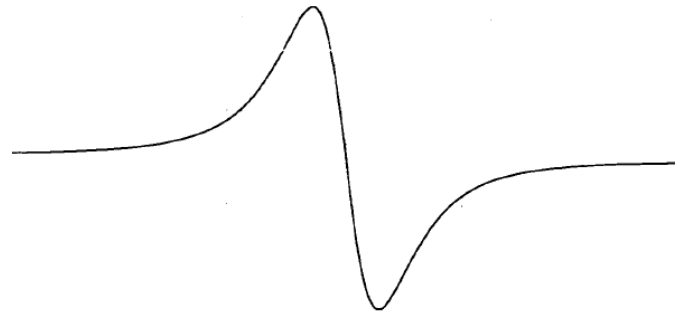


Study of Partial-Response Channel in HDD



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➤ Background

- Long Data Sector Program
- HDD working Mechanism

➤ Channel Model

- Microtrack Channel Model

➤ Partial Response Signaling

- PR4 Signaling

➤ Future Work

➤ Motivation

- 512-byte Sector format could not satisfy the data integrity requirement in the growing areal density of HDD

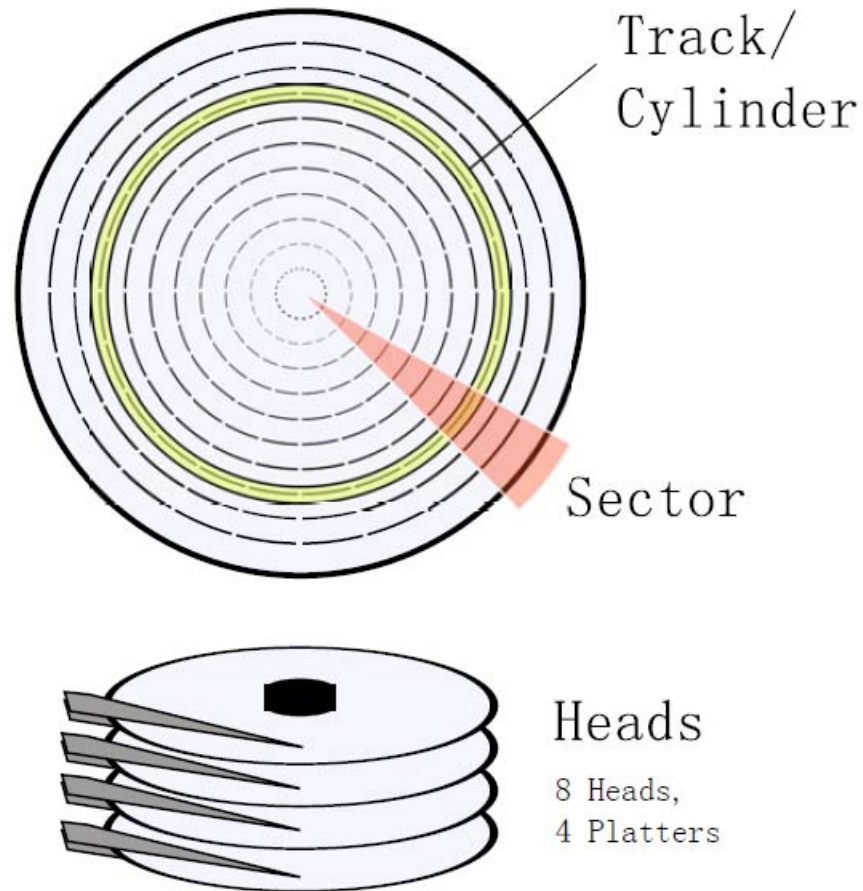
➤ Scope

- Operating System
- Hardware Manufacture

➤ 4k-byte sector

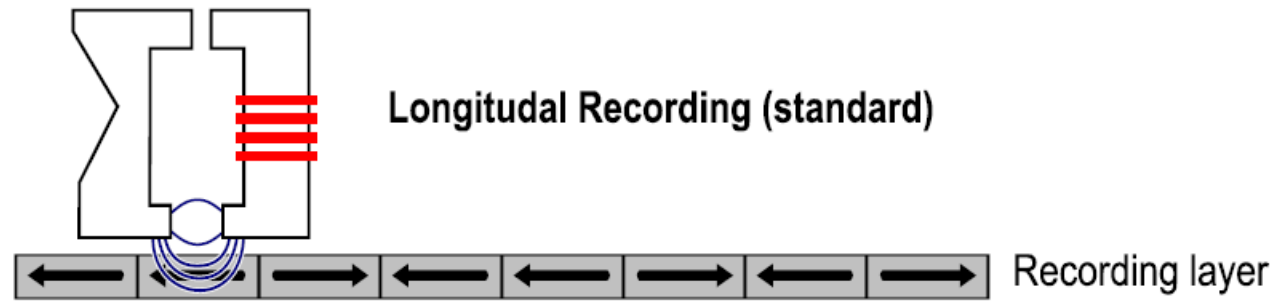
- Tradeoff between the ECC codes and data efficiency of sector

