

## Week 7 – part 2a : AdEx: Adaptive exponential integrate-and-fire



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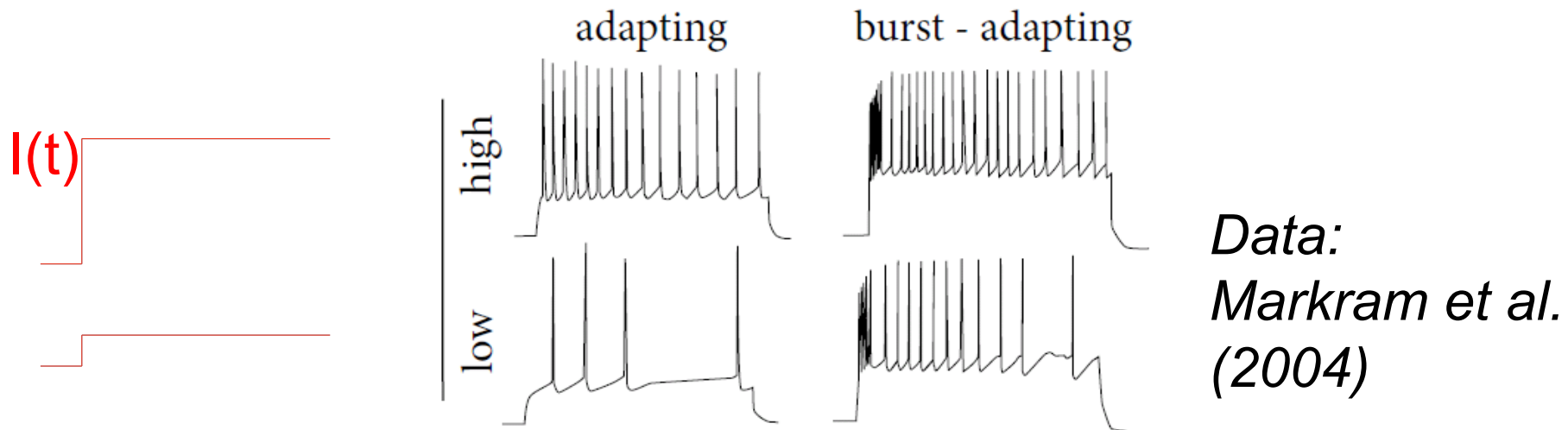
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# Neuronal Dynamics – 7.2 Adaptation

## Step current input – neurons show adaptation



**1-dimensional (nonlinear) integrate-and-fire model cannot do this!**

# Neuronal Dynamics – 7.2 Adaptive Exponential I&F

Add adaptation variables:

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = -(u - u_{rest}) + \Delta \exp\left(\frac{u - \vartheta}{\Delta}\right) - R \sum_k w_k$$

$$\tau_k \frac{dw_k}{dt} = a_k (u - u_{rest}) - w_k + b_k \tau_k \sum_f \delta(t - t^f)$$

Exponential I&F  
+ 1 adaptation var.  
= AdEx

**SPIKE AND  
RESET**

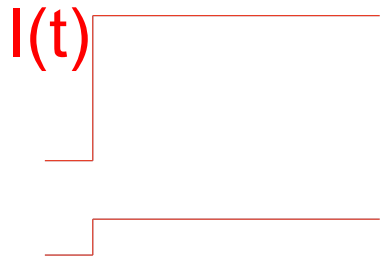
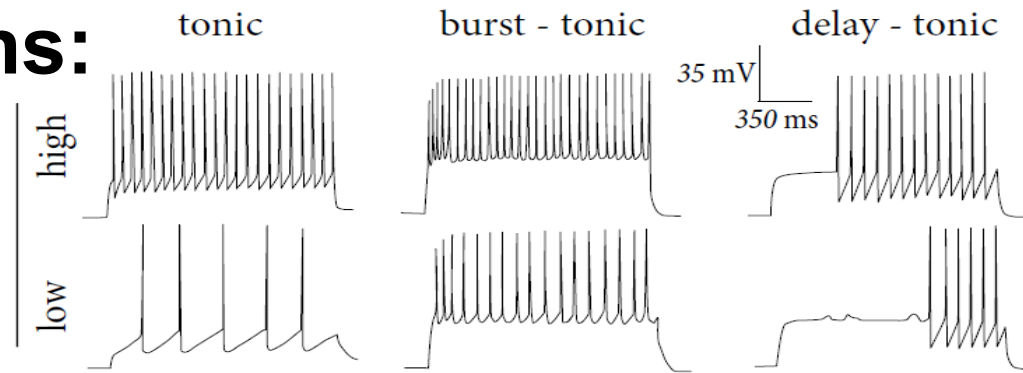
after each spike  $w_k$   
jumps by an amount  $b_k$

