

Attempt to Generate Uniform Magnetic Field by Face-to-Face Magnet System Containing HTS Bulk Magnets

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Background

Needs for strong and compact static magnets

Concept of compact NMR device



Large-scale (270MHz, -6T)



Table-top (200MHz, 4.7T)

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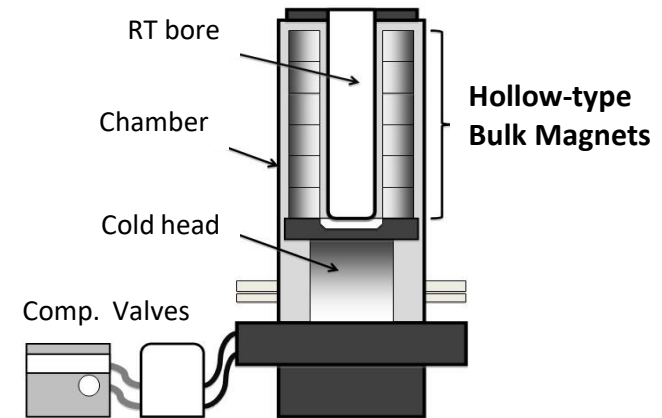


Illustration of hollow-type bulk magnet

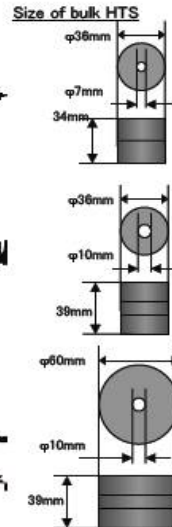
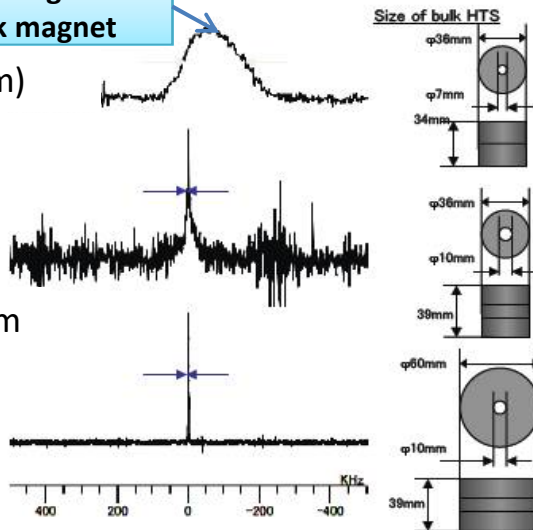
World-first NMR signal detected by bulk magnet

178kHz (1445ppm)

2.93kHz(23.2ppm)

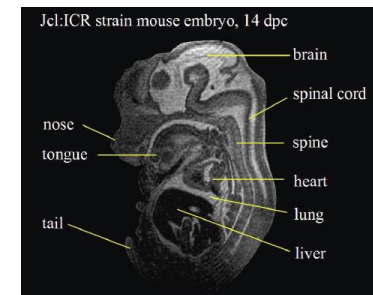
Improved to 5ppm

0.61kHz(4.85ppm)



Sample
Si - Rubber

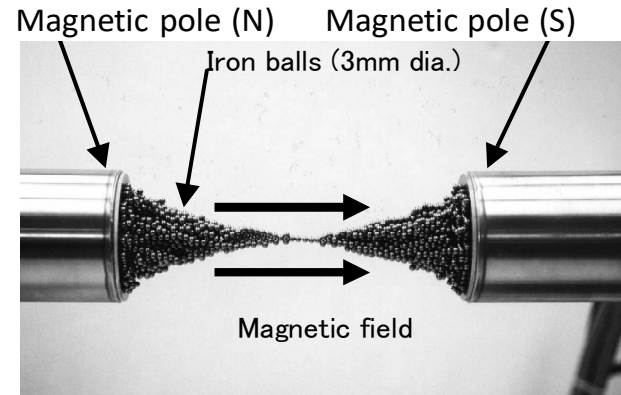
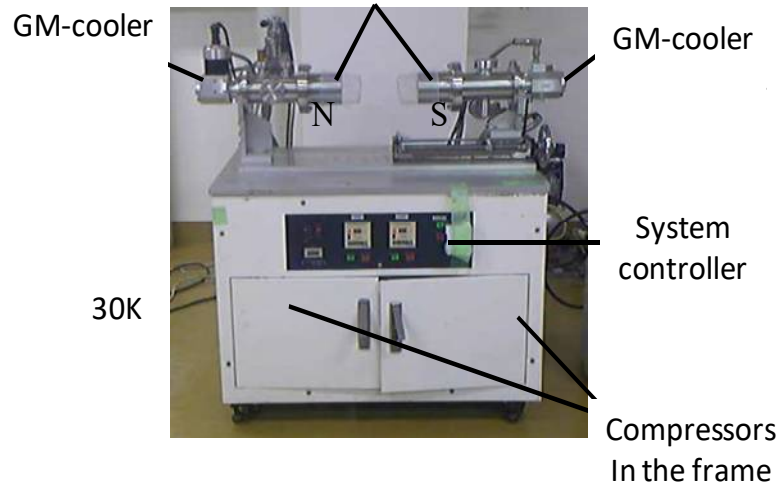
NMR Imaging of baby mouse (2011)



