



USER'S MANUAL

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THE CENTRE



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Part I

Before Start

Software Update

Software Update is the most important process to keep your unit updated with the latest features and bug fixes as well as to keep it safe from breaking during update process. Updating process is fairly simple from user perspective although there might be some issues with downloading files because of specific Internet Browser behaviour during downloading.

1. Download latest firmware release from Github https://github.com/1V-0ct/3318_the_centre_releases/releases
2. Copy downloaded firmware file into SD Card (make sure that the filename is: 'the_centre_v4.fwx' and it is in root directory of your card)
3. Insert SD Card into The Centre
4. Power on The Centre or perform Reset
5. Go to [[System Menu]] and check firmware version.

■ *NOTE: Sometimes Safari, Explorer and other browsers add some extra bits to the filename like '(1)' or '_1' to indicate that it is different file than already downloaded. Please rename the file to the correct name.*

Calibration

TL;DR: I came here to calibrate and not read poems... Here is YouTube video that shows Calibration of The Centre:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uEFr7RkuP7k>

2.1 Why Calibrate?

In the ideal world things are well... ideal. Although in real world things are not perfect and this is where term tolerance kicks in. Every electronic component has tolerance. Usually measured in percentage and usually this tolerance is like %1 for resistors and %5 for capacitors. Each circuit contains multiple electronic components and tolerances of those components add together making quite a huge percentage tolerance of the circuit. When circuit is operating the tolerances of this circuit do not change. Tolerance just change component properties at manufacturing stage. Therefore the circuit is always stable but might be slightly off.

Of course there are different ways to deal with the non-ideal circuits. Some of them are expensive (on hardware level) and some of them are quite cheap. One of those methods is calibration.

Calibration allows to establish default values returned by circuit under controlled environment and use them as reference points.

2.2 Calibration of music instruments

Many music instruments need calibration. Even tuning the piano or guitar. For digital or hybrid modules like The Centre the calibration process is to connect a well calibrated source of pitch that will provide stable value of voltages at two or more reference points. Usually two points are enough. The software will recalculate all the values and will apply proper algorithms to always generate correct pitch for voltages.

2.3 Calibrating The Centre

The Centre needs two voltages separated by 2V. In other words, the centre needs a Control Voltage (CV) for two C notes separated by 2 octaves. Ideally that would be C1 and C3 but many current MIDI keyboards supply only voltages between 0V and 5V which translates to C2 and C8. Yep, there is no standard for V/Oct assignemnt of voltage to notes so at 1V/OCT we assume that C2 is 0V. It does not matter anyway, because every V/Oct input has Octave and Note correction anyway.

To calibrate V/OCT inputs press two middle buttons (button 2 + 3) and it will bring System Menu. From there select "Calibrate" and press encoder down (select).

Now every channel can be calibrated individually or 4 inputs at the same time. Use encoder to select channel or all channels (when calibrating all channels use signal splitter to send CV voltage for calibration (pitch) to all inputs).

Now follow instructions on screen. First send any note from your keyboard except note C (we calibrate by C notes) and press Start (button 1). Now press any low octave C note (lets say C3) wait 10 seconds for next instructions, move two octaves up and send note C5. Wait 10 seconds and your unit is fully calibrated.

Now you can Save your calibration settings and enjoy your fully calibrated unit.

What's In The Box

Your Eurorack module comes packaged in the box together with:

Accessory bag

There is tiny bag included with your The Centre.

Inside this bag you will find:

1. 8 small caps for knobs
2. 4 small caps for buttons
3. 5 sets of washer + nut

https://github.com/1V-Oct/3318_the_centre_releases.wiki/images/accessory_bag.jpg

The Buttons

You might want to alternate between black and white buttons. It is very easy to change button caps. Just use pliers to remove the cap and put the other one.

Knobs Caps

The 8 "attenuator" knobs are naked because if you want to change face plate those caps sit very tight and they are hard to remove therefore I haven't installed them. It's very easy to install. Just position the pot in centre and put the cap pointing to the top. Thats it.

Washer + Nut Sets

I haven't put all those under big Level knobs. They are not necessary because there is no pressure applied and 4 already secures plate well. If you want all of them attached that's why they are inside this bag.

BPM

Many modules require clock to ensure synchronisation to given time interval requirements. Whether this is simple Random Note Generator (RNG) or Low Frequency Shaper (LFS) the supplied clock ensures that duration of quarter note in one module equals duration of quarter note in another module. There are multiple standards or just ad-hoc designs defining different number of clock pulses per beat. The most popular one is MIDI standard that established 24 clocks per quarter note (24 PQN).

The Centre by default uses 24 clocks per quarter note (beat) but this value can be changed globally for all modules. That setting can be adjusted in Global Settings and can vary between 24, 12, 6, 4, 3, 2 and 1 clocks per beat.

- *When using MIDI to control The Centre it is recommended to keep 24 CPQN (Clocks Per Quarter Note) to adhere to MIDI standard.*

Beats Per Minute (BPM) is a measure used in electronic music to define time interval of music. Beat in electronic music is equivalent to quarter note and there are 4 quarter notes to bar (4/4 tempo). The Centre by default configures all modules to work at 120BPM. 120 Beats Per Minute that's 120 beats per 60 seconds and in the end one quarter note duration is half second or 500 milliseconds (ms). To change default tempo it is necessary to provide modules with clock input via Clock CV (CLK) on modules inputs. The clock can be submitted via CVY input, MIDI input or generated internally via Clock Module (CLK). By adding CLK module we can generate Clock for other modules derived from user defined tempo.

Part II

System Overview

Audio Outputs

Audio Outputs is a fundamental mechanism of transferring audio between modules and out of The Centre. There are 4 output channels via **VOUT1** to **VOUT4** 3.5mm jacks that output audio level signal. VOUTs are DC coupled thus capable of sending output of utility modules such as LFS (Low Frequency Shaper - free shape oscillator) or ENV (AHDSR Envelope) or even triggers and gates.

Virtual Buffer Output called in The Centre by shortened name **VBuf** is a concept of transferring audio inside The Centre between modules without occupying outside outputs. VBuf can be understood as a buffer that stores audio that can be then assigned to another module (or a few modules) and further processed individually.

The most important part of VBuf is that every module within The Centre has own VBuf. Furthermore VBuf Output of a module can be used as VBuf input to other modules without being modified.

★ WTO can output to VBuf and then VCF processes WTO input. At the end MIX module takes input from WTO VBuf (original oscillator signal) and VCF Vbuf (filtered oscillator signal) and MIX module can act as Dry/Wet Mixer for those two signals. In such scenario WTO VBuf (oscillator output signal) is being sent unmodified to two modules (VCF and MIX).

Audio Outputs are integral part of almost every module. Audio output of some modules can be configured to **Stereo** or **Mono** while some modules will output only single channel (Mono). Certain modules that take input of **VBuf** will detect if the input is Mono or Stereo and process it accordingly.

CV Internal Outputs

Modules in Thw Centre nopt only output Audio Signal (that can be routed inside the module to other modules or outside of the module). Each module outputs Internal CV Signals that can be routed to other modules and used as CV (Control Voltage) Inputs. See: Module Inputs

★ VCO outputs two CV signals, VCO.OSC (output of oscillator) and VCO.RST (reset signal when phase of oscillator resets). The VCO.RST signal can be used as input of another VCO in Inputs: VCO Hard Sync that resets phase of oscillator. This way two VCOs can run in sync.

Module Inputs

8.1 Overview

Each module in The Centre has configurable set of inputs. Each input is composed out up to 4 components. Those components are either **VALUE** or **CONTROLLER**. The most common input is a triplet Level-Attenuator-CV. Level and Attenuator components can be represented either by VALUE or by assigned CONTROLLER (knob). CV component can be assigned to either external CV input (3.5mm jacks labelled CVY (gates) and CV (Control Voltage)) or to the internal output of another modules.

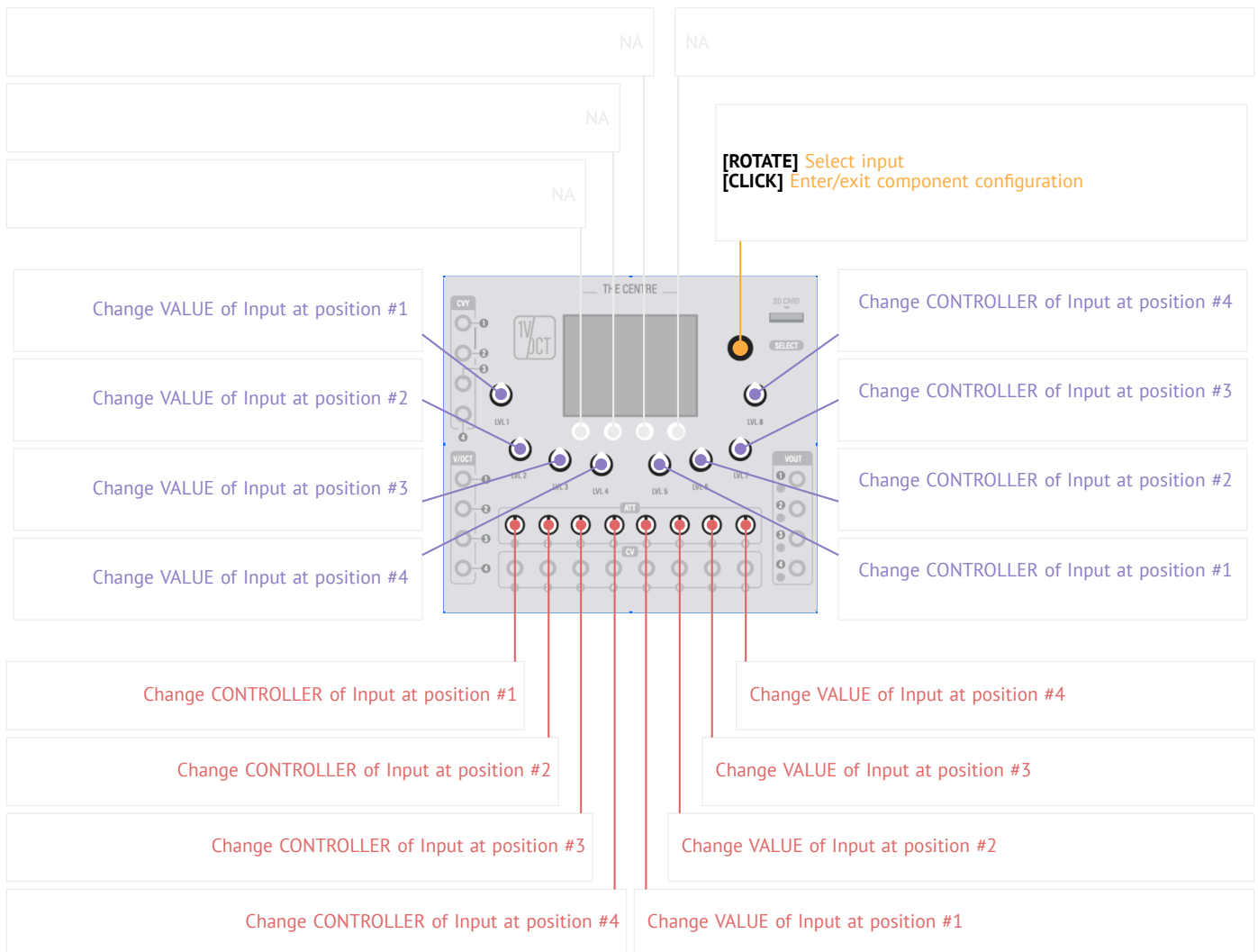
★ A good example of internal CV connection: ENV (AHDSR Envelope) Module and VCA (Voltage Controlled Amplifier) module connected via Input:Modulation of VCA to the output of envelope module Output:ENV.ENV.

8.2 Input Configuration Mode

8.2.1 Changing VALUE and CONTROLLER in Input Configuration mode

In the Input Screen of each module, we can use encoder (SELECT) to navigate through list of inputs and then use knobs to change VALUE or CONTROLLER of component at the selected Input. Please see below diagram to understand mapping of knobs in the Input Screen.

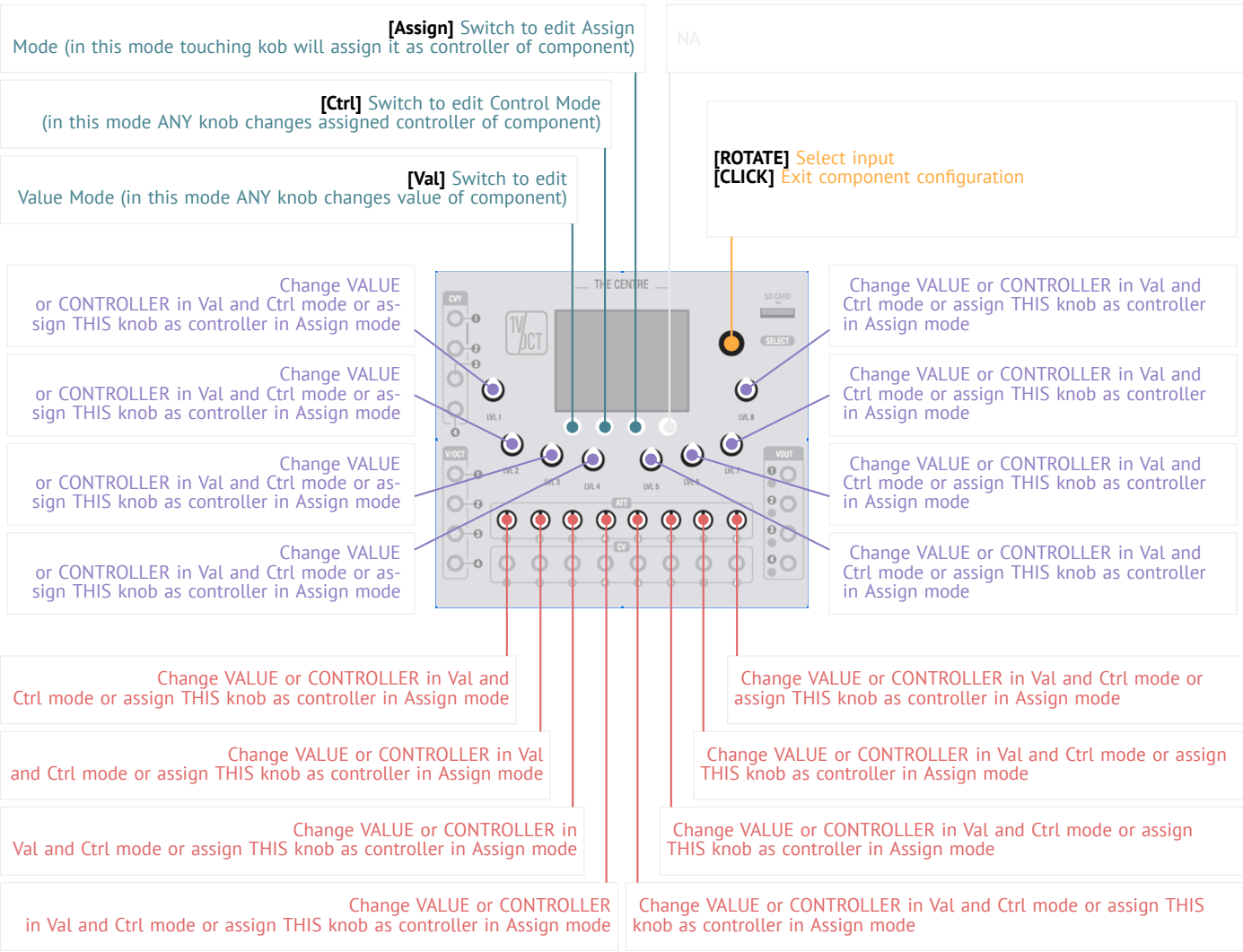
8.2.2 Layout of controls in input menu (Input Configuration)



8.3 Individual Component Configuration Mode

In Individual Component Configuration Mode each Component of each Input can be configured individually by changing it's Value or assigned Controller.

