

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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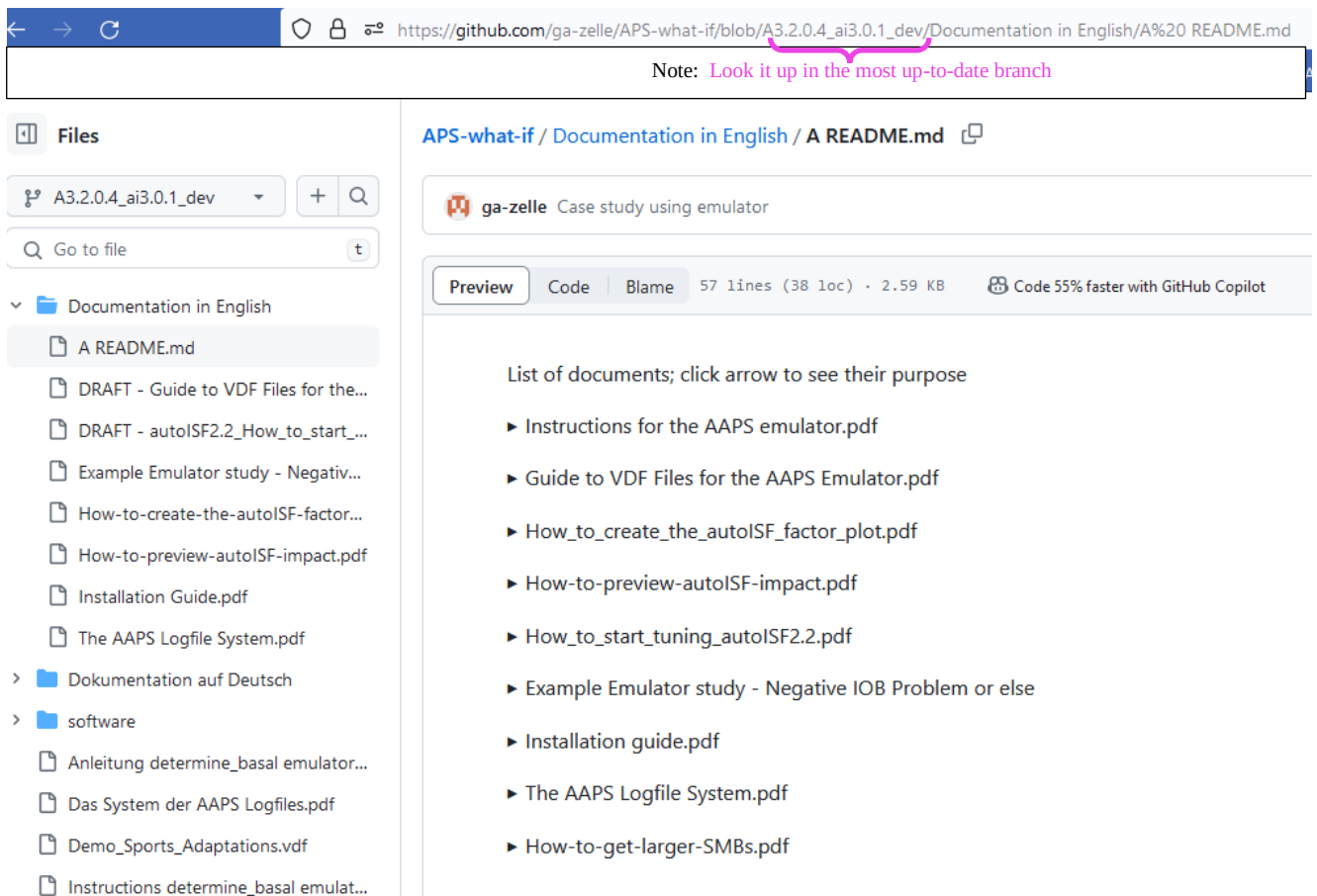
Available related case studies:

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



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

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

45 Application examples for tuning are given in associated case studies (we need more).

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47 Note that iOS based variants of autoISF (Trio or iAPS) can not use the emulator.

48 Refer to [section 11.3](#).

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

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55 10.1 Installation of the emulator on your PC

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

58 <https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what->

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

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

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62 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.

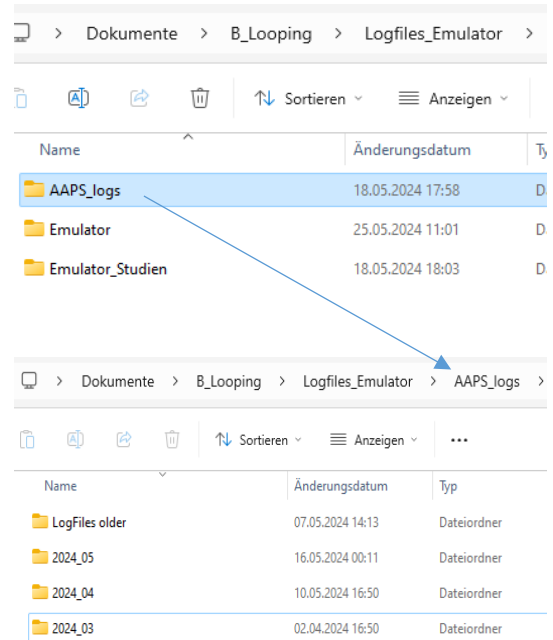
63 On your PC, create a folder “**Logfiles_Emulator**” with 3 sub-folders: “AAPS_logs”, “Emulator” and
64 “Emulator_Studies”

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

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

72 It is advisable to additionally store a pdf from **Nightscout
Reporter** in the file for every month. From it, you can
73 much easier find which days and times are of high interest
74 to analyze with the emulator.



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

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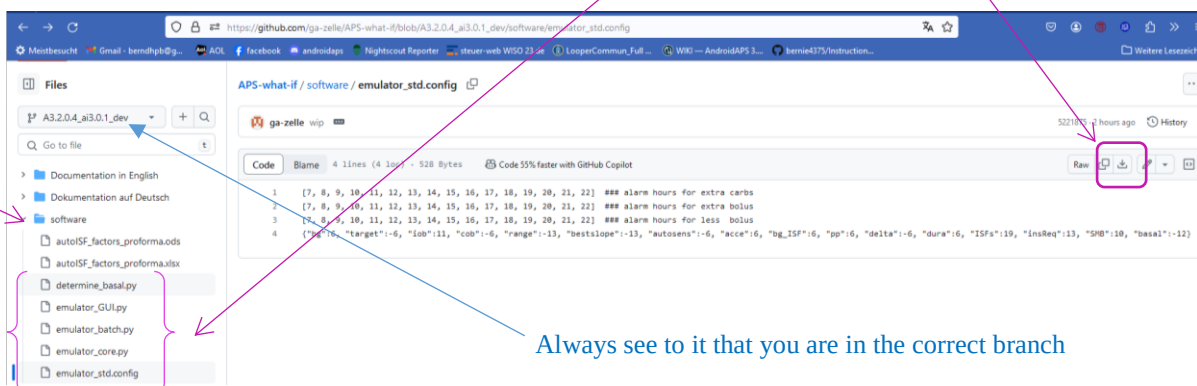
78 **Emulator_studies** is a folder, where, for now, you should provide some sub-folders “Study_1”, “Study_2”
79 etc.. Later, when you use the emulator, you will use these “addresses” for the program to dump results of the
80 emulation into.

