

# Splitting Time: Sound-Induced Illusory Visual Temporal Fission and Fusion.

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Auditory stimuli have been shown to alter visual temporal perception. For example, illusory temporal order is perceived when an auditory tone cues one side of space prior to the onset of simultaneously presented visual stimuli. Competing accounts attempt to explain such effects. The spatial gradient account of attention suggests speeded processing of visual stimuli in the cued space, whereas the impletion account suggests a Gestalt-like process where an attempt is made to arrive at a 'realistic' representation of an event given ambiguous conditions. Temporal ventriloquism – where visual temporal order judgement performance is enhanced when a spatially uninformative tone is presented prior to, and after, visual stimuli onset – argues that the temporal relationship of the auditory stimuli to visual stimuli, as well as the number of auditory stimuli equalling the visual stimuli, drives the mechanisms underlying these and related effects. Results from a series of experiments highlight putative inconsistencies in both the spatial gradient account of attention and the classical temporal ventriloquism account. We present novel behavioural effects – illusory temporal order via spatially uninformative tones, and illusory simultaneity via a single tone prior to visual stimuli onset – that can be accounted for by an expanded version of the impletion account.

***Public Significance Statement***

The present study demonstrates novel audio-induced visual-temporal-order effects using spatially neutral tones, while replicating related classic audio-visual effects. We interpret these findings as evidence that audio-visual integration takes evidence from various processes, assigning different weightings to each process dependent upon relative spatial locations, temporal characteristics, relative number of stimuli, and featural characteristics. With this interpretation in mind we propose a unifying account of the observed effects. Additionally, we suggest the use of the paradigms within this manuscript (and the associated effects) should be considered as part of sensory testing when measuring typical audio-visual integration, such as in cases of cochlear implantation.

1           Building a unified and coherent percept of our environment requires the interaction of mul-  
2           tiple modalities. These interactions are generally beneficial to our interpretation of spatial and  
3           temporal events that occur in our immediate proximity. However, on occasion one modality has  
4           greater influence than the other during these interactions and can result in a percept that does not  
5           reflect physical events.

6           The visual modality has traditionally been understood to be the ‘dominant’ one (in terms  
7           of having greater influence during integration across modalities) when auditory and visual stimuli  
8           interact. One such example is that of visual capture, in which illusory auditory motion is perceived  
9           in the same direction as actual visual motion (Mateeff, Hohnsbein, & Noack, 1985; Spence, 2015).  
10          With this effect participants perceive illusory auditory motion of a static auditory stimulus while  
11          viewing a stimulus moving at a constant velocity. Another example of visual stimuli ‘dominating’  
12          auditory is that of spatial ventriloquism, in which an auditory stimulus appears to be shifted from  
13          its true source in space to the location of temporally synchronised visual motion. A prime example

14 of this is the classic ventriloquist's dummy, in which the sound's perceived location is matched to  
15 the location of the dummy's mouth (Radeau & Bertelson, 1987).

16 In recent years it has been demonstrated that conditions exist in which auditory processing  
17 'dominates' visual processing. For example, a sequence of auditory tones can induce perceptual  
18 flashing of a single visual stimulus (Shams, Kamitani, & Shimojo, 2002; Andersen, Tiippana, &  
19 Sams, 2004). Similarly, Hidaka et al. (2009), and others (Teramoto et al., 2010, 2012), have shown  
20 that a moving auditory stimulus can induce illusory visual motion of a static visual stimulus. Finally,  
21 several authors have reported that an auditory stimulus can alter the perceived temporal onset of a  
22 visual stimulus (Burr, Banks, & Morrone, 2009; Vroomen & de Gelder, 2004).

23 As has been demonstrated in the above research, when auditory and visual stimuli are inte-  
24 grated one modality often alters the final perception of another in quite a pronounced fashion. With  
25 that in mind, we will examine some classic audio-visual effects and explanations for them, with a  
26 view of highlighting differences, characteristics, and claims that, at face value, may not necessarily  
27 be compatible with any one explanation.

28 Here, we address three accounts of visual temporal perception that are altered by sound (and  
29 in the case of the gradient and impletion accounts, reference classic accounts where the cues were  
30 visual) – the spatial gradient of attention, impletion, and temporal ventriloquism (Table 1). The  
31 spatial gradient of attention account (where attention decreases from the focus of attention to unat-  
32 tended areas in the visual field) of speeded visual processing of cued space suggests that an auditory  
33 (or visual) cue can increase the speed of information processing from the cued space because of  
34 a shift in visual attention to that space. This results in early entry into the mechanism of motion  
35 detection of any stimulus presented to the cued side, relative to the uncued side. This, in turn, can  
36 result in illusory motion of a line presented all at once (the line motion illusion (LMI)), or in illu-

37 sory sequential order of simultaneously presented circles (Hikosaka, Miyauchi, & Shimojo, 1993b,  
38 1993a; Shimojo, Miyauchi, & Hikosaka, 1997). This account is consistent with the idea of prior  
39 entry, which postulates that a stimulus presented in the cued space enters the perceptual system  
40 first and therefore is perceived first in time (Spence, Shore, & Klein, 2001; Spence & Parise, 2010;  
41 Santangelo & Spence, 2008). The spatial gradient of attention account will be referred to from  
42 here onwards as the ‘gradient account’. The LMI is not dependent upon the visual stimuli being  
43 presented along the horizontal axis. It is worth noting that Schmidt, Fisher, and Pylshyn (1998)  
44 demonstrated that, when using multiple cues, the LMI (where the line was presented at various an-  
45 gles to the cues) still persisted when the target line was presented in line with one of the cues, but  
46 not when presented between 2 cues; suggesting a capacity to attend to multiple locations when cued  
47 but not the entire scene as a whole without such direction of attention.

48         An alternative explanation to the gradient account of speeded visual processing is the ‘imple-  
49 tion’ account. The impletion account argues that the cued space is interpreted as the beginning of  
50 the target stimulus during the binding of salient information, rather than a shift of attention result-  
51 ing in speeded processing. The impletion account suggests the LMI and illusory sequential order  
52 effects are a consequence of attempting to interpret the most likely real-world events from ambigu-  
53 ous and/or spatially congruent stimuli (Downing & Treisman, 1997; Eagleman & Sejnowski, 2003;  
54 Fuller & Carrasco, 2009). Downing and Treisman (1997) demonstrated that visual cues presented  
55 simultaneously at either end of the line resulted in a perception of ‘inward’ line motion, in which  
56 both ends of the line appeared to move away from the cues towards the centre of the display. Ad-  
57 ditionally, they demonstrated that when a second line is presented to the right side of the rightmost  
58 cue, simultaneously with the first line presentation, both lines are perceived as moving to the right  
59 (see Schmidt (2000) for a rebuttal of Downing and Treisman’s (1997) experiment 3 regarding vol-

60 untary attention). Eagleman and Sejnowski (2003) went on to demonstrate that when a second cue  
61 is presented to the opposite end of the line to the first cue, *after* the target line offset, the direction  
62 of the illusory motion is reversed. Similar to Downing and Treisman (1997), Tse, Cavanagh, and  
63 Nakayama (1998) demonstrated that illusory line motion can be induced when both visual cues are  
64 presented simultaneously at either end of the target line. In contrast to Downing and Treisman's  
65 (1997) findings, when the line was touching a given cue the illusory motion was perceived to move  
66 away from that cue towards the other, and not perceived to move 'inwards' towards the centre of the  
67 display. This suggests, like Downing and Treisman (1997) and Eagleman and Sejnowski (2003),  
68 that an attentional shift is not a requisite for inducing the LMI. Of course, the fact that the LMI and  
69 illusory sequential order can be induced by auditory cues (i.e. non-visual cues) suggests that the  
70 gradient account may still have a role to play in these visual illusions, even if it is not the sole driver  
71 of the effects, since auditory stimuli are qualitatively different to visual stimuli and cannot be 'seen'  
72 as the physical starting point of the visual stimulus.

73 Fuller and Carrasco (2009) presented evidence for both the gradient account – where a single  
74 cue was used – and impletion – where distributed cues were used in order to diminish effects of  
75 focal attention. They posited that impletion is the larger driver of the LMI given that there were no  
76 discernible differences in the perceived LMI between the cue types used. Schmidt and Klein (1997)  
77 also provided evidence that the gradient account alone is not sufficient to explain illusions related  
78 to the LMI, and indeed proposed an 'extended' gradient account that posits that visual signals near  
79 a cue are transmitted for a longer period of time than visual signals more distant from the cue.

80 In contrast to the above effects, enhancement in performance accuracy in a visual temporal  
81 order judgement (TOJ) task using auditory tones (Morein-Zamir, Soto-Faraco, & Kingstone, 2003)  
82 does not rely on spatially relevant information. When two central tones are paired with two se-

83 sequentially presented light emitting diodes (LEDs), with the first tone preceding the first LED and  
84 the second tone occurring after the onset of the second LED, participants tend to make more accu-  
85 rate TOJs (at small SOAs). This effect is referred to as ‘temporal ventriloquism’ and in the classic  
86 definition the timing of the auditory stimulus is the most important factor in this ‘auditory capture’  
87 (Freeman & Driver, 2008; Morein-Zamir et al., 2003). It is argued that the auditory stimulus ap-  
88 pears to ‘pull’ a visual stimulus towards it in temporal perception, thus making TOJs more accurate  
89 in terms of objective performance. When two central tones were presented temporally between  
90 sequential circle presentations participants error rates tended to increase. Again, this appears to  
91 suggest that the circles were ‘pulled’ towards the tones in time thus inducing a perceived shorter  
92 stimulus onset asynchrony (SOA) between the circles. Interestingly, Morein-Zamir et al. (2003)  
93 added a caveat that there must be equal numbers of auditory and visual stimuli in order to induce  
94 temporal effects. This is due to a single tone between sequential LEDs having no observable effect  
95 on performance. However, this could also be due to a lack of sensitivity in measurement techniques.  
96 For example, when participants were asked to report apparent motion, Getzmann (2007) found that  
97 one centrally presented click between sequential squares increased the perception of apparent mo-  
98 tion compared to a no-click condition. This suggests that the perceived SOA was shortened, thus  
99 challenging Morein-Zamir et al.’s (2003) claim that equal numbers of auditory and visual stimuli  
100 are required to induce the above temporal effect.

101 Temporal ventriloquism’s definition can be expanded to include the notion that it is the bind-  
102 ing of auditory and visual stimuli that are perceived to be related to each other *after* a process of  
103 featural discrimination; in this expansion, timing of the auditory stimuli is not the main factor in the  
104 phenomenon. Growing evidence that timing is not the only major factor in temporal ventriloquism  
105 effects has emerged in recent years where effects have been abolished by manipulating features

106 of the auditory stimuli. For example, when presenting one sine wave tone and one white noise  
107 burst, any enhancement effects are no longer observed (Keetels, Stekelenburg, & Vroomen, 2007;  
108 Roseboom, Kawabe, & Nishida, 2013b). This suggests discrimination judgements are being made  
109 between auditory stimuli before any potential integration with visual stimuli. If the auditory stimuli  
110 are featurally similar they are deemed to belong to the same event and therefore both are combined  
111 with the succeeding visual stimuli. If the auditory stimuli are featurally distinct, only one, or nei-  
112 ther, of the auditory stimuli are combined with a succeeding visual event. Similarly, the double  
113 flash illusion demonstrated by Shams et al. (2002), where one circle presentation was perceived as  
114 two when accompanied by two tones, was found to be abolished when the auditory stimuli used  
115 were featurally different (Roseboom, Kawabe, & Nishida, 2013a). This suggests that featural sim-  
116 ilarity is an important driver in audio-visual illusions and hints at an auditory discrimination stage  
117 prior to audio-visual integration. This view is consistent with a Gestalt-like process at the level of  
118 intramodal processes on the way, or prior, to crossmodal integration (Spence, Sanabria, & Soto-  
119 Faraco, 2007). However, it is worth noting findings by Klimova, Nishida, and Roseboom (2017)  
120 (where featural differences did not abolish the temporal ventriloquist effect) together with research  
121 by Kafaligonul and Stoner (2010, 2012) that support the notion that the degree of featural similarity  
122 between auditory (or cross-modal) flankers may not modulate a temporal influence on visual stimuli  
123 over short time scales. This hints at a potentially different mechanism at play than that observed  
124 when using stimuli over longer time scales (Roseboom et al., 2013b).

125 A Bayesian perspective on audio-visual integration, as outlined by Körding et al. (2007) in  
126 relation to a multi-sensory cue combination study, proposes a causal inference model, where an  
127 'ideal-observer' makes estimates about the cues they are sensing. For example, the likelihood of  
128 a stimulus originating from a specific spatial location is estimated (where the source signal is cor-



Table 1

*Main effects being examined in this research and associated literature.*

Effect	Literature
Gradient Account of Attention/Illusory Temporal Order	Hikosaka et al. (1993b, 1993a); Shimojo et al. (1997)
Impletion	Downing and Triesman (1997); Eagleman and Sejnowski (2003); Fuller and Carrasco (2009)
Temporal Ventriloquism	Morein-Zamir et al. (2003); Keetels et al. (2007); Roseboom et al. (2013b)

129 rupted by noise) and prior experience of analogous scenarios inform the likelihood of two stimuli  
 130 originating from the same source, or individual sources. This information is combined to reach an  
 131 inferred estimate of whether both stimuli are from one causal event and also estimates the posi-  
 132 tion of the stimuli in space. The model accurately predicts audio-visual integration in perception  
 133 for two audio-visual localisation tasks: one where an auditory and visual stimulus were presented  
 134 simultaneously and participants reported the perceived position of each stimulus; and one where  
 135 participants reported whether there was a single cause, or separate causes, for auditory and visual  
 136 stimuli. The model supports the idea that the spatial relationship between auditory and visual stimuli  
 137 factor into the perception of where in space both stimuli are presented, and if they share a common  
 138 cause. Inferences about the characteristics of one stimulus (e.g. visual) are reached based on its re-  
 139 lationship to another (e.g. auditory), which lends credibility to the notion of impletion, as outlined  
 140 previously.

141 Beierholm, Quartz, and Shams (2009) highlighted that the Bayes rule does not inherently  
 142 imply that, in the face of significant changes in a given stimulus, priors remain constant. Employing  
 143 an expanded version of the audio-visual localisation task used by Körding et al. (2007) (adding a  
 144 second session with adjusted contrast for the visual stimuli) they provided evidence that priors are

145 independent of likelihoods, suggesting they are processed independently, and are later bound on the  
146 way to perception. This is, again, consistent with the idea of impletion.

147 Sato, Toyoizumi, and Aihara (2007) modelled spatial ventriloquism from a Bayesian infer-  
148 ence perspective. When taking into consideration the position and timing of audio-visual stim-  
149 uli, and considering whether the stimuli should be bound at all, their model accounted for most  
150 of the effects they examined. This approach, including there being no automatic assumption that  
151 all audio-visual stimuli should be bound, is consistent with the impletion account. Additionally,  
152 Shams, Ma, and Beierholm (2005) modelled the double-flash illusion using an ‘ideal observer’  
153 from a Bayesian perspective. Their modelling supported a Bayesian inference approach, in which  
154 evidence is weighted when processing audio-visual stimuli prior to perceptual integration. Shams  
155 et al. (2005) argued that the double-flash illusion itself is a by-product of a “statistically optimal  
156 computational strategy” (p. 1927).

157 Taken together, the above Bayesian modelling of audio-visual integration provides support  
158 for impletion in terms of taking all available evidence and arriving at the most likely outcome  
159 in perception. Evidence also exists at a neural level for these types of audio-visual integration  
160 processes (Ursino, Crisafulli, di Pellegrino, Magosso, & Cuppini, 2017; Rohe, Ehlis, & Noppeney,  
161 2019).

162 The research discussed above highlights clear interactions between the auditory and visual  
163 modalities. The underlying mechanisms driving these interactions continue to be debated, though  
164 there is some overlap in the accounts offered. This is particularly apparent in the case of impletion  
165 and the expanded definition of temporal ventriloquism (where featural discrimination appears to  
166 occur prior to audio-visual binding). Both give an account of the perceptual process where potential  
167 relationships between disparate stimuli are weighted and an attempt is made to arrive at an ecolog-

168 ically plausible representation in perception (this is distinct from the classic ventriloquism account  
169 that relies on SOA characteristics alone to describe and account for the observed ‘pulling’ effects).  
170 This suggests that perhaps there are common factors in the accounts outlined. The following re-  
171 search further examines the role of auditory stimuli when TOJs and a simultaneity judgement (SJ)  
172 were combined in a ternary response visual task. By doing so, the gradient account, impletion, and  
173 the original temporal ventriloquism account (where featural differences between auditory stimuli  
174 were not taken into account) described above were explored. In addressing the gradient account we  
175 used cues that coincided in space with visual target stimuli in order to induce illusory sequential or-  
176 der, referred to from here onwards as temporal fission. Note that the term ‘temporal fission’ should  
177 not to be confused with the fission effect reported by Shams et al. (2002), which ‘split’ a single  
178 visual stimulus in perception and increased the perceived number of stimuli, rather than temporal  
179 fission, which ‘splits’ a perceived temporal event in perception into two separate temporal events.  
180 We also used cues that were presented in neutral space (space that did not match that of the visual  
181 stimuli). We found that temporal fission could be induced by both cue conditions – i.e cues that  
182 were presented at the same spatial location as the target stimuli or at a neutral location. We will  
183 argue that this supports a role for the impletion account, and challenges the gradient account.

