

11. Emulator on your AAPS smartphone

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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](#)



11.1 Installing the emulator on your smartphone

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[Available related case studies:](#)

Case study 11.1: none available yet

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= Drafted fragments or not implemented ideas.
Please contribute, or wait for update with the missing info

The emulator **on the PC** was presented in [section 10](#) as

- a very good tool for making your **initial** tuning for a meal spectrum (= when weighing different effects over the entire course of time after each meal, and for a variety of your meals).

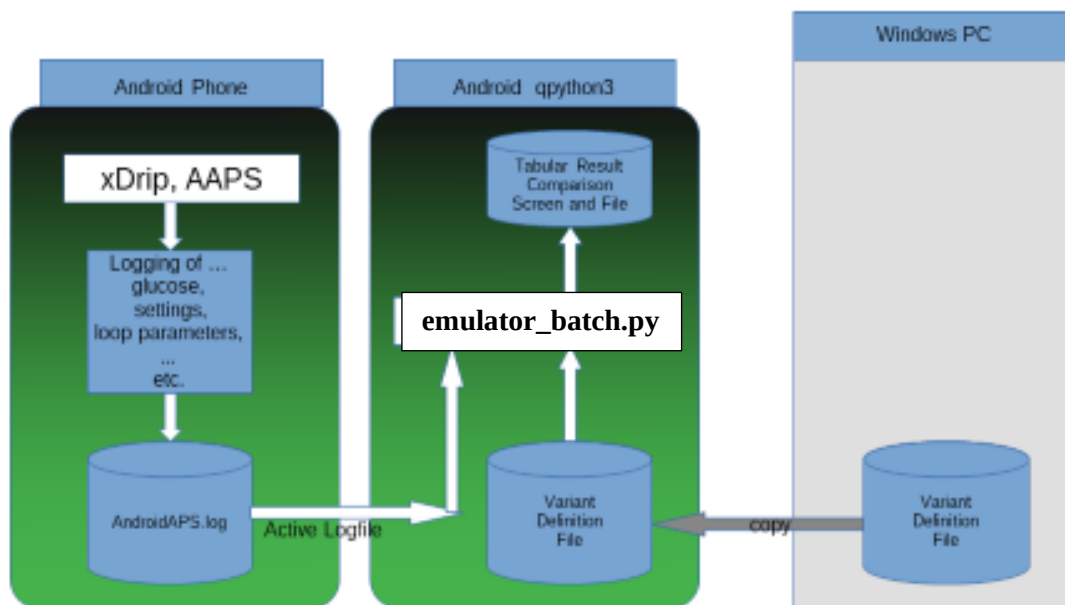
A very useful *additional* tool, is the emulator running **on the AAPS loop smartphone**

- for a quick look how autoISF triggers SMBs after starting a meal ([section 11.2](#)).
- and especially for real-time checking „what-if“ you implemented a specific change idea (developed on your PC, or after analyzing many SMB tabs) ([section 11.4](#)).

Regarding **i-Phone** options, see section 11.3

The emulator for the AAPS phone is described in <https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-if>

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



Sketch of Running the Emulator on AAPS Phone

Github/ga-zelle /
APS what-if

11.1 Installing the emulator on your Android smartphone

Note that iOS based autoISF variants cannot use the Emulator on an i-Phone. However, some tabular outputs of ISF-factors are available (see [section 11.3](#) to be provided by iAPS user)

11.1.1 Installing QPython 3L

On your smartphone, go to Google Playstore and download the QPython 3L app. Put the app icon next to your other looping related app icons on the main screen of your smartphone.



With many QPython 3L versions, phone and Android OS versions etc around, you might run into problems and may need to consult detailed installation instructions from https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-if/blob/A3.2.0.4_ai3.0.1/Documentation%20in%20English/Installation%20Guide.pdf, or seek advice via <https://discord.gg/n3tD5eXExC>

By long pressing on the QPython 3L app icon, go into “app info” and make the settings like for all your other looping related apps, so they do not get killed all the time by energy savings routines.

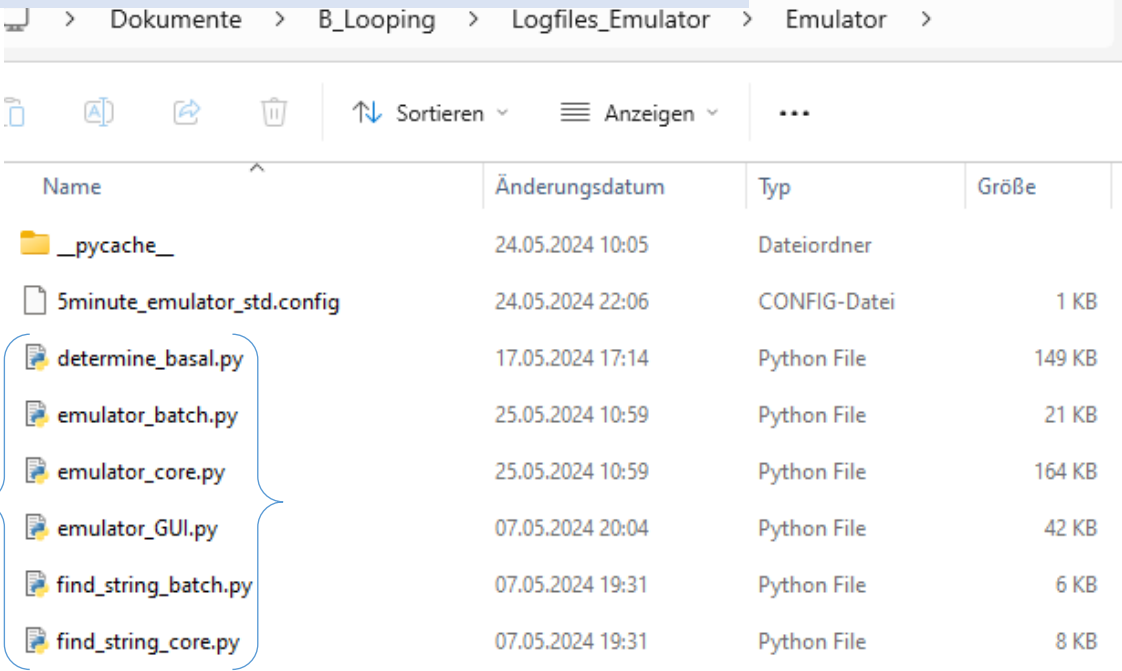
11.1.2 Copy .py files from your PC into your phone's QPython/skript3 folder:

1). Connect your phone to your PC for USB data transfer

66 2).Locate your .py files on your PC (in Emulator file).

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PC: - your path to the Emulator files may differ -



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	25.05.2024 10:59	Python File	21 KB
emulator_core.py	25.05.2024 10:59	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

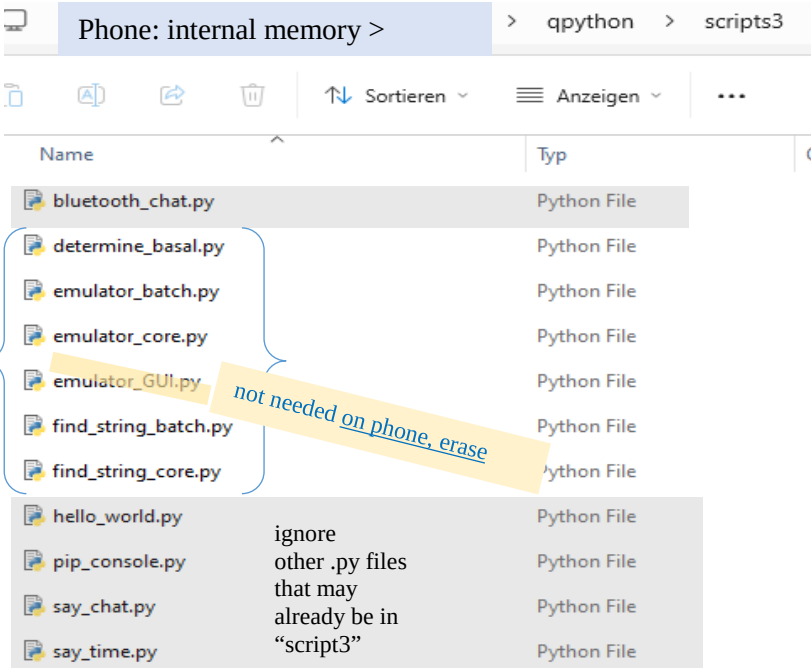
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70 3).Copy all Python related files except emulator:GUI.py from your PC over the internal memory /

71 QPython / Scripts3 of your phone:

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Name	Typ
bluetooth_chat.py	Python File
determine_basal.py	Python File
emulator_batch.py	Python File
emulator_core.py	Python File
emulator_GUI.py	Python File
find_string_batch.py	Python File
find_string_core.py	Python File
hello_world.py	Python File
pip_console.py	Python File
say_chat.py	Python File
say_time.py	Python File

ignore other .py files that may already be in "script3"