8.3.1 Layout of controls in input menu (Controller Configuration)



Assigning knobs

Another convenient way of changing knobs assignment is by pressing **Assign** button and switching to individual component setup in Assign Mode. In this mode Encoder (SELECT) navigates through all components of inputs individually and when placed upon Level or Attenuator component it is enough to rotate designated knob slightly to get it assigned to the component.

Configuring Components

In individual componet configuration pressing buttons Ctrl, Val and Assign switches between operation modes of changing CONTROLLER, VALUE or switching int Assign Mode described above. In those individual mode ANY knob will change either VALUE or CONTROLLER depending on selected mode.

Pitch Control

9.1 Overview

The Centre pitch control affects following modules: WTO, VCO, SMP. Pitch control is generally change of frequency of sound based on configuration of input.

9.2 1V/Oct

1V/Oct is an abbreviation from "1 Volt per Octave" and is a method of controlling pitch (frequency) of oscillator where increase of Control Voltage (CV) by 1 Volt doubles the frequency of oscillator effectively increasing pitch by one octave.

There is no clear standard what voltage results in what note therefore between manufacturers of equipment there are clear differences on what 0V (zero Volt) results in.

Some suggest that 0V should give "Middle C" note but it is also unclear what Middle C is even in MIDI standard (note 48 or 60 are the most commonly suggested) or maybe the 0V should result in frequency 440Hz which is commonly used as tuning frequency for A note.

The Centre follows Moog standard and defines 0V (zero Volt) for MIDI Note C4 and ultimately frequency of 261.63Hz (assuming concert pitch A4 is 440Hz).

9.3 Note Control in Inputs

The Centre Note Control for Note controlled values is configured in Inputs:NOTE:

SD	TL	wto_test	VCO	8	1
Note					
VOCT	OCT	NOTE	FINE		
--	--	--	--		
36	0	0	0.00		
AM					
LVL	ATT	CV	--		
--	--	--			
1.00	1.00	0.00			
Val	Ctrl	Assign	Back		

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1V/Oct input for note control. This input can be either set as value (fixed), get input from external modules or synthesizers by V/OCT 1-4 3.5mm input jacks or get input from any other modules CV output. Mostly the output from internal modules should be named .NTE (like: RNG.NTE Random note generator, note output).

■ VOCT is the only dynamically controlled component that controls pitch

OCT

Tuning note by octaves +/- 8 octaves

NOTE

Tuning note by semitones +12 semitones (one octave)

FINE

Tuning note by cents +/- one semitone

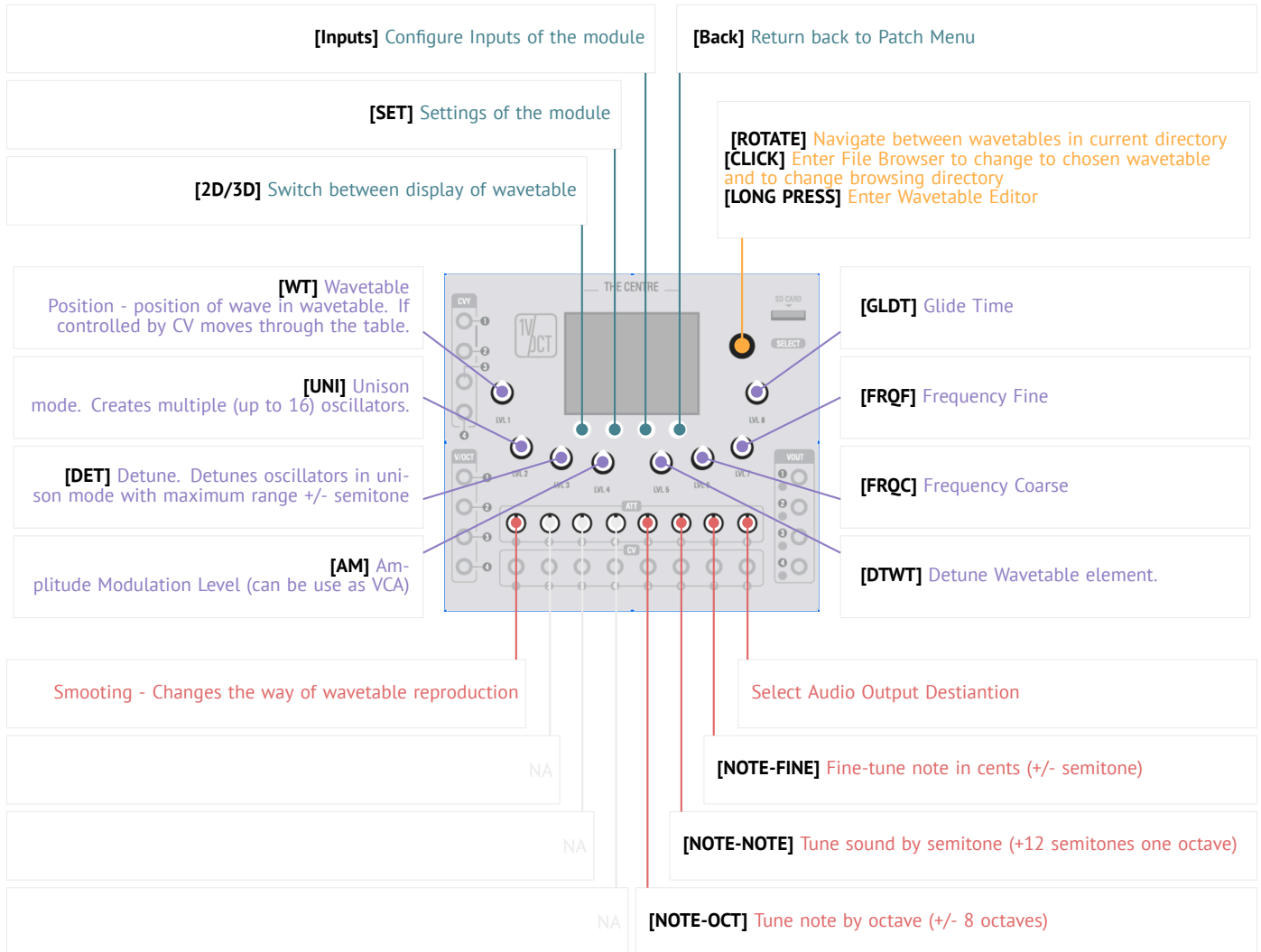
Part III

Module Reference

WTO - Wavetable Oscillator

Wavetable Oscillator (WTO) is the main building block of The Centre sound. WTO consists of 1 to 16 oscillators working in Unison mode and reproducing loaded wavetable with possibility to detune pitch of oscillators and detune played waveforms at different positions in wavetable.

10.1 Mapping of Controls



WTO - Wavetable Oscillator

Settings

Audio Output *Audio Output of WTO - Stereo*

Selects audio output destination for WTO. All oscillators including Polyphony mode are output through single channel (Mono or Stereo).

See: [Audio Outputs](#)

Polyphony *Paraphony mode for WTO oscillator*

1 Paraphony disabled, one pitch control for WTO

2, 3, 4 Paraphony of 2, 3 or 4 oscillators running different pitch. If oscillator 1 pitch comes from V/OCT1 input then pitch for following oscillators will come from corresponding V/OCT2 - V/OCT4 inputs

Glide Scaled *Scaling of Glide Time by distance of pitch*

Off Glide Time will be same for pitch portamento between any notes

On Glide Time will change depending on distance of pitch. Glide Time set by Input Glide Time (see below in Inputs) will be for distance between pitch of one octave. For notes played within same octave will be in fraction of semitones separating pitch of following notes

Warp Mode *Function used to process waveform during oscillation*

Warp Mode specifies extra function that is used to process waveform according to modulation that is supplied via Input **Warp Mode**. Currently only one function is enabled.

Off No processing of waveform

FM Warp Mode Input will modulate frequency (FM) of waveform

NOTE *Pitch control of oscillator*

Note controls pitch or frequency of oscillator.

See: [Pitch Control](#)

VOCT 1V/Oct input for note control/

OCT Tuning note by octaves +/- 8 octaves

NOTE Tuning note by semitones +12 semitones (one octave)

FINE Tuning note by cents +/- one semitone

Unison *Unison mode (1-16 voices)*

Enables unison mode and controls number of oscillators running in parallel.

Detune *Detune oscillators*

Detunes oscillators in Unison mode by spreading them equally in Detune range. With detune set at maximum the spread range is 2 semi-tones. With odd number of oscillators the centre oscillator will always be following pitch from Note Input. For even number of oscillators there is no oscillator following Note and each oscillator is detuned +/- from the center note.

★ With Unison running two oscillators, detune set to maximum (1.0) and pitch set at note D there is one oscillator playing note C# and one playing note D# (no oscillator is actually playing note C)

Inputs

WTO - Wavetable Oscillator

Inputs

Wavetable *Wavetable position*

Adjusts position of waveform in wavetable. When controlled by CV allows changing texture of sound by scanning through set of waveforms contained in wavetable

Reset Osc *Reset Oscillator CV input*

When connected with CV input and set to high level it resets phase of oscillator to 0. Useful to run oscillators in Sync

AM *Amplitude Modulation*

Amplitude modulation changes sound level. Connected with CV signal of Envelope acts as VCA. Connected with LFO creates ring modulator

Detune WT *Detune Wavetable Position for oscillators in Unison mode*

In Unison mode this parameter will detune position of waveform in wavetable for individual oscillators. Each oscillator will reproduce different waveform thus creating more textured sound.

★ A wavetable with 3 waveforms (triangle, sine, square) and Unison of 3 oscillators and Detune WT parameter set at 1.0, each oscillator will play unique waveform: triangle, sine, square - respectively

Frequency Coarse *Adjust Frequency of oscillator in big steps*

Adjusts frequency of oscillator in range of 0Hz to 100Hz (in frequency mode) or between 1/256 note and 8bar (in BPM/note duration mode)

Frequency Fine *Fine tune frequency of oscillator*

Adjust frequency of oscillator in very small steps

Glide Time *Portamento (pitch glide) time*

Time to glide from one pitch to another upon change of pitch (Note). Glide time is in range of 0s to 1s.

■ This parameter is affected by Setting *Glide Scaled*. With Glide Scaled set to OFF the time that it takes to glide between two notes is constant and defined by Glide Time, with Glide Scaled turned ON, time is determined by pitch distance of notes played.

Warp Mode *Modulation parameter for waveform modulator*

Warp Mode is modulation parameter usually via CV to be used with Warp Mode function selected in Settings Warp Mode parameter

Outputs

OUT *Output of WTO*

Output of wavetable oscillator

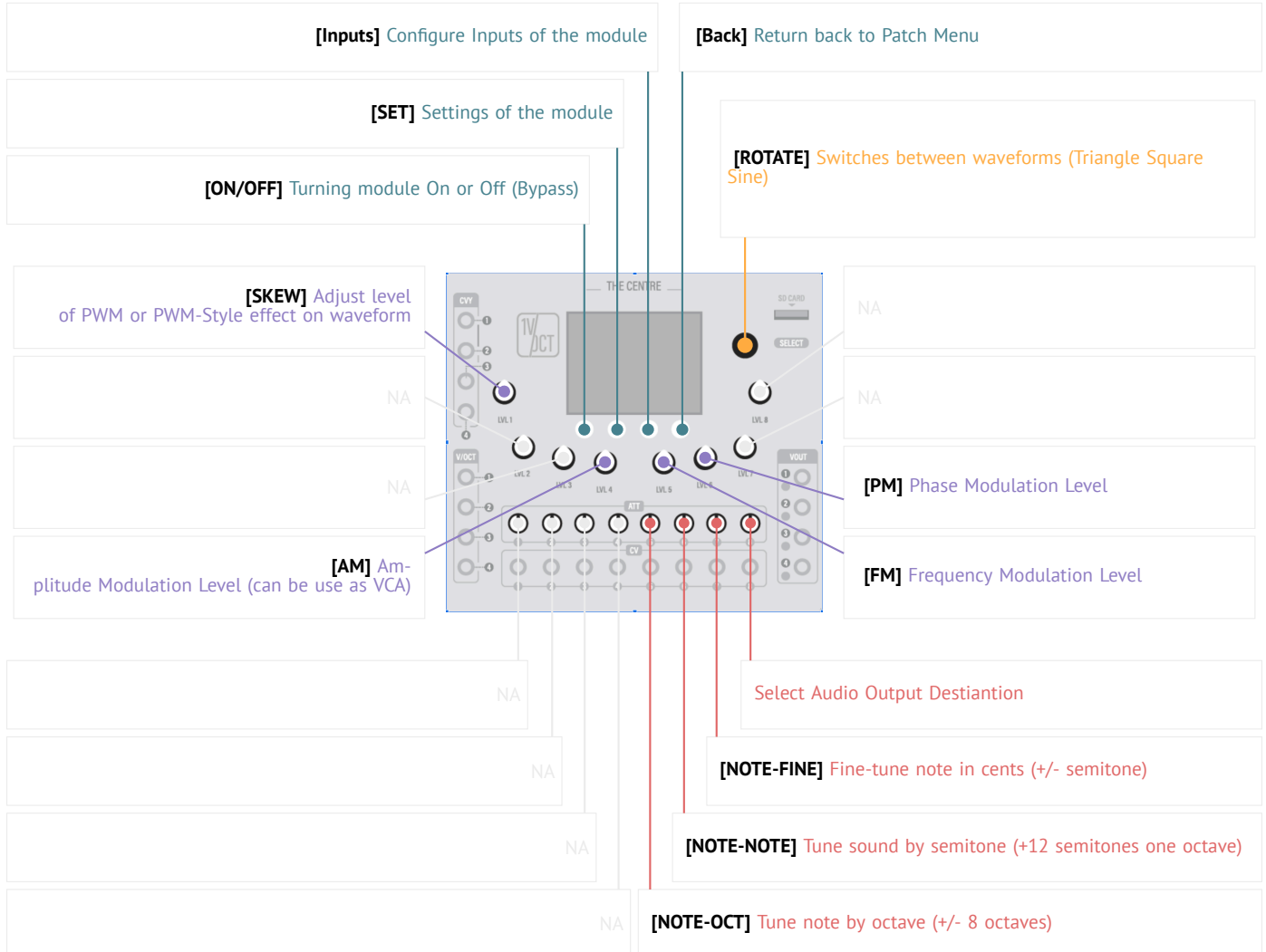
RST *Oscillator reset*

Set to high when oscillator phase resets

VCO - Voltage Controlled Oscillator

Voltage Controlled Oscillator is a sound source generating oscillations of waveforms.

