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1 INTRODUCTION

The AX460 Single Input pH Analyzer has been enhanced with the addition of Proportional Integral Derivative (PID) control.

PID control can be either relay output (Time Proportioning or Pulse Frequency) or analog output.

The control output can be configured as either a **Single PID Controller** (Reverse or Direct Acting) or as a **Dual PI Controller** (Bi-directional Acid/Base).

The output from the **Single PID Controller** is assignable to either a relay or an analog output.

The outputs from the **Dual PI Controller** are assignable to either relays, analog outputs or one of each type.

This supplementary manual provides additional information relevant to the PID control features of the analyzer and must be read in conjunction with the *User Guide* (IM/AX4PH).

1.1 Single PID Controller – Fig. 1.1

The single PID controller is a basic feedback control system using three-term PID control with a local set point.

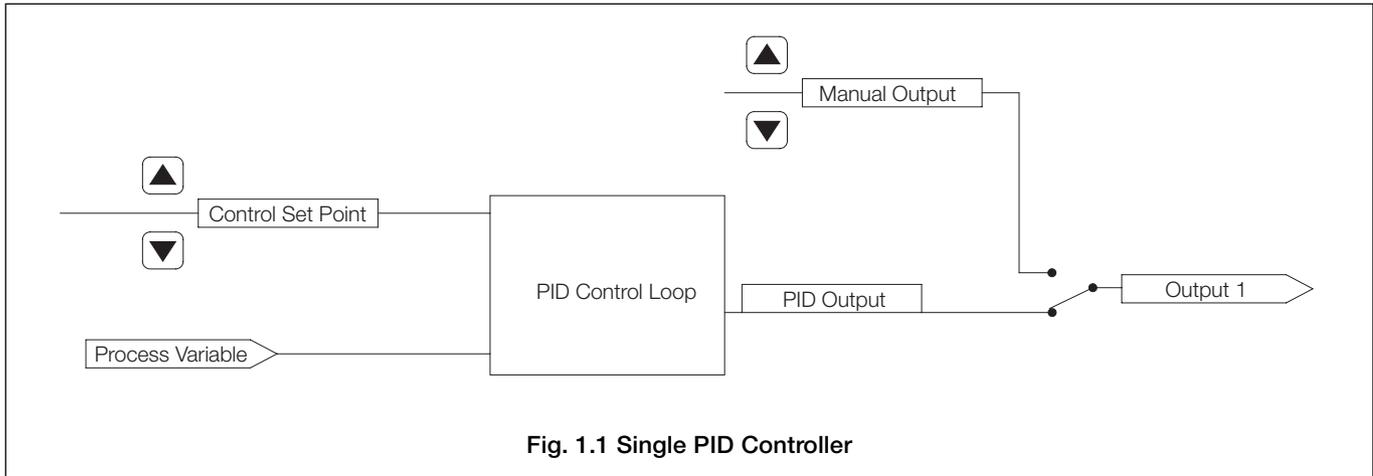


Fig. 1.1 Single PID Controller

1.1.1 Reverse Acting (Base) Single PID Control – Fig. 1.2

Reverse acting control is used when the process pH is less than the required output pH. Normally, a base is added to the sample to increase the pH value.

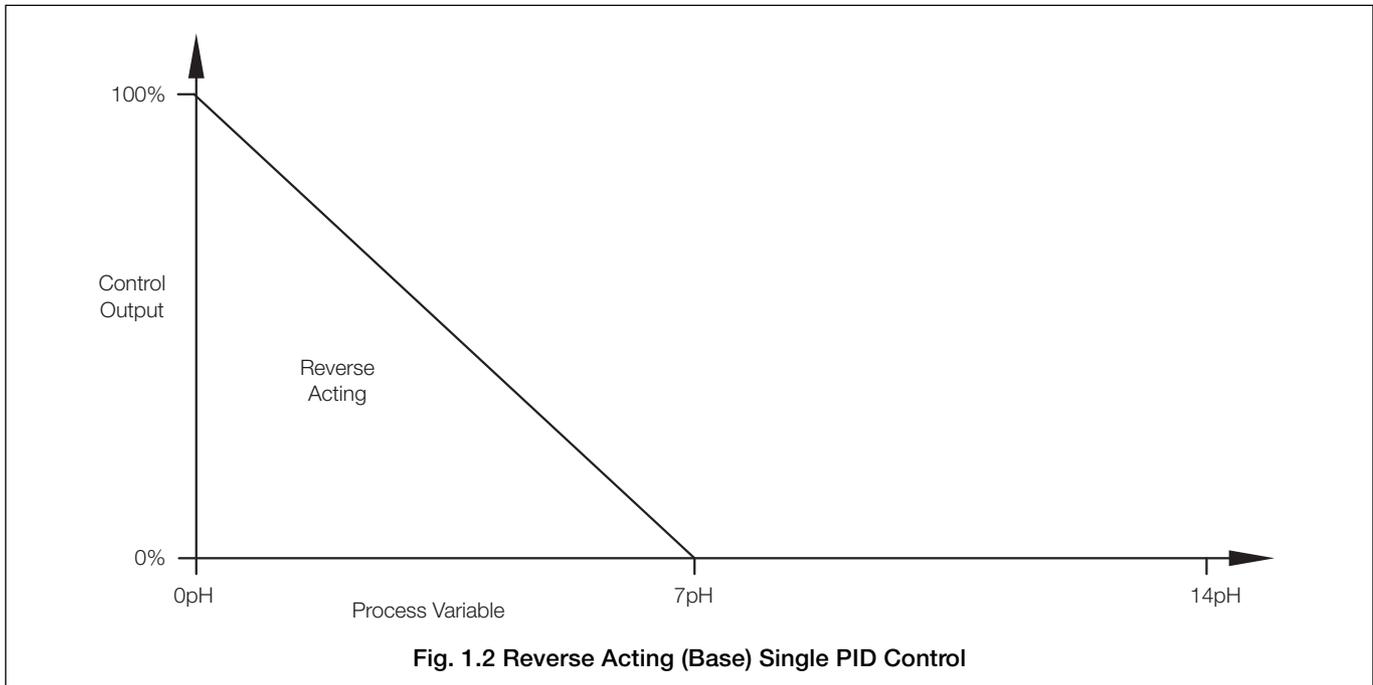


Fig. 1.2 Reverse Acting (Base) Single PID Control

1.1.2 Direct Acting (Acid) Single PID Control – Fig. 1.3

Direct acting control is used when the process pH is greater than the required output pH. Normally, acid is added to the sample to decrease the pH value.

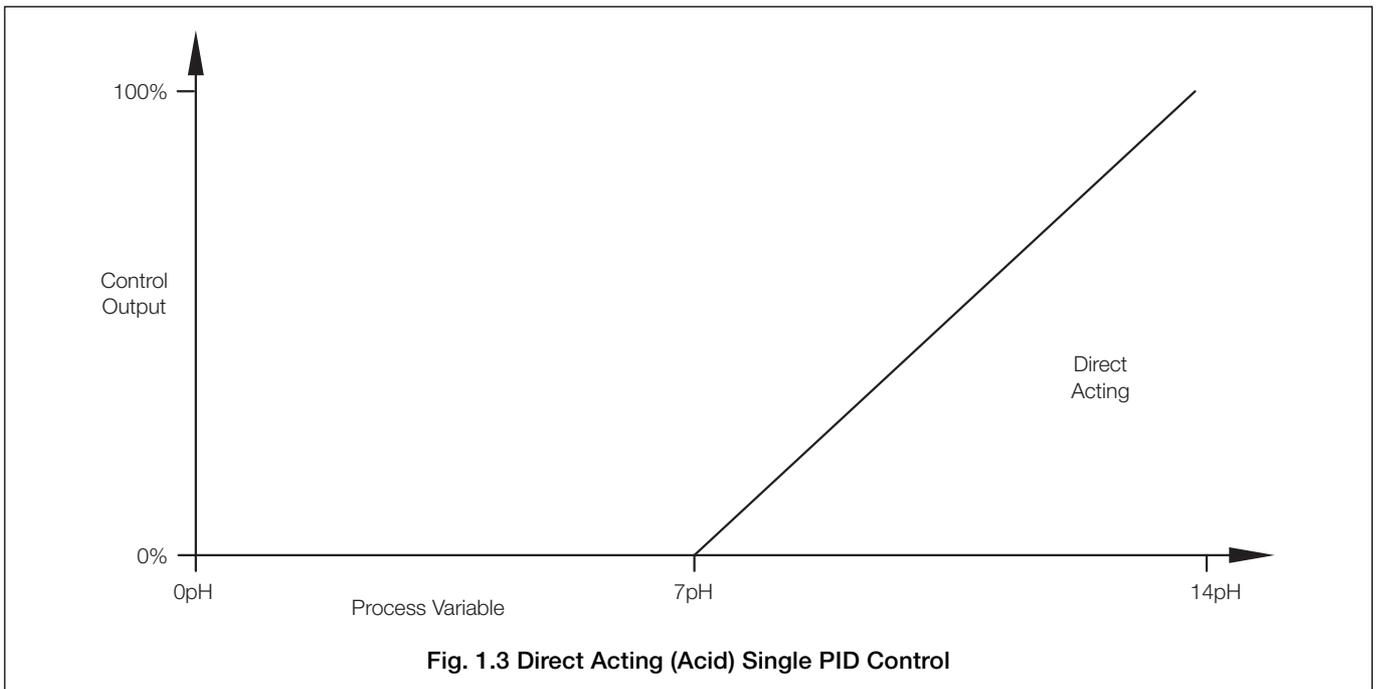


Fig. 1.3 Direct Acting (Acid) Single PID Control

1.2 Dual (Bi-directional) PI Controller – Figs 1.4 and 1.5

The dual (bi-directional) PI controller is a dual-feedback control system using P + I control with two local set points.

