

# Nowcasting Solar EUV with Magnetic Fields and Mg II

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## Key Points:

- Improved nowcast models for commonly used extreme ultraviolet (EUV) and far ultraviolet (FUV) solar irradiance bands
- Utilization of well-calibrated Mg II observations decreases the error between the modeled and observed EUV values
- Real-time EUV observations are not required to correct and improve the EUV irradiance models

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## Abstract

A new method to nowcast spectral irradiance in extreme ultraviolet (EUV) and far ultraviolet (FUV) bands is presented here, utilizing only solar photospheric magnetograms and the Mg II index (i.e., the core-to-wing ratio). The EUV and FUV modeling outlined here is a direct extension of the SIFT (Solar Indices Forecasting Tool) model, based on Henney et al. (2015). SIFT estimates solar activity indices using the earth-side solar photospheric magnetic field sums from global magnetic maps generated by the ADAPT (Air Force Data Assimilative Photospheric Flux Transport) model. Utilizing strong and weak magnetic field sums from ADAPT maps, Henney et al. (2015) showed that EUV & FUV observations can also be well modeled using this technique. However, the original forecasting method required a recent observation of each SIFT model output to determine and apply a 0-day offset. The new method described here expands the SIFT and ADAPT modeling to nowcast the observed Mg II index with a Pearson correlation coefficient of 0.982. By correlating the Mg II model-observation difference with the model-observation difference in the EUV & FUV channels, Mg II can be used to apply the 0-day offset correction yielding improvements in modeling each of the 37 studied EUV & FUV bands. With daily global photospheric magnetic maps and Mg II index observations, this study provides an improved method of nowcasting EUV & FUV bands used to drive thermospheric and ionospheric modeling.

## 1 Plain Language Summary

Ultraviolet irradiance from the Sun can create variability in Earth's atmosphere and cause problems, for example, with satellite communication and their orbital paths. However, we are limited in measuring solar ultraviolet irradiance since it must be observed from space and therefore models of the irradiance are important. In this paper, we present an improved way to model ultraviolet irradiance using solar magnetic fields and a well-calibrated solar activity proxy. We find that models of the irradiance improve when the proxy is used to correct daily variations compared to models driven using just the magnetic fields.

## 2 Introduction

Solar irradiance, specifically the ultraviolet (UV) band vacuum UV (VUV; 0.1 to 200 nm) which includes X-ray UV (XUV; 0.1 to 10 nm), extreme UV (EUV; 10 to 120 nm) and far UV (FUV; 120 to 200 nm), is an important driver for modeling variability in the earth's upper atmosphere. For example, the solar EUV flux causes ionization, dissociation, and excitation of the atoms and molecules in the terrestrial upper atmosphere (Lilensten et al., 2008). All of these interactions lead to heating, and this solar irradiance both creates the ionosphere and is the main source of energy in the thermosphere (Fuller-Rowell et al., 2004). The atmospheric variability induced by changes in the solar EUV irradiance can impact radio communications (due to an enhanced ionosphere e.g., Klobuchar, 1985; McNamara, 1985) and atmospheric drag on satellites (due to increased density at high altitudes e.g., De Lafontaine & Garg, 1982). Because of these impacts, real-time knowledge of solar irradiance is necessary to drive nowcast models of the terrestrial upper atmosphere (e.g., Goncharenko et al., 2021).

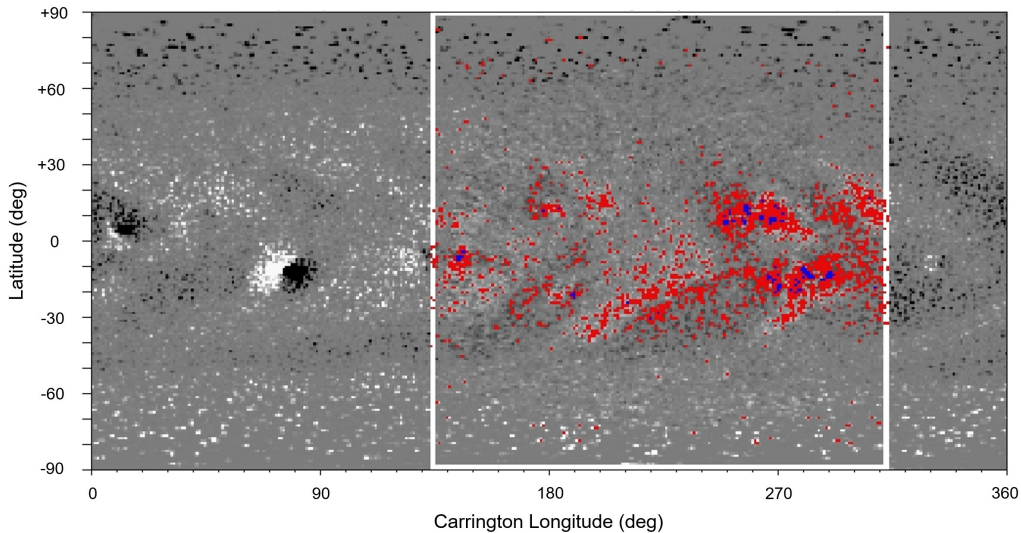
However, measurements of the solar EUV irradiance have serious limitations because these wavelengths are absorbed in the earth's upper atmosphere, so they must be observed from space. While such measurements began in the 1960s, this spectral range has been inconsistently observed and there are large gaps in both time and spectral coverage when no observatories were taking measurements (Pesnell, 2016). Furthermore, even when measurements exist, they are notoriously difficult to calibrate due to instrumental degradation (e.g., R. a. Hock et al., 2012).



