

# Influence of Design Parameters on Adjacent Track Interference in Heated-Dot Magnetic Recording

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We discuss the influence of design parameters on adjacent track interference (ATI) in 4 Tbps heated-dot magnetic recording where the parameters are the mean Curie temperature, Curie temperature variation, anisotropy constant ratio, dot size variation, Gilbert damping constant, writing field magnitude, and writing field angle. We calculate the dot height to achieve a bit error rate of  $10^{-3}$  after adjacent track writing as a function of the design parameters. The dot height must be increased when we choose a lower mean Curie temperature, since the thermal gradient decreases simultaneously. The adjacent track temperature is related to the Curie temperature variation via the writing temperature. ATI is strongly affected by the anisotropy constant ratio. The dot height must be increased as the dot size variation increases, since the probability of a small dot appearing increases. The Gilbert damping constant has an effect on ATI. Since a writing field magnitude of 10 kOe is relatively small against the anisotropy field, the increase in the dot height is relatively small when the writing field magnitude increases from 10 to 15 kOe or the writing field angle changes from 180 to 135 deg.

**Key words:** HDMR, ATI, mean Curie temperature, Curie temperature variation, anisotropy constant ratio, dot size variation, Gilbert damping constant, writing field magnitude, writing field angle

## 1. Introduction

Many magnetic recording methods have been proposed to solve the trilemma problem<sup>1)</sup> of conventional magnetic recording (CMR) on granular media. These methods include shingled magnetic recording (SMR), microwave-assisted magnetic recording (MAMR), heat-assisted magnetic recording (HAMR), bit patterned media (BPM), and three-dimensional magnetic recording (3D MR).

The challenges facing the design of MR media are

- (1) information stability during 10 years of archiving, known as the  $K_u V / (kT)$  problem<sup>1)</sup>, where  $K_u$ ,  $V$ ,  $k$ , and  $T$  are respectively the grain or dot anisotropy constant, volume, Boltzmann constant, and temperature,
- (2) information stability in an adjacent track during writing, known as the adjacent track interference (ATI) problem, and
- (3) the writing field dependence of the bit error rate (bER), namely writability.

Micromagnetic calculation is useful for examining (2) in SMR and (3). However, this is not practical due to the long calculation time required for subjects (1) and (2) in CMR because of the  $10^3$ - $10^4$  times rewrite in the adjacent track. We have proposed a model calculation employing the Néel-Arrhenius model with a Stoner-Wohlfarth grain or dot. This model is applicable to all three subjects<sup>2)</sup> including SMR and CMR.

The above three subjects, namely (1), (2), and (3), must be dealt with simultaneously, since they are in a trade-off relationship. For example, if the design parameter of

the anisotropy constant ratio is larger, the information in (1) and (2) is more stable, but (3) the writability will be worse even for HAMR. The anisotropy constant ratio  $K_u/K_{\text{bulk}}$ , which we introduced<sup>3)</sup>, is the intrinsic ratio of the medium anisotropy constant to the bulk FePt anisotropy constant. The  $K_u/K_{\text{bulk}}$  value is independent of the Curie temperature  $T_c$ , and is constant for any temperature from zero Kelvin to  $T_c$ . The design parameters are related to each other in a complex manner. It is necessary to examine the influence of the design parameters on the above three subjects when designing the medium.

Akagi *et al.* reported (3) the recording performance of heated-dot magnetic recording (HDMR)<sup>4)</sup>, namely HAMR on BPM, employing micromagnetic calculation. We have previously discussed information stability (1) during 10 years of archiving and (2) during adjacent track (AT) writing for HDMR<sup>5)</sup> employing our model calculation, in which we have calculated the dot height to achieve a bER of  $10^{-3}$  after AT writing as a function of the thermal gradient for the cross-track direction.

In this paper, as a first step in examining the trade-off relationship between (2) ATI and (3) the writability, we discuss the influence of the design parameters on (2) ATI in 4 Tbps HDMR where the parameters are the mean Curie temperature, Curie temperature variation, anisotropy constant ratio, dot size variation, Gilbert damping constant, writing field magnitude, and writing field angle. We calculate the dot height to achieve a bit error rate of  $10^{-3}$  after adjacent track writing as a function of the design parameters.

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## 2. Calculation Condition and Method

### 2.1 Dot arrangement and medium structure

Figure 1 shows the dot arrangement and medium structure in 4 Tbps HDMR where  $D_x$ ,  $D_y$ , and  $h$  are the dot sizes for the down-track and cross-track directions, and the dot height, respectively. The bit length  $D_B$  and track width  $D_T$  were both 12.7 nm. We assumed that the mean dot size  $D_m$  and mean dot spacing  $\Delta_D$  are the same for both the down-track and cross-track directions, namely  $D_m = \Delta_D = 6.35$  nm. The  $h$  values were 5.1 and 2.8 nm for the standard values in conventional and shingled HDMR, respectively.

