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# Applications of Image Translation Methods Based on Deep Learning to Solar Data

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# Introduction

## Sun and Space Weather Group in Kyung Hee University

We have applied deep learning (DL) to various types of solar and space weather data and tasks

Our goal:

- 1) To improve space weather prediction models
- 2) To fill in observation blanks
- 3) To calibrate observational data such as denoising
- 4) To study whether DL-generated data are feasible for scientific data or not

Recently, we have applied image translation methods based on deep learning to various solar and space weather data.

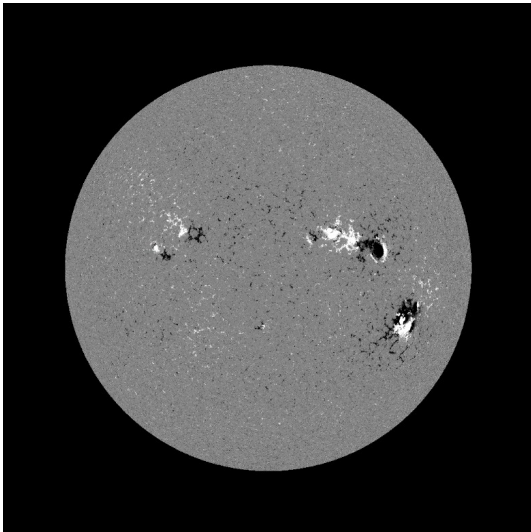


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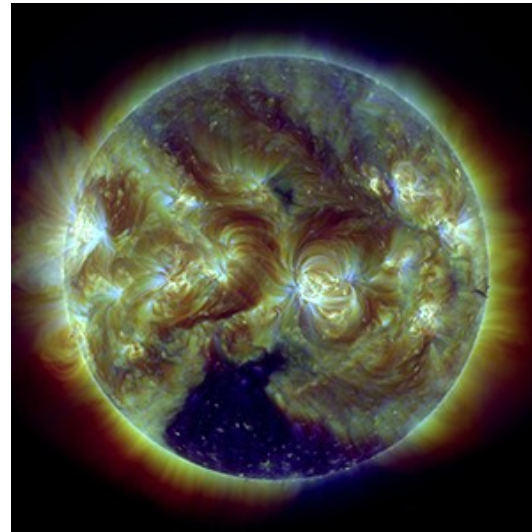
# Introduction

## Why image translation?

Magnetogram



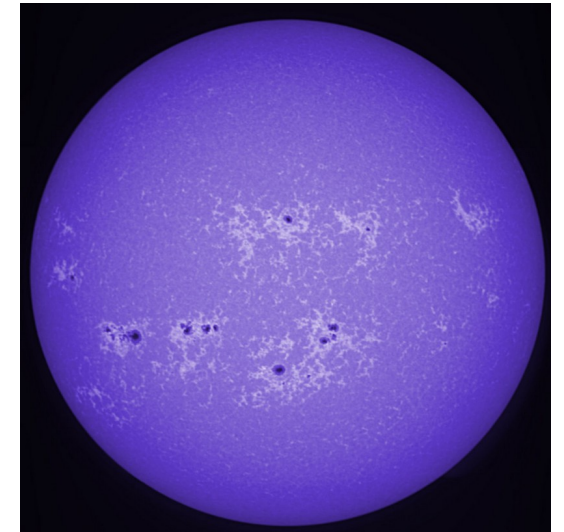
EUV



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**There are various types of multi-filter observations in solar and space weather, and many of them are observed **simultaneously**.**

**-> It is a **good condition** for applying the image translation algorithms.**

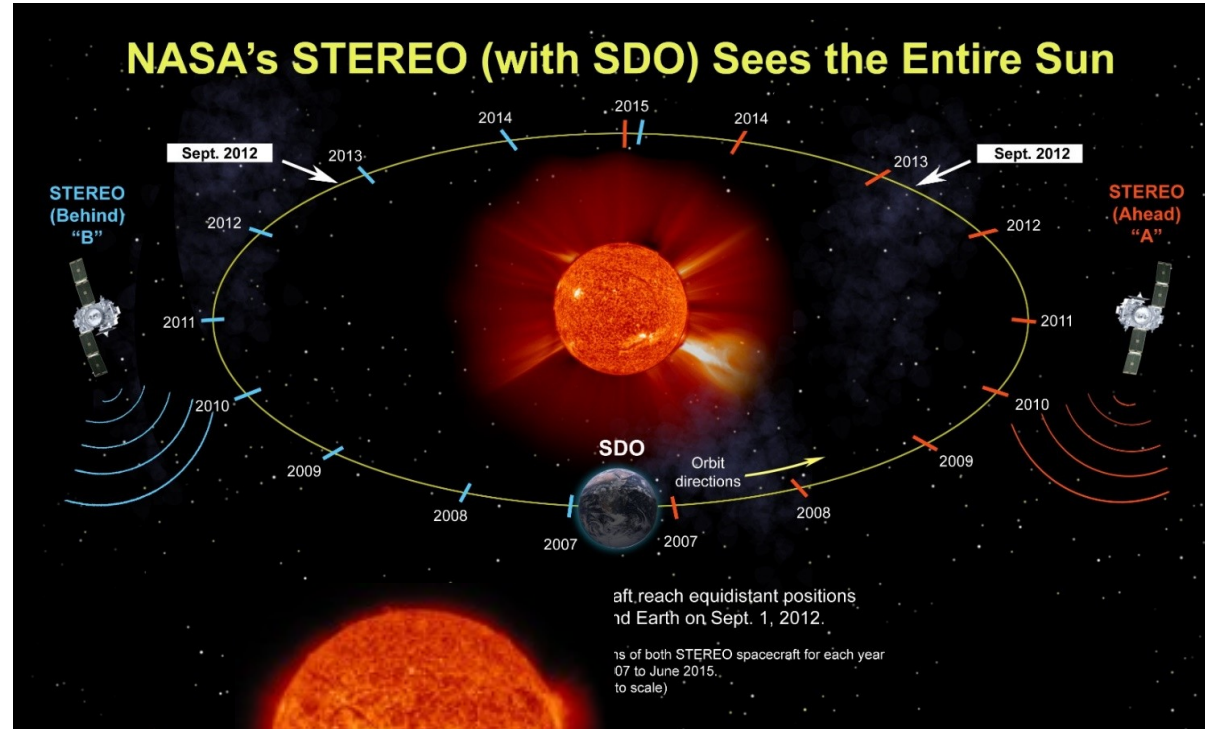
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## **Generation of Solar Far-side Magnetograms from STEREO/EUVI Images**

**Kim, Park, Lee et al., 2019  
Jeong et al., 2020  
Park et al., 2021**

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# Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms

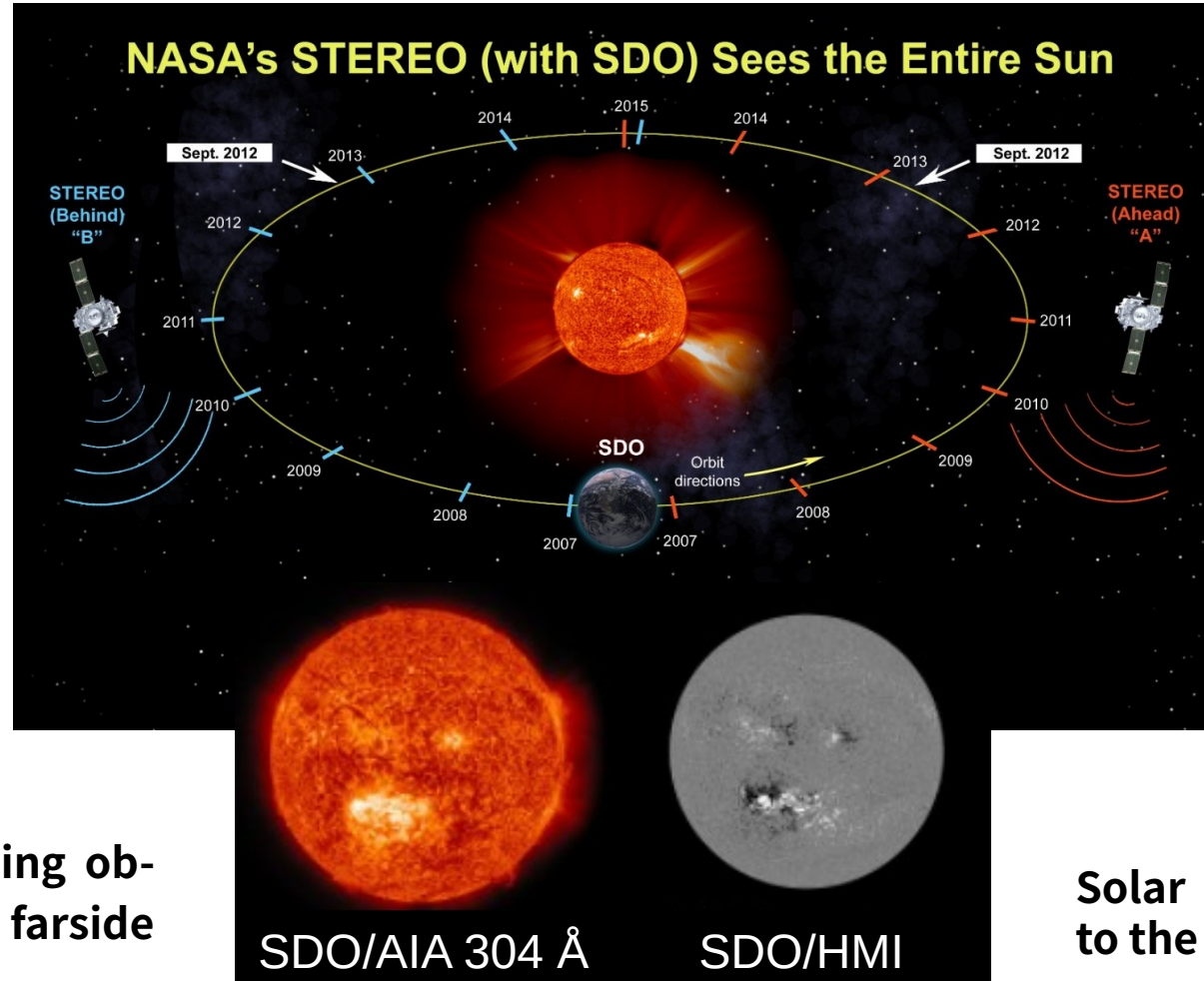


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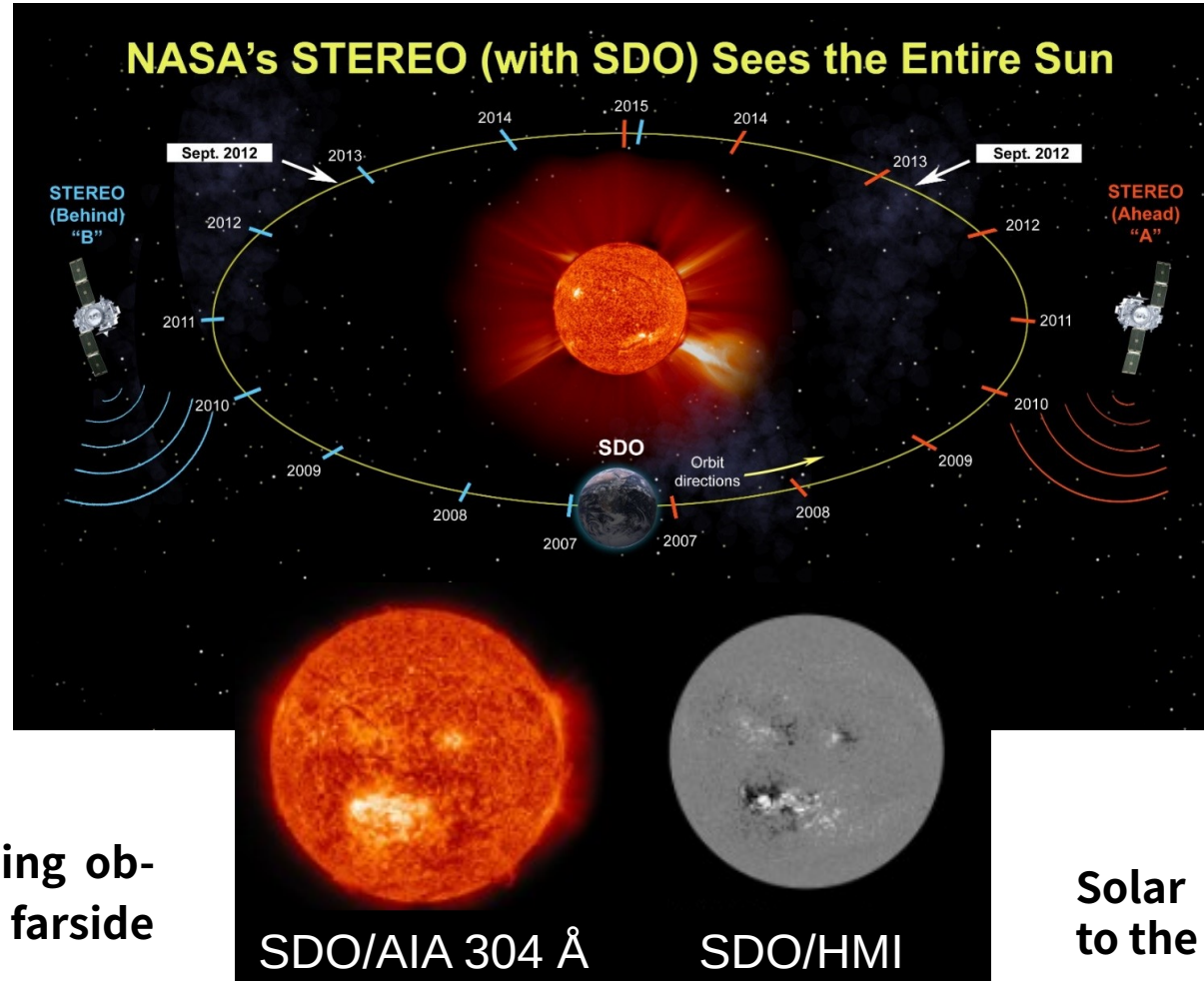


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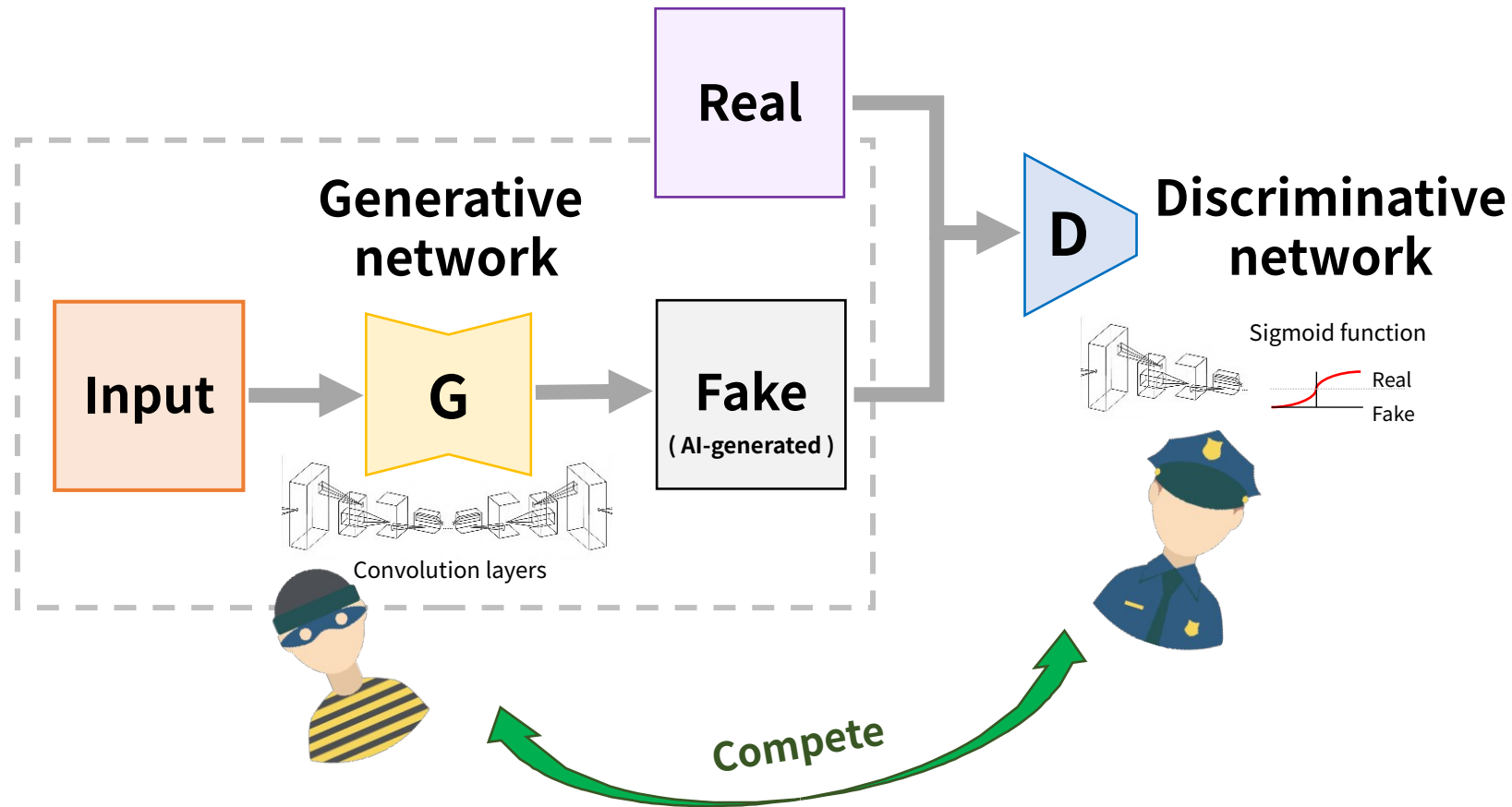
We design a model for the translation from solar EUV images to solar magnetograms



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# Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms

## Generative Adversarial Network (GAN)

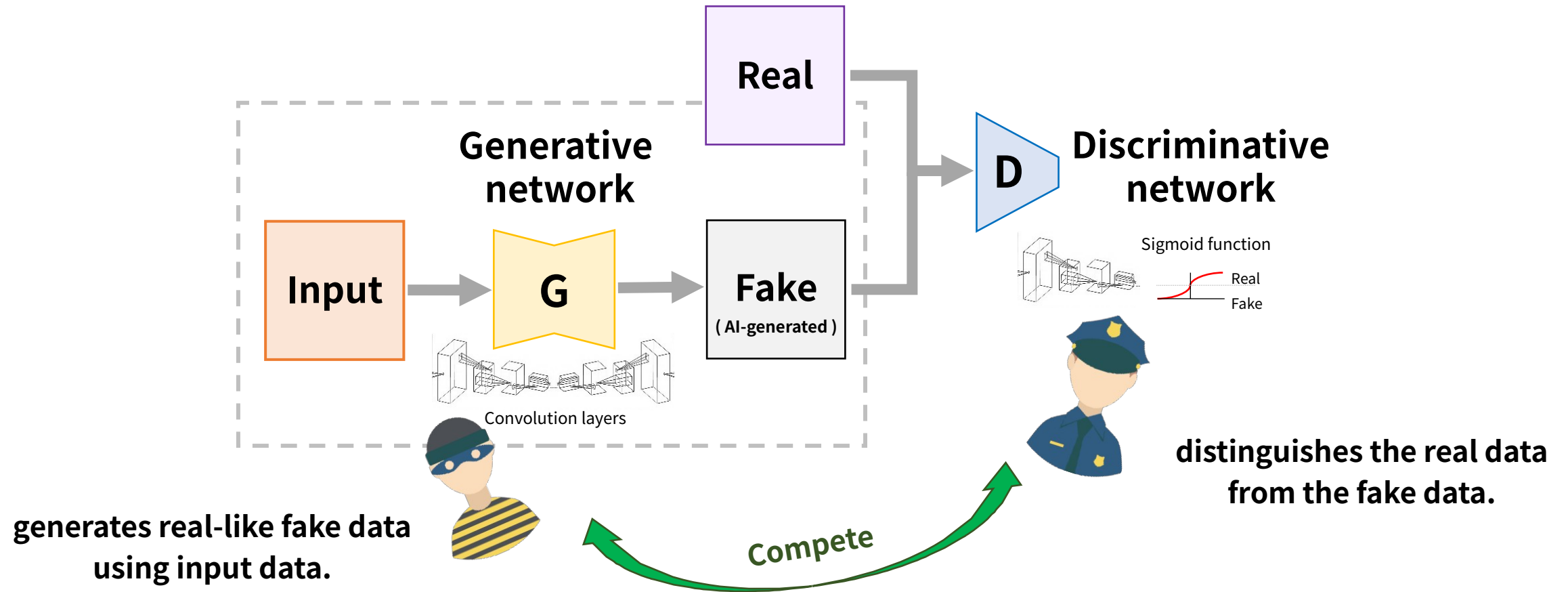


GAN is one of the popular deep learning methods in generation and translation tasks.

