

5. Modulation of autoISF aggressiveness. V 2.2



Once the initial tuning according to [section 4](#) is done, you are ready to use autoISF for your automated meal management.

You will have three major other challenges to manage:

- recognize and manage (partial) occlusions, or other technical (CGM or BT related) obstacles (see [section 2](#) on pre-requisites of FCL, and related case studies)
- deal with times when the loop should be set "milder" as a precaution (e.g. nights; or in an exercise context)
- deal with times when insulin given by the loop must be restricted (e.g. a snack could be "misinterpreted" as a meal)

How big the remaining challenge is depends very much on your individual lifestyle. [Sections 5 and 6](#) discuss this in more detail.

In order to run the loop fully automatically around the clock, the times outside the meal blocks must also be precisely analyzed, and solutions to problems (if any) must be sought.

It is up to every user to decide where to draw the line.

- With a technically well functioning system, moderate meals, moderate or no exercise, moderate %TIR expectations and a bit of mindfulness it should be possible to go into Full Closed Loop 24/7, after working through, and observing, [sections 1-4](#).
- Especially if you are a bit shy of using the emulator for really detailed analysis, it is likely that you will not hit a real good system calibration ([section 4](#)) for an entire range of diets.
- In that case you will occasionally run out of range, and your options to prevent, react, or improve are
 - accepting a few % higher time outside range for that day (and avoiding what seemed to have caused it in the future)
 - taking a snack (whenever you tend to go low from the "tails" of insulin activity that was required to fight a peak)
 - doing a manual override (if you can think of one in time, to manage the problem manually)
 - temporarily resorting to the well-known hybrid closed loop.

- Instead of accepting such instances, you could launch “improvement projects”
 - that refine your initial tuning ([section 4.](#))
 - that make you and your FCL loop fit to manage an increasing number of disturbances either automatically, or via a user intervention ([sections 5-6](#)).

To tailor the loop’s response to disturbances may require specific **modulation of the aggressiveness** as set for your meal management.

There are many avenues to achieve this. The main ones, that are also easy accessible via Automations in AAPS, are:

- temp. shut-off SMBs (odd-numbered target)
- temp. reduce bgAccel_ISF-weigh
- temp. reduce iobTH
- temp. reduce set %profile
- temp. set higher TT (especially in connection with exercise mode)t

5.1 Permanent fully automatic modulation of FCL aggressiveness

In setting up your FCL, you now have another difficult and time-consuming job at hand, to define **automated** solutions for any of your „other“ situations, outside of meal management.

In section 5.2 and 5.3 we look at options to ease that job by “allowing” a 1-button push or data entry intervention, like for a snack or exercise announcement.

5.1.1 Switching autoISF off outside of meal-time windows

If, aside from meal management, you were rather happy in hybrid closed loop, you could continue to run in that mode, and just focus your new autoISF FCL on management of meals (on all meals, or only on a sub-set of them, like only dinners – which might make sense especially in your initial transitioning phase).

For this, you define Automations

- that set **meal time windows** in which autoISF gets fully turned on

- or: that turn *all* autoISF's ISF modulations (or just *bgAccel_ISF*) off in time windows in which surely no meal occurs. For instance, you can go for all nights back into your Hybrid Closed Loop, as you had before.

Other early DEV AAPS variants (see [section 13.3](#)) all work with meal-time windows. The window is either set by time of day in the settings, or it always must be „set“ by the user via giving a mandatory small pre-bolus before any meal starts. **Outside** of these time windows, these loops then runs with less aggressive SMBs like *oref(1)* SMB+UAM in AAPS Master. This mode is not really FCL, but an advance over traditional HCL that often achieves satisfying degrees of automation and performance.

The term **Meal Announcement** (MA) is often used to label this closed looping mode. Trigger to set a meal time window could also be a pre-bolus given by the user, a carb entry made, an EatingSoonTT set or a meal announcement button pushed.

Note: Outside of the meal time windows you would be in hybrid closed loop. To the extent you rarely face disturbances (aside from meals), you could be looping in full automatic mode around the clock. Your temp. autoISF shut-down is only meant to prevent problems from the loop over-reacting to bumps in the glucose curve in times of day (night) when standard *oref(1)* performance is sufficient.

5.1.2 SMB shut-down via odd-numbered profile targets

Ensure the even/odd logic in the settings is toggled on in Preferences> openAPS SMB> autoISF settings> smb delivery settings>: "Enable alternative activation of SMB depending on profile target" ON.

In time blocks with an odd-numbered profile target you can prevent any SMBs being given by your loop. The (unchanged) aggressive settings can only translate within the limits set by %TBR possible.