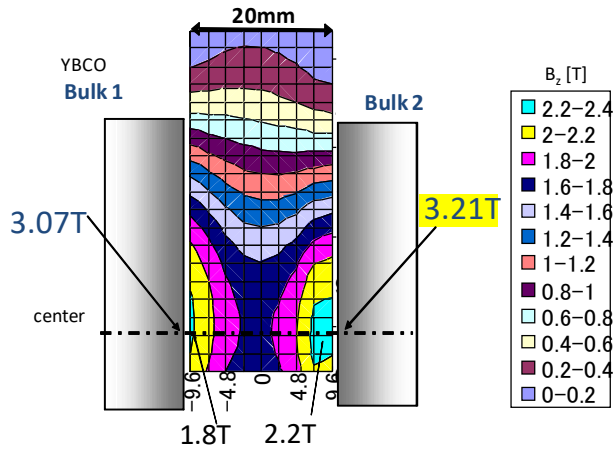
Magnetic uniformity was estimated to be feasible for application to compact NMR system

Bulk Magnets System

Magnetic poles installing HTS bulk magnets

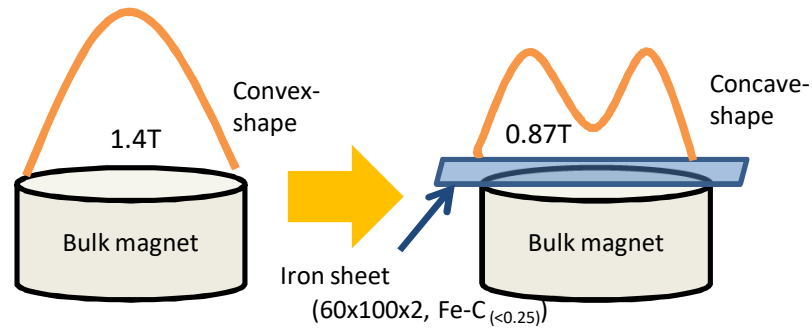


- Conical field distribution
- Maximum field at the center of the pole surface
- Step field gradient