11.1 Mapping of Controls



11.2 Waveforms

VCO takes basic shapes: Sine, Triangle and Square and oscillates the single phase of those waveforms at given frequency. Each **Waveform** can be modified by bending it's pivot params with the Input:Skew CV input. Applying Skew parameter to triangle turns it into either *Ramp* or *Saw*. For Square, Skew parameter adjusts PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) which modifies length of square pulse. For Sine, Skew parameter changes the ratio of phase for positive and negative parts of Sine wave.

VCO - Voltage Controlled Oscillator

Settings

Audio Output *Audio Output of VCO*

Selects audio output destination for VCO.

See: [Audio Outputs](#)

Waveform *Selection of Waveform*

Triangle

Standard triangle waveform. The waveform is affected by Input: Skew and changes from Ramp through Triangle to Saw

Square

Standard square waveform. The waveform is affected by Input: Skew that modifies PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) of the waveform

Sine

Standard sine waveform. The waveform is affected by Input: Skew that modifies it to two assymetric sine phases.

■ Adjusting certain ratios of negative and positive half sines by modifying Skew parameter will add very interesting harmonics that go well with Diode Ladder filter.

NOTE *Pitch control of oscillator*

Note controls pitch or frequency of oscillator.

See: [Pitch Control](#)

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1V/Oct input for note control/

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Tuning note by octaves +/- 8 octaves

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Tuning note by cents +/- one semitone

AM *Amplitude Modulation*

Amplitude modulation changes sound level. Connected with CV signal of Envelope acts as VCA. Connected with LFO creates ring modulator

FM *Frequency Modulation*

Frequency modulation is a change of frequency by modulation.

■ Adding a modulator to CV input of FM and having it running at certain ratio of frequency to the actual VCO will create interesting sound texture

Skew *Modify assymetry of waveform*

Skew affects assymetry of waveform by turning Triangle into Saw or Ram or modifying PWM of Square wave. See above in Settings: Waveform

Hard Sync *Reset phase of oscillator*

Resets phase of oscillator and starts oscillating from the beginning of waveform.

★ By connecting two VCOs detuned slightly through VCO1 Ooutput: Reset to VCO2 Input: Hard Sync we can create ver rich texture of simple oscillation

PM *Phase Modulation*

Phase modulation allows modulator to modify phase of oscillator. Unlike FM (Frequency Modulation) Phase Modulation can operate oscillator in reverse mode by turning its direction.

OSC *Output of VCO*

Output of oscillator signal

RST *Oscillator reset*

Set to high when oscillator phase resets

Inputs

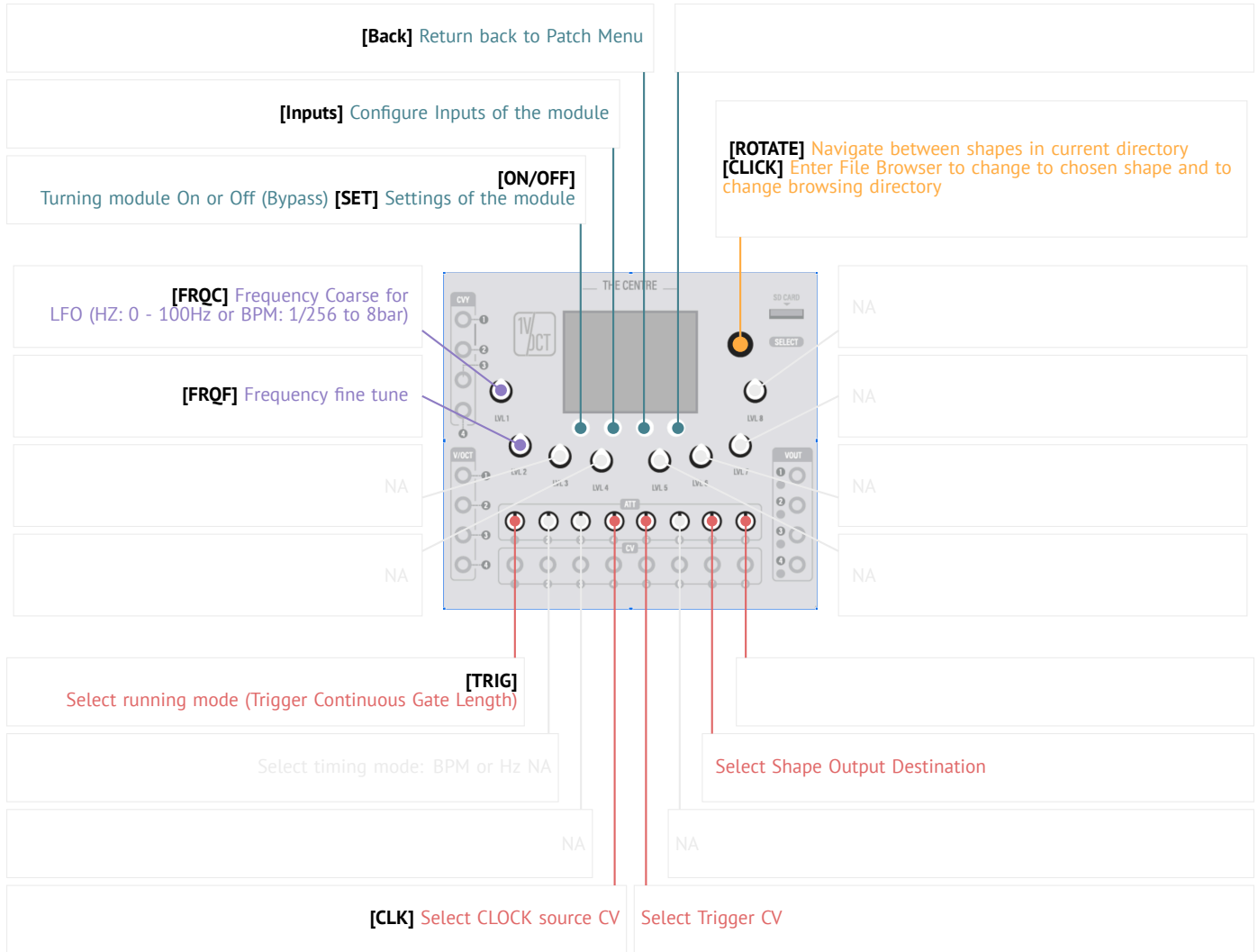
Outputs

LFS - Low Frequency Shaper

LFS Low Frequency Shaper (Low Frequency Oscillator generating irregular shapes)

This module creates low frequency oscillations of irregular shapes. The shapes can be either edited by user or imported from .shp (Serum) and .vitallfo (Vital) formats.

12.1 Mapping of Controls



12.2 Loading Shapes

To load a shape press **[SELECT]** (Encoder down) and navigate in file browser to directory with shapes and press **[SELECT]** again to load the desired shape. Rotating Encoder cycles through shapes in current directory.

LFS- Low Frequency Shaper

Settings

Running Mode *Select type of running mode of low frequency shape*

- Continuous** Oscillator keeps running and never stops. Gate High (Trigger) signal will reset oscillator phase to 0.
- Trigger** Oscillator runs once upon the gate signal high and runs complete shape once and stops generation when phase of shape ends. Another trigger signal will reset phase to 0.
- Gate length** Oscillator runs as long as gate signal is high. Stops immediately when signal goes to low.

Timing Mode *Select timing mode for LFS*

Timing for LFS can be either selected to be calculated in Hz for more time based experience or tied to BPM and measured in length of notes or bars.

- BPM** Timing based on note duration
- Hz** Timing based on frequency

Polarity *Polarity of output*

- Bipolar** Outputs shape in range -5V to +5V. Good for Ring Modulation or FM
- Unipolar** Outputs shape in range 0V to +5V. Good for VCA

Inputs

Trigger *Trigger CV input*

Trigger or gate signal that initiates or resets oscillator

Clock *Clock for timing oscillator's phase duration in BPM mode (otherwise 120BPM is used)*

Frequency Coarse *Adjust Frequency of oscillator in big steps*

Adjusts frequency of oscillator in range of 0Hz to 100Hz (in frequency mode) or between 1/256 note and 8bar (in BPM/note duration mode)

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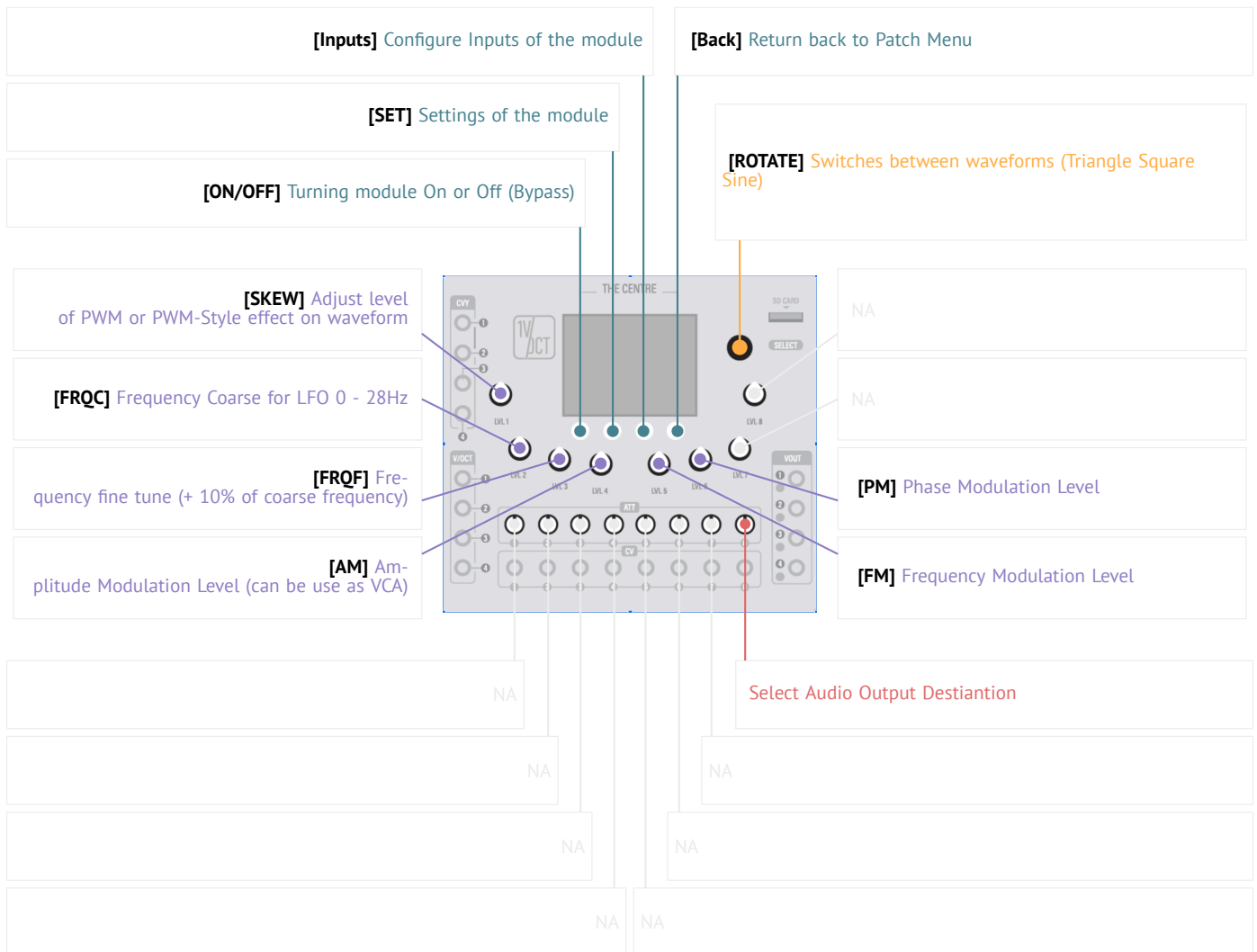
SHP *Output of*

Output of shape oscillator that can be used to modulate other signals

LFO - Low Frequency Oscillator

Low Frequency Oscillator is a source of modulation that oscillates basic waveforms at very low frequencies (usually below audible level).

