#### The Physics of Magnetic Recording

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#### **FUNDAMENTAL PROCESSES**



#### SIGNAL WAVEFORMS



## **RECORDING DENSITIES**

#### HIGH DENSITY

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RECORDER	SPEED	MAX f	MIN λ	SIGNAL
INSTRUMENTATION	1-120 ips	2 MHz	60 μ" (33 KFRI)	DIGITAL
QUAD VIDEO	1500 ips	15 MHz	100 µ"	F.M.
CONSUMER VIDEO	220 ips	7 MIIz	30 μ"	F.M.
AUDIO CASSETTE	1-7/8 ips	20 kHz	80 μ"	LINEAR
DAT	123 ips	5 MHz	25 μ" (61 KBPI)	DIGITAL
COMPUTER DISC	1000 ips	10 MHz	100 μ" (20 KFRI)	DIGITAL

### **RECORDING GEOMETRY**



g = GAP LENGTH d = FLYING HEIGHT δ = MEDIUM THICKNESS OR RECORD DEPTH W = TRACK WIDTH



#### **DEMAGNETIZATION FIELDS (Continued)**



#### **AVERAGE DEMAGNETIZATION FIELD**



#### **MAGNETIC HEADS**

#### **FUNDAMENTAL STRUCTURE**



#### **HEAD FIELD EXPRESSION**

- I SOLVE POTENTIAL PROBLEM FOR FINITE PERMEABILITY  $\mu$
- II FOR  $\mu \rightarrow \infty$  AWAY FROM WIRES CAN SOLVE:  $\nabla^2 \phi = 0, \overrightarrow{H} = -\overrightarrow{\nabla} \phi, \phi_s = \pm \frac{NI}{2}$ ON OPPOSITE SURFACES



- III KARLQUIST APPROXIMATION: 2 DIMENSIONAL, NO END AFFECTS, GIVES FIELD ABOVE HEAD TWO WAYS:
  - 1) SOURCE SHEET OF CURRENT WIDTH g 2) UNIFORM POLES ON GAP FACE

$$H_{x} = \frac{H_{0}}{\pi} \left\{ \tan^{-1} \frac{g/2 + x}{y} + \tan^{-1} \frac{g/2 - x}{y} \right\}$$

$$H_{y} = \frac{H_{0}}{2\pi} \ln \frac{(g/2 - x)^{2} + y^{2}}{(g/2 + x)^{2} + y^{2}}$$

$$H_0 = \frac{NI\epsilon}{g} \epsilon \equiv EFFICIENCY$$



## SPACING LOSS

- Applies to 2D fields with no permeable media (keeper or recording medium) above source
- Applies to harmonic analysis only
- •Linear on a log-linear plot



## HEAD SURFACE EFFECTS





## THIN FILM HEAD RESPONSE

2,0



## THIN FILM HEAD TRANSFORM at surface

## SYMMETRIC HEAD









also: Lindholm

## T F H RESPONSE EXAMPLES



MR RESPONSE

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#### **REPRODUCE FLUX DEFINED**

 $\phi_{\rm S}$  = flux entering head at surface

 $H_f$  = field from medium at head surface



 $\phi_{s} \cong \iint da B_{normal} = \mu \circ W \int H_{f} dx$ area at top surface

Total flux  $\phi$  is that through windings or that entering all surfaces (net flow!)

### REPRODUCE PROCESS (GENERAL)

 $V = -N \frac{d\phi}{dt}$ 

#### **RELATIVE HEAD TAPE MOTION SPEED**

 $\mathbf{v} = \frac{\mathbf{d} \mathbf{x}}{\mathbf{d} \mathbf{t}}$ 

$$\Rightarrow$$
 V = -Nv  $\frac{d\phi}{dx}$ 

or

Ho=NIE/g Ørep=Eds

$$V = -N \varepsilon v W \frac{d\phi}{dx}$$
 surface  
per track width

## RECIPROCITY

#### **EQUIVALENCE OF MUTUAL INDUCTANCE FOR TWO SOURCES**



FOR CURRENT IN II (I<sub>2</sub>) 
$$\psi_1 := \int_{\Lambda_1} da \cdot H_{12}$$

