

Supplementary Materials for

Flexible control of vocal timing in bats enables escape from acoustic interference

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25 **Materials and Methods**

26 *Animals*

27 72 adult bats (24 female) of the species *Carollia perspicillata* were used in this study. Bats were taken from a
28 breeding colony at the Institute for Cell Biology and Neuroscience at Goethe University Frankfurt in Frankfurt
29 am Main, Germany. All experiments were conducted in accordance with the Declaration of Helsinki and local
30 regulations in the state of Hessen (experimental permit FU1126 and FR2007, Regierungspräsidium Darmstadt).
31 Animals had access to food (a mixture of banana pulp, oatmeal and honey) and water *ad libitum* when recordings
32 were not taking place. 48 bats (16 female) were used in experiment 1, while 24 (8 female) were used in
33 experiment 2.

34 *Stimuli*

35 *Experiment 1*

36 Two types of masking noise were generated for this experiment, a broadband white noise (carrier frequencies
37 10-96 kHz) “full-band masker” and a narrower-band (carrier frequencies 50-96 kHz) “half-band masker” (60
38 seconds each). Each noise segment was then duplicated and amplitude modulated at 8 and 15 Hz, separately.
39 The carrier frequencies for the broadband white noise were selected in order to spectrally mask the peak
40 frequencies used by *Carollia perspicillata* bats for communication calls and echolocation pulses, and only
41 echolocation pulses, respectively (1, 2). Amplitude modulation rates were chosen to query temporal rates above
42 and below the peak temporal modulation rate of the colony’s spontaneous calling, based on previous analysis
43 of acoustic recordings made in the colony (~11Hz) (Fig. S1).

44 *Experiment 2*

45 A 90 second segment of the full-band masker noise (carrier frequencies 10-96 kHz) was generated and calibrated
46 to account for the dB roll-off induced by the speaker. The calibration curve used to calibrate the stimuli was
47 computed using a custom Matlab GUI (MathWorks), by playing various pure tones through the speaker which
48 were picked up by a Brüel & Kjær microphone positioned roughly at the location in the experimental chamber
49 where the bats tended to congregate. The full-band masker noise was then used to generate eight masking noises
50 with different modulation rates: 4, 8, 16, 25, 33, 40, 50, and 80 Hz. For each modulation rate, we then generated
51 a 7.5 minute long audio file. The eight 7.5 minute files were then randomly permuted and concatenated together
52 to form a 60 minute acoustic stimulus. We then generated a 15 minute long “random masker” by randomly
53 permuting and concatenating together single amplitude modulation cycles for each rate. This was done four
54 times, and the 15 minute sequences were randomly permuted and concatenated together to form a 60 minute
55 acoustic stimulus. The precise sequence in which stimuli were presented was determined by two
56 randomizations, each of which was presented to two groups of bats.

57 *Procedure*

58 *Experiment 1*

59 Audio and video were recorded from each of eight groups of bats (4 males, 2 females in each group) in an
60 anechoic chamber over five consecutive recording days. On each day, recordings were first made in three one-
61 hour blocks (“playback conditions”): a silent baseline was followed in the second and third blocks by acoustic
62 playback of the full-band and half-band masking noise (“masking conditions”). (Presentation order of the two
63 masking noises was counterbalanced across groups). Full- and half-band masking noise played to each group
64 of bats was either amplitude modulated at 8 or 15 Hz. Hence, each group only ever heard playback noise
65 modulated at one temporal rate, but with different spectral components.

66 A computer running Matlab 2021a and Avisoft ultrasound recording software (Avisoft-RECORDER USGH,
67 version 4.3.00) controlled simultaneous audio playback, video acquisition and audio recording. A custom
68 Matlab script played the 60-second audio stimuli (16-bit, 192 kHz sampling rate) 60 times to a directional
69 speaker via a RME Fireface 400 FireWire soundcard and amplifier. Stimuli were played at ~70 dB SPL
70 measured at a distance of ~20 cm from the speaker. A webcam with infrared filter removed was placed in the
71 cage with a view to the bats' roosting corner and illuminated by an infrared LED light. Two trigger channels
72 were used to synchronize audio and video recordings with the start of acoustic playback or, in the silent
73 condition, the start of the recording block: the first sent a TTL pulse to the Avisoft recording device
74 (UltraSoundGate 116Hm), which in turn triggered the recording software to begin acquisition from a condenser
75 microphone (250 kHz sampling rate, Avisoft-Bioacoustics CM16); the second illuminated a red photodiode
76 placed in view of the webcam for aligning video and audio offline.

77 *Experiment 2*

78 Procedure was similar to that in experiment 1, with the following exceptions: Four groups of bats were tested,
79 each of which was presented with the same acoustic conditions. Acoustic playback in the second and third
80 recording blocks consisted of the steady-state and random masker noise. Precise presentation order and
81 randomizations were counterbalanced between groups. A custom Matlab script controlled simultaneous audio
82 playback, video acquisition and audio recording. 60 minute audio stimuli were played to the speakers.

83 *Data Analysis*

84 *Experiment 1*

85 First, any silent periods preceding or following the onset and offset of the masking noise were manually removed
86 (except for groups 1 & 2 in the 8 Hz context, see below). Raw audio files (60 minutes long) were split into
87 segments of 7.5 minutes in duration (all groups except groups 1 & 2 from the 8 Hz condition, for which the raw
88 audio files were 1 minute in duration).

89 For groups 1 & 2 in the 8 Hz context only: raw data files were saved as 60 second long audio files and featured
90 a brief silence (~250 ms) at the end of each file, corresponding to the delay caused by the program re-initializing
91 for the next stimulus presentation. These brief silences were trimmed by cross-correlating the amplitude
92 envelope at the end of each file with the amplitude envelope of a recording of the auditory stimulus in the
93 experimental booth without any animals present ("envelope cross-correlation"). Trimmed audio files were
94 visually checked to make sure the end of the file corresponded with the trough of the last amplitude modulation
95 cycle in the file. For files recorded in the silent condition, the final 250 ms of each file was trimmed. For all
96 other groups in this experiment, raw data files were 60 minute long audio files and featured a brief, silent pre-
97 and post-trigger period (~2 and 0.75 s, respectively). These brief silences were trimmed via envelope cross-
98 correlation. For files recorded in the silent condition, the first 2 and final 0.75 seconds were removed. Files were
99 visually checked and manually edited where the envelope cross-correlation failed to adequately remove
100 artifactual silences.

101 Vocalization events were detected using *Deep Audio Segmenter* (DAS, v0.28.3)(3), a deep neural network
102 developed for the annotation of acoustic signals, and Python (v3.8.3). First, a subset of the dataset was manually
103 annotated. Next, training and test datasets were created from these annotations for the silent and masking
104 conditions, separately. We trained several DAS models using different hyperparameters until we achieved
105 satisfactory prediction and/or a plateau in model improvement. Performance was calculated as the F1 score, the
106 geometric mean of precision and recall. Prediction parameters the same for all runs: 1 ms minimum event
107 duration and 0.9 ms minimum time between event boundaries. Precision, recall, F1 scores, and temporal errors
108 for call onset detection were calculated based on a tolerance of 1.5 ms. Call offsets were detected and used to
109 estimate call durations for the purpose of gaining a broad impression of the proportion of echolocation to
110 communication calls, but otherwise not analyzed, since offsets in our dataset were not very well-defined (i.e.
111 calls frequently featured a decay rather than a sharp offset, or appeared "smeared" due to the appearance of the

112 echo on the recording following the echolocation pulse). Hyperparameters and model performance measures
 113 are reported in Tables 1 & 2, respectively.

114 Finally, we labelled each vocalization event detected in the masking conditions with a value corresponding to
 115 the instantaneous phase of the amplitude modulation at the time of call onset. Each audio file was bandpass
 116 filtered (10.1-10.5 kHz, 3rd order butterworth filter) to remove acoustic artifacts. The Hilbert envelope of the
 117 filtered audio was then downsampled by a factor of 10 and passed through a temporal bandpass filter
 118 (modulation rate ± 1 Hz, 2nd order butterworth filter) to preserve the amplitude modulation signal while
 119 removing other acoustic features. The signal was then demeaned and zero-padded at both ends (20 samples).
 120 Next, we detected the troughs of the amplitude modulation signal and used these to reconstruct a phase model
 121 ($0:2\pi$) of the amplitude modulation envelope, with each trough as the beginning of the next cycle. Time
 122 differences between detected troughs were used to estimate the temporal accuracy of the instantaneous phase
 123 model (fig. S6). Detected vocalizations were finally tagged with the corresponding phase value at call onset.
 124 For audio files from the silent condition, calls were tagged according to a simulated instantaneous phase signal
 125 modelled as a cosine aligned to the start of the file. This cosine model featured the same modulation rate as
 126 the corresponding playback conditions.

