

## 5. Modulation of autoISF aggressiveness.

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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/readme.md](#)



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[Available \(related\) case studies:](#)

Case study 5.2: Sweet snack.

Green texts describe currently not available features that were suggested for further development, or missing info

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

You will have three major *other* challenges to manage:

- recognize and manage (partial) occlusions, or other technical (CGM or BT related) obstacles (see [section 1](#) on pre-requisites of FCL, and related case studies).
- deal with times when insulin given by the loop must be restricted (e.g. a snack could be “misinterpreted” as a meal)
- deal with times when the loop should be set “milder” as a precaution (e.g. nights; or in an exercise context).

47 How big the remaining challenge really is, depends very much on your individual lifestyle. This  
48 section 5 discusses this in more detail (and section 6 will extend this discussion regarding how to  
49 deal with exercise).

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51 **In order to run the FCL around the clock** (preferably fully automatically, which can be possible, see  
52 [case study 4.3](#)), **also the times *outside* the meal blocks must be precisely analyzed, and**  
53 **solutions to problems (if any) must be sought.**

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55 It is up to every user to decide where to draw the line:

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- 57 • With a technically well functioning system, moderate meals, moderate or no exercise,  
58 moderate %TIR expectations and a bit of mindfulness it should be possible to go into **Full**  
59 **Closed Loop 24/7**, after working through, and observing, [sections 1-4](#).
- 60 • Especially if you are a bit shy of using the emulator for really detailed analysis, it can well  
61 be that you will not hit *one* real good system calibration ([section 4](#)) for your *entire range* of  
62 diets.

63 In that case you will occasionally run out of range (bg=70...180 mg/dl), and your options to  
64 prevent, react, or improve are:

- 65 ○ accepting a few % higher time outside of range for that day (and, if feasible, in the  
66 future avoiding what seemed to have caused it)
- 67 ○ taking a snack (whenever you tend to go low from the “tails” of insulin activity that  
68 was required to fight a peak)
- 69 ○ doing a manual “tweak” (if you can think of one in time), to manage the problem  
70 manually. For example, briefly going into an odd TT (=temp. blocking more SMBs)  
71 can be an easy remedy sometimes.
- 72 ○ temporarily resorting to “your old” hybrid closed loop.

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74 Instead of accepting such instances, you could launch “improvement projects”

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- 76 • that refine your initial tuning ([section 4](#). and [sections 8](#) and [9](#))

77 Note, though, that it could be near-impossible to fine-tune if your basics never were “right” and you  
78 got lost in a maze of errors and counter-errors. Then only a fresh start might convincingly help.

- that make you and your FCL loop fit **to manage an increasing number of disturbances either automatically, or via an “informed”, maybe pre-programmed, user intervention** (notably, an exercise “announcement”) ([sections 5 and 6](#)).

To tailor the loop’s response to disturbances *other-than* your usual major meals probably will require specific **modulation of the aggressiveness** (which you have set according to [section 4](#) for your *usual meal* spectrum).

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

- temporary shut-off SMBs (odd-numbered target)
- temporary change bgAccel\_ISF-weight
- temporary change iobTH\_percent
- temporary change the set %profile
- temporary set different bg target (especially in connection with exercise mode)t

After set up of your core FCL for fully automatic meal management according to [section 4](#), you now can progress to define solutions for any of your „other“ situations (outside of meal management) that tend to drive glucose outside of the desirable range.

- In [section 5.1](#) we explore avenues towards **fully automated** management that in daily life will require no user intervention at all.
- In [section 5.2](#) and [5.3](#) we will look at solutions that involve an easy **user interaction** like a *data entry or button push*.

## 5.1 Fully automatic modulation of FCL aggressiveness

The following subchapters describe set-ups you may want to use for allowing **completely hands-off FCL in as many daily situations as possible**.

### 115 5.1.1 autoISF ISF adaptations generally switched off outside of meal-time windows

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117 If, aside from having to bolus for meals, your hybrid closed loop was running pretty well *without*  
118 other interventions from your side, you could continue to run in that mode, and just focus your new  
119 autoISF FCL on management of meals.

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121 In your initial transitioning phase this approach makes a lot of sense, and even by focusing  
122 autoISF on just a sub-set of them, like only dinners.

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124 Also in the long run this avenue is taken by many FCL users for the night times, “hanging  
125 on” to their well performing hybrid closed loop with standardoref(1) SMB+UAM

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127 For this, you define Automations

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129 • that set meal time windows in which “Enable ISF adaptation by glucose behavior” (autoISF)  
130 is turned on in AAPS preferences/OpenAPS SMB

131 • or: that turn *all* autoISF’s ISF modulations (*or just bgAccel\_ISF* ) off in time windows in  
132 which surely no meal occurs. For instance, you can go for all nights back into your Hybrid  
133 Closed Loop, as you had before.

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

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

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146 Note: Outside of the meal time windows you would be in hybrid closed loop. To the extent you  
147 rarely face disturbances (aside from meals), you could be looping in full automatic mode around  
148 the clock,

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150 Your temp. "autoISF shut-down" (exiting autoISF FCL = shutting off "Enable ISF adaptation by  
151 glucose behavior") is meant to prevent problems from the loop *over-reacting* to bumps in the  
152 glucose curve in times of day (night) when standardoref(1) performance is sufficient.

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154 A very good alternative to fully resorting to night-time Hybrid Closed Loop, is "taming" the FCL via a  
155 night time SMB shut-off (see next [section 5.1.2](#)).

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### 157 5.1.2 Odd-numbered profile targets, to block SMBs

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159 An alternative route of preventing the FCL loop from over-reacting to bumps in the glucose curve  
160 would be to make use of the option to temporarily shut down SMBs

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

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

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

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173 Alternatively, you could use the new included options for Automation Conditions and  
174 temporarily tune your bgAccel\_ISF\_weight much lower ([section 5.1.4](#)).

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176 The same situation can be achieved if you generally operate with a mild bgAccel\_ISF, and  
177 make your autoISF only really aggressive for meal-time slots (if you have similar enough  
178 times every day, or also can "employ" geo-fencing in your Automation (or middleware, in  
179 iAPS) conditions).

180 In these cases you would not need to have night profiles that disable SMBs: - Which is the  
181 better way would depend on a lot of personal factors relating to how high-carb the diet is,  
182 regularity of meals, snacking habit, CGM quality and incidence of compression lows, and  
183 probably more. - I would try both routes, or, as this is fairly complex to tune, just one, and  
184 stick with what is working good enough.