**CONVERSE FOR H<sub>12</sub>** 

$$\frac{\phi_2}{l_1} = \frac{\phi_1}{l_2} \Rightarrow \phi_2 = \frac{\phi_1 l_1}{l_2} = \int_{A_1} \frac{dal_1 \cdot H_{12}}{l_2}$$

I CAN BE MAGNETIZED TAPE SINCE CURRENT LOOPS CAN BE EQUIVALENT (EXTERNALLY)' TO MAGNETIC DIPOLES

**II CAN BE REPRODUCE HEAD** 



**REPRODUCE FLUX EXPRESSED AS:** 

$$\psi (\mathbf{x}) = \mu_0 \iiint \mathbf{M}(\mathbf{r}') \cdot \mathbf{H}(\mathbf{r}' + \mathbf{x}) d^3 \mathbf{r}'$$
TAPE

H IS EVALUATED WITH UNIT NI APPLIED TO HEAD
 RECIPROCITY IS A CORRELATION OF M & H
 PROCESS MUST BE LINEAR

#### **RECIPROCITY WITH PERMEABLE MEDIA**

How is the head field  $\overrightarrow{H}$  (r) defined?

What constitutes the medium M(r)? (Wessel-Berg-Bertram, Smith)

#### **SEVERAL POSSIBILITIES!**

- 1. Head is due to wires only and "medium" is all magnetization:" medium, head, keeper, etc.
- 2. Head is due to wires and all reversible magnetizations: head core, keeper, reversible M in medium "medium" is remanent magnetization only (preferred-easier)

Be careful!



#### SPECTRAL RESPONSE



**RMS FUNDAMENTAL VOLTAGE** 

 $V^{rms} = .707 \frac{2}{-1} K V^{pulse}(K)$  $\frac{V^{\text{pulse}}(k)}{\int} = \mu_0 \int_{d}^{d+\delta} dy' \ kM_k(y') \cdot H_g(k) e^{-ky'}$ NWev <u>(1-e<sup>-kδ</sup>)</u> kδ  $\theta^{-kd} \frac{sln1.11kg/2}{1.11kg/2}$  $= .707 \times \frac{4}{\pi} \times \mu_0 M_0 K\delta$ NWev THICKNESS MAGNET GAP LEVEL LOSS LOSS SPACING HEAD LOSS DIFFERENTIATION





#### FINITE TRANSITION LENGTH



ARCTANGENT

 $M(x) = \frac{2M_{\rm P}}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{a}$ 

 $\dot{M}(k) = \frac{2i M_r e^{-ka}}{k}$ 

 $e^{kd}$   $e^{ka} = e^{k(a+d)}$ 

 $\Rightarrow d \rightarrow d + a = d_{eff}$   $W^{Long.} = 2\sqrt{a^2 + 4(d+a)(d+a+b)}$ 

$$PW_{50}^{Long.} = \sqrt{g^2 + 4(d+a)(d+a+\delta)}$$

Note: If arctangent is not a good fit (e.g., e r f (x) $\Rightarrow$  no simple effective spacing !

#### "ROLL-OFF" CURVE



**D**<sub>50</sub> IS DEFINED BY DENSITY WHERE PEAK OUTPUT DROPS 50% SIMPLE FORM: FROM PULSE EQUATIONS FOR THIN MEDIA (  $\alpha = 0$  )

$$V_{\text{PEAK}} \cong \frac{4\delta}{\pi g} M_0 \tan^{-1} \frac{g}{2(d+a)}$$

$$V_{\text{rms}} \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{4}{\pi} M_0 k\delta e^{-k(d+a)} \frac{\sin kg/2}{kg/2}$$

$$D_{50} \text{ OCCURS FOR THAT k WHERE}$$

$$\frac{V_{\text{peak}}}{\sqrt{2}} = 2V_{\text{rms}}$$



**APPLIES TO LONGITUDINAL RECORDING** 

D<sub>50</sub>xg IS FLUX REVERSALS PER INCH TIMES INCH OR FLUX REVERSALS PER METER TIMES METER

## SIDE READING



 $H(k,3) \approx \frac{1}{2}e^{-\kappa_3}$ For G Not Too Small!  $P_{SR} \propto \frac{1}{2} \int_{G}^{G+W} - k_{Z} d_{Z}$ Por & W

