# AutoISF3.0.1 – Quick User Guide

**Disclaimer:** *I am not a medically trained person and developed these methods purely based on trial and numerical experimentation. For example, I had no mathematical model of the reaction kinetics of the free fatty acids which are one reasons for temporary insulin resistance. If you want to try some of these features yourself you do it at your own risk and your own liability.*

## Preface

The purpose of this document is to describe the features of autoISF and their settings. Hints for specific tuning will be given in "How-to-…" guides which are under development or planned. These tuning hints differ from person to person and depend on your planned usage scenario of autoISF like just testing it, fine tune AAPS, low carb diet, extensive endurance exercise, or full loop, i.e. no announcing of carbs and no manually triggered bolus.

The previous Quick Guides for earlier versions of autoISF were merged into this single document which also introduces the new features. The focus of this release was on merging a side branch of autoISF dedicated to [Libre development](#) back into mainstream code. On that occasion several low-hanging fruit were identified and included, too :

- These 5 settings were withdrawn because over time it proved they were not really necessary. One direct impact is a flatter menu structure for the remaining settings:
  - *pp_ISF_hours* no longer required because …
  - *enable_pp_ISF_always* is now always true which means …
  - *delta_ISFrange_weight* is no longer used in favour of *pp_ISF*
  - *enable_dura_ISF_with_COB* is now always true
  - *enable_SMB_EvenOn_OddOff* was discontinued and unified with *enableSMB_EvenOn_OddOff_always*
- In the SMB tab the script debug section is now shown first. Often users want to understand the reasoning of autoISF and that way they have faster access to the relevant information. The rather long profile section is now at the bottom of that page.
- Now 100 logfiles instead of just 30 will be kept before getting recycled. This means users have a better chance to inspect them for past evidence.
- The SMB tab shows the current value of *iob_threshold_percentage* and how it was adapted to become the effective iob threshold.
- Formulations like "[full loop](#)" were misleading and replaced.

In version 3.0 a bug was discovered related to *iob_threshold_percentage*. Even if set at 100% to disable it the modulation due exercise mode etc. could activate its application. This is fixed now. However, what still can happen during intended use is that the various modulation effects end up with an effective iobTH above 100%. That looks awkward but is not critical because in such cases *max_iob* is capping SMB anyway.

# Introduction

AutoISF is meant for the advanced user who has a deep understanding of AAPS and who has tuned the system to achieve a TIR of about 90% or better. If such a user is ambitious and wants to improve further, the methods contained can very well help.

This document describes how and when ISF is adapted automatically and provides short descriptions of the weighting factors to tune it to your individual needs. Detailed guides covering special situations and examples will follow later as separate documents including results of using it in full loop mode, i.e. without carb or insulin entry by the user. Furthermore, it describes alternative methods how to scale, activate or deactivate SMBs. Finally there are methods for handling activity ranging from mild up to intensive levels.

The adaptation of ISF is based on special glucose behaviour and results in an adaptation factor just like the Autosense factor. However, here only ISF is adapted and no other setting. The scenarios analysed typically cover the last 10-30 minutes and therefore autoISF reacts much faster to problems or recoveries. Often Autosense would drive me into hypos because of its delayed reaction even after things had come back to target and I disabled Autosense although mathematically both can coexist.

AutoISF is part of oref1 in OpenAPS SMB plugin and cannot coexist with the recent DynamicISF which therefore is included in its own plugin anyway as an alternative to OpenAPS AMA and OpenAPS SMB.

Please note that these rapid adaptations of ISF render the use of Autosense and Autotune useless because those would draw conclusions based on constant ISF and therefore false assumptions. If you want to use Autotune then disable those autoISF features which adapt ISF for those periods.

There are 4 different effects in glucose behaviour that autoISF checks and reacts to:
1. **acce_ISF** is a factor derived from acceleration of glucose levels
2. **bg_ISF** is a factor derived from the deviation of glucose from target
3. **pp_ISF** is a factor derived from glucose rise delta
4. **dura_ISF** is a factor derived from glucose being stuck at high levels

Finally these factors are compared among each other and against Autosense. Normally the strongest of them will be used with some exceptions as detailed further below. These factors work the same way as the Autosense factor works, i.e. the profile sensitivity ISF is divided by the factor to deliver a final sensitivity ISF.

In the SMB-tab, section Script debug, you can always see which values were assigned to the 4 factors shown above during the last loop execution. It also lists explanations in case the factor had to be modified or why it cannot be used. Some interim values like dura_ISF_average are listed, too. All that can be seen in the SMB-tab, sections Glucose status, Profile and Script debug, respectively.

Again in analogy to Autosense there are upper (*autoISF_max*) and lower (*autoISF_min*) limits for how far ISF can be modified in total.

In analogy to enabling SMB there is a setting *enable_autoISF* which determines whether any of the 4 ISF adaptations of autoISF listed above are enabled or none at all.

The settings specific to autoISF are collected in its own menu found at the end of the OpenAPS SMB menu. A screenshot is shown as attachment. Another trick for finding them is to use the filter method at the top of the Preferences page which searches for all settings containing the string you enter in the filter field.

# acce_ISF determination and its impact

This is the latest contribution to autoISF and has been in action since late December 2021.

For things like glucose or delta to change, there first must be an acceleration. Therefore acceleration recognises such changes earlier and is used by autoISF to take pre-emptive action.

Glucose and delta, its $1^{st}$ derivative, play a significant role in AAPS in determining the insulin required. Acceleration, its $2^{nd}$ derivative, was not included so far. One reason might be that it is harder to extract from the glucose history considering that delta needed to be averaged already to provide a reliable signal. In autoISF a best fit algorithm is used to determine the parabola which best matches the glucose data.

Once the formula for the parabola is known it is then very easy to determine the acceleration. Sometimes the fit has bad correlation, i.e. it deviates too much from the glucose readings. In such cases there is no contribution from acceleration and acce_ISF = 1.

**Flowchart:**

- Get acce_ISF
- bg_acce <> 0 and good fit — yes → SMB-Tab: report min/max values & times to come
- Is fit correlation corr good? — >=0.9 → bg < target and bg_acce>1 — yes → cap_weight = 0.5
- cap_weight = 1
- fit_share = 10*(corr-0.9)
  acce_ISF = 1 + bg_acce * cap_weight * acce_weight * fit_share
- SMB-Tab: Report why skipped
- SMB-Tab: Report acce_ISF
- Go to bg_ISF

Otherwise acce_ISF is calculated by

$$acce\_ISF = 1 + acce\_weight * fit\_share * cap\_weight * acceleration$$

where  fit_share   a measure of fit quality, i.e. 0% if unacceptable up to 100% if perfect;
       cap_weight  is 0.5 below target and 1.0 otherwise;
       acce_weight is bgAccel_ISF_weight for acceleration away from target, i.e. mostly positive
                   or bgBrake_ISF_weight for acceleration towards target, i.e. mostly negative

