Energy-based models to describe complex neuronal activities and metabolic constraints

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Abstract

In this work, we introduce new phenomenological neuronal models (eLIF and mAdExp) that account for energy supply and demand in the cell as well as their interactions with spiking dynamics. Through energetic considerations, these new models reproduce a broad range of biologically-relevant behaviors that are identified to be crucial in many neurological disorders, but were not captured by commonly used phenomenological models. Because of their low dimensionality eLIF and mAdExp enable large-scale simulations that are necessary for more realistic studies of brain circuits involved in neuronal disorders. The new models enable both more accurate modeling and the possibility to study energy-associated disorders over the whole time-course of disease progression instead of only comparing the initially healthy status with the final diseased state. These models, therefore, provide new theoretical and computational methods to assess the opportunities of early diagnostics and the potential of energy-centered approaches to improve therapies.

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1. Introduction

Brain metabolism, even in its resting state, constitutes a major source of energy consumption in mammalian species. Indeed, cells — and especially excitable cells such as neurons — undergo constant ion fluxes both along and against the concentration and electric gradients. To move ions against these gradients, an active mechanism is required, which consumes energy in the form of ATP. In cells, this work is mostly associated with the sodium-potassium pump (Na/K pump or NKP) which moves 3 sodium ions out of the cell in exchange for 2 potassium ions moving in for every hydrolyzed ATP molecule, thus creating a net electric current (Glynn 2002). As a result, Na/K pump is responsible for roughly 75% of the total energy consumption in neurons (Howarth, Gleeson, and Attwell 2012), which arguably makes it one of the most important players in the cell: its action makes the energy from the hydrolysis of ATP available to most other processes (Skou 1990), allowing changes in the membrane potential, regulation of the volume, or transport of nutrients inside the cell. Thus the energy level, through the Na/K pump activity, modulates neuronal response and directly influences information processing (Forrest 2014).

Though the Na/K pump has been thoroughly researched in the past decades (Skou 1990, Glynn 2002, surprisingly few neuronal models include the pump and its electrogenic properties (Jasinski et al. 2013, Krishnan et al. 2013, Perez, Zibar, and Ghanim Ullah 2014) and even fewer account for its underlying energy substrate (Pissadaki and Bolam 2013, Wei, G. Ullah, and Schiff 2014). A probable reason for this fact comes from the significant focus of theoretical studies on cortical areas that generally display sparse activity. Such conditions put little or no metabolic stress on the neurons and thus limit the influence of the Na/K pump and energetic constraints on the dynamics. However, the story changes drastically when energy-intensive behaviors such as bursting or fast pacemaking dynamics are considered, or when studying neuronal disorders. Indeed, both situations can place neurons under significant metabolic stress and induce fluctuation in the metabolite and ion concentrations which, from NKP-driven coupling between metabolism and activity, can then lead to major changes in the neuronal dynamics.

Outside of neuroscience, the influence of Na/K pump and energy consumption on activity and disorders were investigated in the context of the cardiac electrophysiology (Noma 1983, Luo and Rudy 1994, Bueno-Orovio et al. 2014). However, awareness is now raising in the neuroscience community, including its most theoretically-oriented members, as an increasing number of publications start to stress the critical influence of mitochondria (Kann and Kovács 2007, Kim et al. 2019) and Na/K pump (Baeza-Lehnert et al. 2019) and the intricate feedback loops between activity and energetics. Some well-known works on energetics in computational neuroscience include the energy budgets from Attwell and Laughlin 2001 and Howarth, Gleeson, and Attwell 2012, as well as studies related to the link between action potential shape and ATP consumption (Hasenstaub et al. 2014, Sengupta et al. 2016). Yet, these studies deal with general budgets from the point of view of optimality theory and do not describe the local interactions between energy levels and spike initiation.

The interactions between energetics and neuronal activity are most visible in neuronal disorders such as epilepsy (Bazzigaluppi et al. 2017, Katsu-Jiménez, Alves, and Giménez-Cassina 2017, Kovács et al. 2018, Alzheimer (Kapogiannis and Mattson 2011), or Parkinson’s disease (Büeler 2009, Haddad and Nakamura 2011). It is therefore in the context of neuronal diseases that one can find the few studies that really focused on these interactions (Wei, G. Ullah, and Schiff 2014, Pissadaki and Bolam 2013, Le Masson, Przedborski, and Abbott 2014). Unfortunately, because such studies are still scarce and the associated modeling frameworks are still limited, computational studies of neuronal disorders currently suffer from at least one of the following issues: a) they do not account for energetic constraints, b) the models do not reproduce important features of the relevant neuronal behaviors, or c) the size of the simulated networks is extremely small.

Here we present new models to help tackle these issues through theoretical descriptions of neuronal dynamics that a) account for energy levels and their influence on neuronal behavior, b) are able to reproduce most relevant neuronal dynamics in the context of disorders such as seizures or Parkinson’s disease, and c) can be used in simulation of networks up to several million neurons.

2. Methods

In the following we describe and discuss the implementation of the new models, starting with a list of features that these models should satisfy. As energetic constraints are especially relevant for behaviors associated to diseased or hypoxic state, we designed our models so that they would be able to provide meaningful behaviors in such conditions.

The requirements fell into two categories: 1) behavioral requirements, associated to the type of responses and biological situations that the models can account for, and 2) practical constraints associated to the computational cost and theoretical complexity of the model.

Regarding the behavioral requirements, the models were designed to account for the following observations:
as mitochondrial health or metabolic resources decrease (e.g. during hypoxia), the excitability of the
euron can increase (Mironov 2007; Le Masson, Przedborski, and Abbott 2014),
decrease in metabolic resources is also associated to an increase in calcium levels (Mironov 2007),
during seizures or when submitted to excessive excitation, neurons undergo depolarization blocks charac-
terized by “superthreshold” membrane potential without spike emission (Bikson et al. 2003),
neuronal bistability, observed in several brain regions (Plenz and Kitai 1998; Loewenstein et al. 2003), is
involved in important mechanisms such as up-and-down states and could also explain discontinuities in
the progression of neurodegenerative diseases (Reinoso et al. 2015),
adaptation currents and bursting or rebound activities which are major players in neuronal disorders
(Jonathan E. Rubin et al. 2012; Buchin et al. 2018).