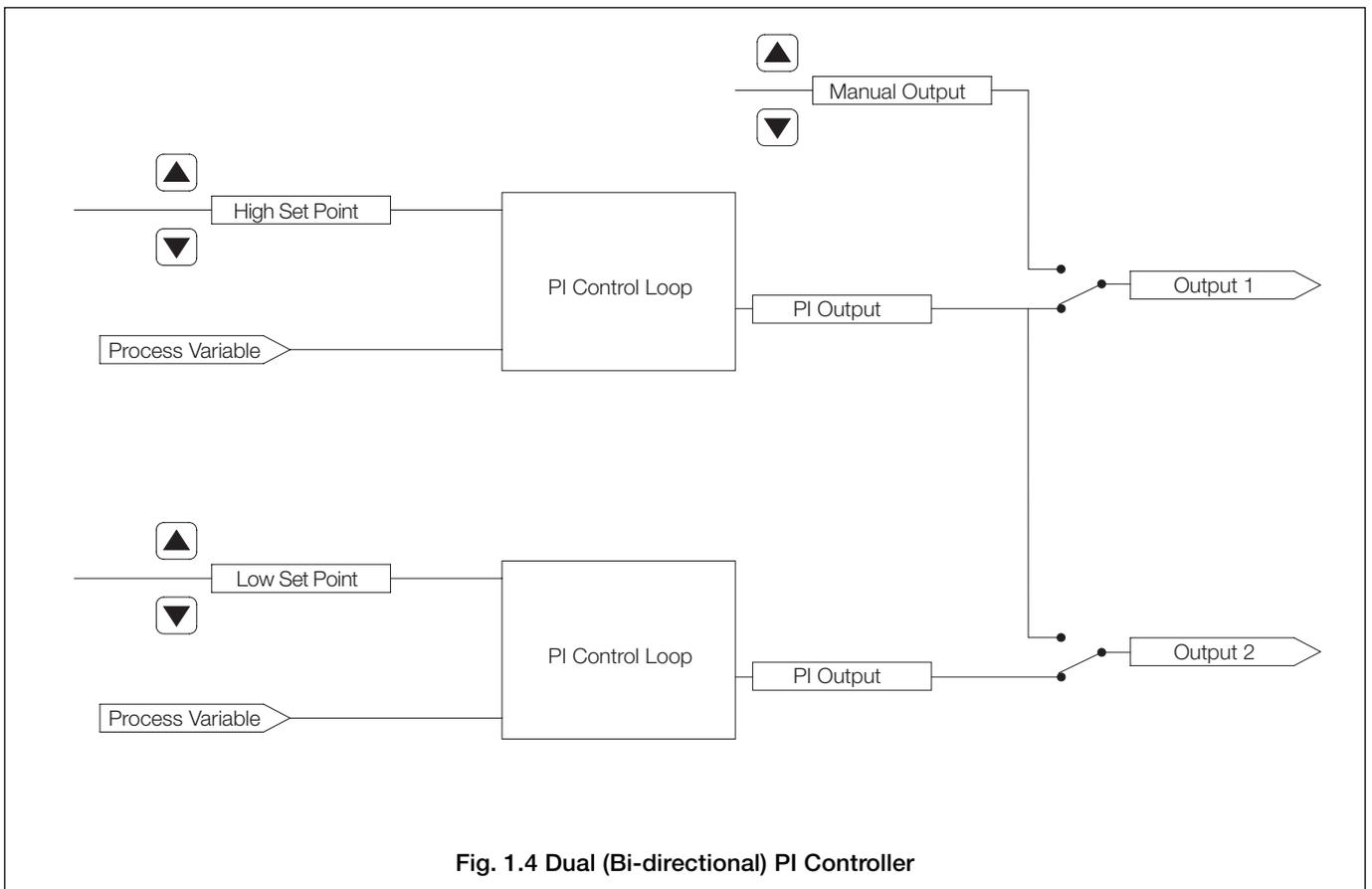
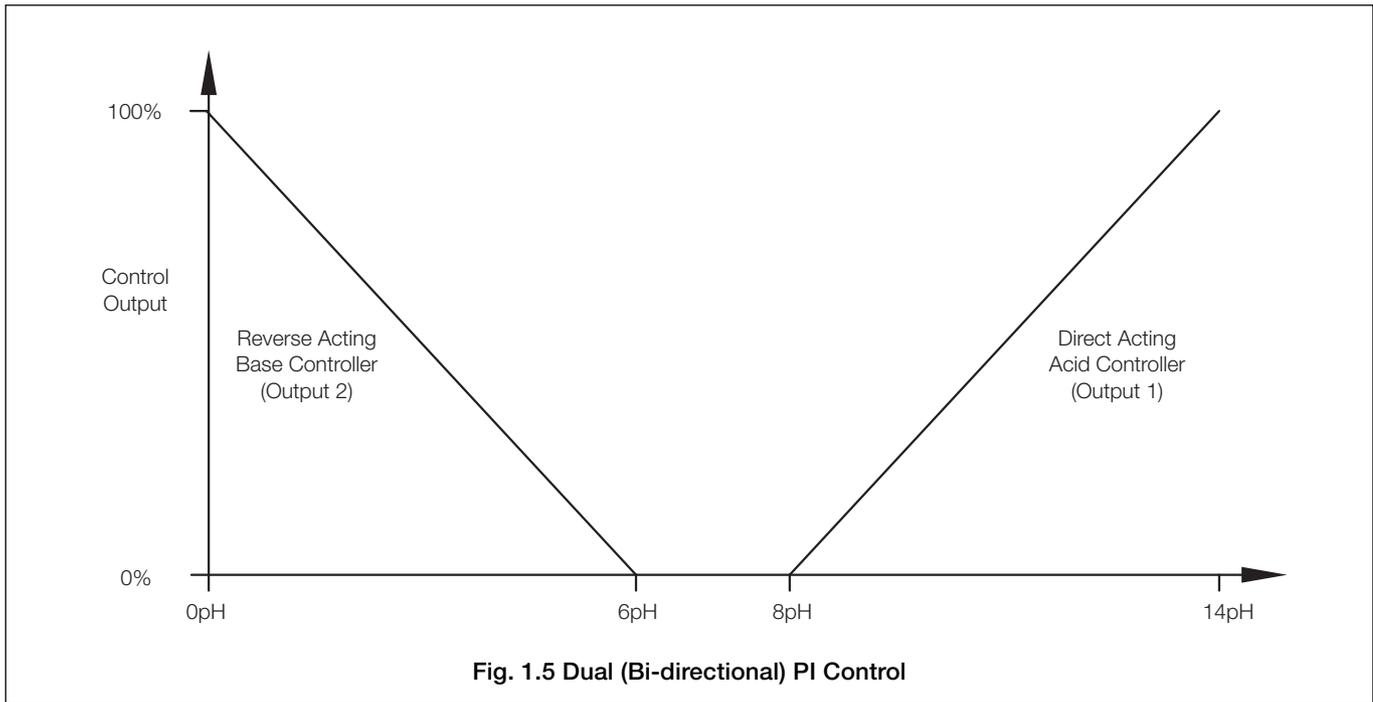


Fig. 1.4 Dual (Bi-directional) PI Controller

...1 INTRODUCTION

...1.2 Dual (Bi-directional) PI Controller – Figs 1.4 and 1.5

Dual (bi-directional) control is used if the pH value must be controlled within specified upper and lower limits. The minimum span between set points is 0.5pH.