13.1 Mapping of Controls



13.2 Waveforms

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Output of oscillator signal

RST *Oscillator reset*

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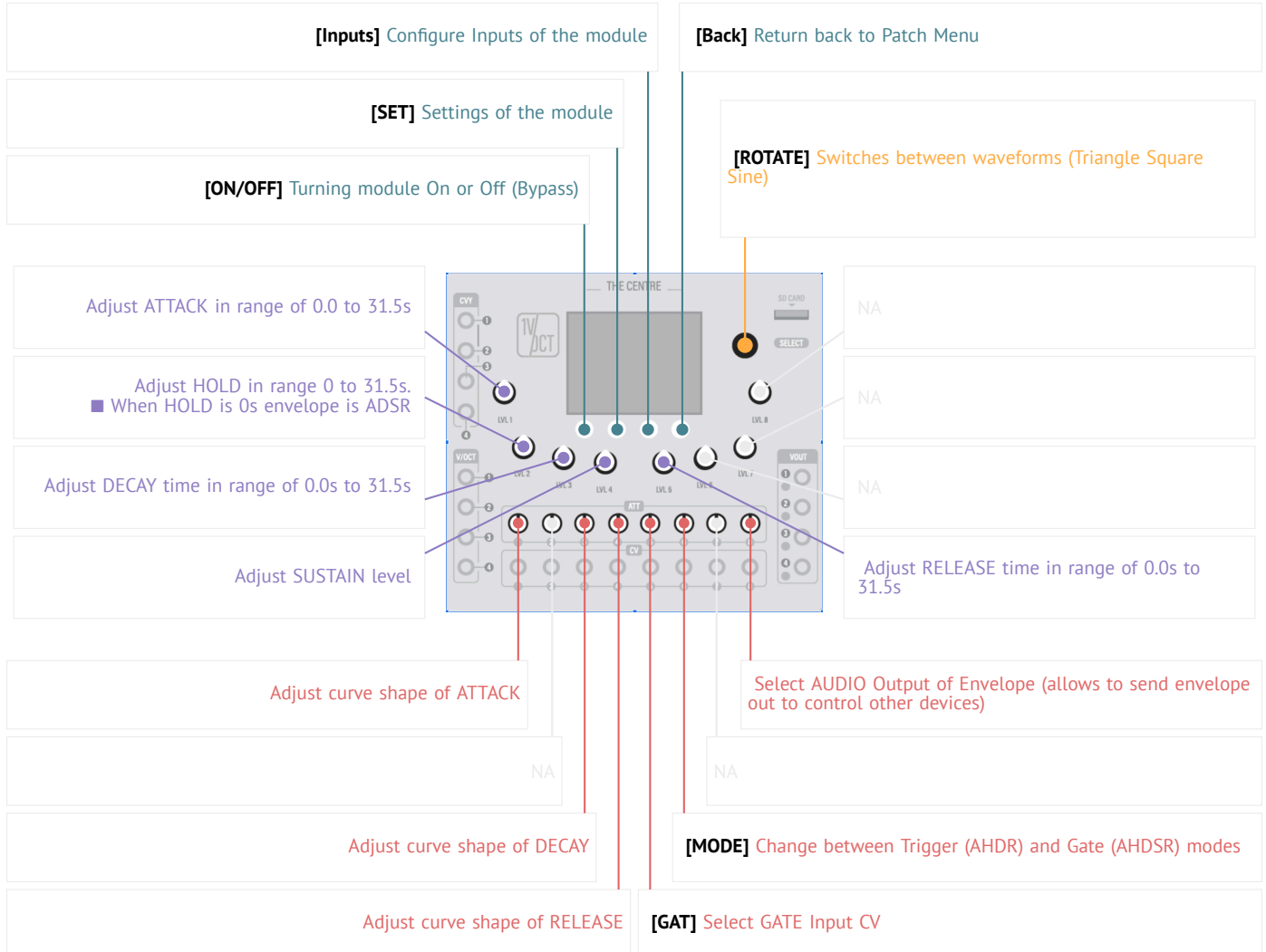
Inputs

Outputs

ENV - Envelope Generator

Envelope Generator produces a modulation signal that in its substance is of raise and decay at the given rates.

14.1 Mapping of Controls



14.2 Operation

Envelope Generator produces AHDSR (Attack, Hold, Decay, Sustain and Release) or AHDR envelopes that are Control Voltage signals to modulate parameters of modules in the synthesiser (usually, but not limited to, Amplitude of ENV and Cutoff Frequency of VCF).

14.3 Envelope Stages

- A: Attack** Attack stage is first and the raising stage of signal from 0 to 100% volume of signal during given period of time.
- H: Hold** Hold stage keeps signal at the highest volume level for a given period of time
- D: Decay** Decay stage determines the length of time the sound volume will be dropping from **Hold** level to **Sustain** level. The Decay stage length is given as period of time.
- S: Sustain** Sustain stage determines the volume level at which sound will keep playing before the gate signal that is relative to played note length keeps high signal. Sustain stage unlike other parameters of envelope is not given in duration of time but rather as a level of volume.
- R: Release** Release is the final stage of sound when it either slowly decays or rapienv ends. Stage is defined as period of time.

ENV - Envelope Generator

★ If the **Gate** signal length (played note length) is shorter than combined length of **Attack** + **Hold** + **Decay** then some of those stages will be skipped all the way to Sustain stage as the Sustain stage starts when **Gate** signal becomes low. Therefore if **Trigger** signal is applied instead of **Gate** signal then all stages (A+H+D) will be skipped and the envelope will be limited to only Release stage.

14.4 Envelope Types

The most popular envelopes out there are ADSR (Attack, Decay, Sustain and Release) - this is envelope designed for Gate signal of variable length that is relative to length of played note. The envelope upon raise of gate signal will execute Attack and Decay stages and will keep amplitude at Sustain level until gate signal turns low (note length ends) and the release stage will help amplitude to continue decay. On the contrary, AD envelopes are designed for Trigger signal and they execute both Attack and Decay stage regardless of note length. The length of note is dictated by length of Attack and Decay stages.

Hold stage in **AHDSR** envelope is just extension of typical ADSR envelope where the maximum raised stage (after **Attack**) can be sustained for period of time. With Hold stage period length set to 0s AHDSR envelope becomes standard ADSR envelope.

14.5 Trigger Mode

Envelopes can be generated in two modes which can be activated by switching Setting:Mode between **Gate** and **Trigger**.

Gate In this mode the envelope is based on the length of provided gate signal being high. When the gate is in high mode the envelope processes through AHD stages and stays in Sustain stage until gate closes (signal turns low) and the Release stage is being processed

Trigger In this mode the envelope is always fully processed however without Sustain element. The envelope is beign triggered by high Trigger (Gate) signal and regardless of length of that signal will execute AHDR stages and the Sustain part will be ommited.

★ This mode is ideal to emulate older AD envelopes by setting stages A and D to desired values and every other stage to 0

Settings

Audio Output *Output of ENV*

Audio Output of processed signal by ENV. Signal has amplitude modulated by sum of two modulators: Level and Sidechain.

See: [Audio Outputs](#)

Audio Input *Audio signal to be modulated*

Audio signal (can be any signal) that will have amlitude (level) modulated with modulator Input: Level

Mode *Envelope Mode*

Mode switch between AHDSR (with Sustain) and AHDR (no sustain) envelopes

Gate The envelope lasts as long as the gate signal is open (high) and sustains volume at the Sustain level

Trigger The enevelope only lasts as long as sum of stages AHDR and never keeps note sustained

Inputs

Attack *Attack Stage*

Attack is the raising first stage of envelope. Duration between 0s and 32s

Hold *Hold Stage*

Hold is the full volume level sustained second stage of envelope. Duration between 0s and 32s

Decay *Decay Stage*

Decay is the falling third stage of envelope going from full level of volume to level set . Duration between 0s and 32s

Sustain *Sustain Stage*

Sustain is the level of the sound after AHD stages at which sound is kept as long as Gate is open (high). Level of sound in decibels

Release *Release Stage*

Release is the final stage where the sound decays to level 0. Duration between 0s and 32s

Gate *Gate CV Source*

Gate or Trigger signal to start and sustain envelope generation

Attack Curve *Exponent of Attack stage*

Attack Curve is the exponent of the attack stage to modify stage to exponential rather than linear

Decay Curve *Exponent of Decay stage*

Decay Curve is the exponent of the Decay stage to modify stage to exponential rather than linear

Release Curve *Exponent of Release stage*

Release Curve is the exponent of the Release stage to modify stage to exponential rather than linear

Outputs

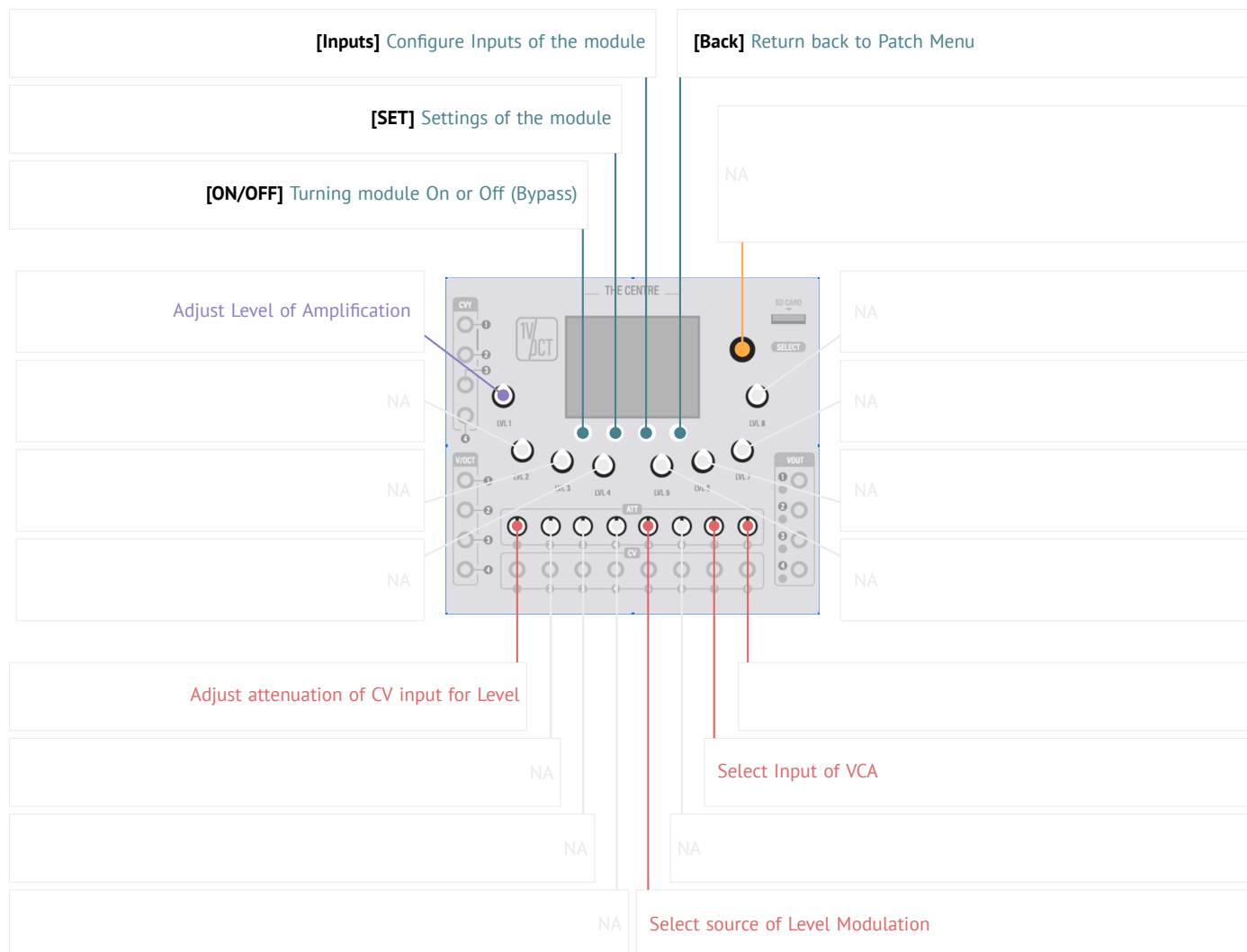
Envelope *Output of Envelope*

Output of Envelope signal to be routed to other modules as a Control Voltage

VCA - Voltage Controlled Amplifier

Voltage Controlled Amplifier modulates level of signal with level of modulator.

15.1 Mapping of Controls



15.2 Operation

VCA performs simple Amplitude Modulation of those signal resulting in reduced volume (level) of audio signal. The signal coming in Audio Input is then modulated (attenuated) with a modulator taken from Input:Modulation. In fact VCA operates using principle of Amplitude Modulation however it only takes positive unipolar CV signal to modulate Audio Signal.

★ Usually modulator signal is coming from Envelope Generator (ENV) in from of AD, ADSR or AHDSR envelopes and applied to the uadio signal coming from audio source like oscillator will result in the plucking or raising sound.

15.3 Sidechain

Sidechain is the technique to duck (reduce) audio signal when another audio signal needs to be more prominent. The sidechain modulator is an envelope of the prominent signal and is substracted from envelope of audio signal coming to VCA to reduce level of the secondary signal.

★ Sidechaining is used to reduce level of bassline when kickdrum is being played. Very often both kickdrum/bassdrum and bassline share the same low frequencies and if mixed together they result in muffled sound. By loweering the amplitude of bassline at the point kickdrum plays, kickdrum envelope is send to sidechain input of VCA and VCA will reduce level of bassline by the amount of sidechain. This way low frequencies of kickdrum will be heard over the bassline.

VCA - Voltage Controlled Amplifier

Settings

Audio Output *Output of VCA*

Audio Output of processed signal by VCA. Signal has amplitude modulated by sum of two modulators: Level and Sidechain.

See: Audio Outputs

Audio Input *Audio signal to be modulated*

Audio signal (can be any signal) that will have amplitude (level) modulated with modulator Input: Level

Level *Modulation of sound level*

Modulation of level of sound. Amplitude modulation with Unipolar (only positive) modulator (usually envelope)

Sidechain *Opposite modulation of level*

Sidechain is a reverse signal to damp the level of primary signal modulation.

