

# MTransformer



## Easy screen vs. Edit screen

The plugin provides 2 user interfaces - an **easy screen** and an **edit screen**. Use the Edit button to switch between the two.

By default most plugins open on the **easy screen** (edit button released). This screen is a simplified view of the plugin which provides just a few controls. On the left hand side of the plugin you can see the list of available **devices / instruments** (previously called 'active presets'), that is, presets with controls. These controls are actually nothing more than multiparameters (single knobs that can control one or more of the plug-in's parameters and sometimes known as Macro controls in other plug-ins) and are described in more detail later. Each device may provide different controls and usually is intended for a specific purpose. The easy screen is designed for you to be able to perform common tasks, quickly and easily, without the need to use the advanced settings (that is, those available on the Edit screen).

In most cases the devices are highlighted using different text colors. In some cases the colors only mark different types of processing, but in most cases the general rule is that **black/white devices** are the essential ones designed for general use. **Green devices** are designed for a specific task or audio materials, e.g. de-essing or processing vocals in a compressor plugin. **Red devices** usually provide some very special processing or some extreme or creative settings. In a distortion plugin, for example, these may produce an extremely distorted output. **Blue devices** require an additional input, a side-chain or MIDI input usually. Without these additional inputs these **Blue** presets usually do not function as intended. Please check your host's documentation about routing side-chain and MIDI into an effect plugin.

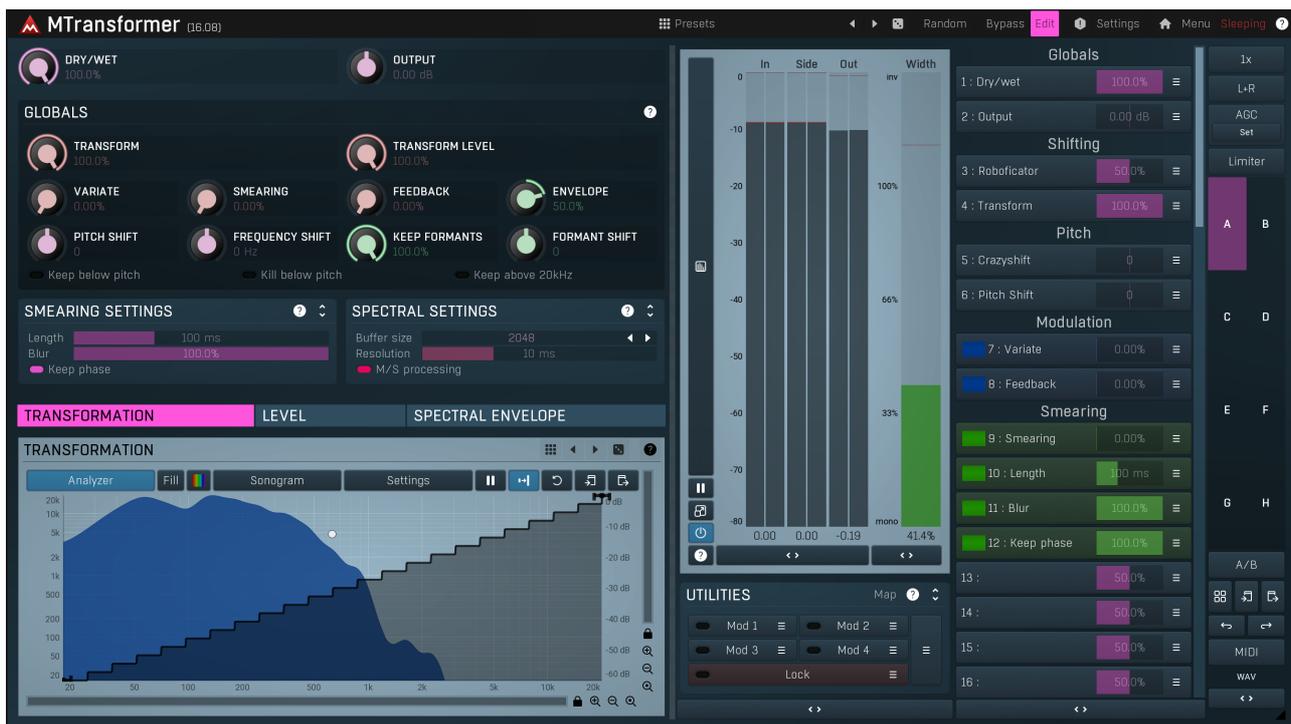
To the right of the controls are the meters or time-graphs for the plugin; the standard plugin Toolbar may be to the right of these or at the bottom of the plugin.