not needed on phone, erase

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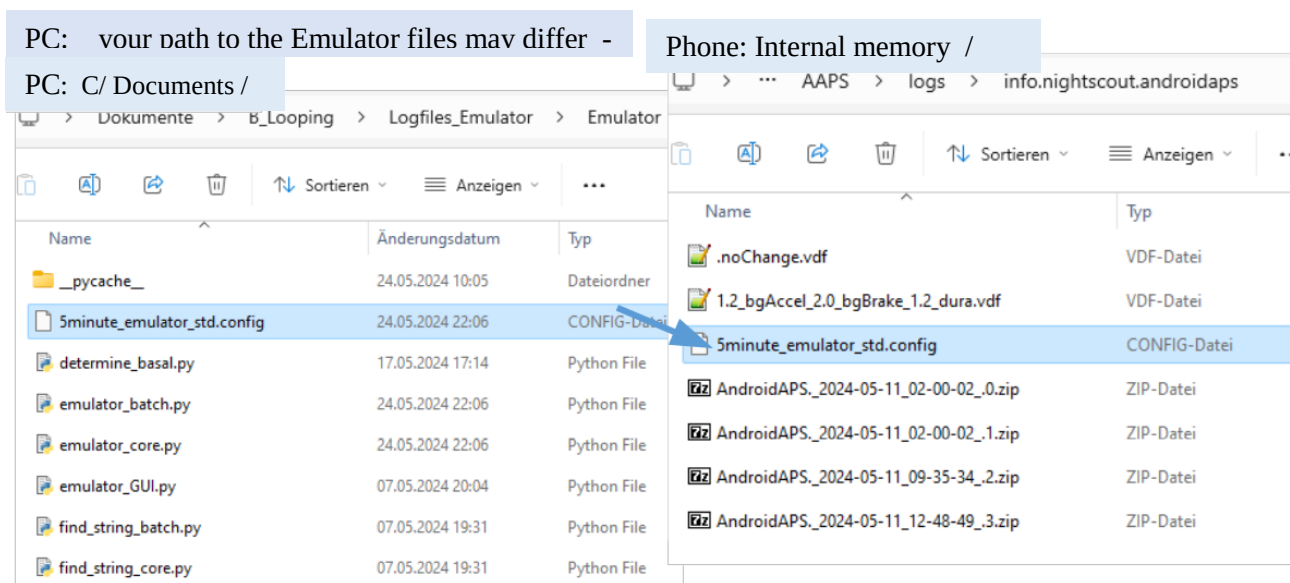
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79 11.1.3 Put configuration file and noChange.vdf into the phone's AAPS logfiles folder
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81 1). With your phone connected to your PC for data transfer, retrieve **5minute_emulator.std.config**
82 (or 1minute_emulator.std.config if you use Libre3/1minute) on your PC, (picture, left)
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84 2). This config file contains **your "STANDARD"** programming as to which hours of day there can be speech
85 messages. Default 07-23 h ("your" time, not "Z"scale). How to change: see in [section 11.4.3](#)
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87 3). Put a **copy** into the phone into the logfiles (not the QPython!) folder (picture, right):
88 • Internal memory/AAPS/logs/info.nightscout.androidaps
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91 4). You have the option to produce more than just your „...std.config" file.
92 For instance you could additionally define and load one, that remains silent at carb-related messages, and
93 gives you only insulin (SMB size) related "what-if" suggestions via speech synthesis ; name it for instance
94 „5m_noCarbsAnnounced.config" .
95 How to switch between the .config files in a run, see [section 11.2.2](#) step 6)
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97 11.1.4 Put noChange.vdf into the phone's AAPS logfiles folder
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99 Retrieve the **noChange.vdf**. on PC in the parallel Studies file
100 • C:\....\Documents\ Looping\ Logfiles_Emulator\ Emulator_Studies
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102 ...and put it on the phone, also into the folder (picture, right):
103 • Internal memory/AAPS/logs/info.nightscout.androidaps
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105 Later, in [section 11.4.1](#), you will add also (yourChange).vdf files into the same folder. One is
106 already included, line under noChange.vdf, in picture above, right.

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109 11.1.5 Customization of output table

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111 The table should contain the most relevant information that can be displayed reasonably on most
112 smartphone screens

113 Consult [https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-](https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-if/blob/A3.2.0.4_ai3.0.1/Documentation%20in%20English/How-to-run-the-emulator-on-the-phone.pdf)

114 [if/blob/A3.2.0.4_ai3.0.1/Documentation%20in%20English/How-to-run-the-emulator-on-the-](https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-if/blob/A3.2.0.4_ai3.0.1/Documentation%20in%20English/How-to-run-the-emulator-on-the-phone.pdf)
115 [phone.pdf](https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-if/blob/A3.2.0.4_ai3.0.1/Documentation%20in%20English/How-to-run-the-emulator-on-the-phone.pdf) in case you see a need to customize .config files and output tables for you.

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121 11.2 Inspecting loop decisions on your smartphone

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123 11.2.1 Principal purpose

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125 The result table from the emulator on your smartphone allows you much easier insight
126 than the SMB tab can offer into current and recent determinants of given SMB sizes (e.g.
127 which of the 4 autoISF categories contributed).

128 So, if you would have benefitted from a bigger (or smaller) SMB at times where, say,
129 bgAccel_SF was the dominant factor, you would increase (or decrease) the associated
130 weight. Before actually making such changes, look in other lines of the table to estimate
131 how this would influence decisions in other time points.

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133 Testing your hypothesis on the PC ([section 10.3](#)) would allow multi-day multi-(kind-of-)-meal
134 judgement on feasibility of your tuning idea.

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136 Before firmly deciding on a settings change, it is advised to run on your phone a what-if
137 emulation ([section 11.3](#)) using the less aggressive settings for your active loop run, and the
138 more aggressive defined in (yourChanges).vdf.

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141 11.2.2 Generating a results table (for last 75 minutes' loop decisions)

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143 Note: 1 minute **Libre3 users** will get data only on a significantly shorter time span.

144 15 minutes is really too short to analyze what is going on, and Libre3 users probably should

145 mostly use the “what-if” part, see [section 11.4](#). That part is principally not impacted (except,

146 cutting one 5 minute change into 5 very tiny changes, often will make it hard to see and

147 interpret “what-if” effects).

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149 Display setting on your phone should be set for automatic switch between landscape and

150 upright viewing (depending how you hold your phone).

151 Reducing selected font size will *not* help to get more table info on your phone screen, or to

152 avoid broken/double lines. Go to [11.1.4](#) if, in the following, you are not happy with lay-out.

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155 1). On your main phone screen, press the QPython 3L app icon:

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157 The first black screen then popping up asks to make a **language** selection

158 In case you don't get an alpha-numerical input field (with <- enter button), touch the

159 upcoming black screen

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161 All black screens have a keypad at the bottom:

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164 2). Press your selected number and <- (for enter).

