

10. Tuning of autoISF settings for Full Closed Loop aided by the emulator

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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. This is not a medical product, refer to disclaimer in [section 0](#)



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Available related case studies:

Case studies **still missing**:

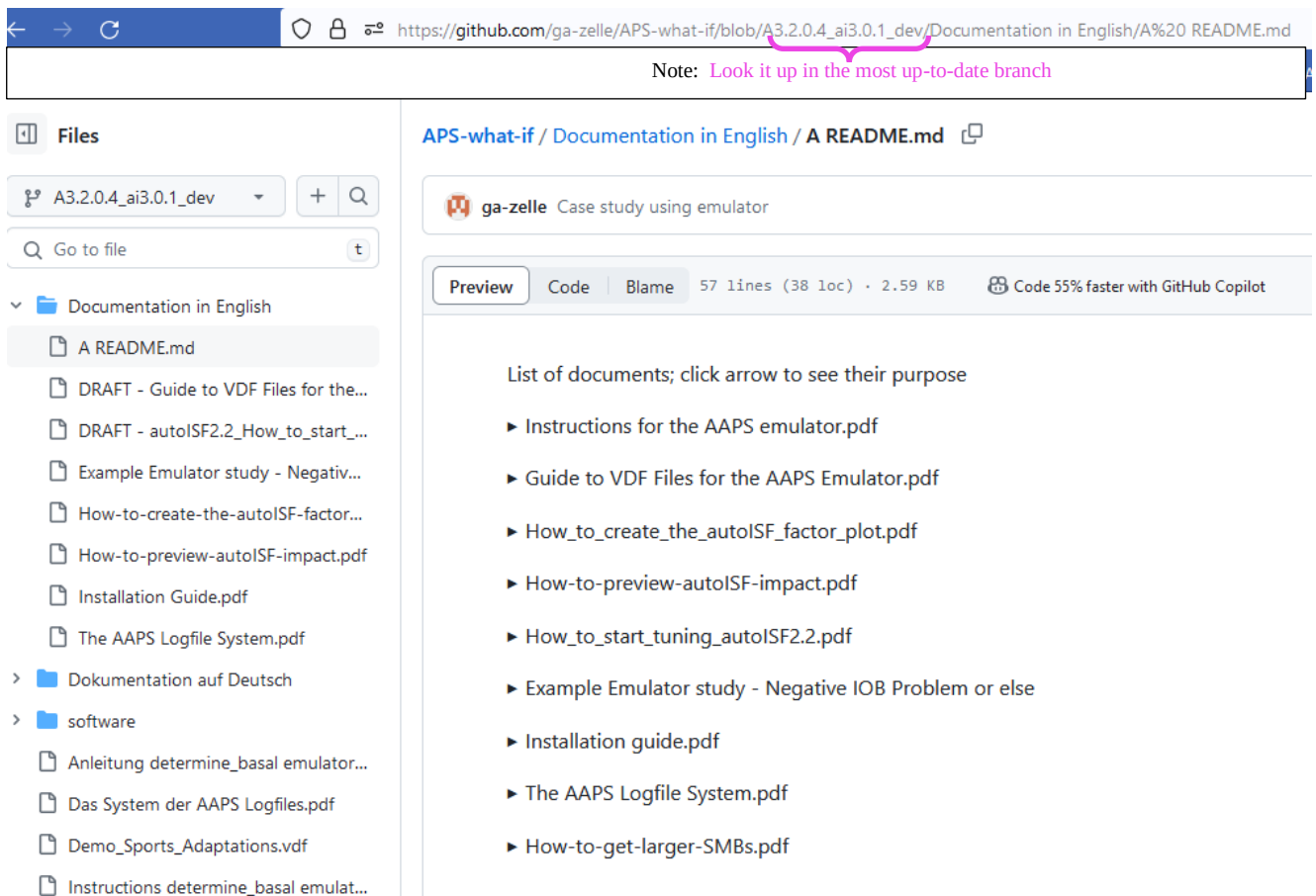
Based on older autoISF and older emulator versions, examples from emulator use can be found in [case study 6.2](#), in [case study 4.1](#) (last pages there), and [case study 8.2](#)

You can set up and tune the system for Full Closed Loop as described in previous sections.

Doing this by frequently analyzing screenshots that must be taken in real-time of the AAPS **SMB tab** is tedious, however.

More elegant and precise tuning can be done with a special evaluation software for the AAPS logfiles, by using the **emulator**. It is described here: <https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-if/>

40 Documentation-in-English. There (under / Software) you find the files needed to download on your
41 PC, and the primary instructions:



44 In the emulator, you can see in tabular and graphical form, which autoISF component, and other
45 settings, contributed to SMB values that determined the glucose curve.

46 In the following, we look into how you create your relevant data.

47 Application examples for tuning are given in associated case studies (we need newer ones).

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49 Note that the iOS based variants of autoISF for Trio or iAPS (oref loops for i-Phone) can
50 not use the emulator. Refer to [section 11.3](#).

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52 Join <https://discord.gg/n3tD5eXExC> for seeking (and giving) help with the emulator set-up or use,
53 and to exchange experience.

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10.1 Installation of the emulator on your PC

Installation is a one-time process, and you best refer to the installation guide of the developer, here:

https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-if/blob/A3.2.0.4_ai3.0.1/Documentation%20in%20English/Installation%20Guide.pdf

Below, I attempt to spell out some additional details “for IT dummies” (like myself)

10.1.1 Create your PC folder structure

The suggested folder names and structure shown below is of course not mandatory, but only a suggestion.

On your PC, create a folder “**Logfiles_Emulator**” with 3 sub-folders: “AAPS_logs”, “Emulator” and “Emulator_Studies”

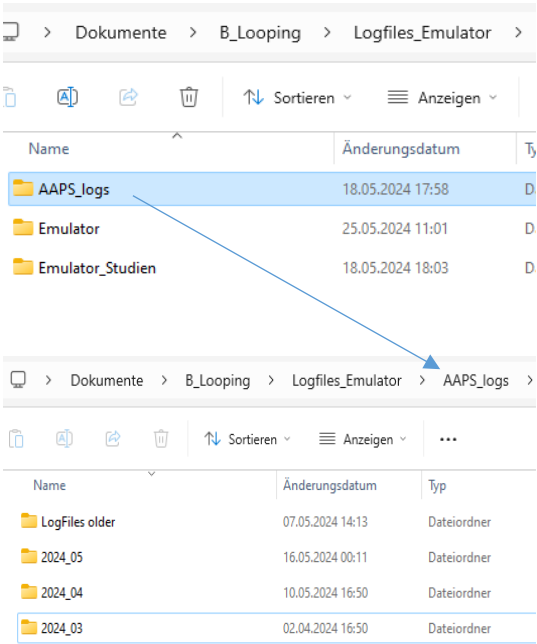
AAPS_logs: Put all your stored AAPS logfiles into that sub-folder. My folder structure for Logfiles and Emulation on the PC has 3 monthly folders, plus one folder with data from previous months and years (which I am less likely to analyze).

The logfiles you ALWAYS must copy-in from your phone before they get automatically erased there after x days (about 2 weeks, much shorter for 1-minute Libre3).

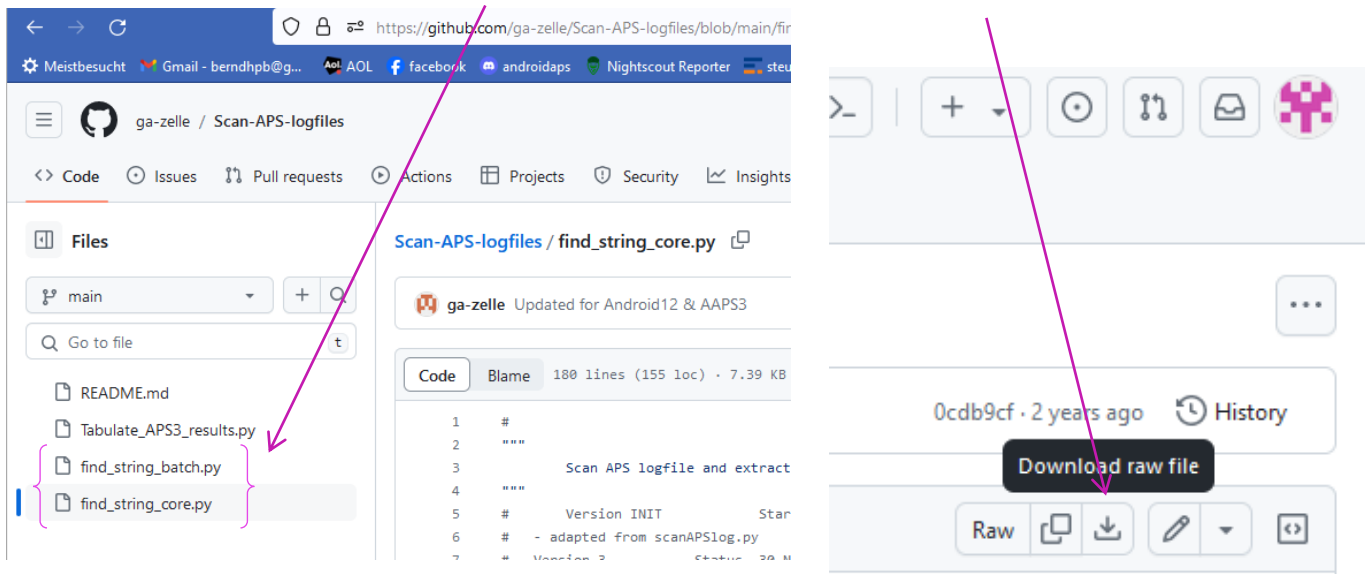
It is advisable to additionally store a pdf from **Nightscout Reporter** in the file for every month, with daily glucose charts, 24h scatter graph, etc. From it, you can much easier find which days and times are of high interest to analyze with the emulator.

Emulator: Neighboring “AAPS_logs” is the “Emulator” folder into which most downloads from the developer’s repo will go in [section 10.1.2](#)

Emulator_studies is a folder, where, for now, you should provide some **sub-folders** “Study_1”, “Study_2” ... **Study_n**. Later, when you use the emulator, you will use these “addresses” for the program to dump results from the emulation into. Additionally you will probably put related AAPS screenshots and Nightscout.Reporter or xDrip/Statistics charts into each project folder to support analysis.



