Acousmodules

Sampling Series - Fast Help

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http://acousmodules.free.fr

note for Mac users:

due to the delay in 3rd party compilation modules, a number of plugins are still in an older version and will not have some features and can present a slightly different interface than those which are described in this document

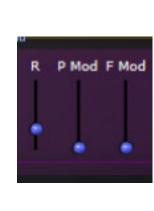
Most of the Acousmodules plugins share some common graphics and user interface elements.

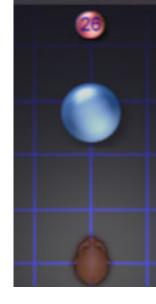
Some are obvious, others are less ...

But this means that once you are familiarized with a few plugins you can become very fluent with all of them!



all sliders, sliding datas, XY pads:
hold Ctrl/Cmd while draging to get fine values

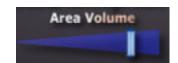






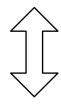








also, in general Right Click to MIDI Learn / UnLearn

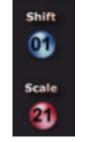


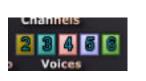
sliding datas, waveforms, curves:

press and drag the mouse upward/downward
to change the values









patch system:

- pick and drag a cable from one input to an output or the contrary
- hold Alt/ to pick and change a connection or to remove it



- in some plugins it can be difficult to pick a cable when several are connected to the same plug, in this case right-click on the cable and select "Remove"

A number of plugins can share the same features.

These ones will then not be described in the dedicated pages.

Please see also the Guide and Resources pages on the Acousmodules' site.

common features 1: the spatial layout

(Top View) place the numbered output symbols according to the loudspeakers spatial positions: it has not to be rigouros: the more they are equally spaced the better may be the result. The same for the right hand Front View (the horizontal positions are reflected from the master Top View)

Active mode: the little buttons activate and show the outputs

Plugins:

AnimaSampler & Player

BrushSampler & Player

ConcatSampler & Player

FocusPlayer

MassSampler

MorphSampler & Player

MPESampler

PathSampler

SampleModeler

SampXplorer

ScaleSampler

StretchSampler

VaporSampler

symbolic position of the input(s), the real effect depends on its proximity to the surrounding output points and to their Area settings

Colour mode: they switch the colour for each output (green, blue, red). The colours have no effect but can help to identify the height layers or other preferences.

(Front View) the view is compressed vertically but the distances are always based on a square, the thin coloured horizontal lines can help to place the points considering that the vertical density of speakers is generally lower than in the horizontal plane

outputs activation or colour selection

increase or reduce each output Area to compensate for graphical distances differences or to obtain special effects. In general it is recommended to try to organize first the points in an equidistant manner before eventually changing these values

BrushSampler 64 Center Comp eight Width Level

periphonic layouts center compensation, its purpose is to spread the inputs energy

on the surrounding points to fill: **Height**: the vertical value of the center Width: 100% means the full layout diameter Level: how much gain is applied when the source goes to the center

output Areas main setting: change the Area size for all the outputs at once, the resulting levels are NOT compensated

Areas shape:

how progressive the areas are overlaping (or not), the recomanded value for a standard "pan law" is about the 2/3

Smoothing Fast (4 samp)

performance option during automations: None: use less CPU but may produce clicks Fast: good balance, but clicks are possible Smooth: no clicks risk but more CPU is used and possible buffers problems can arise in some hosts when a lot of channels are involved

common features 2: the sample section

in some plugins it is possible to trig the next sample slot automatically according to the input level:

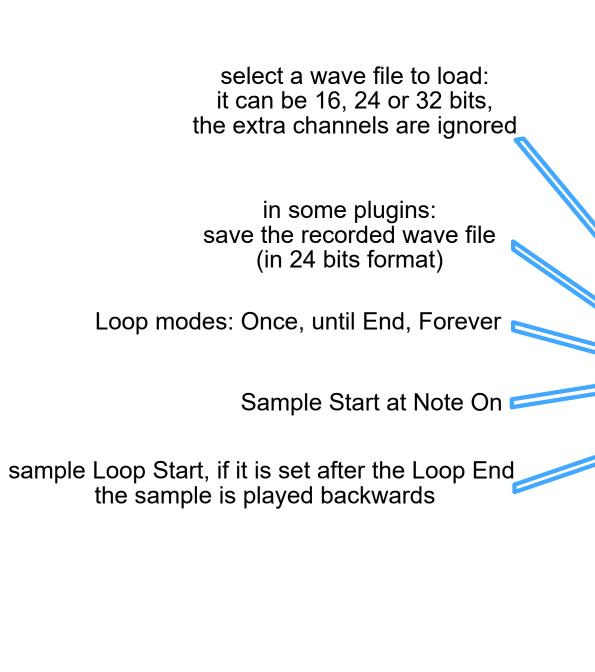
- Gain = boost the input level for better detection
 - Thres = threshold level: try before recording!
 - Gap = length between two triggers

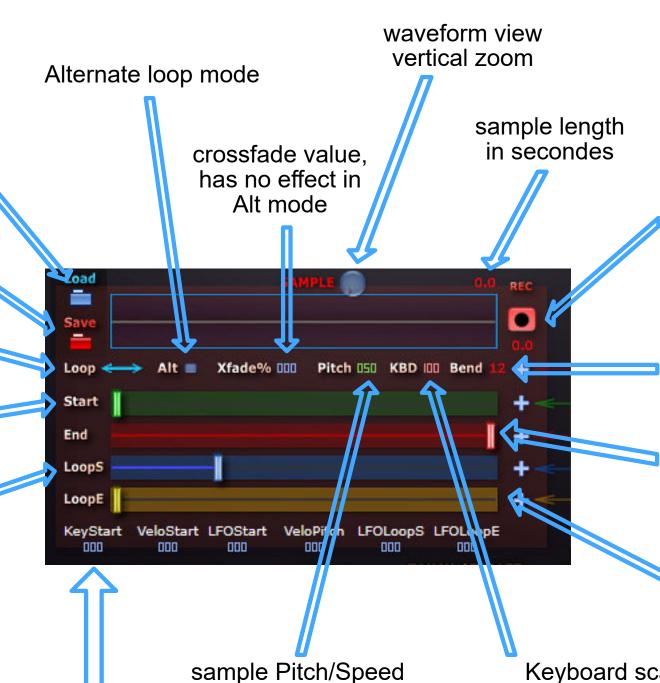


- multistep recording of a mono input:
 activate Mono
- press the mini record button
- cycle into the channels order,
- a new sample is recorded in each slot each time the next number is selected
- press again the mini record button to stop

multisample recording of a multichannel input







recording of the plugin's input:
one press to start and one to stop,
the value below shows the recorded time
(if multichannel recording the samples
cannot be saved)

PitchBend value in semitones

sample End, only relevant in "Once" mode or "Loop until End" is selected

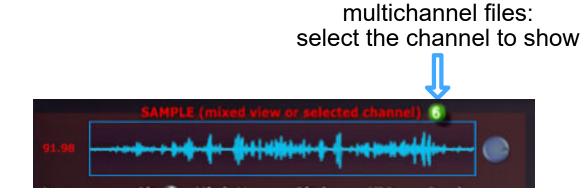
sample Loop End, if it is before the Loop Start the sample is played backwards

sample Pitch/Speed for the MIDI note 64 (abstract value, might change in future versions) Keyboard scaling: "50" means 1/2 tone, "0" means no change

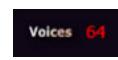
special sample modulations ...



if the plugin can either load a Sample and record one, choose the one that is played (both reside in memory until the Preset is changed)

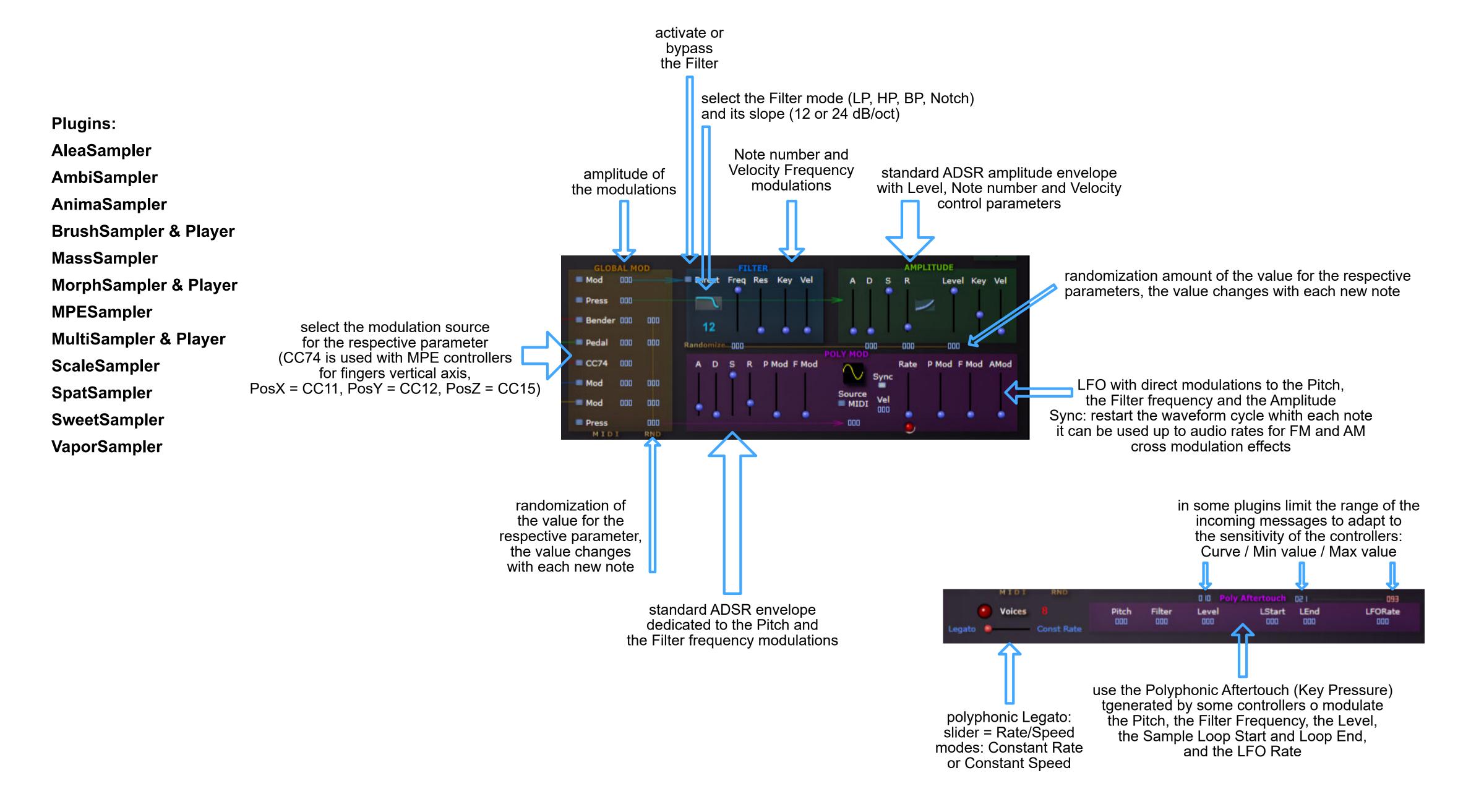


the polyphony has of course a direct impact on the CPU when the setting is available it can go up to 128 voices ...





common features 3: the modulations



common features 4: Instant Gesture sections

Plugins:

Concatenator

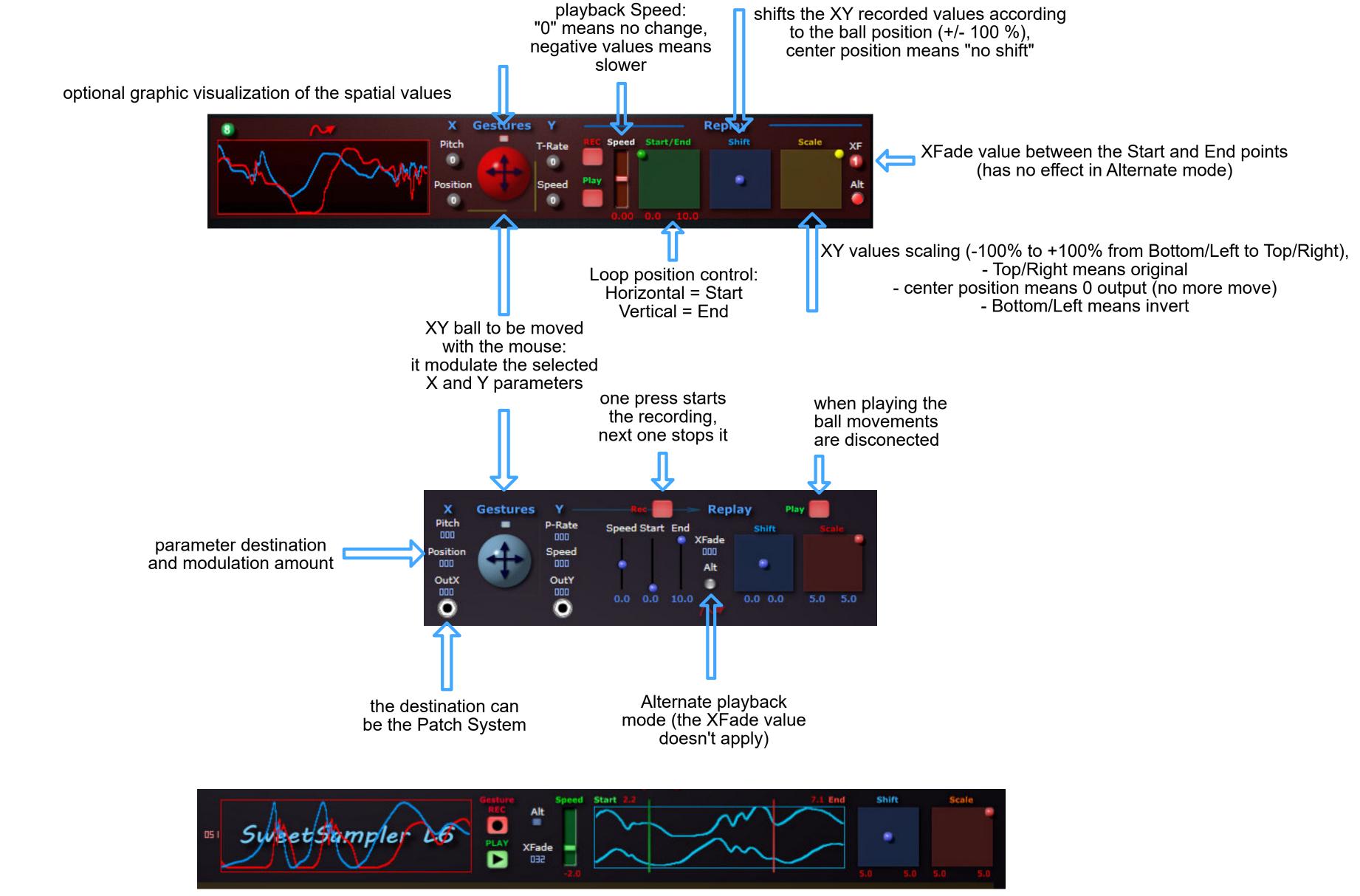
KaleidoSampler

SimpleStretcher

StretchSampler

SweetSampler

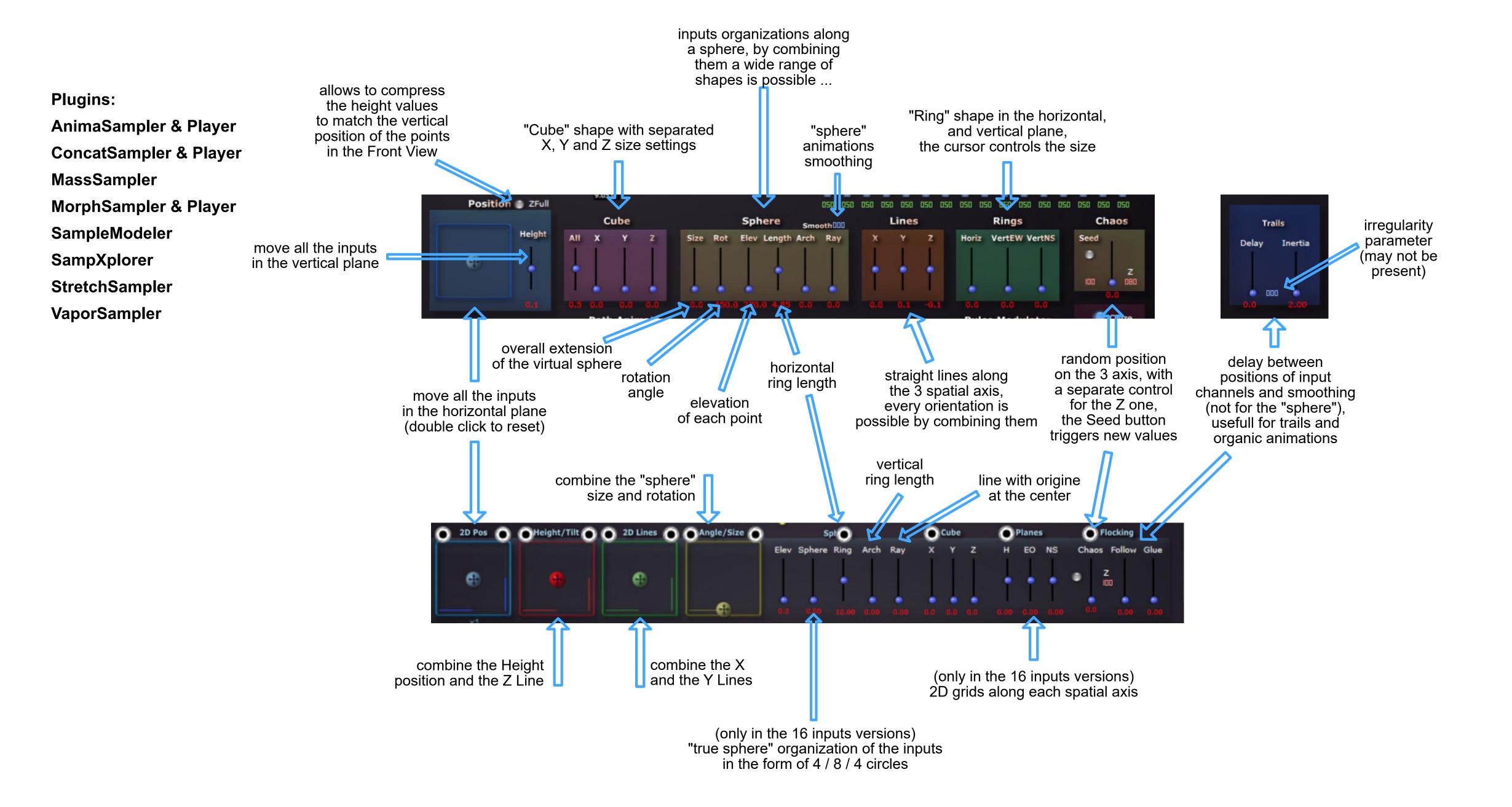
ConcatSampler & Player



optional view of the recorded curves with graphic Start and End Loop settings

common features 5: multichannel Groups and Shapes

purpose: process 8 or 16 inputs together according to "Shapes" that can be freely distorted, mixed and modulated, work best with 2D or 3D meshed networks or grids speakers arrangements



common features 5 & 6: the Auto Triggers

Plugins:

