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Automated tool for estimating Field Line Resonances (FLRs) using ground-based magnetometer measurements

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Dynamics of the Earth's Plasmasphere via FLRs

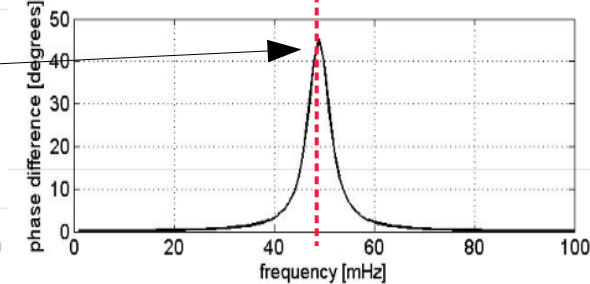
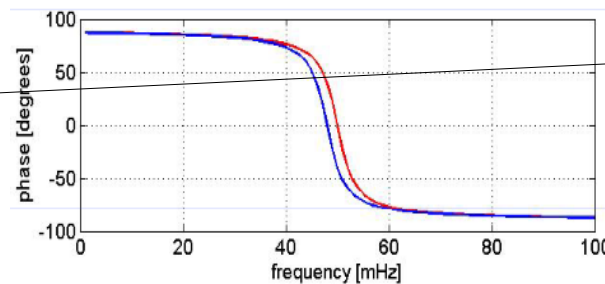
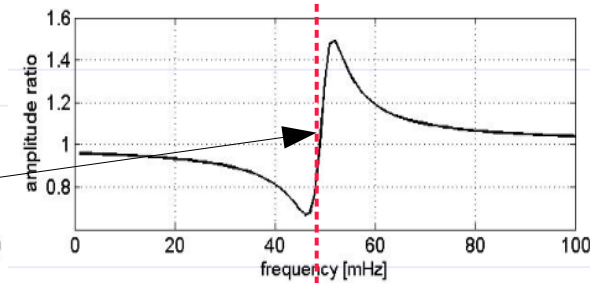
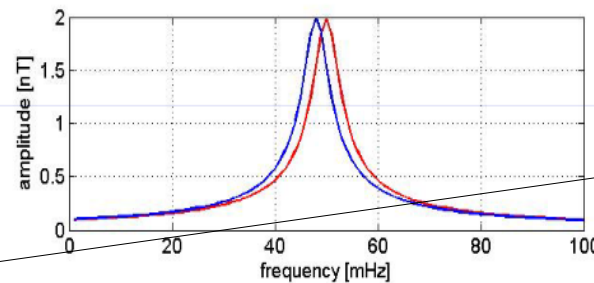
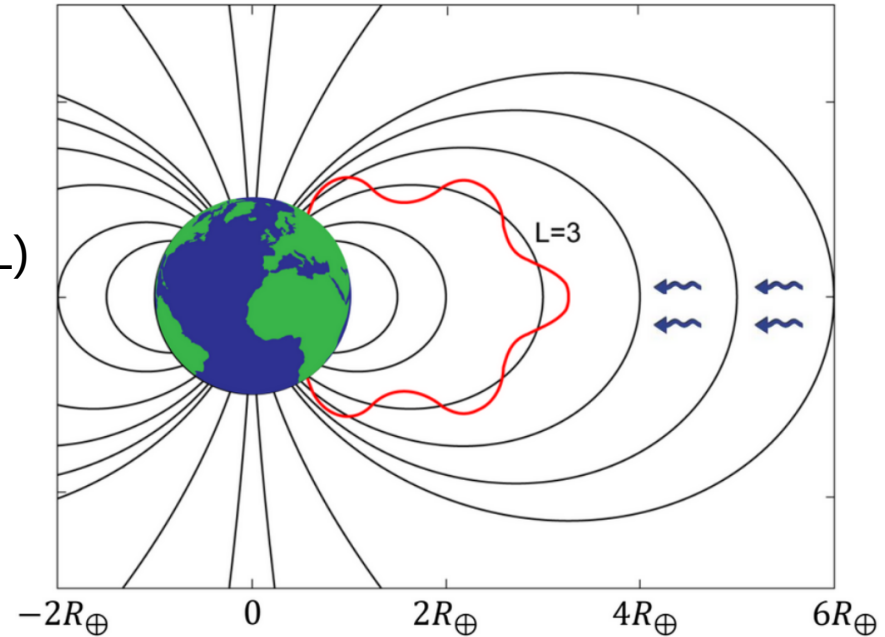
Plasmasphere: - approx. between 1 and 6 R_E
 - composed by dense and cool plasma ($\sim 1\text{eV}$) of ionospheric origin
 - surrounded by the *plasma*pause (PBL)

Field Line Resonances (FLRs), triggered by shear Alfvén waves, are a key phenomenon to sound the plasmasphere dynamics and hence the the geomagnetic condition of near-Earth environment.

