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Bone conduction acoustic device and wearable device

Abstract

The application discloses a bone conduction acoustic device and a wearable device, wherein the bone conduction acoustic device comprises an external packaging structure, a hollow cavity is arranged in the external packaging structure, and in the hollow cavity, the following components are arranged: a hollow flexure spring; an actuator, which includes an upper magnetic part and a lower magnetic part, wherein the upper magnetic part and the lower magnetic part are arranged opposite to each other in parallel in the Z-axis direction, and there is a gap to form an isolation area; a spatial low-frequency adjustment plate, which is arranged between the hollow flexure spring and the actuator, wherein the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate adjusts the stackup of the hollow flexure spring and the actuator in the Z-axis direction, and adjusts the gap in the isolation area.

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Background/Summary

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

(1) This application is a 371 of international application of PCT application serial no. PCT/CN2021/093371, filed on May 12, 2021, which claims the priority benefit of China application no. 202110296488.7, filed on Mar. 19, 2021. The entirety of each of the above-mentioned patent applications is hereby incorporated by reference herein and made a part of this specification.

TECHNICAL FIELD

(2) The application relates to the technical field of bone conduction acoustics, in particular to a bone conduction acoustic device and a wearable device.

DESCRIPTION OF RELATED ART

(3) Bone conduction is a sound transmission method, in which sound is converted into mechanical vibrations of different frequencies, and air sound waves are transmitted through the human skull, bone labyrinth, inner ear lymph fluid, spiral organ, and auditory center. Compared with the traditional sound conduction method of generating air sound waves through the acoustic membrane, bone conduction saves many steps of air sound wave transmission, and may achieve clear sound reproduction in noisy environments, and sound waves will not affect others due to diffusion in the air.

(4) Headphones manufactured with bone conduction acoustics are called: bone conduction headphones, in which the conduction of its air sound waves is different from that of ordinary in-ear devices, it does not require the vibration of the eardrum, but directly transmits to the auditory nerve through the bone, which not only improves the comfort, but also protects the user's hearing, and enables the user to hear clearly external sound and has its unique advantages, but the existing bone conduction headphones have the following defects.

(5) When the bone conduction acoustic device used in the existing bone conduction headphones transmits low-frequency signals, it will generate relatively large vibration amplitude, and there will be a strong sense of vibration during use, which will affect the user experience. Therefore, in order to overcome the above-mentioned defects, the headphones will directly Tilt the low-frequency signal in practical applications, and although this reduces the vibration, the sound transmitted to the ear lacks the bass part, and the sound quality is not good, which will also affect user experience sense. Therefore, it is very meaningful to study a bone conduction acoustic device with enrich low-frequency content and improved low-frequency sound quality and sound effect.

SUMMARY

(6) It is an object of the present application to provide a bone conduction acoustic device and a wearable device, which may transmit low-frequency signals with moderate amplitude and equalize the entire sound frequency range.

(7) In order to solve the above-mentioned technical problems, in a first aspect, the technical solution of the present invention is: a bone conduction acoustic device, comprising an external packaging structure, in which a hollow cavity is arranged, and in the hollow cavity the following components are arranged: a hollow flexure spring; an actuator, which includes an upper magnetic part and a lower magnetic part, wherein the upper magnetic part and the lower magnetic part are arranged in parallel and opposite to each other in the Z-axis direction, and there is a gap to form an isolation area; a spatial low-frequency adjustment plate, which is arranged between the hollow flexure spring and the actuator, wherein the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate adjusts the stackup of the hollow flexure spring and the actuator in the Z-axis direction, and adjusts the gap in