By clicking the **Edit button** you can switch the plugin to **edit mode** (edit button pushed). This mode provides all the of the features that the plugin offers. You lose no settings by toggling between edit mode and the easy screen unless you actually change something. This way you can easily check what is "under the hood" for each device, or start with an device and then tweak the plugin settings further.

Devices are factory specified and cannot be modified directly by users, however you can still make your own and store them as normal presets. To do so, configure the plugin as desired, then define each multiparameter and specify its name in its settings. You can then switch to the easy screen and check the user interface that you have created. Once you are satisfied with it, save it as a normal preset while you are on the easy screen. Although your preset will not be displayed or selected in the list of available devices, the functionality will be exactly the same. For more information about multiparameters and devices please check the **online video tutorials**.

If you are an advanced designer, you can also view both the easy and edit screens at the same time. To do that, hold **Ctrl** key and press the Edit button.

# Edit mode



Presets

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Presets button shows a window with all available presets. A preset can be loaded from the preset window by double-clicking on it, selecting via the buttons or by using your keyboard. You can also manage the directory structure, store new presets, replace existing ones etc. Presets are global, so a preset saved from one project, can easily be used in another. The arrow buttons next to the preset button can be used to switch between presets easily.

Holding **Ctrl** while pressing the button loads a random preset. There must be some presets for this feature to work of course.

Presets can be backed up by 3 different methods:

A) Using "Backup" and "Restore" buttons in each preset window, which produces a single archive of all presets on the computer.

B) Using "Export/Import" buttons, which export a single folder of presets for one plugin.

C) By saving the actual preset files, which are found in the following directories (not recommended):

Windows: C:\Users\{username}\AppData\Roaming\MeldaProduction

Mac OS X: /Library/Application support/MeldaProduction

Files are named based on the name of the plugin like this: "{pluginname}.presets", so for example MAutopan.presets or MDynamics.presets. If the directory cannot be found on your computer for some reason, you can just search for the particular file.

Please note that prior to version 16 a different format was used and the naming was "{pluginname}presets.xml". *The plugin also supports an online preset exchange. If the computer is connected to the internet, the plugin connects to our server once a week, submits your presets and downloads new ones if available. This feature is manually maintained in order to remove generally unusable presets, so it may take some time before any submitted presets become available. This feature relies on each user so we strongly advise that any submitted presets be named and organised in the same way as the factory presets, otherwise they will be removed.*



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Randomize button (with the text 'Random') generates random settings. Generally, randomization in plug-ins works by selecting random values for all parameters, but rarely achieves satisfactory results, as the more parameters that change the more likely one will cause an

unwanted effect. Our plugins employ a smart randomization engine that learns which settings are suitable for randomization (using the existing presets) and so is much more likely to create successful changes.

In addition, there are some mouse modifiers that assist this process. The smart randomization engine is used by default if no modifier keys are held.

Holding **Ctrl** while clicking the button constrains the randomization engine so that parameters are only modified slightly rather than completely randomized. This is suitable to create small variations of existing interesting settings.

Holding **Alt** while clicking the button will force the engine to use full randomization, which sets random values for all reasonable automatable parameters. This can often result in "extreme" settings. Please note that some parameters cannot be randomized this way.



## Panic

Panic button resets the plugin state. You can use it to force the plugin to report latency to the host again and to avoid any audio problems. For example, some plugins, having a look-ahead feature, report the size of the look-ahead delay as latency, but it is inconvenient to do that every time the look-ahead changes as it usually causes the playback to stop. After you tweak the latency to the correct value, just click this button to sync the track in time with the others, minimizing phasing artifacts caused by the look-ahead delay mixing with undelayed audio signals in your host. It may also be necessary to restart playback in your host.

Another example is if some malfunctioning plugin generates extremely high values for the input of this plugin. A potential filter may start generating very high values as well and as a result the playback will stop. You can just click this button to reset the plugin and the playback will start again.



## Settings

Settings button shows a menu with additional settings of the plugin. Here is a brief description of the separate items.

**Licence manager** lets you activate/deactivate the plugins and manage subscriptions. While you can simply drag & drop a licence file onto the plugin, in some cases there may be a faster way. For instance, you can enter your user account name and password and the plugin will do all the activating for you.

There are 4 groups of settings, each section has its own detailed help information: **GUI & Style** enables you to pick the GUI style for the plug-in and the main colours used for the background, the title bars of the windows and panels, the text and graphs area and the highlighting (used for enabled buttons, sliders, knobs etc).

**Advanced settings** configures several processing options for the plug-in.

**Global system settings** contains some settings for all MeldaProduction plugins. Once you change any of them, restart your DAW if needed, and it will affect all MeldaProduction plugins.