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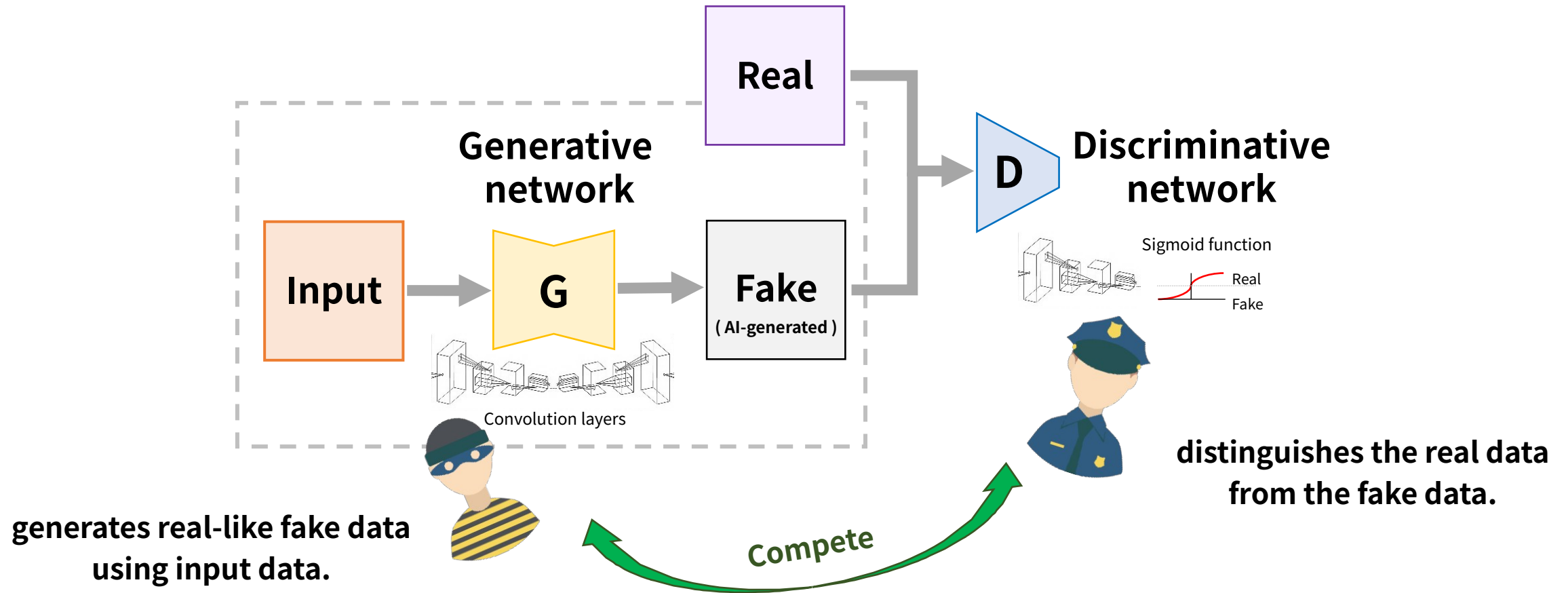
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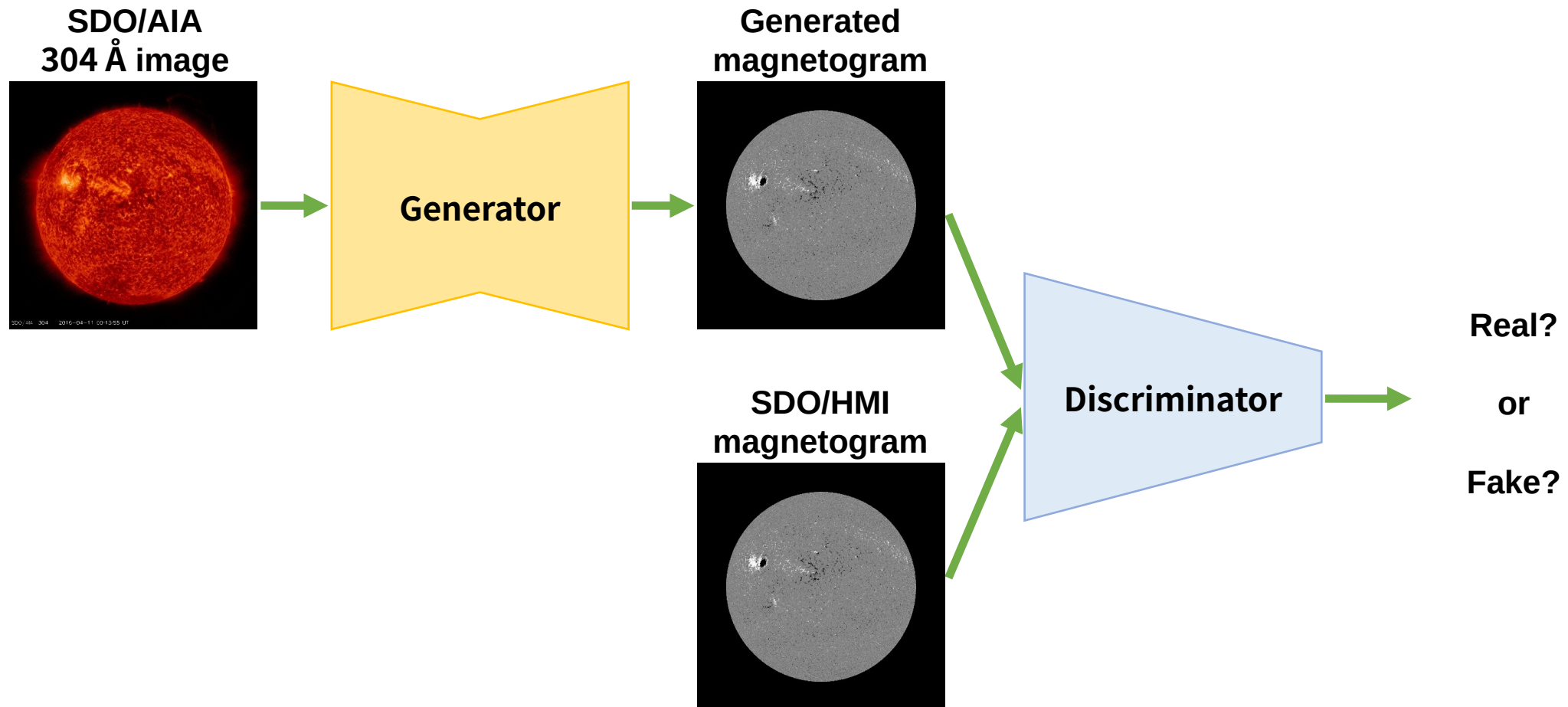


We train the Generator and the Discriminator, this process looks like a competition between the two networks.

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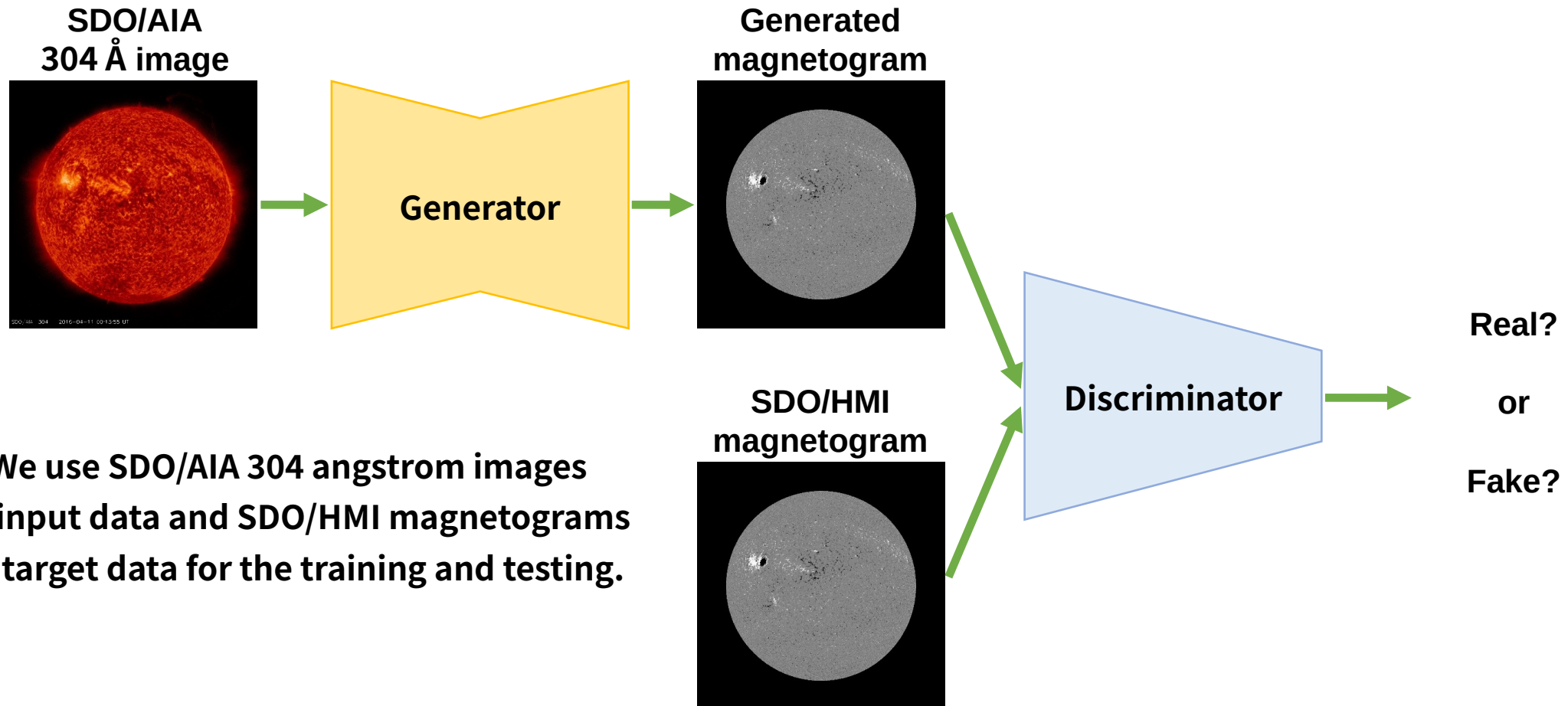
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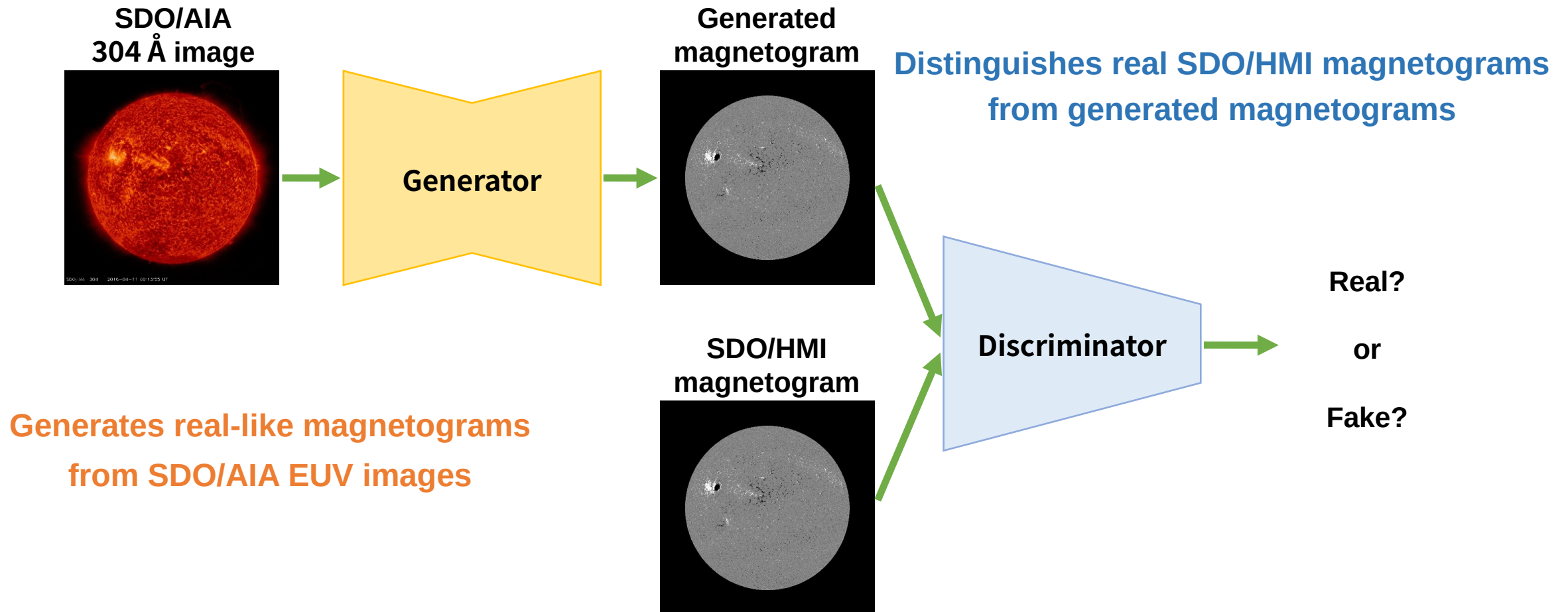


We use SDO/AIA 304 angstrom images as input data and SDO/HMI magnetograms as target data for the training and testing.

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# Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms

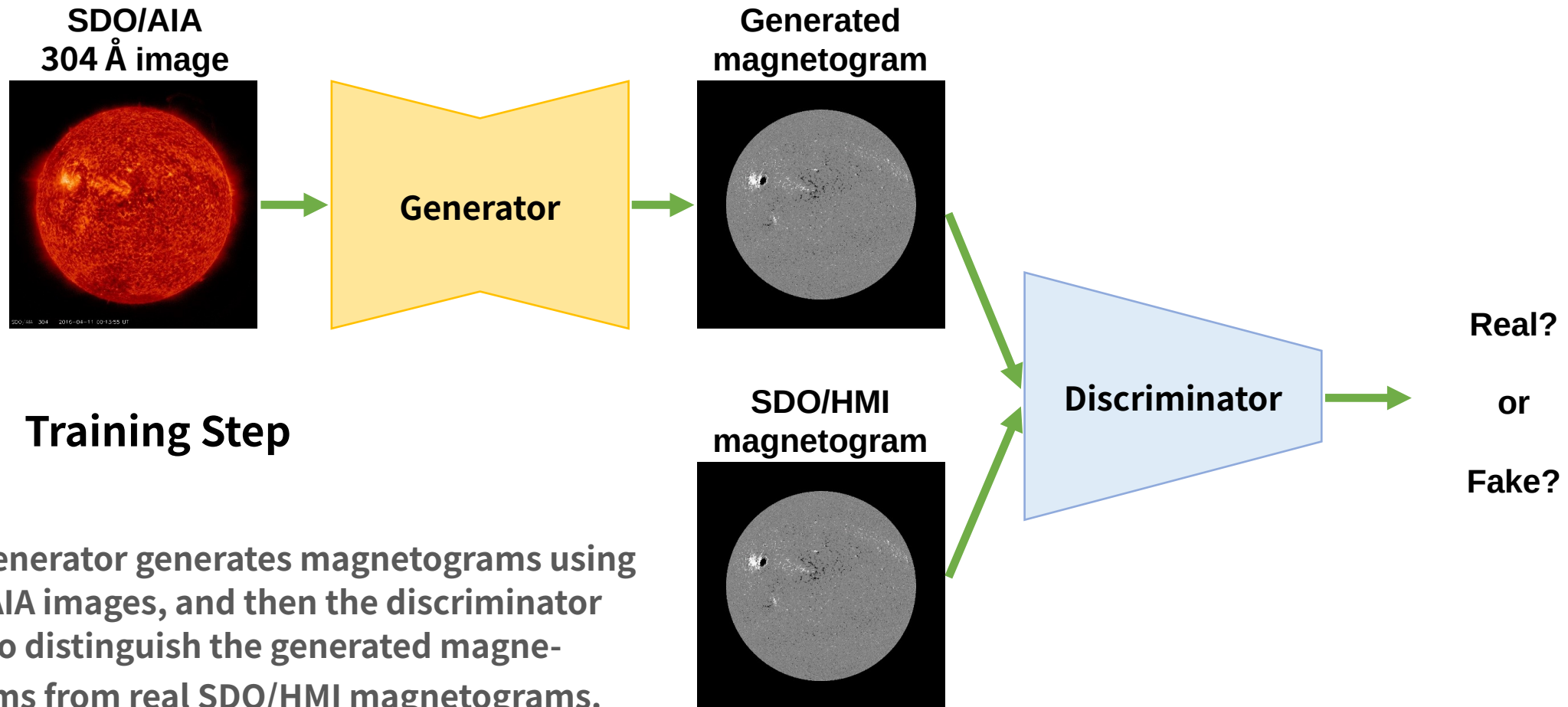
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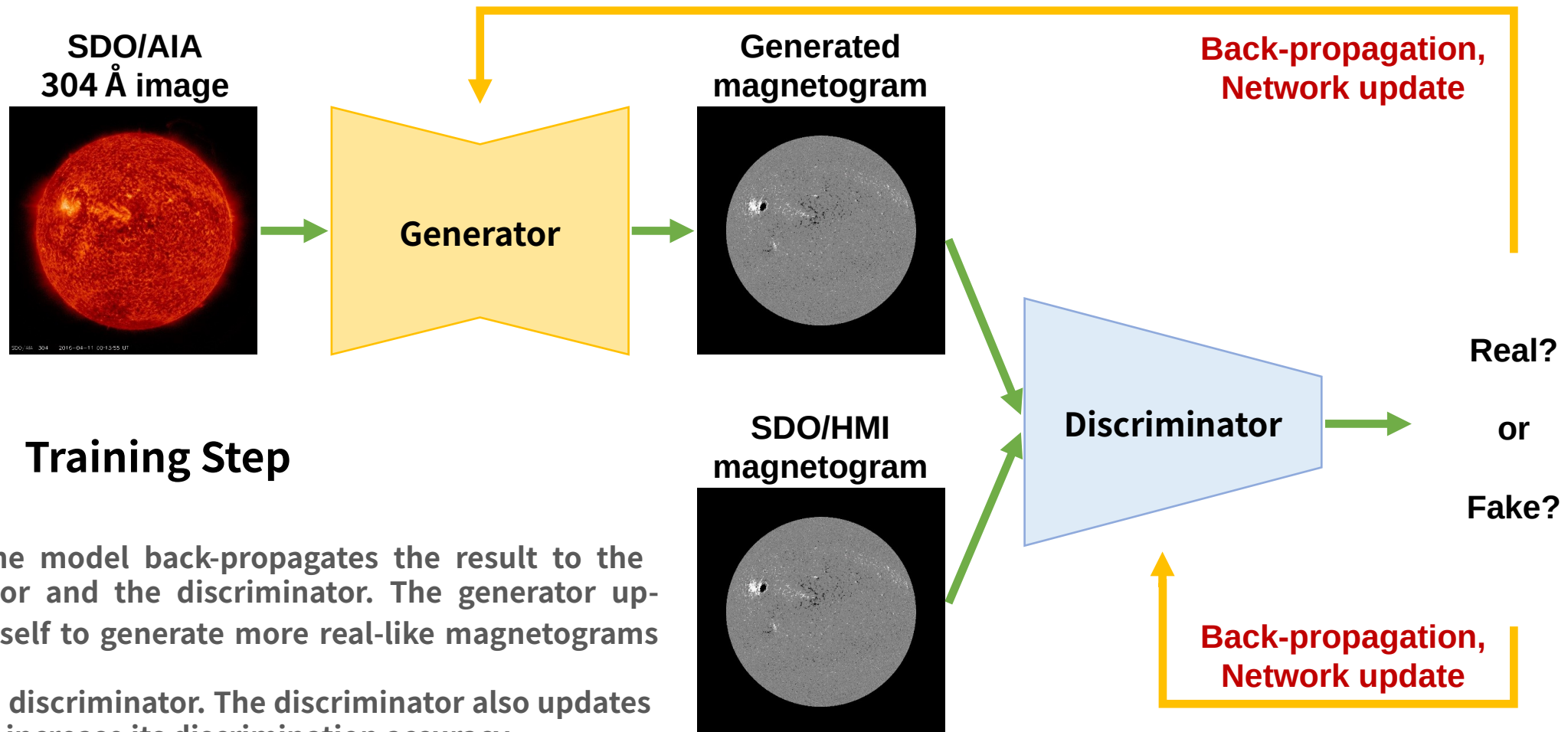
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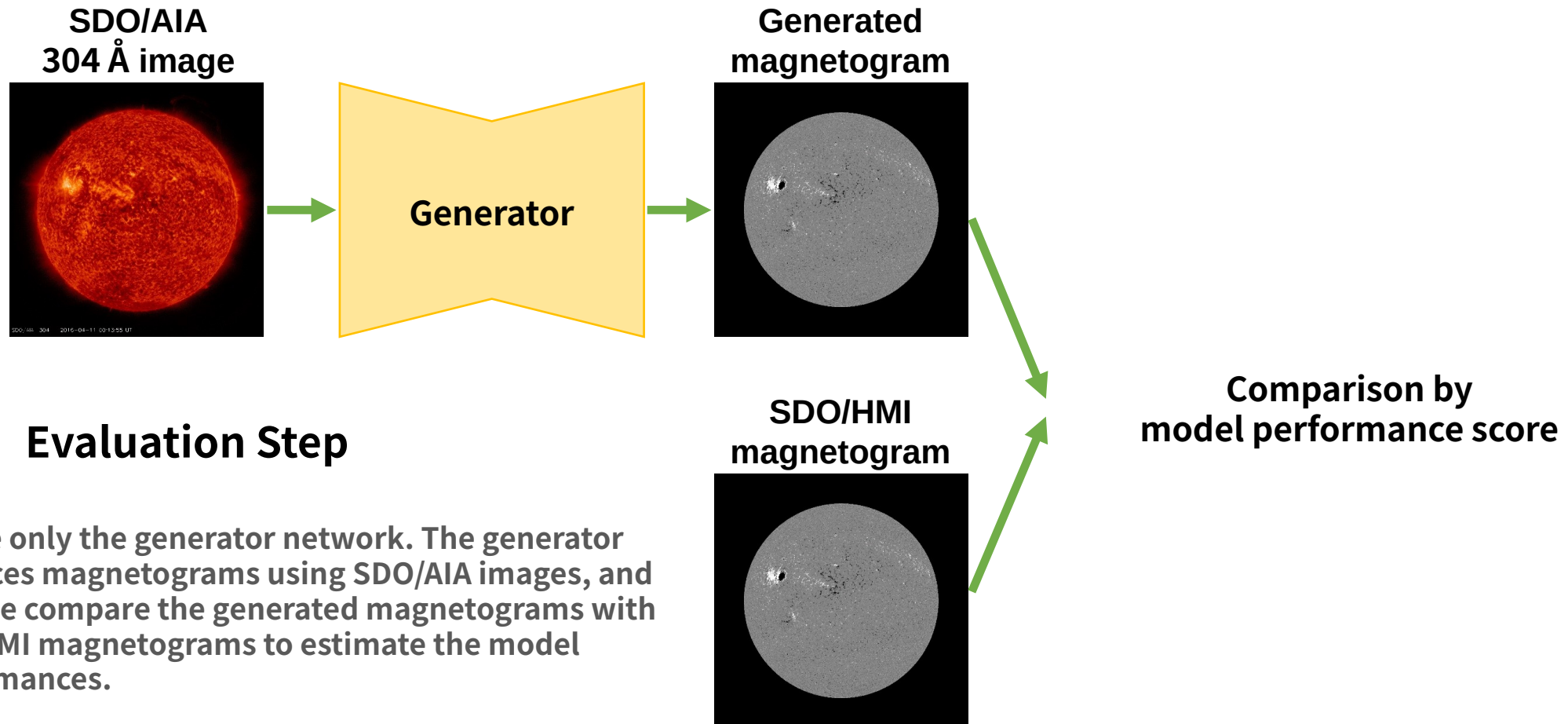
Then the model back-propagates the result to the generator and the discriminator. The generator updates itself to generate more real-like magnetograms to fool the discriminator. The discriminator also updates itself to increase its discrimination accuracy.