If  $u = \theta_{reset}$  then reset to  $u = u_r$

*AdEx model,  
Brette & Gerstner (2005):*

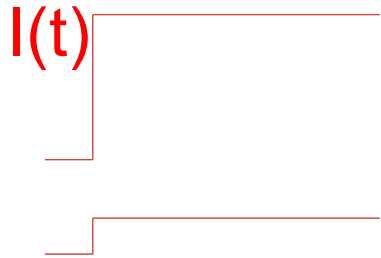
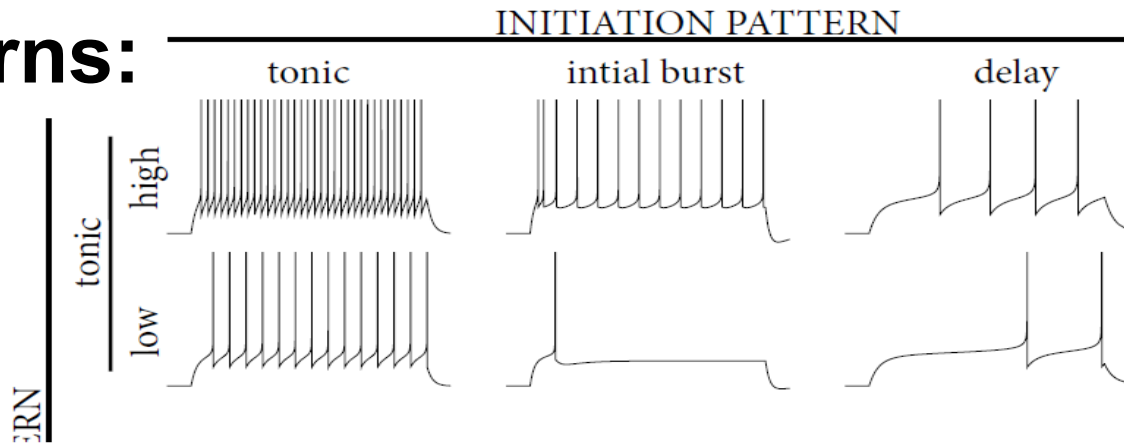
# Firing patterns:

Response to  
Step currents,  
*Exper. Data,*  
*Markram et al.*  
(2004)



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Response to  
Step currents,  
**AdEx Model,**  
**Naud&Gerstner**



*Image:*  
*Neuronal Dynamics,*  
*Gerstner et al.*  
*Cambridge (2002)*

## Neuronal Dynamics – 7.2 Adaptive Exponential I&F

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$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = -(u - u_{rest}) + \Delta \exp\left(\frac{u - \vartheta}{\Delta}\right) - R w + R I(t)$$
$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = a (u - u_{rest}) - w + b \tau \sum_f \delta(t - t^f)$$

**AdEx model**

**Phase plane analysis!**

Can we understand the different firing patterns?

## Neuronal Dynamics – 7.2. Adaptive Exponential I&F

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$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = f(u) - R w + RI(t)$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = a (u - u_{rest}) - w$$

-linear + exponential  
-adaptation variable

→ Various firing patterns



## Neuronal Dynamics – Quiz 7.2. Nullclines of AdEx

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = -(u - u_{rest}) + \Delta \exp\left(\frac{u - \vartheta}{\Delta}\right) - R w + R I(t)$$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = a (u - u_{rest}) - w$$

**A - What is the qualitative shape of the w-nullcline?**

- constant
- linear, slope a
- linear, slope 1
- linear + quadratic
- linear + exponential

**B - What is the qualitative shape of the u-nullcline?**

- linear, slope 1
- linear, slope 1/R
- linear + quadratic
- linear w. slope 1/R+ exponential

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## AdEx model

after each spike  
u is reset to  $u_r$

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$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = a (u - u_{rest}) - w + b \tau \sum_f \delta(t - t^f)$$

after each spike  
 $w$  jumps by an amount  $b$

parameter  $a$  – slope of  $w$ -nullcline

Can we understand the different firing patterns?