Because of these observational difficulties, there is significant benefit to modeling rather than observing the solar EUV irradiance. Solar EUV originates in the solar atmosphere from plasma at a wide variety of temperatures, from 50 kK in the upper chromosphere to 10 MK in the corona, and typically increases with solar activity. Many solar irradiance models use one (e.g., Richards et al., 1994) or more (e.g., P. C. Chamberlin et al., 2020) activity proxies and correlate them with individual channels of EUV irradiance spectra. Then, simply by measuring the proxy, select EUV and FUV spectral bands can be estimated. Two commonly used proxies are the solar 10.7 cm (2.8 GHz) radio flux (Covington, 1947; Tapping, 2013), abbreviated as  $F_{10.7}$  and the Mg II core-to-wing ratio (often referred to as the Mg II Index, and hereinafter referred to as Mg II; Heath & Schlesinger, 1986).

Besides using proxies similar to  $F_{10.7}$ , it is also possible to drive an EUV model using solar magnetic field measurements (e.g., full-disk magnetograms and global magnetic maps) since the magnetic fields provide the energy to heat the solar atmosphere that produces the EUV irradiance. Henney et al. (2012, 2015, hereafter Henney2012 and Henney2015, respectively) used earth-side weak and strong solar photospheric magnetic field sums from global magnetic maps to estimate irradiance in EUV bands, along with  $F_{10.7}$ . Similar work by (Warren et al., 2021) utilized more bins in the magnetic field strength combined with principle component analysis and demonstrated similar success modeling  $F_{10.7}$ , Mg II, and selected EUV emission lines.

This paper expands on the nowcasting components of Henney2012 and Henney2015 by focusing on Mg II rather than  $F_{10.7}$  and using it to correct EUV nowcasts. The Henney2015 EUV forecast method required a recent EUV observation to determine and apply a 0-day (nowcast) correction. The method described here instead uses the Mg II model to estimate corrections to EUV nowcast models. The data used in this study are described in Section 3. The addition of the Mg II modeling, its use as a corrective factor to the Solar Indices Forecasting Tool (SIFT), and the results of this study are described in Section 4. We provide a summary of the results in Section 5.



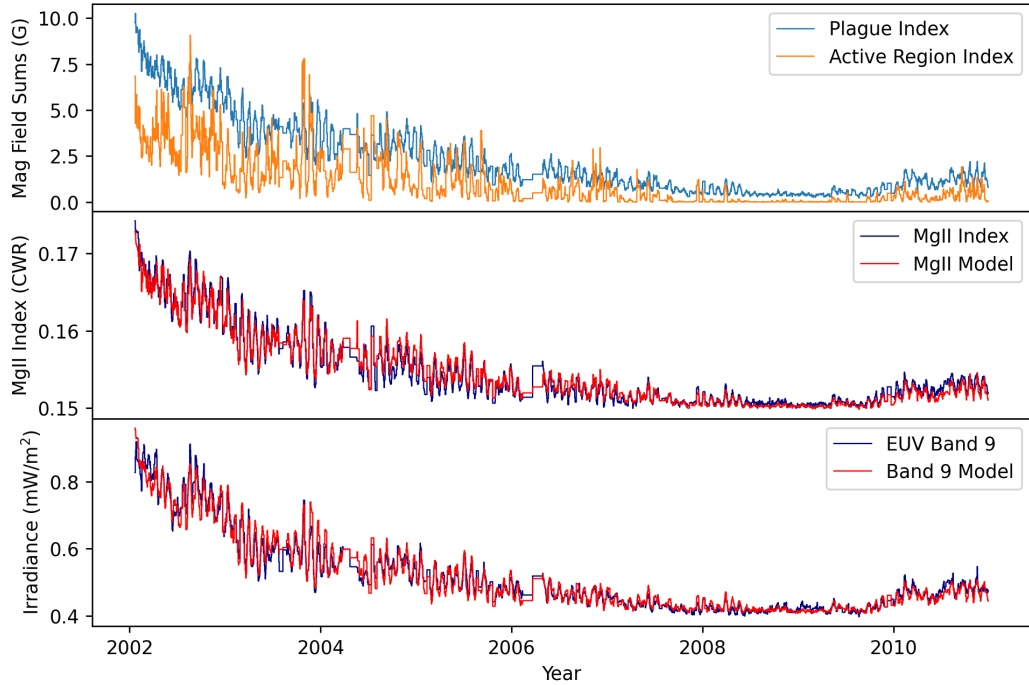
**Figure 1.** An example ADAPT global photospheric magnetic map, generated by data assimilating NSO SOLIS/VSM magnetograms, utilized by SIFT to forecast solar indices. For this ADAPT map representing January 23, 2004 at 20:04 UT, the Earth pointing side of the sun is delineated by the white box. Within the earth-side region, pixel areas used to sum the active region and plage fields are highlighted in blue and red, respectively.



