## Acousmodules

# Spatialization Series - Fast Help 

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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


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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"
versioning: the plugins don't use versions numbers but their build date: right click on the background to show it


## A number of plugins can share the same features

## common features 1: the "3D" spatial layout

Plugins:
AnimaSpat3D
FocusMass
MassLayers
MultiMass
OctoMass
OctoMorph
ScaleMass
SpaceScaler
SpaceXplorer
Spat3D
SpatMass
SpatPath
SpatSteps
TetraMass
ZyliaMass
(Top View) place the numbered output symbols according to the loudspeakers spatial positions, it has not to be rigouros: the more they are visually 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 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
(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
periphonic layouts center compensation, ts 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
shows the levels values for each output according to the position of the first input it can help to adjust the graphic distance between the outputs and the Area settings

## common features 2: multichannel Groups and Shapes



common features 3: the Modulators and the Patch System


## 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.

| am36 | am64 | aml3 | am3d |
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| AggregaSynth | AnimaPlayer 864 | AnimaSpat 48L | SpacedAnalyzer 64 |
| AnimaPlayer 836 | AnimaSampler 864 | AnimaSpat 848L | SpacedBass 60.4 |
| AnimaSpat 836 | AnimaSpat 864 | AnimaPlayer 848 | SpacedConvert 64 |
| 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 |
| FocusFilter 36 | ConcatSampler 1664 | SpatSynth 48L | SpacedView 64 |
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| FocusPlayer 36 | Distances 64 |  |  |
| FocusRing 36 | FocusDelay 64 |  |  |
| FocusSynth 36 | FocusFilter 64 |  |  |
| FocusVerb 36 | FocusGrains 64 |  |  |
| FocusVox 36 | FocusMass 64 |  |  |
| MassModeler 1636 | FocusPitch 64 |  |  |
| MassSynth 1636 | FocusPlayer 64 |  |  |
| Room 3610 | FocusRing 64 |  |  |
| SampleModeler 1636 | FocusShifter 64 |  |  |
| ScaleMass 2436, 3236 | FocusSynth 64 |  |  |
| SpaceBrush 18 | FocusVerb 64 |  |  |
| SpaceConverter 36 | MassGrains 1664 |  |  |
| SpaceEditor 36 | MassModeler 1664 |  |  |
| Spat3D 218 | MassSampler 1664 |  |  |
| Spat3D 236 | MassSynth 1664 |  |  |
| Spat3D 836 | MorphPlayer 864 |  |  |
| SpatDelay 1636 | MorphSampler 864 |  |  |
| SpatHaas 136 | MPESampler 64 |  |  |
| SpatMass 818 | MPESpat 864 |  |  |
| SpatMass 1636 | OctoMass 864 |  |  |
| SpatSteps 36 | OctoMorph 64 |  |  |
| SpatStrument 18 | PathSampler 64 |  |  |
| SpectraMass 36 | Room 64 |  |  |
| SpectraShaper 1636 | RoomSampler 64 |  |  |
| ZyliaMass 1936 | SampleModeler 1664 |  |  |
|  | ScaleMass 864, 1664, 3264 |  |  |
|  | ScaleSampler 864 |  |  |
|  | SpaceBrush 264 |  |  |
|  | SpaceEditor 64 |  |  |
|  | Spat3D 264, 864, 1664 |  |  |
|  | SpatDelay 1664 |  |  |
|  | SpatMass 864, 1664 |  |  |
|  | SpatPath 64 |  |  |
|  | SpatSteps 64 |  |  |
|  | SpatStrument 64 |  |  |
|  | SpatSynth3D 64 |  |  |
|  | SpectraMass 1664 |  |  |
|  | SpectraShaper 1664 |  |  |
|  | StretchSampler 1664 |  |  |
|  | VaporSampler 864 |  |  |
|  | ZyliaMass 1964 |  |  |
|  | ZoneDelay 64 |  |  |
|  | ZoneFilter 64 |  |  |
|  | ZonePitch 64 |  |  |
|  | ZoneShaper 64 |  |  |
|  | ZoneVerb 64 |  |  |
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## "spat" series

they process separately a few inputs

## Spat3D 218, 236, 264 \& 280

purpose:
place and spread a mono/ stereo sound inside an up to 64 channels bi or tridimensional loudspeakers space, animate its position and its size in the host
stereo input links, the Right one follows the Left one: XYZ shifting, "50" means the same value
= Symmetry, "100" means normel, "0" inverted
decrease the overall volume when the Area Volume is increased ti simulate a constant power or energy panner or other effects

in the 218 version both Left and Right distance/levels values are visible

## Spat3D 836 / 864 / 1664

 once the Area settings adjusted for it it will work the same for the other Inputs

## SpatLayers 248-3 \& 264-4



## purpose:

place and spread an up to eight channels sound sounds inside a tridimensional loudspeakers space organized as up to three height layers, animate the positions and the sizes in the host

## SpatLayers 848

| horizontal position |
| :---: |
| of the eight Inputs |

elevation position of the eight


## purpose:

a larger Focus will spread the sound

## SweetSpat L4 \& L6

animate its position with the integrated gestures recorder

Azimut $=$ position on the circumference Radius = Layers

Focus will spread th
among the Layers

(elevation or concentric circles) select the number of
ayers to be calculated
select and active the MIDI CC control of the spatial position

