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(54) **LOW CROSS-TALK HEADSET**

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A headset for receiving and transmitting audio signals having a frame configured to retain the headset on the user, one or more earphones mounted to the frame of the headset at a first position, one or more microphones mounted to the frame of the headset in a second position separate from the first position, one or more electrical earphones, one or more electrical microphones, wherein the one or more electrical microphone wires are isolated from the one or more electrical earphone wires.

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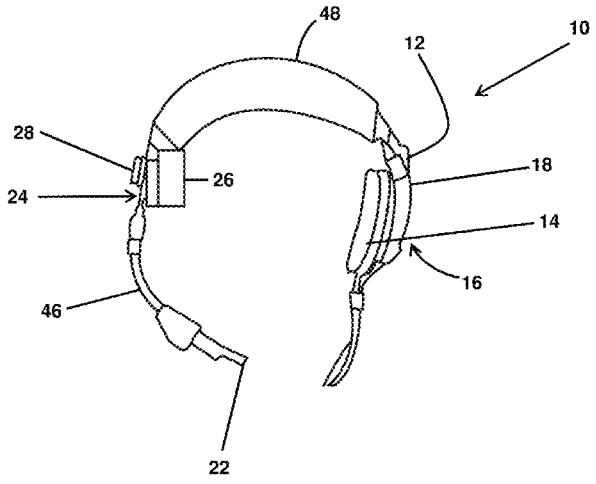

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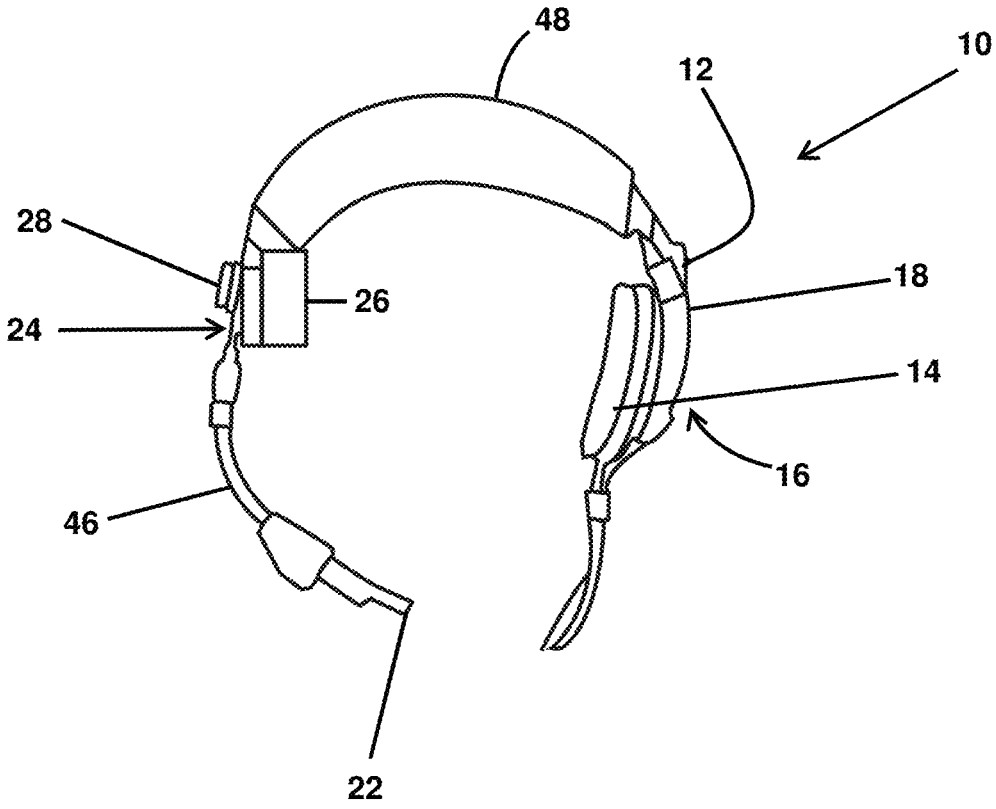
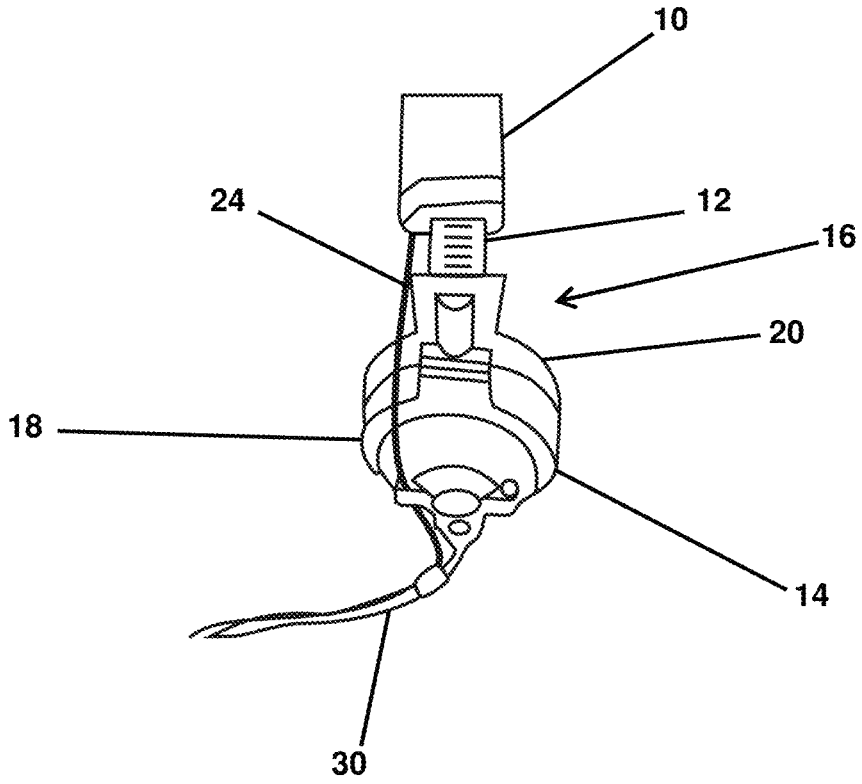