184         We addressed both the impletion and the original temporal ventriloquism accounts by pre-  
185 senting a single auditory cue to neutral space (space where no visual targets were presented) prior  
186 to sequential visual stimuli onset. This was done to test whether an auditory stimulus would ‘pull’  
187 a visual stimulus towards it in perceptual time. Additionally, this also tested Morein-Zamir et al.’s  
188 (2003) claim that the number of auditory stimuli should match the number of visual stimuli in order  
189 to induce these types of audio-visual effects. We found that it was not necessary that the number of  
190 auditory and visual stimuli must be matched. We also found that illusory simultaneity (from here

191 onwards referred to as temporal fusion) was achieved when the auditory stimulus was presented  
192 prior to sequential visual onset, which cannot be easily explained by the ‘pulling’ mechanism out-  
193 lined in the original account of temporal ventriloquism. Note that the term ‘temporal fusion’ should  
194 not be confused with the fusion effect reported by Andersen et al. (2004) that ‘fused’ multiple stim-  
195 uli in perception, thus reducing the perceived number of stimuli, rather than temporal fusion, which  
196 ‘fuses’ separate temporal events in perception into a single temporal event. We will also show that  
197 while a single tone presented prior to visual onset induces illusory temporal fusion, it also trends  
198 towards increased simultaneity report bias of simultaneous presentation of the visual stimuli. This  
199 suggests that there may be a relationship between the number of auditory and visual stimuli, and the  
200 relative spatial location of the auditory and visual stimuli, in terms of what type of illusion might be  
201 expected to be perceived.

202 Finally, we make a case that providing an SJ response allowed for a more sensitive measure-  
203 ment of perception, as detailed further in the discussion section of Experiment 2.

## 204 **Experiment 1**

205 In this experiment we used 2 tones presented to the left and right ears (via headphones), each  
206 approximately matching one of the visual target presentation locations, when attempting to induce  
207 temporal fission. The classic paradigm only uses 1 tone (Shimojo et al., 1997). We chose 2 tones in  
208 order to compare the ‘strength’ of temporal fission of spatially congruent tones (tones presented to  
209 analogous space to that of the visual stimuli – namely left and right ears/space) with the ‘strength’  
210 of temporal fission of 2 tones in neutral space (‘central’ space – approximating the fixation cross in  
211 a given trial). As seen in Appendix C, we present data showing that 2 spatially congruent sequential  
212 tones, one each presented to analogous space to that of the respective visual stimuli, did in fact

213 induce a stronger perception of temporal fission in our paradigm. Using 2 tones in opposing space  
214 (i.e. different locations on the horizontal axis either side of fixation - the left and right ear) as we  
215 did, allowed for a more straight-forward design in Experiment 2.

## 216 **Methods**

217 **Participants.** Twenty-seven participants, 8 male and 19 female (mean age 22.2 yrs;  
218  $SD=4.45$ ), with normal or corrected-to-normal vision and self-reported normal hearing, partici-  
219 pated. All were students from Swansea University and were naïve to the purposes of the study.  
220 Ethical approval was received from the Department of Psychology Ethics Committee for this re-  
221 search.

222 An a priori power analysis was applied using data collected in a pilot study conducted prior  
223 to the experiments reported here. An identical condition to that used in this design displayed an  
224 effect size of  $d = 4.39$  when comparing differences in the means of report bias corresponding to  
225 the actual presentation order of the visual stimuli between collapsed spatially opposing tones and  
226 baseline (no tones) in the simultaneous visual condition ( $t(11) = 10.75$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $SE = .06$ , where  
227 (Bayes Factors)  $BF = 4.147e + 04$ , which provides extreme evidence indicating the presence of  
228 temporal fission – see the Results section in Experiment 1 for notes on how the  $BF$  was computed).  
229 This condition exists explicitly to detect whether temporal fission via prior entry was present, and  
230 is therefore one of the most important effects under consideration. Using GPower (Faul, Erdfelder,  
231 Lang, & Buchner, 2007) with 95% power and  $\alpha = .001$  (consistent with the reported p-value from  
232 the pilot study) in a difference between two dependent means (matched pairs) power analysis, the  
233 recommended sample size was 8 for an actual power estimate of 97.59%. The sample size used  
234 here was deliberately larger due to concerns about baseline performance. For example, in the

235 pilot study cited, only 12 participants remained from 27 in the analysis after the application of the  
236 exclusion criteria detailed below. Based on this concern, a strict time window for data collection,  
237 and potential for novel effects with unknown effect sizes, we set a stopping rule of 30, with a  
238 minimum of 25 participants in experiments 1-3.

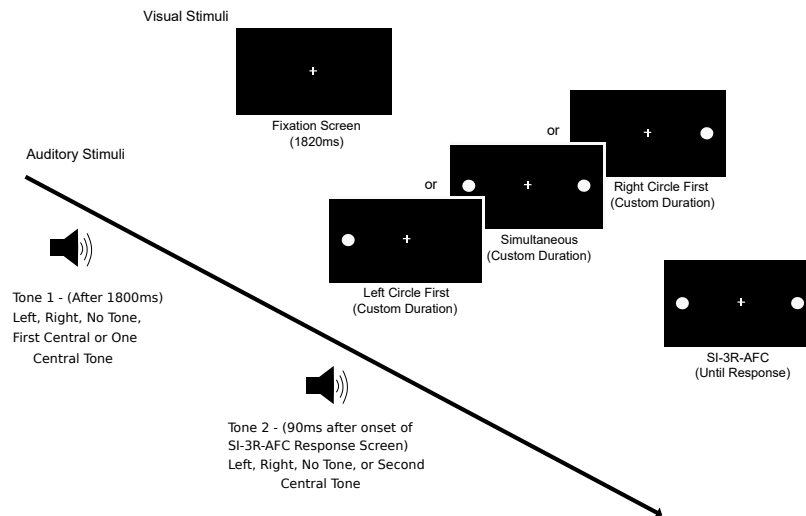
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240 **Apparatus.** Visual stimuli were presented using OpenSesame experimental software with  
241 PsychoPy backend on a 18" CRT LG monitor (resolution 1280x1024) with a 100Hz refresh rate,  
242 using a Windows XP PC. The monitor was 58cm from a chin rest. Auditory stimuli were presented  
243 via Sony Stereo Headphones. A photo-diode attached to the monitor triggered onset of auditory  
244 stimuli by activating a circuit switch which sampled a continuous tone from a Cello DVD player,  
245 amplified by a Technics Stereo Integrated Amplifier. Responses were made using a custom built  
246 three-button response box.

247

248 **Stimuli and Procedure.** Participants were instructed to choose one report from three op-  
249 tions: both circles were presented simultaneously; the circle left of fixation was presented first; or  
250 the circle right of fixation was presented first. Each circle was 3.95 degrees of visual angle in diam-  
251 eter, and the distance from the centre of fixation to the centre of each flanking circle (one left and  
252 one right of fixation) was 15.16 degrees of visual angle.

253 Before the beginning of the experiment participants completed a staircase procedure of the  
254 task where visual stimuli only were presented and feedback was provided after every trial (a 'thumbs  
255 up' corresponded to a report that aligned with the actual presentation of the visual stimuli, and a  
256 'thumbs down' corresponded to a report that differed to the actual presentation of the visual stim-  
257 uli). This ensured that the task was not too easy or too difficult and catered for each individual's



*Figure 1.* Trial sequence and timings for Experiment 1. The arrow shows the order of events from top to bottom of visual and auditory stimuli with the associated presentation times. Custom Duration reflects the presentation time acquired from the staircase phase of the task that was used for the duration of the first visual stimulus/stimuli. This varied across participants and was fixed for each individual experiment. Tone 1 was presented 1800ms into the fixation screen and 20ms later the first visual stimulus was presented and displayed on the monitor for the Custom Duration (ms) and consisted of one of three possibilities: a left circle, a right circle or both circles simultaneously. Tone 2 was presented 90ms after the second visual stimulus onset - the SI-3R-AFC screen (single interval, 3 response alternative forced choice) - which always consisted of both circles. The speaker icons list the possible tones that were presented to participants' left or right ears, or when presented 'centrally' via simultaneous binaural presentation, at the stated passage of time.

258 perceptual ability. The intended baseline for reports that corresponded to the actual presentation  
 259 of the visual stimuli was approximately 75%. The procedure consisted of 6 blocks, each visual  
 260 condition (both sequential presentation visual conditions, and the simultaneous presentation visual  
 261 condition) appearing in 4 trials per block. All visual conditions taken together resulted in 12 trials  
 262 in total per block. The starting default duration of the first visual stimulus in a sequential visual  
 263 condition trial (either a circle left of fixation, or a circle right of fixation) was 40ms (this was the  
 264 starting duration which was then adjusted as a participant undertook the staircase) followed by the  
 265 onset of the second visual stimulus (presented to the opposite side of fixation). If, in a given block,  
 266 a participant's report corresponded to the actual presentation of the visual stimuli less than 75% of

267 the time, the following block's duration of the first presented visual stimulus increased by 10ms. If  
268 a participant's report corresponded to the actual presentation of the visual stimuli greater than 75%  
269 of the time the same duration was decreased by 10ms. If a participant's report corresponded to the  
270 actual presentation of the visual stimuli 75% of the time there was no change to the duration. The  
271 use of a staircase helped avoid ceiling and floor effects and ensured that participants' reports aligned  
272 with the actual presentation of visual stimuli ~75% of the time in the control conditions (where no  
273 tones were presented). It also helped address concerns raised by Van der Burg, Olivers, Bronkhorst,  
274 and Theeuwes (2008) and Schneider and Bavelier (2003) regarding the use of a ternary-response  
275 task. Namely, a large variability may exist among participants in terms of what criteria they set in  
276 order to make a simultaneous report. Since the point of subjective simultaneity (PSS) was not be-  
277 ing examined explicitly, the staircase approach helped to ensure each participant could differentiate  
278 between sequentially and simultaneously presented visual stimuli consistently.

279       Once the staircase was completed, participants were asked to wear headphones that would  
280 present 7ms tones at a frequency of 3500Hz (at ~70 dB across conditions) to one ear followed by  
281 the other. They were instructed to ignore these tones as they did not provide any useful information  
282 regarding the visual task. It was stressed to participants that the aim of the task was to report what  
283 they actually perceived. Participants received feedback after every trial with the view to test whether  
284 any observed effects were resistant to feedback.

285       The experiment consisted of 3 visual conditions X 5 auditory conditions. The three visual  
286 conditions were; 1 circle left of fixation followed by 1 circle right of fixation (referred to as a 'se-  
287 quential visual condition'); 1 circle right of fixation followed by 1 circle left of fixation (referred to  
288 as a 'sequential visual condition'); and both circles (one either side of fixation) presented simulta-  
289 neously (referred to as the 'simultaneous visual condition'). The five auditory conditions were; 1



290 tone presented to the left ear followed by 1 tone presented to the right ear (referred to as ‘spatially  
 291 opposing tones’); 1 tone presented to the right ear followed by 1 tone presented to the left ear (re-  
 292 ferred to as ‘spatially opposing tones’); 2 tones presented to analogous central space (achieved via  
 293 1 tone presented to both ears simultaneously twice); 1 tone presented to analogous central space  
 294 (achieved via 1 tone presented to both ears simultaneously once); and a control condition where  
 295 there was no auditory stimulus. For clarity, in reporting tones presented to ‘central space’ we will  
 296 report the number of tones perceived rather than the number of tones actually presented, e.g. 1 tone  
 297 presented to both ears simultaneously will be reported as 1 tone centrally. All visual conditions  
 298 were matched with all auditory conditions for a completely balanced design. Hatched plots (Fig-  
 299 ures 2, 5, and 8) highlight all conditions and report options for all experiments. Tables 2 and 3 list  
 300 the visual and auditory conditions by presentation category and spatial category respectively. These  
 301 categories will be referenced often below, in the results and discussion sections. NOTE: when 1  
 302 tone was presented simultaneously to both ears to achieve analogous central presentation, volume  
 303 was not adjusted compared to conditions where 1 tone was presented to 1 ear at a time.

Table 2

*Visual stimuli arranged by presentation category.*

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Sequential Visual Conditions	Simultaneous Visual Condition
1 circle right of fixation followed by 1 circle left of fixation	Both circles simultaneously
1 circle left of fixation followed by 1 circle right of fixation	

304 When two auditory stimuli were presented sequentially in a condition, the first tone was  
 305 always presented 20ms before visual onset and the second tone was always presented 90ms after  
 306 the custom duration established in the staircase. When only one auditory stimulus was used, it

307 was always presented 20ms before the first visual stimulus onset. Visual stimuli always remained  
 308 displayed until report. Below, we explain the rationale for each condition, beyond having a balanced  
 309 design that helped avoid any strategies that participants might employ.

310 Simultaneous visual condition and the various auditory conditions: When 2 tones accompa-  
 311 nied the simultaneous visual condition we were measuring whether participants perceived temporal  
 312 fission, when compared to the equivalent no tone control condition. When the 2 tones were pre-  
 313 sented to analogous space (via headphones) to that of the circles this was a variation of the classic  
 314 temporal fission effect (Shimojo et al., 1997). When the 2 tones were presented to analogous central  
 315 space (neutral space – i.e., the tones’ location did not match the location of the visual stimuli) we  
 316 were measuring whether spatially uninformative tones could also induce temporal fission, which  
 317 would challenge the gradient account of the effect. One tone presented to analogous central space  
 318 was measuring whether there was any effect on report bias from the perspective of claims made by  
 319 Morein-Zamir et al. (2003), i.e., the claim that the number of tones must match the number of visual  
 320 stimuli to induce an effect.

Table 3

*Auditory stimuli arranged by spatial category.*

Spatially Neutral Tone/s	Spatially Opposing Tones	Control
2 tones presented to analogous central space	1 tone in left ear followed by 1 tone in right ear	No tones
1 tone presented to analogous central space	1 tone in right ear followed by 1 tone in left ear	

321 Sequential visual conditions and the various auditory conditions: When tones were presented  
 322 to analogous space to that of the visual stimuli, we were measuring whether there was an increase  
 323 in report bias in line with the actual presentation order of the visual stimuli when the presentation

324 order of the tones matched the presentation order of the circles (supporting the gradient account).  
325 When the presentation order of the tones was the inverse of the presentation order of the circles,  
326 we were measuring whether prior entry was present (which would support the gradient account) via  
327 decreased bias in report in line with that of the actual presentation order of the visual stimuli. When  
328 2 tones were presented to analogous central space, we were measuring if there was an increase in  
329 bias of report in line with the actual presentation order of visual stimuli, which would be consistent  
330 with the classic temporal ventriloquism effect. One tone presented to analogous central space was  
331 measuring whether there was any effect on report bias from the perspective of claims made by  
332 Morein-Zamir et al. (2003).

### 333 **Results**

334 Participants whose reports did not correspond to the actual presentation of visual stimuli at  
335 least 34% (which equates to 17 trials out of 50. We rounded up from 33.33% of 50 trials due to it  
336 equating to 16.66 trials) of the time in any of the control (no tone) conditions were removed from  
337 subsequent analyses. This resulted in no removal of participants from Experiment 1. Similarly,  
338 observations/trials with response times <250 or >2500 ms were removed on the grounds that these  
339 observations were unlikely to have arisen from the decision processes of interest. This resulted in  
340 the exclusion of 505 observations (2.49% of trials).

341 Prior to analysis, the data were transformed using the arcsine of the square root of the  
342 proportion of trials where report bias corresponded to the actual presentation of visual stimuli in  
343 order to normalise the distribution for the data used in null hypothesis significance testing. The  
344 transformed data were used in calculating Bayes Factors (*BF*) using the `ttestBF` function, from the  
345 `BayesFactor` package in R Statistical Software (R Development Core Team, 2008), which performs

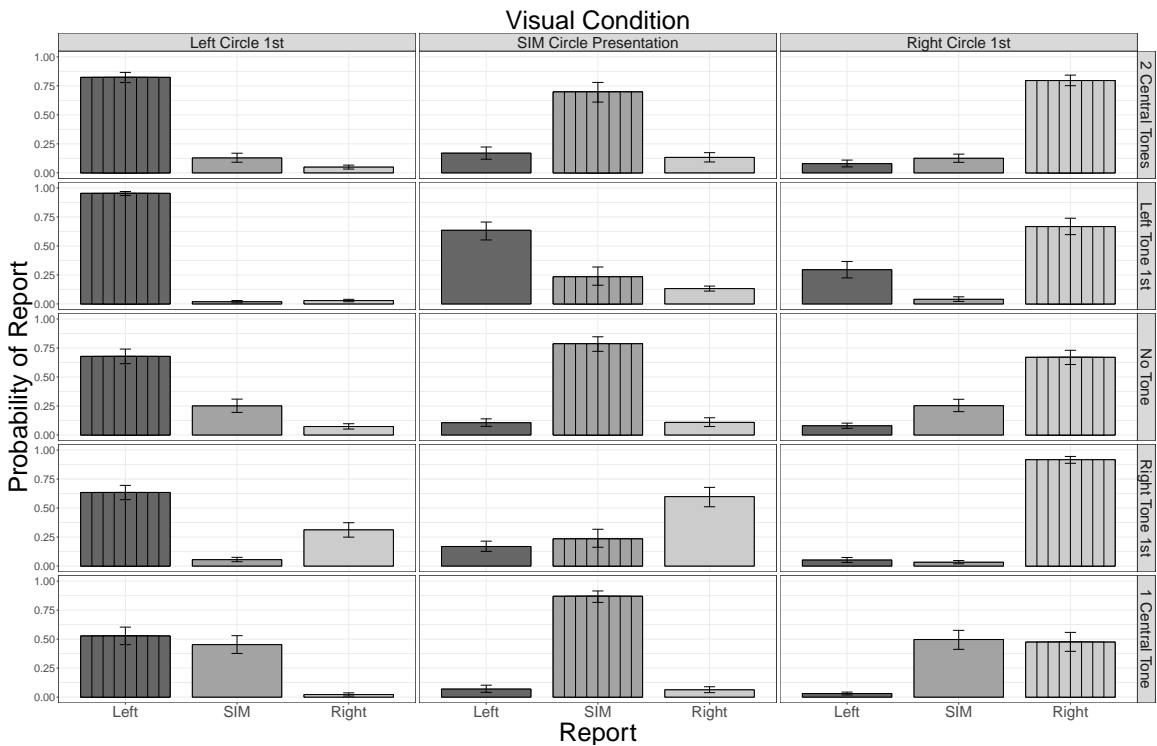


Figure 2. Experiment 1 report probability: The 3 visual conditions are labelled at the top of the grid horizontally. The leftmost column denotes sequential presentation of circles, where the first circle was presented to the left of fixation. The rightmost column denotes sequential presentation of circles, where the first circle was presented to the right of fixation. The central column denotes simultaneous presentation of circles, where a circle was presented to both left and right of fixation simultaneously. The 5 auditory conditions are labelled vertically on the rightmost edge of the grid, denoting (from top-to-bottom) the presentation of: 2 tones in analogous central space; a tone presented to the left ear followed by a tone presented to the right ear; no tones; a tone presented to the right ear followed by a tone presented to the left ear; 1 tone in analogous central space respectively. Error bars are bootstrapped within-subject 95% confidence intervals. Reports are labelled on the x-axis with reports corresponding to the actual presentation of visual stimuli highlighted with vertical hatching.