There are two cases for the dot sizes  $D_x$  and  $D_y$  according to the dot manufacturing method. (1) In one case, the  $D_x$  and  $D_y$  sizes are the same, and the  $D_x = D_y$  size fluctuates. (2) Another case is that the  $D_x$  and  $D_y$  sizes fluctuate independently. We examined (1) the  $D_x = D_y$  case, since the bER is larger for the same  $h$  value<sup>5)</sup>. We generated a random number  $D_x = D_y$  according to a log-normal distribution with a standard deviation  $\sigma_D$ . We used a  $\sigma_D/D_m$  value of 15 % for the standard value.

### 2.2 Magnetic properties

The temperature dependence of the medium magnetization  $M_s$  was calculated by employing mean field analysis<sup>6)</sup>, and that of the  $K_u$  value was assumed to be proportional to  $M_s^{2.7}$ .  $M_s(T_c = 770 \text{ K}, T = 300 \text{ K}) = 1000 \text{ emu/cm}^3$  was assumed for FePt. Based on this assumption, the  $M_s$  value can be calculated for all values of  $T_c$  and  $T$ .

$K_u(T_c = 770 \text{ K}, K_u/K_{\text{bulk}} = 1, T = 300 \text{ K}) = 70 \text{ Merg/cm}^3$  was assumed for bulk FePt. Using this assumption, we can calculate  $K_u$  for all values of  $T_c$ ,  $K_u/K_{\text{bulk}}$ , and  $T$ . No intrinsic distribution of  $K_u$  was assumed. However, there was a fluctuation in  $K_u$  caused by  $T_c$  variation.

The  $T_c$  value of each dot can be adjusted by changing the Cu composition  $z$  for  $(\text{Fe}_{0.5}\text{Pt}_{0.5})_{1-z}\text{Cu}_z$ .

With a  $T_c$  value of 750 K and a  $K_u/K_{\text{bulk}}$  value of 0.8, in this work we obtain a  $K_u$  value of 51 Merg/cm<sup>3</sup> and an anisotropy field  $H_k$  of 107 kOe at a readout

temperature of 330 K.

### 2.3 Temperature profile

The writing temperature  $T_w$  for the dot was assumed to be

$$T_w = T_{\text{cm}} + 3\sigma_{T_c} \quad (1)$$

as shown in Fig. 1 where  $T_{\text{cm}}$  and  $\sigma_{T_c}$  are the mean Curie temperature and the standard deviation of  $T_{\text{cm}}$ , respectively, taking account of the  $T_c$  variation. The  $T_c$  distribution was assumed to be normal. Based on this assumption, 99.9 % of dots in the writing track are heated to above their  $T_c$  values during the writing period. We used  $T_{\text{cm}}$  and  $\sigma_{T_c}/T_{\text{cm}}$  values of 750 K and 2 %, respectively, for the standard values.

For simplicity, the thermal gradient  $dT/dy$  in the cross-track direction was assumed to be constant anywhere. The thermal gradient in the down-track direction was zero, since the exposure time for writing has little effect on the results as shown below in 3.1. Since the  $dT/dy$  value can be adjusted by changing the medium structure, we used a  $dT/dy$  value of 14 K/nm for the standard value.

When the  $T_{\text{cm}}$  value decreases from high Curie temperature  $T_{\text{cmH}}$  to low  $T_{\text{cmL}}$ , the thermal gradients also decrease from  $dT_H(y)/dy$  to  $dT_L(y)/dy$  as explained below. If the medium structure is the same, the difference between the medium temperature  $T_i(y)$  and ambient temperature  $T_{\text{amb}}$  is proportional to the laser power  $P_{wi}$  for heating regardless of the medium position  $y$  where  $i = H$  for media with  $T_{\text{cmH}}$  and  $i = L$  for  $T_{\text{cmL}}$ . Therefore, we can obtain the following equation.

$$\frac{T_L(y) - T_{\text{amb}}}{T_H(y) - T_{\text{amb}}} = \frac{P_{wL}}{P_{wH}}.$$

Since at the center of the track,

$$\frac{T_L(y) - T_{\text{amb}}}{T_H(y) - T_{\text{amb}}} = \frac{T_{wL} - T_{\text{amb}}}{T_{wH} - T_{\text{amb}}} = \frac{T_{\text{cmL}} + 3\sigma_{T_{\text{cL}}} - T_{\text{amb}}}{T_{\text{cmH}} + 3\sigma_{T_{\text{cH}}} - T_{\text{amb}}},$$