Gradient method (Waters et al., 1991) from pairs of ground-based magnetometer stations (ULF waves measurements)

- 1) **Cross-Amplitude** crosses unity with positive (**negative**) slope
- 2) **Cross-Phase** has its maximum (**minimum**)

If a pair of stations crosses the PBL

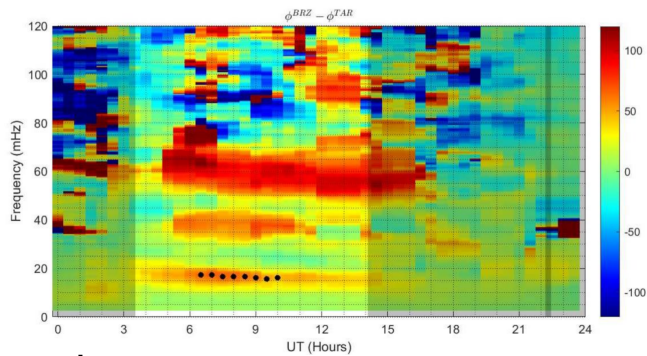


Ground-based magnetometer measurements $\xrightarrow{\text{Fourier Cross-Spectra}}$ FLR frequencies $\xrightarrow{\text{Singer wave-equation}}$ Equatorial plasmaspheric mass density

Estimating FLRs with Machine Learning methods

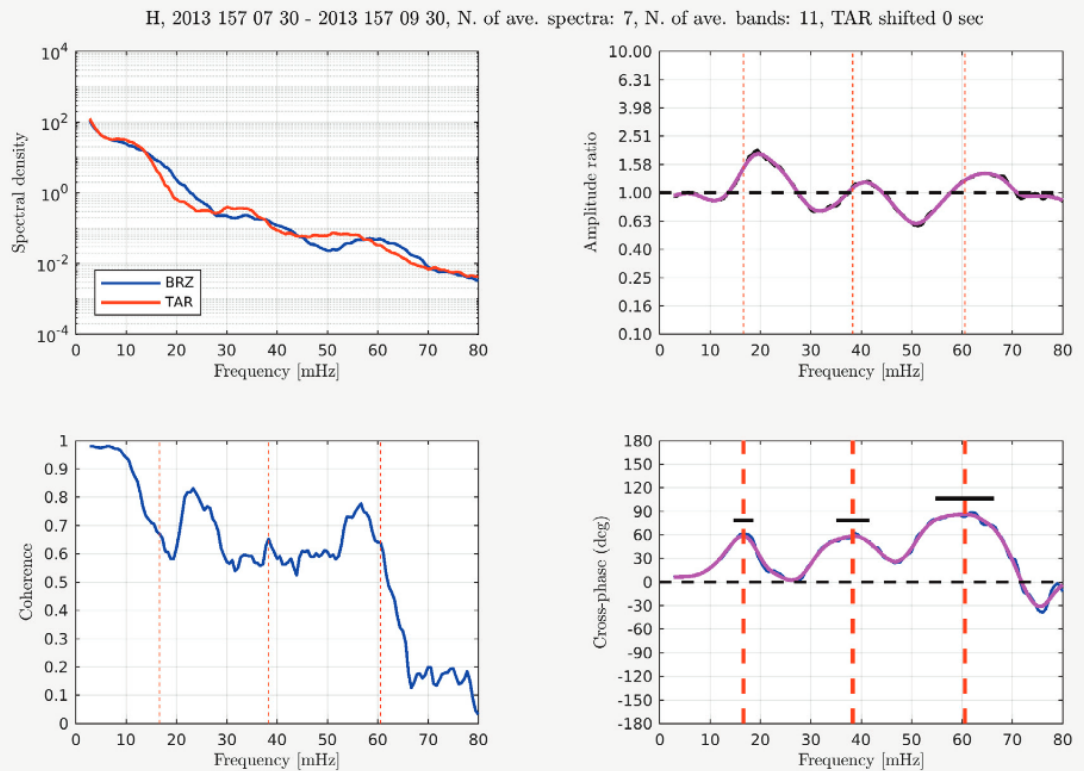
Several automated and semi-automated methods based on statistical tools (*Del Corpo et al., 2018; Wharton et al., 2018; Lichtenberger et al., 2013; Berube et al., 2003; Chi et al., 2003*).

All of them starts from **cross-phase spectra**.