Initially I had assumed that the weights for accelerating and braking are of similar size. First experiences say that the weight while decelerating should be 30-40% lower than for acceleration to reduce glucose oscillations. Quite often the acce_ISF contribution plays the dominant role inside autoISF and is therefore very important and delicate. Weights for acce_ISF of 0 disable this contribution. Start small with weights like 0.02 and observe the results before increasing them. Keep in mind that negative acceleration will start to happen while glucose is apparently still rising but the slope reduces. Here, acce_ISF will be <1, i.e. sensitivity grows and less insulin than normal will be required even before the glucose peak is reached.
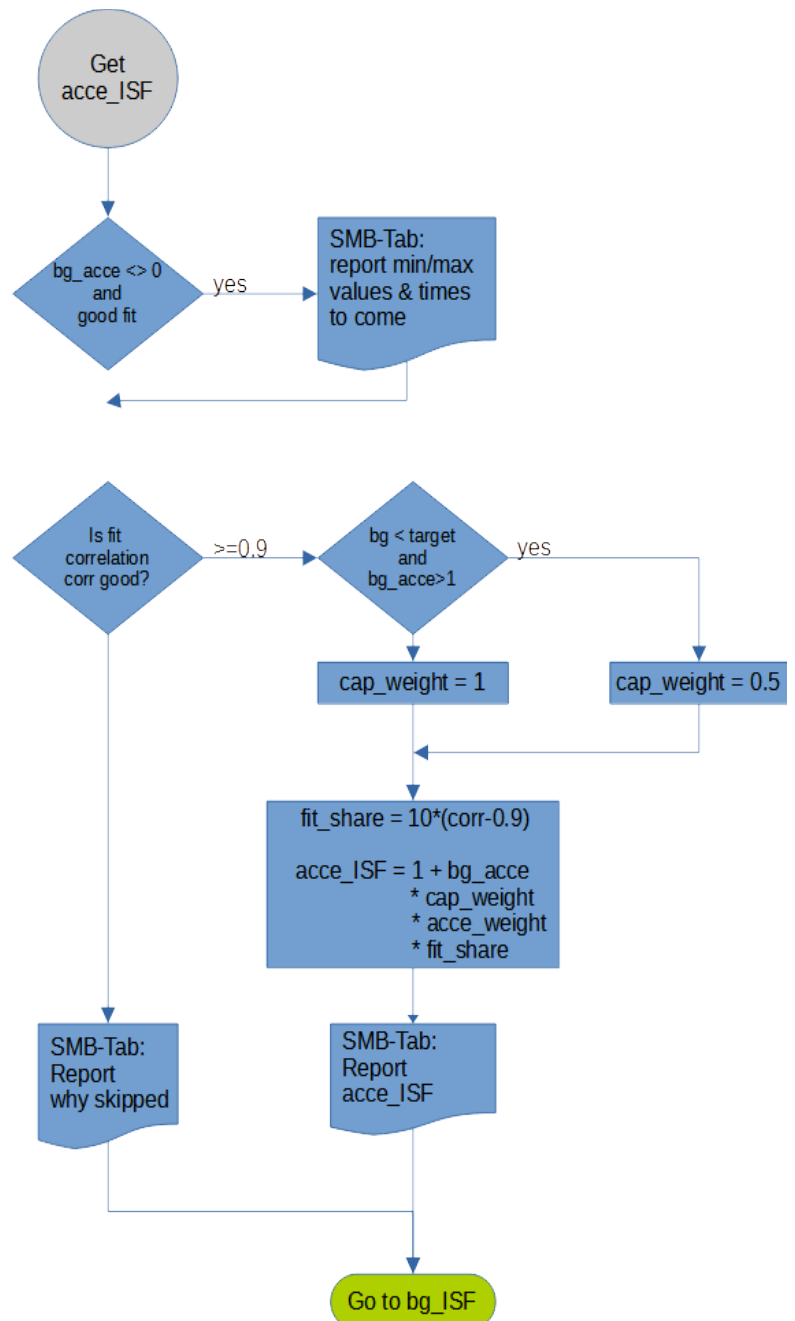
# bg_ISF determination and its impact

There are indicators that higher glucose needs stronger ISF. This was evident from all the successful AAPS users defining automation rules which strengthen the profile at higher glucose levels. The drawback is that there are sudden jumps in ISF at switch points and no further or minor adaptations in between.
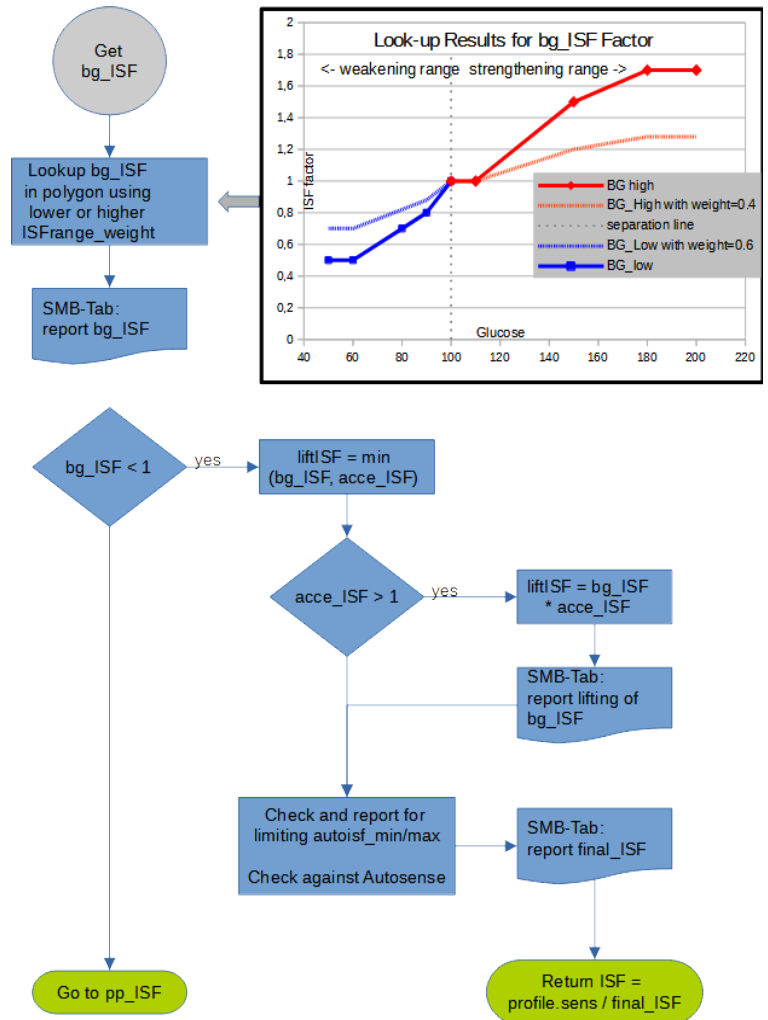


In autoISF a polygon is provided that defines a relationship between glucose and ISF and interpolates in between. This is currently hard coded but the user can apply weights t
o easily strengthen or weaken it in order to fit personal needs. In principle the polygon itself can be edited and the apk rebuilt if a different shape is required. Developing a GUI for that purpose was considered very tedious especially before knowing whether the results warrant the effort. With this approach you could even approximate the formula well enough that is used in DynamicISF for the ISF dependency on glucose.

