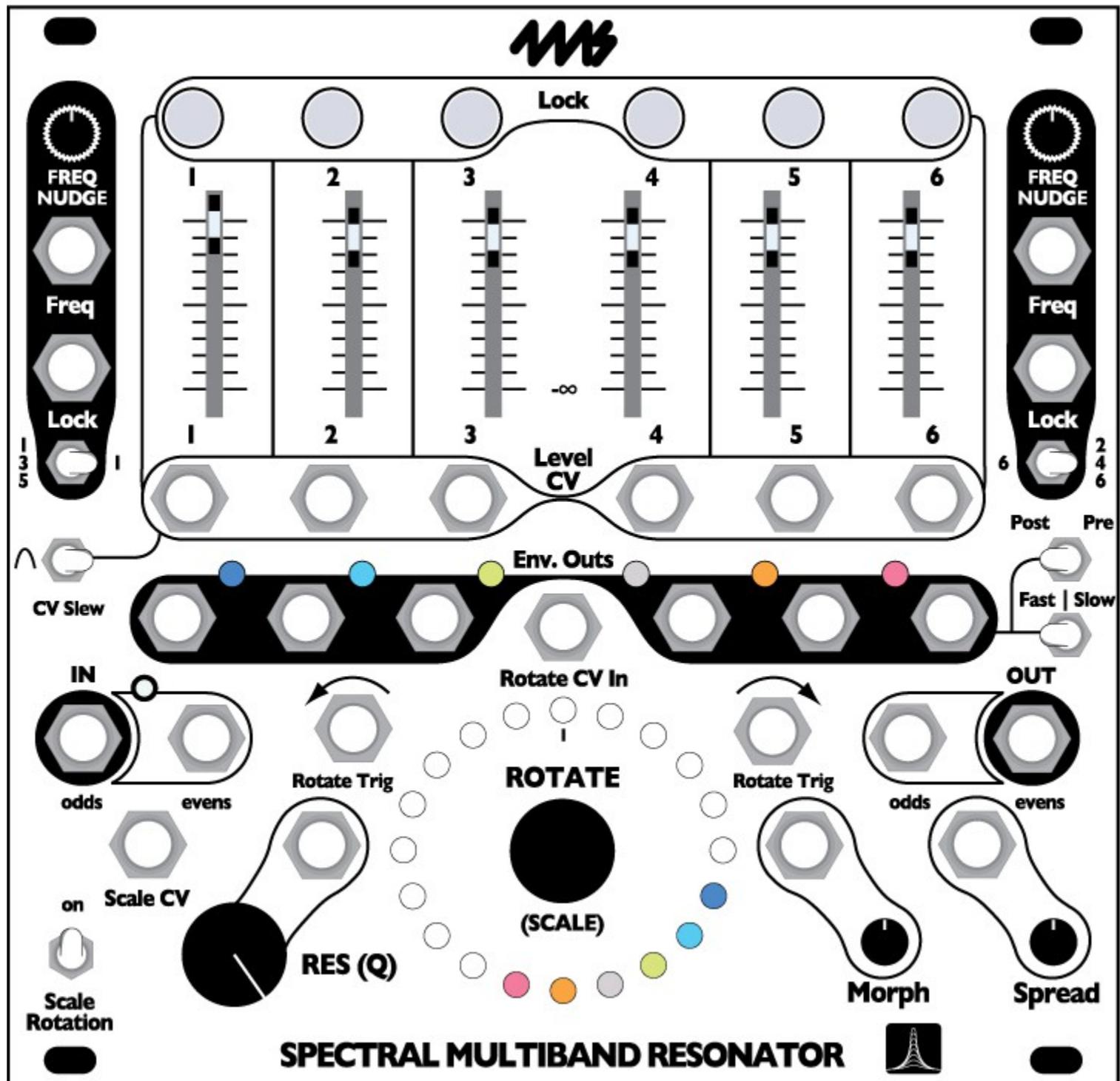


# Spectral Multiband Resonator from 4ms Company

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The Spectral Multiband Resonator from 4ms Company is a versatile resonant filter with six bandpass resonators/filters having variable frequency quantized to scales or 1V/oct tracked, and variable Q/resonance. Stereo inputs/outputs and a host of unique features allows for many uses:

- Create beautiful moving chord structures, quantized to selectable scales
- Process audio like a classic filter bank/EQ
- Pluck/ping/strike to ring like a marimba, gong, or membrane
- Beat-sync to an audio track, triggering modular sounds in sync with original audio
- Vocode, outputting spectral data to a second SMR
- Re-mix tracks
- Harmonize to audio
- Quantize audio to built-in or custom programmed scales
- ...and much more

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## Basic features:

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- Six resonator/filter channels
- Variable "Q" (Resonance) ranges from classic band-pass to highly resonant ringing
- Ring of 20 full-color lights displays the channel frequency
- Channel frequencies move about the scale using Rotation and Spread
  - Rotation "spins" the frequencies around the scale
  - Spread controls the gap between neighboring bands
- Morph creates a variable speed cross-fade when the channels are rotated or spread
- Lock buttons prevent each channel from changing in frequency (resonance can also be locked)
- Freq Nudge knobs create de-tuning effects, or are useful for picking out a precise frequency
- Frequency CV input (1V/octave) for even and odd bands (flip switch selects single or multiple channel control)
  - Adjustable tracking compensation and offset
- Stereo inputs and outputs stagger the bands into evens/odds for an immersive stereo field
- Spectral content outputs for each channel (Env Out jacks) allow for vocoding (spectral transfer)
  - Switch selects Fast or Slow tracking speeds, or trigger outputs
  - Trigger output mode fires a trigger when envelope crosses a threshold: useful for extracting a beat from music
- Sliders and CV jacks control each filter's level
- Slew switch applies slew-limiting to the CV level jacks, which prevents clicking from clocks or triggers
- Each bank has 11 scales of 20 frequencies/notes each
- Scale banks for Western, Shrutis (India), Chromatic, Diatonic, Micro-tonal 17-note/octave, Gamelan (Pelog and Slendro), Bohlen-Pierce 13-note tritave, Wendy Carlos's Alpha and Gamma scales. Both equal tempered and just intonation tunings
- Rotation/Spread moves about an entire bank, or can be limited to a single scale
- White noise is normalized to the inputs, so the SMR can be used without an external signal
- Settings and LED color scheme can be saved and recalled in multiple banks

## Controls and jacks:

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- Filter channel level
  - Six sliders set the level of each filter
  - White light on each slider indicates filter level (flashes for clipping)
  - Six CV inputs for level of each filter. (0 to +5V). Slider attenuates CV on jack
- Twenty full-color LEDs indicate which filters are assigned to which channel
  - Colors on light ring match colors of Env Out LEDs
  - Brightness of each light shows level of each filter
- Resonance (Q)
  - Res (Q) CV jack (0 to +5V)
  - Knob (offsets CV jack)
- Stereo input and output (divided into even/odd bands)
  - Odd input jack and Even output jack serve as Mono in/out
  - Clipping LED between IN jacks flickers when input is clipping (about 20Vpp or +/-10V)
- Rotation shifts frequency pattern up or down
  - Rotate Clockwise trigger input (2V threshold)
  - Rotate Counter-clockwise trigger input (2V threshold)
  - Rotate CV jack maps any waveshape to a rotation pattern (0 to +5V)
- Spread sets the interval (spacing) between channels
  - Spread CV input jack (0 to +10V)
  - Knob (offsets CV value)
- Morph sets speed of cross fading rotating, spreading, or scale selection
  - Morph CV input jack (0 to +10V)
  - Knob (offsets CV jack)
- Scale CV input jack selects scale from current bank (0 to +5V)
- Six Env Out jacks: CV outputs that follow envelope of frequency content per band
  - Fast | Slow switch selects envelope tracking speed, or Trigger output mode
  - Pre/Post switch selects whether Env Out jacks track the filter before or after the slider attenuates
  - 0 to +8V output
- Six Lock buttons lock the frequency of each channel
  - Button is lit when locked
  - Rotation, Spread, Freq Nudge, Scale, and Bank will not change when locked
  - Turning Q knob while holding a lock button also locks the Q value (button flashes to indicate Q-lock)
  - Lock jack: locks/unlocks even or odd channels when triggered (2V threshold)
- Freq jacks: 1V/oct frequency input jacks for even and odd channels (10 octave range, 0 to +10V)
- 135 | 1 switch selects if Freq jack, Freq Nudge knob, and Lock jack control all odd channels (1/3/5) or just channel 1
- 246 | 6 switch selects if Freq jack, Freq Nudge knob, and Lock jack control all even channels (2/4/6) or just channel 6
- Slew switch enables slew-limiting of incoming CV on the level CV jacks (click and pop prevention)
  - Amount of slew limiting is proportional to Morph setting at the time the switch is flipped on.
- Scale Rotation switch enables channels to rotate into the next/previous scale each time they rotate fully around

*Note: The active voltage range for each jack is given. All jacks are tolerant of signals from -12V to +12V, but signals outside the active range are clipped to the active range. For example, on a jack with an active range of 0 to +5V, a voltage of -4V is seen by the SMR as 0V, and +8V is seen as +5V.*

## Advanced features:

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- *Program your own scale:*
  - *The frequency of each of the 20 notes can be assigned by setting the octave, the semi-tone, and coarse and fine micro-tone.*
  - *Up to 11 scales can be saved permanently in the user bank*
- *Adjust color scheme of the lights:*
  - *Pick a pre-programmed color scheme or create your own using the sliders to set red/green/blue values.*
  - *Custom color schemes can be saved permanently*
- *Save your settings in one of six Settings Slots.*
  - *Note position, scale and bank selection, Q value, lock settings and color scheme can be saved and recalled on the fly.*
  - *On startup, the SMR loads settings from the last saved bank.*
- *Optional alternative filter type*
  - *More exponential decay and different timbral qualities when plucked.*
  - *Freq jacks no longer track 1V/oct in this mode*
- *Slider LEDs can be selected to display clipping and level, or just level*
- *Firmware can be updated by playing encoded audio files from a computer into the SMR*

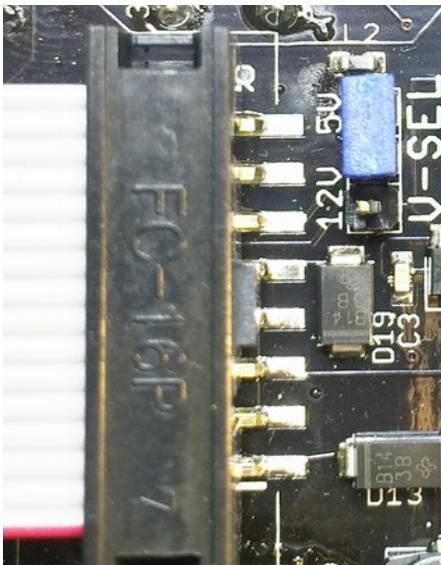
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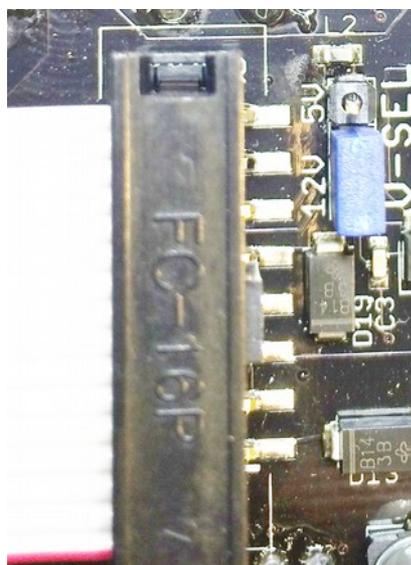
- 26 HP Eurorack format module
- 16-to-16pin eurorack power cable (included)
- 0.95" (24mm) maximum depth
- *Power consumption:*
  - *+12V rail:*
    - *86mA max (jumper set to 5V)*
    - *110mA max (jumper set to 12V)*
  - *-12V rail: 28mA max*
  - *+5V rail:*
    - *25mA (jumper set to 5V)*
    - *0mA (not used when jumper set to 12V)*

