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This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-9, 13-15

Preferred embodiments of a loudspeaker arrangement comprising a woofer and one or more MEMS tweeter(s), relating to the relative arrangement of the tweeter(s) to the woofer, a housing with a cover element and a cavity, and the woofer, as well as a use in headphones, particularly on-ear headphones. This solves the problem of producing 3D surround sound with spatial localisation of acoustic events.

2. Claims: 10-12

A loudspeaker arrangement comprising a plurality of MEMS tweeters, a woofer and a control unit, with which at least the tweeters can be operated in a normal mode and/or in a surround sound mode. This solves the problem of allowing the user to choose between a 3D-type sound experience coming from all directions, and a direction-based perception of sound events.

1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying additional fees, this Authority did not invite payment of additional fees.
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- The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest and, where applicable, the payment of a protest fee.
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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER		
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED		
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
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