=) WORST CASE SIDE RENDING SPECTRAL RESPONSE

 $SRR = e^{-kG}(1-e^{-kW})$ 

KW

=> A LONG WAVELENGTH-PHENOMENON

#### AZIMUTH LOSS



#### **RECORD PROCESS**

ULTIMATE DEMAGNETIZATION LIMIT

**ISOLATED TRANSITION** 

LONGITUDINAL





**OVERLAPPING TRANSITIONS (SINEWAVE):** 

 $H_d$  (SURFACE) = M/2 $\leq$ H<sub>c</sub> (BOTH L & V)

RECORD PROCESS DOES NOT PERMIT THIS LIMIT TO OCCURII

# DEMAGNETIZATION LIMIT - LONGITUDINAL

. contact 
$$d/q \sim 0$$
 . isolated pulse.  
linear superposition  
. arctangent demagnetization  
 $amin \sim^{4} \frac{1}{10} r \delta / 2\pi$  Hc.  
 $d = 2\mu'', 4\pi n = 10,000 \text{ G}, He = 1000$   
.  $V Peak \simeq 4 \text{ NWEV Ho} M d/g \tan' \frac{q}{2amin}$   
 $V Peak (mV/mil-ips-turm.eff)$  Dso  
 $lop'' \frac{44 dB}{37 dB} \frac{125 k BPE}{57 k BPE}$ 

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**DEMAGNETIZATION LIMIT - PERPENDICULAR** 

· CONTACT d/q~0.0 · Isolated pulse. Inverse superposition · 5/g~1



S=9, Hc = 1000 de Y peak ( mvolts/ mil-ips-Tura-1ff) = 30 dB D50 (g=10µ") ~ 140 KFCI · should do probe - Keieper !!

#### **BASIC RECORDING CONCEPTS**



**BUT REVERSAL LENGTH IS NOT ZERO!** 



 $a_{l} \equiv \text{TRANSITION WIDTH}$ SHORT WAVELENGTH VOLTAGE:  $V \alpha \delta \Theta = \frac{-2\pi(a_{l}-l-d)}{\lambda}$ 

a<sub>1</sub> DECREASED IF - 1) SFD DECREASES

- 2) HEAD GRADIENT SHARPENS (d-o)
- 3) DEMAGNETIZATION IS REDUCED

#### **ROLE OF DEMAGNETIZATION FIELDS**

- 1) Hd REDUCES NET FIELD GRADIENT (dH/dx) AT TRANSITION POINT x, AND THEREBY BROADENS THE TRANSITION(dM/dx).
- 2) Hd IS ZERO AT TRANSITION CENTER AND (TO FIRST ORDER) DOES NOT MOVE THE TRANSITION.

**TECHNIQUES TO SOLVE NON LINEAR M(x) PROBLEM:** 

- 1) FULL ITERATIVE CALCULATION AT EACH TIME INSTANT H<sub>h</sub>→M→Hd→H<sub>TOTAL</sub>→M<sub>NEW</sub>-Hd<sup>NEW</sup>→··· UNTIL CONVERGENCE
- 2) ASSUME SHAPE OF TRANSITION WITH A FEW UNKNOWN PARAMETERS AND SOLVE USING A SIMPLE CRITERION

#### **ARCTANGENT MODEL**:



SLOPE CRITERION  $\frac{dM}{dx} = \frac{dM}{dH} \left[ \frac{dH_{h}}{dx} + \frac{dH_{d}}{dx} \right]$ 

#### **SLOPE MODEL (Continued)**

$$\frac{dM}{dx} = \frac{2}{\pi} \frac{M_r}{a}, \quad \frac{dM}{du} = \frac{M_r}{H_c(1-S^*)}$$

$$\frac{dH_h}{dx} = \frac{QH_c^r}{d}, \quad \frac{dH}{dx} = \frac{M_r\delta}{\pi a^2}$$

**SOLVING SLOPE CRITERION YIELDS** 

 $\mathbf{a} = \frac{\mathbf{d}(1-\mathbf{S}^*)}{\pi \mathbf{Q}} + \left[ \left( \frac{\mathbf{d}(1-\mathbf{S}^*)}{\pi \mathbf{Q}} \right)^2 + \frac{\mathbf{M}_r \delta \mathbf{d}}{\pi \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{H}_c} \right]^{1/2}$ 

