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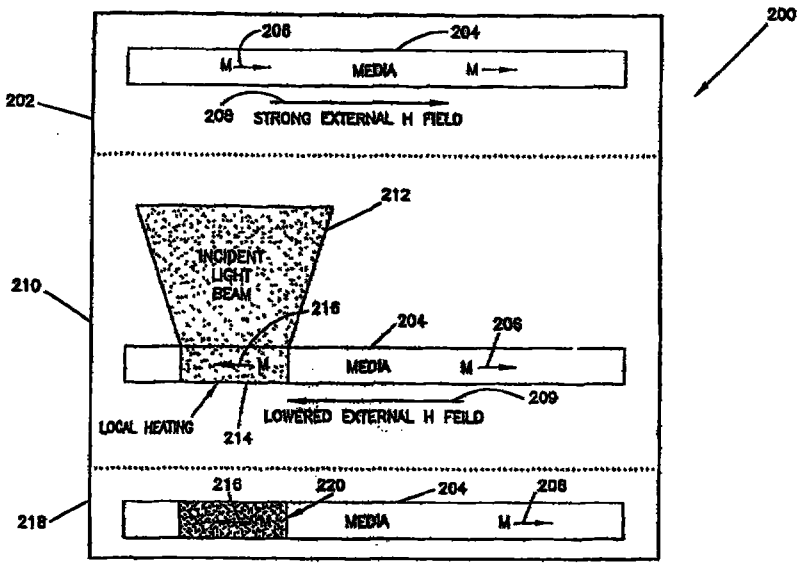
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(57) Abstract

A method and apparatus (300) for processing a magnetic disc (106, 204, 670, 314, 714, 780) prior to assembly of the disc in a disc drive storage assembly (100) includes measuring a physical characteristic of the magnetic disc (106, 204, 670, 314, 714, 780) and encoding an information pattern (220, 272, 410–414, 501–503, 602, 604, 651–653, 710–712) within the magnetic disc. The information pattern (220, 272, 410–414, 501–503, 602, 604, 651–653, 710–712) is associated with the measured physical characteristic.