AleaSampler

AnimaSampler

BrushSampler & Player

KaleidoSampler

MorphSampler & Player

MultiSampler & Player

RandomPlayer

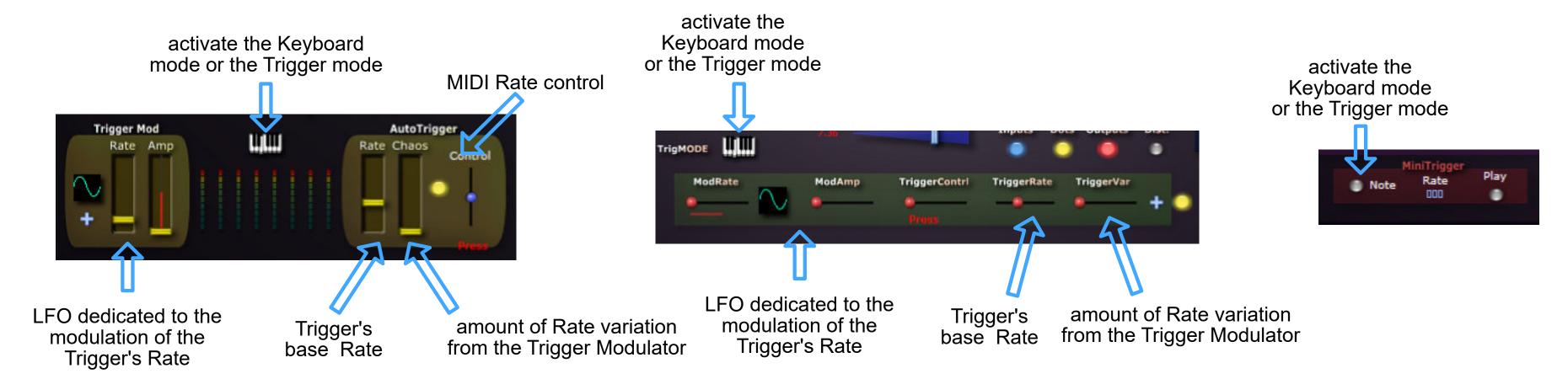
PathSampler

ScaleSampler

SweetSampler

VaporSampler

purpose: automatic notes trigger, up to audio rate, to make iterative textures



the Delay / Resonator

Plugins:

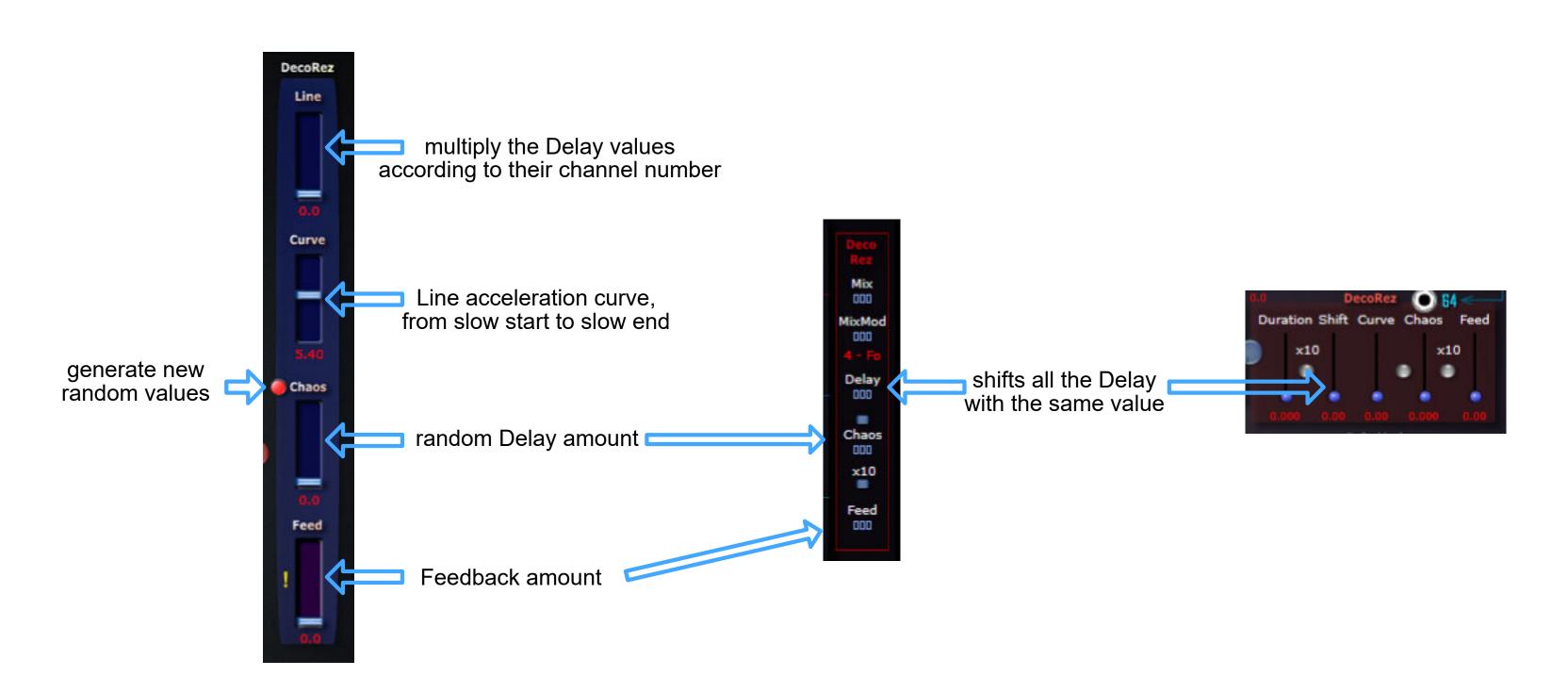
BrushSampler & Player

KaleidoSampler

SampleShaper 32

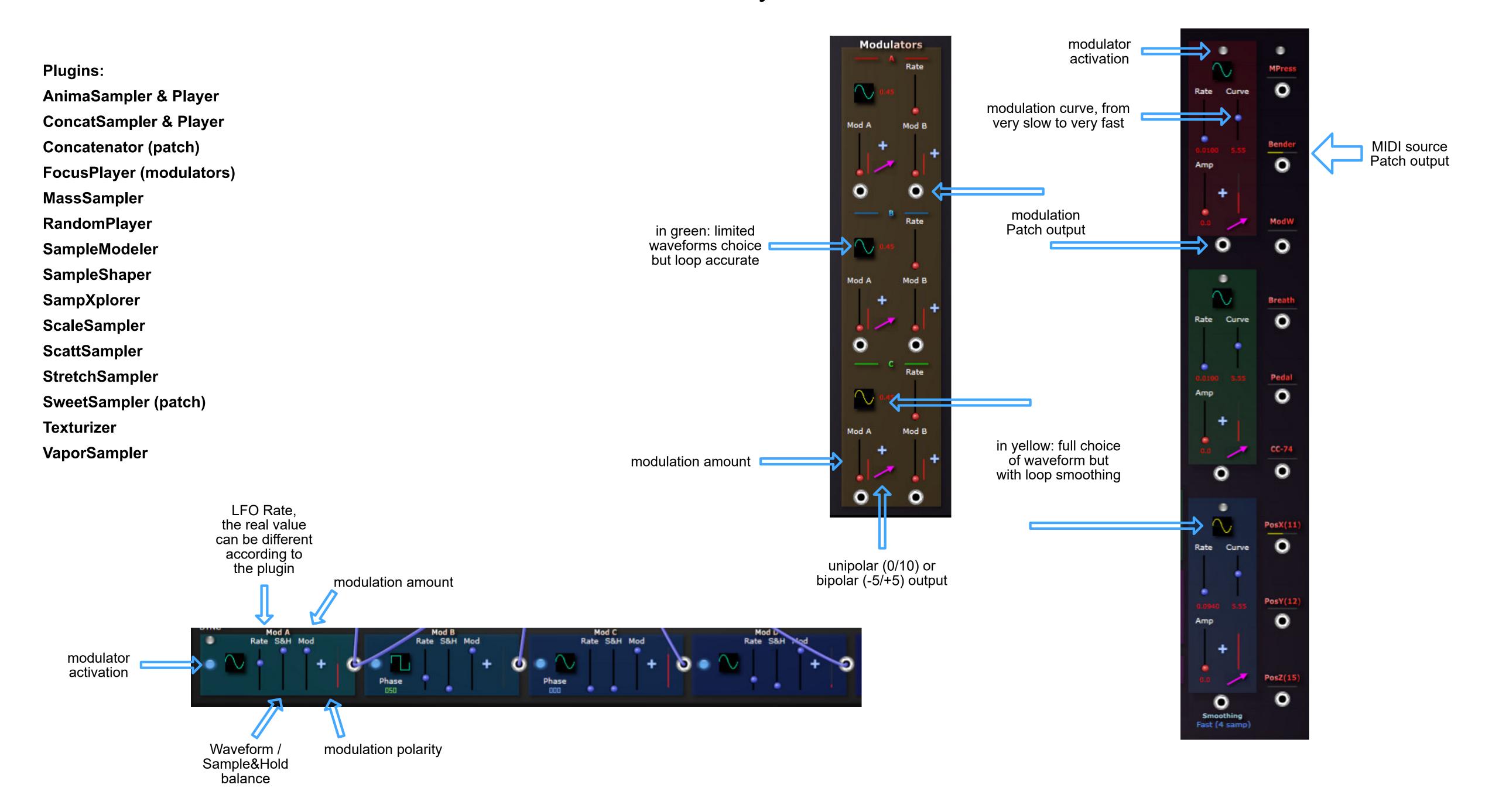
StretchSampler

VaporSampler



purpose: time decorelations, chorus and flanger like effects, and all sorts of multichannel harmonic trails and resonances

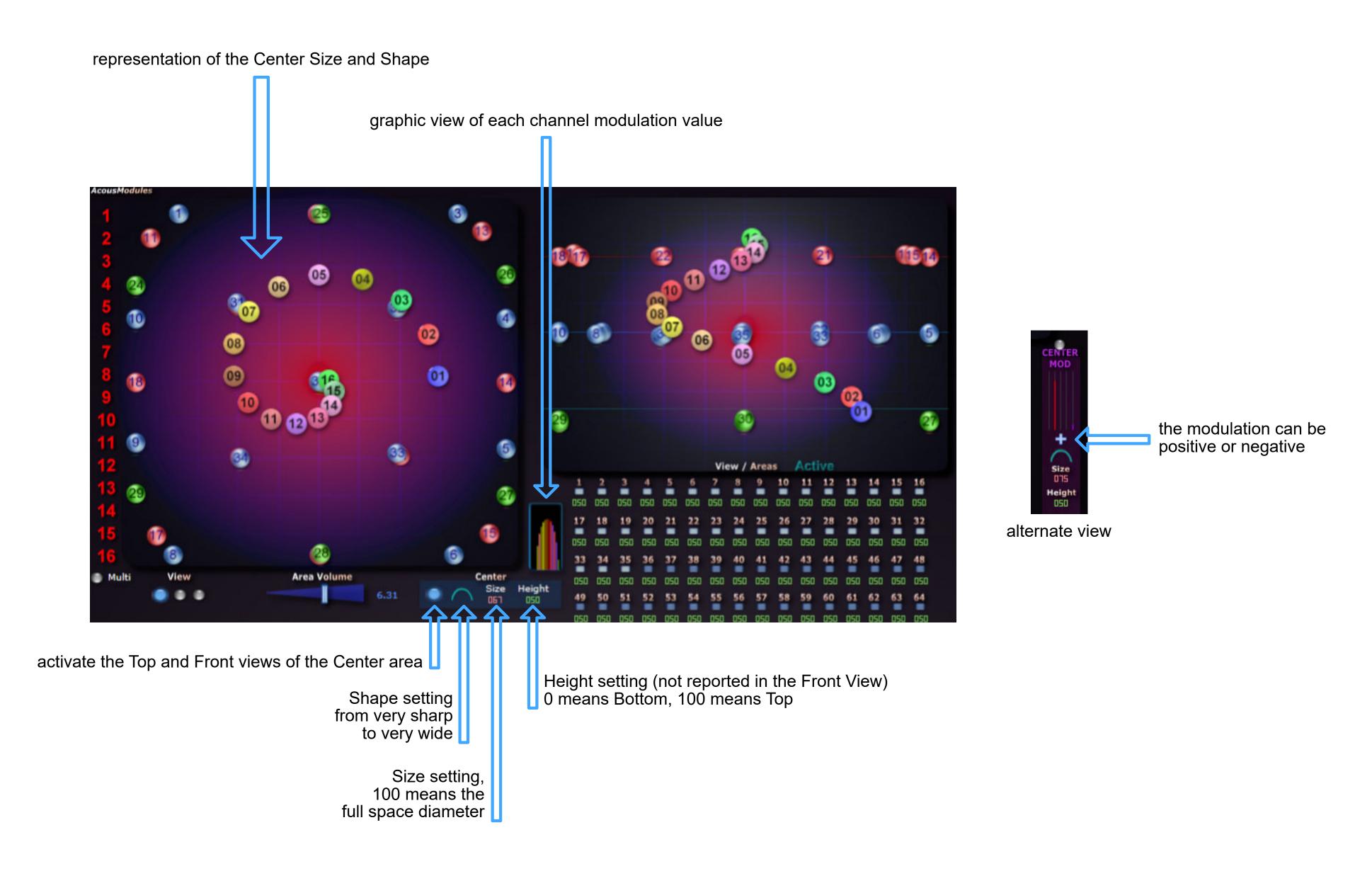
common features 7: the Modulators and the Patch System



common features 8: the Center modulation

purpose: multichannel modulation based on the spatial sources positions relative to the center, can be useful with radial speakers layouts like the dome or the ring

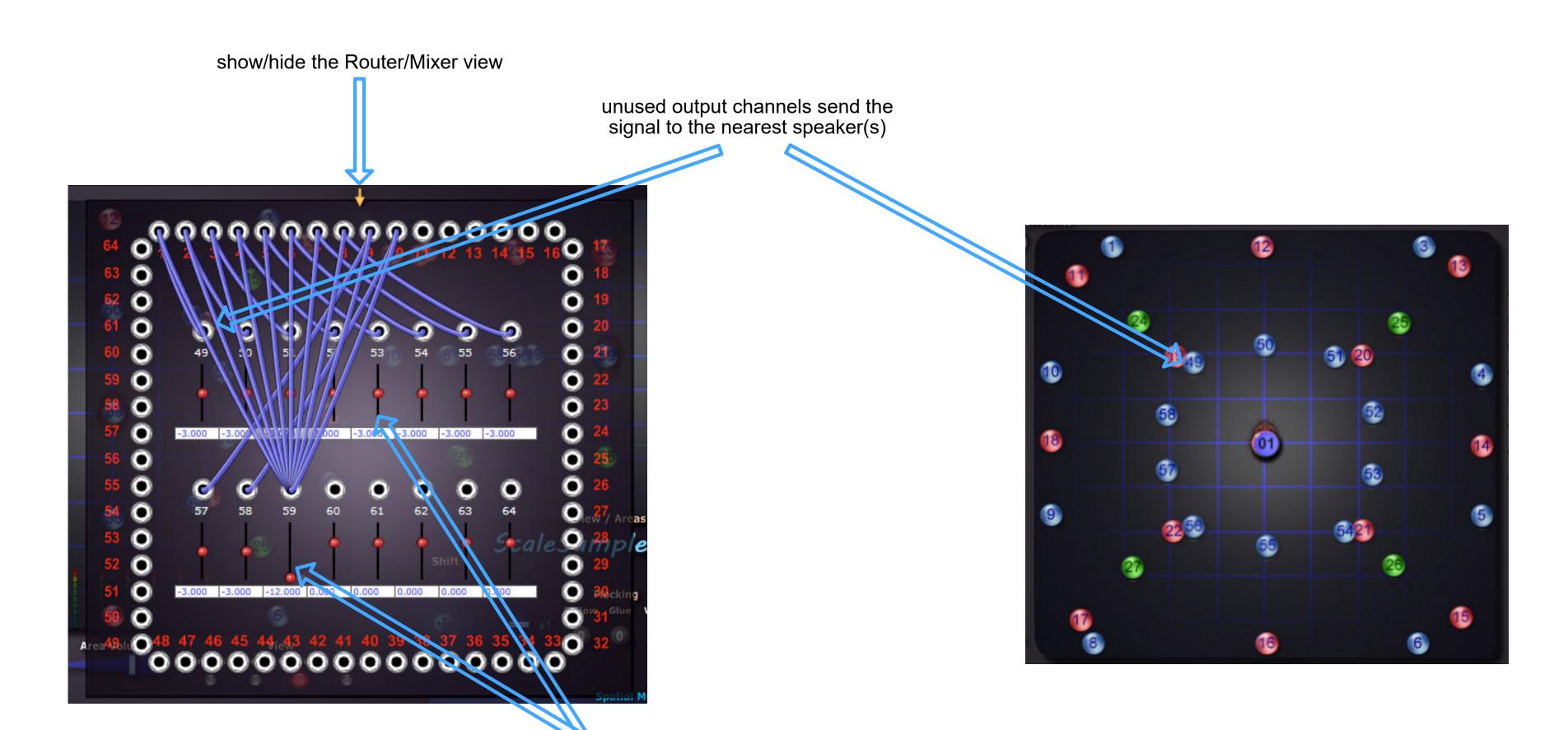
Plugins:
BrushSampler & Player
MPESampler
SampleModeler
VaporSampler



common features 9: the internal router

purpose: use virtual speakers to create phantom positions inside the speakers area, can be very efficient with periphonic layouts

Plugins:
AnimaSampler
BrushSampler & Player
ConcatSampler & Player
MassSampler
MorphSampler & Player
PathSampler
ScaleSampler
StretchSampler
VaporSampler



adjust the level of the phantom signal to be mixed with the direct one

spatial configurations import / export

purpose: exchange the speakers (or the inputs) arrangements between plugins that use the same spatialization method and view

Since the begining of 2022 most of the plugins that are based on a symbolic space view can import and export their channels arrangement.

Even if the settings which are specific to each plugin remain of course to be edited, this can result in a great gain of time ...

The files are simple text that can be eventually edited by hand, but the plugins and apps "SpaceEditor" are more appropriated ...

It may also be possible later to convert them and to import such configurations datas from and to spatialization softwares and plugins (already tested and working with GRMTools Spaces plugins).

There are three files formats:

- "Spat" type: two views "Top" and "Front", 36 (+18) and 64 channels versions include: the channels X,Y,Z coordinates and the channels activations does not include: channels Area values, channels colors
- "Layers" type: one Top view associated with 3 or 4 Height Layers (48 or 64 channels) include: the channels X, Y coordinates for each Layer, the channels mappings does not include: channels Area values, Layers Areas, Layers activations
- "Spaced" type: one false perspective view (mainly effects and utilities, 64 channels) include: the channels visual position and the channels activations

The proper file extension is automatically selected in the OS file browser.