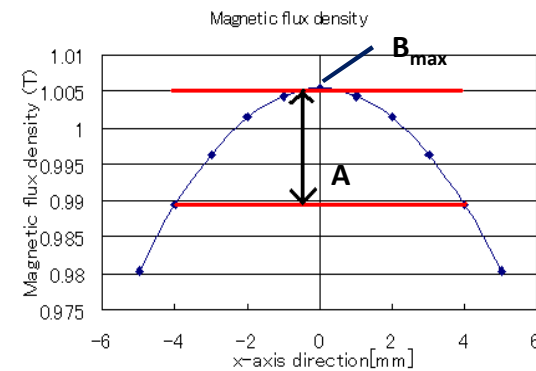
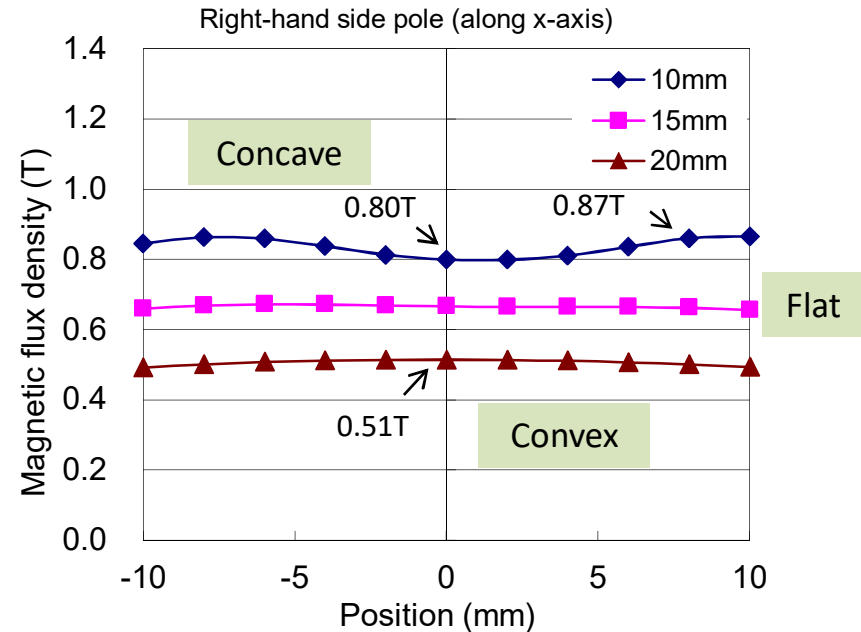
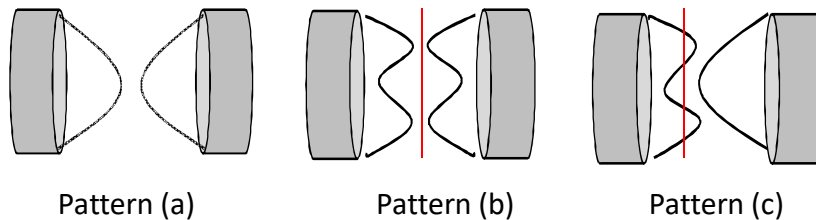


- Bulk magnets have the most intense field at the center of pole surface, which reflects the shape of the iron balls attracted to the magnets
- We attempted to obtain various magnetic field distributions for the industrial applications requiring uniform fields, like NMR/MRI and others

Deformation of Trapped Field Distribution

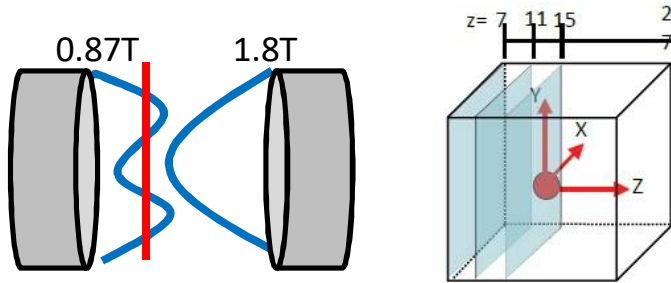


- In order to make the distribution smooth, we attached an iron plate on the pole surface generating 1.4 T
- The magnetic field distribution changed to concave by the shielding effect of iron plate, which changed from concave to convex with increasing distance
- This inferred the presence of flat region in the space
- We tried to estimate three type of arrangements of magnetic poles

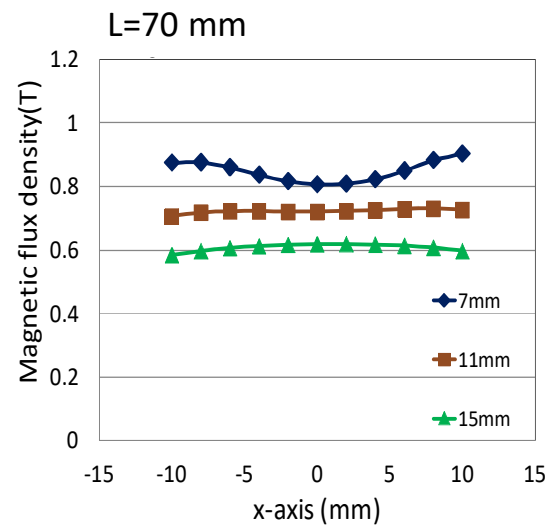
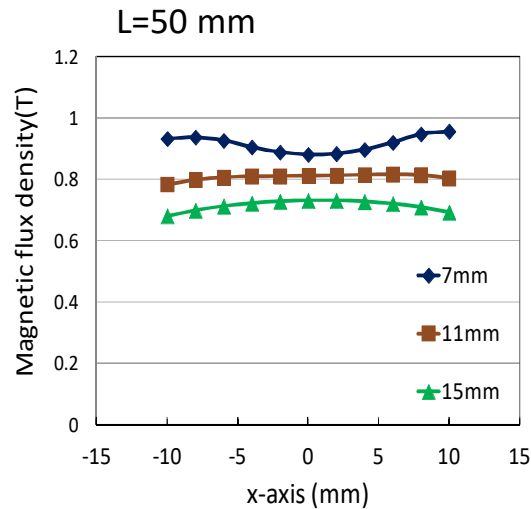
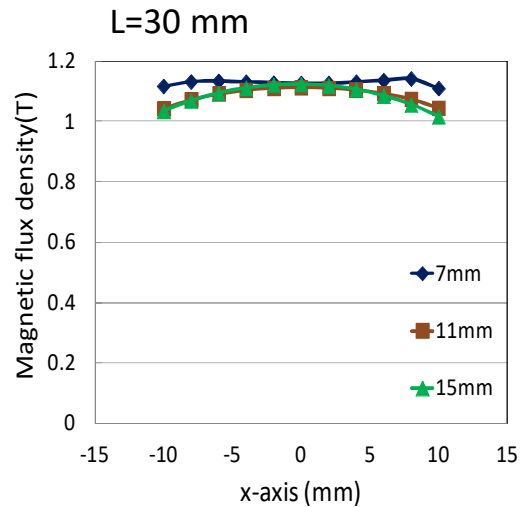