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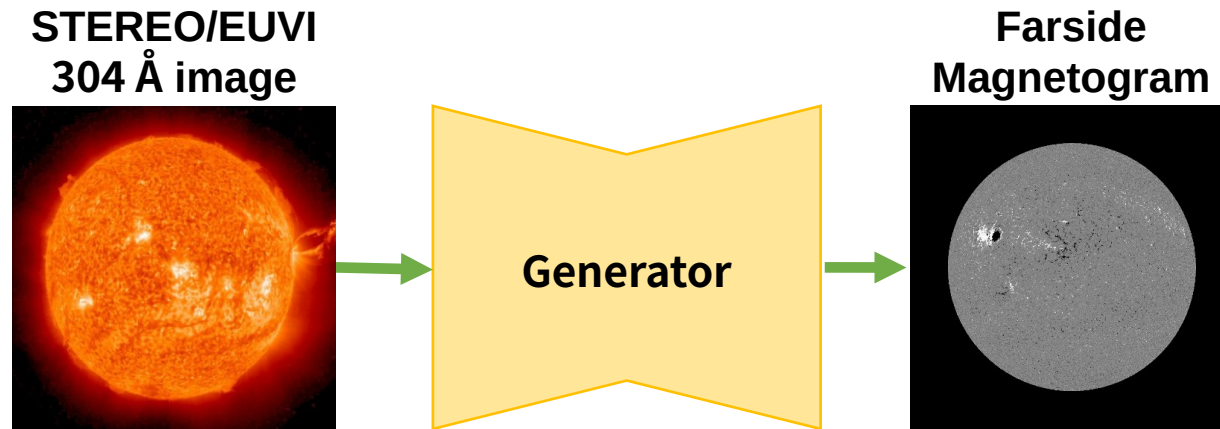
## Evaluation Step

We use only the generator network. The generator produces magnetograms using SDO/AIA images, and then we compare the generated magnetograms with SDO/HMI magnetograms to estimate the model performances.

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# Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms

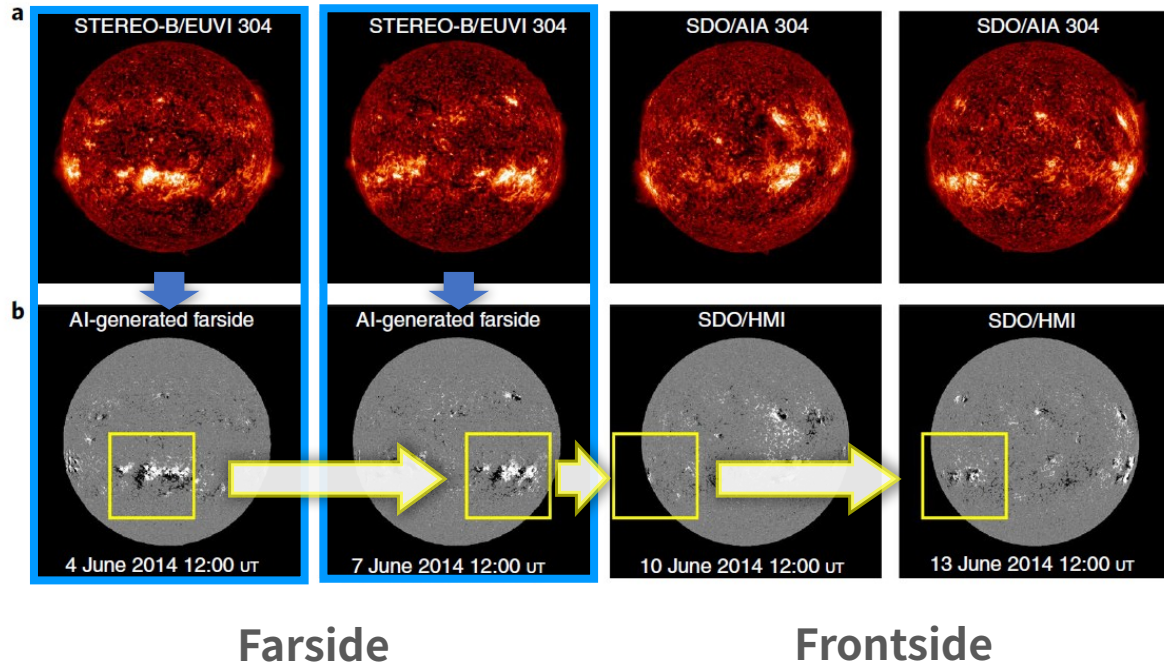
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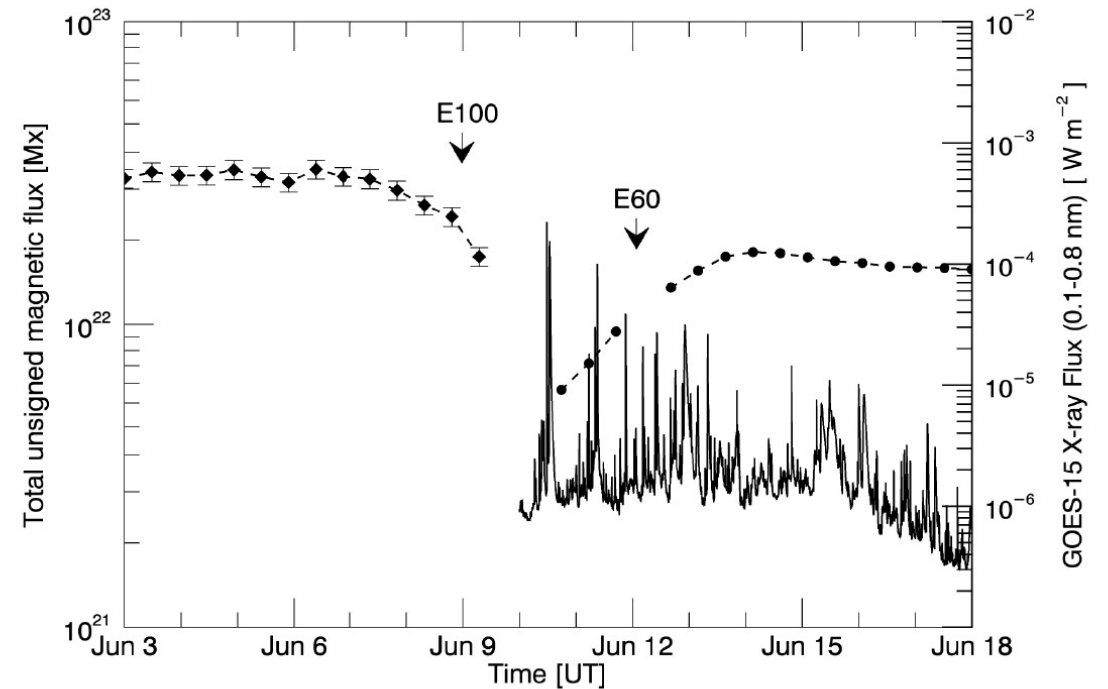
Generation Step

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# Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms



Time Series Images from farside to frontside

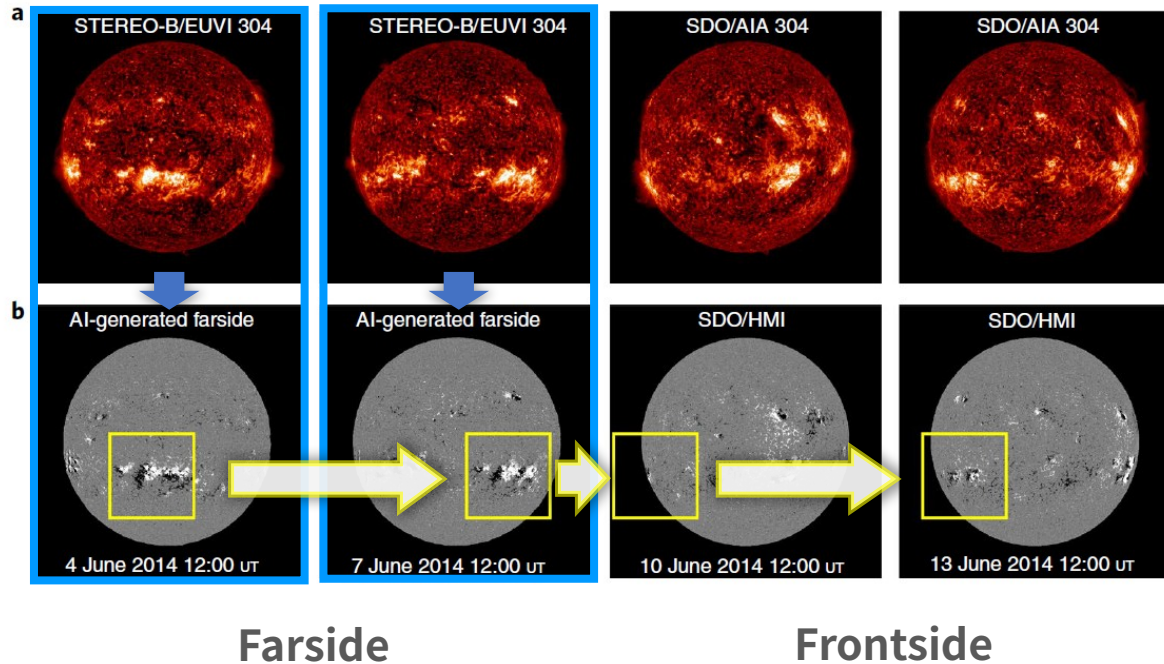


A temporal evolution of total unsigned magnetic flux of the NOAA AR 12087 from June 3 to 19 2014

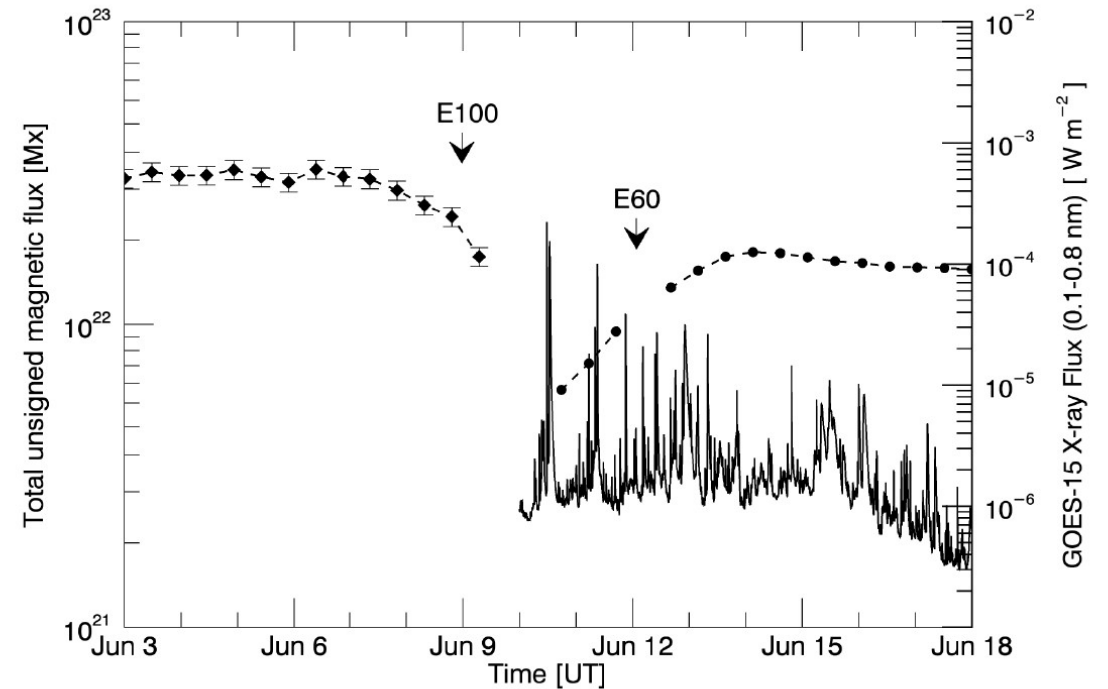
Kim, Park, Lee et al. (2019) suggest a deep learning model for generating solar farside magnetograms from STEREO/EUVI observations. The result shows that we could monitor the temporal evolution of magnetic fields from the solar far side to the solar front side using DL-generated data.

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# Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms



Time Series Images from farside to frontside



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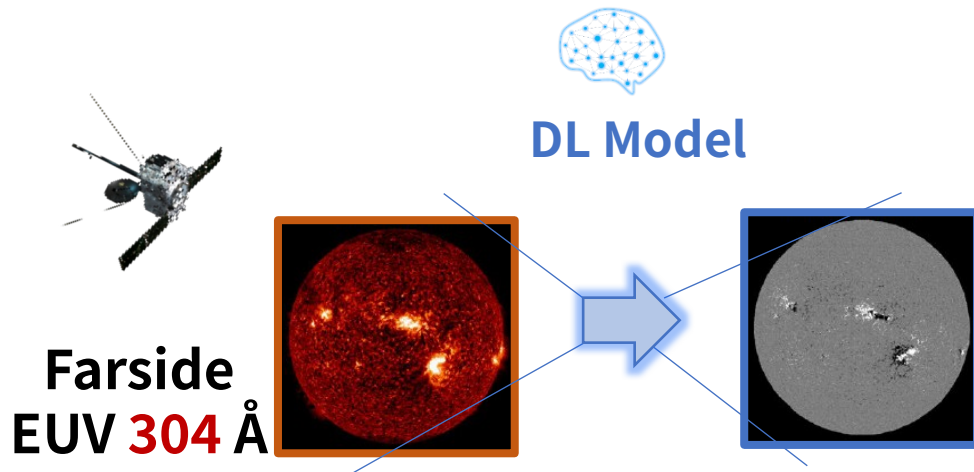
However, this study is limited to the maximum magnetic field strength of 100 G and shows low correlations in solar quiet regions.

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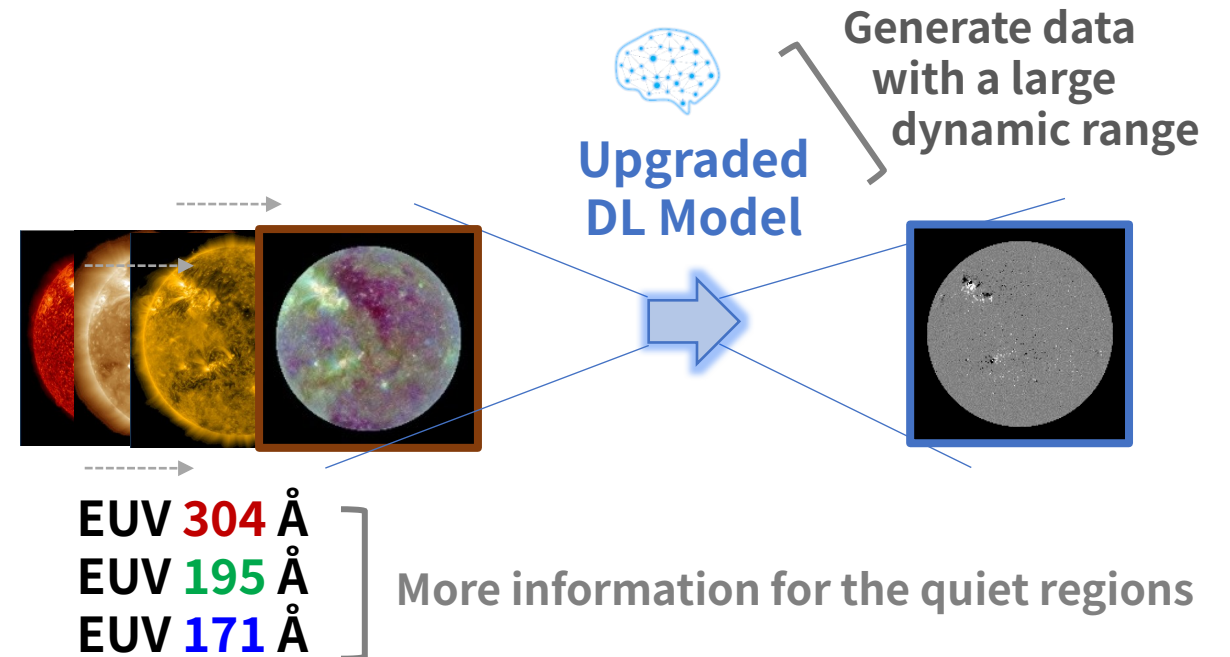
# Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms

## AISFM\* Ver 1.0

\* AI-generated Solar Farside Magnetogram



## AISFM Ver 2.0

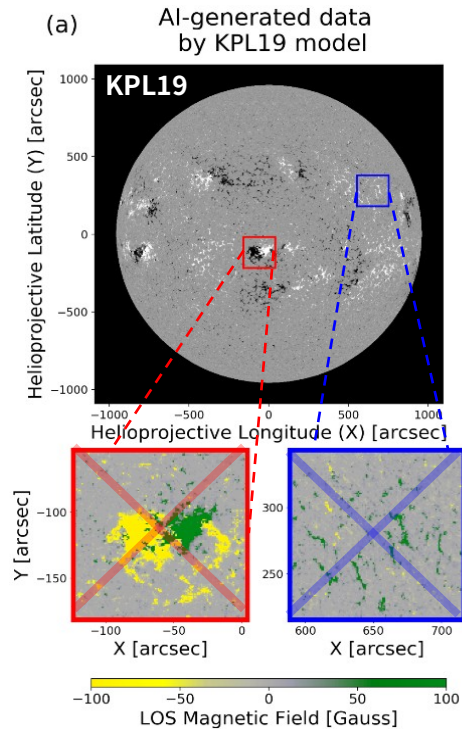


Jeong et al. (2020) **upgrade the model with 3,000 Gauss dynamic range** to generate more realistic magnetic fluxes, and with multi-channel input to improve the generation of quiet regions.