There are two weighting factors depending on whether glucose is below or above target:

| | |
|---|---|
| *lower_ISFrange_weight* | Used below target, weakens ISF the more the higher this weight is; 0 disables this contribution, i.e. ISF is constant in the whole range below target. |
| | This weight is less critical as the loop is probably running at TBR=0 anyway and you can start around 0.2. |
| *higher_ISFrange_weight* | Used above target, strengthens ISF the more the higher this weight is 0 disables this contribution, i.e. ISF is constant in the whole range above target. |
| | Start with a weight of 0.2 and observe the reactions and check the SMB-tab before you increase it with care. |

The result is:
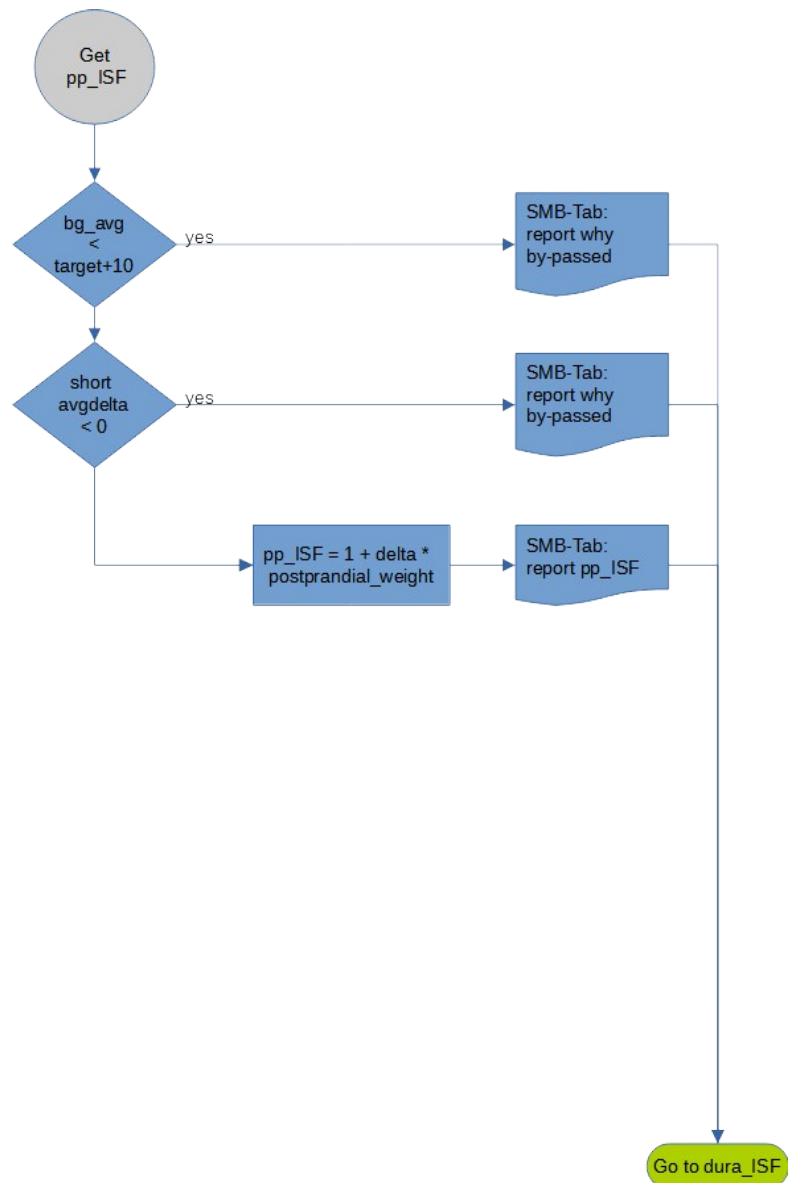
$$bg\_ISF = 1 + xxx\_ISFrange\_weight * glucose\_polygon\_Lookup$$

There is a special case possible, namely below target i.e. when bg_ISF<1. ISF will be weakened and there is no point in checking the remaining effects. Only with positive acceleration the weakening will be less pronounced as that is a sign of rising glucose to come soon.

# pp_ISF determination and its impact

AutoISF can adapt ISF based on glucose delta. It was introduced to help users with gastroparesis. It is also useful for users in pure UAM mode because in their case no meal start can be detected. Given a positive *short_avgdelta* and glucose being above target+10 the result is:

pp_ISF = 1 +
      delta * pp_ISF_weight.

As a starting value for *pp_ISF_weight* use 0.005. Observe the reactions and check the SMB-tab before you increase it with care. A weight of 0 disables this contribution.

Get pp_ISF

bg_avg < target+10 — yes → SMB-Tab: report why by-passed

short avgdelta < 0 — yes → SMB-Tab: report why by-passed

pp_ISF = 1 + delta * postprandial_weight → SMB-Tab: report pp_ISF

Go to dura_ISF

# dura_ISF determination and its impact

This is the original effect of autoISF in action since August 2020. Because autoISF is now a toolbox of several effects this original effect was renamed *dura_…* It addresses situations when

- glucose is varying within a +/- 5% interval only;
- the average glucose (*dura_ISF_average)* within that interval is above target;
- this situation lasted at least for the last 10 minutes (*dura_ISF_minutes)*.

This is a classical insulin resistance and is typically caused by free fatty acids which grab available insulin before glucose can. Quite often user get impatient in such a situation and administer one or even more rage boluses. Again and again that leads to hypos later which the dura_ISF approach avoids if carefully tuned.
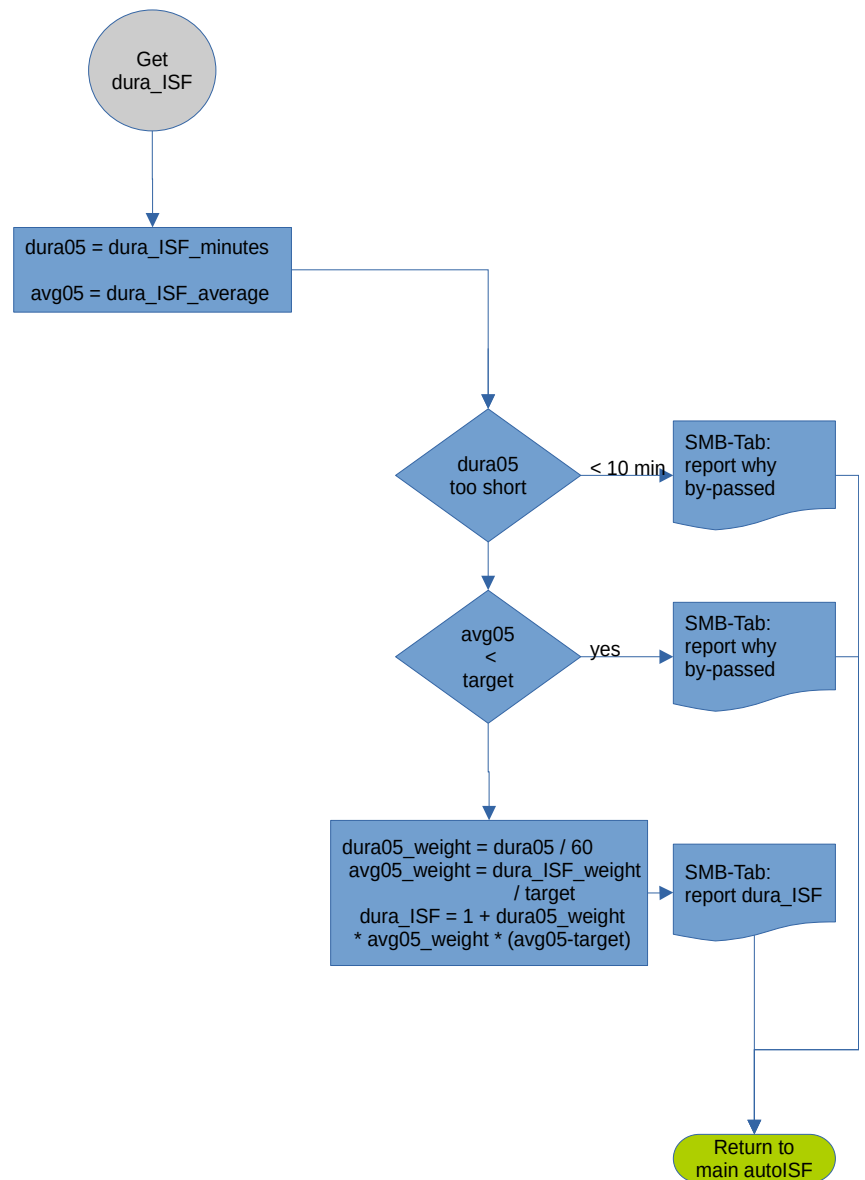
The strengthening if ISF is stronger the longer the situation lasts and the higher the average glucose is above target:

$$dura\_ISF = 1 + \frac{avg05\text{-}target\_bg}{target\_bg} * \frac{dura05}{60} * dura\_ISF\_weight$$

where

avg05  = dura_ISF_average
dura05 = dura_ISF_minutes

The user can apply his personal weighting by using *dura_ISF_weight*. Start cautiously with a value of 0.2 and be very careful when you approach 1.5 or even higher. By using 0 this effect is disabled.

Flowchart:

Get dura_ISF

dura05 = dura_ISF_minutes
avg05 = dura_ISF_average

dura05 too short → < 10 min → SMB-Tab: report why by-passed

avg05 < target → yes → SMB-Tab: report why by-passed

dura05_weight = dura05 / 60
avg05_weight = dura_ISF_weight / target
dura_ISF = 1 + dura05_weight * avg05_weight * (avg05-target)
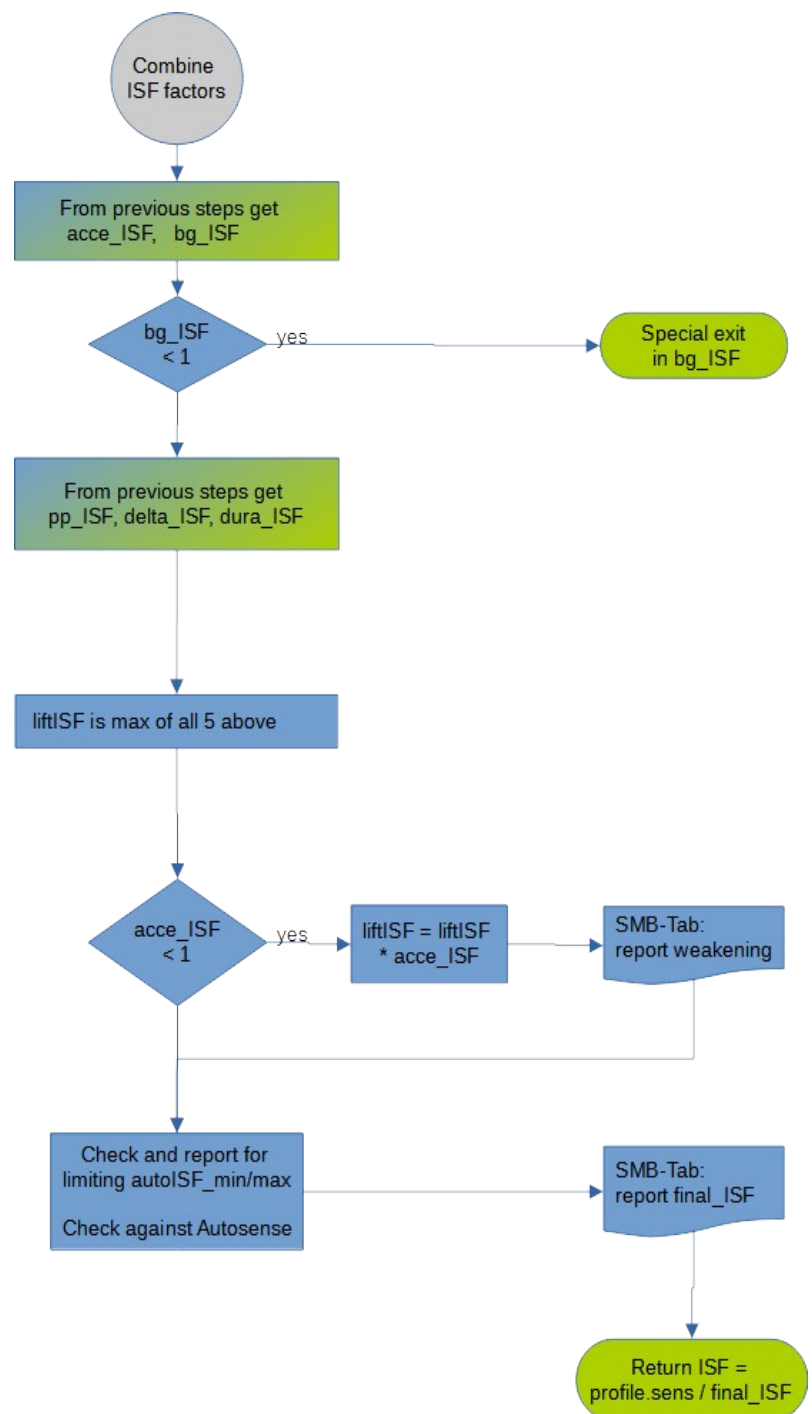→ SMB-Tab: report dura_ISF

Return to main autoISF

# The combined result from the above factors

Now that the factors for all 4 effects are known how to deduce an end result? The normal case is to pick the strongest factor as the one and only factor to be applied. Here autosense is also part of the game. But how about the exceptions, i.e. when different factors pull in different directions? In order of precedence they are:

- bg_ISF < 1, i.e. glucose is below target
  If acce_ISF>1, i.e. glucose is accelerating although below target, both factors get multiplied as a trade-off between them. Then the weaker of bg_ISF and Autosens is used as the final sensitivity ISF.

- acce_ISF < 1, i.e. glucose is decelerating while other effects want to strengthen ISF.
  In this case the strongest of the remaining, positive factors will be multiplied by acce_ISF to reach a compromise. This overall factor will be compared with autosense and the stronger of the two will be used in calculating the final sensitivity ISF.

In all of the above the autoISF limits for maximum and minimum changes will also be applied.

