



US011363389B2

(12) **United States Patent**  
**Pedersen et al.**

(10) **Patent No.:** US 11,363,389 B2  
(45) **Date of Patent:** \*Jun. 14, 2022

(54) **HEARING DEVICE COMPRISING A BEAMFORMER FILTERING UNIT FOR REDUCING FEEDBACK**

(71) Applicant: **Oticon A/S**, Smørum (DK)

(72) Inventors: **Michael Syskind Pedersen**, Smørum (DK); **Svend Oscar Petersen**, Smørum (DK); **Meng Guo**, Smørum (DK); **Karsten Bo Rasmussen**, Smørum (DK); **Troels Holm Pedersen**, Smørum (DK); **Kenneth Rueskov Møller**, Smørum (DK)

(73) Assignee: **Oticon A/S**, Smørum (DK)

(\*) Notice: Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 0 days.

This patent is subject to a terminal disclaimer.

(21) Appl. No.: **16/950,532**

(22) Filed: **Nov. 17, 2020**

(65) **Prior Publication Data**

US 2021/0067885 A1 Mar. 4, 2021

**Related U.S. Application Data**

(62) Division of application No. 16/271,557, filed on Feb. 8, 2019, now Pat. No. 10,932,066.

(30) **Foreign Application Priority Data**

Feb. 9, 2018 (EP) ..... 18156196

(51) **Int. Cl.**

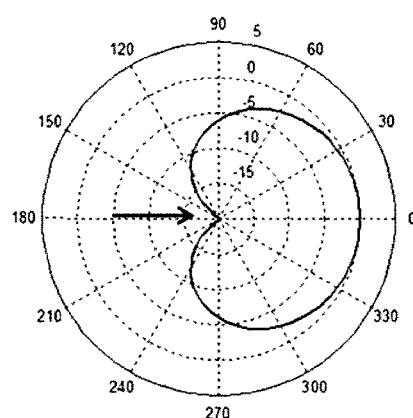
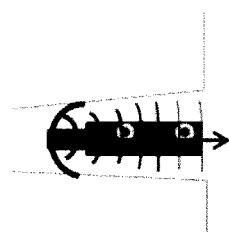
**H04R 25/00** (2006.01)

(52) **U.S. Cl.**

CPC ..... **H04R 25/453** (2013.01); **H04R 25/405** (2013.01); **H04R 25/407** (2013.01);

(Continued)

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



- |                                     |                       |  |                  |                   |                          |                        |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| (52) U.S. Cl.                       | CPC .....             | <b>H04R 25/604</b> (2013.01); <b>H04R 25/652</b> (2013.01); <b>H04R 25/554</b> (2013.01); <b>H04R 25/606</b> (2013.01); <b>H04R 2225/025</b> (2013.01); <b>H04R 2225/67</b> (2013.01); <b>H04R 2460/13</b> (2013.01) | 2011/0255725 A1* | 10/2011           | Faltys .....             | H04R 25/407<br>381/328 |
| (58) Field of Classification Search | CPC .....             | <b>H04R 25/606</b> ; <b>H04R 25/652</b> ; <b>H04R 2460/13</b> ; <b>H04R 2225/025</b> ; <b>H04R 2225/51</b> ; <b>H04R 2225/67</b>   | 2013/0195297 A1* | 8/2013            | Burns .....              | H04R 3/005<br>381/313  |
|                                     |                       | See application file for complete search history.  | 2014/0056435 A1* | 2/2014            | Kjems .....              | H04R 3/005<br>381/317  |
| (56) References Cited               |                       |  | 2014/0185849 A1* | 7/2014            | Ma .....                 | H04R 25/453<br>381/318 |
|                                     | U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS |  | 2015/0078600 A1* | 3/2015            | Rasmussen .....          | H04R 25/407<br>381/322 |
|                                     |                       |  | 2017/0180878 A1* | 6/2017            | Petersen .....           | H04R 25/453            |
|                                     |                       |  | 2017/0180879 A1* | 6/2017            | Petersen .....           | H04R 25/305            |
|                                     |                       |  | 2017/0180882 A1* | 6/2017            | Lunner .....             | H04R 25/558            |
|                                     |                       |  | 2017/0347206 A1* | 11/2017           | Pedersen .....           | H04R 3/005             |
|                                     |                       |  | 2018/0020295 A1* | 1/2018            | Pander .....             | H04R 25/607            |
|                                     |                       |  | 2018/0113673 A1* | 4/2018            | Sheynblat .....          | G10L 17/00             |
|                                     |                       |  |                  |                   | FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS |                        |
|                                     |                       |  | EP               | 2 701 145 A1      | 2/2014                   |                        |
|                                     |                       |  | EP               | 2 843 971 A1      | 3/2015                   |                        |
|                                     |                       |  | EP               | 2 849 462 A1      | 3/2015                   |                        |
|                                     |                       |  | EP               | 3 101 919 A1      | 12/2016                  |                        |
|                                     |                       |  | EP               | 3 253 075 A1      | 12/2017                  |                        |
|                                     |                       |  | WO               | WO 2016/144173 A1 | 9/2016                   |                        |
|                                     |                       |  |                  |                   | * cited by examiner      |                        |

\* cited by examiner