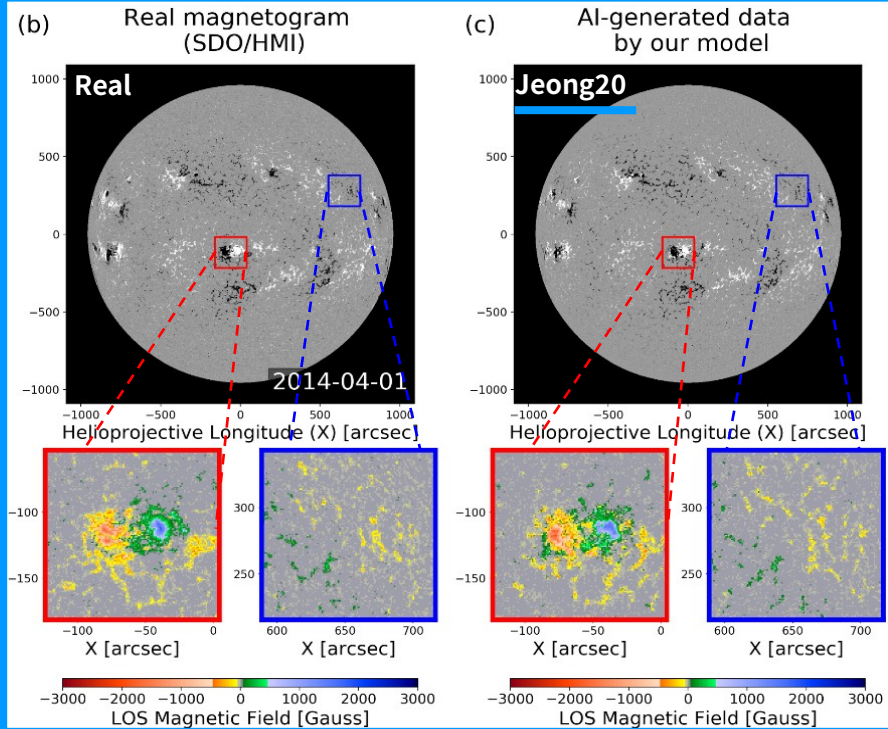
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# Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms

## AISFM\* Ver 1.0



## AISFM Ver 2.0



Three Objective Measures of Comparison between SDO/HMI Magnetograms and AI-generated Ones for Full Disk, ARs, and QRs

|  | Full Disk              |       | AR                 |       | QR                 |       |
|--|------------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
|  | 825 images             |       | 1,033 patches      |       | 825 patches        |       |
|  | (1,024 × 1,024 pixels) |       | (128 × 128 pixels) |       | (128 × 128 pixels) |       |
|  | Ours                   | KPL19 | Ours               | KPL19 | Ours               | KPL19 |
| Total unsigned magnetic flux CC        | 0.99                   | 0.97  | 0.95               | 0.95  | 0.98               | 0.74  |
| Net magnetic flux CC                   | 0.86                   | ...   | 0.93               | ...   | 0.97               | ...   |
| Mean pixel-to-pixel CC (8 × 8 binning) | 0.81                   | 0.77  | 0.79               | 0.66  | 0.62               | 0.21  |

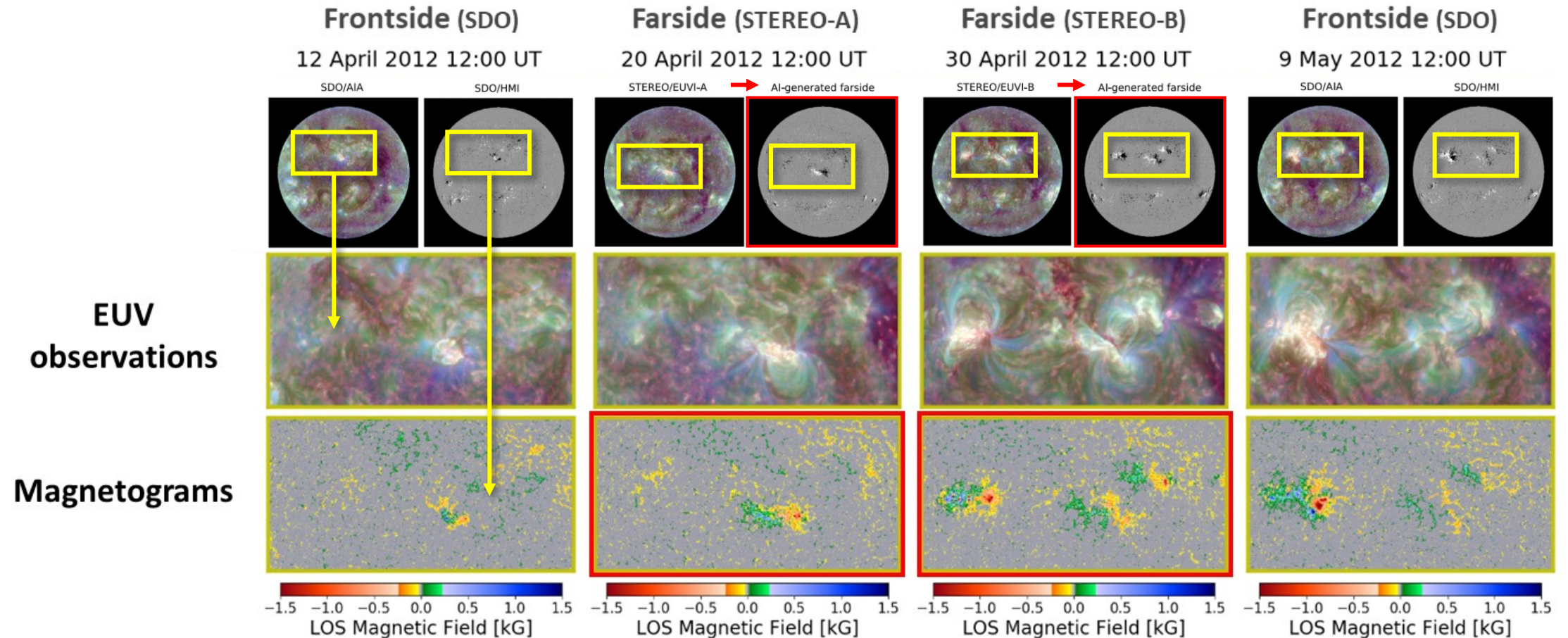
The model (AISFM Ver 2.0) generates both the active and quiet regions more realistically than the previous model (AISFM Ver 1.0) and shows better results in quantitative comparisons.

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**A series of full-disk EUV images and magnetograms**

yellow boxes show the tracking of solar active regions over a solar rotation



**The model generates solar active regions with more realistic magnetic field strengths.**

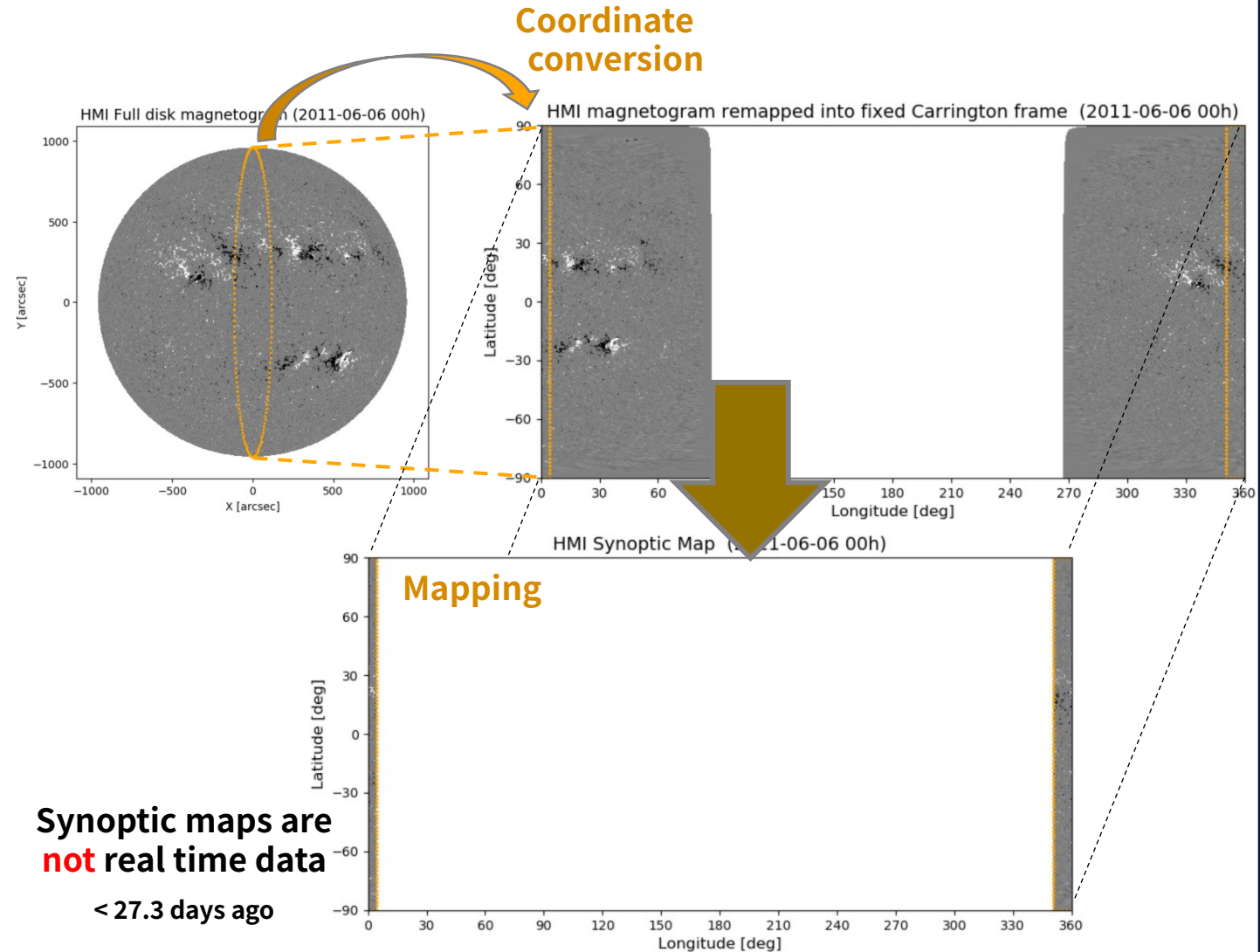
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# Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms

## Conventional Synoptic Map

Conventional magnetic field synoptic maps have been constructed by merging frontside magnetograms over a 27 day solar rotation period because there is no magnetogram in solar farside.

The conventional synoptic maps are **not based on real-time** ones.





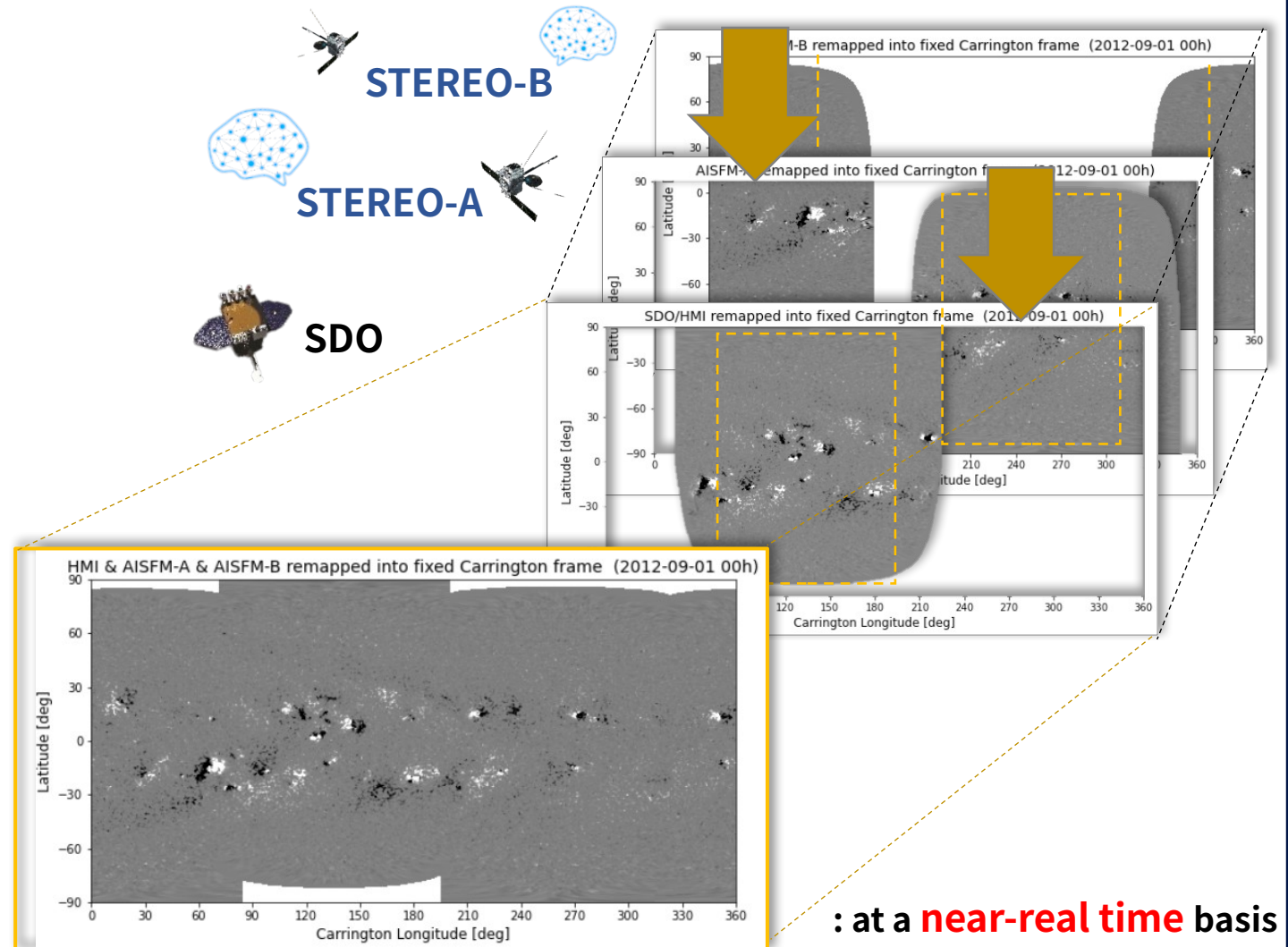
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## HMI & AI Synchronic Map

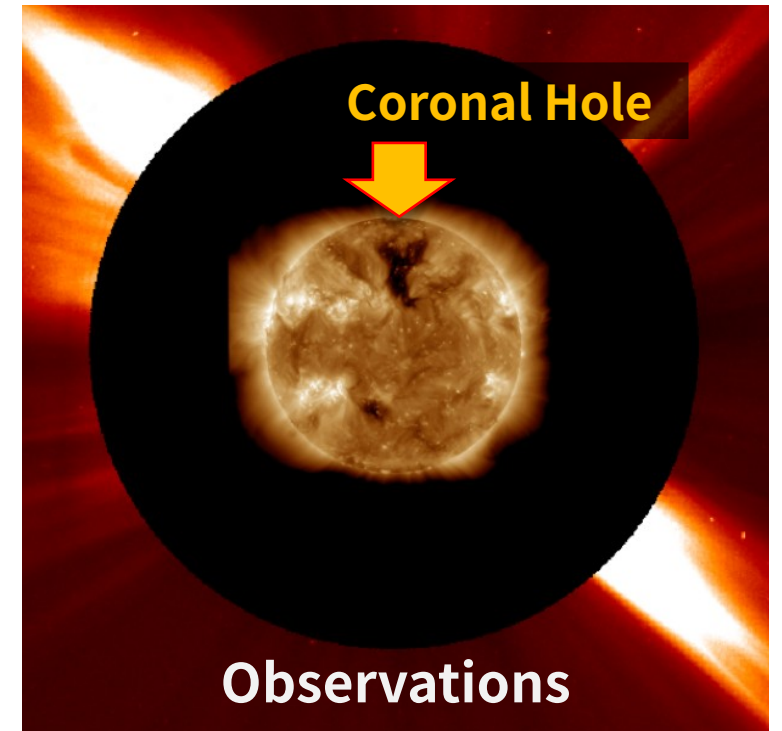
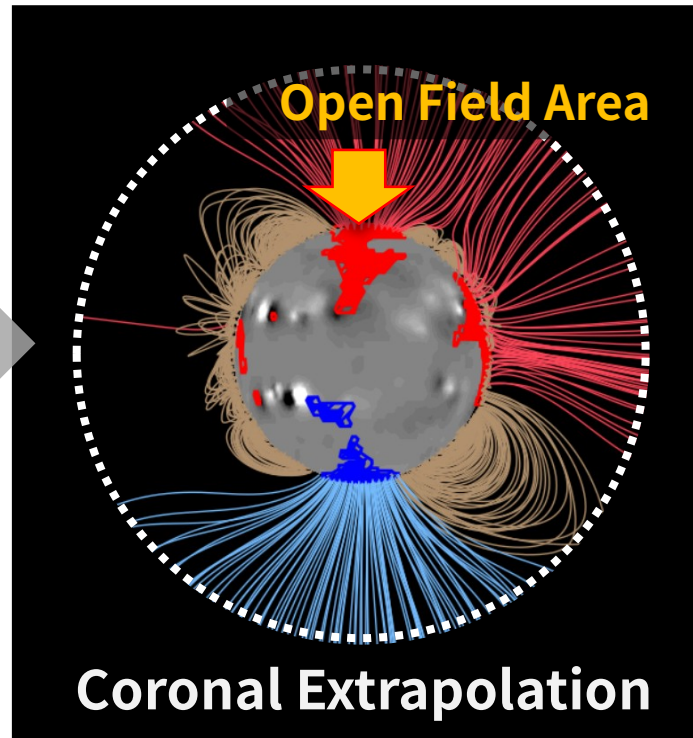
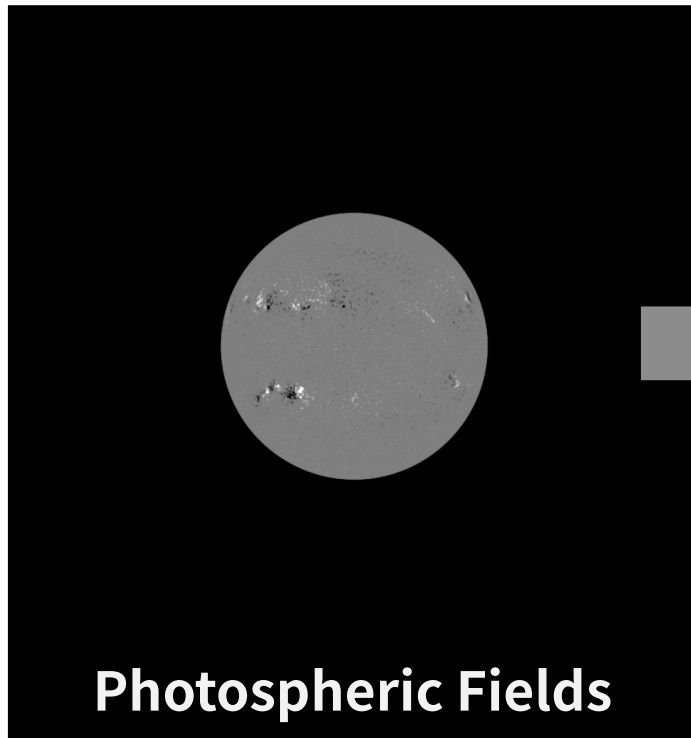
We construct AI synchronic global magnetic field maps by merging the farside magnetograms and SDO/HMI magnetograms.

These AI synchronic maps can cover **mostly real-time** global solar photospheric fields.



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## Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms



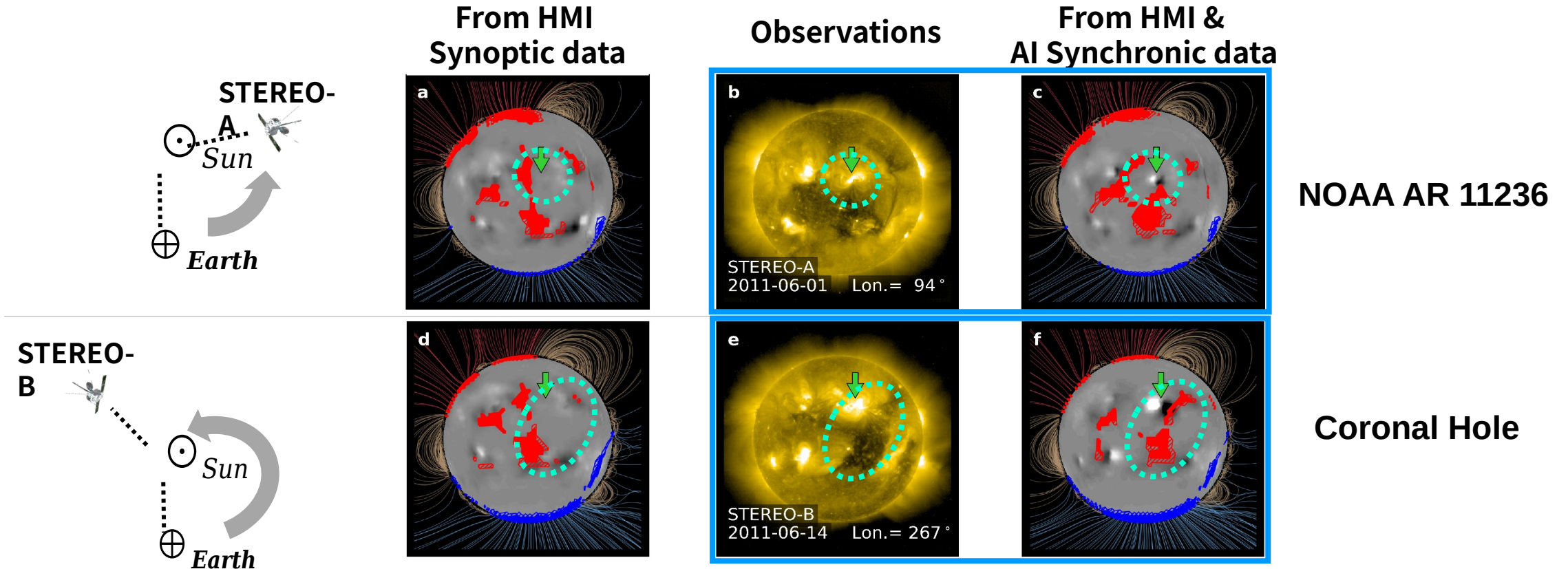
We extrapolate the global coronal magnetic field from the AI synchronic maps using **Potential Field Source Surface (PFSS)** model, then compare the results with coronal observations.