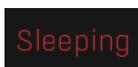
**Dry/Wet affects** determines, for Multiband plug-ins, which multiband parameters are affected by the Global dry/wet control.

**Smart interpolation** adjusts the interpolation algorithm used when changing parameter values; the higher the setting the higher the audio quality and the lower the chance of zippering noise, but more CPU will be used.



## WWW

WWW button shows a menu with additional information about the plugin. You can check for updates, get easy access to support, MeldaProduction web page, video tutorials, Facebook/Twitter/YouTube channels and more.



## Sleep indicator

Sleep indicator informs whether the plugin is currently active or in sleep mode. The plugin can automatically switch itself off to save CPU, when there is no input signal and the plugin knows it cannot produce any signal on its own and it generally makes sense. You can disable this in Settings / **Intelligent sleep on silence** both for individual instances and globally for all plugins on the system.



DRY/WET  
100.0%

### Dry/Wet

Dry/Wet defines how powerful the effect is, thus this is the ratio between dry and wet signals.

Range: 0.00% to 100.0%, default 100.0%



OUTPUT  
0.00 dB

### Gain

Gain defines power modification applied to the wet signal. You can use it to make the processed signal similar in loudness if needed, hence making dry/wet easier to use.

Range: -24.00 dB to +24.00 dB, default 0.00 dB

# Globals panel



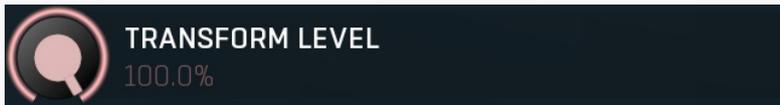
Globals panel controls the global parameters of the processor.



## Transform

Transform controls the depth of the transformation. Unlike **Dry/Wet** this doesn't just mix the unprocessed and processed signals, but controls the amount of the transformation. With 0% the transformation graph won't matter at all. With 100% the output frequencies will follow the graph completely. This is useful because often even small changes in the transformation shape cause huge changes in the audio, so you can use this parameter to reduce the effect.

Range: 0.00% to 100.0%, default 100.0%



## Transform level

Transform level controls the depth of the level transformation. Unlike **Dry/Wet** this doesn't just mix the unprocessed and processed signals, but controls the amount of the transformation. With 0% the level graph won't matter at all. With 100% the output frequencies will follow the graph completely. This is useful because often even small changes in the level shape cause huge changes in the audio, so you can use this parameter to reduce the effect.

Range: 0.00% to 100.0%, default 100.0%



## Variate

Variate controls the amount of random variations in the signal. 0% disables the effect completely. Increasing the value usually brings some form of doubling and choir, increasing it further continues with something that could be called demonization up to a complete destruction.

Range: 0.00% to 100.0%, default 0.00%



## Smearing

Smearing is a unique feature that lets you smear the input in time. The default 0% disables it completely. The higher the value is, the more smeared the sound, usually it causes kind of a reverberation. With 100% the input spectrum gets completely frozen.

Range: 0.00% to 100.0%, default 0.00%



## Feedback

Feedback controls how much of the output signal is added to the input, block by block. Note that spectral feedback does something quite different from classic time domain feedback. The best thing to do is to try it and see how it sounds.

Range: 0.00% to 100.0%, default 0.00%



## Spectral envelope

Spectral envelope controls the amount of processing caused by the spectral envelope transformation graph. It can be used to lower or increase the amount of spectral envelope alteration, which is especially useful when processing natural vocals. When a negative number is set, the actual graph becomes inverted. By default it is 50%, because full processing is usually too much.

Range: -100.0% to 100.0%, default 50.0%



## PITCH SHIFT

0

### Pitch shift

Pitch shift defines the pitch change in semitones.

Range: -24.00 to +24.00, default 0



## FREQUENCY SHIFT

0 Hz

### Frequency shift

Frequency shift defines the amount by which each frequency is shifted. The more you move each frequency, the more they will lose harmonic relationship and start sounding dirty and distorted.

Range: -1000 Hz to 1000 Hz, default 0 Hz



## KEEP FORMANTS

100.0%

### Keep formants

Keep formants makes the algorithm try to reduce the altering of the spectral envelope. Most natural instruments including the human voice do not change the complete spectrum when changing pitch. However the pitch shifting algorithm does that since it does not follow the complex physical laws, which results in the typical mickey-mouse effect etc. Keep formants tries to approximate these physical laws and usually results in more natural results.

Range: 0.00% to 100.0%, default 0.00%



## FORMANT SHIFT

0

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Formant shift lets you manually alter the formant information (in semitones), which generally results in no pitch shifting, but can create the mickey-mouse effect for example.

