### Acousmodules

# Spatialization Series - Fast Help

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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!



cmd

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

also, in general <u>Right Click to MIDI Learn</u> / 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"

About...

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. 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 "3D" spatial layout

**Plugins:** 

AnimaSpat3D

**Focus** Mass

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)

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

### 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:

BrushSampler 64

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Center Comp

ight Width Level 067 000

> change the Area size for all the outputs at once, the resulting levels are NOT compensated

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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



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

it can help to adjust the graphic distance between the outputs and the Area settings





### common features 2: 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



in the form of 4 / 8 / 4 circles

### common features 3: the Modulators and the Patch System

**Plugins:** AnimaSpat FocusMass

SpaceXplorer





### 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
AggregaSynth	AnimaPlayer 864	AnimaSpat 48I	SpacedAnalyzer 64
AnimaPlayer 836	AnimaSampler 864	AnimaSpat 848I	SpacedBass 60.4
AnimaSpat 836	AnimaSpat 864	AnimaPlayer 848	SpacedConvert 64
AnimaSynth 836	AnimaSpat 3D64	MassLavers 848	SpacedFilter 64
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FocusVerb 36	Focus Grains 64		
FocusVox 36	Focus Mass 64		
MassModeler 1636	FocusPitch 64		
MassSynth 1636	FocusPlayer 64		
Room 3610	Focus Ring 64		
SampleModeler 1636	Focus Shifter 64		
ScaleMass 2436 3236	Focus Synth 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		
ZvliaMass 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		
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**AnimaSpat** 



**DisOrganizer** 



**FocusMass** 



**MPESpat** 



<u>MultiMass</u>



**OctoMass** 





**SpaceShifter** 



**SpaceScaler** 



### **SpaceXPlorer**



### **SpatLine**



**SpatMass** 



### **SpatSteps**





**KaleidoMass** 



**MassInFaders** 



### **MassBlender**



**MassLayers** 











**ScaleMass** 













### **SpatLayers**







**SweetSpat** 





**ZyliaMass** 

### <u>SpatPath</u>



# "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 S = Symmetry, "100" means normel, "0" inverted

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

## Spat3D 836 / 864 / 1664



shows only the level / distance values for the 1st input, once the Area settings adjusted for it it will work the same for the other Inputs

purpose: place and spread an up to eight channels sound or up to eight mono sounds inside an up to 64 channels tridimensional loudspeakers space, animate the positions and the sizes in the host



purpose: place and spread a mono/ stereo sound inside a tridimensional loudspeakers space organized as up to four height layers, animate its position and its size in the host

## SpatLayers 248-3 & 264-4



visualization of the distance values and levels for each input and Layer

dispatched or grouped in height, the "+" sign means that the channels are added to the same height level giving more horizontal points

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

## SpatLayers 848





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

## SweetSpat LE



# "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

## SpatMass 818, 836 & 864



## SpatMass 1636 & 1664



### show/hide the Router/Mixer view



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





select the number of inputs, "64" means that they match the processed channels "1" means that the first one is duplicated on 64, other values will more or less be evenly distributed

purpose: place and organize an up 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

to help for the Area settings, shows only the first of each 16 channels group

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



visualization of the distance values and levels for each Input and Layer (can be hidden)

### purpose:

place and organize freely an up to 8 / 16 / 2 / 32 channels sound (or combination of lesser channels ones) inside a tridimensional loudspeakers space, animate and automate the transformations of its spatial shape in the host

## ScaleMass 864, 1664, 2436, 3264



of the whole Shape, the resulting one is given by the yellow dots horizontal and vertical scaling of the whole Shape, bottom/left reverses the Shape

## MPESpat 864

purpose: use an MPE compatible gesture controller to move and animate an up to 5 channels sound inside a tridimensional loudspeakers space

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

### **Pressure special settings**:

- input Min / Max values to adapt the controller's sensitivity - curve, from very progressive to very fast
- output Min / Max values to limit the elevation range - inertia to smooth the values changes when moving

with a smoothing/intertia factor

## MassBlender

### 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

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purpose: animate the position of a mono/stereo sound Active 33 inside a tridimensional loudspeakers space **Channel Select** organized as up to three 17 33 01 height layers with a 18 34 02 19 35 combination of LFO 03 20 36 - 114 44 modulators 37 22 38 23 39 -117 40 24 25 41 26 42 10 43 27 43 28 44 29 45 13 46 30 -14 31 47 15 16 32 48 16 1 2 3 see page 10 42 Areas Size Center Comp (Level/Area) 000 000 000 000 000 000 Areas Shape 1 Position **Radius Azimut Elevation** Height move all the inputs in the horizontal and vertical planes inputs organizations

