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ABSTRACT

An optical configuration for optically reading data on a data storage medium, eg. an optical disk, includes lens means (2,5) to focus an incident light beam onto the medium (7). The lens means (2) is arranged to also focus the incident light beam to an intermediate position, at which is provided spatial filter means (3) having a filter function to enhance resolution of the read-out optics for reading the information pits recorded on the data storage medium (7). Also disclosed is a method of reading data on a medium, whereby the data recording density on the medium may be increased.

(Fig. 1)

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