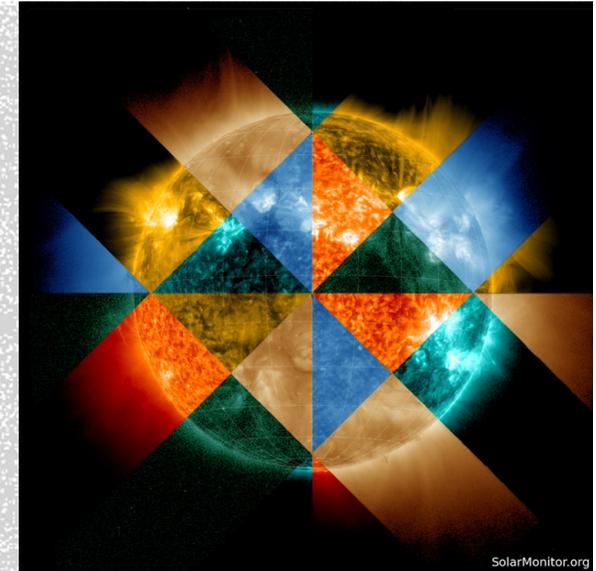


# ARCAFF

Active Region Classification and Flare Forecasting

PITHIA-NRF High Profile Meeting 1, Brussels, Mar 14, 2023

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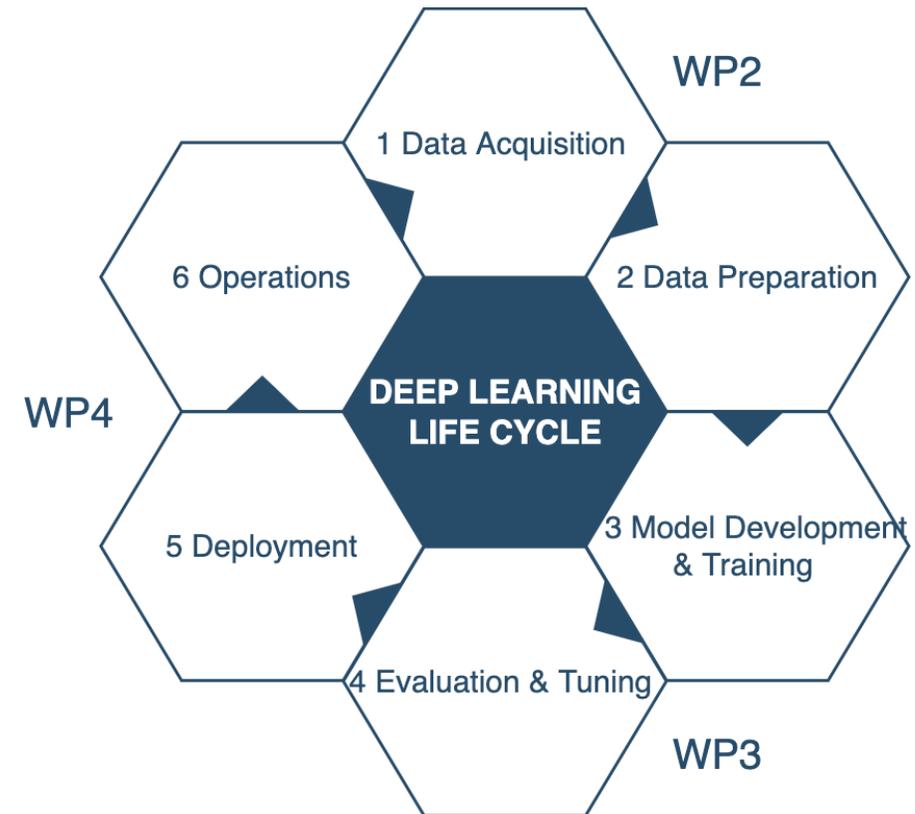
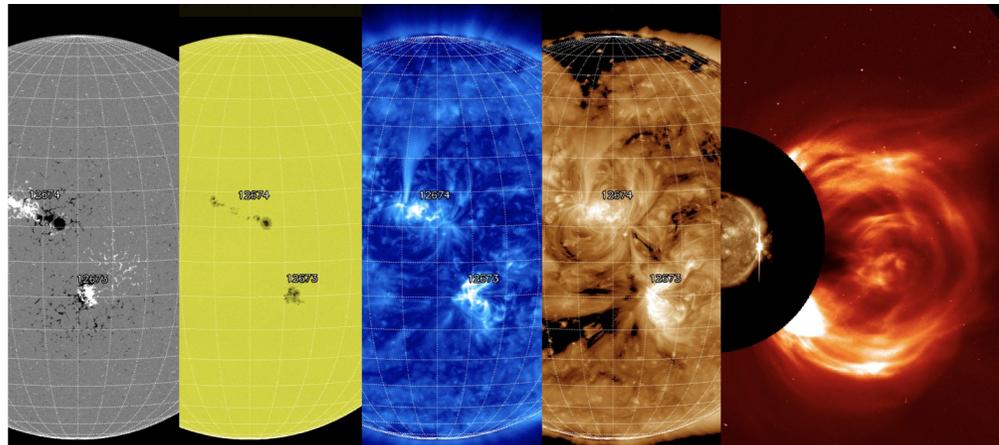
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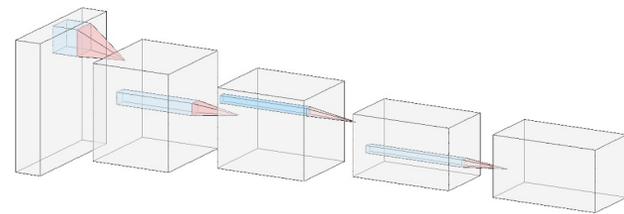
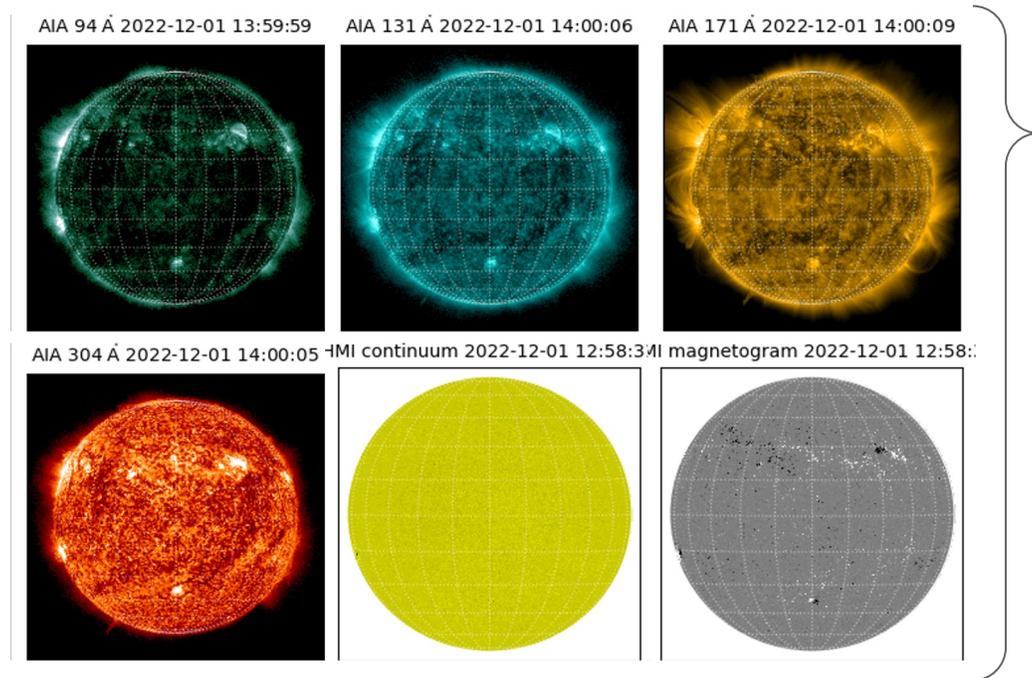
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- Horizon Europe HORIZON-CL4-2022-SPACE-01 call (Project ID 101082164)
