

Please note that with autoISF 3.0 you are in an early-dev. environment, where the user interface is **not optimized for safety** of users who stray away from intended ways to use. Good safety features exist, but these are only as good as the development-oriented user understands and implements them. This is not a medical product, refer to disclaimer in [section 0](#)



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

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

2.1 SMB Range Extension

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

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

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

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

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

The profile helper in [section 4.6](#) might be available for doing this calculation, and for a cross-check.

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

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

40 2.2 Max and Min autoISF Ratio

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

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43 Set **autoISF_max** = 2.0

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

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

49 **autoISF_min** should be set to 0.5, or even lower.

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51 2.3 SMB Delivery Ratio

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

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

55 This results in the algorithm generally demanding 20% more insulin (in the calculation it does every
56 5 minutes). This can be sharpened significantly more (going toward 1.0), later.

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

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

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61 2.4 Safety Against too Aggressive Settings: iobTH

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

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

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

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

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

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

75 /OpenAPS_SMB/autoISF_settings/Full_Loop_settings: iob_threshold_percent,

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

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

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

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84 That gives you the **iob_threshold_percent** to enter = desired SMB amount / iobMAX
85 (*In the example it would be = 6 U / 10 U = 0.6*). In [section 4.6](#) a profile helper might be
86 available for more guidance.

87 The default iobTH is then:

88 **default set iobTH** = iobTH_percent x maxIOB

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90 Note that

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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118 Once all this set-up is in place, you can enter/exit FCL (for initial tuning or for everyday utilization)
119 via

120 • in AAPS/Preferences/OpenAPS SMB/autoISF settings/"**Enable ISF adaptation by**
121 **glucose behavior**" ON / OFF

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

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125 2.5 EatingSoon TT ?

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127 Your FCL works best if you start meals at below-target glucose values, and ideally have a bit of
128 positive iob at meal start. Also, a low temp. glucose target helps making SMBs (that „aim at it“) a bit
129 bigger.

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131 Setting an EatingSoonTT well ahead of meal start *can* therefore be an excellent idea.

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

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135 The good news therefore is: Setting an **EatingSoonTT is not required** for autoISF FCL.

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137 Note that the goal of having a low glucose target to aim at can also be achieved without setting an
138 EatingSoonTT, by automatically setting a low TT just around the time when your loop gives first
139 SMBs. For this you can define an **Automation** like: CONDITIONS: likely meal time of day + 1st
140 sign of a beginning meal + iob under (?) U (to kick in only in initial phase) + no TT running
141 ACTION: set TT=~74 for ~30 minutes

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

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148 You might prefer working with a pre-set low *profile* target (especially in case you often experience
149 elevated glucose levels before the respective meal time slot):

150 • If you have relatively fixed meal time slots in the 24 hours of the day, you could set the
151 **target glucose** values **in your profile** accordingly. So e.g. 11-15h target 76 if you almost
152 always start a lunch between 11:45 and 14:30h.

153 • If you have rather irregular habits, it is more worthwhile to **manually** set an **EatingSoonTT**
154 (which is quite time-uncritical) well before the start of a meal, or even (latest) when the first
155 SMB is about to be triggered by your loop.

156 • As eluded to above, if your glucose is not elevated as you approach the meal (this should
157 be the norm), **you do not have to bother with setting an EatingSoonTT at all**. Just have
158 the afore-mentioned Automation help optimize initial SMB sizes.

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