$$U = \frac{A}{B_{\max}} \cdot 10^6 \quad (\text{ppm})$$

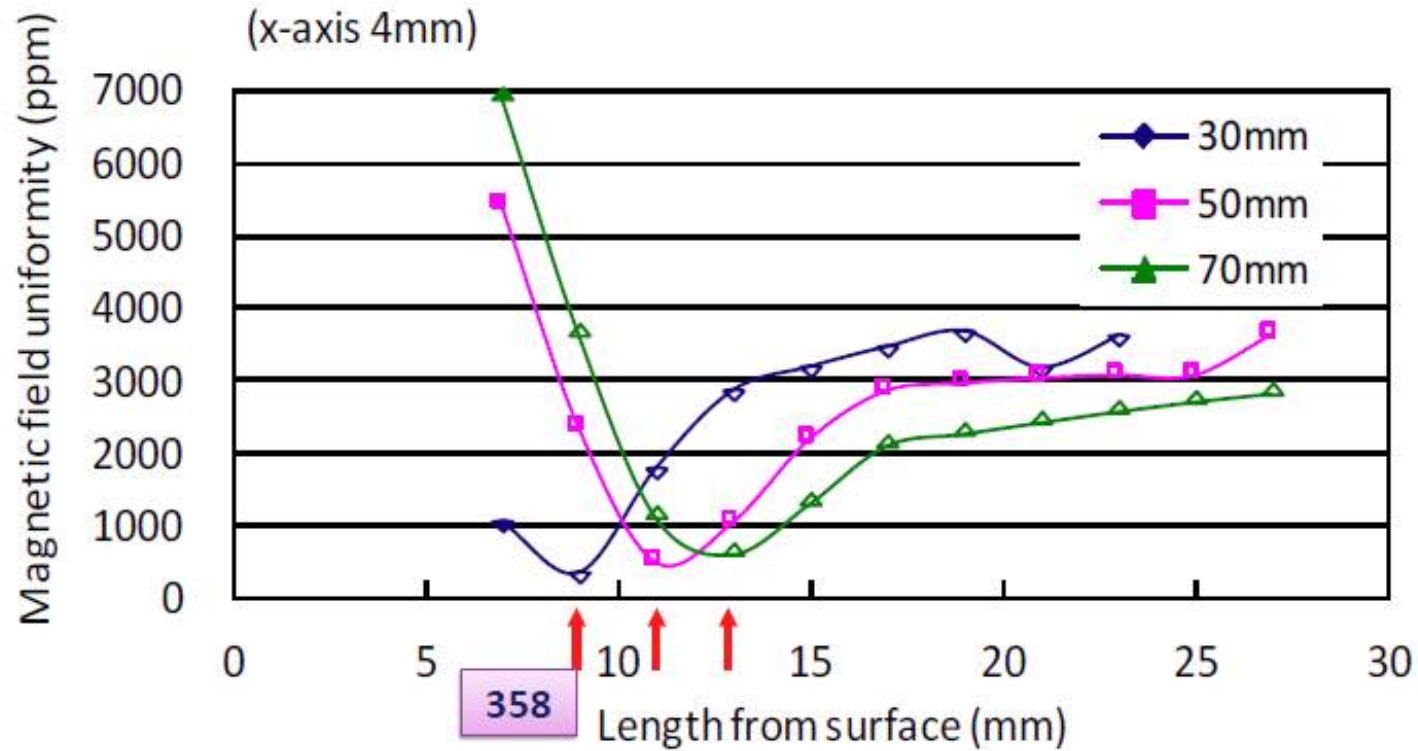
Combination of Concave and Convex



- The concave and convex-shape were combined with various gaps of 30-70 mm
- The concave shape gradually changed to be convex with increasing distance
- The flat lines appear at 11 mm distant from the surface
- At 30 mm gap, the magnetic field data remain the same value without lowering the field strength of 1.1 T with increasing distance