Physical Structure of HDD

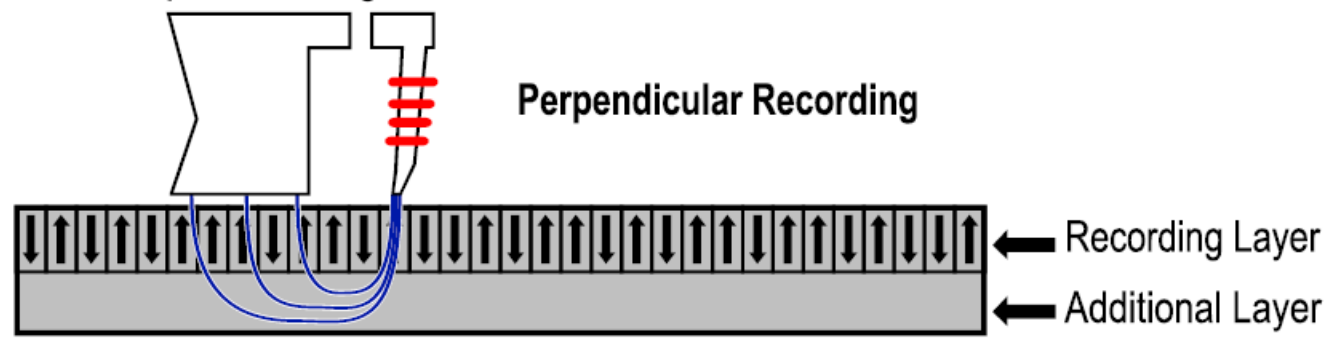


Working Mechanism of HDD

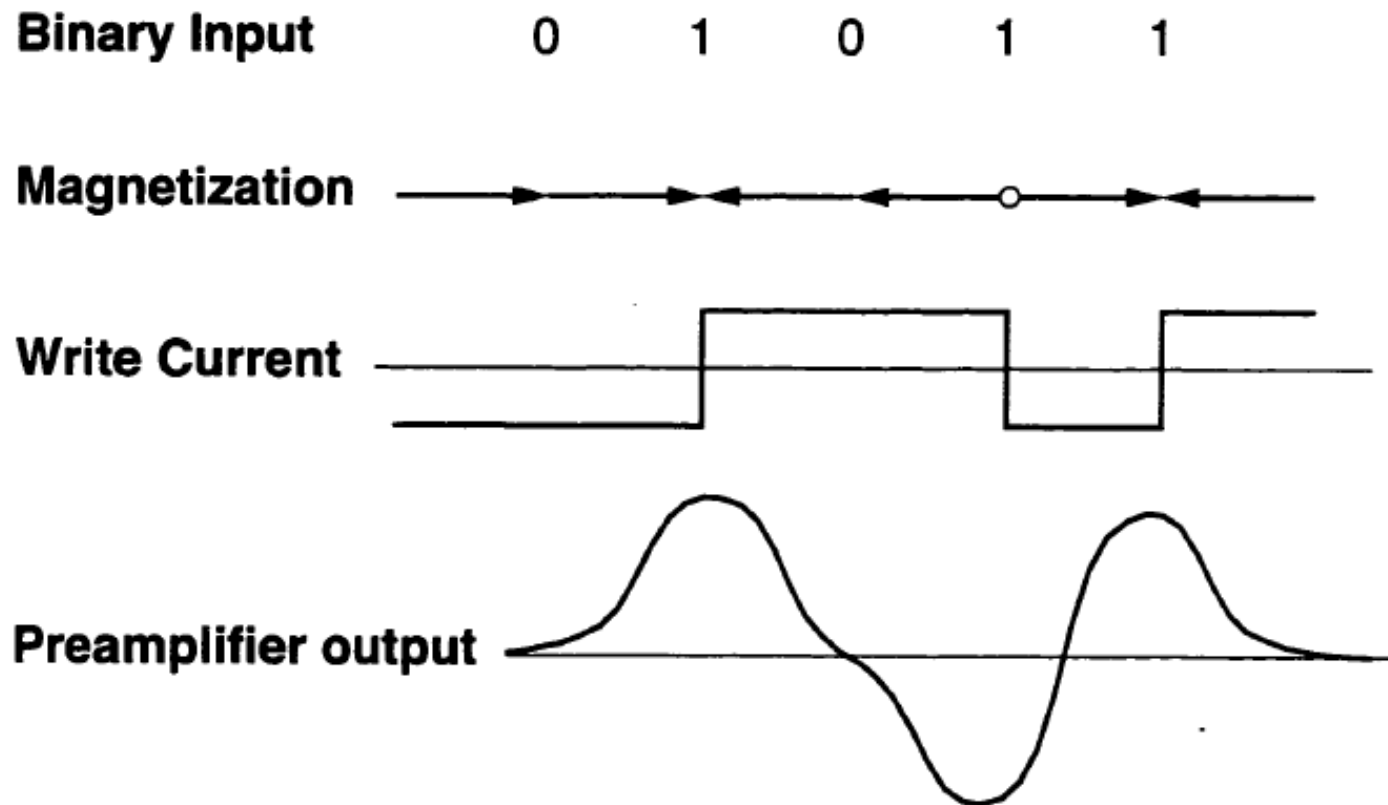
"Ring" writing element



"Monopole" writing element



Signaling Mechanism of HDD