Our central goal is to develop models that do not only reproduce important behaviors, but also allow for
large-scale event-based simulations. To achieve this, the computational cost and complexity of the models
should be minimal. Thus, we decided to use hybrid models based on the integrate-and-fire paradigm.
We established that models including an adaptation current, such as the AdExp neuron (Brette and Gerstner
2005), were able to provide most of the required dynamics such as bursting and rebound activity (Naud et
al. 2008; Destexhe 2009). The missing requirements — depolarization block and bistability — as well as the
inclusion of metabolic resources would thus come from the addition of dynamic resource availability (broadly
called energy in the following), as shown on Figure 1.

For applications where bursting behavior and adaptation do not play an important role, a simple model
that accounts only for energy dynamics is provided: the eLIF neuron. It introduces energy dynamics as an
addition to the simpler leaky integrate-and-fire (LIF) model and enables us to analyze the consequences of
these constrains in a more straightforward and visual manner. The behavior of this model can also be fully
investigated analytically compared to the 3-dimensional system that arises in a second time when both energy
and adaptation dynamics are considered. This second model, called mAdExp, is built upon the AdExp equations
and can reproduce all desired behaviors. Though analytical analysis of this model can prove challenging, most
of its dynamics can be understood from the complementary analyses of the eLIF and AdExp models.

Figure 1: Variables and interactions that must be present in the models to capture all relevant behaviors, the
main molecules associated to each of the variables are also displayed. The type of interaction is marked
on the arrow. For instance, \( w \) modulates (M) \( V \) as it influences the intrinsic dynamics of \( V \) but does
not usually cause it directly. On the other hand, as changes in the membrane potential are the main
cause of variations in \( w \), \( V \) is said to drive (D) \( w \). Eventually, all mechanisms consume (C) energy.

2.1. Introducing energy: the eLIF model

The first proposed model is a straightforward modification of the standard Leakly Integrate-and-Fire (LIF)
model (Brunel 2008). In order to provide an intuitive and analytically tractable implementation that would
illustrate the consequences of energy dynamics and the constraints it places on spike-emission, we developed a
two-dimensional dynamical system describing the evolution of a) the membrane potential \( V \) of a point neuron
and b) the available amount of energy \( \epsilon \) that the neuron can access. To make the equations more readable
and the parameters easy to interpret, the model is displayed using three equations; However, it can be easily
simplified to a system of two equations only.

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\begin{align*}
\text{if } V & < V_{\text{th}} \text{ or } \epsilon < \epsilon_c \quad \begin{cases} 
C_m \dot{V} &= g_L (E_L - V) + I_{\text{syn}} + I_e \\
\tau_m \dot{\epsilon} &= \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\alpha \epsilon_0} \right)^3 - \frac{V - E_f}{E_d - E_f} - \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \\
E_L &= E_0 + (E_u - E_0) \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \right)
\end{cases}
\end{align*}
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(1)

As in other standard integrate-and-fire models, the neuron possesses a leak potential \( E_L \), a membrane ca-
pacitance \( C_m \), and a leak conductance \( g_L \), the combination of the last two defining the membrane timescale
\( \tau_m = C_m / g_L \). Input from other neurons are represented by \( I_{\text{syn}} \) while external input currents are associated
to \( I_L \). When either of these inputs brings the neuron above its threshold potential \( V_{\text{th}} \), provided that there is
enough energy (\( \epsilon > \epsilon_c \)) a spike is emitted and the voltage is instantaneously reset to \( V_r \).

The available energy \( \epsilon \) varies with a typical timescale \( \tau_c \) and is regulated by a production term (which tries
to maintain it close to the typical energy value \( \epsilon_0 \)) and two consumption mechanisms. The first consumption
mechanism is associated to the fluctuations of the membrane potential. It is responsible for the nonlinear shape
of the \( \epsilon \)-nullcline (see Figure 3, red line). The parameters defining the shape of the nullcline are: the flex
potential \( E_f \) (that corresponds to the inflection point, or \( \text{flex} \), of the curve) and the energy-depletion potential
\( E_d \), that is a potential at which \( \epsilon \)-nullcline crosses the x-axis — \( E_d \) thus corresponds to the lowest voltage-clamp
potential that will lead to complete energy depletion and therefore neuronal death. The second source of energy
consumption is the energetic cost \( \delta \) of the spike generation mechanisms. The ability of the neuron to maintain
its energy levels close to \( \epsilon_0 \) depends on its “energetic health” described by the \( \alpha \) parameter: a healthy neuron
would have a value of \( \alpha \) equal to one, while diseased neuron would see their \( \alpha \) parameter decrease towards zero.

Contrary to most previous models, the leak potential is not constant, as it depends on the energy level of the
neuron. The steady-state value \( E_L \) of the membrane potential thus varies linearly, starting from \( E_u \) when the
energy is zero and decreasing as \( \epsilon \) increases, crossing the potential \( E_0 \) for \( \epsilon = \epsilon_0 \) (see Figure 3 for details).

The behavior of the standard LIF is recovered when \( E_u = E_0 \) and \( \delta = 0 \).

### 2.2. Adaptation and bursting: mAdExp model

In order to model the whole range of biologically-relevant behaviors that can be observed in neuronal disorders
such as epilepsy or Parkinson’s disease, it is necessary to include a modulatory mechanism to account for
cellular and spike-driven adaptation. This second dynamical system keeps the basic properties introduced in
the cLIF model and extends them to accommodate the cellular adaptation and spike initiation mechanisms of
the adaptive Exponential Integrate-and-Fire model (aEIF or AdExp) by Brette and Gerstner [2005]. This leads to
a 3D model with three dynamical state variables which are the membrane potential \( V \), the energy level \( \epsilon \) (as
for the cLIF model), and an adaptation current \( w \):

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\begin{align*}
\text{if } V & < V_{\text{peak}} \quad \begin{cases} 
C_m \dot{V} &= g_L (E_L - V) + g_L \Delta_T \frac{\epsilon - \epsilon_c}{\epsilon_0} \exp \left( \frac{V - V_{\text{th}}}{\Delta_T} \right) - w + I_{\text{syn}} + I_e \\
\tau_m \dot{\epsilon} &= \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\alpha \epsilon_0} \right)^3 - \frac{V - E_f}{E_d - E_f} - \frac{w}{\gamma} \\
\tau_w \dot{w} &= a (V - E_L) - w + \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} I_{K_{\text{ATP}}} \\
E_L &= E_0 + (E_u - E_0) \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \right)
\end{cases}
\end{align*}
\]

(2)

Compared to the cLIF implementation, the presence of the spike initiation mechanism through the exponential
function removes the necessity of a hard threshold for spike prevention due to energy limitation: the \( (\epsilon - \epsilon_c)/\epsilon_0 \)
factor suppresses the exponential divergence as soon as the amount of available energy goes below \( \epsilon_c \).