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	Condition	Chunk [samples]	STFT downsample	TCN stacks	Kernel size [samples]	Kernel
Experiment 1	Silence	8192	16x	2	16	32
	Masking	8192	16x	4	16	32
Experiment 2	Silence	8192	16x	2	32	32
	Masking	8192	16x	2	16	32

128 **Table 1. Hyperparameters for final models**

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		Call Onset Detection				
		Precision	Recall	F1 score	Median temporal error (ms)	
Experiment 1	Silence	0.97	0.64	0.77	0.35	
	Masking	predict 8Hz	0.94	0.65	0.75	0.37
		predict 15Hz	0.96	0.45	0.61	0.38
Experiment 2	Silence	0.90	0.62	0.73	0.32	
	Masking	0.90	0.61	0.73	0.21	

130 **Table 2. Model performance and temporal error in predicting test set**

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132 *Experiment 2*

133 First, any silent periods preceding or following the onset and offset of the masking noise were manually
 134 removed. For audio files from the silent condition, the first and final 2.2 seconds (corresponding to the pre-
 135 and post-trigger period) was removed. Raw audio files from the silent and steady-state conditions were then
 136 split into segments of 7.5 minutes in duration, in the latter case corresponding to the playback duration of each
 137 individual modulation rate. Files from the random conditions were split into segments of 15 minutes,
 138 corresponding to the duration of pseudo-random blocks of modulation rate sequences.

139 The same procedure was used as in experiment 1 to detect the vocalization events. Model hyperparameters
 140 and performance measures are reported in Tables 1 & 2, respectively. To ensure that the model was not biased
 141 towards detecting (or failing to detect) vocalizations at particular phases of the amplitude envelope, we

142 computed the instantaneous phase of a subset of predicted call events in the test set (from recordings during
143 the random masker playback, which included samples from all modulation cycles), and grouped them by
144 whether DAS detected a true positive, false positive, or false negative. We found no prominent bias in the
145 detection of call events at any particular phase (fig. S7).

146 The same procedure was used as in experiment 1 to label vocalization events with the instantaneous amplitude
147 phase for call detected in the silent and steady-state conditions. For calls detected in the random condition:
148 Each audio file was bandpass filtered (15-60 kHz, 3rd order butterworth filter) to remove acoustic artifacts.
149 The Hilbert envelope of the filtered audio was then downsampled by a factor of 10 and passed through a
150 temporal lowpass filter (70 Hz, 2nd order butterworth filter) to preserve principally the amplitude modulation
151 signal. The signal was then smoothed with a 12-point moving average filter. The sequence of amplitude
152 modulation cycles that comprised the stimulus in each audio file was then used to construct a cosine phase
153 model, which was cross-correlated with the derived modulation signal to obtain an amplitude envelope fit to
154 the recorded audio file. This signal was then demeaned and zero-padded at the ends (20 samples). Next, we
155 detected the troughs of the amplitude modulation signal and used these to reconstruct a phase model (0:2pi) of
156 the amplitude modulation envelope, with each trough as the beginning of the next cycle. Time differences
157 between detected troughs were used to estimate the temporal accuracy of the instantaneous phase model (fig.
158 S6). Detected vocalizations were finally tagged with the corresponding phase value at call onset. For the
159 random condition, data from all modulation cycles of the same temporal rate were pooled together.

160 *Statistical Analyses*

161 All statistical analyses were carried out in R (v4.2.1) and RStudio (v2022.7.2.576).

162 To determine if the presence of amplitude modulated noise affected the timing of emitted calls, we compared
163 the density distribution of call onsets within the real/simulated modulation cycle for each playback condition
164 and modulation rate. To describe the distributions in each condition, we computed a battery of circular summary
165 statistics including the angular mean, mean resultant vector length, circular variance, circular standard deviation,
166 and maximum likelihood bootstrapped von Mises parameters μ (sample mean) and κ (sample concentration).

167 We used Rayleigh's test of uniformity to compare distributions in each condition to the null hypothesis of a
168 circular uniform distribution. We used Mardia-Watson-Wheeler non-parametric tests to test for overall
169 differences between playback conditions within each modulation rate. To test for differences in the angular means
170 or in the resultant vector lengths (polar concentrations) of call onset distributions between playback conditions
171 within each modulation rate, we computed Rao's test of homogeneity. To determine which playback conditions
172 varied significantly from each other on either measure, we computed post-hoc Rao's tests on pairs of conditions
173 where omnibus Rao's tests were significant for either means or concentrations. These tests were carried out on
174 the entire dataset despite differences in sample size between comparison groups, since the smallest group across
175 both experiments had a sample size of over 5,000 and frequentist circular statistics are only sensitive to sample
176 size at very small $N_s(4)$.

177 To determine whether masking noise influenced the rate of calling, we modelled the number of observed calls
178 in each experimental block (group x recording day x playback condition) using a negative binomial regression
179 using playback condition as predictor, for each modulation rate separately, as follows:

$$180 \quad \ln(\hat{n}_i) = \text{Intercept} + \beta_1 I(\text{condition}_j = 2) + \beta_2 I(\text{condition}_j = 3)$$

181 Where n is the number of observed call events, I is the predictor variable of playback condition with two levels
182 j as well as an *Intercept* (silence), and i is the modulation rate.

183 In R, models are implemented as follows:

$$184 \quad n \sim 1 + \text{condition}, \text{data} = \text{data}[\text{data}\$\text{modulation} == x,]$$

185 The negative binomial regression was selected for this analysis, since a Poisson model with the same formula
186 yielded highly over-dispersed models. Dispersion for all models used was close to 1. A Type II, partial
187 likelihood ratio ANOVA was computed on the negative binomial models to determine significant predictors.
188 Incidence rates and confidence intervals derived from the model were used to estimate the degree to which
189 calling behavior increased or decreased for a given combination of predictors. Post-hoc comparisons evaluated
190 differences in estimated marginal means (predicted calling rates) between pairs of masking conditions. This
191 analysis was repeated for the temporally overlapping calls.

192 Wherever multiple hypothesis tests were carried out, p-values were adjusted for multiple comparisons by
193 Bonferroni correction. For all hypothesis tests, an alpha level of 0.05 was used.

194 For the linear discriminant classification analysis, two measures of call onset timing were first computed from
195 bootstrapped angular means as follows:

$$196 \quad (1) \ t \text{ from peak} = \mu - \frac{1/f}{2} \quad (2) \ t \text{ to trough} = \frac{1}{f} - \mu$$

197 where μ is the angular mean computed from an MLE von Mises distribution and f is the modulation rate of the
198 current cycle. Thus, time-from-peak values were positive if call onsets occurred on average after the modulation
199 peak in the latter half of the cycle, and negative if call onsets occurred before the peak. Time-to-trough values
200 give the time remaining between average call onset and the final moment in the cycle, the terminal trough. Data
201 from the broadband masking conditions only (experiment 1: full-band masker, experiment 2: steady-state and
202 random masker) was then divided into a training and validation set with 0.6:0.4 split.

203 Next, three models were fed the training data (0.6:0.4 split stratified on modulation rate groups) and asked to
204 determine modulate rate classes predicted by either or both measures, as follows:

205 full model: $modulation \sim t_{trough} + t_{peak}$

206 troughs model: $modulation \sim t_{trough}$

207 peaks model: $modulation \sim t_{peak}$

208 Models (using the *lda* algorithm implemented in the *caret* package) were trained using 10-fold cross-validation
209 (repeated 10 times) and predictors were centered and scaled. Each model was then used to predict modulation
210 rate classes for the validation set. Confusion matrices for observed versus predicted classes from the validation
211 data is shown in Figure 4.

212 We then computed ROC curves and AUC values for each model from each experiment.

213 ***Manipulated Variables***

214 In experiment 1, one half of the bat groups (4 of 8) were housed together starting on the first recording day and
215 subsequently only for the duration of the experiment (5 days). The other four groups were housed together for
216 a seven-day “familiarization period” prior to the first recording day (12 days in total). An early hypothesis was
217 that groups that did not have the familiarization period may vocalize more, since at the time of data collection
218 all bats that were not part of the experiment were housed separately by sex. Thus, a mixed-sex group could lead
219 to an unusually high level of vocal activity. No clear difference between these two groups emerged based on
220 preliminary results from experiment 1. All analyses were done without respect to this grouping variable.