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82 10.1.2 Downloads

83 1).Download from: <https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-if/> **software** : the .config and four py. files.

84 To do this, you must (5x, one at a time): click on the name here, and for download here



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Always make sure you use the files from the branch with the same version number as your AAPS version (in the example above: These files will work with AAPS dev version 3.2.0.4 with autoISF version 3.0.1). Always keep your AAPS x autoISF and also the emulator related files up-to-date. If you can't get your Emulator run, look in the Github repo whether there is a newer .py file (even with the same name; there may be updates that iron out problems that may have been reported only with certain AndroidOS versions etc etc)!!

2). Retrieve these 5 downloaded files on your **PC (list of recent downloads)**, then:

3). Shift each of these 5 into your “Emulator” folder:

Name	Änderungsdatum	Typ	Größe
pycache	24.05.2024 10:05	Dateiordner	
5minute_emulator_std.config	24.05.2024 22:06	CONFIG-Datei	1 KB
determine_basal.py	17.05.2024 17:14	Python File	149 KB
emulator_batch.py	24.05.2024 22:06	Python File	21 KB
emulator_core.py	24.05.2024 22:06	Python File	164 KB
emulator_GUI.py	07.05.2024 20:04	Python File	42 KB
find_string_batch.py	07.05.2024 19:31	Python File	6 KB
find_string_core.py	07.05.2024 19:31	Python File	8 KB

Note: Use 1minute:emulator_std.config in case you use Libre3 (1 min) as your CGM

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

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

10.1.3 Create a “start emulation” button on your desktop

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

- Create, in your Emulator folder, a **link to it**
- Drag that link onto your **desktop**
- Name it something like “Emulator start”.

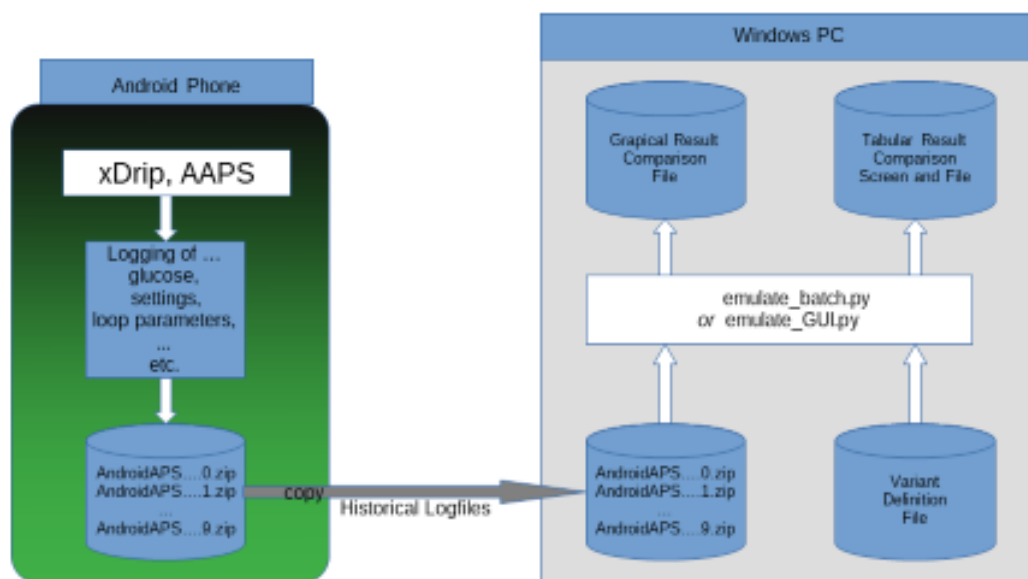
10.1.4 Other software requirements

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

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

10.2 Analyzing loop decisions in logfiles

Instead of making many screenshots every 5 (or, w/ Libre3, every 1) minutes after meals, and analyzing them later, a much more elegant and powerful way to analyze your loop decisions (and how you might want to 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.

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

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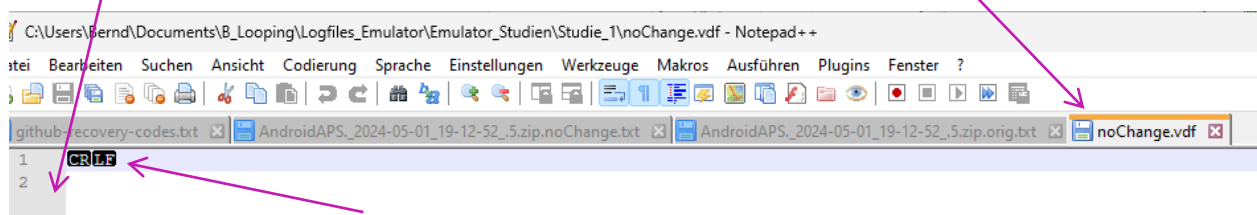
127 2). Name your file “noChange.vdf”.

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

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

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



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

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134 3). Store that “noChange.vdf” in your “Emulator studies” folder, on the top level, besides the single studies folders)

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137 4). From that position, you always make a copy, and paste *into each* Studie_1 ... n :

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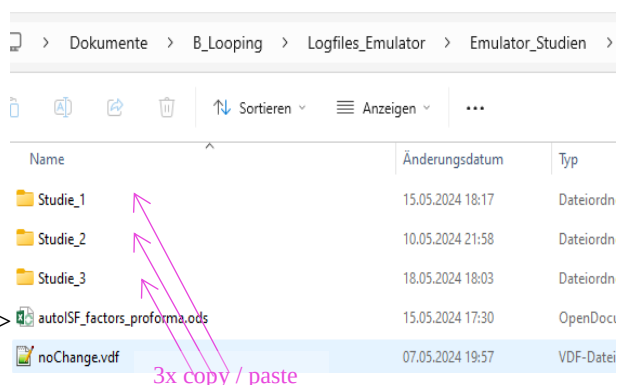
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See [section 10.3.3.3](#), regarding this ->

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10.2.2 Locate relevant logfiles

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146 Make sure you have the AAPS logfiles that you want to analyze in one of your your Emulator (in
147 your Emulator_Studies-/ Studie_n folder which, according to step 4) in [section 10.2.1](#) should
148 already contain a noChange.vdf.

