

# ICELAND CAT FUND



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# Development of the Icelandic Cat Fund

- Formed by Act of Parliament after the 1973 Vestman Iceland incident to cover all catastrophe perils except Windstorm
- First purchased reinsurance in 1976 from London Market and is one of Guy Carpenter's oldest clients
- Reinsurance strategy is to buy high level reinsurance
- Only one ever reinsurance claim in 2008.



## Profit and loss to reinsures since 2000

- **Premium ISK 3,360,000,000**

(USD 28,573,858)

- **Claim ISK 3,081,000,000**

(USD 26,201,207)

- **Overall reinsurer profit ISK 279,000,000**

(USD 2,372,650)

# Deductibles from 2000 to 2011

## Deductible 2011

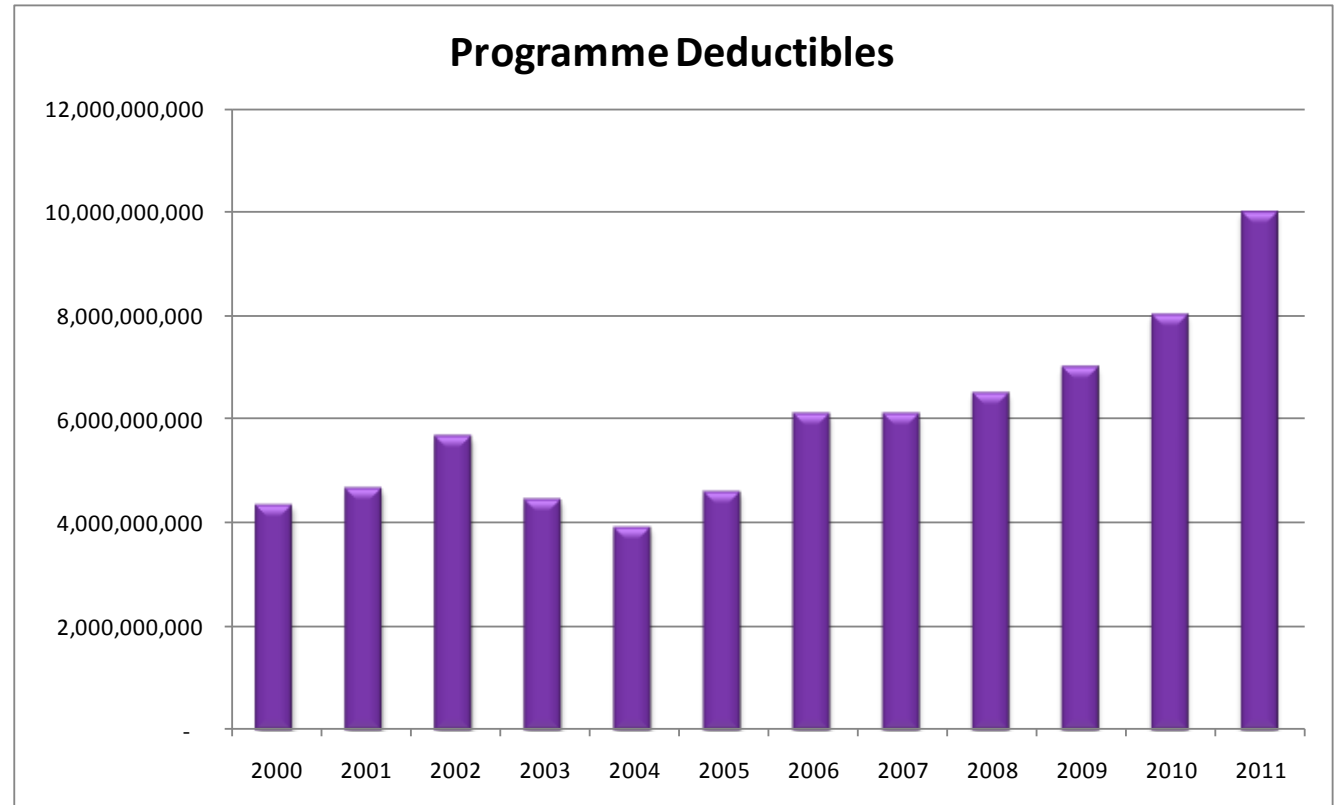
10,000,000,000

(USD 86.775.000)

