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Recent Projects List

Sound Quality Analysis

- o Measure and evaluate the noise spectrum for a prototype product vs. competitive benchmark products
- o Recommend mitigations and improvements
- o Re-test modified prototype in preparation for pilot production run

Headphone Prototype Evaluation

- o Perform response measurements and prepare report
- o Provide design guidance for next revision
- Diagnose issues with transducer interactions and propose appropriate signal processing

Biomedical Device Analysis

- o Evaluate device and method for middle ear measurements
- Investigate alternative stimulus techniques
- o Provide training to development team on acoustic impedance measurements

Electroacoustic Testing

- Electrical and acoustical testing of a headphone transducer in an existing product to generate a generic specification for vendor qualification
- Gather data and prepare reports

Training

- o Lectures and hands-on training for a Shanghai-based ASIC engineering support team
- Provide information on loudspeaker system design with focus on equalization and protection circuit optimization for portable communication applications

Telecom Device Evaluation

- o Comparative testing of noise cancelling wireless Bluetooth headsets
- o Create test protocol, acquire and analyze data, and prepare report.

VolP Speakerphone Design

- o Model the performance of a summed microphone array for use in in a VoIP speakerphone.
- Analyze test data and provide recommendations

Technical Support

- o Provide technical support and design guidance for a headphone design
- o Performance electroacoustic testing on prototype units
- o Generate test data to support design patent application

Earphone Design

 Provide technical support, specifications, test methods, and qualify transducer vendors for a prototype insert earphone design

Telecom Device Evaluation

- o Comparative testing of noise cancelling wireless Bluetooth headsets
- Create test protocol, acquire and analyze data, and prepare report.

IP Evaluation

- o Review various signal processing patents for possible licensing
- Collaborate with client to design appropriate test strategies
- o Prepare report(s) and provide technical support

Surround Sound Loudspeaker Evaluation

- o Test various configurations of a small surround sound loudspeaker system
- o Compile data and prepare report

Biomedical System Analysis

- o Model the noise attenuation for a biomedical product.
- Recommend appropriate instrumentation and verification test methods

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Subject Matter Expert

o Site evaluation of the noise level and potential hearing damage risk in a product defect litigation

Headphone Testing

- o Electroacoustic testing of 50 consumer headphones & headsets
- Compile data and prepare test report

Data & Safety Monitoring Board

- Chair the Data & Safety Monitoring Board for an NIH sponsored clinical trial for a medical device subject to FDA approval
- Ensure test subject/patient safety
- o Ensure data integrity and the accuracy of statistical analyses
- Make recommendations to the clinical team regarding the test protocol

Acoustical Instrument Validation

- o Measure the impedance and calculate the equivalent volume of a prototype acoustical coupler
- Test various configurations according to the IEC and ANSI standards
- o Prepare report and make recommendations for mechanical modifications in order to pass the standards

Prototype Evaluation

- Acoustical testing and performance evaluation of a prototype hearing instrument
- Perform experiments with different materials and configuration to reduce internal feedback
- o Prepare report including recommendations for improvement

Expert Witness

- Technology and case history analysis and evaluation
- Teleconferences with attorneys to prepare case
- o Engineering calculation for acoustical device as described in the brief
- o Draft declaration in support of plaintiff's claims
- Give sworn deposition as Subject Matter Expert

Earphone Design Assessment

- o Perform tests on various configurations of intra-concha earphones
- Make recommendations with respect to housing and transducers
- o Provide technical support via Email and teleconference

Algorithm Evaluation

- o Evaluate a loudspeaker QC test algorithm
- o Test various loudspeaker driver samples for defects
- Prepare report including recommendations

Microphone Testing

- o Test a programmable directional microphone array for a hearing instrument
- Perform simulated free field tests of the system in different configurations
- o Acquire data, process results, prepare report

Test System Specification

- Evaluate competitive instrumentation for MP3 player and earphone testing according to EN50332
- Generate test signal for this test
- o Draft and edit report of findings, including pricing and payback period
- o Provide technical support and training

Acoustical Consulting

Listening tests, and microphone array tuning for a VoIP teleconferencing system.