The dynamics of the \( \epsilon \) variable remains mostly unchanged except for the addition of a new consumption term
associated with the adaptation current \( w \): biologically \( \gamma^{-1} \) corresponds to the energetic cost of bringing back
the potassium ions which exited the cell per pA unit of the adaptation current.
Figure 2: Phase space of the eLIF model in bistable parameter regime. V-nullcline is given by the blue line, \( \epsilon \)-nullcline by the red curve. Fixed points (FPs) are shown by the circles (filled for stable and empty for unstable) and the cross marks the inflection point of the \( \epsilon \)-nullcline. Dashed lines represent the shifts in the V-nullcline which lead to the disappearance of the unstable fixed point and of one of the stable fixed points (saddle-node bifurcation via the external current \( I_e \)). The super-threshold region, where spikes are elicited upon entrance, is marked by the light grey filling; the energy-limiting region (\( \epsilon < \epsilon_c \)) is marked by the grey filling and overlaps with the super-threshold region in the dark grey area, where energy limitations prevent spiking though the neuron is above threshold.

Compared to the original AdExp model, the \( w \) dynamics includes an additional term, \( \frac{\epsilon_c}{\epsilon_c + 2} I_{\text{KATP}} \), to account for ATP-sensitive potassium channels that trigger potassium outflow when the ATP/ADP ratio becomes small.

\( I_{\text{KATP}} \) is thus the maximum current at zero energy. Because of the numerous calcium exchangers in neuronal cells (Altimimi and Schnetkamp 2007; Gomez-Villafuertes, Mellström, and Naranjo 2007), the term responsible for the exponential decay of the adaptation current with timescale \( \tau_w \) is considered to be energy-independent. Thus, only \( E_L \) and K-ATP induce energy-dependent changes in the adaptation current.

2.3. Numerical implementations

Implementations of the models are available for three major simulation platforms: NEST (Farret et al. 2020) through the NESTML language (Perun et al. 2018), BRIAN (Goodman 2009), and NEURON (Hines 2009). Models are available on ModelDB and on GitHub, together with code to reproduce the figures.

2.4. Fitting procedure

To reproduce experimental recordings, we could set some of the model parameters directly from the data. The rest had to be manually adjusted. The following parameters can be informed from the data: a) \( E_L \) was obtained by measuring the median resting value b) the membrane timescale \( \tau_m \) was measured from the initial slope of the membrane dynamics in response to hyperpolarizing currents c) the sum \( g_L + a \) was obtained through a linear regression from the difference between resting \( E_L \) and steady-state \( E_{ss} \) potentials in response to depolarizing currents as \( \Delta V = E_{ss} - E_L = \frac{I_a}{g_L} \). These properties were used to constrain the following parameters: \( C_m \), \( g_L \), \( a \), \( E_L \), \( E_0 \), \( E_u \). All other parameters were then manually adjusted to minimize the discrepancy between subthreshold dynamics, number and time of spikes. Further research would be necessary to find how to automate this procedure using a proper distance function in optimization toolboxes.

3. Results

The new eLIF and mAdExp models enable us to obtain a variety of new dynamics such as rebound spiking, depolarization block, cellular bistability and up-and-down states, as well as biologically relevant transitions from a healthy to a diseased state.

For hybrid models, most of the neuronal dynamics can be understood through two main concepts: a) fixed points (FPs), which are equilibrium states of the model, and b) bifurcations, which are sudden changes in the

\[ \text{https://github.com/Silmathoron/elif-madexp} \]
number or stability of the fixed points, and which make the neuron change its behavior, for instance from resting to spiking.

This section details the aforementioned behaviors and their mechanistic origins through the theory of dynamical systems, using fixed points and bifurcations.

3.1. Behaviors and bifurcations of the eLIF model

The eLIF model, like the integrate-and-fire (LIF) neuron, has only two dynamical states: quiescent or active (spiking). Due to the energetic constraints, the model has two possible quiescent states which are the “normal” resting state, with a membrane potential located below threshold, and a super-threshold state where depleted energy levels prevent spike emission. The finite energy resources also imply that, contrary to the LIF neuron, the active state can be transient, as the neuron transits from its resting state to a quiescent, super-threshold state through an active period.

In the language of dynamical systems, the quiescent states are associated to FPs inside the continuous region (if either $V_{FP} < V_{th}$ or $\epsilon_{FP} < \epsilon_c$), whereas the active state is associated to the absence of a stable FP that can be accessed continuously in the region of phase-space where the neuron lies — see Figure 3.

We will focus here on the situation that is most relevant for the study of neuronal disorders, i.e. the case where $E_u > E_0$, meaning that decrease in energy levels leads to increase in membrane potential. This situation leads to a neuronal behavior which is that of an integrator; another type of behavior, closer to that of a resonator, with dampened oscillations is also possible for $E_u < E_0$ and is discussed in section 3.4 and in the Appendix.

In this situation, due to the nonlinearity of the $\epsilon$-nullcline, the biophysically acceptable domain for steady states ($\epsilon \geq 0$ and $V$ in a reasonable range of potential) can contain either zero, one, or three FPs. In the case of a single, necessarily stable FP, it corresponds to a standard neuron with a single resting state. For certain combinations of the neuronal parameters, the $V$-nullcline can intersect the $\epsilon$-nullcline three times, leading to two stable FPs and one unstable point. This situation corresponds to a bistable cell, where two distinct resting states are possible: an up-state, characterized by lower energy levels and high membrane potential, and a down-state, associated to higher energy and hyperpolarized membrane potential. Responses of the bistable neuron to the different step-currents are illustrated in Figure 3. Depending on initial state and the input the neuron transitions between the up- and down-states. Finally, the situation without FPs in the biophysical domain is
unsustainable and will lead to rapid neuronal death. Possible reasons for transitions between these states will be detailed in the following section.

