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Balancing Risk in a Changing Climate

We Use Deep Learning to Reshape the Reinsurance Industry

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## Andrew Engler - CEO

- VP of ML and Digital Products at Argo, built \$72M+ in new product revenue
- Head of Commercial Operations - Allstate AZ



## Nathaniel Manning - COO

- Six years CEO of Ushahidi, largest crisis response software platform.
- First Chief Data Officer, USAID



## Son Le - CTO

- Head Quant Engineer at Argo
- Built tech that resulted in \$72M+ of business
- Masters Mathematics, AI speciality Courant School NYU



## Nigel Mortimer - Chief Underwriting Officer

- President, Executive VP at Argo - 12 years
- Built Argo from \$800M to \$2B/year gross revenue
- EVP of Product at XL Catlin, a \$14B/year re/insurer

+ Additional engineering team of 2

# Our Team

Combines Technology & Reinsurance Experience

## What we have done

Built \$72M+ in new business at Argo Group using Digital + ML products



Built largest open source crisis response & mapping software platform in the world to 200,000+ deployments and 1M+ users





**\$300B**

Industry that is 630  
years old, and still  
uses approved  
rubber stamps

# Our Industry

Reinsurance is the Safety Net Below the Safety Net



Allstate insures millions of homes in CA



They can't handle a catastrophic event  
(like a wildfire), where they lose 50k+  
homes at once



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So they buy coverage from reinsurers,  
like Kettle.



**Munich RE** 



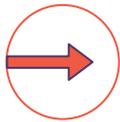
Reinsurers, like Kettle, also pass risk  
to bigger reinsurers like MunichRE, or  
Capital Markets, like pension funds.