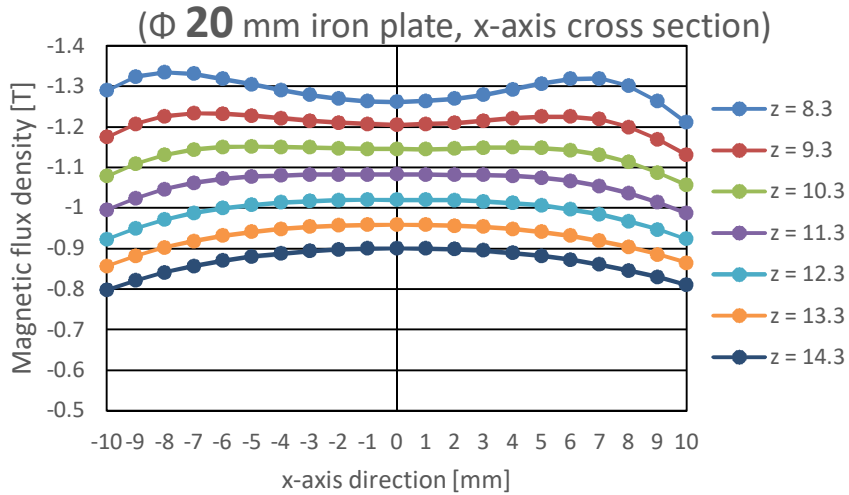
Estimation of Field Uniformity



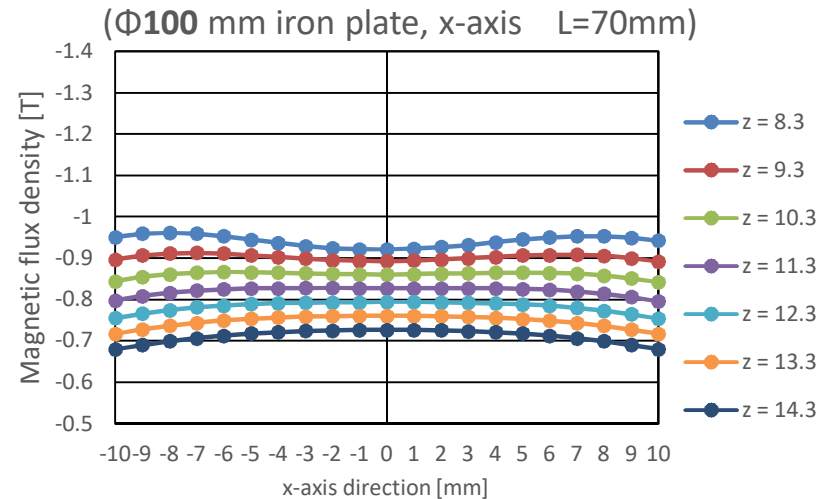
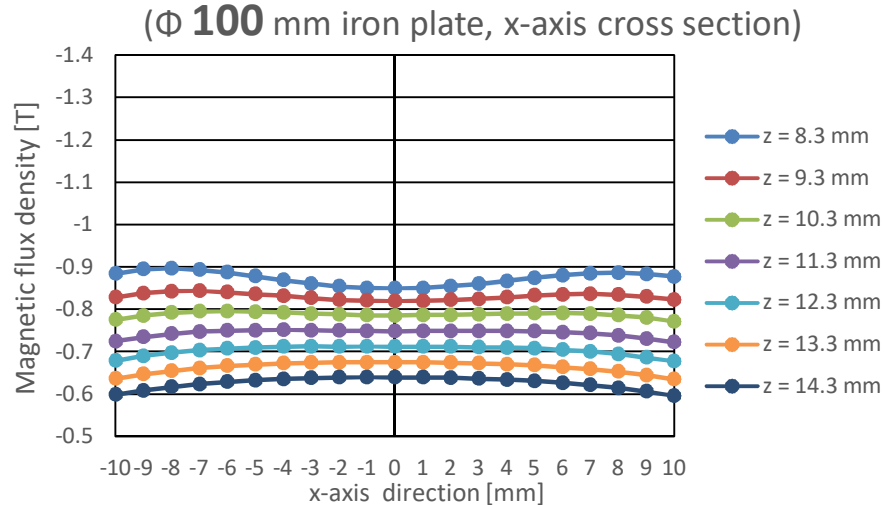
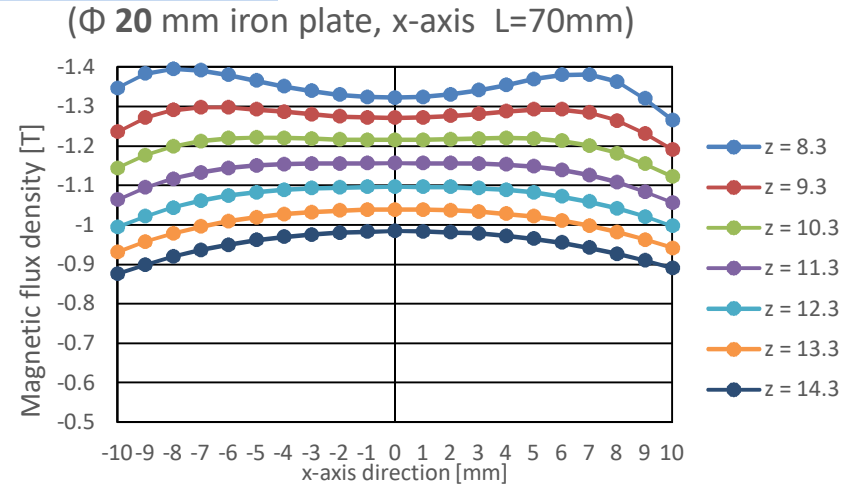
- We observed the most uniform point in each valley of profiles
- The most uniform distribution of 358 ppm was obtained at 9 mm position in 30 mm gap