116 4). From another section in Github, “Scan-APS-logfiles”, fetch two more .py files by
117 repeat steps 1)-3). for these two. They are from: <https://github.com/ga-zelle/Scan-APS-logfiles/blob/main>



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121 5)-Retrieve in your PC’s downloads folder, and move them into your emulator file (as already was included 2
122 pictures higher up).

124 10.1.3 Create an “emulation start button” on your desktop

125 One of the files in your “Emulator” folder is “**emulator_GUI.py**“

- 126 • Create, in your Emulator folder, a **link to it**
- 127 • Drag **that link** onto your **desktop**
- 128 • Name it something like “Emulator_start”: This is your **start button** for emulations on the PC

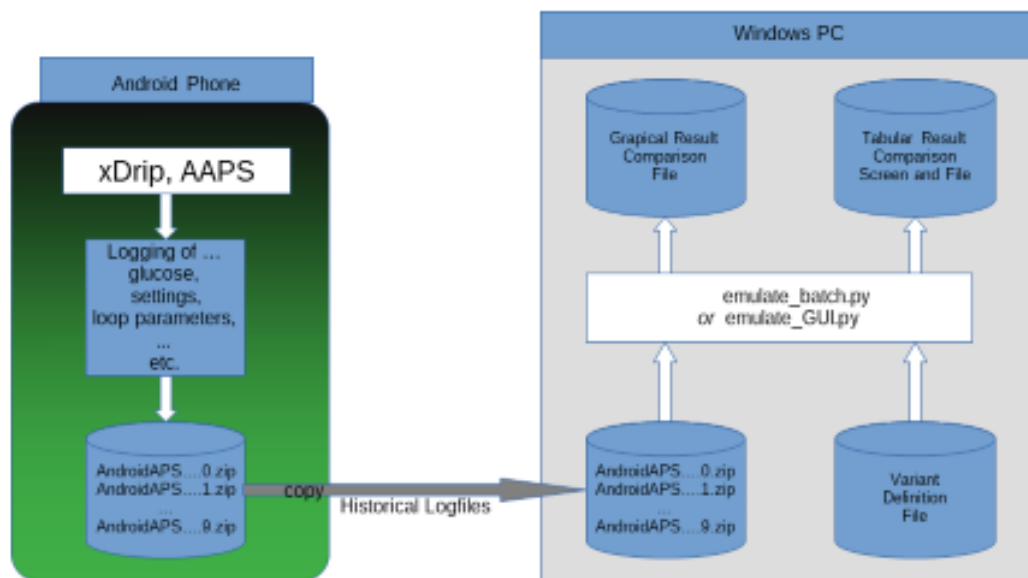
130 10.1.4 Other software requirements

131 Make sure you have **Notepad++** on your PC (see [section 10.2.1](#)).

132 QPython 3L will be needed on the smartphone, later ([see section 11](#)).

135 10.2 Analyzing loop decisions in logfiles

136 Instead of making many screenshots every 5 (or, w/ Libre3, every 1) minutes after meals, and analyzing them
137 later, a much more elegant and powerful way to analyze your loop decisions (and how you might want to
138 influence them with different settings, see [section 10.3](#) for this), is to use the emulator.



Sketch of Running the Emulator on a Windows PC

Github/ga-zelle /
APS-what-if

10.2.1 Set up a “no change” .vdf file.

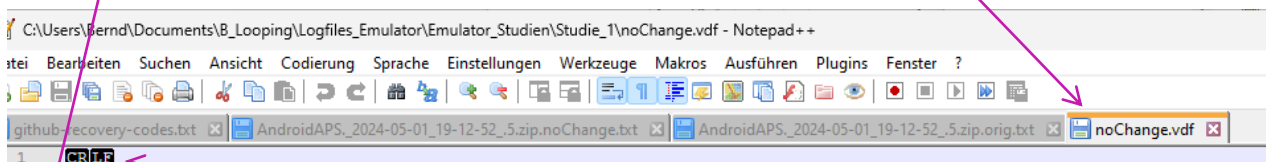
1). To do this, just open **Notepad++** (from list of all programs on your PC).

2). Name your file “noChange.vdf”.

It is just empty in the lines that would define any change to be investigated.

Note: for “what-if” analysis, entries will be made (in a second .vdf later, see [section 10.3](#))

The no change .vdf should look like something like this:



Erase any entries after CR LF and also in lines 2 ff, if any

3). Temp. bug fix needed if you use Activity Monitor (and emulator)

The temporary bugfix regards the time axis, in context with set sleep time set by you In the Activity Monitor.

All your **vdf** files need 3 additional resp. corrected lines for the set time:

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updated to work across midnight

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ga-zelle committed 14 hours ago Verified

Showing 1 changed file with 2 additions and 2 deletions.

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4 software/MESZ_inactivity.vdf
... @@ -1,3 +1,3 @@
1 1 temp utcOffset 2 ### MESZ time zone offset in hours
2 - profile inactivity_idle_start profile['inactivity_idle_start']-temp['utcOffset'] ### MESZ version of UTC
3 - profile inactivity_idle_end profile['inactivity_idle_end'] -temp['utcOffset'] ### MESZ version of UTC
2 + profile inactivity_idle_start (profile['inactivity_idle_start']-temp['utcOffset']) % 24 ### MESZ version of UTC
3 + profile inactivity_idle_end (profile['inactivity_idle_end'] -temp['utcOffset']) % 24 ### MESZ version of UTC

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162 The “2” in line 1 stands for Central EU Summer Time (CEST) deviation from UTC.

163 Put in the **applicable time difference** to UTC **from where you are** (e.g. it might be “-4”
164 for East Coast US etc)

165 In the red marked area, lines 2 and 3, texts must be corrected as highlighted in intensive
166 green: **(.....) % 24**. If your current vdf has no text like in the red field, just add line 1 *plus*
167 green lines 2 and 3, e.g. at the bottom.

168 This temporary bugfix only affects the emulator evaluation of data around Activity Monitor
169 sleep time switches. Whether you do something about it or not will in no case have any
170 effect on your actual loop.

171 After the next autoISF version update, it likely will be no longer needed.

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173 3).Store that “noChange.vdf” in your “Emulator studies” folder, on the top level, besides the single studies
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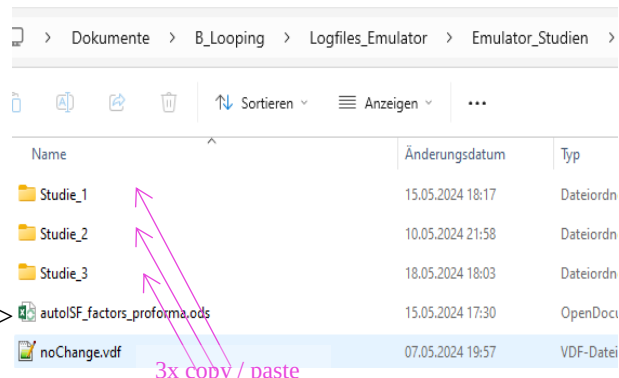
176 4).From that position, you always make a
177 copy, and paste *into each Study_1 ...n* :

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See [section 10.3.3.3](#), regarding this ->



181 10.2.2 Locate relevant logfiles and prepare the Study_n folder

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183 1). Make sure you have the AAPS logfiles that you want to analyze in your ~~Emulator_Studies/~~
184 ~~Study_n~~ “AAPS_logs folder”

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186 2). In your “Emulator_Studies” folder, create (or use a prepared) “Study_n” sub-folder, with a
187 copied-in (not: moved!) noChange.vdf (It must be *in all* Study_n files).

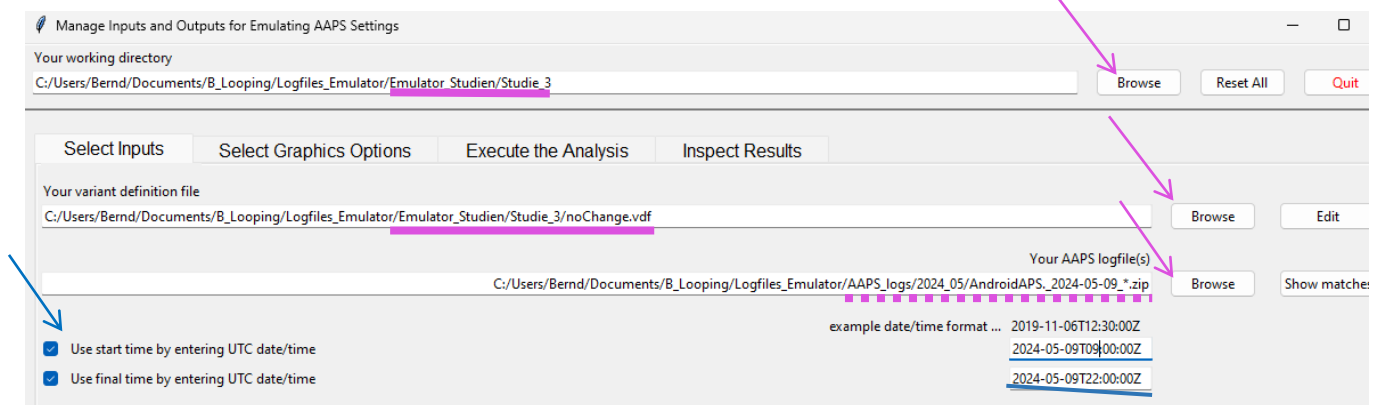
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189 10.2.3 Prepare your emulator run for Study_n

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191 Now go to your PC **desktop**, and start the emulator by **just pressing the button “emulator start”**
192 that you installed in step [10.1.3](#)

193 This opens a big dialogue box with 3 fields that you must fill in with the applicable path (*without* any
194 quotation marks “.”) from your Windows Explorer file system, best done via (3x) Browse button:



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196 a) The top box marks the path to your current emulator project (“Studie_3” is my “Study_n”
197 where I want to store results)

198 b) The middle box marks the path to your current vdf (what kind of analysis; here:
199 “...noChange.vdf” = *read-only*. (For *what-if*, see [section 10.3](#))

200 c) The third box marks the path to your AAPS logfiles you wish to look into. A good way to do
201 this is:

- 202 • Browse in your Windows Explorer to any logfile from the desired day (2024-05-09 in above ex-
203 ample)
- 204 • Replace the time with an asterix * (this means you look at **all-day** data, in UTZ time).
205 Check whether this will work by pressing Show matches .
206 You should see all logfiles from that day in a pop-up info box.