You can use the SpaceEditor 36-64 plugin (or application for Windows) to convert the files between these two formats, thus making actually 96 plugins able to exchange their spatial configurations!

Please note that the following pages may not yet include the view and the description of the Import/Export buttons.

	am64	aml3	am3d
AggregaSynth	AnimaPlayer 864	AnimaSpat 48L	SpacedAnalyzer 64
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AnimaSynth 836	AnimaSpat 3D64	MassLayers 848	SpacedFilter 64
BrushSampler 18	AnimaSynth 864	SpaceConverter 3L	SpacedGain 64
ConcatPlayer 1636	BrushPlayer 464	SpatLayers 248, 264, 848	SpacedRoute-R
Distances 36	BrushSampler 64	SpatSampler 64L	SpacedRoute-S
FocusDelay 36	ConcatPlayer 1664	SpatStrument 48L	SpacedTest 64
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FocusRing 36	FocusDelay 64		
FocusSynth 36	FocusFilter 64		
FocusVerb 36	Focus Grains 64		
FocusVox 36	FocusMass 64		
MassModeler 1636	FocusPitch 64		
MassSynth 1636	FocusPlayer 64		
Room 3610	FocusRing 64		
SampleModeler 1636	FocusShifter 64		
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SpaceBrush 18	FocusVerb 64		
SpaceConverter 36	MassGrains 1664		
SpaceEditor 36	MassModeler 1664		
Spat3D 218	MassSampler 1664		
Spat3D 236	MassSynth 1664		
Spat3D 836	MorphPlayer 864		
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SpatDelay 1636	MPESampler 64		
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SpectraShaper 1636	RoomSampler 64		
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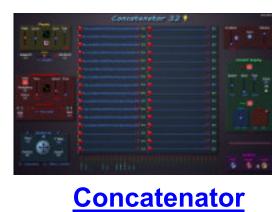


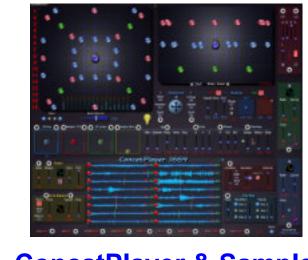


AmbiSampler







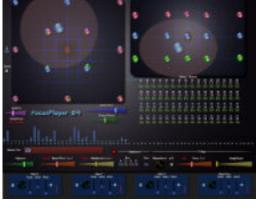


AleaSampler

AnimaSampler

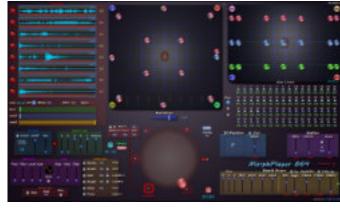
BrushSampler & Player

ConcatPlayer & Sampler



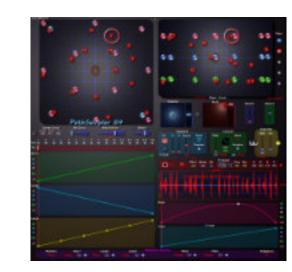












Focus Player

MultiKaleidoPlayer

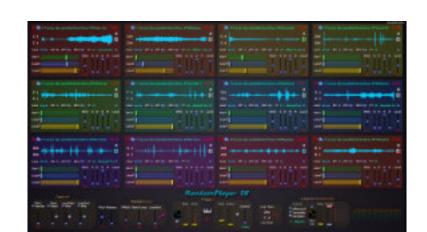
MassSampler

MorphSampler & Player

MPESampler

MultiSampler

PathSampler



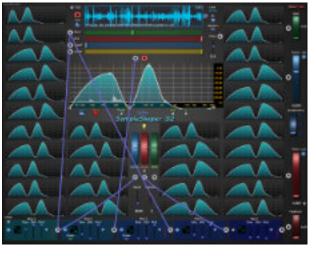
RandomPlayer



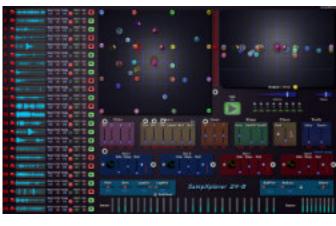
RoomSampler



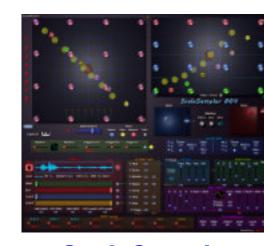
SampleModeler



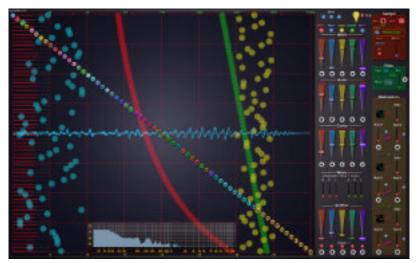
SampleShaper



SampXplorer



ScaleSampler



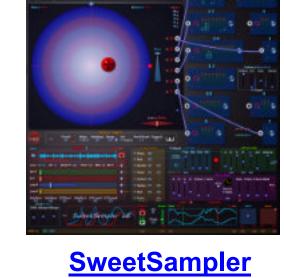
ScattSampler <u>Texturizer</u>

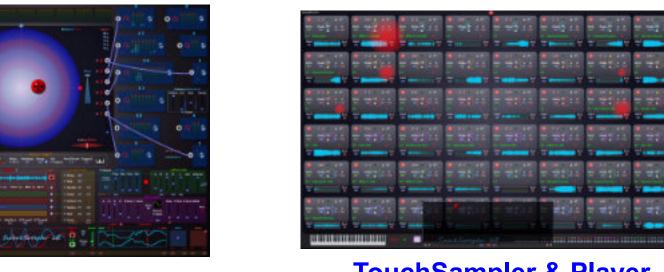


SimpleStretcher



StretchSampler







TouchSampler & Player VaporSampler ARQSampler & BlockPlayer

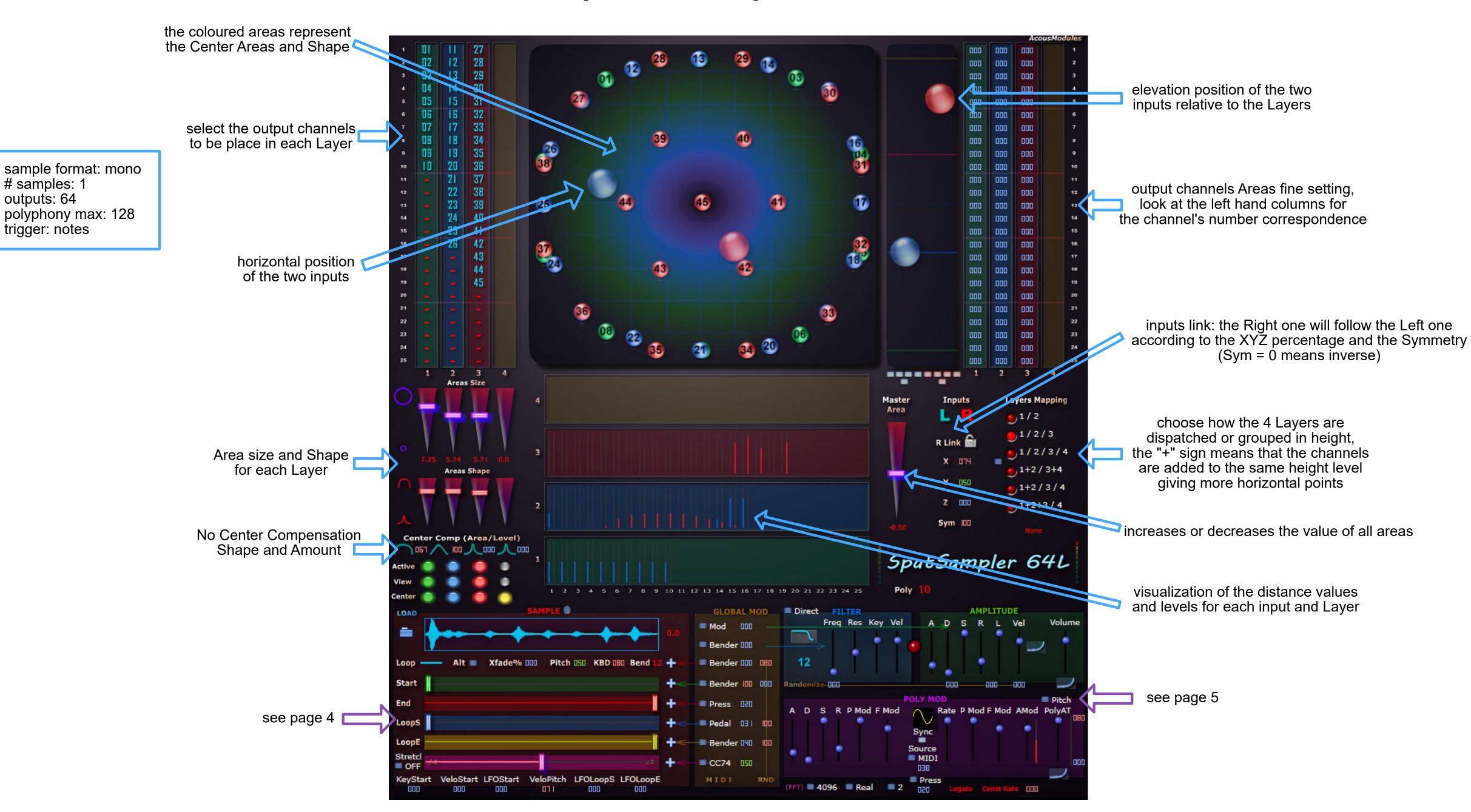
spatial gestures

SpatSampler 64L

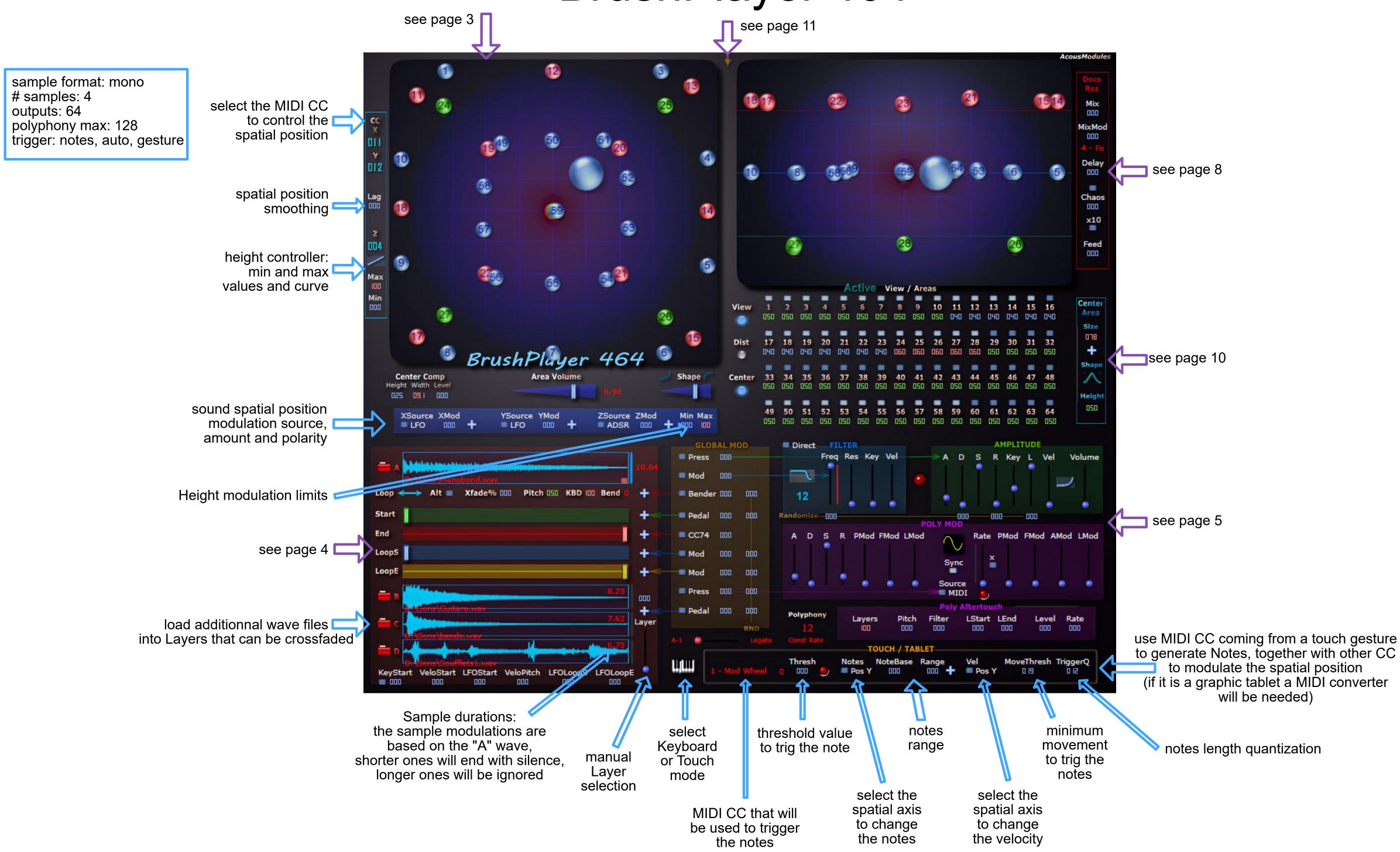
samples: 1

trigger: notes

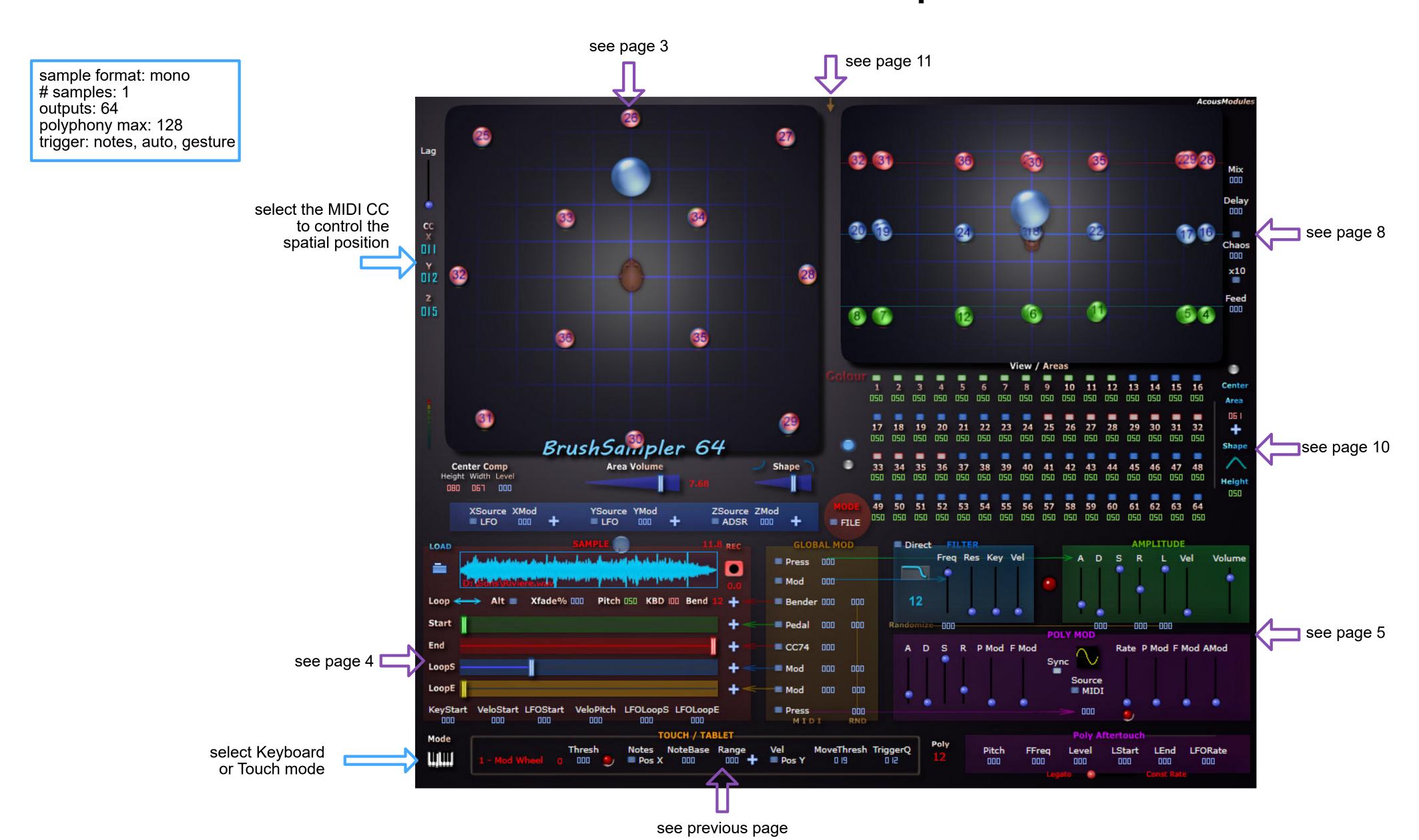
outputs: 64



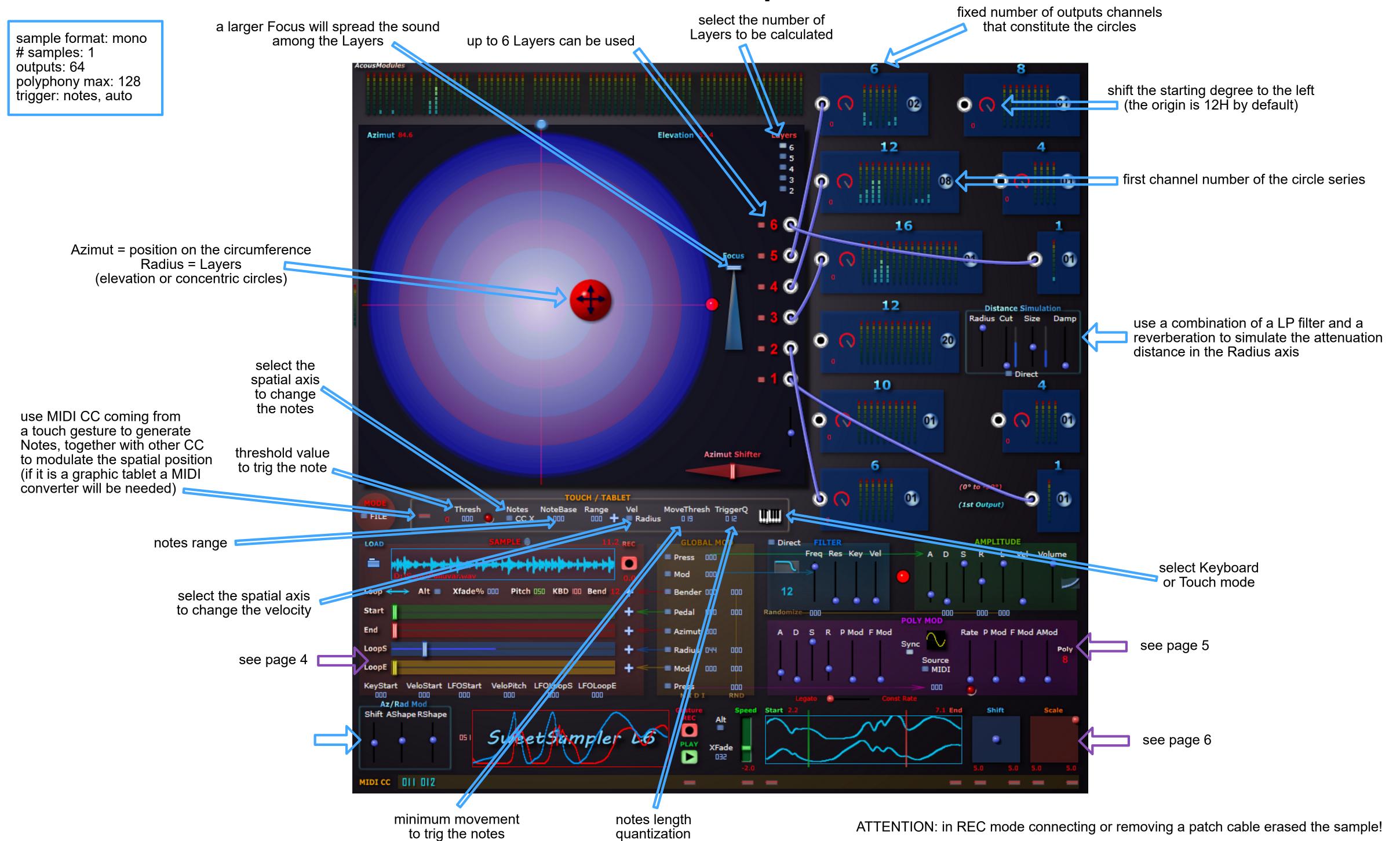
BrushPlayer 464



BrushSampler



SweetSampler L6



MPESampler 564

Pressure special settings:

- input Min / Max values to adapt the controller's sensitivity
 - curve, from very progressive to very fast

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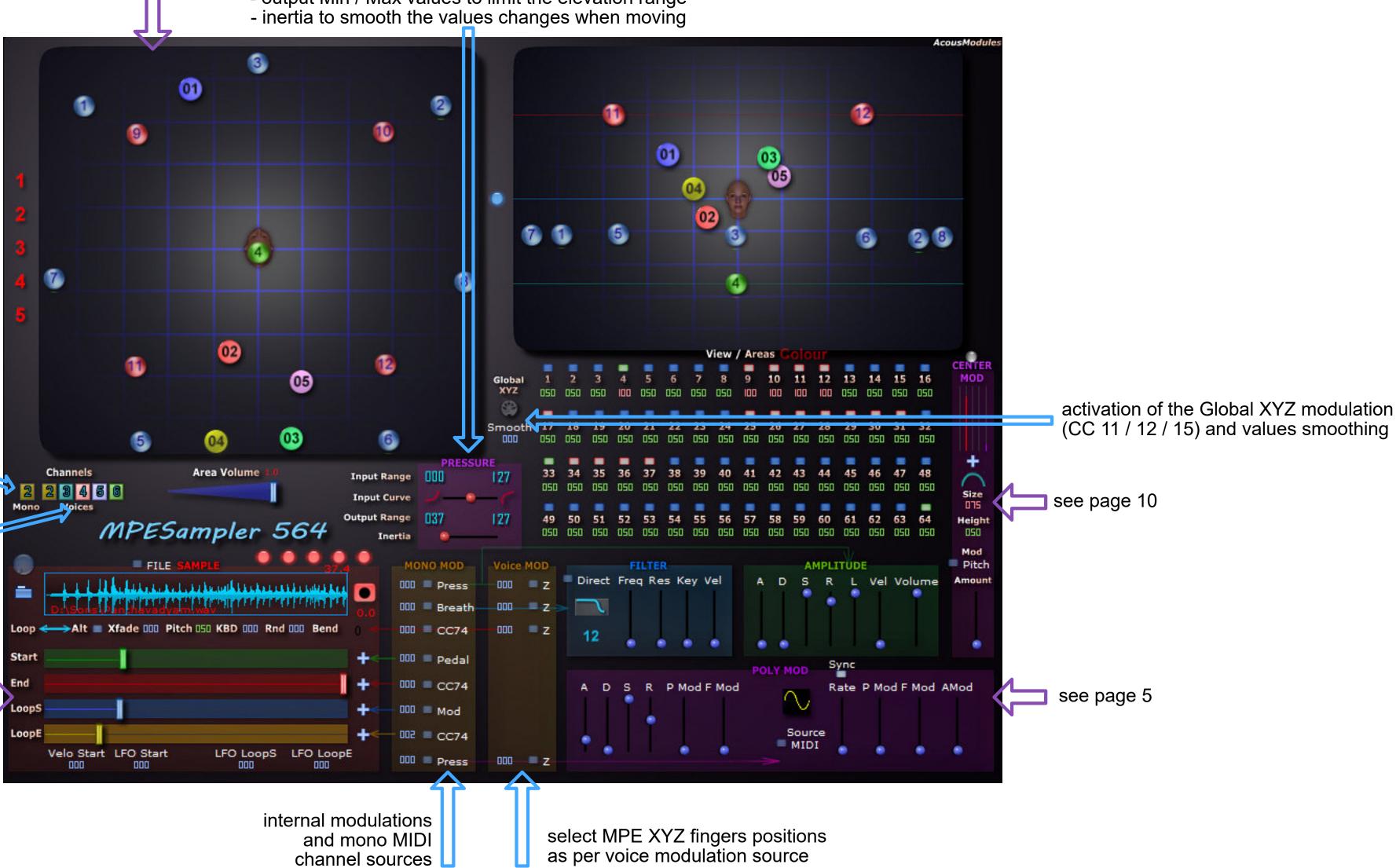
- output Min / Max values to limit the elevation range

sample format: mono # samples: 1 outputs: 64 polyphony max: 5 trigger: notes

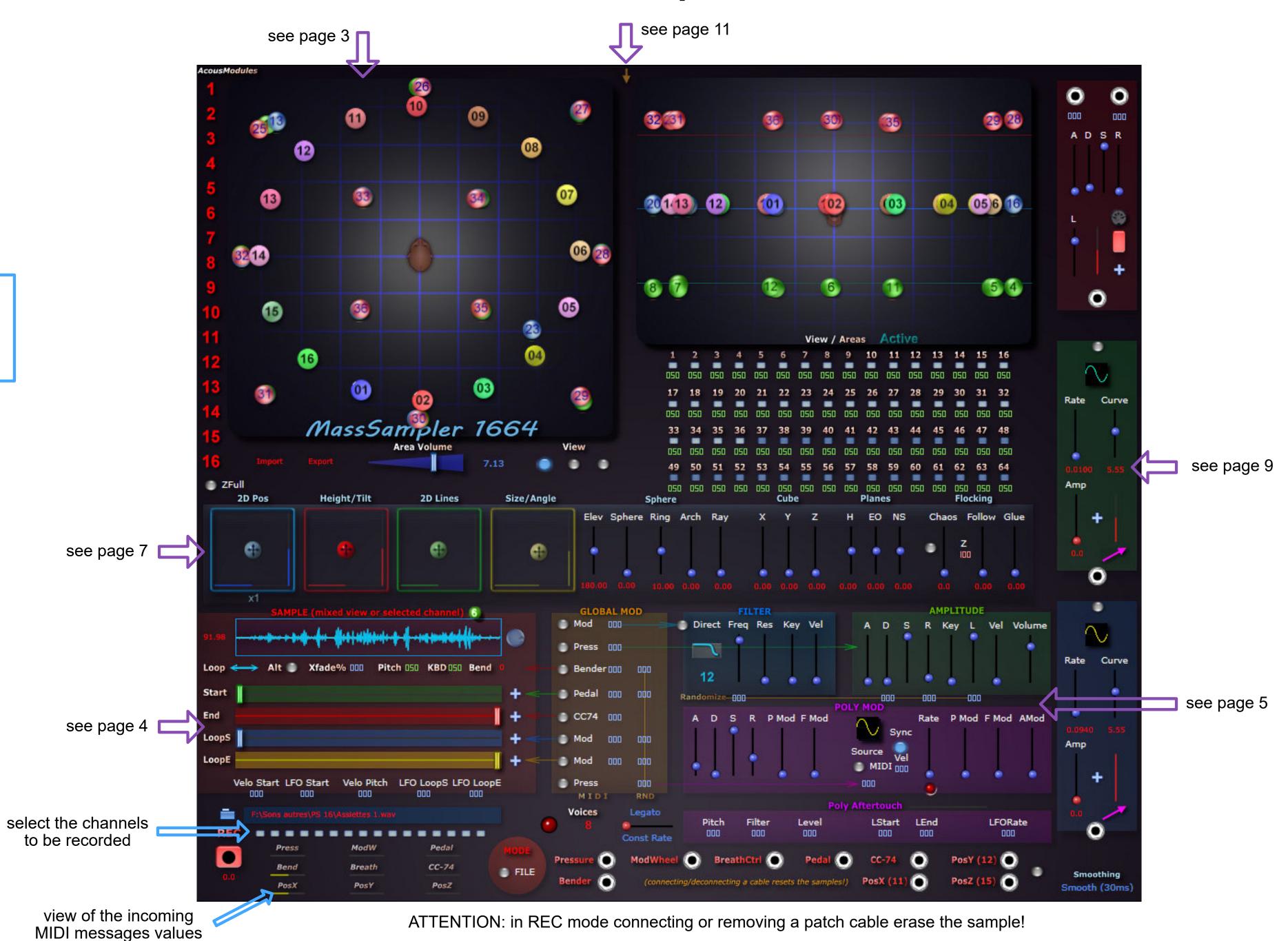
main MIDI channel for non MPE voices, it is generally set to 1 or 16 but a voice's channel can also used for these modulations

MPE voice's channels, normally in following order from number 2 but can be different to combine several plugins

see page 4



MassSampler 1664



sample format: 16

polyphony max: (16)

samples: 1

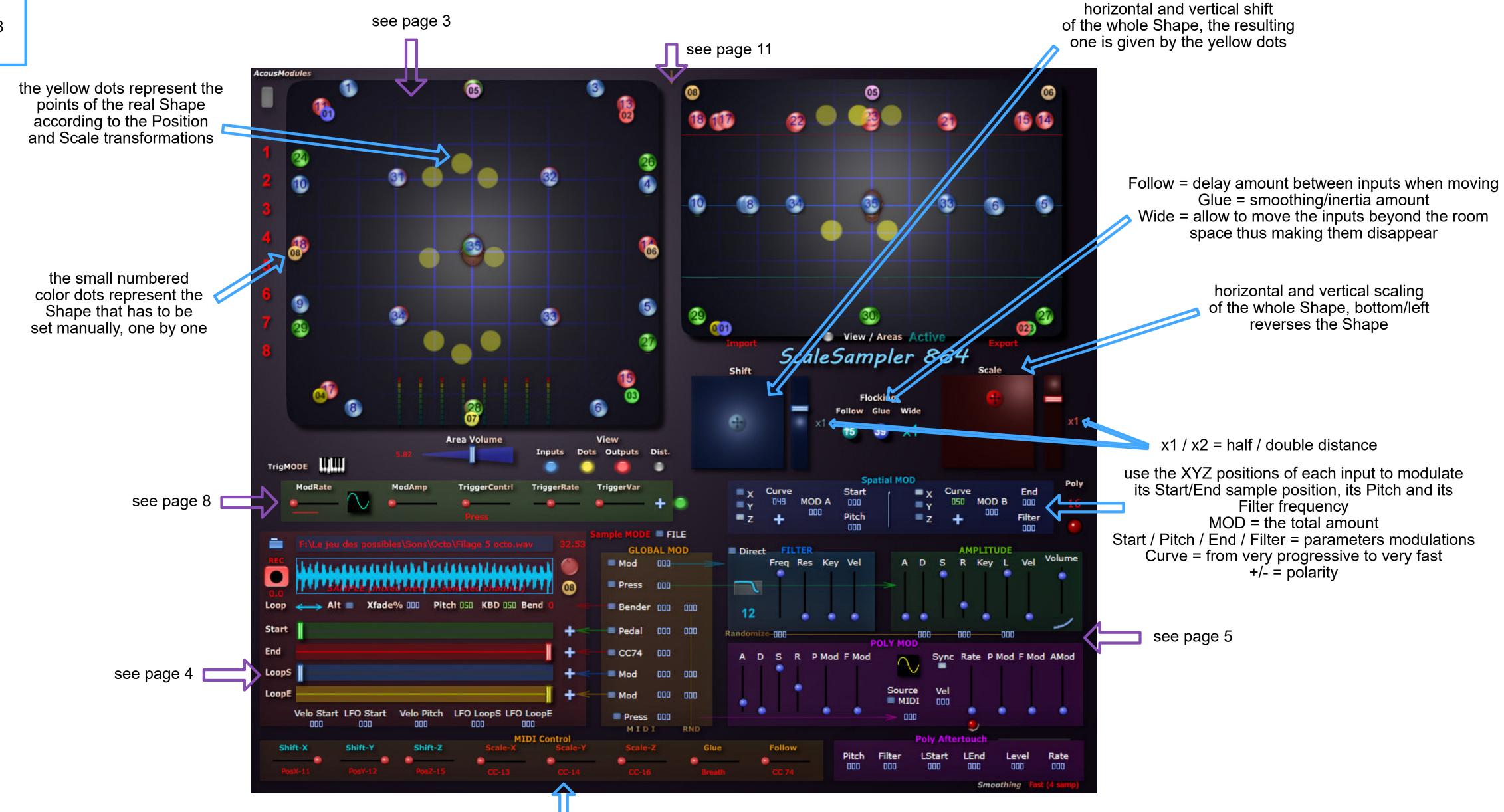
trigger: notes

outputs: 64

sample format: octo # samples: 1 outputs: 64

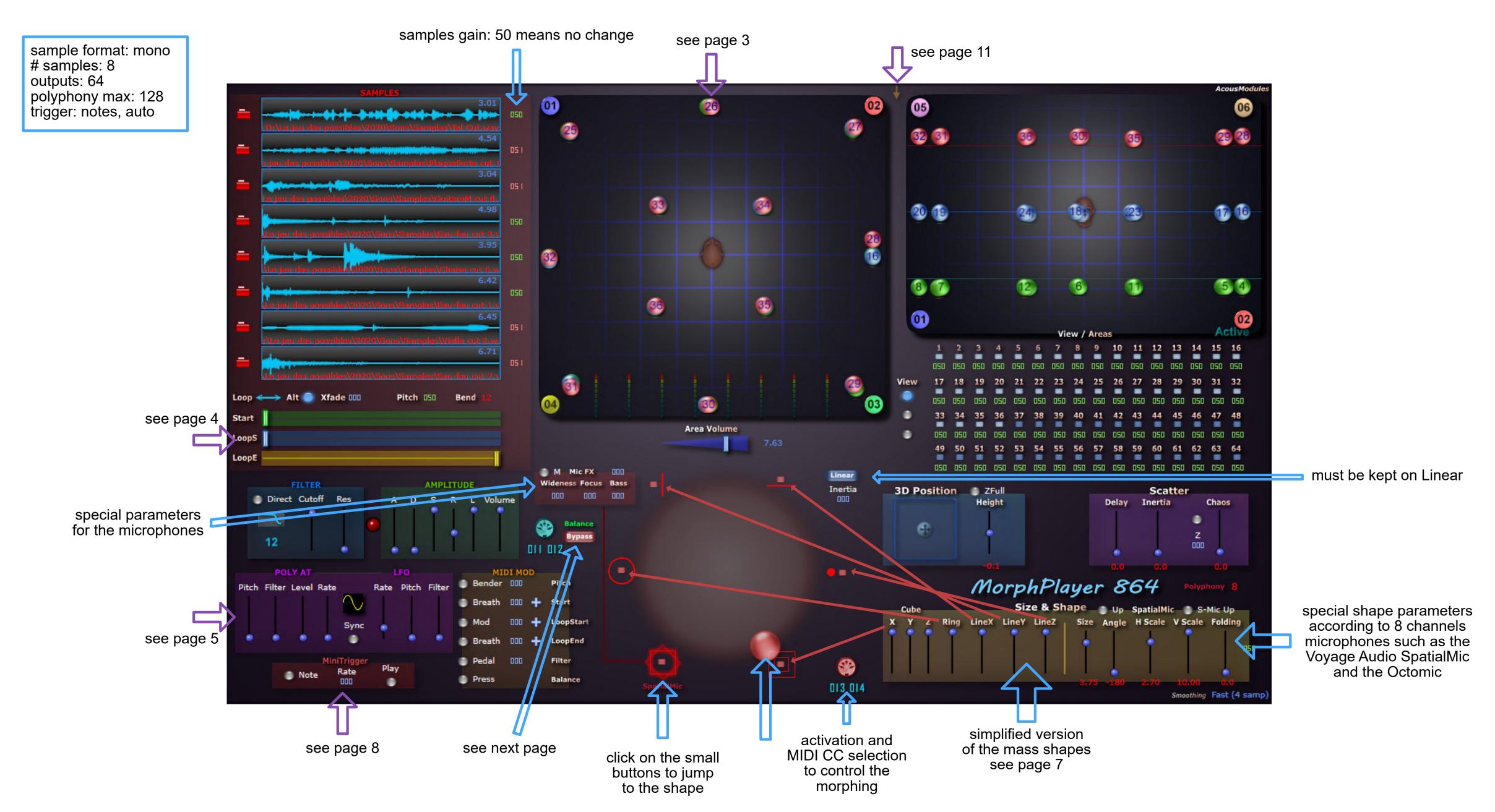
polyphony max: 128 trigger: notes, auto

ScaleSampler 864



MIDI modulation source and amplitude for the given parameters

MorphPlayer 864

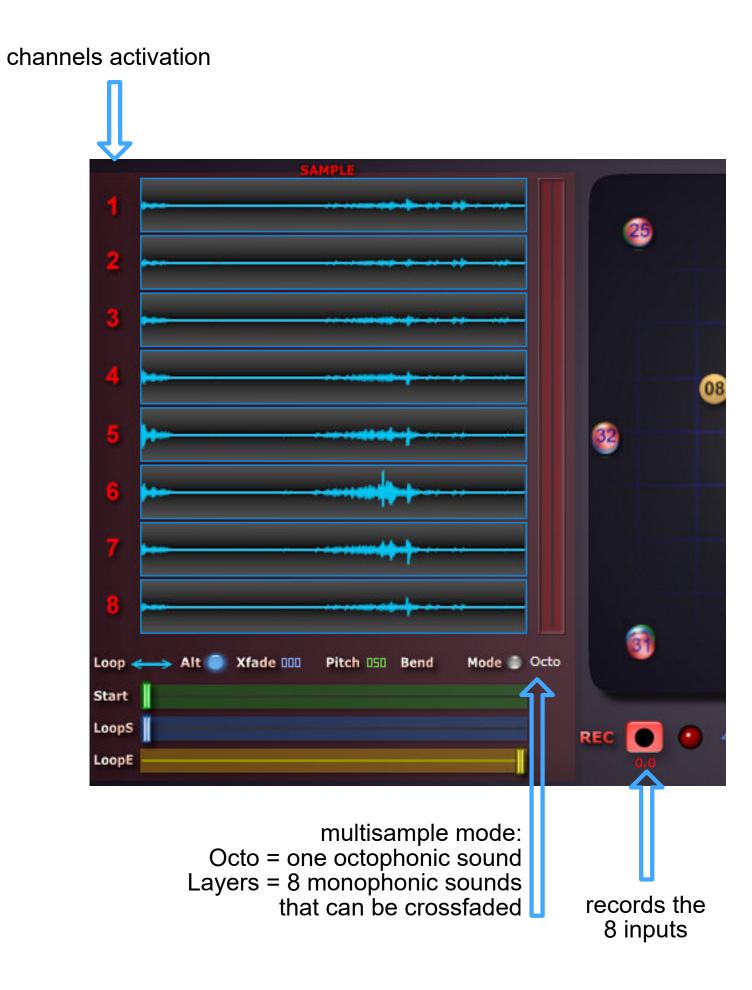


MorphSampler 864

sample format: octo # samples: 1 outputs: 64 polyphony max: 128 trigger: notes, auto