the isolation area to adjust the resonance frequency point of the device.
(8) Preferably, the magnetic flux of the lower magnetic part is less than or equal to the magnetic flux of the upper magnetic part, and the actuator further includes an upper magnetic bowl for accommodating the upper magnetic part and a lower magnetic bowl for accommodating the lower magnetic part, the upper magnetic part and the lower magnetic part are arranged with the same pole opposite to each other; when it is not energized, the repulsion force between the upper magnetic part and the lower magnetic part is equal to the attractive force between the upper magnetic part and the lower magnetic bowl to maintain magnetic static balance, to achieve the best fidelity effect.
(9) Preferably, the actuator further comprises a coil installed in the lower magnetic bowl and arranged around the lower magnetic part.
(10) Preferably, the actuator further comprises a flexible circuit board, the flexible circuit board is arranged between the coil and the lower magnetic bowl, one end of the flexible circuit board is connected to the coil, and the other end extends out of the external packaging structure.
(11) Preferably, the lower magnetic bowl is installed at the bottom of the hollow cavity, and the upper magnetic bowl is connected to the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate.
(12) Preferably, the bottom surface area of the lower magnetic bowl is greater than or equal to the bottom surface area of the upper magnetic bowl.
(13) Preferably, the upper magnetic part comprises at least one magnet and/or the lower magnetic part comprises at least one magnet.
(14) Preferably, the isolation area is filled with one or more of air, damping material, and elastic part.
(15) Preferably, the hollow flexure spring comprises an inner flexure spring, an outer flexure spring and a plurality of connection flexure springs connected between the inner flexure spring and the outer flexure spring, and the inner flexure spring is installed on the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate, and the outer flexure spring is installed on the external packaging structure.
(16) Preferably, the external packaging structure comprises a case and a cover plate covering the case, the hollow flexure spring is embedded in the case and arranged opposite to the cover plate.
(17) Preferably, the distance between the cover plate and the hollow flexure spring is greater than the maximum working vibration displacement of the hollow flexure spring.
(18) In a second aspect, the present application also provides a wearable device, comprising the above-mentioned bone conduction acoustic device.
(19) Compared with the prior art, the present application has the following beneficial effects:
(20) (1) In the present application, a spatial low-frequency adjustment plate is arranged between the hollow flexure spring and the actuator, and it may adjust the effective vibration area of the hollow flexure spring through the cooperation of the hollow flexure spring and the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate to adjust the resonance frequency point of the device; at the same time, it may adjust the stackup of the hollow flexure spring and the actuator in the Z-axis direction, and adjust the gap in the isolation area, so that the sound signal transmitted by the sound device has a moderate amplitude, and at the same time, the bass part may be transmitted to the ear canal synchronously, so as to balance the entire sound frequency range, achieve better acoustic effects, and significantly improve user experience and product sound quality.
(21) (2) The actuator uses the upper and lower magnetic parts arranged opposite to each other to achieve the static force balance between the parts by completely using the magnetic force balance, without additional supporting structure and the structure is simple, easy to realize, and reduces production cost.
(22) (3) The external packaging structure is covered with a cover plate, which enhances the strength of the whole device, and at the same time has a good sound insulation effect, effectively preventing the occurrence of sound leakage.

Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

(1) The drawings described herein are for illustration purposes only and are not intended to limit the scope of the present disclosure in any way. In addition, the shapes and proportional dimensions of the components in the drawings are only schematic and are used to help the understanding of the present application, and do not specifically limit the shapes and proportional dimensions of the components in the present application. In light of the teaching of the present application, those skilled in the art may select various possible shapes and proportional dimensions according to specific conditions to implement the present application. In the attached picture:

(2) FIG. **1** is an exploded schematic diagram of a bone conduction acoustic device in the present application;

(3) FIG. **2** is a sectional schematic diagram of the bone conduction acoustic device of the present application;

(4) FIG. **3** is a schematic structural diagram of the hollow flexure spring in the present application; and

(5) FIG. **4** is a schematic structural diagram of an upper magnetic part in an embodiment of the present application.

(6) The following components are shown in the figure:

(7) **11**. hollow cavity; **12**. case; **13**. cover plate; **14**. installation groove; **2**. hollow flexure spring; **21**. inner flexure spring; **22**. outer flexure spring; **23**. connection flexure spring; **3**. spatial low-frequency adjustment plate; **41**. upper magnetic part; **41***a*, first magnet; **41***b*, second magnet; **42**, lower magnetic part; **43**, isolation area; **44**, upper magnetic bowl; **45**, lower magnetic bowl; **46**, coil; **47**, flexible circuit board.

DESCRIPTION OF THE EMBODIMENTS

(8) In order to enable those skilled in the art to better understand the technical solutions in the present application, the technical solutions in the embodiments of the present application will be clearly and completely described below in conjunction with the drawings in the embodiments of the present application. Apparently, the described embodiments are only some of the embodiments of the present application, but not all of them. Based on the embodiments of the present application, all other embodiments obtained by the skilled in the art without making inventive efforts shall fall within the protection scope of the present application.

(9) It should be noted that when an element is referred to as being “disposed on” another element, it may be directly on the other element or there may also be an intervening element. When an element is referred to as being “connected to” another element, it may be directly connected to the other element or intervening elements may also be present. The terms “vertical,” “horizontal,” “left,” “right,” and similar expressions are used herein for purposes of illustration only and are not intended to represent the only embodiments.