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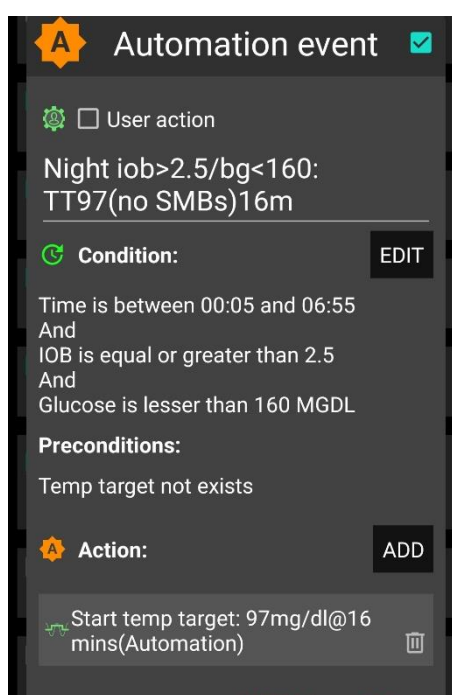
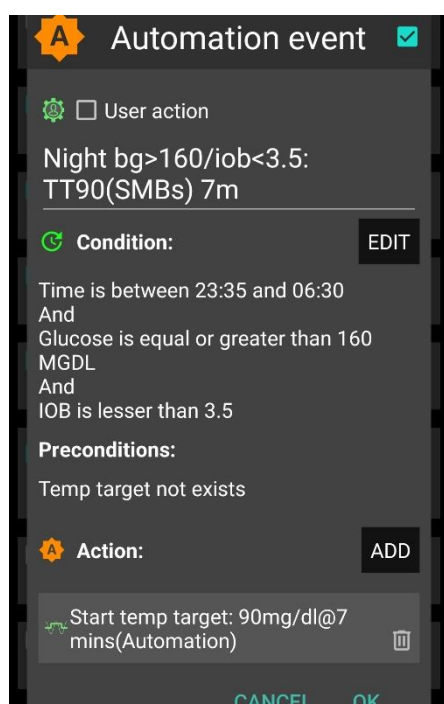
186 Yet another alternative was already presented ([section 5.1.1](#)) = to go into hybrid closed  
187 loop for the night.

That is possible to do with SMBs available (without them getting boosted via autoISF), and, for a long time, was the author's favored solution for the nights.

This solution is evidently similar to the prior discussed one, of having a mildly tuned autoISF 24/7, boosted to high aggressiveness only in meal-time slots.

My current **favorite** builds on the **method** of this section (5.1.2, odd profile target provides SMB shut off), but then allowing some, automatically triggered SMBs, when needed:

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



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

With your thought-out Automations in place, night data need to be analyzed to see

- whether the bg and iob limits, as defined in the given example, work sensibly for your data pattern
- whether the TT duration is chosen appropriately
- how swapping the sequence in which the automations appear in the Automation list would lead to different SMB impacts.

### 213 5.1.3 Odd-numbered temp. targets (TT) set via Automation, to block SMBs

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

218 Ensure the even/odd logic in the settings is toggled on in Preferences> openAPS SMB>

219 autoISF settings> smb delivery settings>: "Enable alternative activation of SMB depending  
220 on bg target": ON.

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222 Then, from patterns you find in *your* data, at times where you want your loop act differently, you

223 need to carve out Conditions that describe the respective situations (and either *for how long* it

224 typically lasts, or at which *other* Conditions you want your loop get back to default FCL operation).

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

227 In case of *sweet "fun"* snacks, this is entirely different -> [section, 5.2.1](#) or for regular snacks  
228 (*e.g.at school break*) see next [section 5.1.4](#)

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### 230 5.1.4 Automatic differentiation of FCL aggressiveness using Automations

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

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235 From, autoISF 3.0 onwards, also the following parameters are provided as Condition and/or as  
236 Action for defining YOUR Automations:

- 237 • Enable ISF adaptations by glucose behavior => Allows temp. ON/OFF for the key ISF  
238 modulation parts of autoISF (and, as a result, will usually decrease loop aggressiveness)
- 239 • Trigger/set iobTH percent => Keeps default aggressiveness, but only until a iob threshold  
240 (that your Automation modifies) is surpassed (which is when any further SMBs will be  
241 blocked blocked)
- 242 • Trigger/set bgAccel\_ISF\_weight => Modifies the aggressiveness of just the acceleration  
243 component

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245 To set up suitable Automations, you first must **analyze patterns** you find **in *your* data**, at times (or  
246 geo-locationa, or bg and iob patterns that point to a problem ...) **where you want your loop act**  
247 **differently**, to carve out Conditions that describe the respective situations (and either for how long  
248 it typically lasts, or at which *other* Conditions you want your loop get back to default FCL  
249 operation).



250 A variant of this mode is to define several windows in which autoISF aggressiveness  
251 (bgAccel\_ISF\_weight) and/or iobTH are automatically set differently

252 • for **different meal time slots** of your day –

253 *(Breakfast at home, school lunches, school intermission snacks, dinners at home could for*  
254 *example all deserve special settings regarding ISF\_weights and iobTH).*

255 Note: Circadian differences in insulin sensitivity between meal times are included via your  
256 ISF profile and should not be a reason for different \_weights needed between meals!

257 • or even for a geo-location etc –

258 *(School lunches, or mother-in-law visits, would be examples).*

259 An example for this was given in section 3 already:

Here is an example set of automations to alternate between two values of iobTH:

I use two different values of  
*iob\_threshold\_percent* during a normal day.  
It is 40% for lunch time and 60% for dinner  
time. I have these two rules to switch by  
time of day and only if the current value  
equals the value from the earlier shift. Any  
other value is treated as a manual override  
for special occasions until I manually set it  
to its regular value. The time windows for  
switching are long enough to catch an  
opportunity to be processed and do not need  
to be actioned half a day each.

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261 Unless your meals differ vastly in size and in fast carb content **all this may *not* be needed.**

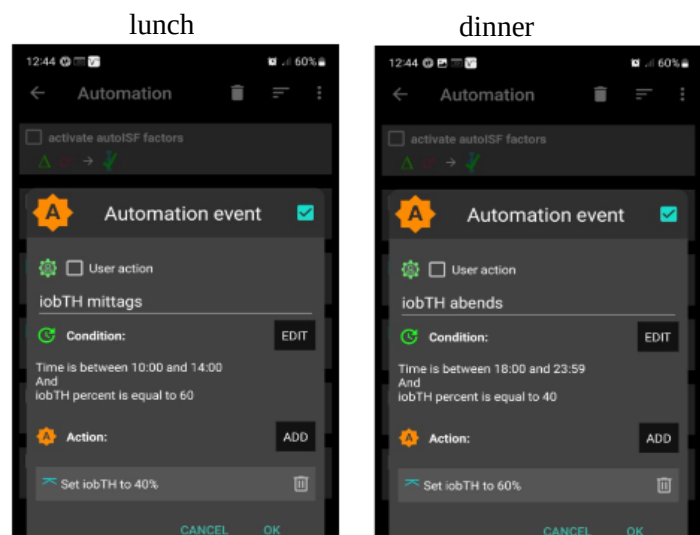
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263 Still, personalized Automations might help ease your initial job of setting the various ISF\_weights,  
264 and a best-suitable iob\_threshold\_percent that would work “always”.