207 • As I wanted to look at 11 am –midnight (for lunch and dinner related data), I :

- 208 ○ clicked the bottom left two boxes

- copied the date 2024-05-09 over the default date in the bottom right two data fields
- after T (for time), I entered the desired time of analysis AFTER conversion into my local time (Central EU summer time minus 2 hours = UTZ; so to look at 11 to midnight of my AAPS screen, I must enter here 09:00:00Z, and below it 22:00:00Z).

Entries at the bottom are not mandatory, but when clicking these little boxes (bottom left) you can define a start and/or an end-point for analyzing, within the logfiles specified in the field above.

10.2.4 Run emulation

Now we are ready to go: Press “Run emulation”

This produces sometimes an error message (e.g. if you have a syntax error, or incompatible software versions: => seek help, in the Github materials provided by ga-zelle, or in Discord/Full-Closed-Looping/emulate-aaps here: <https://discord.gg/n3tD5eXExC>

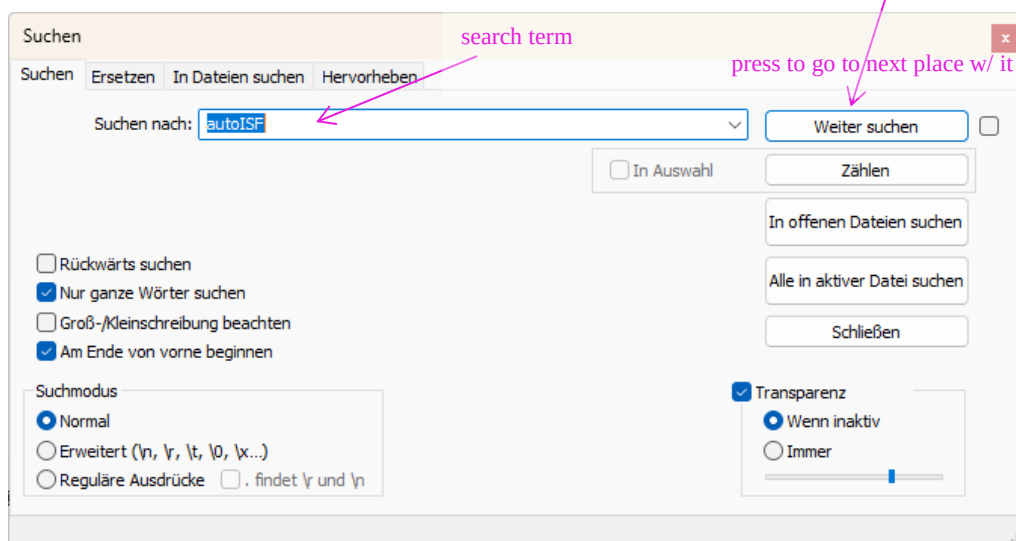
After a short moment results should show up, which you can look into in a couple of ways. First you could have a quick look into the **.log** file to see whether the run had errors (see [section 3.8](#))

10.2.4.1 SMB tab contents in (date..) noChange.txt result file

This ...txt file basically gives you “all the SMB tab” infos, in a super long list (but without needing to make screenshots, in real-time, every 5 minutes.)

Search options help find what lines are of interest to your analysis:

By using the **search function** you can jump, in that super long list, to all places that e.g. have „autoISF“ in it or „script debug“, or „SMB disabled“ (if you want to analyze when that happened). Precise spelling, as in this .txt (or in SMB tab) is of course important.



236 10.2.4.2 Table of results (...noChange.csv file)

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238 The .csv file in your project folder gives a tabular presentation of how parameters like bg, iob,
239 iobTH, the various ISF contributors, bg target, insulinRequired etc. develop every 5 minutes, and
240 what SMB size and %TBR resulted.

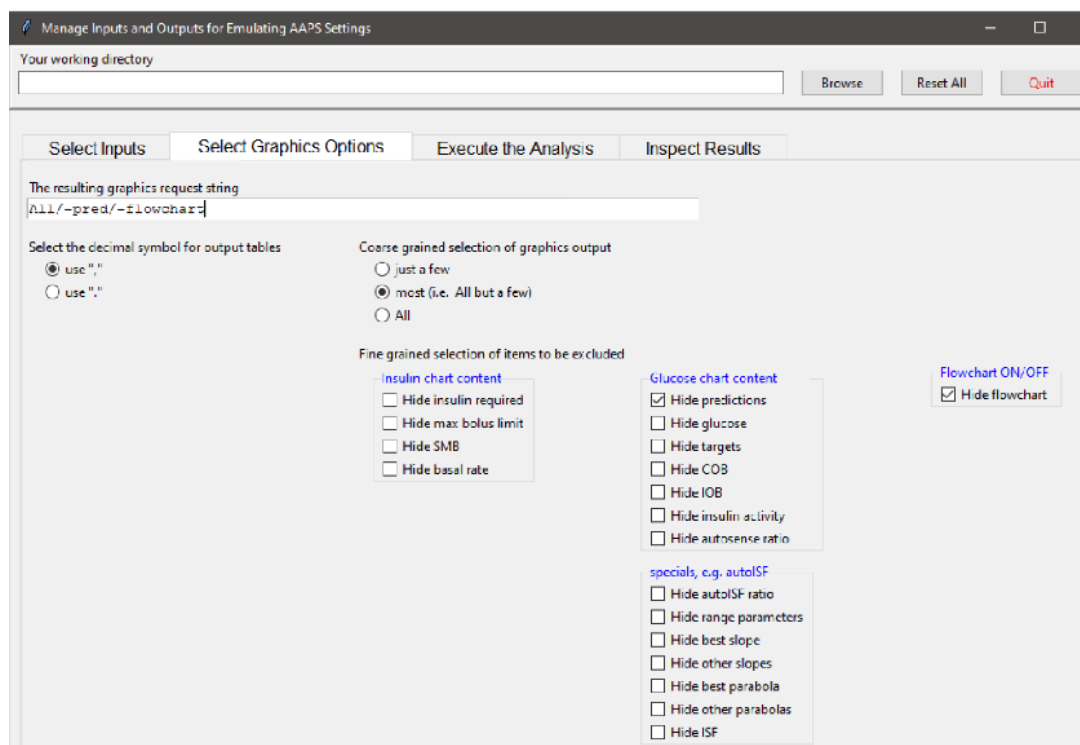
241 It is a vast table, so you may want to reduce it to something more “digestible”, either after transfer
242 to your standard calculation program (next [section 10.2.4.3](#)). Or you can also make settings to suppress
243 information you are usually not interested in (or do not know how to interpret, anyways) under “Select
244 Graphics Options” when you open the emulator, before executing any analysis:

245 First, select your preferred way of outputting decimals (point or comma).

246 Then select whether you want “All” possible outputs in the graph, or “Most” = all except those you tick “off”
247 in the boxes for each output parameter.

248 In case you would use “Some/just a few”, you would have to tick those few you that do want to see, by ticking
249 the corresponding boxes.

250 Recommendation is to look at (nearly) everything offered (as your default setting that you can leave
251 untouched in most of your emulator runs):



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253 It might be easier, to not deal with customizing the csv file, and rather copy the data into your
254 favorite calculation program:

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256 10.2.4.3 Analysis of the noChange.csv table in Excel or LibreOffice calc.

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258 Best copy the entire table into a new .xls or .ods sheet, where you can:

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- add right next to the UTC (Unix Time Code) your corresponding “AAPS time”

260 For instance, adding +2/24 translates the UTC column into central European summer time column
 261 next to it (where currently a row of Z stands). Likewise, subtract like -5/24 from UTC for an US East
 262 Coast time scale.

263 *(Fun fact: Our oref loop stubbornly works on UTC, un-impressed by our folly to jump twice a year*
 264 *into or out of a local summer time, or to travel across time zones. If some data get lost in translation*
 265 *there, it is only to us, with our stupid time change. For the loop, its database (e.g. on insulin activity)*
 266 *remains unambiguously intact).*

267 Highlight all time fields (both entire columns), and switch from hh:mm:ss format to hh:mm.
 268 *(While the seconds are important for the loop's calculations, for our comparison with Nightscout or*
 269 *other charts and data, it is much easier without the seconds attached)*

270 • **hide** any column you find less important to look at for your intended analysis

271 That way, “boxes” (data fields) retain their original position in tables

272 Also, in case later you want to look into additional info, you can simply un-hide the relevant columns
 273 (or lines:.)

274 • **hide** lines (time segments) you find less important to look at for your intended analysis

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276 Usually you will color mark where relevant SMBs were given, which of the ISFs (and underlying
 277 weights) was strongly contributing (note that this can be good or not good). Also where iobTH was
 278 exceeded, whether an Automation kicked in e.g. setting a TT, or when there were periods with zero
 279 insulinRequired.

280 In [section 10.3.4](#) we present an extra tool that does a standardized table reduction and color marking
 281 for you!

282 You may be able to formulate a hypothesis or two, what settings (...ISF_weights, iobTH%,
 283 SMB_range_extention, autoISFmax ...) should be changed for improvement (then go to [10.3](#))

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285 [10.2.4.4.. Graph noChange.pdf](#)

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287 After your emulation run, under Inspect Results, you can open the pdf file that is last in the results list
 288 offered.

