

Study of 3d Optical Data Storage

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Abstract:

High (~1Tb/cm³) capacity 3D optical data storage systems based on two photon excitation were evaluated. Previously proposed systems were shown to suffer from low I/O bandwidth rates. We propose a new serially addressed system based on hick storage layer optical disc format and acousto-optic addressing that can combine 1TB/disc capacity with 100Mb/s I/O bandwidths. For replacement of the bulky Ti: Sapphire laser considered before a compact fiber laser is recommended as light source. Optical Data Storage refers to store and retrieval of data in optical manner. Large volume of data is stored with some pattern and retrieves the same by focusing light or laser on the transmitted medium. A twist to this concept is "3D Optical Data Storage"

Keywords:

Volume holographic data storage; read-write holographic data storage; phase {conjugate readout; non-linear signal processing

I. INTRODUCTION

Cell 3D optical data storage is the term given to any form of optical data storage in which information can be recorded and/or read with three-dimensional resolution (as opposed to the two-dimensional resolution afforded, This innovation has the potential to provide petabyte-level mass storage on DVD-sized discs (120mm). Data recording and readback are achieved by focusing lasers within the medium. However, because of the volumetric nature of the data structure, the laser light must travel through other data points before it reaches the point where reading or recording is desired. Therefore, some kind of nonlinearity is required to ensure that these other data points do not interfere with the addressing of the desired point. No commercial product based on 3D optical data storage has yet arrived on the mass market, although several companies are actively developing the technology and claim that it may become available soon. [1][2]



Fig 2. Detail View of Written Data on Medium

A wide range of physical phenomena for data reading and recording have been investigated, large numbers of chemical systems for the medium have been developed and evaluated, and extensive work has been carried out in solving the problems associated with the optical systems required for the reading and recording of data 3D optical data storage uses technology that allows more than 100 layers to be written on a disc that looks like a traditional DVD. This creates an exponentially larger data capacity in the same amount of space. There are estimates that 3D optical data discs will be able to store 5 terabytes of data or more. [5]

II. OPTICAL RECORDING TECHNOLOGY

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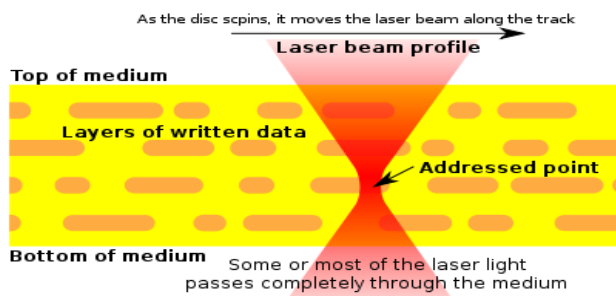


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3D optical data storage is related to (and competes with) holographic data storage. Traditional examples of holographic storage do not address in the third dimension, and are therefore not strictly "3D", but more recently 3D holographic storage has been realized by the use of microholograms Layer-selection multilayer technology (where a multilayer disc has layers that can be individually activated e.g. electrically) is also closely related. As an example, a prototypical 3D optical data storage system may use a disc that looks much like a transparent DVD[1][2] The active part of 3D optical storage media is usually an organic poly-mer either doped or grafted with the photo chemically active species. Alternatively, crystalline and so-gel materials have been used. [5] to read the data back (in this example), a similar procedure is used except this time instead of causing a photochemical change in the media the laser causes fluorescence. This is achieved e.g. by using a lower laser power or a different laser wavelength. The intensity or wavelength of the fluorescence is different depending on whether the media has been written at that point, and so by measuring the emitted light the data is read.[5] The light therefore addresses

a large number (possibly even 109) of molecules at any one time, so the medium acts as a homogeneous mass rather than a matrix structured by the positions of chromophores. Holographic data storage contains information using an optical interference pattern within a thick, photosensitive optical material.