FIG. 1



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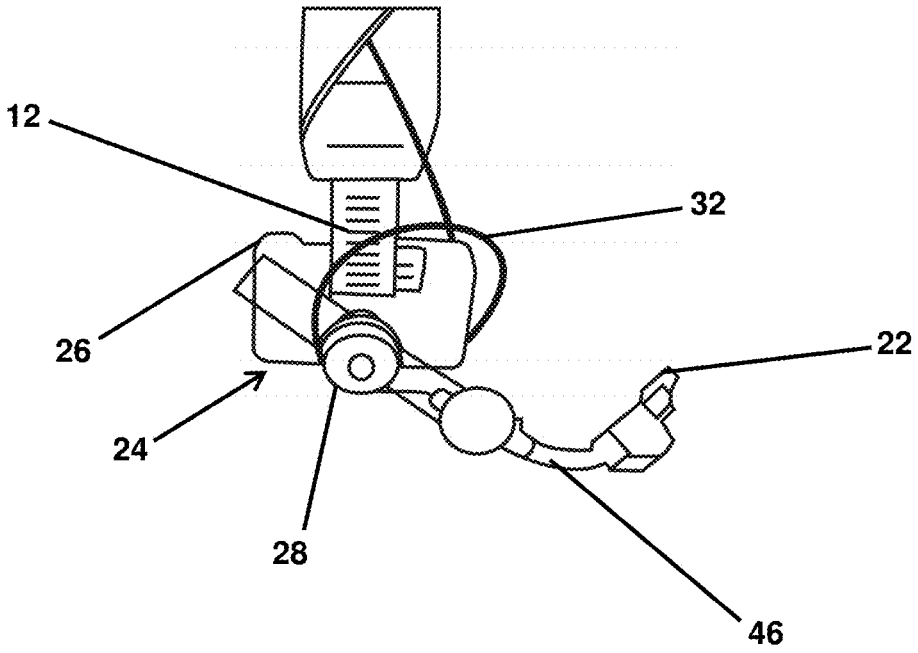

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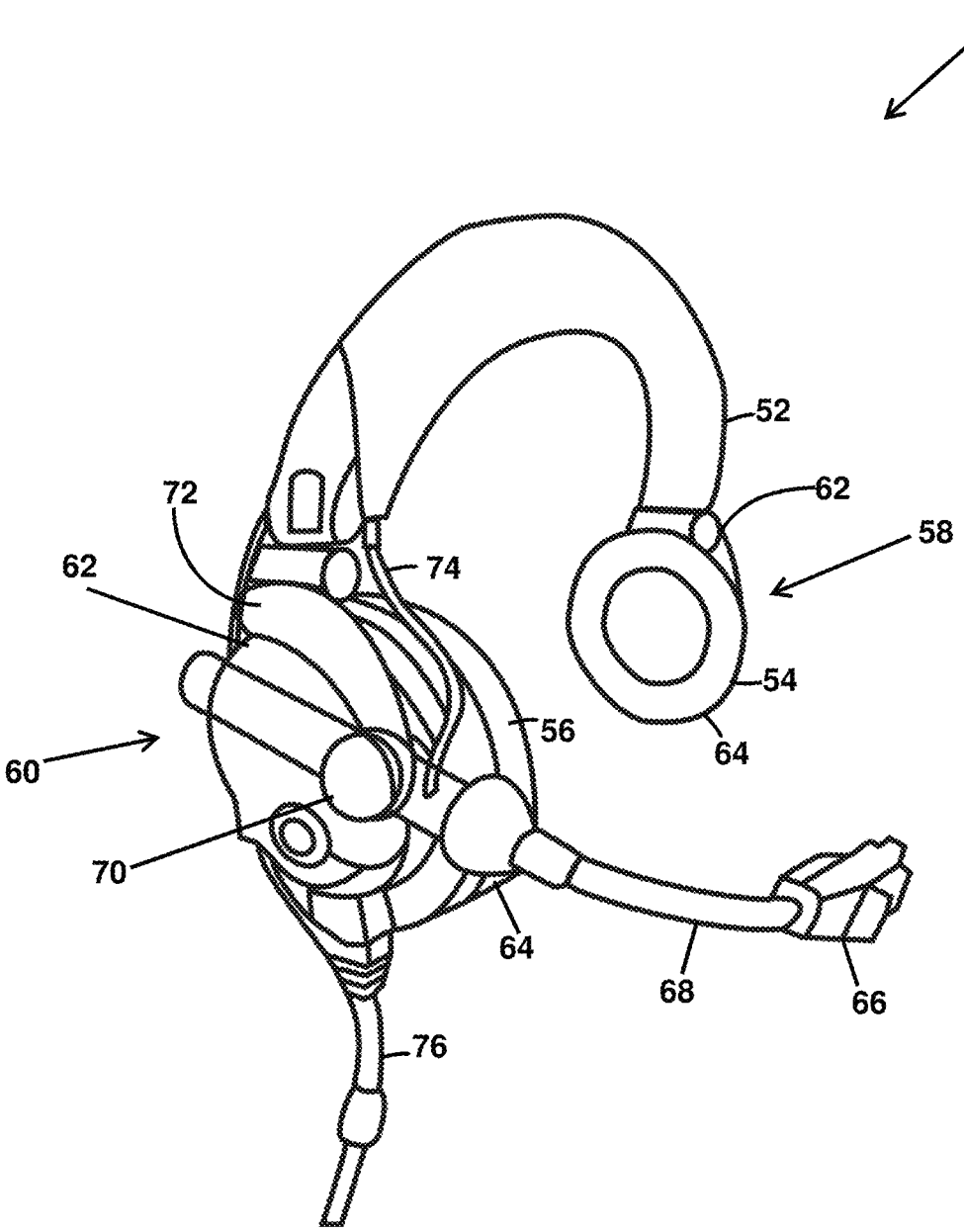