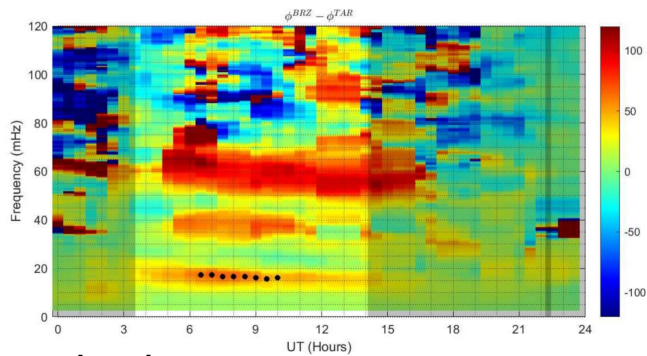
Semi-automated
methods

$$f_i^{est}$$



[Del Corpo et al., *Ann. of Geoph.*, 2018]

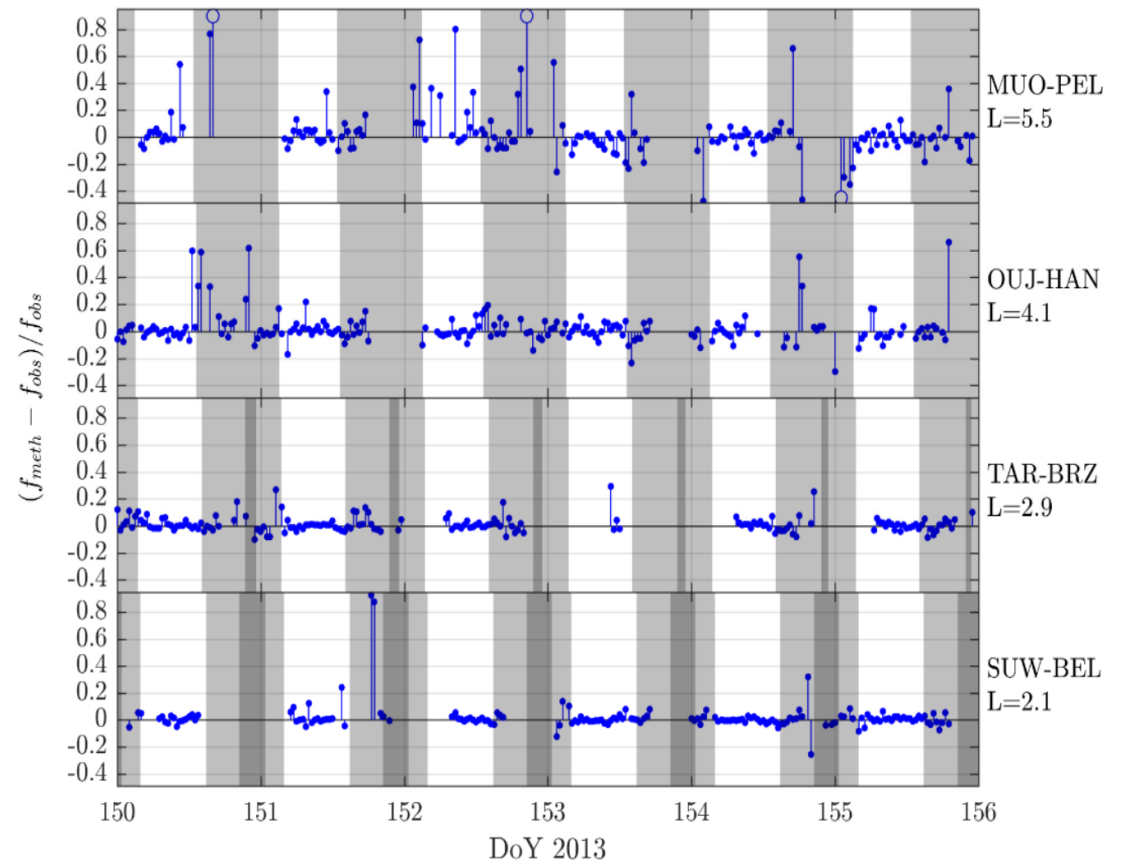
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ML regression algorithm:

Input: 2-hr. cross-phase spectra (30-min. time step)

Output: Estimated resonance frequency



[Foldes et al., *JGR: Space Physics*, 2021]

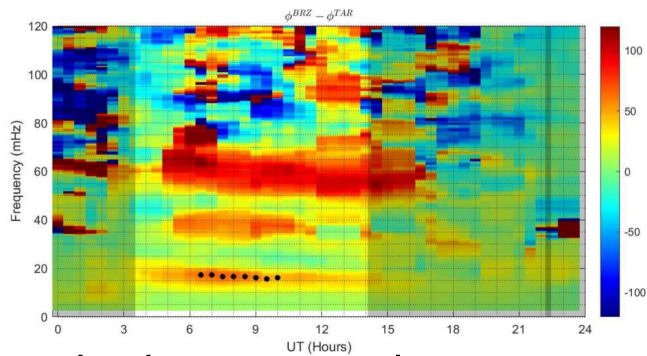
But this approach assumes that there exists a FLR at any given time (not true in principle).