(10) Unless otherwise defined, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by the skilled in the technical field of the application. The terms used herein in the description of the present application are for the purpose of describing specific embodiments only, and are not intended to limit the present application. As used herein, the term “and/or” includes any and all combinations of one or more of the associated listed items.

(11) As shown in FIG. **1** and FIG. **2**, the bone conduction acoustic device corresponding to a preferred embodiment of the present application comprises the external packaging structure, the hollow flexure spring **2**, the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate **3** and the actuator. The hollow cavity **11** is provided in the external packaging structure, and the hollow flexure spring **2**, the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate **3** and the actuator are arranged in the hollow cavity **11**. The actuator drives the flexure spring **2** to vibrate, and the actuator comprises the upper magnetic part

41 and the lower magnetic piece **42**, the upper magnetic part **41** and the lower magnetic part **42** are arranged opposite to each other in parallel in the Z-axis direction, and there is a gap to form the isolation zone **43**; the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate **3** is arranged between the hollow flexure spring **2** and the actuator, the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate **3** adjusts the stackup of the hollow flexure spring **2** and the actuator in the Z-axis direction, and adjusts the gap in the isolation area **43**, the hollow flexure spring **2** collaborates with the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate **3** to adjust the effective vibration area of the hollow flexure spring **2** to adjust the resonance frequency point of the device.

(12) Further, the actuator also comprises the upper magnetic bowl **44** for receiving the upper magnetic part **41**, the lower magnetic bowl **45** for receiving the lower magnetic part **42**, the coil **46** installed in the lower magnetic bowl **45** and arranged around the lower magnetic part **42**, and the flexible circuit board **47** arranged between the coil **46** and the lower magnetic bowl **45**. The upper magnetic bowl **44** is connected to the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate **3**, and the lower magnetic bowl **45** is installed at the bottom of the hollow cavity **11**; specifically, the upper magnetic part **41** is installed in the upper magnetic bowl **44**. After the coil **46** is energized, different magnetic fields are generated to cooperate with the upper magnetic part **41** to provide driving force for the vibration of the hollow flexure spring **2**, and the two components are fitted without gap there between or there is only an assembly space; compared with the traditional actuator, there is no need to reserve an acoustic coil insertion space, which reduces the volume of the entire acoustic device. The upper magnetic part **41** comprises at least one magnet, which may be a whole magnet, or a plurality of magnets stacked and spliced together. As shown in FIG. **4**, in a preferred embodiment, the upper magnetic part **41** comprises two magnets, namely the first magnet **41***a* and the second magnet **41***b* surrounding the first magnet **41***a*. The lower magnetic component **42** is installed in the lower magnetic bowl **45**, and the repulsive force between the upper magnetic component **41** and the lower magnetic component **42** counteracts the attraction force between the upper magnetic part **41** and the lower magnetic bowl **45**, so that the actuator is in the static balance of magnetic force when it is not energized, avoiding the internal stress generated by the hollow flexure spring **42**. The lower magnetic part **42** comprises at least one magnet, which may be a whole magnet, or a plurality of magnets stacked and spliced together. The coil **46** is installed in the lower magnetic bowl **45** and arranged around the lower magnetic part **42**. Preferably, the hollow area of the coil **46** is less than or equal to the area of the upper magnetic part **41** corresponding to the coil **46**, the area of the lower magnetic part **42** is smaller than the area of the hollow part of the coil **46**, and the surface area of the bottom of the lower magnetic bowl **45** is greater than or equal to the surface area of the bottom of the lower magnetic bowl **45**, and the magnetic flux of the lower magnetic part **42** are less than or equal to the magnetic flux of the upper magnetic part **41**, and the magnetic flux here may be changed by changing the volume or material of the magnetic part. The flexible circuit board **47** is arranged between the coil **46** and the lower magnetic bowl **45**, one end of which is connected to the coil **46**, and the other end passes through the lower magnetic bowl **45** and the case **12** once and extends to the outside to connect with the terminal device. The upper magnetic part **41** and the lower magnetic part **42** are arranged with the same pole opposed to each other; when it is not energized, the repulsion force between the upper magnetic part **41** and the lower magnetic part **42** is equal to the attraction force between the upper magnetic part **41** and the lower magnetic bowl **45** to achieve the static balance of the magnetic force, which may avoid the internal stress of the hollow flexure spring **2** and achieves the best fidelity effect. When the coil **46** is energized, the magnetic static balance is broken, and the upper magnetic bowl **44** installed on the hollow flexure spring **2** moves up and down, bringing the hollow flexure spring **2** to vibrate up and down. It is worth noting that no matter how the upper magnetic bowl **44** moves up and down, the isolation area **43** between the upper magnetic part **41** and the lower magnetic part **42** always exists, that is, when the upper magnetic bowl **44** vibrates downward to the maximum, the upper magnetic part **41** will not touch the second magnet **42** and the coil **46** to hinder the movement.