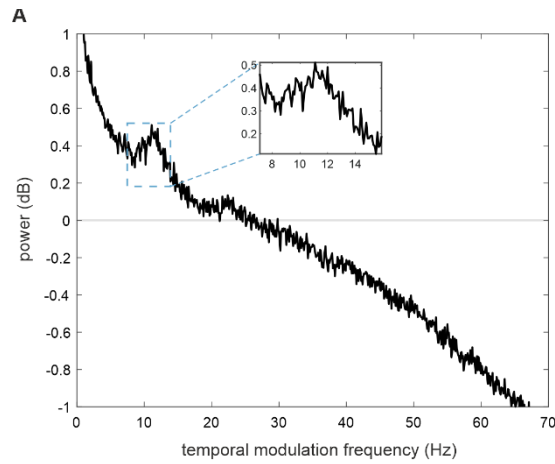
221 ***Data Exclusion for Experiment 1***

222 For groups 1 & 2 in the 8 Hz context, some recording blocks had buffer issues which caused improper logging
223 of data. Audio files for these blocks were visually checked and sections with corrupted data were removed from
224 the corresponding file if the error was minor (i.e. < 1 second long, or < 3 times per file). If errors were more
225 extensive, the file was removed from analysis. Altogether, approx. 15 minutes of data was removed from the
226 raw data for these two groups combined. For all remaining groups, the first 15 hours of recordings were visually
227 checked for buffer issues. As only a few such occurrences were found, we did not proceed with the visual check.
228 Original raw data for this experiment amounted to 120 hours of audio recording (approx. 105 hours after data
229 exclusion).

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231 **Supplementary Figures**

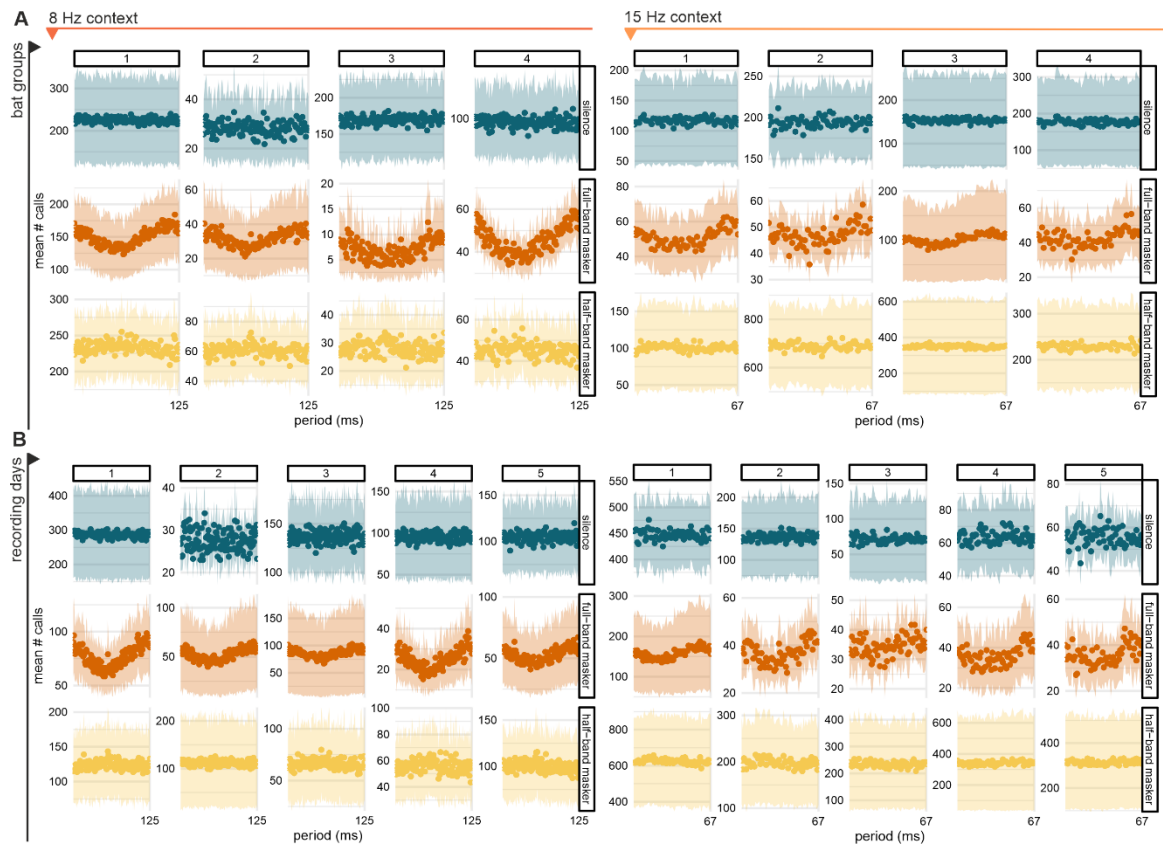
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234 **Fig. S1.**

235 **Temporal modulation rate of spontaneous vocalizations in *C. perspicillata* colony is ~ 11 Hz.** (A) Audio
236 recordings made in our colony of *Carollia* bats (160 minutes total) were highpass filtered (10 kHz) before
237 amplitude envelopes were extracted via the secant method (interpolation over every 5,000 points). The power
238 spectrum density (PSD) of the envelope was computed for each audio segment (10 s each) and averaged
239 across segments. A “control” PSD was computed by randomly permuting sections of the amplitude envelopes
240 in each segment and averaging the permuted-segment PSDs. The “control” PSD was subtracted from original
241 average PSD to produce a power spectrum normalized for ambient noise/power in the signal. The peak of this
242 power spectrum was at ~ 11 Hz (inset), indicating the temporal modulation rate of spontaneous calling in the
243 colony.
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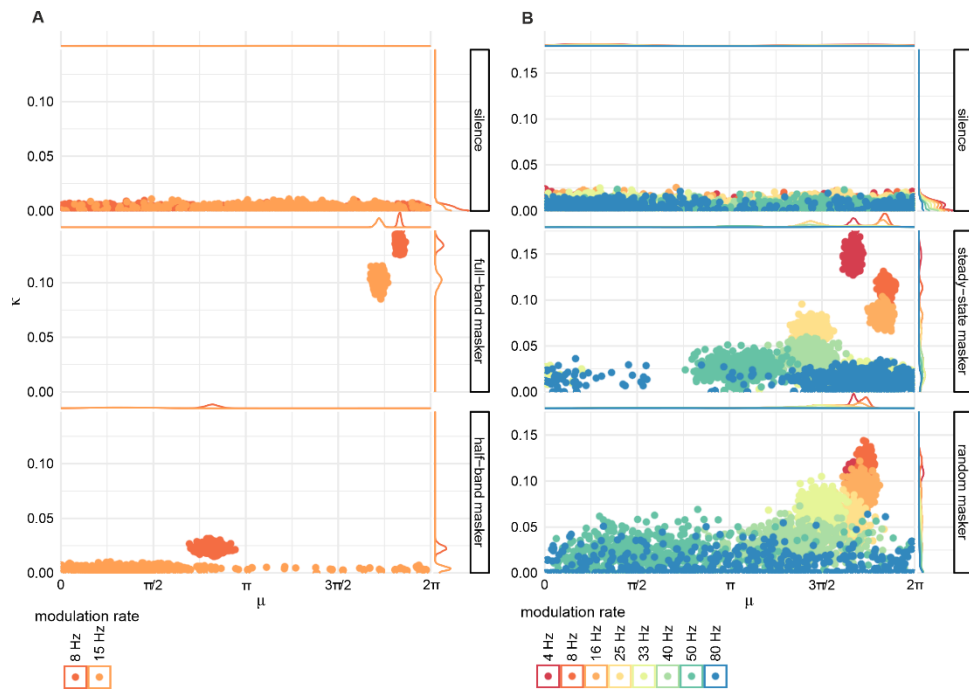
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246 **Fig. S2.**

247 **Experiment 1: Anti-phase calling is present in all groups and all recording days.**