## Deductible 2008

6.500.000.000

(USD 56.400.000)



# Important Changes to the Icelandic Catastrophe Fund

- Formalizing and documenting external and internal procedures
- Committee was appointed by The Prime Minister's office (PMO)
  - To evaluate all departments and agencies that can possibly be affected by natural hazards in Iceland
  - Includes Guy Carpenter
  - Has already resulted in a more professional and coordinated response to natural hazards.
- Committee to revise the legislation for the CAT fund
  - Appointed by the Minister of Economic Affairs
  - Charged with rewriting the Icelandic catastrophe laws to improve efficiency and understanding of the coverage provided

## Important Improvements of the Act

- Specific catastrophe footprint will be introduced
  - To be determined by independent scientific advisors
  - Outside this area the onus for proving the validity of the claim will be on the claimant
- Deadline for presenting claim reduced
- Claims payment must be used to repair the building

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On March 20th, 2010, an eruption of the Eyjafjallajökull volcano began in Fimmvörðuháls following months of small earthquakes under the Eyjafjallajökull glacier.



In April 2010 this was followed by a larger eruption on Eyjafjallajökull itself, and there are fears that this will trigger a much bigger eruption of nearby Katla.

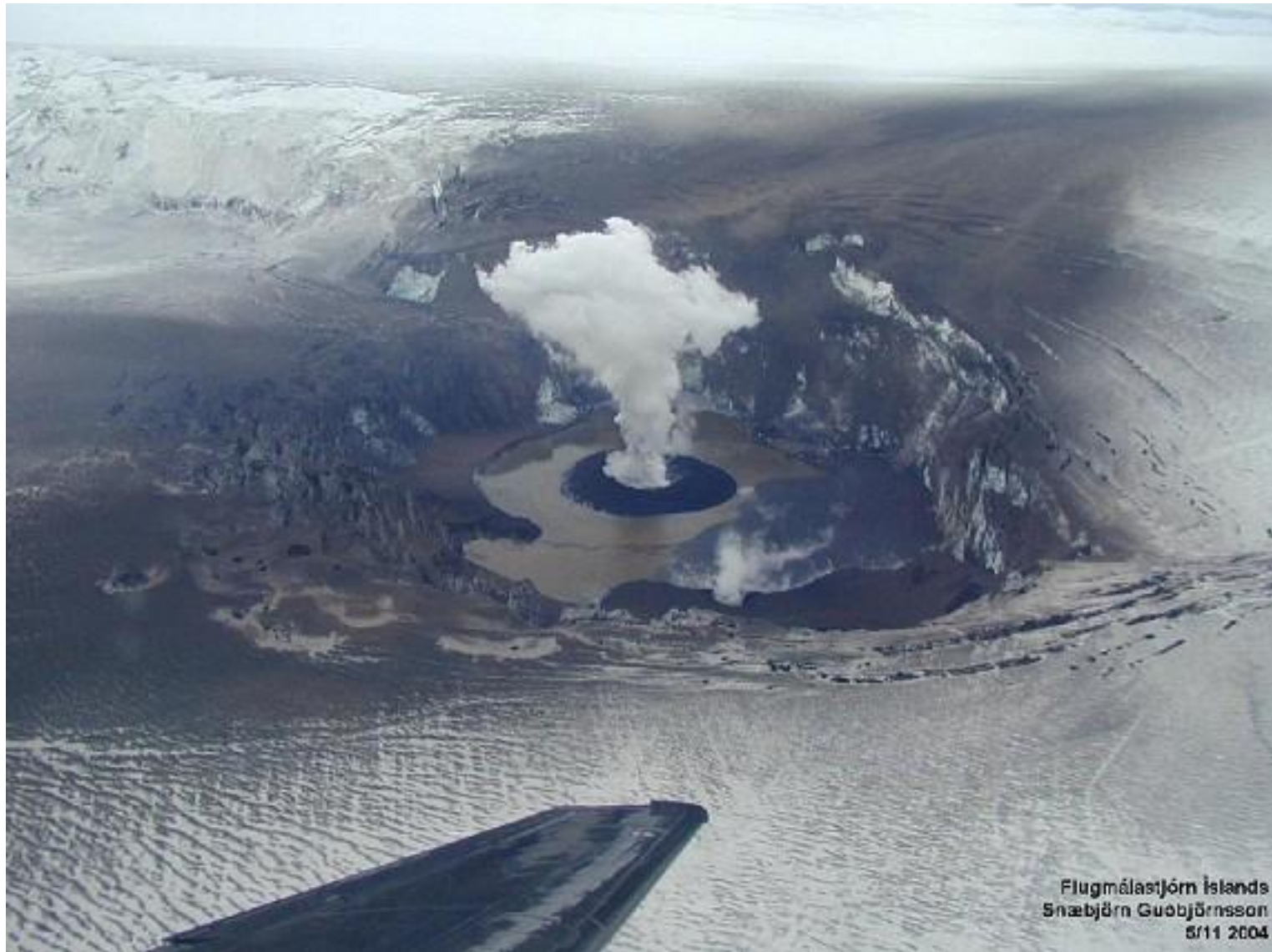
# Grímsvötn, 1983, 1996, 2004 and 2011



Grímsvötn, 1996 it closed Road 1 in Iceland for few days with rocks and ice - no ash at this time



## Grímsvötn 2004, small eruptions – no ash and no floods



Grímsvötn, 2011, no floods but a lot of ash in south east of Iceland



Losses from these volcanic eruptions in the years 2010 and 2011

Eyjafjallajökull total loss less than 6 m US \$

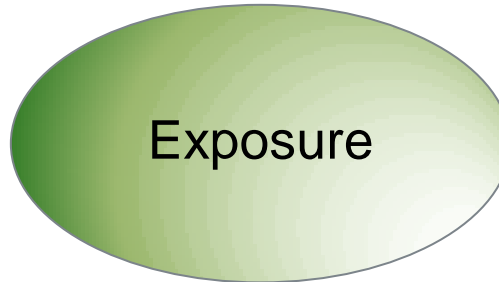
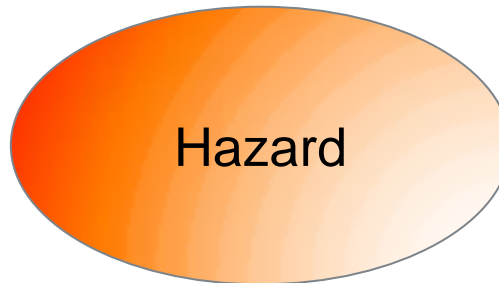
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Total loss in each event less than 7% of the ICF's deductibles