We use the transitions in the number of FPs, called bifurcations, to predict the behavior of the neuron. The bifurcations can have two separate kinds of consequences, that can potentially happen simultaneously: a) a change in the steady-state behavior of the neuron such as the switch from a unistable to a bistable state or vice-versa, b) a transition from a quiescent to an active state.

Let us discuss these bifurcation in response to an external stimulation associated to an applied current $I_e$.

The consequence of $I_e$ is to shift the $V$-nullcline horizontally (towards more negative potentials if $I_e < 0$, or towards more positive if $I_e > 0$), which can lead to transition between the unistable and bistable states as one stable FP either splits into one stable and one unstable FP or, on the contrary, merges with the unstable FP and disappears. This type of transition is called a saddle-node bifurcation and occurs for:

$$I_e = g_L \left( E_f - E_u + \alpha (E_u - E_0) \right) \left( 1 \pm \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha (E_u - E_0)}{3(E_d - E_f)}} \right)$$

Depending on the value of $I_e$, the neuron can thus display either a single or two stable FPs — see Figure 4 and Appendix A.3.3 for the analytic derivation of the FPs.

As $I_e$ increases, the transition from three FPs to one FP can also lead the neuron to fire, either transiently if the remaining FP is located in the continuous region (if either $V_{FP} < V_{th}$ or $\epsilon_{FP} < \epsilon_c$) or continuously (if $V_{FP} \geq V_{th}$ and $\epsilon_{FP} > \epsilon_c$).

### 3.2. Transition from health to disease

As energy availability decreases, either due to disease (Le Masson, Przedborski, and Abbott, 2014) or hypoxia (Mironov, 2007), neurons often display a parallel increase in their resting membrane potential and excitability, which can lead to highly active periods before the neuron end up in a highly depolarized yet completely non-responsive state also called depolarization block. Biologically, this low-energy state — (d) and below on Figure 4 — would be associated to deregulation of calcium levels and accumulation of oxidizing agents which eventually lead to cell death (occurring when $\alpha$ reaches zero in the model).

Due to the interaction between energy and membrane potential in the cLIF neuron, the model can reproduce this kind of dynamics through the evolution of one or more parameters. The most straightforward way to model this transition is through the $\alpha$ parameter which represents the energetic health of the neuron — see Figure 4.

The progressive decrease in the value of $\alpha$, from values close to 1 for a healthy neuron to values that tend towards zero for a diseased cell, leads to progressive changes in the membrane potential and excitability of the neuron. The typical behavior of the model, illustrated on Figure 4, consists of a slow increase of the resting membrane potential, and thus of the excitability, until the background noise or external input is sufficient to trigger spike emission from the neuron. Once that happens, the cell enters a highly active state in which it remains until the progressive decrease of $\alpha$ brings the target energy below $\epsilon_c$, at which point spike emission stops and the neurons enters a highly depolarized and non-responsive state.

### 3.3. Dynamics of the mAdExp model, biologically-relevant behaviors

Despite the multiple interesting features of the cLIF model, several important dynamics such as bursting or adaptation cannot be reproduced within the model. In order to recover all relevant behaviors, we added a spike-generation mechanism as well as an adaptation current to the cLIF model to obtain the mAdExp model (modified AdExp with energy dependency).

This 3-dimensional model is then able to provide all the features of the cLIF and AdExp models while bringing the dynamics closer to biological observations, especially in large-input or stress-inducing situations. Figure 4 shows several standard neuronal responses reproduced by the model, as well as how these responses evolve as the input intensity increases up to values where the neuron cannot sustain continuous activity.

Though the theoretical analysis of the model becomes more complex, “standard” resting states for healthy neurons can be very well approximated by the fixed point of the cLIF model because the adaptation current is usually close to zero at rest. Furthermore, their response to low-intensity stimuli can be accurately predicted by the AdExp model with the same common parameters and the corresponding $E_L$ value. Most healthy neurons thus share the bifurcations associated to the AdExp model (Naud et al., 2008; Touboul and Brette, 2008), with the notable addition of a new bifurcation for rebound spiking which will be developed in the next section.

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2"standard" meaning that $V_{FP}$ is several $\Delta_T$ smaller than $V_{th} - \Delta_T \ln \left( \frac{E_r - E_d}{\Delta_T} \right)$

3see Appendix for detailed calculations as well as comparison of predictions and models
Figure 4: One possible pathway for the transition between healthy and diseased state in the eLIF model. In the model, progressive decrease in the “energetic health” factor $\alpha$, from 1 to 0.3, leads to a succession of changes in both the number of fixed points (FPs) and in their properties. The middle panel shows the evolution of the FPs’ energy levels — filled circles for stable FPs, empty for unstable FPs — with the grey line marking $\epsilon_c$. Four stages of the disease progression are also illustrated in phase-space: (a) healthy neuron with a single FP. (b) bifurcation to a 3 FPs state without major changes in the dynamical properties (susceptible but potentially “asymptomatic” cell). (c) bifurcation to a single low-energy FP associated to an extremely excitable state (diseased cell). (d) further decrease of the energetic health brings the FP below the energy threshold $\epsilon_c$, leading the neuron to become unresponsive. In stages (a) and (b), the neuron lies in its resting state in the absence of input; however, at stages (c) and (d), the two insets on the upper panel show the membrane dynamics of the neuron for a hypothetical “accelerated evolution” of the disease, where the neuron respectively enters (35-second simulation) and leaves (45-second simulation) the “hyperactive” region where usually subthreshold inputs (here modeled by a Poisson noise) are sufficient to trigger uncontrolled spiking. See Table 2 in Appendix A.6 for detailed parameters.
Figure 5: Typical dynamics of the mAdExp model with different parameter settings in response to current steps given by the scale bars — 500 ms for all entries — in yellow to mark lower excitation, red to mark higher excitation, blue bar and asterisk on IR to mark inhibitory current. The behaviors include regular spiking (RS), adaptive spiking (AS), initial burst (IB), regular bursting (RB), transient spiking (TS), delayed bursting (DB), and delayed accelerating (DA). Similar responses to the lower (yellow) currents can be achieved by the original AdExp model. However, each of these dynamics now comes with an “energy-depleted” state for high input current (red), associated to a depolarization block (responses associated to red bars), that cannot be captured by AdExp model. In addition to these standard behaviors, dynamical repertoire of the mAdExp neuron also includes a different mechanism for post-inhibitory rebound spiking (IR), and can display post-excitatory rebound (ER) or intermittent spiking dynamics (IS). See Table 3 in Appendix A.6 for detailed parameters.
3.4. Rebound spiking mechanisms in the different models

Rebound spiking is a common property in neurons, with is potentially significant in epilepsy (Chang et al. 2018) and for information processing, be it in the striatum (Steuber et al. 2011), the thalamocortical loop (Grenier, Timofeev, and Steriade 1998), or in auditory processing (Rajaram et al. 2019) and grid cells response generation (Ferrante et al. 2016; Shay et al. 2016).

