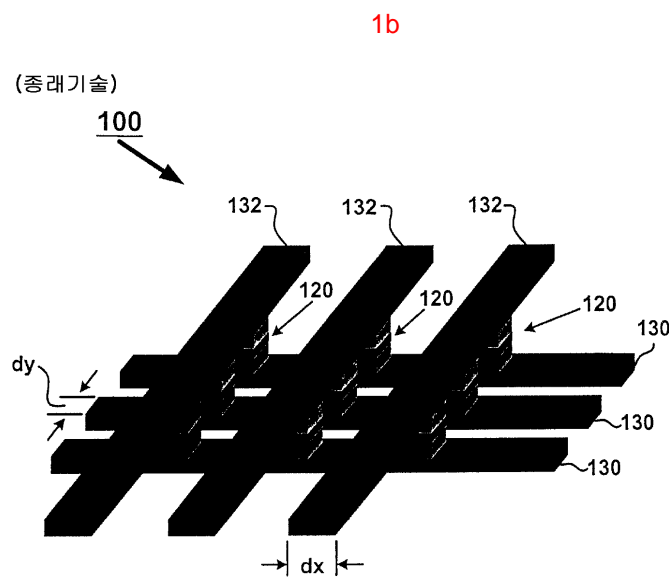
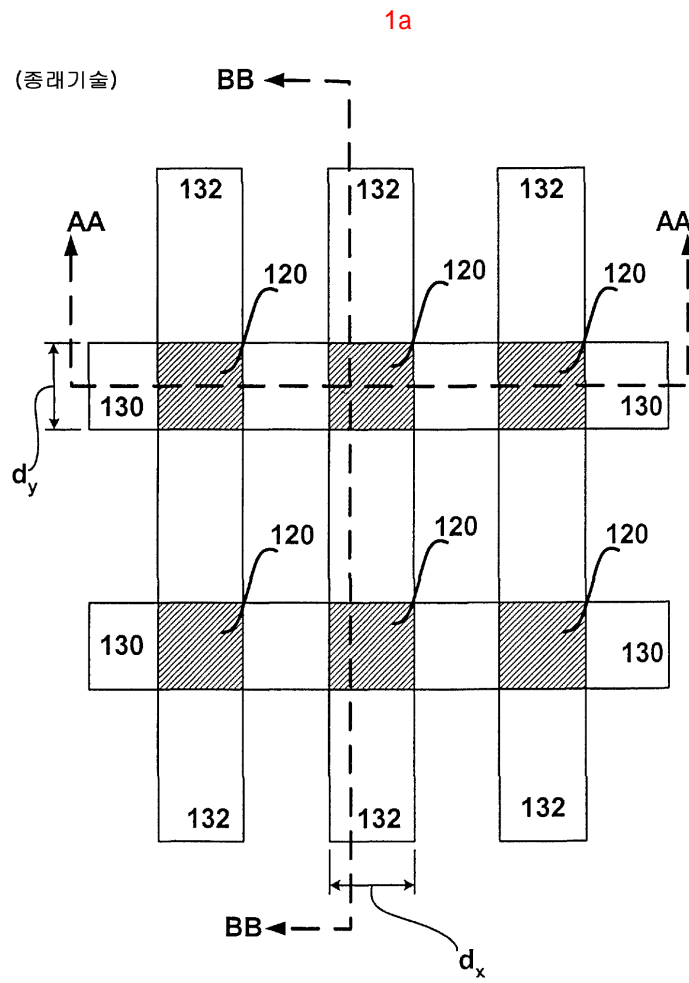
W_{C2}) 2 (32) 가 (I_X) 2 (H_Y) 2 (W_{D2}) .