Loudspeaker Design & Evaluation

- Wireless loudspeaker design for a consumer application
- o Enclosure design, transducer selection, crossover design
- Subcomponent specification
- Signal processing evaluation
- Electroacoustic testing of prototype devices
- Training for engineering staff
- Assist in setting and instrumenting lab
- Participate in discussions with management and marketing regarding product placement and roadmap

Design & Test

- Active PC loudspeaker design
- Enclosure design and transducer selection
- DSP crossover and signal processing design
- o Electroacoustic testing of prototypes

Acoustical Modeling

- o Loudspeaker design for an interiour fire alarm system to NFPA 72, UL464, and UL1480
- Create output SPL model
- Simulate small signal parameters for target transducer
- o Evaluate candidate transducer samples

Reference Design

- Evaluate vibration transducer technology for new headphone application
- o Perform tests of reference and prototype headphones
- o Review white papers describing use of technology and system integration
- Consult on acoustics and interactions of technology with product acoustics
- Attend meetings and provide technical support via phone and Email

Litigation Technical Support / Subject Matter Expert

- o Perform tests and produce test report on disputed technology engineering prototype
- Host meeting with attorneys and litigants to evaluate the technology in question

Patent Evaluation

- Review a transducer enhancement technology
- Produce a report detailing issues and risks pertaining to patentability and claims, the function of the device, acoustic and psychoacoustic effects, applications, and practical deployment
- Perform objective acoustic testing and outsource supplemental tests
- Attend meetings and provide technical support via phone and Email

Test Instrument Design

 Consult to test instrument manufacturer regarding test method, stimulus, calibration, data handling, result presentation, and user interface

Transducer Design

- Assist client with the design of a bone conduction transducer
- Identify appropriate resources and review design
- Design QC Test Fixture
- o Provide test instrument training for set up and calibration
- Create an LT SPICE equivalent circuit model for device
- Outline a subject testing protocol for intelligibility testing
- Perform measurements on prototypes
- o Attend meetings and provide technical support in-person and via phone and Email



New Technology IP Evaluation

- o Review a hearing technology with respect to current industry offerings
- o Attend presentation meeting with IP holder on behalf of evaluating client and prepare report
- o Prepare comparative product report against relevant specifications
- Meetings and technical support via phone and Email

Earphone Design

- o Analyze competitive products
- Assess design and project goals
- Work with vendors to procure appropriate transducers
- o Run tests on prototype units to ensure design target compliance and iterate as necessary

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Intellectual Property Evaluation

- o Review of an adaptive microphone processing patent
- Create test plan and test fixture
- o Perform measurements on various embodiments create test reports
- o Meetings and technical support via phone and Email

Noise Canceling Headset Evaluation

- Near field and simulated diffuse field testing of the Send (microphone) response of headsets in a comparative study
- Design test methods, perform measurements and data handling, and create test report
- Review test methods for Bluetooth headsets and makes recommendation for improvements in order to comply with the latest standards
- o Follow up meetings and technical support via phone and Email

Electroacoustic System Design

- o Attend meetings and teleconferences with engineering team
- o Acoustical design review of consumer audio and telecom product prototypes
- Make recommendations to improve performance and comply with standards
- Evaluate testing process and make recommendation for more accurate data acquisition
- Provide technical support via phone and Email

Patent Expert Witness

- o Patent analysis and evaluation
- Draft declaration in support of defendant's claim construction brief
- Meet with patent attorneys to prepare case
- o Give sworn deposition as Subject Matter Expert
- Result: Complete defense victory, winning summary judgments of non-infringement and invalidity of patent asserted by plaintiff

In-House Training Seminar

- o In-house training presentation on loudspeaker, microphone, and headphone measurements for the research department of a signal processing and intellectual property licensing company
- o On-on-one hands-on training for the technicians responsible for testing
- o On-going technical support via phone and Email

Comparative Product Testing

- Objective measurements of the earphone and microphone response of 25 headphones & headsets
- o Performed measurements and prepared test report

Training and Algorithm Support

- Electroacoustics training research team, with emphasis on frequency analysis for speech communications applications
- Propose alternative architectures for a demodulation speech enhancement algorithm

Headset Evaluation

- Objective electroacoustical response testing of analog and USB headsets for VoIP and gaming applications
- Perform measurements, data handling, and create test report
- O Data analysis, failure mode identification and proposed solution
- Design and fabricate microphone test fixture as per appropriate standards
- Design external microphone power supply for testing
- Recommend R7D test instrumentation
- o Assist with the completion of test lab and listening space



Component Specification & System Evaluation

- Review the audio design of a distance learning system
- Recommend/specify microphone and interface
- o Supply test signals for system evaluation

QC Test Sequence Programming

- o Program / re-program QC test sequences for to measure the acoustic impedance of a hearing screening system subcomponent
- Prepare test report describing improved test methodology
- Run tests on samples to verify program

System Design

- Technical analysis and evaluation of sound activated control system
- o Make recommendations to improve system design
- Recommend/specify transducers

Headphone System Design Verification

- Performed electroacoustical response measurements of a headphone system for use in a medical environment
- Verified response, equalization and noise isolation performance
- Work with client to ensure amplifier interface works with transducers
- Create test report and spreadsheet 'Gain Calculator' design tool for adjusting input sensitivity

Loudspeaker Test Sequence Programming

- o Program / re-program QC/QA test sequences for active powered loudspeaker measurements
 - Frequency Response & Impulse Response
 - Horizontal & Vertical Polar Response with control of turntable
 - Maximum Steady State SPL output in 1/3 octaves
 - Provide technical support via phone and Email