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        Combine
        ISF factors
           |
           v
   From previous steps get
     acce_ISF,  bg_ISF
           |
           v
       bg_ISF      yes -->  Special exit
        < 1                  in bg_ISF
           |
           v
   From previous steps get
   pp_ISF, delta_ISF, dura_ISF
           |
           v
   liftISF is max of all 5 above
           |
           v
       acce_ISF    yes -->  liftISF = liftISF  -->  SMB-Tab:
        < 1                   * acce_ISF            report weakening
           |                                            |
           v                                            |
   Check and report for                          SMB-Tab:
   limiting autoISF_min/max   ------------->     report final_ISF
                                                       |
   Check against Autosense                             v
                                                Return ISF =
                                                profile.sens / final_ISF
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# Exercise mode

**Why can't I use Exercise mode in standard AAPS but with autoISF?**

Exercise mode was disabled in AAPS years ago because there is some risk. Here it is enabled - as it is in OpenAPS too - because it is a powerful tool, but should be used with caution. Scott Leibrandt once described the risks as follows:

*"It was a rather rare case where the sensitivity could be too high. It was really a very rare case, you had to meet all of the following 5 conditions.*
*(Number 5 is a safety setting! You have to have played around with the default settings).*

1. *Oref1 sensitivity enabled*
2. *High temptarget raises sensitivity enabled.*
3. *A site change or profile change has been logged within the last few minutes.*
4. *A high temptarget is enabled.*
5. *An unreasonable autosens threshold has been set."*

The toggle on the overview screen was added to quickly deactivate (top) or activate (bottom) the exercise mode. Otherwise the settings can also be adapted individually in the OpenAPS SMB menu. The relevant settings for exercise mode are:



- *high_temptarget_raises_sensitivity* (synonym for exercise mode); defaults to false.
  When set to true, temp targets > 100 raise sensitivity (lower sensitivity ratio/ISF numbers) and reduce basal. The higher your temp target is above 100 the more sensitive the ratios will be, e.g. temp target of 120 results in sensitivity ratio of 0.75, while 140 results in 0.6 (with default *half_basal_exercise_target* of 160). Basal will be reduced accordingly. See also *half_basal_exercise_target*.

- *half_basal_exercise_target*; defaults to 160.
  This means means when temp target is 160 mg/dl and *high_temptarget_raises_sensitivity* =true then run at 50% basal (for TT=120 at 75%; for TT=140 at 60%). This base exercise target number can be adjusted in the OpenAPS SMB menu to give you more control over your exercise modes. In addition to basal it also influences sensitivity. See also *high_temptarget_raises_sensitivity*.



- *low_temptarget_lowers_sensitivity*; defaults to false.
  When set to true it can lower sensitivity (higher sensitivity ratio/ISF numbers) for temp targets < 100. The lower your temp target is below 100 the less sensitive the ratios will be, e.g. temp target of 95 results in sensitivity ratio of 1.09, while 85 results in 1.33 (with default *half_basal_exercise_target* of 160).
  Here, too, the basal is also adjusted and increased accordingly.
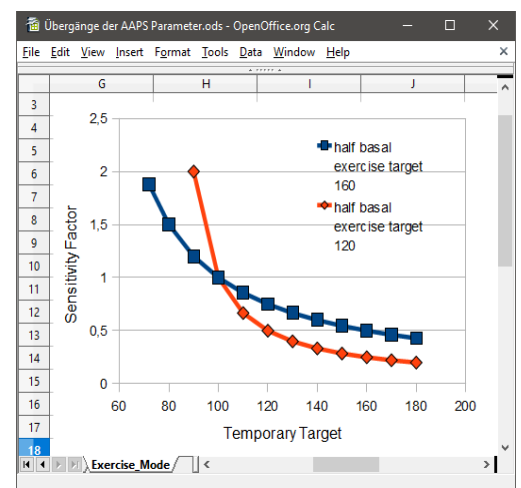
**Please note**

The sensitivity ratio (ISF) modified by exercise mode is the basis for further sensitivity modifications by autoISF. This is an extension to the basic rule that only the stronger of ISF modifiers prevails.

# Activity Monitor

This is a milder method of adapting sensitivity compared to the exercise mode. Examples of when it appears to work well is for vacuum cleaning, a short walk to the cinema or a short bicycle ride for shopping. The base information comes from the phones acceleration sensor and its inbuilt step counter. There is a new switch in the OpenAPS SMB menu to enable the activity monitor. By default it remains inactive. The steps counted can be checked in the SMB tab towards the end of the profile section. The steps are evaluated for various time segments during the last hour and lead to these 5 classifications:

| Classification | Description | Max 1.5 | Default 1.0 | Example 0.6 | Min 0.0 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| activity | step count fairly above neutral | 0.55 | 0.70 | 0.82 | 1.00 |
| partial activity | step count somewhat above neutral | 0.775 | 0.85 | 0.94 | 1.00 |
| neutral | neutral step count, loop tuned accordingly | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |
| partial inactivity | step count somewhat below neutral | 1.15 | 1.10 | 1.06 | 1.00 |
| inactivity | step count fairly below neutral | 1.30 | 1.20 | 1.12 | 1.00 |

The columns to the right show resulting sensitivity change factors for various scale factors. These scale factors modify the default and can be set in the preferences to tune the impact to your personal needs. Right at the start of the SMB-tab debug section the activity monitor lists the current status and assessment of activity level.

Besides the sensitivity the basal rate is also adapted. The one unexpected but welcome side effect of the 1 hour time window holding step counts is the gradual phasing out after the end of activity from 30% via 15% to eventually 0% impact. This also works at the end of exercise mode because activity monitor takes over once the exercise TT ends.

The activity monitor is disabled or limited in either of the following situations:

- no inactivity detection during the first hour of (re-)starting AAPS
- deactivated in settings
- a TT is active
- the phone was not carried during the last 15 minutes

This last exception leads to the question what to do during sleeping hours. With the phone being at rest how can you avoid ending up in inactivity mode if sleep is interrupted and you quickly check the phone or go to the bathroom?

Option 1: just leave the phone next to the bed and don't touch it; trust the loop or check status on the watch.

Option 2: enable and define your personal window of sleeping hours to disable the inactivity detection.

Once you get up for good you definitely start the day in inactivity mode. This is a welcome state to fight the resistance during the dawn phenomenon.
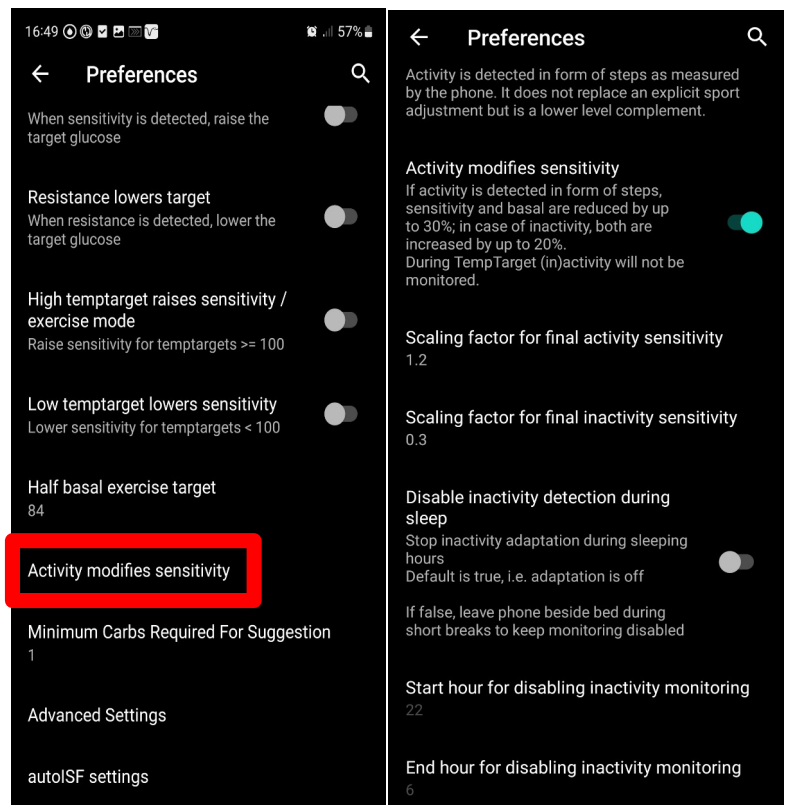
## Internal automation for iobTH

The variable *iob_threshold_percent* holds a percentage of the max_iob which is used as the threshold to disable SMB. Inside the autoISF code it offers more flexibility than can be achieved with regular AAPS automations used before. The result of any sensitivity change defined by the user is a modulated value labelled internally as effective iobTH.

