## Fire Urgency Estimator on Geosynchronous Orbit (starting point of our journey...)



**<u>Fire Urgency Estimator on Geosynchronous Orbit</u>** 

Satellite Characteristics:

- 24/7 (except clouds but clouds not a problem in California, for example)
- Fast exposures are a few seconds
- Sensitive 10 ft. x 10 ft.

• CHIRP Inspired Version could help pay for itself in one mega-fires, if suppression is quick

## **Enhanced FUEGO now: Sensors at many altitudes**

#### (including towers now)



History:

Light particles from galaxies a billion years away



Enabling Technologies: Sensors, automation, computers, processing amazing amounts of data to look for a small bright spot.

- Oakland fire (1989): design study indicated satellite would have > \$1B worth of detectors alone ...
- Detectors becomes 10,000X less expensive
- Remote Sensing Paper (google pennypacker, remote sensing and fuego)
- Vince and Everett and TFRSAC !!

# **Who? Principal Fuegans**

• UC Berkeley: Carl Pennypacker

- Terra-Vista: Donn Walklet, Bill Kruse
- Anne Holler
- Drone America: Mike Richards, Kyle Pruett
- UCSD / WIFIRE: Ilkay Altintas
- Fireball: Tim Ball, Ryan Dotson

Organizer, system architecture, sensors & algorithms **Business & GIS Distributed Computing** UAVs Models and Workflows Navigation, Databases, Sensors, Fusion, Acquisition, Execution

# FUEGO Goals:

- Long Term: Build a system with successively large area coverage and increasing resolution to find small fires (10ft x 10ft) from geosynchronous orbit, and feed it into a powerful intelligence/simulation/action cycle
- *Now:* Contribute to high-frequency, high resolution infrared data acquisition, in the spirit of NIROPS. Exercise and help inform simulation programs

## Some of the FUEGO Team Activities

- Work on WIFIRE-FUEGO Workflows/GIS/simulations by Bill and Anne
- 2 Proposals submitted (NASA) and 1 Crowd funding campaign
- Greater understanding of how to be able to deliver some near- term solutions
- Understanding of existing satellite resources that can help now! (NOMS)
- Manned UAV flights over Berkeley bbq's for signal studies
- Forging ahead with UAV Raspberry Pi system for prototype studies, software tests, etc.
- Studies of San Diego Fire Tower camera data
- Development of plans and tests (pending funding) of long-duration UAV systems for fire detection and management
- Solidifying and growing our team reasonably

# WIFIRE/FARSITE/KEPLER WORKFLOW

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### **Immediate Goals**

Working with Fireball, WiFIRE, Kruse/Holler:

1) Collect great GIS for our test-bed (probably San Diego)

2) Acquire with Fireball Manned UAV System very high frequency time and high spatial resolution data

- 3) Put GIS and fresh data into FarSite and undertake <u>data experiment</u>. See how it goes...
- Continue process of GIS/Data acquisition/simulation validation.
   Compare to what happens with fires