VolP Handset Re-Design

- Run tests on existing handset to determine failure mode(s)
- Re-design VoIP handset to incorporate leak tolerant, low acoustic impedance receiver, ensuring compliance to TIA-920
- Calculate mechanical design parameters and provide design drawings
- Work with vendor to source transducers and optimize design
- Perform tests on prototype to ensure design target compliance

Earphone Design & Test

- o Re-design earphones incorporating improvements in fit, wear-ability and acoustic performance
- Analyze anthropomorphic data to determine dimensions for highest fit rate
- o Create test sequences for evaluating electroacoustic performance
- o Run tests on prototype units to ensure design target compliance

Test System Specification and Training

- Recommend instrumentation configuration and calibration for a headset test lab
- Electroacoustics training for engineering staff and application specific hands-on training for headset testing

Test Sequence Programming and Training

- o Program / re-program QC/QA test sequences for various applications:
 - Loudspeakers, Microphones, Headphones, Hearing Aids, Telecom
- o Provide technical support via phone and Email
- Electroacoustics training for engineering staff and application specific hands-on training in test sequence programming



- Seminars in Acoustics, Transducers, and Measurements
 - o Preparation of all PowerPoint materials and demonstrations
 - In house seminars upon client request
 - Tutorial sessions at AES, ALMA, and AAA
 - Public and in-house seminars
- Software Consulting
 - o De-bug web-based frequency to musical note conversion program
- Standardization Work
 - o ASA Standards Director (2015 –)
 - US Delegate to IEC Technical Committee 29 Electroacoustics
 - CHAIR: ANSI/ASA Subcommittee 3 on Bioacoustics (2012)
 - CHAIR: ANSI S3-37 Working Group on Couplers and Ear Simulators
 - ANSI S3.25 New revision released in 2009
 - ANSI S3.7 Reaffirmation 2008. Revision 2015 (on-going)
 - ANSI S3.55, Parts 1, 3, & 5 National Adoption of IEC Standards
 - IEC Liaison: Coordinate US Comment/Vote on IEC Committee Drafts
 - CHAIR: ANSI S3-67 Working Group on Test Manikins
 - ANSI S3.36 Revision 2012
 - IEC Liaison: Coordinate US Comment/Vote on IEC Committee Drafts
 - CHAIR: ANSI S3-73 Working Group on Bioacoustical Terminology
 - ANSI S3.20 Revision 2015
 - o IEEE Subcommittee on Telephone Instrument Testing
 - IEEE 1652 (revision 2015 ongoing)
 - IEEE 661 (reaffirmation)
 - IEEE 269 (revision 2014-15 ongoing)
 - IEEE 1329 (revision ballot)
 - IEEE 1027 (ballot and withdrawal)
 - Liaison with ITU-T Study Group 12
 - o ANSI S3-48 Working Group on Hearing Aids
 - ANSI S3.22 (revision 2014 & FDA approval)
 - ANSI S3.35 (revision)
 - AES SC-04-03 Standards Committee on Loudspeakers
 - AES 2 (revision)
 - IEC 60268-5 revision draft
 - o AES SC-04-03 Standards Committee on Microphones
 - Review of IEC 60268-4 revision draft
 - Quasi Peak Self-Noise measurement proposal
- MatLab Programming
 - o HRTF plotter and ASCII file conversion
 - Control and data transfer for Listen SoundCheck
 - o Frequency Response data reformat and semi-log interpolator
 - 1/3 octave synthesis from FFT data
 - Loudspeaker passive crossover designer/simulator
 - Loudspeaker Impedance LMS data fitting to Equivalent Circuit Models http://www.cjs-labs.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/zfitdatasheet.pdf
 - o ANSI S3.4 and ISO 532b Loudness Calculation
 - o Calibrated FFT and standard 1/Nth octave band measurements
 - 1/3 octave Multispectrum analysis with Calibration, Time Slice, and Excel Data export
 - o Create analysis routines that are both Windows and Macintosh-compatible





Architectural Acoustics

- Meet with client to propose mitigation for poor intelligibility and excessive reverberation in an open plan office
- Specify speech privacy requirements for a security room
- o Specify requirements for improved intelligibility in teleconference rooms

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Circuit Design

- Re-Design of Electric Guitar passive electronics
- Produce schematics, wiring diagrams and complete step-by-step annotated assembly and testing instructions

http://www.cjs-labs.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/JPage-LesPaulWiring.pdf

Industrial Design Consulting

- o Transducer selection for a hand-held PC device
- o Review product requirements, mechanical drawings and candidate transducer specifications
- System optimization
- o Perform measurements on subcomponents and prototype