### 3 Solar Data Sources

#### 3.1 Mg II Index

For this study we use the Mg II daily composite index from the University of Bremen (Snow et al., 2014), available online at [http://www.iup.uni-bremen.de/gome/solar/MgII\\_composite.dat](http://www.iup.uni-bremen.de/gome/solar/MgII_composite.dat). The Bremen composite data set (Skupin et al., 2005) includes daily indices back to 1978. The solar Mg II Index is derived by taking the ratio between the spectral irradiance of the Mg II h and k absorption lines near 280 nm and the nearby background solar continuum (Heath & Schlesinger, 1986). Mg II varies with solar activity on many timescales (Dudok de Wit et al., 2008, 2009) and performs well as a proxy for solar activity and for some EUV emission (i.e., 25.0 - 35.0 nm Viereck et al., 2001). Since Mg II is generated from a ratio of measurements taken with the same instrument, despite requiring a spacecraft UV observation, the Mg II index is robust against instrument degradation and aging. The Mg II data is provided daily at 1200 UT.



**Figure 2.** From top to bottom: the active and plage weighted magnetic sums, the Mg II nowcast model and observed values, and the Band 9 (29.0 - 32.0 nm) EUV nowcast model and observed values. Note that the magnetic Plage Index variability, both long and short term, agrees with Mg II and the EUV Band 9 time series over the full period. Similar figures for all 37 bands are available at doi: 10.5281/zenodo.10035713.

#### 3.2 EUV and FUV Irradiance

The irradiance data used in this study are from the Thermosphere Ionosphere Mesosphere Energetic and Dynamics (TIMED) Solar EUV Experiment (SEE) observations from the EUV Grating Spectrograph (EGS) and XUV Photometer System (XPS) (Woods



et al., 1998). These data include low-resolution ( $\sim 5$  nm) diode measurements below 25 nm (XPS) and 0.4 nm resolution spectra between 25 and 195 nm (EGS) collected over  $\sim 3$ -minute observation windows once per  $\sim 90$ -minute orbit. We use the calibration version 11 EGS level 3 and XPS level 4 data products for this study. These data are averaged over a day to create this daily cadence data and flares have been removed. Additionally, we de-spike EUV Band 1 (i.e., range 0.05 - 0.4 nm) values above  $0.7 \mu W/m^2$ , replacing them with the average of the previous and following days' data points. Four data points (i.e., large "spikes") are removed from Band 1 across the entire nine-year period.

For this study, we re-bin these data into 37 bands between 0.05 nm to 175 nm shown in Table 1. These include the 22 bands defined in Solomon and Qian (2005) for input in general thermosphere and ionosphere models, plus 14 additional bands which cover the Shumann-Runge range (Torr et al., 1979), and the Lyman  $\alpha$  line. While these 37 bands include XUV, EUV, and FUV irradiance, we will refer to them all as EUV bands and the spectrum they cover as the EUV for simplicity. The emission sources for each band include atomic transitions from the chromosphere through the corona. Shorter wavelengths (i.e.,  $< 20$  nm) are generally from coronal emission, and longer wavelengths (i.e.,  $> 50$  nm) generally come from the chromosphere and upper transition region (Doschek & Feldman, 2010), although this is not a sharp distinction. Beginning in 2002, the TIMED/SEE observations define the start of our investigation period which ends in 2011 to match Henney2015.

### 3.3 Photospheric Magnetic Field

Following Henney2012 and Henney2015, the magnetic field data used for this study are from global photospheric magnetic maps created by the ADAPT model (Arge et al., 2010, 2013; Hickmann et al., 2015). The ADAPT maps are generated by assimilating observations when available and applying surface flux transport based on Worden and Harvey (2000) to account for differential rotation, meridional circulation, and supergranulation flows between observations. The ADAPT sequence used in this study assimilates line-of-sight magnetograms from the Kitt Peak Vacuum Telescope (KPVT; Jones et al., 1992) and Vector Spectromagnetograph (VSM; Henney et al., 2009). These ground-based observations were obtained at irregular times, sometimes with many days between observations. For the model and observation comparison in this study, we applied a cubic spline interpolation to the TIMED/SEE EUV and Mg II daily indices to sample these series only when new data was assimilated into ADAPT.