Field Distributions with Various Iron plates

Single pole

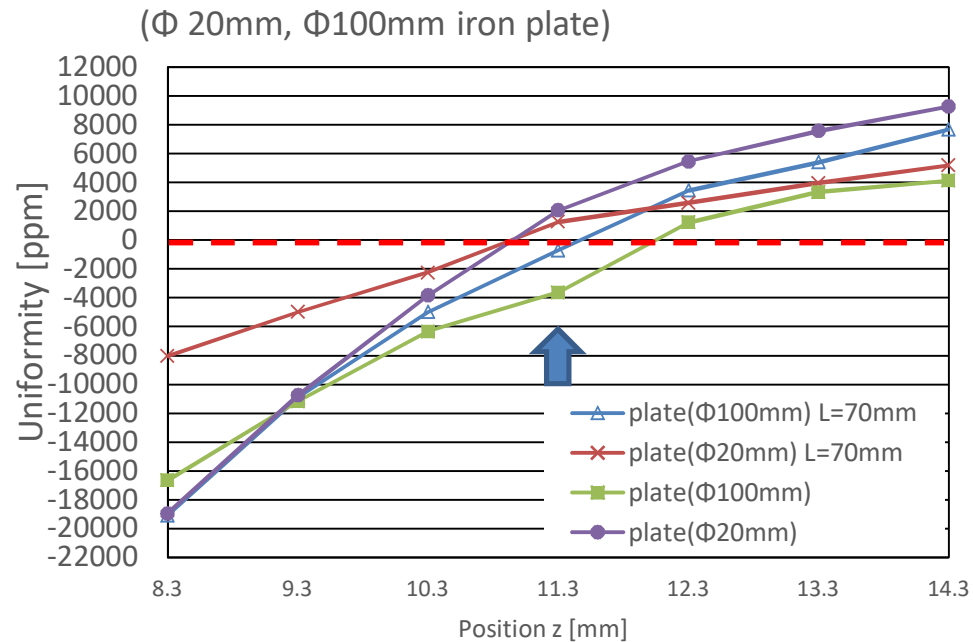


Face-to-face



- The field distributions and uniformity changes are capable of being adjusted by attaching the iron plates with various shapes and thickness

