

## 6. Temporary modulation for exercise and lighter (in-)activity V 3.5

**Please note that with autoISF you are in an early-dev. environment,** where the user interface is **not optimized for safety** of users who stray away from intended ways to use. Good safety features exist, but these are only as good as the development-oriented user understands and implements them.

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#### [Available related case studies:](#)

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..... DIY cockpit

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= Drafted fragments or not implemented ideas.

### Preliminary remarks

This section is **no easy read** because it attempts to describe *all options* to deal with *various types* of exercise.

- Fortunately, you might need *none* of them,
- you can set *any* of them up at your leisure, later, one at a time, for any of your occasional or regular exercise events,
- then pick one or two of the described options, how to go about it.

- As long you were not able yet to define better ways, you should always be able to manage bg dropping during sports with **extra snacks** (keep those at hand).

Staying in contact with the related discord/github community should help greatly to find suitable ways to manage *your* type(s) of exercise.

- Please report *your* experience by supplying a case study.

Looking at case studies that relate to *your* kinds of exercise might be easier to digest than working your way through *all the options laid out* in this section.

For detail insights into how to manage **various kinds of exercise**, listen-in this reference by looping pioneer and sportswoman Dana Lewis: [https://bit.ly/DC1\\_631](https://bit.ly/DC1_631) (starts around minute 05:30). Same is available through [bit.ly/DiabetesCxnsAndroid](https://bit.ly/DiabetesCxnsAndroid) or [bit.ly/DiabetesCxnsApple](https://bit.ly/DiabetesCxnsApple)

## 6.1 Dynamic iobTH and sensitivity ratio in „exercise mode“

iobTH is a iob threshold you can set, above which AAPS will no longer deliver additional SMBs.

(This overrides the SMB management via even/odd bg target differentiation).

(Regarding by how much “*the last SMB*” may shoot over iobTH, see [section 2.4](#)).

**For exercise, we like to limit how high iob can go**, therefore automatic “dynamic” reduction of your set iobTH (= iobMAX x iobTH%) is a benefit, notably as you can individually tune it.

In autoISF 3.0 and later, a setting for iobTH is made in AAPS preferences, defined there as fraction (e.g. 0.6) of your set maxIOB:

/OpenAPS\_SMB/autoISF\_settings/Full\_Loop\_settings: iob\_threshold\_percent,

=> default iobTH = iobMAX x **iob\_threshold\_percent**

So, while iobTH could also be modulated via iobMAX, we mostly adapt the iob\_threshold\_percent to do that.

64 In the following, 3 principal avenues to temporary adjusting iobTH to your exercise  
65 requirements are described: **Manual** intervention ([6.1.1](#)), making use of individually defined  
66 Automations ([6.1.2](#)), and relying on the automatic dynamic adjustments coming with autoISF  
67 ([6.1.3](#)) .

68 The author experimented with all of them, but rarely needs manual intervention  
69 because the **automatic “dynamic”** adjustments work pretty well, after some  
70 individual tuning (see e.g. case study 6.2).

71 In any case it is good to educate yourself about manual tweaking options, should the  
72 need arise.

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#### 74 6.1.1 Manual (direct) iobTH modulation

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76 „Manual“ routes to directly change iobTH would be

- 77 • changing the setting for the new parameter „iob\_threshold\_percent „
- 78 • or changing the setting for iobMAX

79 in /Preferences.

80 This is not a preferred route for temporary adjustment, because it is not easy accessible with  
81 just a button stroke, and it would not automatically revert to your prior setting, after use.

82 A future improved FCL cockpit (-> [section 5.3](#)) might give direct access to

- 83 • **override iobTH temporarily, at any point of time.**

84 A bridging solution that can achieve nearly the same is: to construct your own “DIY  
85 cockpit” button to change iobTH% from the AAPS main screen, see next section.

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#### 87 6.1.2 Automations for temporary iobTH modulation

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89 You can define Automations that set a different iobTH% **under pre-defined conditions**

90 In a variation of this idea (if your Automation has the User Action box ticked), you get  
91 a grey button into your AAPS home screen, from which you can activate that changed  
92 iobTH manually (“DIY cockpit”, as was already presented in [section 5.2.2.3](#))..

93 Note that this is the iobTH you tell the loop to use **in place of** the previously set iobTH:

94 ● it will still be modulated further if %profile and TT are set (see below)

95 ● it will overwrite the iobTH% you had set in /preferences!

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97 **Caution:** A different iobTH% or bgAccel\_ISF\_weight can *not* be set *temporarily* in

98 Automations (i.e. a *duration cannot be attached*). You **must** define a suitable **additional**

99 **Automation that** must be active in tandem, that **restores the prior set iobTH%** or bgAccel-

100 ISF\_weight **again**. Else, once your Automation sets in, it will *forever* shift this important

101 parameter setting!

102 If for instance you have several Automations that, in combination with a set elevated TT also

103 set a lower iobTH: Don't be fooled, the duration only applies to the TT. You need an extra

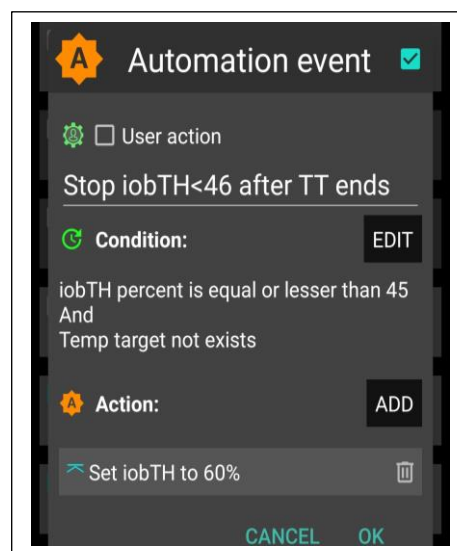
104 Automation for all of them.