★ Usually used to duck the amplitude of bassline when kick drum comes in to remove interfering frequencies

Inputs

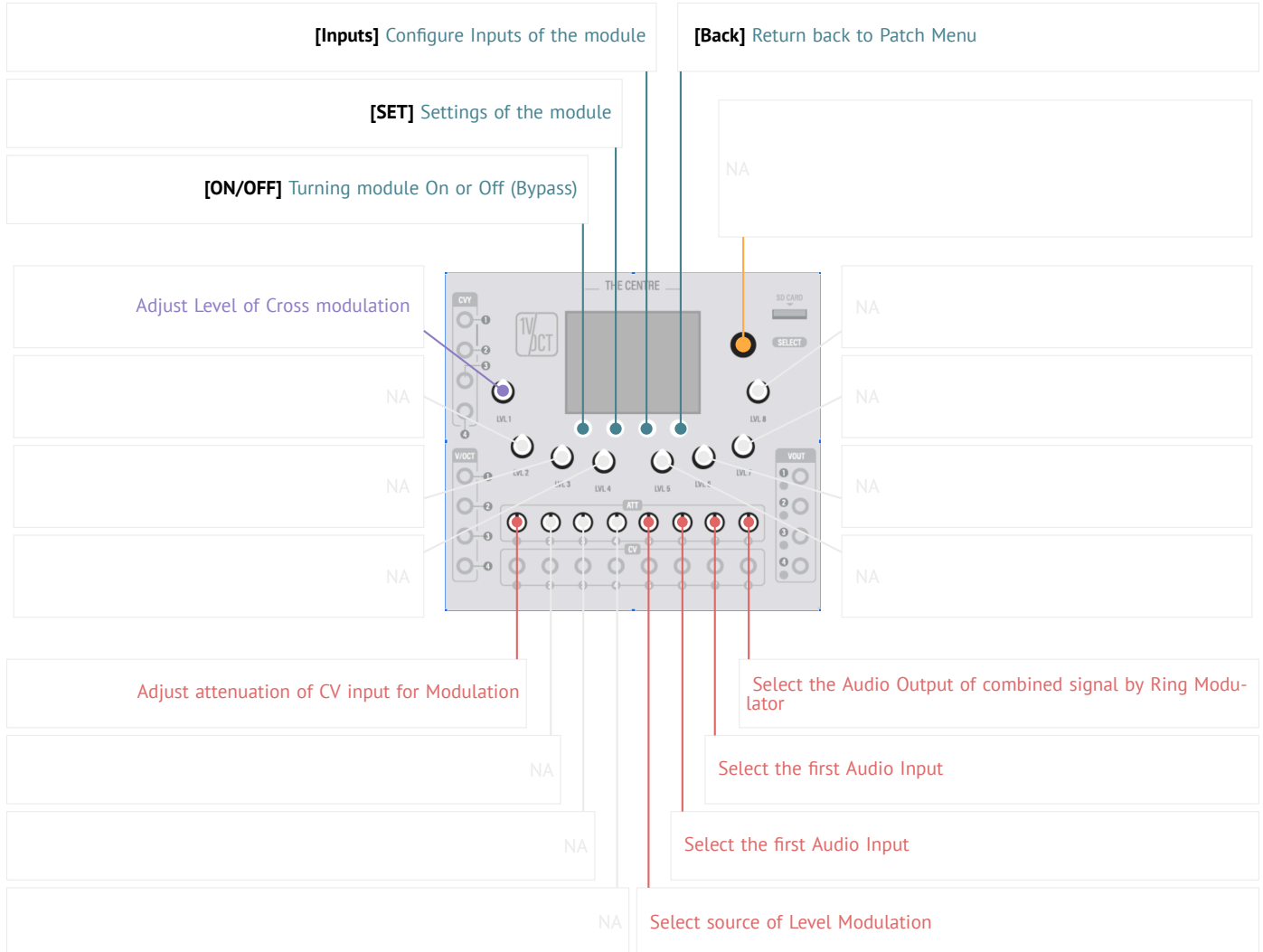
Outputs

NONE

BRM - Balanced Ring Modulator

Balanced Ring Modulator takes two Audio signals and mcombines them to gether producing output signal.

16.1 Mapping of Controls



16.2 Operation

BRM performs cross modulation of two signals by combining Audio Input 1 with Audio Input 2. The Input:Balance setting is the ratio between those two signals.

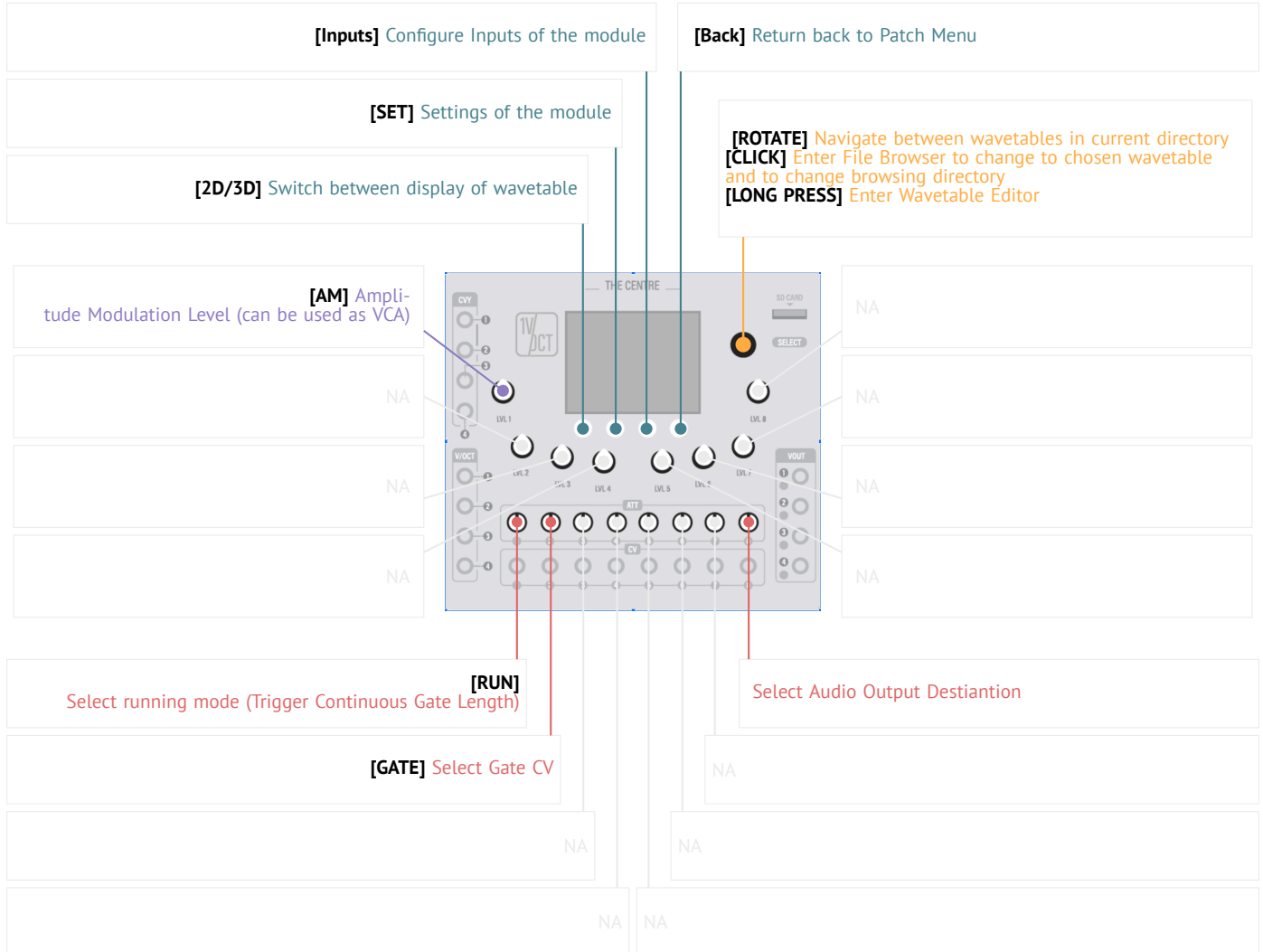
BRM - Balanced Ring Modulator

Settings	<p>Audio Output <i>Output of BRM</i> Audio Output of processed signal by BRM. Signal has amplitude modulated by sum of two modulators: Level and Sidechain. See: <u>Audio Outputs</u></p> <p>Audio Input 1 <i>Input of the first Audio Signal</i> Audio signal (can be any signal) That will be combined with the second signal</p> <p>Audio Input 2 <i>Input of the second Audio Signal</i> Audio signal (can be any signal) That will be combined with the first signal</p>
Inputs	<p>Balance <i>Balance between signals</i> The ratio between two signals when combining them. The volume level of the signals will be adjusted respectively before combining)</p>
Outputs	<p>NONE</p>

SMP - Sample Player

Sample Player (SMP) is the sound source generating sound by playing samples at requested pitch.

17.1 Mapping of Controls



17.2 Operation

Sample Player reproduces samples at given pitch provided by Inputs:Note and triggered by Inputs:Gate. Samples can be loaded from SD Card by pressing encoder (SELECT) down. After the sample is loaded from directory, rotating the encoder allows loading next and previous samples from the same directory.

SMP - Sample Player

Settings

Audio Output *Audio Output of SMP - Stereo*

Selects audio output destination for SMP. All oscillators including Polyphony mode are output through single channel (Mono or Stereo).

See: [Audio Outputs](#)

Running Mode *Select type of running mode of low frequency shape*

Continuous

Sample playback keeps looping. Gate High (Trigger) signal will reset sample playback to start position.

Trigger

Sample plays once upon the gate signal high and runs complete shape once and stops at the end position. Another trigger during playback signal will reset playback to start position

Gate length

Sample plays as long as gate signal is high. Stops immediately when signal goes to low.

Inputs

NOTE *Pitch control of oscillator*

Note controls pitch or frequency of oscillator.

See: [Pitch Control](#)

VOCT

1V/Oct input for note control/

OCT

Tuning note by octaves +/- 8 octaves

NOTE

Tuning note by semitones +12 semitones (one octave)

FINE

Tuning note by cents +/- one semitone

Gate *Gate CV input*

Gate or Trigger signal that initiates or resets playback of sample

AM *Amplitude Modulation*

Amplitude modulation changes sound level. Connected with CV signal of Envelope acts as VCA. Connected with LFO creates ring modulator

Outputs

OUT *Output of SMP*

Output of wavetable oscillator

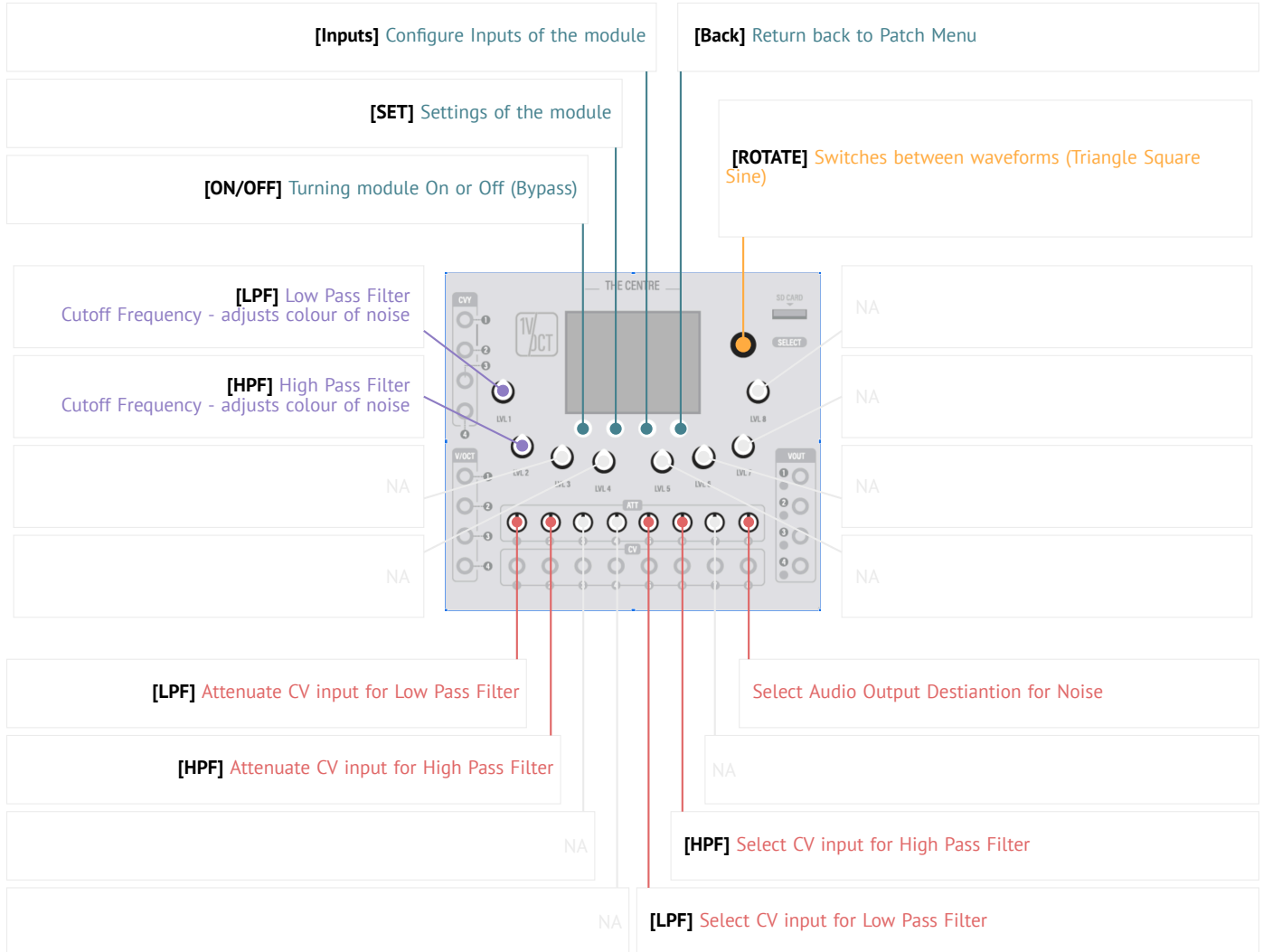
RST *Oscillator reset*

Set to high when oscillator phase resets

NOI - Noise Generator

Noise Generator is a sound source that produces noise of different colour.

18.1 Mapping of Controls



18.2 Waveforms

Noise generator produces White Noise as a base for further filtering. With two incorporated filters (Low Pass Filter and High Pass Filter) the colour of noise can be adjusted with the help of CV Inputs.