Range: -12.00 to +12.00, default 0



Keep below pitch

### Keep below pitch

Keep below pitch option enables the integrated pitch detector and makes sure that nothing below the current pitch gets processed. This is known to vastly improve basic pitch shifting for monophonic instruments such as vocals, where there is often lots of rumble below the pitch, which only produce artifacts when shifted.



Kill below pitch

### Kill below pitch

Kill below pitch is a strongest alternative to **Keep below pitch**, which doesn't let anything below the fundamental frequency pass at all. In essence this should clear any potential low-frequency rumble.



Keep above 20kHz

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Keep above 20kHz option makes the plugin retain any content above 20kHz, which is removed by default as it is inaudible anyway.

## Smearing settings



Smearing settings controls the parameters of the smearing/time freeze processor.



Length 100 ms

### Length

Length controls the length of the interval from which the spectrum will be frozen. Lower values tend to produce stiff and unnatural results.

Range: 1.0 ms to 1000 ms, default 100 ms



Blur 100.0%

### Blur

Blur controls the time-based bluriness caused by applying different parts of the spectrum from different times.

Range: 0.00% to 100.0%, default 100.0%



Keep phase

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Keep phase option makes the processor keep the phase of the individual frequencies.



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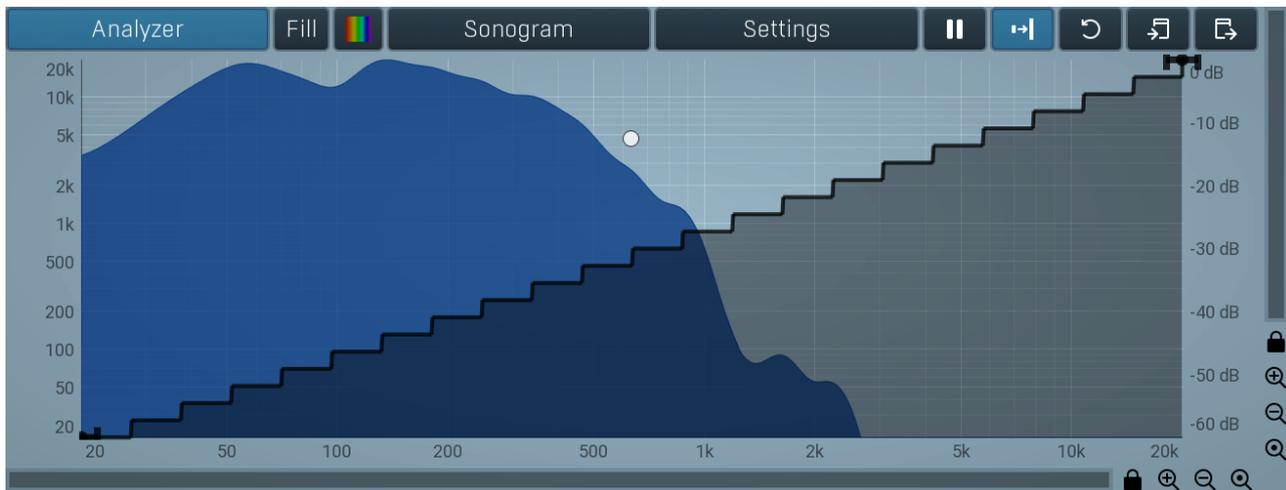
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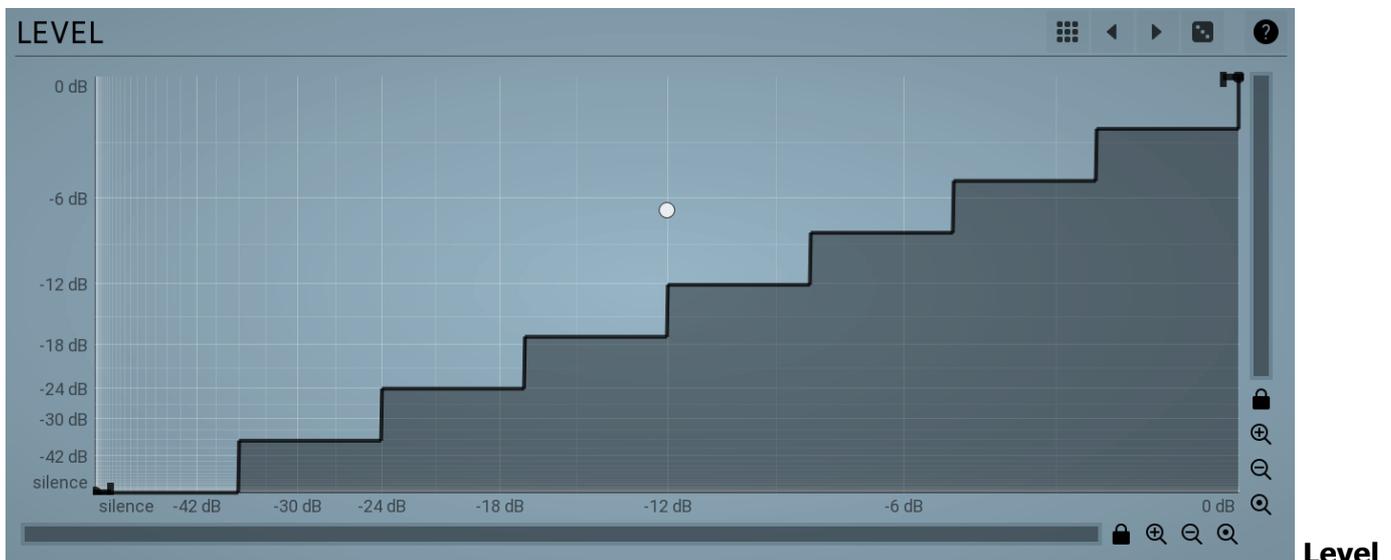
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## graph