105 Example: My Automation that restores my prior set profile

106 iobTH%:

107 I picked out the *highest* of the *lowered* iobTH values that  
108 *other* Automations can set (45 percent was the highest “of  
109 the low ones” in my case), and then I can automatically  
110 restore to my *prior* 60% via this one:

111 **Caution:** Watch out for another potential stumbling block,  
112 because many Automations only work under the condition  
113 that no TT is already running.



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114 As temp. changing iobTH is quite tricky to automate, it is the author's preferred route to only  
115 *indirectly* modify it – see next section.

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117 6.1.3 Dynamic iobTH: iobTH modulation via setting a temp. glucose target

118 6.1.3.1 How does automatic sensitivity and iobTH adaptation work in the exercise mode?

119 In AAPS/Preferences, set “**High TT raises sensitivity** = TRUE”. Then, setting a temporary  
120 glucose target (TT), modulates iobTH the same way as it modulates sensitivity (ISF).

121 **When. additionally. the exercise button is ON** (lit yellow), iobTH gets reduced  
122 **particularly strong**, and ISF is **particularly weakened** (as desired for exercise). That

123 effect is the stronger (**ISF gets the weaker, iobTH the lower**), **the lower you set the half-**  
124 **basal exercise target** for your exercise mode in AAPS/preferences/OpenAPS SMB:

125 The following table shows, for a profile target of 100 mg/dl, how the set ...

126 • @ half\_basal\_exercise\_target you set in AAPS/preferences/OpenAPS SMB...

127 Choose a low number if you later want a high dynamic range of sensitivity modulation

128 Lower half-basal exercise target = lesser insulin delivered

129 • ... and @ your current exercise TT that you set on the day you do the respective  
130 exercise, with an eye on how you wish sensitivity auto-adjusted...

131 Higher TT = lesser insulin delivered

132 ... determine the effective sensitivity ratio.

Half basal ex.target	180	150	120
TT	sens.ratio	sens.ratio	sens.ratio
100 = profile target	1	1	1
120	0,8	0,71	0,5
140	0,67	0,56	0,33
160	0,57	0,45	0,25
180	0,50	0,38	0,20

133 The exact calculation for any combination of profile target, set TT, and half-  
134 basal\_exercise\_target is given in [section 3.3](#)

135 Note that:

136 • **temp. basal = profile basal \* sens.ratio**

137 *Example: At a half-basal\_exercise\_target of 120, setting a TT of 120 gives only half (0.5) of*  
138 *profile basal (hence the name of the parameter)*

139 • **temp.ISF = profile ISF / sens.ratio**

140 • **temp.iobTH = set iobTH \* sens.ratio**

141 Whereas in “vanilla” AAPS the sens ratio is simply coming from you (manually) or Autosens  
142 (automatically) setting a temporary profile sensitivity other than 100% (and in the special  
143 case of dynamicISF with additional effects on ISF), here in autoISF we have strong, non-  
144 linear, and user scaleable effects on the sens.ratio.

145 6.1.3.2 How you recognize the real-time iobTH, and “aggressiveness” status of your FCL loop in  
 146 general

147 Rather than bothering with the math, you can just look into your **SMB tab** where your  
 148 selected temporary settings put your iobTH , and the modified ISF (called **sens**):

149 The valid “effective iobTH” can also be  
 150 seen in the SMB tab, see example (for a  
 151 **TT=144** and exercise button clicked);

Same, with (via top left button in AAPS home screen) **additionally 70% profile** applied:

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152  COMBOV2  SMB  AUTO  NSI  :
      Last run : 3/29/24 20:55
      Result
      Script debug : d:
      Activity monitor disabled:
      tempTarget
      Sensitivity ratio set to 0.53
      based on temp target of 144
      Adjusting basal from 0.75 to
156  0.75 * 0.53 = 0.398;
      ISF from 39 to 73.6 = 39 / 0.53
      CR: 7
      -----
      start autoISF 3.0.1
      -----
      User setting iobTH=60%
159  60% * 0.53 = 32% or 3.18U
      modulated to 32% or 3.18U
      due to profile % and/or
      exercise/activity mode
      SMB enabled; current target
      144 is even number
      Loop allows medium power
      acce_ISF adaptation is 0.71
      bg_ISF adaptation is 0.65
      final ISF factor is 0.34
      including exercise mode
      impact
      -----
      end autoISF
      -----
      currenttemp: 0 lastTempAge: 0
      m tempModulus: 21 m
      profile.sens: 39 sens: 113.2
      CSF: 16.17
      -----
      = 39 / 0.34
  
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      COMBOV2  SMB  AUTO  NSI  :
      Last run : 3/29/24 21:01
      Result
      Script debug : d:
      Activity monitor disabled:
      tempTarget
      Sensitivity ratio set to 0.53
      based on temp target of 144
      Adjusting basal from 0.52 to
      0.276;
      ISF from 57.1 to 107.8
      CR: 10.714285714285714
      -----
      start autoISF 3.0.1
      -----
      User setting iobTH=60%
      modulated to 22% or 2.23U
      due to profile % and/or
      exercise/activity mode
      SMB enabled; current target
      144 is even number
      Loop allows medium power
      Parabolic fit extrapolates a
      maximum of 107 in about 4
      minutes
      acce_ISF adaptation is 0.95
      bg_ISF adaptation is 0.65
      final ISF factor is 0.34
      including exercise mode
      impact
      -----
      end autoISF
      -----
      profile.sens 39 sens: 162 = 39 / (0.34 * 70%)
  