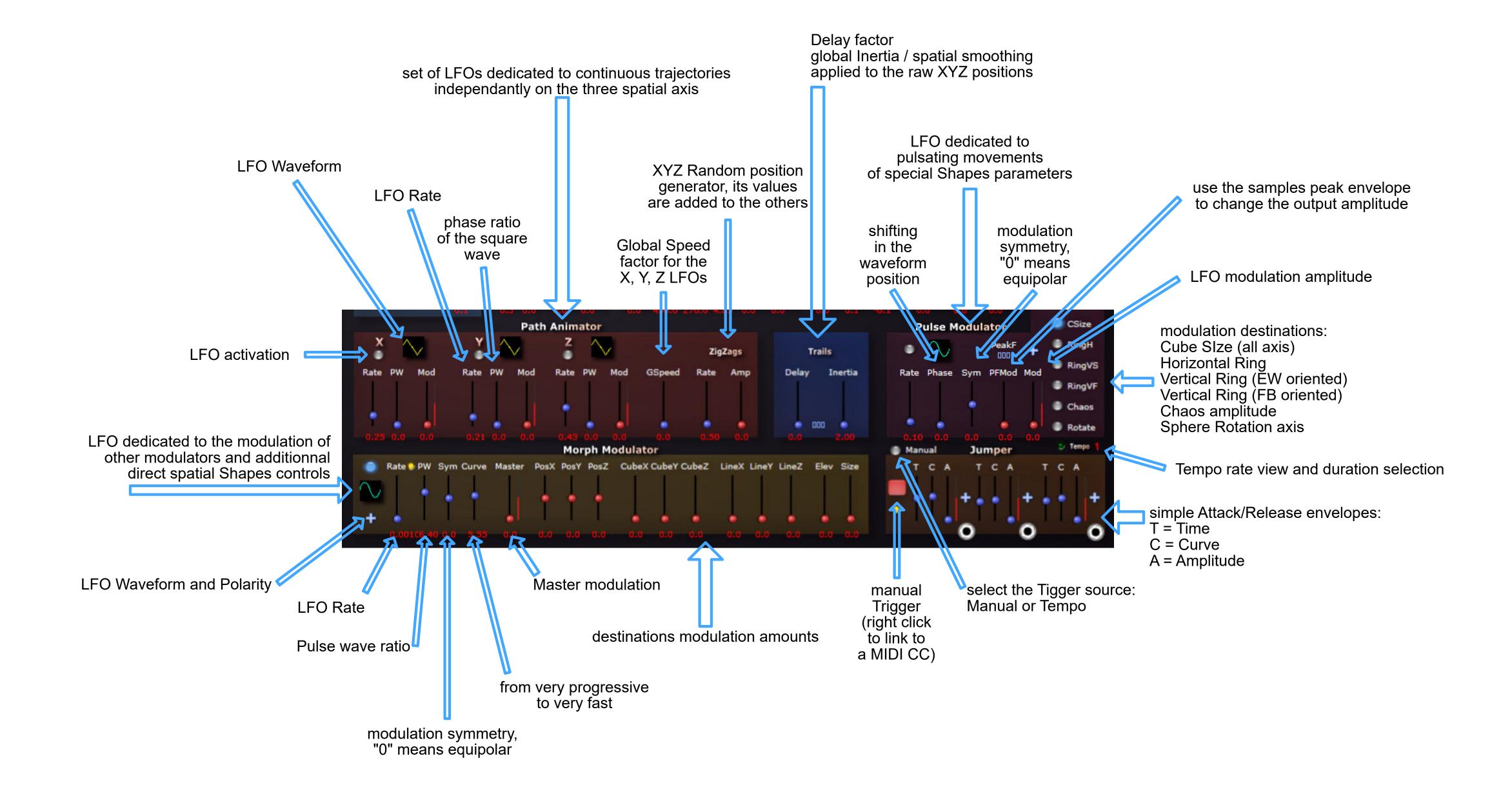
Balance Mode:
enable the variable mixing of the
8 samples with the green ball,
select and eanble the MIDI CC
to control it



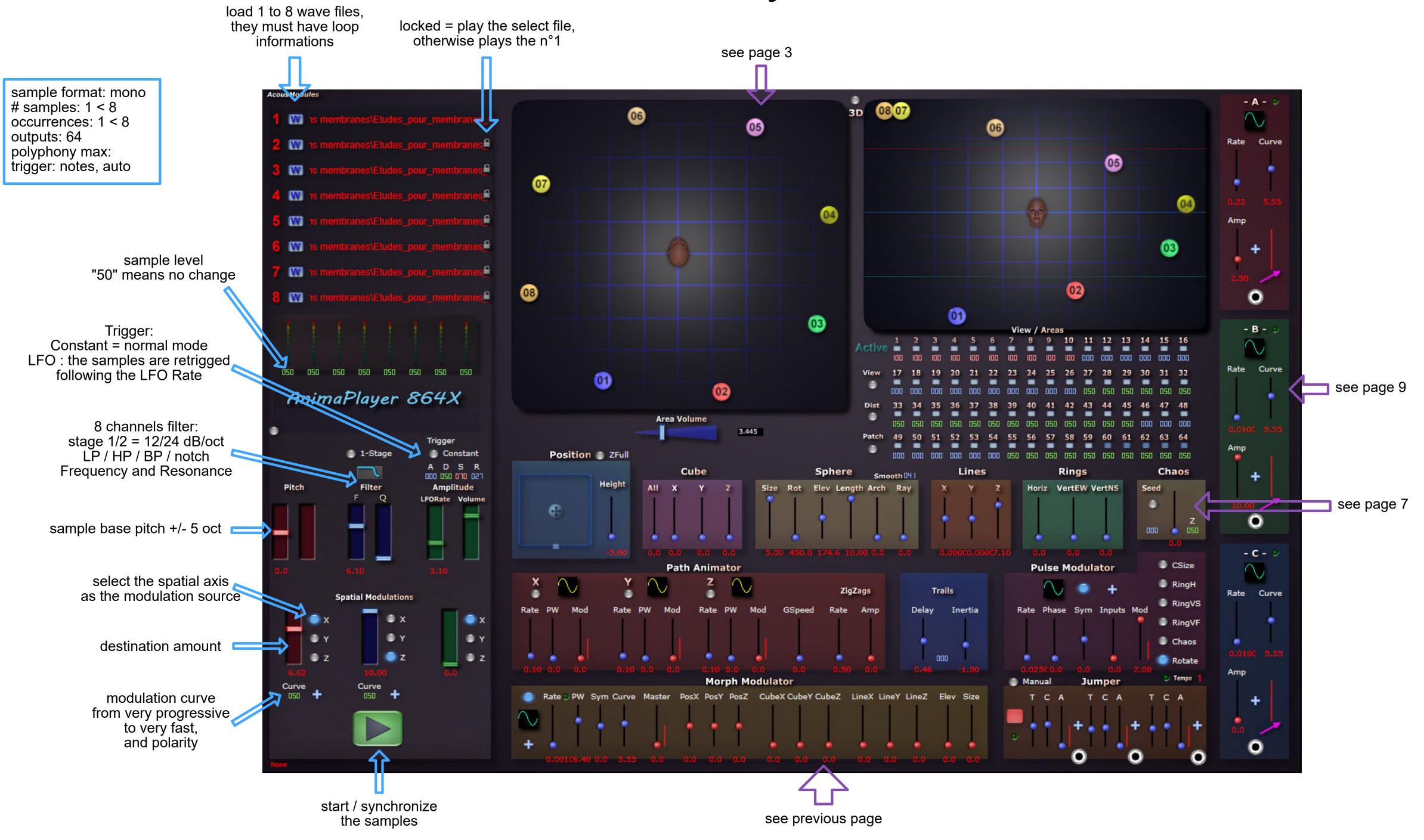
spatial animations

AnimaSampler 864

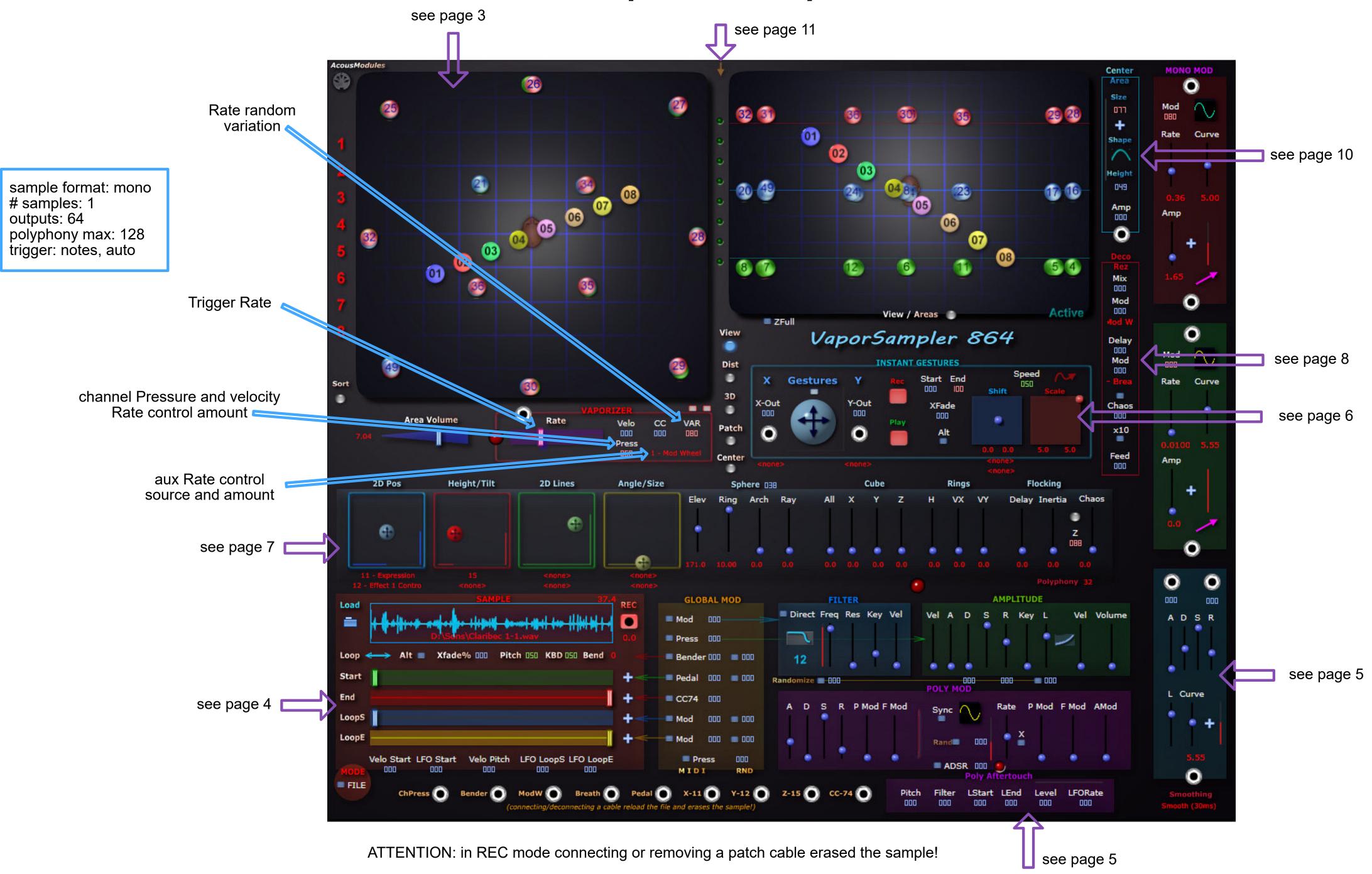




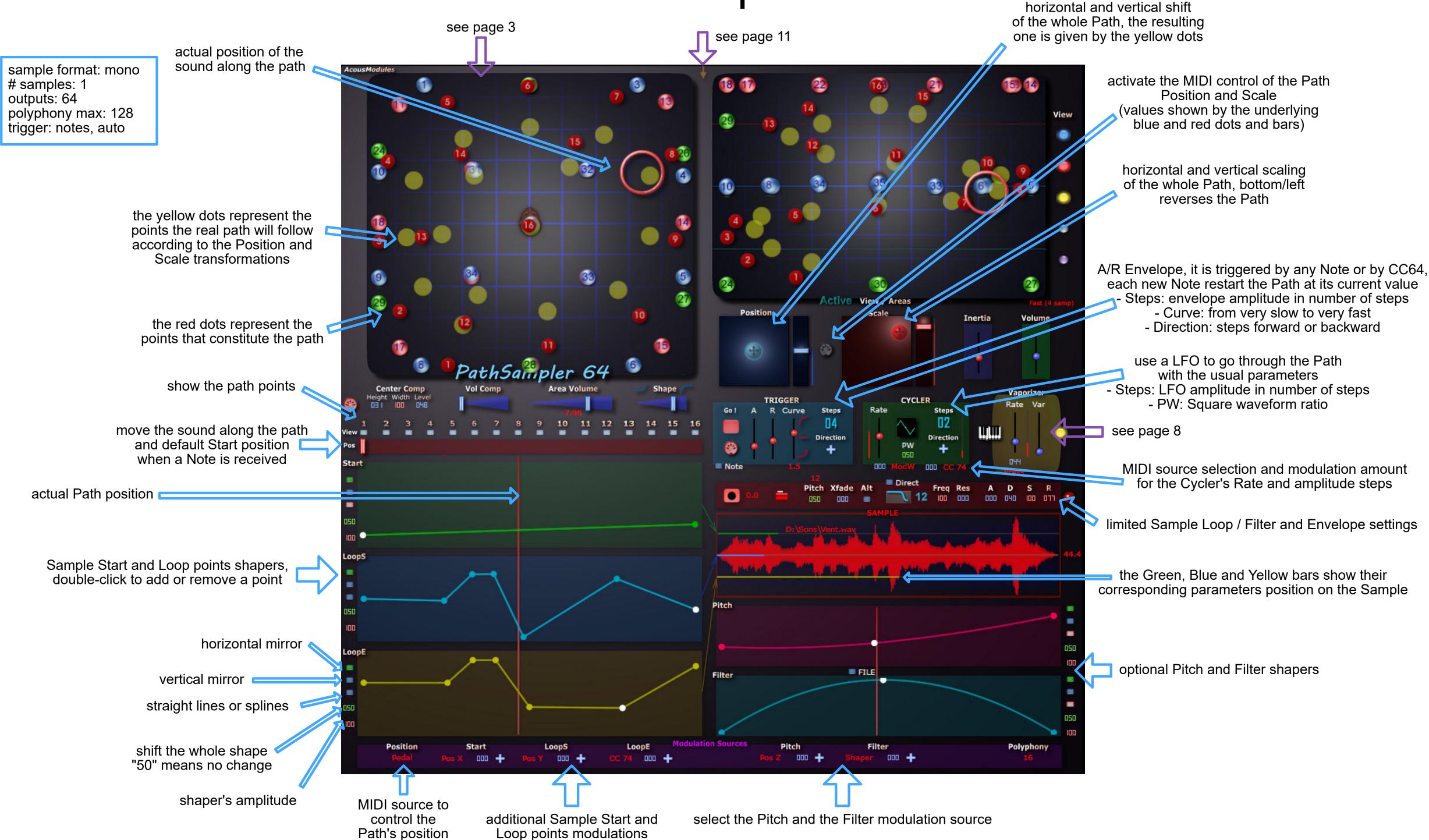
AnimaPlayer 864



VaporSampler 864



PathSampler 64



"generators"