## Jumper

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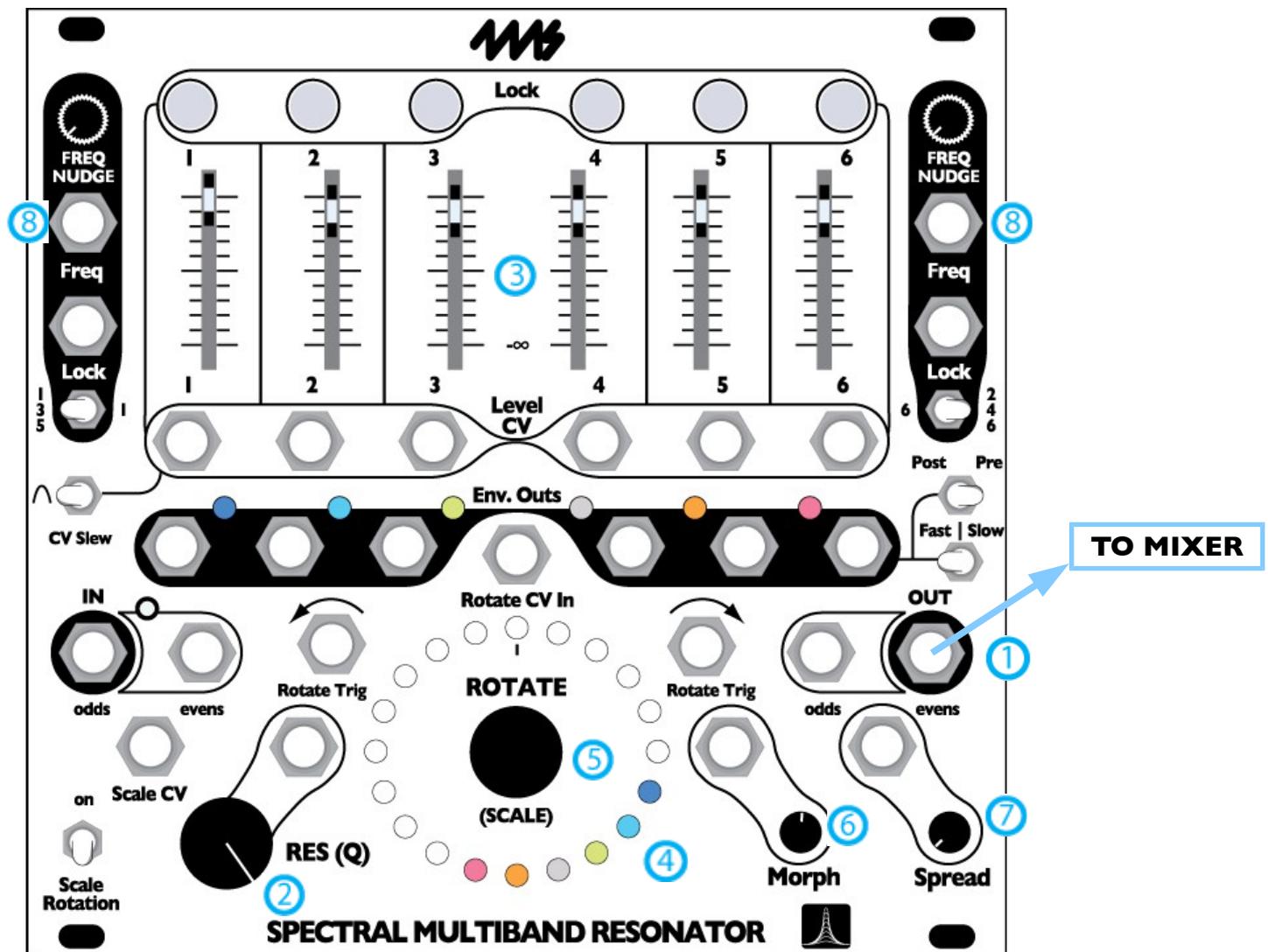
VSEL jumper: +5V



VSEL jumper: +12V

Most modern modular power supplies provide power on the +5V rail. It's recommended to use the +5V rail when available. If your system does not provide +5V, or if your +5V rail is noisy, the SMR can be set to generate an internal 5V from the +12V rail by moving the jumper to +12V as shown above.

## Getting started: your first patch



The easiest SMR patch is making droning chords. Only one cable is needed! Set up the SMR as shown:

- Turn all the Lock buttons off (press any button that's lit to turn it off)
- Flip Scale Rotation switch off (down)
- Freq Nudge to 0% (both knobs, in the upper left and upper right)
- Res (Q) knob to 100%
- Spread to 0%
- Morph to about 50%

① Patch the black OUT jack into your mixer (unpatch all other jacks).

② Turn RES (Q) to 100%

③ There are six sliders. Each one controls the volume of a filter/resonator channel. Push down all six sliders, then slide each one up, one at a time. You should hear a pitch fade up in volume. Each slider controls a different frequency.

④ As you adjust the slider, watch the light ring. Each slider is associated with a color. The color gets brighter on the light ring as the slider moves up and down. Each of the 20 spots on the light ring is associated with a pitch (a frequency, or a musical note).

⑤ Turn the ROTATE knob one click to the right. Hear how the pitches shift up and the lights rotate one step clockwise. Click the ROTATE knob down, hear how the pitches shift down and the lights rotate counter-clockwise. Keep spinning the knob so that the lights move past 12:00 (due north, marked by a tick mark on the light ring). Notice how the pitches go to the top and then start at the bottom. By rotating and pushing different sliders up and down, you can make different chords.

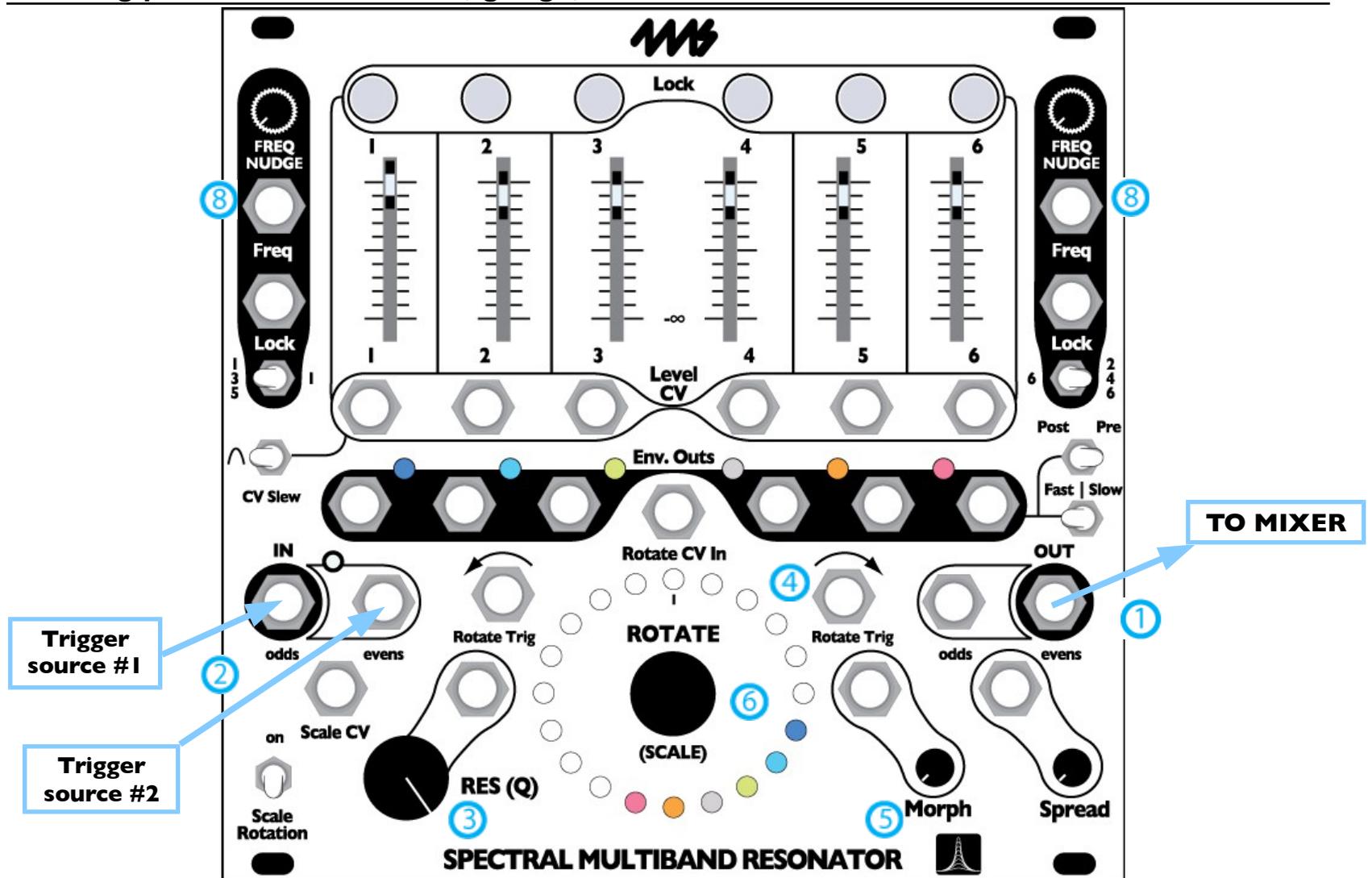
⑥ Play with Morph as you continue to turn the ROTATE knob. Morph sets the speed at which rotation happens. With Morph at 100%, when you turn the ROTATE knob the SMR will slowly fade from one position to the next. With Morph at 0%, the SMR will instantly jump from one position to the next.

⑦ Play with Spread, which controls the number of empty spots in between each channel. With Spread at 0%, the channels occupy adjacent spots on the light ring. As you turn Spread up slowly, the channels will jump to having one spot between them, then two spots, then three, etc... As the spacing increases, the channels will get pushed around and eventually the highest channel will wrap around the lowest.