1.3 Output Assignment

For single PID control, the output signal is assignable to either relay 1 or analog output 1. For dual (bi-directional) PI control, the output signals are assignable to any two of the following outputs: relay 1, relay 2, analog output 1 and analog output 2 – see Table 1.1 and Section 4.3.

Single PID Controller

Output Type	Relay 1	Relay 2	Relay 3	AO 1	AO 2
Analog	X	X	X	✓	X
Time or Pulse	✓	X	X	X	X

Dual (Bi-directional) PI Controller

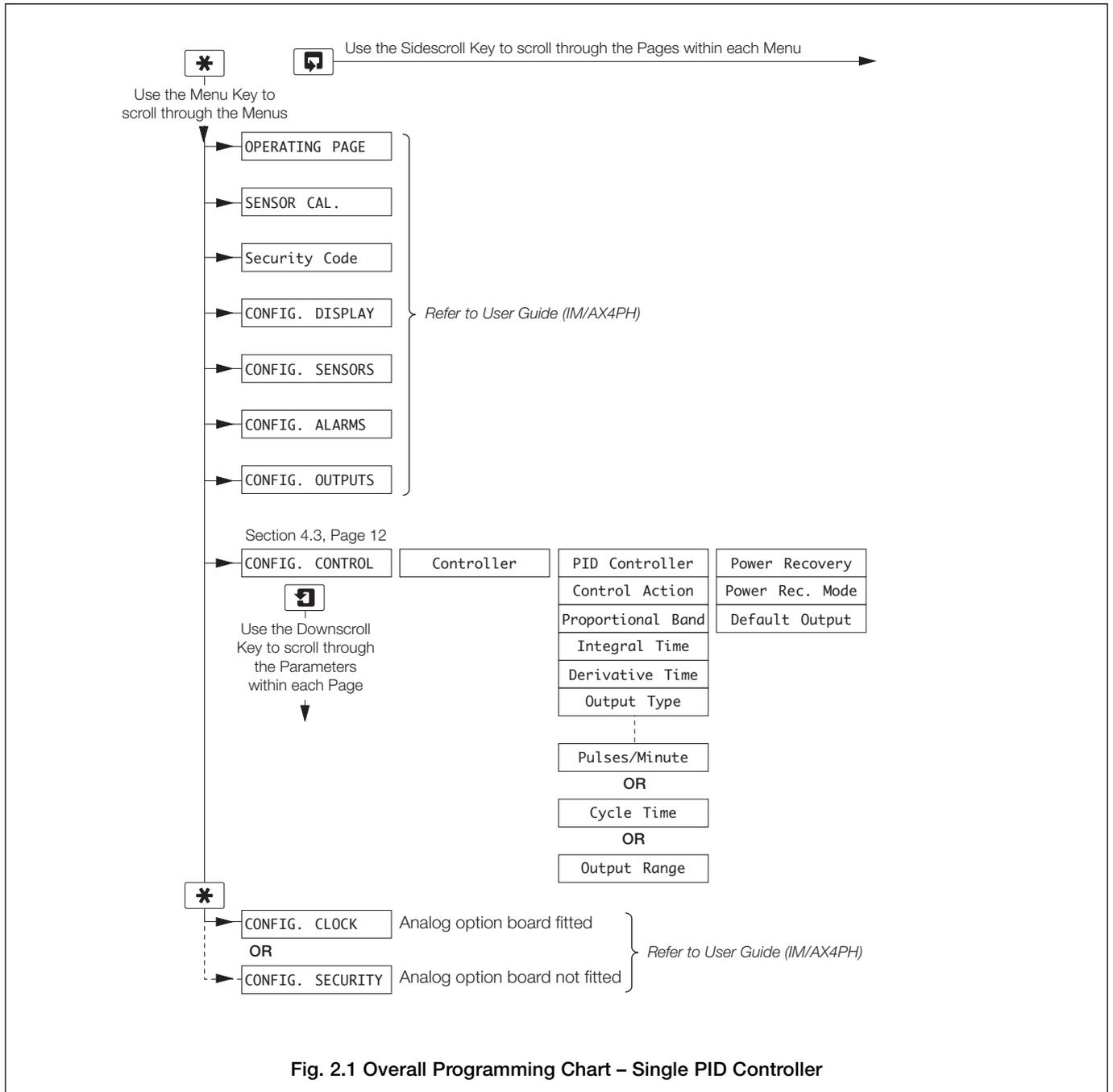
Output Type (Direct Acting – Acid Controller)	Output Type (Reverse Acting – Base Controller)	Relay 1	Relay 2	Relay 3	AO 1	AO 2
Analog	Analog	X	X	X	✓	✓
Time or Pulse	Analog	✓	X	X	X	✓
Analog	Time or Pulse	X	✓	X	✓	X
Time or Pulse	Time or Pulse	✓	✓	X	X	X

Table 1.1 Output Assignment

2 OPERATION

2.1 Introduction

The location of the PID controller programming pages and menus within the analyzer's operating software is shown in the overall programming charts – see Figs. 2.1 and 2.2.