(13) The spatial low-frequency adjustment plate **3** is connected between the hollow flexure spring **2** and the upper magnetic bowl **44**, so that it is possible that the hollow flexure spring **2** is not attached in its entirety to the upper magnetic bowl **44**, and the stackup in the Z direction may be adjusted freely, and in addition, the size of the isolation area between the upper magnetic part **41** and the lower magnetic part **42** may be adjusted. The hollow flexure spring **2** cooperates with the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate **3** to adjust the effective vibration area of the hollow flexure spring **2** to adjust the resonant frequency point of the device. Specifically, under the condition that the overall size, thickness and material of the hollow flexure spring **2** remain unchanged, the length, width and area of the inner flexure spring **21** are changed, thereby changing the length and area of the connecting flexure spring **23** between the inner flexure spring **21** and the outer flexure spring **22**, and the length and area of the connecting flexure spring **23** are the effective vibration area of the hollow flexure spring, thereby changing the resonance frequency point F**0** of the system, and flexibly adjusting the low-frequency effect; the minimum resonance frequency point may reach 80 Hz; at the same time, the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate **3** changes with the change of the length, width and area of the inner flexure spring **21**; since the change of F**0** will lead to a change in the amplitude, the height of the adjustment plate also needs to be adjusted accordingly to completely connect the hollow flexure spring **2** and the Z direction stackup of the upper magnetic bowl **44**. The isolation area **43** is filled with one or more of air, damping material, and other elastic elements, which may be magnetic fluid, foam, spring, and the like.
(14) As shown in FIG. **3**, the hollow flexure spring **2** comprises the inner flexure spring **21**, the outer flexure spring **22**, and a plurality of connection flexure springs **23** connected between the inner flexure spring **21** and the outer flexure spring **22**, the size of the inner flexure spring **21** is equal to the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate **3** and installed on the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate **3**, the outer flexure spring **22** is installed on the external packaging structure. Specifically, the external packaging structure comprises a case **12** and a cover plate **13** covering the case **12**, and the hollow flexure spring **2** is embedded in the case **12** and is arranged opposite to the cover plate **13**. In order to further better fix the hollow flexure spring **2**, the case **12** is provided with the installation groove **14** at the opening end of the hollow cavity **11**, and the hollow flexure spring **2** is embedded in the installation groove **14**, that is, the outer flexure spring **22** is installed in the installation groove, the inner flexure spring **21** is installed on the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate **3**, and the connection flexure spring **23** is always separated from the upper magnetic bowl **44** to ensure that the hollow flexure spring **2** may generate vibration.
(15) In order to further ensure the strength of the entire acoustic device and the sound insulation effect, the cover plate **13** is covered on the installation groove **14**, and the cover plate **13** cooperates with the installation groove **14** and closes the hollow cavity **11**. The cover plate **13** is preferably made of metal material, and it has good rigidity and no deformation, and the distance between the cover plate **12** and the hollow flexure spring **2** is greater than the operating maximum vibration displacement of the hollow flexure spring **2** to ensure that the vibration may be carried out normally.
(16) The embodiment of the present application also provides a wearable device, which is equipped with the above-mentioned bone conduction acoustic device, and the wearable device may be headphones, wearable glasses, AR, MR, etc., and it may transmit low-frequency signals and the transmitted amplitude is moderate to balance the entire sound band.
(17) In the bone conduction acoustic device and the wearable device of the present application, between the hollow flexure spring and the actuator a spatial low-frequency adjustment plate is set, which may adjust the stackup of the hollow flexure spring and the actuator in the Z-axis direction, and adjust the gap in the isolation area to adjust the resonance frequency point. So that the sound signal transmitted by the sound device has a moderate amplitude, and at the same time, the bass part may be transmitted to the ear canal synchronously, so as to balance the entire sound frequency range, achieve better acoustic effects, and significantly improve user experience and product sound