This mechanism, though already available in several models such as AdExp (Brette and Gerstner 2005), strongly restricts the responses of the neuron such that only a fraction of the typical dynamics of rebound-spiking neurons can be recovered. The reason is that, in the AdExp model, rebound bursting is always associated to a sag and significant adaptation — see conditions in (Touboul and Brette 2008) and Appendix A.5 — and therefore cannot reproduce either non-sag subthreshold responses or some spiking behaviors associated to excitatory inputs, cf. Figure 6.

The mAdExp model provides two new ways of extending the variety of rebound behaviors that can be modeled: a) by introducing a new mechanism for rebound spike generation without inhibitory sag and b) through the energy dynamics, leading to less significant sags and lower excitability compared to the adaptation mechanism — see also Figure 8 in the Appendix.

Rebound spiking in mAdExp can occur through a new bifurcation for $E_u - E_0 < \Delta_T$ and $V_{th}$ sufficiently low (see Appendix A.5 for details) which leads to the positive divergence of the $V$-nullcline before $V_{th}$ and thus to the existence of a stable fixed point such that $V_{th} > V_{FP} > V^*$, with

$$V^* = V_{th} + \Delta_T \ln \left(\frac{E_u - E_0}{\Delta_T}\right) < V_{th}.$$  

Figure 6 shows how the mAdExp model can successfully reproduce complex behaviors found in the Allen Cell Types Database such as rebound bursting with little to no sag (A.2) or cells displaying both rebound spiking and rapid depolarization block (B.2). Due to the mAdExp properties, the possibility of rebound dynamics is thus extended compared to the AdExp model and can be obtained with or without sag, as well as with or without spike adaptation.

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4. Discussion

4.1. Biological roots of the energy variable

Because of the strong reductionist approach chosen in designing these models, the $\epsilon$ variable cannot directly, and especially not quantitatively, be related to any biological measurement. However, since the models were made to reproduce biological mechanisms and behaviors, some qualitative analysis is possible.

Indeed, with respect to the transition from health to disease, as well as to the K-ATP channels (associated to the $I_{\text{KATP}}$ parameter in the mAdExp model), the $\epsilon$ parameter would represent the ATP/ADP ratio to which pumps and channels are sensitive (Proks et al. 2016; Meyrat and von Ballmoos 2019).

Finally, the evolution of the $\alpha$ parameter can be related to metabolic insults associated to either mitochondrial defects (Coskun et al. 2012; Franco-Iborra, Vila, and Perier 2016) or buildup of various molecules such as reactive oxygen species (ROS) (Pandya, Nukala, and Sullivan 2013; Zsurka and Kunz 2015).

4.2. Consequences of the $V/\epsilon$ relationship

One of the major features of the model is the interaction between the energy level and the resting potential of the neuron. This interaction can lead to a transition from “healthy” or “optimally responsive” neurons to “diseased”, non-responsive neurons. Interestingly the neuron may go through a hyper-excitiable state during this transition, meaning that disease progression can be marked by a broad range of neuronal dynamics and properties.

Because changes in the energy level affect the neuronal excitability, the synchronizability and information processing properties of the neurons change significantly as their available energy decreases. This property of the model matches observations in various neurodegenerative diseases. Synchronizability notably changes in Parkinson’s disease (PD), for instance, where oscillations in the beta range (13–30 Hz) become predominant and are thought to be involved in some motor symptoms. Though known variations in the connectivity strongly influence this dynamical change, modification of intrinsic neuronal properties due to metabolic insult are also likely to contribute to the transition towards more synchronized activity (Jonathan E. Rubin et al. 2012; Jonathan E Rubin 2017). Even more obvious, epileptic seizure are characterized by excessive or hyper-synchronous neuronal activity and their onset and termination are likely to be related to the metabolic state of the neurons (Jirsa et al. 2014; Bazzigaluppi et al. 2017; Katsu-Jiménez, Alves, and Giménez-Cassina 2017).

Finally, the transition through a hyperactive phase before entering the non-responsive depolarized state has also be proposed for diseases such as ALS (Le Masson, Przedborski, and Abbott 2014).

From an information transfer perspective, the positive retroaction between depolarization and energy depletion can lead to increased false positives due to hyperexcitable neurons in diseased conditions. Furthermore, because of the necessity of a minimum “metabolic level” for spike emission, this also means that energy-impaired neurons cannot sustain long-term responses, and would tend to display phasic responses. These combined effects could further drive bursty activity such as what is observed in PD, where the reliability of thalamic relay breaks down and the cells start emitting bursts of activity which could lead to tremor (Zirh et al. 1998; Devergnas et al. 2016).

The mAdExp model can reproduce the main relevant dynamical properties in these phenomena and therefore enables detailed and potentially large-scale computational studies. Such simulations could lead to more realistic dynamical models and thus to new experimentally testable predictions.

4.3. Limitations

Due to their simplicity, the eLIF and mAdExp models still suffer from many of the limitations of the original LIF and AdExp models.

For example, the eLIF cannot reproduce bursting behavior and can only exhibit simple accelerating or decelerating spiking patterns. Though the dynamical richness of mAdExp is greater than the LIF and AdExp models, its adaptation mechanism also possesses the same drawbacks as the original model: the presence of a single adaptation timescale $\tau_w$.

Furthermore, since multiple biological phenomena are associated to or can affect the $\epsilon$ variable (Na$_i$ inactivation, ATP/ADP ratio, pH, ROS...), precise experimental predictions and relations to biochemical pathways can be quite complex or even impossible to predict, at least if several phenomena are occurring on similar timescales.

For instance, the depolarization block ($\epsilon_c$ in the model) is often associated to sodium inactivation. Though this feature was probably selected due to energetic constraints (in order to prevent hyperactivity) and is therefore generally associated to energetic considerations both in neurons (Carter and Bean 2009) and in other excitable cells (Zou et al. 2013), it is not directly related to metabolic substrate.