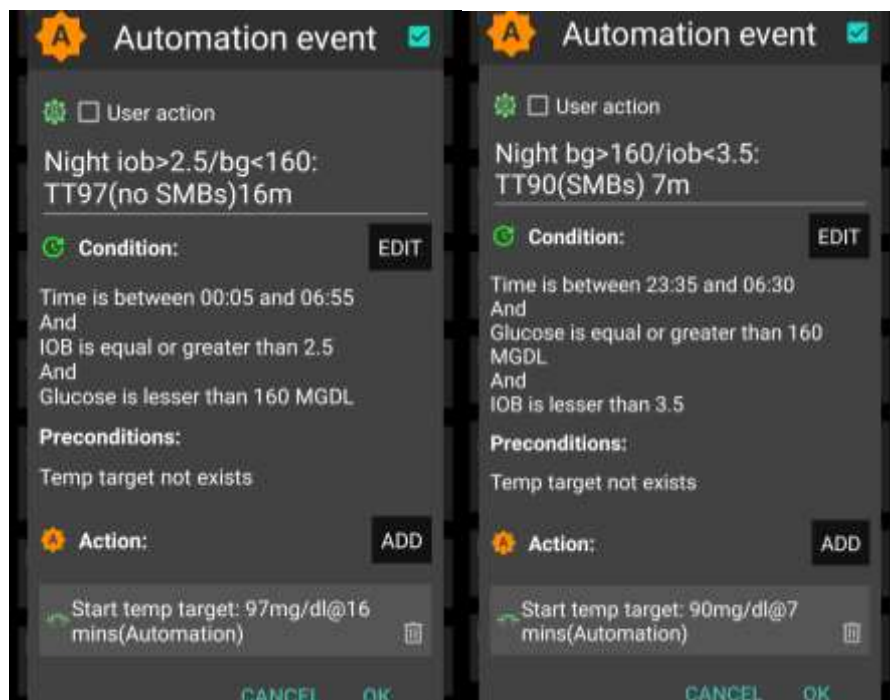
This will very much slow down any more insulin being given, and is an excellent solution for night times, especially if you occasionally experience compression lows.

Notably it is an excellent solution to prevent getting too much insulin because of jumpy CGM values, like after a compression low. This is therefore a good solution for night time.

Alternatively, you could use the new included options for Automation Conditions and temporarily tune your *bgAccel_ISF_weight* much lower.

Yet another alternative would be to go into hybrid closed loop for the night, with or without SMBs ([section 5.1.1](#)).

In case you occasionally do have nights that would benefit from a couple of SMBs (to treat temp. highs from a late fatty pizza, raclette and such): Define suitable Automations like the two „night“ ones here:



Never underestimate the „trickiness“ of getting your Automations „right“.

Night data (with your thought-out Automations in place) need to be analyzed to see

- whether the bg and iob limits defined in the given example work sensibly
- whether the TT duration is chosen appropriately
- Swapping the sequence in which the automations appear in the automation list would also lead to different SMB impacts.

5.1.3 SMB shut-down via odd-numbered temp. targets

A widely used ACTION that strongly modifies how fast your FCL can add more iob is setting an **odd-numbered temp. glucose target** which makes the loop operate without giving any SMBs (%TBR modulation only).

Ensure the even/odd logic in the settings is toggled on in Preferences> openAPS SMB> autoISF settings> smb delivery settings>: "Enable alternative activation of SMB depending on TempTarget" ON.

131 So, from patterns you find in YOUR data, at times where you want your loop act differently, you
132 need to carve out CONDITIONS that describe the respective situations (and either for how long it
133 typically lasts, or at which *other* CONDITIONS you want your loop get back to default FCL
134 operation).

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136 From, autoISF 3.0 onwards, also the following parameters are provided as CONDITION and/or as
137 ACTION for defining YOUR Automations:

- 138 • Enable ISF weights / Disable ISF weights => Allows temp. ON/OFF for the key ISF
139 modulation parts of autoISF
- 140 • Trigger/set iobTH percent => Keeps default aggressiveness, but only until a modified iob
141 threshold is surpassed
- 142 • Trigger/set bgAccel_ISF_weight => Modifies the default aggressiveness

143 An odd TT is often set for an anti-hypo snack or sports snack. In both instances, you do not want
144 SMBs to quickly counter act.

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146 In case of sweet “fun” snacks, this is entirely different -> next section.

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148 5.1.4 Automatic differentiation of FCL aggressiveness using Automations

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150 **Personalized Automations** tailor the loop exactly to **your** data so **fully automated handling** of
151 situations with different aggressiveness of the loop can be made.

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154 differently, to carve out CONDITIONS that describe the respective situations (and either for how
155 long it typically lasts, or at which *other* CONDITIONS you want your loop get back to default FCL
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163 threshold is surpassed
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167 A variant of this mode is to define **several meal time windows** in which autoISF aggressiveness
168 (bgAccel_ISF_weight) and/or iobTH are **set differently** for different meal time slots of your day (or
169 even for a geo-location etc).

170 Unless your meals differ vastly in size and in fast carb content this may not be needed, but it can
171 make initial tuning (setting the ..._ISF_weights, iobTH and size limits) a lot easier

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173 5.1.5 Automatic adjustment of FCL aggressiveness via the Activity Monitor

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175 If you choose to make use of your smartphone's **stepcounter**, you can (automatically)
176 adjust insulin sensitivity ratio to activity level in the past minutes to one hour time frame.
177 This is another little tuning opportunity, in which you study your body's response to light
178 exercise (like walking) or to not moving at all (like desk, couch), and select appropriate
179 settings which, in the future, will automatically adjust insulin delivery to suit activity state of
180 the past minutes (up to 1 hour).(AAPS Preferences/OpenAPS SMB/Activity modifies
181 sensitivity/ -> set two scaling factors.)

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183 This autoISF feature (new since V.3.0) is much quicker responding than Autosens or
184 dynamicISF to adjust insulin sensitivity to your current „lifestyle state“.

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186 More see [sections 3.5](#) and [6.5](#)

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188 5.1.6 Pro/con completely hands-off Full Closed Loop

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190 Remaining 24/7 in a completely „hands-off“ FCL can be a realistic goal with autoISF 3.0 if besides
191 meals also some special challenges as discussed in [section 5.1.](#) were analyzed and addressed.