The new capabilities are:

- *iob_threshold_percent* gets modulated while the pump profile is set to a percentage. The idea is that with changed sensitivity the threshold should change accordingly. So internally an effective iobTH is used. If for example the profile is raised to 120% because of an infection then the effective iobTH is 120% of *iob_threshold_percent*. This relieves the user from having to adapt the automation rules for those periods and having to remember setting them back once the profile is reset.

- *iob_threshold_percent* gets modulated while exercise mode is active which implicitly changes sensitivity. The reasoning and rules are the same as in the preceding situation. This modulation is combined with the above profile based modulation.

- *iob_threshold_percent* gets modulated while the activity monitor changes sensitivity. The reasoning and rules are the same as in the preceding situations. This modulation is combined with the above profile based modulation.

- A very special modification happens during the initial rise after carbs intake. After the first few SMBs the iob threshold may eventually be surpassed. Often this initial overshoot was far too much due to limited capabilities using automations and led to hypo later. The code will limit this overshoot or tolerance to 130% of the effective iobTH. During the next loop the iob will most probably still be above that threshold and therefore SMBs stay disabled until iob drops below the effective threshold.

You may want to consider raising your "classical" iob threshold values used by automations because the new 130% overrun will end up in lower values on average. But then the 130% is not reached every time and raising them by 10%-20% may be a good initial compromise.

The value *iob_threshold_percent* is accessible for manual editing or inspection in the autoISF Menu system.

# Adapting SMB delivery

After reading all the methods to strengthen ISF you may wonder whether your maxBolus will always allow as much SMB as requested by the loop with such stronger ISF. This is especially important for pure UAM mode, where you want a few but strong SMBs as soon as meal absorption is detected by acce_ISF in order to catch up with pre-bolus and meal bolus in standard use of AAPS. Several extensions in autoISF can be used to get there:

- In AAPS *smb_delivery_ratio* is normally hard coded as 0.5 of the insulin requested. This is a safety feature for master/follower setups in case both phones trigger an SMB in the same situation. If this does not apply in your case you may increase this setting to a value above 0.5 and up to even 1.0 if you are very courageous. Best is to leave some margin like the max delivery setting in the bolus calculator.

- Alternatively to a higher but fixed ratio you can use a linearly rising ratio, starting cautiously with *smb_delivery_ratio_min* at *target_bg* and rising to a more ambitious *smb_delivery_ratio_max* at *target_bg+smb_delivery_ratio_bg_range.* If *smb_delivery_ratio_bg_range=0* then this linear rise is disabled and the above *smb_delivery_ratio* is used instead.

- For Libre see also the Libre section for using rations below 0.5 if in 1 minute CGM and loop mode.

- smb_max_range_extension is a factor that multiplies the current *maxSMBBasalMinutes* and *maxUAMSMBBasalMinutes* beyond the 120 minute limit.

# Alternatively enable SMB depending on target value type

This feature works independent of other autoISF settings. By clever selection of targets you now have additional options for enabling or disabling SMB essentially across the whole allowed range of 72-180mg/dl. The decision is based on whether the target value is an even or odd number. For systems using mmol/l it is slightly adapted in that the decimal figure is even as in 5.2 or odd as in 5.1.



Enable alternative activation of SMB depending on active target

enabled
if active target(mmol/L) has even decimal
or active target(mg/dL) is even number

disabled otherwise
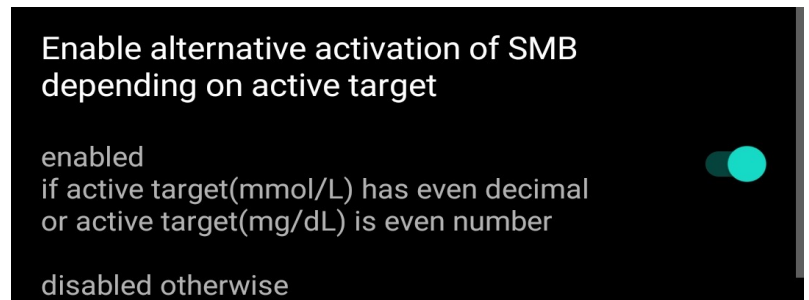
- As long as the current target is an even number then SMB is always enabled and a message like "*SMB enabled; current target 78 is even number*" or "*SMB enabled; current target 5.2 has even decimal*" shows up in the SMB-tab. This is useful for *Eating Soon* and compatible with its standard assignment of 72. Also, you could for instance select 120 while sick in bed and still get SMBs, regardless of all the other SMB settings.
  The only exceptions are those situations where SMBs are disabled for reasons other than direct SMB preference settings, e.g. a hypo looming in the predictions.
- As long as the current target is an odd number then SMB is disabled always and a message like "*SMB disabled; current target 81 is odd number*" or "*SMB disabled; current target 5.1 has odd decimal*" shows up in the SMB-tab. This is useful for quiet times or overnight with smoother curves by selecting TT=81 or 83 which worked very well for me. You can also use it overnight to avoid overreactions against compression lows.
- Please note that to be used with regular profile targets the lower and upper targets in the profile need to be identical.
- If none of the above applies or this features is disabled then the normal AAPS rules and messages will apply.

You need to be a careful because of **old habits** when defining a TT. *Eating Soon* at TT=72 behaves as before but *Hypo Target* at TT=120 would enable SMB which is probably not what you want in that situation. So better go to settings for *Default Temp-Targets* and change the *hypo target* to 121. You should also check the defaults for *Activity Target* and make sure that it fits your preferred SMB option during exercise.

With **automations** this offers a wide range of TTs and options without the need to adhere to the watershed at 100mg/dl. As an example take the situation where your IOB gets too high but the carbs are still coming in you can set a TT=73 by automation which gives the strongest possible TBR action but no SMB. **You absolutely must check all existing rules that set a TT whether they must be adapted.**

As you can see these new options are powerful but need careful preparation. Therefore the SMB delivery settings menu was extended as shown above by the switch *enableSMB_EvenOn_OddOff_always* to consciously enable this behaviour. Otherwise users not aware of this might get caught out.

In autoISF 3.0 there was a switch *enableSMB_EvenOn_OddOff* specific to TempTargets which is discontinued. Such fine grained difference seemed unnecessary but you need to check your TT automations and profile definitions for the need to be adapted.

# Automations specific to the 5 glucose ISF weights

Following requests from several users some automations were developed and added with relevant autoISF usage in mind.

## *Enable glucose ISF weights – Disable glucose ISF weights*

This will set the variable *enable_autoISF* accordingly. It only affects the 5 weights related to glucose behaviour and none of the other features like those influencing SMB.

## *Set BgAccel weight – Set iobTH percent*

This will set the two variables. For details of the new variable *iob_threshold_percentage* see the separate topic in this document.