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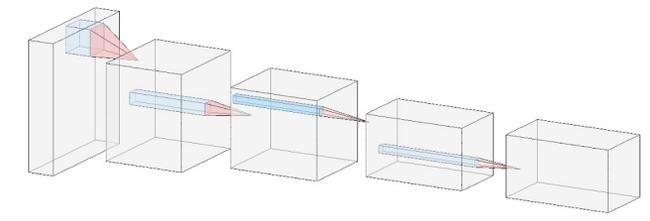
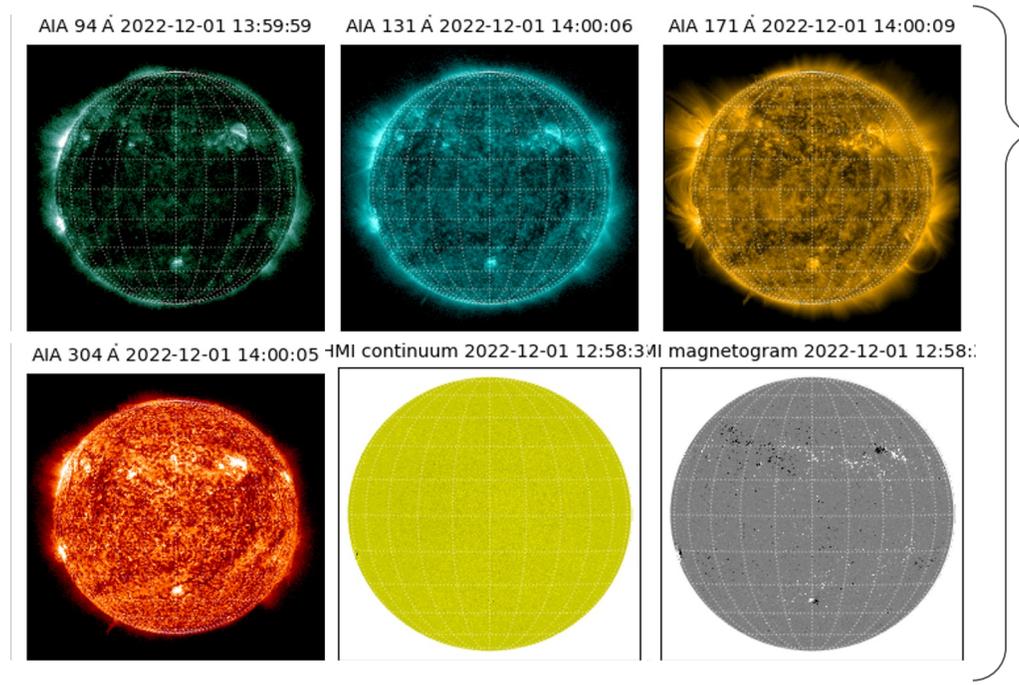
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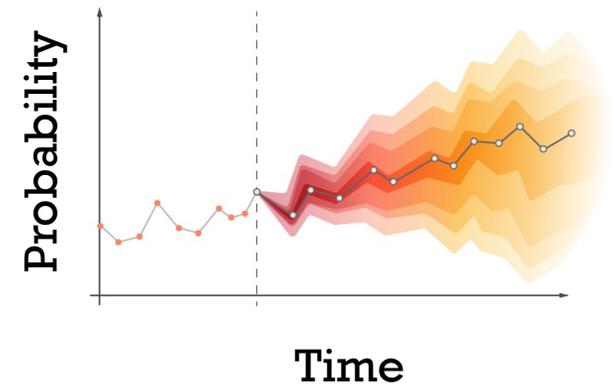
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**Flare or no Flare  
+6, +12, +24 hours**

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## ▪ Objectives

- **Objective 1 (O1)** - Active region classifications using magnetogram cutouts
- **Objective 2 (O2)** - Active region localisation and classification using full disk magnetograms
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## ▪ Work Packages