SHARP GRADIENT $\Omega \rightarrow \infty$  $\Rightarrow$  $a \rightarrow 0$ ZERO SPACING $d \rightarrow 0$  $\Rightarrow$  $a \rightarrow 0$ SHARP LOOP $S^* \rightarrow 1$  $\Rightarrow$ a DECREASESREDUCE DEMAG $M_r/H_c \rightarrow 0$  $\Rightarrow$ a DECREASESREDUCE THICKNESS $\delta \rightarrow 0$  $\Rightarrow$ a DECREASES

## **CURRENT OPTIMIZATION - SHORT WAVELENGTHS**

VαM<sub>r</sub> kδ e-ka



### PERPENDICULAR RECORDING



**ISOLATED PULSE** 



### PERPENDICULAR RECORDING

- THICK MEDIA RING HEAD
- DEMAGNETIZATION FIELDS ARE REDUCED IN REGION OF
   TRANSITION



#### **REDUCTION OF DEMAGNETIZATION FIELD CAUSE:**

- 1. TRANSITION SHAPE TO RESEMBLE <u>SURFACE</u> HEAD FIELD (Lopez,Middleton)
- 2. OVERSHOOT TO OCCUR DURING RECORD PROCESS RELAXATION

#### FULL 2D CONTINUM VECTOR RECORDING MODEL

(Potter and Beardsley)

#### DEMAGNETIZATION COMPLETELY INCLUDED

LONGITUDINAL

PERPENDICULAR



#### SIDE VIEW

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Perpendicular appears sharpest

Longitudinal has significant perpendicular component in transition

Who wins ?

### RECORDING ON THICK PARTICULATE MEDIA

- FIELD HISTORY IS A ROTATION IN RECORDING PLANE
- ANGULAR DEPENDENCE OF COERCIVITY MONOTONICALLY INCREASES

FIELD HISTORY

ANGULAR DEPENDENCE





## CONSIDER TWO PARTICLE REPRESENTATION

$$x^{\text{down}} \cdot x^{\text{up}} = \Delta x > 0 !$$

 $\mathbf{20} \quad = \quad \Delta \mathbf{0}$ 

x and  $\theta$  both affect replay voltage

$$\Rightarrow V(k) = V_{(k)}^{\text{Orig.}} \cos\left(\frac{\Delta 0 - k\Delta x}{2}\right)$$



 $\mathbf{PEAK} \mathbf{AT} \qquad \mathbf{k} \Delta \mathbf{x} = \Delta \mathbf{0}$ 

NULL AT

 $\pi/2 = (\mathbf{k} \ \Delta \ \mathbf{x} - \Delta \ \mathbf{0})/2$ 

#### D.C. LEVEL IS COS 0 OR SQUARENESS

### ESSENCE OF MODEL

PHASE SHIFT BY FREQUENCY (K) OR RECORD CURRENT ( $\Delta$  X) INCREASES OUTPUT TO COMPENSATE FOR REDUCED ORIENTATION IN THE RECORDING PLANE !!

## (Zhu, Bertram)



# **MICROMAGNETICS -- THIN MEDIA (top view)**

#### **REVIEW OF UNITS**

SI (MKS)C.G.S. $B = \mu_0$  (H+M) $B = H+4 \pi M$ B: TESLAGAUSS 1 TESLA =  $10^4$  GH: AMPS/METEROeM: AMPS/METERGAUSS 1kA/M = 1 OeM: AMPS/METERGAUSS 1kA/M = 1 G (emu/cc) $\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7}$  HENRYS/METER

E.G. FIELD H FOR N = 10, I = 30 mA, g = 30  $\mu$ " H =  $\frac{NI}{g}$  = 400 kA/M OR 5000 Oe MAGNETIZATION  $\gamma Fe_2O_3 \mu \approx 70 \text{ emu/g}, \rho \sim 4.5 \text{g/cc}$ M<sub>p</sub> = 70×4.5-350 emu/cc M<sub>TAPE</sub> = pM<sub>p</sub> =  $\frac{1}{3}$ × 350 ~ 110 emu/cc ~ 110G OR 110 kA/M B<sub>r</sub> = 4 $\pi$ M  $\cong$  1500G or .15TESLA

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