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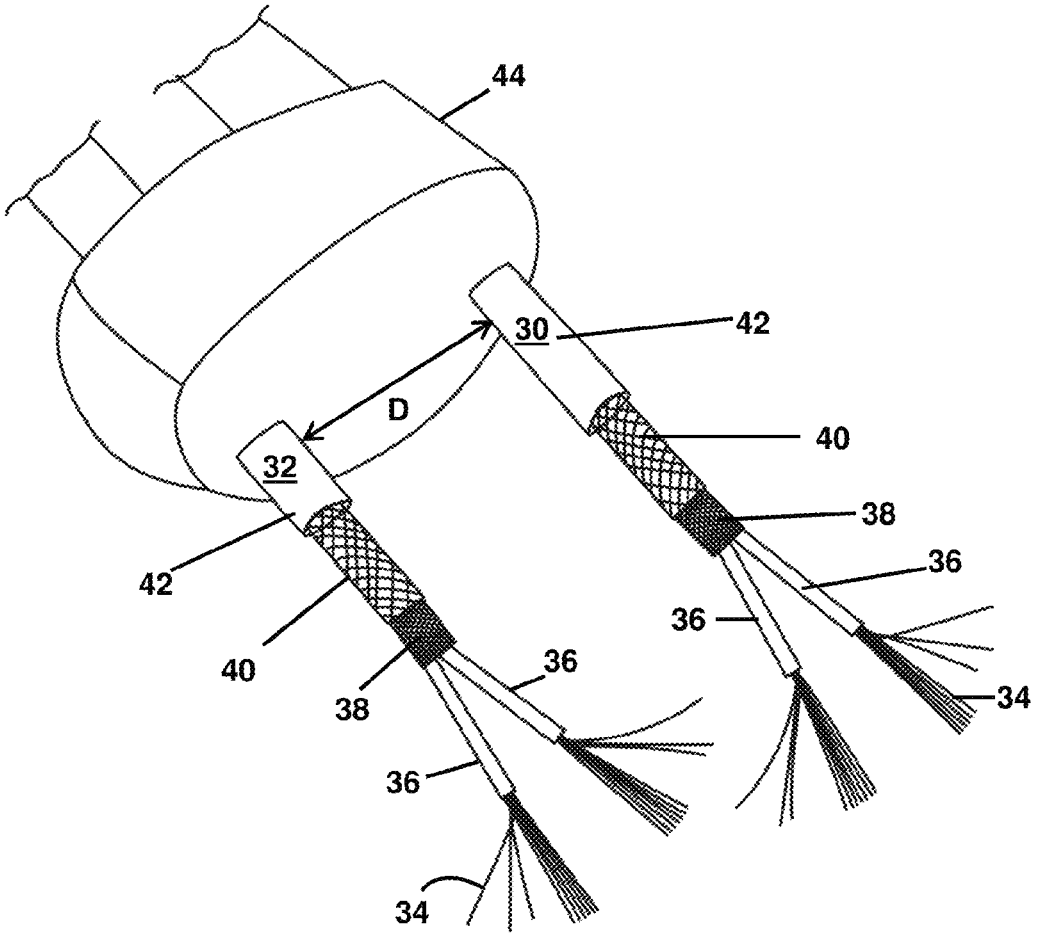

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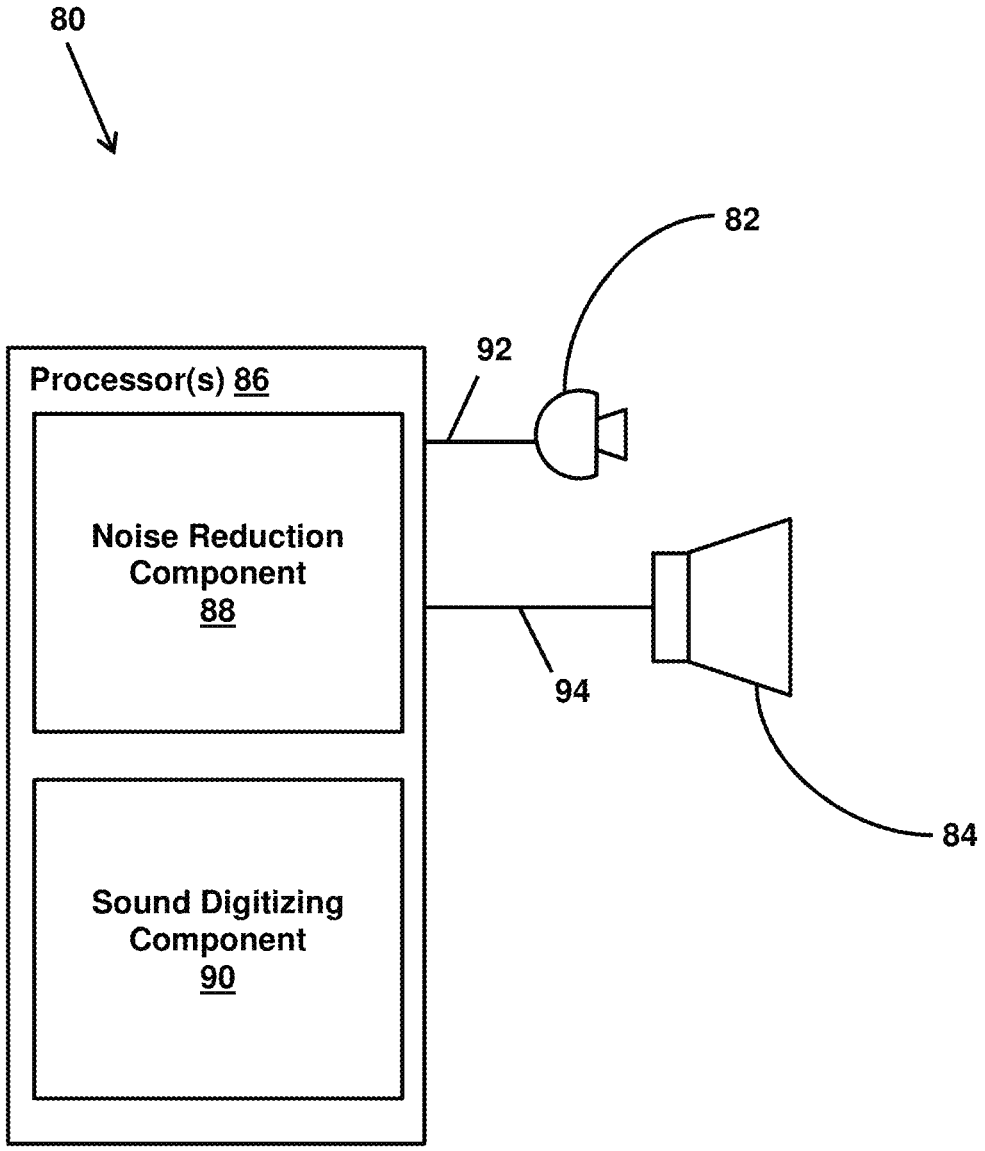
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FIG. 6