Open field lines, which are computed by the PFSS model, arriving at the source surface are associated with coronal holes.

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# Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms

Comparison between farside solar EUV observations and results of PFSS extrapolations



The extrapolation results using AI synchronic data well represent the appearance of the active region and the coronal hole, and the results agree with the observations.

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# Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms

## AISFM 3.0

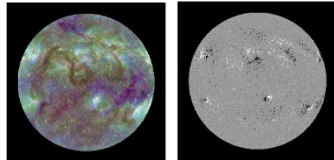
STEREO

Faside  
EUV data

SDO

AISFM  
(Ver. 3.0)

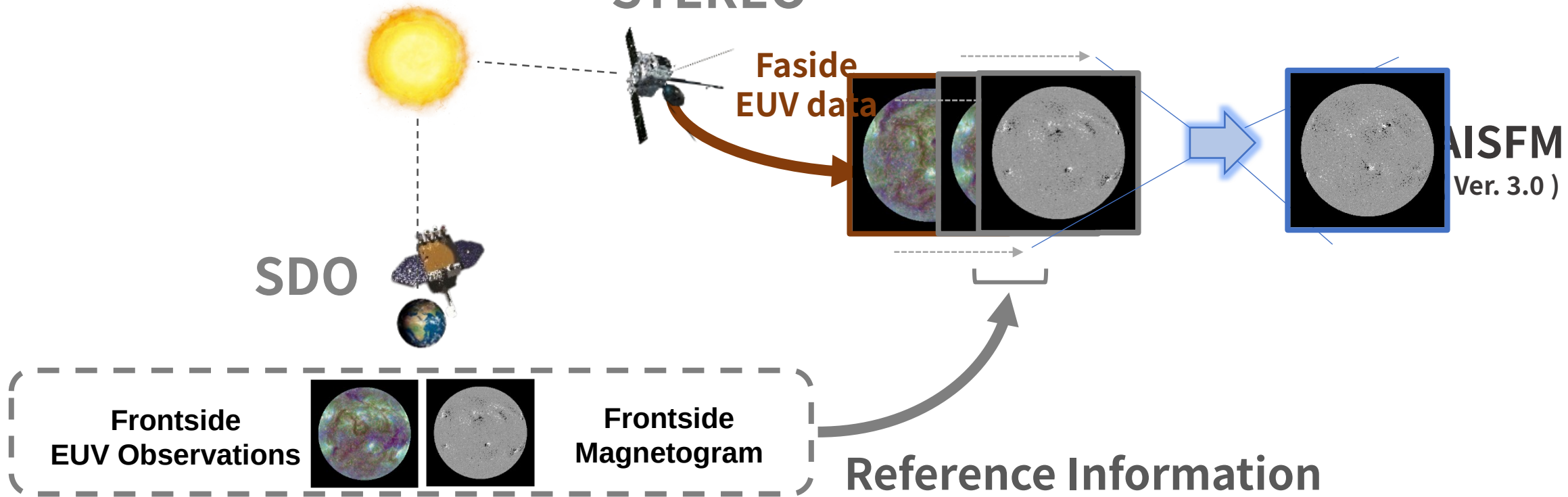
Frontside  
EUV Observations



Frontside  
Magnetogram

Reference Information

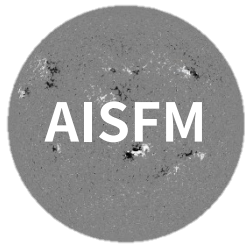
We are trying to improve our model by providing **solar frontside data** to the model as **reference information**.



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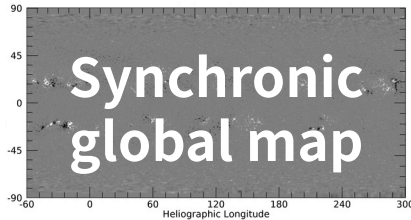
# Generation of Solar Farside Magnetograms

**Public release of solar farside magnetograms soon**

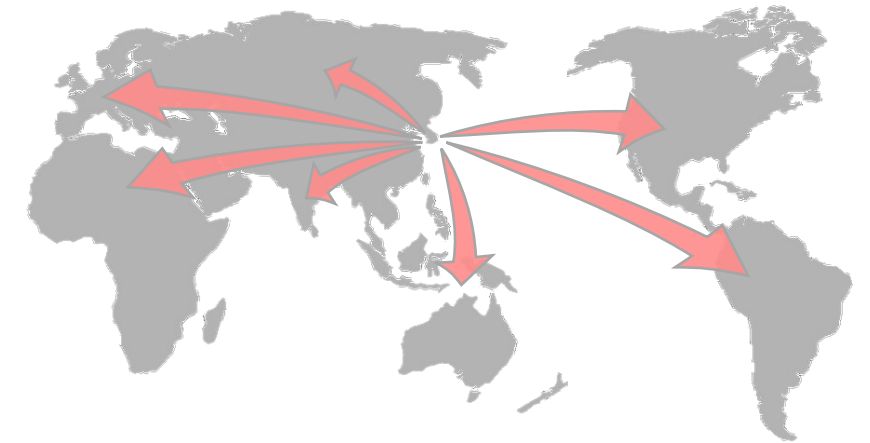


-A: 2011.01 ~ 2019.12 (~ 47 GB)

-B: 2011.01 ~ 2014.09 (~ 21 GB)



2011.01 ~ 2019.12 (~ 26 GB)



We are going to release the solar farside magnetograms and AI synchronic maps through Korean Data Center (KDC) for SDO in Korean Astronomy and Space Science Institute (KASI).



**KDC for SDO in KASI**

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## De-noising SDO/HMI Magnetograms

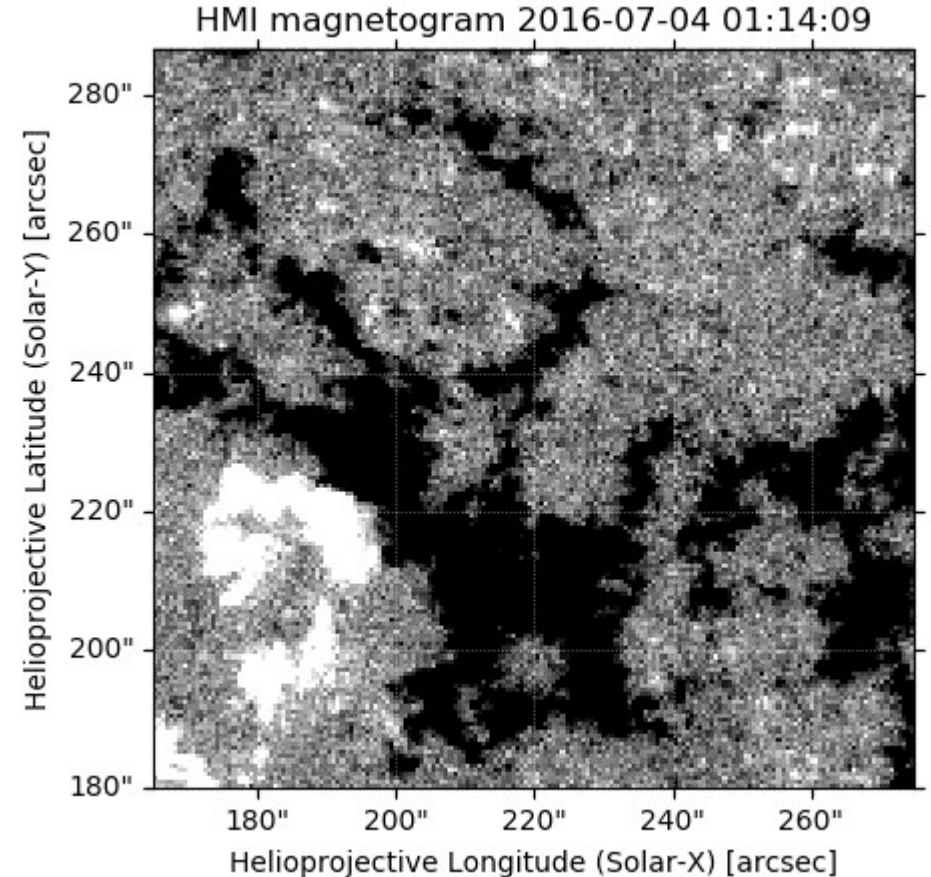
Park et al., 2020

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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

Liu+ (2012) reported that

“An upper bound to the random noise for the 1” resolution **HMI 45-second magnetograms is 10.2 G**, and **6.3 G** for the 720-second magnetograms.”



# Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

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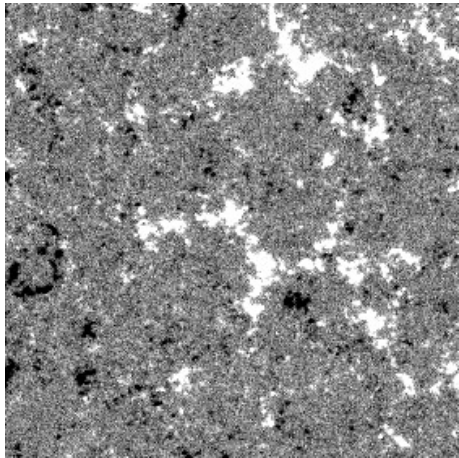
- Several studies investigated weak solar magnetic field structures such as solar intra-network and small bi-poles by **integrating magnetic field observations to increase the signal-to-noise ratio** (Wang et al. 1995; Schrijver et al. 1997; Chae et al. 2001).
- Several studies tried to reduce the noise level of solar magnetograms by several types of **computing algorithms** (DeForest 2017; DiasBaso et al. 2019).
- **In this study, we apply two deep learning methods to denoising SDO/HMI magnetograms.**



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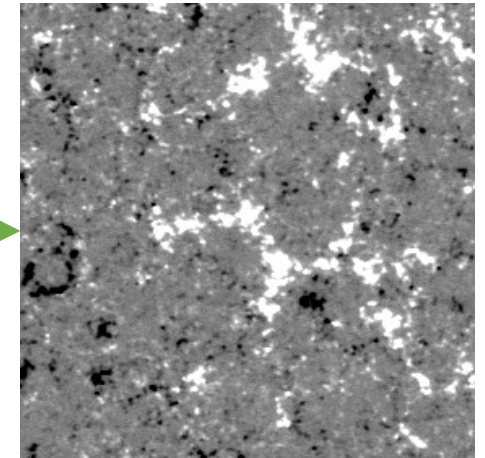
## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

Original HMI  
(Input)



DL Model

Denoised HMI  
(Target)



We design a deep learning model that translates from original magnetograms to corresponding denoised magnetograms.

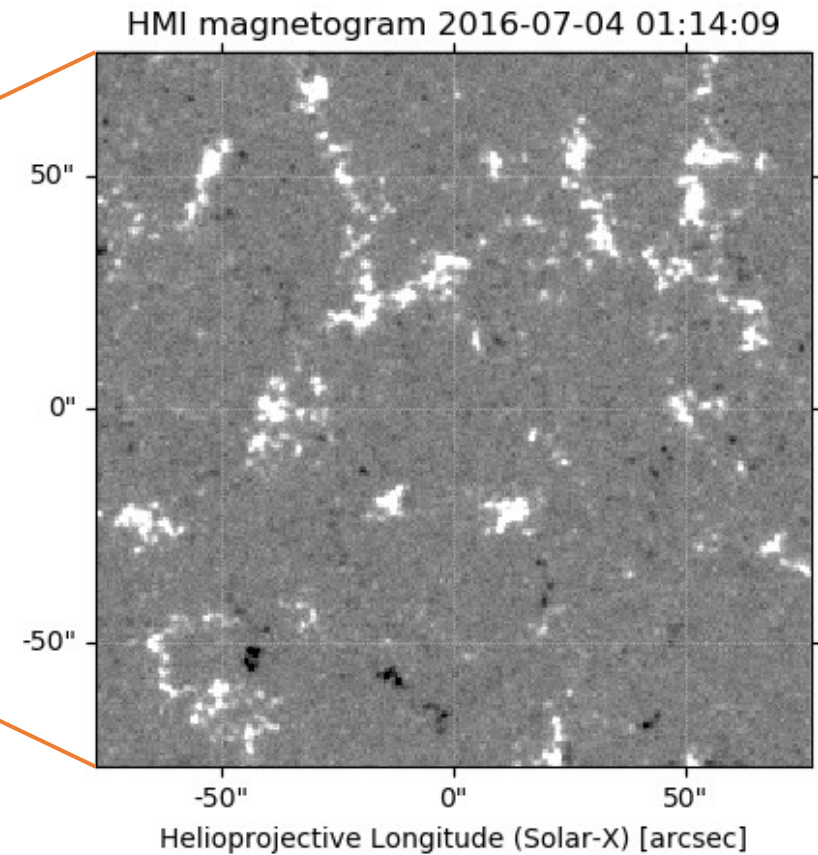
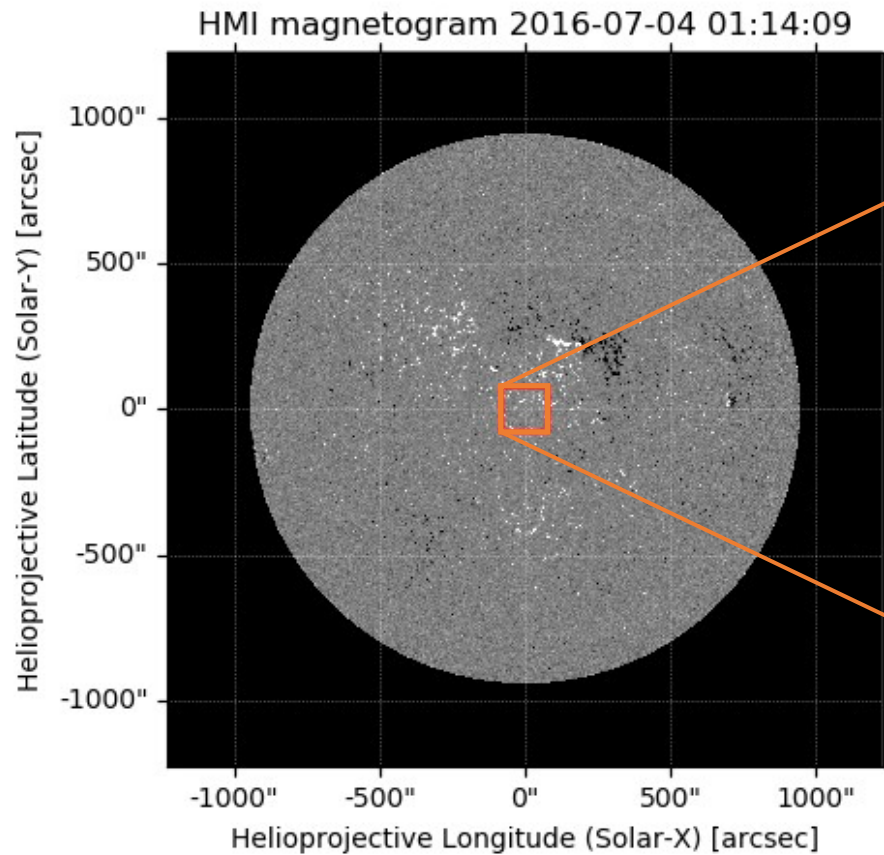
-> We need pairs of the original magnetograms and the denoised magnetograms to train the model.

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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

Crop patches from full disk HMI 45-second magnetogram

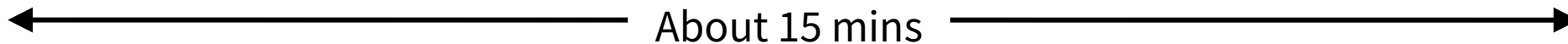
patch size: 256 x 256 ( $\pm 76.8$  arcsec)



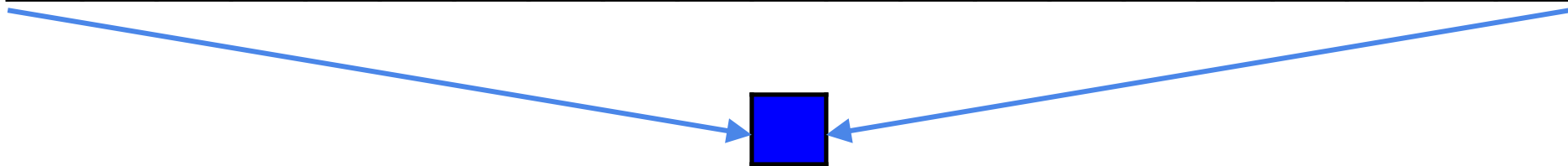
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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

**Input:** Center frame Mag.



**Target:** 21-frame-stacked Mag.

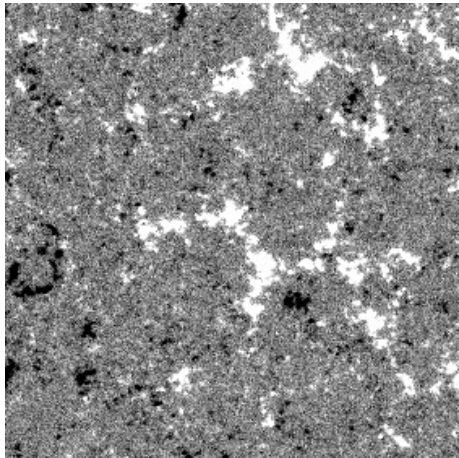


We integrate 21 magnetogram patches that include 10 frames before and 10 frames after the input magnetogram patch considering solar rotation. A stacked magnetogram has approximately 15 minutes of exposure time.

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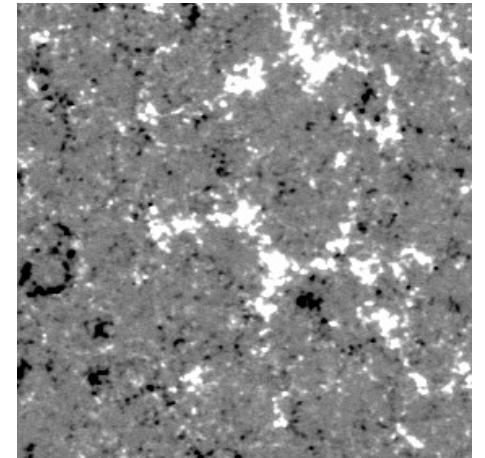
## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

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DL Model

Stacked HMI  
(Target)

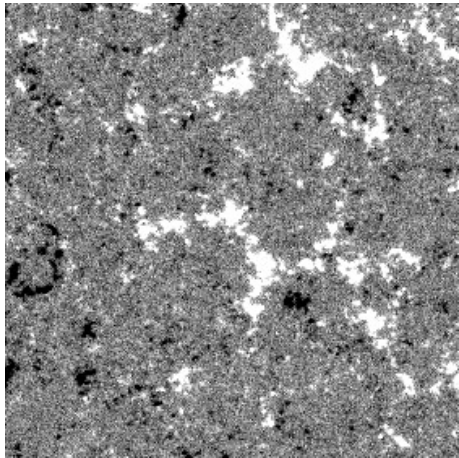


We prepare the pairs of the original magnetograms and the stacked magnetograms.