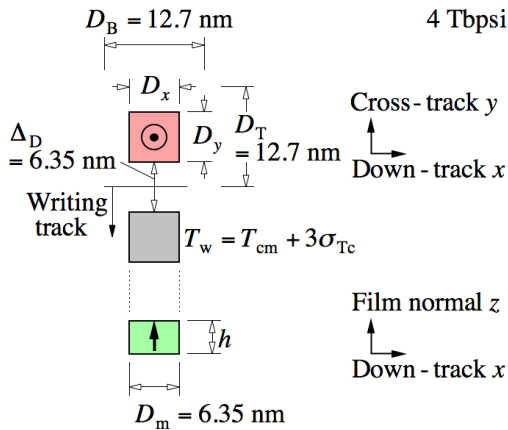
$$T_L(y) - T_{\text{amb}} = \frac{T_{\text{cmL}} + 3\sigma_{T_{\text{cL}}} - T_{\text{amb}}}{T_{\text{cmH}} + 3\sigma_{T_{\text{cH}}} - T_{\text{amb}}} \cdot (T_H(y) - T_{\text{amb}}),$$

we can obtain

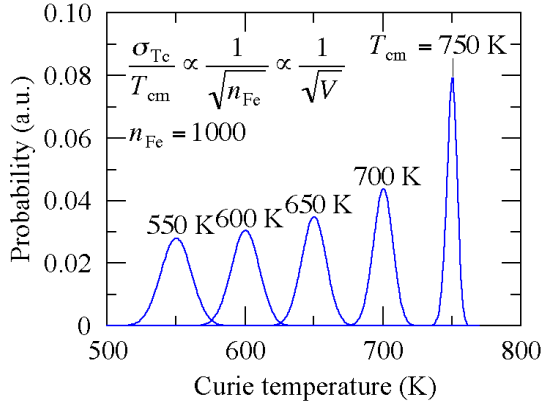
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dT_L(y)}{dy} &= \frac{T_{\text{cmL}} + 3\sigma_{T_{\text{cL}}} - T_{\text{amb}}}{T_{\text{cmH}} + 3\sigma_{T_{\text{cH}}} - T_{\text{amb}}} \cdot \frac{dT_H(y)}{dy}, \\ &= \frac{T_{\text{cmL}}(1 + 3 \times 0.02) - 330}{750 \times (1 + 3 \times 0.02) - 330} \times 14, \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

for  $T_{\text{cmH}} = 750 \text{ K}$ , where  $T_{wH}$  and  $T_{wL}$  are the writing temperatures for media with  $T_{\text{cmH}}$  and  $T_{\text{cmL}}$ , respectively, and  $\sigma_{T_{\text{cH}}}$  and  $\sigma_{T_{\text{cL}}}$  are the standard deviations for media with  $T_{\text{cmH}}$  and  $T_{\text{cmL}}$ , respectively. We assumed that the  $T_{\text{amb}}$  value was 330 K.

Although we do not deal the dependence of the  $T_c$  variation on the Cu composition in this paper, we point out this in the following, since this will be important in actual HAMR and HDMR. When a third element is



**Fig. 1** Dot arrangement and medium structure.



**Fig. 2** Curie temperature distribution for various mean Curie temperatures  $T_{cm}$ .

added to FePt to reduce its  $T_{cm}$ , some dots contain more or less atoms of a third element than a mean number. Reducing  $T_{cm}$  by adding a third element intrinsically results in  $T_c$  variation and the  $T_c$  variation may lead to an increase in bER. Figure 2 shows the  $T_c$  distribution for various  $T_{cm}$  values, in which the third element variation was calculated statistically and  $T_c$  was calculated by employing mean field analysis for an Fe site number  $n_{Fe}$  of 1000 in a dot. The  $T_c$  distribution of course becomes zero for FePt ( $T_c \approx 770$  K) with no third element. The  $T_c$  variation increases as the third element number increases and the  $T_{cm}$  value decreases. The  $T_c$  standard deviation  $\sigma_{Tc}$  is inversely proportional to  $\sqrt{n_{Fe}}$ , namely  $\sqrt{V}$ . We used a  $\sigma_{Tc}/T_{cm}$  value of 2 % for the standard value. This problem is a subject for future study.