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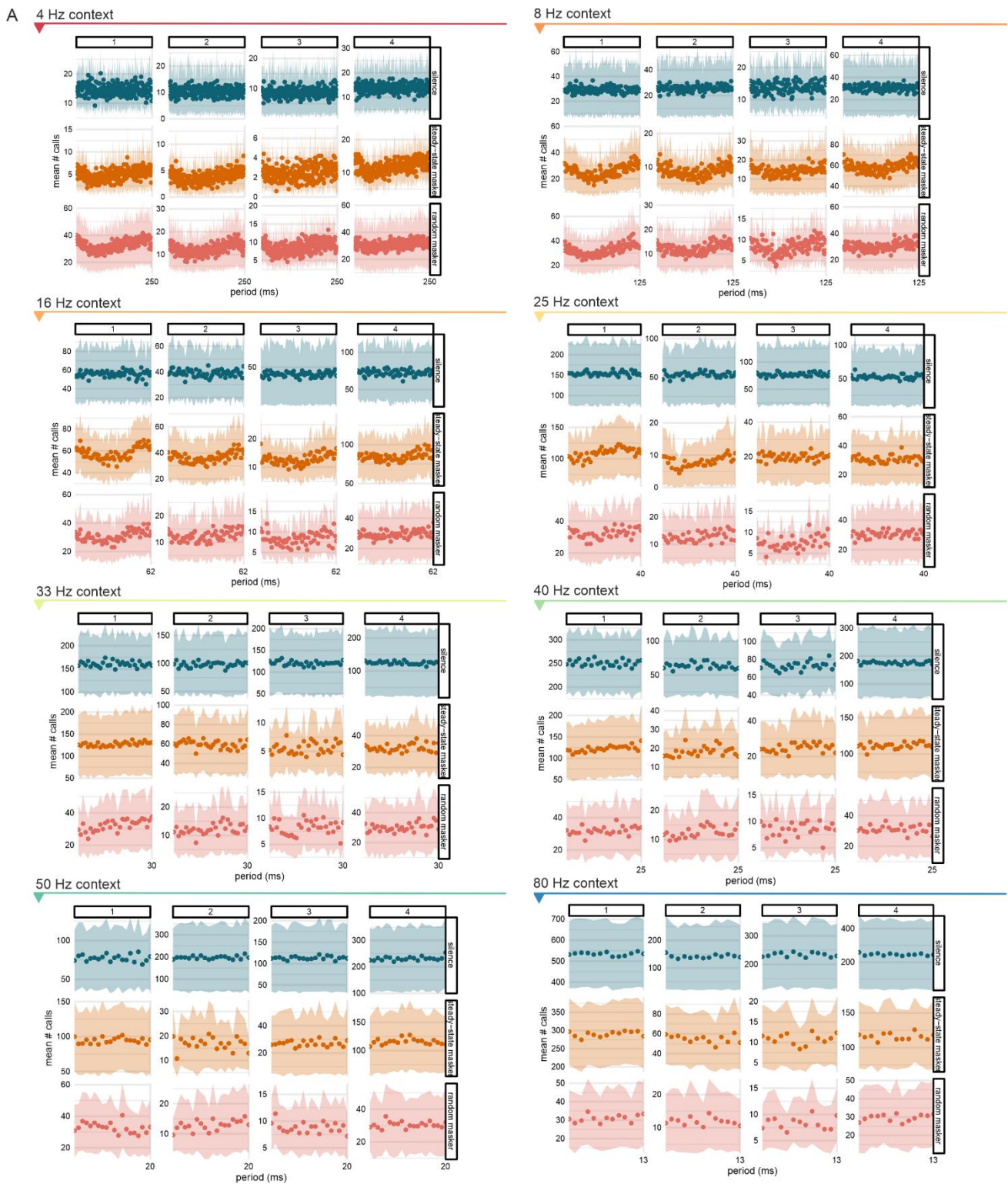
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251 **Fig. S3.**

252 **Bootstrapped von Mises parameters mean (μ) and concentration (κ) in the cartesian plane. (A)**

253 **Parameters from experiment 1 data. (B) Parameters from experiment 2 data.**

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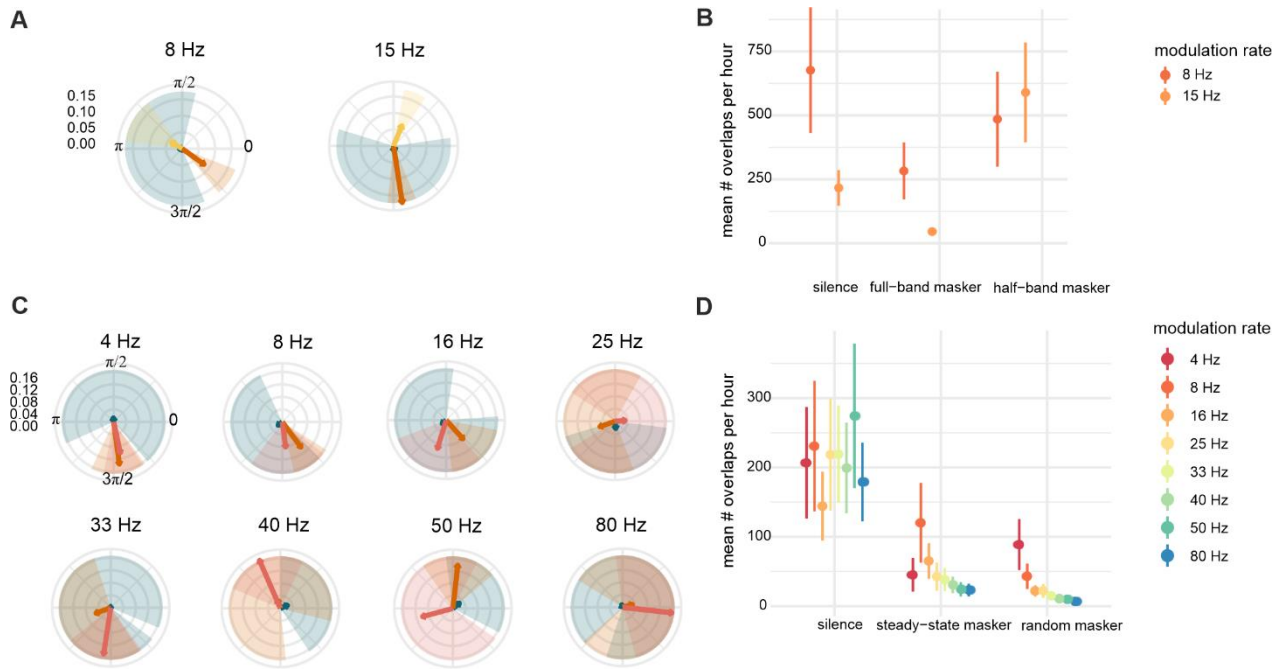


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256 **Fig. S4.**

257 **Experiment 2: Anti-phase calling is present in all groups for modulation rate conditions 4, 8 and 16. 25**
 258 **Hz context reveals a slight modulation in calling pattern for some groups between the two masking**
 259 **conditions.**

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262 **Fig. S5.**

263 **Temporal overlap between calls is reduced in the presence of noise.** (A) Angular vectors indicate angular
 264 mean and concentration for overlapping calls. Shaded segments indicate 95% confidence intervals for angular
 265 means. Significant clustering is seen in the 8Hz full-band and 15Hz half-band masking condition. (B) For
 266 experiment 1, mean number of overlapping calls observed per hour are reduced in broadband masking noise
 267 compared to baseline. (C) For experiment 2, overlapping calls are significantly clustered only at 8 and 16Hz
 268 in the steady-state condition. (D) For experiment 2, mean overlapping calls dropped significantly between
 269 silent baseline and masking conditions for all modulation rates except 4 Hz.

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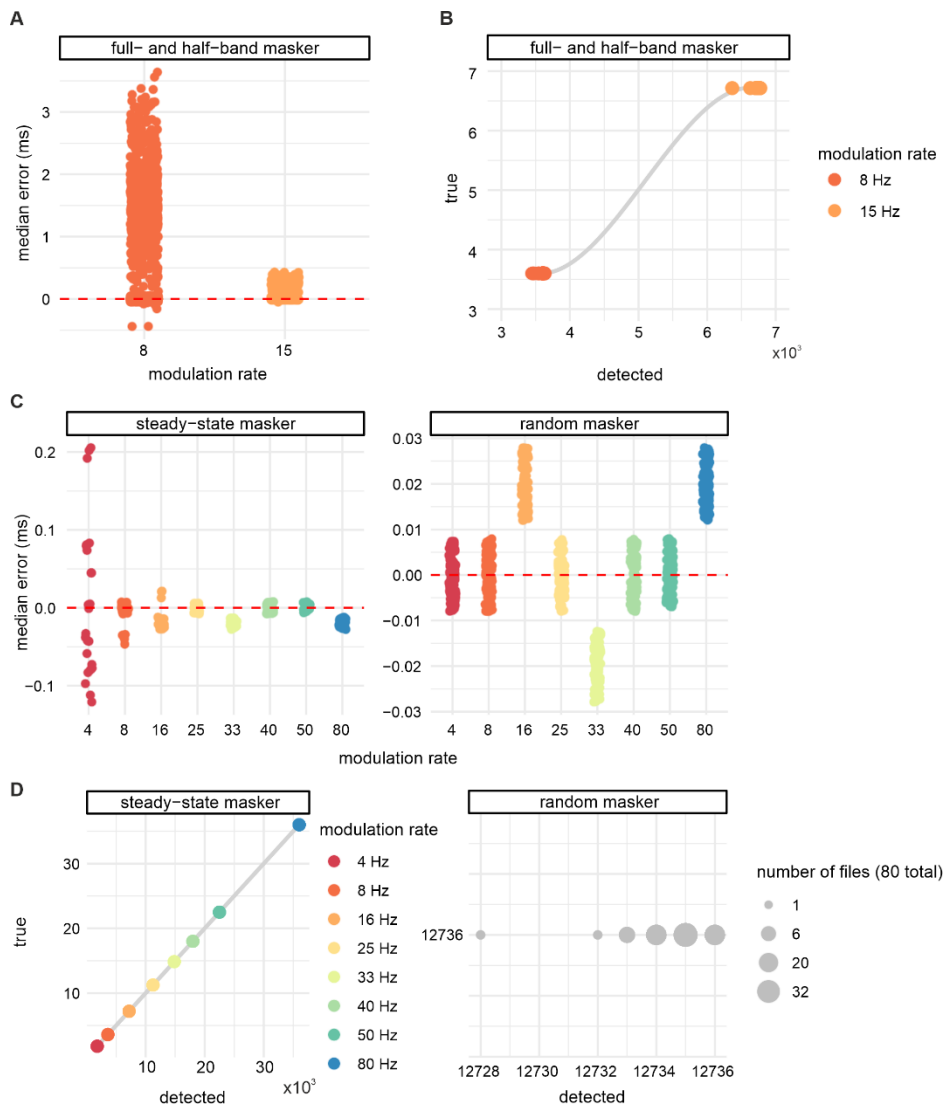
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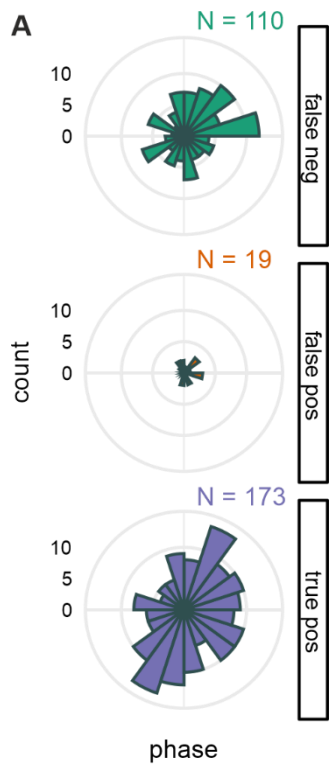
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278 **Fig. S6.**