Acoustical Engineering and Design

- Specify transducers, data acquisition, signal processing, and performance metrics for a personal recording device
- o Identify subcomponents and qualify vendors
- Perform electroacoustic measurements on prototypes
- System design and optimization

Intellectual Property Evaluation & Expert Witness

- o Technical analysis and evaluation of a noise reduction algorithm patent
- o Design and specify appropriate tests to identify performance as per patent claims
- o Perform measurements on various embodiments and issue test reports
- Attend meetings with litigants as Subject Matter Expert
- o Draft and edit technology summaries for legal documents

Acoustical Analysis

- o Room mode calculation and analysis
- o Prepared report and made recommendations for mediating acoustical problems

System Optimization

- Evaluate current outdoor loudspeaker system for dispersion, loudness, and intelligibility
- Recommend design modifications/improvements
- Design optimized closed-box system for existing driver

Subcomponent Redesign & Verification

- Acoustical testing of prototype subcomponents for audiometry
- o Performed measurements and prepared test report

In-House Training Seminar

- In-house training presentation on headphone measurements for the research group of a microphone and headphone manufacturer
- o Discussion of test techniques for noise-canceling devices
- Provide information on time-selective test methods

Test Automation

- Specify and create test sequences for Hearing Aid QC according to ANSI S3.22 & IEC 60118
- Architect macro creation into appropriate sub-modules
- Code and/or review macro routines
- Create calibration routines in particular for telecoil tests
- o Perform tests on hearing aids using completed routines to test the software

Simulation/Optimization

Loudspeaker driver specification and system optimization for a novel closed-box design

Comparative Product Testing

- o Standardized objective testing of the earphone response of various gaming headsets
- o Performed measurements and prepared test report



Software Re-architecture and Coding

- o Research existing patents for a hearing/sound processing program
- Prepare project documentation
- o Identify code modules and specify appropriate signal processing and data handling
- o Re-code entire program in MatLab
- Prepare code releases and handle bug/error tracking

Instrumentation, Measurement, and Test Training

- Test system setup and configuration for a loudspeaker subcomponent manufacturer
- Provide hands-on software training
- o System integration and specification of instrumentation
- o Research vendors for long term power testing

System Integration and Testing

- o Revamp QC/QA test process for a critical component in a hearing screening device
- Specify, install and program new test system
- Vendor management and component qualification
- Redesign critical components for compatibility and serviceability

Training

- General Electroacoustics Training for entire scientific staff of an earphone, earplug, and headset manufacturer
- Recommendations on instrumentation configuration and calibration
- o Recommend test set up for high level impulse measurements of hearing protectors

Comparative Product Testing

- Standardized objective testing of headphones for an industry consortium
- Performed measurements and prepared test report

Market Research

- Background and market research on Audio Codecs for Financial Services & Investment Firms
- o Provide market information on Hearing Instruments for Entrepreneurs & Start-ups
- o Provide data on the Test Instrumentation market, including Manufacturers & End Users

Product Design

- o Design and build working prototype battery simulator for hearing aid testing
- Identify vendors and source components
- Specify circuit and mechanical designs
- Create Bill of Materials and Product Data Sheet
 - http://www.cjs-labs.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/BS-01DataSheet.pdf

Sub-Component Testing

- o Measure driver impedance data and derive small signal parameters for a headphone design
- o Consult on testing, QC methodology and test system hardware

Test Instrument Design

- Design and build working prototype sound source for microphone testing http://www.cjs-labs.com/sitebuildercontent/sitebuilderfiles/PointSource-PreliminaryDataSheet.pdf
- o Identify transducer and enclosure vendors
- Specify protection circuit and outsource prototyping
- Redesign crossover network
- o Perform electroacoustic measurements to verify performance

Laboratory Measurement System Integration

- Consult on room acoustics and sound field verification for clinical experiments for a hearing instrument research facility
- Oversee calibration and coding of data acquisition and analysis routines



Technical Marketing

- Edit/Co-author journal article for a hearing instrument manufacturer
- Generate measurements, graphs, and figures as required
- Research appropriate references

Performance Testing

- Perform Simulated In-Situ (manikin) Testing and Directional measurements (polar diagrams) on a Completely-In-The-Canal hearing device
- Perform probe tube in-ear insertion gain tests on test subjects fitted with the device
- I/O Characterization and compression threshold mapping

Acoustical Consulting

- Performed modeling and characterization of on-board transducers & signal processing for a transducerequipped semiconductor product
- o Create performance specification for telecom applications
- Redesign existing test fixture
- Perform electroacoustic measurements and provide training
- O Design a test protocol for a noise-canceling headset application

Project Management

- Led the project team through major phases of design, prototype, and production for a new loudspeaker transducer
- o Initiated a research project to model the new device behaviour
- Co-authored 2 conference papers describing this work

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