265 Note: Only the main two parameters (bgAccel\_ISF\_weight for “initial aggressiveness”, and  
266 iobTH\_percent for “where SMBs stop”) are available in Automations. So, finding your  
267 parameter sets *for each of* the time slots, will not be trivial. => **Spending more effort to set**  
268 **the ..\_weights so they accommodate *just one, broader spectrum* ([section 4.](#)) should be**  
269 **the first, and standard, approach.**

270 An intermediate (maybe only temporary) approach could be to use a profile switch (for low  
271 carb meal, or eating half, setting %profile to 60% for instance, and only for the brief, less  
272 than an hour, initial meal period). See [section 5.2.2](#) and [5.4.5](#)

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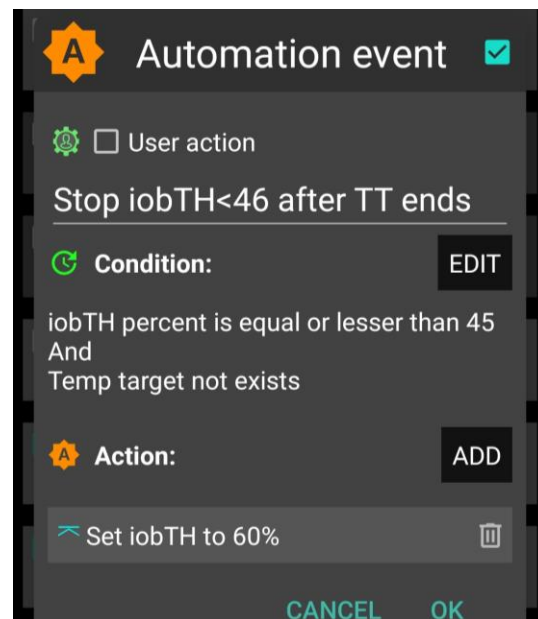
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275 **Caution:** Setting a different iobTH% or bgAccel\_ISF\_weight can probably not be done with a  
276 duration attached. Then you **must** define a suitable **additional Automation** that must be  
277 active in tandem, to **restore the values you had set**  
278 **in /Preferences for your iobTH% or bgAccel-**  
279 **ISF\_weight**. Else, once your Automation set in, it will  
280 *forever* shift these important parameter settings!

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282 If for instance you have several Automations that, in  
283 combination with a set elevated TT also set a lower iobTH:  
284 Don't be fooled, the duration only applies to the TT. You  
285 need an extra Automation for all of them.  
286 I picked out the highest of the altered iobTH values that  
287 these Automations can set (45\_percent), and then I can  
288 automatically restore my default desired 60% via this one  
289 Automation (see screenshot - - > )



290 With the autoISF variant of AAPS you can make use of your smartphone's **stepcounter** and use it  
291 to fully automatically adjust insulin sensitivity ratio to **activity level in the past minutes to one**  
292 **hour** time frame.

293 This feature comes with yet another little tuning opportunity, in which you study your body's  
294 response to light exercise (like walking) or to not moving at all (like desk, couch), and select  
295 appropriate settings which, in the future, will automatically adjust insulin delivery to suit activity  
296 state of the past minutes (up to 1 hour).(AAPS Preferences/OpenAPS SMB/Activity modifies  
297 sensitivity/ -> set **two scaling factors**.)

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

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302 For loopers who do not have huge variations in exercise levels in their everyday lives, this feature  
303 might be a superior replacement for using Autosens (and also for dynamicISF, which, however, is  
304 anyways contra-indicated in autoISF), and fairly much close the gap towards being able to do a 24/7  
305 hands-off FCL.

306 (Exercise enthusiasts, or heavy workers, should make use of the tools discussed in [section 6](#).)

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308 [Sections 3.5](#) and [6.5](#) describe the Activity monitor in more detail.

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### 313 5.1.6 Pro/con completely hands-off Full Closed Loop

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315 To stay 24/7 in a completely „hands-off“ FCL can be a realistic goal with autoISF, if besides meals  
316 also some special challenges, as discussed in this [section 5.1](#), were analyzed and could be  
317 addressed.

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

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

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325 Everybody must weigh for her/himself

- 326 • how much **upfront effort** to put into the setting up process for getting it all 100% automatic
- 327 • **or** whether to take an **easier start, with a couple of situations left to take care of when**  
328 **and as they arise in daily life**

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

- 332 • the user should be knowledgeable about what exactly is going on, and
- 333 • have a principal capability to „nudge“, or even to completely take over in a manual mode.

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335 In the sections that immediately follow, we present the options to nudge or temporarily take over  
336 from the AAPS home screen which will be serving as your **FCL cockpit**:

- 337 • [Section 5.2](#) describes how you can use available “buttons” from your AAPS home screen,  
338 and how to complete it towards a suitable DIY FCL cockpit, for an even better FCL  
339 experience.
- 340 • [Section 5.3](#) describes how you might be able to manage “disturbances” even better (with  
341 more convenience) with an **improved FCL cockpit in the future. (No need to read any of**  
342 **the green lines, unless you are interested in contributing to define/design/program further**  
343 **improvements)**

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## 348 5.2 Modulating aggressiveness manually, from the DIY-FCL-Cockpit\* 349

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

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353 In [section 4](#), we dealt with major meals. In [section 5.1](#) we looked into fully automatable manage-  
354 ment of other situations. Life in Full Closed Loop can become extremely easy then...

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356 However: Other **disturbances** might come up, that:

- 357 • are not noticeable in-time, or foreseeable, by the loop (*e.g. your plan to start exercise in an*  
358 *hour or two*), but **that influence sensitivity dramatically**, and therefore require temporary  
359 modified settings in order to remain in-range, and/or
- 360 • **require** a different “starting point” regarding iob and bg, which translates into **a different**  
361 **iobTH** that should **temporarily** be set much lower (*in case of exercise*) or noticeably higher  
362 (*e.g. with very fast absorbing carbs in a sweet snack “sin”*) .

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364 In [section 5.1](#) we looked into ways to automate also a modified loop response to *foreseeable* situa-  
365 tions (tied to a time of day, geo-location etc), or to those *the loop could recognize* (with enough  
366 time to react).

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368 Other „disturbances“ might come up, for which you must find an easy way to

- 369 • call up a pre-programmed routine for automatic management, with adjusted  
370 aggressiveness, or:
- 371 • manually tweak a setting or two, to temporarily adjust the aggressiveness
- 372 • There may also arise a desire to just exit the FCL mode, and “be your own captain” for  
373 mastering a special situation.

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

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

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

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

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## 384 5.2.1 Status recognition

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386 Before considering any manual interventions into the ongoing FCL, you should be aware what the  
387 current mode of action is (refer to [section 5.4](#)), and hence how you might be able to “nudge” your  
388 loop in order to adjust to the disturbance you see coming up.

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## 390 5.2.2 Manual interventions from the (DIY-) FCL cockpit

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392 Trouble with most of these is, not to forget to set back manually, too (=> better solutions in 5.3)

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### 394 5.2.2.1 Temporary tuning of FCL aggressiveness via temp. %profile or TT settings

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396 The set **% profile** multiplies with both, the ISF resulting from autoISF, and also with the default  
397 iobTH you have set, so both are nicely modulated in a linear way with the % temporarily chosen

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399 Just taking profile e.g. to 110% for an afternoon might be an easy way to explore whether  
400 you might benefit from 10% more “aggressiveness” in your core settings for lunches (like  
401 bgAccel\_ISF\_weight). Make sure, though, that the extra 10% are not cut away by set safety  
402 limits.

