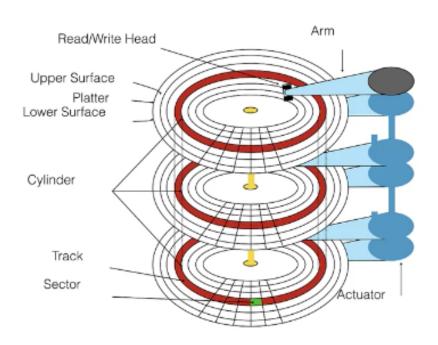
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# 1. Secondary Storage Devices

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# 2. Disk Components



#### • Parts

- Platter:
  - \* Data can be stored in both upper and lower parts of the platter
- Cyliner:
  - \* Is a set of tracks that can be read without moving the arm
- Sector:
  - \* Size of disk block is multiple of sectors
- Disk arm touching surface  $\rightarrow$  disk surface crash

## 3. Disk Performance

IMPORTANT We should know the bulk part time of how this works

- Seek:
  - Is the time it takes to move the disk arm to correct cylinder
  - Depends on how fast disk arm can move
  - Typical time: 1-15ms, depending on distance (avg 5-6 ms)
  - Improves very slowly (7 10% per year)

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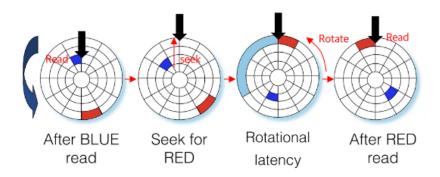
### • Rotation:

- Is the time it takes to rotate under the head to get to correct sector
- Depends on rotation rate of disk
- Average latency of  $\frac{1}{2}$  rotation

### • Transfer:

- Is the time it takes to transfer data from surface to disk controller, electronics and sending it back to host
- Depends on density
- $-\sim 100 \mathrm{MB/s}$ , average sector transfer time of  $\sim 5 \mu s$
- Improves rapidly ( $\sim 40\%$  per year)

# 4. Traditional Service Time Component



- OS tries to minimize the cost of rotational latency, transfer time, and seek time
- Improvement attention especially on seek time and rotation latency

#### 5. Track Skew

 $\bullet\,$  Is to reduce rotational latency