NOI - Noise Generator

Settings
Inputs
Outputs

Audio Output *Audio Output of Noise Generator*
Selects audio output destination for Noise.
See: Audio Outputs

LPF *Low Pass Filter*
Low Pass Filter controlled by CV

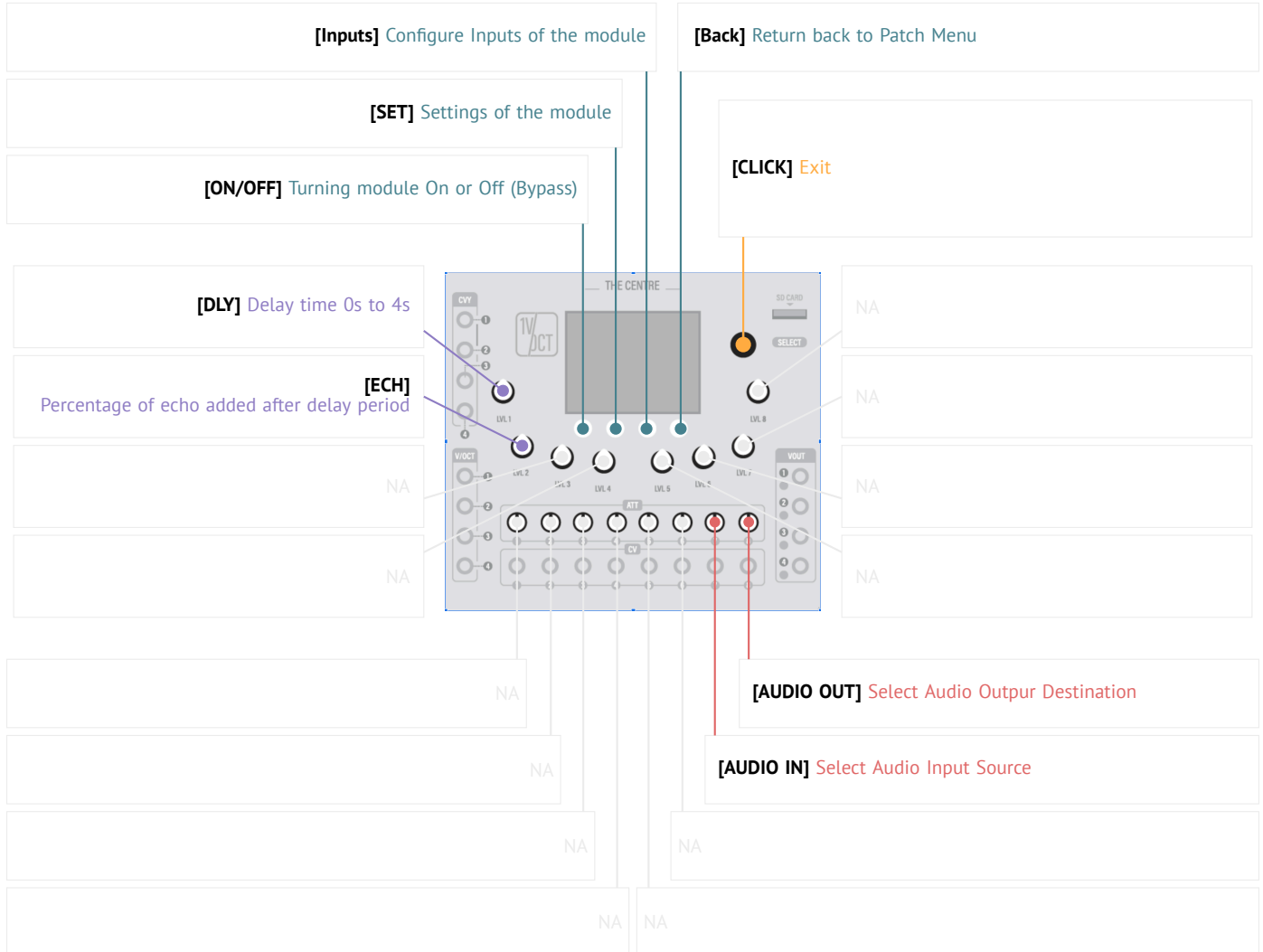
HPF *High Pass Filter*
High Pass Filter controlled by CV

OSC *Output of NOI*
Output of noise signal

DLY - Delay

Delay (DLY) Effect Processor buffers signal and sums it with buffer to provide delayed echo effect.

19.1 Mapping of Controls



19.2 Operation

Delay (DLY) Effect Processor takes input signals and buffers it for requested period of time based on Input:Delay parameter and then sums it with buffered signal at attenuated level given by Input:Echo parameter. Delay creates audible echo effect.

DLY - Delay

Settings

Audio Output *Audio Output of Delay*

Audio Output of processed signal by Delay. Audio Output is Audio Input signal summed with buffered delayed signal

See: [Audio Outputs](#)

Audio Input *Audio Input signal to be delayed*

Audio signal that will be delayed and summed with buffered and attenuated signal to produce echo.

Inputs

Delay *Delay Period Length*

Length of Delay period between 0s and 4s. Delay is the size of the buffer.

Echo *Level of Echo*

Percentage of level of signal to be buffered for further layering

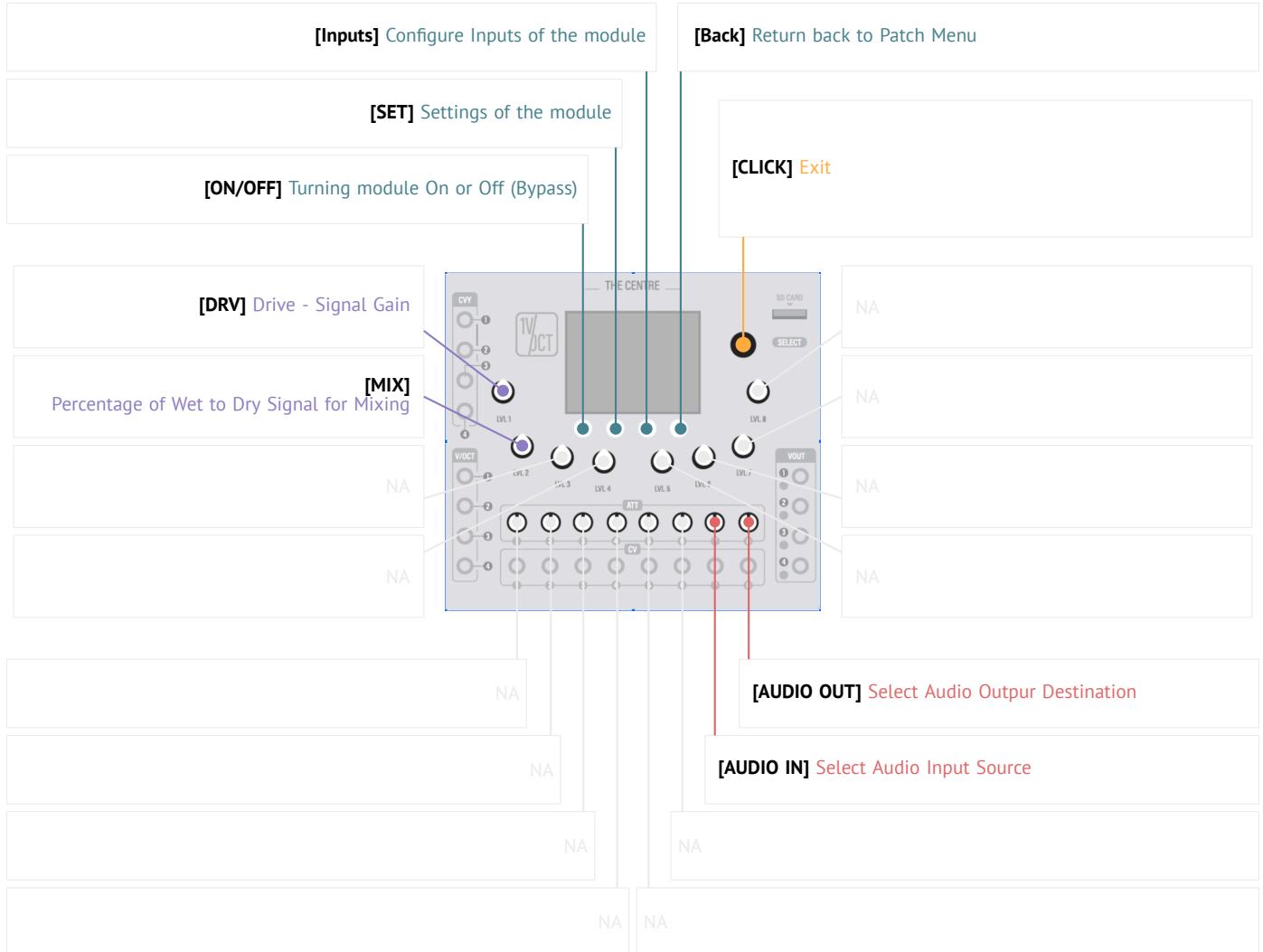
Outputs

NONE

DST - Distortion

Distortion (DST) Effect Processor distorts and damages signal to add rough texture.

20.1 Mapping of Controls



20.2 Operation

Distortion (DST) Effect Processor takes input signal and distorts it by using selected algorithm. Wet Signal (distorted input signal) is then mixed with Dry Signal (unprocessed input signal) by ratio controlled via Input:Mix parameter.

DST - Distortion

Settings

Audio Output *Audio Output of Distortion*

Audio Output of distorted signal. Audio Output is Audio Input signal distorted with selected algorithm
See: Audio Outputs

Audio Input *Audio Input signal to be delayed*

Audio signal that will be delayed and summed with buffered and attenuated signal to produce echo.

Drive *Signal Gain*

Level of gain on Audio Input Signal while processing Distortion making effect more prominent

Mix *Dry/Wet Mix*

Amount of unprocessed (original) Ainput Signal mixed with Distorted Audio Signal

Inputs

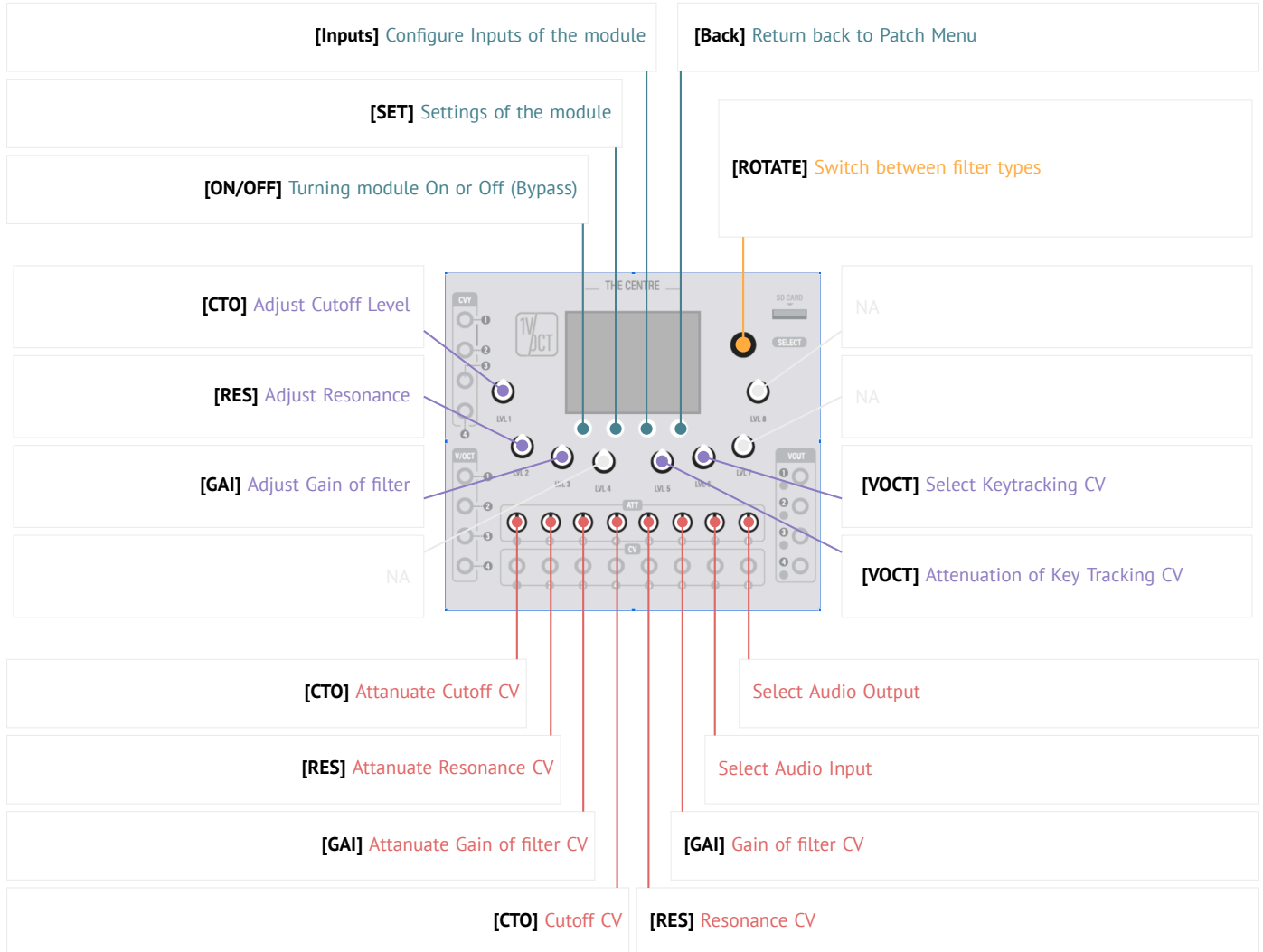
Outputs

NONE

VCF - Voltage Controlled Filter

Voltage Controlled Filter (VCF) is a set of digital filters with control of Cutoff, Resonance and Gain.

21.1 Mapping of Controls



VCF - Voltage Controlled Filter

Settings

Audio Output *Audio Output of VCF*

Selects audio output destination for sound filtered through VCF.

See: [Audio Outputs](#)

Audio Input *Audio signal to be filtered through VCF*

Audio signal (can be any signal) that will be filtered through different type of filter

Filter Type *Selection of Filter*

OP Lowpass, OP Highpass One Pole filters.

BQ Lowpass, Highpass, Bandpass, Low Shelf, High Shelf, Peaking, Notch, Allpass Biquad filters

DL Ladder Diode Ladder filter

MG Ladder MG Type Ladder filter

LD Lowpass 12, Highpass 12, Bandpass 12, Lowpass 24, Highpass 24, Bandpass 24 Ladder filters
12dB and 24dB versions

Inputs

NOTE *Pitch control of oscillator*

Note controls pitch or frequency of oscillator.