Play with the Q (Res) knob ②. The SMR has a digital noise source normalized to the audio IN jacks. With Q set to 0%, you should hear a filtered version of this noise. Adjust the sliders, ROTATE, and Spread to bring in different bands of noise. Notice how as you turn up Q, the output slowly changes from filtered noise towards pure sine waves. This is the effect of a tight bandwidth (Q) or resonance: only very select frequencies from the noise source are allowed to pass to the output. If you have a favorite noise module (or any complex sound source), try running it into the input jack(s).

⑧ Finally, try running a 1V/oct melody line from a sequencer into one or both Freq jacks. Flip the 135 | 1 and 246 | 6 switches to select which channels are tracked, and which stay steady.

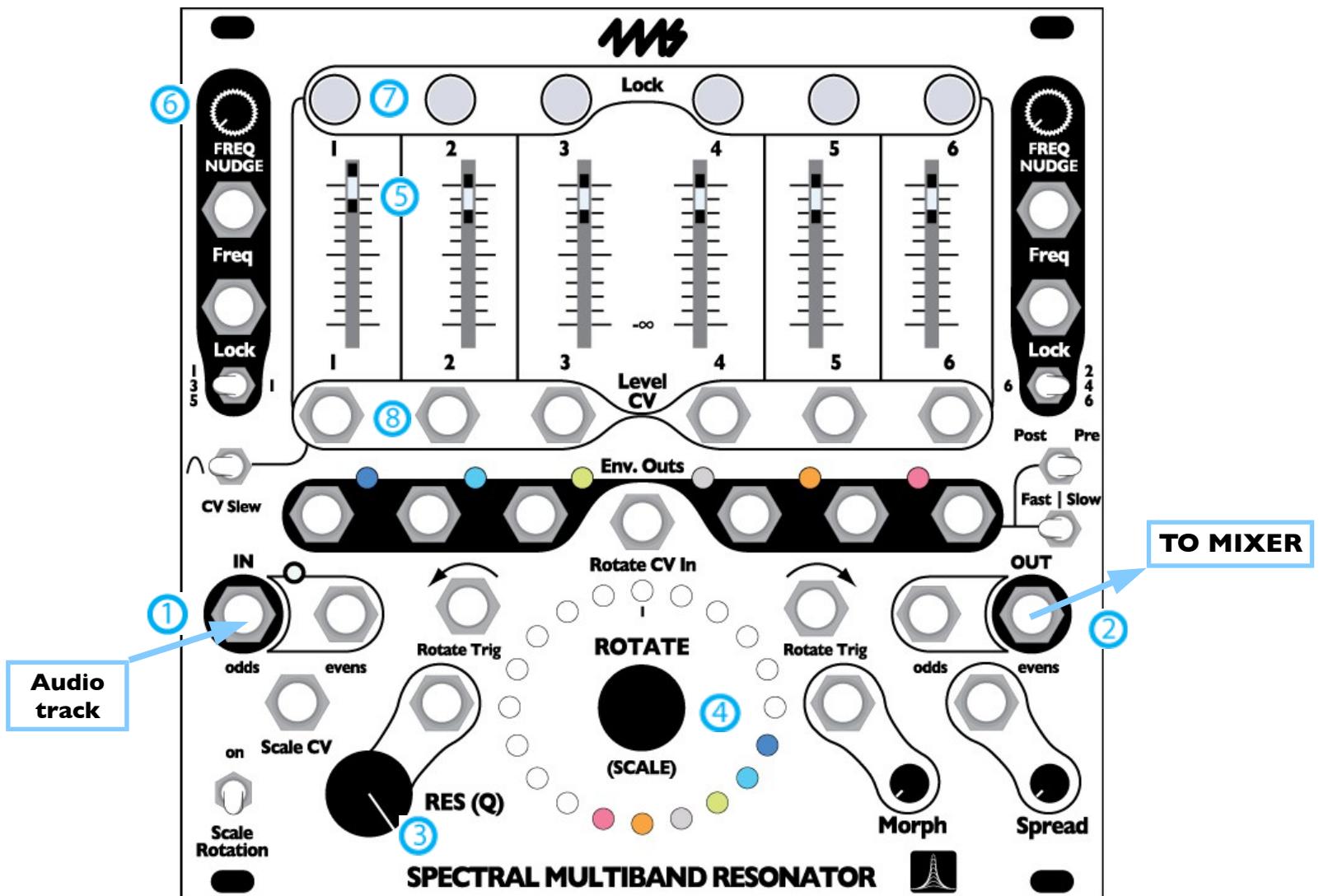
## Patching percussion: Marimbas, gongs, and wood blocks



This is a great patch for creating resonant percussive sounds. You need a trigger or gate source. A clock module such as the Quad Clock Distributor (QCD) or RCD or SCM from 4ms works well. In a live setting, you could use manual trigger/gate sources such as the FSR-4 from Synthwerks, or the Pressure Points from Makenoise. Another option is a trigger recorder such as the Tri-ger from Qu-Bit Electronix.

- ① Patch the black “evens” OUT jack into your mixer (un-patch all other jacks). For stereo output, also patch the white “odds” OUT jack into your mixer and pan it to the left. Pan the black “evens” signal to the right.
- ② Patch your trigger sources into the IN jacks. Two sources with different rhythmic content is ideal, however if you only have one trigger source, just patch into the “odds” jack. To start, have the triggers firing about once or twice per second. The odds IN jack goes to channels 1, 3, and 5. The evens IN jack goes to channels 2, 4, and 6. So each trigger source can strike a chord of three notes.
- ③ Listen to how the channels resonate when struck with a trigger or gate, they should sound like a gong or marimba. Adjust the Q (Res) knob to change how “ringy” the sound is: low Q is like a wood block, high Q is like a large bell. The amplitude of the triggers also effects the sound, try attenuating or boosting the triggers before they reach the SMR. Notice that the SMR will be struck on both the rising and falling edge of a gate, so two sounds will be heard for every gate. Triggers will cause only one sound since the rising and falling edges are very close together. Adjust ROTATE and Spread to change the pitches of the notes, and play with the sliders to adjust the level of each note.
- ④ Input another trigger source into Rotate Trig → or Rotate Trig ←. If you don't have another trigger source, you could input an LFO or envelope (0 to +5V) into Rotate CV In and the rotation will track the waveshape of the incoming CV.
- ⑤ Play with slowing down the rotation from the external triggers by turning up Morph. Try setting the rotation trigger source super fast and then turning Morph up and down to adjust the speed of the motion. Morph is a powerful way to limit musical movement (and it can be CV controlled).
- ⑥ The ROTATE knob is also a button: push and release it, and you will enter SCALE mode. Notice how the LEDs change: the bottom six LEDs are one color and there should be one LED that's slowly blinking colors in the top half of the ring. This is SCALE mode. Turn the ROTATE knob and the blinking LED will move: each position in the top half of the ring represents a different scale (there are eleven). Listen to how each scale is different. You may want to click the ROTATE knob again to go back to Rotate mode so you can rotate the channels around to hear how the scale sounds. If you like, patch CV into the Scale CV jack to control the scale selection with another module.
- ⑦ Run CV into the Level CV jacks. Gates from a QCD work great, and you can flip the CV Slew switch to the left to smooth out the click that happens when a gate snaps up or down. Setting Morph higher when you flip the Slew switch will cause more slewing to happen, which means very fast CV in the Level CV jacks will be rolled off.
- ⑧ Try running a fast decaying envelope into one or both Freq jacks. Time it to the trigger sources to get membrane drum sounds. Or try a 1V/oct melody line from a sequencer to track the pitches. Flip the 135|1 and 246|6 switches to select which channels are modulated/tracked, and which stay steady.

## Filtering audio: basic re-mixing



Re-mixing audio tracks often involves highlighting certain instrumentation and getting rid of others. This can be done by boosting and cutting frequency bands with the SMR. Note that if you're using a line level signal, you need to first boost it to modular level.

- ① Input a modular level audio signal into the IN jacks (use the odds jack for mono, or both jacks for stereo).
- ② Take the output from the OUT jacks to your mixer (use the evens jack for mono, or both jacks for stereo).
- ③ Turn RES (Q) all the way down. Unlock any Lock button that's lit by tapping the button.
- ④ Hold down the ROTATE knob while you turn it. The bottom six LEDs should change color, each color represents a different bank. Keep holding down and turning until you've selected the deep blue bank. Any bank will work, but the deep blue bank is nice for re-mixing because the scales are set to common graphic EQ frequencies.
- ⑤ Slide channel 1's slider up and the rest of the sliders down. Turn the ROTATE knob to rotate channel 1 while you listen to the audio. (If you're in scale mode, click the ROTATE button once to switch to rotate mode – see Rotation section on page 10 for details). Keep rotating until you find a frequency band you want to boost. Adjust the RES (Q) knob to narrow the band and add resonance if you wish.
- ⑥ You may also want to adjust the left Freq Nudge pot to fine-tune the frequency.
- ⑦ When you find the frequency setting you want, tap the channel's Lock button. This will lock the rotation as well as the Freq Nudge setting. If you also want to lock the Resonance setting, wiggle the RES (Q) knob while holding down the Lock button. The Lock button will be lit if the channel is locked, and also flicker if it's Q-locked. If you don't lock the Q, then the channel's resonance will be controlled by the RES (Q) knob and jack along with all the other channels with unlocked Q. Repeat this process (steps 5-7) for channels 2-6. Note that for channels 2, 4, and 6 the Freq Nudge knob on the right is used, while for channels 1, 3, and 5, the Freq Nudge knob on the left is used. Make sure the 135 | 1 switch is set to 135, and the 246 | 6 switch is set to 246 (otherwise the respective Freq Nudge knobs will only control channels 1 and 6).