#### 2.4 ATI evaluation method

The information stability for 10 years of archiving has been discussed employing the Néel-Arrhenius model with a Stoner-Wohlfarth grain or dot. The attempt period  $1/f_0$  has a value in picoseconds for FePt in heat-assisted magnetic recording. Since the magnetization direction attempts to reverse with a certain probability at each attempt period, the information stability for 10 years of archiving is extrapolated as a stack of phenomena in picoseconds. Therefore, the Néel-Arrhenius model is valid for any time from the order of a picosecond to more than 10 years. Therefore, we have also applied the Néel-Arrhenius model to phenomena with a short time, and examined information stability during AT writing.

The magnetization reversal number  $Nt$  for the dot from time 0 to  $t$  is expressed as

$$Nt = f_0 t \exp(-K_\beta), \quad (3)$$

employing the Néel-Arrhenius model where  $f_0$  is the attempt frequency<sup>8)</sup>. We assumed  $f_0$  as

$$f_0 = \frac{\gamma\alpha}{1+\alpha^2} \sqrt{\frac{M_s H_{keff}^3 V}{2\pi kT}} \left(1 + \frac{|H_w| \cos\phi}{H_{keff}}\right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{|H_w| \cos\phi}{H_{keff}}\right)^2\right), \quad (4)$$

taking account of the effective anisotropy field  $H_{keff}$  and writing field angle  $\phi$  as shown in Fig. 3 where  $\gamma$ ,  $\alpha$ ,  $V = D_x D_y \times h$ , and  $|H_w|$  are respectively the gyromagnetic ratio, Gilbert damping constant, dot volume, and writing field magnitude.  $K_\beta$  is the thermal stability factor given by

$$K_\beta = \frac{E_1 - E_0}{kT}, \quad (5)$$

where  $E_1 - E_0$  is the energy barrier. The  $f_0 t$  value gives an attempt number for magnetization reversal, and the Boltzmann factor  $\exp(-K_\beta)$  is interpreted as the probability of magnetization reversal.

We have reported an approximate equation<sup>9)</sup> for  $E_1 - E_0$  in the Stoner-Wohlfarth dot for angles  $\phi$  of 0 to 180 deg, taking account of Pfeiffer's approximation<sup>10)</sup> and shape anisotropy energy. When  $|H_w| = 0$ ,  $E_1 - E_0$  becomes  $K_{ueff} V$  where  $K_{ueff}$  is the effective anisotropy constant, taking account of the shape anisotropy. The approximate equations for  $0 \leq \phi \leq 90$  deg are summarized as follows,

$$\frac{E_1 - E_0}{K_{ueff} V} = \left(1 + 2 \left(\cos\phi - \frac{1}{2}\right) \frac{|H_w|/H_{keff}}{H_{sw}/H_{keff}}\right)^x,$$

$$(|H_w|/H_{keff} \leq H_{sw}/H_{keff})$$

$$x = 2.0(H_{sw}/H_{keff}), \quad (6)$$

and for  $90 \leq \phi \leq 180$  deg,

$$\frac{E_1 - E_0}{K_{ueff} V} = \left(1 - \frac{|H_w|/H_{keff}}{H_{sw}/H_{keff}}\right)^x,$$

$$(|H_w|/H_{keff} \leq H_{sw}/H_{keff})$$

$$x = 0.86 + 1.14(H_{sw}/H_{keff}), \quad (7)$$

where

$$K_{ueff} = K_u + \frac{(4\pi - 3N_z)M_s^2}{4}, \quad (8)$$

$$N_z = 8 \arctan\left(\frac{D_x D_y}{h\sqrt{D_x^2 + D_y^2 + h^2}}\right), \quad (9)$$

$$H_{keff} = \frac{2K_{ueff}}{M_s}, \quad (10)$$

$$\frac{H_{sw}}{H_{keff}} = \frac{1}{(|\sin\phi|^{2/3} + |\cos\phi|^{2/3})^{3/2}}. \quad (11)$$

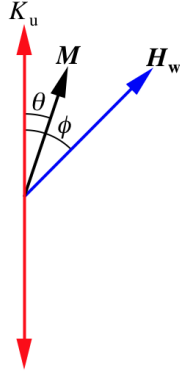
$H_{sw}$  and  $N_z$  are respectively the magnetization switching field and demagnetizing factor.

