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RISK IS CHAOS A history of risk and future innovation







#### We're all gonna die?

#### **California Inferno**

Wildfires have burned more state acres in 2020 than any other year on record

Acres burned



Source: CalFire

Note: Figure for 2020 is through Sept. 8. Figures for 2019 and 2020 exclude some fires in small jurisdictions.



Bloomberg

Probability works beautifully with set number of outcomes....



Total number of microstates: 36

#### But what about in chaos?





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## A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS?



unstructured

was created in

the past 2 yrs

The most important data for underwriting **is unreadable** by computers (satellite images, weather maps, etc.)

Every image, video, document, or file is a soup of data points.

All of this unstructured data could lead

# THE DATA

# 1.2 terabytes of local data

3 petabytes of total available data

1.88 million wildfires in the U.S. - National Fire Program Analysis System All us Weather data since 1980 - Arcgis 26,000 weather stations with daily data feed - Arcgis U.S. Landsat 4-8 Analysis Ready Data (ARD) Level-2 Tiles (Albers projection) ASTER Global Emissivity Dataset 100-meter V003 - AG100 6 ASTER Global Emissivity Dataset 1-kilometer V003 - AG1KM Global Food Security-support Analysis Data (GFSAD) Cropland Extent 2010 North America 30 m V001 8 Global Land Cover Characterization: 1992-1993 Global Multi-Resolution Terrain Elevation Data Global Topographic 30 Arc-Second Digital Elevation Model: Released 1996 Landsat 7 Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus Collection 1 Level-1 Landsat 7 Collection 1 Level-2 Scene Products (Surface Reflectance) MODIS/Terra and Aqua MAIAC Land Surface BRF Daily L2G Global 500 m and 1 km SIN Grid Version 6 MODIS/Terra and Aqua MAIAC Land Aerosol Optical Depth Daily L2G1 km SIN Grid Version 6 MODIS/Terra and Agua MAIAC BRDF Model Parameters 8-Day L31 km SIN Grid Version 6 16. MCD43A1: MODIS/Terra and Aqua BRDF/Albedo Model Parameters Daily L3 Global 500 m SIN Grid Version 6 MCD43A2: MODIS/Terra and Aqua BRDF/Albedo Quality Daily L3 Global 500 m SIN Grid Version 6 MCD43A3: MODIS/Terra and Aqua Albedo Daily L3 Global 500 m SIN Grid Version 6 18 19. MCD43A4: MODIS/Terra and Aqua Nadir BRDF-Adjusted Reflectance Daily L3 Global 500 m SIN Grid Version 6 20. MODIS/TERRA MOD09A1 Surface Reflectance 8-Day L3 Global 500m Version 6 MODIS/TERRA MOD09GA Surface Reflectance Daily L2G Global 1km and 500m Version 6 22. MODIS/TERRA MOD09GO Surface Reflectance Daily L2G Global 250m Version 6 MODIS/TERRA MOD0901 Surface Reflectance 8-Day L3 Global 250m Version 6 24. MODIS/COMBINED MOD11A1 Land Surface Temperature and Emissivity Daily L3 Global 1 km Grid SIN Version 6 25. MODIS/TERRA MOD11A2 Land Surface Temperature & Emissivity 8-Day L3 Global 1km Version 6 26. MODIS/TERRA MODIIBI Land Surface Temperature and Emissivity Daily L3 Global 5 km Grid SIN Version 6 MODIS/TERRA MODIIB2 Land Surface Temperature and Emissivity Daily L3 Global 5 km Grid SIN Version 6 28. MODIS/TERRA MODI1 L2 Land Surface Temperature and Emissivity 5-Minute L2 Swath 1 km Version 6 29. MODIS/TERRA MOD13A1 Vegetation Indices 16-Day L3 Global 500m Version 6 MODIS/TERRA MODI3A2 Vegetation Indices 16-Day L3 Global 1km Version 6 MODIS/TERRA MODI3OI Vegetation Indices 16-Day L3 Global 250m Version 6 32. MODIS/TERRA MODIAAI Thermal Anomalies & Fire Daily L3 Global 1km Version 6 33. MODIS/TERRA MOD14A2 Thermal Anomalies & Fire 8-Day L3 Global 1km Version 6 34. MODIS/TERRA MOD14 Thermal Anomalies & Fire 5-Min L2 Swath 1km Version 6 35. MODIS/TERRA MODI5A2H Leaf Area Index - Fraction of Photosynthetically Active Radiation 8-Day L4 Global 500 m Version 6 36. MODIS/Terra Net Evapotranspiration 8-Day L4 Global 500 m SIN Grid Version 6 MODIS/TERRA MODI7A2H Gross Primary Productivity 8-Day L4 Global 500m SIN Grid Version 6 38. MODOCGA: MODIS/Terra Ocean Reflectance Daily L2G-Lite Global 1 km SIN Grid Version 6 39. U.S. Landsat 4-8 Burned Area (BA) Landsat Science Product Tiles (Albers projection) 40. U.S. Landsat 4-8 Dynamic Surface Water Extent (DSWE) Landsat Science Product Tiles (Albers projection) Shuttle Radar Topography Mission 1 Arc and 3 Arc Second Digital Terrain Elevation Data 42. Shuttle Radar Topography Mission 1 Arc and 3 Arc Second Digital Terrain Elevation Data - Void Filled 43 Shuttle Radar Topography Mission 1 Arc-Second Digital Terrain Elevation Data - Global 44. NASA Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM3) Global 1 arc-second 45 NASA Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM3) Global 3 arc-second 46. NASA Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM3) Global 30 arc-second 47 NASA Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM3) Global 3 arc-second sub-sampled

# THE ISSUE

#### Climate change has altered the fundamentals of insurance risk.

Using historical data that no longer pertains to the current paradigm is insufficient in pricing risk

Risk assessment must therefore **shift from historical-static, to real time-fundamental based**.