$$h(t) = \sqrt{\frac{4E_t}{\pi PW50}} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + (2t/PW50)^2}$$



➤ Longitude Recording System

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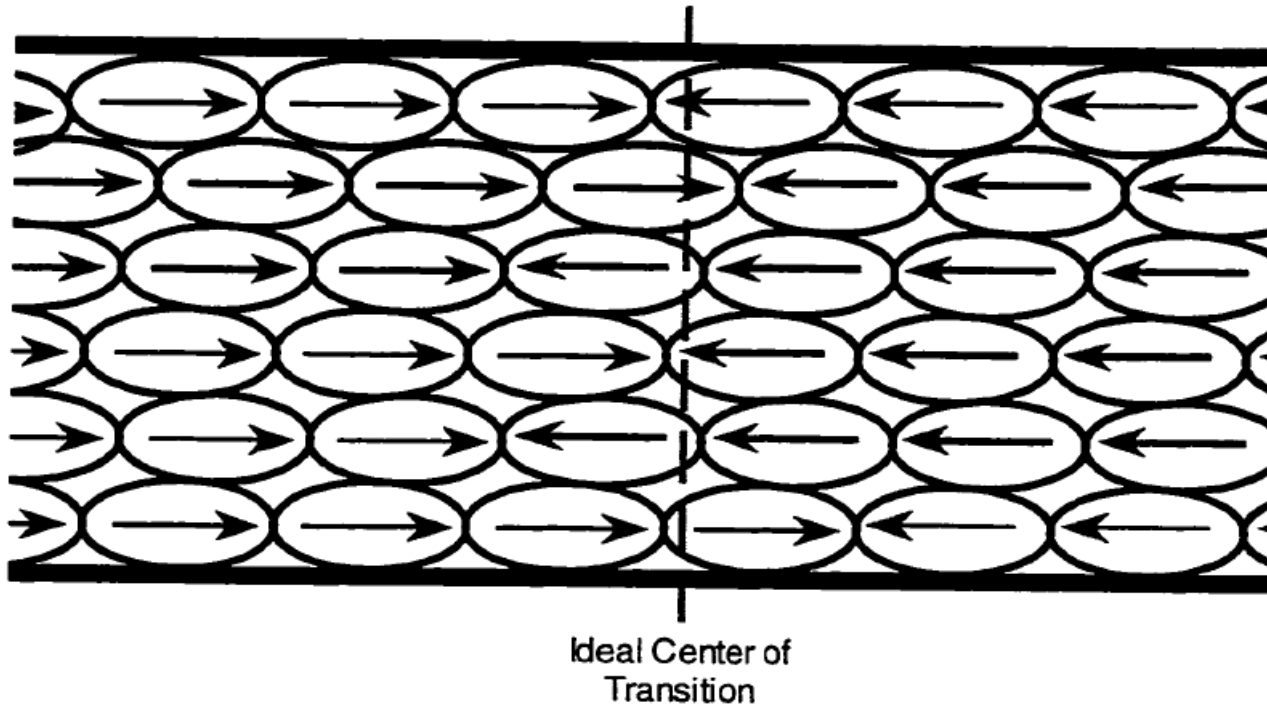
➤ Perpendicular Recording System