## AdEx model

correct

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = -(u - u_{rest}) + \Delta \exp\left(\frac{u - \vartheta}{\Delta}\right) - R_w + RI(t)$$

correct

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = a (u - u_{rest}) - w + b \tau \sum_f \delta(t - t^f)$$

wrong

Throughout this lecture 7.2b, the  $\tau$  in the differential equation for  $w$  should have on both sides an index  $w$  (here correct on the left, wrong on the right)

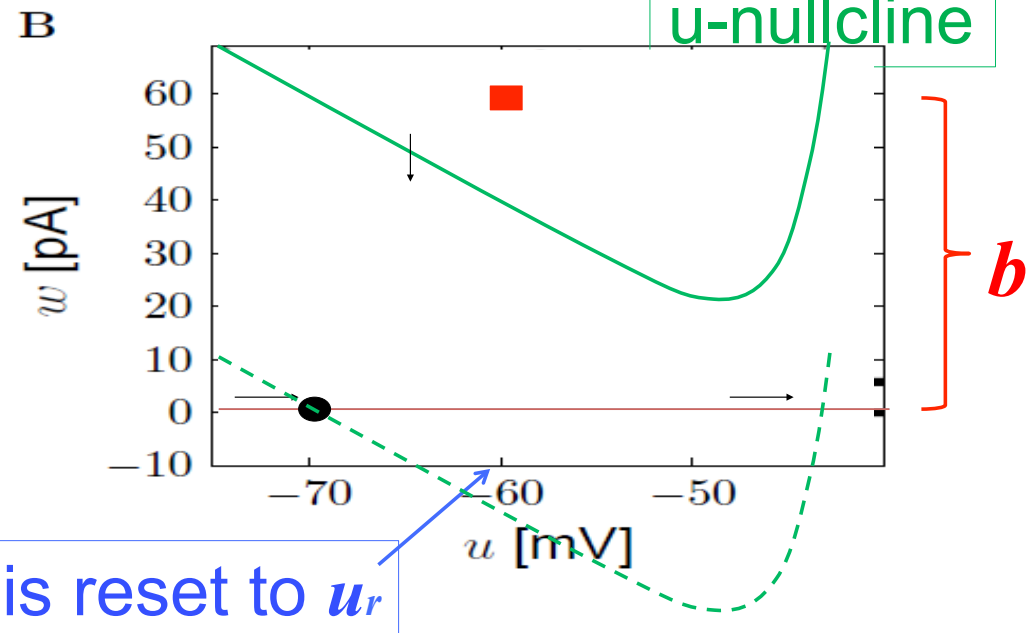
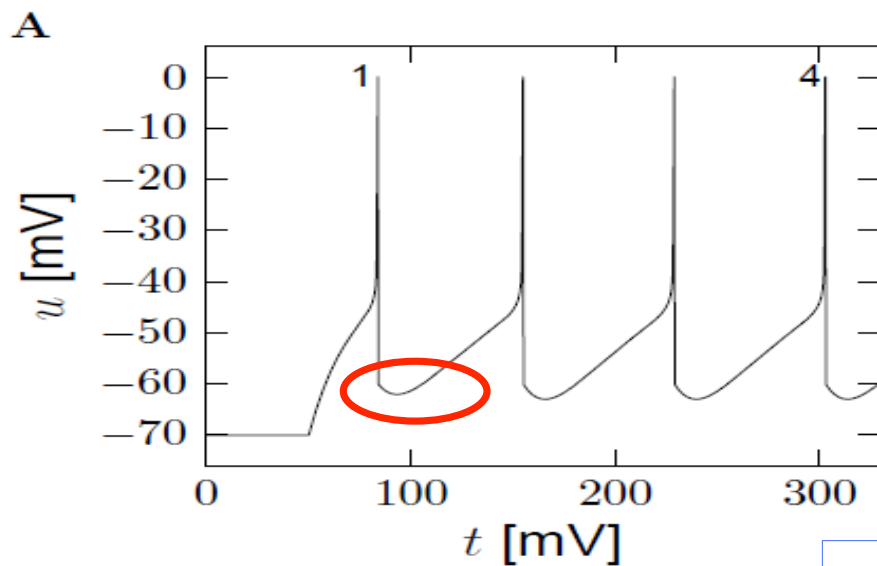
$$\tau \rightarrow \tau_w$$