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404 A lowered (relative to profile glucose target) temporary **bg target (TT)** signals lowered sensitivity  
405 (more insulin need), and an elevated TT (as often used with exercise) increases sensitivity and  
406 hence works in the direction of a lowered % profile to also reduce insulin given by the loop.

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408 Moreover, the **exercise button** (top center on your AAPS home screen) can be activated (turns  
409 yellow, then). This will **further boost** how your set TT elevates the resulting ISF, and sharply  
410 lowers iobTH, as often desired for sports. See [section 6.1](#)).

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### 412 5.2.2.2 Making temporary changes in settings made in AAPS/preferences/Open APS SMB

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414 Going into AAPS/preferences/Open APS SMB allows to:

- 415 - set milder or stronger ...\_ISF\_weights
- 416 - set different iob\_threshold\_percent (or iobMAX)
- 417 - elevate or lower the SMB\_delivery\_ratio
- 418 - limit or expand max. allowed SMB size
- 419 - change the the even <-> odd logic for SMB on/off

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421 Doing temporary changes *in AAPS/preferences* should be the exception because

422 - they require multiple steps, including entering a password

423 - you will often forget to set everything *back to original* settings, a couple of hours (or already  
424 minutes) later.

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426 5.2.2.3 Triggered Automations: Grey extra DIY cockpit buttons for pre-programmed “responses”

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428 Recognizing conditions for fully automatic handling by the loop may not be not possible, or come  
429 too late for the loop to act on. Examples would be

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431 • *exercise*: Minimum an hour *before* starting exercise, “the loop should know” to be able to  
432 lower iob and elevate bg by the time exercise starts.

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434 • *snacks*: High carb snacks, sweets, consuming ice cream or having a sweet drink comes  
435 with the problem of even steeper glucose rises, but overall a lesser insulin need, compared  
436 to major meals (for which we tuned our FCL according to [section 4](#)).

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

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444 In FCL autoISF, this is a bit more difficult than in HCL autoISF applications, because FCL  
445 involves revving up iob supply (largely via big bgAccel\_ISF-weights) sometimes too much,  
446 to be balanced by just a snack getting absorbed.

447 In case a snack did trigger a “full meal response”: (1) You probably must continue snacking  
448 to prevent a hypo from your initial FCL over-reaction. (2) For future days, analyze your data  
449 (and snacking habit) to define how to prevent this from happening often.

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451 For increased comfort and safety, you might have to differentiate, and make use of what follows for  
452 the *sweet snack* example, [case study 5.2](#).

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454 Note that in the iPhone versions of autoISF (**Trio** and **iAPS**) there are no Automations . Instead you  
455 need so-called **Middleware**, like for instance suggested for %sensitivity (profile ISF) adaptation by  
456 one user here: <https://discord.com/channels/953929437894803478/1025731124615458848/1238099464531611668>  
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## 458 **Tuning aggressiveness**

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460 A sweet snack likely benefits from even more aggressive initial FCL performance than set  
461 for the meals in your normal spectrum of diets.

462 Therefore, you could set

463 • a higher **temp. profile%** and/or

464 • a temp.elevated **bgAccel\_ISF-weight** (see screenshot of my Automation).

465 • a **low temp. target** (76 mg/dl for instance; this additionally helps maximize the first  
466 SMBs that will automatically be triggered at detection of acceleration)..

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

469 • that the safety limits as discussed in [section 2](#) will not block the intended elevated  
470 aggressiveness

471 • SMBs will not get outrageously big, and iobTH sometimes exceeded by too much.

472 Note that “the last SMB” is allowed to overshoot the effective iobTH by up to 30%,  
473 where it will be cut (or by up to 20% at even target> 100 mg/dl).

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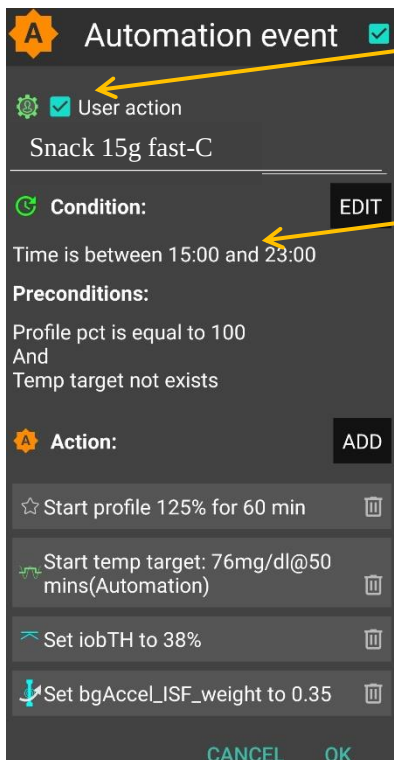
## 476 **Limiting iob**

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478 For “just a snack”, total insulin need will be lower than for a meal.

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

482 If you just have a snack, or drink a small glass of juice, you can lower the **iobTH\_percent**  
483 accordingly.



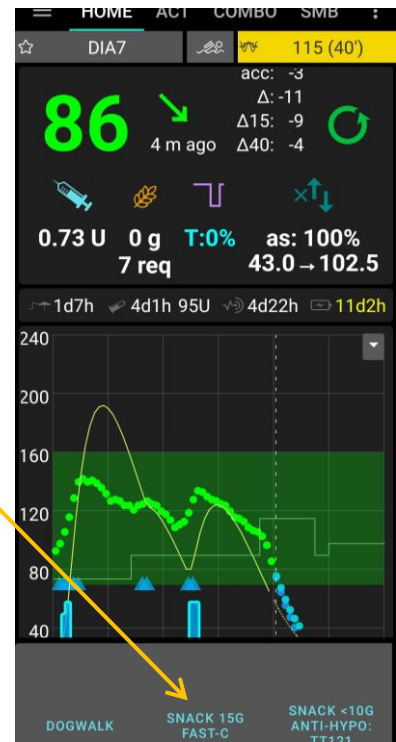
„User action“ is always ticked-on

This will, in the defined time space ..

..offer the “DIY cockpit” button..

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

Note: Make sure that iobTH and bgAccel\_ISF\_weight revert to default afterwards



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485

486 So, this can be a little extra “project” when setting up your FCL.

487 You need to research your snack habits (if any), and over time find out which settings in  
488 the snack-related Automations work well.

489

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

493

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

496

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

500 Question to developers: Do we already have, or can we get, the option to automatically block out  
501 using the sameUser Action Automation a second time within, say, 2 hours?