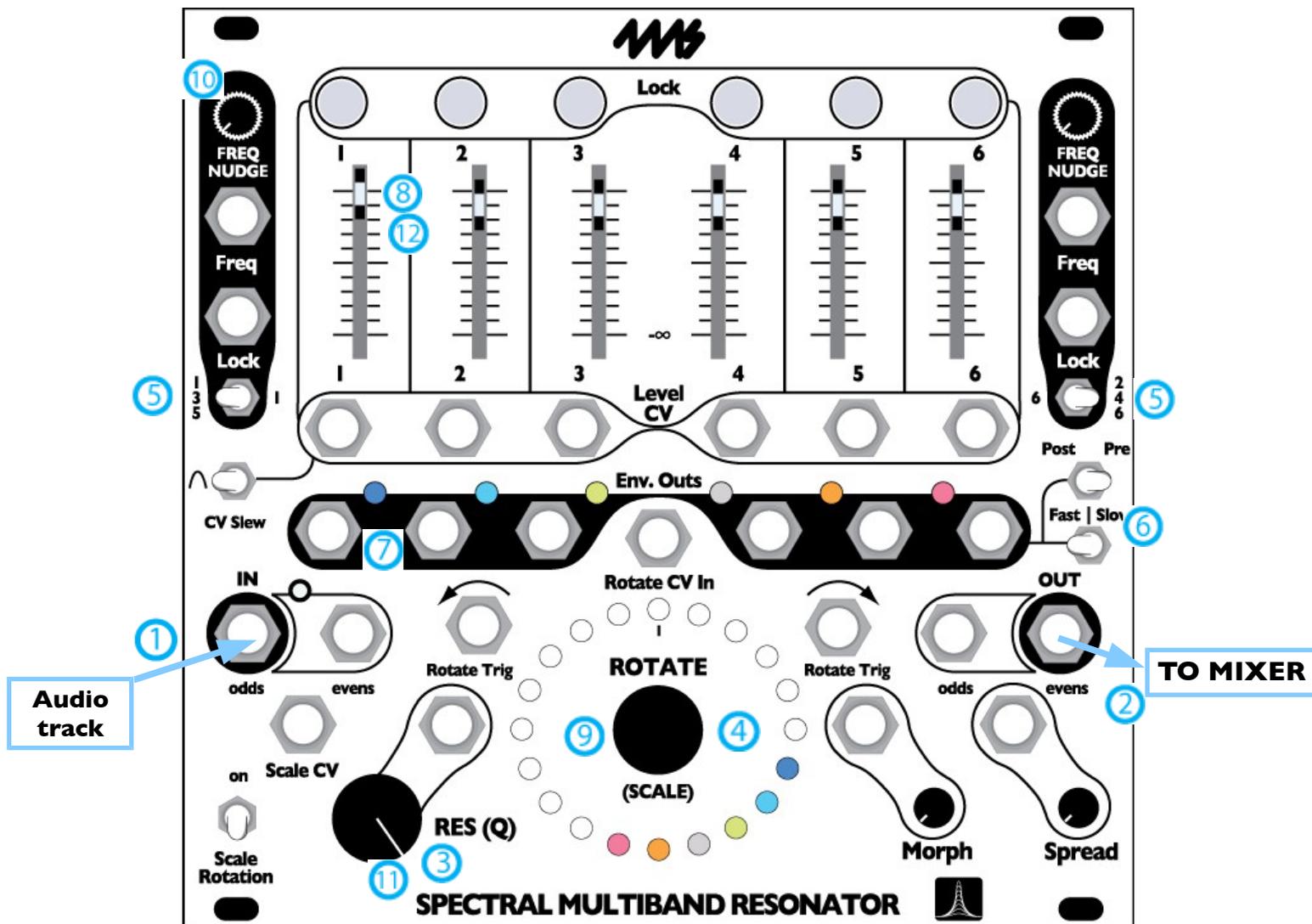
After setting all the channels to a useful frequency, adjust the mix of the six sliders. Play with adjusting the Q of each channel (you can hold the Lock button and re-adjust the Q knob to change a Q-locked channel). You can range from essentially a re-EQ'ed track to harmonizing, resonant bowl sounds. Since each channel has a different Q value, both sounds can co-exist.

- ⑧ To take the next step, consider running LFOs, envelopes, or clock gates into the Level CV jacks.

Consider rotating some channels while keeping others still. One technique is to manually unlock channels, apply rotation, and then re-lock them. To maintain the Q-lock setting while unlocking rotation, hold the Lock button for 2 seconds to unlock. When one or more channel is unlocked, turn the ROTATE knob or use a trigger into the Rotate Trig jacks. The trigger could even be synchronized with the signals you're running into the Level CV jacks. Or run an LFO or envelope into the Rotate CV jack. Play with Morph to make the rotation slower or faster. Another idea is to run a slow LFO into the Freq jacks, to create a filter sweep effect.

Keep this patch going, and continue on to the next patch idea...

## Beat syncing: advanced re-mix techniques



This patch idea is a powerful way to sync your modular system with an external audio source-- whether it's a pre-recorded track or a feed from other instruments being played live. The basic idea is to convert different frequency bands into trigger outputs, with the rhythm of the triggers matching the rhythm of the original audio's instrumentation.

Start with step ① to ④ of the Re-mix patch on the previous page (patch audio inputs and outputs, turn down RES [Q] and select the EQ bank).

⑤ Set the 135 | 1 switch to 135, and the 246 | 2 switch to 246.

⑥ Set Fast | Slow to the center position (triggers), and set Post | Pre to Post. Set Scale Rotation down.

⑦ Let's say you have a dance track with a kick, snare, hi-hat, and some melody lines happening. You can use the SMR to convert each kick drum hit into a trigger output, which you can use to trigger your own kick drum (or clock your master clock, or trigger anything on the modular). Start by patching the ENV OUT jack for channel 1 into something that makes sound when triggered.

⑧ Turn down all the sliders and bring up the slider for channel 1 to around 50%. Listen to the SMR's output as well as the externally triggered module. You might want to monitor the input audio, too (use a mult or splitter before the SMR).

There are four parameters to play with to get beat-synced trigger outputs: Rotation, Freq Nudge, Q, and Level (steps 9-12):

⑨ Turn ROTATE so that channel 1 is triggering the external module whenever the kick drum hits. Probably for a typical kick drum, channel 1 should be on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, or 4<sup>th</sup> note (it depends on the pitch of the kick you're trying to tune into).

⑩ Set Freq nudge to dial in a frequency in between two rotation spots.

⑪ Turn Q up to narrow the band. Around 50% is a good place to start for syncing to drum sounds.

⑫ Set the Level slider to set the threshold at which the trigger fires. If you set it too high, the Env Out light will stay on, and it's too low it'll stay off. If the slider seems to have no effect, double-check Post | Pre is set to Post.

When you get a good lock, press and hold the lock button while you wiggle the Q knob, the release. Press the Lock button again. Now the channel should be locked and Q-locked. Its Lock button will be on with a quick periodic flicker off.

Repeat 9-12 for the next channel, perhaps do the snare or a hi-hat next. Make sure the channel is locked before you move to a new channel, or else you'll lose your settings.

Advanced: Use an external CV source (try a SISIM) into the Level CV jack with the slider all the way up. This way you can mute/unmute a channel using the slider and not lose your level setting (since it's set on the SISIM).

When you like what you hear, save your settings. Hold the ROTATE button down for 5 seconds until the Lock buttons flash and an animation appears on the slider LEDs. Release the ROTATE button. If you want, you can spin the ROTATE knob to choose a new color scheme for these settings. Each Lock button represents a Settings Slot (1-6). If you wanted to load a slot you could tap any of the Lock buttons. But in this case we want to save our settings, so press and hold any Lock button for 2 seconds. The SMR will pause for a fraction of a second while it saves all the settings into that slot. The next time you power on the SMR, these settings will be loaded automatically.



The evens IN jack is normalized to the signal on the odds IN jack. When just the odds IN jack is patched, it feeds all six channels. When both jacks are patched, the odds jack feeds channels 1, 3, and 5, while the evens jack feeds channels 2, 4, and 6.

The odds OUT jack is normalized to the signal on the evens OUT jack. When just the evens OUT jack is patched, all six channels are heard. When both jacks are patched, channels 1, 3, and 5 feed the evens OUT jack, and channels 2, 4, and 6 feed the odds OUT jack.

## Frequency

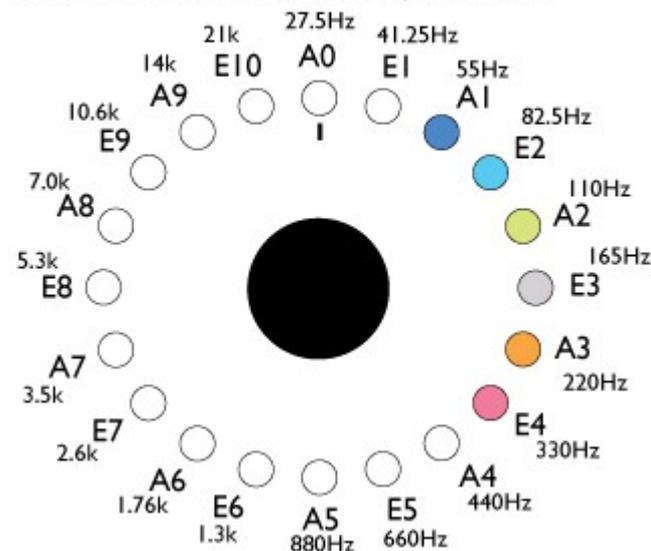
Each channel is a band-pass filter with a center frequency. The frequency is controlled by several things:

- Note on the scale, shown by the light ring and controlled by Rotation and Spread
- Scale and bank selection
- Freq Nudge knob
- Freq jack (1V/octave)

Each of these elements is discussed in detailed below.

### Example scale:

western bank, scale of octaves and 5ths, just intonation



### Notes, scales, and the light ring

The light ring displays what frequency (or note in the current scale) each channel is assigned to. Notice there are 20 spots on the light ring. Each spot represents a particular frequency, or note. The entire ring of 20 notes is called a scale. A mark at the top center (12:00) indicates the first note, which is typically the lowest pitch. The frequencies typically increase as you rotate clockwise. (We say “typically” because you can create a custom scale that places any frequencies in any order)

The diagram on the left is an example scale that ranges from a low A note to an E note about ten and a half octaves higher. Channel 1 is set to 55Hz, channel 3 is set to 110Hz, etc.

This happens to be the default scale when the SMR is first run. The SMR has many other scales representing a variety of musical types, both modern and historical, common and esoteric, and custom. See the next page for how to change the current scale and bank.

One feature of the SMR is that the six filters always are assigned to unique channels. That is, two channels cannot occupy the same spot on the light ring. This is an intentional feature because richer sounds result from mixing together filters of different frequencies. However, if you want two channels to be at the same frequency (for instance with a stereo input where you want the same filtering to happen to both left and right) you can rotate them to adjacent spots on the light ring and turn Freq Nudge all the way up for the lower channel. Alternatively, you can program a custom scale with duplicate frequencies.

### Freq Nudge knobs

There are two Freq Nudge knobs, one for the odd channels, and one for the even channels. A switch selects whether the Freq Nudge knob controls all the odd (even) channels or just channel 1 (6). Freq Nudge's default position is at 0%, this means the frequency is not nudged and the notes in the current scale will be unaffected. Thus if you wish to keep the channels in tune with the scale as it was programmed, keep the Freq Nudge knobs all the way down. As you turn Freq Nudge up, the frequency will bend towards the next note in the scale. At 100%, the frequency will be the same as the next spot on the light ring. Thus, you can dial in any frequency between two notes on the scale. *Note: There is a hidden 21<sup>st</sup> note in each scale, so nudging a channel at note 20 will bend it up towards note 21, not down to note 1.*

Locking a channel also locks the Freq Nudge setting. So you can nudge a channel up to an exact frequency and then lock it, continuing to use Freq Nudge to nudge other channels without effecting the locked channel.

### Freq jacks

There are two Freq jacks for controlling the frequency of the channels. Each one is tuned to 1V/octave.