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193 Clearly it depends very much on your lifestyle, and how interested, willing, and capable you are to
194 recognize, deal with, (and in the future avoid?) situations that get you outside of your desired %TIR
195 on occasion.

196 So, this is also about what %TIR you are aiming at, and can accept, as it averages out for
197 the week, for instance.

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199 Everybody must weigh for her/himself how much **upfront effort** to put into getting it all 100%
200 automatic, **or** whether to take an **easier start, with a couple of situations left to take care of**
201 **when and as they arise in daily life**

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203 Even if a principal capability for a fully automatic running FCL is given, this still
204 means that

- 205 • the user should be knowledgeable about what exactly is going on, and
- 206 • has a principal capability to „nudge“, or to take over in a manual mode.

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208 In the sections that immediately follow, we present the options to nudge or temporarily take over
209 from the AAPS home screen serving as your **FCL cockpit**:

- 210 • [Section 5.2](#) describes how you can build your own DIY cockpit
- 211 • [Section 5.3](#) describes how a FCL cockpit might look like in the future

212 213 5.2 Modulating aggressiveness manually, from the DIY-FCL-Cockpit*

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215 * Like in the airplane cockpit: Cruising in full auto mode should involve having an eye on the
216 instruments, and on potential disturbances ahead in the environment.

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218 Life in Full Closed Loop is easy if your lifestyle largely consists of real meals, and not much other
219 disturbances like from snacking in between. In [section 4](#), we dealt with major meals.
220 In [section 5.1](#) we looked into ways to automate also a modified loop response to foreseeable situa-
221 tions, or to those the loop could recognize (with enough time to react).

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223 Other „disturbances“ might come up, and you must find an easy way to

- 224 • call up a pre-programmed routine for automatic management, with auto-adjusted
- 225 aggressiveness, or:
- 226 • tweak a setting or two, to temporarily adjust the aggressiveness
- 227 • There may also arise a desire to just exit the FCL mode, and be your own captain for
- 228 mastering a special situation.

229 For peace of mind, and to learn/stay informed (especially so in your initial tuning phase, or when
230 your glucose curve goes in unexpected ways) we also must be able to

- 231 • find the key parameters that frame and drive the recent and upcoming loop decisions.

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233 All this is facilitated within seconds right from the AAPS home screen, serving as a FCL cockpit
234 after you built a couple of DIY cockpit features via Automations (as described below and in [case](#)
235 [studies 5.2](#) and [6.2](#)):

236 Thoughts went also into how to improve the cockpit in future releases, see [section 5.3](#)

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238 5.2.1 Triggered Automations, grey extra DIY cockpit buttons for pre-programmed “responses”

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240 For when recognizing conditions (for fully automatic handling by the loop) is not possible or too late
241 for the loop => exercise (see section 6.) => snacks (example used here

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243 High carb snacks, sweets, consuming ice cream or having a sweet drink comes with the problem
244 of even steeper glucose rises, but overall a lesser insulin need, compared to major meals (for
245 which we tuned our FCL).

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247 This not necessarily implies that snacks need different settings than a meal. After all, autoISF was
248 designed to act to all available data, especially to where the developing glucose curve is headed.
249 So, depending on your effort to set parameters for a broad variety of meals (notably: how well you
250 avoid to invariably bounce fast against your iobTH), you might be able to accommodate low carb,
251 snack, and major meals with *one* set of settings.

252 If not, or just for increased comfort and safety, you might want to differentiate, and make use of
253 what follows.

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255 Tuning aggressiveness

256 Key is that a sweet snack likely benefits from even more aggressive FCL performance
257 than the meals in your normal spectrum of diets.

258 Therefore, you could set

- 259 • a higher **temp. profile%** and/or
- 260 • a temp.elevated **bgAccel_ISF-weight** (see screenshot of my Automation).
- 261 • a **low temp. target** (76 for instance); it additionally helps maximize the first SMBs
262 that will automatically be triggered at detection of acceleration.

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264 When first defining and testing this Automation, also check:

- 265 • that the safety limits as discussed in [section 2](#) will not block the intended elevated
266 aggressiveness
- 267 • SMBs will not get outrageously big and iobTH sometimes exceeded by too much

268 Note that “the last SMB” is allowed to overshoot the valid iobTH by 30%

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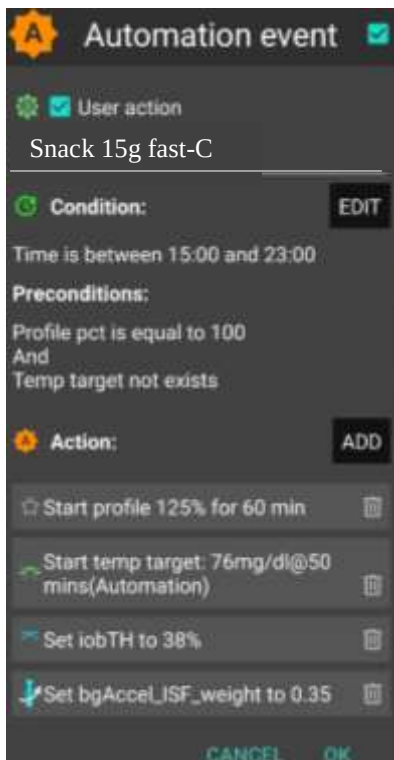
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271 Limiting iob

272 For “just a snack”, insulin need will in total probably not amount to as much as for a meal.

273 If you would just have your sweet drink and your meal-oriented FCL would “attack”,
274 iob likely would become too high, and a glucose rollercoaster would start, with you
275 needing to consume more =>

276 If you just have a snack, or drink a glass of juice, you can lower the **iobTH_percent**
277 accordingly.



„User action“ is always ticked-on

This will, in the defined time space ..