Level graph controls the level transformation. On the X axis you can read the input levels and Y contains the corresponding output levels. You can use this to perform a sort of spectral compression or gating for example. For example, a horizontal line at the 'silence' level produces silent output, because whatever the input level was for a particular frequency, the output will be silent.



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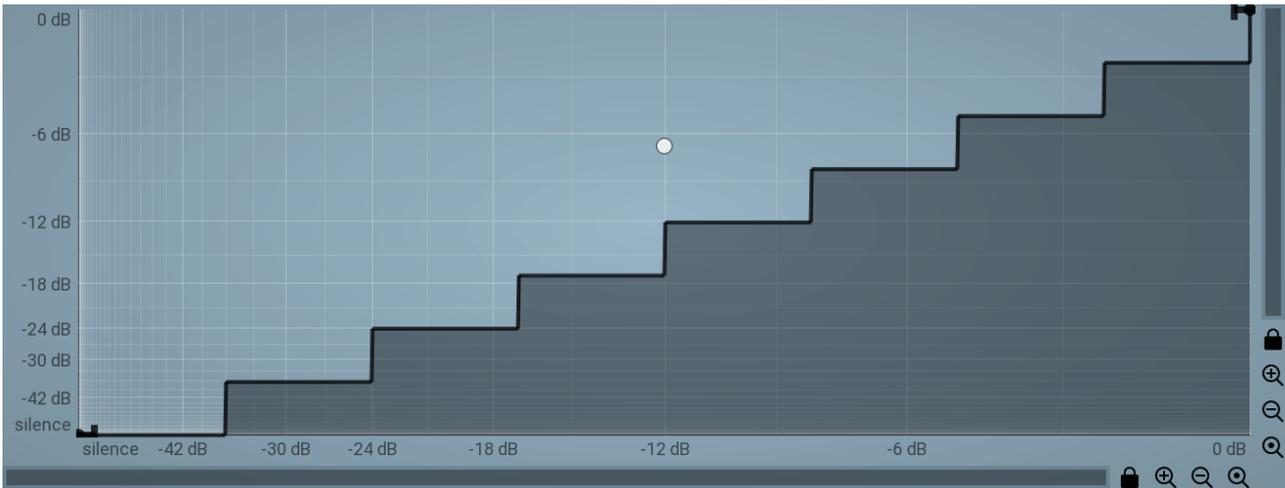
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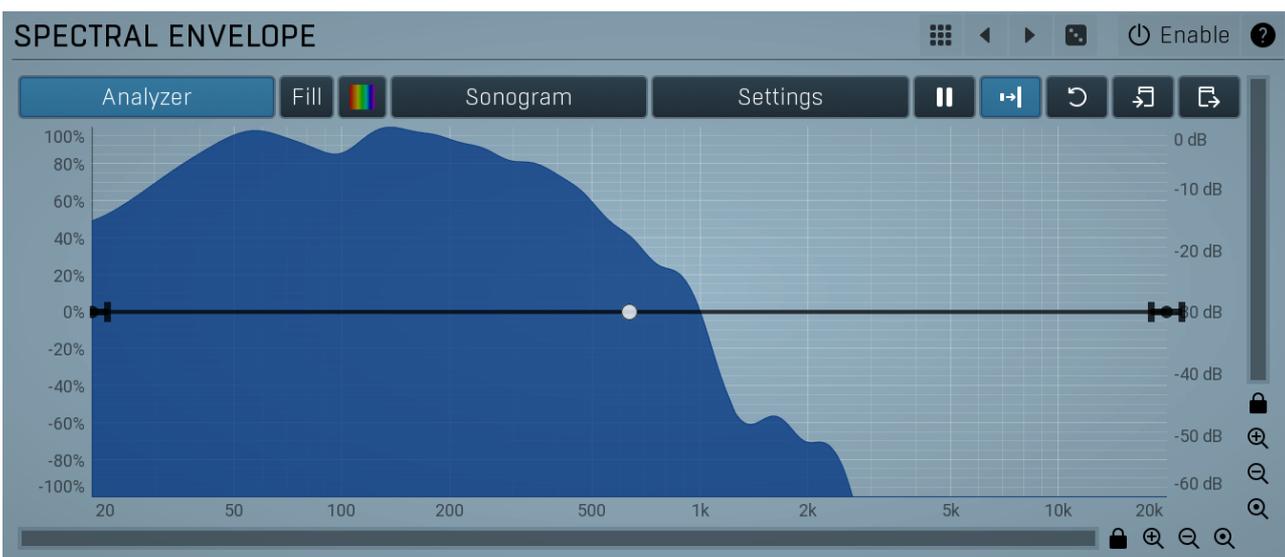