The dot error probability  $P$  from time 0 to  $t$  is well-known as

$$P = 1 - \exp(-f_0 t \exp(-K_\beta)). \quad (12)$$

If  $f_0 t \exp(-K_\beta) \ll 1$ , Eq. (12) becomes

$$P = Nt = f_0 t \exp(-K_\beta). \quad (13)$$



**Fig. 3** Definition of angles of magnetization  $\mathbf{M}$  and writing field  $\mathbf{H}_w$  vectors.

**Table 1** Standard calculation conditions.

Recording density (Tbpsi)	4
Bit length $D_B$ (nm)	12.7
Track width $D_T$ (nm)	12.7
Mean dot size $D_m$ (nm)	6.4
Standard deviation $\sigma_D / D_m$ (%)	15
Mean dot spacing $\Delta_D$ (nm)	6.4
Dot height $h$ (nm) (conventional HDMR)	5.1
Dot height $h$ (nm) (shingled HDMR)	2.8
Exposure time $t$ ( $\mu$ s) (conventional HDMR)	1
Exposure time $t$ (ns) (shingled HDMR)	1
Mean Curie temperature $T_{cm}$ (K)	750
Standard deviation $\sigma_{Tc} / T_{cm}$ (%)	2
Anisotropy constant ratio $K_u / K_{bulk}$	0.8
Gilbert damping constant $\alpha$	0.1
Writing field magnitude $ H_w $ (kOe)	10
Writing field angle $\phi$ (deg)	180
Storage temperature $T_{sto}$ (K)	350

Although the bER value is calculated using the  $P$  values of the grains in a bit for HAMR, the bER value is equal to the  $P$  value for HDMR, since 1bit consists of 1 dot.

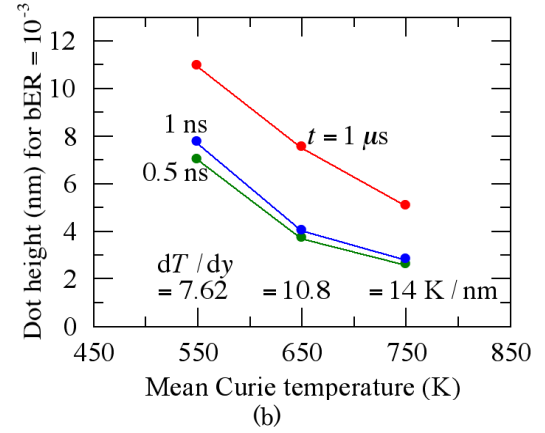
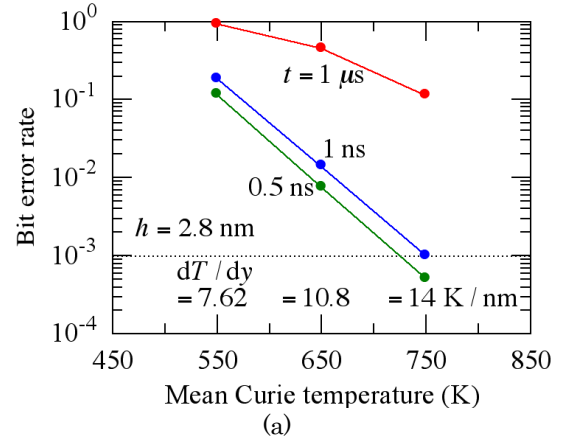
The criterion determining whether or not information is stable was assumed to be a bER of  $10^{-3}$ . The bER in this paper is useful only for comparisons.

The standard calculation conditions are summarized in Table 1. We used an exposure time  $t$  of  $1 \mu$ s for writing in conventional HDMR, taking account of  $10^3$  times rewrite. A  $t$  value of 1 ns was used in shingled HDMR. The  $|H_w|$  and  $\phi$  values were 10 kOe and 180 deg, respectively.

### 3. Calculation Results

#### 3.1 Mean Curie temperature

The  $T_{cm}$  dependence of the bER after AT writing is shown in Fig. 4 (a). A  $t$  value of 1 ns was used in shingled HDMR. However, the results for 1 ns and 0.5



**Fig. 4** (a) Bit error rate (bER) as a function of mean Curie temperature  $T_{cm}$  after adjacent track (AT) writing for various exposure times  $t$  for writing and (b) dot height  $h$  to achieve a bER of  $10^{-3}$  as a function of mean Curie temperature  $T_{cm}$ .

ns are almost the same, since  $t$  is not a variable of the exponential function as shown in Eq. (13).

The AT temperature  $T_{adj}$  can be calculated as

$$T_{adj} = T_{cm} + 3\sigma_{Tc} - D_T \frac{dT}{dy}, \quad (14)$$

where  $D_T$  is the track width. We assumed a  $dT/dy$  value of 14 K/nm for  $T_{cm} = 750$  K and lowered the  $dT/dy$  value indicated in Fig. 4 according to Eq. (2) as the  $T_{cm}$  value decreased. We adjusted the  $h$  value to 2.8 nm so that the bER value reached  $10^{-3}$  for  $T_{cm} = 750$  K and  $t = 1$  ns as shown in Fig. 4 (a). As a result, the bER value increases when we choose the lower  $T_{cm}$  value, since the temperature difference  $T_{cm} - T_{adj}$  decreases from 133 to 98 and 64 K as the  $dT/dy$  value decreases from 14 to 10.8 and 7.62 K/nm, respectively. The  $T$  value is a parameter with considerable impact, since  $T$  is a variable of the exponential function via  $K_B$ .