..offer the “DIY cockpit” button..

..which I must press any time (~90...30 minutes) before my snack.

Note: Make sure that iobTH and bgAccel_ISF_weight revert to default afterwards



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280 So, this is a little **extra “project” when setting up your FCL**. You need to research your
281 snack habits (if any), and over time find out which settings in the snack-related Automation
282 work well.

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284 **In everyday life you then just must press the related button in your cockpit** (which is
285 not time critical at all, except it should be clicked latest a couple of minutes after you took
286 the drink or snack).

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288 If you consume more, and also eat something with your sweet drink, this will more
289 resemble a full meal... however, with unusual amounts of fast carbs.

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Note: Pressing your snack button *a second time* would **not** help because the lowered iobTH does not allow iob going high enough. So you are better off just letting your normal FCL meal routine run after your snack mode expired.

Other options when snacks keep extending would require a manual modulation regarding %profile and/or bgAccel_ISF, but keeping the full default set iobTH_percent, or even elevating it (refer to [section 5.2.3](#)). If often... do like above for a bigger snack (grey button)

Installing the DIY cockpit button

In the related Automation, just keep the “User action” box clicked at all times, and define in the Conditions when you want to see that button available for cockpit use (see screenshot above) => you will see that button offered.

Besides snacks, also any other recurring special situations can be addressed via a cockpit button, and receive different aggressiveness up to a suitable iobTH level.

In the future you might be able to set the stage for a snack and other “disturbances” also via an extended menu below the TT button on the AAPS home screen, see [section 5.3.3.1](#)

Discussion

If I had *regular* snacking habits in certain parts of day, I might take an **alternative** route and **modify my FCL settings in those time slots** to run automatically upon acceleration detection.

Yet another **alternative** would be to temporarily leave the FCL mode and handle the sweet snack or drink “the traditional way” in **hybrid closed loop**.

The suggested FCL cockpit user interface with an extra version of violet loop on the AAPS home screen facilitates that, including automatic removal and re-appearance of the insulin button at the bottom of the APS home screen.

326 As mentioned in section “Limiting iob” above, it is essential though to either avoid snacks,
327 or select one of the discussed easy ways to deal with them in everyday life.

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329 5.2.2 Status recognition

330 Before considering any manual interventions into the ongoing FCL, you should be aware what the
331 current mode of action is, and hence which button eventually to fine-tune or lever to switch, in or-
332 der to adjust to the disturbance you see coming up.

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334 See [section 5.4](#)

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336 5.2.3 Manual interventions into the (DIY-) FCL

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338 TT +/- exercise mode (elaborate further)

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340 % profile switch

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342 Going into /preferences

343 - to limit SMB sizes

344 - - set different iobTH

345 - Milder or stronger ..._ISF_weights

346 - Even >-> odd SMB on/off

347 Trouble not to forget to set back manually, too (better solutions in 5.3)

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350 5.2.4 Temporarily exiting the FCL

351 One **alternative** always is to temporarily leave the FCL mode, and handle any disturbance
352 “the traditional way” in **hybrid closed loop**.

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354 The suggested FCL cockpit user interface with an extra version of violet loop on the
355 AAPS home screen ([section 5.3.1](#)) would facilitate that, including automatic removal
356 and re-appearance of the insulin button at the bottom of the APS home screen.

357 In case this feature is not yet available, you must:

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359 Exit the FCL mode by going to AAPS/preferences/put in your password/OpenAPS SMB/scroll down
360 to autoISF settings and switch “Enable ISF adaptation..” OFF.

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362 Unfortunately, there is no way yet for it to come automatically back on, after a selected time for
363 instance. So do not forget to switch your autoISF fully back on, later.

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365 As this will often be forgotten, it may be worth doing a “User action” Automation, for a “temp.
366 FCL OFF” grey button (see section 5.2.1).

367 Caution though, there is very limited experience with this brand new feature, and it might be
368 accidentally activated . – To make things worse:

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370 To recognize whether autoISF currently runs with ISF adaptation or not, you must consult the
371 profile_sens -> actual_sens indicator below the Autosens%. However, this gets also modified
372 by %profile switches or TT +/- exercise mode. So it is not as easy as it would be with the “violet
373 loop” proposal mentioned already above.

374 Ultimately, you can of course study the SMB tab to find out what is going on.

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377 **5.3 Modulating aggressiveness manually from the improved FCL-cockpit**

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380 autoISF 3.0 is an early dev variant of AAPS, and as user you are participating in an on-going
381 development. Of note, autoISF 3.0 is first launched without many of the cockpit features that are
382 presented below in this font color. (Only what is written in black is at this point of some relevance
383 for using autoISF 3.0)

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385 For the time being, multi-step work-arounds may become necessary

- 386 • In many cases, going into AAPS Preferences and changing settings would be needed
387 (...plus not forgetting to change these settings back, afterwards).
- 388 • Automations allow a DIY FCL cockpit, see [section 5.2](#) and [case studies 5.2](#) and [6.2](#)

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390 This is also an open invitation for you to contact us in case you could help program a
391 module for one of the required user interface extras.