- Historical Based Pricing (backwards looking)
- Static/Non-Dynamic
- Low level resolution (zip code)
- Stochasticly driven
- Local Server Based
- Opaque/incorrect data



#### **FUTURE -**Fundamental Based

- Real time pricing based on current fundamentals
- Dynamic and always changing
- Improved Transparency
- High level resolution
- Deterministic/multivariate
- Cloud Based
- Real Time Updated
- Instant alerts

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Complexity Theory

#### SELF ORGANIZING CRITICALITY IN A FAT TAILED WORLD

# TH<u>E</u> SCIENCE

#### RISK REIMAGINED

The **Genesis Model** splits CA up into 320,280 separate .5 square mile grids.



The **Contagion Model** uses genesis points, or current fires, and predicts their spread/path using variables such as wind direction/speed, elevation, brush patterns, etc



## Our Moat

## Asynchronous Data (satellite imagery)

+

Swarm Neural Networks (derived from robotics)

22%+ Higher Precision /Recall



We divide CA into **320,000 micro grids** each 0.5 square miles

#### Get 320m satellite images

in unstructured data



**Translate** into computer readable format through CV

**Run a swarm of 115,456** separate neural network nodes





This equates to **42.3mm** simulations and gives us...

# 84.7% Precision/recall

Compared to 62% industry standard

### Overview of the Kettle modeling pipeline



#### Main Models

- 1. Swarm ignition model v3 (prod)
- 2. Rothermel adapted model v1 (prod)
- 3. UNet spread model
- 4. Residual-convolutional spread model
- 5. YL ignition model (prod)
- 6. Home total loss prediction CNN (prod)
- 7. Convolutional neural network model for vegetation and building classification (prod)
- 8. XGBoost loss estimation model (prod)
- 9. Mixture Density Network loss estimation model (prod)
- 10. Wildfire number prediction model (prod)
- 11. Ecozone-level wildfire number prediction model
- 12. Lightning frequency prediction model
- 13. Exchange-traded Instrument Hedging Model
- 14. Multi-Factor Risk Model (prod)
- 15. Buffered Premium Pricing Model (prod)
- 16. Geographic Separation Premium Discount Model (prod)
- 17. Dutch Auction Dynamic Pricing Model (prod)
- 18. Demand-driven Surging Dynamic Pricing Model (prod)
- 19. Composite Dynamic Pricing Model (prod)

#### Validation Models

- 20. Information Coefficient Analysis Model (prod)
- 21. Quintile Portfolio Backtesting Model (prod)
- 22. Event Studies Analysis Model (prod)
- 23. Data Validation Model
- 24. Natural Distribution Model
- 25. Unit Testing Model
- 26. Advanced Logging Model
- 27. ML Metrics Model
- 28. Sensitivity Analysis Model
- 29. Uncertainty Analysis Model
- 30. Model Selection Validation Model
- 31. Model Assumptions Testing Model
- 32. Usability Testing Model
- 33. Maintainability Testing Model
- 34. Statistical Metrics Model

## CONVOLUTIONAL-LSTM FIRE SPREAD MODEL

Fire dynamics learned from fire behavior models, then fine tuned with real observations

- Consider both dynamic and static environmental constraints
- Implicitly incorporate human impacts

Other advantages

- Much faster computing speed with improved modeling performance
- Easy implementation within the current modeling pipeline for large-ensemble fire risk assessment



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60



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# We Use Deep Learning To Price Our Reinsurance Products with High Resolution



# APPENDIX

# CAT STRIP

THE PROCESS

Instead of pricing large areas using inaccurate historical data Use real-time, hyper accurate Swarm NN to produce precision priced products

Create hyper specific returns and match them to markets with appetite





# 3 Tredecillion $(3x10^{42})$

CALCULATIONS PER RUN

529bn

SIMULATIONS



114m

NEURAL NETWORK NODES

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### WHAT KETTLE DOES RISK REIMAGINED

Take the most Price it correctly uninsurable risk using Deep Learning **Give all** software/analytics back to Insurers, Policymakers, Frontline Responders, etc. for FREE

Write with our **Partner Carriers** 



Transform/securitize it into a derivative



Sell as a micro-cat bond to the capital markets



# GREAT ARTISTS STEAL



83 85 100% -



Annual Returns for the S&P 500 vs. The Medallion Fund (Net of Fees)

# WHY THE CYCLE CONTINUES

Losses fed back to retro and ils markets cause capacity to dry up squeezing reinsurers

Aggregating risk into larger **Risk is incorrectly** pools creates more mitigated by front lines due misalignment to lack of complex real time modeling Old/bad data delivered from ground level Insurer prices risk incorrectly both on **Misalignment in initial** surcharges and credits pricing hits reinsurer causing excess losses Insurer CORPORATE SOCIAL **Fire Fighters** Energy Co PROFIT PROFIT Front Line Data Kettle Reinsurer Climatologists Legislator

Developers

# THE BIRDS AND THE BEES

Nature contains the ultimate design and simplicity through evolution.<sup>28</sup>

Humans are great abstractors and higher level thinkers, but complex predictive systems pale in comparison to Swarm Intelligence.

With this incredible ocean of data now structured, we need an intelligence system which can find trillions of patterns and signals while mathematically quantifying their relationship



The traditional voting system of a neural network creates rigid relationships between variables and weights



Swarm voting works like a hive of termites. Each little decision maker adjusts in real time to find the absolute optimum connection rather than a static fixed vote. Continuously updating, and becoming more intelligent

# RISKISEVOLVING