149 Else, now copy (not: move!) your noChange.vdf (see above) also into your Study file (must be in all
150 of them).

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10.2.3 Prepare the emulator

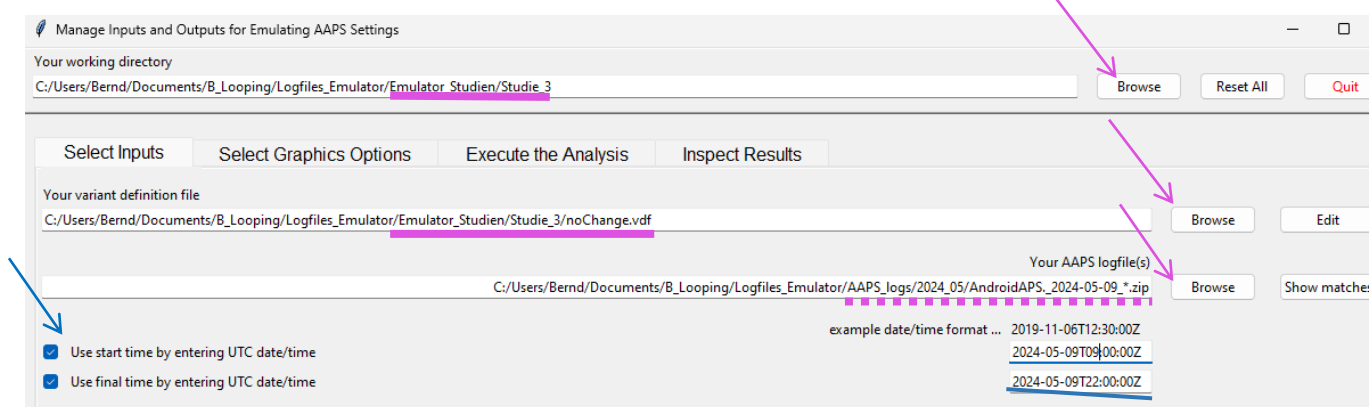
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155 Now go to your PC **desktop**, and start the emulator by **just pressing the button “emulator start”**
156 that you installed in step [10.1.3](#)

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



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162 a) The top box marks the path to your current emulator project (“Studie_3” is where I want to
163 store results)

164 b) The middle box marks the path to your current vdf (what kind of analysis; here:
165 “...noChange.vdf” = *read-only*; see section 10.3 for *what-if*)

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

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

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

- 174 ○ clicked the bottom left two boxes
- 175 ○ copied the date 2024-05-09 over the default date in the bottom right two data fields
- 176 ○ after T (for time), I entered the desired time of analysis AFTER conversion into my local
177 time (Central EU summer time minus 2 hours = UTZ; so to look at 11 to midnight of
178 my AAPS screen, I must enter here 09.00:00Z, and below it 22:00:00Z).

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

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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>)

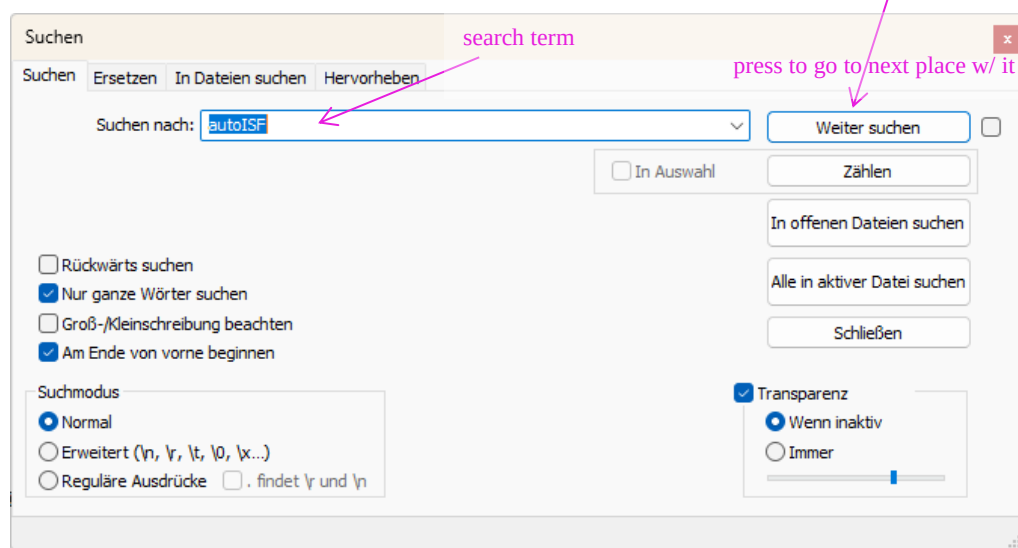
After a short moment results should show up, which you can look into in a couple of ways. First you could have a quick look into the **.log** file to see whether the run had errors (see [section 3.](#))

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

This basically gives you “all the SMB tabs” without needing to make screenshots 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.



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

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

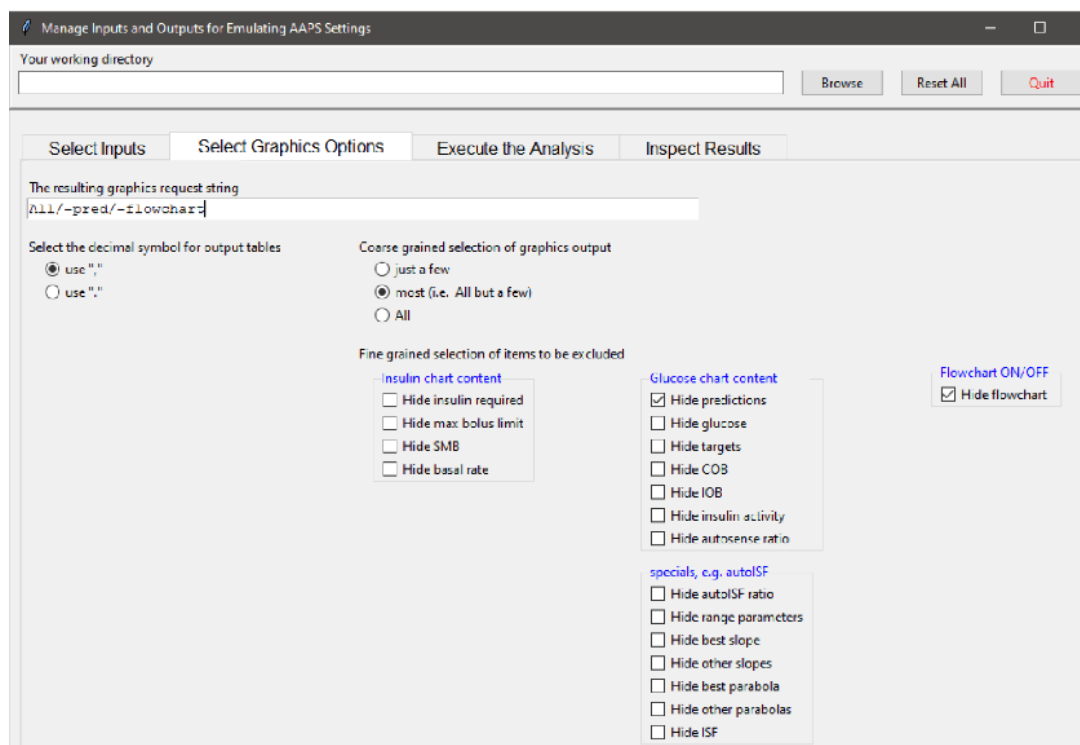
It is a vast table, so you may want to reduce it to something more “digestable”, either after transfer to your standard calculation program (next [section 10.2.4.3](#)). You can also make settings to suppress information you are usually not interested in (or do not know how to interpret, anyways) under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

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

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

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

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



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

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223 10.2.4.3 Analysis of the **noChange.csv** table in Excel or LibreOffice calc.