392 For future integration into AAPS Master, an eye should be kept also on the question which
393 other modes (like FCL using Automations, or dynamicISF etc.) might benefit from some of
394 the extra features.

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396 Keep in mind, though, that the goal should be to interfere with the loop as little as possible. Under
397 the described conditions it can run fully automatically without any user interaction (= after the initial
398 tuning phase, and related settings made in AAPS /preferences/SMB/autoISF. See [section 4](#). and
399 [5.1](#)).

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401 However, just like in the airplane cockpit: Cruising in full auto mode should involve having an eye
402 on the instruments, and on potential disturbances ahead in the environment.

403 *E.g.: storm ahead => instruct your plane to climb to another flight height.*

404 *Analogy: exercise ahead => setting an exercise TT, or => pressing a button that activates a*
405 *sequence of instructions (some of them probably hinging on conditions, like actual iob) how*
406 *to manage through that exercise situation).*

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408 So, for the occasional „disturbance“ coming up, you should find an easy way to

409 • call up a pre-programmed routine for automatic management, with auto-adjusted
410 aggressiveness, or:

411 • tweak a setting or two, to temporarily adjust the aggressiveness

412 • There may also arise a desire to just exit the FCL mode, and be your own captain for
413 mastering a special situation.

414 All this is facilitated within seconds right from the AAPS home screen's **cockpit features to the**
415 **extent they are already incorporated, or** to the extent you can build alike DIY cockpit features via
416 Automations, as described in [section 4.1.3](#) and [case studies 5.2](#) and [6.2](#)):

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418 • The button that is integrated into the **violet FCL icon** serves as emergency off button, to
419 quickly stop FCL, or to at least to immediately stop any more SMBs (...just for a couple of
420 minutes, or for the remaining meal time: pick from the options offered with just one
421 keystroke).

422 Via the violet FCL icon on your AAPS home screen, you also can access a temp. switch-off
423 button for SMBs (see section that next follows below).

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425 • The **three top fields** (%profile, exercise, TT) provide access to temp. tuning of core
426 parameters, and/or to some pre-programmed routines.

427 Taken together with some **new indicator fields** about your loop state, and the **grey DIY cockpit**
428 **buttons** this makes the AAPS home screen your **cockpit** for Full Closed Looping.

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430 Let us look on each of these cockpit elements in some detail:

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5.3.1 Violet FCL icon and underlying buttons

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434 Novices to FCL, or really anyone running into a very special situation, may appreciate that the new
435 closed loop icon on the AAPS home screen in pink (for FCL) has buttons to quickly shut off getting
436 more SMBs (1st row), or to enter other loop modes (second row).

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438 It functions very much as the other ones that you know from HCL already, and in fact you
439 get offered some of the same options (for instance, to switch the (full) closed loop off for 15
440 minutes for going to take a shower)

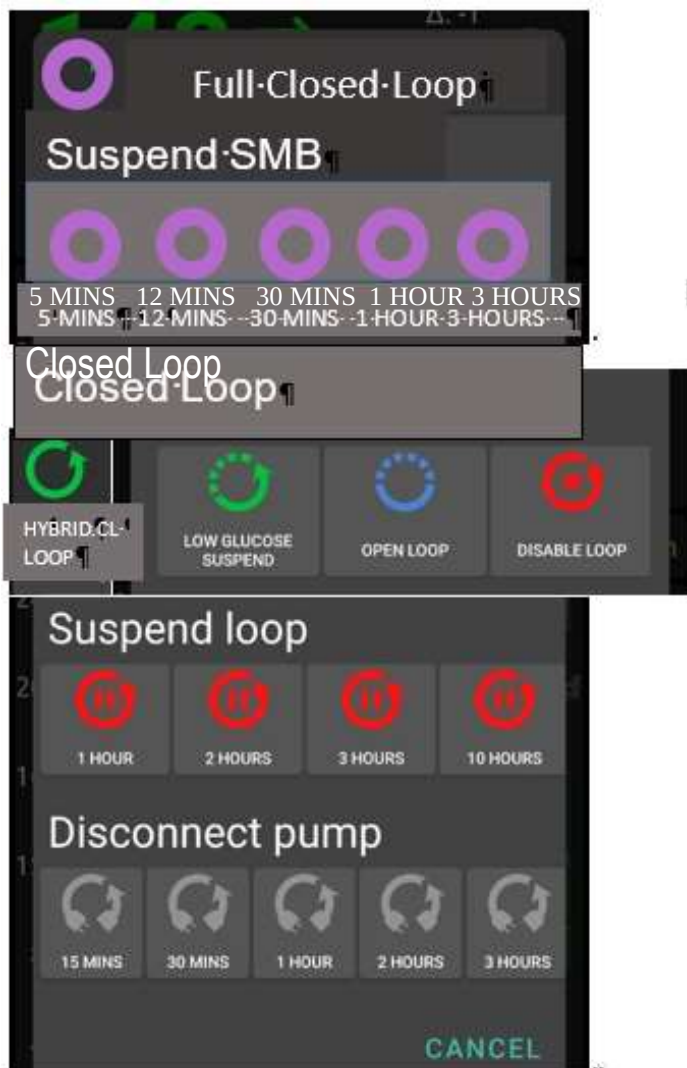
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442 Note that in FCL you leave all BG regulation, notably against meal spikes, to the loop. So, try not to
443 disconnect in phases when your FCL must ramp up your iob.

