

# Foundation Models for Time Series Analysis

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#### Time Series In Real World





#### Time Series Analysis



#### [Forecasting]

Weather forecasting, Energy/Traffic planning

Past Observations

Future Time Series

#### Time Series Analysis



[Forecasting]

Weather forecasting, Energy/Traffic planning

Past Observations Future Time Series

Time





# In Pursing Foundation Models



#### [Data Universal]

Learn from various modalities

#### [Task Universal]

Adapt to a wide range of downstream tasks

Bommasani et al. On the Opportunities and Risks of Foundation Models. Arxiv 2021.

# In Pursing Foundation Models





# TIMESNET: TEMPORAL 2D-VARIATION MODELING FOR GENERAL TIME SERIES ANALYSIS

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Classification, Object detection, Segmentation

Classification, Generation

Output Probabilities

Softmax

Linear

Add & Norm Feed Forward

Add & Norm

Multi-Head

Attention

Add & Norm

Masked

Multi-Head

Attention

Output

Embedding

Outputs (shifted right) N×

Positional

Encoding



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TimesNet is for time series analysis. Analysis is the process of breaking a complex topic into smaller parts for a better understanding. WIKIPEDIA The Free Encyclopedia **Temporal Variations of Time Series** 

More information of time series is in temporal variations,

such as continuity, periodicity, trend and etc.



Multi-periodicity View of Time Series







- ✓ Traffic: daily and weekly
- Weather: daily and yearly

Real-world time series usually present multi-periodicity. Multiple periods overlap and interact with each other.

#### Intraperiod- and Interperiod-variations



✓ Intraperiod: adjacent area, short-term variations

✓ Interperiod: same phase in adjacent periods, long-term variations

Non-periodic cases, the variations will be dominated by intraperiod-variations.



#### 1 Multi-periodicity

A modular architecture to disentangle intricate temporal patterns



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1 Multi-periodicity 2 Temporal 2D-variation

Unify intraperiod- and interperiod-variations in 2D space by reshape

#### Temporal 2D-variation: A Case Study

- ✓ Reshape the 1D time series
   into 2D according to periods.
- Two dimensions represent
   interperiod- and intraperiod variations respectively.



#### Temporal 2D-variation: A Case Study



## Temporal 2D-variation: A Case Study

Capture Temporal 2D-variations by 2D Kernels



With temporal 2D-variations, we can

- ✓ Unify intraperiod- interperiod-variations
- ✓ Learn representations by 2D kernels



Multi-periodicity
 Temporal 2D-variation
 Unify intraperiod- and interperiod-variations in 2D

#### TimesNet



TimesNet consists of residual-connected TimesBlocks.



TimesBlock learns representations in 2D space. (1)  $1D \rightarrow 2D$  (2) 2D representation learning (3)  $2D \rightarrow 1D$ 

# Experiment: Overall

Tasks	Benchmarks
Forecasting	<b>Long-term</b> : ETT (4 subsets), Electricity, Traffic, Weather, Exchange, ILI
	Short-term: M4 (6 subsets)
Imputation	ETT (4 subsets), Electricity, Weather
Classification	UEA (10 subsets)
Anomaly Detection	SMD, MSL, SMAP, SWaT, PSM

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 $\checkmark$  Five mainstream time series analysis tasks.

✓ 36 datasets, 81 settings, 20+ baselines

### Experiment: Overall



TimesNet achieves state-of-the-art in all five tasks (2023/02)

### Model Generality



Better vision backbones, Better performance X Bridge Time Series and

vision backbones  $\underline{\mathbb{Y}}$ 

# Time Series Library (TSlib)

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Code is available at <a href="https://github.com/thuml/Time-Series-Library">https://github.com/thuml/Time-Series-Library</a> with 3000+ stars



#### SimMTM: A Simple Pre-Training Framework for Masked Time-Series Modeling

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#### **Time Series Pre-training**



Large-scale time series data

Diversified time series analysis tasks

1 Use the model as the carrier of knowledge.

2 Learn transferable temporal representations.

#### Masked Modeling in NLP

#### Random mask a portion of words.



Devlin et al. BERT: Pre-training of Deep Bidirectional Transformers for Language Understanding. ACL 2019.