## 4 EUV Nowcasts

### 4.1 SIFT: Solar Indices Forecasting Tool

The SIFT model uses empirical linear relationships to nowcast and forecast solar activity proxies and irradiance from photospheric magnetic fields. The fundamental assumption is that the magnetic field on the Earth-facing hemisphere of the Sun determines the observed solar irradiance. Following Henney2012 and Henney2015, the Earth-facing magnetic field in the ADAPT maps is summed into two bins corresponding to plage ( $20 \text{ G} < B_r < 150 \text{ G}$ ),  $S_P$ , and active regions ( $150 \text{ G} \leq B_r$ ),  $S_A$ . Although Henney2012 and Henney2015 started the plage bin at 25 G, we chose 20 G to remain consistent with the current SIFT implementation. The difference is also negligible to model performance. As outlined in Henney2012, the two sums are calculated as

$$S_P = \frac{1}{\sum \omega_\theta} \sum_{20 \text{ G} < |B_r|}^{|B_r| < 150 \text{ G}} |B_r| \omega_\theta \quad (1)$$



and

$$S_A = \frac{1}{\sum \omega_\theta} \sum_{|B_r| \geq 150\text{G}} |B_r| \omega_\theta, \quad (2)$$

where  $B_r$  is the radial magnetic field and  $\omega_\theta$  is an area weighting to account for the unequal pixel areas in the plate carée ADAPT map (180 latitude pixels by 360 longitude pixels). All of the sums are over only the Earth-facing pixels. An example ADAPT global magnetic map, generated with NSO/GONG magnetograms, is illustrated in Figure 1, where the Earth-facing side of the sun is delineated by the white box and the regions with plage and active region fields are highlighted in red and blue, respectively. We then use linear regression to determine the coefficients for a model of the following form:

$$I_{model}^n = m_0^n + m_1^n S_P + m_2^n S_A \quad (3)$$

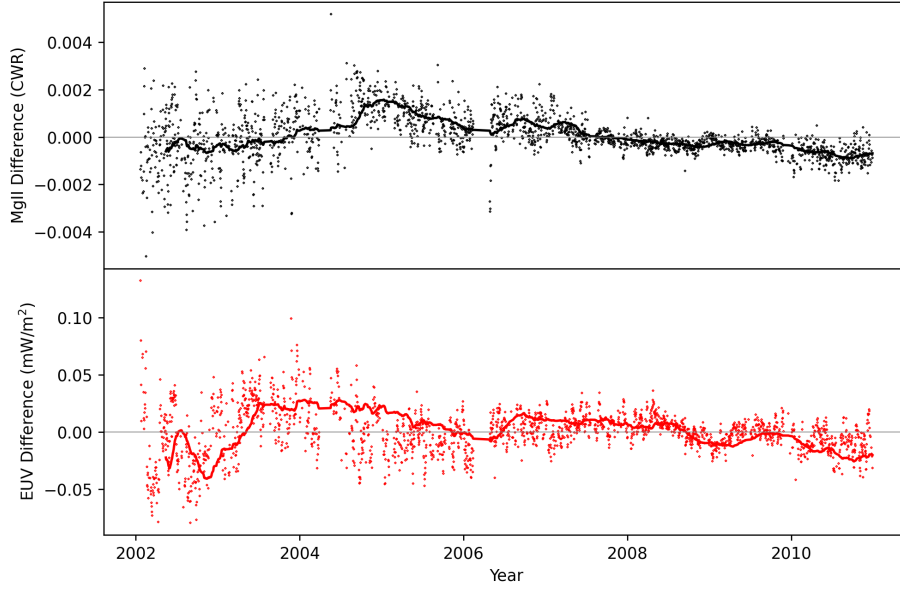
where  $n$  is the solar index or irradiance band number modeled and  $m_0$ ,  $m_1$ , and  $m_2$  are best fit coefficients. In Henney2012 and Henney2015 these models are trained independently for nowcasts and forecasts out to seven days. In this work, we create only nowcast models, although the procedures described below should work equally well for forecasts.

## 4.2 Nowcasting the Mg II Index and EUV Irradiance

Using equation 3, independent models were generated for Mg II and each of the 37 EUV bands using the entire 9-year data set. Timeseries of the magnetic sums (top), Mg II observations and model (middle), and EUV Band 9 (29-32 nm) observations and model (bottom) are shown in Figure 2. Consistent with the findings in Henney2012 and Henney2015, both the Mg II and EUV time series have similar variability to the magnetic sums over all observed levels of solar activity. The simple multiple linear regression Mg II model reproduces the observed Mg II well with a Pearson correlation coefficient of 0.982. The correlation of the observed and modeled EUV Band 9 is 0.978 and the correlations of all the EUV bands is given in Table 1. Note that the  $r(I_{model}^n)$  values in Table 1 slightly differ from Henney2012 and Henney2015. Since we chose to interpolate the Mg II and EUV timeseries to when new data was assimilated into ADAPT maps and the VSM magnetograms were recalibrated by NSO since Henney2012 and Henney2015, some variation in our model correlation values are expected. In general, the EUV bands perform similarly well, although there are some with notably lower correlation coefficients. Band 25, which has the lowest correlation of the 37 bands, is just blue-ward of Lyman  $\alpha$  and the filter to ensure EGS does not saturate makes measuring this spectral range difficult (Woods et al., 2005). Meanwhile, Band 1 with the second worst correlation contains the highly-variable soft X-ray (SXR) that is particularly sensitive to solar flares. All the other EUV bands have a Pearson correlation better than 0.9.

