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A Flat World is an exciting but dangerous world...



Accidents in remote plants can have large consequences for a supply chain...



Natural Disasters can disrupt business around the globe...



Terrorism has a wider reach than ever before...



A basic principle from Factory Physics is central to security engineering

Buffering Principle: Systems with variability must be buffered by some combination of:

1. inventory

2. capacity

3. time.



Buffer Flexibility Corollary: Flexibility reduces the amount of variability buffering required in a production system.

Strategies for dealing with risks depend on likelihood and severity of event



Redundancy in a supply chain can be either inventory or capacity



Flexible buffers are more effective than rigid ones



Supply chain disruptions can have both tactical and strategic consequences



Impact of a supply chain disruption on sales revenue



Impact of maintaining an inventory buffer



Time

Impact of securing a backup capacity supply



Time

Contingency Planning is one way to prepare for risky events



We can use network theory to measure structural flexibility in organizations



Globalization, connectivity and complexity are posing serious new security threats

Factory Physics and Network Science are useful tools in the emerging field of Security Engineering



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