Changes of Magnetic Field Uniformity



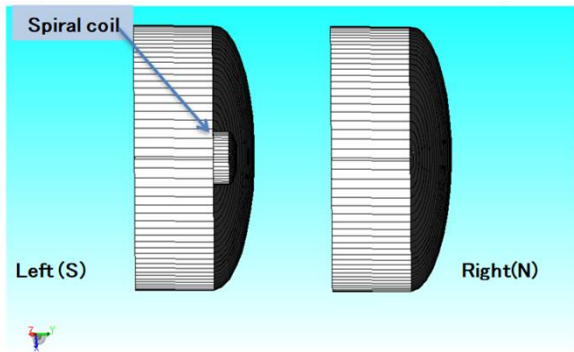
- The uniformity data go across the abscissa at about 11 mm distant from the pole surface
- This means that the possibly exist the uniform field regions
- The most uniform distribution reached 700 ppm at 11 mm position

	8.3	9.3	10.3	11.3	12.3	13.3	14.3	
Face-to-face	plate(Φ 100mm) L=70mm	-19088	-10919	-4987	<u>-701</u>	3451	5404	7690
	plate(Φ 20mm) L=70mm	-8030	-4980	-2247	<u>1264</u>	2578	3953	5179
Single	plate(Φ 100mm)	-16661	-11189	-6341	-3637	<u>1223</u>	3330	4129
	plate(Φ 20mm)	-18949	-10757	-3827	2073	5467	7586	9276

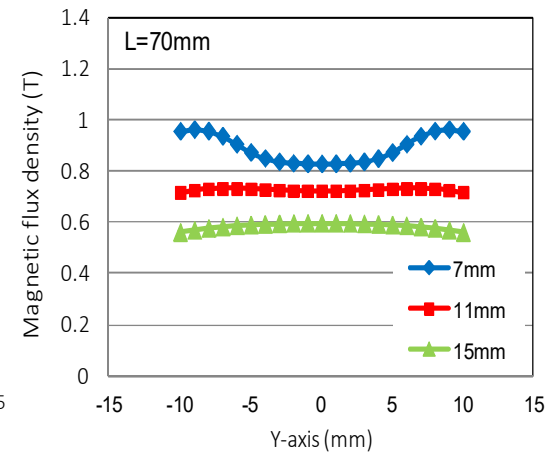
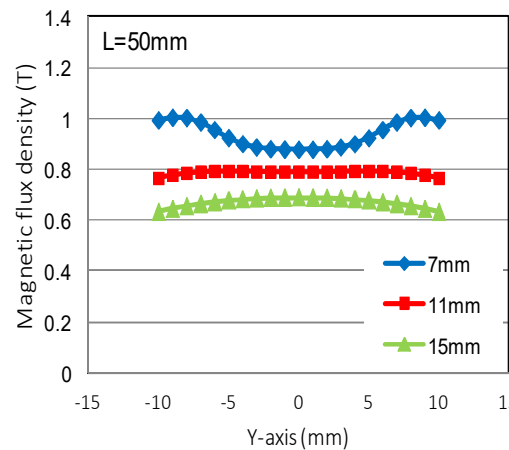
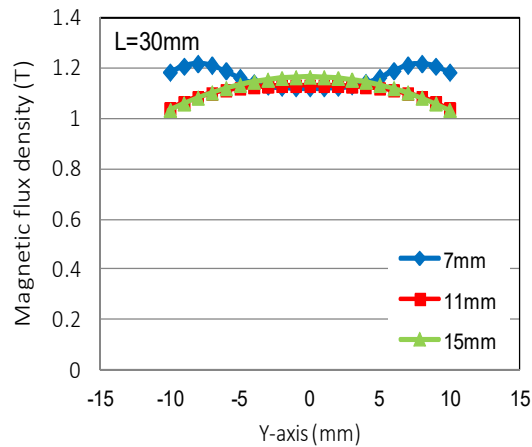
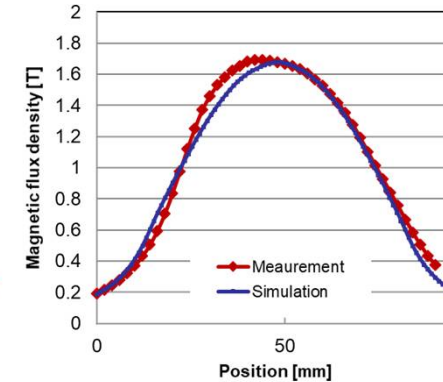
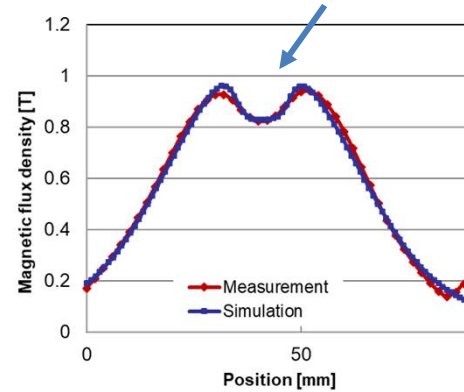
Data were estimated in the range of 4 mm along x axis