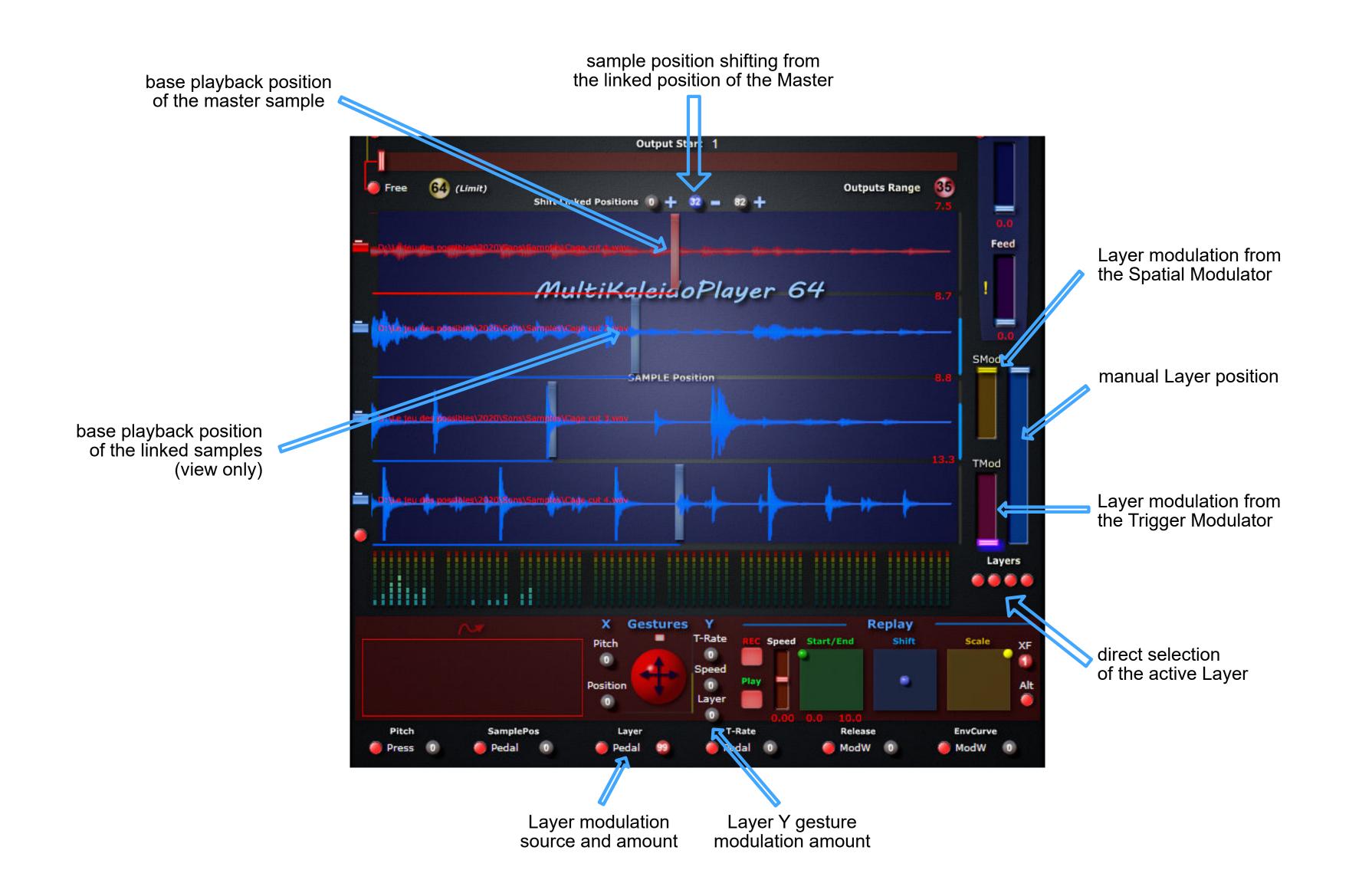
KaleidoSampler 64 & 128

Spatial Modulator:

by default controls the output position inside the Range waveform: Sine, Saw, Triangle, Square Rate with visual feedback +/- = longer / shorter sample format: mono Multimode Filter # samples: 1 + 1 activation and settings: outputs: 64 / 128 Pitch base +/- 5 oct Frequency / Resonance polyphony max: (128) quantization of the modulator output purple variation: steps max number Modulation / Mode / Slope trigger: auto yellow variation: slide of voices/grains see page 8 sample position modulations: ADR curve, from slow to fast Filter Direct Volume DecoRez purple from the Trigger Modulator Grains Envelope + yellow from the Spatial Modulator select the Trigger mode (normal use) or the One Shot mode Waveform, Rate and output Triggers' rate, the actual value depends on the Var amount amplitude of the modulator in One Shot mode: press the button to shot a single note Length: sustain duration before being able to retrig FILE Straight: the sound is sent to discrete channels Panner: the sound is panned between adjacent channels Straight **SAMPLE Position** (good for slow movements but uses more CPU) modulation amount from the Trig Modulator Kaleido Salanlar 65 base playback position in the sample, (hold Ctrl/Cmd keys for fine movements) select LFO or Shaper, the Rate applies for both if MIDI controlled better use a 14 bits message Feed the Shaper can replace the LFO waveform: double-click to add/remove a point Outputs Range 30 (Limit) 64 Free first output of the range to be modulated buttons: Red = straight or spline, Replay Blue = vertical mirror, Green = horizontal mirror Free mode: use the cursor determines the Sample mode: the output follows the position of the Sample playback cursor see page 6 Pitch 🧶 Press 🕦 implePos 🥮 Pedal 🕠 💮 T-Rate 🥮 Peda number of outputs MIDI modulation sources and amount to be used from the in Sample mode sets the higher 1st selected one see next page possible channel number

MultiKaleidoPlayer 64

sample format: mono # samples: 4 outputs: 64 polyphony max: (128) trigger: auto

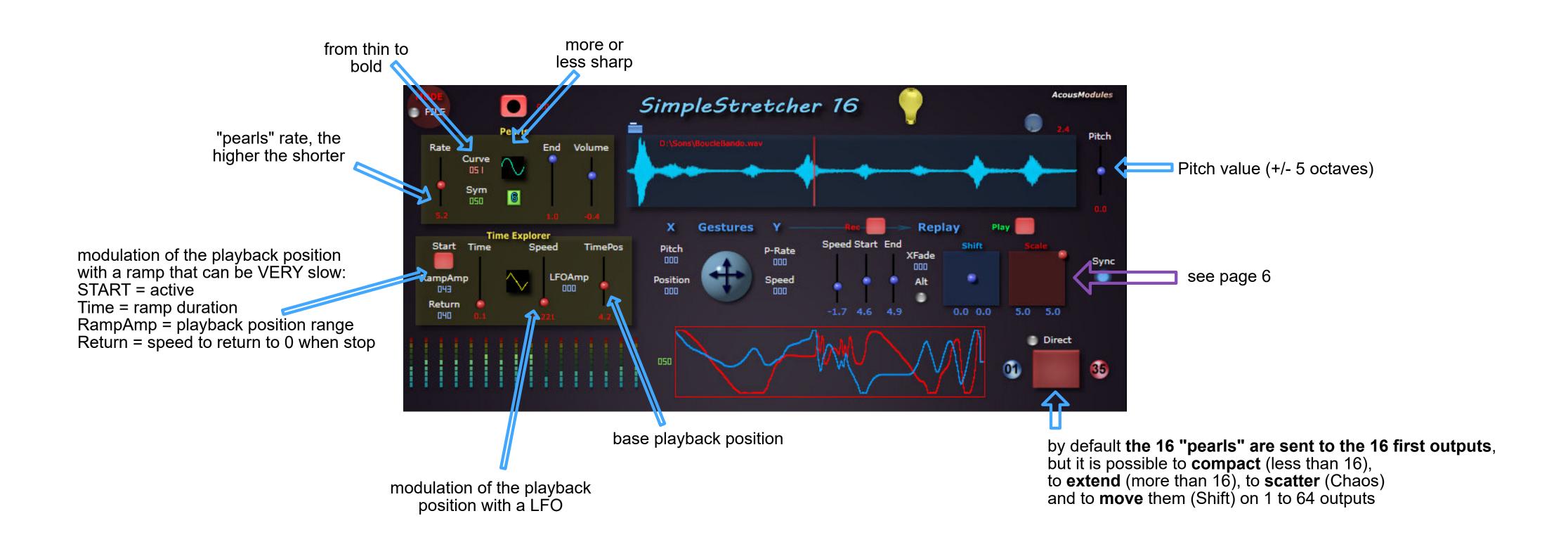


sample format: mono # samples: 1 outputs: 16 polyphony max: trigger: continuous

SimpleStretcher 16

purpose:

the amplitude of the sample is modulated according to a number of sliding windows like in some Time-Stretch algorithms, each one being sent to a different output to form a "necklace" of "pearls", which you can set and modulate the size, the shape, the position in the sample and the pitch



StretchSampler 1664

sample format: mono

samples: 1 outputs: 64

polyphony max: 128 trigger: continuous

purpose:

the amplitude of the sample is modulated according to a number of sliding windows like in some Time-Stretch algorithms, each one being sent to a different output to form a "necklace" of "pearls", which you can set and modulate the size, the shape, the position in the sample and the pitch



START = active Time = ramp duration RampAmp = playback position range Return = speed to return to 0 when stop

modulation of the playback position

with a ramp that can be VERY slow:

see page 7

more or less sharp

higher the shorter

from thin to bold

samples: 1 ScattSampler 64 outputs: 64 polyphony max: trigger: manual/continuous representation of the 64 representation representation of Loop End positions, if ithey representation of the 64 representation of the 64 Sample Start of the 64 Filter are before the Start the sample show the dot values on the matrix Pitch values the 64 outputs values on this channel is played backward and Loop positions **Cutoff frequencies** Sample Start/Restart the sample Shifts all the values by the same amount common settings of Filter the multimode filters: Type 24 0 0 Type = 12/24 dB/octMode = LP/BP/HP/Notch Resonance 64 sample playback positions Scales the values Modulators according to there number: 0 = no scaling +1 = the higher number -1 = Scaling Curve from very slow to very fast Mod A Wave Shape (Pitch and Cutoff only) A = amplitude P = phase L = Length ----- Scatter ----random values, Seeds = new values Mod A Mod B 0

sample format: mono

sample format: mono # samples: 1 Texturizer outputs: 64 polyphony max: show the dot values on the matrix trigger: manual/continuous representation representation of Start/Restart the sample (the file must contain loop informations, of the 64 representation of representation the 64 Frequency Modulation amplitudes representation of of the 64 Filter the levels values Pitch values the 64 outputs values otherwise it will be played only one time) **Cutoff frequencies** Texturer 64X Shifts all the values by the same amount ----- Shift -----FM oscillators waveform and frequency common settings of Filter the multimode filters: Type 24 Type = 12/24 dB/oct Mode = LP/BP/HP/Notch Resonance Scales the values Modulators according to there number: 0 = no scaling +1 = the higher number 0 0 0 -1 = Mod A Scaling Curve from very slow to very fast 000 0 ----- Wave -----(Amplitude / Phase / Length) Mod A Wave Shape (Pitch and Cutoff only) A = amplitude P = phase 0 L = Length ----- Scatter -----Rate random values, Seeds = new values Mod B Mod A mixed spectrum 0 0 0 0 0

multi samples

TouchSampler 48 & TouchPlayer 48 sample format: mono # samples: 48 outputs: 64 polyphony max: trigger: notes, gesture amplitude control: **MIDI Note** purpose: use multitouch surface controllers like the Sensel Morph CC, Poly AT Loop crossfade amplitude envelope select alternate or the EraeTouch to trig samples and to control their intensity, Attack + Release or Velocity (not in alt mode) Loop mode works also with keyboards with Polyphonic Aftertouch activate the show the amplitude peaks Sample Pad G 2 • AT sample Pitch "50" means ____ original End +/- 5 octaves to all the C#3 • AT samples pitch CONTROLS 000 001 053 MIDI CC select **Global Pitch Rnd Pitch** adds a random **Bend Range** value for each level control view ____ received note Loop modulation Loop Mod source and amount sample peak view G 4 • AT (all pads) Pedal **Global Release** sample Start/End in %, if End is before CC and Poly AT Start the sample is input curve played backwards CC Curve C#5 • AT 000 001 053 025 113 CC and Poly AT OUTPUTS input min and max values Shift 0 Pitch Xfade Alt A R 050 000 00 1 053 Scale 2 End Chaos 01 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 TouchSampler 48

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select the sample pads to show

Mouse Pad note trigger:

horizontal axis = Notes
vertical axis = velocity
works only for the pads set to Velocity

show the Mouse Pad

set the lower and the higher notes

gesture threshold to trig a note length quantification (also depends of the

host buffer setting)

random notes pitch around the mouse position

the following ones are similar to the TouchSampler and TouchPlayer but with a layout and some special features relative to the controllers

ARQSampler 32

in Grip Mode show the

Yaw / Pitch values

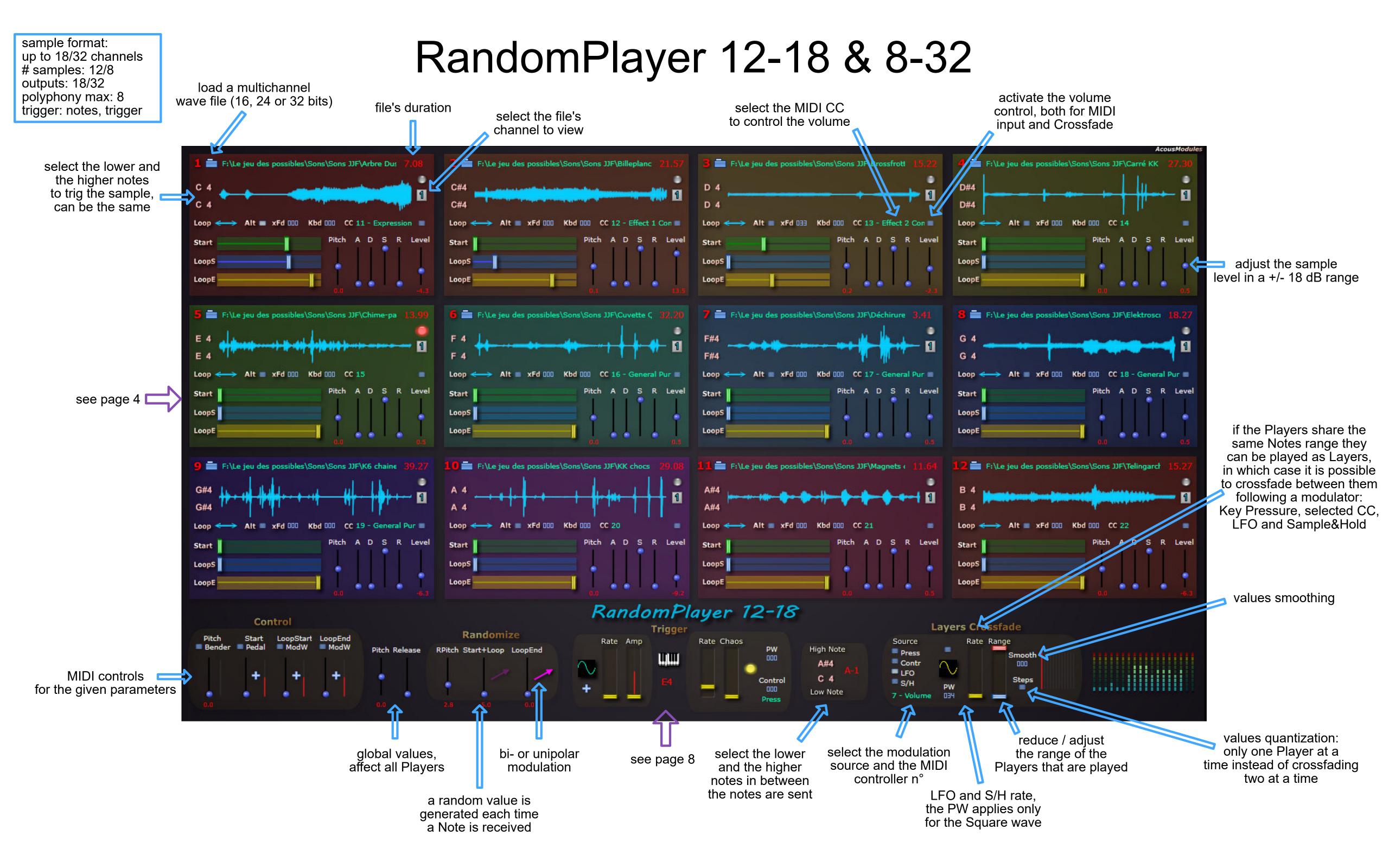


BlockPlayer 25

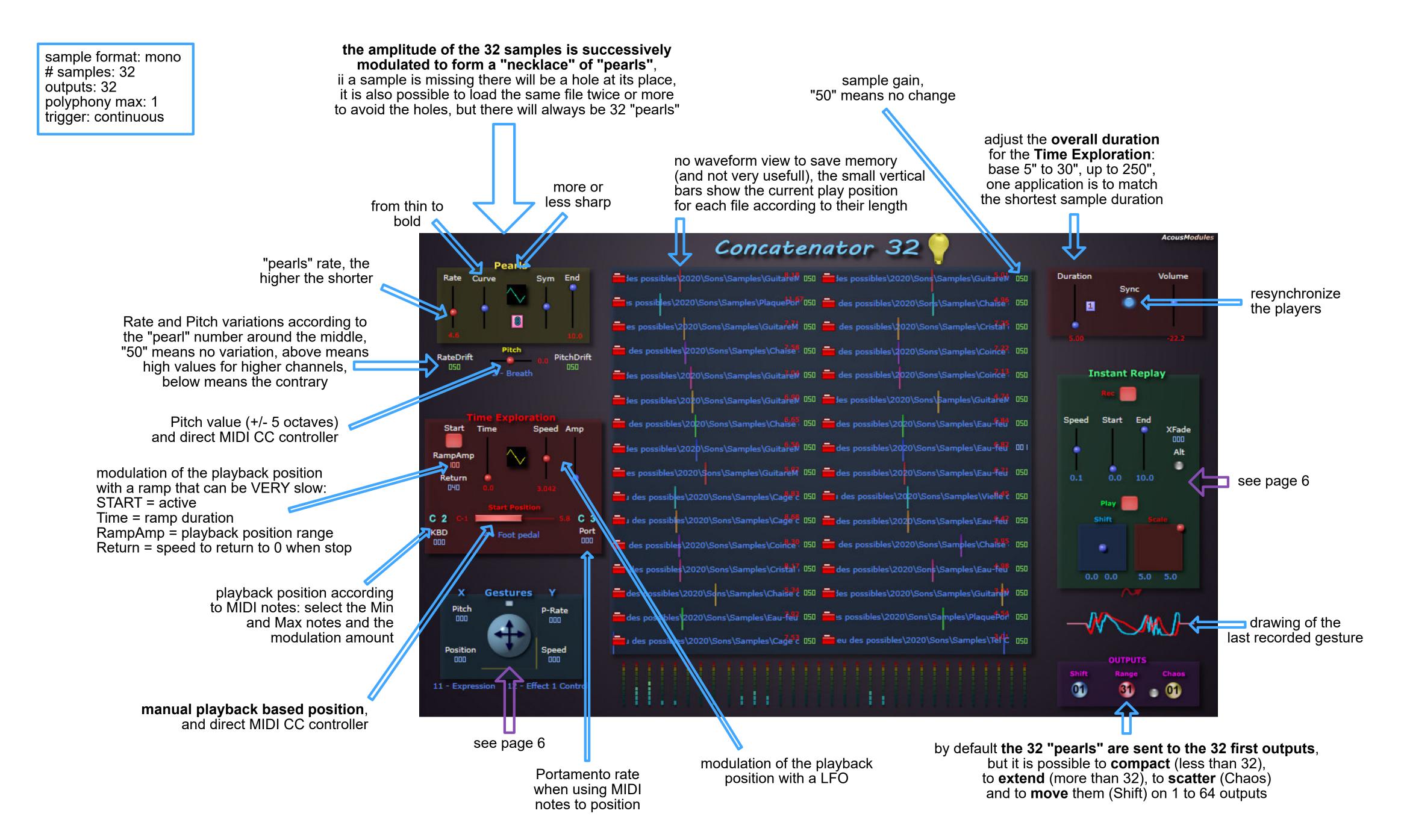
to very fast



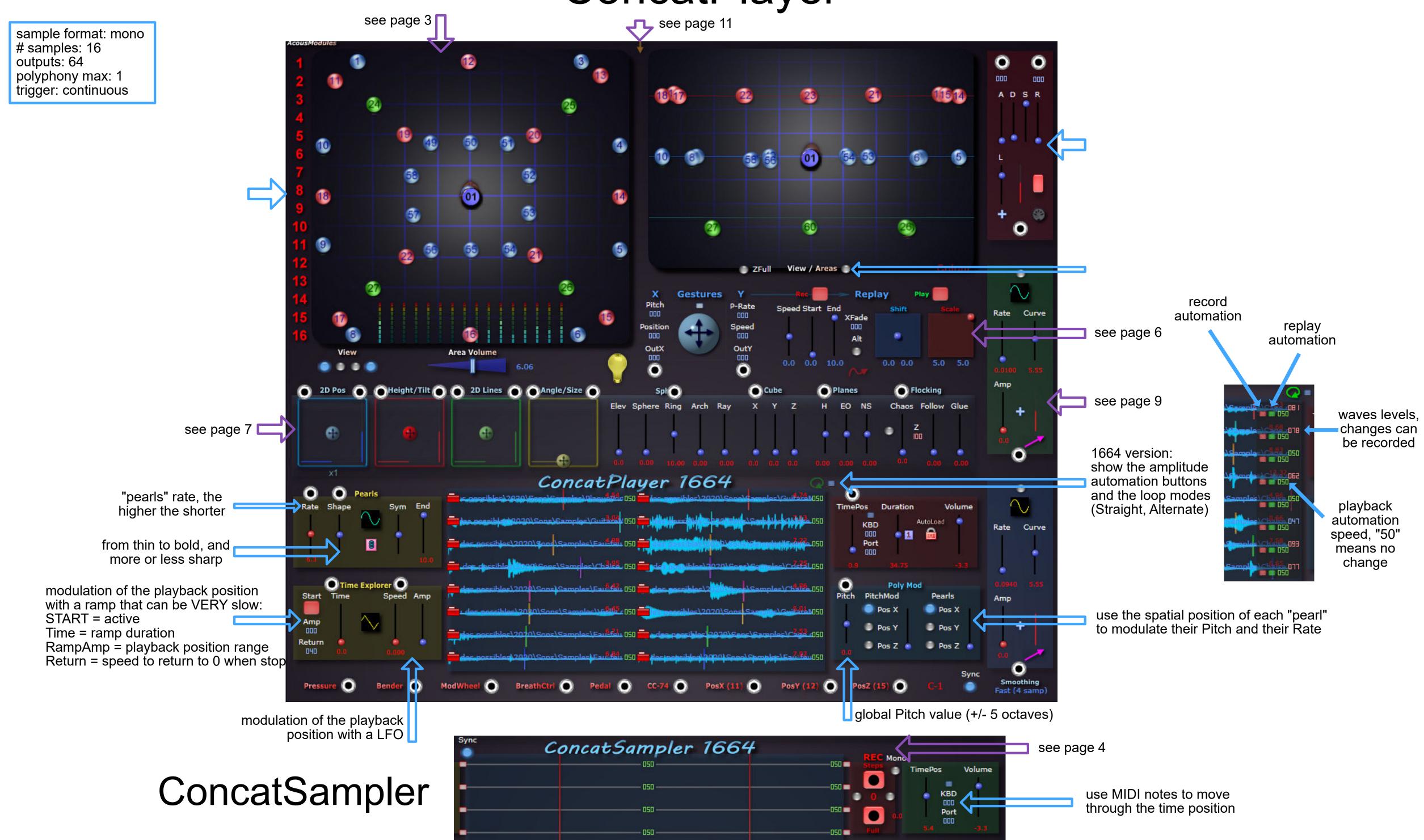
the 25 sample blocs are simply connected to the 25 outputs the Lightpad must be set with a 5x5 grid, each pad sending a Note + Polyphonic Aftertouch