Figure 4 (b) shows the  $h$  value needed to achieve a bER of  $10^{-3}$  after AT writing as a function of  $T_{cm}$ . The  $h$  value must be increased strongly as the  $T_{cm}$  value decreases, since the  $T_{cm}$  and  $dT/dy$  values are closely related to each other.

### 3.2 $T_c$ standard deviation

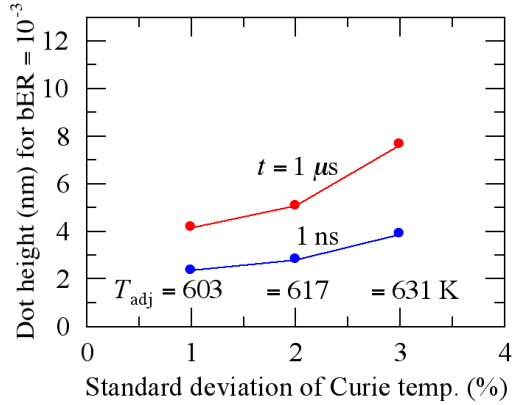
Figure 5 shows the  $h$  value as a function of  $\sigma_{Tc}/T_{cm}$  for  $T_{cm} = 750$  K. When the  $\sigma_{Tc}/T_{cm}$  value increases, the probability of a low  $T_c$  dot appearing increases. Furthermore, the  $T_w$  and  $dT/dy$  values increase as the  $\sigma_{Tc}/T_{cm}$  value increases according to Eqs. (1) and (2), respectively. The resultant  $T_{adj}$  value calculated with Eq. (14) increases as the  $\sigma_{Tc}/T_{cm}$  value increases as indicated in Fig. 5. Therefore, the  $h$  value must be increased as the  $\sigma_{Tc}/T_{cm}$  value increases.

### 3.3 Anisotropy constant ratio

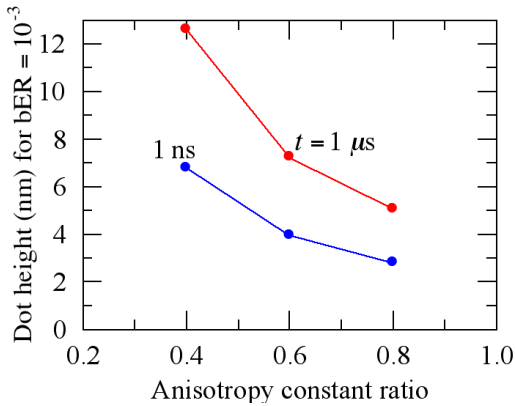
We also examined the  $K_u/K_{bulk}$  dependence of  $h$ . When  $K_u/K_{bulk}$  is halved from 0.8 to 0.4,  $K_{ueff}$  is also almost halved, since the shape anisotropy energy is small. Furthermore,  $H_{keff}$  is almost halved and the  $K_\beta$  value is reduced by less than half as

$$K_\beta = \frac{K_{ueff}V}{kT} \left( 1 - \frac{|H_w|}{H_{keff}} \right)^2. \quad (15)$$

Therefore, the  $h$  value for a bER of  $10^{-3}$  must be more than doubled for a decrease in the  $K_u/K_{bulk}$  value from 0.8 to 0.4 as shown in Fig. 6.



**Fig. 5** Dot height  $h$  to achieve a bER of  $10^{-3}$  as a function of the standard deviation  $\sigma_{Tc}/T_{cm}$  of the Curie temperature after AT writing.



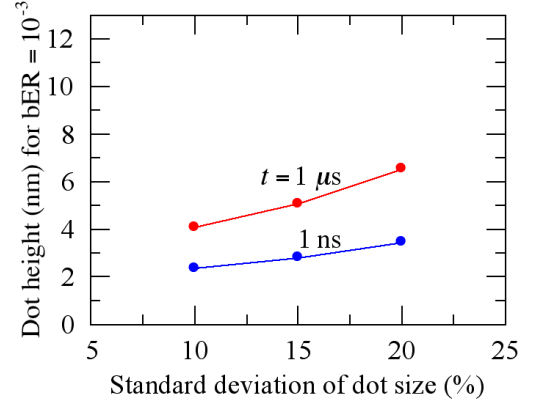
**Fig. 6** Dot height  $h$  to achieve a bER of  $10^{-3}$  as a function of anisotropy constant ratio  $K_u/K_{bulk}$  after AT writing.

