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PREDICTING THE ULTRA-LOW FREQUENCY PLASMA WAVE POWER USING SOLAR WIND DATA: A NEURAL NETWORK APPROACH

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Changes in the configuration of the sun's magnetic field influence the properties of the solar wind and, consequently, all planets and spacecraft within the heliosphere. Amongst other effects, perturbations in the solar wind generate waves within the Earth's magnetosphere that can interact with energetic particles trapped within the Earth's magnetic field. Ultra-low frequency (ULF) waves in Earth's magnetosphere transport and energize energetic electrons in the Van Allen outer radiation belt via radial diffusion. The main goal of this work is to conduct a statistical study of ULF wave occurrence patterns using ground-based magnetometer data at high latitudes and thereby estimate the power spectrum density of these ULF waves, which is needed to model the radiation belts. We also use observations from the solar wind at the L1 Lagrangian point over the course of two solar cycle phases. Finally, we use Recurrent Neural Networks to predict the ULF integrated power at latitudes that can be mapped to the Van Allen outer radiation belt. Therefore, this work helps improve estimates of the radiation belt electron diffusion coefficients corresponding to ULF waves, a crucial factor in any particle diffusion models for the outer radiation belt.