Safe & Secure Nuclear Engineering in an Uncertain World

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The World's Natural Hazards

7 Major Issues





From Olaus Magnus: Historia de gentibus septentrionalibus, 1555.







The risk from natural hazards is diverse, with the hazard-types ranging across:

- Geomorphological;
- Geological;
- Climatological;
- Ecological;
- Astronomical;
- Biological; and,
- Man-Made scenarios.

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The 1845 Hekla Eruption by Danish physician A. S. I. Haalland; National Museum of Iceland.







THE ERUPTION OF MOUNT HECLA, ICELAND - SKETCHED FROM THE SOUTH-WEST ON BOARD THE DANISH MAIL STEAMER "VALDEMAR," MARCH 24, 1878

Eruption of Mount Hekla in 1845; The Graphic, April 20th 1878, p 392.

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Eruption column from Hekla in 1947 – 127 km away at 6.59 a.m. on 29th March, about 18 minutes after eruption began. Height of column is 27,000 m. Hekla: A Notorious Volcano by Sigurdur Thorarinsson, 1970.









Photo taken in early morning on the 5th March 2017 (Canon EOS 1DS II and Sigma 300mm f4 APO lens)







Photo taken at first sun rise on the 8th March 2017 (Canon EOS 1DS II and Sigma 300mm f4 APO lens)

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Seven major issues face us now and into the future as a society, in this century, and even beyond for subsequent centuries to come – for our children's children:

- **Population Density** and its future increase relative to the planet's size;
- Economic Prosperity and the resultant personal wealth gap;
- Natural Resources diminishing without immediate alternatives;
- **Devastating Natural Hazards** with long-term periodicity;
- **Pollution and Waste** *dangers resulting from industrialization;*
- Climate Change causing sea rise, extreme storm weather events, drought; and,
- Political Will & Longer Term Strategy to mitigate and defend against future hazard-shock events.



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Now Reality

Our Man-Made Structural Fabric



New York's Structural Fabric - NYC



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New York's Structural Fabric is Adjacent to the Coastline





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NYC and all US Eastern Seaboard Cities are Vulnerable

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Parts of the System	Possible Vulnerable Parts of the System to Risk of Loss
Physical	Structural – Buildings, Infrastructure, Facilities, Networks, Supplies, Services
Natural	Resources – Water, Materials, Fuel, Minerals, Renewables, Energy
Human	Victims – Deaths, Lost, Permanent Harm, Viruses, Disease
Social	People – Community, Well Being, Solidarity, Happiness
Economic	Business – Industry, Science, Technology, Production, Jobs, Wealth
Political	Rulers – Governance, Leadership, Democracy, Law, Policy, Institutions
Security	Peace and Stability – Home, Abroad, World, War, Criminality, Terrorism



Holistic Integrity



Robustness of the man-made Structural Fabric requires high Holistic Integrity of the:

- Buildings
- Facilities
- Infrastructure
- Networks
- Services
- Supplies







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- Stored Energy for Night Periods
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Design Principles:

- To Fit with the Coping Strategy
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- Emergency Communications
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Design Options:

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- Regular Practical Exercises
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- Adequate Scale
- Adequate Capability
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- Intuitive Design and Use
- Intuitive Direction
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- No Common Cause Failures
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- Failure Zone Separation
- Debris Zone Free

Holistic Integrity

Resilience &

Sustainability

Stability

Strength



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Holistic Integrity

- Awareness
- Forewarning
- Preparedness
- Robustness
- Response
- Recovery
- Resources
- Coping
- Adaptability
- Surveillance

Resilience &

Sustainability

Holistic Integrity: Engineering Design

- Engineering Design Objectives
- Engineering Design Principles
- Engineering Design Options
- Flexible and Adaptable
- What If? Stress-Testing
- "360" Holistic Awareness
- Whole Systems Thinking Mind-set
- Merging Disciplines as System
- Socio-Technical Systems (Society)
- Use Established Risk Analysis
- Ensure Coping Capability
- Before, During and After Events
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Showing we can Cope with Hazard-Shock Events





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HIT Test Criteria	SSER Before Shock	SSER During Shock Pro Ho Vo To So Fo	SSER After Shock	Complete Temporal Shock History
Awareness	↓			
Preparedness	_··· _ 🔶 - ·		· — · · →	
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Recovery				
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Nuclear Power

Energy Supply to the Structural Fabric



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Nuclear Power?

- Can be and is a reliable energy supply;
- Carbon-free power supply;
- Practiced, experienced people and knowledge;
- Potential long period of use;
- Engineering well established;
- But





Further development is needed for future Nuclear Power to be accepted:

- Reduced Capital and Operating Cost;
- Shorter Time for Build and Construction;
- Modular Design and Engineering;
- Simpler Design and Safety;
- Much Better Hazard Withstand; and
- Holistic Integrity & Coping Capability.



Accident Risk to Nuclear Power Plants specifically concentrates on:

- Protecting against Engineering Failure;
- Protecting against Human Error;
- Withstanding Earthquake;
- Withstanding Flood and Tsunami;
- Withstanding Storm Winds;
- Withstanding Aircraft Crash;
- Secure and Safe against Terrorism.



Considerations for Future Generation IV Nuclear Power Plants

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Seismically Isolated Raft

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Thank You