## *Trigger on BgAccel weight - Trigger on iobTH percent*

You can create your usual conditions like "equals" or "less than" against the current value of any of those two variables.
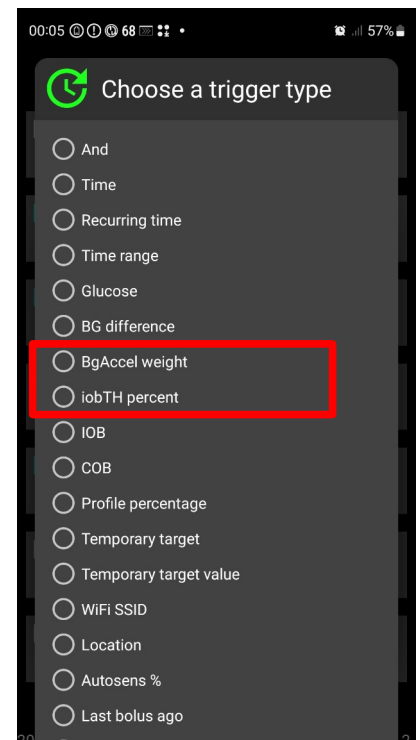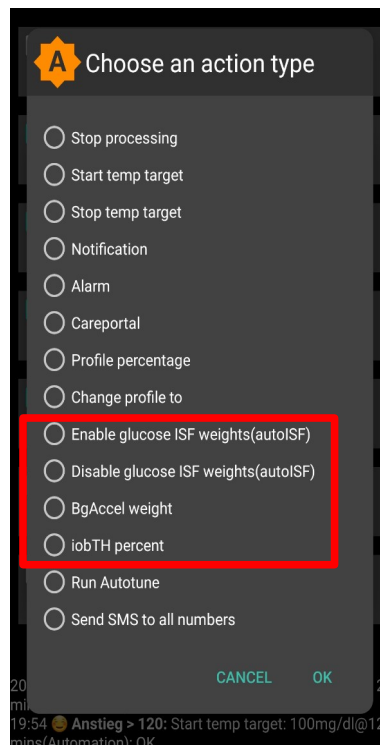




Here is an example set of automations to alternate between two values of iobTH:

I use two different values of *iob_threshold_percent* during a normal day. It is 40% for lunch time and 60% for dinner time. I have these two rules to switch by time of day and only if the current value equals the value from the earlier shift. Any other value is treated as a manual override for special occasions until I manually set it to its regular value. The time windows for switching are long enough to catch an opportunity to be processed and do not need to be actioned half a day each.

The often mentioned extra load on the phone battery is acceptable to me. With the automation plugin disabled completely a full charge lasts nearly 40 hours, with these two active it still lasts nearly 30 hours.
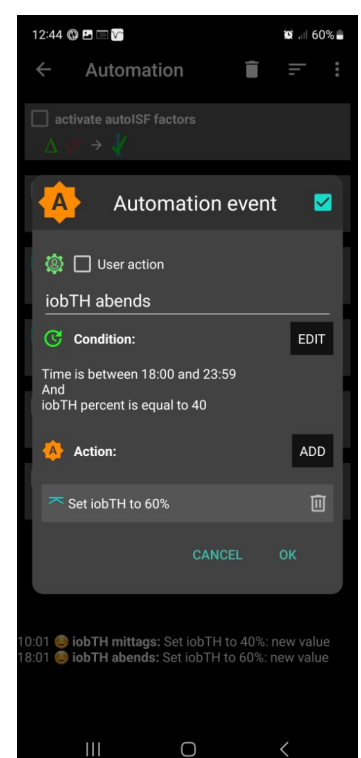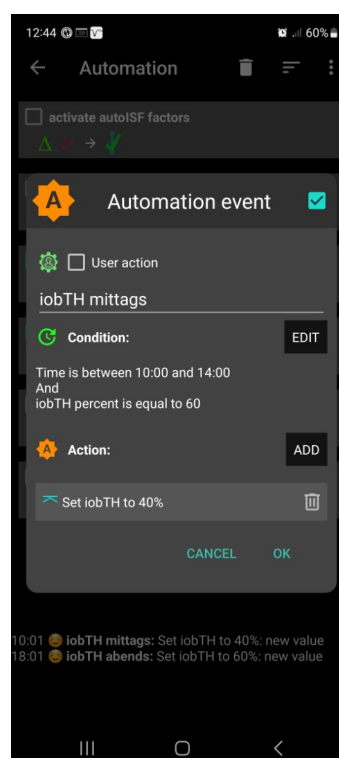
# Understanding messages

## *Loop power levels reported in SMB tab*

Some formulations in version autoISF3.0 used terminology like "Full loop disabled". This was a left over from the test phase when their features were withdrawn but messages stayed. These created a lot of confusion and were replaced. The table below shows the adapted messages together with the impact and the condition when they apply.

| Message | Condition | What does it affect? |
|---|---|---|
| Loop allows maximum power | even target < 100 | increase in bg limited to 30%, otherwise no SMB; actual SMB delivery ratio is max of fixed smb_delivery_ratio and linearly growing ratio |
| Loop allows medium power | even target >= 100 | increase in bg limited to 20%, the AAPS default, otherwise no SMB; actual SMB delivery ratio is either fixed smb_delivery_ratio or linearly growing ratio |
| Loop allows minimal power | odd target | no SMB, only TBR available for action |
| Loop power level temporarily capped | IOB > effective iobTH | Last SMB capped to stay below iob threshold + 30% overrun; user defined iobTH potentially modulated by exercise mode, activity monitor and profile percent |
| Loop allows AAPS power level | no even/odd target option active | SMB enabled/disabled according to standard AAPS rules and settings; no iobTH threshold is active |

## *AutoISF specific additions to the home screen*

The widget below contains all those additions as it is more or less identical to the top section of the home screen.

1.  Time ago since last loop is shown in seconds as long as it is less than 100 seconds ago. Especially with Libre 1 minute values it was more or less frozen at 0m all day.

2.  On top of the block with delta values the current acceleration is inserted. At the bottom you see the oldest information and towards the top the newer one or even the future. Remember that the acc value would be added to the delta number every 5 minutes if things continue the way they are at the moment. Especially while acceleration is close to 0 the bg curve looks fairly straight and it is difficult to judge visually whether acceleration is positive or negative. To me that is therefore the most important number among those four.



3.  At the bottom right there are two percentages:

    **as:** denotes the Autosense value shown traditionally

    **ai:** denotes the corresponding sensitivity change based on autoISF
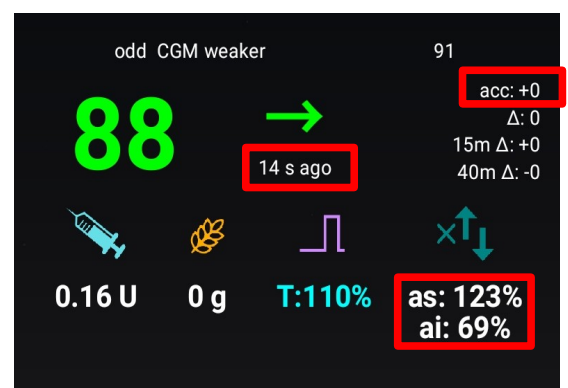
# Using Libre 1 minute data in autoISF

Consider as **background** that AAPS is configured in general to work with 5 minute data. However, as long as all calculation results like deltas are normalised to 5 minute intervals there is no numerical conflict. There were some bugs that needed to be fixed for really enabling SMB every minute. Still, there are some other things to be aware of.