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290 This **noChange.pdf** is a chart that shows along the time axis (down), from right to left:

291 • Red: the bg curve

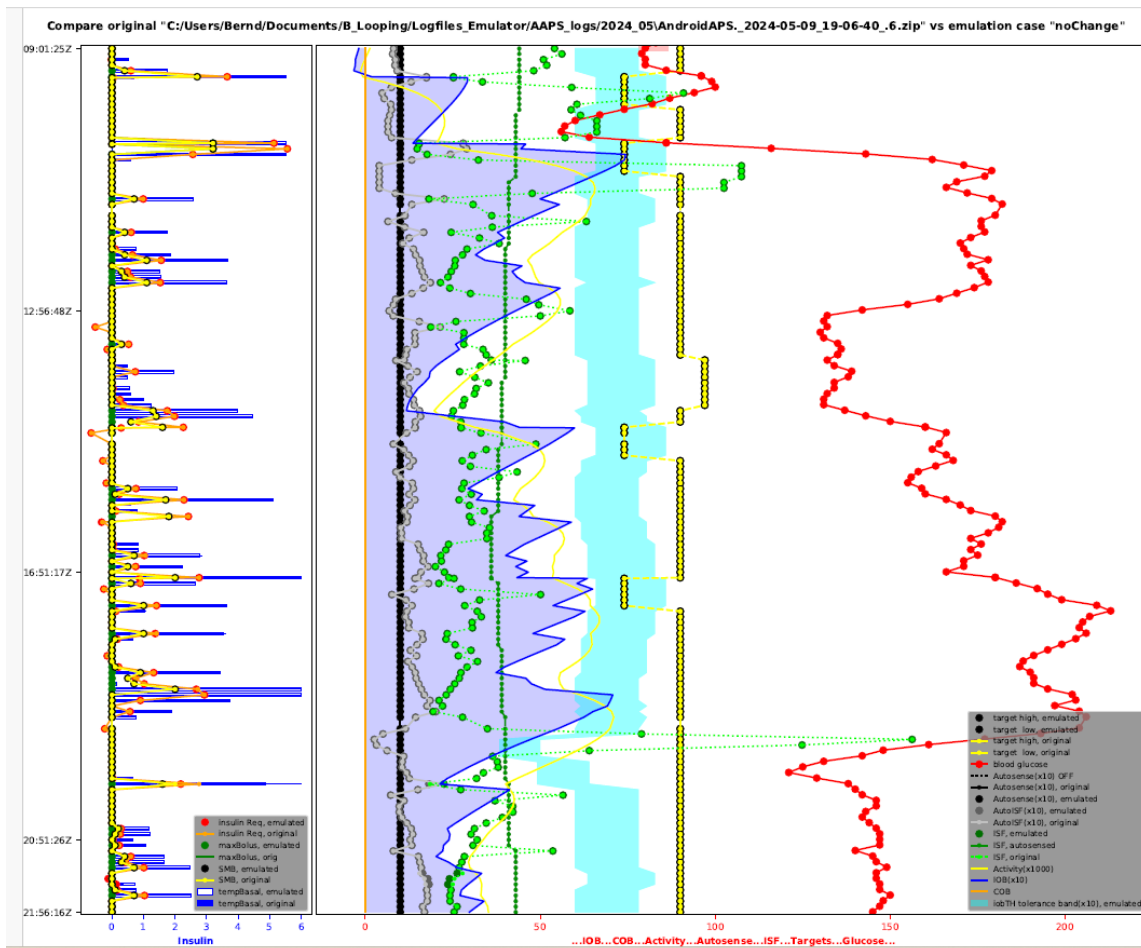
292 • Yellow: the bg target (note that I do no manual “EatingSoonTT” but for bg rises over +10 mg/dl
 293 I have an Automation that sets low TT for a couple of minutes)

294 • Light blue corridor: Left edge is set iobTH, and bandwidth +30% (would be +20% at elevated
 295 TT)

- Dark blue line: iob (exceeding twice the iobTH, with temp. SMB shut-off)

As bg did not convincingly come down enough, one could hypothesize that iobTH should be elevated. ((But, again, this would have to be confirmed also with other kinds of meals)).

- Thin yellow line: Insulin activity
- Green dotted line: ISF as would result from AAPS w/Autosens
- Green scatter points: autoISF ISF no Chage (lighter points) or what-if (darker points)
- Black line: Profile ISF
- Gray scatter points: ISF weakened (to the left of black line) or strengthened (to the right)
- Orange line: cob=0 at all times (in FCL)



More see discussed together with (yourChanges).pdf in [section 10.3.3.4](#)

10.2.4.5 delta table

In case you want to analyze delta, short and long average deltas, you could do some of that just using your .xls extract from .csv (see section 10.2.4.3).

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314 There is also an extra sheet provided, “delta” (That works only if you have your **emulator_core.py** updated
315 to the one from 02June2024 or newer). Looking into that delta sheet one makes not too much sense when
316 you are FCL looping, unless you are about to define personal Automations that involve Conditions using
317 these glucose curve characteristics

- 318 • This is definitely core to FCL using Automations ([section 13.1](#)).
- 319 • But also in your autoISF FCL you might have an Automation in mind, wondering which
320 Conditions involving any of the deltas would be good to have.

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322 10.3 “What-if” analysis using the emulator

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324 In the following you see an example how you can analyze a day of logfiles, and selecting the time span of
325 interest, for instance 11-24 h to look at how autoISF managed lunch and dinner.

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327 You will go through the emulator exactly as you already did in [section 10.2](#), where you exclusively had the
328 noChange.vdf on board.

329 However, this time you focus on (yourChange).vdf, see below, [10.3.1](#).

330 Repeat, if you have two or more such vdf defined.

331 (Just clear old results before pressing “execute analysis” each time.)

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333 **All results are automatically captured** for all runs, all **in your selected “Study_n” folder**, together with
334 the noChange results

- 335 • Results files with noChange in their name are always your actual loop data ...
- 336 • as opposed to results on “what-if”, that contain name of the (yourChange).vdf in their file name
337 see e.g. at around [line 380](#)

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339 How to proceed, step by step:

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341 10.3.1 Define your investigated changes in (yourChange).vdf (one, or several)

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343 1). Define for which one (I suggest max three) parameter(s) in your current profile settings you want to look
344 into a different setting. Recommendation is to use a factor, like for example: current setting * 0.9, or current
345 setting * 1.2, and use that in your naming for this vdf file, too.

346 You may want to consult [APS-what-if / Documentation in English / Guide to VDF Files for the](#)
347 [AAPS Emulator.pdf](#) Access directly, or via [section 3.8](#)

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349 Within one study, you can make several emulator runs with several (yourChange).vdf files (all based on what
350 really happened, as captured with the noChange.vdf).

351 All results, like the csv results table, will appear then *several times* in your study file, only *with different*
352 *name endings* as in the underlying vdf.

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354 Example: I like to check in my actual data (they are in my noChange.vdf emulator run), **in which time**
355 **points the following parameter changes would make a** (how) big **difference** in the loop's decision:

356 • 20% higher bgAccel_ISF_weight to boost the first SMBs stronger: How would that tend to ramp
357 up early iob; and might that get too strong in other parts of the data? Or does it bounce into a
358 restriction (maxSMB size; autoISFmax; iobTH...) that I might need to widen?

359 • Doubling my cautiously set bgBrake_ISF_weight shall give me insight into the workings of that
360 parameter (and whether using a much smaller weight than for bgAccel_ISF_weight is really
361 what I should keep doing)

362 • As my bg came down from a persistent high quite slowly, I elevate the dura_ISF by 20%

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364 *Tuning advice:* Actually, it would make more sense to first find my “optimal”, maybe indeed
365 elevated, bgAccel_ISF_weight. *Then*, in a *new project_n+1*, do (automatically) a noChange run
366 **with that**, plus a (yourChange) run with the stronger dura weight, investigated *on that* basis.
367 Reason: 1) As we always say, better do only one change at a time. 2) A better job with bg control
368 via bgAccel_ISF will reduce the peak height and provide a different (easier) scenario for
369 dura_ISF to manage.

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371 2).Now, to **write** your **(yourChange). vdf for the emulator** (this is same procedure as you did in section
372 10.2.1 for the noChange.vdf):

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374 • just open Notepad++ (from list of all programs on your PC) to create a new vdf:.

375 Alternatively you can also take another pre-existing vdf file, copy it into your current
376 project , edit as desired, and give it a new name (re-name it)

377 **Caution:** Make absolutely sure (best by looking it up in the SMB tab, down in the profile set
378 section) to **spell each term exactly** as your loop uses it (probably w/ decimal points, not comma)

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380 • ...when you make one line per parameter (separating entries with spacers->):

381 profile->(parameter) ->->profile['(parameter)']*(factor)->->###(comment as you like)

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The (yourChange) .vdf should look like something like this:

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C:\Users\Bernd\Documents\B_Looping\Logfiles_Emulator\Emulator_Studien\Studie_3\1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura.vdf - Notepad++
itei Bearbeiten Suchen Ansicht Codierung Sprache Einstellungen Werkzeuge Makros Ausführen Plugins Fenster ?
1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura.vdf AndroidAPS_2024-05-09_02-00-31_0.zip.orig.txt 2024-05-09T09-00-00Z.1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura.txt 2024
1 CR LF
2 profile>→bgAccel_ISF_weight→→profile['bgAccel_ISF_weight']*1.2→→### 20% stronger bgAccel_ISF CR LF
3 profile>→bgBrake_ISF_weight→→profile['bgBrake_ISF_weight']*2.0→→### 100% stronger bgBrake_ISF CR LF
4 profile>→dura_ISF_weight→→profile['dura_ISF_weight']*1.2→→### 20% stronger dura_ISF CR LF
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Via view/ show/hide symbols (CR , LF, tabs ...), you can have different looks, see other example two pages down.

3). Name your vdf (in example below: 1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura.vdf) ...

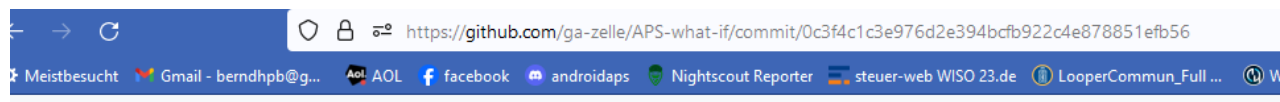
4). Store this (yourChange).vdf in the folder for your current Study_n you are about to start (see my storage path C: Studie3.....vdf – Notepad++ in the top line:)

5). Temp. bug fix needed in step 2, or now, as extra step, if you use Activity Monitor:

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406 green lines 2 and 3.

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411 Or, with settings/view/remove symbols (for line feed, tab etc) it can also look like this:

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415 effect on your actual loop. After the next autoISF version update, it likely will be no longer
416 needed.