ML Regression
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Automated
estimation

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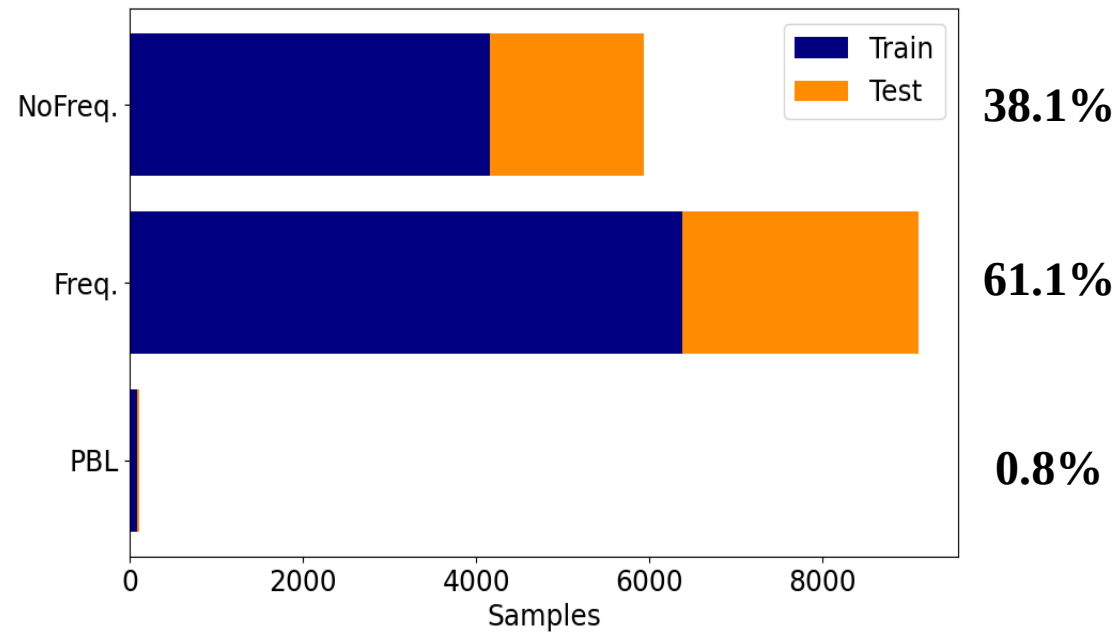
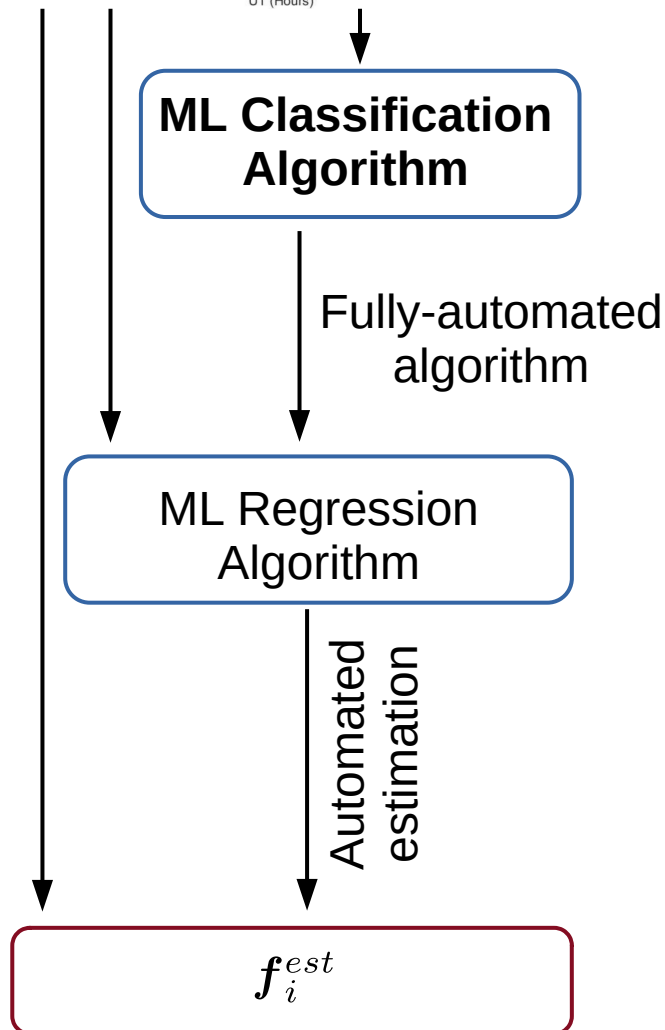
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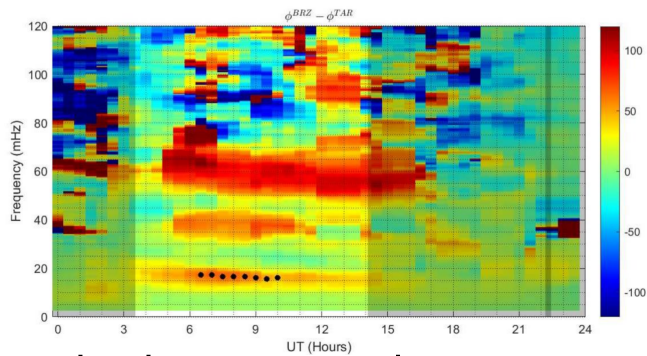
~15,000 samples from TAR-BRZ between 2012 and 2018 (from Equatorial quasi-Meridional Magnetometer Array, EMMA)