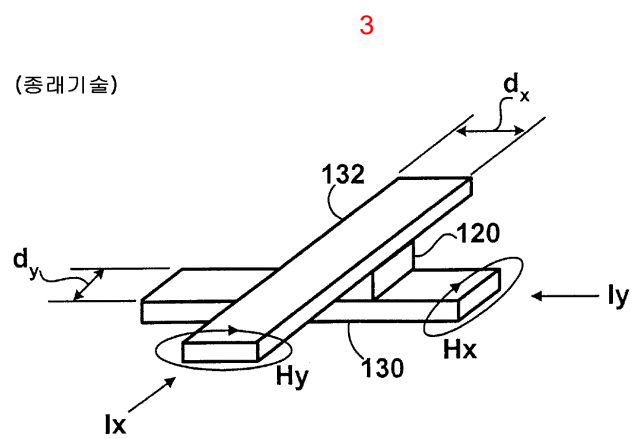
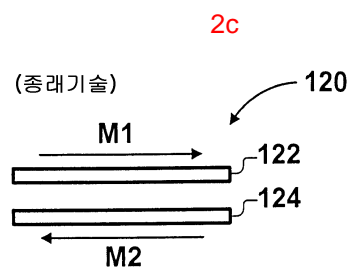
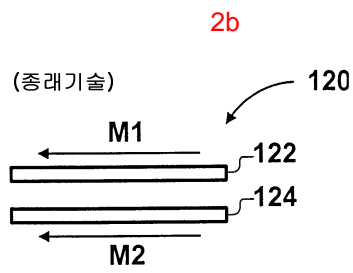
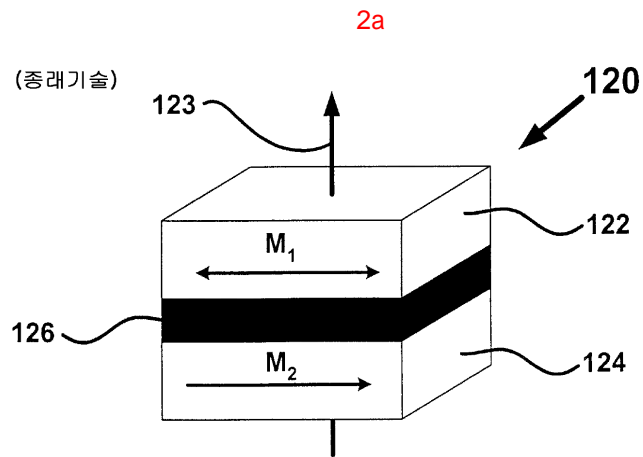
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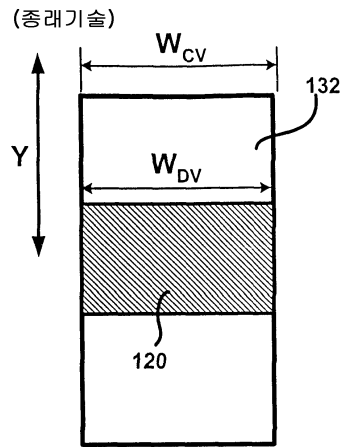
2 (W_{C2}) 2 (2) 2 (W_{D2})

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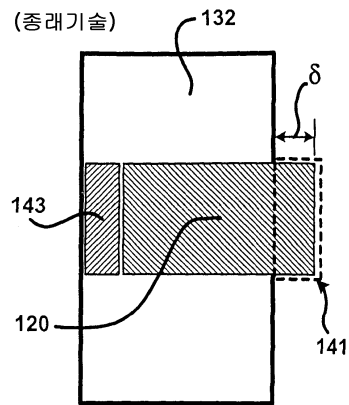




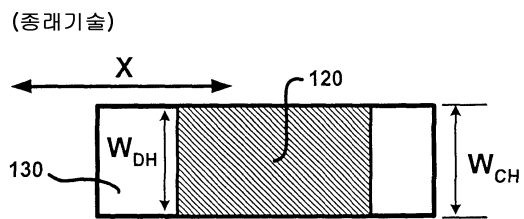
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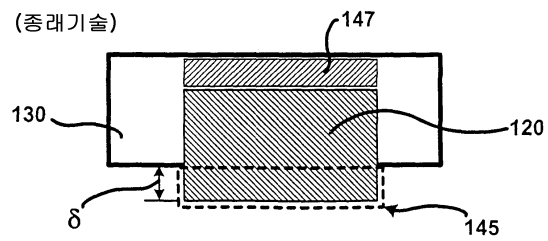
