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Teaching Material in English

In the academic year 2019/20, the Erasmus student Ute Skarupa realized the following English translations of the Italian teaching material available on my website.

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ID	Content	PDF
01	Sound and Audio. Waves, waveform, and periodicity. Vibration, Propagation, Revelation. Amplitude, Period, Frequency, Phase, and Wavelength.	
02	Superposition of waves (overlapping principle). Waves in phase and in phase opposition. Periodic wave – Mathematical function. Amplitude of sounds.	
03	Amplitude Pressure. Audibility thresholds. Decibel. Sound Pressure Level (SPL).	
04	Inverse-square Law. Acoustic Monopole. Speed of sound. Wavelength.	
05	Deviation of sound waves. Refraction. Can wind bring sounds?. Reflection. Echo. Diffraction. Doppler Effect. Sonic boom and Mach Number.	
06	Human perception of sound. Difference between pure sound and complex sound. Natural tone and timbre. Fourier Analysis. Spectrogram.	
07	Sound frequency (Notes). Octave in music. Amplitude and Envelope. Colors of noise.	
08	Psychoacoustics. Physics and cognition. Tasks of the auditory system. Physiology of hearing. Noise tolerance thresholds. Sound – Human perception. Diagram of Fletcher-Munson. Place of sound sources (Interaural Time/Intensity Differences – ITD/IID).	
09	Perceived Stamp. Tremolo and Vibrato. Frequency Resolution and analogies with Image Resolution. Masking and Critical Band. Non-Tonal and Tonal Masking. Barkhausen scale.	
10	Audio analog representation, distortion, and pros&cons. Digital audio. Sampling. Nyquist frequency, Nyquist-Shannon sampling theorem. Claude Shannon and Harry Nyquist.	
11	Quantization. SQNR. Uniform and not Uniform quantization. Pulse Code Modulation (PCM). Signal encodings. Error Correcting Code.	