

2. General Settings for Full Closed Loop

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Please note that with autoISF 3.0 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. This is not a medical product, refer to disclaimer in [section 0](#)



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[Available related case studies:](#)
Case study 2.1: (nothing available yet)

When in Hybrid Closed Loop, big boli were given by the user, and the loop had no business to give big ones on top. But this is fundamentally different now.

So, first we must **enable our loop to overcome the narrow safety restrictions for SMB sizes** that were appropriate in HCL.

Evidently, this could become dangerous. Please set your iobTH (section 2.4), and observe all suggestions made in this fcl-e-book, and in the github pages of the developers.

See also: https://github.com/ga-zelle/autoISF/blob/A3.2.0.2_ai3.0/How-to-get-larger-SMBs.pdf

2.1 SMB Range Extension

(preferences/OpenAPS SMB/autoISF settings/smb delivery settings/smb_max_range_extension)

Full Closed Looping requires bigger SMB sizes. Setting 120 minutes of basal as max. SMB size as enabled in AAPS Master will rarely suffice.

In AAPS Preferences/OpenAPS SMB/autoISF settings/smb delivery settings, set SMB/UAM max range extension (**smb_max_range_extension**) to 2.0. That doubles the allowed max. size, for a start.

Even better, you could determine an estimate for your initial setting as in the following description, I will use the symbol, **.....**, to denote where you would use **your** numbers. My numbers that I use for the same situation will be in parentheses (U).

In full loop, you want to get at least half of our required meal bolus in 10 minutes, through 2 SMBs. To do that, you need **.....** U (2 U) per SMB on average, and because the bolus sizes tend not to be equal when requested by the Loop, you should have at least **.....** U (3 U) as the allowable SMB size. Your hourly basal is around **.....** U (0.6 U), i.e. AAPS Master will allow a max. 2 times that hourly basal which = **.....** U (1.2 U) per SMB, because of the max min of basal setting's max 120 min. size limitation.)

The profile helper in [section 4.7](#) might be available for doing this calculation, and for a cross-check.

If you have an *extremely low hourly basal* rate, you may have to use a *higher* range extension along with adjusting settings such as `bgAccel_ISF_weight`, as discussed in [section 4.2](#)

To avoid the requested SMBs reduced in size by safety settings, you need to make further setting adjustments in AAPS/ Preferences:

2.2 Max and Min autoISF Ratio

(preferences/OpenAPS SMB/autoISF settings/autoISF_min and autoISF_max)

Set **autoISF_max** = 2.0

This allows *up to doubling* of ISF aggressiveness if "requested by the "... _ISF_weights" (see [section 4](#)). You can sharpen (elevate `autoISF_max`) further, later.

For situations of reduced insulin sensitivity, you must specify, in your settings (preferences) also what your *lower* limit (for weakening of ISF, compared to `profile_ISF`) may be.

autoISF_min should be set to 0.5, or even lower.

2.3 SMB Delivery Ratio

(preferences/OpenAPS SMB/autoISF settings/smb delivery settings/smb_delivery_ratio)

Increase fixed **smb_delivery_ratio** from 0.5 to 0.6.

This results in the algorithm generally demanding 20% more insulin (in the calculation it does every 5 minutes). This can be sharpened significantly more (going toward 1.0), later.

The `smb_delivery_ratio` can also be set dynamically (changing with glucose level).

This seems a feature geared more towards hybrid closed loop applications.

2.4 Safety Against too Aggressive Settings: iobTH

(preferences/OpenAPS SMB/ autoISF settings/smb delivery settings/iob_threshold_percent

...which gets multiplied with preferences/OpenAPS SMB/Maximum total IOB OpenAPS can't go over (U)

A safety net is needed because autoISF shoots big SMBs when glucose levels begin to rise, and you do not want to bounce into your ultimate `iobMAX` safety setting too often.

Therefore we install an **iob threshold** (`iobTH`) which, **when**, and as long as, **exceeded**, **shuts SMBs off**.

autoISF 3.0 totally changes how iobTH is accessed and modulated. (Before it had been done via an Automation).

iobTH is now a parameter in **AAPS preferences**, defined there as fraction of your set maxIOB:

[/OpenAPS_SMB/autoISF_settings/Full_Loop_settings: iob_threshold_percent,](#)

First, check whether your **maxIOB** is set reasonably, near the max level of iob you had ever needed in your past looping history; *for instance 10 U*.

Then look at your meal spectrum, and what bolus size, and iob level (including SMBs) was useful in high carb meals to control your glucose (*for instance 8 U*).

Then assume you want to approach no more than about 75% of that level by rapid SMB „fire“, after a meal related bg rise is seen (*for instance 6 U*).

That gives you the **iob_threshold_percent** to enter = desired SMB amount / iobMAX
(*In the example it would be = 6 U / 10 U = 0.6 ; which means to enter 60 as percentage in /preferences*). In [section 4.6](#) a profile helper might be available for more guidance.