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166 3). Then proceed in the same screen

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168 and finally “ <- “ for Next (see illustration)

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172 In the following the instructions from the developer how to navigate through the screens:



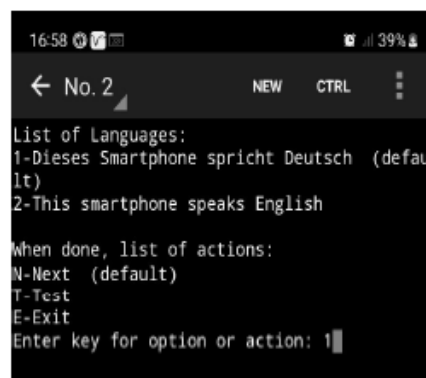
After some Android12 update the previously used GUI dialogues no longer worked and I had to create a keyboard based version similar to the typical telephone dialogues “for option X dial 2”. This dialog system consists of two parts:

- The top part has numerical keys for each option that can be selected. One of those options has **(default)** at the end of the line which indicates that this option is the current selection. If you enter a different number the dialog screen is redrawn and that indicator moved to your new selection. Once your intended selection is OK you focus on the ...
- bottom part, which has letters as keys for the action to be selected. Again, the **(default)** indicator highlights what would be done next if you just press enter without any digit or any letter. Those actions typically are Next, Test and Exit.

The first dialogue is used to select the **language** for the speech synthesis.

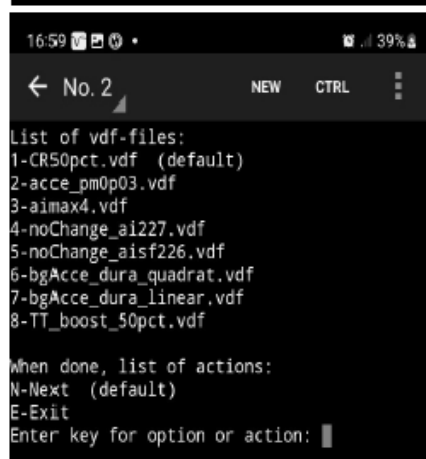
Select „Test“ to listen to a sample speech synthesis.

Select „Next“ to proceed.



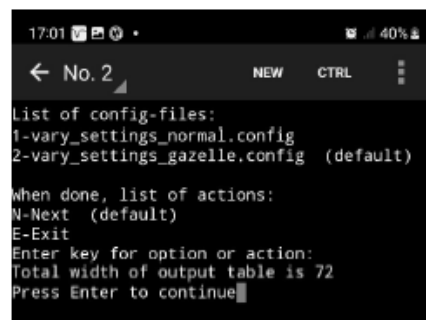
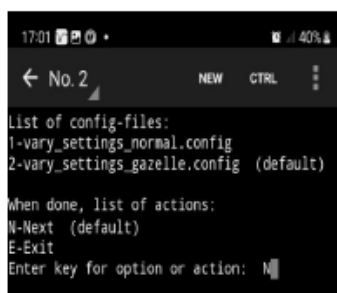
4-5). Repeat steps 2) and 3) with the next screen:

The next dialogue is for selecting your **variant definition file**. All vdf-files found in the logfile folder will be listed.



173 6-7). Repeat steps 2) and 3) with the next screen:

The last dialogue is used to select your favourite **configuration file** with the content discussed in the preceeding section. After you activate the selection you get an informational message of how many columns the selected tabular output will occupy.



8) Before activating the “N(ext)” selection now is a convenient time to rotate the phone to landscape to prepare for the multi column result table display.

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175 Note: Above in step 6), you can also switch between different ...config files, e.g. to silence less
176 important outputs. See also step 4) in [section 11.1.3](#),



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179 9).Now a table comes up detailing the loop decisions on SMB size for the last (15 * 5 =) 75
 180 minutes.

181 In case you forgot to do it in step 4), turn the phone now 90 degrees for landscape format;
 182 in this case, give it 5 minutes for the format to straighten out (after a new value has arrived)

183 In case you want other, or less, columns, see [section 11.1.4](#).

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Waiting 60sec for next loop at 01:40; Variant "noChange"

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185 The line at the bottom of the table says the time (hh:mm) when the next bg result and loop
 186 decision are expected. Also it shows the (yourChange).vdf file investigated

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188 In sequence of the time(Z!), the table consists default of the columns with info on (1) bg (2)
 189 IOB and eff.iobTH (3-6) the adaptation factors on ISF suggested by the 4 autoISF
 190 categories (7) resulting ISF that was used, profile_ISF, and emul ("what-if" ISF) (8)
 191 insulinRequired calculated by your running loop, and "what-if" result (9) same for resulting
 192 SMB

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194 The columns marked “**orig**”.in the table of results shows the ISF actually used to
195 determine insulinReq and SMB size in the actual run.

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197 In the columns marked “**emul**” you find the calculated emulation results that is calculated
198 every 5 minutes

199 • If a (yourChange).vdf was clicked (in step 2), see also bottom right of the table), the emul
200 columns show the result, how the investigated changes *would have* changed SMB sizes (strictly
201 always looking at the one decision, in that line of the table).

202 • If only a noChange.vdf was run, the emul columns contain the same results as the orig.
203 columns.

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205 **Caution when interpreting the values in the acce, bg, pp and dura ISF columns (3-6)**

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207 The factors given there are always those for the emul run.

208 • So when using (yourChange).vdf, you see in your phone's table exclusively the ISFs that
209 *would result-if* (yourChange) were made.