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167 These examples show that, **by just setting an exercise TT and a typical exercise**  
 168 **profile%** (two super easy “interventions” via the top buttons on our AAPS main screen,  
 169 turning yellow in response as an easy “reminder” we are in a special mode), **the iobTH will**  
 170 **be automatically very sharply reduced** (in our example, to about half just by the TT; and  
 171 further to about 1/3, by the % setting)

172 From the figures given (left side), the user's iobTH calculates to 6.0 U (= (60%/32%)\*3,18U)  
173 which is 60% of iobMAX of 10.0 U. So, normally, autoISF FCL could give SMBs up to  
174 anywhere between 6.0 U and 7.2 U (=6.0 +20%; see [section 2.4](#) at step 2.4: at bg>100, iob  
175 can run max. 20% over with "last" SMB). For doing exercise, this window shrinks now to 3.18  
176 – 3.82 U (left) or, even to 2.23 – 2.77 U (right).

177 In conclusion, these easy-to-make settings (TT, %profile) automatically provide the same  
178 thing like would have been done in Hybrid Closed Loop, where a meal bolus of about 7 U  
179 would get cut down to 4 U or even to 3 U, depending on type of exercise.

180 If you concurrently use QPython 3L and the emulator on your Android phone (see [section 11](#))  
181 you need not look into the SMB tab, but could see more details (~ for the last hour, plus all  
182 contributing ...ISF\_categories from autoISF), in tabular form, on your phone.

183 For i-Phone autoISF users, double clicking on "Statistics" also provides similar information  
184 (see [section 11.3](#)).

### 185 6.1.3.3 Customization and-tuning

186 Try to determine good settings for the kinds of exercise that you engage in:

187 Set your **half-basal exercise target** in /preferences that suits all of them...

- 188 • ... in tandem with reasonable TTs that you like to use later, for each of your  
189 intended specific exercises
- 190 • Iterate through this a couple of times (whenever you happen to do *that*  
191 exercise).

192 ⇒ **Remember** ("code" for yourself), **which TT stands for which exercise type, so**  
193 **that just by setting *that* TT everything (ISF, iobTH) *automatically* will provide**  
194 **the lower loop aggressiveness that you need for that specific type of**  
195 **exercise.**

196

197 When setting a TT please watch out for unintended implications and side-effects:

198 (1) Setting a TT often **shuts out other** Automations.

199 Therefore, choose the **duration** wisely (and also the **sequence**, in which all your  
200 Automations are listed).

201 (2) You always must consciously decide whether you set an **even or an odd** numbered bg  
202 **target** (TT or profile target). (This is assuming you use, as you should, the even/odd bg  
203 target differentiation for SMB on/off).



204 • Pick **odd**, if you do not want SMBs during exercise. (Despite your softened ISF, and  
 205 lowered iobTH, SMBs still might „attack“ a sports snack too strongly).

206     ○ However, odd cannot be set too early, when your meal digestion still  
 207     requires SMBs.

208     ○ Likewise, you might want the option for a few automatically delivered SMBs  
 209     against unforeseen spikes (e.g. from excitement) also later.  
 210     In that case, an **Automation** might **sneak in a desired SMB** or two via  
 211     switching from odd to even, just for a couple of minutes, and under a well  
 212     thought-out set of conditions (that you must find in **your** data patterns,  
 213     when you do that kind of exercise that you try to find good settings for),

214             However, you are probably out of luck because an already set odd (or  
 215             any) TT would preclude such Automation from kicking in. Then you  
 216             need to **develop additional** ideas, another detour, like to first define an  
 217             **Automation that briefly shuts your odd TT down**.

218     ○ So, defining everything so you really can be happy with oddTT being  
 219     your primary way is a quite tricky project you should not under-  
 220     estimate.

221 • Working with an **even** TT can be preferable, notably of course if your exercise is one that  
 222     can get you totally excited, with glucose spikes.

223     ○ While this mode generally does allow SMBs, the loop softens the ISF (by the  
 224     sens.factor like in the table given above), and will temp. shut SMBs down, when  
 225     **iobTH** (which also got lowered by the sens. factor) is exceeded.

226 Whether odd or even TT is better depends on the kinds of exercise you are doing, and  
 227 probably depends on the protein and fat load of your meal and snacks, as well.

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229 (3) **Timing** can be **critical** as to when you do your exercise announcement, especially  
 230 relative to a preceding hi-carb meal. Then you want the reduced iobTH in place latest after  
 231 you received the first SMB. See [section 6.4](#) and [case study 6.2](#)

232

233 (4) Once you are familiar with the **dynamic range of your iobTH**,



- after you made your settings, notably set your half-basal exercise target
- knowing the range of TTs and %profile adaptations that you intend to use before/during/after your types of exercise

please confirm or re-consider *your iobTH\_percent setting in /Preferences*, [section 2.4](#).

(5) You always can **look the effective iobTH up in the SMB tab** (see screenshots given 3 pages earlier).

In future releases you might see the valid iobTH that your loop is working with also in your AAPS home screen, next to the current iob status.

#### 6.1.4 Tweaking iobTH

You can use any of the above discussed methods, or also the one that now follows in [section 6.2](#), to *further tweak* iobTH temporarily, should you see a need.

Also outside of exercise, setting an **even elevated TT plus** pressing the **exercise button** gives easy access to **significantly reduce aggressiveness of your autoISF loop** via a resulting lowered iobTH and, concurrently, elevated effective ISF.

This could be used for instance for 45-60 minutes **at low/medium carb snacks**, as an alternative to shutting SMBs **entirely** off via an **odd** TT.