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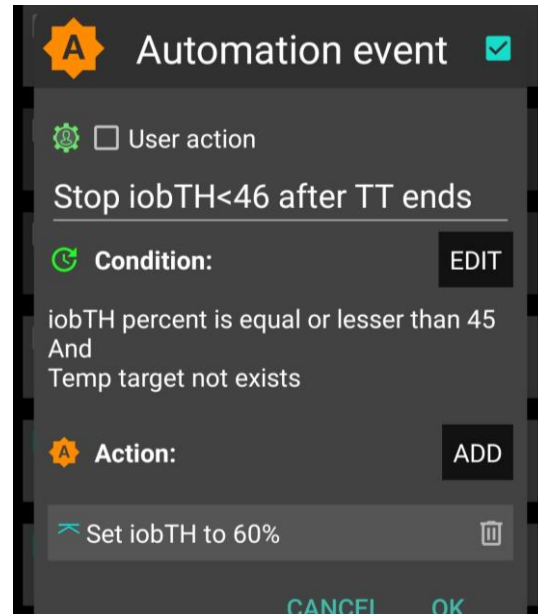
503 Other options (when you just can’t stop snacking) would require a manual modulation  
504 regarding %profile and/or bgAccel\_ISF, but keeping the full default set iobTH\_percent, or



505 even elevating it (refer to [section 5.2.3](#)). If that happens often, define for yourself an extra  
506 User action Automation for a bigger snack (= another grey DIY cockpit button).

507  
508 **Caution:** Setting a different iobTH or bgAccel\_ISF\_weight can not be done with a duration  
509 attached. Hence you **must** define a suitable **additional Automation, that** must be active  
510 in tandem, and **restores the iobTH or bgAccel-**  
511 **ISF\_weight** in AAPS/Preferences. Else, once your  
512 Automation set in, it will *forever* shift these important  
513 parameter settings!

514  
515 If for instance you have several Automations that, in  
516 combination with a set elevated TT also set a lower iobTH:  
517 Don't be fooled, the duration only applies to the TT. You  
518 need an extra Automation for all of them.  
519 I picked out the highest of the altered iobTH values that  
520 these Automations can set (45\_percent), and then I can  
521 automatically restore my default desired 60% via this one  
522 Automation (see screenshot - - > )



## 523 [Installing the DIY cockpit button](#)

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

527  
528 Besides snacks, also any **other recurring special situations can be addressed via a DIY**  
529 **cockpit button, and receive different aggressiveness up to a suitable iobTH level.**

530  
531 Over time you can have a big number of User action Automations, and keep them “shelved” rather  
532 invisibly (clicked in-active, top left box) in your long list of potential Automations. Even when active,  
533 they only show in your cockpit (bottom grey field of your AAPS home screen) in the time slot you  
534 assigned as potentially relevant.

535  
536 [In the future you might be able to set the stage for a snack and other “disturbances” also via](#)  
537 [an extended menu behind the TT button on the AAPS home screen, see \[section 5.3.3.1\]\(#\)](#)

## 539 [Discussion](#)

540 In case you do have a snack habit and ...

541 

- can not find settings, as in [section 4](#). defined for your meals, also suit your snacks

- can not pin a time slot or other Condition to it for programming an Automation response as in [section 5.1.4](#)

.. then you minimum need a “snack announcement” for which the extra button in your DIY cockpit provides a time-uncritical 1-button-push solution.

This could be a good solution for kids in kindergarten, too. Make sure caregivers understand to use it *only once* for *one* snack. Continued snacking would require iob as for a meals. This is what the FCL loop takes care of automatically; **using the snack button several times in a row would limit iobTH at a too-low level!**

In a software update, we might try to automatically block usage of that type of Automation for 2 hours, after it was once used.

### 5.2.3 Temporarily exiting the FCL

The “last resort” alternative always is to **temporarily** leave the FCL mode, and handle any disturbance “the traditional way” in **hybrid closed loop**. For this, we switch the automatic aggressive adaptations of ISF to the bg curve OFF that are only needed in FCL ....

(if in hybrid closed loop you like e.g. the dura\_ISF adaption still, you alternatively could elect to just set bgAccel\_ISF\_weight temp. to zero, instead)

Do not forget that, before meal starts, giving a bolus will then be necessary again.

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

In case [this feature](#) is not yet available, you must:

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

(or, alternatively, set bgAccel\_ISF\_weight to zero).

**Caution:** Unfortunately, there is no way yet for your full closed loop with ISF adaptations to come automatically back on, after a selected time for instance. So **do not forget to switch your autoISF fully back on, later.**

As this will often be forgotten, it may be worth doing a “User action” Automation, for a “temp. FCL OFF” grey button (see [section 5.2.2.3](#)).

Caution though, there is very limited experience with this brand new feature. Make sure your Automation definition really applies a duration (or other condition) that will automatically terminate all settings changes it made. As we have seen e.g. in [section 5.1.4](#), this is not always the case.

To recognize whether autoISF currently runs with ISF adaptation or not, please consult the “ ai: %” indicator below the Autosens% on the AAPS home screen.

From autoISF 3.0.1 onwards, there is also a very easy way to see effective ISF and effective iobTH in the 1<sup>st</sup> screen of the **SMB tab**. At the same time, there you see the adaptation of sensitivity to:

- a set %profile change (or effect from Autosens, in case you have that activated)
- a set temporary target
- the Activity Monitor
- +/- exercise mode

So, occasionally (especially in your early set-up phase, after starting of a meal) it is a great idea to study the SMB tab to find out what is going on. See example given in [section 5.4.5](#)

### 5.3 Modulating aggressiveness manually from the improved FCL-cockpit

*Skip this section 5.3 (next 7-8 pages) unless you are deeper interested in discussing further user interface upgrades. Actually, some suggestions made are probably an “over-design”. After trying a lot of options for refinements out, the author returned pretty much to a “keeping-it-simple” route.*

*My main suggestion is to get that violet loop button (sections 5.3.1-5.3.2), something I think many would use - very handy certainly in the setting-up stage, too, for easy switching between the “old” HCL, and new territory in FCL.*

autoISF is an early dev variant of AAPS, and as user you are participating in an on-going development. Of note, autoISF 3.0.x is launched [without many](#) of the cockpit features that are suggested below [in green font color](#).

Only what is written in black is at this point of some relevance for using autoISF.

**No need to read** any of the green lines, unless you are interested in contributing to define/design/program further improvements.

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

For future integration into AAPS Master, an eye should be kept also on the question which *other* modes (like FCL using Automations and others mentioned in [section 13](#); and maybe also HCL) might benefit from some of the extra features.

618

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

620 • In many cases, going into AAPS Preferences and changing settings would be needed  
621 (...plus not forgetting to change these settings back, afterwards).

622 • Automations allow a DIY FCL cockpit, see [section 5.2](#) and [case studies 5.2](#) and [6.2](#)

623

624 Keep in mind, though, that the **goal should be to interfere with the loop as little as possible**.

625 Under the described conditions it can run **fully automatically** without any user interaction (= after  
626 the initial tuning phase, and related settings made in AAPS /preferences/SMB/autoISF. See [section](#)  
627 [4.](#) and [5.1](#)).