210 We get to “what-if” projects later, in [section 11.4](#).

211 • Only in the noChange scenario, the values there would be the *orig ones, corresponding to*
212 *what could be seen also in the SMB tab* at the times

213 You easy recognize whether you run the noChange: it says so at the bottom of the table.
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215 orig.ISF is called **sens** in the SMB tab, a couple of lines below “end autoISF”. It is the ISF
216 that replaces, for that one decision you are looking at, the profile ISF (called profile.sens in
217 the SMB tab),

218 We get back to this topic at end of [section 11.4.2](#) “Understanding how the ISF is emulated by
219 (yourChange) and how SMB or TBR would differ”

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11.2.3 Analyzing the results

UTC	bg	IOB	iobTH	eff. ISF	acce ISF	bg ISF	pp ISF	dura ISF	profile ISF	insulin Req	SMB
13:53:42Z	116	2.19	6.0	1.54	1.01	1	1	26.1	40	26.1	0
13:58:42Z	120	2.0	6.0	2.08	1.01	1.12	1.04	19.2	40	19.2	0.16
14:03:57Z	117	1.97	6.0	1.37	1.01	1	1.06	28.5	39	28.5	0
14:08:43Z	113	1.81	6.0	1.18	1.0	1	1.08	33	39	33.0	0
14:13:41Z	115	1.64	6.0	1.11	1.01	1	1.1	35.2	39	35.2	0
14:18:42Z	125	1.47	6.0	1.86	1.02	1.3	1	20.9	39	20.9	2.3
14:23:46Z	131	3.19	6.0	1.44	1.03	1.18	1	27	39	27.0	0.26

In above example (table), all given SMBs were driven by bgAccel_ISF, when glucose rose. The biggest SMB in the time we are looking at (actual local time = Z + 2 hours, so we are looking at late small rises, like 3 hours after lunch) was 1.7 U = 0.74 SMB delivery rate * 2.3 U insulinRequ.

The insulinRequ. Is proportionally amplified by the effective ISF, called sens in your SMB tab, or ISF“orig” in this table. The amplification of 39 profile_ISF / 20.9 effective_ISF = 1.86 happens to be the dominating bgAccel_ISF amplification factor

Note **not** always just the biggest ISF factor “wins”. Consult flowchart in [LINK](#), and occasionally read the real-time explanations in your SMB tab as to which other factors are contributing to the amplification resulting from profile_ISF to effective_ISF (“orig”, or sens). For instance, the Activity Monitor, or a set %temp. profile, or TT, could contribute, or also the question whether glucose already decreases.

Depending on your selected “safety” settings, you might occasionally bump into restrictions. **Tuning up factors that make the system bounce into restrictions is a completely useless, and potentially even dangerous, exercise!**

Therefore, **for your initial set-up** of parameters ([section 2](#) and [section 4](#) of the FCL e-book) it is **advisable to not do this analysis** on the smartphone, but **on the PC**, where you can inspect the complete info on each loop decision (see [section 10](#))..

If for some reason you cannot do this on the PC, you must frequently take screenshots (in very many decisive 5 minute segments), and analyze **more complete data**, than the table on our smartphone could offer, **in the SMB tab**)

250 In your initial set-up of your FCL, you probably must “loop” a couple of times back into
251 [section 2](#) to adjust the safety settings made for max. SMB sizes.
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11.3 Options available in Trio or iAPS

iAPS / Trio offer in their autoISF variants also access to a tabular representation of **autoISF contributions to resulting SMB sizes:**

The emulator will not work in the iOS world.

Note that on the iPhone, so far, the what-if emulation and speech synthesis (see next [section 11.4](#) for AAPS) are currently **not** possible. .

More description must be provided by iAPS / Trio user please

autoISF History								Sulje	
30.5.2024 13.00 2 hours ↕									
Time	BG	ISF factors		bg	pp	dura	Insulin		req.
		final	acce				SMB	TBR	
12.16	6,5	0,5	0,1	1	1	1	0	0	0
12.11	7,2	1,07	1	1,01	1	1,07	0	0	0
12.06	7,3	1,07	1,07	1,01	1,07	1,05	0	0	0
12.00	7,1	1,01	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
11.54	7,5	1,18	1	1,02	1	1,18	0	0	0
11.48	7,9	1,22	1	1,04	1	1,22	0	0	0
11.40	7,9	1,18	1	1,04	1	1,18	0	0	0
11.30	7,9	1,12	1	1,04	1	1,12	0	0	0
11.22	8,1	0,5	0,1	1,05	1	1,07	0	0	0
11.17	8,3	0,75	0,71	1,06	1,02	1	0	0	0

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285 11.4 Real-time checking a „what-if“ question using speech synthesis

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287 The emulator on your **Android** smartphone can help clarify "what if..." you implemented a
288 considered change.

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290 11.4.1 Put a (yourChange).vdf into the phone's AAPS logfiles folder

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292 In running the emulator on the phone, you can define in the .vdf file of the emulator, which
293 setting(s) you would like to be differently aggressive than in the active AAPS.

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295 How to write .vdf files was already explained in the section "Emulator on PC". See in end of
296 [section 10.2.1](#). You could also pull a vdf file example from the developer's Github that you
297 could customize further: Access see [section 3.8 /5](#).