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419 10.3.2 Run the emulator with (yourChange).vdf

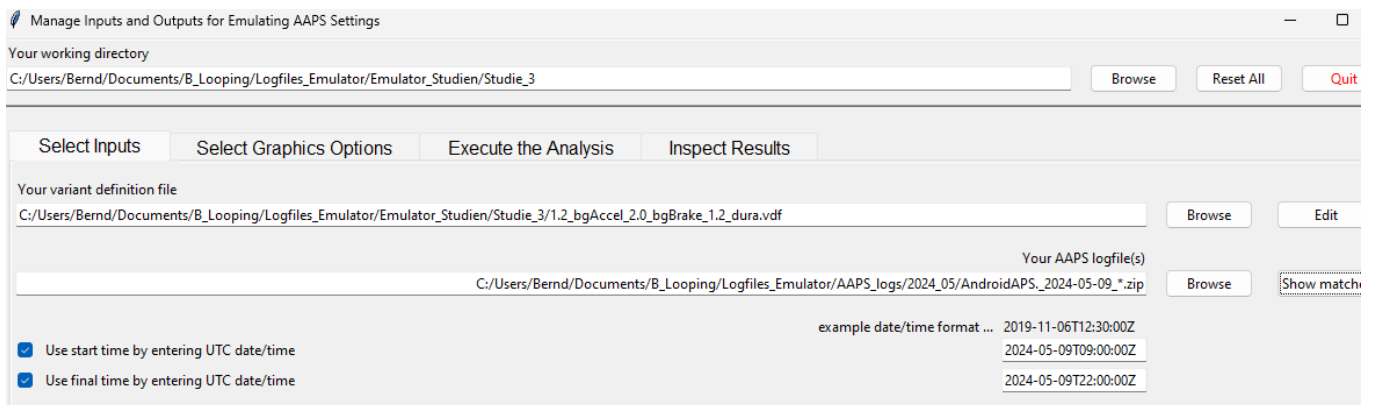
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421 The “what-if” emulator run is done the same way as you did the noChange.vdf run ([section 10.2](#)), which had
422 no (yourChange).vdf on board

423 => No surprise, running an emulation with only that noChange.vdf, yields same result in emul columns as is
424 orig columns. - However, now :

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426 The **(yourChange).vdf** must be loaded into the 2nd input field, where formerly you had the noChange.vdf.:



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429 In the 3rd input field, give the path to your stored logfiles. A good way to do this is:

430 • Browse in your Windows Explorer to any logfile from the desired day (2024-05-09 in above ex-
431 ample)

432 • Replace the time with an asterix * (this means you look at all-day data, in UTZ time). Check
433 whether this will work by pressing Show matches . You should see all logfiles from that day in a
434 pop-up info box.

435 • As I wanted to look at 11 am –midnight for lunch and dinner related data, I :

436 ○ clicked the bottom left two boxes

437 ○ copied the date 2024-05-09 over the default date in the bottom right two data fields

438 ○ after T (for time), I entered the desired time of analysis AFTER conversion into my local
439 time (Central EU summer time minus 2 hours = UTZ; so to look at 11 to midnight of
440 my AAPS screen, I must enter here 09.00:00Z, and below it 22:00:00Z).

441 After making these entries, press Execute the Analysis, (evtl also Clear old Data) and then press Run

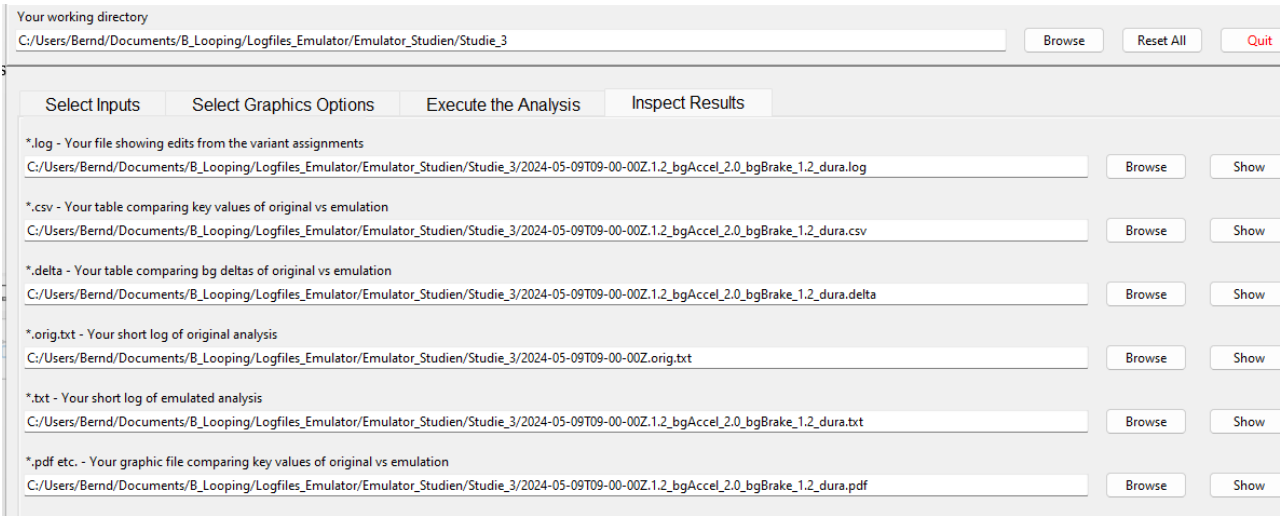
442 Emulation, you can look the results up under “Inspect Results”. First you could have a quick look into
443 the .log file to see whether the run had errors (see [section 3.](#))

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446 10.3.3 Emulation results

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449 All results from your (yourChanges).vdf emulator go automatically where the noChange.vdf results are
450 already stored, in our example into the “Studie 3” file, below:

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452 Besides the 1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura.vdf case which I like to look into for the present high carb
453 meal, I also prepared another vdf that investigates a factor 1.2 stronger pp_ISF and a weaker, factor 0.8,
454 bgAccel_ISF (with the intention to test this, and a noChange (that ideally would already contain the conclusion
455 on adapting the bgAccel_ISF_weight*), on a low carb meal later.

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** Note the challenge here is to iterate between the typical meals of your personal spectrum to find **one** set
of settings that work good-enough **for all** of them.*



A screenshot of a Windows File Explorer window showing the contents of the 'Studie_3' directory. The address bar shows the path: 'B_Looping > Logfiles_Emulator > Emulator_Studien > Studie_3'. The toolbar includes icons for file operations and a search bar labeled 'Studie_3 durchsuchen'. The file list table has columns for Name, Änderungsdatum, Typ, and Größe. The file '1.2_pp_0.8_bgAccel.csv' is highlighted in blue.

Name	Änderungsdatum	Typ	Größe
2024-05-09T09-00-00Z .noChange.pdf	15.05.2024 17:17	Adobe Acrobat-D...	77 KB
2024-05-09T09-00-00Z .noChange.csv	15.05.2024 17:17	Microsoft Excel C...	51 KB
2024-05-09T09-00-00Z .noChange.log	15.05.2024 17:17	Notepad++ Docu...	35 KB
2024-05-09T09-00-00Z .noChange.txt	15.05.2024 17:17	Notepad++ Docu...	281 KB
2024-05-09T09-00-00Z .orig.txt	15.05.2024 17:17	Notepad++ Docu...	281 KB
2024-05-09T09-00-00Z .1.2_pp_0.8_bgAccel.pdf	15.05.2024 17:16	Adobe Acrobat-D...	78 KB
2024-05-09T09-00-00Z .1.2_pp_0.8_bgAccel.csv	15.05.2024 17:16	Microsoft Excel C...	51 KB
2024-05-09T09-00-00Z .1.2_pp_0.8_bgAccel.log	15.05.2024 17:16	Notepad++ Docu...	57 KB
2024-05-09T09-00-00Z .1.2_pp_0.8_bgAccel.txt	15.05.2024 17:16	Notepad++ Docu...	281 KB
2024-05-09T09-00-00Z.1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura.csv	17.05.2024 21:29	Microsoft Excel C...	51 KB
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2024-05-09T09-00-00Z.1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura.pdf	17.05.2024 20:40	Adobe Acrobat-D...	78 KB
2024-05-09T09-00-00Z.1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura.txt	17.05.2024 21:29	Notepad++ Docu...	282 KB
1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura.vdf	17.05.2024 20:38	VDF-Datei	1 KB

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 1.2_pp_0.8_bgAccel.vdf	10.05.2024 21:55	VDF-Datei	1 KB
 noChange.vdf	07.05.2024 19:57	VDF-Datei	1 KB

10.3.4(yourChange).txt: “what-if” impact on loop decisions (as in SMB tab)

The **noChange.txt** has all the info your series of SMB tabs had that day.

How to search in this vast list is shown elsewhere (see [section 10.2.4.3](#)).

Likewise, the **(yourChange).txt** gives *for each loop decision* in all detail how and why each single decision *would have* changed with the different parameter inputs you are checking out here

In the two (yourChange) examples here, , it was a check on the difference

- a 20% stronger pp_weight and 20% weaker bgAccel_weight
- a 20% stronger weight for both, bgAccel_ and dura_ISF, and a doubling of bgBrake_weight

would make.

Note that all these “what if” data can only give rough hints, notably about **the first** greater change that you would see with the investigated changed setting. So it works quite well for our main problem in FCL, investigating how to ramp up iob quickly after detection of acceleration.

Note that any relevant change would put your bg curve on a different trajectory, so that would influence *all following* results. Therefore, what you get here is **not** a complete modelling how your bg would have developed in the alternative scenario.

But you can investigate in which stages the parameter(s) you are looking at in your current “what-if” had big influence, and in which direction the changes would go. (see also charts shown in [section 10.3.3.4](#)).

Analyzing how to safely come down from a high glucose plateau while limiting hypo danger towards the end of digestion is also to some extent possible.

A good other way to employ the what-if analysis is real time, on your smartphone, using speech synthesis (see [section 11](#)): Then you get real-time info, as to exactly when a significantly different proposal would emerge, and can decide (and watch!) real-time whether to follow the new idea and not was probably better.

Observe that a setting change must work well for you

- not just in one point of time, and
- not just for one kind of meal,

but you must look at all time slots in the investigated meal, plus analyze with the same tool a totally different meal within your usual spectrum, how things work out there

496 10.3.3.2 Tabular results

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498 A) .csv results table and spreadsheet copies of it

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500 The **noChange.csv** table gives all relevant data. Besides development of bg and iob you see the calculated
501 insulinRequired in each loop decision, and how each of the autoISF categories contributed to the decision
502 (notably regarding SMB size).