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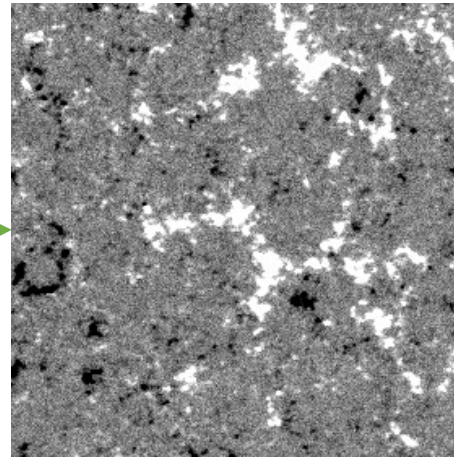
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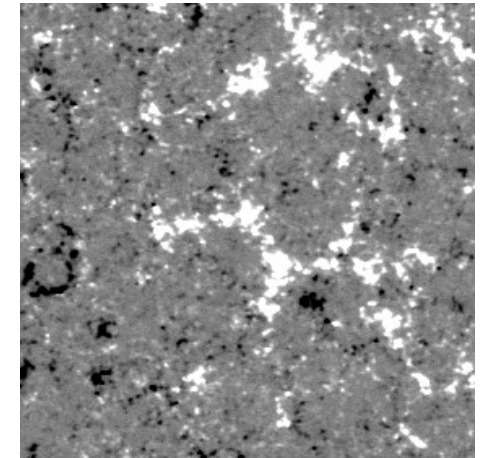


DL Model

Denoised (M1)  
(Model output)



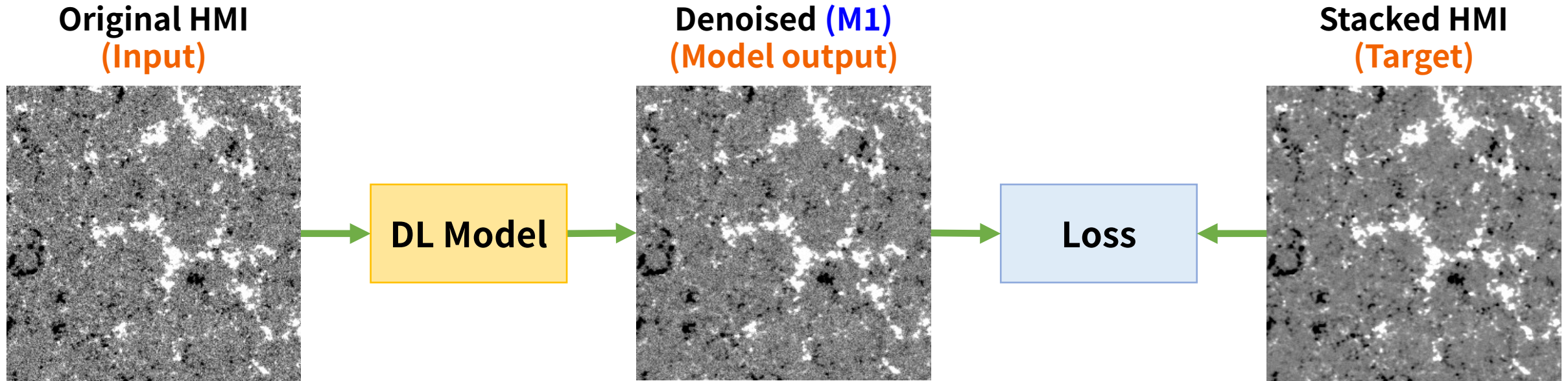
Stacked HMI  
(Target)



We prepare the pairs of the original magnetograms and the stacked magnetograms.  
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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram



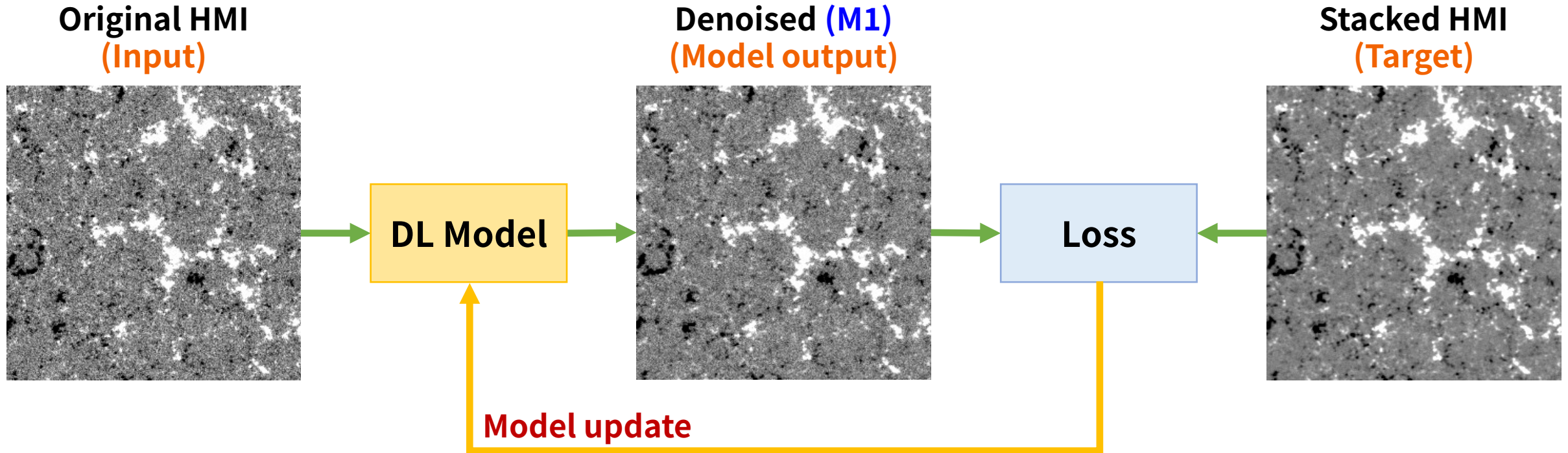
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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram



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The model

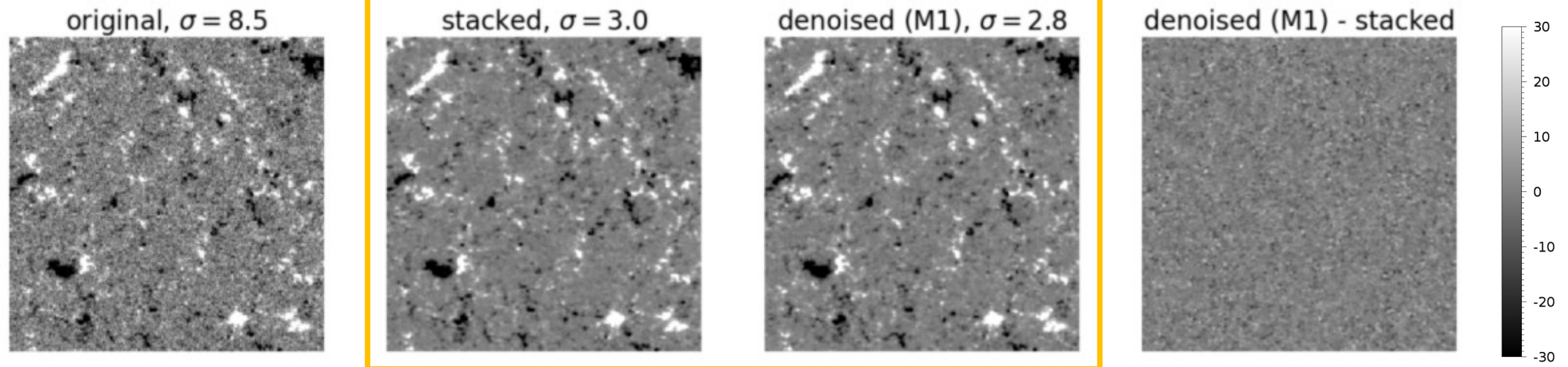
- 1) generates the denoised magnetograms using the original magnetograms,
- 2) calculates the difference between the denoised and the stacked magnetograms,
- 3) back-propagates the difference, and updates itself to minimize the difference.

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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

Comparisons between the original, stacked, and denoised magnetograms

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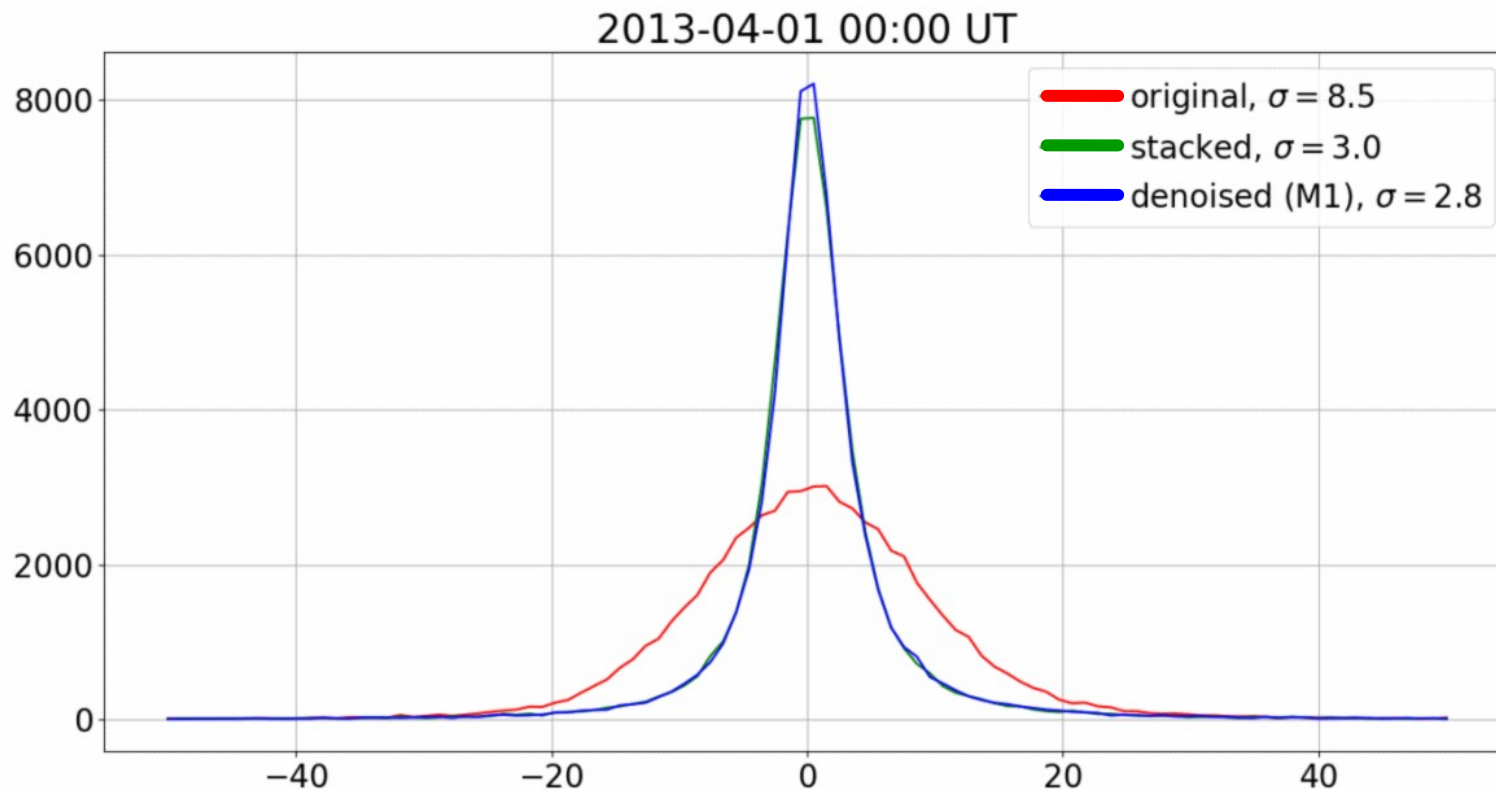


The denoised magnetograms by our model are consistent with the stacked ones.



# Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

Histograms of magnetic flux densities from the original, stacked, and denoised magnetograms



The histograms of the denoised magnetograms are similar to those of the stacked ones, and their noise levels are almost same.

## 2

# Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

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- Our model based on image translation method successfully reduce the noise level of SDO/HMI magnetograms.
- This method can be applied only when we have **pairs** of the original magnetograms (input) and the denoised magnetograms (target).
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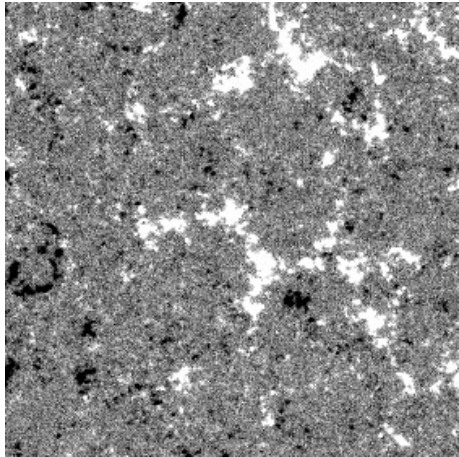
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- **We design an additional model (M2) based on AutoEncoder method that can train without target magnetograms.**

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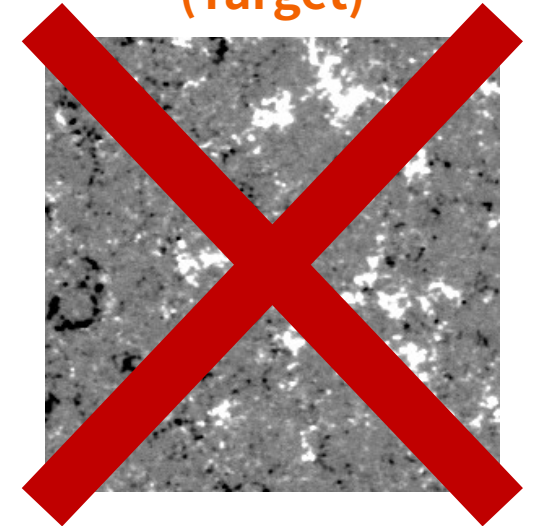
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Original HMI  
(Target)



DL Model

Stacked HMI  
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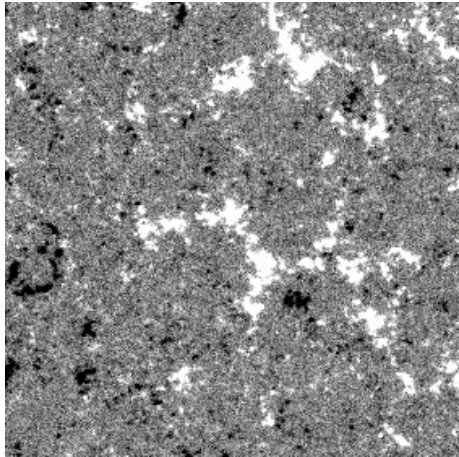
The dataset is the same as the previous study, but we will not use the stacked magnetograms.

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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

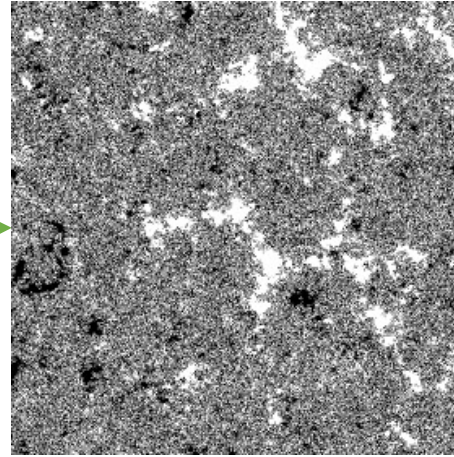
### Training Step

Original HMI  
(Target)



→ Add Noise →

Noise-Added  
(Input)



DL Model

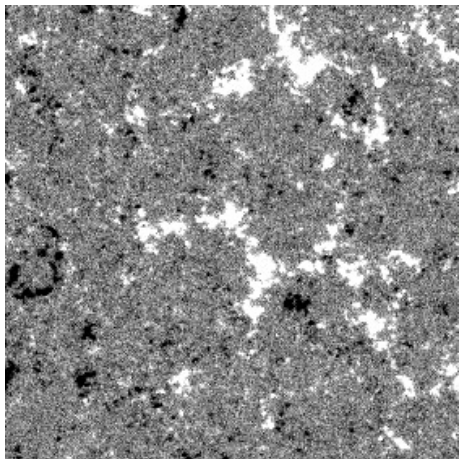
We prepare the original magnetograms and add random Gaussian noise to the magnetograms. The noise distributions are similar to those of the original ones.

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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

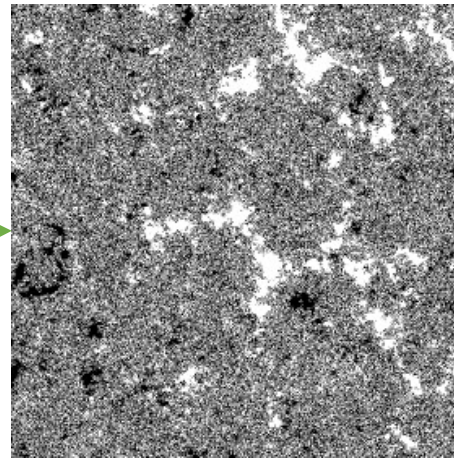
### Training Step

Original HMI  
(Target)



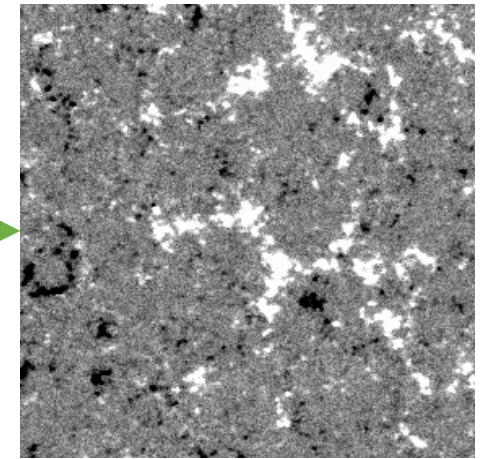
Add Noise

Noise-Added  
(Input)



DL Model

Denoised (M2)  
(Model output)



We prepare the original magnetograms and add random Gaussian noise to the magnetograms.

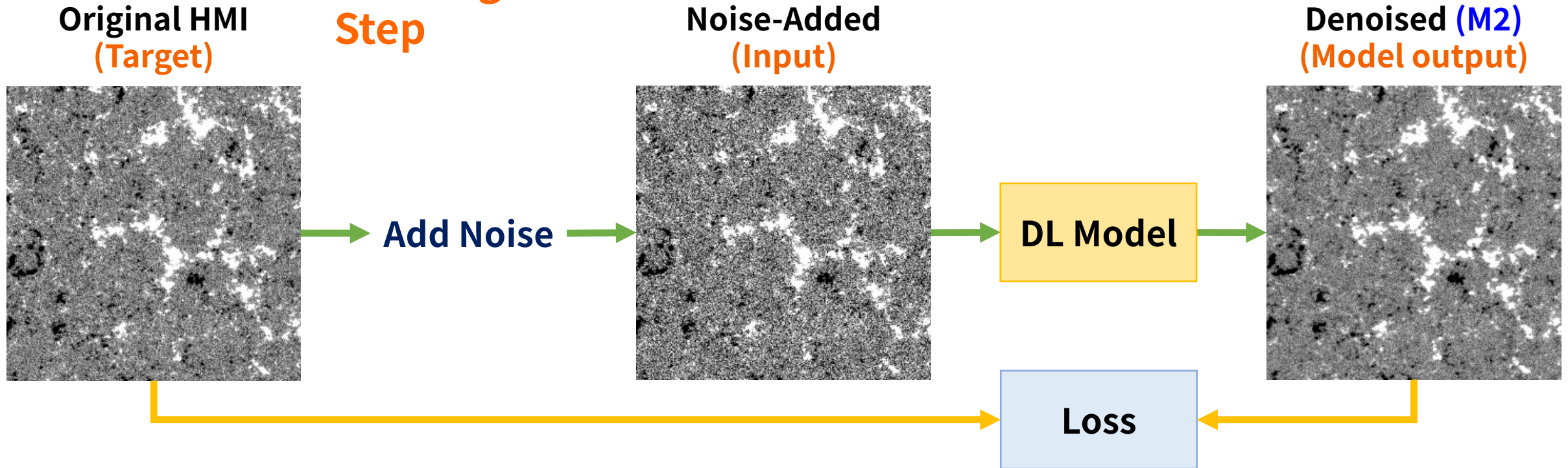
The model

1) generates the denoised magnetograms using the noise-added magnetograms,

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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

### Training Step



We prepare the original magnetograms and add random Gaussian noise to the magnetograms.

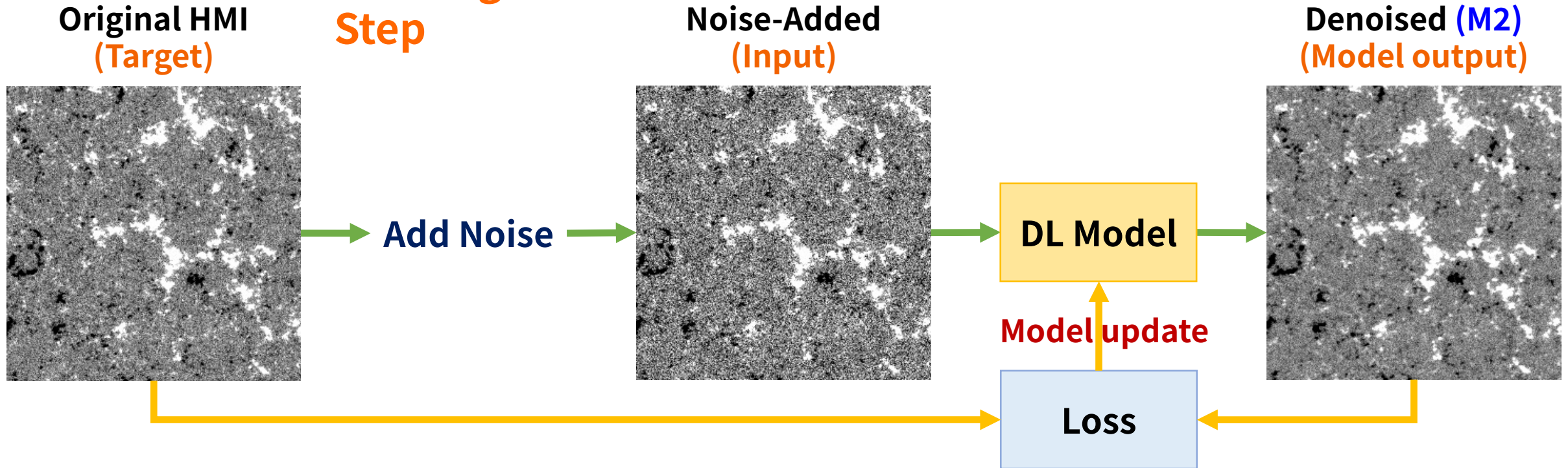
The model

- 1) generates the denoised magnetograms using the noise-added magnetograms,
- 2) calculates the difference between the denoised and the original magnetograms,

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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

### Training Step



We prepare the original magnetograms and add random Gaussian noise to the magnetograms.

