

HF Controls

# Cyber Security of HFC-FPGA Platform

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## **Presentation Outline**

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- **Introduction**
- **Regulatory Requirements and Guides**
- **Cyber Security of HFC-FPGA Platform**

# Introduction

## Cybersecurity

### [U.S. NRC] RG1.152

**Cyber Security** refers to those measures and controls, implemented to comply with **10 CFR 73.54**, to protect critical digital assets against malicious acts of an adversary up to and including the design basis threat, as defined by **10 CFR 73.1**.



# Introduction

## Why Cyber Security is essential?

- ✓ **Regulatory Compliance**
  - ❖ **Code of Federal Regulation**
  - ❖ **Regulatory Guide**
- ✓ **Increasing exposure to cyber threats**
  - ❖ **System Digitalization**
  - ❖ **Use of COTS**
- ✓ **Lesson and experience learnt from other industries**
  - ❖ **Bulk Power System**
- ✓ **.....**

# Introduction

## North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC)

- Project 2008–06 Cyber Security, Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) Standards
  - CIP–002–04 to CIP–009–04 and implementation plans, Jan. 2011

## Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)

- 1020110 Guidelines for Applying Security Measures to Meet Distribution Cyber Security Requirements, December 2010

## International Society of Automation (ISA)

- ANSI/ISA–99.00.01–2007, “Security for Industrial Automation and Control Systems Part 1: Terminology, Concepts, and Models”
- ANSI/ISA–99.02.01–2009 Security for Industrial Automation and Control Systems: Establishing an Industrial Automation and Control Systems Security Program

## National Institute of Standard and Technology (NIST)

- Special Publications in the 800 series
  - SP 800–53, Rev.3, “Recommended Security Controls for Federal Information Systems”, August 2009
  - SP 800–82, “Guide to Industrial Control Systems (ICS) Security”, September 2008

## Code of Federal Regulations

- ❖ **10 CFR Part 73, Physical Protection of Plant and Materials**
  - *10 CFR Part 73.54 Protection of Digital Computer and Communication Systems and Networks*
  - 10 CFR Part 73.55 Requirements for Physical Protection of Licensed Activities in Nuclear Power Reactors Against Radiological Sabotage.
  - **10 CFR Part 73.50 Requirements for Physical Protection of Licensed Activities**
  - **10 CFR Part 73.1 Purpose and Scope**

## United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC)

- RG 1.152, “Criteria for Use of Computers in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants”, Rev. 3, July 2011
- RG 5.71, “Cyber Security Programs for Nuclear Facilities”, January 2010.
- RG 1.168, “Verification, Reviews, and Audits for Digital Computer Software in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants”, Section 3.7.C “Security Analysis”, Rev. 2, July 2013