### 3.4 Dot size variation

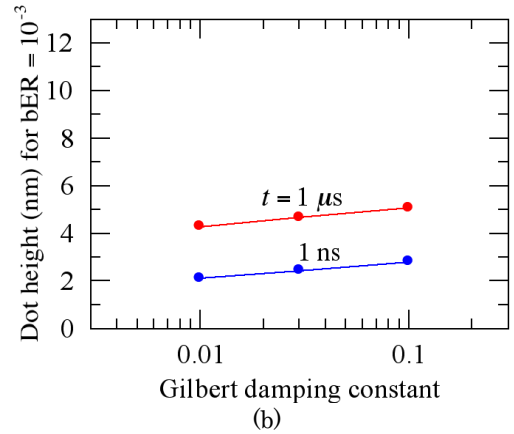
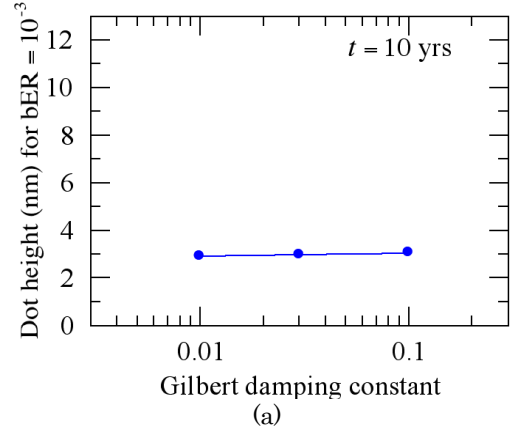
When the  $\sigma_D/D_m$  value increases, the probability of a small dot appearing increases. Therefore, the  $h$  value must be increased as the  $\sigma_D/D_m$  value increases as shown in Fig. 7.

### 3.5 Gilbert damping constant

The  $P$  value is determined by  $f_0$  and  $K_\beta$  as shown in Eq. (13). If the  $f_0$  value becomes 10 times larger, the  $K_\beta$



**Fig. 7** Dot height  $h$  to achieve a bER of  $10^{-3}$  as a function of the standard deviation  $\sigma_D/D_m$  of the dot size after AT writing.



**Fig. 8** Dot height  $h$  to achieve a bER of  $10^{-3}$  as a function of the Gilbert damping constant  $\alpha$  after (a) 10 years of archiving and (b) AT writing.

value must increase by 2.3 to obtain the same  $Nt$  value as

$$f_0 \exp(-K_\beta) = 10 f_0 \exp(-K_\beta'),$$

$$K_\beta' = K_\beta + \ln(10) \approx K_\beta + 2.3. \quad (16)$$

Furthermore, the  $\alpha$  value is considered to be smaller than 0.1. Therefore,  $f_0$  is almost proportional to  $\alpha$ , since

$$f_0 \propto \frac{\alpha}{1+\alpha^2}. \quad (17)$$

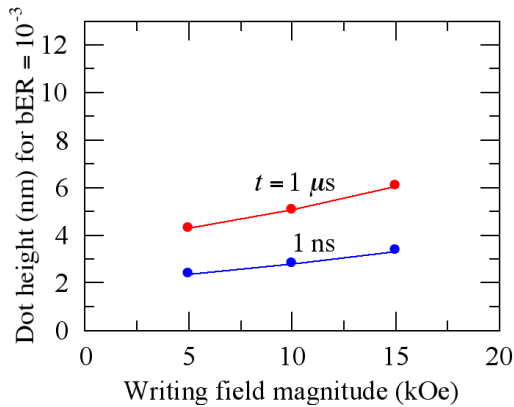
We assumed the storage temperature  $T_{\text{sto}}$  to be 350 K for 10 years of archiving. We took a certain margin into account. The value of  $K_\beta$  is around 120 at  $T_{\text{sto}}$ , and that is much larger than the value of 2.3 seen in Eq. (16). Therefore, the  $\alpha$  value has little effect on 10 years of archiving as shown in Fig. 8 (a). However, since the  $K_\beta$  value becomes small due to the temperature increasing to 617 K during AT writing, the  $\alpha$  value has an effect on ATI as shown in Fig. 8 (b).