628

629 Just like in the airplane cockpit: Cruising in full auto mode should involve having an eye on the  
630 instruments, and on potential disturbances ahead in the environment.

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

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

635

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

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

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

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

642 All this is facilitated within seconds right from the AAPS home screen’s **cockpit features** to the

643 **extent they are already incorporated**, or to the extent you can build **alike** DIY cockpit features via

644 Automations, as described in [section 4.1.3](#) and [case studies 5.2](#) and [6.2](#)):

645

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

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

652

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

655 Taken together with some **new indicator fields** about your loop state ([section 5.4.3](#) and [5.4.4](#)),  
656 and the **grey DIY cockpit buttons** ([section 5.2.2.3](#)) this makes the AAPS home screen your  
657 **cockpit** for Full Closed Looping.

658

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

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### 661 5.3.1 Violet FCL icon and underlying buttons

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

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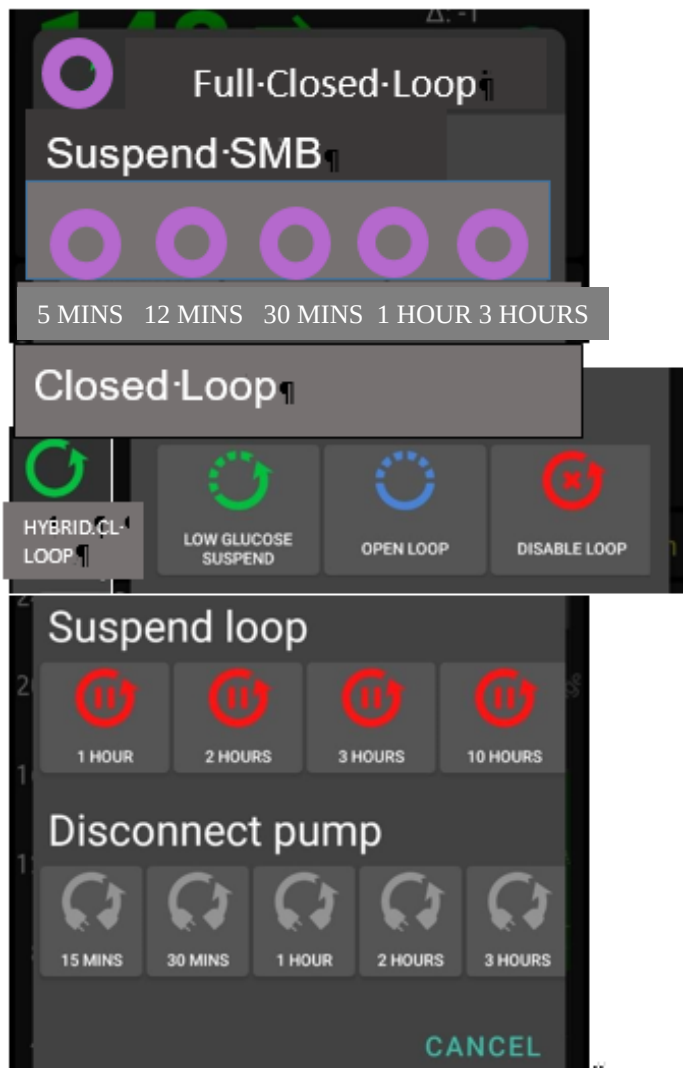
667       It functions very much as the other ones that you know from HCL already, and in fact you  
668       get offered some of the same options (for instance, to switch the (full) closed loop off for 15  
669       minutes for going to take a shower)

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

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

674

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



<-add-arrow, form-like-like-Cl.Loop...¶

<-dotted++arrow, form-like-like-LGS¶

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

.....pink-circle, FULL-CL-LOOP¶

where here the green HYBRID-CL-LOOP stands¶

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

676

677 Pressing „**Suspend SMB**“ provides fast and easy „emergency braking“ regarding delivery of more  
678 SMBs:

679 Select the one with the desired number of minutes: 5 or 12 for just blocking the potential next  
680 SMB(s), and up to 3 hours to manage the entire rest of this meal with %TBR from then on.

681

682 Whenever, and why-ever, your FCL is in „no SMBs allowed“ mode (e.g. automatically after  
683 surpassing an iobTH, or triggered by a set odd TT), the FCL icon will turn into a dotted one.

684 Instead of remaining **duration to end time** it indicates in the middle „the condition“, „**iob**“ or „**TT**“

685 Add an indication if suspend SMB comes from an Automation, e.g. add an „**(A)**“, **underneath** the  
686 #minutes, iob, or TT in the middle of the dotted violet field.

687 So, as in other (already in HCL existing) cases, those icons show in the middle the minutes left that  
688 they will be running, or the condition which would have to go away for this temp. setting to stop.

689 It always auto-reverts into the FCL state and FCL icon, when time (or other condition) has elapsed.

690

691 Pressing „**HYBRID CL. LOOP**“ or other buttons from the 2nd row provides fast and easy

692 „emergency exit“ into other modes.

693 This enables beginners an easy „temp. escape“ into their well-known HCL (green) at any  
694 point of time. bgAccel\_ISF\_weight is set to zero when going FCL->HCL. HCL can run with  
695 autoISF (for instance dura\_ISF) uninhibited otherwise. (check implications for HCL users of  
696 autoISF ?? ).

697 Note: These options from row 2 have no time limit. Loop will **not** by itself go back to FCL. You see  
698 the different loop icon as a reminder to manually revert, when ready.

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701 5.3.2 Buttons „Insulin“, „Calculator“ etc at bottom of AAPS home screen

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703 These buttons are **not useful any longer in FCL**, and automatically disappear whenever in FCL  
704 mode (also in Suspend SMB state), and re-appear when leaving FCL. This applies also when an  
705 Automation or technical system failure shut off FCL.

706 Users who, maybe in the beginning phase, feel better having those buttons, can override  
707 the removal (of the insulin button, or any other) by going into /preferences/overview/buttons  
708 and forcing them on. They only remain on until the next re-entry into FCL mode, when auto-  
709 off happens again.

710 The reason why we do this: It really is important to let the loop loop, and not interfere more  
711 than absolutely needed. Any bolus the user gives will sure distort the bg curve, on which  
712 autoISF, especially when aggressively tuned for FCL, builds a lot of its decisions!

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715 5.3.3. Three top fields (%profile, exercise, TT)

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

719

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

721 **aggressiveness**) serve as quick and easy entry points to make temp. switches (as users will be  
722 used to for %profile switches, or for setting an EatingSoonTT in HCL, .. which they still can do in  
723 FCL ... but more:)

724

725 Expert FCL users might need this feature rarely, but probably at least to manage activity after  
726 meals: Each require opposite aggressiveness, and the switch has to come in a certain point in  
727 time that would be difficult to capture. (More see [section 6.4](#) )



728  
 729 5.3.3.1 TT dialogue field ( Currently not available in the pictured form and function ! )  
 730  
 731 The TT field (top right of AAPS home screen) is a primary daily interface, and a dialogue field  
 732 opens when pressing on it

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

Two lines appear for target and get labeled ES, AC or HY depending on what was pushed at the bottom buttons. (HY => red frame; evtl. 1. empty => grey)

TT entries can be made or overridden.

