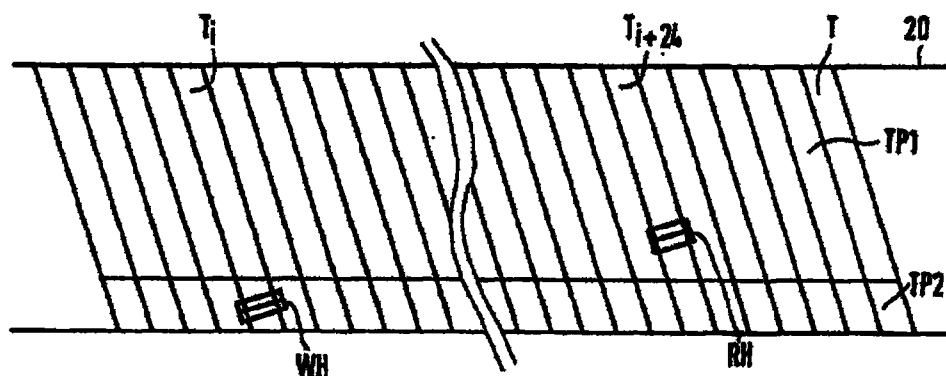


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(57) Abstract

An apparatus of the helical scan type is disclosed for reproducing a digital video signal from slant tracks (T) on a record carrier (20). The digital video signal has been recorded in first track portions (TP1) of the tracks. In an edit mode, said digital video signal is reproduced from said first track portions and a corresponding digital audio signal is recorded in second track portions (TP2) of the tracks. The apparatus comprises at least one read head (RH) for reading the digital video signal recorded in said first track portions of the tracks and at least one write head (WH) for writing the second channel signal in said second track portions. The read head (RH) and the write head (WH) are positioned on a rotatable head drum (44) at such a location relative to each other that when the read head reads the digital video signal from a first track portion of a first track (T_{i+24}), the write head writes said second channel signal in a second track portion in a second track (T_i), said second track being spaced a specified number (24) of tracks away from said first track.