346 a ‘JZS’ t-test as described by Rouder, Speckman, Sun, Morey, and Iverson (2009). The default  
 347 priors scale  $r = \sqrt{2}/2$  was used, unless otherwise stated (for example, when prior evidence was  
 348 available). Labelling used for interpretation of the BF values are based on those suggested by  
 349 Jeffreys (1961) and adapted by Lee and Wagenmakers (2013). All statistical analyses, data shaping,  
 350 and graphs of results contained herein were undertaken using RStudio (R Development Core Team,

351 2008; RStudio Team, 2015) and the package ggplot2 was used for plot generation (Wickham,  
352 2009). Custom hatching patterns were accomplished using the EggHatch function developed by  
353 Boyce (2018).

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355 **Analysis of Report Bias Corresponding to Actual Presentation of Visual Stimuli.** All  
356 *t*-tests below have been adjusted for multiple comparisons (including those only reported in figures)  
357 using the false discovery rate (FDR) correction (via the *p.adjust* function in R). Response probability  
358 *t*-tests were subject to a separate FDR correction due to examining the probability of reporting 1 of 3  
359 potential reports rather than explicitly examining reports that corresponded to the actual presentation  
360 of visual as in the other *t*-tests.

361 Due to the relatively complex design (that was balanced in terms of conditions so as to avoid  
362 adoption of response strategies by participants) we conducted factorial analyses of sub-groups of  
363 conditions with the aim of establishing the presence of classic effects (temporal ventriloquism, and  
364 temporal fission). We also aimed to establish whether certain conditions must be met in order to  
365 induce said effects (shared space of auditory and visual stimuli for temporal fission, and the number  
366 of auditory stimuli matching the number of visual stimuli in order to induce illusory effects). These  
367 ANOVAs and *t*-tests helped provide support for and/or against prior entry and/or impletion.

368 We tested whether the classic temporal fission effect was replicated, which would support the  
369 gradient account. We conducted a 1 (visual condition: simultaneous visual condition)  $\times$  2 (auditory  
370 condition: collapsed spatially opposing tones vs. no tone) repeated measures ANOVA on report  
371 bias corresponding to the actual presentation of the visual stimuli.

372 There was a significant main effect of auditory condition  $F(1, 26) = 200.47$ ,  $MSE = 0.028$ ,  
373  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .664$ .

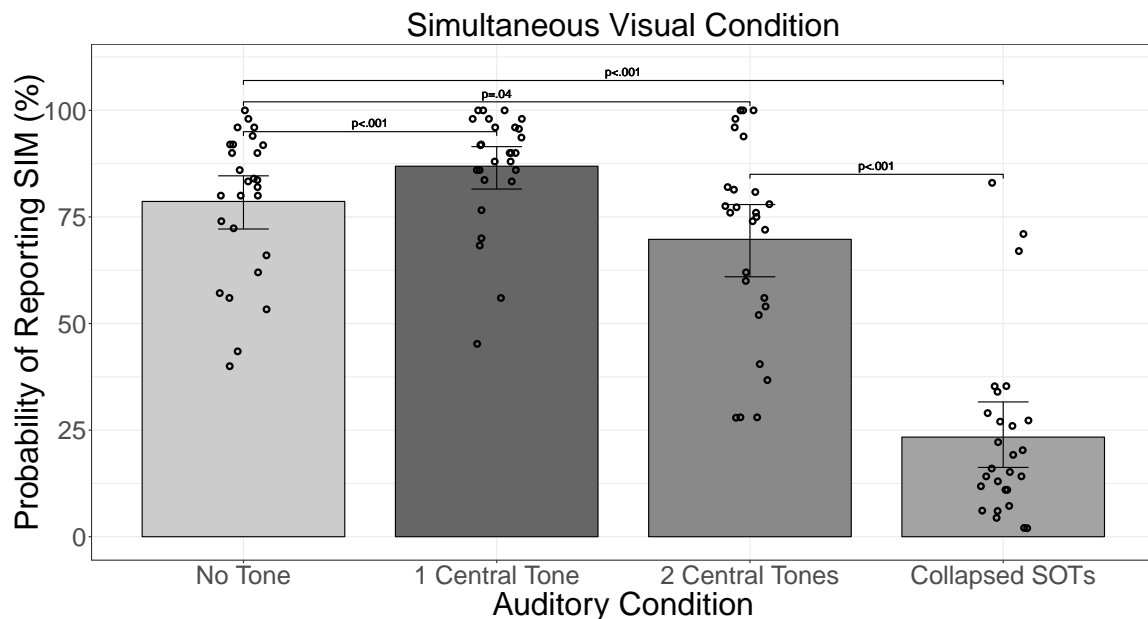


Figure 3. The probability of reporting simultaneous presentation when visual stimuli were presented simultaneously in Experiment 1: The probability (%) of reporting that visual stimuli were presented simultaneously is plotted on the y-axis and the auditory stimuli are labelled on the x-axis where the SOTs (spatially opposing tones) conditions have been collapsed. The reported  $p$ -values were obtained via null-hypothesis  $t$ -tests. Error bars are bootstrapped within-subject 95% confidence intervals.

374 Figure 3 shows that there was a reduction in report bias corresponding to the actual presen-  
 375 tation of visual stimuli (reporting simultaneity) in the collapsed spatially opposing tones condition  
 376 compared to baseline (no tone). The  $BF = 3.09e + 12$  (adjusted using the “evidence updating”  
 377 method – with the pilot data for the same condition – outlined by Ly, Etz, Marsman, and Wagen-  
 378 makers (2017)), which provides extreme evidence indicating the presence of the temporal fission  
 379 illusion in the collapsed spatially opposing tones condition. This replicates the classic temporal fis-  
 380 sion illusion which supports the gradient account from the view that the tones share the same space  
 381 as the visual stimuli.

382 We tested whether there was further evidence for the gradient account via a 1 (visual condi-  
 383 tion: collapsed sequential visual conditions)  $\times$  2 (auditory condition: collapsed spatially opposing

384 tones vs. no tone) repeated measures ANOVA on report bias corresponding to the actual presenta-  
385 tion order of the visual stimuli.

386 There was a significant main effect of auditory condition  $F(1, 26) = 82.84$ ,  $MSE = .005$ ,  
387  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .251$ , which, as can be seen in Figure 4, shows an increase in report bias correspond-  
388 ing to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli overall compared to baseline (no tone). NOTE:  
389 The probability of report data in Figure 4 show reports that corresponded to the actual sequential  
390 presentation order of a given sequential visual presentation. Report biases of sequential order oppo-  
391 site to the actual order are not included in the plot. For example, if the sequential visual condition  
392 was ‘left circle first’ we only included reports of ‘left circle first’. The equivalent was true for the  
393 ‘right circle first’ visual condition.

394 The  $BF = 9.42e+07$  (adjusted using the “evidence updating” method (Ly et al., 2017)), which  
395 provides extreme evidence indicating the presence of increased report bias corresponding to the  
396 actual presentation order of visual stimuli in the collapsed spatially opposing tones condition, which  
397 in turn supports the gradient account. A note on the collapsed data here: conditions where a) the  
398 first tone cueing the analogous space the first circle was presented to, and b) the first tone cueing the  
399 analogous space of the second circle was presented to were collapsed (collapsed spatially opposing  
400 tones), and as a result some nuance is lost. Figure 2 shows increased report bias corresponding to  
401 the actual presentation order of visual stimuli when the first tone cues the same analogous space as  
402 the first circle presented in sequence, but conversely shows a reduction in report bias corresponding  
403 to the actual presentation order of the visual stimuli when the first tone presented cues the analogous  
404 space the second circle is presented to in sequence, consistent with the gradient account.

405 We tested whether classic temporal ventriloquism-like effects (in this instance reflected as an  
406 increase in report bias corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli – see Figure 2

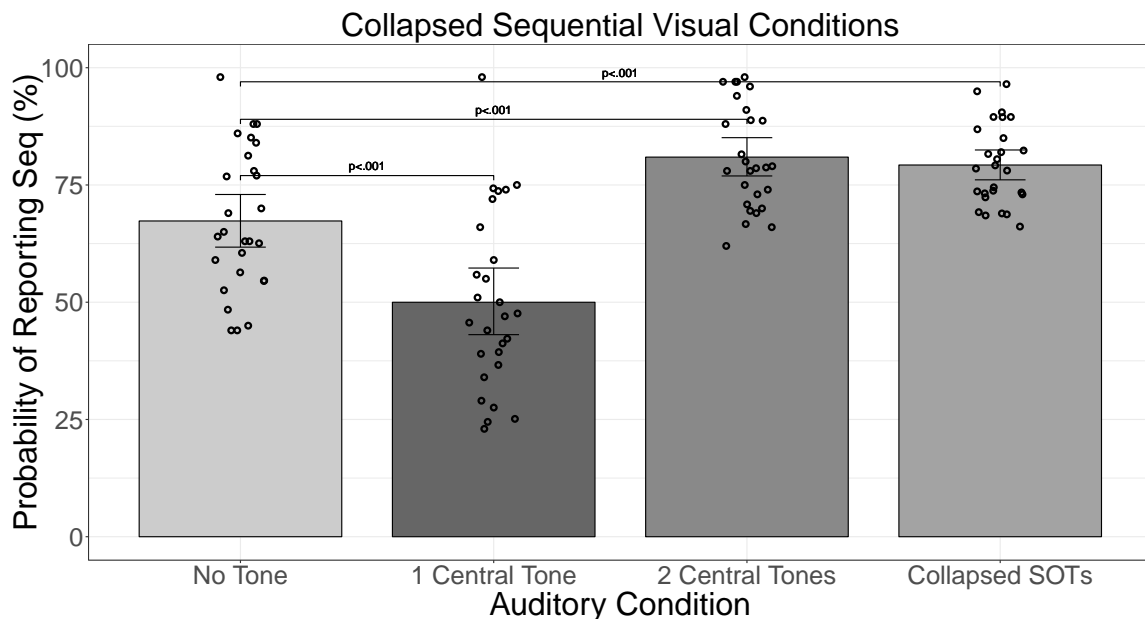


Figure 4. The probability of reporting sequential presentation (left circle first reports and right circle first reports that corresponded to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli collapsed) when visual stimuli were presented sequentially (left circle first and right circle first conditions collapsed) in Experiment 1: The probability (%) of reporting sequential order of visual stimuli corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli is plotted on the y-axis and the auditory stimuli are labelled on the x-axis where the SOTs (spatially opposing tones) conditions have been collapsed. The reported  $p$ -values were obtained via null-hypothesis t-tests. Error bars are bootstrapped within-subject 95% confidence intervals.

407 for illustration of this increase in probability of report bias corresponding to the presentation order of  
 408 visual stimuli) in collapsed sequential visual conditions via 2 spatially neutral tones was replicated.  
 409 We conducted a 1 (visual condition: collapsed sequential visual conditions)  $\times$  2 (auditory condition:  
 410 2 tones presented to analogous central space vs. no tone) repeated measures ANOVA on report bias  
 411 corresponding with the actual presentation order of visual stimuli.

412 There was a significant main effect of auditory condition  $F(1, 26) = 48.63$ ,  $MSE = .008$ ,  
 413  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .201$ . The relevant report bias data is contained in Figure 4.

414 The  $BF = 75564.29$ , which provides extreme evidence indicating the presence of increased  
 415 report bias corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli in the 2 central tones



416 condition, which is consistent with the classic temporal ventriloquism effect.

417 We conducted a repeated measures ANOVA on report bias corresponding to the actual pre-  
418 sentation of the visual stimuli to determine if the spatial location of tones, relative to the visual  
419 stimuli, had an effect on temporal fission in Experiment 1. The ANOVA was a 1 (visual condi-  
420 tion: simultaneous visual condition)  $\times$  3 (auditory presentation location: spatially opposing tones  
421 presented to analogous space to that of the visual stimuli vs. two tones presented to neutral space  
422 (analogous central space in this instance) vs. no tone presented to any space) design.

423 There was a significant main effect of auditory presentation location  $F(2, 52) = 103$ ,  $MSE =$   
424  $0.033$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .561$ .

425 As expected, spatial location is important when inducing visual temporal fission via auditory  
426 tones. However, the above ANOVA does not make clear if it is a requisite that auditory tones be  
427 presented to the same space as the visual stimuli in order to induce temporal fission (as would be  
428 the case if the gradient account was the sole driver for the effect). We performed t-tests below, and  
429 calculated Bayes Factors, with the view to clarifying this. Figure 3 contains the relevant plots for  
430 the data used in the means comparisons.

431 There was a reduction in report bias corresponding to the actual presentation of visual stimuli  
432 (reporting simultaneity) in the simultaneous visual condition when 2 tones were presented to anal-  
433 ogous central space compared to baseline (no tone)  $t(26) = 2.17$ ,  $p = .039$ ,  $d = 0.59$ ,  $SE = 0.04$ .  
434 The  $BF = 1.5$ , which provides anecdotal evidence indicating the presence of the temporal fission  
435 illusion in the 2 central tones condition, which tenuously supports an impletion account of temporal  
436 fission where tones are not required to share the same space as the visual stimuli.

437 Spatially opposing tones were significantly more likely to result in report bias that did not  
438 correspond to the actual presentation of visual stimuli in the simultaneous visual condition when

439 compared to 2 tones presented in analogous central space,  $t(26) = 9.61$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 2.62$ ,  
440  $SE = 0.06$ . The  $BF = 2.25e + 07$  (adjusted using the “evidence updating” method (Ly et al., 2017)),  
441 which provides extreme evidence indicating the presence of a stronger temporal fission illusion in  
442 the collapsed spatially opposing tones condition, which supports both impletion and the gradient  
443 account as elaborated on in the discussion below.

444 We conducted a repeated measures ANOVA on report bias corresponding to the actual pre-  
445 sentation of visual stimuli to determine if the number of tones, relative to visual stimuli (which  
446 always consisted of 2 circles, although they differed in presentation: sequential vs. simultaneous),  
447 had an effect on report bias in Experiment 1. The ANOVA was a 2 (visual condition: simultaneous  
448 visual condition vs. collapsed sequential visual conditions)  $\times$  3 (number of tones: 1 tone presented  
449 to analogous central space; 2 tones presented to analogous central space; and no tones presented to  
450 any space) design. The auditory conditions used in this analysis were chosen due to their contrasting  
451 number of presentations, while all auditory stimuli shared the same analogous presentation space  
452 (analogous central space which was neutral relative to the visual stimuli locations).

453 There was a significant main effect of visual condition  $F(1, 26) = 11.93$ ,  $MSE = 0.09$ ,  
454  $p = .002$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .123$ . There was a significant main effect of the number of tones  $F(2, 52) = 9.63$ ,  
455  $MSE = 0.01$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .019$ . There was a significant interaction of visual condition and  
456 number of tones  $F(2, 52) = 49.25$ ,  $MSE = 0.02$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .225$ .

457 The ANOVA above shows that the number of tones presented is important when inducing  
458 visual temporal effects. However, it does not make clear if it is a requisite that the number of  
459 auditory tones should match the number of visual stimuli in order to induce said temporal effects  
460 (as would be the case if Morein-Zamir et al.’s (2003) account is accurate). We performed t-tests  
461 below, and calculated Bayes Factors, with the view of clarifying this. Figures 3 and 4 contain

462 most of the plots for the data used in the means comparisons. More nuanced increase in report  
463 bias corresponding to the actual presentation order of the visual stimuli data in sequential visual  
464 conditions with collapsed spatially opposing tones is contained in Figure 2.

465 One central tone accompanying collapsed sequential visual conditions reduced report bias  
466 corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli when compared to baseline (no  
467 tone),  $t(26) = 6.08$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 1.66$ ,  $SE = 0.03$ . The  $BF = 9393.87$ , which provides ex-  
468 treme evidence indicating the presence of a temporal fusion illusion in the 1 central tone condition,  
469 which is consistent with Getzmann's (2007) finding that 1 tone was sufficient to induce temporal  
470 ventriloquism-like effects in report bias.

471 One tone resulted in an increase in report bias matching the actual presentation of visual  
472 stimuli when compared to baseline (no tone) in the simultaneous visual condition  $t(26) = 5.83$ ,  
473  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 1.59$ ,  $SE = 0.02$ . The  $BF = 5231.26$ , which provides extreme evidence indicating the  
474 presence of increased report bias corresponding to the actual presentation of visual stimuli in the 1  
475 central tone condition, again supporting Getzmann's (2007) findings.

476 **Left or Right Circle First Report Probability Analyses.** Due to the use of a ternary-  
477 response task, this allowed us to examine with greater resolution whether tones could induce re-  
478 sponses consistent with the gradient account, and indeed examine whether auditory cues to either  
479 ear resulted in a left or right circle first report bias when sequential presentation of stimuli was  
480 reported. Figure 2 shows each report category in all conditions which should be referenced for  
481 analyses below.

482 We conducted a repeated measures ANOVA on left or right circle first report probability to  
483 determine if the first tone in the spatially opposing tones conditions had an effect on probability  
484 of report in Experiment 1. The ANOVA was a 2 (first tone presentation location: a left tone first

485 (followed by a right tone) vs. a right tone first (followed by a left tone))  $\times$  3 (visual condition: 1  
486 circle left of fixation followed by 1 circle right of fixation vs. 1 circle right of fixation followed by  
487 1 circle left of fixation vs. both circles simultaneously)  $\times$  2 (response made: left circle first vs. right  
488 circle first) design.

