

AOFS Robustness Concept: Analog and Human-Based Operation

AOFS is designed to maintain full functionality under the most challenging conditions, including:

- Unstable or absent electricity supply
- Limited or disrupted electronic sensor and actuator availability
- Water scarcity and other environmental constraints

To achieve this, AOFS explicitly considers **humans and paper as integral components of the system**, not merely as fallback options:

- **Human Sensors and Actuators:** Farm personnel can perform measurements, execute irrigation commands, and log operational data manually, following AOFS instructions and guidance.
 - **Paper-Based Operation:** In extreme situations, AOFS supports the use of **standardized paper questionnaires, data capture sheets, and instruction lists**.
1. Data from paper forms can be **digitized into AOFS/GAKD** when electronic systems are available.
 2. System-generated guidance can be **translated into paper instructions** for manual execution.

This conceptual framework ensures:

- **Continuity of operations** even in the total absence of electronics
- **Standardized data compatibility** between analog and digital operations
- **Auditability and traceability** of operational decisions and research observations

AOFS presents this concept **as a foundational principle**, acknowledging that the detailed workflows and implementation mechanics will require **applied research with partner institutions**.

By documenting this concept in the wiki, AOFS demonstrates a **commitment to real-world robustness and reliability**, providing a clear foundation for research collaboration and further development.

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