**3x**

Increase In \$1B+  
Catastrophes Over  
Past 15 Years



**68%**

Drop in  
Reinsurance  
Return on Equity  
Over Last 10 Year

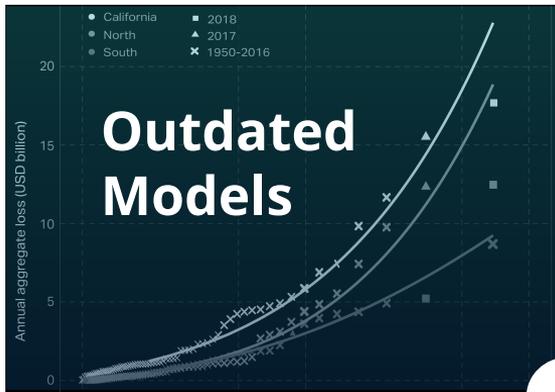
# Our Problem

Climate Change & Globalization are Changing the  
Fundamentals of Reinsurance



# Our Timing Is Perfect

Reinsurance is Going to be Remade



**\$200B+ in claims from COVID-19 & Climate Crises**

**80%+**  
Increase in price/demand for wildfire reinsurance

**Tech & Data for ML now affordable and available**

**Insurtech focused on distribution**

**30%+**  
Underinsured/uninsured

**White Space**  
Reinsurers don't have AI experience, AI experts in insurance take a SaaS approach



# The Models Are No Longer Working

Take the last 500 years,  
run 100k simulations

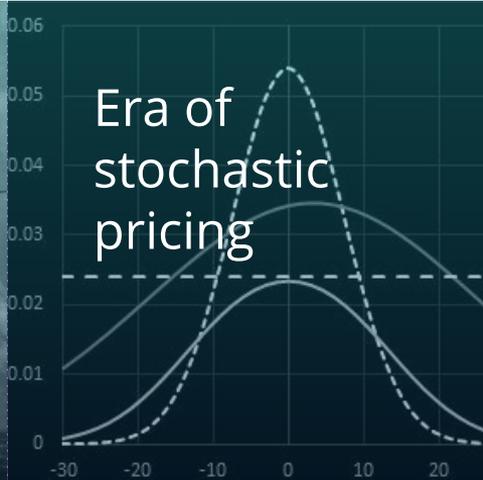


Predict the next 10 years using  
frequency of previous fires

1600-1900



1900 - 2020



2010-2020



NOW



# 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



**$3 \times 10^{42}$**

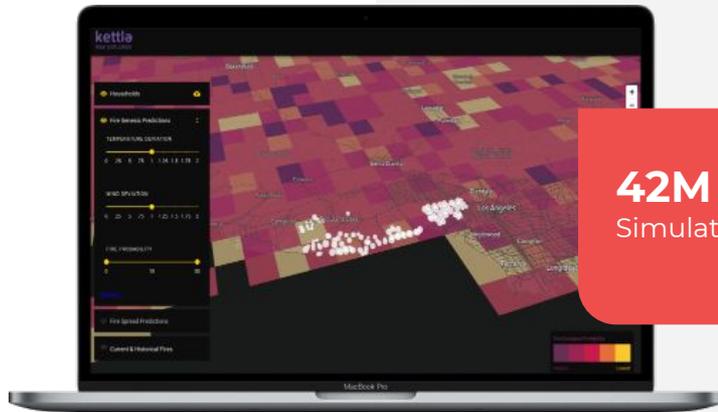
This equates to **42.3mm**  
**simulations** and gives us...