The difference between the models and observed values in the various bands are not random in time. Figure 3 shows both the daily (points) and long-term trend (line) of the difference between the observed and modeled Mg II (top) and EUV Band 9 (bottom). These time series demonstrate the long-term deviation of the models from observations (which are small) are temporally correlated over the nine-year period displayed in Figure 3. The daily differences are typically largest during maximum solar magnetic activity when the irradiance is most variable. This is expected because both the magnetic sums and Mg II vary more during solar maximum than solar minimum, so the same relative difference results in larger absolute differences. Interestingly, the time-dependent long-term bias in these two models is largest at the intermediate activity levels during the decline of Solar Cycle 23.





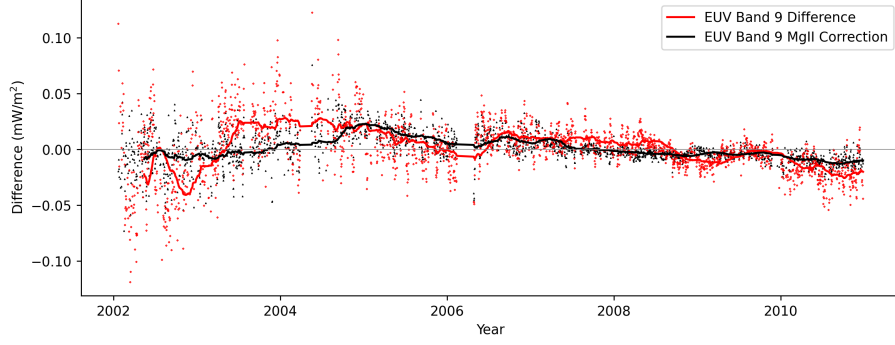
**Figure 3.** The daily (points) and 81-day running average difference between the observed Mg II (top) and EUV Band 9 (bottom). Notice that the Mg II and EUV offsets track each other well throughout the solar cycle.

### 4.3 EUV Nowcast Correction

The simple linear regression models applied in SIFT have a number of known limitations. Most fundamentally, while the magnetic field is responsible for solar activity (Petrie et al., 2021), the solar atmospheric response to photospheric magnetic fields is dynamic and non-linear (e.g., Tiwari et al., 2017), and may not always be well represented by a static model. Furthermore, solar EUV irradiance is often concentrated in active regions (depending on wavelength, see e.g., Kazachenko & Hudson, 2020), and the spatial information in the magnetic field is not included in the current SIFT modeling. Finally, the ADAPT maps that drive SIFT do not assimilate data near the limb (see Hickmann et al., 2015; Barnes et al., 2023) to reduce the introduction of artifacts from the line-of-sight magnetic field measurements that would otherwise be assumed to be radial (see, e.g., Harvey et al., 2007). This leads to a  $\sim$ two-day delay between when a flux concentration becomes visible on the Earth-facing solar hemisphere and when it is first assimilated into ADAPT.

To mitigate signal delay issues, Henney2015 implemented a 0-day offset correction for the SIFT forecast models. For each set of daily forecasts, the difference between the model nowcast and associated observation was applied as a constant correction factor to all forecasts made on that day. The 0-day offset technique compensates for local inadequacies in the model while still utilizing the full-Sun nature of ADAPT that enables forecasting. However, the technique applied by Henney2015 requires an observation in each band of the model to determine and apply the corresponding correction. Currently, with aging EUV irradiance observatories and limited EUV spectral coverage (P. Chamberlin et al., 2023), selected bands of EUV observations are not reliably available. It is therefore valuable to apply a similar correction without the need for daily measurements in each EUV band.





**Figure 4.** A plot of the difference between observed and modeled Band 9 EUV values, and the EUV difference model. The difference model was developed by comparing EUV to Mg II offset values.

The difference between the modeled and observed Mg II (top) and EUV Band 9 (bottom) in Figure 3 appear to correlate somewhat over a solar cycle timescale. This suggests that the errors in the EUV band models could be reduced by applying a time-dependent correction to each band by using the difference between the daily observed and modeled Mg II. We create this correction model by linearly correlating the daily model-observation difference in Mg II with each of the EUV bands such that

$$I_{model}^n - I_{observed}^n = m_3^n \left( I_{model}^{Mg II} - I_{observed}^{Mg II} \right) = m_3^n C \quad (4)$$

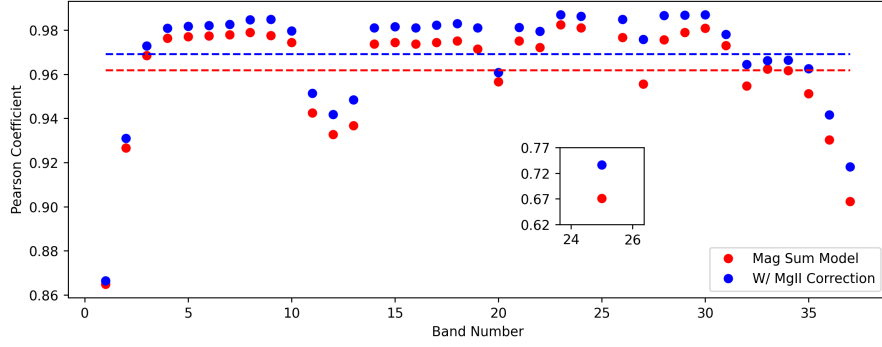
and then applying this correction term to equation 3, we get the following