Eventually, complex interactions between sodium or calcium levels and ATP production (Llorente-Folch et al. 2015; Giorgi, Marchi, and Pinton 2018) is only coarsely implemented in the model. In particular, because...
the adaptation variable $w$ represents calcium-gated potassium, and not directly the calcium levels, interactions between $\epsilon$ and $w$ would not capture precise biological mechanisms. Overall, calcium dynamics can have very different impacts on ATP production, depending on concentrations and timescales, which cannot be completely accounted for by the simple relationship present in the model.

5. Conclusion

The two models introduced in the present study provide a novel reductionist approach to include generic energetic constraints and energy-mediated dynamics to the models of single neurons. The low-dimensional nature of these two dynamical systems makes them suitable for analytical investigation of energy-based bifurcations in neuronal behaviors, as well as for large scale simulations.

The mAdExp model, in particular, is able to replicate a large range of biologically-relevant behaviors as well as their evolution under metabolic stress. Complex behaviors that are crucial for some brain regions and disorders, such as rebound spiking or depolarization block, now can be successfully reproduced. Since energetics plays a critical role in many disorders, this model is especially well suited to explore possible origins of the differences observed between normal and diseased activities in neuronal populations.

Finally, these new models are not limited to the comparison between specific healthy or diseased states, as they provide a tunable parameter to represent neuronal health. Thus, the continuous transition between states can now be investigated, as well as dynamical feedback between activity and resource consumption in resource-limited conditions such as in neuronal cultures or seizures.
A. Appendices

A.1. Acknowledgments

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A.2. Benchmarks

The runtime of the models was measured using NEST 2.20 (Fardet et al., 2020) and compared with existing implementations. The neurons were parametrized to spike at 25 Hz during 60 s and compared to a baseline run of 60 s without any neuron model. Table 1 compares the runtime of all models mentioned in this paper, as well as conductance-based neurons.

As can be seen from Table 1, the runtime of the models are similar to or faster than those of the AdExp and conductance-based models, while accounting for energy dynamics and displaying a larger variety of behaviors.

A.3. Fixed points and bifurcations of the eLIF model

A.3.1. Nullclines

The two nullclines of the model are given by:

$$
\begin{align*}
V_{vn} &= E_0 + \frac{I_e}{g_L} + (E_u - E_0) \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \right) \\
V_{en} &= E_f + (E_d - E_f) \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\alpha \epsilon_0} \right)^3
\end{align*}
$$

A.3.2. Saddle-node bifurcation via $I_e$

For a state where 3 FPs are present (see Figure 2), the coalescence of the higher stable FP, $S_+$, and the unstable FP, $U$, occurs at a point $B = (V_B, \epsilon_B)$, when the $V$-nullcline touches the 3rd order polynomial, i.e. when the local slope of the tangent to the curve is equal to

$$
- \frac{E_u - E_0}{\epsilon_0} = - \frac{3(E_d - E_f)}{\alpha \epsilon_0} \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\alpha \epsilon_0} \right)^2
$$

which leads to

$$
\begin{align*}
\epsilon_B &= \alpha \epsilon_0 \left( 1 \pm \frac{\alpha (E_u - E_0)}{3(E_d - E_f)} \right) \\
V_B &= E_f \mp \frac{1}{\sqrt{E_d - E_f}} \left[ \frac{\alpha (E_u - E_0)}{3} \right]^{3/2}
\end{align*}
$$

Using also the second equation for $V_B$, one gets the two critical values for $I_e = \pm I_e^*$

$$
I_e^* = \frac{(E_f - E_0) \pm 1}{\sqrt{E_d - E_f}} \frac{\alpha}{3} \left( E_u - E_0 \right)^{3/2} - (E_u - E_0) \left( 1 - \alpha \left( 1 \pm \frac{\alpha (E_u - E_0)}{3(E_d - E_f)} \right) \right)
$$

Which can be further simplified to give Equation 3.

| Model  | None | LIF | AdExp | eLIF | mAdExp | HH   | HH+Ca |
|--------|------|-----|-------|------|--------|------|--------|
| Runtime (s) | 0.75 | 0.8 | 2.7   | 2.86 (1.79) | 3.52 (2.56) | 3.47 | 4.92   |

Table 1: Runtime of various models in NEST. A “baseline” run with no neuron (None), compared to runs with one neuron of each of the mentioned models. For the new energy-based models (eLIF and mAdExp), two runs were performed: one using a naive implementation and another using slightly optimized implementation (between parentheses). Conductance-based models are also included: a standard Hodgkin-Huxley (HH) model which can display regular spiking and depolarization block, and one with calcium and calcium-gated potassium (HH+Ca) to reproduce bursting dynamics.
A.3.3. General solution for the fixed points

The FPs of the eLIF model are the intersection of the two nullclines given by Equation 8. Writing out the equation for the FPs results in the 3rd order polynomial. From Nickalls [1993], we can get the general solution for the roots of this 3rd order polynomial in the case where $E_u > E_0$. Let us write it under the form $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$, given $x = \epsilon / \epsilon_0$

Coefficients here are given by:

- $a = (E_d - E_f) / \alpha^3$, $b = -3(E_d - E_f) / \alpha^2$, $c = 3(E_d - E_f) / \alpha - (E_u - E_0)$, $d = E_u - E_d + I_c / g_L$
- $x_N = -b / (3a) = \alpha$, $y_N = 2b^2 / 27a^2 - bc / 3a + d = E_u - E_f - \alpha (E_u - E_0) + I_c / g_L$
- $\delta^2 = (b^2 - 3ac) / 9a^2 = \alpha^3 (E_u - E_0) / [3(E_d - E_f)]$
- $h = 2a \delta^3 = 2(E_d - E_f) / \alpha (E_u - E_0) / [3(E_d - E_f)]^{3/2}$

Note that, though $\delta$ was used for coherence with Nickalls [1993], it is not related to the $\delta$ parameter which appears in Equation 8 and is associated with the spiking cost in the neuronal model.