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Output: Belonging Class



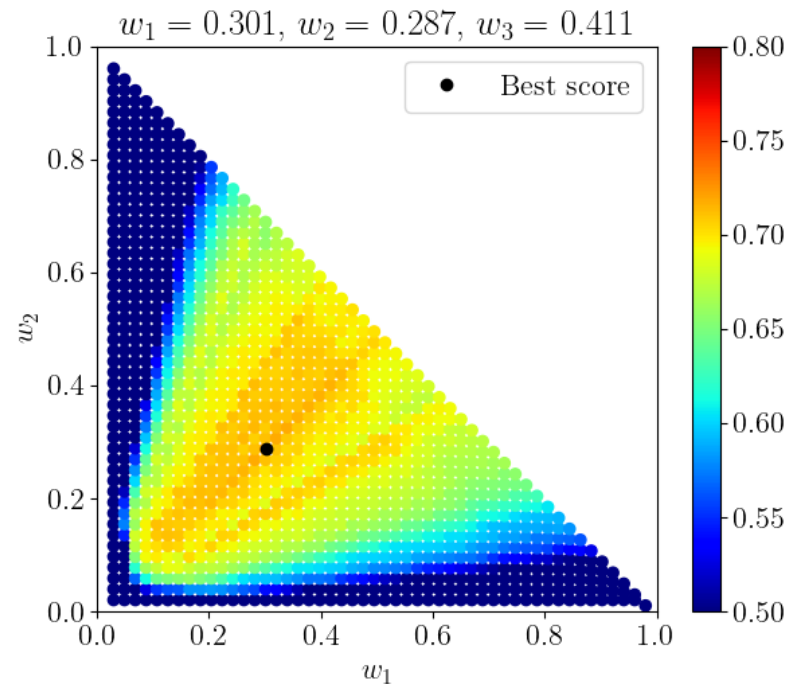
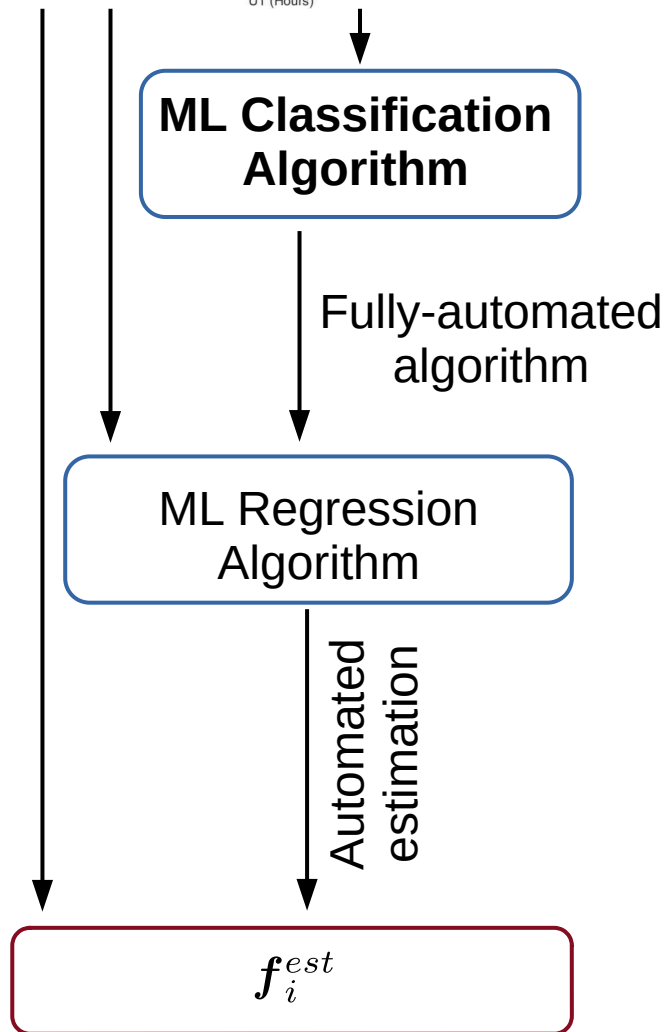
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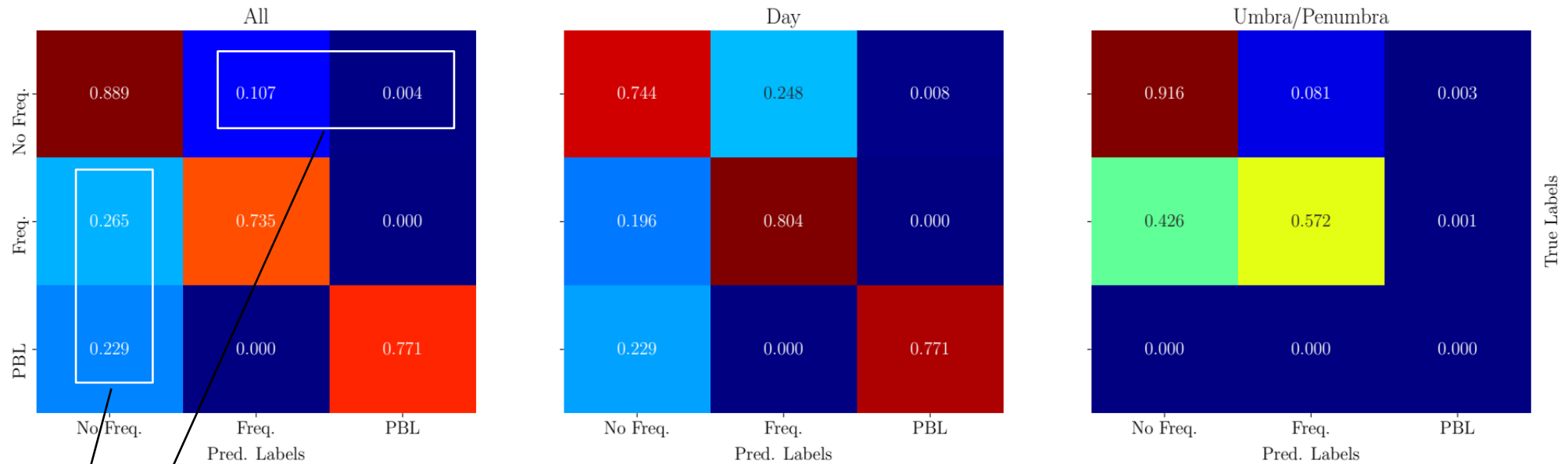
Unbalanced Data Set