When *exercise follows a meal*, it might be smart to use the just discussed tweaking methods right after you felt the sting from the first big Lyumjev SMB.

However, we will look at smarter and safer ways for this “exercise after meal” scenario in [section 6.5](#) and in [case study 6.2](#)

## 6.2 Temporary % profile switch

A complementary measure you can take from the AAPS home screen is to set a **reduced temp.% profile** sensitivity.

262 This setting would **multiply** with the results in above table and further reduce basal and  
263 **ioBTH** (whenever exercise button AND profile button both are yellow).

264 An example was already given with the 2<sup>nd</sup> screenshot, 3 pages earlier

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266 Note that temp. reduction of basal will proportionally also **reduce the max. allowed size of**  
267 **SMBs** (which is two hours worth of basal x SMB\_range\_extention, see [section 2.1](#))

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269 The **time windows** for doing a profile switch *can differ* from the time window (duration) of  
270 your TT-related exercise settings. **Using all available tools then allows a nearly surgical**  
271 **approach to what you want to achieve for and during your favorite exercise(s).**

272 • Often the %profile modulation is used for several hours if not days to accommodate “long  
273 waved” sensitivity swings (See e.g. in [case study 6.2](#)).

274 • Instead, or even additionally, the percentage might be modified for just a couple of  
275 minutes, or for one special snack or meal duration, to “nudge” the proportionally  
276 modulated aggressiveness of the FCL (see [section 5.2.3](#)).

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278 You can prepare yourself for anything you see coming up, or potentially coming up, in your  
279 daily life, so, from the comfort of your cockpit ([section 6.3](#); [section 6.5.2](#)) you get ready for it  
280 within just a second or two, doing a few „clicks“.

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## 282 6.3 Managing exercise via Cockpit inputs

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284 You may want to skip reading the **green texts** which are about suggested further features in  
285 future software updates

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### 287 6.3.1 Basic Settings for Exercise

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289 Coming from FCL with no TT set (both top fields, TT and exercise, are grey), you best  
290 prepare for an intended exercise by **pressing the TT field** of your AAPS main screen (your  
291 looping cockpit; presented in [section 5.2](#)).

292 There, you can **freely select** TT and duration.

293 Alternatively, you can press on **one of 4 offered exercise presets**. (Note: This, and many  
294 other – in this green color - described cockpit features are yet to be developed)

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296 When you do either one, the exercise button in the top middle of your AAPS main screen  
297 should turn yellow (or just press on the exercise button, when a TT is set.)

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299 6.3.2 „Dynamic“ exercise mode off = traditional AAPS exercise mode (YGY)

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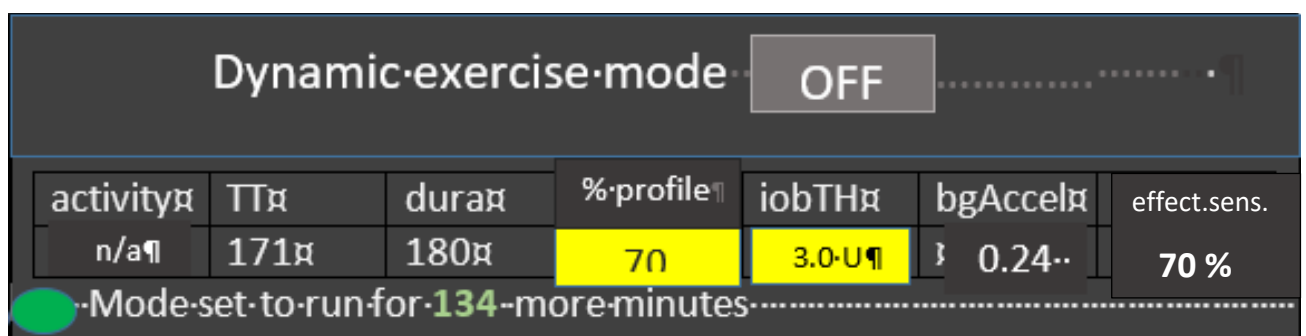
301 When the dynamic exercise mode is off, you still have the instruments for *exercise*  
302 *management just as you always had it in the past* = a combination of manually softened  
303 aggressiveness via setting a temp. %profile change, and orienting corrections towards an  
304 elevated TT.

305

306 By selecting an odd numbered TT you now have the *additional option* to shut SMBs  
307 temporarily off, too.

308 **Continue with** section 6.5 – The following **green texts** (and embedded screenshots)  
309 **describe currently not available features that were suggested for further development**

310 *If improved cockpit is launched, the top part of the dialogue box looks about like this when*  
311 *the exercise field is grey:*



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313 % profile can be changed:

- either here => neighboring %profile button turns yellow too (with the % info on it); or
- under the %profile button; or
- it had already been changed using AAPS / Action / Profile switch

In all 3 cases, you see the number < 100 or >100 in the middle of above table, on a yellow colored field, too.

In this “YGY” mode, the % temp. set profile is the applied “effective sensitivity” (% ratio)

TT and duration can be entered or changed (= traditional mode to set exercise targets).

If there is a desire to try, for the **remaining duration**, a different iobTH or bgAccel\_ISF-weight, this can be overridden in the table; field turns yellow, and the algorithm uses temp. iobTH and/or temp bgAccel\_ISF\_weight as modified in the exercise button (and reports this also in the SMB tab).

*In the dialogue box pictured above, 70% profile was set for 3 hours, and the default iobTH of 60% \* 10 U was cut by 50% down to 3.0 U.*

The remaining duration shows below the table (*in the example: 134 minutes and counting down*).

