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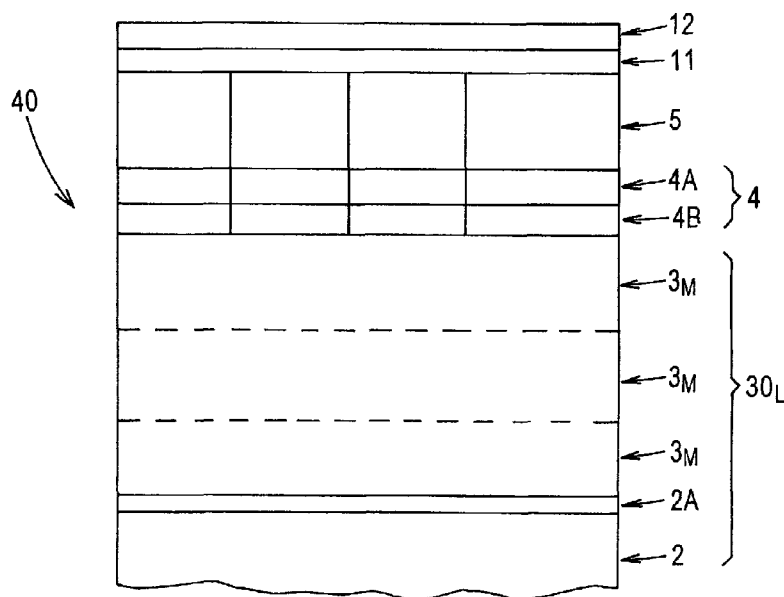
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(57) Abstract: A high areal recording density, perpendicular magnetic recording medium with reduced or substantially zero DC noise, comprising: (a) a non-magnetic substrate having a surface; and (b) a layer stack formed over the substrate surface and comprising, in overlying sequence from the substrate surface: (i) a magnetically soft underlayer; (ii) at least one non-magnetic interlayer; and (iii) a magnetically hard perpendicular recording layer; wherein the magnetically soft underlayer (b)(i) is thicker than the magnetically hard perpendicular recording layer (b)(iii) and is a pseudo-laminated structure composed of a stacked plurality of sub-layers of a magnetically soft material.



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