=

**84.7% Precision/recall**  
Compared to 62% industry standard



# Our Validation



Kettle RE Model  
Prices risk at 0.5 sq miles

**42M**  
Simulations

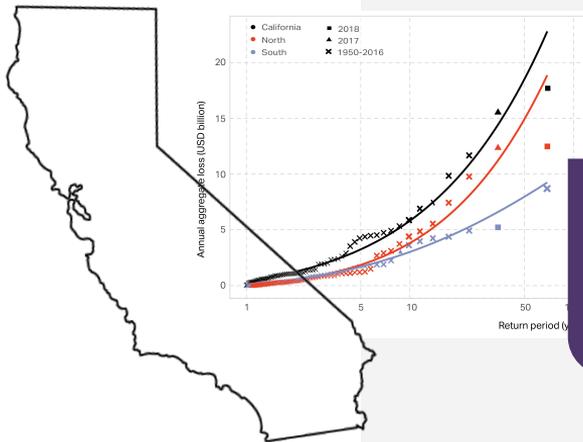


**84.7%**  
Precision/  
Recall



**7-20%**  
Return on  
Capital

Kettle Delivers  
**18% Higher**  
Returns



Standard Industry RE Model  
Prices risk at state-wide level

**100K**  
Simulations

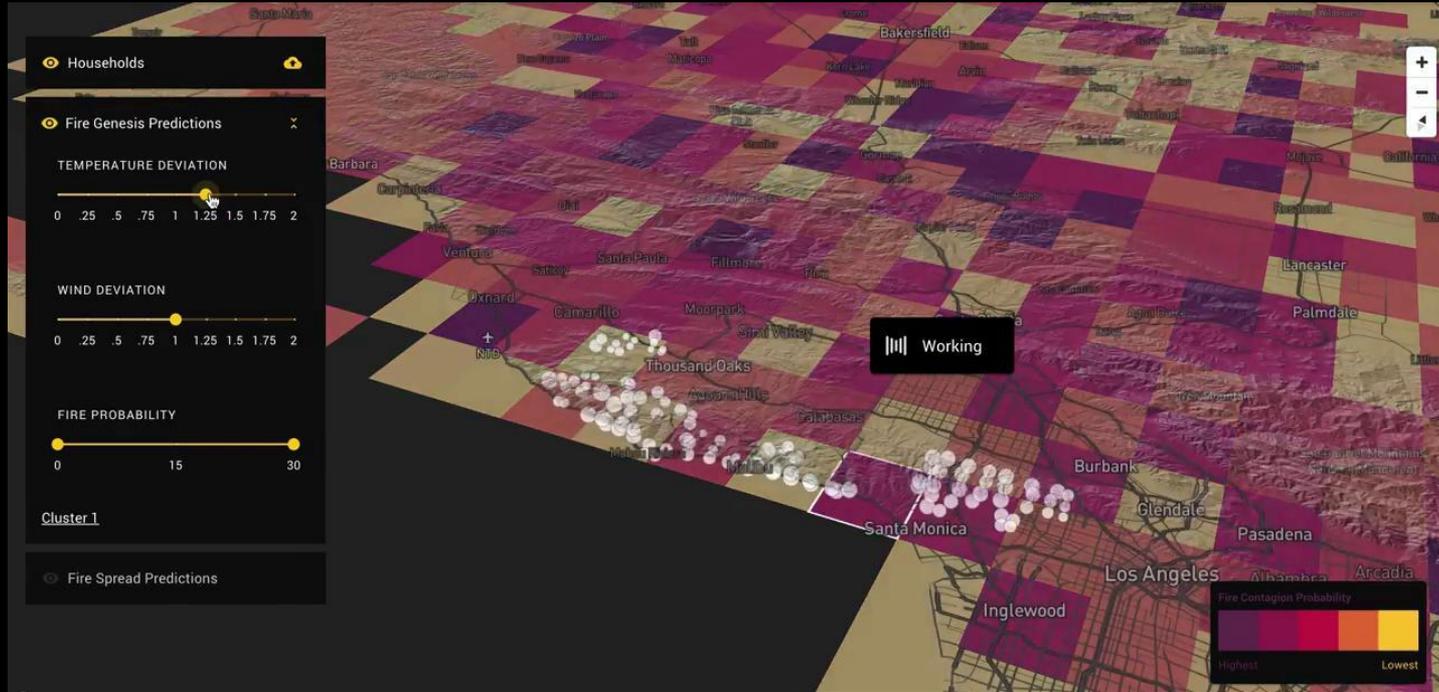


**62%**  
Precision/  
Recall



**1-2%**  
Return on  
Capital

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



1. Product is live
2. Pre-approved by Bermuda Authority for MGA or Class III Reinsurer
3. First customer, Allstate, in negotiation