$$I_{corrected}^n = m_0^n + m_1^n S_P + m_2^n S_A - m_3^n C, \quad (5)$$

which yields an Mg II-corrected multiple linear regression for each band. We chose to model the Mg II correction term with only one coefficient, vice a multi-coefficient linear regression, because additional constants were several orders of magnitude smaller than the  $m_3$  correction coefficient, as well as  $m_0$ ,  $m_1$ , and  $m_2$ . Therefore, additional coefficients had no effect on model performance or improvement. The coefficients for these models are shown in Table A1 in the appendix. The Mg II correction term on EUV Band 9 (i.e.,  $m_3^n C$ ) is plotted (black) in Figure 4 along with the original model-observation difference (red) from the bottom panel in 3. If these points (and lines) overlapped perfectly then the Mg II correction term would allow perfect nowcasting of the EUV band, and anywhere that the two have opposite sign indicates when the Mg II correction harms the nowcast. This correction term does not provide improvements at all times, however, on average the model-observation difference is reduced with this correction.

Improved nowcasting is found to be consistent across all 37 bands as reported in Table 1 and displayed in Figure 5. This shows the Pearson correlation coefficient between both the original and corrected models and the observations of all bands over the entire period studied. The Mg II correction yields improved correlations across all bands, with particular improvement in Band 25 which has the worst correlation. The  $m_1/m_2$  values (see Table A1) also demonstrate why a Mg II correction term is suitable for these models. The  $m_1/m_2$  Mg II and all of EUV band  $m_1/m_2$  values, except for Band 1, are greater than 1, demonstrating that there is a larger dependence on plage regions for the Mg II and the EUV bands. Henney2015 found that  $m_1/m_2$  for  $F_{10.7}$  is less than 1, indicating that it is more strongly dependent on active regions. This indicates that the Mg II proxy, rather than the active-region dependent  $F_{10.7}$ , is more consistent with the behavior of the solar EUV spectrum.





**Figure 5.** Pearson correlation coefficients which compare the relationship between each observed EUV spectral band and the nowcast models with and without a Mg II correction. Since Band 25 did not perform as well compared to the other bands, its Pearson coefficients are included on a separate, sub-graph to enhance the results of the other bands. The horizontal dashed lines indicate the average Pearson correlation coefficient across all bands (except band 25).

Additionally, Figure 6 exhibits the long-term variability of the band 9 models before (blue) and after (orange) applying the Mg II offset correction. This plot shows that the error between the observations and model are typically smaller (i.e., the distribution shifts closer to 0) and the range in variation decreases (i.e., the vertical range of each box is smaller). Interestingly, the overall trend of the model-observation difference over the solar cycle does not change, with the model tending to predict more irradiance than observed during the decline of the solar cycle (2003-2007) and less during the rise and maximum (2002 and 2010). Warren et al. (2021) identify a similar trend in their models which they attribute to discrepancies in the weak magnetic fields ( $B_r < 80$  G) between the full-Sun magnetic maps and the original observed magnetograms. We identify two additional possible explanations for this effect. It could indicate that the conversion of magnetic energy into plasma heating in the solar atmosphere is slightly more efficient during the rising phase and solar maximum (leading to more emission than predicted) than the declining phase (with less emission than predicted). It could also be the result of some other long-term variation in the ADAPT maps. For example, because of the delay between the rotation of magnetic flux onto the Earth-facing hemisphere and the incorporation of this flux into ADAPT, the ADAPT maps in general under-represent the magnetic flux on the Earth-facing hemisphere. This effect will be stronger during the rising phase and maximum of the solar cycle when flux emergence is greatest and therefore more flux appears on the farside and is not included in ADAPT until it rotates into the data assimilation window. A more detailed study is needed to better understand the source of this long-term residual trend (e.g., adding another solar cycle of data analysis and/or using different magnetograph inputs, e.g., SDO/HMI and NSO/GONG).

## 5 Summary

This study builds on the work of the SIFT model, outlined in Henney2012 and Henney2015, that demonstrated the ability of ADAPT global photospheric magnetic maps to drive irradiance nowcasts and forecasts. The original SIFT EUV forecasts benefited greatly from daily calibration of the models to the observed irradiance which corrected