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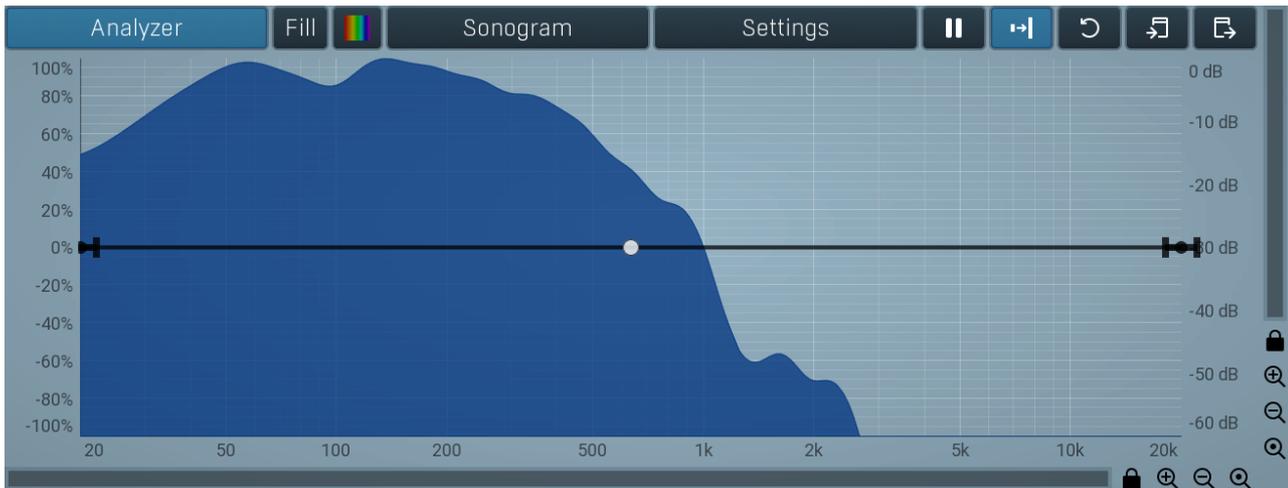
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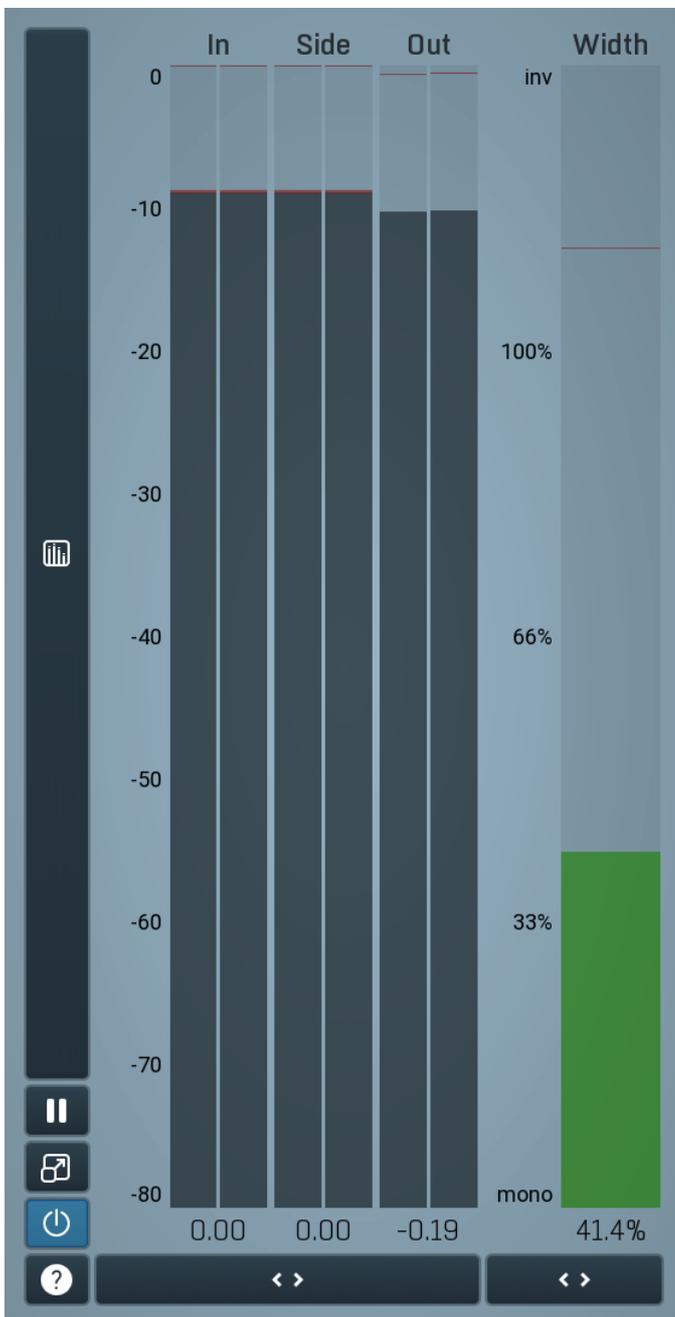
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### Global meter view