4. Secured Guy Carpenter, second largest RE broker in the world

"Kettle unlocks **hundreds of millions** of dollars of premium by eliminating wildfire risk."

- Bobby Feldman,  
CEO Largest Allstate Fire  
Broker CA



## Our Business Model & First Customer

Because of Fire, Primaries Can't Write  
\$500M+ in Premium



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Primaries are **missing out on \$500mm - \$1bn in** auto/homeowners premium because they can't take fire risks

Kettle covers portfolio of homes fire risk and charges a **30% premium**, and transfers them to a reinsurer

Kettle keeps **18% net revenue**

75% - Capacity Provider

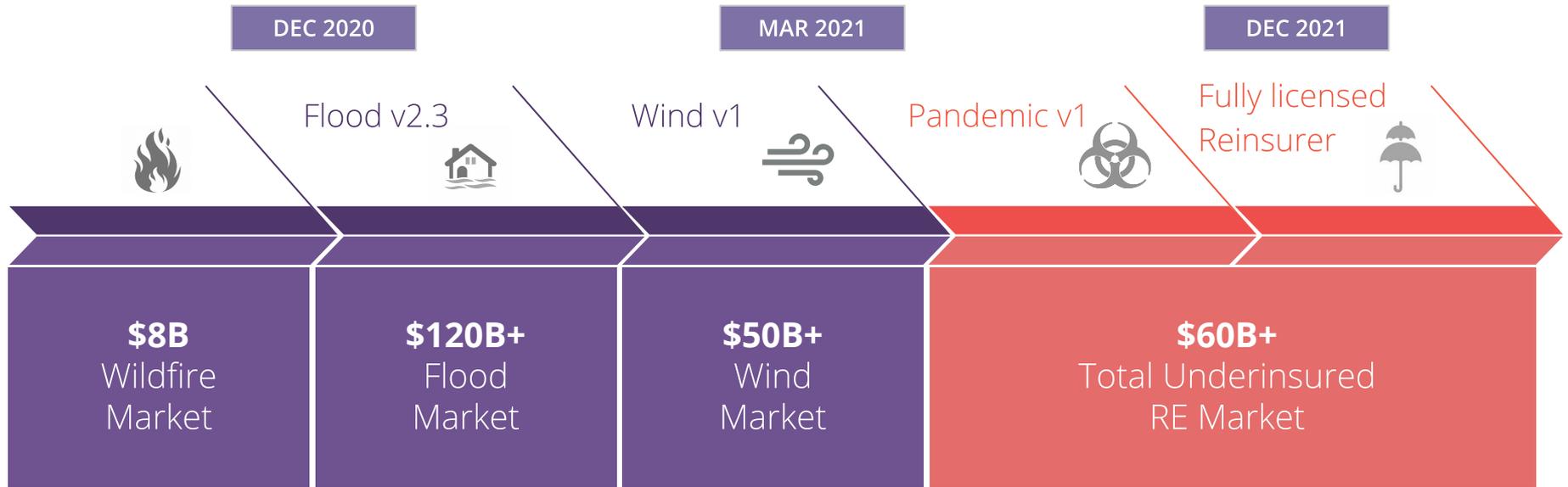
7% - Broker  
Fee (CAC)