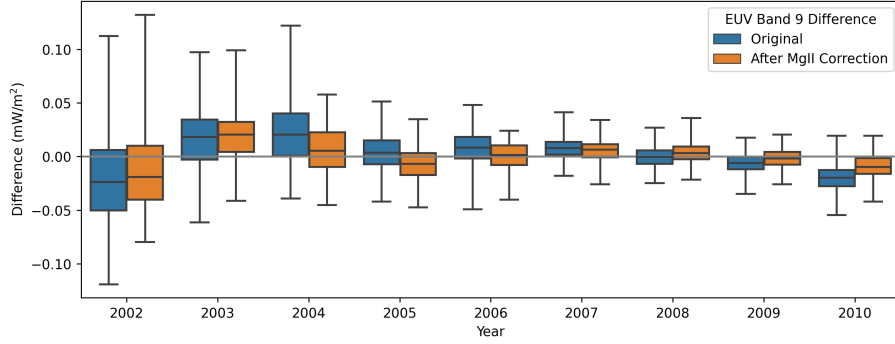
Band (n)	Range (nm)	r(Mg II)	$r(I_{model}^n)$	$r(I_{model}^n \text{ with offset})$
1	0.05-0.4	0.845	0.865	0.866
2	0.4-0.8	0.920	0.927	0.931
3	0.8-1.8	0.965	0.969	0.973
4	1.8-3.2	0.975	0.976	0.981
5	3.2-7.0	0.976	0.977	0.982
6	7.0-15.5	0.976	0.977	0.982
7	15.5-22.4	0.977	0.978	0.983
8	22.4-29.0	0.980	0.979	0.985
9	29.0-32.0	0.982	0.978	0.985
10	32.0-54.0	0.975	0.974	0.980
11	54.0-65.0	0.948	0.942	0.951
12	65.0-79.8 (low)	0.937	0.933	0.942
13	65.0-79.8 (high)	0.945	0.937	0.948
14	79.8-91.3 (low)	0.978	0.974	0.981
15	79.8-91.3 (middle)	0.978	0.974	0.982
16	79.8-91.3 (high)	0.978	0.974	0.981
17	91.3-97.5 (low)	0.980	0.974	0.982
18	91.3-97.5 (middle)	0.981	0.975	0.983
19	91.3-97.5 (high)	0.979	0.971	0.981
20	97.5-98.7	0.955	0.957	0.961
21	98.7-102.7	0.978	0.975	0.981
22	102.7-105.0	0.977	0.972	0.979
23	105.0-110.0	0.982	0.982	0.987
24	110.0-115.0	0.982	0.981	0.986
25	115.0-120.0	0.714	0.671	0.736
26	121.6 (Lyman $\alpha$ )	0.981	0.977	0.985
27	120.0-125.0	0.975	0.956	0.976
28	125.0-130.0	0.985	0.976	0.987
29	130.0-135.0	0.985	0.979	0.987
30	135.0-140.0	0.983	0.981	0.987
31	140.0-145.0	0.974	0.973	0.978
32	145.0-150.0	0.963	0.955	0.965
33	150.0-155.0	0.961	0.962	0.966
34	155.0-160.0	0.962	0.962	0.966
35	160.0-165.0	0.962	0.951	0.963
36	165.0-170.0	0.941	0.930	0.942
37	170.0-175.0	0.918	0.902	0.918

**Table 1.** EUV irradiance bands and associated correlation coefficients.  $r(\text{Mg II})$  is the correlation between the modeled band irradiance and the observed Mg II.  $r(I_{model}^n)$  is the correlation between the modeled band irradiance and the observed band irradiance, and  $r(I_{model}^n \text{ with offset})$  includes the Mg II correction term (i.e. equation 5) .

short-term errors between the models and observations. However, for periods without real-time calibrated EUV spectral measurements, the original correction technique is not an option for real-time predictions.

In the study presented here, we develop an alternative implementation of daily corrections that does not rely on current EUV irradiance observations. Instead, the daily model and observation is regularly measured for a proxy, in this case the Mg II index.





**Figure 6.** A box and whisker plot for EUV spectral band 9, highlighting the distributions of the difference between the observed and modeled offset values during the study period. The box indicates the extent of the 25% and 75% quartiles and the line through the box indicates the distribution median over one year of data. The whiskers (i.e., the vertical lines) indicate the minimum and maximum. The distributions including the Mg II correction do not strictly improve, however the improvements (i.e. 2004 and 2010) are much more significant than the occasional times when the distributions worsen (i.e. 2003 and 2005). Similar figures for all 37 bands are available at doi:10.5281/zenodo.10035713.

Then, that Mg II index nowcast offset is scaled and applied to each EUV irradiance band independently. Applying this correction term to simple multiple linear regression models yields improved nowcasts across the entire spectral range, with the average Pearson correlation coefficient increasing from 0.962 to 0.969. This method can be applied using existing operationally available data products and can also easily be extended to forecasting EUV bands to drive terrestrial atmospheric models.

We also identify a solar-cycle trend in the regression models that typically under-predict the irradiance during the rising and maximum phases and over-predict the irradiance during the declining phase. This could indicate deficiencies in the ADAPT maps driving these irradiance nowcasts or an underlying nonlinear conversion of photospheric magnetic energy and chromospheric and coronal heating (e.g., not captured with the simple linear regression models applied here). Future work is needed to better understand the source of the model and observation residuals over the solar cycle (e.g., besides adding another 10 years of data analysis, need to also use different magnetograph inputs that overlap, e.g., SDO/HMI and NSO/GONG).