The effective iobTH is given in the SMB tab. *In later versions, the effective iobTH should show also in the AAPS home screen, next to the actual iob (e.g. „1.2 U < 3.0 U“)*

TT and % profile will also show on the yellow labels of the neighboring %profile (left top of AAPS home screen) and TT (right side), respectively.

The middle (exercise) field remains grey because the automatic sensitivity tuning (that would use TT and half-basal exercise target) are off.

344 6.3.3 Dynamic exercise mode ON (GY or YY)

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346 By pressing the yellow exercise button on the AAPS home screen, *you have the*  
347 *option* to switch the **dynamic exercise mode ON**, in which case the middle  
348 field/exercise button of your AAPS main screen will go from grey to yellow.

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350 In a version update you could do your setting for the upcoming exercise under the **dialogue**  
351 **box of the TT button**

352 Then, when you look into the exercise button in the middle of your FCL cockpit the dynamic  
353 exercise mode will automatically be „ON“, and all entries made:

activity	TT	dur	%sens	iobTH	bgAccel	effect.sens.
mtb	171	180	100	4.0-11	0.16	67 %

• Mode set to run for 134 more minutes

• Mode starting after meal when iob > iobTH

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355 The data for the kind of exercise (*here mtb; could also be n/a or ?*) are coming from prior  
356 selections made in the dialogue box of the neighboring TT field. There, as well as in this  
357 window here, the resulting iobTH and bgAccel\_ISF\_weight are shown. Also the overall  
358 aggressiveness (% overall insulin sensitivity factor) is calculated.

359 The **middle field** of the table in this dialogue box, **% profile** either picks up the % set under  
360 the %profile button, or an input can be made here, in the exercise button domain, which will:

- 361
- turn the neighboring %profile button on yellow and show that inputted % on it, too
  - be multiplied with the result from the exercise mode settings per se, and change the
- 362
- 363 effective sensitivity %, accordingly.

364 So, if this middle field of above table (dialogue box of exercise button) contains a figure other  
365 than 100, the input field becomes yellow, and you are operating with a combination of  
366 traditional PLUS new exercise mode (with all three top buttons of your FCL cockpit yellow).  
367 This maximally will soften aggressiveness, for which you get an idea by the last calculated  
368 figure.

369 The mode is either running already (*for another 134 of the total 180 minute in the picture*) as  
370 also the label on the neighboring yellow TT field will show 171 (134, and counting down),  
371 Or (*see at the red dot in picture above*), it is scheduled to run, after insulination for a started  
372 meal surpasses iobTH (*as in table*).

373 Note that, when the TT expires or is changed, your overriding input (if you made any)  
374 is automatically erased, forgotten.

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#### 376 6.3.4 Dynamic exercise mode ON plus %profile change (YYY)

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378 The **middle field** of the table in the dynamic exercise mode dialogue box (see above), %  
379 **profile**“ either picks up the % set under the %profile button, or an input can be made here, in  
380 the exercise button domain, which will:

- 381 • turn the neighboring %profile button on yellow and show that inputted % on it, too
- 382 • be multiplied with the result from the exercise mode settings per se, and change
- 383 the % overall, accordingly.

384 So, if this middle field of above table (dialogue box of exercise button) contains a figure other  
385 than 100, input field becomes yellow, and you are operating with a combination of traditional  
386 plus new exercise mode (with **all three top buttons** of your FCL cockpit **yellow**). This  
387 **maximally will soften aggressiveness**, for which you get an idea by the last calculated  
388 figure.

389 Maximal softening happens only **when >100% profile**. A <100% profile is not used for  
390 exercise typically, and would counter-act the softening from the elevated TT.

391 It is advisable to find good settings primarily *within* the dynamic exercise mode. Use profile  
392 switches only complementary as needed. notably to provide for other, „longer waved“, health  
393 or hormonal situations.

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395 Note that you can make use of the **exercise button** at any time for easy tweaking..

- 396 • yellow -> off/grey = increase

- 397 • grey -> on/yellow = decrease ( only possible if a TT> 100 mg/dl is set )

398 ..the aggressiveness, without changing (and changing back) settings.

399 6.4 Option to pre-set for 4 kinds of exercise or meals (for 1 button operation)

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401 You may want to skip the entire section 6.4 because (*green texts*) mostly it is about  
402 non-existing further features, suggested for future software updates

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404 6.4.1 iob\_threshold\_percent

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Skip what is in green writing:  
= Drafted fragments or not implemented ideas.

406 In AAPS preferences/OpenAPS SMB/autoISF settings / Full Loop Settings, the default  
407 iob\_threshold\_percent used for the normal meal spectrum is defined.

408 In an updated later autoISF version you might be able to differentiate there for up to 4 meal  
409 clusters (see next section)

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411 6.4.2 Pre-settings for (up to) 4 kinds of exercise:

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413 In AAPS preferences/OpenAPS SMB/autoISF settings / Full Loop Settings: follows next input  
414 fields for pre-settings you can define for (up to) 4 kinds of exercise:

415 The following table gives an example of settings you may find well-suited for 4 of your  
416 favourite exercises

#1-4	give name (max 3 characters)	duration for TT ( min)	TT (AC) (mg/dl)	% profile	iobTH	bgAcce:weight	Approx % ins reduct.
1	wlk	60	111	100			
2	grd	120	131	90			
3	bik	300	151	90			
4	mtb	180	171	70			

417 Input fields (during tuning phase to determine good settings) are only the columns 2-5.

418 The last 3 columns will be calculated from TT and %profile inputs, using also the half-basal  
419 exercise target and the default weight setting. In this setting.