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504 Note that the “**acce_ISF**” results are only in case of positive acceleration (that is our main focus)
505 driven by the bgAccel_ISF_weight setting. (These are all positions > 1.0 in the “acce ISF” columns).

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507 **In case of negative acceleration** (decelerating rise, positions < 1.0 in the “**acce ISF**” columns),
508 **bgBrake_ISF_weight is applied**. As discussed in [section 4.4](#), bgBrake_ISF might be most
509 important (and interesting to analyze) in slowly resorbing meals.

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511 Note: maxBolus=0 means in this table that SMBs were not capped by maxBolus.

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514 The **(your change).csv** shows in detail how **every single** loop **decision** would be influenced by the different
515 settings you are investigating.

516 To inspect that huge table, click on the Z behind the start UTC time entry (see black box in the Z column of
517 the table, next page).

518 If you like to see the bg in each screen, too, go 3 or 4 columns farther to the right with your black
519 box.

520 Then, go to window/fix. Now you can scroll through the data and always see headline and time (or time and
521 bg level).

522 To further ease analysis, feel free to temporarily erase (hide) any columns that you (think you) do not
523 need for the intended analysis. More suggestions see in [section 10.2.4.2](#)

2024-05-09T09-00-00Z .1.2_pp_0.8_bgAccel.csv - LibreOffice Calc

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 ✕ Fenster schließen
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id	UTC time	UNIX time	bg accel	bg brake	target low	orig	emul	emul	cob	job	emul	emul	act	orig	orig	dura	min	utes
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1	0,3793981481	1715245580,3	79	79	90	90	90	90	0	-0,23	6	7,8	0,001	1	0,78	15		
2	0,3829166667	1715245884,2	80		90	90	90	90	0	-0,28	6	7,8	0	1	0,86	20		
3	0,386412037	1715246186,2	80		90	90	90	90	0	-0,28	6	7,8	-0,001	1	0,85	25		
4	0,3898263889	1715246482	86		90	90	90	90	0	-0,33	6	7,8	-0,001	1	0,91	0		
5	0,393587963	1715246806,8	96		74	74	74	74	0	0,18	6,6	8,58	-0,001	1	1,75	0		
6	0,3942013889	1715246859,5	96		74	74	74	74	0	2,92	6,6	8,58	0	1	1,75	0		
7	0,3968055556	1715247084,8	99		74	74	74	74	0	2,92	6,6	8,58	0,005	1	1,31	5		
8	0,4002430556	1715247381,7	100	100	74	74	74	74	0	2,83	6,6	8,58	0,011	1	0,75	10		
9	0,4037384259	1715247683,2	94	94	74	74	74	74	0	2,72	6,6	8,58	0,015	1	0,48	0		
10	0,4071643519	1715247979,7	87	87	74	74	74	74	0	2,59	6,6	8,58	0,018	1	0,54	0		
11	0,4107407407	1715248288,8	82	82	74	74	74	74	0	2,45	6,6	8,58	0,02	1	0,73	0		
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13	0,4176273148	1715248883,1	67	67	90	90	90	90	0	2,14	6	7,8	0,022	1	0,7	0		
14	0,4210300926	1715249177,9	60	60	90	90	90	90	0	1,99	6	7,8	0,023	1	0,65	0		
15	0,4245949074	1715249485,3	57	57	90	90	90	90	0	1,82	6	7,8	0,023	1	0,65	0		
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17	0,4315277778	1715250084,6	64		90	90	90	90	0	1,51	6	7,8	0,021	1	0,75	0		
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19	0,4355787037	1715250434,4	86		74	74	74	74	0	4,58	6,6	8,58	0,021	1	2,8	0		
20	0,4384953704	1715250686,1	116		74	74	74	74	0	4,45	6,6	8,58	0,026	1	2,9	0		
21	0,4419675926	1715250987	143		74	74	74	74	0	7,44	6,6	8,58	0,038	1	2,43	0		
22	0,4454513889	1715251287,7	162	162	74	74	74	74	0	7,4	6,6	8,58	0,048	1	1,33	0		
23	0,4490046296	1715251594,5	171	171	74	74	74	74	0	7,15	6,6	8,58	0,055	1	0,4	0		
24	0,452349537	1715251883,2	179	179	74	74	74	74	0	6,84	6,6	8,58	0,06	1	0,4	5		
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26	0,4594328704	1715252495,4	169	169	90	90	90	90	0	6,1	6	7,8	0,065	1	0,4	15		
27	0,4630208333	1715252805,5	166	166	90	90	90	90	0	5,72	6	7,8	0,066	1	0,4	5		
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30	0,4731828704	1715253683,7	182		90	90	90	90	0	5,54	6,36	8,27	0,064	1	1,33	10		
31	0,480162037	1715254286,4	180		90	90	90	90	0	4,81	6,36	8,27	0,063	1	1,13	0		
32	0,4837731481	1715254598,6	176	176	90	90	90	90	0	4,44	6,36	8,27	0,061	1	0,65	5		
33	0,4873032407	1715254903,9	176		90	90	90	90	0	4,09	6	7,8	0,059	1	1,13	10		
34	0,4905555556	1715255184,4	177		90	90	90	90	0	3,78	6	7,8	0,056	1	1,67	15		
35	0,4940625	1715255487,9	173		90	90	90	90	0	3,98	6	7,8	0,054	1	1,26	20		
36	0,4974884259	1715255783,9	170	170	90	90	90	90	0	3,69	6	7,8	0,053	1	1,07	25		
37	0,5009722222	1715256084,7	171		90	90	90	90	0	3,39	6	7,8	0,05	1	1,38	30		

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Still, the csv tables are overwhelming. You could proceed in either of two directions now:

- A) Convert both (or all 3) csv files into one table in Excel or into Libre office calculator. Hide columns (and eventually also lines) that are of no particular interest for your analysis. Mark differences between noChange and (yourChanges) column data with color, add extra columns with additional calculations ...

This route is good to compare quantitative impacts of autoISF categories in critical time points.

- B) For the core data relevant to assessing your autoISF settings, there is an extra tool for convenient analysis - see the following [section 10.3.3.3](#)

That tool is quite a bit of work to set up. Decide for yourself whether you do it, or whether you rather work with extracting the csv table into Excel (A), and work freely from there.

537 10.3.3.3 Automated extraction from tabular results (optional add-on)

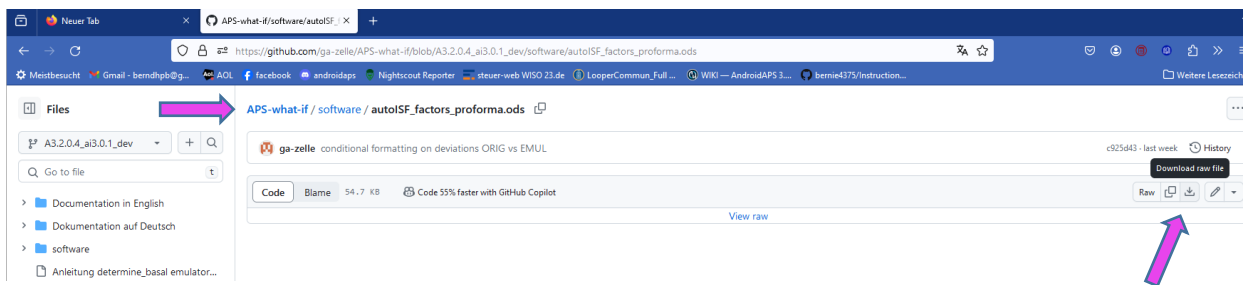
538 Decide for yourself, whether you rather go from the csv results table into .xls and produce what you want to
539 see there for yourself.

540 With a bit of extra set-up effort (next 4 pages) you can install an adjunct tool that will always produce the nice
541 graph for you as shown on the end of this [section 10.3.3.3](#):

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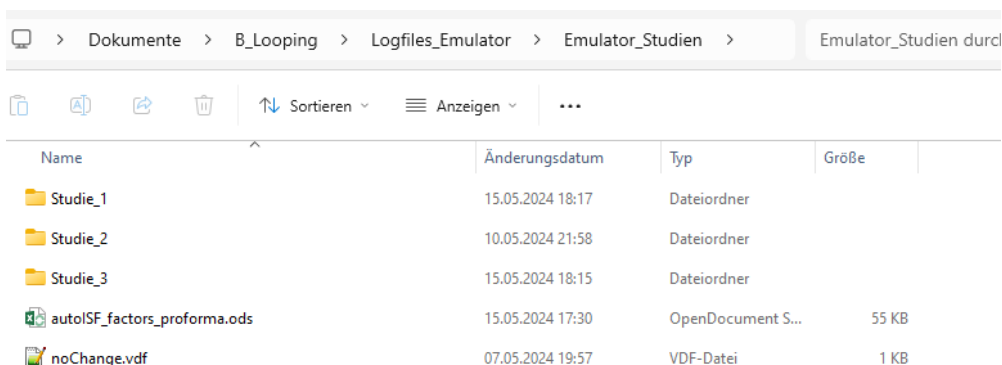
543 1).autoISF_factors_proforma.ods is provided as an **extra tool** that you download from here:

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Put that file on your PC one level above the single files for all your studies:



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550 2).Now, if we want to use this tool on the two csv files of our Studie_3 file, we must proceed as follows (for
551 each of the two .csv files, *separately*):

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553 1. Click on the .csv file and open in Libre office calculator.

554 2. Make sure the time column is set to US_English:

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Trennoptionen

☐ Feste Breite ☒ Getrennt

☒ Tabulator ☐ Komma ☒ Semikolon ☐ Leerzeichen ☐ Andere

☐ Feldtrenner zusammenfassen Texttrenner: "

Weitere Optionen

☐ Werte in Hochkomma als Text ☒ Erweiterte Zahlenerkennung

Feldbefehle

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1		UTC		UNIX	bg	bg	target	
2		time		time			low	
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4	0	09:01:25 Z		1715245285,9	80		90	
5	1	09:06:20 Z		1715245580,3	79	79	90	
6	2	09:11:24 Z		1715245884,2	80		90	
7	3	09:16:26 Z		1715246186,2	80		90	
8	4	09:21:21 Z		1715246482,0	86		90	

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557 3).Now start, in Libre office calculator, the autoISF_factors_proforma.ods ...