Global meter view provides a powerful metering system. If you do not see it in the plug-in, click the **Meters** or **Meters & Utilities** button to the right of the main controls. The display can work as either a classical level indicator or, in time graph mode, show one or more values in time. Use the first button to the left of the display to switch between the 2 modes and to control additional settings, including pause, disable and pop up the display into a floating window. The meter always shows the actual channels being processed, thus in M/S mode, it shows mid and side channels.

In the classical level indicators mode each of the meters also shows the recent maximum value. Click on any one of these values boxes to reset them all.

**In meter** indicates the total input level. The input meter shows the audio level before any specific processing (except potential oversampling and other pre-processing). It is always recommended to keep the input level under 0dB. You may need to adjust the previous processing plugins, track levels or gain stages to ensure that it is achieved.

As the levels approach 0dB, that part of the meters is displayed with **red** bars. And recent peak levels are indicated by single bars.

**Out meter** indicates the total output level. The output meter is the last item in the processing chain (except potential downsampling and other post-processing). It is always recommended to keep the output under 0dB.

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**Width meter** shows the stereo width at the output stage. This meter requires at least 2 channels and therefore does not work in mono mode. Stereo width meter basically shows the difference between the mid and side channels.

When the value is **0%**, the output is monophonic. From 0% to 66% there is a green range, where most audio materials should remain.

**From 66% to 100%** the audio is very stereophonic and the phase coherence may start causing problems. This range is colored blue. You may still want to use this range for wide materials, such as background pads. It is pretty common for mastered tracks to lie on the edge of green and blue zones.

**Above 100%** the side signal exceeds the mid signal, therefore it is too monophonic or the signal is out of phase. This is marked using red color. In this case you should consider rotating the phase of the left or right channels or lowering the side signal, otherwise the audio will be highly mono-incompatible and can cause fatigue even when played back in stereo.

For most audio sources the width is fluctuating quickly, so the meter shows a 400ms average. It also shows the temporary maximum above it as a single coloured bar.

If you right click on the meter, you can enable/disable loudness pre-filtering, which uses EBU standard filters to simulate human perception. This may be useful to get a more realistic idea about stereo width. However, since humans perceive the bass spectrum as lower than the treble, this may hide phase problems in that bass spectrum.



### Time graph

Time graph button switches between the metering view and the time-graphs. The metering view provides an immediate view of the current values including a text representation. The time-graphs provide the same information over a period of time. Since different time-graphs often need different units, only the most important units are provided.



### Pause

Pause button pauses the processing.



### Popup

Popup button shows a pop-up window and moves the whole metering / time-graph system into it. This is especially useful in cases where you cannot enlarge the meters within the main window or such a task is too complicated. The pop-up window can be arbitrarily resized. In metering mode it is useful for easier reading from a distance for example. In time-graph mode it is useful for getting higher accuracy and a longer time perspective.



### Enable

Enable button enables or disables the metering system. You can disable it to save system resources.