### 3.6 Writing field magnitude

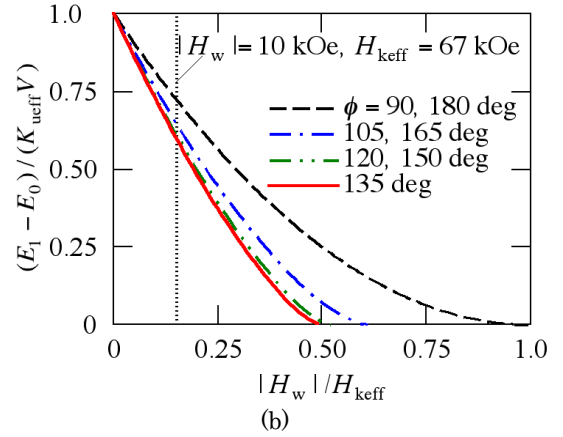
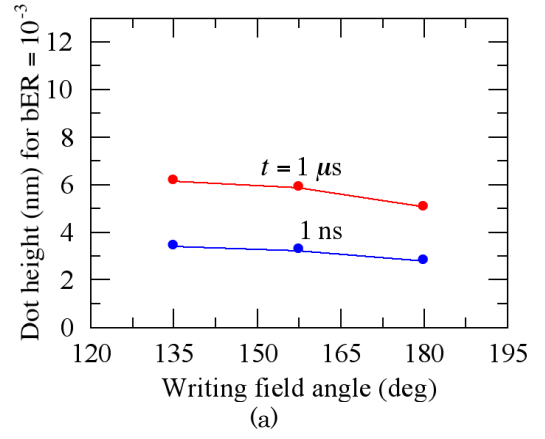
Figure 9 shows the  $h$  value as a function of  $|H_w|$ . The  $K_\beta$  value decreases as the  $|H_w|$  value increases according to Eq. (15) where the  $H_{\text{keff}}$  value is about 67 kOe. Therefore, the  $h$  value must be increased as the  $|H_w|$  value increases.

### 3.7 Writing field angle

When  $\phi$  decreases from 180 to 135 deg, the  $H_{\text{sw}}$  value is halved from 1.0 to 0.5 according to Eq. (11). Then the  $K_\beta$  value decreases according to Eqs. (5) and (7), and the  $h$  value must be increased as shown in Fig. 10 (a). Figure 10 (b) shows the  $(E_1 - E_0)/(K_{\text{ueff}}V)$  value as a function of  $|H_w|/H_{\text{keff}}$  for various  $\phi$  values. Although the  $H_{\text{sw}}$  value is halved, the decrease of  $(E_1 - E_0)/(K_{\text{ueff}}V)$ , namely  $K_\beta$ , from  $\phi = 180$  deg to 135 deg is relatively small, since the  $|H_w|$  value of 10 kOe is relatively small against the  $H_{\text{keff}}$  value of 67 kOe. Therefore, the increase of  $h$  from  $\phi = 180$  deg to 135 deg is small.



**Fig. 9** Dot height  $h$  to achieve a bER of  $10^{-3}$  as a function of writing field magnitude  $|H_w|$  after AT writing.



**Fig. 10** (a) Dot height  $h$  to achieve a bER of  $10^{-3}$  as a function of writing field angle  $\phi$  after AT writing and (b) energy barrier  $(E_1 - E_0)/(K_{\text{ueff}}V)$  as a function of the writing field magnitude  $|H_w|/H_{\text{keff}}$  for various  $\phi$  values.

## 4. Conclusions

We discussed the influence of the design parameters on ATI in 4 Tbps HD MR. We calculated the  $h$  value to achieve a bER of  $10^{-3}$  after AT writing as a function of the design parameters.

(1) Mean Curie temperature  $T_{\text{cm}}$

The  $h$  value must be increased strongly as the  $T_{\text{cm}}$  value decreases, since  $T_{\text{cm}}$  and thermal gradient are closely related.

(2) Standard deviation  $\sigma_{Tc}/T_{\text{cm}}$

In addition to the increased probability of a low  $T_c$  dot appearing, the adjacent track temperature is related to the  $\sigma_{Tc}/T_{\text{cm}}$  value via the writing temperature.

(3) Anisotropy constant ratio  $K_u/K_{\text{bulk}}$

The  $h$  value must be more than doubled for a decrease in the  $K_u/K_{\text{bulk}}$  value from 0.8 to 0.4.

(4) Standard deviation  $\sigma_D/D_m$

The probability of a small dot appearing increases as the  $\sigma_D/D_m$  value increases.

(5) Gilbert damping constant  $\alpha$

The  $\alpha$  value has little effect on 10 years of archiving but has an effect on ATI.

(6) Writing field magnitude  $|H_w|$

The  $h$  value must be increased as the  $|H_w|$  value increases.

(7) Writing field angle  $\phi$

Since the  $|H_w|$  value of 10 kOe is relatively small, the increase in the  $h$  value is relatively small when the  $\phi$  value changes from 180 to 135 deg.

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