558 This turns the first 30-some lines of your csv table (left side) into a form in which important effects are

559 highlighted in color, and formatting is improved:



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562 Now, you want this for the entire table.

563 4).In the autoISF_factors_proforma table, highlight 20 or more lines (not including the first or last), and
564 mouse right hand/insert above ...

The screenshot shows the LibreOffice Calc application window titled 'autoISF_factors_proforma.ods'. The spreadsheet contains a table with columns labeled A through AC. A right-click context menu is open over cell A34, displaying options such as 'Zellen formatieren...', 'Zeilenhöhe...', 'Optimale Zeilenhöhe...', 'Zeile(n) oberhalb einfügen', 'Ausgewählte Zeilen löschen', 'Zeileninhalte löschen...', 'Ausblenden', 'Einblenden', 'Ausschneiden', 'Kopieren', 'Einfügen', and 'Inhalte einfügen...'. The table data includes columns for 'id', 'ime', 'act', 'orig', 'sens', 'ISF', 'min-utes', 'dura', 'lin.fit', 'lin.fit', 'parab', 'parab', 'parab', 'parab', 'auto', 'acce', 'bg', 'pp', and 'd'. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Tabelle 1 / 2 | 29 Zeilen, 1024 Spalten ausgewählt | PageStyle_2023-02-20T20.empty | Summe=49196174579,56'.

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567 Do this as often as you need to create the number of lines that your emulated csv file comes with.
568 If you ended up with too many lines, erase the superfluous number (any four, in the example):

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148	19	11:39:14	0	1	0,4	5	149	25	7,1	1	15	1,05	-4,39	1	0,38	1,06	1	
149	20	11:44:15	0	1	0,57	10	148,7	40	5,4	0,99	20	-2,41	-6,96	1	0,5	1,06	1	
150	21	11:49:16	0	1	1,11	20	146,6	10	-1,5	1	14,9	-2	-3,01	1	0,88	1,06	1	
151	22	11:54:16	0	1	1,1	25	145,7	10	-3,5	0,99	15	-4,6	-6,6	1	0,77	1,05	1	
152	23	11:59:14	0	1	0,86	5	138,5	10	-5	1	24,9	-5,53	-7	1	0,83	1,03	1	
153	24	12:04:14	0	1	1,22	10	136,7	15	-4,4	1	15	-3,4	-2,4	1	1,22	1,03	1	
154	25	12:08:45	0	1	1,21	10	136,7	5	-3	1	15	-3,4	-2,4	1	0,88	0,99	1	
155	26	12:10:37	0	1	1,02	15	136	5	1	0,99	15	0,6	3,6	1	1,63	0,99	1	
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your_title graphs

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5).Then just copy it in, by selecting all data lines in the emulated csv, and pasting (paste special, values only) into box A4 of your “elonged” autoISF_factors_performa.ods.

6).The bottom tab “your_title” should be re-named by you, best with day of log you analyze, and your what-if parameters (so, the name of your csv file could be put in here)

Now you have a table with optimized lay-out that incorporates key data from both your no change AND of your investigated changes.csv files.

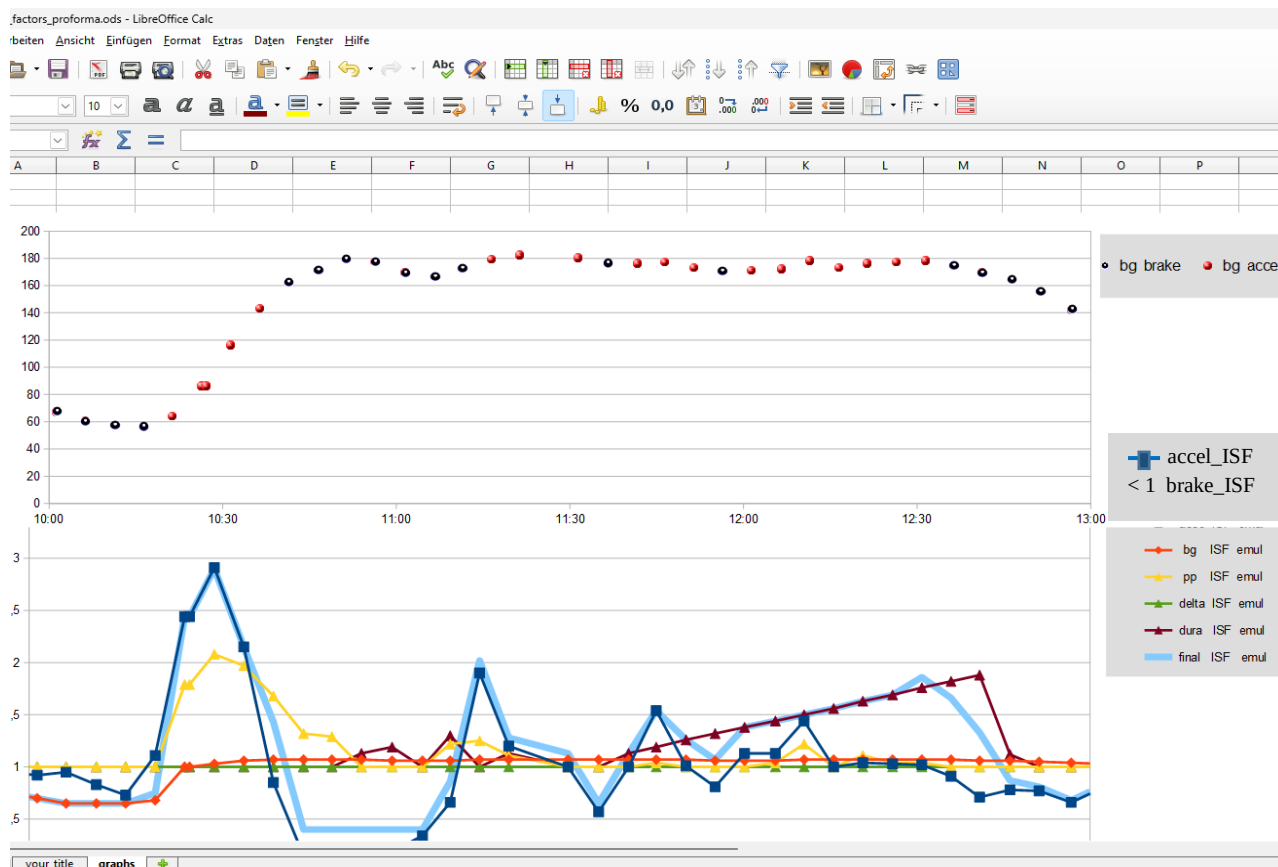
A similar table is available on the (i-)phone if you use the autoISF dev variant of iAPS or Trio (see [section 11.3](#))

583 7).A super neat extra feature is already pre-programmed, which you can see if you click on the bottom **tab**
584 **“graphs”**.

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586 The top graph is the bg curve (the actually seen bg).

587 Note that for the what-if no bg development over the time range is available. (The noChange one is
588 also given there).

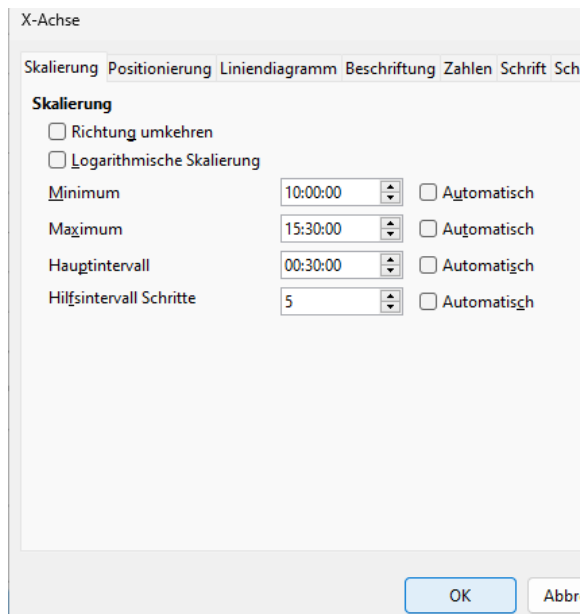


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591 The bottom graph (do one for each, the noChange or the (yourChanges) case) shows the amplification factors
592 coming from each autoISF category, and the overall resulting ISF amplification.

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594 You probably have to widen the time scale (double click on the time axis, and type the desired time
595 span (min and max UTC)(and spacing of data points, 00:30:00 or 00:15:00) into this box:



In the given example above, the 2.5 hours were not enough yet to analyze this 10:30 UTC (12:30 AAPs) lunch; we need to look until bg is near target (hopefully before dinner starts).

10.3.3.4 Chart coming with the emulator

In case you find the extra steps described in the preceding section “too much”: Also the emulator offers one chart (the pdf offered at the bottom of the screen as shown below the “[10.3.3](#) Emulaton results” headline).

First look at the initial bg rise in the noChange.pdf chart (emulation results from your noChange.vdf run), and see how bgAccel_ISF and pp_ISF acted, or could have acted in improved ways.

Then look into in (yourChange).pdf to see potential effects (or what other change to try). (Actually, you probably will have to go into a detailed analysis of several lines and columns of the tables as discussed in sections [10.3.3.2](#) and [10.3.3.3](#)).

Note that ideally we want FCL coverage of our entire “normal day” meal spectrum by **one** set of settings.

So, not much is gained if you put a lot of effort in optimizing FCL settings for one meal.