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### Data Availability Statement

The Mg II composite index is provided by the University of Bremen at [http://www.iup.uni-bremen.de/gome/solar/MgII\\_composite.dat](http://www.iup.uni-bremen.de/gome/solar/MgII_composite.dat). The Mg II index is also available with figures for all 37 EUV bands and scripts used to compile the models are available through Zenodo at doi: 10.5281/zenodo.10035713 (Kniezewski et al., 2023). The solar magnetic sums based on ADAPT are available through Zenodo at doi: 10.5281/zenodo.10070554 (Henney et al., 2023). The EUV indices are provided through Zenodo at doi: 10.5281/zenodo.10119832 (R. A. Hock et al., 2023).

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## Appendix A

Coefficients for the SIFT linear regression models are given in Table A1.

Band (n)	$m_0$	$m_1$	$m_2$	$m_3$	$m_1/m_2$
Mg II	$1.494 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.044 \times 10^{-3}$	$5.321 \times 10^{-4}$	N/A	3.841
1	$-6.375 \times 10^{-9}$	$1.492 \times 10^{-8}$	$2.068 \times 10^{-8}$	$3.620 \times 10^{-6}$	0.721
2	$-1.811 \times 10^{-7}$	$6.190 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.728 \times 10^{-7}$	$2.065 \times 10^{-4}$	1.081
3	$-1.393 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.193 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.352 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.112 \times 10^{-3}$	1.622
4	$1.449 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.095 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.350 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.969 \times 10^{-3}$	2.047
5	$5.734 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.891 \times 10^{-5}$	$9.077 \times 10^{-6}$	$5.115 \times 10^{-3}$	2.083
6	$1.054 \times 10^{-4}$	$4.429 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.129 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.212 \times 10^{-2}$	2.080
7	$3.860 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.370 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.407 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.374 \times 10^{-2}$	2.138
8	$9.538 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.947 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.314 \times 10^{-6}$	$9.787 \times 10^{-3}$	11.910
9	$3.916 \times 10^{-4}$	$5.032 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.284 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.453 \times 10^{-2}$	6.074
10	$2.461 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.129 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.234 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.535 \times 10^{-2}$	4.968
11	$1.462 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.596 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.128 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.991 \times 10^{-3}$	1.840
12	$5.954 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.824 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.226 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.773 \times 10^{-4}$	1.488
13	$3.210 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.139 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.029 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.338 \times 10^{-4}$	1.620
14	$4.117 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.389 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.483 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.281 \times 10^{-3}$	5.866
15	$1.148 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.461 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.240 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.173 \times 10^{-3}$	6.525
16	$5.311 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.979 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.019 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.727 \times 10^{-3}$	5.868
17	$1.776 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.731 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.693 \times 10^{-7}$	$5.382 \times 10^{-4}$	4.687
18	$4.001 \times 10^{-5}$	$3.727 \times 10^{-6}$	$9.899 \times 10^{-7}$	$1.182 \times 10^{-3}$	3.765
19	$1.720 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.195 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.766 \times 10^{-7}$	$7.399 \times 10^{-4}$	5.831
20	$5.417 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.105 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.422 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.401 \times 10^{-3}$	7.769
21	$8.049 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.196 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.418 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.241 \times 10^{-3}$	4.945
22	$8.414 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.081 \times 10^{-5}$	$2.200 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.208 \times 10^{-3}$	4.913
23	$7.619 \times 10^{-5}$	$6.424 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.795 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.560 \times 10^{-3}$	3.579
24	$6.830 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.224 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.423 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.358 \times 10^{-3}$	3.671
25	$1.626 \times 10^{-4}$	$2.925 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.125 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.095 \times 10^{-3}$	1.377
26	$5.444 \times 10^{-3}$	$6.080 \times 10^{-4}$	$3.115 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.760 \times 10^{-1}$	19.519
27	$8.198 \times 10^{-4}$	$6.062 \times 10^{-5}$	$8.048 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.913 \times 10^{-2}$	7.533
28	$1.978 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.289 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.281 \times 10^{-7}$	$4.654 \times 10^{-4}$	5.652
29	$3.588 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.945 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.450 \times 10^{-6}$	$6.208 \times 10^{-3}$	3.569
30	$1.812 \times 10^{-4}$	$8.200 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.413 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.307 \times 10^{-3}$	3.398
31	$2.249 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.655 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.082 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.977 \times 10^{-3}$	3.677
32	$3.242 \times 10^{-4}$	$7.213 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.338 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.665 \times 10^{-3}$	3.085
33	$5.609 \times 10^{-4}$	$1.502 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.474 \times 10^{-6}$	$3.504 \times 10^{-3}$	2.744
34	$7.857 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.711 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.471 \times 10^{-6}$	$4.153 \times 10^{-3}$	3.828
35	$1.114 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.854 \times 10^{-5}$	$5.369 \times 10^{-6}$	$7.270 \times 10^{-3}$	3.454
36	$2.053 \times 10^{-3}$	$2.889 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.706 \times 10^{-6}$	$1.113 \times 10^{-2}$	3.749
37	$3.391 \times 10^{-3}$	$4.590 \times 10^{-5}$	$7.587 \times 10^{-6}$	$2.041 \times 10^{-2}$	6.050

**Table A1.** EUV model coefficients, including the difference model coefficients using Mg II.