**Note: in Firmware version 1 (shipped prior to October 3, 2015), the response is 1.5V/octave. Firmware version 2 and later is 1V/octave.**

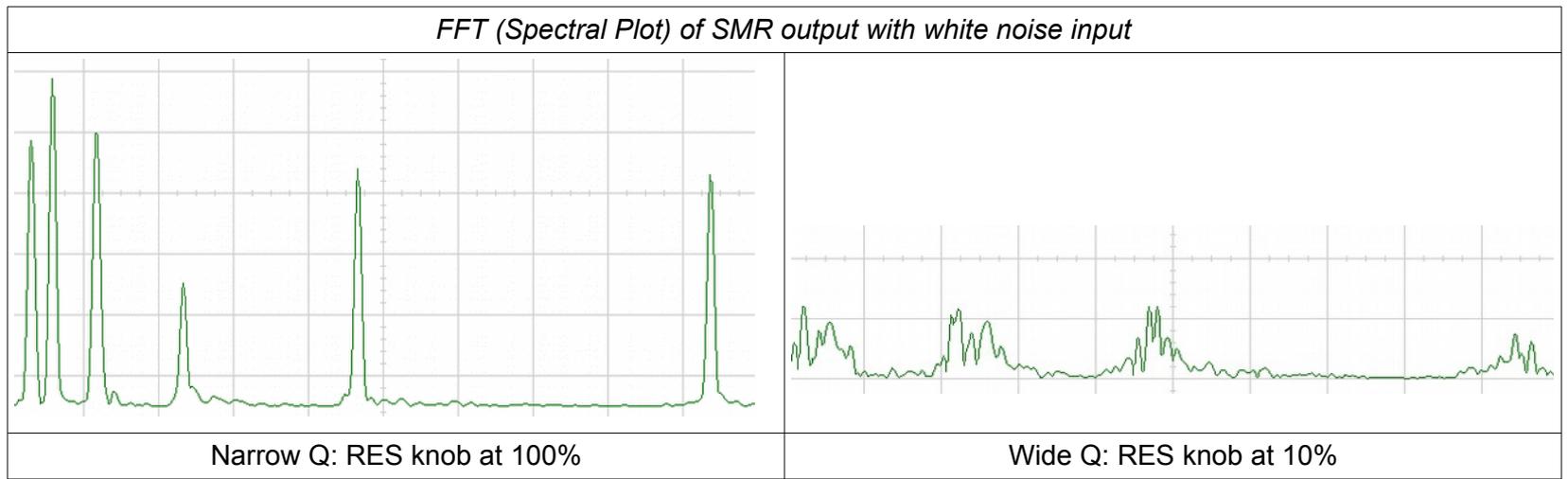
Like Freq Nudge, a switch selects whether the jack controls all odd (or even) channels or just one channel (1 or 6).

The jacks have a 10 octave range, so a voltage range of 0V to +10V is accepted. Since negative voltage on this jack does nothing, the Freq jack only makes the pitch go up, it will not lower the pitch. Thus, the note and scale setting for each channel defines the lowest pitch.

In most cases, you should be able to passively mult a 1V/octave signal into both Freq jacks (it depends on the module supplying the 1V/octave signal).

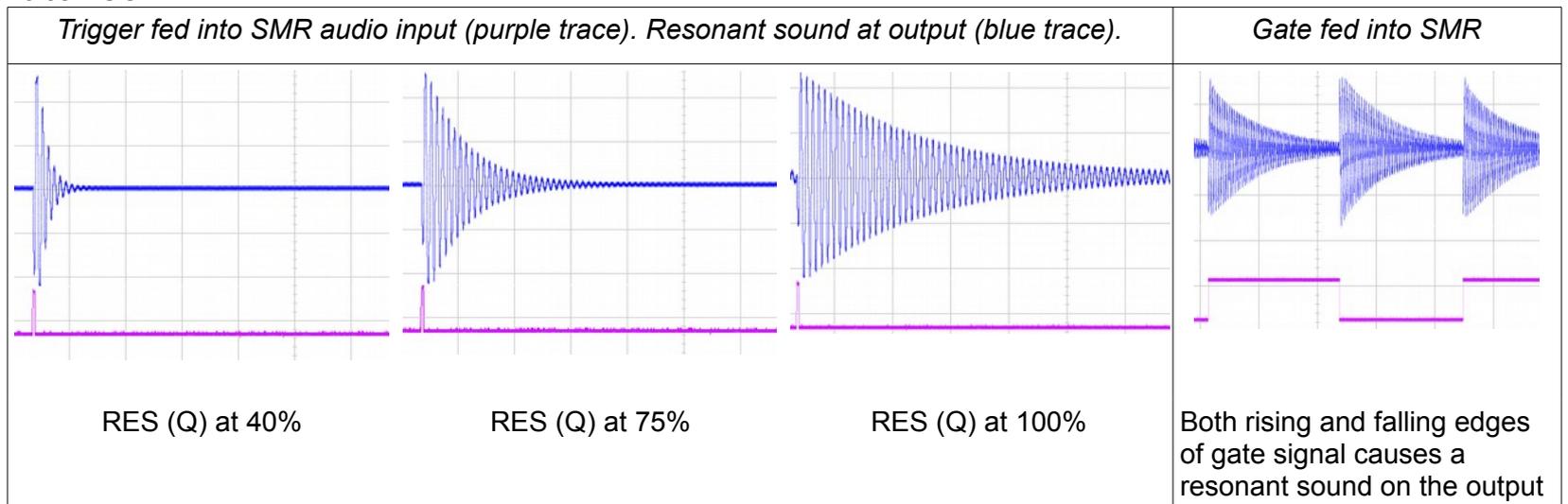
In order to increase stability, the Freq input rolls off high-frequencies. Some classic FM sounds can be achieved by inputting low audio rate signals into the Freq jack, but as the frequency increases the effect decreases.

## Q (Resonance)



Each channel has a resonance setting (Q). When the Q/resonance parameter is set high, the six channels act more like resonators rather than what we normally think of as “filters”, in that they produce a somewhat pure tone or pitch in the presence of even a tiny bit of that frequency on the audio input. The digital noise signal that's normalized to the input contains all frequencies, so no matter what note is assigned to a channel, it will output sound.

Interestingly, a trigger or gate also contains all frequencies, so sending a pulse into the audio input causes all channels to make a sound. Varying the Q value changes the clicky-ness and ringy-ness of the sound, as well how rapidly the resonant sound decays (see scope shots below). If the pitches of the six channels are tuned to different notes in a scale, chords can be played (See Scales and Banks, below). If the pitches are controlled using the 1V/octave inputs, then the SMR acts like a six-voice VCO.



When a channel is tuned to a particular frequency, the SMR will be quiet until that frequency appears on the input, at which point it will make a resonant sound exactly at the tuned frequency. Try running a sine-wave output of a VCO into the SMR and sweeping the VCO pitch up and down. As the VCO pitch comes close to the frequency of any of the channels, that channel will ring and continue ring for a bit after the VCO has left that frequency.

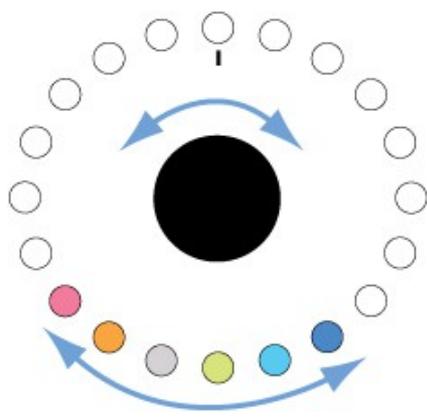
When the resonance is low, the six channels act more like band-pass filters. Each slider controls the volume of that band. If the bands are spaced evenly across the range of human hearing then the SMR will function like a graphic EQ. If the bands are rotated or swept up and down in frequency, then the SMR will function somewhat like a traditional band-pass VCF.

## Rotation

Rotation is a major feature of the SMR. The light ring is important to watch when learning about rotation. Rotation can happen in one of two directions: clockwise or counter-clockwise. When rotated, all six channels move in the same direction, and the six lights on the light ring will fade to the next adjacent spot. If a channel is locked, it won't rotate (see Locks, below). If a channel is rotated such that it would land on top of a locked channel or another channel moving in the opposite direction, then it will move through the locked or moving channel and stop on the other side.

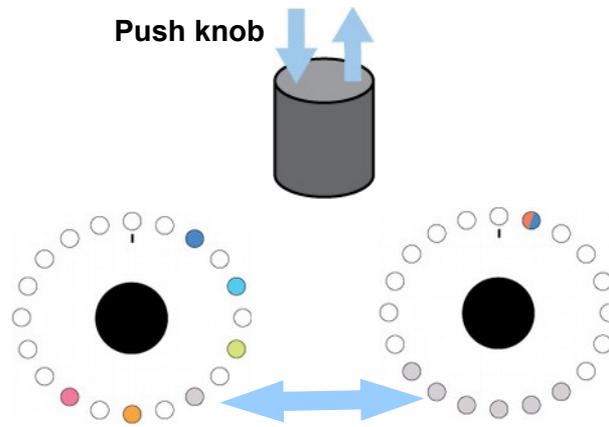
Rotation is closely linked to Morph, which sets how quickly (or slowly) rotation can happen (see Morph section below). No matter how much rotation you tell the SMR to do, it will only go as fast as the Morph setting allows. Rotation is also queued, so if you quickly turn the ROTATE knob ten notches to the right and have a very slow Morph setting, the SMR will start rotating all the channels one step at a time until it's rotated a total of ten times. Each of the ten rotations will happen at the Morph speed. Reversing direction clears the queue, so if you want the SMR to stop rotating, you can turn the ROTATE knob one click in the other direction. The SMR will forget the remaining rotations in the queue and just rotate once in the new direction.

## ROTATE (SCALE) knob

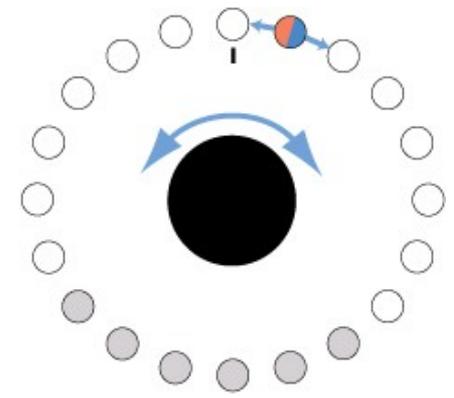


**ROTATE mode:**  
Turn knob to rotate channels

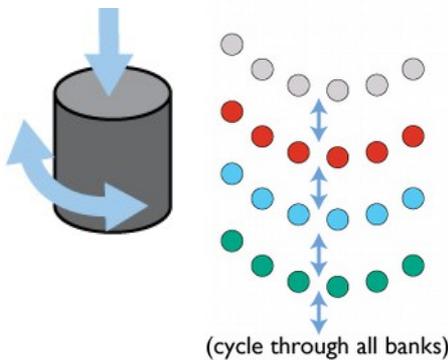
Push knob



Press the button to switch between ROTATE mode and SCALE mode



**SCALE mode:**  
Turn knob to change scale



### Changing the Bank:

Push ROTATE knob down and while still pressing down, turn the knob. The bottom six lights will change color. The new bank selection takes effect when the button is released.

(cycle through all banks)

### Rotate → and Rotate ← trigger jacks

A trigger on either jack will rotate the channels one step clockwise or counter-clockwise, respectively. This is equivalent to turning the ROTATE knob one click to the right or left when in Rotate mode (the Rotate trigger jacks have the same functionality whether you're in SCALE mode or ROTATE mode).