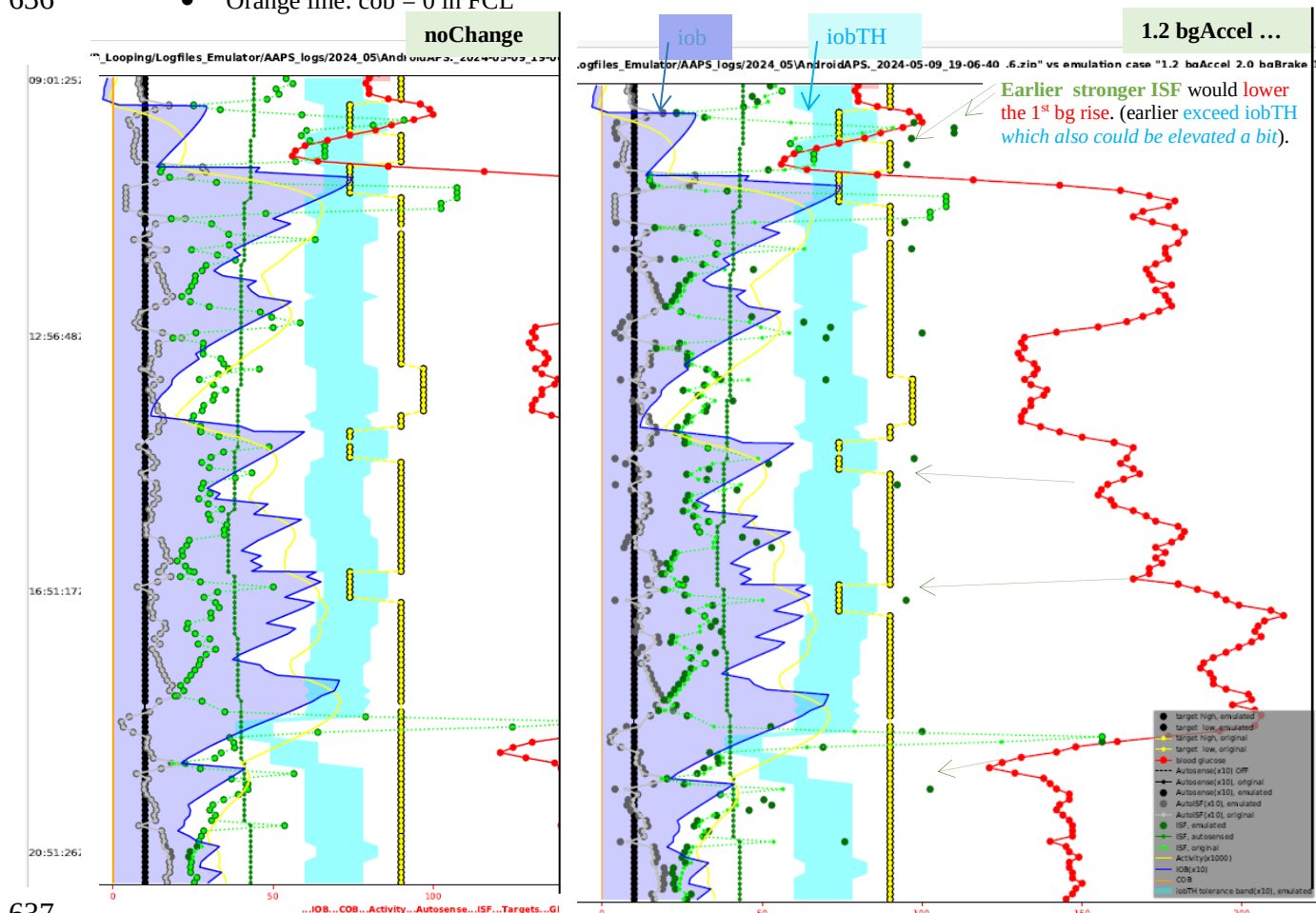
You will need iterations. Do such analysis for **two or three very different meals** that you wish the algorithm to automatically handle. See [section 4.2/4.3](#) on how meals with very different carb loads might benefit or also suffer from aggressive or mild (category)_ISF_weights you could set.

The initial iob received might be limited by allowed SMB sizes, autoISFmax, or the (dynamic!) iobTH. You will have to look into the data table to find out about this (a quick orientation - notably regarding the light blue iobTH band, see next page - is also possible in the pdf result files you have in your project file (project file example “Studie 3” in 2nd chart under the [10.3.3](#). headline).

623 Only once you found OK weights for bgAccel- and pp_ISF_weights, does it make sense to go tune the
 624 dura_ISF_weight. 12:00 – 12:45 UTC in above graph, the resulting effective ISF is dominated by dura_ISF.
 625 Just judging from the picture, a stronger weight might be worth trying. However, we really need to see the
 626 insulinRequired calculation and the further development because impatience about bringing bg values down
 627 faster too often results in hypoglycemia later.

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 629 The **noChange.pdf** is a chart that shows along the time axis (down), from right to left:

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- Red: the bg curve
 - Yellow: the bg target (note that I do no manual “EatingSoonTT” but for bg rises over +10 mg/dl I have an Automation that sets low TT for a couple of minutes)
 - Light blue corridor: Left edge is set iobTH, and bandwidth +30% (would be +20% at elevated TT)
 - Dark blue line: iob (exceeding twice the iobTH, with temp. SMB shut-off)
 - Orange line: cob = 0 in FCL
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- As bg did not convincingly come down enough, one could hypothesize that iobTH should be elevated. ((But, again, this would have to be confirmed also with other kinds of meals)).
- Thin yellow line: Insulin activity
- Green dotted line: ISF as would result from AAPS w/Autosens

643 • **Green scatter points:** autoISF ISF no Change (lighter points) or **what-if (darker points)**

644 Foreseeably, this is the strongest difference between our noChange (left) and 120% bgAcel_ISF_weight
645 (right) in the picture below. (Note the red bg curve is *both times* the really seen bg, because the what-if
646 case only looks at each single loop decision). The first (->) time the dark green dot is far to the right, this
647 *would* get the bg down, we *would start to see* a (<-) bg lowering effect, shifting the red curve to the left

648 • Black line: Profile ISF

649 • Gray scatter points: ISF weakened (to the left of black line) or strengthened (to the right)

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651 Regarding the other changed parameters: Stronger dura_ISF would suggest more insulin towards the end of
652 plateaus; this should have helped in the 1st plateau (red curve, top right quadrant of the picture). However,
653 same setting would have to work also on 2nd plateau; the chart cuts off there, so too early to see whether a
654 hypo danger might result.

655 Effect from doubling the bgBrake_ISF effect are hard to evaluate. Better probably to look in .csv tables, or
656 run a separate emulation for that change only.

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658 Always check for 2 or 3 kinds of your meals whether the “new” parameter settings really are on average
659 better. (See negative example in [case study 8.2!](#))

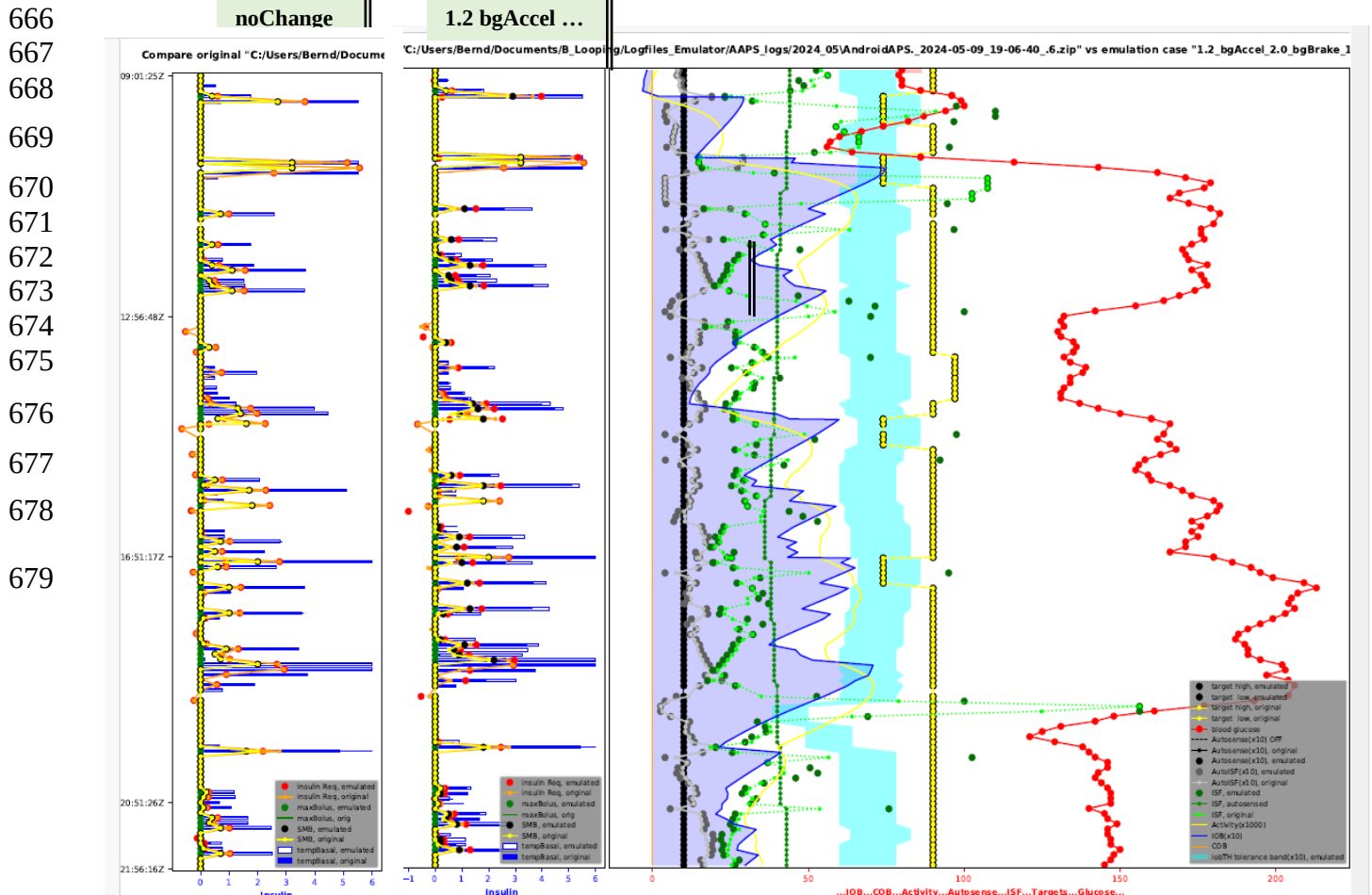
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662 Part of both above shown charts (left side of each, with blue peaks) was cut out.....

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664 (unfinished / to be explained later) (...note: yourChange = 1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura)

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680 10.3.3.5 delta table from “what-if” run with (yourChange).vdf

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682 In case you want to analyze delta, short and long average deltas, see [section 10.2.4.5](#)

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684 To analyze deltas in a “what-if” scenario really does not make much sense, because effects from

685 each single change ripples through many subsequent situations, and it is impossible to predict how

686 glucose curve, and therefore also how deltas, would develop in the what-if case.

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