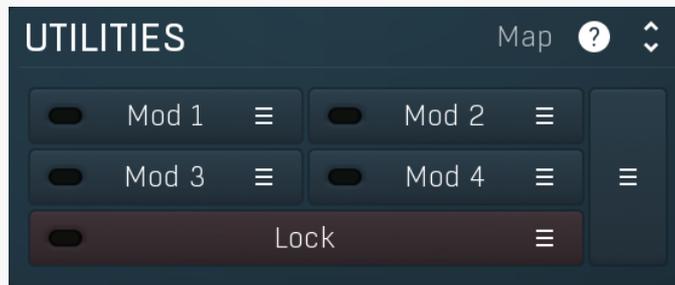
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## Map **Map**

Map button displays all current mappings of modulators, multiparameters and MIDI (whichever subsystems the plugin provides).

## Mod 1 **Modulator**

Modulator button displays settings of the modulator. It also contains a checkbox, to the left, which you can use to enable or disable the modulator. Click on it using your right mouse button or use the **menu button** to display an additional menu with learning capabilities - as described below.

## Menu **Menu**

Menu button shows the **smart learn** menu. You can also use the right mouse button anywhere on the modulator button.

**Learn** activates the learning mode and displays "REC" on the button as a reminder, **Clear & Learn** deletes all parameters currently associated with the modulator, then activates the learning mode as above. After that every parameter you touch will be associated to the modulator along with the range that the parameter was changed. Learning mode is ended by clicking the button again.

In smart learn mode the modulator does not operate but rather records your actions. You can still adjust every automatable parameter and use it normally. When you change a parameter, the plugin associates that parameter with the modulator and also records the range of values that you set.

*For example, to associate a frequency slider and make a modulator control it from 100Hz to 1KHz, just enable the smart learn mode, click the slider then move it from 100Hz to 1KHz (you can also edit the range later in the modulator window too). Then disable the learning mode by clicking on the button.*

## Menu **Menu**

Menu button displays additional menu containing features for modulator presets and randomization.

## Lock **Lock**

Lock button displays the settings of the global parameter lock. Click on it using your left mouse button to open the Global Parameter Lock window, listing all those parameters that are currently able to be locked.

Click on it using your right mouse button or use the **menu button** to display the menu with learning capabilities - **Learn** activates the learning mode, **Clear & Learn** deletes all currently-lockable parameters and then activates the learning mode. After that, every parameter you touch will be added to the lock. Learning mode is ended by clicking the button again.

The On/Off button built into the Lock button enables or disables the active locks.



## **Collapse**

Collapse button minimizes or enlarges the panel to release space for other editors.

## 1 : Dry/wet 100.0% **Multiparameter**

Multiparameter button displays settings of the multiparameter. The multiparameter value can be adjusted by dragging it or by pressing Shift and clicking it to enter a new value from the virtual keyboard or from your computer keyboard.

Click on the button using your left mouse button to open the **Multiparameter** window where all the details of the multiparameter can be set. Click on it using your right mouse button or click on the **menu button** to the right to display an additional menu with learning capabilities - as described below.

## Menu **Menu**

Menu button shows the **smart learn** menu. You can also use the right mouse button anywhere on the multiparameter button.

**Learn** attaches any parameters, including ranges. Click this, then move any parameters through the ranges that you want and click the multiparameter button again to finish. While learning is active, "REC" is displayed on the multiparameter button and learning mode is ended

by clicking the button again.

**Clear & Learn** clears any parameters currently in the list then attaches any parameters, including ranges. Click this, then move any parameters through the ranges that you want and click the multiparameter button again to finish. While learning is active, "REC" is displayed on the multiparameter button and learning mode is ended by clicking the button again.

**Reset** resets all multiparameter settings to defaults.

**Quick Learn** clears any parameters currently in the list, attaches one parameter, including its range and assigns its name to the multiparameter. Click this, then move one parameter through the range that you want.

**Attach MIDI Controller** opens the MIDI Settings window, selects a unused parameter and activates MIDI learn. Click this then move the MIDI controller that you want to assign.

**Reorder to ...** lets you change the order of the multiparameters. This can be useful when creating active-presets. Please note that this feature can cause problems when one multiparameter controls other multiparameters, as these associations will not be preserved and they will need to be rebuilt.

In learning mode the multiparameter does not operate but rather records your actions. You can still adjust every automatable parameter and use it normally. When you change a parameter, the plugin associates that parameter with the multiparameter and also records the range of values that you set.

*For example, to associate a frequency slider and make a multiparameter control it from 100Hz to 1KHz, just enable the smart learn mode, click the slider then move it from 100Hz to 1KHz (you can also edit the range later in the Multiparameter window too). Then disable the learning mode by clicking on the button.*



### **Collapse**

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