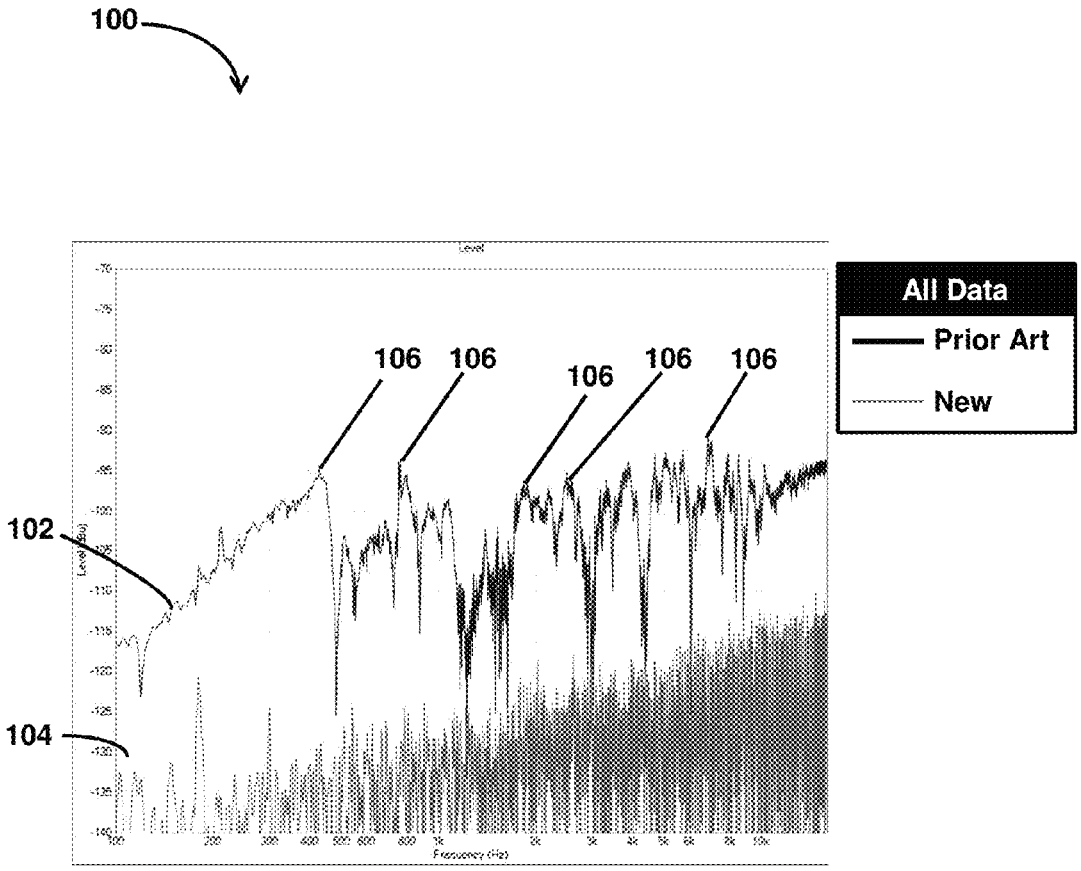

FIG. 7

LOW CROSS-TALK HEADSET

FIELD OF THE DISCLOSURE

This disclosure relates to an apparatus for conveying audio signals to and from a user, specifically a headset for conveying audio signals to and from a user.

BACKGROUND

Headsets having earphones for conveying audio signals to a wearer and/or user of the headset from one or more audio signal generators and/or speakers are known. Headsets having microphones for conveying audio signals from the user to one or more listeners and/or recording devices are also known.

A standard headset typically comprises of one or two earphones adapted to be worn by a user, such that the one or more earphones are positioned adjacent to the user's ears. Many headsets also comprise a microphone wherein the microphone is attached to the headset such that it is positioned near the user's mouth. The electrical wires connecting the one or two earphones and the microphone have been previously housed inside a single electrical cable running between the one or more electrical sockets into which the electrical cable is plugged, to where the electrical wires extend to the earphones and/or microphones. As a result, the electrical wire for the earphones and the electrical wire for the microphone are in close proximity to each other. With such conventional headphones, substantial electrical coupling between the earphone audio signals and the microphone audio signals in the single cable has been found.

Additionally, substantial acoustical and mechanical coupling from the earphone to the microphone through the frame of the headset has been found. In prior art headsets, the microphone of the headset is attached to the headset at a position adjacent to the earphone of the headset. The close proximity of the microphone structure and the earphone structure causes substantial acoustical and/or mechanical coupling between the microphone and earphone audio signals. Typically, tube-type microphone booms have been used to facilitate positioning the microphone by the user's mouth to receive vocal audio signals. The tube-type microphone booms, comprising a tube between the microphone and the attachment to the frame of the microphone at the earphone, have been found to cause acoustical and/or mechanical coupling between the microphone and earphone audio signals.

As a result of the substantial electrical, acoustical, and mechanical coupling, there is substantial cross-talk between the earphone audio signals and the microphone audio signals. The audio signals, which are transmitted through the earphones to the wearer, are transmitted through the microphone and the microphone electrical wires. These signals can be heard by a listener to the microphone audio and/or recorded by recording equipment attached to the microphone.

In some circumstances, the audio signals transmitted through the electrical wires connected to the earphones and transmitted to the user of the headset must not be recorded by recording equipment in electrical connection with the microphone and/or listened to by persons listening to the microphone audio signals. The user of the headset may be receiving instructions from one person through the earphones while conversing with another person through the microphone.

SUMMARY

Disclosed is a new headset design that overcomes the deficiencies of the prior art and substantially reduces the amount of cross-talk between the earphone audio signals and the microphone audio signals. Cross-talk is a phenomenon by which a signal transmitted on one circuit, channel, or transmission system (e.g., a wire) creates an undesired effect in another circuit, channel, or transmission system. Cross-talk is usually caused by undesired electrical, acoustical, mechanical (inductive, or conductive) coupling from one circuit, channel, or transmission system to another.

Disclosed is a headset for receiving and transmitting audio signals. The headset may comprise a frame configured to retain the headset on the user. The frame may be configured to securely and comfortably secure the headset on the user's head. The frame may be configured to securely support one or more elements of the headset. The frame may be flexible to facilitate bending of the frame to shape the frame to the user's head. The frame may be adjustable to allow the headset to be configured for use by multiple users having different-sized heads. The frame may comprise of an elasticated material, such as metal, plastic, and/or other elasticated material, configured to produce pressure against the user's head so that the headset is maintained securely on the user's head.

The headset may comprise one or more earphones. The earphones may be configured to provide audio signals to a user of the headset. One or more earphones may be mounted to the frame of the headset at a first position. The first position may comprise a location on the frame of the headset adjacent to an ear of the user when the user is wearing the headset. The first position may be such that when the headset is being worn by the user, the earphone is positioned adjacent to the user's ear and orientated so that audio signal can be heard by the user through the earphone. The earphone may be mounted to the frame of the headset. Where the earphone mounts to the frame of the headset, dampeners may be used to reduce the mechanical coupling between the earphone and the frame. Insulators may be used where the earphone mounts to the frame of the headset to reduce the electrical coupling between the earphone and the frame.