489 Mauchly's test for Sphericity failed for visual condition  $W = .126$ ,  $p < .001$ , and for the  
490 interaction of visual condition and response type  $W = .343$ ,  $p < .001$ . Therefore, the degrees of  
491 freedom were corrected using Greenhouse-Geisser Estimate  $\epsilon$  (Greenhouse & Geisser, 1959).

492 There was no significant main effect of first tone presentation location,  $F(1, 26) = 3.08$ ,  
493  $MSE = 0.002$ ,  $p = .09$ ,  $\eta_G^2 < .001$ . There was a significant main effect of visual condition,  
494  $F(1.07, 27.76) = 11.49$ ,  $MSE = 0.041$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .043$ . There was no significant main  
495 effect of response type made,  $F(1, 26) = .26$ ,  $MSE = 0.076$ ,  $p = .616$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .002$ . There was  
496 no significant interaction between first tone presentation location and visual condition,  $F(2, 52) =$   
497  $.32$ ,  $MSE = 0.002$ ,  $p = .725$ ,  $\eta_G^2 < .001$ . There was a significant interaction between first tone  
498 presentation location and response made,  $F(1, 26) = 180.16$ ,  $MSE = 0.089$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .599$ .  
499 There was a significant interaction between visual condition and response made,  $F(1.21, 31.38) =$   
500  $149.97$ ,  $MSE = 0.114$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .459$ . There was a significant interaction between first  
501 tone presentation location, visual condition, and response made,  $F(2, 52) = 9.77$ ,  $MSE = 0.019$ ,  
502  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .034$ .

503 The above ANOVA demonstrates that the first tone presentation location had an effect on  
504 probability of report made when interacting with visual condition. The following t-tests examine  
505 if there was a bias in report in the temporal fission illusion specifically, in line with what would be  
506 expected for the gradient account.

507 When a left tone occurred before a right tone in the simultaneous visual condition, partic-

508 ipants made more left-first reports than right-first reports,  $t(26) = 11.33$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 3.08$ ,  
509  $SE = 0.05$ . The  $BF = 2.14e + 09$  (adjusted using the “evidence updating” method (Ly et al.,  
510 2017)), which provides extreme evidence that report bias favoured the side of space the first tone  
511 was presented to, which in turn supports the gradient account.

512 When a right tone occurred before a left tone in the simultaneous visual condition, partic-  
513 ipants made more right-first reports than left-first reports,  $t(26) = 7.31$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 1.99$ ,  
514  $SE = 0.07$ . The  $BF = 1.62e + 06$  (adjusted using the “evidence updating” method (Ly et al.,  
515 2017)), which provides extreme evidence that response bias favoured the side of space the first tone  
516 was presented to, which in turn supports the gradient account.

## 517 Discussion

518 Figure 3 shows the probability of reporting the presentation of both circle stimuli as being  
519 simultaneous in the simultaneous visual condition. Collapsed spatially opposing tones induced a  
520 temporal fission illusion. This effect is pronounced, which appears to support the gradient account  
521 in that attentional focus was drawn to one side of space before visual onset, thus the corresponding  
522 circle was processed first and the second tone drew attention quickly to the next circle in turn, which  
523 served to process it second.

524 Interestingly, 2 central tones (1 before visual onset and 1 after) often induced temporal fission  
525 when visual stimuli were simultaneously presented, although the evidence supporting this statisti-  
526 cally is relatively weak. Presenting two central tones in the simultaneous visual condition appeared  
527 to ‘pull’ the visual stimuli apart in temporal perception. This, arguably, directly contradicts the  
528 findings of Getzmann (2007) in similar conditions. For example, when Getzmann (2007) presented  
529 2 clicks (1 before simultaneous visual onset and 1 after) it did not increase reporting of apparent

530 motion, which might be expected if simultaneously presented visual stimuli were teased apart in  
531 temporal perception. However, this is difficult to state with any certainty in the absence of ‘succe-  
532 sive’ presentation and ‘broken motion’ reports for this auditory condition, especially as the report  
533 of ‘successive’ presentation of the squares would be a closer match to this TOJ finding. Bear in  
534 mind, participants were not making TOJs in Getzmann’s (2007) research and the results focused on  
535 the reported presence/absence of apparent motion, disregarding other reports. However, Getzmann  
536 (2007) drew analogies between apparent motion findings and Morein-Zamir et al.’s (2003) research.

537 Two central tones inducing temporal fission has, to the best of our knowledge, not been  
538 demonstrated before. The gradient account does not easily explain this finding, since neither of the  
539 2 tones corresponded in analogous space to that of the visual stimuli, yet sequential order was often  
540 perceived. The classic account of temporal ventriloquism is somewhat supported in that the circles  
541 appear to have been ‘pulled’ in time towards the tones, thus inducing an increased SOA perceptually.  
542 The presence of temporal fission induced by 2 static tones casts doubt on any suspicion that spatially  
543 opposing tones, by merely being directional in-and-of-themselves (due to their presentation to the  
544 left and right ears, or vice versa), may bias participants to make a directional response.

545 Impletion, and the expanded account of temporal ventriloquism (where featural characteris-  
546 tics of auditory stimuli are taken into account on the way to integration), also lends explanatory  
547 power to this finding; namely that the auditory and visual stimuli may have been deemed related  
548 and the fact that the auditory tones were clearly sequential may have influenced visual perception at  
549 the audio-visual integration stage.

550 Another point of interest here is the fact that 1 tone presented to analogous central space  
551 before sequential visual conditions onset often resulted in temporal fusion, as shown in Figure 4.  
552 According to Morein-Zamir et al.’s (2003) and the classic temporal ventriloquism account, this

553 should not happen. A tone presented before a circle should ‘pull’ that circle in time towards the  
554 tone. This should result in report bias towards the actual sequential order of visual stimuli but, as  
555 reported, quite the opposite was found. However, this temporal fusion effect may have been present  
556 in the classic Morein-Zamir et al. (2003) experiment but the binary response approach may not  
557 have been sensitive enough a measure to detect it. Since participants could only respond ‘top’ or  
558 ‘bottom’, the effect may not have been strong enough to reverse the perception of the sequential  
559 order. It may have been strong enough, as was found here, to introduce sufficient ambiguity that the  
560 difference between the TOJ corresponding to the actual presentation order and an SJ were reduced  
561 to the point of non-discrimination. It is worth noting here also that Getzmann (2007) demonstrated  
562 that a single tone presented between visual stimuli presentation in time tended to induce a stronger  
563 perception of apparent motion, which suggests again a ‘pulling’ in time process that Morein-Zamir  
564 et al. (2003) discounted as being possible.

565         However, a striking difference between Getzmann’s (2007) findings and those here was the  
566 temporal placement of the single tone. Getzmann (2007) presented the single tone between the  
567 onsets of both visual stimuli (after the first, and before the second visual stimulus), whereas we  
568 presented the single tone prior to any visual onset. The results presented here suggest that the  
569 single tone prior to visual onset did not ‘pull’ either of the visual stimuli towards it in perceptual  
570 time as there was no observed increase in report bias towards the actual sequential order of visual  
571 stimuli, as would be expected. Instead, the placement of the tone prior to visual stimuli onset intro-  
572 duced sufficient ambiguity so as to render little difference in the likelihood of perceiving sequential  
573 presentation that corresponded to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli or simultaneous  
574 presentation of visual stimuli. Conceivably, it may be possible that the second circle was ‘pulled’  
575 further in perceptual time towards the tone than the first circle, but it is difficult to explain why this

576 would be the case.

577       The reported temporal fusion effect is not consistent with the fundamental claims made by  
578 Morein-Zamir et al. (2003) in terms of temporal ventriloquism. Taken with the findings of Getzmann  
579 (2007) this suggests that response type, and options, may play a role in how sensitive a measure is  
580 at capturing the influence of auditory stimuli on visual events succinctly. Indeed, Getzmann (2007)  
581 also demonstrated that there was no reversal of perceived apparent motion when a single tone was  
582 presented to analogous central space thus suggesting the effect is not strong enough to reverse the  
583 perceived order of sequential presentation.

584       In addition to this point on measurement sensitivity, had an SJ not been included as an option,  
585 the temporal fission effect found with two centrally presented tones would have gone undetected due  
586 to there inherently being no left or right spatial bias in report (as shown in Figure 2).

587       It is worth noting that in this experiment, and the following two experiments, due to the  
588 customised timings acquired in the staircase, it would be expected that observed effects would vary  
589 between participants with shorter SOAs between stimuli than those with longer. This in turn renders  
590 the individual data points contained in the reported figures of limited use.

591       Conditions analogous to those used in Morein-Zamir et al.'s (2003) research have yet to be  
592 examined in this paradigm: namely, vertical presentation of visual stimuli where a top circle is  
593 followed by a bottom circle, or a bottom circle is followed by a top circle. In Experiment 2, these  
594 visual conditions were replicated with the inclusion of an SJ response option for simultaneously  
595 presented top and bottom circles. By adopting a full orthogonal approach similar to that of Spence  
596 et al. (2001), this helped rule out any bias in response that may have been induced via auditory  
597 stimuli cueing the analogous space where the visual stimuli were presented to. This approach  
598 completely removes any spatially congruent audio-visual information.



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600 **Experiment 2**601 **Methods**

602 **Participants.** Twenty-five participants, 10 male and 15 female (mean age 21.96, SD=3.24),  
603 with normal or corrected-to-normal vision, and self-reported normal hearing participated. All were  
604 students from Swansea University. All participants were naïve to the purposes of the study. Ethical  
605 approval was received from the Department of Psychology Ethics Committee for this research.

606 An a priori power analysis was applied using the data collected in Experiment 1. An  
607 identical condition to that used in this design (with the exception of vertical presentation of visual  
608 stimuli as detailed below) displayed an effect size of  $d = 1.66$  when comparing differences in the  
609 means of report bias corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli between 1  
610 central tone and baseline (no tones) in the collapsed sequential visual conditions ( $t(26) = 6.08$ ,  
611  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 1.66$ ,  $SE = 0.03$ , where  $BF = 9393.87$  which provides extreme evidence indicating  
612 the presence of a temporal fusion illusion – see the Results section in Experiment 1 for notes on  
613 how the  $BF$  was computed). This condition was first used in Experiment 1 and existed explicitly  
614 to detect whether temporal fusion was present (an effect not previously detected in this type of  
615 paradigm to the best of our knowledge), and is therefore one of the most important effects under  
616 consideration. Using GPower (Faul et al., 2007) with 95% power and  $\alpha = .001$  (consistent with the  
617 reported p-value from Experiment 1) in a difference between two dependent means (matched pairs)  
618 power analysis, the recommended sample size was 22 for an actual power estimate of 95.12%.  
619 The sample size used here was deliberately larger due to concerns about baseline performance as  
620 outlined in Experiment 1.

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622       **Apparatus.** The apparatus were the same as Experiment 1. The CRT and response box  
 623 were rotated 90° and text instructions, as well as feedback, etc. were rotated also. This was to  
 624 ensure identical temporal accuracy as Experiment 1.

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Table 4  
*Visual stimuli arranged by presentation category.*

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Sequential Visual Conditions	Simultaneous Visual Condition
1 circle above fixation followed by 1 circle below fixation	Both circles simultaneously
1 circle below fixation followed by 1 circle above fixation	

626       **Stimuli and Procedure.** The auditory and visual stimuli, and procedure, were identical to  
 627 Experiment 1, with the exception that instead of allowing a left circle first, right circle first and an SJ,  
 628 participants were asked to report if they perceived; a top circle being presented first; a bottom circle  
 629 being presented first; or if both were presented simultaneously. Tables 4 and 5 list the visual and  
 630 auditory conditions by presentation category, and spatial category respectively. These categories  
 631 will be referenced often below, in the results and discussion sections.

632       The same exclusion criteria used in Experiment 1 resulted in the removal of three partic-  
 633 ipants. These participants summed with the removal of trials that were below or above the RT  
 634 criteria saw the total removal of 2526 observations (13.47% of trials) from Experiment 2.

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636       The same transformation was applied to the data for null hypothesis testing as was used in  
 637 Experiment 1. The same approach was used when calculating the *BF* as Experiment 1. We also

638 created subgroups of the data in a similar fashion to those in Experiment 1 for purposes of analysis.

Table 5

*Auditory stimuli arranged by spatial category.*

Centrally Presented Neutral Tone/s	Neutral Spatially Opposing Tones	Control
2 tones presented to analogous central space	1 tone in left space followed by 1 tone in right space	No tones
1 tone presented to analogous central space	1 tone in right space followed by 1 tone in left space	

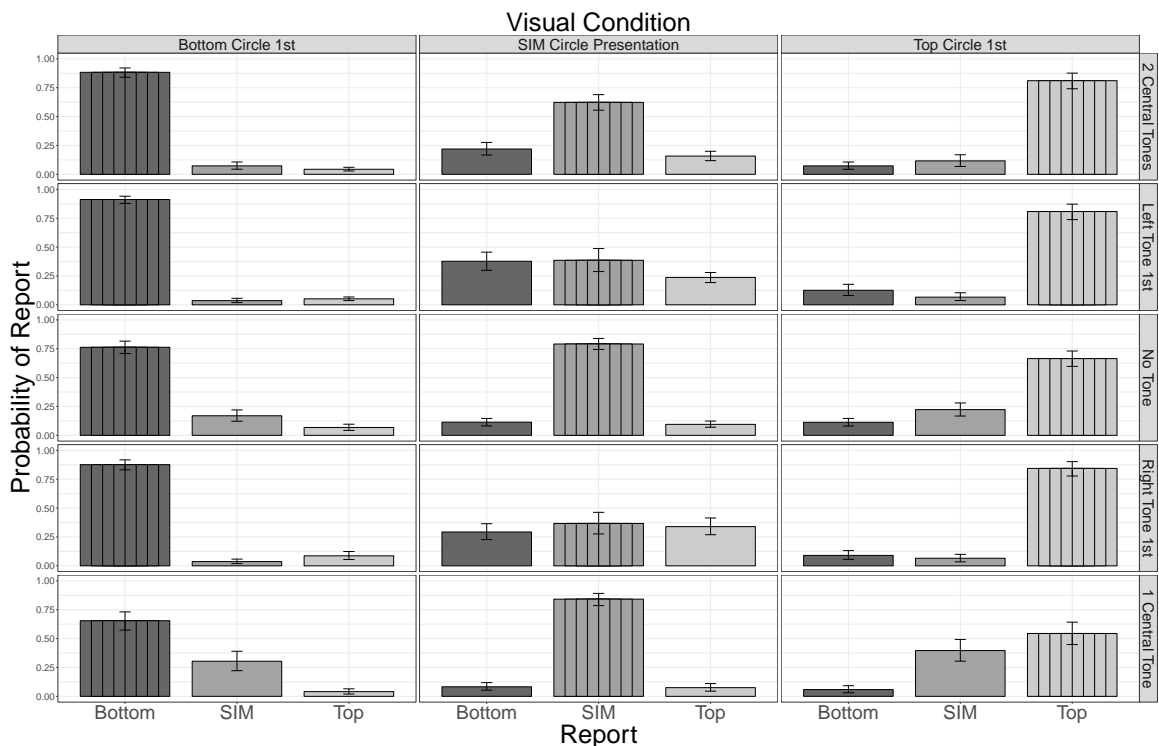
## 639 Results

640 **Analysis of Report Bias Corresponding to Actual Presentation of Visual Stimuli.** We  
 641 tested whether the temporal fission effects reported in Experiment 1 were present here despite tones  
 642 never being presented to the same space as the visual stimuli. We conducted a 1 (visual condition:  
 643 simultaneous visual condition)  $\times$  3 (auditory condition: 2 tones presented to analogous central space  
 644 vs. collapsed neutral spatially opposing tones vs. no tone) repeated measures ANOVA on report  
 645 bias corresponding to the actual presentation of visual stimuli.

646 Mauchly's test indicated that the assumption of sphericity had been violated for the audi-  
 647 tory conditions,  $W = .730$ ,  $p = .043$ . Therefore, the degrees of freedom were corrected using  
 648 Greenhouse-Geisser Estimate  $\epsilon$  (Greenhouse & Geisser, 1959).

649 There was a significant main effect of auditory condition,  $F(1.58, 33.08) = 36.16$ ,  $MSE =$   
 650  $0.034$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .376$ . A series of t-tests were run to establish the direction of the effects.

651 Figure 6 shows that there was a reduction in report bias corresponding to the actual presenta-  
 652 tion of visual stimuli (reporting simultaneity) in the simultaneous visual condition in the collapsed  
 653 neutral spatially opposing tones condition compared to baseline (no tone),  $t(21) = 7.90$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  
 654  $d = 2.38$ ,  $SE = 0.06$ . The  $BF = 4.98e + 09$  (adjusted using the "evidence updating" method (Ly et



*Figure 5.* Experiment 2 report probability: The 3 visual conditions are labelled at the top of the grid horizontally. The leftmost column denotes sequential presentation of circles, where the first circle was presented below fixation (bottom space). The rightmost column denotes sequential presentation of circles, where the first circle was presented above fixation (top space). The central column denotes simultaneous presentation of circles, where a circle was presented to above and below fixation (top and bottom space) simultaneously. The 5 auditory conditions are labelled vertically on the rightmost edge of the grid, denoting (from top-to-bottom) the presentation of: 2 tones in analogous central space; a tone presented to the left ear followed by a tone presented to the right ear; no tones; a tone presented to the right ear followed by a tone presented to the left ear; 1 tone in analogous central space respectively. Error bars are bootstrapped within-subject 95% confidence intervals. Reports are labelled on the x-axis with reports corresponding to the actual presentation of visual stimuli highlighted with vertical hatching.

655 al., 2017)), which provides extreme evidence indicating the presence of the temporal fission illusion  
 656 in the collapsed neutral spatially opposing tones condition. This replicates the temporal fission illu-  
 657 sion despite the neutral spatially opposing tones not being presented to the same space as the visual  
 658 stimuli. This provides strong evidence for an impletion account of temporal fission.