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

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

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

OK needed to use the settings

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

733  
 734  
 735 This looks complicated but only because it allows 4 different modes of use. Each user will primarily  
 736 use her/his preferred one.  
 737 (1) Who is happy with the initially well tuned FCL and does not have huge variations in daily eating  
 738 and moving around, will **not use** the TT **at all**. FCL is possible without an intervention via the

739 TT button in your cockpit. Actually 4 of 8 modes (GGG ...YYY permutations, list see [section](#)  
740 [5.4.1](#)) are not making use of TT.

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

744 Super quick access to stop SMBs is possible also via the loop icon ([section 5.3.1](#)).

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

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

748 Alternatively, iobTH can be temporarily changed in /preferences or using an Automation.

749

750 Temp. iobTH will always revert to default when the TT expires. If another TT immediately  
751 follows, like in the example of the screen above, it will calculate, (then) show and use a new  
752 temp. iobTH.

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

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

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

768 [Case study 6.2](#) demonstrates that nearly the same performance and comfort can be reached  
769 via the **DIY FCL cockpit** with the grey extra buttons appearing at the bottom of the AAPS home  
770 screen, based on Automations with User action (see also [section 5.2.2.3](#)).

771 The example picture given above, and also [case study 6.2](#), is the most complicated (but also most  
 772 useful) case, **when exercise follows after a sizeable meal**. It is then that you need (a) aggressive  
 773 FCL initial performance at the meal, but, *exactly when* (!) a (for the intended sport already  
 774 temp.lowered) *iobTH* is exceeded, you need (b) to have SMBs automatically switched off and go  
 775 into the „milder“ mode, as defined for the exercise (with *high* instead of the immediately prior  
 776 *low*TT, that automatically significantly reduces iobTH again, and insulin sensitivity(resistance)  
 777 settings too).

778  
 779 Pressing exercise related buttons will automatically also light the **exercise button** on the main  
 780 screen yellow.

781  
 782 To summarize, the TT dialogue field offers easy but powerful ad-hoc [modulation of loop](#)  
 783 [aggressiveness](#) for FCL (if already included).

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786 5.3.3.2 Exercise button (see more in [section 6](#).)

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788 The exercise button automatically lights yellow when exercise related TTs are activated [in the TT](#)  
 789 [dialogue box](#).

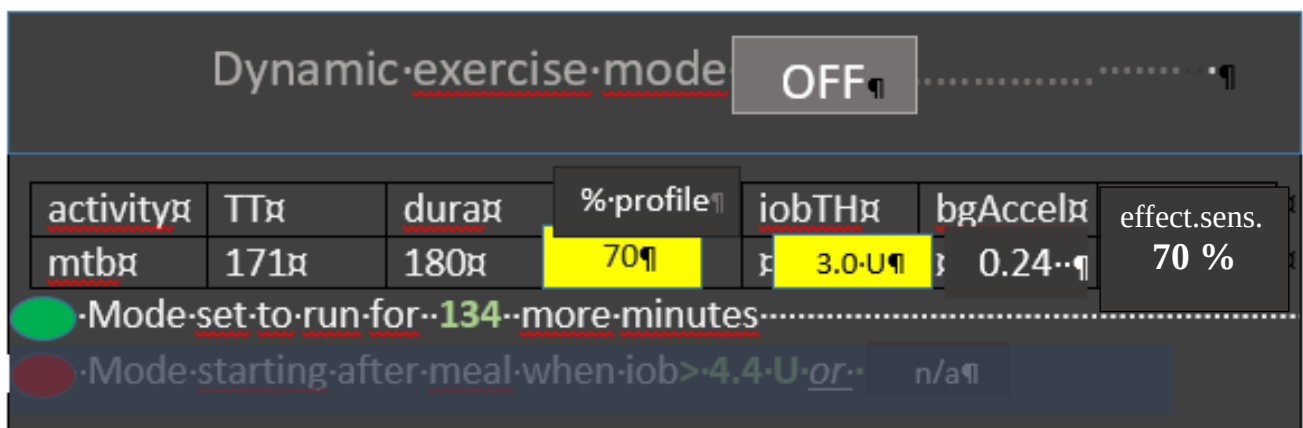
790 4 of 8 principal FCL modes ([section 5.4.1](#)) are making use of the exercise button.

791

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

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



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800 The exercise (here mtb) is selected in the dialogue box of the neighboring TT field, and there auto-  
801 filled with settings made in the set-up and tuning stage by the user under preferences. They are  
802 reported also under the exercise button here, and TT, duration, and % sens (the temp. profile  
803 sensitivity that also shows on the %profile field on the left side of the exercise button) can be temp.  
804 changed there.

805 iobTH, bgAccel\_ISF and overall resulting effective sensitivity ratio (effect.sens. %) is given in the  
806 other fields.

807 The **middle field** of the table, „% **profile**“ either picks up the % set under the %profile button, or  
808 an input can be made here, in the exercise button domain, which will:

- 809 • turn the neighboring %profile button on yellow and show that inputted % on it, too
- 810 • be multiplied with the result from the exercise mode settings per se, and change the %  
811 overall, accordingly.

812 So, if this middle field of above table (dialogue box of sports button) contains a figure other than  
813 100, input field becomes yellow, and you are operating with a combination of traditional PLUS new  
814 exercise mode (with all three top buttons of your FCL cockpit yellow). This maximally will soften  
815 aggressiveness, for which you get an idea by the last calculated figure.

816

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

820

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

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#### 824 5.3.3.3 Profile button

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

828

829 Any inputs made here will be used to modify profile\_ISF on which all further changes are made on  
830 (multiplied with).

831

832 The profile field remains grey if standard profile is applied.

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

- 834 • When no inputs (changes from 100% profile) are made here, but inputs in the TT field,  
835 e.g. for exercise, automatically lead to different effective sensitivity ratio

836 • when% is changed by input in the profile button itself, it will be multiplied with with  
837 profile\_ISF and be used in place of profile\_ISF *by the algorithm*.

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

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## 842 5.4 Recognizing your loop state in the AAPS home screen

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### 844 5.4.1 Color scheme of top cockpit buttons tells kind of closed loop that is running

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846 3 Buttons (%profile; exercise; TT) each in 2 states (yellow Y, or grey G) make  $2 \times 3 =$   
847 **eight principal FCL modes** possible:

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849 GYY = dynamic exercise mode

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

851 **To be discussed: GYG = basic closed loop with Activity Monitor running ?**

852 (Note: activity monitor on/off set in preferences will currently **not** affect the button color; you may recognize

853 Activity monitor is running by the indicated adaptation of sensitivity despite no TT or temp% are set.

854 Or look it up in the SMB tab; info it on the 1<sup>st</sup> screen there from autoISF 3.0.1 onwards)

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

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

857 GGY =temp. target like e.g. EatingSoonTT is set; or Hypo mode

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

859 YYY = dynamic exercise mode, with additional „long-waved“ sensitivity shift

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### 861 5.4.2 Information printed on the top buttons

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

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



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



...and ...