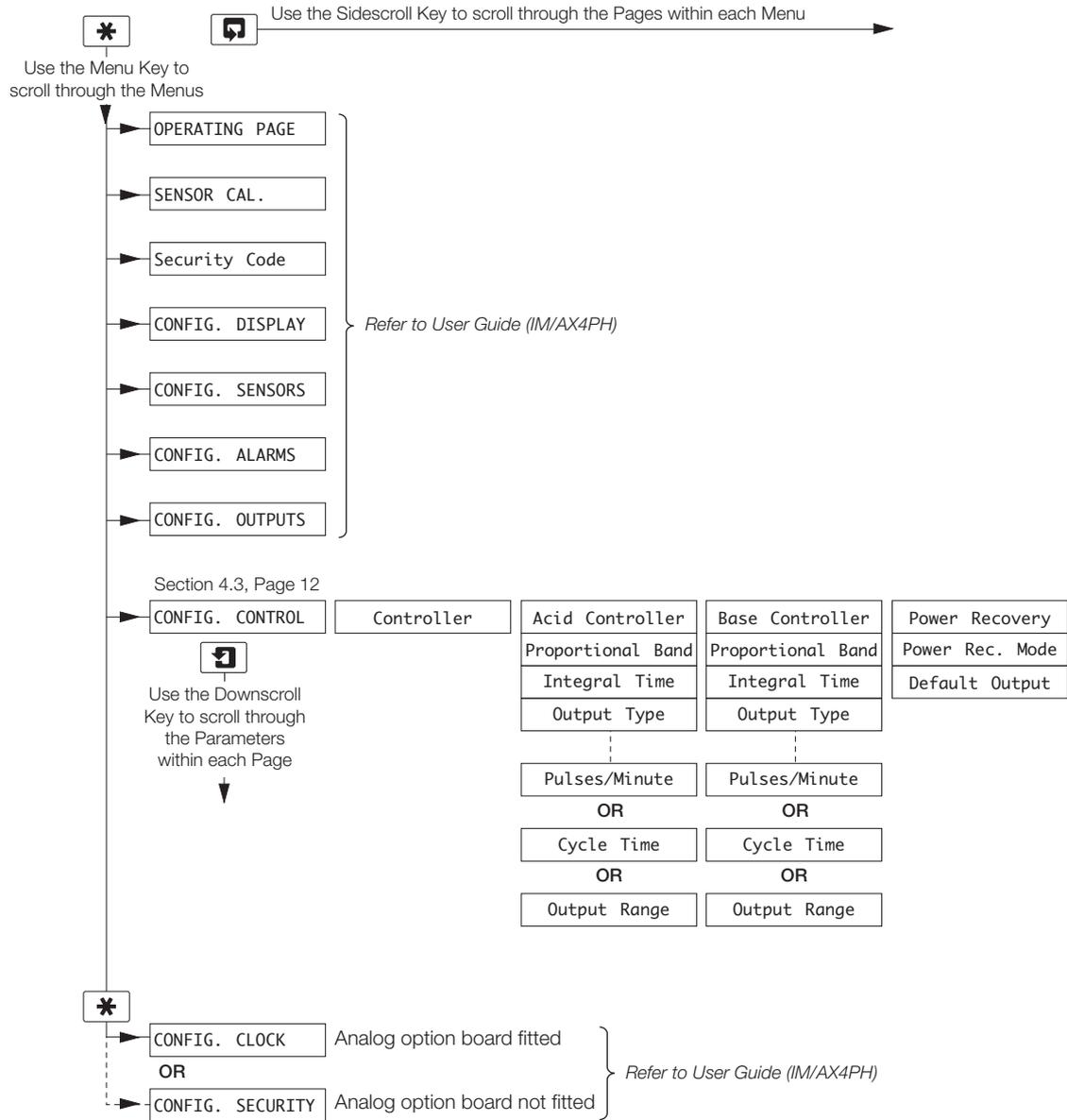
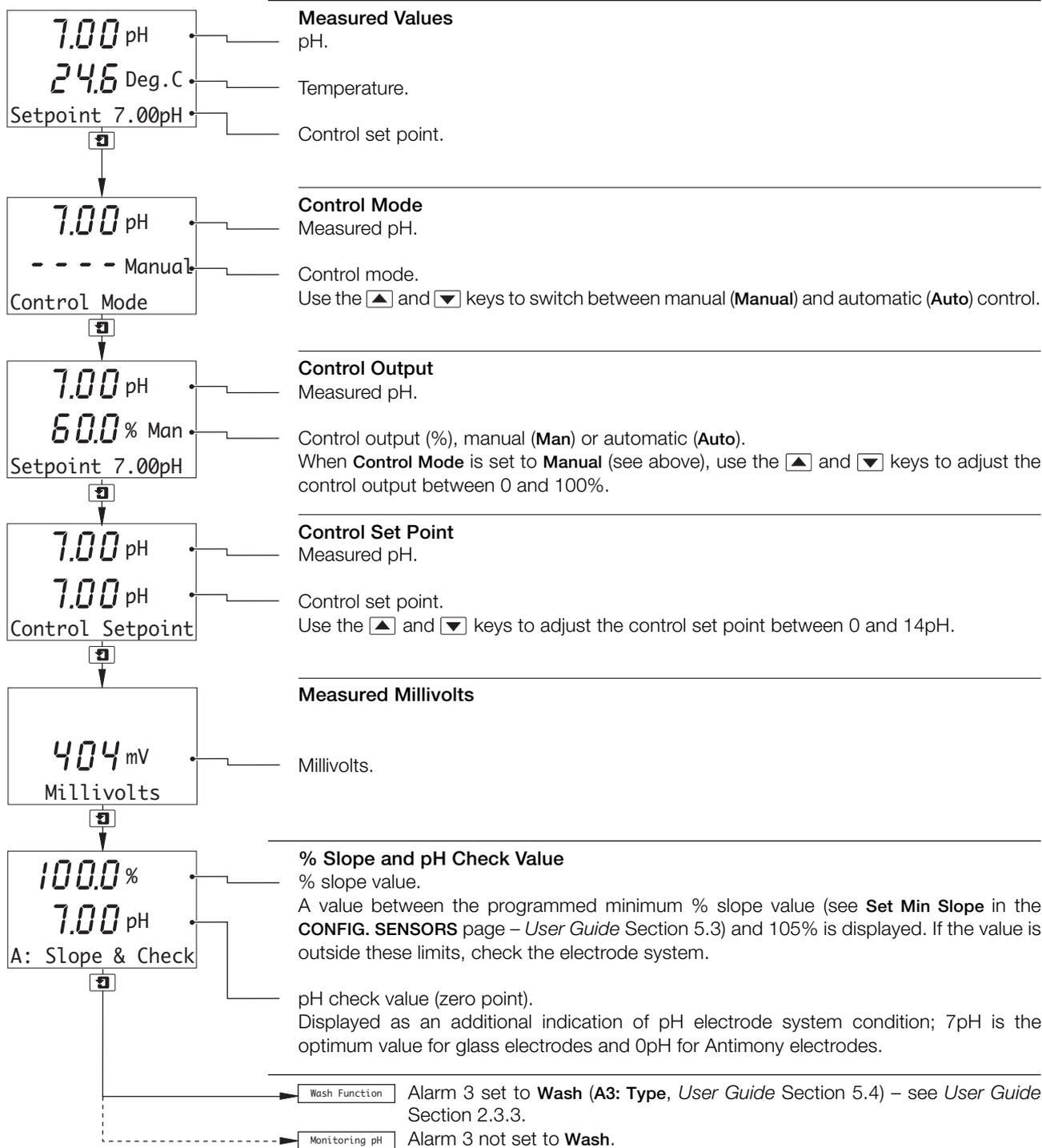


Fig. 2.2 Overall Programming Chart – Dual (Bi-directional) PI Controller

2.2 Operating Page

2.2.1 Single PID Controller

Note. The Single PID Controller operating page replaces the Single Input pH operating page shown in Section 2.3.1 of the *User Guide*, IM/AX4PH.