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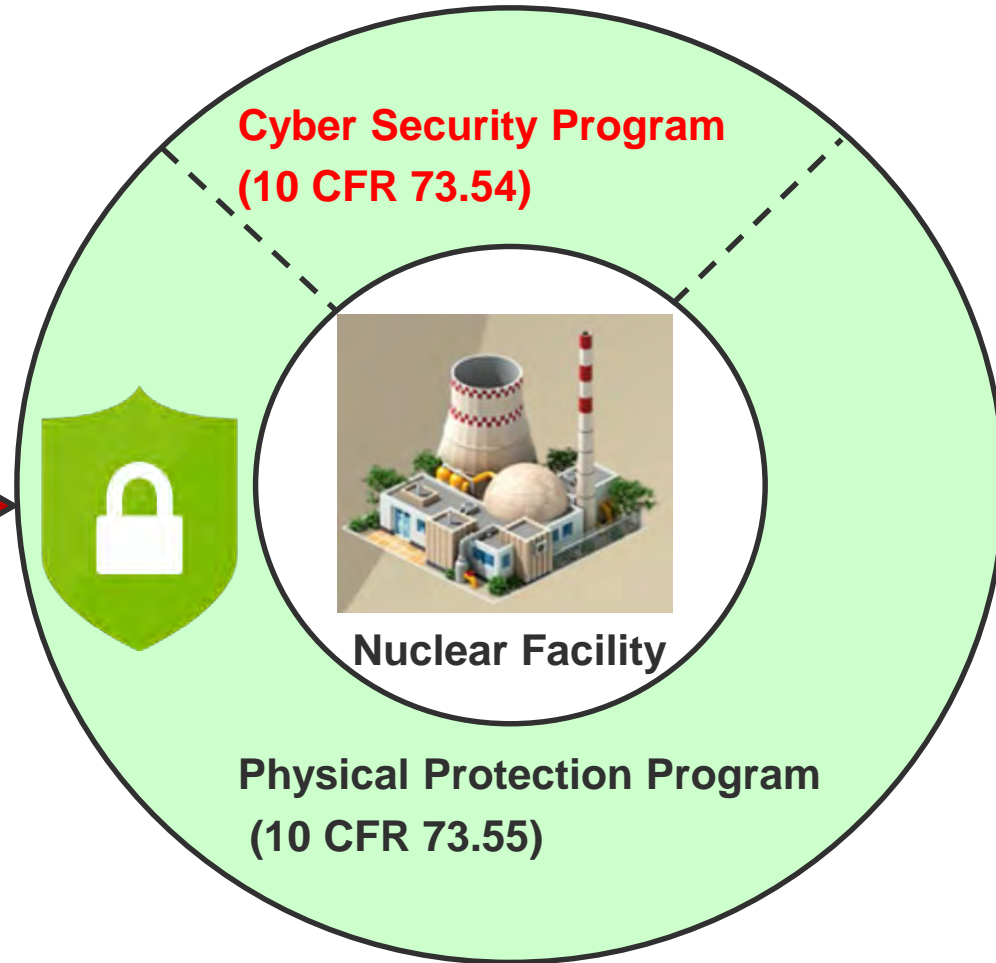


# Regulatory Requirements

## Code of Federal Regulations:

Design Basis Threats:  
(10 CFR 73.1)

- (1). A determined violent external assault, attack;
- (2). An internal threat;
- (3). A land vehicle bomb assault, which may be coordinated with an external assault;
- (4). A waterborne vehicle bomb assault, which may be coordinated with an external assault;
- (5). **A cyber attack**



# Regulatory Requirements-10 CFR 73.54

## 10 CFR 73.54(a)

The licensee shall provide high assurance that **digital computer and communication systems and networks** are adequately protected against cyber attacks, up to and including the **design basis threat (DBT)** as described in **10 CFR 73.1**.

- **What kind of system shall be protected?** (10 CFR 73.54(a)(1))

**Ans:** SSEP functions and support systems and equipment which, if compromised, would adversely impact SSEP functions

- **What kind of cyber attacks shall be considered?** (10 CFR 73.54(a)(2))

**Ans:** (i) Adversely impact the integrity or confidentiality of data and/or software;

(ii) Deny access to systems, services, and/or data; and

(iii) Adversely impact the operation of systems, networks, and associated equipment.

# Regulatory Requirements 10 CFR 73.54

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- Licensing Requirements

10 CFR 73.54(a)

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- Cyber Security Program

10 CFR 73.54(b)  
10 CFR 73.54(c)  
10 CFR 73.54(d)

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- Cyber Security Plan

10 CFR 73.54(e)

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- Written Policy and implementing Procedures

