HF-MFM on perpendicular write heads

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The HF-MFM (High Frequency Magnetic Force Microscopy) technique has been employed for the measurement of stray fields emanating from traditional longitudinal write heads [1],[2]. Here we show that it is also possible to apply the HF-MFM technique to perpendicular write heads [3]. The situation is different in so far, that there is no closed magnetic flux between two poles. In contrast there is only one pole and the flux closure is obtained in combination with the writing medium. An ac current of 50 mA with a carrier frequency of 2 GHz, fed in into the write head, causes an observable contrast in the HF-MFM image. Not only the write pole itself but also the magnetic shieldings around the pole are strongly influenced by the HF-current.

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