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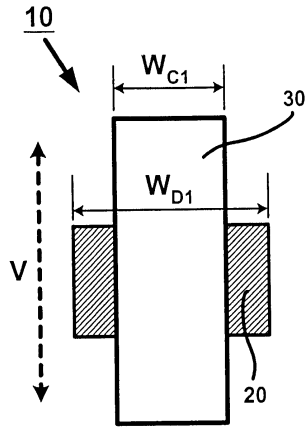
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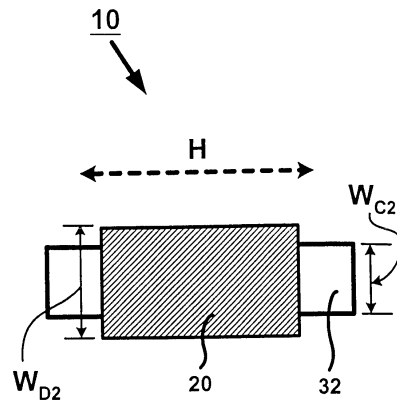
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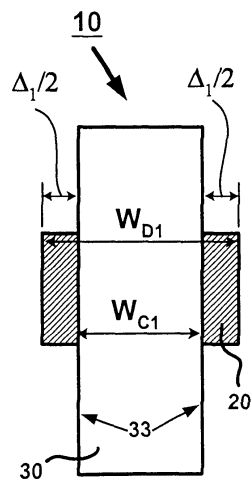
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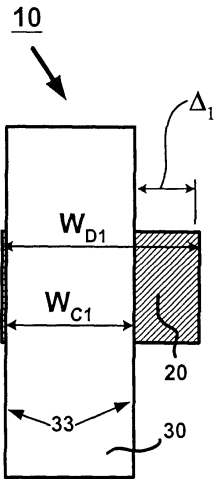
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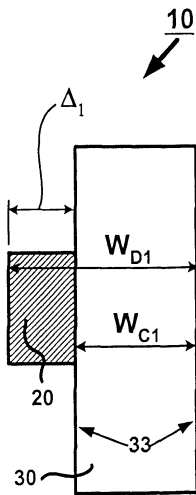