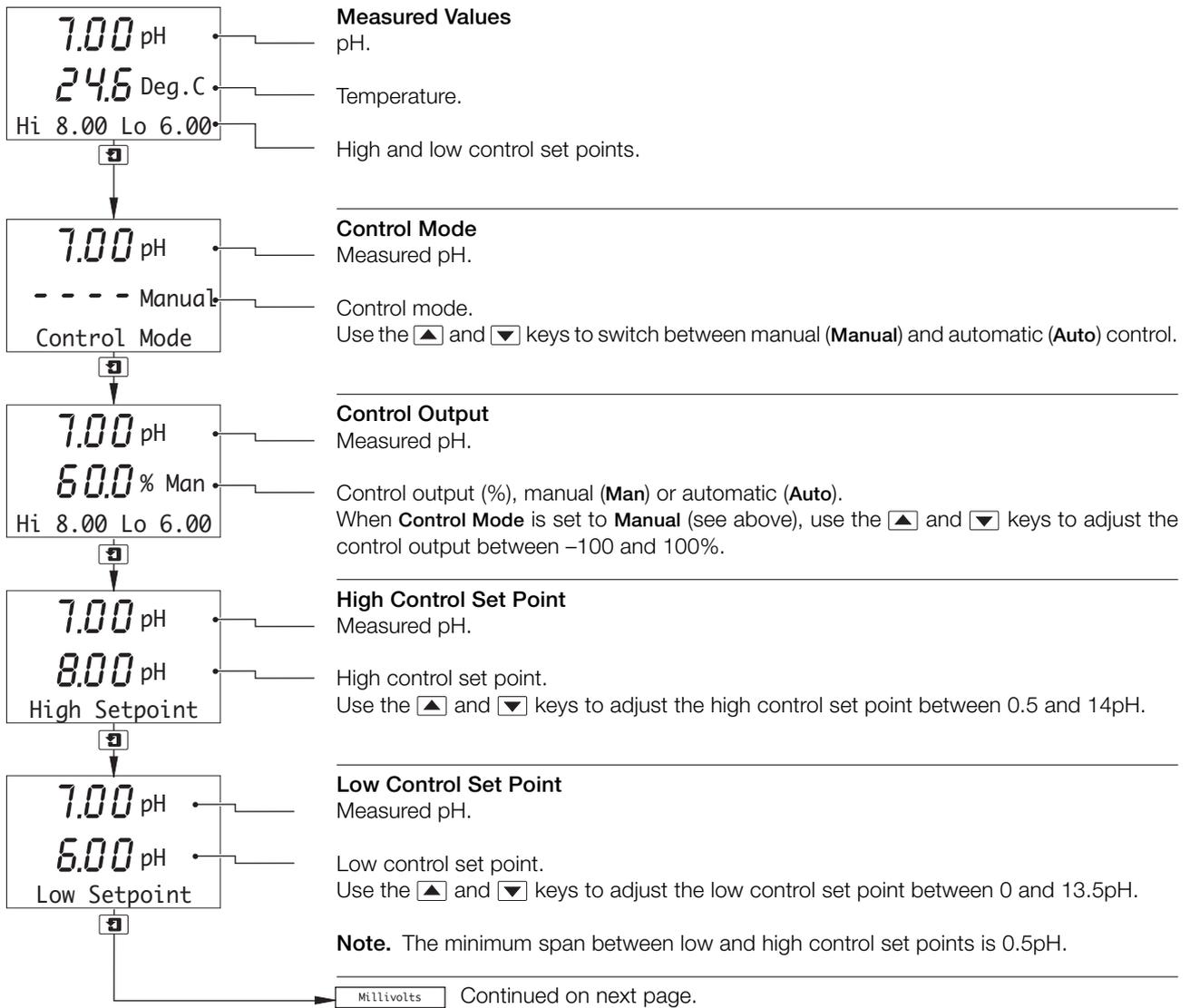


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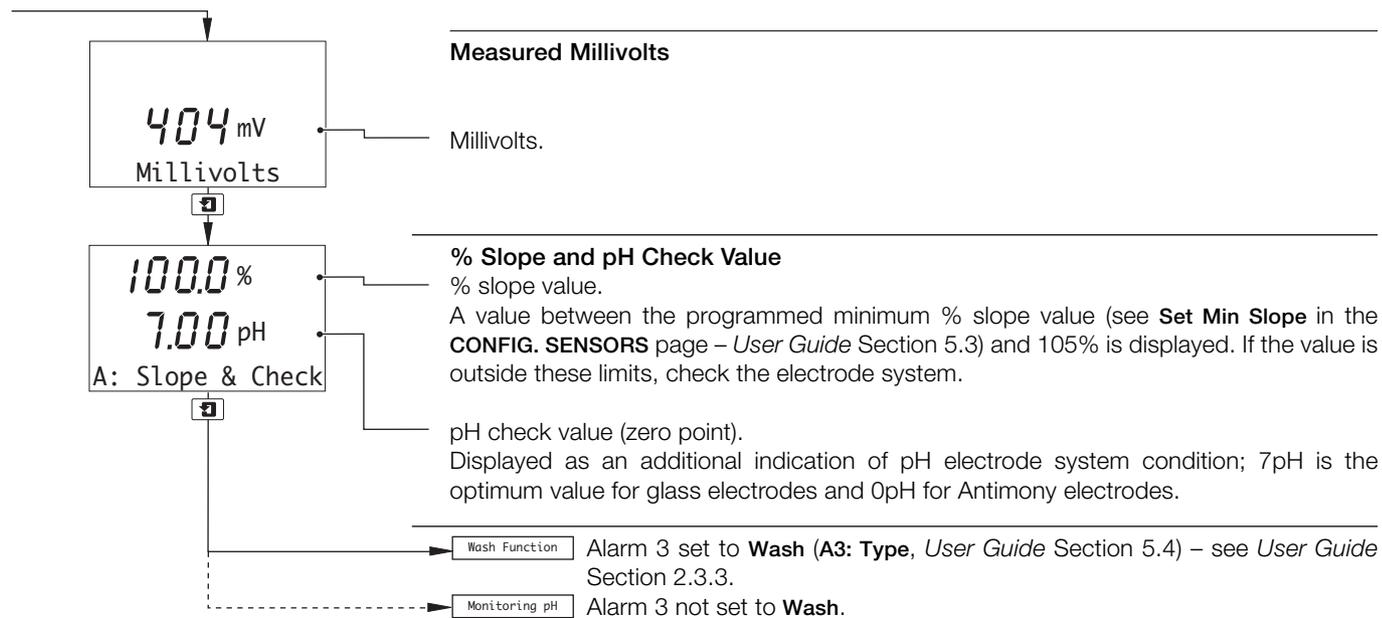
2.2.2 Dual (Bi-directional) PI Controller

Note. The Dual (Bi-directional) PI Controller operating page replaces the Single Input pH operating page shown in Section 2.3.1 of the *User Guide*, IM/AX4PH.



...2.2 Operating Page

...2.2.2 Dual (Bi-directional) PI Controller

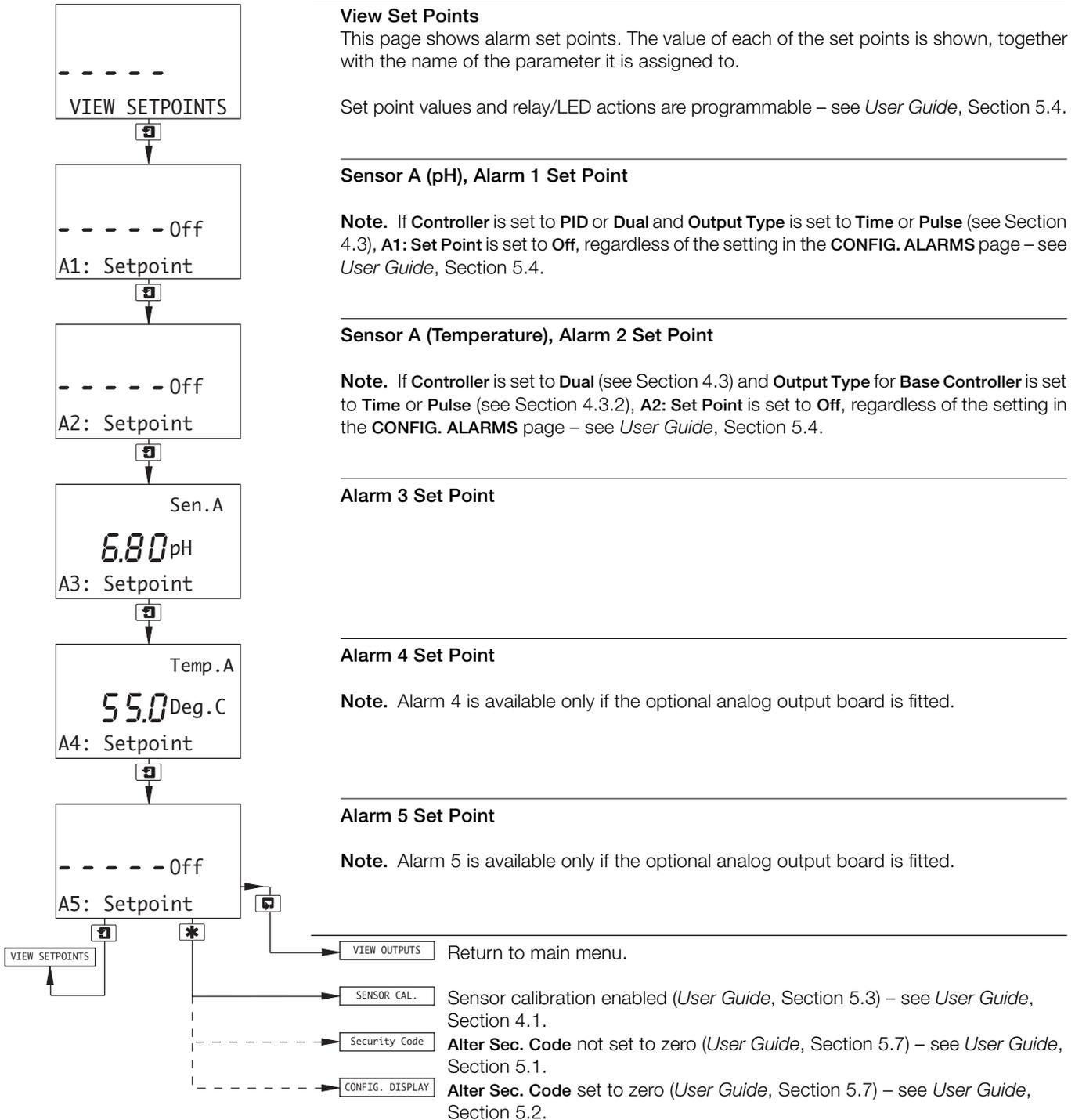


3 OPERATOR VIEWS

3.1 View Set Points

Notes.

- The View Set Points page replaces the View Set Points page shown in Section 3.1 of the *User Guide*, IM/AX4PH.
- The parameter names and units of measurement displayed in the View Set Points page depend on the Probe Type setting for Sensor A in the **CONFIG. SENSORS** page – see *User Guide*, Section 5.3. Those shown below are given as examples only.



4 PROGRAMMING

4.1 Setting Up Three Term (PID) Control Parameters

To enable a process to be controlled satisfactorily, the following conditions must apply:

- The process must be capable of reaching a natural balance with a steady load.
- It must be possible to introduce small changes into the system without destroying either the process or the product.

The **Proportional Band** determines the gain of the system. (the gain is the reciprocal of the proportional band setting, e.g. a setting of 20% is equivalent to a gain of 5). If the proportional band is too narrow, the control loop may become unstable and cause the system to oscillate. With proportional band control only, the system normally stabilizes eventually but at a value which is offset from the set point.

The addition of **Integral Action Time** removes the offset but, if set too short, can cause the system to go into oscillation. The introduction of **Derivative Action Time** reduces the time required by the process to stabilize.

4.2 Manual Tuning

Before starting up a new process or changing an existing one:

- Select the **Configure Control** page and ensure that **Controller** is set to **PID** – see Section 4.3.
- Select the **PID Controller** page and set the following:

Proportional Band	– 100%	} – see Section 4.3.1
Integral Time	– 0 (off)	
Derivative Time	– 0 (off)	

Note. If the system goes into oscillation with increasing amplitude (Fig. 4.1 Mode B), reset the proportional band to 200%. If oscillation continues as in Mode B, increase the proportional band further until the system ceases to oscillate.

If the system oscillates as in Fig. 4.1 Mode A, or does not oscillate, refer to step c).