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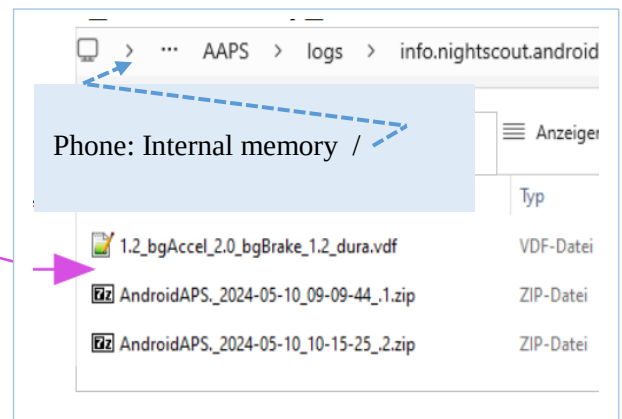
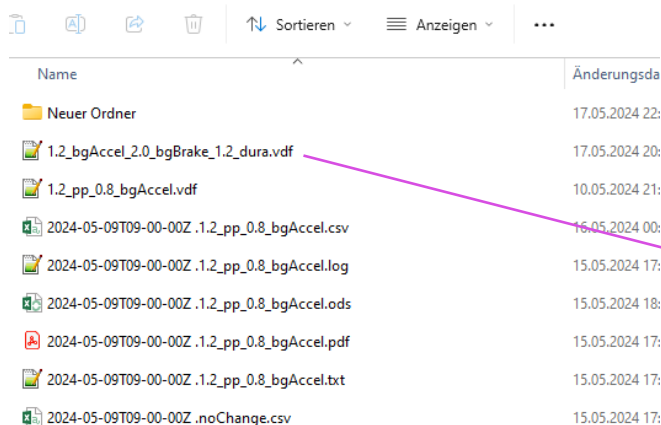
299 Produce or retrieve **(yourChange).vdf**. on PC from one of your studies files.

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302 PC: your path to the Emulator files may differ -

PC: C/ Documents / Logfiles_Emulator > Emulator_Studies > Studi



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304 ... and put a **copy** of that .vdf into the **smartphone folder with the AAPS logs** :

- 305 • Phone: Internal memory/AAPS/logs/info.nightscout.androidaps

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308 Switch between python scripts running at the same time

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310 In case you have more than one (yourChange).vdf to investigate, you look at the data of
311 your currently running loop (last 15*5 minutes) by just switching between the related vdf
312 files used for emulation.

313 Details see [section 3.8, 9](#)) – or try to go direct via [https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-](https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-if/blob/A3.2.0.4_ai3.0.1/Documentation%20in%20English/How-to-run-the-emulator-on-the-phone.pdf)
314 [if/blob/A3.2.0.4_ai3.0.1/Documentation%20in%20English/How-to-run-the-emulator-on-the-](https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-if/blob/A3.2.0.4_ai3.0.1/Documentation%20in%20English/How-to-run-the-emulator-on-the-phone.pdf)
315 [phone.pdf](https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-if/blob/A3.2.0.4_ai3.0.1/Documentation%20in%20English/How-to-run-the-emulator-on-the-phone.pdf) and there p.5, under above sub-headline “.Stop the emulator, or switch...”

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317 [Stop the emulator](#)

318 (see in paper as above)

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320 [11.4.2 Inspect emulated results](#)

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322 Now, whenever you run QPython 3L emulation (following the steps as described in [section 11.2.2](#))
323 you additionally get the emul. results filled in in the resulting table, showing in which time points
324 your change would lead to adapted insulinReq, and SMB size data.

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← No. 1

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UTC	eff.	acce	bg	pp	dura	-----ISFs-----			insulin Req		---SMB---			
time	bg	IOB	ioBTH	ISF	ISF	ISF	ISF	orig	prof	emul	orig	emul	orig	emu
1														
20:41:16Z	112	1.93	6.0	1	1.0	1	1	40.9	41	40.9	0	0	0	
0														
20:46:16Z	111	1.77	6.0	1.14	1.0	1	1.03	36	41	36.0	0	0	0	
0														

etc.

21:11:17Z	108	1.06	6.0	1.12	1.0	1	1.08	38.3	43	38.3	0	0	0	
21:16:18Z	109	0.94	6.0	1.1	1.0	1.03	1.07	39.1	43	39.1	0.1	0.1	0	
21:21:20Z	109	0.87	6.36	0.95	1.0	1	1.08	41.9	43	39.5	-0.1	-0.08	0	
21:26:20Z	108	0.76	6.36	1	1.0	1	1	43	43	40.6	0	0	0	

326

327 etc

328 In the marked 21:21 Z line, dura_ISF was the dominant factor. The (yourChange).vdf would apply a
329 factor of 1.2 and lead to further strengthening the ISF: profile 43 -> orig.(noChange) 41.9 -> emul
330 (yourChange) 39.5

331 In this case, late after a meal, and bg=109 mg/dl, the loop saw in the orig. (noChange) case 0.1 U
332 insulin too much; and as the (yourChange) emul case asks for typically more insulin (all weights in
333 the (yourChange).vdf are > 1), now only 0.08 U are seen as too much (a 20% difference).

334

335 The table on your phone is too reduced to show each emulated ISF component. If you need to see
336 more details on how (yourChange).vdf would make a change in a point of time that you like to
337 analyze deeper: Note down interesting Z times, and later look it up in more detail in the Emulator
338 on the PC:

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below are "orig."ISFs:

UTC		eff.	acce	bg	pp	dura	-----ISFs-----			insulin Req		---SMB---		
time	bg	IOB	iobTH	ISF	ISF	ISF	ISF	orig	prof	emul	orig	emul	orig	emu
21:21:20Z	109	0.87	6.36	0.95	1.0	1	1.08	41.9	43	39.5	-0.1	-0.08	0	

Understanding ISF orig.(the sensitivity used to determine insulinRequ)

To fully understand how acce, bg, pp and dura_ISF determined the orig.ISF, we do an **emulator** run **on the PC**, and look up the **.txt** result:

@ 21:21 Z / Script Debug -----

Activity monitor disabled inactivity detection: sleeping hours; Autosens ratio: 1;