18% - Net Revenue



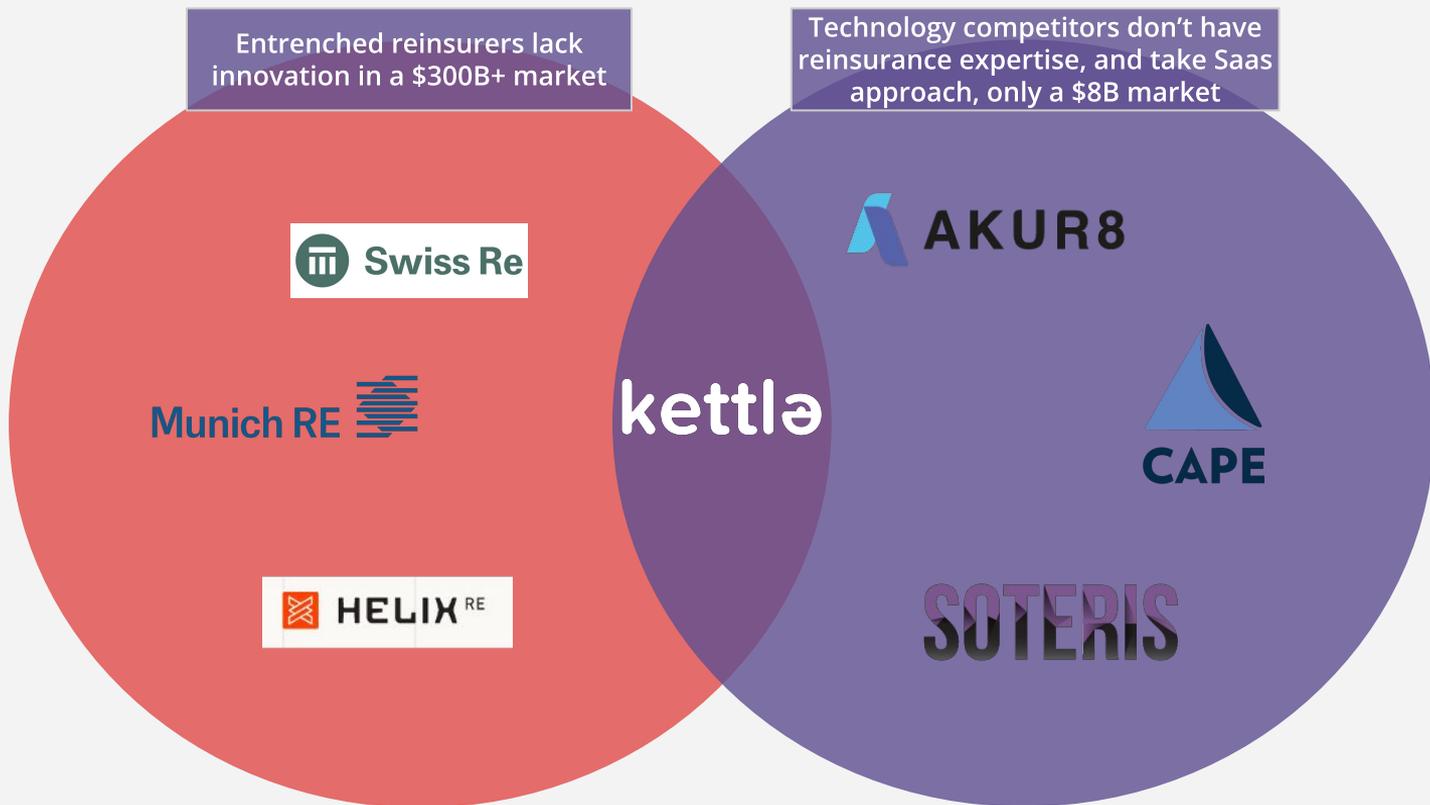
# Our \$238B+ Serviceable Market

We Will Diversify Our Risk Quickly Into Other Reinsurance Products



# An Opportunity in the Competitive Landscape

Large Market with White Space Between Tech and Reinsurance



Raising \$4.6M To Give Us an 18 month Runway  
And to hit \$1M/month in recurring revenues



# APPENDIX

# Our Go To Market

License, first customer, capacity, and broker in negotiation → Land and Expand

*RenaissanceRe*

- Bermuda license secured
- Capacity in negotiation

 GUY CARPENTER

- Our broker helps us expand
- 10 customers insure 80% of the \$9B market



**Allstate**  
You're in good hands.

- First customer in negotiation,
- 5th largest CA insurer (\$550M)
- Potential contract size of \$90M



Diversify and expand into flood, wind, and pandemic across USA

# Raising \$2.5 Million To Give Us 18 Month Runway

	Q3'20	Q4'20	Q1'21	Q2'21	Q3'21	Q4'21	Q1'22	Q2'22	TOTAL
<b>Total Contracts</b>	1	4	8	21	36	51	66	81	81
<b>GROSS PREMIUMS</b>	<b>\$20,833</b>	<b>\$187,500</b>	<b>\$395,833</b>	<b>\$1,020,833</b>	<b>\$1,937,500</b>	<b>\$2,875,000</b>	<b>\$3,812,500</b>	<b>\$4,750,000</b>	<b>\$15,000,000</b>
<b>Cost of Capacity (75%)</b>	\$1,458	\$13,125	\$27,708	\$71,458	\$135,625	\$201,250	\$266,875	\$332,500	\$1,050,000
<b>Broker fee/CAC (7%)</b>	\$17,083	\$140,625	\$296,875	\$765,625	\$1,453,125	\$2,156,250	\$2,859,375	\$3,562,500	\$11,251,458
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>\$2,292</b>	<b>\$33,750</b>	<b>\$71,250</b>	<b>\$183,750</b>	<b>\$348,750</b>	<b>\$517,500</b>	<b>\$686,250</b>	<b>\$855,000</b>	<b>\$2,698,542</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	\$263,500	\$288,500	\$439,750	\$439,750	\$469,750	\$469,750	\$469,750	\$469,750	\$3,416,500
<b>Direct Costs</b>	\$72,449	\$87,116	\$137,199	\$137,199	\$207,199	\$207,199	\$207,199	\$207,199	\$1,262,759
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$353,032</b>	<b>\$529,366</b>	<b>\$901,532</b>	<b>\$1,414,032</b>	<b>\$2,265,699</b>	<b>\$3,034,499</b>	<b>\$3,803,199</b>	<b>\$4,571,949</b>	<b>\$16,979,259</b>
<b>Profit</b>	(\$332,119)	(\$341,866)	(\$505,699)	(\$393,199)	(\$328,199)	(\$159,449)	\$9,301	\$178,051	
<b>Cash in the bank</b>	<b>\$2,167,801</b>	<b>\$1,825,935</b>	<b>\$1,320,236</b>	<b>\$927,037</b>	<b>\$598,838</b>	<b>\$439,389</b>	<b>\$489,291</b>	<b>\$626,741</b>	