Moving Threshold: (Validation set)

maximize $F(w_1, w_2) \rightarrow \underline{\text{Score}}$

with $0 \leq w_1 + w_2 \leq 1 - w_3$

ML Classification of Effective FLRs

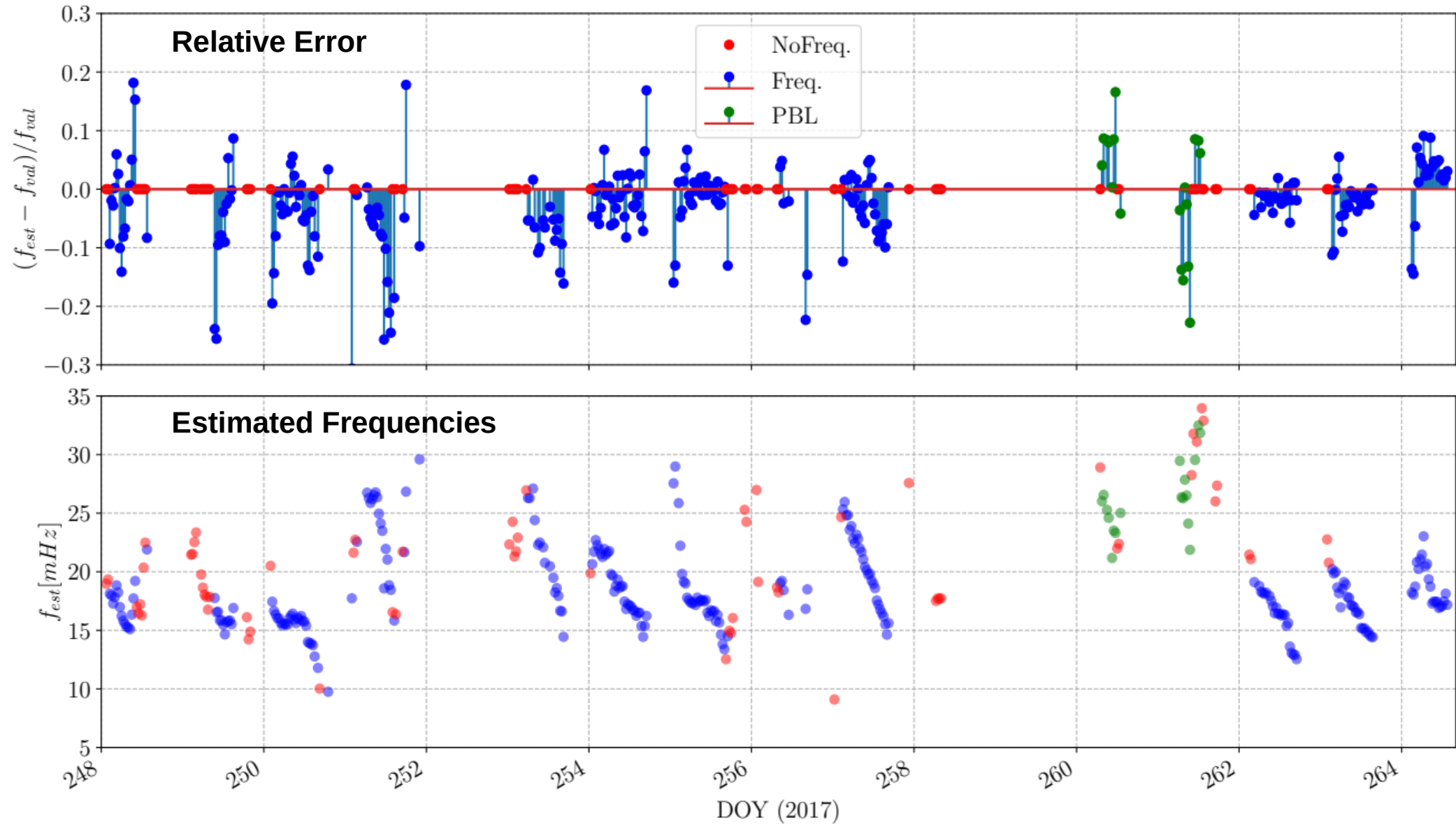


- **Wrong Information ~10.7%** : NoFreq classified as Freq/PBL (as low as possible)
- **Information Loss ~ 26.5%**: Freq/PBL classified as NoFreq