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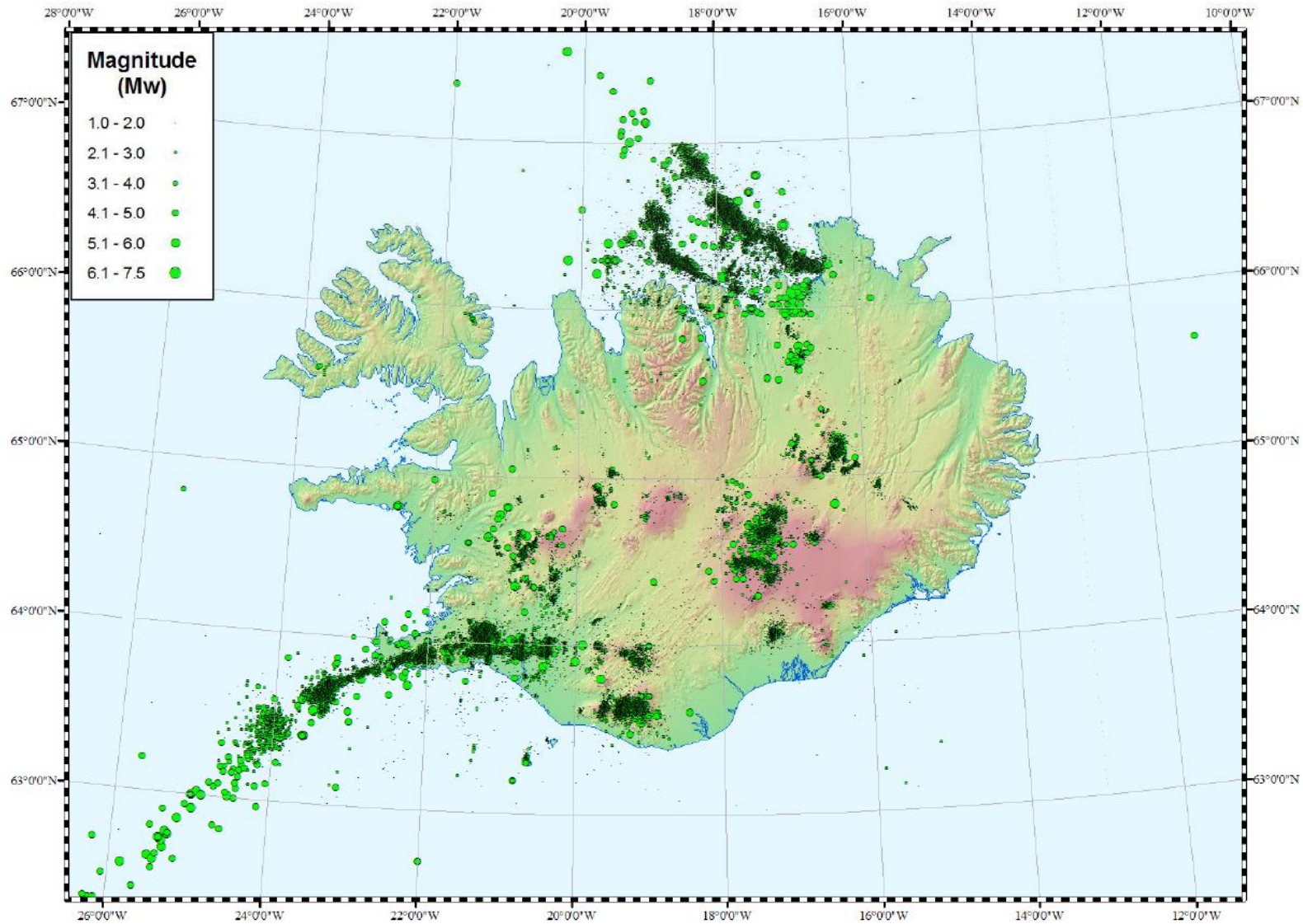
# Catastrophe Response Modules and project participants