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



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

874 Without sports context, the middle field remains grey.



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

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

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

891 Note that an **Automation might not be permitted** to change settings by “killing” another  
892 **still running Automation** (always consider that, when putting the duration into your  
893 Automations!). For instance, you cannot switch from 130% profile to 110%. Either the 130%  
894 times out, or you **need an extra “in-between” Automation that terminates** the 130%  
895 under described conditions (example see around line 100 in [Case study 6.2](#)). – This  
896 “design” is for a good reason: The assumption here is, that your 1<sup>st</sup> Automation (the 130%

in the example) is designed well and runs for a reason. It should either “get finished” when the job might be done (and kick in again, if not), or, in exceptional cases, it should be consciously terminated by another well thought through 2<sup>nd</sup> Automation (describing the conditions in which you would find that other Automation more important than “finishing up” the one that was already running). That “in-between” Automation makes the loop return to base profile, which is a signal *to all Automations*, to now check whether any conditions exist, to activate a 3<sup>rd</sup> Automation (as in example of [Case study 6.2](#)).

Advice: Try to stay away from Automations that also aim at temp. modifying aggressiveness (e.g. temp. setting different bgAccel\_ISF\_weight). For the reason just given in above note, they often will not kick in anyways. Generally, it also is no good idea to double up sub-algorithms for tweaking loop behaviors (“loop inside a loop”).

A lot of avenues were shown that could help you or your loop manoeuvre through a variety of “disturbances”. You should not have to try out many of them, and (like the author), you should find a way to narrow it down to what really helps in **your** everyday T1D management.

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

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

A good one could be for night time, when your odd profile TT has SMBs shut off, but your experience after pizza nights tells you that, under certain condition patterns (bg, iob), an SMB or two should be „allowed in“ (see example given in [section 5.1.2](#); used also in [case study 4.3](#) ).

Another good example, if you go usually FCL without any use of the TT button (which would be a meal announcement of sorts), is to define an Automation that, after detecting a meal start, automatically sets a low TT to get maximally aggressive first SMBs (as is the author’s preferred way, mentioned already in [section 2.5](#), used also in [case study 4.3](#) ).

#### 5.4.3 FCL related indicator fields in the AAPS home screen

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



- 934     • how profile sensitivity (**ISF**) adjusts by the %profile input, by autoISF, and/or a set  
935       exerciseTT, resulting in an effective sensitivity (ISF that is used to determine  
936       insulinRequired. Details for every loop decision see result/debug section of the SMB tab).
- 937     • next to current available iob number is an indication of your **valid iobTH** (the iob above  
938       which no more SMBs will be given)
- 939     • The AAPS home screen additionally shows, above the deltas, the current **acceleration**  
940       Having a look at that can be valueable. For instance, when glucose is relatively low and still  
941       falling, a positive (and getting more positive) acceleration indicates that bg will swing back  
942       up, rather than crash low. This will give info about necessary snack size, and hence help  
943       avoid both, unnecessary calories, and going on a bg roller coaster.

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945 5.4.4 Overall home screen:  
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Overall home screen:



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950 5.4.5 Info given every 5 minutes in the SMB tab

951 When clicking on the SMB tab, you see how your standard and temporary settings, as well as the latest bg and iob status, influenced the last decision of your FCL.

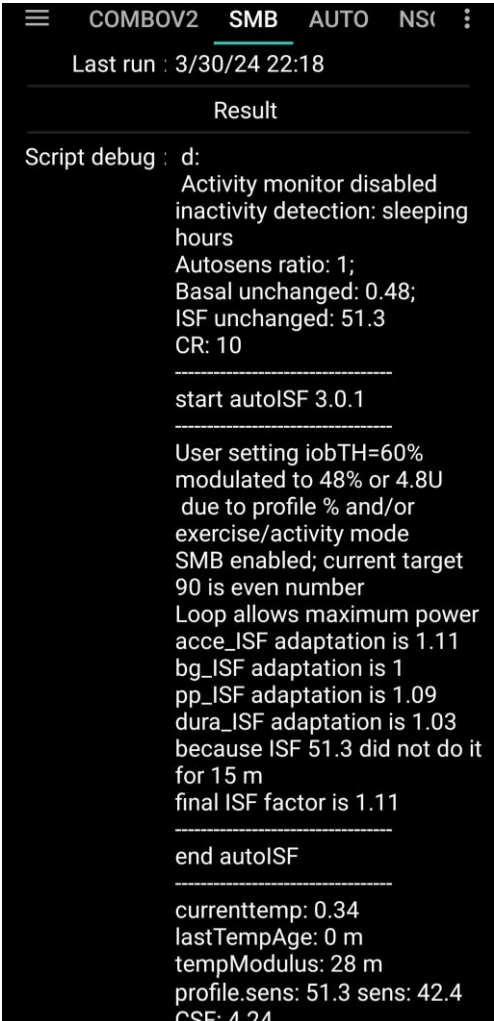
Example 1: A 80% temp. profile modulates 60% iobTH to 80% of 60% = 48%:



The profile ISF of 41 mg/dl/U got modified by the set 80% temp. profile to  $41/0.8 = 51.3$  mg/dl/U, called “ISF unchanged” (before “start autoISF”).

autoISF applies the 4 sub-categories (acce, bg, pp and dura\_ISF), and depending on the bg curve form suggests various ISF changes.

The final resulting factor “sens” (see flowcharts in [section 3](#)) is 1.11 (in our case, driven by bgAccel\_ISF). This changes the 51.3 “unchanged” ISF to  $51.3/1.11 = 42.4$  mg/dl/U



Further down in the SMB tab, you can see how this ISF is applied to define the SMB size to be given, and whether any limitations – notably by autoISFmax, max possible SMB size, or maxIOB – cut the amount.

Message	Condition	What does it affect?
Loop allows maximum power	even target < 100	increase in bg limited to 30%, otherwise no SMB; actual SMB delivery ratio is max of fixed smb_delivery_ratio and linearly growing ratio
Loop allows medium power	even target >= 100	increase in bg limited to 20%, the AAPS default, otherwise no SMB; actual SMB delivery ratio is either fixed smb_delivery_ratio or linearly growing ratio
Loop allows minimal power	odd target	no SMB, only TBR available for action
Loop power level temporarily capped	IOB > effective iobTH	Last SMB capped to stay below iob threshold + 30% overrun; IOB getting above user defined iobTH, potentially modulated by exercise mode, activity monitor and profile percent
Loop allows AAPS power level	no even/odd target option active	SMB enabled/disabled according to standard AAPS rules and settings; no iobTH threshold is active

Note that in the SMB tab you can only – in “real time” - capture and analyze *one* decision.

Refer to [section 11](#) for an option that enables extended analysis of the on-going ISF modulations from autoISF. (Do do this on your loan phone requires OPvthon and a logfile emulator).

5.4.6 SMB tab info when operating in 1-minute mode with Libre3  
Users: anything special to point to here ?