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

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- add right next to the standard world time your corresponding “AAPS **time**”

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

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

- 233
- **hide** any column you find less important to look at for your intended analysis

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

235 Also, in case later you want to look into additional info, you can simply un-hide the relevant
236 columns ... or time lines:

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

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

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

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

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249 [10.2.4.4.. Graph noChange.pdf](#)

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

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

- 255 • Red: the bg curve
- 256 • Yellow: the bg target (note that I do no manual “EatingSoonTT” but for bg rises over +10 mg/dl
257 I have an Automation that sets low TT for a couple of minutes)
- 258 • Light blue corridor: Left edge is set iobTH, and bandwidth +30% (would be +20% at elevated
259 TT)
- 260 • Dark blue line: iob (exceeding twice the iobTH, with temp. SMB shut-off

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

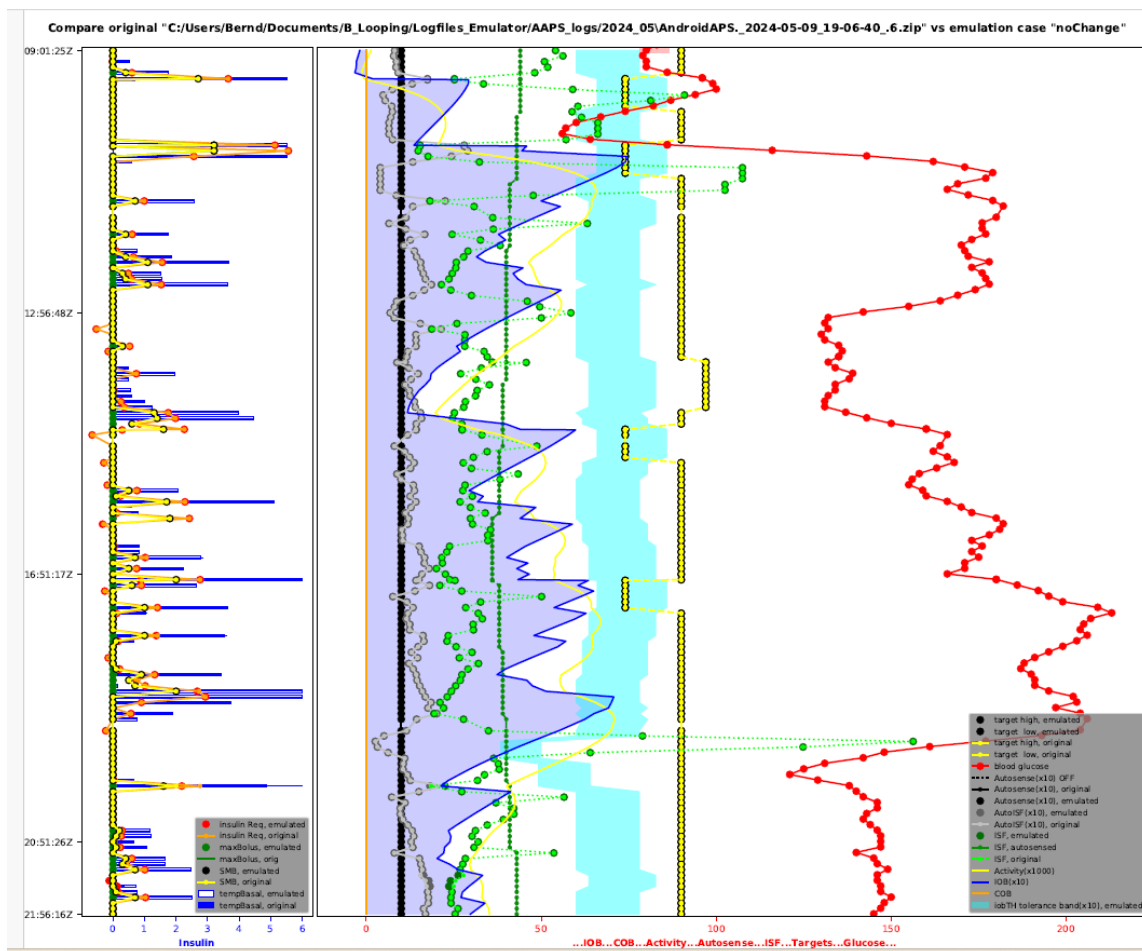
- 263 • Thin yellow line: Insulin activity

- 264 • Green dotted line: ISF as would result from AAPS w/Autosens

- 265 • Green scatter points: autoISF ISF no Chage (lighter points) or what-if (darker points)

- 266 • 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](#)

10.3 “What-if” analysis using the emulator

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

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

However, this time you will start over with the (yourChange).vdf, see below, [10.3.1](#).

Repeat, if you have two or more such vdf defined. (Just clear results before executing analysis each time.

All results are automatically captured for all runs, all **in your selected “Study_n” folder**, together with the noChange results which always is your actual loop data, as opposed to a “what-if” scenario).

287 How to proceed in detail:

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289 10.3.1 Define your investigated changes in a, or in several, (yourChange).vdf

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

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

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297 Within the same study, you can make several runs with several vdf files.

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

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

- 303 • 20% higher bgAccel_ISF_weight to boost the first SMBs stronger: How would that tend to ramp
304 up early iob; and might that get too strong in other parts of the data? Or does it bounce into a
305 restriction (maxSMB size; autoISFmax; iobTH...) that I might need to widen?
- 306 • Doubling my cautiously set bgBrake_ISF_weight shall give me insight into the workings of that
307 parameter (and whether using a much smaller weight than for bgAccel_ISF_weight is really
308 what I should keep doing)
- 309 • As my bg came down from a persistent high quite slowly, I elevate the dura_ISF by 20%

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

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318 2). Now, to **write** your **(yourChanges). vdf for the emulator** (this is same procedure as you did in section
319 10.2.1 for the noChange.vdf):

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

Alternatively you can also take another pre-existing vdf file, and copy it into your current project giving it a new name (re-name it)

- name your vdf (in our example: 1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura.vdf) ...
- ... and store that in a file of your current emulator project you are about to start (see my storage path in top line here)