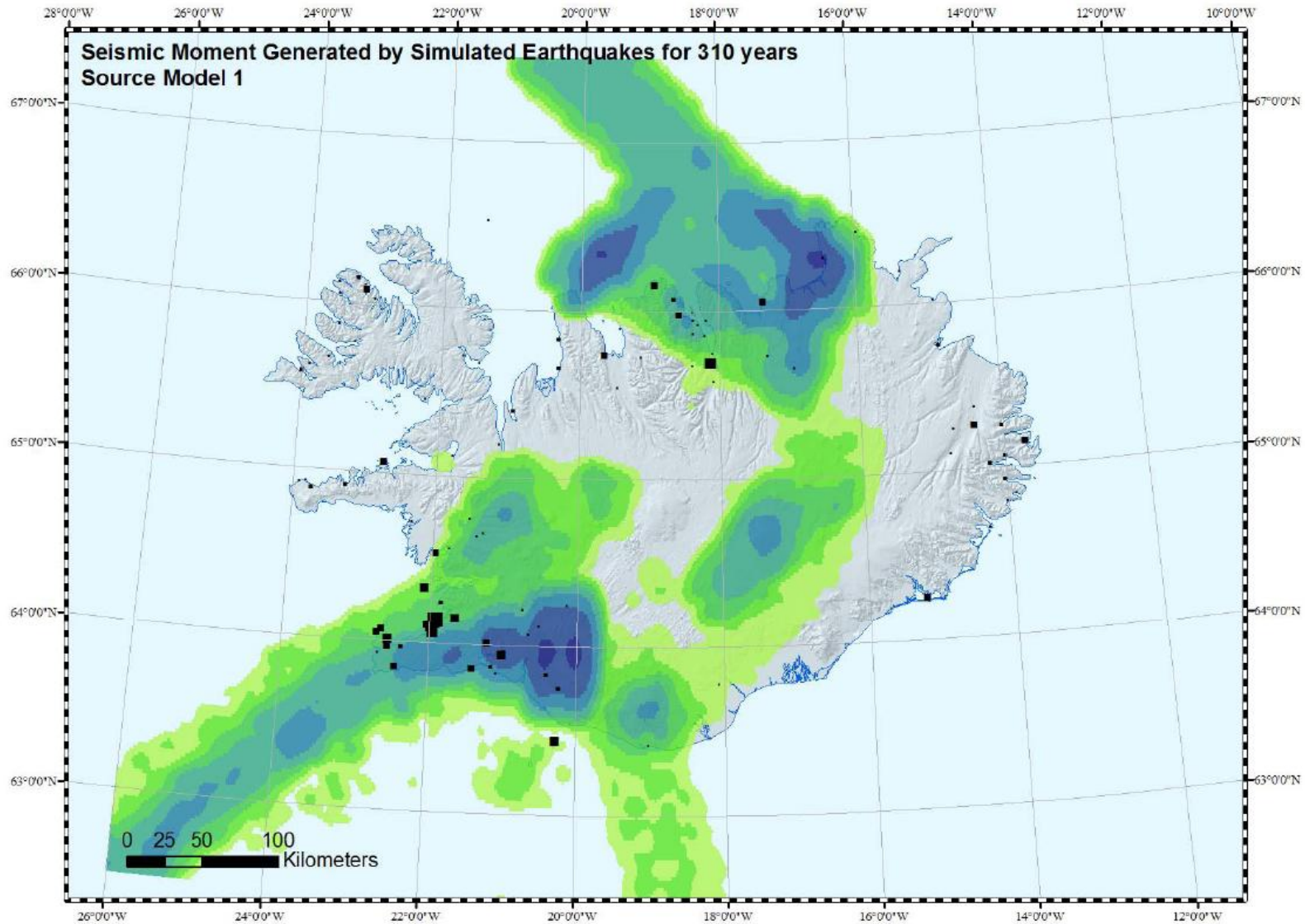
 GUY CARPENTER

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Mohammad Zolfaghari

# Historic Earthquake Record (Hazard)



# Computer Simulated Earthquake Hazard



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# EXPOSURE

## Property registry database

- High quality exposure information about all insured buildings
- Nominated by *IAAO in 2011* (*The International Association of Assessing Officers*)
- 250,000 building items in Iceland
- GPS coordinates
- Insurance/replacement value
- Type of use
- Construction year
- No. floors and m<sup>2</sup>
- Material