III. PROCESSES FOR CREATING WRITTEN DATA

Data recording in a 3D optical storage medium requires that a change take place in the medium upon excitation. This change is generally a photochemical reaction of some sort, although other possibilities exist. Chemical reactions that have been investigated include photoisomerizations, photodecompositions and photobleaching, and polymerization initiation. Most investigated have been photochromic compounds, which include azobenzenes, stilbenes[disambiguation needed], fulgides and diarylethenes. If the photochemical change is reversible, then rewritable data storage may be achieved, at least in principle. Also, multilevel recording, where data is written in "grayscale" rather than as "on" and "off" signals, is technically feasible.[1][2]

IV. OPTICAL RECORDING TECHNOLOGY AND APPLICATIONS

Optical storage systems consist of a drive unit and a storage medium in a rotating disk form. In general the disks are pre-formatted using grooves and lands (tracks) to enable the positioning of an optical pick-up and recording head to access the information on the disk. Under the influence of a focused laser beam emanating from the optical head, information is recorded on the media as a change in the material characteristics, often using a thermally induced effect. To record a bit, a small spot is generated on the media modulating the phase, intensity, polarization, or reflectivity of a readout optical beam which is subsequently detected by a detector in the optical head. The disk media and the pick-up head are rotated and positioned through drive motors and servo systems controlling the position of the head with respect to data tracks on the disk. Additional peripheral electronics are used for control and data acquisition and encoding/decoding. Such a[1][2]Optical storage

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Three-dimensional optical storage:-

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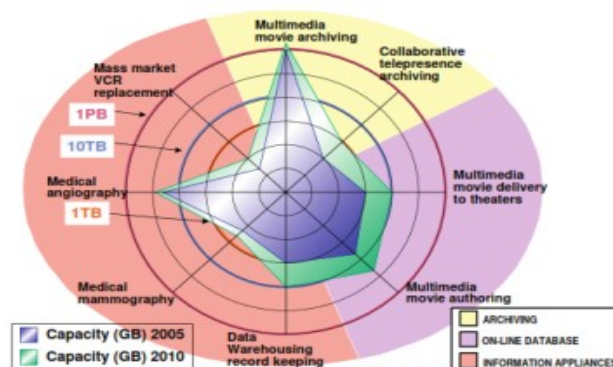


Fig 3 Capacity imposed by various applications by years 2005 and 2010

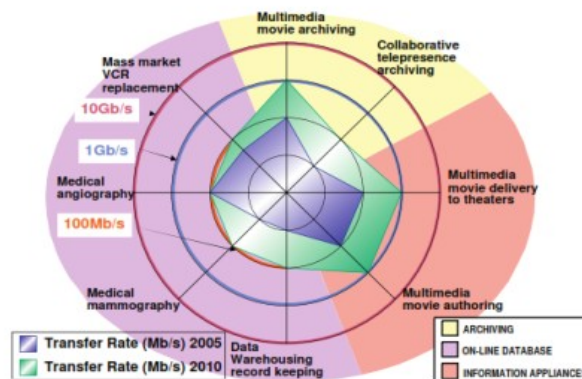


Fig 4Data Rate Requirements imposed by various applications by years 2005 and 2010

V. CONCLUSION

The evolutionary approaches that are based on current technologies have the potential to be forward compatible. Such as use of depth of focus and have



the lowest risk in terms of media, storage device and cost. However the benefits for potential density gains are also limited. When the key features of optical data storage – removability and inter changeability are to be retained . Optical storage will continue to evolve but it is only depend upon on both technical feasibility and commercial viability.[5] On the other hand, the revolutionary approaches promise much higher densities at substantially higher risk. Some of this risk arises because laboratory development tends to demonstrate features individually, avoiding ect.which only show up when performance pushedacrosstheboard [7]One of the reasons that computers have become increasingly important in daily life is because they over’s unprecedented access to massive amounts of information. The decreasing cost of storing data and the increasing storage capacities of ever smaller devices have been key enablers of this revolution. Current storage needs are being met because improvements in conventional technologies such as magnetic hard disk drives, optical disks, and semiconductor memories have been able to keep pace with the demand for greater and faster storage.[10]

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