420 The last is only an approximation to get a feel for a reasonable setting of the other  
421 parameters.

422 Here in preferences they should never be overridden, but TT or % profile should be adjusted  
423 to reach desired result when tuning for FCL.

424 Likewise, you find tables to make pre-settings for meals and for hypo treatments:

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426 6.4.3 Pre-settings for (up to) 4 kinds of meals:

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428 In AAPS preferences/OpenAPS SMB/autoISF settings / **Full Loop Settings**: follows next:

429 Input fields for pre-settings you can define for (up to) 4 kinds of meals. For instance:

TT# 1-4	give name (3 letters)	TT (Eating Soon) (mg/dl)e	Duration for TT (min)	iobTH (0---130% and < iobMAX)	bgAcce factor 200...0%	
1	hiC	72	120	110	110	
2	loC	74	180	67	67	
3	piz	76	300	100	100	
4	snk	78	60	100	50	

430

431 Input fields (during tuning phase to determine good settings) are all columns

432 Difference in TT is fairly unimportant (unless you do not give a name and memorize the set  
433 TT number instead, for which meal type it codes.

434 Logic why not having a % profile column here: %profile switch should be set extra,  
435 potentially for another time period (e.g. „reserved“ for periods of exercise, or for entire  
436 days of altered insulin sensitivity, for instance due to illness, fasting, extensive sports  
437 week.)

438 6.4.4 Pre-settings for (up to) 4 kinds of Hypo treatment:

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440 In AAPS preferences/OpenAPS SMB/autoISF settings / **Full Loop Settings**: follows next:

441 Input fields for pre-settings you can define for (up to) 4 kinds of HYPO treatment. Example:

TT (ES) (mg/dl)	give name (3 letters)	TT (AC) (mg/dl)	Duration for TT (AC) (min)	bgTH (mg/dl)	
1	Hy1	131	55	none	
2	Hy2	131	55	200	

442

443 Input fields (during tuning phase to determine good settings) are all columns, 2-5.

444 Choosing an odd-numbered TT is recommended as it can shut-out SMBs (with the  
445 appropriate setting in preferences/Open APS SMB/autoISF settings/smb\_delivery  
446 settings/"enable alternative activation...".

447

448 Those of us who tend to over-treat hypos may prefer to set Hy2 (unless for night snacks->  
449 Hy1): Reverting to standard loop aggressiveness with SMBs after/if a certain bg level  
450 („threshold“, similar to our iobTH for meals) is surpassed, and we want our loop to react  
451 again with SMBs before the set duration expires.

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## 454 6.5 Mastering Exercise after a Meal

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456 In Hybrid Closed Loop, we gave less insulin at meals (a reduced bolus) before exercise.

457 Since we now get our meal insulin automatically from the loop, we would have to at least  
458 somehow tell it that exercise follows this time.

459 Simply setting an exercise profile *before* the meal would make our full closed loop too weak  
460 in the "treatment" of the first glucose rise. **What we want is, to get our** (already, compared  
461 to HCL, delayed) **meal insulin delivered as fast as possible by SMBs. It just should be**  
462 **capped at the desired iob reduction.**

### 463 6.5.1 Manual mode requires 2 user interventions

464

465 What we can do, is (1) **reduce** the **iobTH** (via the `_%` setting, e.g. *by one third*).

466 • *In the example we were using, this would mean to reduce by 2 U to  $iobTH^* = 4U$ .*

467 • Do that estimate for your data, and think back how you did bolus reduction in hybrid  
468 closed loop before same exercise.

469 • Likewise, you can use your profile ISF, e.g. *30 mg/dl/U* and „translate“ by how much  
470 ( $2U * 30 \text{ mg/dl/U} = 60 \text{ mg/dl}$ ) this „pulls you away from going into a hypo“.

471 • Using your IC (e.g. *8g/U*) you can also translate the iobTH reduction (2 U) into a  
472 „snack equivalent“ ( $2U * 8 \text{ g/U} = 16 \text{ g}$ ) that you „replace“ by thinking ahead and  
473 „budgeting“ for some exercise with your iobTH modulation.

474 In this scenario, our loop delivers SMB insulin as fast as always, only that when the last SMB  
475 has passed the iobTH, the loop only has elevated %TBR to work with, meaning it cannot  
476 raise iob by much any longer. This provides an elevated glucose level on which we enter  
477 exercise, and saves us hypo danger or snack need (as calculated in above examples).

478

479 After this reduced iobTH is reached (or up to 30% exceeded by the last SMB, up to 20% @  
480 even  $TT > 100 \text{ mg/dl}$ ), step (2) must follow = an increased exercise **bg target** is set (see  
481 [section 6.2](#)).

482

483 The problem with this approach is that it requires **two** user interventions, first **setting the**  
484 **lower iobTH%**, and later (**and this in a time-critical manner**, after iobTH is exceeded), to  
485 **input an exercise TT**, or to activate a related setting.

486 To eliminate this problem, the following refined solutions are suggested:

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### 488 6.5.2 DIY cockpit: Using pre-set meal / exercise settings from a User action Automation

489

490 The „DIY cockpit“ user interface allows a *one-step* setting for meal + exercise that can be  
491 selected in time-uncritical fashion, any time before the meal starts.

492 A detailed example is given in [case study 6.2](#):

493 A sequence of 3 Automations must be set up, of which only the first one must be manually  
494 triggered, in just one time-uncritical key stroke from the AAPS home screen.

495 The others are activated automatically, when the respective Conditions are met.

496

497 Automation #1 provides, for a meal that precedes exercise, the full loop aggressiveness, but  
498 makes sure that this aggressiveness stops immediately after a (reduced) iobTH is exceeded.  
499 The reduced iobTH ensures that not too much insulin is on board for exercise after the meal.  
500 Also it provides an elevated bg level at (re-)start of exercise.