659 There was a reduction in report bias corresponding to the actual presentation of visual stimuli

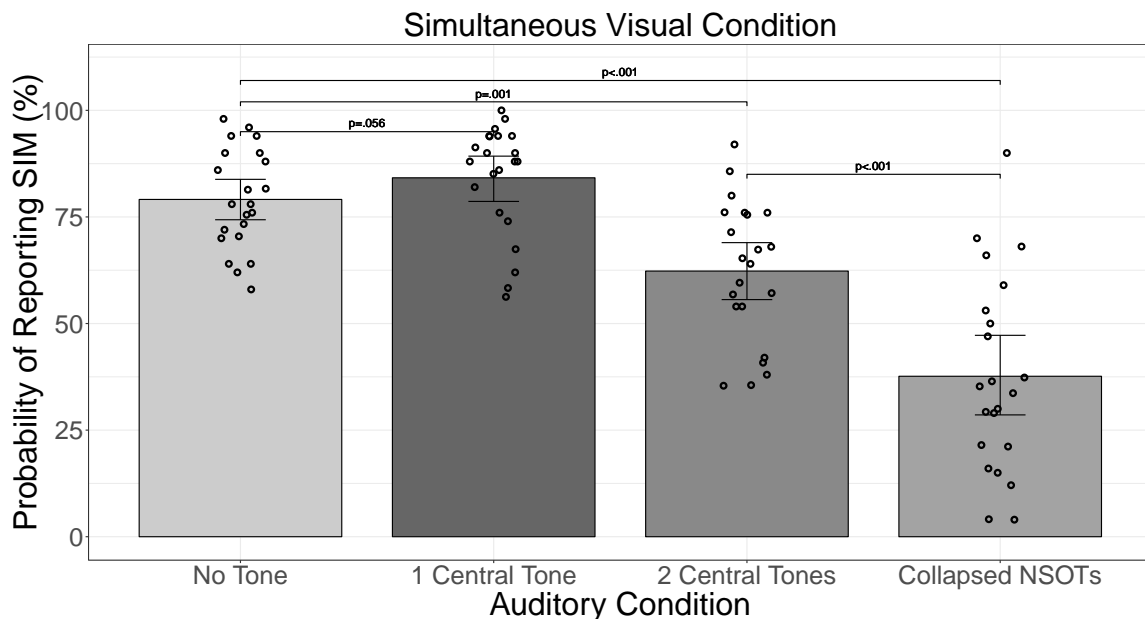


Figure 6. The probability of reporting simultaneous presentation when visual stimuli were presented simultaneously in Experiment 2: The probability (%) of reporting that visual stimuli were presented simultaneously is plotted on the y-axis and the auditory stimuli are labelled on the x-axis where the NSOTs (neutral spatially opposing tones) conditions have been collapsed. Error bars are bootstrapped within-subject 95% confidence intervals.

660 (reporting simultaneity) in the simultaneous visual condition when 2 tones were presented to anal-  
 661 ogous central space compared to baseline (no tone),  $t(21) = 4.07$ ,  $p = .001$ ,  $d = 1.23$ ,  $SE = 0.05$ .  
 662 The  $BF = 1.80e + 02$  (adjusted using the “evidence updating” method (Ly et al., 2017)), which  
 663 provides extreme evidence indicating the presence of the temporal fission illusion in the 2 central  
 664 tones condition, which replicates the findings in Experiment 1, providing further evidence of an  
 665 impletion account of temporal fission.

666 Neutral spatially opposing tones were significantly more likely to result in report bias that  
 667 did not correspond to the actual presentation of visual stimuli in the simultaneous visual condition  
 668 when compared to 2 tones presented to analogous central space,  $t(21) = 7.36$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 2.22$ ,  
 669  $SE = 0.04$ . The  $BF = 5.43e + 03$  (adjusted using the “evidence updating” method (Ly et al., 2017)),  
 670 which provides extreme evidence indicating the presence of a stronger temporal fission illusion in

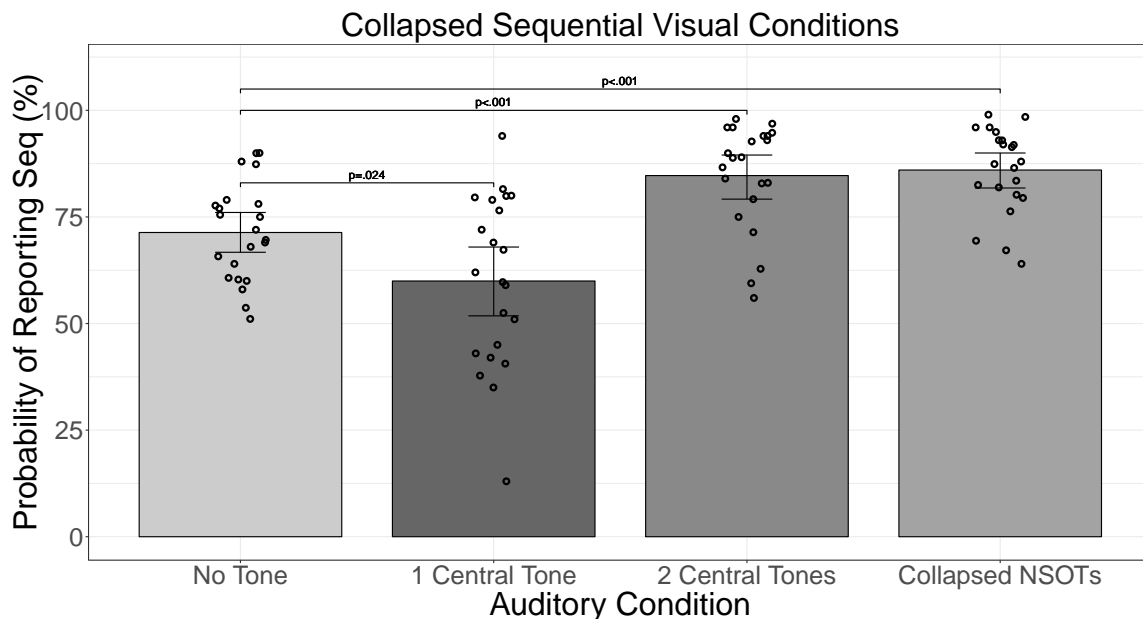


Figure 7. The probability of reporting sequential presentation (bottom circle first reports and top circle first reports that corresponded to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli collapsed) when visual stimuli were presented sequentially (bottom circle first and top circle first conditions collapsed) in Experiment 2: The probability (%) of reporting sequential order of visual stimuli corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli is plotted on the y-axis and the auditory stimuli are labelled on the x-axis where the NSOTs (neutral spatially opposing tones) conditions have been collapsed. The reported  $p$ -values were obtained via null-hypothesis t-tests. Error bars are bootstrapped within-subject 95% confidence intervals.

671 the collapsed neutral spatially opposing tones conditions.

672 Secondly, we tested whether classic temporal ventriloquism-like effects (specifically in-  
 673 creased report bias corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli in collapsed  
 674 sequential visual conditions via 2 tones) was replicated. We conducted a 1 (visual condition: col-  
 675 lapsed sequential visual conditions)  $\times$  3 (auditory condition: 2 tones presented to analogous central  
 676 space vs. collapsed neutral spatially opposing tones vs. no tone) repeated measures ANOVA on  
 677 report bias corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli..

678 NOTE: The probability of report data in Figure 7 show reports corresponding to the actual  
 679 sequential presentation order of a given sequential visual presentation. Report biases of sequential

680 order opposite to the actual order were not included in the plot. For example, if the sequential visual  
681 condition was 'bottom circle first' we only included reports of 'bottom circle first'. The equivalent  
682 was true for the 'top circle first' visual condition.

683 Mauchly's test indicated that the assumption of sphericity had been violated for auditory con-  
684 dition,  $W = .418$ ,  $p < .001$ . Therefore, the degrees of freedom were corrected using Greenhouse-  
685 Geisser Estimate  $\epsilon$  (Greenhouse & Geisser, 1959).

686 There was a significant main effect of auditory condition  $F(1.26, 26.54) = 17.36$ ,  $MSE =$   
687  $0.016$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .168$ . A series of t-tests was run to establish the direction of the effects. The  
688 relevant report bias data is contained in Figure 7.

689 When 2 tones were presented in analogous central space during collapsed sequential visual  
690 conditions, there was increase in report bias corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual  
691 stimuli (see Figure 5 for illustration of this increase in probability of report bias corresponding to the  
692 presentation order of visual stimuli) observed when compared to baseline (no tone),  $t(21) = 4.63$ ,  
693  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 1.40$ ,  $SE = 0.04$ . The  $BF = 6.42e + 02$  (adjusted using the "evidence updating"  
694 method (Ly et al., 2017)), which provides extreme evidence indicating the presence of increased  
695 report bias that corresponded to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli in the 2 central tones  
696 condition, which is consistent with the classic temporal ventriloquism effect.

697 When neutral spatially opposing tones were presented with collapsed sequential visual con-  
698 ditions, an increase in report bias corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual stim-  
699 uli (see Figure 5 for illustration of this increase in probability of report bias corresponding to the  
700 presentation order of visual stimuli) was observed overall when compared to baseline (no tone),  
701  $t(21) = 6.86$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 2.07$ ,  $SE = 0.03$ . The  $BF = 3.03e + 08$  (adjusted using the "evidence  
702 updating" method (Ly et al., 2017)), which provides extreme evidence indicating increased report

703 bias that corresponded to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli in the collapsed neutral  
704 spatially opposing tones conditions, which is consistent the classic temporal ventriloquism effect.

705 We investigated if the number of auditory stimuli was required to match the number of visual  
706 stimuli in order to induce audio-visual effects by conducting a 2 (visual condition: simultaneous  
707 visual condition vs. collapsed sequential visual conditions)  $\times$  3 (number of tones: 1 tone presented  
708 to analogous central space; 2 tones presented to analogous central space; and no tones presented to  
709 any space) repeated measures ANOVA on report bias corresponding to the actual presentation order  
710 of visual stimuli. The auditory conditions used in this analysis were chosen due to their contrasting  
711 number of presentations, while all auditory stimuli shared the same presentation space (analogous  
712 central space which was neutral relative to the visual stimuli locations and also always the same  
713 space, unlike neutral spatially opposing tones).

714 Mauchly's test indicated that the assumption of sphericity had been violated for the interac-  
715 tion between visual condition and number of tones,  $W = .666$ ,  $p = .017$ . Therefore, the degrees of  
716 freedom were corrected using Greenhouse-Geisser Estimate  $\epsilon$  (Greenhouse & Geisser, 1959).

717 There was no significant main effect of visual condition,  $F(1, 21) = 1.22$ ,  $MSE = 0.033$ ,  
718  $p = .282$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .010$ . There was no significant main effect of the number of tones,  $F(2, 42) = 0.92$ ,  
719  $MSE = 0.007$ ,  $p = .404$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .003$ . There was a significant interaction of visual condition and  
720 number of tones,  $F(1.5, 31.5) = 15.64$ ,  $MSE = 0.062$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .245$ .

721 The ANOVA showed no main effect of the number of tones presented, however, there was a  
722 significant interaction with the visual conditions, consistent with arguments made in the discussion  
723 section of Experiment 1. However, it does not make clear if it is a requisite that the number of  
724 auditory tones should match the number of visual stimuli in order to induce temporal effects (as  
725 would be the case if Morein-Zamir et al.'s (2003) account is accurate). We performed t-tests below,



726 and calculated Bayes Factors, with the view to clarifying this. Figures 6 and 7 contain the plots for  
727 the data used in the following means comparisons.

728 Despite a slight increase in report bias towards the actual presentation order of visual stimuli,  
729 there was no statistical difference in the 1 central tone condition in reporting simultaneity relative to  
730 the baseline (no tone),  $t(21) = 2.15$ ,  $p = .056$ ,  $d = 0.65$ ,  $SE = 0.04$ . The  $BF = 6.56e - 01$  (adjusted  
731 using the “evidence updating” method (Ly et al., 2017)), which provides anecdotal evidence for the  
732 null hypothesis in the single tone condition.

733 When 1 central tone was presented during collapsed sequential presentation of circles, there  
734 was a significant difference in report bias that corresponded to the actual presentation order of visual  
735 stimuli when compared to baseline (no tone),  $t(21) = 2.62$ ,  $p = .024$ ,  $d = 0.79$ ,  $SE = 0.05$ . The  
736  $BF = 3.76e + 00$  (adjusted using the “evidence updating” method (Ly et al., 2017)), which provides  
737 moderate evidence for a temporal fusion effect in the 1 central tone condition.

738 **Bottom or Top Circle First Report Probability Analyses.** No ANOVA was conducted  
739 here since no audio and visual stimuli shared space (unlike Experiment 1). However, a visual  
740 inspection of the report probability data and relevant confidence intervals (see Figure 5) warranted  
741 an examination of the reports made in the simultaneous visual condition for any statistical indication  
742 of bottom or top circle first report bias.

743 When a left tone occurred before a right tone with simultaneous circle presentations, par-  
744 ticipants made slightly more bottom-first reports than top-first reports,  $t(21) = 3.08$ ,  $p = .011$ ,  
745  $d = 0.93$ ,  $SE = 0.05$ . The  $BF = 8.05e + 00$ , which provides moderate evidence indicating a bias in  
746 report favouring bottom circle first in the left tone first condition.

747 When a right tone occurred before a left tone with simultaneous circle presentations, there  
748 was no statistically significant difference in the proportion of bottom first or top first reports

749  $t(21) = .84$ ,  $p = .411$ ,  $d = 0.25$ ,  $SE = 0.06$ . The  $BF = 3.05e - 01$ , which provides moderate  
750 evidence for no report bias in the right tone first condition.

751

752 **Discussion.** The main results from Experiment 1 were replicated here.

753 A note on the apparent bias in response when a left or right tone was presented first in the  
754 simultaneous visual condition: When the first tone was in left analogous space participants tended  
755 to report perceiving the bottom circle first more often than the top circle first. This initially appears  
756 to be a counter-intuitive finding as the auditory and visual stimuli are not in matching analogous  
757 space. However, if one considers the “orthogonal Simon effect”, where participants tend to have  
758 lower response times when a left key is matched to a lower location in space and a right key is  
759 matched to higher location in space (Lu & Proctor, 1995), we are arguably seeing an analogous  
760 effect here. When a tone was presented first in left analogous space, participants were more inclined  
761 to choose the circle in lower space as being presented first, and when a tone was presented first in  
762 right analogous space, participants were slightly more inclined to choose the circle in the higher  
763 location as being presented first (however not at statistically significant levels in that case).

764 As can be seen in Figure 6, temporal fission was strongest in Experiment 2 when tones were  
765 presented in neutral opposing space on the x-axis. This is difficult to explain via the gradient account  
766 of speeded visual processing as the auditory tones are never presented in the same analogous space  
767 as the visual stimuli and therefore attention is never drawn to them; instead, attention is shifted away  
768 from both visual stimuli.

769 Effects consistent with those described by Morein-Zamir et al. (2003) regarding enhance-  
770 ment in TOJs were observed with two central tones, as well as tones in neutral opposing space on  
771 the x-axis (as shown in Figure 5), where there was an increase in report bias towards the actual

772 presentation order of visual stimuli. However, again a single tone presented before sequential pre-  
773 sentation of circles often resulted in temporal fusion which does not fit with the classic temporal  
774 ventriloquism account.

775         It might be supposed that neutral spatially opposing tones on the x-axis should have the same  
776 effect as two tones presented to analogous central space as neither condition provides any spatially  
777 relevant information about the visual stimuli. However, this is not the case, and neutral spatially  
778 opposing tones induce a stronger temporal fission illusion.

779         The explanation for this is not easily provided by the temporal ventriloquism, gradient, or im-  
780 pletion accounts. There may be a more general role of attention here. When participants' attentional  
781 focus is drawn onto and shifted across the x-axis while the visual task is presented on the y-axis,  
782 this may result in reduced temporal salience of visual stimuli. However, reduced temporal salience  
783 of visual stimuli via auditory stimuli is not a blanket explanation for all observed effects in these  
784 studies when the effects that show an increase in report bias towards the actual presentation order of  
785 visual stimuli are taken into consideration. It is also possible that two centrally presented tones may  
786 induce a small habituation effect due to rapidly repeated stimulation of the same neurons, but when  
787 tones are presented in opposing space separate neurons are activated, avoiding habituation. If this  
788 explanation was accepted, it could conceivably fit with the impletion account best as the observed  
789 effects arguably are the result of weighted evidence. Additionally, motion processing may play an  
790 important role here. The tones in opposing space are likely perceived as apparent motion stimuli,  
791 whereas the centrally presented tones are 'static' in terms of spatial location. This would potentially  
792 align with the gradient account in terms of apparent auditory motion activating shared audio-visual  
793 motion processing, thus increasing the likelihood of perceiving visual motion.

794         The effect size for the main effect of auditory condition in the report bias consistent with

795 temporal ventriloquism was slightly larger for Experiment 1 than Experiment 2, however this differ-  
796 ence is arguably negligible which would reflect the reality that the auditory stimuli examined in both  
797 experiments never shared analogous space with visual stimuli. The effect size for the interaction of  
798 visual stimuli and the number of auditory stimuli were similar and the small difference between  
799 Experiment 1 (which had a marginally smaller effect size) and 2 was negligible, again consistent  
800 with spatially neutral auditory stimuli. The *BFs* for temporal fission via spatially opposing tones  
801 for Experiments 1 and 2 both provided extreme evidence for the effect, thus supporting the notion  
802 that spatial congruency between auditory and visual stimuli is not necessary to induce temporal  
803 fission. Although, it is worth noting that the *BF* for Experiment 1 is considerably larger than that  
804 of Experiment 2. This is likely due to spatially opposing tones in Experiment 1 sharing analogous  
805 space with the visual stimuli (which was not the case in Experiment 2) and therefore prior entry,  
806 and/or spatial report bias, likely bolstered the effect.