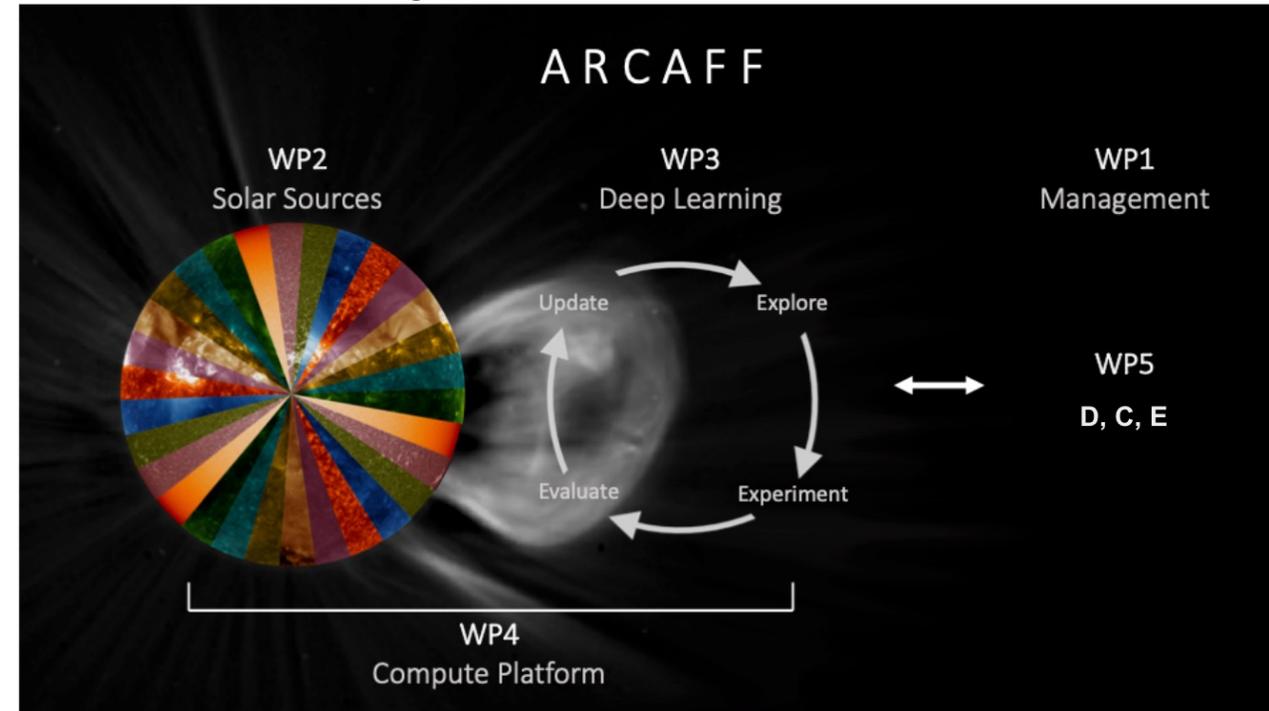
- WP1 Management
  - How the overall project will be managed
- WP2 Solar Data Sources
  - Preparation of solar image and AR and flare datasets.
- WP3 Deep Learning
  - Development and training of advanced deep learning models on AR and flare forecasting dataset.
- WP4 Compute Platform
  - Implement flexible distributed back-end system for data acquisition and preparation, deep learning development and training, as well as an accessible front-facing interface for users.
- WP5 D, C & E
  - How the project will engage the scientific and operational space weather community, and the wider public and policy makers.

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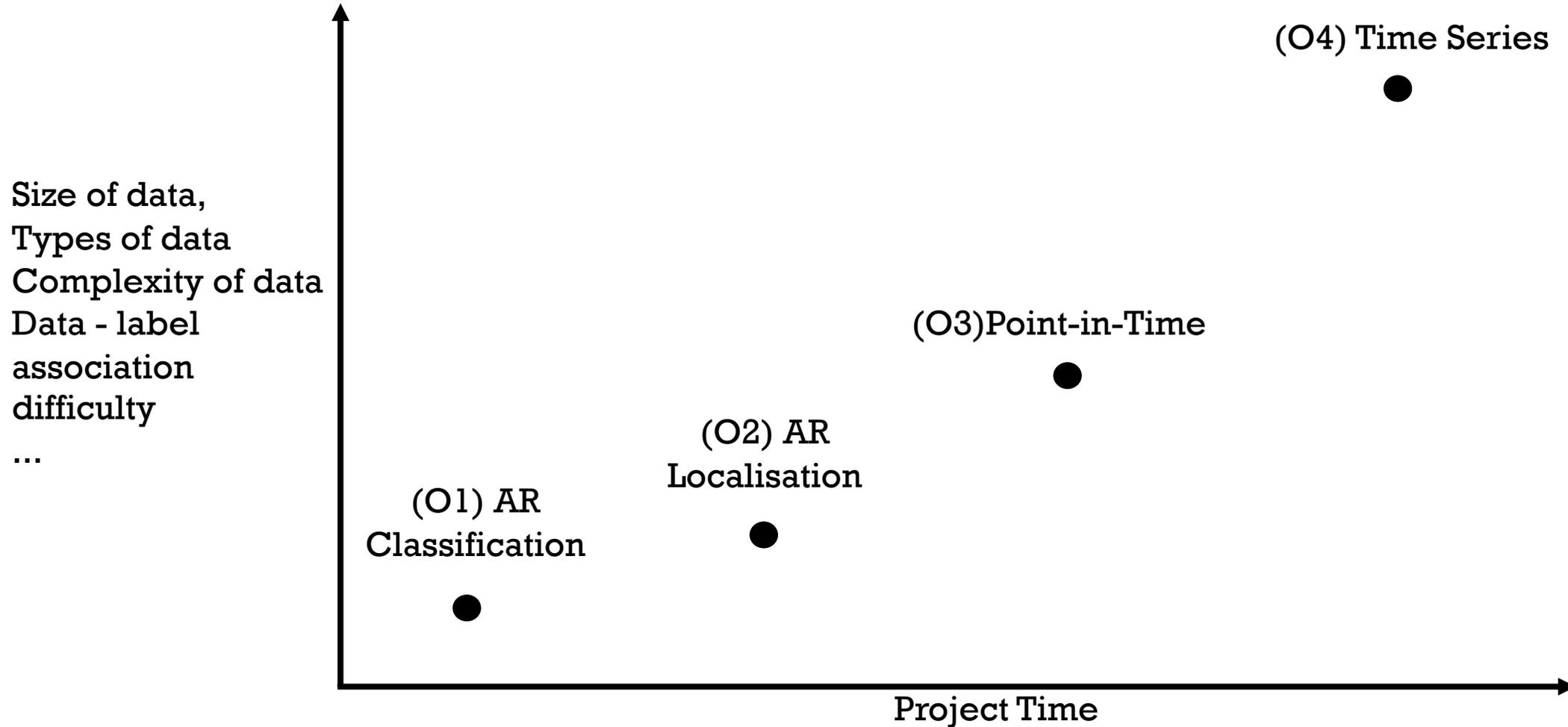
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<b>Instrument</b>	<b>Observations</b>	<b>Wavelength</b>	<b>Cadence</b>	<b>Date Range</b>
SOHO/MDI	LoS B field	6768	96 min	1996 - 2011
SOHO/EIT	EUV Intensity	171, 195, 284, 304	12 min – 6 hours	1996 - present
SDO/AIA	EUV Intensity	94, 171, 193, 304, 335	12 sec	2010 – present
SDO/HMI	LoS B field	6768	720 / 45 sec	2010 – present
SDO/HMI	Continuum		720	2010 – present
GOES	XRS	0.1-0.8nm, 0.05-0.4nm	1/3 sec	1970s – present

# ARCAFF (01)

## AR CLASSIFICATION

Search and download full disk (FD) magnetograms from the SOHO/MDI and SDO/HMI archives (ESA SOHO archive, JSOC for SDO/HMI).