444 The required insulin would still be supplied *after* you reconnect. However, without the user
445 pre-bolussing, the delay would be more of an issue in FCL than it had been in HCL.

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447 Just pressing on the FCL icon, a dialogue box comes up:



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<-dotted+arrow, form-like-like-LGS.¶



DEV: when in Hybrid-Closed-Loop = top headline + green circle, there is no Suspend SMB part but it starts right with „Closed Loop“. In that screen, there, the 1st element must be option to pick ¶

.....pink circle, FULL-CL-LOOP ¶

where here the green HYBRID-CL-LOOP stands ¶

For loopers who did not set up FCL, a feedback must come up ~ „FCL not installed“ if they press on that button ¶

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449 Pressing „**Suspend SMB**“ provides fast and easy „emergency braking“ regarding delivery of more
450 SMBs:
451 Select the one with the desired number of minutes: 5 or 12 for just blocking the potential next
452 SMB(s), and up to 3 hours to manage the entire rest of this meal with %TBR from then on.
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454 Whenever, and whenever, your FCL is in „no SMBs allowed mode (e.g. automatically after
455 surpassing an iobTH also, or might be triggered by an odd TT), the FCL icon will turn into a dotted
456 one.
457 Instead of remaining **duration to end time** it indicates in the middle „the condition“, „**iob**“ or „**TT**
458 Add an indication **if** suspend SMB comes from an Automation, e.g. add an „**(A)**“, **underneath** the
459 #minutes, iob, or TT in the middle of the dotted violet field.
460 So, as in other (already in HCL existing) cases, those icons show in the middle the minutes left that
461 they will be running, or the condition which would have to go away for this temp. setting to stop.
462 It always auto-reverts into the FCL state and FCL icon, when time (or other condition) has elapsed.
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464 Pressing „**HYBRID CL. LOOP**“ or other buttons from the 2nd row provides fast and easy
465 „emergency **exit**“ **into other modes**.
466 This enables beginners an easy „temp. escape“ into their well-known HCL (green) at any
467 point of time. bgAccel_ISF_weight is set to zero when going FCL->HCL. HCL can run with
468 autoISF (for instance dura_ISF) uninhibited otherwise. (check **implications** for HCL users of
469 autoISF ??).
470 Note: These options from row 2 have no time limit. Loop will **not** by itself go back to FCL. You see
471 the different loop icon as a reminder to manually revert, when ready.
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474 5.3.2 Buttons „Insulin“, „Calculator“ etc at bottom of AAPS home screen
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476 These buttons are **not useful any longer in FCL**, and automatically disappear whenever in FCL
477 mode (also in Suspend SMB state), and re-appear when leaving FCL. This applies also when an
478 Automation or technical system failure shut off FCL.
479 Users who, maybe in the beginning phase, feel better having those buttons, can override
480 the removal (of the insulin button, or any other) by going into /preferences/overview/buttons
481 and forcing them on. They only remain on until the next re-entry into FCL mode, when auto-
482 off happens again.
483 The reason why we do this: It really is important to let the loop loop, and not interfere more
484 than absolutely needed. Any bolus the user gives will sure distort the bg curve, on which
485 autoISF, especially when aggressively tuned for FCL, builds a lot of its decisions!
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487 5.3.3. Three top fields (%profile, exercise, TT)

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489 Depending on the variedness of lifestyle, the desired %TIR, and the initial tuning effort put in, the
490 user may want occasionally to „tweek“ the aggressiveness of her/his FCL.

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492 The top 3 fields (grey in default mode, **yellow when temp. in mode with changed**

493 **agressiveness**) serve as quick and easy entry points to make temp. switches (as users will be

494 used to for %profile switches, or for setting an EatingSoonTT in HCL, .. which they still can do in

495 FCL ... but more:)

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497 Expert FCL users might need this feature rarely, but probably at least to manage activity after

498 meals: Each require opposite aggressiveness, and the switch has to come in a certain point in

499 time that would be difficult to capture. (More see [section 6.4](#))

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501 5.3.3.1 TT dialogue field ((Currently not available in the pictured form and function !)

502 *f extended design for FCL cockpit is already launched)*

503 The TT field (top right of AAPS home screen) is the primary daily interface, and a dialogue field

504 opens when pressing on it

Initially, the form can be entirely empty re. TT inputs and just show the default iobTH and bGAccel parameters.

Two lines appear for Target and get labeled ES, AC or HY depending on what was pushed at the bottom buttons. (HY => red frame; evtl. empty => grey)

TT entries can be made or overridden.

iobTH calculates from Target AC and other settings shifts away from default set in /preferences (here 0.7) but could be overridden here 0!..200 % is allowed

bGAccel ISF_weight can be modulated here, too. Note: it can change again if % profile is also changed. 0...200 % is allowed

CANCEL allows to start fresh (select one or two of the square buttons, ES, AC or HY)

OK needed to use the settings

Duration input is made in minutes. In the exceptional case that both, ES and AC targets are defined, the duration input is for AC and framed blue. (This is because the preceding AC mode is automatically determined in length by the loop observing when iobTH is exceeded)

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507 This looks complicated but only because it allows 4 different modes of use. Each user will primarily
508 use her/his preferred one.

