

**Fig. S1:** Boxplots of absolute phase lags  $\varphi$  in degrees between LW and RW for 11 *Gryllus bimaculatus* males (M1-M11) and four wing regions. Whiskers denote 1 IQR, outliers are marked as red +. For each animal, each wing region was simultaneously recorded with 2 LDV and  $\varphi$  was calculated as the difference in instantaneous phase between LW and RW at the positive and negative displacement peaks of the RW recordings. n=18-28 for each animal and wing region. Chord regions could only be recorded successfully from 7 animals. The last panel shows mean  $\varphi \pm$  std per wing region over all 11 specimens (7 for the chord region); see also Fig. S2 and S3.



**Fig. S2:** Boxplots of absolute time lags  $\Delta t$  in  $\mu$ s between LW and RW for 11 *G. bimaculatus* males (M1-M11) and four wing regions. Whiskers denote 1 IQR, outliers are marked as red +. For each animal, each wing region was simultaneously recorded with 2 LDV and  $\Delta t$  was calculated using phase lags  $\varphi$  (see Fig. S1) and the corresponding carrier frequencies fc. n=18-28 for each animal and wing region. Chord regions could only be recorded successfully from 7 animals. The last panel shows mean  $\Delta t \pm$  std per wing region over all 11 specimens (7 for the chord region); see also Fig. S3.



**Fig. S3:** Mean phase lag  $\varphi$  (blue circles, left y-axis) and time lag  $\Delta t$  (red stars, right y-axis)  $\pm$  std between left and right wings in 11 *G. bimaculatus* males for four wing regions. Chord regions could only be recorded successfully from 7 animals.  $\Delta t$  has been calculated from individual  $\varphi$  values and corresponding carrier frequencies for each specimen and recording.

**Video 1:** A male *Gryllus bimaculatus* producing calling song in the experimental setup after pharmacological injection of Eserine  $(10^{-2} \text{ mol/l})$  into the brain. The cricket is mounted and fixed on a holder in front of the LDV. The LDV's laser dot is visible on the harp area of the right wing.

**Video 2:** Animation of the vibration map of unengaged left and right wing of a male *Gryllus bimaculatus* as derived from LDV recordings. The wings are elevated upwards from the animal's body at a similar angle to the natural singing position, spaced apart and imaged from the front; the reference microphone is visible between and slightly behind the wings. The overlaid vibration map shows the colour-coded relative displacement ( $\mu$ m/Pa; red = max. positive displacement; blue = max. negative displacement) of the wing surface as a response to acoustic stimulation at the wings' overall resonance frequency (4.62 kHz). Here, the LW displacement amplitude is higher than the RW's.