

# System Architecture Overview

This page defines the **AOFS system architecture**, including all layers, their responsibilities, interactions, and data flows. It establishes **authority boundaries**, **offline operation rules**, and **federation/synchronization requirements** for AOFS controllers.

All AOFS-compliant systems **must conform** to the rules specified here.

## 1. Architecture Layers

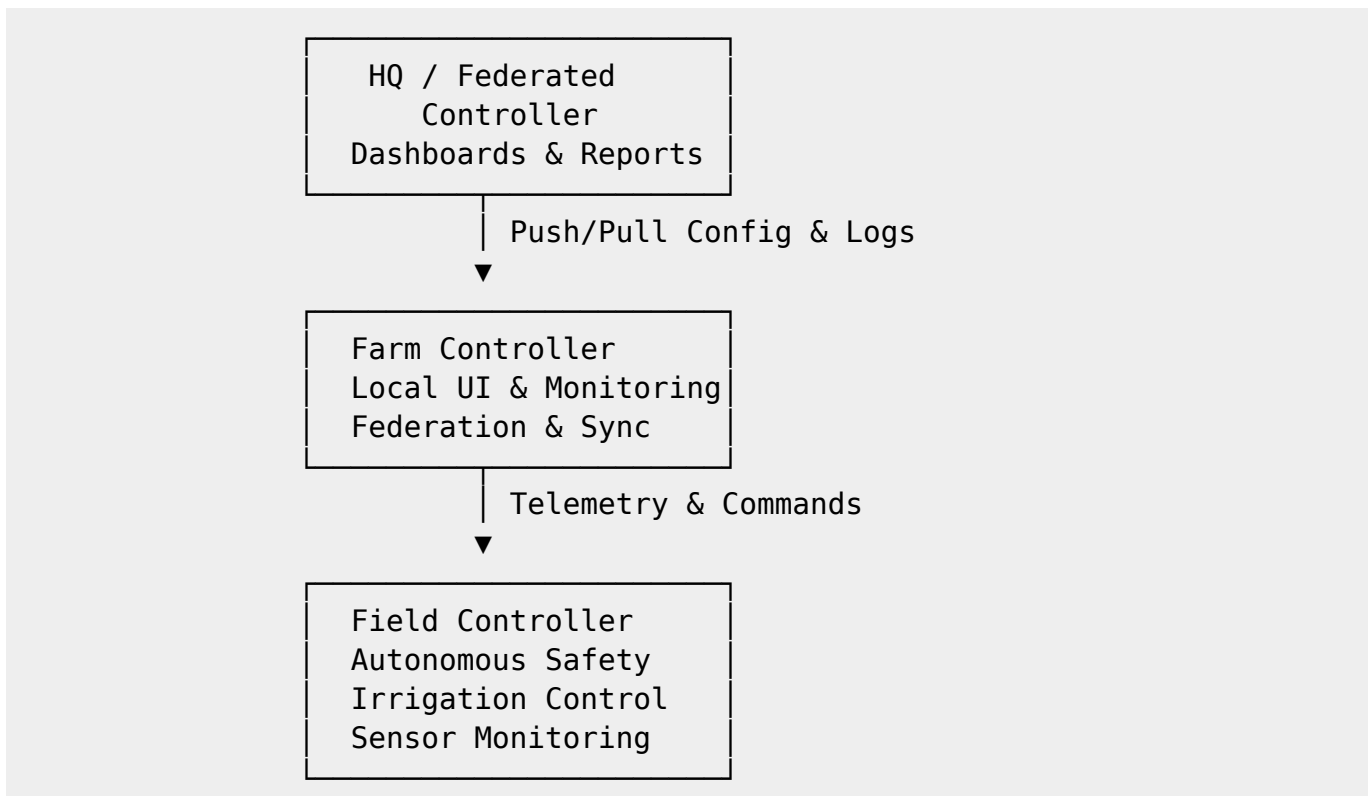
AOFS defines three core layers:

- [Field Controller Layer](#)
- [Farm Controller Layer \(Local / Federated\)](#)
- [HQ / Federated Controller Layer](#)

All controller layers **expose a human interface appropriate to their authority and audience**, while **never bypassing Field Controller safety rules**.

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## 2. Authority & Data Flow Diagram



### Legend:

- **Field Controller:** authoritative for safety-critical irrigation.
- **Farm Controller:** local supervision, configuration, and federation; respects Field Controller authority.
- **HQ Controller:** multi-farm oversight, reporting, analytics; may propose updates but cannot override Field Controller safety logic.

### 3. Controller Responsibilities

Layer	Primary Role	Human Interface	Connectivity	Authority
Field Controller	Execute irrigation & safety	Embedded UI for monitoring / non-critical overrides	None (offline)	Authoritative locally
Farm Controller	Local supervision & federation	Full UI: monitoring, configuration	Optional (for federation)	Supervisory (non-critical only)
HQ Controller	Multi-farm oversight & analytics	Dashboards, reporting, config proposals	Required for federation	Supervisory (proposals only)

### 4. Federation / Sync Model

- **Push/Pull:** Farm Controllers sync with HQ and/or peer farms.
- **Conflict Resolution:**
  - Timestamp precedence
  - Operator approval for schedule/config conflicts
  - Field Controller safety rules **always take priority**
- **Offline First:**
  - Controllers continue autonomous operation if disconnected
  - Logs and changes queue for synchronization once connectivity is restored

### 5. Human Interface Rules

\* All controllers expose interfaces appropriate to their role:

1. Field Controller: embedded status UI, safety alerts, non-critical operator overrides
2. Farm Controller: full local UI for monitoring, configuration, and federation
3. HQ Controller: multi-farm dashboards, analytics, authorized configuration proposals

\* No interface may bypass Field Controller safety rules.

## 6. Compliance Notes

- AOFS-compliant deployments **must implement all three layers** as defined.
- Field Controller safety rules **cannot be overridden** by higher layers.
- All push/pull, configuration changes, and operator actions **must be logged**.
- Offline operation **must not compromise irrigation or safety**.
- Failure to respect authority boundaries **invalidates AOFS compliance**.

## 7. References

- [Field Controller Layer](#)
- [Farm Controller Layer \(Local / Federated\)](#)
- [HQ / Federated Controller Layer](#)
- [Hydraulic & Water Systems](#)
- [Electrical & Control Interfaces](#)
- [Measuring, Monitoring & Documentation Systems](#)

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