Every time a new Libre reading arrives AAPS rebuilds an array of BG values 5 minutes apart. So it contains the Libre data from now, now-5m, now-10m, etc. This array is then treated just like coming from any other CGM. It can be smoothed, deltas can be calculated, etc. A minute later, i.e. at time now+1, this whole process starts over again and the new BG array then holds readings from now+1, now-4, now-9, etc. The readings in this new array are all different from the ones a minute earlier and only after 5 minutes the bulk of that array has the previous values in its history. One implication of this is an **optical illusion** on the home screen. Like a serpent the 5 minute subset (bright green dots) seems to creep along the white circles representing the Libre data. In AndroidCar the deltas displayed do not correlate with the BG displayed now and at now-1m on top of being normalized to 5m anyway.

How to handle **smoothing**? The readings from Libre generate a much more "rounded" curve than some other raw CGM data. A special effort of $2^{nd}$ order exponential smoothing applied to the 1 minute readings itself mainly resulted in a time shift while the shape did not change much. Therefore that special smoothing effort was thrown overboard and smoothing – if factivated by the user -is applied to the subsets of every $5^{th}$ reading as described above. So, the loop algorithm is fed with those smoothed BG and delta values.

For the **parabola fit** it is another story. As mentioned before the Libre readings do not vary wildly within 1 minute and using the raw readings as input for the parabola fit proved to be working fine. Keep in mind, that the fit algorithm by its nature determines a smooth parabola which best approaches the data points without modifying them. Sometimes or for some users the Libre spectrum can show oscillations overlayed on an otherwise smooth path. Such an oscillation peak has a duration of typically 10 minutes and therefore the minimum length for the parabola fit was set to 20 minutes in order to avoid resonance situations between an oscillation half wave and a parabola.

Why not use **xDrip**? It can be used as an alternative to include smoothing or send data only every 5 minutes. That remains an option if users prefer it or have other reasons to include xDrip in the process chain like Libre calibration. But be aware of a trap in xDrip: when a Libre reading arrives earlier than 60 sec that value is rejected by xDrip and no loop is triggered. When you need xDrip for alarms etc. you better have Juggluco send data to AAPS and xDrip in parallel to avoid such drop outs.

One other important aspect when using 1 minute readings is related to the **smb_delivery_ratio**. Normally we want large SMB as soon as possible to be advantageous. Here, the opposite proved to be better. Using several small steps rather than a few large steps resulted in a much smoother ride. So autoISF now allows ratios down to 0.1 and 0.2 seems to be a good starting value. The added advantage of such lower ratios is that responses to sensor noise are much smaller and therefore less critical. The more frequent activation of the pump reminds me of the B30 method favoured in AIMI.

One last aspect of using 1 minute data is the **drain on battery**. In my case it mainly impacts the Combo battery because of more frequent TBR adjustments and more, minor SMBs. Its battery now lasts only 2 weeks compared to 4 weeks with the 5 minute Eversense.

**In summary** the recommended data flow is very simple: Juggluco → AAPS → exponential smoothing. Set a delivery ratio below 0.5.

# Attachment: Table of all autoISF settings

| Name | Use | Min – Max | Default | Useful initial value for adults[1] |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Settings related to the 5 glucose ISF weights** | | | | |
| enable_autoISF | Use any of the 5 glucose weights for scaling the glucose ISF factors | False - True | False | |
| autoISF_min | Lowest ISF factor allowed | 0.3 – 1.0 | 1 | 0.7 like autosense_min |
| autoISF_max | Highest ISF factor allowed | 1.0 – 3.0 | 1 | 1.2 like autosense_max |
| **Settings related to acce_ISF, i.e. related to glucose acceleration** | | | | |
| bgAccel_ISF_weight | Strength of acce_ISF contribution with positive acceleration | 0.0 – 1.0 | 0 | 0.02 |
| bgBrake_ISF_weight | Strength of acce_ISF contribution with negative acceleration | 0.0 – 1.0 | 0 | 0.02 |
| **Settings related to pp_ISF, i.e. glucose delta** | | | | |
| pp_ISF_weight | Strength of effect | 0.0 – 1.0 | 0 | 0.005 |
| **Settings related to bg_ISF, i.e. glucose deviating from target** | | | | |
| lower_ISFrange_weight | Strength of bg_ISF effect when bg<target | 0.0 – 2.0 | 0 | 0.2 |
| higher_ISFrange_weight | Strength of bg_ISF effect when bg>target | 0.0 – 2.0 | 0 | 0.2 |
| **Settings related to dura_ISF, i.e. related to glucose "frozen" at high levels** | | | | |
| dura_ISF_weight | Strength of dura_ISF effect | 0.0 – 3.0 | 0 | 0.2 |
| **Settings related to SMB delivery size** | | | | |
| smb_delivery_ratio | Increase the AAPS standard 0.5 of Insulin required | 0.1 – 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| smb_delivery_ratio_min | Minimum for linearly rising ratio at and below target_bg | 0.1 – 1.0 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| smb_delivery_ratio_max | Maximum for linearly rising ratio at and above target_bg + smb_delivery_ratio_bg_range | 0.5 – 1.0 | 0.9 | 0.8 |
| smb_delivery_ratio_bg_range | Width of bg range to reach maximum ratio | 0.0 – 100 | 0 | 40 |
| smb_max_range_extension | Multiplier for maxSMBBasalMinutes and maxUAMSMBBasalMinutes | 1.0 – 5.0 | 1 | 1.5 |
| **Settings related to enabling/disabling SMB by even or odd target values** | | | | |
| enableSMB_EvenOn_OddOff_always | Enable SMB depending on profile target value type | False - True | False | |
| **Settings related to scaling the activity monitor impact** | | | | |
| activity_scale_factor | Strength of effect | 0.0 – 1.5 | 1.0 | |
| inactivity_scale_factor | Strength of effect | 0.0 – 1.5 | 1.0 | |

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1    For children there is minimal experience and you need to use much softer settings

# Attachment: Screenshot of autoISF menu



**Left screen (Preferences):**

12:45

← **Preferences**

Max minutes of basal to limit SMB to for UAM
120

Enable UAM
Detection of Unannounced meals ●(on)

Sensitivity raises target
When sensitivity is detected, raise the target glucose ○(off)

Resistance lowers target
When resistance is detected, lower the target glucose ○(off)

High temptarget raises sensitivity / exercise mode
Raise sensitivity for temptargets >= 100 ○(off)

Low temptarget lowers sensitivity
Lower sensitivity for temptargets < 100 ●(on)

Half basal exercise target
140

Activity modifies sensitivity

Minimum Carbs Required For Suggestion
1

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**Right screen (Einstellungen):**

20:54  118

← **Einstellungen**

autoISF allows to adapt the insulin sensitivity factor (ISF) in various scenarios of glucose behaviour

It can also adapt SMB delivery settings

Enable ISF adaptation by glucose behaviour ●(on)

Min autoISF ratio (autoISF_min)
0.5

Max autoISF ratio (autoISF_max)
1.5

Weight while BG accelerates (bgAccel_ISF_weight)
0.05

Weight while BG decelerates (bgBrake_ISF_weight)
0.1

lower ISF-range weight (lower_ISFrange_weight)
0.3

higher ISF-range weight (higher_ISFrange_weight)
0.3

postprandial ISF weight (pp_ISF_weight)
0.0

dura_ISF weight (dura_ISF_weight)
0.4

Percentage of maxIOB above which SMBs are disabled (iob_threshold_percent)
90

SMB delivery settings