279 **Temporal and cycle-wise accuracy of instantaneous phase models.** (A) For experiment 1, the median
 280 deviation error between expected modulation periods ($1/f$) and derived periods in the instantaneous phase
 281 model for all cycles across the entire data set. Errors were mostly between 0 and 3 ms for both modulation rate
 282 contexts. (B) For experiment 1, the number of true cycles in each one-hour recording block vs. the number of
 283 detected cycles in the instantaneous phase model. On average, 5 more cycles were detected in recording
 284 blocks in the 8Hz context, and 19 fewer cycles were detected in the 15Hz contexts. (C) For experiment 2,
 285 median deviation error between expected and derived periods for each modulation rate were less than ± 0.3 ms
 286 for all rates in both masking conditions. (D) For experiment 2, true vs. detected number of cycles were almost
 287 perfectly matched for the steady-state condition. On average, detected cycles were ± 2 cycles from expected
 288 values (estimated per 7.5 minute block). For the random condition, true vs. detected cycles were calculated
 289 irrespective of modulation rate, but were accurate to 0:-4 cycles per 15 minute block (file).
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292 **Fig. S7.**

293 **DAS-predicted call events by class, as a function of call onset phase.** Phase tagging of detected call events
 294 from a representative test set (experiment 2: random masker) showed that DAS is not strongly biased to detect
 295 calls at particular phases in the amplitude modulation cycle.

296 **Supplementary Tables**

297 **Table S1.**

298 **Estimated proportion of echolocation to communication calls.** A total of 2,673 calls were classified as
 299 echolocation or communication calls by visual inspection of spectrograms from all four masking conditions
 300 used in both experiments (spectrogram segments sampled from randomly selected groups and files). A
 301 weighed average of the proportion of echolocation pulses to communication calls (weighted by the total
 302 duration of audio data inspected for each condition) was then computed.
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	Playback Condition			
	Silence	Full-band masker/Steady- state masker	Half-band masker	Random masker
Total duration scanned (s)	180	240	90	90
Condition-wise mean prop. echo	0.79	0.96	0.94	0.78
Weighted mean prop. echo		0.88		

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305 **Table S2.**

306 **Experiment 1: Circular statistics for call onsets with respect to the amplitude modulation cycle**

		Circular Statistics											
		Summary Statistics				Rayleigh's Test				MLE von Mises			
modulation	condition	n	$\bar{\theta}$	\bar{r}	Vm	sd	R	p	$P_{Bonferroni}$	μ_{MLE}	CI _{lo}	CI _{hi}	κ_{MLE}
8Hz	silence	325,333	0.738	0.001	0.999	3.722	0.001	0.279	1	0.738	4.534	4.327	0.002
8Hz	full-band masker	146,187	5.752	0.067	0.933	2.324	0.058	0.000	<0.001	5.752	5.698	5.808	0.135
8Hz	half-band masker	229,311	2.579	0.012	0.989	2.989	-0.010	1.000	1	2.579	2.295	2.836	0.023
15Hz	silence	202,822	3.933	0.001	0.999	3.661	-0.001	0.709	1	3.933	1.962	0.506	0.002
15Hz	full-band masker	78,197	5.403	0.051	0.949	2.442	0.032	0.000	<0.001	5.403	5.306	5.504	0.102
15Hz	half-band masker	443,217	1.042	0.002	0.998	3.524	0.001	0.170	1	1.042	6.003	2.560	0.004

307 N = number of observations. $\bar{\theta}$ = Mean resultant direction. \bar{r} = Mean resultant length. Vm = circular variance.
 308 sd = circular standard deviation. R = test statistics for Rayleigh's test of uniformity. p = p value. $P_{Bonferroni}$ =
 309 Bonferroni corrected p-values for the family of all tests in the table. μ_{MLE} = Mean parameter estimated from
 310 the maximum likelihood von Mises distribution. CI_{lo}, CI_{hi} = Bootstrapped upper and lower thresholds for the
 311 95% confidence interval for the MLE mean parameter. κ_{MLE} = Concentration parameter estimated from the
 312 MLE von Mises distribution.
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315 **Table S3.**

316 **Experiment 1: Rao's test for differences in angular means or dispersions in distributions of call onsets**
 317 **between playback conditions**

Rao test for homogeneity of angular means & dispersions within mod rates						
modulation	condition	test	statistic	df	<i>p</i>	<i>P</i>_{Bonferroni}
8Hz	Omnibus	polar vectors	0.477	2	0.788	1.000
8Hz	Omnibus	dispersions	346.680	2	0.000	<0.001
15Hz	Omnibus	polar vectors	2.708	2	0.258	0.516
15Hz	Omnibus	dispersions	100.345	2	0.000	<0.001
8Hz	silence vs. Full-band masker	polar vectors	0.422	1	0.516	1.00
8Hz	silence vs. Full-band masker	dispersions	332.013	1	0.000	<0.001
8Hz	silence vs. Half-band masker	polar vectors	0.444	1	0.505	1.00
8Hz	silence vs. Half-band masker	dispersions	14.766	1	0.000	<0.001
8Hz	full-band masker vs. Half-band masker	polar vectors	0.054	1	0.817	1.00
8Hz	full-band masker vs. Half-band masker	dispersions	307.346	1	0.000	<0.001
15Hz	silence vs. Full-band masker	polar vectors	0.739	1	0.390	0.78
15Hz	silence vs. Full-band masker	dispersions	100.231	1	0.000	<0.001
15Hz	silence vs. Half-band masker	polar vectors	0.045	1	0.832	1.00
15Hz	silence vs. Half-band masker	dispersions	0.193	1	0.660	1.00
15Hz	full-band masker vs. Half-band masker	polar vectors	1.975	1	0.160	0.32
15Hz	full-band masker vs. Half-band masker	dispersions	100.029	1	0.000	<0.001

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320 **Table S4.**

321 **Experiment 1: Negative binomial model results for calls emitted both modulation rate contexts**
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Observed calls per hour in 8Hz modulated noise

Predictors	Incidence Rate Ratios	CI	<i>p</i>
(Intercept)	16266.65	10048.04 – 28874.24	<0.001
condition [full-band masker]	0.45	0.21 – 0.95	0.034
condition [half-band masker]	0.70	0.33 – 1.49	0.355
Observations	60		
R ² Nagelkerke	0.097		
Deviance	72.505		
AIC	1239.835		

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Observed calls per hour in 15Hz modulated noise

Predictors	Incidence Rate Ratios	CI	<i>p</i>
(Intercept)	10674.84	6729.32 – 18413.99	<0.001
condition [full-band masker]	0.39	0.19 – 0.79	0.008
condition [half-band masker]	2.19	1.07 – 4.46	0.030
Observations	57		
R ² Nagelkerke	0.395		
Deviance	67.547		
AIC	1171.104		

324 Note that the p-values in the table above are not Bonferroni corrected, as they represent p-values for model
 325 coefficients.
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327 **Table S5.**

328 **Experiment 1: Incidence rate ratios derived from negative binomial models**

Incidence Rate Ratios				
modulation	coefficient	Estimate	2.5 %	97.5 %
8Hz	(Intercept)	16266.65	10048.04	28874.24
8Hz	full-band masker	0.45	0.21	0.95
8Hz	half-band masker	0.70	0.33	1.49
15Hz	(Intercept)	10674.84	6729.32	18413.99
15Hz	full-band masker	0.39	0.19	0.79
15Hz	half-band masker	2.19	1.07	4.46

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331 **Table S6.**

332 **Experiment 1: ANOVA** Analysis of variance for the predictor of playback condition for each modulation
333 rate model, separately.