The model

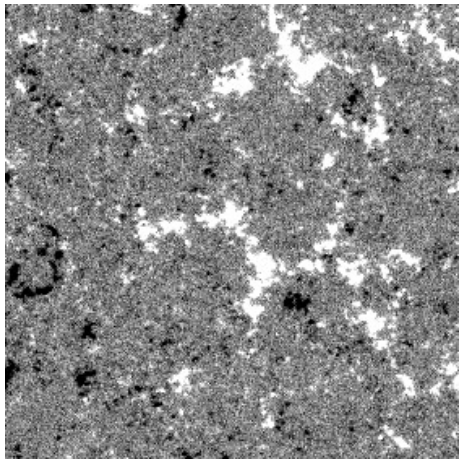
- 1) generates the denoised magnetograms using the noise-added magnetograms,
- 2) calculates the difference between the denoised and the original magnetograms,
- 3) back-propagates the difference, and updates itself to minimize the difference.



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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

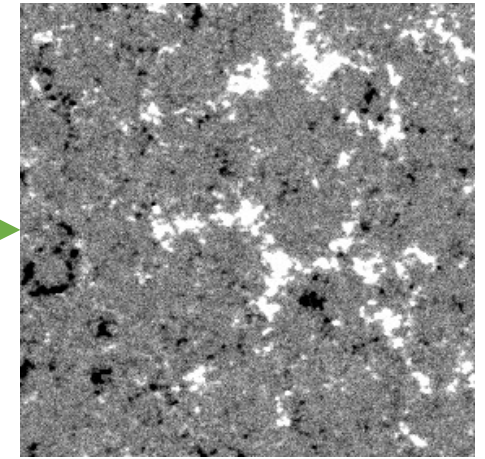
Original HMI  
(Input)



Generation Step

DL Model

Denoised (M2)  
(Model output)



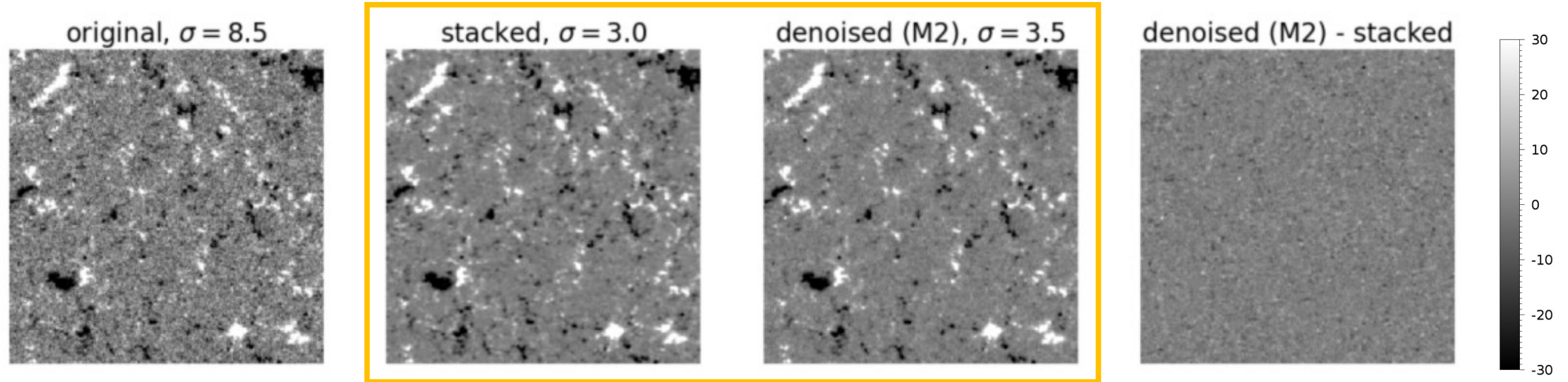
The model generates the denoised magnetograms using the original magnetograms.

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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

Comparisons between the original, stacked, and denoised magnetograms

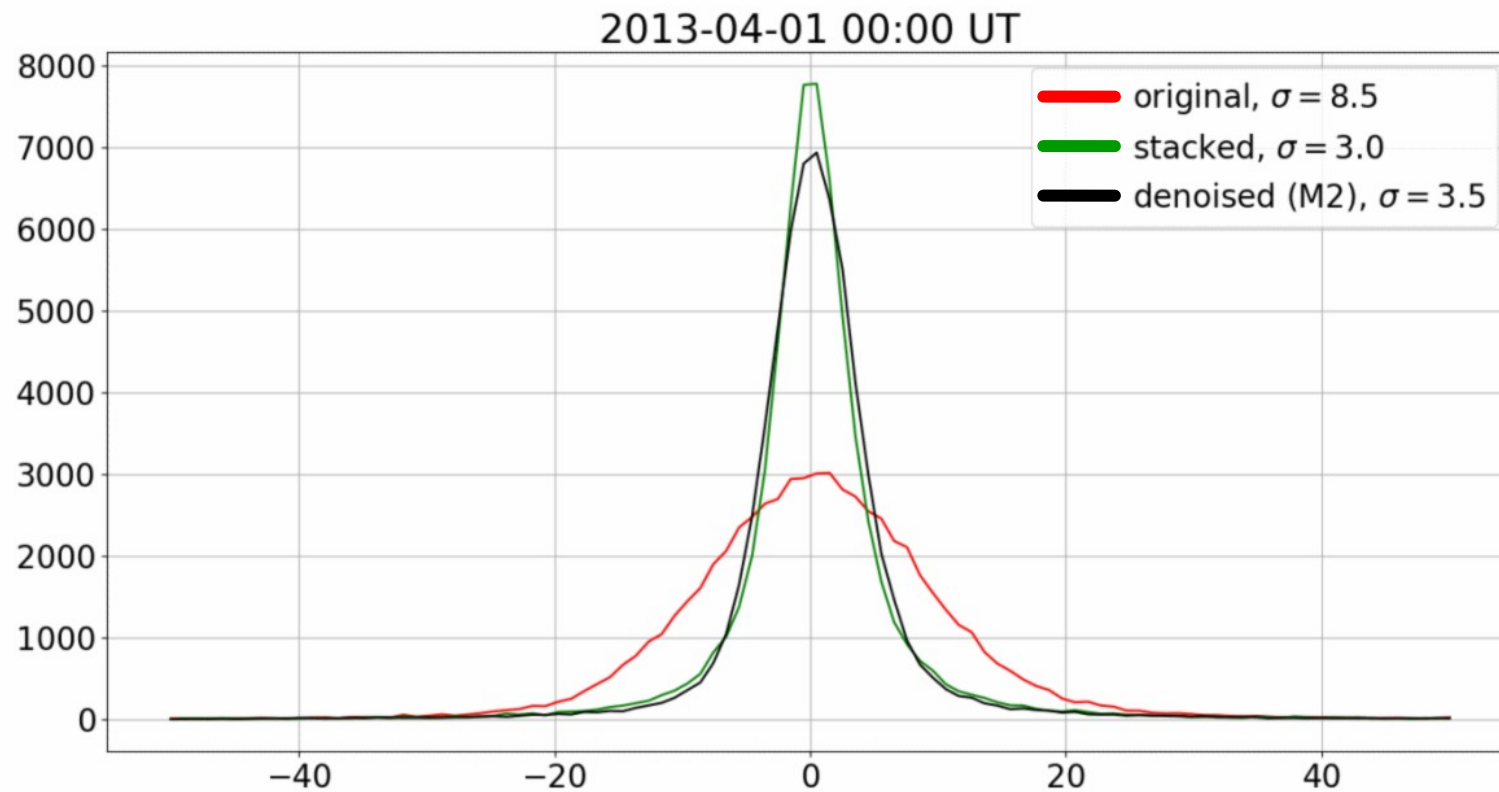
2013-04-01 00:00 UT



The denoised magnetograms by our AutoEncoder model are consistent with the stacked ones

# Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

Histograms of magnetic flux densities from the original, stacked, and denoised magnetograms



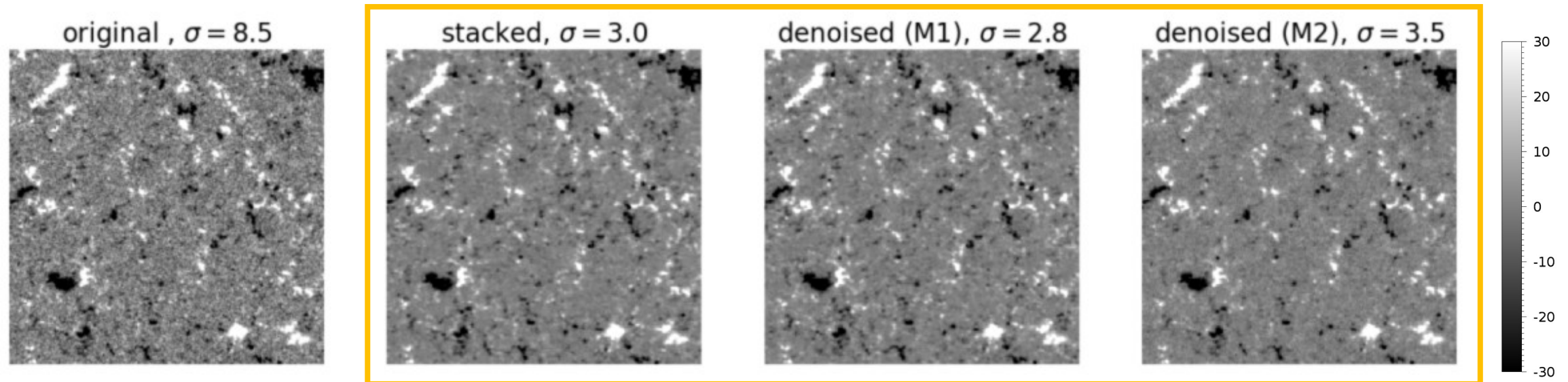
The histograms of the denoised magnetograms are similar to those of the stacked ones

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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

Comparisons between original, stacked, and denoised magnetograms by two models

2013-04-01 00:00 UT



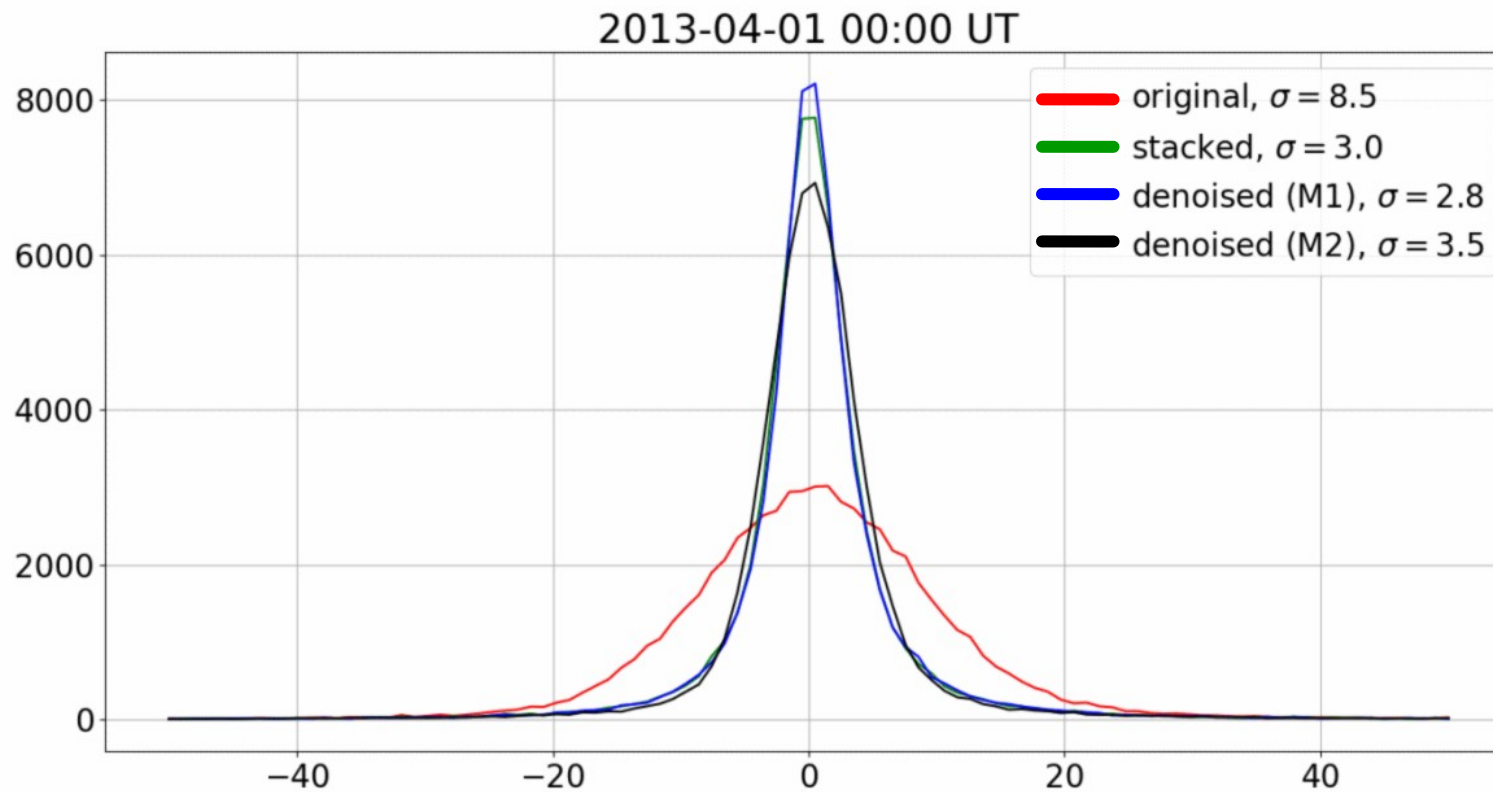
The denoised magnetograms by two models are consistent with each other.

M1: Image translation model, M2: AutoEncoder model

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## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

Histograms of magnetic flux densities from the original, stacked, and denoised magnetograms by two models



M1: Image translation model

M2: AutoEncoder model

The denoised magnetograms by the two models are similar to each other

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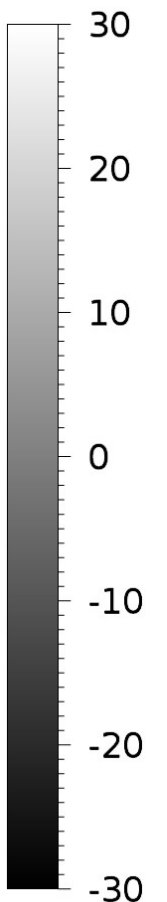
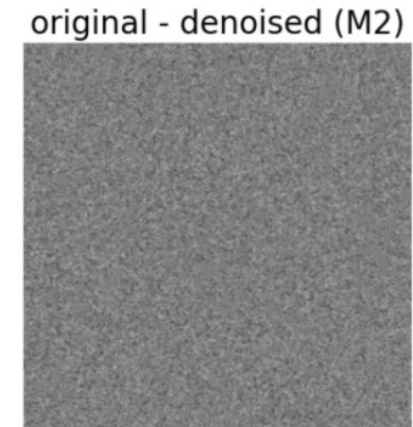
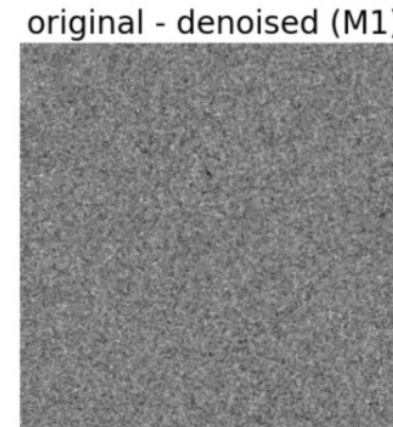
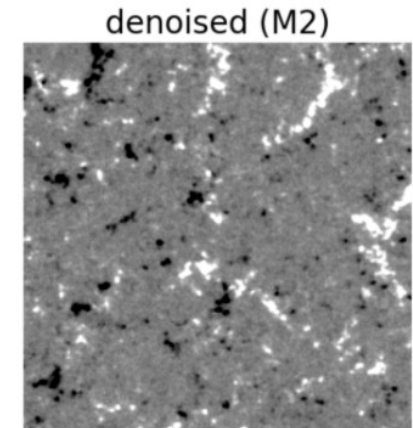
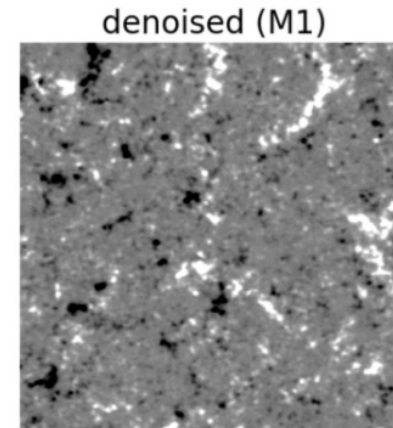
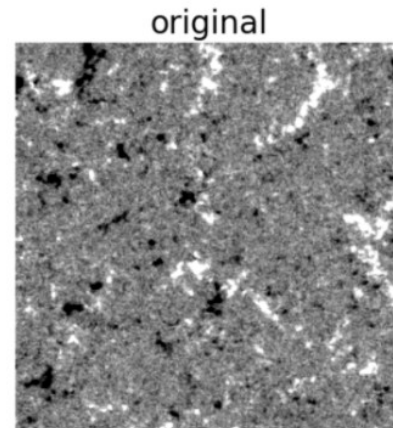
## Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

Application of our models to 21 frames of original SDO/HMI magnetograms

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M1: Image translation model

M2: AutoEncoder model

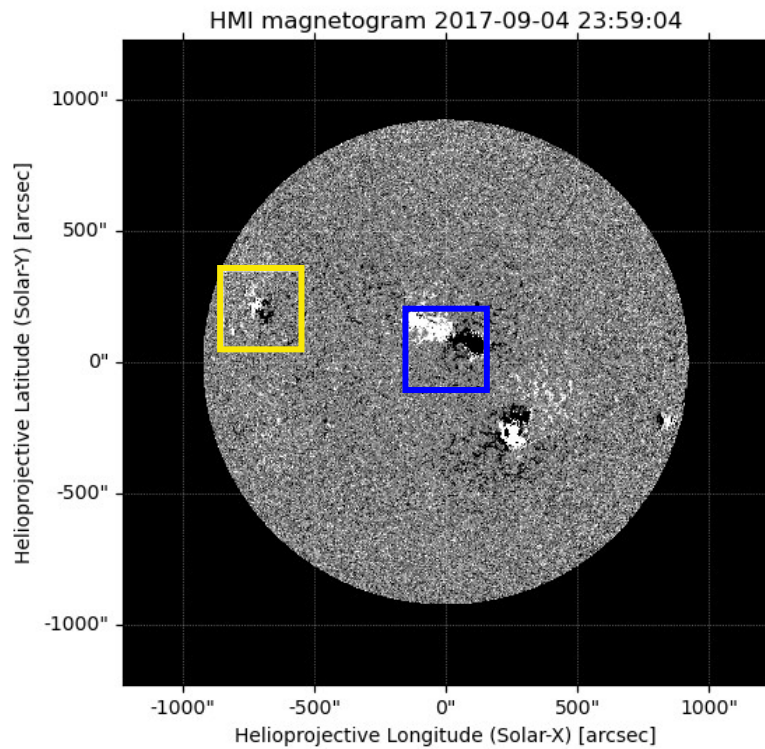


After the training, we can denoise SDO/HMI magnetograms without stacking.