The headset may comprise one or more microphones. The microphones may be configured to receive audio signals from the user of the headset. One or more microphones may be mounted to the frame of the headset in a second position separate from the first position. The second position may comprise a location on the frame of the headset adjacent to a temple of the user opposite the first ear. Where the first position is adjacent to an ear of the user when the user wears the headset, the second position may be adjacent to a temple of the user, wherein the first temple is near the second ear opposite the first ear of the user adjacent to the earphone. The one or more microphones may comprise microphones configured to facilitate active noise cancellation of acoustical signals separate from the user's voice.

Having the microphone positioned on the opposite side of the headset from the earphone increases the distance between the microphone attachment and the earphone attachment. Increasing the distance between the attachments of the microphone and the earphone reduces the acoustical and/or mechanical coupling between the microphone and the earphone and therefore reduces the cross-talk between the earphone audio signal and the microphone audio signal.

The headset may comprise one or more electrical earphone wires associated with individual ones of the one or more earphones. The one or more electrical earphone wires

may be configured to carry audio signals to individual ones of the one or more earphones.

The headset may comprise one or more electrical microphone wires associated with individual ones of the one or more microphones. The one or more electrical microphone wires may be configured to carry audio signals from individual ones of the one or more microphones. The one or more electrical microphone wires may be isolated from the one or more electrical earphone wires.

The one or more electrical earphone wires and the one or more electrical microphone wires may comprise double-shielded electrical cables. The double-shielded electrical cables may be configured to reduce transmission of electrical signals between the one or more electrical earphone wires and the one or more electrical microphone wires. Reducing the transmission of electrical signals between the one or more electrical earphone wires and the one or more electrical microphone wires reduces the electrical coupling between the wires and therefore reduces the cross-talk between the audio signal from the earphone(s) and the audio signal from the microphone(s).

The one or more electrical microphone wires may be separate from the one or more electrical earphone wires. The one or more electrical microphone wires may be separate from the one or more electrical earphone wires along the entire length or substantially the entire length of the one or more electrical earphone wires and the one or more electrical microphone wires. The one or more electrical microphone wires may be configured to reduce electrical crosstalk between the one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires. The one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires may further comprise spacers disposed between the one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires. The spacers may be configured to physically separate the electrical microphone wires and the electrical earphone wires and may be positioned at discrete intervals along the length of the wires. The spacers may be configured to reduce electrical coupling, acoustical and/or mechanical coupling between the one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires. The spacers may comprise an insulating material (e.g., rubber, plastic, and/or other insulating material).

The one or more microphones may and/or be attached to a wire-type microphone boom. The wire-type microphone boom may be configured to reduce the transmission of audio signals from the user through the frame of the headset. A wire-type microphone boom may be configured to avoid transmission of audio signals through the microphone boom such that acoustical and/or mechanical coupling between the microphone and/or earphone audio signal is reduced.

The frame of the headset may comprise a headband portion. The headband portion may be configured to receive the one or more electrical microphone wires and to guide the one or more electrical microphones across the headband portion to a location near the first position where the earphone is mounted to the frame of the headset.

A system may be provided comprising the headset, as described herein, and one or more physical processors configured, by machine-readable instructions, to reduce the audio signals that are transmitted from the one or more electrical earphone wires to the one or more electrical microphone wires. The one or more processors may be further configured to reduce the audio signals that are transmitted from the one or more earphones through the frame of the headset to the one or more microphones. Reducing the audio signals may comprise receiving a first audio signal and using adaptive algorithms configured to analyze the waveform of the first audio signal and to generate a second audio signal that causes a phase shift of the first audio signal or an inversion in the polarity of the first audio signal. Reducing the audio signals may further comprise amplifying the second audio signal, being the inverse of the first audio signal, and translate the second audio signal, using one or more transducers, such that the second audio signal is directly proportional to the first audio signal causing destructive interference with the first audio signal and thereby reducing the first audio signal.

These and other features, and characteristics of the present technology, as well as the methods of operation and functions of the related elements of structure and the combination of parts and economies of manufacture, will become more apparent upon consideration of the following description and the appended claims with reference to the accompanying drawings, all of which form a part of this specification, wherein like reference numerals designate corresponding parts in the various figures. It is to be expressly understood, however, that the drawings are for the purpose of illustration and description only and are not intended as a definition of the limits of the invention. As used in the specification and in the claims, the singular form of "a", "an", and "the" include plural referents unless the context clearly dictates otherwise.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

FIG. **1** illustrates a front view of a headset for receiving and transmitting audio signals, in accordance with one or more implementations.

FIG. **2** illustrates a side view of a headset for receiving and transmitting audio signals, in accordance with one or more implementations.

FIG. **3** illustrates a side view of a headset for receiving and transmitting audio signals, in accordance with one or more implementations.

FIG. **4** illustrates a view of a headset for receiving and transmitting audio signals, in accordance with one or more implementations.

FIG. **5** illustrates a cross-section of the one or more wires for the headset, in accordance with one or more implementations.

FIG. **6** illustrates a system for reducing audio signals, in accordance with one or more implementations.

FIG. **7** illustrates a graph showing results of tests measuring cross-talk, in accordance with one or more implementations.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

FIG. **1** illustrates a front view of a headset **10** for receiving and transmitting audio signals, in accordance with one or more implementations. The headset **10** may comprise a frame **12** configured to retain the headset **10** on the user. The frame **12** may be configured to comfortably secure the headset **10** on the user's head. The frame **12** may be configured to securely support one or more elements of the headset **10**. The frame **12** may be flexible to facilitate bending of the frame to shape the frame **12** to the user's head. The frame **12** may be adjustable to allow the headset **10** to be configured for use by multiple users having different-sized heads. The frame **12** may comprise of an elasticated material, (e.g., metal, plastic, and/or other elasticated

material) configured to produce pressure against the user's head so that the headset **10** is maintained securely on the user's head.

The headset **10** may comprise one or more earphones **14**. The earphones **14** may be configured to provide audio signals to a user of the headset **10**. The one or more earphones **14** may be mounted to the frame **10** of the headset at a first position **16**. The first position **16** may comprise a location on the frame **12** of the headset **10** adjacent to a first ear of the user when the user is wearing the headset **10**. The first position **16** may be such that, when the headset **10** is being worn by the user, the earphone **14** is positioned adjacent to the user's ear, and orientated so that audio signal can be heard by the user through the earphone **14**.