$$h(t) = A \cdot \tanh\left(\frac{\text{Log}(3)t}{T_{50}}\right)$$

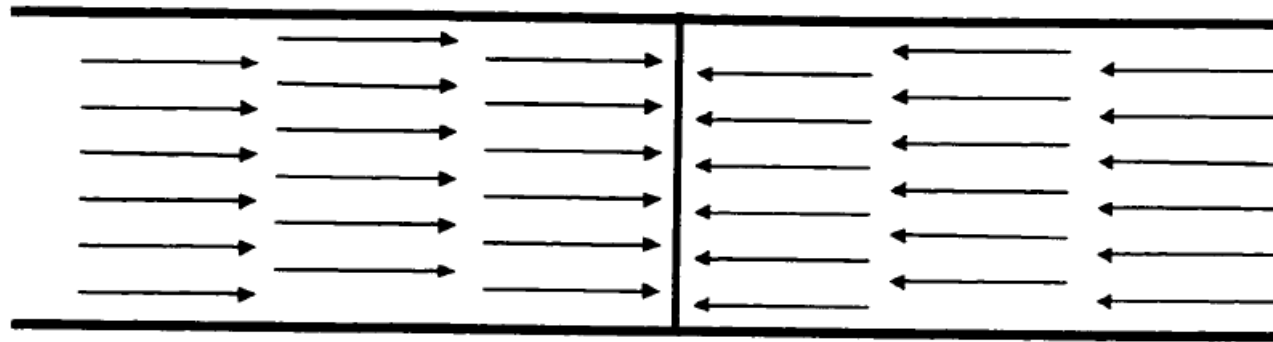
- **Magnetic materials**
 - Thin film material
- **Writing and Reading Head**
 - Magnetism Resistive Head (MR)
 - Giant Magnetism Resistive Head (GMR)
- **Digital signal Processing Technique**
 - Reed-Solomn Codes
 - Partial Response Signaling

- InterSymbol Interference
- Media Effect
- Cross Track Interference

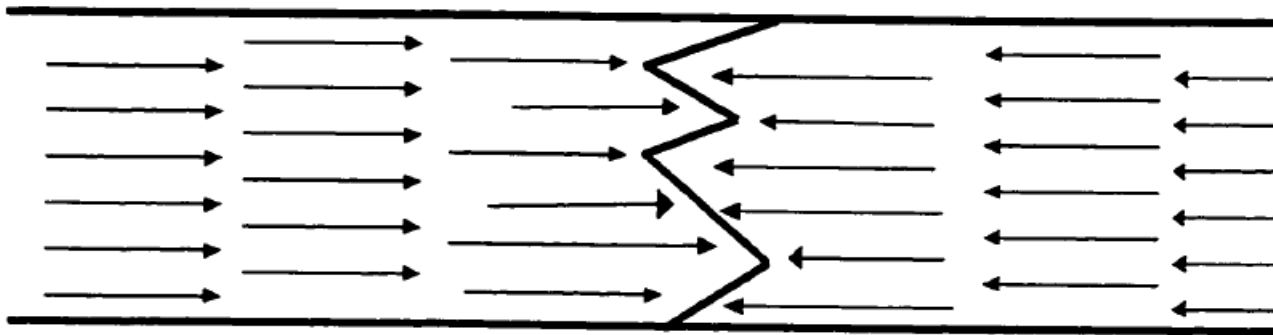
Signal Processing Issue (2)