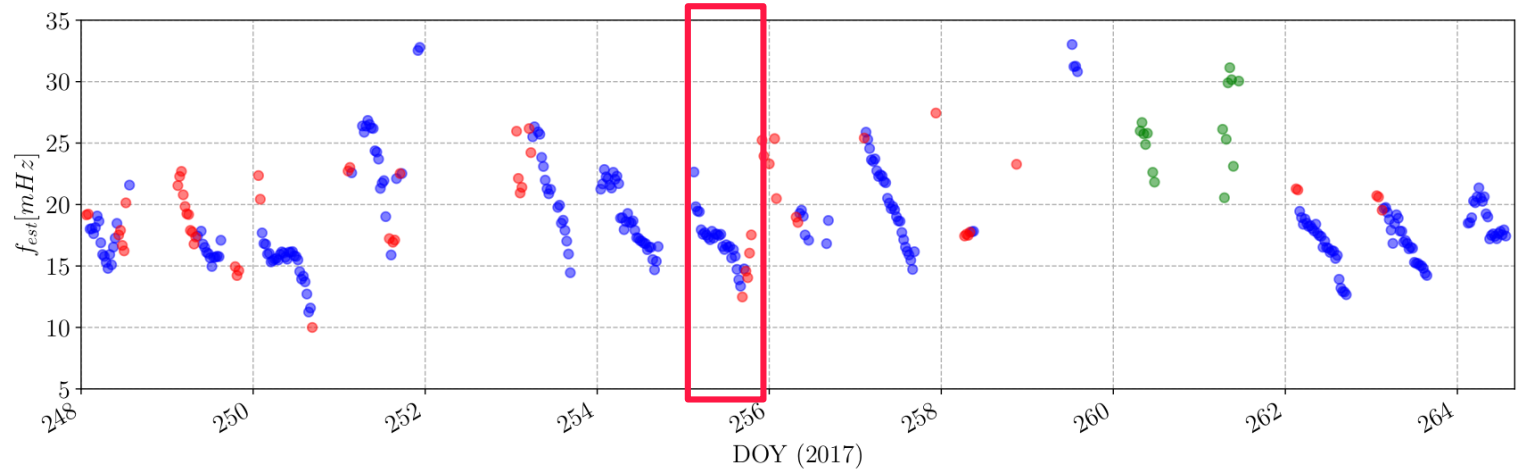
- For an operational tool we are trying to minimize the amount of “**wrong information**” (NoFreq. → Freq./PBL)
- Considering only *daytime samples* **drastically changes** the class balance.
- **Binary classification** (no PBL samples) could improve the results.