807 Experiment 3 was conducted to address a non-orthogonal concern present in Experiments 1  
808 and 2. Namely, that the three button responses were oriented consistently with regard to the centrally  
809 presented tone auditory condition that induced temporal fusion. The report for simultaneous circle  
810 presentation was always the middle button regardless of visual axis orientation. There was a small  
811 chance that a centrally presented tone may increase the chance of choosing a centrally positioned  
812 button, thus producing an effect not based on visual perception. The ternary-response task used  
813 in Experiments 1 and 2 was replaced with a simultaneity-judgment task, where participants either  
814 reported 'sequential' presentation of circles, or 'simultaneous' presentation of circles. The assigned  
815 value for each button response was counterbalanced. This approach also addressed further concerns  
816 surrounding the use of a ternary-response paradigm and varying criteria for simultaneity. Results for  
817 Experiment 3 can be found in Appendix A. Relevant effects reported in Experiment 1 and replicated

818 in Experiment 2 were again replicated in Experiment 3.

### 819 **General Discussion**

820       The three behavioural experiments described demonstrate that auditory stimuli can influence  
821 temporal perception of visual events. The observed temporal order judgment (TOJ) report biases  
822 that favoured, and those that opposed, the actual presentation order of visual stimuli were consistent  
823 with effects reported in the literature. This supports a version of temporal ventriloquism that sug-  
824 gests auditory stimuli must match visual stimuli in quantity to induce such effects (Morein-Zamir et  
825 al., 2003). However, the finding of temporal fusion when a single tone is presented before sequential  
826 circles forces a more nuanced definition of temporal ventriloquism-like effects. The classic account  
827 of temporal ventriloquism may not have used a sensitive enough measure to detect the influence of  
828 a single tone between sequential circles. Had a simultaneity judgment (SJ) response been included  
829 in Morein-Zamir et al.'s (2003) experiments, it may have revealed the temporal fusion found in  
830 our experiments. The effect may not have been strong enough to reverse the direction of perceived  
831 sequential order, but including an SJ response afforded participants the opportunity to report their  
832 perception beyond a forced sequential order task. In this instance, it would appear that a single tone  
833 can induce a temporal fusion illusion that otherwise would have gone unreported. This finding is  
834 consistent with Getzmann's (2007) research which demonstrated that the number of auditory and  
835 visual stimuli need not be equal to facilitate temporal ventriloquism-like effects. Additionally, the  
836 temporal placement of the tone relative to the visual stimuli defies the classic temporal ventriloquism  
837 notion of auditory stimuli 'pulling' visual stimuli towards them in temporal perception.

838       The gradient account of speeded visual processing, akin to prior entry, is somewhat supported  
839 in the findings here (additional evidence of prior entry via auditory stimuli cueing incongruent

840 space to that of the sequence of visual presentation is included in Appendix B). However, this  
841 account falls short when considering that 2 tones presented to analogous central (spatially neutral)  
842 space can induce the temporal fission illusion; as can neutral spatially opposing tones, suggesting  
843 a potential role of auditory apparent-motion, as demonstrated in Experiment 2. Neither of these  
844 auditory conditions inherently draw attention to a circle and yet the illusion persists.

845         The expanded account of temporal ventriloquism (Keetels et al., 2007; Roseboom et al.,  
846 2013b) suggests that stimuli generally have to be featurally similar in order to induce effects asso-  
847 ciated with temporal ventriloquism (at least at the times scales used in the research presented here).  
848 We conducted a pilot experiment that abolished temporal fission (and temporal ventriloquism-like  
849 effects) when the 2 auditory stimuli presented centrally were not featurally similar to each other,  
850 i.e. a sinewave tone and a white noise burst, as shown in Figure 13 in Appendix D. However,  
851 in the same experiment, temporal fission was preserved when the sinewave and white noise burst  
852 tones were presented in congruent space to that of the visual stimuli. Taking this into account, it  
853 seems reasonable to presume that featural similarity does have a role to play in audio-driven visual  
854 temporal perception, especially in the absence of other spatially congruent information.

855         Impletion, as described by Downing and Treisman (1997), taken in conjunction with elements  
856 of the gradient and temporal ventriloquism accounts, appears to be the most reasonable explanation  
857 for the effects described here and elsewhere. While the asynchronous auditory and visual stimuli  
858 are undoubtedly important factors in manipulating report bias, and there does appear to be cue-  
859 induced speeded processing a la the gradient account/prior entry, we suggest that these elements  
860 are taken together to create the most likely real-world representation of events in perception. This  
861 would explain why 2 tones can induce the illusion of 2 temporally sequential events when circles  
862 are presented simultaneously. This also helps explain why 1 tone can induce the illusion of a single

863 temporal event when circles are sequentially presented. However, when auditory stimuli are spa-  
864 tially congruent to visual stimuli, prior entry evidence appears to carry greater weight than spatially  
865 incongruent stimuli when arriving at a perception of temporal events (as evidenced by spatial report  
866 biases in Experiment 1, and a considerably larger *BF* in Experiment 1 than 2 for spatially opposing  
867 tones induced temporal fission). When one considers the temporal fission illusion induced via 2  
868 tones presented to analogous central (neutral) space, it becomes clear that, in an attempt to integrate  
869 audio-visual events, an average of sorts is arrived at. In the absence of spatially congruent audio-  
870 visual information, evidence is approximately equal for each circle being presented first; hence no  
871 spatial bias in response is observed in this temporal fission effect.

872         It would appear that audio-visual temporal perception uses a process that combines various  
873 sources of information such as relative spatial positioning, and indeed how many individual stimuli  
874 exist in a given time window. In support of this view are the results presented in Figure 12 in Ap-  
875 pendix C. Specifically, when comparing a single auditory tone before visual stimuli onset to a single  
876 auditory tone after visual onset in the simultaneous visual presentation condition, an interesting pat-  
877 tern emerges. The former condition results in the prior entry spatial report bias associated with  
878 the gradient account; however, despite no statistical difference in report bias favouring the actual  
879 presentation order of visual stimuli, the latter condition shows no *spatial* bias in reports opposing  
880 the actual presentation order of the visual stimuli. What this tells us is that the auditory tone pre-  
881 sented after visual onset (aside from clearly not being a prior entry effect) provides equal amounts  
882 of evidence for either circle being presented first (when illusory order is perceived). The tone is  
883 always perceived as being associated with the onset of the circle it shares analogous space with, but  
884 that perceived visual onset could conceivably be the circle being presented first, or second, in the  
885 visual stimuli sequence. In each scenario, the tone is perceived as the onset of the circle sharing the

886 analogous space, but there is no evidence (or put another way, there is equal evidence) afforded to  
887 the perceiver as to which order the circles are presented in the (illusory) sequence. This results in  
888 no spatial bias in the illusory temporal order being observed.

889       As discussed previously, Körding et al. (2007) made a compelling case for Bayesian causal  
890 inference in multisensory perception. The model supports the idea that an ‘ideal-observer’ arrives at  
891 an inferred estimate of a given scenario (in their example whether auditory and visual stimuli origi-  
892 nate from the same causal event) via the combination of the likelihood of a stimulus originating  
893 from a specific spatial location, and prior knowledge of similar scenarios informing what the real-  
894 world likelihood is of both stimuli (in an audio-visual localisation task) originating from the same  
895 source, or different sources. Viewing the reported findings here through the lens of causal inference  
896 may help explain the observed effects (Körding et al., 2007). For example, temporal fission was  
897 strongest when the auditory and visual stimuli shared analogous space (the spatially opposing tones  
898 temporal fission condition in Experiment 1). This form of temporal fission persisted even when the  
899 auditory stimuli were featurally distinct from each other (see Experiment 4(ii)). As Körding et al.  
900 (2007) demonstrated, the spatial relationships between auditory and visual stimuli factor into the  
901 perception of where in space the stimuli are presented. It is conceivable that the spatial, temporal,  
902 and featural relationship between auditory and visual stimuli are factored in (via causal inference)  
903 when arriving at the perceptions reported here (Wallace et al., 2004; Shams et al., 2005; Shams &  
904 Beierholm, 2010; Sato et al., 2007; Roseboom et al., 2013b, 2013a). The sequential nature of the  
905 auditory stimuli in the temporal fission conditions likely provided increased likelihood, informed by  
906 prior knowledge, that the visual stimuli were also sequentially presented. Therefore, so long as par-  
907 ticipants perceived that auditory and visual stimuli shared analogous space – and in turn, increased  
908 likelihood of sharing the same source – we might assume a strong temporal fission illusion, regard-



909 less of how featurally similar the auditory stimuli were to each other. However, the weaker form of  
910 temporal fission (where the auditory and visual stimuli are not perceived to have shared analogous  
911 space) is consistent with the idea that there was reduced likelihood of the auditory and visual stimuli  
912 originating from the same source. Indeed, when the auditory stimuli were featurally distinct and did  
913 not share analogous space with the visual stimuli, temporal fission (and temporal ventriloquism-like  
914 effects) was completely abolished (see Figure 13 and associated statistics in Appendix D). This is  
915 consistent with the idea that not only was there weak evidence, or a low likelihood, of the auditory  
916 and visual stimuli sharing the same location but the featurally distinct auditory stimuli decreased the  
917 likelihood of them originating from the same source (Roseboom et al., 2013b, 2013a). Similarly,  
918 when a single tone prior to visual onset increased report of simultaneous visual presentation of cir-  
919 cles, causal inference could explain this as sufficiently ambiguous, or noisy, temporal evidence being  
920 introduced in combination with prior knowledge of single visual temporal events corresponding to 1  
921 auditory stimulus. This would increase the likelihood that the visual stimuli were 1 temporal event  
922 (Rohe et al., 2019). Additionally, while not at statistically significant levels, simultaneity report  
923 bias increased consistent with only 1 tone being integrated with the visual stimuli when the tem-  
924 poral ventriloquism-like effects were abolished via 2 centrally presented featurally distinct auditory  
925 stimuli (see Figure 13), which is consistent with this Bayesian causal inference perspective.

926         There is one final consideration when examining the reported results from the perspective  
927 of causal inference. The strong neutral spatially opposing tones temporal fission observed in the  
928 orthogonal design in Experiment 2 suggests a further step or process may be a factor in causal infer-  
929 ence. Namely, strong temporal fission is preserved despite the neutral spatially opposing auditory  
930 stimuli not sharing analogous space with the visual stimuli (although the fission illusion in Exper-  
931 iment 1 is stronger still as evidenced by differences in respective BFs, as mentioned previously).

932 The reason behind the preservation of the strength of the illusion compared to the weaker form of  
933 temporal fission may have something to do with auditory apparent motion. There is evidence to  
934 suggest that the perception of auditory and visual motion share, or partially share, neural substrates  
935 (Berger & Ehrsson, 2016). It is conceivable that the presentation of a tone to one ear followed by the  
936 other would induce similar processes to that of auditory apparent motion. Should this be the case  
937 and shared visual motion neurons are activated it would provide more evidence of visual motion  
938 than via static auditory tones. This could explain why the strength of the temporal fission illusion  
939 persists despite not sharing analogous space with the visual stimuli.

940 In conclusion, we propose an expanded, unifying account of impletion consistent with  
941 Bayesian causal inference. This account acts like an umbrella for the gradient account, tempo-  
942 ral ventriloquism, and impletion, with an emphasis placed on the most likely real-world events. It  
943 considers each factor with varying weightings given to various processes (e.g. where attention is  
944 focused/drawn, the number of stimuli in each modality, or where these stimuli are relative to each  
945 other in space), and builds an approximate perceptual representation of visual temporal events. For  
946 example, if auditory and visual stimuli are perceived to have originated from the same location  
947 and subsequently the same source (which is likely the case in the strongest temporal fission illu-  
948 sion in Experiment 1) greater weight is given to this spatial relationship than when auditory stimuli  
949 are less likely to be deemed as originating from the same location and the same source as the vi-  
950 sual stimuli (which is likely the case in the weaker temporal fission illusion) (Rohe & Noppeney,  
951 2015). Additionally, featural similarity of auditory stimuli is especially important in the absence  
952 of spatial congruency. As demonstrated in Experiment 4(ii) spatial congruency trumps the distinct  
953 featural differences in the spatially opposing tones temporal fission illusion. However, when spa-  
954 tial congruency with visual stimuli is absent the temporal fission illusion is abolished via featurally

955 distinct tones. Taken together this suggests that the spatial relationship between the auditory and  
956 visual stimuli carries more weight than auditory featural similarity when the stimuli share space.  
957 However, when the spatial relationship between auditory and visual stimuli is more ambiguous, fea-  
958 tural similarity of auditory stimuli is given greater weighting. Similarly to Roseboom et al. (2013a)  
959 we suggest that these processes are in line with Bayesian causal inference, where prior knowledge  
960 about the world influences integration and segregation, and that featural similarity of stimuli plays  
961 an important role.

962 Future research should consider the relative weights spatially congruent and featurally similar  
963 stimuli have (as well as examining what role motion and apparent motion play) in the visual tempo-  
964 ral perception discussed here. In addition to this, the effects described and the proposed expansion  
965 of the impletion account would benefit from investigation through the lens of Bayesian inference.  
966 Finally, we suggest that variations of the paradigms (and associated effects) reported here be consid-  
967 ered for utilisation as part of sensory testing when measuring typical audio-visual integration, such  
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### Appendix A

#### 1095 Experiment 3

#### 1096 Methods

1097 **Participants.** Twenty-five participants, 10 male and 15 female (mean age 22.2yrs,  
1098  $SD=2.84$ ), with normal or corrected-to-normal vision, and self-reported normal hearing partici-  
1099 pated. All were students from Swansea University. All participants were naïve to the purposes of  
1100 the study. Ethical approval was received from the Department of Psychology Ethics Committee for  
1101 this research.

1102 An a priori power analysis was applied using the data collected in Experiment 1. An identical  
1103 condition to that used in this design displayed an effect size of  $d = 1.66$  when comparing differences  
1104 in the means of report bias corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli between  
1105 1 central tone and baseline (no tones) in the collapsed sequential visual conditions ( $t(26) = 6.08$ ,  
1106  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 1.66$ ,  $SE = 0.03$ , where  $BF = 9393.87$  which provides extreme evidence indicating  
1107 the presence of a temporal fusion illusion – see the Results section in Experiment 1 for notes on  
1108 how the  $BF$  was computed). This condition was first used in Experiment 1 and existed explicitly to  
1109 detect whether temporal fusion was present, and is therefore one of the most important effects under

1110 consideration. Using GPower (Faul et al., 2007) with 95% power and  $\alpha = .001$  (consistent with the  
1111 reported p-value from Experiment 1) in a difference between two dependent means (matched pairs)  
1112 power analysis, the recommended sample size was 22 for an actual power estimate of 95.12%.  
1113 The sample size used here was deliberately larger due to concerns about baseline performance as  
1114 outlined in Experiment 1.

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1116 **Apparatus.** The apparatus used was the same as Experiment 1.

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1118 **Stimuli and Procedure.** The stimuli and procedure was the same as Experiment 1 with  
1119 the exception that there were only two response options in an SJ design; sequential presentation of  
1120 circles (either left or right circle first); and simultaneous presentation of circles. The buttons on  
1121 the response box were oriented vertically to remove axis congruency with all audio and all visual  
1122 stimuli and the buttons representing each choice were counter-balanced. The lack of a central  
1123 button ensured that there was no mapping to central space in the centrally presented auditory  
1124 conditions.

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## 1126 **Results**

1127 Application of consistent exclusion criteria (50% threshold instead of 34% threshold here for  
1128 report bias of interest due to binary response options) resulted in the removal of nine participants.  
1129 These participants summed with the removal of trials that were below or above the RT criteria saw  
1130 the total removal of 7018 observations (37.43% of trials) from Experiment 3. The stimuli categories  
1131 are the same as those listed in Tables 2 and 3.

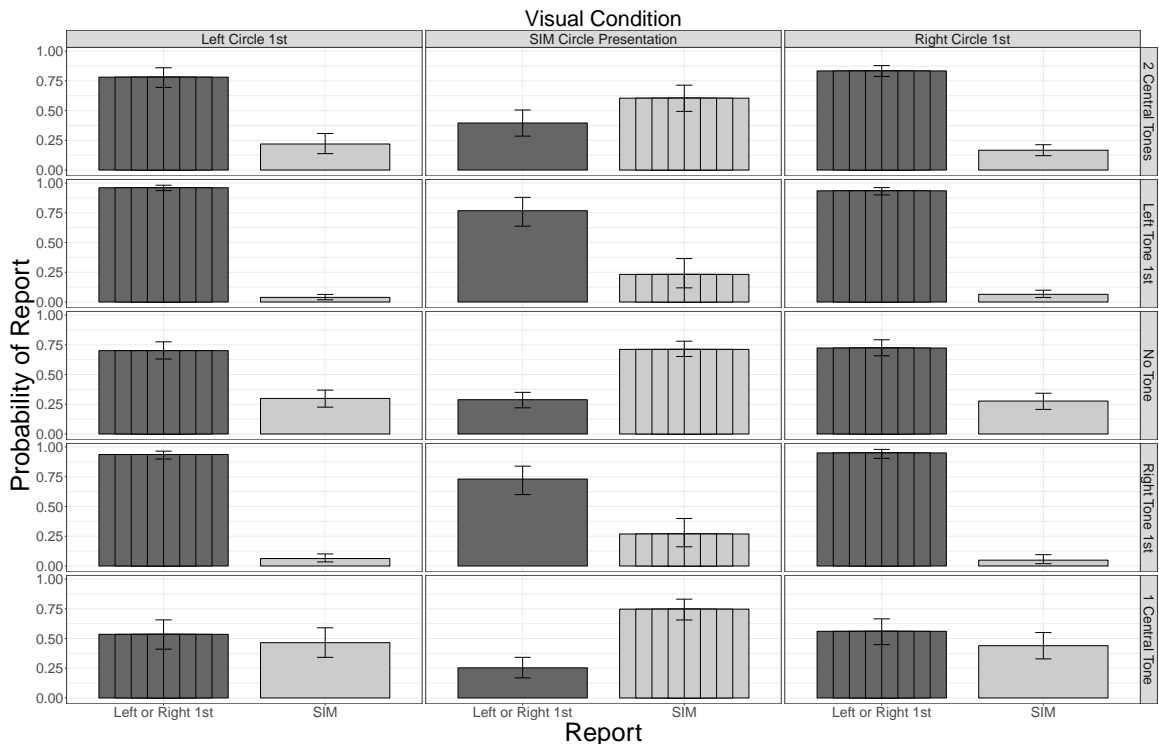


Figure 8. Experiment 3 report probability: The 3 visual conditions are labelled at the top of the grid horizontally. The leftmost column denotes sequential presentation of circles, where the first circle was presented to the left of fixation. The rightmost column denotes sequential presentation of circles, where the first circle was presented to the right of fixation. The central column denotes simultaneous presentation of circles, where a circle was presented to both the left and the right of fixation simultaneously. The 5 auditory conditions are labelled vertically on the rightmost edge of the grid, denoting (from top-to-bottom) the presentation of: 2 tones in analogous central space; a tone presented to the left ear followed by a tone presented to the right ear; no tones; a tone presented to the right ear followed by a tone presented to the left ear; 1 tone in analogous central space respectively. Error bars are bootstrapped within-subject 95% confidence intervals. Reports are labelled on the x-axis with reports corresponding to the presentation category of visual stimuli (simultaneous vs sequential presentation) highlighted with vertical hatching.