Numerical Simulation

A small spiral coil was attached on the centre of the pole surface

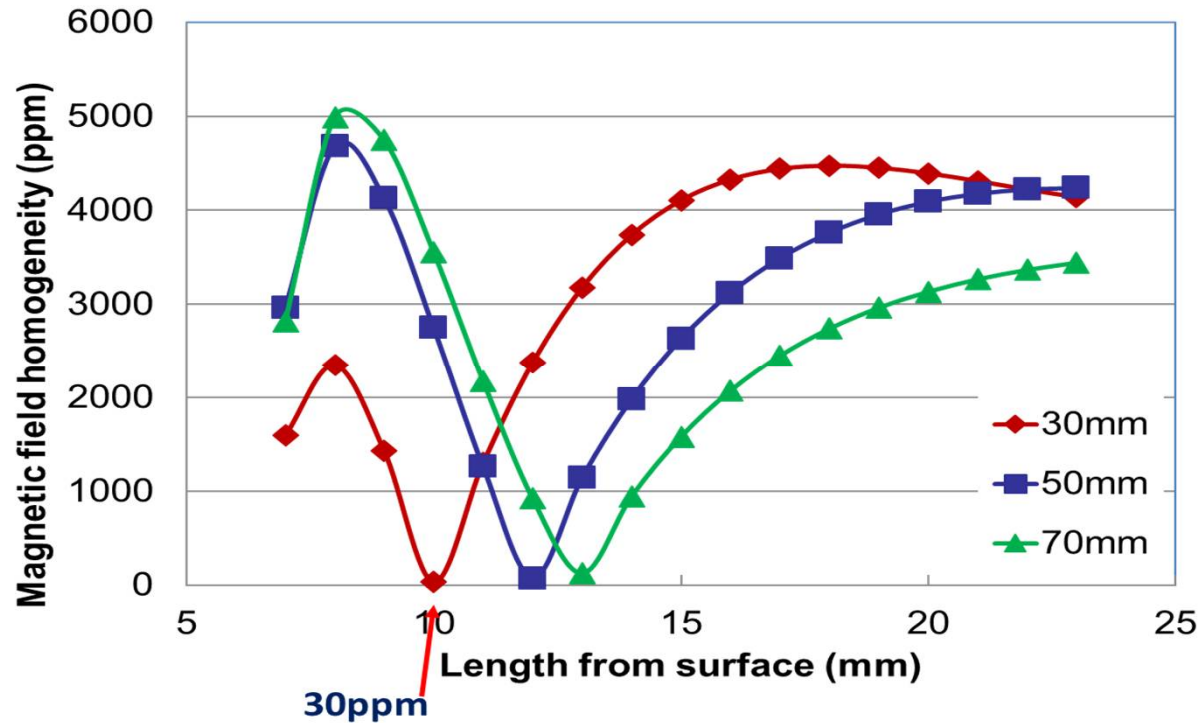


The concave field shape was obtained



- The simulation results reproduce the concave profiles as same as shown in the experimental
- The field distributions change from concave to convex shapes with increasing distance as well
- The distribution profile at 30 mm gap keeps their field strength at 1.1 T with changing positions

Performance of Uniformity (Numerical simulation)



- The simulated uniformity shows the similar profiles to those of measurement
- We can observe the uniform points in each valley of the profiles
- The best uniformity was obtained as 30 ppm at 10 mm distant from the pole surface in the gap of 30 mm
- This implies the feasible applications of uniform field to practical industries

Conclusion

- We succeeded in obtaining the uniform magnetic field in order to detect NMR signals for possible industrial applications to the compact NMR/MRI devices
- The data in the experimental measurements and the numerical simulations exhibited the similar profiles in various gaps
- The flat regions of magnetic flux density must exist in the valleys in the range from 9 to 13 mm distant from the pole surface
- The data of uniformity have reached 358 ppm and 30 ppm at 1.1 T by the experimental and simulation processes, respectively
- The performances are estimated to be sufficient to detect NMR signals in the gaps of the magnetic poles