Automated estimation of FLRs with ML

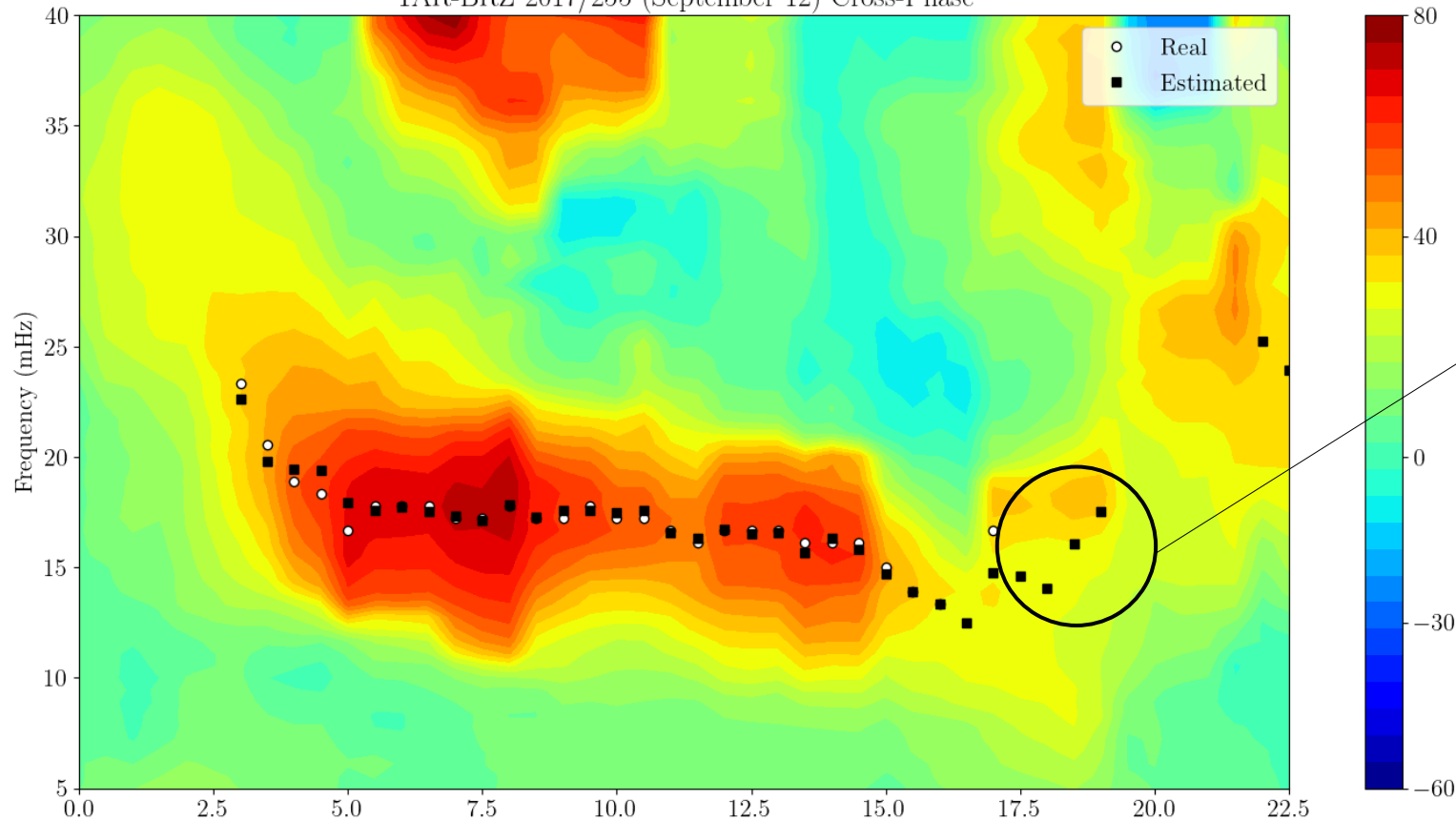
Classification + Regression



Automated estimation of FLRs with ML



TAR-BRZ 2017/255 (September 12) Cross-Phase



As expected, the ML regression algorithm looks for peaks (maxima) in the cross-phase spectrum

Conclusions and Future Perspectives

- Machine Learning methods (both **regression** and **classification**) represent a valuable tool for the *automated* estimation of FLRs starting from cross-phase spectra computed from ground-based measurements (ULF waves).
- The results show a small “loss of information” (~25%) and a minimal amount of “wrong information” (~10%).
- The procedure could be improved by considering only *daytime* samples and/or implementing a **binary classification** (PBL samples included into the NoFreq. Class).
- The analysis will be extended to other pairs of stations along the EMMA network in order to have a more robust and reliable algorithm.

Thank you for your attention



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