1132 The same transformation was applied to the data for null hypothesis testing as used in Ex-  
 1133 periment 1 and 2. The same approach was used when calculating the  $BF$  as Experiments 1 and 2.  
 1134 We also created subgroups of the data in a similar fashion to those in Experiment 1 for purposes of  
 1135 analysis.

1136 **Analysis of Report Bias Corresponding to Presentation Category of Visual Stimuli.** We  
 1137 examined whether there was report bias indicative of the classic temporal fission effect. We con-  
 1138 ducted a 1 (visual condition: simultaneous visual condition)  $\times$  2 (auditory condition: collapsed  
 1139 spatially opposing tones vs. no tone) repeated measures ANOVA on simultaneity report bias.

1140 There was a significant main effect of auditory condition,  $F(1, 15) = 62.33$ ,  $MSE = 0.038$ ,  
 1141  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .527$ . A series of t-tests were run to establish the direction of the effects.

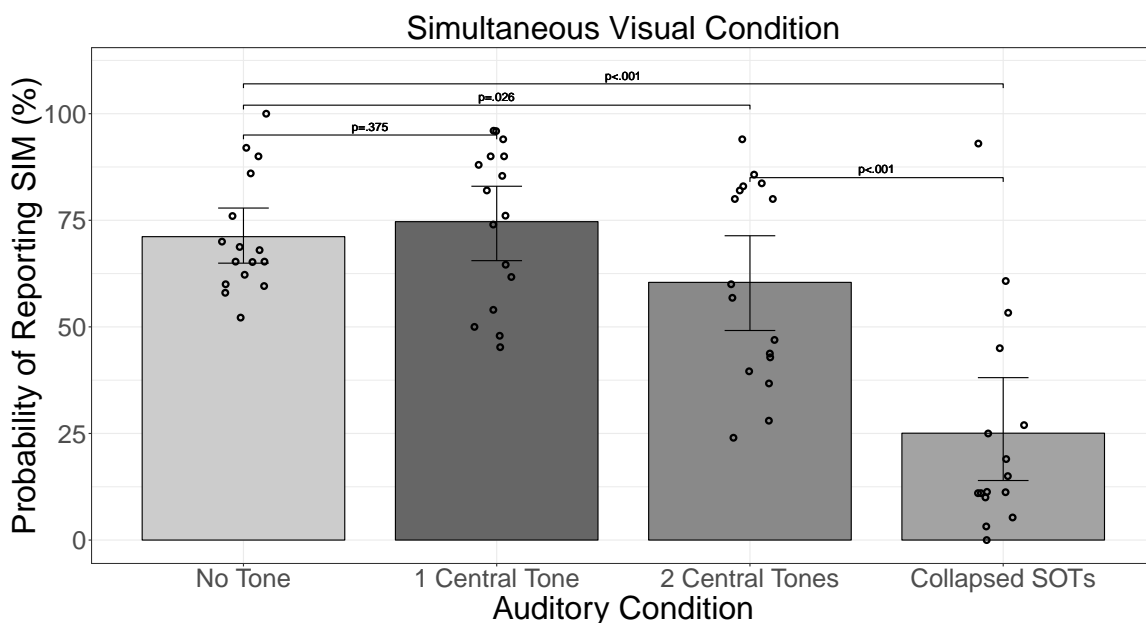


Figure 9. The probability of reporting simultaneous presentation when visual stimuli were presented simultaneously in Experiment 3: The probability (%) of reporting that visual stimuli were presented simultaneously is plotted on the y-axis and the auditory stimuli are labelled on the x-axis where the SOTs (spatially opposing tones) have been collapsed. Error bars are bootstrapped within-subject 95% confidence intervals.

1142 Figure 9 shows that there was a reduction in report bias corresponding to the simultaneous  
 1143 visual presentation condition (reporting simultaneity) in the collapsed spatially opposing tones con-  
 1144 dition compared to baseline (no tone). The  $BF = 5.27e+09$  (adjusted using the “evidence updating”  
 1145 method (Ly et al., 2017)), which provides extreme evidence indicating the presence of the tempo-  
 1146 ral fission illusion in the collapsed spatially opposing tones condition. This replicates the classic

1147 temporal fission illusion, which supports the gradient account from the view that the tones share the  
1148 same analogous space as the visual stimuli.

1149 We tested whether there was further evidence for the gradient account via a 1 (visual condi-  
1150 tion: collapsed sequential visual conditions)  $\times$  2 (auditory condition: collapsed spatially opposing  
1151 tones vs. no tone) repeated measures ANOVA on sequential report bias.

1152 There was a significant main effect of auditory condition,  $F(1, 15) = 63.71$ ,  $MSE = .016$ ,  
1153  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .589$ , which, as can be seen in Figure 10, shows an increase in sequential report bias  
1154 corresponding to sequential presentation of visual stimuli overall compared to baseline (no tone).

1155 The  $BF = 1.05e + 06$  (adjusted using the “evidence updating” method (Ly et al., 2017)),  
1156 which provides extreme evidence indicating the presence of increased sequential report bias cor-  
1157 responding to sequential presentation of visual stimuli in the collapsed spatially opposing tones  
1158 condition, which in turn is consistent the gradient account. Figure 8 shows an increase in sequential  
1159 report bias corresponding to sequential presentation of visual stimuli regardless of whether the first  
1160 tone cues the same space as the first circle presented in sequence due to the responses afforded the  
1161 participants (i.e. prior entry reversing the direction of perceived sequential presentation was not  
1162 detected due to ‘sequential presentation’ and ‘simultaneous presentation’ being the only responses  
1163 available to participants).

1164 We tested whether there was an indication that the classic temporal ventriloquism effect (in  
1165 this instance reflected as an increase in sequential report bias corresponding to sequential visual  
1166 presentation – see Figure 8 for illustration of this increase in probability of sequential report bias  
1167 corresponding to sequential presentation of visual stimuli) *may* have been present. We conducted a 1  
1168 (visual condition: collapsed sequential visual conditions)  $\times$  2 (auditory condition: 2 tones presented  
1169 to analogous central space vs. no tone) repeated measures ANOVA on sequential report bias.

1170 There was a significant main effect of auditory condition,  $F(1, 15) = 5.47$ ,  $MSE = .022$ ,  
1171  $p = .034$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .115$ .

1172 Figure 10 shows that there was an increase in sequential report bias corresponding to sequen-  
1173 tial presentation of visual stimuli when 2 tones were presented to analogous central space during  
1174 collapsed sequential visual conditions compared to baseline (no tone). The  $BF = 1.75e + 05$  (ad-  
1175 justed using the “evidence updating” method (Ly et al., 2017)), which provides extreme evidence  
1176 that there was an increase in sequential report bias corresponding to sequential presentation of visual  
1177 stimuli in the two centrally presented tones condition. Without left or right circle first report options  
1178 we cannot be certain that there was an increase in report bias similar to Experiments 1 and 2. It  
1179 is entirely possible there was an increased likelihood that participants perceived sequential order in  
1180 general that may not have corresponded to the actual order of visual stimuli presentation. However,  
1181 this seems unlikely given previous results.

1182 We conducted an ANOVA to determine if the spatial location of tones, relative to the visual  
1183 stimuli, had an effect on simultaneity report bias in Experiment 3. A 1 (visual condition: simulta-  
1184 neous visual condition)  $\times$  3 (auditory presentation location: spatially opposing tones presented to  
1185 analogous space to that of the visual stimuli vs. two tones presented to neutral space (analogous  
1186 central space in this instance) vs. no tone presented to any space) repeated measures ANOVA on  
1187 simultaneity report bias was conducted.

1188 Mauchly’s test for Sphericity failed for auditory presentation location,  $W = .611$ ,  $p = .032$ ,  
1189  $p < .001$ . Therefore, the degrees of freedom were corrected using Greenhouse-Geisser Estimate  $\epsilon$   
1190 (Greenhouse & Geisser, 1959).

1191 There was a significant main effect of auditory presentation location,  $F(1.44, 21.6) = 26.05$ ,  
1192  $MSE = .050$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .328$ .

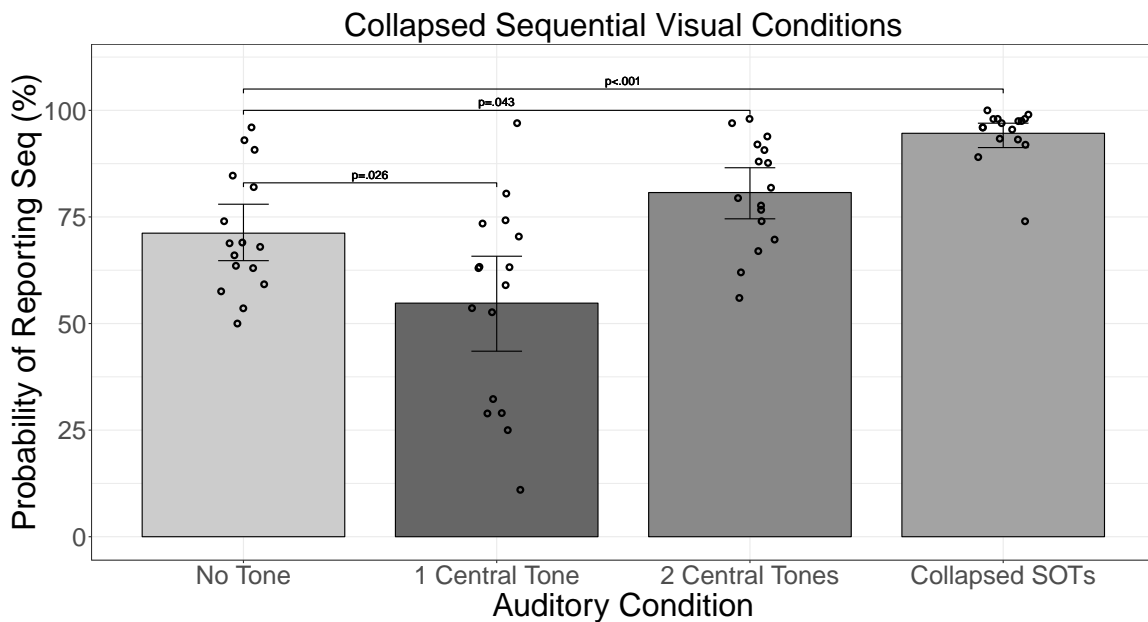


Figure 10. The probability of reporting sequential presentation (note: one response option 'sequential' was afforded for both left circle first and right circle first perceptions) when visual stimuli were presented sequentially in Experiment 3: The probability (%) of reporting sequential presentation is plotted on the y-axis and the auditory stimuli are labelled on the x-axis where SOTs (spatially opposing tones) were collapsed. Error bars are bootstrapped within-subject 95% confidence intervals.

1193 The above ANOVA replicates Experiments 1 and 2 by demonstrating spatial location is im-  
 1194 portant when inducing visual temporal fission via auditory tones. However, the above ANOVA does  
 1195 not make clear if it is a requisite that auditory tones be presented to the same space as the visual  
 1196 stimuli in order to induce temporal fission (as would be the case if the gradient account was the sole  
 1197 driver for the effect). We performed t-tests below, and calculated Bayes Factors, with the view to  
 1198 clarifying this. Figure 9 contains the relevant plots for the data used in the means comparisons.

1199 There was a reduction in report bias corresponding to presentation of the visual stimuli (re-  
 1200 porting simultaneity) in the simultaneous visual condition when 2 tones were presented to analogous  
 1201 central space compared to baseline (no tone),  $t(15) = 2.78$ ,  $p = .026$ ,  $d = 0.98$ ,  $SE = 0.04$ . The  
 1202  $BF = 27.41$  (adjusted using the "evidence updating" method (Ly et al., 2017)), which provides  
 1203 strong evidence indicating the presence of the temporal fission illusion in the 2 central tones condi-

1204 tion, which supports an impletion account of temporal fission where tones are not required to share  
1205 the same space as the visual stimuli.

1206       Spatially opposing tones were significantly more likely to result in report bias in opposition  
1207 to the actual presentation of visual stimuli (simultaneous visual condition) when compared to 2  
1208 tones presented in analogous central space,  $t(15) = 5.08$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 1.80$ ,  $SE = 0.08$ . The  
1209  $BF = 5.18e + 10$  (adjusted using the “evidence updating” method (Ly et al., 2017)), which provides  
1210 extreme evidence indicating the presence of a stronger temporal fission illusion in the collapsed  
1211 spatially opposing tones condition, which supports both impletion and the gradient account, as  
1212 elaborated on in the discussion for Experiment 1.

1213       We conducted an ANOVA to determine if the number of tones, relative to visual stimuli  
1214 (which always consisted of 2 circles, although they differed in presentation: sequential vs. simul-  
1215 taneous), had an effect on report bias corresponding to simultaneous or sequential presentation of  
1216 visual stimuli in Experiment 3. A 2 (visual condition: simultaneous visual condition vs. collapsed  
1217 sequential visual conditions)  $\times$  3 (number of tones: 1 tone presented to analogous central space; 2  
1218 tones presented to analogous central space; and no tones presented to any space) repeated measures  
1219 ANOVA on report bias corresponding to the actual presentation type of visual stimuli. The auditory  
1220 conditions used in this analysis were chosen due to their contrasting number of presentations, while  
1221 all auditory stimuli shared the same presentation space (analogous central space which was neutral  
1222 relative to the visual stimuli locations).

1223       There was no significant main effect of visual condition,  $F(1, 15) = 2e - 04$ ,  $MSE = 0.103$ ,  
1224  $p = .989$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = < .001$ . There was a significant main effect of the number of tones,  $F(2, 30) = 8.70$ ,  
1225  $MSE = .006$ ,  $p = .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .024$ . There was a significant interaction of visual condition and  
1226 number of tones,  $F(2, 30) = 12.37$ ,  $MS E = .036$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $\eta_G^2 = .170$ .



1227 The ANOVA above shows that the number of tones presented is important when inducing  
1228 visual temporal effects. However, it does not make clear if it is a requisite that the number of  
1229 auditory tones should match the number of visual stimuli in order to induce said temporal effects  
1230 (as would be the case if Morein-Zamir et al.'s (2003) account is accurate). We performed t-tests  
1231 below, and calculated Bayes Factors, with the view of clarifying this. Figures 9 and 10 contain the  
1232 plots for the data used in the means comparisons.

1233 One central tone accompanying collapsed sequential visual conditions reduced sequential  
1234 report bias corresponding to sequential presentation of visual stimuli compared to baseline (no tone),  
1235  $t(15) = 2.77$ ,  $p = .026$ ,  $d = 0.98$ ,  $SE = 0.07$ . The  $BF = 1.34e + 05$  (adjusted using the “evidence  
1236 updating” method (Ly et al., 2017)), which provides extreme evidence indicating the presence of a  
1237 temporal fusion illusion in the 1 central tone condition, which is consistent with Getzmann's (2007)  
1238 finding that 1 tone was sufficient induce temporal ventriloquism-like effects. The relatively small  
1239 effect size (in the null hypothesis t-test), compared to Experiments 1 and 2, for this condition may  
1240 be due to the sample size being smaller (after applying exclusion criteria) than the 22 that was  
1241 recommended in the reported power analysis.

1242 Despite a slight increase in report bias corresponding to the actual presentation of visual  
1243 stimuli, there was no statistical difference when 1 tone was presented to analogous central space  
1244 when compared to baseline (no tone) in the simultaneous visual condition,  $t(15) = .92$ ,  $p = .375$ ,  
1245  $d = 0.32$ ,  $SE = 0.05$ . The  $BF = 3.29e - 02$  (adjusted using the “evidence updating” method (Ly  
1246 et al., 2017)), which provides very strong evidence for the null hypothesis in the 1 central tone  
1247 condition.

1248 **Discussion.** The main findings of Experiment 1 were largely replicated here (some cannot  
1249 be confirmed due to the reduced resolution of a SJ-judgment task). Temporal fission was induced

1250 via 2 tones presented to analogous central space and also via 2 spatially opposing tones.

1251 Temporal fusion was also induced via 1 centrally presented tone before visual onset. This  
1252 finding is of particular importance here as it helps rule out the possibility of button arrangement  
1253 influencing responses, and addresses concerns surrounding the use of a ternary response task in the  
1254 previous experiments.

## 1255 Appendix B

1256 All t-tests included in this section were included in the relevant FDR corrections in the main  
1257 body of the manuscript.

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### 1259 **Supplementary t-tests for Experiment 1**

1260 When the spatially opposing tones from left-to-right ears were presented with sequential  
1261 circle presentation from right-to-left, there was a reduction in report bias corresponding to the actual  
1262 presentation order of visual stimuli when compared to spatially congruent audio stimuli,  $t(26) =$   
1263  $9.62$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 2.62$ ,  $SE = 0.04$ . The  $BF = 2.28e + 07$  which provides extreme evidence  
1264 indicating the presence of prior entry.