Type II Analysis of Deviance				
model	predictor	LR Chi-square	df	<i>p</i>
8Hz	condition	4.37	2	0.11
15Hz	condition	21.34	2	<0.001

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336 **Table S7.**

337 **Experiment 2: Estimated marginal means of call incidence rates per condition**

Estimated Marginal Means							
modulation	contrast	IRR	se	CI_{lo}	CI_{hi}	Z ratio	p
8Hz	silence / (full-band masker)	2.22	0.84	0.90	5.50	2.12	0.10
8Hz	silence / (half-band masker)	1.42	0.54	0.57	3.51	0.92	1.00
8Hz	(full-band masker) / (half-band masker)	0.64	0.24	0.26	1.58	-1.19	0.70
15Hz	silence / (full-band masker)	2.59	0.94	1.09	6.15	2.64	0.03
15Hz	silence / (half-band masker)	0.46	0.16	0.19	1.08	-2.17	0.09
15Hz	(full-band masker) / (half-band masker)	0.18	0.06	0.07	0.42	-4.81	<0.001

338 IRR = Incidence rate ratios.

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340 **Table S8.**

341 **Experiment 2: Circular statistics for call onsets with respect to the amplitude modulation cycle**

		Circular Statistics											
modulation	condition	Summary Statistics				Rayleigh's Test				MLE von Mises			
		n	$\bar{\theta}$	\bar{r}	Vm	sd	R	p	$P_{Bonferroni}$	μ_{MLE}	CI _{lo}	CI _{hi}	κ_{MLE}
4Hz	silence	59,635	6.203	0.003	0.997	3.388	0.003	0.134	1	6.203	4.212	3.124	0.006
4Hz	steady-state masker	28,938	5.246	0.074	0.926	2.282	0.038	0.000	<0.001	5.246	5.140	5.358	0.148
4Hz	random masker	105,990	5.245	0.054	0.946	2.416	0.027	0.000	<0.001	5.245	5.170	5.319	0.108
8Hz	silence	62,203	5.480	0.002	0.998	3.462	0.002	0.270	1	5.480	3.523	2.293	0.005
8Hz	steady-state masker	65,446	5.795	0.057	0.943	2.395	0.050	0.000	<0.001	5.795	5.702	5.891	0.114
8Hz	random masker	51,939	5.459	0.061	0.939	2.366	0.041	0.000	<0.001	5.459	5.356	5.554	0.122
16Hz	silence	65,769	0.858	0.003	0.997	3.376	0.002	0.213	1	0.858	5.075	3.812	0.007
16Hz	steady-state masker	60,482	5.732	0.042	0.958	2.520	0.036	0.000	<0.001	5.732	5.603	5.871	0.084
16Hz	random masker	25,543	5.376	0.046	0.955	2.486	0.028	0.000	<0.001	5.376	5.178	5.575	0.091
25Hz	silence	67,403	4.819	0.003	0.997	3.373	0.000	0.448	1	4.819	2.541	0.274	0.007
25Hz	steady-state masker	32,743	4.535	0.032	0.968	2.618	-0.006	0.928	1	4.535	4.299	4.766	0.065
25Hz	random masker	16,600	5.056	0.027	0.973	2.689	0.009	0.050	1	5.056	4.653	5.478	0.054
33Hz	silence	78,179	0.895	0.004	0.996	3.313	0.003	0.153	1	0.895	5.646	2.632	0.008
33Hz	steady-state masker	34,843	5.359	0.008	0.992	3.093	0.005	0.092	1	5.359	4.466	0.165	0.017
33Hz	random masker	12,830	4.688	0.034	0.966	2.599	-0.001	0.552	1	4.688	4.358	5.069	0.068
40Hz	silence	68,797	0.196	0.001	0.999	3.668	0.001	0.331	1	0.196	4.283	2.335	0.002
40Hz	steady-state masker	34,176	4.486	0.020	0.980	2.801	-0.004	0.877	1	4.486	4.063	4.874	0.040
40Hz	random masker	10,531	4.241	0.015	0.985	2.891	-0.007	0.844	1	4.241	3.404	5.347	0.031
50Hz	silence	61,956	5.052	0.002	0.998	3.564	0.001	0.419	1	5.052	2.940	1.454	0.004
50Hz	steady-state masker	25,425	3.302	0.013	0.987	2.937	-0.013	0.999	1	3.302	2.584	4.017	0.027
50Hz	random masker	8,487	1.776	0.009	0.991	3.055	-0.002	0.599	1	1.776	5.797	3.788	0.019
80Hz	silence	75,144	0.679	0.002	0.998	3.457	0.002	0.221	1	0.679	4.565	3.322	0.005
80Hz	steady-state masker	30,675	5.427	0.007	0.993	3.166	0.004	0.139	1	5.427	3.897	0.352	0.013
80Hz	random masker	5,260	4.324	0.002	0.998	3.561	-0.001	0.527	1	4.324	1.952	2.322	0.004

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344 **Table S9.**

345 **Experiment 2: Watson-Wheeler tests for the circular homogeneity of distributions of call onsets**

Watson-Wheeler test for homogeneity of groups (within modulation rates)

modulation	statistic	<i>p</i>	<i>P</i>_{Bonferroni}
4Hz	281.693	<0.001	<0.001
8Hz	273.637	<0.001	<0.001
16Hz	143.040	<0.001	<0.001
25Hz	45.416	<0.001	<0.001
33Hz	32.695	<0.001	<0.001
40Hz	20.606	<0.001	<0.001
50Hz	8.775	0.067	0.536
80Hz	2.286	0.683	1.000

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349 **Experiment 2: Rao's test for differences in angular means or dispersions between playback conditions**
 350 Omnibus tests were carried out for each modulation rate to test if differences existed between the three
 351 playback conditions. For all tests with significant differences in either polar vectors or polar dispersions, post-
 352 hoc tests were computed on pairs of playback conditions.

Rao test for homogeneity of angular means & dispersions						
modulation	condition	test	statistic	df	<i>p</i>	<i>P</i> _{Bonferroni}
4Hz	Omnibus	polar vectors	3.110	2	0.211	0.422
4Hz	Omnibus	dispersions	232.370	2	<0.001	<0.001
8Hz	Omnibus	polar vectors	18.883	2	<0.001	<0.001
8Hz	Omnibus	dispersions	199.932	2	<0.001	<0.001
16Hz	Omnibus	polar vectors	6.895	2	0.032	0.064
16Hz	Omnibus	dispersions	77.400	2	<0.001	<0.001
25Hz	Omnibus	polar vectors	3.853	2	0.146	0.292
25Hz	Omnibus	dispersions	22.588	2	<0.001	<0.001
33Hz	Omnibus	polar vectors	1.668	2	0.434	0.868
33Hz	Omnibus	dispersions	7.870	2	0.020	0.040
40Hz	Omnibus	polar vectors	0.897	2	0.639	1.000
40Hz	Omnibus	dispersions	7.848	2	0.020	0.040
50Hz	Omnibus	polar vectors	0.106	2	0.948	1.000
50Hz	Omnibus	dispersions	2.521	2	0.284	0.568
80Hz	Omnibus	polar vectors	0.806	2	0.668	1.000
80Hz	Omnibus	dispersions	0.492	2	0.782	1.000
4Hz	silence vs. steady-state masker	polar vectors	2.985	1	0.084	0.168
4Hz	silence vs. steady-state masker	dispersions	79.850	1	0.000	0.000
4Hz	silence vs. random masker	polar vectors	3.087	1	0.079	0.158
4Hz	silence vs. random masker	dispersions	153.051	1	0.000	0.000
4Hz	steady-state masker vs. random masker	polar vectors	0.000	1	0.983	1.000
4Hz	steady-state masker vs. random masker	dispersions	15.231	1	0.000	0.000
8Hz	silence vs. steady-state masker	polar vectors	0.046	1	0.830	1.000
8Hz	silence vs. steady-state masker	dispersions	104.750	1	0.000	0.000
8Hz	silence vs. random masker	polar vectors	0.000	1	0.985	1.000
8Hz	silence vs. random masker	dispersions	95.520	1	0.000	0.000
8Hz	steady-state masker vs. random masker	polar vectors	18.858	1	0.000	0.000
8Hz	steady-state masker vs. random masker	dispersions	0.944	1	0.331	0.662
8Hz	silence vs. steady-state masker	polar vectors	0.046	1	0.830	1.000
8Hz	silence vs. steady-state masker	dispersions	104.750	1	0.000	0.000
8Hz	silence vs. random masker	polar vectors	0.000	1	0.985	1.000
8Hz	silence vs. random masker	dispersions	95.520	1	0.000	0.000
8Hz	steady-state masker vs. random masker	polar vectors	18.858	1	0.000	0.000
8Hz	steady-state masker vs. random masker	dispersions	0.944	1	0.331	0.662