### Rotate CV jack

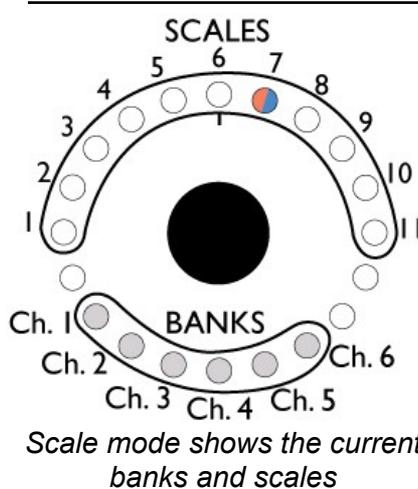
The rotation of the jacks will follow the CV applied to this jack. If you input a 0V to 5V triangle wave, the channels will rotate all the way around through all 20 possible rotation positions, then reverse direction and rotate back to the starting place, and then repeat. A sawtooth wave will cause them to rotate only in one direction. A step wave will cause the channels to fade between different positions, without rotating through the in-between positions.

Keep in mind that the Morph speed still applies, so if the CV waveshape changes faster than the Morph setting, the SMR will do its best to keep up with the CV, but will never move faster than Morph allows. This is a great way to turn a repeating rhythmic pattern (e.g. a triangle wave) into a new, less repetitious (but still related) pattern: simply turn Morph up so that it's slower than the rate of change of the Rotate CV signal.

There are 20 possible rotation positions, and the jack is active in the range of 0V to 5V, so each rotation step has a window of 0.25V. Applying 0.25V will cause the channels to rotate one step clockwise. Dropping back to 0V will cause them to rotate back one step counter-clockwise. Applying 1.0V will result in the channels morphing four positions clockwise. Dropping from 1.0V to 0.75V will cause them to rotate back one step.

This kind of rotation is different than the ROTATE knob or the trigger jacks. With triggers on the Rotate → jack or when spinning the ROTATE knob, the channels rotate one step at a time until they reach their destination. On the other hand, with Rotate CV, rotating more than one step at a time will cause the SMR to Morph directly to the destination. This type of rotation is nice for sequencing the SMR with a step-sequencer. Each voltage level corresponds to a different rotation position. Sequencing Rotate CV and perhaps Spread CV and Scale CV at the same time creates a complex hexaphonic chord machine!

### Scales and Banks



A scale is a set of 20 notes or frequencies, represented by the 20 spots on the light ring. There are 11 scales in each bank. Each channel can be in any scale. All the channels can be in the same scale, or each can be in a different scale, or some can be in the same scale and others in different scales.

To visualize the scales and banks, tap the ROTATE (SCALE) knob to change to Scale mode. The top half of the light ring represent the 11 scales and the bottom 6 LEDs represent the banks. See diagram on the left.

### Scales

The LED at the left-most point is the 1<sup>st</sup> Scale and the LED at the right-most point is the 11<sup>th</sup> Scale (see diagram at left). Each channel's scale is shown by displaying that channel's color on the spot representing its scale. If multiple channels are in the same scale, the LED will

flash between all the colors of the channels assigned to that scale.

When in Scale mode, turning the ROTATE (SCALE) knob will change the scale of all the unlocked channels. Turning it one click to the right moves all unlocked channels up one scale, and when they hit the 11<sup>th</sup> Scale, they stay there. Turning it one click to the left moves all unlocked channels down one scale, and when they hit the 1<sup>st</sup> Scale, they stay there. If you lock a channel, it won't move, so you can set each channel to a different scale by locking one channel, turning the SCALE knob, locking another channel, turning SCALE again, locking a third channel, etc. Then if you unlock all the channels, they will stay in their formation as you turn the SCALE knob up or down. To force all the channels back to being in the same scale, unlock all the channels and then spin the SCALE knob up or down until all the channels are at the 1<sup>st</sup> Scale or the 11<sup>th</sup> Scale.

### Banks

A bank is a collection of eleven scales. Banks have a theme, typically they represent a system of tuning with eleven variations or eleven parts of the frequency spectrum. For instance, the white bank is a collection of eleven scales with each scale built on a different interval found in western music (major 3rds, fifths, minor 6ths, etc). They are tuned using just intonation and each scale has a range of 10 octaves. On the other hand, the yellow bank is a collection of micro-tonal scales tuned to 17 equally tempered notes per octave. Since each scale has 20 notes, each one ranges just over one octave, with the first scale starting around 20Hz and the last scale ending over 20kHz. See the end of the manual for a table of all pre-programmed banks.

In Scale mode, the bottom six lights on the light ring show the banks the channels are assigned to. The six lights correspond to the six channels, in order from left to right. (See the diagram on the previous page). By default, the white bank is selected, so all six LEDs on the bottom will be white. If you hold down the ROTATE (SCALE) knob and turn it while still holding it down, all unlocked channels will change their bank. The bank does not become active until you release the knob. This is useful for live performance, allowing you to select the bank you want without having each bank in between become audible.

In same way you can put each channel into a different scale by locking channels as you change the scale, you also can put each channel in a different bank. Try locking just one a channel and then changing the bank. Five of the bottom six LEDs will change color but one will stay the same. If you unlock that channel, it will keep the same bank, but when you change the bank again, it will join the same bank as the rest of the unlocked channels.

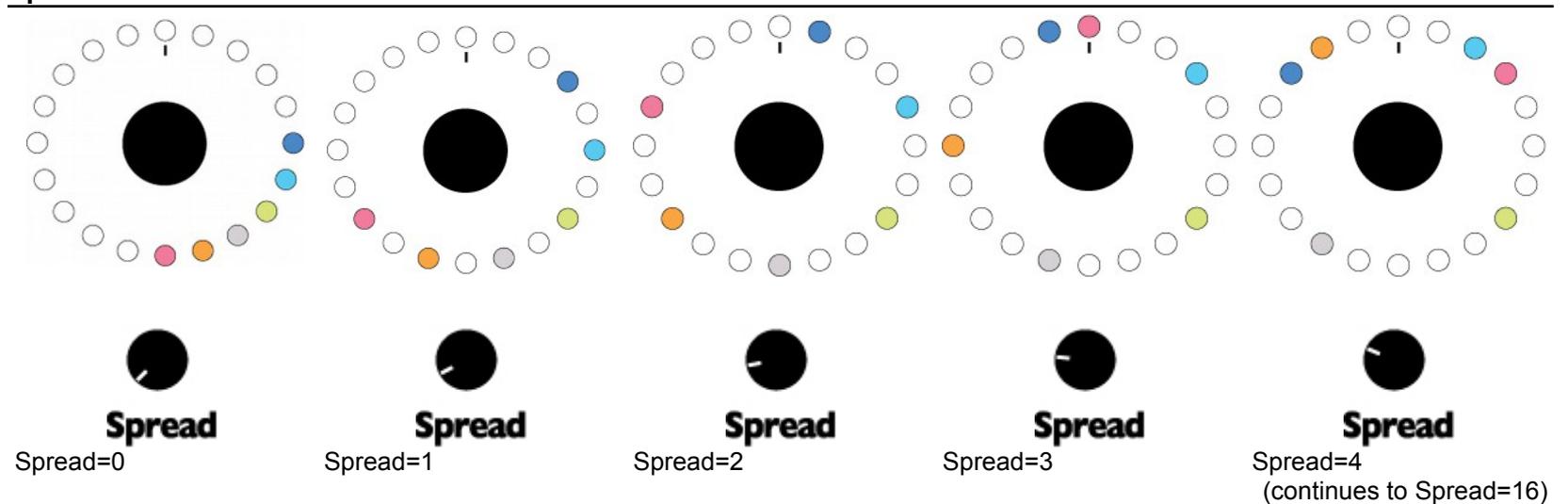
### Scale CV

The scale can be changed via CV using the Scale CV jack. Voltages in the range of 0 to +5V are accepted. Since there are 11 scales in each bank, a voltage increase of 0.45V causes all unlocked channels to move to the next scale. Likewise, a voltage decrease of 0.45V causes them to move to the previous scale. The scale can also be set manually using the ROTATE (SCALE) knob (see above section). If enough voltage is applied to the Scale CV jack such that the scale would move past the 11<sup>th</sup> scale, it will simply stay at the 11<sup>th</sup> scale and ignore all additional voltage. The Scale CV jack works just like manual control of scale by keeping the moving each unlocked channel up or down the same amount and keeping their relative positions.

### Scale Rotation switch

When the Scale Rotation switch is up, the channels will move into the next or previous scale when rotated past the zero point (due north) on the light ring. This can happen whether a channel is rotated manually or with triggers, or crosses the zero point due to Spread. Some banks, such as 17-note/octave, have the eleven scales arranged in a specific order, so rotating with Scale Rotation on will sweep the frequencies the full spectral range.

### Spread



The Spread parameter controls the spacing between channels. Like Rotation, Spread is subject to the Morph speed and has no effect on locked channels. Spread picks a center point and pushes the channels outward from that point until the desired spacing is achieved. Some channels move CW, some move CCW. *In firmware version 1.0 (build 2015-07-15), channel 3 is taken as the center point, so it is the anchor around which the other channels are spread.*

When turned all the way down, the channels will line up side-by-side. Make sure all the channels are unlocked and then turn Spread to 0. Turning Spread up a hair will make the channels space themselves out with one empty spot in between each channel. Turning Spread up a bit more causes two empty spots between each channel. A little more causes three empty spots, etc. At a certain amount of Spread, the first channel spreads around the light ring past the last channel and the channels start to overlap on themselves. Thus the “empty” spots between two adjacent channels might be filled by other channels. The maximum Spread value is 16, so lots of overlapping can occur.

If the Scale Rotation switch is flipped on, then as a channel is spread past the top point of the light ring, it will move into the next or previous scale in the bank, depending on if it's moving clockwise or counter-clockwise.

Spread is also used to reset the position of the channels on the light ring. During normal usage of locking, unlocking, rotating and spreading, the channels can be mixed up in any imaginable order. The easiest way to get them back to a known starting place is to unlock them all and turn the Spread knob. The Spread CV jack can be used as “Reset position” jack: giving a trigger into this jack will reset the unlocked channels' positions to the Spread pattern set by the Spread knob.

## Morph

Morph is another central feature of the SMR. Anytime the channels are rotated or spread, the SMR performs a cross-fade from the current spot to the new spot. Morph controls the duration of the cross-fade. At minimum, the cross-fade is almost instant, a few microseconds. At maximum, the cross-fade is one second long. Thus rotating all the way around the light ring would take 20 seconds.

Morph is real-time, so adjusting it in the middle of a cross-fade immediately changes the speed of the cross-fade. Thus, if you have a slow Morph time and queued a dozen or so rotations, if you don't want to wait a dozen or so seconds for them to happen, you can just turn Morph down and they'll happen much quicker. Another trick with Morph is to send a rapid stream of triggers into the Rotate trig jack while adjusting Morph knob or CV. As more CV is applied, the rotation will slow down, and with less CV it will speed up.

Morph also controls the cross-fade time when changing scales. This applies to changing scales with the Scale CV jack, or by manually turning the ROTATE knob in scale mode. Morph controls the amount of slew when the CV Slew switch is thrown (See CV Slew section).