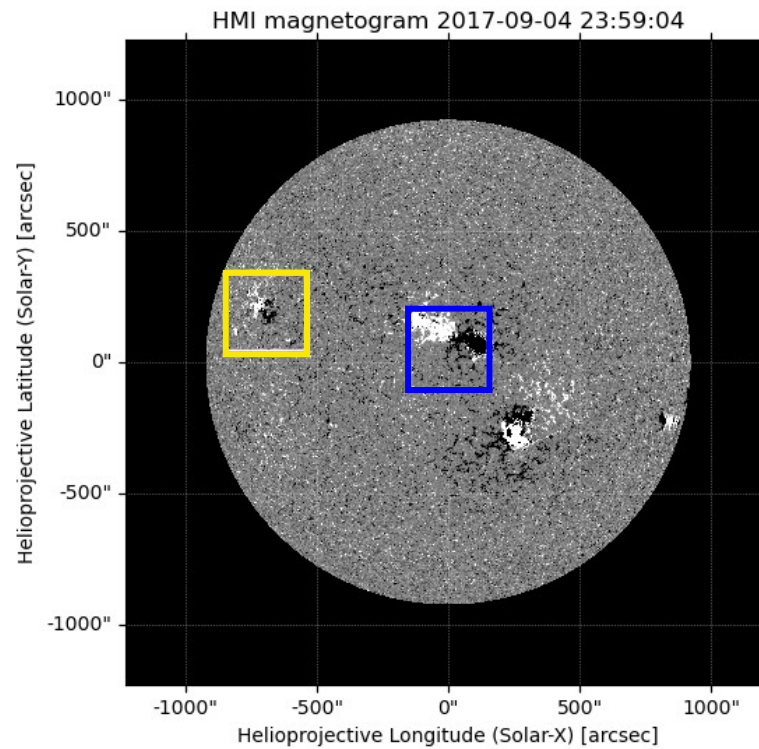
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# Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

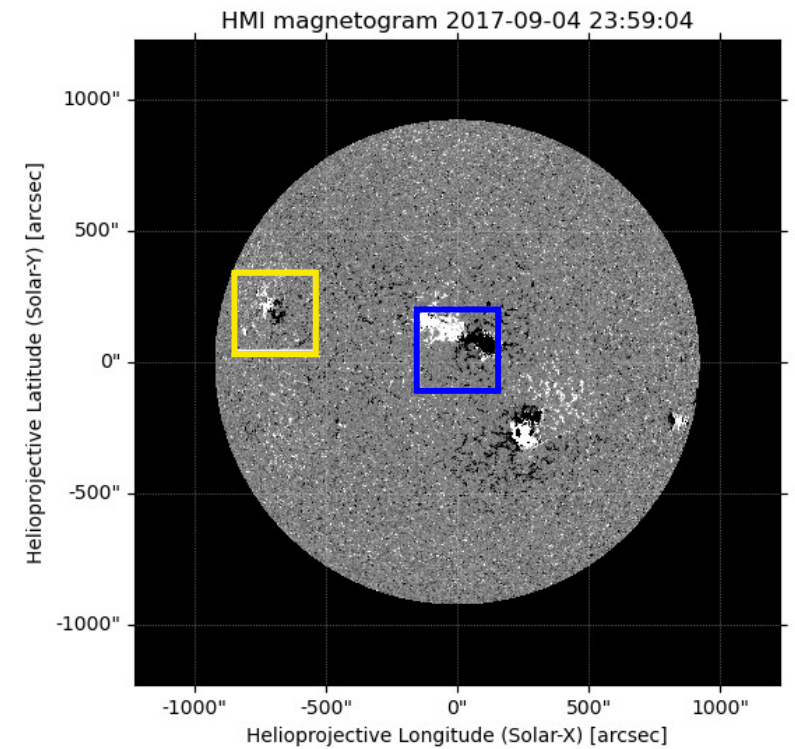
Application of our model to a full-disk SDO/HMI magnetogram



**Original**



**Denoised  
(M1: Image Translation)**

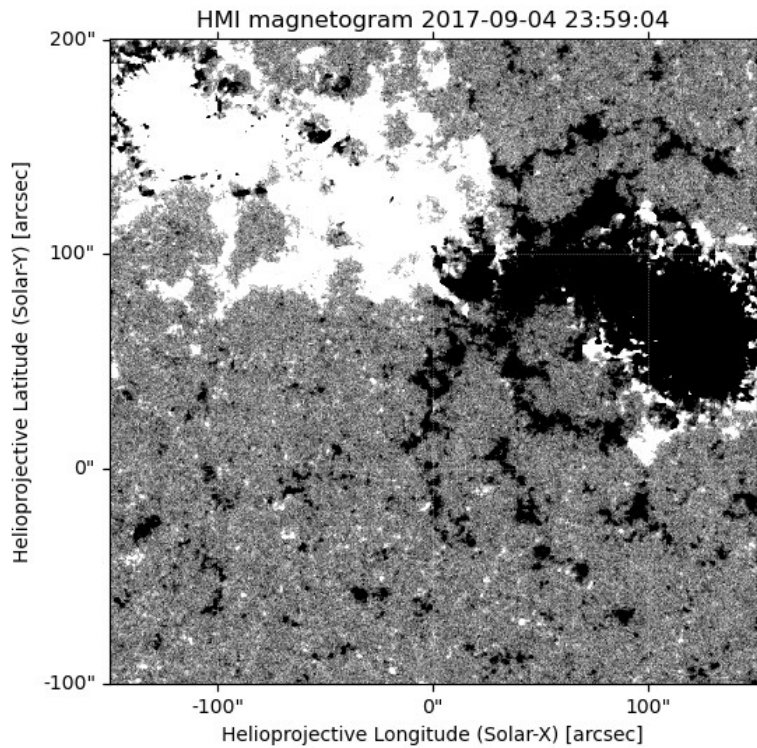


**Denoised  
(M2: AutoEncoder)**

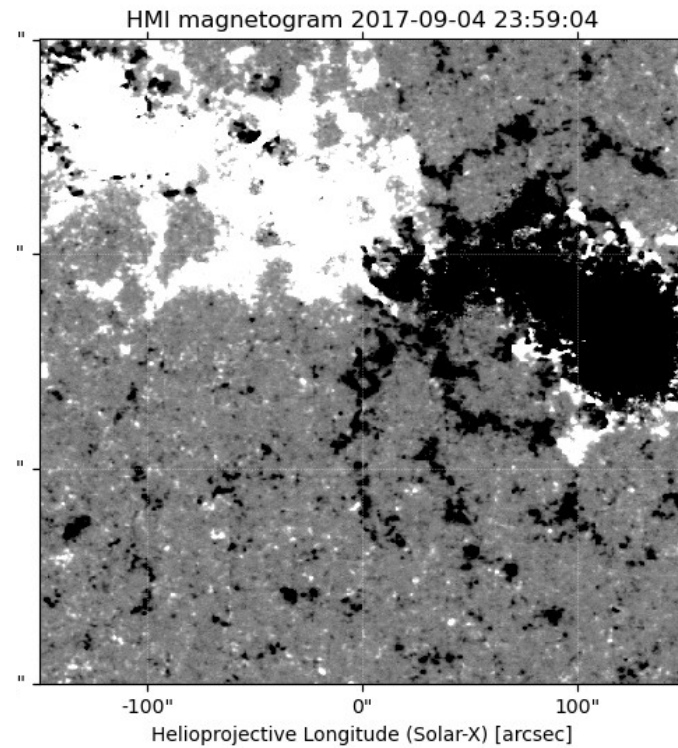
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# Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

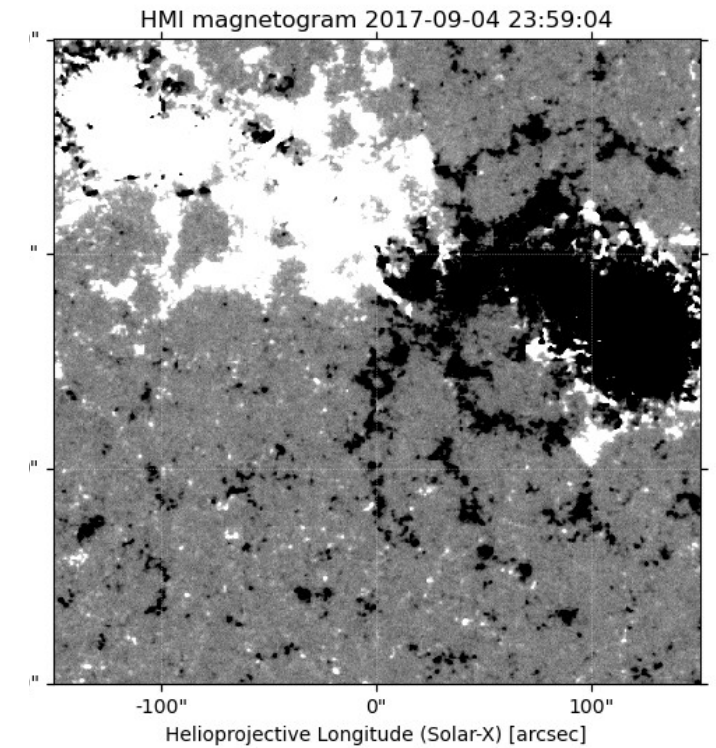
Application of our model to a full-disk SDO/HMI magnetogram: center of disk



**Original, noise level: 9.1 G**



**Denoised, noise level: 3.4 G  
(M1: Image Translation)**



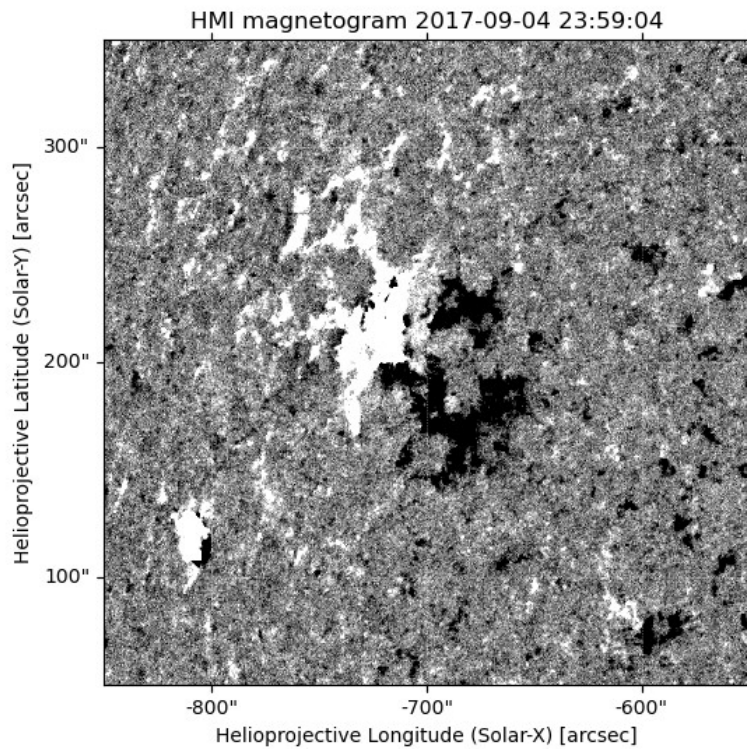
**Denoised, noise level: 3.9 G  
(M2: AutoEncoder)**



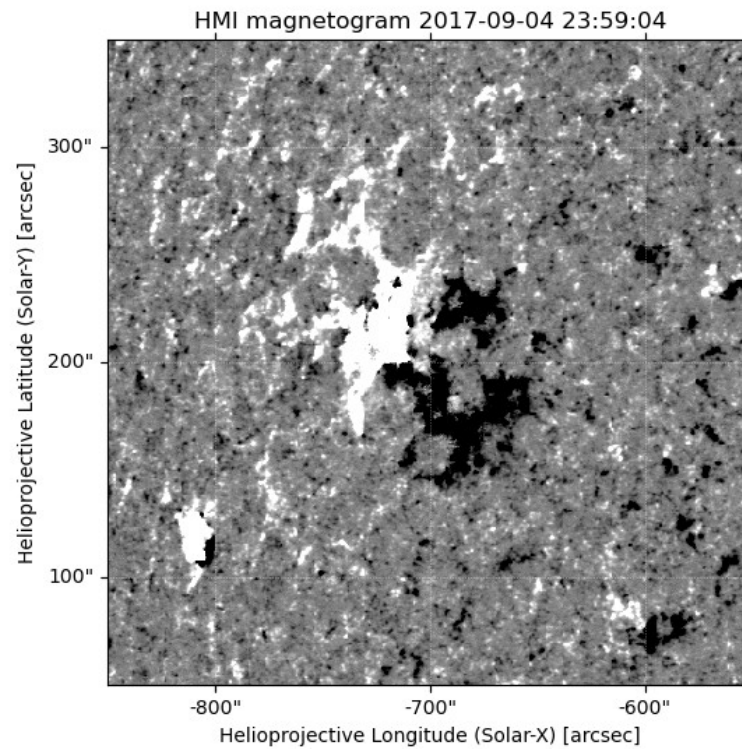
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# Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

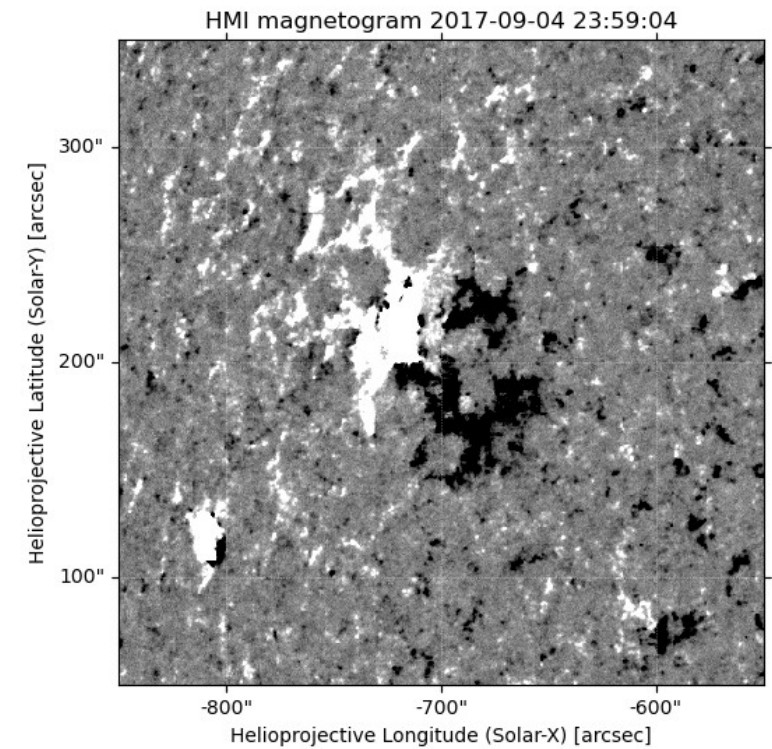
Application of our model to a full-disk SDO/HMI magnetogram: near the limb



**Original, noise level: 10.7 G**



**Denoised, noise level: 4.5 G  
(M1: Image Translation)**



**Denoised, noise level: 4.9 G  
(M2: AutoEncoder)**

## 2

# Denoising SDO/HMI Magnetogram

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- The **image-translation method** can be applied to denoising solar and space weather data if **we can build many target noise-reduced data**.
- If it is **difficult to build the denoised target data**, the **AutoEncoder method** can be applied to denoising solar and space weather data as an alternative.

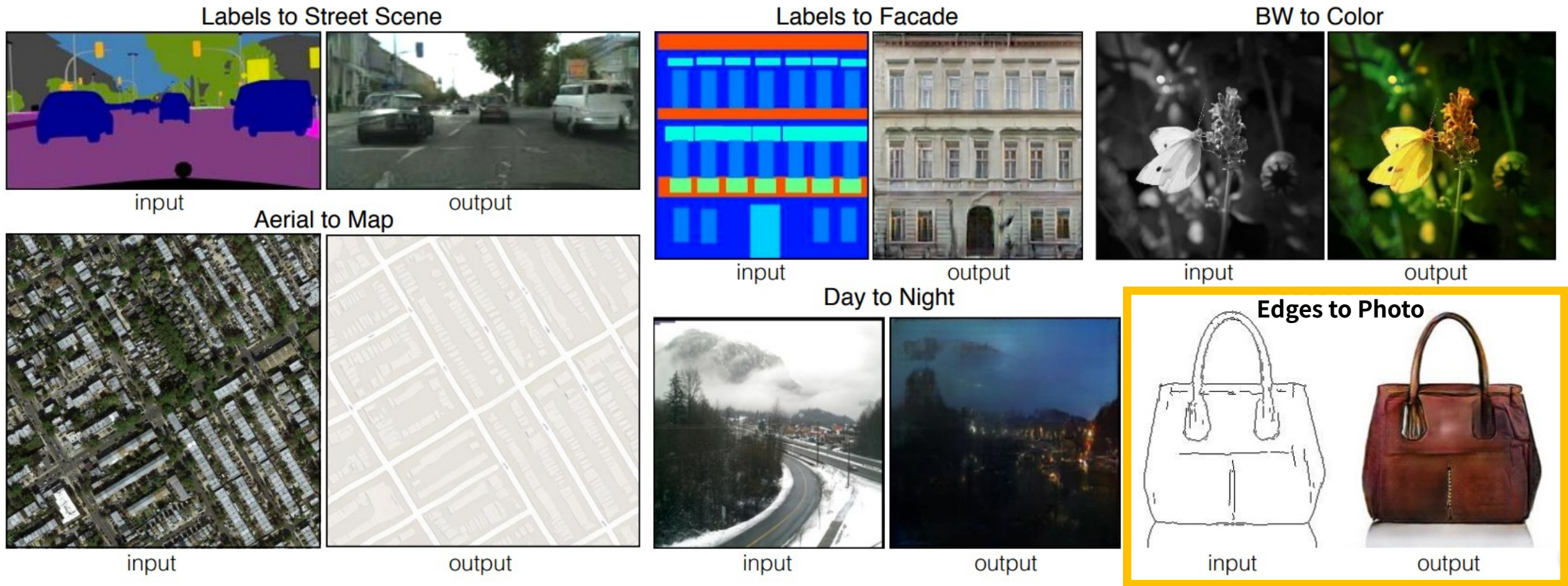
# 3

## **Generation of Modern Satellite Images from Galileo sunspot drawings in 1612**

Lee et al., 2021

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# Generation of Satellite Image from Galileo Sunspot

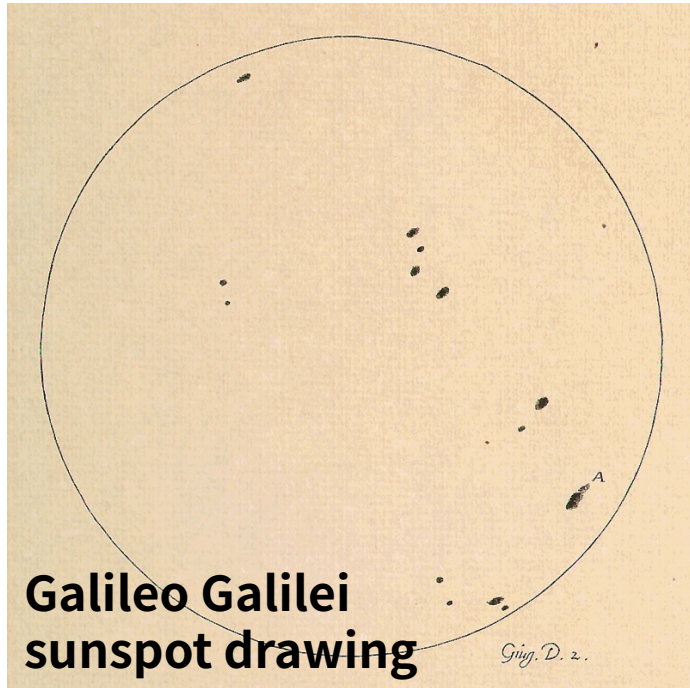


Isola et al. 2017

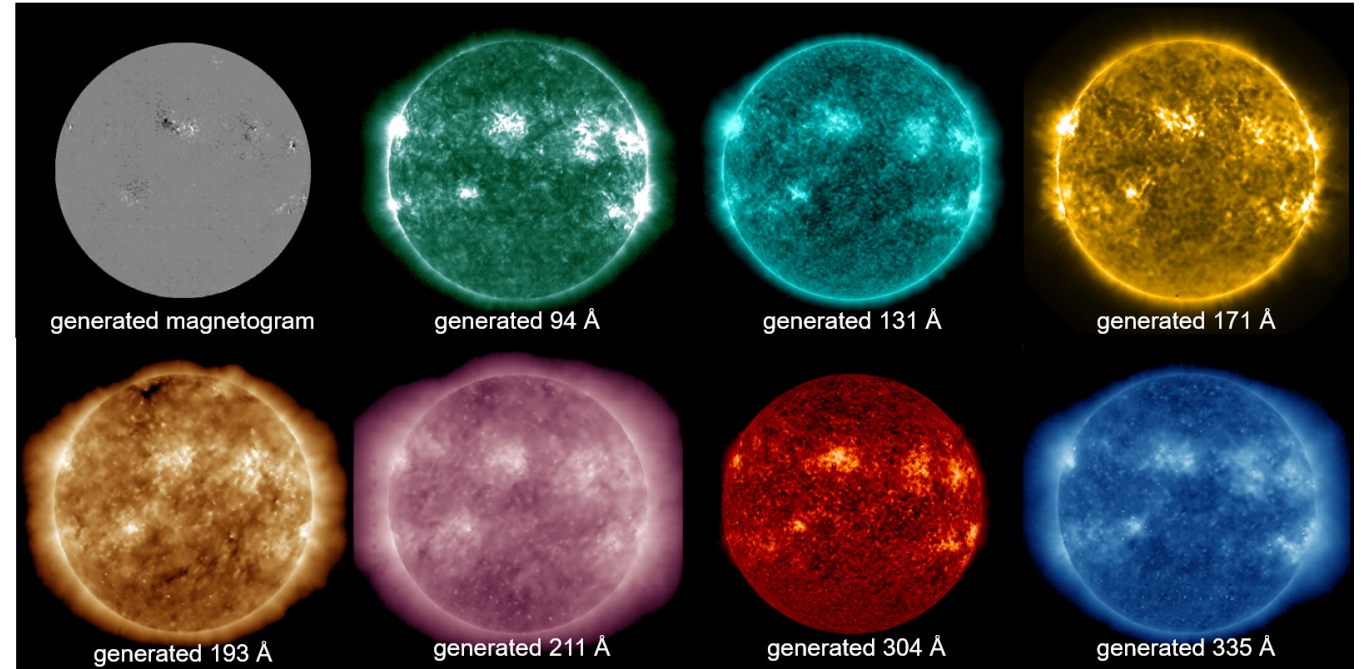
**We have similar data to this example, that is sunspot drawings.**

# 3

# Generation of Satellite Image from Galileo Sunspot



[http://galileo.rice.edu/sci/observations/sunspot\\_drawings.html](http://galileo.rice.edu/sci/observations/sunspot_drawings.html)



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