The default iobTH is then:

default set iobTH = iobTH_percent x maxIOB

Note that

- the last SMB given **can exceed** that threshold by up to **+30%** of the effective iobTH.
- thereafter (until iob falls below effective iobTH) only %TBRs supply more insulin, if calculated as still required.
- in low carb meals, that iobTH level should not be reached => the autoISF parameters („weights“) need to be tuned carefully, so SMB sizes are *not always* huge and bounce against the iobTH restriction, but show different behaviour for different meals
- autoISF 3.0 and higher contains a function to **auto-adjust** iobTH **with TT** set: Dynamic iobTH, The formula for the resulting **effective iobTH** is complicated and also depends on whether the exercise mode is active. See [sections 3.3](#) and [6.1.3](#), and example in [case study 6.2](#)
- Likewise, a **%profile** setting < 100% (or > 100%) will proportionally lower (or elevate) the iobTH that will be used. It will automatically revert to the default iobTH after the temporary % profile expired

116 **effective iobTH** = % temp.profile x iobTH

117 If both, a % profile and a TT are set, both effects multiply.

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119 Note: With older autoISF variants, the odd TT SMB shut-off above iobTH in an Automation had
120 been a bridging solution. Now, shutting off SMBs due to iobTH **does not rely on an odd TT or**
121 **target** running.

122 The even/odd logic remains useful in different contexts, see e.g. [section 5.1.2](#) and [5.1.3](#))

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124 All above discussed settings must be made in AAPS/preferences (except for the temp. modulations
125 of sensitivity which can be done from the AAPS home screen via %profile or via TT inputs).

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127 To enable going into FCL mode, additional settings must be made in /preferences/Open APS
128 SMB/autoISF, as discussed in detail in [sections 3-4](#).

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130 Once all this set-up is in place, you can enter/exit FCL (for initial tuning or for everyday utilization)
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132 • in AAPS/Preferences/OpenAPS SMB/autoISF settings/"**Enable ISF adaptation by**
133 **glucose behavior**" ON / OFF

134 • or, by just tapping on the **violet/ green closed loop icon** of your AAPS home screen, after
135 this feature ([section 5.3.1](#)) becomes integrated in a future autoISF version update.

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137 2.5 EatingSoon TT ?

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139 Your FCL works best if you start meals at below-target glucose values, and ideally have a bit of
140 positive iob at meal start. Also, a low temp. glucose target helps making SMBs (that „aim at it“) a bit
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143 Setting an EatingSoonTT well ahead of meal start therefore is in principle a good idea

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145 • If you have relatively fixed meal time slots in the 24 hours of the day, you could set the
146 **target glucose values in your profile** accordingly. So e.g. *11-15h target 76 mg/dl* if you
147 almost always start a lunch between 11:45 and 14:30h. *(If you do exercise or physical work*
148 *in that time, this would be too aggressive, and probably also un-necessary).*

149 • If you have rather irregular habits, it might be worthwhile to **manually** set an

150 **EatingSoonTT** (which is quite time-uncritical) well before the start of a meal, or even

151 (latest) when the first SMB is about to be triggered by your loop. – **Or, just forget about it:**

152 However, if (as to be expected) your loop anyways always regulates you down to near-target, the
153 effect from setting an EatingSoonTT will be limited:

154 • If your meals are spaced by a couple of hours your glucose should not be elevated as you
155 approach the next meal ...

156 • If you eat more at a still elevated glucose, your loop should provide you with “a balancing”
157 iob (and hence a prediction to get to target soon) ...

158 ...In both cases (which are the prevalent norm) setting an EatingSoonTT would only have a
159 very minor effect.

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161 The good news therefore is: **Setting an EatingSoonTT has only minor effects, if any, and is**
162 **not required for autoISF FCL.**

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164 My preferred solution (as e.g. consistently used in [case study 4.3](#)) is as follows

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166 I am never setting an EatingSoonTT ahead of the meal, but just - automatically – have my loop set
167 a low TT just around the time when it gives first SMBs (“to orient the calculated insulinRequired
168 towards a more aggressive target”).

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170 For this you can define an **Automation** like: CONDITIONS: likely meal time of day + 1st sign of a
171 beginning meal + iob under (?) U (to kick in only in initial phase) + no TT running => ACTION: set
172 TT=74 mg/dl for ~30 minutes

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174 *Note for users of previous autoISF versions:* You do not need the other Automation any longer,
175 that previously was needed to shut off EatingSoonTT before iobTH is reached. autoISF 3.0 ff
176 integrates iobTH and the associated temp. SMB shut-off into the algorithm, rather than
177 requiring yet another user Automation for that.

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179 **FCL works in principle also without setting an EatingSoonTT. Try for yourself whether you**
180 **lose any performance via the totally hands-off way.**

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