10 CFR 73.54(f)

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- Periodic Review

10 CFR 73.54(g)

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- Records Retention

10 CFR 73.54(h)

# Regulatory Guide 5.71

10 CFR 73.54 Protection of digital computer and communication systems and networks



RG 5.71 Cyber Security Program for Nuclear Facilities

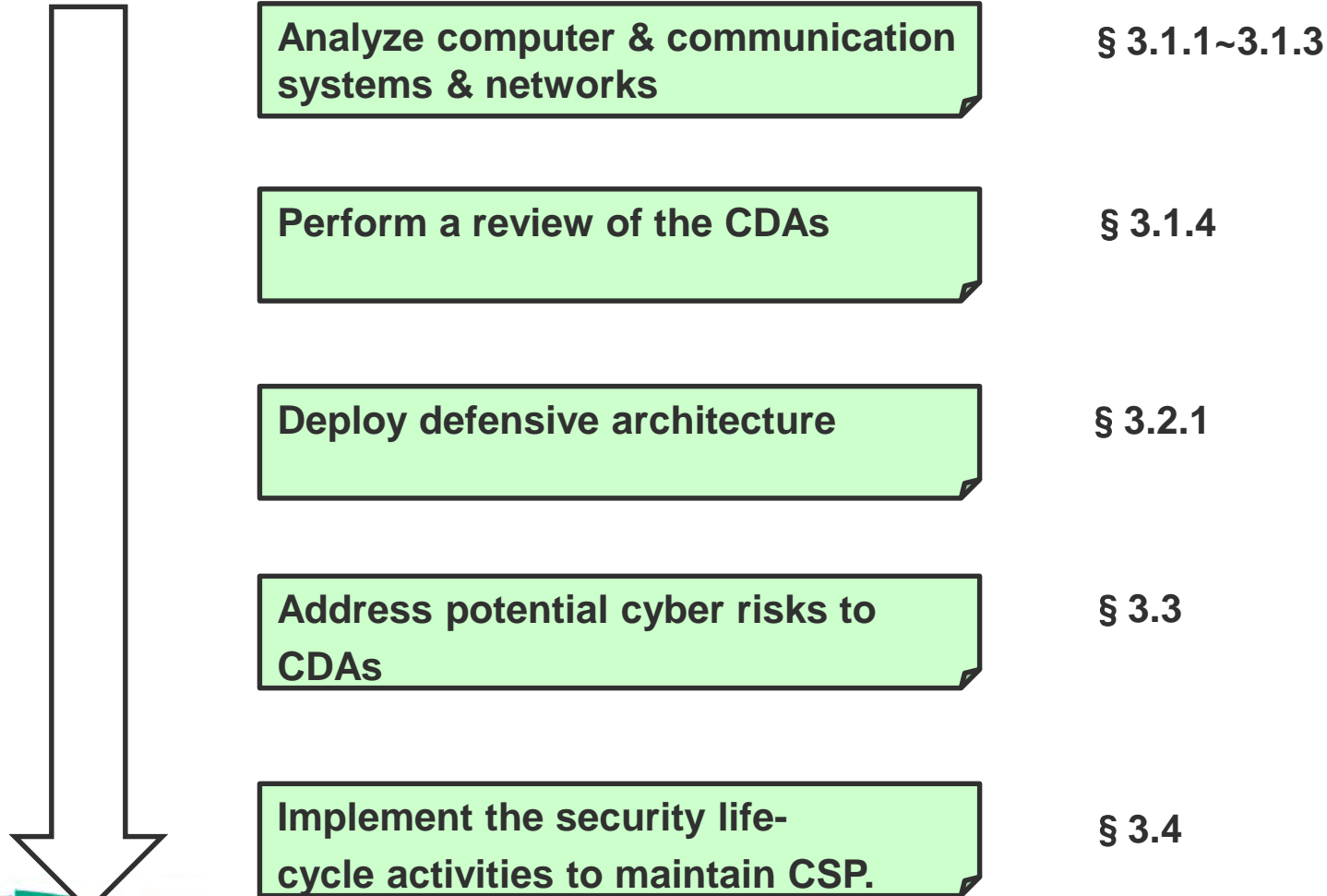
- ✓ **Cyber Security Program**
  - Establishment
  - Implementation
  - Maintenance



Security Life Cycle Process

# Regulatory Guide 5.71

## Steps to Establish and Implement a Cyber Security Program



# Regulatory Guide 5.71

- NRC categories security controls recommended by NIST SP 800 into 3 classes:
  - **Technical**  
Access Control; Audit and Accountability; System and Communication Protection;  
Identification and Authentication; System Hardening;
  - **Operational**  
Media Protection; Personnel Security; System and Information Integrity; Maintenance;  
Physical and Environmental Protection; Incident Response; Contingency Planning/Continuity of  
SSEP functions; Awareness and Training; Configuration Management;
  - **Management**  
System and Service Acquisition  
Security Assessment and Risk Management
- Appendix A: Generic cyber security plan template
- Appendix B: Technical Controls
- Appendix C: Operational and Management Controls