Basal unchanged: 0.45; ISF unchanged: 43 CR: 9

start autoISF 3.0.1

Loop allows APS power level; SMB enabled due to enableSMB_always

acce_ISF adaptation is 0.95

bg_ISF adaptation is 1

pp_ISF adaptation is 1

dura_ISF adaptation is 1.08 because ISF 43 did not do it for 30 m

strongest autoISF factor 1.08 weakened to 1.03 as bg decelerates already

final ISF factor is 1.03

end autoISF

profile.sens: 43 sens: 41.9

Note: 43 / 1.026 = 41.9

Understanding how the ISF is emulated by (yourChange) and how SMB or TBR would differ

While the result for ISF_emul (and for the SMB size) is given in the table on your phone, the details behind it, and also for finer effects in %TBR, can only be inspected from the .csv table from the (yourChange),vdf **emulator** run on the **PC**:

374 The following table is an extraction of the most relevant data from the (yourChange).csv:

	B	C	E	F	L	Q	R	S	AA	AB	AC	AD	AE	AF	AG	AH	AI	AP	AQ
1			bg	bg		final	dura		acce	bg	pp	delta	dura	final					
2	UTC	AAPS	accel	brake		ISF	min-	dura	ISF	ISF	ISF	ISF	ISF	ISF	ISF	ISF	ISF	TBR	TBR
3	time	time			iob	orig	utes	avg.	emul	emul	emul	emul	emul	emul	orig	prof	emul	orig	emul
29	21:16:18	23:16	109		0,94	1,1	25	108,2	1,12	1	1,03	1	1,08	1,12	39,1	43	38,4	0,65	0,65
30	21:21:20	23:21	109	109	0,87	1,03	30	108,3	0,9	1	1	1	1,1	1,04	41,9	43	41	0	0,46
31	21:26:20	23:26	108		0,76	1	5	108,5	1	1	1	1	1	1	43	43	40,6	0	0
32	C=B+n/24 @ n=+2 h time diff.										If there were bigger orig->emul effects, we would show SMB columns, too								

375

376 It shows that the final (noChange) ISF factor of 1.03 (box Q30) becomes 1.04 (box AF30) in the
 377 (yourChange) emulated case. Given that, so late after dinner (box C30), we sit near the 90 mg/dl
 378 target (box E30), the difference the changes in the emulated case are minor. Still zero SMB, but
 379 the minor changes reflect in elevating the temp. basal rate for fine adjustment (box AP30 -> AQ30).

380

381 Note that the orig. values for the four autoISF components (acce, bg, pp, dura "ISF orig")
 382 are **not** contained in this csv table (only, in Q30, the final amplification factor for final_ISF in
 383 the noChange scenario).

384 However, you can fetch the autoISF details for 21:20 Z in the actual "noChange" run:

- 385 • from the txt result file (as shown above); or
- 386 • you also see them on the phone:

387

orig	orig	orig	orig	ISF
acce	bg	pp	dura	-----
ISF	ISF	ISF	ISF	orig
0.95	1.0	1	1.08	41.9

388

389 ...while the emul_ISFs come from .csv results @ (yourChange).vdf run on the PC:

AA	AB	AC	AE	AI
acce	bg	pp	dura	
ISF	ISF	ISF	ISF	ISF
emul	emul	emul	emul	emul
1,12	1	1,03	1,08	38,4
0,9	1	1	1,1	41,2

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391

392 Apology: The above example was not well chosen to see relevant effects. The author is struggling to
 393 put this chapter first time together, quickly for the V.3.0.1 launch, and just picked from his phone what
 394 was available at the moment, I might patch it over with a better example in a later update, or I (or
 395 maybe you?) provide an adjunct case study.

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399 Principal limitation of any of your emulations

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401 Note that always the first biggest change regarding insulinRequ and SMB size in emul vs. orig. is
402 the most relevant. This is because:

- 403 ○ Doing that change would change, by the same amount, the iob basis for the next
404 following loop decision
- 405 ○ Doing that change would certainly change the course of the bg curve about half an hour
406 afterwards (to be precise: for the duration of DIA, for the extra insulin), so then it is
407 anybody's guess, for instance how difficult of a job presents itself to the loop to "attack"
408 with duraISF.

409

410 This is one of the reasons why setting up your FCL ([section 4](#)) should be a iterative process,
411 seeking solutions (with mainly bgAccel_ISF) for the first rise (and a range of different meals) first,
412 AND NOT concurrently already "tuning" the dura_ISF.

413 Both, bg peak height, and pattern of insulin activity from the present iob (that is only sluggishly
414 further adjustable driven by dura_ISF and evtl. by bg_ISF) depend on how the first bg rise stage was
415 managed by autoISF (your bgAccel_ISF_weight setting, and others).

416

417 Another conclusion you might draw, is to limit use of the emulator *on the PC* largely to analyzing
418 the (in FCL extremely important) first rise, to seek bgAccel_ and pp_ISF_weights.

419

420 Then to test these, and many other like ideas for changed settings "in real life" emulated *on the*
421 *smartphone*: A synthetic voice will announce to you how (if) each actual decision would differ. See
422 next section!

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425 11.4.3 Real time speech synthesized treatment suggestions

426 Unfortunately this great feature is **not available on i-Phone**. Look in (updates of) [section 11.3](#) for
427 eventual alternatives.

428

429 At time points when the (yourChange) setting would result in smaller or greater difference in SMB
430 insulin delivery (compared to the real "noChange" run), you can get a real-time notification **via**
431 **speech synthesis**, and you can assess the situation in real-time yourself.

432

433 Also if just the noChange.vdf is running (and even in AAPS without autoISF) , the speech synthesis could alert
434 you to "carbs required" messages, for instance.