# AdEx model – phase plane analysis: **large $b$**

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = -(u - u_{rest}) + \Delta \exp\left(\frac{u - \vartheta}{\Delta}\right) + w + RI(t)$$

$$\tau \frac{dw}{dt} = a (u - u_{rest}) - w + b \tau \sum_f \delta(t - t^f)$$

**$a=0$**

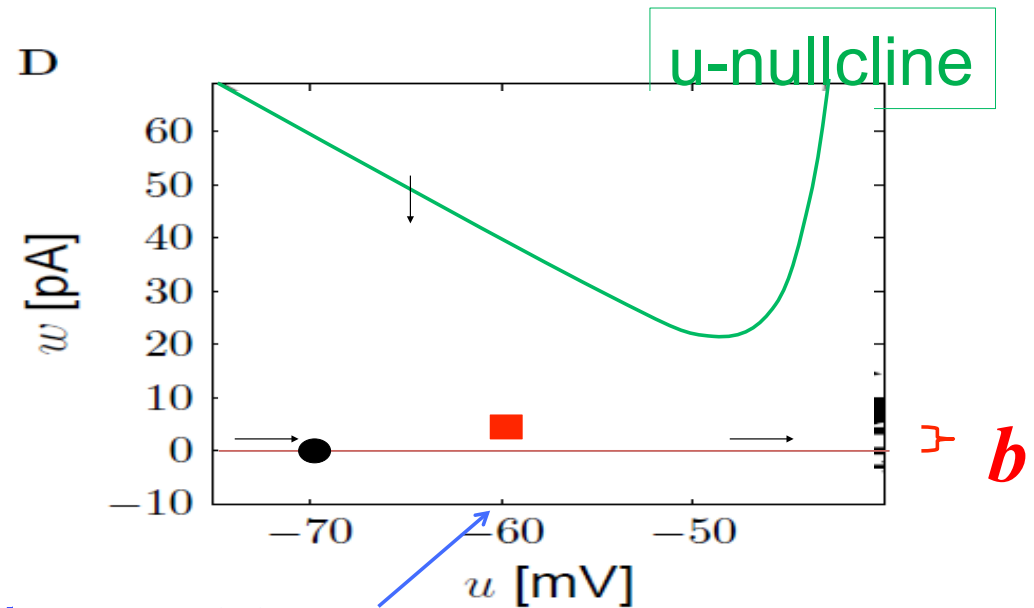


# AdEx model – phase plane analysis: **small $b$**

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = -(u - u_{rest}) + \Delta \exp\left(\frac{u - \vartheta}{\Delta}\right) + w + RI(t)$$

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**adaptation**

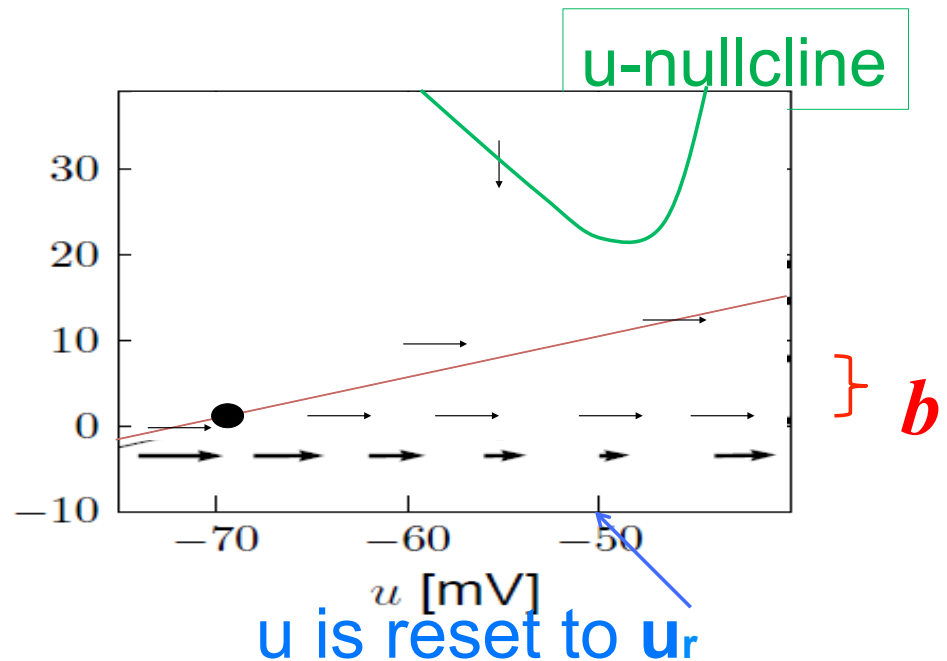


$u$  is reset to  $u_r$

# AdEx model – phase plane analysis: $a > 0$

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = -(u - u_{rest}) + \Delta \exp\left(\frac{u - \vartheta}{\Delta}\right) + w + RI(t)$$