## Locking

Locking is a powerful way to keep one or more channels from changing, while allowing other channels to be dynamic. To lock a channel, tap the Lock button above that channel's slider. When the channel is locked, the button will be lit. Tap the button again and the channel will unlock. When locked, a channel will not change its center frequency. The channel will be impervious to rotating, spreading, changing the scale or bank, or the Freq Nudge knob or Freq jack. The slider and the Level CV jack will still control the channel's output level, and if the channel is not Q-locked then the RES (Q) knob and jack will still change how the channel is filtering and resonating. See below regarding Q-lock.

### Lock jack

You also can lock a channel using a gate or trigger signal. There are two Lock jacks located near the 135 | 1 and 246 | 2 switches. Like the Freq jack and Freq Nudge knob, the channels that are effected by the Lock jack can be selected using these switches. The rising edge of a gate or trigger signal will cause the selected channels to invert their lock state. Thus, locked channels will unlock and unlocked channels will lock.



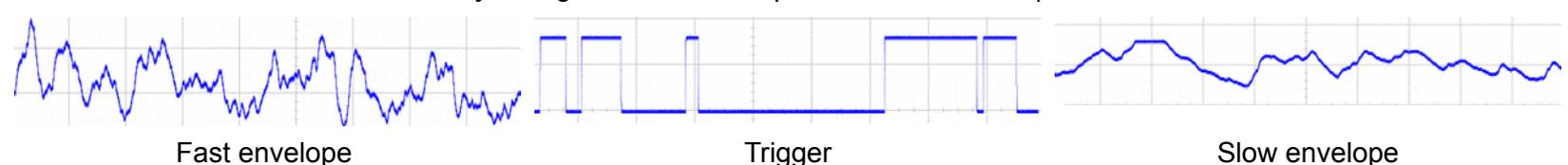
### Q-lock

Q-locking is an advanced feature that locks the channel's Q or resonance setting. To Q-lock a channel, hold the Lock button down while you turn the RES (Q) knob. When the RES (Q) knob is where you want the channel to be locked, release the Lock button. The Lock button will now flicker to indicate it's Q-locked. If the channel is also frequency locked (normal locking) then the Lock button will be mostly bright and will flicker off periodically. If the channel is not frequency locked then it will be mostly off and flicker on periodically.

To turn off Q-lock for a channel, tap the Lock button to frequency lock it, and then tap again to unlock frequency and Q. If the channel is frequency locked and Q-locked, and you just want to clear the frequency lock, hold the Lock button down for two seconds. To change the Q setting of a Q-locked channel, hold the Lock button down and turn the RES (Q) knob to a new position and then release the Lock button.

## Env Out jacks

*Env Out jack signal, at the three positions of the Fast | Slow switch*



Each channel has an Env Out jack which outputs a CV that tracks the frequency content. This is useful for beat-syncing, vocoding, spectral transfer, or controlling other modules with triggers or CV based on the frequency (spectral) content of an audio signal.

Next to each Env Out jack is an LED that shows the signal present on the jack. A brighter light indicates more signal. The color of the Env Out jack also matches the channel's color on the light ring.

### Fast | Slow: Envelope modes and Trigger mode

The three-way Fast | Slow switch to the right of the Env Out jacks selects whether the jacks output CV envelopes (fast or slow tracking) or triggers (center position).

In Envelope mode, the jacks output a CV whose level is proportional to the amount of that channel's frequency present on the audio input. For example, if the channel is set to 440Hz, any time the input signal contains 440Hz, the Env Out jack will output some CV: more voltage when the 440Hz is louder and less voltage when it's less present.

When the switch is set to Fast (left), the signal is tracked rapidly and small nuances are output. With it set to Slow (right), the output is averaged such that small variations are smoothed out.

When the switch is in the center position, the Env Out jacks are in Trigger mode. Trigger mode also tracks the frequency content of the audio input signal, but it outputs triggers instead of CV. Whenever the amount of frequency present exceeds a certain threshold, the jack will send a trigger. The jack will remain high as long as the frequency content stays above the threshold. This is very useful for beat-syncing or triggering external modules that track percussive content of an audio signal

(see example patch). It's also useful for patching the SMR to itself (Env Out → Rotate Trigger jacks and Lock jacks)

### Pre | Post

The Pre | Post switch selects whether the signal to be analyzed is taken from the raw audio input, or if it's attenuated by the channel's slider.

When the switch is set to Pre, the Env Out jacks will respond to the frequency content of the input signal and not be effected by the sliders or Level CV jacks. This is useful in cases where you want to use the Env Out jacks to control or modulate other things in your patch, while also using the sliders to control the mix on the SMR's audio outputs.

When the switch is set to Post, the Env Out jacks will act as if the frequency content of the channel was attenuated by the slider and Level CV jack. Therefore in Post mode, the Env Out jack will output zero when the slider is all the way down (and no Level CV is applied). With Fast | Slow set to Trigger (center position), the slider effectively sets the threshold level for which a trigger is fired. This is crucial for advanced beat-syncing (see example patch).

### CV Slew

CV Slew is a switch that smooths out rapid changes on the Level CV jacks, allowing you to use gates and clocks into the Level CV jacks without hearing pops and clicks. This is useful for patching a QCD, RCD, or SCM directly into the SMR.

To use CV Slew, flip it to the left. Any sharp transition on the Level CV jacks will be smoothed out.

The amount of smoothing is controlled by the position of the Morph knob *at the moment that CV Slew switch is flipped on*. So if Morph is all the way up when the CV Slew switch is thrown, more smoothing will be applied than if the Morph knob was all the way down when the switch is thrown.

## Advanced Features

### Updating firmware with the Audio Bootloader

The SMR contains a bootloader that is used to update the firmware by playing an audio file into odds IN jack.

Firmware audio files can be downloaded at <http://4mscompany.com/smr.php>

1. To enter bootloader mode, power off the SMR and connect a computer or smart phone audio output to the odds IN jack. Either a stereo or mono cable is fine. Plug the evens OUT jack to an amp/speakers so you can listen.  
**Remove your phone case, it may be preventing the cable from fully plugging in.**
2. **Set the computer/phone's volume is at 100%** and the audio player software is also at 100% volume. Turn off all audio and vibrate notifications (use Airplane mode).
3. Hold the ROTATE button down while powering the SMR on. Keep holding it down, and release the button when you see just a single light on, slowly changing color. The SMR is ready to receive firmware.
4. Begin playing the file. Immediately you should see the slider LEDs do a sequential animation, and the light ring slowly filling up with lights, and then clearing, then filling up again. Do not interrupt the process! You can monitor the audio by listening to the evens Lock jack or the audio OUT jacks.
5. If at any time two of the Lock lights turn on (channels 2 and 3, or channels 2 and 4) and the other lights stop animating, then an error has occurred. Verify the cable is not loose, all sounds/vibrate/notifications are off, and that you have downloaded the audio file completely (avoid streaming or playing from the browser). Check the volume is at 100%. Remove the protection case from your smart phone. Stop the audio file, reset it back to the start, and tap the ROTATE button to reset. The single flashing light should come on and the Lock lights should turn off. Play the file from the beginning again.

The open-source licensed source files (in C, for compiling with gcc-arm) can be found at <https://www.github.com/4ms/SMR>

The audio files are not at this location, they are available from <http://4mscompany.com/smr.php>

### Firmware Version

To view the firmware version, tap the ROTATE button 10 times rapidly to enter "Custom Scales" mode. Starting with Firmware version 2, the Blue/Green/Red elements of the Env. Outs LEDs read as a binary code of the firmware version number, with Channel 1 Red being the least significant bit, and Channel 6 Blue being the most significant bit.

*Firmware version 1: All Env Out LEDs normal colors (should be red, but this feature was not implemented on version 1)*

*Firmware version 2: Channel 1 Green*

**Firmware version 3: Channel 1 Yellow** (latest version as of Dec 2015)

### Custom Scales

Tap the ROTATE button 10 times rapidly. All the Lock lights will illuminate, the first four sliders will be flashing, and the last two sliders will be dim. You are now in Custom Scale Edit mode.

There is one Custom Bank, containing 11 Custom Scales, each of which contains 20 custom notes. You can choose which Custom Scale you are editing by tapping the ROTATE button to select the scale, just like you do in normal operation. Tap it again to return to selecting the note.

The Fast | Slow switch has an important feature starting firmware version 4. Flipping it back and forth lets you hear channel 1 or channel 6 (or both at the same time in the center). This is useful for hearing two notes in a scale at the same time (make sure to hit the lock button before flipping unless you want the new note to be copied over). The lights on the ring will show which note is active (tap ROTATE to exit scale selection mode if necessary).

Each note in the scale can be assigned a frequency. To choose the note for which you want to change the pitch, turn the ROTATE knob and the light will move around the light ring, indicating which of the 20 notes you are currently editing. If the Fast | Slow switch is set to the center, then you will be editing the frequency of two notes at the same time. Otherwise you will be editing the note which is illuminated on the light ring.

To edit the pitch of a note you've selected, press the Channel 1 Lock button. This will unlock the note and allow the pitch to be changed. The lock buttons for channels 1-4 will turn off. You may want to turn up Res (Q) so you can hear the pitch, or you can keep Res (Q) turned down and run audio into the SMR to select a frequency based on what it filters out.

Slide the sliders to edit the pitch:

- Slider 1: Octave select (10 octaves)
- Slider 2: Semi-tone select (12 notes within the octave)
- Slider 3: Micro-tone select (52 micro-tones within the semi-tone)
- Slider 4: Nano-tone select (Fine tuning micro-tone control)
- *Sliders 5 and 6: Not used for Custom Scales (see next section on 1V/oct tracking)*

When you've set the pitch you want, press Channel 1 lock button to lock it, or turn the ROTATE knob to select a new note and it will be automatically locked. You can rotate around all the notes and/or change scales to verify the scale sounds how you like it. When you want to save your changes, press and hold the ROTATE button for five seconds. You will hear a beep indicating the Custom Bank was saved. To access the Custom Bank, select the grey (pearl, or dim white) bank in the same way you normally select banks. The Custom Bank functions in the same way as pre-programmed banks.

### **Adjust 1V/oct tracking**

The 1V/octave tracking of the Freq jacks can be fine tuned. The exponential tracking can be adjusted by about +/-5%, and the offset of the Freq jacks can be adjusted linearly by +/- 75mV. Whether you have tracking errors due to small variations in the SMR, non-optimal power supply performance, other modules that lack the ability to adjust tracking, or you are just playing with intentional detuning, the ability to fine-tune the SMR's response to voltage on the Freq jack means it can be tuned to your exact specifications under a wide range of conditions.