Signal Processing Issue (3)



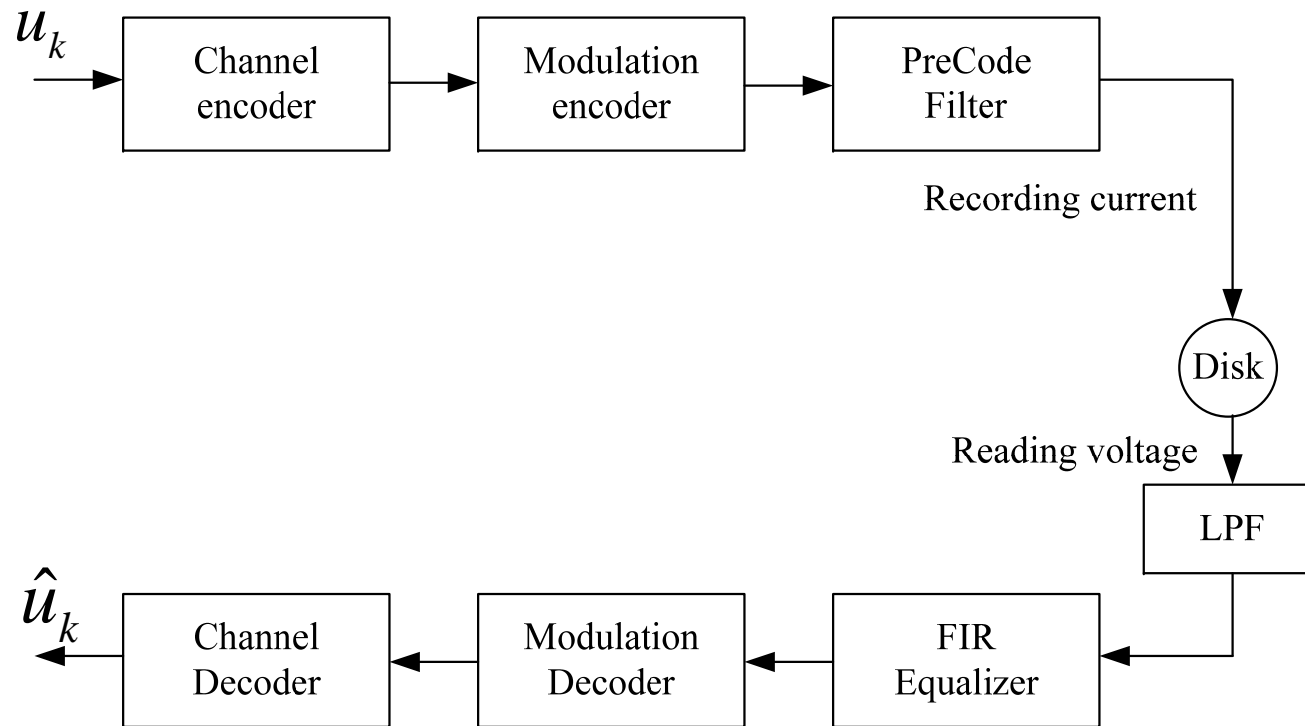
(a)



(b)



