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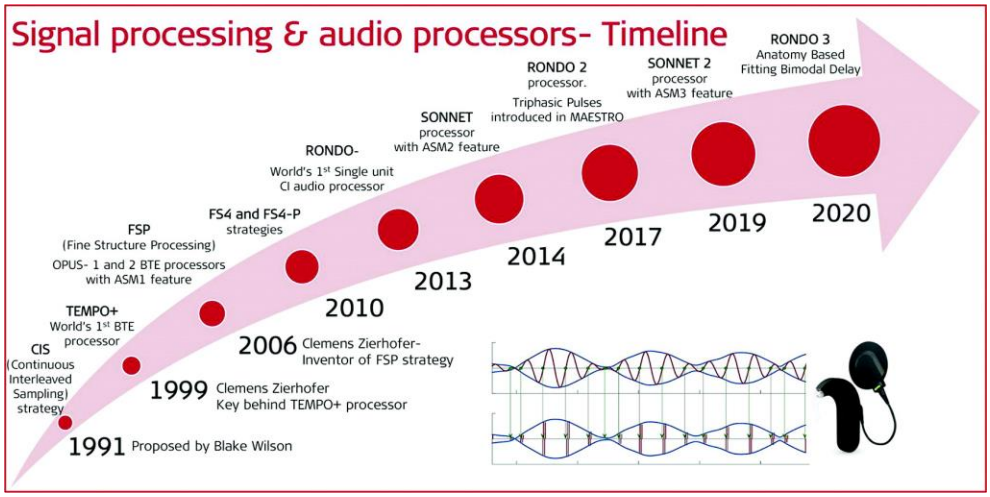
➢ What is Audio Engineering?

- **Definition of Audio Engineering**: Exploring how sound is recorded, mixed, and produced.
- **Key Components**:
    - **Recording**: Capturing sounds using microphones and other devices.
    - **Editing**: Adjusting sounds to improve quality or alter characteristics.
    - **Mixing**: Combining different sounds to create a final track.
    - **Mastering**: Enhancing the overall sound for final output.



➢ The Role of Acoustics in Audio Engineering

- **Understanding Acoustics**: The science of how sound is produced, controlled, transmitted, and received.
- **Importance in Audio Engineering**:
    - **Sound Quality**: Improving the clarity and detail of the sound.
    - **Sound Control**: Managing how sound behaves in different environments, like studios or concert halls.
    - **Equipment Design**: Developing tools that capture and reproduce sound accurately.

➢ Overview of the Course Structure

Module 1: Basic Acoustics and Sound Theory

- **Fundamentals of Sound**
  - Sound Waves: Frequency, Amplitude, Wavelength, and Velocity
  - The Human Hearing Range and Perception of Sound
- **Audio Signal Flow**
  - Analog vs. Digital Signals
  - Signal Chain and Signal Processing

Module 2: Synthesis Techniques

- **Linear Synthesizer**
  - Basic Waveforms: Sine, Square, Triangle, and Sawtooth
  - ADSR Envelope: Attack, Decay, Sustain, Release
- **Non-linear Synthesizer**
  - Introduction to Modulation Techniques: FM, AM, and RM
  - Practical Uses of Non-linear Synthesis in Modern Music Production

Module 3: Audio Signal Processing

- **Pitch Estimation and Manipulation**
  - Linear Predictive Coding (LPC): Theory and Application
  - Pitch Scaling and Shifting: Techniques and Tools
- **Vocal Processing**
  - Vocal Removal Techniques: Phase Cancellation, Spectral Editing
  - Temporal Separation: Differentiating Between Similar Sounds

Module 4: Advanced Audio Analysis

- **Subspace Filtering**
  - Theory of Subspace Methods
  - Applications in Noise Reduction and Signal Enhancement
- **Reverberation and Spatial Effects**
  - Physics of Reverberation
  - Simulating Reverb in Digital Audio Workstations

Module 5: Audio Data Visualization and Analysis

- **Visualization Techniques**
  - Scalogram: Understanding Wavelet Transforms

    - Advanced Visualization Techniques for Audio Analysis
- **Genre Detection and Classification**
    - Feature Extraction for Genre Classification
    - Practical Applications of Genre Visualization

Module 6: Modern Audio Engineering with Machine Learning

- **Introduction to Machine Learning in Audio**
    - Basics of Machine Learning
    - Applications in Audio Engineering and Acoustics
- **Machine Learning Techniques for Audio Analysis**
    - Supervised and Unsupervised Learning Models
    - Neural Networks and Deep Learning in Audio Classification
- **Practical Machine Learning Projects**
    - Designing a Genre Classification Model
    - Creating a Speech Recognition System

Module 7: Real-World Applications and Case Studies

- **Case Study: Advanced Noise Reduction with Wiener Filters**
    - Theory and Application of Wiener Filters
    - Case Study: Improving Audio Quality in Real-Time Communication
- **Project: Implementing Machine Learning for Audio Enhancement**
    - Step-by-Step Project Development
    - Evaluation and Optimization of Audio Models

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