501

502 In this Automation, the box "User action" should be permanently ticked. This will  
503 automatically provide a **grey button on the bottom of the AAPS home screen** ("DIY  
504 cockpit") that can be freely named (= headline of Automation #1).

505 For exercise that is not done frequently, I choose to get rid of that cockpit button by disabling  
506 the Automation fully, in my list of Automations... until the evening before e.g. a bike tour, when  
507 I will want to have my cockpit give me the optional button again.(See [case study 6.2](#))

508

509 When the reduced iobTH is exceeded, two things need to be provided :

510 (1) a milder running FCL (reduced exercise %profile, after the meal rise had been  
511 managed based on 100% profile boosted further by bgAccel\_ISF driven full  
512 loop aggressiveness) => Automation #2 sets e.g. 70% profile and ends TT

513 (2) setting an exercise TT (not possible with Automation #2. But *after* it terminated  
514 the TT, an Automation #3 can immediately follow, and set the desired exercise  
515 TT=125 (which implies the exercise mode

516 Note that Automations 2 and 3 are fully automatic, no User action is involved. See [case](#)  
517 [study 6.2](#) for an example

518

519 Should, during the exercise, a need arise to modulate the loop aggressiveness (iobTH,  
520 effective ISF), this can be done within 1-2 seconds, also right from the AAPS home screen  
521 („FCL cockpit“), by setting a higher or lower temp. %profile, and/or by setting a higher or  
522 lower temp. exerciseTT.

523 To make the loop temporarily act a bit more aggressive, switching the exercise button OFF  
524 (from yellow to grey) could also be considered

525 Defining User action - Automations to build your FCL cockpit

526

527 If you want to develop *your* **DIY User Interface**, make sure you define suitable settings that  
528 reflect ***your*** personal insulin sensitivity and data patterns.

529

530 **Caution:** As mentioned in other places, Automations can be tricky as to whether they  
531 actually will ever work, because the loop goes through the exact **sequence of all your**  
532 **active Automations**, and might be switched into a direction that no longer is compatible with  
533 the conditions that must be a given, for the Automation you think that should kick in.

534

535 To have a clean AAPS home screen (and also to prevent unnecessary/accidental activation  
536 by kids playing around with offered buttons), define reasonable time windows for each of  
537 your shelved special routines, or keep them entirely dormant (de-activated) in the list of all  
538 your Automations, and activate them only for/on the day when you think you might need  
539 them

540

541 6.5.3 Laissez-faire alternative

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543 You could make your life easier: **Just use** (as in Hybrid Closed Loop) **an exercise setting**  
544 and accept a resulting reduced loop aggressiveness **already before meal start**. You would  
545 go a bit higher in your glucose peak. As, in principle, a higher glucose level is desirable for  
546 starting exercise, this can be a viable route, too, **especially if you do a** (often  
547 recommended) ***protein-rich meal before exercise***.

548       Logic: For a high carb containing meal, we wanted in the preceding sections a strong initial  
549       FCL response, but only up to a certain (lowered) iob. (This resembles the reduced user bolus  
550       in HCL around exercise.). However, the more our meal shifts to high protein rather than high  
551       carb load, and the more we are accepting of bg going a bit higher before we start or resume  
552       our exercise, the better we can tolerate a FCL aggressiveness also at meal start, i.e. the entire  
553       day.

554 Continue with section 6.6

555 **Skip next section 6.5.4 – The following green texts (and embedded screenshots) describe**  
556 **currently not available features that were suggested for further development**

557 6.5.4 Improved cockpit: Using pre-set meal / exercise combination from TT dialogue box

558 The improved „FCL cockpit“ User Interface (when available) also allows a one-step setting  
559 for meal + exercise that can be selected in time-uncritical fashion, any time before the meal  
560 starts.

561 It manages the meal with an appropriately reduced iobTH, and is programmed to  
562 automatically activate the exercise settings when iobTH is exceeded:

563

564 If in addition to meal, one of the 4 pre-programmed exercises is also selected from the  
565 bottom of the TT dialogue box, (for example, in case of biking after a hi carb lunch, hiC + bik,  
566 see [section 5.3.3.1](#).) then meal gets superseded /overridden with condition „duration = until  
567 when iobTH is first time exceeded“. Plus, that is the other important point, the activity-related  
568 reduced iobTH is taken over for the meal, too.

569

570 All this happens from the AAPS home screen and associated dialogue box from the TT field  
571 there.

572 Actual valid settings can at any time point be seen in the AAPS home screen (see [section](#)  
573 [5.3.3.1](#) on extra data fields, above).

574 When your FCL is in this meal + exercise mode, you first see at the TT field ([section 5.3.3.1](#))  
575 of your AAPS main screen:



... and when iobTH is the first time exceeded, this automatically switches to:



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578 That 1-step setting can either be freely done according to [section 6.2](#)  
579 Or you can just press one of your frequent meal **and** frequent exercise „codes“, as described  
580 in [sections 6.3.2 and 6.3.3](#)

581 *Example: For mountain biking after pizza lunch* press two buttons, *piz* and *mtb*, in the  
582 dialogue box of your AAPS home screen's TT field. That's all (...after, one time, you figured  
583 out what settings suit that scenario, and you put it into /preferences, see [sections 6.3.2 and](#)  
584 [6.3.3](#)).

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## 587 6.6 Activity Monitor

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589 An optional feature for times without serious exercise, but still suspected **effects on insulin**  
590 **sensitivity** is the **activity monitor**.