#### Masked Modeling in CV



Random mask a portion of patches.



He et al. Masked Autoencoders Are Scalable Vision Learners. CVPR 2022.



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# Canonical Masked Modeling in Time Series

#### Hard to Reconstruct



#### ✓ Direct Reconstruction

Directly masking a portion of time points will seriously ruin the temporal variations of the original time series.

#### Multiple Masked Modeling



#### **Benefit Masked Modeling**



#### ✓ Neighborhood Aggregation

Multiple randomly masked series will complement each other.

Neighborhood Aggregation Masked Modeling

# Canonical

VS

- × Critical information destruction
- X Mask ratio sensitive
- × Reconstruction difficulty

#### **Neighborhood Aggregation**



- Multi-information perspectiveInformation complementation
- Learnable aggregate weight

# Overall design of SimMTM



Generate original & masked
series representations.
1 Point-wise Representations
2 Series-wise Representations

## Overall design of SimMTM



#### 1 Series-wise Similarity 2 Point-wise Aggregation

Multiple masked series complete each other and adaptive aggregate weight.

# Experiment: Overall

Tasks	Datasets	Semantic	
	ETTh1,ETTh2	Electricity	
Forecasting	ETTm1,ETTm2	Electricity	
	Weather	Weather	
	Electricity	Electricity	
	Traffic	Transportation	
	SleepEEG	EEG	
Classification	Epilepsy	EEG	
	FD-B	Faulty Detection	
	Gesture	Hand Movement	
	EMG	Muscle Responses	

- ✓ Two typical time series analysis tasks: Forecasting and Classification.
- ✓ Under multiple experiment settings: In- and Cross domain
- ✓ Compared to 6 advanced baselines in 12 databases.

#### Experiment: Overall



#### SimMTM pretraining can benefit

both forecasting and classification tasks.

#### Model Generality on diverse base models

Dataset	ET	Th1	ET	Th2	ET	Tm1	ET	Tm2	-
Model	MSE	MAE	MSE	MAE	MSE	MAE	MSE	MAE	
Transformer 39	1.088	0.836	4.103	1.612	0.901	0.704	1.624	0.901	
+ SimMTM	<b>0.927</b>	<b>0.761</b>	<b>3.498</b>	<b>1.487</b>	0.809	<b>0.663</b>	1.322	<b>0.808</b>	
Autoformer [47]	0.573	0.573	0.550	0.559	0.615	0.528	0.324	0.368	
+ SimMTM	<b>0.561</b>	<b>0.568</b>	<b>0.543</b>	<b>0.555</b>	0.553	<b>0.505</b>	<b>0.315</b>	<b>0.360</b>	
NS Transformer [24]	0.570	0.537	0.526	0.516	0.481	0.456	0.306	0.347	
+ SimMTM	0.543	<b>0.527</b>	<b>0.493</b>	<b>0.514</b>	0.431	<b>0.455</b>	0.301	<b>0.345</b>	
PatchTST [26] + Sub-series Masking + SimMTM	0.417 0.430↓ <b>0.409</b>	0.431 0.445↓ <b>0.428</b>	0.331 0.355↓ <b>0.329</b>	$0.379 \\ 0.394 \downarrow \\ 0.379$	0.352 0.341 0.348	0.382 0.379 <b>0.378</b>	0.258 0.258 <b>0.254</b>	0.317 0.318↓ <b>0.313</b>	

SimMTM can consistently improve

the forecasting performance of **diverse base models**.

#### Open Source

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Code is available at <a href="https://github.com/thuml/SimMTM">https://github.com/thuml/SimMTM</a>

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