Concatenator 32



ConcatPlayer

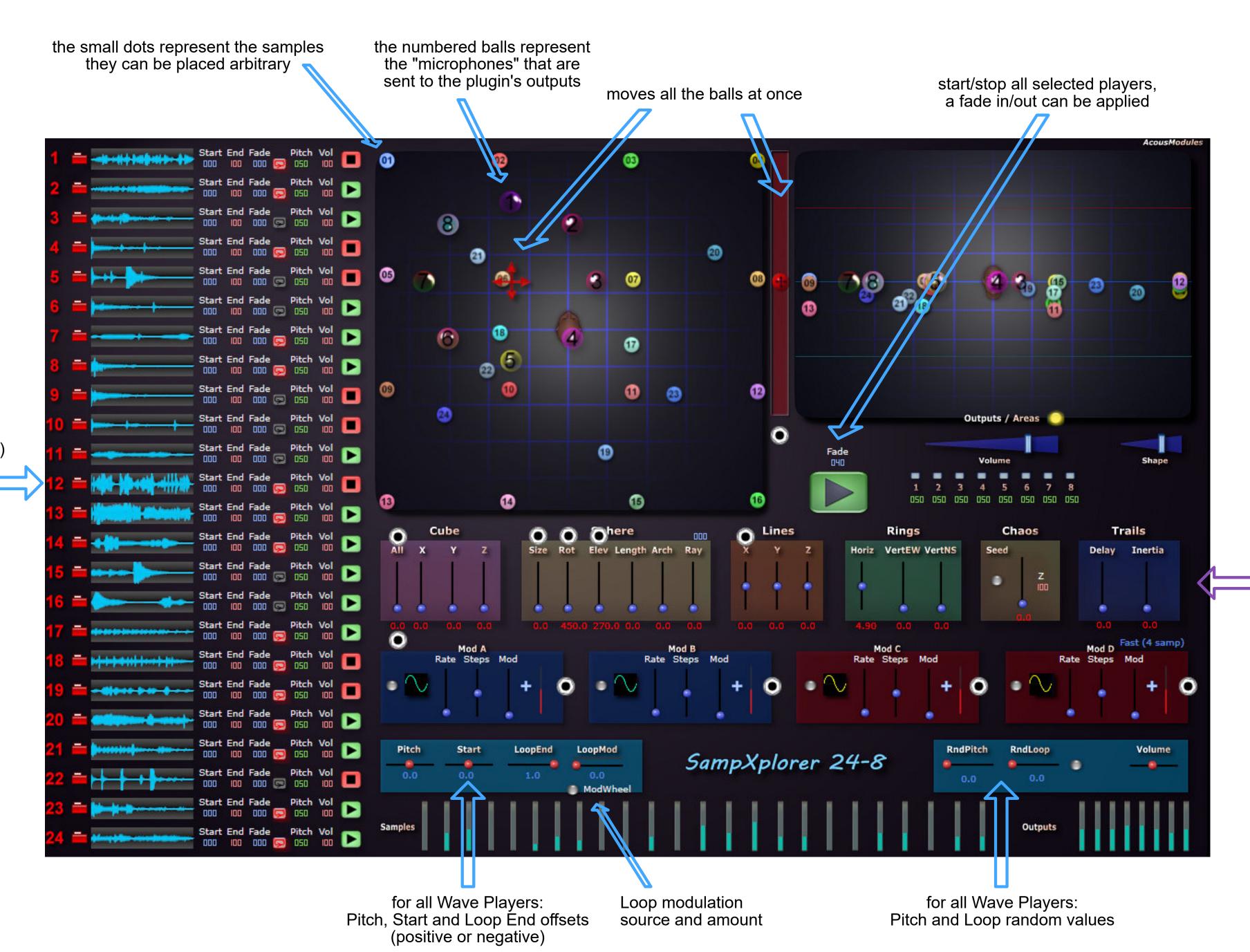


SampXplorer 24-8 & 32-16

sample format: mono # samples: 24 / 32 outputs: 8 / 16 polyphony max: trigger: manual/continuous

24/32 identical Wave Players:

- sample activation(reflected on the spatial views)- load a way file (mono or stereo)
 - sample/looop start and loop end settings
 - alternate loop optionpitch and volume
 - Start / Stop playing



see page 7, but the shapes control here the outputs the 32-16 version has two independent sets of spatial shapes for channels 1-8 and 9-16

MultiSampler 16, 32 & 64

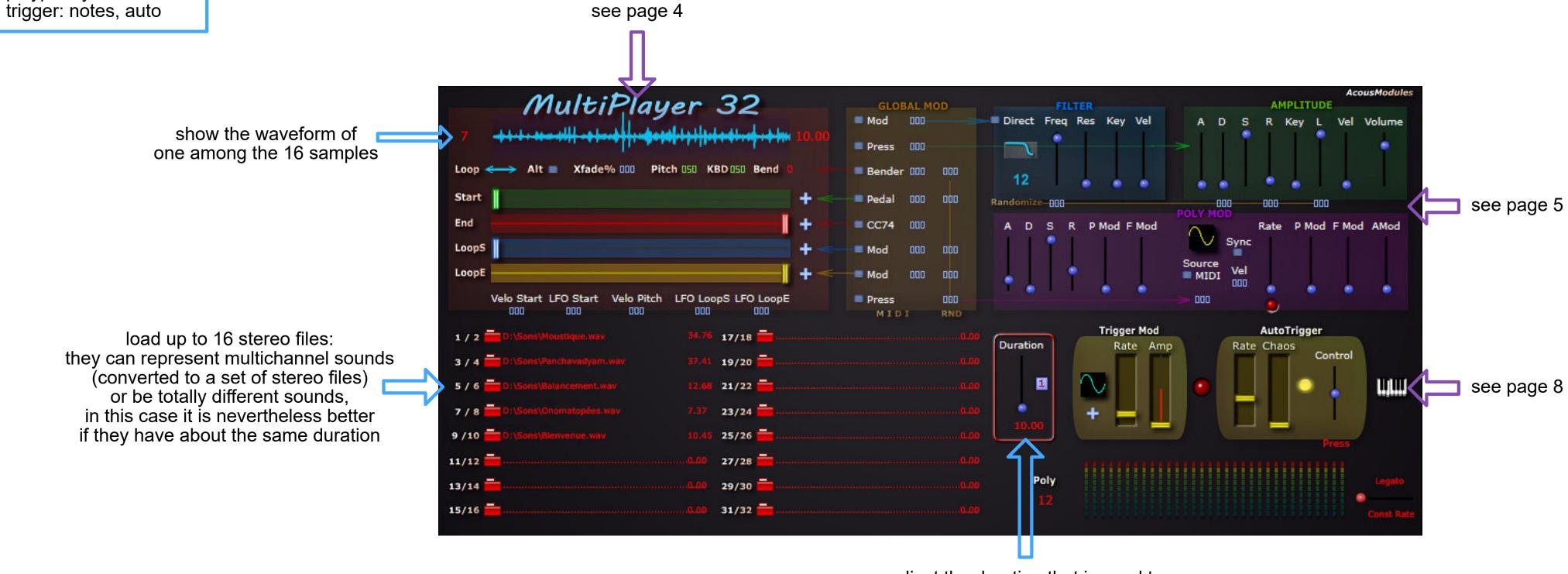
sample format: 16 / 32 / 64

samples: 1 outputs: 16 / 32 / 64 polyphony max: (128) trigger: notes, auto



MultiPlayer 32

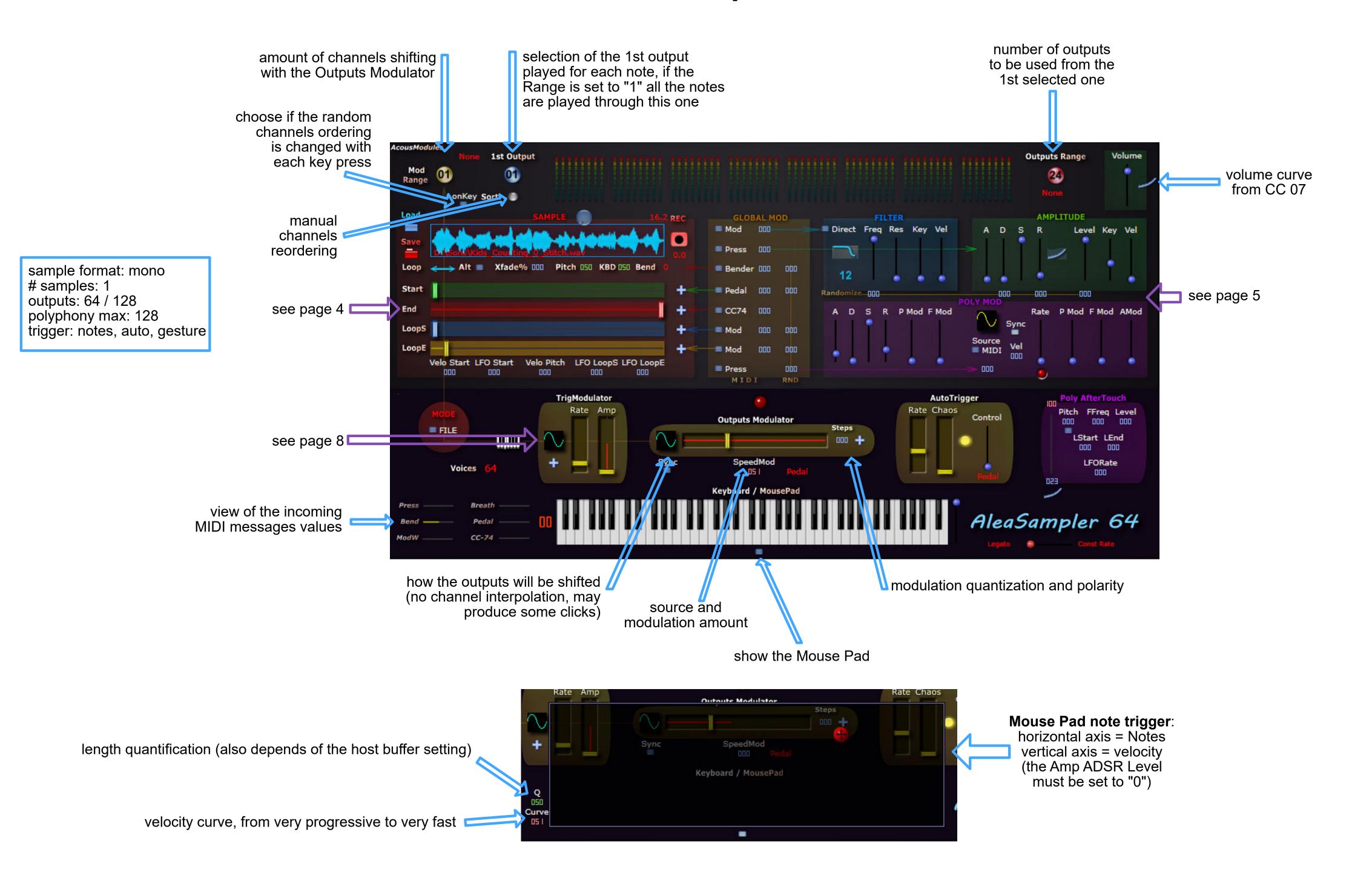
sample format: stereo # samples: 16 outputs: 32 polyphony max: 128 trigger: notes, auto



adjust the duration that is used to modulate the samples positions, in case of a multichannel source it must be the same value as any file, otherwise: shorter ones will result silence at the end, longer ones the end will be ignored

others ...

AleaSampler 64 & 128

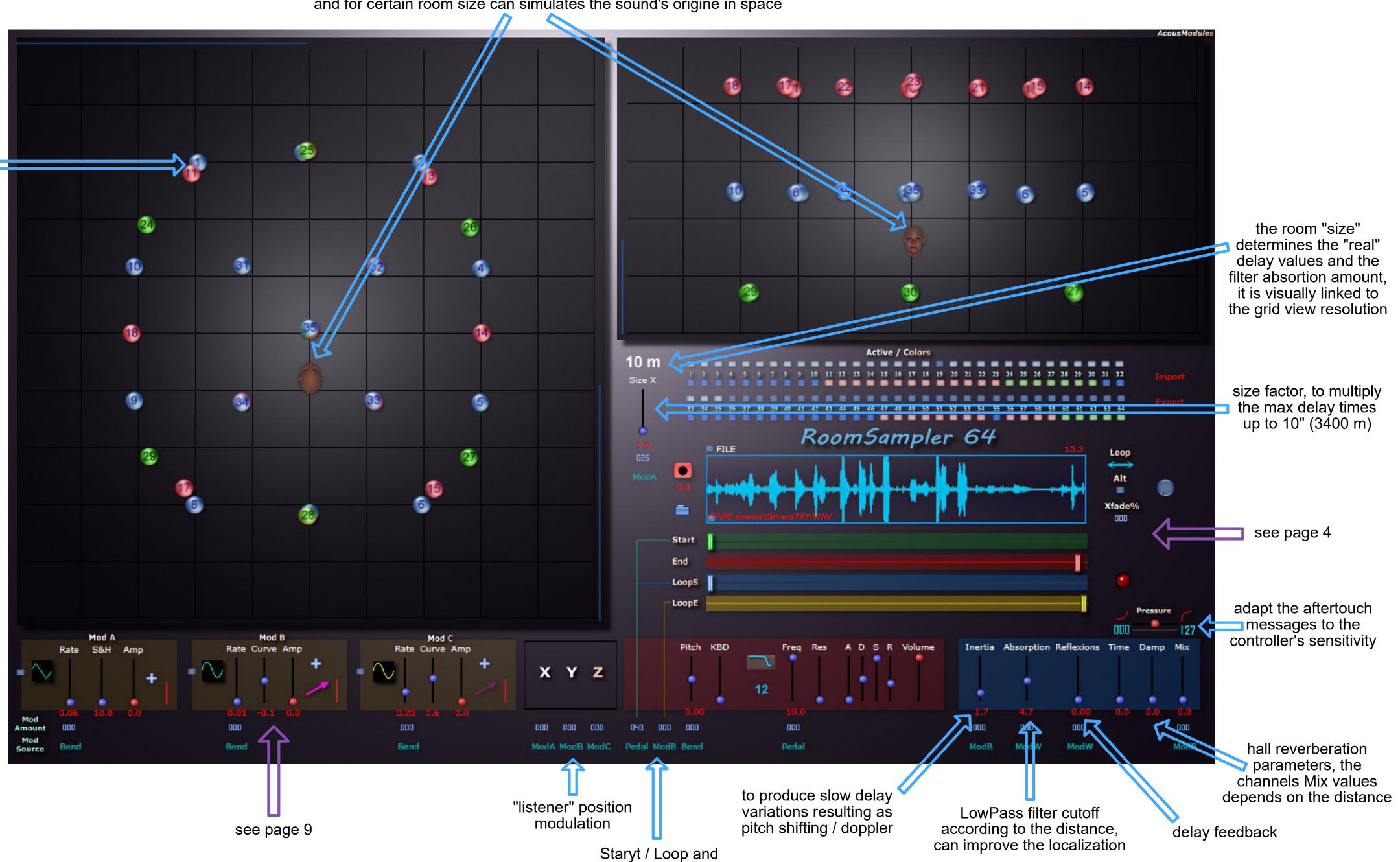


sample format: mono # samples: 1 outputs: 64 polyphony max: trigger: notes

RoomSampler 64

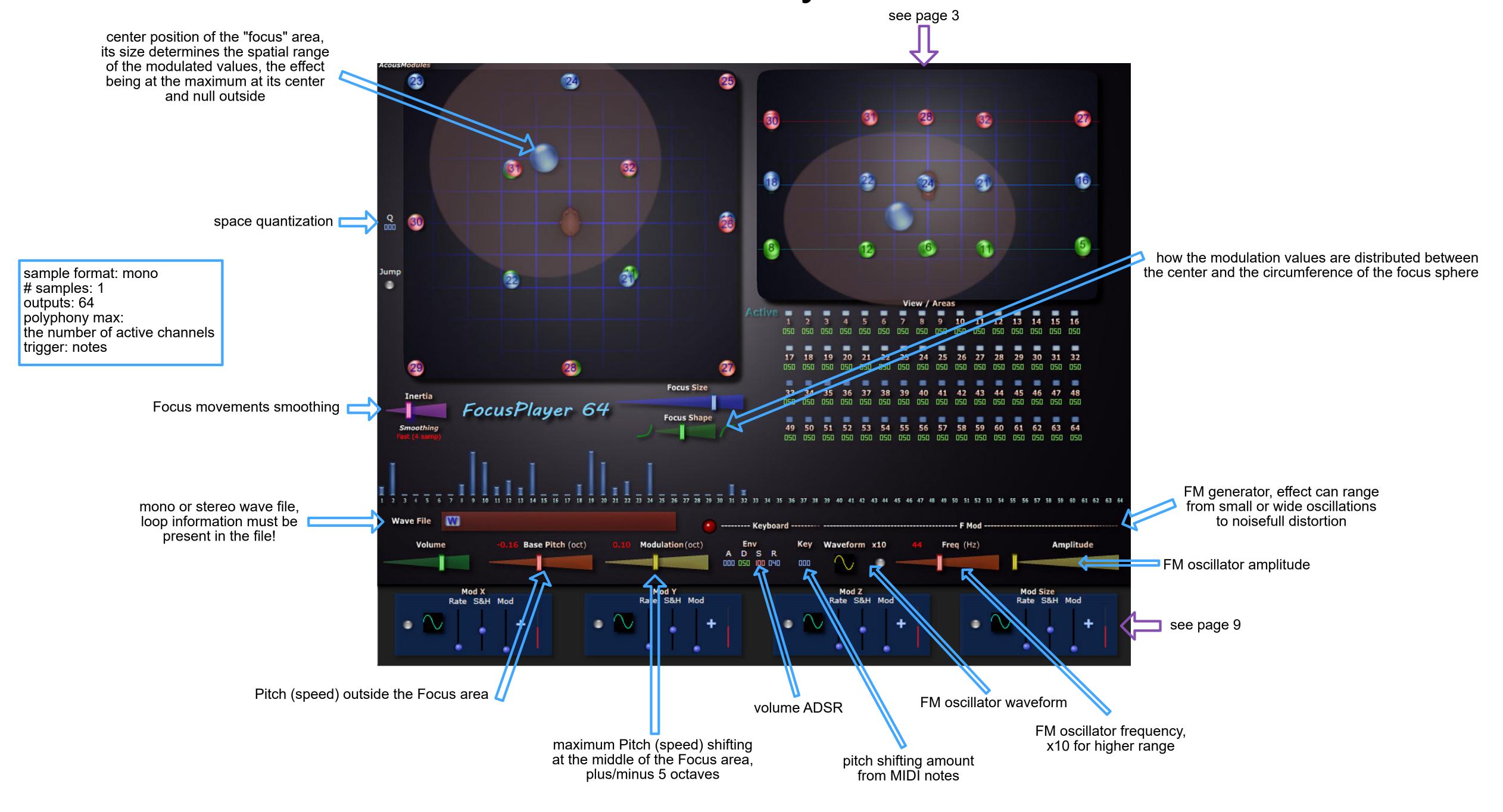
the position of the "listener", it determines the relative delay values of every channel and for certain room size can simulates the sound's origine in space

speaker or sound's channel position, proportionnal to their real ones or to get a special effect, their distance to the "listener" is used to calculate the delays, the filters and the reverberations values



