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LIST OF ACRONYMS

| GSM | Global System for Mobile networks |
|------|---|
| ROM | Read Only Memory |
| CDMA | Code Division Multiple Access |
| ANC | Ambient Noise Cancellation |
| EMF | Electro Magnetic Field |
| LCD | Liquid Crystal Display |
| FM | Frequency Modulation |
| RF | Radio Frequency |
| GNSS | Global Navigation Satellite System |
| WLAN | Wireless Local Area Network |
| LED | Light Emitting Diode |
| FM | Frequency Modulation |
| ADC | Analogue to Digital Converter |
| LTE | Long Term Evolution wireless technology |

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ABSTRACT

Receiving or making phone calls in offices, motor vehicles and home sitting rooms around audio devices like FM radio, TV sets, laptops and desktop computers requires muting these devices to ensure good mobile phone speech communication. In this effort therefore it requires the person making a phone call to switch off any of these audio devices manually.

This project involved the development of An Audio mute system for a mobile phone speech communication that can be integrated with in audio devices to automatically mute audio devices to eliminate audio background noise. The system detects an incoming call signal to control the functioning of an audio system. The designed circuit automatically disconnects power supply to the audio system whenever a call is received or made by the cell phone and notifies the user with the LCD and LED.

Although my project worked as expected, there are some improvements that can be made to make the detector circuit more sensitive. Instead of using a cluster of inductors, we can use less number of inductors to make the circuit more compact and small. The major advantages of my project is that it is less costly than the detector circuits available in the market today, such as the Motorola Bluetooth detector.

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This chapter includes the description of the background, problem statement, main objective, specific objectives, justification and the scope of the proposed system.

1.1BACKGROUND

Mobile phones are essential component of day to day life and have become the best friend of a man. Day by day they are becoming very affordable making the communication infrastructure as the backbone of daily life. Background noise is a natural part of a conversation. A high background acoustic noise level is annoying to the listener side. Listener fatigue (the ears get tired) and difficult to understand each other. Considerable attention has been paid over the past decade for the enhancement of speech degraded by additive background noise [1]. Listening to speech becomes more difficult as the background noise level dominates. The near-end listener perceives a combination of the clean far-end (downlink) speech and the background noise from audio devices and thus experiences an increased listening effort. In current mobile phone handsets the voice signal that is taken in from the microphone can be filtered and improved. creating a high quality transmit link from you to the other person on the call but receiving a call in a place with background audio noise can make the voice of the person calling you unintelligible. Active and passive noise cancelling technologies can minimize background noise in high end headphones; however these technologies today cannot provide the same benefits in mobile handsets. Passive noise cancellation involves insulation and absorption, typically in the form of cups or cans that surround the ear.[1] Clearly, passive noise cancellation isn't practical for a mobile handset.

Active noise cancellation can be classified as feedback or feed-forward. In headphones a feedback approach is typically used with passive noise cancellation. The headphone "cans" create a sealed cavity over the listener's ear. The noise inside the can is then monitored using a microphone and an electronic feedback circuit is used to generate a noise cancellation signal which tries to create a null, silence, inside the can. [8]It is clearly not practical to create such a sealed cavity around the ear of a person using a mobile phone.

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