- Reduce the **Proportional Band** by 20% increments and observe the response. Continue until the process cycles continuously without reaching a stable condition (i.e. a sustained oscillation with constant amplitude as shown in Mode C). This is the critical point.
- Note the cycle time 't' (Fig. 4.1 Mode C) and the **Proportional Band** (critical value) setting.
- Set **Proportional Band** to:
 - 1.6 times the critical value (for P+D or P+I+D control)
 - 2.2 times the critical value (for P+I control)
 - 2.0 times the critical value (for P only control)
- Set **Integral Time** to:

$$\frac{t}{2} \text{ (for P+I+D control)}$$

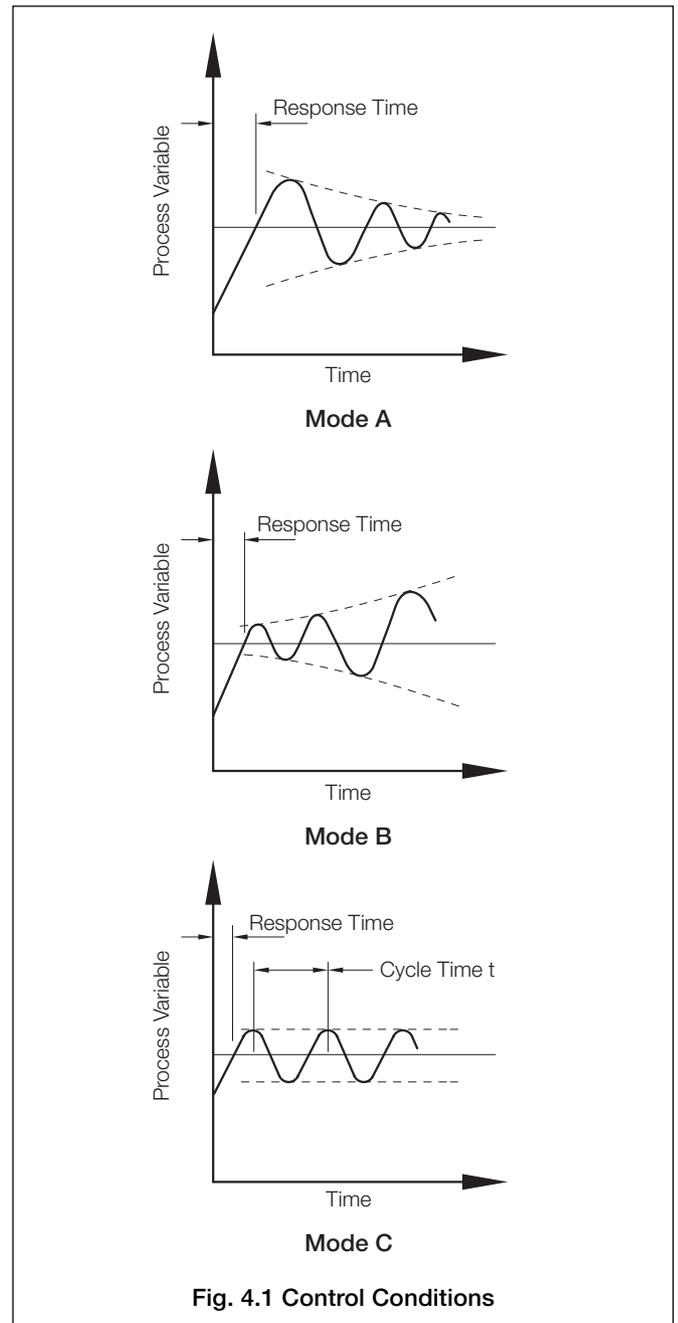
$$\frac{t}{1.2} \text{ (for P+D control)}$$

- Set **Derivative Time** to:

$$\frac{t}{8} \text{ (for P+I+D control)}$$

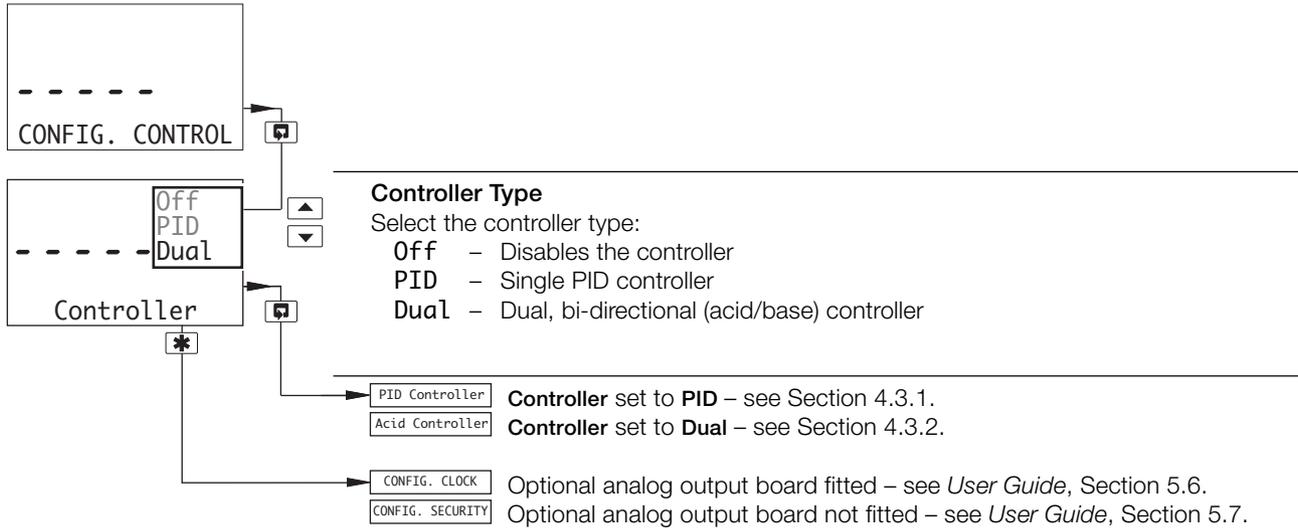
$$\frac{t}{12} \text{ (for P+D control)}$$

The analyzer is now ready for fine tuning by small adjustments to the P, I and D terms, after the introduction of a small disturbance of the set point.



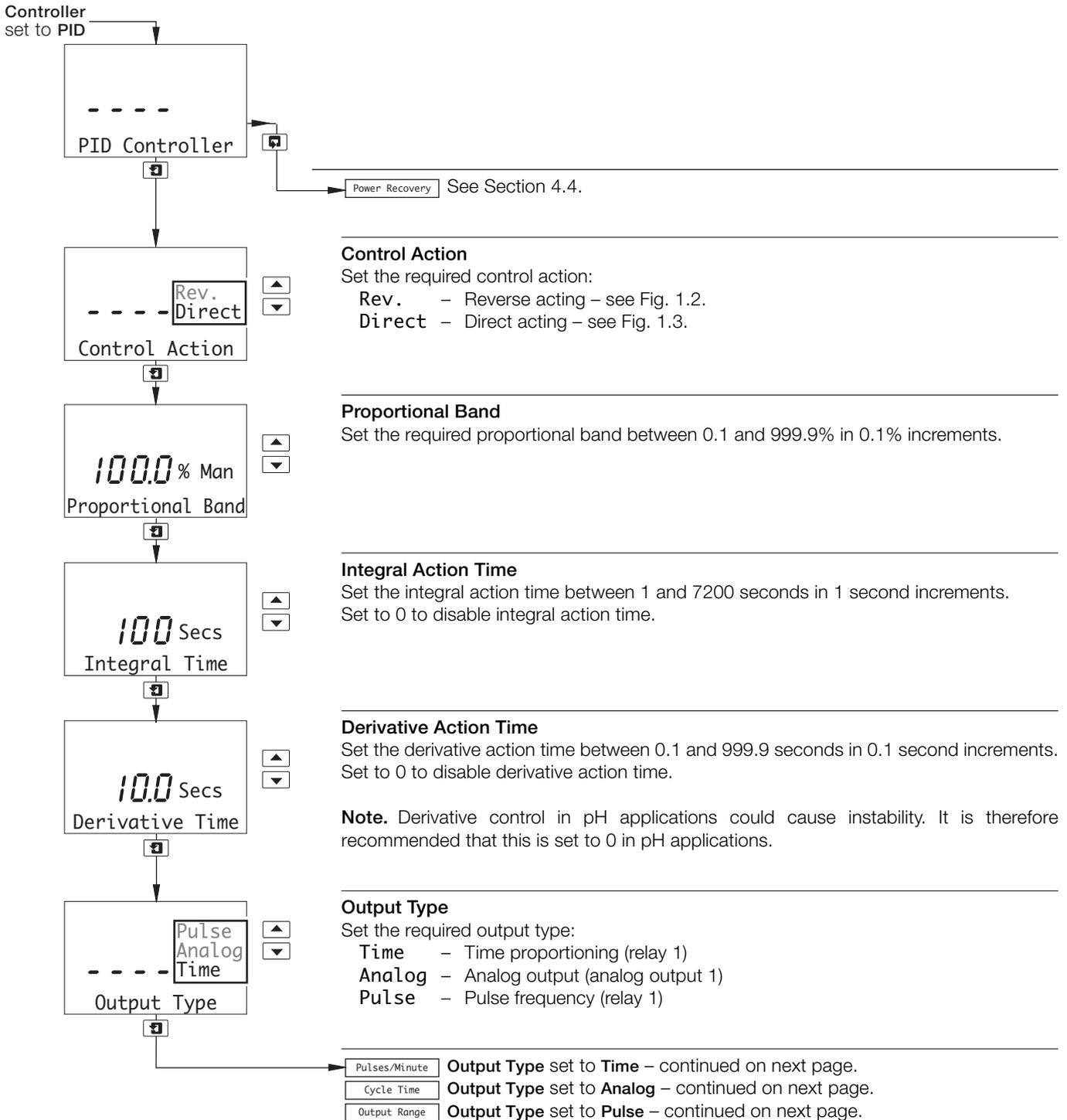
4.3 Configure Control

Note. Applicable only if **A: Probe Type** is set to **pH** – see *User Guide*, Section 5.3.



