

Homeostasis at different backgrounds: The roles of overlayed feedback structures in vertebrate photoadaptation

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Supporting Information S3 Text

Response kinetics of controller m2 with antithetic integral control.

Fig S1 shows the scheme of the m2 feedback loop with antithetic integral control [1–4]

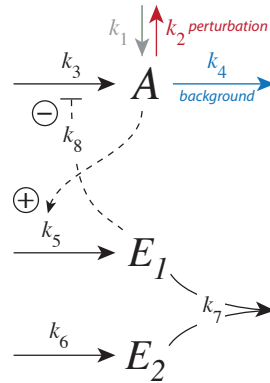


Fig S1. Controller motif m2 with antithetic integral control.

The rate equations are

$$\dot{A} = k_1 - k_2 \cdot A - k_4 \cdot A + \frac{k_3 k_8}{k_8 + E_1} \quad (\text{S1})$$

$$\dot{E}_1 = k_5 \cdot A - k_7 \cdot E_1 \cdot E_2 \quad (\text{S2})$$

$$\dot{E}_2 = k_6 - k_7 \cdot E_1 \cdot E_2 \quad (\text{S3})$$

Making the steady state assumption for E_2 , i.e. $\dot{E}_2 = 0$, we get that $k_6 = k_7 \cdot E_1 \cdot E_2$ and that

$$\dot{E}_1 = k_5 \cdot A - k_6 \quad (\text{S4})$$

Eq S4 shows that the rate of E_1 becomes zero-order with respect to E_1 , like the rate of E in Eq 12 becomes zero-order with respect to E when k_7 values are low with respect to E . Thus, E_1 and E have identical dynamical behaviors. This is shown in Fig S2 when a k_2 1→5 step is applied in both m2 models with a background $k_4=0$.

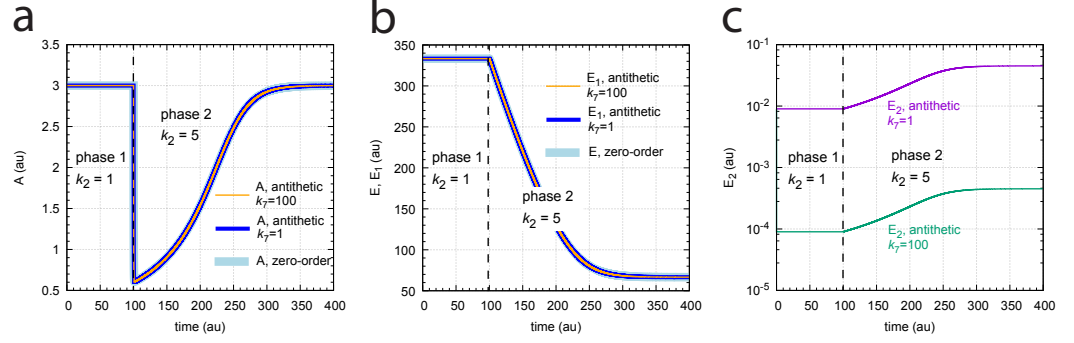


Fig S2. Comparison between m2 (Michaelis-Menten) zero-order controller (Eqs 10-11) and the m2 antithetic controller (Eqs 13-15). In both models a k_2 1 \rightarrow 5 step is applied at time $t=100$ with background $k_4=0$. Other rate constants, m2 (Michaelis-Menten) zero-order controller: $k_1=0$, $k_3=1 \times 10^4$, $k_5=1.0$, $k_6=3.0$, $k_7=1 \times 10^{-6}$, $k_8=0.1$. Other rate constants, m2 antithetic controller: $k_1=0$, $k_3=1 \times 10^4$, $k_5=1.0$, $k_6=3.0$, $k_7=1$ or 100, $k_8=0.1$. Initial concentrations, m2 (Michaelis-Menten) zero-order controller: $A_0=3.0000$, $E_0=3.3323 \times 10^2$. Initial concentrations, m2 antithetic controller (both when $k_7=1$ (thick blue line) or $k_7=100$ (thin orange line)): $A_0=3.0000$, $E_{1,0}=3.3323 \times 10^2$, $E_{2,0}=9.0027 \times 10^{-3}$.

We calculated ΔA_{max} and t_{max} for the m2 antithetic controller with rate constants described in Fig S2, which proved to be identical to those of the m2 zero-order controller (Eqs 10-11). Fig S3 shows the results.

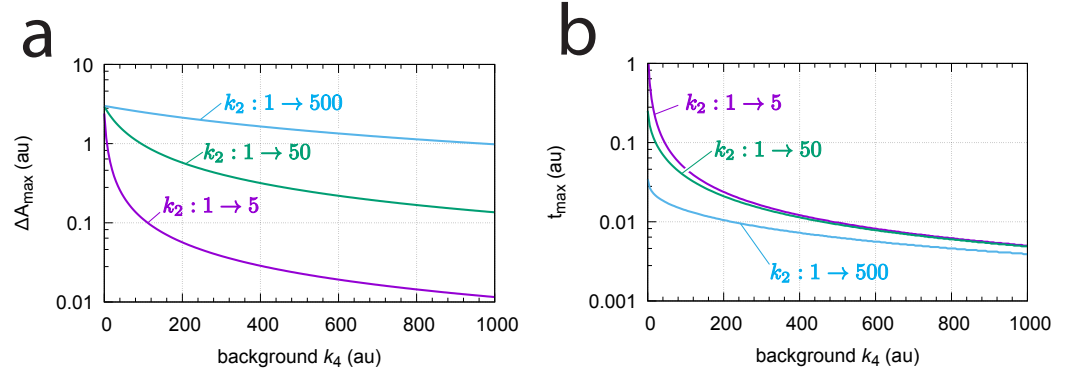


Fig S3. ΔA_{max} and t_{max} (Fig 2a) as a function of background k_4 for the m2 antithetic controller. Rate parameters and initial conditions as described in Fig S2 but k_4 starts at 0 and ends at 1000 with increments of 5. The numerical data are identical to that of the m2 controller described in Figs 8c and d.

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