LoopEnd modulations

FocusPlayer



SampleShaper 16 see page 4 start or restart the sample view of the 16 transformed spectral shapes (editable, but edition is lost when the spectral controls change) O Start Pitch 🔘 interpolation curve shape: sample format: mono Linear, Spline or Lagrange, O LoopS # samples: 1 the None option means outputs: 16 O LoopE 'no interpolation", thus provides polyphony max: 0.0 isolated sinus that can be 0 🗆 trigger: auto usefull for resonant effects master filter curve, double-click to add or remove a point, up to 16 can be animated the curve can be saved 200 500 750 1K to disk and shared with other plugins Spline horizontal and vertical mirror to compensate for the loss of energy when no interpolation is selected, attention: high levels can be generated! 000 000 Volume SampleShaper 16 frequency domain variations activate the plugin 2048 moves each channel Mod C Rate S&H Mod Mod D Rate S&H Mod Mod F Rate S&H Mod Mod B Mod E Rate S&H Mod Rate S&H Mod shape points according to its number: 0 0 the lower to the left and the higher to the right amplitude domain FFT parameters: window size and overlap,

ATTENTION: in REC mode connecting or removing a patch cable erased the sample!

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a larger window means a more accurate

spectrum but a slower processing

random

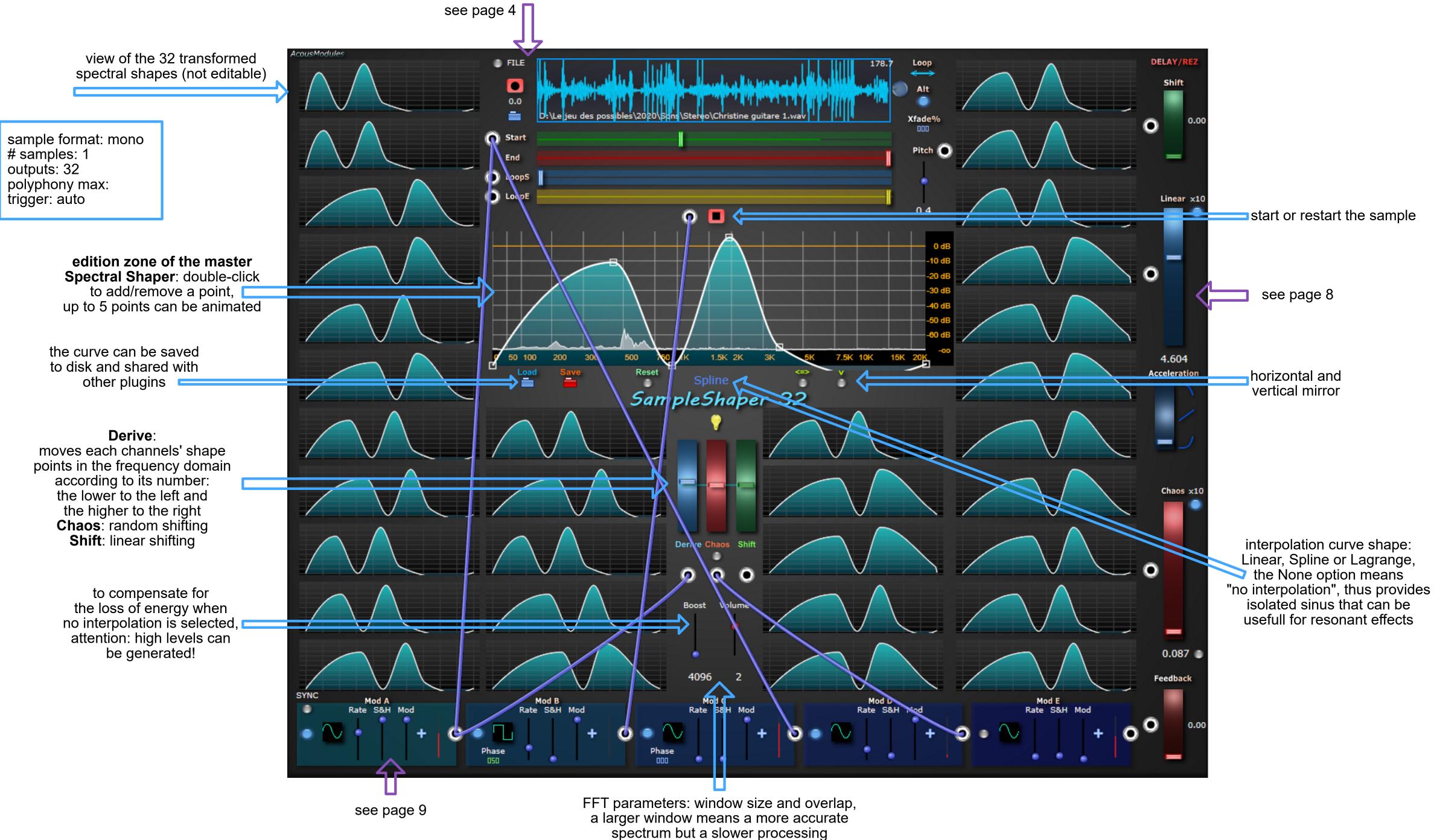
shifting

linear

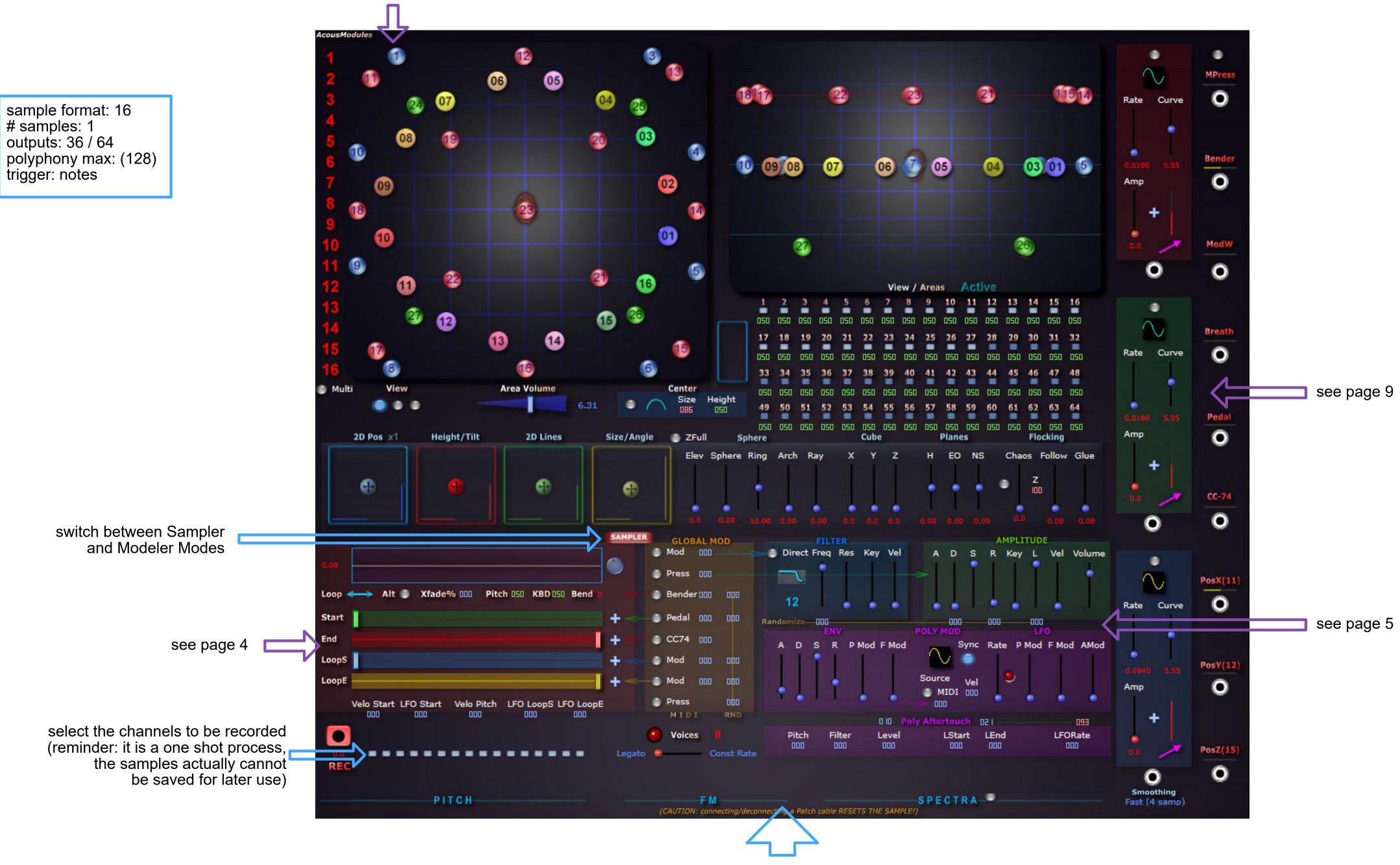
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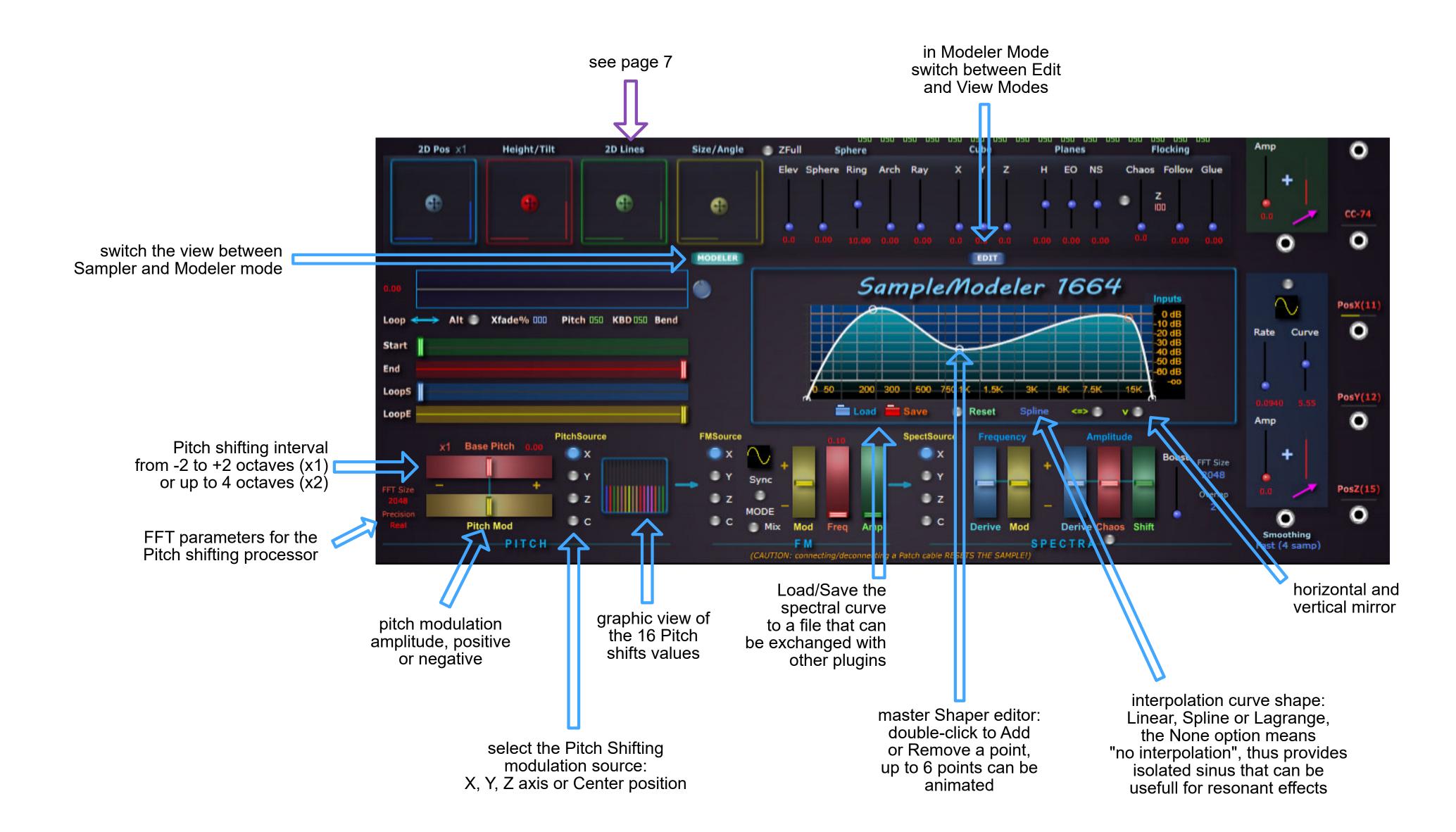
variations

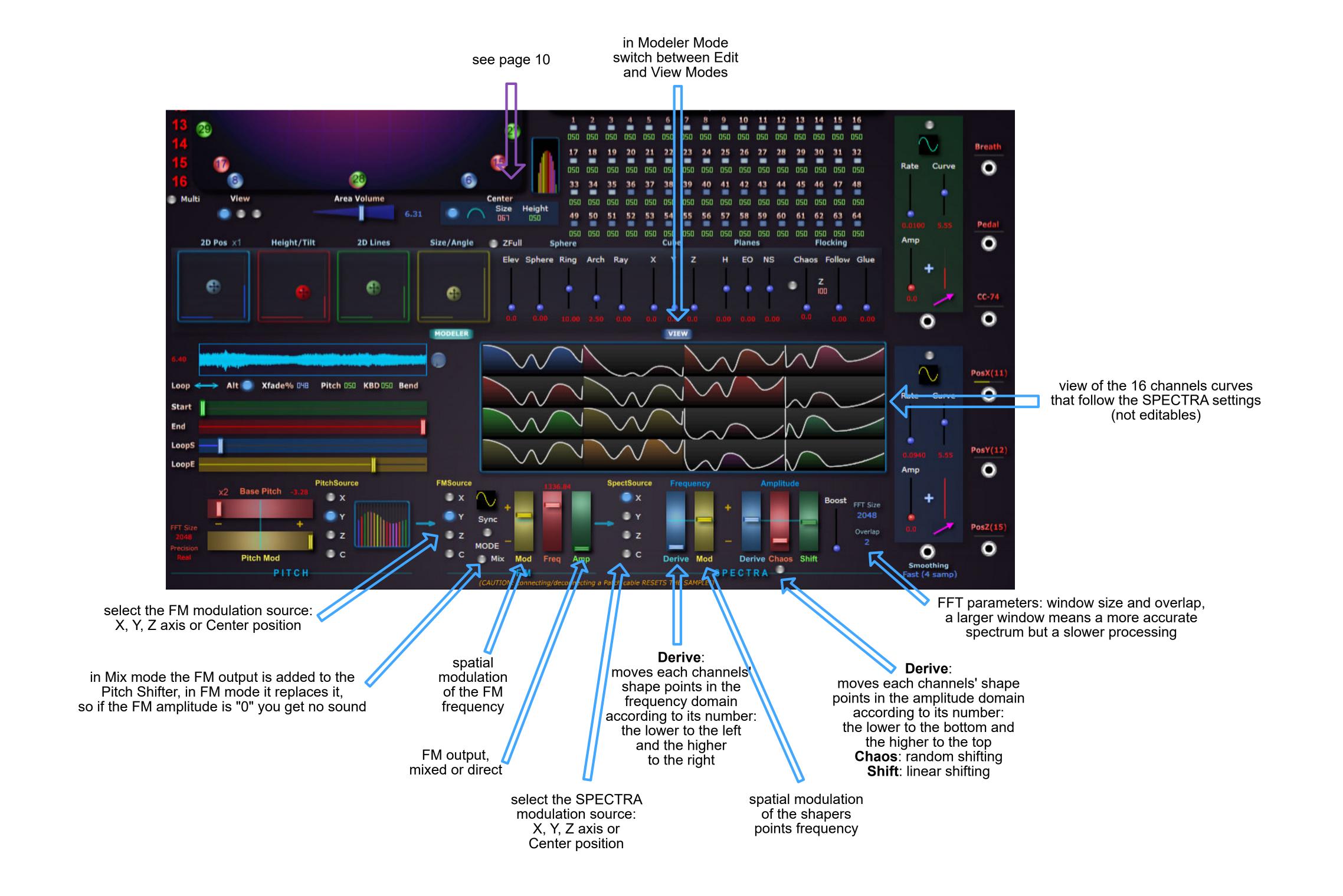
SampleShaper 32



SampleModeler 1636 & 1664







AmbiSampler 1ST

sample format: 4 ch # samples: 1 outputs: 4 polyphony max: trigger: notes, auto