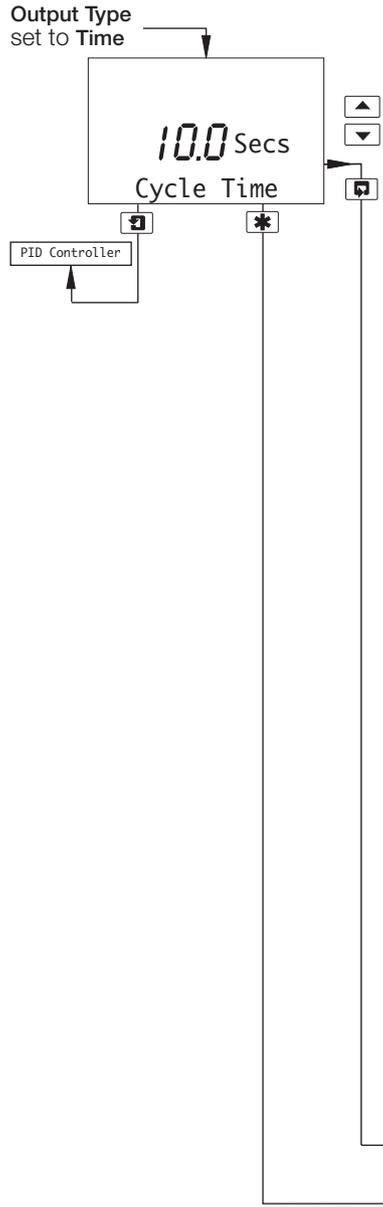
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Time Proportioning Output

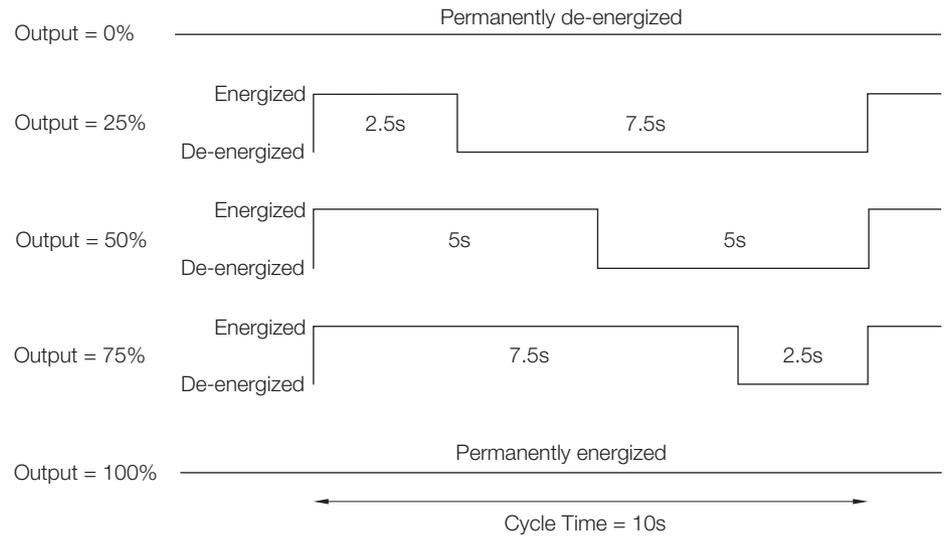
The Time Proportioning Output is interrelated to the retention time of the vessel and the flow of the chemical reagent and is adjusted experimentally to ensure that the chemical reagent is adequate to control the dosing under maximum loading. It is recommended that the Time Proportioning Output is adjusted in Manual Mode set to 100% valve output before setting up the PID parameters.

The time proportioning output value is calculated using the following equation:

$$\text{on time} = \frac{\text{control output} \times \text{cycle time}}{100}$$

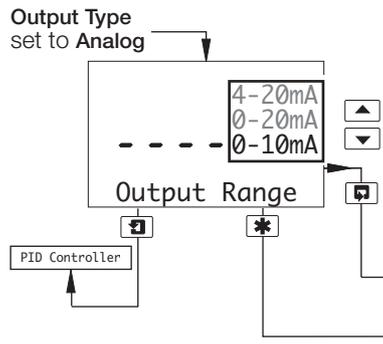
Set the cycle time, between 1.0 and 300.0 seconds in 0.1 second increments – see Appendix B, Fig. B4 Mode C.

Note. Changes to the cycle time do not take effect until the start of a new cycle.



Power Recovery See Section 5.8.2.

CONFIG. SECURITY See Section 5.9.



Analog Output

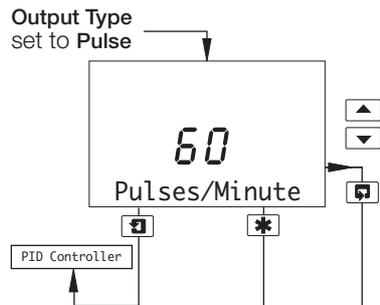
Set the analog current output range.

Power Recovery See Section 5.8.2.

CONFIG. SECURITY See Section 5.9.

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Pulse Frequency Output

The pulse frequency output is the number of relay pulses per minute required for 100% control output. The Pulse Frequency Output is interrelated to the chemical reagent strength and the solution flow rate. The chemical reagent flowrate and pulse frequency is adjusted experimentally to ensure that the chemical reagent is adequate to control the dosing under maximum loading. Adjust the Pulse Frequency Output in Manual Mode and set to 100% valve output before setting up the PID parameters.

For example, if the observed value on the display is 6 and the control point is 5 then the frequency needs to be increased.

The actual number of pulses per minute is calculated using the following equation:

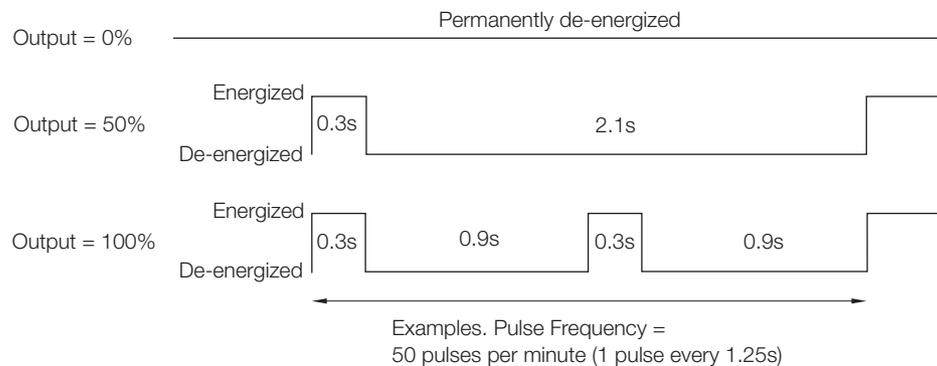
$$\text{Actual pulses per minute} = \frac{\% \text{ control output} \times \text{pulse frequency output}}{100}$$

Set the pulse frequency between 1 and 120 pulses per minute in 1 pulse per minute increments.

Control Output	Pulse Frequency Output/Minute			
	1	10	50	120
0	0	0	0	0
25	0.25	2.5	12.5	30
50	0.50	5.0	25	60
75	0.75	7.5	37.5	90
100	1.00	10.0	50	120

Note. If the pulse frequency of 120 is reached then concentration of the reagent needs to be increased.

Note. Changes to the pulse frequency do not take effect until the start of a new cycle.



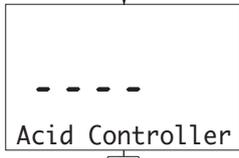
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CONFIG. SECURITY See Section 5.9.