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

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

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

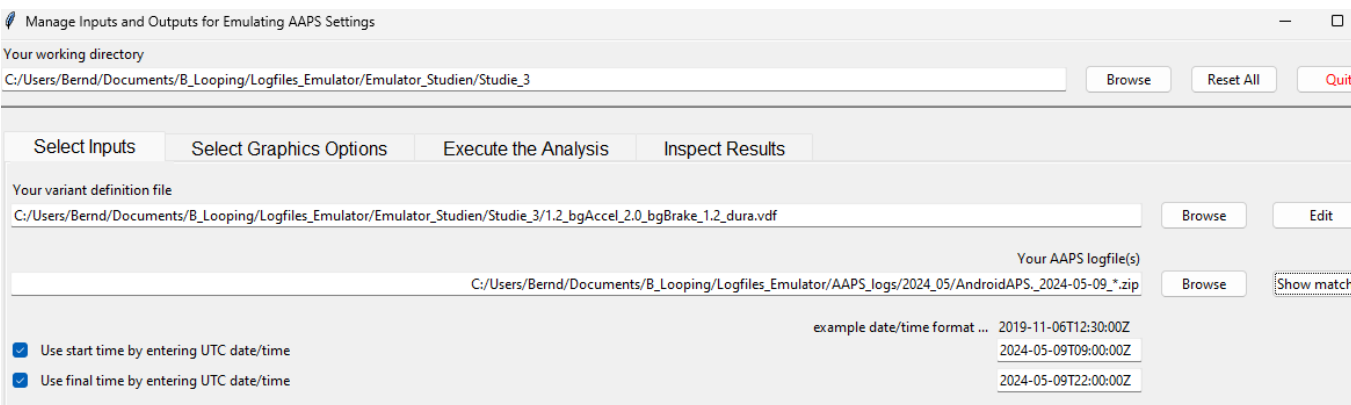
The (yourChanges) .vdf should look like something like this:

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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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CR = LF= Erase any entries after CR LF and also any entries in lines below, if any

10.3.2 Run the emulator with (yourChange).vdf

The “what-if” emulator run is done the same way as you did the noChange.vdf run (section 10.2, which was simply with no (yourChange).vdf there, to also run an emulatiuon), However, now , the (yourChange).vdf must be loaded into the 2nd input field, where formerly you had the noChange.vdf.:



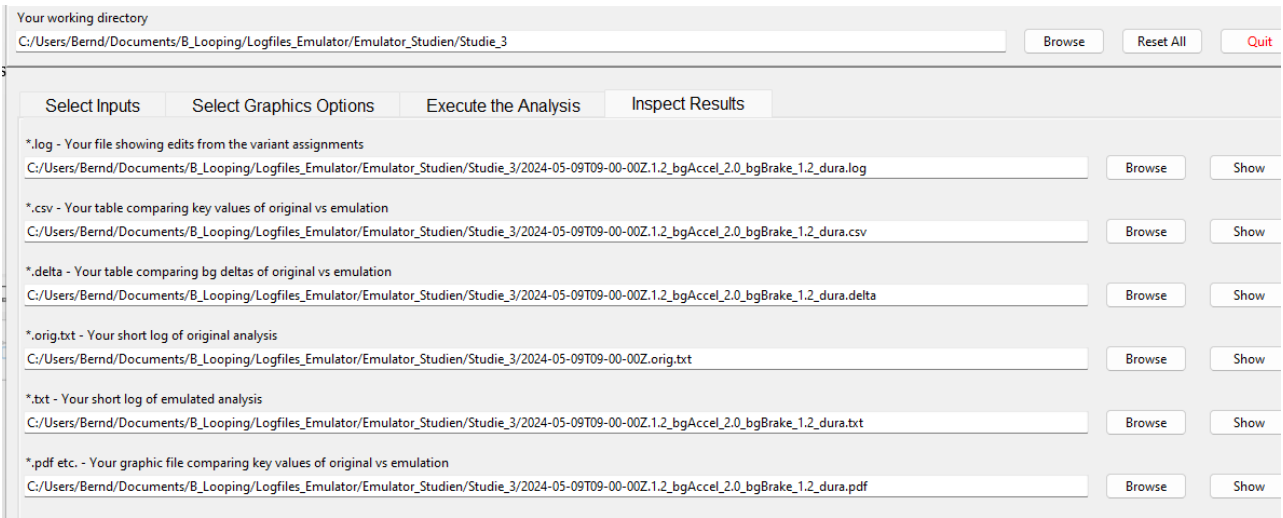
In the 3rd input field, give the path to your stored logfiles. A good way to do this is:

- Browse in your Windows Explorer to any logfile from the desired day (2024-05-09 in above example)

- Replace the time with an asterix * (this means you look at all-day data, in UTZ time). Check whether this will work by pressing Show matches . You should see all logfiles from that day in a pop-up info box.
- As I wanted to look at 11 am –midnight for lunch and dinner related data, I :
 - 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).

After making these entries, press Execute the Analysis, (evtl also Clear old Data) and then press Run Emulation, you can look the results up under “Inspect Results”. First you could have a quick look into the .log file to see whether the run had errors (see [section 3.](#))

10.3.3 Emulation results



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

Besides the 1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura.vdf case which I like to look into for the present high carb meal, I also prepared another vdf that investigates a factor 1.2 stronger pp_ISF and a weaker, factor 0.8, bgAccel_ISF (with the intention to test this, and a noChange, on a low carb meal later.

B_Looping > Logfiles_Emulator > Emulator_Studien > Studie_3				Studie_3 durchsuchen
Sortieren ▾ Anzeigen ▾ ...				
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	
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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 **(yourChanges).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 (yourChanges) 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.

392 Note that any relevant change would put your bg curve on a different trajectory, so that would influence *all*
393 *following* results. Therefore, what you get here is **not** a complete modelling how your bg would have
394 developed in the alternative scenario.
395 But you can investigate in which stages the parameter(s) you are looking at in your current “what-if” had big
396 influence, and in which direction the changes would go. (see also charts shown in [section 10.3.3.4](#)).
397 Analyzing how to safely come down from a high glucose plateau while limiting hypo danger towards the end
398 of digestion is also to some extent possible.

399

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

403

404 Observe that a setting change must work well for you

405

- not just in one point of time, and

406

- not just for one kind of meal,

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

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410 10.3.3.2 Tabular results

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The screenshot shows the LibreOffice Calc application window titled "2024-05-09T09-00-00Z.1.2_pp_0.8_bgAccel.csv - LibreOffice Calc". A context menu is open over the "Z" column header, with options: "Neues Fenster", "Fenster schließen", "Teilen", and "Fixieren". The "Fixieren" option is highlighted. The table below has columns: id, UTC time, Z time, bg accel, bg brake, target low, orig, orig, emul, emul, cob, job, emul, emul, act, orig, orig, utes. The data rows show various time entries and numerical values.