To change the tracking and offset, enter Custom Scales mode as described above. Use the ROTATE knob and button to select a note and scale that you want to use as a test frequency. Next, flip the Fast | Slow switch to select which Freq jack you want to edit:

- Fast | Slow = Fast (left): Adjusting tracking for Odds Freq jack
- Fast | Slow = Trig (center): Adjusting tracking for Odds and Evens Freq jacks
- Fast | Slow = Slow (right): Adjusting tracking for Evens Freq jack

Next, tap the Channel 5 or 6 Lock button so that they both turn off, and adjust sliders 5 and 6 as follows:

- Slider 5: Tracking response (from about 0.95V/oct to 1.05V/oct)
- Slider 6: Pitch offset (+/-75mV)

The tracking parameter can accommodate small variations in tracking, so you can match the SMR to a standard VCO by testing at various voltages into the Freq jack and the VCO's 1V/oct jack. The offset parameter is useful to accommodate for linear offsets in pitch. For example, if the SMR is outputting 440.5Hz when tuned to an A4, you could adjust the offset so it is in tune with other equipment that plays at 440Hz.

The general procedure for adjusting tracking is to input 0.000V into the SMR's Freq jack and also into a VCO. Keep Freq nudge knobs at 0% (this is important!). Pick a note that's fairly low in pitch (perhaps A2/110Hz). Tune the VCO to this low note, and rotate the SMR so that it's also playing that note. Now enter Custom Scale mode and adjust the SMR's pitch offset using slider 6, so that it's in tune with the low note on the VCO. Next, apply 2.00V or perhaps 3.00V or 4.00V to both the VCO and the SMR. Adjust the SMR's tracking response using slider 5 so that it's in tune with the VCO. Repeat if necessary at different voltages.

When finished, hold ROTATE for five seconds. The tracking information will be saved into memory. Note that even though the tracking adjustments are made in Custom Scale mode, they apply globally to all scales and banks, not just the Custom Bank.

### **System Mode**

To enter System Mode, hold the ROTATE (SPREAD) button down for five seconds without turning it. The Lock buttons will start flashing, an animation will appear on the slider lights, and all the Env Out lights will stay steadily lit.

To exit System Mode without changing anything, tap the ROTATE (SPREAD) button quickly.

There are several things you can do in System Mode:

#### **Color Schemes**

Each channel is given a color, which is shown on the light ring to indicate which note and scale the channel is assigned to. It's also shown on the channel's Env Out LED. These six colors are arbitrary and there are 14 preset color schemes that can be selected. For instance you might want all your LEDs to be red, or to be white. Or you might prefer pastel colors or a gradient between blue and orange. You also can create a custom color scheme with any six colors you want.

To change the color scheme, enter System Mode. Then turn the ROTATE knob to cycle through the color schemes. Some of the color schemes may be gray, which means they are an empty slot that can be programmed with a custom color scheme. When you find a color scheme you like, you can try it out by tapping the ROTATE button once. Or, if you want to see this color scheme by default every time you power the SMR on, then you can save it in the current settings slot by holding down the steadily lit Lock button for five seconds. See Saving and Recalling Settings below for details.

#### **Custom Color Schemes**

You can also edit a color scheme or create your own.

Enter System Mode as described above. Turn the ROTATE knob to select the color scheme you want to edit, or select one of the grey color schemes to create your own. Now press and hold the ROTATE button again for another five seconds. You've now entered Custom Color Scheme Mode. The first three sliders will be flashing, and the last three will off. The six Lock buttons will be steadily lit.

The sliders represent Red, Green, and Blue respectively. The Lock buttons select which channel you're currently editing.

Start by tapping the first Lock button so that Channel 1 is unlocked. Play with the first three sliders as you watch the Env Out light and/or the light ring. The first slider controls the amount of red, the second slider controls the amount of green, and the third slider controls the amount of blue. Billions of colors can be chosen with these three sliders. When you find a color you like, lock the channel and unlock the next channel you want to edit.

You also can edit multiple channels at once by unlocking them all while adjusting the sliders. This is a quick way to set all the channels to the same color if you want a mono-chromatic color scheme. From there you could make fine adjustments to one channel at a time so that there's some variation between channels.

When you're done editing, press and hold the ROTATE button for five seconds and the color scheme will be saved, even after the SMR is turned off. If you're saving and recalling settings in the settings slots (see next section), it might be helpful to know that saving a color scheme in this way saves it to the currently active settings slot. To try out your changes, tap the ROTATE button once quickly and nothing will be saved permanently, but you will be able to try out the new color scheme. If you don't like it, power the SMR off and back on to clear it or re-load the current Settings Slot. If you do like it, save it to a Settings Slot.

### **Slider LED mode**

The Slider LEDs normally display clipping on the channels by flickering when the channel's contribution to the output mix approaches the clipping level. To toggle between the two settings, slide channel 1's slider up and down 5 times rapidly when in System Mode.

You can tell which setting you're in by watching the animation on the slider LEDs when in System Mode:

- One slider LED is on at a time (Night-Rider): sliders show clipping and level
- Five slider LEDs are on at a time (inverse Night-Rider): sliders show level only

### **Filter Type**

Experimental feature that uses a different algorithm for the filter. The timbre is subtly different, and the decay when struck with a trigger is more exponential. However, the alternative filter type cannot be tracked 1V/octave. Thus the Freq jacks mimic the Freq Nudge knobs when using this filter type.

To change filter types, rapidly turn the Odds Freq Nudge knob up and down 5 times from 0% to 100% when in System Mode. Make sure you are listening to the output, because you will hear a change in sound when the filter type changes. The filter type is saved with each setting slot.

### **Factory Reset**

To reset all SMR settings, enter System Mode and hold down all six Lock buttons and the ROTATE button for 3 seconds.

### **Saving and Recalling Settings – “Settings Slots”**

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All of the internal settings of the SMR can be saved and recalled, even after powering the SMR off. There are six “Settings Slots” for you to save and recall settings. When powering the SMR on, the slot that was most recently saved into will be recalled. The settings that are saved and recalled in each setting slot are the following:

- Channel note
- Channel scale
- Channel bank
- Channel Res/Q setting (if q-locked)
- Channel lock status
- Channel Q-lock status
- Channel Freq Nudge setting
- Color Scheme selection
- Filter type
- 1V/oct tracking compensation

Additionally, the following global settings are saved whenever a setting slot is saved:

- Default Settings Slot (which Slot the SMR starts up in)
- Custom scales
- Color schemes
- Slider LED mode

The six Settings Slots are represented by the six Lock buttons. When you enter System Mode, the Lock buttons will flash in a way to tell you their status:

- Dimly flashing: Settings Slot is empty
- Brightly flashing: Settings Slot is full
- Lit solidly (not flashing): Settings Slot is currently selected

### **Recall Settings**

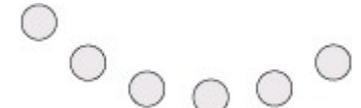
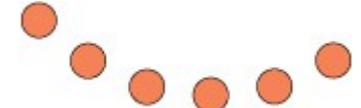
To recall settings from a Slot, enter System Mode and then tap one of the brightly flashing Lock buttons. The settings from that Slot will be loaded and you will instantly exit System Mode.

### **Saving Settings**

To save the current settings into a Slot, enter System Mode and then hold down one of the Lock buttons for three seconds. The SMR will beep for a fraction of a second. The next time you power the SMR on, it will boot into the last saved Slot. Recalling a slot and then saving it is the way to set a default startup slot without changing any settings.

# Spectral Multiband Resonator — Scales and Banks

Press and hold down the ROTATE knob while turning it to change the Bank.  
 The colors of the bottom six lights will change color to show what bank is selected.  
 Note: If one or more channels are locked, the channel will not change bank.

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|  <p><b>1. Western scale (white)</b><br/>                 Just intonation. Each scale contains a root note and one interval, repeated over 10 octaves. Each scale uses a different interval (m2 to M7) and spans 27.5Hz to 15kHz</p>   |  <p><b>2. Indian pentatonic (green)</b><br/>                 Scales 1-8 have five notes per octave, spanning four octaves. Each is one octave above the previous. Scales 9-11 contain selected notes.</p>  |  <p><b>3. Alpha scale, selected notes (lavender)</b>. Each scale contains intervals from Wendy Carlos's micro-tonal scale, spanning roughly from 20Hz to 20kHz</p>   |  <p><b>4. Alpha scale, selected notes (cyan)</b>. More variations. All intervals are multiples of 78.0 cents (perfect fifth split into nine equal parts), so there are no octaves, yet rich harmonies.</p>  |
|  <p><b>5. Gamma scale, selected notes (orange)</b><br/>                 Each scale contains intervals selected from Wendy Carlos's non-octave repeating Gamma scale, spanning roughly 20Hz to 20kHz.</p>  |  <p><b>6. 17-note per octave (yellow)</b><br/>                 The first scale starts at 13.75Hz and each note is equally tempered to a 17-note octave. Each scale is one octave above the previous.</p>   |  <p><b>7. Chromatic (purple)</b><br/>                 The first scale starts at E2 (82.4Hz) and each note is one semi-tone above the previous. Each scale spans an octave and a half and is six semi-tones above the previous.</p>   |  <p><b>8. Diatonic 1/2 (magenta)</b><br/>                 Each scale is a diatonic scale spanning almost three octaves. The first two scales start on A, the next two start on A#, then B, C, C#, D. In each pair, the second scale is two octaves above the first.</p> |
|  <p><b>9. Diatonic 2/2 (rose)</b><br/>                 Continuation of previous bank, starting at D#, E, F, F#, G, G#</p>   |  <p><b>10. Western dual-interval (light green)</b>. Each scale starts on G1 (49Hz), followed by two intervals. The triad is repeated across seven octaves, an octave higher each time. The pair of intervals varies per scale: M2/P5, M3/flat5, m3/M5, M4/P5, m3/#5, P4/P5, M3/M6, m3/flat6, M3/#5, m3/m7, P5/M7</p> |  <p><b>11. Mesopotamian (Red)</b><br/>                 Various ancient scales from Mesopotamia. Scales 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 have six notes starting on A2 (55Hz), and then repeats over 3 octaves. The remaining scales are copies of the previous scale, but three octaves higher.</p> |  <p><b>12. Shrutis, Indian scales (Yellow-green)</b>. Uses 20 notes from a 22-note octave, so each scale spans one octave and is one octave higher than the previous scale.</p>   |
|  <p><b>13. Graphic EQ (blue)</b><br/>                 These are common frequencies in Eqs. The first scale is 20Hz, 40, 60, 80, 100, 150, 250, 350, 500, 630, 800, 1k, 1.3k, 1.6k, 2k, 2.6k, 3.5k, 5k, 8k, 10k. Each scale is the same as the previous scale, shifted up about 3%</p> |  <p><b>14. Gamelan (azure)</b><br/>                 Scales 1 and 2 are the Gamelan Pelog (5-note) scale repeated over 4 octaves. Scales 3, 4, and 5 are Slendro (7-note) scales spanning 3 octaves each. Scales 6-11 are a selection of five notes from the Slendro scale.</p>                                     |  <p><b>15. Bohlen-Pierce (Lime)</b><br/>                 Instead of octaves, the BP scale is based on the tritave (triple the root frequency), with thirteen notes per tritave. Each scale starts on C1 and contains four selected notes per tritave, spanning five tritaves</p>       |  <p><b>16. Custom scales (gray/pearl)</b><br/>                 These are user-programmable scales. See section above for how to write and save your own scales. By default, they are chromatic scale</p>  |