Preprocessing of full-disk (FD) magnetograms - calibration, alignment, scaling, and bad data removal.

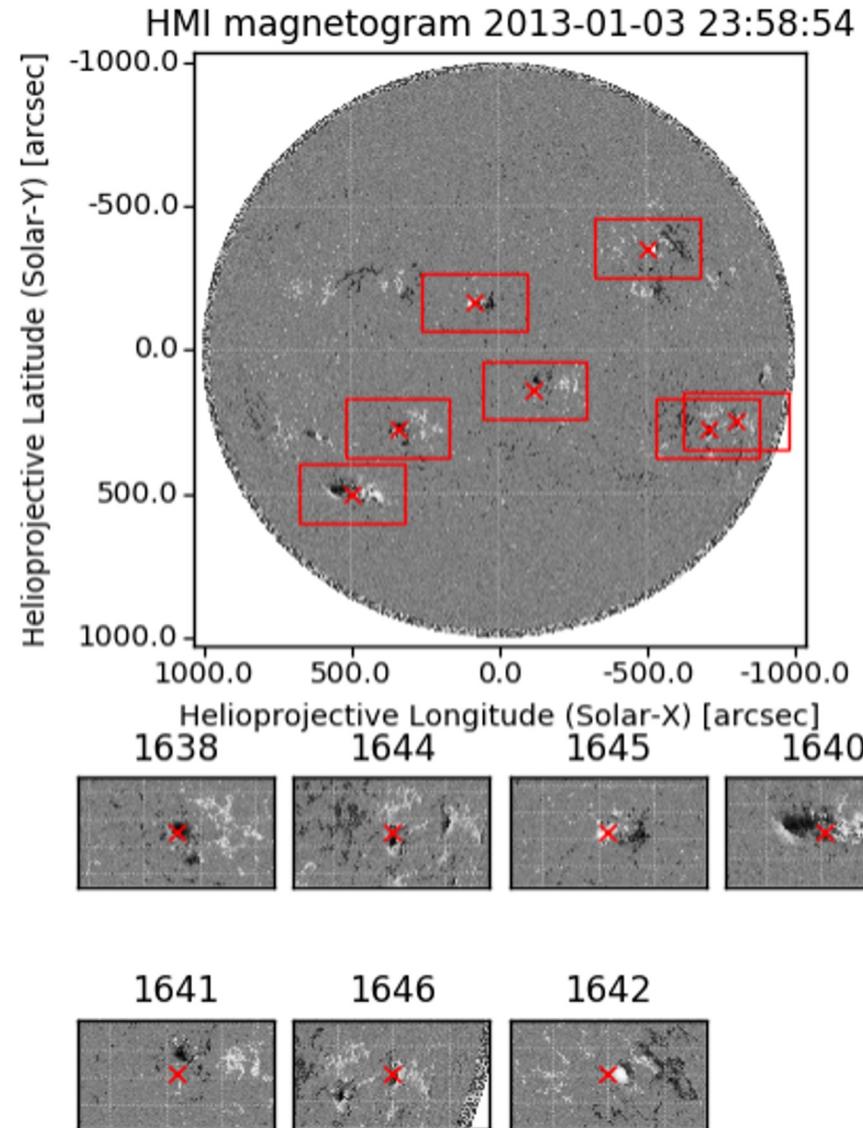
Download of AR properties (locations and classifications in SRS files) from SolarMonitor.org or NOAA/ SWPC.

Create AR cutouts using processed FD magnetograms and AR locations obtained from SRS files.

AR classification

- inputs: AR magnetogram cutouts (2D, space  $\times$  space)
- outputs: classifications (Hale, McIntosh).

Release of datasets, software, and research into AR classification properties.



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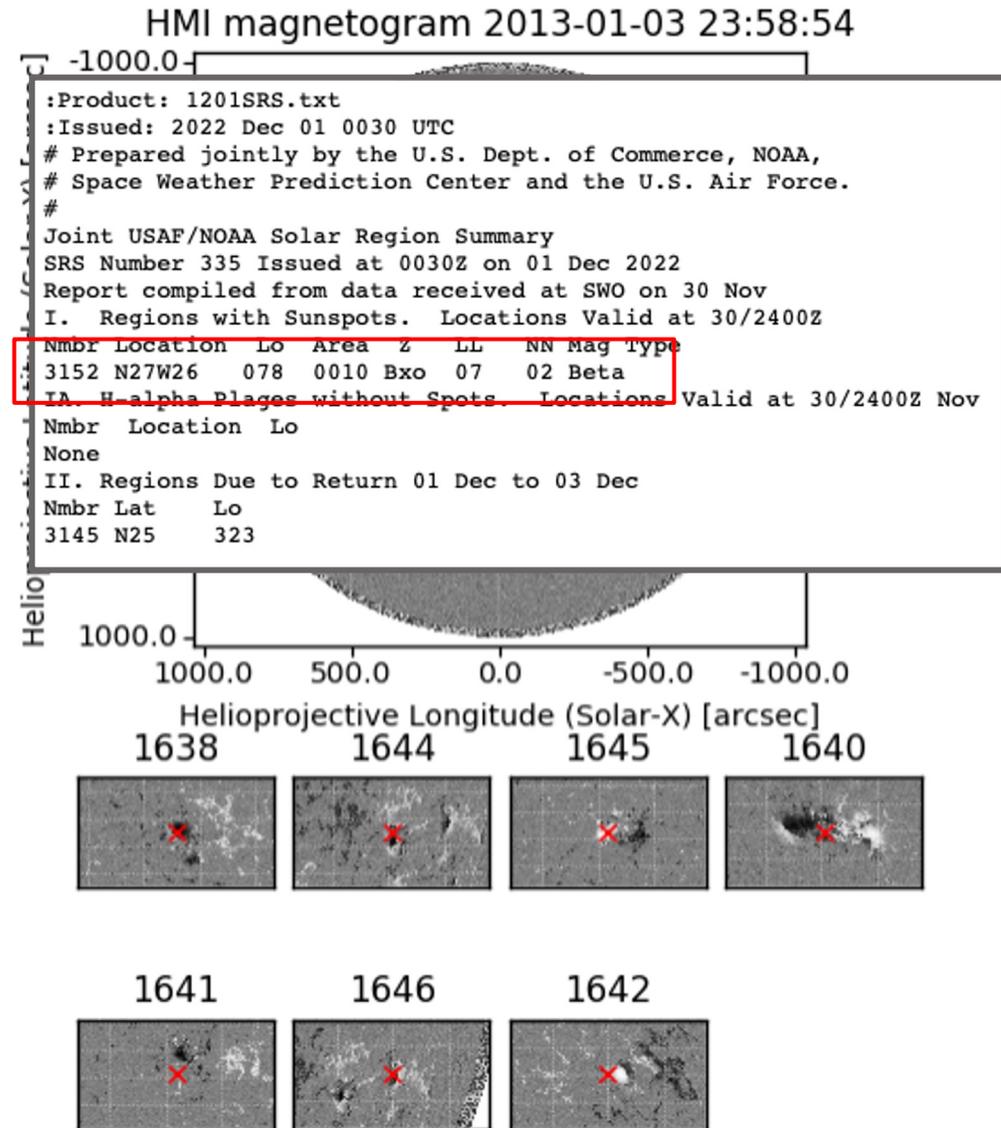
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# ARCAFF (02)