509 (1) Who is happy with the initially well tuned FCL and does not have huge variations in daily eating
510 and moving around, will **not use** the TT **at all**. FCL is possible without an intervention via the

511 TT button in your cockpit. Actually 4 of 8 modes (GGG ...YYY permutations, list see [section](#)
512 [5.3.1](#)) are not making use of TT.

513 (2) Super easy is also, to just input **any odd-TT** (odd-numbered temporary target) that will shut out
514 any SMBs for the set duration. *That can be a good idea when having a snack, for instance.*

515 *Super quick access to stop SMBs is possible also via the loop icon ([section 5.2.1](#)).*

516 Specifically, an **EatingSoon TT** can be activated here (limited relevance see [section 2.5](#)). It is
517 time-un-critical, can be manually set, or come up via an Automation.

518 *The cockpit enables you to set the iobTH differently (override) for the current meal.*

519 *Alternatively, iobTH can be temporarily changed in /preferences or using an Automation.*
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521 *Temp. iobTH will always revert to default when the TT expires. If another TT immediately*
522 *follows, like in the example of the screen above, it will calculate, (then) show and use a new*
523 *temp. iobTH.*

524 (3) The third way is to **use the input mask** (*if already ncluded in your software version see picture*
525 *above*) **to freely modulate the loop aggressiveness** for a declared number of minutes. Click
526 the bottom big square(s): Either HYPO, or ACTIVITY, or EATING SOON, or ACTIVITY and
527 EATING SOON (*example in the pictured screen above*). Make or override entries in the offered
528 fields. Press OK.

529 (4) The fourth way is to exclusively use one of the 4+4+2 little buttons seen in the bottom part of
530 the TT dialogue box (*if already included in your software version*). They provide a set of
531 settings (as will immediately show in all input fields above) that the user has set up in
532 Preferences/SMB/autoISF/FullLoop (refer to [section 6.3](#)), and can freely label there. *For*
533 *instance „hiC“ at high carb EatingSoon, „piz“ for Pizza/fatty meals, „grd“ for garden work,*
534 *„mtb“ for mountain biking ...*

535 **Capturing good settings for not-everyday situations in /preferences** (*if already included*)
536 **allows calling them up within 1 second**, from your cockpit on the AAPS home screen (...and
537 won't ruin the FCL experience at all , especially because in most cases it is not time-critical,
538 how long before the intended exercise the buttons are pressed).

539 [Case study 6.2](#) demonstrates that nearly the same performance and comfort can be reached
540 via the **DIY FCL cockpit** with the grey extra buttons appearing at the bottom of the AAPS home
541 screen, based on Automations with User action (see also [section 4.2](#)).

542 *The example picture given above, and also [case study 6.2](#), is the most complicated (but also most*
543 *useful) case, **when exercise follows after a sizeable meal**. It is then that you need (a) aggressive*

544 FCL initial performance at the meal, but, exactly when (!) a (for the intended sport already
 545 temp.lowered) iobTH is exceeded, you need (b) to have SMBs automatically switched off and go
 546 into the „milder“ mode, as defined for the exercise (with high instead of lowTT, that automatically
 547 significantly reduces iobTH again, and insulin sensitivity(resistance) settings too).
 548 Pressing exercise related buttons will automatically also light the **exercise button** on the main
 549 screen yellow.

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 551 To summarize, the TT dialogue field offers easy but powerful ad-hoc modulation of loop
 552 aggressiveness for FCL (if already included).

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555 5.3.3.2 Exercise button (see more in [section 6.](#))

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557 The exercise button automatically lights yellow when exercise related TTs are activated in the TT
 558 dialogue box. 4 of 8 modes are making use of the exercise button.

559 If pressing on the exercise button, a dialogue box appears (if extended design for FCL cockpit is
 560 already launched) with info on exercise setting first (and opportunity to override), plus below the
 561 activity monitor (experimental for auto-tracking of lighter movement during the day, and effects on
 562 sensitivity that may have. See [section 4.5](#)).

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564 So, first the exercise settings (as set under TT) are there to read. Example :

activity	TT	dur	%-profile	iobTH	bgAccel	%overall
mtb	171	180	70	3.0-U	0.24	70

Mode set to run for 134 more minutes

Mode starting after meal when iob > 4.4 U or n/a

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567 The exercise (here mtb) is selected in the dialogue box of the neighboring TT field, and there auto-
 568 filled with settings made in the set-up and tuning stage by the user under preferences (see
 569 above,...). They are reported also under the exercise button here, and TT, duration, and % sens
 570 (which also shows active on the %-profile field on the left side of the exercise button) can be temp.
 571 changed there. iobTH, bgAccel_ISF and overall resulting sensitivity ratio is given in the other fields.
 572 The **middle field** of the table, „% profile“ either picks up the % set under the %-profile button, or
 573 an input can be made here, in the exercise button domain, which will:

- 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 % overall, accordingly.

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

The mode is either running already (for another number of minutes, as probably also shown in the yellow TT field anyways). Or it is scheduled to run, after insulination for a started meal reaches iobTH (as in table). Or, no exercise is scheduled (both points red, no entries).

The lower part of the exercise dialogue box (not pictured above, but see in [section 6.5](#)) is dedicated to the Activity Monitor

5.3.3.3 Profile button

The profile button can still be used to set a different profile, or profile%, for instance to adjust for days with sickness (as you are used to from hybrid closed looping). 4 of 8 modes are not making use of the profile button.