$$\tau \frac{dw}{dt} = a (u - u_{rest}) - w + b \tau \sum_f \delta(t - t^f)$$





## Neuronal Dynamics – 7.2 AdEx model and firing patterns

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = -(u - u_{rest}) + \Delta \exp\left(\frac{u - \vartheta}{\Delta}\right) - R w + R I(t)$$

after each spike  $u$  is reset to  $u_r$

$$\tau_w \frac{dw}{dt} = a (u - u_{rest}) - w + b \tau \sum_f \delta(t - t^f)$$

after each spike  
 $w$  jumps by an amount  $b$

parameter  $a$  – slope of  $w$  nullcline

**Firing patterns arise from different parameters!**

See Naud et al. (2008), see also Izhikheich (2003)

# Neuronal Dynamics – Review: Nonlinear Integrate-and-fire

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$$(1) \quad \tau \frac{du}{dt} = f(u) + RI(t)$$

(2) *If  $u = \theta_{reset}$  then reset to  $u = u_r$*

Best choice of  $f$ : linear + exponential

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = -(u - u_{rest}) + \Delta \exp\left(\frac{u - \vartheta}{\Delta}\right)$$

**BUT: Limitations – need to add**

- ✓ -Adaptation on slower time scales
- ✓ -Possibility for a diversity of firing patterns
- Increased threshold  $\vartheta$  after each spike
- Noise

# Neuronal Dynamics – 7.2 AdEx with dynamic threshold

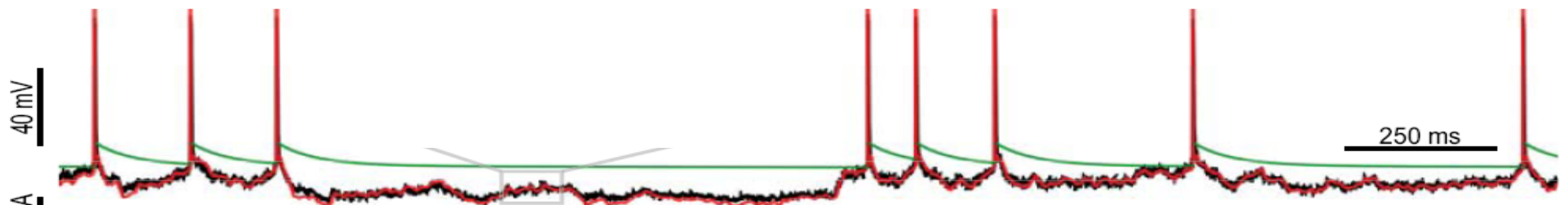
Add dynamic threshold:

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = -(u - u_{rest}) + \Delta \exp\left(\frac{u - \vartheta}{\Delta}\right) - R \sum_k w_k + RI(t)$$

Threshold increases after each spike

$$\vartheta = \theta_0 + \sum_f \theta_1 (t - t^f)$$

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## Neuronal Dynamics – 7.2 Generalized Integrate-and-fire

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$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = f(u) + RI(t)$$

If  $u = \theta_{reset}$  then reset to  $u = u_r$

### add

- ✓ -Adaptation variables
- ✓ -Possibility for firing patterns
- ✓ -Dynamic threshold  $\mathcal{V}$
- Noise

# Neuronal Dynamics – Quiz 7.3. Nullclines for constant input

$$\tau \frac{du}{dt} = -(u - u_{rest}) + \Delta \exp\left(\frac{u - \vartheta}{\Delta}\right) + w + RI(t)$$

$$\tau \frac{dw}{dt} = a (u - u_{rest}) - w + b \tau \sum_f \delta(t - t^f)$$

a=0

Only during reset

**What happens if input switches from  $I=0$  to  $I>0$ ?**

- u-nullcline moves horizontally
- u-nullcline moves vertically
- w-nullcline moves horizontally
- w-nullcline moves vertically