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355 **Table S11.**

356 **Experiment 2: Incidence rate ratios derived from negative binomial models**

Incidence Rate Ratios				
modulation	coefficient	Estimate	2.5 %	97.5 %
4Hz	(Intercept)	2981.75	1675.19	6085.74
4Hz	steady-state masker	0.49	0.19	1.21
4Hz	random masker	1.78	0.71	4.45
8Hz	(Intercept)	3110.15	1655.22	6909.31
8Hz	steady-state masker	1.11	0.40	3.12
8Hz	random masker	0.83	0.30	2.31
16Hz	(Intercept)	3288.45	1895.48	6456.38
16Hz	steady-state masker	0.92	0.38	2.20
16Hz	random masker	0.39	0.16	0.93
25Hz	(Intercept)	3370.15	1815.43	7344.02
25Hz	steady-state masker	0.51	0.19	1.41
25Hz	random masker	0.25	0.09	0.67
33Hz	(Intercept)	3908.95	2136.58	8324.83
33Hz	steady-state masker	0.45	0.17	1.17
33Hz	random masker	0.16	0.06	0.43
40Hz	(Intercept)	3620.89	2003.11	7568.02
40Hz	steady-state masker	0.50	0.19	1.28
40Hz	random masker	0.15	0.06	0.37
50Hz	(Intercept)	3097.80	1667.09	6760.91
50Hz	steady-state masker	0.41	0.15	1.11
50Hz	random masker	0.14	0.05	0.37
80Hz	(Intercept)	3757.20	2122.84	7602.55
80Hz	steady-state masker	0.41	0.16	1.01
80Hz	random masker	0.07	0.03	0.17

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359 **Table S12.**

360 **Experiment 2: ANOVA.** Analysis of variance for the predictor of playback condition for each negative
361 binomial model, separately.

Type II Analysis of Deviance				
model	predictor	LR Chi-square	df	<i>p</i>
4Hz	condition	7.55	2	0.02
8Hz	condition	0.31	2	0.86
16Hz	condition	5.07	2	0.08
25Hz	condition	7.55	2	0.02
33Hz	condition	12.74	2	<0.001
40Hz	condition	15.16	2	<0.001
50Hz	condition	14.36	2	<0.001
80Hz	condition	27.63	2	<0.001

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365 **Experiment 2: Estimated marginal means for incidence rates of calling**

Estimated Marginal Means							
modulation	contrast	IRR	se	CI_{lo}	CI_{hi}	Z ratio	p
4Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	2.06	0.95	0.69	6.20	1.57	0.35
4Hz	silence / random masker	0.56	0.26	0.19	1.69	-1.25	0.63
4Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	0.27	0.13	0.09	0.82	-2.82	0.01
8Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	0.90	0.47	0.26	3.10	-0.20	1.00
8Hz	silence / random masker	1.20	0.61	0.36	4.04	0.36	1.00
8Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	1.33	0.68	0.39	4.55	0.55	1.00
16Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	1.09	0.48	0.38	3.10	0.19	1.00
16Hz	silence / random masker	2.58	1.13	0.90	7.34	2.16	0.09
16Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	2.37	1.04	0.83	6.75	1.97	0.15
25Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	1.96	0.99	0.58	6.54	1.33	0.55
25Hz	silence / random masker	4.06	2.02	1.23	13.36	2.82	0.01
25Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	2.08	1.05	0.62	6.94	1.45	0.44
33Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	2.24	1.09	0.70	7.16	1.67	0.29
33Hz	silence / random masker	6.09	2.95	1.91	19.44	3.73	<0.001
33Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	2.72	1.32	0.85	8.66	2.06	0.12
40Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	2.01	0.95	0.65	6.26	1.48	0.42
40Hz	silence / random masker	6.88	3.22	2.24	21.08	4.12	<0.001
40Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	3.42	1.60	1.11	10.47	2.62	0.03
50Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	2.44	1.22	0.74	8.04	1.79	0.22
50Hz	silence / random masker	7.30	3.64	2.21	24.08	3.99	<0.001
50Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	3.00	1.49	0.91	9.88	2.20	0.08
80Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	2.45	1.11	0.82	7.28	1.97	0.15
80Hz	silence / random masker	14.29	6.50	4.80	42.50	5.84	<0.001
80Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	5.83	2.66	1.96	17.35	3.87	<0.001

369 Experiment 2: Estimated marginal means across modulation rates

Estimated Marginal Means							
modulation	contrast	IRR	se	CI _{lo}	CI _{hi}	Z ratio	<i>p</i>
silence	4Hz / 8Hz	0.96	0.47	0.20	4.49	-0.09	1.00
silence	4Hz / 16Hz	0.91	0.45	0.19	4.24	-0.20	1.00
silence	4Hz / 25Hz	0.88	0.44	0.19	4.14	-0.25	1.00
silence	4Hz / 33Hz	0.76	0.38	0.16	3.57	-0.55	1.00
silence	4Hz / 40Hz	0.82	0.41	0.17	3.93	-0.39	1.00
silence	4Hz / 50Hz	0.96	0.48	0.21	4.50	-0.08	1.00
silence	4Hz / 80Hz	0.79	0.39	0.17	3.71	-0.47	1.00
silence	8Hz / 16Hz	0.95	0.47	0.20	4.43	-0.11	1.00
silence	8Hz / 25Hz	0.92	0.46	0.20	4.32	-0.16	1.00
silence	8Hz / 33Hz	0.80	0.39	0.17	3.72	-0.46	1.00
silence	8Hz / 40Hz	0.86	0.43	0.18	4.10	-0.30	1.00
silence	8Hz / 50Hz	1.00	0.50	0.22	4.70	0.01	1.00
silence	8Hz / 80Hz	0.83	0.41	0.18	3.87	-0.38	1.00
silence	16Hz / 25Hz	0.98	0.48	0.21	4.57	-0.05	1.00
silence	16Hz / 33Hz	0.84	0.42	0.18	3.94	-0.35	1.00
silence	16Hz / 40Hz	0.91	0.46	0.19	4.34	-0.19	1.00
silence	16Hz / 50Hz	1.06	0.52	0.23	4.97	0.12	1.00
silence	16Hz / 80Hz	0.88	0.43	0.19	4.10	-0.27	1.00
silence	25Hz / 33Hz	0.86	0.43	0.18	4.04	-0.30	1.00
silence	25Hz / 40Hz	0.93	0.47	0.20	4.44	-0.14	1.00
silence	25Hz / 50Hz	1.09	0.54	0.23	5.09	0.17	1.00
silence	25Hz / 80Hz	0.90	0.44	0.19	4.20	-0.22	1.00
silence	33Hz / 40Hz	1.08	0.54	0.23	5.16	0.15	1.00
silence	33Hz / 50Hz	1.26	0.62	0.27	5.90	0.47	1.00
silence	33Hz / 80Hz	1.04	0.51	0.22	4.87	0.08	1.00
silence	40Hz / 50Hz	1.17	0.58	0.24	5.58	0.31	1.00
silence	40Hz / 80Hz	0.96	0.48	0.20	4.60	-0.07	1.00
silence	50Hz / 80Hz	0.82	0.41	0.18	3.86	-0.39	1.00
steady-state masker	4Hz / 8Hz	0.42	0.21	0.09	2.05	-1.71	1.00
steady-state masker	4Hz / 16Hz	0.48	0.24	0.10	2.29	-1.47	1.00
steady-state masker	4Hz / 25Hz	0.84	0.43	0.17	4.10	-0.34	1.00
steady-state masker	4Hz / 33Hz	0.83	0.42	0.17	3.97	-0.37	1.00
steady-state masker	4Hz / 40Hz	0.80	0.41	0.16	3.93	-0.43	1.00
steady-state masker	4Hz / 50Hz	1.14	0.57	0.24	5.44	0.26	1.00
steady-state masker	4Hz / 80Hz	0.94	0.47	0.20	4.51	-0.12	1.00
steady-state masker	8Hz / 16Hz	1.14	0.58	0.23	5.56	0.26	1.00
steady-state masker	8Hz / 25Hz	2.00	1.03	0.40	9.95	1.35	1.00
steady-state masker	8Hz / 33Hz	1.98	1.00	0.41	9.65	1.34	1.00
steady-state masker	8Hz / 40Hz	1.92	0.98	0.38	9.54	1.26	1.00
steady-state masker	8Hz / 50Hz	2.71	1.38	0.56	13.22	1.96	1.00
steady-state masker	8Hz / 80Hz	2.25	1.14	0.46	10.96	1.59	1.00
steady-state masker	16Hz / 25Hz	1.75	0.89	0.36	8.56	1.11	1.00
steady-state masker	16Hz / 33Hz	1.74	0.87	0.36	8.30	1.10	1.00
steady-state masker	16Hz / 40Hz	1.68	0.85	0.34	8.20	1.02	1.00
steady-state masker	16Hz / 50Hz	2.38	1.19	0.50	11.37	1.73	1.00
steady-state masker	16Hz / 80Hz	1.97	0.99	0.41	9.43	1.35	1.00
steady-state masker	25Hz / 33Hz	0.99	0.50	0.20	4.83	-0.02	1.00
steady-state masker	25Hz / 40Hz	0.96	0.49	0.19	4.77	-0.08	1.00
steady-state masker	25Hz / 50Hz	1.36	0.69	0.28	6.62	0.60	1.00
steady-state masker	25Hz / 80Hz	1.12	0.57	0.23	5.48	0.23	1.00
steady-state masker	33Hz / 40Hz	0.97	0.49	0.20	4.73	-0.06	1.00