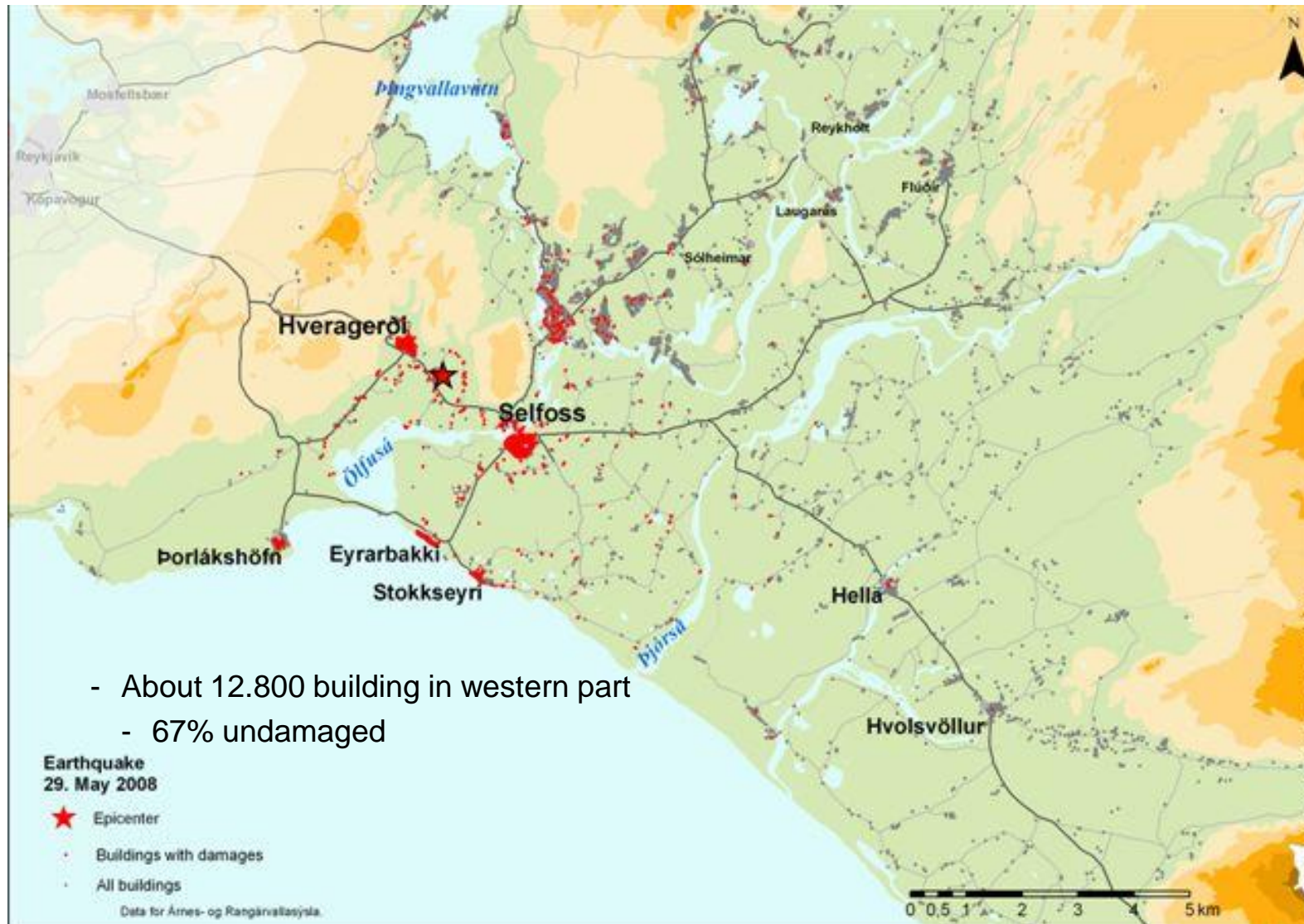


# Iceland Portfolio

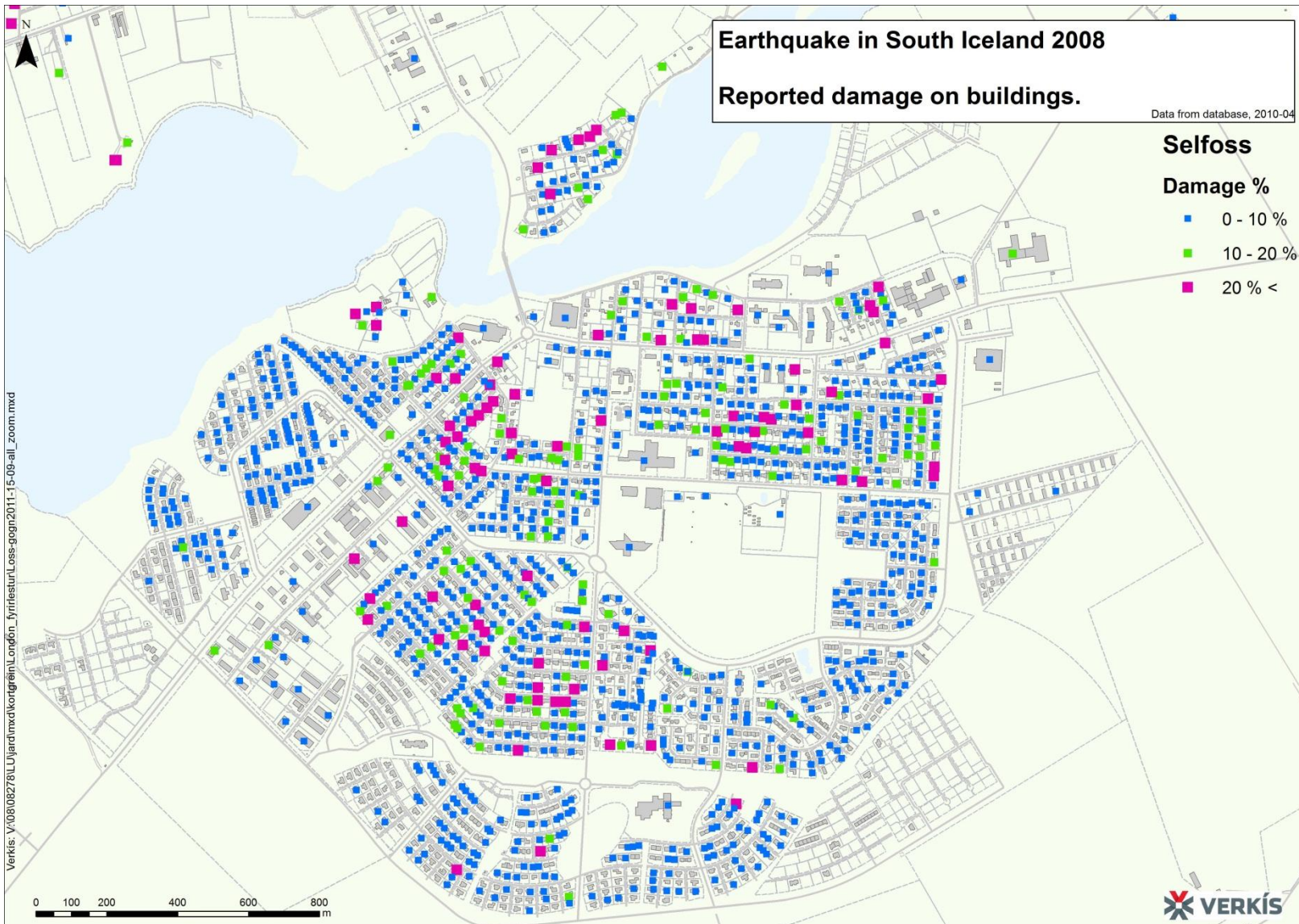


# Earthquake 2008

## Damage overview



# Earthquake 2008 Damage overview





# EXPOSURE

## Building classification

- All buildings in the Property Registry database are classified
- 19 classes with regard to earthquake vulnerability

No	TYPE OF USE	MATERIAL	AGE
1	Residential	Concrete	<1980
2			1980-2000
3			2001-2008
4		Timber	<1973
5			1973-1998
6			1999-2008
7		Pumice	All
8		Appartment houses >2 storeys Concrete	<1960
9			1960-1980
10			1981-2008
11	Summer houses	Timber	All
12	Garages	Pumice	All
13		Concrete - Timber	All
14	Farm buildings	Concrete – Timber - Steel	<1970
15			1970-2008
16	Industrial buildings	concrete	All
17		Timber/Steel	All
18	Service buildings	concrete	All
19		Timber - Steel	All



# DAMAGE AND LOSS Database

- All damaged buildings surveyed by trained engineers
- Damage/loss assessment recorded in a comprehensive data base
- No liquefaction or landslide