FIG. **2** illustrates a side view of a headset **10** showing the first position **16** of the headset **10**, in accordance with one or more implementations. The earphone **16** may be mounted to the frame of the headset **10**. Where the earphone **14** mounts to the frame **12** of the headset **10**, one or more insulators **18** may be used that are configured to reduce the mechanical coupling between the earphone **14** and the frame **12**. Insulators **18** may be used where the earphone **14** mounts to the frame **12** of the headset **10** that are configured to reduce the electrical coupling between the earphone **14** and the frame **12**.

The earphone **14** positioned in the first position **16** may further comprise an earphone pad **20**, adapted to provide a cushion on and/or adjacent to the user's ear when the user is wearing the headset **10**. This earphone pad **20** may also be configured to provide acoustical isolation of the audio signal transmitted through the one or more earphones.

With reference to FIG. **1**, the headset **10** may comprise one or more microphones **22**. The one or more microphones **22** may be configured to receive audio signals from the user of the headset **10**. FIG. **3** illustrates a view of the second position **24** where the microphone boom **46** is positioned on the headset **10**, in accordance with one or more implementations. The one or more microphones **22** and a microphone boom **46** may be mounted to the headband frame **12** of the headset **10** in a second position **24** separate from the first position **16**. The one or more microphones and the microphone boom **46** may be mounted to the frame **12** of the headset **10** by a boom ratchet attachment **28**. Boom ratchet attachment **28** may be configured to reduce the acoustical and/or mechanical coupling between the one or more microphones **22** and the frame **12** of the headset **10**. For example, the boom attachment **28** may comprise one or more dampeners and/or insulators adapted to reduce acoustical and/or mechanical coupling. The second position **24** may comprise a location on the frame **12** of the headset **10** adjacent to the first temple of the user opposite the first ear. Where the first position **16** is adjacent a first ear of the user, when the user wears the headset, the second position **24** may be adjacent a first temple of the user, wherein the first temple is near the second ear, opposite the first ear of the user adjacent to the earphone **14**.

The temple pad **26** may be positioned on the frame **12** at the second location **24** adapted to provide cushion for the user's temple when the user is wearing the headset **10**.

Having the microphone **22** mounted on the opposite side of the headset **10** from the earphone **14** increases the distance between the microphone attachment **28** and the one or more earphone attachments **18**. Increasing the distance between the microphone attachment **28** and the earphone attachment **18** reduces the acoustical and/or mechanical coupling between the microphone **22** and the earphone **14** and therefore reduces the cross-talk between the earphone audio signal and the microphone audio signal.

With reference to FIG. **2**, the headset **10** may comprise one or more electrical earphone wires **30** associated with individual ones of the one or more earphones **14**. The one or more electrical earphone wires **20** may be configured to carry audio signals to individual ones of the one or more earphones **14**.

With reference to FIG. **3**, the headset **10** may comprise one or more electrical microphone wires **32** associated with individual ones of the one or more microphones **22**. The one or more electrical microphone wires **32** may be configured to carry audio signals from individual ones of the one or more microphones **22**. The one or more electrical microphone wires **32** may be isolated from the one or more electrical earphone wires **30**.

With reference to FIG. **4**, illustrated is a headset **50** for receiving and transmitting audio signals, in accordance with one or more implementations. The headset **50** may comprise a frame **52** configured to retain the headset **50** on the user. The frame **52** of headset **50** may be similar to the frame **12** of headset **10** illustrated in FIGS. **1-3**.

The headset **50** may comprise two earphones **54**, **56**. The first earphone **54** may be mounted to the headset at a first position **58** and may be configured to provide audio signals to a first ear of the user of the headset **50**. The second earphone **56** may be mounted to the headset at a second position **60** and may be configured to provide audio signals to a second ear of the user of the headset **50**.

Where the earphones **54**, **56** are mounted to the frame **52** of the headset **10**, one or more insulators **62** may be used that are configured to reduce the mechanical coupling between the earphones **54**, **56** and the frame **52**. Insulators **62** may be used where the earphones **54**, **56** mount to the frame **52** of the headset **50** that are configured to reduce the electrical coupling between the earphones **54**, **56** and the frame **52**. The earphones **54**, **56** may further comprise earphone pads **64**, adapted to provide a cushion on and/or adjacent to the user's ear when the user is wearing the headset **50**. This earphone pads **64** may also be configured to provide acoustical isolation of the audio signal transmitted through the one or more earphones.

The headset **50** may comprise one or more microphones **66**. The one or more microphones **66** may be configured to receive audio signals from the user of the headset **50**. The one or more microphones **66** and a microphone boom **68** may be mounted to the headband frame **52** of the headset **50** adjacent the second position **60**, near the second earphone **56**. The one or more microphones **66** and the microphone boom **68** may be mounted to the frame **52** of the headset **50** by a boom ratchet attachment **70**. Boom ratchet attachment **70** may be configured to reduce the acoustical and/or mechanical coupling between the one or more microphones **66** and the frame **52** of the headset **50**. For example, the boom attachment **70** may comprise one or more dampeners and/or insulators adapted to reduce acoustical and/or mechanical coupling.

The boom ratchet attachment **70** may be attached to the headset frame **52** at a location separate from the second earphone **56**. A transition piece **72** may be disposed between the headset frame **52** and the boom ratchet attachment **70**. In other embodiments the microphone boom **68** may be attached to the transition piece **72**. The transition piece **72** may be configured to reduce the mechanical and/or electrical coupling between the microphone **66** and the earphone **56** audio signals. For example, the transition piece **72** may be a mechanical and/or electrical insulator adapted to reduce

acoustical and electrical cross-talk. The illustration of transition piece **72** is not intended to be limiting, the transition piece may take any shape and attach at one or more locations. For example, the transition piece **72** may arc from a first location adjacent the second earphone **56** to a second location adjacent the second earphone **56**. Such arc may form a semi-circle, a square, a rectangle, and/or other shape.

The headphone **50** may further comprise one or more electrical microphone wires **74** and one or more electrical earphone wires **76**.