3 real solutions If $I_c \in [I_{c-}^*, I_{c+}^*]$, we define

$$\theta = \frac{1}{3} \arccos \left( \frac{-y_N}{h} \right)$$

and get

$$r_k = x_N + 2\delta \cos \left( \theta + \frac{2(k - 1)}{3} \pi \right) = \alpha + 2 \alpha \sqrt{\beta (E_u - E_0) / (3(E_d - E_f))} \cos \left( \theta + \frac{2(k - 1)}{3} \pi \right) \text{ for } k \in \{1, 2, 3\}$$

which leads to

$$\epsilon_k = \epsilon_0 (1 - r_k)$$

At the bifurcation points If $I_c = I_{c\pm}$, one recomputes $\delta$ as $-\sqrt{\frac{27}{2} \frac{y_N}{h}}$ to get its correct sign.

This gives

$$r = \delta = \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\alpha (E_u - E_0)}{2(E_d - E_f)} \left( 1 - \frac{2}{\alpha} \pm \frac{3}{3} \sqrt{\frac{\alpha (E_u - E_0)}{3(E_d - E_f)}} \right) \right]^{1/3}$$

Then

$$\epsilon_1 = \epsilon_0 (1 + r), \quad \epsilon_2 = \epsilon_0 (1 - 2r)$$

Single real solution In the case where $I_c \notin [I_{c-}^*, I_{c+}^*]$ or $E_u \leq E_0$, the single real root and is obtained through Cardano’s formula:

$$r = -\frac{b}{3a} + \left( \frac{-q}{2} + \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4} + \frac{p^3}{27}} \right)^{1/3} + \left( \frac{-q}{2} - \sqrt{\frac{q^2}{4} + \frac{p^3}{27}} \right)^{1/3}$$

with $p = \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} - \frac{\delta^2}{3a^2}$, $q = 2 \left( \frac{b}{3a} \right)^3 - \frac{3b}{2a} \delta + \frac{d}{a}$ and $\epsilon = \epsilon_0 (1 + r)$

In all cases, the associated values of $V$ can then directly be calculated from the equation of one of the nullclines in Equation 8.

A.4. Fixed points and bifurcations of the mAdExp model

Nullclines

The nullclines of the mAdExp model can be expressed in multiple ways, among which:

$$\epsilon_{V_n}(V, w) = \epsilon_0 \frac{E_u - V - \Delta T \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \exp \left( \frac{(V - V_{th})}{\Delta T} \right) + (I_c - w) / g_L}{E_u - E_0 - \Delta T \exp \left( \frac{(V - V_{th})}{\Delta T} \right)}$$

$$V_{cn}(\epsilon, w) = E_f + (E_d - E_f) \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \right)^3 - \frac{w}{\gamma} \right]$$

$$V_{wn}(\epsilon, w) = E_0 + (E_u - E_0) \left( 1 - \frac{\epsilon}{\epsilon_0} \right) + \frac{w}{\alpha} - \frac{\epsilon_c}{\epsilon_c + 2\epsilon} I_{KATP}$$

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Figure 7: $I - f$ curves of the eLIF neuron for different threshold values $V_{th}$ (left/right). The corresponding phase-space is shown in the middle. Threshold values are -65.5 (dark grey), -63, -61, and -59 mV (light grey); they correspond to the associated curves on the $I - f$ plots and to the dashed vertical lines on the phase-space representation. The type of the curve depends on the position of $V_{th}$ compared to the position of the low-energy fixed point (FP) at the bifurcation point which is shown as a filled black circle: for $V_{th} > V_{FP}$, the neuron has a continuous type I response curve whereas for $V_{th} > V_{FP}$ the curve, though still continuous, becomes closer to a type II curve, with a sharp increase starting immediately at the bifurcation current $I_0^*$. See Table 2 in Appendix A.6 for detailed parameters.

A.5. Behaviors

This section provides some additional information regarding the behaviors that can be obtained through the eLIF and mAdExp models. Figure 7 shows how different parameters can give rise to both type I and type II $I - f$ curves.

Rebound spiking/bursting

The following paragraphs show an example of “rebound activity” with the eLIF model (Figure 8), as well as details about the conditions leading to rebound activity for the AdExp and mAdExp models.

AdExp

For the AdExp model, rebound spiking occurs (Touboul and Brette 2008) either:

- for type I excitability ($a/g_L < \tau_m/\tau_w$)
  - a) if $\tau_m/\tau_w < 1$
  - or b) if $\tau_m/\tau_w \left(1 - \frac{\tau_m}{\tau_w}\right)^2 < a/g_L$
- in all situations for type II excitability ($a/g_L > \tau_m/\tau_w$)
Figure 8: Dynamics of the eLIF model as timeseries (left) and in phase-space (right) for $E_u < E_0$ (resonant behavior). The behavior of the model is shown in response to four different inputs, shown in grey on the V subplot: a low depolarizing current (a: 10 pA), a stronger depolarizing current (b: 30 pA), a large depolarization (c: 80 pA), and a hyperpolarizing current (d: -60 pA). Corresponding behavior in phase-space is shown in the four right panels, with spike emission marked by an empty left triangle and reset position marked by a dot: (a) the neuron leaves the fixed point (FP), then goes back towards it (both transitions are associated to and up/downshoot), (b) the neuron spikes at decreasing frequency as its energy is depleted, (c) the neuron spikes, then enters a depolarization block for high stimulation, (d) post-inhibitory overshoot is associated to rebound spiking. See Table 2 in Appendix A.6 for detailed parameters.

- a) if $\tau_m/\tau_w < 1$
- b) if $\tau_m/\tau_w \geq 1$

Cases I.b and II.b correspond to a neuron exhibiting dampened oscillations, so the presence of the sag is obvious. For cases I.a and II.a, the faster timescale associated to the membrane potential conditions the presence of a sag. Because type II excitability with $\frac{\tau_m}{4\tau_w} \left( 1 - \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m} \right)^2 > a/g_L$ is impossible, as $\frac{\tau_m}{4\tau_w} \left( 1 - \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m} \right)^2 < \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m} < \frac{a}{g_L}$ for $\tau_m/\tau_w \geq 0$, this covers all cases. Thus, rebound spiking in the AdExp model is always associated to a sag.