Any inputs made here will be used to modify profile_ISF on which all further changes are made on (multiplied with).

The profile field remains grey if standard profile is applied.

It turns yellow, displaying a %figure relating to any altered loop overall aggressiveness:

- When no inputs (changes from 100% profile) are made here, but inputs in the TT field, e.g. for exercise, automatically lead to different insulin sensitivity ratio ~~that ratio is shown here~~
- when% is changed by input in the profile button itself, it will be multiplied with with profile_ISF and be used in place of profile_ISF *by the algorithm*.

However, for exercise (sports) you no longer must make an entry here, because reasonable %reductions should be automatically provided, driven by your set TT (and half-basal exercise target), see [section 6](#).

610 5.4 Recognizing your loop state in the AAPS home screen

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612 5.4.1 Color scheme of top cockpit buttons tells kind of closed loop that is running

613 3 Buttons (%profile; exercise; TT) each in 2 states (yellow Y, or grey G) makes $2 \times 2 \times 2 = 8$ possible
614 combinations:

615 GYY = dynamic exercise mode

616 YGY = not-dynamic „traditional“ exercise mode (if <100%) or hypo mode (if >100%)

617 GYG = basic closed loop with Activity Monitor running

618 GGG = basic closed loop (FCL or HCL) without any altered sensitivities etc

619 YGG = basic closed loop but with a „long wave“ sensitivity shift (e.g. sickness)

620 GGY = temp. target like e.g. EatingSDoonTT is set; or Hypo mode

621 YYG = closed loop with „long wave“ sensitivity adjustment and Activity Monitor running

622 YYY = dynamic exercise mode in time with additional „long-waved“ sensitivity shift

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624 5.4.2 Information printed on the top buttons

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626 The yellow TT field shows the currently valid TT (and further duration):

627 (profile) stands for the abbreviation you labeled your selected running profile

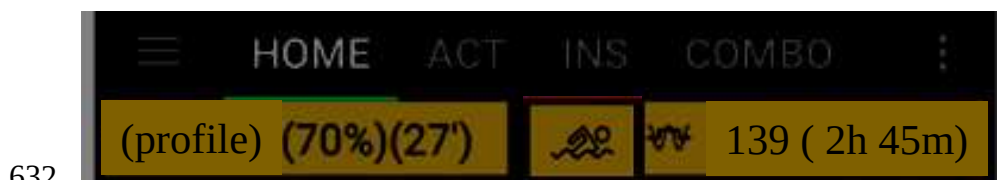


629 In the special case of settings for meal preceding sports, the field will look slightly differently:



...and ...

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



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634 Likewise, if on the AAPS main screen just an **EatingSoonTT** is set (e.g.72), this is entered with the
635 desired duration. Afterwards, it automatically reverts to profile target and the display turns grey
636 again there with e.g. 90 on it (and no time limit).

637 Without sports context, the middle field remains grey.



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640 Independently from setting a TT, the user can choose to set a **%profile in the left top field**, for an
641 independent number of minutes, e.g. 70% in this screen example: Also, or additionally, this will
642 influence the resulting ISF and sensitivity%

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646 The % might change and turn yellow also in context of making TT inputs in the related dialogue
647 box (see chapter TT dialogue field, above). Still, the % (or the length of time the profile switch shall
648 be active) can be independently overridden in the top left field, if so desired.

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650 If an **Automation** sets a %profile, and/or a TT (e.g. *automatic detection of meal start at condition*
651 *e.g. when delta >10*), this would automatically show in respective field(s) turning yellow and
652 showing the temp. setting. To show the set parameter comes from an Automation, „ **(A)** „ is added
653 in the end of button text.

654 Note that an Automation is **usually/ always (?)** only permitted to temp. change default profile
655 settings, not other pre-existing temp. settings. This is for a good reason : Why should a
656 sometimes in the past thought-out Automation supersede your - just for the occasion
657 specified – temp.settings that you consciously activated for the day?

658 Advice: Try to stay away from Automations that also aim at temp. modifying
659 aggressiveness. For the reason just given in above note, they often will not kick in anyways.
660 Generally, it also is no good idea to double up sub-algorithms for tweaking loop behaviours.

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662 Try to **keep things as simple and clear as possible**.

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664 That said, a limited number of Automations can be of help in distinct scenarios (that differ in
665 purpose and in applicable time of day).

666 A good one could be for night time, when your odd profile TT has SMBs shut off, but your
667 experience after pizza nights tells you that, under certain condition patterns (bg, iob), an
668 SMB or two should be „allowed in“. Another good example, if you go usually FCL without

669 any use of the TT button (which you could call a meal announcement of sorts), is to define
670 an Automation that, after detecting a meal start, automatically sets a low TT to get
671 maximally aggressive first SMBs.

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673 5.4.3 FCL related indicator fields in the AAPS home screen

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675 In extra data fields of the AAPS main screen you can always see (not change) the key
676 „aggressiveness“ parameters your loop currently operates with (see also home screen
677 example below):

- 678 • how profile sensitivity (**ISF**) changes by the %profile input, by autoISF, and/or a set
679 exerciseTT.
- 680 • next to current available iob number is an indication of your **valid iobTH** (the iob above
681 which no more SMBs will be given)
- 682 • The AAPS home screen additionally shows, above the deltas, the current **acceleration**

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685 5.4.4 Overall home screen:

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Overall home screen:



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