# An Opportunity in the Competitive Landscape

Large Market with White Space Between Tech and Reinsurance

		The Current Reinsurance Market		Similar Tech, SaaS Biz Model		
	<b>kettle</b>	 <b>Swiss Re</b>	 <b>HELIX RE</b>	 <b>AKUR8</b>	 <b>CAPE</b>	<b>SOTERIS</b>
<b>Market Size</b>	<b>\$238B</b>	\$300B	\$75B	\$8B	\$8B	\$8B
<b>Product value</b>	<b>More accurate &amp; can hold risk</b>	Reinsure your risk	MGA - Can write and transfer risk	AI analytics as a service	AI analytics as a service	AI analytics as a service
<b>Accuracy of models</b>	<b>84.6%</b>	62%	62%	unknown	unknown	unknown
<b>Business model</b>	<b>RE/Insure and transfer risk using AI models</b>	Insure risk	Insurance provider who brokers risk	SaaS underwriting and data service	SaaS underwriting and data service	SaaS underwriting
<b>Our competitive advantage</b>		More accurate models = competitive pricing	More accurate models = competitive pricing	Larger market + we sell risk and earn % of premium vs selling SaaS	Larger market + we sell risk and earn % of premium vs selling SaaS	Larger market + we sell risk and earn % of premium vs selling SaaS

# Traction & Milestones

## PAST

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Team forms.  
Start researching  
and building

JUN  
2019

SEP  
2019

DEC  
2019

Build and test  
multiple  
products.  
Evacuation  
insurance, Fire  
model, etc..

## NOW

Finish wildfire  
model.



MAR  
2020

Launch  
Wildfire  
product

JUN  
2020

MGA paper  
finalized

SEP  
2020

\$100M  
in capacity  
secured

## NEXT

Launch  
flood/wind  
products

DEC  
2020

\$125k in  
monthly  
recurring  
revenue

Pilot  
pandemic  
model

MAR  
2021

\$250k in  
monthly  
recurring  
revenue

Start holding  
risk  
ourselves

JUN  
2021

\$500k in  
monthly  
revenues



# Our Business Model

## As An MGA We Analyze, Hold, & Transfer Risk



# 35%+ Of Risk Transfer Costs Can be Saved by Fixing Inaccurate Models & Inefficiencies

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Broker writes insurance policy



Insurer pools risk into portfolios



The insurer reinsures their portfolios against catastrophic risk (through a broker)



Reinsurers pool multiple policies and buy additional insurance from a Retrocessional (through a broker)



Capital Markets buy risk as a bond, post collateral, and get a return on investment (through a broker)