quality; the actuator uses the upper and lower magnetic parts arranged with the same pole opposite to each other to achieve the static balance between the parts by completely using the magnetic force balance, without additional support structure and the structure is simple, easy to realize, and reduces production cost. The external packaging structure is covered with a cover plate, which enhances the strength of the whole device, and at the same time has a good sound insulation effect, effectively preventing the occurrence of sound leakage.
(18) It should be understood that the above description is for purposes of illustration and not limitation. Many embodiments and many applications other than the examples provided will be apparent to the skilled in the art from reading the above description. The scope of the present teachings, therefore, should be determined not with reference to the above description, but should be determined with reference to the full scope of the preceding claims and equivalents to these claims. The disclosures of all articles and references, including patent applications and publications, are incorporated herein by reference for completeness. The omission from the preceding claims of any aspect of the subject matter disclosed herein is neither intended to be a waiver of such subject matter, nor should it be considered that the applicant did not consider the subject matter to be part of the disclosed subject matter of the invention.

Claims

1. A bone conduction acoustic device, comprising an external packaging structure, a hollow cavity is arranged in the external packaging structure, wherein the hollow cavity is arranged with: a hollow flexure spring; an actuator, comprising an upper magnetic part and a lower magnetic part, wherein the upper magnetic part and the lower magnetic part are arranged opposite to each other in parallel in a Z-axis direction, and a gap exists between the upper magnetic part and the lower magnetic part to form an isolation area; a spatial low-frequency adjustment plate, arranged between the hollow flexure spring and the actuator, wherein the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate adjusts a stackup of the hollow flexure spring and the actuator in the Z-axis direction, and adjusts the gap of the isolation area, wherein the hollow flexure spring cooperates with the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate to adjust an effective vibration area of the hollow flexure spring to adjust a resonance frequency point of the bone conduction acoustic device.
2. The bone conduction acoustic device of claim 1, wherein a magnetic flux of the lower magnetic part is less than or equal to a magnetic flux of the upper magnetic part, and the actuator further comprises an upper magnetic bowl for accommodating the upper magnetic part and a lower magnetic bowl for accommodating the lower magnetic part, the upper magnetic part and the lower magnetic part are arranged with same poles opposite to each other; when the acoustic device is not energized, a repulsion force between the upper magnetic part and the lower magnetic part is equal to an attractive force between the upper magnetic part and the lower magnetic bowl to maintain magnetic static balance.
3. The bone conduction acoustic device of claim 2, wherein the actuator further comprises a coil installed in the lower magnetic bowl and arranged around the lower magnetic part.
4. The bone conduction acoustic device of claim 3, wherein the actuator further comprises a flexible circuit board, the flexible circuit board is arranged between the coil and the lower magnetic bowl, one end of the flexible circuit board is connected to the coil, and another end extends out of the external packaging structure.
5. The bone conduction acoustic device of claim 2, wherein the lower magnetic bowl is installed at a bottom of the hollow cavity, and the upper magnetic bowl is connected to the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate.
6. The bone conduction acoustic device of claim 2, wherein a bottom surface area of the lower magnetic bowl is greater than or equal to a bottom surface area of the upper magnetic bowl.
7. The bone conduction acoustic device of claim 1, wherein the upper magnetic part comprises at

least one magnet and/or the lower magnetic part comprises at least one magnet.

8. The bone conduction acoustic device of claim 1, wherein the isolation area is filled with one or more of air, a damping material, and an elastic part.

9. The bone conduction acoustic device of claim 1, wherein the hollow flexure spring comprises an inner flexure spring, an outer flexure spring and a plurality of connection flexure springs connected between the inner flexure spring and the outer flexure spring, and the inner flexure spring is installed on the spatial low-frequency adjustment plate, and the outer flexure spring is installed on the external packaging structure.

10. The bone conduction acoustic device of claim 1, wherein the external packaging structure comprises a case and a cover plate covering the case, the hollow flexure spring is embedded in the case and arranged opposite to the cover plate.

11. The conduction acoustic device of claim 10, wherein a distance between the cover plate and the hollow flexure spring is greater than a maximum operating vibration displacement of the hollow flexure spring.

12. A wearable device, comprising the bone conduction acoustic device of claim 1.

13. A wearable device, comprising the bone conduction acoustic device of claim 2.

14. A wearable device, comprising the bone conduction acoustic device of claim 3.

15. A wearable device, comprising the bone conduction acoustic device of claim 4.

16. A wearable device, comprising the bone conduction acoustic device of claim 5.

17. A wearable device, comprising the bone conduction acoustic device of claim 6.

18. A wearable device, comprising the bone conduction acoustic device of claim 7.

19. A wearable device, comprising the bone conduction acoustic device of claim 9.

20. A wearable device, comprising the bone conduction acoustic device of claim 10.