591 It can be generally activated under /preferences/OpenAPS SMB/Activity modifies sensitivity)

592 If the user

593 • has scaling factors set there (in preferences/OpenAPS SMB/Activity modifies  
594 sensitivity)

595 • has **no TT running**

596 • (and, regarding nighttime: did not opt for „ignore\_inactivity\_overnight“)

597 then AAPS automatically modulates for sensitivity changes **based on movement intensity**

598 for the last minutes to 1 hour time frame.

599 **Personalized tuning** of the **two scaling factors** is necessary in your FCL set-up phase. For  
600 details see [section 3.4](#).

601 The Activity Monitor can also be used (overridden/ used for tuning the scaling factors)  
602 from a dialogue box (*if already launched*) coming up from the exercise button (top  
603 middle of AAPS home screen).

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605



606 Effects from the Activity Monitor are hard-limited to go **maximally**

607 • **plus 20%** insulin at detected resistance (in-sensitivity to insulin) **at in-activity**

608 • **minus 30%** insulin at detected increased sensitivity to insulin due to **activity**.

609

610 **Note that Activity Monitor only works when no exercise (or other) TT is active:**

611 • Whenever you set a TT, you consciously go for a certain effect on the sensitivity ratio  
612 to be used in that time window.

613 Usually it will be stronger than the tweaking that the Activity Monitor would do. But you  
614 would not want the Activity Monitor interfere and additionally tweak things you just  
615 defined differently for a certain situation, and time window, by setting a TT.

616 • During the set TT, your Activity Monitor **keeps collecting** the data on your  
617 activity/in-activity. Immediately after the set TT ends, the Activity Monitor  
618 **automatically resumes** its work

619 This is good news also for those who might use brief even/odd target switches (e.g.  
620 when sneaking-in a small snack w/o triggering a SMB), but would hate to see their  
621 Activity Monitor function go under for a while afterwards.

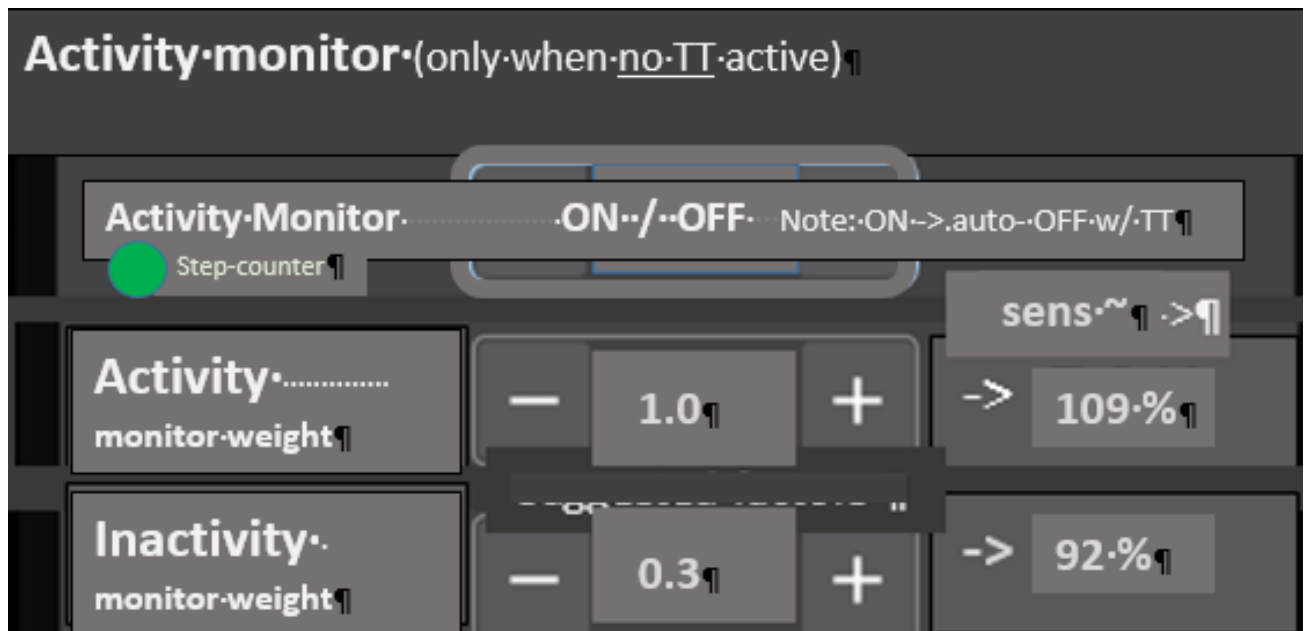
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623 You can easy, in real-time, check the impact of your Activity Monitor on the sensitivity used  
624 to calculate your insulinRequired in your AAPS **SMB tab**. From autoISF 3.0.1 onwards, this  
625 is super easy to retrieve in 1<sup>st</sup> screen, on top of the autoISF results.

626

627 Idea for an eventual User Interface update for the Activity Monitor:

628 In this dialogue box (connected *in a future update* with the exercise button), the two scaling  
629 parameters (set as default by the user during initial set-up in preferences) are displayed, and  
630 can be temp. over written. (These settings will expire and revert to default as set in  
631 /preferences, whenever the Activity Monitor closes (goes auto-off, or is pushed off)).



632

633 The resulting sensitivity effect is the roughly expected effect of requiring >100% insulin if  
634 moving around a bit (activity), or needing a lesser %age when being very stationary.

635 It is displayed in the right side column of the dialogue box (*if already launched*) to give the  
636 user a feeling for the expected effects from her/his „weight“ inputs.

637 The exact impact is calculated by the loop and shown on top of the autoISF results in the  
638 SMB tab (every 5 minutes).