id	UTC time	Z time	bg accel	bg brake	target low	orig	orig	emul	emul	cob	job	emul	emul	act	orig	orig	utes
0	0,3759837963	Z	1715245285,9	80		90	90	90	90	0	-0,18	6	7,8	0,001	1	0,81	10
1	0,3793981481	Z	1715245580,3	79	79	90	90	90	90	0	-0,23	6	7,8	0,001	1	0,78	15
2	0,3829166667	Z	1715245884,2	80		90	90	90	90	0	-0,28	6	7,8	0	1	0,86	20
3	0,386412037	Z	1715246186,2	80		90	90	90	90	0	-0,28	6	7,8	-0,001	1	0,85	25
4	0,3898263889	Z	1715246482	86		90	90	90	90	0	-0,33	6	7,8	-0,001	1	0,91	0
5	0,393587963	Z	1715246806,8	96		74	74	74	74	0	0,18	6,6	8,58	-0,001	1	1,75	0
6	0,3942013889	Z	1715246859,5	96		74	74	74	74	0	2,92	6,6	8,58	0	1	1,75	0
7	0,3968055556	Z	1715247084,8	99		74	74	74	74	0	2,92	6,6	8,58	0,005	1	1,31	5
8	0,4002430556	Z	1715247381,7	100	100	74	74	74	74	0	2,83	6,6	8,58	0,011	1	0,75	10
9	0,4037384259	Z	1715247683,2	94	94	74	74	74	74	0	2,72	6,6	8,58	0,015	1	0,48	0
10	0,4071643519	Z	1715247979,7	87	87	74	74	74	74	0	2,59	6,6	8,58	0,018	1	0,54	0
11	0,4107407407	Z	1715248288,8	82	82	74	74	74	74	0	2,45	6,6	8,58	0,02	1	0,73	0
12	0,4141435185	Z	1715248583	74	74	90	90	90	90	0	2,3	6	7,8	0,022	1	0,75	0
13	0,4176273148	Z	1715248883,1	67	67	90	90	90	90	0	2,14	6	7,8	0,022	1	0,7	0
14	0,4210300926	Z	1715249177,9	60	60	90	90	90	90	0	1,99	6	7,8	0,023	1	0,65	0
15	0,4245949074	Z	1715249485,3	57	57	90	90	90	90	0	1,82	6	7,8	0,023	1	0,65	0
16	0,4280439815	Z	1715249783,8	56	56	90	90	90	90	0	1,67	6	7,8	0,022	1	0,65	5
17	0,4315277778	Z	1715250084,6	64		90	90	90	90	0	1,51	6	7,8	0,021	1	0,75	0
18	0,435	Z	1715250384,3	86		74	74	74	74	0	1,36	6,6	8,58	0,02	1	2,8	0
19	0,4355787037	Z	1715250434,4	86		74	74	74	74	0	4,58	6,6	8,58	0,021	1	2,8	0
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21	0,4419675926	Z	1715250987	143		74	74	74	74	0	7,44	6,6	8,58	0,038	1	2,43	0
22	0,4454513889	Z	1715251287,7	162	162	74	74	74	74	0	7,4	6,6	8,58	0,048	1	1,33	0
23	0,4490046296	Z	1715251594,5	171	171	74	74	74	74	0	7,15	6,6	8,58	0,055	1	0,4	0
24	0,452349537	Z	1715251883,2	179	179	74	74	74	74	0	6,84	6,6	8,58	0,06	1	0,4	5
25	0,4558217593	Z	1715252183,5	177	177	90	90	90	90	0	6,48	6	7,8	0,063	1	0,4	10
26	0,4594328704	Z	1715252495,4	169	169	90	90	90	90	0	6,1	6	7,8	0,065	1	0,4	15
27	0,4630208333	Z	1715252805,5	166	166	90	90	90	90	0	5,72	6	7,8	0,066	1	0,4	5
28	0,4662847222	Z	1715253087,3	172	172	90	90	90	90	0	5,37	6	7,8	0,065	1	0,86	25
29	0,4697453704	Z	1715253386,2	179		90	90	90	90	0	5	6,36	8,27	0,064	1	2,26	5
30	0,4731828704	Z	1715253683,7	182		90	90	90	90	0	5,54	6,36	8,27	0,064	1	1,33	10
31	0,480162037	Z	1715254286,4	180		90	90	90	90	0	4,81	6,36	8,27	0,063	1	1,13	0
32	0,4837731481	Z	1715254598,6	176	176	90	90	90	90	0	4,44	6,36	8,27	0,061	1	0,65	5
33	0,4873032407	Z	1715254903,9	176		90	90	90	90	0	4,09	6	7,8	0,059	1	1,13	10
34	0,4905555556	Z	1715255184,4	177		90	90	90	90	0	3,78	6	7,8	0,056	1	1,67	15
35	0,4940625	Z	1715255487,9	173		90	90	90	90	0	3,98	6	7,8	0,054	1	1,26	20
36	0,4974884259	Z	1715255783,9	170	170	90	90	90	90	0	3,69	6	7,8	0,053	1	1,07	25
37	0,5009722222	Z	1715256084,7	171		90	90	90	90	0	3,39	6	7,8	0,05	1	1,38	30

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

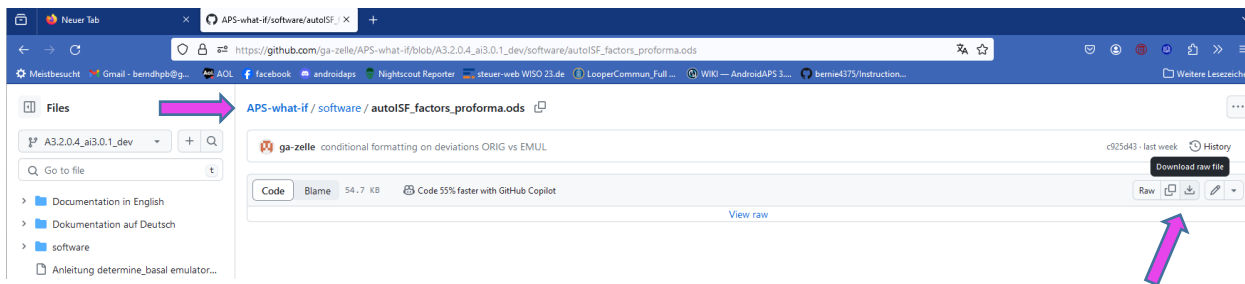
This route is good to compare quantitative impacts of autoISF categories in critical time points.

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](#)

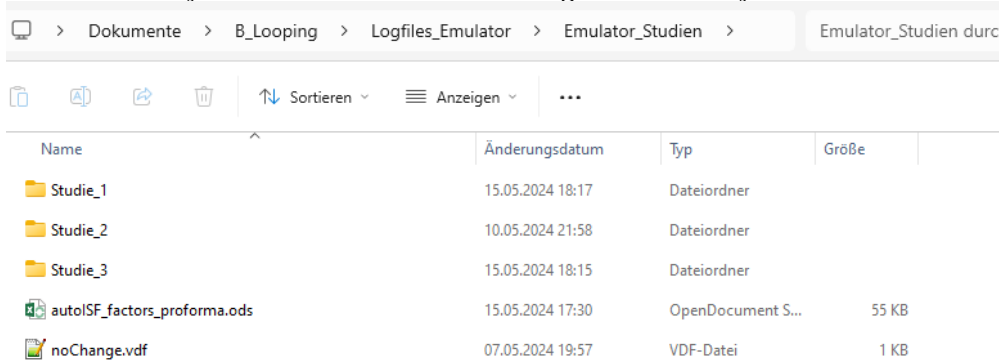
That tool is quite a bit of work to set up. Decide for yourself whether you do it, or whether you rather work with extracting the csv table into Excel (A), and work freely from there.

10.3.3.3 Automated extraction from tabular results

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



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



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

1. Click on the .csv file and open in Libre office calculator.
2. Make sure the time column is set to US_English:

Textimport - [2024-05-09T09-00-00Z%20.1.2_pp_0.8_bgAccel.csv]

Importieren

Zeichensatz: Unicode (UTF-8)

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

This turns the first 30-some lines of your csv table (left side) into a form in which important effects are highlighted in color, and formatting is improved:



Now, you want this for the entire table.