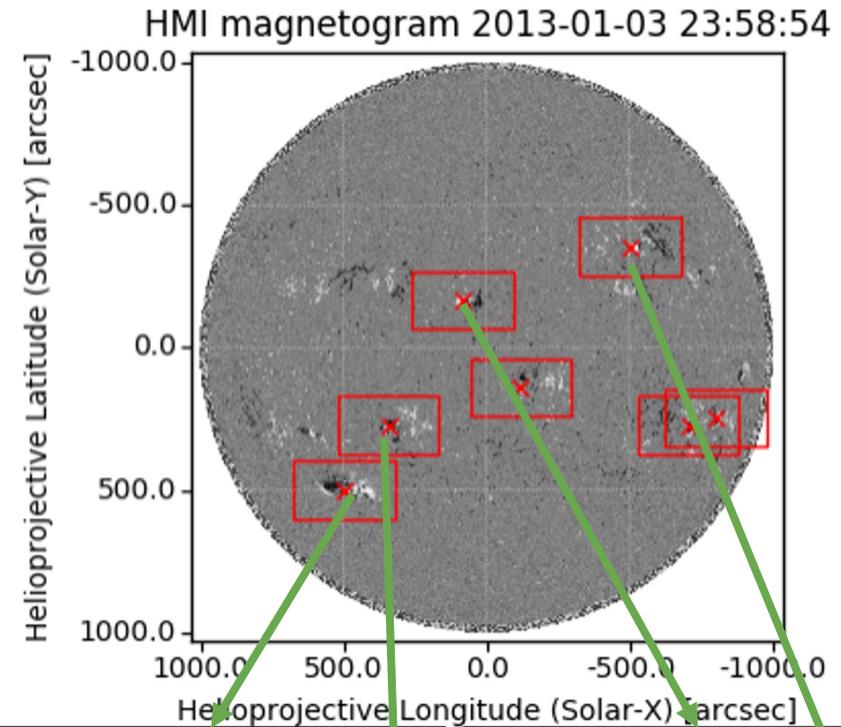
## AR LOCALISATION

Create or obtain AR bounding boxes.

Create data set using previously downloaded and prepared FD images for AR localisation and classification:

- inputs: FD magnetogram (2D - space x space)
- outputs: vector of AR bounding boxes and classifications (Hale, McIntosh) for all ARs in each magnetogram.

Release of datasets, software, and research into AR classification properties.



BBox: -450, -450, 500, 500  
Hale: alpha  
McIntosh: axx

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# ARCAFF (03)

## POINT-IN-TIME FORECAST

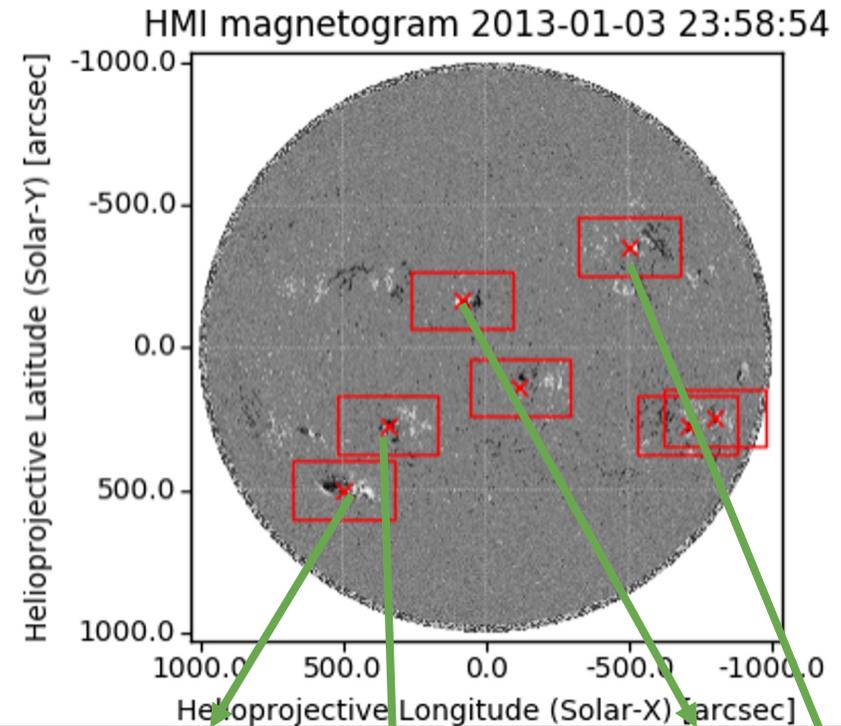
Download flare event data from NOAA/SWPC.

Flare probabilities are calculated from flare events over a rolling interval, e.g. 24 hours, for C, M, and X class flares. The start of this interval is used to find the closest previously downloaded and prepared FD magnetograms, which are then associated with the calculated flare probability.

Use magnetogram and derived flare probabilities to create a dataset for training the point-in-time flare forecast:

- inputs (FD magnetograms)
- outputs (vector of bounding boxes and flare probabilities (C, M, X) in time period e.g. 24 hours).