## Structural

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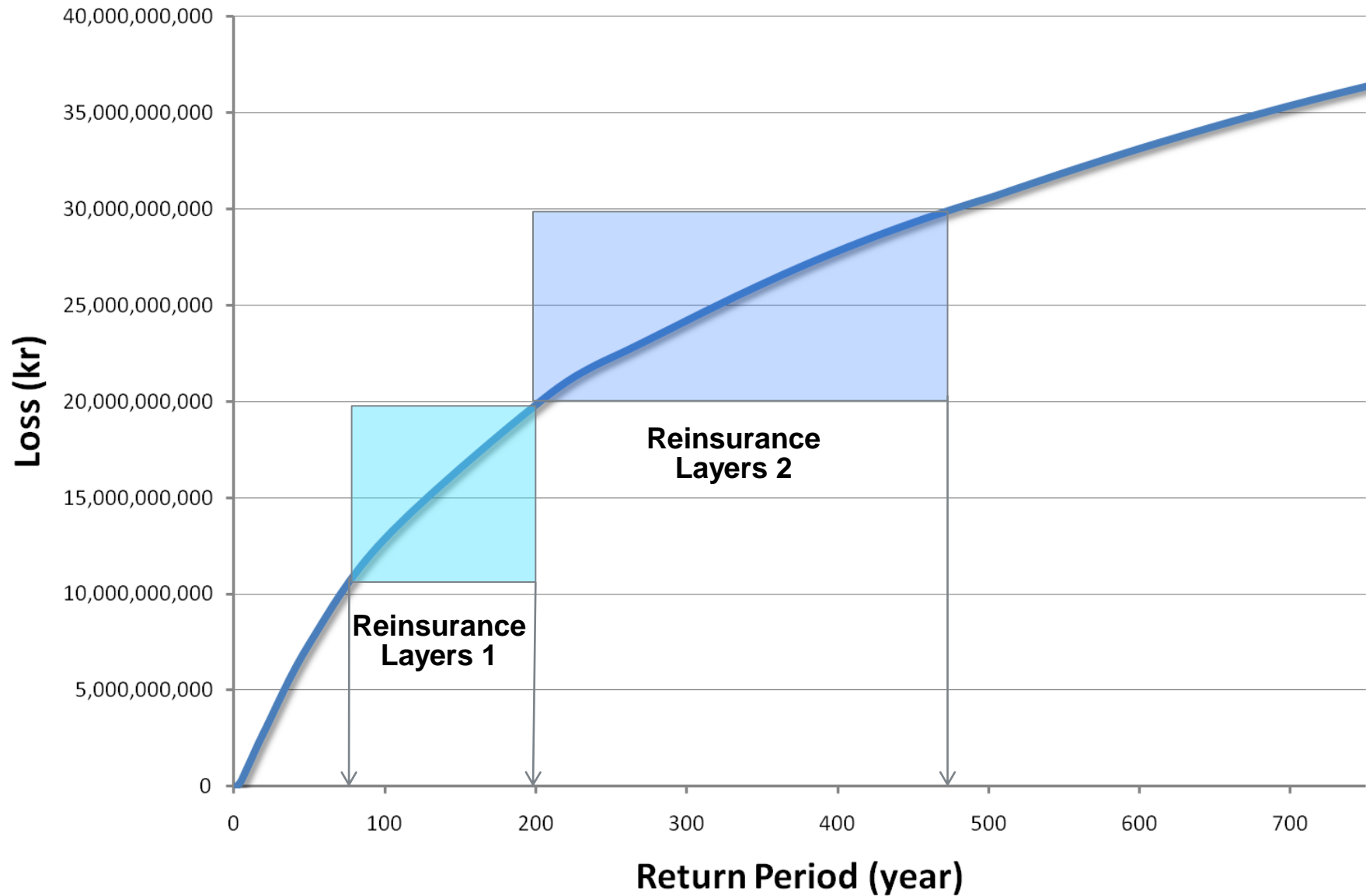
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# Analytical Outputs

e.g. Loss curves



# Modelling Conclusions

- Bespoke full probabilistic model
- Hazard module using state-of-the-art techniques
- Includes full integration of local scientific knowledge, peer reviewed by University of Iceland
- Detailed vulnerability functions based on recent experience and local engineering understanding and expertise.
- Fully geocoded and classified portfolio. 1 to 1 match of risks to vulnerability functions
- 100% of the market portfolio. No need for disaggregation or estimation.

## Modelling Conclusions

- The greatest benefit for the Icelandic Cat Fund is that now we have a unique model which gives us true information, based on previous events, hopefully resulting in more reasonable premium on the cover for our highest risk factor, earthquakes.
- This does as well give us the opportunity to inform our reinsurance companies about expected total cost in a earthquake event immediately.

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