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(54) **HEARING DEVICE COMPRISING A
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REDUCING FEEDBACK**

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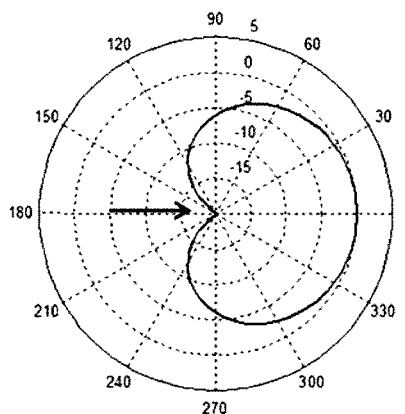
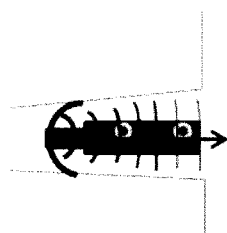
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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A hearing device comprises an ITE-part adapted for being
located at or in an ear canal of the user comprising a housing
comprising a seal towards walls or the ear canal, the ITE part
comprising at least two microphones located outside the seal
and facing the environment, and at least one microphone
located inside the seal and facing the ear drum. The hearing
device may comprise a beamformer filter connected to said
at least three microphones comprising a first beamformer for
spatial filtering said sound in the environment based on input
signals from said at least two microphones facing the
environment, and a second beamformer for spatial filtering
sound reflected from the ear drum based on said at least one
electric input signal from said at least one microphone
facing the ear drum and at least one of said input signals
from said at least two microphones facing the environment.

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Basic principle: Two microphones spaced 7-8 millimeters apart
- signal processing optimized for cancellation of in-ear feedback



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