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

The screenshot shows the LibreOffice Calc interface with the file 'autoISF_factors_proforma.ods'. A range of cells is selected, and a context menu is displayed with the option 'Zeile(n) oberhalb einfügen' (Insert row(s) above) highlighted. The spreadsheet contains columns for various factors and time-related data. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'Tabelle 1 / 2 | 29 Zeilen, 1024 Spalten ausgewählt'.

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

autolSF_factors_proforma.ods - LibreOffice Calc

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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	
156	27	12:14:14	0	1	0,67	15	133,3	35	-3	0,96	30	-1,64	-1,07	1	0,96	0,98	1	

your_title graphs

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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.

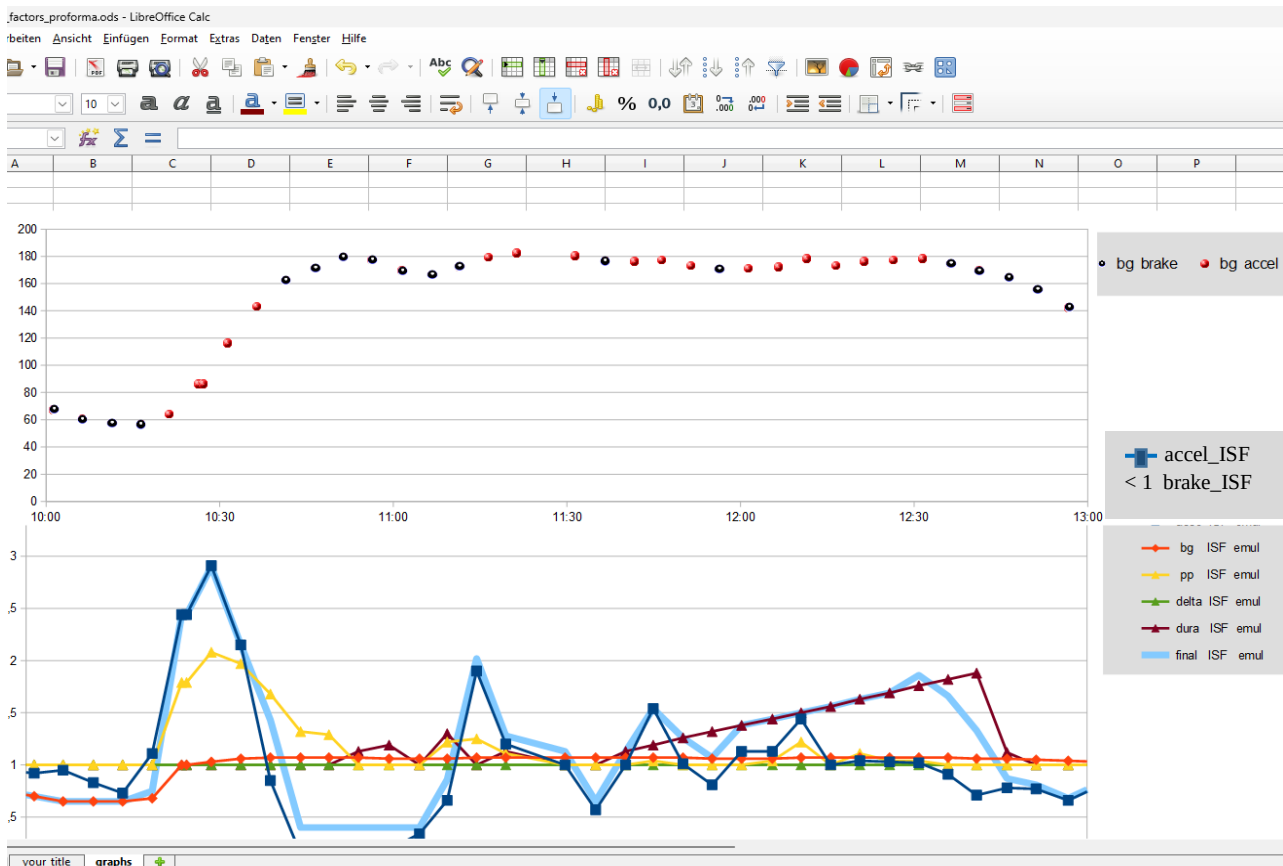
The bottom tab “your_title” should be re-named by you, best with day of log you analyze, and your what-if parameters (so, the name of your csv file could be put in here)

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

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

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



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

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

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Skalierung

☐ Richtung umkehren

☐ Logarithmische Skalierung

Minimum 10:00:00 ☐ Automatisch

Maximum 15:30:00 ☐ Automatisch

Hauptintervall 00:30:00 ☐ Automatisch

Hilfsintervall Schritte 5 ☐ Automatisch

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

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498 A similar graph is available on the (i-)phone if you use the autoISF dev variant of iAPS (and maybe
499 of Trio, in the near future). See also [section 11.3](#)

500 10.3.3.4 Chart coming with the emulator

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

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

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

510

511 Note that ideally we want FCL coverage of our entire “normal day” meal spectrum by one set of
512 settings. So, **not much is gained if you put a lot of effort in optimizing FCL settings for one**
513 **meal.**

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

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

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

530

531 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)