In some implementations, the headset **50** may comprise a frame **52** configured to retain the headset **50** on the user and may comprise two earphones **54**, **56** at a first position **58** and a second position **60**, as shown in FIG. **4**. Additionally, as shown in FIG. **4**, the headset **50** may comprise a microphone **66**. The headset **50** may comprise a microphone boom **68**. The microphone boom **68** may be mechanically connected to the frame **52** of the headset **50** at the second position **60**. The headset **50** may comprise one or more electrical earphone wires **76** electronically connected to the earphone **54** at the first position. The headset **50** may comprise one or more electrical microphone wires **74** electronically connected to the microphone **66** and/or the microphone boom **68** at the second position **60**. In such configurations, audio signals transmitted through the electrical earphone wires **76** and the electrical microphone wires **74** will have less mechanical and/or electrical coupling and thereby reduce cross-talk.

FIG. **5** illustrates a cross-section of one or more wires for the headset **10**, in accordance with one or more implementations. The one or more electrical earphone wires **30** and the one or more electrical microphone wires **32** may comprise double-shielded electrical cables. The double-shielded electrical cables may be configured to reduce transmission of electrical signals between the one or more electrical earphone wires and the one or more electrical microphone wires. The double-shielded electrical cables may comprise of one or more conductors **34**, one or more insulation layers **36**, a first shield **38**, a second shield **40**, an outer jacket **42**, and/or other elements. Reducing the transmission of electrical signals between the one or more electrical earphone wires **30** and the one or more electrical microphone wires **32** reduces the electrical coupling between the wires and therefore reduces the cross-talk between the audio signal from the earphone(s) **14** and the audio signal from the microphone(s) **22**.

The one or more electrical microphone wires **32** may be separate from the one or more electrical earphone wires **30**. The one or more electrical microphone wires **32** may be configured to reduce electrical crosstalk between the one or more electrical microphone wires **32** and the one or more electrical earphone wires **30**. The one or more electrical microphone wires **32** and the one or more electrical earphone wires **30** may further comprise one or more spacers **44** disposed between the one or more electrical microphone wires **32** and the one or more electrical earphone wires **30**. The spacers **44** may be configured to physically separate the electrical microphone wires and the electrical earphone wires by a distance D and may be positioned at discrete intervals along the length of the wires. The separation of a distance D may be variable or constant throughout the length of the electrical wires, and is illustrated as an indication of that there may be a separation between the electrical wires. The spacers **44** may be configured such that the one or more electrical microphones wires **32** and the one or more electrical earphone wires **30** are physically separated along the length of the wires. The spacers **44** may be configured to reduce electrical coupling, acoustical and/or mechanical coupling between the one or more electrical microphone wires **32** and the one or more electrical earphone wires **30**. The spacers **44** may comprise of an insulating material, for example, rubber, plastic, and/or other insulating material.

With reference to FIG. **3**, the one or more microphones **22** may comprise a wire-type microphone boom **46**. The one or more microphones **22** may attach to the wire-type microphone boom **46**. The wire-type microphone boom **46** may be configured to reduce the transmission of audio signals from the user through the frame **12** of the headset **10**. A wire-type microphone boom **46** may be configured to avoid transmission of audio signals through the microphone boom **46** such that acoustical and/or mechanical coupling between the microphone and/or earphone audio signal is reduced. A tube-type microphone boom may facilitate the transmission of audio signals through the tube of the microphone boom to the frame **12** through the microphone attachment **28**.

With reference to FIG. **1**, the frame **12** of the headset **10** may comprise a headband portion **48**. The headband portion **48** may be configured to receive the one or more electrical microphone wires **32** and to guide the one or more electrical microphone wires **32** across the headband portion **48** to a location near the first position **16** where the earphone **14** is mounted to the frame **12** of the headset **10**.

FIG. **6** illustrates a system **80** for reducing audio signals, in accordance with one or more implementations. The system may be provided comprising the headset as described herein comprising one or more microphones **82** and one or more earphones **84**. The system **80** may further comprise one or more physical processors **86** configured to execute computer components. The computer components may comprise a noise reduction component **88**, a sound digitizing component **90**, and/or one or more other components.

The noise reduction component **88** may be configured to reduce the audio signals that are transmitted between the one or more electrical microphone wires **94** electrical microphone wires **92** and the one or more electrical microphone wires **94**. The noise reduction component **88** may be configured to reduce the audio signals that are transmitted from the one or more earphones **84** through the frame **12** (as shown in FIGS. **1-3**) of the headset to the one or more microphones **22**. Reducing the audio signals may comprise receiving a first audio signal and using adaptive algorithms configured to analyze the waveform of the first audio signal, and to generate a second audio signal that causes a phase shift of the first audio signal or an inversion in the polarity of the first audio signal. Reducing the audio signals may further comprise amplifying the second audio signal, being the inverse of the first audio signal, and translating the second audio signal, using one or more transducers, such that the second audio signal is directly proportional to the first audio signal, causing destructive interference with the first audio signal, thereby reducing the first audio signal.

The sound digitizing component **90** may be configured to transform the audio signal transmitted from the one or more earphones **14** from an analog audio signal to a digital audio signal. The sound digitizing component **90** may digitize the audio signal prior to, or during performance by, the noise reduction component **88**.

Processor(s) **86** may be configured to provide information processing capabilities in system **80**. As such, processor **86** may include one or more of a digital processor, an analog processor, a digital circuit designed to process information, an analog circuit designed to process information, a state machine, and/or other mechanisms for electronically processing information. Although processor **86** is shown in FIG.

6 as a single entity, this is for illustrative purposes only. In some implementations, processor **86** may include a plurality of processing units. These processing units may be physically located within the same device, or processor **86** may represent processing functionality of a plurality of devices operating in coordination. The processor **86** may be configured to execute components **86**, **90**, and/or other components. Processor **86** may be configured to execute components **86**, **96**, and/or other components by software, hardware, firmware, some combination of software, hardware, and/or firmware, and/or other mechanisms for configuring processing capabilities on processor **86**.

FIG. **7** illustrates a graph **100** showing results of tests measuring cross-talk, in accordance with one or more implementations. The graph **100** illustrates the decibel readings of a signal detected through the one or more microphones **22**, when a 0 dBu audio signal was input to the one or more earphones **14** of the headset **10** and swept from 100 Hz to 15 kHz. The first dataset **102** illustrates the results when the audio signal was played through the prior art headset. As can be seen in the first dataset **102**, there are numerous acoustical peaks **106** across the frequency band and the audio signal has a relatively high decibel level compared to the second dataset **104**. The second dataset **104** illustrates the results when the audio signal was played through the presently disclosed headset **10**. As can be seen in the second dataset **104**, there are no audio acoustical peaks across the frequency band and the audio signal has a relatively low decibel level compared to the first dataset **102**.