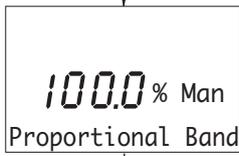
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4.3.2 Configure Dual (Bi-directional) PI Controller

Controller
set to Dual

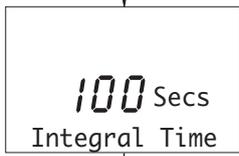


Base Controller See page 18.



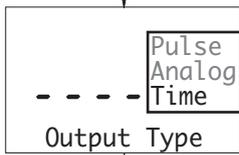
Proportional Band

Set the required proportional band between 0.1 and 999.9% in 0.1% increments.



Integral Time

Set the integral action time between 1 and 7200 seconds in 1 second increments.
Set to 0 to disable integral action time.



Output Type

Set the required output type:

- Time** - Time proportioning (relay 1)
- Analog** - Analog output (analog output 1)
- Pulse** - Pulse frequency (relay 1)

- Cycle Time **Output Type** set to **Time** – see next page.
- Output Range **Output Type** set to **Analog** – see next page.
- Pulses/Minute **Output Type** set to **Pulse** – see next page.

...4.3 Configure Control

...4.3.2 Configure Dual (Bi-directional) PI Controller

Output Type
set to Time

Time Proportioning Output
Set the cycle time between 1.0 and 300.0 seconds in 0.1 second increments.

Note. See also Section 4.3.1 page 14.

Acid Controller

Base Controller See next page.

CONFIG. CLOCK Optional analog output board fitted – see *User Guide*, Section 5.6.
CONFIG. SECURITY Optional analog output board not fitted – see *User Guide*, Section 5.7.

Output Type
set to Analog

Analog Output
Set the analog current output range.

Acid Controller

Base Controller See next page.

CONFIG. CLOCK Optional analog output board fitted – see *User Guide*, Section 5.6.
CONFIG. SECURITY Optional analog output board not fitted – see *User Guide*, Section 5.7.

Output Type
set to Pulse

Pulse Frequency Output
Set the pulse frequency between 1 and 120 pulses per minute in 1 pulse per minute increments.

Note. See also Section 4.3.1 page 15.

Acid Controller

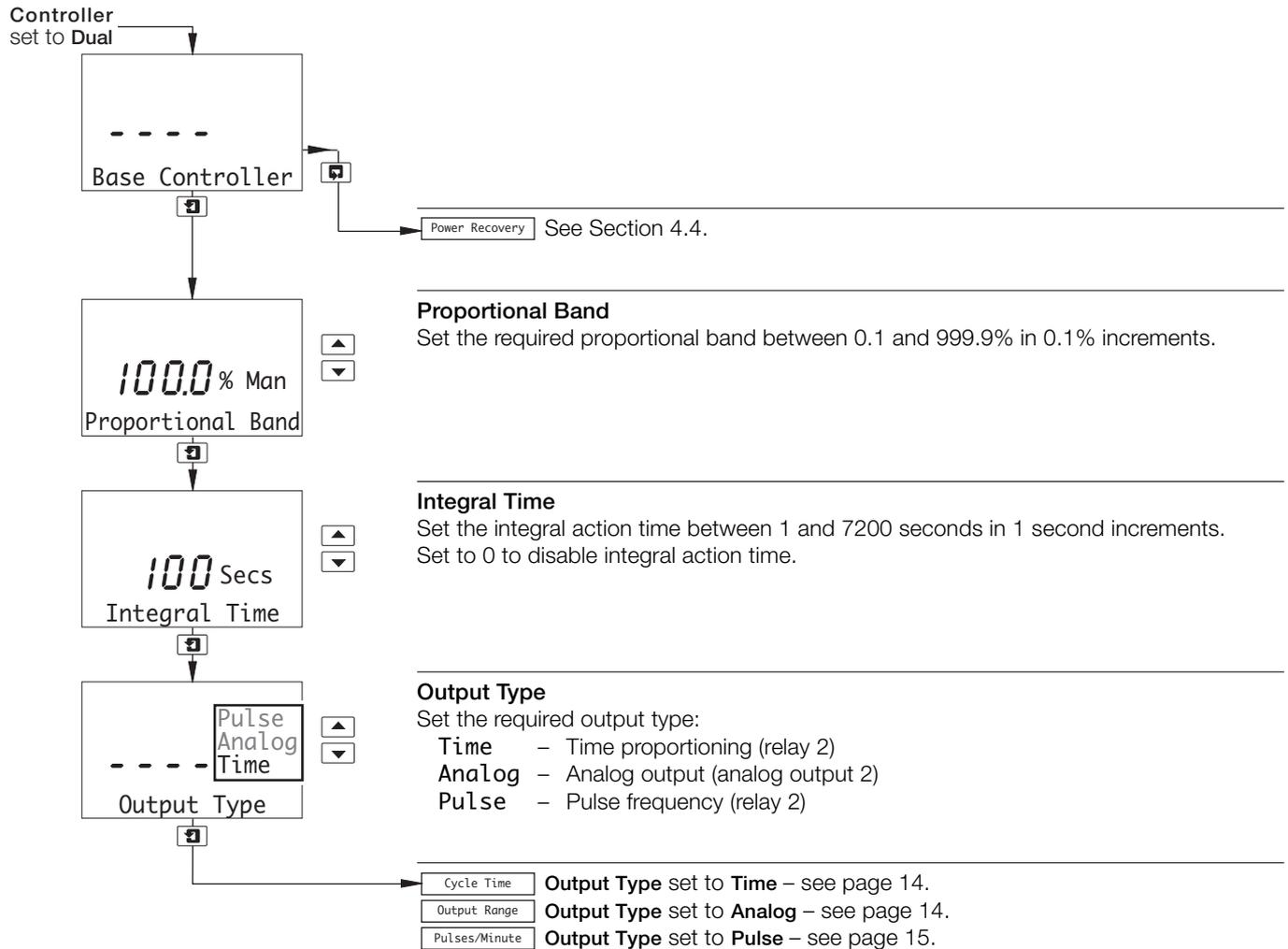
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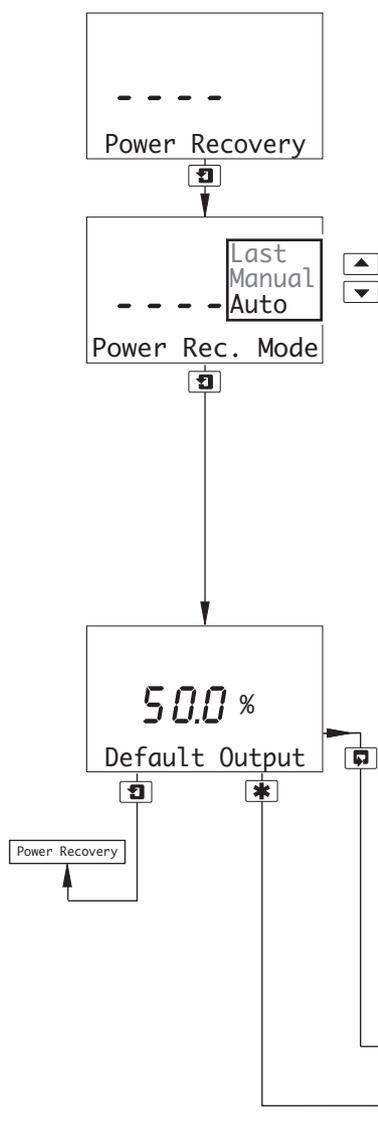
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4.4 Configure Power Failure Recovery Mode



Power Failure Recovery Mode

When power to the analyzer is restored, **Control Mode** (see Section 2.2) is set automatically according to the chosen Power Failure Recovery Mode.

Set the required mode:

- Auto** – **Control Mode** is set to **Auto** irrespective of its setting prior to the power failure.
- Manual** – **Control Mode** is set to **Manual** irrespective of its setting prior to the power failure. **Control Output** (see Section 2.2) is set to the level set in the **Default Output** frame below.
- Last** – **Control Mode** and **Control Output** are set to the same state as that set prior to the power failure.

Default Output

If **Controller** is set to **PID** (see Section 4.3), set the default output required between 0 and 100% in 0.1% increments.

If **Controller** is set to **Dual** (see Section 4.3), set the default output required between –100 and 100% in 0.1% increments.

Notes.

- A setting of 1 to 100% represents a direct output.
- A setting of –1 to –100% represents a reverse output.
- A setting of 0% represents no output i.e. both direct and reverse outputs are switched off.

CONFIG. CONTROL Return to main menu.

CONFIG. CLOCK Optional analog output board fitted – see *User Guide*, Section 5.6.

CONFIG. SECURITY Optional analog output board not fitted – see *User Guide*, Section 5.7.

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