435

436 If for instance a suggested extra, or bigger, SMB makes sense, **you can add this portion**
437 **manually*and observe**, for this meal, whether this bolus was OK and you should switch in

438 direction of the different setting you were investigating (which would automatically give you that
439 extra in the future).

440 Likewise, you might choose **not** to intervene, but regret it an hour or so later, seeing the further
441 development **without** implementing the supposed improvement.

442

443 **In Full Closed Loop, you don't need any buttons at the bottom of the AAPS main screen. But for such*
444 *test phases it is practical to re-install the insulin button at the bottom of the AAPS main screen*
445 *(Preferences/Overview/Buttons/Insulin -> ON).*

446

447 After a couple of days, you will get a feel for whether you want to incorporate your
448 investigated change (or a gradual step towards it) into your active AAPS settings.

449

450 **Warning:** Your settings must always work for a variety of meals. Do not put too
451 much effort into optimizing one situation! (See [case study 8.2](#)).

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453 **Activating and silencing emulator suggestions**

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455 For silencing the suggestions from voice synthesis you have the following options:

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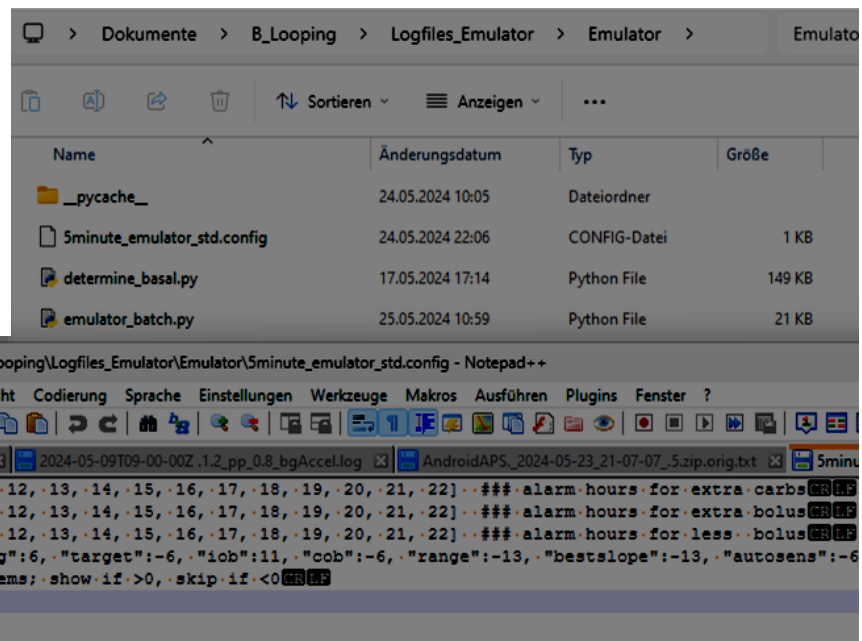
457 (1) Change **principal settings** what shall be announced (e.g. only if bigger SMB size
458 is suggested, or also warnings about carbs eventually needed?), and in **which hours of**
459 **day**, to make any announcements via speech synthesis .

460 These are set in the (1 or) 5minute_emulator_std.config file:

461 Go on **PC** into the config. file (see illustration). Open it with Notepad++ and edit the
462 hours there for when you would want (no) announcements regarding: extra carb
463 need (line 1), extra bolus need (line 2), or less bolus (line 3):

PC: C:/ Documents/

open
with
Notepad++



Save the changes, and copy the file also into your **phone** at Internal memory/AAPS/logs /info.nightscout.androidaps (see [11.1.3](#)) over the 5minute_emulator_std.config

(2) Turn off **phone volume** (silence media + switch on do not disturb)

Of course, this also shuts off many other potential alerts that you might not want to shut off.

(3) **“Kill” (and later resume) the “what-if” emulation.** This could be done by de-selecting the (yourChange).vdf in step . However, this stops (or interrupts, until you re-start) the entire emulation and you will have no tabular data later for the silenced time.

(4) **De-activate Qpython 3L app** (temporarily?): Press on Qpython 3L app icon, force close or remove necessary permission – re-activate (or need to re-start emulation then ??) when you want to hear again .. However, this stops (or interrupts, until you re-start) the entire emulation and you will have no tabular data later for the silenced time

(5) Probably better than the 2 afore mentioned options would be to **run (for the intended silencing period) exclusively the noChange.vdf**, Then you will not get any speech outputs (because you are NOT investigating a what-if question, in that case). But you get all data (the un-interrupted noChange actual run) and later on the PC still can investigate any “what-if” scenarios

How to change the .vdf reference during a run, see [section 3.8, 9](#) – or go direct to the instructions in the Github repo at: https://github.com/ga-zelle/APS-what-if/blob/A3.2.0.4_ai3.0.1/Documentation%20in%20English/How-to-run-the-emulator-on-the-phone.pdf and there p.5, under above sub-headline “.Stop the emulator, or switch...”

490 (6) A variation of option (5) would be to silence all but the (less frequently occurring but
491 most important) one line in your config definition (done according to [section 11.1.5](#))
492 Then go through step 6) in [section 11.2.2](#), you can also switch between different ...config files, e.g.
493 to silence the less important outputs. See also step 4) in [section 11.1.3](#),

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495 Note that this area (silencing) has not been researched much, and good answers are likely
496 lifestyle and phone specific.

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499 Please share your experiences with the emulator in Discord / Full-Closed-Looping / HOW
500 TO /_emulate-aaps, at: <https://discord.gg/n3tD5eXExC>

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