## purpose:

place and spread a mono sound inside a normalized periphonic loudspeakers space, with distance simulation animate its position with the integrated gestures recorder

## "mass" series

they process more than two inputs as a group
purpose:
place and organize an up to eight channels sound inside an up to 64 channels tridimensional loudspeakers space,

## animate and automate the

transformations of its spatial shape in the host

## SpatMass 818, 836 \& 864




## SpatMass 1636 \& 1664

see page $3 \square$

show/hide the Router/Mixer view

purpose: to 64 channels sound or a combination of four up to 16 channels sounds inside a tridimensional loudspeakers space, animate and automate the transformations of its spatial shapes in the host (but slowly ...)
edition zone for the speakers and Shapes view for the selected group

## MultiMass



## purpose:

## place and organize an up

 to eight channels sound inside a tridimensional loudspeakers space organized as up to four height layers, animate and automate the transformations of its spatial shape in the host
## MassLayers 848



## ScaleMass 864, 1664, 2436, 3264



## MPESpat 864

## use an MPE compatible

 gesture controller to moveand animate an up to 5
channels sound inside a tridimensional

## loudspeakers space

see page 3
$\square$

purpose:
mix up to three stereo sounds in an up to 64 channels virtual space


## animations series

they integrate a modulation system to make the sound moving ...

## AnimaSpat 3D 64

purpose:
animate the position of a mono/stereo sound inside a tridimensional loudspeakers space with a combination of LFO modulators


## AnimaSpat 3D 48L

## animate the position of a

 mono/stereo sound inside a tridimensional loudspeakers space organized as up to three height layers with a combination of LFO modulators

## AnimaSpat 3D 836 \& 864

## purpose:

 animate and transform the position and the spatial shape of an up to 8 channels sound inside a tridimensional loudspeakers space with a combination of LFO and other modulators
 organized as up to three height layers with a combination of LFO and other modulators
 among 64 outputs of up to eight inputs according to independent or linked

## KaleidoMass 864



## purpose:

animate the position and the spread of a mono sound along a virtual line comprising up to 64 channels according to various modulators and MIDI notes

## SpatLine 64


shift to match the positions along the line
adjust the value to adapt the position to a keyboard range
use incoming
MIDI notes to jum to a specific position
purpose:
animate the position of a mono input along a series of discrete steps whose spatial organization can be transformed and triggered through various methods

## SpatSteps3D 36 \& 64


purpose: input along a path defined by up to 16 nodes whose spatial organization can be transformed and triggered through various methods

## SpatPath 1664



## "levels" series

they process the space at an elementary level ...

## purpose:

distribute amplitude of up to 32 inputs on series
of up to 4 outputs among 64 with level
control

MassInFaders 3264

animate the selection of an
output among 64 of a mono output among 64 of a mono including an arpeggiator, the "movements in space" can be recorded and edited as a traditional MIDI notes sequence

## SpatKeys 64

MIDI Note selection for each output channel,
the same note can be used for several outputs


## SpatTouch A \& C

$\square$
maximum values of the incoming message, they are automatically rescaled to the full control range



## others

## FocusMass 36 \& 64

purpose:
change and animate the amplitude of an up to 64 channels sound or space according to the size and shape of a spherical area
center position of the "focus" area, its size determines the spatial range of the amplitude variations

of the Focus sphere and silence outside "-" = produces the contrary (silence


## SpaceXplorer 328 \& 3216


purpose:
select/mix up to 32 inputs into a 8 or 16 channels spatial shape according to their spatial organization and movements

DisOrganizer
change globally the channels mapping of up to 64 inputs into 64 outputs according a few and simple transformation macros
visualization mapping
 (3)


## ScaleLine 1864 \& 6418

(see also the ScaleLine 64 in the Utilities section)
sets how the volume changes around each point, from very exponential to very fast


Drag the Input points along the path
(use Ctrl/Cmd keys for fine movements)
The grey numbers indicate the Outputs.
The more they are close to the the chanc
The effect depends on the Size and Shape settings.


## SpaceRotator

compatible spatial layouts:
one or two circles/squares on 1 to 4 levels, larger one from 6 to 12 channels


## SpaceShifter

compatible spatial layouts: up to 4 raws in 4 layers

## purpose:

rotate or shift an entire space of up to 64 channels who must respect some organizational constraints of the tridimensiona loudspeakers space (must be symmetrical)



## spatial microphones

variations on the SpatMass plugin dedicated to multichannel microphones
place and transform a 4 channels sound organized as a tetrahedron commonly found in "1st order

## ambisonics" microphones inside an

up to 64 channels tridimensional loudspeakers space;
works best for close up recordings!

TetraMass 464


## OctoMass 864

## purpose:

place and transform an 8 channels
sound organized as a shape found
in "2nd order ambisonics"
microphones inside an up to 64 channels tridimensional loudspeakers space


## OctoMorph 64

## purpose:

place and transform an 8 channels sound organized as basic shapes including from "2nd order ambisonics" microphones inside an up to 64 channels tridimensional loudspeakers space
special shape parameters according to 8 channels microphones such as the Voyage Audio SpatialMic $\square$ see previous page
purpose:
place and transform a 19 channels sound according to the spatial organization of the Zylia microphone inside an up to 64 channels tridimensional loudspeakers space; works best for close up recordings!

## ZyliaMass 1964