Release of DL dataset and software.



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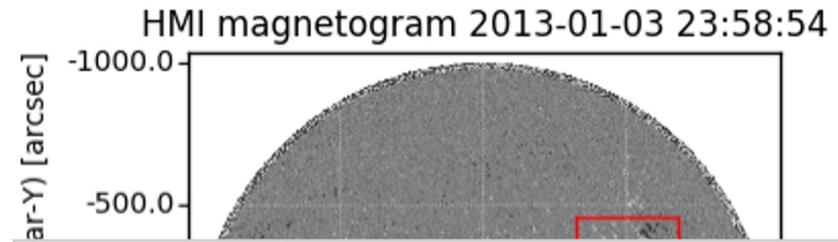
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Release of DL dataset and software.



Event#	EName	Start	Stop	Peak	GOES Class	Derived Position
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2	<a href="#">gev_20221130_0534</a>	2022/11/30 05:34:00	05:49:00	05:42:00	C1.3	S19W89
3	<a href="#">gev_20221130_0617</a>	2022/11/30 06:17:00	06:29:00	06:23:00	C2.1	S14W89
4	<a href="#">gev_20221130_1103</a>	2022/11/30 11:03:00	11:18:00	11:13:00	C1.7	S18W89
5	<a href="#">gev_20221130_1106</a>	2022/11/30 11:06:00	11:18:00	11:13:00	C1.6	S17W89
6	<a href="#">gev_20221130_1118</a>	2022/11/30 11:18:00	11:35:00	11:22:00	C1.5	S16E89
7	<a href="#">gev_20221130_1222</a>	2022/11/30 12:22:00	12:35:00	12:31:00	C1.2	N20W63
8	<a href="#">gev_20221130_1400</a>	2022/11/30 14:00:00	14:19:00	14:10:00	C1.2	S19E89
9	<a href="#">gev_20221130_1419</a>	2022/11/30 14:19:00	15:09:00	14:48:00	C2.6	S20E89
10	<a href="#">gev_20221130_1610</a>	2022/11/30 16:10:00	16:24:00	16:17:00	C3.0	S18W84
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15	<a href="#">gev_20221201_0110</a>	2022/12/01 01:10:00	01:18:00	01:14:00	C1.1	S16E89
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# ARCAFF (04)

## POINT-IN-TIME MULTIMODAL FORECAST

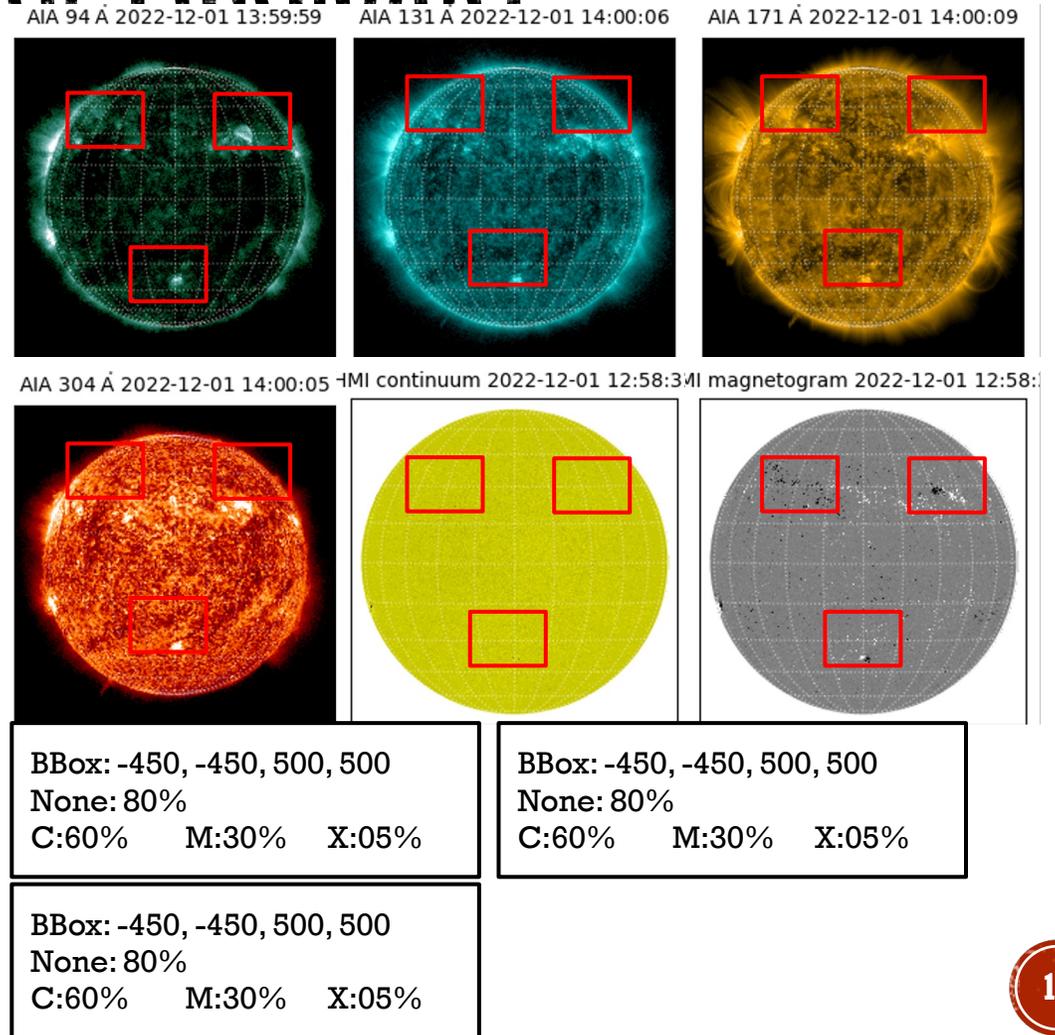
Search and download corresponding EUV data from SOHO/EIT and SDO/AIA for previously obtained and prepared magnetograms (T2.2).

Preprocessing of EUV data, calibration, alignment, scaling and bad data removal. Co-alignment of MDI with EIT, and HMI with AIA, and reprojection to common pixel grids for SOHO and SDO.

Use co-aligned image and flare events to create a data set for training the point in time flare forecast:

- inputs (FD image cube; space  $\times$  space  $\times$  wave)
- outputs (vector of bounding boxes and flare probabilities calculated in task T2.4).

Release of DL dataset and software.