1265 When the spatially opposing tones from right-to-left ears were presented with sequential  
1266 circle presentation from left-to-right, there was a reduction in report bias corresponding to the actual  
1267 presentation order of visual stimuli when compared to spatially congruent audio stimuli,  $t(26) =$   
1268  $11.97$ ,  $p < .001$ ,  $d = 3.26$ ,  $SE = 0.04$ . The  $BF = 1.89e + 09$ , which provides extreme evidence  
1269 indicating the presence of prior entry.

1270 The above  $BFs$  show that, while collapsed spatially opposing tones in the main results

1271 showed enhancement, there was detriment in performance when the audio stimuli cued the space  
1272 that the second circle was presented to and then cued the space the first circle was presented to. As  
1273 can be seen in Figure 2, the effect of prior entry was often so strong that it reversed the direction of  
1274 presentation in perception.

### 1275 **Supplementary t-tests for Experiment 3**

1276 When the spatially opposing tones from left-to-right ears were presented with sequential  
1277 circle presentation from right-to-left, there was no reduction in sequential report bias corresponding  
1278 to sequential presentation of visual stimuli when compared to spatially congruent audio stimuli,  
1279  $t(15) = 2, p = .072, d = 0.71, SE = 0.03$ . The  $BF = 1.24$ , which provides anecdotal evidence  
1280 indicating the presence of prior entry.

1281 When the spatially opposing tones from right-to-left ears were presented with sequential  
1282 circle presentation from left-to-right, there was a reduction in sequential report bias corresponding  
1283 to sequential presentation of visual stimuli when compared to spatially congruent audio stimuli,  
1284  $t(15) = 2.60, p = .03, d = 0.92, SE = 0.02$ . The  $BF = 3.09$ , which provides moderate evidence  
1285 indicating the presence of prior entry.

1286 The above  $BFs$  show that, while collapsed spatially opposing tones in the main results  
1287 showed increased sequential report bias, there was a reduction in sequential report bias when the  
1288 audio stimuli cued the space that the second circle was presented to and then cued the space the first  
1289 circle was presented to. This can be seen in Figure 8, where small variations in sequential report  
1290 bias corresponding to sequential presentation of visual stimuli are shown. Due to the task being  
1291 an SJ-judgment, it was not possible to ascertain if the prior entry was strong enough to reverse the  
1292 perceived direction of visual presentation, as was the case in Experiment 1 above.

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**Appendix C**

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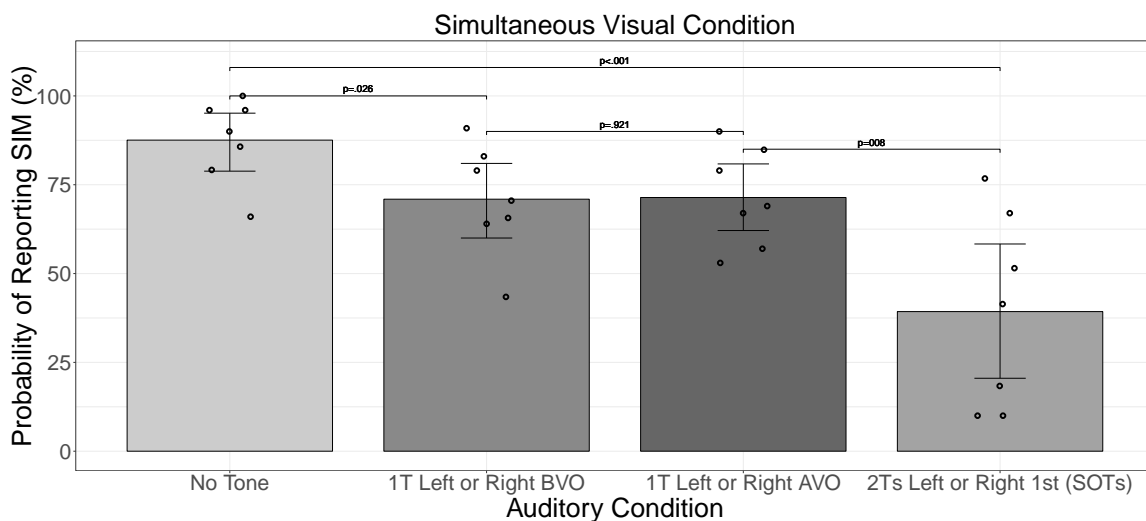
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Below is sample data taken from a pilot with various featural and spatial manipulations of auditory stimuli. The methods and basic design were the same as in Experiment 1. Ten participants, 3 female, and 7 male (mean age = 23.8, SD = 4.44), 9 of whom were naïve to the purpose of the experiment and 1 of whom was the experimenter, participated in the experiment. Using the same exclusion criteria as all previous experiments resulted in 7 participants being included in the analysis below.



*Figure 11.* The probability of reporting simultaneous visual stimuli presentation in Experiment 4(i): The y-axis represents the probability (%) of reporting simultaneous presentation of visual stimuli in the simultaneous visual presentation condition. The x-axis represents the various auditory conditions where the SOTs (spatially collapsed tones) conditions have been collapsed, '1T' equates to '1 tone', BVO equates to 'before visual onset', and AVO equates to 'after visual onset'. Error bars are bootstrapped within-subject 95% confidence intervals.

Table 6  
*FDR corrected t-tests for the simultaneous visual condition Exp 4.*

Condition 1	Condition 2	<i>t</i>	<i>p</i> – value	<i>df</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>BF</i>
Auditory	Auditory						
No Tone	1T Left or Right BVO	3.09	<i>p</i> = .026	6	1.65	.08	3.762311e+00
No Tone	1T Left or Right AVO	3.48	<i>p</i> = .02	6	1.86	.07	5.462537e+00
No Tone	2Ts Left or Right 1st (SOTs)	6.86	<i>p</i> < .001	6	3.67	.09	7.475399e+01
2Ts Left or Right 1st (SOTs)	1T Left or Right BVO	4.22	<i>p</i> = .011	6	2.25	.08	1.055174e+01
2Ts Left or Right 1st (SOTs)	1T Left or Right AVO	4.91	<i>p</i> = .008	6	2.62	.07	1.869991e+01
1T Left or Right BVO	1T Left or Right AVO	0.10	<i>p</i> = .921	6	0.06	.04	3.547582e-01

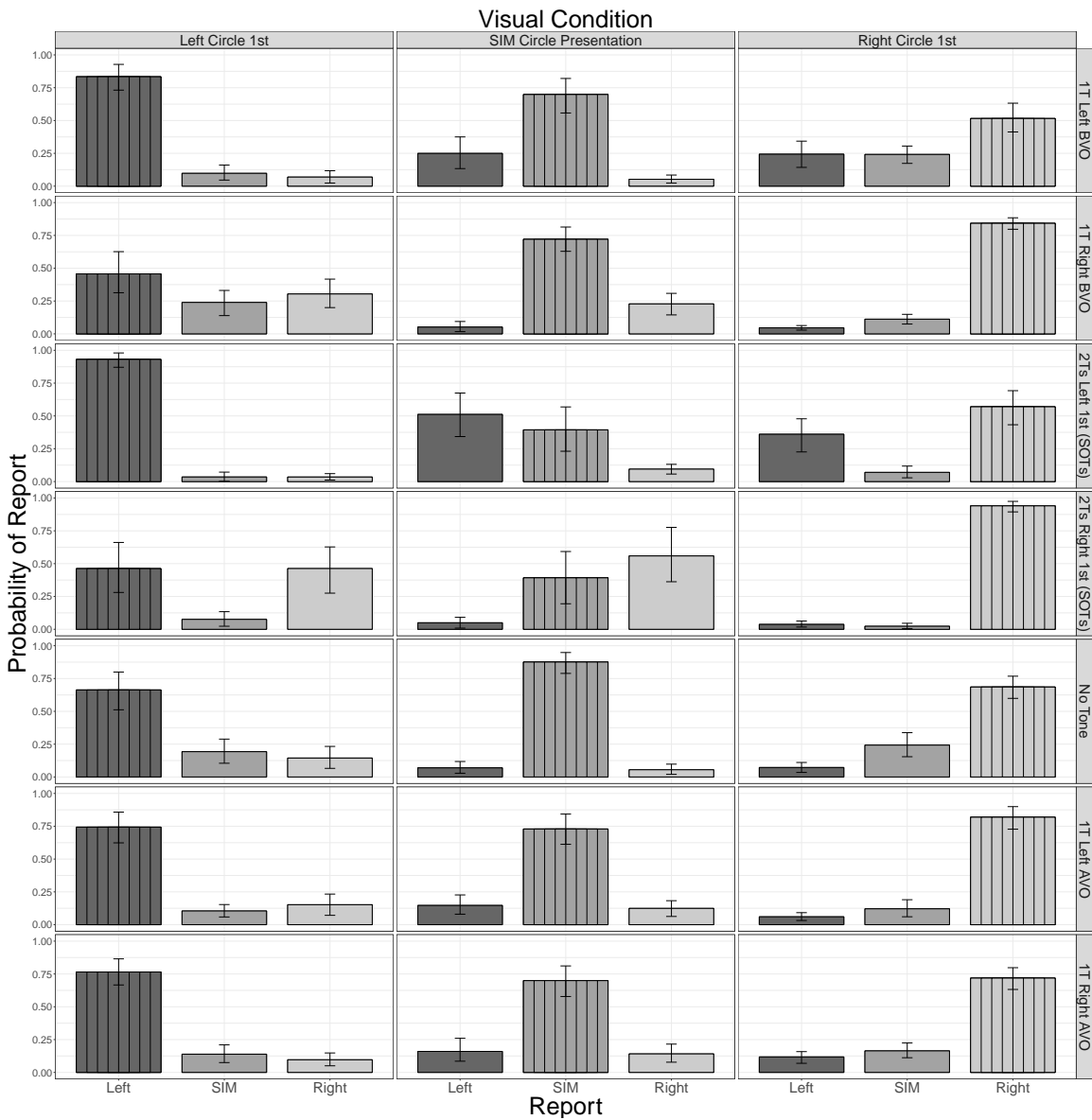


Figure 12. Experiment 4(i) report probability: The 3 visual conditions are labelled at the top of the grid horizontally. The leftmost column denotes sequential presentation of circles, where the first circle was presented to the left of fixation. The rightmost column denotes sequential presentation of circles, where the first circle was presented to the right of fixation. The central column denotes simultaneous presentation of circles, where a circle was presented to both the left and the right of fixation simultaneously. The 7 auditory conditions are labelled vertically on the rightmost edge of the grid, denoting (from top-to-bottom) the presentation of: 1 tone (1T) presented to left ear before visual onset (BVO); 1T presented to right ear BVO; a tone presented to the left ear followed by a tone presented to the right ear; a tone presented to the right ear followed by a tone presented to the left ear; no tones; 1T presented to the left ear after visual onset (AVO); 1T presented to the right ear AVO respectively. Error bars are bootstrapped within-subject 95% confidence intervals. Reports are labelled on the x-axis with reports corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli highlighted with vertical hatching.

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**Appendix D**

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Below is sample data taken from a the same pilot as reported in Appendix C.

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There were various featural and spatial manipulations of auditory stimuli. The methods and basic design were the same as in Experiment 1. Ten participants, 7 male, and 3 female (mean age = 23.8, SD = 4.44), 9 of whom were naïve to the purpose of the experiment and 1 of whom was the experimenter, participated in the experiment. Using the same exclusion criteria as all previous experiments resulted in 7 participants being included in the analysis below.

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There was no statistical difference in report bias corresponding to the actual presentation of visual stimuli (reporting simultaneity) in the simultaneous visual condition when 2 different tones (one a sine-wave, the other a white noise burst) were presented to analogous central space compared to baseline (no tone).  $t(6) = 2.15$ ,  $p = .08$ ,  $d = 0.81$ ,  $SE = 0.05$ . The  $BF = 1.48$ , which provides anecdotal evidence indicating a slight increase in report bias corresponding to the actual presentation of visual stimuli when 2 featurally different tones were presented to analogous central space. This trend in report bias is more consistent with a single tone than with 2 tones that are identical, thus supporting the notion that featurally distinct auditory stimuli presented to analogous central space are deemed to be from different sources and subsequently only one, or neither, is bound with the visual stimuli in temporal perception. In turn this abolishes the temporal fission illusion via 2 centrally presented tones.

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Table 7 shows that report biases consistent with temporal ventriloquism were no longer statistically different from control conditions. Figure 13 shows a trend towards increased simultaneity report bias in both of the sequential visual conditions when 2 centrally presented auditory stimuli were featurally distinct, compared to controls (no tones). This is consistent with the abolished

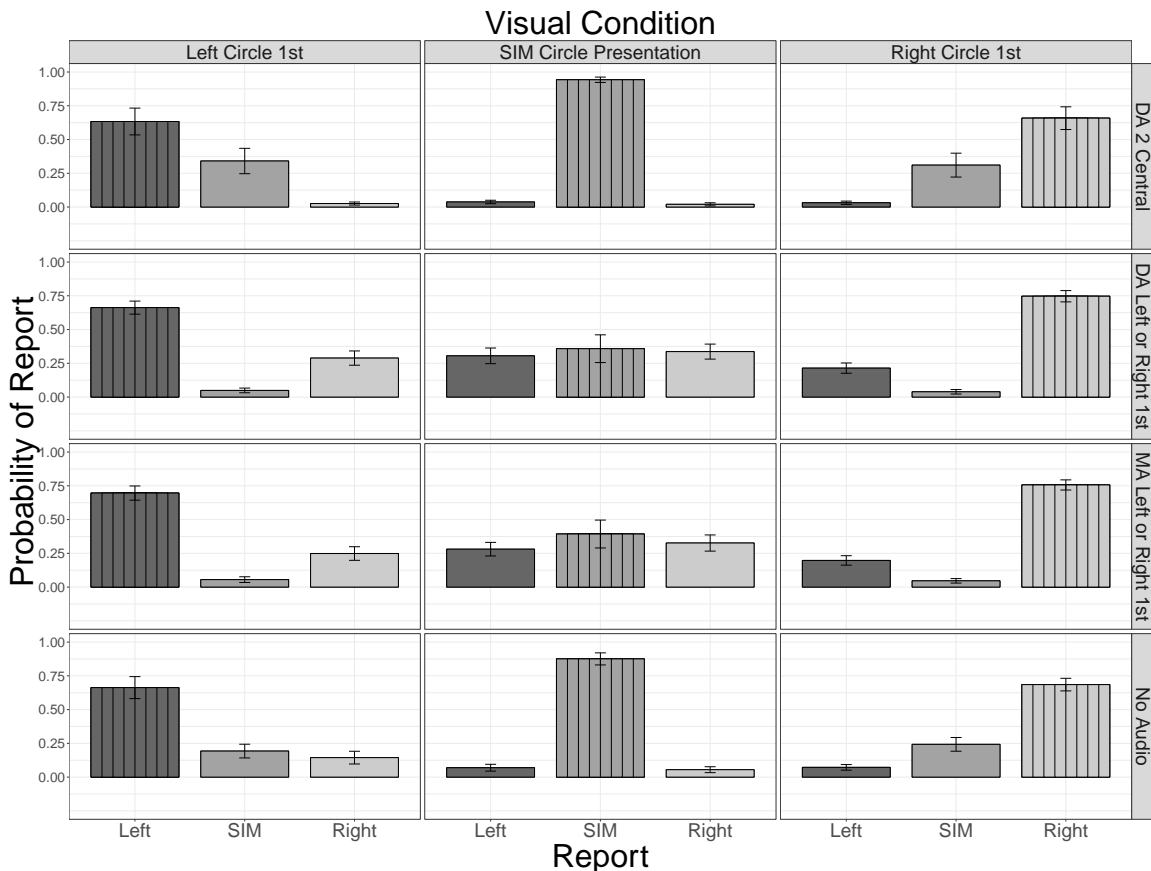


Figure 13. Experiment 4(ii) report probability: The 3 visual conditions are labelled at the top of the grid horizontally. The leftmost column denotes sequential presentation of circles, where the first circle was presented to the left of fixation. The rightmost column denotes sequential presentation of circles, where the first circle was presented to the right of fixation. The central column denotes simultaneous presentation of circles, where a circle was presented to both the left and the right of fixation simultaneously. The 4 auditory conditions are labelled vertically on the rightmost edge of the grid, denoting (from top-to-bottom) the presentation: 2 different auditory stimuli (DA) presented to analogous central space; 2 different auditory stimuli (DA), one presented to the left ear and the other presented to the right ear, or vice versa; matching auditory stimuli (MA) one presented to the left ear and the other presented to the right ear, or vice versa; and no auditory stimuli presented. Error bars are bootstrapped within-subject 95% confidence intervals. Reports are labelled on the x-axis with report corresponding to the actual presentation order of visual stimuli highlighted with vertical hatching.

1322 weaker form of temporal fission where only 1 tone is likely to be integrated with the visual stimuli.

1323 While the increase in simultaneity report bias is not supported statistically it is worth noting that the

1324 recommend sample size to detect the temporal fusion illusion is 22 for a power estimate of 95.12%.



Table 7

*FDR corrected t-tests for reports associated with temporal fission via centrally presented tones, and reports associated with temporal ventriloquism-like effects in Exp 4(ii).*

Condition 1	Condition 2						
Visual : Auditory : Report	Visual : Auditory : Report	<i>t</i>	<i>p - value</i>	<i>df</i>	<i>d</i>	<i>SE</i>	<i>BF</i>
Left : No Beep : Left	Left : 2 C-DA : Left	0.17	<i>p</i> = .870	6	0.06	.09	3.575557e-01
Right : No Beep : Right	Right : 2 C-DA : Right	0.13	<i>p</i> = .899	6	0.05	.09	3.557655e-01
Left : No Beep : SIM	Left : 2 C-DA : SIM	1.37	<i>p</i> = .220	6	0.52	.11	7.015374e-01
Right : No Beep : SIM	Right : 2 C-DA : SIM	0.52	<i>p</i> = .622	6	0.20	.11	3.949842e-01

1325 Therefore it would be expected, given a sufficiently large sample, that temporal fusion would be

1326 present in this condition as opposed to report biases consistent with temporal ventriloquism.