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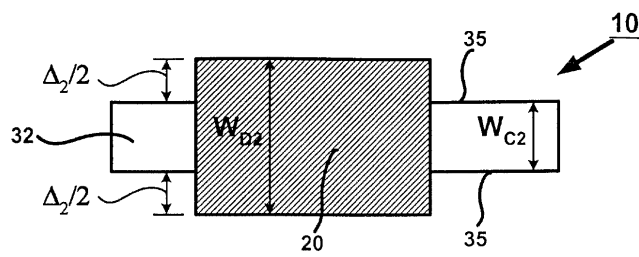
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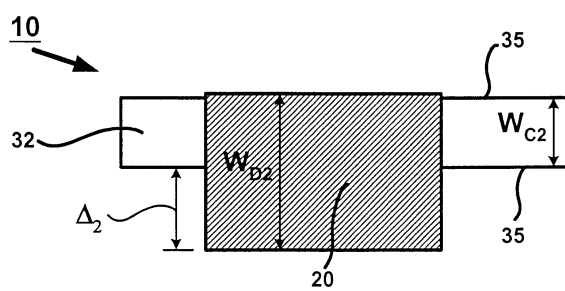
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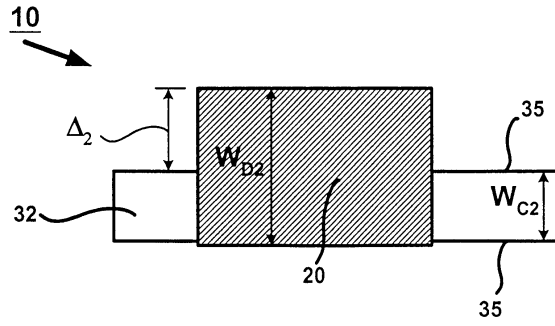
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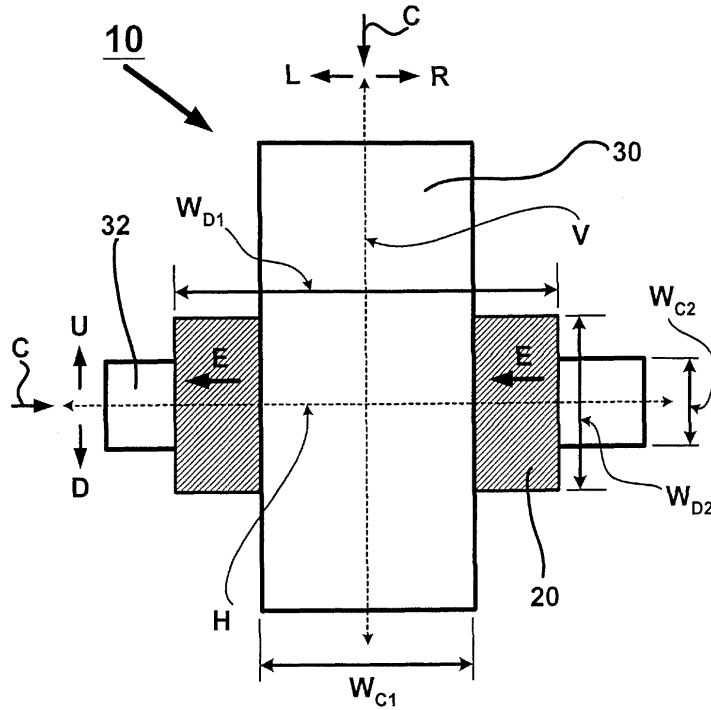
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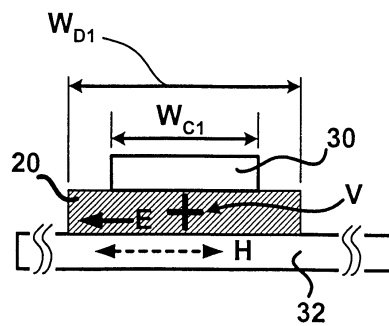