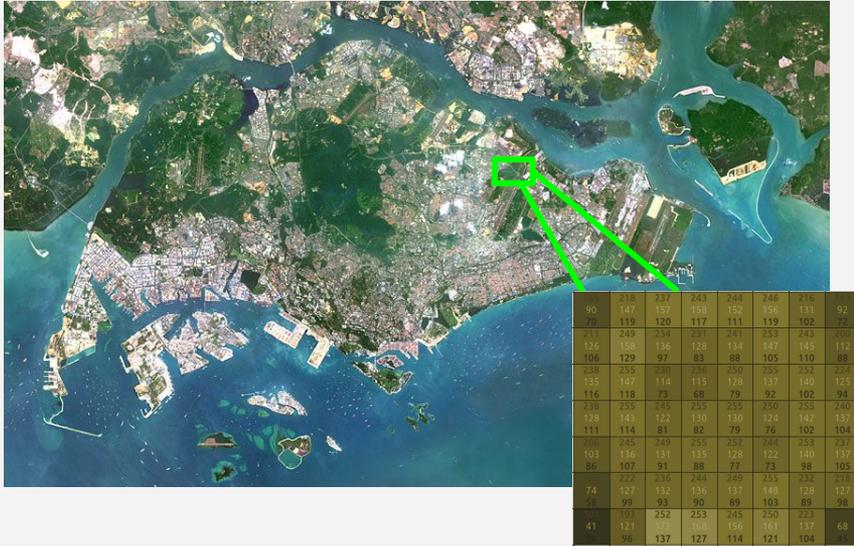
# Our Data

1.2 terabytes of local data

3 petabytes of total available data

1. 1.88 million wildfires in the U.S. - National Fire Program Analysis System
2. All us Weather data since 1980 - Arcgis
3. 26,000 weather stations with daily data feed - Arcgis
4. U.S. Landsat 4-8 Analysis Ready Data (ARD) Level-2 Tiles (Albers projection)
5. ASTER Global Emissivity Dataset 100-meter V003 - AG100
6. ASTER Global Emissivity Dataset 1-kilometer V003 - AG1KM
7. Global Food Security-support Analysis Data (GFSAD) Cropland Extent 2010 North America 30 m V001
8. Global Land Cover Characterization: 1992-1993
9. Global Multi-Resolution Terrain Elevation Data
10. Global Topographic 30 Arc-Second Digital Elevation Model: Released 1996
11. Landsat 7 Enhanced Thematic Mapper Plus Collection 1 Level-1
12. Landsat 7 Collection 1 Level-2 Scene Products (Surface Reflectance)
13. MODIS/Terra and Aqua MAIAC Land Surface BRDF Daily L2G Global 500 m and 1 km SIN Grid Version 6
14. MODIS/Terra and Aqua MAIAC Land Aerosol Optical Depth Daily L2G 1 km SIN Grid Version 6
15. MODIS/Terra and Aqua MAIAC BRDF Model Parameters 8-Day L3 1 km SIN Grid Version 6
16. MCD43A1: MODIS/Terra and Aqua BRDF/Albedo Model Parameters Daily L3 Global 500 m SIN Grid Version 6
17. MCD43A2: MODIS/Terra and Aqua BRDF/Albedo Quality Daily L3 Global 500 m SIN Grid Version 6
18. MCD43A3: MODIS/Terra and Aqua Albedo Daily L3 Global 500 m SIN Grid Version 6
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
21. MODIS/TERRA MOD09GA Surface Reflectance Daily L2G Global 1km and 500m Version 6
22. MODIS/TERRA MOD09GQ Surface Reflectance Daily L2G Global 250m Version 6
23. MODIS/TERRA MOD09Q1 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 MOD11B1 Land Surface Temperature and Emissivity Daily L3 Global 5 km Grid SIN Version 6
27. MODIS/TERRA MOD11B2 Land Surface Temperature and Emissivity Daily L3 Global 5 km Grid SIN Version 6
28. MODIS/TERRA MOD11\_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
30. MODIS/TERRA MOD13A2 Vegetation Indices 16-Day L3 Global 1km Version 6
31. MODIS/TERRA MOD13Q1 Vegetation Indices 16-Day L3 Global 250m Version 6
32. MODIS/TERRA MOD14A1 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 MOD15A2H 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
37. MODIS/TERRA MOD17A2H 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)
41. 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

# A PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS



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

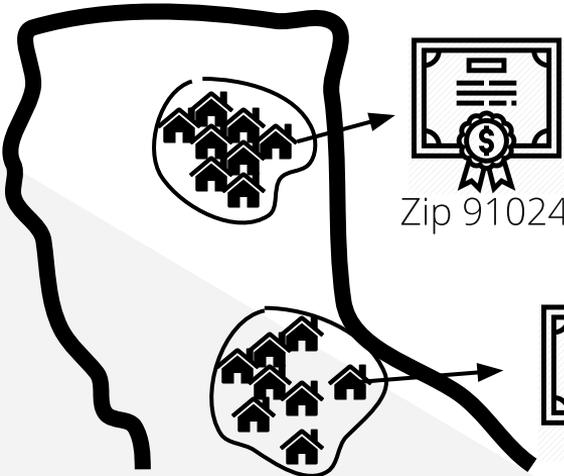
We built an ETL pipeline to notate and order all this unstructured data to run our insurance models

# Swap Markets Allow for dynamic pricing and liquidity

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



Zip 91024

\$25m x \$125m  
4% ROL  
1 year term  
Low Level Risk



Zip 91011

\$50m x \$75m  
18% ROL  
6 month term



4-20% YoY ROI

# Our Summary

## We are Using Deep Learning to Reshape the Re/Insurance Industry

### BUSINESS MODEL

**We sell reinsurance** to insurers and then transfer that risk, as a Managing General Agent (MGA/MGU)

### OUR ADVANTAGE

We use advanced deep learning to assess, underwrite, and transfer risk to deliver **27% higher Return on Capital**

### TRACTION

**First product complete. Bermuda license pre-approved.** In conversations with Allstate as first large customer, and RenRe and AIG as first capacity providers.

### ASK

**Raising \$2.5M to give us 24 months runway.** To become the most advanced risk analysis and transfer platform in our **\$350B serviceable market.**