# ARCAFF (05)

## TIME SERIES MULTIMODAL FORECAST

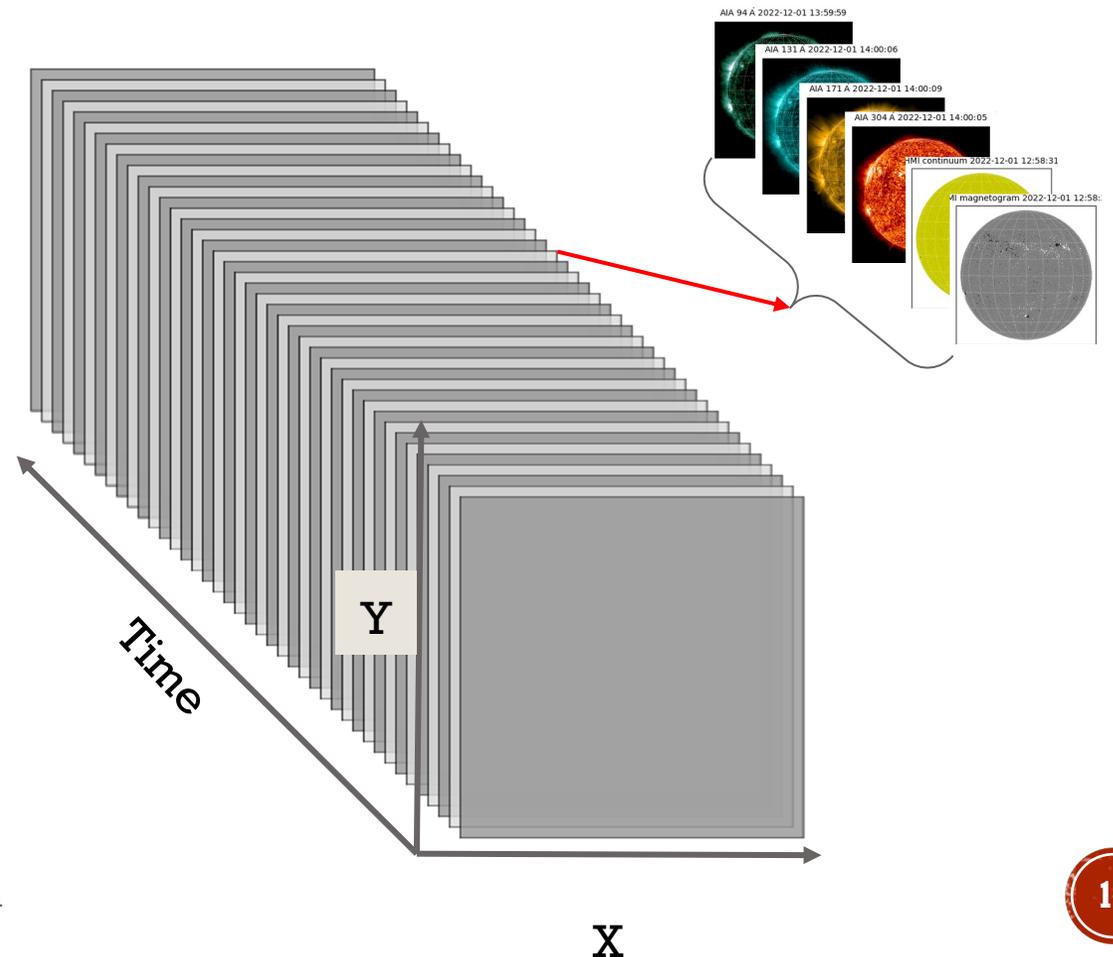
Using a similar approach to T2.4 but instead of a single time interval a sequence or time series of flare probabilities is created, for example every hour from a time  $t$  to  $t+24$  hours.

The input data is a time series or 4D cube of past observations, for example every hour from a time  $t$  to  $t-24$  hours. The exact number and size of the time intervals for both input and output data will be analysed as part of this task.

Create a dataset for training the time series multimodal flare forecasts:

- inputs (4D co-aligned and reprojected image cubes; space  $\times$  space  $\times$  wave  $\times$  time)
- output (derived sequences of flare probabilities).

Release of DL dataset and software.



# ARCAFF MODELS

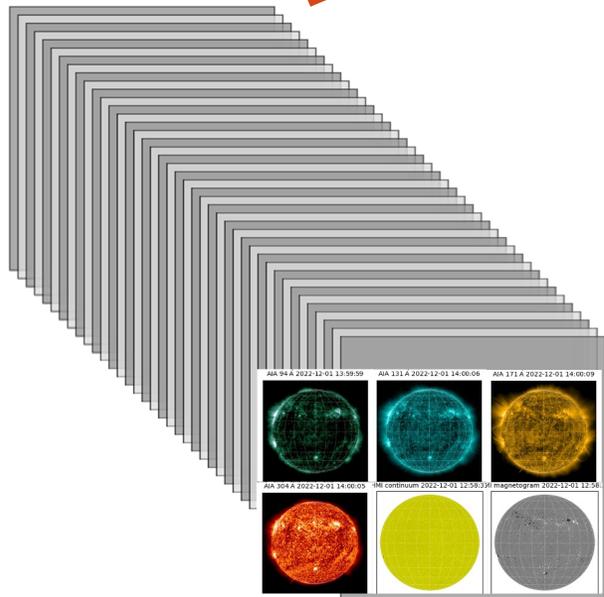
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<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Relevant DL Models</b>	<b>Comment</b>
AR Classification (O1)	AlexNet, VGG, GoogleNet/Inception, RESNET	Replace input with solar image cutouts and outputs with AR classifications
AR Localisation and Classification (O2)	R-CNN, Fast-RCNN and Faster-RCN, YOLOv1-v3	Replace input with solar images and outputs with AR classifications and bounding boxes
Point-in-time flare forecast using full disk magnetograms (O3)	R-CNN, Fast-RCNN and Faster-RCN, YOLOv1-v3	Modify output layers and activations to model C, M and X flare probabilities
Point-in-time flare forecast using full disk multimodal observations (O4)	R-CNN, Fast-RCNN and Faster-RCN, YOLOv1-v3	Modify output layers and activation to model C, M and X flare probabilities
Time series flare forecasts using full disk multimodal observations (O5)	DeepSpeech2, LAS	Add additional feature encoder to create featuregrams and modify output layers and activation to output sequence of flare probabilities