See: [Pitch Control](#)

VOCT 1V/Oct input for note control

OCT Tuning note by octaves +/- 8 octaves

NOTE Tuning note by semitones +12 semitones (one octave)

FINE Tuning note by cents +/- one semitone

Cutoff *Cutoff Frequency*

Frequency boundary at which filter starts filtering out the signal

Resonance *Resonance*

A level of suppression or enhancement of signal

Gain *Pre-Gain of Signal*

Amplification of signal prior to filtering

Outputs

NONE

CLK - Clock Generator

Outputs	Settings

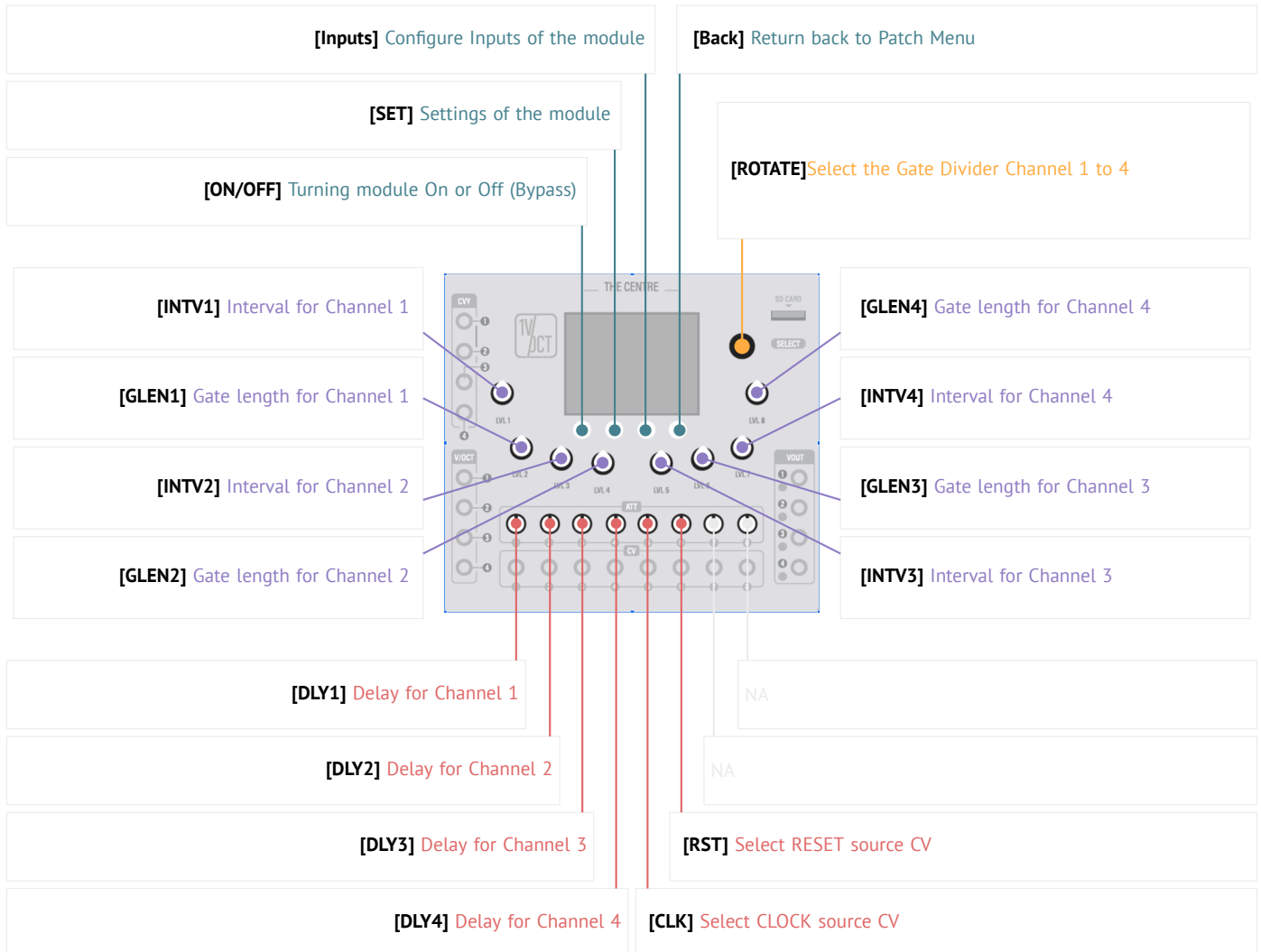
NONE

BPM *Beats Per Minute*
Selection of Beats Per Minute setting

Clock *Clock signal*
Output of generated clock signal relative to BPM

GAT - Gate Divider

Gate Divider (GAT) divides pulse clock signal (clock) into longer period pulse clock signals.



23.1 Operation

Gate Divider (GAT) generates pulse signal (square wave with different phase width) upon dissecting and dividing input pulse signal (usually clock). The input signal triggers counter in 4 channels and based on set parameters creates longer pulse signals with modified width of phase (both negative and positive).

■ Such division can be seen as turning clock signal into evenly spaced notes with evenly spaced rests or evenly spaced notes triggers with particular notes lengths.

★ Divided gates are great source of repetitive patterns to be used as repetitive rhythm generator (drum machine). Triggering drum samples from gate divider and setting gate divider divisions to different notes can create regular beat pattern.

GAT - Gate Divider

Settings

NONE

Inputs

Clock *Clock CV Source*

Pulse CV source to base divisions on

Reset *Reset CV Source*

Reset signal to synchronise position of all dividers by setting all positions to start

Interval 1 *Generated pulse interval*

Interval between gate divisions whn the gate becomes high

Gate Len 1 *Length of pulse*

Number of beats within a channel.

Delay 1 *Delay before triggering pulse*

Delay is the duration before pulse signal turns gate high

Interval 2 *Generated pulse interval*

Interval between gate divisions whn the gate becomes high

Gate Len 2 *Length of pulse*

Number of beats within a channel.

Delay 2 *Delay before triggering pulse*

Delay is the duration before pulse signal turns gate high

Interval 3 *Generated pulse interval*

Interval between gate divisions whn the gate becomes high

Gate Len 3 *Length of pulse*

Number of beats within a channel.

Delay 3 *Delay before triggering pulse*

Delay is the duration before pulse signal turns gate high

Interval 4 *Generated pulse interval*

Interval between gate divisions whn the gate becomes high

Gate Len 4 *Length of pulse*

Number of beats within a channel.

Delay 4 *Delay before triggering pulse*

Delay is the duration before pulse signal turns gate high

Outputs

Gate 1 *Gate 1 Output*

Output of Channel 1 pulse signal

Gate 2 *Gate 1 Output*

Output of Channel 2 pulse signal

Gate 3 *Gate 1 Output*

Output of Channel 3 pulse signal

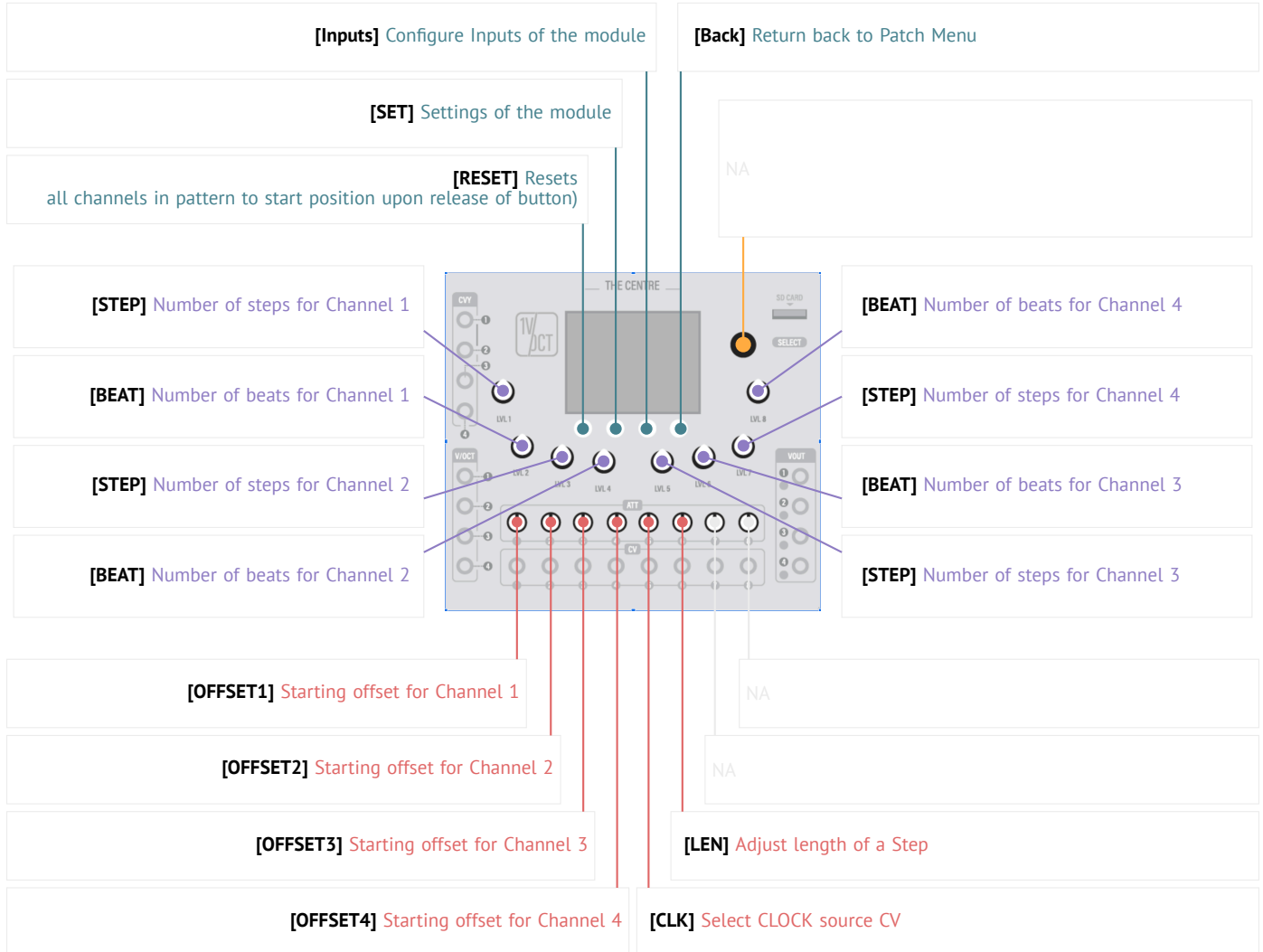
Gate 4 *Gate 1 Output*

Output of Channel 4 pulse signal

EUC - Euclidean Rhythm Generator

Euclidean Rhythm Generator (EUC) produces rhythmic pattern based on Euclid's algorithm to divide periods of time into equal parts.

24.1 Mapping of Controls



24.2 Operation

Polyrhythm generates 4 channels of rhythms by dividing pattern duration into equal steps. Pattern is defined as period of time covering number of bars (4 beats or 4 quarternotes) at given BPM (beats). Number of steps in channel can be controlled via Inputs:Beats X (where X is the number of channel 1 to 4).

■ Without clock source the BPM is fixed at 120 BPM the pattern

EUC - Euclidean Rhythm Generator

Settings

Step Length *Length of single Step*
Length of single step, patterns are consisting of arbitrary number of equal length

Clock *Clock CV Source*
Clock source to synchronise Poly Rhythm with other modules.

Reset *Reset CV Source*
Reset position for all channels in pattern upon trigger

Steps 1 *Number of Steps for Channel 1*
Number of Steps within a channel.

Beats 1 *Number of Beats for Channel 1*
Number of beats within a channel.

Offset 1 *Offset of first step for Channel 1*
Offset of first step for channel

Steps 2 *Number of Steps for Channel 2*
Number of Steps within a channel.

Beats 2 *Number of Beats for Channel 2*
Number of beats within a channel.

Offset 2 *Offset of first step for Channel 2*
Offset of first step for channel

Steps 3 *Number of Steps for Channel 3*
Number of Steps within a channel.

Beats 3 *Number of Beats for Channel 3*
Number of beats within a channel.

Offset 3 *Offset of first step for Channel 3*
Offset of first step for channel

Steps 4 *Number of Steps for Channel 4*
Number of Steps within a channel.

Beats 4 *Number of Beats for Channel 4*
Number of beats within a channel.

Offset 4 *Offset of first step for Channel 4*
Offset of first step for channel

Inputs

Outputs

Gate 1 *Gate 1 Output*

Output of Channel 1 setting gate to high upon beat

Gate 2 *Gate 2 Output*

Output of Channel 2 setting gate to high upon beat

Gate 3 *Gate 3 Output*

Output of Channel 3 setting gate to high upon beat

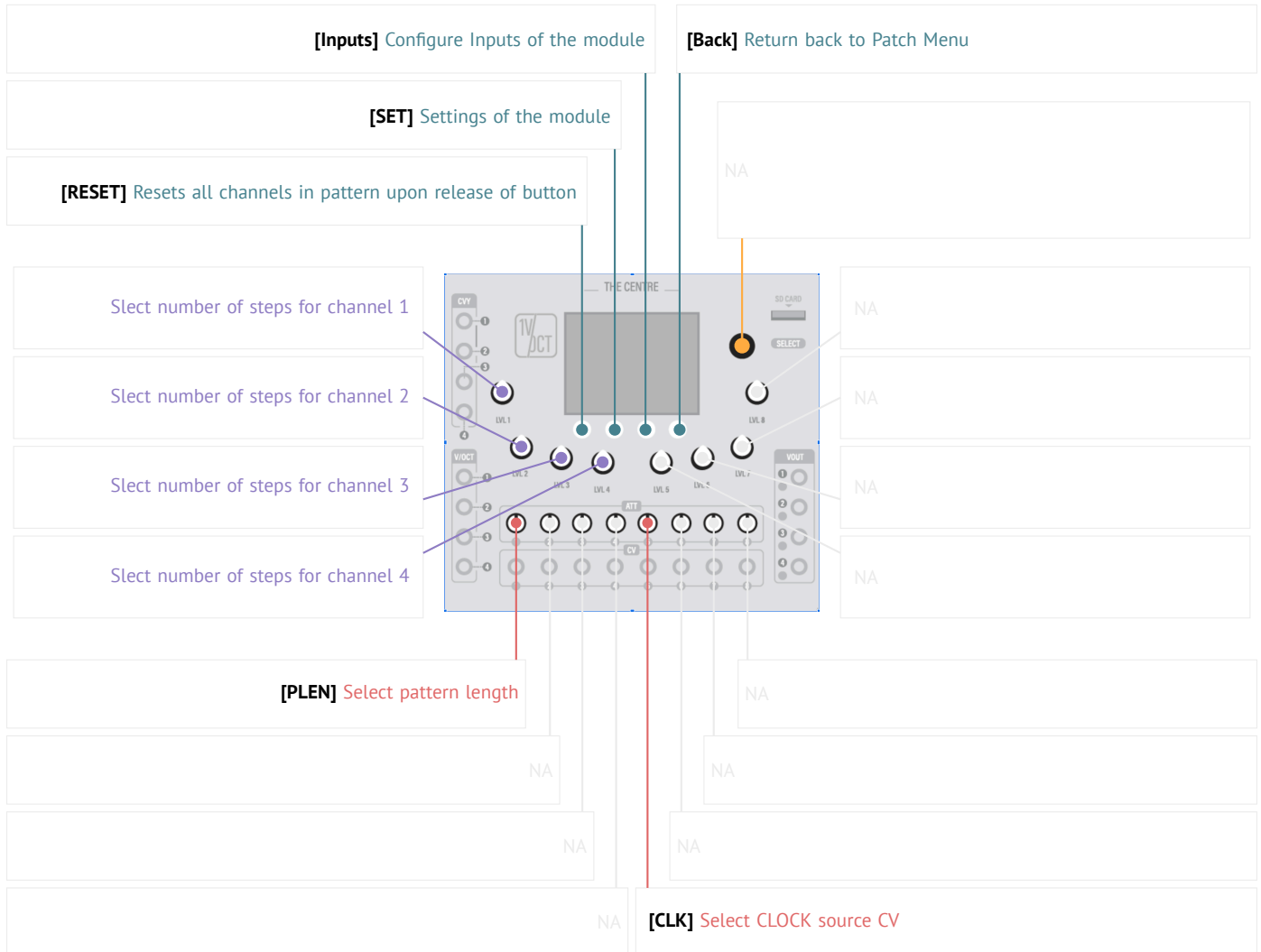
Gate 4 *Gate 4 Output*

Output of Channel 4 setting gate to high upon beat

PLY - Polyrhythm

Polyrhythm (PLY) generates contrasting rhythms within a pattern.