# Regulatory Guide 1.152

## 10 CFR Part 50 Domestic Licensing of Production and Utilization Facilities

- **10 CFR 50.55a(h): Protection and safety systems**
- GDC 21 of Appendix A: Protection system reliability and testability
- Criteria III of Appendix B: Design Control



## RG 1.152

### Criteria for Use of Computers in Safety Systems of Nuclear Power Plants

- **High Functional Reliability**
- **Design Quality**
- **A Secure Development and Operational Environment**

## Secure Development and Operational Environment (SDOE) for the Protection of Digital Safety Systems

- **Establishment of SDOE**

1). Measures and controls taken to establish a secure environment for development of the digital safety system against undocumented, unneeded and unwanted modifications.

2). Protective actions taken against a predictable set of undesirable acts (e.g., inadvertent operator actions or the undesirable behavior of connected systems) that could challenge the integrity, reliability, or functionality of a digital safety system during operation.



# HFC Cyber Security Program

## HFC Cyber Security Program

- More than 40 years operating history of HFC platform in power plant
- Lesson Learnt from USNRC Audits (Oct. 2009 and Dec. 2009)
- HFC has established, implemented and maintained a cyber security program in accordance with 10 CFR 73.54, RG 5.71 and RG 1.152

## Implementation for new FPGA-based platform design

- Identify CDA
- Identify Vulnerability
  - Design
  - Process
  - Operation and Maintenance
- Countermeasures
- Implementation



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# Cyber Security Analysis of FPGA-based Platform

FPGA-based platforms have characteristics that tend to increase the level of difficulty to be invaded

✓ Directly implement the required I&C functions:

Do not contain high-level, general-purpose components that could be easily diverted or hijacked for malicious purposes;

✓ FPGA re-programming protection measures:

Anti-fuse technology

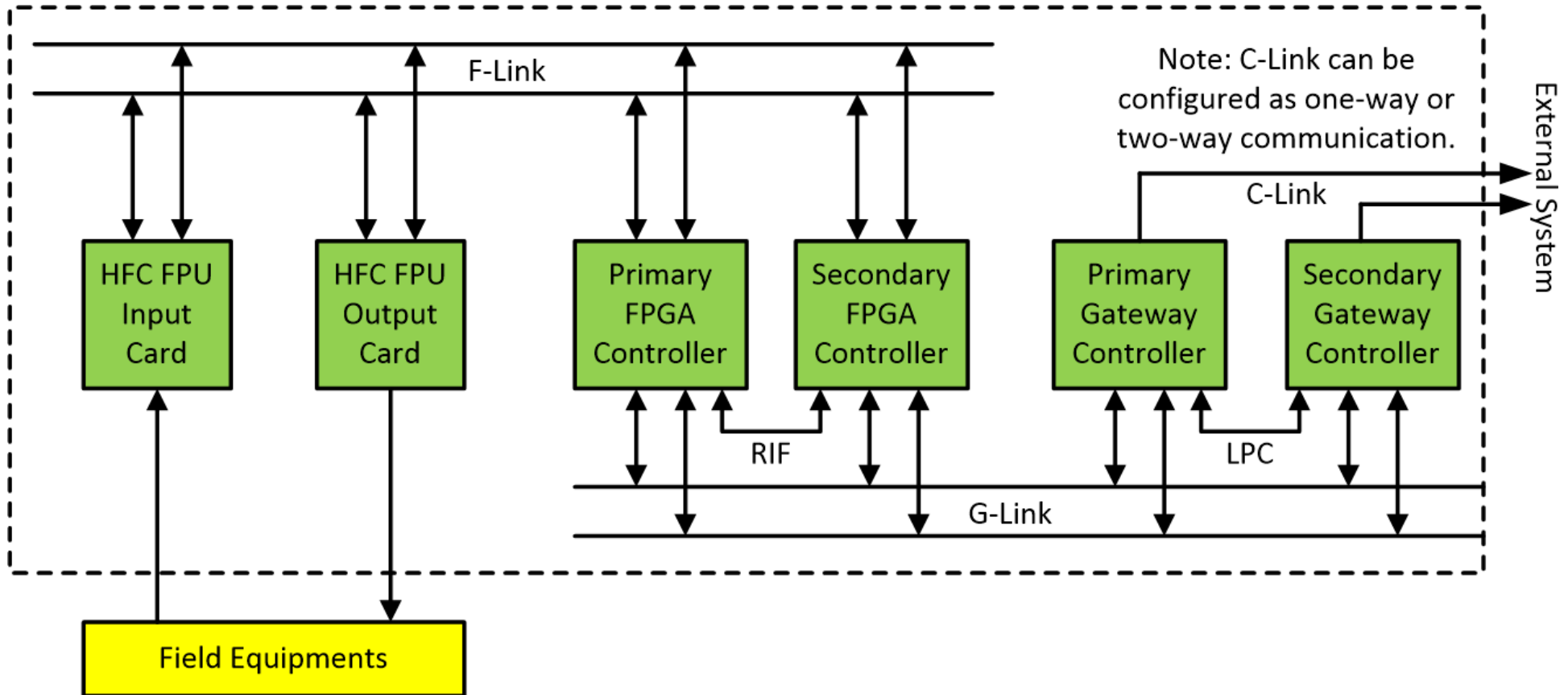
✓ No operating system and peripheral software:

Reduce overall complexity, and increase reliability

✓ Separation of independent function:

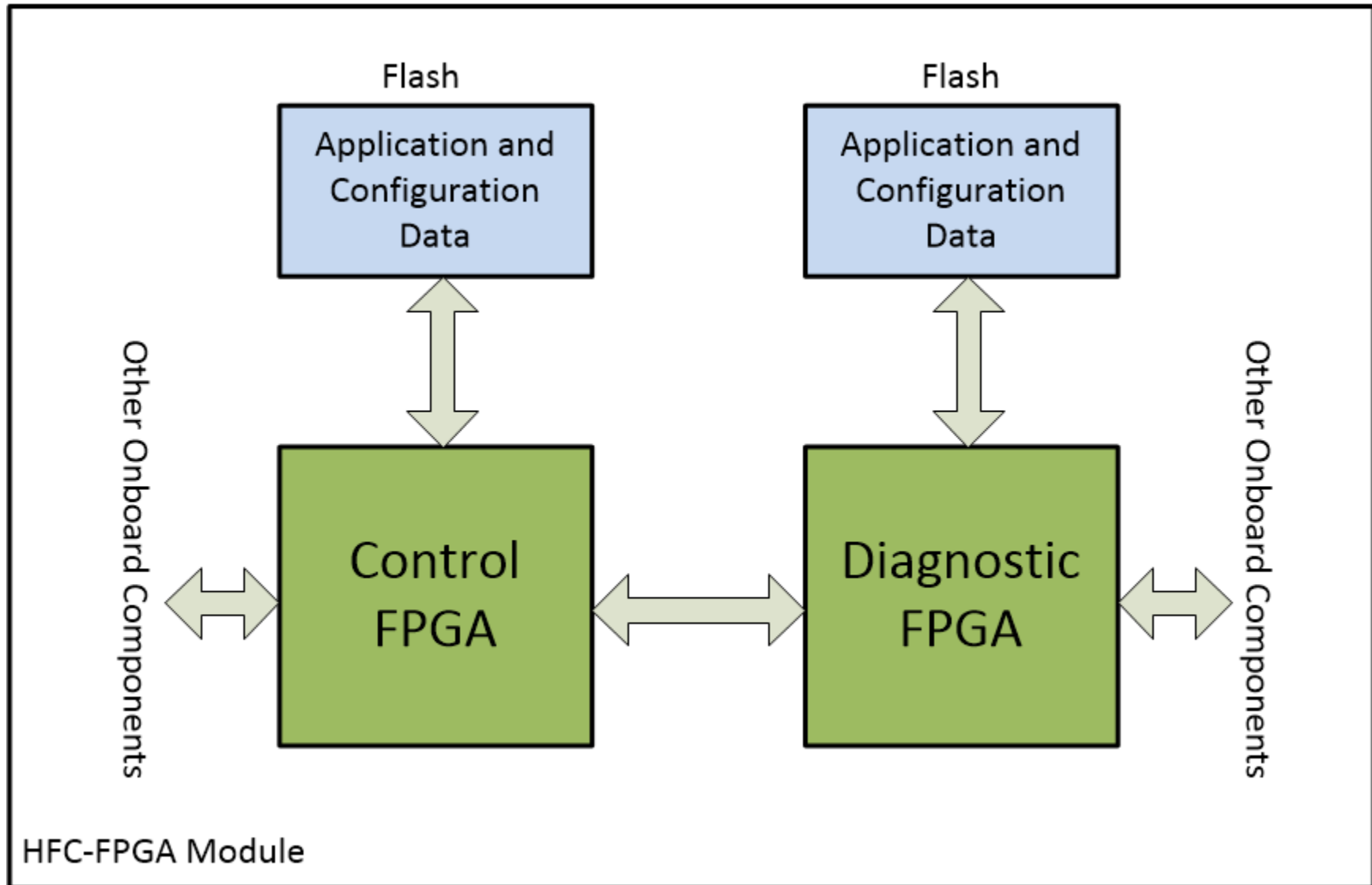
Prevent from failure postulating and separated function interfering with one another, facilitate verification, analysis, testing and ultimately, safety justification