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

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

540 • Thin yellow line: Insulin activity

541 • Green dotted line: ISF as would result from AAPS w/Autosens

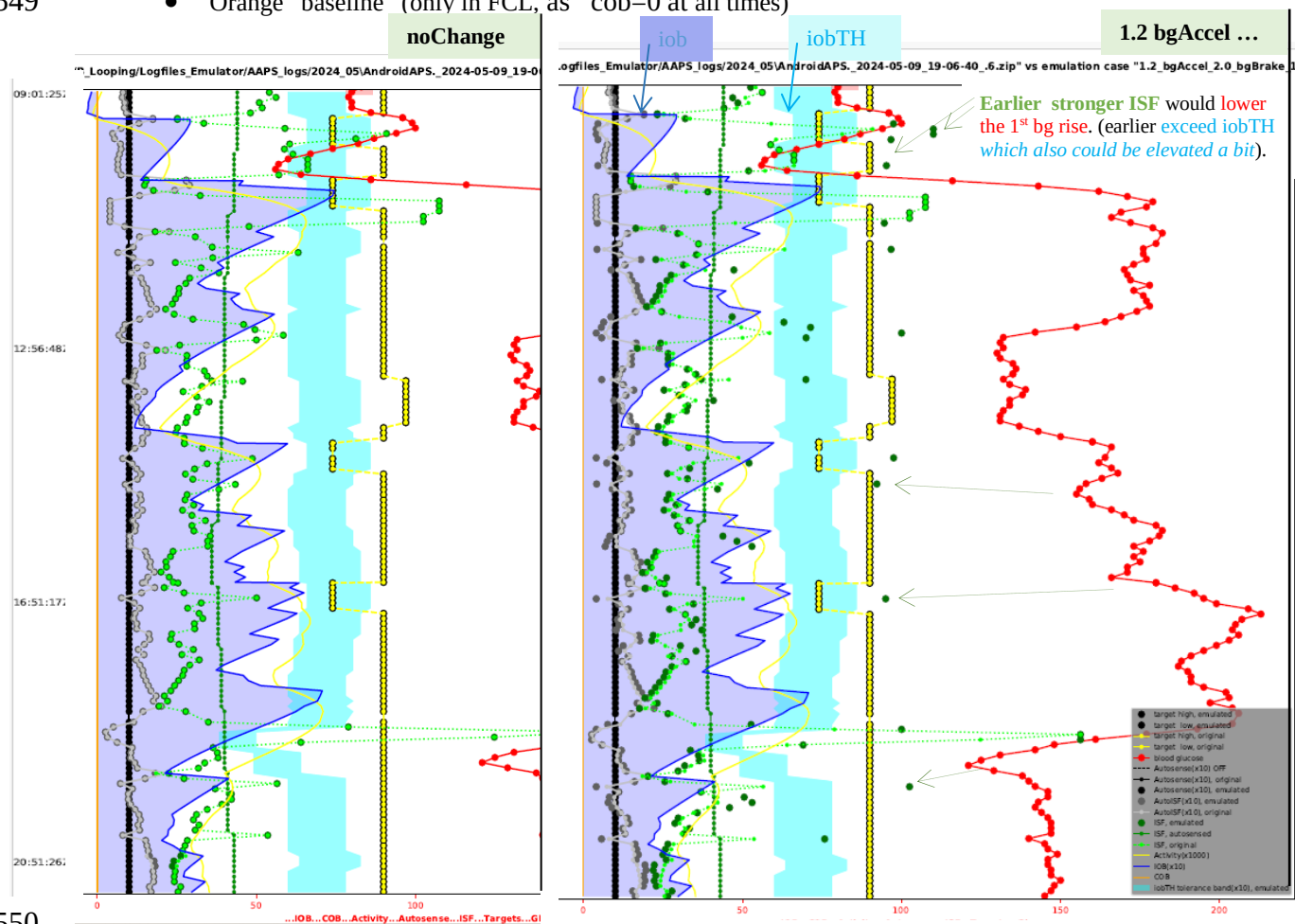
542 • **Green scatter points:** autoISF ISF no Change (lighter points) or **what-if (darker points)**

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

547 • Black line: Profile ISF

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

549 • Orange “baseline” (only in FCL, as cob=0 at all times)



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551 Regarding the other changed parameters: Stronger dura_ISF would suggest more insulin towards the end of
552 plateaus; this should have helped in the 1st plateau (red curve, top right quadrant of the picture). However,
553

554 same setting would have to work also on 2nd plateau; the chart cuts off there, so too early to see whether a
555 hypo danger might result.

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

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

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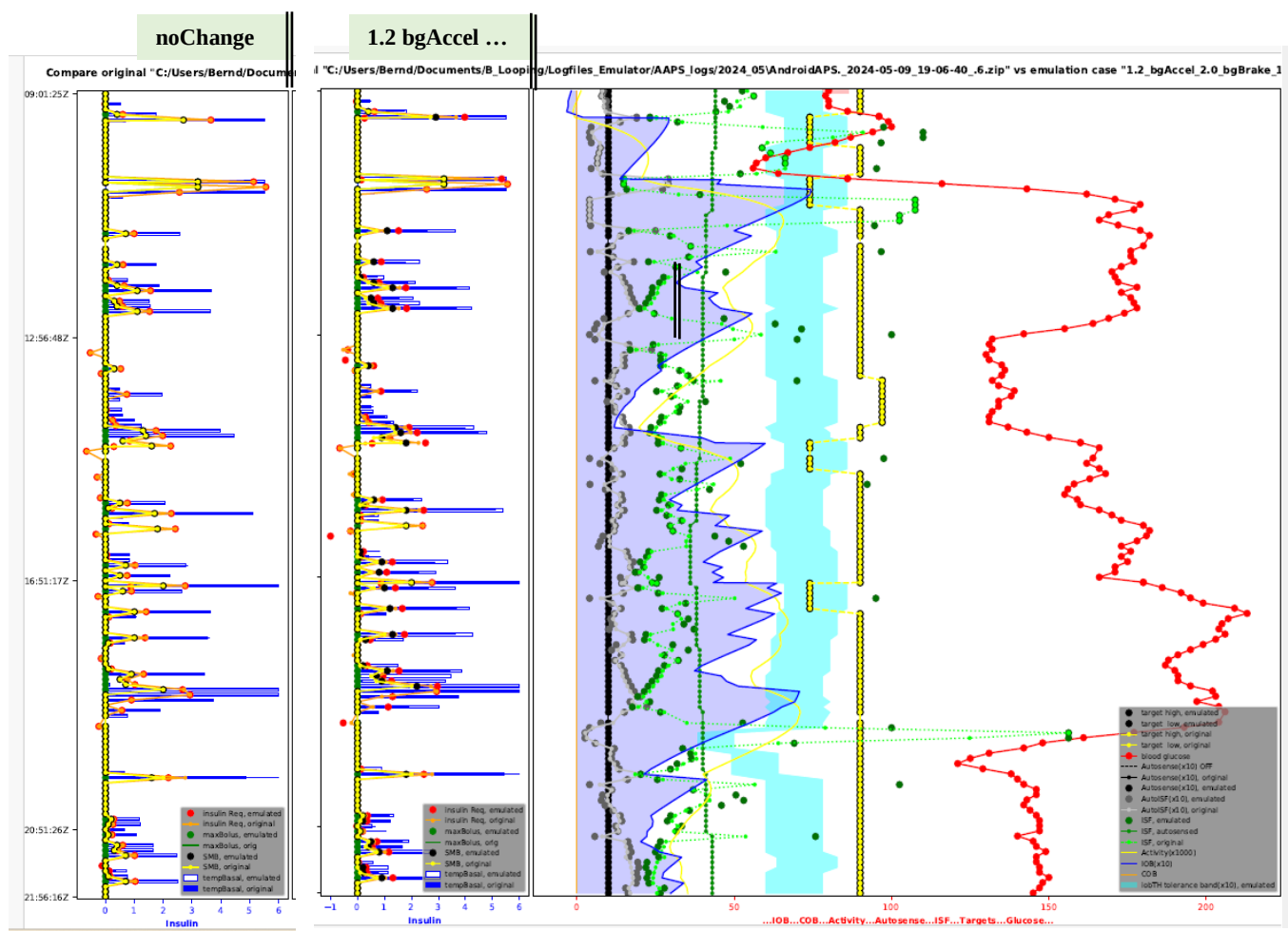
563 Part of both above shown charts (left side of each, with blue peaks) was cut out.....

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565 (Unfinished / to be explained later) (...note: yourChanges = 1.2_bgAccel_2.0_bgBrake_1.2_dura)

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572 Please share your experiences with the emulator in Discord / Full-Closed-Looping / HOW

573 TO / _emulate-aaps, at: <https://discord.gg/n3tD5eXExC>

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