This can also be shown mathematically for I.a and II.a by looking at the eigenvector associated to the lowest eigenvalue:

$$\lambda_- = -\frac{\tau_m}{2\tau_w} \left[ 1 + \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m} + \sqrt{\left( 1 - \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m} \right)^2 - 4 \frac{a\tau_w}{g_LL\tau_m}} \right] \quad \text{and} \quad e_- = \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m} + \sqrt{\left( 1 - \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m} \right)^2 - 4 \frac{a\tau_w}{g_LL\tau_m}}}{2\tau_w/\tau_m} \right)$$

For $\tau_m/\tau_w < 1$ (I.a and II.a), the denominator $d$ of the $x$ component of $e_-$ gives its sign, and since

$$d = 1 - \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m} + \sqrt{\left( 1 - \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m} \right)^2 - 4 \frac{a\tau_w}{g_LL\tau_m}} < 1 - \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m} + 1 - \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m} = 0$$

one can see that, as expected from the ratio of timescales, there is always an overshoot and a sag for I.a and II.a.

mAdExp The new rebound bursting behavior is associated to a positive divergence of the $V$-nullcline (cf. Equation [10]). Since the divergence occurs for

$$V^* = V_{th} - \Delta_T \ln \left( \frac{E_u - E_0}{\Delta_T} \right)$$

the positive sign is obtained for

$$V_{th} \leq E_u - \Delta_T \ln \left( \frac{E_u - E_0}{\Delta_T} \right) - \frac{\epsilon_c}{\epsilon_0} (E_u - E_L) + \frac{I_e - w}{g_L}.$$ 

To get the mAdExp model to display rebound spiking and no sag one must combine the previous condition with the constraints of the AdExp and eLIF models.
• the condition for no overshoot is a type I neuron with either \( \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m} > 1 \) or \( \frac{a}{gL} > \frac{\tau_m}{4\tau_w} \left(1 - \frac{\tau_w}{\tau_m}\right)^2 \), or any neuronal type with \( a \leq 0 \) (note that for small values of \( a \), the sag, though technically present, can be neglected for all practical purposes),

• the condition for no overshoot due to energy dynamics is \( E_u \geq E_0 \) (necessary for the).

### A.6. Parameters

Detailed parameter sets used in the different figures can be found in the following tables.

#### Table 2: Parameters used with the eLIF model.

| Parameter   | Value Unit | Value Unit | Value Unit | Value Unit |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| \( C_m \)   | 100. pF    | 200. pF    | 100. pF    | 100. pF    |
| \( g_L \)   | 9. nS      | 12. nS     | 9. nS      | 9. nS      |
| \( E_0 \)   | -62.5 mV   | -58.5 mV   | -69. mV    | -61. mV    |
| \( I_e \)   | 0. pA      | 35. pA     | 0. pA      | 0. pA      |
| \( V_{th} \)| -58.5 mV   | -55. mV    | -62. mV    | -65. mV    |
| \( \alpha \) | 1.         | 1.         | 1.         | 1.         |
| \( E_d \)   | -40. mV    | 0. mV      | 0. mV      | -40. mV    |
| \( E_f \)   | -62. mV    | -55. mV    | -66. mV    | -62. mV    |
| \( \epsilon_0 \) | 0.5 | 0.5         | 0.5        | 0.5        |
| \( \epsilon_c \) | 0.18 | 0.15       | 0.1        | 0.2        |
| \( \delta \) | 0.018      | 0.02       | \{0, 0.01\} | 0.02       |
| \( V_{reset} \)| -62. mV | -57. mV | -66. mV | -62. mV |
| \( t_{ref} \) | 0. ms | 2. ms | 2. ms | 2. ms |
| \( \tau_e \) | 200. ms | 500. ms | 1000. ms | 200. ms |

#### Table 3: Parameters used for the different behaviors of the mAdExp model on Figure 5.

| Parameter   | Value Unit | Value Unit | Value Unit | Value Unit |
|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| \( C_m \)   | RS 104     | AS 104     | IB 130     | RB 130     |
| \( g_L \)   | 4.3        | 4.3        | 18         | 8          |
| \( E_0 \)   | -64        | -52.5      | -56        | -55        |
| \( V_{th} \)| -58        | -52        | -53        | -54        |
| \( \Delta_T \)| 0.8      | 0.8        | 2          | 2          |
| \( a \)     | 0          | 2          | 2          | 3          |
| \( \tau_w \)| 20         | 300        | 150        | 60         |
| \( b \)     | 0.5        | 5          | 50         | 60         |
| \( V_{reset} \)| -61      | -54        | -52.5      | -50        |
| \( t_{ref} \)| 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          |
| \( E_d \)   | -60        | -45        | -52        | -50        |
| \( E_f \)   | -46        | -45        | -45        | -45        |
| \( \epsilon_0 \) | 0.5      | 0.5        | 0.5        | 0.5        |
| \( \epsilon_c \) | 0.15     | 0.15       | 0.15       | 0.15       |
| \( \delta \) | 0.02      | 0.02       | 0.02       | 0.02       |
| \( \gamma \) | 1000      | 200        | 200        | 200        |
| \( \tau_e \) | 500       | 500        | 500        | 500        |
| \( I_{KATP} \)| 1         | 1          | 1          | 1          |
| \( I_{low} \)| 50        | 50         | 100        | 100        |
| \( I_{high} \)| 300      | 200        | 250        | 300        |

Table 3: Parameters used for the different behaviors of the mAdExp model on Figure 5.
|                | Rebound (no sag) mAdExp | Rebound (no sag) AdExp | Unit |
|----------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------|
| $C_m$          | 80                      | 62.5                   | 50.  |
| $g_L$          | 3.2                     | 2.5                    | 2.   |
| $E_0$          | -61.7                   | /                      | -60. |
| $E_L$          | /                       | -62.1                  | -71. |
| $V_{th}$       | -54.1                   | -54.3                  | -57.5|
| $\Delta T$     | 3.9                     | 3.                     | 3.   |
| $\alpha$       | 0.2                     | 1.                     | 1.8  |
| $\tau_u$       | 500.                    | 500.                   | 250. |
| $b$            | 1.5                     | 5.                     | 10.  |
| $V_{reset}$    | -56.5                   | -56.5                  | -53. |
| $t_{ref}$      | 2.                      | 2.                     | 2.   |
| $I_e$          | 0.                      | 0.                     | 0.   |
| $E_a$          | -61.5                   | /                      | -48. |
| $\gamma$       | 1000.                   | /                      | 200  |
| $\epsilon$     | 1.                      | /                      | 8.   |
| $\delta$       | 0.2                     | /                      | 4.   |
| $I_{KATP}$     | 0.1                     | /                      | 0.1  |

Table 4: Parameters used to match rebound spiking behaviors on Figure 6.

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