Estimated Marginal Means							
modulation	contrast	IRR	se	CI_{lo}	CI_{hi}	Z ratio	p
steady-state masker	33Hz / 50Hz	1.37	0.69	0.29	6.55	0.63	1.00
steady-state masker	33Hz / 80Hz	1.14	0.57	0.24	5.43	0.25	1.00
steady-state masker	40Hz / 50Hz	1.42	0.72	0.29	6.91	0.68	1.00
steady-state masker	40Hz / 80Hz	1.17	0.60	0.24	5.72	0.31	1.00
steady-state masker	50Hz / 80Hz	0.83	0.42	0.17	3.96	-0.38	1.00
random masker	4Hz / 8Hz	2.04	0.88	0.53	7.82	1.66	1.00
random masker	4Hz / 16Hz	4.15	1.78	1.08	15.89	3.31	0.03
random masker	4Hz / 25Hz	6.38	2.74	1.67	24.46	4.31	<0.001
random masker	4Hz / 33Hz	8.26	3.55	2.16	31.65	4.91	<0.001
random masker	4Hz / 40Hz	10.06	4.33	2.63	38.56	5.37	<0.001
random masker	4Hz / 50Hz	12.49	5.37	3.26	47.85	5.87	<0.001
random masker	4Hz / 80Hz	20.15	8.67	5.26	77.22	6.98	<0.001
random masker	8Hz / 16Hz	2.03	0.87	0.53	7.79	1.65	1.00
random masker	8Hz / 25Hz	3.13	1.34	0.82	11.98	2.65	0.22
random masker	8Hz / 33Hz	4.05	1.74	1.06	15.51	3.25	0.03
random masker	8Hz / 40Hz	4.93	2.12	1.29	18.90	3.71	0.01
random masker	8Hz / 50Hz	6.12	2.63	1.60	23.45	4.21	<0.001
random masker	8Hz / 80Hz	9.87	4.25	2.58	37.84	5.32	<0.001
random masker	16Hz / 25Hz	1.54	0.66	0.40	5.89	1.00	1.00
random masker	16Hz / 33Hz	1.99	0.86	0.52	7.63	1.60	1.00
random masker	16Hz / 40Hz	2.43	1.04	0.63	9.29	2.06	1.00
random masker	16Hz / 50Hz	3.01	1.29	0.78	11.53	2.56	0.29
random masker	16Hz / 80Hz	4.86	2.09	1.27	18.61	3.67	0.01
random masker	25Hz / 33Hz	1.29	0.56	0.34	4.96	0.60	1.00
random masker	25Hz / 40Hz	1.58	0.68	0.41	6.04	1.06	1.00
random masker	25Hz / 50Hz	1.96	0.84	0.51	7.50	1.56	1.00
random masker	25Hz / 80Hz	3.16	1.36	0.82	12.10	2.67	0.21
random masker	33Hz / 40Hz	1.22	0.52	0.32	4.67	0.46	1.00
random masker	33Hz / 50Hz	1.51	0.65	0.39	5.79	0.96	1.00
random masker	33Hz / 80Hz	2.44	1.05	0.64	9.35	2.07	1.00
random masker	40Hz / 50Hz	1.24	0.53	0.32	4.76	0.50	1.00
random masker	40Hz / 80Hz	2.00	0.86	0.52	7.68	1.61	1.00
random masker	50Hz / 80Hz	1.61	0.69	0.42	6.19	1.11	1.00

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372 **Table S15.**

373 **Number of temporally overlapping calls across both experiments in each condition**

	Silent	Full-band masker (Steady-state masker)	Half-band masker	Random masker
Experiment 1	17,645	5,627	19,346	-
Experiment 2	24,903	4,093	-	2,946

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377 **Estimated marginal means for overlapping calls.** Estimated marginal mean differences in call incidence
 378 rates calculated on negative binomial models for overlapping calls for each modulation rate, separately.

Estimated Marginal Means								
experiment	modulation	contrast	IRR	se	CI _{lo}	CI _{hi}	Z ratio	p
1	8Hz	silence / (full-band masker)	2.40	1.28	0.66	8.65	1.63	0.31
	8Hz	silence / (half-band masker)	1.40	0.74	0.39	4.94	0.63	1.00
	8Hz	(full-band masker) / (half-band masker)	0.58	0.32	0.16	2.17	-0.98	0.98
	15Hz	silence / (full-band masker)	4.73	2.19	1.56	14.36	3.35	<0.001
	15Hz	silence / (half-band masker)	0.37	0.17	0.12	1.11	-2.17	0.09
	15Hz	(full-band masker) / (half-band masker)	0.08	0.04	0.03	0.24	-5.44	<0.001
2	4Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	4.58	3.04	0.94	22.45	2.29	0.07
	4Hz	silence / random masker	2.33	1.33	0.60	9.11	1.49	0.41
	4Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	0.51	0.34	0.10	2.58	-1.00	0.96
	8Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	1.92	1.21	0.43	8.65	1.04	0.90
	8Hz	silence / random masker	5.36	3.16	1.31	21.96	2.85	0.01
	8Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	2.79	1.78	0.60	12.88	1.61	0.32
	16Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	2.21	1.16	0.63	7.77	1.52	0.39
	16Hz	silence / random masker	6.56	3.32	1.95	22.02	3.72	0.00
	16Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	2.96	1.60	0.81	10.83	2.00	0.14
	25Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	5.14	3.10	1.21	21.80	2.71	0.02
	25Hz	silence / random masker	9.89	5.80	2.43	40.26	3.91	0.00
	25Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	1.93	1.27	0.40	9.37	0.99	0.96
	33Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	5.72	3.07	1.58	20.69	3.24	0.00
	33Hz	silence / random masker	14.70	7.47	4.35	49.66	5.28	0.00
	33Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	2.57	1.50	0.64	10.41	1.62	0.32
	40Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	6.48	3.29	1.92	21.87	3.68	0.00
	40Hz	silence / random masker	18.39	9.20	5.55	60.93	5.82	0.00
	40Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	2.84	1.53	0.78	10.35	1.93	0.16
	50Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	11.27	6.43	2.88	44.16	4.25	0.00
	50Hz	silence / random masker	27.70	15.5 1	7.26	105.80	5.93	0.00
50Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	2.46	1.45	0.60	10.12	1.52	0.38	
80Hz	silence / (steady-state masker)	7.69	3.88	2.30	25.73	4.04	0.00	
80Hz	silence / random masker	26.34	13.5 6	7.68	90.35	6.35	0.00	
80Hz	(steady-state masker) / random masker	3.43	1.94	0.89	13.24	2.18	0.09	

381 **Table S17.**

382 **Call timings relative to acoustic landmarks**

Mean Call Onset Timings						
experiment	modulation	condition	time from peaks (ms)		time to trough (ms)	
			median	iqr	median	iqr
1	All	full-band masker	37.7	27.9	10.1	1
	8Hz	full-band masker	52.0	0.7	10.5	0.7
	15Hz	full-band masker	24.1	0.7	9.6	0.7
2	All	steady-state masker	9.3	28.7	8.4	5.8
	All	random masker	9.6	26.5	9.0	8.4
	4Hz	steady-state masker	83.7	2.8	41.3	2.8
	4Hz	random masker	83.7	2.0	41.3	2.0
	8Hz	steady-state masker	52.8	1.3	9.7	1.3
	8Hz	random masker	46.1	1.4	16.4	1.4
	16Hz	steady-state masker	25.8	0.9	5.0	0.9
	16Hz	random masker	22.2	1.3	8.6	1.3
	25Hz	steady-state masker	8.9	1.0	11.1	1.0
	25Hz	random masker	12.2	1.7	7.8	1.7
	33Hz	steady-state masker	10.5	2.9	4.3	2.9
	33Hz	random masker	7.4	1.2	7.4	1.2
	40Hz	steady-state masker	5.3	1.0	7.2	1.0
	40Hz	random masker	4.4	2.5	8.1	2.5
	50Hz	steady-state masker	0.5	1.4	9.5	1.4
	50Hz	random masker	-4.1	3.8	14.1	3.8
	80Hz	steady-state masker	4.2	1.8	2.5	1.8
	80Hz	random masker	0.5	5.8	6.2	5.8

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