Generalized Diagram for HDD



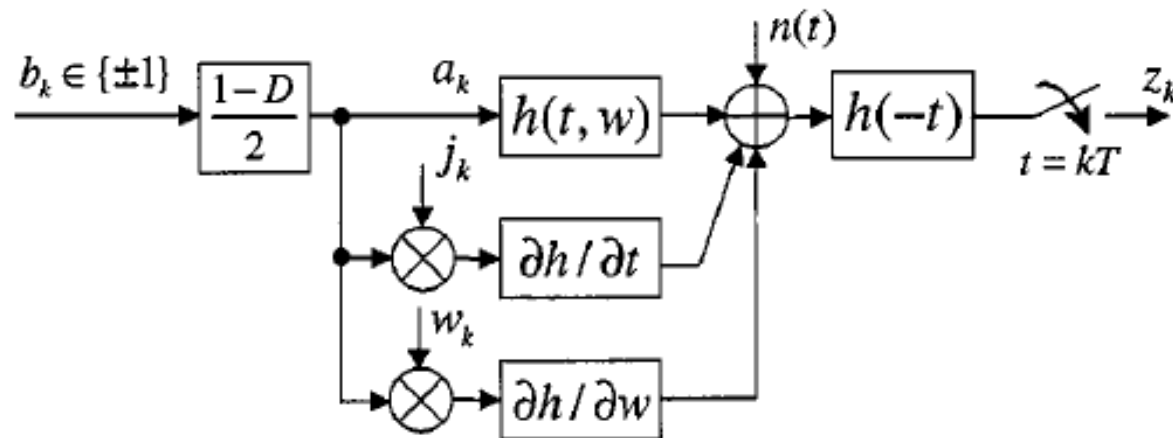
MacroTrack Model (1)

$$r(t) = \sum_i a_k h(t + j_k - iT, w + w_k) + n(t)$$

$$\cong h(t, w) + j_k \partial h(t, w) / \partial t + w_k \partial h(t, w) / \partial w$$

j_k Position Jitter

w_k Width Variation



MacroTrack Model (2)

$$\text{SNR} = \frac{E_t}{N_0 + M_0} = \frac{E_t}{N_\alpha}$$

$$M = \left(\frac{\alpha}{100}\right) N_\alpha \quad M_j = \lambda M \quad M_w = (1 - \lambda)M$$

$$\sigma_n = \sqrt{\frac{N_0}{2}} \quad \sigma_j = \sqrt{\frac{M_j}{4E_t}} \text{ PW50} \quad \text{and} \quad \sigma_w = \sqrt{\frac{M_w}{4E_t}} \text{ PW50}$$

$N_0/2$ Spectral height of electronic noise

$M_0/2$ Average energy height of transition noise

α Fraction of the transition noise proportion to the whole noise

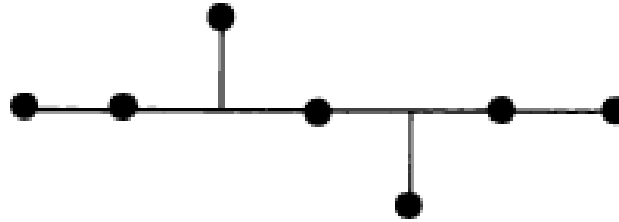
λ Fraction of the transition noise due to the position jitter

- Using MMSE criterion to find the best match of the transition response output by interference cancellation

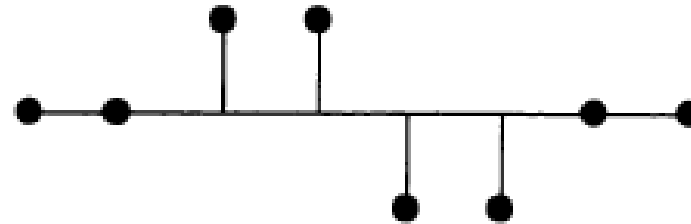
$$g(D) = (1 - D^2)(1 + c_1D + c_2D^2 + \dots)$$

Partial Response Signaling

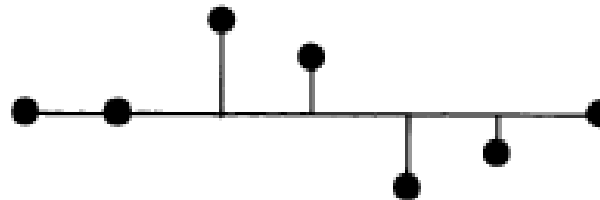
$1-D^2$ (PR4)



$1+D-D^2-D^3$ (EPR4)



Generalized
Partial Response
(typical)



- Simulating the Partial Response Channel
- Algebraic Codes
- Iterative Codes based on Graph
- Modulation Codes



Thanks!