25.1 Mapping of Controls



25.2 Operation

Polyrhythm generates 4 channels of rhythms by dividing pattern duration into equal number of steps decided by input parameter Inputs:Steps. Pattern is defined as period of time covering number of bars (4 beats or 4 quarternotes) at given BPM (beats). Number of steps in channel can be controlled via Inputs:Beats X (where X is the number of channel 1 to 4).

■ Without clock source the BPM is fixed at 120 BPM the pattern

PLY - Polyrhythm

Settings

Pattern Length *Length of pattern in bars*

Length of pattern in bars. Each pattern is divided into number of steps configured by Inputs:Pulses

Gate length *Length of gate*

Trigger

Trigger only

Inputs

Clock *Clock CV Source*

Clock source to synchronise Poly Rhythm with other modules.

Reset *Reset CV Source*

Reset position for all channels in pattern upon trigger

Pulses 1 *Number of pulses for channel 1*

Number of steps that the pattern gets divided into and generating a beat at the beginning of each step

Pulses 2 *Number of pulses for channel 2*

Number of steps that the pattern gets divided into and generating a beat at the beginning of each step

Pulses 3 *Number of pulses for channel 3*

Number of steps that the pattern gets divided into and generating a beat at the beginning of each step

Pulses 4 *Number of pulses for channel 4*

Number of steps that the pattern gets divided into and generating a beat at the beginning of each step

Outputs

Gate 1 *Gate 1 Output*

Output of Poly Rhythm setting gate to high upon beat

Gate 2 *Gate 2 Output*

Output of Poly Rhythm setting gate to high upon beat

Gate 3 *Gate 3 Output*

Output of Poly Rhythm setting gate to high upon beat

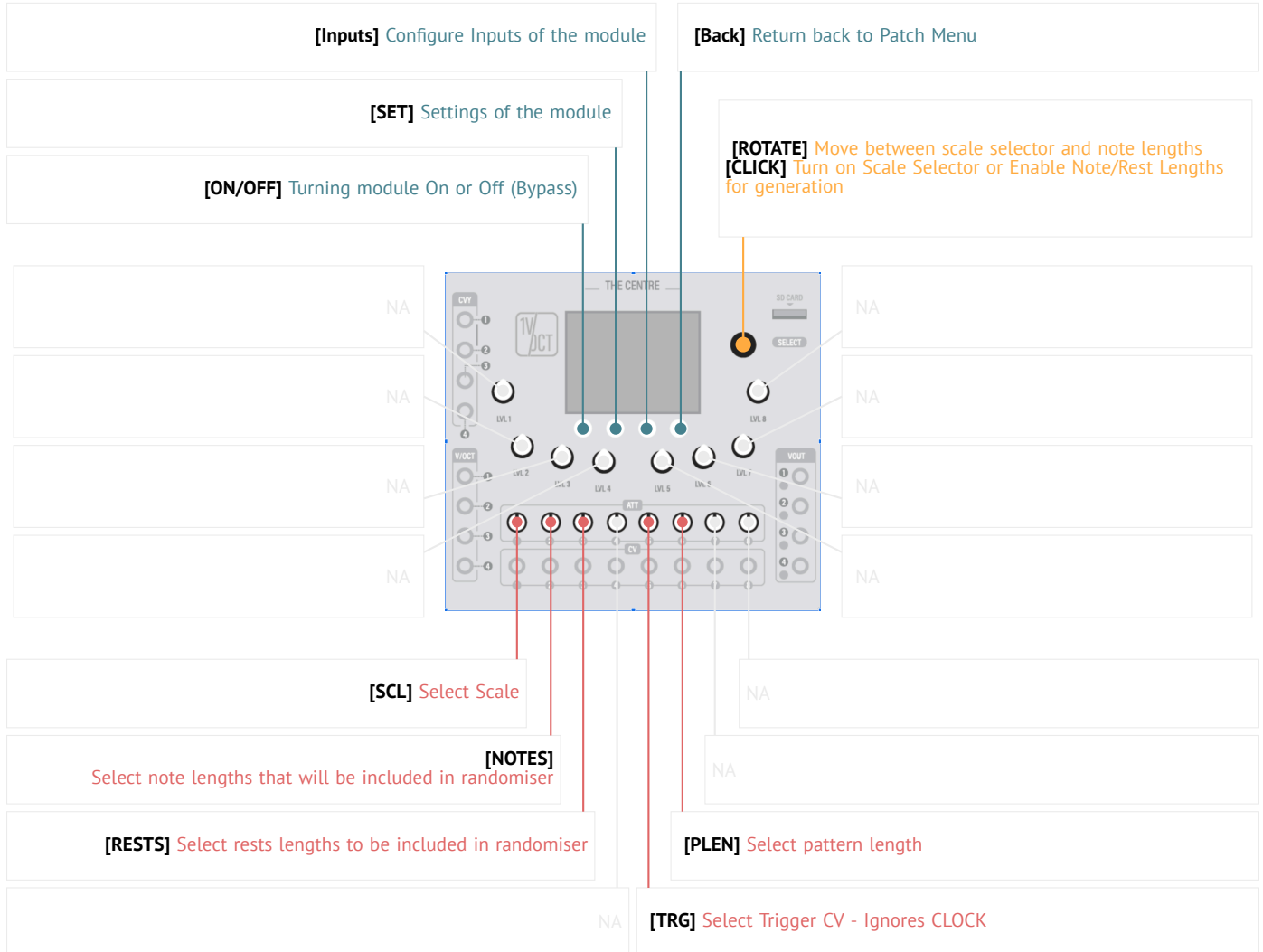
Gate 4 *Gate 4 Output*

Output of Poly Rhythm setting gate to high upon beat

RNG - Rendom Note Generator

Random Note Generator (RNG) produces random notes.

26.1 Mapping of Controls



26.2 Operation

Random Note Generator (RNG) produces random values for output of pitch, gate length and velocity. The randomisation happens every time upon receiving trigger signal at Input:Trigger. The randomisation process can be controlled by selecting range of available notes and rests as well as predefines musical scale to limit generated pitches.

■ Without clock source the BPM is fixed at 120 BPM the pattern

★ The musical scale selection is not necessary as routing output of RNG through QNT (Quantiser) and limit available pitch there gives much better flexibility.

RNG - Rendom Note Generator

Settings

Pattern Length *Length of pattern in bars*

Length of pattern in bars. Each pattern is divided into number of steps configured by Inputs:Pulses

Gate length *Length of gate*

Trigger

Trigger only

Inputs

Clock *Clock CV Source*

Clock source to generate notes automatically and measure length of notes

Trigger *Trigger CV Source*

Triggers generation of next note, if Trigger is not connected notes and rests get generated automatically upon their period ends

Outputs

Pitch *Pitch Output of generated note*

Output of generated random pitch limited by setting of selected musical scale

Gate *Gate Output of generated note*

Output of Poly Rhythm setting gate to high upon beat

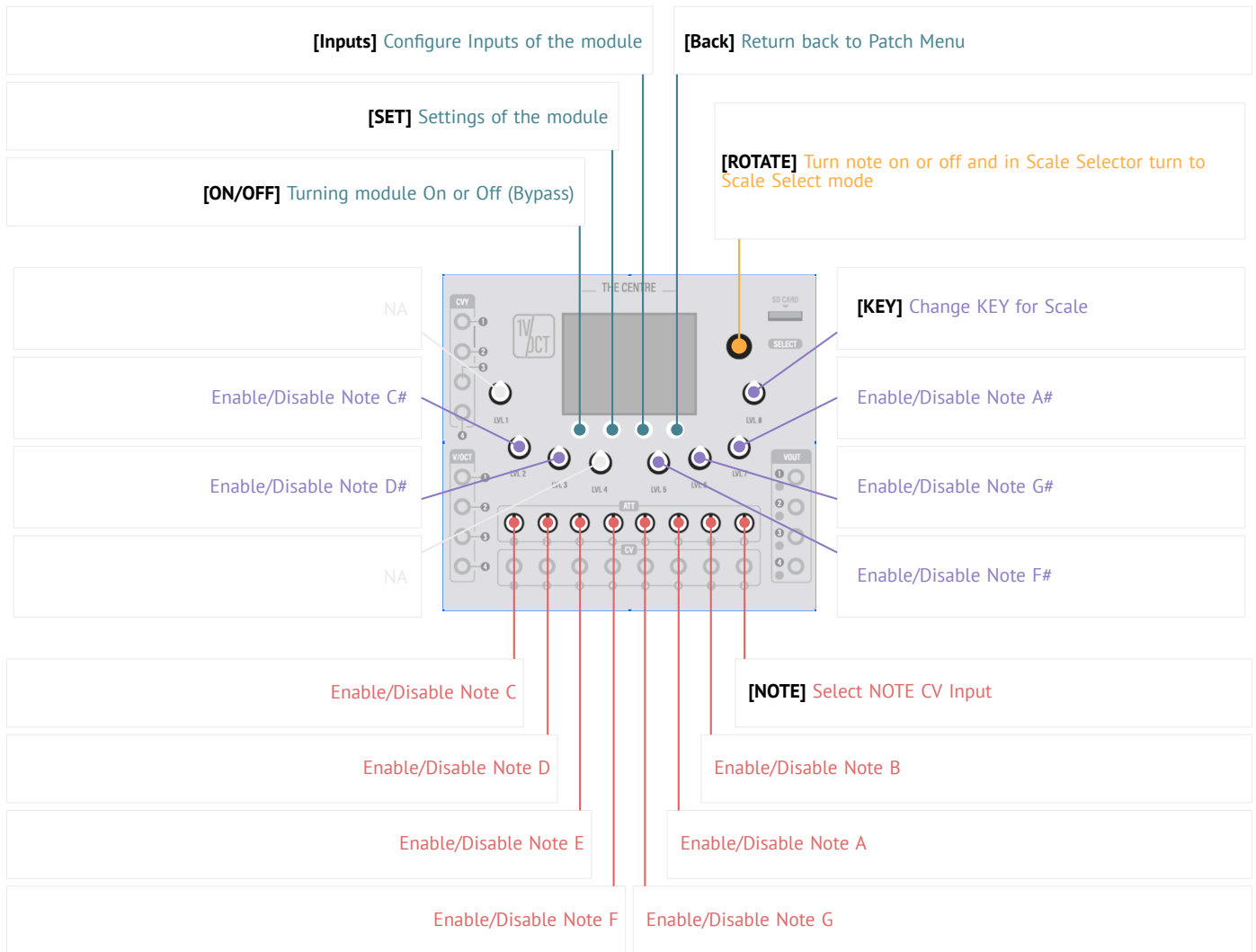
Velocity *Velocity Output of generated note*

Output of Poly Rhythm setting gate to high upon beat

QNT - Quantiser

Quantiser (QNT) allows correcting incoming pitch into a selected set of outgoing pitches. Usually it is used to limit number of notes to the notes available only in given musical scale. Quantiser takes pitch from Input:NOTE and finds the closest corresponding pitch in the scale by method of approximation.

27.1 Mapping of Controls



27.2 Musical Scales

Currently there are only a few musical scales preconfigured in Quantiser. Each preconfigured scale can be also adjusted to the correct **Key** (using LVL8 knob or through settings).

27.3 Custom Scales

Custom scale is a set of notes configured by user. By turning any knobs corresponding to notes (as pictured above) the note will be turned ON and OFF. The note configuration can be also done by rotating Encoder [SELECT] and performing Click with Encoder on selected notes.

■ Turning knobs or clicking on notes automatically switches module into Custom Scale.

★ If there is only one note selected in the quantiser, for example note C and the input note is E4 then output note will be C4. However for note G4 the output note will be C5 as C5 is closer to G4 than C4 (approximation).

Settings

Mode *Mode of Operation*

Simple Mode of operation in which quantisation is based on selecting notes that the incoming pitch will be aligned to

Scale *Musical Scale in Simple Mode*

Custom User selected notes

Chromatic Chromatic Scale

Major/Major Scale Natural Minor/Natural Major Scale Harmonic Minor/Harmonic Major Scale Melodic Minor/Melodic Major Scale

Key *Change Key for a selected Scale (except for custom scale)* Change Key for a selected Scale (except for custom scale)

Inputs

NOTE *Note input for quantisation*

Note input that will be quantised. The incoming note can be adjusted and tuned before quantisation. See: [Pitch Control](#)

VOCT 1V/Oct input for note control/

OCT Tuning note by octaves +/- 8 octaves

NOTE Tuning note by semitones +12 semitones (one octave)

FINE Tuning note by cents +/- one semitone

Outputs

NOTE *Quantised Note* Quantised note (note that has been aligned to the closest pitch of quantisation scale)