The headset **10** may comprise one, some, or all of the features described herein. The figures illustrated in this application are not intended to be limiting and the present disclosure is not limited to the exact embodiments shown in the Figures. The invention contemplated by this disclosure includes a headset having one or more of the elements described herein and is not limited to embodiments describing a headset having all of the elements described herein.

Although the present technology has been described in detail for the purpose of illustration based on what is currently considered to be the most practical and preferred implementations, it is to be understood that such detail is solely for that purpose and that the technology is not limited to the disclosed implementations, but, on the contrary, is intended to cover modifications and equivalent arrangements that are within the spirit and scope of the appended claims. For example, it is to be understood that the present technology contemplates that, to the extent possible, one or more features of any implementation can be combined with one or more features of any other implementation.

What is claimed is:

1. A headset for receiving and transmitting audio signals comprising:

a frame configured to retain the headset on a user;

an earphone configured to provide audio signals to a user of the headset, wherein the earphone is supported by the frame of the headset at a first position, wherein the first position comprises a first location on the frame of the headset adjacent to a first ear of the user and a first temple of the user;

a microphone boom configured to carry one or more microphones, wherein the microphone boom is supported by the frame through a mechanical coupling in a second position separate from the first position, wherein the second position comprises a second location on the frame of the headset adjacent to a second temple of the user opposite the first temple, and wherein the mechanical coupling is configured such that no earphone is positioned between the microphone boom and the frame of the headset;

the one or more microphones configured to receive audio signals from the user of the headset;

one or more electrical earphone wires associated with the earphone configured to carry audio signals to the earphone;

one or more electrical microphone wires associated with individual ones of the one or more microphones configured to carry audio signals from individual ones of the one or more microphones, wherein the one or more electrical microphone wires are physically separated from the one or more electrical earphone wires, and wherein the one or more electrical microphone wires are not supported by the earphone.

2. The headset of claim **1**, wherein the one or more electrical earphone wires and the one or more electrical microphone wires comprise double-shielded electrical cables configured to reduce transmission of electrical signals between the one or more electrical earphone wires and the one or more electrical microphone wires.

3. The headset of claim **1**, wherein the microphone boom comprises a wire-type microphone boom configured to reduce the transmission of audio signals from the user through the frame of the headset.

4. The headset of claim **1**, wherein the one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires are separate wires and are configured to reduce electrical crosstalk between the one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires.

5. The headset of claim **4**, wherein the one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires further comprise spacers disposed between the one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires configured to reduce electrical coupling between the one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires.

6. The headset of claim **1**, further comprising one or more physical processors configured to by machine-readable instructions to:

reduce the audio signals that are transmitted from the one or more electrical earphone wires to the one or more electrical microphone wires.

7. The headset of claim **6**, wherein the one or more physical processors are configured to reduce the audio signals that are transmitted from the earphone through the frame of the headset to the one or more microphones.

8. A headset for receiving and transmitting audio signals comprising:

a frame configured to retain the headset on a user;

an earphone configured to provide audio signals to the user of the headset, wherein the earphone is supported by the headset at a first position, wherein the first position corresponds to a first location that is adjacent to a first ear of the user and a first temple of the user;

a microphone boom configured to carry one or more microphones, wherein the microphone boom is supported by the frame through a mechanical coupling in a second position separate from the first position, wherein the second position comprises a second location on the frame of the headset adjacent to a second temple of the user opposite the first temple, and wherein the mechanical coupling is configured such that no earphone is positioned between the microphone boom and the frame of the headset;

the one or more microphones configured to receive audio signals from the user of the headset;

one or more electrical earphone wires associated with the earphone configured to carry audio signals to the earphone;

one or more electrical microphone wires associated with individual ones of the one or more microphones configured to carry audio signals from individual ones of the one or more microphones, wherein the one or more electrical microphone wires are physically separated from the one or more electrical earphone wires, and wherein the one or more electrical microphone wires are not supported by the earphone.

9. The headset of claim **8**, wherein the one or more electrical earphone wires and the one or more electrical microphone wires comprise double-shielded electrical cables configured to reduce transmission of electrical signals between the one or more electrical earphone wires and the one or more electrical microphone wires.

10. The headset of claim **8**, wherein the microphone boom comprises a wire-type microphone boom configured to reduce the transmission of audio signals from the user through the frame of the headset.

11. The headset of claim **8**, wherein the one or more electrical microphone wires is separate from the one or more electrical earphone wires and configured to reduce electrical crosstalk between the one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires.

12. The headset of claim **11**, wherein the one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires further comprise spacers disposed between the one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires configured to reduce electrical coupling between the one or more electrical microphone wires and the one or more electrical earphone wires.

13. A headset for receiving and transmitting audio signals comprising:

a frame configured to retain the headset on a user;

an earphone configured to provide audio signals to a user of the headset, wherein the earphone is supported by the frame of the headset at a first position;

a microphone boom configured to carry one or more microphones, wherein the microphone boom is supported by the frame through a mechanical coupling in a second position separate from the first position and on an opposite side of the frame from the first position, and wherein the mechanical coupling is configured such that no earphone is positioned between the microphone boom and the frame of the headset;

the one or more microphones configured to receive audio signals from the user of the headset; and

one or more electrical wires associated with the earphone and the one or more microphones, configured to carry audio signals to the earphone and/or from the one or more microphones, wherein the one or more electrical wires carry audio signals to the earphone via a first connection of the headset, wherein the one or more electrical wires carry audio signals from the one or more microphones via a second connection of the headset, wherein the first connection and the second connection are physically separated, and wherein the one or more electrical wires carrying audio signals from the one or more microphones are not supported by the earphone.

14. The headset of claim **13**, wherein the first position comprises a location on the frame of the headset adjacent a first ear of the user and the second position comprises a location on the frame of the headset adjacent a first temple of the user opposite the first ear.

15. The headset of claim **13**, wherein the microphone boom comprises a wire-type microphone boom configured to reduce the transmission of audio signals from the user through the frame of the headset.

16. The headset of claim **13**, further comprising one or more physical processors configured to by machine-readable instructions to:

reduce the audio signals that are transmitted from the one or more electrical earphone wires to the one or more electrical microphone wires.

17. The headset of claim **16**, wherein the one or more physical processors are configured to reduce the audio signals that are transmitted from the earphone through the frame of the headset to the one or more microphones.

18. The headset of claim **13**, wherein the first connection and the second connection are physically separated by one or more spacers.

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