LFO Rate, Phase ratio of the square wave, modulation amount and Waveform

along a sphere



## AnimaSpat 3D 836 & 864

see page 3 🗖 AcousModules 27 01 38 28 32 36 03 30 000 AnimaSpat 836X Position ZFull Cube Sphere Height Size Rot Elev Length Arch Ray see page 4 🗖 6 Animator Sync × Rate GRate YPhase Rate . . **Morph Modulator** Rate 💁 PW Sym Curve Master PosX PosY PosZ CubeX CubeY CubeZ LineX LineY LineZ Elev Size

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



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### Delay factor global Inertia / spatial smoothing applied to the raw XYZ positions

## AnimaSpat 3D 848L

purpose: animate and transform the position and the spatial shape of an up to 8 channels sound inside a tridimensional loudspeakers space organized as up to three height layers with a combination of LFO and other modulators



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## KaleidoMass 864

purpose: animate the selection among 64 outputs of up to eight inputs according to independent or linked LFO modulators



### **Spatial Modulators for each input channel**:

controls the output position inside the selected Range

Waveform and Rate settings

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



## SpatSteps3D 36 & 64

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



- PW: Square waveform ratio

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

![](_page_31_Figure_2.jpeg)

## SpatPath 1664

# "levels" series

they process the space at an elementary level ...

## MassInFaders 3264

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

![](_page_33_Figure_2.jpeg)

please note that there is (currently) no indication of the level in dB: it work only by the ears!

purpose: animate the selection of an output among 64 of a mono input according to MIDI Notes 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

![](_page_34_Figure_3.jpeg)

## SpatTouch A & C

![](_page_35_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_35_Figure_2.jpeg)

animate the amplitude of up to 64 inputs on up to 64 outputs according to the pressure carried out on a tactile control surface

purpose:

Poly Aftertouch or CC messages shaping, from very progressive to very fast

## others

well ...

## FocusMass 36 & 64

![](_page_37_Figure_1.jpeg)

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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

## SpaceXplorer 328 & 3216

![](_page_38_Figure_1.jpeg)

moves all the balls at once

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

## DisOrganizer

purpose: change globally the channels mapping of up to 64 inputs into 64 outputs according a few and simple transformation macros

![](_page_39_Figure_2.jpeg)

## ScaleLine 1864 & 6418

purpose: distribute a series of inputs along a virtual line by means of compression, expansion and organization global commands

(see also the ScaleLine 64 in the Utilities section)

![](_page_40_Picture_3.jpeg)

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 more chances are that they merge one in the other. The effect depends on the Size and Shape settings.

![](_page_40_Figure_5.jpeg)

![](_page_41_Picture_0.jpeg)

channels mapping, for both Inputs and Outputs

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

![](_page_41_Picture_3.jpeg)

![](_page_42_Figure_0.jpeg)

change the scale and the position distributed in up to 3 height layers

![](_page_42_Picture_4.jpeg)

![](_page_43_Figure_0.jpeg)

connect the plugin's Inputs to the Layers Inputs

connect the Layers Outputs to the plugin's Outputs

# spatial microphones

variations on the SpatMass plugin dedicated to multichannel microphones

purpose: 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!

![](_page_45_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_45_Figure_2.jpeg)

## 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

![](_page_46_Figure_2.jpeg)

## OctoMorph 64

see page 3 47 04 05 08 01 03 06 07 02 Area Volume Smoothing Fast (4 samp) special sound parameters for the 8 channels microphones  $\overline{\phantom{a}}$ microphone orientation M Mic FX 080 Wideness Focus Bass variable phase shifting R to enhance the spatial 000 000 000 impression ... 入 ሩ ራ bass boost click on the small buttons to jump to the shape

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

![](_page_47_Figure_3.jpeg)

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

![](_page_48_Figure_2.jpeg)