# HFC-FPGA Application



Example of HFC-FPGA based Platform Configuration

# HFC-FPGA Application



# HFC-FPGA Application

Design	Vulnerabilities	Security Design Features
Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Structure, protocol and data format, timing and sequence of Non-proprietary network is known to public</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HFC proprietary network structure<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>–Hardcoded nodes and address</li></ul></li><li>• HFC proprietary communication protocol<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>–Predefined data package length, format</li><li>–Predefined timing and sequence</li><li>–Integrity validation by CRC check</li></ul></li><li>• Communication link isolation and independence</li><li>• Isolated with external network</li><li>• Physical and logical access controls</li></ul>
Onboard Data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Alteration to Application, configuration data, and FPGA load</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Download of FPGA build is only allowed in offline mode and security key is required</li><li>• Only part of Application (e.g. setpoint) and configuration data can be updated online</li><li>• Runtime security features<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>–Runtime checking of any change in configuration data file</li><li>–Protection of unauthorized updates of configuration data file</li></ul></li><li>• Physical and logical access controls</li></ul>

# Cyber Security of HFC-FPGA Based Platform

## HFC-FPGA Platform Development Process

Lifecycle	Critical Digital Assets	Vulnerabilities
Requirements	Requirements Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unauthorized updates to the documents</li><li>• Uncontrolled version of documents</li></ul>
Design	Design Documents Test Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unauthorized updates to the documents</li><li>• Uncontrolled versions of documents</li><li>• Unnecessary/Unaddressed/Unwanted Designs/Functions</li></ul>
Implementation	FPGA Source Code Test Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unauthorized updates to the source code</li><li>• Uncontrolled versions of source code</li><li>• Unnecessary/Unaddressed/Unwanted source code</li></ul>
Test	FPGA build Test Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Unauthorized updates to the build processing</li><li>• Unauthorized release of source code</li><li>• Unnecessary/Unaddressed executable functions</li></ul>

# Cyber Security of HFC-FPGA Based Platform

## Cyber Security Measures

### Unauthorized change to CDAs in the development lifecycle

#### -Access Control

- Physical Isolation of access Path

- Least privilege policy

- Account management

- Change control and change track

#### -Identification and Authentication

- User identification and authentication

- Password requirements

- Device identification and authentication

#### -Media Protection

- Media access

#### -Personal Security

- Personnel termination or transfer

#### -Physical and Environmental Protection

#### -System Hardening



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## Cyber Security Measures

### Uncontrolled version of CDAs

- Media Protection
- Configuration Management
- Configuration Change Control
- Awareness and Training
- Identification and Authentication

### Unnecessary/unaddressed/unwanted functions/designs

- Audit and Accountability
- Configuration Change Control
- Integrate cyber security program into the product lifecycle process

# Summary

- **HFC has established, implemented and maintained a cyber security program in accordance with the regulatory requirements and guide, and applicable industrial standards.**
- **The vulnerabilities identified in the HFC-FPGA platform design and development process were properly addressed.**

**Thank you for your attention!**