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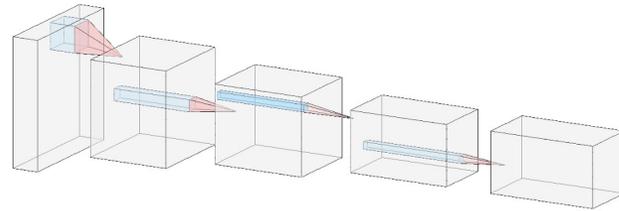
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4D Cube  
space x space x  
wave x time

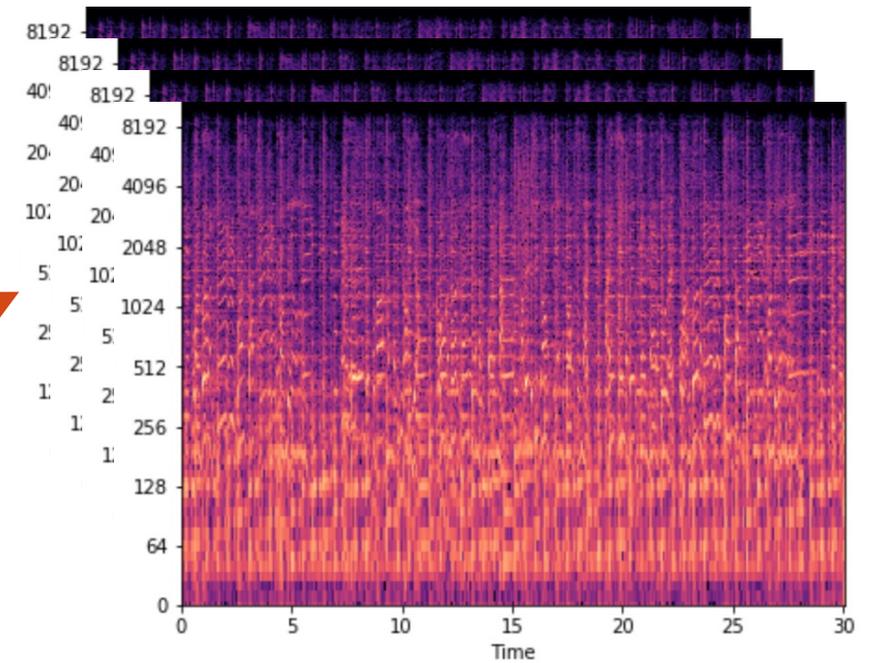


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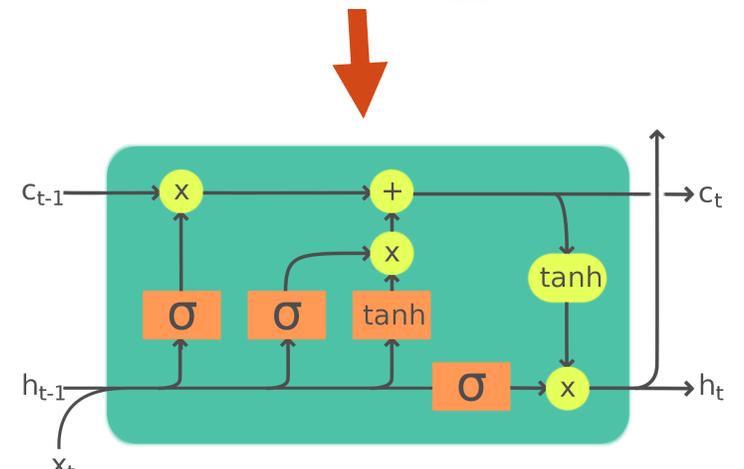
Convolution Layers 4D -> 3D  
Feature x time x no. ARs



3D Feature-grams  
feature x time x no. ARs



Recurrent Layers  
2D Predictions  
Prediction x no. ARs



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## OPEN SCIENCE

- Open Science, Useability, Reproducibility, and Reusability
  - Core project goals
  - Requirements of Horizon Europe (FAIR, DMP, ... )
  - Deploy on solarmonitor.org
  - PITHA-NRF key aspect of this for ARCAFF to promote open science - search, share, access and understand
    - Datasets
    - Models
    - APIs
    - Documentation

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## CONNECTION WITH PITHIA

- Publish ARCAFF models and related datasets through the PITHIA e-Science Centre
- ARCAFF models will be provided via APIs and published in the PITHIA eSC
- First prototyping to start soon
- Facilitation: UoW to support integration and even modification of the eSC if needed
  - Partners in both projects
- Benefits for both projects
  - External users for the eSC
  - Further cases studies to validate PITHIA technology
  - Higher visibility, technical robustness and better sustainability for ARCAFF services

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The screenshot shows the SolarMonitor.org website interface. At the top, it displays the date "14 March 2023" and navigation options for "Date Search", "NOAA Search", and "Rotation". Below this, there are three main panels: "Main" (HMI Mag 20230314 06:58), "Far-side" (HMI 6173A 20230314 07:34), and "SDO short-wave" (No Time Data Available). The "Main" panel shows a grayscale image of the Sun's surface with active regions. The "Far-side" panel shows a yellow image of the Sun's far side. The "SDO short-wave" panel shows a red image with "NO DATA" overlaid. Below these panels are three more images: "SWAP 174Å 20230314 06:04" (blue image of the Sun's corona), "AIA 193Å 20230314 08:25" (orange image of the Sun's surface), and "XRT 20230312 06:07" (red image of the Sun's surface). On the left side, there are links for "NOAA 10 Active Regions", "Flare Forecast", and "Coronal Holes". On the right side, there are links for "GOES ACE SDO/EVE Events".

The screenshot shows the PITHIA-NRF e-Science Centre website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with "HOME", "SEARCH & BROWSE", and "ADMIN" links, along with a "Login" button. Below the navigation bar, there is a "Home" link. The main content area features a large blue header "PITHIA-NRF e-Science Centre" and a "Search & Browse" section. This section contains five buttons: "Search Data Collections", "Browse Data Collections", "Browse Catalogues", "Browse Metadata", and "Space Physics Ontology". Below this, there is an "Admin Functionalities & Resources" section with three buttons: "Register & Manage Metadata", "Metadata Registration Guide", and "Metadata Models". At the bottom right, there is a "PITHIA-NRF Website" link.

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## Jobs

- ~~DIAS Postdoc Position (Deadline May 8)~~
  - ~~<http://dias.ie/arcaff-postdoc>~~
- UNIGE Postdoc Position (Opens)
  - <https://mida.unige.it/form/open-positions>

## Information

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## Questions?