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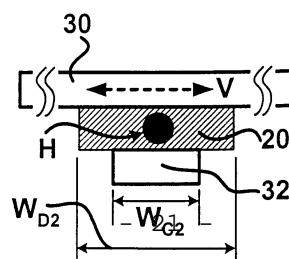
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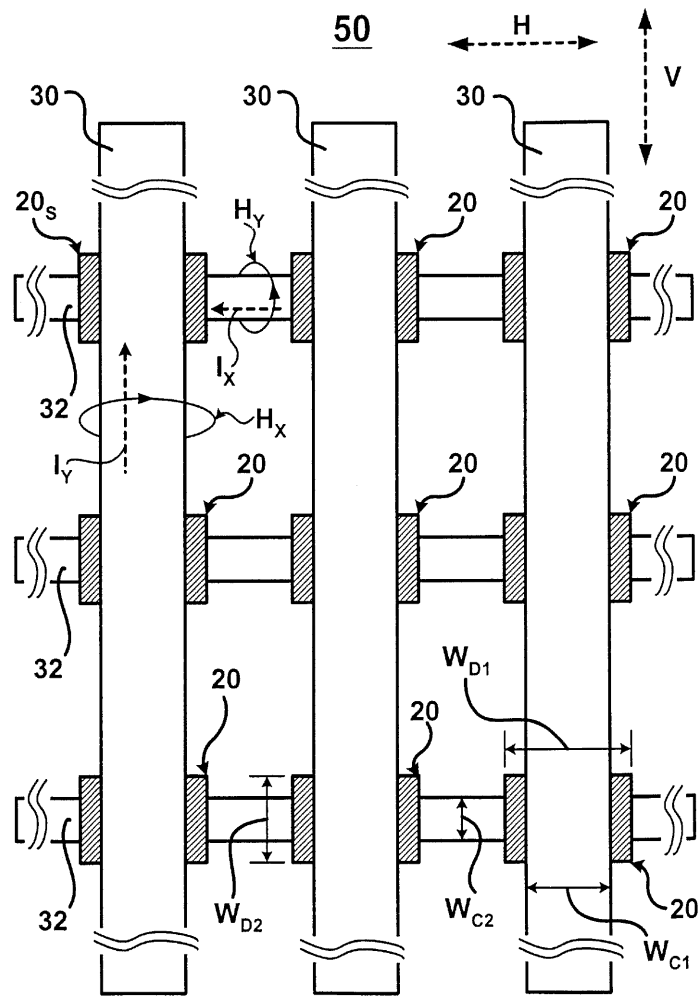
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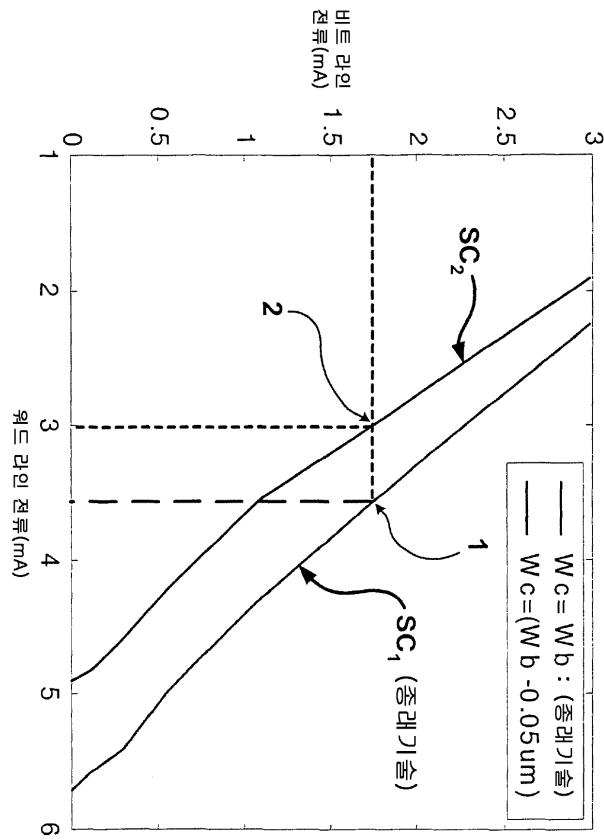
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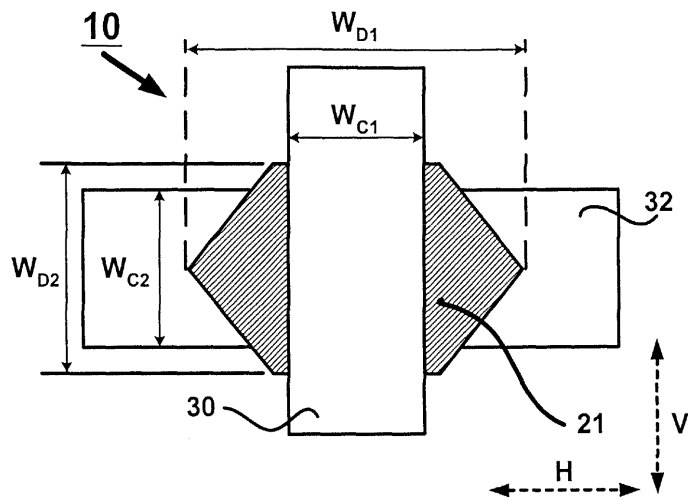
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13a



13b

